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Evidence for D^0 - \bar{D}^0 Mixing Using the CDF II Detector NAGESH KULKARNI, Wayne State University, CDF COLLABORATION — We measure the time dependence of the ratio of decay rates for the rare decay $D^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$ to the Cabibbo-favored decay $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+$. We use a signal of 12.7×10^3 $D^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$ decays with proper decay times between 0.75 and 10 mean D^0 lifetimes. The data sample was recorded with the CDF II detector at the Fermilab Tevatron and corresponds to an integrated luminosity of 1.5 fb^{-1} for $p\bar{p}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV}$. We search for D^0 - \bar{D}^0 mixing and measure the mixing parameters to be $R_D = (3.04 \pm 0.55) \times 10^{-3}$, $y' = (8.5 \pm 7.6) \times 10^{-3}$, and $x'^2 = (-0.12 \pm 0.35) \times 10^{-3}$. We report Bayesian probability contours in the x'^2 - y' plane and find that the data are inconsistent with the no-mixing hypothesis with a probability equivalent to 3.8 Gaussian standard deviations. Potential updates to the analysis will be presented.

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