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Inclusive-Jet Photoproduction at HERA

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Differential inclusive-jet cross sections have been measured in photoproduction for boson virtualities $Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ with the ZEUS detector at HERA using an integrated luminosity of 300 pb^{-1} . Jets were identified in the laboratory using the k_t cluster algorithm in the longitudinally inclusive mode. Cross sections are presented as functions of the jet pseudorapidity, η_{jet} , and the jet transverse energy, $E_{t\text{jet}}$. In addition, measurements of double-differential inclusive-jet cross sections are presented as functions of $E_{t\text{jet}}$ in different regions of η_{jet} . These cross sections have the potential to constrain the gluon density in the proton and the photon when included as input to fits to extract the proton parton distribution functions. Next-to-leading-order QCD calculations give a good description of the measurements. A value of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ has been extracted from the measurements. The energy-scale dependence of the coupling has also been determined.

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