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Scaled Momentum Spectra in deep inelastic Scattering at HERA

Content :

Charged particle production has been studied in neutral current deep inelastic ep scattering with the ZEUS detector at HERA using an integrated luminosity of 0.44 fb⁻¹. Distributions of scaled momenta in the Breit frame are presented for particles in the current fragmentation region. The evolution of these spectra with the photon virtuality, Q^2 , is described in the kinematic region $10 < Q^2 < 41000$ GeV². Next-to-leading-order and modified leading-log- approximation QCD calculations as well as predictions from Monte Carlo models are compared to the data. The results are also compared to e+e- annihilation data. The dependences of the pseudorapidity distribution of the particles on Q^2 and on the energy in the p system, W , are presented and interpreted in the context of the hypothesis of limiting fragmentation.

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