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- **Measurement of the Top Quark Pair Production Cross Section in the All-Jets Final State at DØ using Lifetime  $b$  Tagging**

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- **Measurement of the Top Quark Mass in the Lepton+Jets Channel at DØ**

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- **Measurement of the  $W$  Boson Helicity in Top Quark Decay at DØ**

Abstract: Within the standard model, the helicity of the  $W$  boson in top quark decays is determined by the  $V - A$  coupling. Some models of new physics introduce a  $V + A$  component to the  $tWb$  coupling, which can modify the fractions of the different  $W$  boson helicity configurations. We present measurements of the fraction of  $W$  bosons with positive helicity in top quark decays using up to  $370 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of data collected by the DØ experiment at the Fermilab Tevatron collider at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV}$  in  $p\bar{p}$  collisions. We consider  $t\bar{t}$  candidate events selected in both the lepton+jets and dilepton+jets channels. In the lepton+jets channel we use the angular distribution of the charged lepton with respect to the top quark direction in the  $W$  boson rest frame, whereas in the dilepton+jets channel we use the distribution of lepton transverse momenta in the laboratory frame.

- **Measurement of  $B(t \rightarrow Wb)/B(t \rightarrow Wq)$  at DØ**

Abstract: Within the standard model, assuming three generations of fermions and the unitarity of the CKM matrix, the top quark decays nearly 100% of the times into a  $W$  boson and a  $b$  quark. We report on the measurement of  $B(t \rightarrow Wb)/B(t \rightarrow Wq)$ , where  $q$  represents any quark with charge  $Q = -1/3$  and weak isospin  $I_3 = -1/2$ , using about  $230 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of data collected by the DØ experiment at the Fermilab Tevatron collider at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV}$  in  $p\bar{p}$  collisions. We consider  $t\bar{t}$  candidate events selected in the lepton+jets channel, and classify them according to the number of jets that have been identified as  $b$  jets using a lifetime tagging algorithm.

- **Determination of the Charge of the Top Quark at DØ**

Abstract: The top quark, as the weak isospin partner of the bottom quark, should have an electric charge  $Q = +2/3$ . The pair production of a particle with electric charge  $Q = -4/3$ , decaying into  $W^-b$ , would result in the same final state ( $W^+ W^- b\bar{b}$ ) as  $t\bar{t}$  production with standard  $t \rightarrow W^+b$  decays, and has not been excluded experimentally. We perform a search for a top quark with  $Q = -4/3$  using about  $370 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of data collected by the DØ experiment at the Fermilab Tevatron collider at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV}$  in  $p\bar{p}$  collisions. We consider  $t\bar{t}$  candidate events selected in the lepton+jets channel, and identify the charge of the  $b$  quark associated with the isolated lepton in order to determine the charge of the top quark.

- **Search for a Narrow-Width  $t\bar{t}$  resonance at DØ**

Abstract: We report on the search for a narrow-width resonance decaying into  $t\bar{t}$  using about  $370 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of data collected by the DØ experiment at the Fermilab Tevatron collider at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV}$  in  $p\bar{p}$  collisions. We consider  $t\bar{t}$  candidate events selected in the lepton+jets channel, and reconstruct the  $t\bar{t}$  event kinematics by performing a constrained kinematic fit. We reduce the contribution from background by requiring at least one of the jets to be identified as a  $b$  jet. We make use of the  $t\bar{t}$  invariant mass distribution to search for evidence of resonant production.

- **Search for Top Quark Decays into a Charged Higgs boson at DØ**

Abstract: We report on the search for anomalous top quark decay into a charged Higgs boson and a  $b$  quark, using up to  $370 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of data collected by the DØ experiment at the Fermilab Tevatron collider at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV}$  in  $p\bar{p}$  collisions. We consider  $t\bar{t}$  candidate events selected in the lepton+jets channel and examine the event kinematics for evidence of anomalous top quark decay. This allows to set quasi model-independent limits on the  $B(t \rightarrow H^\pm b)$  vs  $M_{H^\pm}$  plane.

- **Search for Single Top Quark Production at DØ**

Abstract: We report on the search for single top quark production using up to  $370 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of data collected by the DØ experiment at the Fermilab Tevatron collider at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV}$  in  $p\bar{p}$  collisions. The standard model predicts two main modes of single top quark production: the s-channel decay of a virtual  $W$  boson and the t-channel exchange of a  $W$  boson. We set upper limits on the cross sections for these two processes.