

Measurements of W and Z/γ^* cross sections and their ratios in pp collisions at STAR

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While the unpolarized valence quark (d and u) distributions are well determined from DIS experiments, the sea quark distributions, \bar{d} and \bar{u} , are much less constrained, in particular, near the valence region. Measurements of W^+/W^- production ratio in pp collider experiments, such as the STAR experiment at RHIC, are sensitive to the \bar{d}/\bar{u} ratio at a large Q^2 set by the W mass. This talk will discuss the recently published W and Z/γ^* cross section measurements via lepton-decay tagging, using the STAR pp collision data at a center-of-mass energy of $\sqrt{s} = 510$ GeV collected during the years 2011-2013, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of ~ 350 pb $^{-1}$. The present talk will also discuss preliminary results based on an additional pp data set at $\sqrt{s} = 510$ GeV collected in 2017, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of ~ 350 pb $^{-1}$.