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Measurement of D+ and Lambda_c+ production in deep inelastic scattering at HERA

Content:

Charm production in deep inelastic scattering has been measured with the ZEUS detector at HERA using an integrated luminosity of 120 pb-1. The hadronic decay channels D+ -> K0S pi+, Lambda_c+ -> p K0S and Lambda_c+ -> 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 < pT(D+,Lambda_c+) < 10GeV, $|eta(D+,Lambda_c+)| < 1.6$, 1.5 < Q2 < 1000GeV2 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 Lambda_c+ baryons is extracted.

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