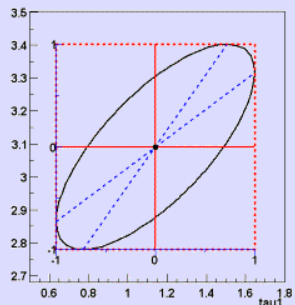
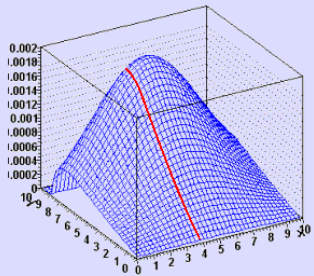
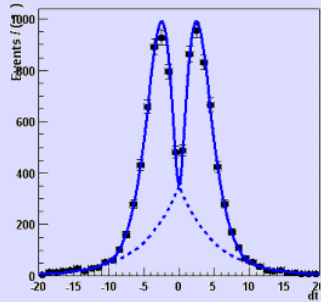


RooFit

A tool kit for data modeling in ROOT

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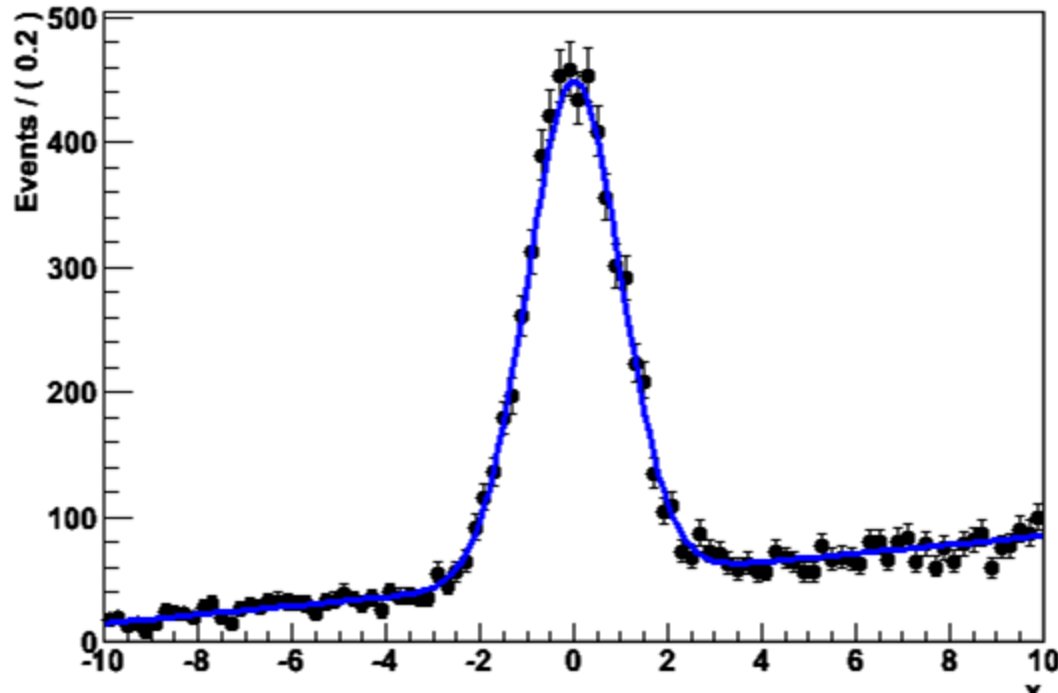


1 What is RooFit ?



Focus: coding a probability density function

- Focus on one practical aspect of many data analysis in HEP: **How do you formulate your p.d.f. in ROOT**
 - For ‘simple’ problems (gauss, polynomial), ROOT built-in models well sufficient



- But if you want to do unbinned ML fits, use non-trivial functions, or work with multidimensional functions you are quickly running into trouble



Why RooFit was developed

- **BaBar experiment at SLAC:** Extract $\sin(2\beta)$ from time dependent CP violation of B decay: $e^+e^- \rightarrow Y(4s) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$
 - Reconstruct both Bs, measure decay time difference
 - Physics of interest is in decay time dependent oscillation

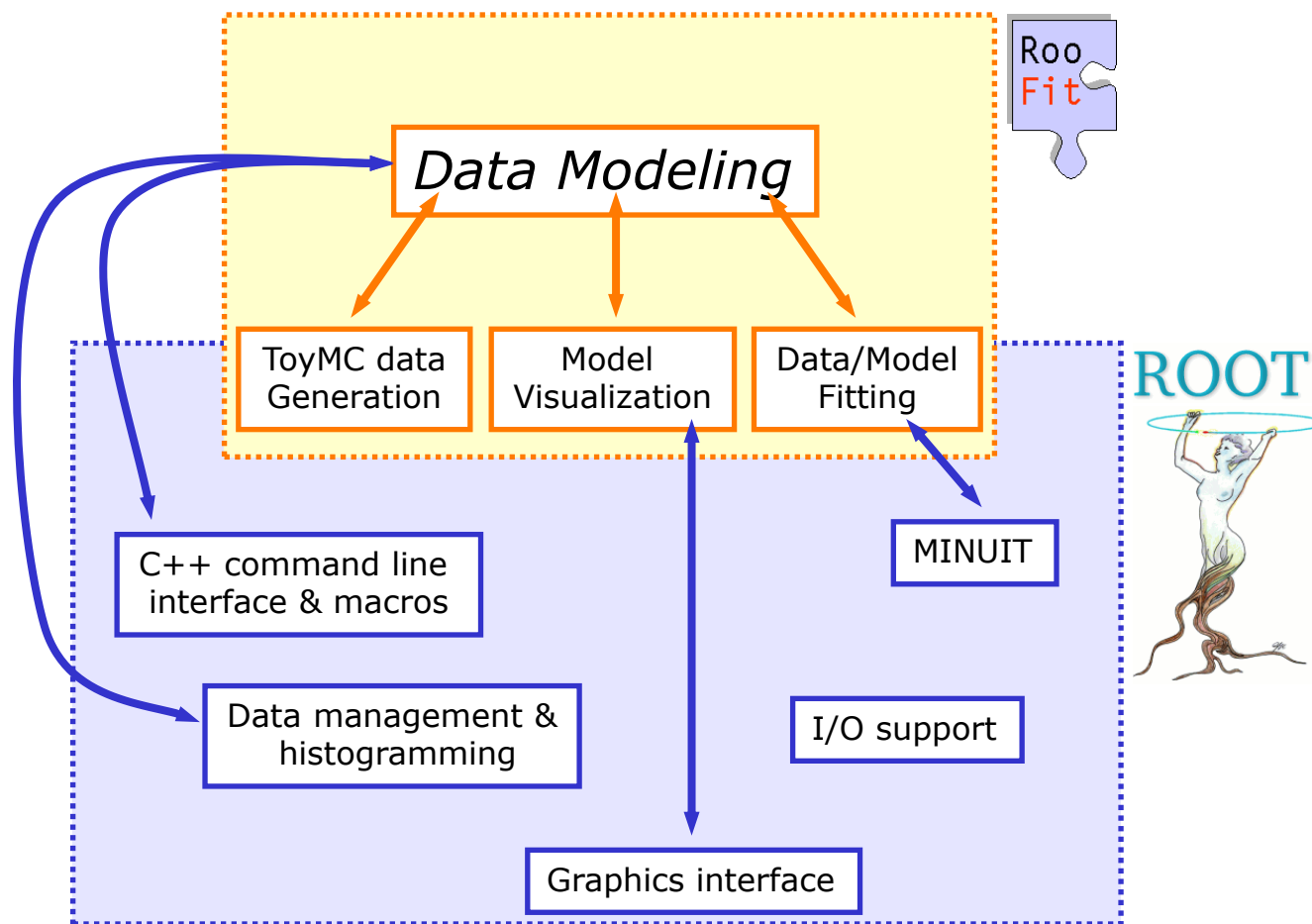
$$f_{sig} \cdot \left[\text{SigSel}(m; \bar{p}_{sig}) \cdot \left(\text{SigDecay}(t; \vec{q}_{sig}, \sin(2\beta)) \otimes \text{SigResol}(t | dt; \vec{r}_{sig}) \right) \right] + (1 - f_{sig}) \left[\text{BkgSel}(m; \bar{p}_{bkg}) \cdot \left(\text{BkgDecay}(t; \vec{q}_{bkg}) \otimes \text{BkgResol}(t | dt; \vec{r}_{bkg}) \right) \right]$$

- Many issues arise
 - Standard ROOT function framework clearly insufficient to handle such complicated functions → **must develop new framework**
 - **Normalization of p.d.f. not always trivial to calculate** → may need numeric integration techniques
 - Unbinned fit, >2 dimensions, many events → computation performance important → **must try optimize code** for acceptable performance
 - Simultaneous fit to control samples to account for detector performan



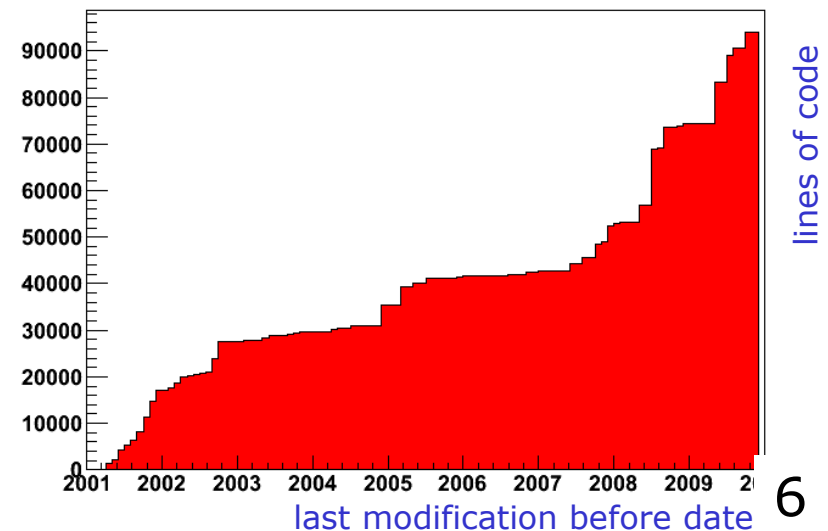
RooFit – a data modeling language for ROOT

Extension to ROOT – (Almost) no overlap with existing functionality



Project timeline

- **1999** : Project started
 - First application: 'sin2b' measurement of BaBar (model with 5 observables, 37 floating parameters, simultaneous fit to multiple CP and control channels)
- **2000** : Complete overhaul of design based on experience with sin2b fit
 - Very useful exercise: new design is still current design
- **2003** : Public release of RooFit with ROOT
- **2004** : Over 50 BaBar physics publications using RooFit
- **2007** : Integration of RooFit in ROOT CVS source
- **2008** : Upgrade in functionality as part of RooStats project
 - Improved analytical and numeric integration handling, improved toy MC generation, addition of workspace
- **2009** : Now ~100K lines of code
 - (For comparison RooStats proper is ~5000 lines of code)
- **2012** : Higgs discovery models formulated in RooFit using workspace concept





Data modeling - Desired functionality

Analysis work cycle

Building/Adjusting Models

- ✓ *Easy to write* basic PDFs (→ normalization)
- ✓ Easy to *compose complex models* (modular design)
- ✓ *Reuse* of existing functions
- ✓ *Flexibility* – No arbitrary implementation-related restrictions

Using Models

- ✓ *Fitting* : Binned/Unbinned (extended) MLL fits, Chi^2 fits
- ✓ *Toy MC generation*: Generate MC datasets from *any* model
- ✓ *Visualization*: Slice/project model & data in *any possible way*
- ✓ *Speed* – Should be *as fast or faster* than hand-coded model



Data modeling – OO representation

- Idea: represent math symbols as C++ objects

Mathematical concept

RooFit class

variable

x, p



`RooRealVar`

function

$f(\vec{x})$



`RooAbsReal`

PDF

$F(\vec{x}; \vec{p}, \vec{q})$



`RooAbsPdf`

space point

\vec{x}



`RooArgSet`

integral

$\int_{x_{\min}}^{x_{\max}} f(x) dx$



`RooRealIntegral`

list of space points

\vec{x}_k



`RooAbsData`

- Result: 1 line of code per symbol in a function (the C++ constructor) rather than 1 line of code per function



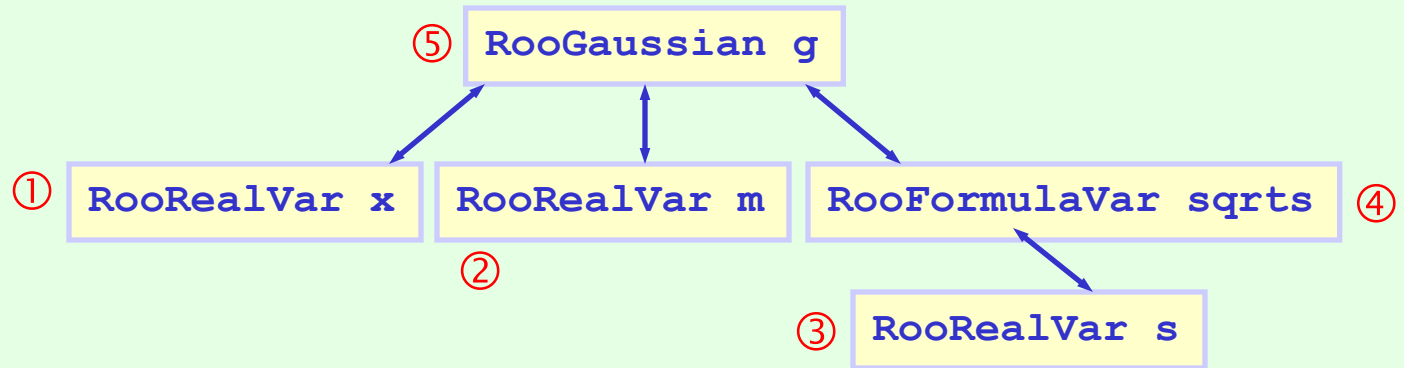
Data modeling – Constructing composite objects

- Straightforward correlation between mathematical representation of formula and RooFit code

Math

$$\text{gauss}(x, m, \sqrt{s})$$

RooFit diagram



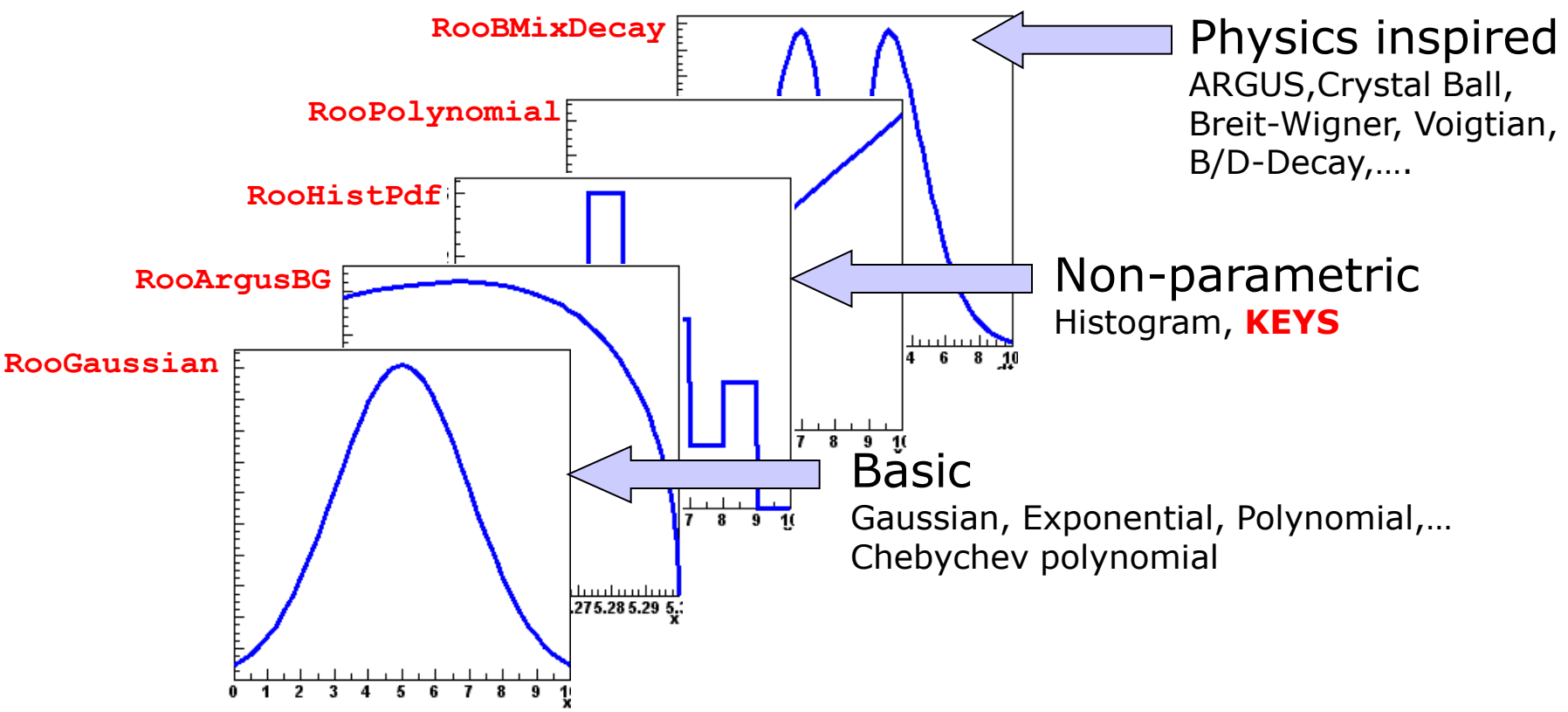
RooFit code

```
① RooRealVar x("x", "x", -10, 10) ;  
② RooRealVar m("m", "mean", 0) ;  
③ RooRealVar s("s", "sigma", 2, 0, 10) ;  
④ RooFormulaVar sqrts("sqrts", "sqrt(s)", s) ;  
⑤ RooGaussian g("g", "gauss", x, m, sqrts) ;
```



Model building – (Re)using standard components

- RooFit provides a **collection of compiled standard PDF classes**

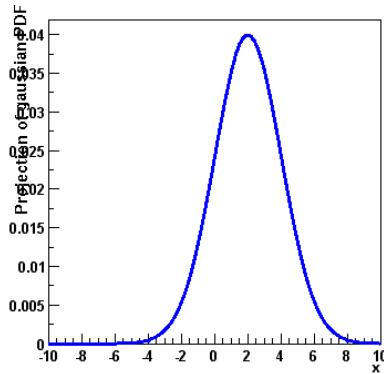


Easy to extend the library: each p.d.f. is a separate C++ class

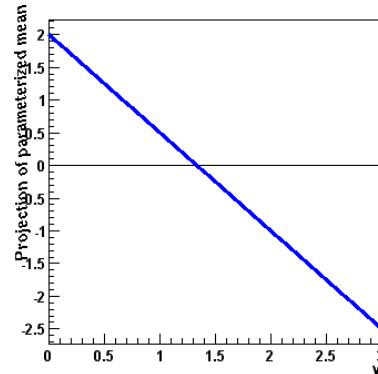
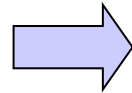


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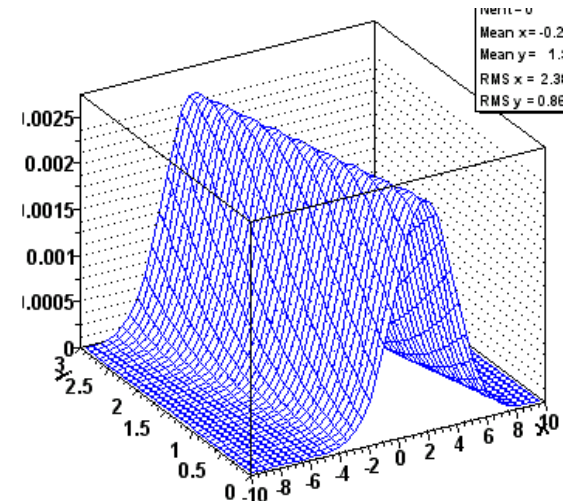
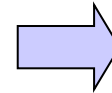
- Library p.d.f.s can be adjusted on the fly.
 - Just plug in *any function expression* you like as input variable
 - Works universally, even for classes you write yourself



$$g(x; m, s)$$



$$m(y; a_0, a_1)$$



$$g(x, y; a_0, a_1, s)$$

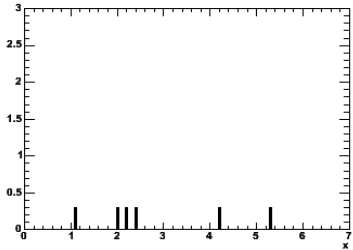
```
RooPolyVar  m("m", y, RooArgList(a0, a1)) ;
RooGaussian g("g", "gauss", x, m, s) ;
```

- Maximum flexibility of library shapes keeps library small

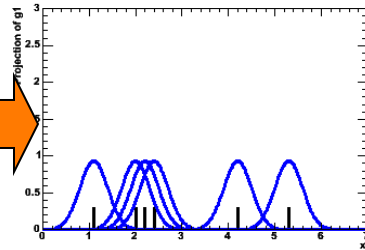
Special pdfs – Kernel estimation model

- Kernel estimation model
 - Construct smooth pdf from unbinned data, using kernel estimation technique

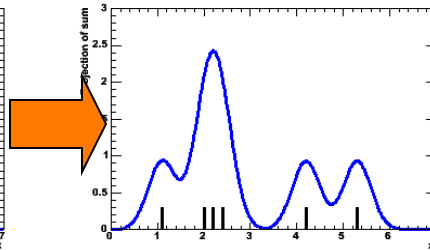
Sample of events



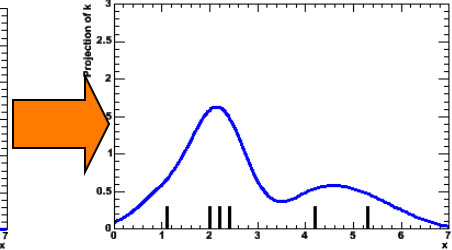
Gaussian pdf for each event



Summed pdf for all events



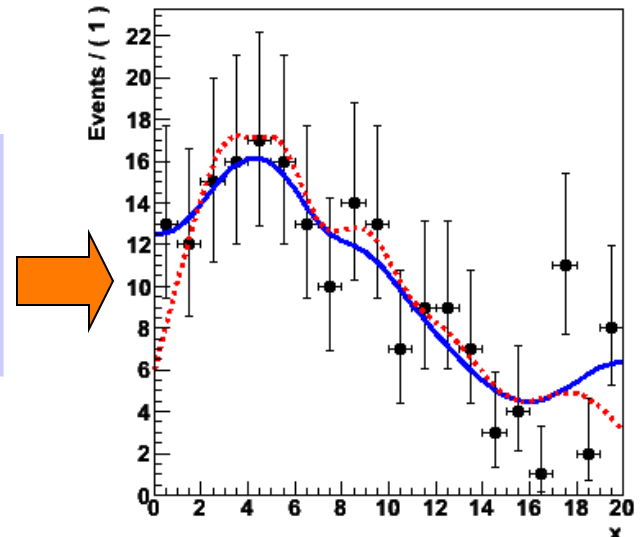
Adaptive Kernel:
width of Gaussian depends on local event density



- Example

```
w.import(myData, Rename("myData")) ;
w.factory("KeysPdf::k(x, myData)") ;
```

- Also available for n-D data

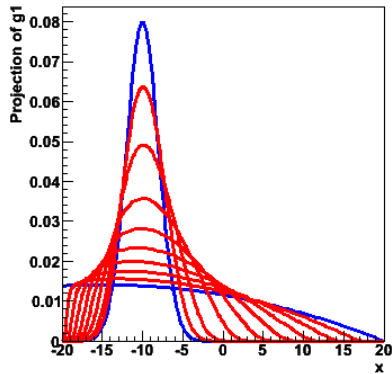


Special pdfs – Morphing interpolation

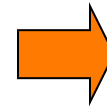
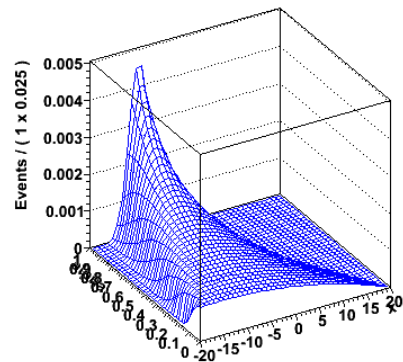
- Special operator pdfs can interpolate existing pdf shapes
 - Ex: interpolation between Gaussian and Polynomial

```
w.factory("Gaussian::g(x[-20,20],-10,2)");
w.factory("Polynomial::p(x,{-0.03,-0.001})");
w.factory("IntegralMorph::gp(g,p,x,alpha[0,1])");
```

A RooPlot of "x"

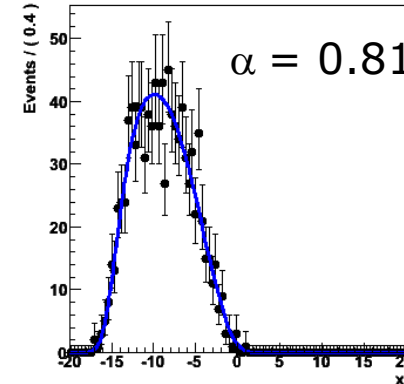


Histogram of hh_x_alpha



Fit to data

A RooPlot of "x"



- Two morphing algorithms available
 - **IntegralMorph** (Alex Read algorithm).
CPU intensive, but good with discontinuities
 - **MomentMorph** (Max Baak).
Fast, can handling multiple observables (and soon multiple interpolation parameters), but doesn't work well for all pdfs



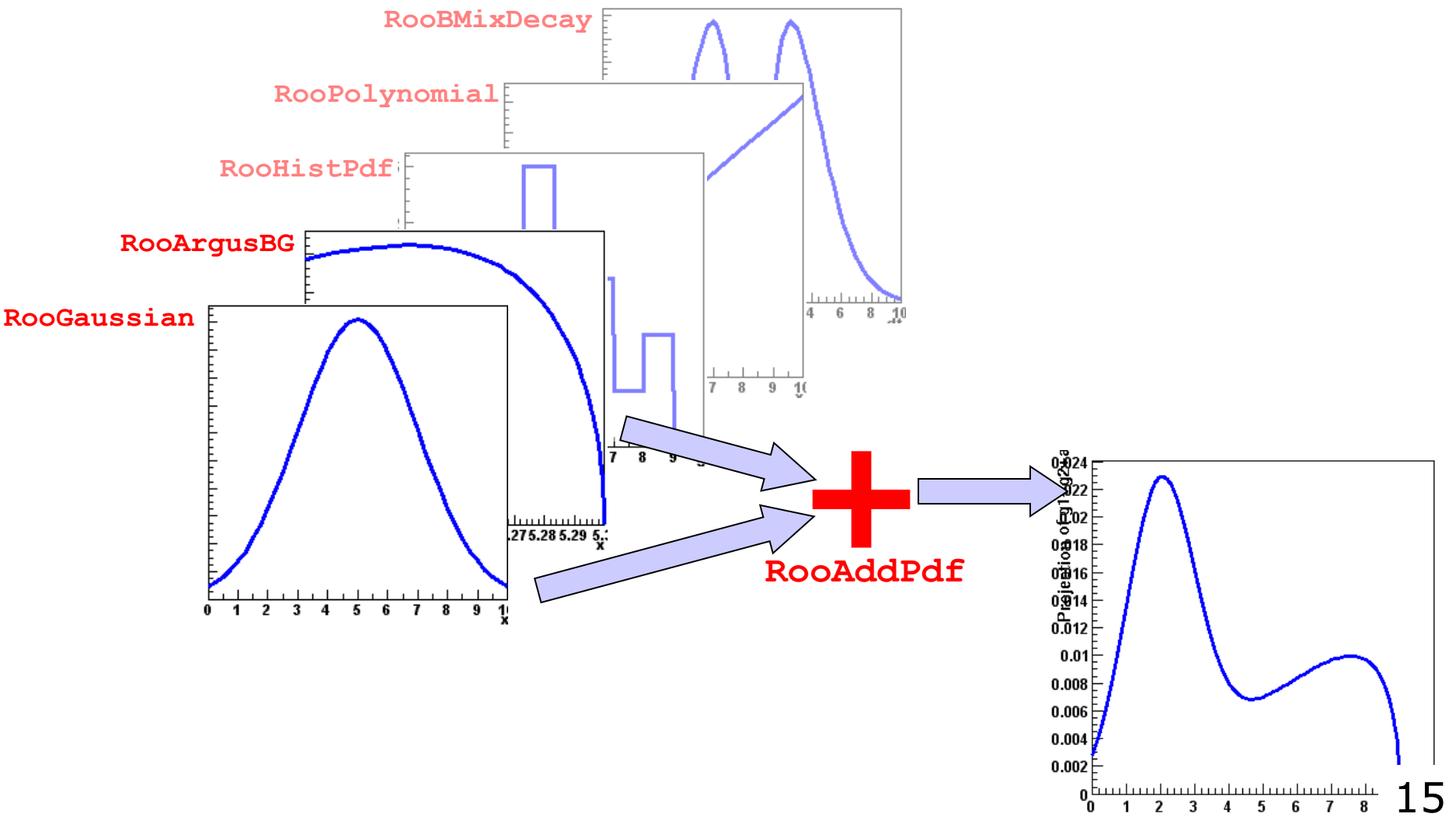
Handling of p.d.f normalization

- Normalization of (component) p.d.f.s to unity is often a good part of the work of writing a p.d.f.
- RooFit handles most normalization issues transparently to the user
 - P.d.f can advertise (multiple) **analytical expressions for integrals**
 - When no analytical expression is provided, RooFit will automatically perform **numeric integration** to obtain normalization
 - **More complicated that it seems**: even if $gauss(x,m,s)$ can be integrated analytically over x , $gauss(f(x),m,s)$ cannot. Such use cases are automatically recognized.
 - Multi-dimensional integrals can be **combination of numeric and p.d.f-provided analytical** partial integrals
- Variety of numeric integration techniques is interfaced
 - Adaptive trapezoid, Gauss-Kronrod, VEGAS MC...
 - User can override parameters globally or per p.d.f. as necessary



Model building – (Re)using standard components

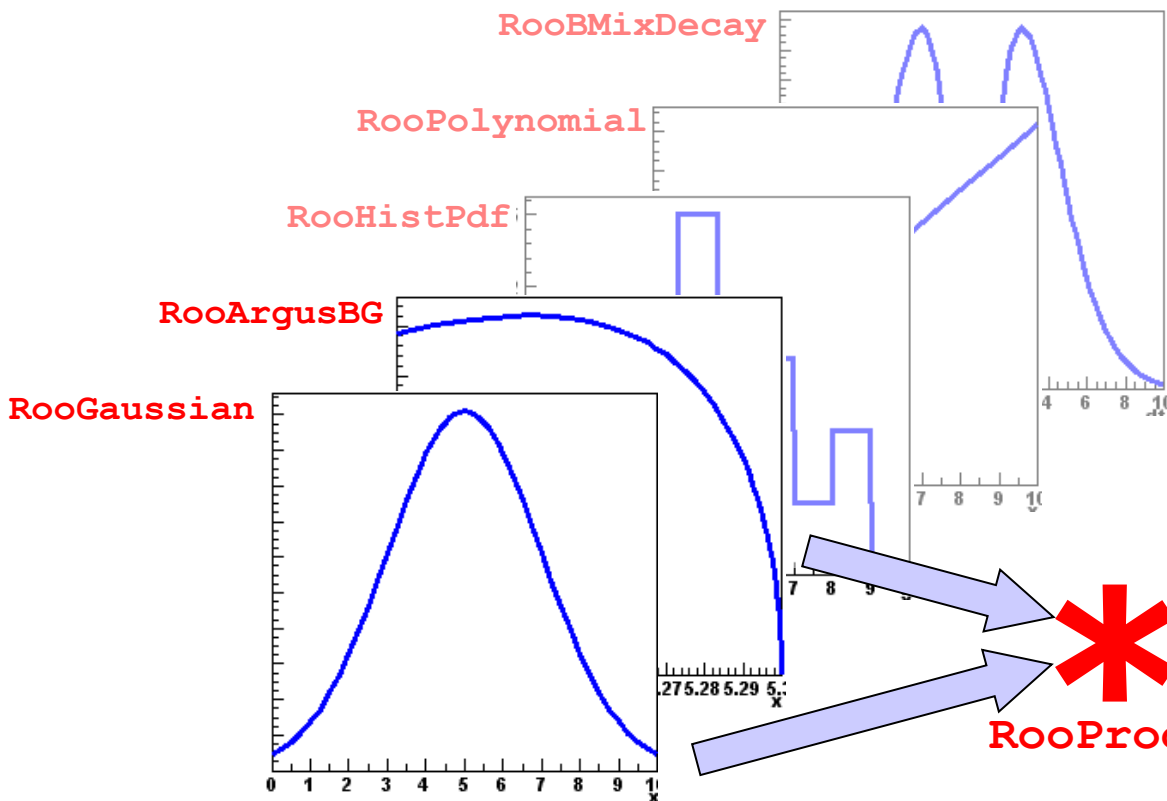
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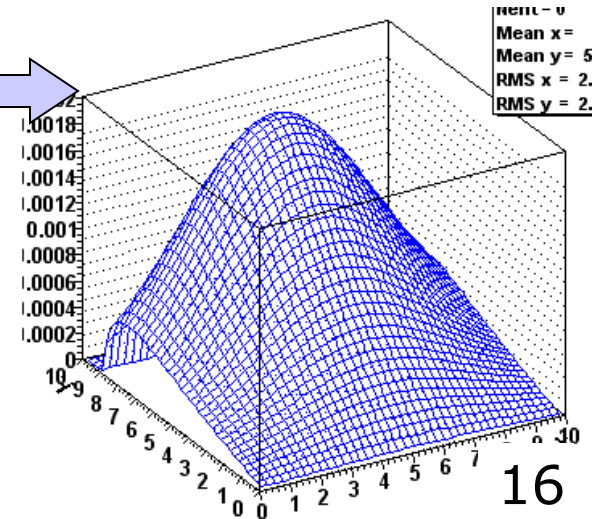
```
RooProdPdf h("h","h",
              RooArgSet(f,g))
```

$$h(x, y) = f(x) \cdot g(y)$$

```
RooProdPdf k("k","k",g,
              Conditional(f,x))
```

$$k(x, y) = f(x | y) \cdot g(y)$$

RooProdPdf



(FFT) Convolution – works for all models

- Example

```
w.factory("Landau::L(x[-10,30],5,1)") :
w.factory("Gaussian::G(x,0,2)") ;

w::x.setBins("cache",10000) ; // FFT sampling density
w.factory("FCONV::LGf(x,L,G)") ; // FFT convolution

w.factory("NCONV::LGb(x,L,G)") ; // Numeric convolution
```

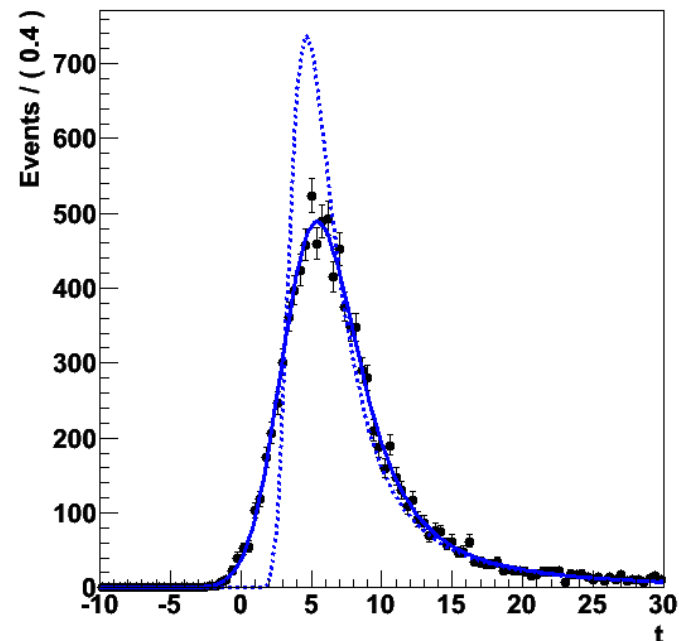
- FFT usually best

- Fast: unbinned ML fit to 10K events take ~5 seconds

(X)

RooFFTConvPdf

landau (x) gauss convolution





Automated vs. hand-coded optimization of p.d.f.

- Automatic pre-fit PDF **optimization**
 - Prior to each fit, the PDF is analyzed for possible optimizations
 - Optimization algorithms:
 - Detection and *precalculation of constant terms* in any PDF expression
 - Function *caching* and lazy evaluation
 - *Factorization* of multi-dimensional problems where ever possible
 - Optimizations are always tailored to the specific use in each fit.
 - Possible because OO structure of p.d.f. allows automated analysis of structure
- **No need for users to hard-code optimizations**
 - Keeps your code understandable, maintainable and flexible without sacrificing performance
 - Optimization concepts implemented by RooFit are applied consistently and completely to all PDFs
 - Speedup of factor 3-10 reported in realistic complex fits
- Fit **parallelization** on multi-CPU hosts
 - Option for **automatic parallelization** of fit function on multi-CPU hosts (no explicit or implicit support from user PDFs needed)



2 Sharing models



Sharing data and functions

- Sharing data in HEP is relatively easy – ROOT **Trees**, **THx** histograms almost universal standard
- Sharing functions (likelihood / probability density) much more difficult
 - No standard protocol for defining p.d.f.s and likelihood functions
 - Structurally functions are much more complicated than data
- Essentially all methods start with the basic probability density function or likelihood function $L(x|\theta_r, \theta_s)$
 - **Building a good model is the hard part!**
 - want to re-use it for multiple methods
 - Language to common tools
- Common language for probability density functions and likelihood functions very desirable for easy exchange of information → **RooFit**

RooFit core design philosophy - Workspace

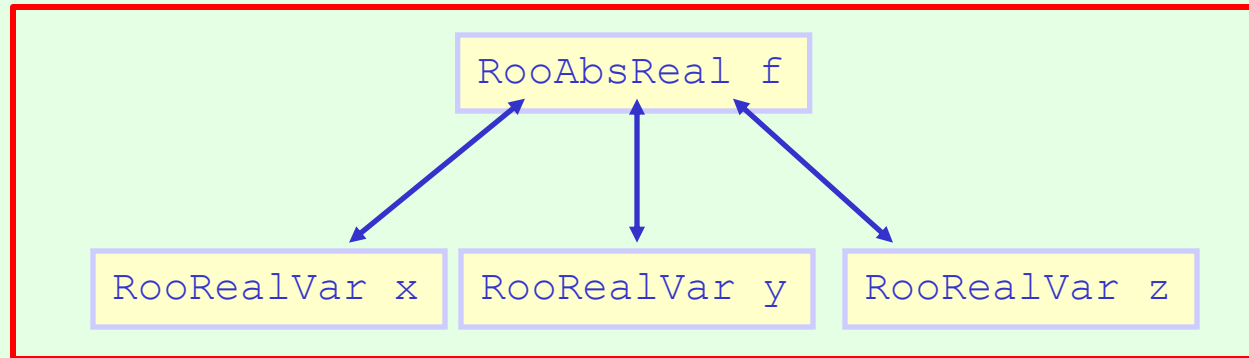
- The workspace serves a container class for all objects created

Math

$$f(x,y,z)$$

RooWorkspace

RooFit diagram



RooFit code

```

RooRealVar x("x","x",5) ;
RooRealVar y("y","y",5) ;
RooRealVar z("z","z",5) ;
RooBogusFunction f("f","f",x,y,z) ;
RooWorkspace w("w") ;
w.import(f) ;

```



Using the workspace

- Workspace
 - A generic container class for all RooFit objects of your project
 - Helps to organize analysis projects

- Creating a workspace

```
RooWorkspace w("w") ;
```

- Putting variables and function into a workspace
 - When importing a function or pdf, all its components (variables) are automatically imported too

```
RooRealVar x("x","x",-10,10) ;  
RooRealVar mean("mean","mean",5) ;  
RooRealVar sigma("sigma","sigma",3) ;  
RooGaussian f("f","f",x,mean,sigma) ;  
  
// imports f,x,mean and sigma  
w.import(myFunction) ;
```



Using the workspace

- Looking into a workspace

```
w.Print() ;  
  
variables  
-----  
(mean,sigma,x)  
  
p.d.f.s  
-----  
RooGaussian::f[ x=x mean=mean sigma=sigma ] = 0.249352
```

- Getting variables and functions out of a workspace

```
// Variety of accessors available  
RooPlot* frame = w.var("x")->frame() ;  
w.pdf("f")->plotOn(frame) ;
```



Persisting workspaces

- Workspaces can be trivially written to file

```
// Write workspace contents to file  
w.writeToFile("myworkspace.root") ;
```

- And be read back into another ROOT session

```
// Open ROOT file  
TFile* f = TFile::Open("myworkspace.root") ;  
  
// Retrieve workspace  
RooWorkspace* w = f->Get("w") ;
```




Sharing models using RooFit workspaces

- Internal sharing of likelihood models between analysis groups has been common within Higgs effort
- Aided by RooFit workspace concept
- What you share is not only a description of model, but an actual implementation (a callable C++ function)

- Virtually zero overhead in getting things to work

```
// Setup [4 lines ]
```

```
TFile* f = TFile::Open("myfile.root") ;
```

```
RooWorkspace* w = f->Get("mywspace") ;
```

```
RooAbsPdf* model = w->pdf("mymodel") ;
```

```
RooAbsData* data = w->data("obsData") ;
```

```
// Core business
```

```
model->fitTo(*data) ;
```

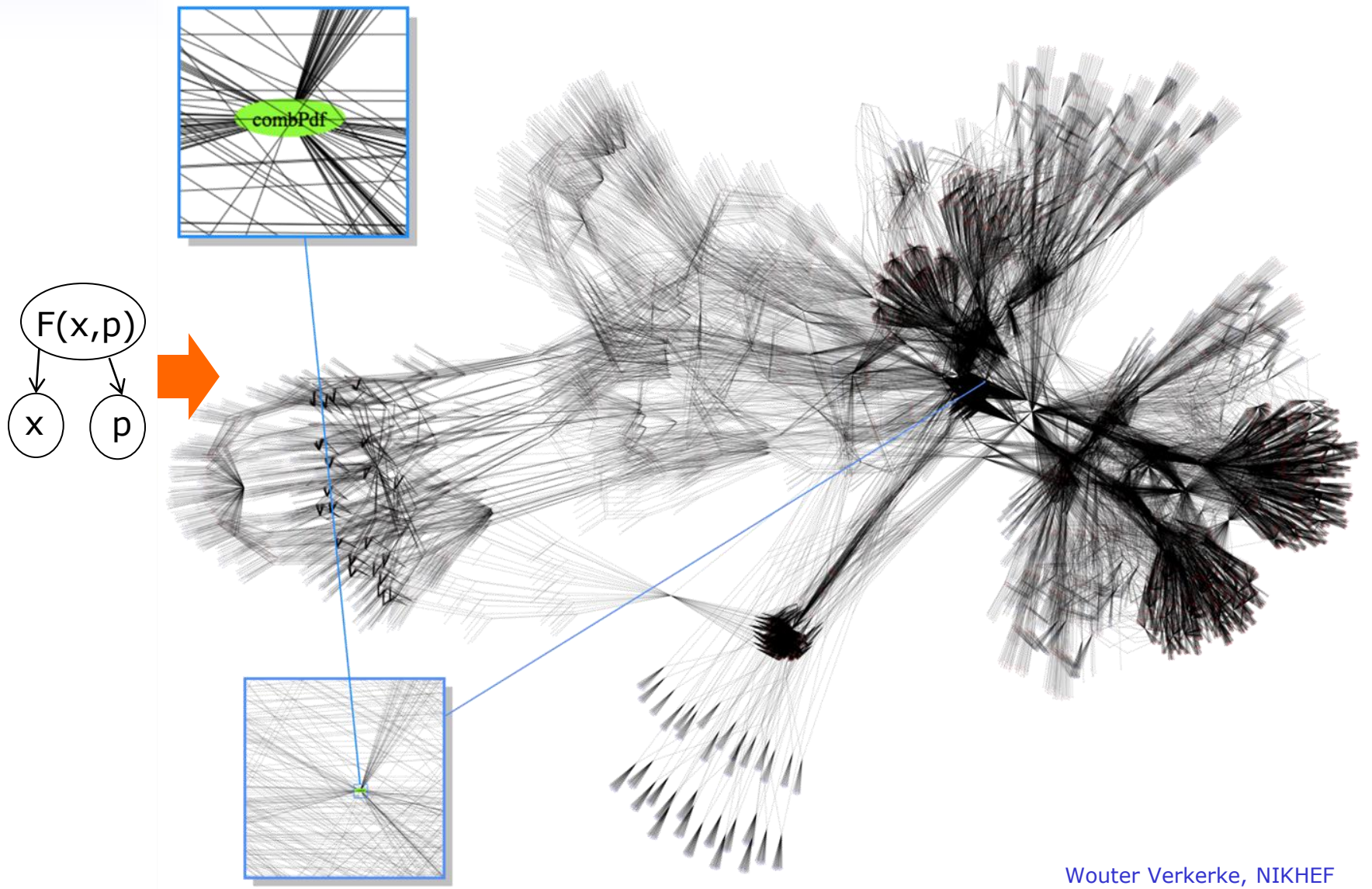
```
RooAbsReal* nll = model->createNLL(*data) ;
```

- Works for **any** model



Scalability – an extreme example

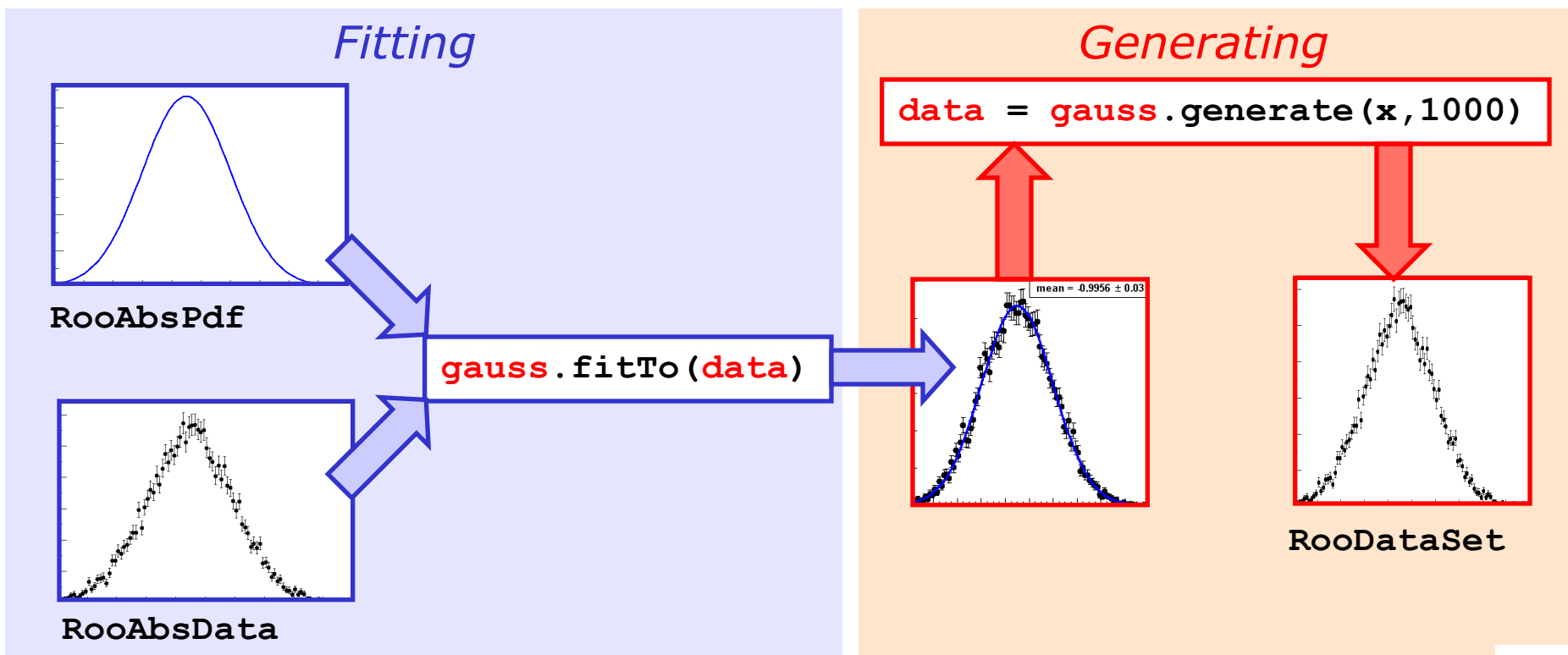
A Higgs model (23.000 functions, 1600 parameters)





A workspace provides you with a model **implementation**

- *All* RooFit models provide *universal and complete fitting* and Toy Monte Carlo *generating* functionality
 - Model complexity only limited by available memory and CPU power
 - Fitting/plotting a 5-D model as easy as using a 1-D model
 - Most operations are one-liners



Probability density function → Likelihood

- Easy to create a likelihood from a model and a dataset

```
// Create likelihood (calculation parallelized on 8 cores)
RooAbsReal* nll = w::model.createNLL(data, NumCPU(8)) ;
```

- Easy to manipulate with ROOT minimizers

```
Roofit m(*nll) ; // Create MINUIT session
m.migrad() ; // Call MIGRAD
m.hesse() ; // Call HESSE
m.minos(w::param) ; // Call MINOS for 'param'

RooFitResult* r = m.save() ; // Save status (cov matrix etc)
```

- Can also insert likelihood function in a workspace

```
w.import(*nll) ; // for direct use by others
```

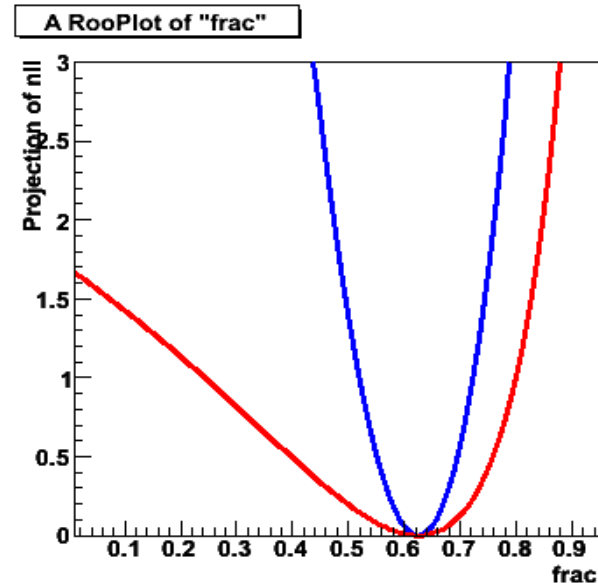
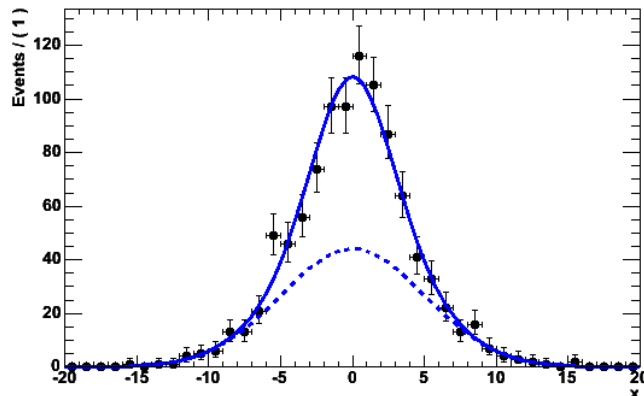
Working with profile likelihood

- A profile likelihood ratio $\lambda(p) = \frac{L(p, \hat{q})}{L(\hat{p}, \hat{q})}$
 - $L(p, \hat{q})$ ← Best L for given p
 - $L(\hat{p}, \hat{q})$ ← Best L

can be represent by a regular RooFit function
(albeit an expensive one to evaluate)

```
RooAbsReal* ll = model.createNLL(data, NumCPU(8)) ;
RooAbsReal* pll = ll->createProfile(params) ;
```

```
RooPlot* frame = w::frac.frame() ;
nll->plotOn(frame, ShiftToZero()) ;
pll->plotOn(frame, LineColor(kRed)) ;
```





(Not) sharing the (unbinned) data

- Potential discussion item when sharing workspaces is that you share not only the model, but also the (unbinned) data – which a collaboration for various reason may not want to make public
- No easy iron-clad solutions to this issue – likelihood must have access to the data
- One simple solution currently provided are ‘sealed’ likelihood functions in workspace → These refuse access to internal data.
 - Not iron-clad since a good programmer with a debugger can still extract this
 - But sealed likelihoods also offer opportunity to include ‘copyright’ message – printed whenever workspace with sealed likelihoods is loaded into memory

```
nll->seal("your copyright message goes here") ;  
w->import(*nll) ;
```



Interfacing RooFit functions to other code

- Binding exist to represent RooFit likelihood and probability density functions as 'simple' C++ functions

```
// RooFit pdf object
RooAbsPdf* pdf ;

// Binding object
RooFunctor lfunc(*pdf,observables,parameters) ;

// Evaluate pdf through binding
// takes variables as array of doubles
double obs[n] ;
double par[m] ;
double val = lfunc.eval(obs,par) ;
```



Summary

- RooFit is a object-oriented data modeling language for HEP, part of ROOT distribution
 - Key concept is representing mathematical entities as C++ objects
- Extensively used since nearly 13 years, highly scalable with good performance
- Ability to persist these models into 'workspaces' in ROOT files allows to trivially share **implementations** of models
 - You read and use parametric likelihoods from other scientists with almost zero effort
 - Very effectively used in Higgs discovery effort
- Long-term retention ability of workspaces explicit goal
 - ROOT schema evolution framework provides tools to guarantee backward compatibility for reading existing workspaces

