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Extracting the Neutron Structure Function from Global DIS Data with CJ15

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The CJ (CTEQ-Jefferson Lab) Collaboration provides a global fit of parton distribution functions (PDFs) with a special emphasis on the large x region. The latest fit (CJ15) implemented deuteron nuclear corrections at the parton level, and included data that were sensitive specifically to the neutron. These nuclear corrections allow for a calculation of the F_2 structure functions of the proton, deuteron, and neutron from PDFs. In this work we re-estimated the uncertainties in the DIS F_2 data utilized in CJ15, and collected an extended set of existing high-precision, small Q^2 , large x DIS data from JLab 6 GeV experiments. We employed the CJ15 calculation to remove nuclear effects from deuteron data where the proton was available from the same experiment, and thereby constructed a global data set for the F_2 neutron structure function. In this talk, we will present the extracted F_2 neutron data sets, as well as applications such as new neutron excess (isoscalar) corrections and a comparison to lattice QCD.

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