## **Nuclear PDFs**

#### the synergy of the HL-LHC and LHeC



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... there was a time when nuclear corrections were carved in stone ...







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**Challenges From a PDF Viewpoint:** Predictions rely on accurate PDFs <sup>4</sup>



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#### There is a large region that we are ignoring ...

**CTEQ-CJ** PRD 81, 034016 (2010)



Common Cuts  $Q^2 > 4 \text{ GeV}^2$  $W^2 > 12 \text{ GeV}^2$ 

#### LHC Results: Incredible Progress



Much of theory error from PDFs

N<sup>3</sup>LO gg->H

## nPDFs

nCTEQ15 first presented at DIS2015

Hepforge.org

nCTEQ15 PDFs



nPDFs with Uncertainties for Lead



**Ratio to Proton for Lead** ... with Uncertainty



# Gluon

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#### What is driving the Gluon PDF ???





... can use more data

PHENIX: dAu π<sup>0</sup> Production

# U & D

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#### **Compare nCTEQ15** to other nPDF results



... nCTEQ15 agrees on average, but ...

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# Isospin Violation

#### **Other issues:** Include QED in DGLAP Evolution: Impacts u & d<sup>18</sup>



# Strange

### W, Z data sensitivity to strange sea

Suggests SU(3) symmetry in contrast to low Q measurements

- ATLAS performed NNLO QCD fit to Z, W<sup>+</sup>, W<sup>-</sup> + HERA ep DIS cross sections: significant tension for Z observed when suppressing strange by 50% at low scale 1.9 GeV<sup>2</sup>
- ATLAS  $Q^2 = 1.9 GeV^2$ , x=0.023 Preliminary Fit with free strange sea gives -epWZ free 5 total uncertainty no supression exp. uncertainty BKM09 (NNLO) NPDF2.1 (NNLO)  $r_s = 1.00 \pm 0.20_{
  m exp} \stackrel{+0.16}{_{-0.20 
  m sys}}$ STW08 (NNLO) T10 (NLO) 0.5 1.5 -0.5 0









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# Final Thoughts

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## **Nuclear Parton Distributions**

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## LHeC Program:

 $\Rightarrow$  tremendous reach for New Physics Searches

 $\Rightarrow$  new opportunities <u>and</u> challenges

### LHeC: Complement HL-LHC Maximize discovery potential at highest energy Study QCD extremes in {x,Q<sup>2</sup>} plane

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