

Multi-boson production

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Abstract

The studies of the diboson production in $p\bar{p}$ collisions at 1.96 TeV performed by CDF and DØ collaborations at the Tevatron collider are reported in this paper. The diboson events are identified by means of both leptonic and semi-leptonic final states. The presented results use different statistical samples collected by the Tevatron up to 4.8 fb^{-1} . Measured production cross sections are in good agreement with Standard Model predictions and the limits on the anomalous triple gauge boson couplings are competitive with those measured by experiments at the Large Electron-Positron collider (LEP).

1. Introduction

Measurements of the associated production of two vector bosons (γ , W , Z) are important tests of the electroweak sector of the Standard Model (SM). The production of a diboson final state (Fig. 1.) can occur by particle-antiparticle annihilation (t -channel) or by boson self-interaction (s -channel). This kind of final state represents a unique probe for the *triple gauge boson coupling* (TGC). Vector boson self-couplings are fundamental predictions of the SM resulting from the non-Abelian nature of the $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ gauge symmetry theory, which was firstly demonstrated by precision measurement of W^+W^- and ZZ pair production at LEP II [1]. Observing TGCs not permitted in the SM or with different intensity with respect to the SM predictions, would be a sign of new physics. A summary of the different TGC's is reported in Table 1.

The VWW vertices are completely described by 14 independent couplings, 7 each for ZWW and γWW processes. Assuming C and P conservation and electromagnetic gauge invariance, the number of independent parameters can be reduced to 5. A common adopted set is $(\kappa_\gamma, \kappa_Z, \lambda_\gamma, \lambda_Z, g_1^Z)$, where $\kappa_\gamma = \kappa_Z = g_1^Z = 1$ and $\lambda_\gamma = \lambda_Z = 0$, in the SM at tree level. Using constraints due to gauge invariance, κ_Z and λ_Z can be expressed as a function of the other parameters and the weak mixing angle θ_W as: $\kappa_Z = g_1^Z - (\kappa_\gamma - 1) \tan^2(\theta_W)$ and $\lambda_Z = \lambda_\gamma$.

A common formulation to report the independent parameters describing the TGC in VWW vertices is $(\Delta\kappa_\gamma, \Delta g_1^Z, \lambda_\gamma)$, where $\Delta\kappa_\gamma = \kappa_\gamma - 1$ and $\Delta g_1^Z = g_1^Z - 1$.

Deviations from the SM prediction for the $Z\gamma\gamma^*$ and $Z\gamma Z^*$ couplings may be described in terms of 4 param-

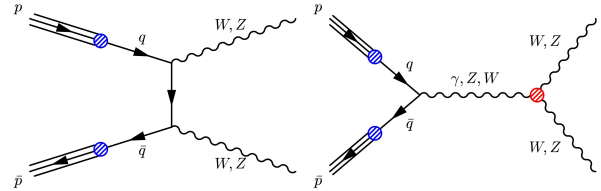


Fig. 1. Diboson production via particle-antiparticle annihilation (t -channel) on the left, and via boson self-interaction (s -channel) on the right.

eters each, h_i^V ($i = 1, \dots, 4$), respectively for $V = \gamma$ and $V = Z$. All these anomalous contributions to the cross section increase rapidly with the center-of-mass energy. In order to ensure unitarity, these parameters are usually described by a form-factor representation, $h_i^V(s) = h_{i0}^V / (1 + s/\Lambda^2)^n$, where Λ is the energy scale for the manifestation of a new phenomenon and n is a sufficiently large power. Usual values adopted for Λ in the presented results are 1.5 TeV and 2 TeV.

Deviations from the SM prediction for the $ZZ\gamma^*$ and ZZZ^* couplings may be described in terms of 2 parameters each, f_i^V ($i = 4, 5$), respectively for $V = \gamma$ and $V = Z$.

All the couplings h_i^V and f_i^V are zero at tree level in the SM.

2. Methods

All the presented analysis have been performed utilizing the data collected by the CDF and DØ detectors installed at the Fermilab's Tevatron, an accelerator capable to collide proton with antiproton at a center-of-mass energy $\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV}$ and an instantaneous luminosity $\mathcal{L} = 3 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Both CDF and DØ are general purpose detectors, cylindrically symmetric around the beam axis which is oriented as the z direction. The polar angle θ is measured from the origin of the coordinate system at the center of the detector with respect to the z axis. The pseudorapidity, transverse energy and transverse momentum are defined as $\eta = -\ln \tan(\theta/2)$, $E_T = E \sin(\theta)$ and $p_T = p \sin(\theta)$, respectively. Detailed descriptions of the features of the two detectors can be found in [2] and [3].

Several combinations of the W^\pm and Z bosons decay channels are utilized to reconstruct the diboson events. High- p_T electrons and muons are widely used in the reconstruction of the vector bosons candidates because of the clear signatures provided in an hadronic environment. Neutrinos are identified evaluating the missing transverse energy (\cancel{E}_T) in the event. The missing E_T is defined by $\cancel{E}_T = |\vec{\cancel{E}}_T|$, $\vec{\cancel{E}}_T = -\sum_i E_T^i \hat{n}_i$, where \hat{n}_i is a unit vector perpendicular to the beam axis and pointing at the i^{th} calorimeter tower. The index i runs over all the calorimeter towers with an energy deposit over a minimum threshold.

An anomalous TGC can affect both the production cross section and kinematics observables of the diboson final states. The p_T or E_T distributions of fully reconstructed candidate bosons or of the charged leptons from

Table 1. Summary of the triple gauge boson couplings.

| Coupling | Final state | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| VWW ($V = Z, \gamma$) | $W \rightarrow W\gamma$ | Not present at LEP |
| | $W \rightarrow WZ$ | |
| | $\gamma \rightarrow WW$ | LEP and Tevatron |
| | $Z \rightarrow WW$ | |
| $Z\gamma\gamma^*$ and $Z\gamma Z^*$ | $\gamma^* \rightarrow Z\gamma$ $Z^* \rightarrow Z\gamma$ | Absent in SM |
| $ZZ\gamma^*$ and ZZZ^* | $\gamma^* \rightarrow ZZ$ $Z^* \rightarrow ZZ$ | |

boson decays are utilized to extract limits on the TGC parameters. These distributions are compared with MC predictions for different set of coupling constants in order to evaluate 95% C.L. limits.

3. Results

The CDF and DØ collaborations are producing many competitive measurements in the diboson sector. In the following the most updated results are presented. Only peculiar features will be discussed.

3.1. $Z\gamma$

The measurement of the cross section for the production of $Z\gamma$ events, with the Z boson decaying in two neutrinos and the photon with $E_T > 90$ GeV and $|\eta| < 1.1$, has been performed by the DØ collaboration using a sample of data corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 3.6 fb^{-1} [4]. The analysed events have been collected with a trigger from a set of high- E_T single EM-cluster triggers, which are $(99 \pm 1)\%$ efficient for photons of $E_T > 90$ GeV. The events selection requires also the presence of a single photon candidate and $\cancel{E}_T > 70$ GeV. The background to the $\gamma + \cancel{E}_T$ signal is mainly due to misidentified W or Z events and to events in which muons from the beam halo or cosmic rays undergo bremsstrahlung and produce energetic photons. This non-collision background is reduced using a pointing algorithm which utilizes the transverse and longitudinal energy distributions in the electromagnetic (EM) calorimeter and central preshower detector, to estimate the position of production vertex (z_{EM}) along the beam direction (z axis). The algorithm assumes that given EM showers are initiated by photons and utilizes the distance of closest approach of the direction of the EM shower to the z axis. Selected events are required to have $|z_{EM} - z_V| < 10$ cm, where z_V is the z position of the reconstructed primary vertex of the event.

After applying all selection criteria 51 candidate events are observed, with a predicted background of $17 \pm 0.6(\text{stat.}) \pm 2.3(\text{syst.})$ events. The measured cross section for the production of $Z\gamma$ events with $Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$ and the photon with $E_T > 90$ GeV is:

$$\sigma = 32 \pm 9(\text{stat.} + \text{syst.}) \pm 2(\text{lumi.}) \text{ fb}$$

This result is in good agreement with the next-to-leading order (NLO) prediction of 39 ± 4 fb. The statistical significance of this measurement has been estimated performing 10^8 background-only pseudo-experiments: the p-value is evaluated as the fraction of pseudo-experiments with an estimated cross section above the measured one. This probability is found to be $3.1 \cdot 10^{-7}$, which corresponds to a statistical significance of 5.1 standard deviations, making this the first observation of the $Z\gamma \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}\gamma$ process at the Tevatron.

The limits on the anomalous triple gauge couplings (aTGC) are evaluated comparing the photon E_T spectrum in data with that from the sum of the background and the predicted signal for each pair of couplings for a grid in which h_{30}^γ runs from -0.12 to 0.12 with a step of 0.01 and h_{40}^γ runs from -0.08 to 0.08 with step of 0.001. The MC samples are generated with a leading order (LO) $Z\gamma$ generator (corrected for the NLO with an E_T -dependent K -factor) for the form-factor $\Lambda = 1.5$ TeV. The resulting one-dimension limits in the neutrino channel alone are $|h_{30}^\gamma| < 0.036$, $|h_{40}^\gamma| < 0.0019$, $|h_{30}^Z| < 0.035$, $|h_{30}^Z| < 0.0019$. To further improve the sensitivity these measurements are combined with the limit evaluated for the $Z\gamma \rightarrow ll\gamma$ ($l = e, \mu$) channels on

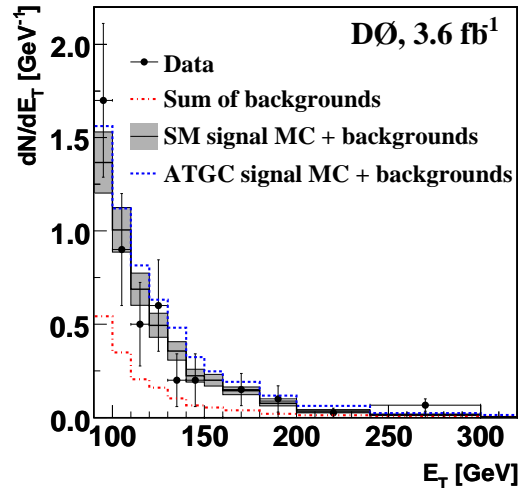


Fig. 2. Photon E_T distribution in data, compared with the sum of backgrounds, the sum of MC signal and background for the SM prediction (solid line) and for the aTGC prediction with $h_{30}^\gamma = 0.09$ and $h_{40}^\gamma = 0.005$ (dashed line). The shaded band corresponds to the ± 1 standard deviation total uncertainty on the predicted sum of SM signal and background.

a 1 fb^{-1} data sample, previously analysed [5] by the DØ collaboration. The combination of all three channels yields the most stringent limits on the aTGC set at a hadron collider to date, reported in Table 2. The limits on the h_{30}^Z , h_{30}^Z and h_{40}^γ couplings improve on the constraints from LEP II, and are the most restrictive to date.

Table 2. One-dimension 95% C.L. limits obtained by the DØ collaboration in the analysis of the $ZZ\gamma$ and $Z\gamma\gamma$ couplings.

| Parameter | 95% C.L. |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| $ h_{30}^\gamma $ | (-0.033, +0.033) |
| $ h_{40}^\gamma $ | (-0.0017, +0.0017) |
| $ h_{30}^Z $ | (-0.033, +0.033) |
| $ h_{40}^Z $ | (-0.0017, +0.0017) |

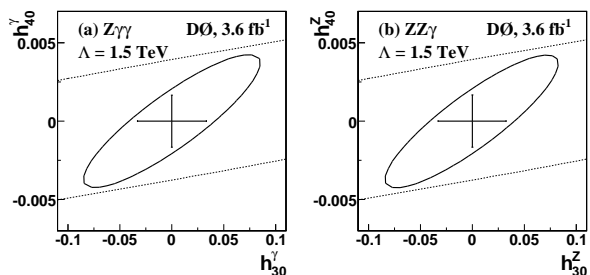


Fig. 3. Two-dimensional bounds (ellipses) at 95% C.L. on CP-conserving $Z\gamma\gamma$ (left) and $ZZ\gamma$ (right) couplings. The crosses represent the one-dimension bounds at the 95% C.L. setting all other couplings to zero. The dashed lines indicate the unitarity limits for $\Lambda = 1.5$ TeV.

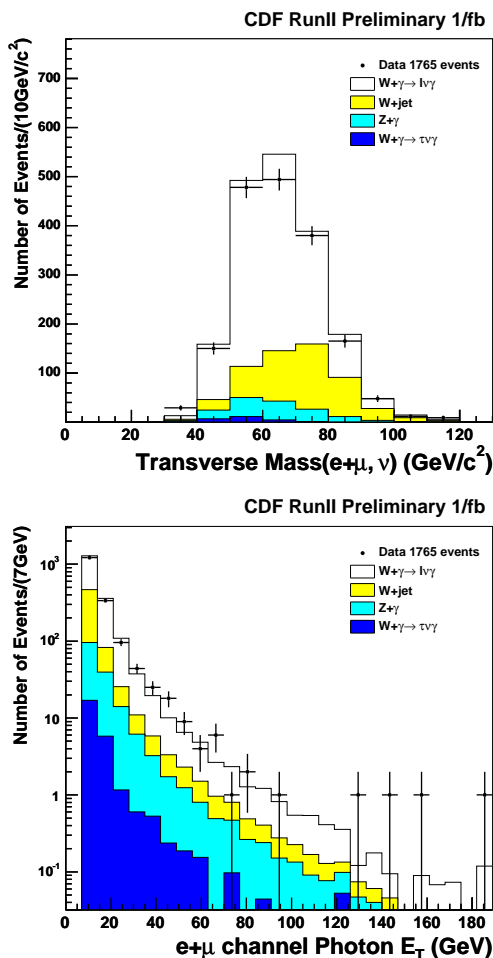


Fig. 4. Transverse mass distribution of the reconstructed W^\pm boson (upper), and transverse energy distribution for the candidate photon (lower).

3.2. $W\gamma$

The measurement of the cross section for the associated production of W^\pm and γ bosons has been performed by the CDF collaboration on a data sample corresponding to 1 fb^{-1} [6].

The W boson is reconstructed utilizing its decay in electron and neutrino or muon and neutrino. The $W \rightarrow e\nu$ events are selected requiring a candidate electron with $E_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ and $|\eta| < 1.1$, and $\cancel{E}_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$, while the $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ events are selected requiring a candidate muon with $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}/c$ and $|\eta| < 1.1$, and $\cancel{E}_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$. Furthermore the transverse mass (M_T) of the candidate W boson is required in the range $30 < M_T < 120 \text{ GeV}/c^2$. The candidate photons must have $E_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$ and $|\eta| < 1.1$. The distribution of the transverse mass of the candidate W boson and of the transverse energy of the candidate photon are compared in Fig. 4. with the simulation expectation.

The measured cross section for the production of $W\gamma$ events, with the W boson decaying in $e\nu$ or $\mu\nu$ and the photon with $E_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$ is:

$$\sigma = 18.03 \pm 0.65(\text{stat.}) \pm 2.55(\text{sys}) \pm 1.05(\text{lumi.}) \text{ pb.}$$

This result is in good agreement with the SM prediction of $19.3 \pm 1.4 \text{ pb}$.

An analysis using analogous techniques and performed by the DØ collaboration on a data sample corresponding to 162 pb^{-1} [7] evaluated 95% C.L. limits on $WW\gamma$

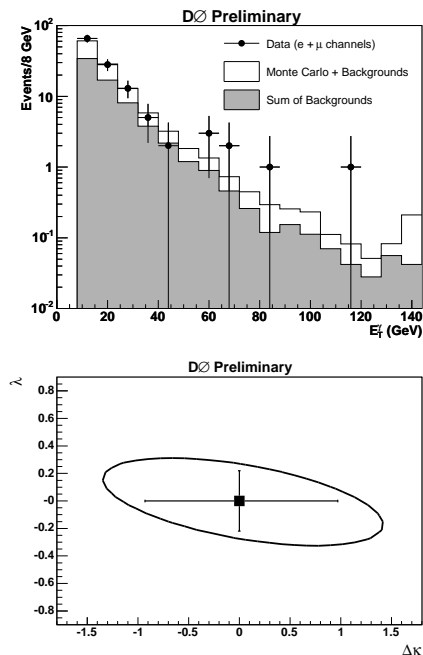


Fig. 5. Transverse energy distribution of the reconstructed photon (upper), and comparison between one-dimension and two-dimension limit at 95% C.L. on the aTGC parameters for the $WW\gamma$ coupling (lower).

aTGC. The limits are extracted from the comparison of the E_T distribution of the candidate photon with the theoretical predictions as a function of the coupling parameters. The measured limits at 95% C.L. are reported in Table 3., and the comparison with the two-dimensional limit is reported in Fig. 5.

3.3. WW

The measurement of the production cross section of WW events in $p\bar{p}$ collisions has been performed by the CDF collaboration on a data sample corresponding to 3.6 fb^{-1} [8].

The events are reconstructed using the decay chain $W^+W^- \rightarrow l^+\nu l^-\bar{\nu}$, where $l = e, \mu, \tau$, with final states $e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-$ and $e^\pm\mu^\mp$, and acquired with high- p_T electron or muon triggers. Several processes contribute to the background: Drell-Yan where the measured large \cancel{E}_T is due to resolution tails, $WZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$ where one lepton is lost, $t\bar{t} \rightarrow b\bar{b}ll\nu\nu$, and $W\gamma$ and W +jets where a photon or jet is misidentified as a lepton. The majority of WW events have zero jets, and as the jet multiplicity increases the backgrounds change (e.g. $t\bar{t}$ becomes a larger contribution with increasing jet multiplicity). Events with reconstructed jets with $E_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$ and $|\eta| < 2.5$ are rejected. To suppress the Drell-Yan background, dielectron and dimuon events are required to have $\cancel{E}_{T\text{spec}} > 25 \text{ GeV}$ and $\cancel{E}_{T\text{spec}} > 15 \text{ GeV}$ for electron-muon events,

Table 3. One-dimension 95% C.L. limits obtained by the DØ collaboration in the analysis of the $W\gamma$ production.

| Parameter | 95% C.L. |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| $\Delta\kappa_\gamma$ | (-0.88, +0.96) |
| λ_γ | (-0.20, +0.20) |

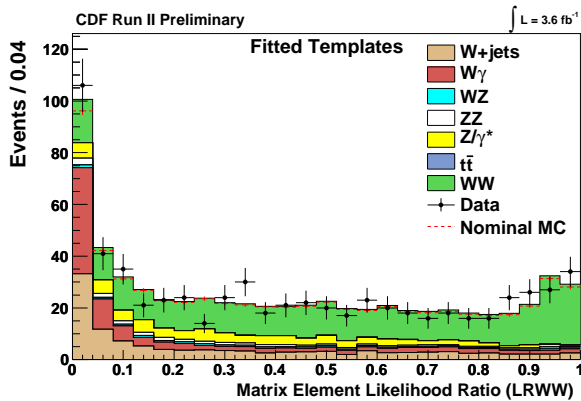


Fig. 6. Likelihood ratio distribution for data compared with fitted signal and backgrounds templates and with the nominal MC prediction.

where \vec{E}_{Tspec} is defined as:

$$\vec{E}_{Tspec} \equiv \begin{cases} \vec{E}_T & \text{if } \Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T, l, j) > \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \vec{E}_T \sin(\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T, l, j)) & \text{if } \Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T, l, j) < \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$$

This definition is a requirement that \vec{E}_{Tspec} transverse to each lepton or jet in the event is greater than the minimum threshold if \vec{E}_T points along that object, so that losing energy from just one such object in an event would not allow it to enter the sample. Furthermore, in order to suppress the heavy flavor contribution, the invariant mass of the two selected leptons is required to be $M_{l+l^-} > 16 \text{ GeV}/c^2$.

To measure the WW production cross section, a matrix element probability for each event to be a WW event has been calculated. This probability is used to build a likelihood ratio discriminant, and the normalization of WW process is extracted by a fit, using MC templates.

The event-by-event matrix element probability density $P_m(x_{obs})$ is defined for the four processes (m) WW , ZZ , $W\gamma$ and $W+jets$, as:

$$P_m(x_{obs}) = \frac{1}{\langle \sigma_m \rangle} \int \frac{d\sigma_m^{th}(y)}{dy} \epsilon(y) G(x_{obs}, y) dy \quad (1)$$

where

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| x_{obs} | are the observed ‘‘leptons’’ and \vec{E}_T , |
| y | are the true lepton four-vectors (include neutrinos), |
| σ_m^{th} | is leading-order theoretical calculation of the cross-section for the process m , |
| $\epsilon(y)$ | is total event efficiency \times acceptance, |
| $G(x_{obs}, y)$ | is an analytic model of resolution effects, |
| $\frac{1}{\langle \sigma_m \rangle}$ | is the normalization. |

Since the neutrinos are not reconstructed, the unobserved degrees of freedom (DOF) are integrated out in equation (1), reducing the number of the DOF to eight, measured in the selected events.

The event probability densities are used to construct a likelihood ratio discriminant:

$$LR_{WW}(x_{obs}) \equiv \frac{P_{WW}(x_{obs})}{P_{WW}(x_{obs}) + \sum_i k_i P_i(x_{obs})}$$

where k_i is the expected fraction for each background, with $\sum_i k_i = 1$.

A binned maximum likelihood method is used to extract the WW cross section using the shape of the LR_{WW} distributions for signal and backgrounds along with their estimated normalizations and systematic uncertainties. The likelihood function is formed from a product of Poisson probabilities for each bin in LR_{WW} distribution (Fig. 6). Additionally Gaussian constraints are applied for each systematic indetermination S_C *. The likelihood function is defined as:

$$\mathcal{L} = \left(\prod_i \frac{\mu_i^{n_i} e^{-\mu_i}}{n_i!} \right) \cdot \prod_C e^{-\frac{S_C^2}{2}} \quad (2)$$

where n_i is the number of data events in the i -th bin and μ_i is the total expectation for the i -th bin, given by:

$$\mu_i = \sum_k \alpha_k \left[\prod_C (1 + f_k^C S_C) \right] (N_k^{Exp})_i \quad (3)$$

This formulation includes the proper correlation of the different systematic uncertainties. In equation (3) $(N_k^{Exp})_i$ and f_k^C are the expected number of events in the i -th bin and the fractional uncertainty associated with the systematic S_C for the process k . The parameter α_k is the ratio between the measured cross section and the predicted one: it is freely floating for the WW process and is fixed to 1 for all other processes.

The measured cross section for the production of WW events is:

$$\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow WW) = 12.1 \pm 0.9 \text{ (stat.) } {}_{-1.4}^{+1.6} \text{ (syst.) pb}$$

This is in good agreement with the theoretical prediction $\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow WW) = 11.66 \pm 0.70 \text{ pb}$ and is the best measurement to date of the production cross section of the $p\bar{p} \rightarrow WW$ process.

The p_T distribution of the leading lepton for each selected event is used to extract 95% C.L. limits on the ZWW and γWW aTGC parameters. The measured limits are reported in Table 4.

The DØ collaboration analysed the WW production [9] in a data sample corresponding to 1 fb^{-1} , utilizing the final states described above, with competitive results for both the production cross section measurement and the aTGC limits evaluation. The measured cross section:

$$\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow WW) = 11.5 \pm 2.1 \text{ (stat. + syst.) } \pm 0.7 \text{ (lumi.) pb}$$

is consistent with the SM expectation of $12.0 \pm 0.7 \text{ pb}$. To enhance the sensitivity to anomalous couplings selected events are sorted according to both leading and trailing lepton p_T into a two-dimensional histogram. For each bin the selected number of WW events produced is parametrized by a quadratic function in three-dimensional $(\Delta\kappa_\gamma, \lambda_\gamma, \Delta g_1^Z)$ space or two-dimensional $(\Delta\kappa, \lambda)$ space, as appropriate for the TGC relationship scenario under study. In the three-dimensional case,

*Details about the systematic uncertainties can be found in [8]

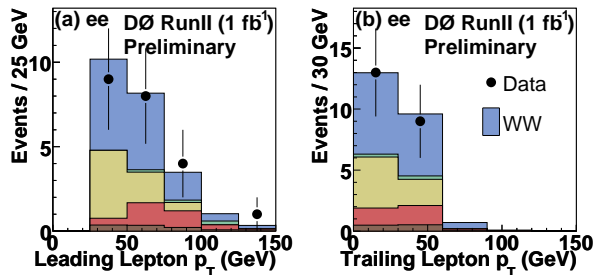


Fig. 7. Transverse momentum distribution of the leading (left) and trailing (right) lepton for the candidate WW events, combined for all channels ($e^+e^- + \mu^+\mu^- + e^\pm\mu^\mp$). Data are compared to the estimated signal and background sum, using $\sigma(p\bar{p} \text{ to } WW) = 12$ pb.

coupling parameters are investigated in pairs, with the third parameter fixed to the SM value. A likelihood surface is generated by considering all channels simultaneously, integrating over the signal, background, and luminosity uncertainties with Gaussian distributions using the methodology described in [9]. The measured one-dimension 95% C.L. limits for $\Lambda = 2$ TeV are reported in Table 4.

Table 4. One-dimension 95% C.L. limits for $\Lambda = 2$ TeV obtained by CDF and DØ collaborations in the analysis of the WW production.

| Parameter | CDF | DØ |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| $\Delta\kappa_\gamma$ | (-0.57, +0.65) | (-0.54, +0.83) |
| λ_γ | (-0.14, +0.15) | (-0.14, +0.18) |
| Δg_1^Z | (-0.22, +0.30) | (-0.14, +0.30) |

3.4. WZ

The measurement of the production cross section of WZ events in $p\bar{p}$ collisions has been performed by the CDF collaboration on a data sample corresponding to 1.9 fb^{-1} [10].

The events are reconstructed in final states with three charged leptons $WZ \rightarrow l'\nu ll$, where $l = e, \mu$, and acquired with high- p_T electron or muon triggers.

The WZ candidates are selected from events with three identified leptons. In order to enhance the signal acceptance, looser selection criteria are adopted for non-leading leptons. Aside from WZ production, other SM processes that can lead to three high- p_T leptons include dileptons from Drell-Yan Z/γ^* process with an additional lepton from a photon conversion ($Z\gamma$) or misiden-

Table 5. Summary of signal and background events expected for $WZ \rightarrow l'\nu ll$ process, in a 1.9 fb^{-1} data sample, analysed by CDF collaboration.

| Source | Expected \pm Stat \pm Syst \pm Lumi |
|------------|---|
| Z +jets | 2.45 \pm 0.48 \pm 0.48 \pm 0.00 |
| ZZ | 1.53 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.09 |
| $Z\gamma$ | 1.03 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.35 \pm 0.06 |
| $t\bar{t}$ | 0.17 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.01 |
| WZ | 16.45 \pm 0.03 \pm 1.74 \pm 0.99 |
| Total | 21.63 \pm 0.48 \pm 2.25 \pm 1.15 |
| Observed | 25 |

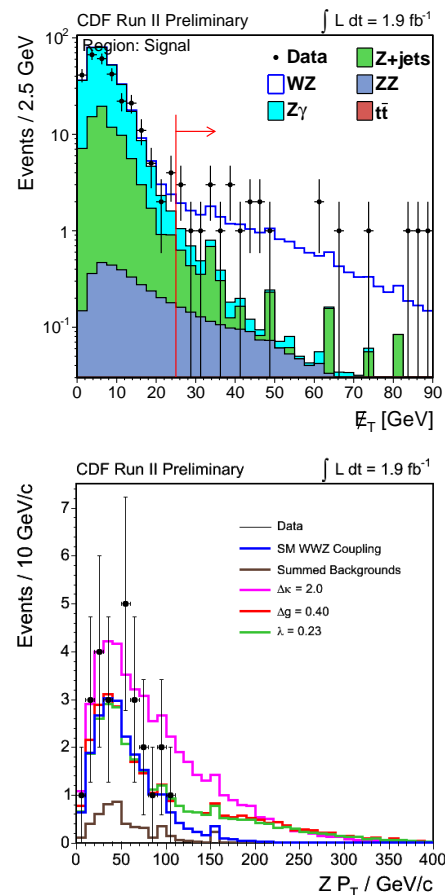


Fig. 8. \cancel{E}_T distribution of the candidates ZW events (upper); the red line indicates the signal region. In the lower plot is reported the p_T distribution of the candidate Z ; the selected data events are compared with the MC expectation for SM TGC, and for three aTGC hypothesis.

tified jet (Z +jets), ZZ where only three leptons are identified, and a small contribution from $t\bar{t}$ production. Aside from $t\bar{t}$, these backgrounds are strongly suppressed by requiring $\cancel{E}_T > 25$ GeV in the event, consistent with the unobserved neutrino from leptonic decay of a W boson. Furthermore the azimuthal angle between the \cancel{E}_T direction and any identified jet with $E_T > 15$ GeV or WZ candidate lepton, is required to be greater than 9° to suppress Drell-Yan backgrounds in which the observed \cancel{E}_T is due to mis-measured leptons or jets. At least one same-flavor, opposite-charge lepton pair is required in the event with an invariant mass M_{l+l-} in the range $[76, 106] \text{ GeV}/c^2$ consistent with leptonic Z boson decay. If more than such pair is identified in the event, the one with M_{l+l-} closest to the nominal Z mass, is selected as Z boson decay candidate pair. In order to suppress the background from ZZ production, the event is rejected if the invariant mass of the lepton not selected in the Z candidate combined with any additional track with $p_T > 8 \text{ GeV}/c$ is in the range $[76, 106] \text{ GeV}/c^2$.

The \cancel{E}_T distribution for the ZW candidates is shown in Fig. 8., while in Table 5. is reported the comparison between the number of observed and expected events. The measured cross section for the production of ZZ events is:

$$\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow WZ) = 4.3_{-1.0}^{+1.3} (\text{stat.}) \pm 0.4 (\text{syst.} + \text{lumi.}) \text{ pb}$$

in agreement with the NLO prediction

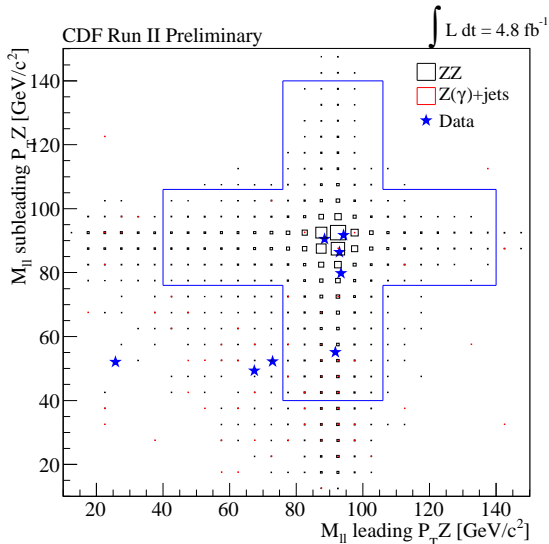


Fig. 9. Distribution of the selected events in the signal region. The invariant mass of the two selected couples of leptons is required to be in $(76 - 106) \text{ GeV}/c^2$, for the Z candidate closest to the nominal Z mass, and in $(40 - 140) \text{ GeV}/c^2$ for the other Z candidate.

$$\sigma^{NLO}(p\bar{p} \rightarrow WZ) = 3.7 \pm 0.3 \text{ pb.}$$

The p_T distribution of the candidate Z for each selected event (Fig. 8.) is used to extract 95% C.L. limits on the WWZ aTGC parameters. The measured limits are reported in Table 6.

Table 6. One-dimension 95% C.L. limits for obtained by the CDF collaboration in the analysis of the ZW production.

| Parameter | $\Lambda = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$ | $\Lambda = 2.0 \text{ TeV}$ |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $\Delta\kappa_Z$ | $(-0.81, +1.29)$ | $(-0.76, +1.18)$ |
| λ_Z | $(-0.14, +0.15)$ | $(-0.13, +0.14)$ |
| Δg_1^Z | $(-0.14, +0.25)$ | $(-0.13, +0.23)$ |

3.5. ZZ

The measurement of the production cross section of ZZ events in $p\bar{p}$ collisions has been performed by the CDF collaboration on a data sample corresponding to 4.8 fb^{-1} [11].

The events are reconstructed in final states with four charged leptons $ZZ \rightarrow l_a^+ l_a^- l_b^+ l_b^-$, where $l_a, l_b = e, \mu$, and acquired with high- p_T electron or muon triggers. The main source of background is given by events Z +jets or γ +jets, in which the jets are reconstructed as leptons. In order to enhance the signal acceptance, looser selection criteria are adopted for non-leading leptons. The distribution of the observed events in the signal region is

Table 7. Summary of signal and background events expected for $ZZ \rightarrow l_a^+ l_a^- l_b^+ l_b^-$ process, in a 4.8 fb^{-1} data sample, analysed by CDF collaboration.

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Signal | $4.68 \pm 0.02 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.76 \text{ (syst.)}$ |
| $Z(\gamma)$ +jets | $0.041 \pm 0.016 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.029 \text{ (syst.)}$ |
| Total expected | $4.72 \pm 0.03 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.76 \text{ (syst.)}$ |
| Observed | 5 |

shown in Fig. 9., while in Table 7. is reported the comparison between the number of observed and expected events. The production cross section for ZZ events is evaluated according to:

$$\sigma = \frac{N_{obs} - N_{bck}}{\mathcal{L} \cdot \epsilon \cdot \mathcal{B}}$$

where ϵ is the total efficiency, \mathcal{B} is the $ZZ \rightarrow l_a^+ l_a^- l_b^+ l_b^-$ branching fraction, N_{obs} the number of observed events, N_{bck} the expected number of background events and \mathcal{L} the total integrated luminosity. The measured cross section is:

$$\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow ZZ) = 1.56_{-0.63}^{+0.80} \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.25 \text{ (syst.) pb}$$

in good agreement with the previous measurement done by CDF [12] and DØ [13] collaborations, and with the theoretical expectation $\sigma^{th}(p\bar{p} \rightarrow ZZ) = 1.4 \pm 0.1 \text{ pb}$.

The statistical significance of the measurement is 5.70 standard deviation, and it is calculated evaluating the probability to have a number of events equal or greater than than observed as a fluctuation of the estimated background.

The analogous analysis performed by DØ collaboration on a data sample corresponding to 1.7 fb^{-1} [13], observes 3 events with an expected background of $0.14_{-0.02}^{+0.03}$ events. The significance of this measurement is 5.3 standard deviations. The combination of this result with the measurement in the channel $ZZ \rightarrow l^+ l^- \nu \bar{\nu}$ increases the significance to 5.7 standard deviations and measures a combined cross section

$$\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow ZZ) = 1.60 \pm 0.63 \text{ (stat.)} _{-0.17}^{+0.16} \text{ (syst.) pb.}$$

3.6. WV

The measurement of the production cross section of WZ and WW events in $p\bar{p}$ collisions utilizing the decay channel $WV \rightarrow l\nu jj$ has been performed by the CDF collaboration on a data sample corresponding to 3.9 fb^{-1} [14].

In the sample of events acquired with high- p_T electron or muon triggers, candidate events are reconstructed requiring a well identified lepton (e or μ), $\cancel{E}_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$, consistent with the unobserved neutrino from leptonic decay of the W boson, and two jets with $E_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$. Furthermore the hadronic boson candidate is required to have an invariant mass in the range $(30, 200) \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and $p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}/c$. The main processes contributing to the background are W/Z +jets, $t\bar{t}$ and multi-jet events. The fraction of diboson events is extracted by a binned fit to the invariant mass distribution of the hadronic boson candidate. The relative normalization of W/Z +jets and $t\bar{t}$ is set according to their production cross sections, while a Gaussian constraint is applied to the multi-jet component. The expected value and width of the multi-jet constraint are extracted by a fit to the \cancel{E}_T distribution. The invariant mass distribution of the hadronic boson candidate in the selected events is shown in Fig. 10. The measured cross section for the production of WV events (with $V = Z, W$) in $p\bar{p}$ collisions is:

$$\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow WV) = 14.4 \pm 3.1 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 2.2 \text{ (syst.) pb.}$$

The statistical significance of the measurement is 4.6 standard deviations.

The CDF collaboration analysed a subset of the data sample described above, corresponding to an integrated

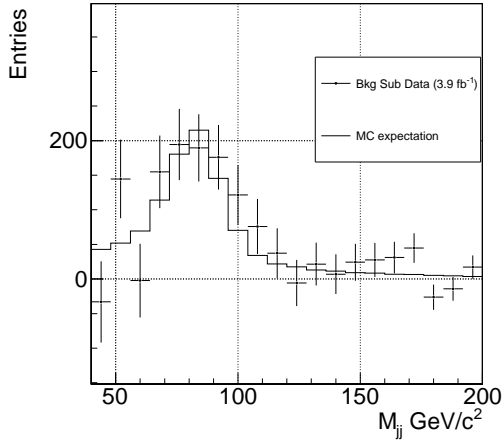
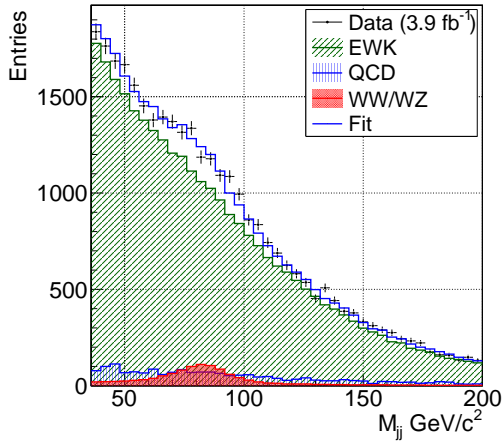


Fig. 10. Invariant mass distribution for the hadronic boson candidate, compared with the signal and background distributions normalized according to the measured fractions (upper). Background-subtracted invariant mass distribution for the hadronic candidate in $WZ/WW \rightarrow lvjj$ events (lower).

luminosity of 2.7 fb^{-1} , with a matrix element based technique, in order to maximize the use of collected information for signal-background separation [15].

The procedure applied to calculate the event probability densities (P_m) under the signal and background hypotheses is analogous to that described for the WW analysis. The event probability densities are used to construct an Event Probability Discriminant (EPD), defined as:

$$EPD = \frac{P_{WW} + P_{WZ}}{P_{WW} + P_{WZ} + \sum_i P_i}$$

where the index i runs over all the background sources. The resulting template distributions for signal and background processes are fit to the data using a binned likelihood approach (Fig. 11.). The measured cross section is:

$$\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow WV) = 17.7 \pm 3.1 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 2.4 \text{ (syst.)} \text{ pb.}$$

The probability that the observed excess originated from a background fluctuation (p-value) is $3.5 \cdot 10^{-8}$ which corresponds to a statistical significance of 5.4 standard deviations.

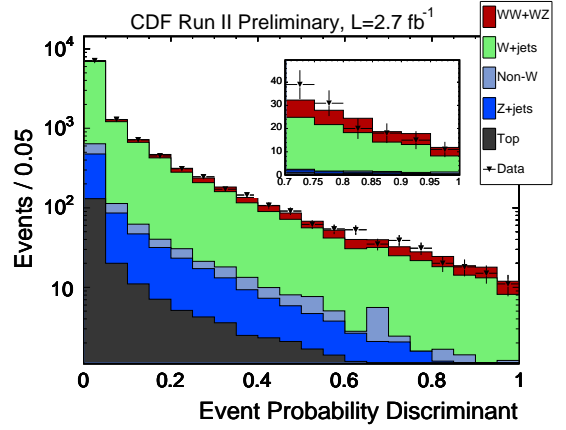


Fig. 11. EPD distribution for candidate diboson events compared with the likelihood fit of the sum of signal and background templates.

3.7. $VV \rightarrow \cancel{E}_T + jj$

The measurement of the production cross section of diboson events in $p\bar{p}$ collisions utilizing hadronic final states, has been performed by the CDF collaboration on a data sample corresponding to 3.5 fb^{-1} [16].

The events are reconstructed in final states with large \cancel{E}_T and 2 identified jets, and are acquired with a set of \cancel{E}_T based triggers. The analysed final state provide acceptance for ZV events in which the Z boson decays in neutrinos and the other boson decays hadronically, and also for WV events in which the W decays leptonically and the charged lepton is not reconstructed. The main processes contributing to the background are W/Z +jets and multi-jet events. In order to reduce the multijet background events with $E_T^{sig} < 4$ or $\Delta\phi(\cancel{E}_T, j) < 0.4$ are rejected, where E_T^{sig} is the \cancel{E}_T significance and $\Delta\phi(\cancel{E}_T, j)$ is the angle in the transverse plane between the \cancel{E}_T and the closest jet with $E_T > 5 \text{ GeV}$.

After all cuts are applied 44910 diboson candidate events are selected. The final dijet mass fit is an unbinned extended maximum likelihood with jet energy scale, and the slope and the normalization of the multijet background treated as nuisance parameters and allowed to float in the fit within their predetermined uncertainties. The normalization of the W/Z +jets component is also freely floating in the fit with no constraints. The statistical significance of the measurement corresponds to 5.3 standard deviations.

The measured cross section is:

$$\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow VV) = 18 \pm 2.8 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 2.4 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 1.1 \text{ (lumi.)} \text{ pb}$$

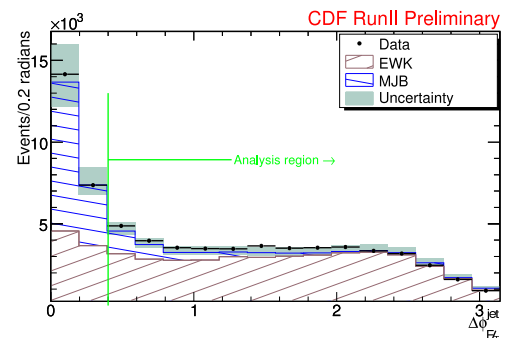


Fig. 12. Distribution of the angle in the transverse plane between the \cancel{E}_T and the closest jet with $E_T > 5 \text{ GeV}$. The green line indicates the analysis region.

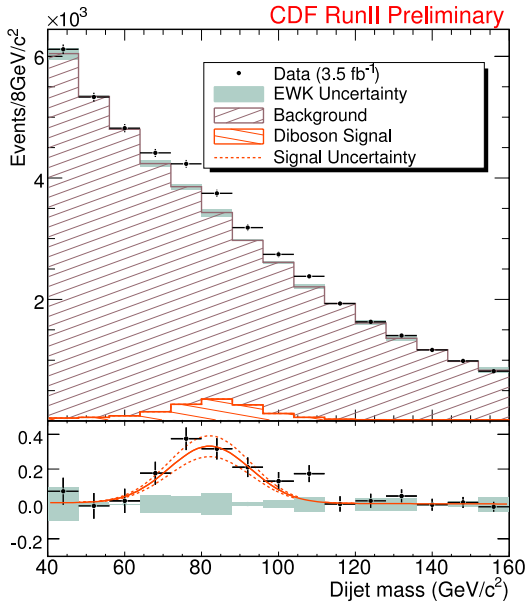


Fig. 13. Distribution of the invariant mass of the hadronic boson candidate compared with signal and background distributions. The background-subtracted distribution is reported in the bottom plot.

in agreement with the SM calculations of 16.8 ± 0.5 pb.

In Fig. 13, the selected candidate VV events are compared with the signal and background distributions, according to the fit results.

4. Conclusions

Recent results on the study of the diboson production at Tevatron have been presented. Both the measurements of the production cross sections and the limits on TGC parameters are competitive with the previous results from LEP and consistent with the SM expectations.

The production cross sections measured for diboson processes by CDF and DØ collaborations are summarized in Fig. 14.

All the presented results will be further improved utilizing the increasing available statistics of the collected data.

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) will collect in the next years a data sample of proton-proton collisions at a center-of-mass energy of 14 TeV. At this energy the production cross sections of diboson processes will grow by approximately an order of magnitude, with respect to the Tevatron energy [17]. Since the design instantaneous luminosity of the LHC is $\mathcal{L} = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$, the diboson production rates will exceed those of the Tevatron by a factor ~ 100 . Furthermore, because of the higher center-of-mass energy, the sensitivity of the LHC experiments to the anomalous TGC's will be further enhanced.

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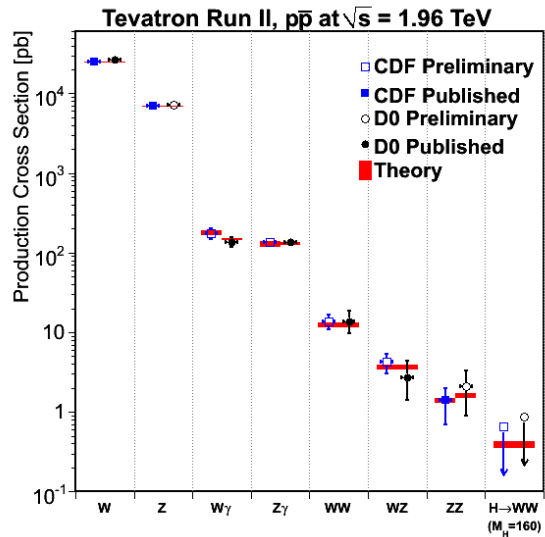


Fig. 14. Summary of production cross sections measured by CDF and DØ collaborations for diboson processes, compared with SM expectations.

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