nnpdfrw: an NNPDF reweighting tool

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NNPDF Methodology

- Generate *N_{rep}* Monte-Carlo replicas of the experimental data (sampling of the probability density in the space of data)
- Fit a set of Parton Distribution Functions on each replica (sampling of the probability density in the space of PDFs)
- Expectation values for observables are Monte Carlo integrals

$$\langle \mathcal{F}[f_i(x, Q^2)]
angle = rac{1}{N_{rep}} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{rep}} \mathcal{F}\Big(f_i^{(net)(k)}(x, Q^2)\Big)$$

... the same is true for errors, correlations, etc.





NNPDF Methodology

Monte Carlo replicas generation

Generate artificial data according to distribution

$$O_{i}^{(art)(k)} = (1 + r_{N}^{(k)} \sigma_{N}) \left[O_{i}^{(exp)} + \sum_{p=1}^{N_{sys}} r_{p}^{(k)} \sigma_{i,p} + r_{i,s}^{(k)} \sigma_{s}^{i} \right]$$

where r_i are univariate (gaussianly distributed) random numbers

• Validate Monte Carlo replicas against experimental data (statistical estimators, faithful representation of errors, convergence rate increasing *N*_{rep})



O(1000) replicas needed to reproduce correlations to percent accuracy

Assessing the impact of new data on PDF fits

[R. D. Ball et al., arXiv:1012.0836] [R. D. Ball et al., arXiv:1108.1758]

- The N_{rep} replicas of a NNPDF fit give the probability density in the space of PDFs
- Expectation values for observables computed as

$$\langle \mathcal{F}[f_i(x, Q^2)]
angle = rac{1}{N_{rep}} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{rep}} \mathcal{F}\Big(f_i^{(net)(k)}(x, Q^2)\Big)$$

- (... the same is true for errors, correlations, etc.)
- We can **assess the impact** of including **new data** in the fit updating the probability density distribution without refitting.

Assessing the impact of new data on PDF fits

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Using Bayes Theorem we obtain

 $\mathcal{P}_{\text{new}}(\{f\}) = \mathcal{N}_{\chi} \mathcal{P}(\chi^2 | \{f\}) \mathcal{P}_{\text{init}}(\{f\}), \quad \mathcal{P}(\chi^2 | \{f\}) = [\chi^2(\mathbf{y}, \{f\})]^{\frac{n_{dat} - 1}{2}} e^{-\frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{y}, \{f\})}{2}}$

Averages over the sample are now weighted sums

$$\langle \mathcal{F}[f_i(x, Q^2)] \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{rep}} w_k \mathcal{F}(f_i^{(net)(k)}(x, Q^2))$$

where the weights are

$$w_{k} = \frac{\left[\chi^{2}(y, f_{k})\right]^{\frac{n_{dat}-1}{2}} e^{-\frac{\chi^{2}(y, f_{k})}{2}}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{rep}} \left[\chi^{2}(y, f_{i})\right]^{\frac{n_{dat}-1}{2}} e^{-\frac{\chi^{2}(y, f_{i})}{2}}}$$



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• The quantity of information included in the reweighted set is quantified by the Shannon Entropy

$$N_{\rm eff} = \exp\left\{\frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N}w_k \ln\left(\frac{N}{w_k}\right)\right\}$$

i.e. the information contained in the reweighted set correspond to the one of a standard fit with $N_{\rm eff}$ replicas

 N_{eff} << N_{rep} indicates that the new data are either very constraining or incompatible with the ones included in the global fit



Assessing the impact of new data on PDF fits

$$\ln(N_{\text{eff}}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} w_k \ln\left(\frac{N}{w_k}\right)$$

If Neff small, two possibilities:

- a) new data are very constraining
- b) new data are inconsistent

How to distinguish?



$$\begin{array}{rcl} \chi^2_{\alpha} &=& \chi^2/\alpha\\ w_k(\alpha) &=& \left(\chi^2_{\alpha}\right)^{n/2-1} \mathrm{e}^{-\chi^2_{\alpha}/2}\\ P(\alpha) &=& \frac{\mathcal{N}}{\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^N w_k(\alpha) \end{array}$$

Rescale covariance matrix by a factor α
 Compute probability for the rescaling parameter α

 * w_{α} proportional to the probability of f_k given the new data with rescaled errors.



Proof-of-concept: Inclusive Jet data, reweighting vs. refitting

- Use DIS+DY-fit as prior probability distribution
- Add Tevatron Inclusive Jet data through refitting and through reweighting
- Reweighting and refitting yield statistically equivalent results





Testing the reweighting procedure - Adding multiple datasets

- What happens if we add more than one (independent) set by reweighting?
 - Is successive reweighting equivalent to reweighting with combined dataset?
 - Do successive reweightings commute?



Unweighting reweighted PDFs

From reweighted ensemble to unweighted one for usual LHAPDF interface

- From reweighted set construct unweighted "normal" set
- Reweighted ensemble and uniform ensemble obtained by unweighting are statistically equivalent if N_{eff} is large enough
- In this way NNPDF2.2 was obtained, the first PDF fit including LHC data

$$W_k \equiv W_{k-1} + \frac{w_k}{N_{\rm rep}^{(1)}} = \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{w_j}{N_{\rm rep}^{(1)}}$$

$$\tilde{w}_k = \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\rm rep}^{(2)}} \Theta\left(\frac{j}{N_{\rm rep}^{(2)}} - W_{k-1}\right) \Theta\left(W_k - \frac{j}{N_{\rm rep}^{(2)}}\right)$$

 $\sum_k \tilde{w}_k = N_{\rm rep}^{(2)}$ number of effective replicas

- Each w_k can be either 0,1,..., N⁽²⁾_{rep}
- Take w₁ copies of rep 1, w₂ copies of rep 2...
- End up with uniform sampling of $N^{(2)}_{rep}$



Reweighting at work - The NNPDF2.2 parton set



- Data compatible with data included in global PDF analysis
- After reweighting prediction gets closer to experimental data and uncertainty is reduced
- Non-negligible reduction of uncertainty at medium-small x for light (anti)quark

Reweighting at work - The NNPDF2.2 parton set





 NNPDF2.2: Added ATLAS and CMS W lepton asymmetry data and Tevatron D0 electron and muon asymmetry data at the same time.

 Their inclusion reduces uncertainty and moves central values

 Total uncertainty reduction is significant!



Reweighting at work - Other examples



- W lepton asymmetry data from ATLAS and CMS → medium, small-x region light quarks/antiquarks
- Direct photon
 → medium-x gluon
- LHCb high rapidity data (still preliminary)
 > small-x region

LHC data already have a non-negligible impact!!

nnpdfrw: an NNPDF reweighting tool

[L. Del Debbio, N. P. Hartland and AG]

- Publicly (almost) available C++ code
- Input
 - experimental data and covariance matrix (format to be decided)
 - predictions for the observables for the N_{rep} replicas in the prior set

Output

- Estimators of reweighting quality (Shannon Entropy, χ^2 and $\mathcal{P}(\alpha)$ plots)
- LHAPDF .LHgrid file for unweighted set including the new data



Conclusions & Outlook

- Reweighting provides a fast and effective alternative to study the impact of new data on PDF fits without need for refitting
- Can be used both for Monte Carlo and Hessian (see R. Mc Nulty's talks at PDF4LHC - Aug. 2011) PDF sets
- nnpdfrw is a minimal tool for performing reweighting anlyses with NNPDF that will be available soon (and Kristin promised to implement it in the HERAfitter framework)

