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## + Lifting QCD vs BSM degeneracies in HL-LHC high-mass searches with the FPF

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### **The Future Circular Collider**



A proposed new 91-km tunnel in the CERN site

First phase: electronpositron collider from the Z-pole to ttbar threshold

Second phase: protonproton collider at 100 TeV or beyond, with pA and AA options



### LHC neutrinos and FCC-pp



- FCC-pp would be a small-x machine, even Higgs and EWK sensitive to small-x QCD
- LHC neutrinos: laboratory to test small-x QCD for dedicated FCC-pp physics and simulations
- Current projections show a marked PDF error reduction on FCC-pp cross-sections thanks to constraints from LHC neutrinos



### FPF@FCC

- An FPF-like suite of far-forward experiments could be integrated in FCC design from day one
- Benefit from i) higher CoM energy, ii) higher luminosity, iii) larger/better detectors



### Why FPF@FCC?

FPF@HLLHC physics program on ``steroids", thanks to immense forward particle flux and much higher energies available, enabling e.g. multi-differential neutrino DIS measurements

- Explore completely new options beyond the reach of FPF@HL-LHC, such as neutrino DIS on polarised targets and detecting neutrinos from proton lead collisions
- Enmesh the ``FPF physics" program into HEP mainstream, demonstrating its flexibility and complementary to future HEP projects, and boosting the case for a first realisation at the HL-LHC



### **Event rates**





- For the same FASERv2 detector: factor O(10<sup>3</sup>) increase due to higher lumi (x 10) and higher CoM energy (x 100)
- Neutrino energies reaching 40 TeV
- Deeper (x 10) and wider (x 10) detectors can also be considered
- Up to 3B (!) muon neutrino events, up to O(100M) tau neutrino events (!)

Access neutrino cross-sections at multi-TeV energies, test Lepton Flavour Universality for the three neutrino generations, and search for anomalous interactions with permille precision

### Proton Structure & Small-x QCD



Access proton structure and ultra-small-x
QCD in uncharted regimes

#### input for UHE astroparticle physics

Improved understanding of small-x BFKL QCD (& even non-linear QCD!) will be instrumental for core FCC-pp program PDF via v-scattering: x ~ 1/Ev



Large statistics & extended kinematic coverage enable multi-differential measurements (e.g. proton 3D structure)

Which novel features of proton 3D structure can be revealed by a neutrino probe?

Would need dedicated ``general-purpose'' detector to extract all physics potential

hermeticity, particle ID, jet reconstruction ....

### **Kinematic coverage**



SIDIS@EIC

- Extend kinematic coverage at small-x and large-Q by an order of magnitude
- Unprecedented event rates: multi-differential neutrino DIS measurements (3D structure, TMD, GPDs...)
- Rich program of hadronic physics with neutrino beams (complementing charged-lepton measurements)

### **Neutrino polarised DIS**

#### Polarised DIS with neutrinos: spin mapping

RM3-TH/00-20 Polarized Parton Distributions from Charged–Current Deep-Inelastic Scattering and Future Neutrino Factories

14 Mar 2001

arXiv:hep-ph/0101192v2

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#### Abstract

We discuss the determination of polarized parton distributions from chargedcurrent deep-inelastic scattering experiments. We summarize the next-to-leading order treatment of charged-current polarized structure functions, their relation to polarized parton distributions and scale dependence, and discuss their description by means of a next-to-leading order evolution code. We discuss current theoretical expectations and positivity constraints on the unmeasured C-odd combinations  $\Delta q - \Delta \bar{q}$  of polarized quark distributions, and their determination in chargedcurrent deep-inelastic scattering experiments. We give estimates of the expected errors on charged-current structure functions at a future neutrino factory, and perform a study of the accuracy in the determination of polarized parton distributions that would be possible at such a facility. We show that these measurements have the potential to distinguish between different theoretical scenarios for the proton spin structure.

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- Assuming a COMPASS-like <sup>6</sup>LiD polarised target, FPF@HL-LHC would record O(10 events)



Polarised proton PDFs affected by large uncertainties



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Novel probe to scrutinize proton spin and 3D structure!



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First ever neutrino DIS measurements on polarised targets, extending coverage of EIC charged-lepton measurements

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FPF@HL-LHC: 
$$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8.16 \text{ TeV}$$
,  $L_{pPb} = 1 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ 



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pPb at FASERv2





FPF@FCC  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 63 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $L_{pPb} = 29 \text{ pb}^{-1}/\text{month}$ 

- $\Im$  x100 from higher  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ , x150 higher  $L_{pPb}$
- O(30K) muon neutrinos from p-Pb scattering
- Unique probe of ultra-dense gluonic matter
- Different ions: map nuclear dependence of exotic QCD dynamics

An new microscope on extreme nuclear QCD matter!

### **BSM Opportunities**



### **Neutrino Charge Radius**



Reaching the **SM floor** for the neutrino charge radius measurements **for the three neutrino flavours** 

### Summary and outlook (part I)

An FPF-like suite of experiments could be **integrated in FCC design from day one:** unique physics opportunities within the SM and beyond it, for a **moderate increase of the overall price tag**)

Integrating a FPF into the FCC project pushes ``FPF physics" into mainstream HEP, enhancing the likelihood of its realisation at HL-LHC

Ideas and suggestions more than welcome - fun to play with, e.g. what can one do with 3B muon neutrinos and 100M tau neutrinos with 10 TeV energies?



## Using FPF Data to Lift Degeneracies in BSM Searches at the HL-LHC

### **PDF constraints from LHC neutrinos**



Impact on proton PDFs quantified by both the Hessian profiling of PDF4LHC21 (xFitter) and by direct inclusion in the global NNPDF4.0 fit PineAPPL interface to xFitter

enables use of YADISM, MATRIX, aMC@NLO calculations

Impact on up/down valence quarks as well as in strangeness, ultimately limited by systematics

Far-forward neutrino detectors effectively extend CERN with a **Neutrino-Ion Collider** by ``recycling" an otherwise discarded beam (with the highest energies ever achieved in a lab)

Cruz-Martinez et al,. 2309.09581





- Impact on core HL-LHC processes i.e. single and double weak boson production and Higgs production (VH, VBF)
- Also relevant for BSM searches at large-mass (via large-x PDFs)
  e.g. high-mass dilepton resonances

Independent extraction of large-x PDFs without risk of absorbing BSM

### **Standard Model PDFs**

Global PDF determinations are based on Standard Model theoretical calculations:



$$\mathscr{L}_{ij}^{(\mathrm{sm})}(M,\sqrt{s},\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{s} \int_{-\ln\sqrt{s/M}}^{\ln\sqrt{s/M}} \mathrm{d}y f_i^{(\mathrm{sm})}\left(\frac{Me^y}{\sqrt{s}},\boldsymbol{\theta}\right) f_j^{(\mathrm{sm})}\left(\frac{Me^{-y}}{\sqrt{s}},\boldsymbol{\theta}\right)$$

PDF parameters from likelihood maximisation: BSM effects potentially ``fitted away" into PDFs

$$\chi^{2}\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}\right) = \frac{1}{n_{\text{dat}}} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n_{\text{dat}}} \left(\sigma_{i,\text{th}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \sigma_{i,\text{exp}}\right) \left(\text{cov}^{-1}\right)_{ij} \left(\sigma_{j,\text{th}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \sigma_{j,\text{exp}}\right)$$

### **SMEFT PDFs**

What is the underlying short-distance theory is **not the SM** but instead the **SMEFT**?



In the case of new physics described within the dimension-6 SMEFT framework:

$$\widetilde{\sigma}_{ij}^{(\text{smeft})}(\hat{s}, \alpha_s, \boldsymbol{c}/\Lambda^2) = \widetilde{\sigma}_{ij}^{(\text{sm})}(\hat{s}, \alpha_s) \left( 1 + \sum_{m=1}^{N_6} c_m \frac{\kappa_m^{ij}}{\Lambda^2} + \sum_{m,n=1}^{N_6} c_m c_n \frac{\kappa_{mn}^{ij}}{\Lambda^4} \right)$$

SMEFT PDFs defined as PDFs extracted from the data when SMEFT used to model partonic hard-scattering

Given experimental constraints, how different are SM and SMEFT PDFs? Is there a risk to fit away EFT effects into the PDFs?

### **SMEFT PDFs**

Differences between SM-PDFs and SMEFT-PDFs have two main consequences:

- Effects of higher-dimensional SMEFT operators are partially reabsorbed into PDFs, affecting indirectly prediction for other processes and jeopardising validity of SM predictions
- Bounds in **SMEFT operators will be modified** as compared to the assumption of SM-PDFs

The answer depends on the **process** and on the **sensitivity** of available data. Needs to be studies on a case-by-case basis







### **SMEFT PDFs from high-mass Drell-Yan**



High-mass Drell-Yan: A. Greljo, S. Iranipour, Z. Kassabov, M. Madigan, J. Moore, JR, M. Ubiali, C. Voisey, JHEP 2021

- Available data: **limited interplay** between PDF and EFT fits
- Best constraints from searches, but corresponding unfolded measurements not yet available

SMEFT-PDFs modify bounds from SM-PDFs by around **10%** 



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HL-LHC projections: strong constraints on large-x antiquark PDFs, may be reabsorbed into SMEFT PDFs

Bounds based on SM-PDFs overly optimistic as compared to those obtained from SMEFT-PDFs

Emphasises importance of SMEFT-PDF interplay at the HL-LHC



### **SMEFT PDFs from top quark data**

#### **SMEFT-PDF** results

g at 172.5 GeV



Large-*x* gluon **distorted by EFT effects**, which partially absorb the data pulls As a result, net effect of top quark data on PDFs **reduced** as compared to SM-PDFs

### Fitting Away New Physics at the HL-LHC

- Assume a BSM scenario with an extra W' gauge boson with Mw' = 13.8 TeV
- Generate HL-LHC pseudo-data (NC & CC Drell-Yan) for this model and include in global PDF fit
- Data-theory agreement unchanged, but the qqbar luminosity shift far beyond PDF uncertainties.
- Why? Because anti-quark PDFs at large-x poorly constrained, "fitting away" BSM signals!
- Result: miss BSM signals in SMEFT analysis & spurious effects in ``SM" processes (e.g. diboson)



Hammou, Madigan, Mangano, Mantani, Morales, Ubiali, 2307.10370

### Lifting Degeneracies for BSM with FPF

- Need more accurate low-energy measurements constraining large-x PDFs to robustly disentangle QCD from BSM effects
- More precise fixed-target Drell-Yan data would help, but no experiments planned
- Including **FPF neutrino DIS measurements** would break this PDF/BSM degeneracy!
- Essential input to realise the full BSM search potential of the HL-LHC



Hammou, Madigan, Ubiali, WIP

### Summary and outlook (now for real!)

- Section DIS at the FPF is not only interesting because it constrains the PDFs: it does so at much lower energies than (HL-)LHC constraints in large-x PDFs
- Availability of FPF data prevents the possible BSM contamination of PDF fits including HL-LHC data: cleanly **disentangle possible degeneracies** between QCD/PDF and BSM effects in LHC processes
- Further highlights unique potential of the FPF as a cost-effective auxiliary experiment to boost the physics reach of the HL-LHC program



### **Extra Material**

### LHC neutrinos and FCC-pp



Sensitivity to **small-x gluon** outside coverage of any other (laboratory) experiment

Extend to full-fledged simulations with state-of-the-art QCD

## SMEFT PDFs from top quark data

**SMEFT-PDF** results



Despite differences between SMEFT-PDFs and SM-PDFs, **bounds on EFT coefficients stable** 

PDF dependence **does not seem to affect** (for current data) EFT interpretations of top data