# Nuclear PDFs at the beginning of LHC Run 3

Petja Paakkinen

University of Jyväskylä

AoF CoE in Quark Matter partner in ERC AdG YoctoLHC

S@INT Seminar 12 May 2022







# Probing the nucleon structure



A: Hit it as hard as you can and see what comes out



But what is it that we are probing at sub-nucleon level?  $\rightarrow$  Need help from theory!

# At the heart of it all: Collinear factorisation of QCD



... this is the framework which every PDF analysis and application relies on and tests!

#### Basic processes - leptonic final states

Deep inelastic scattering (DIS) l(k) $\gamma^*, Z, W^{\pm}$ q'h(P)

For the photon-mediated case:

 $\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma^{\mathrm{DIS}}}{\mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}Q^2} &= \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \hat{\sigma}}{\mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}Q_i^2} \sum_{i \in \{q, \bar{q}\}} e_i^2 f_i^h(x, Q^2) + \frac{\mathrm{NLO}}{\mathrm{corrections}} \\ Q^2 &= -(k - k')^2 \\ x &= \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot (k - k')} \end{aligned} \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{access scale and momentum-external kinematics}} e_{\mathrm{raction dependence through external kinematics}} \end{aligned}$ 



The photon-mediated case:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma^{\mathrm{DY}}}{\mathrm{d}y \mathrm{d}M^2} = \frac{4\pi \alpha_{\mathrm{e.m.}}^2}{9M^4} \sum_{i \in \{q,\bar{q}\}} e_i^2 x_1 x_2 f_i^h(x_1, M^2) f_{\bar{i}}^{h'}(x_2, M^2) + \sum_{i \in \{q,\bar{q}\}} e_i^2 x_1 x_2 f_i^h(x_1, M^2) f_{\bar{i}}^{h'}(x_2, M^2) + \sum_{i \in \{q,\bar{q}\}} e_i^2 x_1 x_2 f_i^h(x_1, M^2) f_{\bar{i}}^{h'}(x_2, M^2) + \sum_{i \in \{q,\bar{q}\}} e_i^2 x_1 x_2 f_i^h(x_1, M^2) f_{\bar{i}}^{h'}(x_2, M^2) + \sum_{i \in \{q,\bar{q}\}} e_i^2 x_1 x_2 f_i^h(x_1, M^2) f_{\bar{i}}^{h'}(x_2, M^2) + \sum_{i \in \{q,\bar{q}\}} e_i^2 x_1 x_2 f_i^h(x_1, M^2) f_{\bar{i}}^{h'}(x_2, M^2) + \sum_{i \in \{q,\bar{q}\}} e_i^h(x_1, M^2) f_{\bar{i}}^{h'}(x_1, M^2) + \sum_{i \in \{q,\bar{q}\}} e_i^h(x_1, M^2) f_{\bar{i}}^{h'}(x_2, M^2) + \sum_{i \in \{q,\bar{q}\}} e_i^h(x_1, M^2) f_{\bar{i}}^{h'}(x_1, M^2) + \sum_{i \in \{q,\bar{q}\}} e_i^h(x_1, M^2) + \sum_{i \in \{q,\bar{q$$

### Basic processes - hadronic final states



Account for the hadronization effects with the parton to hadron fragmentation functions  $D_k^{h''}$  $\Rightarrow$  a source of uncertainty for PDF fits



Additional complications:

- need an IR-safe definition of a jet
- non-perturbative corrections

# Why *nuclear* PDFs?



# Nuclear PDFs from global analyses

Nuclear PDFs (nPDFs) are fitted with similar global analyses as their free-proton counterparts

- → rely only to the QCD collinear factorisation
- → model-agnostic way to study the nuclear effects

Multi-observable fit needed to constrain individual flavours, minimise:





#### Example parametrization: EPPS21

Define nuclear PDFs in terms of

nuclear modification  $\begin{array}{rcl} f_i^{p/A}\left(x,Q^2\right) &=& R_i^{p/A}\left(x,Q^2\right) f_i^p\left(x,Q^2\right) \\ \text{bound-proton PDF} & & \text{free-proton PDF} \end{array}$ 

PDFs of the full nucleus are then constructed with

$$f_i^A(x,Q^2) = Z f_i^{p/A}(x,Q^2) + N f_i^{n/A}(x,Q^2),$$

and assuming  $f_i^{p/A} \stackrel{\text{isospin}}{\longleftrightarrow} f_j^{n/A}$ 

- Parametrize the x and A dependence of  $R_i^{p/A}(x,Q_0^2)$  at  $Q_0 = m_{\rm charm} = 1.3~{\rm GeV}$ 
  - Use a phenomenologically motivated piecewise function in x
  - $\blacktriangleright$  Use a power-law type function in A



	KSASG20	nCTEQ15WZSIH*	TUJU21	EPPS21	nNNPDF3.0
Order in $\alpha_s$	NLO & NNLO	NLO	NLO & NNLO	NLO	NLO
la nc dis	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
$\nu$ A CC DIS	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
pA DY	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
$\pi A DY$				$\checkmark$	
RHIC dAu $\pi^0, \pi^\pm$		$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	
LHC pPb $\pi^0, \pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm}$		$\checkmark$			
LHC pPb dijets				$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
LHC pPb D <sup>0</sup>				$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
LHC pPb W,Z		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
LHC pPb $\gamma$					$\checkmark$
Q, W cut in DIS	1.3, 0.0 GeV	2.0, 3.5 GeV	1.87, 3.5 GeV	1.3, 1.8 GeV	1.87, 3.5 GeV
$\mid p_{\mathrm{T}}$ cut in D <sup>0</sup> , $h$ -prod. $\mid$	N/A	3.0 GeV	N/A	3.0 GeV	0.0 GeV
Data points	4353	948	2410	2077	2188
Free parameters	9	19	16	24	256
Error analysis	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Monte Carlo
Free-proton PDFs	CT18	$\sim$ CTEQ6M	own fit	CT18A	$\sim$ NNPDF4.0
Free-proton corr.	no	no	no	yes	yes
HQ treatment	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL
Indep. flavours	3	5	4	6	6
Reference	PRD 104, 034010	PRD 104, 094005	arXiv:2112.11904	EPJC 82, 413	arXiv:2201.12363

Recent nPDF global fits

	KSASG20	nCTEQ15WZSIH* TUJU21		EPPS21	nNNPDF3.0	
Order in $\alpha_s$	NLO & NNLO	NLO	NLO & NNLO	NLO	NLO	
la nc dis	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
$\nu$ A CC DIS	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
pA DY	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
$\pi A DY$				$\checkmark$		
RHIC dAu $\pi^0, \pi^{\pm}$		$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$		
$ $ LHC pPb $\pi^0, \pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm}$ $ $		$\checkmark$				
LHC pPb dijets				$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
LHC pPb D <sup>0</sup>				$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
LHC pPb W,Z		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
LHC pPb $\gamma$					$\checkmark$	
Q, W cut in DIS	1.3, 0.0 GeV	2.0, 3.5 GeV	1.87, 3.5 GeV	1.3, 1.8 GeV	1.87, 3.5 GeV	
$\mid p_{\mathrm{T}}$ cut in D <sup>0</sup> , $h$ -prod. $\mid$	N/A	3.0 GeV	N/A	3.0 GeV	0.0 GeV	
Data points	4353	948	2410	2077	2188	
Free parameters	9	19	16	24	256	
Error analysis	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Monte Carlo	
Free-proton PDFs	CT18	$\sim$ CTEQ6M	own fit	CT18A	$\sim$ NNPDF4.0	
Free-proton corr.	no	no	no	yes	yes	
HQ treatment	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL	
Indep. flavours	3	5	4	6	6	
Reference	PRD 104, 034010	PRD 104, 094005	arXiv:2112.11904	EPJC 82, 413	arXiv:2201.12363	

	KSASG20	nCTEQ15WZSIH*	TUJU21	EPPS21	nNNPDF3.0
Order in $\alpha_s$	NLO & NNLO	NLO	NLO & NNLO	NLO	NLO
la nc dis	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
$\nu$ A CC DIS	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
pA DY	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
$\pi A DY$				$\checkmark$	
RHIC dAu $\pi^0, \pi^{\pm}$		$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	
LHC pPb $\pi^0, \pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm}$		$\checkmark$			
LHC pPb dijets				$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
LHC pPb D <sup>0</sup>				$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
LHC pPb W,Z		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
LHC pPb $\gamma$					$\checkmark$
Q, W cut in DIS	1.3, 0.0 GeV	2.0, 3.5 GeV	1.87, 3.5 GeV	1.3, 1.8 GeV	1.87, 3.5 GeV
$p_{\mathrm{T}}$ cut in D <sup>0</sup> , <i>h</i> -prod.	N/A	3.0 GeV	N/A	3.0 GeV	0.0 GeV
Data points	4353	948	2410	2077	2188
Free parameters	9	19	16	24	256
Error analysis	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Monte Carlo
Free-proton PDFs	CT18	$\sim$ CTEQ6M	own fit	CT18A	~NNPDF4.0
Free-proton corr.	no	no	no	yes	yes
HQ treatment	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL
Indep. flavours	3	5	4	6	6
Reference	PRD 104, 034010	PRD 104, 094005	arXiv:2112.11904	EPJC 82, 413	arXiv:2201.12363

	KSASG20	nCTEQ15WZSIH*	TUJU21	EPPS21	nNNPDF3.0	
Order in $\alpha_s$	NLO & NNLO	NLO	NLO & NNLO	NLO	NLO	
la nc dis	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
$\nu$ A CC DIS	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
pA DY	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
$\pi A DY$				$\checkmark$		
RHIC dAu $\pi^0, \pi^\pm$		$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$		
LHC pPb $\pi^0, \pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm}$		$\checkmark$				
LHC pPb dijets				$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
LHC pPb D <sup>0</sup>				$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
LHC pPb W,Z		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
LHC pPb $\gamma$					$\checkmark$	
Q, W cut in DIS	1.3, 0.0 GeV	2.0, 3.5 GeV	1.87, 3.5 GeV	1.3, 1.8 GeV	1.87, 3.5 GeV	
$\mid p_{\mathrm{T}}$ cut in D <sup>0</sup> , $h$ -prod. $\mid$	N/A	3.0 GeV	N/A	3.0 GeV	0.0 GeV	
Data points	4353	948	2410	2077	2188	
Free parameters	9	19	16	24	256	
Error analysis	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Monte Carlo	
Free-proton PDFs	CT18	$\sim$ CTEQ6M	own fit	CT18A	$\sim$ NNPDF4.0	
Free-proton corr.	no	no	no	yes	yes	
HQ treatment	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL	
Indep. flavours	3	5	4	6	6	
Reference	PRD 104, 034010	PRD 104, 094005	arXiv:2112.11904	EPJC 82, 413	arXiv:2201.12363	

	KSASG20	nCTEQ15WZSIH*	TUJU21	EPPS21	nNNPDF3.0
Order in $\alpha_s$	NLO & NNLO	NLO	NLO & NNLO	NLO	NLO
la NC DIS	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
$\nu$ A CC DIS	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
pA DY	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
πA DY				$\checkmark$	
RHIC dAu $\pi^0, \pi^{\pm}$		$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	
LHC pPb $\pi^0, \pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm}$		$\checkmark$			
LHC pPb dijets				$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
LHC pPb D <sup>0</sup>				$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
LHC pPb W,Z		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
LHC pPb $\gamma$					$\checkmark$
Q, W cut in DIS	1.3, 0.0 GeV	2.0, 3.5 GeV	1.87, 3.5 GeV	1.3, 1.8 GeV	1.87, 3.5 GeV
$p_{\mathrm{T}}$ cut in D <sup>0</sup> , <i>h</i> -prod.	N/A	3.0 GeV	N/A	3.0 GeV	0.0 GeV
Data points	4353	948	2410	2077	2188
Free parameters	9	19	16	24	256
Error analysis	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Monte Carlo
Free-proton PDFs	CT18	$\sim$ CTEQ6M	own fit	CT18A	$\sim$ NNPDF4.0
Free-proton corr.	no	no	no	yes	yes
HQ treatment	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL
Indep. flavours	3	5	4	6	6
Reference	PRD 104, 034010	PRD 104, 094005	arXiv:2112.11904	EPJC 82, 413	arXiv:2201.12363

DIS in the "transition region"  $W\gtrsim 1.7~{\rm GeV}$  just above the resonance-dominated one

Target-mass corrections important!

Deuterium and higher-twist corrections can improve the fit Segarra et al., PRD 103 (2021) 114015

but are not necessary to describe the data Paukkunen & Zurita.

EPJC 80 (2020) 381 Eskola, PP, Paukkunen, Salgado, EPJC 82 (2022) 413



# W bosons in pPb at 8.16 $\ensuremath{\text{TeV}}$



EW bosons important probes of flavour separation

- $\bullet \ u\bar{d} \ (c\bar{s}) \to W^+$
- $\bullet \ \overline{u}d \ (\overline{c}s) \to W^-$

Small-x, high- $Q^2$  quarks and gluons correlated by DGLAP evolution  $\rightarrow$  sensitivity to gluons

data from: CMS Collaboration, PLB 800 (2020) 135048 pp baseline: CMS Collaboration, EPJC 76 (2016) 469



nCTEQ15WZSIH, TUJU21 and nNNPDF3.0 fit to absolute cross sections

EPPS21 uses nuclear-modification ratios to cancel proton-PDF uncertainties Eskola, PP, Paukkunen, Salgado, EPJC 82 (2022) 271

# Mitigating free-proton PDF uncertainty

data from: CMS Collaboration, PLB 800 (2020) 135048 pp baseline: CMS Collaboration, EPJC 76 (2016) 469

Absolute pPb cross sections sensitive to proton-PDF uncertainties!

Difficult to disentangle nuclear modifications from free-proton d.o.f.s

nCTEQ15WZSIH, TUJU21 and nNNPDF3.0 fit to absolute cross sections

Wherever possible, EPPS21 uses nuclear modification ratios to cancel the free-proton-PDF uncertainties

→ can still become relevant with LHC Run 3 statistics Eskola, PP, Paukkunen, Salgado, EPJC 82 (2022) 271



12/28

# Propagating free-proton PDF uncertainty



lepton rapidity (c.m. frame) 13/28

Z bosons in pPb at 8.16 TeV

New Run 2 data from CMS

CMS Collaboration, JHEP 05 (2021) 182

Abdul Khalek et al., arXiv:2201.12363

- nNNPDF3.0 include both low-mass and on-peak data
- $\blacksquare~R_{\rm pPb}$  studied in EPPS21  $\rightarrow$  not included in the final fit

Both EPPS21 and nNNPDF3.0 observe some tension between the data and fit

- abrupt change in the shape at midrapidity
- NNLO to cure for the low-mass data?

-2 -1 0 Abdul Khalek et al., arXiv:2201.12363 Z rapidity (c.m. frame)  $\times 10^{5}$  $15 < M_{\mu\bar{\mu}} < 60$  $60 < M_{m\bar{n}} < 120$ NNPDF3.0 (no LHCb D)<sup>( $\chi^2/N=2.49$ )</sup>  $d\sigma^{Z \to \ell\ell}/dy_Z^*$  [fb] nNNPDF3  $0^{(\chi^2/N=2.49)}$ Data  $\chi^2/N_{\rm data}$ 2.1 FPPS21 nNNPDF3.0 2.49 Data/Theory 14/28 $y_Z^*$  $y_Z^*$ 

data from: CMS Collaboration, JHEP 05 (2021) 182 pp baseline: CMS Collaboration, EPJC 75 (2015) 147

EPPS16

EPPS21 nuclear err.

EPPS21 full err

**413**<sup>2.0</sup>

1.8

1.6

1.4

 $\overset{\mathrm{q.d.d}}{\overset{\mathrm{q.d.d}}{\mathcal{H}}} \overset{\mathrm{1.2}}{\overset{\mathrm{q.d.d}}{\mathcal{H}}}$ 

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

0.0

Eskola, PP, Paukkunen, Salgado, EPJC 82 (2022)

CMS Z, pPb

 $\sqrt{s} = 8.16 \text{ TeV}$ 

 $\mathbf{2}$ 

Dijets in pPb at 5.02 TeV



Double ratio convenient for:

- Cancellation of hadronization and luminosity uncertainties separately for pPb and pp
  - → do not expect strong final-state effects
- Cancellation of free-proton-PDF and scale uncertainties in pPb/pp
  - → direct access to nuclear modifications

Eskola, PP, Paukkunen, EPJC 79 (2019) 511

Good resolution to gluon nuclear modifications for  $10^{-3} < x < 0.5 \label{eq:constraint}$ 



Drastic reduction in the nPDF uncertainties!

→ Important constraints for the nuclear gluons!

Eskola, PP, Paukkunen, EPJC 79 (2019) 511 Eskola, PP, Paukkunen, Salgado, EPJC 82 (2022) 413 Abdul Khalek et al., arXiv:2201.12363 Both EPPS21 and nNNPDF3.0 find difficulties in reproducing the most forward data points

- → missing data correlations important?
- → NNLO? non-pert. effects?

# $\mathsf{D}^0\mathsf{s}$ in EPPS21 and nNNPDF3.0



Abdul Khalek et al., arXiv:2201.12363 1.5  $2.0 < y^{D^0} < 2.5$ 1.0 $R_{
m pPb}$ 0.5nNNPDF3.0 prior Data nNNPDF3.0  $(\chi^2/N=0.66)$ Scale uncertainty 0.0 **Data/Theory** 1.51.00.5 $\mathbf{2}$ 4 6 8

Drastic reduction in the nPDF uncertainties!

→ Important constraints for the nuclear gluons!

Kusina et al., PRL 121 (2018) 052004 Eskola, Helenius, PP, Paukkunen, JHEP 05 (2020) 037 Eskola, PP, Paukkunen, Salgado, EPJC 82 (2022) 413 Abdul Khalek et al., arXiv:2201.12363 nNNPDF3.0 with POWHEG+PYTHIA finds a large scale uncertainty  $\rightarrow$  fit only forward data not seen in the S-ACOT- $m_{\rm T}$  GM-VFNS used in EPPS21 Helenius & Paukkunen, JHEP 05 (2018) 196 Eskola, Helenius, PP, Paukkunen, JHEP 05 (2020) 037

Heavy-flavour production mass schemes

#### FFNS

In fixed flavour number scheme, valid at small  $p_{\rm T},$  heavy quarks are produced only at the matrix element level

Contains  $\log(p_{\rm T}/m)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(m)$  terms

#### ZM-VFNS

In zero-mass variable flavour number scheme, valid at large  $p_{\rm T}$ , heavy quarks are treated as massless particles produced also in ISR/FSR

Resums  $\log(p_{\rm T}/m)$  but ignores  ${\cal O}(m)$  terms



#### **GM-VFNS**

A general-mass variable flavour number scheme combines the two by supplementing subtraction terms to prevent double counting of the resummed splittings, valid at all  $p_{\rm T}$ 

Resums  $\log(p_{\rm T}/m)$  and includes  $\mathcal{O}(m)$  terms in the FFNS matrix elements

Important: includes also gluon-to-HF fragmentation – large contribution to the cross section!

# Single-inclusive hadrons – nCTEQ15WZSIH

Complementary gluon constraints from  $\pi^0, \pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm}$  production

Fragmentation Functions *partially* cancel in nuclear ratios

nCTEQ15WZSIH fits to the data from PHENIX, STAR and ALICE with a cut at  $p_{\rm T}>3~{\rm GeV}$ 



data from: PHENIX Collaboration, PRL 98 (2007) 172302 STAR Collaboration, PLB 637 (2006) 161 PRC 81 (2010) 064904 ALICE Collaboration, PLB 760 (2016) 720 EPJC 78 (2018) 624 PLB 827 (2022) 136943

Duwentäster et al., PRD 104 (2021) 094005

19/28











#### Comparing nuclear and proton PDFs – $\bar{u}$ and $\bar{d}$





20/28

#### Comparing nuclear and proton PDFs - glue



#### Comparing nuclear and proton PDFs – glue



nPDF comparison – glue



21/28

# nPDF comparison – glue



# nPDF comparison - glue

x



nPDF comparison – glue



# nPDF comparison - glue in oxygen



# Data availability w.r.t. $\boldsymbol{A}$



 $\sim 50\%$  of the data points are for Pb!

- $\bigcirc$  Good coverage of DIS measurements for different A (but only fixed target!)
- $\bigcirc$  DY data more scarce, but OK A coverage
- 🙁 Hadronic observables available only for heavy nuclei!

Light-ion runs at LHC could:

- Complement other light-nuclei DY data with W and Z production (strangeness!)
- Give first direct constraints (e.g. dijets, D-mesons) on light-nuclei small-x gluon distributions!

Dijet production in pO at 9.9 TeV

Similar setup as in CMS 5.02 TeV pPb measurement

Total integrated pO cross section of  $81~\mu{\rm b}$ 

- $\blacksquare$  Compare with  $\sim 330~\mu b$  in pPb at 5.02 TeV
- Sufficient to give reasonable statistics even at relatively low luminosities
   16000 events at 0.2 nb<sup>-1</sup>
   486000 events at 6 nb<sup>-1</sup>

**Problem:** absolute cross sections very sensitive to the used free-proton PDFs

 Difficult to disentangle nuclear modifications from the free-proton d.o.f.s

Problem: We do not expect pp reference at 9.9 TeV

Could we use a mixed energy ratio pO(9.9 TeV)/pp(8.8 TeV)?



Dijet  $R_{\rm pO}$  in pO at 9.9 TeV

Problem: We do not expect pp reference at 9.9 TeV

 Could we use a mixed energy ratio pO(9.9 TeV)/pp(8.8 TeV)? Yes!

Excellent cancellation of free-proton PDFs

 $\rightarrow$  Direct access to nuclear modifications

Already few  $nb^{-1}$  can be expected to be enough to put new constraints on nPDFs (if we have sufficient statistics for the pp reference)

→ Can resolve different nPDF parametrisations!



Triple-differential dijets in pPb?





Various observable choices possible, e.g.  $X_A, X_B, y^*$ 



Triple-differential measurement fixes partonic kinematics at LO

 $\rightarrow$  powerful test of factorisation and PDFs

Measured in pp at 8 TeV CMS Collaboration, EPJC 77 (2017) 746

Should be feasible in pPb with Run 2/3 statistics?

#### PHENIX pion production small-system scan newl

New mid-rapidity  $\pi^0$  data from PHENIX PHENIX Collaboration. arXiv:2111.05756

- improved precision
- higher  $p_T \rightarrow \text{larger } x$

Contrary to nPDF expectations, measured "Cronin peak" size follows the ordering  ${}^{3}\text{He} + \text{Au} < d + \text{Au} < p + \text{Au}$ 

- higher-twist (multiple-scattering)?
- flow-like component?

At high  $p_{\rm T}$  the nPDF predictions overshoot the data, but mind the large normalisation uncertainties



# Summary

Ample progress in incorporating new data in global nPDF fits:

- Testing the high-x region with new JLab DIS data
- LHC pPb data put unprecedented constraints on the gluon nPDF
- Work towards more global NNLO fits
- Ongoing work to understand the (cross)correlations between proton and nuclear PDF analyses

The future is luminous!

- Both collider and fixed-target experiments keep providing new data
- LHC Run 3 just around the corner
- New experiments and upgrades to utilize: SMOG@LHCb, FoCal@ALICE, sPHENIX, EIC, LHeC, FPF...



# Backup

# Proton strangeness from $\nu A$ DIS vs. LHC EW data

 $K_s = \frac{\int_0^1 \mathrm{d}x x[s(x,Q^2) + \bar{s}(x,Q^2)]}{\int_0^1 \mathrm{d}x x[\bar{u}(x,Q^2) + \bar{d}(x,Q^2)]}$ 

 $K_{s} = 1$ 

table and fig. from Feng et al., "The Forward Physics Facility at the High-Luminosity LHC", arXiv:2203.05090

			Proton PDF sets				Nuclear PDF sets			
Data set		Ref.	ABMP16	CT18	MSHT20	NNPDF4.0	EPPS21	nCTEQ15	nNNPDF3.0	TUJU21
CHORUS $\sigma_{CC}^{\nu,\bar{\nu}}$	Pb	[1238]	×	×	1	✓	1	×	1	1
CHORUS	$_{\rm Pb}$	[1239]	1	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
NOMAD $\mathcal{R}_{\mu\mu}$	Fe	[1195]	1	×	×	(✔)	×	×	×	×
CCFR $xF_3^p$	Fe	[1240]	×	1	×	×	×	×	×	×
CCFR $F_2^p$	Fe	[1241]	×	1	×	×	×	×	×	×
CDSHW $F_2^p, xF_3^p$	Fe	[1242]	×	1	×	×	×	×	×	1
NuTeV $\sigma_{CC}^{\nu,\bar{\nu}}$	Fe	[1196]	1	1	1	1	×	×	1	×
NuTeV $F_2, F_3$	Fe	[1194]	×	×	1	×	×	×	×	×

Proton-PDF fits traditionally include neutrino-*nucleus* DIS for improved strange-quark constraints  $\rightarrow$  suppressed strangeness



 $K_{s} = 0.5$ 

Complementary data from ATLAS EW-boson production confronts this view with preference for unsuppressed strange ATLAS Collaboration, PRL 109 (2012) 012001 EPJC 77 (2017) 367

Simultaneous fit feasible w/ NNLO c-quark mass corrections Faura et al., EPJC 80 (2020) 1168 Bailey et al., EPJC 81 (2021) 341 Ball et al., arXiv:2109.02653 Nuclear effects can impact the proton-PDF fits!

NNPDF4.0:

- Different large-x sea-quark behaviour depending on whether the uncertainties from nNNPDF2.0 nuclear PDFs were included or not
- Nuclear data found to constrain the proton PDFs even with nuclear uncertainties included

Ball et al., EPJC 79 (2019) 282 Ball et al., arXiv:2109.02653

MSHT20: take nuclear corrections from DSSZ + additional 3-param. fit Bailey et al., EPJC 81 (2021) 341

CT18: does not report on any use of nuclear corrections



# Gluon constraints from EIC



EIC will significantly widen the kinematic range of DIS constraints for nPDFs

• Comparing with LHC measurements will put collinear factorization with nuclei to a stringent test

With the  $F_{\rm L}$  extraction cabability, EIC provides a clean probe to study small-x gluons

• Good constraining power to well down to  $10^{-2}$  in a high-energy scenario

Charm-tagged cross-section measurement can vastly reduce high-x gluon uncertainty

see also: Kelsey et al., Phys.Rev.D 104 (2021) 054002

First phenomenological implementation of the exclusive  $J/\psi$  photoproduction NLO corrections  $$_{\rm Ivanov\ et\ al.,\ EPJC\ 34\ (2004)\ 297}$_{\rm Jones\ et\ al.,\ J.\ Phys.\ G\ 43\ (2016)\ 035002}$  in ultrapheripheral Pb+Pb

Large scale uncertainty

- → perturbative convergence?
- → cancel with nuclear ratios?



# ATLAS inclusive dijet photoproduction measurement now fully unfolded

