



# Proton Structure Results from HERA

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#### Proton structure probe

Neutral current Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS) cross section:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2\sigma^{\pm}}{\mathrm{d}x\mathrm{d}Q^2} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2 Y_+}{Q^4 x}\sigma_r^{\pm} =$$

$$=\frac{2\pi\alpha^2 Y_+}{Q^4 x}\left[F_2(x,Q^2)-\frac{y^2}{Y_+}F_L(x,Q^2)\mp\frac{Y_-}{Y_+}xF_3\right]$$

where factors  $Y_{\pm} = 1 \pm (1 - y)^2$  and  $y^2$  define polarisation of the exchanged boson and  $y = Q^2/(S x)$ .

Kinematics is determined by  $Q^2$  and Bjorken *x*. At leading order:

$$F_2 = x \sum e_q^2(q(x) + \bar{q}(x))$$
  

$$xF_3 = x \sum 2e_q a_q(q(x) - \bar{q}(x))$$
  

$$\sigma_{CC}^+ \sim x(\bar{u} + \bar{c}) + x(1 - y)^2(d + s)$$
  

$$\sigma_{CC}^- \sim x(u + c) + x(1 - y)^2(\bar{d} + \bar{s})$$

xg(x) — from  $F_2$  scaling violation, jets and  $F_L$ 



#### HERA, H1 and ZEUS.



Integrated luminosity: about  $500 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  per experiment.



The cross sections are given by a convolution of the parton densities and coefficient functions,  $\sim x_1 f_1(x_1, \mu) x_2 f_2(x_2, \mu) \hat{\sigma}(x_1, x_2, \mu)$ . Leading order relation between rapidity *y* and  $x_1, x_2$ :  $x_{1,2} = \frac{M_{\ell\ell}}{\sqrt{S}} e^{\pm y_{\ell\ell}}$ .

 $\rightarrow$  HERA data are essential for the LHC predictions.

#### Overview of the recent H1 and ZEUS results

- ZEUS
  - Measurement of the DIS cross section at high xand high  $Q^2$  Phys. Rev. D 89, 072007 (2014)
  - Measurement of the structure function  $F_L$ arXiv:1404.6376
- H1
  - Measurement of the structure function  $F_L$  at high  $Q^2$  Eur. Phys. J. C 74 (2014) 2814
- HERA
  - Combination of the H1 and ZEUS cross section measurements H1prelim-14-041, ZEUS-prel-14-005
  - QCD analysis of the combined HERA data.
     H1prelim-14-042,ZEUS-prel-14-007

### ZEUS measurement at high x



- Not so many accurate constraints on PDFs at largest *x*.
- Resolution of kinematic reconstruction degrades for low y < 0.01
- → Integrated  $x_{min} < x \le 1$  measurement. Phys. Rev. D 89, 072007 (2014)

#### H1 cross section measurements at reduced $\sqrt{S}$



- At low Q<sup>2</sup>, σ<sub>r</sub> = F<sub>2</sub> + y<sup>2</sup>/Y<sub>+</sub>F<sub>L</sub>, varying y at fixed x, Q<sup>2</sup> allows one to separate contributions from s.f. F<sub>2</sub> and F<sub>L</sub>. Achieved by changing S: y = Q<sup>2</sup>/(S x).
- New H1 cross section measurement using central LAr calorimeter Eur. Phys. J. C 74 (2014) 2814



- New measurement of the structure function  $F_L$  by ZEUS. arXiv:1404.6376
- H1 result is systematically above ZEUS, however the measurements agree at  $\sim 1.5\sigma$  level.

#### HERA combination: input data samples



- Simultaneous combination of the 2927 data points from 41 data set published by the H1 and ZEUS collaborations corresponding to total integrated luminosity of 1 fb<sup>-1</sup>
- The measurements cover  $0.045 \le Q^2 \le 50000 \text{ GeV}^2$  and extends to  $6 \times 10^{-6} \le x$  for the neutral current process.
- Different detector technologies and kinematic reconstruction method lead to cross calibration of the measurements and reduction of the systematic uncertainties.

H1prelim-14-041, ZEUS-prel-14-005

Combination procedure

$$\chi^2(m,b) = \sum_i \frac{\left(\mu_i - m_i \left(1 + \sum_j b_j \gamma_i^j\right)\right)^2}{\delta_{i,\text{stat}}^2 \mu_i m_i \left(1 + \sum_j b_j \gamma_i^j\right) + \delta_{i,\text{uncor}}^2 m_i^2} + \sum_j b_j^2.$$

- Define the common x,  $Q^2$  grid for the combined data.
- Repeat iteratively:
  - Parameterise the (combined) data by a smooth function;
  - Correct the data to the common grid using the parameterisation at the data original x,  $Q^2$  and at the nearest grid point;
  - Combine the data, taking into account correlated systematic uncertainties.

The combination of the data is performed using the HERAverager program. The cross section data are parameterised using fractal model for  $Q^2 < 3 \text{ GeV}^2$  and using DGLAP NLO fit for higher  $Q^2$ , performed with the HERAFitter program.



The combination yields a good overall  $\chi^2/dof = 1685/1620$  value. The combination quality for different processes and different regions in phase space can be checked using distribution of pulls:

$$p_i = \frac{\mu_i - \mu_i^{\text{ave}} \left(1 - \sum_j \gamma_i^j \beta_{j,\text{ave}}\right)}{\sqrt{\Delta_i^2 - \Delta_{i,\text{ave}}^2}} \,.$$

#### Combination results: NC $e^+p$



- Largest and most accurate data sample is for the NC  $e^+p$  process.
- The combined data accuracy reaches  $\sim 1\%$ .
- New HERA combination is consistent with HERA-I, with improved uncertainties.

#### Combination results: NC $e^-p$



- HERA-II increases the *e<sup>-</sup>p* sample luminosity by order of magnitude compared to HERA-I.
- At high Q<sup>2</sup>, clear difference between the e<sup>+</sup>p and e<sup>-</sup>p cross sections is observed corresponding to the γZ interference and the structure function xF<sub>3</sub>.





- Charged current data benefit from increased luminosity of the HERA-II data sample, this is in particular true for the e<sup>-</sup>p process.
- Increased accuracy of the combined data should reflect in improved determination of the valence quark distributions.

#### Combination results: reduced $\sqrt{s}$



- New combination of the neutral current data at reduced  $\sqrt{S}$ .
- The data provide additional constraint to the gluon distribution function at low *x*.

#### HERAPDF2.0 fit settings

- Use HERAFitter package for the calculations.
- Two types of fits are considered: with the data restricted to  $Q^2 \ge 3.5 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $Q^2 \ge 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ .
- QCD analysis is performed at NLO and NNLO, with evolution using QCDNUM. Evolution starting scale is set to  $Q_0^2 = 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Light-quark coefficient functions evaluated using QCDNUM convolution engine. Heavy-quarks are treated using variable-flavour-number scheme from RT (nominal fit) and ACOT (variants). Fixed-flavour-number schemes tried too.
- Parameterized PDFs are xg,  $xu_v$ ,  $xd_v$ ,  $x\overline{U}$ ,  $x\overline{D}$  where  $x\overline{D} = x\overline{d} + x\overline{s}$ . The strange-sea distribution is assumed to be a fraction of total sea,  $xs = f_s x\overline{D}$  where  $f_s = 0.4$  is chosen.
- Model uncertainties are evaluated by varying input parameter values. Parameterisation uncertainties are estimated by changing the parameterisation form.

#### Central PDF fit results



Neutral current  $e^+p$  data compared to NNLO QCD fit result with  $Q_{\min}^2 = 3.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ . While visually the fit describes the data well, the overall  $\chi^2/dof = 1414/1130$  is rather poor.

#### HERAPDF2.0 parton distribution functions



- Experimental uncertainties dominate for the quark distribution functions while model uncertainties are important for the gluon.
- Compared to HERAPDF1.0, the new fit has reduced uncertainties and somewhat different shape for the valence quark distributions.





- A dedicated study is performed to investigate fit quality depending on  $Q_{\min}^2$  cut in the data. For  $Q_{\min}^2 \ge 10 \text{ GeV}^2$  a plateau for  $\chi^2/dof$  is observed with NNLO fit performing better compared to NLO. For smaller  $Q_{\min}^2$ , fit quality deteriorates with the NNLO fit performing worse vs NLO (RT-scheme study).
- Harder  $Q_{\min}^2$  cut leads to smaller gluon at low x with larger uncertainties.

#### Variation of coefficient functions treatment



Further studies of the low  $Q^2$  data show that

- HERA-I data showed similar deterioration of the quality for low  $Q^2$  as the HERA-II data.
- Fits using ACOT scheme, which calculates  $F_2$  and  $F_L$  using consistent order in  $\alpha_S$ , are of better quality compared to the RT scheme, which calculates the s.f. using the same number of loops. Similar effect is observed for the fixed-flavour-number scheme.



HERAPDF2.0 has similar distributions and uncertainties compared to other PDFs with some differences for the valence quarks.

#### Summary and Outlook

- HERA measurements of the proton structure are close to completion.
- New results from ZEUS and H1 on the cross sections at high x, for reduced  $\sqrt{S}$ , and on the structure function  $F_L$  provide constrains on PDFs close to the kinematic limit and on the gluon density at low x.
- The combined HERA data set provides an ultimate sample for inclusive neutral and charged current cross section studies in a wide kinematic range.
- The new HERAPDF2.0 PDF set at NLO and NNLO has improved uncertainties compared to HERAPDF1.0.
- The low  $Q^2$  data provide additional checks of the QCD calculations.

## EXTRAS



#### Several groups determine PDFs in fits to various data samples:

	MSTW08	CTEQ6.6/CT10	NNPDF2.1/2.3	HERAPDF1.0/1.5	ABM11	JR09
Evolution	LO	LO	LO			
Order	NLO	NLO	NLO	NLO	NLO	NLO
	NNLO	NNLO	NNLO	NNLO	NNLO	NNLO
HF Scheme	RT-GMVF	ACOT-GMVF	FONLL-GMVF	RT-GMVF (*)	BMSN-FFNS	FFNS
$\alpha_S$ NLO	0.120	0.118(f)	0.1191(b)	0.1176(f)	0.118	0.1135
$\alpha_S$ NNLO	0.1171	0.118(f)	0.1174(b)	0.1176(f)	0.1135	0.1124
HERA DIS	not up-to-date	+	+	+/prelim.	partial	+
Fixed target DIS	+	+	+	-	+	+
DY	+	+	+	-	+	+
Tevatron W,Z	some	some	some	-	some	some
Tevatron jets	some	+	+	-	some	some
LHC	-	-	W, Z+jets (NNPDF2.3)	-	-	-

The analyses differ in many areas:

- Higher orders counting (e.g.  $F_L$ ), heavy flavour corrections,  $\alpha_S$  treatment, EW corrections, extra theory assumptions.
- Inclusion of datasets, accounting for data-data-theory tensions.
- PDF parameterisation.

PDF4LHC meetings is a forum to discuss/understand these differences. HERAFitter, open source PDF fit project, to study them in details.

arXiv:1101.0536, arXiv:1101.0538



- Open-source program for development of QCD analyses herafitter.org
- Fast LO,NLO and NNLO evolution code using the QCDNUM program.
- Coefficient functions for deep inelastic scattering processes using the fast convolution engine of QCDNUM and codes from ACOT, RT, ABM. Coefficient functions for *pp* and *pp* processes using APPLGRID and FastNLO programs.
- Alternative evolution: dipole model and TMD gluons.
- Flexible interface to include new data with correlated uncertainties.
- Fast analytic minimization vs nuisance parameters, MINUIT for PDFs.

Time to calculate NNLO predictions and  $\chi^2$  for 592 HERA data points with 114 nuisance parameters is 0.06 seconds using i7-3687U CPU at 2.6 GHz.