# **Structure Function Results from ZEUS**

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#### Deep inelastic ep scattering at HERA



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# Inclusive $\phi(1020)$ -meson production in DIS

- $\phi$  is produced
  - directly from s quarks in the proton (a)
  - indirectly from s quarks produced via BGF (b), hadronization (c) . . .
- Generally, the direct process is swamped by indirect processes
- Define  $x_p(\phi) = 2p(\phi)/Q$  with  $p(\phi) = \phi$  momentum in Breit frame

for direct  $\phi$  production  $x_p \sim 1$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  at high  $x_p$ ,  $\phi$  cross section sensitive to *s*-quark content of proton



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### Inclusive $\phi(1020)$ -meson production in DIS

- **Data set:** 45.0 pb<sup>-1</sup> e<sup>+</sup>p (1995–1997)
- Kinematic range:  $10 < Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $2 \cdot 10^{-4} < x < 10^{-2}$



### $F_2$ from initial-state radiative events

- Acceptance of main detector for scattered electron limited to  $\theta^\star\gtrsim4^\circ\Rightarrow Q^2\gtrsim2\,{\rm GeV^2}$
- $F_2$  at lower  $Q^2$  measured by
  - shifting the IP up the lepton beam (SVX)
  - using dedicated small-angle detector (BPC)
  - lowering CMS energy (ISR analysis)

#### **ISR** analysis:

- Select events where a  $\gamma$  was radiated from the incoming electron (ISR  $\gamma$ )
  - $\Rightarrow \sqrt{s}$  lowered by factor  $(E_e E_\gamma)/E_e$  $\Rightarrow e^{\pm}$  with low  $Q^2$  scatter into main detector
- Fills gap in  $F_2$  coverage around  $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$



#### $F_2$ from initial-state radiative events

- **Data set:** 3.8 pb<sup>-1</sup> e<sup>+</sup>p (1996)
- Kin. Range:  $0.3 < Q^2 < 22 \text{ GeV}^2$  $1 \cdot 10^{-5} < x < 3 \cdot 10^{-2}$

- ISR analysis extends covered region around  $Q^2 = 1.3 \text{ GeV}^2$  to higher x
- Good agreement between ISR and other analyses in overlap region
- Data well described by theory and fit
- ISR events well understood
  - $\Rightarrow$  Direct measurement of  $F_L$  possible in the future



# High- $Q^2$ NC cross sections from $e^-p$ DIS

- Electromagnetic interactions are invariant under P and C $\Rightarrow \sigma^{NC}(e^-p) \approx \sigma^{NC}(e^+p)$  for  $Q^2 \ll M_Z^2$  ( $\gamma$ -only exchange)
- Weak interactions do not preserve P and C but  $\sim CP$  $\Rightarrow \sigma^{NC}(e^-p) > \sigma^{NC}(e^+p)$  for  $Q^2 \gtrsim M_Z^2$   $(|\gamma + Z|$  exchange)
- Parity violating terms of  $\sigma^{NC}(e^{\pm}p)$  are combined in structure function  $xF_3$ , whereas  $F_2$  is invariant under P

Comparison of  $e^-p$  and  $e^+p$  cross sections provides direct test of the electroweak sector of the SM

## High- $Q^2$ NC cross sections from $e^-p$ DIS



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# High- $Q^2$ NC — Extraction of $xF_3$



# High- $Q^2$ CC cross sections from $e^-p$ DIS

• Charged current reactions only sensitive to specific quark flavors:

 $e^-p$ : u, c,  $\overline{d}$ ,  $\overline{s}$   $(e^+p$ :  $\overline{u}$ ,  $\overline{c}$ , d, s)

- $\bullet~W$  only couples to left-handed fermions and right-handed antifermions
  - $\Rightarrow e^-q$  angular distributions flat  $e^-\overline{q}$  angular distributions show  $(1-y)^2$  behavior
- pure weak interaction  $\Rightarrow$  CC cross section directly depending on  $M_W$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \propto \frac{M_W^4}{\left(Q^2 + M_W^2\right)^2}$$

Measuring CC cross sections

- yields information about flavor-content of proton
- can be used to determine  $M_W$  in space-like region

# High- $Q^2$ CC cross sections from $e^-p$ DIS

- **Data set:** 16.4 pb<sup>-1</sup> e<sup>-</sup>p (1998–99)
- Kin. Range:  $280 < Q^2 < 30000 \text{ GeV}^2$ 0.015 < x < 0.42



- At high x cross section is dominated by u (valence) quarks
  ⇒ direct measurement of u quark PDF
- $(\overline{d} + \overline{s})$  sea is suppressed towards low x due to helicity structure of reaction



# High- $Q^2$ CC cross sections from $e^-p$ — $M_W$ fit

• LO fit to  $d\sigma/dQ^2$  distribution:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \propto \frac{M_W^4}{\left(Q^2 + M_W^2\right)^2}$$

•  $G_F = 1.166 \cdot 10^{-5} \, \text{GeV}^{-2}$ 



#### Fit results:

- $M_W = 80.3 \pm 2.1 \text{ (stat)} \pm 1.2 \text{ (sys)} \pm 1 \text{ (PDF) GeV}$  $(M_W = 81.4 \begin{array}{c} +2.7 \\ -2.6 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} +2.0 \\ -2.0 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} +3.3 \\ -3.0 \end{array} \text{GeV from } e^+p)$
- In agreement with world average value  $M_W = (80.419 \pm 0.056) \text{ GeV}$
- Measurement in space-like region at HERA complementary to those in the time-like region at LEP and Tevatron

## NLO QCD analysis of data on DIS

#### **Description of fit:**

- Global NLO QCD fit to ZEUS (until 1997) and fixed-target data (BCDMS, NMC, E665, CCFR)
- Full information on point-to-point correlation of systematic uncertainties used
- Kinematic range covered by data points:  $2.5 < Q^2 < 30000 \, {\rm GeV^2}, \ 6.3 \cdot 10^{-5} < x < 0.65$
- Fit yields excellent description of data down to  $Q^2 \approx 0.8 \, {\rm GeV}^2$



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### NLO QCD analysis of data on DIS

- Fixed-target data constrain
  - valence distribution,
  - flavor composition of sea
  - quark distribution at high  $\boldsymbol{x}$
- New precise ZEUS data yields information on
  - gluon distribution
  - quark densities at low  $\boldsymbol{x}$
  - $\alpha_s(M_Z)$  (fit yields  $\alpha_s = 0.1166 \pm 0.0053$ )
- Size of error band dominated by correlated systematics
- ZEUS fit compatible with MRST2001 and CTEQ6M



### NLO QCD analysis of data on DIS





# Summary (I)

- Cross section measurements of inclusive  $\phi$  production in DIS (ICHEP 850) yield  $\sigma(e^+p \rightarrow e^+\phi p) = 0.506 \pm 0.021(\text{stat})^{+0.006}_{-0.003}(\text{sys}) \text{ nb}$
- ZEUS data prefer models with strange proton content
- Measurement of  $F_2$  from initial-state radiative events (ICHEP 771) fills gap in coverage of kinematic plane around  $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$  to higher x
- ISR data in good agreement with "standard" analyses in overlap region
- ISR data allow a first direct measurement of  $F_L$  in the future
- Comparing high- $Q^2$  NC cross sections from  $e^-p$  DIS (ICHEP 766) with those from  $e^+p$  shows effects of weak interaction via Z exchange
- $e^-p$  data in good agreement with predictions from EW theory and pQCD
- First ZEUS measurement of  $xF_3 \neq 0$

# Summary (II)

- Measurement of high- $Q^2$  CC cross sections from  $e^-p$  DIS (ICHEP 763) in good agreement with predictions from electroweak theory and QCD
- $M_W$  fit to  $d\sigma/dQ^2$  in the space-like region yields  $M_W = 80.3 \pm 2.1 \pm 1.2 \pm 1 \text{ GeV}$
- The NLO QCD analysis of data on DIS (ICHEP 765) uses both ZEUS and fixed-target results and takes full point-to-point systematic error correlations into account
- ZEUS fit compatible with MRST2001 and CTEQ6M
- Rapid rise of  $F_2$  in low-x, low- $Q^2$  region not completely caused by gluons
- ZEUS data (1994–2000) alone precise enough to yield similar uncertainties on valence PDFs as the standard fit with fixed-target data

Recent precision data from ZEUS complete coverage of a large kinematic-plane area (6 orders of magnitude in x and  $Q^2$ ) and yield  $xF_3$ . All ZEUS results are fitted consistently by NLO QCD and yield precise PDFs.