Impact of an extended Inner Detector Tracker and forward muon-tagger on the $W^{\pm}W^{\pm}$ measurement in *pp* collisions at the High-Luminosity LHC

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- Therefore, the study of $W^{\pm}W^{\pm}$ will be continued through to the High-Luminosity LHC physics program.

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- The Inner Detector will be completely replaced with an all-new tracker.
- Candidate designs have been updated to cover a pseudorapidity range up the $|\eta| \leq 4.0.$



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- Additionally, a proposed forward muon-tagger will enable reconstruction of muons up to $|\eta| \leq 4.0.$
- The forward-muon tagger will be attached to the shielding disk of the Muon Spectrometer's New Small Wheel.



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- Upgrade Performance Functions were used to estimate the upgraded ATLAS detector's response under HL-LHC conditions.

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- Studies of the effect of an extended η ATLAS detector on the $W^{\pm}W^{\pm}jj$ -EW measurement will continue in the future.

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Candidate ITk designs





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Lepton centrality is a quantity based on the kinematic signature of leptons and jets, given by:

$$\zeta = \min[\min(\eta_{l1}\eta_{l2}) - \min(\eta_{j1}\eta_{j2}), \max(\eta_{j1}, \eta_{j2}) - \max(\eta_{l1}, \eta_{l2})]$$
(1)





Assuming the number of events follow a Poissonian distribution and assuming an estimated background uncertainty of $\sigma_B = 15\%$, the signal significance is calculated as follows:

$$Z_{\sigma} = \sqrt{2[(N_{sig} + N_{bkg})\log\frac{N_{sig} + N_{bkg}}{B_0} + B_0 - N_{sig} - N_{bkg}]\frac{(N_{bkg} - B_0)^2}{\sigma_B^2}}{(2)}$$
where $B_0 = \frac{1}{2}(N_{bkg} - \sigma_B^2 + \sqrt{(N_{bkg} - \sigma_B^2)^2 + 4(N_{sig} + N_{bkg})\sigma_B^2}).$

- Uncertainties related to MC statistics are neglected.
- No theoretical uncertainties were added.



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