Update on sensitivity to FCNC top decay $t \to ch$

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Motivation

Large enhancement of FCNC top decays expected in many BSM scenarios

Model	BR($t \to c\ h$)	BR($t \to c\ \gamma$)	BR($t \to c\ g$)	BR($t \to c\ Z$)
SM	$3 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-12}$	10^{-14}
2HDM	10^{-5} - 10^{-4}	10^{-9}	10^{-8}	10^{-10}
2HDM (FV)	10^{-3} - 10^{-2}	10^{-6} - 10^{-7}	10^{-4}	10^{-6}
MSSM	10^{-5} - 10^{-4}	10^{-8} - 10^{-6}	10^{-7} - 10^{-4}	10^{-8} - 10^{-6}
$\not{R}$ SUSY	10^{-9} - 10^{-6}	10^{-9} - 10^{-5}	10^{-5} - 10^{-3}	10^{-6} - 10^{-4}
Little Higgs	10^{-5}	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$
Quark Singlet	$4.1 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$7.5 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$
Randal-Sundrum	10^{-4}	10^{-9}	10^{-10}	10^{-3}

For details see presentation given at WG Analysis Meeting on March 10th

Motivation

Decay $t \to c\ h$ in 2HDM is an interesting scenario:

- large enhancement both on tree and loop level
- well constrained kinematics
- seems to be most difficult for LHC

Limits on top FCNC decays from LHC (Moriond 2015):

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\begin{aligned}
BR(t \to qZ) &< 0.05\% \quad \text{(CMS)} \\
BR(t \to c\gamma) &< 0.18\% \quad \text{(CMS)} \\
BR(t \to u\gamma) &< 0.016\% \quad \text{(CMS)} \\
BR(t \to cg) &< 0.016\% \quad \text{(ATLAS)} \\
BR(t \to ug) &< 0.0031\% \quad \text{(ATLAS)}
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
BR(t \to ch) &< 0.56\% \quad (\text{CMS, } 20\ \text{fb}^{-1}) \\
BR(t \to ch) &< 0.79\% \quad (\text{ATLAS, } 25\ \text{fb}^{-1})
\end{aligned}
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Dedicated implementation of 2HDM(III) prepared by Florian Straub.
Many thanks are also due to Juergen Reuter and Wolfgang Kilian...

Test configuration of the model:

- $m_{h_1} = 125$ GeV
- $\mathrm{BR}(t \to ch_1) = 10^{-3}$
- $\mathrm{BR}(h \to b\bar{b}) = 100\%$

Generated samples

- $e^+e^- \longrightarrow t\bar{t}$ (2HDM/SM)
- $e^+e^- \longrightarrow ch_1\bar{t},\ t\bar{c}h_1$ (2HDM)
- $e^+e^- \longrightarrow cb\bar{b}\bar{t},\ t\bar{c}b\bar{b}$ (SM)

Assume that we can select high purity $t\bar{t}$ sample
$\Rightarrow$ main background to FCNC decays from standard decay channels

All events generated with CIRCE1 spectra + ISR
Only t, W and h defined to be unstable. No hadronization/decays.

$\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV (presented previously) $\Rightarrow$ 380 GeV and 1000 GeV.

For details see presentation given at WG Analysis Meeting on April 14th

Detector description

- detector acceptance for leptons: $|\cos\theta_l| < 0.995$
- detector acceptance for jets: $|\cos\theta_j| < 0.975$
- jet energy smearing:

$$\sigma_E = \begin{cases} \frac{S}{\sqrt{E}} & \text{for} \quad E < 100\,GeV \\ \frac{S}{\sqrt{100\ GeV}} & E > 100\,GeV \end{cases}$$

with S $= 30\%$ (presented previously) $\Rightarrow$ 50% or 80% [GeV$^{1/2}$]

- b tagging (misstagging) efficiencies: (LCFI+ presentation, Dec. 2013)

Scenario	b	c	uds
Ideal	100%	0%	0%
A	90%	30%	4%
B	80%	8%	0.8%
C	70%	2%	0.2%
D	60%	0.4%	0.08%

Signal selection

Main background to top FCNC decay $t \to ch$ from SM top decays.
Hadronic (6 jet) and semi-leptonic (4 jet $+ \; l + \not{p}_T$) final states considered

Background reduction by comparison of two hypothesis:

- background

$$\chi^2_{bg} = \left(\frac{M_{bl\nu} - m_t}{\sigma_{t,lep}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{M_{l\nu} - m_W}{\sigma_{W,lep}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{M_{bbq} - m_t}{\sigma_{t,had}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{M_{bq} - m_W}{\sigma_{W,had}}\right)^2$$

- signal

$$\chi^2_{sig} = \left(\frac{M_{bl\nu} - m_t}{\sigma_{t,lep}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{M_{l\nu} - m_W}{\sigma_{W,lep}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{M_{bbq} - m_t}{\sigma_{t,had}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{M_{bb} - m_h}{\sigma_h}\right)^2$$

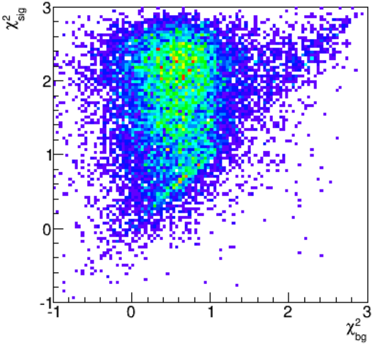
Width parameters depending on the assumed resolution and beam energy

Jet energy resolution

Correlation of $\log_{10}\chi^2$ for two hypothesis for hadronic events @ 500 GeV

Jet energy resolution 30%

SM background



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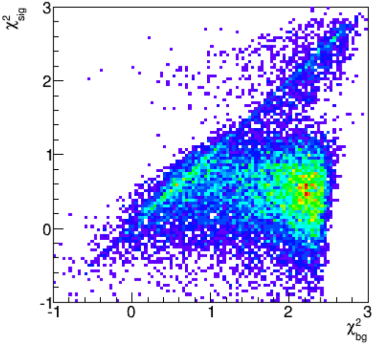

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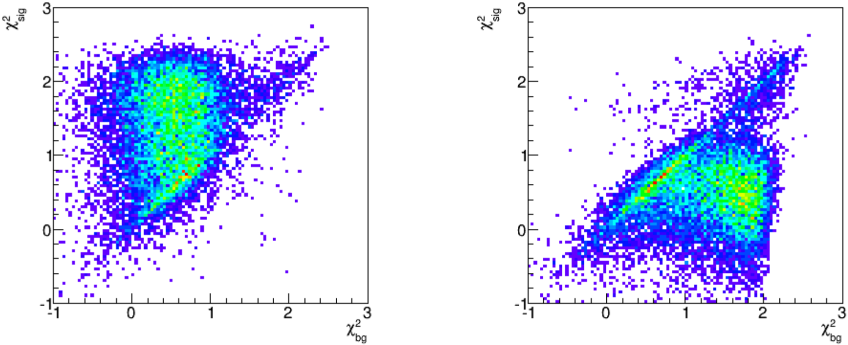
Jet energy resolution 50%

SM background | Signal events



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Jet energy resolution 80%

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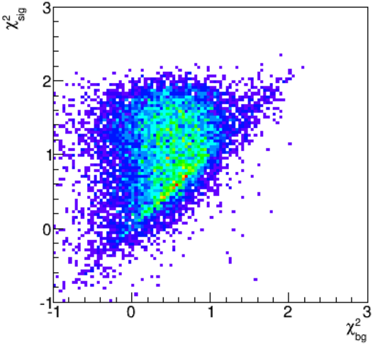

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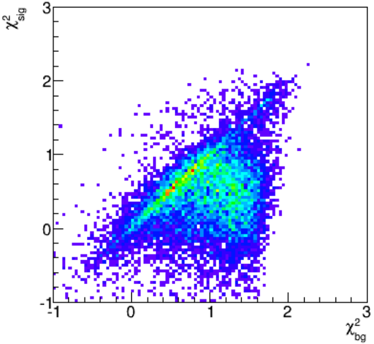
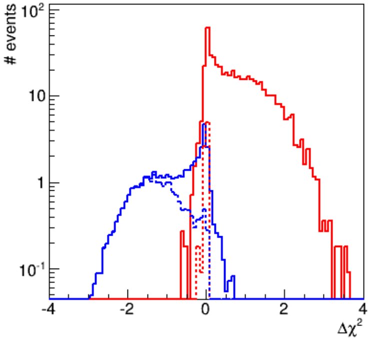


Jet energy resolution

Difference of $\log_{10} \chi^2$ for two hypothesis, for signal and background events
Before (solid) and after (dashed) additional selection cuts

Jet energy resolution 30%

Semi-leptonic events



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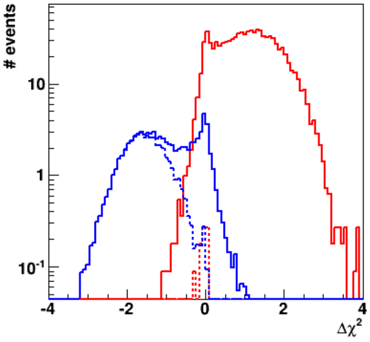

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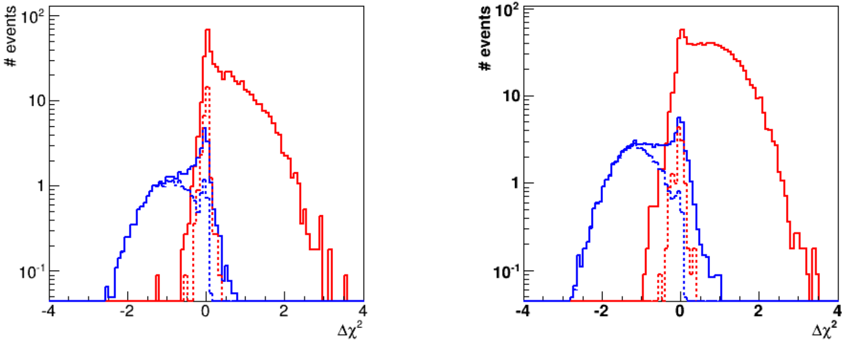

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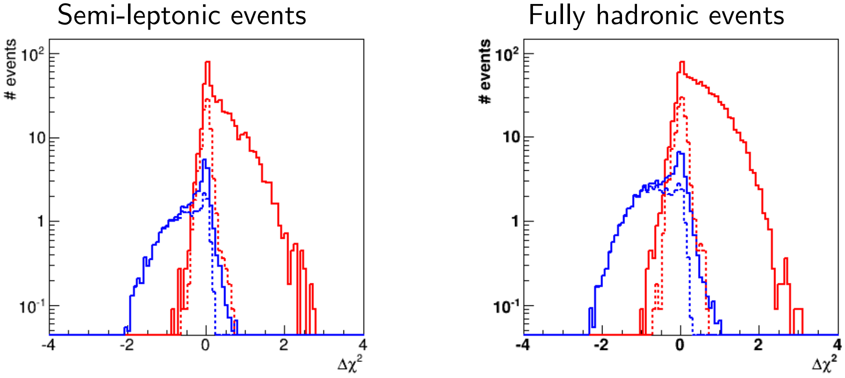
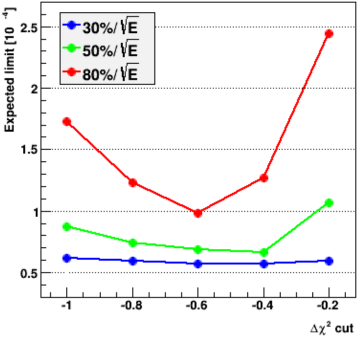


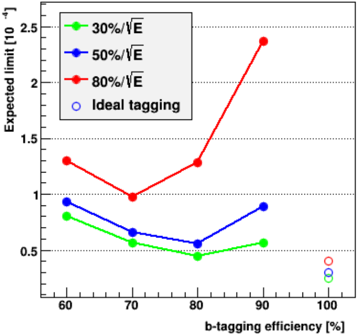
Signal - background separation still possible, but with decreasing efficiency

Expected limits on $BR(t \to ch) \times BR(h \to b\bar{b})$
for 500 fb^{-1} @ 500 GeV and different jet energy resolutions assumed

For b-tagging efficiency of 70%



For optimized $\Delta\chi^2$ cut



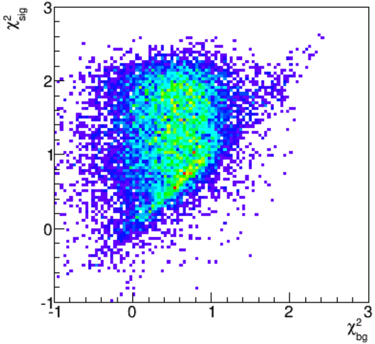
Worsening jet energy resolution $\Rightarrow$ tighter cuts & b-tagging required

Collision energy

Correlation of $\log_{10}\chi^2$ for hadronic events, 50% resolution, 70% b-tagging

Collision energy 380 GeV

SM background



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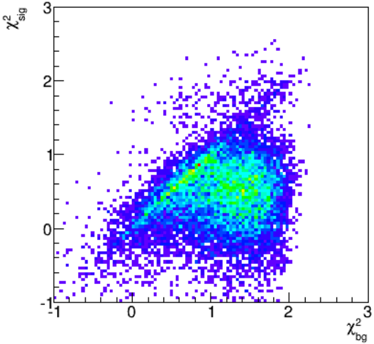

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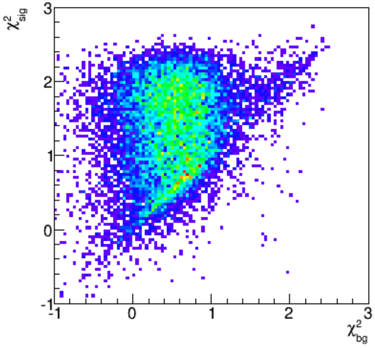

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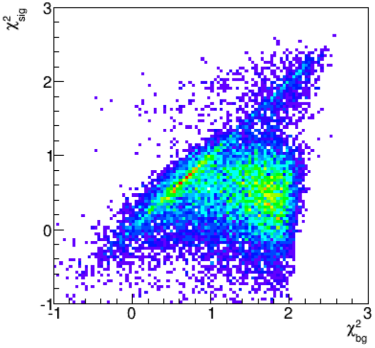

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Correlation of $\log_{10} \chi^2$ for hadronic events, 50% resolution, 70% b-tagging

Collision energy 1000 GeV

SM background

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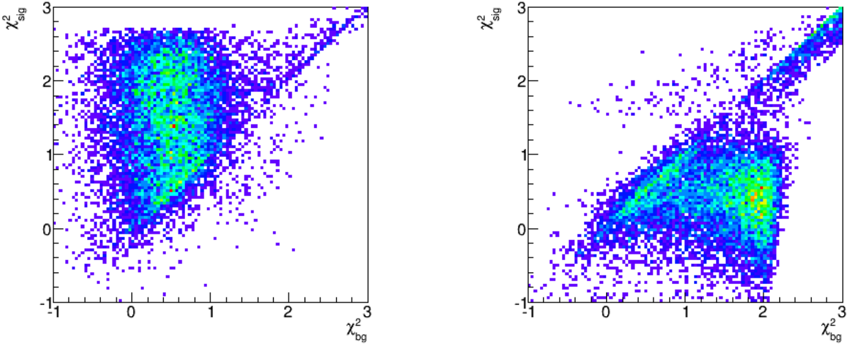

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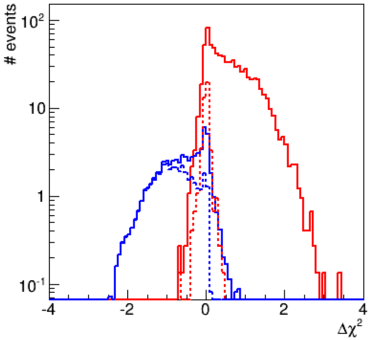
Collision energy 380 GeV

Semi-leptonic events



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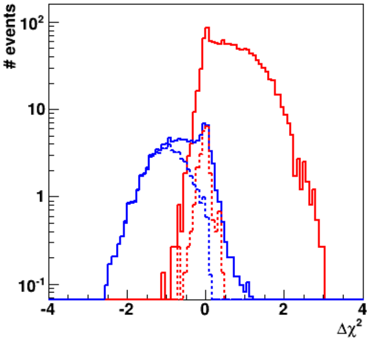

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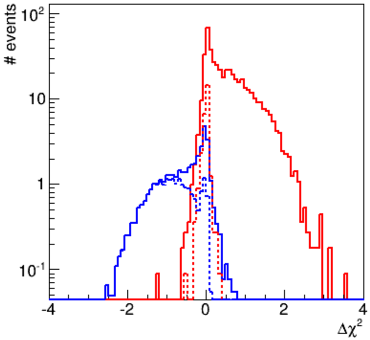

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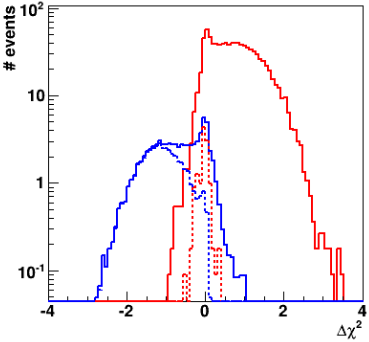

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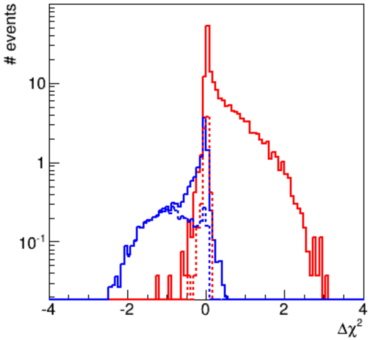

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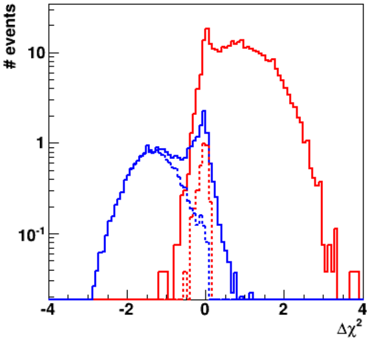

Signal - background separation improves slightly for hadronic events.
Visible loss of efficiency in semi-leptonic channel.

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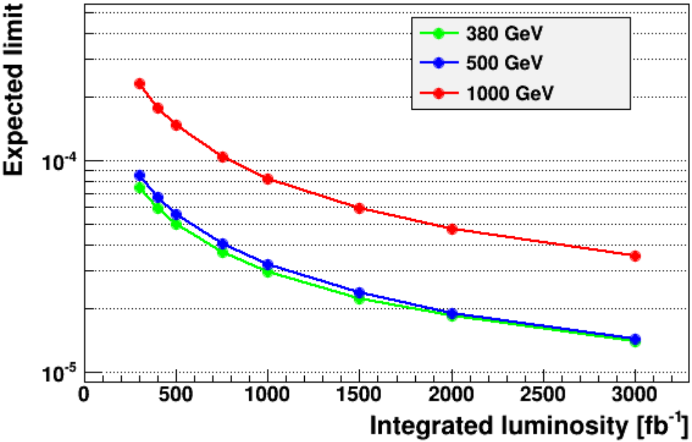

Collision energy and statistics

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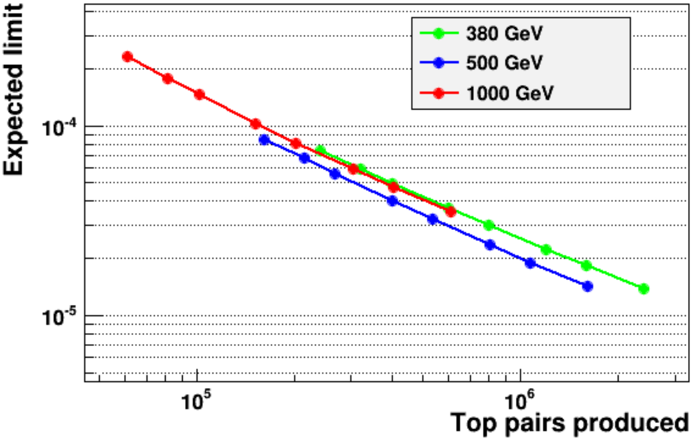

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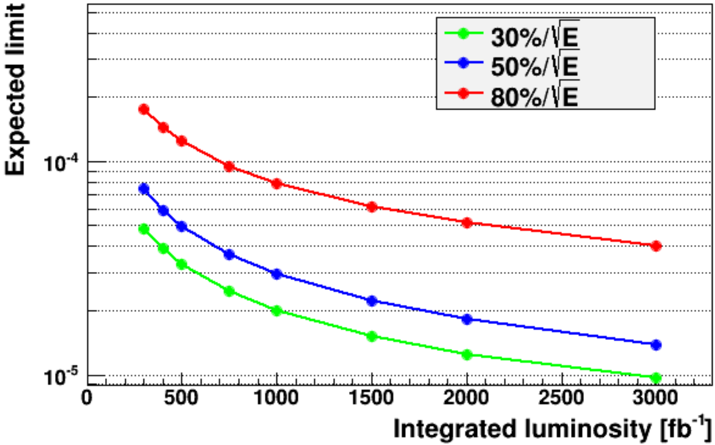

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Expected limits on $BR(t \to ch)$ of the order of $\sim 10^{-4}$ (SM Higgs decays)

Expected limits on $BR(t \to ch) \times BR(h \to b\bar{b})$, for 500 fb^{-1}, vary
from $3.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$ for $30\%/\sqrt{E}$ jet energy resolution at 380 GeV
to $2.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$ for $80\%/\sqrt{E}$ jet energy resolution at 1000 GeV

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Plans for the next months:

- Prepare signal event samples for full simulation
- Look at available $t\bar{t}$ and background samples
- Consider other decay channels

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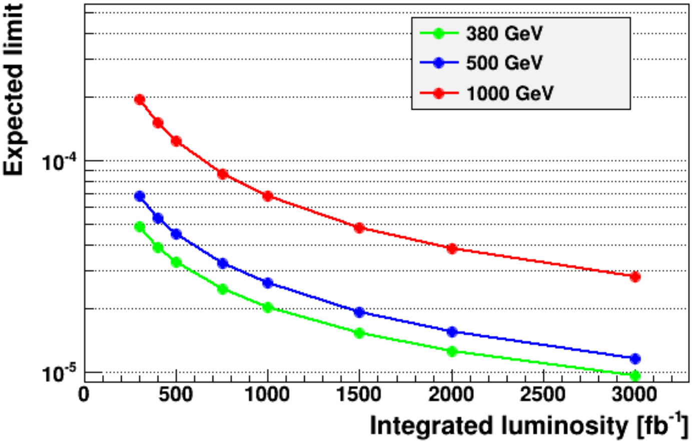
Jet energy resolution 30%



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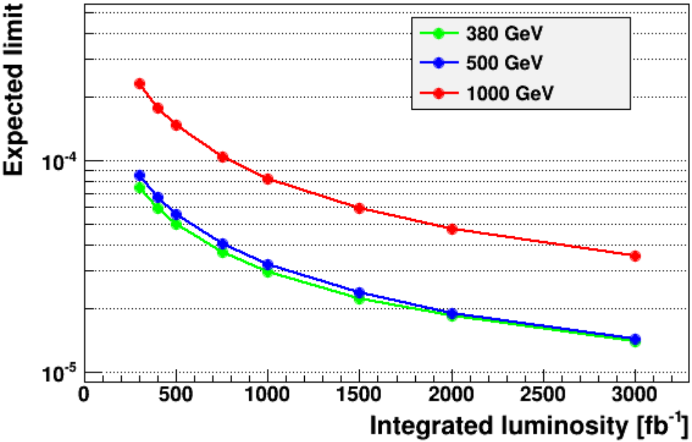

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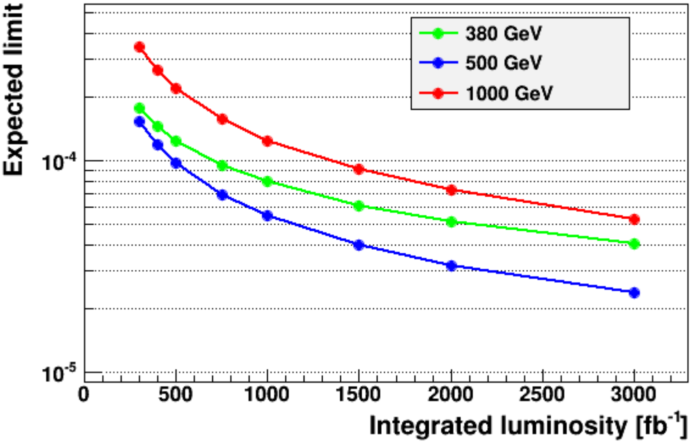

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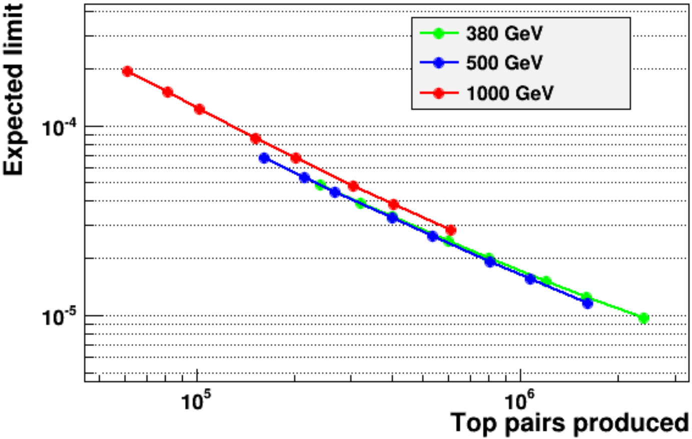

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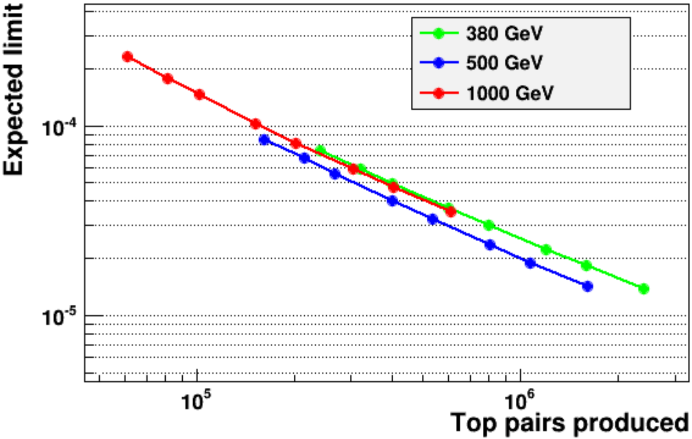

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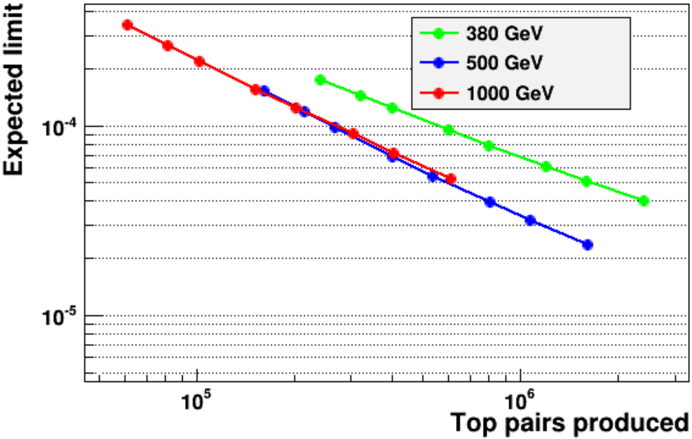

Expected limit

Expected 95% C.L. limit on the number of signal events calculated as an average limit from multiple "background only" experiments, with number of observed events generated from Poisson distribution.