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## ABSTRACT

Early measurements of the forward-backward  $t\bar{t}$  production asymmetry at CDF and D0 suggested significant asymmetries that have been interpreted as evidence for exotic gluon partners or new t-channel interactions. We present new measurements performed with 5 fb<sup>-1</sup> of Tevatron  $p\bar{p}$  collisions at  $E_{cm} = 1.96$  TeV, recorded and analyzed at CDF. Significant inclusive asymmetries are observed in both the lepton+jets and the dilepton decay modes of the  $t\bar{t}$  pair. In the dilepton mode, the asymmetry is observed in the reconstructed top rapidity, and in the lepton rapidity difference, which is independent of any top reconstruction. In the lepton plus jets sample, the full reconstruction of the top kinematics is used to measure the dependence of the asymmetry on the  $t\bar{t}$  rapidity difference  $\Delta(y)$  and the invariant mass  $M_{(t\bar{t})}$  of the  $t\bar{t}$  system. The asymmetry is found to be most significant at large  $\Delta(y)$  and  $M_{(t\bar{t})}$ . For  $M_{(t\bar{t})} > 450$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup>, the parton-level asymmetry in the t-tbar rest frame is  $A = 0.475 \pm 0.114$  compared to a next-to-leading order QCD prediction of  $0.088 \pm 0.013$ . The asymmetry is found to be consistent with CP conservation under interchange of t and tbar.