

7.3 The Nucleus: A Laboratory for QCD

7.3.1 High parton densities and saturation

7.3.2 Diffraction

7.3.3 Nuclear PDFs

Nuclear PDFs

Overview:

Historical perspective on nPDFs: HKN, EPS, DSSZ ...

The challenges compared to proton PDFs

Processes:

Overview of DIS processes that go into the global fitting as used by the different groups.

Inclusive Neutral Current DIS

Constraints mainly u,d.

Positrons can help d

Iso-spin symmetry is assumed

Charged Current DIS

Need hermetic detector

Rate issues:

Jets & Di-Jets

Strange PDF via Charm jets

Charm and Bottom production

Heavy quark mass (multi-scale) issues

Various approaches to calculations

“Other observables”

heavy mesons,

SIDIS,

centrality dependence; connections to A-A UPCs

etc,

Looking ahead to EIC:

Compare EIC stats to current data

Study/anticipate potential nPDF signatures for gluon saturation

Related issues: low-x resummation; BFKL dynamics;

Improvement of A dependence

Maybe, {A,Z} dependence

... getting away from the nuclear stability curve ...