

Heavy Flavor production at HERA with ZEUS

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The production of D^+ , D^0 , D^+ , D^+_s and Λ_c^+ charm hadrons in ep scattering at HERA was measured with the ZEUS detector using the full HERA II data sample. The measurement has been performed in the photoproduction regime. The fractions of c quarks hadronising as a particular charm hadron, $f(c \rightarrow D, \Lambda_c)$ were derived and are compared

to the previous HERA results and to those obtained in e^+e^- annihilations. Inclusive photoproduction of D mesons has also been measured with the ZEUS detector at HERA. The measurement was performed for photon-proton centre-of-mass energies in the range $130 < W < 285$ GeV and photon virtuality $Q^2 < 1$ GeV². The D mesons have been reconstructed from the decay channels $D^+ \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$ with $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$ or $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$ (+c.c.). Charm production has been measured with the ZEUS detector in deep inelastic ep scattering at HERA. The measurement is based on the full reconstruction of the decay chain $D \rightarrow D^0 \pi$, $D^0 \rightarrow K \pi$ and exploits the full HERA II statistics. Differential cross sections have been measured and the charm contribution to the proton structure function, F_2^c , has been extracted. Charm production in deep inelastic scattering has also been measured. The hadronic decay channels $D^+ \rightarrow K^0 \pi^+$, $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^0$ and $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+$, and their charge conjugates, were reconstructed. The presence of a neutral strange hadron in the final state reduces the combinatorial background and extends the measured sensitivity into the low transverse momentum region. The kinematic range is $0 < p_T(D^+, \Lambda_c^+) < 10$ GeV, $|\eta(D^+, \Lambda_c^+)| < 1.6$, $1.5 < Q^2 < 1000$ GeV² and $0.02 < y < 0.7$. Inclusive and differential cross sections for the production of D^+ mesons are compared to next-to-leading-order QCD predictions. The fraction of c quarks hadronising into Λ_c^+ baryons is extracted.

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