

# Implementation of multi-bin searches in CheckMATE

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Most BSM searches are interpreted in terms of a **small set of signal models in the original publications**.

Reinterpretation of the results in terms of other BSM models require the full statistical model. → **Computationally very expensive** and **not always available**.

Alternatives:

- Calculate limits with **single bin signal regions**. Only total event rate is needed and signal contamination in the CRs is ignored.  
Drawbacks: **underestimates** the true exclusion power and less robust against statistical **fluctuations**.
- In this talk: Use a reasonable **simplification of the statistical model** to reduce computational cost retaining the use of multi-binned SR bins.



Current CheckMATE version bases **test on the SR with the largest expected exclusion potential**. We use only a fraction of the available data which could cause a loss of sensitivity.

Our goal is to **implement multibinned analysis** in the CheckMATE framework.

We build a **simplified statistical model** based on the CheckMATE output and make the hypothesis test within the PYHF environment.

We build the simplified likelihood following the prescription in ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-038:

- *"In the simplified likelihood introduced herein, the background model is approximated with a **single background sample**, representing the total SM background rate in the different analysis channels. "*
- *"The pre-fit sample rate of the total background sample is **set to the total post-fit background rate** obtained in the background-only fit in the full likelihood"*
- *"...the complete set of nuisance parameters in the original full likelihood is reduced to a **single constrained parameter**... . It is constrained by a Gaussian  $G(\alpha = 0 | \alpha, \sigma = 1)$  and is **correlated over all bins** in each channel"*

# PYHF implementation

API to implement HistFactory statistical models in a python framework.



- Simplified model in JSON format including:
  - Single channel including *signal* and *background* samples.  
*Signal modifiers*: statistical error (from CheckMATE output), luminosity error (optional input), systematics (optional input).  
*Background modifiers*: fully correlated background error.
  - *Parameter of interest* :  $\mu$  (*signal strength of the model*)
  - *Hypothesis test*:  
Option to choose between *asymptotic calculator* or *toy based*.

We compared the results of this implementation with the results obtained in with an implementation on HistFitter finding equivalent results.

# Results format:

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Observed CLs for  $\mu = 1$ : 3.120639681359277e-06

Expected CLs band for  $\mu = 1$ : [1.64443160871263e-07, 5.531920389481112e-06, 0.00015700059417103602, 0.0032331969351591075, 0.03843474510134974]

Upper limit (obs):  $\mu = 0.2255$

Expected 2-sigma band = [0.2134, 0.2960, 0.4337, 0.6556, 0.9610]

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← **Observed** p-value of the hypothesis  $\mu=1$

← 2-sigma band for the **Expected** p-value assuming  $\mu=1$

↙ **Observed upper limit over signal strength**  
(point is excluded if  $\mu < 1$ )

The point tested in this case is **excluded!**

↘ 2 sigma band of the expected limit over the signal strength for the point tested.

# Validation

- Several ATLAS searches featuring multibinned analysis were recasted:
  - Squarks and gluinos to **jets and missing transverse momentum**. *JHEP* 02 (2021) 143 (2010.14293)
  - Staus to **2 hadronic  $\tau$ -leptons** and missing transverse momentum. *Phys. Rev. D* 101 (2020) 032009 (1911.06660)
  - Sbottom to **higgs bosons, b-jets and missing transverse momentum**. *JHEP* 12 (2019) 060 (1908.03122)
- More in preparation ...

# Search for squarks and gluinos in final states with jets and missing transverse momentum using 139 fb<sup>-1</sup> of $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV $pp$ collision data with the ATLAS detector

3 Sets of binned signal regions (**not orthogonal** between them!)

Orthogonal binning within each set in terms of **m<sub>eff</sub>** and  $E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T}$

For each point, we calculate the expected upper limit based on each of the three SR-sets and we select the observed limit obtained from this SR-set.

- Simulation of squark/gluino + to 2 additional partons with MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO\_v3.4.1
- PYTHIA v8.306 for parton showering and hadronization.
- CKKW-L merging scheme.
- NNPDF2.3LO pdf set was used.

**MB-SSd**

| $N_j = [2, 3], p_{T(j_{i=1,2})} > 250$ GeV           |                 | $m_{\text{eff}}$ [TeV] |            |            |            |                     |                     |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  |                 | [1.0, 1.6)             | [1.6, 2.2) | [2.2, 2.8) | [2.8, 3.4) | [3.4, 4.0)          | [4.0, $\infty$ )    |
| $E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T}$ [GeV <sup>1/2</sup> ] | [10, 16)        |                        |            |            |            |                     |                     |
|  | [16, 22)        |                        |            |            |            |                     |                     |
|  | [22, 28)        |                        |            |            |            | $N_j = [2, \infty)$ | $N_j = [2, \infty)$ |
|  | [28, $\infty$ ) |                        |            |            |            | $N_j = [2, \infty)$ | $N_j = [2, \infty)$ |

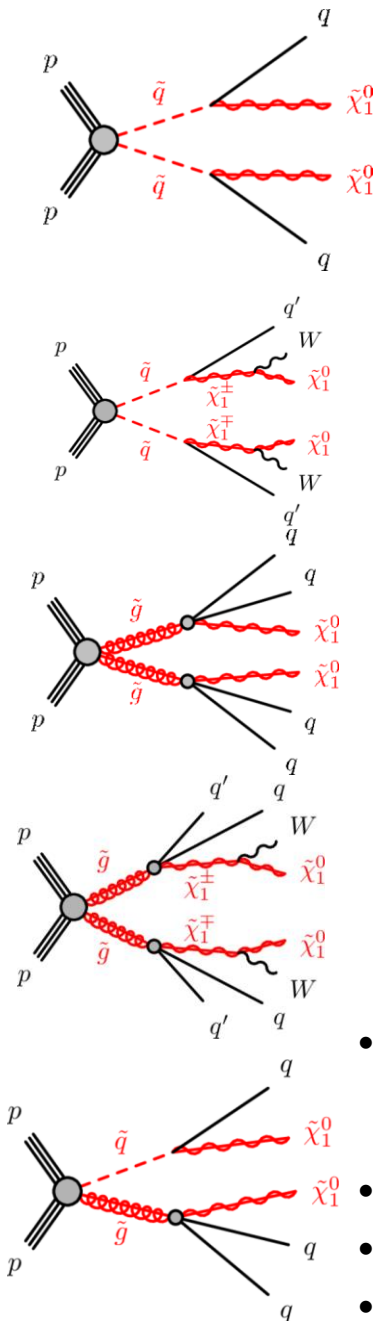
| $N_j = [4, \infty)$                                  |                 | $m_{\text{eff}}$ [TeV] |            |            |                               |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|
|  |                 | [1.0, 1.6)             | [1.6, 2.2) | [2.2, 2.8) | [2.8, $\infty$ )              |
| $E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T}$ [GeV <sup>1/2</sup> ] | [10, 16)        |                        |            |            |                               |
|  | [16, 22)        |                        |            |            |                               |
|  | [22, $\infty$ ) |                        |            |            | $m_{\text{eff}} = [2.8, 3.4)$ |

**MB-GGd**

| $N_j = [4, \infty)$                                  |                 | $m_{\text{eff}}$ [TeV] |            |            |            |            |                  |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|
|  |                 | [1.0, 1.6)             | [1.6, 2.2) | [2.2, 2.8) | [2.8, 3.4) | [3.4, 4.0) | [4.0, $\infty$ ) |
| $E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T}$ [GeV <sup>1/2</sup> ] | [10, 16)        |                        |            |            |            |            |                  |
|  | [16, 22)        |                        |            |            |            |            |                  |
|  | [22, $\infty$ ) |                        |            |            |            |            |                  |

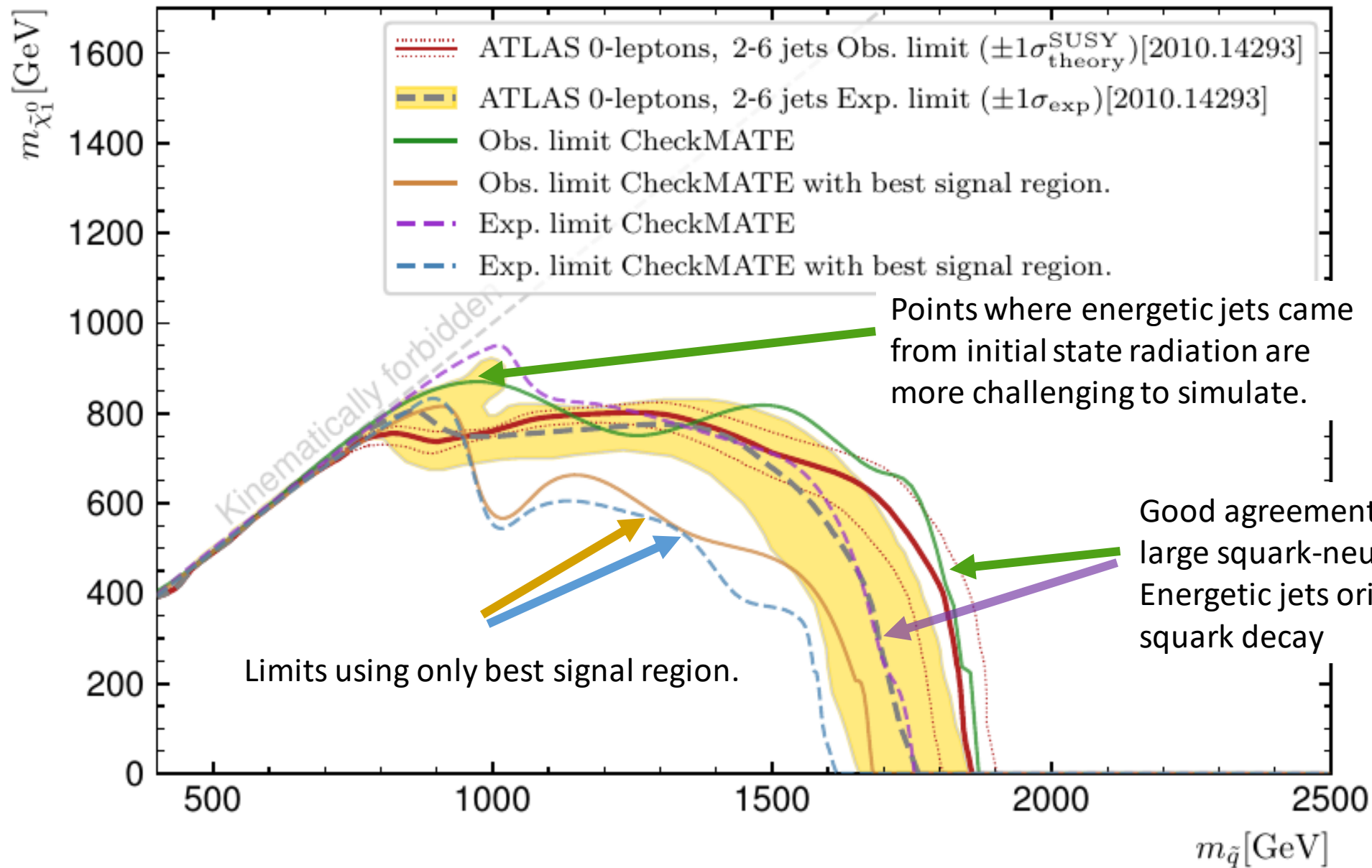
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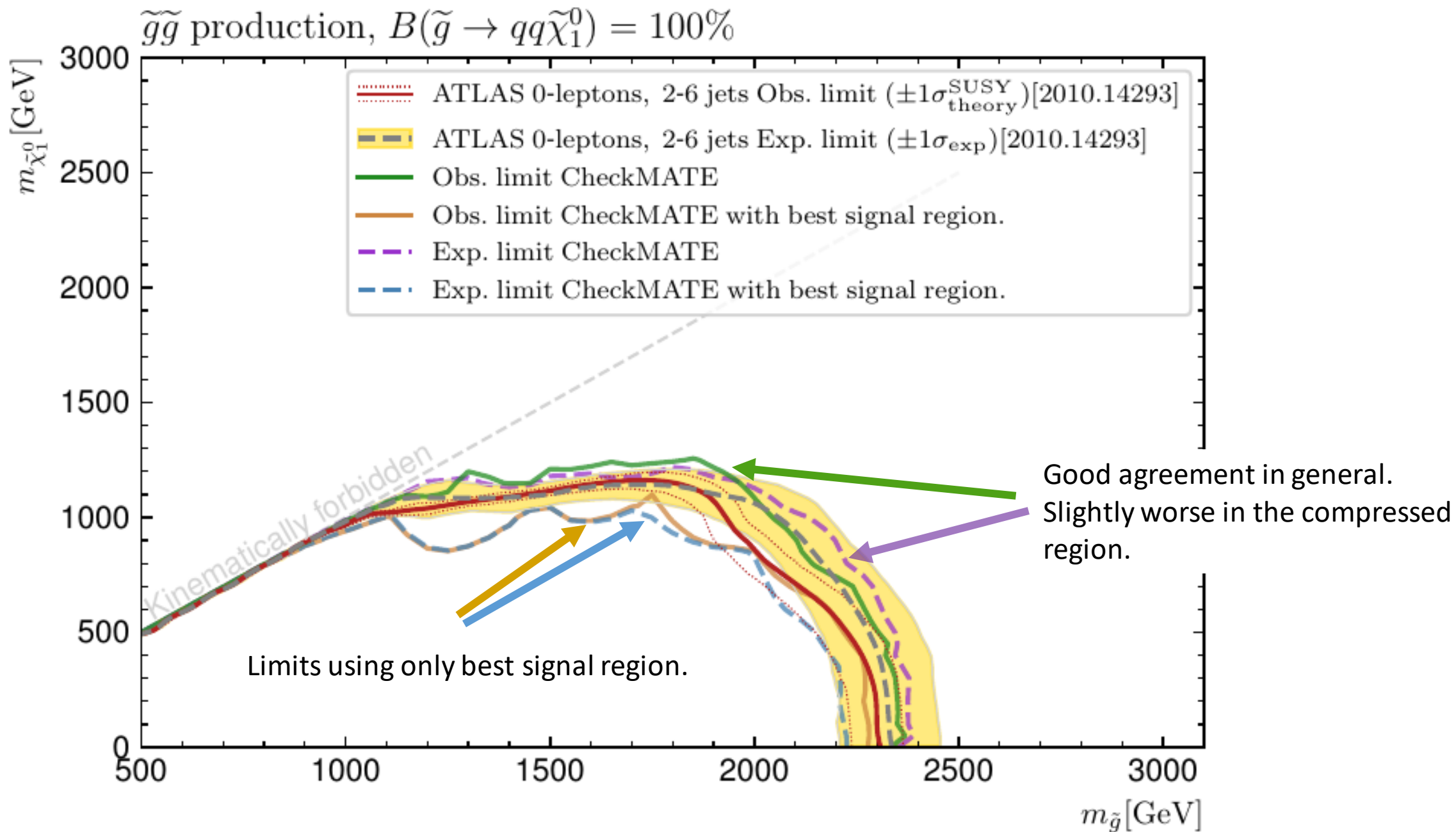
| $N_j = [2, 3]; 4; [5, \infty)$                       |                 | $m_{\text{eff}}$ [TeV] |            |                  |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|------------|------------------|
|  |                 | [1.6, 2.2)             | [2.2, 2.8) | [2.8, $\infty$ ) |
| $E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T}$ [GeV <sup>1/2</sup> ] | [16, 22)        |                        |            |                  |
|  | [22, $\infty$ ) |                        |            |                  |





$\tilde{q}\tilde{q}$  production,  $B(\tilde{q} \rightarrow q\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 100\%$





# Search for direct stau production in events with two hadronic $\tau$ -leptons in $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV $pp$ collisions with the ATLAS detector

The ATLAS Collaboration

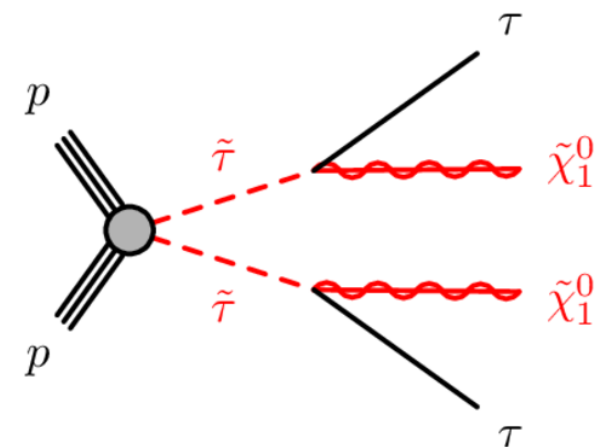
2 disjoint signal regions separated by the requirement on missing transverse momentum.

Simulation of stau pair production + to 2 additional partons with MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO\_v3.4.1

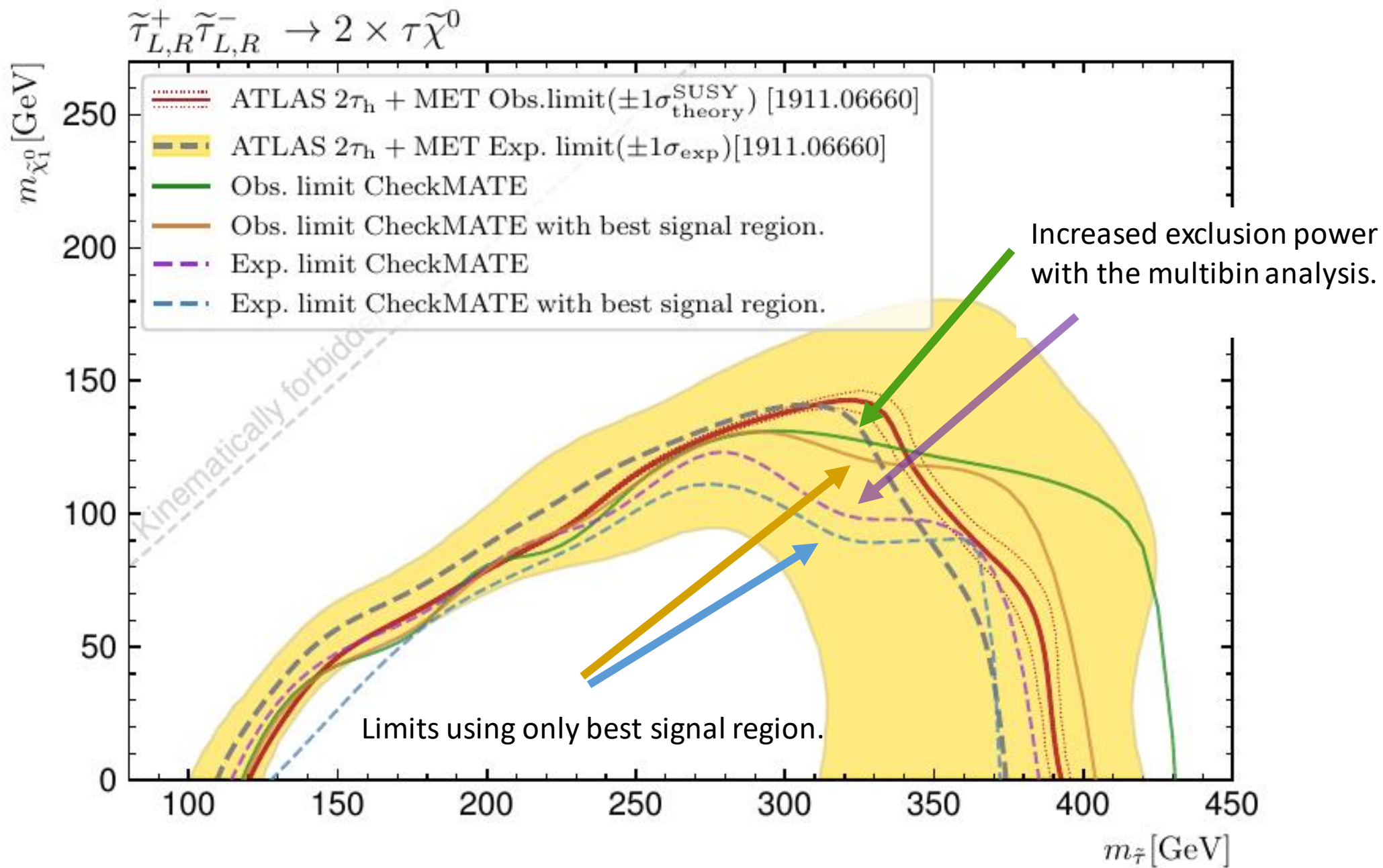
PYTHIA v8.306 for parton showering and hadronization.

MLM merging scheme.

NNPDF2.3LO pdf set



| SR-lowMass   | SR-highMass  |
|--|--|
| 2 tight $\tau$ (OS)<br>asymmetric di- $\tau$ trigger | 2 medium $\tau$ (OS) , $\geq 1$ tight $\tau$<br>di- $\tau + E_T^{\text{miss}}$ trigger |
| $75 < E_T^{\text{miss}} < 150$ GeV                   | $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150$ GeV  |
| $\tau$ $p_T$ cut described in Section 5              |  |
| light lepton veto and 3rd medium $\tau$ veto         |  |
| $b$ -jet veto  |  |
| $Z/H$ veto ( $m(\tau_1, \tau_2) > 120$ GeV)          |  |
| $ \Delta\phi(\tau_1, \tau_2)  > 0.8$                 |  |
| $\Delta R(\tau_1, \tau_2) < 3.2$                     |  |
| $m_{T2} > 70$ GeV                                    |  |



Search for bottom-squark pair production with the ATLAS detector in final states containing Higgs bosons, *b*-jets and missing transverse momentum

The ATLAS Collaboration

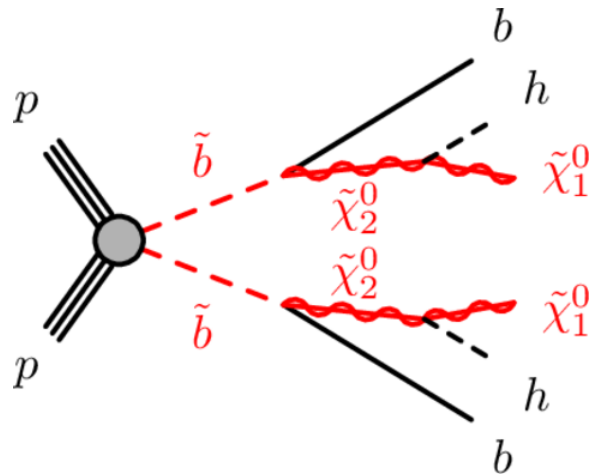
3 Sets of signal regions (not orthogonal between them!). SRA and SRC binned.

Orthogonal binning within each set in terms of **meff** and "**S**" (object-based MET -significance)

For each point, we calculate the expected upper limit based on each of the three SR-sets and we select the observed limit obtained from this SR-set.

- Simulation of sbottom + to 2 additional partons with MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO\_v3.4.1
- PYTHIA v8.306 for parton showering and hadronization.
- MLM merging scheme.
- NNPDF2.3LO pdf set was used.

| Variable   | SRA      | SRA-L            | SRA-M            | SRA-H |
|--|----------|------------------|------------------|-------|
| $N_{\text{leptons}}$ (baseline)  | = 0      |                  | = 0              |       |
| $N_{\text{jets}}$  | $\geq 6$ |                  | $\geq 6$         |       |
| $N_{b\text{-jets}}$  | $\geq 4$ |                  | $\geq 4$         |       |
| $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ [GeV]   | > 350    |                  | > 350            |       |
| $\min \Delta\phi(\text{jet}_{1-4}, \mathbf{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}})$ [rad] | > 0.4    |                  | > 0.4            |       |
| $\tau$ veto  | Yes      |                  | Yes              |       |
| $p_{\text{T}}(b_1)$ [GeV]  | > 200    |                  | > 200            |       |
| $\Delta R_{\text{max}}(b, b)$  | > 2.5    |                  | > 2.5            |       |
| $\Delta R_{\text{max-min}}(b, b)$  | < 2.5    |                  | < 2.5            |       |
| $m(h_{\text{cand}})$ [GeV]   | > 80     |                  | > 80             |       |
| $m_{\text{eff}}$ [TeV]   | > 1.0    | $\in [1.0, 1.5]$ | $\in [1.5, 2.0]$ | > 2.0 |

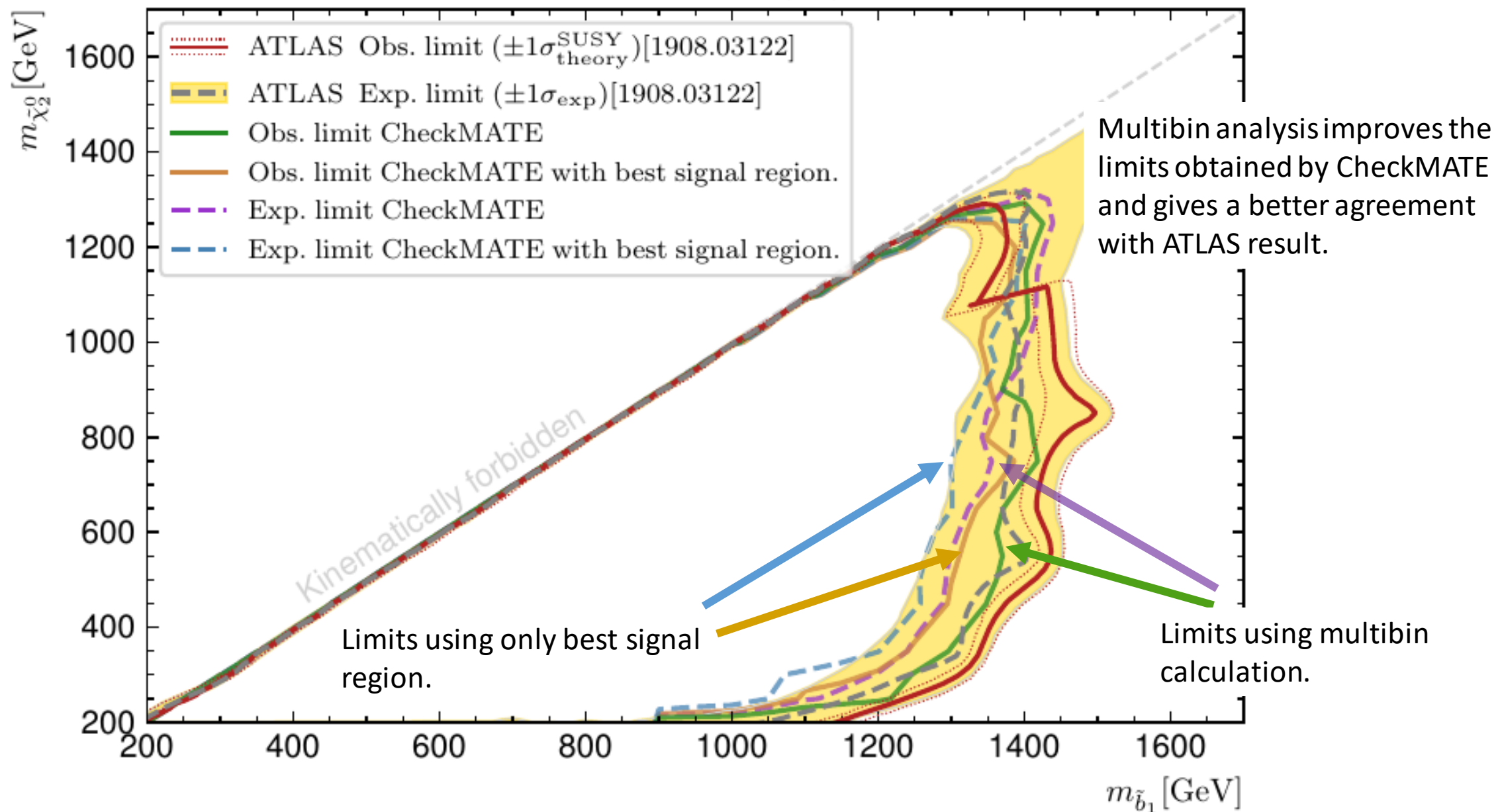


| Variable   | SRB             |
|--|-----------------|
| $N_{\text{leptons}}$ (baseline)  | = 0             |
| $N_{\text{jets}}$  | $\geq 5$        |
| $N_{b\text{-jets}}$  | $\geq 4$        |
| $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ [GeV]   | > 350           |
| $\min \Delta\phi(\text{jet}_{1-4}, \mathbf{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}})$ [rad] | > 0.4           |
| $\tau$ veto  | Yes             |
| $m(h_{\text{cand1}}, h_{\text{cand2}})_{\text{avg}}$ [GeV]                     | $\in [75, 175]$ |
| Leading jet not <i>b</i> -tagged   | Yes             |
| $p_{\text{T}}(j_1)$ [GeV]  | > 350           |
| $ \Delta\phi(j_1, E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}) $ [rad]                          | > 2.8           |
| $m_{\text{eff}}$ [TeV]   | > 1             |

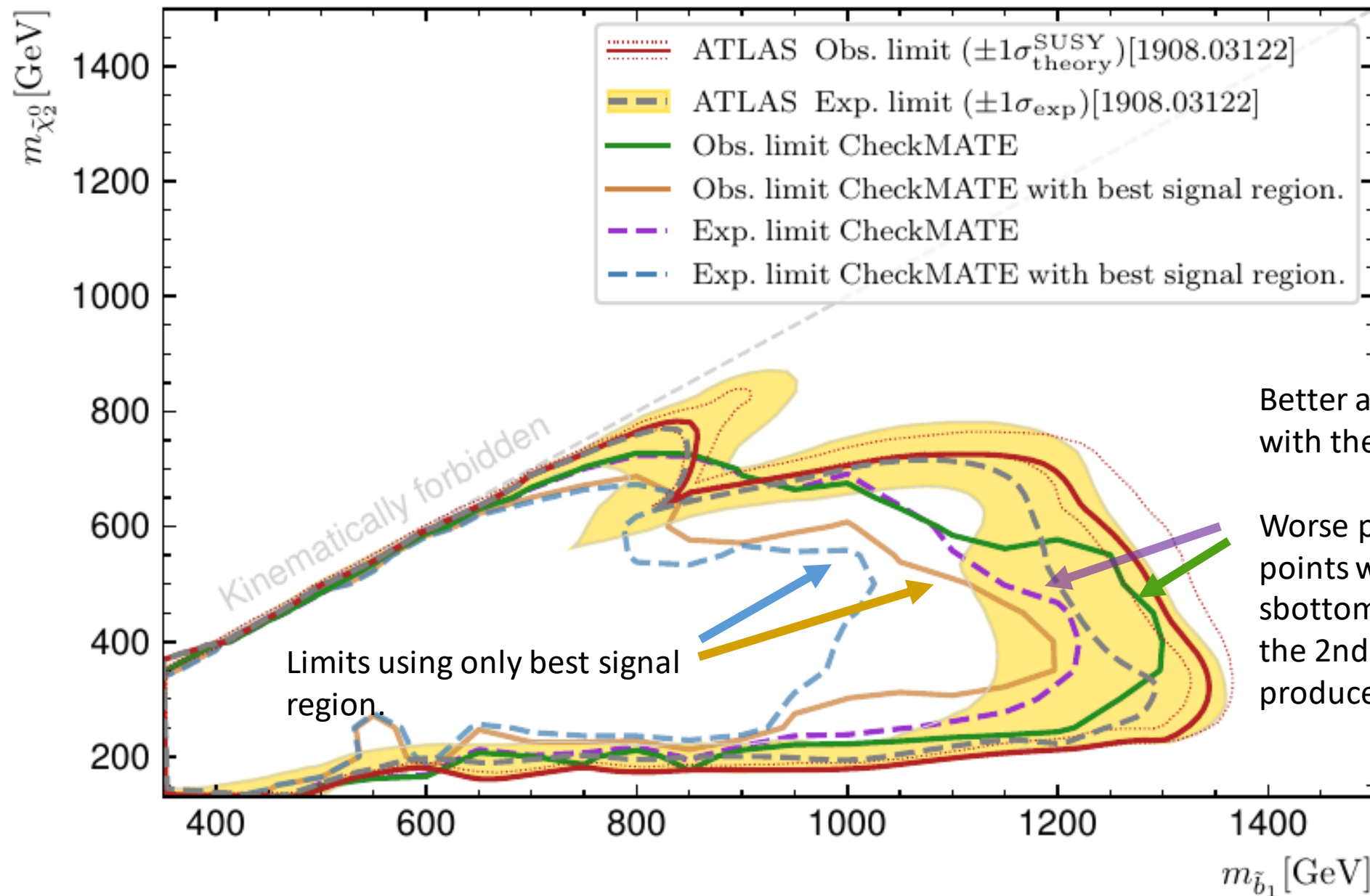
| Variable   | SRC      | SRC22          | SRC24          | SRC26          | SRC28 |
|--|----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| $N_{\text{leptons}}$ (baseline)  | = 0      |                |                | = 0            |       |
| $N_{\text{jets}}$  | $\geq 4$ |                |                | $\geq 4$       |       |
| $N_{b\text{-jets}}$  | $\geq 3$ |                |                | $\geq 3$       |       |
| $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ [GeV]   | > 250    |                |                | > 250          |       |
| $\min \Delta\phi(\text{jet}_{1-4}, \mathbf{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}})$ [rad] | > 0.4    |                |                | > 0.4          |       |
| $S$  | > 22     | $\in [22, 24]$ | $\in [24, 26]$ | $\in [26, 28]$ | > 28  |



$\tilde{b}_1\tilde{b}_1$  production;  $\tilde{b}_1 \rightarrow b\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow bh\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ ;  $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 60$  GeV



$\tilde{b}_1\tilde{b}_1$  production;  $\tilde{b}_1 \rightarrow b\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow bh\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ ;  $\Delta m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 130$  GeV



# Summary

- The use of simplifications of statistical models of the LHC searches facilitates the use of multibinned analysis in recasted analysis.
- Multibinned analysis utilizing the additional information with respect to best SR approach lead to more robust results and generally stricter limits.
- A PYHF based implementation of this approach is in preparation for CheckMATE
- Several ATLAS searches featuring multibinned analysis have been recasted with good agreement with ATLAS results.



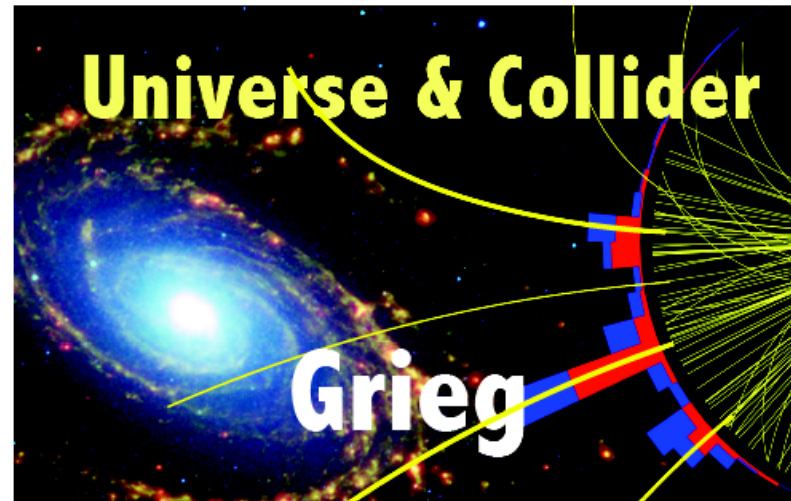


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