

# New results for VHEeP Max-Planck-Institut für Physik, 2 June 2017

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# 1992











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Massive increase in the understanding of QCD







Massive increase in hair







I will give an overview of the VHEeP kinematics as well as an update on some of the plots from Allen and Matthew's paper



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WHAT ABOUT THE HADRONIC FINAL STATE?



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 Post-collision, the struck parton can be very energetic in the region of interest.













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## VHEeP MC





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### CTEQ4l PDFs

 CTEQ2I was not available as an LHAPDF file but we can look at CTEQ4I and hope they are similar.

- Suggests that the low x weighting of Matthew and Allen's results was not high enough.
- Can we do better with more modern PDFs and more modern generators?



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## Concrete progress on VHEeP MC



- With the help of a masters student (Emma Simpson Dore, now bound for KIT) we've entered the 21st century.
- We have the Rapgap 3.3 running with the Rivet toolkit.
  - We've benchmarked our version of this against a H1 analysis.
  - We've managed to get it working with some of the modern PDFs (NNPDF3.0 and CT14 work, MMHT2014 doesn't yet).
- We've made a Rivet routine to assess the final state for the VHEeP kinematics.
  - This is a very general routine looking at x,  $Q^2$ , y,  $\theta_e$ ,  $\gamma_{\rm had}$ , etc.
- We've also got Herwig 7.0 working for DIS with the VHEeP rivet routine.
  - This is particularly good as it is truly a modern event generator.
  - $\blacksquare$  Some mysteries about low x PDF treatment, however.
- $\blacksquare$  We've also being working on running Rapgap in diffractive mode to simulate exclusive photoproduction of  $J/\psi$  mesons.
  - We're trying to replicate another H1 analysis.
  - With help from Hannes, this is moving forward slowly.

### Using NNPDF 3.0 LO $\alpha_s(M_z) = 0.118$



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### PDF Uncertainties - A cautionary tale

- To make this more concrete, consider dσ/dx rather than the number of events.
- We can apply a *post hoc* reweighting of these events using LHAPDF to take the PDF uncertainty into account\*.





HERWIG

Rapgap



Plots made using Rivet (arXiv:1003.0694) and LHAPDF (Eur.Phys.J. C75 (2015) 3, 132)

## Conclusions



As we have heard throughout this workshop, very high energy eP and eA physics is a much richer field than the LO pQCD eP DIS I have just discussed. Nevertheless, we can draw conclusions from this case.

- The final state will be very challenging to measure but not impossible.
  - A very flexible system is required to deal well with the electron and jet final state.
  - This is particularly true if either of the beam energies will be varied.
- PDFs in the VHEeP region are unconstrained by data and follow questionably motivated extrapolations with equally questionable uncertainties.
  - This collider could change that with potentially widespread benefit.
- Modern event generators are available for eP physics.
  - $\blacksquare$  Due to the large PDF uncertainties I cannot recommend using inclusive eP predictions as support for the collider.
  - Hopefully, I have shown that you can go a long way to understanding the technical challenge without using MC.