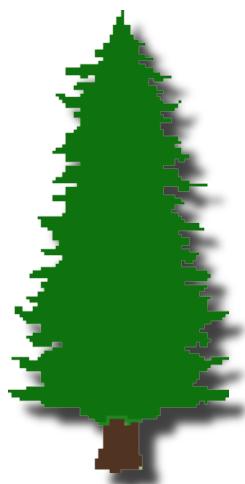


ATLAS Physics Prospects at a High-Luminosity LHC

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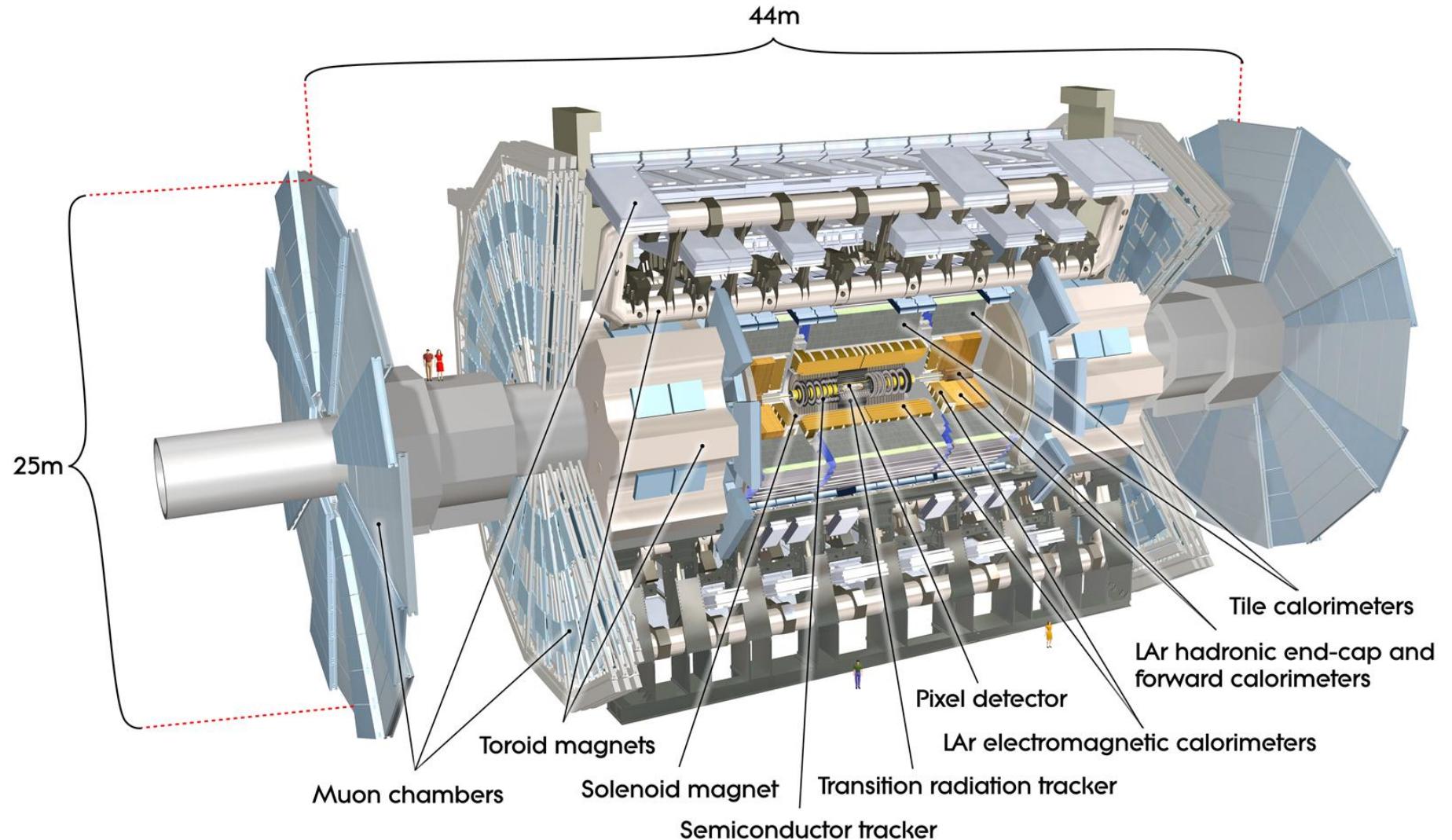
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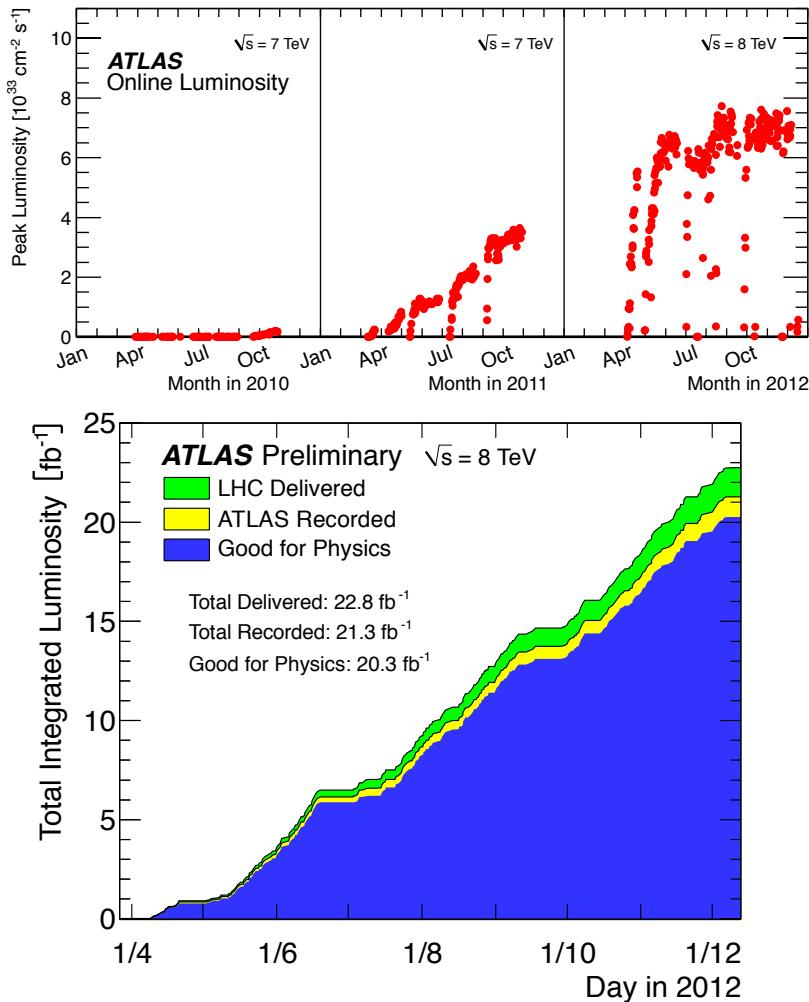
- Large Hadron Collider is a unique facility, utilized by 2 large general-purpose experiments with deep and broad physics reach
 - Measurements of the non-Higgs Standard Model particles and interactions, even at very high Q^2 and very low x
 - Measurements of the Higgs couplings and eventually the Higgs potential
 - Discovery reach for high-mass particles and resonances
- ATLAS and CMS experiments both pursue studies of future physics prospects, based on designed experimental performance
 - Feedback loop with detector R&D community during design phase
- Series of meetings in the past year have formalized these efforts
 - European Strategy for Particle Physics (Sept. 2012)
 - Division of Particles and Fields Snowmass Community Study (2012-2013)
 - ECFA HL-LHC Experiments Workshop (Oct. 2013)
- Many new results on the future prospects for ATLAS

ATLAS Experiment at LHC

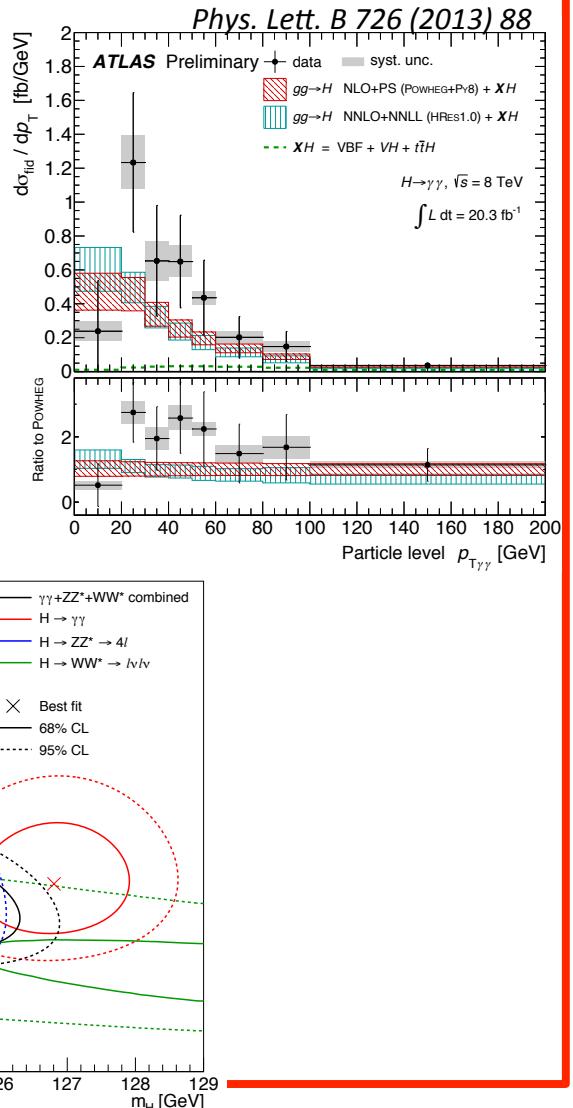


Success of LHC Run 1

Excellent accelerator and experiment performance

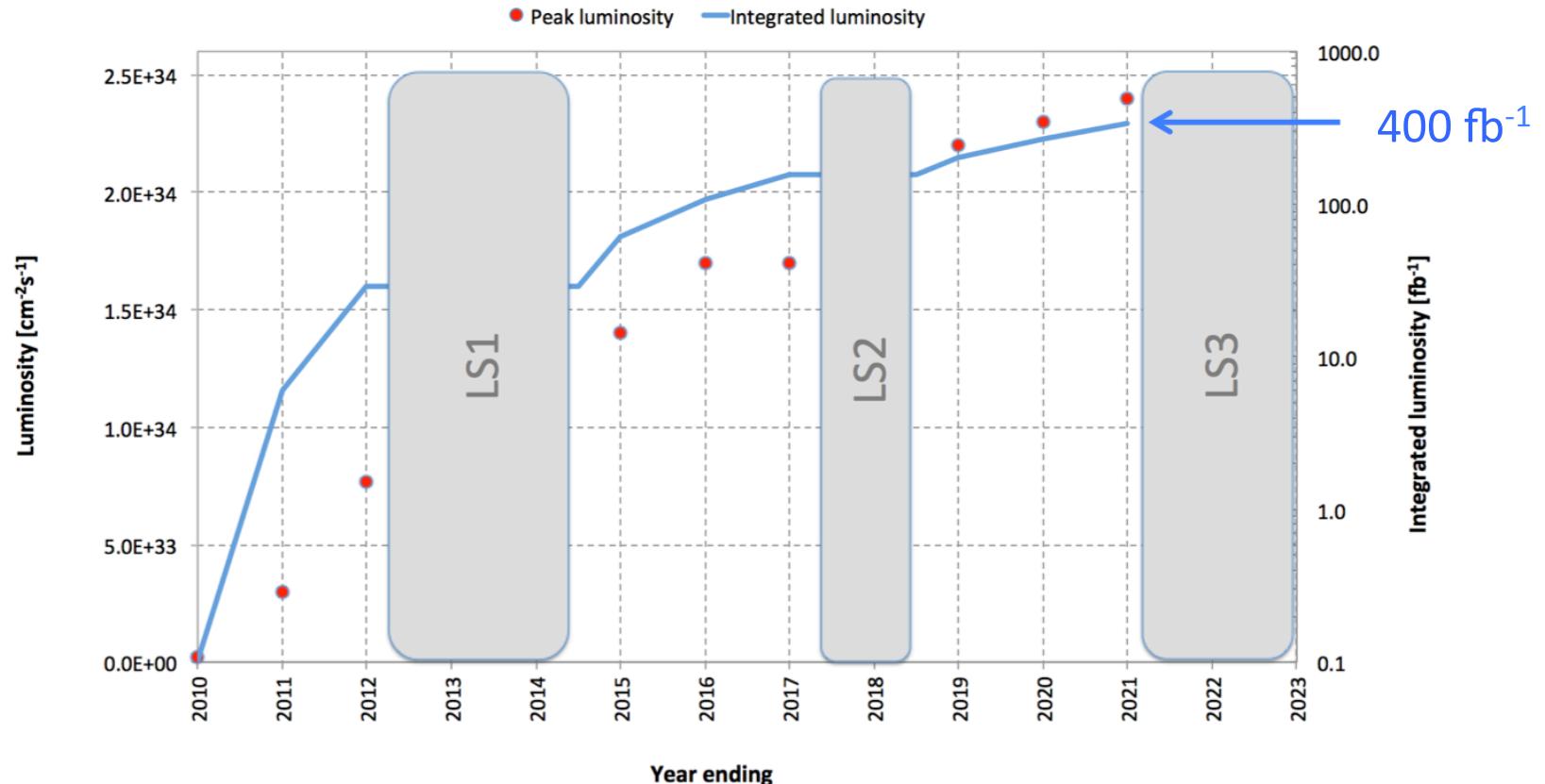


Higgs boson discovery and measurements

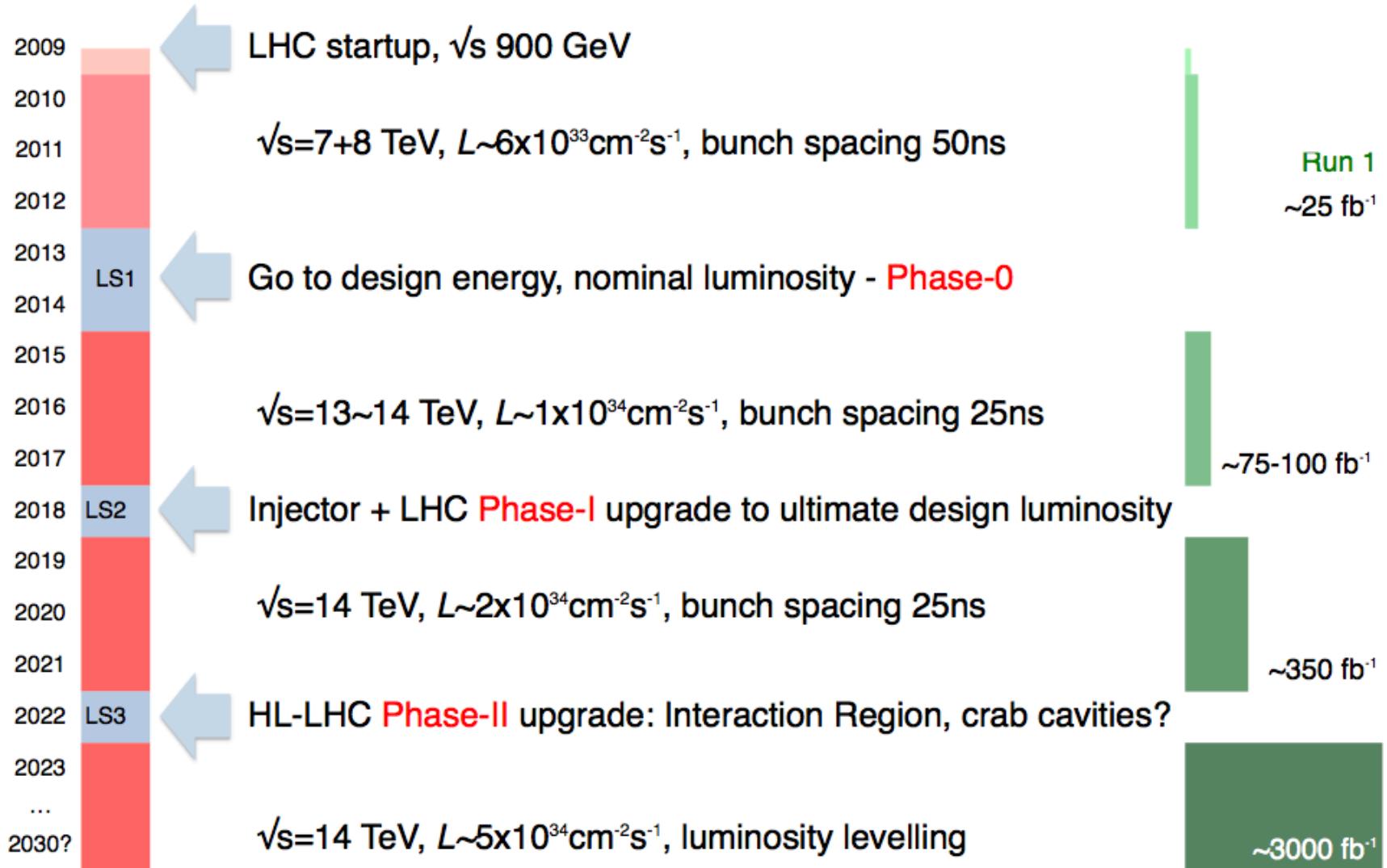


Approved LHC Program

- Long Shutdown 1 gives 13-14 TeV capability at original design lumi
- LS2 brings new injector systems online for $2.2 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ lumi
- After 400 fb^{-1} , doubling of dataset slows
 - Low- β triplet magnets and some detectors will be radiation-damaged

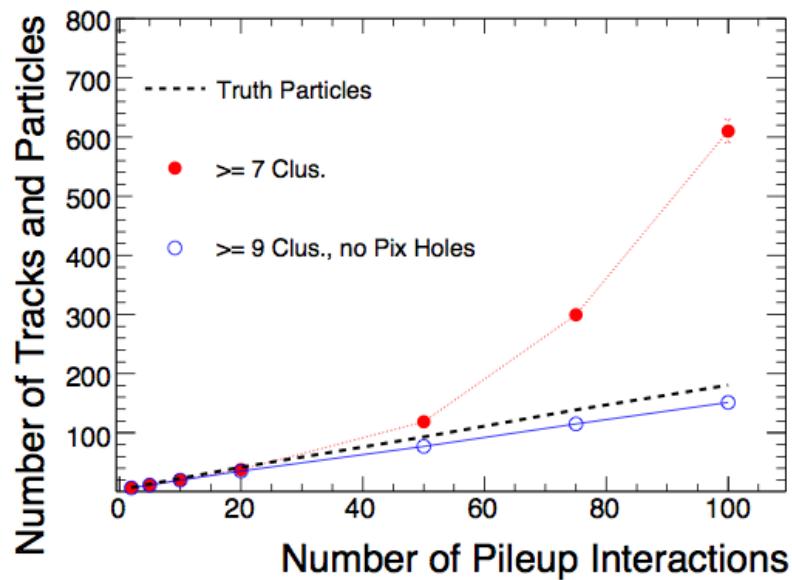
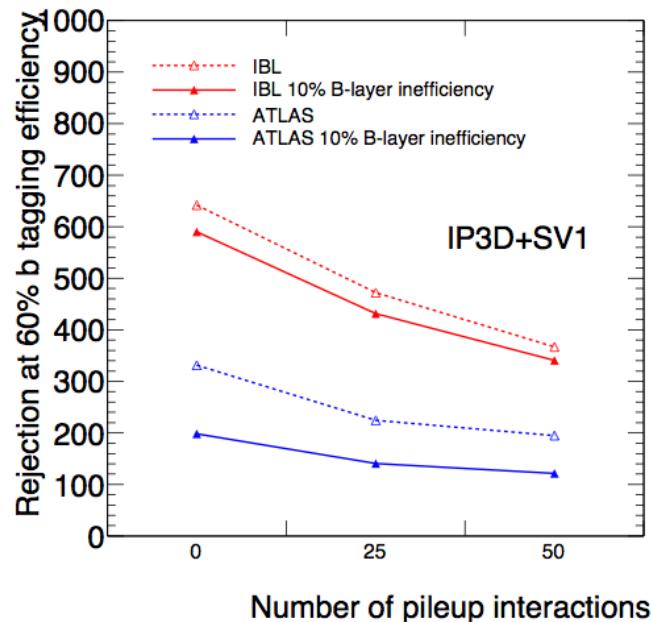


Evolution of the LHC Program



ATLAS Upgrades during LS1

- Major Phase 0 upgrade is installation of Insertable B-Layer (IBL) planar silicon pixel detector
 - Improve tracking precision and b-tagging with detector at 35mm radius
 - Recover tracking robustness against pileup occupancy and module failures
 - See [IBL Technical Design Report](#) (CERN-LHCC-2010-013)



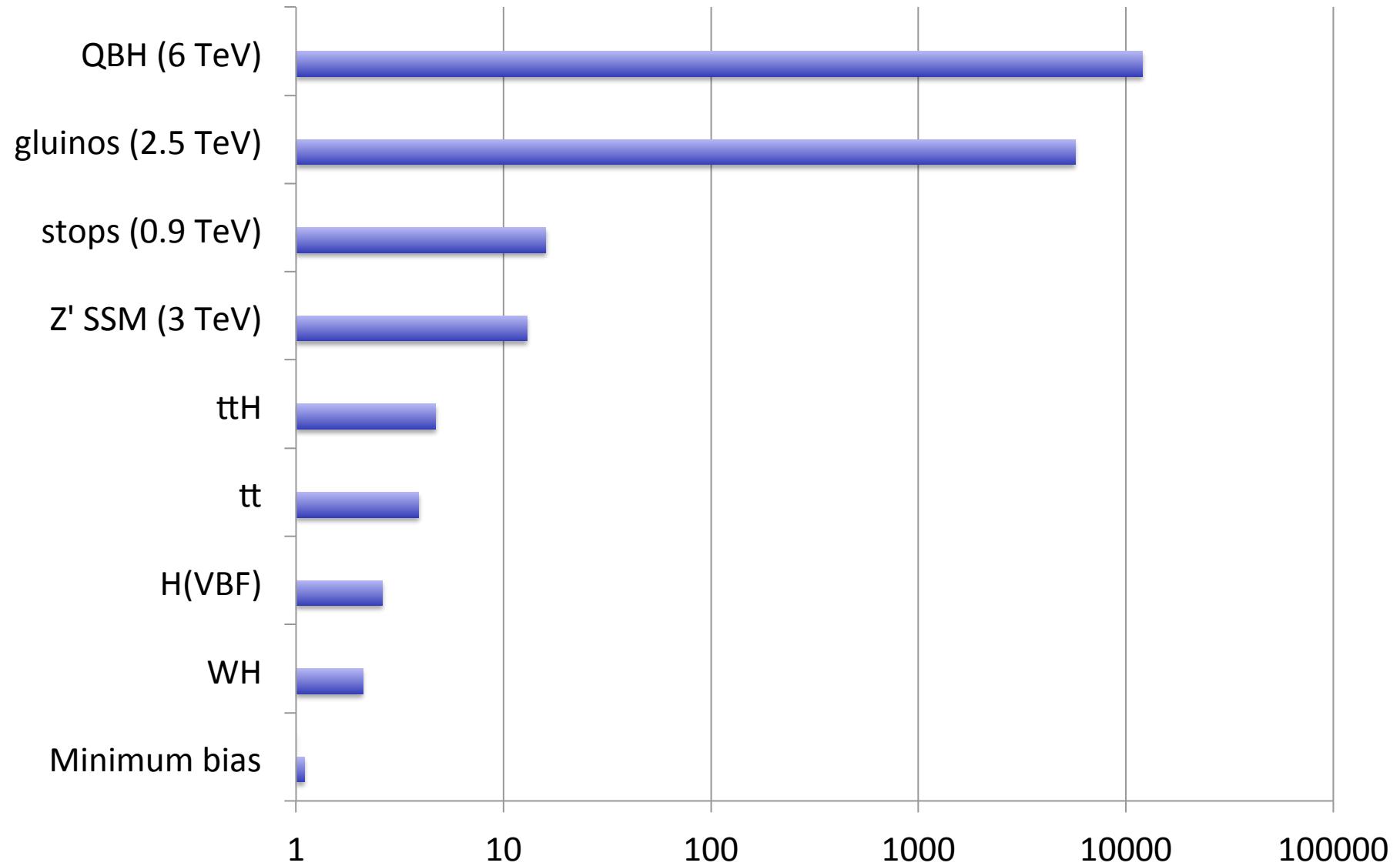
- Also installing muon chambers to complete coverage and executing repairs on TRT and Calorimeter systems

Phase 0 Physics at 13-14 TeV

- With $75\text{-}100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ in 2015-2017, reboot ATLAS high-energy physics program with increased energy
 - Extend sensitivity to supersymmetry at high masses
 - Extend discovery reach for high-mass enhancements beyond the SM
 - Pursue observation of Higgs boson decays to fermions
 - Benchmark Z production via vector boson fusion
 - Pursue first measurements of low-mass vector boson scattering
 - Improve measurements of Higgs couplings and spin
 - Measure top quark production and multijet production at high energies
 - Standard Model measurements to constrain PDFs at 14 TeV

Physics program for the next 100 fb^{-1} will certainly be as exciting as for the first 30 fb^{-1}

Cross Section Comparison: 14 to 8 TeV



ATLAS Upgrades during LS2

- ATLAS Phase-I Upgrade Letter of Intent (CERN-LHCC-2011-012) submitted at end of 2011
 - Eye toward the future: all of the detector upgrades in LS2 are important parts of the detector plans for the HL-LHC project
- Fast Tracker (FTK) uses Associative Memory to find and fit tracks in silicon detectors at rates of 100 kHz and latency < 100 μ s
- Muon New Small Wheel (NSW) upgrade to maintain tracking performance and trigger rates for single muons in $1.3 < |\eta| < 2.4$
 - Region with high cavern background flux causes high hit occupancy
- Upgrades to calorimeter readout electronics to introduce wider digital path to trigger system
 - Operate in mixed analog/digital trigger mode until overhaul for Phase II
- TDRs for the NSW and FTK projects have been approved by ATLAS

Phase I Physics at 14 TeV

- With 300 fb^{-1} in 2019-2021, extend discovery sensitivity
 - Measurements of Higgs couplings to <20% in ZZ, $\gamma\gamma$, $\tau\tau$
 - Measurements of WW,WZ,ZZ scattering at high invariant mass
 - SUSY searches for high-mass gluinos and squarks up to 2 TeV
 - SUSY searches for charginos up to 350 GeV and neutralinos up to 250 GeV
 - SUSY searches for compressed spectra and light stops
 - Reach above 4 TeV for exotic resonances decaying to top quark pairs
- These depend on maintaining low- p_T thresholds for single lepton and diphoton triggers – a key aspect of the detector upgrades

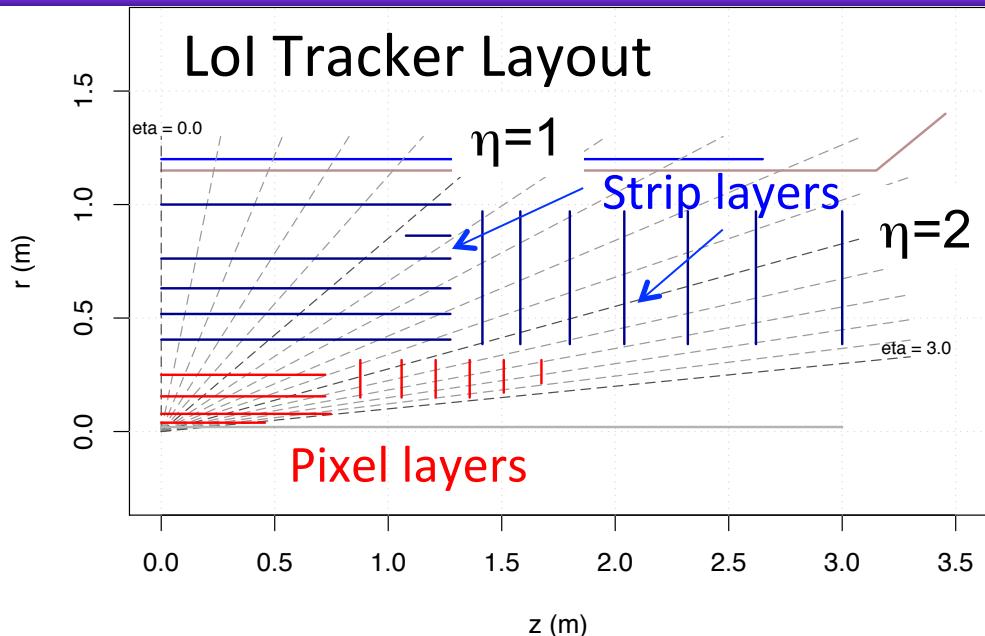
ATLAS Phase II (HL-LHC) Program

- ATLAS Phase-II Upgrade Letter of Intent (LoI): CERN-LHCC-2012-022, submitted in March 2013
 - “Highest priority should be to exploit full LHC physics potential at highest beyond-design leveled luminosity of 5×10^{34} with a 3000 fb^{-1} dataset”
- Aiming for a broad picture of physics at the TeV scale and beyond
 - Precision measurements of the Higgs boson properties, including measurements of some couplings to <10%
 - Measurements of the electroweak sector at TeV scale
 - Expanded sensitivity to new particles in theories of supersymmetry
 - Expanded reach for other high-mass particles beyond the Standard Model
 - Probes of rare decays in the top quark sector
 - ... and other unknown opportunities on the frontier
- Focus today on the most important points of HL-LHC program
- Achieving full physics potential depends on overcoming known experimental (and theoretical) challenges

Proposed ATLAS Upgrades during LS3

- Main challenges: radiation, pileup ($\langle\mu\rangle=140$) [ATL-UPGRADE-PUB-2013-014](#)
 - Detectors must be upgraded just to keep up with the latter challenge
- Extensive redesign of trigger system architecture
 - 2-step first-level hardware trigger: L0 @ 500 kHz + L1 @ 200 kHz
 - Full calorimeter granularity and track trigger capability at L1
- Silicon tracking detectors replace current Inner Detector (Si + TRT)
 - Guarantee 11 hits with 4 pixel layers + 3 short-strip layers + 2 long-strip layers
 - Barrel stave design for pixels and strips to ease construction and installation
- Calorimeter upgrades: electronics and new forward calorimeters
 - New LAr ASIC with full digitization at 40 MHz and 140 Tbps off detector
 - New TileCal readout with fine granularity for detailed trigger algorithms
- Muon spectrometer upgrades
 - Replace readout electronics to reduce trigger latency
- Software and computing redesign to cope with large data volume

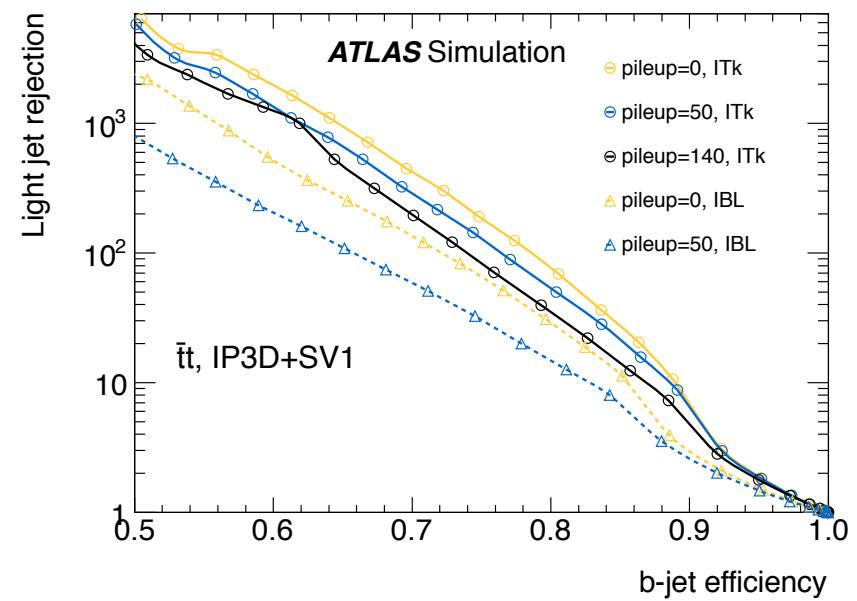
Silicon Tracker Upgrade



- Provide sufficient hits to minimize fakes from pileup
- R&D in rad-hard sensors, readout electronics, lightweight structure
- Reduced inner pixel size to $25 \times 150 \mu\text{m}^2$

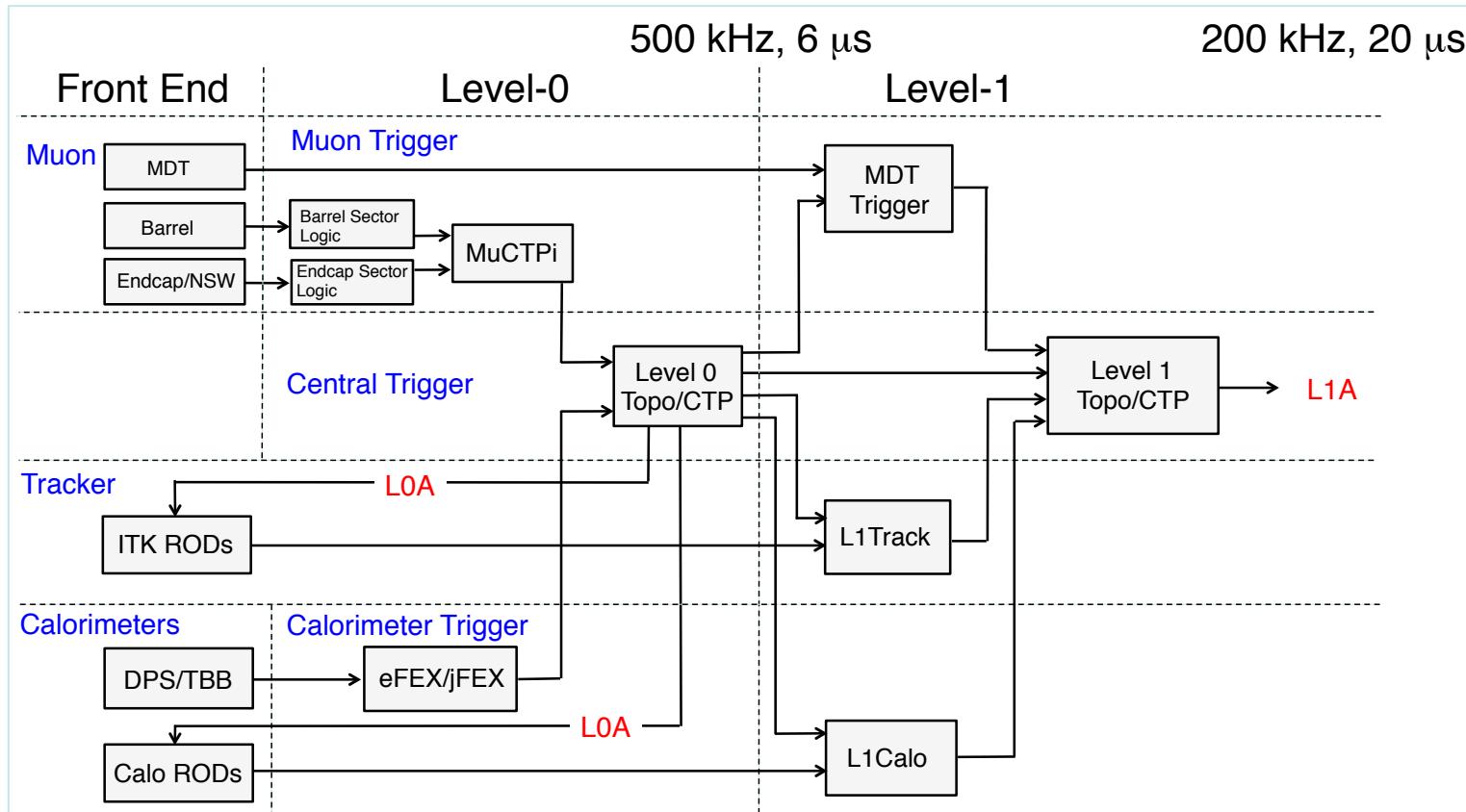
New pixel size and less material offset effects of pileup

- Maintain tracking efficiency in dense boosted jet environment
- 2x reduction in tracker material in central region



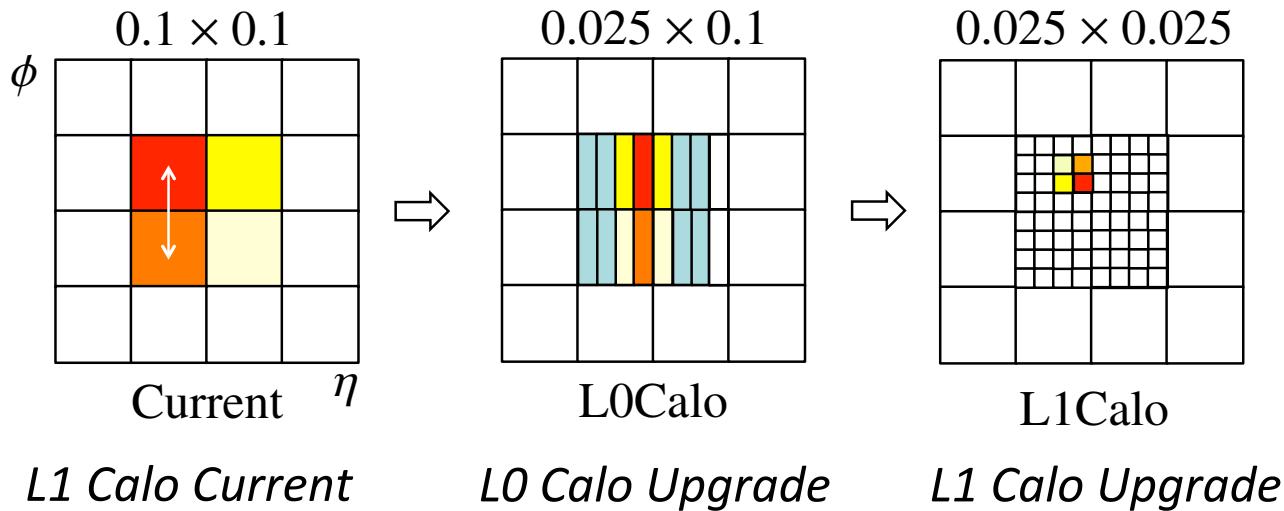
Trigger System Upgrade

- Maintain efficient 20 GeV isolated lepton triggers at 7×10^{34}
- Phase-II L0 trigger has same functionality as Phase-I L1 trigger, but allows for higher event rate (>100 kHz for electrons)
 - Tight constraints on readout capabilities in detector systems



Calorimeter Electronics Upgrade

- LAr rad-hard front-end electronics upgrade to full digitization of every cell with 16-bit dynamic range at 40 MHz
 - Effectively removes any LAr constraints on trigger system, but requires 140 Tbps optical path to back-end electronics in non-radiation environment
- Allows highly granular pattern extraction in L0/L1 triggers



- TileCal rad-hard front-end upgrade also provides full digitization
 - Allows full jet feature extraction in Regions of Interest defined by L0

Performance Estimates for HL-LHC Studies

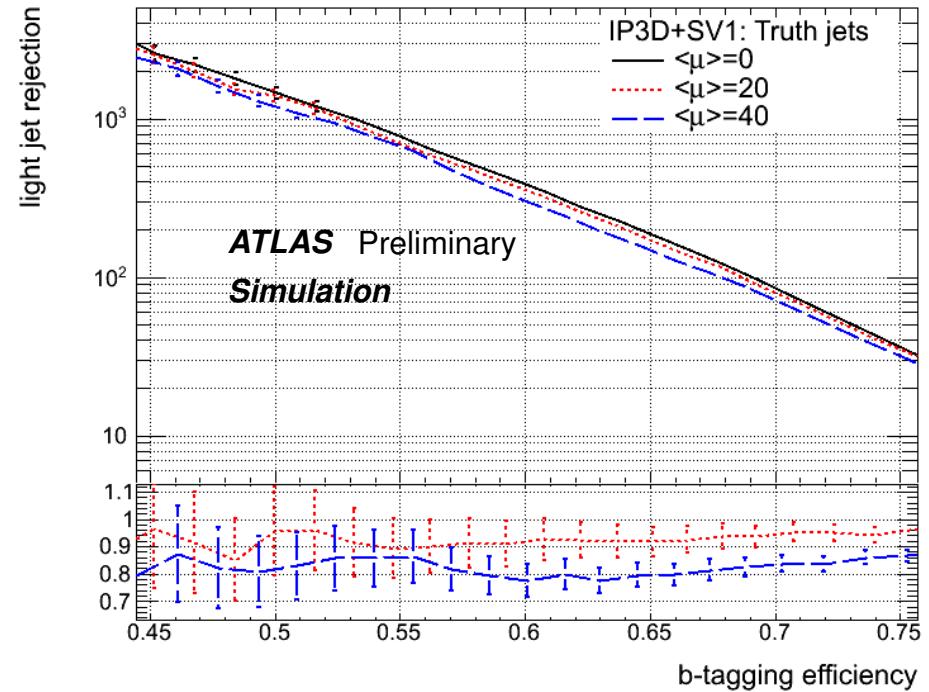
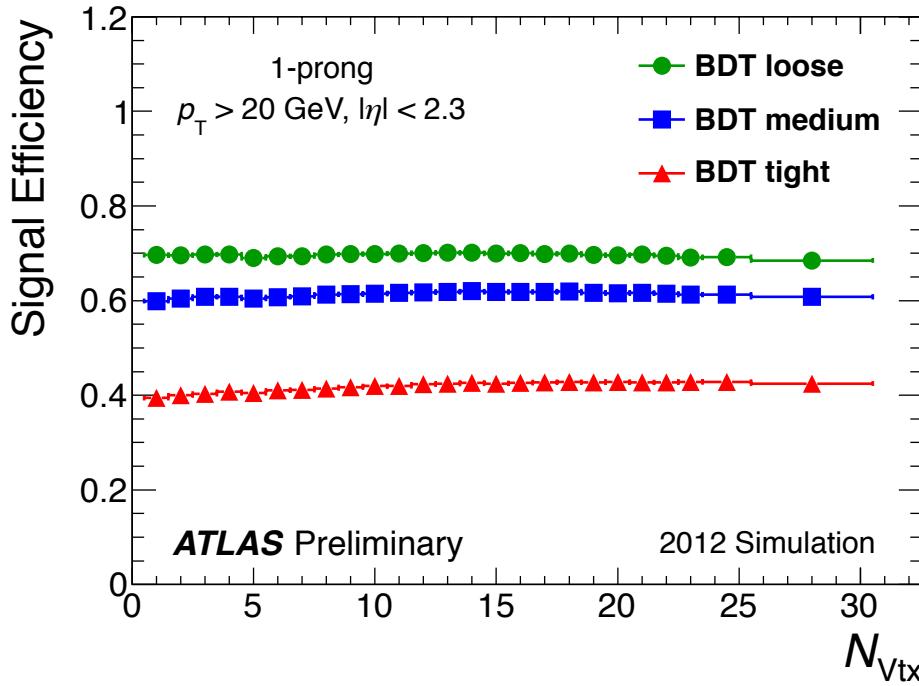
- Detailed studies of potential physics program topics were prepared in European Strategy sessions (2012) and ECFA (2013)
- ATLAS philosophy is to extrapolate detector performance from current pileup $\langle\mu\rangle$ values to future pileup $\langle\mu\rangle$ values, based on combination of data and full simulation samples
 - Developed a set of smearing functions in [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2013-004](#) to simulate physics object resolutions in upgraded detector with $\langle\mu\rangle=140$. Updated results in [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2013-009](#) use full detector simulation.
 - Lepton momenta, b-tagging, missing transverse energy, pileup jets
 - Developed realistic trigger menus to preserve low- p_T lepton and photon triggers, even at $5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ [typical threshold 20 GeV]
- **Conservative approach that does not account for future advances**

Example of parameterized resolutions:

$$\sigma/E_{\text{electron}}[\text{GeV}] = 0.3 \oplus 0.10 \times \sqrt{E[\text{GeV}]} \oplus 0.010 \times E[\text{GeV}]$$

Performance Estimates for HL-LHC Studies

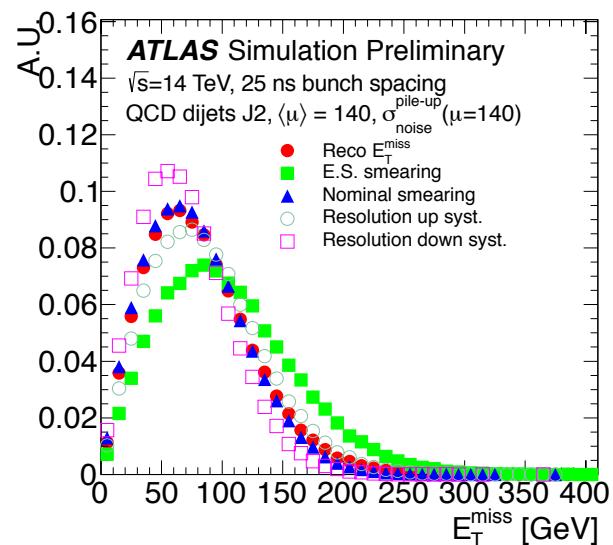
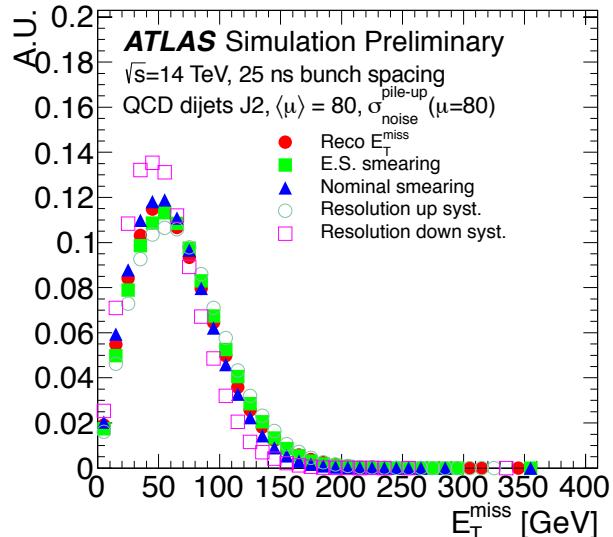
- Estimates of tracking performance: tau identification and b-tagging



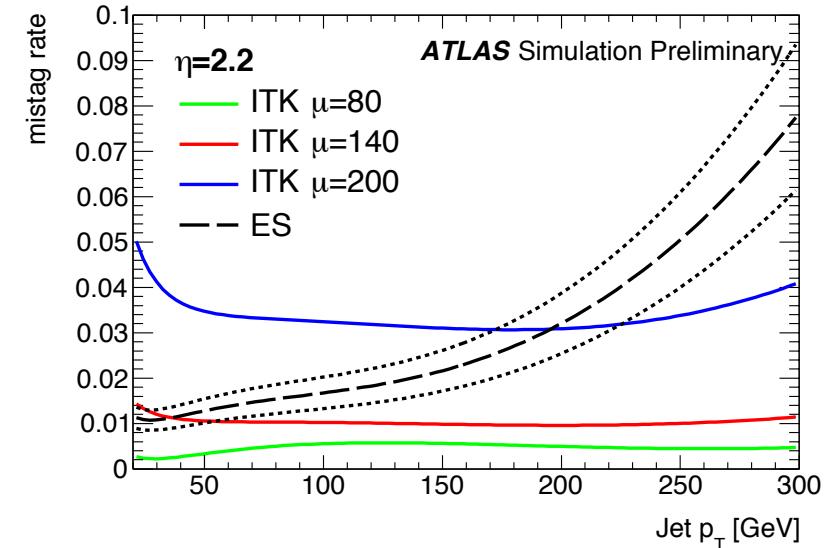
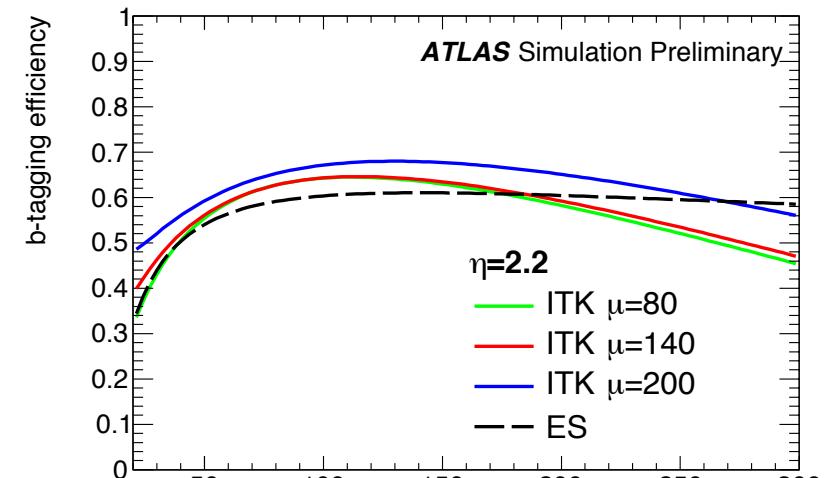
- Note that the assumed b-tagging performance is worse than the new result from full simulation on p. 14
- Based on our excellent understanding of detector in Run-1 data, we believe that other assumptions are also likely fair to pessimistic
 - To be re-evaluated this summer with full simulation up to $\langle \mu \rangle = 200$

Comparison of Parameterizations

Missing ET reconstruction



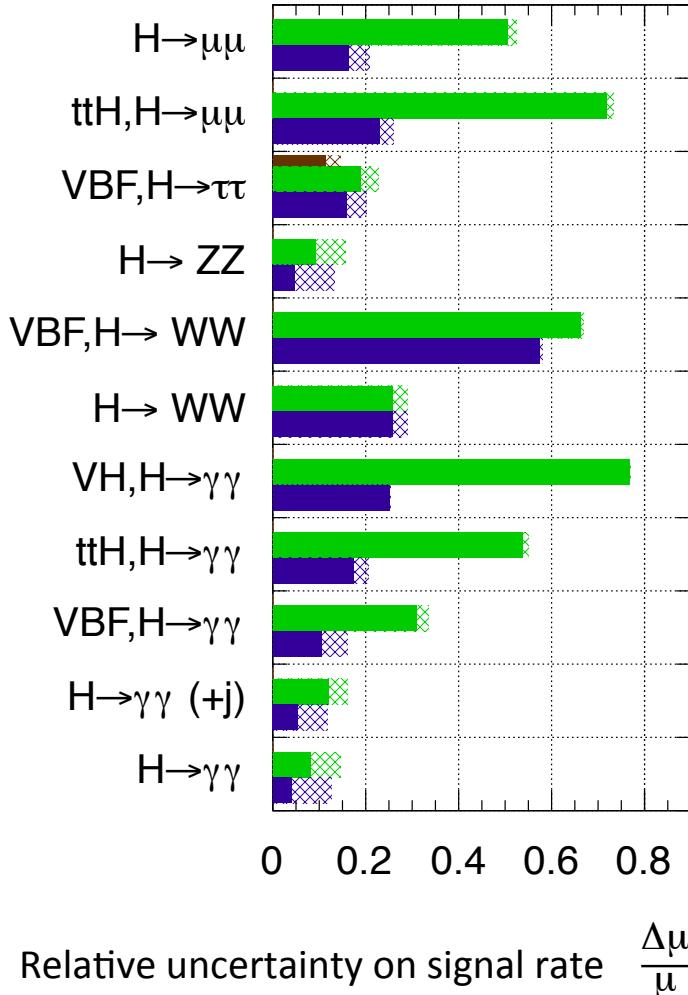
B-tagging performance



Higgs Production Measurements

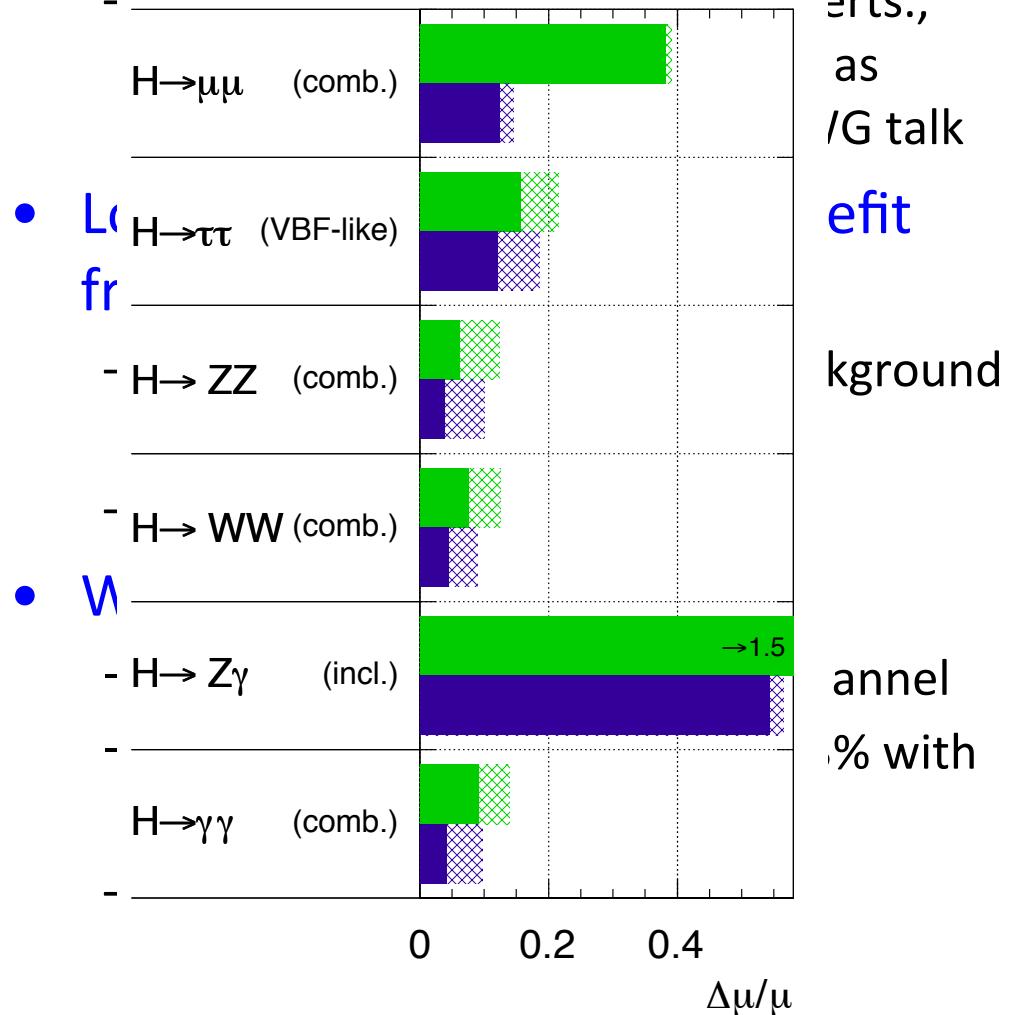
ATLAS Preliminary (Simulation)

$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$: $\int L dt = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$; $\int L dt = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 $\int L dt = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ extrapolated from 7+8 TeV



- R **ATLAS** Simulation Preliminary

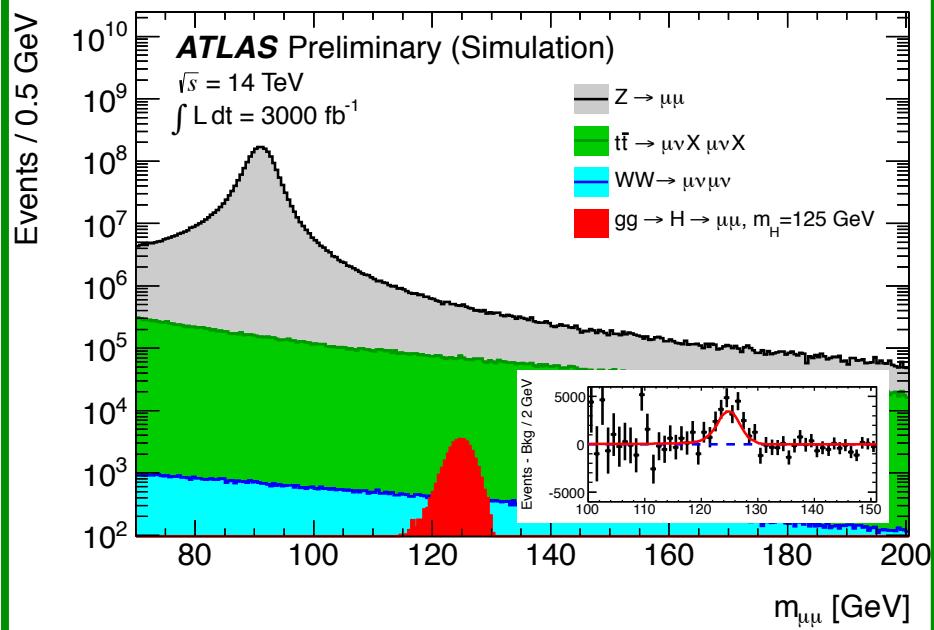
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Rare Higgs Decays

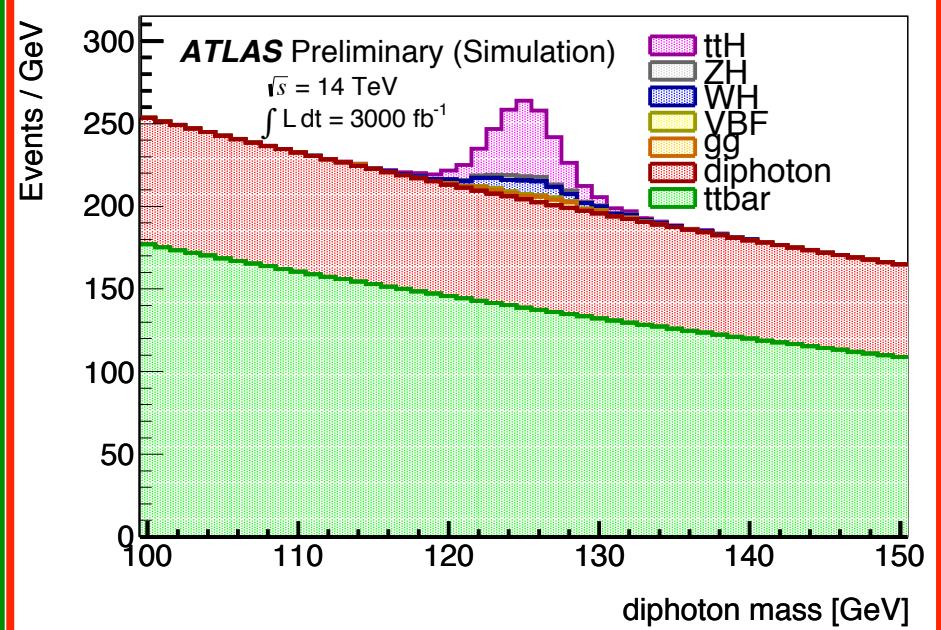
Higgs decay to $\mu\mu$

- Allows comparison of 2nd and 3rd-generation Higgs couplings
- Optimized analysis achieves $>6\sigma$ with 3000 fb^{-1} , giving 15-20% precision on relative $H\mu\mu$ coupling



$t\bar{t}H$ in $\gamma\gamma$ decay mode

- Allows precise measurement of top Yukawa coupling
- $S/B=0.2 @ 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$, even better than $ZH(\gamma\gamma)$ channel
- 15-20% precision on relative Htt

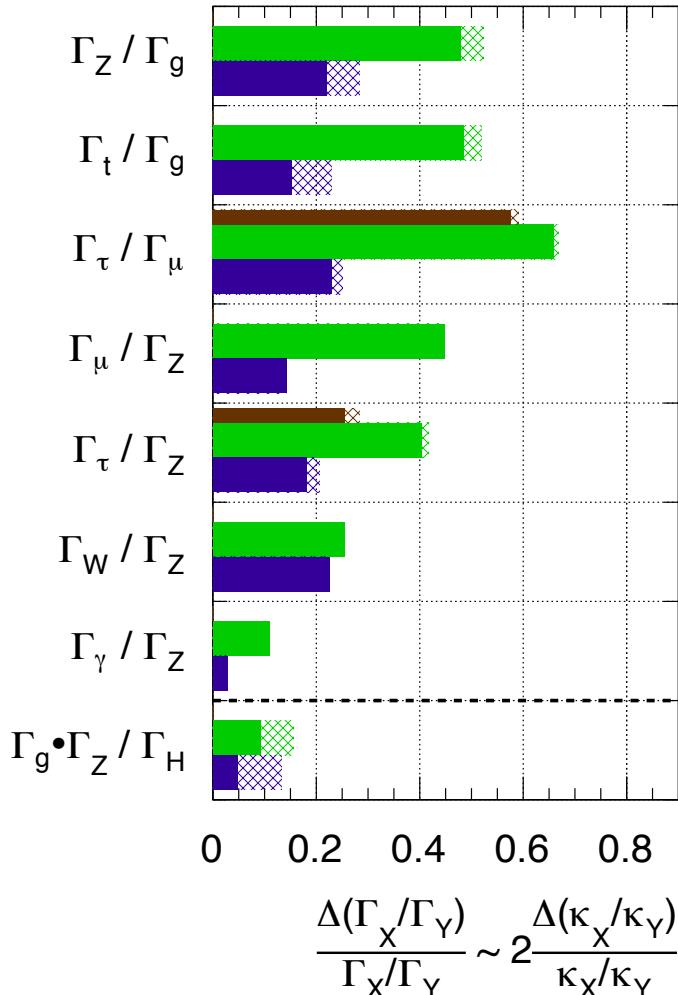


Higgs Couplings

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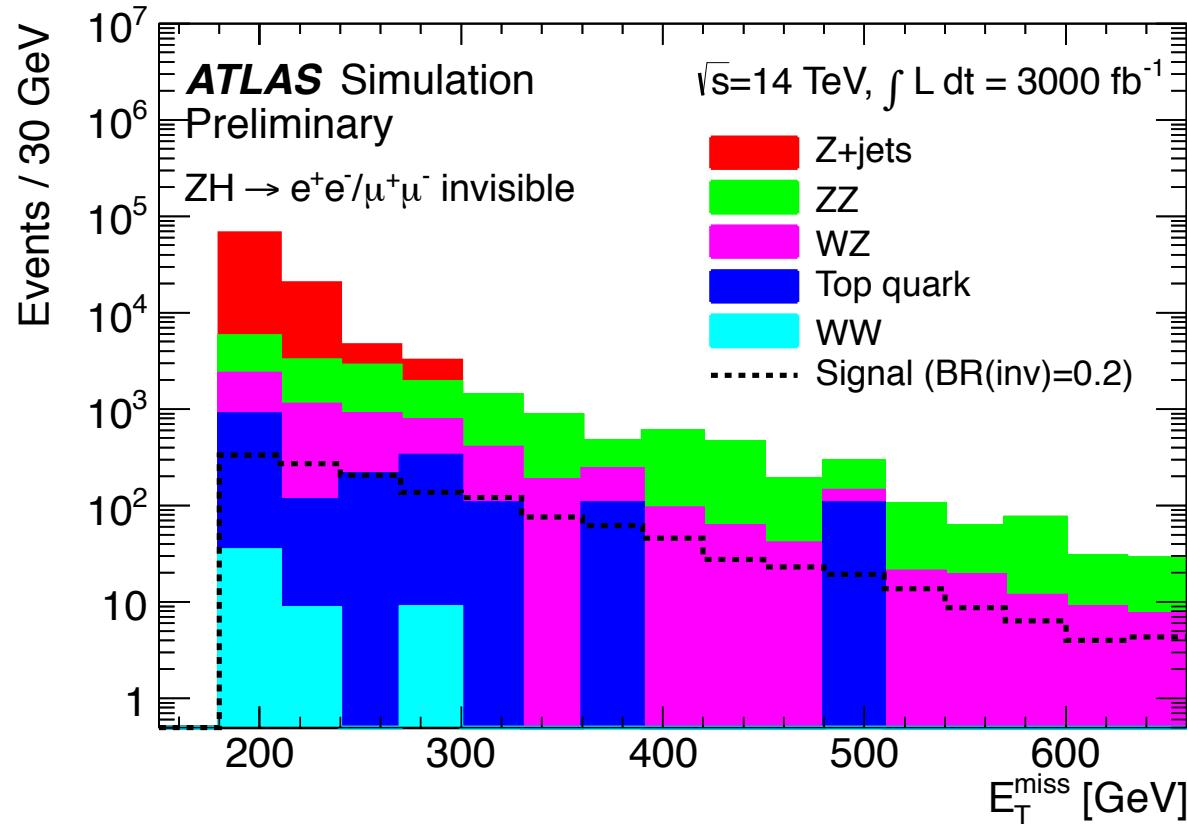


- In the general coupling fits, no assumption is made on possible BSM decay modes or total width Γ_H
 - Only the ratios of coupling parameters can be measured from this fit
- Ratios of partial widths are related to couplings via $\Gamma_X / \Gamma_Y = \kappa_X^2 / \kappa_Y^2$
 - Matches LHC Higgs Xsec Working Group
- Experimental precision improves by a factor of 2-3 with 3000 fb^{-1} dataset

2-parameter fit with (w/o) theory uncert.

ATLAS	300 fb^{-1}	3000 fb^{-1}
K_V	3.0 % (5.6 %)	1.9 % (4.5 %)
K_F	8.9 % (10 %)	3.6 % (5.9 %)

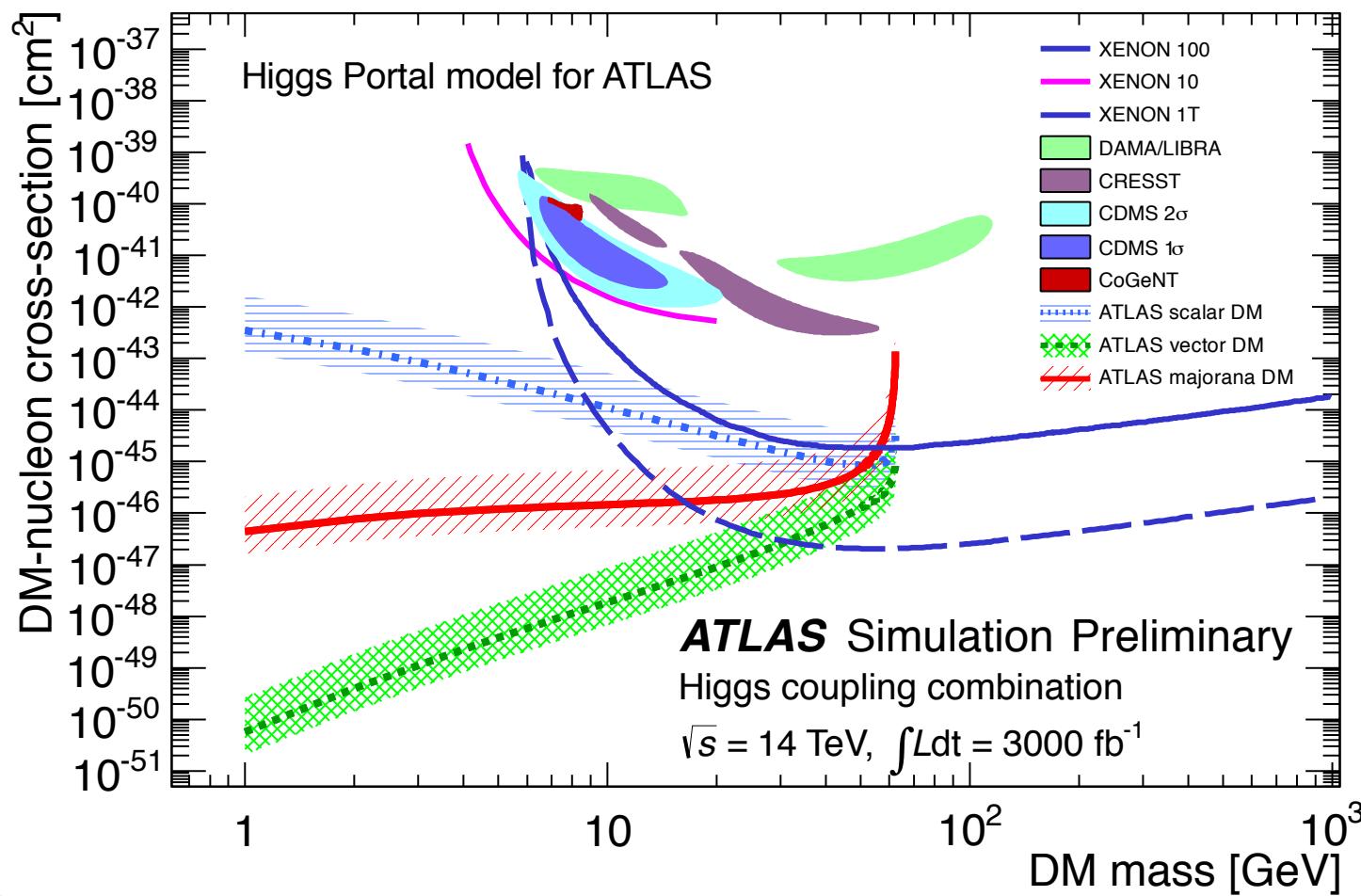
Invisible Higgs Branching Fraction



BR($H \rightarrow \text{inv.}$) limits at 95% (90%) CL	300 fb^{-1}	3000 fb^{-1}
Realistic scenario	23% (19%)	8.0% (6.7%)
Conservative scenario	32% (27%)	16% (13%)

Dark Matter Interpretation

- Translate bounds on invisible couplings to constraints on WIMP coupling to Higgs bosons (assuming $2m_{\text{WIMP}} < m_{\text{Higgs}}$)
 - Note dependence on WIMP spin hypothesis



Higgs Coupling Measurement Comparison

Table 1-20. Expected precisions on the Higgs couplings and total width from a constrained 7-parameter fit assuming no non-SM production or decay modes. The fit assumes generation universality ($\kappa_u \equiv \kappa_t = \kappa_c$, $\kappa_d \equiv \kappa_b = \kappa_s$, and $\kappa_\ell \equiv \kappa_\tau = \kappa_\mu$). The ranges shown for LHC and HL-LHC represent the conservative and optimistic scenarios for systematic and theory uncertainties. ILC numbers assume (e^-, e^+) polarizations of $(-0.8, 0.3)$ at 250 and 500 GeV and $(-0.8, 0.2)$ at 1000 GeV, plus a 0.5% theory uncertainty. CLIC numbers assume polarizations of $(-0.8, 0)$ for energies above 1 TeV. TLEP numbers assume unpolarized beams.

Facility	LHC	HL-LHC	ILC500	ILC500-up	ILC1000	ILC1000-up	CLIC	TLEP (4 IPs)
\sqrt{s} (GeV)	14,000	14,000	250/500	250/500	250/500/1000	250/500/1000	350/1400/3000	240/350
$\int \mathcal{L} dt$ (fb $^{-1}$)	300/expt	3000/expt	250+500	1150+1600	250+500+1000	1150+1600+2500	500+1500+2000	10,000+2600
κ_γ	5 – 7%	2 – 5%	8.3%	4.4%	3.8%	2.3%	-/5.5/<5.5%	1.45%
κ_g	6 – 8%	3 – 5%	2.0%	1.1%	1.1%	0.67%	3.6/0.79/0.56%	0.79%
κ_W	4 – 6%	2 – 5%	0.39%	0.21%	0.21%	0.2%	1.5/0.15/0.11%	0.10%
κ_Z	4 – 6%	2 – 4%	0.49%	0.24%	0.50%	0.3%	0.49/0.33/0.24%	0.05%
κ_ℓ	6 – 8%	2 – 5%	1.9%	0.98%	1.3%	0.72%	3.5/1.4/<1.3%	0.51%
$\kappa_d = \kappa_b$	10 – 13%	4 – 7%	0.93%	0.60%	0.51%	0.4%	1.7/0.32/0.19%	0.39%
$\kappa_u = \kappa_t$	14 – 15%	7 – 10%	2.5%	1.3%	1.3%	0.9%	3.1/1.0/0.7%	0.69%

- Snowmass study to compare prospects for future colliders
- Higgs coupling results based mostly on CMS studies
 - Significant improvements (2x) with 3 ab $^{-1}$ data at HL-LHC
 - Lepton colliders offer further significant improvement in vector boson and fermion couplings

Higgs Self-Coupling

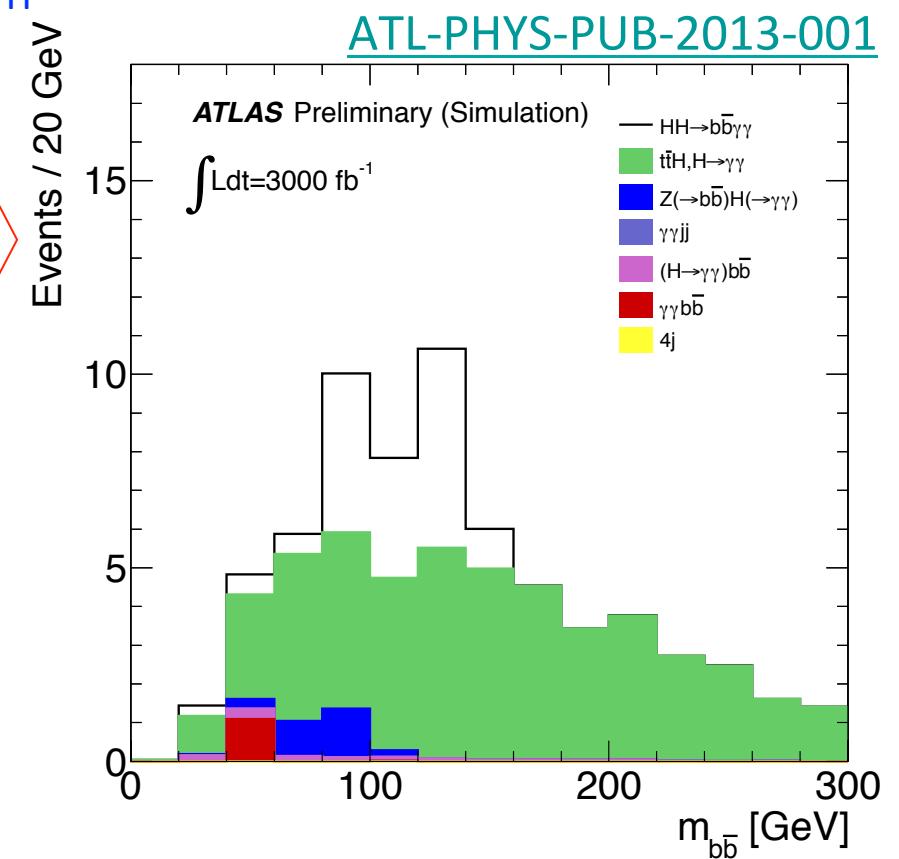
- Derive trilinear self-coupling λ_{HHH} from Higgs pair production
 - Destructive interference with HH pair production via top loop
 - HH cross section increases from 34 to 71 fb if $\lambda_{\text{HHH}}=0$
- Many channels to pursue, since $m_H=125 \text{ GeV}$

$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$

Tight $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ cut and b-tag pT cut
leave mostly ttH background

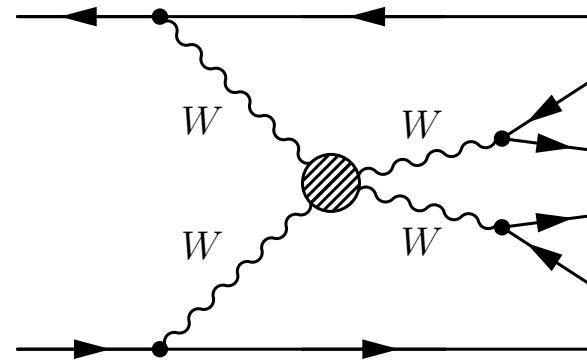
$S/VB \sim 3$ for 3000 fb^{-1}

- Expect that additional channels ($bb\tau\tau$) and 2 experiments combined could lead to 30% measurement of λ_{HHH} at HL-LHC



Vector Boson Scattering

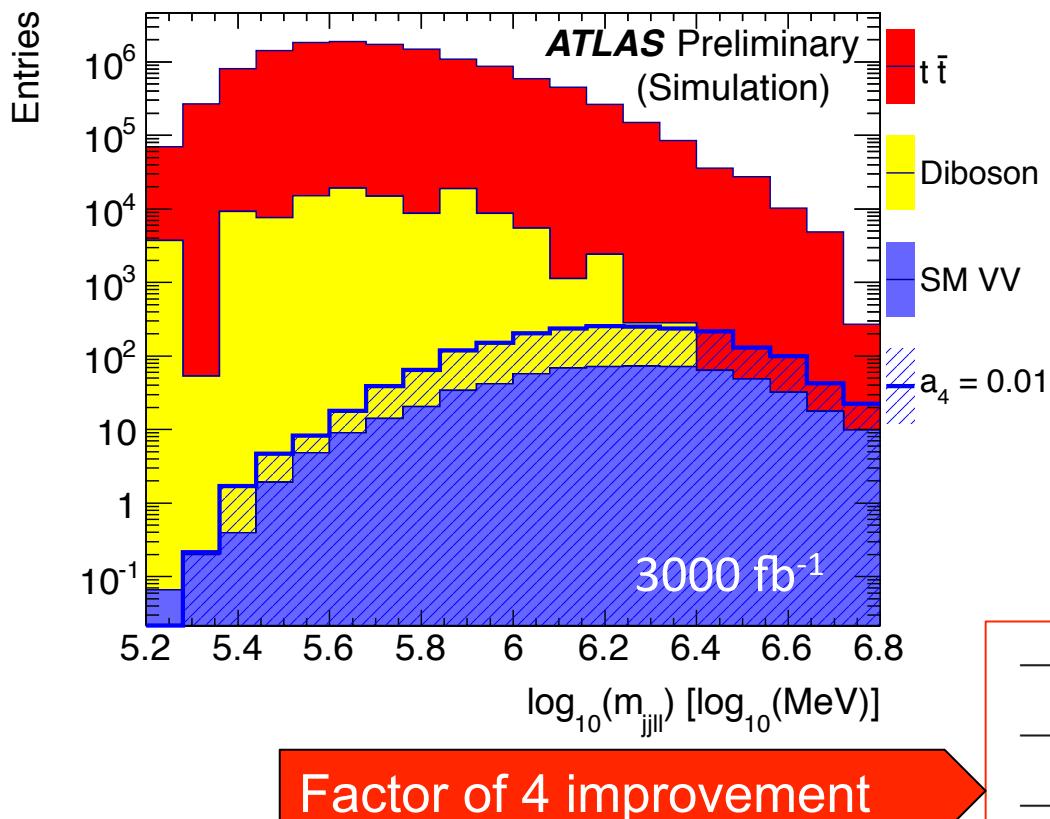
- Given Higgs discovery, focus on its impact in electroweak sector
 - Confirm unitarity of VBS through differential cross section
 - Check for new contributions to VBS from new particles or interactions
 - Includes any strong resonances or 2HDM
- Combination of Higgs couplings, vector boson scattering, and triboson production probes gauge-Higgs sector for new physics
- New ATLAS results in [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2013-006](#) focus on sensitivity to new physics contributions
 - Anomalous quartic couplings calculated with post-Higgs unitarization
 - Higher-dimension operators in effective field theories with mass scale Λ



W⁺W⁻ Scattering

- Early results from Electroweak Chiral Lagrangian focused on anomalous quartic couplings that conserve weak isospin
 - Contributions parameterized in terms of couplings a_4 and a_5

[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2012-005](#)



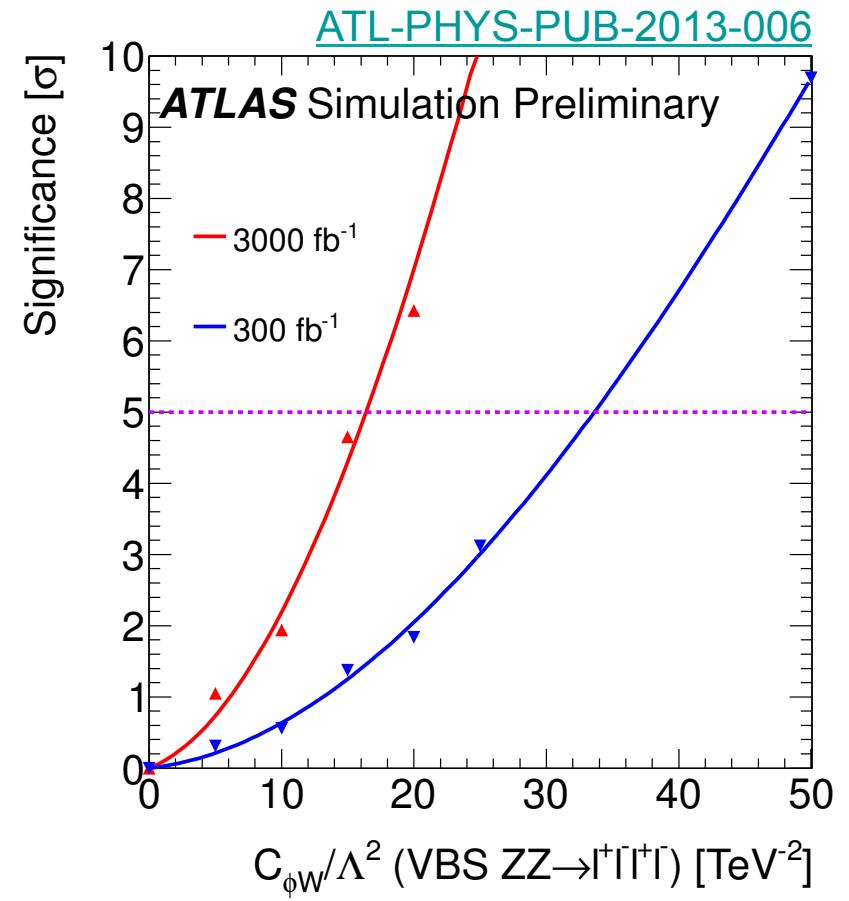
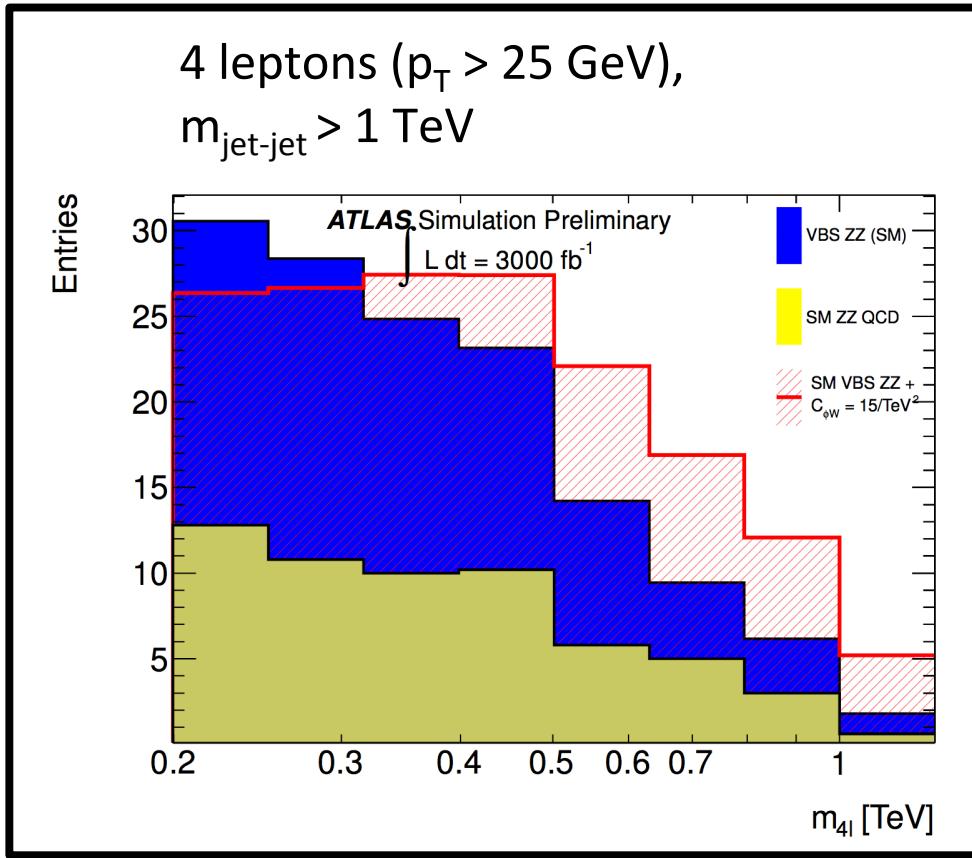
Recover invariant mass information in dilepton channel with 4-body mass

With $a_5=0$, what sensitivity do we have to new a_4 ?
(For these values, the typical resonance mass is $\sim 1 \text{ TeV}$)

model	300 fb^{-1}	1 ab^{-1}	3 ab^{-1}
a_4	0.066	0.025	0.016

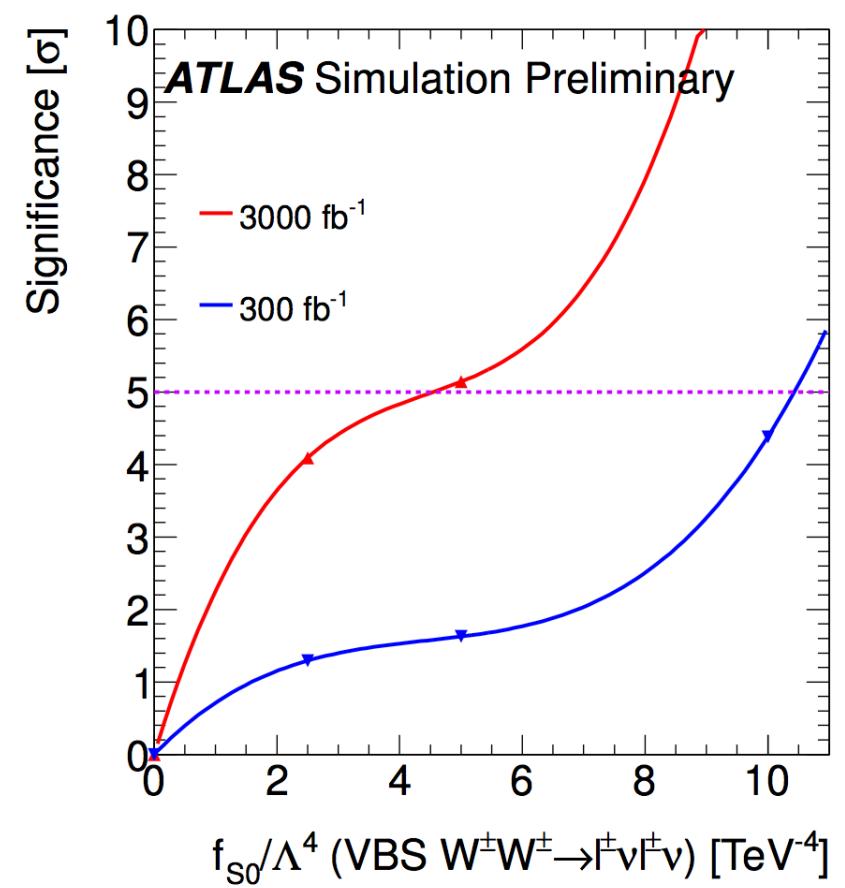
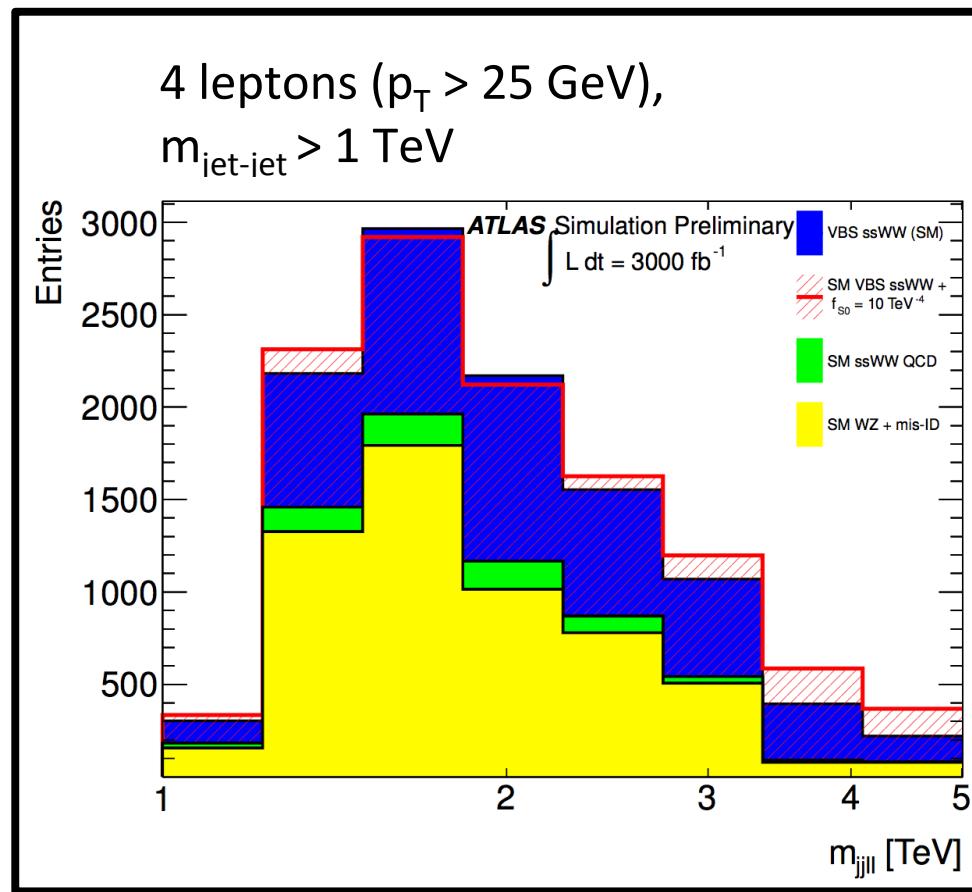
ZZ Scattering

- Sensitivity to higher-dimension operators in effective field theory
- Example: $\mathcal{L}_{\phi W} = \frac{c_{\phi W}}{\Lambda^2} \text{Tr}(W^{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}) \phi^\dagger \phi$ doesn't affect diboson production but can give rise to non-SM gauge-Higgs couplings

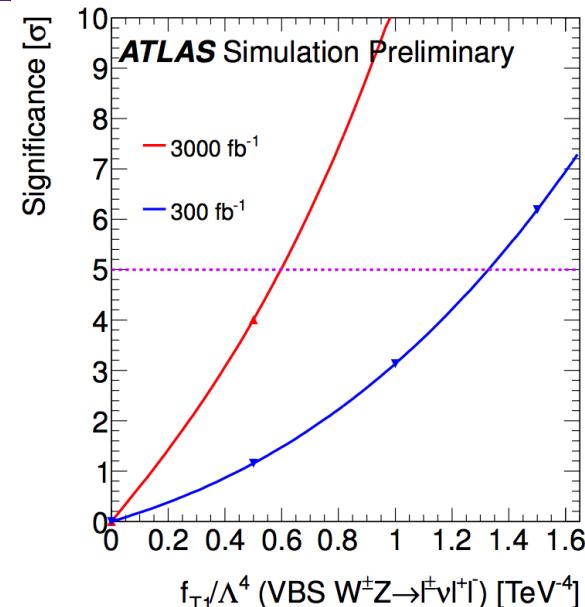
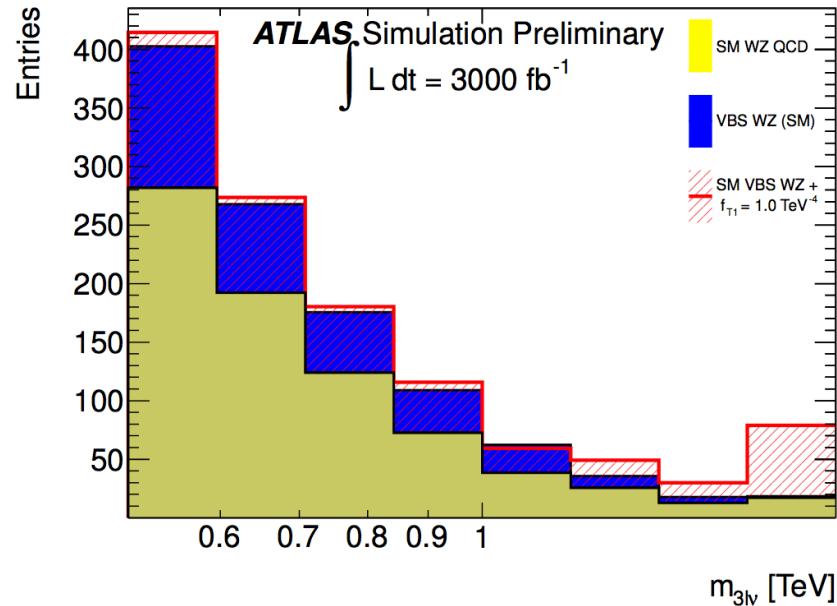


$W^\pm W^\pm$ Scattering

- Building on experience with similar studies at 8 TeV
 - Detailed knowledge of physics and detector backgrounds (charge flip, fakes)
- New physics via dim-8 operator $\mathcal{L}_{S,0} = \frac{f_{S0}}{\Lambda^4} [(D_\mu \phi)^\dagger D_\nu \phi] \times [(D^\mu \phi)^\dagger D^\nu \phi]$



WZ Scattering



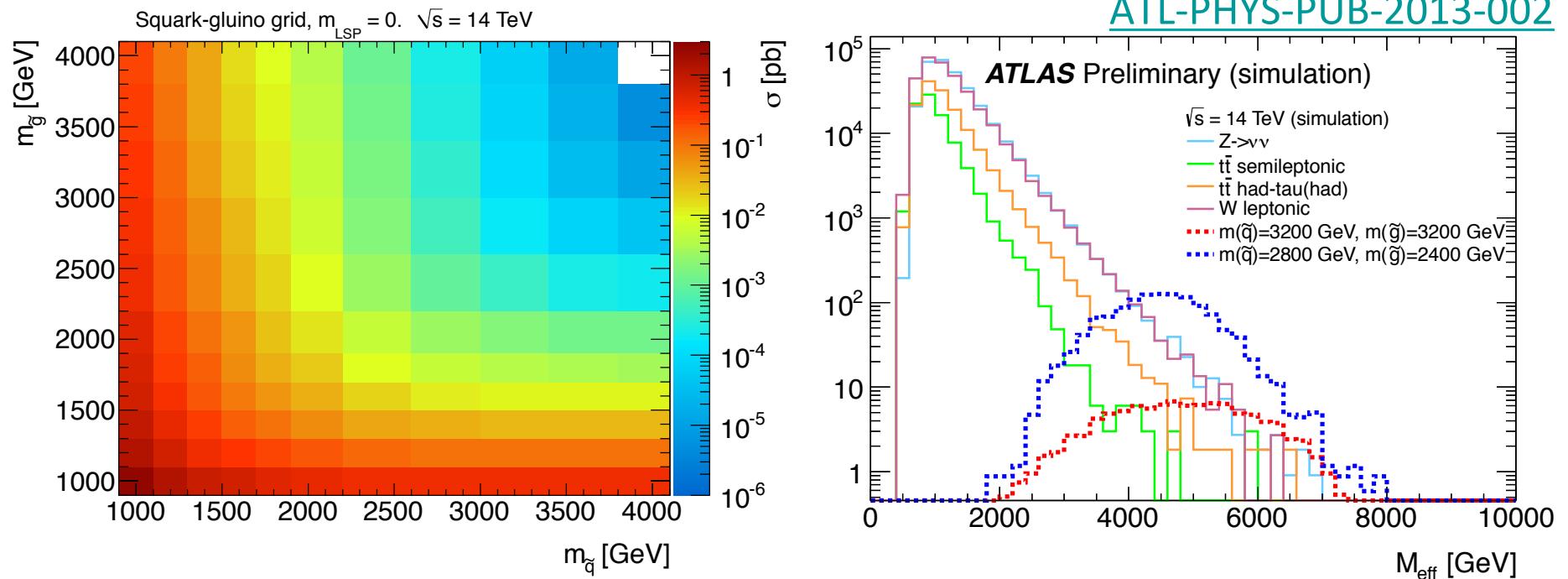
- When contrasted with $W^\pm W^\pm$, makes it possible to distinguish between different new physics operators



Parameter	dimension	channel	Λ_{UV} [TeV]	300 fb^{-1}		3000 fb^{-1}	
				5σ	95% CL	5σ	95% CL
$c_{\phi W}/\Lambda^2$	6	ZZ	1.9	34 TeV^{-2}	20 TeV^{-2}	16 TeV^{-2}	9.3 TeV^{-2}
f_{S0}/Λ^4	8	$W^\pm W^\pm$	2.0	10 TeV^{-4}	6.8 TeV^{-4}	4.5 TeV^{-4}	0.8 TeV^{-4}
f_{T1}/Λ^4	8	WZ	3.7	1.3 TeV^{-4}	0.7 TeV^{-4}	0.6 TeV^{-4}	0.3 TeV^{-4}
f_{T8}/Λ^4	8	$Z\gamma\gamma$	12	0.9 TeV^{-4}	0.5 TeV^{-4}	0.4 TeV^{-4}	0.2 TeV^{-4}
f_{T9}/Λ^4	8	$Z\gamma\gamma$	13	2.0 TeV^{-4}	0.9 TeV^{-4}	0.7 TeV^{-4}	0.3 TeV^{-4}

Searches for Supersymmetric Particles

- Benchmark searches for R-parity-conserving signatures
 - Already reaching past TeV scale for strongly-produced SUSY



Even though M_{eff} -style searches gain sensitivity with 3000 fb^{-1} ,
expect bigger relative gains in challenging signatures:

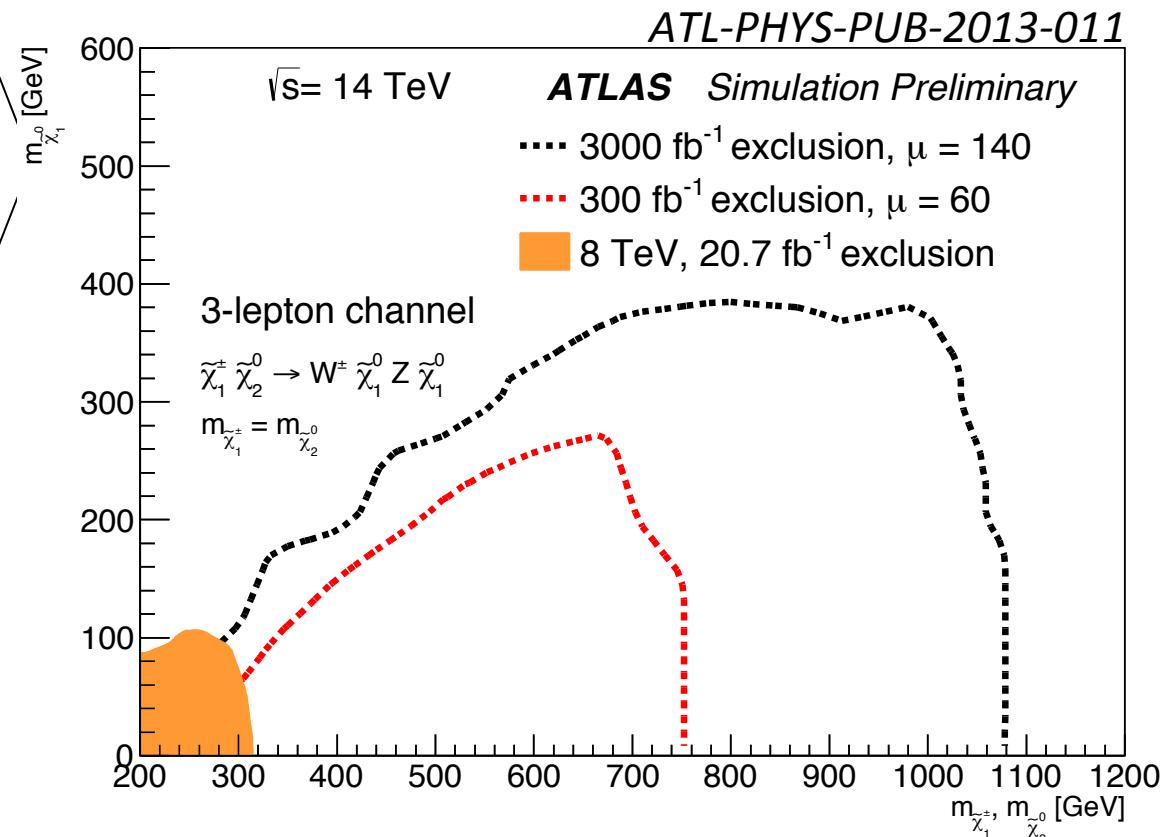
- *electroweak production*
- *cascade decays through Higgs bosons*

Direct Production of Weak Gauginos

- Weak gauginos can be produced in cascades from strong interaction or directly from weak interactions
 - If the squarks/gluinos are very heavy, then weak production dominates
- Small weak production cross section means **big gains** at HL-LHC

Tri-lepton analysis:
dedicated BDTs for
high/low mass splitting

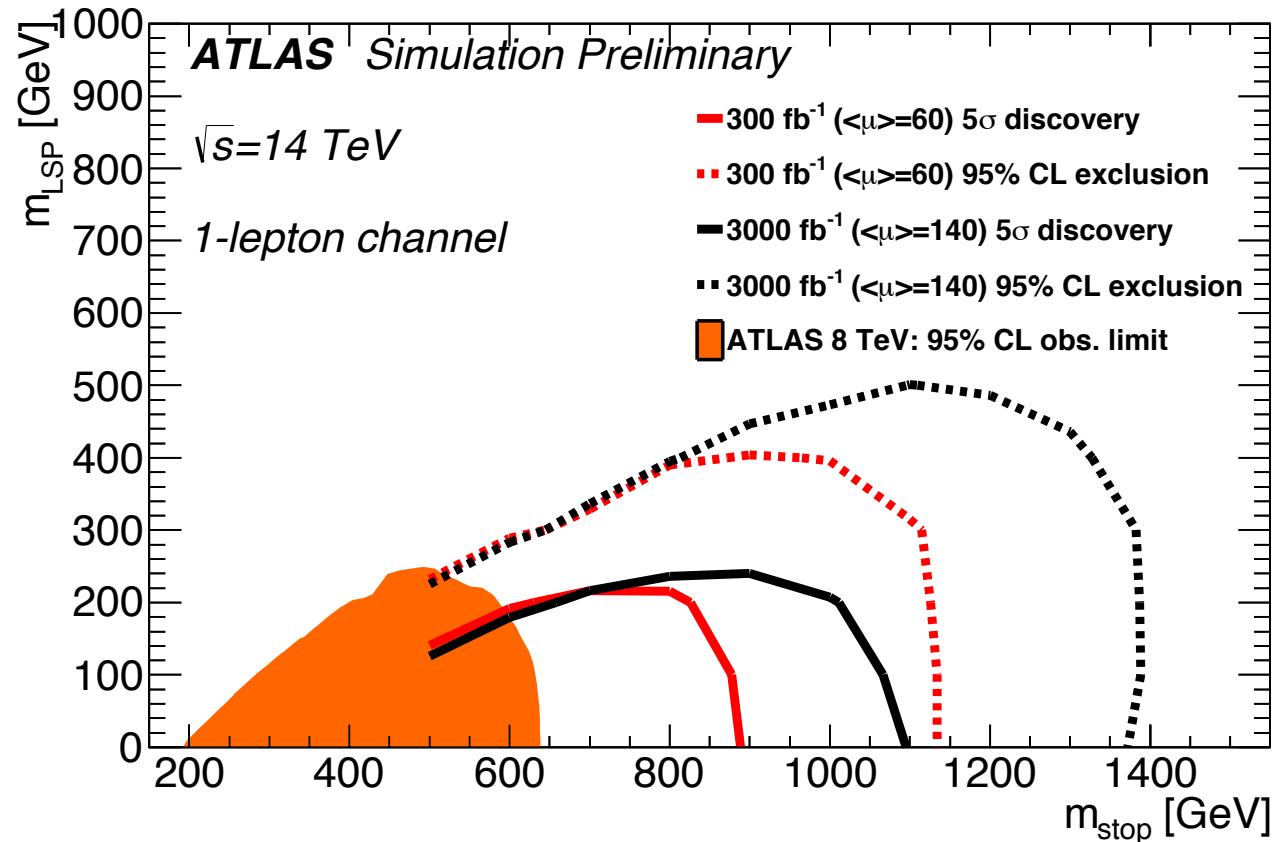
Chargino mass
reach improves
from 750 GeV to
>1100 GeV with
 3000 fb^{-1} data



Searches for Scalar Top

- Increasing focus on stops due to naturalness arguments
- Dedicated full analyses for decays to top or bottom quarks
 - Challenging analyses re-optimized for highest luminosity datasets, including requirements on m_T (1-lepton) and use of m_{T2} as discriminant (2-lepton)

Stop mass reach improves by up to **200 GeV** with 3000 fb^{-1} data, but sensitivity in plane increases even more dramatically

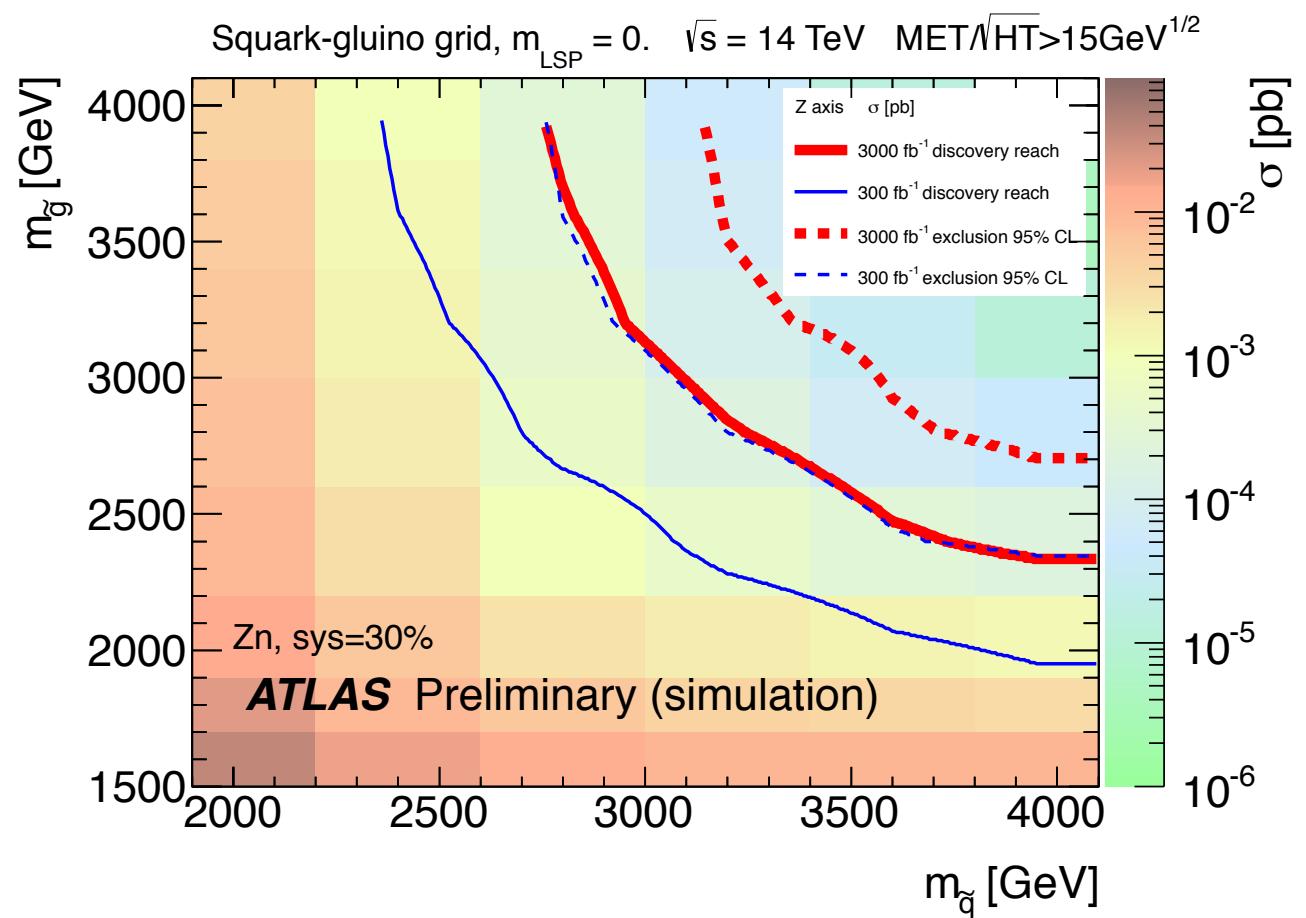


Searches for Squarks and Gluinos

- Full study to characterize sensitivity to strongly-produced SUSY
 - Dominated by physics backgrounds $Z(\nu\nu) + \text{jets}$ and top pairs
 - Large missing energy requirement robust against pileup

Reach for 3000 fb^{-1} :
 $m_{\tilde{s}} = 3.2 \text{ TeV}$,
 $m_{\tilde{g}} = 2.7 \text{ TeV}$

Roughly **400-500 GeV** sensitivity improvement with 3000 fb^{-1} dataset, *independent of LSP mass*



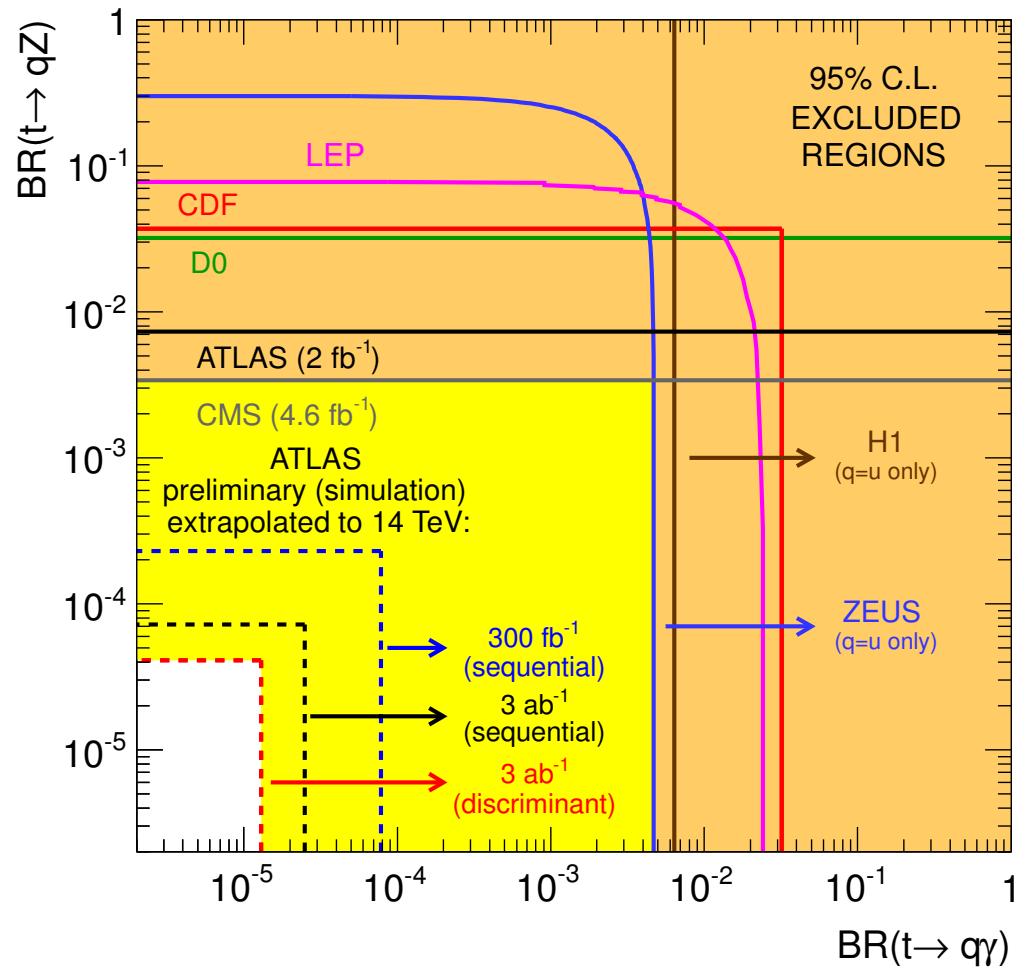
FCNC with Top Quarks

- HL-LHC would provide large top samples for rare decay studies
- FCNC level in SM is 10^{-14} , but BSM extensions can push this to 10^{-4}

Extrapolation to 14 TeV

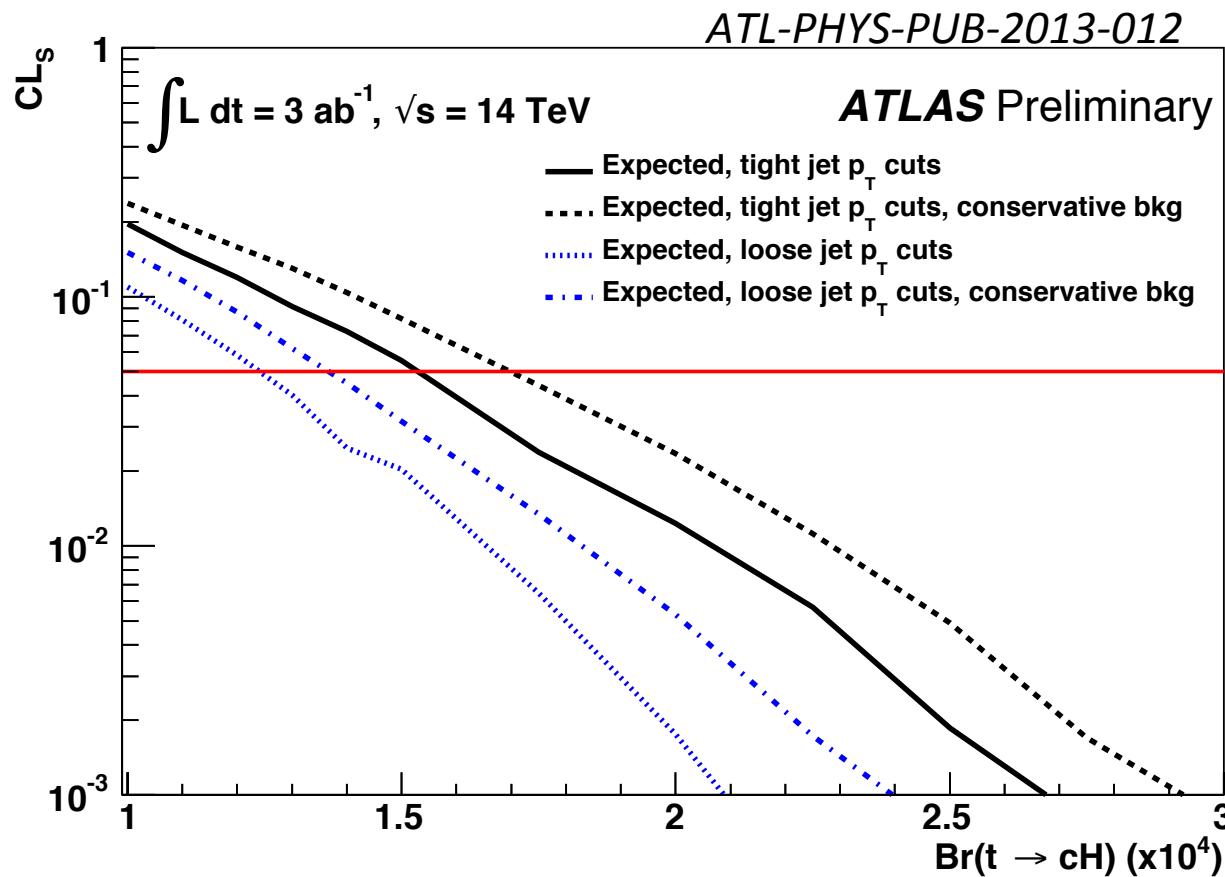
- Based on 2 fb^{-1} result, using kinematic fit for top
- Limits on $t \rightarrow q\gamma$ and $t \rightarrow qZ$ are entering interesting range
- Dominant SM top background scales to 14 TeV

Improvements of 5x with respect to results at 300 fb^{-1}



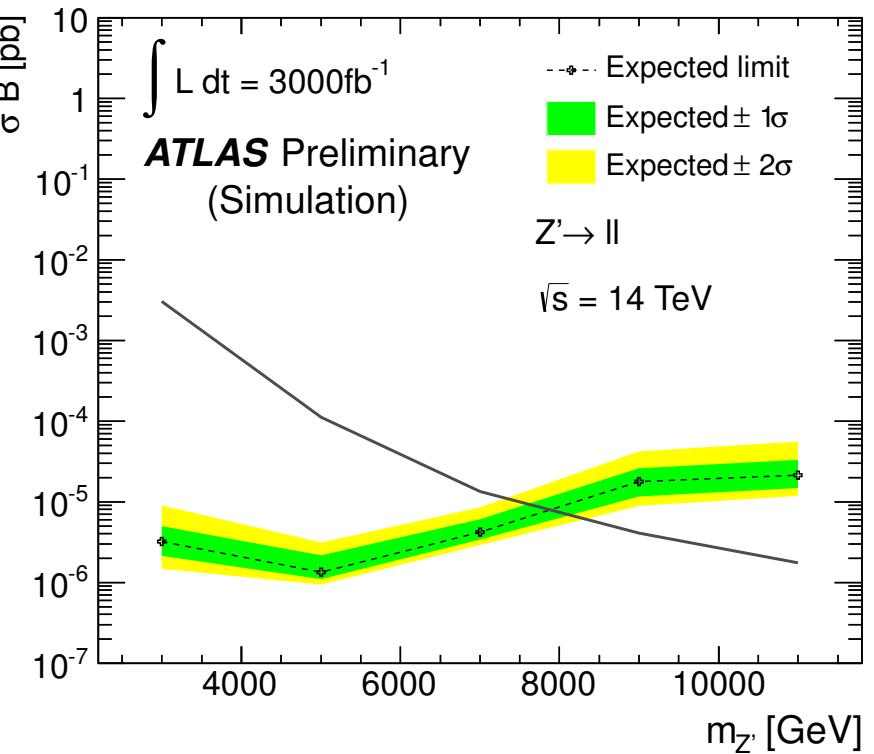
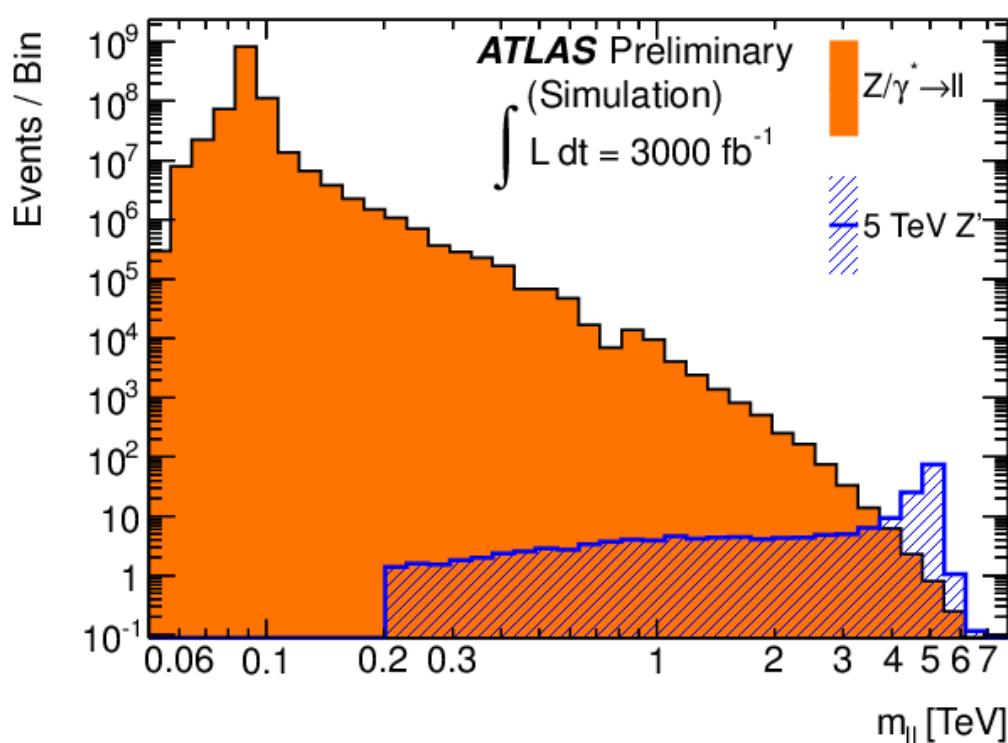
FCNC Top Quark Decays to Higgs

- In Type-III 2HDM (w/o flavor conservation), enhanced decay to cH
 - Branching ratio as large as 1.5×10^{-3} instead of 3×10^{-15} in Standard Model
- Identify Higgs decays in clean diphoton channel and reconstruct both hadronic and leptonic W decays (other channels to be added)



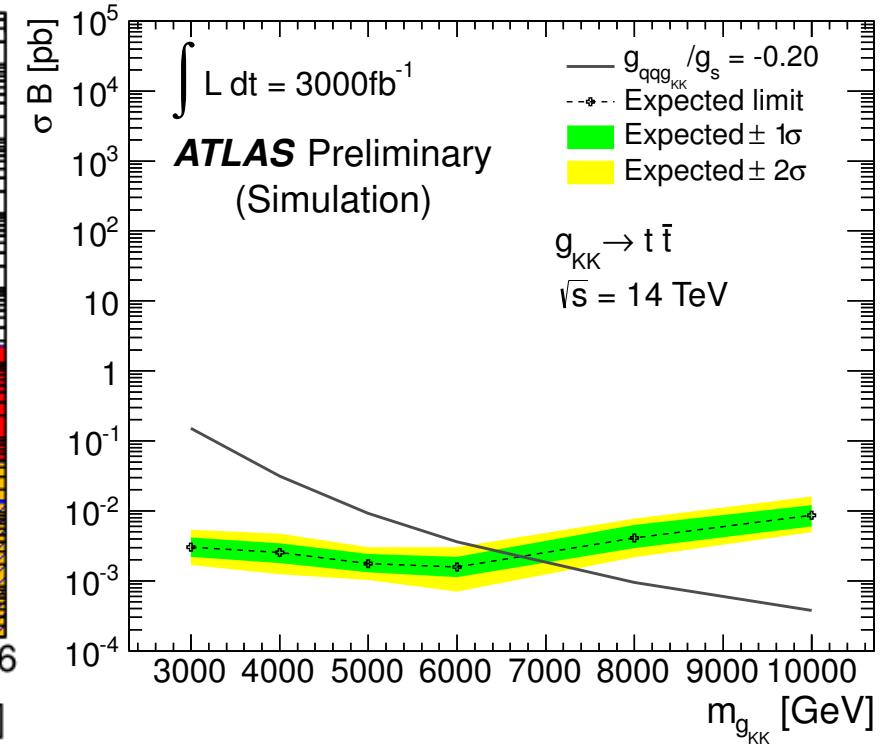
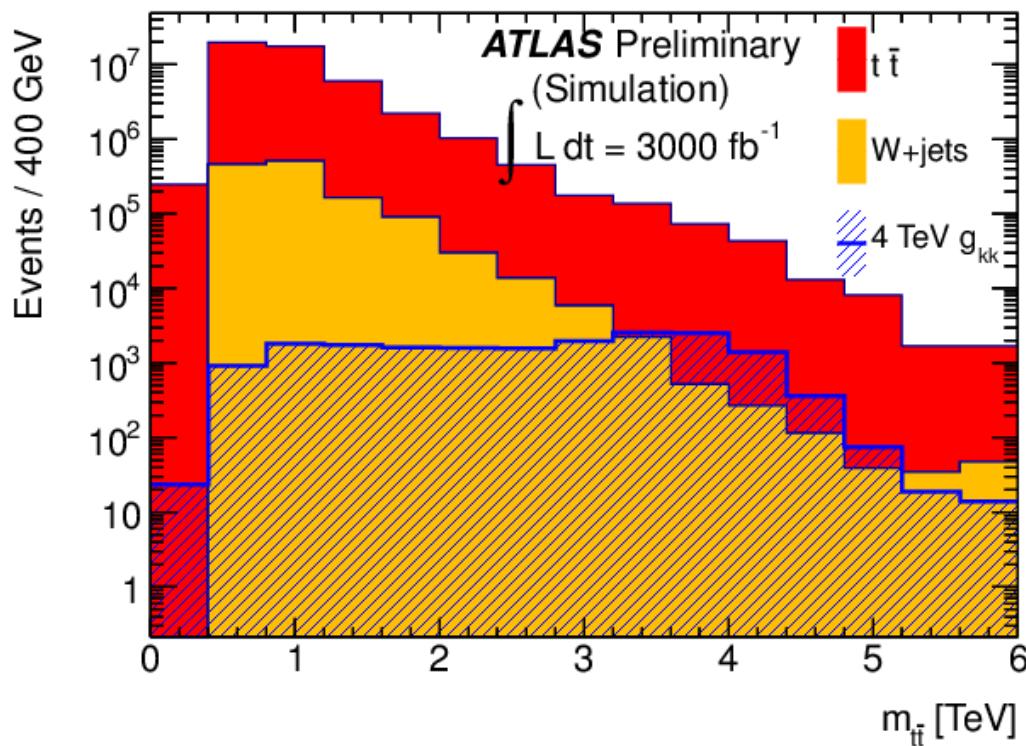
Exotic Resonances

- Direct discovery probe of new physics at highest mass scales
 - Narrow weak resonances: Z' bosons in extended electroweak sectors
 - Broad strong resonances: KK gluons in models with extra dimensions
- For concrete comparisons, assume Z' with SM couplings
- Dielectron reach: 7.8 (6.5) TeV w/ 3000 (300) fb^{-1} (muons similar)



Exotic Top Quark Resonances

- KK gluons (broad) or topcolor Z' (narrow) high-mass resonances
- Top quark signature tagged with anti-kT 1.0 “hadronic top jet”
 - Mass from lepton + jets signature (good for narrow resonance)
- g_{KK} mass reach: 6.7 (4.3) TeV w/ 3000 (300) fb^{-1}
 - Typical observation that more complex signals benefit from larger dataset



Links to “ATLAS Future” Documentation

- All documentation collected on ATLAS Public Twiki
 - [https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/WebHome-Upgrade Projects and Physics Pro](https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/WebHome-Upgrade+Projects+and+Physics+Pro)
- Includes the Technical Design Reports and Letters of Intent submitted to CERN Council:
 - IBL TDR: <https://cds.cern.ch/record/1291633/>
 - FTK TDR: <https://cds.cern.ch/record/1552953>
 - Muon New Small Wheel TDR: <http://cds.cern.ch/record/1552862>
 - Phase-I upgrade Lol: <https://cds.cern.ch/record/1402470>
 - Phase-II upgrade Lol: <https://cds.cern.ch/record/1502664>
- And all physics studies approved by ATLAS Upgrade Physics group:
 - <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/UpgradePhysicsStudies>
- Other items will be added here as they are approved by ATLAS

Conclusion and Outlook

- ATLAS has a rich physics program planned with 14 TeV pp collisions
 - Letter of Intent approved to collect 300 fb^{-1} at 14 TeV through 2021
 - Requires selected detector upgrades to preserve performance for physics
- Proposed HL-LHC program exploits full potential of LHC
 - Ultimate luminosity of $5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$, integrated dataset of 3000 fb^{-1}
- Expanded physics reach with 3000 fb^{-1} relative to 300 fb^{-1}
 - Improved measurements of Higgs production in various channels (2-3x)
 - Measurements of rare Higgs decay to $\mu\mu$ and rare process of $t\bar{t}H(\gamma\gamma)$
 - Improved measurements of Higgs couplings (2x)
 - Measurement of Higgs self-coupling in HH production
 - Increased sensitivity to BSM contributions to vector boson scattering
 - Increased reach for electroweak production of SUSY particles (2x to 1 TeV) and strong production of SUSY particles ($\sim 3 \text{ TeV}$)
- Energy frontier at LHC remains open to discovery and exploration of unexpected physics results at the highest energy scales

