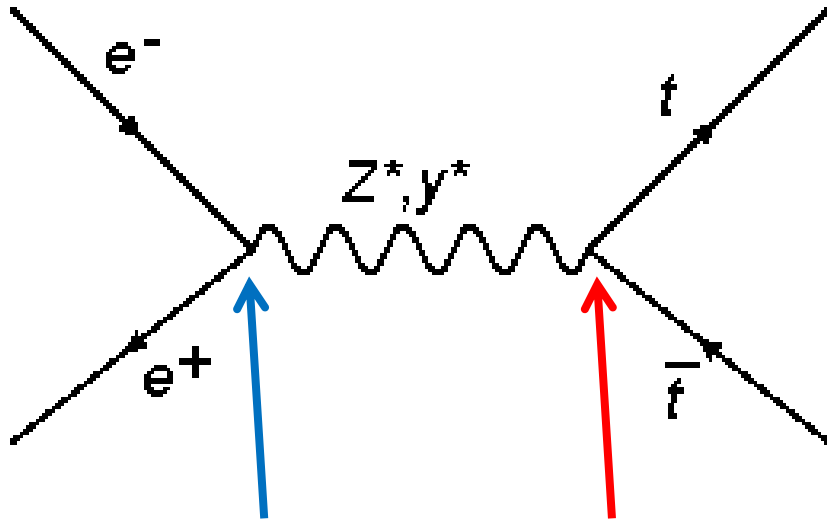


# Top analysis using the semileptonic decay channel

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# Introduction



Use different ( $e^-, e^+$ )  
polarisations : (+,-) (-,+)

Probe R/L  $Ztt$   
couplings ( $\sim V/A$ )

## Semileptonic decay

$$\begin{aligned} t_1 &\rightarrow bW^\pm \rightarrow b(l^\pm \nu) & (l = e, \mu) \\ t_2 &\rightarrow bW \rightarrow b(qq) \end{aligned}$$

- $l^\pm$  gives  $t_{1,2}$  charge signs  
(charge mis-id.  $< 1\%$ )
- aim to reconstruct  $t_2$   
(hadronic top)

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The semileptonic channel as a detector benchmark :

- Lepton id. + tracking
- B-tagging in a 4 jets environment
- Jet energy resolution for W and t reconstruction

} Intensive  
use of PFA

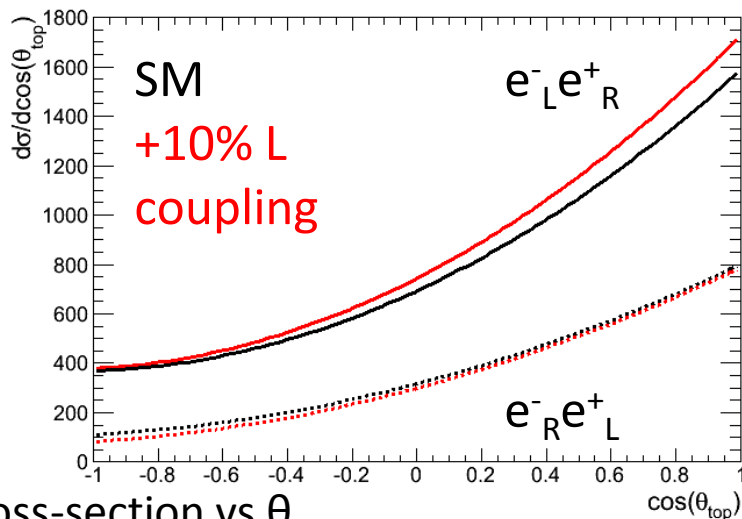
# Observables

- Observables of interest :  $\sigma(tt)$ ,  $A_{LR}$ ,  $A_{FB}(\text{top/lepton})$

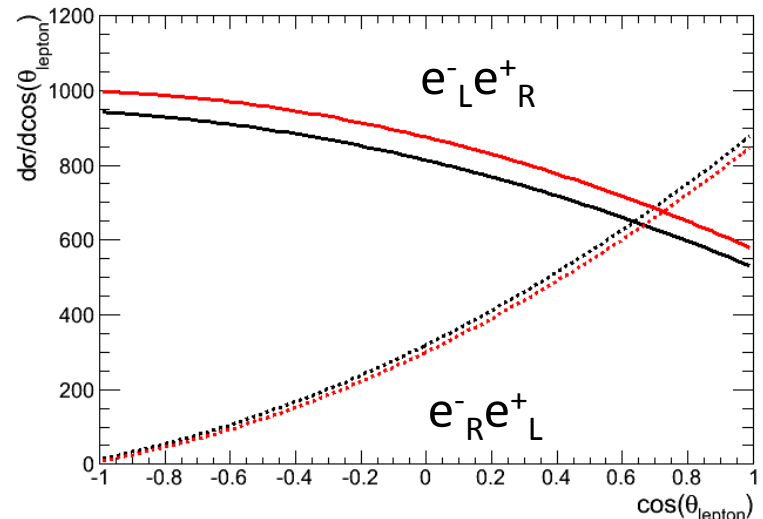
$$A_{LR} = \frac{N_{top}(e_L^-) - N_{top}(e_R^-)}{N_{top}(e_L^-) + N_{top}(e_R^-)} \quad (e^- \text{ polar. flip})$$

$$\text{Error, } \Delta A = \sqrt{\frac{1 - A_{FB(LR)}^2}{N_{total}}}$$

$$A_{FB} = \frac{N_{top}(\cos \theta > 0) - N_{top}(\cos \theta < 0)}{N_{top}(\cos \theta > 0) + N_{top}(\cos \theta < 0)} \quad (\text{flip direction})$$



Cross-section vs  $\theta_{top}$



Cross-section vs  $\theta_{lepton}$

Also needs  $\approx 0.1\%$  precision on polarisation

# Strategy

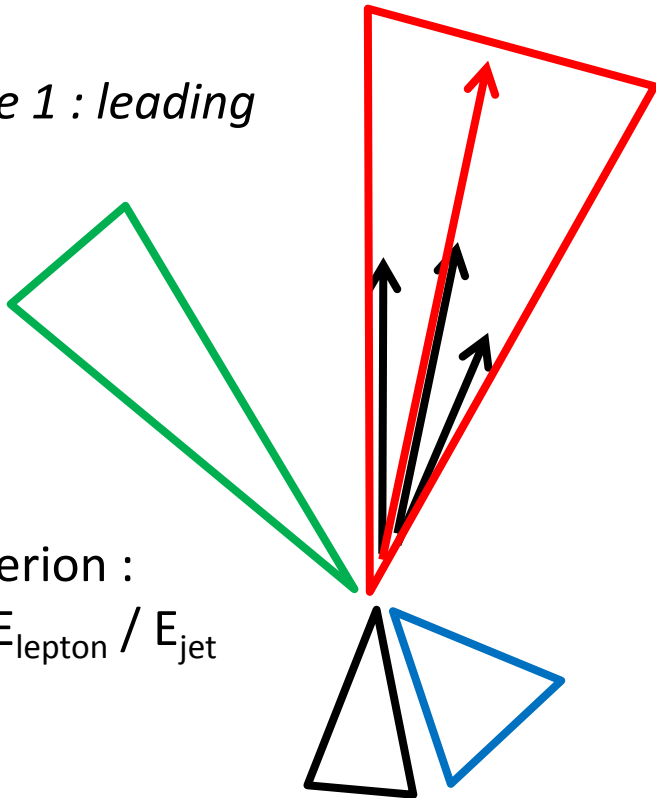
$$tt \rightarrow b(l\nu)b(qq')$$

1. Reconstruct the event (Pandora, ...)
2. Find 1 lepton
3. Subtract this lepton, force jet clustering  $N_{\text{jets}} = 4$
4. B tagging  $\rightarrow$  select 2 highest b-tagged jets
5. 2 least b-tagged jets = W
6. Pairing :  $(b_1+W)$  or  $(b_2+W) = t$  (lepton gives charge)
7. Identify top event (cuts)

# Finding the lepton

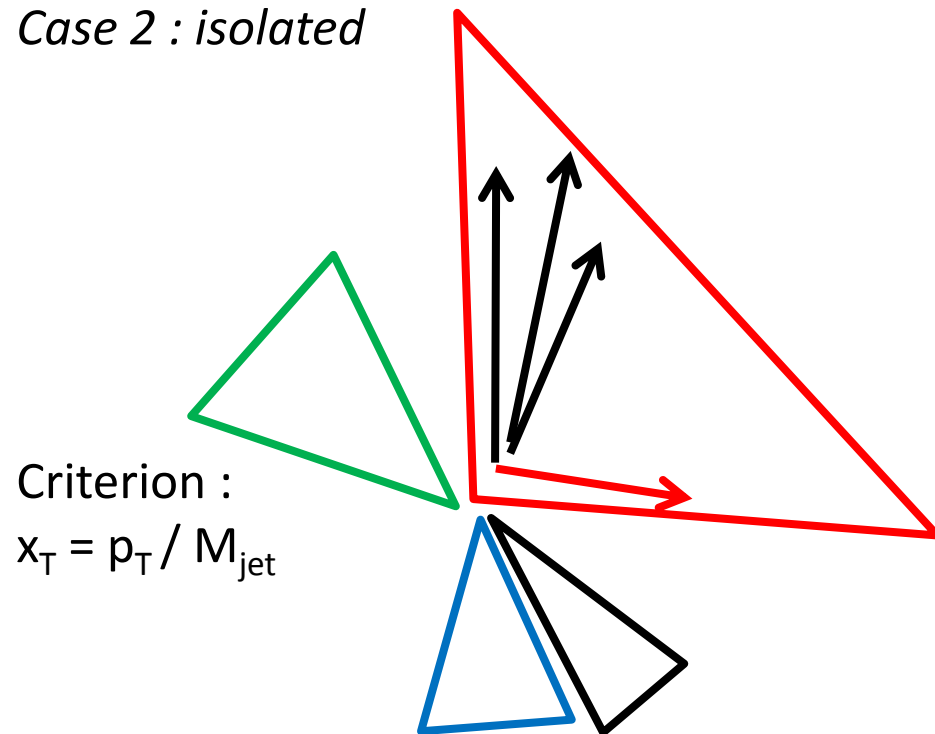
- Force 4 jets topology  $\rightarrow$  lepton embedded in a jet
- The lepton from W decay must be « leading » or « isolated »
  - Kills pions faking muons (always inside a jet)
  - Kills leptonic b decays (neither leading, nor isolated)

*Case 1 : leading*



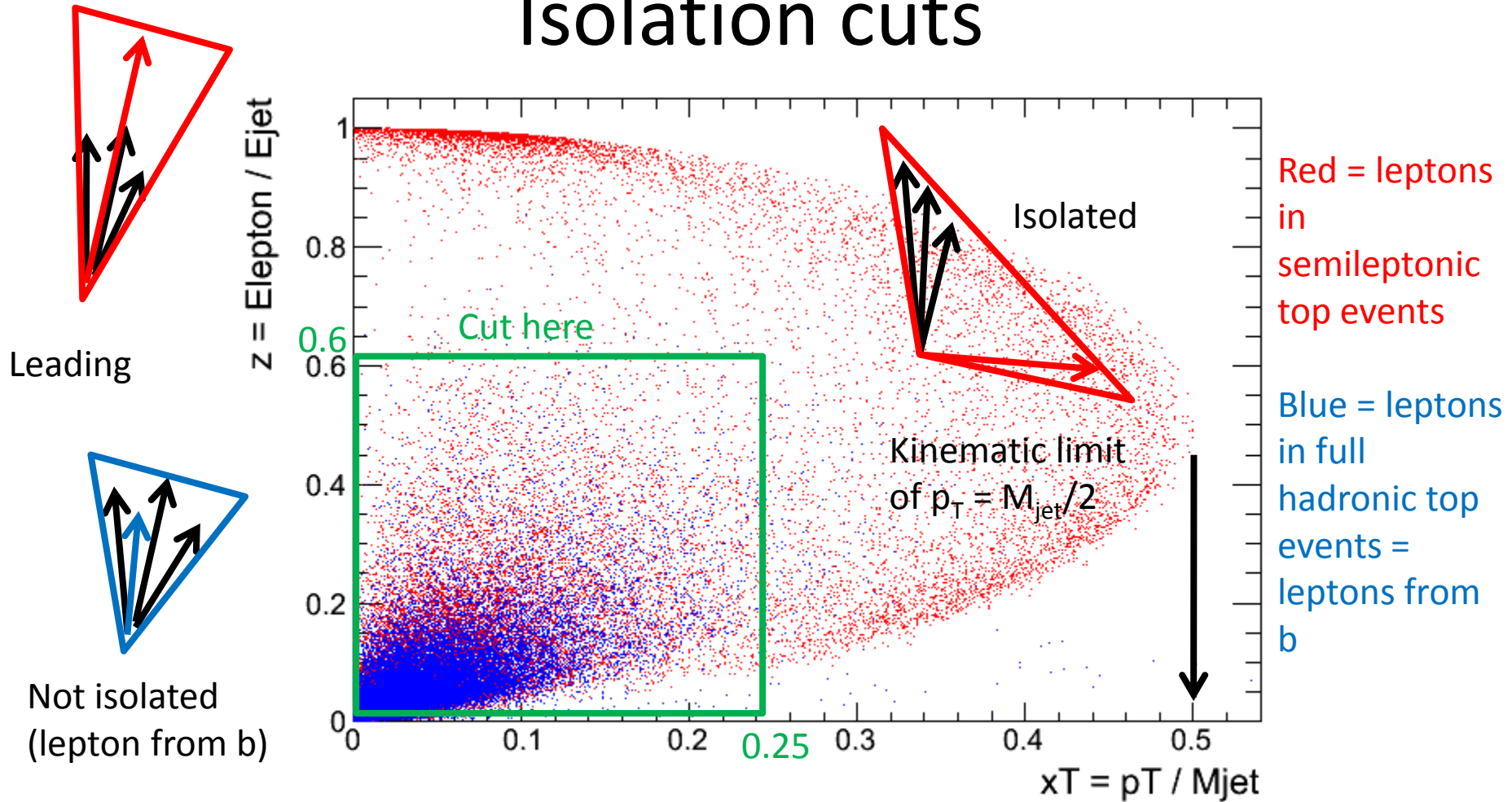
Criterion :  
 $z = E_{\text{lepton}} / E_{\text{jet}}$

*Case 2 : isolated*



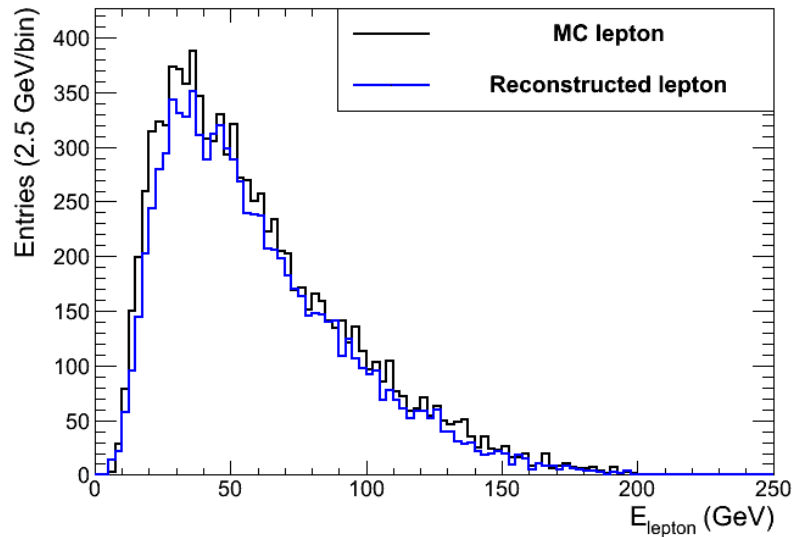
Criterion :  
 $x_T = p_T / M_{\text{jet}}$

# Isolation cuts

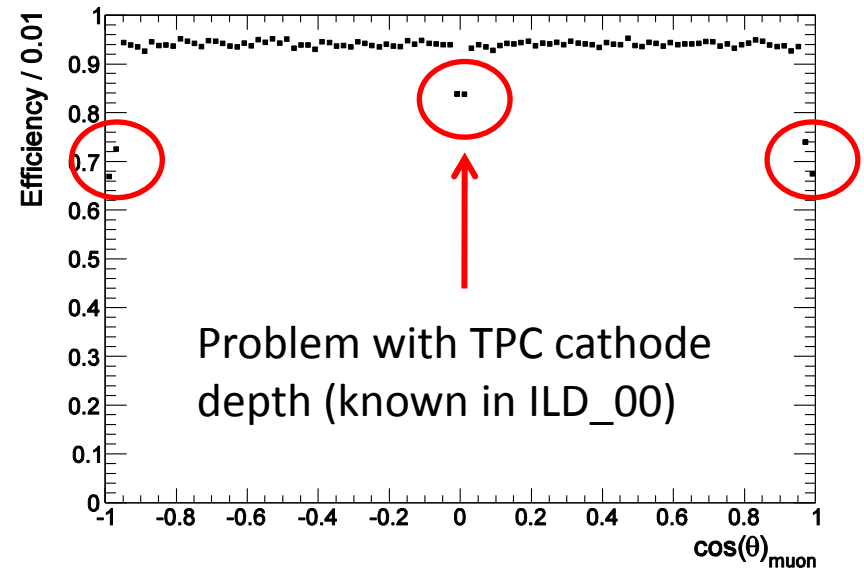


Semileptonic tt	Fraction of events with $N_{\text{lep}} = 1$	Contamination (fraction of bad leptons)
muons	87.5 %	0.3 %
electrons	85.7 %	0.4 %

# Lepton distributions



Energy distribution of true (MC) lepton and reconstructed lepton



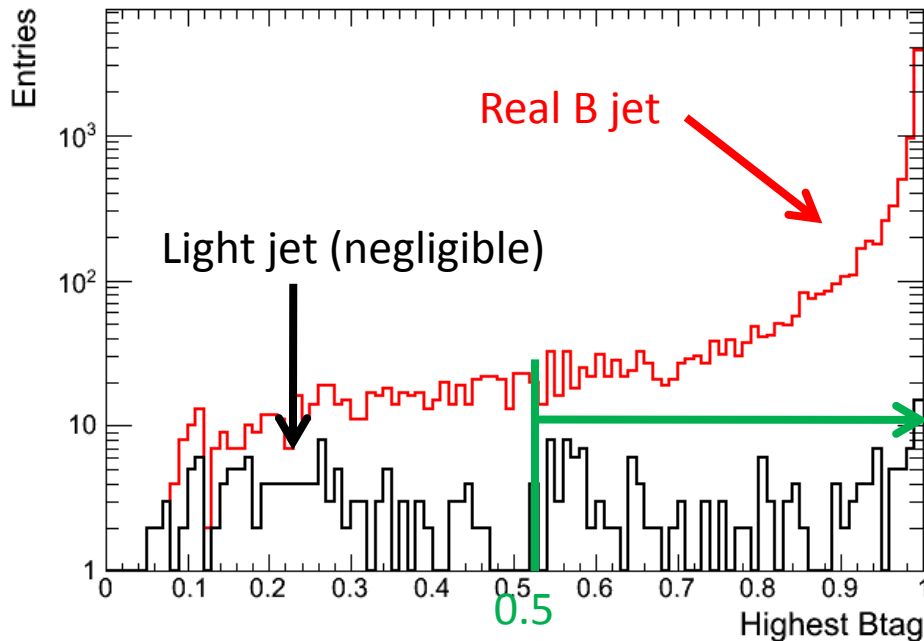
Lepton angular efficiency

- Efficiency worse for low energy leptons due to isolation cuts
- Angular efficiency worse in the center (TPC cathode) and in very forward regions

Then, remove lepton, re-do jet clustering  $N_{\text{jets}} = 4$  & b-tagging

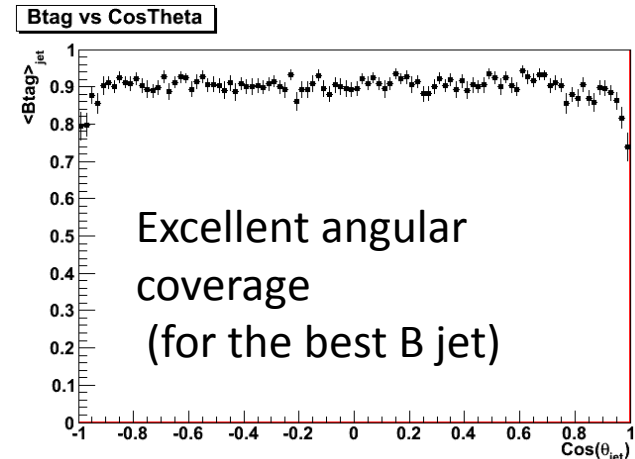
# B tagging

- 2<sup>nd</sup> most important feature for semileptonic top : ability to tag b jets
- Only one b is required (b come in pairs)
- Once the lepton is substracted, redo 4 jets clustering



Highest btag in the 4 jets

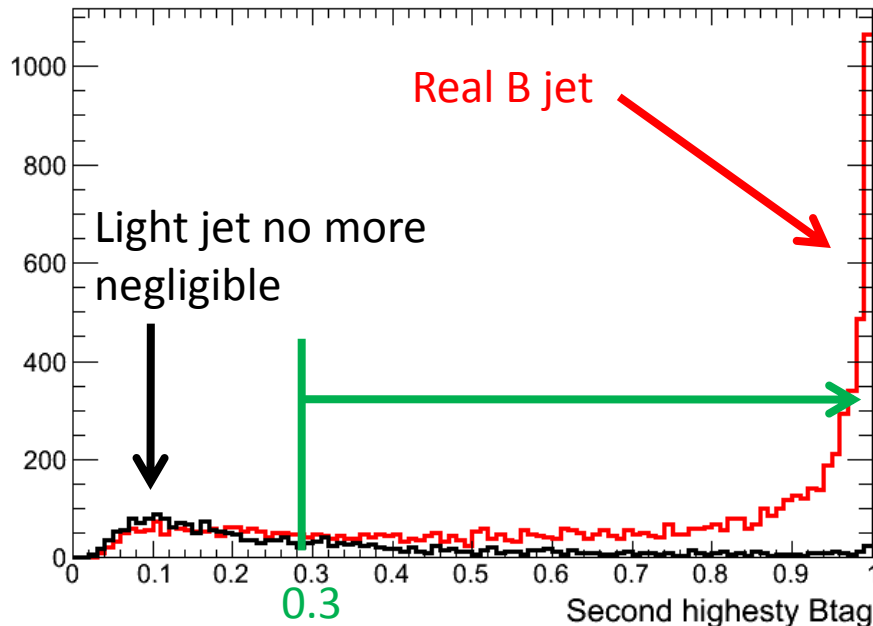
**Btag > 0.5 :**  
Purity = 98%  
Efficiency = 91%





# Second highest Btag

- Second highest Btag is not mandatory (1 b jet is enough)
- Performances are worse in semileptonic top events



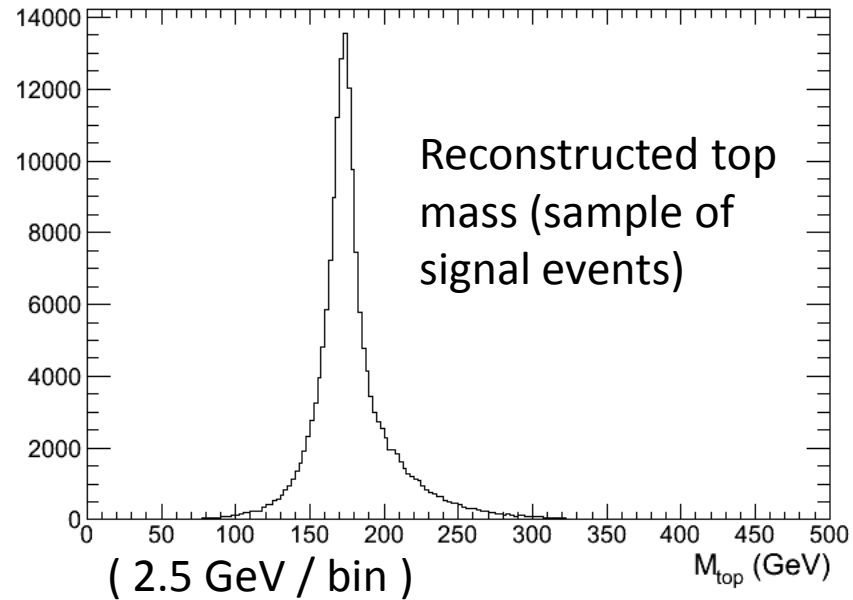
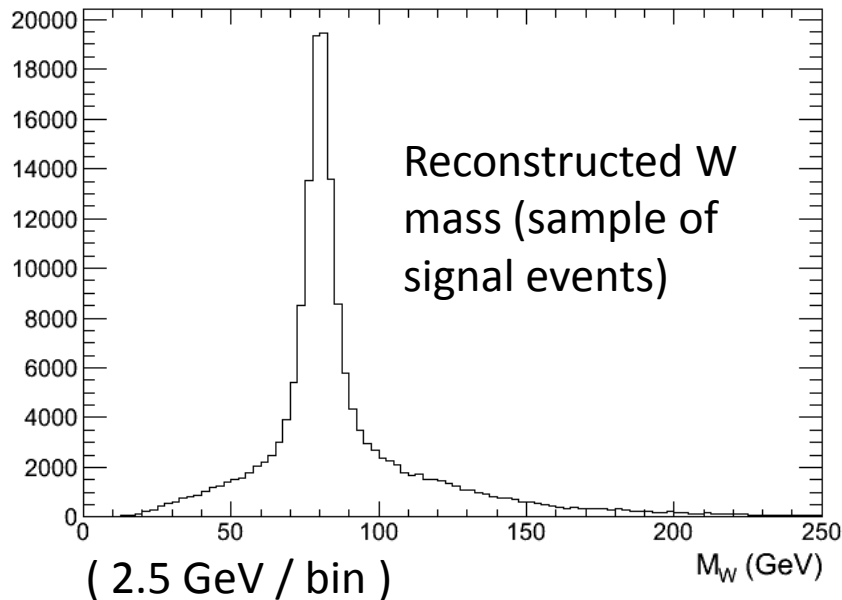
Btag > 0.3  
Efficiency = 63 %  
Impurities = 10 %

# Paring b and W

- We use the **constraints on the top energy and mass** :

$$E_{\text{top}} = 250 \text{ GeV}, M_{\text{top}} = 174 \text{ GeV}$$

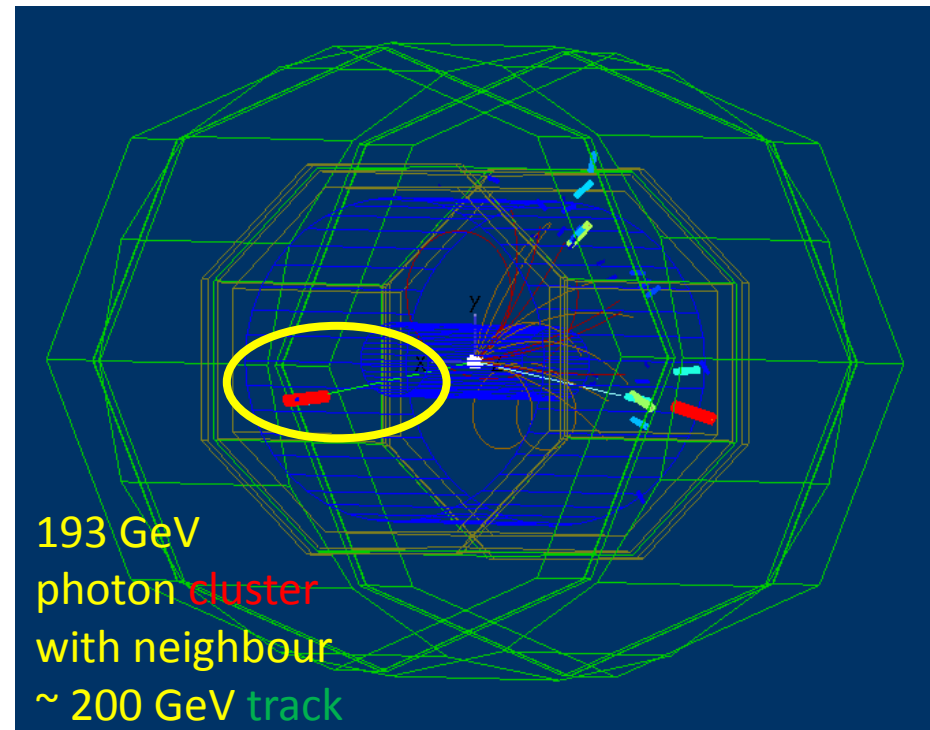
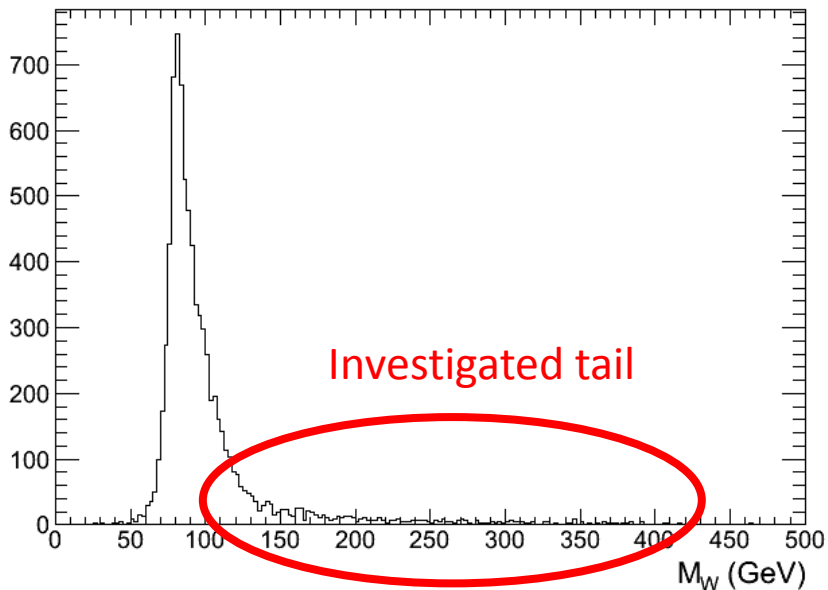
- **Minimise**  $d_{1,2} = \left(E(b_{1,2}W) - 250\right)^2 + \left(M(b_{1,2}W) - 174\right)^2$



Some problems occurred during background checks (WW)

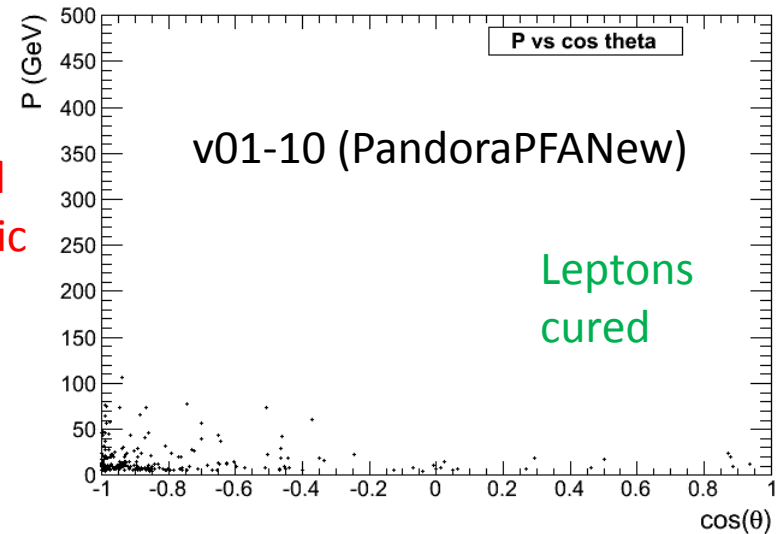
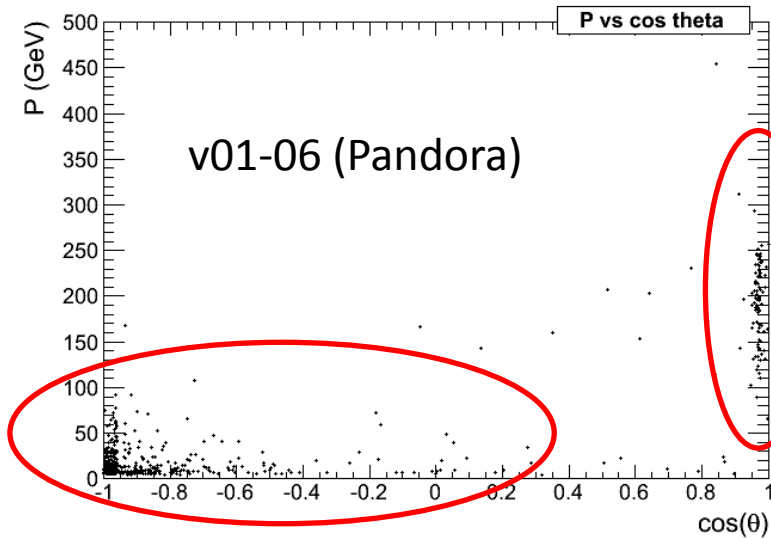
# Reconstruction of WW semileptonic background

- After lepton selection, problems with reconstructed W mass (large tail)
- Problem occurs with tracks not associated to clusters



Event display of a csev event : one track is not associated to its cluster while momenta and positions are very close.

# Case of non-associated tracks



Forward  
energetic  
leptons

Leptons  
cured

Backward jets from W

~500 entries (old) – ~200 entries (new) for 1000 evts

- In the LOIs : v01-06 → improved in v01-10 but they still exist (even with a cut on  $\Delta P/P^2$ )
- Reconstruction needed be re-done (started last month, with v01-10)

# New problems in new reconstruction

- LOI simulated files used
- Reconstruction using ilcsoft v01-10
- Some files (1k out of ~20k) systematically fail (exception thrown): **ecal calo hits with bad positions**, e.g. *positionVector x: 1.29475e+19 y: 7.04853e+34 z: 2475.35 length: inf*
- Communication with John Marshall : no more problem in v01-11 but does it affect the physics ?

# Results obtained

- Cut based analysis :
  - 1 lepton + 1 b jet are required
  - added cut on thrust and « hadronic » mass/energy
  - and cut on  $m_W - m_{\text{top}}$
- Efficiency : 75 %
- Contamination : 5 % (non final : 1 % expected)
- Using MVA method (BDT)
  - can reach 86% efficiency, < 1% contamination
- Precisions achievable (all preliminary) :
  - $\Delta\sigma/\sigma \approx 0.2\%$  -  $\Delta A_{\text{LR}} \approx 0.2\%$  -  $\Delta A_{\text{FB}} \approx 0.5\%$
  - $(\Delta g/g)_{\text{ZtLtL}} \approx 0.2\%$  -  $(\Delta g/g)_{\text{ZtRtR}} \approx 0.2\%$  , using  $A_{\text{FB}}(\text{lep})$

# Conclusions and perspectives

- Top measurements at the ILC require
  - Tracking with full coverage
  - B tagging and jet reconstruction (particle flow)
  - Improvements are being done in these fields !
- Efficiency > 75 % - purity > 95 %
  - Leads to permil precisions on observables and derived Ztt couplings
- Still to do :
  - Add other backgrounds (ZZ, ...)
  - Systematics on  $A_{FB}$  measure
  - /!\ Some problems in the LOI samples are still present

Thank you for your attention