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The results based on 1992−95 data (Run 1) from the CDF and D0 experiments on the measurements of the *W* boson mass and width are presented, along with the combined results. We report a Tevatron collider average $M_W = 80.456 \pm 0.059$ GeV. We also report the Tevatron collider average of the directly measured *W* boson width $\Gamma_W = 2.115 \pm 0.105$ GeV. We describe a new joint analysis of the direct *W* mass and width measurements. Assuming the validity of the standard model, we combine the directly measured *W* boson width with the width extracted from the ratio of *W* and *Z* boson leptonic partial cross sections. This combined result for the Tevatron is $\Gamma_W = 2.135 \pm 0.050$ GeV. Finally, we use the measurements of the direct total *W* width and the leptonic branching ratio to extract the leptonic partial width $\Gamma(W \to e\nu) = 224 \pm 13$ MeV.

I. INTRODUCTION

We present new combined results on the *W* boson mass and width from the CDF and D0 experiments at the Fermilab Tevatron. We document the combination methodologies and summarize the results and the various sources of uncertainty, identifying those sources that produce correlated uncertainty between the two experiments' results. We also present the combination with the UA2 and CERN LEP results. These measurements represent some of the main goals of the electroweak physics program at the Tevatron collider.

The *W* boson mass and width are important parameters in the electroweak gauge sector of the standard model

(SM) [1]. The *W* boson, along with the *Z* boson and the photon, provides a unified description of the electroweak interaction as a gauge interaction with the symmetry group $SU(2)_L \times U(1)$. If this were an unbroken symmetry, the *W* and *Z* bosons would be massless. The mass of the *W* boson and its couplings, which determine its width, are therefore of substantial relevance to tests of the structure of the theory and the nature of electroweak symmetry breaking.

In the SM the *W* boson mass is related to other parameters, and in the "on-shell" scheme [2] it can be written as

$$M_W = \left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_F}\right)^{1/2} \frac{M_Z}{\sqrt{M_Z^2 - M_W^2}\sqrt{1 - \Delta r}}, \quad (1)$$

where α is the electromagnetic coupling constant and G_F

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is the Fermi coupling constant measured in muon decay. The electroweak radiative correction Δr receives calculable contributions from loops containing the $t - b$ quarks, the Higgs boson (which is the hypothetical agent of electroweak symmetry breaking), and any other hypothetical particles such as supersymmetric particles coupling to the W boson. Since the top quark mass has been measured [3,4], the $t - b$ loop correction can be calculated. A precise measurement of the W boson mass therefore constrains the mass of the Higgs boson, which has not yet been experimentally observed. Should the Higgs boson be discovered in the future, the comparison between its directly measured mass and the indirect constraint will be a very interesting test of the SM. In the minimal supersymmetric extension of the standard model (MSSM), for example, loop corrections due to supersymmetric particles can contribute up to 250 MeV [5] to the predicted W boson mass.

In the SM W bosons decay leptonically: $W \rightarrow l\nu$ where $l \in \{e, \mu, \tau\}$, or hadronically: $W \rightarrow q'\bar{q}$, where $q, q' \in \{u, d, c, s, b\}$. The leptonic partial width can be calculated [6]

$$\Gamma(W \rightarrow e\nu) = \frac{G_F M_W^3}{6\sqrt{2}\pi}(1 + \delta), \tag{2}$$

where the SM radiative correction δ is calculated to be less than 0.5%. Including the QCD radiative corrections for the quark decay channels, the SM prediction for the leptonic branching ratio [7] is

$$B(W \rightarrow e\nu) = (3 + 6[1 + \alpha_s(M_W)/\pi + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)])^{-1}. \tag{3}$$

Given the precision of these SM calculations, their comparison with the measured W boson width provides an important test of the SM.

The precision of the W boson mass and width measurements from the LEP experiments (ALEPH, DELPHI, L3, and OPAL) and the Tevatron collider experiments (CDF and D0) is similar, implying that our best knowledge comes from the combined results of all these experiments. The measurements are quite intricate with many inputs and incorporate constraints from data and physics models. In this situation a simple average of all measurements, with the assumption that they are completely independent, may be biased in the value or the uncertainty.

In this paper we present systematic analyses of the W mass and width measurements published by the CDF and D0 experiments at Fermilab. Following a brief description of the observables in Section II, we discuss our methodology and calculations. In Section III, we consider the W boson mass as the parameter of interest and consider all other parameters needed for its measurement as external inputs, including the W width. We review the uncertainties on these external parameters as described in the respective CDF and D0 publications, identifying the

relevant correlations. This information is used to construct the covariance matrix for combining the W mass measurements.

In Section IV, we perform the same analysis for the direct measurement of the W boson width. This is again a one-parameter analysis, where, in particular, the W mass is treated as an external input.

In Section V, we present a new methodology for treating the W boson mass and width simultaneously in a two-parameter analysis. This method departs from the previously published results in that no external information is used for either of these parameters. This has two significant advantages over the one-parameter analyses that are usually performed: (i) theoretical model dependence is reduced, making the results more meaningful and easier to interpret, and (ii) correlation with other methods of measuring the W mass and width is reduced, making subsequent comparisons and combinations more powerful. We also demonstrate that the joint two-parameter analysis results in no loss of precision, compared to the separate one-parameter analyses of the W mass and width.

In Section VI, we review the analyses of the ratio (R) of W and Z boson cross sections in the leptonic channels, as published by the CDF and D0 collaborations. With some SM assumptions and measured inputs, this ratio can be converted into a measurement of the leptonic branching ratio of the W boson, and further into a measurement of the W boson width. We present an analysis of the correlated uncertainties and the external inputs used to extract the W width. Assumptions made in the extraction of the W width from R are compared and contrasted with the direct line-shape measurement in Section II.

We conclude the paper with Section VII, discussing future implementations of the methodologies presented here. We suggest certain additional information that can be published by the individual collaborations regarding details of their analyses. We also mention those aspects where the collaborations may adopt analysis practices that are more consistent with each other. We hope that these comments will be useful for future efforts.

II. TEVATRON OBSERVABLES

We summarize here the observables described by CDF and D0 in their respective publications [8–14]. The directly measured W boson mass and width [8–11] correspond to the pole mass M_W and pole width Γ_W in the Breit-Wigner line shape with energy-dependent width, as defined by the differential cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ} = \mathcal{L}_{q\bar{q}}(Q)\frac{Q^2}{(Q^2 - M_W^2)^2 + Q^4\Gamma_W^2/M_W^2}, \tag{4}$$

where Q is the center-of-mass energy of the annihilating partons. $\mathcal{L}_{q\bar{q}}(Q)$ represents the partonic luminosity in hadron-hadron collisions

$$\mathcal{L}_{q\bar{q}}(Q) = \frac{2Q}{s} \sum_{i,j} \int_{Q^2/s}^{1} \frac{dx}{x} f_i(x, Q^2) f_j(Q^2/sx, Q^2), \quad (5)$$

where i and j represent parton flavors, $f_{i,j}$ represent the respective parton distribution functions, x is the momentum fraction of the parton, and $\sqrt{s}$ is the hadron-hadron center-of-mass energy.

The W decay channels used for these measurements [8–11] are the $e\nu$ channel (by CDF and D0) and the $\mu\nu$ channel (by CDF). The W boson mass and width are extracted by analyzing the Jacobian edge and the high mass tail, respectively, of the transverse mass (m_T) distribution

$$m_T(l^\pm \nu) = \sqrt{2p_T(l^\pm)p_T(\nu)(1 - \cos[\phi(l^\pm) - \phi(\nu)])},$$
(6)

where p_T and ϕ represent the transverse momentum and azimuthal angle, respectively, of the leptons. D0 has also measured the W boson mass by analyzing the Jacobian edge in the electron and neutrino p_T distributions. The CDF result for the W boson mass is quoted using the m_T fit, while the D0 result combines the m_T fit and the lepton p_T fits taking the correlations into account.

The W boson width is also extracted [12–14] from the measured ratio of partial cross sections

$$R \equiv \frac{\sigma_W \cdot B(W \rightarrow e\nu)}{\sigma_Z \cdot B(Z \rightarrow ee)} = \frac{\sigma_W}{\sigma_Z} \frac{\Gamma_Z}{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow ee)} \frac{\Gamma(W \rightarrow e\nu)}{\Gamma_W}$$
(7)

by using as inputs the calculated ratio of total cross sections, the measured $Z \rightarrow ee$ branching ratio from LEP, and the SM calculation of the partial width $\Gamma(W \rightarrow e\nu)$.

Equation (4) gives the differential cross section for the W Drell-Yan process. The extraction of M_W and Γ_W using Eq. (4) assumes the following:

(1) The W boson propagator can be described by the relativistic Breit-Wigner distribution in quantum field theory, and

(2) The production of W bosons in hadron-hadron collisions can be described by a factorizable process, with no additional interactions between the initial and final states. Since the leptonic final states are used for the measurements, there is no strong interaction between the initial state and the final state. Electroweak corrections are considered in the analyses. Higher twist effects, which, in principle, alter the effective partonic luminosity factor $\mathcal{L}_{q\bar{q}}(Q)$, are, in practice, negligible for $Q^2 = M_W^2$.

(3) Backgrounds to the W Drell-Yan process from WW, WZ, and $t\bar{t}$ production are small; in practice, these rare processes are further suppressed by analysis selection cuts and produce essentially no contamination.

In addition to the above, the extraction of $B(W \rightarrow e\nu)$ from R assumes that the W and Z boson couplings to the leptons and light quarks are known, so that the inclusive cross section ratio σ_W/σ_Z can be calculated. The Z boson leptonic branching ratio is well-measured at LEP. Uncertainties associated with σ_W/σ_Z are discussed in Section VI.

III. W BOSON MASS

The Run 1 W boson mass measurements from CDF [8] and D0 [9] are

$$M_W = 80.433 \pm 0.079 \text{ GeV} \quad \text{(CDF)},$$
$$M_W = 80.483 \pm 0.084 \text{ GeV} \quad \text{(D0)}.$$
(8)

We discuss the sources of uncertainty and classify them as being either uncorrelated between the two experimental results, or (partially or completely) correlated.

A. Uncorrelated uncertainties

The measurement and analysis techniques used by both experiments rely extensively on internal calibration and collider data to measure detector response and constrain theoretical model inputs. The bulk of the uncertainty is therefore uncorrelated. We itemize the uncorrelated sources below. The following discussion also applies to the uncorrelated uncertainties in the direct measurement of the W boson width (see Section IV).

(i) W statistics in the kinematic distributions used for the mass fits.

(ii) Detector energy response and resolution measured using resonances (Z, J/ψ, Υ, and π^0). Model uncertainty from resonance line shapes is negligible. These data are used for the calibration of lepton energy response (calorimetry and tracking for electrons and tracking for muons). The Z data are also used for calibrating the calorimeter response to the hadronic activity recoiling against the vector boson. In the CDF analysis, the lepton response and resolution and the hadronic recoil are modeled by empirical functions whose parameters are constrained independently for the electron and muon channel. Therefore, in the internal CDF combination of these measurements, uncertainties in the lepton and recoil models are uncorrelated between channels. D0 performs independent empirical fits to their data which are uncorrelated with CDF fits.

(iii) Selection biases and backgrounds are unique to each experiment and are measured mostly from collider data, with some input from detector simulation for estimating selection bias. These uncertainties are uncorrelated between the CDF electron and muon channel measurements. CDF has no selection bias for electrons (in contrast

with D0) because the selection cuts rely more heavily on tracking rather than calorimeter isolation, and because of a more inclusive $W \rightarrow e\nu$ triggering scheme.

(iv) The distribution of the transverse momentum (p_T) of the W boson is a model input, which each experiment constrains individually by fitting the Z boson p_T distribution. Phenomenological models such as that of Ellis, Ross, and Veseli [15] or that of Ladinsky and Yuan [16] are treated as empirical functions which, after folding in the detector response, adequately describe the observed $p_T(Z)$ distribution. The p_T distribution is specified by model parameters along with Λ_{QCD} and the parton distribution functions (PDFs). The uncertainty is dominated by Z statistics, with small dependence on the PDFs and Λ_{QCD}. The latter introduces a small correlation between the two experiments which can be neglected at this level.[1] A potentially correlated uncertainty in the theoretical relationship between the W boson and the Z boson p_T spectra is assumed to be negligible. There is a small (3 MeV) correlated component in the $p_T(W)$ uncertainty between the CDF electron and muon channel results.

(v) The sources of background are $Z \rightarrow ll$ where one of the leptons is lost, $W \rightarrow \tau\nu \rightarrow e/\mu + \nu\bar{\nu}\nu$, and misidentified QCD jet events. The $Z \rightarrow ll$ background is estimated using individual detector simulations. The uncertainty on the $W \rightarrow \tau\nu \rightarrow e/\mu + \nu\bar{\nu}\nu$ background is negligible. The jet misidentification background is estimated by using loosely defined lepton data samples which enhances the background contribution (D0), or by selecting lepton candidates that fail quality cuts (CDF). While the techniques are similar in principle they differ in detail. CDF has also confirmed the jet misidentification background estimate using a photon conversion sample. The background uncertainties and cross-checks are statistics-limited and therefore independent. Table I shows the contributions to the uncertainty which are uncorrelated between the CDF and D0 measurements, taken from the respective publications [8,9] of the 1994–95 data as examples. All of these uncertainties should reduce in the future with more data, as the detector simulation and production/decay model is tuned with higher precision, and backgrounds are reduced with tighter cuts.

TABLE I. Uncorrelated uncertainties (MeV) in the CDF [8] and D0 [9] W boson mass measurements from the 1994–95 (Run 1b) data. W boson decay channels used (e, μ) are listed separately.

Source	CDF μ	CDF e	D0 e
W statistics	100	65	60
Lepton scale	85	75	56
Lepton resolution	20	25	19
$p_T(W)$	20	15	15
Recoil model	35	37	35
Selection bias	18	$\cdots$	12
Backgrounds	25	5	9

B. Correlated uncertainties

Sources of correlated uncertainty are associated with the modeling of W production and decay, which we itemize below. The uncertainties are fully correlated between CDF and D0, with possibly different magnitudes.

(i) The W boson kinematic distributions used in the fits are invariant under longitudinal boosts because they are derived from transverse quantities. The sensitivity to the PDFs arises because of acceptance cuts on the charged lepton rapidity. As the rapidity acceptance increases the sensitivity to PDFs reduces. The D0 W boson mass measurement includes electrons up to pseudorapidity $|\eta| < 2.5$, and the CDF measurement includes electrons and muons up to $|\eta| < 1.0$. The PDF uncertainty is correlated but different for the two measurements.

(ii) The Breit-Wigner line shape has an uncertainty due to the variation in the mass dependence of the partonic luminosity. This is a small contribution which D0 quotes separately, but CDF subsumes into the overall PDF uncertainty.

(iii) QED radiative corrections in leptonic W boson decays are evaluated by both experiments using the Berends and Kleiss [17] calculation. The uncertainty is evaluated by comparing to the PHOTOS [18] program and/or the calculation of Baur *et al.* [19]. The higher-order QED effects have a different impact on the electron and muon channel measurements from CDF and the electron measurement from D0 due to differences in energy measurement techniques. We find that in the combined electron and muon channel result of CDF, the effective uncertainty due to QED radiative corrections is 11 MeV. This contribution is fully correlated with the corresponding uncertainty in the D0 result.

(iv) The W width input into the W boson mass measurement is provided differently by CDF and D0. CDF uses the SM prediction for Γ_W for the fitted value of M_W and the resulting uncertainty is neg-

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[1]Individual sources of uncertainty below about 3 MeV are typically not enumerated by the CDF and D0 experiments when the results are reported.

ligible. D0 uses the indirect measurement of the *W* width which is extracted from the D0 measurement of the ratio $\sigma(W \to e\nu)/\sigma(Z \to ee)$. Since the line-shape fits performed by CDF and D0 for the *W* mass are sensitive to the assumed *W* width, we require that both experimental results use a consistent treatment of the uncertainty associated with the width input. For the purpose of combining the results, we take the 10 MeV uncertainty quoted by D0 to be the correlated error. Table II shows the correlated systematic uncertainties, taken from [8,9], respectively.

C. Combination of results

We use the Best Linear Unbiased Estimate [20] method, which is also used in [9], to construct the covariance matrix between the CDF and D0 measurements. For each source of correlated error, we construct a two-component vector $\delta_i \vec{M}_W$ whose components are the individual uncertainties quoted in Table II, i.e., $\delta_i \vec{M}_W = (\delta_i M_W^{\mathrm{CDF}}, \delta_i M_W^{\mathrm{D0}})$ for the ith source of uncertainty. The contribution to the covariance matrix from each source is given by $V_i = \delta_i \vec{M}_W (\delta_i \vec{M}_W)^T$, where T indicates the transpose. The various sources of error are assumed to be uncorrelated with each other, hence we add the individual covariance matrices V_i to obtain $V = \sum_i V_i$. This procedure gives us the off-diagonal term in the total covariance matrix V. The diagonal terms are obtained from the square of each measurement's total error. The square root of the off-diagonal covariance matrix element $\sqrt{V_{12}}$ gives the total correlated error between the CDF and D0 measurements of 19 MeV. The correlation coefficient, defined by $V_{12}/\sqrt{V_{11}V_{22}}$, is $19^2/(79 \times 84) = 0.054$.

The combined *W* mass M_W for the set of two *W* mass measurements m_i and their covariance matrix V is given by

$$M_W = \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^{2} H_{ij} m_j \right) \Big/ \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^{2} H_{ij} \right), \qquad (9)$$

where $H \equiv V^{-1}$ and i, j run over the two *W* mass measurements being combined. The combined error is given by

$$\sigma(M_W) = \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^{2} H_{ij} \right)^{-1/2}, \qquad (10)$$

TABLE II. Systematic uncertainties (MeV) from correlated sources in the *W* boson mass measurements [8,9].

Source	CDF	D0
PDF & parton luminosity	15	$7 \oplus 4$
Radiative corrections	11	12
Γ_W	10	10

and the χ^2 for the combination is given by

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^{2} (m_i - M_W) H_{ij} (m_j - M_W). \qquad (11)$$

Using this procedure, we obtain the combined result for the Tevatron collider,

$$M_W^{\mathrm{Tevatron}} = 80.456 \pm 0.059 \text{ GeV}, \qquad (12)$$

with $\chi^2 = 0.2$ and probability of 66%.

We note that the various *W* mass measurements from D0 are internally combined by D0 [9] using the same technique that we describe above. CDF combines its internal measurements [8] using a slightly different formulation, where the measurements are combined using only the uncorrelated errors, and then the correlated errors are added in quadrature. When the correlated errors are small with positive correlation coefficients, as we have here, the two formulations give very similar results.

The result of Eq. (12) is not very different from a simple average ignoring all correlations (80.456 ± 0.057 GeV). This is due to the uncertainties being dominated by the uncorrelated components. As mentioned before, the uncorrelated sources of uncertainty will reduce with higher statistics. Therefore correlated theoretical errors such as QED radiative corrections may dominate in the future, in which case the error analysis we have presented here becomes more important.

The combination of the Tevatron collider average with the UA2 measurement [21] of

$$M_W^{\mathrm{UA2}} = 80.36 \pm 0.37 \text{ GeV} \qquad (13)$$

with a common uncertainty of 19 MeV yields

$$M_W^{p\bar{p}} = 80.454 \pm 0.059 \text{ GeV}. \qquad (14)$$

Here we have taken the correlated component of the uncertainty between CDF and D0 as being fully correlated with the UA2 result, since all three hadron collider measurements are sensitive to the PDFs, QED radiative corrections, and *W* width in much the same way.

Further combination with the preliminary LEP average [22] of

$$M_W^{\mathrm{LEP}} = 80.412 \pm 0.042 \text{ GeV} \qquad (15)$$

assuming no correlated uncertainty gives

$$M_W^{\mathrm{world}} = 80.426 \pm 0.034 \text{ GeV} \qquad (16)$$

as the preliminary world average (with $\chi^2 = 0.34$ and 56% probability). Figure 1 shows the *W* boson mass results, compared with the indirect value of 80.380 ± 0.023 GeV. The latter is obtained from a fit to all *Z*-pole data and the direct top mass measurements [22], as interpreted in the context of the SM.
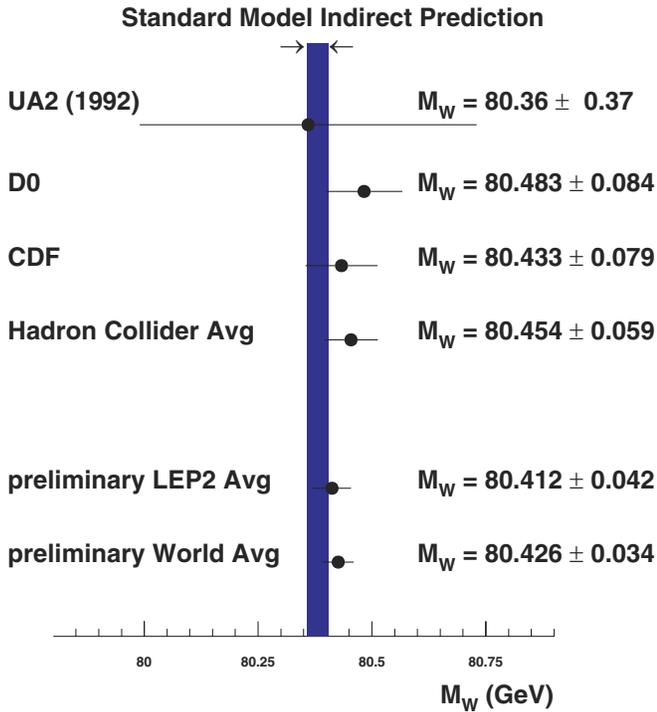
Standard Model Indirect Prediction

FIG. 1 (color online).   Direct measurements of the *W* boson mass compared with the SM prediction [22] based on a fit to all *Z*-pole data and the direct top mass measurements.

IV. *W* BOSON WIDTH

The direct measurement of the *W* boson width is made by analyzing *W* boson candidate events with transverse mass above the Jacobian peak, which occurs for $m_T \sim$ 80 GeV. The fitting range extends roughly between 100 GeV and 200 GeV, where the resolution effects from the Jacobian peak are small. The *W* boson width analysis shares most of the issues of *W* production and decay modeling and the detector response with the *W* boson mass analysis, and the sources of uncertainty are therefore similar.

As with the *W* boson mass analysis, the model parameters are constrained by analysis of internal data by each experiment separately. Therefore most of the uncertainties (shown in Table III for the 1994−95 data [10,11] as examples) are uncorrelated. These uncertainties are also uncorrelated between the CDF electron and muon channel results.

The correlated sources of uncertainty are
  (i) Parton distribution functions—the CDF and D0 analyses use different sets of PDFs to evaluate this uncertainty and quote different contributions. The *W* boson acceptance is similar in the direct measurements of the *W* boson width since both experiments require lepton $p_T > 20$ GeV and $|\eta| < 1$.
 (ii) *W* boson mass.
(iii) QED radiative corrections.

TABLE III. Uncorrelated uncertainties (MeV) in the CDF [10] and D0 [11] *W* boson width measurements from the 1994−95 (Run 1b) data. *W* boson decay channels used (*e*, μ) are listed separately.

Source	CDF μ	CDF *e*	D0 *e*
W statistics	195	125	142
Lepton energy scale	15	20	42
Lepton E or p_T nonlinearity	5	60	$\cdots$
Recoil model	90	60	59
$p_T(W)$	70	55	12
Backgrounds	50	30	42
Detector modeling, lepton ID	40	30	10
Lepton resolution	20	10	27
Parton luminosity slope	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	28

The Run 1 direct *W* boson width measurements from CDF [10] and D0 [11] are

$$\Gamma_W = 2.05 \pm 0.13 \text{ GeV} \quad \text{(CDF)},$$
$$\Gamma_W = 2.231^{+0.175}_{-0.170} \text{ GeV} \quad \text{(D0)}, \tag{17}$$

where the total uncertainty is quoted. The correlated uncertainties for the two measurements are shown in Table IV. The likelihood fit returns a slightly asymmetric statistical error for the D0 result. We symmetrize it by taking the arithmetic average and combine in quadrature with the total systematic uncertainty to obtain a total uncertainty of 173 MeV for the D0 result. We use the procedure described in Section III C to construct the covariance matrix, and use it to obtain the combined result

$$\Gamma_W^{\text{Tevatron}} = 2.115 \pm 0.105 \text{ GeV}, \tag{18}$$

with $\chi^2 = 0.7$ and probability of 40%. The square root of the off-diagonal covariance matrix element gives the total correlated error of 26 MeV and a correlation coefficient of 0.03. As in the case of the *W* mass combination, the uncorrelated errors dominate with the current statistics, and ignoring the correlation would produce a similar result (2.115 ± 0.104 GeV). However, in Run 2 at the Tevatron, which is expected to increase the statistics by a factor of ~ 20, the correlated uncertainties on the theoretical inputs may dominate.

Combination of the Tevatron average with the preliminary LEP average [22] of

TABLE IV. Systematic uncertainties (MeV) from correlated sources in the direct *W* boson width measurements [10,11].

Source	CDF	D0
PDF	15	27
Radiative corrections	10	10
W boson mass	10	15

$$\Gamma_W^{\text{LEP}} = 2.150 \pm 0.091 \text{ GeV} \qquad (19)$$

assuming no correlated uncertainty gives

$$\Gamma_W^{\text{world}} = 2.135 \pm 0.069 \text{ GeV} \qquad (20)$$

as the preliminary world average (with $\chi^2 = 0.063$). Figure 2 shows the W boson width results, compared with the SM prediction of 2.0927 ± 0.0025 GeV [23].

V. JOINT ANALYSIS OF W BOSON MASS AND WIDTH

In this section we describe the analysis for the joint direct measurement of the W boson mass and the width. We do not allow external constraints on the mass and width parameters; instead we propagate the uncertainties on the direct observables to the uncertainties on the extracted Breit-Wigner parameters. This procedure will give us the values and uncertainties on M_W and Γ_W extracted from "Tevatron data only," as well as their covariance.

We introduce the following terminology to distinguish between the observables called M_W and Γ_W (which are returned by the fits to the data spectra) and the Breit-Wigner parameters of the same names (which we want to extract). We define the vector of observables $\vec{o} = (M_W^o, \Gamma_W^o)$ and the vector of Breit-Wigner parameters $\vec{t} = (M_W^t, \Gamma_W^t)$. We approximate the functional dependence $\vec{o}(\vec{t})$ by a linear dependence, so that $\vec{o}$ and $\vec{t}$ are related by a linear transformation. For the error analysis, we are interested in transforming the variations in $\vec{o}$ to variations in $\vec{t}$. This transformation is given by the matrix of derivatives $\Delta \equiv \partial\vec{o}/\partial\vec{t}$, such that

$$\delta\vec{o} = \Delta\,\delta\vec{t}. \qquad (21)$$

The matrix of derivatives Δ is defined as

$$\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial M_W^o}{\partial M_W^t} & \frac{\partial M_W^o}{\partial \Gamma_W^t} \\ \frac{\partial \Gamma_W^o}{\partial M_W^t} & \frac{\partial \Gamma_W^o}{\partial \Gamma_W^t} \end{pmatrix}. \qquad (22)$$

The values of the matrix elements of Δ have been published by the CDF and D0 collaborations, using their Monte Carlo simulation programs [9–11]. These simulation programs generate W bosons according to the calculated mass, rapidity, and p_T distributions; generate the decay products according to calculated angular distributions; and subject the decay products to parametrized detector response functions. The simulated decay leptons are used to predict the distributions of the observables in the data.

The simulation and fitting programs demonstrate that the diagonal elements of Δ are unity. The off-diagonal element $\partial M_W^o/\partial \Gamma_W^t$ is given by[2] the 10 MeV variation in observed M_W due to a 60 MeV variation in Γ_W^t [9]. The off-diagonal element $\partial \Gamma_W^o/\partial M_W^t$ is given by the mean variation of 13 MeV[3] in observed Γ_W for a 39 MeV variation in M_W^t [10,11]. Thus Δ is reported by CDF and D0 to be

$$\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.17 \\ 0.33 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \qquad (23)$$

We invert Eq. (21) to obtain $\Delta^{-1}\delta\vec{o} = \delta\vec{t}$ and take the expectation value of the product of each vector and its transpose

$$\Delta^{-1}\langle\delta\vec{o}(\delta\vec{o})^T\rangle(\Delta^{-1})^T = \langle\delta\vec{t}(\delta\vec{t})^T\rangle, \qquad (24)$$

where T denotes the transpose and $\langle\ldots\rangle$ denotes the expectation value. The left-hand side of Eq. (24) contains the covariance matrix of the observables $\langle\delta\vec{o}(\delta\vec{o})^T\rangle$, and we identify the right-hand side with the covariance matrix of the extracted Breit-Wigner parameters.

The diagonal elements of $\langle\delta\vec{o}(\delta\vec{o})^T\rangle$ are given by the variances of the individual Tevatron averages of the direct W boson mass and width (see Eqs. (12) and (18)), excluding the error contribution to M_W due to Γ_W and vice-versa.

FIG. 2 (color online). Direct measurements of the W boson width compared with the SM prediction [23].

(The figure shows, with markers on a scale for Γ_W (GeV) from 1.6 to 2.6:)

Standard Model Prediction →

D0 $\Gamma_W = 2.231 \pm 0.173$

CDF $\Gamma_W = 2.050 \pm 0.130$

Hadron Collider Avg $\Gamma_W = 2.115 \pm 0.105$

preliminary LEP2 Avg $\Gamma_W = 2.150 \pm 0.091$

preliminary World Avg $\Gamma_W = 2.135 \pm 0.069$

Γ_W (GeV)

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[2] We use the value of the derivative quoted by D0, since CDF does not quote it. We assume that the same derivative would apply for both experiments since the W boson kinematics and experimental resolutions are similar.

[3] The uncertainty in Γ_W due to M_W is quoted as 10 MeV and 15 MeV by CDF and D0, respectively, which are consistent with being equal given that both experiments round the quoted systematics to the nearest 5 MeV due to Monte Carlo statistics. The kinematics and acceptance for both experiments are very similar, hence we expect the true sensitivity to be the same, for which our best estimate is their average of 13 MeV.
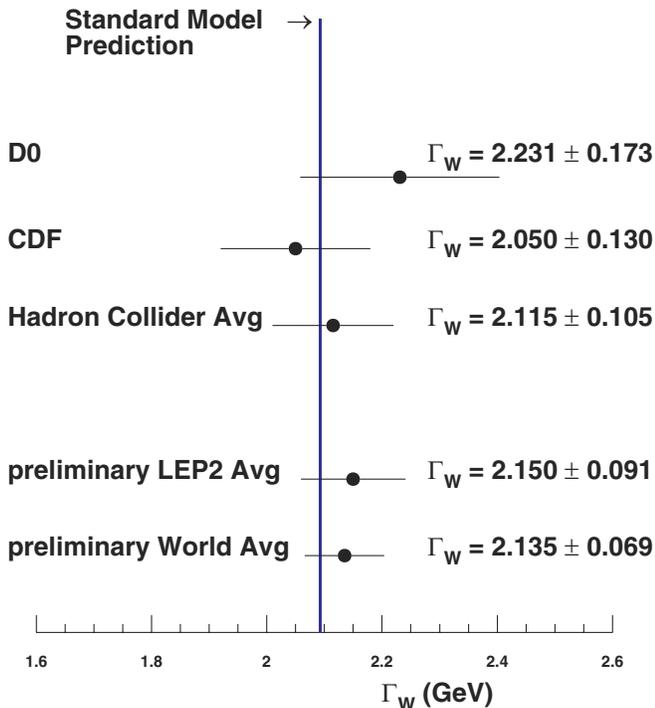
In order to evaluate the off-diagonal matrix element, we analyze the various contributions to the respective variances. The observables are obtained from fits to disjoint data samples,[4] so that their statistical uncertainties are uncorrelated. However, the observed values of M_W and Γ_W depend on the same detector parameters (such as energy scales and resolutions) and the same theoretical parameters (such as parton distribution functions and QED radiative corrections). Hence the uncertainties in these "nuisance" parameters propagate into correlated uncertainties between the observables.

To compute the off-diagonal term, we evaluate the uncertainty contribution to the observed M_W and Γ_W due to each of these nuisance parameters. The following procedure is followed: (i) remove the respective contribution from the CDF and D0 results separately, by setting each to zero, (ii) recompute the total error on the CDF + D0 average, and (iii) take the difference in quadrature between the original total error and the reduced total error. Table V shows the uncertainty contributions from each source to the CDF + D0 averages.

In the above procedure, we have followed the same assumption that is made by CDF and D0 in their publications—that the sources of uncertainty listed in Table V are mutually independent. This is a valid assumption given the statistics of these data. The lepton energy scale and resolution are derived from the observed peak position and width of the Z boson mass distribution, which are essentially decoupled. The $p_T(W)$ uncertainty is dominated by the statistical error of the $p_T(Z \rightarrow ll)$ measurement, although this may change in the future. The recoil model is tuned using transverse momentum balance in $p_T(Z \rightarrow ll)$ events, where the lepton resolution is a small effect compared to the recoil resolution.

We use the information from Table V to evaluate the covariance term

$$\langle \delta M_W^o \delta \Gamma_W^o \rangle = \sum_i \delta_i M_W^o \delta_i \Gamma_W^o, \qquad (25)$$

where the sum is performed over the various sources in Table V, and $\delta_i M_W^o$ and $\delta_i \Gamma_W^o$ are the respective error contributions to M_W^o and Γ_W^o from source i. In this sum, the relative sign of each pair of factors $\delta_i M_W^o$ and $\delta_i \Gamma_W^o$ determines the sign of the covariance contribution. The W mass and width analyses were performed by each experiment in a closely related manner, using the same simulation programs for both analyses. The uncertainty contributions due to the nuisance parameters are completely correlated between the observed M_W and Γ_W. Therefore $\delta_i M_W^o$ and $\delta_i \Gamma_W^o$ have the same sign in all cases. To illustrate, in the cases of the lepton energy scale, lepton energy resolution, $p_T(W)$, and recoil modeling,

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[4]The W mass fits are performed with the data satisfying $m_T < 90$ GeV or lepton $p_T < 50$ GeV, while the fits for the W width are performed with data satisfying $m_T > 100$ GeV.

TABLE V. Correlated uncertainties (MeV) between the CDF + D0 averages of M_W and direct Γ_W, due to nuisance parameters.

Source	M_W	Γ_W
Lepton scale	37	17
Lepton resolution	12	11
$p_T(W)$	9	24
Recoil model	20	35
Detector modeling, selection bias	6	13
QED radiative correction	11	10

an increase in the respective parameter increases the observed values of both M_W and Γ_W. Similarly, in the cases of detector modeling, selection bias, and QED radiative correction, the bias in the shape of the m_T or lepton p_T spectrum affects both observables in the same direction.

Table VI shows the systematic error contributions due to PDFs and backgrounds. We do not expect a strong correlation between the error contributions to the observed mass and width from these sources, because the observables are derived from different ranges in m_T. Thus, in the case of the PDFs, a different x range is relevant in each case. Furthermore, in the case of the W mass, the uncertainty in the PDFs propagates mainly through acceptance effects, while in the case of the W width, the main effect is through the relative normalization of the high and low m_T regions. In the case of backgrounds, QCD jet misidentification produces the dominant background whose shape is determined independently in the different m_T regions. The sensitivity to the background shape and normalization is different in the fits for the mass and the width, since the shapes of the signal distributions are very different in the respective fitting windows. On the basis of these arguments, we take the contributions in Table VI to be uncorrelated. They are not used directly in this joint error analysis; we present them here for completeness and future reference.

Evaluating Eq. (25), we find $\langle \delta M_W^o \delta \Gamma_W^o \rangle = 43^2$ MeV^2, and the covariance matrix for M_W^o and Γ_W^o is

$$\langle \delta \vec{o} (\delta \vec{o})^T \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} (59^2 - 10^2) \text{ MeV}^2 & 43^2 \text{ MeV}^2 \\ 43^2 \text{ MeV}^2 & (105^2 - 13^2) \text{ MeV}^2 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (26)$$

where the removal of the 10 (13) MeV systematic on the individual measurement of M_W (Γ_W) due to Γ_W (M_W)

TABLE VI. Uncorrelated systematic uncertainties (MeV) between the CDF + D0 averages of M_W and direct Γ_W.

Source	M_W	Γ_W
Backgrounds	6	21
PDF, parton luminosity	12	22

variation is shown explicitly. Substituting this result and Δ into Eq. (24) gives the covariance matrix for the extracted Breit-Wigner parameters M_W^t and Γ_W^t:

$$\langle \delta \vec{t} (\delta \vec{t})^T \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} (59 \text{ MeV})^2 & -(33 \text{ MeV})^2 \\ -(33 \text{ MeV})^2 & (106 \text{ MeV})^2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (27)$$

The negative sign of the covariance between M_W^t and Γ_W^t can be understood as follows: a higher value of the Breit-Wigner pole mass increases the predicted number of events at high m_T, causing the inferred Γ_W^t to reduce (given the number of observed events at high m_T). Similarly, a higher value of the Breit-Wigner width increases the expected number of events on the high side of the Jacobian edge, causing the inferred M_W^t to reduce (given the observed position of the Jacobian edge).

We now describe the calculation of the M_W and Γ_W central values in the joint analysis. We shift the observed value of each variable by the corresponding difference of the other variable from its assumed value, scaled by the appropriate partial derivative:

$$M^t = M^o + b(\Gamma_A - \Gamma^t), \qquad \Gamma^t = \Gamma^o + a(M_A - M^t). \quad (28)$$

M_A and Γ_A denote the assumed values of the mass and width used in the width and mass analyses, respectively. Γ^o and M^o are the values extracted in these individual analyses, and a and b denote the partial derivatives $a = \partial \Gamma / \partial M = 0.33$ and $b = \partial M / \partial \Gamma = 0.17$. Solving these simultaneous linear equations for M^t and Γ^t, we obtain the central values in the joint analysis.

CDF and D0 used different assumed values of the W mass and width in their respective analyses. For our simultaneous $M_W - \Gamma_W$ analysis, we need the individual Tevatron averages of M_W and Γ_W for which the inputs are quoted using the same reference values of Γ_W and M_W, respectively. Thus we cannot use the results of Eqs. (12) and (18) for Γ^o and M^o directly. To arrive at the appropriate averages, we use the partial derivatives mentioned above to "shift" the CDF and D0 measurements to common reference values of $M_A = 80.413$ GeV and $\Gamma_A = 2.080$ GeV.

This reference point is calculated as follows. In the width analysis, D0 assumed a W mass value of 80.436 GeV while CDF assumed a value of 80.400 GeV. We use the weights derived for combining the CDF and D0 width measurements (Sec. IV) to obtain the average $M_A = 80.413$ GeV. Similarly, in the mass analysis, D0 assumed a W width value of 2.062 GeV and CDF assumed a value of 2.096 GeV. Using the weights derived for combining the mass measurements (Sec. III), we obtain the average $\Gamma_A = 2.080$ GeV.

For these coordinates of the reference point, the CDF and D0 W mass measurements shift by about 3 MeV each, and the W width measurements shift by about 4 MeV and 8 MeV, respectively, for CDF and D0. The combination of these shifted values is then repeated according to the procedure described in Secs. III and IV. We obtain the new individual Tevatron averages of $\Gamma^o = 2.115$ GeV and $M^o = 80.456$ GeV. These values are identical to those quoted in Eqs. (12) and (18), proving that our calculated reference point is consistent with the original choices made by CDF and D0.

We can now solve the simultaneous linear equations given in Eq. (28), to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} M_W^{\text{Tevatron}} &= 80.452 \pm 0.059 \text{ GeV}, \\ \Gamma_W^{\text{Tevatron}} &= 2.102 \pm 0.106 \text{ GeV}, \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

as the Tevatron results of the joint analysis. The correlation coefficient is -0.174.

Finally, it is of interest for future, higher precision measurements of M_W and Γ_W to pursue this joint analysis technique. We expect most error contributions to scale with the statistics of the data. Assumptions that are made in providing external input for Γ_W in the M_W analysis are not necessary in this joint analysis technique. We also note that there is almost no loss of precision compared to the individual measurements. While this may seem surprising, the reason is the positive covariance induced between M_W^o and Γ_W^o by the uncertainties in the nuisance parameters. This means that an error in any of the nuisance parameters moves M_W and Γ_W in the same direction. But since an increase in one causes the other to reduce as mentioned above, this overall negative feedback suppresses the systematic uncertainties from the nuisance parameters on both M_W^t and Γ_W^t. This reduction in other systematic errors compensates for the information lost in excluding external mass and width input.

VI. INDIRECT W BOSON WIDTH AND LEPTONIC WIDTH

The CDF and D0 measurements of R (see Eq. (7)) have been presented [12–14] elsewhere. We describe here the combination of the R measurements and the extraction of Γ_W from R assuming the validity of the SM. We also combine this extracted value of Γ_W with the directly measured Γ_W from the m_T spectrum shape.

A. Combination of R measurements

The published CDF [12] and D0 [13,14] measurements of R in the electron channel are

$$\begin{aligned} R &= 10.90 \pm 0.32(\text{stat}) \pm 0.30(\text{syst}) \quad (\text{CDF}), \\ R &= 10.82 \pm 0.41(\text{stat}) \pm 0.36(\text{syst}) \quad (\text{D0 Run 1a}), \\ R &= 10.43 \pm 0.15(\text{stat}) \pm 0.23(\text{syst}) \quad (\text{D0 Run 1b}), \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

where Run 1a refers to the 1992–93 data and Run 1b refers to the 1994–95 data. The uncertainties are summarized in Table VII.

We combine the D0 results from Run 1a and Run 1b taking the systematics due to choice of PDF (0.3%), the uncertainty in M_W (0.1%), the uncertainty in the boson p_T spectrum (0.1%), clustering algorithm dependence (0.2%), physics generator issues (0.3%), electroweak radiative corrections (1.0%) [19], and Drell-Yan background (0.1%), as correlated error components, to obtain a total correlated uncertainty of 1.1%. The result for the combined D0 measurement is

$$R^{\mathrm{D0}} = 10.50 \pm 0.23 \, (\text{uncorrelated}) \pm 0.12 \, (\text{correlated})$$
$$= 10.50 \pm 0.26. \qquad (31)$$

This D0 result is then combined with the CDF measurement. In this combination, the systematics due to the choice of PDF (0.3%), the uncertainty in M_W (0.1%), and higher-order electroweak corrections (1.0%) are treated as correlated uncertainties to obtain a total correlated uncertainty of 1.0%. The average R value is

$$R^{\mathrm{Tevatron}} = 10.59 \pm 0.20 \, (\text{uncorrelated}) \pm 0.11 \, (\text{correlated})$$
$$= 10.59 \pm 0.23. \qquad (32)$$

B. Extraction of *W* boson width

In the extraction of Γ_W from R, the $Z \rightarrow ee$ branching ratio is taken from the PDG [7] to be $(3.363 \pm 0.004)\%$. The inclusive cross section ratio σ_W/σ_Z is calculated at next-to-next-to-leading order using Van Neerven *et al.* [24], with the following inputs: $M_W^{\mathrm{Tevatron}} =$

TABLE VII. Fractional uncertainties (in %) in the CDF [12] and D0 [13,14] measurements of R. "1a" and "1b" refer to the 1992−93 and 1994−95 data, respectively. The column labeled "common" indicates the correlated error, taken as common between the D0 Run 1a and Run 1b measurements. The 1a and 1b columns indicate (in some cases additional) uncorrelated errors for the D0 measurements. The last column indicates the error components that are correlated between the CDF and the combined D0 measurements.

Source	CDF	1b	D0 Common	1a	CDF & D0 Correlated
PDF	1.1		0.3		0.3
M_W	0.1		0.1	0.7	0.1
Boson p_T	0.2		0.1	0.4	
Energy scale	0.4	0.7		0.3	
Recoil response	0.6	0.2		0.6	
Clustering algorithm	$\cdots$		0.2		
Generator	$\cdots$		0.3		
Electroweak corrections	1.0		1.0		1.0
Backgrounds	1.5	1.7	0.1	2.3	
Efficiencies	1.5	0.6		1.9	
NLO QCD	0.6	$\cdots$		$\cdots$	
Drell-Yan	0.2	$\cdots$		$\cdots$	
Total systematic	2.8	2.2	1.1	3.3	1.0
Statistical	2.9	1.4	$\cdots$	3.8	$\cdots$
Total	4.0	2.7	1.1	5.1	1.0

80.456 ± 0.059 GeV, $M_Z = 91.187$ GeV, $\Gamma_W = 2.06 \pm 0.05$ GeV, $\Gamma_Z = 2.490$ GeV, and $\sin^2\theta_W = 0.23124$ [25]. The renormalization and factorization scales are set to the boson mass. The calculated value of the ratio of inclusive cross sections is found to be

$$\frac{\sigma_W}{\sigma_Z} = 3.360 \pm 0.051. \qquad (33)$$

The dominant uncertainties (quoted in parentheses) in the calculation of the cross section ratio are due to PDFs (0.45%), M_W (0.09%), factorization scale (0.12%), renormalization scale (0.06%), and $\sin^2\theta_W$ (1.43%). The uncertainties due to M_Z, Γ_W, and Γ_Z are negligible. The uncertainty due to any input is estimated by varying the input by $\pm 1\sigma$ and taking half of the difference between the results. The uncertainties due to the renormalization and factorization scales are estimated by varying the scales high and low by a factor of 2. The uncertainty due to electroweak corrections is estimated by taking different conventions for $\sin^2\theta_W$. For our central value we use $\sin^2\theta_{\mathrm{eff}}$ from LEP, which gives an effective Born approximation and minimizes higher-order corrections. The on-shell value of $\sin^2\theta_W = 1 - (M_W/M_Z)^2$, however, is equivalent at tree level, but gives a Z boson production cross section which is about 1.4% higher. We include this variation as a systematic uncertainty on the calculated σ_W/σ_Z.

The value of the $W \rightarrow e\nu$ branching ratio extracted from the combined CDF and D0 measurement of R using Eq. (7) is

$$B(W \rightarrow e\nu) = (10.61 \pm 0.28)\% \quad (\text{Tevatron}). \qquad (34)$$

For comparison, the SM value of the branching ratio [7] is

$$B(W \rightarrow e\nu) = \frac{\Gamma(W \rightarrow e\nu)}{\Gamma(W)}$$
$$= \left[3 + 6\left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} + 1.409\left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi}\right)^2 \right.\right.$$
$$\left.\left. - 12.77\left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi}\right)^3 \right\} \right]^{-1}$$
$$= 0.10820 \pm 0.00007, \qquad (35)$$

where we have used $\alpha_S(M_W) = 0.1224 \pm 0.0028$.[5]

The SM calculation of the W boson leptonic partial width is given by [6]

$$\Gamma(W \rightarrow e\nu) = \frac{G_\mu M_W^3}{6\pi\sqrt{2}}(1 + \delta^{\mathrm{SM}}) = 227.1 \pm 0.6 \text{ MeV}, \qquad (36)$$

where $G_\mu = (1.16637 \pm 0.00001) \times 10^{-5}$ GeV^{-2} is the muon decay constant [7], $\delta^{\mathrm{SM}} = -0.0035 \pm 0.0017$ is the "oblique" correction to the tree-level partial width

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[5]This value of $\alpha_S(M_W)$ is obtained by evolving $\alpha_S(M_Z) = 0.1200 \pm 0.0028$ (Eq. 10.50 of [7]) from $M_Z = 91.19$ GeV to $M_W = 80.45$ GeV using Eq. 9.4 of [7].

[6], and $M_W^{\text{Tevatron}} = 80.456 \pm 0.059$ GeV. Using this value of $\Gamma(W \to e\nu)$, the extracted value of Γ_W is

$$\Gamma_W^{\text{Tevatron}} = 2.141 \pm 0.057 \text{ GeV}. \tag{37}$$

For comparison, the SM prediction is $\Gamma_W^{\text{SM}} = 2.099 \pm 0.006$ GeV, using Eqs. (35) and (36).

A comparison of the width extracted from R with the directly measured width (Eqs. (18) and (29)) provides an interesting test of the SM, since the two methods are quite different. In the former measurement assumptions are made about boson couplings, whereas the latter makes use of kinematics. This test is one of the main goals of the Tevatron electroweak physics program in the future, as the precision of both measurements improves with more data.

If one is willing to make all the SM assumptions mentioned in Sec. II, it is possible to combine the indirect and direct measurements of Γ_W. The result should be used with care; for instance, it may not be used in global fits where boson couplings are free parameters, or in analyses of data where new physics can affect the W boson branching ratios.

Given these caveats, we discuss other aspects of combining the indirect and direct measurements of Γ_W. We consider the correlation induced by theoretical inputs used in the respective analyses:

 (i) PDF uncertainties: we conclude that there is no significant correlation because different aspects of PDFs are relevant for each analysis. For the direct measurement of the width the PDFs influence the mass dependence of the Breit-Wigner line shape at high mass. For the extraction of the width from R, the PDFs influence the boson acceptance via their rapidity distributions. The total cross section ratio σ_W/σ_Z is affected by the $u(x)/d(x)$ ratio of PDFs.

 (ii) Electroweak corrections, factorization and renormalization scales, and $\sin^2\theta_W$ play no significant role in the direct Γ_W measurement.

 (iii) We consider the correlation induced by variation in M_W. The uncertainties in R and σ_W/σ_Z due to M_W variation are of the same magnitude and sign[6] and therefore cancel in $B(W \to e\nu)$. The uncertainty in the SM calculation of $\Gamma(W \to e\nu)$ due to uncertainty in M_W is 0.3%, which is transferred to the extracted Γ_W as a 7 MeV uncertainty. This is anticorrelated[7] with the corresponding M_W uncertainty on the direct Γ_W measurement (13 MeV).

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[6]With increasing M_W, R reduces due to increased acceptance, and σ_W also reduces.
[7]With increasing M_W, the calculated $\Gamma(W \to e\nu)$ increases, whereas the directly measured Γ_W decreases.

Taking the anticorrelation induced by M_W variation into account,[8] we find the Tevatron combined (direct and indirect) result

$$\Gamma_W^{\text{Tevatron}} = 2.135 \pm 0.050 \text{ GeV}. \tag{38}$$

The χ^2 of this combination is 0.05 with a probability of 83%, indicating consistency between the direct and indirect measurements. Further combining with the preliminary LEP direct measurement (Eq. (19)) gives

$$\Gamma_W^{\text{world}} = 2.139 \pm 0.044 \text{ GeV}. \tag{39}$$

Our world average differs from the PDG [7] value of $\Gamma_W^{\text{world}} = 2.118 \pm 0.042$ GeV because we have considered the correlations between the CDF and D0 measurements, which were ignored in [7].

C. Extraction of W leptonic width

We may use the extracted value of the $W \to e\nu$ branching ratio (Eq. (34)) and the directly measured total W width (Eq. (18)) to obtain a measurement of the W leptonic partial width

$$\Gamma(W \to e\nu) = \Gamma_W \times B(W \to e\nu)$$
$$= 224 \pm 13 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{(Tevatron)}. \tag{40}$$

The fractional uncertainty in the direct Γ_W (5.0%) dominates over the fractional uncertainty in $B(W \to e\nu)$ (2.4%). This measurement of $\Gamma(W \to e\nu)$ is in good agreement with the SM calculation given in Sec. VI.

VII. SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE PUBLICATIONS

There are a few instances where CDF and D0 have treated uncertainties differently in their respective analyses. For future efforts it would be helpful if a consistent treatment were adopted by both collaborations with mutual agreement. We itemize these cases below.

 (i) The uncertainty due to PDFs has been treated differently in two respects, the acceptance-related uncertainty and the parton luminosity uncertainty. The acceptance-related effects are studied by varying PDFs, but these variations differ between the CDF and D0 analyses. CDF uses their $W \to e\nu$ charge asymmetry data to constrain the PDF variation, whereas the variation considered by D0 does not have this constraint because D0 does not have electron charge discrimination capability in Run 1. With the Run 2 detector D0 can also make this measurement. D0 and CDF have also demonstrated that the boson (decay lepton) rapidity distributions measured in Z (W) boson events can

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[8]Ignoring the anticorrelation changes the result and uncertainty by less than 1 MeV.

provide additional PDF constraints, especially when forward lepton coverage is included. The optimal use of all this information would be to impose a combined constraint on PDFs using CDF and D0 data, and then propagate the same PDF uncertainty into their respective analyses. This approach may also be applied to the parton luminosity uncertainty. Furthermore, we suggest that the possibility of correlation between the parton luminosity uncertainty and the acceptance-related PDF uncertainty be studied. We suggest that these components be quoted separately along with their correlation.

 (ii) The treatment of the W width input in the W mass analysis and vice-versa should be standardized. We suggest that both experiments adopt a common reference point based on available information. This also implies using a fixed width (mass) for the mass (width) fitting instead of building in a SM relationship between these parameters. This approach will facilitate the combination of the one-parameter measurements, the two-parameter joint analysis, and the comparison to theory.

VIII. CONCLUSION

We have presented the Run 1 results on the W boson mass and width from the CDF and D0 experiments, and examined their sources of uncertainty to identify the correlated components. We have used the covariance matrix technique to combine the respective measurements from the two experiments. The χ^2 probability for each combination is good indicating that the measurements are consistent. We have also reported the values and covariance matrix of the W mass and direct W width measurements from their joint analysis. Finally, we have combined the measurements of the ratio of W and Z boson cross sections, and extracted the combined value of the W leptonic branching ratio and the total W width. The measurements of the W width using the direct and indirect techniques are consistent, providing a test of the standard model. We have also extracted the W leptonic partial width from the measured total W width and the leptonic branching ratio. We have documented the methodologies that can provide the basis for future work with data of higher precision.

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