

Low mass Higgs boson searches at CDF

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We present searches for standard model Higgs boson production for Higgs masses between 100 and 135 GeV/c² using approximately 4 fb⁻¹ of data collected by the CDF detector at the Fermilab Tevatron. Precision electroweak fits of the standard model combined with direct searches prefer a Higgs boson mass close to, but greater than 114 GeV/c². Tevatron experiments are currently the only experiments capable of searching in this mass region. To achieve the best sensitivity for masses less than 135 GeV/c², we search for Higgs bosons decaying into b quarks, in association with a vector boson decaying into leptons. These analyses rely on advanced tools for b-quark jet, charged lepton, and neutrino identification, as well as background discrimination using multivariate approaches. We will present results from the main analyses of WH → lvbb, ZH → vvbb, ZH → llbb, as well as secondary analyses, and will present the result of combining the individual analyses to achieve improved limits on standard model Higgs production.

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