



Precision QCD at the LHeC and FCC-eh

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focus on results from new LHeC white paper, <u>arXiv:2007.14491</u>



LHeC and FCC-eh



ESPPU: ERL is a "high-priority future initiative" for CERN

LHeC white paper



LHeC white paper: arXiv:2007.14491

update to LHeC CDR, arXiV:1206.2913

compilation of new and updated studies over the past two years, from > 330 authors

this talk: **QCD** and **proton structure** – Ch. 3, 4

very wide-ranging additional physics programme:

BSM

EW

Heavy lons

Higgs

Top quark

kinematic coverage



opportunity for unprecedented increase in DIS kinematic reach; ×1000 increase in lumi. cf. HERA

no higher twist, no nuclear corrections, free of symmetry assumptions, N³LO theory possible, ...

precision pdfs up to x→1, and exploration of small x regime; plus extensive additional physics programme

×15/120 extension in Q²,1/x reach vs HERA

LHeC simulated data and QCD fits

• LHeC projected timeline (several years concurrent operation, plus dedicated run), see arXiv:<u>1810.13022</u>



- QCD analysis a la HERAPDF2.0, except more flexible, notably in NO constraint requiring dbar=ubar at small x;
- 4+1 xuv, xdv, xUbar, xDbar and xg (14 free parameters, cf. 10 by default in CDR)
- 5+1 xuv, xdv, xUbar, xdbar, xsbar and xg (if strange and HQ included; 17 free parameters)

valence quarks



- precision determination, free from higher twist corrections and nuclear uncertainties
- large x crucial for HL/HE–LHC and FCC searches; also relevant for DY, MW etc.;

d/u at large x



d/u essentially unknown at large x

no predictive power from current pdfs; conflicting theory pictures; data inconclusive, large nuclear uncertainties

can resolve long-standing mystery of d/u ratio at large x

sea quarks



sea quarks @ Q²=10⁴ GeV²



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gluon



exploration of small x QCD: DGLAP vs BFKL; non-linear evolution; gluon saturation; implications for ultra high energy neutrinos gluon at large x is small and currently poorly known; **crucial for BSM searches**

strange, c, b

• strange pdf poorly known

 suppressed cf. other light quarks? strange valence? → LHeC: direct sensitivity via charm tagging in Ws→c (x,Q²) mapping of strange density for first time





- **c**, **b**: enormously extended range and much improved precision c.f. HERA
- δMc = 50 (HERA) to 3 MeV: impacts on αs, regulates ratio of charm to light, crucial for precision t, H
- **\deltaMb** to **10 MeV**; MSSM: Higgs produced dominantly via bb \rightarrow A



impact of s, c, b



summary of LHeC pdfs



with further improvements after full running period, plus HQs, (DIS jets, ...)

pdf luminosities @ 14TeV



(s,c,b) also included, with more flexible (5+1) fit

empowering the LHC







LHeC

2.5

 $M_{\tilde{q}} = M_{sq}$ [TeV]

W (combined +/-)

3.0

3.5

4.0

3.0

2.5

2.0

1.5

1.0

0.5

0.0

-0.5

-1.0^L

 $\sigma l \sigma_{MSTW08}$

CT10

MSTW2008

NNPDF21

HERA10

ABKM09

LHC (14 TeV)

1,5

2.0

1.0

LHEC

- **BSM**, gluons and quarks at large x (SUSY, LQs, additional high mass bosons, ...)
- **Higgs**, theory uncert. dominated by $pdfs+\alpha s$
- SM parameters, EG. MW, sin²9W (see white paper)

0.9

arbitrary

more on small x QCD



- evidence for onset of BFKL dynamics in HERA inclusive data,
- arXiv:<u>1710.05935;</u> confirmed in xFitter study, arXiv:<u>1802.00064</u>
- effect of small x resummation on ggH cross section for LHC, HE-LHC, FCC
- impact for LHC, and most certainly at ultra low x values probed at FCC
- LHeC and FCC-eh have unprecedented kinematic reach to explore small x phenomena

LHeC sensitivity to small x phenomena



F2 and FL predictions for simulated kinematics of LHeC and FCC-eh

- **ep simulated data very precise** significant constraining power to discriminate between theoretical scenarios of small x dynamics, arXiv:<u>1710.05935</u>
- measurement of FL has a critical role to play see, EG. arXiv:<u>1802.04317</u>

small x resummation

- NNLO+NLLx resummed calculation used to produce LHeC and FCC-eh simulated inclusive NC and CC pseudo-data
- then, fitted using NNLO (DGLAP only) vs. NNLO+NLLx
- X² per DOF LHeC / FCC-eh
- NNLO: 1.71 / 2.72
- NNLO+NLLx 1.22 / 1.34
- substantial difference in extracted gluon (10 (15)% at x=10⁻⁴ (10⁻⁵))
- much larger than precision with which gluon can be determined using LHeC or FCC-eh DIS data



• large sensitivity and discriminatory power to pin down details of small x QCD dynamics

non-linear QCD dynamics

0.9

0.8

0.7^E

0.6

0.5 0.4 0.3E

0.2E

0.1 ot

1.4

 $^{1}\chi^{2}_{LHeC}\,/\overset{1.2}{N}_{dat}$

1.6

Saturation LHeC pseudo-data (for $x < 10^{-4}$)

 $\chi^4_{\text{LHeC}}\,/\,\overset{5}{\text{N}_{\text{dat}}}$

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pre-fit

post-fit

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with the unprecedented small-x reach, gluon recombination / ٠ parton saturation may also be expected, manifesting as deviation from linear DGLAP

0.6

0.8





LHeC inclusive NC pseudo-data produced using (GBW) saturation model for $x \leq 10^{-4}$, and fitted with **DGLAP**

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LHeC HE and LE incl. NC e⁻p;

(Nexp=500 independent sets of LHeC pseudodata, each characterised by different random fluctuations)

non-linear QCD dynamics



- inspect PULLS to highlight origin of worse agreement: in saturation case (fitted with DGLAP), theory wants to overshoot data at smallest x, and undershoot at higher x
- while a different x dependence might be absorbed into PDFs at scale Q₀, this is not possible with a Q² dependence – large Q² lever arm crucial

FL from the LHeC



• expect significant additional discrimination from dedicated precision measurement of FL (not yet included in shown studies); incorrect small x treatment unlikely to accommodate both F2 and FL

strong coupling, αs

PDG19



- **α**s is the least known coupling
- needed: for cross section predictions, including Higgs; to constrain GUT scenarios, etc.
- measurements not all consistent:- what is true central value, uncertainty? is αs(DIS) lower than world average? role of lattice QCD?



world $\alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1179 \pm 0.0010$ ave.

αs from LHeC inclusive NC/CC DIS



- **αs** to better than **2** permille experimental uncertainty!
- inclusion of jet cross sections yields further improvement, and stabilises against uncorrelated uncertainty scenario →

NC DIS jet production at the LHeC



sensitive to αs at lowest order

- different dependencies on xg(x) and αs c.f. inclusive DIS; improved constraints on both, when used in simultaneous pdf+αs fit
- NNLO QCD calculations for DIS jets available in NNLOJet (arXiv:<u>1606.03991</u>, <u>1703.05977</u>), and implemented in APPLfast (arXiv:<u>1906.05303</u>)
- full set of systematic uncertainties considered; benchmarked with H1, ZEUS, ATLAS, CMS



| Exp. uncertainty | \mathbf{Shift} | Size on $\sigma~[\%]$ |
|---|---|--|
| Statistics with 1 ab ⁻¹ Electron energy Polar angle Calorimeter noise Jet energy scale (JES) Uncorrelated uncert. | $\begin{array}{c} {\rm min.} \ \ 0.15\% \\ 0.1\% \\ 2{\rm mrad} \\ \pm 20{\rm MeV} \\ 0.5\% \\ 0.6\% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} 0.15-5\\ 0.02-0.62\\ 0.02-0.48\\ 0.01-0.74\\ 0.2-4.4\\ 0.6\end{array}$ |
| Normalisation uncert. | 1.0% | 1.0 |

αs from LHeC NC DIS jet production



- enormous improvement over other jet-based measurements
- LHeC uniquely connects low ∂(GeV) scales with high ∂(MZ) scales

LHeC αs summary

- LHeC is an ideal QCD laboratory
- connects low-scale to Z-pole and beyond with high experimental precision
- inclusive NC/CC DIS only:

 $\Delta \alpha_{\rm s}(M_{\rm Z})$ (incl. DIS) = $\pm 0.00022_{\rm (exp+PDF)}$

inclusive jet cross sections only:

 $\Delta \alpha_{\rm s}(M_{\rm Z})({\rm jets}) = \pm 0.00013_{({\rm exp})} \pm 0.00010_{({\rm PDF})}$

inclusive DIS and jet cross sections:

 $\Delta \alpha_{\rm s}(M_{\rm Z})$ (incl. DIS & jets) = $\pm 0.00018_{\rm (exp+PDF)}$

- achievable precision on same level as αs determination from FCC-ee
- QCD theory uncertainties will be limiting factor for ultimate precision
- other sensitive processes/measurements: dijets, multijets, HQs, jets in yp, event shapes, ...

α s determinations at NNLO:



summary

- energy frontier **electron-proton colliders** essential for full exploitation of current and future hadron colliders (Higgs, BSM, electroweak, ...)
- external precision pdf input; complete q,g unfolding, high luminosity x → 1, s, c, b, (t);
 N3LO; small x; strong coupling to permille precision; …
- NEW LHeC white paper summarises wealth of new and updated studies, arXiv:2007.14491
- enormously rich physics programme both in own right, and for transformation of proton-proton machines into precision facilities
- all critical pdf information can be obtained early (~ 50 fb⁻¹ ≡ ×50 HERA), in parallel with HL-LHC operation
- **αs** to permille exp. precision also achievable early, with use of NC DIS jets
- unprecedented access to novel kinematic regime, with unique potential to explore novel small x phenomena