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Supersymmetry at the Tevatron

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- Summary and outlook





# **Particle Content**



### Particles in the Minimal Supersymmetric Model (MSSM)

| R–parity = +1 |                                   |                          | R–pa      | R–parity = –1  |                          |               | R–parity = –1                    |               |  |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|--|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Particle      | Sýmbol                            | Spin                     | Particle  | Śymbol   | Spin                     | Particle      | Sýmbol                           | Spin          |  |
| Lepton        | $\ell$                            | $\frac{1}{2}$            | Slepton   | $	ilde{\ell}_{ m L}, 	ilde{\ell}_{ m R}$                 | 0                        |               |                                  |               |  |
| Neutrino      | ν                                 | $\frac{\overline{1}}{2}$ | Sneutrino | $	ilde{ u}$  | 0                        |               |                                  |               |  |
| Quark         | q                                 | $\frac{\overline{1}}{2}$ | Squark    | $\tilde{q}_{\rm L}, \tilde{q}_{\rm R}$                   | 0                        |               |                                  |               |  |
| Gluon         | g                                 | 1                        | Gluino    | ĝ  | $\frac{1}{2}$            |               |                                  |               |  |
| Photon        | $\gamma$                          | 1                        | Photino   | $	ilde{\gamma}$  | $\frac{\overline{1}}{2}$ |               |                                  |               |  |
| Z Boson       | Z                                 | 1                        | Zino      | $	ilde{	ext{Z}}$   | $\frac{\overline{1}}{2}$ |               |                                  |               |  |
| W Boson       | $\mathrm{W}^{\pm}$                | 1                        | Wino      | $	ilde{W}^{\pm}$   | $\frac{1}{2}$            | 4 Neutralinos | $	ilde{\chi}_{	ext{i}}^{0}$      | $\frac{1}{2}$ |  |
| Higgs         | $\mathrm{H}^{0},\mathrm{H}^{\pm}$ | 0                        | Higgsino  | $\tilde{\mathrm{H}}_{1}^{0}, \tilde{\mathrm{H}}_{2}^{+}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$            | 2 Charginos   | $	ilde{\chi}^{\pm}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ |  |
|               | $h^0, A^0$                        | 0                        |           | $\tilde{\mathrm{H}}_{1}^{-}, \tilde{\mathrm{H}}_{2}^{0}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$            |               |                                  |               |  |

## • Assumptions in this talk

- ▲ Consider mSUGRA model
  - ► Relevant parameters:  $\tan \beta$ ,  $m_0$ ,  $m_{1/2}$ ,  $A_0$ , sign( $\mu$ )
- ▲ R-parity is conserved  $\Rightarrow$  LSP (Neutralino) is stable

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## **Tevatron Parameters**

- $p\bar{p}$  collisions at center of mass energy of  $\sqrt{s}$  = 1.96 TeV



|   | Run I               | Run IIa Run IIb   |                   |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| $\sqrt{\mathrm{s}}$ (TeV)                                 | 1.8                 | 1.96              | 1.96              |
| Bunches   | 6×6                 | 36×36             | 36×36             |
| Bunch spacing<br>(ns)                                     | 3500                | 396               | 396               |
| $\frac{\text{Luminosity}}{(\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1})}$ | $1.6 \cdot 10^{30}$ | $9 \cdot 10^{31}$ | $3 \cdot 10^{32}$ |



# **Tevatron Performance**





- Tevatron coming close to design luminosity for Run IIb
  - ▲ Improved antiproton stacking rate
  - A Peak luminosity  $\sim 300 \cdot 10^{30} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
- Integrated luminosity of 7–8  ${\rm fb}^{-1}$  by end of 2009 realistic projection

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# **The Detectors**





# The Detectors (cont'd)





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# **Physics at the Tevatron**

• Physics at the Tevatron is characterized by

- ▲ High center-of-mass energy of the collider
  - Production of massive particles possible
  - top-quark, Higgs, SUSY particles, heavy gauge boson,...
- ▲ Particles are produced in strong interaction
  - Huge cross section for jet production
  - Need large reduction to see signals

▲ 7 interactions/crossing at  $3 \cdot 10^{32} cm^{-2} s^{-1}$ 



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- ▲ Final states are complicated
  - Fragmentation of spectators
  - Additional jets due to gluon radiation



# SUSY at the Tevatron



- There are three major areas to search for Supersymmetry at the Tevatron
  - ▲ Search for supersymmetric Higgs bosons
    - Search for Higgs bosons in  $\tau$  final states
    - Higgs bosons searches using b-jets
  - ▲ Direct searches for other SUSY particles
    - Squarks and Gluinos
    - Charginos and Neutralinos
    - Long lived particles
  - ▲ Indirect searches
- Only a few selected topics will be covered in this talk
- For a comprehensive overview please refer to
- CDF http://www-cdf.fnal.gov/physics/physics.html
- DØ http://www-d0.fnal.gov/Run2Physics/WWW/results.htm





### Standard particles

**SUSY** particles

# Search for SUSY Higgs Bosons





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# **Search for SUSY Higgs Bosons**

- 5 Higgs bosons are predicted in SUSY models
  - ▲ MSSM Higgs sector specified by  $\tan \beta$ ,  $m_A$
- Neutral Higgs bosons h/H/A can be produced via gluon fusion or in association with jets
  - ▲ Coupling increases with  $\tan^2 \beta \Rightarrow$  Large cross section
- At high aneta the main decay modes are

L<sub>I</sub>L<sub>E</sub>

▲ h/H/A→ $b\bar{b}$ : 90% h/H/A→ $\tau\tau$ : 10%



- ▲ Golden channels are  $\tau_h \tau_e$  and  $\tau_h \tau_\mu$ 
  - Large branching fraction, moderate background
- ▲ Other channels are less important
  - ► Fully leptonic channels: small branching fraction
  - Fully hadronic mode: huge multijet background

 $\tau_{h}\tau_{h}$ 

 $\tau_{\mu}\tau_{h}$ 





# Search for SUSY Higgs Bosons (2)



- Major backgrounds are  ${\rm Z}/\gamma^* \to \tau \tau$  and multijet production
  - $\blacktriangle$  Require isolated lepton and isolated  $\tau$  to reduce QCD contribution
  - ▲ Further reduce QCD by requiring large  $H_T = \sum p_T$
  - ▲ Veto on events where  $E_T$  is aligned with visible  $\tau$  decay products to suppress W+jet events
- Finally reconstruct visible mass

$$M_{\text{vis}} = \sqrt{(E_{\ell} + E_{\tau} + \not\!\!\!E_{\mathrm{T}})^2 - (p_x^{\ell} + p_x^{\tau} + \not\!\!\!E_{\mathrm{T}}^x)^2 - (p_y^{\ell} + p_y^{\tau} + \not\!\!\!E_{\mathrm{T}}^y)^2 - (p_z^{\ell} + p_z^{\tau})^2 }$$



# **Search for SUSY Higgs Bosons (3)**





- CDF (3 channels)
  - $2\sigma$  excess in  $\tau_h \tau_e$  and  $\tau_h \tau_\mu$  channels
    - ▶  $m_A \approx 150 \text{ GeV}, \tan \beta \approx 50$
  - ▲ No excess in  $\tau_e \tau_\mu$  channel
- DØ (1 channel)
  - ▲ No excess in  $\tau_h \tau_\mu$  channel
  - ▲ Expect results in  $\tau_h \tau_e$  and  $\tau_e \tau_\mu$  channels later this summer



# Limits



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- Although there is excess seen by CDF, no evidence for Higgs production (yet)
  - ▲ Set limits in the  $\tan \beta$ -m<sub>A</sub>-plane



- What to expect in the future
  - ▲ More data, more channels, combination with  $bh \rightarrow bb\overline{b}$  result

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#### Standard particles

**SUSY** particles

# **Search for Charginos and Neutralinos**







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# **Search for Charginos and Neutralinos**

- Associated production of Charginos and Neutralinos
  - ▲ Via W boson or Squark exchange
- Decay of Chargino
  - ▲ W bosons and lightest Neutralino
  - ▲ Slepton and neutrino
- Decay of Neutralino
  - ▲ Z bosons and lightest Neutralino
  - ▲ Slepton and lepton



• Final state consists of three charged leptons, two Neutralinos and a neutrino



- Trilepton channel is the golden mode for the search of Charginos and Neutralinos
  - ▲ Signature: three charged leptons plus missing transverse energy
- Challenges
  - ▲ Leptons have low transverse momenta
  - ▲ Small cross sections:  $\sigma \times BR < 0.5 \text{ pb}$

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- Three different selection criteria
  - ▲ Three identified leptons
  - ▲ Two leptons plus additional track
    - Higher efficiency, but slightly more background
  - ▲ Likesign selection
    - Sensitive in regions with low p<sub>T</sub> third lepton









# **Selection with Two Leptons**



• Preselection

- ▲ Two good reconstructed leptons
- Anti– ${\rm Z}/\gamma^* \to ee,\, {\rm Z}/\gamma^* \to \mu\mu$  cuts
  - ▲ Small invariant mass
  - ▲ Not back-to-back leptons



• Significant missing transverse energy



# Cuts using $\mathbb{E}_{T}$

- $\mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{T}}$  related cuts
  - $\blacktriangle$  Cut on  ${\not\!\!\!E}_T$  itself
  - ▲ Transverse mass cut:  $m_T = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}_T \cdot \mathbf{E}_T \cdot (1 \cos \Delta \Phi(e, \mathbf{E}_T))}$ 
    - ► Rejects events with mismeasured lepton energies



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  - ▲ Significance of  $\mathbb{E}_{T}$ : Sig( $\mathbb{E}_{T}$ ) =  $\frac{\mathbb{E}_{T}}{\sqrt{\sum_{jets} \sigma^{2}(\mathbb{E}_{T}^{jet}||\mathbb{E}_{T})}}$ 
    - Only defined for events with jets
    - Rejects events with mismeasured jet energies





# **Third Track Selection**



- Select high quality track to account for the third lepton
  - ▲ Track must be isolated in tracker and calorimeter
    - ► Efficient for electrons, muons and taus, suppresses tracks in jets
  - ▲ Use hollow cone for isolation
    - Also efficient for (3 prong) tau decays



# Result



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- No evidence for Charginos and Neutralinos found
  - ▲ Set limits on the production cross section times branching ratio
  - ▲ Translate these limits in mass limits



- Cross section limit: σ×BR~0.06 pb
- $3\ell$ -max scenario ( $m_{\tilde{\ell}_R} \gtrsim m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}}$ )
  - ▲  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} > 145 \text{ GeV}$

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- Cross section limit:  $\sigma \times BR \sim 0.2 \text{ pb}$
- mSUGRA model without  $\tilde{\ell}$ -mixing
  - ▲  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}} > 130 \text{ GeV}$



#### Standard particles

**SUSY** particles

# Search for Squarks and Gluinos







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# **Search for Squarks and Gluinos**



- Squarks and Gluinos can be produced via strong interaction
  - Production depends on the masses of the Squarks and Gluinos
    - ► Either  $\tilde{g}\tilde{g}$ ,  $\tilde{q}\tilde{g}$  or  $\tilde{q}\tilde{q}$
  - ▲ Decays of Squarks and Gluinos
    - Squarks:  $\tilde{q} \rightarrow q \tilde{\chi}^0$
    - Gluinos:  $\tilde{g} \rightarrow q\bar{q}\tilde{\chi}^0$
- $\Rightarrow$  Three different analysis scenarios
  - 1  $\tilde{\mathrm{q}}\tilde{\mathrm{q}}$ : 2 jets +  $ensuremath{\mathbb{E}}_{\mathrm{T}}$  (Dijet analysis)
  - 2  $\rm \widetilde{q} \tilde{g}, \rm \widetilde{q} \tilde{q}$ : 3 jets +  $\not\!\!\!E_{\rm T}$  (3–jet analysis)



# **Squark and Gluino Selection**

- Common selection for all three analyses
  - $\blacktriangle$  2 acoplanar jets and large  $\mathbb{E}_{T}$ 
    - ▶ 1 or 2 additional jets (3–jet, Gluino analysis)
  - Reject events with electrons or muons
    - Suppress W and Z events

Jet

Neutralino

Missing E<sub>T</sub>

Jet

**Neutralino** 

- $\blacktriangle$  Veto on events where  $\mathbb{F}_{T}$  is aligned with jets
  - Reject events with mismeasured jets



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Data
 W→ lv + jets

 $Z \rightarrow vv + iets$ 

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    - Reject events with mismeasured jets
- At the end cuts on  ${\not\!\!\!E}_{\rm T}$  and  ${\rm H}_{\rm T}$  are optimized for every selection





# **Event Displays**



## Highest $\mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{T}}$ events

## Dijet analysis

- H<sub>T</sub> = 489 GeV
- $p_{T_{i}}^{jet_{1}}$  = 282 GeV,  $p_{T}^{jet_{2}}$  = 174 GeV  $p_{T}^{jet_{3}}$  = 33 GeV



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## Gluino analysis

- H<sub>T</sub> = 464 GeV
- $p_{T_{et_3}}^{jet_1}$  = 254 GeV,  $p_{T_{et_3}}^{jet_2}$  = 77 GeV,  $p_{T}^{jet_3}$  = 67 GeV,  $p_{T}^{jet_4}$  = 66 GeV





# Results



- The analyses are optimized for three benchmark scenarios
  - ▲ Vary  $m_0$  and  $m_{1/2}$ , other parameters constant:  $A_0 = 0$ ,  $\mu < 0$  and  $\tan \beta = 3/5$





### Standard particles

**SUSY** particles

# Search for long lived particles







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# **Search for CHAMPS**

- Search for long lived Charged Massive Particles
  - Particles do not decay inside the detector
  - Highly ionizing and penetrating
- Signature in the detector: "slow muon"
  - ▲ Particle penetrates cal and muon system
  - ▲ Use time—of—flight system to measure  $\beta$
- Signal expected at high mass
  - Background sits at low mass



- Main background components
  - Cosmic muons and instrumental background
- Interpreted in SUSY models with one compactified extra dimension
  - ▲ In these models Stop is the LSP
- Mass limit:  $m_{\tilde{t}} > 250 \text{ GeV}$





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# **Search for Long lived Gluinos**



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- Long lived Gluinos are predicted in several models
  - ▲ For example split SUSY
- Gluinos can stop inside the detector
  - $\blacktriangle$  Can decay at random times  $\Rightarrow$  Not related to any beam crossing
  - ▲ Decay can also occur if no beam is in the machine



- Very hard to model trigger for these events
  Need a good model for the alive time of the
  - detector











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## **Search for** $B_s \rightarrow \mu \mu$



- New physics can also be observed indirectly
- The decay  ${\rm B_s} \to \mu \mu$  is a very good candidate
  - ▲ Decay is a flavor changing neutral current
    - ► In the SM it is forbidden at tree level  $\Rightarrow$  Small branching fraction: BR(B<sub>s</sub>  $\rightarrow \mu\mu$ ) =  $(3.4 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{-9}$
  - ▲ Enhancement in SUSY models:  $\sim (\tan \beta)^6$



- Blind analysis  $\Rightarrow$  Predict events in signal region from sidebands
  - ▲ Good agreement between number of events predicted and observed
  - $\blacktriangle$  No observation  $\Rightarrow$  Upper limits on the branching fraction



### Current limits

- ▲ DØ (2 fb<sup>-1</sup>): BR(B<sub>s</sub> →  $\mu\mu$ ) < 9.3 · 10<sup>-8</sup>
- ▲ CDF (0.78  ${\rm fb}^{-1}$ ): BR(B<sub>s</sub> →  $\mu\mu$ ) < 1.0 · 10<sup>-7</sup>



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# Conclusion



### • Summary

- ▲ Tevatron, CDF and DØ are performing well
  - Already collected more than 2.7  ${\rm fb}^{-1}$  of data
  - Nearly factor three more than the data used in the results presented here
- ▲ SUSY searches probing new regions in phase space
  - New mass limits beyond LEP2 limits
- Tevatron will further probe Supersymmetry in so far uncovered territory









# **BACKUP SLIDES**

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# **Search for Stop Quarks**

- Due to mixing in third generation, Stop can be light
  - ▲ Can be pair produced at the Tevatron
- If Stop is light enough it can only decay into  ${\sf c}\chi_1^0$ 
  - ▲ The decays  $t\chi_1^0$  and  $b\chi_1^{\pm}$  are forbidden
- Major background contributions are
  - ▲ W+jets, Z+jets and multijet production
- Selection strategy
  - ▲ Select events with acoplanar dijets
  - Reject events with isolated electrons, muons or tracks
  - $\blacktriangle$  Require large  ${\not\!\!\!E}_{\rm T}$  and  ${\not\!\!\!\!H}_{\rm T}$
  - Apply heavy flavor tagging to reduce light jet contributions from background
- Optimize selection for different mass points









# **Search for Stop Quarks (2)**

- Main background after final selection
  - $W(\rightarrow \ell \nu)$  = jets and  $Z(\rightarrow \nu \nu)$  + jets
  - ▲ Background varies between 57 and 82 events depending on Stop mass
- Signal efficiencies
  - ▲ Range from 0.1% to 5% depending on Stop and Neutralinos mass
- Data is in agreement with the SM expectation



- Mass limits
  - ▲ Stop:  $m_{\tilde{t}} > 160 \text{ GeV}$
  - ▲ Neutralino:  $m_{\chi_1^0} > 75 \text{ GeV}$



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# **Search for GMSB**



- In Gauge Mediated SUSY Breaking (GMSB) models the Gravitino  $\tilde{G}$  is the LSP
  - ▲ If the Chargino  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  is the NLSP it decays to Gravitinos:  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \gamma \tilde{G}$
  - $\blacktriangle$  Final state consists of two photons and  ${\not\!\!\!E}_{\rm T}$  due to escaping Gravitinos
- Search for inclusive  $\gamma\gamma$ + $ensuremath{\mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{T}}}$  events with 1.1  $\mathrm{fb}^{-1}$  of data



- Major background components
  - $\blacktriangle$  Events with true  ${\not\!\!\!E}_{\rm T}$ 
    - ▶ W+jets/ $\gamma$ ,  $t\bar{t}$
  - - Multijets and direct  $\gamma\gamma$  production,  $Z \rightarrow ee$
- Diphoton selection yields 2341 events



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# Search for GMSB (2)



## • Search for the signal in the high $\mathbb{E}_{T}$ region (for different energy scales $\Lambda$ )

| $ \not\!$ | Background   |  |               | Data | Signal                     |                            |  |
|---|--|--|---------------|------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| (GeV)   | true $ ot\!$ | fake $ ot\!$ | Total         |      | $\Lambda = 75 \text{ TeV}$ | $\Lambda = 90 \text{ TeV}$ |  |
| > 30  | $1.16\pm0.14$  | $9.62 \pm 1.12$  | $10.8\pm1.1$  | 16   | $28.3 \pm 1.0$             | $8.7\pm0.3$                |  |
| > 60  | $0.19\pm0.07$  | $1.44\pm0.43$  | $1.6 \pm 0.4$ | 3    | $18.1\pm0.8$               | $6.4 \pm 0.3$              |  |



- No evidence for a signal
- Energy scale and mass limits
  - ▲  $\Lambda >$  92 TeV
  - $\blacktriangle~m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm}>$  231 GeV,  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}>$  126 GeV



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# Search for GMSB (3)

- Search for long lived Neutralinos
  - ▲ In GMSB models pair production of Gauginos is dominant
  - ▲ Gauginos decay into the lightest Neutralino
    - $\blacktriangleright$  Final states consists of a delayed photon, jets and  ${\ensuremath{\mathbb F}}_{\rm T}$
- Main selection criteria
  - ▲ Select events with time delayed photon





Mass limit (depending on lifetime)
 ▲ m<sub>χ̃1</sub> > 101 GeV for τ = 5 ns

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# **Search for Stops in the Dilepton Channel**

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- Search for scalar top quarks in final states with two leptons and two b-quarks
  - $\tilde{t}$  decays dominantly into  $b\ell\tilde{\nu}$  if  $\tilde{t} \to b\chi_1^{\pm}$  and  $\tilde{t} \to b\chi_1^0$  are forbidden
- Main selection criteria
  - ▲ Two isolated leptons
  - At least two jets, highest  $p_T$  jet must be tagged as b-jet (only  $\mu\mu$  channel)

  - $\blacktriangle$  Other kinematic variables: invariant mass, scalar sum of all  $\rm p_{T}$





# Search for Stops in the Dilepton Channel (2)



|        | Background      |         |              | Data | Signal       |              |  |
|--------|-----------------|---------|--------------|------|--------------|--------------|--|
|        | $t\overline{t}$ | Diboson | Total        |      | Point A      | Point B      |  |
| ee     | 7.4             | 20.2    | $31.7\pm2.7$ | 34   | $26.0\pm1.5$ | $17.3\pm0.6$ |  |
| $e\mu$ | 2.3             | 0       | $2.9\pm0.4$  | 1    | $3.1\pm0.2$  | $3.3\pm0.4$  |  |

Good agreement of data and SM prediction



- Mass limits in  $m_{\tilde{t}}$ - $m_{\tilde{\nu}}$  plane
  - ▲ Largest  $m_{\tilde{t}}$  limit:  $m_{\tilde{t}} > 186 \text{ GeV}$ (for  $m_{\tilde{\nu}} = 71 \text{ GeV}$ )
  - ▲ Largest  $m_{\tilde{\nu}}$  limit:  $m_{\tilde{\nu}} > 107 \text{ GeV}$ (for  $m_{\tilde{t}} = 145 \text{ GeV}$ )



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# **Search for Sbottom Quarks**



- For high  $\tan\beta$  the  $\tilde{b}$ -mass eigenstates have large separation
  - ▲ Sbottom quarks might be light enough to be pair produced at the Tevatron
  - Assume 100% branching fraction of  $\tilde{b}$  into  $b\chi_1^0$
- Final state consists of two b–jets and  $\not\!\!\!E_{\rm T}$
- Event selection
  - $\blacktriangle$  At least two high  $p_{\rm T}$  jets, one jet must be tagged as b–jet

  - Veto on isolated leptons





# **Search for Sbottom Quarks (2)**



### • Data is well described from SM prediction



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# **Search for Stop Quarks**

- Search for scalar top admixture in  $t\bar{t}$  events in the lepton+jets channel
  - ▲ Stop quarks are pair produced
  - ▲ Decay channels
    - $\blacktriangleright \quad \tilde{t}_1 \to b\chi_1^+ \to bW\chi_1^0$
    - $\blacktriangleright \ \tilde{t}_1 \to b\chi_1^+ \to c\chi_1^0$
  - $\sigma(\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_1) \approx 0.1 \times \sigma(t\bar{t})$  for masses of 175 GeV

# • Start from a selection that is similar to $t\bar{t}$ selection

- ▲ Main backgrounds for  $t\bar{t}$  measure ments are W+jet and multijet events
- ▲ tt̄ events are of course the major (irreducible) background for stop search
  - Use Likelihood to discriminate top decays









# Search for Stop Quarks (2)



### • Combine up to five variables in the Likelihood







- Events observed consistent with SM prediction
- No evidence for stop quark admixture
- Upper limits on stop quark production
  - ▲  $\sigma(\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_1) < 5.7-12.8 \text{ pb}$  (at 95% CL)
  - ▲ Factor 7–12 above the MSSM prediction

