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## Search for QCD Instanton-Induced Processes in DIS at HERA

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Signals of QCD instanton-induced processes are searched for in

deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) at the electron-proton collider HERA in the kinematic region defined by the Bjorken-scaling variable x>0.001, the inelasticity 0.2 < y < 0.7 and the photon virtuality  $150 < Q^2 < 15000~{\rm GeV}^2$ . The search is performed using H1 data corresponding to an integrated luminosity of  $350~{\rm pb}^{-1}$ . Several observables of the hadronic final state of the events are exploited to identify a potentially instanton-enriched domain. Two Monte Carlo models, RAPGAP and ARIADNE, are used to estimate the background from the standard DIS processes, and the instanton-induced scattering processes are modeled by the program QCDINS. In order to extract the expected signal a multivariate data analysis technique is used. Exclusion limits on instanton production are reported, excluding cross sections larger than 2 pb. Limits are also reported as a function of parameters used to regularize the perturbative instanton model.

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