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Leading proton production in deep inelastic scattering at HERA

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The semi-inclusive reaction $e+p \rightarrow e+Xp$ was studied with the ZEUS detector at HERA using an integrated luminosity of 12.8 pb^{-1} . The final state proton, which was detected with the ZEUS leading proton spectrometer, carried a large fraction of the incoming proton energy, $x_L > 0.32$, and its transverse momentum squared satisfied $p_{T2} < 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$; the exchanged photon virtuality, Q^2 , was greater than 3 GeV^2 and the range of the masses of the photon-proton system was $45 < W < 225 \text{ GeV}$. The leading-proton production cross section and rates are presented as a function of x_L , p_{T2} , Q^2 and the Bjorken scaling variable, x .

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