ep-Physics at High Q^2

Recent Results and Future Perspectives Testing QCD and Electroweak Theory at HERA

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HERA Kinematics





Neutral Current DIS Cross Section

$$\frac{d^{2}\sigma^{NC}(e^{\pm})}{dxdQ^{2}} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^{2}}{xQ^{4}}[Y_{+}\tilde{F}_{2}\mp Y_{-}x\tilde{F}_{3}-y^{2}F_{L}]$$

$$\{Y_{\pm}=(1\pm(1-y)^{2})\}$$

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Helicity structure
$$F_{L}: \text{ influence small} \text{ related to gluon density}$$

$$[LO: F_{L}=0]$$

LO picture:

$$\tilde{F}_{2} = x \sum_{i} [q_{i}(x, Q^{2}) + \bar{q}_{i}(x, Q^{2})] \cdot A_{i}$$

$$x \tilde{F}_{3} = x \sum_{i}^{i} [q_{i}(x, Q^{2}) - \bar{q}_{i}(x, Q^{2})] \cdot B_{i}$$
Hard process
[electroweak couplings & propagator]
$$\frac{A_{i} = Q_{q}^{2} - 2Q_{q}v_{e}v_{q}\chi_{z} + Q_{q}v_{e}v_{q}\chi_{z} + (v_{e}^{2} + a_{e}^{2})(v_{q}^{2} + a_{q}^{2})(\chi_{z})^{2}}{B_{i} = -2Q_{q}a_{e}a_{q}\chi_{z} + 4v_{e}a_{e}v_{q}a_{q}(\chi_{z})^{2}}$$

$$\chi_{z} = \frac{1}{4s_{W}^{2}c_{W}^{2}} \left(\frac{Q^{2}}{Q^{2} + M_{z}^{2}}\right)$$
Proton







Substantial F_L contribution only at low x
 i.e. @ high y = Q²/xs

F_L=0

 $F_L = F_I^{QCD}$

 Subtraction method taking F₂ from QCD Fit (at low y region)

$$F_L \equiv \frac{Y_+}{y^2} [F_2 - A\tilde{\sigma}_{NC}]$$

Normalization factor taken from data with y<0.6 [negligible contribution of FL]



$x\tilde{F}_3$ Extraction Method [Using NC e⁺p and e⁻p cross section]

$$\tilde{\sigma}^{NC}(e^{-}) = \frac{1}{Y_{+}} [Y_{+}\tilde{F}_{2} + Y_{-}x\tilde{F}_{3} - y^{2}F_{L}]$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}^{NC}(e^{+}) = \frac{1}{Y_{+}} [Y_{+}\tilde{F}_{2} - Y_{-}x\tilde{F}_{3} - y^{2}F_{L}]$$

$$x\tilde{F}_{3} = \frac{Y_{+}}{Y_{-}} \cdot [\tilde{\sigma}^{NC}(e^{-}) - \tilde{\sigma}^{NC}(e^{+})]$$
sensitivity to valence quark densities
$$x\tilde{F}_{3} \sim [q(x, Q^{2}) - \bar{q}(x, Q^{2})]$$
additional factor needed if

 $x\tilde{F}_3$

e⁺p and e⁻p data taken at different beam energies





[sum rule a la Gross Llewellyn-Smith]

H1 measurement:

H1 QCD Fit:

$$\int_{0.02}^{0.05} F_{3}^{\gamma Z} = 1.88 \pm 0.44$$
$$\int_{0.02}^{0.65} F_{3}^{\gamma Z} = 1.11$$

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agreement within 2 standard deviations



CC DIS Event [as seen by the other typical HERA detector]





Knowledge of d/u Ratio



Large uncertainty at high x [e.g. due to nuclear corrections] Can be further constrained with NC and CC HERA data.

Valence Quark Distribution @ high x



NLO QCD fit

using high Q², neutral/charged current, e⁺p and e⁻p data.

Quark densities

determined via local extraction method for data points where the xq_v contribution is >70%.

$$xq_v = \sigma_{meas} \cdot \left(\frac{xq_v}{\sigma}\right)_{fit}$$

More statistics needed to constrain behaviour of d/u ratio further.











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EW Couplings v_u, a_u



Conclusions

Neutral and charged current cross section consistent with SM

Electroweak effects used as tool to extract proton structure @ high x

HERA II:

Test of QCD evolution up to highest Q² Constrain valence quark distributions at high x Determine EW couplings v_u,a_u,v_d,a_d