

# Signal region combination in CheckMATE

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# CHECKMATE

The logo for CheckMATE features the word "CHECKMATE" in a bold, white, 3D-style font with black outlines. The letter "K" is replaced by a chess king piece. Below the text, a hammer is shown striking the king piece from the right, with motion lines indicating the impact.

- CheckMATE is a general tool for recasting arbitrary models.
- Accepts events as .hepmc, .lhe; also integration with Pythia and MadGraph -> From SLHA file to the limit in one click.
- Based on Delphes for detector simulation.
- Using existing LHC searches calculates a limit on a given parameter space point.
- One can easily constrain models that were not covered in the original ATLAS/CMS search.
- Also brach dedicated to long-lived particles.
- <https://github.com/CheckMATE2/checkmate2> & <https://checkmate.hepforge.org/>

# CheckMATE: ATLAS analyses (@13TeV)

#Name	NSR	Description	Lumi
atlas_1604_01306	1	photon + MET search at 13 TeV	3.2
atlas_1605_09318	8	$\geq 3$ b-jets + 0-1 lepton + $E_{\text{miss}}$	3.3
atlas_1609_01599	9	ttV cross section measurement at 13 TeV	3.2
atlas_1704_03848	5	monophoton dark matter search	36.1
atlas_conf_2015_082	1	leptonic Z + jets + $E_{\text{miss}}$	3.2
atlas_conf_2016_013	10	4 top quark (1 lepton + jets, vector like quark search)	3.2
atlas_conf_2016_050	5	1-lepton + jets + $e_{\text{miss}}$ (stop)	13.3
atlas_conf_2016_054	10	1-lepton + jets + $e_{\text{miss}}$ (squarks and gluino)	14.8
atlas_conf_2016_076	6	2 leptons + jets + $e_{\text{miss}}$	13.3
atlas_conf_2016_096	8	2-3 leptons + $e_{\text{miss}}$ (electroweakino)	13.3
atlas_conf_2017_060	20	monojet search	36.1
atlas_conf_2016_066	2	search for photons, jets and met	13.3
atlas_1712_08119	39	electroweakinos search with soft leptons	36.1
atlas_1712_02332	24	squarks and gluinos, 0 lepton, 2-6 jets	36.1
atlas_1709_04183	14	stop pair production, 0 leptons	36.1
atlas_1802_03158	7	search for GMSB with photons	36.1
atlas_1708_07875	2	electroweakino search with taus and MET	36.1
atlas_1706_03731	19	same-sign or 3 leptons RPC and RPV SUSY	36.1
#atlas_conf_2019_018	2	Search for direct stau production in events with two hadronic tau leptons	139
atlas_1908_08215	16	charginos/sleptons, 2 leptons + MET	139
atlas_1909_08457	5	search for squarks and gluinos with same-sign leptons	139
atlas_conf_2019_020	2	Search for chargino-neutralino production with mass splittings near the electroweak scale	139
atlas_1803_02762	20	Search for electroweakino production in final states with two or three leptons	36.1
atlas_2101_01629	32	squarks/gluinos, 1 lepton, jets, MET	139
atlas_conf_2020_048	26	Search for dark matter with monojets	139
atlas_2004_14060	9	stops, leptoquarks, 0 lepton	139
atlas_1908_03122	10	0 leptons, 3 or more b-jets, sbottoms	139
atlas_1911_12606	87	search for sleptons and electroweakinos with soft leptons	139
atlas_1807_07447	633	general search for new phenomena	3.2
atlas_2103_11684	2	Search for SUSY in events with four or more leptons (gravitino SR)	139
atlas_2004_10894	12	EWino search in Higgs (diphoton) and met	139
atlas_2106_09609	21	Search for RPV SUSY in final states with leptons and many jets	139
atlas_1911_06660	2	search for direct stau production	139
atlas_2010_14293	78	search for squarks and gluinos in MET_jet final states	139
atlas_2211_08028	22	search for gluinos decaying via 3rd gen; multi b-jets and MET	139
atlas_2106_01676	72	electroweakinos, 3 leptons, WZ, Wh, on+off-shell	139

# CheckMATE: CMS analyses (@13TeV)

#Name	NSR	Description	Lumi
cms_pas_sus_15_011	47	CMS, 13 TeV, 2 leptons + jets + MET	2.2
cms_sus_16_039	158	electroweakinos in multilepton final state	35.9
cms_sus_16_025	14	electroweakino and stop compressed spectra	12.9
cms_sus_16_048	20	two soft opposite sign leptons	35.9
cms_sus_19_005	303	hadronic final states with MT2	137.0
cms_1908_04722	186	hadronic final states with HT, post-fit and simple fitting	137.0
cms_2107_13201	88	monojet with multibin	137.0
cms_2205_09597	40	search for electroweakinos in hadronic final states	137.0

- The list is shorter than for ATLAS but expanding. Three new full luminosity searches added recently.

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# Signal region combination

Older CheckMATE versions based the **test on the SR with the largest expected exclusion**, using only a fraction of the available data -> loss of sensitivity.

New CheckMATE release will include **multi-bin based limits within Checkmate**. ATLAS and CMS provide the instructions and information to implement those limits at different levels:

- ATLAS is publishing the Full statistical model in .json format. Also provides prescription to build a simplified likelihood.
- CMS gives covariance matrices of the fitted background among the SRs.

# ATLAS multibin searches

- Implementation based on [pyhf](#)
- Most searches available with full and simplified likelihoods
- By default CheckMATE calculates upper limit over signal strength using a scan.
- Full likelihood evaluation is very time consuming -> option to change to CLs-only calculation for given point.
- Full hadronic search 2010.14293 has all control regions implemented

Name	Description	#SR, N <sub>bin</sub>	Full
atlas_1908_03122	Search for bottom squarks in final states with Higgs bosons, b-jets and $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	2, 7	✓
atlas_1908_08215	Search for electroweak production of charginos and sleptons in final states with 2 leptons and $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	4, 52	✓
atlas_1911_06660	Search for direct stau production in events with two hadronic taus	1, 2	✓
atlas_1911_12606	Search for electroweak production of supersymmetric particles with compressed mass spectra	11, 78	✓
atlas_2004_14060	Search for stops in hadronic final states with $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	2, 9	✗
atlas_2010_14293	Search for squarks and gluinos in final states with jets and $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	3, 60	✓
atlas_2101_01629	Search for squarks and gluinos in final states with one isolated lepton, jets, and $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	8, 32	✓
atlas_2106_01676	Search for chargino-neutralino production in final states with 3 leptons and $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	2, 72	✓

[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-038](#)

[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2019-029](#)



# CMS multibin searches

Name	Description	N <sub>bin</sub>
cms_1908_04722	Search for supersymmetry in final states with jets and $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	174
cms_1909_03460	Search for supersymmetry with $M_{T2}$ variable in final states with jets and $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	282
cms_2107_13021	Search for new particles in events with energetic jets and large $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	66
cms_2205_09597	Search for production of charginos and neutralinos in final states containing hadronic decays of $WW$ , $WZ$ , or $WH$ and $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	35

- Implementation with ROOT workspace in python3

$$\mathcal{L}_S(\mu, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(\mu \cdot s_i + b_i + \theta_i)^{n_i} e^{-(\mu \cdot s_i + b_i + \theta_i)}}{n_i!} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\theta}\right)$$

Performance is not particularly stable -> Very often we find problems with convergence.

- Optional constraint for signal numbers: for many bins it's difficult to get reasonable statistics which results in large MC-related errors.

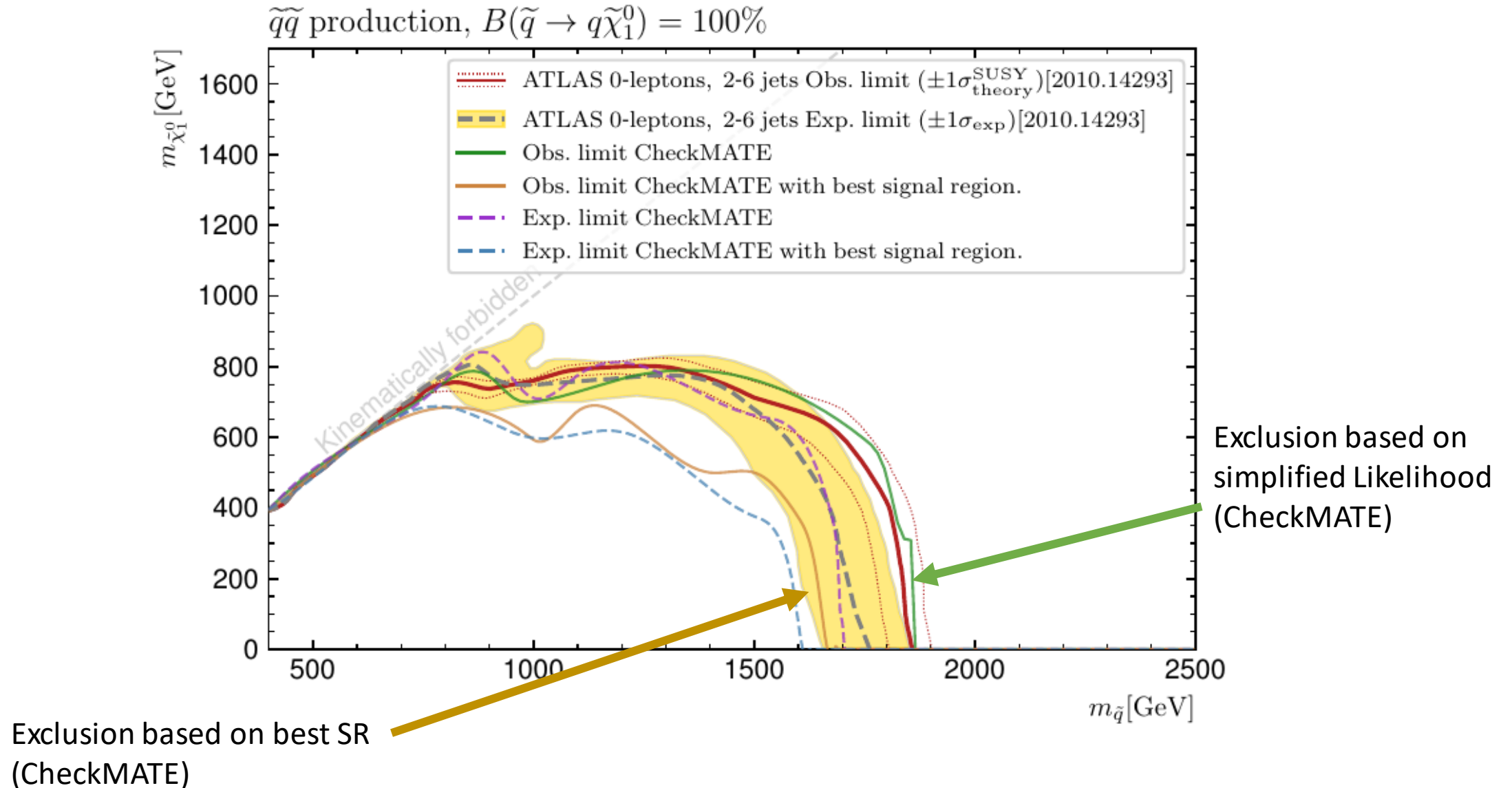
# CMS multibin searches

Additional features:

- Spey wrapper – very good stability compared to ROOT implementation, good agreement between both methods
- Possible extension to combine different searches/experiments with Spey
- Some flexibility left regarding error treatment

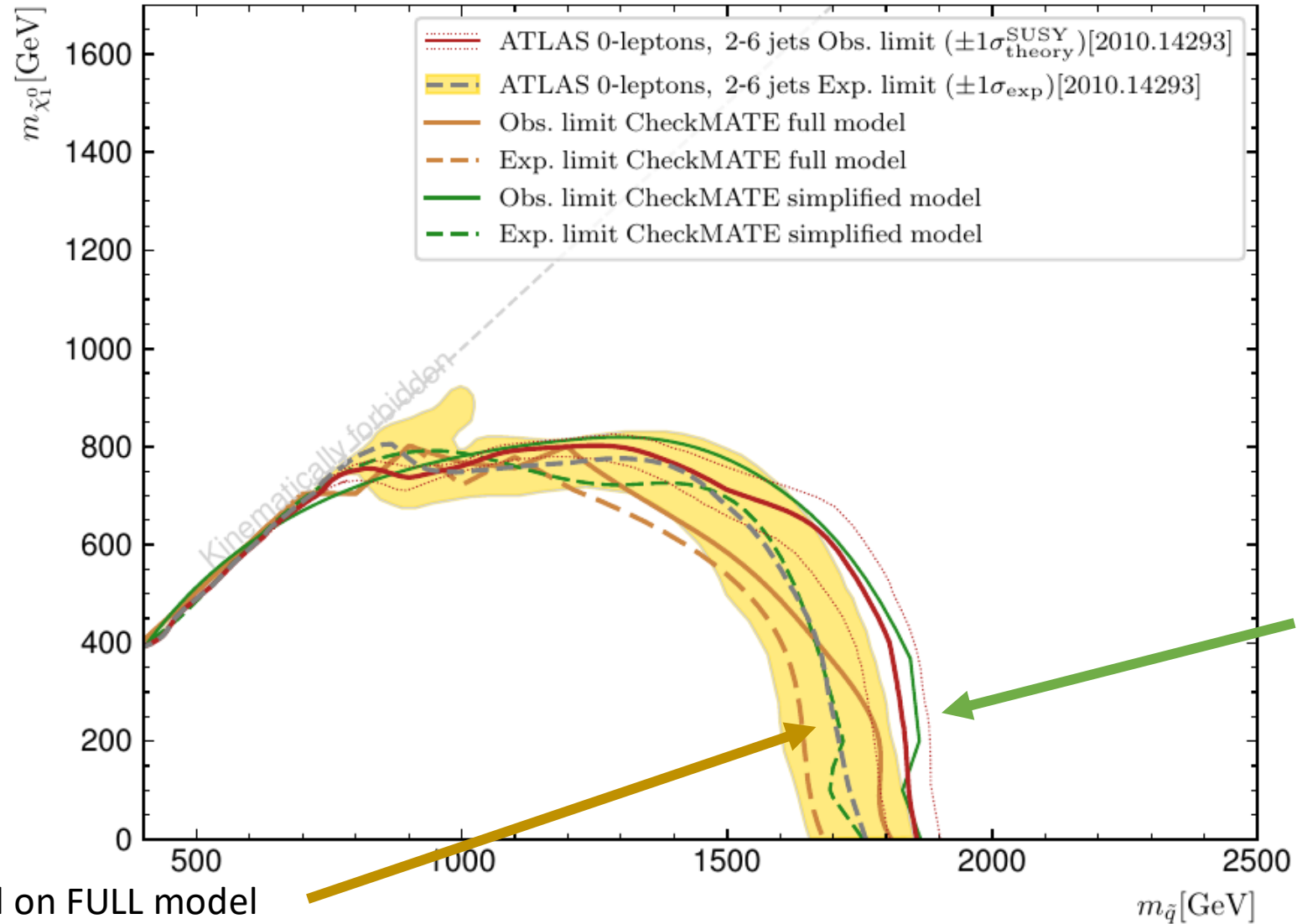
Some examples...

# Comparison between the best SR and simplified-Likelihood fit



# Comparison between the simplified and full model.

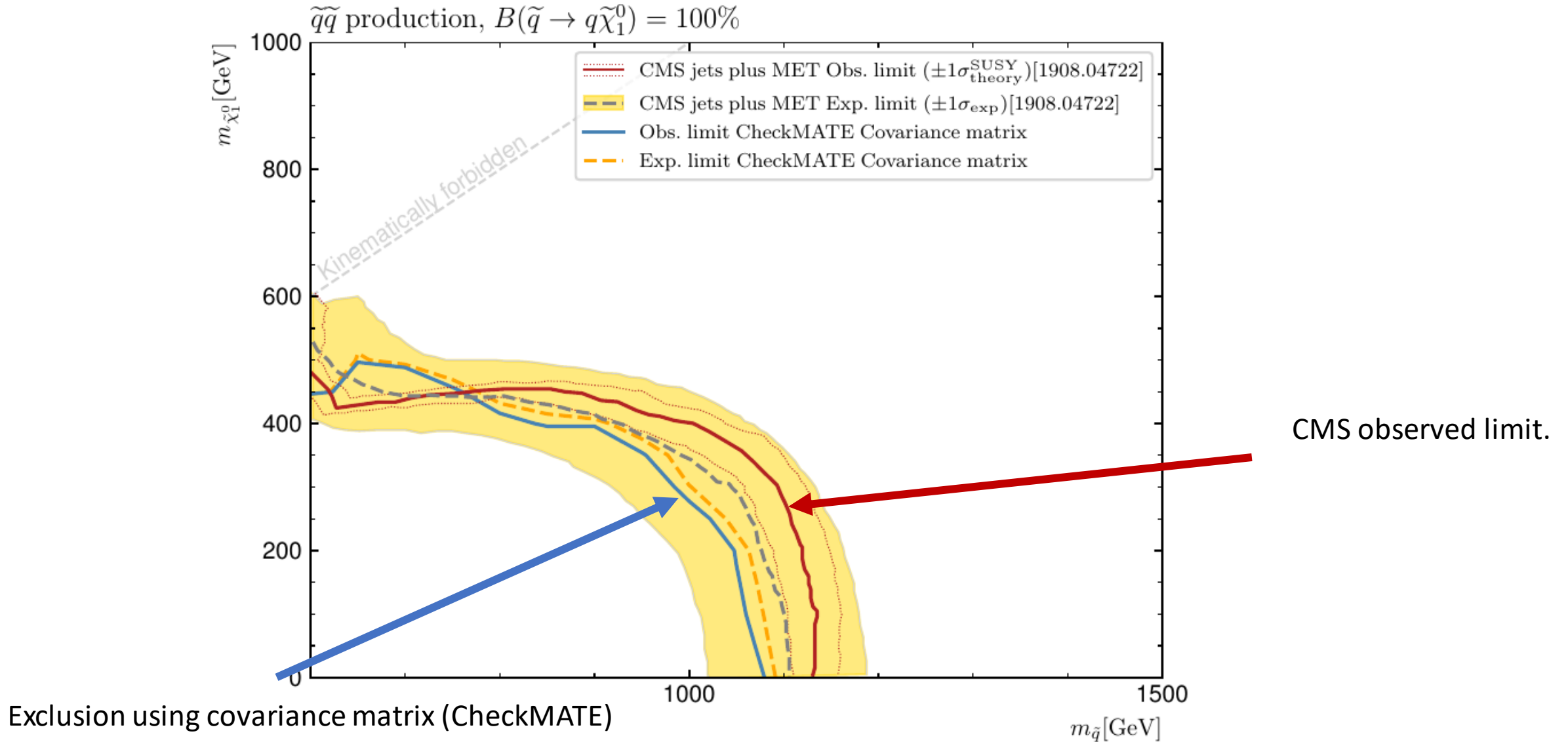
$\tilde{q}\tilde{q}$  production,  $B(\tilde{q} \rightarrow q\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 100\%$



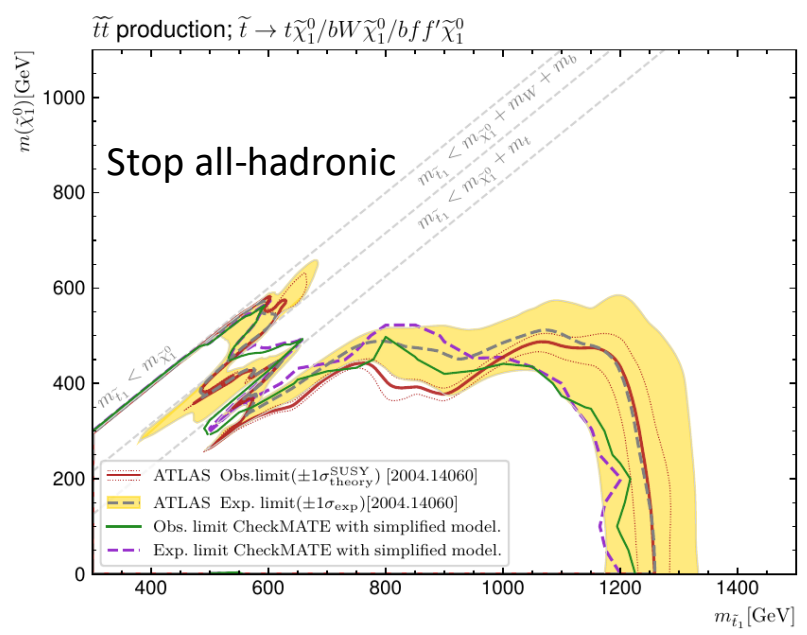
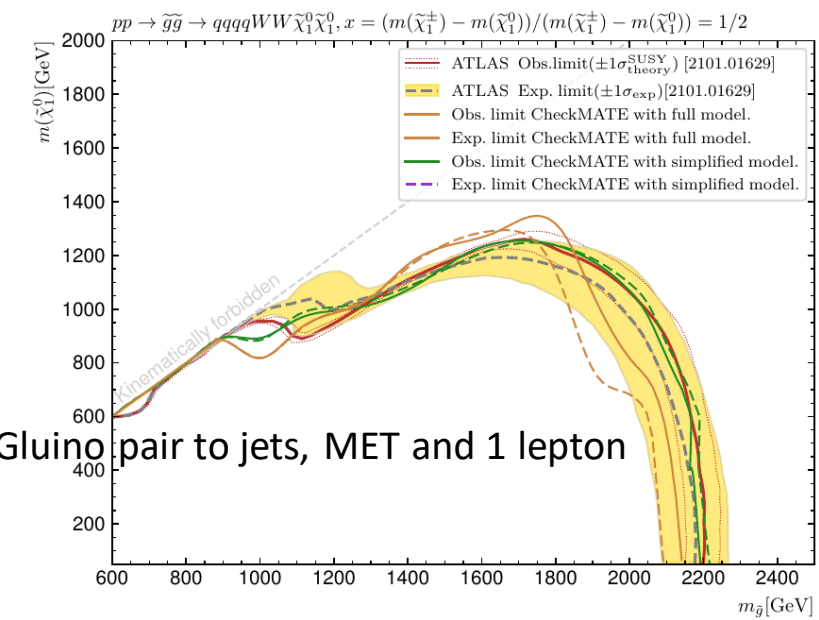
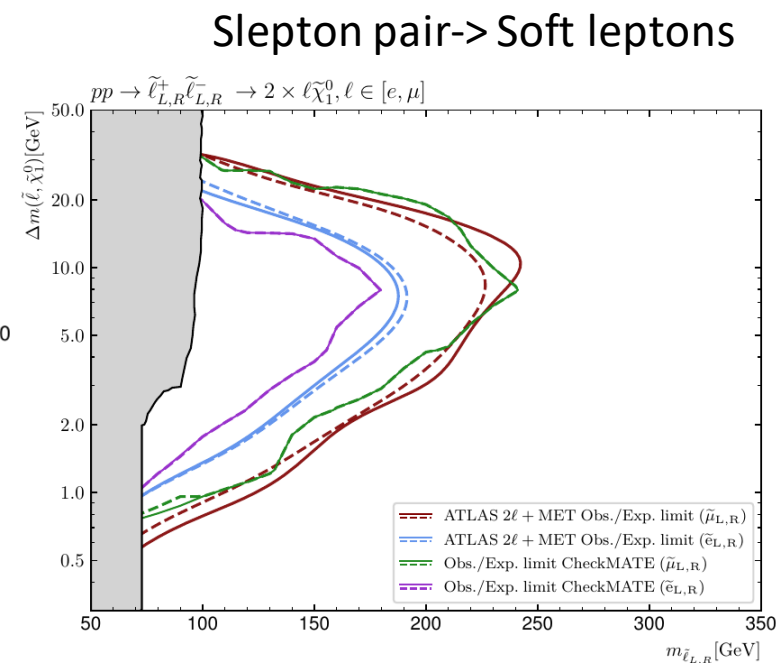
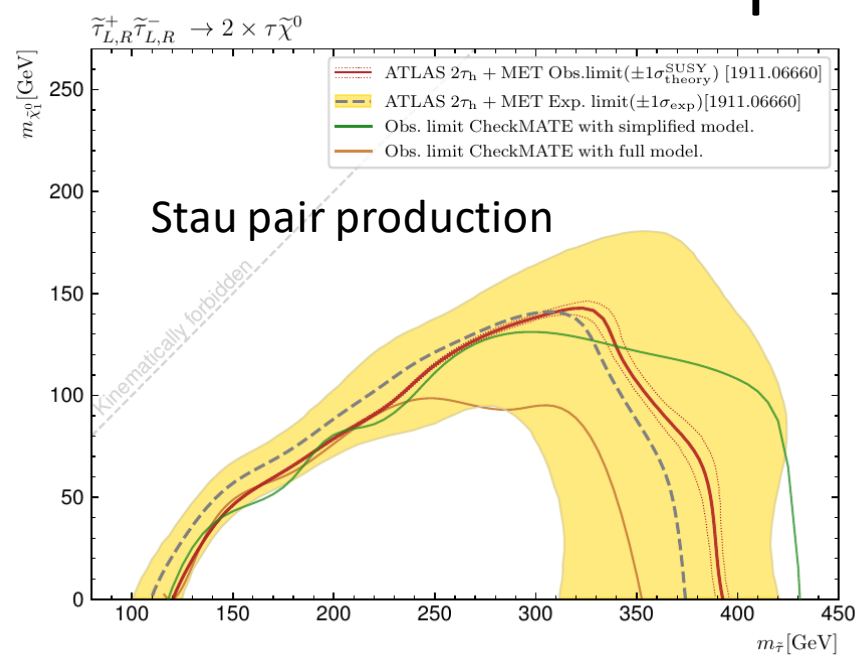
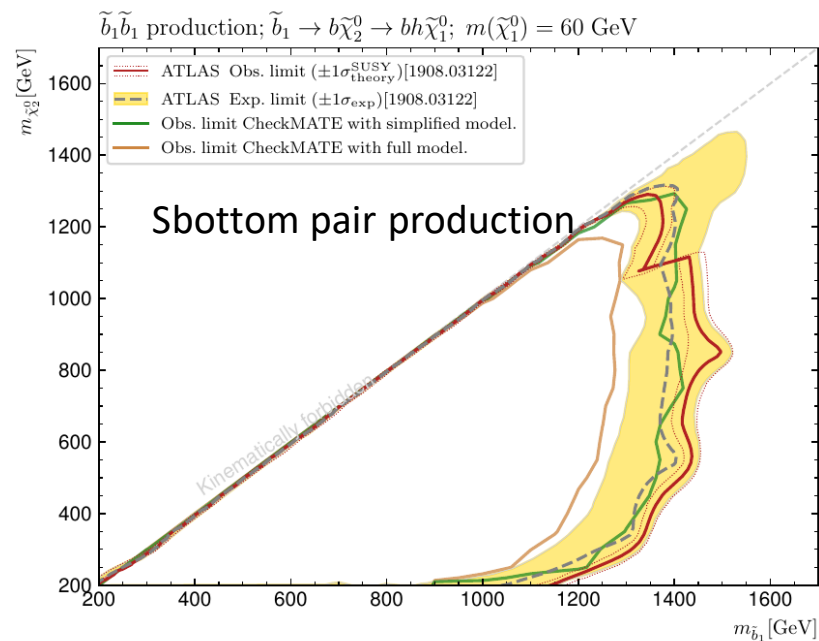
Exclusion based on FULL model  
(CheckMATE)

Exclusion based on  
simplified Likelihood  
(CheckMATE)

# Comparison between the Simplified model + Covariance matrix vs official limit.

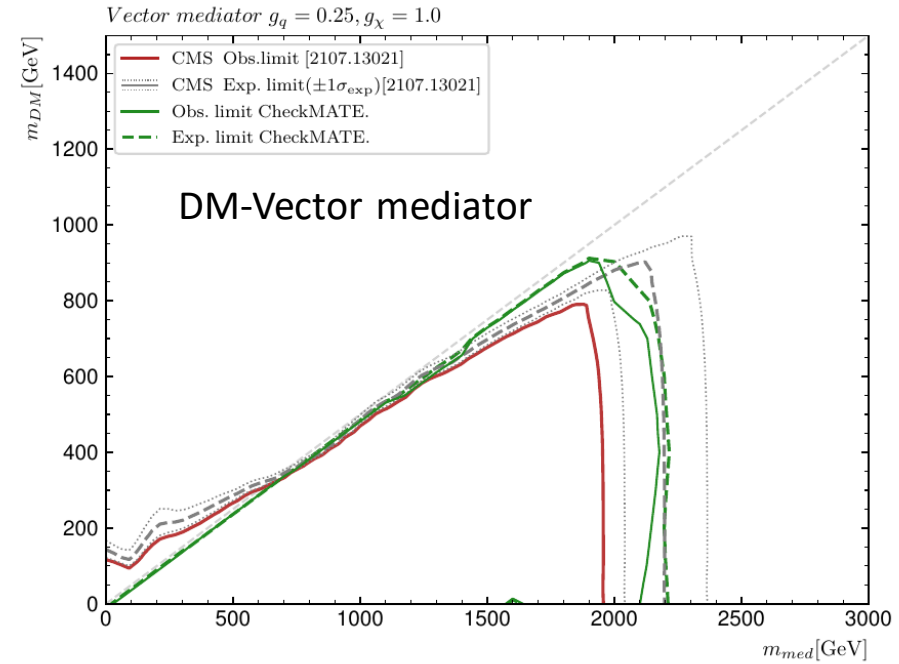
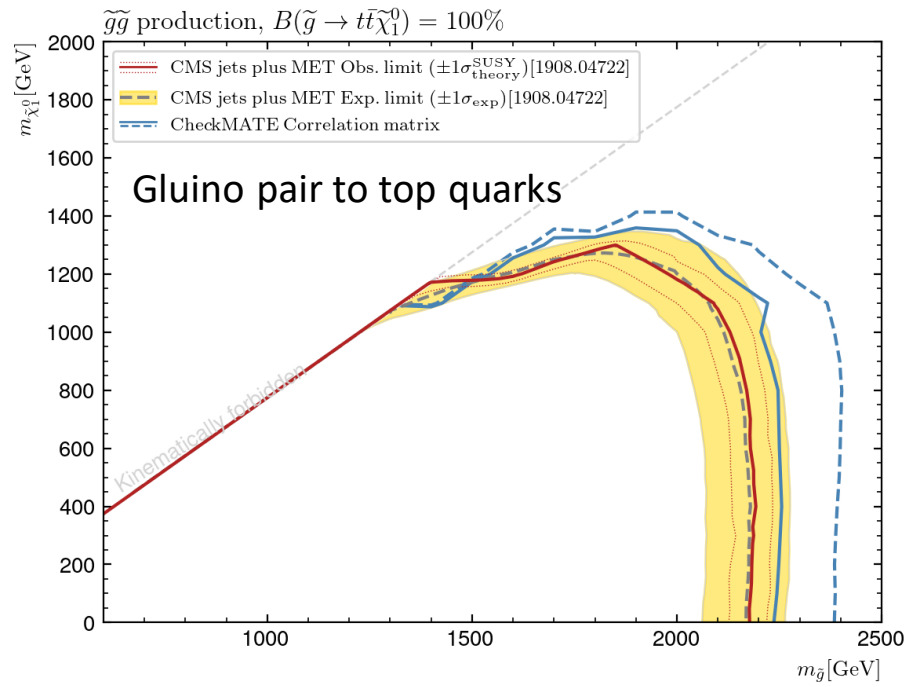


# Other ATLAS searches implemented



And more...

# Other CMS searches implemented



And more in process...

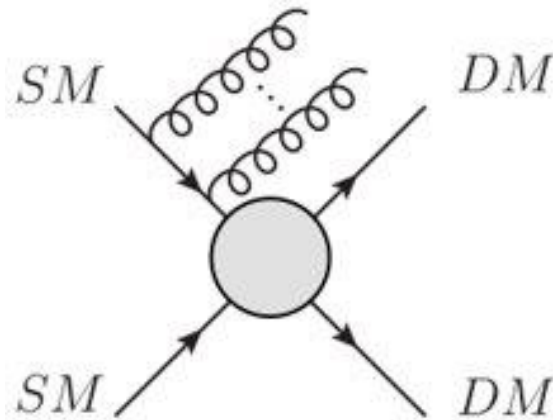
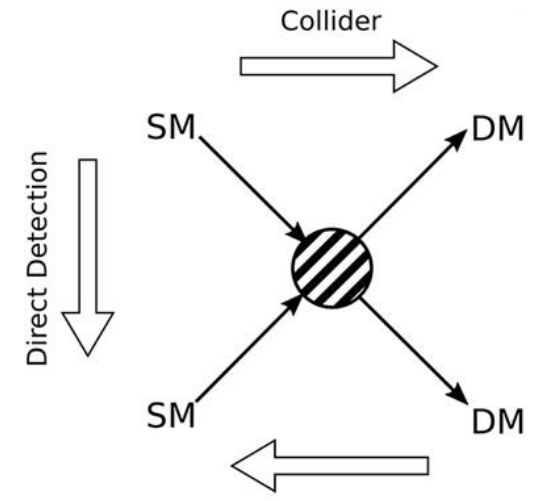


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# Case of study: Supersymmetric DM

- Superpartners of gauge and Higgs bosons justified at LHC reach as DM candidates.
- Hadron colliders may produce DM particles in pairs, associated with a few high  $p_T$  jets originating from initial state QCD radiation

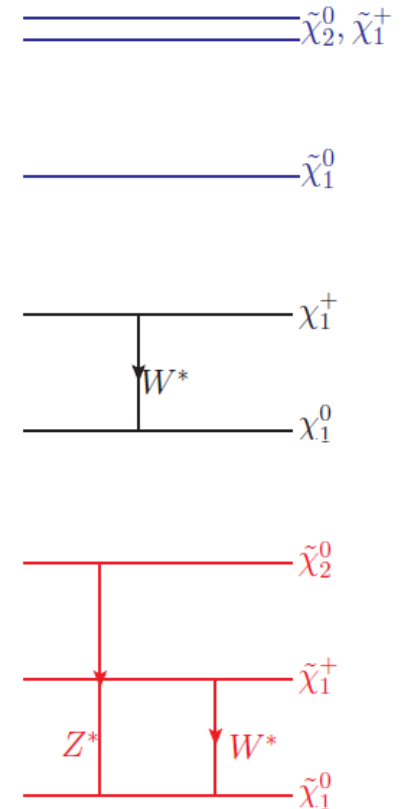


bino-wino: almost mass degenerate winos and bino LSP

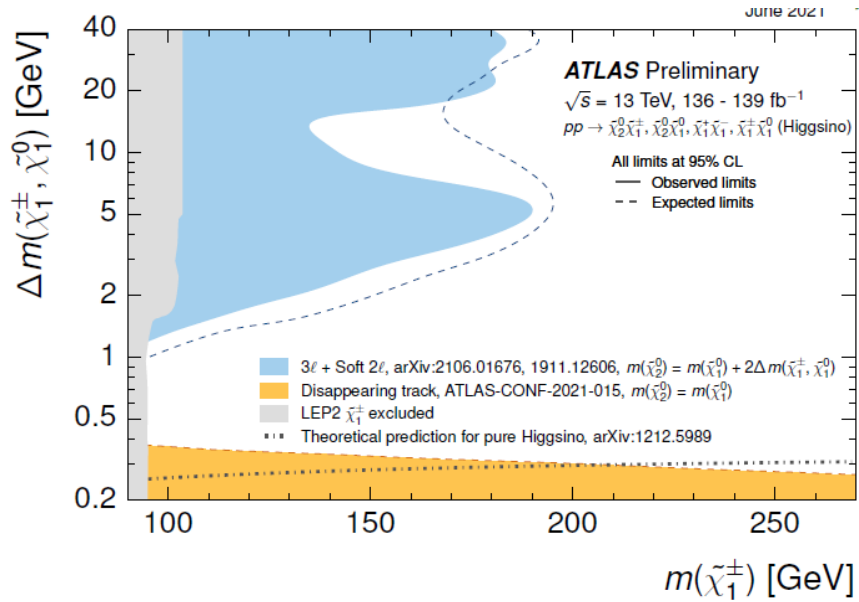
wino LSP:  $M_2 \ll M_1, \mu$ , two quasi-degenerate states:  $\chi_1^0, \chi_1^\pm$

higgsino LSP,  $\mu \ll M_1, M_2$ , three quasi-degenerate states:  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^0$

Mass splittings of order 100-1000 MeV



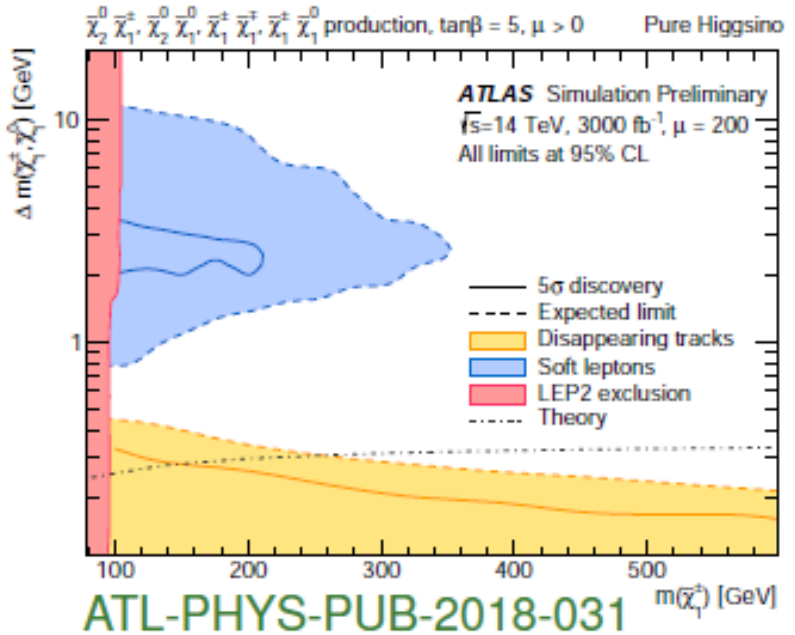
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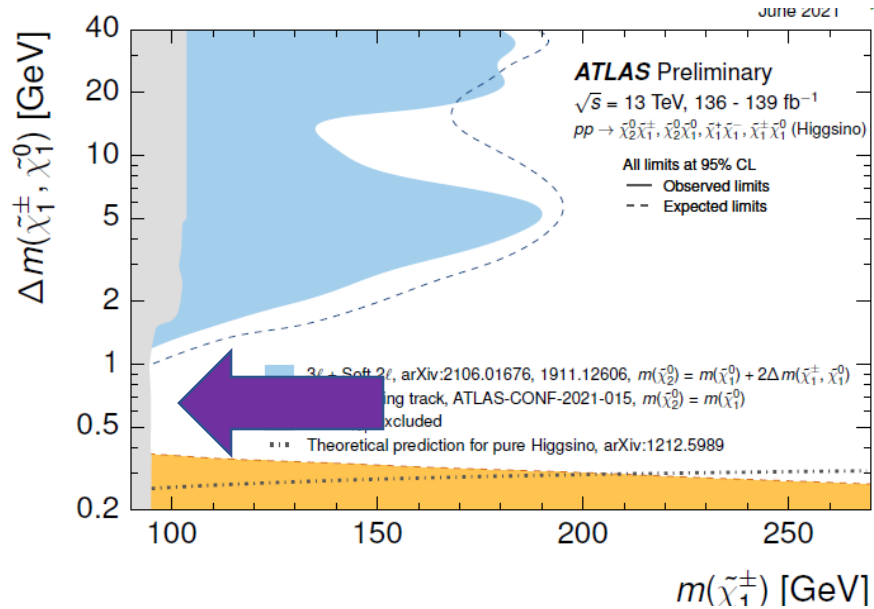
- Disappearing tracks: for sufficiently small mass gap, heavier states are long-lived.

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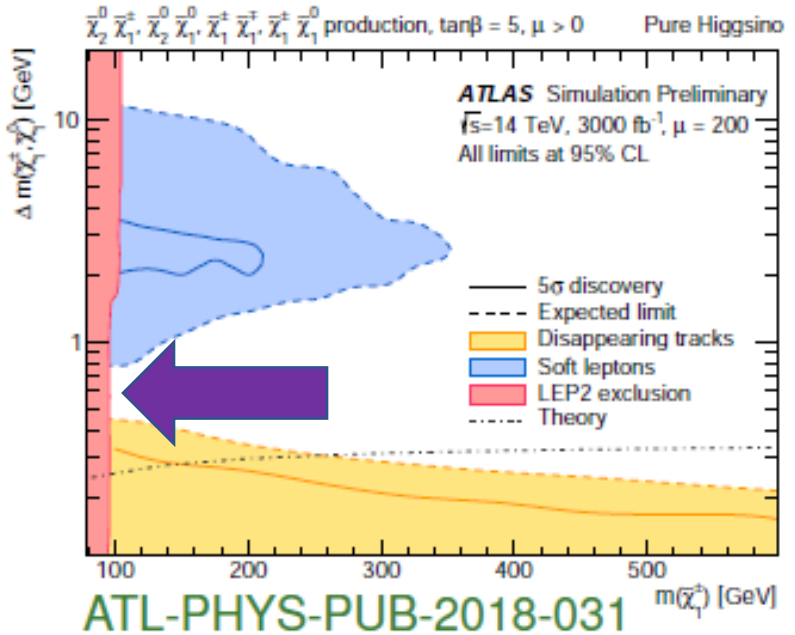


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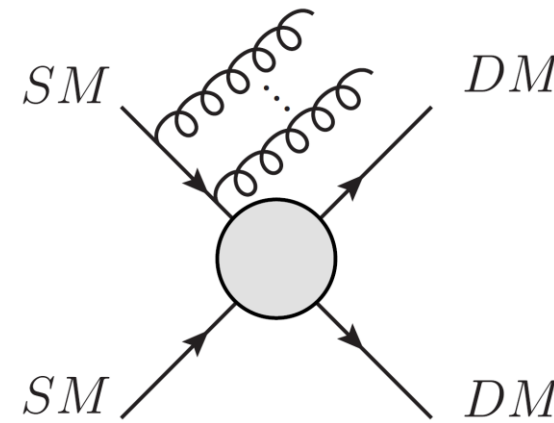
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GAP between the two LHC searches. Use Mono/few-jets searches on this region.



Monojet searches from ATLAS and CMS are not sensitive (yet) to *electroweakino* DM. More than one jet emitted is possible, thus *more-than-one-jet* searches may be used also.

- We recast with CheckMATE a general search for squarks and gluinos, [arXiv:2010.14293](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.14293), in total 70 signal regions.
- Basic (preselection) signal requirements:
  - no electrons or muons.
  - 2–6 jets
  - large missing energy  $> 300$  GeV
  - hard leading jet  $p_T > 200$  GeV
  - large effective mass  $> 800$  GeV



- Some overlap of the final states with “mono”-jet.
- We focus on bins with the largest sensitivity (originally intended for squark pair production):

$$2-3 \text{ jets, } p_T^{\text{jet1}}, p_T^{\text{jet2}} > 250 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\text{effective mass} > 1600 \text{ GeV}$$

$$E_T^{\text{miss}} / \sqrt{H_T} > 16\sqrt{\text{GeV}}$$

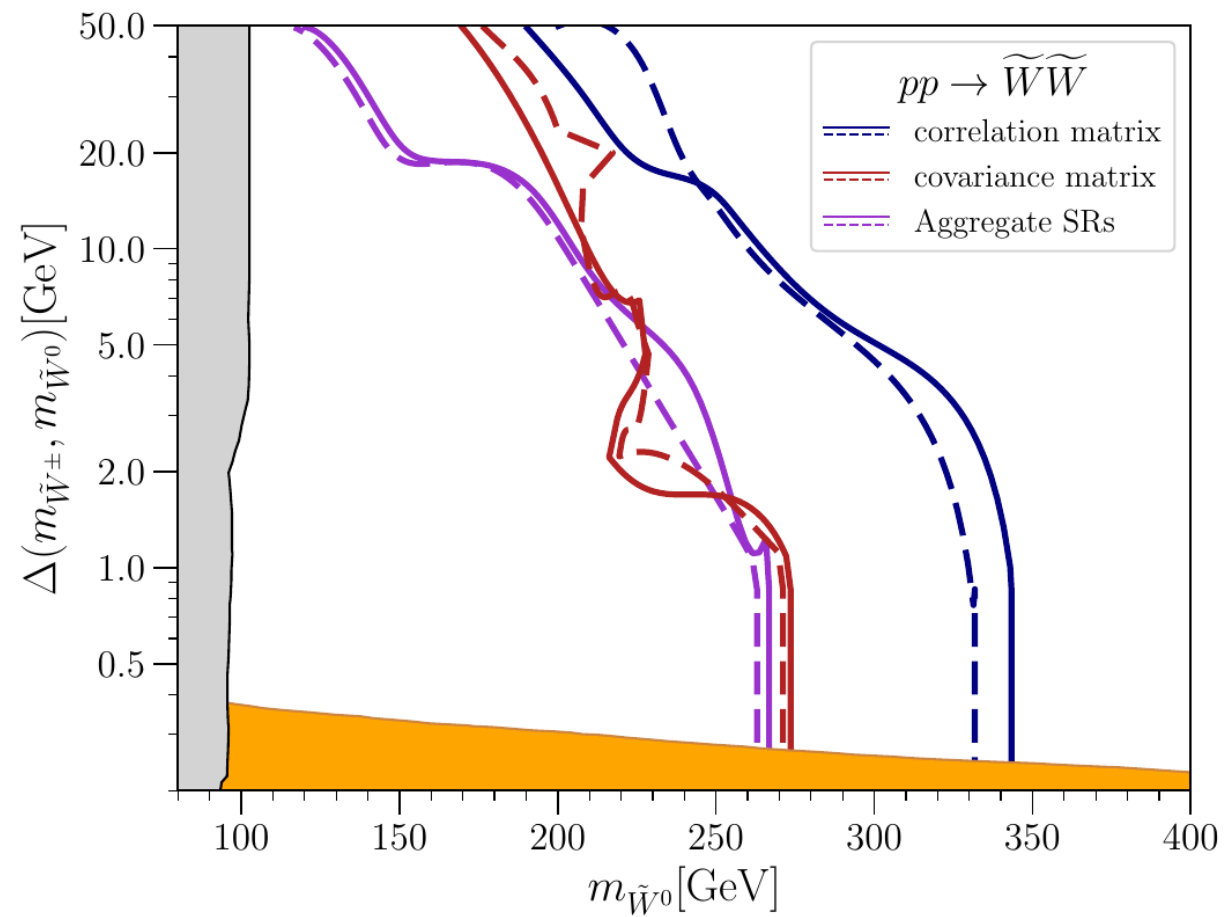
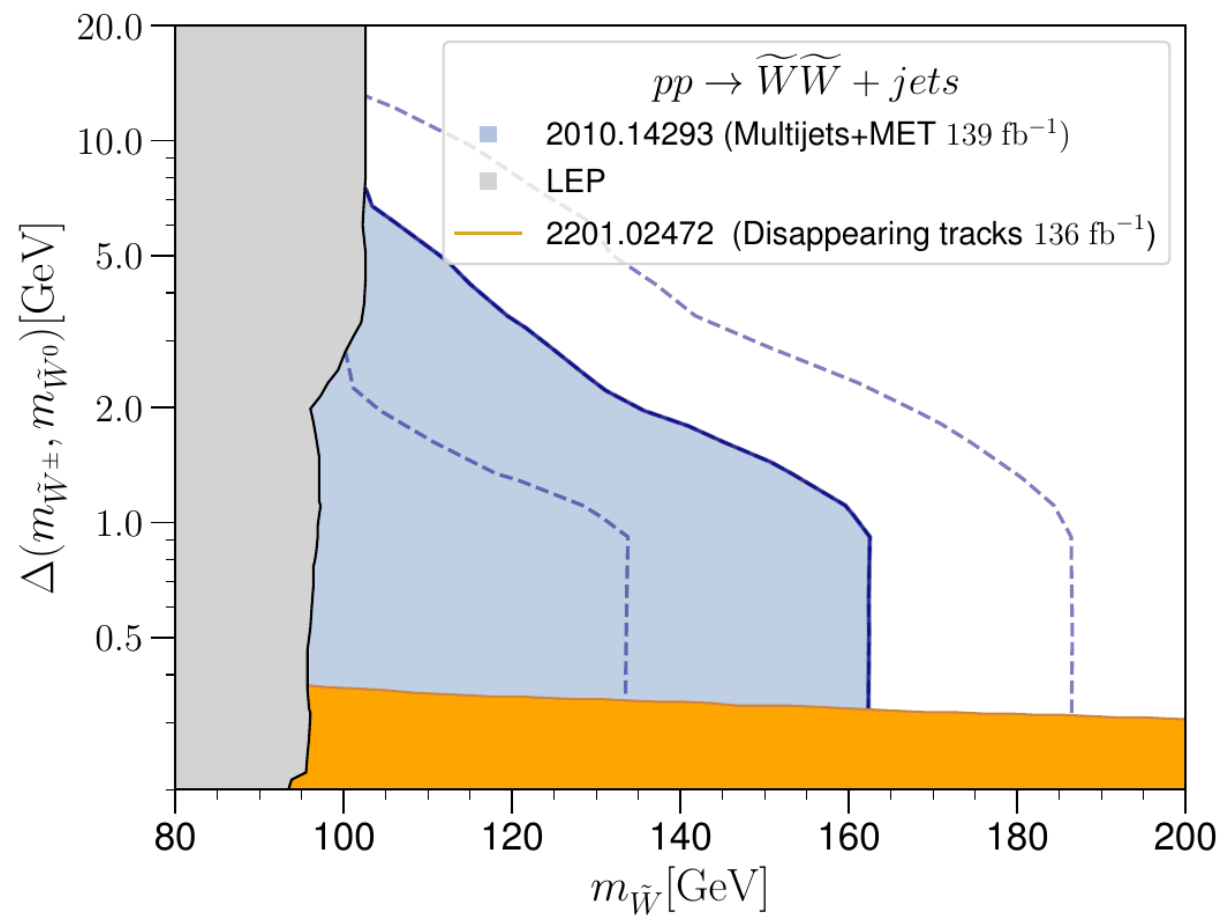
- Multi-bin fit over orthogonally binned signal regions

Also test with CMS multijet:

- CMS-SUS-19-006 with multibin for – different selections wrt ATLAS

- $N_{\text{jet}} \geq 2$ , where jets must appear within  $|\eta| < 2.4$ ;
- $H_T > 300 \text{ GeV}$ , where  $H_T$  is the scalar  $p_T$  sum of jets with  $|\eta| < 2.4$ ;
- $H_T^{\text{miss}} > 300 \text{ GeV}$ , where  $H_T^{\text{miss}}$  is the magnitude of  $\vec{H}_T^{\text{miss}}$ , the negative of the vector  $p_T$  sum of jets with  $|\eta| < 5$ ; an extended  $\eta$  range is used to calculate  $H_T^{\text{miss}}$  so that it better represents the total missing momentum in an event;
- $H_T^{\text{miss}} < H_T$ , because events with  $H_T^{\text{miss}} > H_T$  are likely to arise from mismeasurement;
- no identified isolated electron or muon candidate with  $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$ ;
- no isolated track with  $m_T < 100 \text{ GeV}$  and  $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$  ( $p_T > 5 \text{ GeV}$  if the track is identified as a PF electron or muon), where  $m_T$  is the transverse mass [52] formed from  $\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}$  and the isolated-track  $p_T$  vector, with  $\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}$  the negative of the vector  $p_T$
- $\Delta\phi_{H_T^{\text{miss}}, j_i} > 0.5$  for the two highest  $p_T$  jets  $j_1$  and  $j_2$ , with  $\Delta\phi_{H_T^{\text{miss}}, j_i}$  the azimuthal angle between  $\vec{H}_T^{\text{miss}}$  and the  $p_T$  vector of jet  $j_i$ ; if  $N_{\text{jet}} \geq 3$ , then, in addition,  $\Delta\phi_{H_T^{\text{miss}}, j_3} > 0.3$  for the third-highest  $p_T$  jet  $j_3$ ; if  $N_{\text{jet}} \geq 4$ , then, yet in addition,  $\Delta\phi_{H_T^{\text{miss}}, j_4} > 0.3$  for the fourth-highest  $p_T$  jet  $j_4$ ; all considered jets must have  $|\eta| < 2.4$ ; these requirements

New limits based on recasted analysis:



# Summary and Outlook

- New version of CheckMATE will include upper limit calculation based on SR combinations. Implemented in 12 ATLAS and CMS searches.
- Implementation based on pyhf (for ATLAS) and ROOT/Spey (for CMS).
- In most cases runs in a reasonable amount of time. Option to calculate just CLs for specific point to seed calculation.
- Reasonable agreement with ATLAS/CMS published limits.
- New limits from hadronic final states on electroweakinos are very promising – important for future colliders.





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