Pisa and the Collider Detector at Fermilab: a History of the Establishment of Precision Physics With a Calorimetric Spectrometer at a Hadron Collider

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Sommario

This is a personal and admittedly US-centric attempt to summarize the foundational impact of the Pisa CDF Group on the conceptual design, construction, and early operation of the CDF Detector at Fermilab. I have tried to go back to original documents where possible.

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0.1 The Impact of Pisa: Three Themes

The formation and operation of the Collider Detector Facility, as it was initially named, at Fermilab, spanned the development of the modern picture of particle physics. Here I focus on three themes to discuss the impact of the Pisa/Frascati group. Harder to quantify, but most important, is the force of the senior Pisa members towards the goal of a building an innovative world-class detector in a chaotic and unfunded context, described here at the outset.

1. The leadership role of Pisa in the innovative designs of the CDF tracking and calorimeter systems, and the subsequent construction.
2. The seminal development of precision mass measurements at hadron colliders using a magnetic spectrometer with precise tracking followed by projective calorimetry (aka ‘E/p’, where ‘E’ is the calorimeter energy measurement and ‘p’ is the tracking momentum measurement).

3. The essential role of Pisa hardware in the discovery of the top quark and the extensive and path-breaking results on B-physics.

In addition, Pisa played an essential role in leadership, management, and drive. CDF was a wonderful experience, and among the many wonderful groups, if I had to single out one that made the largest contribution to the exceptionally high standards, creativity, technical know-how, and collegiality of CDF, it would be Pisa.

Figure 0.2 shows a CDF event display of a beams-eye view of a pair of top quarks decaying into W-bosons and b-quark jets. The Pisa group made key contributions to the sophisticated trigger system that selected the event for recording, to the calorimeters that measured the (missing) transverse momentum carried off by the neutrino in the leptonic decay of a W boson, and the silicon vertex detector that allowed identification of the b-quarks, which are an essential part of the signature of top quark production and decay.
Figura 0.2: A beams-eye view of a pair of top quarks decaying into W-bosons and b-quark jets. The combination of a precise measurement of track momentum followed by a sign-independent measurement of the energy deposited pioneered high-precision measurements in complex events at hadron colliders.
0.2 The Path to Precision Electroweak and Flavor Physics at Hadron Colliders

The founding of CDF was followed by a remarkable evolution in sophistication and precision of detectors and techniques at the hadron colliders at Fermilab and CERN since the pioneering experiments at the ISR and S$p\bar{p}$S. Pisa played a crucial leadership role in this evolution.

The following steps and the initial context provide an outline for my talk. Understanding the intellectual and political context is essential to appreciating the intellectual and collaborative role of the Pisa/Frascatti group in the ultimate success of the Tevatron Collider program.

1. The start of high-$P_T$ physics (in the US): Bjorken, Feynman, Cronin
2. The chaotic road to the choice of $p\bar{p}$ collisions in the Tevatron
3. Cronin starts the Collider Experiment Dept.: ZGS-MR (pp), MR ($p\bar{p}$), Tevatron ($p\bar{p}$)
4. Collider Detector: Giorgio Bellettini, Pisa MOUs
5. The development of precision measurements at a hadron collider: calorimeter behind a precision tracking system: the E/p method
6. The silicon Vertex Detector (SVX), Silicon Vertex Tracker (SVT)- real-time tracking, vertex-selected triggering
7. CDF (Pisa) footprint on hadron collider detector development
8. $W$ and $Z$ precision mass measurements; top quark discovery; $B_s$ mixing, development of Higgs and BTSM search strategies

0.3 Hard Parton Scattering– 1971: Bjorken, Feynman and Field, Cronin

The title page of a seminal paper from the summer of 1971 by Bjorken, Berman, and Kogut that still reads remarkably well is shown in Figure 0.3. The title is ‘Inclusive Processes at High Transverse Momentum’; the paper describes scattering, lepton pair production, and W and Z production, and to a large extent still describes the main thrust in HEP today.

Figure 0.4 shows the prevailing view of particle production from that era, which was an extrapolation from low $P_T$ of an exponential, typically quoted as $e^{-6P_T}$, and their predicted power law deviations above the prediction.

Presciently, Jim Cronin and Pierre Piroué submitted a proposal to Fermilab in 1970 to measure the spectrum of inclusive particle production at high $P_T$: electrons, muons, identified hadrons (pi, K, and proton and their antiparticles), as well as short-lived new particles. This was approved and became experiment E100, in the Proton Lab.
Figura 0.3: The title page of the 1971 seminal paper by J. D. Bjorken, S. Berman, and J. Kogut that lays out the landscape of hadron collider physics: parton-parton scattering, Drell-Yan annihilation, and W/Z boson production. This was the physics in which CDF was founded to explore and discover.
Figura 0.4: Predictions of high-$P_T$ particle spectra from parton-parton scattering from the 1971 paper of Berman, Bjorken, and Kogut. The later designs of the CDF calorimeter tower geometry and calorimetric trigger were influenced by the single particle measurements at CERN and Fermilab as the properties of jets were still hotly debated at the time of the start of CDF.

Figura 0.5: The first measurements of inclusive hadron production at high $P_T$ at Fermilab by the Fermilab Experiment E100, with Jim Cronin and Pierre Piroué as spokesman. Cronin later became Head of the Collider Detector Department, preceding the CDF Technical Design Report and later proposal.
Figure 0.5 shows the first results on inclusive hadron production at high \( P_T \) at Fermilab by E100, showing the clear deviation from the naive exponential prediction, and, strikingly, the energy-dependence of the cross-section at high \( P_T \). However, due to delays in bringing the Fermilab machine online, the CERN ISR collider beat us to the punch, sadly, and barely.

However the interpretation of the ‘excess’ and energy-dependence of high-\( P_T \) particle production as two-body parton scattering was not yet agreed on. Figure 0.6 shows a telegram from Feynman to Rick Field after Feynman and Cronin talked about the high \( P_T \) particle production results in France. The telegram is excited, frankly, about the observation of parton scattering, with its consequent \( 1/P_T^4 \) dependence, followed by parton fragmentation to give the observed \( 1/P_T^8 \) at Fermilab.

![Telegram](image)

**Figura 0.6:** A July 1976 telegram from Feynman in France to Rick Field at CalTech, urging Rick to write up their work on parton-parton scattering followed by parton fragmentation being the source of the high-Pt particles (Courtesy of R. Field).

### 0.4 The Chaotic Start of a Collider Program at Fermilab

With the initiatives of Rubbia and others at CERN the pressure grew on Fermilab toward a collider. Bob Wilson appointed Jim Cronin as Head of a new department, the Fermilab Colliding Beam Department. Cronin started a design for the detector, and started some basic measurements of particle flux in the MR tunnel. Figure 0.8 is from the memo announcing the start of the Department.

Unfortunately a rational approach didn’t work at Fermilab, partly because of the Federal HEPAP-determined funding constraint on accelerator construc-
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Figura 0.7: Jim Cronin, the Head of the new Fermilab Colliding Beam Department. Cronin started the first designs for the detector and measurements in the MR tunnel.

Some background is in order to understand the chaotic situation and the impact the international collaborators from Pisa/Frascati and Japan had in fashioning a successful program out of the initial conditions. The Main Ring (MR) accelerator was not well-suited as a collider. With remarkable foresight Wilson had made provisions for the superconducting Tevatron ring in the tunnel, mounted below the MR. However, there were a number of competing facility proposals: PEP at SLAC, Isabelle at BNL, and CESR at Cornell. The HEPAP panel held Sub-panel meetings at Woods Hole in 1974 (Weisskopf, Chair), 1975 (Low, Chair), and 1977 (Sandweiss, Chair) to evaluate and prioritize the proposals. The panels proved that they could differentiate, although with the sign wrong: we approved PEP and Isabelle for construction, leaving the (successful!) Tevatron and CESR to be funded by other means.
DEPARTMENT OF COLLIDING BEAM EXPERIMENTS

A meeting was held at Fermilab on November 17 to discuss various possibilities for the organization of work on colliding beam experiments. In accordance with some of the ideas which were discussed at that meeting a Colliding Beam Experiments Department has now been set up. Professor James Cronin of the University of Chicago has agreed to head this new department.

The department is to be a center for a number of activities directed toward planning for the exploitation of pp and $\bar{p}p$ colliding beams in the present Main-Ring tunnel. Financial restrictions prevent adding very many

Figura 0.8: A memo announcing the start of the Fermilab Colliding Beam Department, with Jim Cronin as Head.

REORGANIZATION OF COLLIDING BEAMS RESEARCH

The Colliding Beam Experiments Department, originally headed by Jim Cronin, has now been disbanded. In its place there will be a Colliding Detector Facility (CDF) Department within the Research Division, a Colliding Beam (CB) Group in the Accelerator Division, and an Antiproton Cooling (AC) Group in the Accelerator Division.

Figura 0.9: A memo announcing the end of the Fermilab Colliding Beam Department. The path to a realistic collider with an adequate luminosity, built on a credible schedule, and a sophisticated detector adequate for the remarkable physics potential was not clear, and Cronin had resigned.
Figura 0.10: An April 1978 “Optimistic Colliding Beam Schedule” for $\bar{p}p$ collisions in the Main Ring, with first collisions planned for 18 months later. This was optimistic in many ways.
Figure 0.11 illuminates the lack of consensus on what to do. Among the options for the accelerator were colliding the Main Ring with the Argonne ZGS (yes, really) for proton-proton collisions. The estimates of achievable luminosities for several of the options disagreed by orders-of-magnitude. The options for the detector were equally all over the map; one proposal had a detector in a pit barely big enough to hold it, but on cables so that it could be raised for access.

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September 15, 1978


Alvin announced that there will be a review of the entire colliding beam possibilities at Fermilab in the second week in November. In order to present this Group’s work in a coherent fashion at that time, Alvin asked that each Group Leader have a written report on his section by October 1, 1978.

A very lively discussion followed on which of the several options (pp, ¯p in MR, pp in Doubler, etc.) was the best one to push here at Fermilab given CERN’s pp program and their much larger financial commitment. Alvin appointed three groups to study various questions since the answers were not clear to those present at this meeting.

A. I. Gaines, B. Diebold: Monte Carlo pp interactions to determine if the unequal energies present any problems for the detector we have been considering.

B. R. Loveless, T. Collins, S. Ecklund: Squeezer magnets if no pre-bending.

C. P. Limon, H. Frisch, C. Ankenbrandt: pp luminosity estimates.

Figura 0.11: The minutes of a 1978 CDF meeting discussing the options for the accelerator itself (“pp, ¯p in MR, pbarp in Doubler, etc.”). The words “A very lively discussion followed” are a diplomatic way of saying that it was a mess, with many competing options and unsupported claims of luminosities, schedules, and costs. Note the last sentence and the three groups.
Figure 0.12

June 1981


Introduction

The Committee met June 8, 9, 10, 11 to consider the source Design Report. We have concentrated on the p production and accumulation aspects of the design and have not reviewed the Colliding Scenario described in Part 6 of the Design Report.

The design described in the Design Report appears to the Committee to be adequate to meet the goals for p production and accumulation listed in that report. It is the conclusion of the Committee, however, that the stated goals are far too modest. We recommend therefore that the Laboratory re-examine the design goals for p production and accumulation and develop a feasibility design commensurate with the full potential of the Main Ring-Booster combination to produce antiprotons.

1. Comments on the General Scheme for p Accumulation

Figura 0.12: Top: The June report of the 1981 (distinguished!) review committee on the Fermilab antiproton source. Bottom: An excerpt from the minutes CDF meeting the following November, showing the awareness at Fermilab of the rapidly-moving CERN program. Both the UA1 and UA2 trigger and tracking designs had impact on the CDF designs; we studied them and wanted to do better.
That a technically sound and exceptionally successful solution came out of the chaos was due to a number of remarkable people and the very strong staff and attitude at the Lab. Key elements were Wilson’s plans for a superconducting ring in the MR tunnel, Alvin Tollestrup’s solutions to the superconducting magnet problems, and John People’s leadership of the pbar source. Figure 0.13 shows the current Fermilab facility, including the Recycler storage ring for which Bill Foster played an essential role.

Figura 0.13: The completed Fermilab accelerator complex showing the remarkable solutions by Wilson, Tollestrup, Peoples, and many others to the lack of adequate funding, the technical challenge of a large ring high-field superconducting magnets, the pbar source, and the development of a sophisticated hadron collider detector with both precise tracking and projective calorimetry.
0.5 The Foundational Contributions of Pisa to the CDF Detector Design

In his contribution to this conference, Giorgio Bellettini describes how in 1979 he and Paolo Giornini met with Alvin Tollestrup and Bob Diebold to discuss Pisa and Frascati joining CDF.

![Giorgio Bellettini, the leader of the Pisa CDF group, in the CDF Trigger Room in 1995. One of the Silicon Vertex Trigger (SVT) racks is visible behind him.](image)

Figure 0.15 is a copy of the 1983 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Pisa, Frascati, and Fermilab. Each of the collaborating institutions ended up signing such an MOU. Note the original cast members. The original institutions included Tsukuba and KEK in Japan, with the strong Japanese effort led by Kuni Kondo.

Figure 0.16 shows the essential role played by Pisa and Frascati in the design, construction, and subsequent operation of CDF by listing the extensive responsibilities of the group. The remarkable characteristics of the tracking and calorimeter systems were heavily influenced (or more) by the group.
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Figure 0.15: The 1983 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Pisa/Frascati and Fermilab. The group was both large and very strong, bringing collider experience and extraordinary detector development skills to CDF.
II. Responsibilities of the Italian Group

The responsibilities of the Italian team are as follows:

A. Fabrication of the scintillator/BBQ towers, the light pipes, and the associated photomultipliers, bases, and HV supplies for the central and endwall hadron calorimeters, and the shipping of this material to Fermilab. This will have to be done according to the time schedule indicated in Paragraph VI.

The iron structure of the calorimeters will be fabricated by Purdue and Fermilab.

The electromagnetic shower calorimeters of the central units will be fabricated by Argonne and KEK.

B. Assembly of the hadron calorimeters at Fermilab, jointly with Purdue and Fermilab.

C. Calibration of the calorimeters with cosmic rays, light flashers, and particle beams jointly with Pennsylvania, Purdue, and Fermilab. The Italian group will dedicate to the assembly and calibration work at Fermilab a minimum of:

1. One physicist and two technicians during the period October 1982-December 1983.

D. Development, construction, and operation of a light-flasher system for the hadron calorimeters that is compatible with overall CDF calibration requirements.

E. Development and construction of a HV system for the central and endwall hadron calorimeters.

F. Coordination of the above scintillator construction, assembly, and calibration work.

G. Development, construction, and running-in of a prototype small angle luminosity monitor and elastic scattering silicon detector, as outlined in Chapter 7 of the Design Report.

H. Development, construction, and running-in of a prototype vertex tracking and dE/dx detector, as outlined in Chapter 7 of the Design Report.

The installation of these detectors in CDF will depend on their performance and on possible interference with the rest of the CDF activities.

Figura 0.16: The list from the 1983 MOU of Pisa and Frascatti responsibilities.
0.5.1 The Technical Design Report (TDR)

Design and even construction of the Collider Detector Facility, as it was initially named, started before a proposal had been written. Instead, the Collaboration wrote a Technical Design Report (TDR), released in August of 1981 (H. Jensen and HJF editors). Figure 0.17 shows the cover, with its logo of the projective calorimeter towers put forward by the Pisa group.

![Design Report Cover](image)

Figura 0.17: caption

The titles of the 1981 CDF Notes (internal collaboration technical notes) proposing designs for the vertex silicon detectors and hadron calorimeters are shown in Figure 0.18. The as-built detectors corresponded remarkably faithfully to these initial innovative designs.

0.5.2 Projective Hadron Calorimetry: Pisa and Frascatti

A very strong contingent from Pisa and Frascatti, in collaboration with Argonne, Fermilab, Purdue, Urbana, and other institutions, led the adoption and design of the (largely) hermetic calorimeters based on a projective tower geometry of uniform segmentation in rapidity and polar angle. Transporting the light out of the calorimeter to the photomultipliers outside was a tour-de-force, both in design and implementation. The left-hand panel of Figure 0.19 shows Franco Cervelli and Aldo Menzione working on hadron calorimeter modules. The...
Figura 0.18: Key 1981 CDF Notes (the internal collaboration technical papers)
The CDF Note index showing the 1981 CDF Notes from the Pisa/Frascatti
groups, proposing designs for silicon detectors and hadron calorimeters. The
titles of notes CDF-59, CDF-60, and CDF-62 are highlighted in red.

right-hand panel shows a prototype of one of the four ‘arches’ of modules
being assembled at Argonne.²

Figura 0.19: Left: Franco Cervelli and Aldo Menzione working on hadron calo-
rimeter modules. Right: Hans Kautsky supervising the assembly of prototype
‘arch’ of modules being assembled at Argonne. (Note the hard-hat).

² No mention of the detector construction would be complete without due credit
being given to Dennis Theriot as overall CDF Project Manager, and Hans Jensen leading
the detector assembly in the B0 collision hall.
0.5.3 Silicon Vertex Detectors (SVX) and Silicon Vertex Trigger (SVT)

Aldo Menzione was a key pioneer in the development of silicon tracking detectors, as well as single-handedly, it seemed, bulling through the adoption by CDF of the SVX silicon detector that played such an important role in the Tevatron physics program. Figure 0.20 reproduces title from papers in the development

Figura 0.20: Two seminal papers by the Pisa group on the exploitation of silicon vertex detectors.
I was on the tracking ‘GodParent Committee’, led by Giulio Ascoli and later Willie Chinowsky, that had the charge of vetting the tracking designs. The history of vertex tracking at CERN had not been good, and there was nervousness, particularly among the less technical folk; Aldo was an irresistible force, and the GodParents approved the installation of the silicon vertex detector. The SVX, along with the remarkable central tracking chamber of Kadel, Mukherjee, Kephart, Binkley, and others, were the core of CDF performance.

Aldo’s design and description in the Technical Design Report of this bold proposal are shown in Figure 0.21. What is truly remarkable to me is how this sketch corresponds to what was built and operated; even though this was completely unexplored territory for us, Aldo knew deeply what the system needed to do.

Figura 0.21: The description and layout of the Silicon Vertex Detector (SVX) in the Technical Design Report.
The ability to trigger on displaced vertices, seemingly impossible when we first contemplated the collider, was brilliantly implemented by Luciano Ristori and the Pisa group (Chicago collaborated on the hardware). The precision, data rate, and necessary monitoring/control were a large step beyond the state-of-the-art. Figure 0.22 (Left) shows a ‘cartoon’ of the operating principles; the installation, driven by over 100 optical fibers running at 1.4 Gbits/sec, is shown on the right.

Figura 0.22: Left: The operating principle of the Silicon Vertex Tracker (SVT). Right: the SVT system installed in the CDF Trigger Room.

0.5.4 Summary

The period discussed here spans the development of precision measurements at hadron colliders and the parton model. The Pisa/Frascatti group’s contributions to CDF have set the standards for collider programs at the ‘Energy Frontier’: the precision spectrometer consisting of precision tracking back to the vertex with a silicon vertex detector followed by projective segmented calorimeters, and using a trigger on displaced vertices. The combined tracking and calorimeter systems that the group contributed so much to allowed precision calibration of both systems through the ‘E/p’ method, now a standard (as are so many of the innovations from CDF) at the LHC.

The work of Aldo Menzione on the SVX and Luciano Ristori were honored with the Panofsky Prize of the American Physical Society. Figure 0.23 gives the citations. Recognition of the importance of the entire group has been recognized by the continued election of Pisa physicists to the leadership of the Collaboration.
In summary, this was a remarkable group of wonderful physicists and people. It was an honor and pleasure to work closely with them; the leadership and exceptionally high intellectual standard was key to the successes of CDF.

0.6 Acknowledgements

I would like to thank the Organizers for the enjoyable opportunity to revisit wonderful memories of collaboration with the Pisa CDF physicists. I owe deep thanks to Vincenzo Cavasinni for his care and thoughtful hospitality, and Giorgio Bellettini for the invitation and help. The occasion to see old friends from CDF was particularly special. The talk is dedicated to the memories of Aldo Menzione and Mauro Dell’Orso.