

Measurement of high- Q^2 charged current deep inelastic scattering cross sections with a longitudinally polarised positron beam at HERA

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Measurements of the cross sections for charged current deep inelastic scattering in e^+p collisions with a longitudinally polarised positron beam are presented. The measurements are based on a data sample with an integrated luminosity of 132 pb⁻¹ collected with the ZEUS detector at HERA in 2006 and 2007 at a centre-of-mass energy of 318 GeV. The total cross section is presented at positive and negative values of the longitudinal polarisation of the positron beams. The single-differential cross sections $d\sigma/dQ^2$, $d\sigma/dx$ and $d\sigma/dy$ are presented for $Q^2 > 200$ GeV². The reduced double-differential cross section σ_r is presented in the kinematic range

$280 < Q^2 < 30\,000$ GeV² and $0.0078 < x < 0.42$. The cross section measurements agree well with the predictions of the Standard Model.

The results are used to determine a lower limit on the mass of a hypothetical right-handed W boson.

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