Colour as perceived by us ... The Standard Model and strong force measurements

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Previously at Higgs-Maxwell ...

Last time I spoke here was about LHC Run 1 Searches and Run 2 prospects



I was optimistic (and front page news at the time was rather different!)

The SM at LHC Runs 1-3



• Remarkable SM agreement for σ across many orders of magnitude

Horribly good performance of the SM continues

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Fundamental SM parameters: m_W , m_t



ATLAS-CONF-2023-004



arXiv:2402.08713

Fundamental SM parameters: m_W, m_t, m_H



Fundamental SM parameters: α_{S}



| averages per sub-field | unweighted | weighted | unweighted without subfield |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| τ decays & low Q^2 | 0.1173 ± 0.0017 | 0.1174 ± 0.0009 | 0.1177 ± 0.0013 |
| $Q\bar{Q}$ bound states | 0.1181 ± 0.0037 | 0.1177 ± 0.0011 | 0.1175 ± 0.0011 |
| PDF fits | 0.1161 ± 0.0022 | 0.1168 ± 0.0014 | 0.1179 ± 0.0011 |
| e^+e^- jets & shapes | 0.1189 ± 0.0037 | 0.1187 ± 0.0017 | 0.1174 ± 0.0011 |
| hadron colliders | 0.1168 ± 0.0027 | 0.1169 ± 0.0014 | 0.1177 ± 0.0011 |
| electroweak | 0.1203 ± 0.0028 | 0.1203 ± 0.0016 | 0.1171 ± 0.0011 |
| PDG 2023 (without lattice) | 0.1175 ± 0.0010 | 0.1178 ± 0.0005 | n/a |

PDG QCD Review: 2023 Update

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This talk - focus on QCD measurements in collider experiments:

- Why make QCD measurements?
- What kinds of properties can we test?
- Some measurements...
- What is still to come?

Why QCD measurements at colliders?

Why make QCD measurements: I

Because it's interesting!

- Proton Structure via Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)
- Extra hard jets from higher-order perturbative terms
- Details of the parton shower
- Details of fragmentation and hadronisation
- Underlying event and multiple parton interactions
- A very rich set of physics to explore



Why make QCD measurements: II

Because it's useful, Uncertainties on:

- Proton structure
- Parton shower
- Fragmentation and hadronisation

are significant for many searches and precision measurements at the LHC

Example I: W-Mass

ATLAS W-mass reanalysis¹ still has large uncertainties from QCD sources:

| Obs. | Mean | Elec. | PDF | Muon | EW | PS & | Bkg. | Γ_W | MC stat. | Lumi | Recoil | Total | Data | Total |
|-------------------------|---------|-------|------|------|------|------------|------|------------|----------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| | [MeV] | Unc. | Unc. | Unc. | Unc. | A_i Unc. | Unc. | Unc. | Unc. | Unc. | Unc. | sys. | stat. | Unc. |
| p_{T}^{ℓ} | 80360.1 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 4.7 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 15.5 | 4.9 | 16.3 |
| m_{T} | 80382.2 | 9.2 | 14.6 | 9.8 | 5.9 | 10.3 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 11.7 | 24.4 | 6.7 | 25.3 |

Study of compatibility of different m_W measurements² needed much work to ensure common QCD framework:



| All experiments (4 d.o.f.) | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| PDF set | m_W | $\sigma_{ m PDF}$ | χ^2 | $\mathrm{p}(\chi^2,n)$ | | | | | | |
| ABMP16 | 80392.7 ± 7.5 | 3.2 | 29 | 0.0008% | | | | | | |
| CT14 | 80393.0 ± 10.9 | 7.1 | 16 | 0.3% | | | | | | |
| CT18 | 80394.6 ± 11.5 | 7.7 | 15 | 0.5% | | | | | | |
| MMHT2014 | 80398.0 ± 9.2 | 5.8 | 17 | 0.2% | | | | | | |
| MSHT20 | 80395.1 ± 9.3 | 5.8 | 16 | 0.3% | | | | | | |
| NNPDF3.1 | 80403.0 ± 8.7 | 5.3 | 23 | 0.1% | | | | | | |
| NNPDF4.0 | 80403.1 ± 8.9 | 5.3 | 28 | 0.001% | | | | | | |

¹ATLAS-CONF-2023-004 ²LHC-TeV MWWG arXiv:2308.09417

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Example II: Top-Mass

ATLAS Coll., JHEP 06 (2023) 019

Table 1: Impact of main sources of uncertainty on *m*₀. Each row of the table corresponds to a group of individual systematic variations. For each uncertainty source the fit is represent with the corresponding group of misures parameters fixed to their best fit values. The contribution from each source is then evaluated by underscring in quadrance the uncertainty obtained in this fit from hat of the fifth Table table systematic variants of the fitth state of the stat

| Source | Unc. on m _t [GeV] | Stat. precision [GeV] |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Statistical and datasets | | |
| Data statistics | 0.39 | |
| Signal and background model statistics | 0.17 | |
| Luminosity | < 0.01 | ±0.01 |
| Pile-up | 0.07 | ±0.03 |
| Modelling of signal processes | | |
| Monte Carlo event generator | 0.04 | ±0.06 |
| b, c-hadron production fractions | 0.11 | ±0.01 |
| b, c-hadron decay BRs | 0.40 | ±0.01 |
| b -quark fragmentation r_b | 0.19 | ±0.06 |
| Parton shower as FSR | 0.07 | ±0.04 |
| Parton shower and hadronisation model | 0.06 | ±0.07 |
| Initial-state QCD radiation | 0.23 | ±0.08 |
| Colour reconnection | < 0.01 | ±0.02 |
| Choice of PDFs | 0.07 | ±0.01 |
| Modelling of background processes | | |
| Soft muon fake | 0.16 | ±0.03 |
| Multijet | 0.07 | ±0.02 |
| Single top | 0.01 | ±0.01 |
| W/Z+jets | 0.17 | ±0.01 |
| Detector response | | |
| Leptons | 0.12 | ±0.01 |
| Jet energy scale | 0.13 | ±0.02 |
| Soft muon jet pT calibration | < 0.01 | ±0.01 |
| Jet energy resolution | 0.08 | ±0.07 |
| b-tagging | 0.10 | ±0.01 |
| Missing transverse momentum | 0.15 | ±0.01 |
| Total stat. and syst. uncertainties (excluding recoil) | 0.77 | ±0.03 |
| Recoil uncertainty | 0.25 | |
| Total uncertainty | 0.81 | |

CMS Coll, Eur. Phys. J. C 83 (2023) 963



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What to measure

PDFs

- Differential cross sections in energy scale, and overall kinematics of the system
- α_S , e.g. in N/N + 1 jet cross section ratios
- Parton shower/higher orders in
 - High jet multiplicity events
 - P_T of vector bosons and/or $t\bar{t}$
 - (Sub)Structure of hadronic jets
- Soft-QCD in the underlying event
- Heavy quark fragmentation
- Hadronisation using details of final state

Measurements

PDFs

Parametrise proton structure as Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs):

- Give probability of finding a parton of some type with fraction x of the proton's momentum when probing at a scale Q²
- Can be measured: especially *ep* collisions (Deep Inelastic Scattering)
- QCD can predict how a PDF at a given x changes with Q² via DGLAP equations
- We expect the PDFs to be Universal:
 - Proton PDFs from *ep* data applicable in *pp* data
 - Extractions from Heavy Ion/Nuclear data need additional corrections



Two recent ATLAS experimental papers studied the effect of including LHC data in the PDF fits together with HERA *ep* data:

- Inclusive W/Z and V+jets JHEP 07 (2021) 223
- 'Global' fit Eur.Phys.J.C 82 (2022) 5, 438

Retain some of the advantages of HERA PDF2.0 (extraction purely from HERA data):

- ATLAS datasets also have well understood correlations between their systematic uncertainties
- Avoid nuclear corrections

LHC Data in the ATLAS 'Global' fit

| Data set | \sqrt{s} [TeV] | Luminosity [fb ⁻¹] | Decay channel | Observables entering the fit |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Inclusive $W, Z/\gamma^*$ | 7 | 4.6 | e, μ combined | $\eta_{\ell}(W), y_Z(Z)$ |
| Inclusive Z/γ^* | 8 | 20.2 | e, μ combined | $\cos \theta^*$ in bins of $y_{\ell\ell}, m_{\ell\ell}$ |
| Inclusive W | 8 | 20.2 | μ | η_{μ} |
| W^{\pm} + jets | 8 | 20.2 | е | p_{T}^{W} |
| Z + jets | 8 | 20.2 | е | $p_{\rm T}^{\rm jet}$ in bins of $ y^{\rm jet} $ |
| tī | 8 | 20.2 | lepton + jets, dilepton | $m_{t\bar{t}}, p_{\mathrm{T}}^{t}, y_{t\bar{t}}$ |
| tī | 13 | 36 | lepton + jets | $m_{t\bar{t}}, p_{T}^{t}, y_{t}, y_{t\bar{t}}^{b}$ |
| Inclusive isolated γ | 8,13 | 20.2, 3.2 | - | $E_{\rm T}^{\gamma}$ in bins of η^{γ} |
| Inclusive jets | 7, 8, 13 | 4.5, 20.2, 3.2 | - | $p_{\rm T}^{\rm jet}$ in bins of $ y^{\rm jet} $ |

Correlated systematic uncertainties between the datasets are treated as nuisance parameters that generate shifts to the datasets

Example of shifts



Example from the V+jets paper

Drell-Yan process I



- Simplest hard scattering process to calculate at the LHC
- Cross section an integral over: $q(x_1, Q)q(x_2, Q)\mathcal{M}(x, Q^2) \times \text{LIPS}$. LIPS=Lorentz Invariant Phase Space
- Here q(x, Q) are PDFs, if the boson is on shell then $Q^2 = M_V^2$
- At rest $(y = 0) x_1 = x_2 = M_V / \sqrt{s}$
- if $x_1 > x_2$ then |y| > 0, sample higher and lower x at same Q^2
- Going very forward simultaneously samples higher and lower x

Drell-Yan process II



Flavour sensitivity:

- Z boson sum pairs of all flavours $u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}, \dots$
- W^+ sums pairings of +ve charged (anti)quarks $(u\bar{d}), (u\bar{s}), ...$
- W^- sums pairings of -ve charged (anti)quarks $(d\bar{u}), (d\bar{c}),...$

$W/Z\ Production$, @ LHC



$W/Z\ Production$ at the LHC

- Exploring a new range of parton kinematics
- Run I data: not only lower x than TeVatron, also lower x than HERA at central rapidity
- LHCb further extends measurement in *x*
- Inclusive W/Z essentially probes a horizontal band in x, Q² space
- 13 TeV data probes lower x for the same Q² as 7 TeV

Effect of including DY and $W/Z\ data$

Including the inclusive W/Z data:

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Including the inclusive W/Z data:

- reduced uncertainty on the down-valence distribution
- slightly reduced uncertainty on the gluon distribution
- much stronger constraint on the ratio of the s quark to the u and d
 quarks
- The value of this ratio had to be assumed for PDFs relying entirely on HERA data



V+jets data



• more sensitivity to gluon

Effect of V+jets data





- changes the shape of quark distributions at higher-x
 - reduces d_v, \bar{s} increases \bar{d}
- reduces the gluon at lower-x

Effect of V+jets data



• Causes s to be suppressed relative to \bar{d} and \bar{u} at higher x - something preferred by CCFR/NuTev data from vN scattering

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Effect of *V*+jets data



• Favours a positive $\bar{d} - \bar{u}$ - something preferred data from pNDrell-Yan data such as E907 Nature 590 (2021) 7847, 561-565.

Effect of including $t\bar{t}$ data



- The main effect is to reduce the mid-to-high-x gluon distribution
- Uncertainties at high-x are also reduced



Including Photons





 Minimal effect from including the photon data

Including Jets





• Strong decrease in high-x gluon uncertainty

Looking at the strange quark with charm: $W{+}c\ production$

- *W*+ charm production includes production with strange quarks in the intial state
- The CMS collaboration measured this by identifying jets containing charm mesons in W production
- Studying the effect of including this data in PDF fits the CMS collaboration demonstrated that this data helps reduce the uncertainty on the strange quark distribution



Eur. Phys. J. C 82 (2022) 1094

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Bigger on the inside? Intrinsic charm in the proton

- Possibility of *Intrinsic* charm (IC), a |*uudc̄c*⟩ component of the *p* wavefunction long debated
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- Possibility of *Intrinsic* charm (IC), a |*uudcc̄* component of the *p* wavefunction long debated
- separate from $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$, should be shaped more like the valence quark distributions
- LHCb, with it's extremely forward coverage well-suited to explore this in *Z* + *c* events
- measured the rate of Z + c/Z+jets and found that IC favoured by the data



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Measuring α_{S} - H1+ZEUS:

H1+ZEUS collaborations also recently explored the addition of new data to their PDF fits:

- Fits to inclusive DIS gave sensitivity to $\alpha_{\rm S}$ via scaling violations
- $\bullet\,$ This strongly correlates the gluon with α_{S}
- Addition of jet cross sections adds an extra constraint on $\alpha_{\rm S}$



| Data set | | taken | Q2[GeV | / ²] range | L | e ⁺ /e ⁻ | \sqrt{s} | Norma- | All | Used | Ref. |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| | | from to | from | to | pb ⁻¹ | | GeV | lised | points | points | |
| H1 HERA I normalised | l jets | 1999 - 2000 | 150 | 15000 | 65.4 | e ⁺ p | 319 | yes | 24 | 24 | [9] |
| H1 HERA I jets at low | Q^2 | 1999 - 2000 | 5 | 100 | 43.5 | e^+p | 319 | no | 28 | 20 | [10] |
| H1 normalised inclusiv | e jets at high Q^2 | 2003 - 2007 | 150 | 15000 | 351 | $e^+ p/e^- p$ | 319 | yes | 30 | 30 | [13,14] |
| H1 normalised dijets a | high Q^2 | 2003 - 2007 | 150 | 15000 | 351 | $e^+ p/e^- p$ | 319 | yes | 24 | 24 | [13] |
| H1 normalised inclusiv | e jets at low Q^2 | 2005 - 2007 | 5.5 | 80 | 290 | $e^+ p/e^- p$ | 319 | yes | 48 | 37 | [14] |
| H1 normalised dijets a | low Q^2 | 2005 - 2007 | 5.5 | 80 | 290 | $e^+ p/e^- p$ | 319 | yes | 48 | 37 | [14] |
| ZEUS inclusive jets | | 1996 - 1997 | 125 | 10000 | 38.6 | e ⁺ p | 301 | no | 30 | 30 | [11] |
| ZEUS dijets | 1998 -2000 & | 2004 - 2007 | 125 | 20000 | 374 | $e^+ p/e^- p$ | 318 | no | 22 | 16 | [12] |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |

e(k)

P(p)

Table 1: The jet-production data sets from H1 and ZEUS used for the HERAPDF2.0Jets NNLO fits. The term normalised indicates that these cross sections are normalised to the respective neutral current inclusive cross sections.

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ξp

e(k')

Measuring α_{S} - H1+ZEUS:

H1 and ZEUS





Clear change in slope and reduction in uncertainty of high-x gluon

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Measuring α_{S} - H1+ZEUS:



Measuring α_{S} - ATLAS I



ATLAS published a new double-differential measurement of $Z P_T$ and rapidity in full lepton phase space^a, using 8 TeV data

- The p_T distribution is highly sensitive to $\alpha_{\rm S}$
- Theory predictions available at N³LO with N⁴LL low-p_T resummation
- Allows a very high precision extraction^b of $\alpha_{\rm S}$
- Methodology was demonstrated using TeVatron data in S. Camarda et al. Eur. Phys. J.C 84 (2024) 1, 39

^aarXiv:2309.09318

^barXiv:2309.12986

Measuring $\alpha_{\rm S}$ - ATLAS II



DYTurbo (used for this extraction), is able to describe the p_T spectrum well

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Measuring α_{S} - ATLAS III



The most precise single experimental determination of α_{S}

Jets

Alice, ATLAS, CMS have made many recent jet measurements, here I highlight:

- CMS α_S from jet substructure arXiv:2402.13864
- ATLAS Jet substructure in boosted top quark events arXiv:2312.03797
- CMS Lund plane:arXiv:2312.16343
- ATLAS Lund subjet multiplicities arXiv:2402.13052

$\alpha_{\rm S}$ from jet substructure

Ratio of 2-particle to 3-particle Energy correlators inside jets is sensitive to



CMS have exploited this to extract : $\alpha_{\rm S}(m_Z) = 0.1229^{+0.0014}_{-0.0012} \text{ (stat)} ^{+0.0030}_{-0.0033} \text{ (theo)} ^{+0.0023}_{-0.0036} \text{ (exp)}$ using the slope in the ratio as a function of the η, ϕ distance (x_L) between the pairs being considered.

Boosted Top-quark Jets I



- high-p_T top-quarks can produce jets containing all the decay produces of the top
- such top jets are an interesting testing ground to study variables designed to distinguish jets with hard substructure from others
- ATLAS have studied this in $t\bar{t}$ events



Boosted Top-quark Jets II



Variables designd to distinguish 2-prong like jets from 1 prong are generally well described

Boosted Top-quark Jets II



Variables designd to distinguish 3-prong like jets from 2 prong fare worse

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The Lund Jet Plane



The Lund Jet Plane II



 Monte Carlo can do a reasonable job of describung the plane (Sherpa seems best)

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- Monte Carlo can do a reasonable job of describung the plane (Sherpa seems best)
- Analytical calculations also doing a good job

Lund Subjet multiplicities



- Lund Subjet multipicities offer even more information about events
- Here each emission is followed further, so long as it is above a certain p_T threshold
- total multiplicity above a given scale gives us more information about the shower (also sensitive to α_S)

Lund Subjet multiplicities



Again MCs and analytical calculations doing well (though analytical calculation undershoots at higher p_T)

Heavy Flavour Fragmentation

- Heavy flavour fragmentation is very important for measurements such as the top-quark mass
- Also important for flavour-tagging
 - Fraction of jet momentum carried by shifted vertex in *b*-jet is usually one of the best discriminating variables
- Relatively little data to constrain it



ATLAS studied *b* fragmentation in $t\bar{t}$ Phys. Rev. D 106 (2022) 032008 $Z_{L,b}^{ch}$ fraction of charged momentum parallel to the b-jet carried by *b*-proxy (shifted vertex) James Ferrando (Lancaster University) SM & QCD October 6 2022 47/58

Heavy Flavour Fragmentation



Clear that some MC tunes don't describe it well, but most doing a reasonable job

What Comes Next?

LHC Run 3 the story so far...



- LHC delivered around 70 fb⁻¹ per experiment in 2022-2023
- Experiments are already starting to publish results with this data



First Run 3 Measurements

Atlas and CMS have already produced first Run 3 measurements of Z and $t\bar{t}$



CMS-PAS-SMP-22-017

LHC Top WG summary

What's Next

First Run 3 Measurements



- ATLAS also measured the $t\bar{t}/Z$ ratio (generally sensitive to PDFs)
- Value of the ratio is on the low side but still consistent with expectations from most PDFs
 Phys. Lett. B 848 (2024) 138376

What's Next

I HC Run 3 and Run 4

- In 2024-2025, the LHC is expected to deliver proton-proton collisions with an integrated luminosity of 190 fb-1.
- This represents an increase of around a factor of four in the Run 3 dataset
- Improvements from new experimental techniques continue to outpace mere statistical improvements
- Many theoretical developments helping us to understand QCD better
- Expect more jet measurements, with increasing precision amd more substructure measurements, including Lund plane

Summary

Summary

• It's a great time to be doing QCD measurements at the LHC:

- huge datasets
- Generators and calculations that are doing well at describing QCD prospects
- LHC proving itself to be a machine for precision physics as well as discovery
- These measurements support other EW/Higgs/Top measurement and searches
- Many nice publications that I didn't have time to review here including:
 - LHCb measurements of A_i
 - Alice HF fragmentation and Lund jet plane work
 - CMS $\alpha_{\rm S}$ from azimuthal correlations

Back-up

ATLAS α_{S}



ATLASPDF Comparison to Sea quest data



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