

**Search for pair production
of scalar top quarks
decaying to a τ lepton
and a b quark in $p\bar{p}$
collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV**

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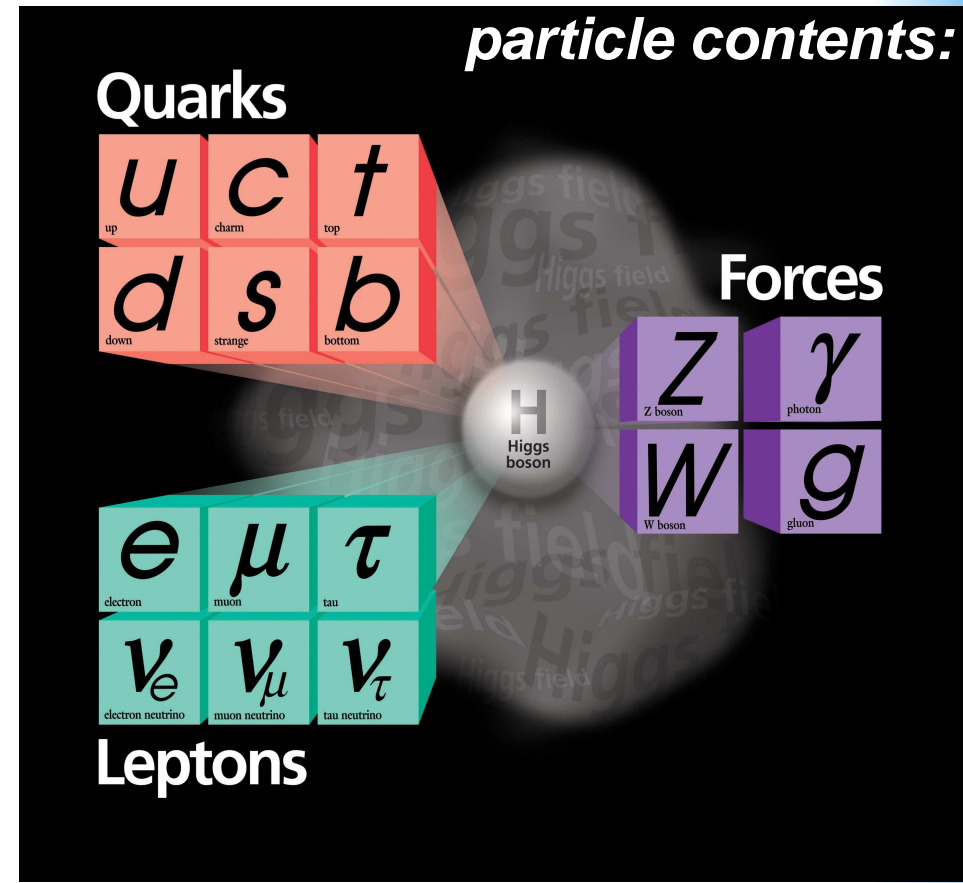
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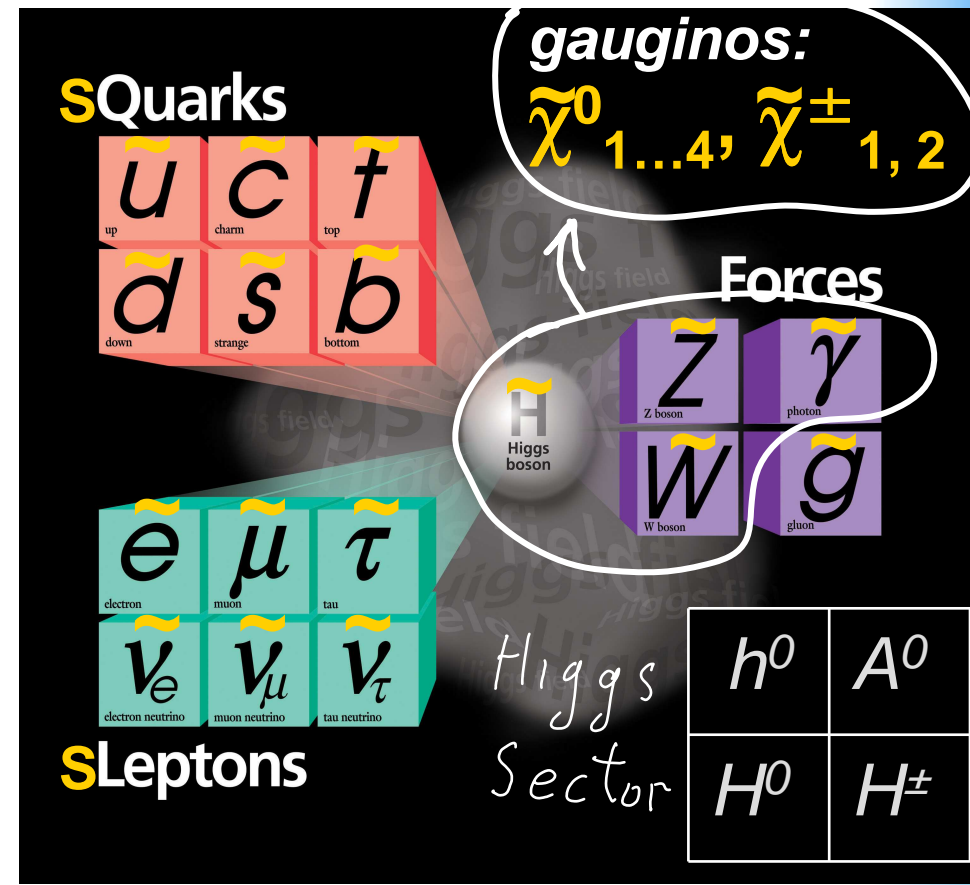
Standard Model (SM) and its Limitations

- $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ gauge theory
- Combines strong, weak and electromagnetic interactions
- Successfully describes vast majority of phenomena
- Limitations and problems:
 - ◆ Some theoretical limitations:
 - Higgs “naturalness” problem
 - Interactions are not unified at high energies
 - Need extensions to describe neutrino masses
 - ◆ Experimental disagreement:
 - Evidence of massive neutrinos
 - Cosmological problems: SM explains only visible matter, which is 4% of the Universe
 - $a_\mu = (g_\mu - 2)/2$ measurement



Supersymmetric (SUSY) Theories

- Symmetry between bosons and fermions:
 - ◆ Fermions get spin 0 superpartners
 - ◆ Bosons get spin $\frac{1}{2}$ superpartners
- Can solve all problems of the SM outlined in previous page!
- SUSY has to be broken at low energies
 - ◆ Many different theories for SUSY breaking mechanisms exist
 - ◆ This analysis doesn't explicitly depend on a specific mechanism
- R-parity quantum number:
 - ◆ $R_P = (-1)^{3B+L+2S} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for SM particles} \\ -1 & \text{for SUSY particles} \end{cases}$
 - ◆ If R-parity is conserved:
 - Superparticles: produced in pairs, decay products always have sparticles
 - Lightest SUSY particle (LSP) is stable: good Dark Matter candidate



R-parity Violating (RPV) SUSY Theories

- No direct evidence exists that R-parity must be conserved
- Consequences of RPV:
 - ◆ **SUSY particles can decay into SM only particles**
 - ◆ Instability of LSP makes it poor candidate for dark matter
 - ◆ RPV can provide a new mechanism for baryon asymmetry
- General RPV superpotential:

$$W_{\text{RPV}} = \underbrace{(\mu_i \mathbf{L}_i \mathbf{H}_u + \lambda_{ijk} \mathbf{L}_i \mathbf{L}_j \mathbf{E}_k + \lambda'_{ijk} \mathbf{L}_i \mathbf{Q}_j \mathbf{D}_k)}_{\text{lepton number violating terms}} + \underbrace{\lambda''_{ijk} \mathbf{U}_i \mathbf{D}_j \mathbf{D}_k}_{\text{barion number violating}}$$

- ◆ λ – trilinear, μ – bilinear RPV couplings
- Lepton and Barion number violating terms can't be non-zero at the same time (strong limits from proton lifetime)
- Typical experimental limits: $\lambda, \lambda', \lambda'' < (10^{-2} - 10^{-1}) \tilde{m} / (100 \text{ GeV}/c^2)$
- **RPV SUSY provides a natural mechanism for neutrino mass**

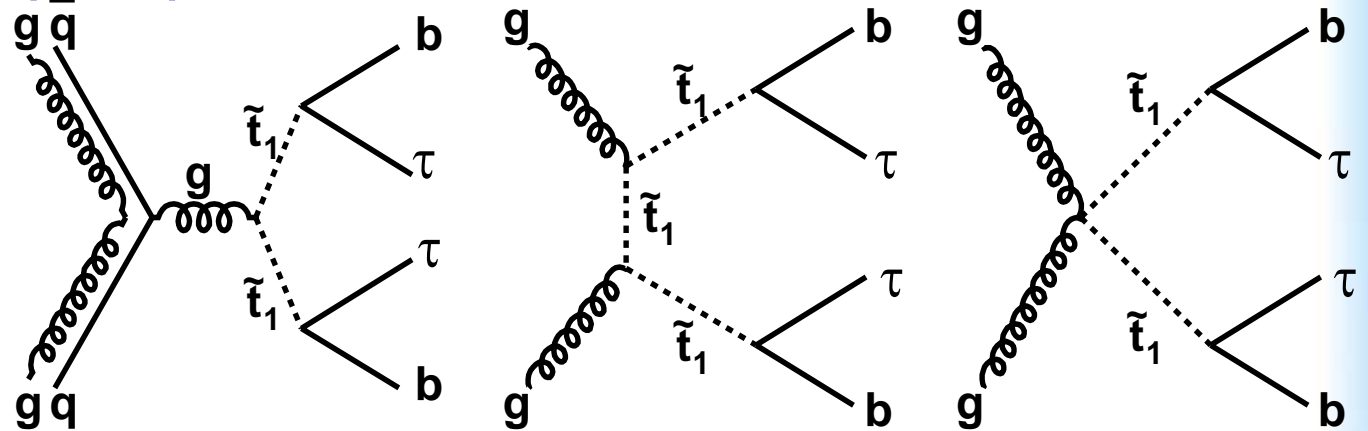
RPV Stop Decay

- Supersymmetric top quark \tilde{t}_1 might be even **lighter than top quark**
 - ◆ While experimental data suggest that superpartners of 1st and 2nd generation have masses higher than any SM particle
- We are interested in $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow \tau b$ decay
 - ◆ λ'_{333} is RPV coupling which is responsible in LO for this decay
 - ◆ Neutrino oscillation experiments suggest limits
$$\lambda'_{i33} < 10^{-5} - 10^{-3}$$
 - ◆ Stop RPC decays are naturally suppressed and may compete with RPV ones even for small values of λ'_{333}
 - ◆ It was shown that $Br(\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow \tau b)$ may be dominant for wide range of parameters

Stop Pair Production

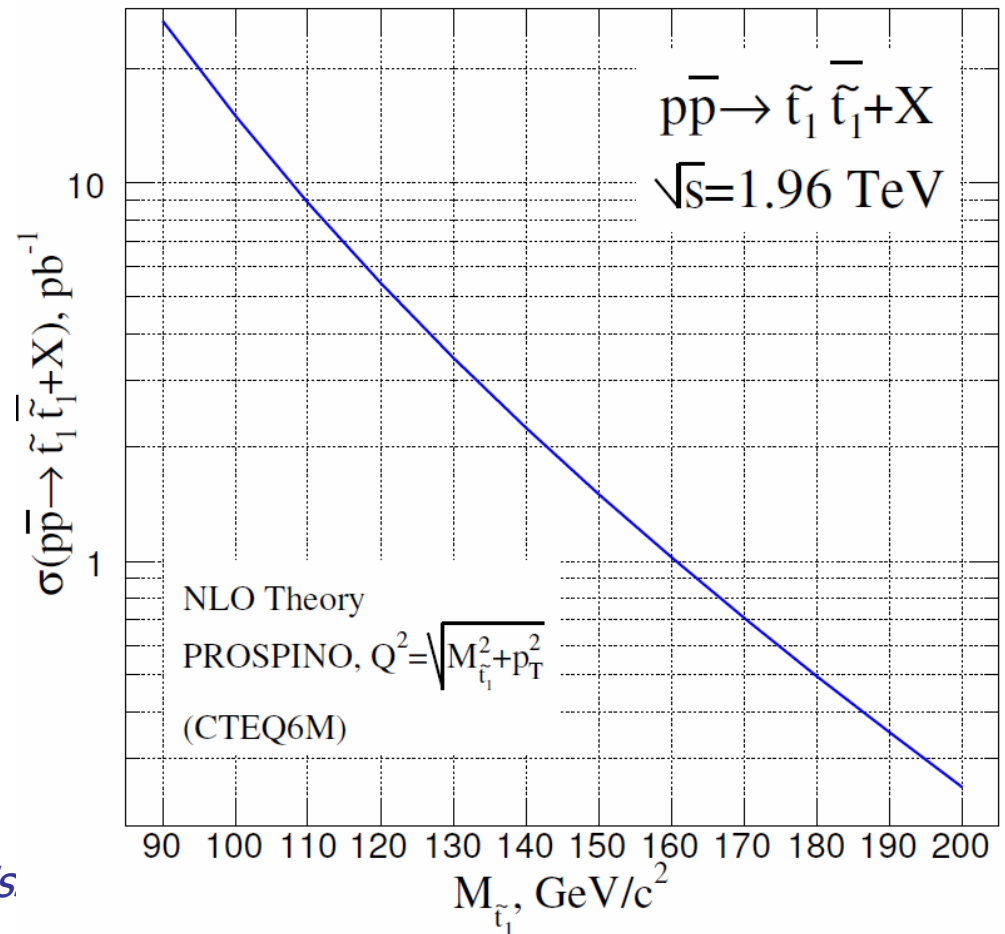
- Stop quark can be pair-produced at the Tevatron

- Set of leading order Feynman diagrams:



- Stop pair production cross section as function of $m(\tilde{t}_1)$:

- ◆ NLO calculation with PROSPINO v2 (CTEQ6M PDF)
- ◆ **~35% higher than for Run I**

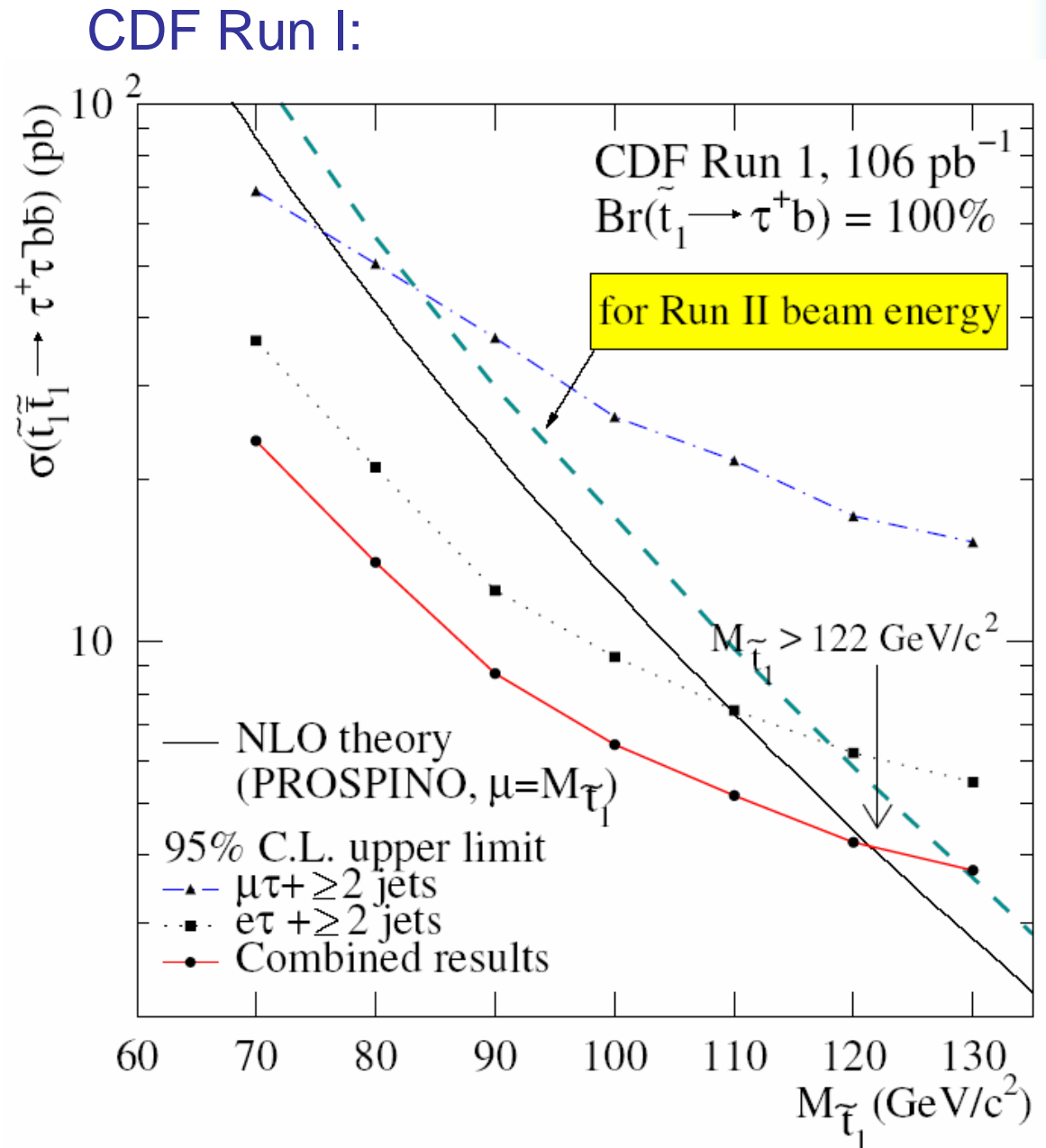


3rd Generation Scalar Leptoquark Interpretation

- SM: remarkable symmetry between quarks and leptons
 - ◆ Could there be interaction between them?
- Interaction mediated by **Leptoquark** particle
 - ◆ Color-triplet boson, spin 0 or 1, has lepton and baryon numbers
 - ◆ Appears in SU(5) GUT, Superstrings, SU(4) Pati-Salam, Composite, Technicolor models
 - ◆ Third generation scalar leptoquark decay: **$\text{Br}(LQ_3 \rightarrow \tau b)=1$** if $m(LQ_3) < m(t)$
- Scalar LQ_3 pair production is identical to the case of stop pair production in the limit of high gluino mass
- RPV stop models can be interpreted as LQ models if **$\text{Br}(\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow \tau b)=1$**
- The results which we'll get for RPV stop will apply for LQ_3 too

Existing Limits on RPV Stop

- LQ3: $m > 99 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ (LEP / CDF Run I)
- RPV stop: $m > 122 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ (CDF Run I)



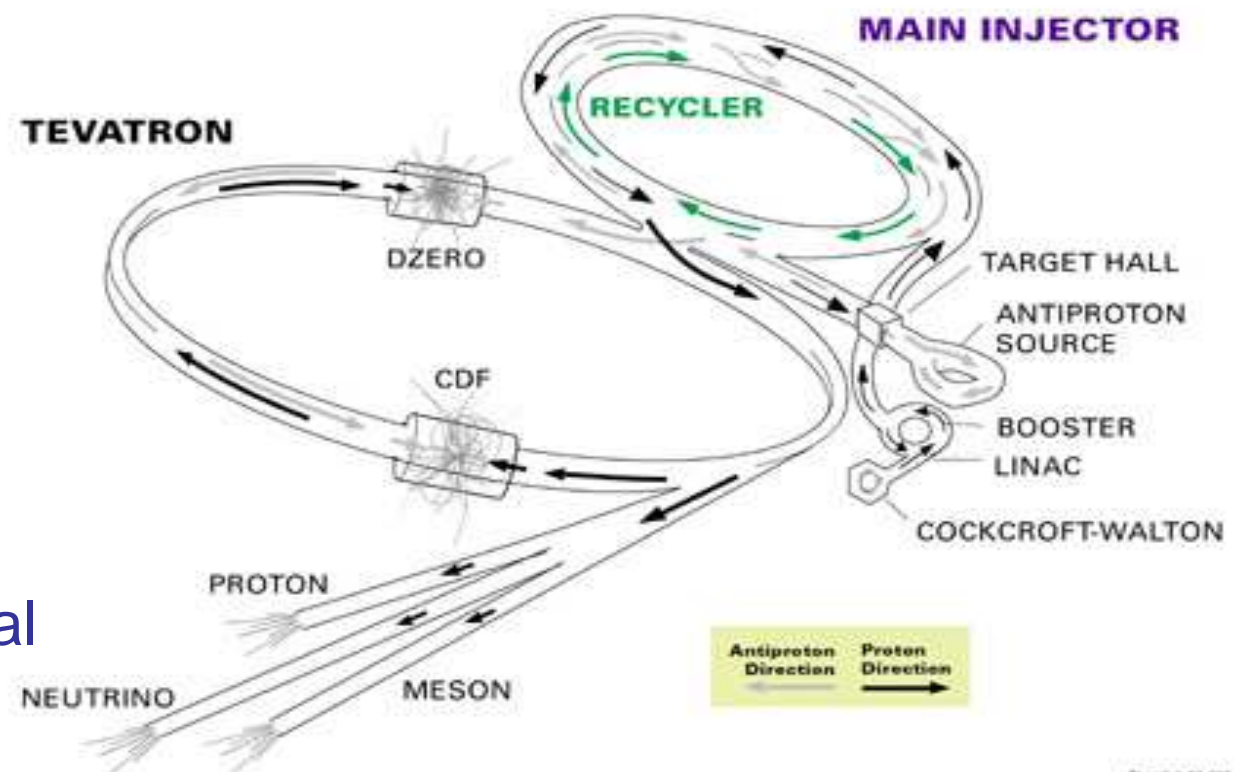
Experimental Tools

- Tevatron and CDF II
- Lepton + Track triggers at CDF
- Hadronic tau identification

Tevatron Accelerator

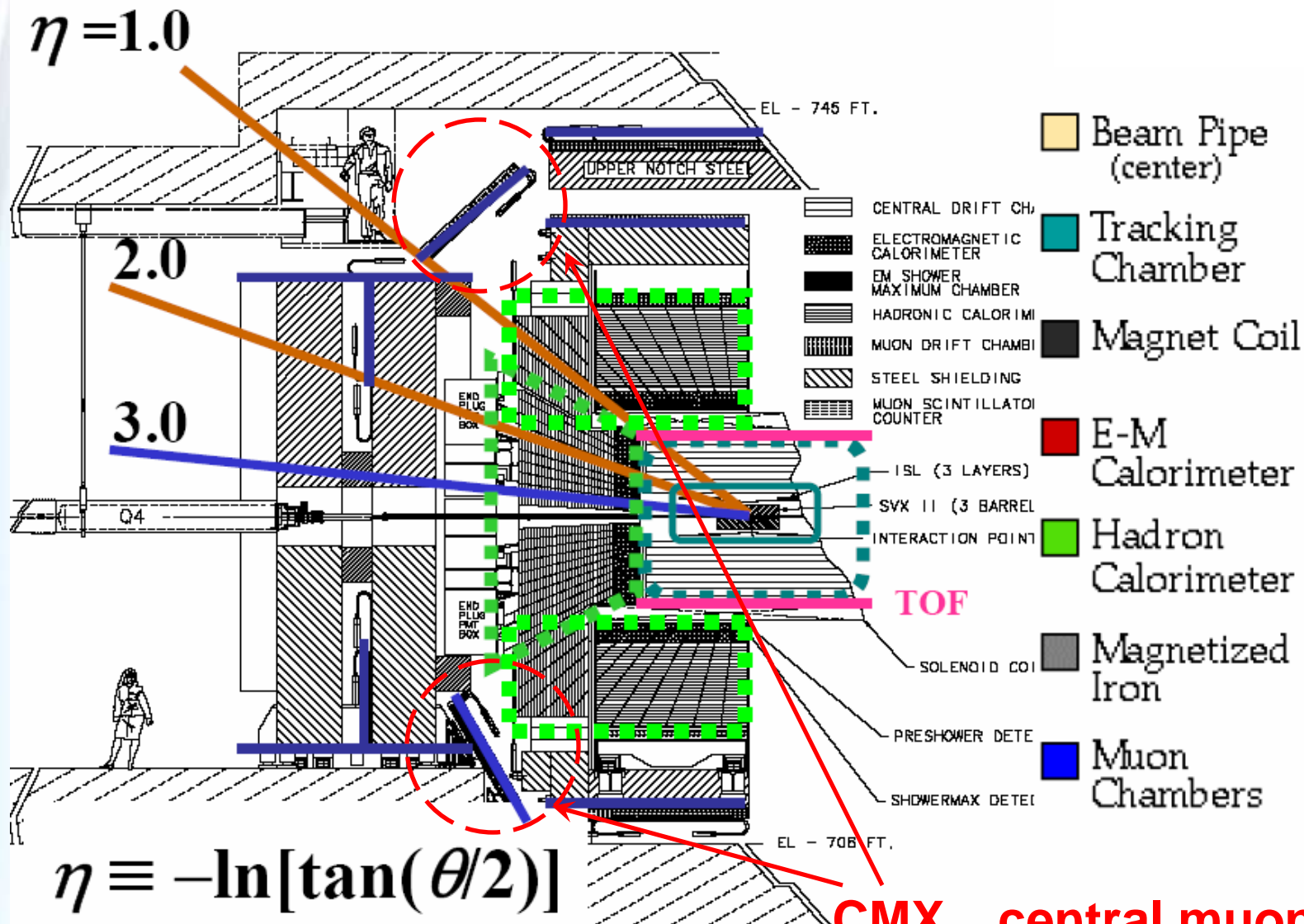
- 1.96 GeV comparing to 1.8 GeV in Run I
 - ◆ **Increases stop cross-section by ~30% !**
- 36p x 36pbar 396ns separated bunches.
- ~60mb inelastic cross-section: 6 trillion collisions per 100/pb.

FERMILAB'S ACCELERATOR CHAIN



- Total Integrated Luminosity ~3 /fb delivered up to date
- This analysis uses 322 /pb
 - ◆ **Almost 3 times more than in Run I**
- Plan: ~6/fb in Run II total

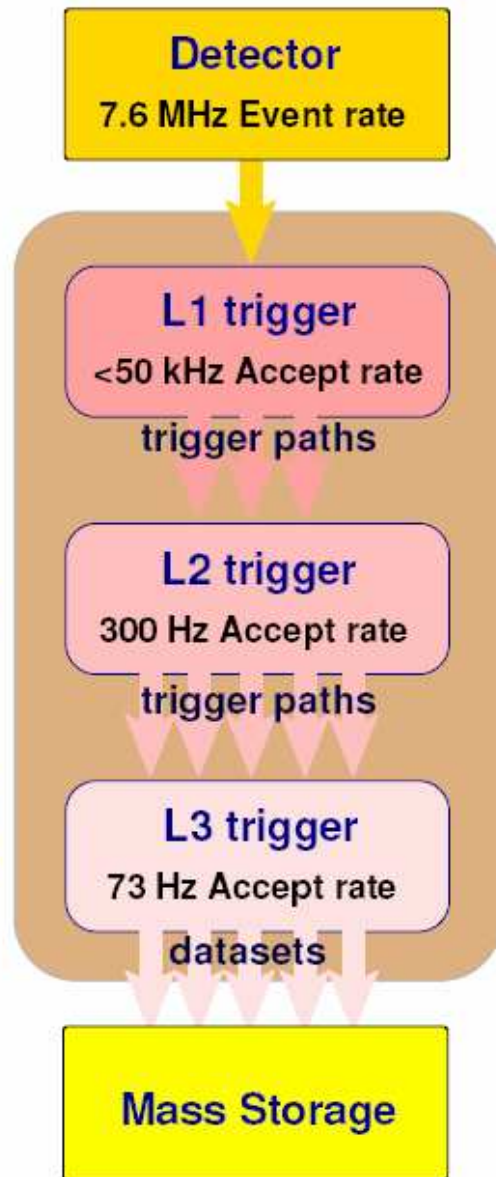
Collider Detector at Fermilab in Run II



CMX – central muon extension
Increased muon coverage!

CDF Triggering System and Lepton+Track Triggers

CDF Trigger System: 3 Levels



■ Lepton+Track Triggers

◆ 3 pathes:

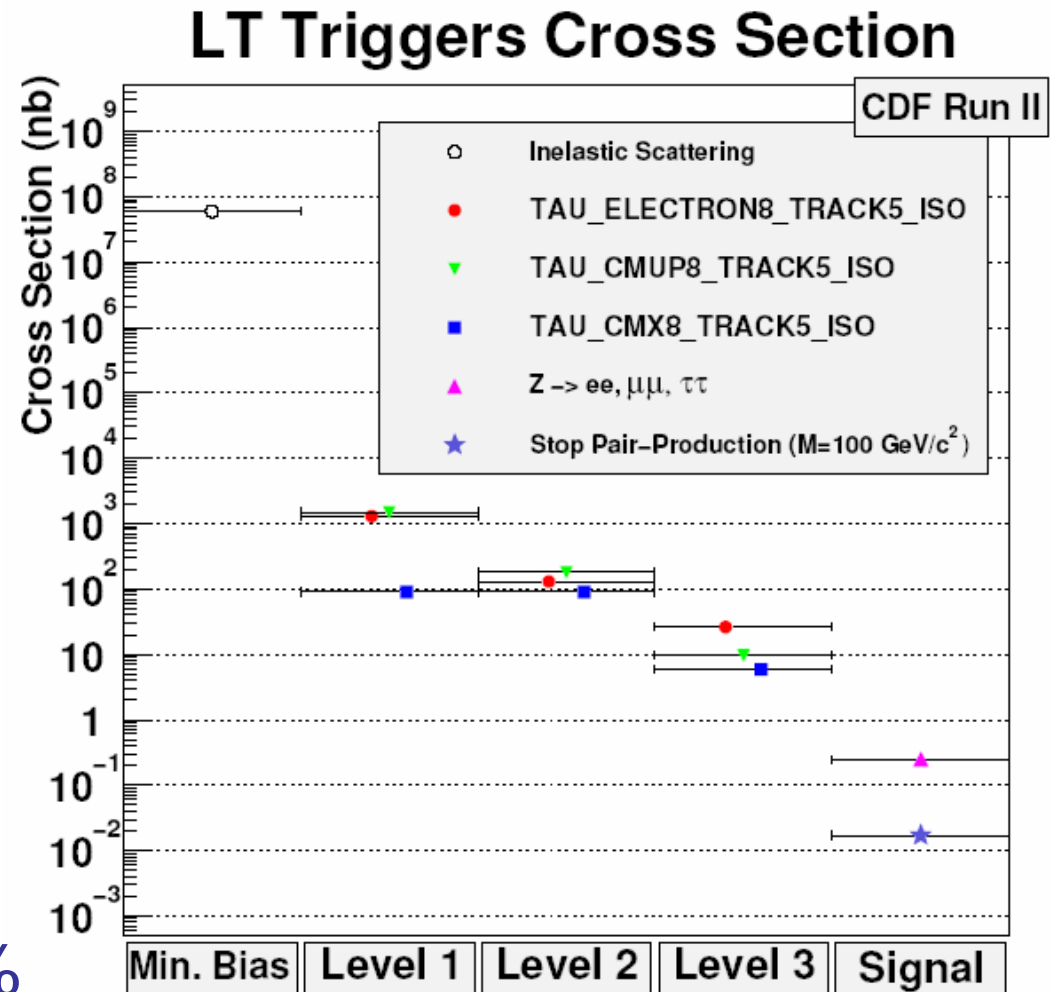
- TAU_ELECTRON8_TRACK5_ISO
- TAU_CMUP8_TRACK5_ISO
- TAU_CMX8_TRACK5_ISO

◆ Require:

- L1&L2 (hardware levels):
 - ◆ Central trigger electron or muon with $P_T > 8 \text{ GeV}/c$
 - ◆ XFT track with $P_T > 5 \text{ GeV}/c$
- L3 (software level):
 - ◆ More refined reconstruction
 - ◆ Additional req. of isolation of 2nd track in 10° - 30° annulus

LT Triggers Cross Section

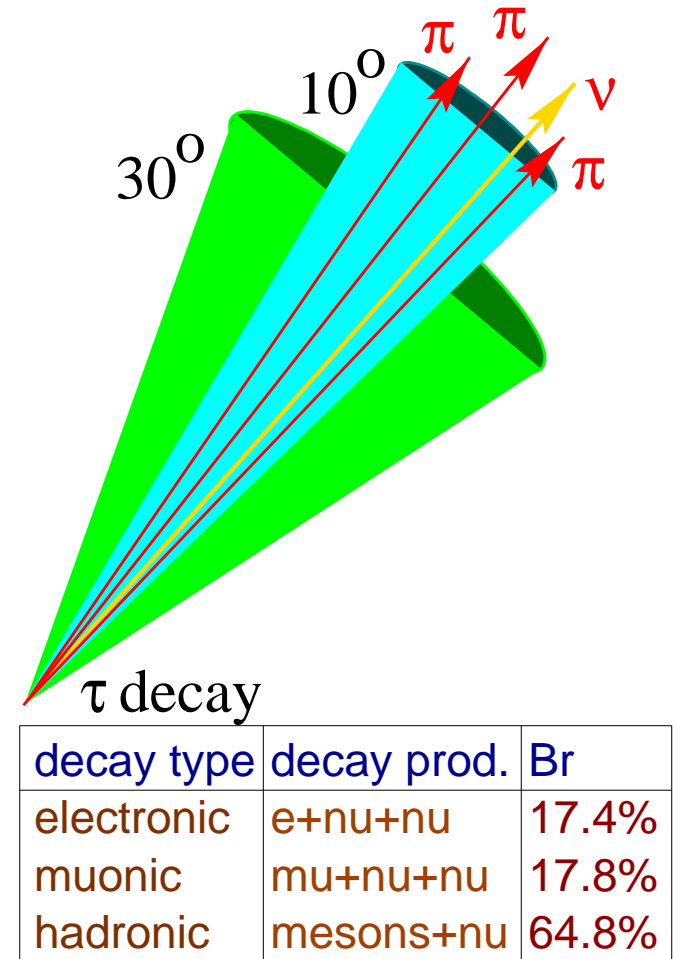
- LT triggers help a lot to filter signal events with taus!
- Comparing to Run I: considerably increased tau preselection efficiency
- Trigger Efficiency: ~92%



Tau Decay and Identification

- τ_h pattern:
 - ◆ Tracks, π^0 s & narrow calorimeter jet in 10° cone,
 - ◆ isolation in 10° - 30° annulus
- Taus are hard to detect at Tevatron
 - ◆ Jets and Leptons can be misidentified as tau
 - ◆ ID efficiency:

$$\varepsilon(\tau_h \text{ ID}) = 55.6 \pm 1.6(\text{stat}) \pm 2.2(\text{syst})\%$$
- Tau signal sone for tracks is dependent on tau energy
- Tau visible momentum:
 - ◆ $p^{\text{vis}}(\tau) = \Sigma p(\text{tracks}) + \Sigma p(\pi^0)$
 - ◆ Correction Procedure exists to compensate for effects of poor π^0 reconstruction



Analysis

- We use unbiased analysis strategy:
 - ◆ Define a signal region
 - Contains most of signal and not much of backgrounds
 - Do not look at data in it until all selection criteria are finalized
 - ◆ Define control and sideband regions
 - Used for validation and background estimation
- Flow:
 - ◆ Define and optimize event selection cuts, determine acceptances for signal and backgrounds
 - ◆ Validate looking at data in control regions
 - ◆ Determine systematic uncertainties
 - ◆ Look at data in signal region
 - ◆ If no excess → set 95% CL limits on stop cross-section & mass

Signal Signature and MC

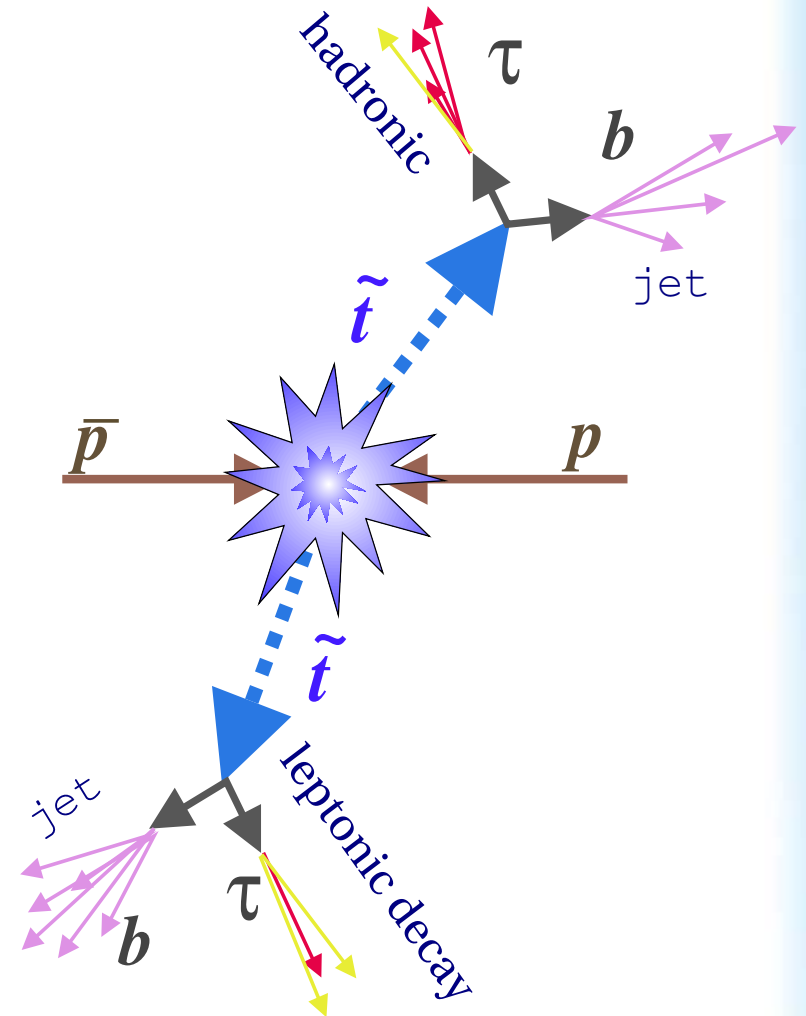
Detector signature to look for:

- **e or μ** : from leptonically decaying tau
- **τ_h** : hadronic tau
- **2 jets**: from b-quarks

To model:

- PYTHIA using CTEQ5L PDF
- GEANT-based CDF full detector simulation
- samples for different stop masses:

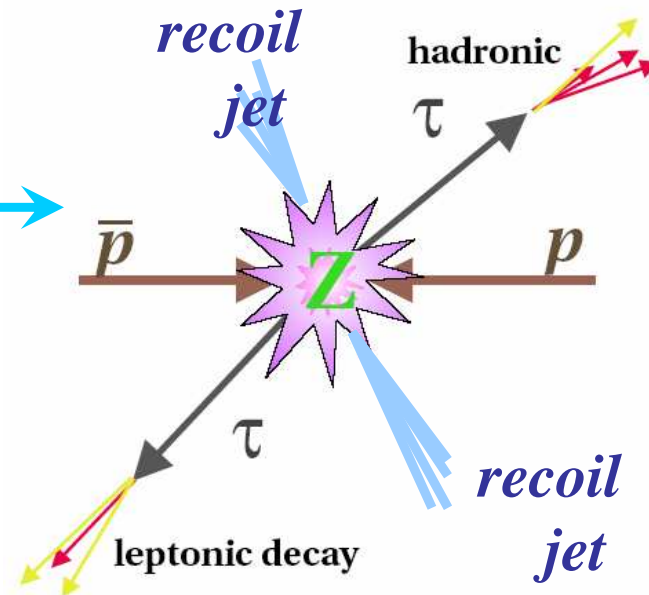
$$m(\text{stop}) = 100 - 170 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$



Backgrounds

◆ Physics BG:

- $Z (\rightarrow \tau_l \tau_h) + \geq 2\text{jets}$ (**dominant**; use MC corrected with Data)
- $t\bar{t}, WW/WZ/ZZ$ (small; use MC)



◆ BG from misidentification (usually jet or / fakes tau):

- $Z (\rightarrow ee/\mu\mu) + \geq 2\text{jets}$
(**$Z \rightarrow ee$ is rather sizeable**; use MC corrected with Data)
- QCD ($\geq 4\text{jets}$) (use Data)
- $W (\rightarrow l / \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow l) + \geq 3\text{jets}$ (small, but hard to estimate; use Data)

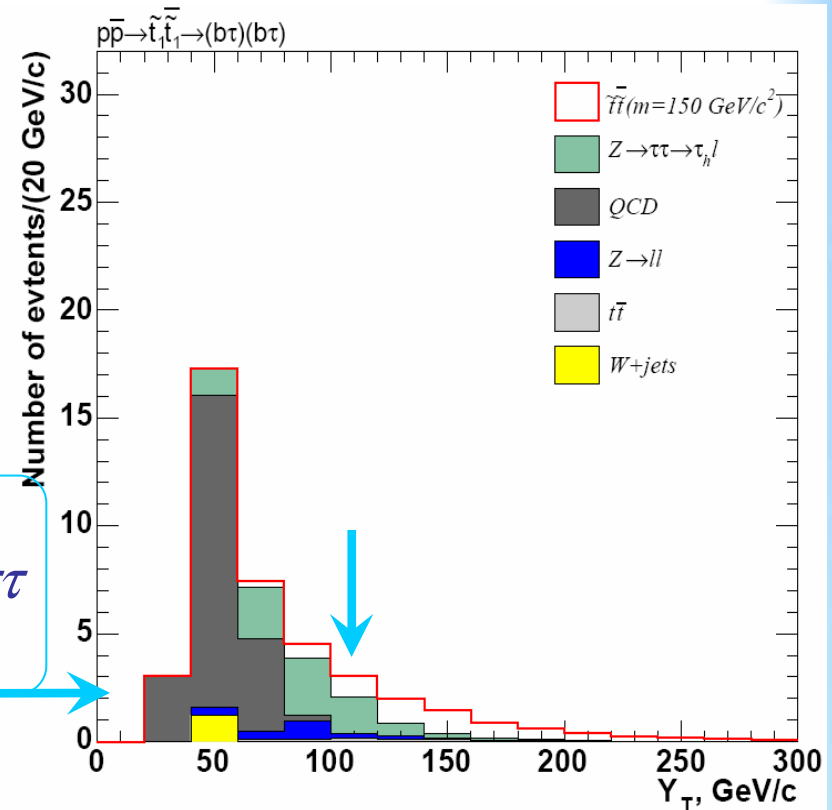
■ MC estimated BG:

- ◆ Use Pythia or Alpgen+Herwig for acceptance
- ◆ Normalize with NLO cross-sections

Event Selection

- Central e or μ : $p_T(l) > 10$ GeV/c
- Hadronic tau : $p_T(\tau) > 15$ GeV/c
- Series of standard ID cuts
- Background removal:

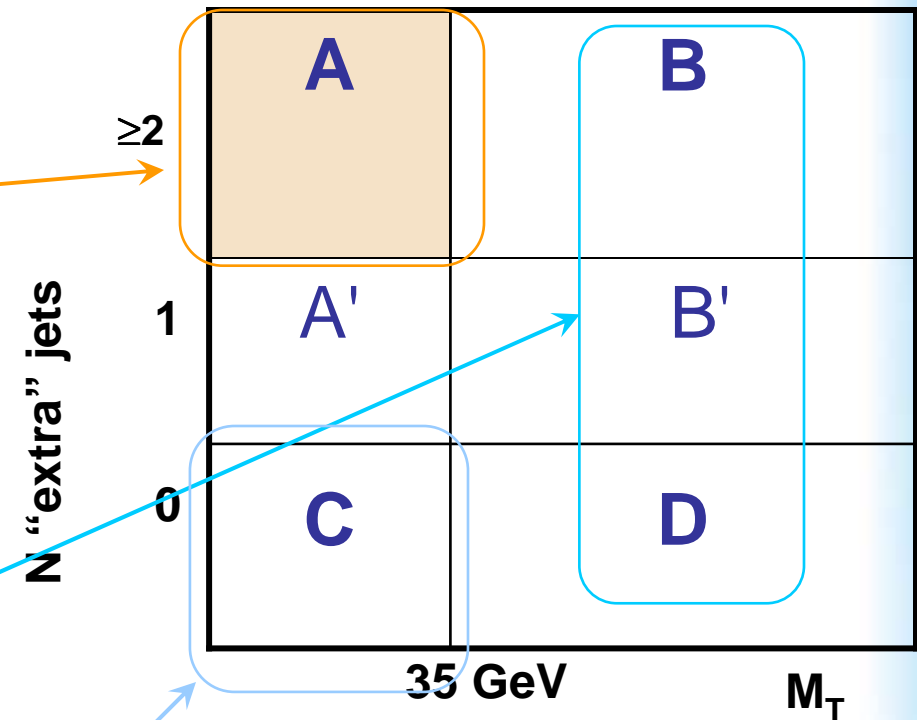
- ◆ DY, cosmic rays, conversions
- ◆ $S_T = p_T(l) + p_T(\tau) + \text{MET} > 110$ GeV
 - strong suppression of QCD and $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$
 - cut value is optimized



- Two more discriminating variables:
 - ◆ $m_T(l, \text{MET})$
 - Transverse mass of lepton and MET
 - ◆ N_{jet}
 - Number of extra jets:
 - ◆ other than lepton or tau and with $E_T > 20$ GeV
 - ◆ Threshold value is optimized

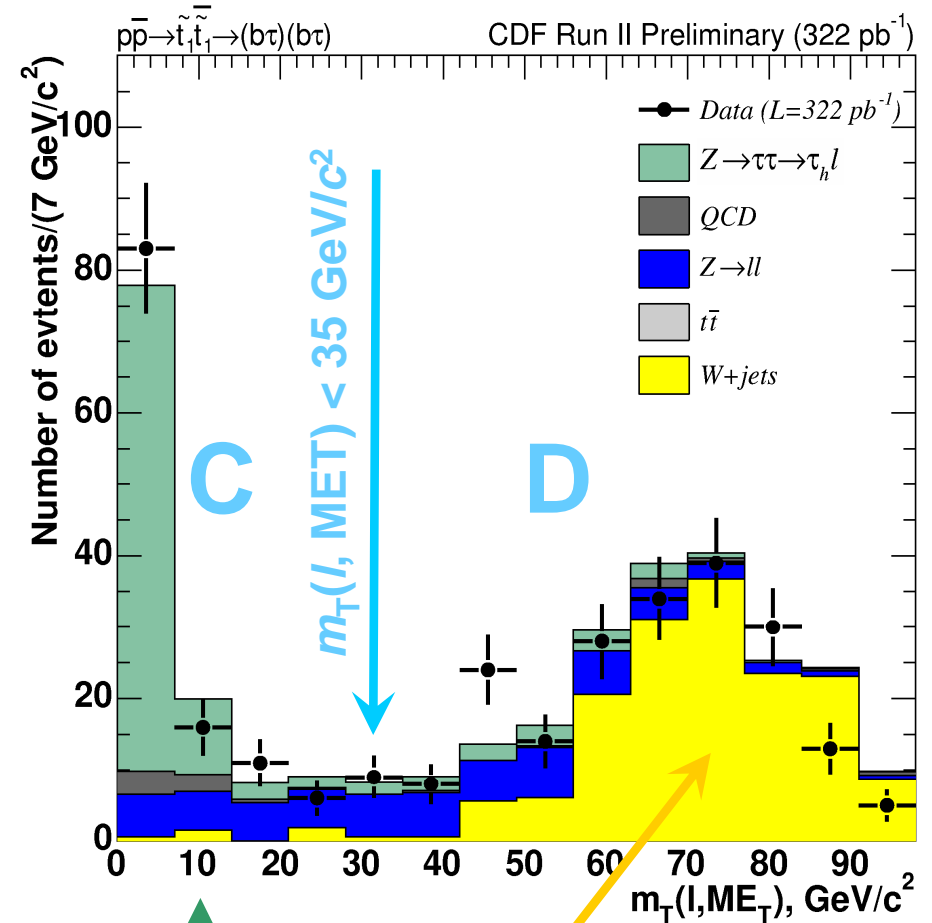
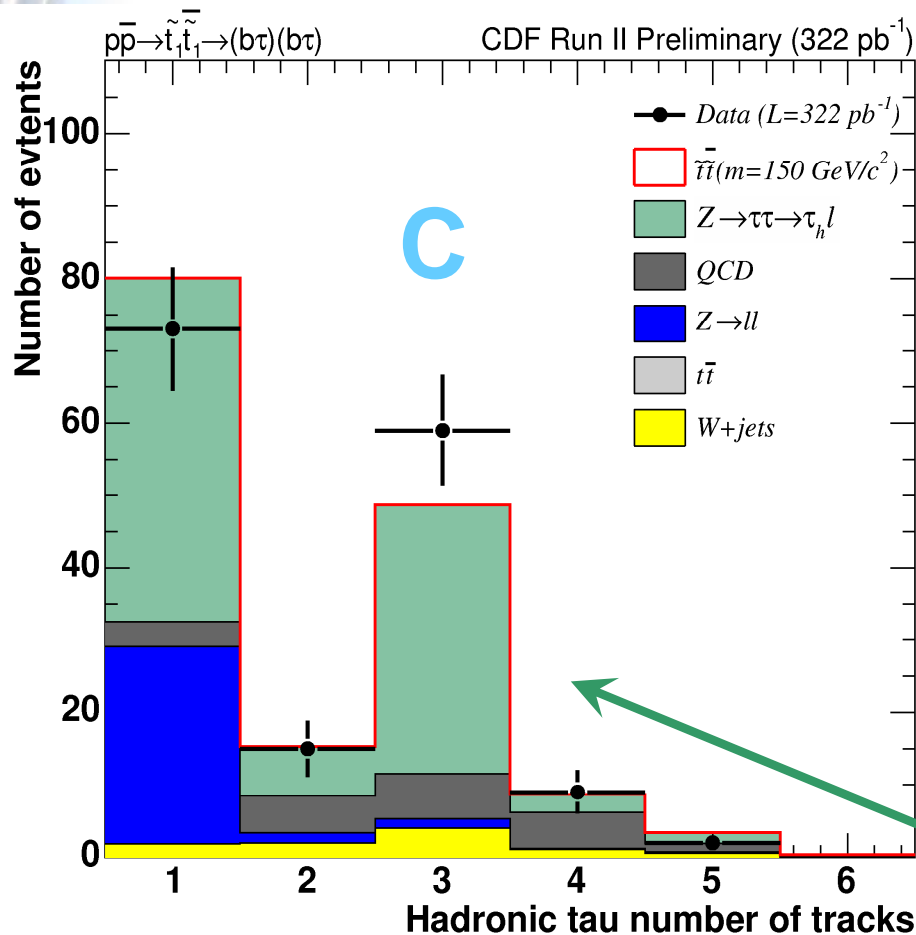
Definition of Control and Sideband regions

- After $S_T > 110$ GeV requirement:
 - ◆ Sort remaining events by N_{jet} & $m_T(l, MET)$
- Signal dominates in Region A (“the blind box”)
 - ◆ $m_T(l, MET) < 35 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ separates signal and W , top and di-boson backgrounds
 - ◆ $N_{jet} \geq 2$ ($E_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$) separates signal and most of BG (including $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$)



Validation: $N_{jet}=0$ Regions C and D

- Use $S_T > 80$ GeV
(better statistics for validation)

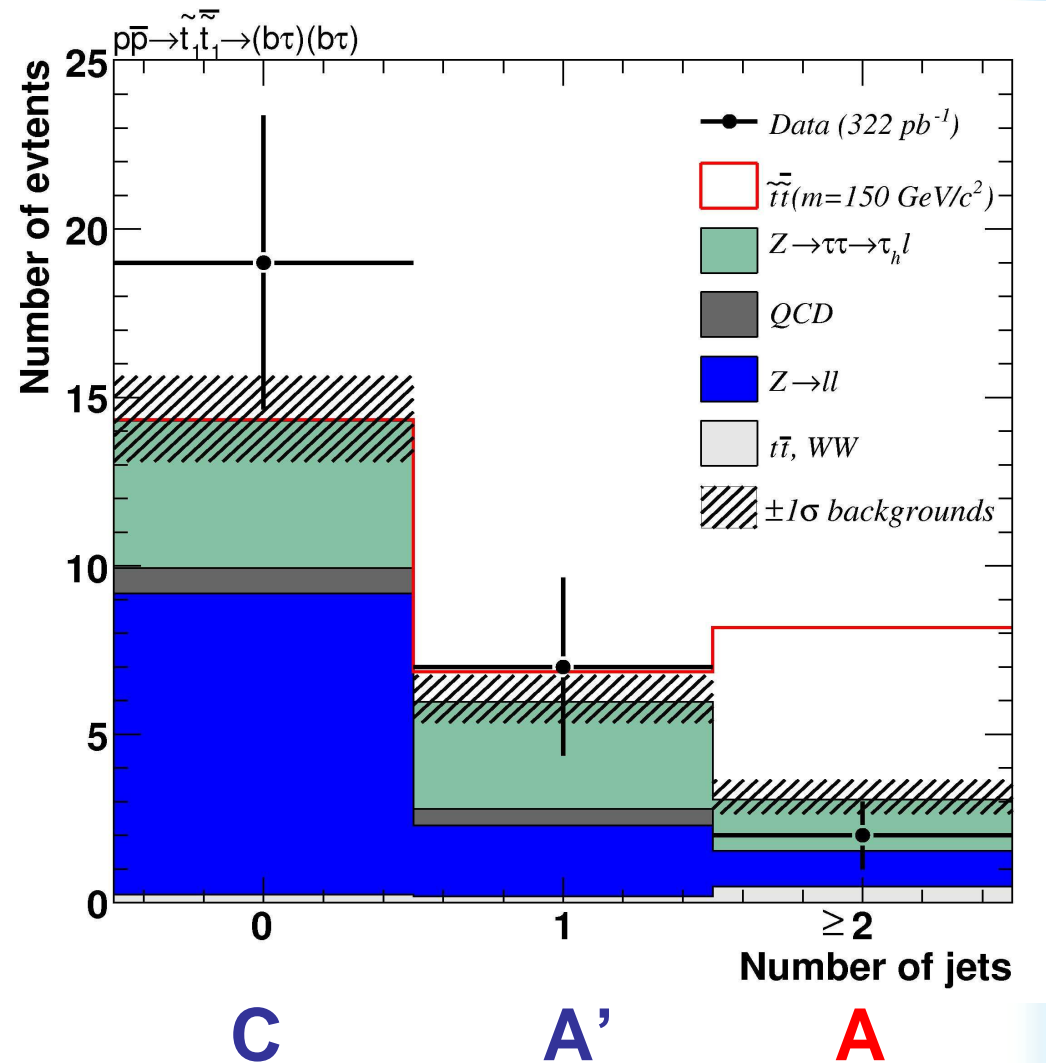


D is mostly $W+jets$

- C is dominated by $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- clear tau signal

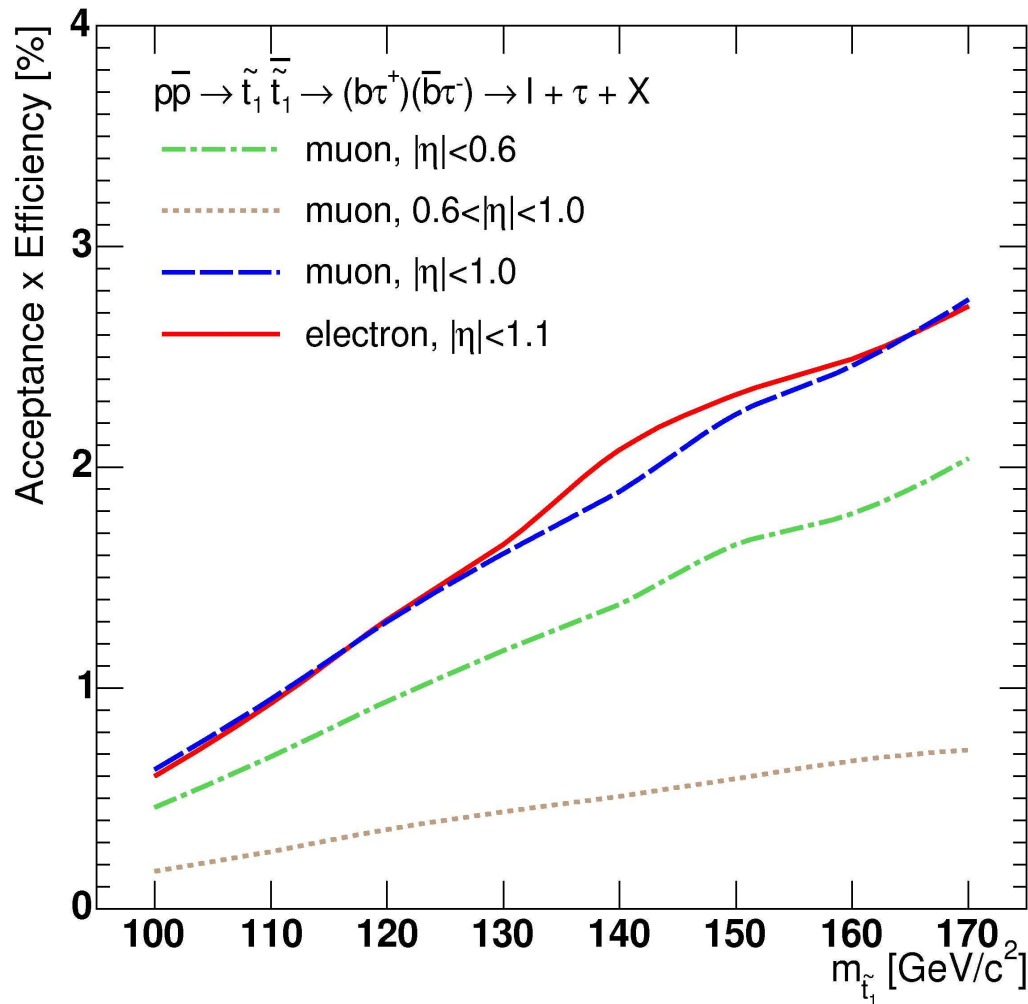
N_{jet} Distribution for $m_T < 35 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

- Signal region ($N_{\text{jet}} \geq 2$):
 - ◆ was looked after the validation in control regions was completed
 - ◆ $N_{\text{obs}} = 2 (1e+1\mu)$
 - ◆ $N_{\text{BG}} = 3.0^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$



Signal Region

Signal Event Selection: Summary



Total signal event selection acceptance (in region A_2 as a function of $m(\text{stop})$ for:

- Electron channel
- Muon channel:
 - CMUP ($|\eta| < 0.6$)
 - CMX ($0.6 < |\eta| < 1.0$)
 - separately and combined

- Muons (combined) and Electrons give similar acceptance

Systematic Uncertainties

■ **Contributions:**

- ◆ PDF: 3.8 – 5.0 %
- ◆ ISR/FSR: 1.5 - 2.0 %
- ◆ Jet energy scale: 1.2 - 8.7 %
- ◆ MET: 0.3 – 2.1 %
- ◆ Acceptance: 1.5 – 1.7 %
- ◆ lepton/tau ID: 1.0 – 3.0 %
- ◆ Trigger efficiency: ~1%

■ **Total systematics [%] vs Stop mass [GeV/c²]:**

| m(stop), | | 100 | 110 | 120 | 130 | 140 | 150 | 160 | 170 |
|----------|------------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Channel | $e+\tau$ | 10.8 | 11.1 | 10.3 | 8.5 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 6.9 |
| | $\mu+\tau$ | 10.9 | 10.7 | 10.0 | 9.2 | 8.3 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.3 |

Fit Strategy

- Use fitting to the Data to find:
 - ◆ Probability Density Function as a function of signal cross-section
 - ◆ **estimate W +jets background**
- “4-region” method:
 - ◆ Assume for W +jets
$$r \equiv [N(A)/N(B)] / [N(C)/N(D)] \sim 1$$
 - unreliable rates but reliable ratios
 - verified with MC
 - ◆ Estimate all non- W +jets BG
 - ◆ Estimate N_B/N_A , N_C/N_A , N_D/N_A for signal events
 - ◆ Include systematic uncertainties (are in range of 7.0%~11.2%)
 - ◆ Fit to Data in all 4 regions

| | | | |
|----------------|----------|--------|-------|
| N “extra” jets | ≥ 2 | A | B |
| | 1 | A' | B' |
| | 0 | C | D |
| | | 35 GeV | M_T |

Building the Fit Likelihood

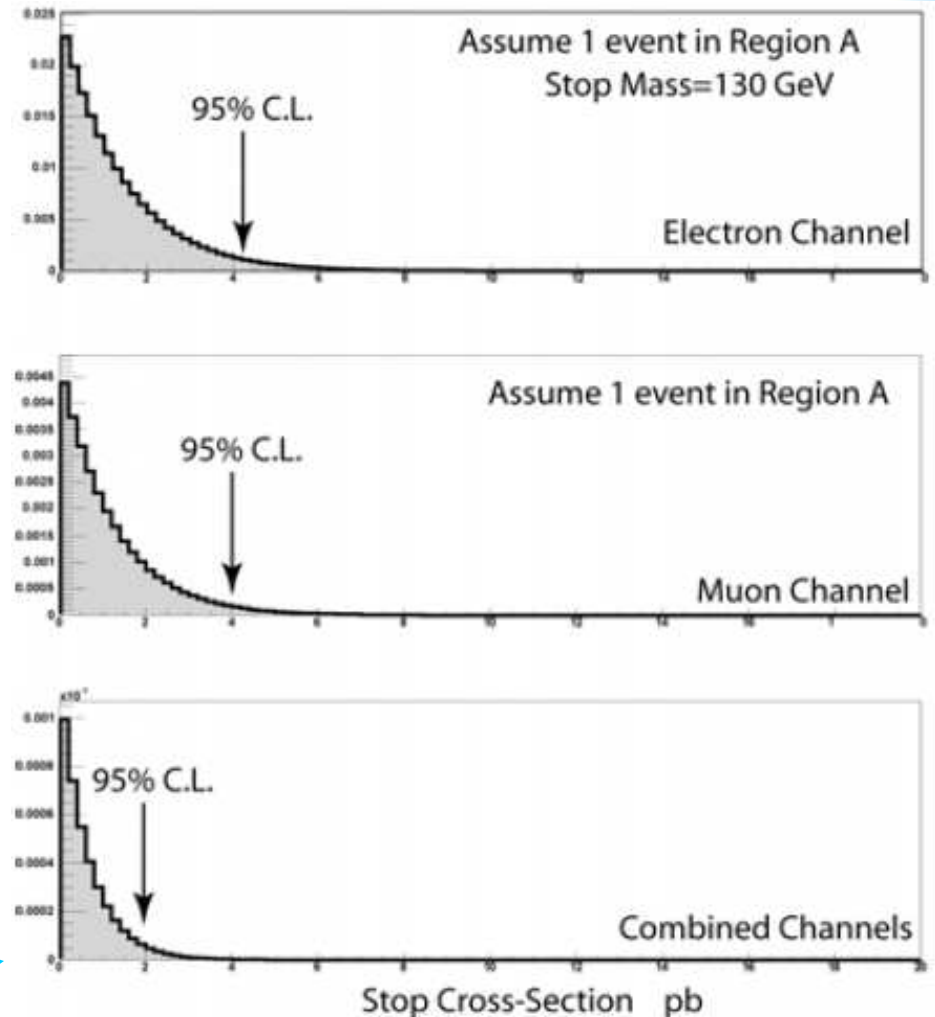
- Define Likelihood as a function of σ using Poisson Statistics $P(n_i, N_i)$:

$$LL(\sigma) = \int da \times \exp\left[-\frac{a - \alpha_0}{2\sigma_\alpha^2}\right] \times L \times Br \times a \times \frac{1}{V^W} \iiint d\nu_A^W d\nu_C^W d\nu_D^W \times \\ \times \int_{0.5}^1 dr \times \prod_{i=A,B,C,D} \int_{\nu_i^b=0}^{\infty} d\nu_i^b \exp\left[-\frac{\nu_i^b - \nu_{i0}^b}{2(\sigma_i^b)^2}\right] \times P(\nu_i, N_i) \times J(r)$$

- ◆ N_i is number of observed events in region i
 - ◆ $\nu_i = \sigma Br(\tau\tau \rightarrow \tau_l \tau_h) L \alpha_i + \nu_i^b + \nu_i^W$ is number of expected events in region i
 - ◆ ν_i^W and ν_i^b are numbers of W +jets and other background events
 - ◆ α_0 is signal acceptance
 - ◆ L is luminosity
 - ◆ $J(r)$ is Jacobian of transformation $(\nu_A, \nu_B, \nu_C, \nu_D) \rightarrow (\nu_A^W, \nu_B^W, \nu_C^W, \nu_A^S)$
- Likelihood for combined channels:** $LL(\sigma) = LL^{e+\tau}(\sigma) LL^{\mu+\tau}(\sigma)$
- Perform multidimensional numerical MC integration
- During integration:
 - ◆ Take into account correlations between channels and systematics
 - ◆ Migration effects between regions

4-regions Fit

- Fully Bayesian
- Handles W +jets backgrounds
- Effectively allows to use signal from region B
 - ◆ B contains ~40% of signal
- The result:
 - ◆ **Probability Density Function as a function of signal cross-section**
 - ◆ Can set 95% C.L. limit or discover stop
 - ◆ Example



Number of events in Different Regions

| Reg | $e + \tau_h$ Channel | | | $\mu + \tau_h$ Channel | | |
|-------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | N_{obs} | SM Backgrounds | | N_{obs} | SM Backgrounds | |
| | | Other | $W + \text{jet}$ | | Other | $W + \text{jet}$ |
| A_2 | 1 | $2.0^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$ | $0^{+0.4}_{-0}$ | 1 | $1.0^{+0.4}_{-0.2}$ | $0^{+0.5}_{-0}$ |
| B_2 | 4 | $2.8^{+0.5}_{-0.3}$ | $1.0^{+2.0}_{-1.0}$ | 4 | $2.3^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$ | $1.7^{+2.0}_{-1.5}$ |
| A_1 | 4 | $3.3^{+0.5}_{-0.5}$ | $0.2^{+1.2}_{-0.2}$ | 3 | $2.6^{+0.6}_{-0.4}$ | $0.1^{+0.8}_{-0.1}$ |
| B_1 | 9 | $2.3^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$ | $6.7^{+3.2}_{-2.7}$ | 6 | $2.3^{+0.5}_{-0.3}$ | $3.8^{+2.7}_{-2.1}$ |
| A_0 | 11 | $9.1^{+1.2}_{-1.1}$ | $1.6^{+2.7}_{-1.6}$ | 8 | $5.2^{+0.7}_{-0.5}$ | $2.5^{+2.4}_{-2.1}$ |
| B_0 | 25 | $4.5^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$ | $21.1^{+5.6}_{-4.3}$ | 28 | $5.4^{+0.8}_{-0.6}$ | $23.6^{+4.9}_{-5.7}$ |

■ Note:

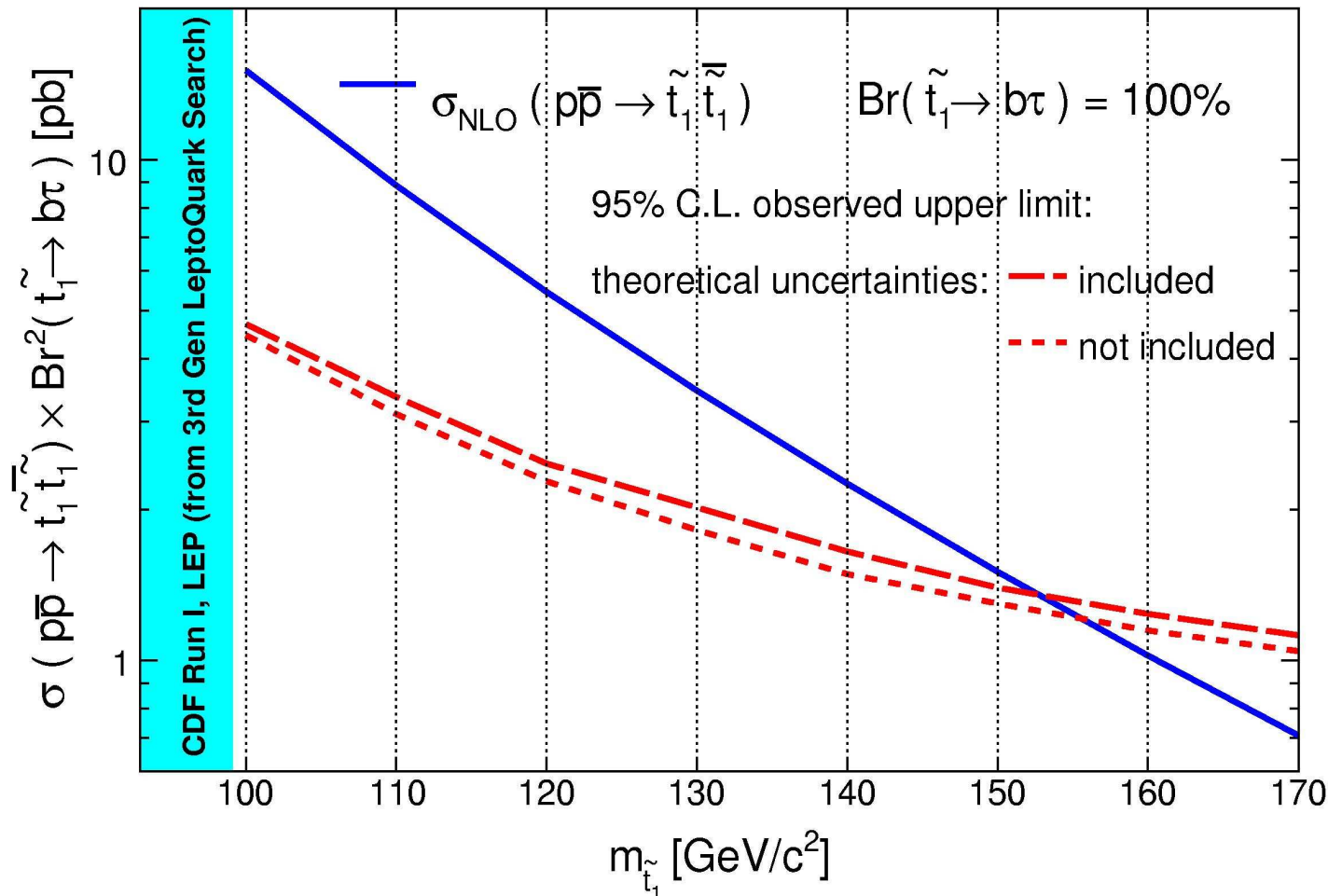
- ◆ $W + \text{jets}$ and other BG's are not combined
- ◆ **$W + \text{jets}$ are estimated in the fit and *not independent* from number of data evt., other BG's and expected signal fractions**

Stop Cross-Section Upper Limits

- No excess observed \rightarrow set limits
- Theoretical uncertainties on cross-section:
 - ◆ CTEQ6.1M special PDF sets for uncertainty estimation
 - ◆ $\pm 1/2$ of QCD renorm./factor. scale
- 95% C.L. upper limit on $\sigma(\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_1^*) \times \beta^2$ where $\beta = Br(\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow \tau b)$ as function of stop mass, calculated for the cases when theoretical uncertainties on CS were or were not considered:

| $m(\tilde{t}_1)$ (GeV/ c^2) | 100 | 110 | 120 | 130 | 140 | 150 | 160 | 170 |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| $\sigma_{with\ uncert}^{95\%} \times \beta^2$ (pb) | 4.73 | 3.37 | 2.50 | 1.99 | 1.61 | 1.38 | 1.26 | 1.14 |
| $\sigma_{no\ uncert}^{95\%} \times \beta^2$ (pb) | 4.48 | 3.11 | 2.27 | 1.81 | 1.47 | 1.26 | 1.16 | 1.04 |

Stop Mass Limits



- Stop mass 95% C.L. limits for the case $\text{Br}(\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow \tau b) = 1$:
 - ◆ $m > 153 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ (theoretical uncertainties considered)
 - ◆ $m > 156 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ (not considering theor. uncertainties)

Summary and Prospects

- **No RPV stop discovery with $L=322 \text{ pb}^{-1}$**
 - ◆ Expected $3.0^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$ BG events in primary signal region
 - ◆ Observed 2 events
 - ◆ Set 95% C.L. upper limit on $\sigma(\tilde{t}_1 \bar{\tilde{t}}_1) \times Br(\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow \tau b)^2$ as function of stop mass
 - ◆ Stop mass 95% C.L. limit for $Br(\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow \tau b) = 1$ case:
 - $m > 153 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ (theoretical CS uncertainties considered)
 - ◆ Results are fully applicable to Scalar LQ_3
- **Possible Prospects:**
 - ◆ Bigger dataset will need completely new analysis with b -tagging
 - ◆ Combined search of modes $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow eb$ & $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow \mu b$ & $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow \tau b$ has more potential
 - ◆ Procedures developed in this analysis could be applied to $pp \rightarrow (H \rightarrow \tau\tau)bb$ search
 - Feasibility needs more study
 - Needs improvement of tau and jet energy resolutions

Backup



Acceptance Definition

| | Electron +Tau | CMUP/CMX Muon +Tau |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Lepton: | <i>CEM Cluster:</i> | <i>Stub:</i> |
| | $E_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$ | CMUP / CMX |
| | Excl. wedges $l=16$ and 35 | |
| | <i>Matching Track:</i> | <i>Matching Track:</i> |
| | $P_T > 8 \text{ GeV}/c$ | $P_T > 10 \text{ GeV}/c$ |
| | $ z_0 < 60 \text{ cm}$ | $ z_0 < 60 \text{ cm}$ |
| | $ z(R=COT) < 150 \text{ cm}$ | $ z(R=COT) < 150 \text{ cm}$ |
| | $9 < z(R=CES) < 230 \text{ cm}$ | Fiducial in CMUP / CMX |
| | $ x(R=CES) < 21.5 \text{ cm}$ | |
| Tau Candidate: | $P_T(\text{trk}+\pi^0) > 15 \text{ GeV}/c; \eta^{\text{det}} < 1.0$ | |
| | Seed track $P_T > 6 \text{ GeV}/c; z(R=COT) < 150 \text{ cm}$ | |
| | Seed Track $9 < z(R=CES) < 230 \text{ cm}$ | |
| l-τ Separation: | $\Delta R > 0.7$ | |

Lepton & Tau ID and Isolation

| Electron: | Muon: | Tau: |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Track Quality | Track Quality | Seed Track Quality |
| $E^{\text{had}}/E^{\text{em}} < 0.05 + 0.00045 \times E$ | $E^{\text{em}} < 2, E^{\text{had}} < 6$ | $ z_0(\text{seed}) - z_0(\text{ele}) < 5 \text{ cm}$ |
| $E/P < 2.0$ or $ET > 50$ | $E^{\text{had}} + E^{\text{em}} > 0.1$ | $ d_0 < 0.2 \text{ cm}$ |
| $-1.5 < Q \times \Delta X_{\text{CES}} < 3.0 \text{ cm}$ | $ d_0 < 0.2 \text{ cm}$ | $\xi > 0.1$ (electron removal) |
| $ \Delta Z_{\text{CES}} < 3.0 \text{ cm}$ | $\Delta X^{\text{CMU}} < 4, \Delta X^{\text{CMP}} < 7$ | $M(\text{trks}) < 1.8 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ |
| $\text{CES } \chi^2_{\text{strip}} < 10.0$ | Or $\Delta X^{\text{CMX}} < 6$ | $M(\text{trks} + \pi^0) < 2.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ |
| $L_{\text{shr}} < 0.2$ | | $N_{\text{trk}} = 1, 3$ |
| $ d_0 < 0.2 \text{ cm}$ | | |
| Isolation: | | |
| Jet Separation: $0.3 > \Delta R(e/\mu/\tau, \text{jet}) > 0.8$ | | |
| $I_{\text{trk}}(\Delta R = 0.4) < 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c$ | $I_{\text{trk}}(\Delta R = 0.4) < 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c$ | $N_{\text{trk}}(0.17 < \Delta\theta < 0.52) = 0$ |
| | | $N_{\text{trk}}(0.17 < \Delta R < 0.52) = 0$ |
| | | $I(\pi^0, \alpha < \Delta\theta < 0.52) < 0.6 \text{ GeV}/c$ |

Event Selection: Summary

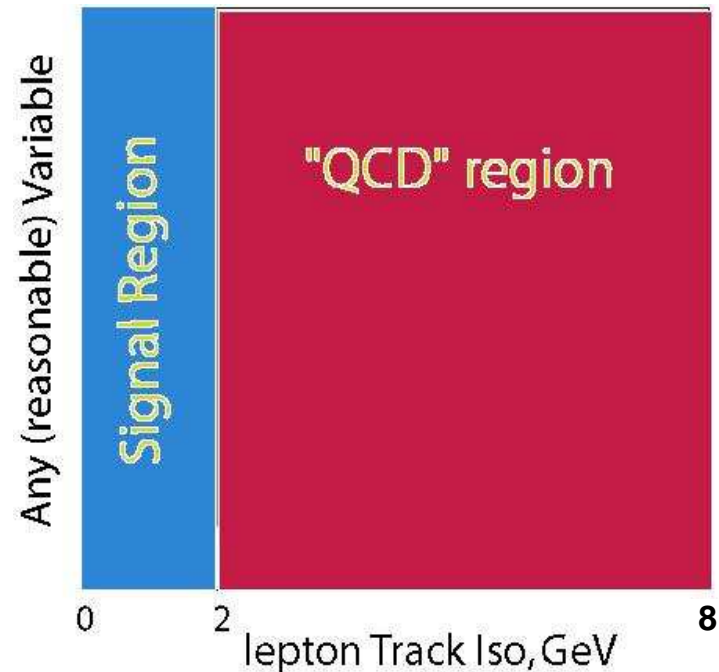
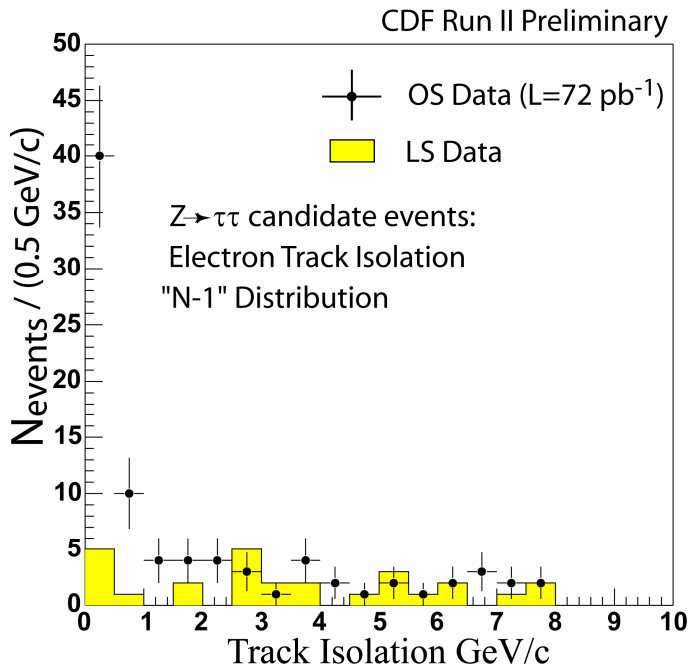
| | $e+\tau$ [%] | CMUP+ τ | CMX+ τ |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Acceptance | 17.6 ± 0.3 | 10.4 ± 0.2 | 3.6 ± 0.1 |
| Lepton ID | 83.8 ± 1.0 | 84.9 ± 3.7 | 91.0 ± 0.7 |
| Lepton ISO | 78.4 ± 2.4 | 81.4 ± 2.5 | 71.8 ± 2.5 |
| Tau ID | 75.2 ± 2.3 | 74.0 ± 2.3 | 71.8 ± 2.5 |
| Tau ISO | 70.0 ± 2.2 | 70.9 ± 2.2 | 70.4 ± 2.5 |
| Trigger Eff.: Lepton Tau XFT Track | 97.6 ± 1.0 | 95.8 ± 1.0 | 94.6 ± 1.1 |
| | | 96.4 ± 1.0 | |
| Event Level Cuts | 40.7 ± 0.8 | 47.7 ± 1.0 | 41.1 ± 1.7 |
| Total | 2.33 ± 0.06 | 1.65 ± 0.05 | 0.59 ± 0.03 |

- Efficiencies quoted for Region A and $m(\text{stop})=150$
- Consistent efficiencies across channels

Minor Backgrounds

- **Top and diboson (ZZ, WZ, WW)**
 - ◆ WW : negligible
 - ◆ Use Pythia(Alpgen+Herwig) for acceptance
 - ◆ Normalize to NLO cross-section
- **$\gamma (\rightarrow ee) + \geq 3\text{jets}$: negligible in region A**
- **$Z (\rightarrow ee/\mu\mu) + \geq 2\text{jets}$**
 - ◆ Pythia acceptance
 - ◆ Normalize to NLO cross-section

QCD Background Estimation



■ Prescription from $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ analysis :

- ◆ Apply all desired cuts except lepton isolation
- ◆ Measure the spectrum (or a number of events) in the "flat" region and rescale by $(2-0)/(8-2)=1/4$
- ◆ This is the background in the signal region
- ◆ *You can think of it as a variety of "sideband" subtraction*

S_T and jet E_T Cut Optimization

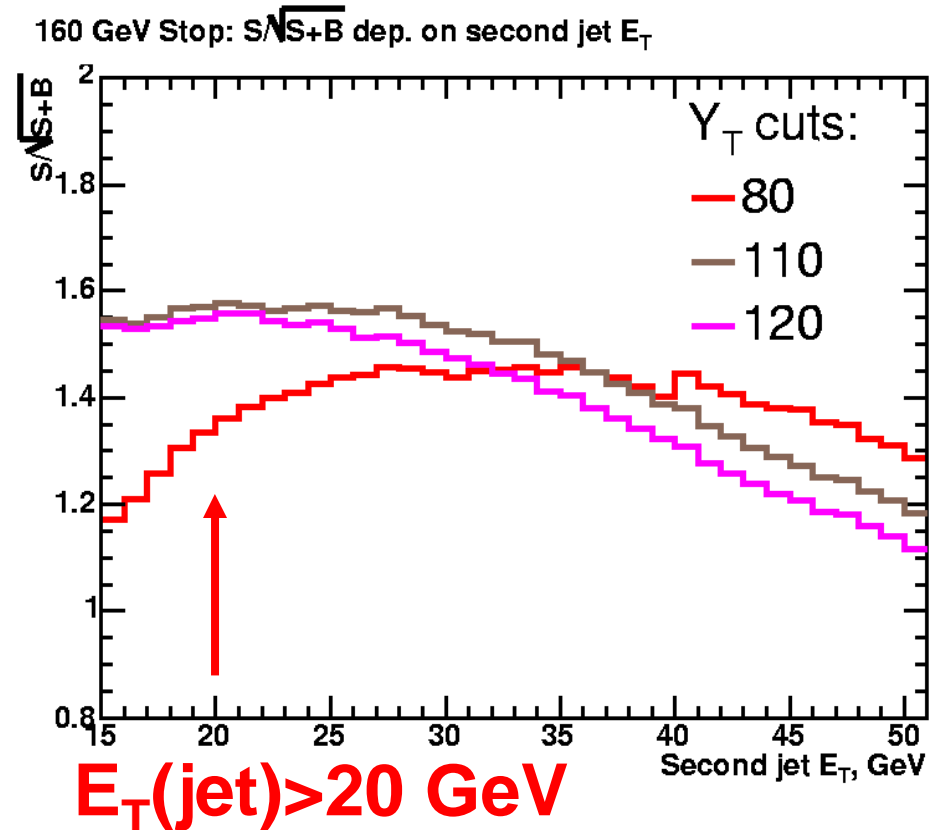
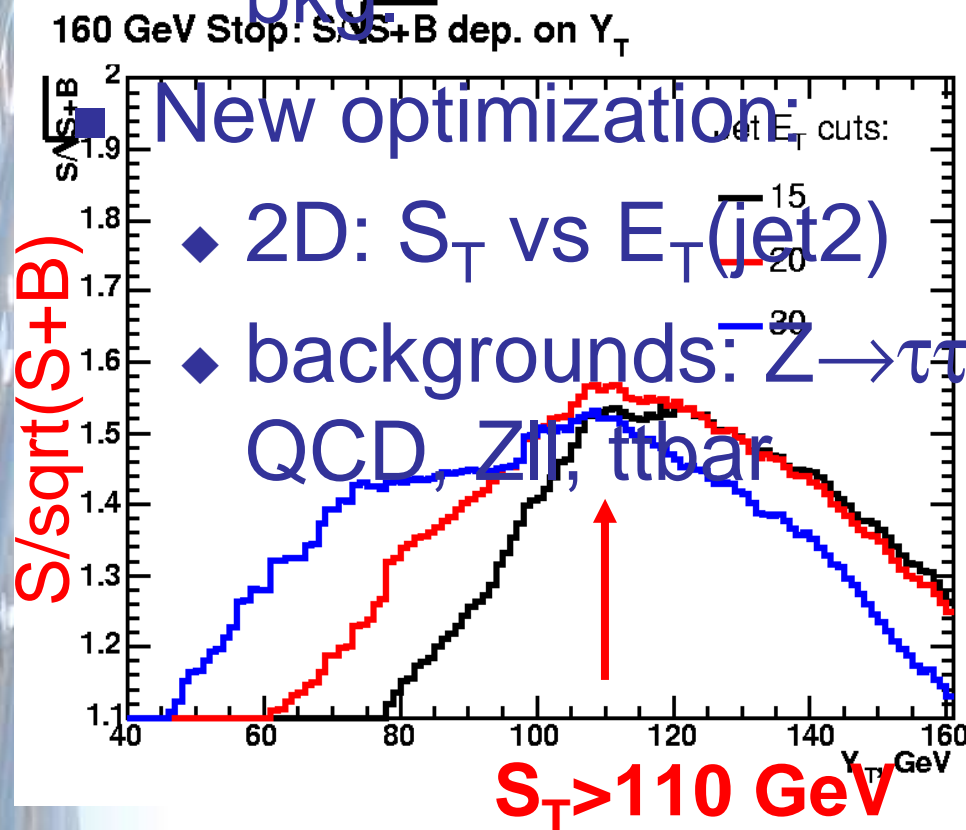
Previously (Run I):

- Used $E_T(\text{jet2})=15$ GeV optimized at $S_T > 85$

- using S_T only and $Z \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ as bkg.

Target:

- region A_2
- $m(\text{stop})=160$ GeV



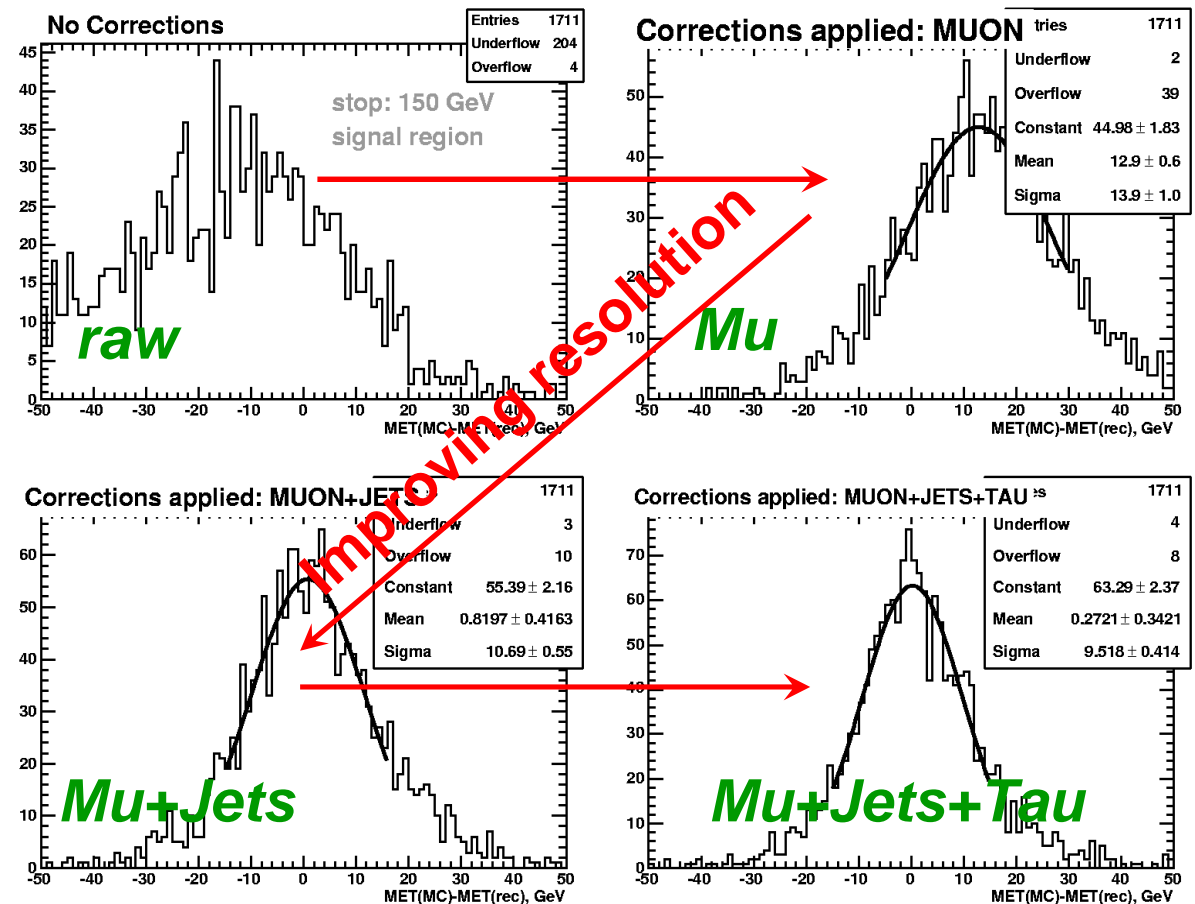
Missing Transverse Energy Correction

- Needs to be corrected due to energy corrections for:

- ◆ Lepton
- ◆ Tau
- ◆ Jets

- Allows improved MET resolution
- Even more important for backgrounds

Signal in $\mu+\tau$ channel example:
 $MET(MC) - MET(Reconstructed)$
at different levels of corrections:



Changes & Improvements Since Blessing

- **$Z \rightarrow ee$ MC sample updated**
 - ◆ Large statistics zewk6d (5.3.3_ewk MC) instead of obsolete now zewkae (5.3.2)
 - Some changes in estimated $Z \rightarrow ee$ contribution
- **Correction procedure for known $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ and $Z \rightarrow ee$ MC imperfections**
 - ◆ Corrects for several effects, e.g.
 - Processes are treated as $2 \rightarrow 1$ LO in PYTHIA
 - ◆ Not adequate for **higher $p_T(Z)$ region**
 - MET in $Z \rightarrow ee$ (5.3.3) is known to disagree in data & MC:
 - ◆ not well modeled minbias and calorimeter response to jets
 - ◆ Our analysis rely on N_{jet} , Y_T , m_T that are sensitive to $p_T(Z)$ and MET

Scale Factors For Drell-Yan BGs

| | Jet Bin | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 0 | 1 | ≥ 2 |
| $Z \rightarrow ee$: | | | |
| $M_T < 35$ | 1.07 ± 0.13 | 0.99 ± 0.12 | 1.28 ± 0.27 |
| $M_T > 35$ | 0.87 ± 0.13 | 0.91 ± 0.12 | 1.19 ± 0.28 |
| $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$: | | | |
| $M_T < 35$ | $1.00 \pm 0.10(st) \pm 0.02(sys)$ | $0.90 \pm 0.09(st) \pm 0.14(sys)$ | $1.02 \pm 0.19(st) \pm 0.18(sys)$ |
| $M_T > 35$ | $0.99 \pm 0.18(st) \pm 0.02(sys)$ | $0.94 \pm 0.23(st) \pm 0.11(sys)$ | $1.03 \pm 0.23(st) \pm 0.19(sys)$ |