



# Search for exclusive and charged Higgs bosons with ATLAS at the LHC

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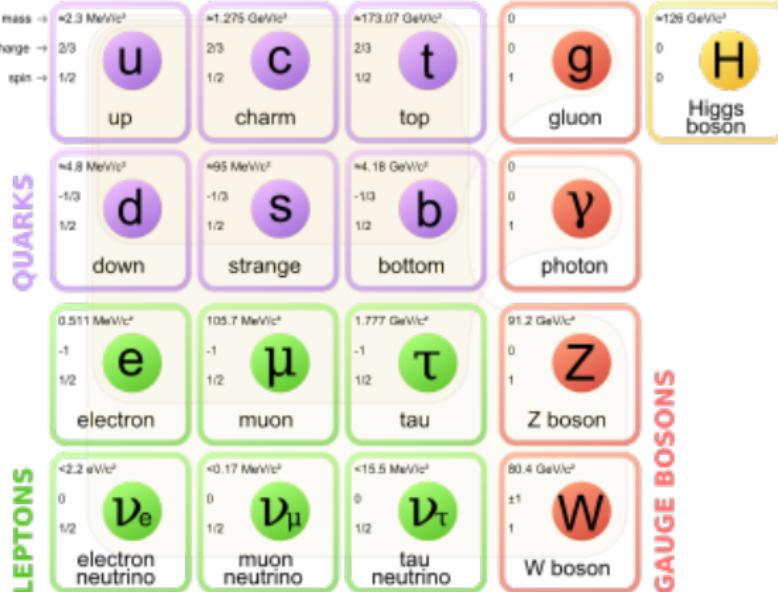
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# Introduction

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# The Standard Model (SM)

SM summarizes current understanding of matter and forces

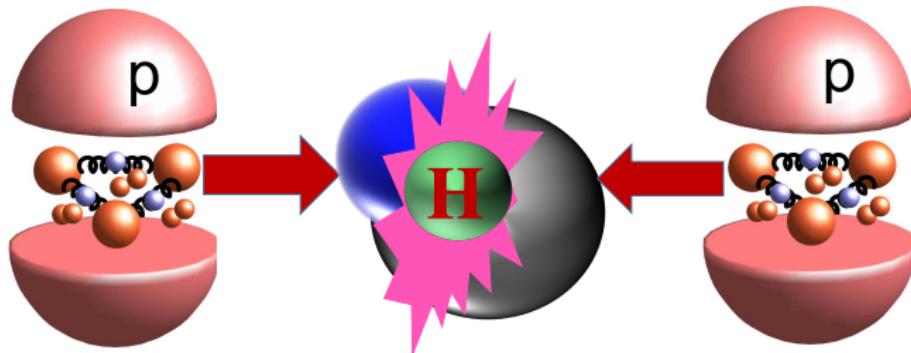


Also successful in making predictions

## SM – experiments

Tested through scattering experiments – e.g proton scattering

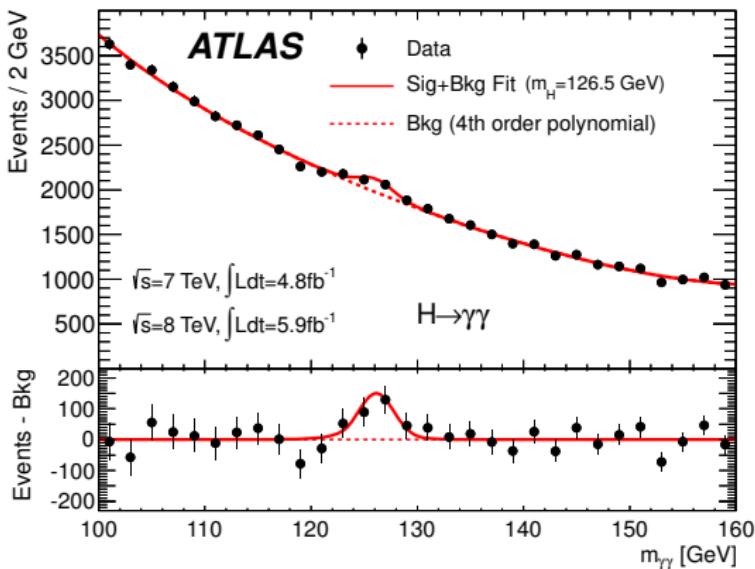
- Protons made up of quarks and gluons (partons)
  - Proton collision → parton collision
- Primary parton hard scatter expected to produce interesting physics
  - Proton remnant activity referred to as **underlying events (UE)**



- Bunches of protons collided to maximize probability of collision
- Multiple proton collisions per bunch
  - One primary and multiple **pile-up** collisions

# SM Higgs boson – discovery and future prospects

Higgs boson discovered in 2012 – updated  $m_H = 125.09 \pm 0.24$  GeV



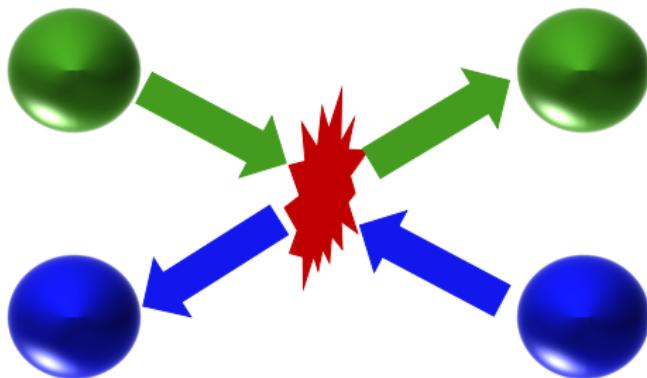
Efforts towards precision studies on its properties:

- Coupling constants, quantum numbers, invisible decays

Analysis channels with minimal backgrounds necessary

# Exclusive Production – Candidate for precision studies

Exclusive processes have very little background contamination



- Scattering protons effectively do not exchange quantum numbers
- Only share momentum during collision
  - Shared momentum could create the SM Higgs boson
- No underlying event → cleanliness

## Thesis Project I

Search for evidence of exclusive Higgs boson

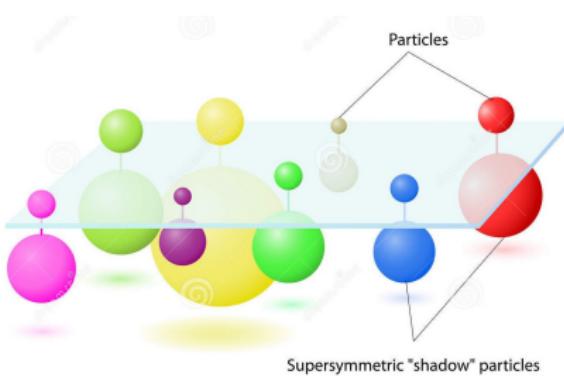
# Shortfalls of the SM

*“Failure is not fatal, but failure to change might be.”*

– John Wooden

- Absence of gravity
- Massless neutrinos
- Dark matter candidates
- CP violation in cosmology
- **Hierarchy problem – large differences in coupling constants at low energy scales**

Hierarchy problem could be addressed by SUperSYmmetric (SUSY) theories



Supersymmetric "shadow" particles

# Minimal Supersymmetric extension to Standard Model (MSSM)

Higgs sector now comprises 5 Higgs bosons:

- light Higgs,  $h^0$  – scalar
  - if  $h^0$  is taken as the SM Higgs, MSSM is known as **hMSSM**
- heavy Higgs,  $H^0$  – scalar
- neutral Higgs,  $A^0$  – pseudo-scalar, CP-odd
- **charged Higgs**,  $H^\pm$  – scalar

Built on two Higgs doublet fields, rather than one Higgs field

- Entire parameter space of Higgs sector can be parametrized by:
  - $\tan \beta$  – ratio of vacuum expectation values of the two Higgs doublets
  - $m_{H^\pm}$  – mass of  $H^\pm$

## Thesis Project II

Search for evidence of charged Higgs boson

## The Experiment

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# The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

27 km-long accelerator colliding bunches of protons



Parameter	Run I Value	Run II Value	Design Value
Beam Energy [TeV]	4	6.5	7
Bunch spacing [ns]	50	25	25
Protons per bunch	$1.7 \times 10^{11}$	$1.18 \times 10^{11}$	$1.15 \times 10^{11}$
Average pile-up	20.7	22.9	20

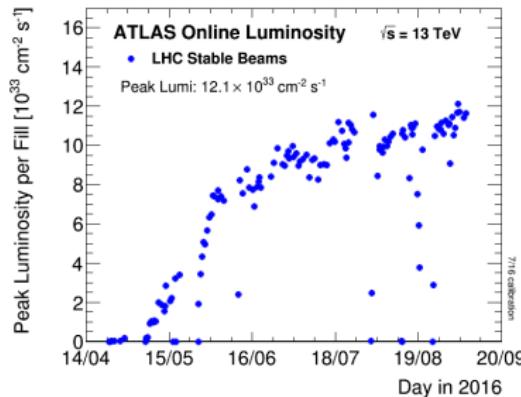
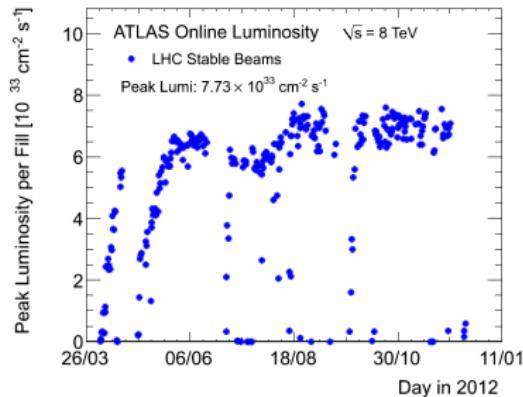
Has had 2 long runs : Run I (2011→2012) and Run II (2015→2016)

# The LHC – Deliverables

Goal is to optimally produce rare processes

- Performance quantified by instantaneous luminosity,

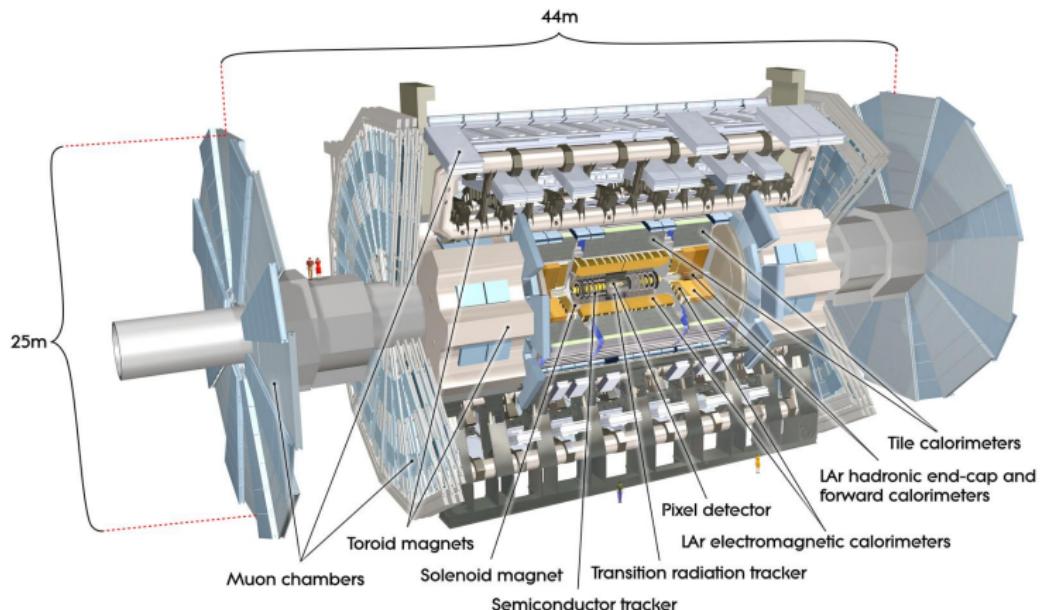
$$L = N_{\text{process}} / \sigma_{\text{process}}$$



- Integrated luminosity  $\mathcal{L} = \int_0^T L dt$  over time  $T$  quoted to correspond data collected

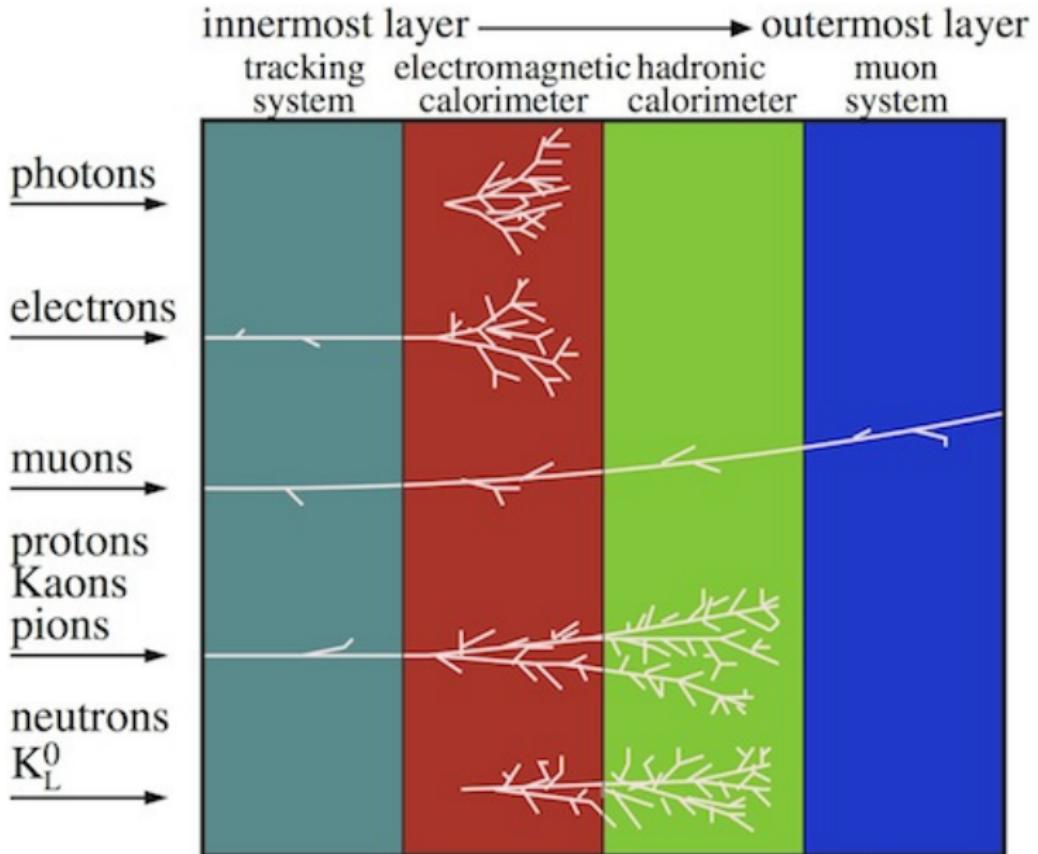
# A Toroidal LHC ApparatuS (ATLAS)

Large all-purpose detector built around LHC collision point



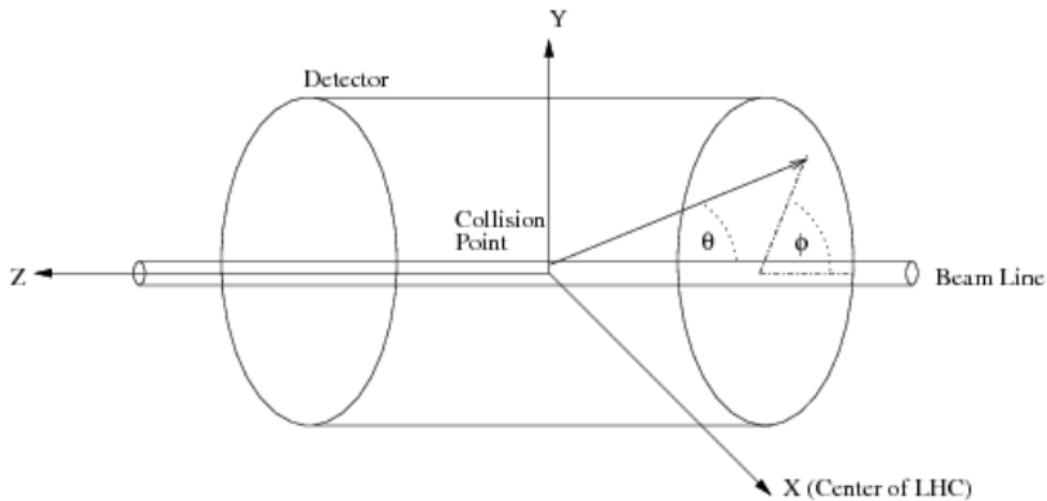
- Precision charged particle tracking
- Momentum and energy reconstruction

# ATLAS – particle detection



# ATLAS – coordinate system

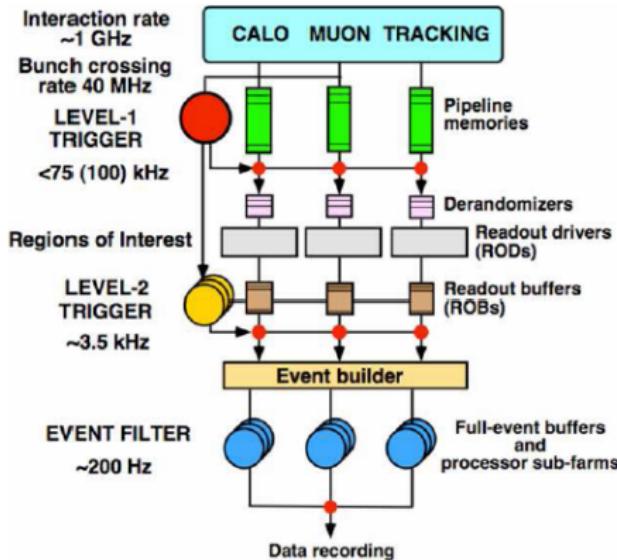
## Cylindrical coordinate system



- Transverse plane  $\rightarrow (r, \phi)$
- Longitudinal plane  $\rightarrow$  pseudo-rapidity  $\eta = -\ln \tan(\theta/2)$
- Metric  $\rightarrow$  angular distance  $\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2}$

# ATLAS – trigger system

Not all data can be collected and saved to disk; available space has limits

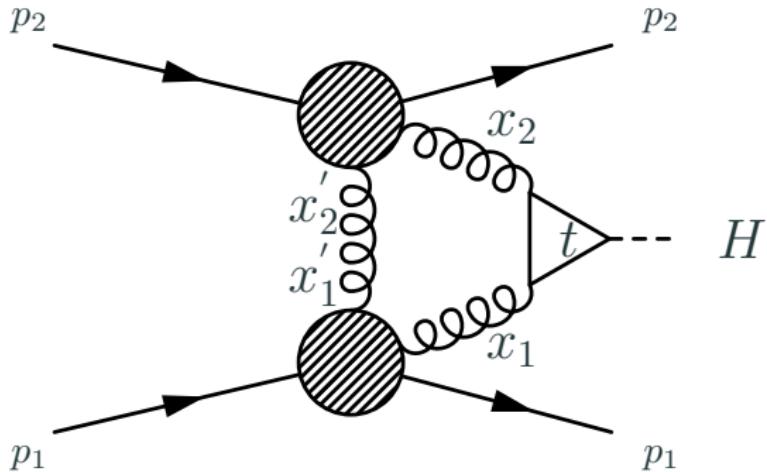


- Bunch crossing rate reduced from  $\sim 40$  MHz to about  $\sim 200$  Hz
- L2 and Event Filter combined into Higher Level Trigger (HLT) in Run II

# Search for exclusive Higgs boson

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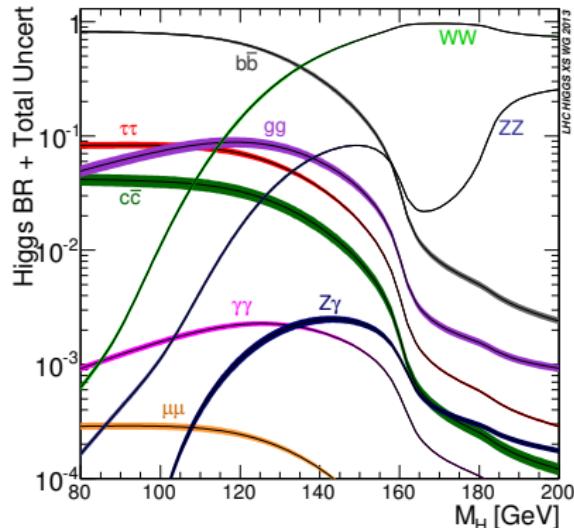
Protons remain intact after collision



- Higgs dominantly produced through standard gluon fusion
- Extra gluon exchanged maintains color in original protons
- Predicted 3 fb total production cross section at 8 TeV LHC

# Decay channels

- Largest branching ratios:
  - $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
  - $H \rightarrow W^+W^-$
- Too much QCD multi-jets bkg. in  $b\bar{b}$ 
  - Multi-jets too complex to model correctly
- $W^+W^-$  is the optimal choice
- $W^\pm$  decay to leptons of different flavor, and charge



Complete decay channel :  $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow \ell^+\nu\ell^-\bar{\nu}$

# Major background processes

Backgrounds separated into inclusive and exclusive

## Inclusive Backgrounds

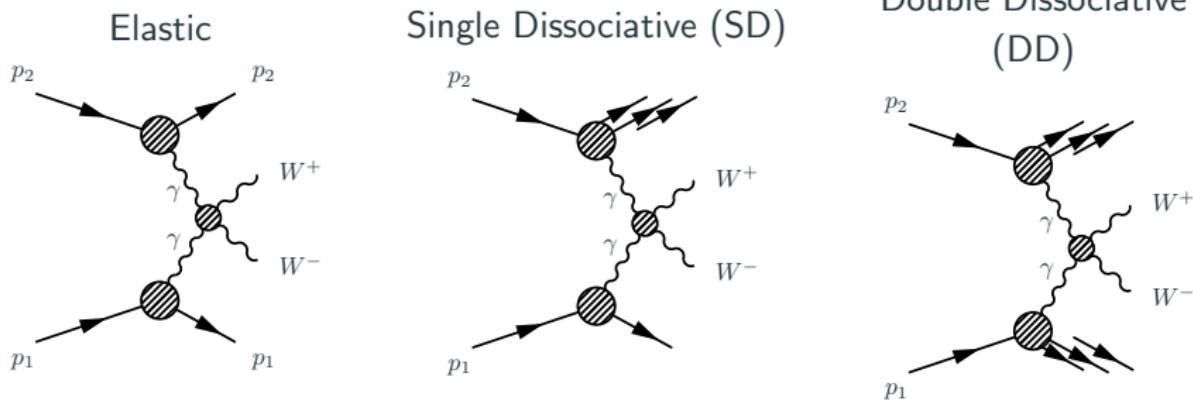
- **Inc.  $WW$ :** Non-diffractive direct production of  $W^+ W^-$
- **Top:**  $t\bar{t}$  and single top
- **VV:** Non-diffractive direct production of  $WZ, ZZ, W\gamma, Z\gamma$
- **V+jets:** Non-diffractive direct production of  $W/Z + \text{jets}$

## Exclusive Backgrounds

- **Excl.  $WW$ :** Exclusive production of  $W^+ W^-$ 
  - E.g.  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+ W^-$
- **Excl.  $ll$ :** Exclusive and direct production of  $ll$ 
  - E.g.  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$

# Major exclusive backgrounds

Exclusive backgrounds come in many forms!



- In all cases, proton remnants outside detector fiducial space
- Excl.  $/l\!/$  production identical to excl.  $WW$
- SD and DD difficult to model with MC
  - Estimated with data-driven methods

# Event Selection [Signal region (SR) definition]

$$gg \rightarrow [H] \rightarrow [W^+][W^-] \rightarrow [l][\bar{l}][E_T^{\text{miss}}]$$

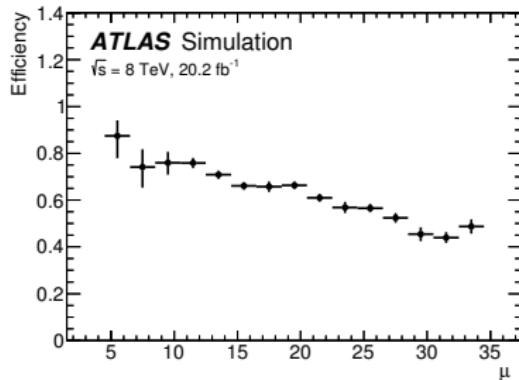
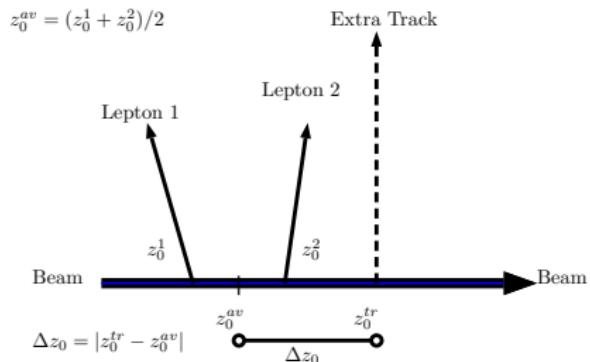
- Lower bound on lepton  $p_T$  suppresses QCD and  $W + \text{jets}$
- Lower bound on  $m_{e\mu}$  suppresses QCD and Drell-Yan
- Upper bound on  $m_{e\mu}$  exploits Higgs spin-0
  - Same as  $\Delta\phi_{e\mu}$
- $p_T^{e\mu}$ , suppresses QCD multijets,  $V + \text{jets}$  and

## Signal Selection

1. Oppositely charged  $e\mu$
2.  $p_T^{\ell 1} > 25, p_T^{\ell 2} > 15$  GeV
3.  $10 < m_{e\mu} < 55$  GeV
4.  $p_T^{e\mu} > 30$  GeV
5.  $\Delta\phi_{e\mu} < 1.8$
6.  $m_T < 140$  GeV
7. Exclusivity selection,  $\Delta z_0^{\text{iso}}$

# Exclusivity Selection, $\Delta z_0^{\text{iso}}$

Exploit large gaps btwn protons and dilepton system  
Expect no tracks in the large gaps



- For inclusive processes, expect extra tracks
  - Extra tracks from underlying event
- Optimal  $\Delta z_0^{\text{iso}} = 1 \text{ mm}$ ,  $\epsilon = 58 \pm 6\%$ , rejection =  $\mathcal{O}(10^3)$

# $\Delta z_0^{\text{iso}}$ , validation

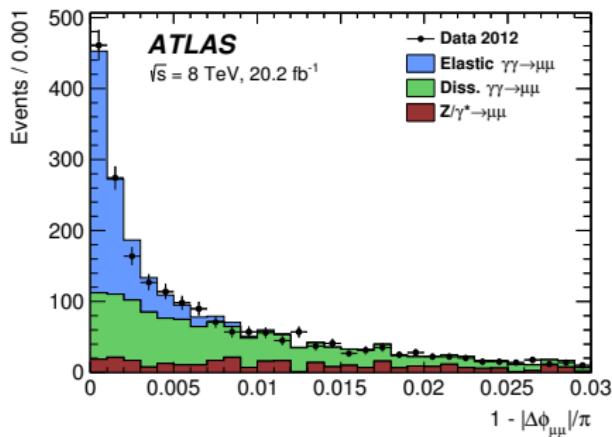
MC known to overestimate elastic  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X$  (arxiv 1410.2983)

- **Strategy** : Derive scale factor  $f_{\text{EL}}$  from  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  data
  - $f_{\text{EL}}$  is ratio of observed elastic  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  to MC prediction

$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  Selection

1. 2  $\mu$  with  $p_T^\mu > 20$  GeV
2.  $45 < m_{\mu\mu} < 75$  GeV or  $m_{\mu\mu} > 105$  GeV
3.  $p_T^{\mu\mu} < 3$  GeV and  $\Delta z_0^{\text{iso}} = 1.0$  mm

Drell-Yan only significant bkg



- Vary  $p_T^{\mu\mu}$  and  $\Delta z_0^{\text{iso}}$  to evaluate systematic uncertainties

$$f_{\text{EL}} = 0.76 \pm 0.04(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.10(\text{sys.})$$

Previous measurements cover between 0.73 and 0.75

# $\Delta z_0^{\text{iso}}$ , Pileup robustness

Effect of pile-up on exclusivity selection must be quantified

- **Strategy :** Evaluate  $f = \text{Data}/(\text{Elastic}+\text{SD}+\text{DD})$  in two data regions
  - Nominal exclusivity vs. pile-up prone exclusivity

Nominal [ $f = 0.73$ ]

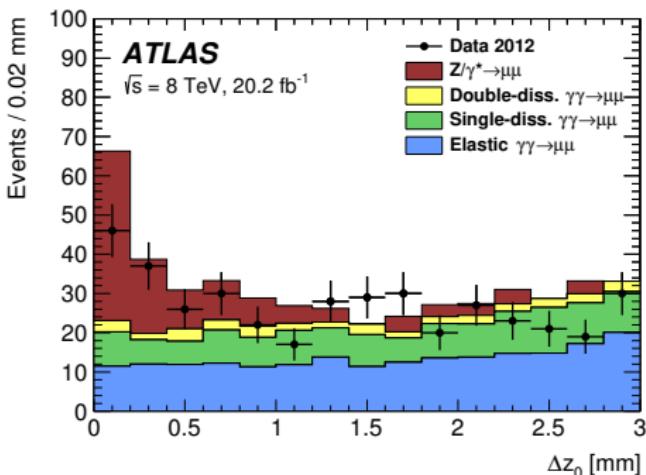
Excl.  $\mu\mu$  sel. except :

1. acoplanarity  $< 0.0015$
2.  $\Delta z_0^{\text{iso}} = 1.0 \text{ mm}$

Pileup-prone [ $f = 0.70$ ]

Similar to Nominal except :

1. 1 extra track with  
 $\Delta z_0^{\text{iso}} = 3.0 \text{ mm}$



- 2 scale factors compatible at 10%  $\Rightarrow$  syst. error due to pile-up is 10%

# Track Multiplicity in MC

Underlying event may not be modelled correctly in simulation

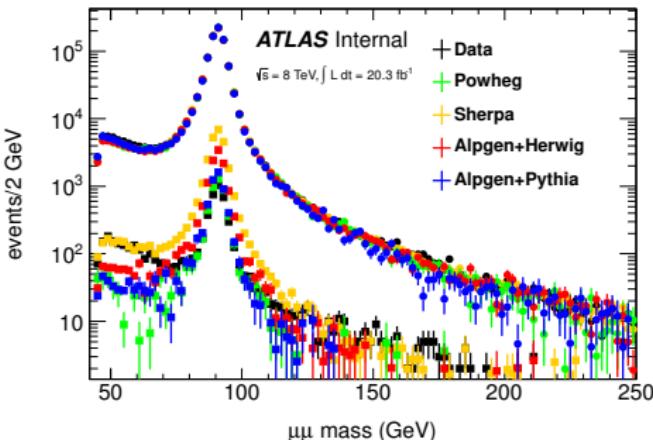
- Strategy : Extract scale factors ( $\epsilon_{\text{Data}}/\epsilon_{\text{MC}}$ ) from Drell-Yan data

## Selection

$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  selection except :

1.  $80 < m_{\mu\mu} < 100$  GeV
2. No  $p_T^{\mu\mu}$  selection

Exclusivity  $\Delta z_0^{\text{iso}} = 1.0$  mm



- Rejection more in  $Z/\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  data than MC
- Systematics evaluated by varying MC generator across  $m_{\mu\mu}$  (20%)

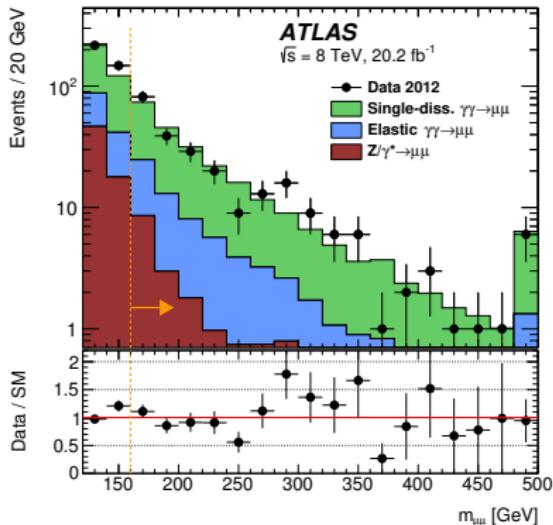
# Estimation of SD and DD components

No simulation for SD and DD  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$

- Strategy : Extract correction factor  $f_\gamma$  from excl.  $\mu\mu$  data

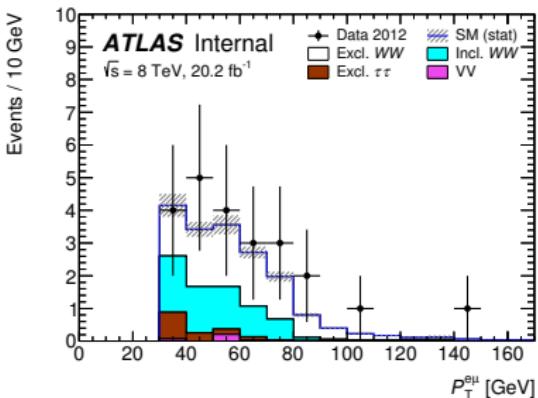
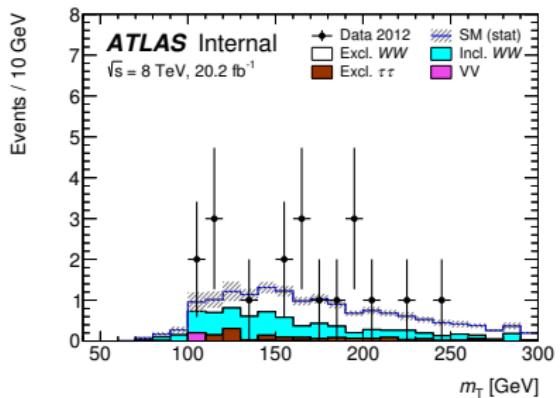
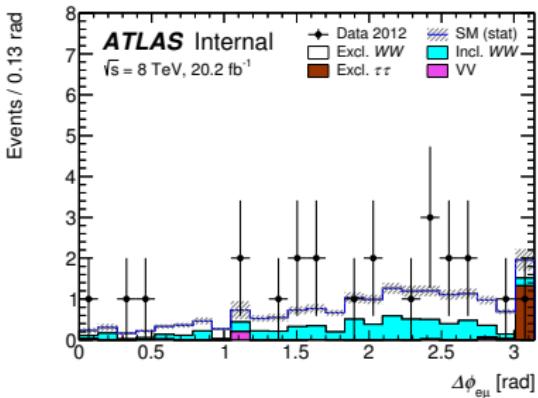
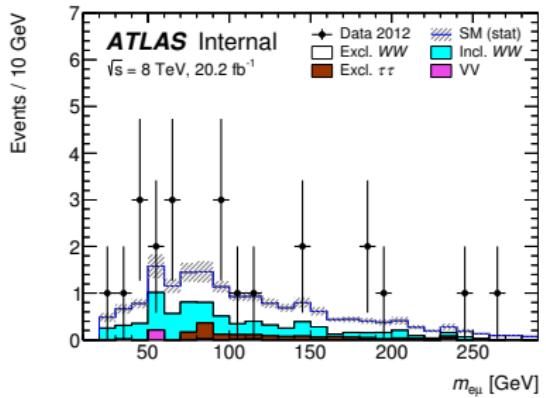
$$f_\gamma = \frac{N_{\text{Data}} - N_{\text{Background}}^{\text{POWHEG}}}{N_{\text{Elastic}}^{\text{HERWIG++}}} = 3.30$$

- Excl. // similar to excl.  $WW$

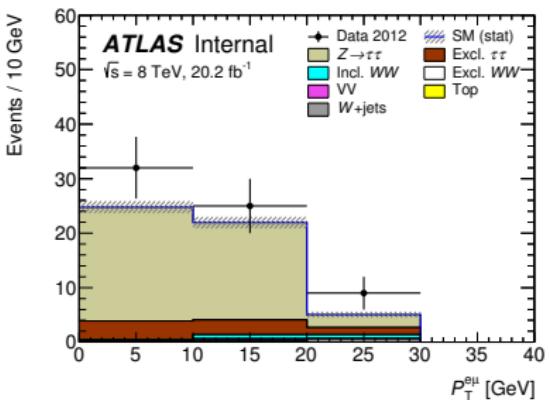
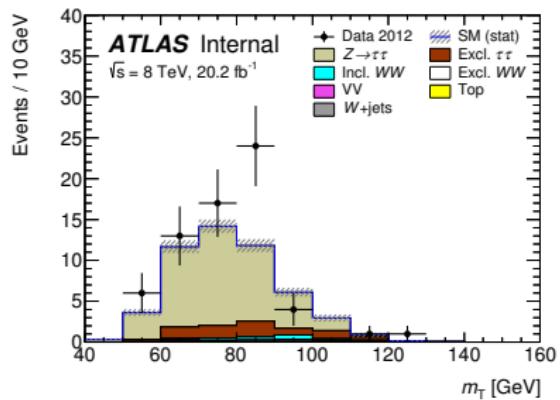
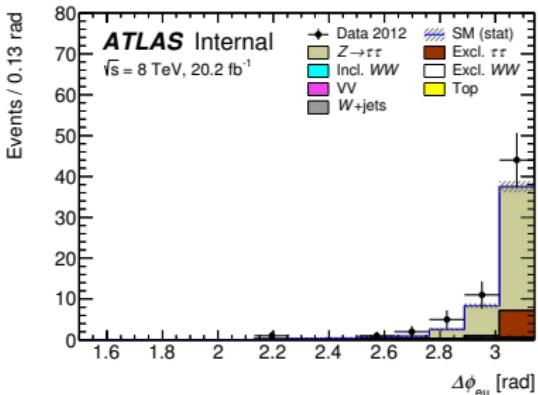
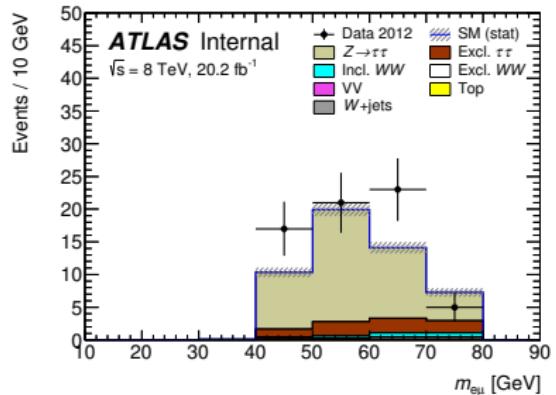


- Systematic uncertainty obtained by varying Drell-Yan by  $\pm 20\%$
- Uncertainties mostly statistical, total being 7%

# Validation regions – Excl. $W^+ W^-$



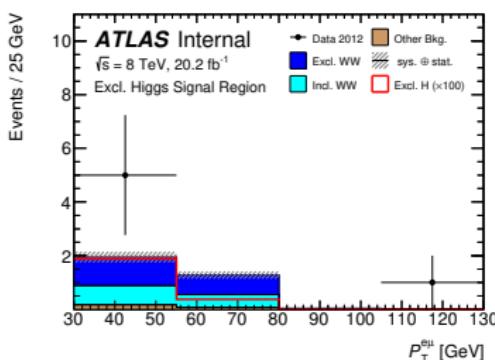
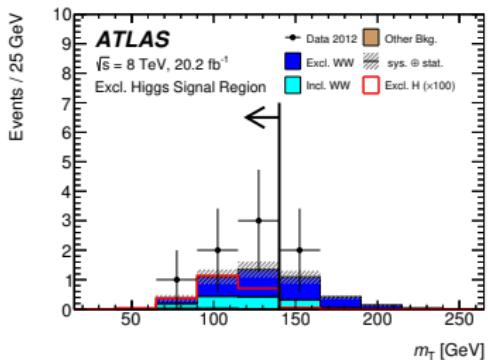
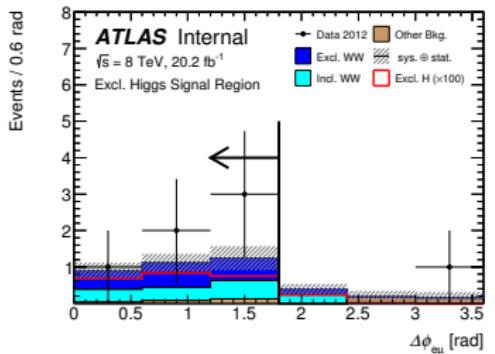
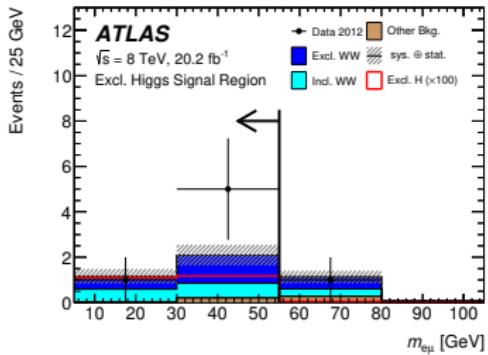
# Validation regions – Incl. $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$



# Results – Observed Event Yields

## Excl. Higgs event yields

Data : 6 , Bkg :  $3.0 \pm 0.8$ , Signal :  $0.023 \pm 0.003$



## Results statistical interpretation – Observed Limits

- Null hypothesis: 6 events are compatible with the predicted 3 events
  - p-value of 0.13 – cannot reject null hypothesis
- Using interval estimation, limits can be set on  $\sigma_H$
- Observed limit use real data
- Expected limit approximate data with expected sum of backgrounds

Upper Lim.  $\sigma_H$  (125 GeV) [pb] @ 95% CL

Observed : 1.2 pb , Expected : 0.7 pb

- Observed upper limit  $1.1\sigma$  higher than expected.
- $400 \times \sigma_H^{\text{predicted}}$ , where  $\sigma_H^{\text{predicted}} = 3.0 \text{ fb}$

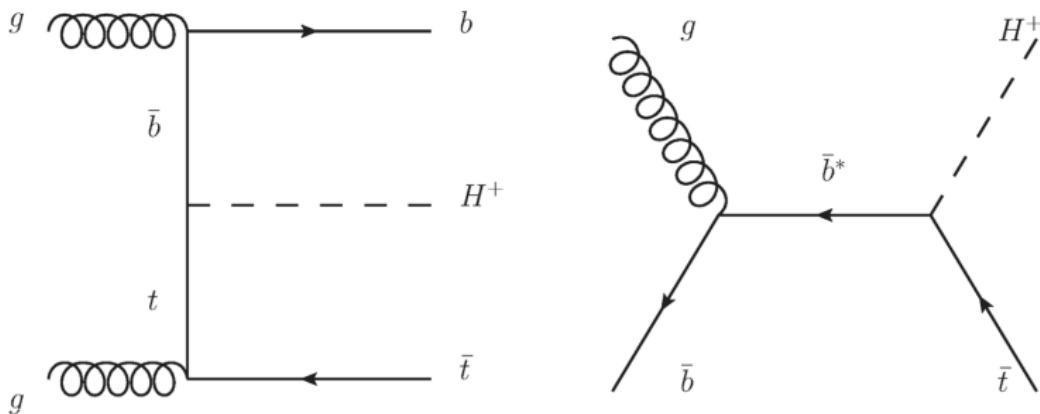
First ever upper limit on the exclusive Higgs

## **Search for charged Higgs boson**

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## $H^+$ – Production Modes

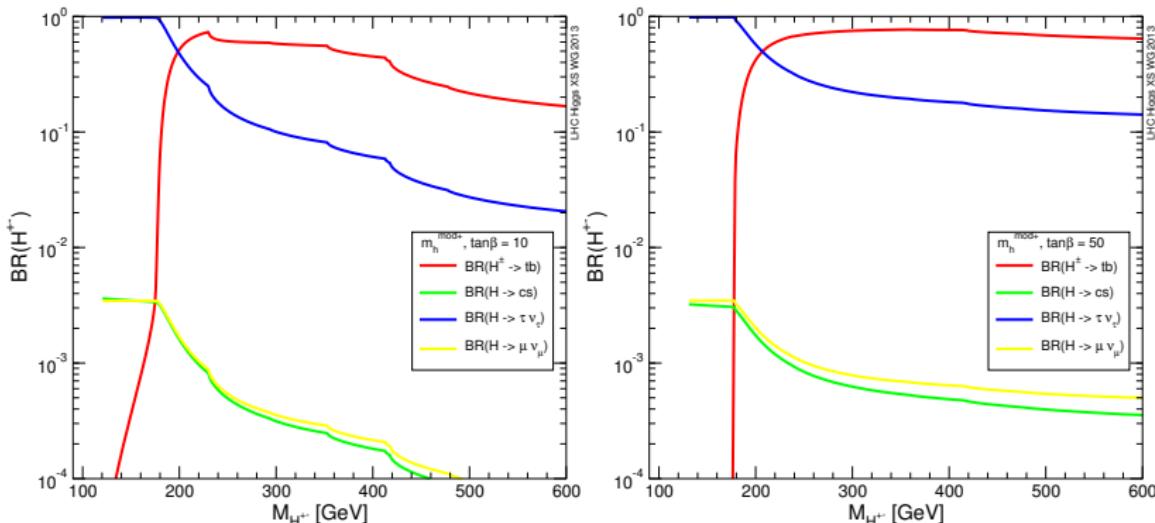
For high  $m_{H^+}$ ,  $H^+$  produced in association with  $t$  quark



- 4-flavor scheme (left) also associated with a  $b$  quark
- Search scanned through  $m_{H^+}$  from 200→2000 GeV

# $H^+$ – Decay channels

For high  $m_{H^+}$ ,  $H^+ \rightarrow tb$  and  $H^+ \rightarrow \tau\nu$  dominant decays



- $H^+ \rightarrow tb$  unfavorable –  $t\bar{t} + X$  background,  $m_T$  unclear
- Chose  $H^+ \rightarrow \tau\nu$  – backgrounds relatively easier to manage

# $H^+ \rightarrow \tau\nu$ – Major backgrounds

$\tau$  lepton to decay hadronically – reconstructed as  $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$

$$gb \rightarrow [t][H^+] \rightarrow [(jj)b][(\tau_{\text{had-vis}} + E_T^{\text{miss}})]$$

$$gg \rightarrow [tb][H^+] \rightarrow [(jj)bb][(\tau_{\text{had-vis}} + E_T^{\text{miss}})]$$

- Backgrounds classified by type of  $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$ 
  - true  $\tau$ ,  $q/g$  faking  $\tau$ , or  $e/\mu$  faking  $\tau$

## Background processes

1. **Top:** Sum of  $t\bar{t}$  and single top
2.  **$W + \text{jets}$ :**  $W^\pm$  produced in association with a jet
3.  **$Z + \text{jets}$ :**  $Z$  produced in association with a jet
4.  **$VV$ :**  $WZ, ZZ, W\gamma$ , or  $Z\gamma$

# $H^+ \rightarrow \tau\nu$ – Signal region (SR)

Looking for jets, b-jets, a  $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$ , and  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$

## Signal Selection

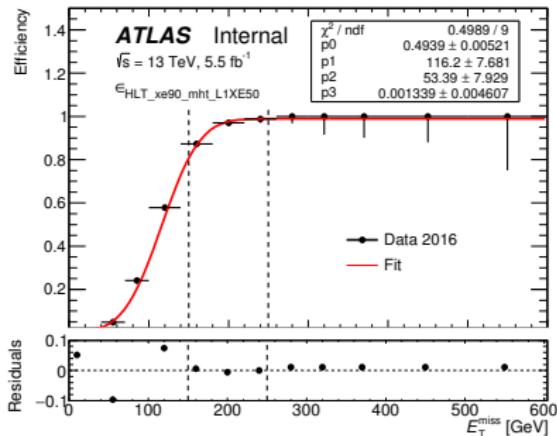
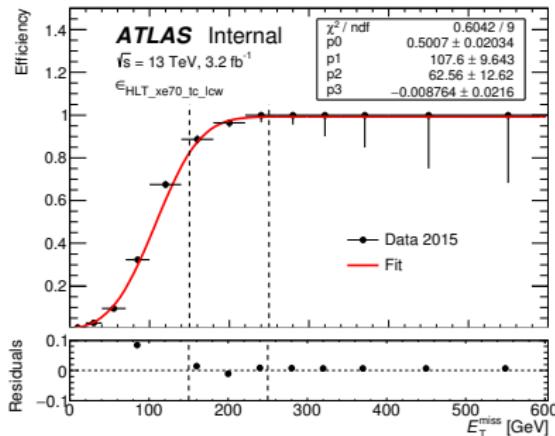
1. HLT\_xe70\_tc\_lcw(HLT\_xe90\_mht)
2. At least one  $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$  with  $p_T > 40$  GeV
3. At least 3 jets with  $p_T > 25$  GeV
4. No  $\mu$  or  $e$
5. At least one  $b$ -tagged jet
6.  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150$  GeV
7.  $m_T > 50$  GeV

- Lower bound on  $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$   $p_T$  suppresses most backgrounds
- Large  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  – a construct of trigger efficiencies
- Large  $m_T$  expected since probing high  $m_{H^+}$

# Trigger Efficiency Studies

MC weighted according to trigger efficiency measured in data

- Orthogonal but similar control region in data used to measure trigger efficiency

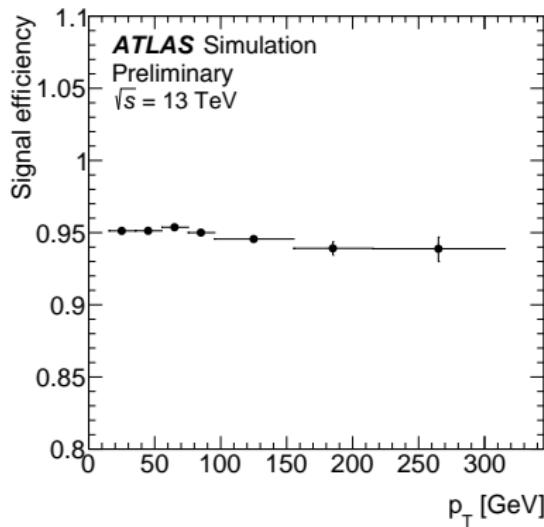
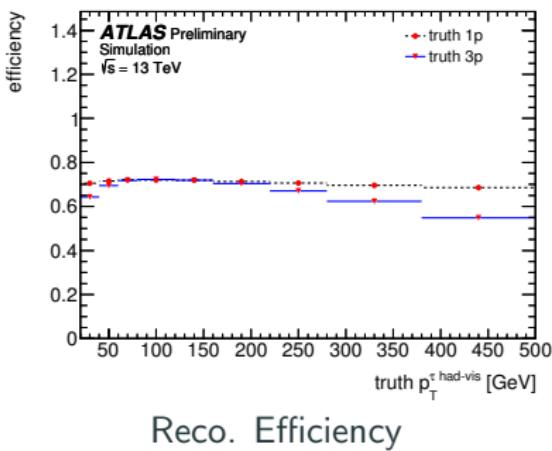


At 150 GeV  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ , trigger efficiency above 80%

# True $\tau$ background

## Backgrounds from true $\tau$ events estimated using MC

- MC simulation corrected by scale factors to match data:
  - Reconstruction efficiency
  - QCD jet rejection
  - $e/\mu$  rejection
  - ...



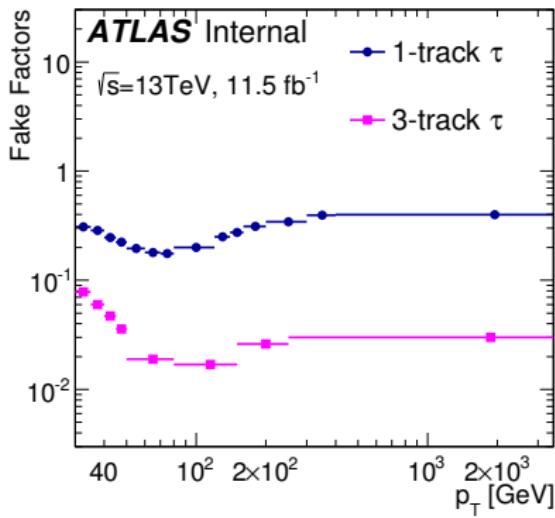
# Jet to $\tau$ background

$q/g$  ( $N_{\text{fakes}}^{\text{anti-}\tau}$ ) extrapolated to  $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$  ( $N_{\text{fakes}}^{\tau}$ ) by Fake Factors

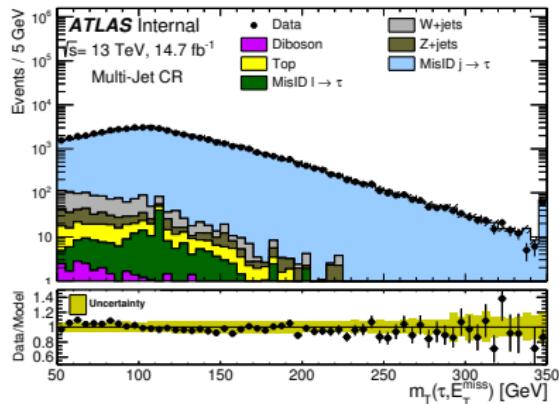
- FF measured in two sub-regions :  $\tau_{\text{had-vis-ID}}$  and  $\text{anti-}\tau_{\text{had-vis-ID}}$

$$N_{\text{fakes}}^{\tau} = N_{\text{fakes}}^{\text{anti-}\tau} \times \text{FF}$$

$$\text{FF} = N_{\tau-\text{id}} / N_{\text{anti-}\tau-\text{id}}$$



- FF validated in region rich in QCD multi-jets



# Major systematic uncertainties

## Experimental and theoretical, depending on source

### Theoretical

- QCD renormalization and factorization scales ( $\mu_R, \mu_F$ ),
- choice of parton distribution functions (PDF)
- choice of parton shower and underlying event (PS and UE) tunes

### Experimental

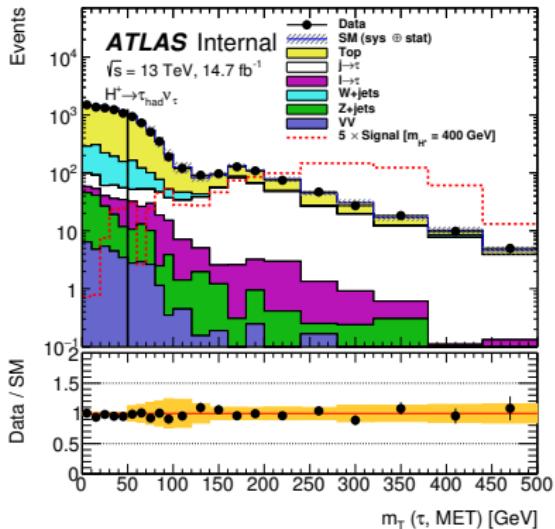
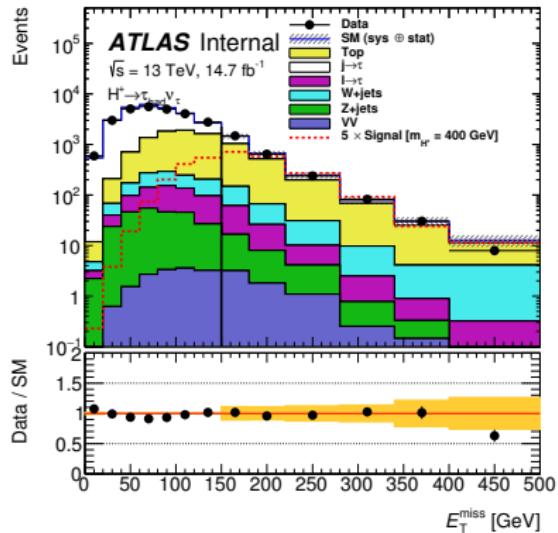
- Dominated by uncertainties on object reco. and ID
- Energy scales propagated to  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$

Variation	$t\bar{t}$ (%)	Signal (%)
PS and UE	16	10
$\mu_R, \mu_F$	5	5
PDF choice	5	1

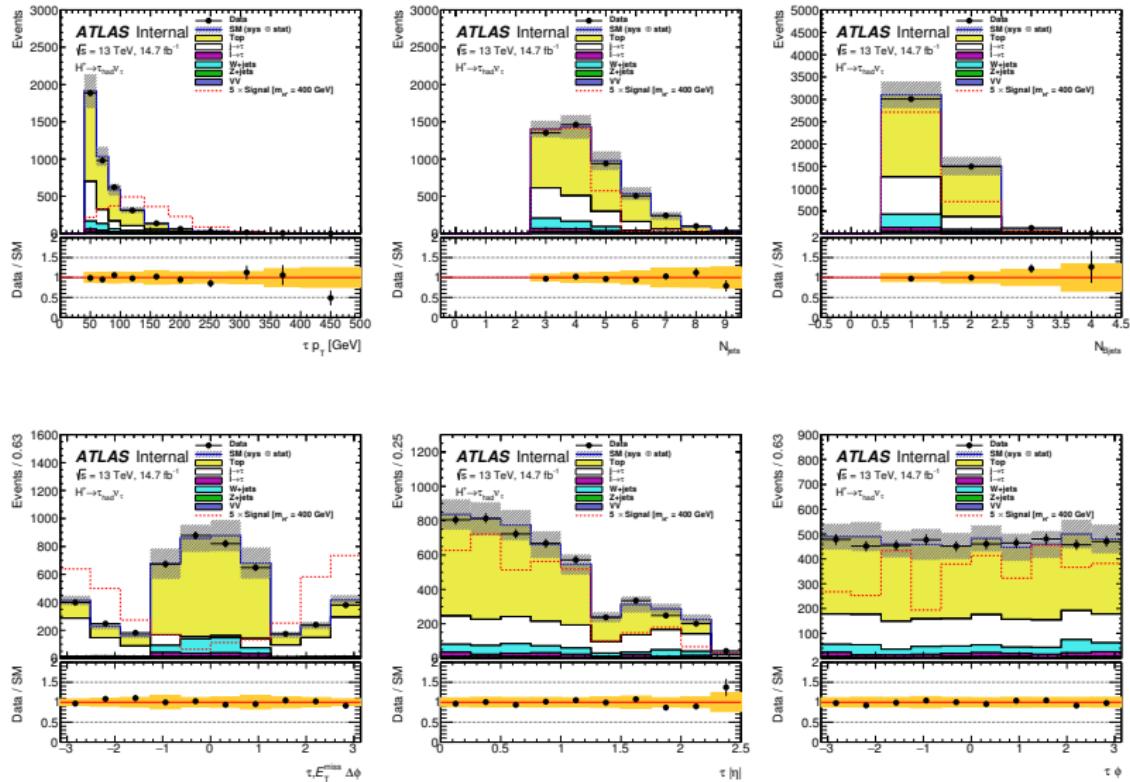
Variation	$t\bar{t}$ (%)	Signal (%)
$\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$ ID efficiency	11	8
Jet energy scale	11	5
$\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$ energy scale	6	4

# Results – Event yields in the SR

Observed events in the SR well within predictions

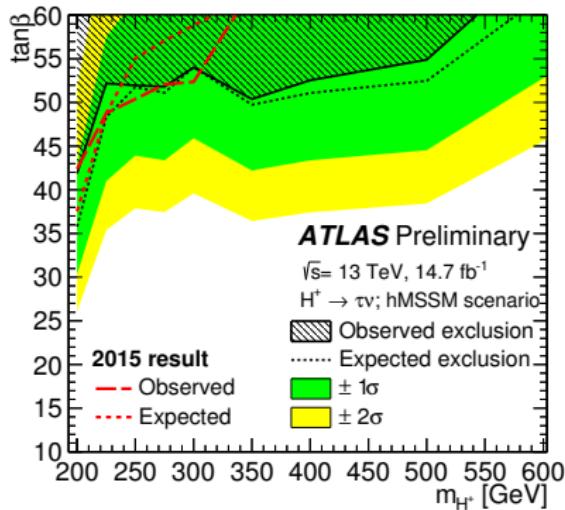
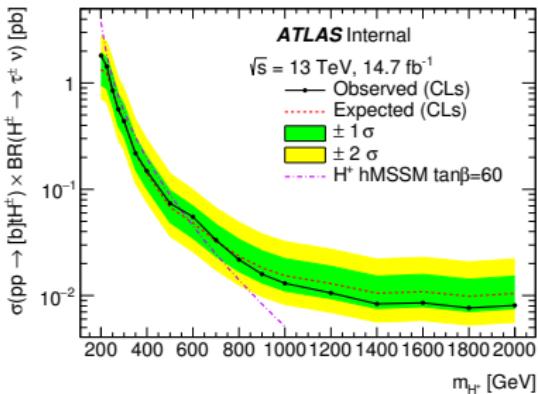


# Results – Event yields in the SR



## Results – Statistical interpretation, Limits

- Evaluation of observed yields (and  $m_T$  shape) against bkg-only hypothesis performed
  - Could not reject bkg-only hypothesis
- Limits on  $\sigma_{H^+}^{true}$  set for  $m_{H^+}$  in  $200 \rightarrow 2000$  GeV



In the hMSSM context,  $\tan\beta = 60$  values are excluded for  $m_{H^+}$  in  $200 \rightarrow 540$  GeV

## **Summary**

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- Undertook two major projects
    - Search for exclusive Higgs boson
    - Search for charged Higgs boson
  - Contributed to detector development
    - Feasibility studies on ATLAS level 1 trigger
    - Optimization of RoIB for level 2 ATLAS trigger
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- Found no evidence for the exclusive Higgs boson in LHC Run I data
    - Set the first ever limits on the production cross section
  - Found no evidence for the charged Higgs boson in LHC Run II data
    - Set limits on the production cross section ( $\times$  branching ratio to  $\tau\nu$ ) in the  $200 \rightarrow 200$  GeV  $m_{H^+}$  range
    - In the hMSSM context,  $\tan\beta = 60$  values excluded for  $m_{H^+}$  in  $200 \rightarrow 540$  GeV

## Summary

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*Thank you*

## Level 1 (L1) trigger – the calorimeter

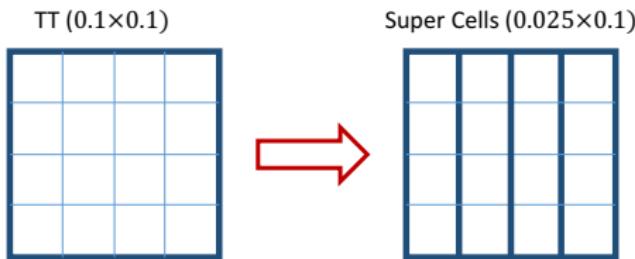
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- L1 trigger decision based on multiplicity of physics objects and size of  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ 
  - $e, \mu, \tau$  and jets
- Calorimeters made up of cells
  - however, full granularity not accessible at L1
- Reconstruction of physics objects performed using groups of cells
  - Trigger Towers – TT
- Objects distinguished based on shower shapes in the calorimeters
  - e.g, a  $\tau$  shower is deeper than an  $e$  shower
- Maximum latency,  $2.5 \mu\text{s}$

Bunch crossing rate reduced from **40 MHz** to about **100 kHz**

# L1 upgrade – feasibility studies (Summer 2012)

By how much would upgrading L1 calorimeter granularity improve L1?



Using supercells can we distinguish  $\pi^0$  and e at L1?

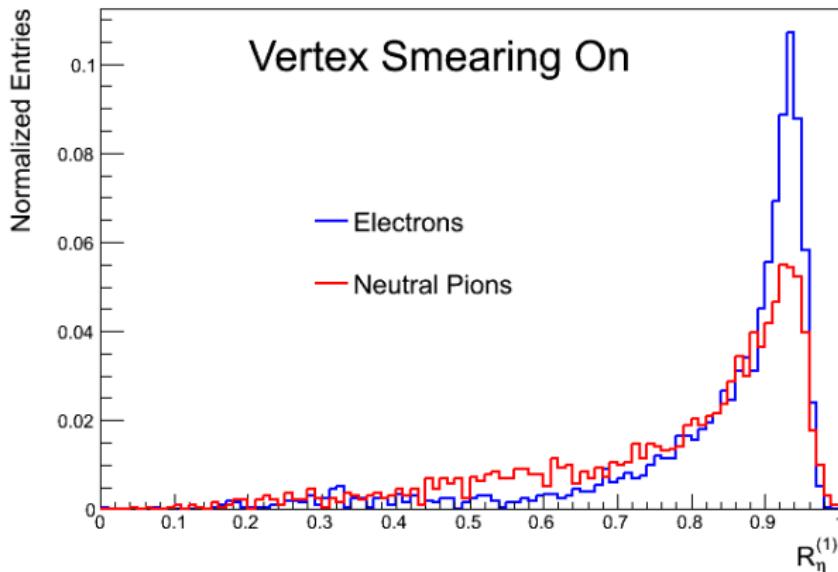
- **Strategy :** Come up with variables to describe shower shapes
  - e.g, ratio of energy of hottest supercell to sum of itself and two neighbors

$$R_{\eta}^{(1)} = \frac{E_0}{E_{+1} + E_0 + E_{-1}} \quad (1)$$

e shower narrower than  $\pi^0$  → expect  $R_{\eta}^{(1)}$  to be larger for e than for  $\pi^0$

# L1 upgrade – feasibility studies (Summer 2012)

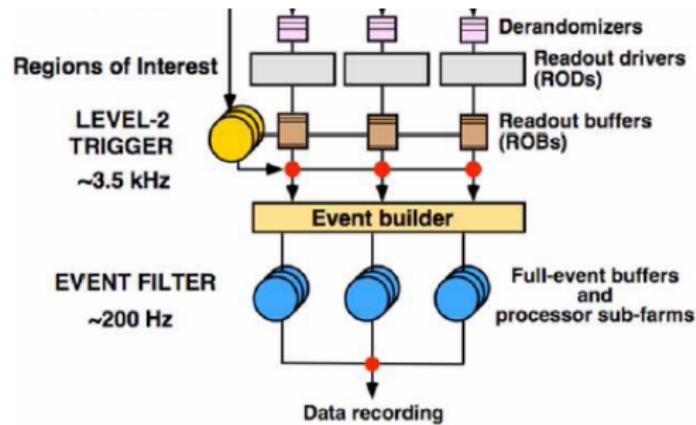
- Generated Monte Carlo (MC) samples of either single  $e$  or  $\pi^0$
- Simulated passage of  $e/\pi^0$  through ATLAS calorimeters
- Studied shower shapes of each using variables like  $R_\eta^{(1)}$ 
  - More results at UTA hep web page



Cannot separate  $\pi^0$  and  $e$  showers at L1 using supercells

## L2 (HLT) upgrade – 2013→2014

Accepts/rejects events through a Regions of Interest (RoI) builder at 100 kHz



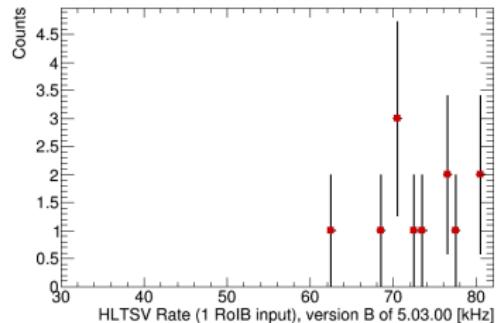
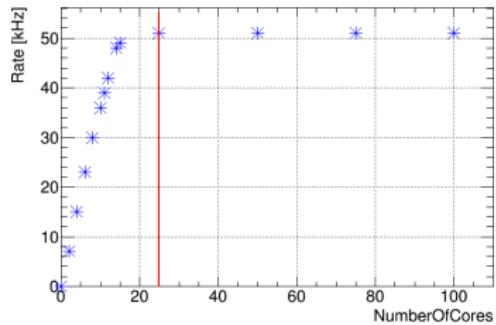
L2 and EF algorithms merged in Run II

– can this setup achieve a rate of 100 kHz?

- **Project:** Optimize RoI Builder (RoIB) rate with Run II setup

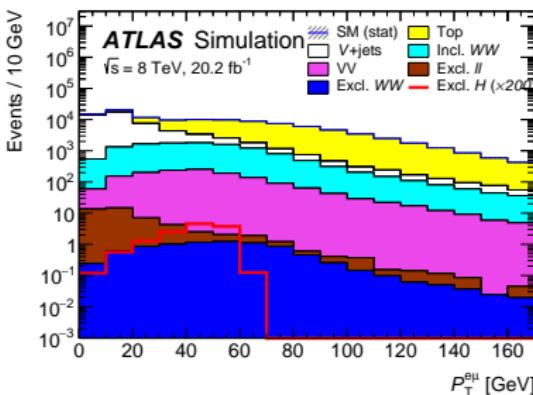
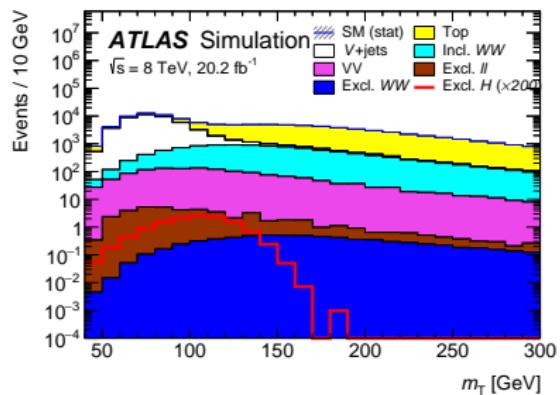
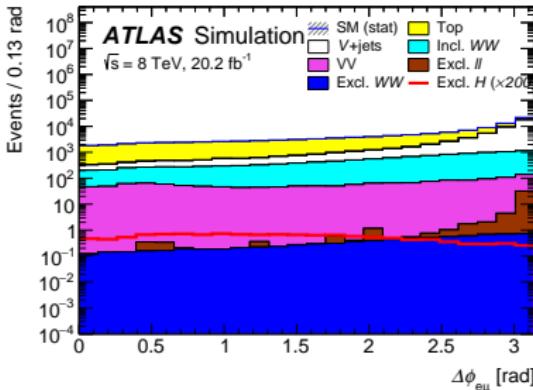
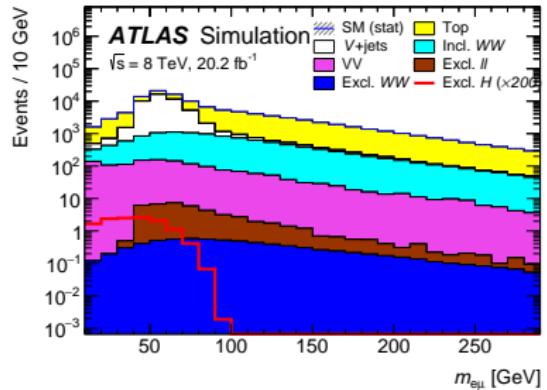
# HLT – Configuration optimization

Argonne National Laboratory has a test stand for HLT



Achieved a rate of  $\sim 80$  kHz – dependent on PC hardware

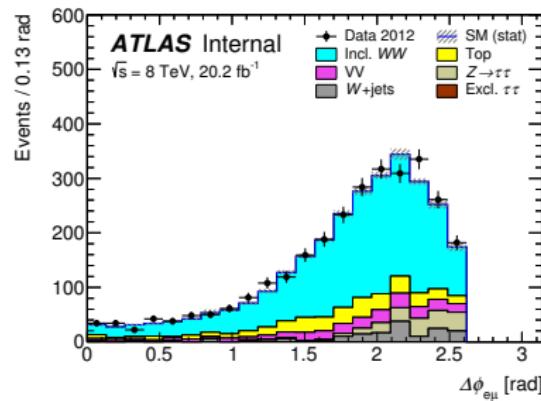
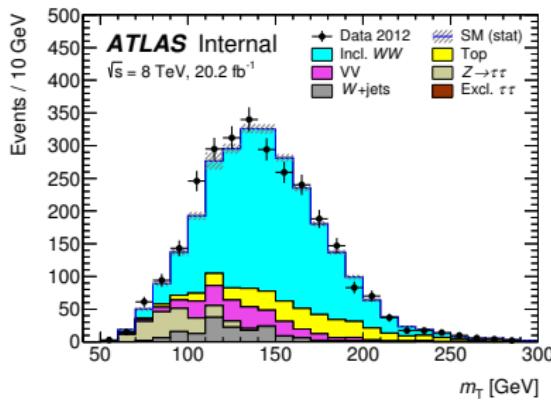
# Kinematic Dists. after pre-selection



# Inc. $WW$ normalization

MC known to underestimate  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow W^+W^-$  prediction

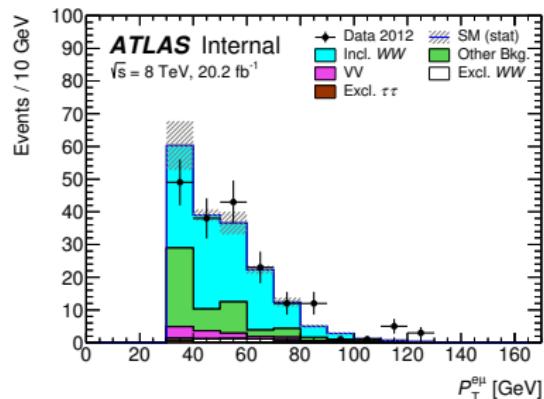
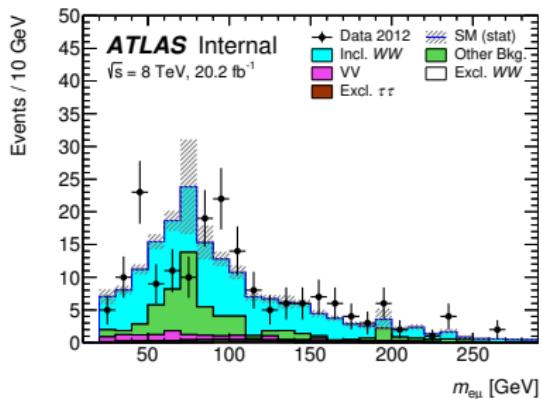
- Control region similar to signal region except:
  - $55 < m_{e\mu} < 110$  GeV and  $\Delta\phi_{e\mu} < 2.6$



- $(20 \pm 5)\%$  more data was observed than is predicted
  - $1.20 \pm 0.05(\text{stat.})$  applied across the board as a scale factor

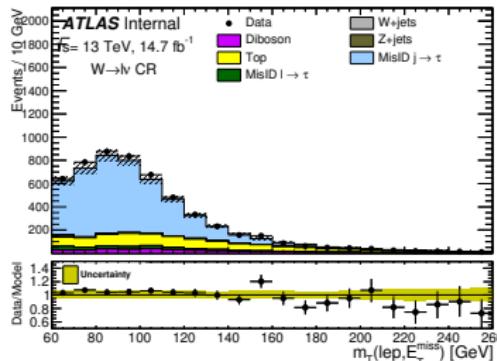
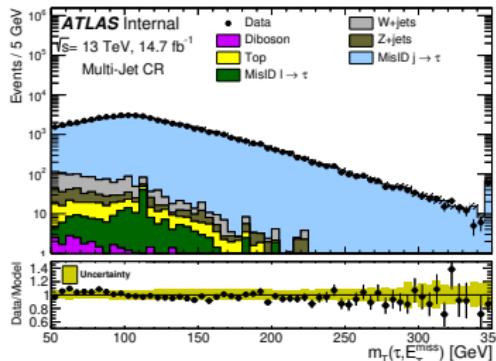
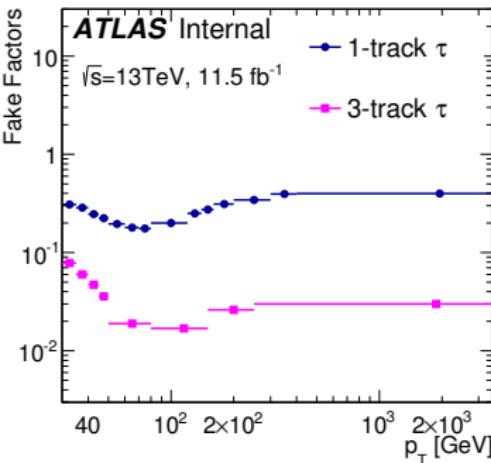
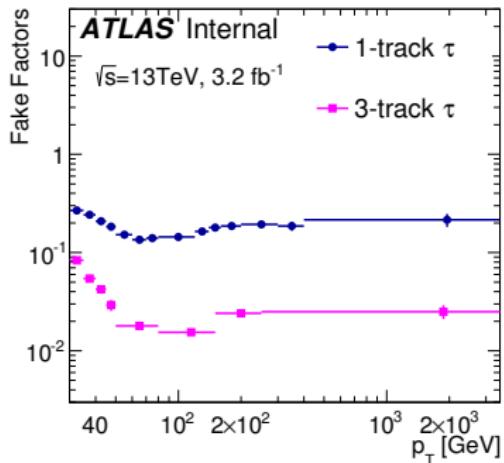
## How much inclusive $WW$ after exclusivity?

- Dedicated control region with incl.  $WW$  – loosen exclusivity to allow only 1 to 4 extra tracks
  - Other bkg such as  $W + \text{jets}$ , Drell-Yan, and Top irreducible
  - Exclusive processes well calibrated, so easy to subtract
- Extrapolate predictions to the 0-extra track exclusivity region



Extrapolation equivalent to applying a normalization factor of 0.79 to inclusive  $W^+ W^-$  background

# Jet to $\tau$ background – measured FF, validation



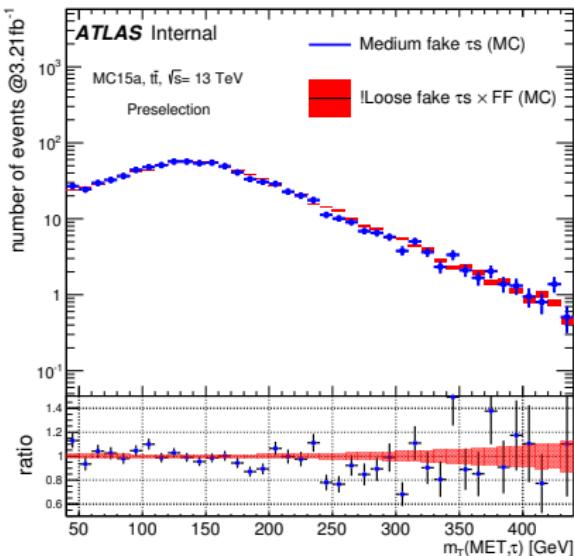
# Jet to $\tau$ background – Fake Factors definition

From CR dominated by events with  $q/g$ -initiated jets ( $N_{\text{fakes}}^{\text{anti-}\tau}$ ), extrapolate to SR events in which the jets pass  $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$  ID ( $N_{\text{fakes}}^{\tau}$ )

- Extrapolation factors known as *fake factors* (FF), where

$$N_{\text{fakes}}^{\tau} = N_{\text{fakes}}^{\text{anti-}\tau} \times \text{FF}$$

- FF measured in data (next slide)
- Pre-test FF by measuring them in  $t\bar{t}$  MC and assessing performance on  $t\bar{t}$  MC events that pass pre-selection



## Jet to $\tau$ background – Fake Factors measurement

Region in which FF are **measured** must be different from the CR in which they are **applied**

- Measurement region comprises of  $\tau$ -id and anti- $\tau$ -id sub-regions
  - In former jets pass  $\tau$  ID and in latter they are not required to

$$\text{FF} = \frac{N_{\tau-\text{id}}}{N_{\text{anti-}\tau\text{-id}}}$$

- Here, FF measured in two regions:
  - **Multi-jet:** Dominated by events with QCD multi-jets
  - **$W + \text{jets}$ :** Dominated by events with jets from  $W + \text{jets}$
- Fraction of  $q$ -initiated jets in multi-jets roughly the same as  $g$ -initiated jets
- Jets in  $W + \text{jets}$  dominated by jets from light-flavored quarks
- Take measurements from multi-jets as nominal and use  $W + \text{jets}$  measurements to evaluate impact of jet substructure

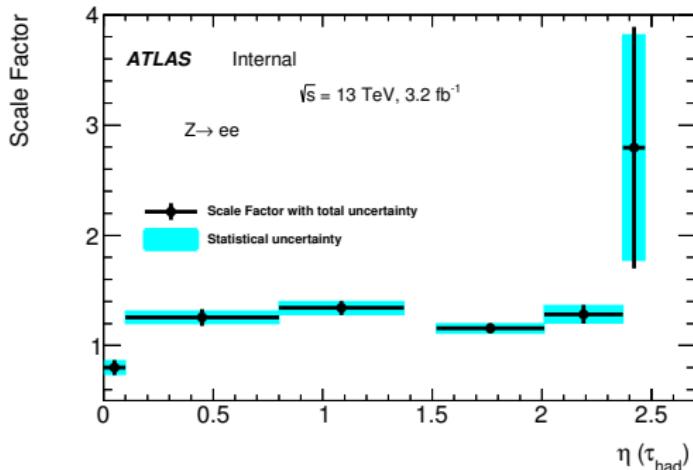
# $e/\mu$ to $\tau$ background

Scale factors (SF) applied to simulated events with  $e/\mu$ -matched  $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$

- SF dependent on and  $\eta$  and measured in  $Z \rightarrow ee$  events in data

**$Z \rightarrow ee$  Selection**

- One  $e$ , one  $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$
- 0 b-jets,  $m_T < 40$



- $e$  tag,  $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$  probe

$$SF = \frac{\text{All sel.}}{\text{All sel.} - \tau_{\text{had-vis}} \text{ sel.}}$$

- Non- $Z \rightarrow ee$  events subtracted from data before calculation of SF
- Measured SF range from 0.5% to 2.5%, depending on  $\eta$

# Major systematic uncertainties

Classified into experimental and theoretical, depending on source

## Theoretical

- Dominated by uncertainties on:
  - QCD renormalization and factorization scales ( $\mu_R, \mu_F$ ),
  - choice of parton distribution functions (PDF)
  - choice of parton shower and underlying event (PS and UE) tunes

Variation	$t\bar{t}$	Signal 400 GeV
PS and UE	16	10
$\mu_R, \mu_F$	5	5
PDF choice	5	1

## Experimental

- Dominated by uncertainties on object reco. and ID
  - Propagated to  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ ;  
propagated to trigger efficiency

Variation	$t\bar{t}$	Signal 400 GeV
$\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$ ID efficiency	11	8
$\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$ energy scale	6	4
$\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$ reconstruction efficiency	3	2
$\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$ -lepton OLR	1	2
Jet energy scale	11	5
$b$ -tagging efficiency	2	2
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$ soft term scale/resolution	2	2
Trigger efficiency	3	1

# Uncertainties impact on limits

## Impact of various sources of uncertainty on the expected 95% CL exclusion limit

Category	Source of systematic uncertainty	Impact on the expected limit (in %)	
		$m_{H^+} = 200$ GeV	$m_{H^+} = 1000$ GeV
Experimental	luminosity	1.5	0.9
	trigger	< 0.1	< 0.1
	$\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$	1.0	1.4
	jet	3.0	0.2
	$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	< 0.1	< 0.1
Fake factors	FF	0.8	4.7
Signal and background models	$t\bar{t}$ modelling	13.2	3.5
	$H^+$ signal modelling	1.4	1.4

Largest impact was from modelling  $t\bar{t}$  background processes