

EF05, EF06, and TF06 topical groups

A Snowmass Whitepaper on PDFs

Creating a useful Snowmass document based on interesting LOIs and talks dedicated to PDFs

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“Hadron structure, forward QCD,
and hadron spectroscopy”



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File outline

- The role of PDFs in precision QCD studies
- Comparisons of modern PDFs and parton luminosities
- LHC processes to measure PDFs
- Future non-LHC experiments
- Path toward N3LO PDFs
 - Multiloop calculations
 - QCD, treatment of heavy flavors
 - PDFs with resummations
 - Large Q^2
 - Small Q^2
 - Transverse-momentum dependent PDFs
- PDFs on the lattice
- PDF analyses as a part of theory infrastructure
- Precision PDFs in the United States
- Computational needs

<https://www.overleaf.com/read/tsbdgncmrjpb>

EF06 Focus Questions

1. **What is the best approach to reduce systematic uncertainties in LHC measurements to achieve the accuracy of PDFs envisioned by electroweak precision studies at the high-luminosity LHC?**
2. **What is the feasible strategy for obtaining accurate PDFs for N³LO QCD computations? Which theoretical advances and computational tools will be necessary?**
3. **What is the potential of new deep inelastic scattering facilities (EIC and LHeC) for probing the hadronic and nuclear structure in the regions relevant for HEP experiments? How can the experience of the HEP community be transferred to enhance the potential of the EIC and LHeC studies?**
4. **How does the knowledge of hadron structure affect measurements of the QCD coupling constant in various processes?**
5. **When do power-suppressed contributions to the hadron structure become important in N^XLO QCD calculations? What are the best approaches to predict or measure them?**
6. **What are the best observables to look for low-x resummation effects predicted by the Balitsky-Fadin-Kuraev-Lipatov resummations?** Define less inclusive variables compared to pure Mueller-Navelet jets, and compute predictions on jet gap jet observables at NLO.
7. **What are the prospects of running forward proton detectors at the LHC at high luminosity?** What will be their sensitivity to anomalous couplings between photon, W, Z bosons, top quarks...
8. **How to observe saturation effects or high-gluon density regimes at the LHC and the EIC?**
9. **Which diffractive measurements can be performed at the LHC and the EIC in order to understand better the structure of the Pomeron?**
10. **Which detectors (including acceptance/resolution) will be needed at the LHC and the EIC in order to perform the best possible measurements of energy, particle production in the very forward region?**
11. **How can the LHC, LHeC, and FCC improve our knowledge of the 3-dimensional structure of nucleons and nuclei?**
12. **How do excited hadronic states with two or more heavy quarks form and decay?**
13. **What are the BSM connections for hadron spectroscopy at future facilities?**
14. **How will artificial intelligence methods advance extraction of nonperturbative hadronic functions from experimental measurements?**

Precision collinear PDFs for HL-LHC studies

Toward the N3LO accuracy of parton distribution functions

S. Alekhin, R. Ball, V. Bertone, J. Blümlein, A. Cooper-Sarkar, T. Cridge, S. Forte, F. Giuliani, A. Glazov, M. Guzzi,
5 C. Gwenlan, L. Harland-Lang, T. J. Hobbs, J. Huston,¹ H.-W. Lin, S.-O. Moch, P. Nadolsky,² E. Nocera,
F. Olness, K. Rabbertz, J. Rojo, R. Thorne, M. Ubiali, K. Xie, C.-P. Yuan

Our group will explore future opportunities for determination of the PDFs and implications for future studies explored by the Snowmass Frontiers. In addition to the Snowmass proceedings contribution, we plan to pursue physics studies of N2LO/N3LO PDFs, including those described in the companion LOI's [9–12], with an eye on
65 complementing related efforts by the PDF4LHC working group and Les Houches workshop.

Snowmass2021 LOI: xFitter: An Open Source QCD Analysis Framework

The xFitter Developers' Team:¹ H. Abdolmaleki, S. Amoroso, V. Bertone, M. Botje, D. Britzger,
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A. Luszczak, J. Morfin, I. Novikov, F. Olness, P. Starovoitov, M. Sutton, M. Walt, O. Zenaiev,

New frontiers in PDF analyses in the HL-LHC era

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Precision phenomenology at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) relies upon an accurate estimate of the uncertainty in Standard Model (SM) predictions. Two dominant sources of theoretical uncertainties at hadron colliders are missing higher order uncertainty in perturbative

Snowmass2021 LOI: Constraining heavy flavor PDFs at hadron colliders

Authors in alphabetical order: Marco Guzzi, Timothy Hobbs, Pavel Nadolsky, Laura Reina,
Doreen Wackerroth, Keping Xie, C.-P. Yuan

To do: write a single document based on the community consensus?

Toward N3LO accuracy in DIS and DGLAP evolution

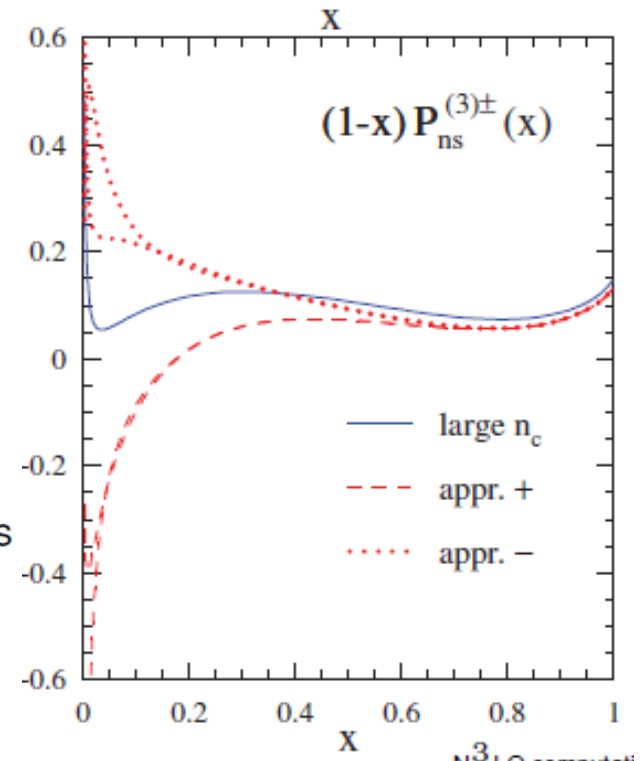
EF06 talks by J. Blümlein and S.-O. Moch

- We are getting close to having full N3LO predictions for DIS and DGLAP evolution
- The remaining unknown N3LO terms are more important at small x . In the fixed-target DIS region, the preliminary N3LO results are already stable.

Terms with massive quarks
require more work.
Steady progress in computing
them.

To do: summarize the
talks in the final
document

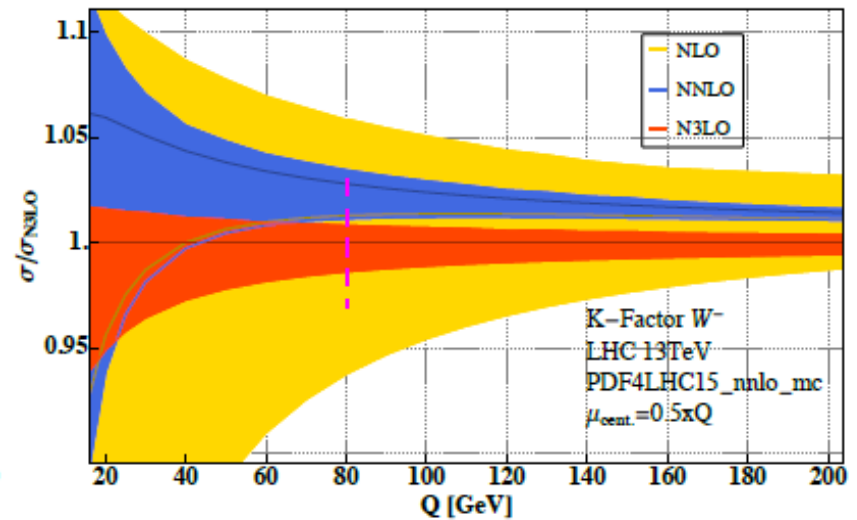
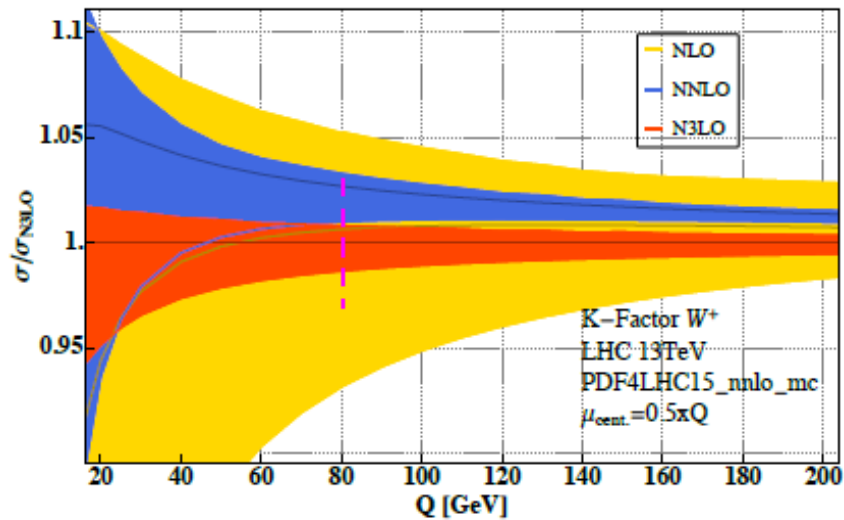
four-loop $P_{\text{ns}}^{(3)\pm}(x)$
and uncertainty bands
beyond large- n_c limit
with $n_f = 4$



The N³LO Frontier: Precision Predictions with QCD Perturbation Theory Letter of Interest for Snowmass2021

Claude Duhr^a, Bernhard Mistlberger^b

NxLO K-factors for $pp \rightarrow W^\pm X$



Possible to do: can we estimate dependence of N3LO contributions on PDFs using the existing NNLO PDFs?

PDF-related topics in Snowmass'13 [arXiv:1310.5189] and 21' studies

| Topic | Status, 2013 | Status and plans, 2020 |
|--|---|--|
| Benchmarking of PDFs for the LHC | Before PDF4LHC'2015 recommendation | In progress toward PDF4LHC'2X recommendation |
| PDFs with NLO EW contributions | MSTW'04 QED, NNPDF2.3 QED | Needs an update using LuXQED and other photon PDFs; PDFs with leptons and massive bosons |
| PDFs with resummations | Small x (in progress) | Needs an update for PDFs with small-x and threshold resummations |
| Parton luminosities at 14, 33, 100 TeV | CT10, MSTW2008, NNPDF2.3 Update at 100 in CERN YR (1607.01831) | Need an update based on the latest PDFs |
| LHC processes to measure PDFs | W/Z , single-incl. jet, high- p_T Z , $t\bar{t}$, $W + c$ production | updates on these processes + $Q\bar{Q}$, dijet, $\gamma/W/Z$ +jet, low-Q DY, ... |
| Future experiments to probe PDFs | LHC Run-2 DIS: LHeC | LHC Run-3 DIS: EIC, LHeC, ... |

NEW TASKS in THE HL-LHC ERA:

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| Obtain complete NNLO and N3LO predictions for PDF-sensitive processes | Improve models for correlated systematic errors | Find ways to constrain large-x PDFs without relying on nuclear targets |
| Develop and benchmark fast NNLO interfaces | Estimate NNLO theory uncertainties | Develop an agreement on comparing and combining PDF fits |

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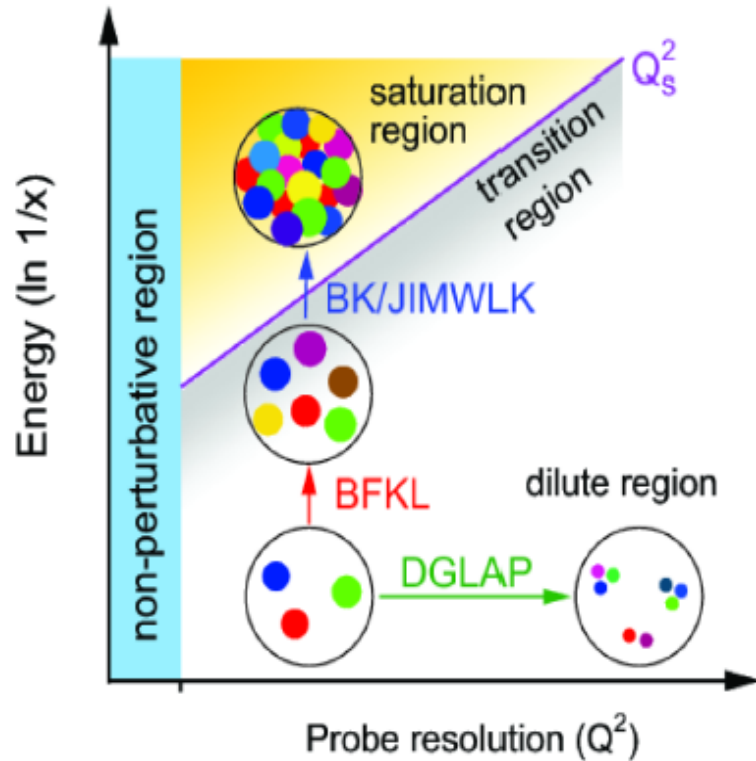
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To-do: We invite volunteers to contribute on these topics

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A new regime of QCD: low x , BFKL resummation, saturation



Which observables allow access to the high-parton-density regime of QCD at future facilities?

- Measurements of Mueller-Navelet jets (mini-jets), low- x heavy quark, hadron-hadron, Higgs-jet, trijet, vector meson production at LHC, LHeC, FCC-hh...; heavy ions

What is the realistic path toward a unified formalism describing transitions between DGLAP, BFKL, and saturation regimes?

Future DIS facilities, LHeC and FCC-eh

PDFs, α_s and Low- x Physics and at Future DIS Facilities

LHeC/FCC-eh: Future (energy frontier) Electro-Proton and Electron-Hadron Colliders

The LHeC/FCC-eh PDF & Low x Study Group:¹

Conveners: N. Armesto, D. Britzger, C. Gwenlan, M. Klein, P. Newman, F. Olness, A. Stasto,
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¹ **LHeC and FCC-eh: Small- x Physics at Energy Frontier**
² **Electron-Proton and Electron-Nucleus Colliders¹**

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Future DIS, EIC-focused letters

Hadronic Tomography at the EIC and the Energy Frontier

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Impact of the Electron Ion Collider on particle physics at the Energy Frontier

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Letter of Interest: Heavy Flavors at the EIC

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Snowmass 2021 Letter of Intent: EW and BSM physics at EIC

M. Arratia, M. Battaglieri, M. Beigel, R. Boughezal, R. Corliss, A. Deshpande, S. Forte, Y. Furletova¹,

EIC Letter of Interest: Higher twist effects in inclusive and diffractive nuclear structure functions

K. Golec-Biernat^{a,1}, L. Motyka^{b,2}, M. Sadzikowski^{b,3} and W. Słomiński^{b,4}

Gluon Saturation at the Electron Ion Collider

Renaud Boussarie,^{1,*} Tuomas Lappi,^{2,3,†} Björn Schenke,^{1,‡} and Sören Schlichting^{4,§}

Snowmass 2021 Letter of Interest: Jet Physics at the Electron Ion Collider

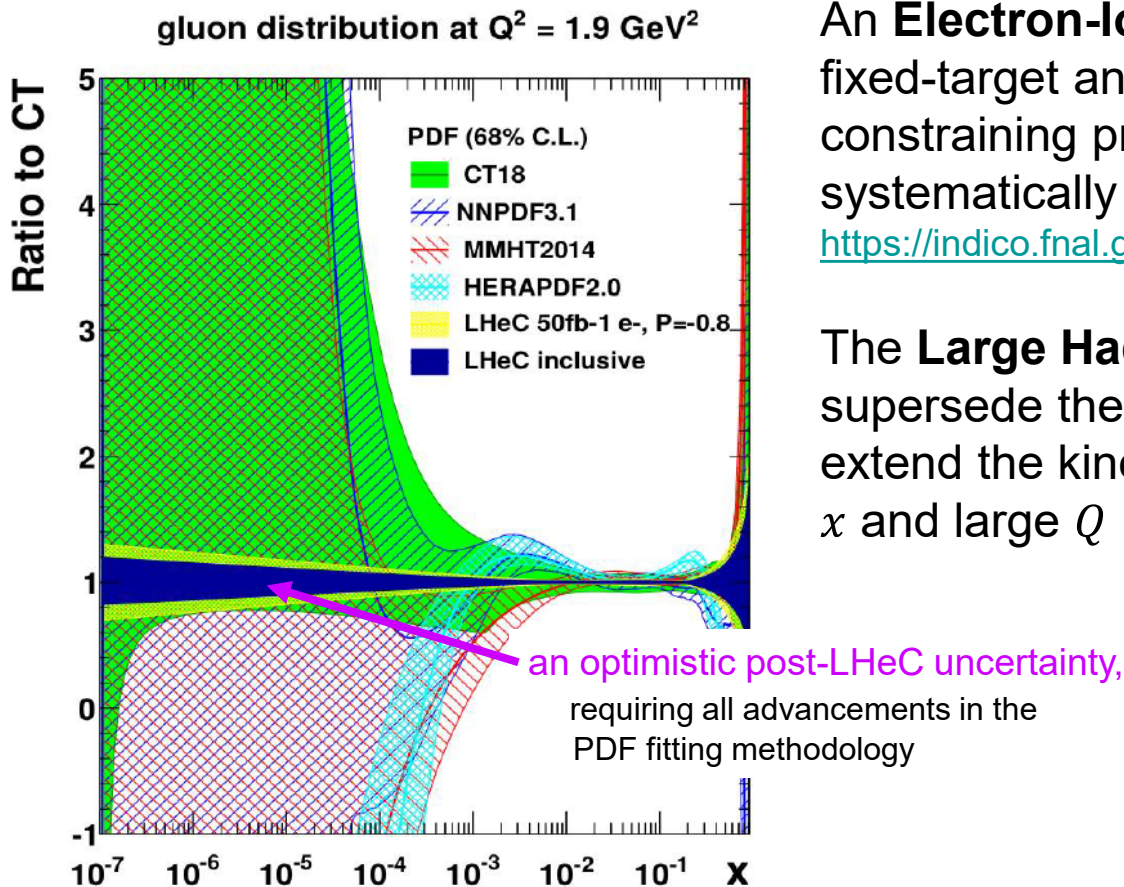
The EICjets Community¹

Jet studies have played a key role in the exploration of QCD since its conception [1]. With the advances in experimental techniques and theory development over time jets

What can we learn about PDFs at future ep/eA colliders?

Talks by N. Armesto, T. Hobbs, F. Olness, A. Stasto; EIC@Snowmass meeting on Aug.4

An ep collider operating concurrently with the HL-LHC can contribute critical **complementary** measurements of PDFs that are **independent** of the LHC systematic effects and free from high-mass BSM contributions



An **Electron-Ion Collider** can replace most of fixed-target and nuclear-target measurements constraining proton PDFs at large x . It will systematically study PDFs for heavy nuclei.

<https://indico.fnal.gov/event/44510/>

The **Large Hadron-Electron Collider** will supersede the HERA DIS measurements and extend the kinematic reach of DIS to very small x and large Q

To do: update projections for the LHeC and EIC constraints on PDFs using consistent reweighting methods

Select LOI's on lattice PDFs

Charm Parton Distribution Functions from Global Analysis and Lattice QCD

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Towards global fits of three-dimensional hadron structure from lattice QCD

Christopher Monahan^{1,2*}, Luigi Del Debbio³, Huey-Wen Lin⁴, Kostas Orginos^{1,2}

Precision Moments of Strange Parton Distribution Functions from Lattice QCD

Tanmoy Bhattacharya,¹ Rajan Gupta,¹ Huey-Wen Lin,^{2,3} Santanu Mondal,¹ Boram Yoon,¹ and Rui Zhang^{2,3}

Transverse-momentum-dependent parton distributions from lattice QCD

Markus Ebert,^{1,*} Jian Liang,^{2,†} Yizhuang Liu,^{3,‡} Phiala Shanahan,^{1,§}
Iain Stewart,^{1,¶} Michael Wagman,^{4,**} Wei Wang,^{5,††} and Yong Zhao^{6,‡‡}

Small-x parton physics on lattice

(Letter of Interest for Snowmass 2021)

Xiangdong Ji,¹ Luchang Jin,² Bo-Wen Xiao,³ and Feng Yuan^{4,*}

Lattice-QCD Determinations of Quark Masses and the Strong Coupling α_s

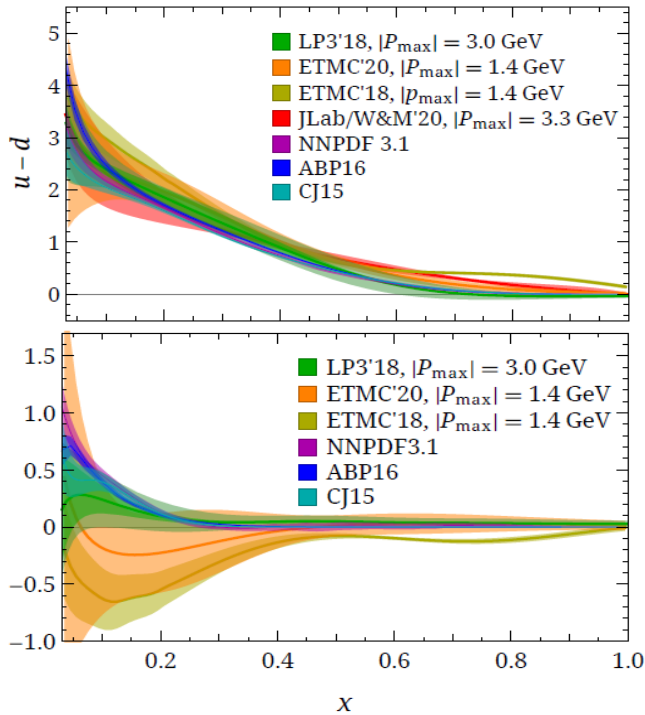
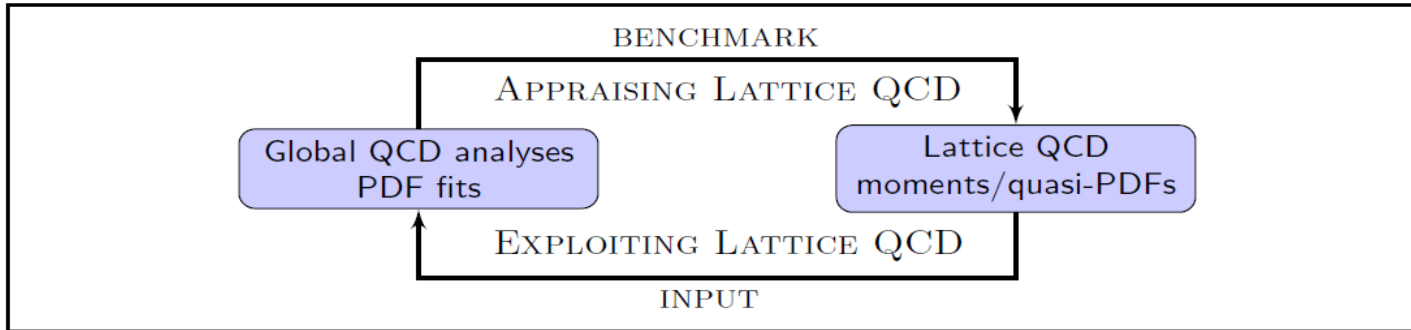
Fermilab Lattice, MILC, and TUMQCD Collaborations

Letter of Interest for EF06: Parton distribution functions from lattice QCD

Peter Boyle^{1,2}, Taku Izubuchi^{1,3}, Luchang Jin^{3,4}, Peter Petreczky¹, Swagato Mukherjee¹, and Sergey Syritsyn^{3,5}

Lattice QCD: ab initio computations of PDFs

Talk by E. Nocera
Snowmass EF06
Topical group



Lattice QCD computes nonperturbative functions for the hadron structure (Mellin moments, quasi-PDFs, pseudo-PDFs) by discretizing the QCD Lagrangian density

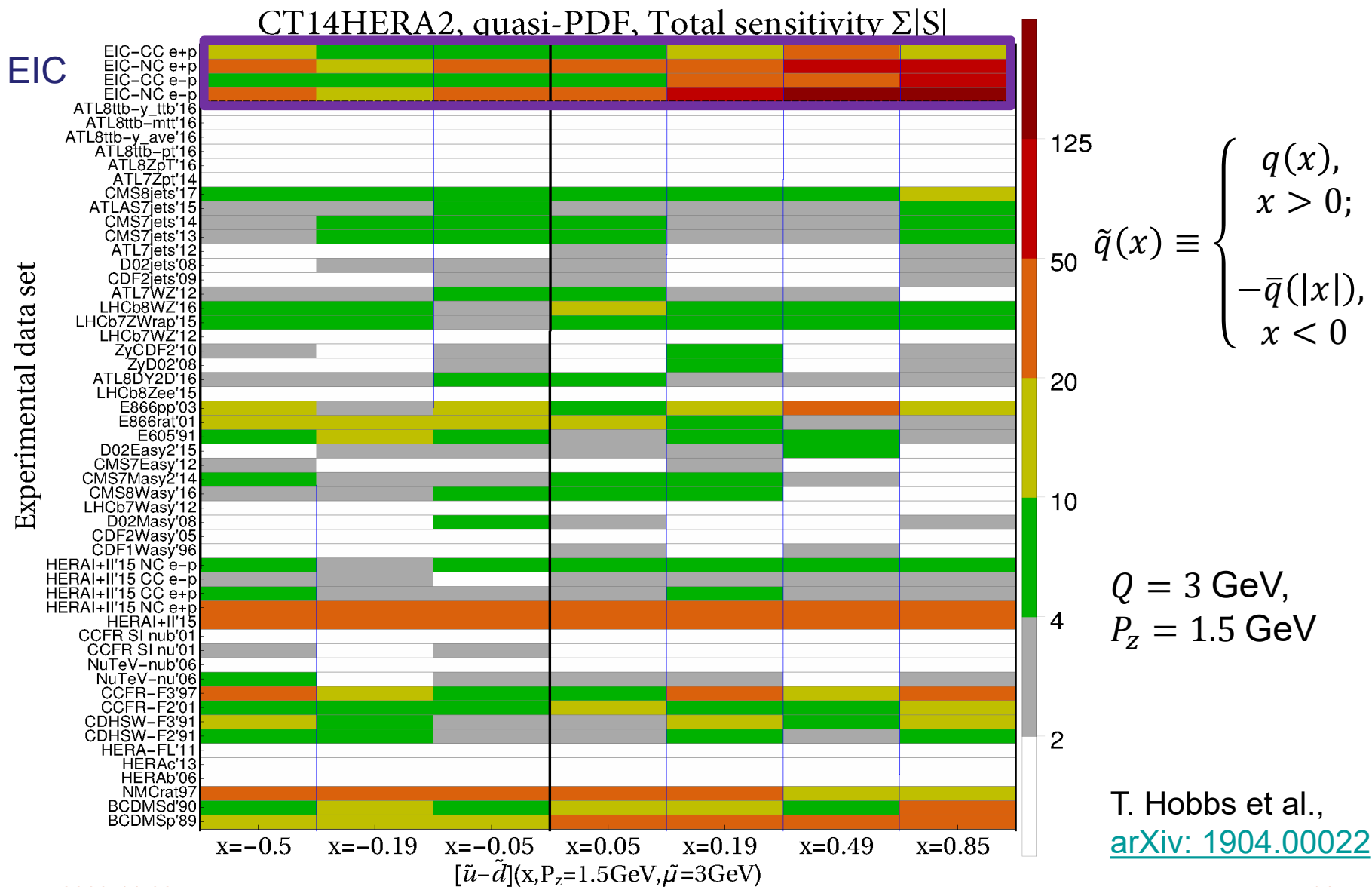
This is a rapidly progressing field: computations of PDFs in several IQCD approaches have been compared against phenomenological PDF models at two workshops:

- PDFLattice2017, Oxford, March 2017
- PDFLattice2019, Michigan State University, Sept. 2019

[*Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys.* 100 (2018) 107; [arXiv:2006.08636](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.08636)]

Pheno PDFs provide empirical benchmarks for lattice QCD computations. Lattice QCD has the potential to predict PDF combinations not accessible in the experiment.

Total sensitivity to lattice quasi-PDFs



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Many interesting LOI's...

Precision measurements of α_s and its running at future colliders

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Recommendations for more precise and robust assessment of experimental and systematic QCD uncertainties

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S. Hoeche,⁷ J. Huston,⁸ F. Krauss,⁹ T. LeCompte,¹⁰ S. Liuti,¹¹ CH McLean,¹² S-O Moch,¹³ B.
Nachman,¹⁴ P. Nadolsky,¹⁵ S. Plätzer,¹⁶ S. Prestel,¹⁷ J. Rojo,¹⁸ M. Schmitt,³ and M. Vos¹⁹
¹DESY

Generative, Explainable Artificial Intelligence for Nuclear Physics and HEP

Uncertainties in perturbative QCD calculations and Monte-Carlo simulations

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Synergy of astro-particle physics and collider physics

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Status and prospects of nuclear PDFs at the LHC

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Computing needs of PDF fits

With the Computational Frontier

PDF fits require speed and accuracy; critically depend on...

...high-performance computing

(N)NNLO QCD, NLO EW computations

Development of fast (N)NNLO
interfaces

Benchmarking of multithreaded
fitting codes (Fortran, C++, Python,...)

Global fits to >40 heterogeneous measurements in collider and
fixed-target experiments

Minimization/learning with MINUIT, TensorFlow, genetic algorithms...

Algebraic marginalization of labyrinthine experimental systematic
uncertainties

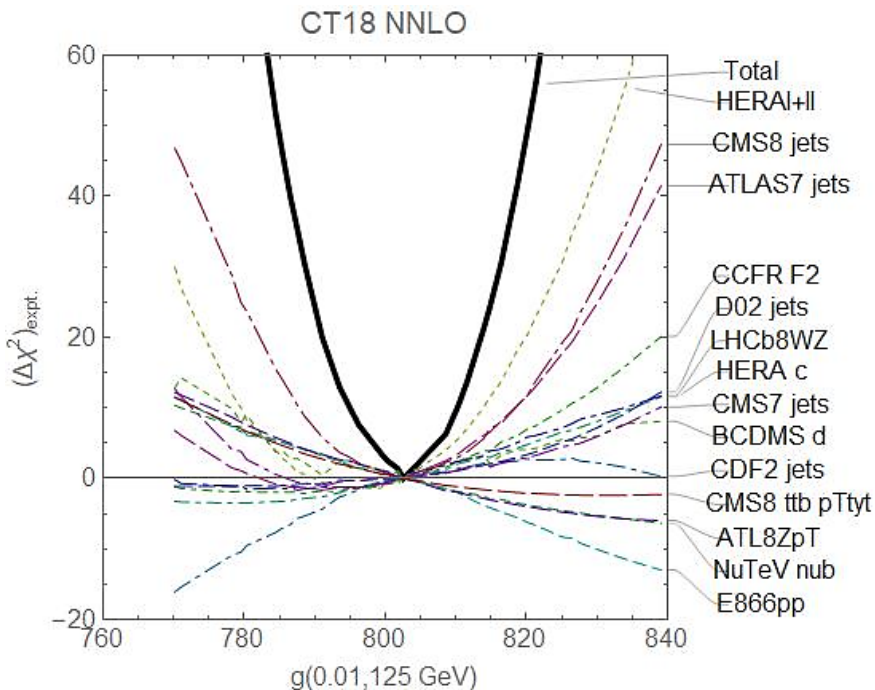
PDF4LHC combinations of PDF sets for LHC applications. Dimensionality
reduction in METAPDF/compressed PDF methods. The majority of LHC
publications use PDF error sets!

...data science & machine learning

Probability distributions with
hundreds of parameters

Shapes of PDFs presented by
flexible functions (ABM, CTEQ, HERA,
MMHT, ...) or CNNs (NNPDF)

Example, computing requirements, CT18 study



A Lagrange Multiplier scan...

...offers a detailed picture of pulls from experiments on the CT18 gluon PDF in the Higgs production region

...instrumental for reducing PDF uncertainties

Intel Xeon E5-2695 v4 workstations,
18 cores/48 GB RAM per 1 fit

Memory management issues to read large ApplGrid/FastNLO tables

| Task | Approximate core-hours |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1 candidate NNLO fit | 300-430 |
| 1 NNLO error set | 1300 |
| 1 LM scan, for 1 point in x and Q | 6500 |
| 6000+ fits we performed to study parametric, theoretical, methodological uncertainties | $> 6000 \cdot 300 = 1.8 \cdot 10^6$ |

To do: what are computing requirements for future PDF studies by various global analysis groups?

The next steps

- Get involved in physics studies! If you are interested to work on the action items, let me know! The list of the action items is not exhaustive.
- Let us know about your relevant work.
- Volunteer to give a talk.
- Participate in the weekly meetings and (all-)frontier workshops.
- Let your colleagues know about the Snowmass.
- Encourage students and postdocs to participate. We have projects for them!
 - October 14: An EF06 meeting for Early Career Researchers

We will have the skeleton draft of the EF06 section in November (based on the focus questions)

In April 2021, the EF will invite the participants to send us 2-paragraph summaries for their Snowmass Proceedings Contributions

July 11-21, 2021: in-person meeting in Seattle

The submission of Proceedings by July 31, 2021

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