

# Spey: smooth inference for reinterpretation studies

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# Sales pitch of the talk

- ❖ Not enough information to construct a reliable likelihood
- ❖ How can we improve the accuracy of the simplified likelihoods?
- ❖ Full likelihoods can become computationally intensive; can we simplify them without sacrifice? (Spoiler alert: ML!)
- ❖ There are many different software for hypothesis testing; how can we unite them?

(Re)interpretation of the LHC results for new physics

29 August 2023 to 1 September  
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High Energy Physics

Statistics Serialization Standard

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# Outline

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- ❖ (Better) simplified likelihoods
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- ❖ Combining likelihoods
- ❖ Conclusion



# Introduction

# Statistical Models

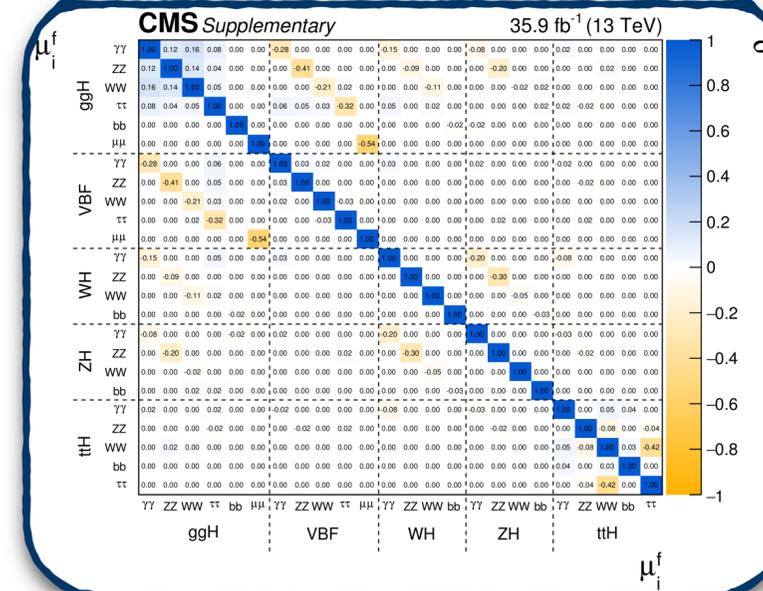
## Why important?

ATLAS SUSY and Exotics workshop  
S. Kraml '20

- The mathematical description of the analysis is provided within its statistical model.
- A likelihood enables the standard statistical approaches to extract information.
- *i.e.* how reasonably aligned the theoretical predictions with the experimental observations?

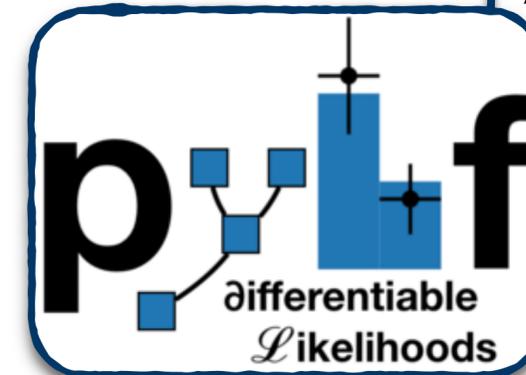
Les Houches Recommendations (EPJC '12)

Simplified likelihoods  
from CMS



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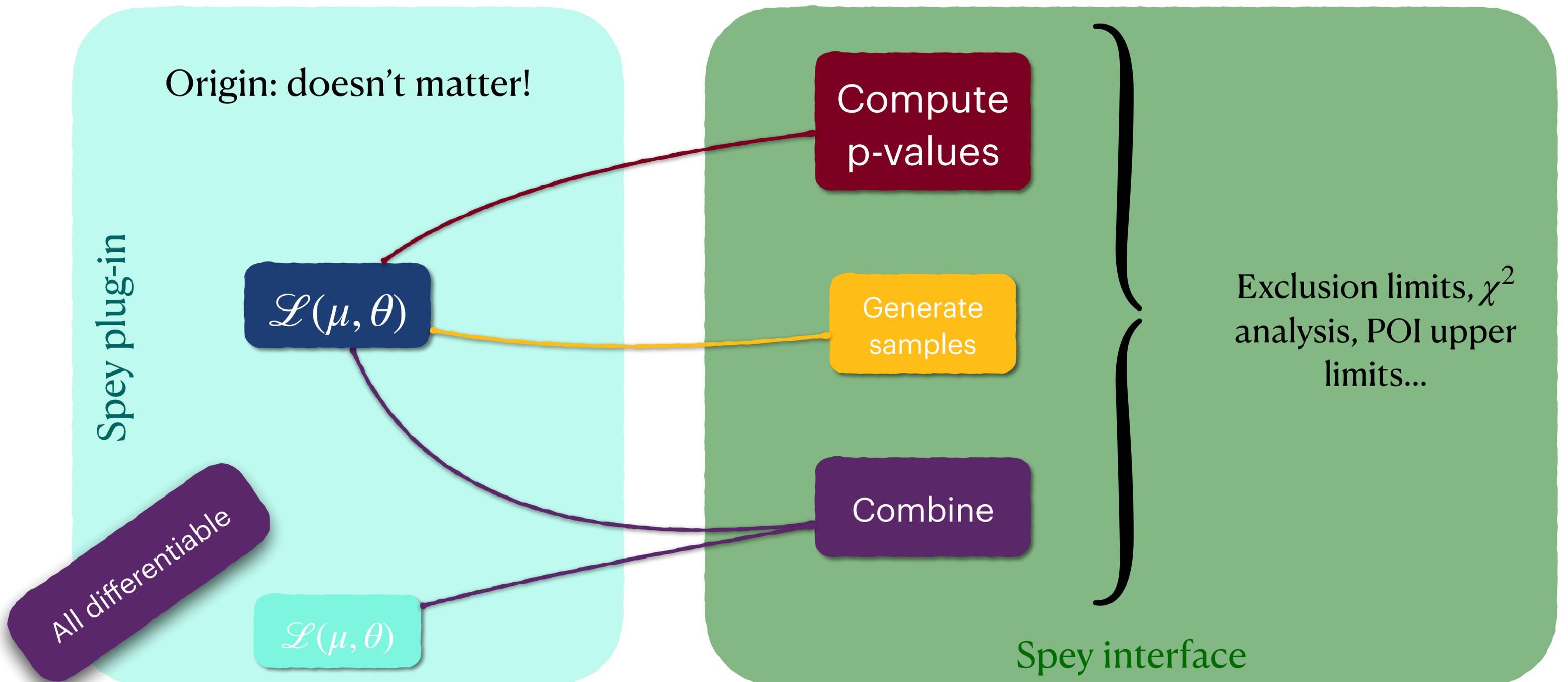
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# Spey demystified

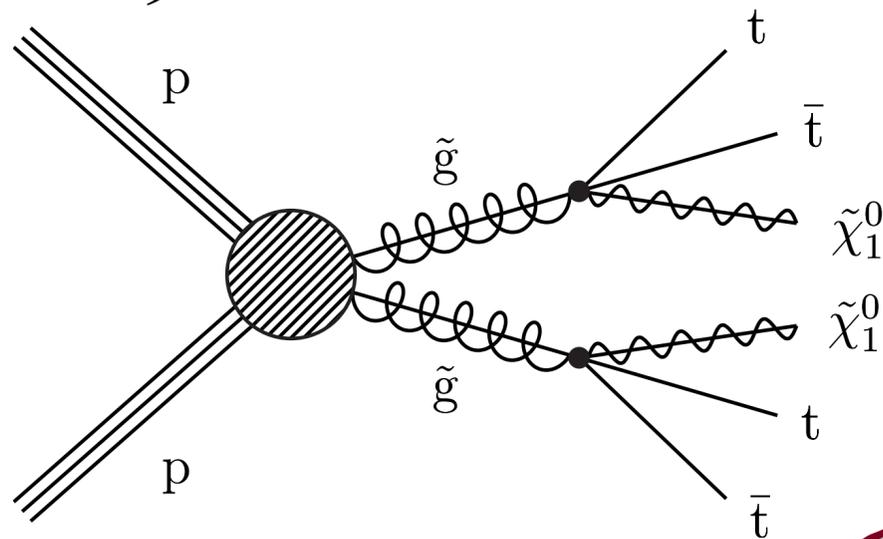
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# (Better) Simplified Likelihoods

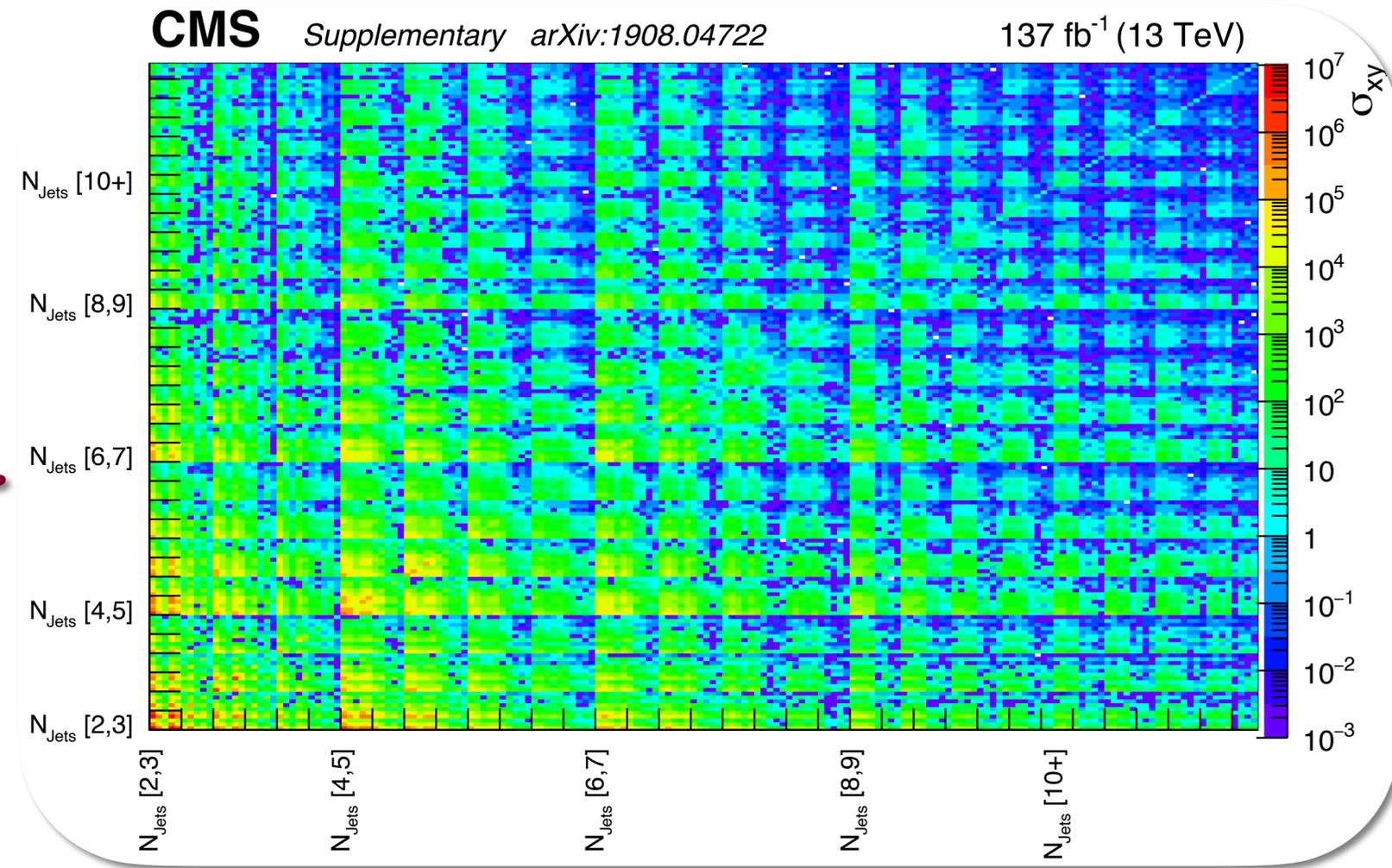
# Simplified likelihoods

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$$\mathcal{L}(\mu, \theta) = \left[ \prod_{i \in \text{bins}} \text{Pois} \left( n^i \mid \mu n_s^i + n_b^i + \theta^i \sigma_b^i \right) \right] \cdot \mathcal{N}(\theta \mid 0, \rho)$$

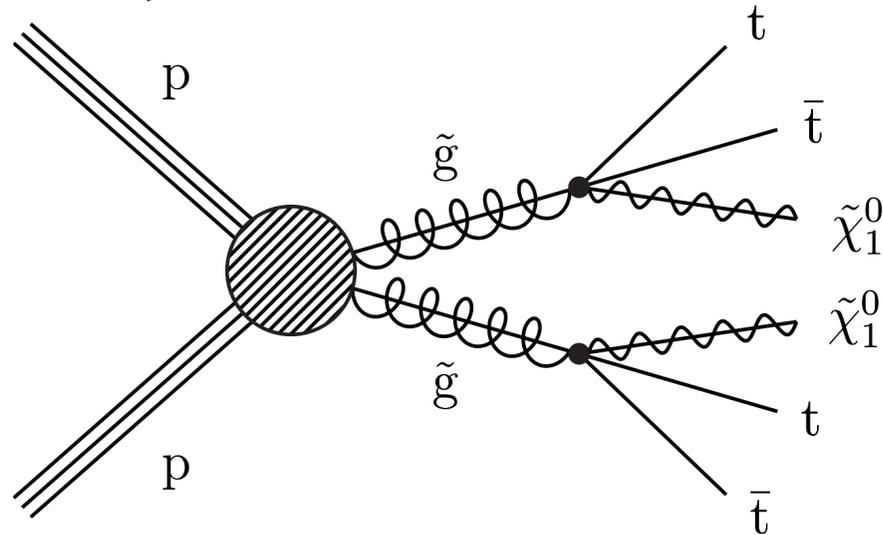
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186 signal regions!

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## Third Moment Expansion

$$\mathcal{L}(\mu, \theta) = \left[ \prod_{i \in \text{bins}} \text{Pois} (n^i \mu n_s^i + \bar{n}_b^i + A_i \theta_i + C_i \theta_i^2) \right] \cdot \mathcal{N} (\theta \mid 0, \bar{\rho})$$

$\bar{n}_b^i$  := the central value of the background

$A_i$  := the effective sigma of the background uncertainty

$C_i$  := asymmetry of the background uncertainty

Buckley, Citron, Fichet, Kraml, Waltenberger, Wardle; JHEP '18

## Effective Sigma

$$\mathcal{L}(\mu, \theta) = \left[ \prod_{i \in \text{bins}} \text{Pois} (n^i \mu n_s^i + n_b^i + \theta^i \sigma_{\text{eff}}^i(\theta^i)) \right] \cdot \mathcal{N} (\theta \mid 0, \rho)$$

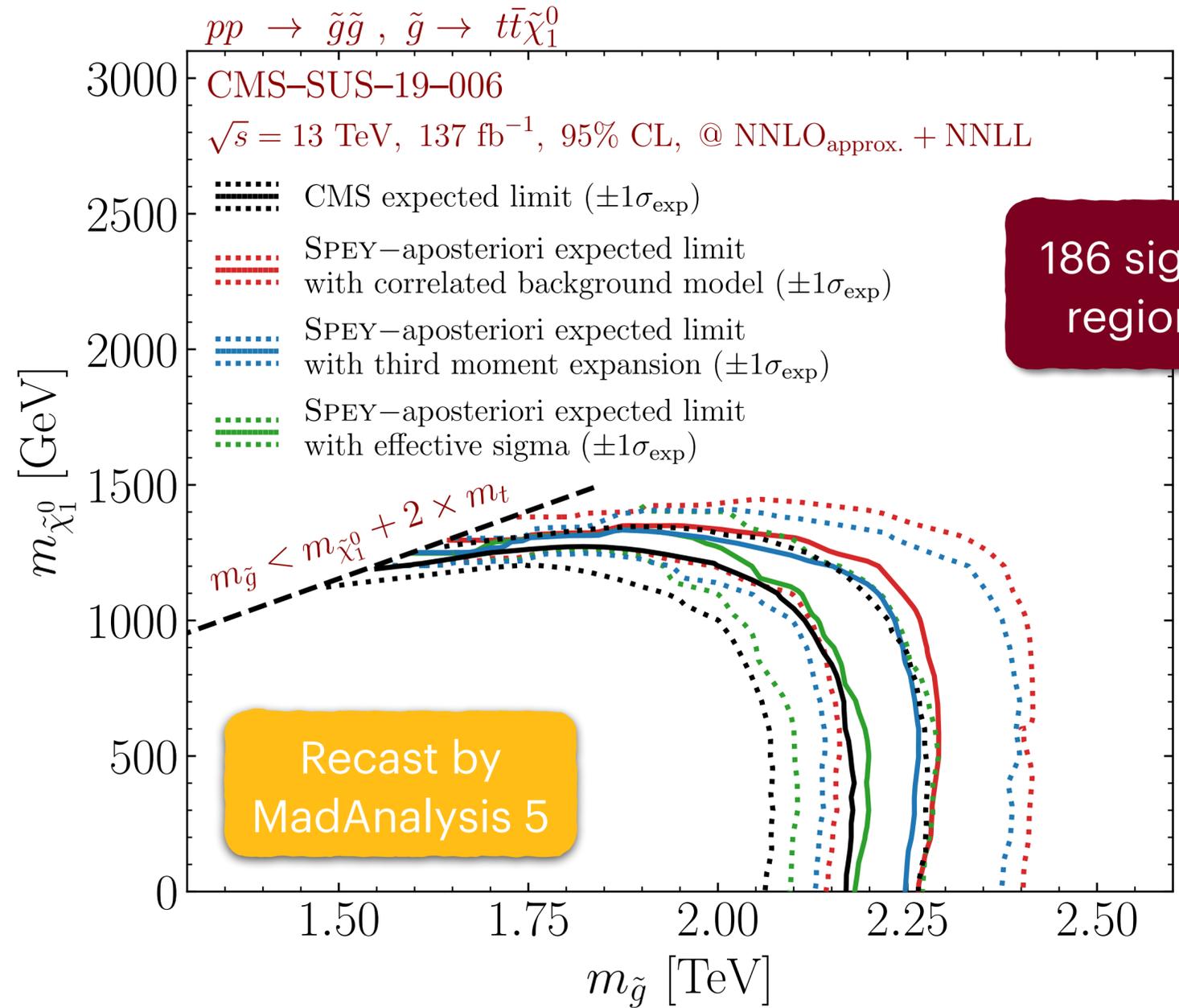
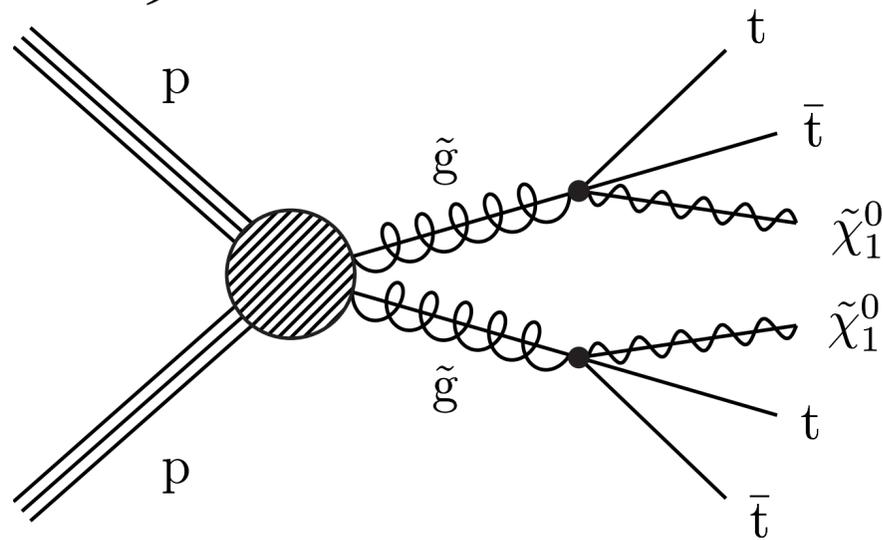
$$\sigma_{\text{eff}}^i(\theta^i) = \sqrt{\sigma_i^+ \sigma_i^- + (\sigma_i^+ - \sigma_i^-)(\theta^i - n_b^i)}$$

Barlow, '04

New

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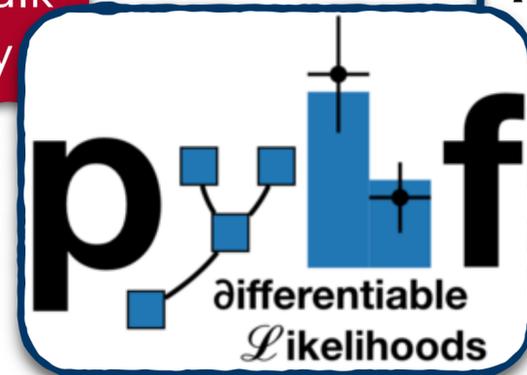


# Including existing packages

# Full likelihoods

No need to reinvent the wheel!

See Matthew's talk  
from yesterday

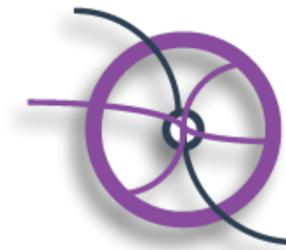


Full likelihoods  
from ATLAS

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- ❖ ATLAS shares **HistFactory-like** JSON files to form full profile likelihoods.
- ❖ Each file includes detailed information on backgrounds and corresponding nuisance parameters.

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$ pip install spey-pyhf
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HEPData



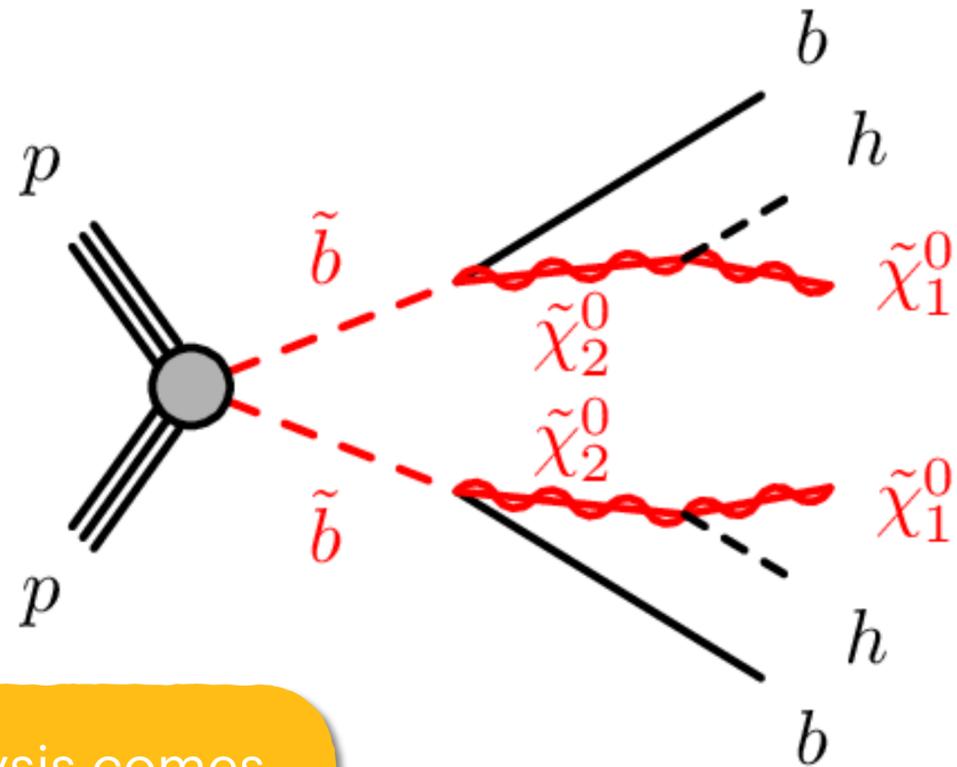
gz File

Archive of full likelihoods in the HistFactory JSON format described in CERN-EP-2019-188. For each signal point the background-only model is found in the file named BkgOnly.json. All jsonpatches are contained in the file patchset.json. Each patch is identified in patchset.json by the metadata field "name": "C1N2\_Wh\_hbb\_[m1]\_[m2]" where m1 is the mass of both the lightest chargino and the next-to-lightest neutralino (which are assumed to be nearly mass degenerate) and m2 is the mass of the lightest neutralino.

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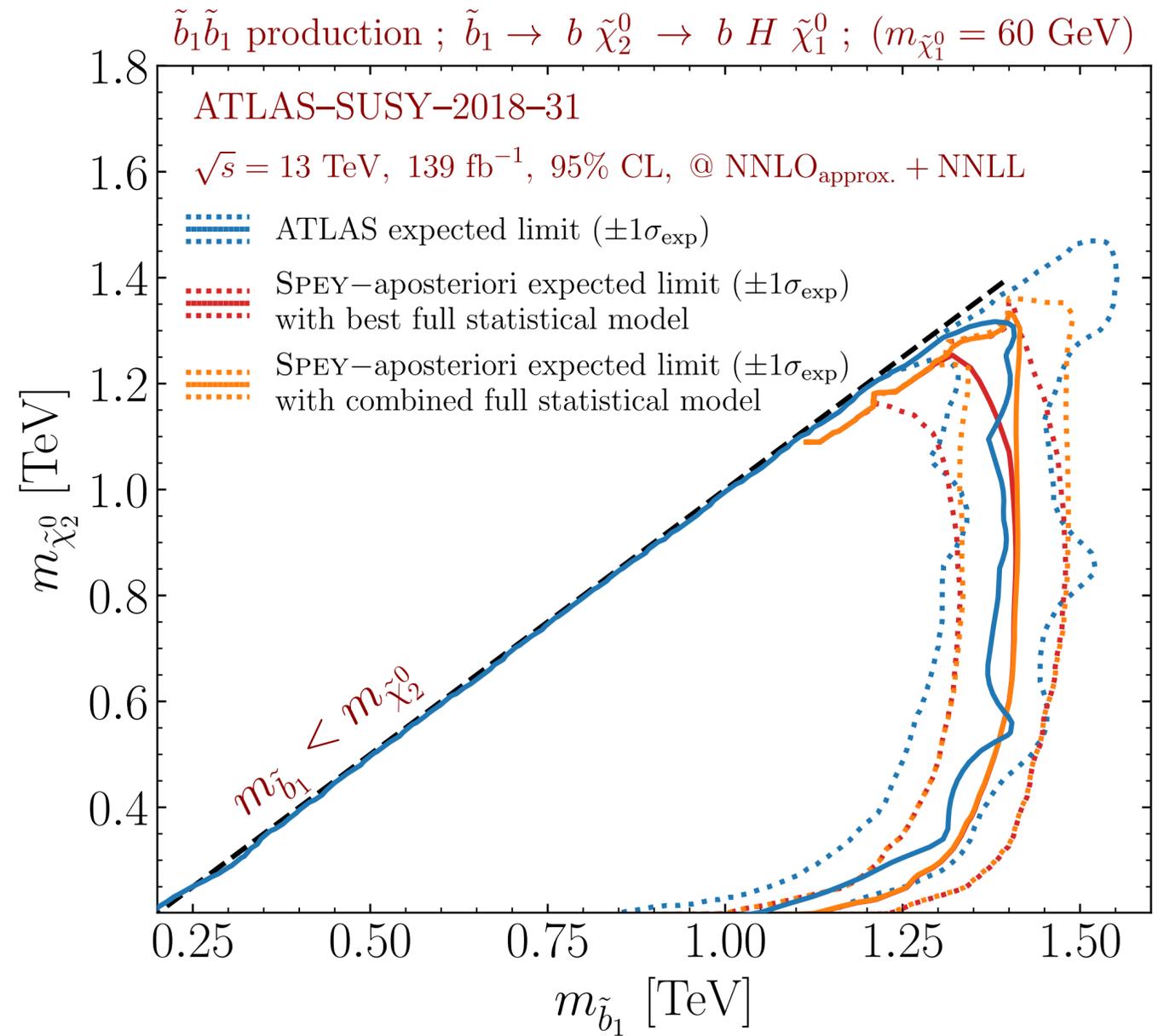
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This analysis comes with three different super regions!

Full likelihoods include all the necessary information to mix and match nuisance parameters to combine them!



Recast by MadAnalysis 5

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# Combining likelihoods

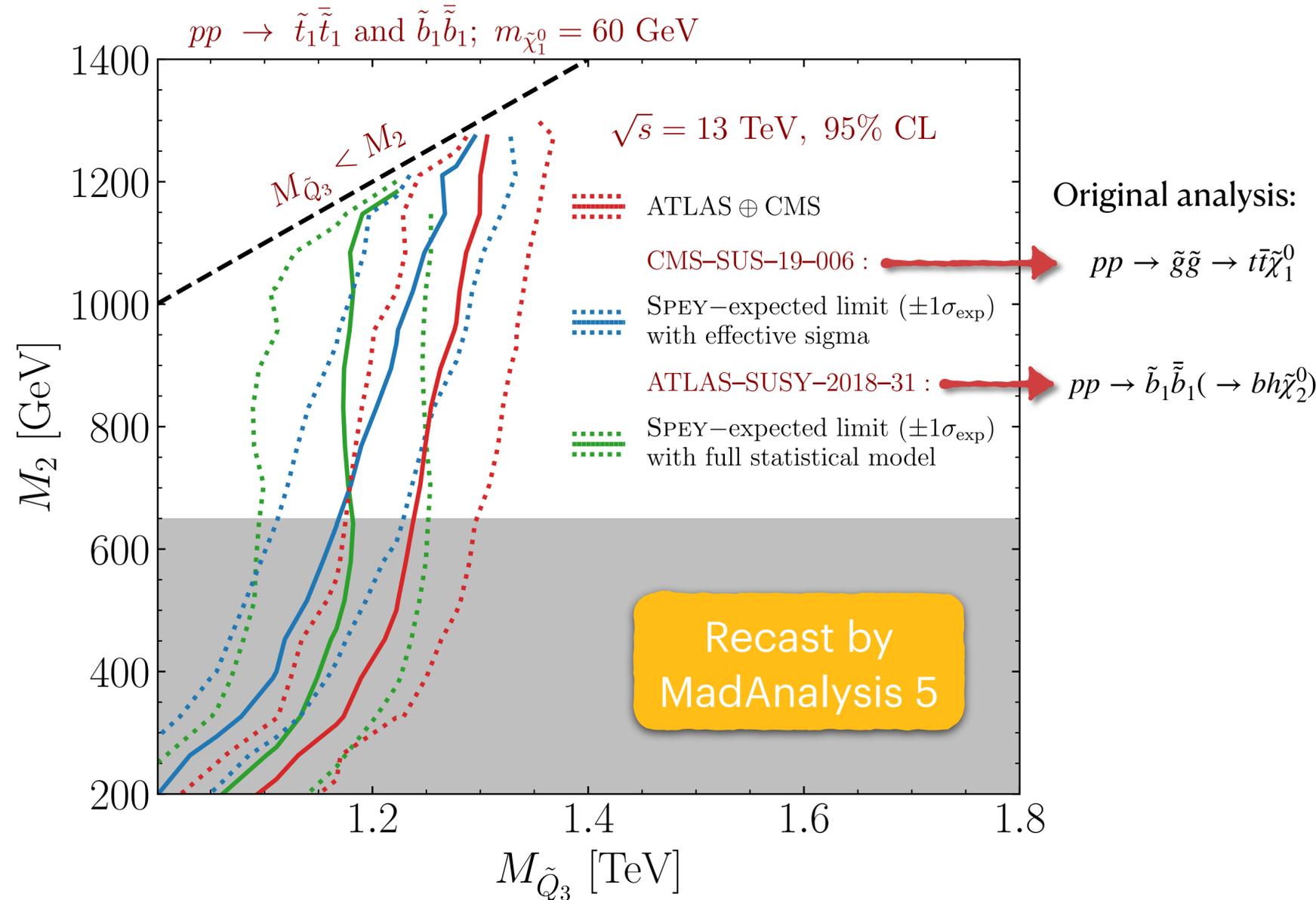
# An MSSM example

$$\mathcal{L}' = \mathcal{L}_{\text{ATLAS}} \oplus \mathcal{L}_{\text{CMS}}$$

Full likelihood  $\rightarrow$   $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ATLAS}}$       Simplified likelihood with effective sigma model  $\rightarrow$   $\mathcal{L}_{\text{CMS}}$

A combination of analyses, rather than regions, contains much more information!

Assumes that likelihoods are not correlated



# Conclusion

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- ❖ Choosing the correct likelihood is as crucial as proper recast implementation!
- ❖ Spey acts as a hub for various likelihood implementations for hypothesis testing.
- ❖ The ability to study likelihoods in a backend-agnostic way opens up various possibilities, such as combinations.
- ❖ Spey offers an easily expandable plug-in system for future likelihood implementations.

Smarter simplified likelihood implementations

Machine Learned likelihoods

Dedicated custom likelihoods for other experiments