



CONTUR: a tutorial

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 → [video tutorial](#) @ RiF workshop 2021



Illustration by Chris Wormell from "A Map of the Invisible"



Getting started

```
$ docker pull hepstore/contur-herwig:main
```

```
[...]
```

```
$ unzip contur_tutorial.zip -d contur_tutorial
```

```
$ cd contur_tutorial
```

```
$ docker run -it -v ${PWD}:/contur_tutorial hepstore/contur-herwig:main
```

```
-----  
Contur environment successfully enabled  
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```

```
root@34d102de55ac:/contur#
```

pull docker image

(we're going to generate events as well, so use `contur-herwig:2.2.0-py3` instead of `contur:2.2.0-py3`)

(download and) extract tutorial files

run docker image, binding directories

ready to go!



Introduction

CONTUR - “Constraints On New Theories Using →RIVET”

- reinterpretation tool that helps to constrain BSM models using existing LHC measurements
- useful links:
 - [CONTUR manual](#) [→[SciPost Phys. Core 4, 013 \(2021\)](#)]
 - →[CONTUR webpage](#)
 - →[CONTUR code](#)
- general idea:
 - SM is finely balanced and well measured
 - cannot simply add BSM model without it showing up in SM distributions
 - CONTUR: check hundreds of such measurements simultaneously

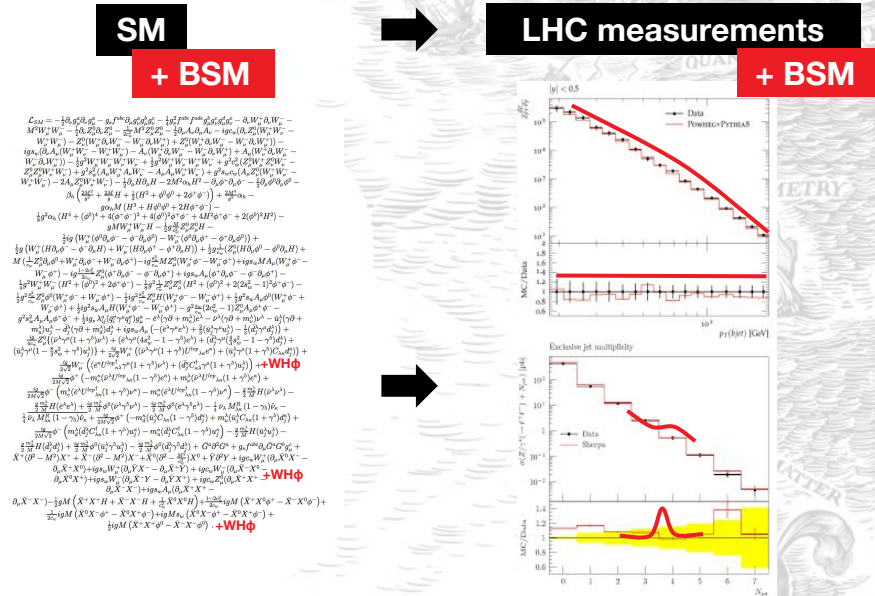
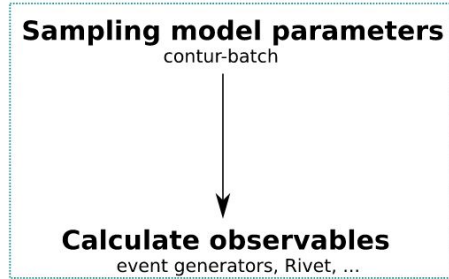


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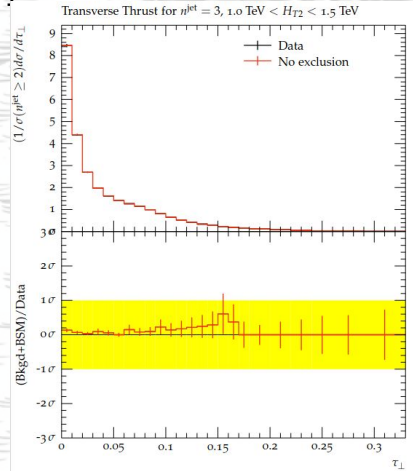
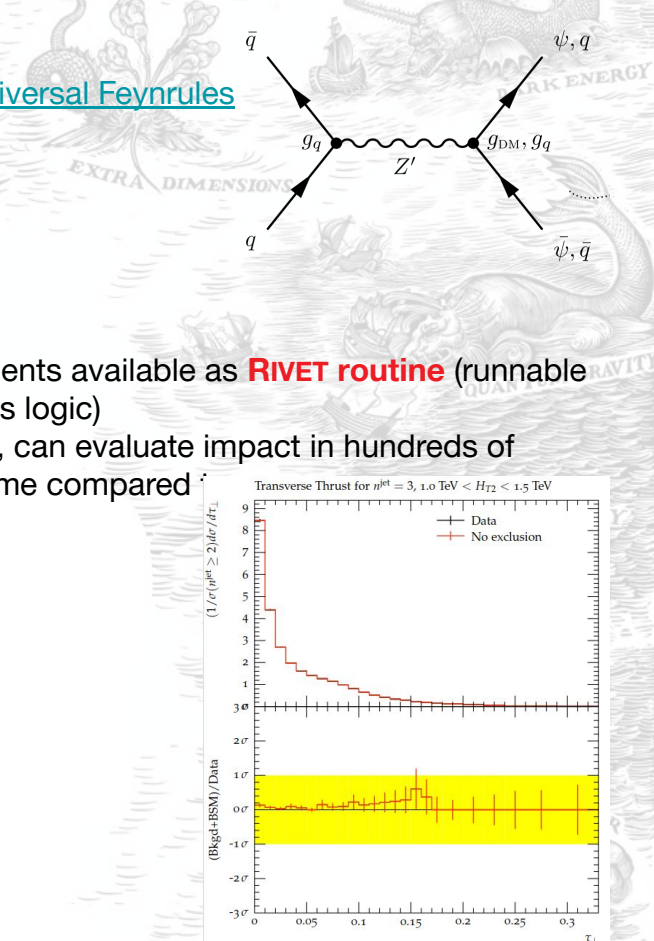


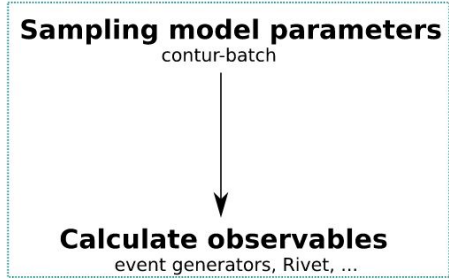
Evaluating the likelihood for a model
contur

Visualisation of parameter space
contur-plot, contur-mkhtml, ...

- many BSM models encoded in → [Universal Feynrules Output \(UFO\)](#) format
- switching between models easy

1. Event generation
2. Effect on existing measurements?
 - many (~150) LHC measurements available as **RIVET routine** (runnable plugin that preserves analysis logic)
 - → [RIVET](#) optimised for speed, can evaluate impact in hundreds of routines with negligible runtime compared to event generation



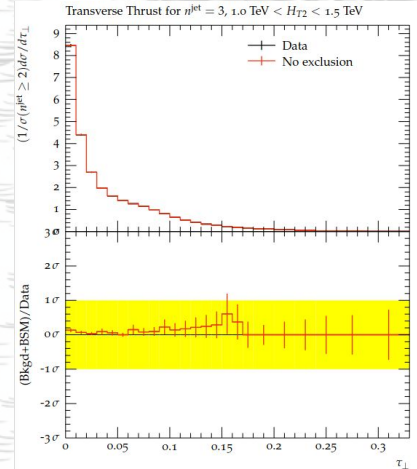


Evaluating the likelihood for a model
contur

Visualisation of parameter space
contur-plot, contur-mkhtml, ...

- group RIVET routines into orthogonal pools
- use CL_s method to determine confidence level of excluding **signal(+bkg)** considering **data** and **uncertainties**

$$L(\mu) = \frac{(\mu s + b)^n}{n!} e^{-(\mu s + b)}$$





Sampling model parameters

contur-batch



Calculate observables

event generators, Rivet, ...



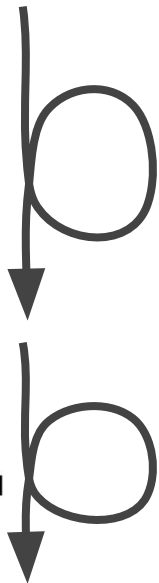
Evaluating the likelihood for a model

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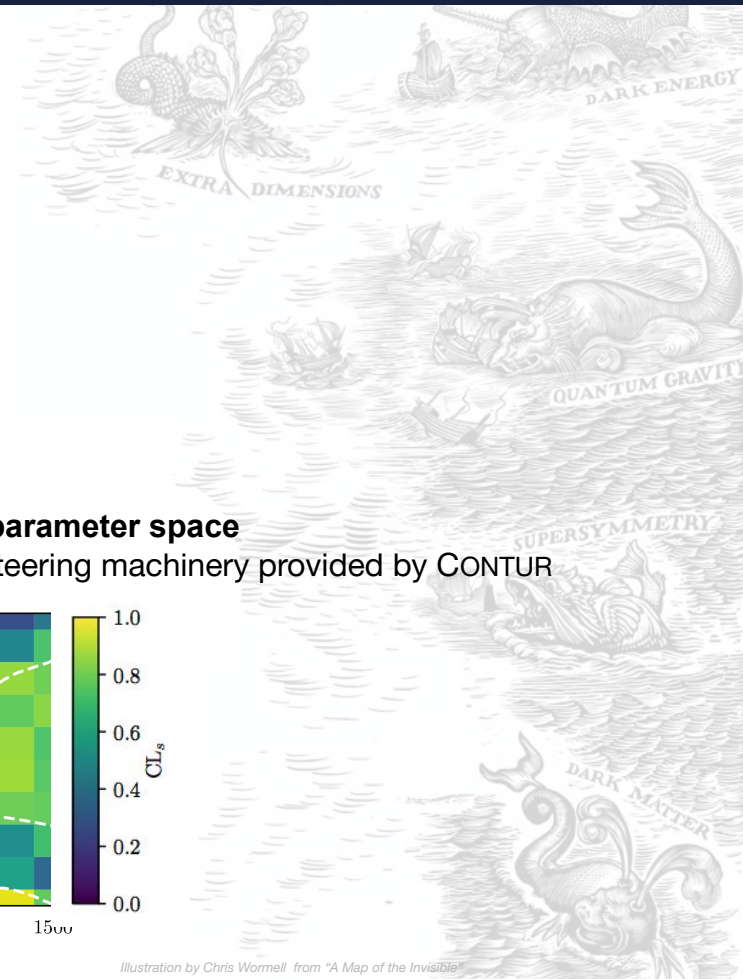
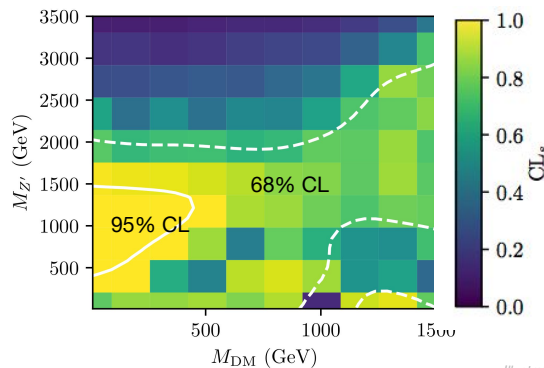
Visualisation of parameter space

contur-plot, contur-mkhtml, ...



Repeat for each point in parameter space

- book-keeping and steering machinery provided by CONTUR





Outline of tutorial

1. Using UFOs

Sampling model parameters

contur-batch

2. Single parameter point:
Calculating observables

Calculate observables

event generators, Rivet, ...

3. Single parameter point:
Evaluating likelihood

Evaluating the likelihood for a model

contur

Visualisation of parameter space

contur-plot, contur-mkhtml, ...

Repeat for each point in parameter space

already prepared

4. Running a scan with CONTUR



1. Using UFOs

```
# cp -r $CONTUR_ROOT/data/share RunInfo
# cd RunInfo/
# cp -r $CONTUR_ROOT/data/Models/DM/DMsimp_s_spin1 .
# ufo2herwig DMsimp_s_spin1/
```

```
=====
LENGTH 1
finished generating model:   FRModel
model directory:           DM_vector_mediator_UFO/
generated:                  122 vertices
=====
library:                    FRModel.so
input file:                 LHC-FRModel.in
model file:                 FRModel.model
=====
```

To complete the installation, compile by typing "make".
An example input file is provided as LHC-FRModel.in,
you'll need to change the required particles in there.

DONE!

```
=====
# make
g++ -std=c++11 -fPIC -I/herwig/include -I/herwig/include -I/herwig/include -Wall -Wextra -pedantic -O2 -DBOOST_UBLAS_NDEBUG -c
FRModel.cc -o FRModel.o
[...]
```

copy "RunInfo" which tells CONTUR/ RIVET which analyses to use

choose and copy model UFO

convert UFO to HERWIG-readable format

compile UFO



2. A look at herwig.in

```
head FRModel.model
set /Herwig/FRModel/Particles/Y1:NominalMass {mY1}*GeV
set /Herwig/FRModel/Particles/Xm:NominalMass {mXm}*GeV
set /Herwig/FRModel/FRModel:gYXm {gYXm}
set /Herwig/FRModel/FRModel:gYq {gYq}

cd /Herwig/NewPhysics
insert HPConstructor:Outgoing 0 /Herwig/FRModel/Particles/Y1
insert HPConstructor:Outgoing 0 /Herwig/FRModel/Particles/Xm
insert ResConstructor:Intermediates 0 /Herwig/FRModel/Particles/Y1
```

example command files for HERWIG for simplified DM + vector mediator model. (Beam information included in Contur

Create grid point values, replace parameter value -> {parameter value}

Outgoing particles and resonant particles defined.



2. Single parameter point: Calculating observables

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<https://gitlab.com/hepcedar/contur#herwig-and-rivet-combined-ru-n-on-a-single-single-set-of-rivet-analyses>

Head to this page and follow the instruction on running single parameter point

Contur-batch commands will not work in the page but you could do `$ contur-batch -n 1000 --seed 101 -s` to generate the grid without submitting.

* information about measurements can be found [→here](#)



3. Single parameter point: Evaluating likelihood

```
# contur Rivet.yoda
Writing log to contur.log
INFO - Running Contur version 2.1.0
INFO - See https://hepcedar.gitlab.io/contur-webpage/
INFO - Running Contur version 2.1.0
INFO - See https://hepcedar.gitlab.io/contur-webpage/
INFO - Run Information
Contur is running in /contur_tutorial
on analysis objects in ['Rivet.yoda']
Excluding Higgs to WW measurements
Excluding secret b-veto measurements
Excluding ATLAS WZ SM measurement
Building all available data correlations, combining bins where possible
Building default background model from data, ignoring (optional) SM theory predictions

INFO - Found 2524 analysisobjects in Rivet.yoda
INFO - Found 1249 potentially valid histograms in Rivet.yoda, with cross section 16.04672 pb
INFO - Loading reference and theory data from all yoda files in $RIVET_DATA_PATH matching paths in input yoda
Processing reference/theory YODAs: 0it [00:00, ?it/s]

[...]
```

do statistical analysis with CONTUR

information about CONTUR run

some measurements have to be excluded*

* → [on the importance of model-independent measurements](#)



3. Using theory predictions

- caveat: often SM prediction not given in HEPData
- CONTUR uses Bkgd=Data by default
 - ugly hack, but it works, since we claim no significant deviations seen at LHC so far
 - cannot claim discovery, only falsify BSM model
- however: using theory predictions nonetheless supported

→ [webpage on measurements available to CONTUR](#)

Pool: ATLAS_13_4L four leptons

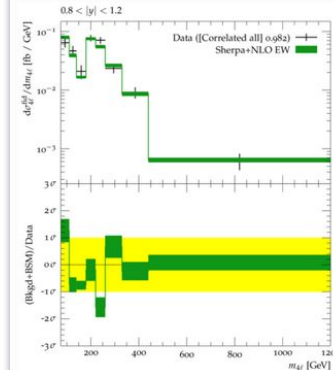
- [ATLAS_2017_I1625109](#), Measurement of $Z\bar{Z} \rightarrow 4\ell$ production at 13 TeV [14]. **No SM theory predictions available for this analysis.**
- [ATLAS_2019_I1720442](#), Inclusive 4-lepton lineshape at 13 TeV [25]. SM theory predictions are available [here](#).

- advanced users may even provide their own theory predictions

Standard Model Predictions for ATLAS_2019_I1720442

Sherpa+NLO EW [25, 100]: See measurement paper for full details. HEPData record at <https://doi.org/10.17182/hepdata.84818>

Stored in file: ATLAS_2019_I1720442-Theory.yoda





3. Using theory predictions

how to enable using theory predictions in practice?

```

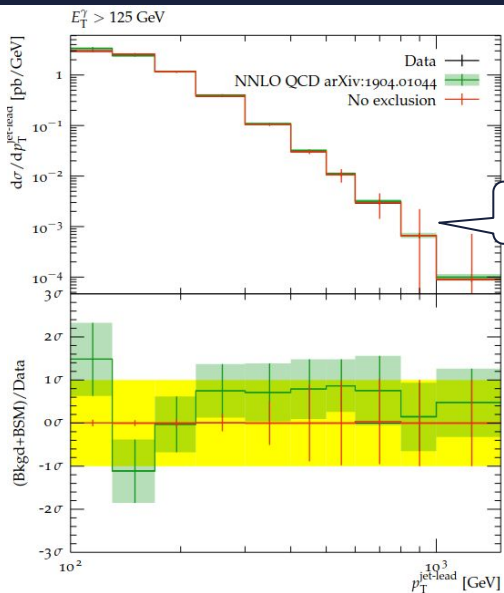
# mv contur-plots contur-plots_noTheory; rm -r ANALYSIS
# rivet -a ATLAS_2017_I1645627 LHC-FRModel.hepmc
# contur --ana-match ATLAS_2017_I1645627 Rivet.yoda
[...]
INFO - Combined exclusion for these plots is 3.91 %
# contur --ana-match ATLAS_2017_I1645627 Rivet.yoda --theory
[...]
INFO - Combined exclusion for these plots is 4.41 %
# contur-mkhtml Rivet.yoda
[...]

```

store and remove previous results

≈3.9% exclusion in default mode

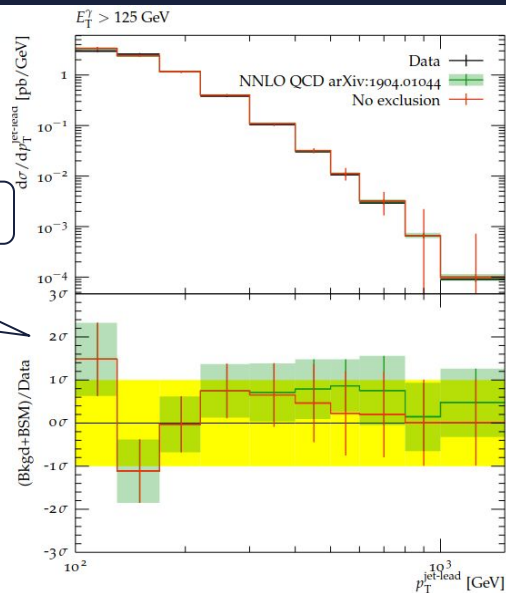
exclusion changes when provided theory predictions are used



without theory: Bkgd=Data

with theory: Bkgd=SM

Isolated photon + jets at 13 TeV
(→ [ATLAS 2017_I1645627](#))





4. A look at param_files.dat

```
cat param_file.dat
```

```
[Run]
generator = "/path/to/Herwig-7.2.1/bin/activate"
contur = "/path/to/contur/setupContur.sh"
```

tell CONTUR which generator etc. to use and where to find them

```
[Parameters]
```

```
[[mXm]]
mode = LIN
start = 10.0
stop = 1500.0
number = 10
```

tell CONTUR to vary dark matter mass from 10 to 1500 GeV in 10 equidistant steps

```
[[mY1]]
mode = LIN
start = 10.0
stop = 3500.0
number = 10
```

mediator mass is second scan parameter

```
[[gYXm]]
mode = CONST
value = 1.0
```

tell CONTUR to treat couplings as constant

```
[[gYq]]
mode = CONST
value = 0.25
```

with this setup, signal grid generated with

```
# contur-batch -p param_file.dat -P -b 13TeV -w 2:00
```



4. Running a CONTUR scan

now run CONTUR in grid mode by calling

```
# contur -g myscan00
Writing log to contur.log
INFO - Running Contur version 2.1.0
INFO - See https://hepcedar.gitlab.io/contur-webpage/
INFO - Running Contur version 2.1.0
INFO - See https://hepcedar.gitlab.io/contur-webpage/
INFO - Run Information
Contur is running in /contur_tutorial
on files in myscan00
Excluding Higgs to WW measurements
Excluding secret b-veto measurements
Excluding ATLAS WZ SM measurement
Building all available data correlations, combining bins where possible
Building default background model from data, ignoring (optional) SM theory predictions

INFO - Removing unnecessary files from grid
WARNING - NO YODA FILES FOUND IN DIRECTORY 13TeV
INFO - Found valid yoda file contur_tutorial/myscan00/13TeV/0000/runpoint_0000.yoda.gz
INFO - Sampled at:
gYXm: 1.0
gYq: 0.25
mXm: 10.0
mY1: 10.0
```

(this will take some time)

information about CONTUR run

information about current grid point



4. Running a CONTUR scan

(continued)

```
INFO - Found 1474 analysisobjects in /contur_tutorial/myscan00/13TeV/0000/runpoint_0000.yoda.gz
INFO - Loading reference and theory data from all yoda files in $RIVET_DATA_PATH matching paths in input yoda
Processing reference/theory YODAs: 0it [00:00, ?it/s]
```

[...]

```
Processing reference/theory YODAs: 0it [00:00, ?it/s]
INFO - Done loading static data
```

[...]

```
INFO - Added yodafile with reported exclusion of: 0.7537528372111337
INFO - Found valid yoda file contur_tutorial/myscan00/13TeV/0001/runpoint_0001.yoda.gz
```

[...]

[...]

```
INFO - Found 100 yoda files
INFO - Merging maps
INFO - Writing output map to : ANALYSIS/contur.map
```

loading histograms (and theory inputs, but only once)

report exclusion for grid point and go to next one

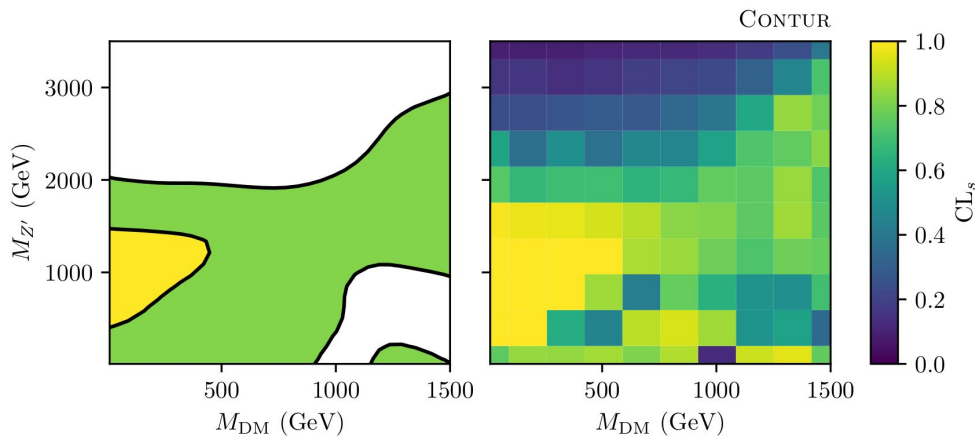
summarise run and give output



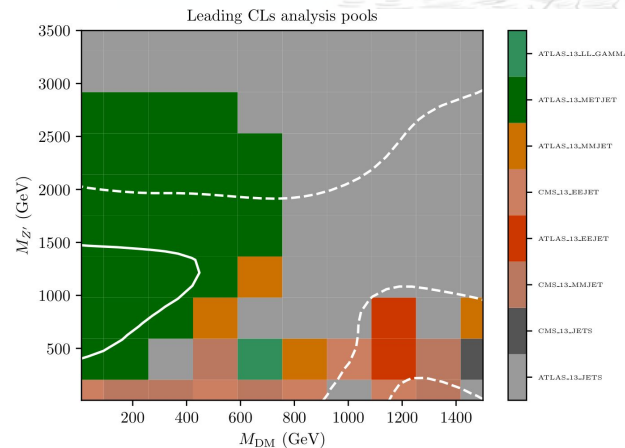
4. Plotting with CONTUR

to plot do

```
# cd ANALYSIS
# contur-plot contur.map mXm mY1
Matplotlib is building the font cache; this may take a moment.
Writing log to contur_plot.log
INFO - Running Contur version2.1.0
INFO - See https://hepcedar.gitlab.io/contur-webpage/
INFO - Starting plotting engine, outputs written to conturPlot
INFO - Plotting combined exclusion limit grid
INFO - plot dominant pools level 0 (1/1)
INFO - Done
```



conturPlots/combinedHybrid.pdf



conturPlots/dominantPools0.pdf



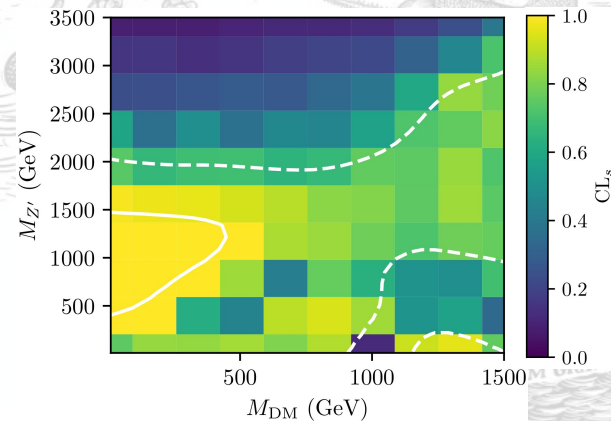
4. Plotting with CONTUR

to plot the exclusion for each pool separately

```
# contur-plot contur.map mXm mY1 --pools
Writing log to contur_plot.log
INFO - Running Contur version2.1.0
INFO - See https://hepcedar.gitlab.io/contur-webpage/
INFO - Starting plotting engine, outputs written to conturPlot
INFO - Plotting combined exclusion limit grid
INFO - plot dominant pools level 0 (1/1)
INFO - Requested plotting of individual analysis pools, found 17 pools to plot
INFO - plot ATLAS_13_EEJET (1/17 done)

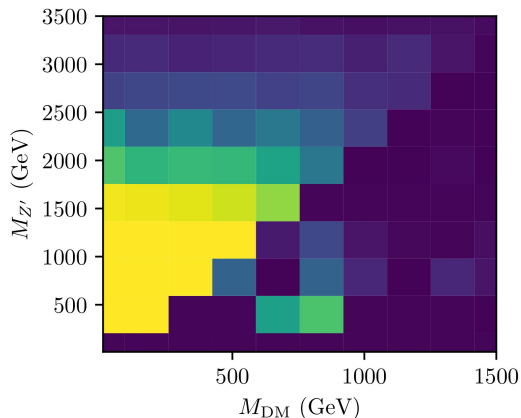
[...]

Done
```

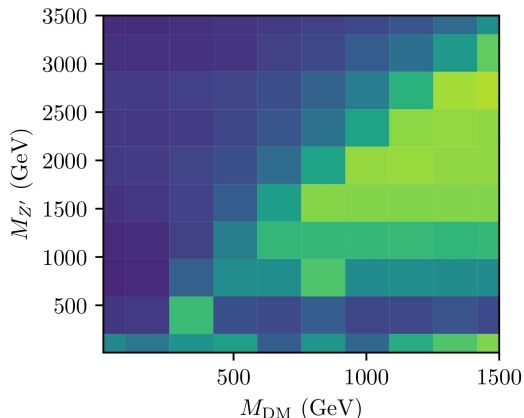


total exclusion

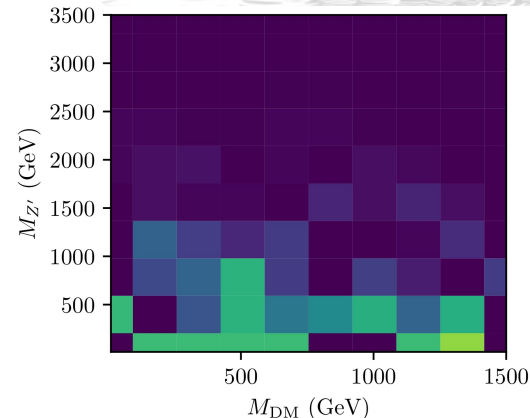
and find your plots at ANALYSIS/conturPlot/pools



ATLAS_13_METJETMesh.pdf



ATLAS_13_JETSMesh.pdf



CMS_13_MMJETMesh.pdf



Bonus: Plotting cross sections

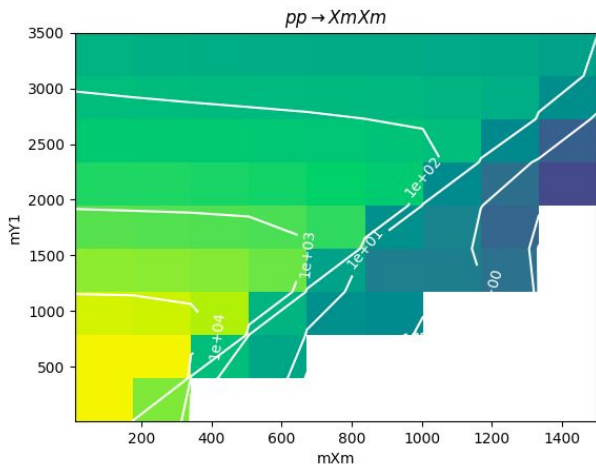
to plot the cross sections for the different processes do

```
# cd /contur_tutorial
# contur-scan-herwig --xy mXm,mYl myscan00/13TeV/
Point 0/100: 0000
Point 10/100: 0010
[...]
xBins:10 [10.0, 175.555556, 341.111111, 506.666667, 672.222222, 837.777778, 1003.333333, 1168.888889, 1334.444444, 1500.0]
yBins:10 [10.0, 397.777778, 785.555556, 1173.333333, 1561.111111, 1948.888889, 2336.666667, 2724.444444, 3112.222222, 3500.0]
max_xs: 150300000.000000 fb
min_xs: 0.030000 fb
1/8 doing p p \rightarrow Y1 q (max = 150300000.000 fb)
[...]
```

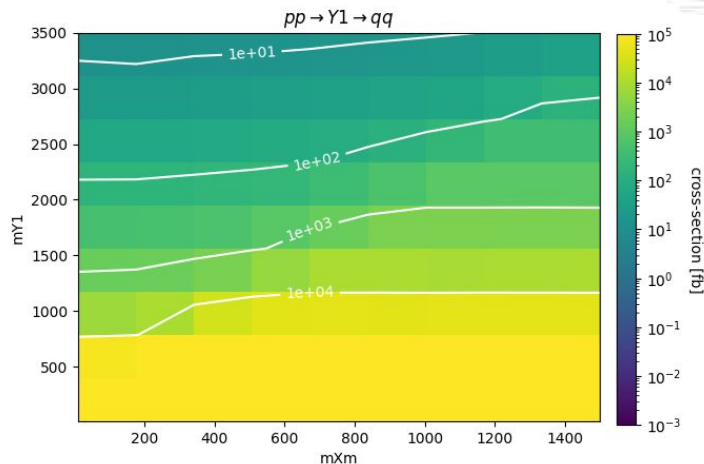
all the grid points we used

minimum and maximum cross section

and find your plots at `CONTUR_xs_scans/process_plots*/`



p_p_to_Xm_Xm.pdf

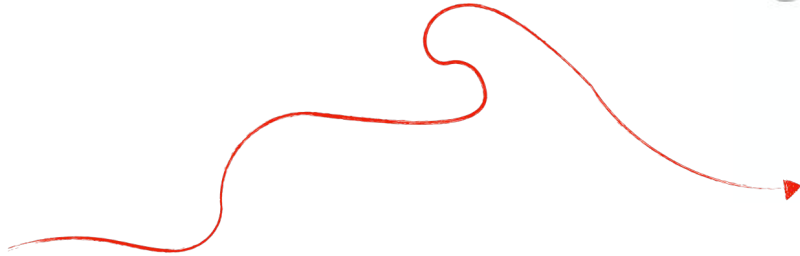


p_p_to_Y1_to_q_q.pdf

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The End

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