Tevatron Greatest Hits

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The Tevatron collider led the World energy frontier program in particle physics during the late 20th and early 21st centuries. During this exciting period the standard model of particle physics was in its final stages of development and the search for physics beyond the SM (BSM) became one of the main research topics. In this review article we summarize the design and performance of the Tevatron collider and its two detectors, CDF and D0, as well as their evolution. Highlights of the Tevatron scientific results are provided, including the discovery of the top quark and measurements of its properties, studies and discoveries of the particles containing heavy quarks, precision studies of the strong and electroweak forces, searches for beyond the standard model particles and interactions, as well as the hunt for the Higgs boson.

INTRODUCTION

The Tevatron collider led the World energy frontier program in particle physics during the late 20th and early 21st centuries. During this exciting period the standard model (SM) of particle physics was in its final stages of development and the search for physics beyond the SM (BSM) became one of the main research topics. The SM describes the most fundamental building blocks of the world around us and their interactions. It makes everything out of a small number of elementary particles called quarks and leptons. There is also a set of particles, called bosons, which carry interactions between quarks and leptons. The Higgs boson, the most recently discovered elementary particle of the SM, provides mass to elementary particles. The SM describes with high precision the majority of what we see around us in Nature, all the way back to the beginning of the Universe. Large accelerators are required to convert energy of the colliding particles into mass of the elementary particles created, as many of them are heavy. Measurements of the parameters of the SM elementary particles, such as their masses, are the key to predict with high precision outcomes of the particle interactions. The SM has known limitations, for example, it is not able to describe the asymmetry between matter and anti-matter in the Universe or the origin of the dark matter manifested in astronomical observations. Therefore, searches for BSM physics, including not yet known elementary particles, are important to understand deeper the sub-atomic world beyond what we know today.

The Tevatron, colliding protons with antiprotons at 2 TeV center-of-mass energy and luminosity up to $4 \times 10^{32}$ cm$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$, provided an opportunity to search for new particles with masses up to about 1 TeV and to produce copious samples of various SM particles. These samples were used for precision measurements of the particle properties and for an in depth understanding of the strong and electroweak interactions. The colliding energy and luminosity of the Tevatron were sufficient to discover the last quark of the SM, the top quark, which is the heaviest known elementary particle. With more than 1,000 papers published by the two experiments analyzing the Tevatron collision data, CDF and D0, the amount of the experimental information obtained was the largest of any scientific facility at that time.

Each Tevatron study added an important piece to the understanding of the SM or to the searches for BSM physics. Some of these studies provided us with a deeper understanding of the Nature either through the observation of processes never seen before or by measuring fundamental physics parameters, such as the masses of elementary particles, with unprecedented precision. We select the most exciting of these studies, including the discovery of the top quark, as “hits” of the Tevatron program and describe how these results have been obtained and how they affected the progress in particle physics.

In order to study the properties of Nature at the highest colliding energies, or equivalently smallest distances reaching for the Tevatron $10^{-17}$ cm, new ideas in particle physics detectors were developed. They included detectors withstanding high radiation doses, operating at very high particle collision rates, with millions of detection channels as well as multi-level trigger systems to select events to be written to tapes for extensive offline analysis. The storage and analysis of the Tevatron data, reaching 10’s of Petabytes, was an enormous task which stimulated the development of many new methods of data analysis, now used well beyond particle physics.

While no effects of BSM physics were firmly established at the Tevatron, there were quite a few excitements over almost 30 years of data collection and analysis. Some of them appeared to be statistical fluctuations, others were explained with more elaborate SM calculations and those remaining will be further studied by the next generation experiments. While often frustrating, the lack of observation of theoretically predicted BSM effects provided
experimental feedback to the theoretical community for further development of BSM physics models.

In this article we describe the operational principles and parameters of the Tevatron collider and the CDF and D0 detectors, which were designed to collect data at the two proton-antiproton interaction regions of the Tevatron. We remind the reader about the top quark discovery and describe a long list of this particle’s properties obtained at the Tevatron. We present studies of the bottom and charm quarks, produced in large quantities at the Tevatron, which opened new chapters in subtle quantum effects in this sector as well as helped to discover new mesons and baryons containing bottom quarks. We summarize studies of the strong and electroweak interactions which provided many important insights on how these interactions work. The searches for BSM physics contributed the largest number of Tevatron publications, so we will be able to highlight some of them only. We will conclude with the “Higgs hunt”, when over the last few years of the Tevatron operations the accumulated data set became large enough to provide sensitivity to the SM Higgs boson, leading to the first evidence of Higgs boson production and decay to fermions and thus adding an important piece of information about the last expected SM particle.

It is impossible to cover over 1,000 Tevatron publications in this short article, so we present just highlights and refer the reader to the CDF [1] and D0 [2] Web pages for the full list of results.

TEVATRON

The Tevatron, located at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab), near Chicago, was the first superconducting magnets accelerator. It was colliding protons and antiprotons at a collision energy of 1.8 TeV in 1988-1989 (Run 0) and 1992-1996 (Run I), and 1.96 TeV in 2001-2011 (Run II); i.e., at 900 GeV and 980 GeV per beam, respectively. The total integrated luminosity delivered to each collider detector operating at that time reached 4 pb$^{-1}$ in Run 0, 150 pb$^{-1}$ in Run I and 12 fb$^{-1}$ in Run II.

The idea to double the energy of the original 450 GeV Fermilab proton accelerator by using superconducting magnets instead of warm iron magnets was proposed in 1976 [3]. Warm magnets are limited to a maximum field of 2 T while superconducting magnets provided an opportunity to increase the field to 4.3 T, with a proportional increase in the accelerated proton energy. The development of the superconducting magnets for the Tevatron was the first large-scale use of superconductivity for a large scientific or industrial project and stimulated the use of superconductors in various applications, from power transmission lines to medical applications such as magnetic resonance imaging. Superconducting magnets required the development of large scale cryogenic systems, stimulating scientific and engineering progress in that area. The increase in the energy of the Fermilab accelerator complex close to 1 TeV first benefited the program of fixed-target experiments with beams that became available in 1983.

The idea of creating high center-of-mass energy collisions by colliding protons and antiprotons was proposed in 1977 [4]. The core of the idea was to use already existing large circular proton accelerators and inject beams of antiprotons in the opposite direction. As the masses of protons and antiprotons are exactly the same and the charges exactly opposite, a “short cut” was possible of converting accelerators originally designed for fixed-target experiments to colliders with a center-of-mass energy orders of magnitude higher. Among the major challenges of this new scheme was the production and cooling of the large number of antiprotons, which was successfully accomplished both at the CERN SppS collider and at the Tevatron.

The Tevatron collider construction started in 1981, with the first proton-antiproton collisions recorded in 1985 and the first physics run, Run 0, in 1988. Over 25 years of the Tevatron operation, its performance was steadily improving due to various upgrades and operational improvements. In addition to the energy upgrade between Run I and Run II, the luminosity of the collider increased from the original design of $1 \times 10^{30}$ cm$^{-2}$s$^{-1}$ to $4 \times 10^{32}$ cm$^{-2}$s$^{-1}$ by the end of the operation, as illustrated in Fig. 1 [5].

At the end of Run II, the Fermilab proton accelerator complex [6] consisted of a Cockcroft-Walton source injecting H$^+$ ions of 750 keV kinetic energy into a linear accelerator, which accelerated them to 400 MeV. The H$^+$ ions were stripped of electrons by a carbon foil and entered a circular accelerator. It boosted the protons

FIG. 1. The Tevatron peak instantaneous luminosity between 1985 and 2011.
TABLE I. Main Tevatron collider parameters during Run II.

| Parameter                      | Value                                        |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Beam energy                    | 980 GeV per beam                             |
| Circumference                  | 2,000π m or 6,283 m                          |
| Magnetic lattice               | Alternating gradient focusing, separated function |
| Focusing order                 | FODO                                         |
| Number of main bending magnets | 774                                          |
| Bending magnetic field         | 0.664 T at injection, 4.33 T at the maximum energy |
| Bending magnet                 | NiTi conductor at 4.3° K, cold bore, iron at room temperature |
| Energy ramp time               | 85 s during collider operation, 15 s minimum |
| Long straight sections         | Number = 6, length = 50 m, including two low-β insertions |
| RF system (tunable)            | 8 cavities (4 per beam), 53.1 MHz, 1.2 MV/turn total maximum voltage for each beam |
| Vacuum chamber                 | Stainless steel, rounded square with 70 mm full aperture in dipoles |

...to 8 GeV and sent them to the Main Injector circular accelerator which accelerated them up to 120-150 GeV. Protons of 120 GeV from the Main Injector were hitting a nickel target producing antiprotons, which were collected with a wide (~20%) acceptance at 8 GeV. The antiprotons, after cooling, were sent to the Main Injector and accelerated to 150 GeV. The two beams, antiprotons and protons, were then injected into the collider ring of 1 km radius, accelerated to 980 GeV and then collided at the centers of two detectors with 1.96 TeV center-of-mass energy. Table I summarizes the main parameters of the Tevatron collider during Run II.

In Run II, proton and antiproton bunches, 36 per beam, collided every 396 ns at the centers of the CDF and D0 detectors. The interaction region along the beam line had a typical width of ~ 30 cm and the beam sizes in the transverse dimensions were ~ 25 μm. After filling the Tevatron ring with protons and antiprotons, the process of accelerating and colliding the beams, called a “store”, continued for typically 12-24 hours with slowly decaying luminosity due to the decrease in the number of particles caused by the collisions and losses. During the store, antiprotons were produced by the Main Injector, cooled and accumulated. Then the process of injection, acceleration and collisions was repeated again. At the peak Tevatron luminosity of $4 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$, the number of proton-antiproton interactions per bunch crossing was about 15. Such a high number of interactions per crossing gave rise to substantial challenges both in the triggering and event reconstruction and in the data analysis by the experiments, while it provided large data sets important for the wide range of physics studies performed at the Tevatron, as described in the next chapters.

DETECTORS

Two multi-purpose detectors operated at the Tevatron, the Collider Detector at Fermilab (CDF) and the D0 detector, were run by two international collaborations of about 600 scientists each. The original detector for CDF was built in 1982-1985 and D0 was built in 1986-1992. Both detectors were large construction projects, weighing about 5000 tons each, and were featuring unique instrumentation able to detect all fundamental objects: muons, electrons, photons, and hadrons either as individual tracks or as jets. The neutrinos, as products of the collision-induced reactions, were inferred from the imbalance of the total energy of the detected products in the plane transverse to the colliding beams as missing transverse energy. Both detectors underwent several upgrades over the years. A brief description of their final design is given below.

The CDF detector [7, 8] is a forward-backward and cylindrically symmetric detector designed to study $p\bar{p}$ collisions at the Tevatron. The layout of the CDF II detector, seen in Fig. 2, is subdivided into the following components, in order of increasing radius: a charged-particle tracking system, composed of a silicon vertex detector, seen in Fig. 3, and an open-cell drift chamber [10]; a time-of-flight measurement detector [11]; a system of electromagnetic calorimeters [12, 13], to contain electron and photon showers and measure their energies, and hadronic calorimeters [16], to measure the energies of hadronic showers; and a muon detection system for identification of muon candidates with transverse momentum $p_T > 2$ GeV.

FIG. 2. Cut-away view of a section of the CDF II detector (the time-of-flight detector is not shown). The slice is in half the $y-z$ plane at $x = 0$.

The silicon tracking detector consists of three separate subdetectors: L00, SVX II, and ISL [9]. The L00 de-
ector is mounted directly on the beampipe at a radius of 1.6 cm. The SVX II detector consists of five silicon layers extending from a radius of 2.5 cm to 10.6 cm. The outermost layer of the silicon detector, the ISL, consists of one layer of silicon at a radius of 23 cm in the central region \( |\eta| < 1 \), and two layers of silicon at radii of 20 cm and 29 cm in the forward region \( 1 < |\eta| < 2 \). The central outer tracking detector (COT) [10], an open-cell drift chamber, surrounds the silicon detector and covers the region \( |z| < 155 \) cm and \( 0 < r < 138 \) cm. The system of cartesian coordinates is defined such as the positive \( z \) axis lies in the direction of the proton beam, the positive \( x \) axis points towards the center of the Tevatron, and the positive \( y \) axis points vertically up, while the radial distance from the center of the detector is \( r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \). Charged particles with \( p_T \gtrsim 300 \) MeV and \( |\eta| \lesssim 1 \) traverse the entire radius of the COT. The COT is segmented radially into 8 superlayers containing 12 sense-wire layers each. Azimuthal segmentation consists of 12-wire cells. The COT is filled with a 1:1 argon-ethane gas mixture. The superlayers alternate between stereo and axial configurations. The axial layers provide track \( r - \phi \) measurements and consist of sense wires parallel to the \( z \)-axis, while the stereo layers contain sense wires at a \( \pm 2^\circ \) angle to the \( z \)-axis. The entire tracking system is immersed in a 1.4 T magnetic field generated by a superconducting solenoid [17].

The central calorimeter is situated beyond the solenoid in the radial direction. The calorimeter has a projective-tower geometry with 24 wedges in azimuth and a radial separation into electromagnetic and hadronic compartments. Particles produced at the center of the detector with \( |\eta| < 1.1 \) have trajectories that traverse the entire electromagnetic compartment of the central calorimeter. The calorimeter is split at \( \eta = 0 \) into two barrels, each of which is divided into towers of size \( \Delta \eta \approx 0.11 \times \Delta \phi \approx 0.26 \). The forward plug region of the calorimeter covers \( 1.1 < |\eta| < 3.6 \) [18, 19]. The central electromagnetic calorimeter (CEM) [12, 13] consists of 31 layers of scintillator alternating with 30 layers of lead-aluminum plates. There are \( \approx 18 \) radiation lengths \( (X_0) \) of detector material from the collision point to the outer radius of the CEM. Embedded at a radius \( R_{CEM} = 184 \) cm \( (\approx 6X_0) \), where electromagnetic showers typically have their maximum energy deposition, is the central electromagnetic shower-maximum detector (CES). The CES consists of multiwire proportional chambers whose anode wires measure the azimuthal coordinate of the energy deposition and whose cathodes are segmented into strips that measure its longitudinal coordinate with a position resolution of \( \approx 2 \) mm. The central hadronic calorimeter [16] is subdivided into a central region covering \( |\eta| < 0.6 \) and a wall region covering \( 0.6 < |\eta| < 1.1 \). The central region consists of 32 alternating layers of scintillator and steel, corresponding to 4.7 interaction lengths. The wall region consists of 15 such layers.

Two sets of muon detectors separately cover \( |\eta| < 0.6 \) and \( 0.6 < |\eta| < 1 \). In the \( |\eta| < 0.6 \) region two four-layer planar drift chambers, the central muon detector (CMU) [20] and the central muon upgrade (CMP), sandwiched by 60 cm of steel, are situated just beyond the central hadronic calorimeter in the radial direction. The central muon extension (CMX) is an eight-layer drift chamber providing the remaining coverage in the forward region.

Luminosity is measured using low-mass gaseous Cherenkov luminosity counters (CLC) [14]. There are two CLC modules in the CDF detector installed at small angles in the proton and antiproton directions. Each module consists of 48 long, thin conical counters filled with isobutane gas and arranged in three concentric layers around the beam pipe.

The online event selection at CDF is done by a three-level trigger [15] system with each level providing a rate reduction sufficient to allow for processing at the next level with minimal deadtime. Level 1 uses custom-designed hardware to find physics objects based on a subset of the detector information. Level 2 does limited event reconstruction. Level 3 uses the full detector information and consists of a farm of computers that reconstruct the data and apply selection criteria similar to the offline requirements.

The D0 detector [21, 22] contains a magnetic central tracking system, calorimetry, and a muon system (see Fig. 3). The central tracking system comprises a silicon microstrip tracker (SMT) and a central fiber tracker (CFT), both located within a 2 T superconducting solenoidal magnet. The SMT [23] has \( \approx 800,000 \) individual strips, with typical pitch of 50 – 80 \( \mu \)m, and a design optimized for tracking and vertexing within \( |\eta| < 2.5 \). The system has a six-barrel longitudinal structure, each with a set of four layers arranged axially around the beam pipe, and interspersed with radial disks. In 2006, a fifth layer, referred to as Layer 0, was installed close to the beam pipe [24]. The CFT has eight thin coaxial barrels, each supporting two doublets of overlapping scintillating fibers of 0.835 mm diameter, one doublet being parallel to the collision axis, and the other alternating by \( \pm 3^\circ \) relative to the axis. Light signals are transferred via clear fibers to solid-state visible-light photon counters (VLPCs) that have \( \approx 80\% \) quantum efficiency.

Central and forward preshower detectors, located just outside of the superconducting coil (in front of the calorimetry), are constructed of several layers of extruded triangular scintillator strips that are read out using wavelength-shifting fibers and VLPCs. These detectors provide initial sampling of electromagnetic showers, and thereby help distinguish between incident electrons, photons and jets. The next layer of detection involves three liquid-argon/uranium calorimeters: a central section (CC) covering up to \( |\eta| \approx 1.1 \), and two end calorimeters (EC) that extend the coverage to \( |\eta| \approx 4.2 \), housed...


DISCOVERY AND STUDY OF THE TOP QUARK

The existence of the top quark was expected since the discovery of its partner, the bottom quark, in 1977 [28]. The absence of flavor-changing neutral currents in $b$ decay, evidenced by the small branching fraction of the $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$ decay, indicated that the $b$-quark has isospin $-1/2$, thus requiring a $+1/2$ partner to complete the weak-isospin doublet. However, no firm prediction about the mass of the top quark was available. During the 1980’s, a series of lepton colliders searched for the $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ process, increasing the lower bound on the top quark mass from $m_t = 23.3$ GeV at PETRA to $30.2$ GeV at TRISTAN, and finally to $45.8$ GeV at SLC and LEP. The developments of hadron colliders led to searches for the production of $W$-bosons with subsequent decay $W \rightarrow t\bar{b}$. After a false-positive observation of a top quark with mass $m_t = 40 \pm 10$ GeV at the CERN $\sqrt{s} = 20$ GeV $p\bar{p}$ collider (SppS) [29], superseded by [30] and replaced by a new lower limit of $m_t > 60$ GeV [31], the focus switched to the search for a top quark that is heavier than the $W$ boson, with the dominant production mechanism of $p\bar{p} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$, and the subsequent decay $t \rightarrow Wb$. The CDF detector started taking data at the Fermilab Tevatron collider in 1988 (Run 0), eventually setting a lower limit of $m_t > 91$ GeV in 1992 [32].

Run I of the Tevatron, with proton-antiproton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$ TeV, started in 1992 and continued until 1995. During this time the two detectors, CDF and D0, raced for the discovery of the top quark. In 1994, D0 set a limit of $m_t > 131$ GeV using 15 pb$^{-1}$ of data [33]. Later that year, CDF claimed first evidence for $t\bar{t}$ production using $19.3$ pb$^{-1}$ of data [34]. Using 12 candidate events, CDF measured a cross section of $13.9^{+6.1}_{-4.8}$ pb (about 2.5 times the one predicted by the SM at the time [35]) and a mass of $174 \pm 10^{+7}_{-13}$ GeV. D0 had a similar expected sensitivity of about 2 standard deviations (s.d.) [36], observing 7 candidate events, with an expected background of 3.2 $\pm$ 1.1 events. Finally, in 1995, the CDF and D0 collaborations jointly announced the discovery of the top quark in the strong $t\bar{t}$ pair production [37, 38]. The top quark discovery is a major legacy of the Tevatron, concluding the hunt for the last undiscovered quark of the SM.

In the discovery paper CDF used 67 pb$^{-1}$ of data and saw a signal inconsistent with the background at the 4.8$\sigma$ level [37]. The measured $t\bar{t}$ production cross section was $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 6.8^{+2.4}_{-1.6}$ pb and the top quark mass $m_t = 176 \pm 8 \pm 10$ GeV. D0 used 50 pb$^{-1}$ of data and saw a signal inconsistent with the background at the 4.6$\sigma$ level [38]. The measured $t\bar{t}$ production cross section was $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 6.2^{+2.2}_{-1.2}$ pb and the top quark reconstructed mass $m_t = 199^{+19}_{-15} \pm 22$ GeV. Figs. 4 and 5 show the top quark mass for CDF and D0, respectively. Both collaborations worked with two candidate samples with different purity.
At CDF, the difference was the application or not of algorithms to identify jets originating from the decay of long-lived b hadrons (b-tagging) that relied on the excellent resolution of the SVX detector. At D0, the loose sample was obtained by relaxing topological cuts.

FIG. 4. Mass distributions from CDF’s top quark discovery paper [37]. Left: Reconstructed mass distribution for the $W+4$-jet sample prior to b tagging (solid). Also shown is the background distribution (shaded) with the normalization constrained to the calculated mass value. Right: Reconstructed mass distribution for the b-tagged $W+4$-jet events (solid). Also shown are the background shape (dotted) and the sum of background plus $t\bar{t}$ Monte Carlo simulations for $m_t = 175$ GeV (dashed), with the background constrained to the calculated mass value. The inset shows the likelihood fit used to determine the top quark mass.

The entire Run I dataset of 109 pb$^{-1}$ for CDF and 125 pb$^{-1}$ for D0 roughly doubled the amount of integrated luminosity used for the observation. Using those datasets, CDF and D0 produced results for both the top quark mass and the $t\bar{t}$ production cross section at $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$ TeV. CDF combined data from all decay channels except those including a hadronically decaying tau lepton and measured $[39] \sigma_{\bar{t}t} = 6.5^{+1.7}_{-1.1}$ pb for $m_t = 175$ GeV. The result included measurements that relied on identifying b-quarks both by reconstructing secondary vertices and the presence of soft leptons within the jets. All individual results were in agreement with each other. D0 based their result [40] on the same channels, however, as it had no silicon vertex detector, the ability to reconstruct secondary vertices was not available. D0 thus utilized a series of topological variables designed to separate the $t\bar{t}$ sample from the backgrounds. All results were also in agreement with each other, as can be observed in Fig. 6. Their combination yield $\sigma_{\bar{t}t} = 5.69 \pm 1.21 \text{ (stat)} \pm 1.04 \text{ (syst)}$ pb for $m_t = 172.1$ GeV. The measurements from both collaborations were in good agreement with SM expectations.

FIG. 6. Measured $t\bar{t}$ production cross section values for all channels used by the D0 analyses, assuming a top quark mass of 172.1 GeV [40]. The vertical line corresponds to the cross section for all channels combined and the shaded band shows the range of theoretical predictions.

In theoretical calculations, the mass of a particle can be unambiguously related with the experimental value only if the particle is considered in a free state, which is impossible for the strongly interacting quarks. In this case, the existing approximate treatments of the strong interaction effects on the mass lead to an ambiguity in the interpretation of the mass measurements. CDF and D0 have developed many novel measurement techniques in order to both increase the precision of the top quark mass measurement and to pin down the ambiguities related to the theoretical interpretation of the measured value. The results derived from the various techniques by CDF and D0 are combined to provide the most precise determination of the top quark mass. Direct measurement techniques rely on the idea that, when top quarks decay, they...
transfer their kinematic characteristics to the W boson and b quark, and the measured energies and momenta of the final state particles can be used to reconstruct the top quark mass. Indirect measurement techniques, on the other hand, explore the dependence of the top quark pair production cross section on the top quark mass to derive the mass from the measured cross section.

However, there are problems that complicate this simple idea and require sophisticated solutions to allow for a precise measurement. The neutrinos produced in top quark decays are not detected and thus their momenta are not measured. They are, instead, inferred from the decay kinematics, by constraining the invariant mass of the charged lepton and neutrino system to the precisely known mass of the W boson. Another difficulty concerns the correct mapping of the experimentally reconstructed objects – jets and charged particle trajectories – to the elementary particles (quarks and leptons) from the decays of the top quark and the W boson. All these ambiguities are accounted for by simulating top quark pair production and decay, together with the response of the detector to the final state particles, using Monte Carlo methods. The price to pay is the systematic uncertainties introduced by the simulation model, in addition to the uncertainties originating from finite detector resolutions.

The challenge of the top quark mass measurement, besides the statistical precision which improves as new data come in, is to reduce both types of systematic uncertainties, from detection and from simulation, by developing new ideas and methods. For example, the uncertainty from the relatively low precision measurement of jet energies is reduced by constraining the invariant mass of the jet pair from the W boson decay to the W boson mass – a method known as the in situ calibration of the jet energy scale.

Another complication in the direct top quark mass measurements is the ambiguity in the interpretation of the mass measurements due to the approximate treatment of the strong interaction effects. By using Monte Carlo based methods to extract the top quark mass, direct measurements correspond to the mass parameter that a Monte Carlo generator uses. To resolve this ambiguity, the D0 collaboration has extracted the top quark mass from the mass dependence of the \( t\bar{t} \) cross section than to the modified minimal subtraction mass

LHC experiments, ATLAS and CMS, combined their top quark mass measurements using procedures similar to the Tevatron combination to produce a world combination. Fig. 7 summarizes the measurements included in the Tevatron combination [43] on the top and the measurements included in the world combination [44] on the bottom.

CPT invariance predicts that a particle and its antiparticle have the same mass. This was checked by both CDF and D0 collaborations for the top and antitop quarks by measuring directly the difference between the top quark mass and the antitop quark mass. The mass difference of \(-1.95 \pm 1.11(stat) \pm 0.59(syst) = -1.95 \pm 1.26\) GeV measured by CDF [45] and \(0.8 \pm 1.8(stat) \pm 0.5(syst) = 0.8 \pm 1.9\) GeV measured by D0 [46] are both consistent.
The search for resonances in the invariant mass spectrum of top quark pairs. Such resonances would be a signal of new physics, as they would come from particles heavier than the top quark and thus allowed to decay into $t\bar{t}$ pairs. These hypothetical particles could interact predominantly with the heaviest quarks either by a modified strong force, such as the massive gluons called “axigluons”, or a modified weak force, such as the heavy $Z'$ bosons. Their existence would thus extend the picture of fundamental forces described by the SM. Several BSM theories predict other resonant production mechanisms of $t\bar{t}$ pairs [52]. Examples include topcolor models [53] and models with extra dimensions, such as Kaluza-Klein (KK) excitations of gluons or gravitons in various extensions of the Randall-Sundrum model [54]. Using 9.5 fb$^{-1}$ of data, CDF has studied the invariant mass distribution in lepton+jets events [55]. The observed spectrum is consistent with SM expectations, showing no evidence for additional resonant production mechanisms. Consequently, the data is used to set upper limits on $\sigma \times B(X \to t\bar{t})$ for different hypothesized resonance masses. Similar results had been obtained by the D0 collaboration using 5.3 fb$^{-1}$ of data [56]. The limits set by the two collaborations exclude resonances up to a $t\bar{t}$ invariant mass of about 1 TeV.

The larger $t\bar{t}$ samples available in Run II also allowed for differential $t\bar{t}$ cross section measurements. A result from D0 uses the entire dataset of 9.7 fb$^{-1}$ and the

![Figure 8](image-url)
lepton+jets channel to measure the $t\bar{t}$ production cross section as a function of the transverse momentum and absolute rapidity of the top quarks as well as of the invariant mass of the $t\bar{t}$ pair [57]. The data are corrected for the detector efficiency, acceptance and bin migration by means of a regularized unfolding procedure. In all cases, the differential cross sections agree well with QCD generators and predictions at approximate NNLO [58]. Fig. 9 shows, as an example, the unfolded differential cross section as a function of the $t\bar{t}$ pair invariant mass compared to predictions.

The CDF and D0 collaborations also investigated other properties of the $t\bar{t}$ production mechanism in search of deviation from the SM predictions. A deviation from SM predictions was initially suspected in the mass and rapidity dependent forward-backward $t\bar{t}$ asymmetry reported by CDF using 5.3 fb$^{-1}$ of lepton+jets data [59]. The corresponding D0 analysis [60], based on 5.4 fb$^{-1}$ of lepton+jets data, also indicated tension between data and SM predictions. A follow up analysis from CDF used the entire Run II data set [61] and observed a linear dependence on both the rapidity difference and the $t\bar{t}$ mass, with somewhat higher slopes than the NLO prediction. The D0 analysis using the entire dataset [62] measured an inclusive forward-backward asymmetry of $A_{FB} = (10.6 \pm 3.0)\%$, in agreement with SM predictions which changed from 5% at NLO to 9% once higher-order QCD corrections and electroweak effects were taken into account [63]. The measured dependences of the asymmetry on rapidity and mass were also in agreement with the SM predictions, as can be seen in Fig. 10 [64], but did not disagree with the larger asymmetries observed by previous analyses.

Alternatively, both collaborations also measured the asymmetry in the charge-weighted pseudorapidity of the lepton, which does not require the reconstruction of the kinematic properties of the full $t\bar{t}$ system. The D0 collaboration combined 9.7 fb$^{-1}$ of dilepton [66] and lepton+jets [67] data and measured the asymmetry at production level $A_{FB} = (4.2 \pm 2.4)\%$ for $|y| \leq 1.5$, in agreement with the prediction of 2.0% from the NLO QCD generator MC@NLO. These two measurements were individually extrapolated to cover the full phase space (using the MC@NLO simulation), and combined. The extrapolated result of $A_{FB}(ex) = (4.7 \pm 2.3(stat) \pm 1.5(syst))\%$ facilitates the comparison with theoretical calculations and the extrapolated result from CDF.

The CDF collaboration used 9.4 fb$^{-1}$ of lepton+jets data [68] and found the extrapolated value of $A_{FB} = (9.4 \pm 3.2 \%$, to be compared with the prediction of $3.8 \pm 0.3\%$ [63]. A corresponding measurement in the dilepton channel $A_{FB} = (7.2 \pm 6.0)\%$ [69], is consistent with predictions and the D0 results. Fig. 11 summarizes the measured lepton asymmetries for the various samples used in the analyses.

The study of the top quark pair production asymmetries carried out by the Tevatron experiments were made possible due to the large samples available in Run II. Fig. 12 summarizes the final results of this study [64]. These measurements were detailed probes into the $t\bar{t}$ system modeling and served to better understand higher-order corrections to SM predictions. A precise modeling is vital in many searches for new phenomena, where differential top quark cross sections are used to set constraints on beyond the SM processes. A detailed modeling is also needed in searches for rare processes involving
new particles that decay to a $t\bar{t}$ pair, where particles are produced in association with a $t\bar{t}$ pair, or where $t\bar{t}$ is among the dominant backgrounds.

In the SM, single top quark production at hadron colliders provides an opportunity to study the charged-current weak-interaction of the top quark. At the Tevatron, the dominant production mode is the exchange of a space-like virtual $W$ boson between a light quark and a bottom quark in the $t$-channel. The second mode is the decay of a time-like virtual $W$ boson in the $s$-channel. A third process, usually called "associated production" or $Wt$, has negligible cross section at the Tevatron, but has been observed at the LHC \[70\].

The requirement of enough energy to produce two top quarks via the strong interaction suppresses the production cross section.

In the search for single top quark production, the selected samples are dominated by backgrounds, and the expected amount of signal is smaller than the uncertainties on those backgrounds in a simple counting experiment. Both collaborations thus developed multivariate analysis techniques (MVA) to separate the single top quark signal from the overwhelming backgrounds, as a simple counting experiment is not possible. In most cases, multiple MVAs were used on the same dataset, each defining a discriminant that was then used to constrain the uncertainties on the backgrounds and extract the signal contribution. The correlation between the outputs of the individual methods was typically found to be $\approx 70\%$. An increase in sensitivity can therefore be obtained by using their outputs as inputs to a "superdiscriminant", a method employed by both collaborations. The cross section measurements were in all cases obtained using a Bayesian statistical analysis of the superdiscriminant output, where the data are compared to the sum of the predictions for signal and background processes. The use of MVA especially for single top quark searches formed a base for the search for the Higgs boson.

Single top quark production for the combined $s$ and $t$ channel was first observed by the CDF and D0 collaborations in 2009 \[73-75\] using $3.2\,\text{fb}^{-1}$ and $2.3\,\text{fb}^{-1}$ of integrated luminosity, respectively. The measured cross sections for the combined $s$ and $t$-channel production were $2.32^{+0.6}_{-0.5}\,\text{pb}$ and $3.94\pm0.88\,\text{pb}$, respectively. For these analyses, the CDF collaboration combined their lepton+jets and $E_T$+jets samples, while the D0 collaboration relied on the combination of their lepton+jets samples selected depending on the number of jets and the number of $b$-jets in the events. Fig. 14 shows the output of the superdiscriminant for the CDF and the D0 analyses.

Subsequent measurements by the D0 collaboration \[76-78\] used larger datasets of $5.4\,\text{fb}^{-1}$ and $9.7\,\text{fb}^{-1}$ and reported both the $s+t$ cross section, as well as the individual contributions, and included the individual ob-
observation of the t-channel production with a measured cross section of $\sigma_t = 2.9 \pm 0.59$ pb, as well as evidence for s-channel production. The CDF collaboration later also announced evidence for s-channel production using the entire Run II dataset [79, 80].

The D0 and CDF results were combined [81] and resulted in the observation of s-channel production with a significance of 6.3 $\sigma$ and a measured cross section of $\sigma_s = 1.29^{+0.20}_{-0.24}$ pb. Fig. 15 shows the output discriminant for the combined result. The final combination of the s- and t-channel measurements [82] using the entire Run II dataset included the t-channel cross section of $\sigma_t = 2.25^{+0.29}_{-0.31}$ pb, the s + t-channel cross section of $\sigma_s = 3.30^{+0.52}_{-0.40}$ pb, and the CKM matrix element measurement $|V_{tb}| = 1.02^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$, corresponding to $|V_{tb}| > 0.92$ at the 95% C.L. All these results are in good agreement with SM expectations, as can be observed in Fig. 16.

**FIG. 14.** Output of the superdiscriminant for the CDF (left) and D0 (right). The single top quark signal is shown in red in the CDF figure and in blue in the D0 figure.

**FIG. 15.** Distribution of the output discriminant, summed for bins with similar signal-to-background ratio (s/b). The expected sum of the backgrounds is shown by the unfilled histogram, and the uncertainty of the background is represented by the grey shaded band. The expected s-channel signal contribution is shown by a filled blue histogram.

**FIG. 16.** Two-dimensional posterior probability density distribution for the t-channel vs. s-channel single top quark signals, compared to the SM as well as several different BSM models (top); summary of all Tevatron single top quark measurements (middle); and posterior probability density distribution for the s + t-channel single top quark production with the shaded region indicating the allowed values of $|V_{tb}|^2$ (bottom) [82].

**BOTTOM AND CHARM QUARKS**

The b-quark was discovered at Fermilab in 1977 [28]. While the initial experimental proposals for 2 TeV Tevatron proton-antiproton collision studies concentrated on
the recently discovered W and Z bosons, searches for the top quark and supersymmetry, a large fraction of the Tevatron publications presented the results of studies of particles containing b-quarks. There are two main reasons for such a productive heavy flavor program at the Tevatron. The first is that the b-quark cross sections in proton-antiproton collisions are as high as $10^{-3}$ of the total cross section, creating large number of b-quarks in comparison with, for example, $e^+e^-$ colliders. About $10^4$ b-quark-antiquark pairs were produced during the Tevatron operation per second. Such a high production rate is an opportunity to create various particles containing b-quarks, from mesons and baryons to exotic multi-quark configurations due to the high center-of-mass Tevatron energy. The second reason is the relatively long lifetime of the b-quark of $\sim 1$ ps. Particles containing a b-quark and decaying via b-quark weak decays have a decay vertex displaced from the initial proton-antiproton interaction by a fraction of a millimeter. The technology of small strip size silicon detectors developed in 1980’s and 1990’s provided an opportunity to separate vertices of b-hadron decays from the large background of particles produced directly in proton-antiproton collisions. Silicon strip detectors have been first developed for the CDF experiment for the Tevatron Run I and added to the D0 detector for the Tevatron Run II, providing a rich harvest of heavy flavor discoveries and studies.

The CDF collaboration predicted the importance of the b-quark identification via the displaced vertex decays both for heavy flavor studies and for the discovery of the top quark, and thus instrumented the Run I detector with layers of silicon strip sensors. In addition, the CDF Run I detector had an excellent central tracker in solenoidal magnetic field which provided high momentum resolution for charged tracks from b-hadrons decays. The D0 detector for Run I did not have silicon detector or central magnetic field, which limited heavy flavor studies. D0 utilized the effect that a fraction of decays of b-quarks have muons/electrons or a $J/\psi$ meson (decaying to a pair of muons) in the final state to trigger and tag events with b-quarks. Still, the number of heavy flavor studies at CDF was an order of magnitude above D0 in Run I due to the presence of the silicon detector and high momentum resolution tracker.

One of the fundamental Tevatron measurements was the cross section of b-quark production, to understand the mechanisms of b-quark production in high-energy hadron collisions. Precision cross section measurements were further stimulated by differences between theoretical predictions and Tevatron cross section measurements. b-quarks are mainly produced at the Tevatron through gluon fusion, quark-antiquark annihilation, flavor excitation, as well as gluon splitting. Fig. 17 presents early results from the CDF and D0 experiments [83]. These results indicate a substantial deviation, by about a factor of two, between theoretical predictions and experimental measurements, while within large theoretical uncertainties. In study [83] D0 tagged b-quarks using their semi-leptonic decays with muons in the final state. The Tevatron experiments performed a wide range of b-quark cross section measurements with various kinematic parameters including wide rapidity and transverse momentum ranges. The variety of such measurements helped greatly to improve the theoretical description of b-quark production and modern state-of-the-art models describe experimental results at the Tevatron and at the LHC energies with high accuracy.

At the end of Run I Tevatron provided a short period of collisions with the center of mass energy of 630 GeV to perform direct comparison with results collected at SppS collider at CERN as well as to study the energy dependence of various processes. These data provided an opportunity for precision measurements of the ratio of b-quarks production at 1.8 TeV and 630 GeV energies with small uncertainties [84], which was another contribution to the understanding of heavy flavor production at hadron colliders.

The availability of the silicon strip detector and high precision momentum measurements provided an opportunity to measure lifetimes of various b-hadrons with high precision during Run I. In [85] high precision measurements of $B^\pm$, $B^0$ and $B'^0$ lifetimes are described using final states with $J/\psi$ particles reaching a few percent accuracy. Such events are easy to trigger on (two muons from the $J/\psi$ decay) and have no decay time bias, as the muons are detected at large distances from the proton-antiproton collision. These measurements helped to develop models of heavy-quark mesons and baryons and predict their properties with high accuracy.

With the large numbers of various B-mesons produced at the Tevatron, the search for violation of the theoretical predictions based on the SM in various processes involving such mesons was among the hot topics during
Tevatron Run I and continued into Run II. Among such studies were rare decays of $B_0^s$ and $B_0^0$ mesons into a $\mu^+\mu^-$ pair. In the SM of electroweak interactions such decays are forbidden for tree-level processes. However, they can proceed at a low rate through higher-order flavor-changing neutral current processes. SM predicts branching fractions in the $10^{-9}$ and $10^{-10}$ range for $B_0^0$ and $B_0^0$ mesons, respectively. Higher branching fractions would indicate contributions from BSM physics via new heavy particles in the loops of the decay diagrams. Large number of $B$-mesons produced at the Tevatron helped to improve limits on $B_0^0$ and $B_0^0$ branching fractions into muon pairs greatly. Fig. 18 demonstrates the search for such decays using the full CDF Run I data set. The most powerful selection requirement is the substantial displacement of the common muon vertex from the original proton-antiproton interaction using the silicon strip detector. With no decays observed, the most stringent at that time limits of about three orders of magnitude above SM predictions have been set, excluding large classes of BSM models.

All mesons containing a $b$-quark and a light quark have been discovered at lower energy accelerators, including the $\Upsilon$ meson that contains a $b\bar{b}$ pair at Fermilab [28]. But the $B_{c}^{+}$ meson, which contains a $b$ and a $c$-quark, remained elusive from direct detection. The Tevatron high center of mass energy and large number of various quark species produced in hadronic collisions stimulated extensive searches for this heavy meson. In 1998 the CDF collaboration reported observation of the $B_{c}^{+}$ meson [87] in the $B_{c}^{+} \rightarrow J/\psi \ell \nu$ channel, where $\ell \nu$ is a lepton (electron or muon) and $\nu$ is a neutrino. With the $J/\psi$ decaying to a pair of muons (muons were used to trigger on the candidate events) this channel has three leptons in the final state, all having substantial decay distance from the primary proton-antiproton collision, which helped to reduce backgrounds. In Fig. 19 the invariant mass of the $J/\psi$ meson and a lepton (electron or muon) is presented, indicating a substantial excess of observed events over background. Due to the escaping neutrino there is no peak in the invariant mass spectrum, while enhancement is clear and the shape of the excess agrees with the expectations. The observed significance of the excess was 4.8 $\sigma$. The discovery of this fundamental heavy meson was among the major achievements of the Tevatron program during Run I of the Tevatron.

![Invariant mass distribution of muon pairs in the $B_0^0/B_0^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ search. Arrows point to the search mass windows. Higher histograms are before kinematic selections which include the decay length for $B_0^0/B_0^0$ mesons. No excess events are found in the opposite sign muons spectrum.](image1)

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![Invariant mass of the $J/\psi$ plus lepton (muon or electron) system for the candidate $B_c$ events. The insert shows the log-likelihood function vs. the number of $B_c$ events in the sample.](image2)

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The successful heavy flavor program during Run I supported substantial upgrades of the CDF [9] and D0 [21] detectors for the Tevatron Run II. CDF developed much more precise multi-layer silicon strip detector and fast central tracking drift chamber. D0 added a 2 T central region solenoid, silicon strip detector, as well as fiber tracker for precision measurements of the charged particle tracks. The use of the insensitive to the magnetic field fiber tracker provided D0 with an opportunity to periodically, about every 2 weeks, change the directions of the solenoidal and toroidal magnetic fields, which played critical role in precision measurements of Charge-Parity (CP) violating processes by cancelling various detector asymmetries. Both Tevatron detectors improved triggering on muons which is critical for studies of processes involving $b$-quarks, and added high-level triggering on displaced vertices, which helped to collect large samples of $b$-hadron candidates without leptons in the final states.

Oscillations of pairs $B_0^0$ and $\bar{B}_0^0$ of neutral mesons is the highest-frequency process of this kind and as such sensitive to various yet unknown particles which could affect the oscillation frequency. In addition, the oscillation frequency can be used to calculate the magnitude of the
matrix element $V_{ts}$ of the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix, which is a SM fundamental parameter. To detect oscillations, a large number of $B^0$ meson decays have to be collected and Tevatron delivered over 1 fb$^{-1}$ of collisions to the experiments by 2006. In addition, triggering on semileptonic and hadronic decays of $B$-mesons was developed. Analysis methods which define the type of $B^0$ mesons produced and decayed in an event (particle or anti-particle) were among most complex analyses developed at the Tevatron. CDF observed $B^0$ oscillations by combining results from various semileptonic and hadronic decay modes and Fig. 20 presents the amplitude analysis of the oscillation frequency with unambiguous peak at the frequency of $17.77\pm0.10_{\text{stat}}\pm0.07_{\text{syst}}$ ps$^{-1}$ [88]. The significance of the observation was above five standard deviations, signaling the discovery of this long thought process. The value of the oscillation frequency was in perfect agreement with the SM predictions, eliminating a large class of new physics models and providing a precision measurement of the CKM matrix element $V_{ts}$.

Another search in the heavy flavor sector for BSM physics was in rare decays of $B^0$ and $B^0$ mesons, continued from Run I as both statistics increased by two orders of magnitude as well as detectors and analysis methods improved substantially [89]. As shown in Fig. 21, limits on the branching fraction of $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ decays improved much faster than the square root of the luminosity, the statistical power which a larger data set provided. The ultimate Tevatron limits were within a factor of three from the SM prediction, more than two orders of magnitude improvement since Run I. Methods developed at the Tevatron for searches of these rare decays at hadron colliders helped greatly CMS and LHCb to observe the $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ process [90], at the SM predicted rate, at the LHC in 2015. Similar tight limits were set for $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ decays at the Tevatron, while this process still remains elusive due to even smaller expected branching fraction.

While all mesons containing $b$-quarks have been discovered before Tevatron Run II, including the $B^\pm$ meson using Tevatron Run I data, only one $b$-baryon, $\Lambda^0_{c\bar{b}}$, was discovered by that time. Large numbers of these heavy baryons are expected in the SM and the Tevatron experiments were positioned well to search for these states due to high center of mass energy (many quarks of various flavors produced in a collision), high luminosity, and the opportunity to detect displaced vertices from the decays of long-lifetime $b$-quarks. The difficulty in these searches was the relatively low production rates for such complex baryons as well as a requirement to trigger on these events, which largely restricted decay modes to those with single or multiple muons in the final states. The first in the long list of Tevatron $b$-baryon discoveries were the $\Sigma_b$ baryons [91] in the decay channels $\Sigma_b \rightarrow \Lambda_b^0 \pi$. These baryons contain $wub$ and $d\bar{b}$ quarks. The discovery of the $\Xi^0_b$ baryon, the first baryon containing quarks from all three generations, $\bar{d}sb$, followed...
with a complex chain of decays with multiple displaced vertices reconstructed as shown in Fig. 22 [92].

![Diagram of the decay channel of the Ξ^- baryon (left) and invariant mass of candidate Ξ^- baryon decays (right) indicating the mass peak of the newly observed baryon.](image)

**FIG. 22.** Diagram of the decay channel of the Ξ^- baryon (left) and invariant mass of candidate Ξ^- baryon decays (right) indicating the mass peak of the newly observed baryon.

The Ω^- baryon, containing ssb quarks, took longer to discover as it has higher mass and lower production cross section. It was discovered in 2009 [93] and its mass and lifetime agreed well with the heavy baryon models. With close to the full Tevatron data set accumulated, the CDF experiment discovered also the neutral Ξ^0 baryon with quark content usb [94]. It was discovered in the decay channel to a Ξ^+_b baryon and a charged pion with three more decays to follow. 25 candidates of neutral Ξ^0 baryons have been observed and its mass was determined to be 5787.8 ± 5.0,stat ± 1.3,syst MeV. Between 2006, when only one b-baryon was known, and 2011 Tevatron discovered all missing non-charmed b-baryons with a single b-quark. An almost unknown field of b-baryons before the Tevatron, became well studied and well understood.

In addition to mesons and baryons, more complex objects like tetraquarks or pentaquarks are expected to exist. With more quarks involved theoretical calculations are becoming more difficult, including predictions of masses and decay modes of these composite particles. Searches and studies of these “exotic” particles [95] are mainly experimentally driven, similar to meson and baryon searches before the quark model was established. The first important Tevatron result in this area was the confirmation of the X(3872) state [96] in the J/ψπ+π− decay channel. This particle is expected to contain four quarks, including two c-quarks, or may be a charmonium molecule. Detailed studies by CDF and D0 of the X(3872) production and decay properties provided invaluable input to the theoretical community to understand this exotic particle. With experience in searches for exotic states, the CDF experiment indicated existence of the Y(4140) [97] state observed in the J/ψφ invariant mass spectrum in the decays of B-mesons to J/ψφK, interpreted as another exotic state, potentially containing pairs of c and s-quarks. As with many exotic states, some of the initial verifications by other experiments did not confirm the Y(4140) observation, while confirmation by the D0 experiment [98] (and other experiments) helped to firmly establish existence of the Y(4140).

The search for new exotic states is often challenging due to lack of theoretical guidance. One of the interesting developments is the observation of X(5568) in the decay X(5568) to B^0_sπ±, interpreted as uusb exotic state by the D0 collaboration [99, 100]. Fig. 23 presents results of this analysis in both hadronic and semileptonic decay modes of the B^0_s meson. The combined significance of the observation is 6.7 σ. But neither CDF [101] nor LHC experiments see X(5568) albeit at different beam energies and kinematic selections. More studies, including theoretical predictions of masses and decays of such exotic states, are critical to understand the situation with various exotic states seen by the experiments.

![Search results of the exotic state X(5568) in hadronic and semileptonic modes of the B^0_sπ± decay.](image)

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The study of CP violation in the decays of b-mesons was among the central topics in the Tevatron Run II program, stimulated by the initial measurements indicating some deviations from the SM expectations [102, 103]. As more and more data were collected, the agreement with the SM improved and by the end of Run II [104] the results indicated agreement with predictions at the 1σ level.

One of the remaining puzzles from the Tevatron Run II heavy flavor program is the measurement of di-muon anomalous asymmetry [105]. This study measured ratio of μ+μ− pairs to μ−μ− pairs produced at a distance from the proton-antiproton interaction equivalent to B-hadron lifetimes. This ratio differs from unity by (−0.235 ± 0.006stat ± 0.055syst)% . Minus sign indicates more negative vs positive pairs are produced, while by just a fraction of a percent. Only the D0 experiment, due to periodic changes of the magnetic field polarities, was able to reach systematic accuracies required to measure such small deviations. This measurement, while small, is about 3σ above the predicted value from known SM CP-violation sources. This result might indicate the presence of experimental effects not fully accounted in this complex measurement or BSM effects which surface as small
deviations from the theoretical predictions.

The majority of the Tevatron heavy flavor program was devoted to studies of hadrons containing b-quarks as particles with c-quarks are in depth studied at lower energy colliders, including $e^+e^-$ colliders. Still various studies, including mesons and baryons containing c-quarks, have been performed at the Tevatron. One of the important observations was the evidence and then observation of $D^0$ meson mixing using $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi$ decays [106]. This study became possible due to displaced vertex triggering at CDF, which helped to select events with two oppositely charged tracks originated away from the proton-antiproton collision as an evidence for a long-lifetime $D^0$ meson decay. The process with no mixing was rejected at $6.1\,\sigma$, indicating observation of the $D^0$ meson mixing and adding this neutral meson mixing process to similar observations for $K^0$, $B^0$, and $B^0_s$ mesons.

UNDERSTANDING THE STRONG FORCE

With the large data samples provided by the Tevatron at $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$ and 1.96 TeV and a sample of 600 nb$^{-1}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 630$ GeV, the new era of precision $p\bar{p}$ QCD measurements began. QCD predictions were tested by comparing with the measurements of the ratio of inclusive jet cross sections at $\sqrt{s} = 630$ and 1800 GeV, dijet cross sections, and a set of photon and photon+jet final state measurements for both $\sqrt{s} = 630$ GeV and $\sqrt{s} = 1800$ GeV during Run I. The strong coupling constant, a free parameter of QCD, was measured from inclusive jet production, and its running was verified over a wide range of momentum transfers. The groundwork for extensive Run II studies of $W/Z$+jet final states was laid by measurements of the cross sections and the properties of vector boson production in association with jets.

The D0 inclusive jet data were used to extract values of the strong coupling constant $\alpha_s$ in the interval of 50 < $p_T^{jet}$ < 145 GeV [107]. The best fit over 22 data points leads to $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1161^{+0.0048}_{-0.0048}$ with improved accuracy as compared to the Run I CDF result [108], $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1178^{+0.0121}_{-0.0121}$, and also in agreement with the result from HERA data [109]. A new quantity $R_{\Delta R}$, which probes the angular correlations of jets, was introduced [110]. It is defined as the number of neighboring jets above a given transverse momentum threshold which accompany a given jet within a given distance $\Delta R$ in the plane of rapidity and azimuthal angle. $R_{\Delta R}$ is measured as a function of inclusive jet $p_T$ in different annular regions of $\Delta R$ between a jet and its neighboring jets and for different requirements on the minimal transverse momentum of the neighboring jet $p_T^{min}$. The data for $p_T > 50$ GeV are well-described by pQCD calculations at NLO in $\alpha_s$ with non-perturbative corrections applied. Results for $\alpha_s(p_T)$ are extracted using the data with $p_T^{min} \geq 50$ GeV, integrated over $R$. The extracted $\alpha_s(p_T)$ results from $R_{\Delta R}$ are, to a good approximation, independent of the PDFs and thus independent of assumptions on the renormalization group equation (RGE). They are in good agreement with previous results and consistent with the RGE predictions for the running of $\alpha_s$ for momentum transfers up to 400 GeV (see Fig. 24).

The combined $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ result, integrated over $\Delta R$ and $p_T$, is $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1191^{+0.0048}_{-0.0071}$ in good agreement with the world average value [111].

High-$p_T$ jets are a sensitive probe of the proton PDFs at high parton momentum fraction $x$. Both Tevatron experiments performed precise measurements of inclusive jet multiplicity cross sections, doubly differential in jet $p_T$ and jet rapidity $y$, using various jet reconstruction algorithms, such as the $k_T$ algorithm [113] and the cone-based algorithm [114, 115]. These measurements, corrected to the hadron level, are in good agreement with NLO pQCD calculations (see Fig. 25) and place important constraints on the PDFs at high $x$. CDF also explored for the first time the substructure of very high-$p_T$ jets [116], launching a technique which later evolved into a standard tool at the LHC.

High-$p_T$ photons emerge directly from $p\bar{p}$ collisions and provide a probe of the parton hard scattering process with a dominating contribution from $qg$ initial state. Being a direct probe of the parton dynamics, they are of great interest in high energy physics. First cross section measurements were done in Run I [117–121]. In Run II, the inclusive photon production cross sections have been measured by the D0 and CDF collaborations with photons in the central rapidity region [122, 123]. The results shown in Fig. 26 are in agreement within experimental uncertainties between the two experiments, and both indicate some tension between NLO pQCD and data at low $p_T$. The D0 and CDF inclusive photon data together with ATLAS and CMS data [124, 125] have been used to...
predictions. For presentation, the measurements in different sections (black squares) as a function of $y^{\text{jet}}$ the contribution from fragmentation photons measured in the three bins between the photons function of the diphoton mass ble resonances decaying to a photon pair, both collab-cross section when varying the theoretical scales by factors of 2. The shaded region indicates the uncertainty in the cross-section estimated with CTEQ6.1M PDFs. The D0 and CDF inclusive photon data together with ATLAS and CMS results shown in Fig. 27. The measured double differential diphoton production cross sections as functions of $M_{\gamma\gamma}$ (a), $p_T^{\gamma\gamma}$ (b), and $p_T^{\gamma}$ for $80 < M_{\gamma\gamma} < 350$ GeV (c) by the D0 experiment.

The production of a $W$ or $Z$ boson with accompanying hadronic jets provides quantitative tests of QCD through the comparison of the jet multiplicity distributions and of various kinematic distributions with the theoretical predictions to probe the underlying matrix elements. In addition, events with multiple jets produced in association with $W$ or $Z$ bosons form a background for a variety of physics processes, including Higgs boson and top quark production, and supersymmetry searches, so their precision measurements are important.

In Run I, studies of $W$ and $Z$ boson production in association with jets were initiated by the measurement of the ratio of $W + 1$-jet to $W + 0$-jet events [134], the measurement of the cross section and study of kinematic properties of direct single $W$ boson production with jets [135], the study of jet properties in $Z +$jets events [136, 137] and the study of color coherence effects in $W +$jet events [138]. The large data sample in Run II allowed both CDF and D0 experiments to conduct extensive studies of $W$ and $Z$ boson production in association with jets.
the two lepton flavors. Results for various observables are and can be used to improve the modeling.

This variable is often used as the renormalization and of the W boson and all jets and comparison to various theoretical predictions. Such a variable is important for understanding tion of dijet rapidity separation in inclusive W + 2-jets events. This variable is important for understanding the Higgs boson production via vector-boson fusion, and also sensitive to “small-x” dynamics. The data corrected for detector effects and the presence of backgrounds are compared to a variety of theoretical predictions. Fig. 29 shows the differential distributions of W + n-jets events as functions of H_T, the scalar sum of the transverse energies of the W boson and all p_T > 20 GeV jets in the event. This variable is often used as the renormalization and factorization scale for theoretical predictions for vector boson plus jets processes, so accurate predictions of H_T distributions are important. There are significant variations in the shapes of the H_T spectrum from the various theoretical predictions, PYTHIA, SHERPA, HERWIG, ALPGEN, showing discrepancies of the order of 25% in the one-jet bin and up to 50% in the 4-jets bin. These data are significantly more precise than theoretical predictions and can be used to improve the modeling.

The CDF experiment presented a similarly extensive analysis of Z/γ^* (→ e^+e^-, μ^+μ^-) + jet production utilizing the full CDF dataset of 9.6 fb^{-1} [140]. The cross sections are unfolded to the particle level and combined for the two lepton flavors. Results for various observables are compared with theoretical predictions. In addition, the effect of NLO electroweak virtual corrections [141] on the Z/γ^* + jet production has been studied and included in the comparison with the measured cross sections. Fig. 30 shows the measured differential cross section as a function of the variable H_T^{jet} = Σp_T^{jet}, similar to the one described previously. The approximate NNLO LOOPSIM + MCFM (nNLO) prediction [142], used with NNLO PDF and 3-loop running α_s, provides better modeling of the data and shows a significantly reduced scale uncertainty.

The measurement of the W boson production in association with a b-quark jet provides an important test of QCD, as it is sensitive to heavy-flavor quarks in the initial state. W + b-jet production is a substantial background for searches for the Higgs boson in WH production with a decay of H → bb, for measurements of top-quark properties in single and pair production, and for searches for new physics. The CDF collaboration published results for the cross section for jets from b-quarks produced with W boson using 1.9 fb^{-1} of data [143]. The events were selected by identifying W → ev and W → μν decays and requiring to contain one or two jets with E_T > 20 GeV and |η| < 2. The measured b-jet production cross section of σ × BR(W → lv) = 2.74 ± 0.27_{stat} ± 0.42_{syst} pb is higher than the NLO theoretical prediction of 1.22±0.14 pb, indicating the need for higher order predictions. D0 extended this study to differential cross section measurements as a function of jet transverse momentum [144].

The study of associated production of a W boson and a charm quark at hadron colliders provides direct access to the strange quark content of the proton at an energy scale of the order of the W-boson mass. This sensitivity is due to the dominance of strange quark-gluon fusion. In leading order, the production of W boson with single charm quark in pp collisions is described by the scattering
of a gluon with a $d$, $s$, or $b$ quark; however, at the Tevatron the large $d$ quark content in the proton is compensated by the small quark-mixing CKM matrix element $|V_{cd}|$, while the contribution from $gb \to Wc$ is heavily suppressed by the $|V_{cb}|$ value and the $b$-quark PDF. The CDF collaboration presented the first observation of the production of a $W$ boson with a single charm quark in $p\bar{p}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV [145]. The charm quark is identified via the semileptonic decay of the charm hadron into a soft electron or muon, so charm jets are required to have an electron or muon within the jet (the so-called “soft lepton tagging”), while the $W$ boson is identified through its leptonic decay by looking for an isolated electron or muon carrying large transverse energy $E_T$ and large missing transverse energy $E_T$ in the event. Events are classified based on whether the charge of the lepton from the $W$ boson and the charge of the soft lepton have opposite or the same sign. The $Wc$ signal is observed with a significance of $5.7 \sigma$. The production cross section for $p_T^c > 20$ GeV and $|\eta| < 1.5$ is $\sigma \times BR(W \to l\nu) = 13.5^{+4.4}_{-3.1}$ pb and is in agreement with theoretical predictions.

The D0 collaboration extended the study of $Z$+jets production to include $Z + b$-jet production by utilizing the full data set of 9.7 fb$^{-1}$ [146]. The ratios of the differential cross sections as a function of $p_T^c$ and $p_T^{jet}$ are presented in Fig. 31, compared with predictions from MCFM, ALPGEN, and SHERPA. None of the predictions examined provides a consistent description of the distributions. The D0 collaboration also reported the first measurement of associated charm-jet production with a $Z$ boson [147]. Results are presented as measurements of the ratio of cross sections for the $Z + c$-jet to $Z + j$-jet production as well as the $Z + c$-jet to $Z + b$-jet production in events with at least one jet, to benefit from the cancellation of systematic uncertainties. This analysis used the complete Run II data set of 9.7 fb$^{-1}$. The ratios of differential cross sections as a function of $p_T^c$ and $p_T^{jet}$ are compared to various predictions in Fig. 32. On the average the predictions significantly underestimate the data, which could indicate higher $c$-quark content in the proton than expected.

![Figure 30](image1.png)

**FIG. 30.** Measurement of the $Z/\gamma^* + 1$ jet differential cross section as a function of $|p_T^{jet}|$. The lower and right panels show the data/theory ratio with respect to the theoretical predictions, with the blue shaded bands showing the scale uncertainty of each prediction, and the yellow band corresponding to the experimental systematic uncertainty.

![Figure 31](image2.png)

**FIG. 31.** Ratios of the differential cross sections of $Z + b$-jet to $Z + jet$ association with a $b$-jet to that with a light flavor jet as a function of $p_T^c$ (a) and $p_T^{jet}$ (b). The error bars include statistical and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature. The scale uncertainty band represents the variation of the renormalization and factorization scales by a factor of two.

![Figure 32](image3.png)

**FIG. 32.** Ratios of the differential cross sections of $Z + c$-jet to $Z + jet$ as a function of $p_T^c$ (a) and $p_T^{jet}$ (b). The errors of the data include statistical (inner error bars) and full uncertainties (entire error bars).

### ELECTROWEAK FORCE AND PRECISION MEASUREMENTS

One of the greatest achievements of the Tevatron program was the proof that a hadron collider, besides its established discovery potential, is also an environment appropriate for precision measurements of important SM parameters. The proof was achieved by the accumulation of significant amounts of data and by the effort experimental groups invested to understand and optimize the performance of the detectors.

The potential for precision measurements was most prominently manifested in the measurements of the electroweak parameters, such as the $W$ boson mass and the weak mixing angle. The Tevatron result for the $W$ boson mass is currently the World’s most precise measurement...
of this parameter. Together with the top quark mass, it
provided guidance for the search of the Higgs boson by
constraining its mass through global fits of electroweak
parameters. These measurements are among the most
important parts of the Tevatron legacy, which were made
possible through a very detailed and sophisticated cali-
bration of the relevant components of both CDF and D0
detectors, as well as through the use of the state-of-the-
art analysis tools, including accurate theoretical models
for event simulation.

Initial measurements of the W and Z boson masses
were performed by the UA1 and UA2 experiments af-
ter the W and Z boson discoveries [148–151] by these
experiments at the Sp§S collider at CERN. The weak
vector bosons have been studied at the Tevatron since
the first measurement of the Z boson mass by the CDF
collaboration in 1989 [152]. That original measurement
used 123 $Z\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$ and 65 $Z\rightarrow e^+e^-$ events recorded
with an integrated luminosity of $4.7 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ to obtain a
Z boson mass of $90.9 \pm 0.3 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.2 \text{ (syst)} \text{ GeV}$. Increasingly more precise W boson measurements
were performed at the CDF experiment using the Tevatron
Run I data, and the CDF and D0 experiments using the
Tevatron Run I data [153–156]. In parallel with the
latter, the electron-positron collider LEP II operat-
ing above the Z-boson pole started producing W boson
pairs, first at threshold and later above threshold. High-
light of Tevatron Run I was the combination of the CDF
and D0 measurements of $M_W$, that yielded together [157]
$M_W = 80454 \pm 59 \text{ MeV}$, while the LEP II measure-
ments from the ALEPH [158], DELPHI [159], L3 [160]
and OPAL [161] experiments concluded with a final com-
bined result [162] of $M_W = 80376 \pm 33 \text{ MeV}$. All of these
measurements have been greatly aided by the use of data-
driven measurements of detector efficiencies and calibra-
ations. Large Z boson samples at the Tevatron and the
extremely precise knowledge of the Z boson mass and
width from LEP [162] have made very precise calibra-
tions possible. Tevatron Run II measurements of the W
boson mass are described later in this chapter.

If SM decays for the W and Z bosons are assumed and
NNLO QCD cross sections are used, the total cross sec-
tion times branching fraction measurements can be used
to constrain the Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)
of the proton. Figure 33 shows a comparison of theo-
etical predictions from different PDF sets [163–168]
to the $W\rightarrow \ell\nu$ and $Z\rightarrow \ell\ell$ cross section ratio determined
by CDF [169]. The differential Drell-Yan cross sections provide a significant test of perturbative and
non-perturbative QC and of PDF sets. Both CDF and
D0 have published differential distributions for W and Z
boson production as a function of the boson transverse
momentum $p_T$ [136, 170–180] and rapidity $y$ [181, 182].

At leading order, ignoring potential contributions from
flavor asymmetries of the sea quarks, the charge asym-
metry of W bosons produced at the Tevatron is related to
the asymmetry in the $u$ and $d$ quark PDFs $(u(x_1)/d(x_1)) – u(x_2)/d(x_2)) / (u(x_1)/d(x_1) + u(x_2)/d(x_2))$, where $x_1$ and $x_2$ are the momentum fractions carried by the quarks
in the proton and anti-proton, respectively. Early Teva-
tron measurements [183–188] did not directly measure the W charge asymmetry but instead the charge asym-
metry of the decay lepton, since that can be directly observed whereas the W boson decay signature includes
a missing neutrino. Because of the $V – A$ nature of the
cell, the lepton tends to go backwards in the boson rest
frame, thus washing out the production asymmetry.

In [189] a new method for using a W boson mass
constraint to determine the neutrino momentum, with
two solutions for the longitudinal momentum was pro-
posed. The method depends, to some extent, on theo-
etical models of W boson production and decay to de-
terminite the relative weights for the two neutrino solu-
tions, but allows reconstruction of the W boson rapidity.
Both the CDF [190] and D0 [191] collaborations have used this technique to make direct measurements of the W boson asymmetry. Figure 34 shows the CDF and D0 results compared to theoretical calculations. The W boson charge asymmetry measurement constrains the PDFs needed for precise modeling of W boson production in or-
der to measure its mass.

In the era of precision electroweak measurements, the
mass of the W boson $M_W$ and the effective weak mixing

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**FIG. 33.** $W\rightarrow \ell\nu$ and $Z\rightarrow \ell\ell$ cross section ratio measurement compared to NNLO SM calculations with different PDF sets. The band is the experimental measurement while the points denote predictions from different PDF sets. The ellipses illustrate the estimated input uncertainties in the PDF fits for MSTW08 NLO (dashed) and MSTW08 NNLO (solid).
angle $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}$ continue to be very interesting. In particular, after the direct measurement of the Higgs boson mass [192, 193], all parameters defining the electroweak sector in the SM are known to fairly high precision. As a result, $M_W$ and $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}$ can now be predicted at loop level in terms of other known quantities in the SM. Loop-level predictions for these observables can also be made in extensions of the SM [194]. Therefore, $M_W$ and $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}$ can provide stringent tests of the SM by over-constraining it, just as multiple measurements in the flavor sector have over-constrained the unitarity of the CKM quark-mixing matrix and its CP-violating phase.

Both the CDF [195–197] and the D0 [198, 199] collaborations have performed measurements of the effective weak mixing angle $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}$ using the forward-backward charge asymmetry, measured in Drell-Yan production around the $Z$ pole. The standard measurement method used in most of the CDF measurements and the D0 measurement is to count events with the electron going forward or backwards in the Collins-Soper frame [200]. In these measurements, the raw asymmetry is corrected for detector acceptance, in particular, charge-dependent efficiency differences determined via the tag and probe method. Monte Carlo simulations are then used to generate templates with differing values of $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}$ to find the best fit. Figure 35 summarizes the status of $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}$ measurements in 2018 [201]. The Tevatron results are the most precise for light quarks. In the on-shell renormalization scheme, where $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}} \equiv 1 - M_{\text{top}}^2/M_W^2$, an indirect measurement of $M_W = 80367 \pm 17$ MeV can be extracted in the context of the SM.

While the simulation of W boson production and decay, the detector response and resolution, and the detector calibrations have become increasingly more accurate, the essence of the $M_W$ measurement technique has remained the same over the last two decades [202]. Inclusively produced W bosons decay largely to quark-antiquark pairs, however the measurement of the resulting jet energies cannot be performed with sufficient accuracy to be competitive. Furthermore, the QCD dijet background swamps the W boson signal in this channel, both at the online trigger and at the offline reconstruction level. On the other hand, the electron and muon decay channels are cleanly identifiable with small backgrounds, and the charged lepton momenta can be measured with high accuracy following detailed calibrations.

The disadvantage of the leptonic channels is that the presence of the undetectable neutrino in the two-body decay of the W boson prevents the reconstruction of the invariant mass distribution. Apart from the need for precise calibration of the lepton momentum, in particular, charge-dependent efficiency differences determined via the tag and probe method. Monte Carlo simulations are then used to generate templates with differing values of $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}$ to find the best fit. Figure 35 summarizes the status of $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}$ measurements in 2018 [201]. The Tevatron results are the most precise for light quarks. In the on-shell renormalization scheme, where $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}} \equiv 1 - M_{\text{top}}^2/M_W^2$, an indirect measurement of $M_W = 80367 \pm 17$ MeV can be extracted in the context of the SM.

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that predicts the $p_T(W)$ spectrum. In the second approach, the hadronic activity measured in the event is used to obtain information about $p_T(W)$ on an event-by-event basis. In most of the events, the hadronic activity recoiling against the $W$ boson has small net $p_T$ and is fairly diffuse, hence reconstruction of collimated jets is not performed. Instead, an inclusive vector sum of transverse energies over all calorimeter towers (excluding towers containing energy deposits from the charged lepton) yields a measurement of the recoil $p_T$ vector (denoted by $\vec{a}_T$), and $\vec{p}_T(W) \equiv -\vec{a}_T$. In this approach, the nonlinear response and resolution affecting the $\vec{a}_T$ measurement, including the energy flow from the underlying event (spectator parton interactions) and additional $pp$ collisions (both synchronous and asynchronous with the hard scatter), have to be carefully estimated. A measurement of $\vec{p}_T(\nu) \equiv -\vec{p}_T(\ell) - \vec{a}_T$ can be deduced by imposing transverse momentum balance. The Jacobian edge is also present in the transverse mass distribution, analogous to the invariant mass but computed using only the $\vec{p}_T$ of the charged lepton and the neutrino; $m_T = \sqrt{2p_T^\ell p_T^\nu (1 - \cos \Delta \phi)}$, where $\Delta \phi$ is the azimuthal opening angle between the two decay products. In practice, the distributions of $m_T$, $p_T^\ell$ and $p_T^\nu$ are all used to extract (correlated) measurements of $M_W$, with different systematic uncertainties. The redundancy minimizes the model dependence of the systematic uncertainties, yielding a final measurement whose precision scales with the luminosity.

Figure 36 summarizes the status of $M_W$ measurements [203]. The most recent combination of all Tevatron measurements to date is $M_W = 80387 \pm 16$ MeV, which significantly surpasses the precision achieved by LEP II. The ultra-precise measurement of $M_W$ is in the realm of hadron colliders [204].

In addition to the $W$ boson mass, both Tevatron experiments performed precise direct measurements of the $W$ boson decay width $\Gamma_W$ using data from leptonic $W$ boson decays $W \rightarrow \nu \ell$ [205, 206] and $W \rightarrow \mu \nu$ [205]. The method employed involves normalizing the predicted signal and background distributions and then fitting the shape in the high-$m_T$ region, where the cross section is sensitive to the width. The results of these measurements, $\Gamma_W = 2032 \pm 45_{\text{stat}} \pm 57_{\text{syst}}$ MeV from CDF and $\Gamma_W = 2028 \pm 39_{\text{stat}} \pm 61_{\text{syst}}$ from D0, are in good agreement with the SM prediction $\Gamma_W = 2093 \pm 2$ MeV [207].

The simultaneous production of two weak vector bosons ($W\gamma$, $Z\gamma$, $WW$, $WZ$ or $ZZ$) has been extensively studied by the Tevatron experiments. Diboson production at the Tevatron predominantly occurs via t-channel exchange. The s-channel contributes to the diboson production via direct interaction of gauge bosons through trilinear couplings. Both the CDF and D0 experiments developed extensive diboson research programs as more and more data were available to analyze. Precise knowledge of diboson processes and their proper modeling is highly valuable for various studies. Many diboson processes represent non-negligible backgrounds in the Higgs boson and top quark studies, and searches for supersymmetric particles. Therefore, a complete and detailed understanding of electroweak processes is a mandatory precondition for discoveries of new physics signals. Furthermore, several electroweak analyses represent a proving ground for analysis techniques and statistical treatments used in the Tevatron Higgs boson searches during Run II.

The diboson processes have been studied at the Tevatron since the beginning of Run I. Most of the Run I studies were statistics-limited and focused on setting limits on anomalous trilinear gauge boson couplings [208–222] and diboson production cross sections [223]. The CDF collaboration also reported first evidence for WW production and measured a WW production cross section of $\sigma_{WW} = 10.2^{+5.3}_{-5.1}$ (stat) $\pm 1.6$ (syst) pb in $t\bar{t}l\bar{\nu}l\nu$ final states ($l$ is an electron or muon, $\nu$ is a neutrino) [224]. In Run II diboson production was studied mainly in leptonic final states such as $W\gamma \rightarrow t\nu\gamma$ [225], $Z\gamma \rightarrow t\bar{t}\gamma/\nu\nu\gamma$ [226, 227], $WW \rightarrow l\bar{\nu}l\bar{\nu}$ [228–230], $WZ \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ (231, 232) and $ZZ \rightarrow l\ell l\ell$ [233, 234]. These studies included limits on various anomalous boson couplings. A measurement [235] by the CDF collaboration studied the $WW+\text{jets}$ cross section in the purely leptonic final state, differential in the jet multiplicity and also in the jet $E_T$ for the statistically rich $WW(l\nu l\nu)$ final state, as

![FIG. 36. Summary of measurements of the W boson mass [203].](image-url)
shown in Figure 37. Studies of other final states were unfavored due to limiting factors such as detector resolution, irreducible backgrounds, or lack of analysis techniques that would overcome some of the challenges and improve the sensitivity of a measurement. Studies such as those of WW and WZ production employed sophisticated analysis techniques that helped to extract the significant results for $\ell\nu jj$ final states (see the Hunt for the Higgs boson Section).

SEARCHES FOR NEW PHENOMENA

Thanks to the high collision energy and the high cross sections for a hadronic initial state, the Tevatron was an ideal environment for new physics searches. Multiple BSM models proposed over three decades were tested with Tevatron energy frontier data. These models included SUSY, extra dimensions, exotic heavy bosons, fourth fermion family, lepto-quarks, technicolor, magnetic monopoles, and many others. Exclusion limits were placed in the parameter space of all models examined. Some of these limits reached masses of $\sim 1$ TeV, or half of the center-of-mass energy.

During Run I, the CDF experiment observed a very unusual event which created significant interest [236, 237]. This event had two high energy electrons, two high energy photons and large $E_T$ (see Fig. 38(a)). Of particular note was that the $E_T$ was 55 GeV and that the event could not be readily explained as a $W \rightarrow e\nu$, $Z \rightarrow ee$ or radiative versions of any combination of the above. There were no searches for this type of event at the time, and while the large $E_T$ was suggestive of SUSY, there were no models that were in favor that had photons in the final state.

While a detailed description of the set of models which were proposed to explain this event is beyond the scope of this review, a long-lasting impact was the rise of interest in gauge-mediated supersymmetry breaking (GMSB) SUSY [238]. Examples of production and decay chain include $\tilde{e}\tilde{e} \rightarrow (\tilde{\chi}_1^0\tilde{\chi}_1^0) \rightarrow e\gamma\tilde{G}\tilde{G} \rightarrow e\gamma\gamma E_T$, or similar with chargino pair production and decay with virtual W bosons. GMSB has been a popular hunting ground ever since although no other hint for GMSB or other versions of SUSY were found in Run I [236, 237, 239, 240].

Studies of the $ee\gamma E_T$ event underlined the need to be on the lookout for hints of new particles using model-independent methods; if this event was an example of a new particle decay, then it becomes natural to speculate about what kind of particles produced it and search for other events “like it”. Unbiased follow up was difficult because, since there was no a priori search method for this event, a posteriori methods had to be determined. The simplest quasi-model-independent search method used the idea that this event could have been produced by anomalous $WW\gamma \gamma$ production and decay. SM $WW\gamma \gamma \rightarrow ee\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ee\gamma E_T$ production and decay was the dominant background to this event type, with $10^{-6}$ events expected. The signature-based way to look for this type of production is to consider all $\gamma\gamma$ events and search each for evidence of associated $WW$ production and decay, for example in the $WW\gamma \gamma \rightarrow (jj)(jj)\gamma\gamma$ final state. No excess in this or other $\gamma\gamma$ or $l + \gamma E_T$ searches [236, 237, 239] turned up any further indications of new particles. Other, more model-dependent, but still signature-based searches [241–243] also found no evidence of new physics in Run I or Run II. Ultimately, it was recognized that new, a priori methods of finding and following up on interesting events needed to be found and developed in ways that avoid potential biases. Model-independent and signature-based searches,

![Figure 37](image)

**FIG. 37.** The WW+jets cross section measured by CDF as a function of the jet multiplicity and of the jet $E_T$ in the 1-jet bin, in comparison with predictions. The cross section in the 1-jet multiplicity bin is shown for (a) $15 < E_T < 25$ GeV, (b) $25 < E_T < 45$ GeV, and (c) $E_T > 45$ GeV.

![Figure 38](image)

**FIG. 38.** (a) An event display of the CDF $ee\gamma E_T$ candidate event observed in Run I. (b) The significance $P$ of the excess, in units of standard deviations, obtained using SLEUTH at the D0 experiment from Run I.
in particular SLEUTH, which is discussed below, arose at the D0 experiment in Run I for these reasons.

Signature-based searches emerged at the end of Run I. The analysis selection criteria are established before doing the search to separate each data event into a unique group based on its final state particle objects. For example, objects passing standardized lepton, photon, $E_T$, jet, b-tagging identification requirements, and above various $p_T$ thresholds are selected. With a clear definition of all event requirements this allows for definite predictions of the rates and kinematic properties of events from the SM processes. Note that there is no prediction of what new physics might create such events, just a comparison to the SM-only hypothesis, and, consequently, there are no parameters to be optimized for sensitivity. Many searches were done in Run I and Run II which followed this methodology.

The major leap forward in this area was the development of the quasi-model-independent SLEUTH formalism at the D0 experiment [244]. SLEUTH traded the ability to optimize for a particular model of new physics, for breadth in covering a wide territory of parameter space. By looking for excesses in the tails of distributions, with a bias towards the large $Q^2$ interactions, as it is more likely that new physics has a large scale or mass, since the lower scales and masses are already well probed, SLEUTH searched for regions in the data that were not well described by the SM-only predictions. SLEUTH made a novel use of pseudoexperiments (and was a powerful early user of these methods) to quantify how unusual the largest observed deviation was. As a test, SLEUTH was able to show that it could find WW and top quark pair production in the dilepton final state in the case that neither were included in the SM modeling. Ultimately, SLEUTH was run on ~ 50 final states of the D0 experiment data and compared the fluctuations to expectations [245, 246] (see Fig. 38(b)). The distribution of the fluctuations were consistent with statistical expectations. This methodology was eventually adopted by other experiments, for example the HERA experiments [247] and the CDF experiment in Run II, where it was extended for the other types of systematic, model-independent search strategies.

Following the early development of the signature-based searches in Run I, both the CDF and the D0 experiments did model-independent searches for new physics looking for discrepancies between data and SM predictions in the events characterized with high transverse momentum. These were done using the SLEUTH, BUMP HUNTER and VISTA programs [218, 249] at the CDF experiment and similar methods at the D0 experiment [250]. Despite the huge number of final states considered (SLEUTH considered 399 final states, BUMP HUNTER 5036 final states and VISTA considered 19650 final states), no true anomalies emerged although the methods did serve to improve the Monte Carlo simulation when discrepancies were noticed. The most discrepant final state contained $eE_T + b$, but was found to be consistent when taking into account the trials factor. In addition, the CDF experiment searched for new physics in a number of dedicated signature-based searches, specifically: (i) $\gamma\gamma$, $t\gamma + E_T$ and $ll\gamma$ events [251, 252], where more of the famous $ee\gamma\gamma E_T$ event from Run I could have been found; (ii) $\gamma + \text{jet} + b + E_T$ final state [253]; (iii) two jets and large $E_T$ events [254]; (iv) $ZZ + E_T \rightarrow l\ell q + E_T$ events [255]; and (v) $p\bar{p} \rightarrow (3\text{jets})$ events [256]. In all of these searches data agreed with the SM prediction, and no new physics was found.

One of the primary analysis techniques to search for new particles, which was developed long before the advent of colliders, is to look for resonances in the invariant mass distribution of two final-state objects. This method can be used for a large number of different final states and a signature of this type can arise from new fermions and gauge bosons, excited fermions, leptoquarks, technicolor particles and in other models.

While there are many different models that predict new fermions from extending the number of generations in the SM, the experiments focused on searches for new heavy quarks that decay to a massive vector boson $V = W, Z$ and a SM quark. The CDF experiment searched for pair production and decay of fourth generation $b'$-quarks that decay exclusively via $b' \rightarrow bZ$ [257]. The analysis was done in the $ll+3$ jets final state. No significant excess is observed and $b'$-quarks are excluded with $m_{b'} < 268$ GeV at 95% C.L. (see Fig. 39(a)). Another analysis by the D0 experiment searched for vector-like quarks, $Q$, in the single-quark electroweak production in association with SM quarks [258]. At hadron colliders, electroweak production of vector-like quarks can be significant, but depends on $m_Q$ and the coupling strength with SM quarks, $\bar{c}_{gQ}$. Single production and decay of $pp \rightarrow gQ \rightarrow q[Vq]$ can produce an excess of events in the $V+2\text{jets}$ final state. Limits are set as a function of the various model parameters; for $\bar{c}_{gQ} = 1.0$ the process $Qq \rightarrow Wq$ is excluded for a mass $m_Q < 693$ GeV (see Fig. 39(b)), and the process $Qq \rightarrow Zqq$ is excluded for a mass $m_Q < 449$ GeV at 95% C.L. Other searches for fourth generation quark pair production include decays to top quarks [259–265]. These encompass $b' \rightarrow tW$, $t' \rightarrow Wb$ and $t' \rightarrow Wq$. Similar searches for a new heavy particle $T \rightarrow t+X$, where $X$ is an invisible particle, found no evidence of new physics (see Figs. 39(c) and 39(d)).

The new gauge bosons predicted in left-right symmetric models $(SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R)$, grand unified theories (e.g. $E_6$), or by the introduction of gauge groups beyond the SM are typically referred to as the $W'$ or $Z'$ bosons. Both the CDF and the D0 experiment searched for $W'$ bosons in many different final states including $W' \rightarrow l\nu$, $tb$ and $WZ$. The most common searches are in the $W' \rightarrow e\nu$ [266, 267] channel and no excess of events is observed. With the assumption that $W' \rightarrow WZ$
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A new $Z'$ boson will occur in theories where BSM gauge groups have an additional $U(1)$ gauge group. The most common analysis is to search for a narrow resonance in the $Z' \to ll$, $jj$, $tt$ or $WW$ mass distribution. Both the D0 [272] and the CDF [273–275] experiment looked for these signatures in dilepton final states. Fig. 41(a) shows the $M_{ee}$ distribution from the CDF experiment, exhibiting a modest excess of events in data around $M_{Z'} \sim 240$ GeV. If only SM physics is assumed in the search region, this excess had a significance of $2.5\sigma$. The D0 experiment did not observe any significant excess, as shown in Fig. 41(b), and 95% C.L. upper limits on $\sigma \times BR(pp \to Z' \to ee)$ for various models are set, varying between $M_{Z'} > 772$ GeV and $M_{Z'} > 1023$ GeV. In both $Z' \to ll$ and $Z' \to \mu\mu$ searches no significant excess was observed, with limits on production of the $Z'$ boson for various models set between $M_{Z'} > 817$ GeV and $M_{Z'} > 1071$ GeV. Other searches for $Z' \to jj$ and $tt$ found no excesses [56, 276–278] (see Figs. 41(c) and 41(d)). Lepton flavor violating searches, for example $Z' \to e\mu$, $e\tau$, $\mu\tau$ are typically done in the context of R-parity violating SUSY, but have $Z'$ interpretations [279].

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symmetry-breaking mechanism predicts the existence of one neutral scalar particle, the Higgs boson, whose mass \((m_H)\) is a free parameter. Finding the last unobserved fundamental particle of the SM, the Higgs boson, was a major goal of particle physics, and the search for its existence was a central component of the Tevatron Run II program.

Direct searches at the CERN LEP collider have set a limit on the Higgs boson mass of \(m_H > 114.4\) GeV at the 95% C.L. \([292]\), providing a lower limit on the mass of the Higgs boson. SM precision electroweak fits with data available by early 2000’s limited the mass of the Higgs boson to be below 200 GeV. This mass range from \(~115\) GeV to \(~200\) GeV fitted well the range where Tevatron was sensitive to the Higgs boson and, as we will see below, provided critical evidence of the Higgs boson existence and its coupling to fermions.

Theoretical predictions of the Higgs boson production in proton-antiproton collisions and various modes of its decay were understood well before the Higgs boson discovery. The plots in Fig. 43 and Fig. 44 provide information about Higgs boson production and decays which served for developing the strategy of the Higgs boson searches at the Tevatron.

![Figure 41](image1.png)

**FIG. 41.** The dielectron invariant mass in the search for \(Z' \rightarrow ee\) from (a) the CDF and (b) the D0 experiments. The 95% C.L. upper limits on the \(\sigma \times \text{BR}(Z' \rightarrow t\bar{t})\) as a function of the \(M_{Z'}\) from (c) the D0 and (d) the CDF experiment.

![Figure 42](image2.png)

**FIG. 42.** The 95% C.L. upper limits on (a) \(\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow YY \rightarrow jjjj)\) as a function of \(M_Y\) and (b) \(\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow X \rightarrow YY \rightarrow jjjj)\) in the \(M_Y\) vs. \(M_X\) plane from the CDF experiment.

![Figure 43](image3.png)

**FIG. 43.** Production cross sections of the Higgs boson for gluon fusion and associated with vector bosons production modes at the Tevatron.

Fig. 43 indicates that the cross sections for gluon fusion (upper curve) and associated production with W and Z bosons in the mass range where the Higgs boson was expected are in the 0.1-1 pb range, which requires substantial luminosity to create even a few Higgs bosons. There are other Higgs boson production mechanisms, like vector boson fusion, which have even lower cross sections. With increase in the mass of the Higgs boson the cross sections are going down as the center of mass energy of partons required to create a higher mass state is increasing. Associated production requires about 100 GeV higher center of mass energy, in comparison to the gluon fusion, to

the leptoquark interpretation of the excess \([283, 284]\).

Searches for BSM physics were among the most numerous at the Tevatron energy frontier, with the largest number of papers published among all Tevatron study topics.

**HUNT FOR THE HIGGS BOSON**

Within the SM \([285-287]\), spontaneous breaking of electroweak symmetry gives mass to the W and Z bosons \([288-291]\), and to the fundamental fermions via their Yukawa interactions with the Higgs field. The
produce a W or Z boson and this reduces the associated production cross section by about an order of magnitude. For the, by now known, Higgs boson mass of 125 GeV the total number of the Higgs bosons produced in the full 10 fb$^{-1}$ of the Tevatron Run II data set was $\sim 10^6$. Even with such relatively large number of the Higgs bosons produced it was challenging to unambiguously detect the Higgs boson due to its multiple decay channels as well as substantial backgrounds.

Fig. 44 presents the probability of the Higgs boson to decay into various final states vs. the Higgs boson mass. At lower masses the most probable decay mode is to a pair of b-quarks – the heaviest quark the Higgs boson in this mass range could decay – as the Higgs boson coupling is proportional to a particle mass. As the Higgs mass increases and approaches the mass for on-shell decays to pairs of W or Z bosons, the branching fraction into these decays is increasing rapidly. There are many other decay channels with probabilities in the 0.1% to 10% range which were important for the search and the discovery of the Higgs boson. While they have lower branching fractions, some of them have substantially lower backgrounds and this was critical for the Higgs boson searches as we will see later.

![Branching Ratio vs. Higgs Mass](image)

**FIG. 44.** The Higgs boson branching fraction mass dependence.

Naively the most preferable search channel could be based on the Higgs boson production via two-gluon fusion, due to its high cross section as shown in Fig. 43. But this channel has much higher backgrounds in comparison with associated production as the final state has only two particles from the Higgs boson decay. For the most copious decay channel at low Higgs boson mass with two b-quarks, searches are in practice impossible as the cross section of the pair production of jets with $\sim 100$ GeV transverse energy is six orders of magnitude higher. Inclusive Higgs boson production can be used for searches with the decay channels such as $\gamma\gamma$, WW and ZZ. While the high energy photon detection efficiency is close to 100%, for vector bosons their leptonic decay channels with $\sim 10\%$ branching fraction are often used, reducing substantially the number of potentially detectable Higgs bosons. For one of the cleanest Higgs boson decay modes, into a pair of photons, the total number of such decays produced by the Tevatron was $\sim 20$ which, after taking into account acceptance, energy resolution, triggering and identification efficiencies as well as non-negligible backgrounds, was not enough to observe a significant diphoton effective mass peak.

Associated production of the Higgs boson with vector bosons (W or Z) has lower cross section, but adds an extra heavy particle to the final state which helps greatly to “tag” events with the production of the Higgs boson. Channels with vector bosons decaying into a pair of leptons in the final states to tag the event and the Higgs boson decaying, for example, to a pair of b-quarks, became the most sensitive channels in the Higgs boson searches for masses between 115 and 140 GeV. Multiple other final states, including with $\tau$ leptons, vector bosons decaying to jets and others, have been used to search for the Higgs boson at the Tevatron and the most sensitive results came from the combination of all these channels as described below.

Taking into account the Higgs boson production and decay channels as well as estimates of the potential backgrounds coming both from physics processes and from mis-identification of various physics objects (such as $\tau$ leptons, jets, b-quarks, etc.), the projections for the Higgs boson searches at the Tevatron as of early Run II are presented in Fig. 45. Lower (narrow) curves in the 110-130 GeV region were updates to the original search sensitivity due to improved tagging of b-quarks expected with advanced silicon detectors and algorithms. The search sensitivity included various production and decay channels as well as known backgrounds, while systematics on the expected backgrounds were not taken into account.

Fig. 45 shows that with 10 fb$^{-1}$ of luminosity the SM Higgs boson can be excluded in the whole by then allowed mass range, evidence for the Higgs boson can be obtained in a large fraction of this range, while for the discovery over 20 fb$^{-1}$ are required. It is remarkable that by the end of the Tevatron Higgs program the original Fig. 45 estimates proved to be pretty accurate, except that at lower masses systematic uncertainties related to the backgrounds from SM W/Z+jets production reduced the sensitivity by about a factor of two. By 2004 the Tevatron luminosity approached 1 fb$^{-1}$ and an exciting phase of the Tevatron Higgs boson searches started to unfold.

As the total number of the Higgs boson events in the channels where the backgrounds were not overwhelming was limited, critical part of the program was to increase the acceptance for various final state particles and to increase their triggering and reconstruction efficiencies. Among examples are the increase in the muon detection
FIG. 45. Projections of the Tevatron Higgs boson searches for 95% C.L. exclusion, 3σ evidence and 5σ discovery as of 2003. The vertical scale is in fb⁻¹ per experiment and assumes combination of the results from CDF and D0.

coverage and triggering in the D0 experiment and extensive use of displaced vertex triggers to tag jets coming from b-quarks in the CDF experiment. In Fig. 46 the b-quark jet identification efficiency from Ref. [293] is shown, presenting the probability of detecting a b-quark jet vs. the probability of confusing a jet from a lighter quark or a gluon as a jet coming from a b-quark. The long lifetime of b-quarks and hence the measurable by the silicon trackers displacement of tracks/secondary vertices from the primary proton-antiproton collision are extensively used for b-quark jet identification. The goal of these efforts was to increase the b-quark jet tagging efficiency while keeping the non-b-jet tagging probability low and then optimize the “working point” of the identification process to have the highest sensitivity to the Higgs boson. Both experiments contributed major efforts to the developments of identification of various other objects critical for the Higgs boson searches, such as \( \tau \) leptons, electrons and muons, photons, jets, including jet energy calibration, and missing energy from escaping neutrinos.

Critical part of the Higgs boson searches was the verification of various methods of particle identification, analysis steps, and estimates of the backgrounds. Various SM processes with final states similar to those expected for the Higgs boson have been used. Among examples, are the detection of the Z boson with decays to b-quark jets (similar to the Higgs boson decay to a pair of b-quark jets) as well as the detection of WW, WZ and ZZ boson pairs. In the di-boson case, replacing one of the vector bosons with the Higgs boson mimics closely the Higgs boson associated production and decay to b-quarks final state.

The excess of events in Fig. 47 [294], which is consistent with electroweak WW, WZ and ZZ boson pair production when one W or Z decays into a pair of jets, is clearly visible on top of the large W+jets, Z+jets and QCD backgrounds. Not only the simulation predicts the correct shape of the observed excess, but also the absolute cross section for di-boson pair production of 18.0 ± 2.8(stat) ± 2.4(syst) ± 1.1(lumi) pb is in good agreement with SM expectations. Observations of the processes in similar final states and with similar cross sections as expected for the Higgs boson production were critical to verify the methods used at the Tevatron to search for the Higgs boson.

FIG. 46. The b-quark jet tagging efficiency and misidentification rate for algorithms described in Ref. [293].

FIG. 47. Characteristic signal of the SM production of WW, WZ and ZZ with decays of one of the vector bosons into a pair of jets over large backgrounds.

With the expected low yields of the Higgs boson events in various final states, new multi-variate-analysis (MVA) methods underwent major developments for the Higgs boson searches at the Tevatron. The Higgs production and decays were well predicted theoretically, so the experiments were able to simulate the Higgs boson events well and large samples of backgrounds (based on the data
and simulation) existed. Using such simulations (and data for some of the backgrounds) various MVA methods were used to train the analysis software to separate the signal from the backgrounds. These methods used all possible differences between signal and background events as opposed to the usually utilized single parameter, like the di-jet invariant mass presented in Fig. 47. The development of MVA methods helped not only with the Higgs boson searches, but with the discovery of the single top quark production [73, 75] which would otherwise not be possible with the available data set.

Another important development for the Higgs boson searches was the combination of a large number of searches in various channels of the Higgs boson production and decay to obtain the combined limits or to measure the significance of the combined excess. The combination was performed using the CLs method with a negative log-likelihood ratio (LLR) test statistic [295, 296] for the signal-plus-background ($s + b$) and background-only ($b$) hypotheses, with $\text{LLR} = -2\ln(L_{s+b}/L_b)$, where $L_{s+b}$ is the likelihood function for the hypothesis $s+b$. Separate channels and bins are combined by summing LLR values over all bins and channels. This method provides a robust means of combining channels while maintaining each individual channel’s sensitivity and different systematic uncertainties. In addition to combining various channels within each Tevatron experiment, the most important Higgs boson searches and later studies came from the combinations of CDF and D0 experiments results. This provided an opportunity to effectively double the data set as well as cross check that results were compatible between the two experiments.

The first significant milestone in the Higgs boson searches at the Tevatron came in early 2010 [27] with 5 fb$^{-1}$ collected by each experiment. At that time Tevatron was able to exclude at 95% C.L. the existence of the Higgs boson between masses of 162 GeV and 166 GeV – the first exclusion above masses excluded by the LEP experiments a decade before. For this result, presented in Fig. 48, CDF and D0 combined their most sensitive “high mass” Higgs boson searches using all channels of the Higgs boson production with decay to a pair of oppositely charged W bosons which in turn decay into leptons. Final states with high transverse momentum electrons and muons and large missing transverse energy coming from escaping neutrinos were used.

Fig. 48 provides limits vs mass, normalized to the SM Higgs boson cross section. The dashed curve is the expected limit based on Monte Carlo simulation, solid curve is the limit actually observed by the experiments. The green region is the $\pm \sigma$ region for the expected limit fluctuations due to statistical and systematic uncertainties and the yellow region is the equivalent $\pm 2\sigma$ region. Normalized values of $R_{\text{H}}$ below 1.0 indicate the Higgs boson mass region excluded at 95% C.L. This result indicated that the Tevatron experiments became sensitive to the SM Higgs boson and with more data and continuing developments of analysis methods should be able to either exclude the Higgs boson in the full allowed mass range or to see the evidence of its existence.

By early 2011, with more data collected, the Tevatron exclusion limits at high mass extended to between 156 and 177 GeV and excess of events at lower masses, at that time not yet significant, started to appear [298]. At the same time precision measurements of the masses of the W boson and the top quark from the Tevatron provided an opportunity, together with the direct Higgs searches, to perform global fits of the SM parameters, including the Higgs boson mass, and to limit the Higgs boson mass to a narrow range of 126$\pm$11 GeV at 95% C.L. presented in Fig. 49 [299]. Well before the Higgs boson was discovered, its mass was known with better than 10% precision thanks to direct searches at LEP and the Tevatron and to the precision measurements of the top quark and the W boson masses.

With the Higgs boson mass expected to be around 125 GeV and no more data expected due to the Tevatron shutdown in late 2011, the Tevatron experiments concentrated on analyzing the full Tevatron data set and improving analysis techniques, such as b-quark jet tagging, critical for this “low mass” region.

In Ref. [300] Higgs boson decays to a pair of b-quarks are analyzed, as this is by far the most sensitive channel for the Higgs boson production at the mass of 125 GeV, and associated production with W and Z bosons was used to reduce backgrounds. The most sensitive variable in this analysis was the invariant mass of the pair of b-quark jets coming from the Higgs boson decay. Due to the jet energy resolution of $\sim 10\%$, limited by the large number of various particles in the jets, the invariant mass distribution for the two jets from the Higgs boson decay has $\sim 12$ GeV width for the Higgs boson with a mass of 125 GeV.
FIG. 49. April 2011 Glitter global fit. $\Delta \chi^2$ of direct and indirect constraints on the Higgs boson mass.

As a result, the di-jet mass distributions characterizing the Higgs boson decays are relatively wide. Fig. 50 from Ref. [300] demonstrates the incompatibility of the observed excess of events, in comparison with the expected backgrounds, at the 3.1\sigma level. This significance includes systematic uncertainties and the “look-elsewhere” effect for searches in the wide mass region.

The dashed line in Fig. 50 indicates the expected value of the background-only p-value for the Higgs boson with a given mass. At 125 GeV the expected sensitivity is around 1.5\sigma. The observed p-value is below the expected within 1-1.5\sigma range, indicating that the observed number of the Higgs boson events in the available data set fluctuated upward, while in statistically comfortable range. The wide distribution for the observed p-value in Fig. 50 is compatible with the expected for the Higgs boson due to limited di-jet mass resolution, as discussed above. This incompatibility with the background-only hypothesis and agreement with the signal expected from the Higgs boson is interpreted as the evidence of the Higgs boson production and decay to a pair of b-quarks.

In July 2012, at the time of Ref. [300] publication, the ATLAS and CMS collaborations published articles [301, 302] announcing the discovery of the Higgs boson, completing the search for the most elusive particle of the SM. The discovery was based on the new particle decays to electroweak bosons. The Tevatron result [300] supported the conclusion that the newly discovered particle is indeed the Higgs boson of the SM, since it decays to fermions as expected.

By the spring of 2013 the Tevatron experiments published their combined paper on the Higgs boson studies using the full Tevatron data set [303]. This paper contains extensive set of references for the Tevatron Higgs boson program. The experiments combined all search channels of the Higgs boson, with many improvements even in comparison with the 2012 publication [300] and the combined result had extremely low probability to be explained by anything, except presence of the Higgs boson. Table II summarizes all Higgs boson channels, including decays to bb, WW, $\tau\tau$, and $\gamma\gamma$, used in Ref. [303]. Fig. 51 presents the background p-value for the final Tevatron SM Higgs boson studies combination. It indicates that at the masses below 110 GeV and above 140 GeV there is an excess of events with the shape defined by the di-jet mass resolution. This excess has significance of 3.0\sigma at 125 GeV with expected significance of 2\sigma, in good agreement with Ref. [300].

The Tevatron provided not only the evidence of the Higgs boson production and decays to b-quarks, but values of the Higgs boson decay parameters in other channels, including $\gamma\gamma$, $\tau\tau$, and WW, as indicated in Fig. 52 from Ref. [303]. It was critically important for our understanding of the electroweak symmetry breaking that all information obtained during the Higgs boson searches and later studies at the Tevatron is compatible with the SM predictions and the particle observed is indeed the SM Higgs boson, as predicted in [288–291].

**TEVATRON LEGACY**

The Tevatron collider program lasts for over 40 years, producing a unique amount of new results and bringing our knowledge of particle physics to a new level through discoveries of new particles and processes, high precision measurements of SM parameters, and exclusions of new physics models. This knowledge is reflected in the number of peer-reviewed publications exceeding one thousand from the two experiments, and even larger number of con-
TABLE II. CDF and D0 Higgs boson study channels used for the combination in Ref. [303]. Channels are combined by the final state of the Higgs boson decay: bb, WW, ττ, and γγ.

| Channel | Luminosity (fb⁻¹) | m_H range (GeV/c²) |
|---------|------------------|-------------------|
| CDF     |                  |                   |
| WH → tEff | 9.45            | 90-150            |
| WH → tEff (3-jet channels) | 9.45 | 90-150 |
| ZH → τνbb | 9.45            | 90-150            |
| ZH → tττbb (2-jet channels) | 9.45 | 90-150 |
| ZH → tττbb (3-jet channels) | 9.45 | 90-150 |
| WH + ZH → jjbb | 9.45 | 100-150 |
| tH → W⁺bbW⁻bb | (4 jets)+(5 jets)+(≥6 jets) | 9.45 | 100-150 |
| H → W⁺W⁻ (0 jets)+(1 jet)+(≥2 jets) | + (low m_W) | 9.7 | 110-200 |
| H → W⁺W⁻ (0 jets)+(2 jets) | 9.7 | 130-200 |
| WH → WW⁺W⁻ (same-sign leptons)+(3 leptons) | 9.7 | 110-200 |
| WH → WW⁺W⁻ (3 leptons with 1 τ had) | 9.7 | 130-200 |
| ZH → ZZ⁺W⁻ (3 leptons with 1 jet, ≥2 jets) | 9.7 | 110-200 |
| H → Z⁺Z⁻ (1 jet)+(≥2 jets) | 6.0 | 100-150 |
| H → τ⁺τ⁻ (0 jets)+(≥1 jet) | 10.0 | 100-150 |
| H → ZZ⁺ (4 leptons) | 9.7 | 120-200 |

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| Channel | Luminosity (fb⁻¹) | m_H range (GeV/c²) |
|---------|------------------|-------------------|
| WH → tEff | 9.7              | 90-150            |
| WH → tEff (3-jet channels) | 9.7 | 90-150 |
| ZH → τνbb | 9.5              | 100-150           |
| ZH → tττbb (2-jet channels) | 9.7 | 90-150 |
| H → W⁺W⁻ (0 jets)+(1 jet)+(≥2 jets) | + (low m_W) | 9.7 | 115-200 |
| H → W⁺W⁻ (0 jets)+(2 jets) | 9.7 | 115-200 |
| H → W⁺W⁺W⁻ (≥3 jets) | 9.7 | 115-200 |
| H → W⁺W⁻ (2 jets) | 9.7 | 100-200 |
| VWH → e⁺e⁻X | 9.7 | 100-200 |
| VWH → µ⁺µ⁻X | 9.7 | 100-200 |
| VWH → τ⁺τ⁻X | 9.7 | 100-200 |
| VWH → τ⁺τ⁻X | 9.7 | 100-200 |
| VWH → τ⁺τ⁻X | 8.6 | 100-150 |
| H → τ⁺τ⁻ | 9.7 | 105-150 |

The most prominent physics achievement of the Tevatron was the discovery of the top quark. This flagship result shaped a large part of the entire Tevatron program in the years after the discovery, focusing on the detailed study of the new particle. It opened a new door in searches for new physics in the top quark sector. Together with the measurement of the W boson mass, it gave a significant boost to the search for the SM Higgs boson, by constraining its mass through the precise measurement of the top quark mass. It also established the power of the MVA methodology for searching small signals overwhelmed by backgrounds, as in the case of the Higgs boson search, through the observation of single top quark production. It gave a boost to pQCD theory, by challenging the predictions for the forward-backward
asymmetry in the top quark pair production and guiding the improvement of calculations of its production.

Another prominent achievement was the evidence for the SM Higgs boson in bottom-antibottom quark decays associated with a weak boson production. This was the direct evidence for the coupling of the Higgs boson to fermions and complemented the observation of this particle by the LHC experiments in decay modes involving electroweak bosons. The search program placed limits on possible production and decay modes of the Higgs boson and scrutinized its properties, measuring cross sections times branching fractions, deriving its couplings to bosons and fermions, and testing its spin and parity. These results supported the conclusion that the new particle is indeed the one predicted by the SM.

In the electroweak sector, among the main achievements was the measurement of the $W$ boson mass with a precision of 2 parts in 10,000. It was achieved through the exhaustive calibration of the detectors with high precision data and the development of sophisticated algorithms to reduce the systematic uncertainties of the measurement using data-driven methods. It stands out as an example of a long collaborative effort to maximize the precision of the final result, among a long list of precision measurements conducted at the Tevatron, such as the top quark mass, the weak mixing angle, and precision heavy quark flavor measurements. This achievement established the precision potential of hadron colliders. Together with the top quark mass measurement, it guided the search for the SM Higgs boson, by constraining its mass. The measurements of the $W$ boson, the Higgs boson, and the top quark masses together verified the consistency of the SM with high precision to give a tight constraint for new physics models.

In the charm and bottom quark sector, the observation of matter-antimatter oscillations in $B^0$ mesons is a representative example from a rich record of legacy measurements. This result verified the SM predictions effectively at high mass and oscillation frequency scales and enhanced our understanding of the quantum mechanical context of particle physics. Together with other critically important results, such as observations of bottom baryons and tests of CP-violating asymmetries, it advanced the competence of hadron colliders to the level, or some times better, of $e^+e^-$ “b-factories” dedicated to heavy flavor physics.

Understanding the strong force with high precision is yet another area where the Tevatron program provided milestone results. High precision measurements of the strong coupling constant and confirmation of its running to much higher energies than studied before provided critical input for understanding the strongest force in Nature. High accuracy results on prompt photon production, diphoton production, and production of vector bosons in association with jets, as well as many other QCD processes, improved greatly the precision of the strong processes calculations. This is critical for establishing a solid ground for predictions of various SM cross sections as well as searches for BSM physics where QCD processes are often an important background.

With high collision energy, the Tevatron was an ideal environment for BSM physics searches. Multiple BSM models proposed were tested using Tevatron energy-frontier data. These models included SUSY, extra dimensions, exotic heavy bosons, fourth fermion family, leptoquarks, technicolor, magnetic monopoles, and many others. Exclusion limits were placed in the parameter space of all models examined. Some of these limits reached masses of about 1 TeV, or half of the center-of-mass energy. While no BSM physics was uncovered with Tevatron data, these searches were critical for rejecting much of the model parameter space.

The Tevatron program contributed to major technological milestones, covering the areas of accelerator technology, superconducting magnets, detector innovation, trigger and data analysis algorithms, and massive computing on the World-wide Grid. The silicon detector technology was advanced by both Tevatron experiments. Major results of the Tevatron physics program were achieved through the silicon detectors and the ability of accurate vertex reconstruction that they offer. The entire concept of triggering was brought to a new level at the Tevatron, making measurements possible. These Tevatron milestones made major contributions to particle physics and paved the way for the next generation of particle physics experiments.

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