

# Introduction to the HistFitter framework

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# Overview

- **Step-0:** define signal/control/validation regions
  - Input TTrees (derived from xAOD), histograms, numbers
- **Step-1:** Construct PDF and the likelihood function  
**Roofit or HistFactory + RooFit**
  - Result from data is a distribution
  - Model signal and background by PDF (prob. density func.)
  - Construct likelihood(s) by joining data and model(s)
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- **RoWorkspace**
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- **Step-2:** Statistical tests on parameter of interest  $\mu$   
**RooStats**
  - Construct test statistic  $q_\mu$  from likelihoods
  - Obtain expected distributions of  $q_\mu$  for various  $\mu$  values
  - Determine discovery  $p_0$  and signal exclusion limit
- **Step-3:** Repeat for each model (assumed value  $m_H$ )

## HistFitter

- adds steps-0 and 3
- allows full analysis chain from simple configuration file

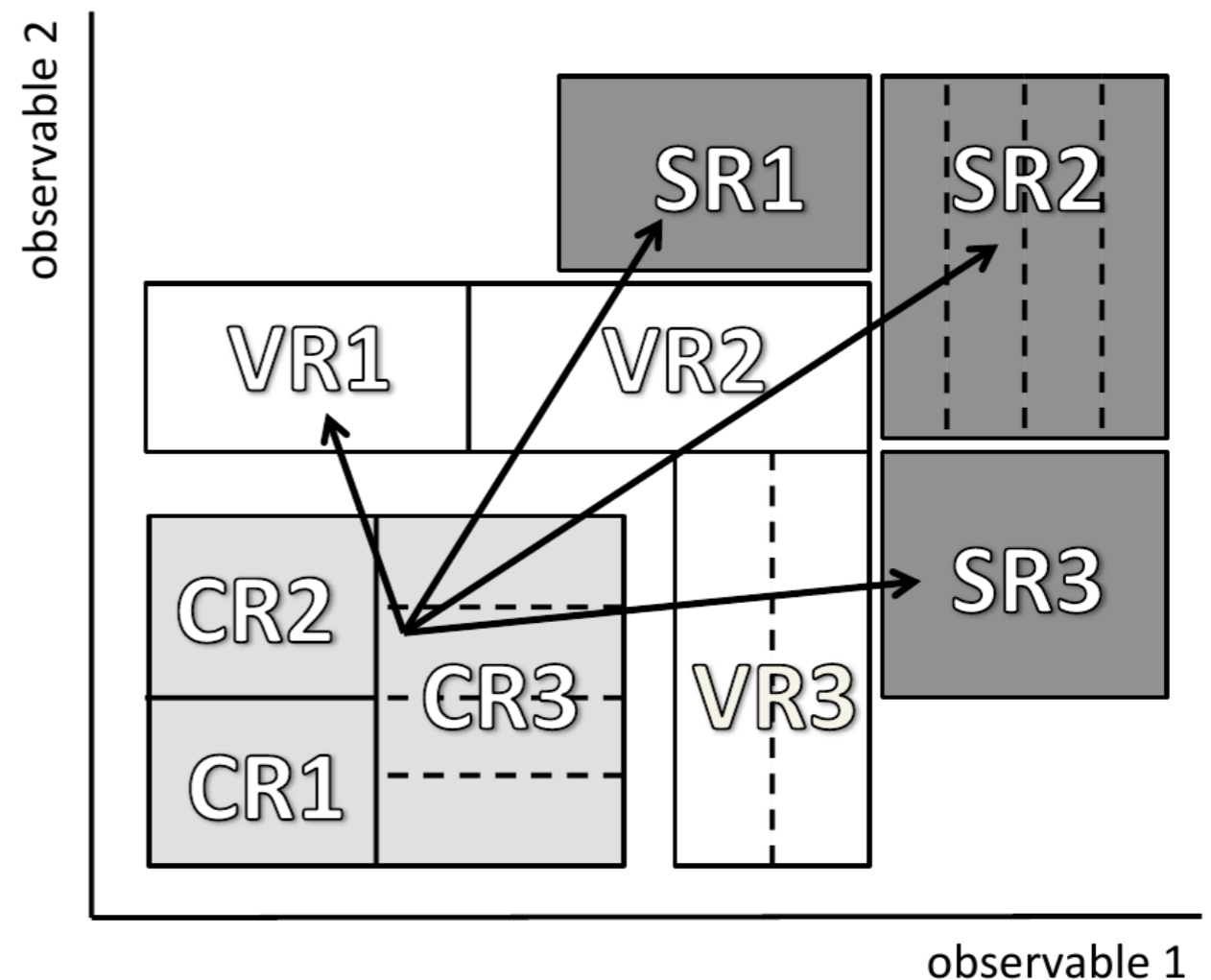
# HistFitter introduction

# Introduction

- **HistFitter** is a statistical tool/framework used in (almost) all SUSY WG analyses since 2012 for fitting, interpretation and presentation of fit results
  - Developed in SUSY strong production 1-lepton group, quickly adopted as recommended tool
  - Small core team: Max Baak, Geert-Jan Besjes, David Cote, Alex Koutsman, Jeanette Lorenz and Dan Short
  - Also used (more and more) in Higgs, Exotics and Top WGs
- **HistFitter** is:
  - built on top of RooFit/HistFactory and RooStats
  - consists of Python part for configuration and C++ part for CPU-intensive calculations
- Why HistFitter?
- **HistFitter** extends RooFit/HistFactory and RooStats in four key areas:
  - Programmable framework: performing complete analysis (steps 0-4) from a simple configuration file
  - Analysis strategy: common physics analysis strategy concepts, such as control/signal/validation regions, woven into the fabric of HistFitter design
  - Bookkeeping: can keep track of numerous data models, from histogram production until final statistical tests → handy when working with large collections of signal hypotheses (*signal grids*)
  - Presentation and interpretation: multiple methods are provided to determine statistical significance of signal hypotheses, and produce publication-quality tables and plot summarizing the fit results (*step 4*)

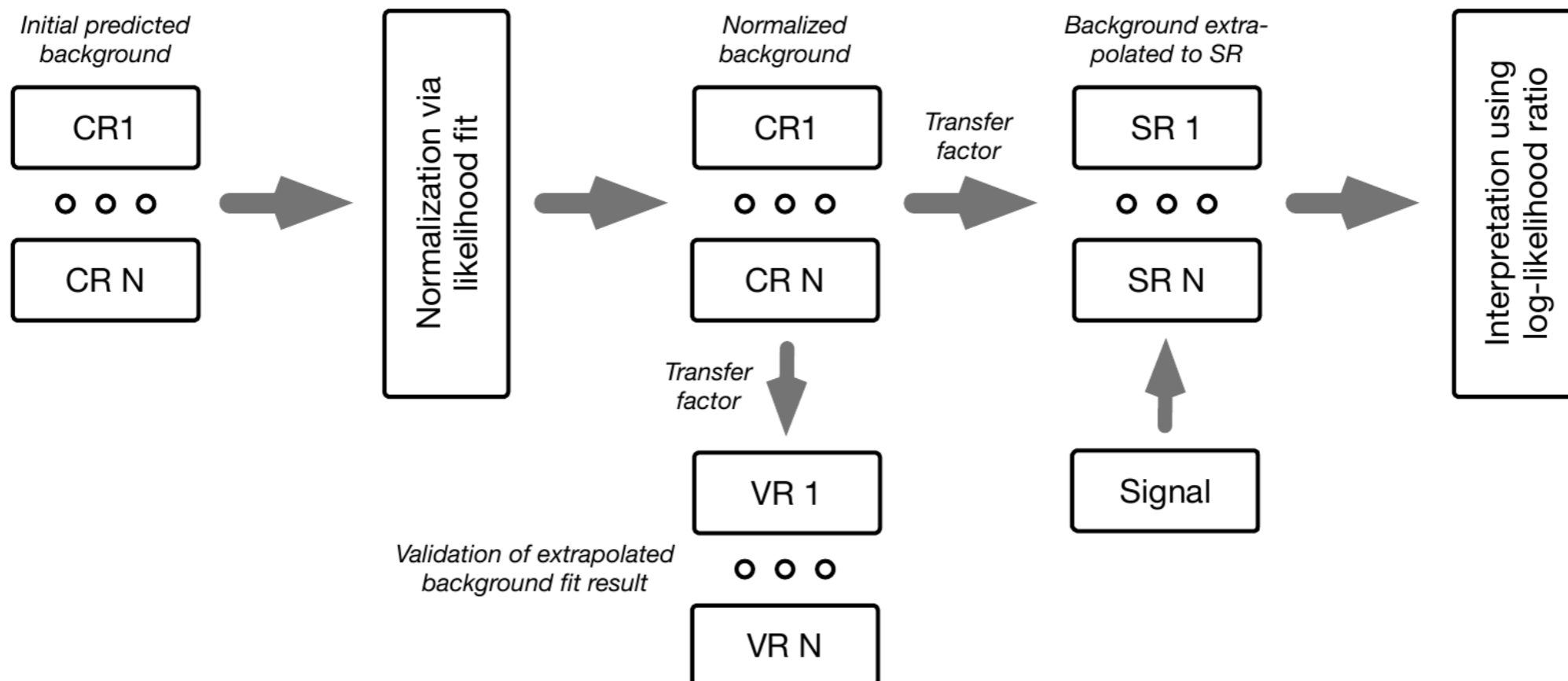
# Data analysis strategy

- Particle physics analyze large data samples for measurements of discovery
- Data interpretation relies on using external - simulation, Monte Carlo (MC) - predictions for backgrounds and signal
- HistFitter configures and builds parametric models from these predictions
- Typically one defines several phase space regions to study a specific phenomenon
- Definition depends on the purpose:
  - **Signal region:** signal-rich region (SR)
  - **Control region:** background-rich region (CR), fit simulated backgrounds to data
  - **Validation region:** validation of extrapolation (VR)
- Concepts of CR/SR/VR woven into the fabric of HistFitter



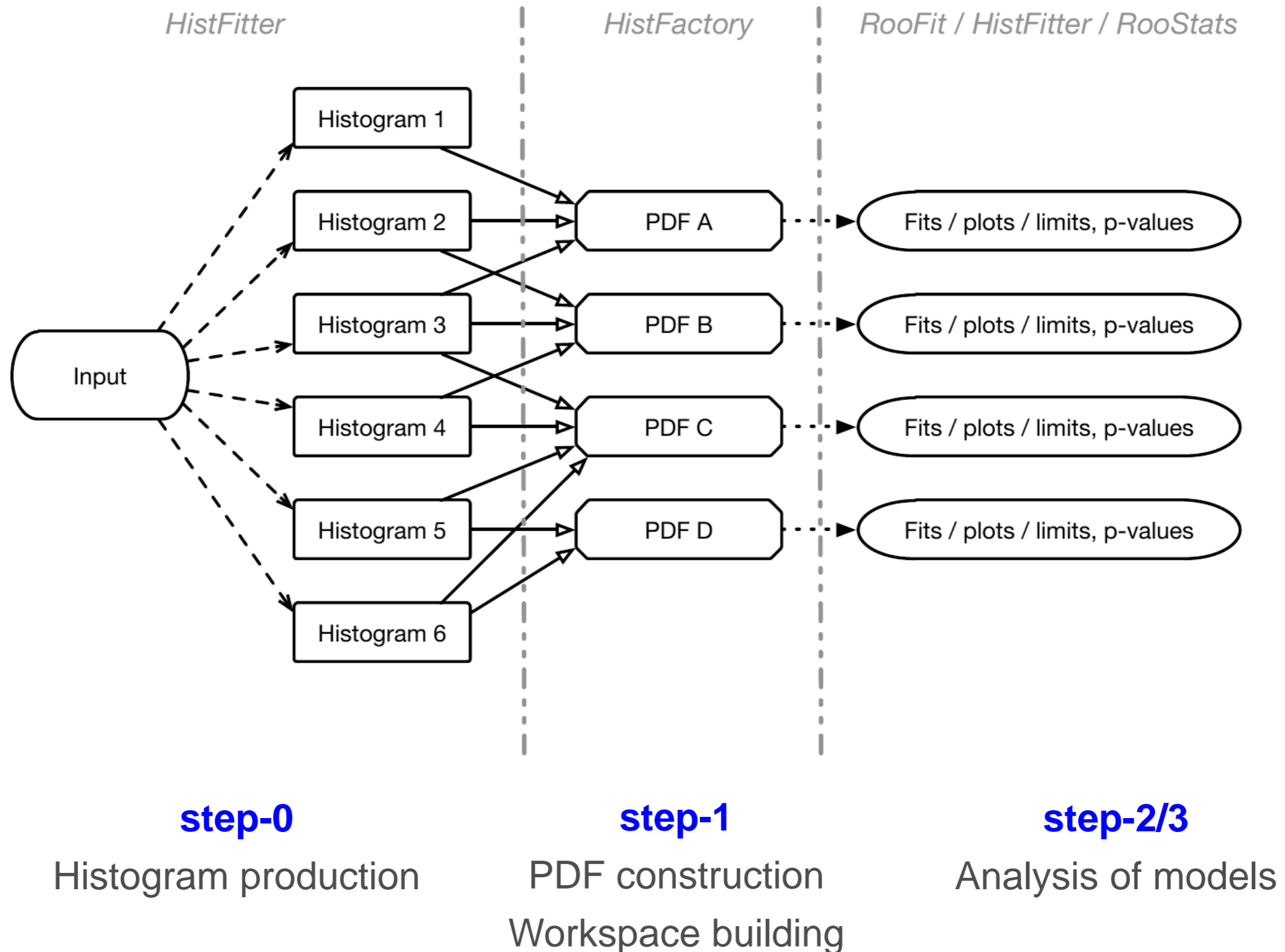
# Analysis strategy flow

- Each CR/VR/SR modeled by a separate PDF, combined in a simultaneous fit
- Parameters shared in all regions → consistent background/signal prediction and systematics
  - Sharing user-defined
- Analysis flow:
  - Backgrounds normalized to data in a fit of control regions
  - Extrapolate to validation/signal regions using transfer factors (ratio of events between CR and SR/VR)
  - If good agreement in VR, unblind the SR
  - If no excess, add signal prediction and interpret/set limits



# Processing sequence

- Based on user-defined configuration file, processing sequence of HistFitter split in three stages



# Model construction

- Models constructed using HistFactory from input histograms
- General form of the constructed likelihood:

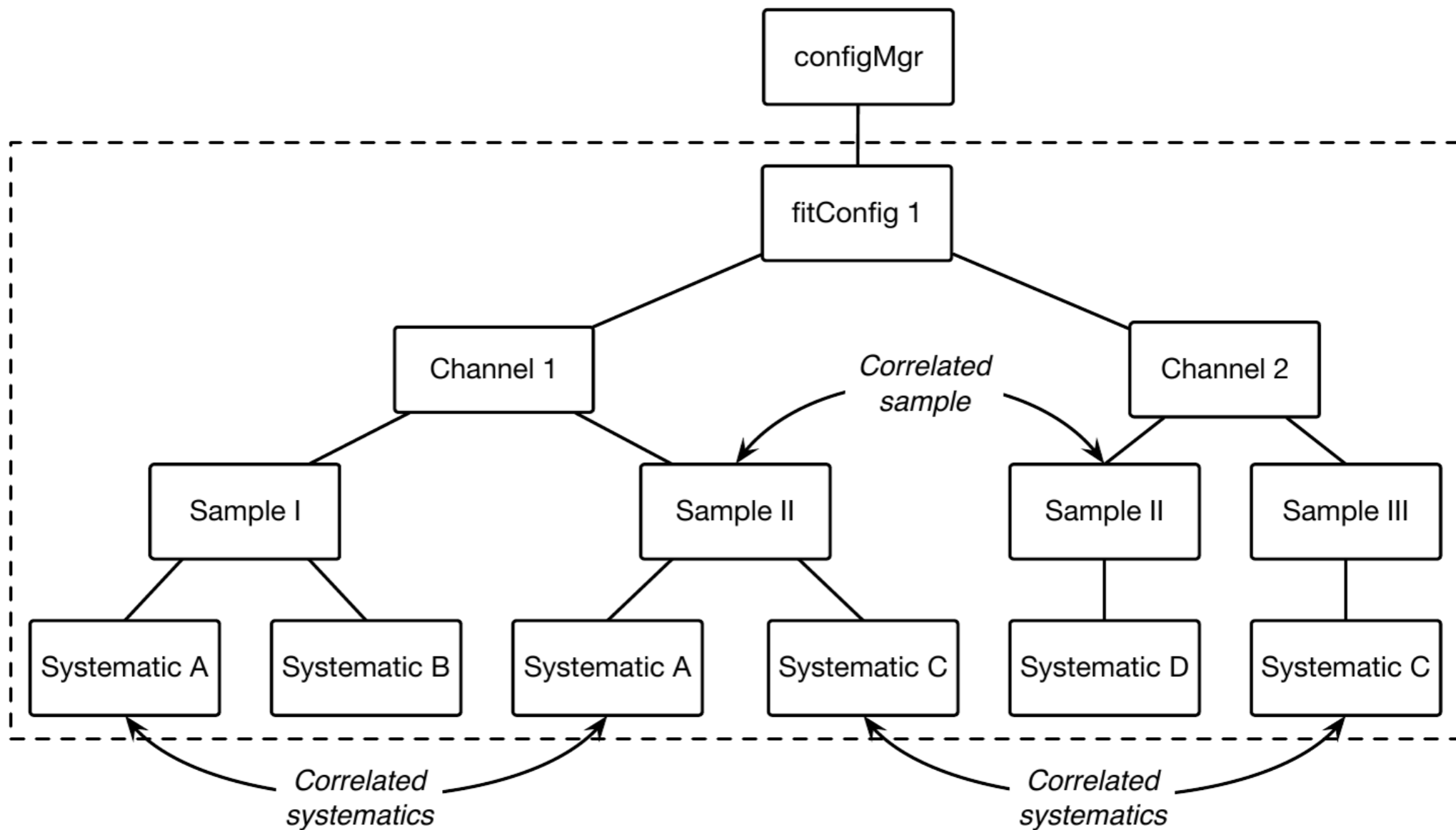
$$L(\mathbf{n}, \theta^0 | \mu_{\text{sig}}, \mathbf{b}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = P_{\text{SR}} \times P_{\text{CR}} \times C_{\text{syst}}$$

- P = Poisson measurements of number of observed events in CR/SR (VR)
  - C = Constraint terms for systematic uncertainties, auxiliary measurements
  - Likelihood depends on number of observed events in all regions (n), predictions for various background processes (b), the nuisance parameter ( $\theta$ ) parametrizing the systematic uncertainties with their central value ( $\theta^0$ ) and signal strength ( $\mu_{\text{sig}}$ )
- Likelihood has multiple building blocks:
    - Control/validation/signal regions: called `channel` in HistFitter (HistFactory)
    - Signal and background processes: called `sample` in HistFitter (HistFactory)
    - Uncertainties: called `systematic` in HistFitter (HistFactory)
      - Including statistical/theory/experimental uncertainties
  - HistFitter is designed to build and manipulate PDFs of nearly arbitrary complexity
  - Bookkeeping/configuration machinery realized through a user-defined Python configuration file
  - Configuration manager (`configManager`) highest level (singleton) object in Python and C++
  - Manages `fitConfig` objects that contain PDF and meta-data

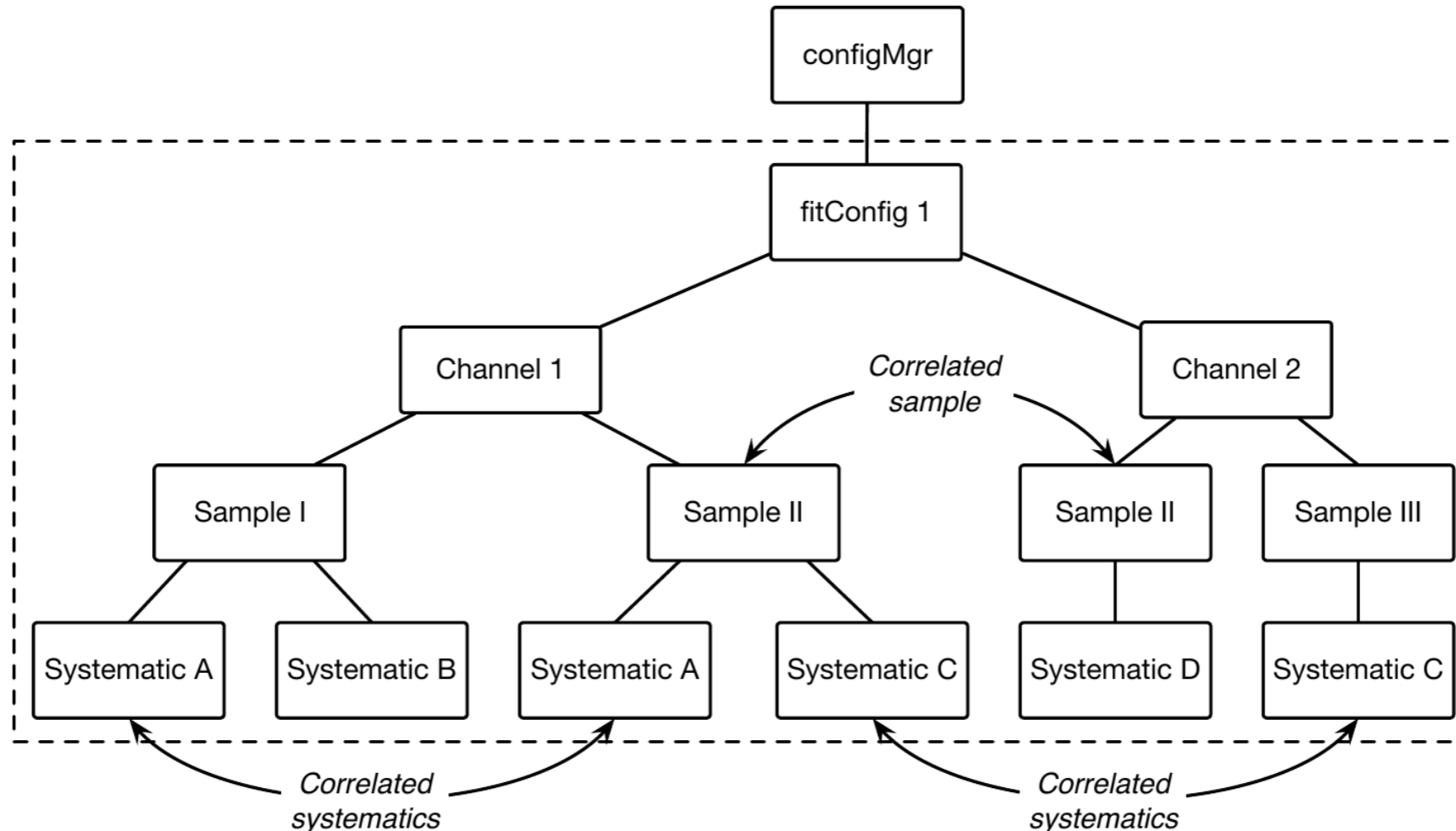


# Fit configuration

- `fitConfig` objects summarize channels, samples and systematics together with corresponding input histograms



# Fit configuration properties



- `fitConfig`: can be cloned/extended (see next slide)
- `channels`: either single-bin or multi-bin (shape), property as CR/VR/SR
- `samples`: input from TTree, TH1 or raw (hard-coded) floats, correlated between channels
- `systematics`: provided as  $\pm 1\sigma$  variation of nominal histogram; input from TTree, TH1 or raw floats; can be correlated between samples and/or channels; many types available extended from HistFactory base types (see later); trickle-down mechanism (see backup)

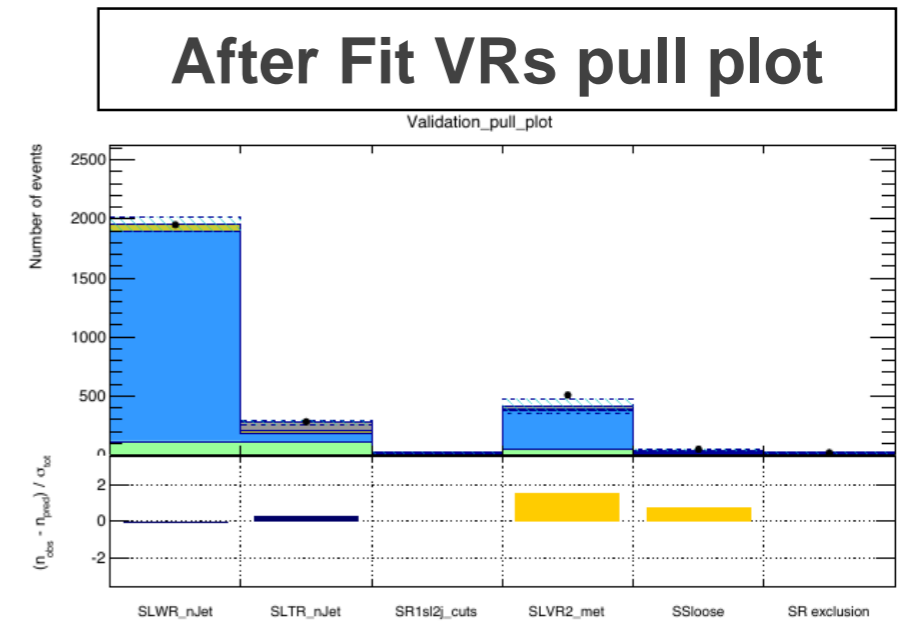
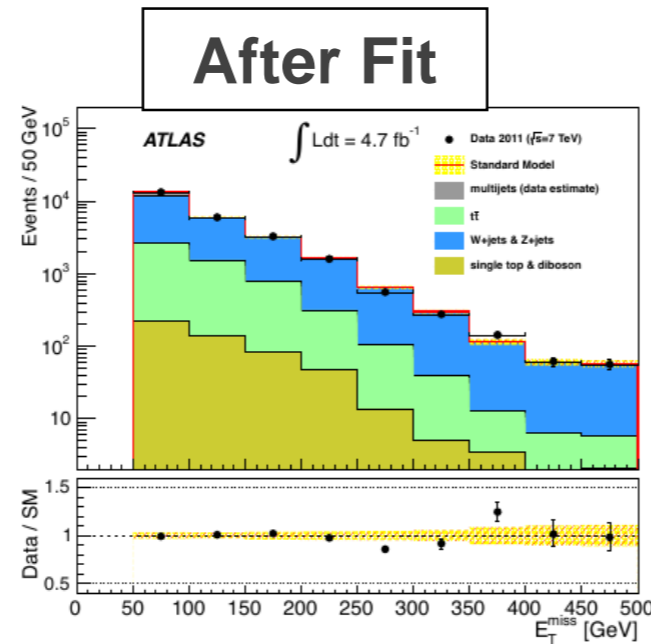
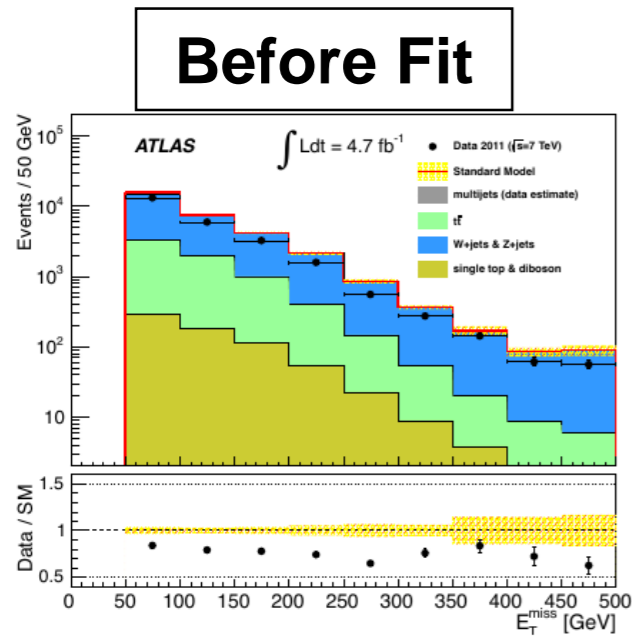
# Common fit strategies

- **Background-only fit:** estimate background yields in validation/signal regions; including only CRs in the fit to data; no signal component included in fit configuration
- **Model-dependent signal fit:** set exclusion limit on a specific signal model; possible use of multi-binned (or multi-SR) shape fit for a robust signal estimation - aka **exclusion fit**
- **Model-independent signal fit:** to obtain model-independent upper limits on number of BSM events beyond background prediction; only usable with one single-bin SR (otherwise not model-independent) - aka **discovery fit**

<b>Fit setup</b>	<i>Background-only fit</i>	<i>Model-dependent signal fit</i>	<i>Model-independent signal fit</i>
<b>Samples used</b>	backgrounds	backgrounds + signal	backgrounds + dummy signal
<b>Fit regions</b>	CR(s)	CR(s) + SR(s)	CR(s) + SR

# Presentation of results

- HistFitter includes a collection of tools (scripts/functions) to present/understand fit results



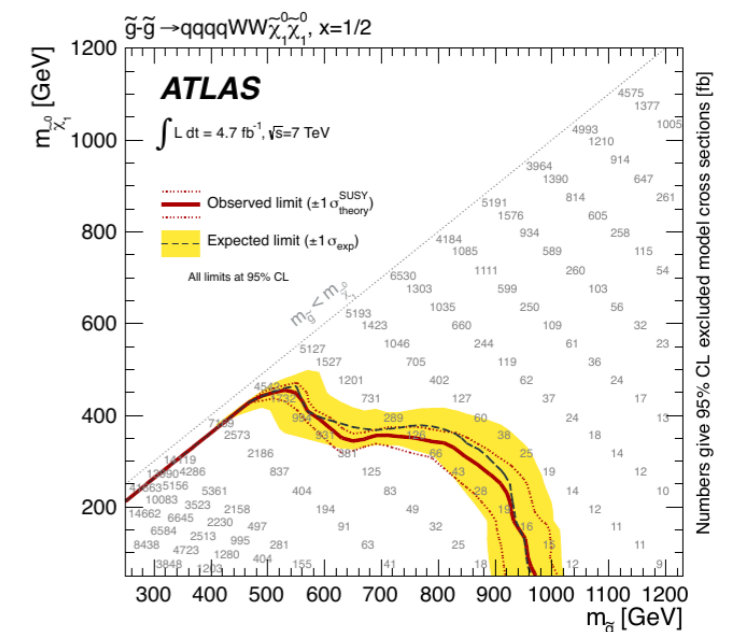
## Yields Table

Signal Region	SR1	SR2
Observed events	16	19
Fitted bkg events	$19.54 \pm 3.93$	$20.47 \pm 5.14$
Fitted Top events	$4.02 \pm 0.96$	$4.32 \pm 1.04$
Fitted V+jets events	$9.89 \pm 1.86$	$10.47 \pm 1.91$
Fitted other background events	$1.14 \pm 0.15$	$1.19 \pm 0.16$
Fitted QCD events	$4.49 \pm 2.72$	$4.49 \pm 4.24$
MC exp. SM events	24.85	26.32
MC exp. Top events	8.42	9.11
MC exp. V+jets events	10.82	11.55
MC exp. other background events	1.13	1.17
Data-driven exp. QCD events	4.49	4.49

## Systematics Table

Uncertainty of channel	SR1	SR2
Total background expectation	19.54	20.47
Total statistical ( $\sqrt{N_{exp}}$ )	$\pm 4.42$	$\pm 4.52$
Total background systematic	$\pm 3.93$ [20.14%]	$\pm 5.14$ [25.09%]
QCD background	$\pm 2.66$	$\pm 4.20$
Statistical uncertainties	$\pm 2.54$	$\pm 1.86$
Jet Energy Scale	$\pm 1.15$	$\pm 1.17$
Top yield	$\pm 0.82$	$\pm 0.88$
Renormalization scale (Top)	$\pm 0.34$	$\pm 0.39$
V+jets yields	$\pm 0.28$	$\pm 0.29$
Renormalization scale (V+jets)	$\pm 0.14$	$\pm 0.03$

## Exclusion contour with upper limits



## Model-independent upper limits

Signal channel	$\langle \sigma_{vis} \rangle_{obs}^{95}$ [fb]	$S_{obs}^{95}$	$S_{exp}^{95}$	$p(s=0)$
SR3b	0.19	3.9	$4.4^{+1.7}_{-0.6}$	0.50
SR0b	0.80	16.3	$8.9^{+3.6}_{-2.0}$	0.03

# HistFitter & documentation

- HistFitter paper on arXiv: <http://arxiv.org/abs/1410.1280>
- HistFitter webpage with doxygen documentation: <http://cern.ch/histfitter>
- Tutorial (to be discussed next): <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/Main/HistFitterTutorialOutsideAtlas>
- ACAT 2014 talk on HistFitter: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/258092/session/8/contribution/39>

# HistFitter tutorial

# Running HistFitter

- `HistFitter.py <options> <configuration_file>`
- **-t**: Create histograms in all regions used for all backgrounds, signal, data from TTrees
- **-w**: Build workspaces from histograms
- **-f**: Fit
- **-D**: various drawing options, to be discussed later
- **-L**: log level {VERBOSE,DEBUG,INFO,WARNING,ERROR,FATAL,ALWAYS}
- **-m PARAM**: run Minos for asymmetric error calculation
  - optionally give parameter names comma separated; for all parameters use 'ALL' or 'all'
- **-l**: Calculate upper limit
- **-p**: Calculate the CLs value for a specific signal model (for exclusion)
- **-i**: interactive mode, keeps you in python command line, but shows plots on your screen
  
- To see all options run: `HistFitter.py --help`

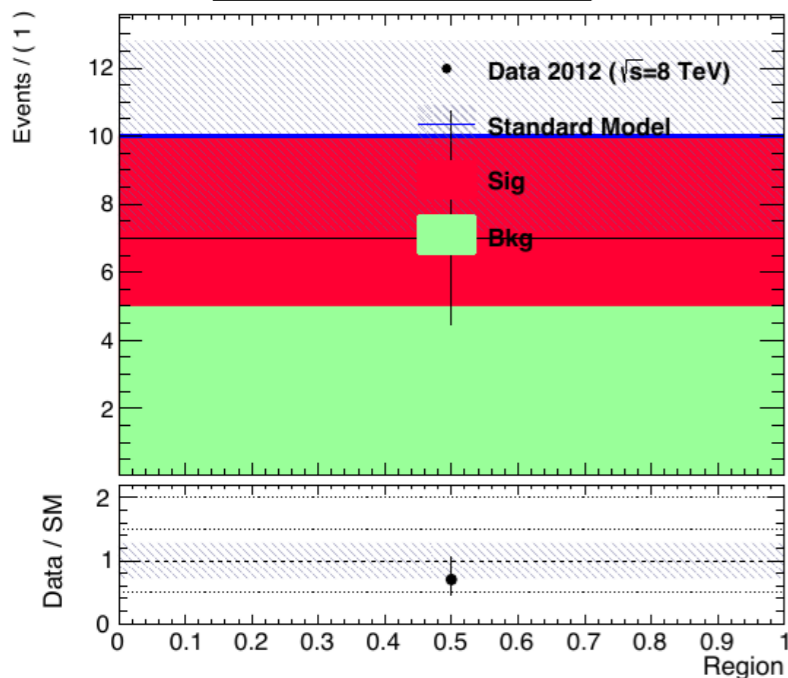
# Simple example

- Simple example with one region with one bin:

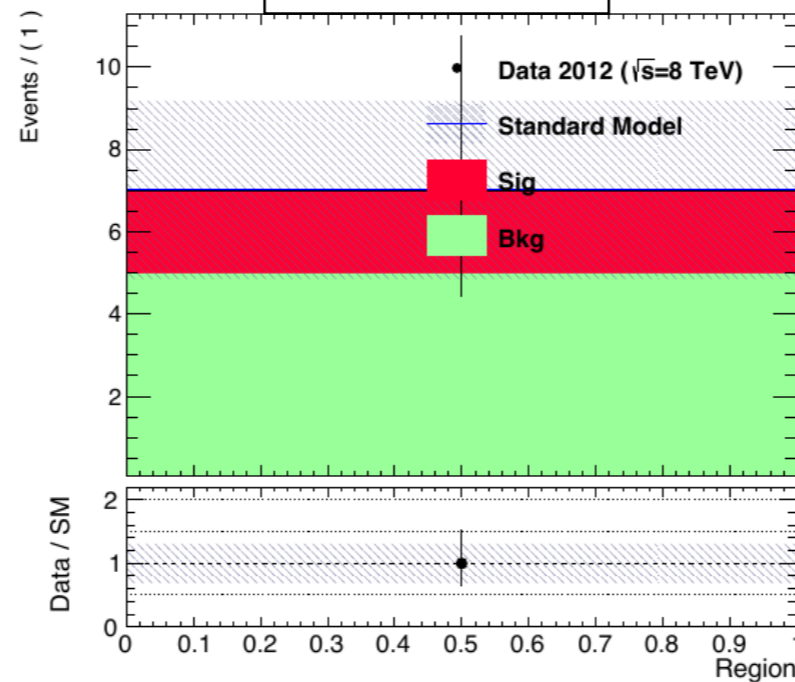
```
HistFitter.py -w -f -D "before,after,corrMatrix" -i  
analysis/tutorial/MyUserAnalysis.py
```

- Creates the workspace
- Runs the fit
- Plots before/after fit regions and correlation matrix
- Keeps you in interactive mode

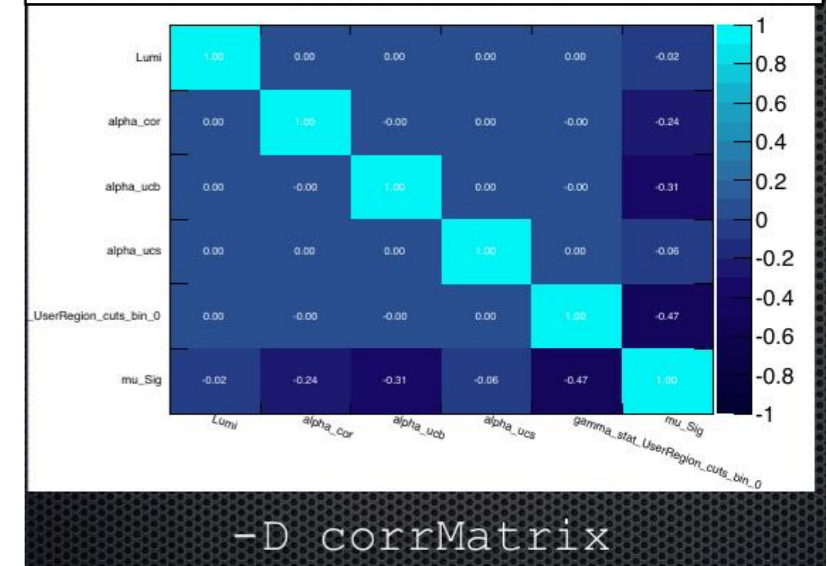
**Before Fit**



**After Fit**



**correlations matrix**



-D corrMatrix



# Config file explained - I

- Define a configManager and setup a fitConfig ana named SPlusB
- ```
from configManager import configMgr  
ana = configMgr.addFitConfig("SPlusB")
```
- Add one channel/region to the fitConfig
- ```
chan = ana.addChannel("cuts", ["UserRegion"], 1, 0.5, 1.5)
```
- One defines the region/channel in cutsDict (as one would in ROOT for TTree call)
- Here include all:
- ```
configMgr.cutsDict["UserRegion"] = "1."
```
- Channels can also be binned (shape-fit)
- ```
chan = ana.addChannel("myObs", ["mySelection"], nBins, varLow,  
varHigh)
```

# Config file explained - II

- Define samples: `bkgSample`, `sigSample` and `dataSample`

- # Define samples

```
bkgSample = Sample("Bkg", kGreen-9) # define a background sample with color KGreen-9 if plotting
bkgSample.setStatConfig(True) #This sample gets statistical uncertainties
bkgSample.buildHisto([nbkg], "UserRegion", "cuts") #Build histograms from numbers defined by
the user
```

```
bkgSample.buildStatErrors([nbkgErr], "UserRegion", "cuts")
```

```
sigSample = Sample("Sig", kPink) #A signal sample with color kPink
```

```
sigSample.setNormFactor("mu_Sig", 1., 0., 100.) # This samples receives a normalization
parameter
```

```
sigSample.setStatConfig(True) #This sample gets statistical uncertainties
```

```
sigSample.setNormByTheory() # and uncertainties due to the luminosity are added
```

```
sigSample.buildHisto([nsig], "UserRegion", "cuts")
```

```
sigSample.buildStatErrors([nsigErr], "UserRegion", "cuts")
```

```
dataSample = Sample("Data", kBlack) #Data sample
```

```
dataSample.setData()
```

```
dataSample.buildHisto([ndata], "UserRegion", "cuts")
```

```
# add all samples to the fitconfig object and thus to all channels
```

```
ana.addSamples([bkgSample, sigSample, dataSample])
```

# Config file explained - III

- Add systematics to signal/background samples
- Correlating systematics happens by giving them the same name

- # Set uncorrelated systematics for bkg and signal (1 +- relative uncertainties)

```
ucb = Systematic("ucb", configMgr.weights, 1.2,0.8, "user","userOverallSys")
```

```
ucs = Systematic("ucs", configMgr.weights, 1.1,0.9, "user","userOverallSys")
```

```
# correlated systematic between background and signal (1 +- relative uncertainties)
```

```
corb = Systematic("cor", configMgr.weights, [1.1],[0.9], "user","userHistoSys")
```

```
cors = Systematic("cor", configMgr.weights, [1.15],[0.85],
```

```
"user","userHistoSys")
```

```
bkgSample.addSystematic(corb)
```

```
bkgSample.addSystematic(ucb)
```

```
sigSample.addSystematic(cors)
```

```
sigSample.addSystematic(ucs)
```

# Table production

- **YieldsTable.py** produces customizable tables of yields before/after fit
- Example: `YieldsTable.py -s Top,WZ,BG,QCD -c SLWR_nJet,SLTR_nJet -w results/MyConfigExample/BkgOnly_combined_NormalMeasurement_model_afterFit.root -o MyYieldsTable.tex`

<b>table.results.yields channel</b>	SLWR_nJet	SLTR_nJet	SR1sl2j	SS_metmeff2Jet
Observed events	1794	269	25	26
Fitted bkg events	1800.73 ± 39.91	262.45 ± 11.47	28.53 ± 5.26	31.74 ± 8.50
Fitted Top events	117.20 ± 11.42	113.20 ± 12.53	6.17 ± 1.12	6.65 ± 1.26
Fitted WZ events	1629.37 ± 42.19	69.75 ± 6.63	13.95 ± 2.03	14.57 ± 1.98
Fitted BG events	43.49 ± 1.90	23.19 ± 1.94	0.96 ± 0.32	1.00 ± 0.32
Fitted QCD events	10.64 ± 0.51	56.30 ± 13.65	7.44 ± 3.75	9.52 ± 7.54
MC exp. SM events	1921.26	261.96	32.04	35.35
MC exp. Top events	165.16	153.98	8.75	9.38
MC exp. WZ events	1647.04	66.30	15.26	15.82
MC exp. BG events	40.96	25.03	0.59	0.63
data-driven exp. QCD events	68.06	16.64	7.44	9.52

- **SysTable.py** produces customizable tables of systematic breakdown per region (or sample)
- Example: `SysTable.py -w results/MyConfigExample/BkgOnly_combined_NormalMeasurement_model_afterFit.root -c SR1sl2j -o systable_SR1sl2j.tex`

<b>Uncertainty of channel</b>	SR1sl2j
Total background expectation	28.53
Total statistical ( $\sqrt{N_{\text{exp}}}$ )	±5.34
Total background systematic	±5.26 [18.43%]
gamma_stat_SR1sl2j_cuts_bin_0	±3.63
alpha_QCDNorm_SR1sl2j	±3.63
alpha_JES	±0.93
mu_Top	±0.65
alpha_KtScaleTop	±0.52
alpha_KtScaleWZ	±0.37
mu_WZ	±0.36

# Signal model hypothesis test

- Once you have unblinded your SR, one can calculate the CLs/p-value on specific signal models using the exclusion fit (aka model-dependent fit setup)

- As simple in HistFitter as calling:

```
HistFitter.py -p analysis/tutorial/MyUserAnalysis.py
```

- Will calculate:

- CLs observed = taking N observed events as data in all regions
- CLs expected = taking N expected events as data in all regions
- CLs expected  $\pm 1$ sigma experimental uncertainty = N expected as data,  $\pm 1$ sigma fit results
  - yellow band next slide
- CLs observed  $\pm 1$ sigma signal theory uncertainty = N observed as data,  $\pm 1$ sigma signal theory
  - need to set the name of the signal theory uncertainty systematic as `Systematic("SigXSec", ...)`
  - red-dotted lines next slide

- Setting calculator and test statistic type can be set in configManager (see backup):

```
## setting the parameters of the hypothesis test
#configMgr.nTOYs=5000
configMgr.calculatorType=2 # 2=asymptotic calculator, 0=frequentist calculator
configMgr.testStatType=3 # 3=one-sided profile likelihood test statistic (LHC default)
configMgr.nPoints=20 # number of values scanned of signal-strength for upper-limit
determination of signal strength.
```

- Result of '-p' stored in a ROOT file with 'hypotest' in the name:

```
results/MySimpleChannelAnalysis_fixSigXSecNominal_hypotest.root
```

# Contour plot explained

- <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasProtected/SUSYLimitPlotting>

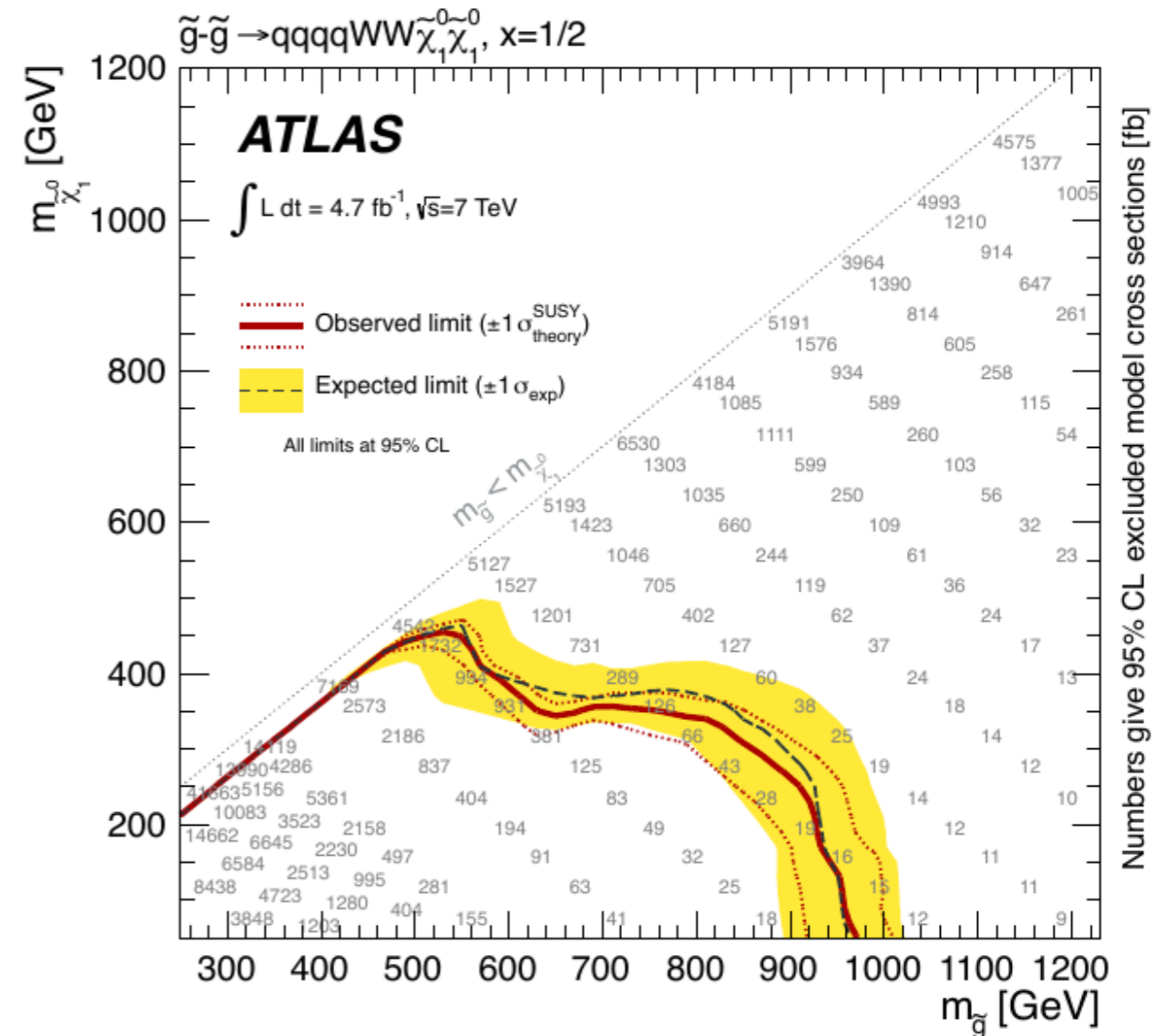
## Description of limit lines

The model limits should be computed using the [HistFitter package](#). We present the following limits:

1. **Observed limit** (thick solid dark-red line): all uncertainties are included in the fit as nuisance parameters, with the exception of the theoretical signal uncertainties (PDF, scales).
2. **Expected limit** (less thick long-dashed dark-blue line): all uncertainties are included in the fit as nuisance parameters, with the exception of the theoretical signal uncertainties (PDF, scales).

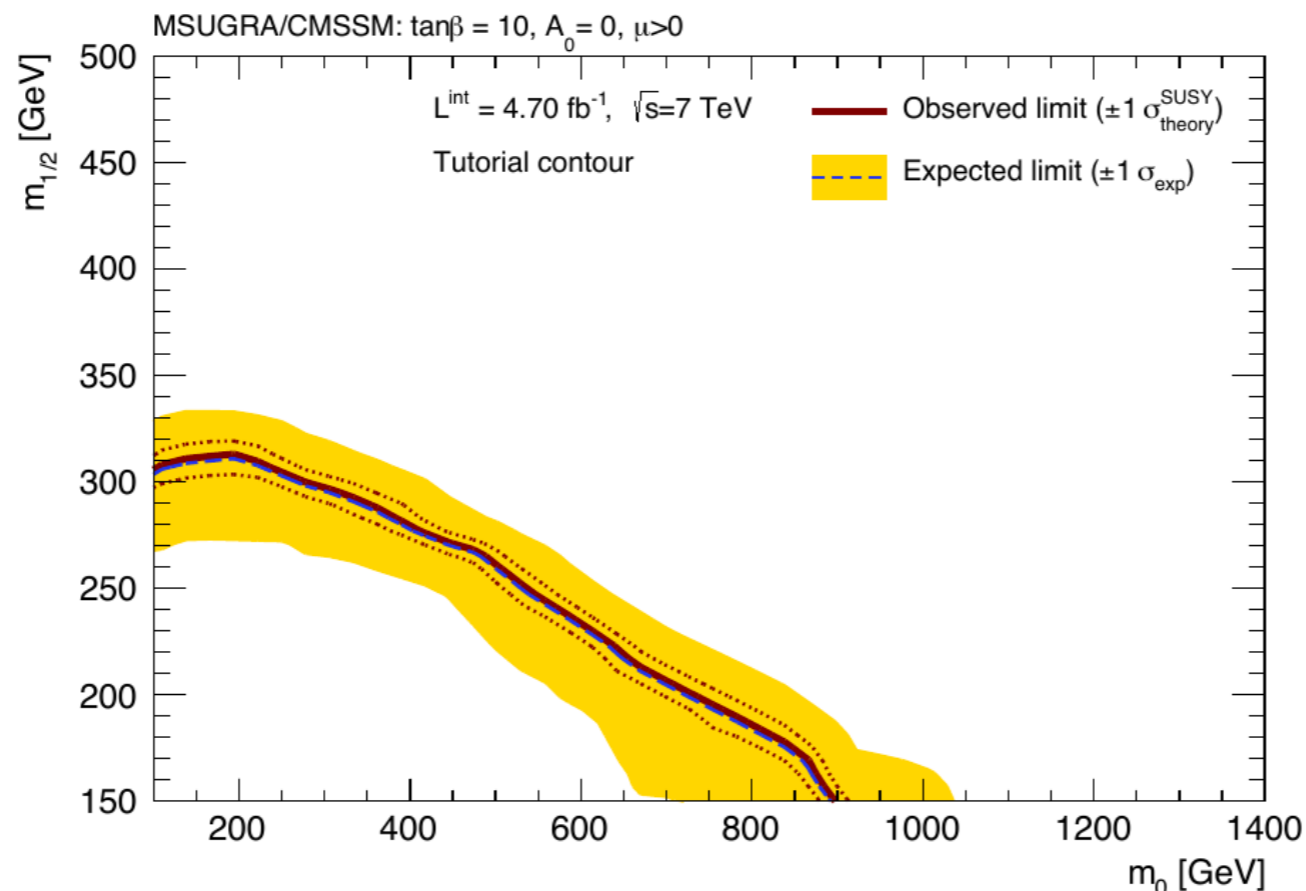
We present the following uncertainty bands:

- $\pm 1\sigma$  lines around observed limit (1) with style "thin dark-red dotted": re-run limit calculation (1) while increasing or decreasing the signal cross section by the theoretical signal uncertainties (PDF, scales).
- $\pm 1\sigma$  band around expected limit (2) with style "yellow band": the band contours are the  $\pm 1\sigma$  results of the fit (2).



# Contour plot production

- Typically a grid of signal model points with varying signal parameters ( $m_H$  or  $m_{\text{gluino}}$ ) get processed to produce an exclusion contour
- Five steps to produce (Part 5 of tutorial):
  1. run hypothesis tests over all grid points (results saved in multiple *hypotest* files)
  2. merge all the output root files into one using `hadd` (if stored in a separate files)
  3. transform this set of hypothesis tests into a plain-text file: `makelistfiles.C`
  4. create TH2D(s) from the ascii data in this list file: `makecontourhists.C`
  5. plot TH2D(s) to draw contour lines and cosmetics: `makecontourplots.C`
- at the requested CLs level, typically 95% CL,  $CL_s < 0.05$



# Signal strength upper limit

- Once you have unblinded your SR, one can set upper limits on specific signal models using the exclusion fit (aka model-dependent fit setup)
- As simple in HistFitter as calling:

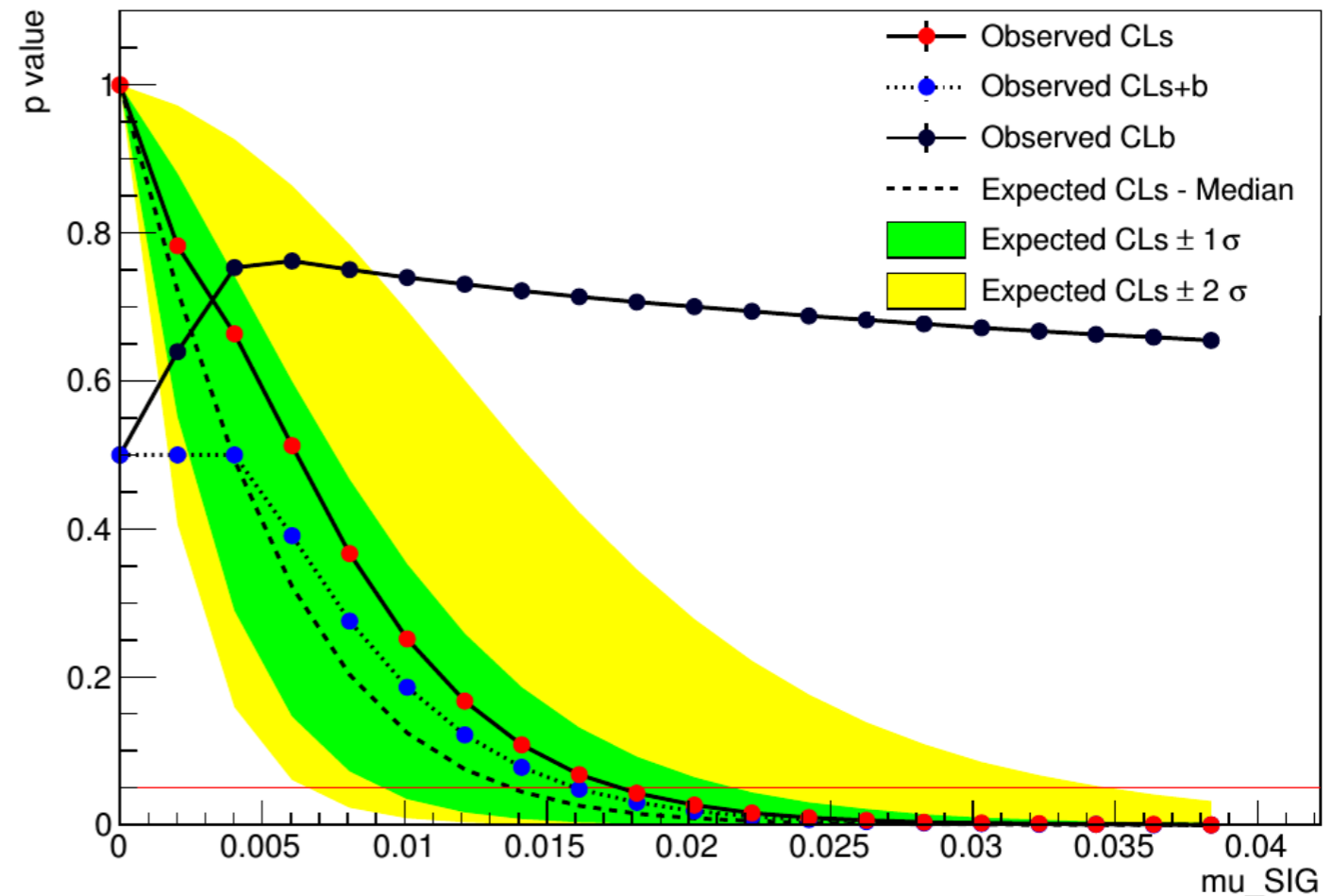
```
HistFitter.py -l analysis/tutorial/MyUserAnalysis.py
```

- Technicalities similar to '-p'

- Hypothesis test ***inversion***:

- find the value of  $\mu_{\text{SIG}}$  for which CLs below 0.05 (or other required value)
  - instead of calculating the p-value for the specific signal
- run the hypothesis test for increasing values of signal strength  $\mu_{\text{SIG}}$ 
  - scan range determined automatically
  - upper limit on cross section = nominal cross section  $\times$  upper limit on signal strength (grey numbers in contour plots, run for each signal grid point)

Asymptotic CL Scan for workspace result\_mu\_SIG





# Model-independent upper limit

- Calculate the upper limit on the number of BSM physics events that we exclude in our SR
  - Typically used by theorists to check their favorite BSM model, that we have not looked at
- Requires the model-independent fit setup - aka discovery fit
  - ‘dummy signal’ = exactly one event in signal region (none in CRs)
  - upper limit on this ‘dummy signal’ = upper limit on BSM number of events
- Use the **UpperLimitTable.py** script:

```
UpperLimitTable.py -c SS -w
```

```
results/MyUpperLimitAnalysis_SS/SPlusB_combined_NormalMeasurement_model.root -  
l 4.713 -n 1000
```

- Results in LaTeX table:

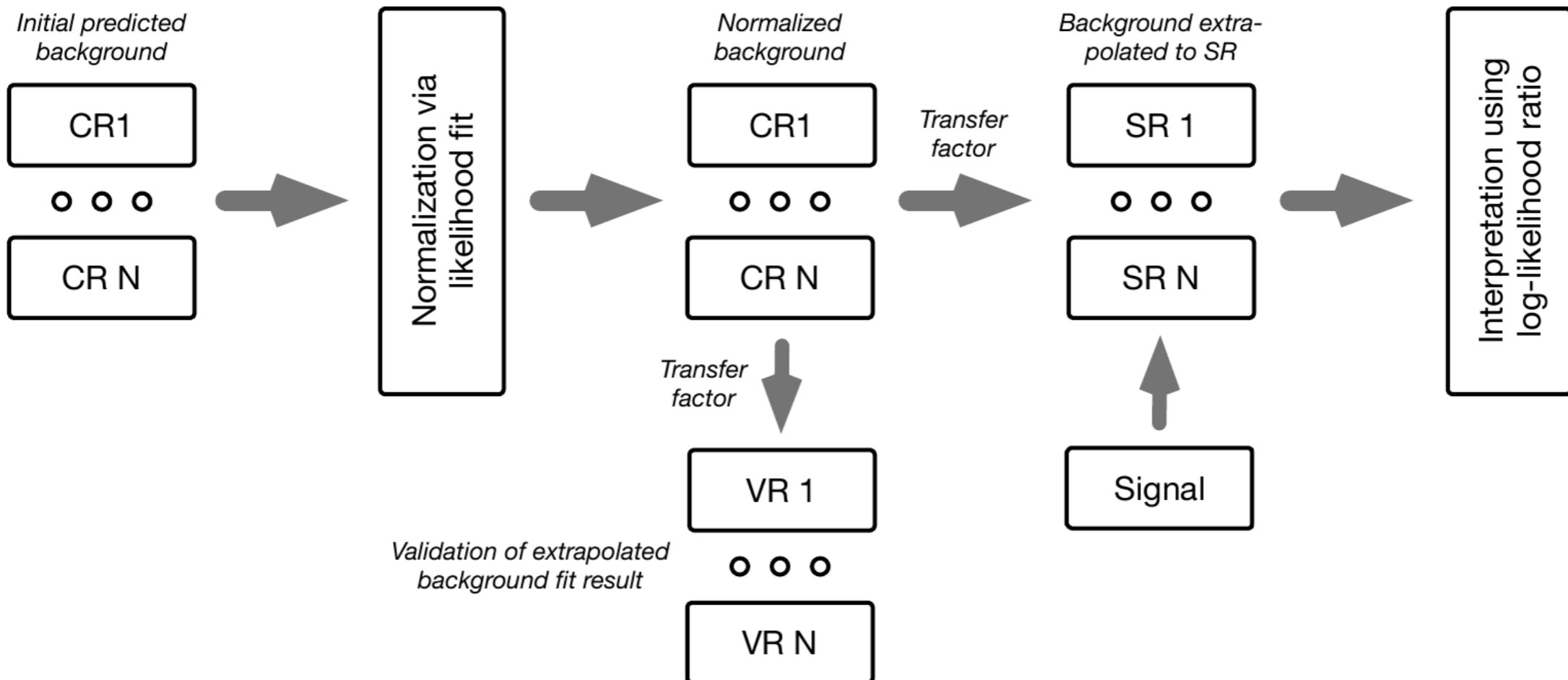
Signal channel	$\langle \epsilon \sigma \rangle_{\text{obs}}^{95} [\text{fb}]$	$S_{\text{obs}}^{95}$	$S_{\text{exp}}^{95}$	$CL_B$	$p(s = 0)$
SS	1.73	8.2	$6.1^{+2.3}_{-1.3}$	0.80	0.21

- $\langle \sigma_{\text{vis}} \rangle_{95\_obs}$  : 95% CL upper limits on the visible cross section obs
- $S_{95\_obs}$  : 95% CL upper limits on the number of signal events obs
- $S_{95\_exp}$  : 95% CL upper limit on the number of signal events, given the expected number (and  $\pm 1\sigma$  excursions on the expectation) of background events
- $CL_B$ : the confidence level observed for the background-only hypothesis
- $p(s = 0)$ : discovery p-value - the probability, capped at 0.5, that a background-only experiment is more signal-like than the observed number of events in a signal region

# HistFitter - tutorial

## HistFitter Tutorial - Parts 1 & 2 & 3

## Parts 4 & 5



# HistFitter tutorial start up

- A public version is available on the HistFitter webpage:

<http://histfitter.web.cern.ch/histfitter/Software/Install/index.html>

**We use HistFitter-2.0.tar.gz for this tutorial.**

- **Installation instructions:**

- Untar the HistFitter package
- Setup ROOT (if not already done) – use Root 5!
- Go to the HistFitter directory `cd HistFitter-2.0`
- Run the HistFitter setup script `source setup.sh`
- Go to the `src/` directory and compile the C++ side of HistFitter `cd src && make`
- Go back to the main HistFitter directory

- **Input data here:**

- Link the input data to your HistFitter directory as follows:
- `ln -s /project/etp3/jlorenz/shape_fit/samples/ samples`