

1 Recent results from STAR for parton distribution
2 functions at low and high x in proton-proton
3 collisions

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6 Jets, clusters of collimated particles produced in high energy proton-proton
7 (pp) collisions, serve as a useful channel for studying the internal structure of
8 the proton. According to perturbative quantum chromodynamic (pQCD) cal-
9 culations, at center-of-mass energies of $\sqrt{s} = 200$ and 510 GeV, jet production
10 at mid-pseudorapidity, $|\eta| < 1$, is dominated by quark-gluon and gluon-gluon
11 scattering processes. Therefore these jets are direct probes of the gluon parton
12 distribution functions (PDFs) with momentum fraction $0.01 < x < 0.5$. More-
13 over the $W^{+/-}$ boson cross-sections and their ratio, W^+/W^- , at $\sqrt{s} = 510$
14 GeV are effective tools to explore quark and anti-quark PDFs. In particular,
15 the W^+/W^- cross-section ratio is sensitive to \bar{d}/\bar{u} . In this talk, we will present
16 the recent STAR results of mid-pseudorapidity inclusive jet cross-sections at
17 $\sqrt{s} = 200$ and 510 GeV, and the W boson cross-sections and their ratio at
18 $\sqrt{s} = 510$ GeV, from pp collisions. The theoretical implications of these results
19 will also be discussed.