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## Lecture 1: INTRODUCTION

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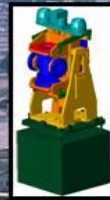
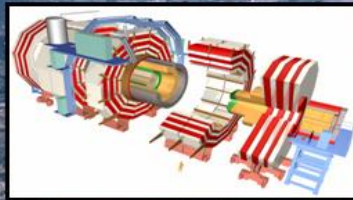
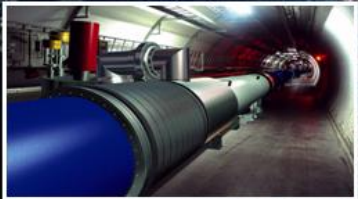


# What is the statistical challenge in HEP?

- High Energy Physicists (**HEP**) have an hypothesis:  
**The Standard Model**.
- This model relies on the existence of the 2012 discovery of  
**the Higgs Boson**
- The minimal content of the Standard Model includes the Higgs Boson , but extensions of the Model include other particles which are yet to be discovered
- The challenge of HEP is to generate tons of data and to develop powerful analyses to tell if the data indeed contains evidence for the new particle, and confirm if it is the expected Higgs Boson (Mass, Spin, CP) or a member of a family of Scalar Bosons

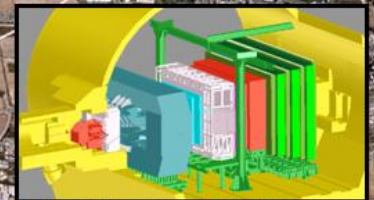
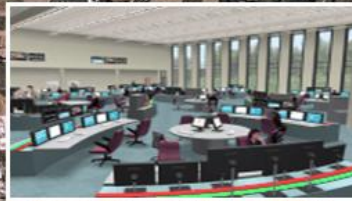
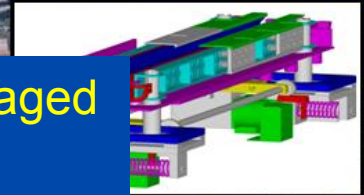


# The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



The LHC is a very powerful accelerator which managed to hunt a Higgs with a  $10^{-12}$  production probability

This is statistics of rare events!



# Higgs Hunter's Independence Day

## July 4<sup>th</sup> 2012



Now you  
have found  
me

I was looking  
for you for  
over 20 years

# The Charge of the Lectures

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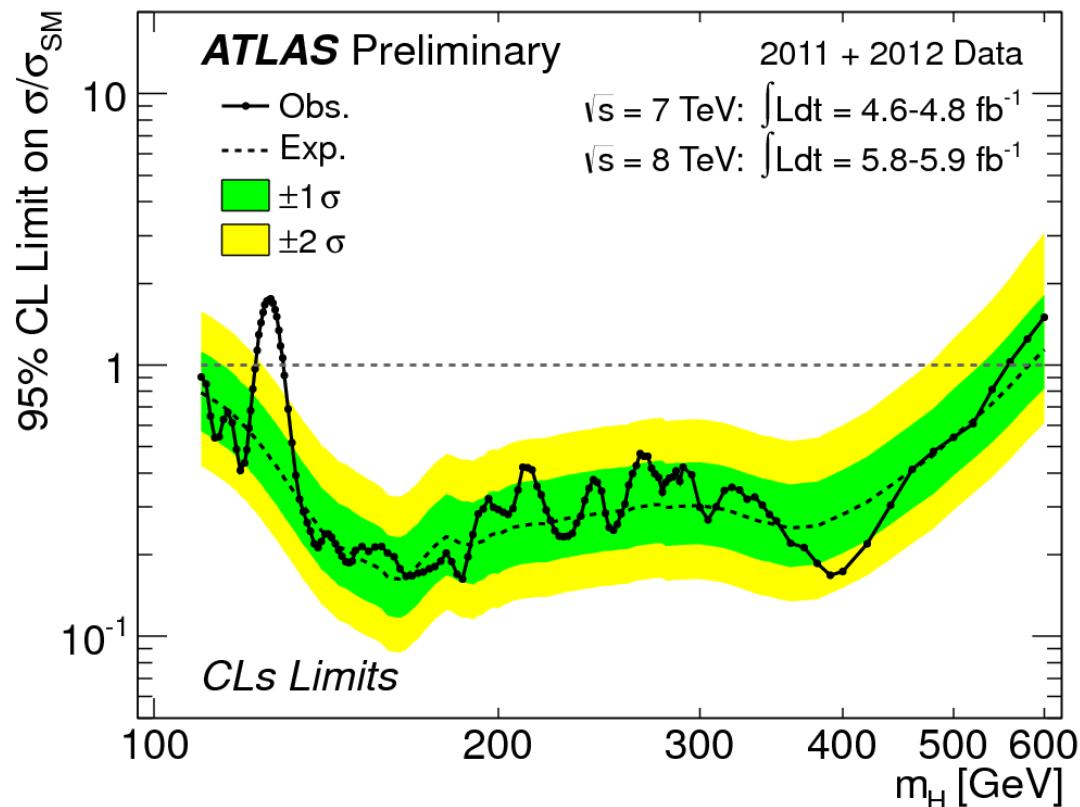


# The Brazil Plot, what does it mean?

Observed Limit

Bands

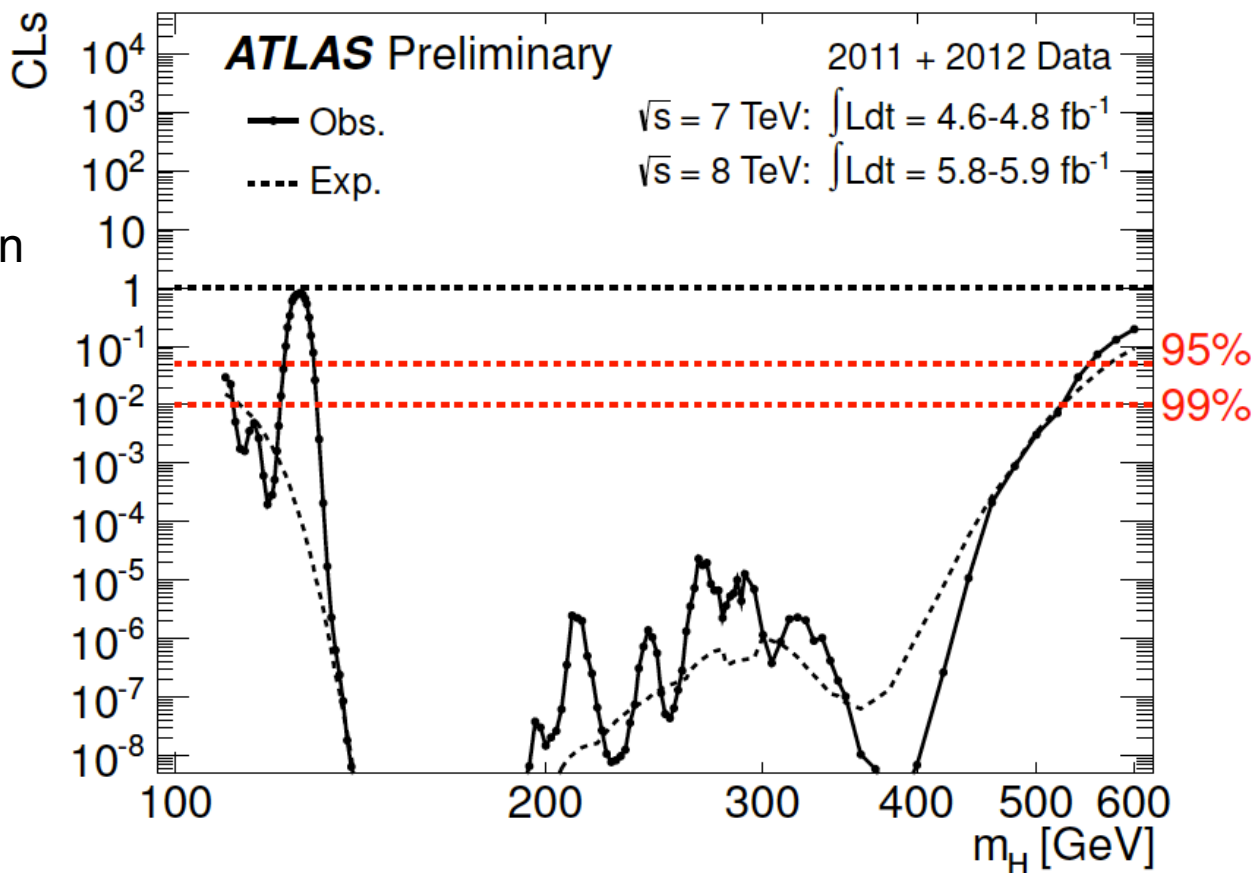
Expected Limit



# What the --- CLs?

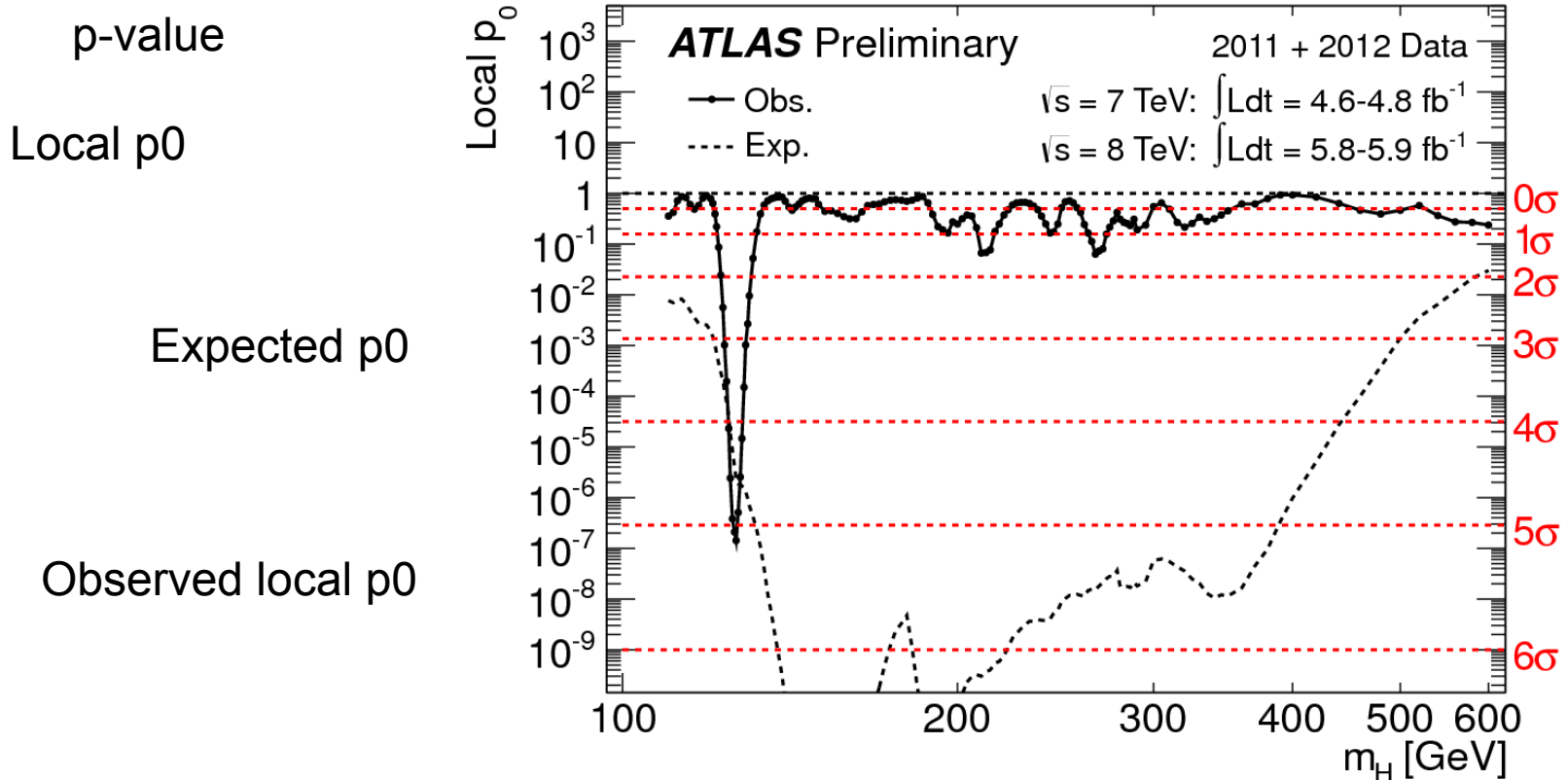
What is exclusion  
at the 95% CL?

99% CL?





# The $p_0$ discovery plot, how to read it?



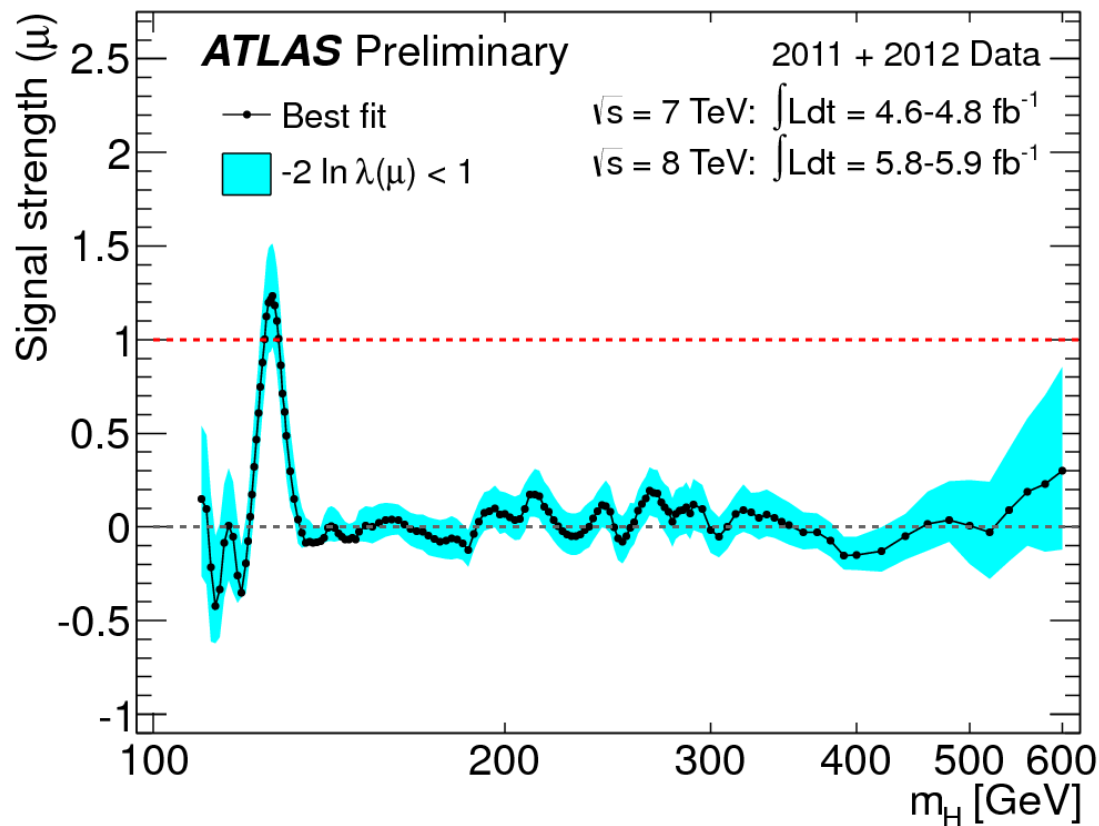
Global  $p_0$  and the Look Elsewhere Effect



# The cyan band plot, what is it?

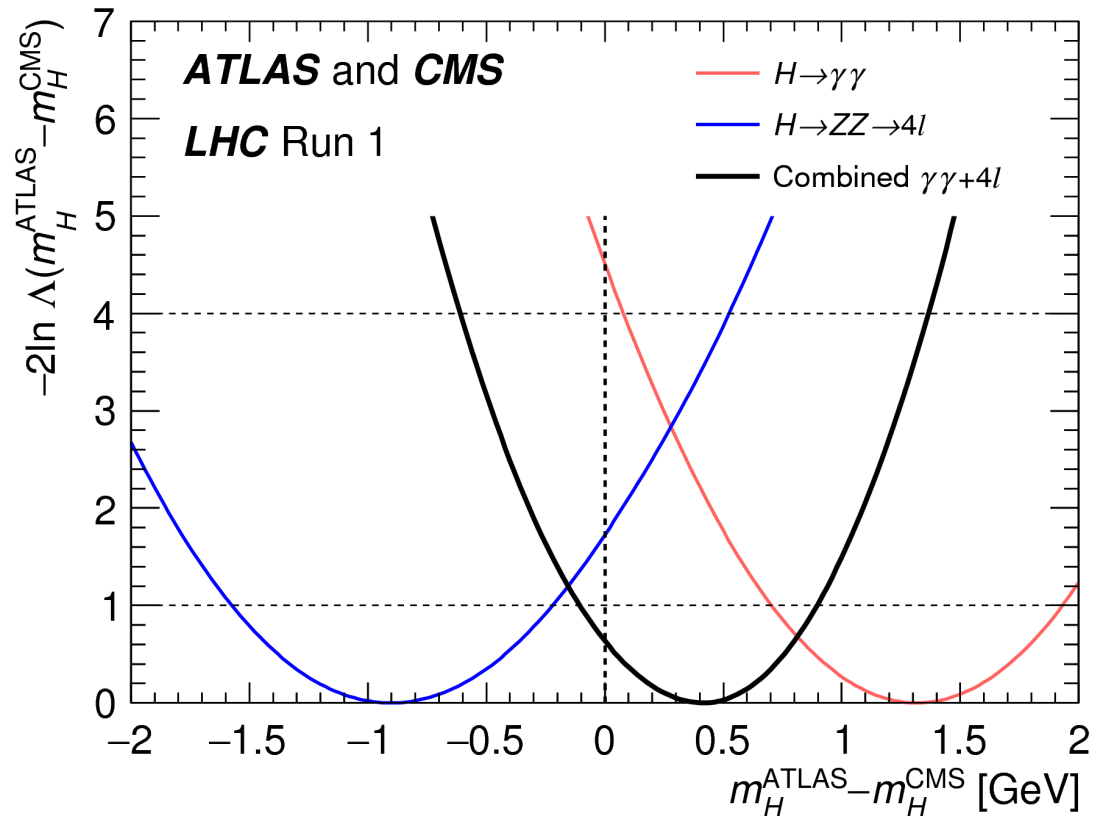
What is mu hat?

$\hat{\mu}$



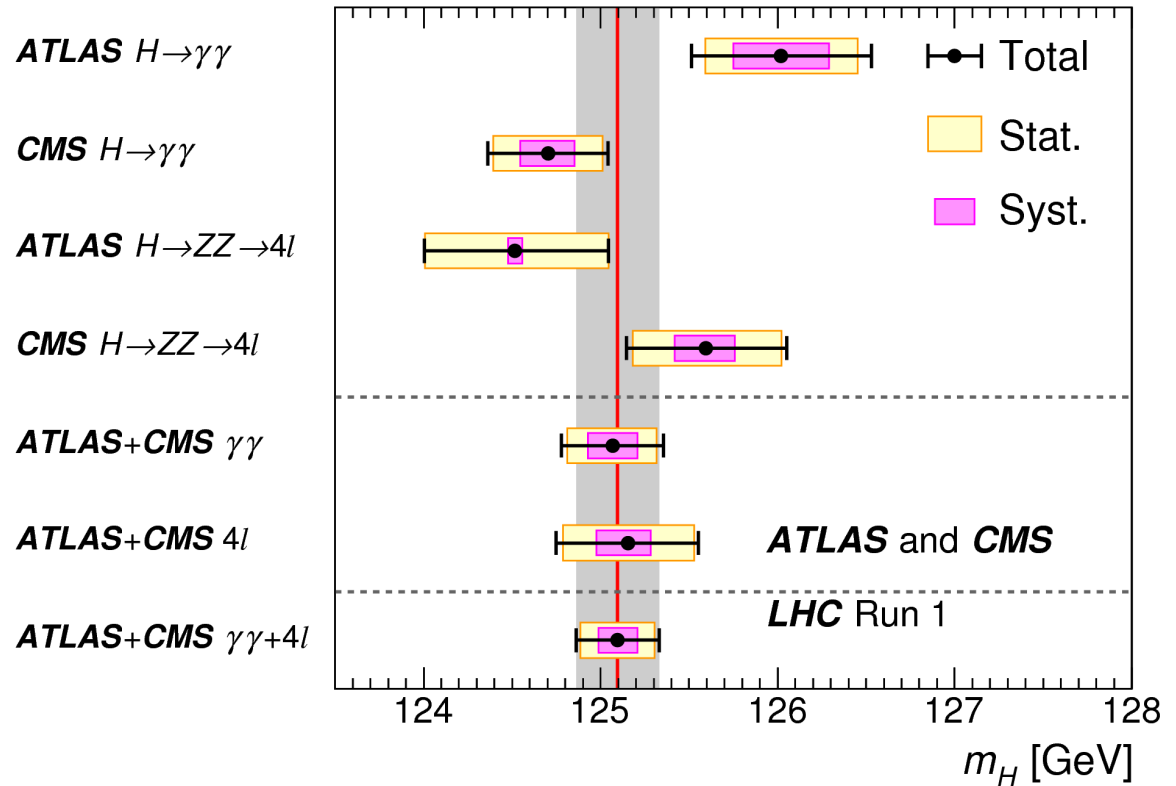
# Towards a measurement

Likelihoods Scans



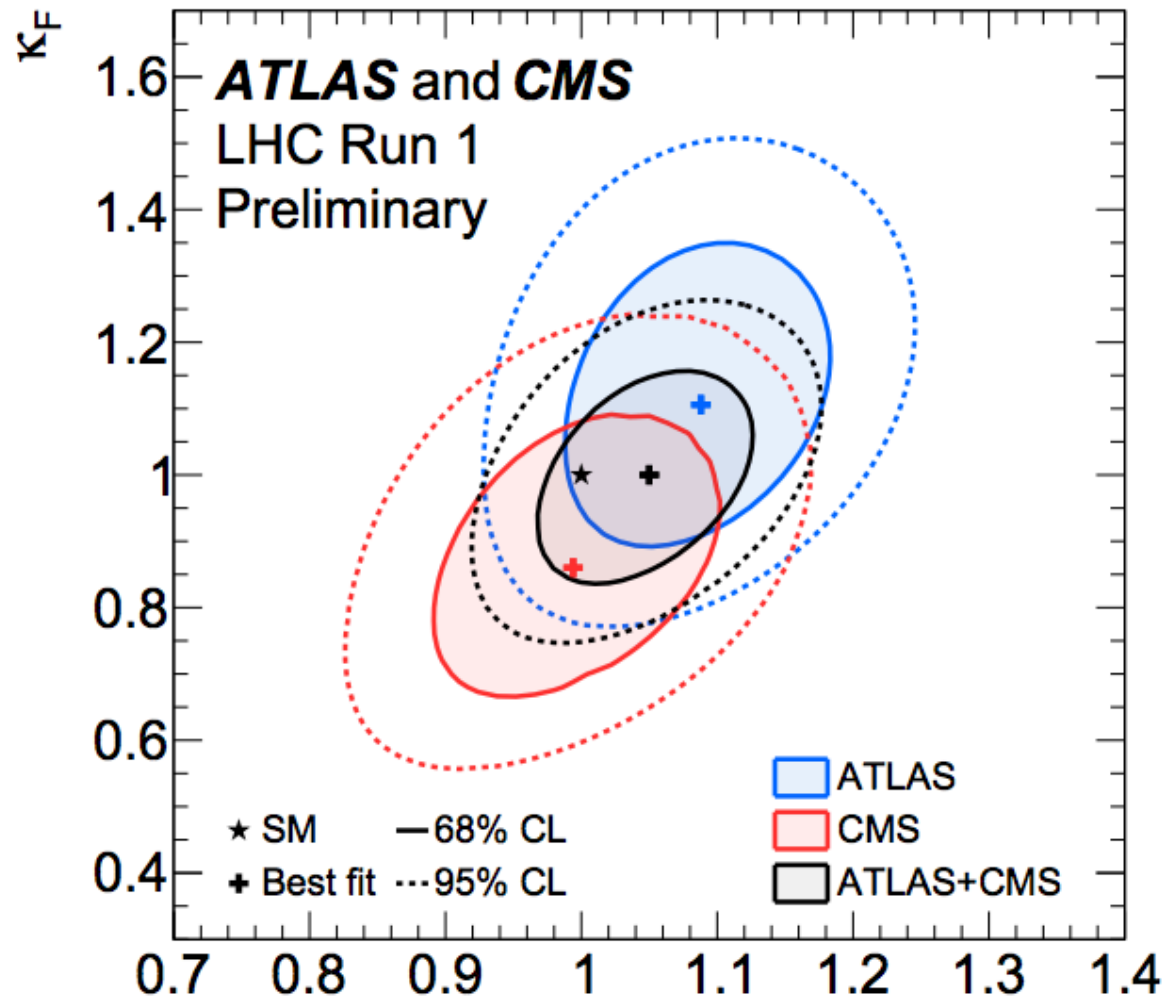
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Measurements &  
Systematics vs  
Stat errors

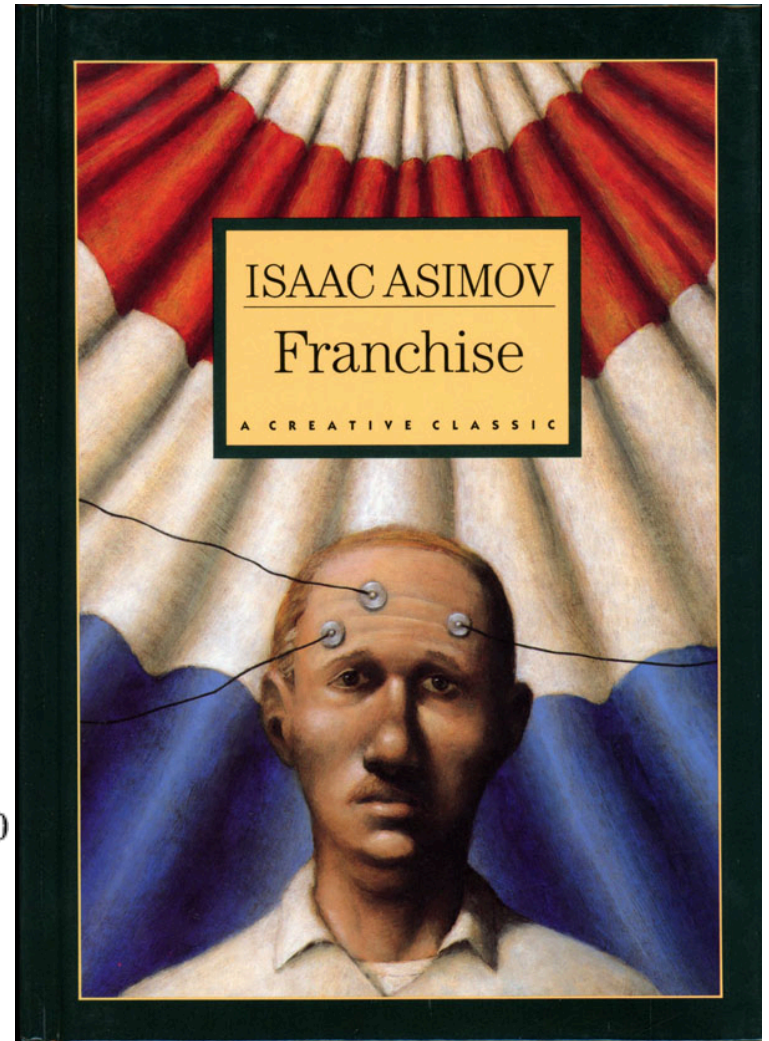
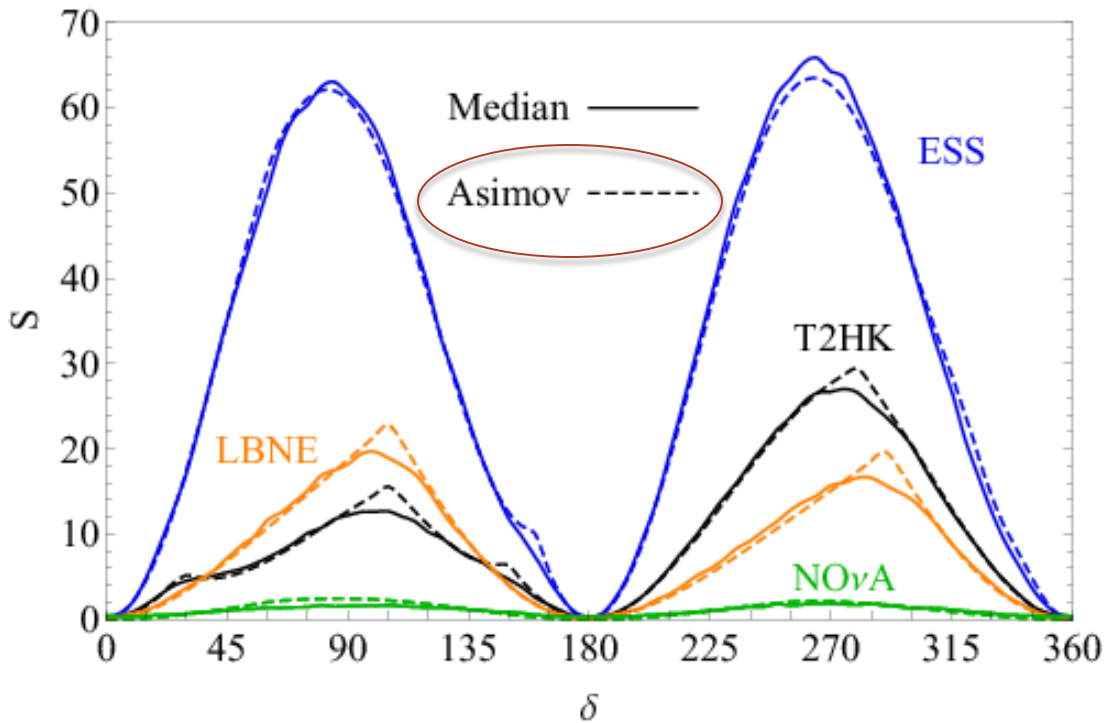


# Towards a measurement

2-D Likelihoods



# The Asimov Data Set



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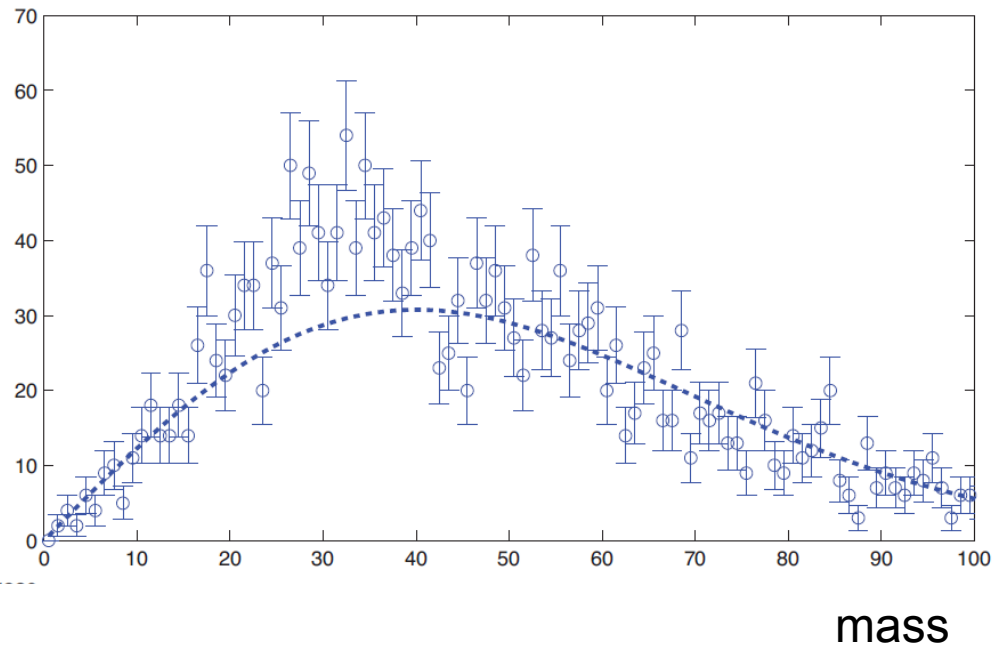
# The Statistical Challenge of HEP

The DATA: Billions of Proton-Proton collisions

which could be visualized with histograms

The searched particle mass is unknown (for the sake of this lecture)

In this TOY example, we ask if the expected background (e.g. the Standard Model WITHOUT the Higgs Boson) contains a Higgs Boson, which would manifest itself as a peak in the distribution



WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT WE SEARCH FOR.....

We need to have a model

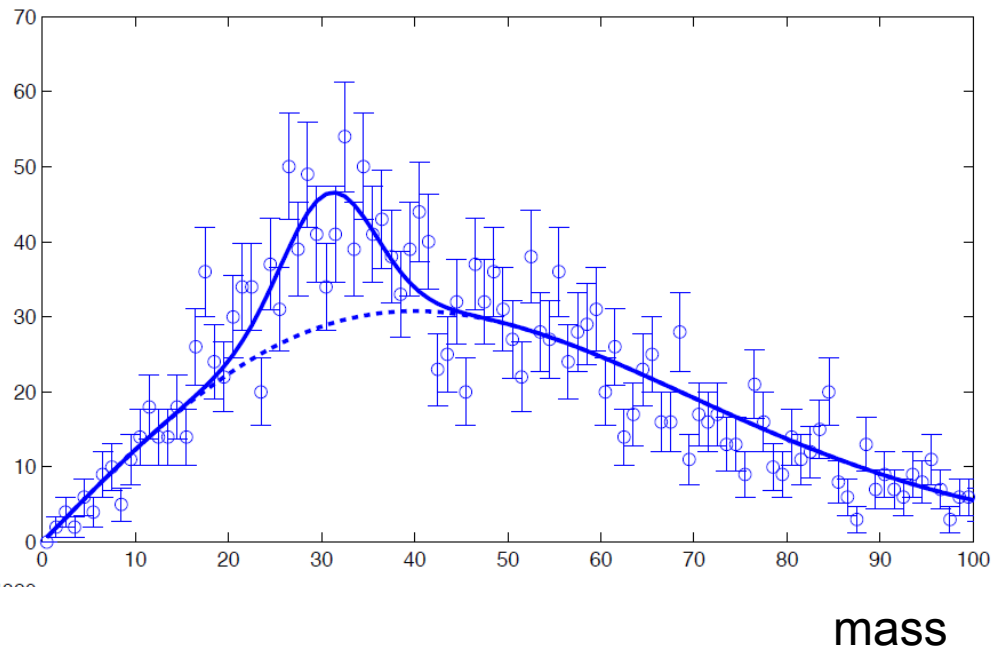
We need to have two hypotheses if we want a powerful test



# The Statistical Challenge of HEP

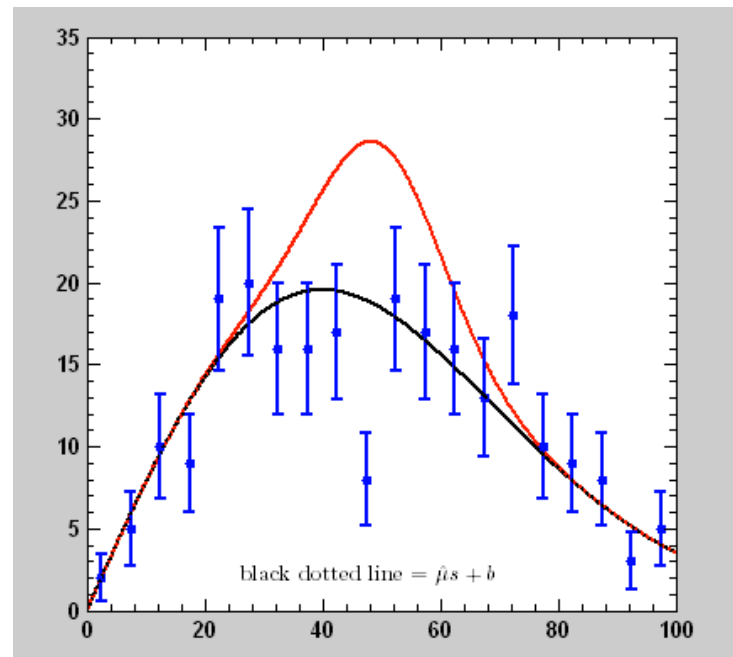
So the statistical challenge is obvious:  
To tell in the most powerful way, and  
to the best of our current scientific  
knowledge, if there is new physics,  
beyond what is already known, in our  
data

The complexity of the apparatus and  
the background physics suffer from  
large systematic errors that should be  
treated in an appropriate way.



# What is the statistical challenge?

- The black line represents the Standard Model (SM) expectation (Background only),
- How compatible is the data (blue) with the SM expectation (black)?
- Is there a signal hidden in this data?
- What is its statistical significance?
- What is the most powerful test statistic that can tell the SM (black) from an hypothesized signal (red)?



# The Model

- The Higgs hypothesis is that of signal  $s(m_H)$

$$s(m_H) = L \cdot \sigma_{SM}(m_H) \cdot A \cdot eff$$

For simplicity unless otherwise noted  $s(m_H) = L \cdot \sigma_{SM}(m_H)$

- In a counting experiment

$$n = \mu \cdot s(m_H) + b$$

$$\mu = \frac{L \cdot \sigma(m_H)}{L \cdot \sigma_{SM}(m_H)} = \frac{\sigma(m_H)}{\sigma_{SM}(m_H)}$$

- $\mu$  is the strength of the signal (with respect to the expected Standard Model one)
- The hypotheses are therefore denoted by  $H_\mu$
- $H_1$  is the SM with a Higgs,  $H_0$  is the background only model



# A Frequentist Tale of Two Hypotheses

NULL

ALTERNATE

- Test the Null hypothesis and try to reject it
- Fail to reject it OR reject it in favor of the Alternate hypothesis



# The Null Hypothesis

- The Standard Model without the Higgs is an hypothesis, (BG only hypothesis) many times referred to as **the null hypothesis** and is denoted by  $H_0$   
(remember that it is the null hypothesis **ONLY** if we aim at a discovery)
- In the absence of an alternate hypothesis, one would like to test the compatibility of the data with  $H_0$
- This is actually a **goodness of fit test**,  
NOT an hypothesis test



# A Tale of Two Hypotheses

NULL

$H_0$  - SM w/o Higgs

ALTERNATE

$H_1$  - SM with Higgs

- Test the Null hypothesis and try to reject it
- Fail to reject it OR reject it in favor of the Alternate hypothesis

# The Alternate Hypothesis?

- Let's zoom on

$H_1$  - SM with Higgs

- Higgs with a specific mass  $m_H$   
OR
- Higgs anywhere in a specific mass-range  
→ • The look elsewhere effect



# A Tale of Two Hypotheses

NULL

$H_0$  - SM w/o Higgs

ALTERNATE

$H_1$  - SM with Higgs

- Reject  $H_0$  in favor of  $H_1$  – A DISCOVERY



# Swapping Hypotheses $\rightarrow$ exclusion

NULL

$H_0$  - SM w/o Higgs

ALTERNATE

$H_1$  - SM with Higgs

- Reject  $H_1$  in favor of  $H_0$

Excluding  $H_1$  ( $m_H$ )  $\rightarrow$  Excluding the Higgs with a mass  $m_H$

# Testing an Hypothesis (wikipedia...)

- The first step in any hypothesis testing is to state the relevant **null,  $H_0$**  and **alternative hypotheses**, say,  $H_1$
- The next step is to define a test statistic,  $q$ , under the null hypothesis
- Compute from the observations the observed value  $q_{obs}$  of the test statistic  $q$ .
- Decide (based on  $q_{obs}$ ) to **either**  
**fail to reject the null hypothesis** **or**  
**reject it in favor** of an alternative hypothesis
- **next: How to construct a test statistic, how to decide?**

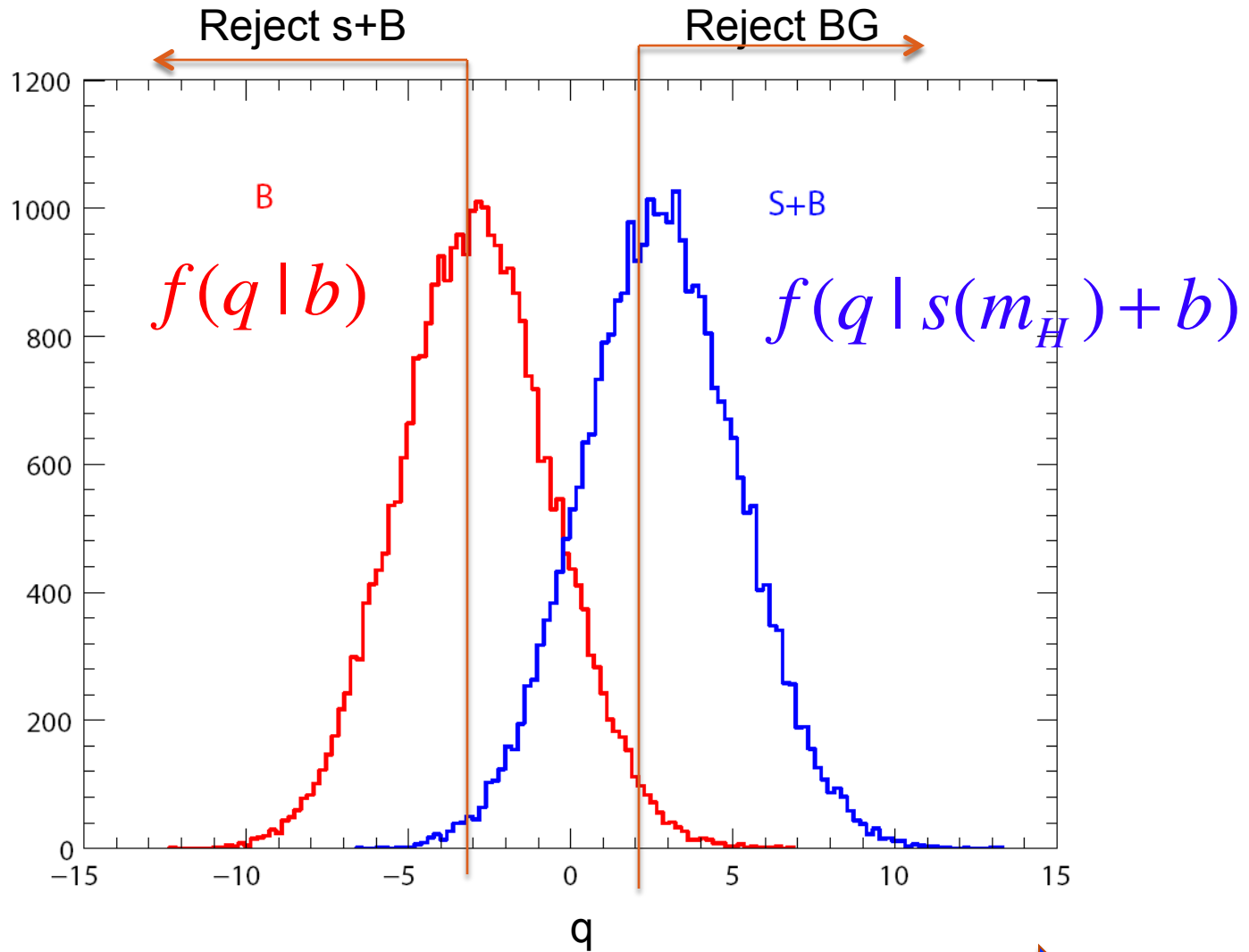


# Test statistic and p-value

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# PDF of a test statistic



BG like

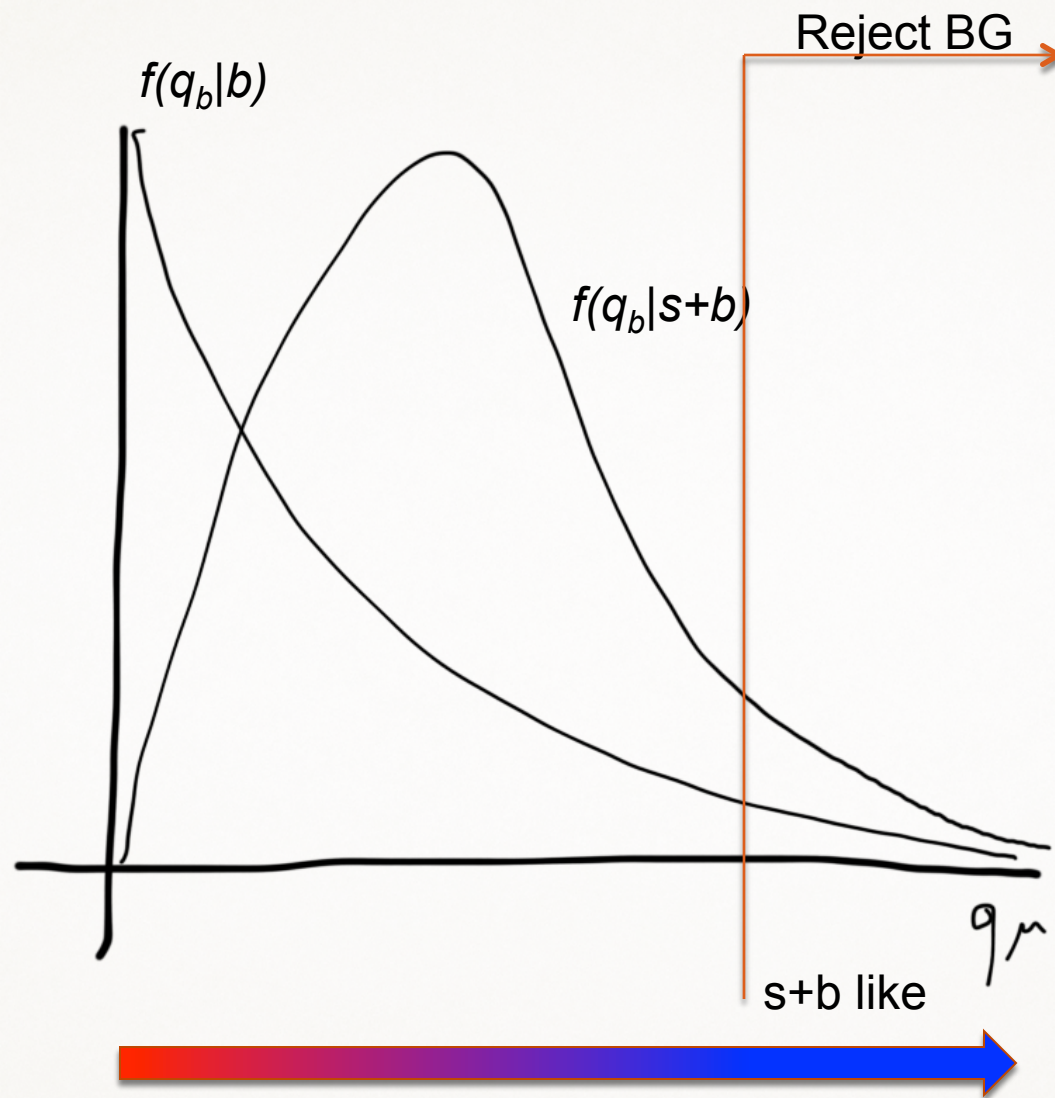


s+b like



# Test statistic

- The pdf  $f(q|b)$  or  $f(q|s+b)$  might be different depended on the chosen test statistic.
- Some might be powerful than others in distinguishing between the null and alternate hypothesis ( $s(m_H)+b$  vs  $b$ )

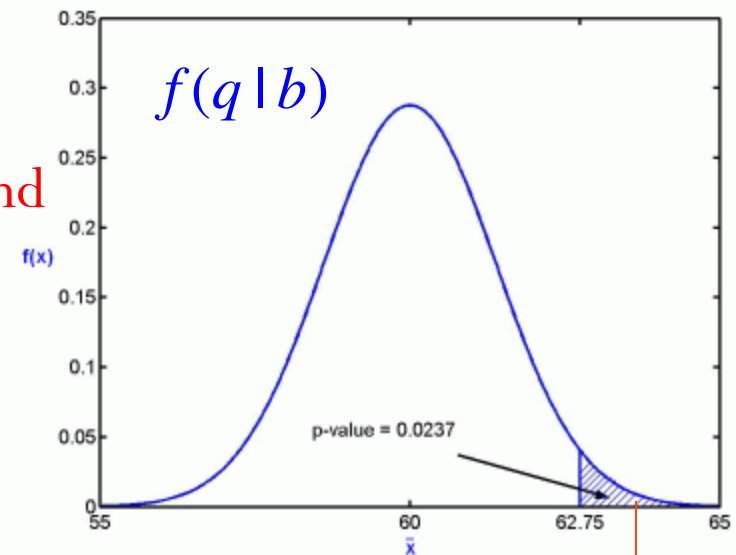


# p-Value

- Discovery.... A deviation from the SM - from the background only hypothesis...
- When will one reject an hypothesis?
- **p-value** = probability that result is as or **less compatible with the background only hypothesis** (->more signal like)
- Define a-priori a control region  $\alpha$
- For discovery it is a custom to choose  $\alpha=2.87\times 10^{-7}$
- If result falls within the critical region, i.e.

$p < \alpha$  the BG only hypothesis is rejected  
→ A discovery

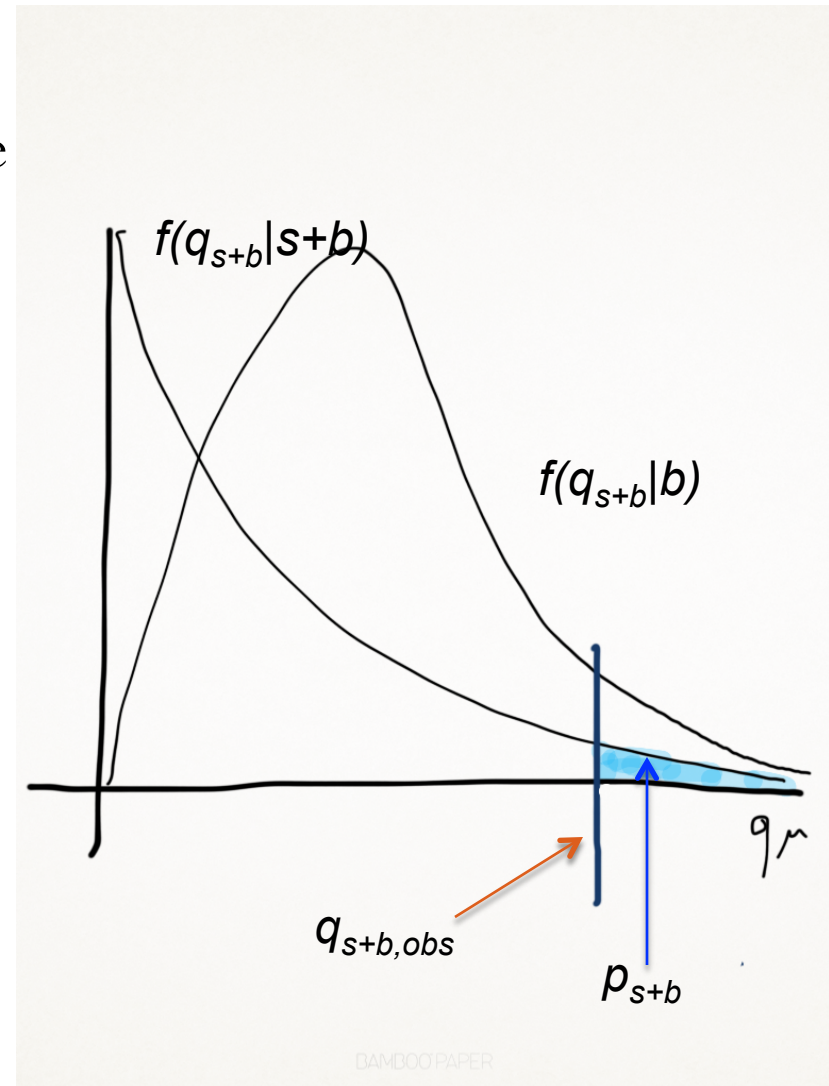
- The pdf of  $q$ ....



Critical region  
Of size  $\alpha$

# p-value – testing the signal hypothesis

- When testing the signal hypothesis, the p-value is the probability that the observation is less compatible with the signal hypothesis (more background like) than the observed one
- We denote it by  $p_{s+b}$
- It is custom to say that if  $p_{s+b} < 5\%$  the signal hypothesis is rejected at the 95% Confidence Level (CL)  
→ Exclusion



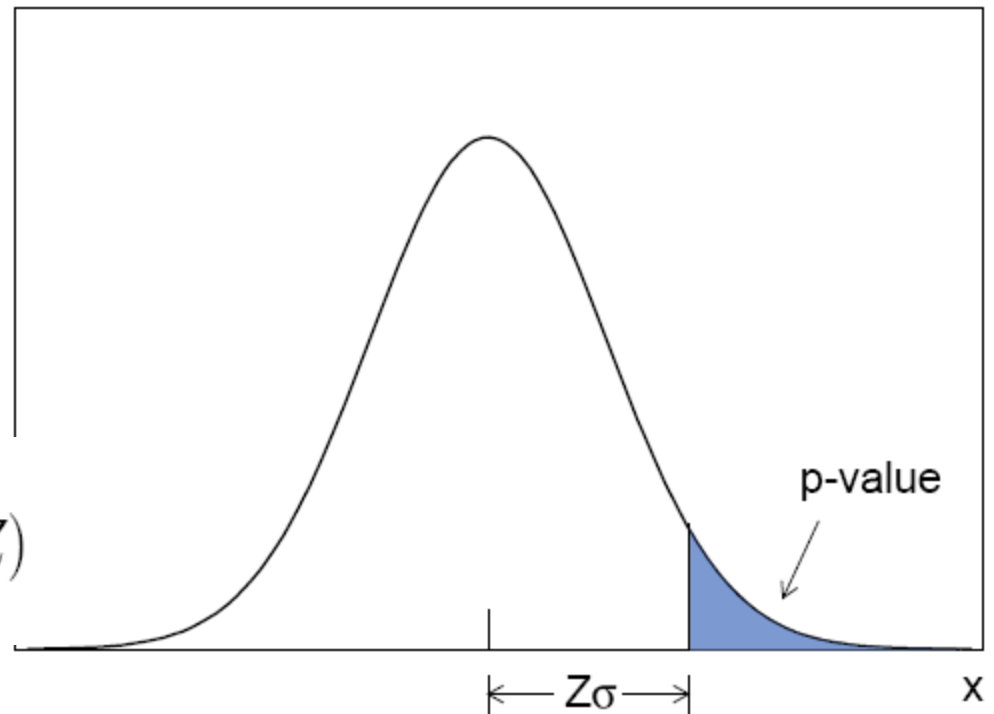


# From p-values to Gaussian significance

It is a custom to express the p-value as the significance associated to it, had the pdf were Gaussians

$$p = \int_Z^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx = 1 - \Phi(Z)$$

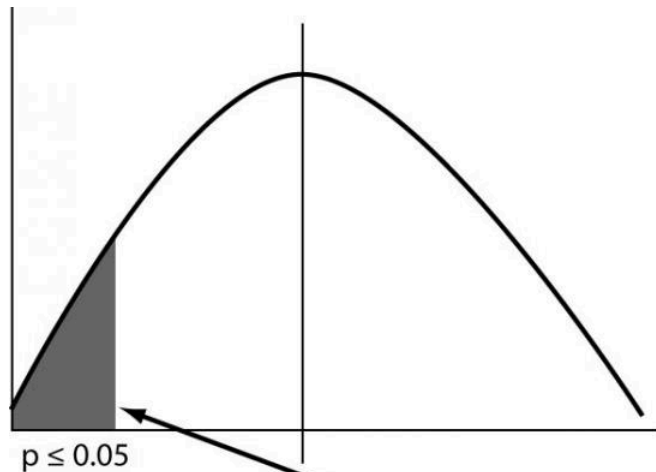
$$Z = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p)$$



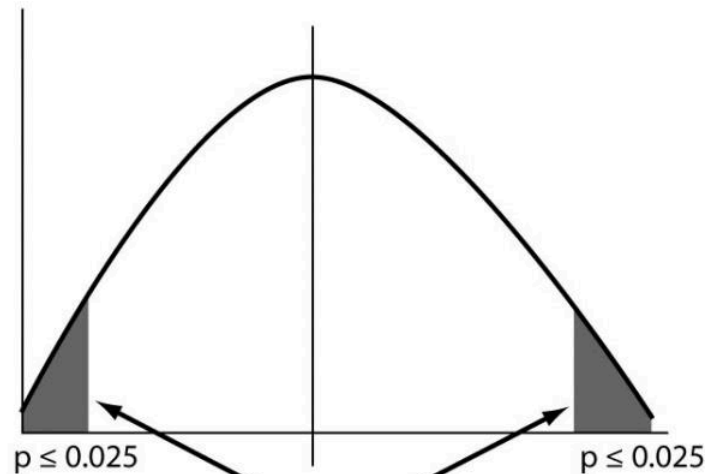
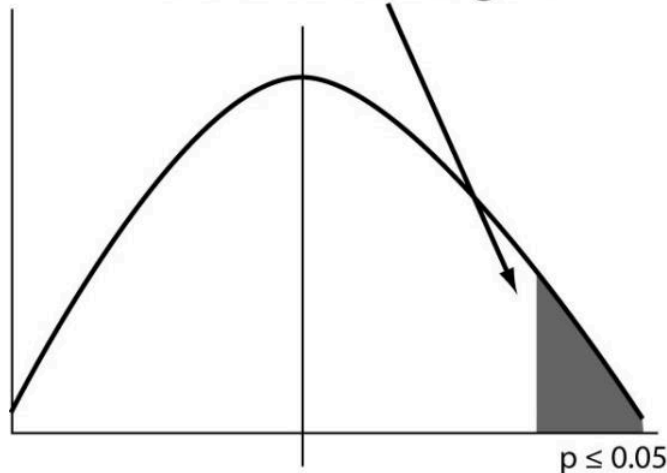
A significance of  $Z = 5$  corresponds to  $p = 2.87 \times 10^{-7}$ .

**Beware of 1 vs 2-sided definitions!**

# 1 sided vs 2 sided



one-tail **critical region**



two-tail **critical region(s)**

To determine a 1 sided 95% CL,  
we sometimes need to set the critical region to 10% 2 sided

# Basic Definitions: type I-II errors

- By defining  $\alpha$  you determine your tolerance towards mistakes... (accepted mistakes frequency)
- **type-I error:** the probability to reject the tested (null) hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) when it is true

- $$\alpha = \Pr ob(reject H_0 | H_0)$$

$$\alpha = \text{type I error}$$

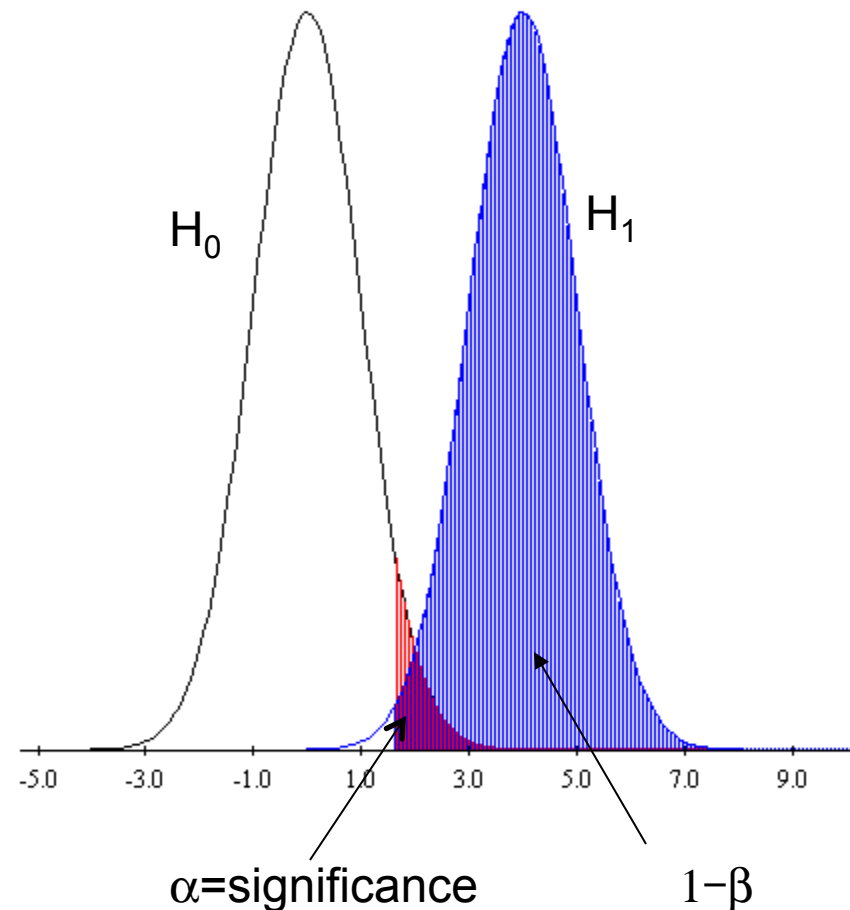
- **Type II:** The probability to accept the null hypothesis when it is wrong

$$\beta = \Pr ob(accept H_0 | \bar{H}_0)$$

$$= \Pr ob(reject H_1 | H_1)$$

$$\beta = \text{type II error}$$

- The pdf of  $q$ ....



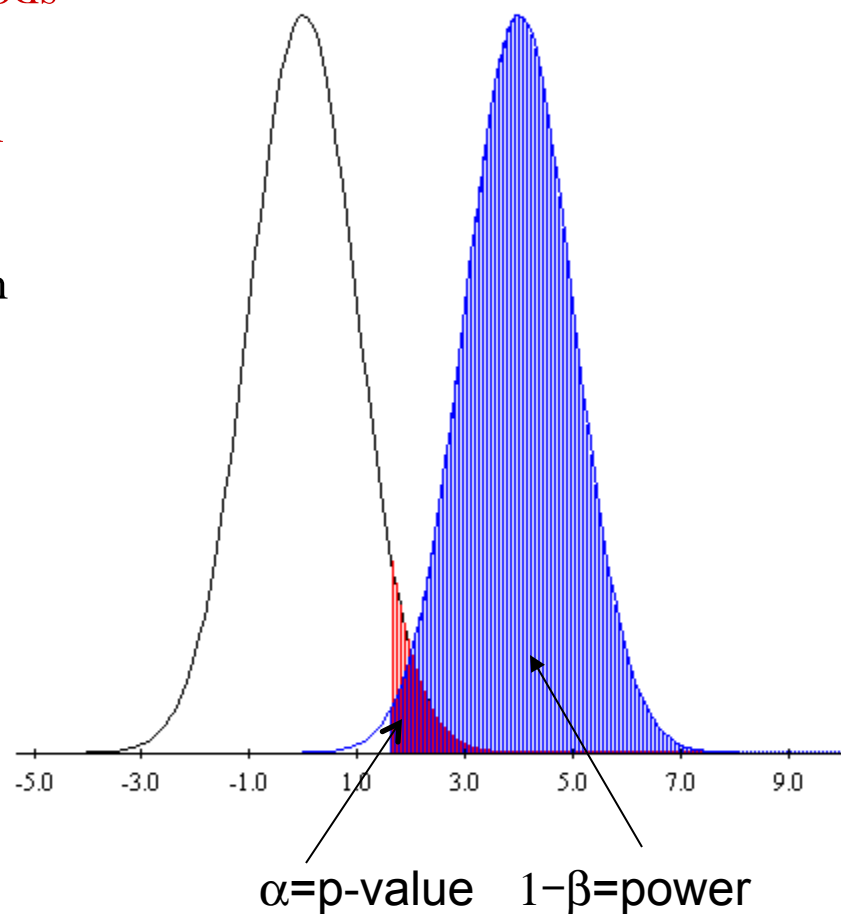
# Basic Definitions: POWER

- $\alpha = \text{Pr ob}(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0)$
- The POWER of an hypothesis test is the probability to reject the null hypothesis when the alternate analysis is true!
- $\text{POWER} = \text{Prob}(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_1)$   
 $\beta = \text{Pr ob}(\text{reject } H_1 \mid H_1) \Rightarrow$   
 $1 - \beta = \text{Pr ob}(\text{accept } H_1 \mid H_1) \Rightarrow$   
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 $\text{POWER} = 1 - \beta$
- The power of a test increases as the rate of type II error decreases



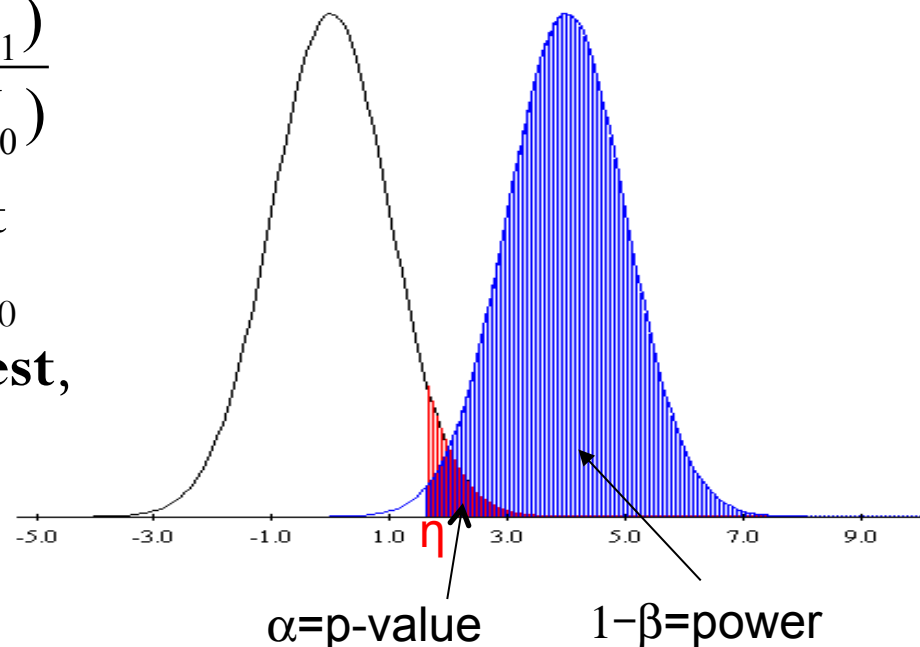
# Which Analysis is Better

- To find out which of two methods is better plot the p-value vs the power for each analysis method
- Given the p-value, the one with the higher power is better
- p-value  $\sim$  significance



# The Neyman-Pearson Lemma

- Define a **test statistic**  $\lambda = \frac{L(H_1)}{L(H_0)}$
- When performing a hypothesis test between two simple hypotheses,  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ , **the Likelihood Ratio test**, which rejects  $H_0$  in favor of  $H_1$ , **is the most powerful test** of size  $\alpha$  for a threshold  $\eta$
- **Note:** Likelihoods are functions of the data, even though we often not specify it explicitly



# Likelihood

- Likelihood is a function of the data

$$L(H) = L(H | x) = f(x)$$

$$L(H | x) = P(x | H)$$

$$\lambda(x) = \frac{L(H_1 | x)}{L(H_0 | x)}$$

## Bayes Theorem

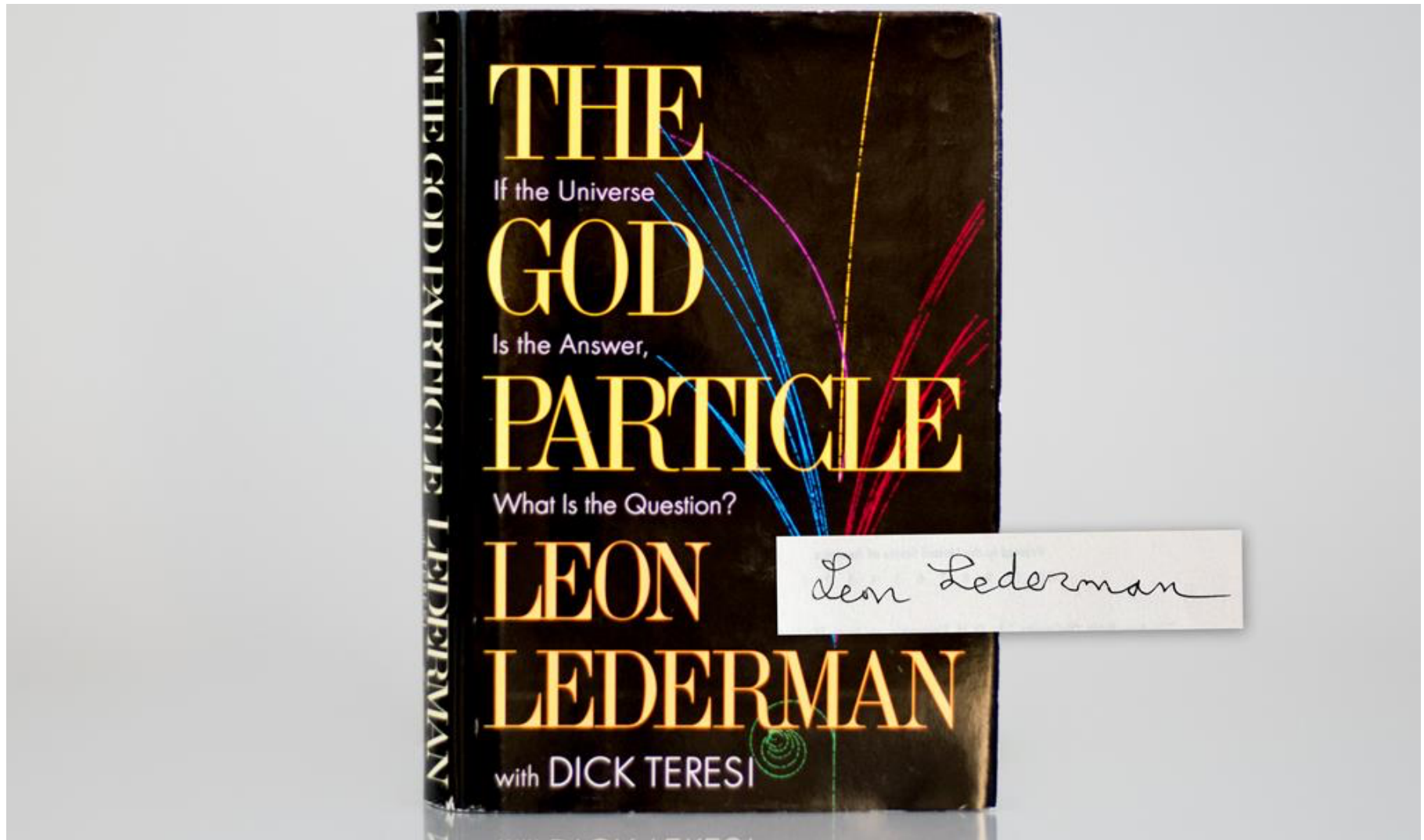
- Likelihood is not the probability of the hypothesis given the data

$$P(H | x) = \frac{P(x | H) \cdot P(H)}{\sum_H P(x | H) P(H)}$$

$$P(H | x) \approx P(x | H) \cdot \text{Prior}$$



If the Universe is the answer, what is the question?



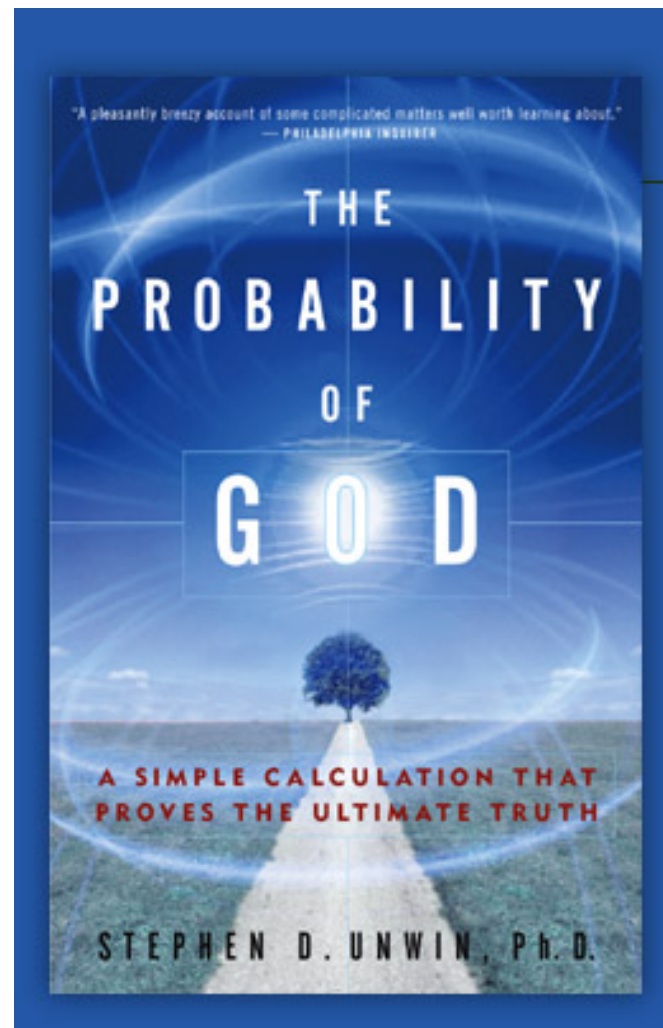


# What is the Right Answer?

- The Question is:
- Is there a Higgs Boson?
- Is there a God?

$$P(\text{God} \mid \text{Earth}) = \frac{P(\text{Earth} \mid \text{God})P(\text{God})}{P(\text{Earth})}$$

- In the book the author uses
  - “divine factors” to estimate the  $P(\text{Earth} \mid \text{God})$ ,
  - a prior for God of 50%
- He “calculates” a 67% probability for God’s existence given earth...
- In *Scientific American* July 2004, playing a bit with the “divine factors” the probability drops to 2%...



# What is the Right Question

- Is there a Higgs Boson? What do you mean?  
Given the data, is there a Higgs Boson?
- Can you really answer that without any a priori knowledge of the Higgs Boson?  
Change your question: What is your degree of belief in the Higgs Boson given the data... Need a prior degree of belief regarding the Higgs Boson itself...

$$P(\text{Higgs} | \text{Data}) = \frac{P(\text{Data} | \text{Higgs})P(\text{Higgs})}{P(\text{Data})} = \frac{L(\text{Higgs})\pi(\text{Higgs})}{\int L(\text{Higgs})\pi(\text{Higgs})d(\text{Higgs})}$$

- Make sure that when you quote your answer you also quote your prior assumption!
- The most refined question is:
  - Assuming there is a Higgs Boson with some mass  $m_H$ , how well the data agrees with that?
  - But even then the answer relies on the way you measured the data (i.e. measurement uncertainties), and that might include some pre-assumptions, priors!

$$L(\text{Higgs}(m_H)) = P(\text{Data} | \text{Higgs})$$



# Priors

$$P(\theta | data) \sim \int L(data | \theta, \lambda) \pi(\lambda) d\theta d\lambda$$

- A prior probability is interpreted as a description of what we believe about a parameter preceding the current experiment
- **Informative Priors:** When you have some information about the parameter, the prior might be informative (Gaussian or Truncated Gaussians...)
  - Most would say that subjective informative priors about the parameters of interest should be avoided (“...what's wrong with assuming that there is a Higgs in the mass range [115, 140] with equal probability for each mass point?”)
  - Subjective informative priors about the Nuisance parameters are more difficult to argue with
    - These Priors can come from our assumed model (Pythia, Herwig etc...)
    - These priors usually come from subsidiary measurements of the response of the detector to the photon energy, for example.
    - One should try to get priors by subsidiary measurements
    - Some priors come from subjective assumptions (theoretical, prejudice symmetries...) of our model



# Priors – Uninformative Priors

- **Uninformative Priors:** All priors on the parameter of interest should be uninformative....

ISTHAT SO?

Therefore flat uninformative priors are most common in HEP.

- When taking a uniform prior for the Higgs mass  $[115, 250]$ ... is it really uninformative? do uninformative priors exist?
  - When constructing an uninformative prior you actually put some information in it...
- **But** a prior flat in the coupling  $g$  will not be flat in  $g^2$   
Depends on the metric!  
Moreover, flat priors are improper and lead to serious problems of undercoverage (when one deals with  $>1$  channel, i.e. beyond counting, one should AVOID them)



# Frequentist vs Bayesian

- The Bayesian infers from the data using **priors**

posterior  $P(H | x) \approx P(x | H) \cdot P(H)$

- Priors is a science on its own.

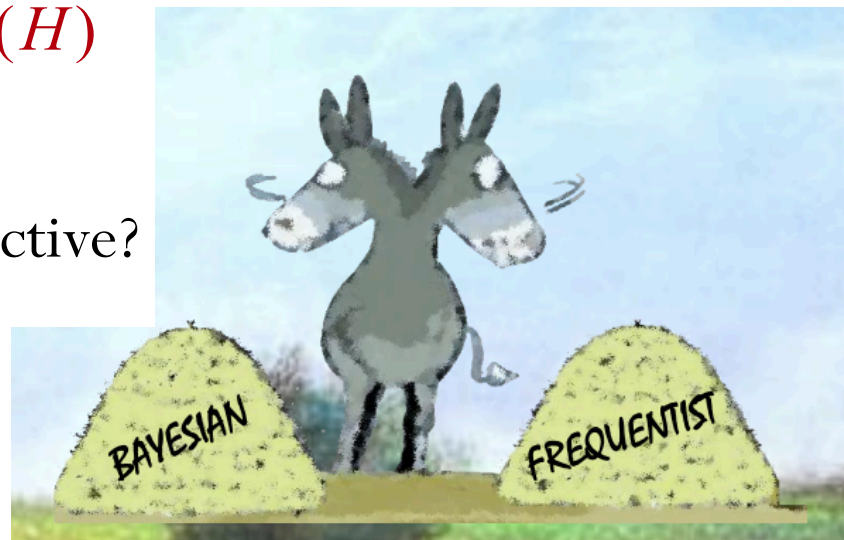
Are they objective? Are they subjective?

- The Frequentist calculates the probability of an hypothesis to be inferred from the data based

on a large set of hypothetical experiments

Ideally, the frequentist does not need priors, or any degree of belief while the Bayesian posterior based inference **is** a “Degree of Belief”.

- However, NPs inject a Bayesian flavour to any Frequentist analysis



# Confidence Interval and Confidence Level (CL)

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# CL & CI - Wikipedia

$$\mu = 1.1 \pm 0.3$$

$$\mu = [0.8, 1.4] @ 68\% CL$$

$$CI = [0.8, 1.4]$$

what does it mean?

- A **confidence interval (CI)** is a particular kind of interval estimate of a population parameter.
- Instead of estimating the parameter by a single value, an interval likely to include the parameter is given.
- How likely the interval is to contain the parameter is determined by the **confidence level** or confidence coefficient.
- Increasing the desired confidence level will widen the confidence interval.



# Confidence Interval & Coverage

- Say you have a measurement  $\mu_{\text{meas}}$  of  $\mu$  with  $\mu_{\text{true}}$  being the unknown true value of  $\mu$
- Assume you know the probability distribution function  $p(\mu_{\text{meas}} | \mu)$
- Given the measurement you deduce somehow (based on your statistical model) that there is a 95% Confidence interval  $[\mu_1, \mu_2]$ . (it is 95% likely that the  $\mu_{\text{true}}$  is in the quoted interval)

The correct statement:

- In an ensemble of experiments 95% of the obtained confidence intervals will contain the true value of  $\mu$ .



# Upper limit

- Given the measurement you deduce somehow (based on your statistical model) that there is a 95% Confidence interval  $[0, \mu_{\text{up}}]$ .
- This means: In an ensemble of experiments 95% of the obtained confidence intervals will contain the true value of  $\mu$ , including  $\mu = 0$  (no Higgs)
- We therefore deduce that  $\mu < \mu_{\text{up}}$  at the 95% Confidence Level (CL)
- $\mu_{\text{up}}$  is therefore an upper limit on  $\mu$
- If  $\mu_{\text{up}} < 1 \rightarrow$   
 $\sigma(m_{\text{H}}) < \sigma_{\text{SM}}(m_{\text{H}}) \rightarrow$   
a SM Higgs with a mass  $m_{\text{H}}$  is excluded at the 95% CL



# Confidence Interval & Coverage

- Confidence Level: A CL of (e.g.) 95% means that in an ensemble of experiments, each producing a confidence interval, 95% of the confidence intervals will contain the true value of  $\mu$
- Normally, we make one experiment and try to estimate from this one experiment the confidence interval at a specified CL
- If in an ensemble of (MC) experiments our estimated Confidence Interval fail to contain the true value of  $\mu$  95% of the cases (for every possible  $\mu$ ) we claim that our method **undercover**
- If in an ensemble of (MC) experiments our estimated Confidence Interval contains the true value of  $\mu$  more than 95% of the cases (for every possible  $\mu$ ) we claim that our method **overcover** (being conservative)
- If in an ensemble of (MC) experiments the true value of  $\mu$  is covered within the estimated confidence interval, we claim a **coverage**



# How to deduce a CI?

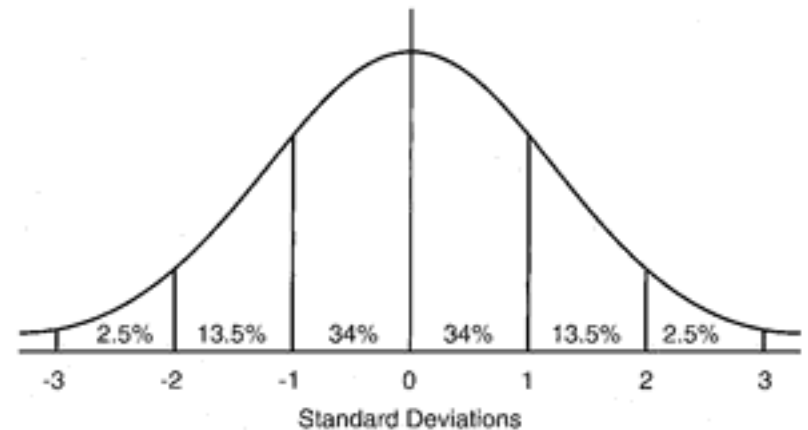
- One can show that if the data is distributed normal around the average i.e.  $P(\text{data} | \mu) = \text{normal}$

$$f(x | \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

then one can construct a 68% CI around the estimator of  $\mu$  to be

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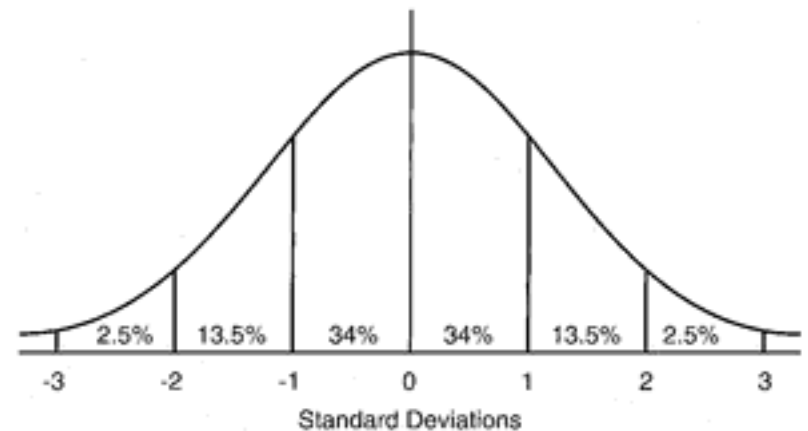
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- One may construct many 68% intervals....  $CI = [\mu_L, \mu_U]$ 
$$\int_{\mu_L}^{\mu_U} f(x | \hat{x}) dx = 68\%$$
- Which one has a full coverage?
- How can we guarantee a coverage
- The QUESTION is NOT how to construct a CI, it is
- **HOW TO CONSTRUCT A CI WHICH HAS A COVERAGE @ THE 68% CL**

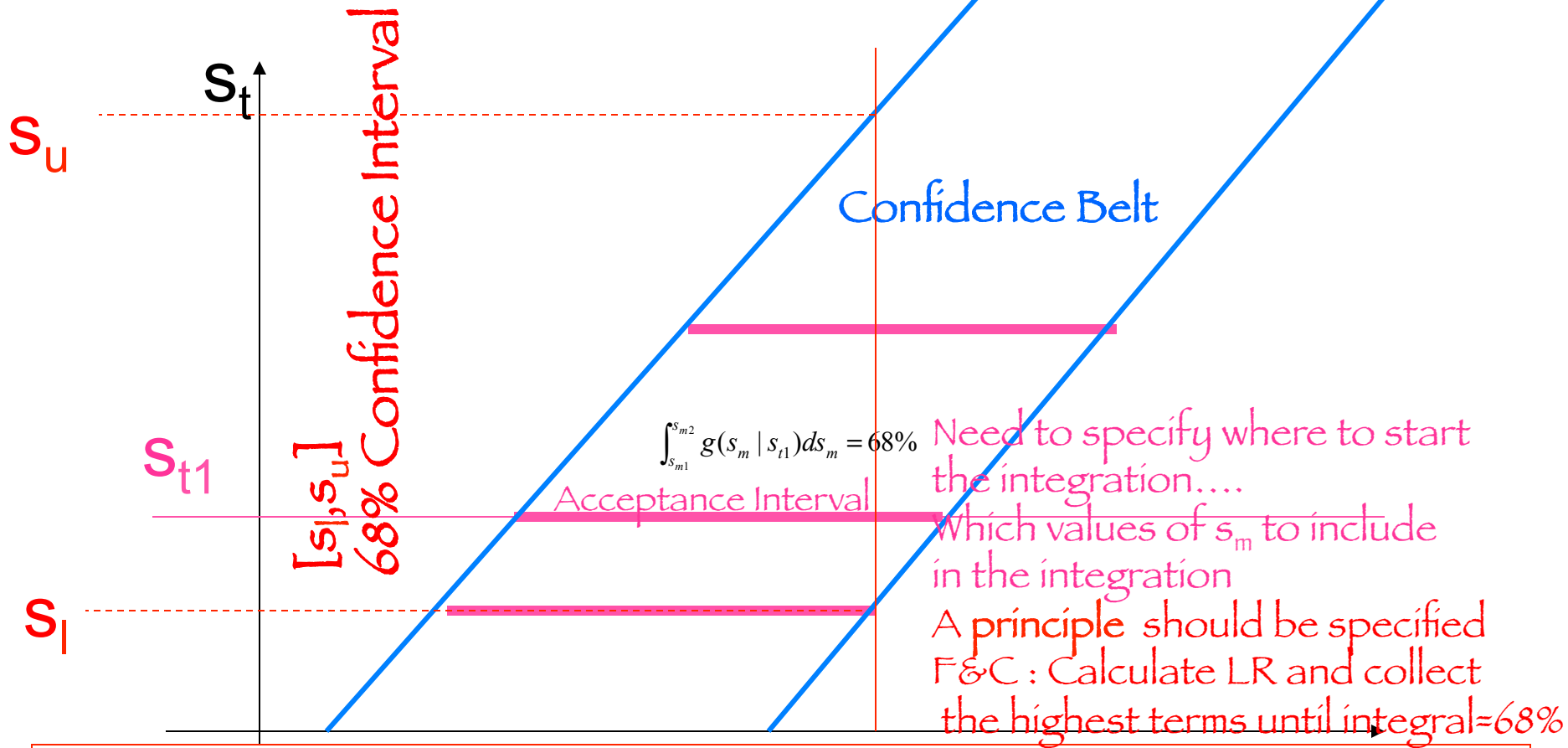
# The Frequentist Game a 'la Feldman & Cousins

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Or

How to ensure a Coverage

# Neyman Construction



$[s_l, s_u]$  68% Confidence Interval

In 68% of the experiments the derived **C.I. contains the unknown true value of  $s$**

- With Neyman Construction we guarantee a coverage via construction, i.e. for any value of the unknown true  $s$ , the Construction Confidence Interval will cover  $s$  with the correct rate.

# The Flip Flop Way of an Experiment

- The most intuitive way to analyze the results of an experiment would be
  - Construct a test statistics  
e.g.  $Q(\mathbf{x}) \sim L(\mathbf{x} | H_1) / L(\mathbf{x} | H_0)$
  - If the significance of the measured  $Q(\mathbf{x}_{\text{obs}})$ , is less than 3 sigma, derive an upper limit (just looking at tables), if the result is  $>5$  sigma (and some minimum number of events is observed....), derive a discovery central confidence interval for the measured parameter (cross section, mass....) .....
- **This Flip Flopping policy leads to undercoverage:**  
*Is that really a problem for Physicists?*  
Some physicists say, for each experiment quote always two results, an upper limit, and a (central?) discovery confidence interval



# Frequentist Paradise – F&C Unified with Full Coverage

- Frequentist Paradise is certainly made up of an interpretation by constructing a confidence interval in brute force ensuring a coverage!
- This is the Neyman confidence interval adopted by F&C....

- The motivation:

- Ensures Coverage
- Avoid Flip-Flopping – an ordering rule determines the nature of the interval (1-sided or 2-sided depending on your observed data)
- Ensures Physical Intervals

- Let the test statistics be

$$Q = \frac{L(s+b)}{L(\hat{s}+b)} = \frac{P(n | s+b)}{P(n | \hat{s}+b)}$$

where  $\hat{s}$  is the

**physically allowed** mean  $s$  that maximizes  $L(\hat{s}+b)$

(protect a downward fluctuation of the background,  $n_{\text{obs}} > b$  ;  $\hat{s} > 0$  )

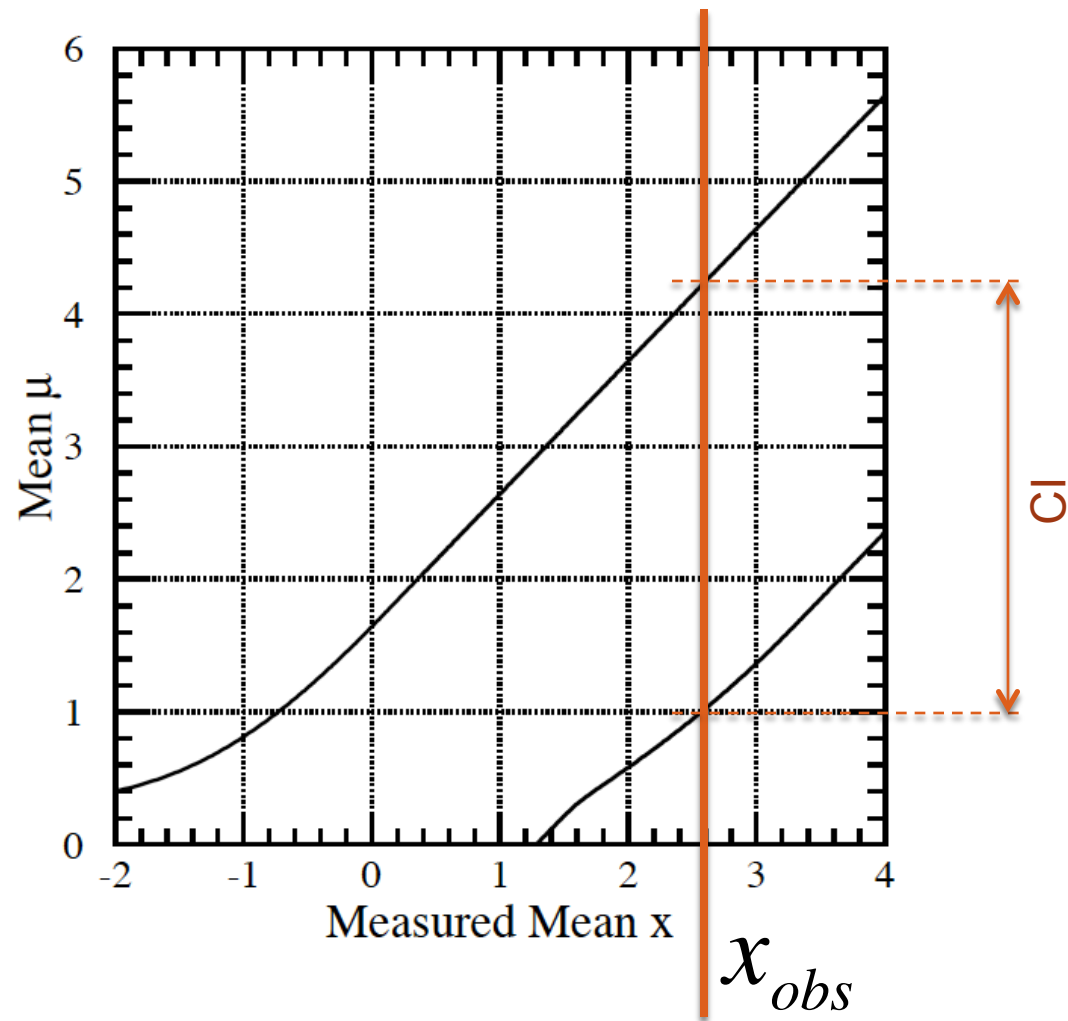
- Order by taking the 68% highest  $Q$ s





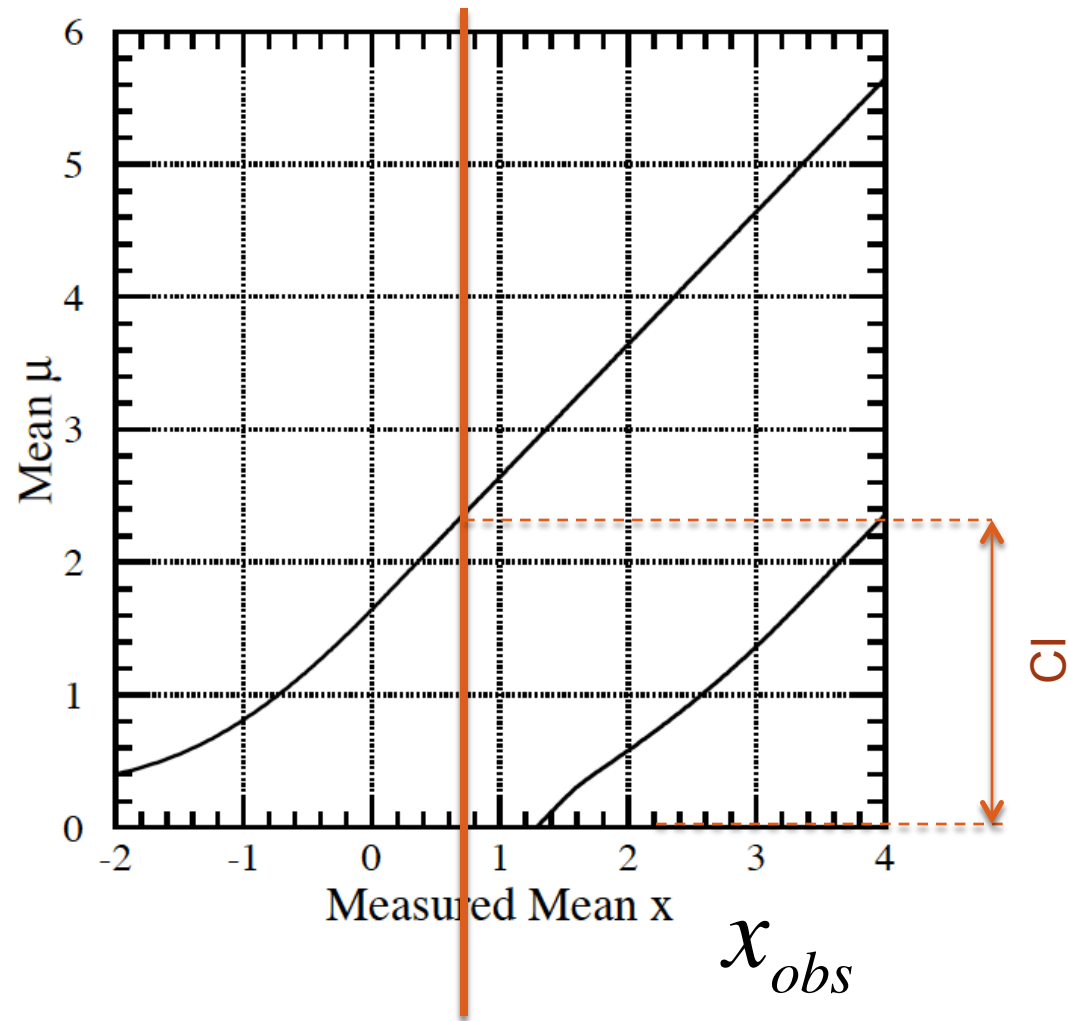
## How to tell an Upper limit from a Measurement without Flip Flopping

- A measurement (2 sided)



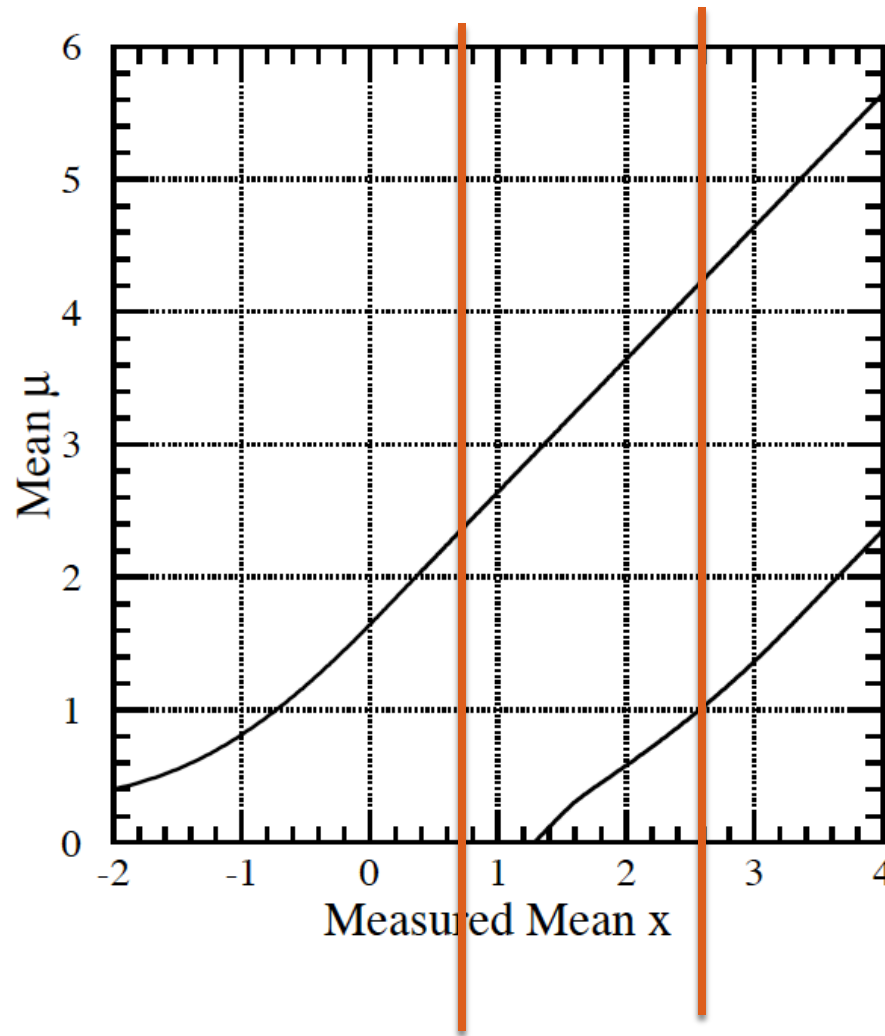
## How to tell an Upper limit from a Measurement without Flip Flopping

- An upper limit (1 sided)



## How to tell an Upper limit from a Measurement without Flip Flopping

- Your observed result will tell you if it's a measurement or an upper limit
- But how to deal with systematics?



# Search and Discovery Statistics in HEP

## Lecture 2: PL, Asymptotic Distributions Exclusion & CLs

Eilam Gross, Weizmann Institute of Science

This presentation would have not been possible without the tremendous help of the following people throughout many years

Louis Lyons, Alex Read, Glen Cowan, Kyle Cranmer,  
Ofer Vitells & Bob Cousins



# The Profile Likelihood

The choice of the LHC for hypothesis inference in Higgs search

$$n = \mu s + b$$

$$q_\mu = -2 \ln \frac{\max_b L(\mu s + b)}{\max_{\mu, b} L(\mu s + b)} = -2 \ln \frac{L(\mu s + \hat{b}_\mu)}{L(\hat{\mu} s + \hat{b})}$$

# The Profile Likelihood (“PL”)

For discovery we test the  $H_0$  null hypothesis and try to reject it

$$q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b)}$$

For  $\hat{\mu} \sim 0$ ,  $q$  small

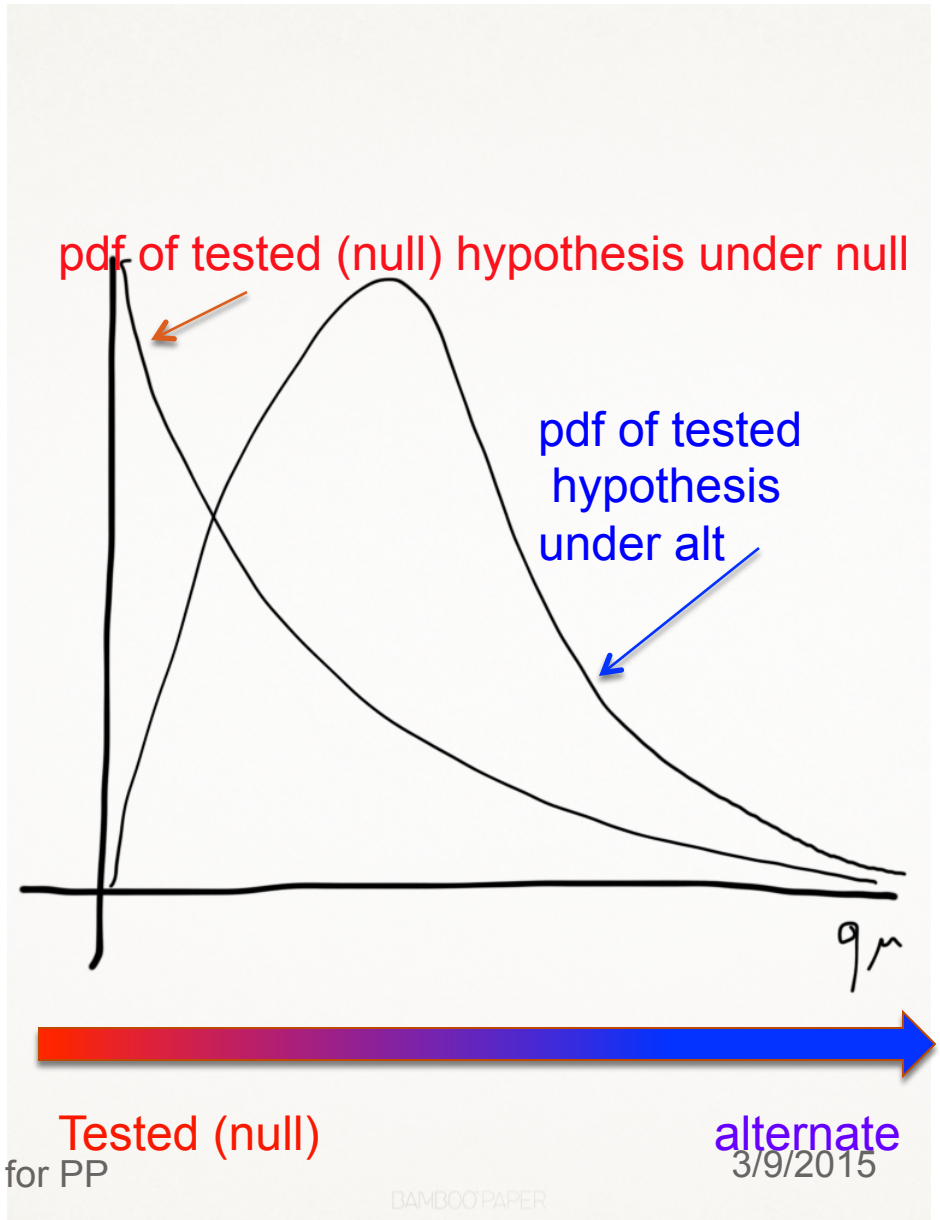
$\hat{\mu} \sim 1$ ,  $q$  large

For exclusion we test the signal hypothesis and try to reject it

$$q_\mu = -2 \ln \frac{L(\mu s + b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b)}$$

$\hat{\mu} \sim \mu$ ,  $q$  small

$\hat{\mu} \sim 0$ ,  $q$  large



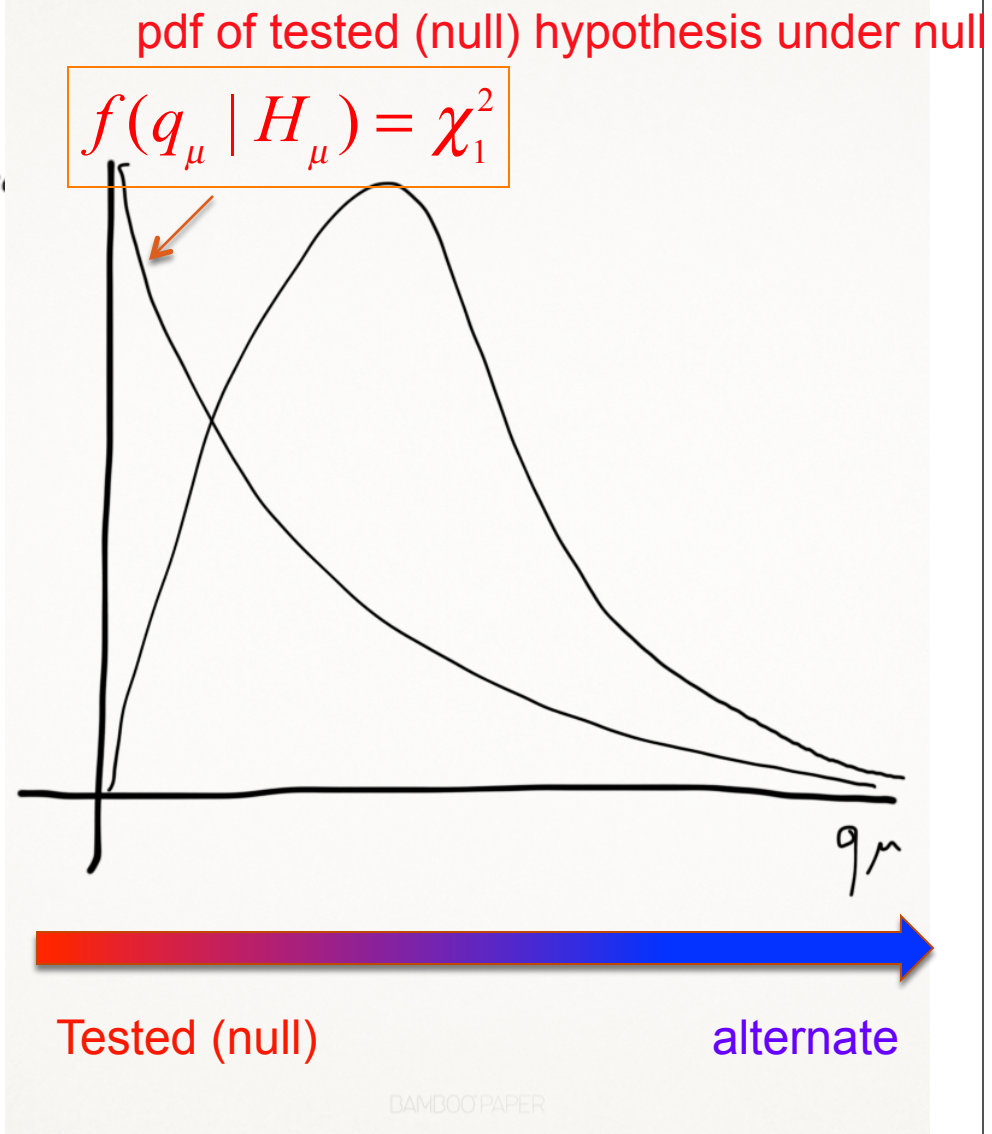
# Wilks Theorem

S.S. Wilks, *The large-sample distribution of the*  
*Ann. Math. Statist.* **9** (1938) 60-2.

- Under a set of regularity conditions and for a sufficiently large data sample, *Wilks' theorem* says that the pdf of the statistic  $q$  under the null hypothesis approaches a chi-square PDF for one degree of freedom

$$f(q_0 | H_0) = \chi_1^2$$

$$f(q_\mu | H_\mu) \sim \chi_1^2$$



# Nuisance Parameters or Systematics

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# Nuisance Parameters (Systematics)

- There are two kinds of parameters:
  - Parameters of interest (signal strength... cross section...  $\mu$ )
  - Nuisance parameters (background (b), signal efficiency, resolution, energy scale,...)
- The nuisance parameters carry systematic uncertainties
- There are two related issues:
  - Classifying and estimating the systematic uncertainties
  - Implementing them in the analysis
- The physicist must make the difference between cross checks and identifying the sources of the systematic uncertainty.
  - Shifting cuts around and measure the effect on the observable...  
Very often the observed variation is dominated by the statistical uncertainty in the measurement.



# Implementation of Nuisance Parameters

- Implement by marginalizing (Bayesian) or profiling (Frequentist)
  - One can also use a frequentist test statistics (PL) while treating the NPs via marginalization (Hybrid, Cousins & Highland way)
- Marginalization (Integrating)
  - Integrate the Likelihood,  $L$ , over possible values of nuisance parameters (weighted by their prior belief functions -- Gaussian, gamma, others...)
  - Consistent Bayesian interpretation of uncertainty on nuisance parameters



# Integrating Out The Nuisance Parameters (Marginalization)

- Our degree of belief in  $\mu$  is the sum of our degree of belief in  $\mu$  given  $\theta$  (nuisance parameter), over “all” possible values of  $\theta$
- That’s a Bayesian way

$$p(\mu | x) = \int p(x | \mu, \theta) \pi(\theta) d\theta = \int L(\mu, \theta) \pi(\theta) d\theta$$

Credible Interval  $CI = [0, \mu_{up}]$

$$0.95 = \int_0^{\mu_{up}} p(\mu | x) d\mu$$

# Nuisance Parameters (Systematic)

- Neyman Pearson (NP) Likelihood Ratio:

$$q^{NP} = -2 \ln \frac{L(b(\theta))}{L(s + b(\theta))}$$

- Either Integrate the Nuisance parameters

$$q_{Hybrid}^{NP} = \frac{\int L(s + b(\theta)) \pi(\theta) d\theta}{\int L(b(\theta)) \pi(\theta) d\theta}$$

Cousins & Highland

- Or profile them

$$q^{NP} = -2 \ln \frac{L(b(\hat{\theta}_0))}{L(s + b(\hat{\theta}_1))}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_0 = MLE_{\mu=0} \text{ of } L(b(\theta))$$

$$\hat{\theta}_1 = MLE_{\mu=1} \text{ of } L(s + b(\theta))$$



# Nuisance Parameters and Subsidiary Measurements

- Usually the nuisance parameters are auxiliary parameters and their values are constrained by auxiliary measurements
- Example

$$n \sim \mu s(m_H) + b \quad \langle n \rangle = \mu s + b$$

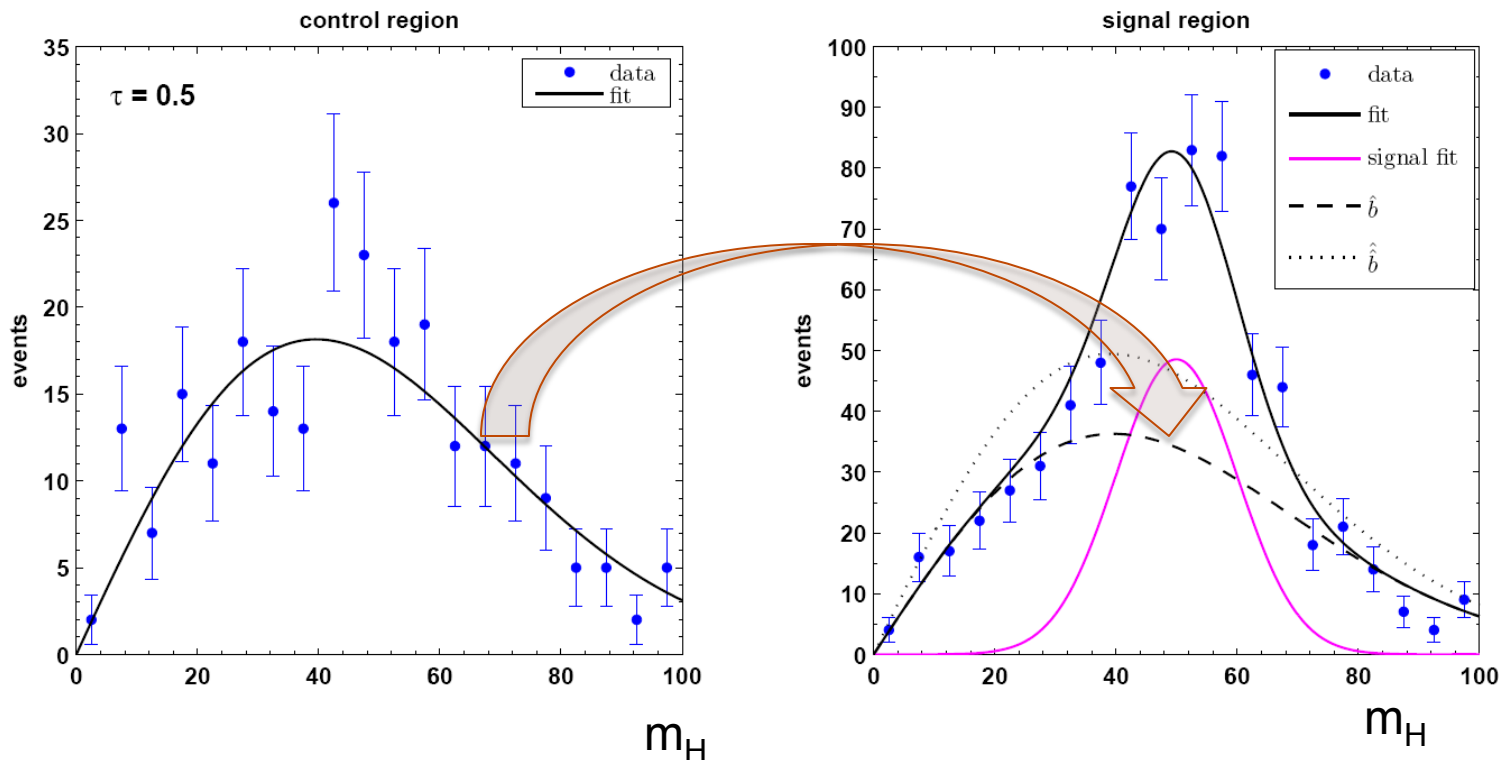
$$m = \tau b$$

$$L(\mu \cdot s + b(\theta)) = \text{Poisson}(n; \mu \cdot s + b(\theta)) \cdot \text{Poisson}(m; \tau b(\theta))$$

# Mass shape as a discriminator

$$n : \mu s(m_H) + b \quad m \sim \tau b$$

$$L(\mu \cdot s + b(\theta)) = \prod_{i=1}^{n \text{ bins}} \text{Poisson}(n_i; \mu \cdot s_i + b_i(\theta)) \cdot \text{Poisson}(m_i; \tau b_i(\theta))$$



# Profile Likelihood with Nuisance Parameters

$$q_\mu = -2\ln \frac{L(\mu s + \hat{\hat{b}}_\mu)}{L(\hat{\mu} s + \hat{\hat{b}})}$$

$$q_\mu = -2\ln \frac{\max_b L(\mu s + b)}{\max_{\mu, b} L(\mu s + b)}$$

$$q_\mu = q_\mu(\hat{\mu}) = -2\ln \frac{L(\mu s + \hat{\hat{b}}_\mu)}{L(\hat{\mu} s + \hat{\hat{b}})}$$

$\hat{\mu}$  MLE of  $\mu$

$\hat{\hat{b}}$  MLE of  $b$

$\hat{\hat{b}}_\mu$  MLE of  $b$  fixing  $\mu$

$\hat{\hat{\theta}}_\mu$  MLE of  $\theta$  fixing  $\mu$

# Wilks theorem in the presence of NPs

- Given  $n$  parameters of interest and any number of NPs, then

$$\lambda(\alpha_i) = \frac{L(\alpha_i, \hat{\hat{\theta}}_j)}{L(\hat{\alpha}_i, \hat{\theta}_j)}$$

$$q(\alpha_i) \equiv -2 \log \lambda(\alpha_i) \sim \chi_n^2$$



# Tossing Toys

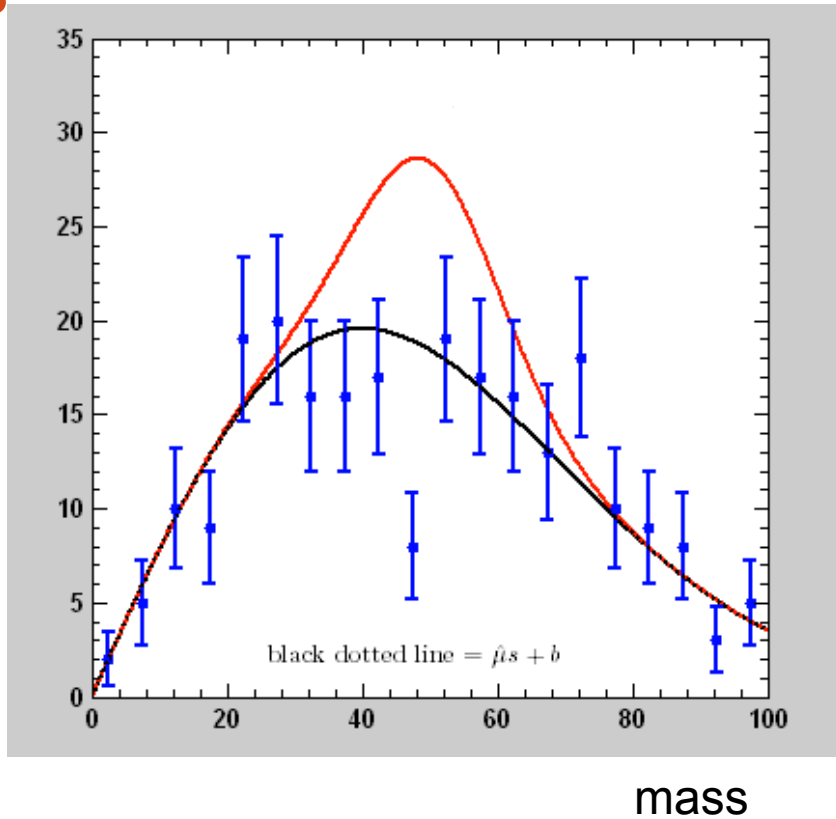
## Understanding the Basic Concepts



# The Physics Model

- SM without Higgs Background

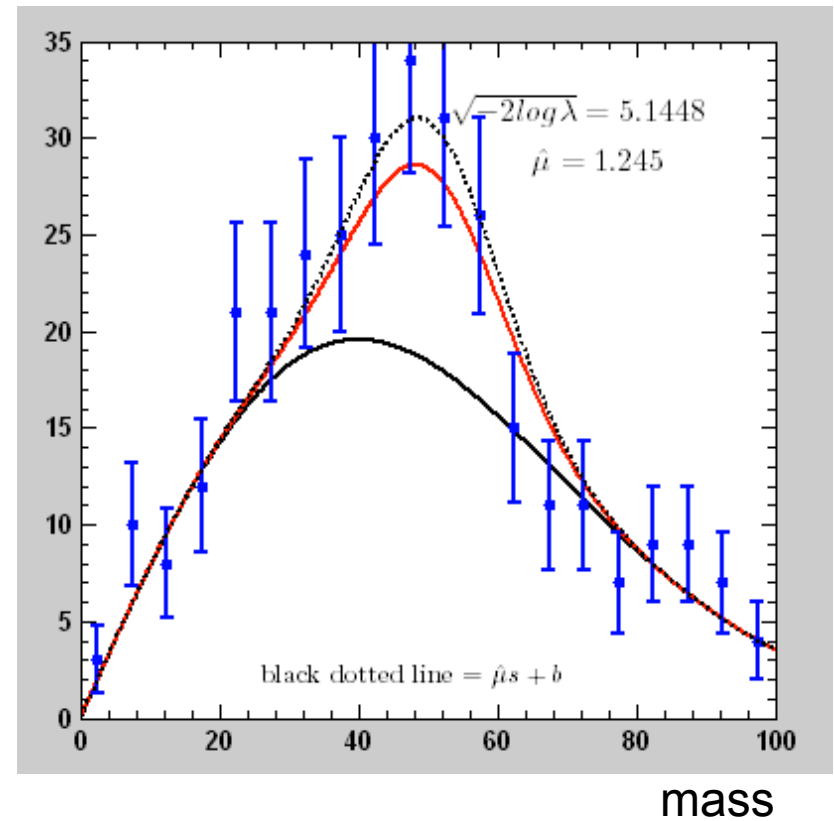
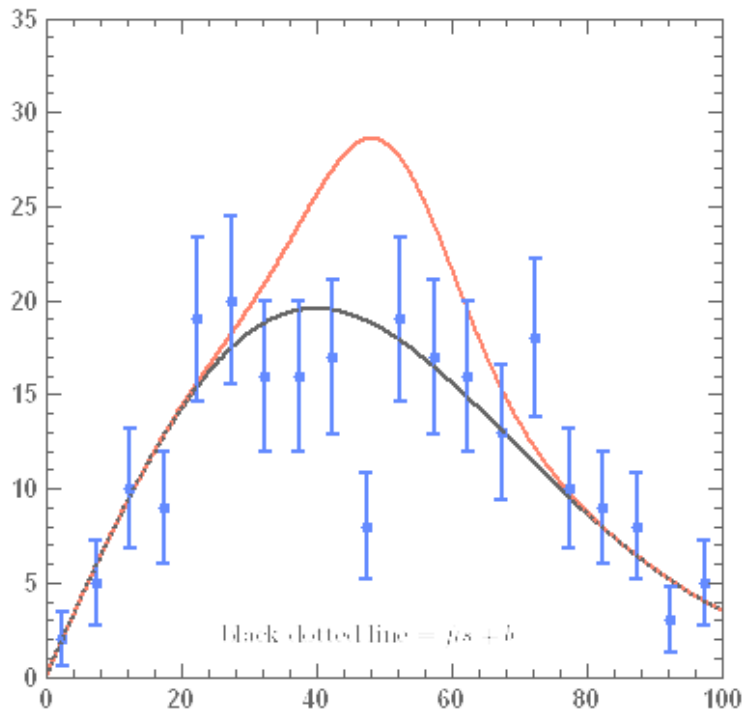
No signal  $\langle n \rangle = b$



# The Physics Model

- SM without Higgs Background Only  $\langle n \rangle = b$

- SM with a Higgs Boson with a mass  $m_H$   $\langle n \rangle = s(m_H) + b$



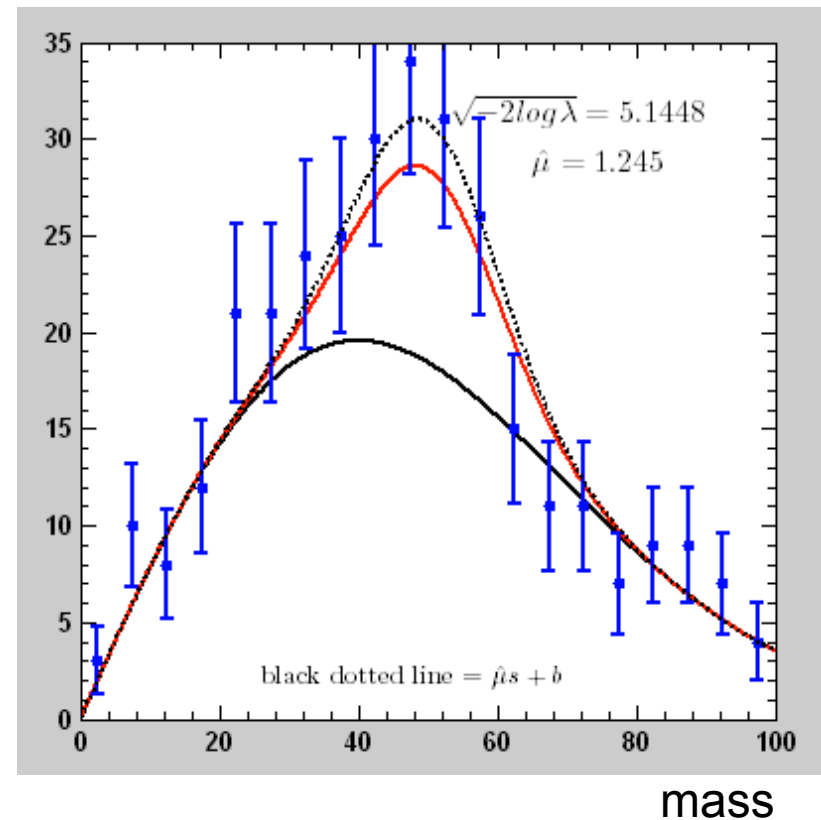
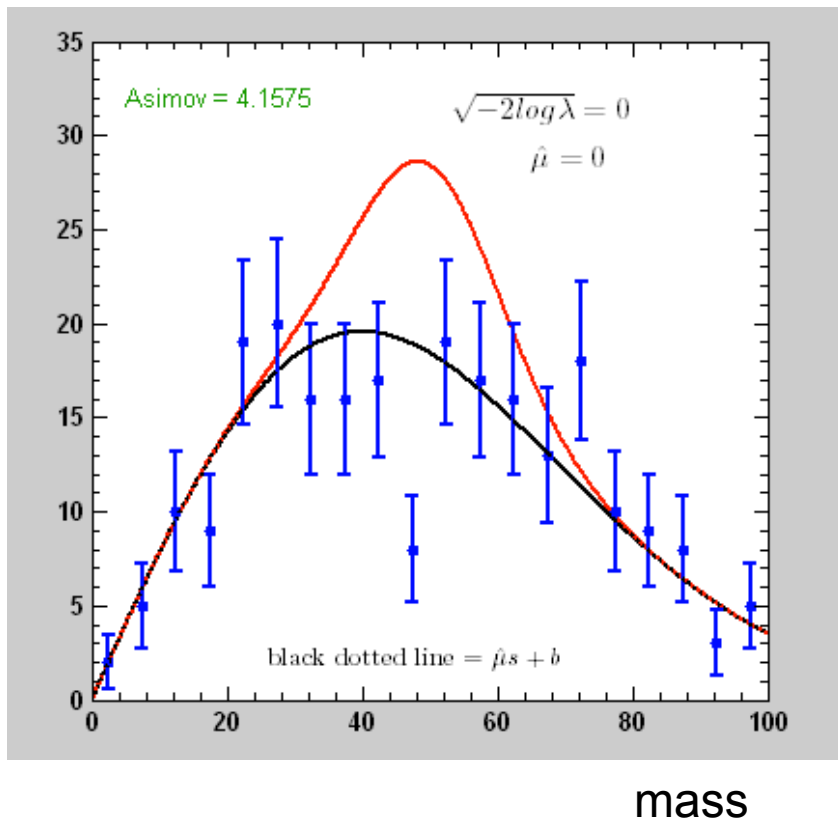
# The Physics Model

$$n = \mu s + b$$

$$\langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = 0 \text{ under } H_0$$

$$MLE \quad \hat{\mu}$$

$$\langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = 1 \text{ under } H_1$$



# The Profile Likelihood (“PL”)

The best signal  $\hat{\mu} = 0.3 \rightarrow 1.27\sigma$

For discovery we test the  $H_0$  null hypothesis

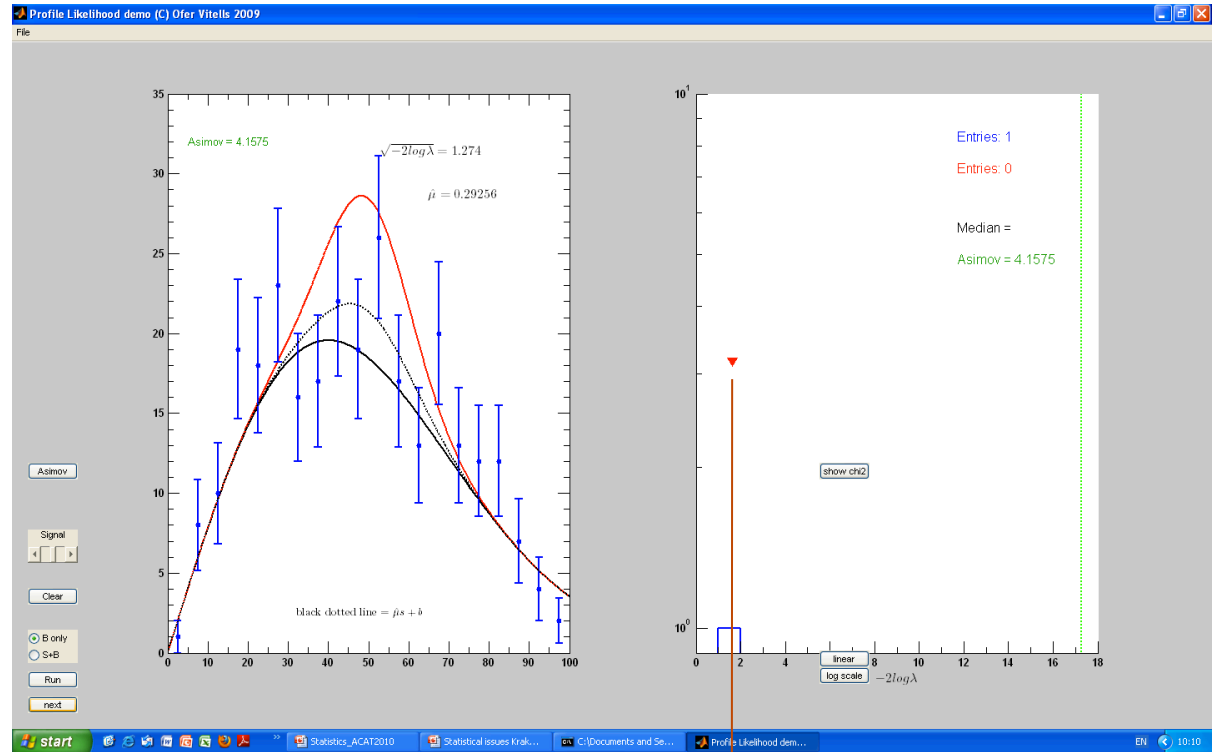
For 
$$q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b)}$$

$\hat{\mu} \sim 0$ ,  $q_0$  small

$\hat{\mu} \sim 1$ ,  $q_0$  large

In general: testing the  $H_\mu$  hypothesis i.e., a SM with a signal of strength  $\mu$ ,

$$q_\mu = -2 \ln \frac{L(\mu)}{L(\hat{\mu})}$$



$$Z_{obs} = \sqrt{q_{0,obs}}$$

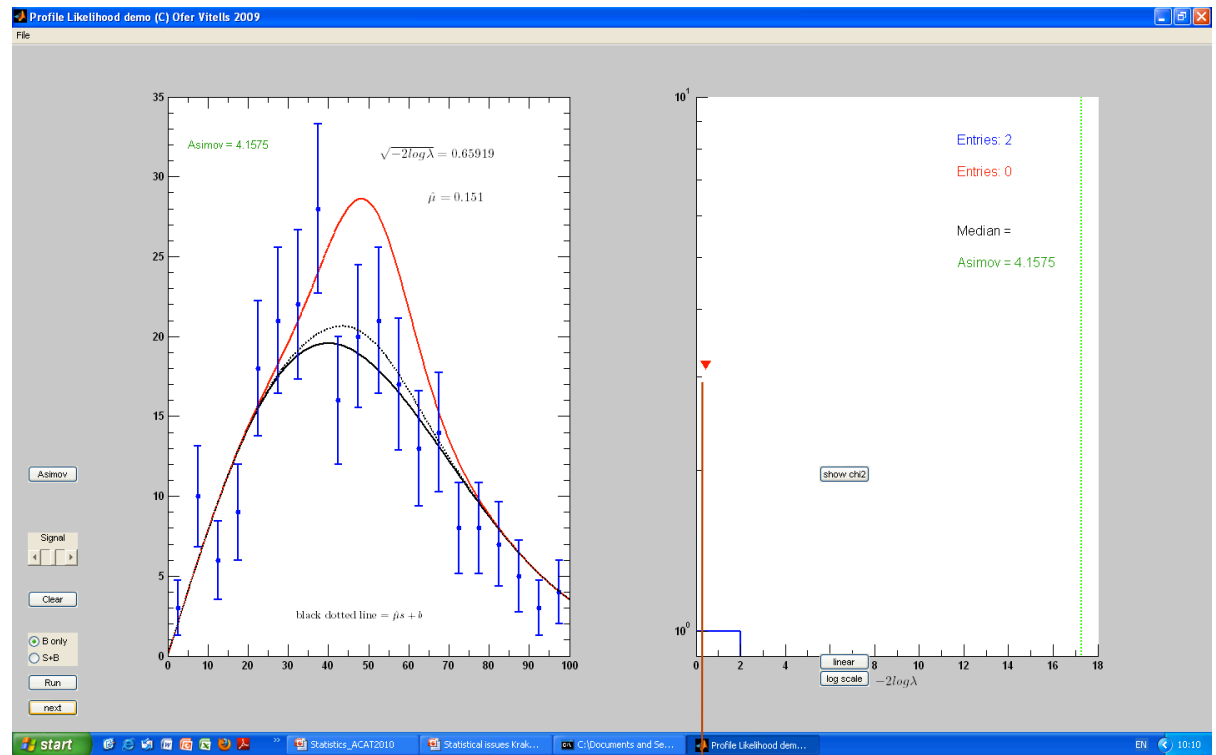
$$q_0 = 1.6 \rightarrow Z = \sqrt{1.6} = 1.27$$



# PL: test $t_0$ under BG only ; $f(q_0 | H_0)$

$\hat{\mu} = 0.15 \rightarrow 0.6\sigma$

$$q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b)}$$

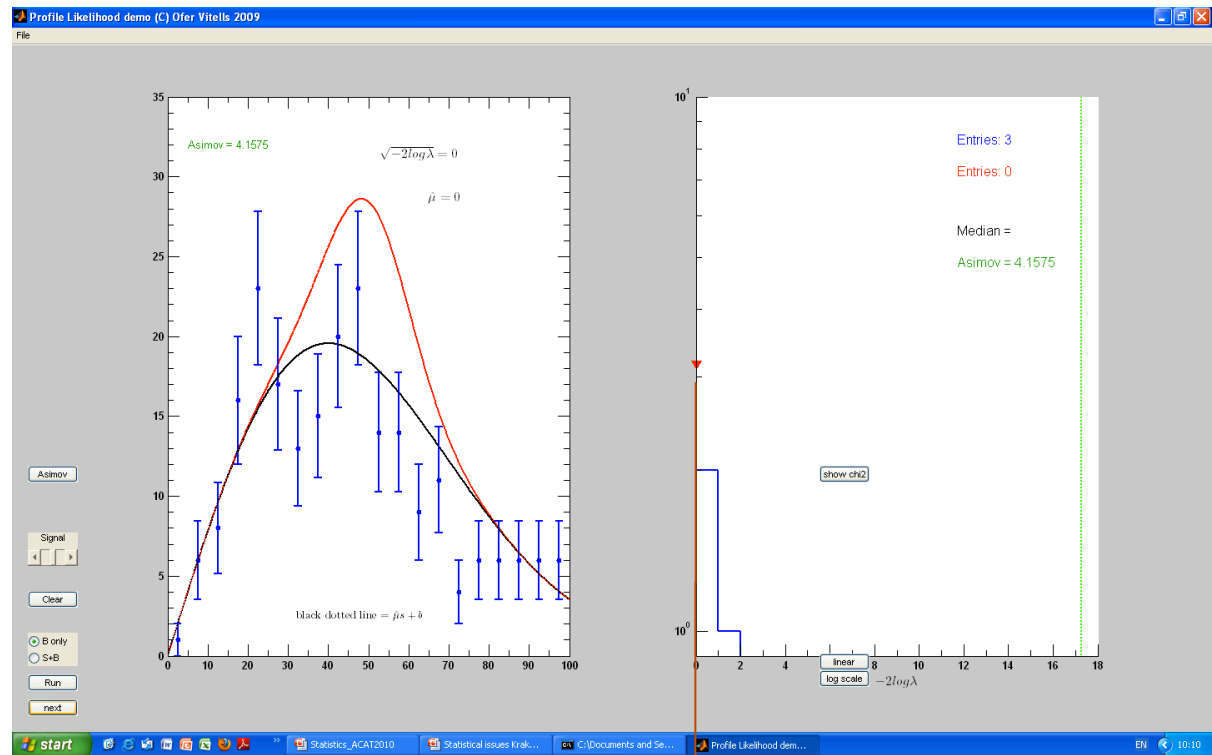


$$Z_{obs} = \sqrt{q_{0,obs}} \quad q_0 = 0.43 \rightarrow Z = 0.66\sigma$$



# PL: test $t_0$ under BG only ; $f(q_0 | H_0)$ $\hat{\mu} = 0$

$$q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b)}$$



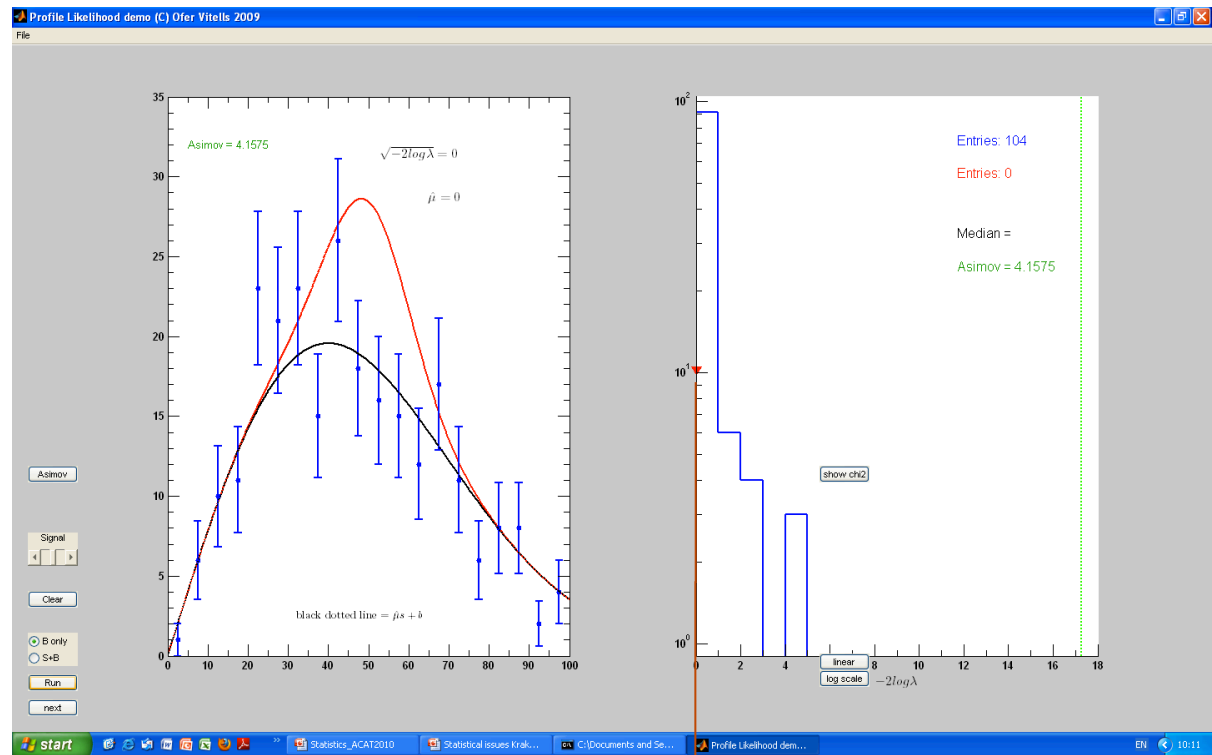
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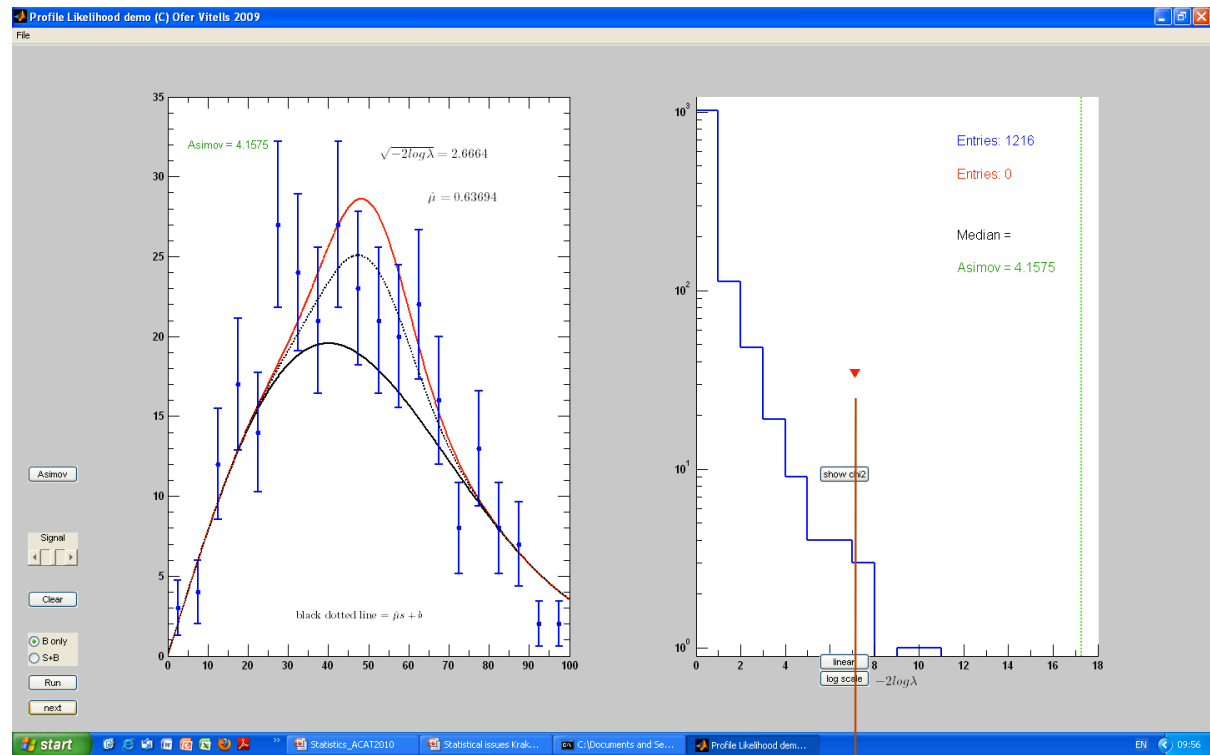




# PL: test $t_0$ under BG only ; $f(q_0 | H_0)$

$\hat{\mu} = 0.6 \rightarrow 2.6\sigma$

$$q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b)}$$



$$Z_{obs} = \sqrt{q_{0,obs}}$$

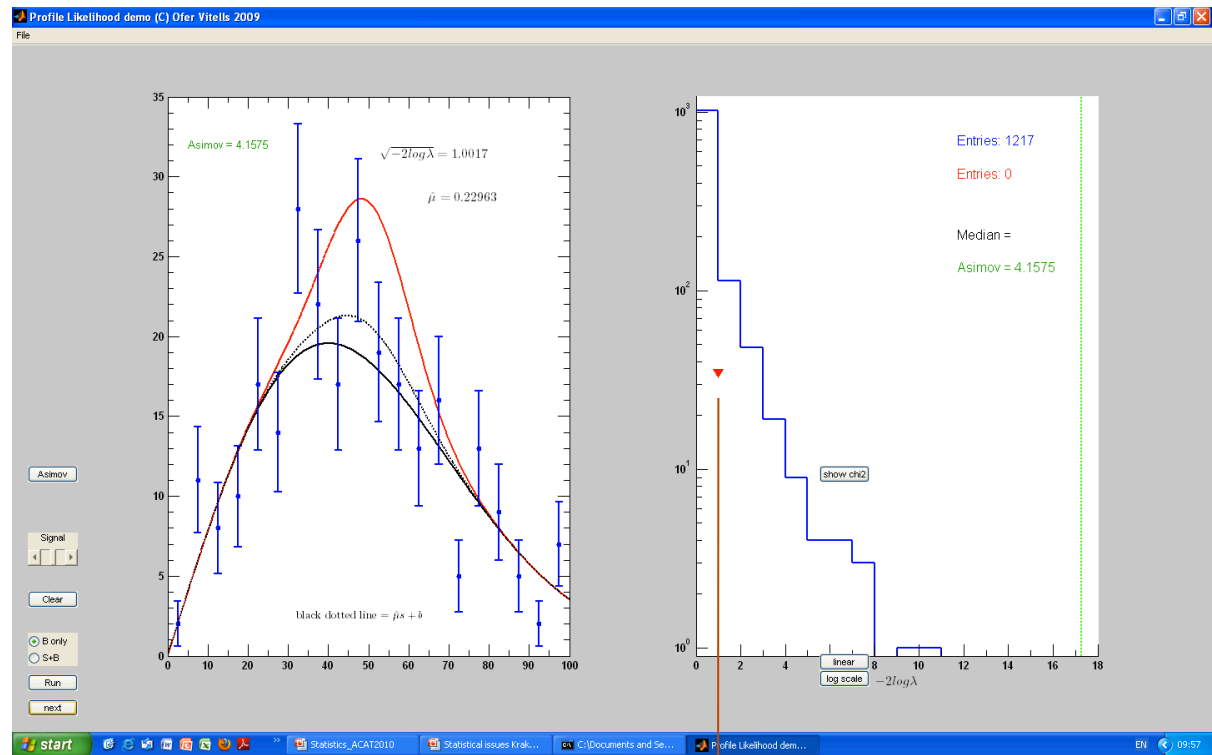
$$q_0 = 6.76 \rightarrow Z = 2.6\sigma$$



# PL: test $t_0$ under BG only ; $f(q_0 | H_0)$

$\hat{\mu} = 0.22 \rightarrow 1.1\sigma$

$$q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b)}$$



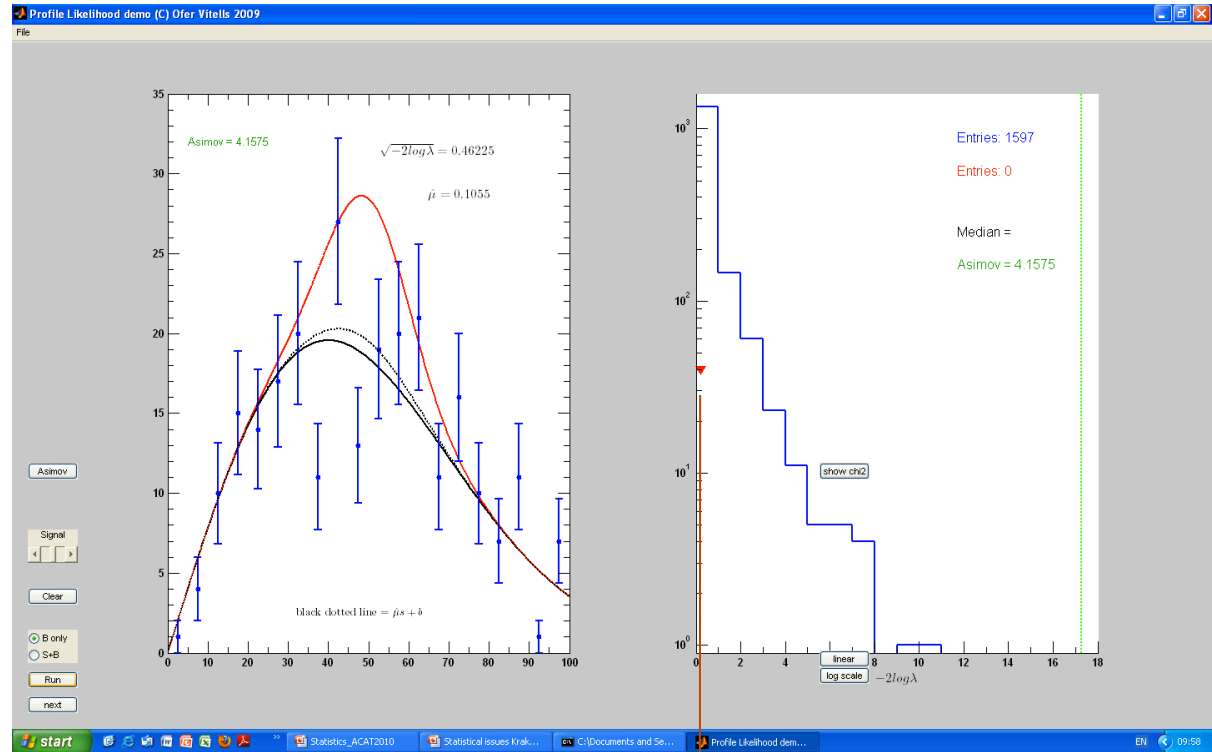
$$Z_{obs} = \sqrt{q_{0,obs}} \quad q_0 = 1.2 \rightarrow Z = 1.1\sigma$$



# PL: test $t_0$ under BG only ; $f(q_0 | H_0)$

$\hat{\mu} = 0.11 \rightarrow 0.4\sigma$

$$q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b)}$$



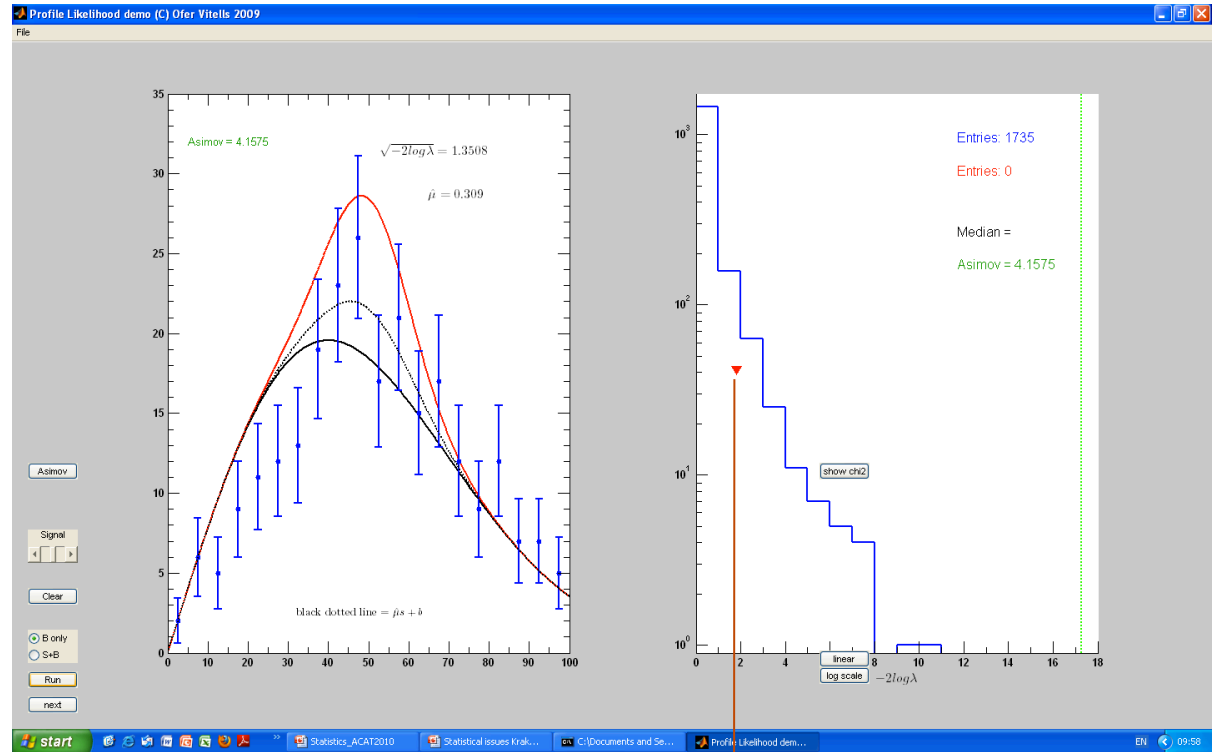
$$Z_{obs} = \sqrt{q_{0,obs}} \quad q_0 = 0.16 \rightarrow Z = 0.4\sigma$$



# PL: test $t_0$ under BG only ; $f(q_0 | H_0)$

$\hat{\mu} = 0.31 \rightarrow 1.35\sigma$

$$q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b)}$$



$$Z_{obs} = \sqrt{q_{0,obs}}$$

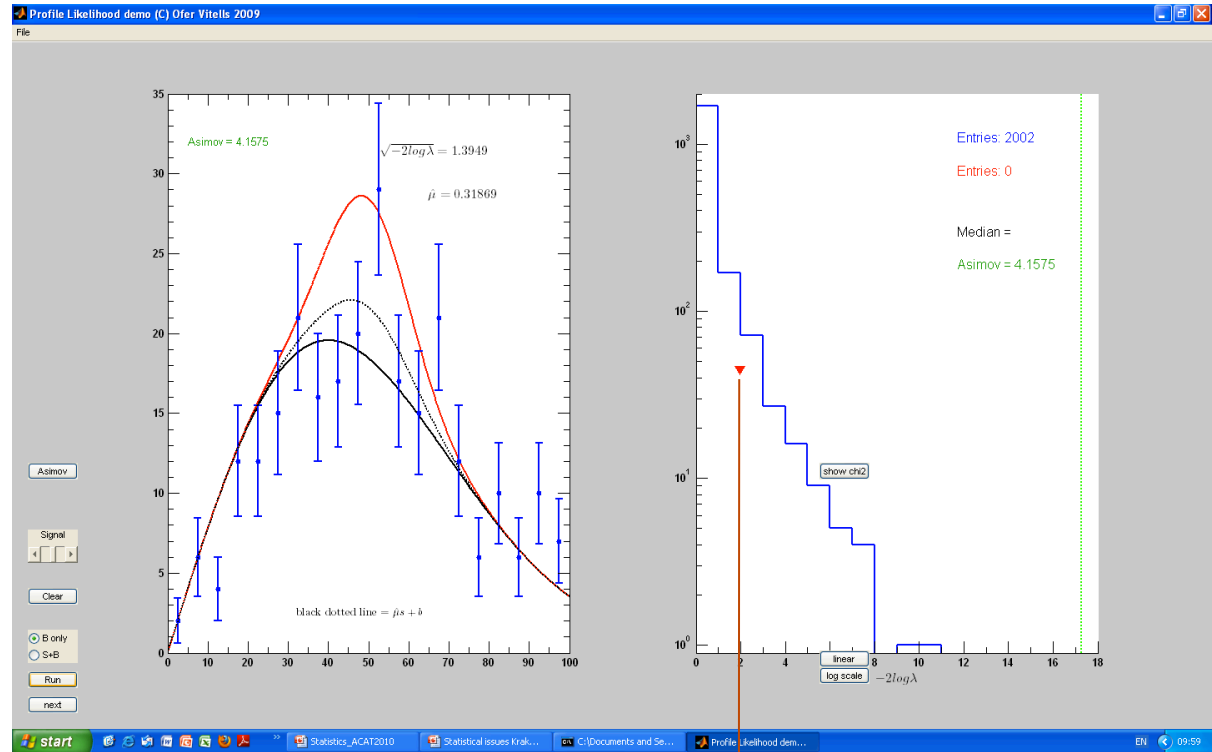
$$q_0 = 1.8 \rightarrow Z = 1.35\sigma$$



# PL: test $t_0$ under BG only ; $f(q_0 | H_0)$

$\hat{\mu} = 0.32 \rightarrow 1.39\sigma$

$$q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b)}$$



$$Z_{obs} = \sqrt{q_{0,obs}}$$

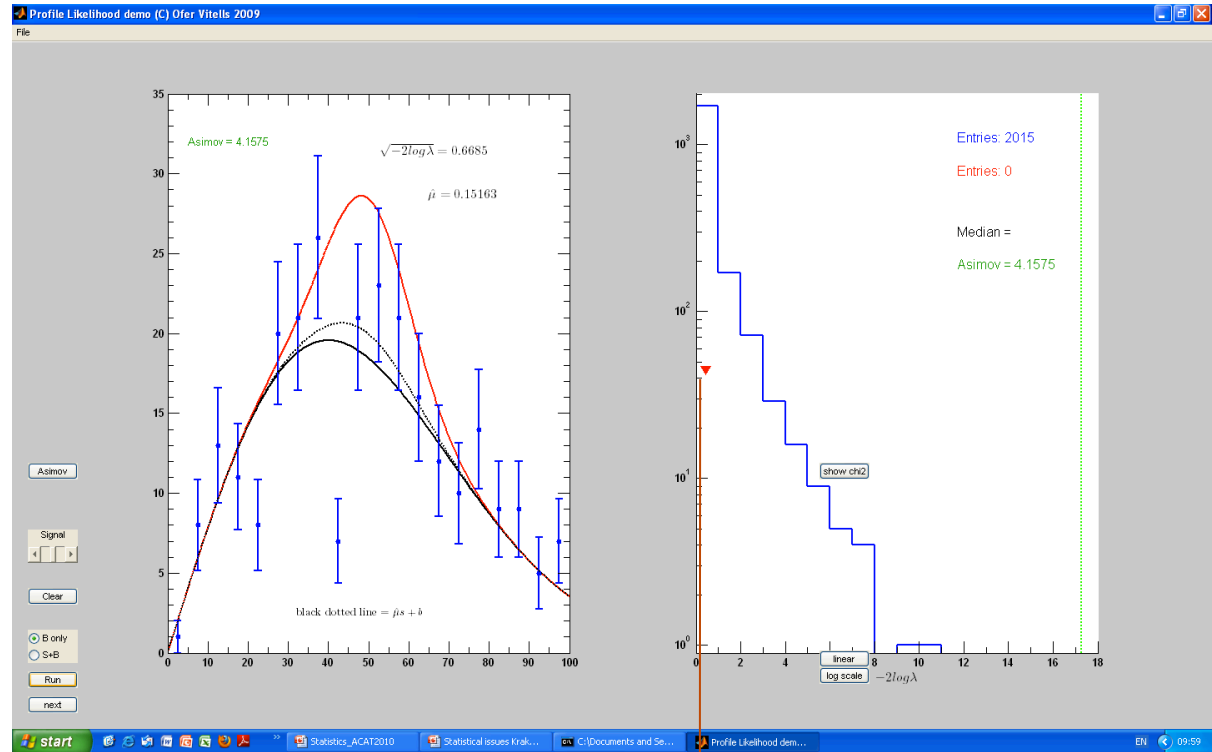
$$q_0 = 1.9 \rightarrow Z = 1.39\sigma$$



# PL: test $t_0$ under BG only ; $f(q_0 | H_0)$

$\hat{\mu} = 0.15 \rightarrow 0.66\sigma$

$$q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b)}$$



$$Z_{obs} = \sqrt{q_{0,obs}} \quad q_0 = 0.43 \rightarrow Z = 0.66\sigma$$



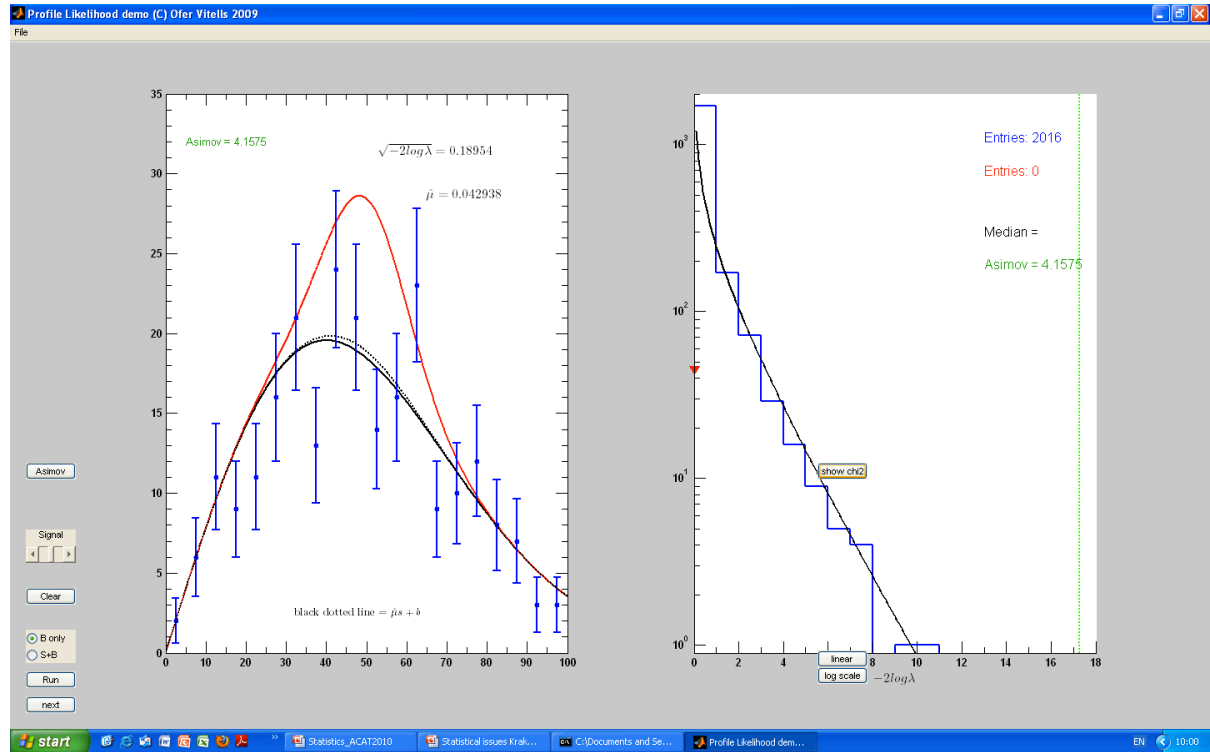
# Confirm Wilks Theorem

$$q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b)}$$

For the test statistic

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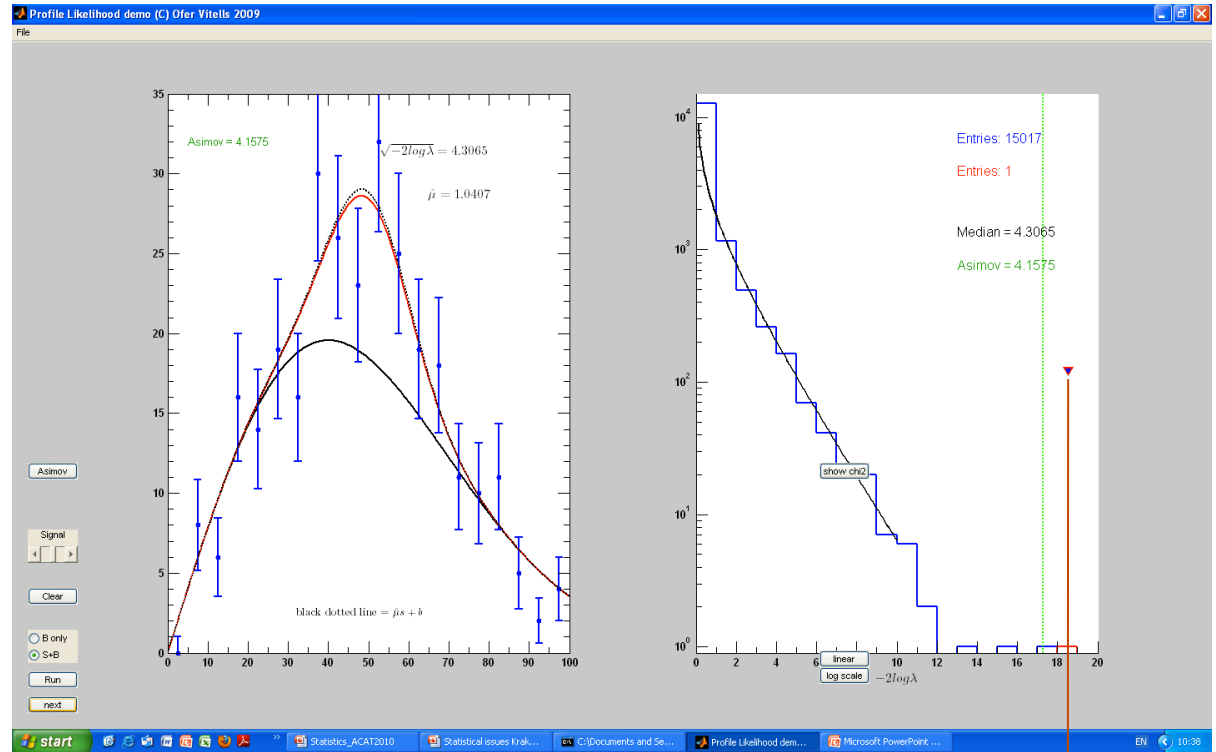
$$f(q_0 | H_0) = \chi_1^2$$



# The PDF of $q_0$ under s+b experiments ( $H_1$ )

$$q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b)} = -2 \ln \frac{L(b | H_1)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b | H_1)}$$

$$\hat{\mu} = 1.04 \rightarrow 4.3\sigma$$



$$q_0 = 18.5 \rightarrow Z = 4.3\sigma$$

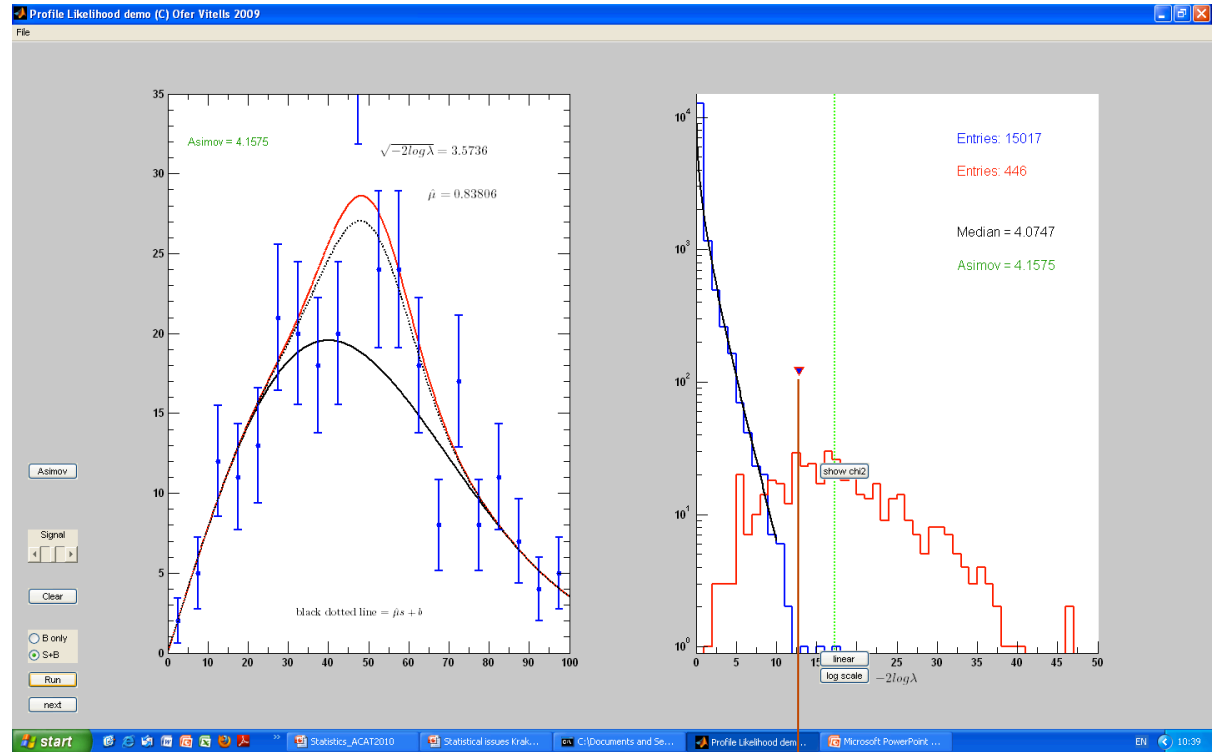




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$$\hat{\mu} = 0.83 \rightarrow 3.6\sigma$$



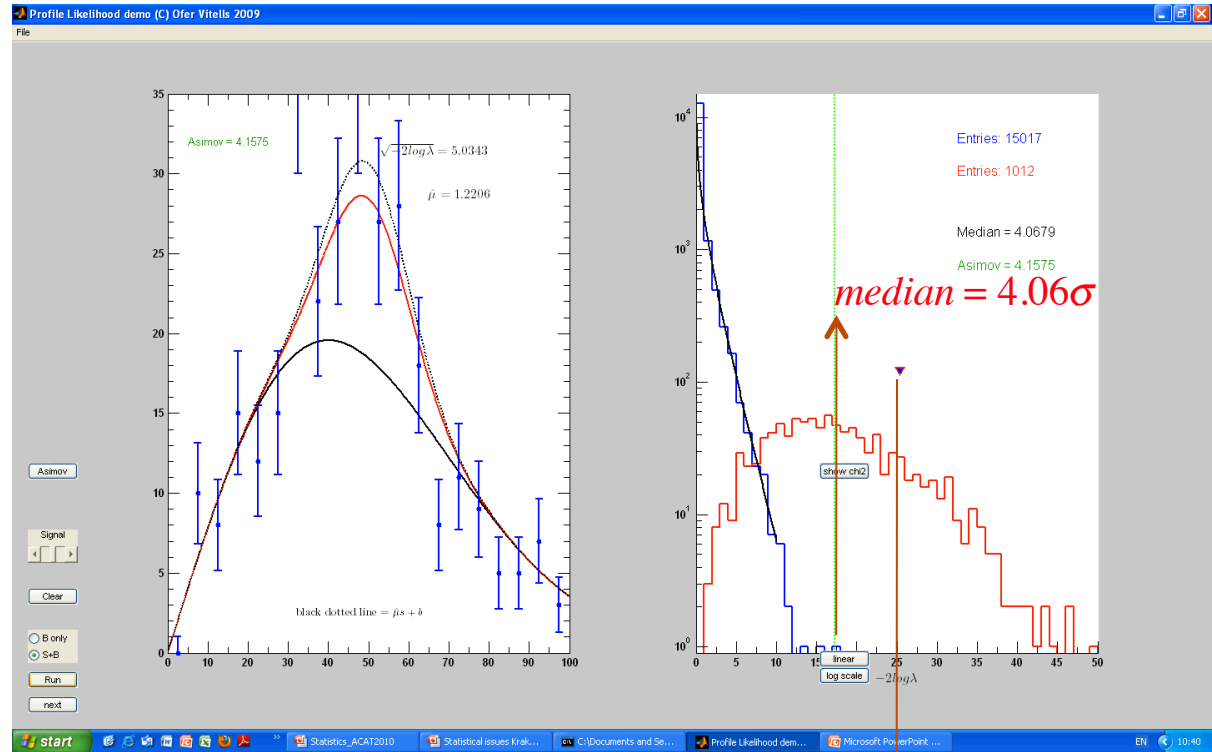
$$q_0 = 12.9 \rightarrow Z = 3.6\sigma$$



# The PDF of $q_0$ under s+b experiments ( $H_1$ )

$$q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b)} = -2 \ln \frac{L(b | H_1)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b | H_1)}$$

$$\hat{\mu} = 1.22 \rightarrow 5.0\sigma$$



$$q_0 = 25 \rightarrow Z = 5.0\sigma$$



# Median sensitivity in a Click (Asimov)

## Franchise (short story)

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**Franchise** is a **science fiction short story** by **Isaac Asimov**. It first appeared in the August 1955 issue of the magazine *Amazing Stories* and was reprinted in the collections *Earth Is Room Enough* (1957) and *Robot Dreams* (1986). It is one of a loosely connected series of fictional **computer** called **Multivac**. It is the first story in which Asimov dealt with computers as *computers* and not as *characters*.

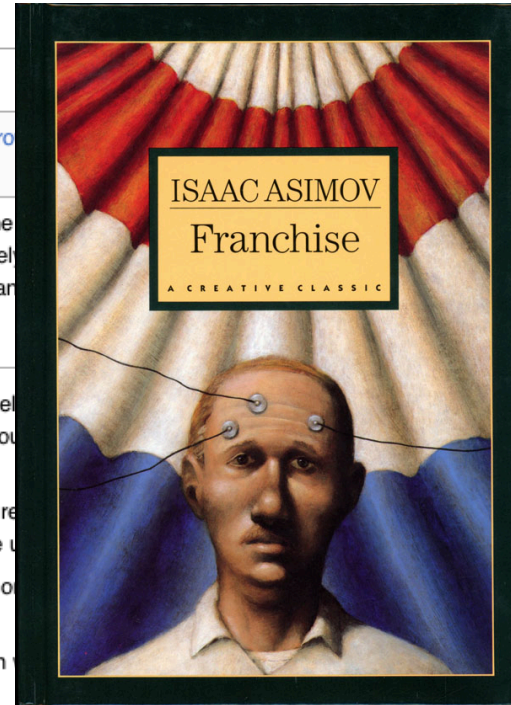
## Plot summary

In the future, the **United States** has converted to an "electronic **democracy**" where the computer Multivac selects the candidates for office and asks them questions. Multivac will then use the answers and other data to determine what the results of an **election** would be if the election were to be held.

The story centers around Norman Muller, the man chosen as "Voter of the Year" in **2008**. Although the law requires that he represent the entire **electorate**, he is not sure that he wants the responsibility of representing the entire **electorate**, worrying that the result will be too close to call.

However, after 'voting', he is very proud that the citizens of the United States had, through him, "exercised their right to vote" and makes a statement that is somewhat ironic as the citizens didn't actually get to vote.

The idea of a computer predicting whom the electorate would vote for instead of actually holding an election is a common theme in science fiction. The correct prediction of the result of the **1952 election**.



Author	Isaac Asimov
Country	United States
Language	English
Series	Multivac
Genre(s)	science fiction
Published in	<i>If</i>
Publisher	Quinn Publications
Media type	Magazine
Publication date	August 1955
Preceded by	"Question"
Followed by	"The Dead End"

## Influence

The use of a single representative individual to stand in for the entire population can help in evaluating the sensitivity of a statistical method. *Franchise* was cited as the inspiration of the "data set", where an ensemble of simulated experiments can be replaced by a single representative one. <sup>[1]</sup>

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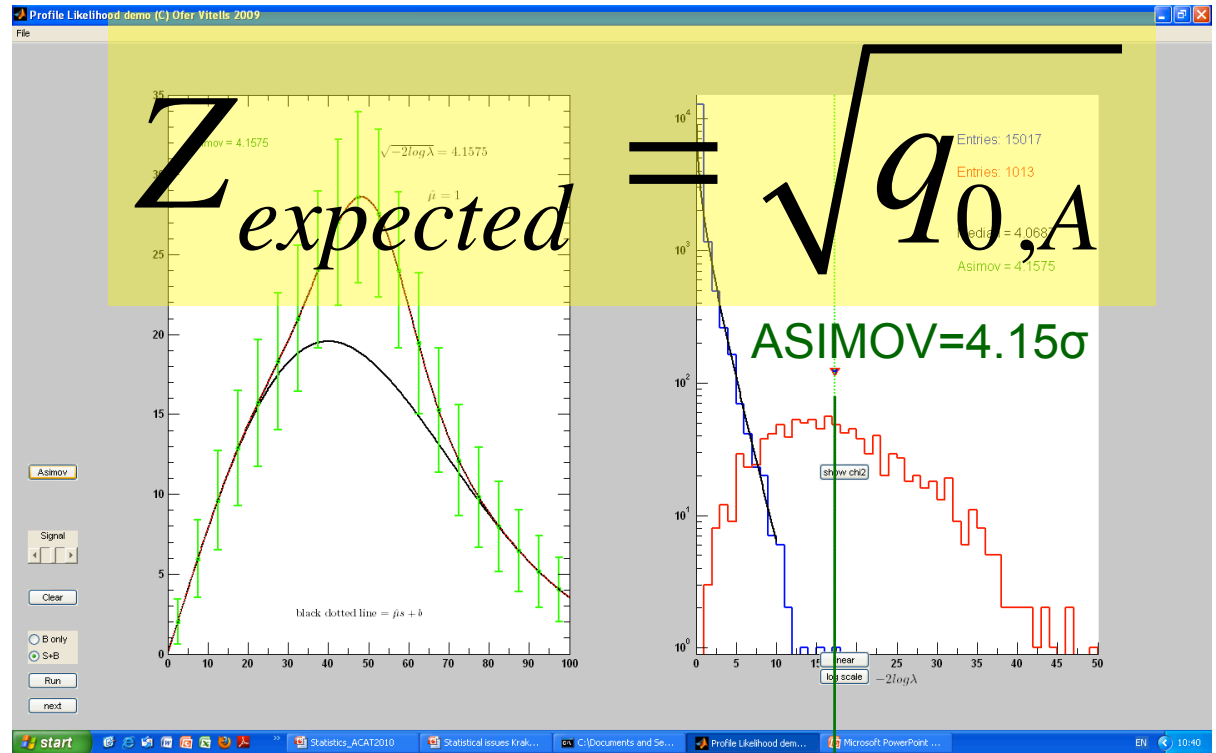
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# The Median Sensitivity (via ASIMOV)

To estimate the median sensitivity of an experiment (before looking at the data), one can either perform lots of  $s+b$  experiments and estimate the median  $t_{o,med}$  or evaluate  $t_0$  with respect to a representative data set, the ASIMOV data set with  $\mu=1$ , i.e.  $x=s+b$

$$\hat{\mu} = 1.00 \rightarrow 4.15\sigma$$



$$q_{o,med} \approx q_0(\hat{\mu} = \mu_A = 1) = -2 \ln \frac{L(b | x = x_A = s + b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s + b | x = x_A = s + b)} = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(1 \cdot s + b)} \quad q_A = 17.22 \rightarrow Z_A = 4.15$$



# Asymptotic Distributions

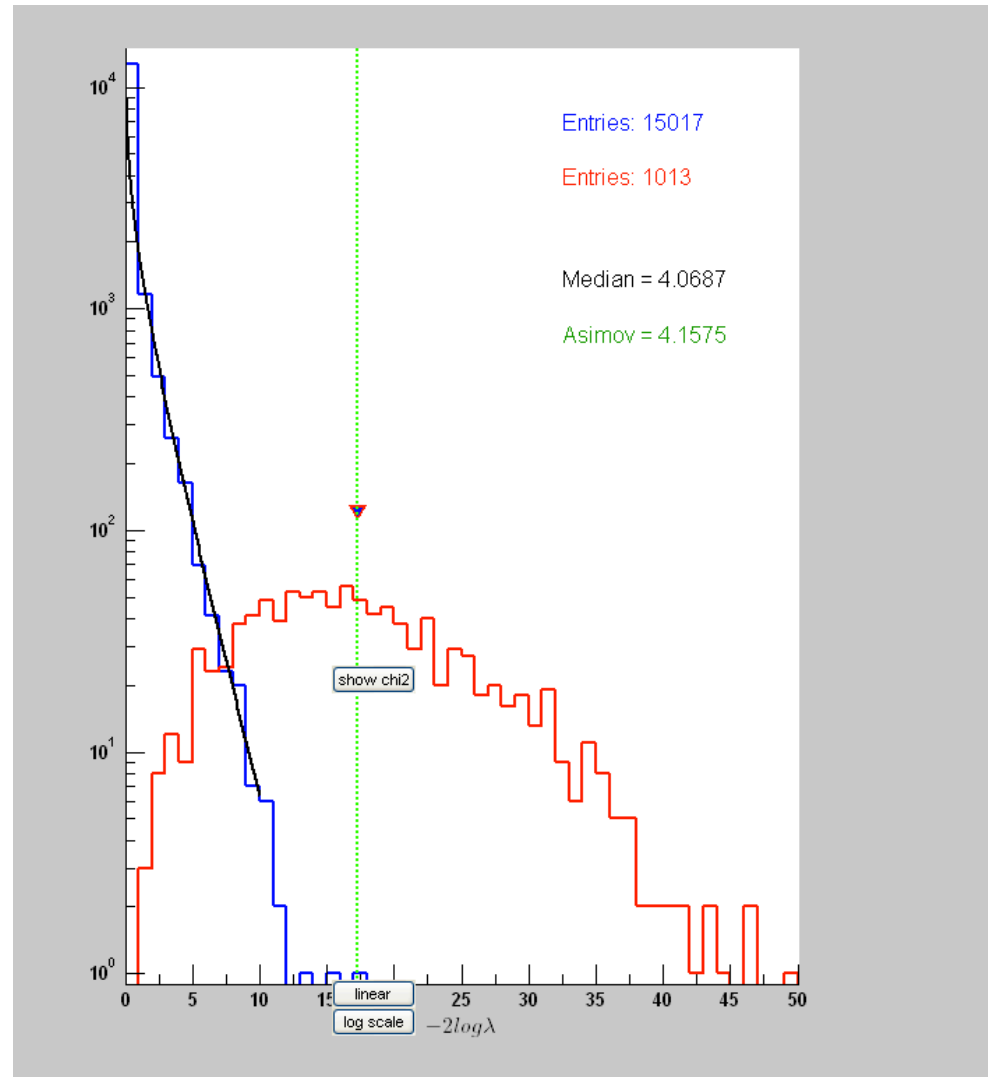
Tossing Monte Carlos to get the test statistic distribution functions (PDF) is sometimes beyond the experiment technical capability.

Knowing both PDF

$$f(q_{null} | H_{null})$$

$$f(q_{null} | H_{alternate})$$

enables calculating both the observed and expected significance (or exclusion) without a single toy....



# Asymptotic Distributions

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$$f(q_{null} | H_{null})$$

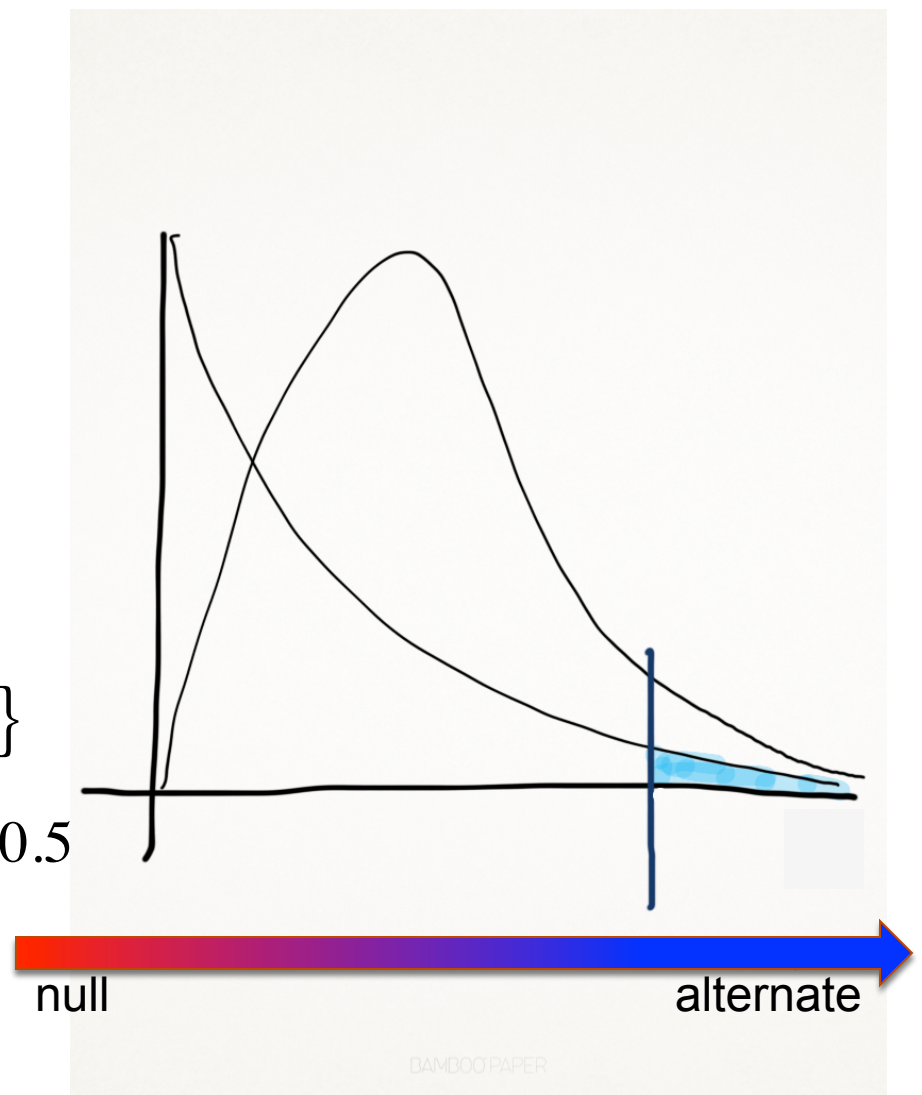
$$q_{obs} \equiv q_{null,obs}$$

$$p = \int_{q_{obs}}^{\infty} f(q_{null} | H_{null}) dq_{null}$$

$$f(q_{null} | H_{alt})$$

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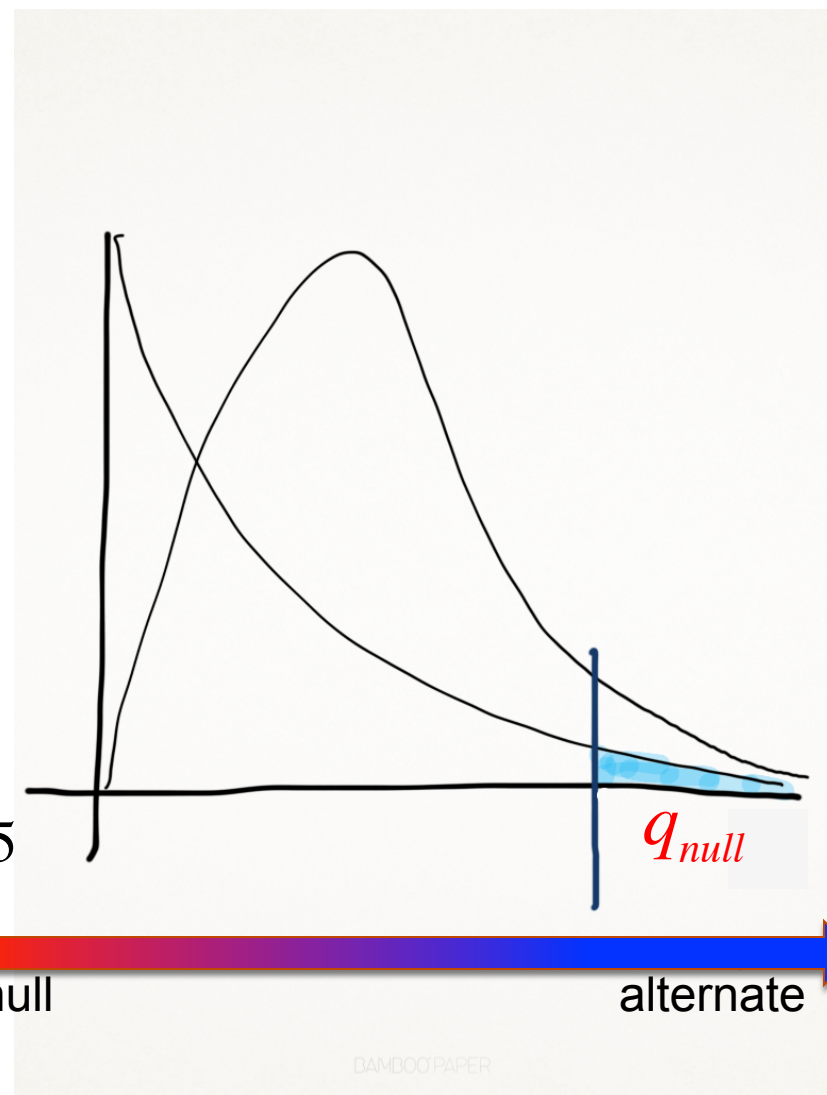
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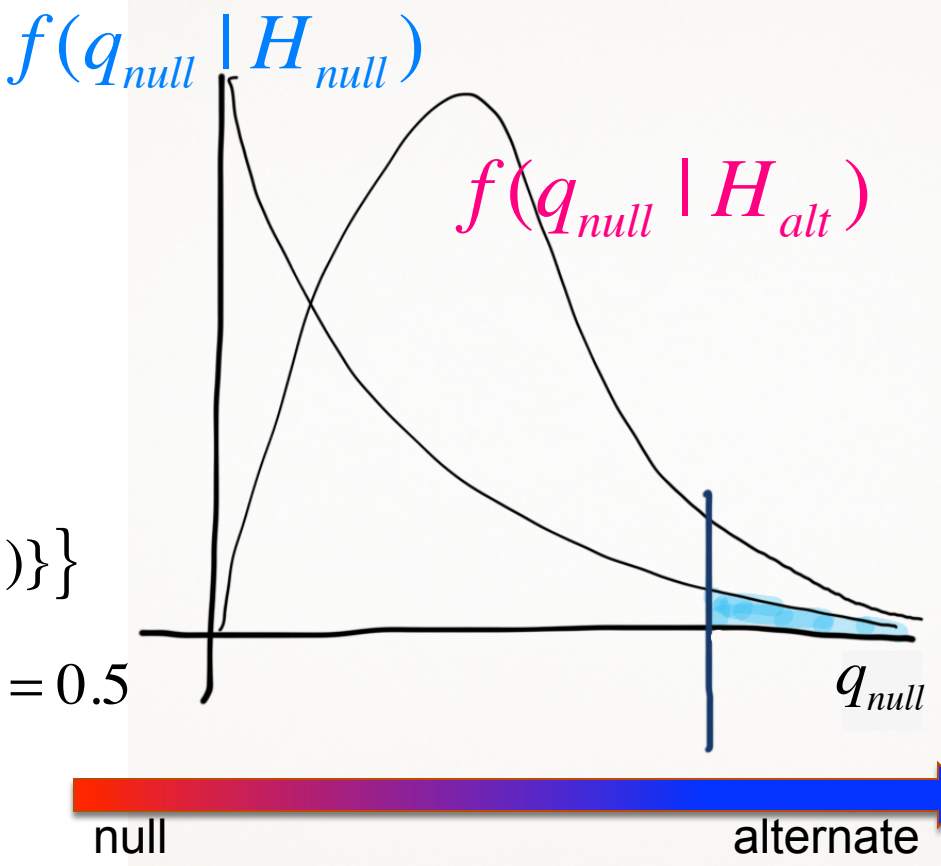
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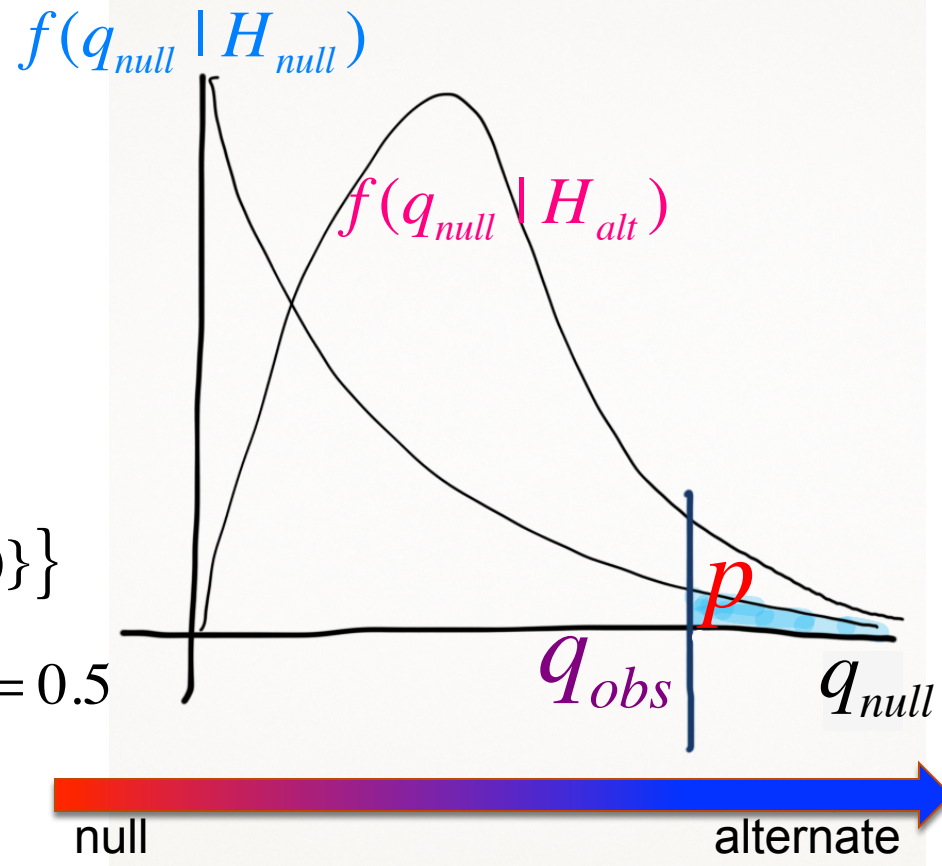
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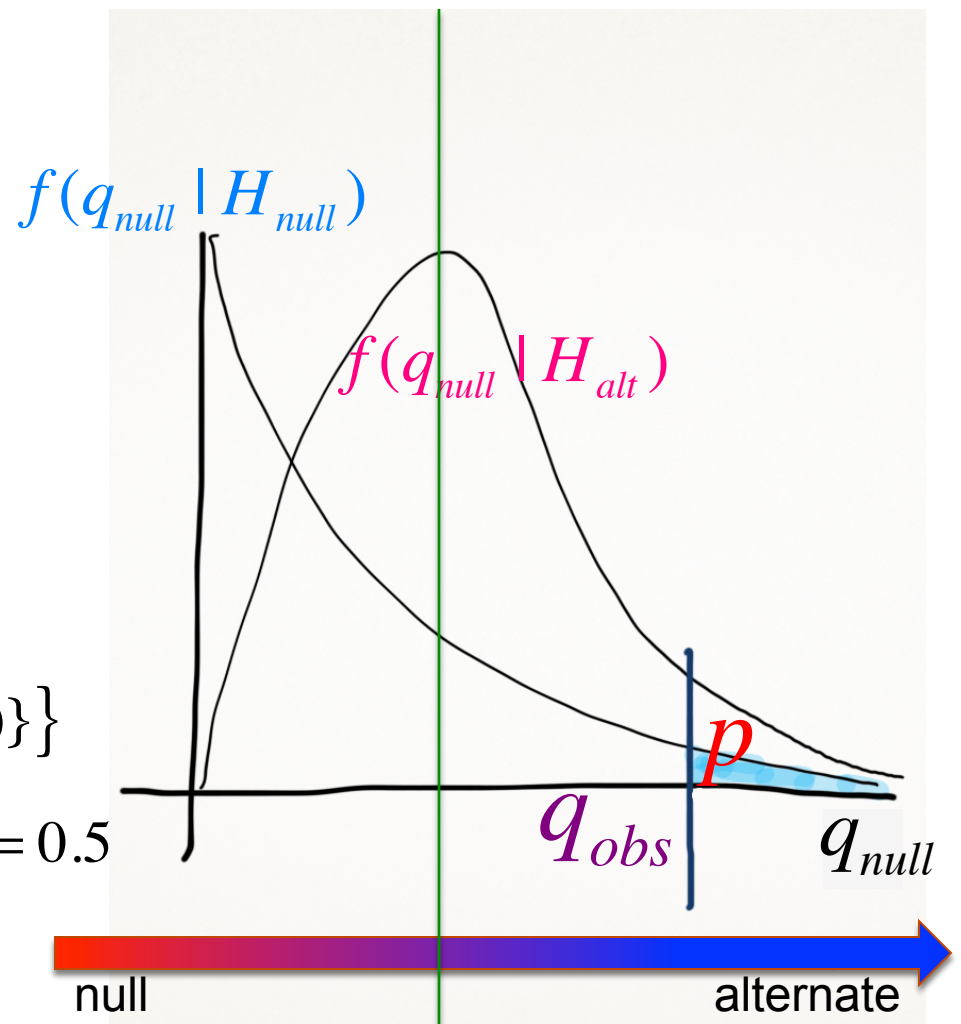
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$$Z_{expected} = \sqrt{q_{null,A}} \quad q_A \equiv q_{null,A}$$



Test Statistics	Purpose	Expression	LR
$q_0$	discovery of positive signal	$q_0 = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(0) & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$	$\lambda(0) = \frac{L(0, \hat{\theta}_0)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$
$t_\mu$	2-sided measurement	$t_\mu = -2 \ln \lambda(\mu)$	$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$
$\tilde{t}_\mu$	avoid negative signal (FC)	$\tilde{t}_\mu = -2 \ln \tilde{\lambda}(\mu)$	$\tilde{\lambda}(\mu) = \begin{cases} \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu)}{L(0, \hat{\theta}_0)} & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$
$q_\mu$	exclusion	$q_\mu = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(\mu) & \hat{\mu} \leq \mu \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} > \mu \end{cases}$	
$\tilde{q}_\mu$	exclusion of positive signal	$\tilde{q}_\mu = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \tilde{\lambda}(\mu) & \hat{\mu} \leq \mu \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} > \mu \end{cases}$	

# Resolving $f(q_{null} | H_{alt})$

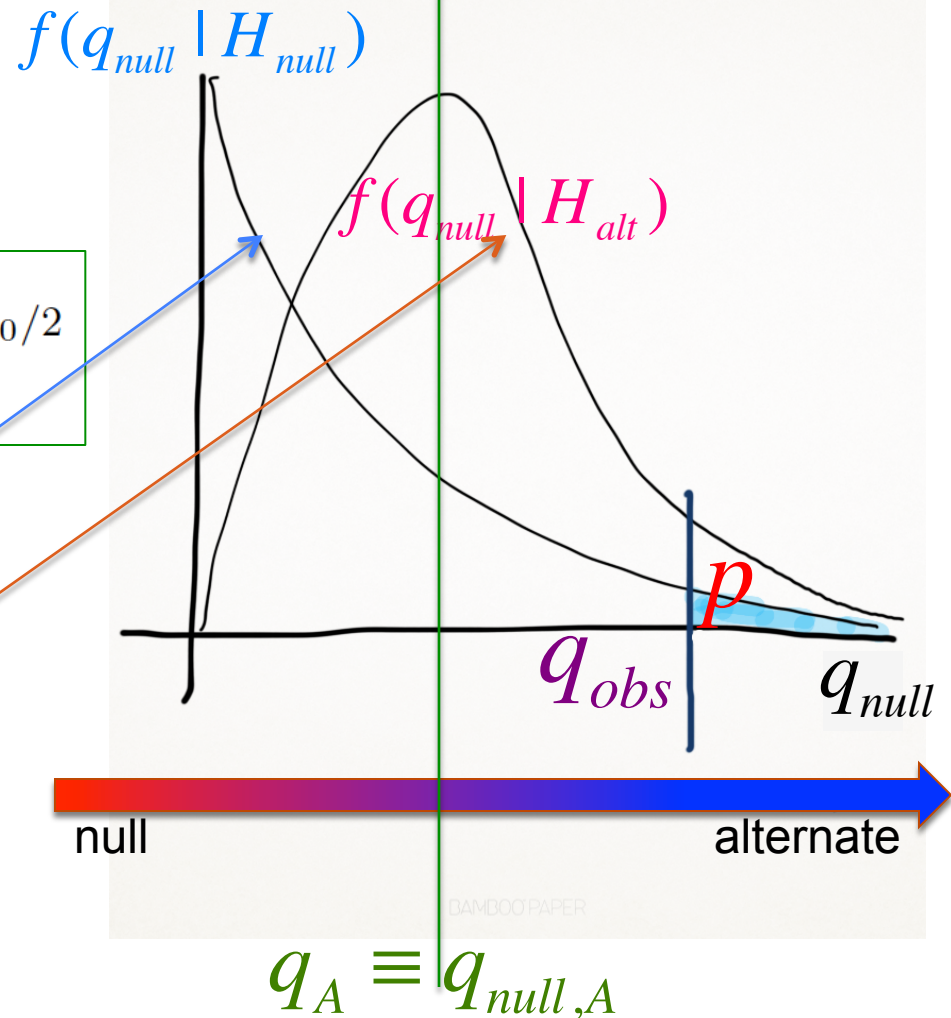
$$n = \mu s + b(\theta)$$

$$q_0 = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(0) & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f(q_0 | 0) = \frac{1}{2} \delta(q_0) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{q_0}} e^{-q_0/2}$$

$$f(q_0 | 0) \sim \frac{1}{2} \chi^2$$

$$f(q_0 | \mu') \sim ?$$



# Wald Theorem

- Consider a test of the strength parameter  $\mu$ , which here can either be zero (for discovery) or nonzero (for an upper limit), and suppose the data are distributed according to a strength parameter  $\mu'$
- The desired distribution  $f(q_\mu | \mu')$  can be found using a result due to Wald [1946], who showed that for the case of a single parameter of interest,

$$-2 \ln \lambda(\mu) = \frac{(\mu - \hat{\mu})^2}{\sigma^2} + \mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{N})$$

$$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$$

$$\langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = \mu'$$

# Wald Theorem

- Following the Wald Theorem we find that the 2-sided  $t_\mu = -2 \ln \lambda(\mu)$  distributes like a non-central chi squared

$$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$$

$$f(t_\mu; \Lambda) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t_\mu}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{t_\mu} + \sqrt{\Lambda}\right)^2\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{t_\mu} - \sqrt{\Lambda}\right)^2\right) \right]$$

2 sided CI

$$\Lambda = \frac{(\mu - \mu')^2}{\sigma^2}$$

$\mu$  is the tested hypothesis while  $\langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = \mu'$

under  $H_\mu$ , if  $\mu' = \mu$

we get Wilks theorem

$$f(t_\mu | \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t_\mu}} e^{-t_\mu/2}$$

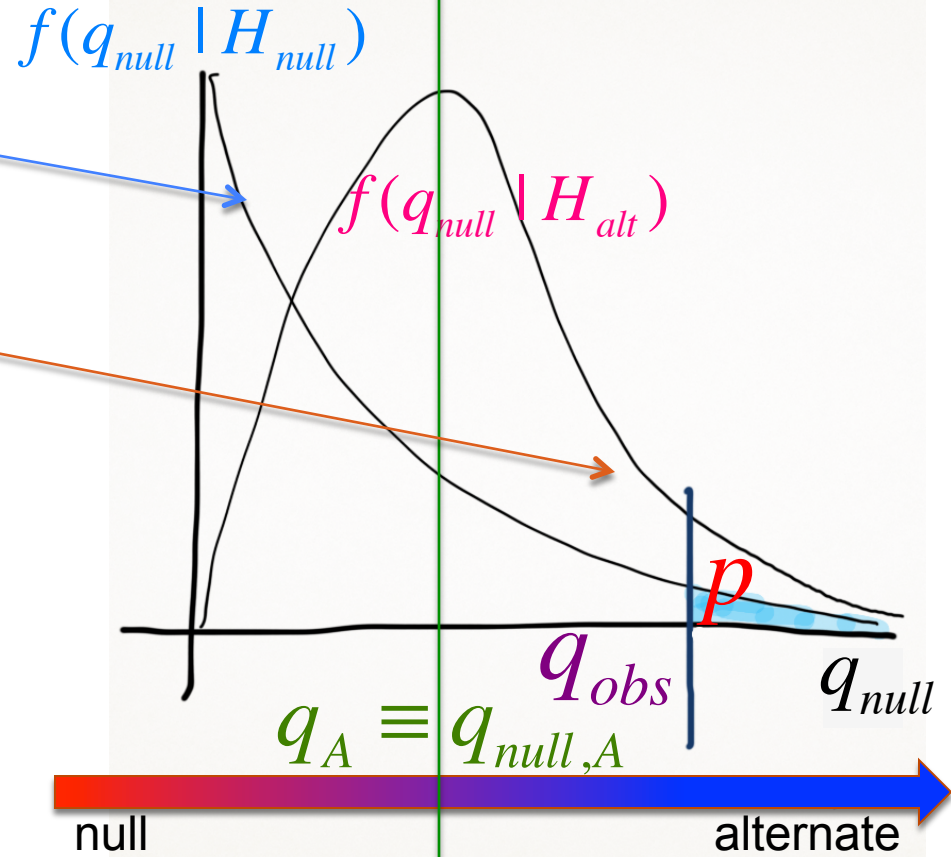
The rediscovery Wald theorem helped us to find the asymptotic distributions of all PL test Statistics, including the Neyman Pearson one, calculate the CLs modified p-values the expected sensitivity and save months if not years of computing



# Asymptotic Distribution for Discovery

$$f(q_0 | 0) \sim \frac{1}{2} \chi^2$$

$$f(q_0 | \mu') \sim ?$$



1 sided CI

$$f(q_0 | \mu') = \left(1 - \Phi\left(\frac{\mu'}{\sigma}\right)\right) \delta(q_0) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{q_0}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{q_0} - \frac{\mu'}{\sigma}\right)^2\right]$$



$$\Phi(Z) = 1 - \int_Z^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

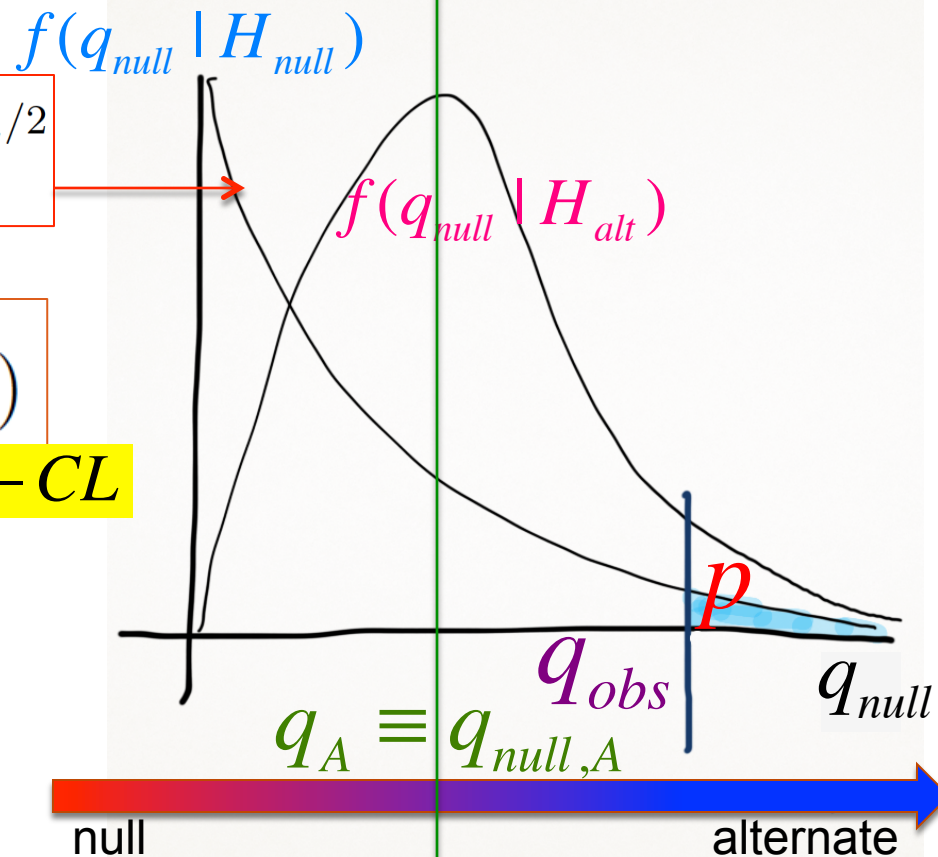


# Asymptotic Distribution for Exclusion

$$f(q_\mu | \mu) = \frac{1}{2} \delta(q_\mu) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{q_\mu}} e^{-q_\mu/2}$$

$$\mu_{\text{up}} = \hat{\mu} + \sigma \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$$

$$\alpha = 1 - CL$$



1 sided CI

$$f(q_\mu | \mu') = \Phi \left( \frac{\mu' - \mu}{\sigma} \right) \delta(q_\mu) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{q_\mu}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \sqrt{q_\mu} - \frac{\mu - \mu'}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right]$$

# Asymptotic Distribution for FC

## 3.4 Distribution of $\tilde{t}_\mu$

Depends on the observation  
one might get 1-sided or 2-sided CI

Assuming the Wald approximation, the statistic  $t_\mu$  as defined by Eq. (11) can be written

$$\tilde{t}_\mu = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} - \frac{2\mu\hat{\mu}}{\sigma^2} & \hat{\mu} < 0, \\ \frac{(\mu - \hat{\mu})^2}{\sigma^2} & \hat{\mu} \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (40)$$

From this the pdf  $f(\tilde{t}_\mu|\mu')$  is found to be

$$f(\tilde{t}_\mu|\mu') = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tilde{t}_\mu}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \sqrt{\tilde{t}_\mu} + \frac{\mu - \mu'}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \quad (41)$$

$$+ \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tilde{t}_\mu}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \sqrt{\tilde{t}_\mu} - \frac{\mu - \mu'}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] & \tilde{t}_\mu \leq \mu^2/\sigma^2, \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}(2\mu/\sigma)} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\tilde{t}_\mu - \mu^2 - 2\mu\mu')^2}{(2\mu/\sigma)^2} \right] & \tilde{t}_\mu > \mu^2/\sigma^2 \end{cases} \quad (42)$$

The special case  $\mu = \mu'$  is therefore

$$f(\tilde{t}_\mu|\mu') = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tilde{t}_\mu}} e^{-\tilde{t}_\mu/2} & \tilde{t}_\mu \leq \mu^2/\sigma^2, \\ \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tilde{t}_\mu}} e^{-\tilde{t}_\mu/2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}(2\mu/\sigma)} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\tilde{t}_\mu + \mu^2/\sigma^2)^2}{(2\mu/\sigma)^2} \right] & \tilde{t}_\mu > \mu^2/\sigma^2. \end{cases} \quad (43)$$



# How to determine $\sigma$

- To estimate the uncertainty  $\sigma$  there are a few possibilities
  - Given the asymptotic formulae, fit the distribution of

$$f(q_{null} | H_{alt}) = f(q_{\mu} | \mu') \quad \text{and extract } \sigma$$

- Implement the Wald formula to the Asimov data set and find

$$\sigma_A^2 = \frac{(\mu - \mu')^2}{q_{\mu,A}}$$

where  $\mu$  is the tested (null) hypothesis and  $\mu'$  is the alt hypothesis.  
For discovery,  $\mu = 0$  while for exclusion  $\mu' = 0$ .



# Exclusion

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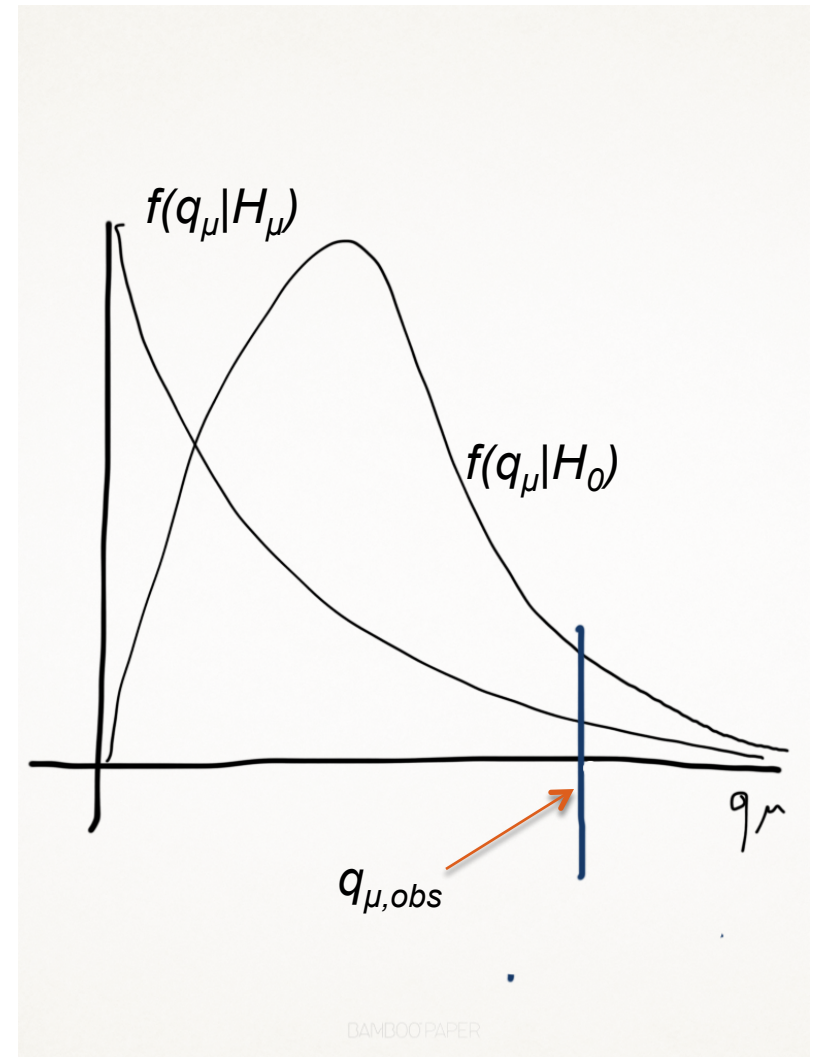
Case Study:

## Exclusion of a Higgs with mass $m_H$



- We test hypothesis  $H_\mu$
- We calculate the PL (profile likelihood) ratio with the one observed data

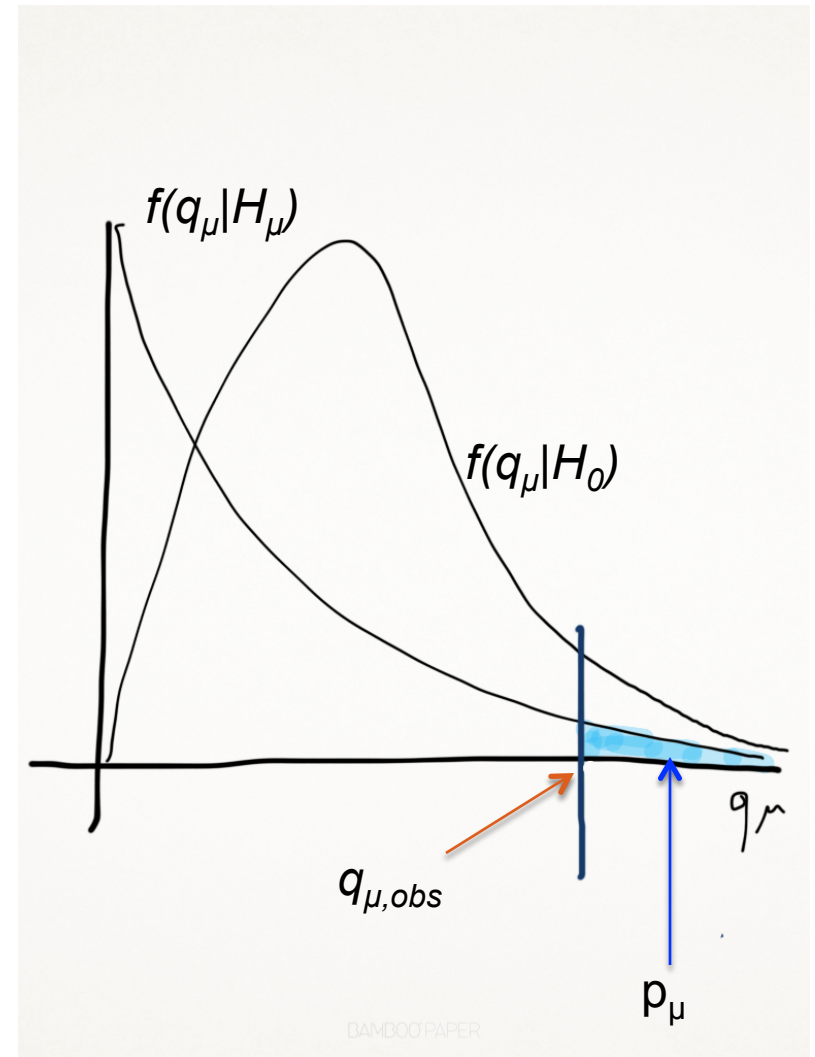
- $q_{\mu,obs}$



- Find the p-value of the signal hypothesis  $H_\mu$

$$p_\mu = \int_{q_{\mu,obs}}^{\infty} f(q_\mu | H_\mu) dq_\mu$$

- In principle if  $p_\mu < 5\%$ ,  $H_\mu$  hypothesis is excluded at the 95% CL
- Note that  $H_\mu$  is for a given Higgs mass  $m_H$



# CLs

- Suppose  $\langle n_b \rangle = 100$
- $s(m_{H1}) = 30$
- Suppose  $n_{\text{obs}} = 102$
- $s + b = 130$
- $\text{Prob}(n_{\text{obs}} \leq 102 | 130) < 5\%$ ,  $m_{H1}$  is excluded at  $>95\%$  CL
  
- Now suppose  $s(m_{H2}) = 1$ , can we exclude  $m_{H2}$ ?
- Suppose  $n_{\text{obs}} = 80$ ,  $\text{prob}(n_{\text{obs}} \leq 80 | 102) < 5\%$ , it looks like we can exclude  $m_{H2} \dots$   
but this is dangerous, because what we exclude is  $(s(m_{H2}) + b)$  and not  $s \dots \dots$
- With this logic we could also exclude  $b$  (expected  $b = 100$ )
- To protect we calculate a modified p-value
- We cannot exclude  $m_{H2}$

$$\frac{\text{Prob}(n_{\text{obs}} \leq 80 | 101)}{\text{Prob}(n_{\text{obs}} \leq 80 | 100)} \sim 1$$

$$\frac{P(n \leq n_o | s + b)}{P(n \leq n_o | b)} = P(n_o \leq n_{s+b} | n_b \leq n_o, s + b)$$



# CLs

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# The Neyman-Pearson Lemma (lite version)

- When performing a hypothesis test between two simple hypotheses,  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ , **the Likelihood Ratio test**, which rejects  $H_0$  in favor of  $H_1$ , **is the most powerful test** .....

- Define a **test statistic**  $Q = -2 \ln \frac{L(H_0)}{L(H_1)}$

- Then for a given  $\alpha = \text{Prob}(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0)$  the probability  $\text{Prob}(\text{reject } H_0 \mid \bar{H}_0) = \text{Prob}(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_1)$  **is the highest**, i.e.

The Likelihood Ratio  $Q = -2 \ln \frac{L(H_0)}{L(H_1)}$

is the most powerful test

- (The **POWER** of an hypothesis test is the probability to reject the null hypothesis when the alternate hypothesis is true!)

**NOTE:**  $Q = Q(\hat{\mu})$

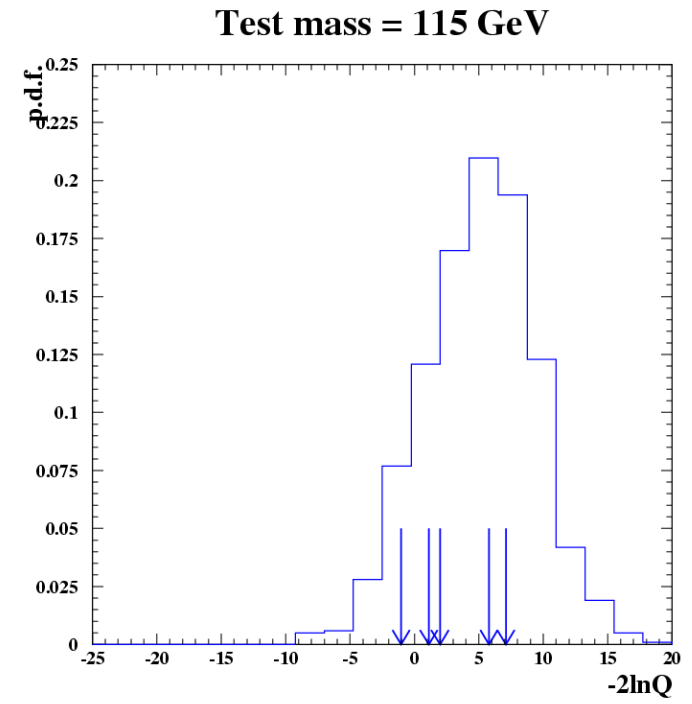
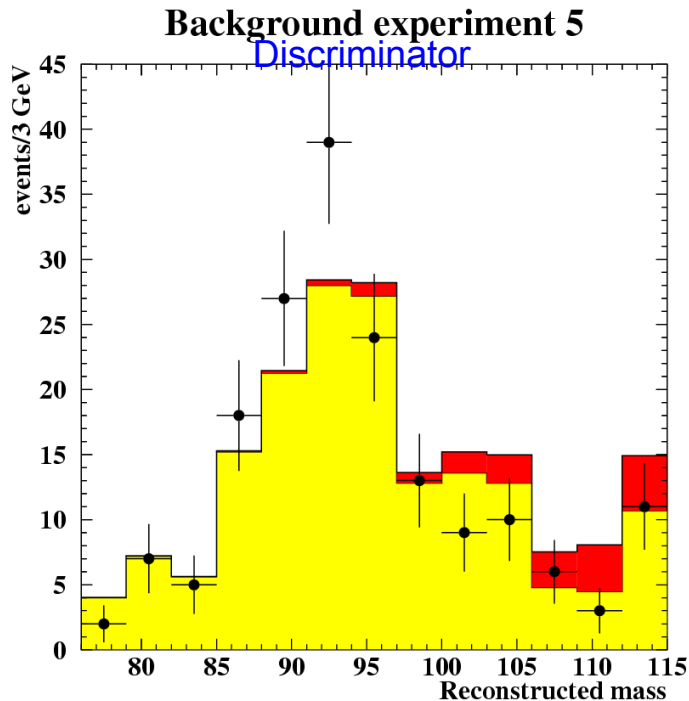


# Example:

## Simulating BG Only Experiments

$$Q(m) = \frac{L(H_1)}{L(H_0)} = \frac{L(s(m)+b)}{L(b)}$$

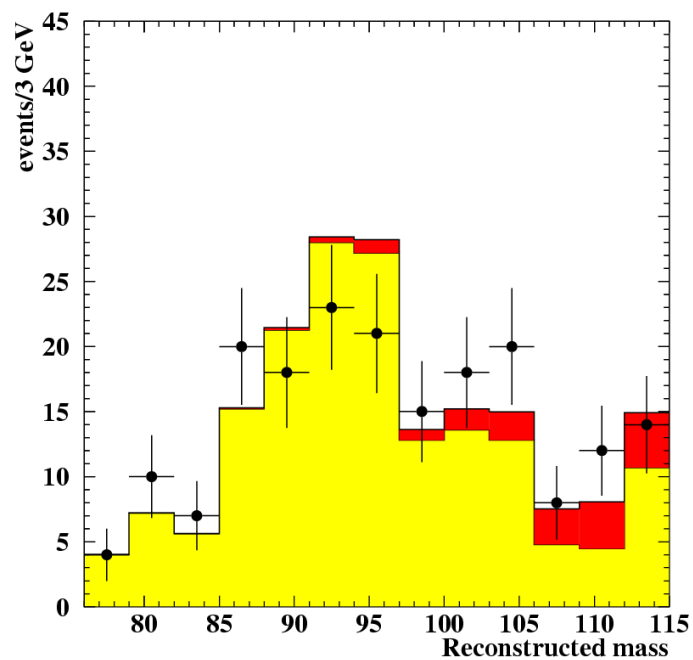
- The likelihood ratio,  $-2\ln Q(m_H)$  tells us how much the outcome of an experiment is signal-like
- **NOTE**, here the s+b pdf is plotted to the left (it's the null hypothesis)!



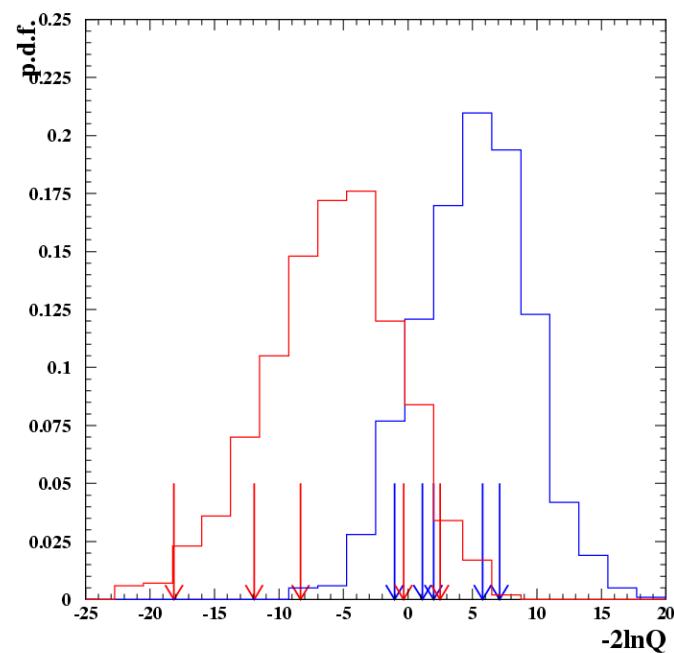
Example:

## Simulating $S(m_H)+b$ Experiments

Signal+bkg. Experiment 5



Test mass = 115 GeV



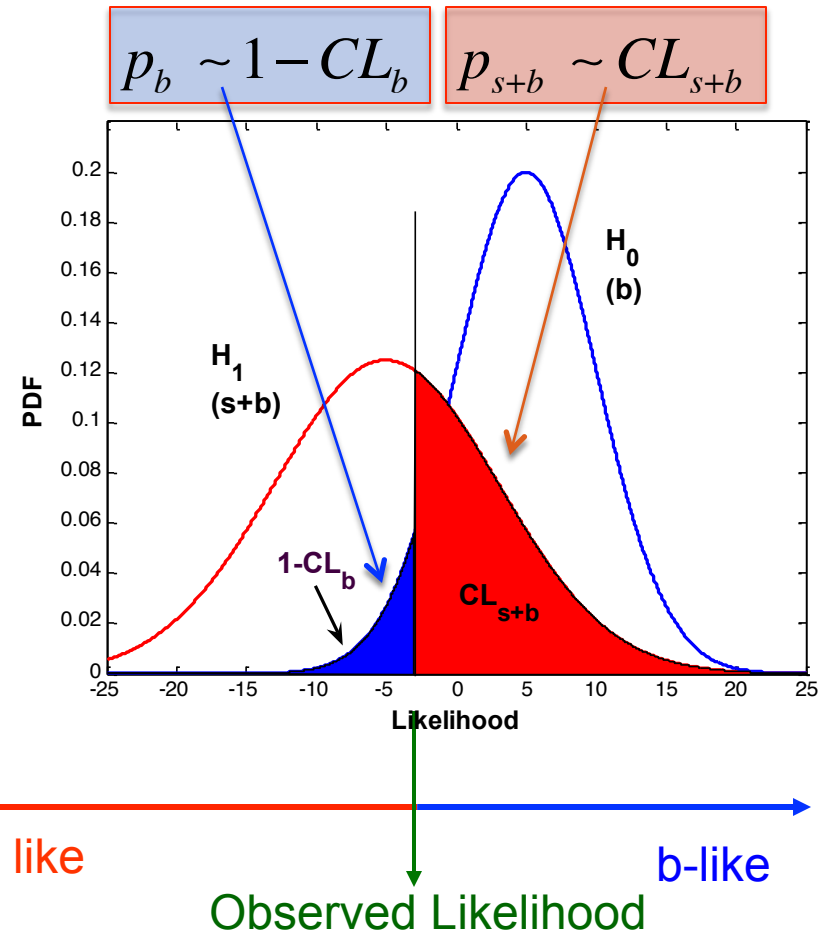
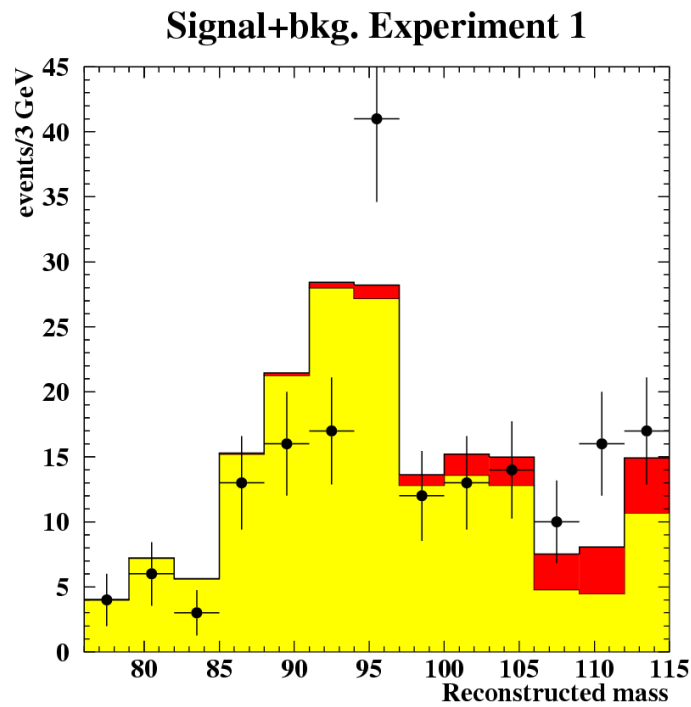
$s+b$  like

$b$ -like



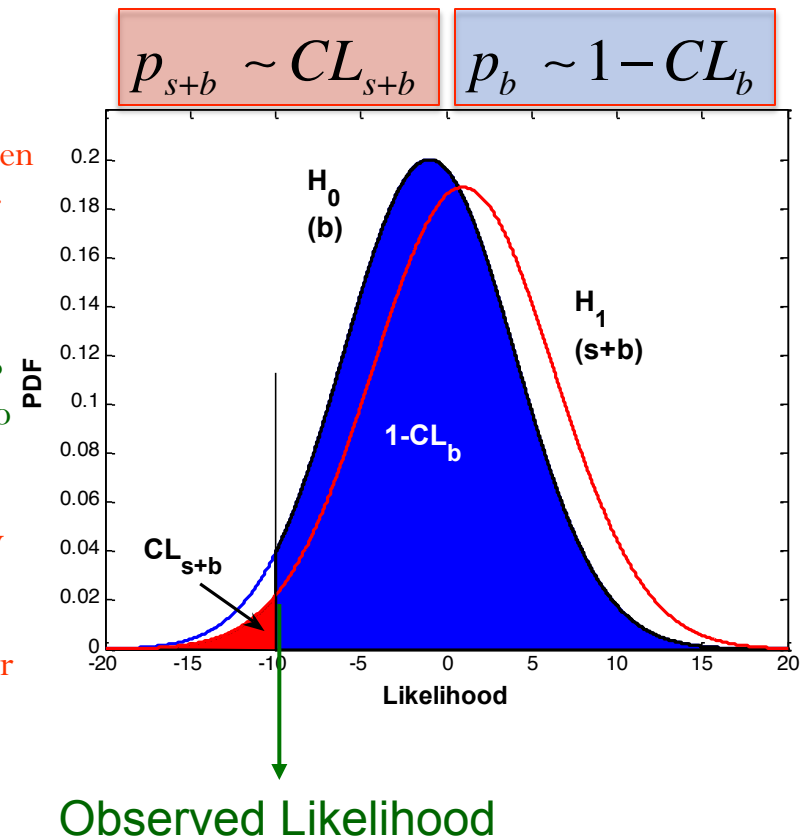
Example:

# Simulating $S(m_H)+b$ Experiments



# The Problem of Small Signal

- $\langle N_{\text{obs}} \rangle = s+b$  leads to the physical requirement that  $N_{\text{obs}} > b$
- A very small expected  $s$  might lead to an anomaly when  $N_{\text{obs}}$  fluctuates far below the expected background,  $b$ .
- At one point DELPHI alone had  $CL_{s+b} = 0.03$  for  $m_H = 116$  GeV
- However, the cross section for 116 GeV Higgs at LEP was too small and Delphi actually had no sensitivity to observe it
- The frequentist would say: Suppose there is a 116 GeV Higgs....  
In 3% of the experiments the true signal would be rejected... (one would obtain a result incompatible or more so with  $m=116$ )  
i.e. a 116 GeV Higgs is excluded at the 97% CL.....



# The CLs Method for Upper Limits

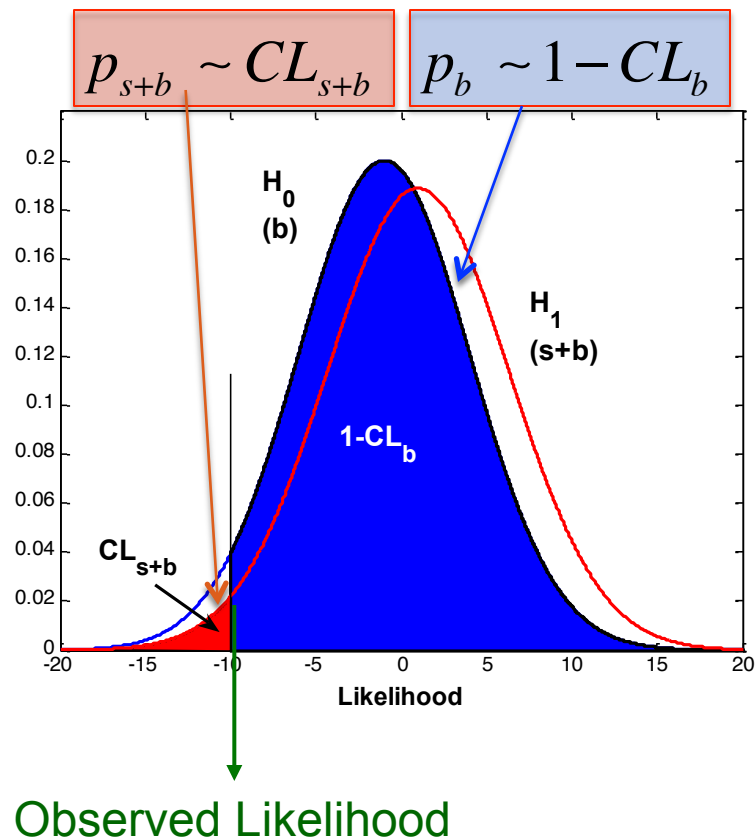
- Inspired by Zech(Roe and Woodroofe)'s derivation for counting experiments

$$P(n_{s+b} \leq n_o | n_b \leq n_o) = \frac{P(n_{s+b} \leq n_o)}{P(n_b \leq n_o)}$$

- A. Read suggested the  $CL_s$  method with

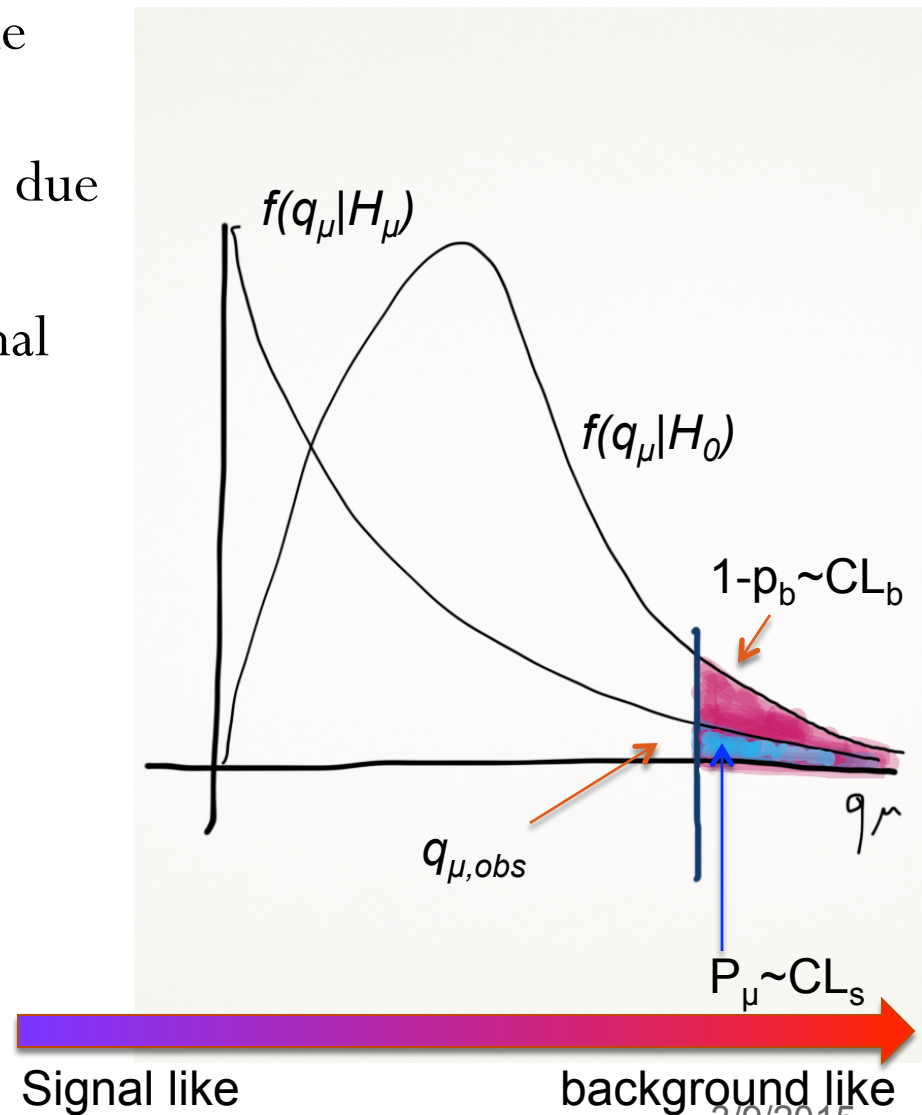
$$CL_s = \frac{CL_{s+b}}{CL_b} = \frac{p_{s+b}}{1 - p_b} \text{ PDF}$$

- In the DELPHI example,  $CL_s = 0.03/0.13 = 0.26$ , i.e. a 116 GeV could not be excluded at the 97% CL anymore.....  
( $p_b = 1 - CL_b = 0.87$ )



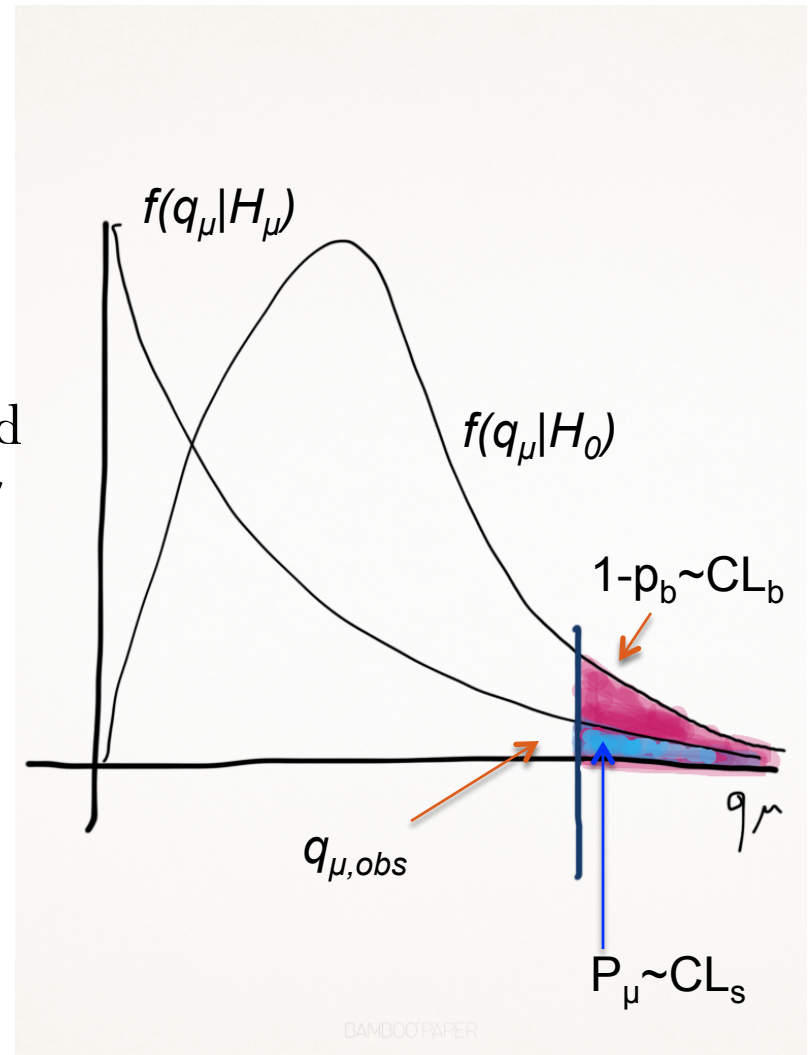
# Second Verse- Same as the First (PL) CLb

- $CL_b \sim 1-p_b$  is the compatibility of the background with the background hypothesis and might be very small due to downward fluctuations of the background in the absence of a signal



# CLs

- A complication arises when  $\mu s + b \sim b$
- When the signal cross section is very small the  $s(m_H) + b$  hypothesis can be rejected but at the same time the background hypothesis is almost rejected as well due to downward fluctuations of the background
- These downward fluctuations allow the exclusion of a signal the experiment is not sensitive to





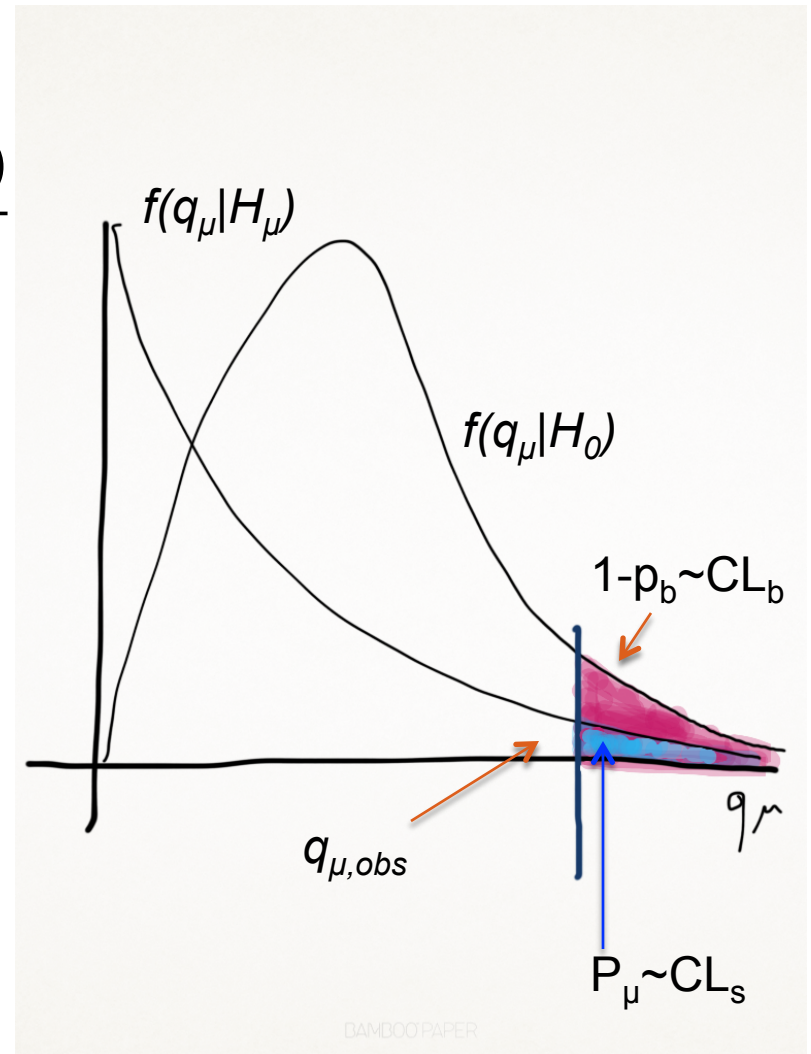
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$$P(n \leq n_o | n_b \leq n_o, s + b) = \frac{P(n \leq n_o | s + b)}{P(n \leq n_o | b)}$$

- A. Read suggested the  $CL_s$  method with

$$CL_s = \frac{CL_{s+b}}{CL_b} = \frac{p_{s+b}}{1 - p_b}$$

- This means that you will never be able to exclude a signal with a tiny cross section (to which you are not sensitive)



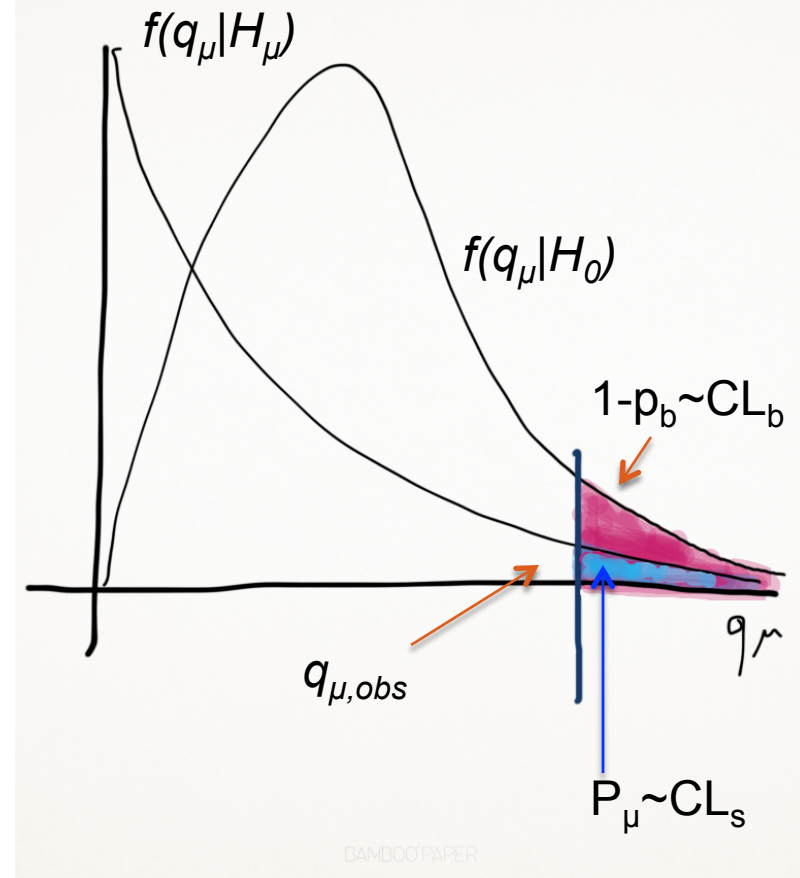
# The Modified CLs with the PL test statistic

- The CLs method means that the signal hypothesis p-value  $p_\mu$  is modified to

$$p_\mu \rightarrow p'_\mu = \frac{p_\mu}{1 - p_b}$$

$$p_\mu = \int_{\tilde{q}_{\mu,obs}}^{\infty} f(\tilde{q}_\mu|\mu) d\tilde{q}_\mu$$

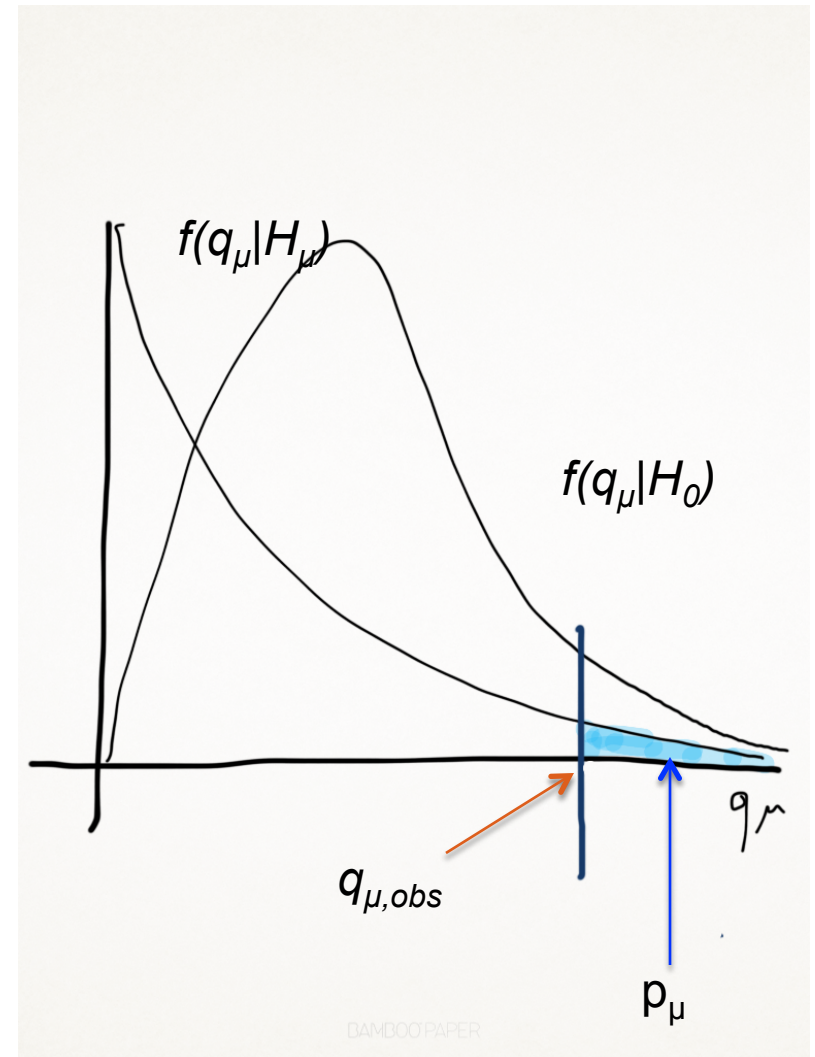
$$p_b = 1 - \int_{\tilde{q}_{\mu,obs}}^{\infty} f(\tilde{q}_\mu|0) d\tilde{q}_\mu$$



- Find the p-value of the signal hypothesis  $H_\mu$

$$p_\mu = \int_{q_{\mu,obs}}^{\infty} f(q_\mu | H_\mu) dq_\mu$$

- In principle if  $p_\mu < 5\%$ ,  $H_\mu$  hypothesis is excluded at the 95% CL
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- Find the p-value of the signal hypothesis  $H_\mu$

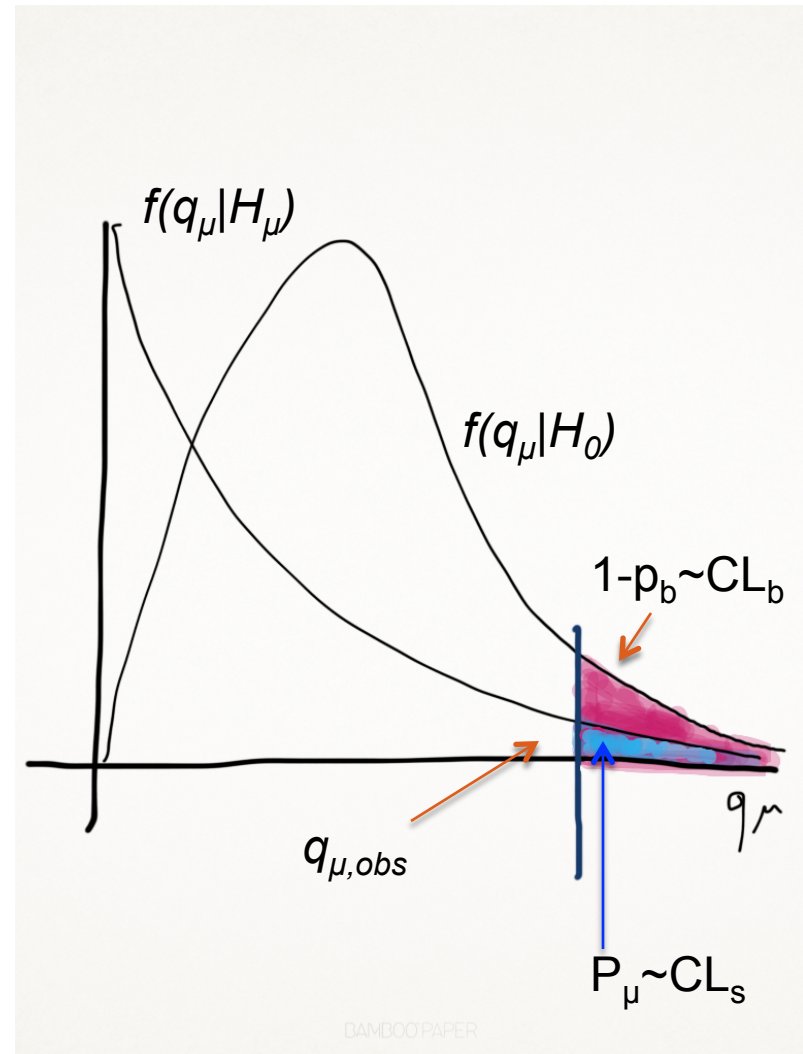
$$p_\mu = \int_{q_{\mu,obs}}^{\infty} f(q_\mu | H_\mu) dq_\mu$$

- Find the modified p-value

$$p'_\mu(m_H) = \frac{p_\mu}{1 - p_b}$$

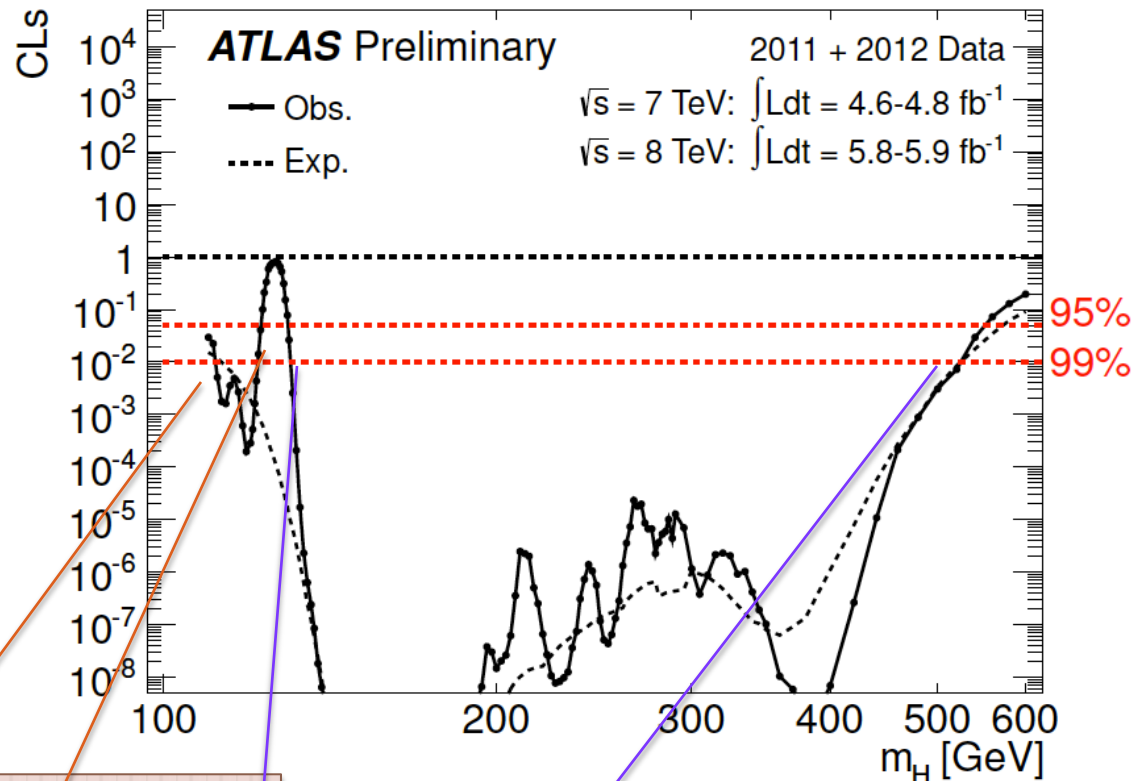
- To tell if  $s$  is excluded, set  $\mu = 1$  and find

$$p'_1(m_H) = \frac{p_\mu}{1 - p_b} \equiv CL_s(m_H)$$



# Understanding the CLs plot

- Here, for each Higgs mass  $m_H$ , one finds the observed  $p'_s$  value, i.e.  $p'_\mu, \mu = 1$
- This modified p-value,  $p'_s$ , is by definition CLs



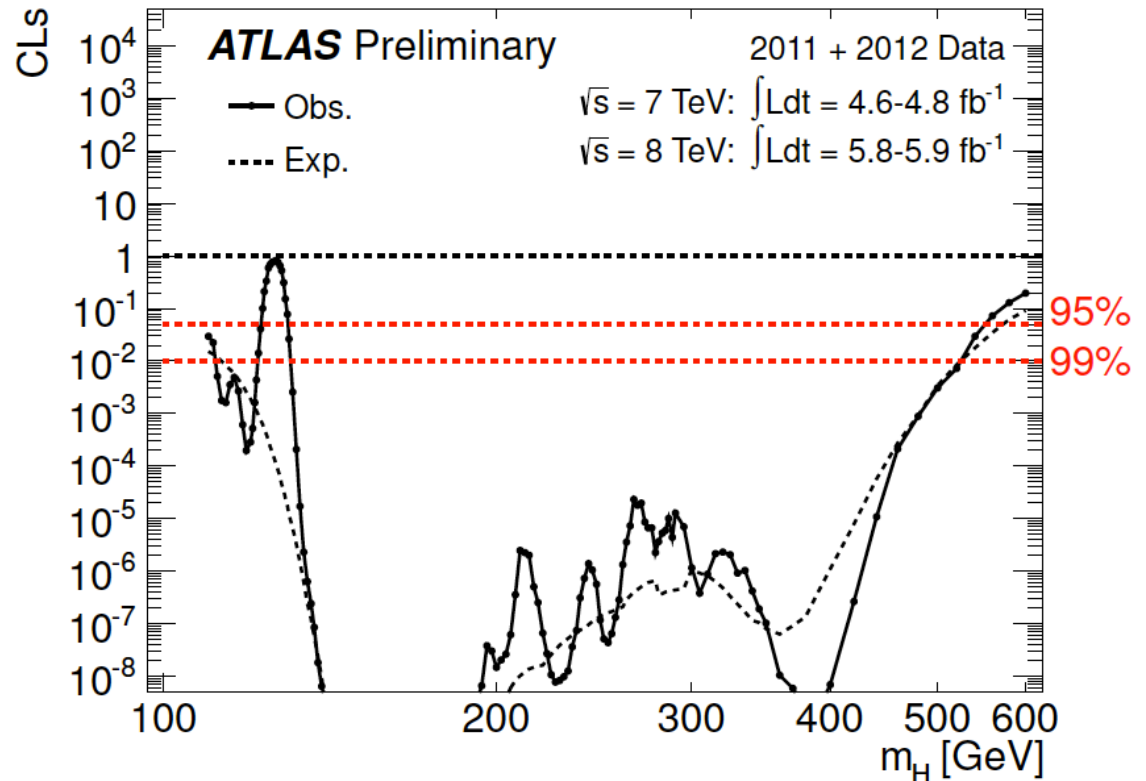
The smaller CLs, the deeper is the exclusion,  
 Exclusion  $CL = 1 - CL_s = 1 - p'_s$

to the previous combined search [1]. Figure 2 shows the  $CL_s$  values for  $\mu = 1$ , where it can be seen that the regions between 111.7 GeV to 121.8 GeV and 130.7 GeV to 523 GeV are excluded at the 99% CL.



# Understanding the CLs plot

- CLs is the compatibility of the data with the signal hypothesis
- The smaller the CLs, the less compatible the data with the prospective signal



- Find the p-value of the signal  $h$

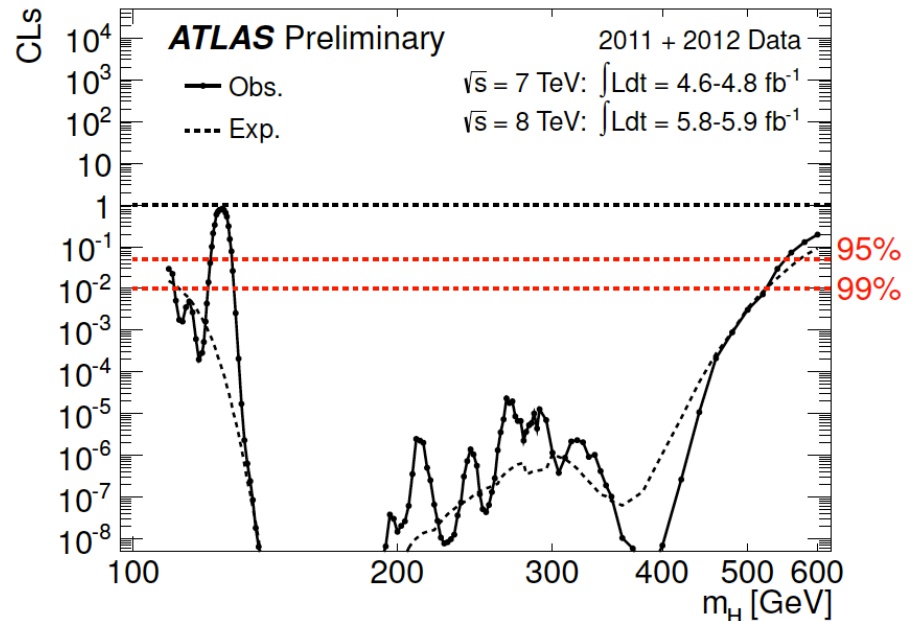
$H_\mu$

$$p_\mu = \int_{q_{\mu,obs}}^{\infty} f(q_\mu | H_\mu) dq_\mu$$

- Find the modified p-value

$$p'_\mu(m_H) = \frac{p_\mu}{1 - p_b}$$

- Option2: Iterate and find  $\mu$  for which  $p'_\mu(m_H) = 5\% \rightarrow \mu = \mu_{up} \rightarrow$   
If  $\mu_{up} < 1$ ,  $m_H$  is excluded at the 95%



For a given data set,  
in the absence of a signal,  
the bigger the tested  $\mu$  is  
the exclusion is deeper  
i.e.  $p'_\mu$  is smaller



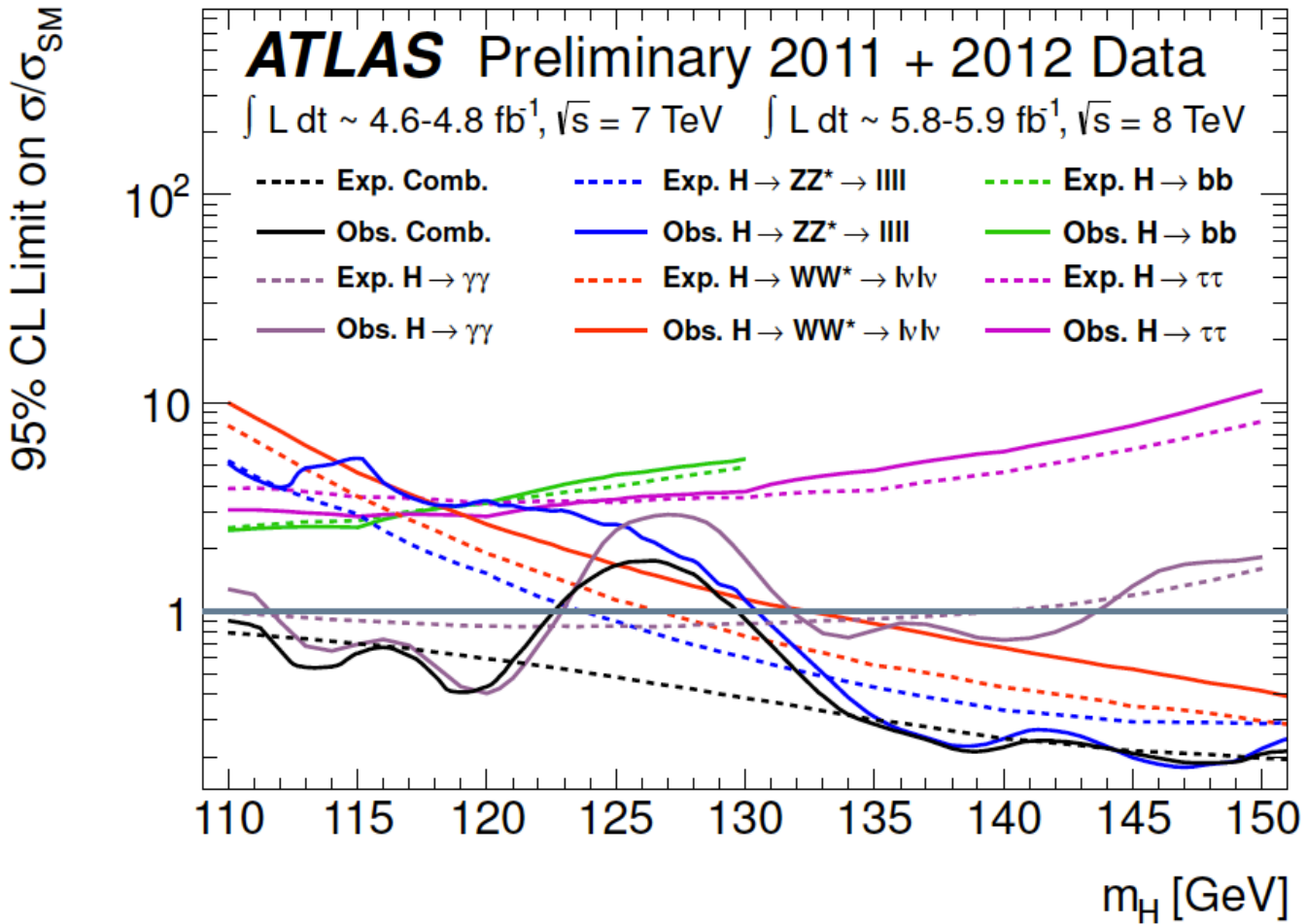
# Exclusion a Higgs with a mass $m_H$

- First we fix the hypothesized mass to  $m_H$
- We then test the  $H_\mu [\mu s(m_H)+b]$  hypothesis
- We find  $\mu_{up}$ , for which  $p'_{\mu_{up}}=5\% \rightarrow$  the  $H_{\mu_{up}}$  hypothesis is rejected at the 95% CL
- This means that the Confidence Interval of  $\mu$  is  $\mu \in [0, \mu_{up}]$
- If  $\mu_{up} = \sigma(m_H) / \sigma_{SM}(m_H) < 1$ , we claim that a SM Higgs with a mass  $m_H$  is excluded at the 95% CL
- A Higgs with a mass  $m_H$ , such that  $\mu(m_H) < 1$  is excluded at the 95% CL





# Upper Limit - $\mu_{up}(m_H)$



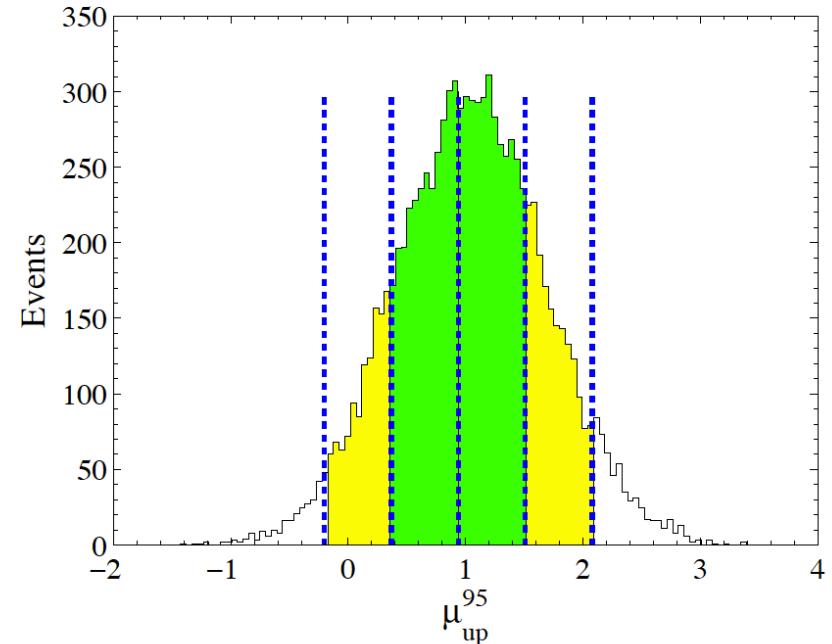
# Sensitivity

- The sensitivity of an experiment to exclude a Higgs with a mass  $m_H$  is the median upper limit

- $$\mu_{up}^{med} = med\{\mu_{up} | H_0\}$$

- The 68% (green) and 95% (yellow) are the 1 and 2  $\sigma$  bands
- The median and the bands can be derived with the Asimov background only dataset  $n=b$

Distribution of the upper limit with background only experiments



The Asimov data set is  $n=b$   
-> median upper limit



# CCGV Useful Formulae – The Bands

$$\mu_{up}^{med} = \sigma \Phi^{-1}(1 - 0.5\alpha) = \sigma \Phi^{-1}(0.975)$$

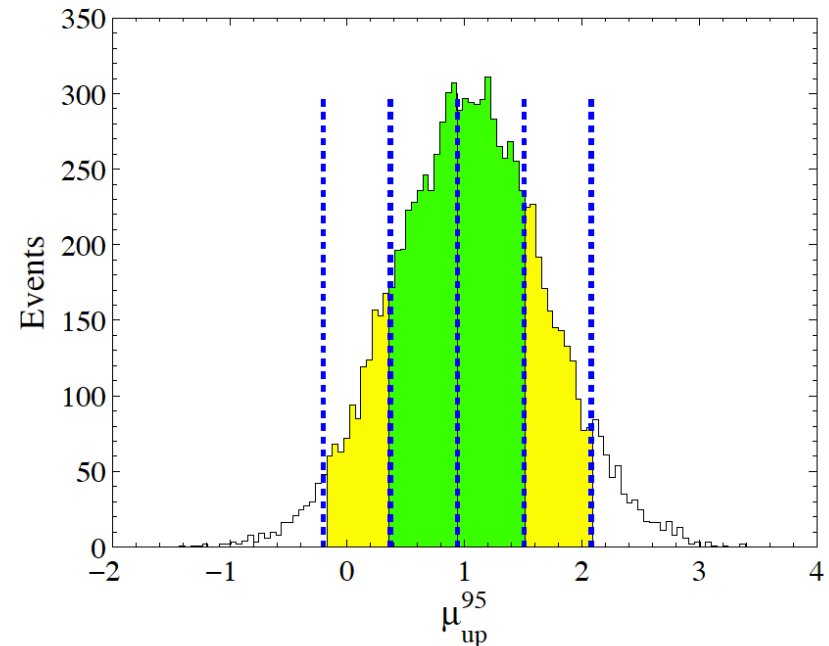
$$\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2 = Var[\hat{\mu}]$$

$$\mu_{up+N} = N\sigma_0 + \sigma_{\mu_{up+N}} (\Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha\Phi(N)))$$

$$\alpha = 0.05$$

$$\sigma_{\mu_{up+N}}^2 = \frac{\mu_{up+N}^2}{q_{\mu_{up+N}, A}}$$

Distribution of the upper limit with background only experiments



The Asimov data set is  $n=b$   
 -> median upper limit

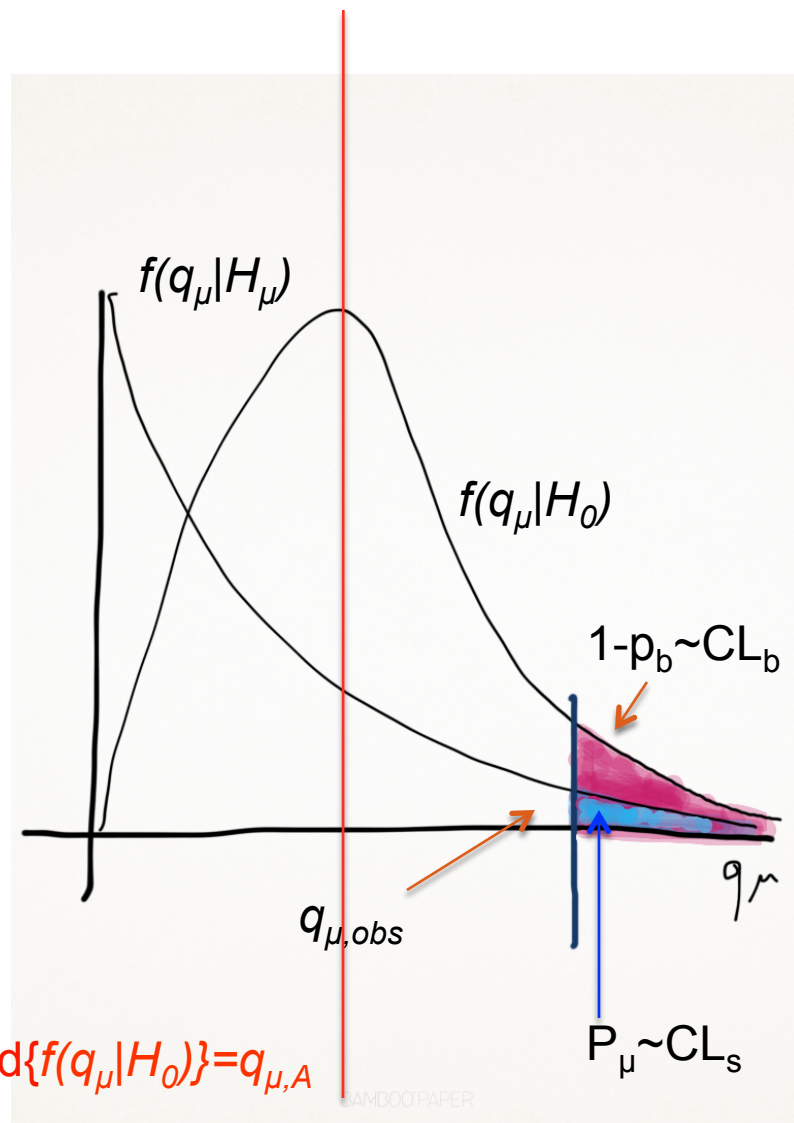
# The Asimov data set

- The median of  $f(q_\mu | H_0)$

Can be found by plugging in the unique Asimov data set representing the  $H_0$  hypothesis, background only

$n=b$

- The sensitivity of the experiment for searching the Higgs at mass  $m_H$  with a signal strength  $\mu$ , is given by  $p'_\mu$  evaluated at  $q_{\mu,A}$

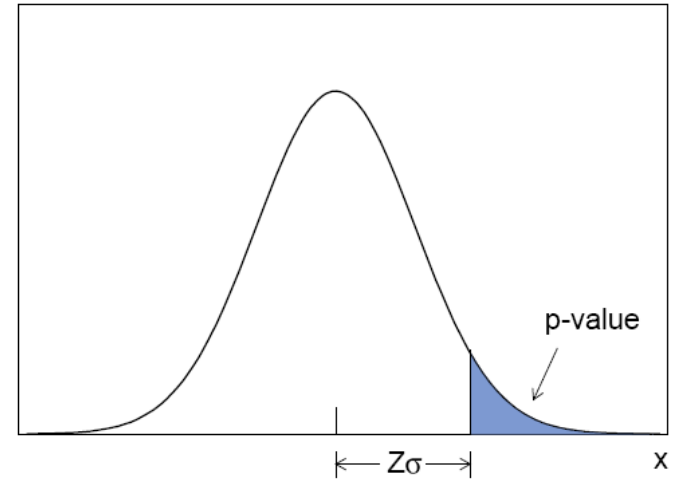


# Useful Formulae

$$p'_{\mu_{95}} = \frac{1 - \Phi(\sqrt{q_{\mu_{95}}})}{\Phi(\sqrt{q_{\mu_{95},A}} - \sqrt{q_{\mu_{95}}})} = 0.05$$

$\Phi$  is the cumulative distribution of the standard (zero mean, unit variance) Gaussian.

$q_{\mu_{95},A}$  Is evaluated with the Asimov data set (background only)



$$p = \int_Z^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx = 1 - \Phi(Z)$$
$$Z = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p)$$

# Exclusion – Illustrated

$$\lambda(\mu = 1) = \frac{L(s + \hat{b} | data)}{L(\hat{\mu} \cdot s + \hat{b} | data)}, \quad q_1 = -2 \log \lambda(\mu = 1)$$

The profile LR of s+b experiments ( $\mu = 1$ )  
under the hypothesis of s + b ( $H_1$ )

$$f(q_1 | \mu = 1)$$

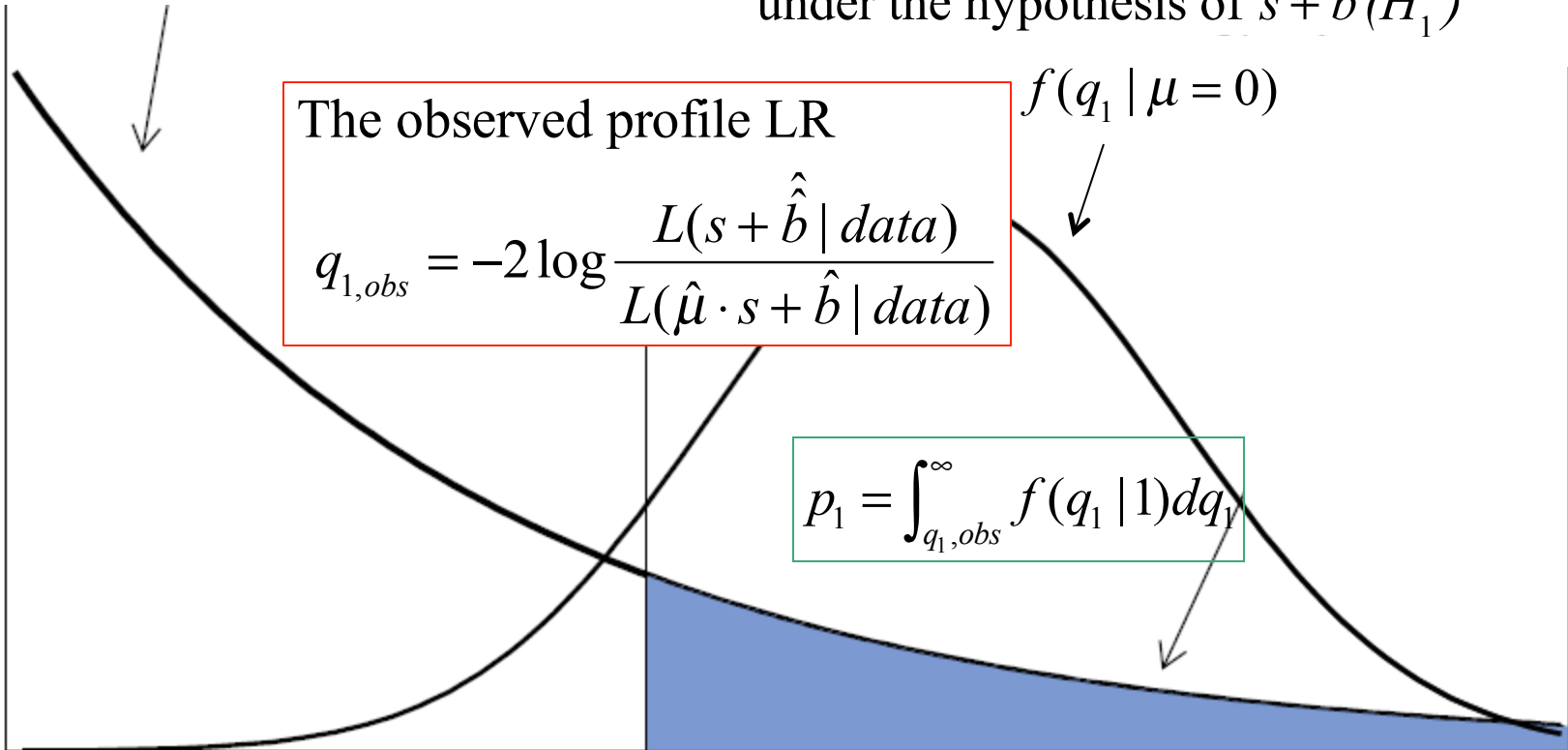
The profile LR of b-only experiments ( $\mu = 0$ )  
under the hypothesis of s + b ( $H_1$ )

$$f(q_1 | \mu = 0)$$

The observed profile LR

$$q_{1,obs} = -2 \log \frac{L(s + \hat{b} | data)}{L(\hat{\mu} \cdot s + \hat{b} | data)}$$

$$p_1 = \int_{q_{1,obs}}^{\infty} f(q_1 | 1) dq_1$$



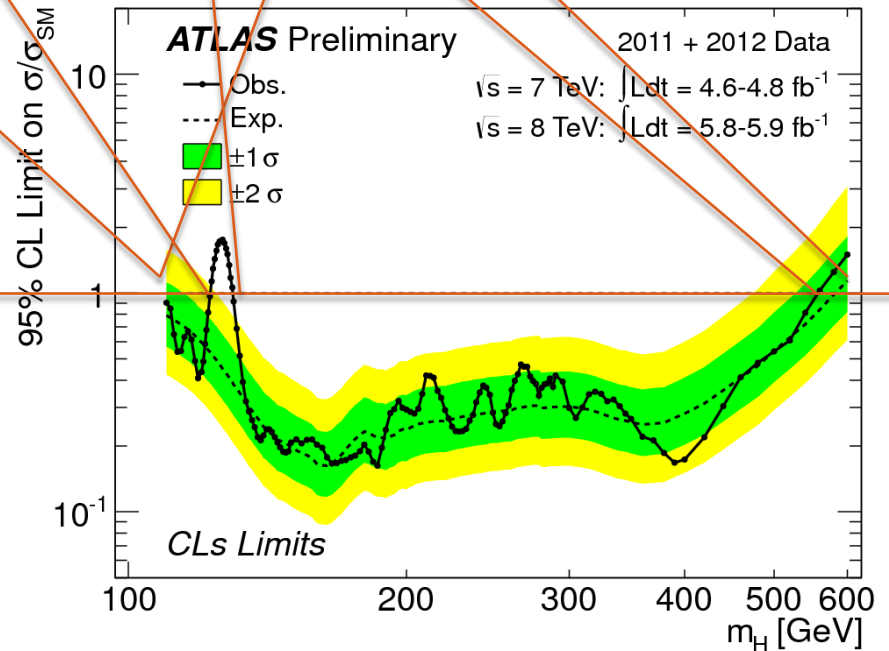
$p_1$  is the level of compatibility between the data and the Higgs hypothesis 3/9/2015  
If  $p_1$  is smaller than 0.05 we claim an exclusion at the 95% CL

# Understanding the Brazil Plot

The expected 95% CL exclusion region covers the  $m_H$  range from 110 GeV to 582 GeV. The observed 95% CL exclusion regions are from 110 GeV to 122.6 GeV and 129.7 GeV to 558 GeV. The addition of

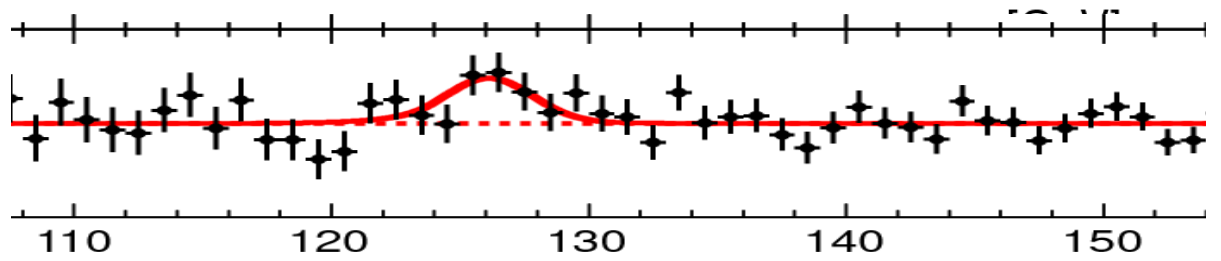
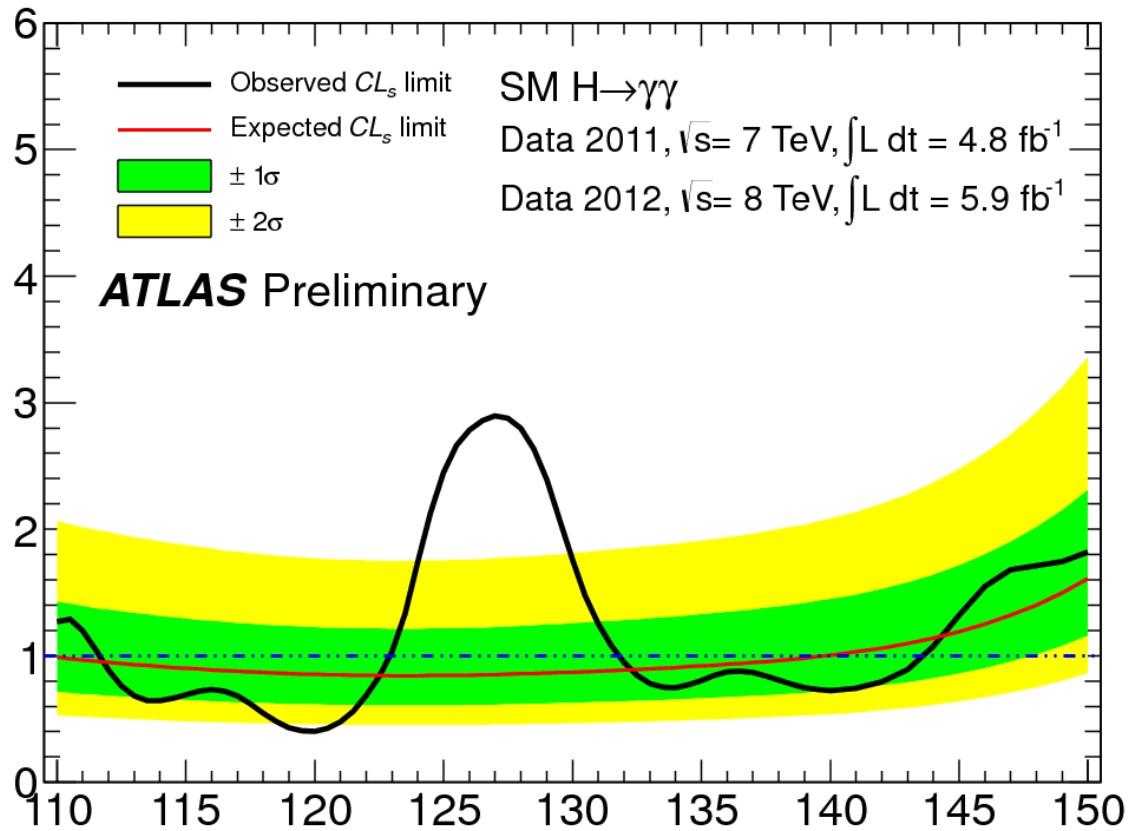
- $\mu_{up} = \sigma(m_H) / \sigma_{SM}(m_H) < 1 \rightarrow$   
 $\sigma(m_H) < \sigma_{SM}(m_H) \rightarrow$  SM  $m_H$  excluded

- The line  $\mu_{up}=1$  corresponds to  $CLs=5\%$  ( $p'_s=5\%$ )
- If  $\mu_{up}<1$  the exclusion of a SM Higgs is deeper  $\rightarrow p'_s < 5\%$ ,  
 $p'_s = CLs \rightarrow CL = 1 - p'_s > 95\%$





95% CL limit on  $\sigma/\sigma_{SM}$





# Search and Discovery Statistics in HEP

## Lecture 3: $p_0$ , Discovery and the LEE, Multidimensional PL & Measurements

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# DISCOVERY

## Case Study: Higgs Discovery



# Basic Definition: Signal Strength

- We normally relate the signal strength to its expected Standard Model value, i.e.

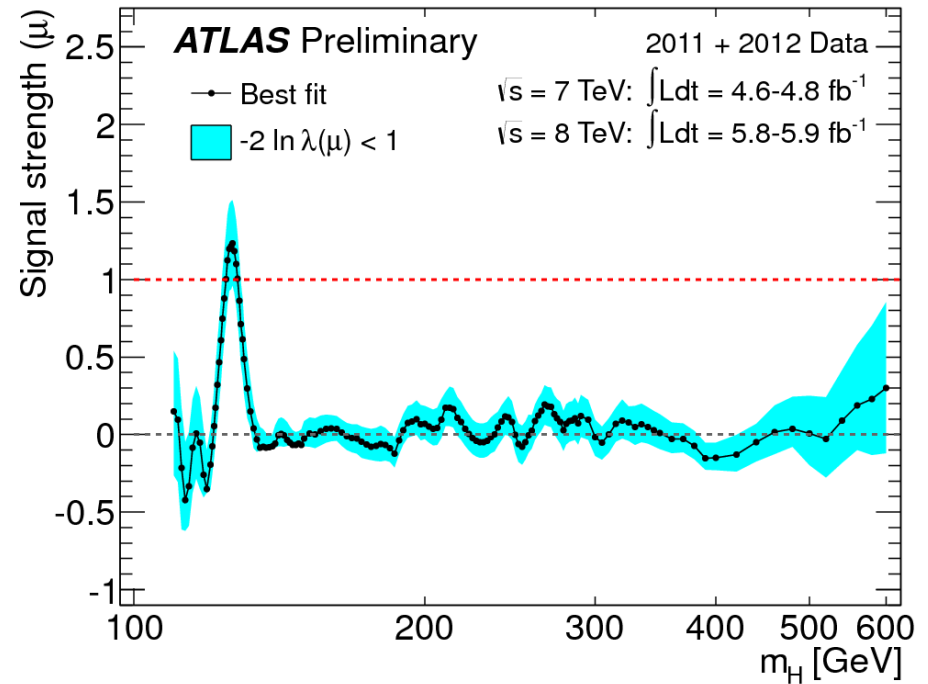
$$\mu(m_H) = \frac{\sigma(m_H)}{\sigma_{SM}(m_H)}$$

$$\hat{\mu}(m_H) = \text{MLE of } \mu$$

# Introducing the Heartbeat

$$\mu(m_H) = \frac{\sigma(m_H)}{\sigma_{SM}(m_H)}$$

$$\hat{\mu}(m_H) = \text{MLE of } \mu$$



# Reminder: The test statistic

$$q_0 = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(0) & \hat{\mu} \geq 0, \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} < 0, \end{cases}$$

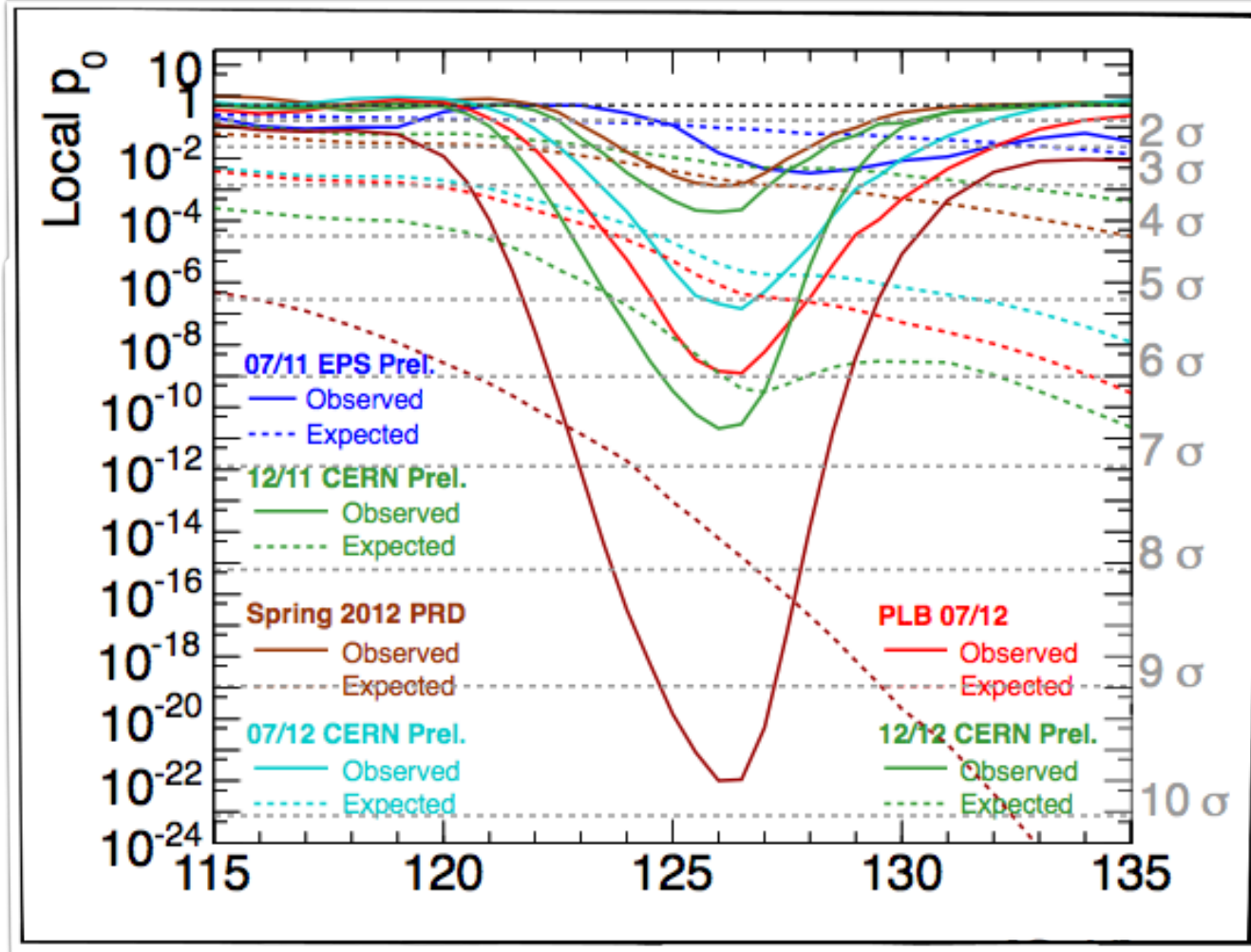
- Downward fluctuations of the background do not serve as an evidence against the background

$$q_\mu = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(\mu) & \hat{\mu} \leq \mu \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} > \mu \end{cases}$$

- Upward fluctuations of the signal do not serve as an evidence against the signal



p0



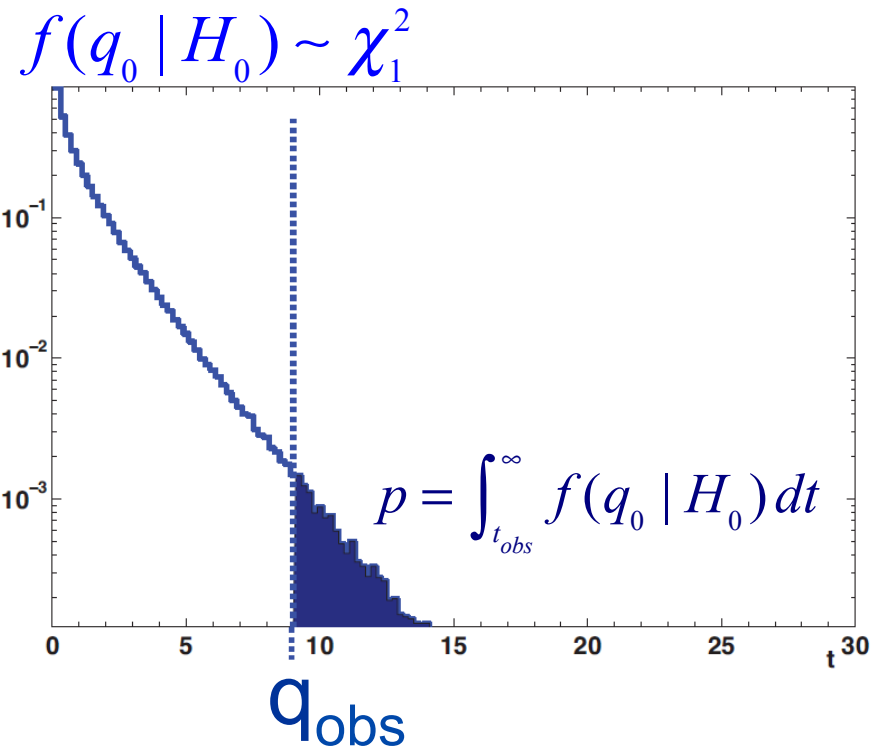
# Significance & p-value

- Calculate the test statistic based on the observed experimental result (after taking tons of data),  $q_{obs}$
- Calculate the probability that the observation is as or less compatible with the background only hypothesis (p-value)

$$p = \int_{q_{obs}}^{\infty} f(q_0 | H_0) dt$$

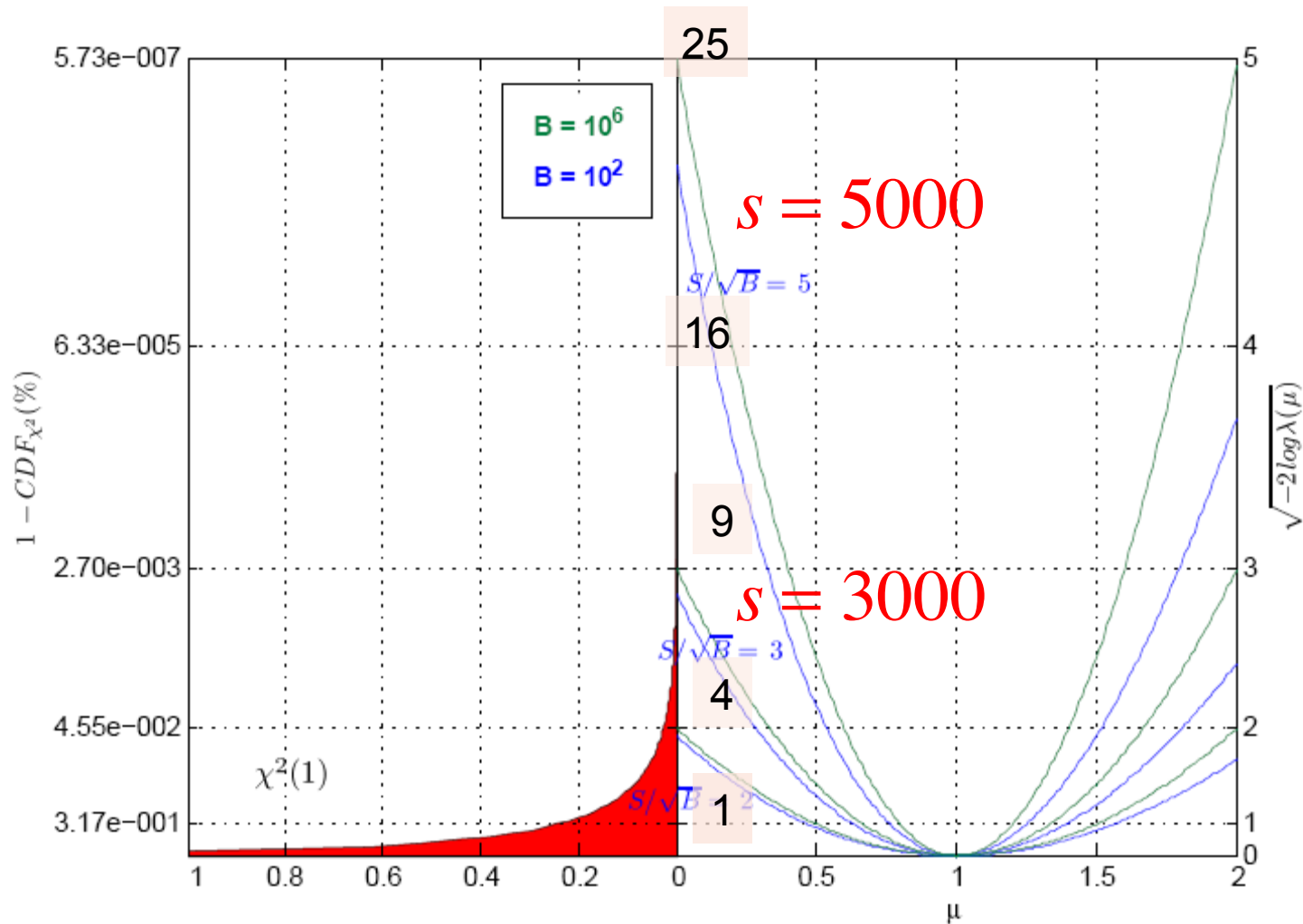
If p-value <  $2.8 \cdot 10^{-7}$ , we claim a  $5\sigma$  discovery

A significance of  $Z=1.64$  corresponds to  $p=5\%$



$$Z_{obs} = \sqrt{q_0} = \sqrt{q_0(\hat{\mu})}$$

$$q_{\mu} = -2 \ln \frac{L(\mu s + b)}{L(\hat{\mu} s + b)}$$





# Discovery - Illustrated

$$\lambda(\mu = 0) = \frac{L(0 \cdot s + b | data)}{L(\hat{\mu} \cdot s + b | data)}, \quad q_0 = -2 \log \lambda(\mu = 0)$$

The profile LR of bg-only experiments ( $\mu = 0$ )  
under the hypothesis of BG only ( $H_0$ )

$$f(q_0 | \mu = 0)$$

The profile LR of S+B experiments ( $\mu = 1$ )  
under the hypothesis of BG only ( $H_0$ )

$$f(q_0 | \mu = 1)$$

The observed profile LR

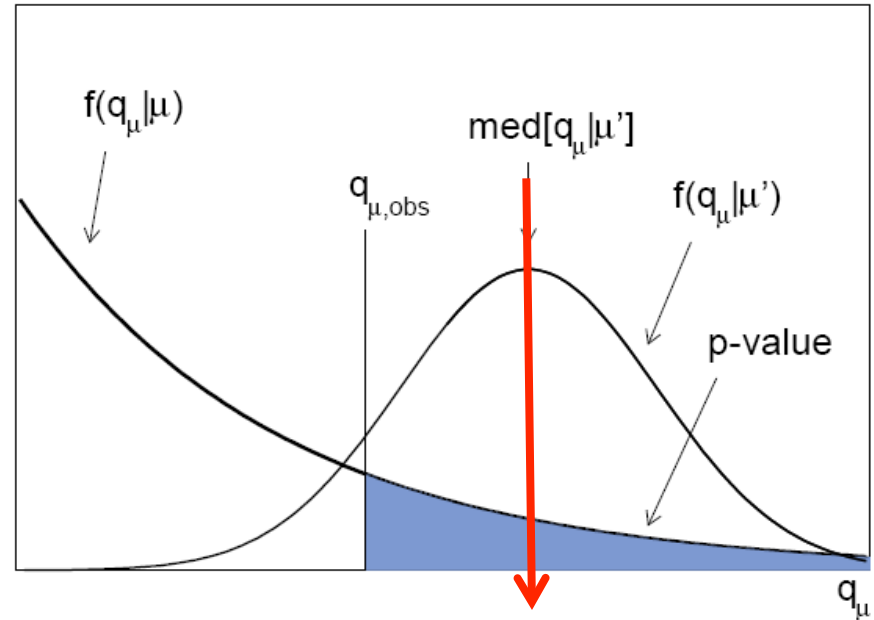
$$q_{0,obs} = -2 \log \frac{L(0 \cdot s + b | data)}{L(\hat{\mu} \cdot s + b | data)}$$

$$p_0 = \int_{q_{0,obs}}^{\infty} f(q_0 | 0) dq_0$$

$p_0$  is the level of compatibility between the data and the no-Higgs hypothesis  
If  $p_0$  is smaller than  $\sim 2.8 \cdot 10^{-7}$  we claim a 5s discovery

# Median Sensitivity

- To estimate the median sensitivity of an experiment (before looking at the data), one can either perform lots of  $s+b$  experiments and estimate the median  $q_{0,med}$  or evaluate  $q_0$  with respect to a representative data set, the ASIMOV data set with  $\mu=1$ , i.e.  $n=s+b$



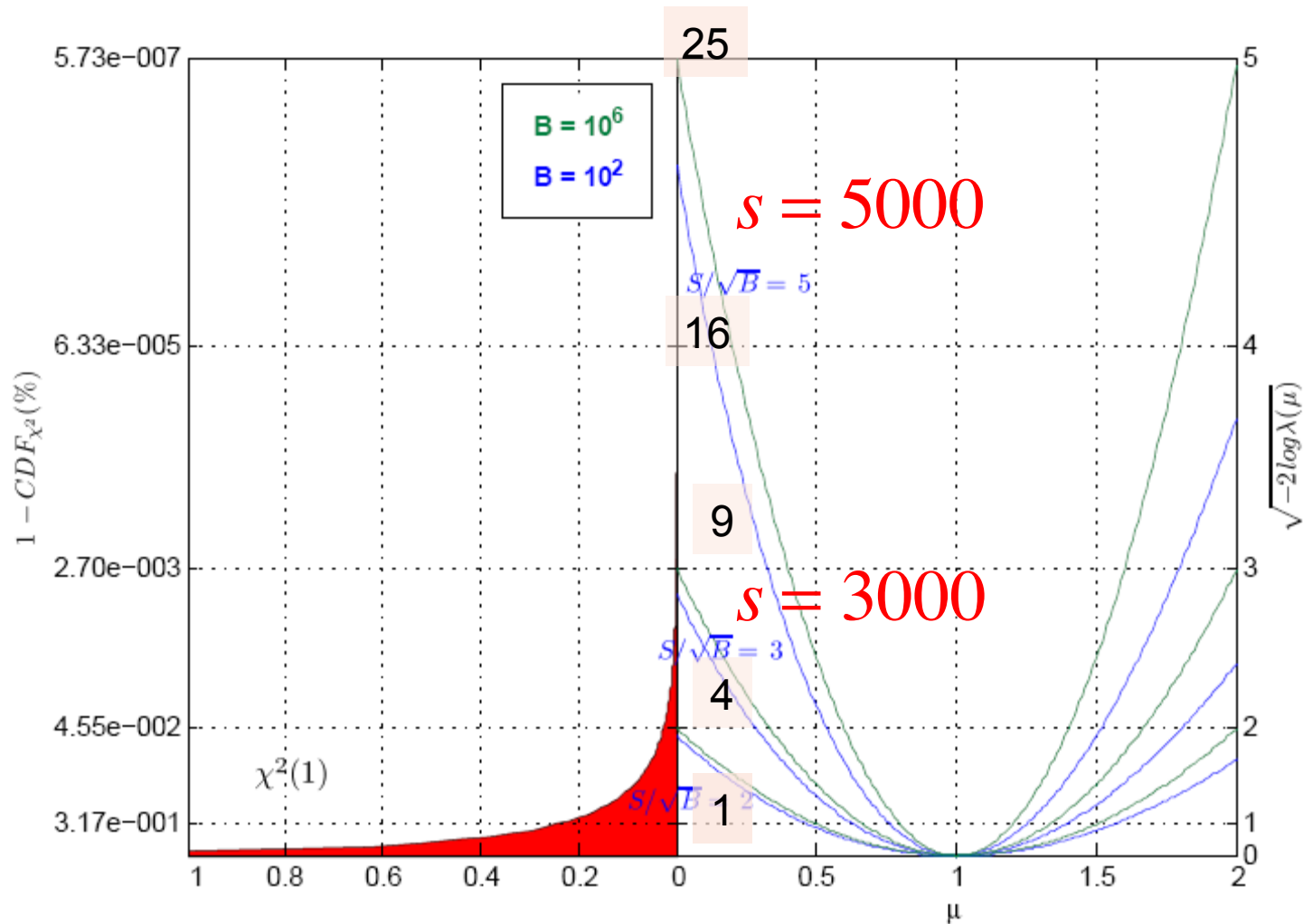
$$Z_{med} = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p_{0,med}) = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p_0(q_{0,med}))$$

$$Z_{med} = \sqrt{-2 \ln \lambda_A(0)} = \sqrt{q_{0,A}}$$

$$\lambda_A(0) = \frac{L(\mu = 0 \mid ASIMOV \text{ data} = s + b)}{L(\hat{\mu}_A = 1 \mid ASIMOV \text{ data} = s + b)}$$

$$Z_{obs} = \sqrt{q_0} = \sqrt{q_0(\hat{\mu})}$$

$$q_{\mu} = -2 \ln \frac{L(\mu s + b)}{L(\hat{\mu} s + b)}$$



# The New $s/\sqrt{b}$

The new  $s/\sqrt{b}$

$$Z_A = \sqrt{q_{0,A}}$$

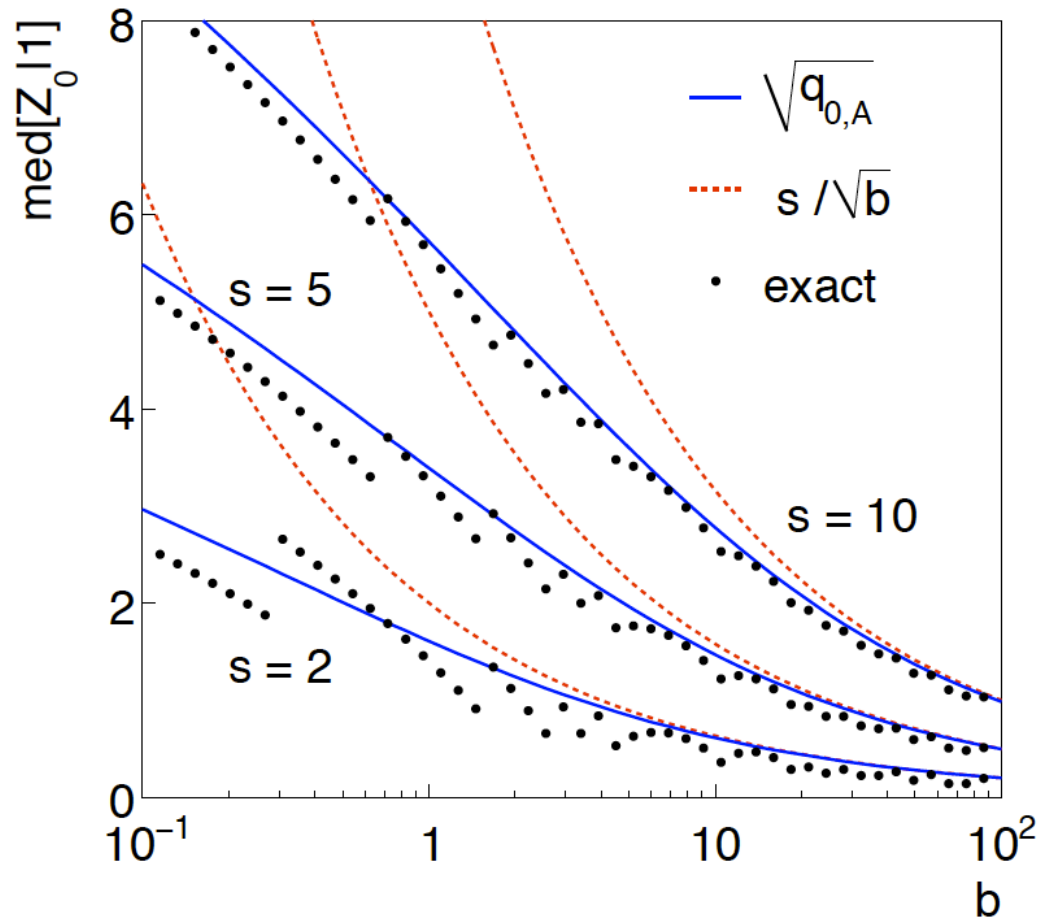
$$\text{med}[Z_0|1] = \sqrt{q_{0,A}} = \sqrt{2((s+b)\ln(1+s/b) - s)}$$

$$Z_A = \sqrt{q_{0,A}} \xrightarrow{s/b \ll 1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{b}} + O(s/b)$$



# The New $s/\sqrt{b}$

$s/\sqrt{b}$  ?



The new  $s/\sqrt{b}$

$$\text{med}[Z_0|1] = \sqrt{q_{0,A}} = \sqrt{2((s+b)\ln(1+s/b) - s)}$$



# Taking Background Systematics into Account

- The intuitive explanation of  $s/\sqrt{b}$  is that it compares the signal,  $s$ , to the standard deviation of  $n$  assuming no signal,  $\sqrt{b}$ .
- Now suppose the value of  $b$  is uncertain, characterized by a standard deviation  $\sigma_b$ .
- A reasonable guess is to replace  $\sqrt{b}$  by the quadratic sum of  $\sqrt{b}$  and  $\sigma_b$ , i.e.,

$$b \pm \Delta \cdot b \Rightarrow \sigma_b = \sqrt{(\sqrt{b})^2 + (\Delta \cdot b)^2} = \sqrt{b + \Delta^2 b^2}$$

$$s / \sqrt{b} \Rightarrow s / \sqrt{b(1 + b\Delta^2)} \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{s/b}{\Delta}$$

$$\frac{s/b}{\Delta} \geq 5 \rightarrow s/b \geq 0.5 \text{ for } \Delta \sim 10\%$$

If  $s/b < 0.5$  we will never be able to make a discovery

But even that formula can be improved using the Asimov formalism



# Significance with systematics

- We find (G. Cowan)

$$Z_A = \left[ 2 \left( (s + b) \ln \left[ \frac{(s + b)(b + \sigma_b^2)}{b^2 + (s + b)\sigma_b^2} \right] - \frac{b^2}{\sigma_b^2} \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{\sigma_b^2 s}{b(b + \sigma_b^2)} \right] \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

Expanding the Asimov formula in powers of  $s/b$  and

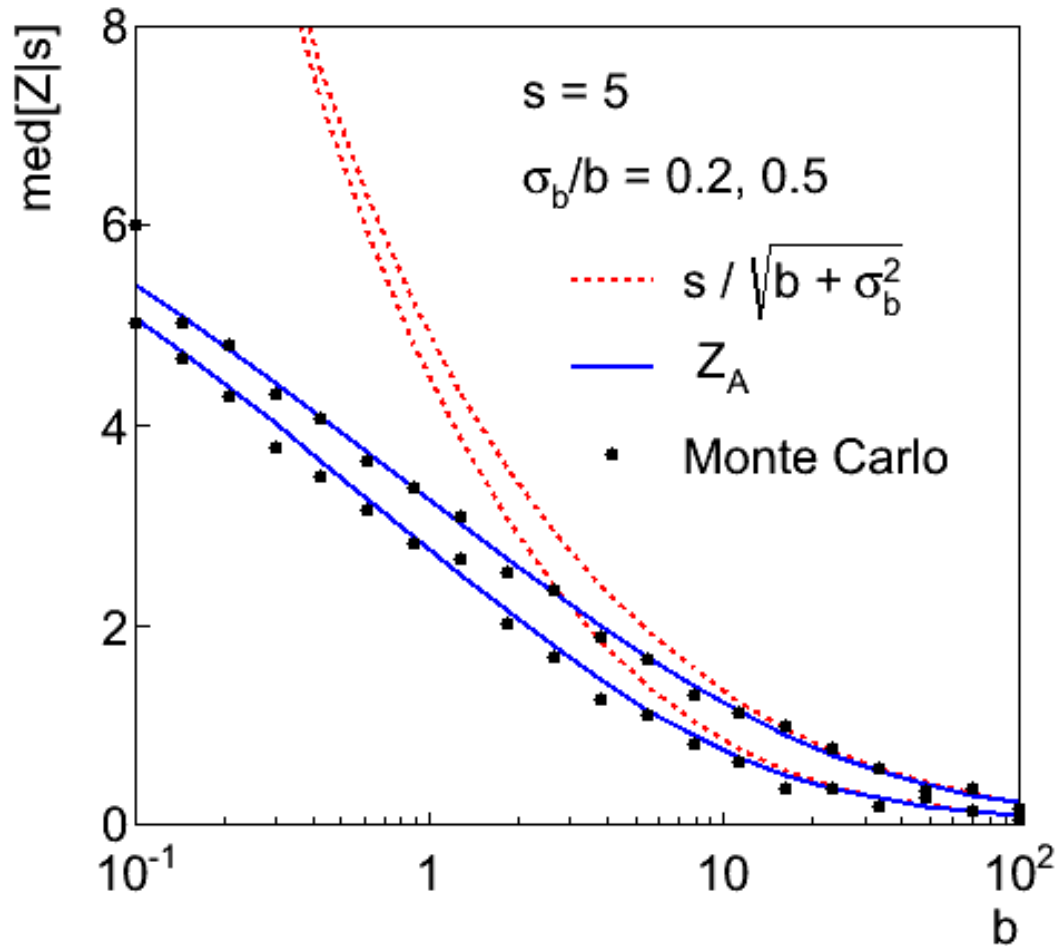
$\sigma_b^2/b$  gives

$$Z_A = \frac{s}{\sqrt{b + \sigma_b^2}} \left( 1 + \mathcal{O}(s/b) + \mathcal{O}(\sigma_b^2/b) \right)$$

- So the “intuitive” formula can be justified as a limiting case of the significance from the profile likelihood ratio test evaluated with the Asimov data set.



# Significance with systematics





# $p_0$ and the expected $p_0$

$$p_0 = \int_{q_{0,\text{obs}}}^{\infty} f(q_0|0) dq_0$$

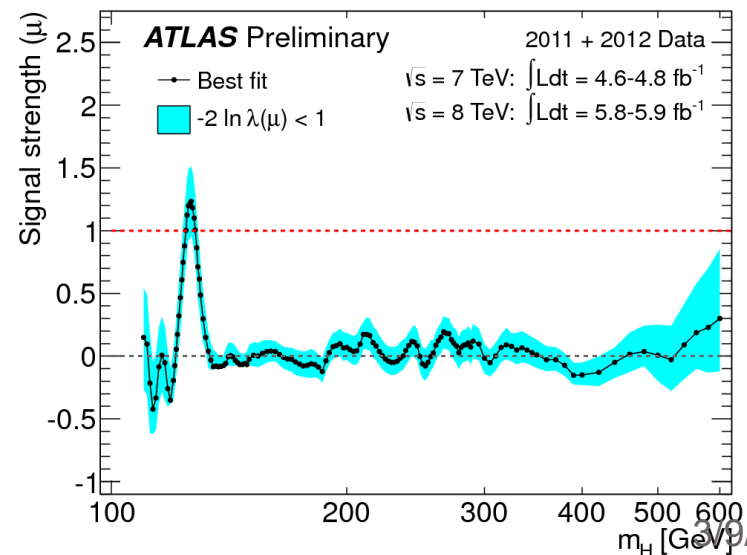
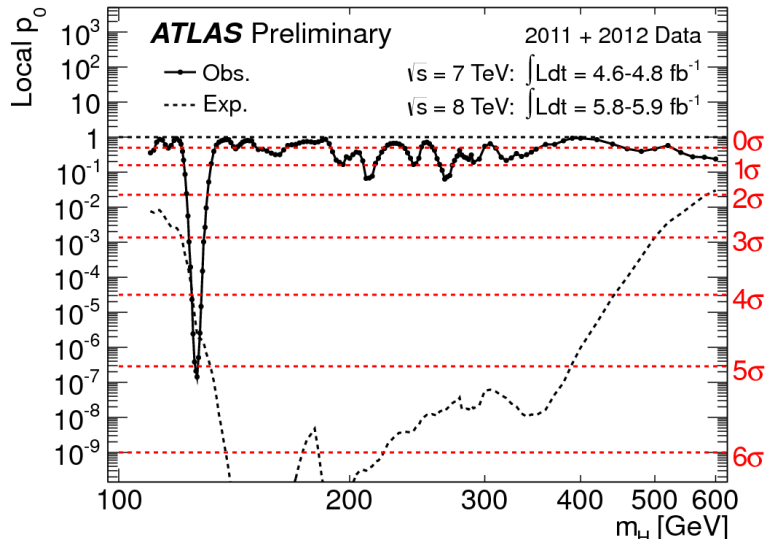
$p_0$  is the probability to observe a less BG like result (more signal like) than the observed one

Small  $p_0$  leads to an observation

A tiny  $p_0$  leads to a discovery

$$p = \int_Z^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx = 1 - \Phi(Z)$$

$$Z = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p)$$



# Distribution of $q_0$ (discovery)

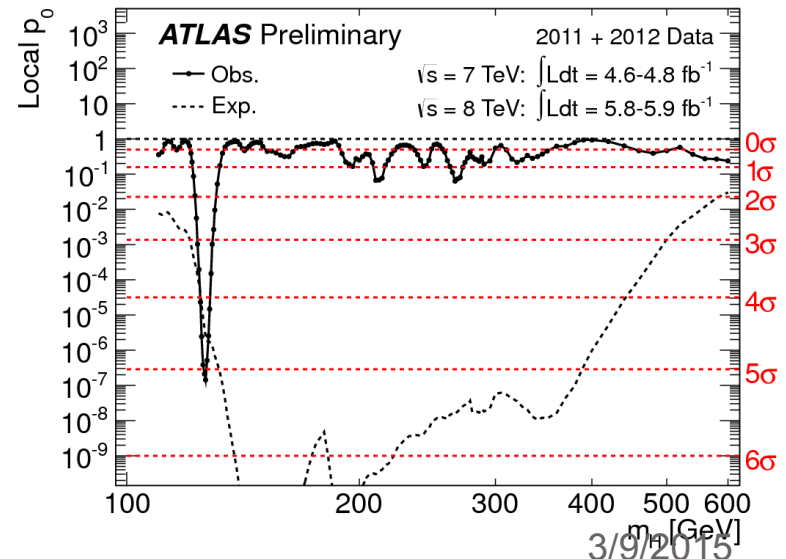
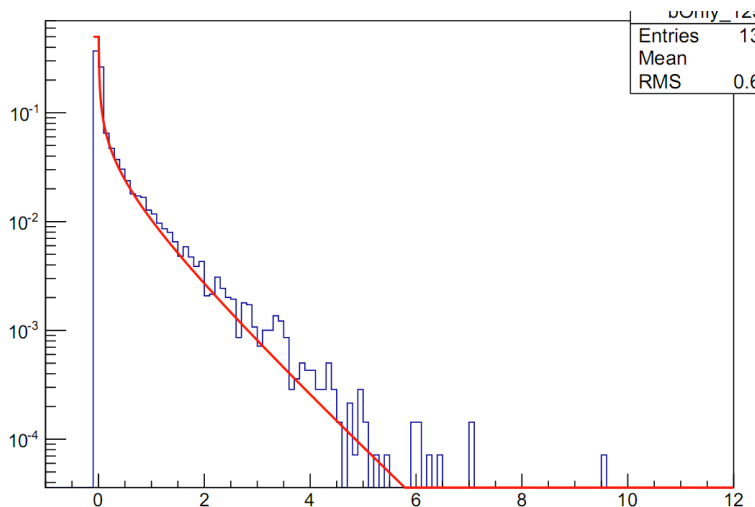
- We find

$$f(q_0|0) = \frac{1}{2}\delta(q_0) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{q_0}} e^{-q_0/2} .$$

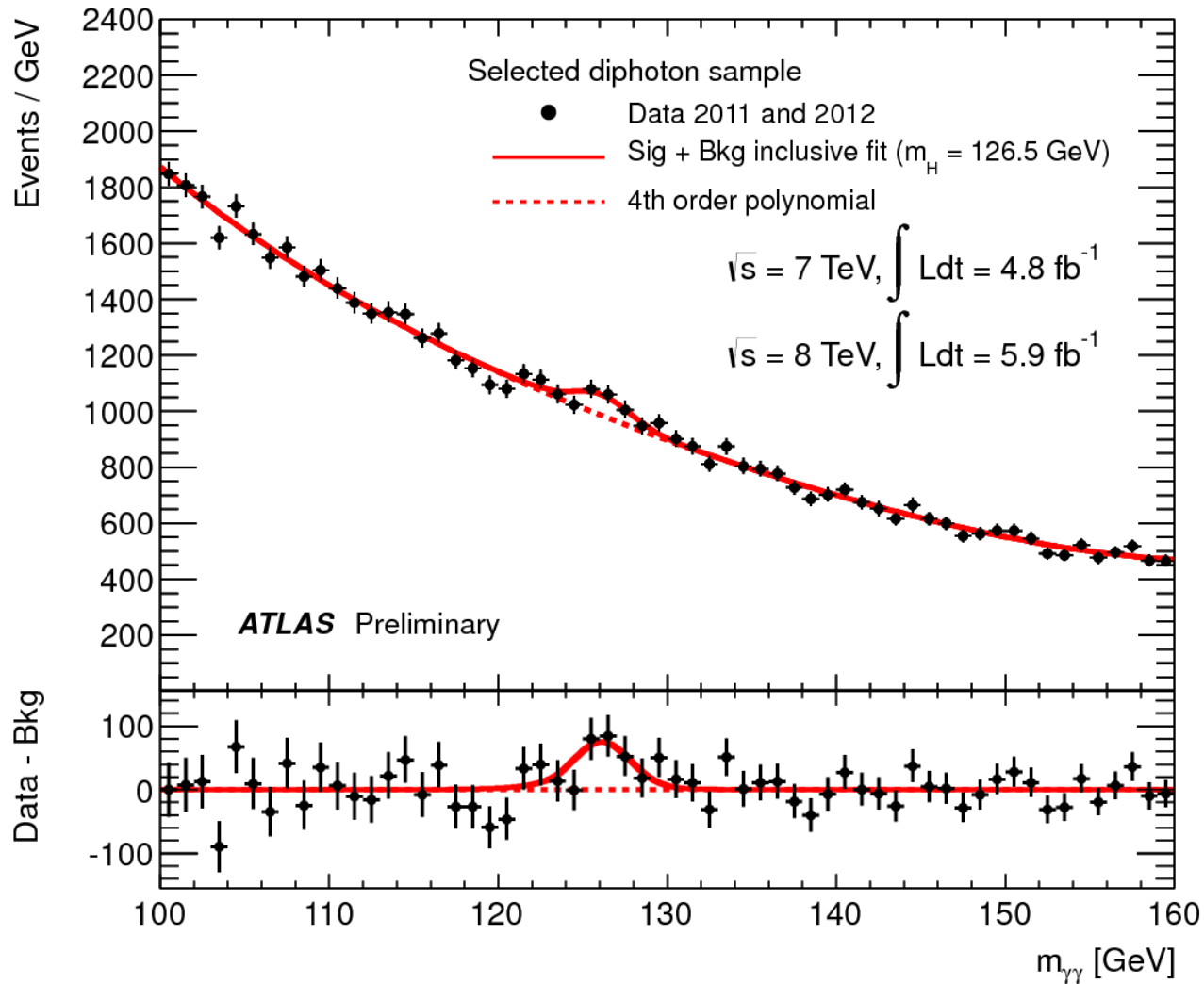
$$p_0 = \int_{q_{0,\text{obs}}}^{\infty} f(q_0|0) dq_0 .$$

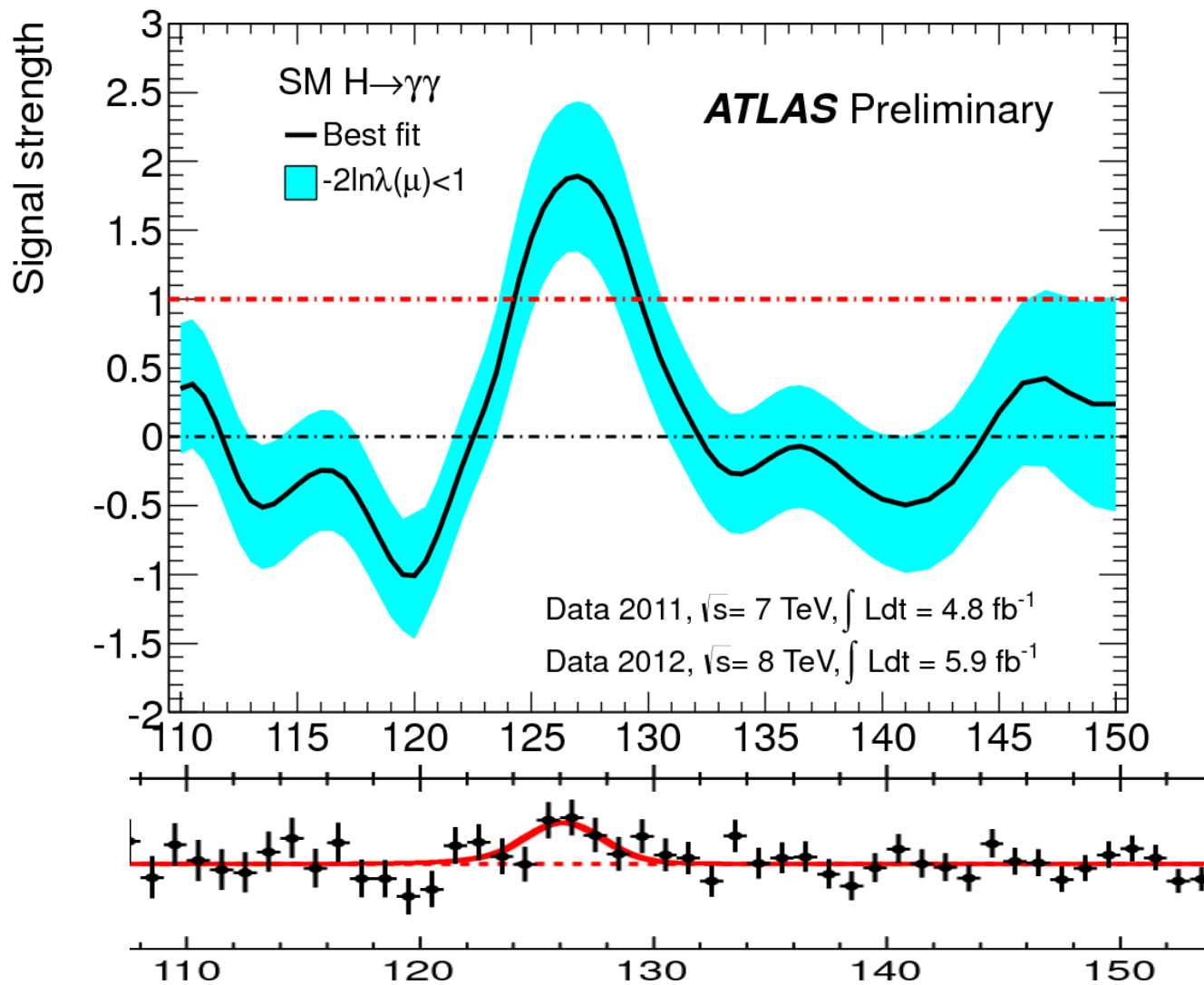
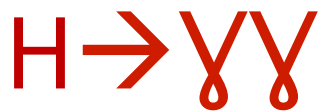
$$Z_0 = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p_0) = \sqrt{q_0} .$$

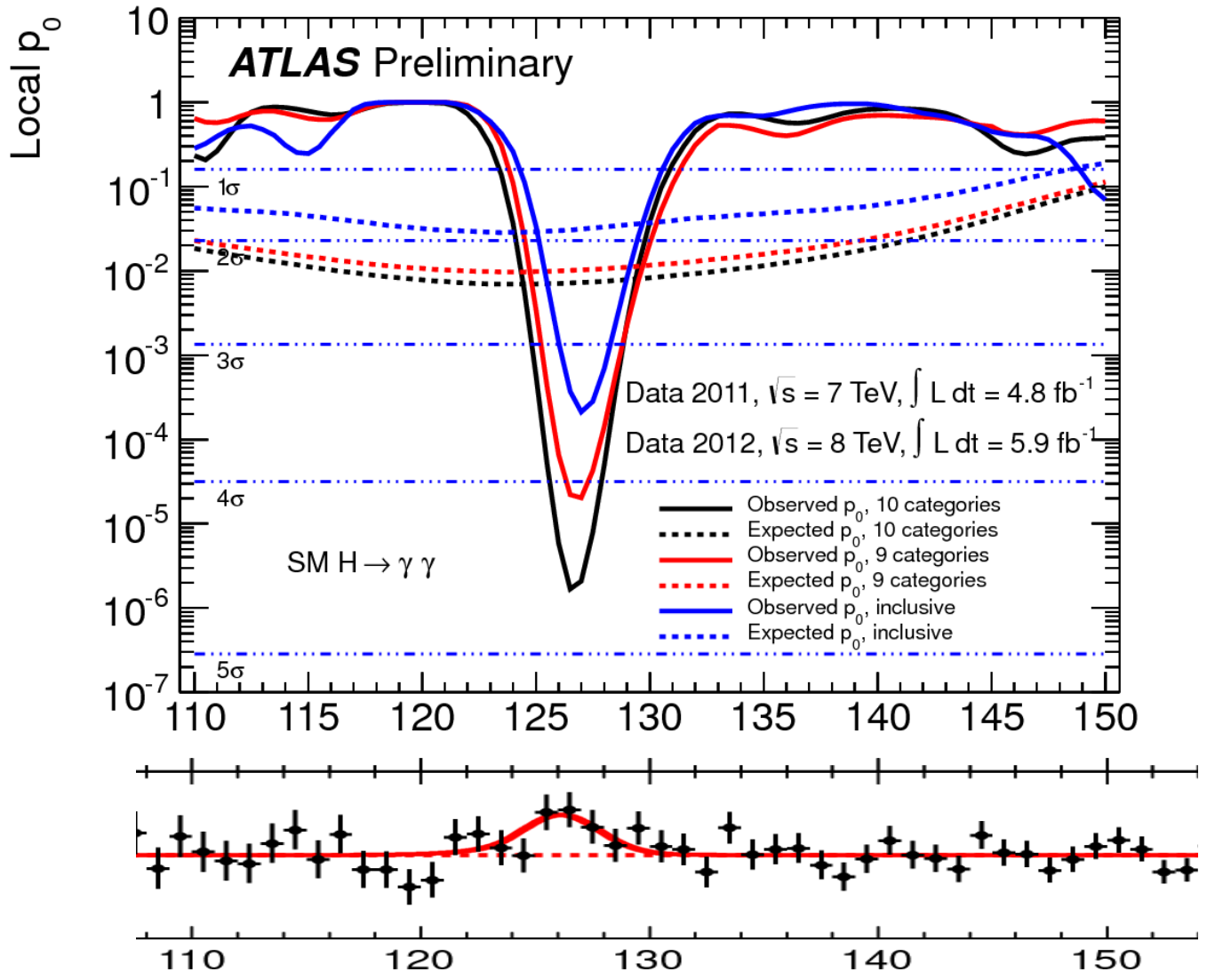
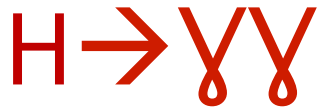
- $q_0$  distribute as half a delta function at zero and half a chi squared.  $q_{0,\text{obs}} = q_{0,\text{obs}}(m_H) \rightarrow p_0 = p_0(m_H)$

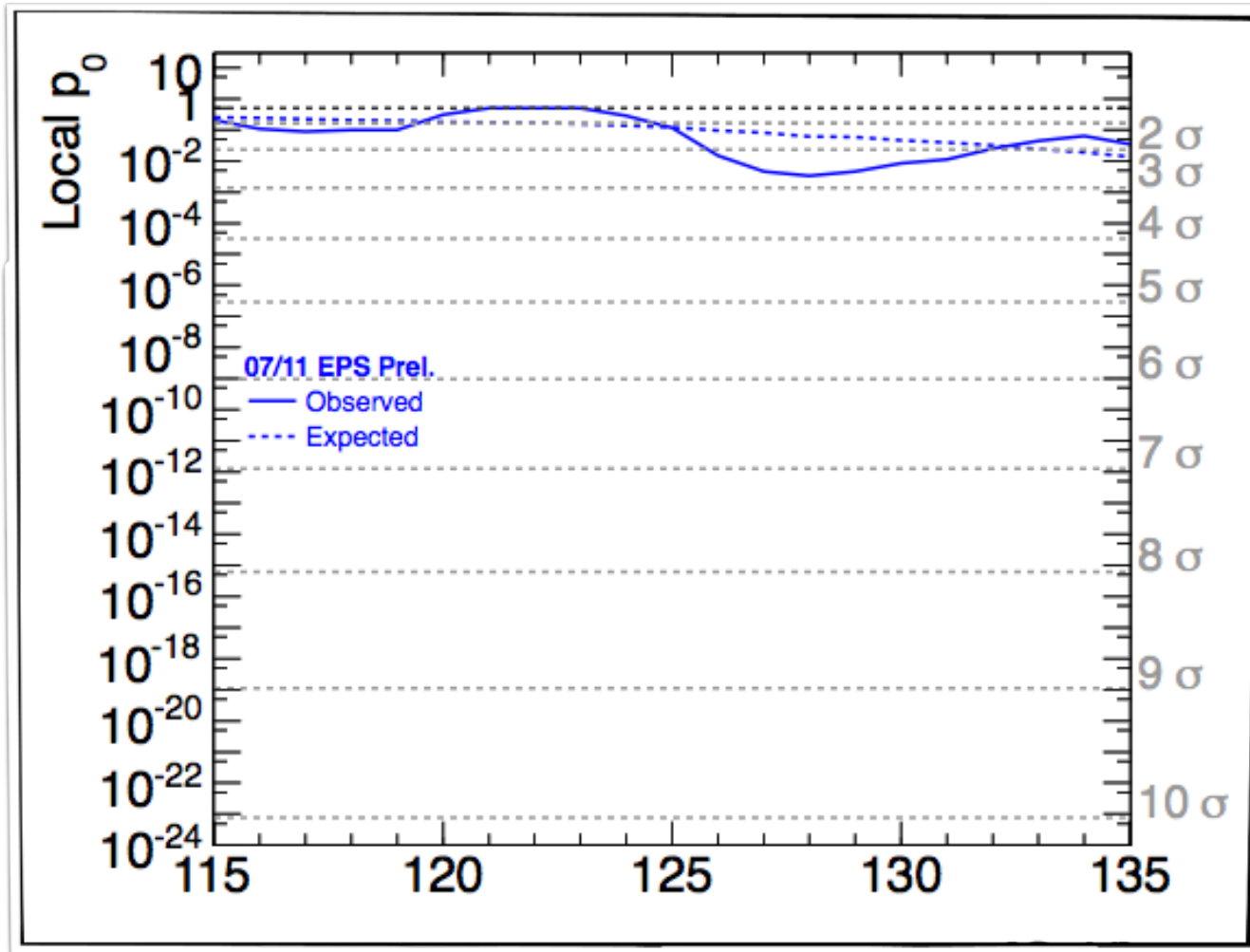


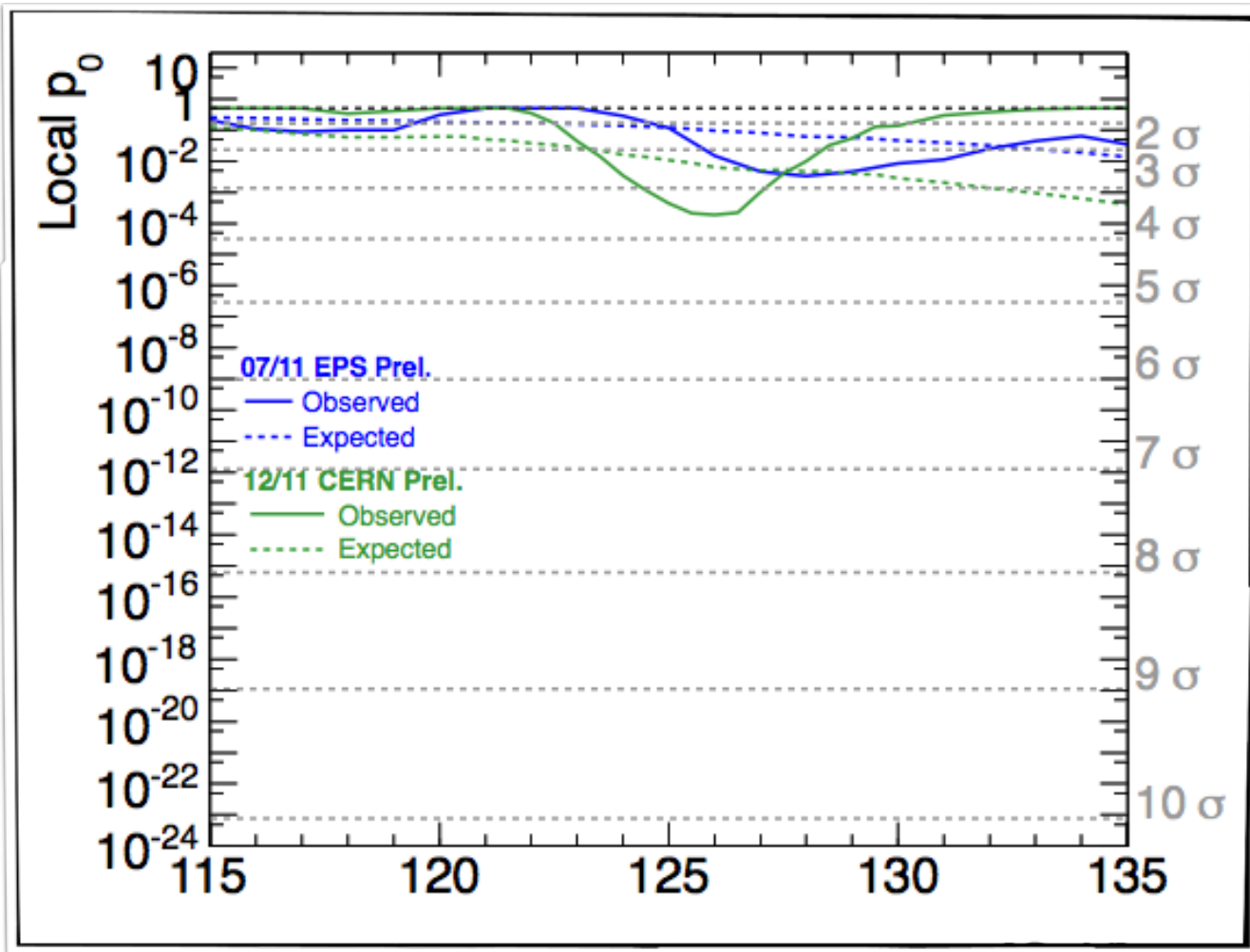
# Example: $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

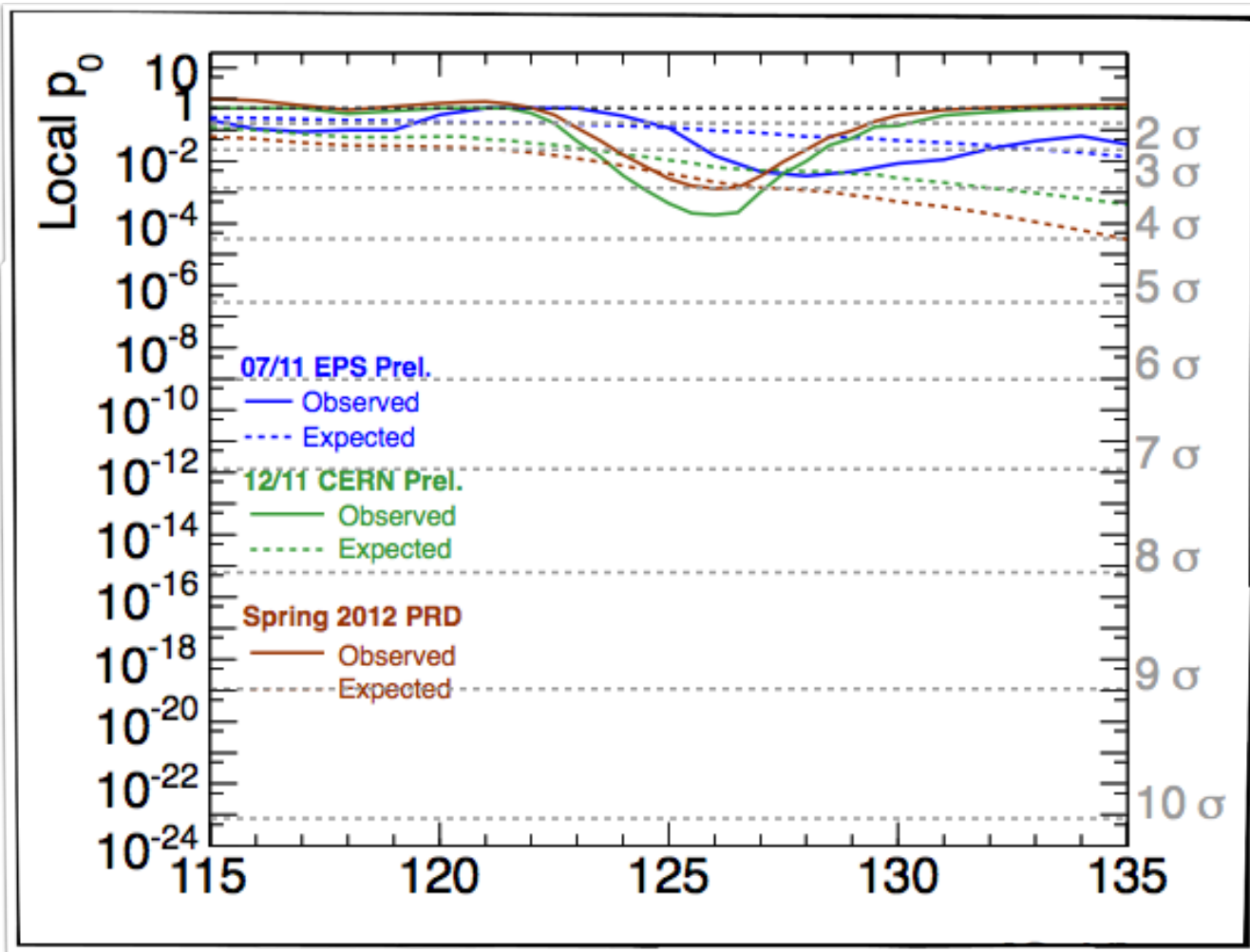




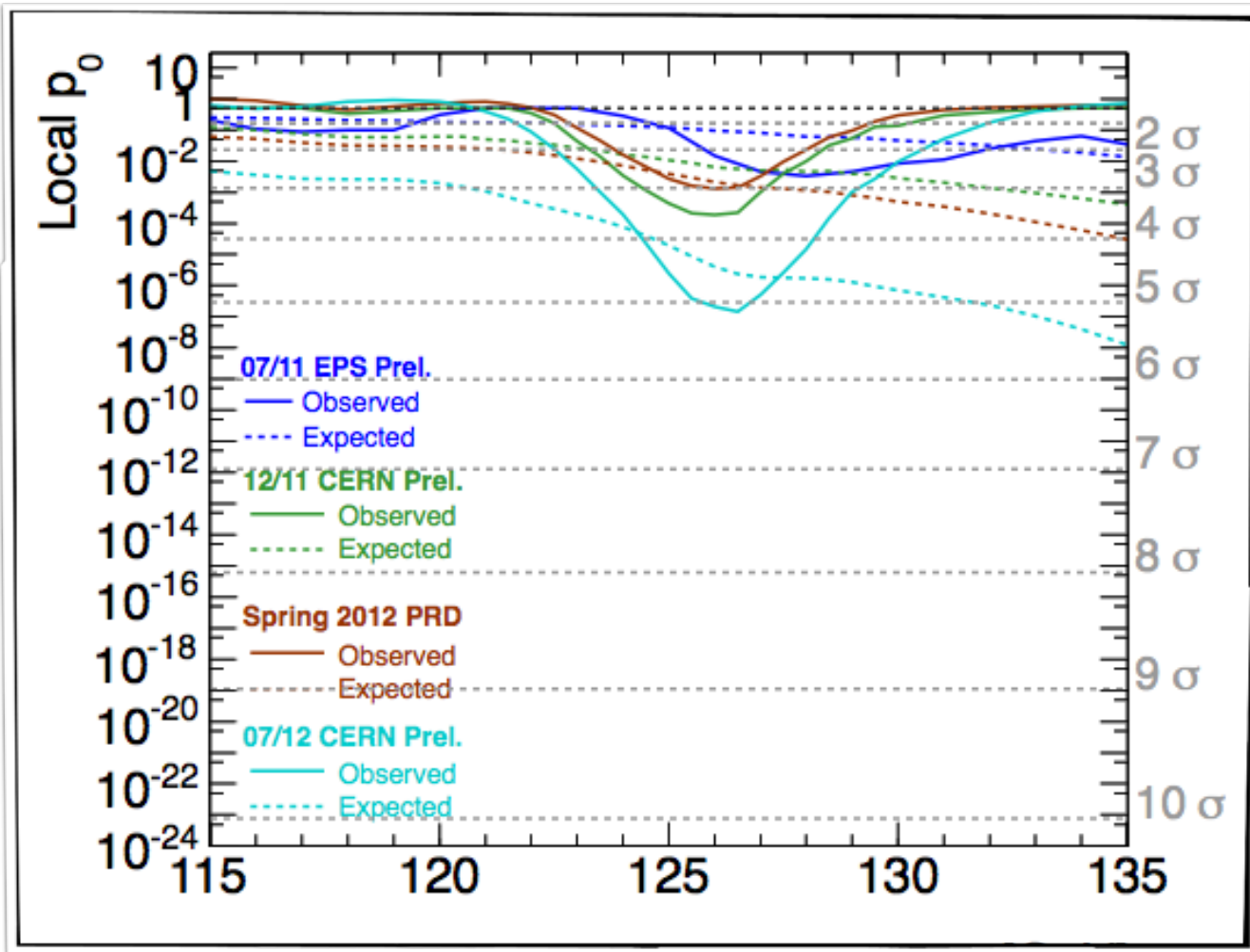


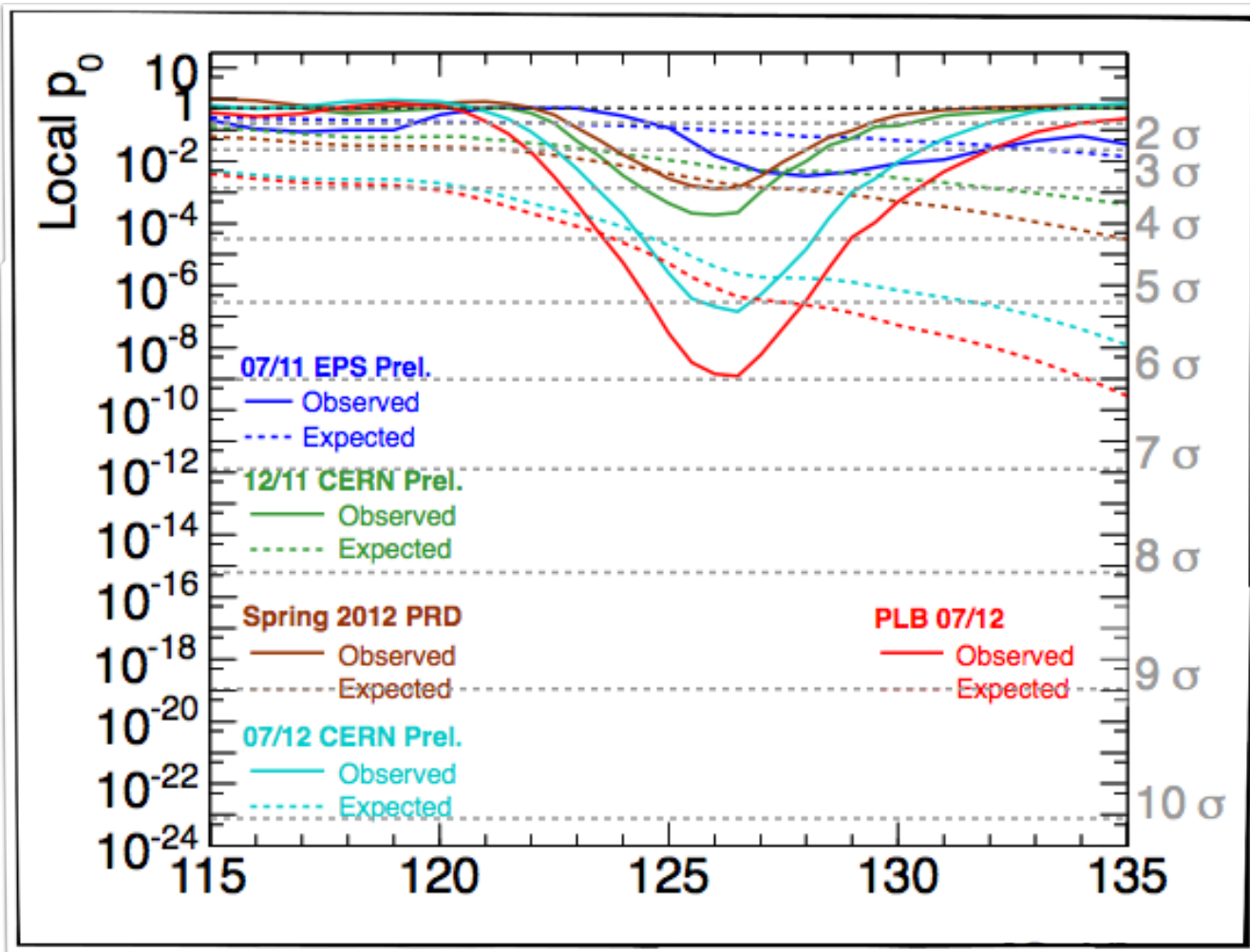


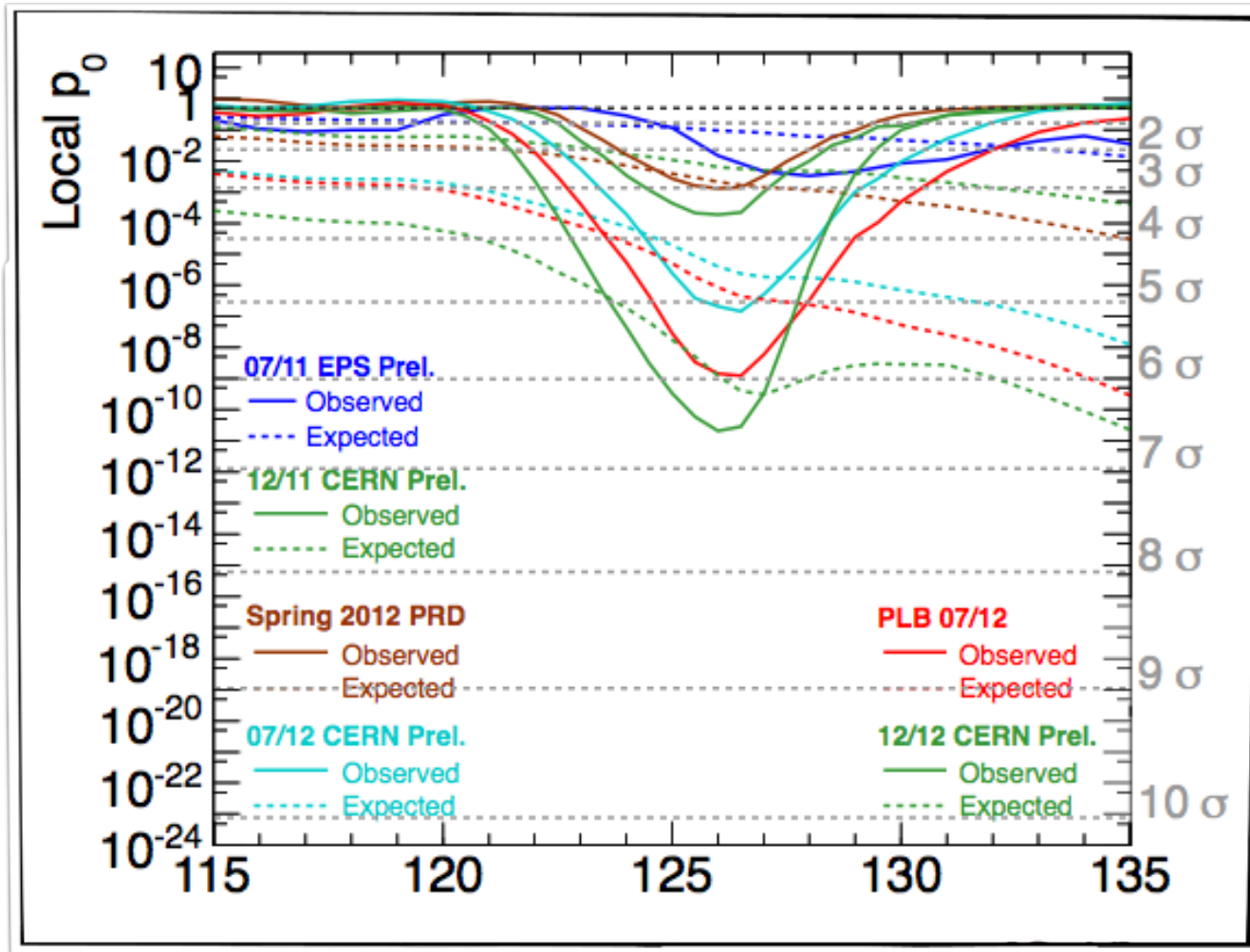


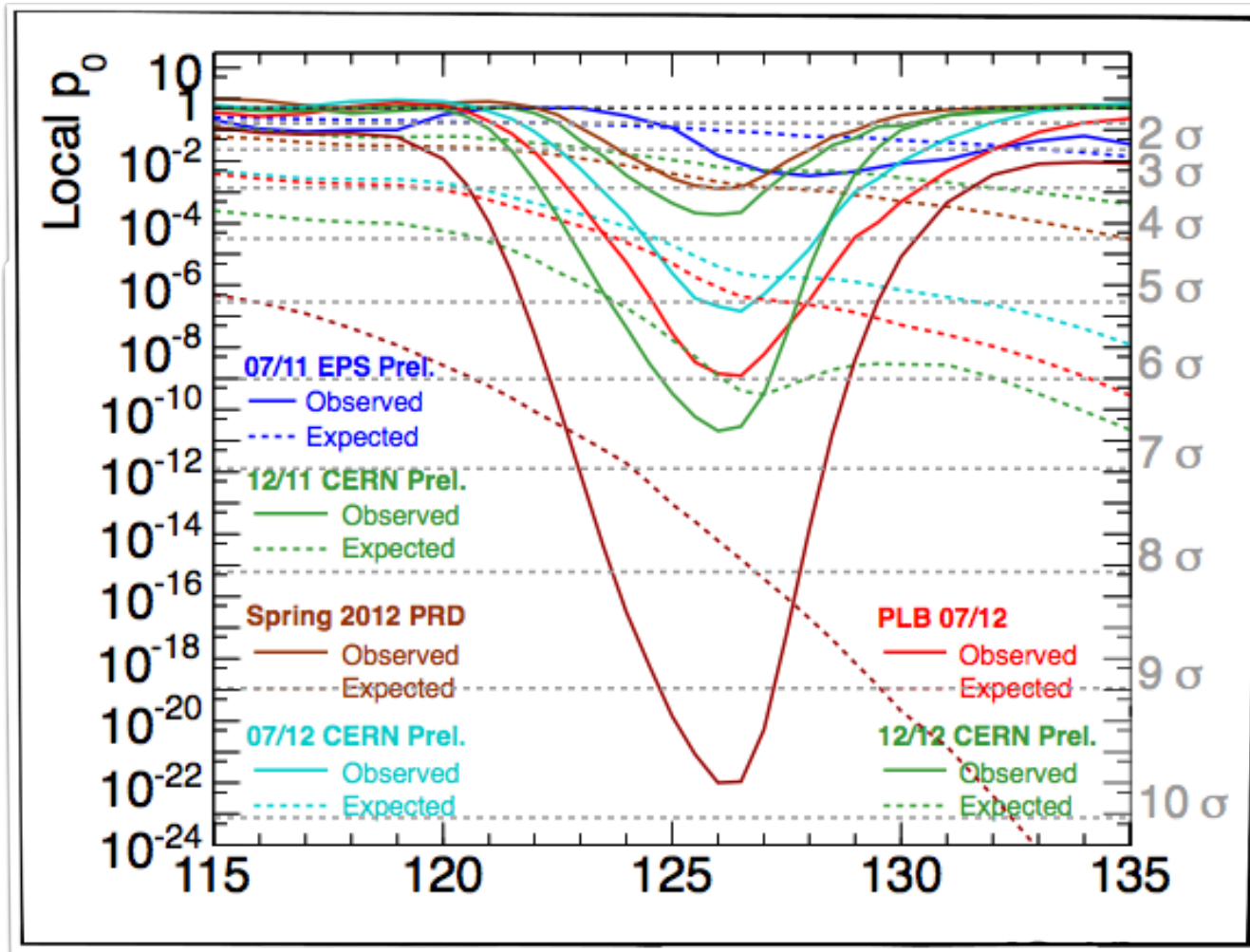












# The Look Elsewhere Effect



# Look Elsewhere Effect

- To establish a discovery we try to reject the background only hypothesis  $H_0$  against the alternate hypothesis  $H_1$
- $H_1$  could be
  - A Higgs Boson with a specified mass  $m_H$
  - A Higgs Boson at some mass  $m_H$  in the search mass range
- The look elsewhere effect deals with the floating mass case

Let the Higgs mass,  $m_H$ , and the signal strength  $\mu$  be 2 parameters of interest

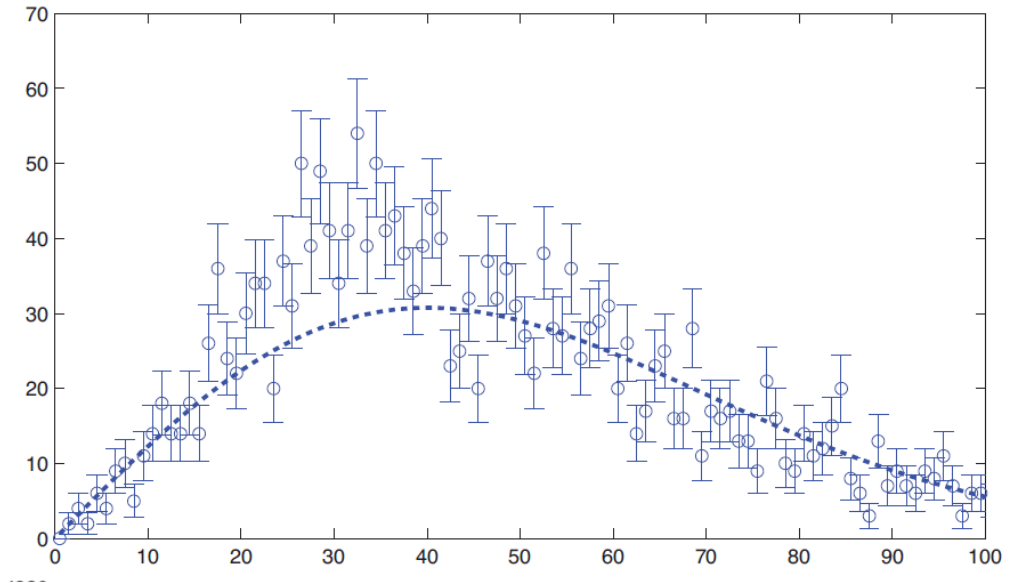
$$\lambda(\mu, m_H) = \frac{L(\mu, m_H, \hat{b})}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{m}_H, \hat{b})}$$

The problem is that  $m_H$  is not defined under the null  $H_0$  hypothesis



# Look Elsewhere Effect

Is there a signal  
here?



# Look Elsewhere Effect

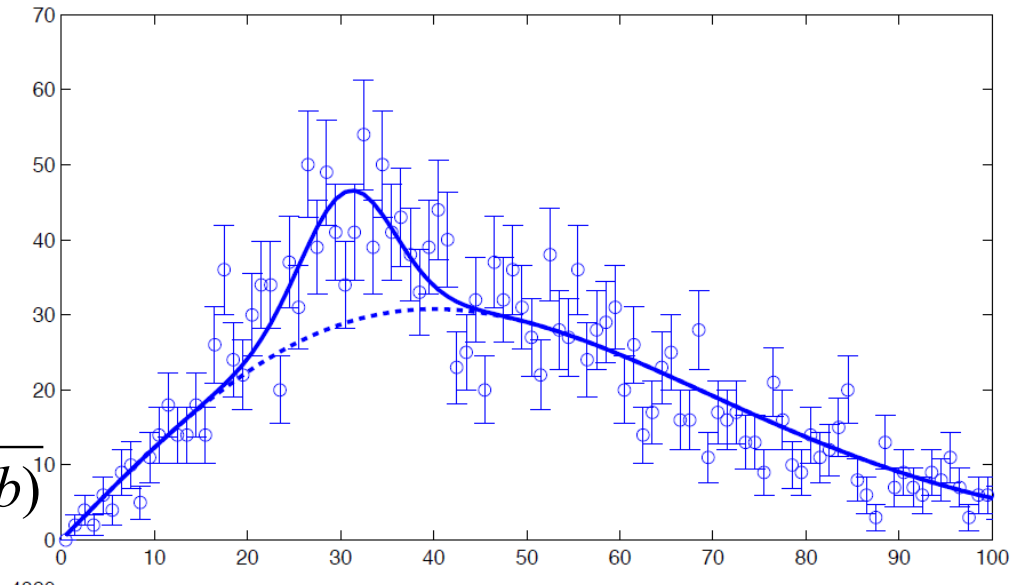
Obviously

@  $m=30$

What is its  
significance?

What is your test  
statistic?

$$q_{fix,obs} = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}_s(m=30) + b)}$$





# Look Elsewhere Effect

Test statistic

$$q_{fix,obs} = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}_s(m=30) + b)}$$

What is the p-value?

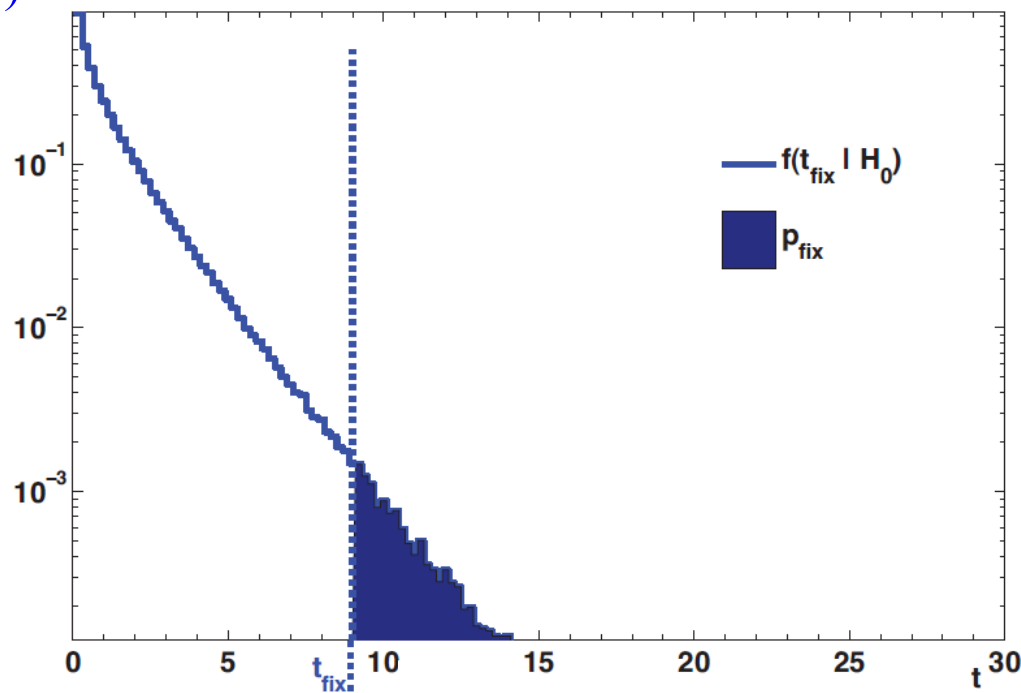
generate the PDF

$$f(q_{fix} | H_0)$$

and find the **p-value**

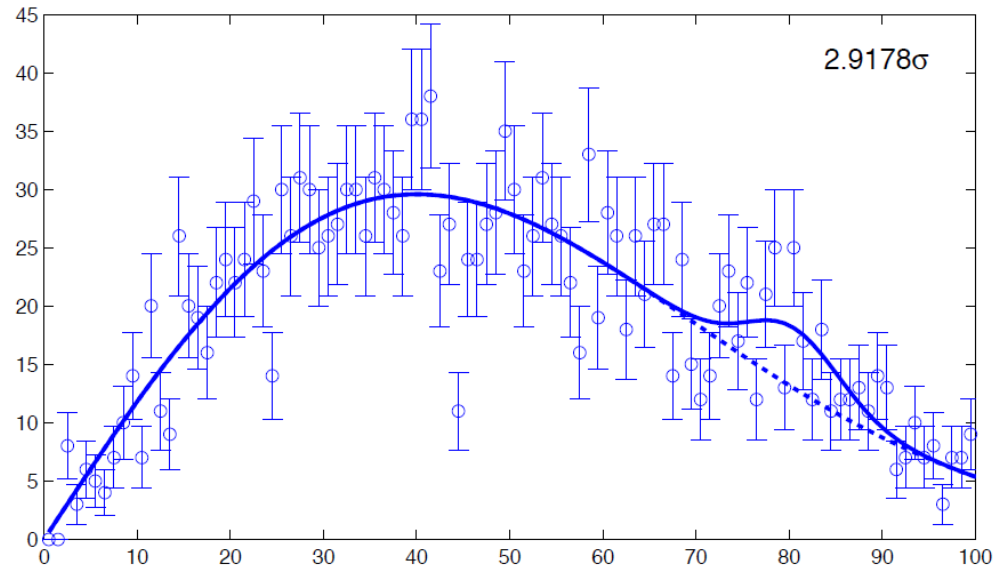
**Wilks theorem:**

$$f(q_{fix} | H_0) \sim \chi_1^2$$



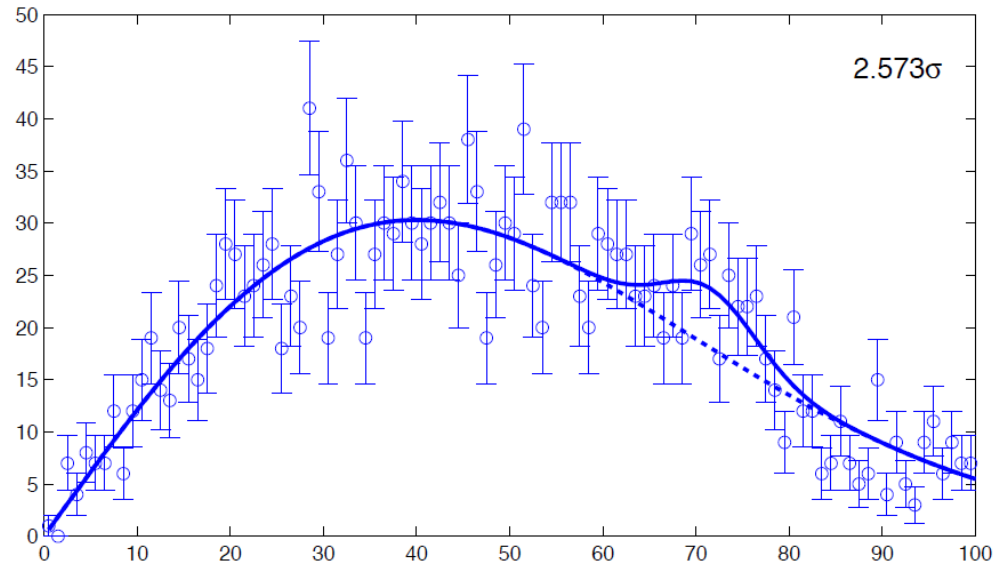
# Look Elsewhere Effect

Would you ignore this signal, had you seen it?



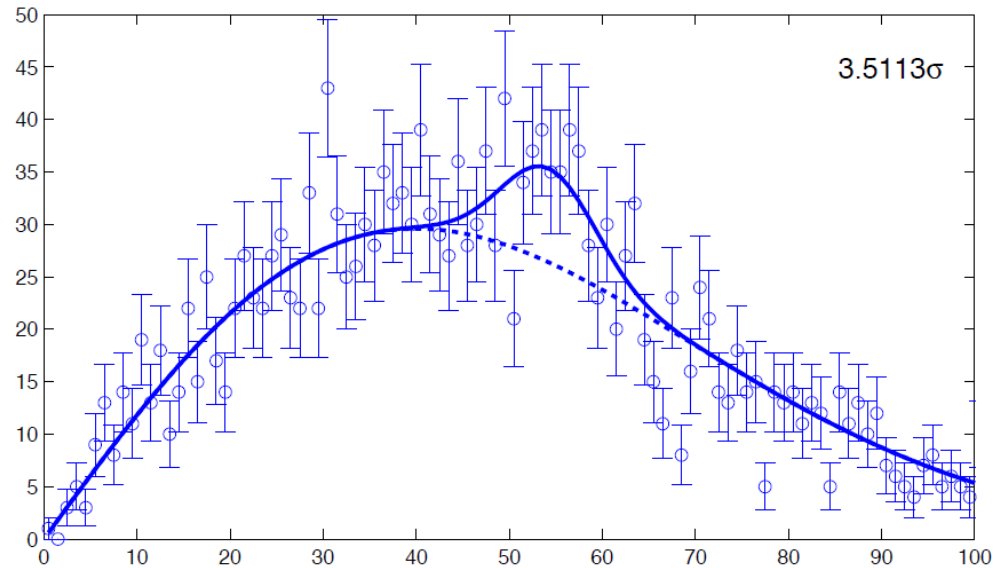
# Look Elsewhere Effect

Or this?



# Look Elsewhere Effect

Or this?

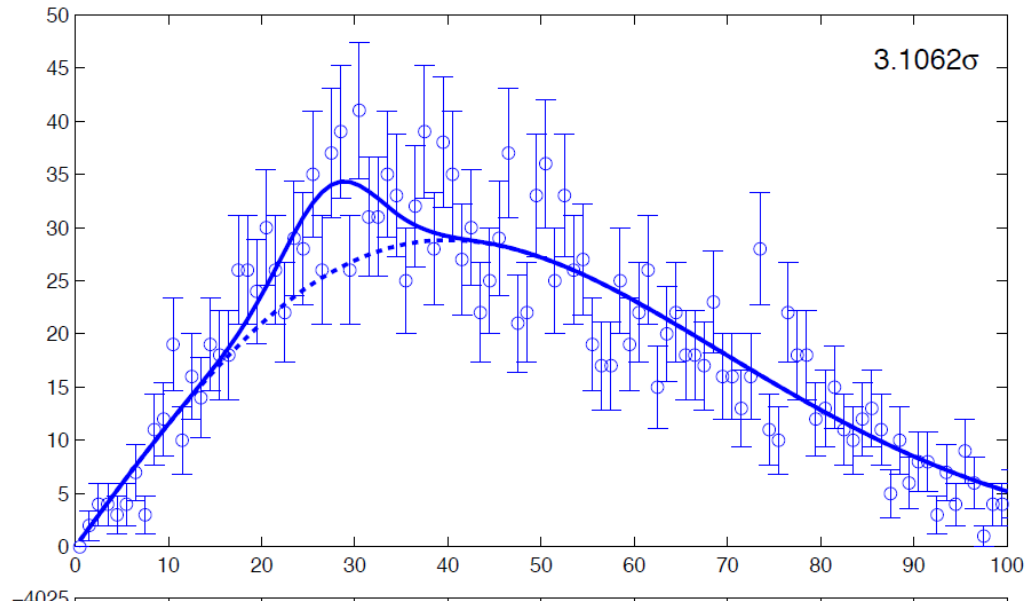


# Look Elsewhere Effect

Or this?

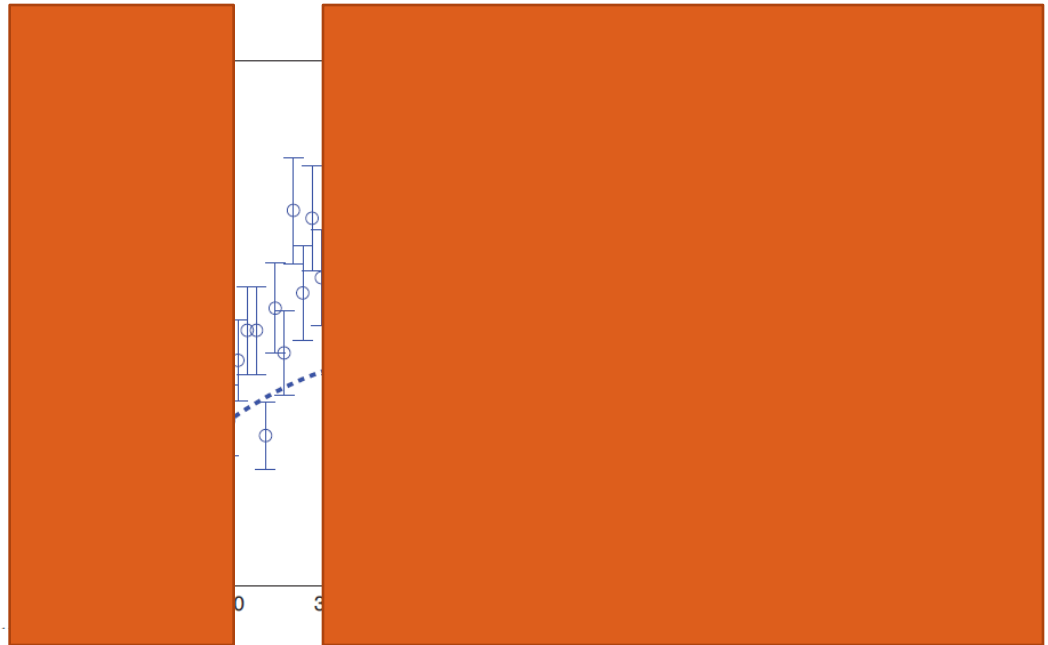
Obviously NOT!

ALL THESE  
“SIGNALS” ARE  
BG  
FLUCTUATIONS



# Look Elsewhere Effect

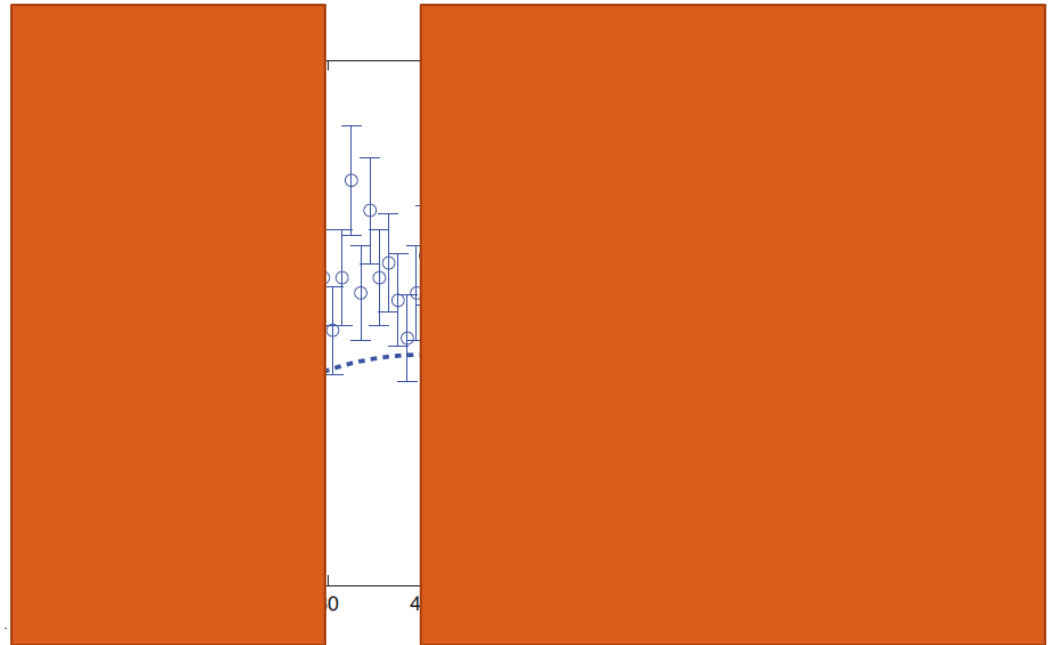
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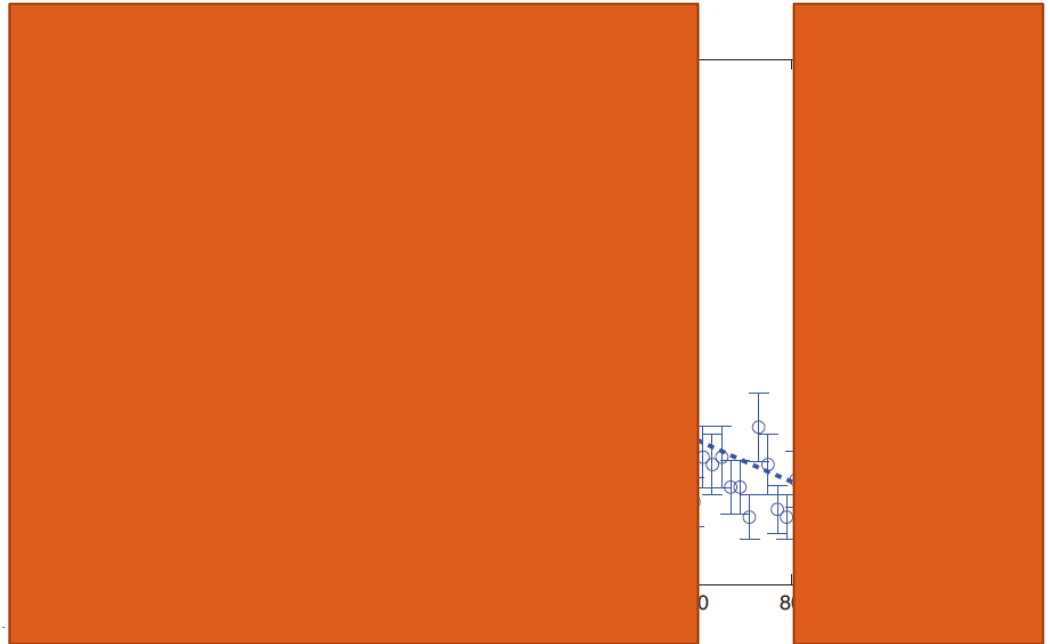


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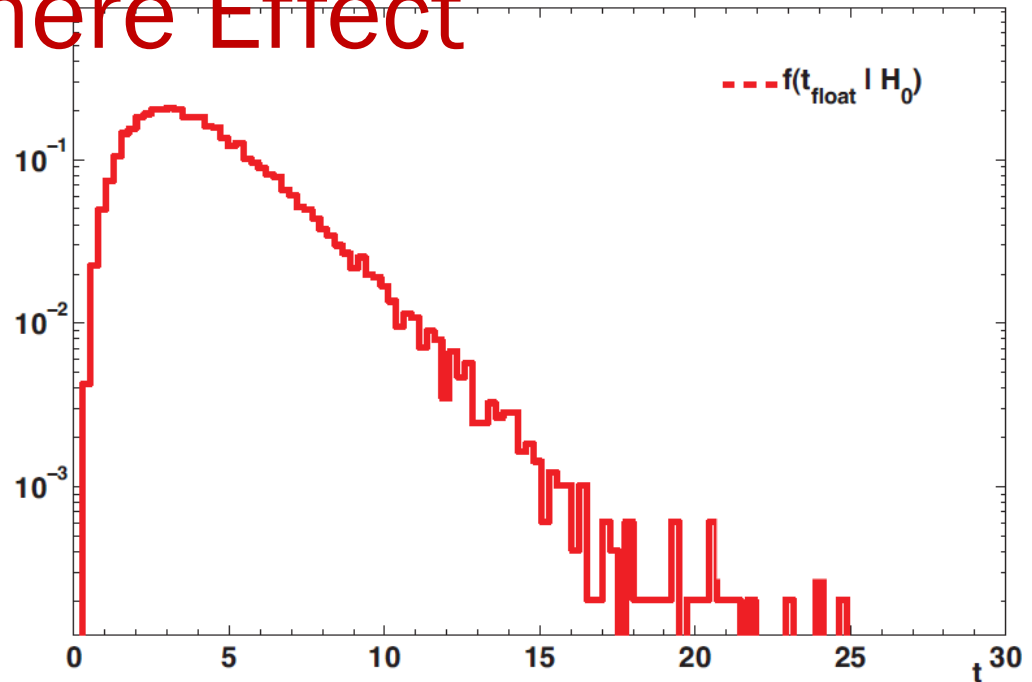


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This is equivalent to **OPTION II**:  
leave the mass floating



$$q_{fix,obs}(\hat{\mu}) = -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s(m) + b)}$$

$$q_{float,obs}(\hat{\mu}) = \hat{q}(\hat{\mu}) = \max_m \left\{ -2 \ln \frac{L(b)}{L(\hat{\mu}s(m) + b)} \right\}$$



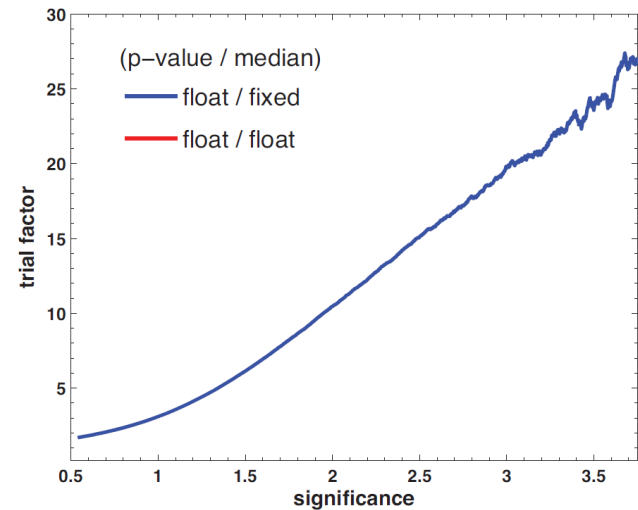
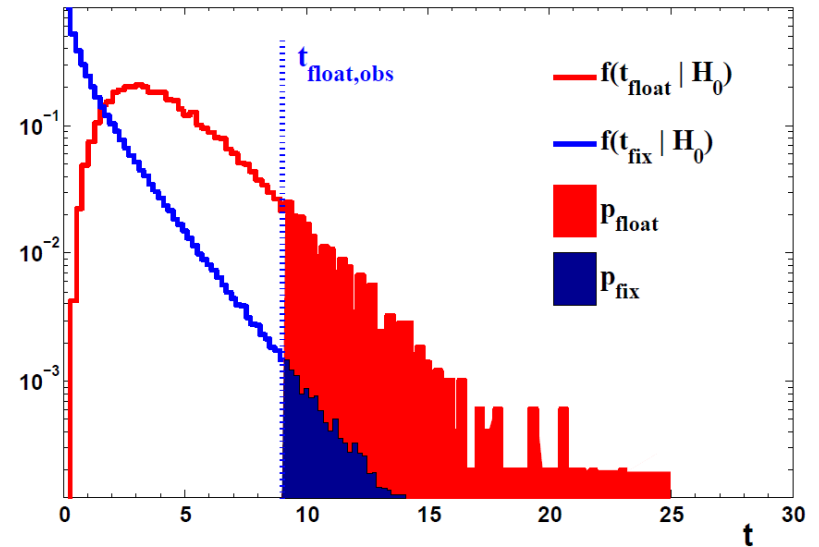
# The Thumb Rule

$$\text{trial factor} = \frac{P_{float}}{P_{fix}}$$

$$\text{trial factor} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\text{range}}{\text{resolution}} = \frac{\Gamma_m}{\sigma_m}$$

This turned out to be wrong,  
that was a big surprise

$$\text{trial factor} \propto \frac{\text{range}}{\text{resolution}} Z_{local} \propto \frac{\Gamma_m}{\sigma_m} Z_{local}$$



# The profile-likelihood test statistic

with a nuisance parameter that is not defined under the Null hypothesis, such as the mass

Let  $\theta$  be a nuisance parameter undefined under the null hypothesis, e.g.  $\theta=m$

$\mu$ ="signal strength"

- Consider the test statistic:

$$q_0(\theta) = -2 \log \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mu = 0)}{\mathcal{L}(\hat{\mu}, \theta)}$$

$$H_0 : \mu = 0$$

$$H_1 : \mu > 0$$

- For some fixed  $\theta$ ,  $q_0(\theta)$  has (asymptotically) a  $\chi^2$  distribution with one degree of freedom by Wilks' theorem.
- $q_0(\theta)$  is a chi<sup>2</sup> random field over the space of  $\theta$  (a random variable indexed by a continuous parameter(s) ). we are interested in

$$\hat{q}_0 \equiv q_0(\hat{\theta}) = -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mu = 0)}{\mathcal{L}(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} = \max_{\theta} [q_0(\theta)]$$

$\hat{\theta}$  is the **global** maximum point

- For which we want to know what is the p-value

$$\text{p-value} = P(\max_{\theta} [q_0(\theta)] \geq u)$$



# A small modification

- Usually we only look for ‘positive’ signals

$$q_0(\theta) = \begin{cases} -2 \log \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mu = 0)}{\mathcal{L}(\hat{\mu}, \theta)} & \hat{\mu} > 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$q_0(\theta)$  is ‘half chi<sup>2</sup>’

[H. Chernoff, Ann. Math. Stat.  
25, 573578 (1954)]

The p-value just get divided by 1 / 2

- Or equivalently consider  $\hat{\mu}$  as a gaussian field

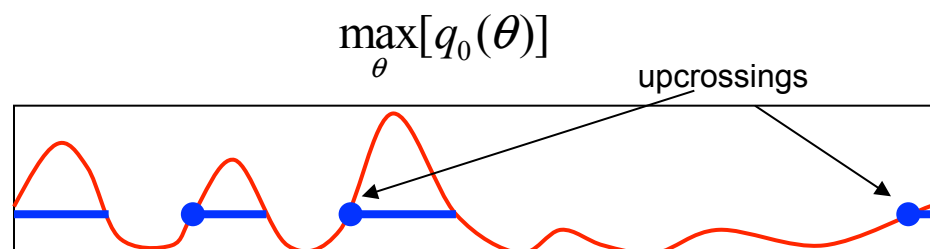
since

$$q_0(\theta) = \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}(\theta)}{\sigma} \right)^2$$



# Random fields (1D)

- In 1 dimension: points where the field values become larger than  $u$  are called *upcrossings*.

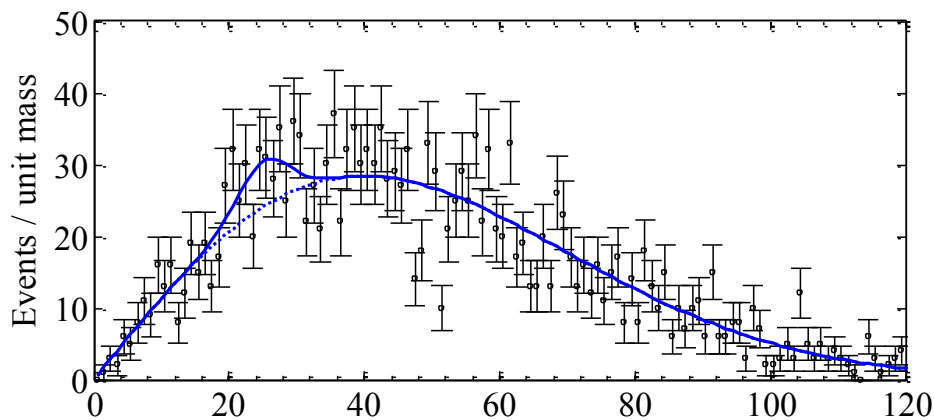


- The probability that the global maximum is above the level  $u$  is called *exceedance probability*. (p-value of  $\hat{q}_0 \equiv q_0(\hat{\theta}) = \max_{\theta} [q_0(\theta)]$ )

$$P(\max_{\theta} [q_0(\theta)] \geq u)$$

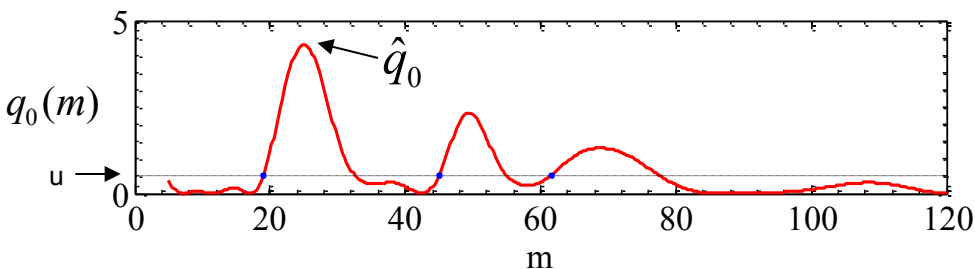


# The 1-dimensional case



For a  $\chi^2$  random field, the expected number of *upcrossings* of a level  $u$  is given by: [Davies,1987]

$$E[N_u] = \mathcal{N}_1 e^{-u/2}$$



To have the global maximum above a level  $u$ :

- Either have at least one upcrossing ( $N_u > 0$ ) **or** have  $q_0 > u$  at the origin ( $q_0(0) > u$ ) :

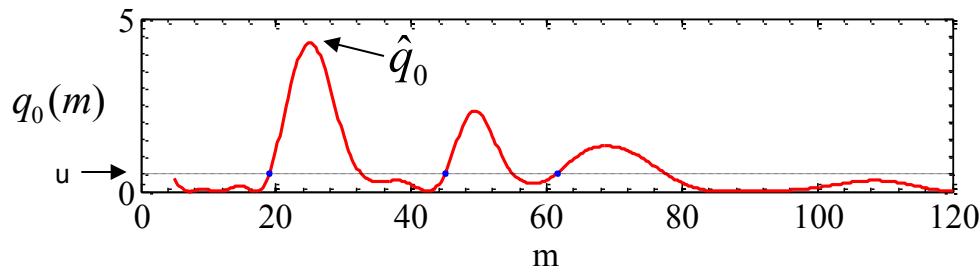
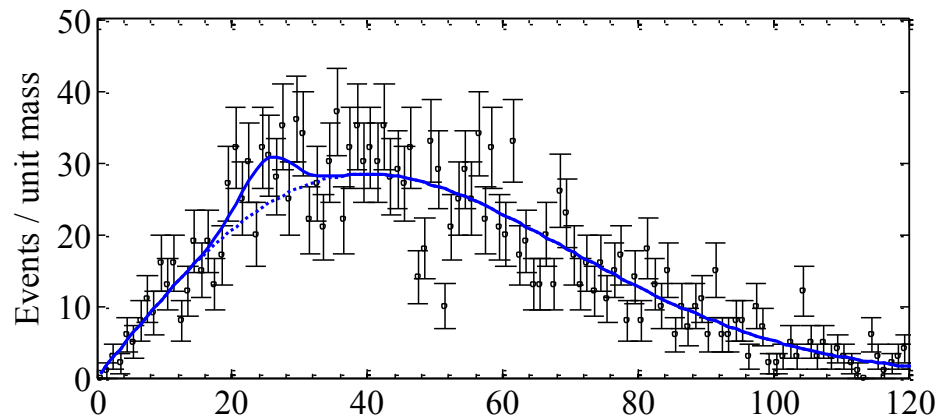
$$P(\hat{q}_0 > u) \leq P(N_u > 0) + P(q_0(0) > u) \\ \leq E[N_u] + P(q_0(0) > u)$$

[R.B. Davies, Hypothesis testing when a nuisance parameter is present only under the alternative. Biometrika 74, 33–43 (1987)]

Becomes an equality for large  $u$



# The 1-dimensional case



$$E[N_u] = \mathcal{N}_1 e^{-u/2}$$

The only unknown is  $\mathcal{N}_1$  which can be estimated from the average number of upcrossings at some low reference level

$$E[N_u] = N_1 e^{-u/2}$$

$$E[N_{u_0}] = N_1 e^{-u_0/2}$$

$$N_1 = E[N_{u_0}] e^{u_0/2}$$

$$E[N_u] = E[N_{u_0}] e^{(u_0 - u)/2}$$

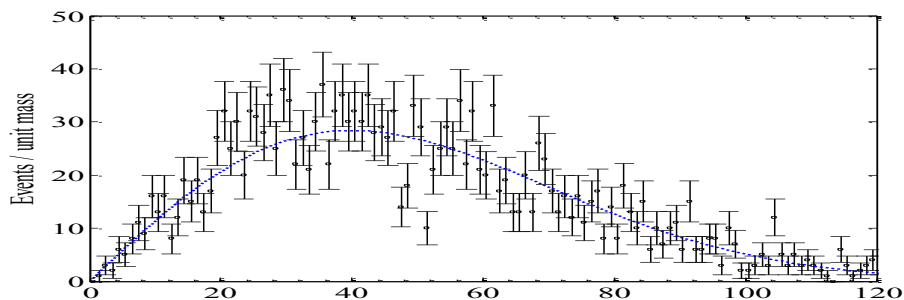
$$P(q_0 > u) \leq E[N_u] + P(q_0(0) > u)$$

$$= \mathcal{N}_1 e^{-u/2} + \frac{1}{2} P(\chi_1^2 > u) = E[N_{u_0}] e^{(u_0 - u)/2} + \frac{1}{2} P(\chi_1^2 > u)$$

$$p_{global} = E[N_{u_0}] e^{(u_0 - u)/2} + p_{local}$$

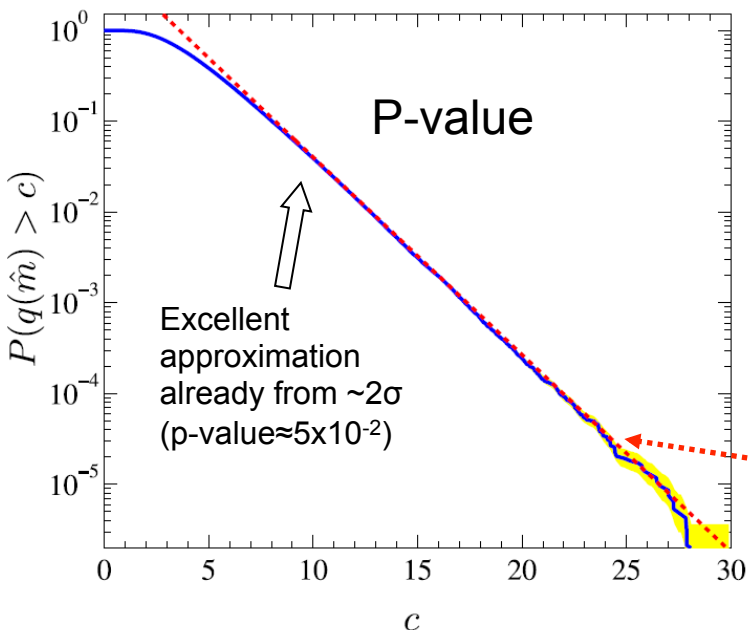
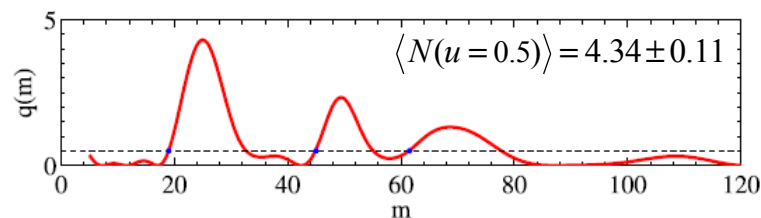


# 1-D example: resonance search



The model is a gaussian signal (with unknown location  $m$ ) on top of a continuous background (Rayleigh distribution)

$$\mathcal{L} = \prod_i \text{Pois}(n_i | \mu s_i(m) + \beta b_i)$$

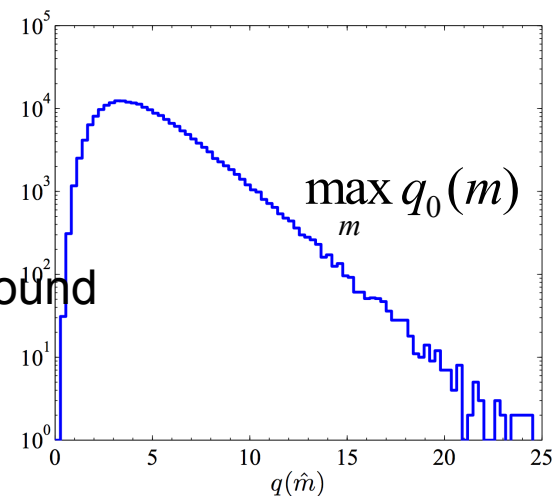


In this example we find

$$\mathcal{N}_1 = 5.58 \pm 0.14$$

[from 100 random background simulations]

$$\mathcal{N}_1 e^{-u/2} + \frac{1}{2} P(\chi_1^2 > u)$$





# A real life example

$$P(q_0 > u) \leq E[N_u] + P(q_0(0) > u)$$

$$E[N_u] = \mathcal{N}_1 e^{-u/2}$$

$$\mathcal{N}_1 \equiv \langle N_{u_0} \rangle e^{u_0/2}$$

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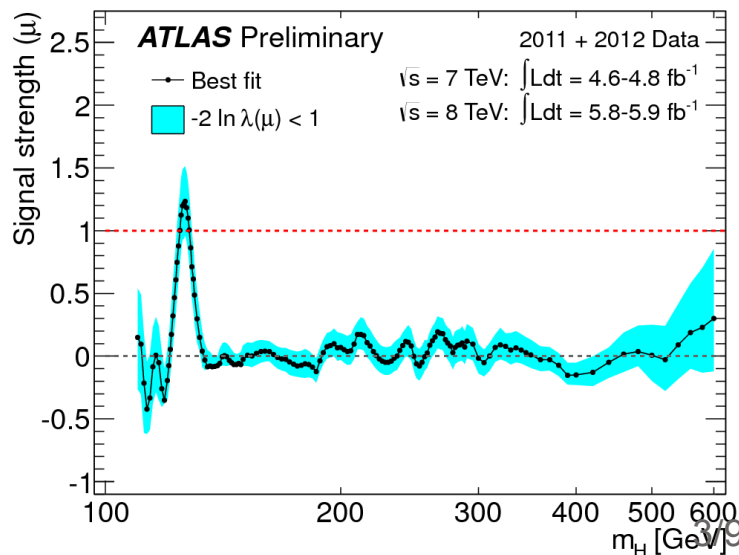
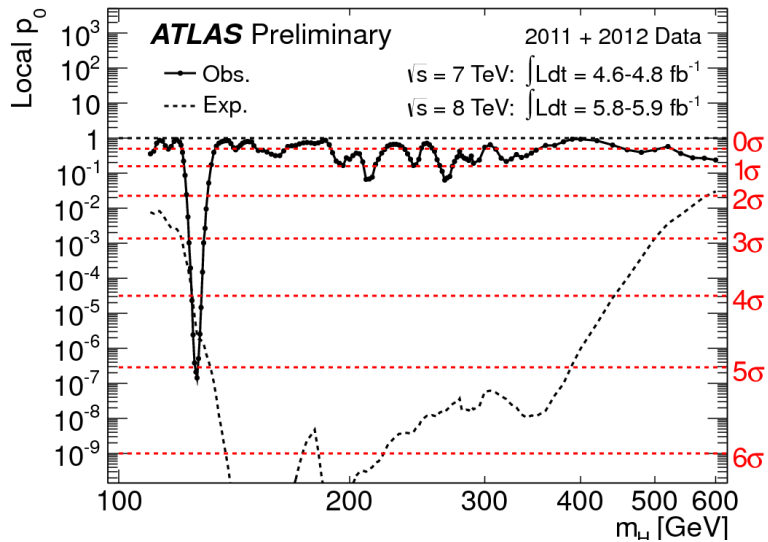
$$p_{global} = \mathcal{N}_1 e^{-u/2} + p_{local}$$

$$p_{global} = \langle N_{u_0} \rangle e^{\frac{u_0 - u}{2}} + p_{local}$$

$$N_{u_0=0} = 9 \pm 3$$

$$p_{global} = 9 \cdot e^{-25/2} + O(10^{-7}) = 3.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$5\sigma \rightarrow 4\sigma \text{ trial\#} \sim 100$$



# Measurements

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Case studies: ATLAS and CMS  
mass and coupling combinations



# PL in obtaining the mass

$$\Lambda(\alpha) = \frac{L(\alpha, \hat{\theta}(\alpha))}{L(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\theta})} \quad t_{\alpha} = -2 \ln \Lambda(\alpha)$$

$$\Lambda(m_H) = \frac{L(m_H, \hat{\mu}_{ggF+t\bar{t}H(+b\bar{b}H)}^{\gamma\gamma}(m_H), \hat{\mu}_{VBF+VH}^{\gamma\gamma}(m_H), \hat{\mu}^{ZZ}(m_H), \hat{\theta}(m_H))}{L(\hat{m}_H, \hat{\mu}_{ggF+t\bar{t}H(+b\bar{b}H)}^{\gamma\gamma}, \hat{\mu}_{VBF+VH}^{\gamma\gamma}, \hat{\mu}^{ZZ}, \hat{\theta})}$$

Scan the test statistic  $t_{\alpha} = t(\alpha)$

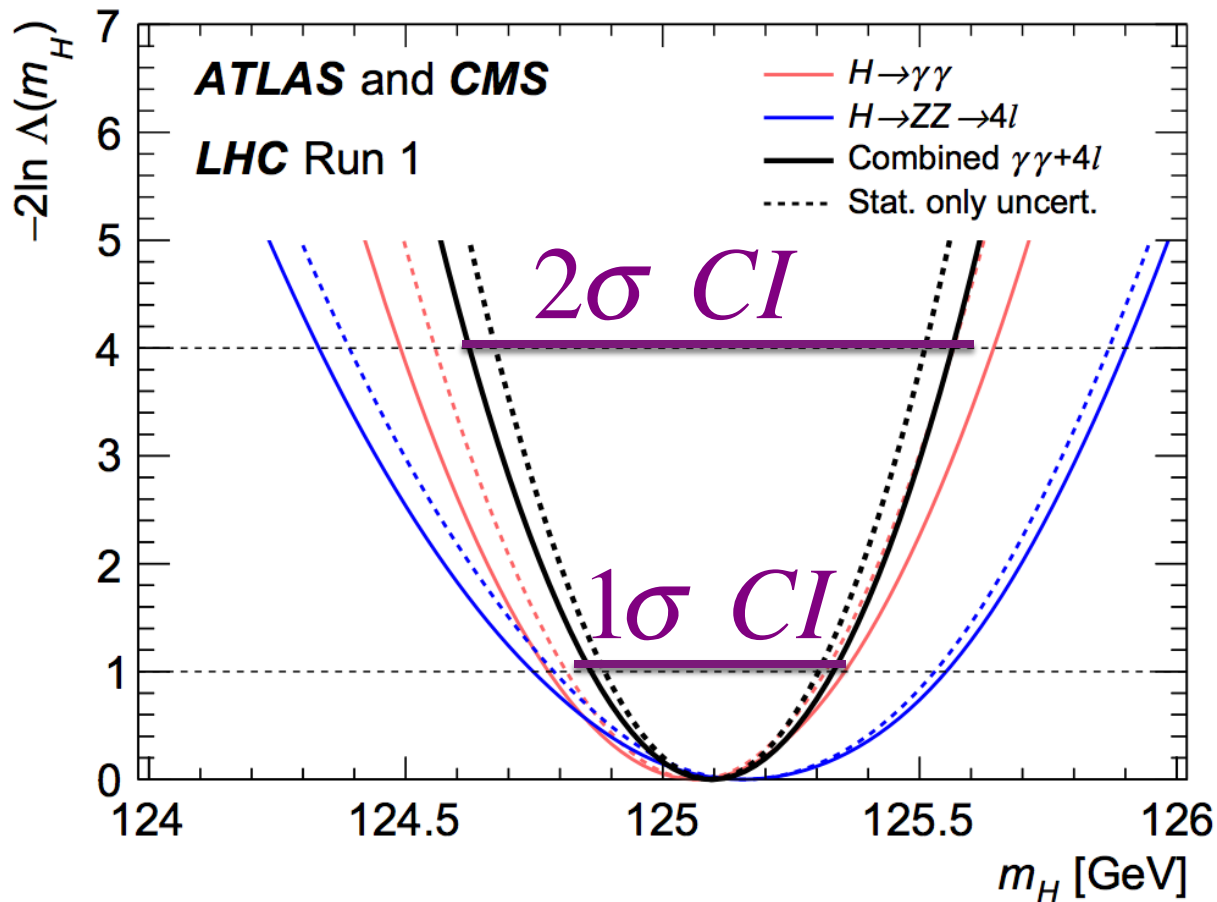
find  $\hat{\alpha}$

$$t(\hat{\alpha} \pm N\sigma_{\hat{\alpha}}) = N^2$$



# Obtaining the Syst Error

$$\sigma_{syst} = \sqrt{\sigma_{tot}^2 - \sigma_{stat}^2}$$



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$$\Delta m_{\gamma Z} = m_H^{\gamma\gamma} - m_H^{4\ell}$$

$$\Lambda(\Delta m_{\gamma Z}) = \frac{L(\Delta m_{\gamma Z}, \hat{m}_H, \hat{\mu}_{ggF+t\bar{t}H(+b\bar{b}H)}^{\gamma\gamma}, \hat{\mu}_{VBF+VH}^{\gamma\gamma}, \hat{\mu}^{ZZ}, \hat{\theta})}{L(\Delta \hat{m}_{\gamma Z}, \hat{m}_H, \hat{\mu}_{ggF+t\bar{t}H(+b\bar{b}H)}^{\gamma\gamma}, \hat{\mu}_{VBF+VH}^{\gamma\gamma}, \hat{\mu}^{ZZ}, \hat{\theta})}$$

2<sup>nd</sup> verse same as the first

# A case of 2 poi

- In order to address the values of the signal strength and mass of a potential signal that are simultaneously consistent with the data, the following profile likelihood ratio is used:

$$\lambda(\mu, m_H) = \frac{L(\mu, m_H, \hat{\theta}(\mu, m_H))}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{m}_H, \hat{\theta})}$$

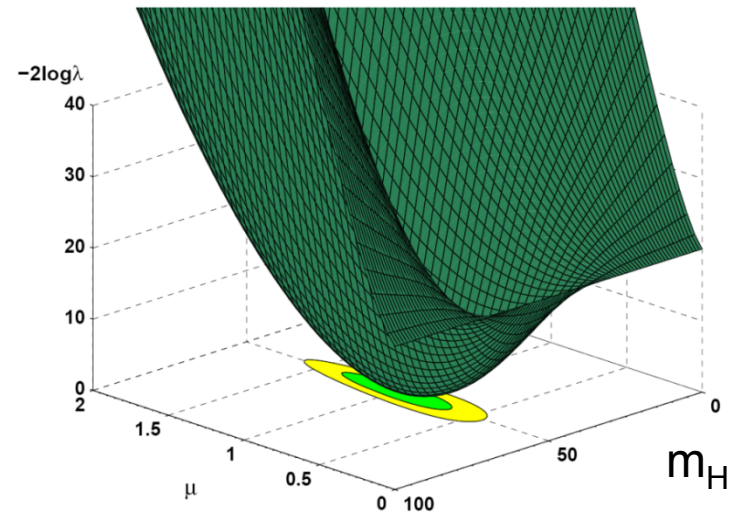
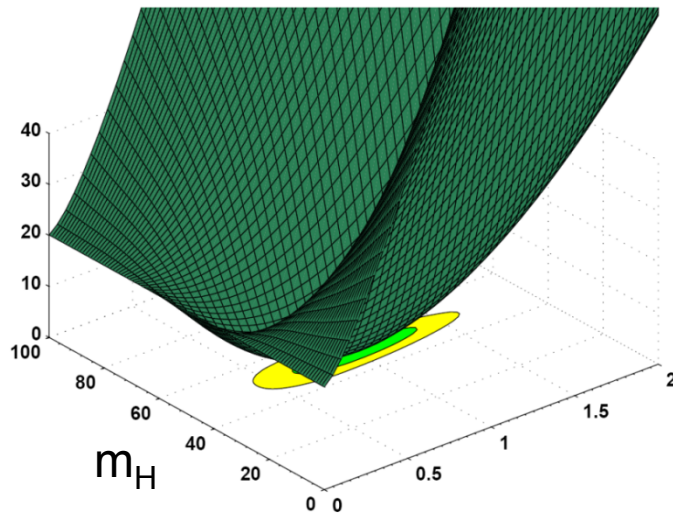
- In the presence of a signal, this test statistic will produce closed contours about the best fit point  $(\hat{\mu}, \hat{m}_H)$ ;
- The 2D LR behaves asymptotically as a Chi squared with 2 DOF (Wilks' theorem) so the derivation of 68% and 95% CL contours is easy, but care must be taken; **The projection of 2D CI are not 1D CI!**



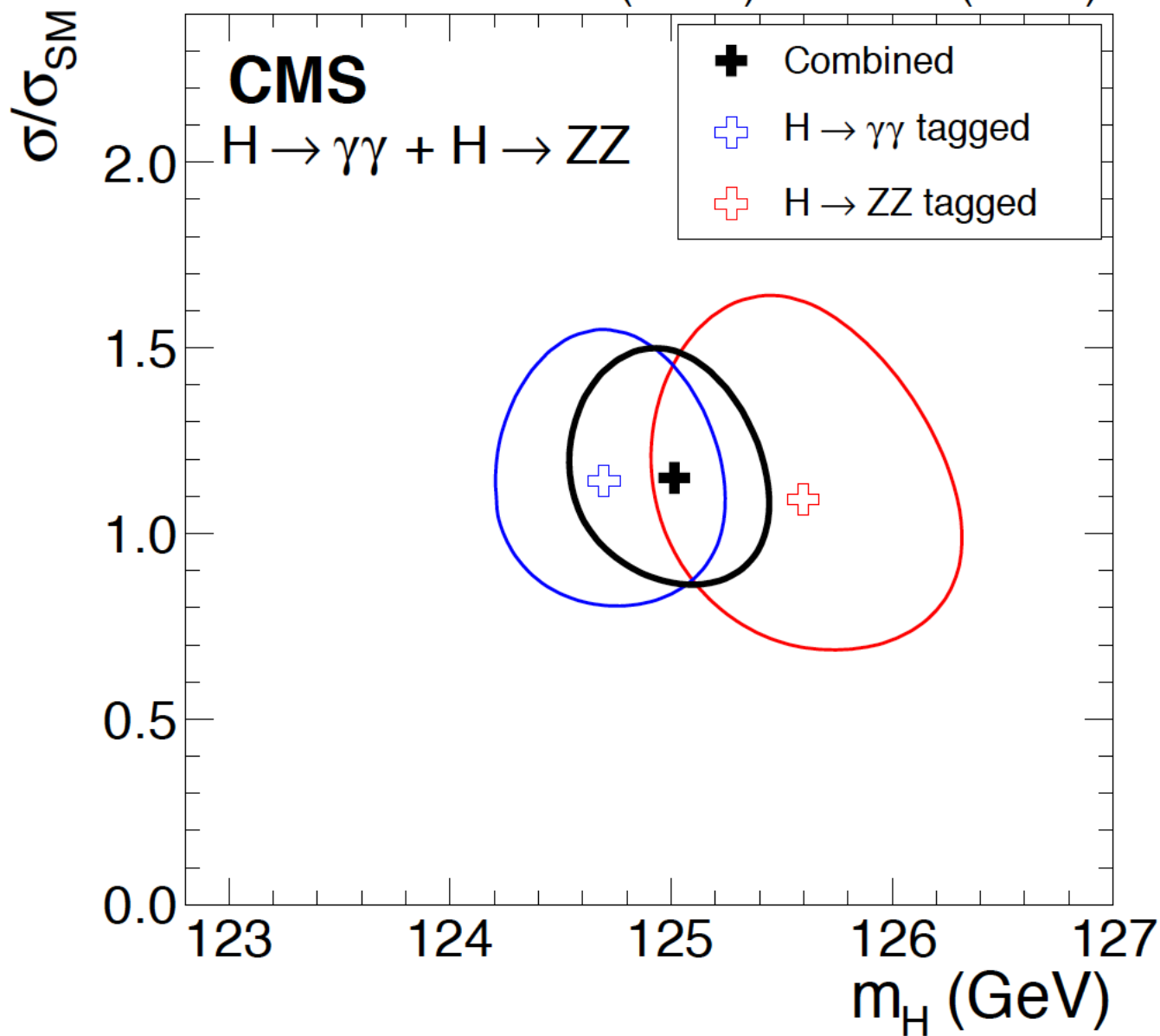
# Measuring the signal strength and mass, a 2D Scan

2 parameters of interest: the signal strength  $\mu$  and the Higgs mass  $m_H$

$$q(\mu, m_H) = -2 \ln \lambda(\mu, m_H) = -2 \ln \frac{L(\mu, m_H, \hat{b})}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{m}_H, \hat{b})}$$



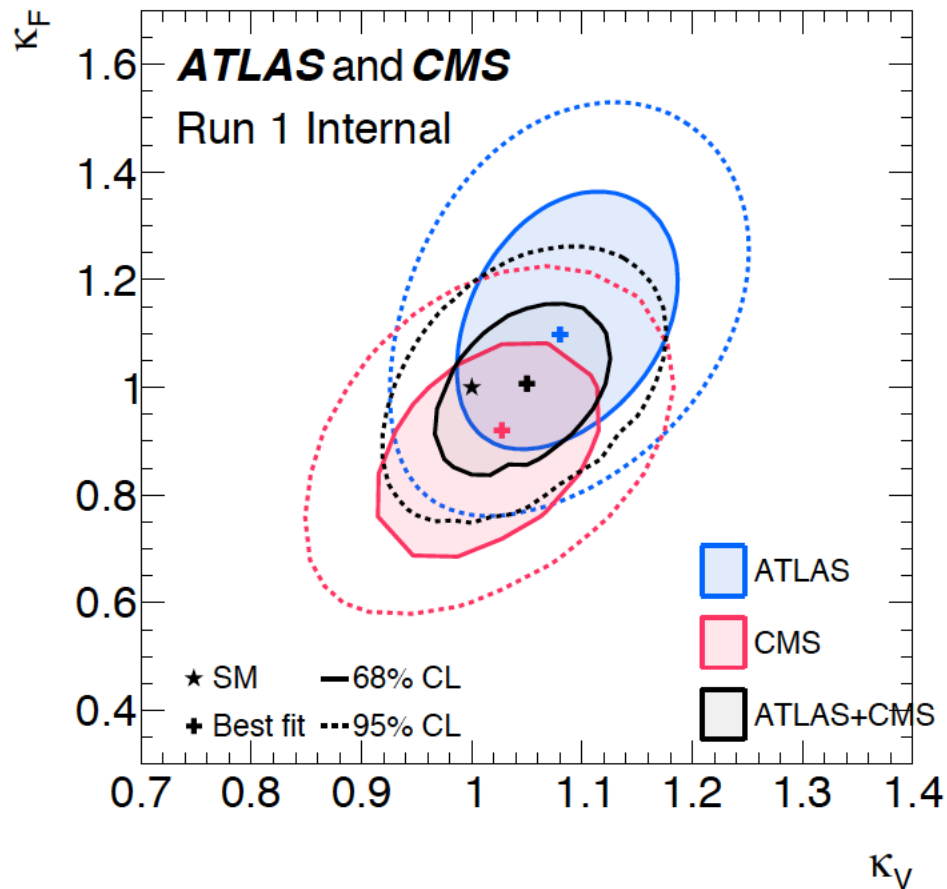
19.7 fb<sup>-1</sup> (8 TeV) + 5.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> (7 TeV)





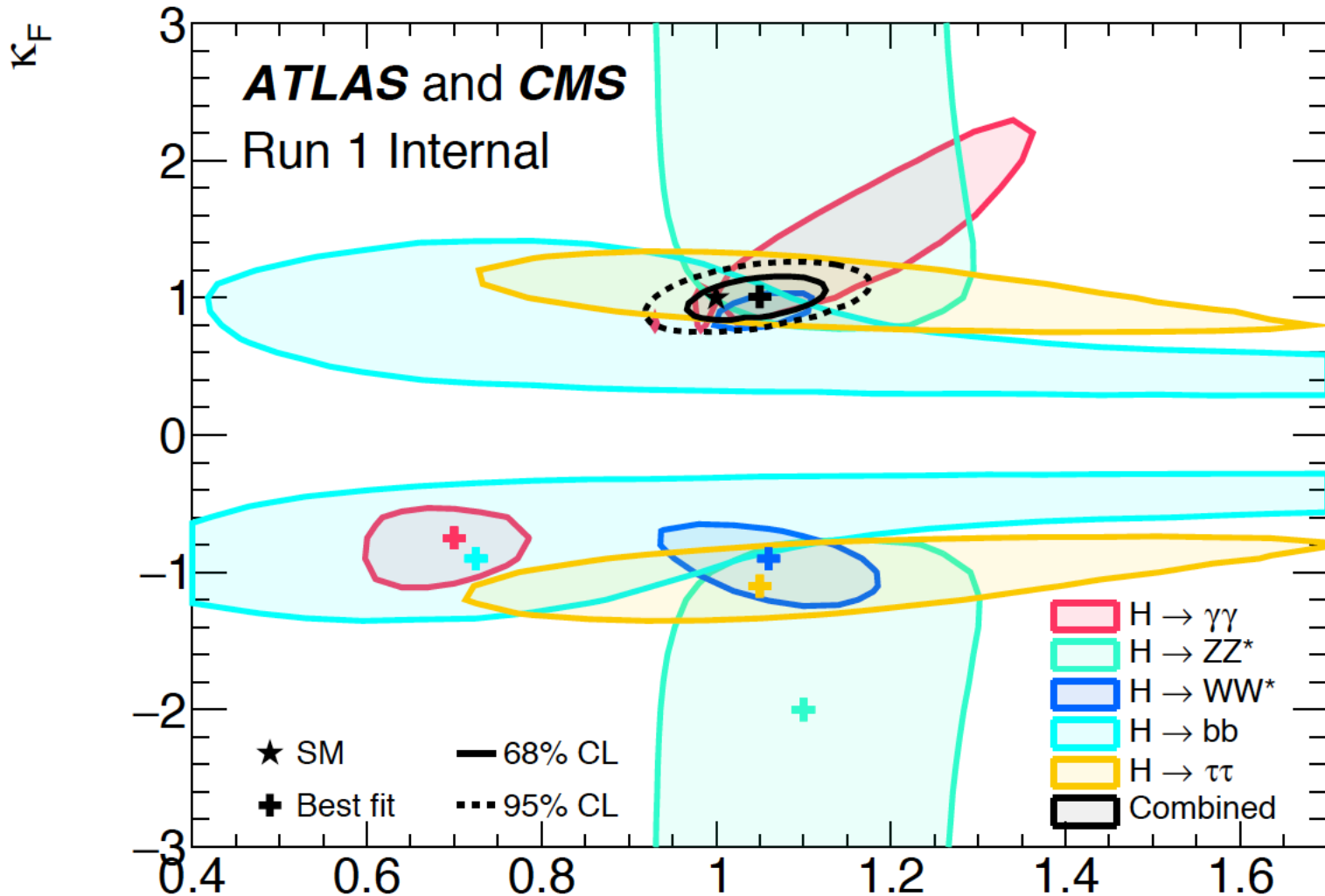
# PL in obtaining the Couplings

$$\Lambda(\kappa_F, \kappa_V) = \frac{L(\kappa_F, \kappa_V, \hat{\theta}(\kappa_F, \kappa_V))}{L(\hat{\kappa}_F, \hat{\kappa}_V, \hat{\theta})}$$



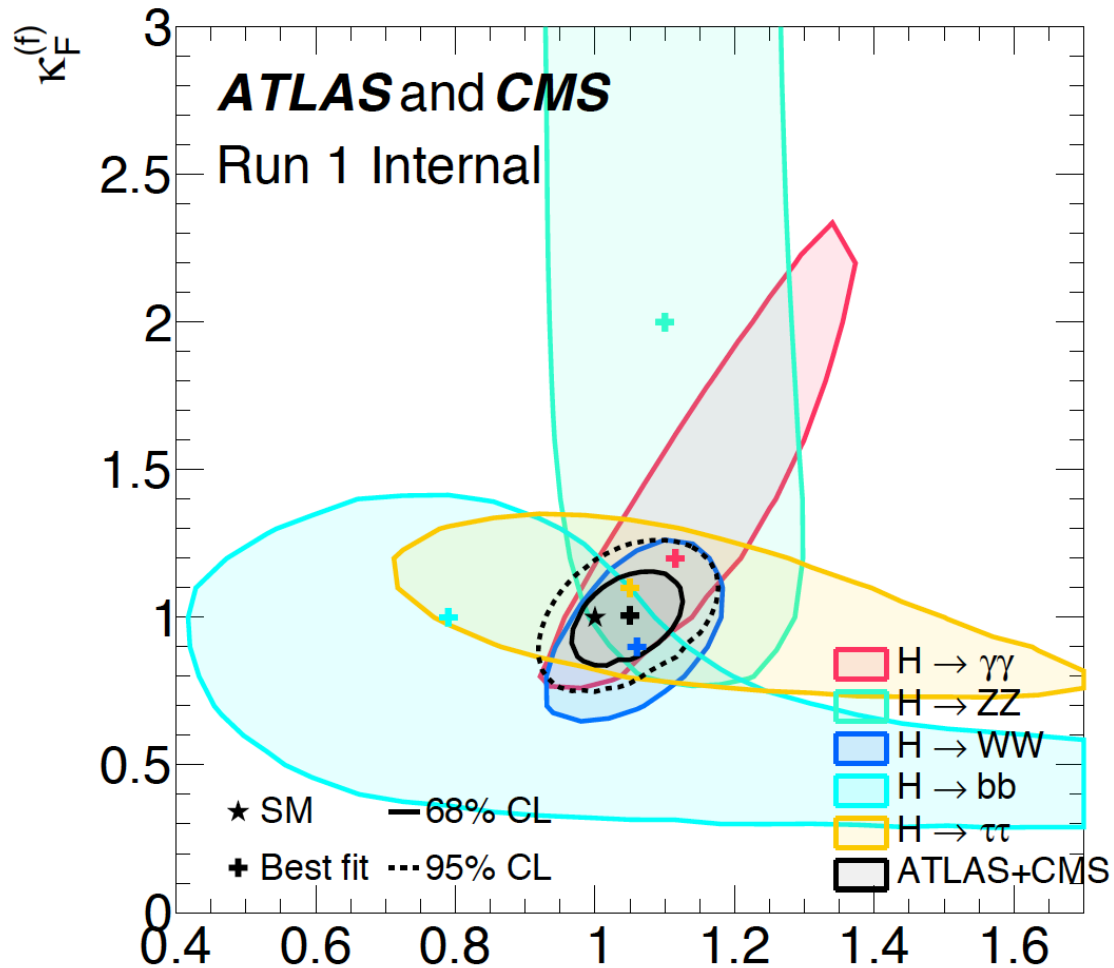
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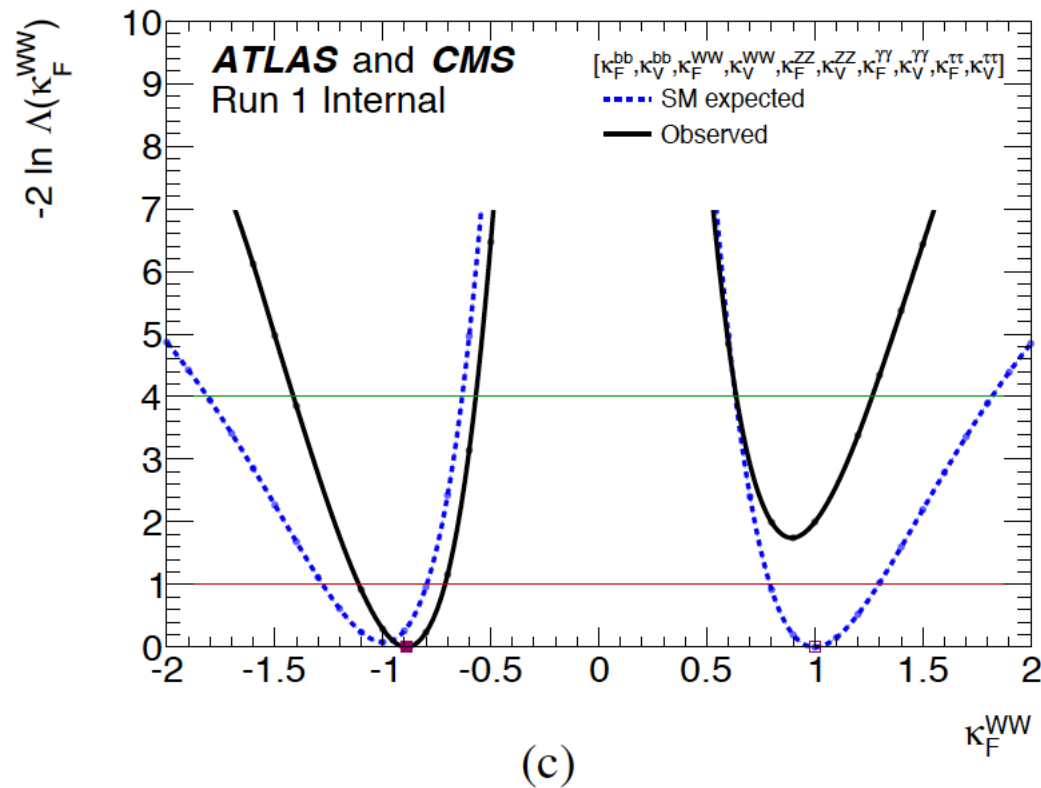
When constraining to positive couplings, the WW gains the full CI



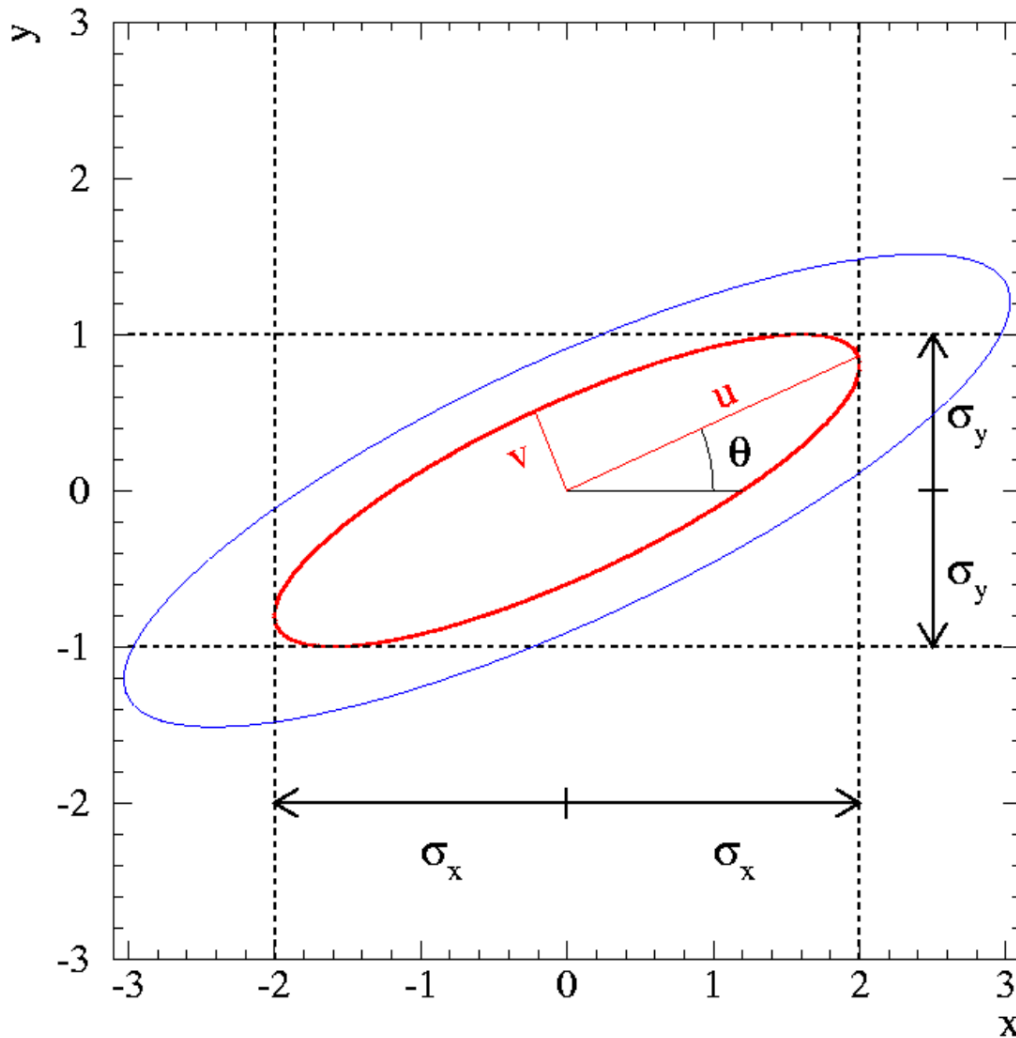
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Is not  
2D CI



# 1D vs 2D Confidence Interval



$$\Delta\chi^2 = 1$$

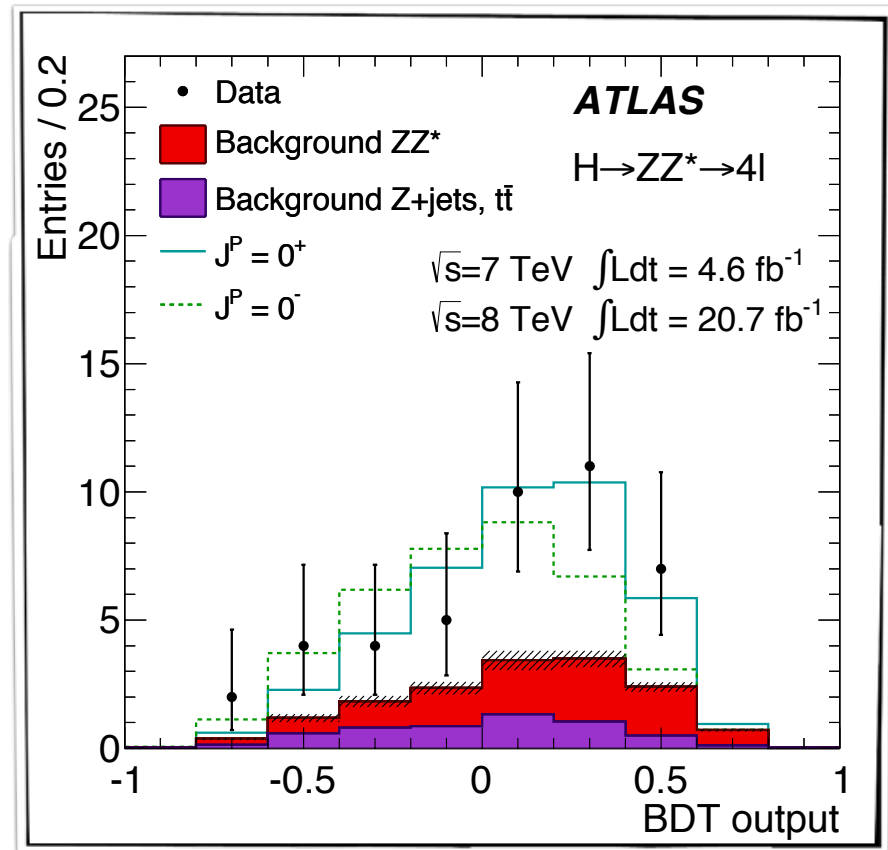
$$\Delta\chi^2 = 2.3 \quad (68\% \text{ CL})$$

# Application of CIs and $q^{NP}$ test statistic

$$q^{NP} = -2 \ln \frac{L(H_0)}{L(H_1)} = \sum_{bins} -2 \ln \frac{L_i(0^+)}{L_i(0^-)}$$

$$L_i(0^+) = \text{Pois}(n_i; n_i^{0+}) = \frac{(n_i^{0+})^{n_i} e^{-n_i^{0+}}}{n_i!}$$

Can you tell  
 $0^+$  from  $0^-$ ?



# Test Spin 0 parity

$$H_0 = 0^+$$

$$H_1 = 0^-$$

$$q^{NP} = -2 \ln \frac{L(H_0)}{L(H_1)}$$

$$p_{H_1}(\text{exp} | H_0) = 0.37\%$$

$$p_{H_1}(\text{obs}) = 1.5\%$$

$$p_{H_0}(\text{obs}) = 31\%$$

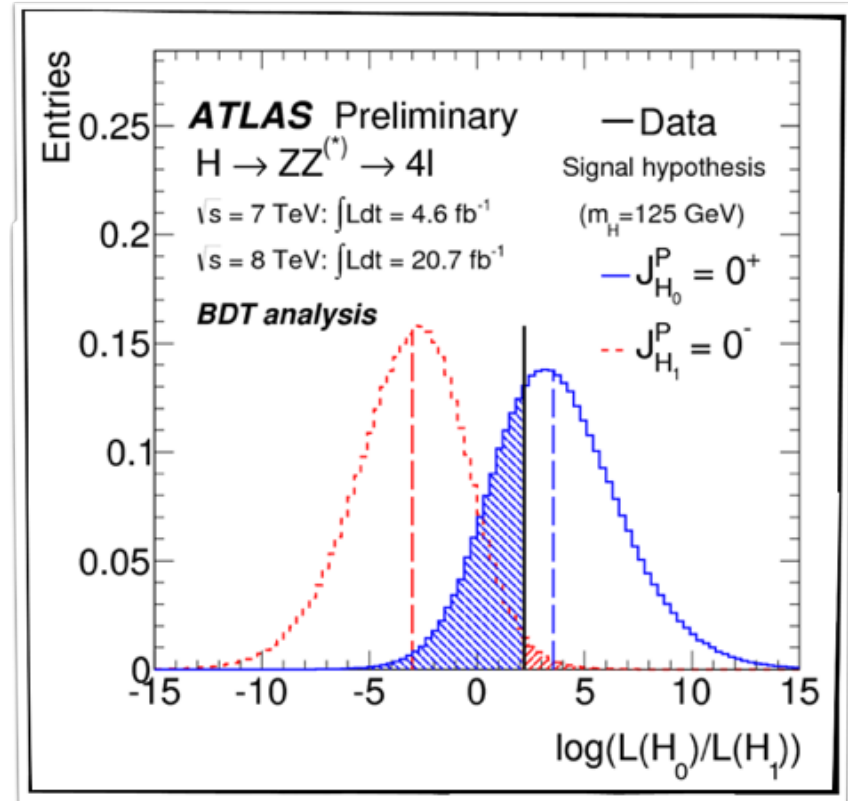
$$p_{H_1}^{CL_s}(\text{obs}) = 2.2\%$$

$$p_{H_1}^{CL_s} = \frac{p_{H_1}}{1 - p_{H_0}} = \frac{1.5\%}{1 - 0.31} = 2.2\%$$

Which means

$J^{p=0^-}$  is excluded at the

97.8% CL in favour of  $J^{p=0^+}$



*$H_1$  like*

*$H_0$  like*



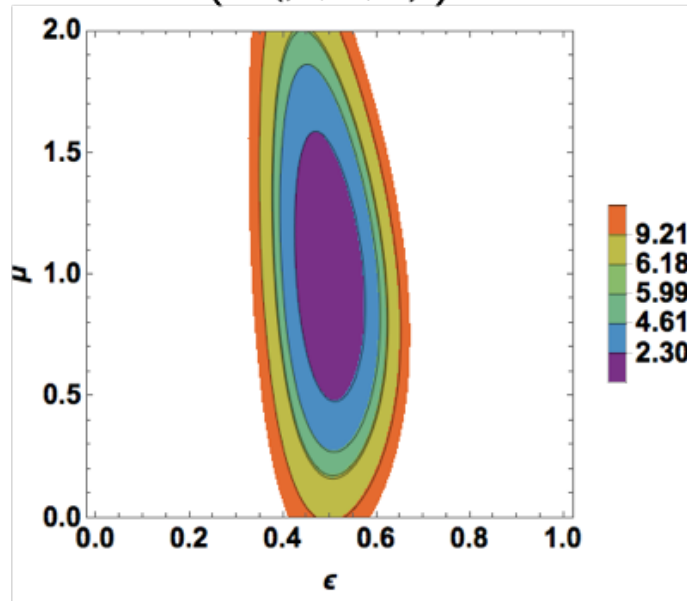
# Multidimensional PL





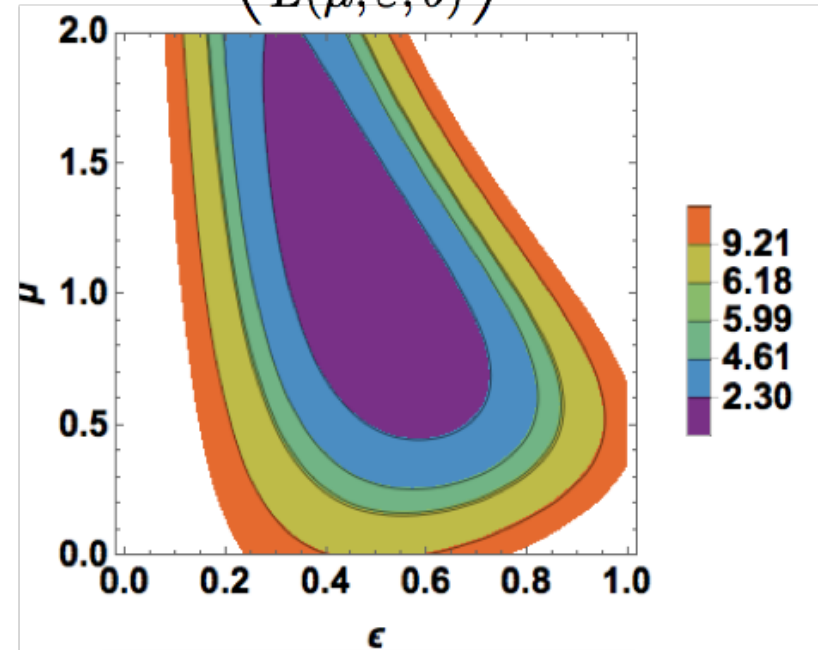
# A toy case with 2 poi

$$-2\log\left(\frac{L(\mu, \varepsilon, \hat{b})}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\varepsilon}, \hat{b})}\right)$$



background = 100  
signal = 90  
 $\varepsilon = 0.5$   
 $\sigma_\varepsilon = \mathbf{0.05}$   
 $\sigma_b = 20$

$$-2\log\left(\frac{L(\mu, \varepsilon, \hat{b})}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\varepsilon}, \hat{b})}\right)$$



background = 100  
signal = 90  
 $\varepsilon = 0.5$   
 $\sigma_\varepsilon = \mathbf{0.15}$   
 $\sigma_b = 10$

# A toy case with 1-3 poi

3 cases studied

1poi:  $\mu$  while  $\epsilon, A, b$  profiled

2poi:  $\mu, \epsilon$  profile  $A$  and  $b$

3poi:  $\mu, \epsilon, A$  profile  $b$

$$n = \mu \epsilon A s + b$$

$$L = L(\mu, \epsilon, A, b)$$

$$L(\mu, \epsilon, A) = \frac{(\mu \epsilon A s + b)^n}{n!} e^{-(\mu \epsilon A s + b)} \frac{1}{\sigma_\epsilon \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(\epsilon_{meas} - \epsilon)^2 / 2\sigma_\epsilon^2} \frac{1}{\sigma_b \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(b_{meas} - b)^2 / 2\sigma_b^2} \frac{1}{\sigma_A \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(A_{meas} - A)^2 / 2\sigma_A^2}$$

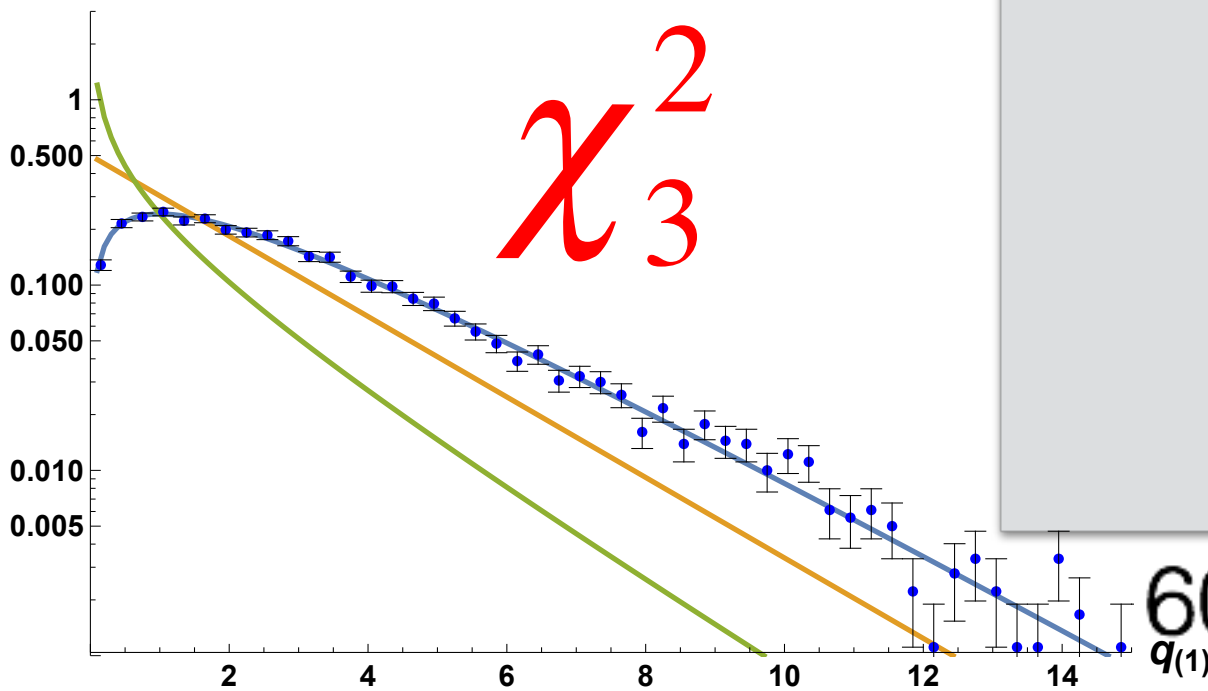


# A toy case with 3 poi

$$L(\mu, \varepsilon, A) = \frac{(\mu \varepsilon A s + b)^n}{n!} e^{-(\mu \varepsilon A s + b)} \frac{1}{\sigma_\varepsilon \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(\varepsilon_{meas} - \varepsilon)^2 / 2\sigma_\varepsilon^2} \frac{1}{\sigma_b \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(b_{meas} - b)^2 / 2\sigma_b^2} \frac{1}{\sigma_A \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(A_{meas} - A)^2 / 2\sigma_A^2}$$

three parameters of interest (profiling only b)  
 non-profiled parameters set to their real value

$f(q_{(1)} | \mu=1)$



—  $\chi^2(n_{\text{dof}}=3)$  —  $\chi^2(n_{\text{dof}}=2)$   
 —  $\chi^2(n_{\text{dof}}=1)$

background = 100

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$\sigma_\varepsilon = \mathbf{0.05}$

$\sigma_b = 10$

$\sigma_A = \mathbf{0.2}$

6000 events



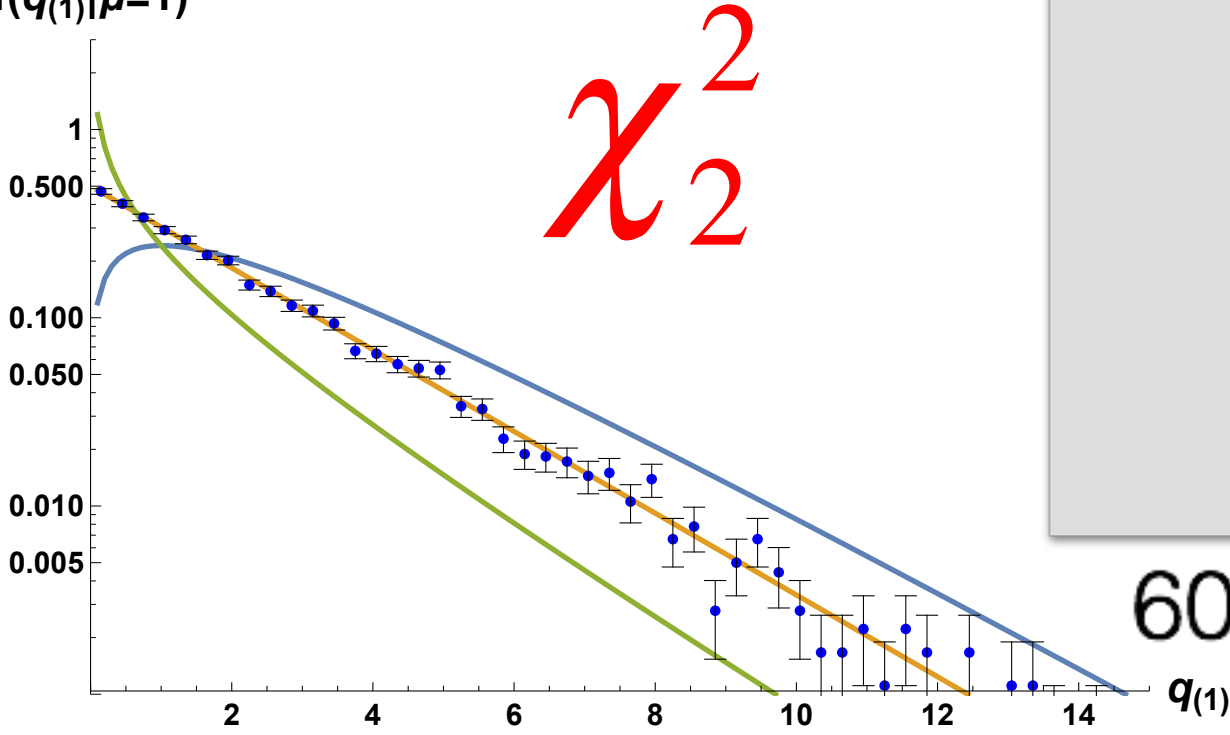
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two parameters of interest (profiling A and b)  
 non-profiled parameters set to their real value

background = 100  
 signal = 90  
 $\varepsilon = 0.5$   
 $A = 0.7$   
**= 0.05**  
**= 10**  
**= 0.2**

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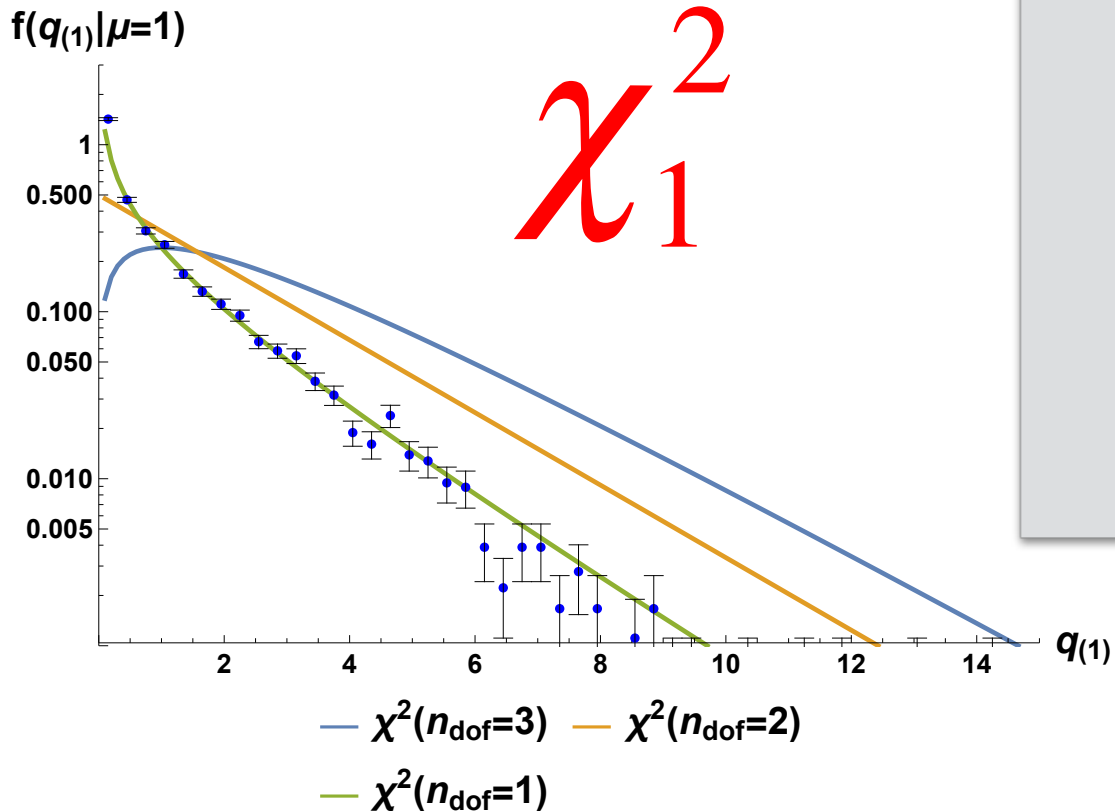
6000 events



# A toy case with 1 poi

$$L(\mu, \varepsilon, A) = \frac{(\mu \varepsilon A s + b)^n}{n!} e^{-(\mu \varepsilon A s + b)} \frac{1}{\sigma_\varepsilon \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(\varepsilon_{meas} - \varepsilon)^2 / 2\sigma_\varepsilon^2} \frac{1}{\sigma_b \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(b_{meas} - b)^2 / 2\sigma_b^2} \frac{1}{\sigma_A \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(A_{meas} - A)^2 / 2\sigma_A^2}$$

one parameter of interest (profiling  $\varepsilon$   $A$  and  $b$ )  
 non-profiled parameters set to their real value



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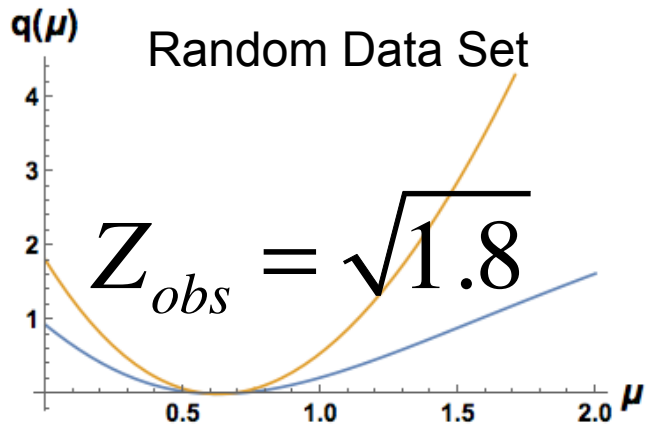


# Significance

random data set

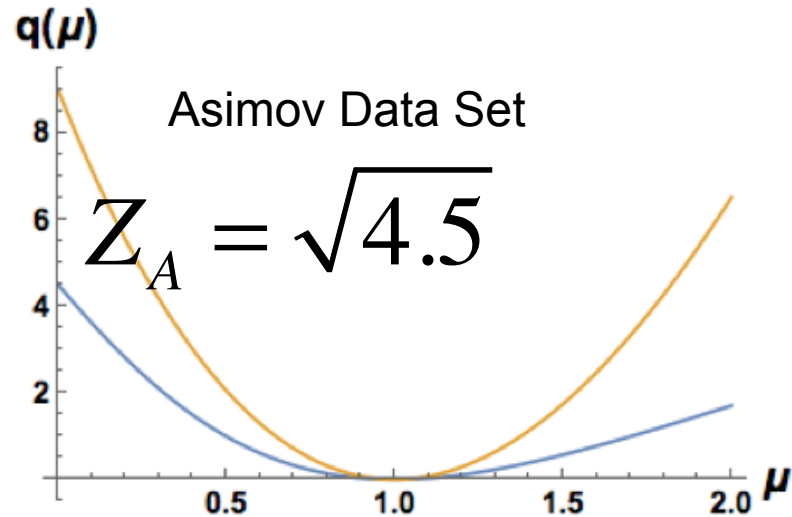
$b_{\text{meas}} = 106.84$   
 $\epsilon_{\text{meas}} = 0.523$   
 $A_{\text{meas}} = 0.477$   
 $\mu_{\text{meas}} = 0.629$   
 $n_{\text{meas}} = 121$

For the fixed data set  
 The Nuisance Parameters  
 Are fixed to their nominal values.  
 The likelihood are more parabolic,  
 yet, never symmetric  
 The asymptotocs hold!



— Profiled  
 — Fixed  $A = A_{\text{meas}}, b = b_{\text{meas}}, \epsilon = \epsilon_{\text{meas}}$

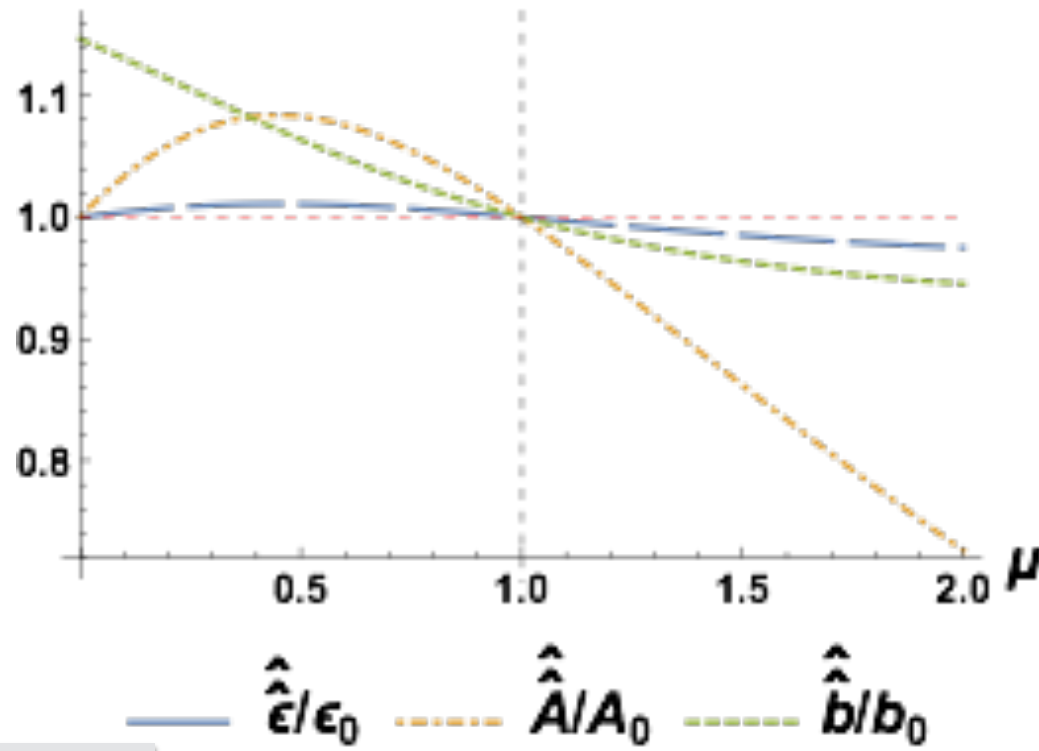
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— Profiled  
 — Fixed  $A = A_0, b = b_0, \epsilon = \epsilon_0$



# Asimov Data Set



background = 100

signal = 90

$\epsilon = 0.5$

$A = 0.7$

$\sigma_{\epsilon} = 0.05$

$\sigma_b = 10$

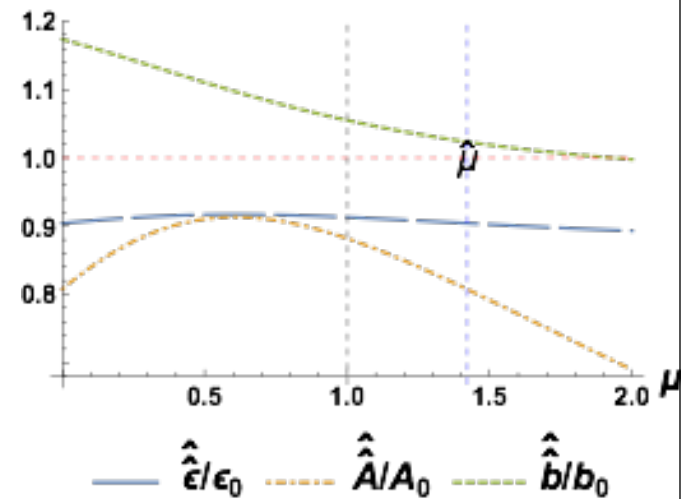
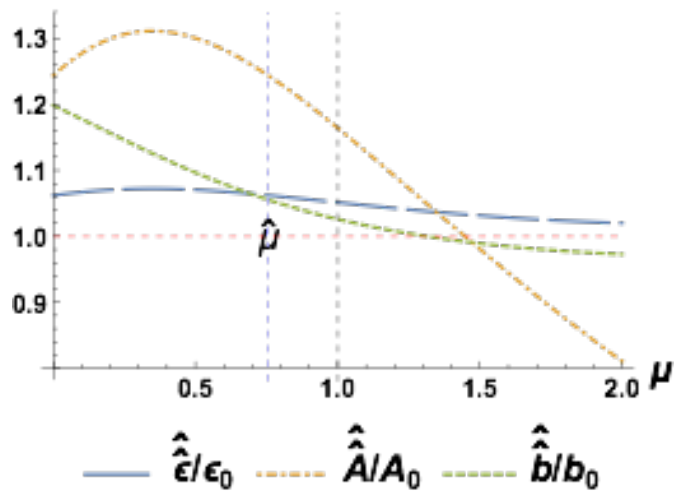
$\sigma_A = 0.2$

# Random Data Set (with signal)

$n_{\text{meas}} = 137$   
 $b_{\text{meas}} = 105.533$   
 $\epsilon_{\text{meas}} = 0.531025$   
 $A_{\text{meas}} = 0.870554$   
 $\mu_{\text{meas}} = 0.756304$

background = 100  
 signal = 90  
 $\epsilon = 0.5$   
 $A = 0.7$   
 $\sigma_{\epsilon} = 0.05$   
 $\sigma_b = 10$   
 $\sigma_A = 0.2$

$n_{\text{meas}} = 135$   
 $b_{\text{meas}} = 102.337$   
 $\epsilon_{\text{meas}} = 0.452067$   
 $A_{\text{meas}} = 0.565271$   
 $\mu_{\text{meas}} = 1.42021$



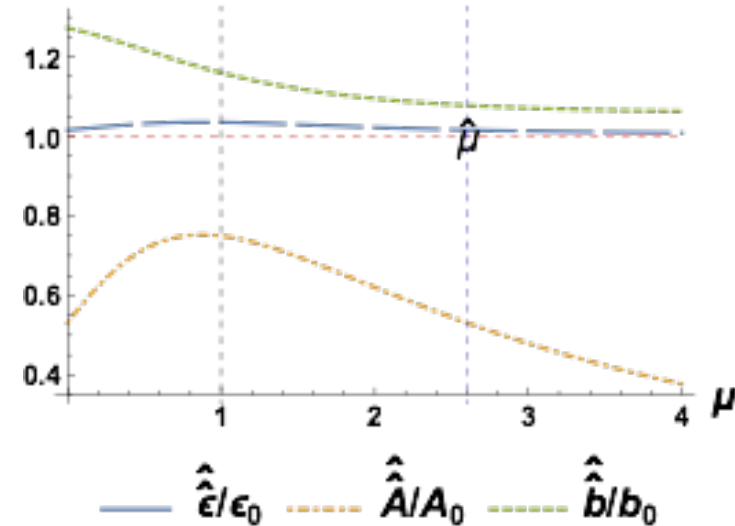
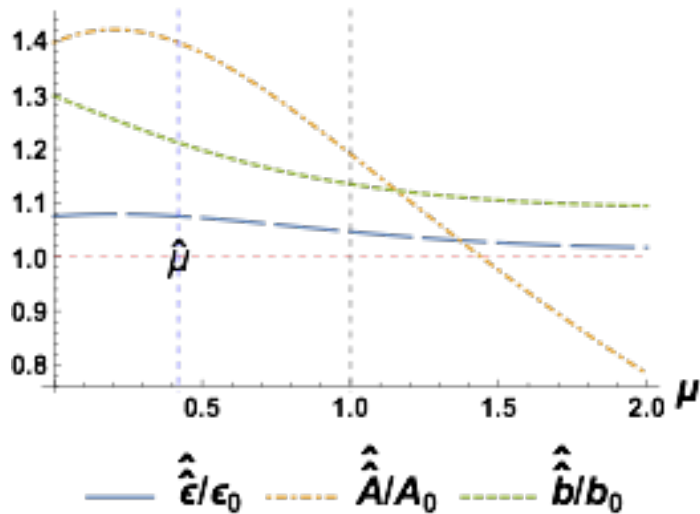


# Random Data Set (with signal)

$n_{\text{meas}} = 141$   
 $b_{\text{meas}} = 121.143$   
 $\epsilon_{\text{meas}} = 0.53765$   
 $A_{\text{meas}} = 0.977535$   
 $\mu_{\text{meas}} = 0.419804$

background = 100  
 signal = 90  
 $\epsilon = 0.5$   
 $A = 0.7$   
 $\sigma_{\epsilon} = 0.05$   
 $\sigma_b = 10$   
 $\sigma_A = 0.2$

$n_{\text{meas}} = 152$   
 $b_{\text{meas}} = 107.781$   
 $\epsilon_{\text{meas}} = 0.507957$   
 $A_{\text{meas}} = 0.371606$   
 $\mu_{\text{meas}} = 2.60291$



# Pulls and Ranking of NPs

The pull of  $\theta_i$  is given by  $\frac{\hat{\theta}_i - \theta_{0,i}}{\sigma_0}$

without constraint  $\sigma\left(\frac{\hat{\theta}_i - \theta_{0,i}}{\sigma_0}\right) = 1$   $\left\langle \frac{\hat{\theta}_i - \theta_{0,i}}{\sigma_0} \right\rangle = 0$

It's a good habit to look at the pulls of the NPs and make sure that Nothing irregular is seen

In particular one would like to guarantee that the fits do not over constrain A NP in a non sensible way

# Asimov

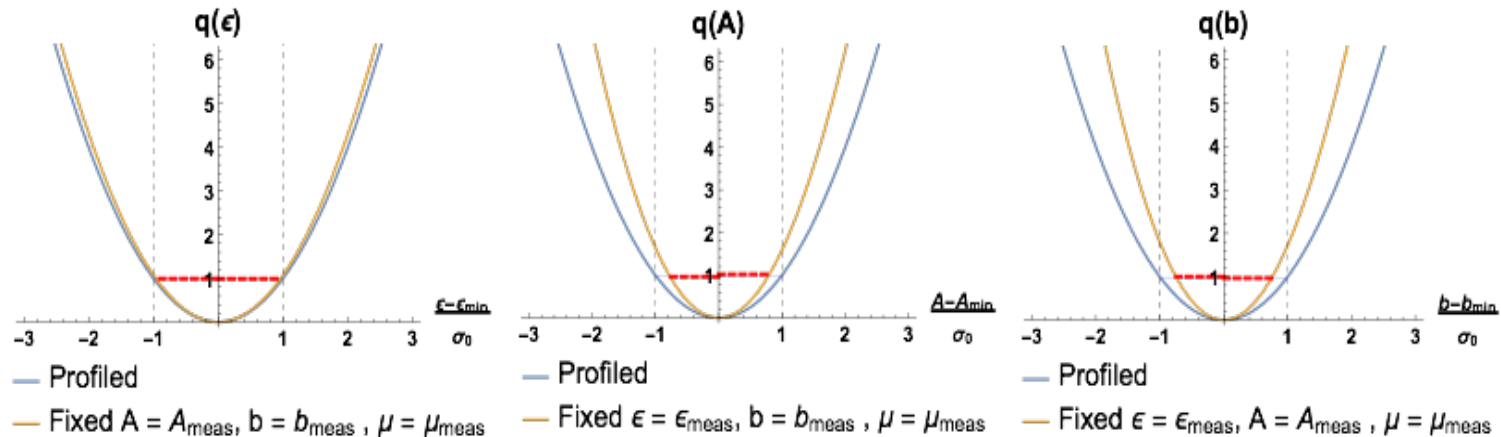
$b_{\text{meas}} = 100$   
 $\epsilon_{\text{meas}} = 0.5$   
 $A_{\text{meas}} = 0.7$   
 $\mu_{\text{meas}} = 1$   
 $n_{\text{meas}} = \mu \epsilon A + b = 131.5$

reminder:  
 $b_0 = 100$   
 $\epsilon_0 = 0.5$   
 $A_0 = 0.7$   
 $\mu_0 = 1$   
 $n_0 = 131.5$   
 signal = 90

$\sigma$   
 $\sigma_\epsilon = 0.05$   
 $\sigma_b = 10$   
 $\sigma_A = 0.2$

To get the pulls:

- scan  $q(\epsilon)$
- Find  $\hat{\epsilon}$
- Find  $\sigma_\epsilon^+$  and  $\sigma_\epsilon^-$  i.e. the positive and negative error bar substituting  $q(\epsilon) = 1$



With the Asimov data sets we find perfect pulls for the profiled scans  
 But not for the fix scans!



# Random Data Set

$$n_{\text{meas}} = 132$$

$$b_{\text{meas}} = 103.208$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{meas}} = 0.465459$$

$$A_{\text{meas}} = 0.487107$$

$$\mu_{\text{meas}} = 1.41099$$

reminder:

$$b_0 = 100$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 0.5$$

$$A_0 = 0.7$$

$$\mu_0 = 1$$

$$n_0 = 131.5$$

$$\text{signal} = 90$$

$\sigma$

0

$$\sigma_{\epsilon} = 0.05$$

$$\sigma_b = 10$$

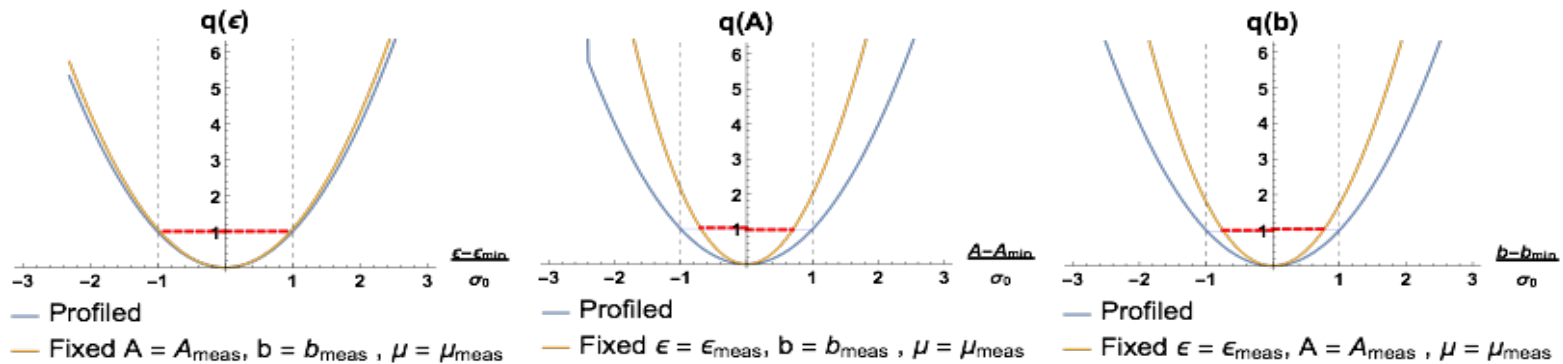
$$\sigma_A = 0.2$$

To get the pulls:

-scan  $q(\epsilon)$

-Find  $\hat{\epsilon}$

-Find  $\sigma_{\epsilon}^+$  and  $\sigma_{\epsilon}^-$  i.e. the positive and negative error bar substituting  $q(\epsilon) = 1$



With the random data sets we find perfect pulls for the profiled scans  
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# Back to Asimov: Find the Impact of a NP

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_{\text{meas}} &= 100 \\
 \epsilon_{\text{meas}} &= 0.5 \\
 A_{\text{meas}} &= 0.7 \\
 \mu_{\text{meas}} &= 1 \\
 n_{\text{meas}} &= \mu \epsilon A + b = 131.5
 \end{aligned}$$

reminder:

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_0 &= 100 \\
 \epsilon_0 &= 0.5 \\
 A_0 &= 0.7 \\
 \mu_0 &= 1 \\
 n_0 &= 131.5 \\
 \text{signal} &= 90
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma \\
 0 \\
 \sigma_{\epsilon} &= 0.05 \\
 \sigma_b &= 10 \\
 \sigma_A &= 0.2
 \end{aligned}$$

To get the impact of a Nuisance Parameter in order to rank them:

Say we want the impact of  $\epsilon$

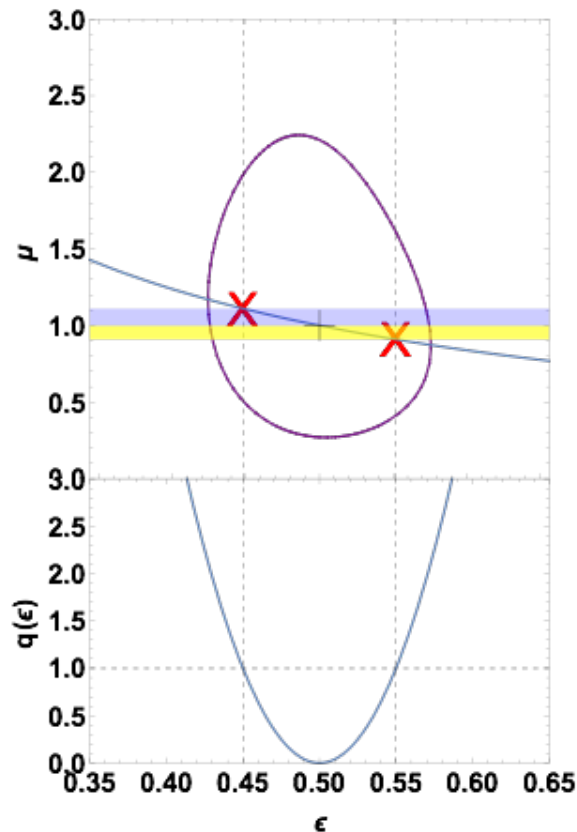
–Scan  $q(\epsilon)$ , profiling all other NPs

–Find  $\hat{\epsilon}$

–(note that  $\hat{\mu}_{\epsilon} = \hat{\mu}$ )

–Find  $\hat{\mu}_{\hat{\epsilon} \pm \sigma_{\epsilon}^{\pm}} = \hat{\mu}_{\hat{\epsilon} \pm \sigma_{\epsilon}^{\pm}}$

–The impact is given by  $\Delta\mu^{\pm} = \hat{\mu}_{\hat{\epsilon} \pm \sigma_{\epsilon}^{\pm}} - \hat{\mu}$



# Random Data Set: Find the Impact of NP

$n_{\text{meas}} = 132$   
 $b_{\text{meas}} = 103.208$   
 $\epsilon_{\text{meas}} = 0.465459$   
 $A_{\text{meas}} = 0.487107$   
 $\mu_{\text{meas}} = 1.41099$

reminder:  
 $b_0 = 100$   
 $\epsilon_0 = 0.5$   
 $A_0 = 0.7$   
 $\mu_0 = 1$   
 $n_0 = 131.5$   
 signal = 90

$\sigma$   
 $\sigma_\epsilon = 0.05$   
 $\sigma_b = 10$   
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To get the impact of a Nuisance Parameter in order to rank them:

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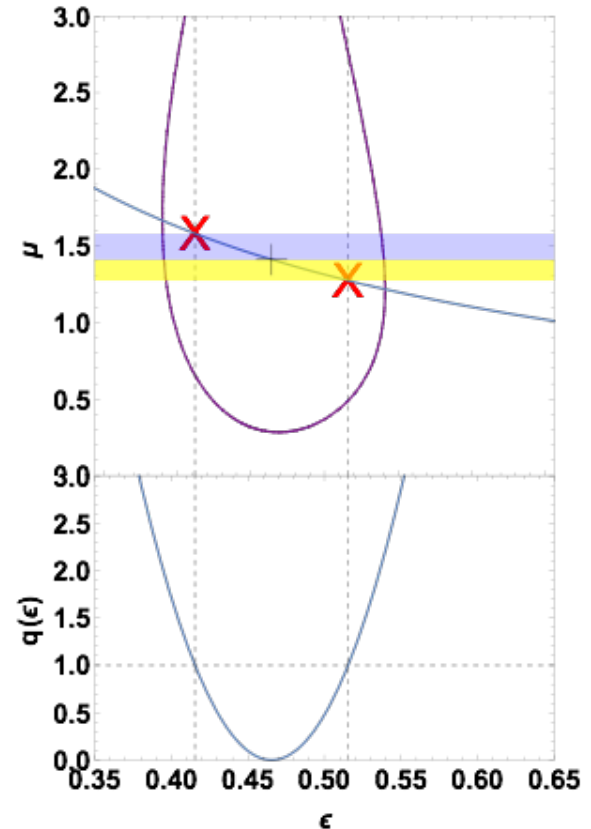
– Scan  $q(\epsilon)$ , profiling all other NPs

– Find  $\hat{\epsilon}$

– (note that  $\hat{\mu}_\epsilon = \hat{\mu}$ )

– Find  $\hat{\mu}_{\hat{\epsilon} \pm \sigma_\epsilon^\pm} = \hat{\mu}_{\hat{\epsilon} \pm \sigma_\epsilon^\pm}$

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# Asimov: SUMMARY of Pulls and Impact

$$b_{\text{meas}} = 100$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{meas}} = 0.5$$

$$A_{\text{meas}} = 0.7$$

$$\mu_{\text{meas}} = 1$$

$$n_{\text{meas}} = \mu s \epsilon A + b = 131.5$$

reminder:

$$b_0 = 100$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 0.5$$

$$A_0 = 0.7$$

$$\mu_0 = 1$$

$$n_0 = 131.5$$

$$\text{signal} = 90$$

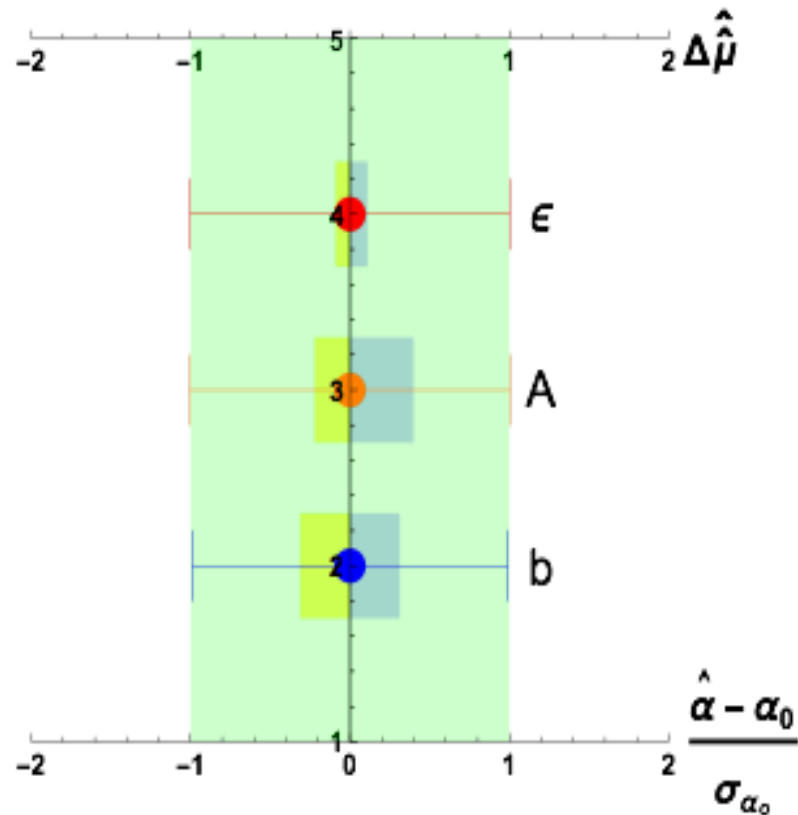
$\sigma$

0

$$\sigma_{\epsilon} = 0.05$$

$$\sigma_b = 10$$

$$\sigma_A = 0.2$$



negative correlation  
positive correlation



# Random Data Set: SUMMARY of Pulls and Impact

$n_{\text{meas}} = 132$   
 $b_{\text{meas}} = 103.208$   
 $\epsilon_{\text{meas}} = 0.465459$   
 $A_{\text{meas}} = 0.487107$   
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reminder:

$b_0 = 100$   
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 $A_0 = 0.7$   
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 $n_0 = 131.5$   
 signal = 90

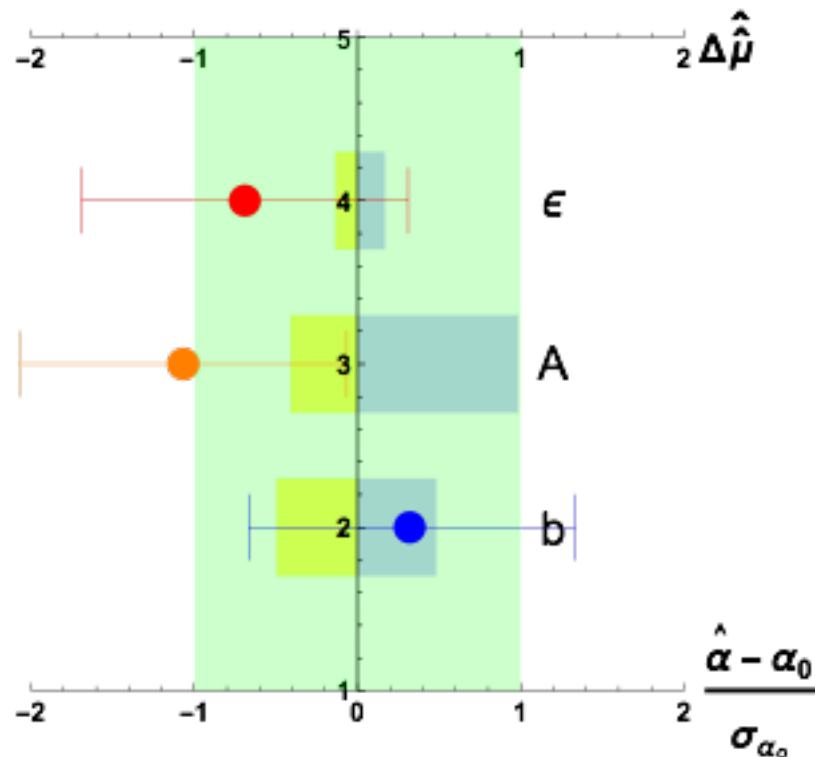
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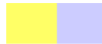

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$$\sigma_{\epsilon} = 0.05$$

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 negative correlation  
 positive correlation



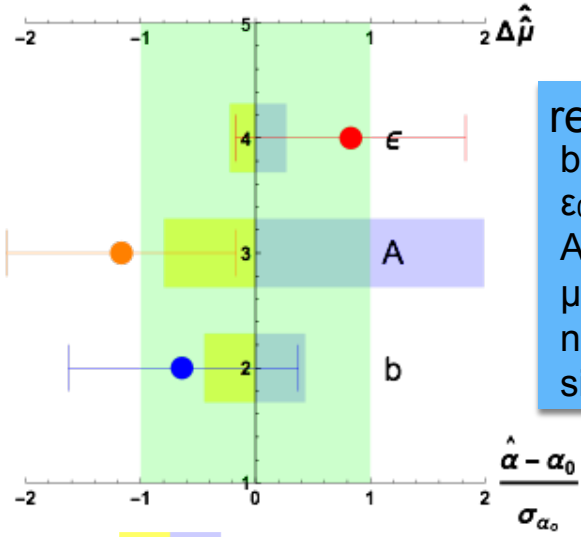


# Pulls and Impacts: More examples

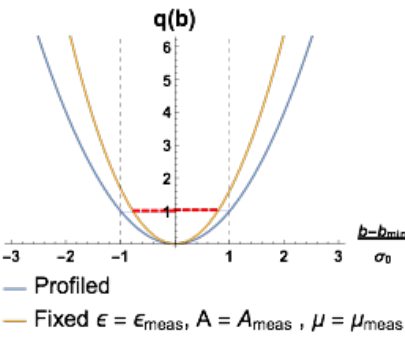
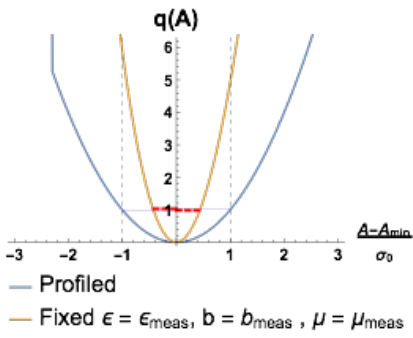
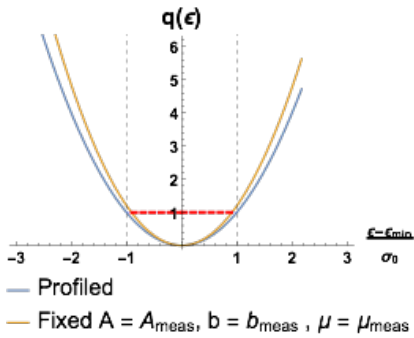
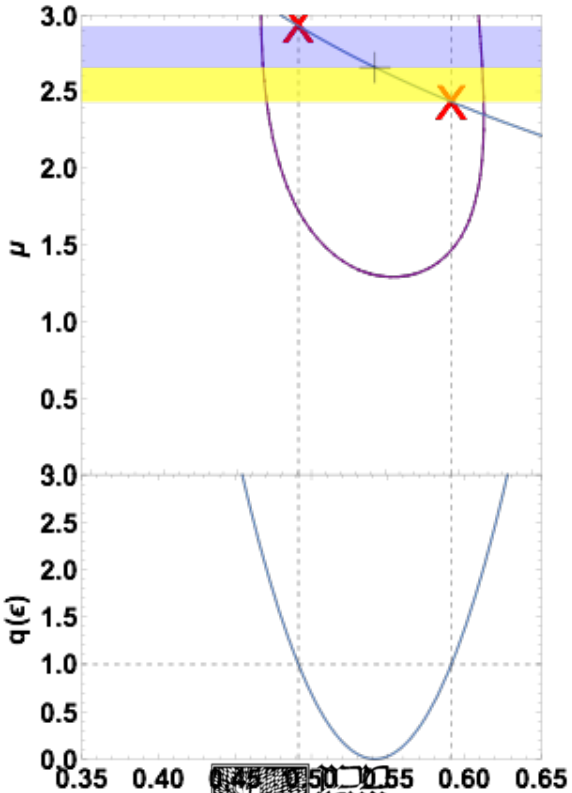


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 $\epsilon_{\text{meas}} = 0.541389$   
 $A_{\text{meas}} = 0.465922$   
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$\sigma$   
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 $\sigma_b = 10$   
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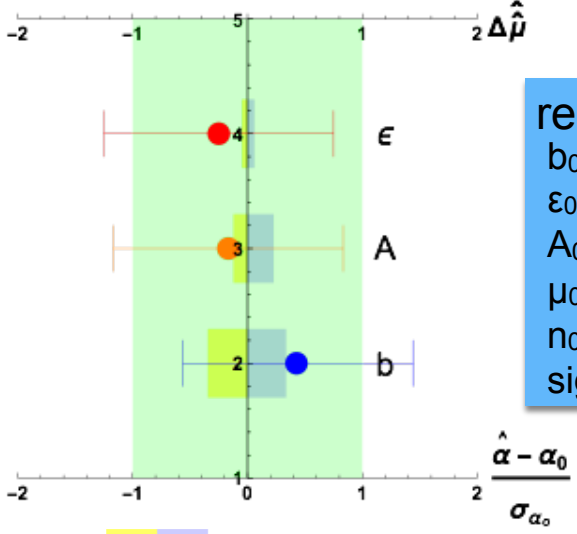


reminder:  
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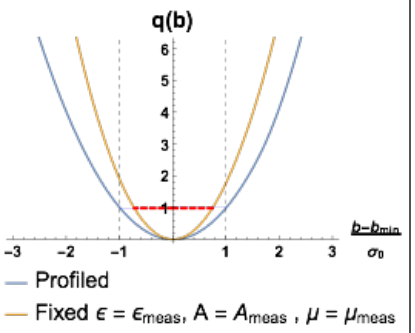
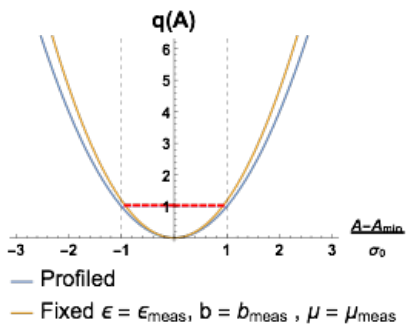
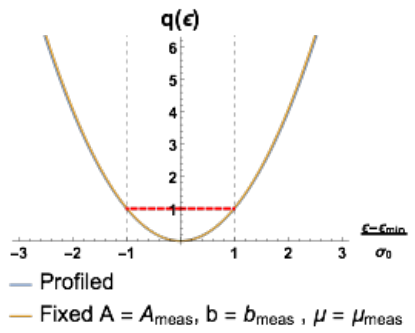
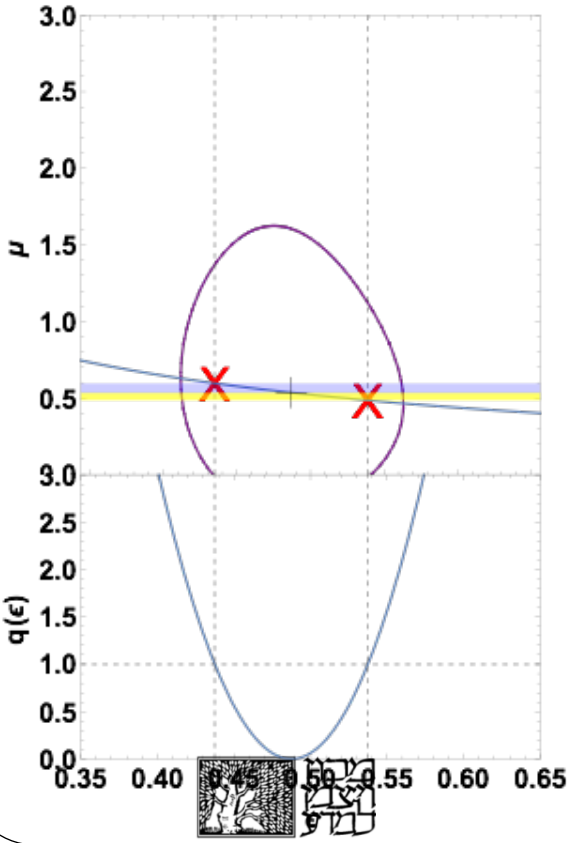


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 $A_{\text{meas}} = 0.666568$   
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$\sigma$   
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 $\sigma_b = 10$   
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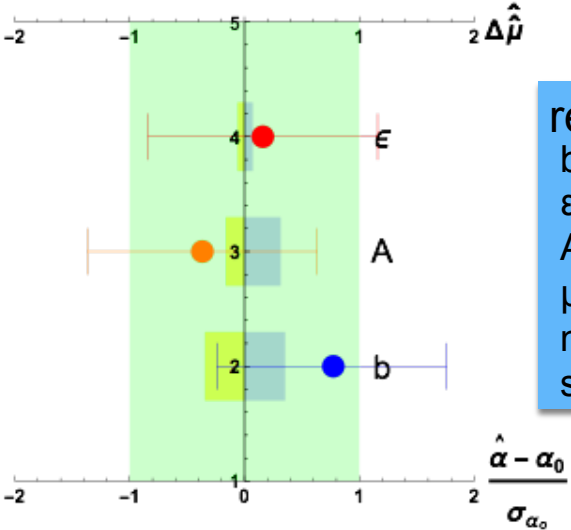


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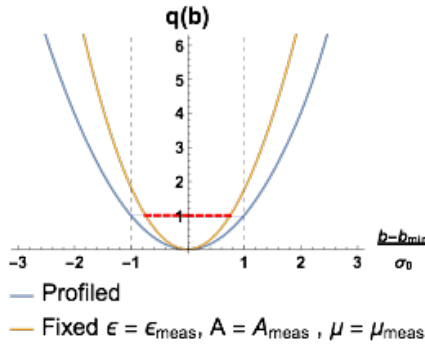
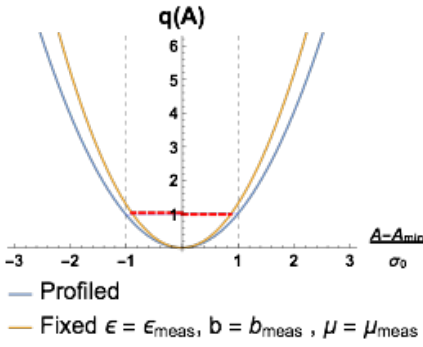
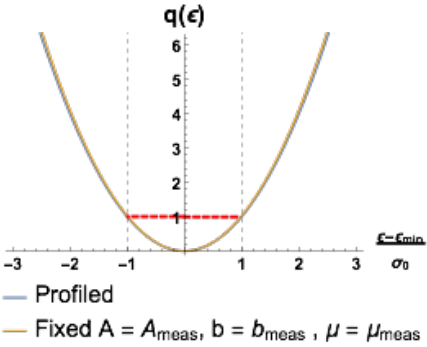
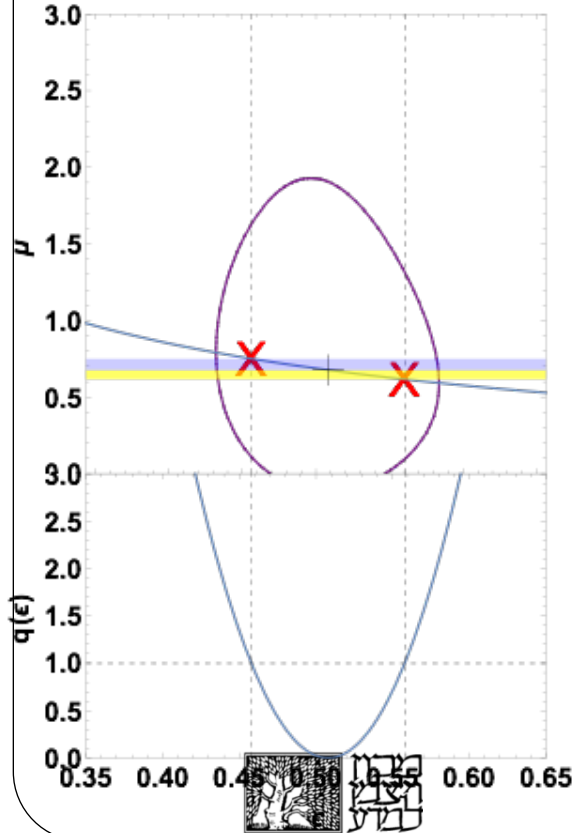
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$\sigma$   
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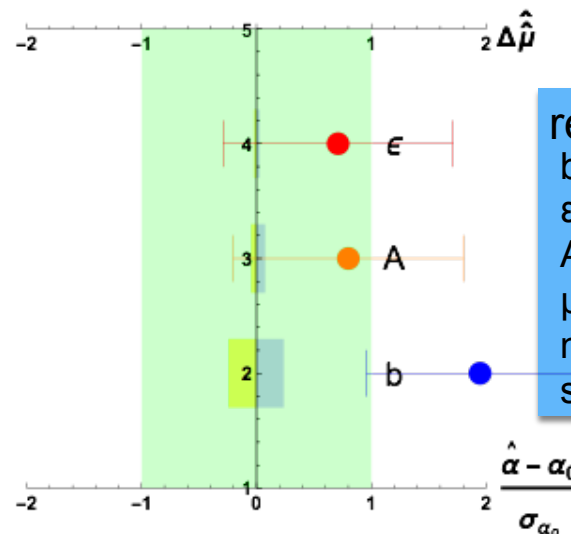
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negative correlation  
 positive correlation

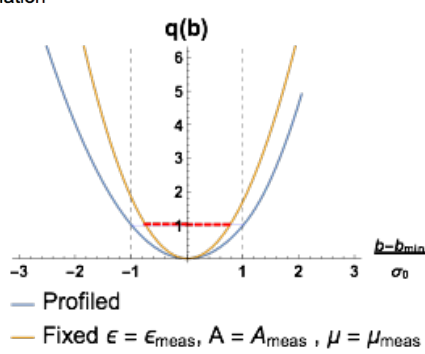
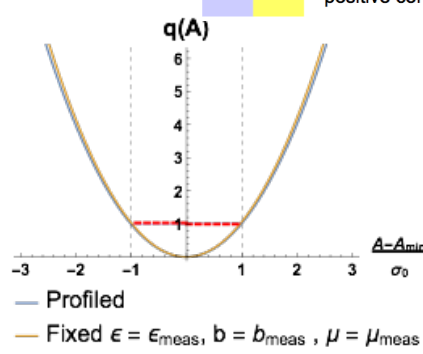
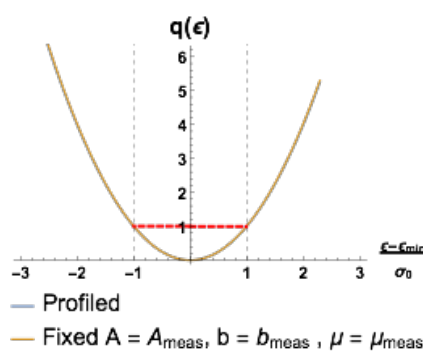
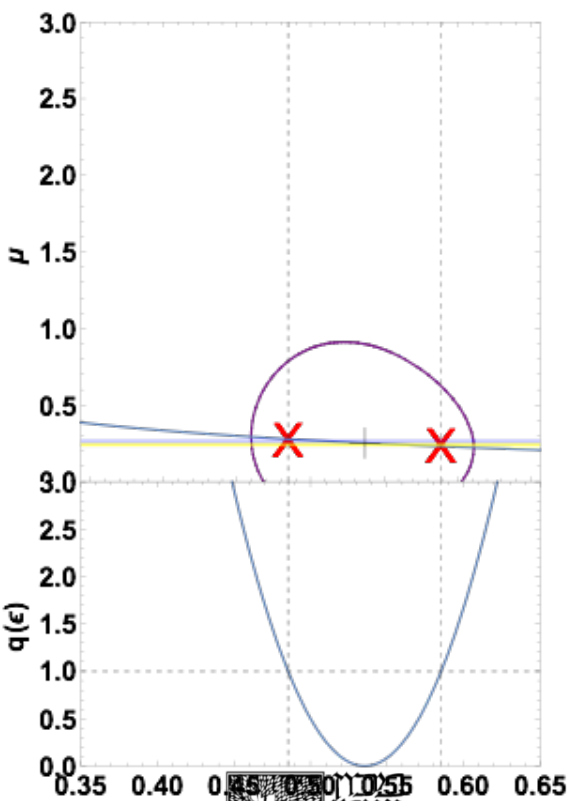


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 $\epsilon_{\text{meas}} = 0.535367$   
 $A_{\text{meas}} = 0.858264$   
 $\mu_{\text{meas}} = 0.252421$

$\sigma$   
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 $\sigma_{\epsilon} = 0.05$   
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reminder:  
 $b_0 = 100$   
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 $n_0 = 131.5$   
 signal = 90



# Real Examples

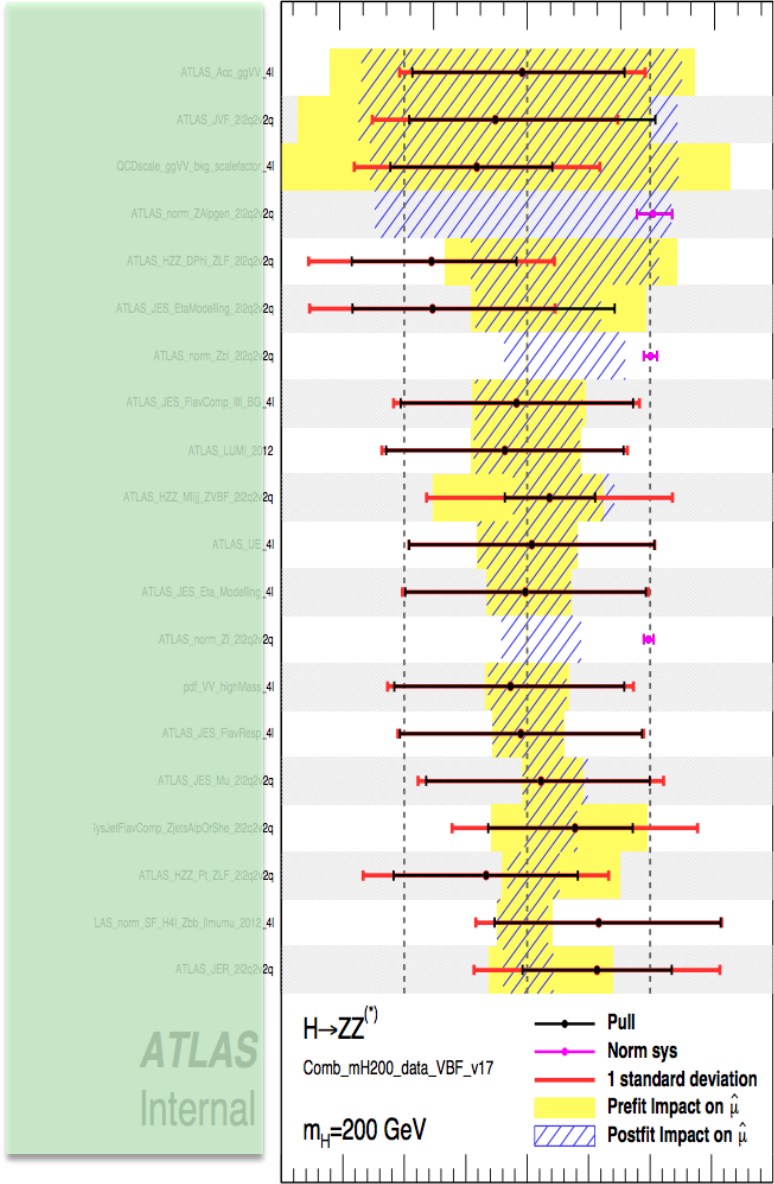
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# Data

$$\Delta\hat{\mu}_{\text{VBF}}$$

-0.04 -0.02 0 0.02 0.04



-2 -1.5 -1 -0.5 0 0.5 1 1.5 2

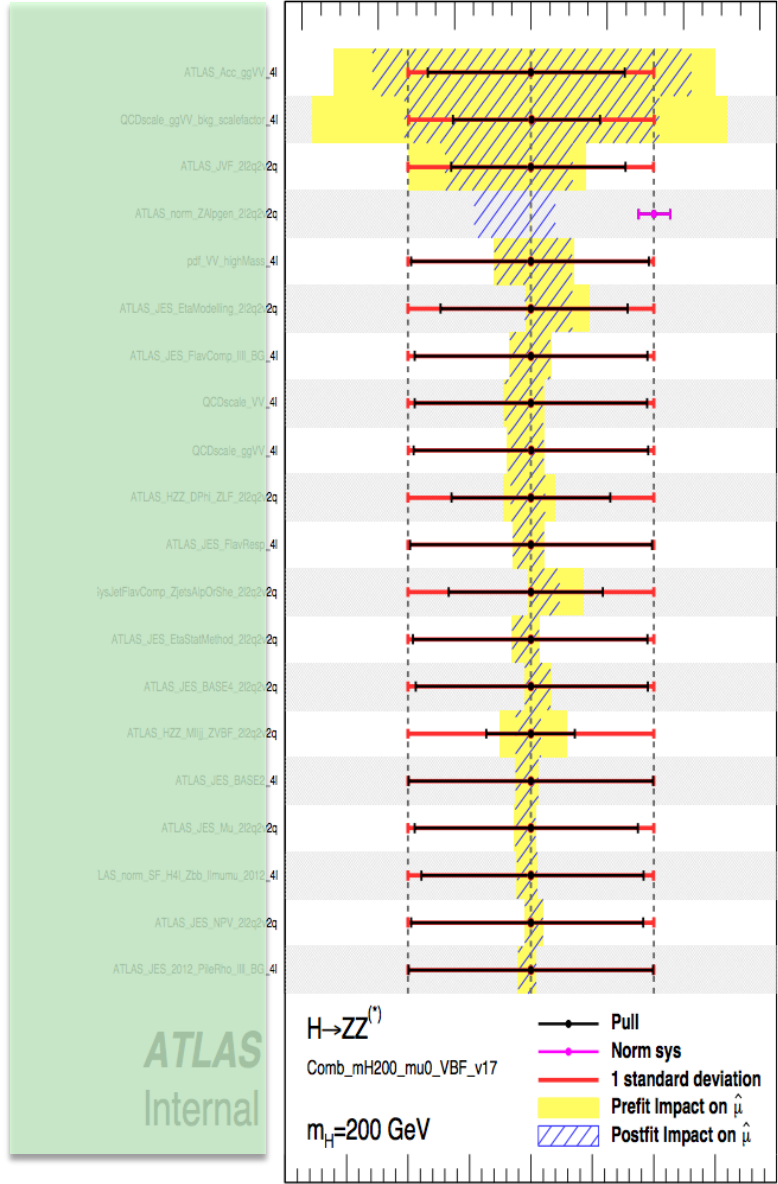
$(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) / \Delta\theta$

# Asimov

$$\mu_{\text{ggF}} = \mu_{\text{VBF}} = 0$$

$$\Delta\hat{\mu}_{\text{VBF}}$$

-0.06 -0.04 -0.02 0 0.02 0.04 0.06



-2 -1.5 -1 -0.5 0 0.5 1 1.5 2

$(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) / \Delta\theta$

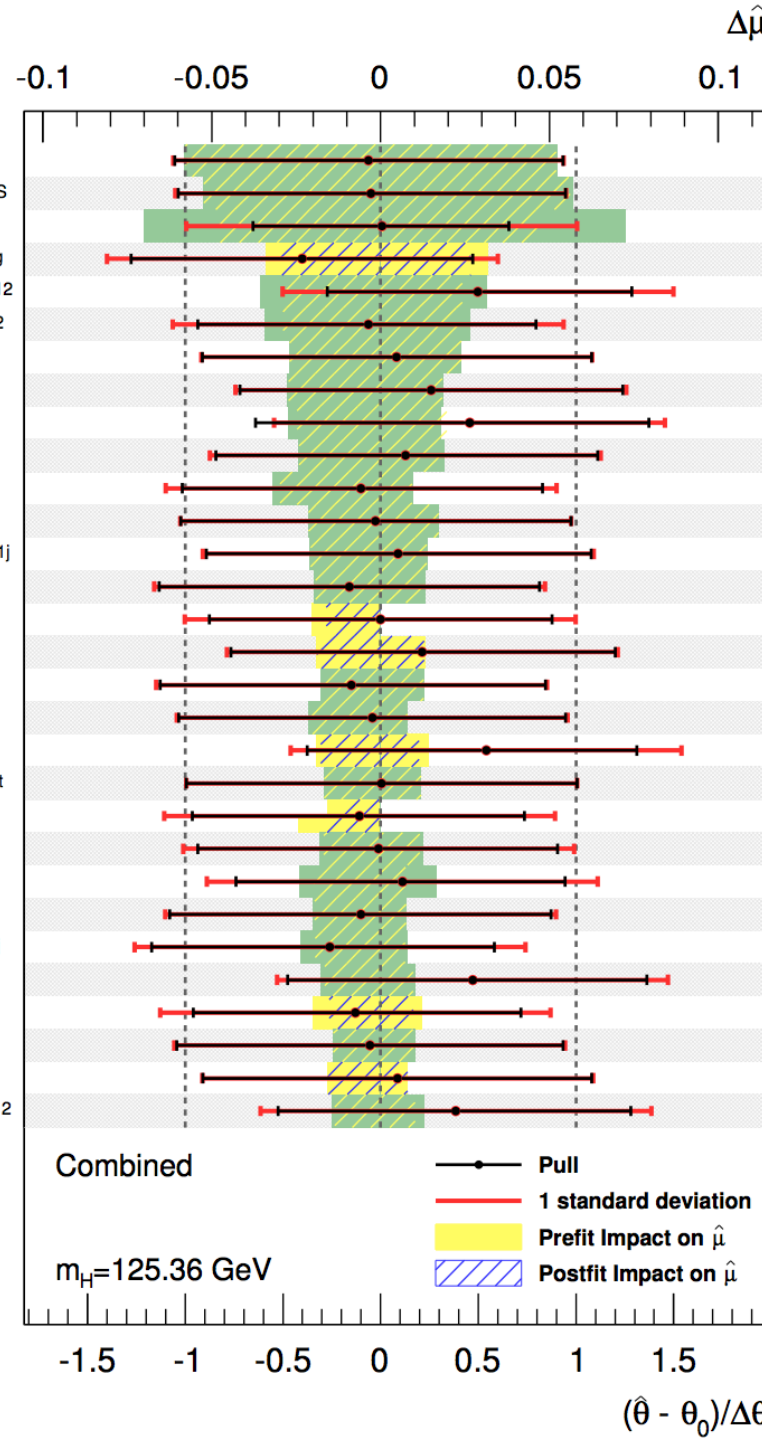
# Pulls and Ranking

Ranking  $\theta_i$  by its effect  
in the NP

$$\Delta\mu^\pm = \hat{\mu}_{\hat{\epsilon} \pm \sigma_\epsilon^\pm} - \hat{\mu}$$

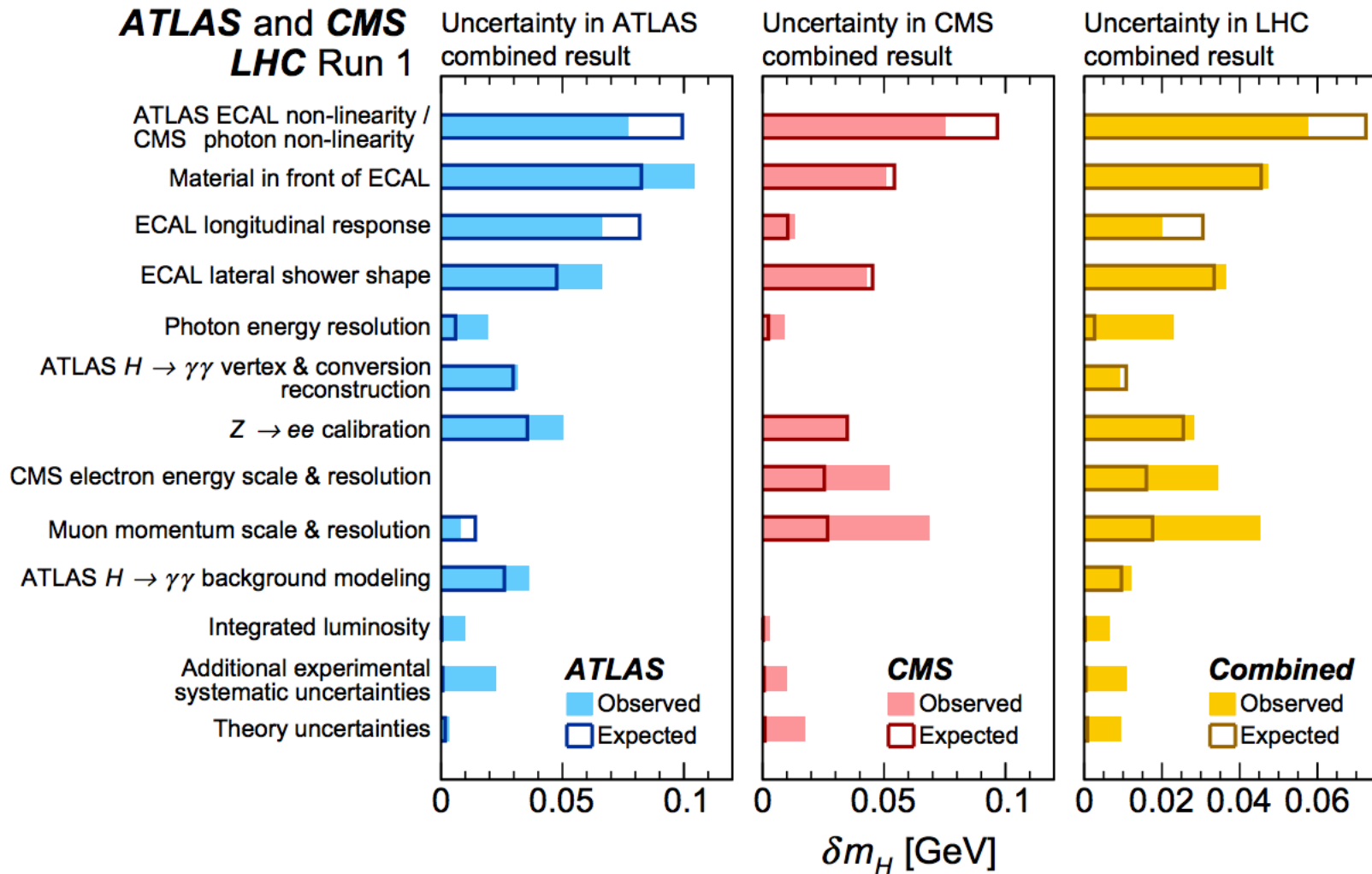
By ranking we can tell  
which NPs are the important  
ones and which can be pruned

- ggF Higgs PDF XS
- ggF Higgs QCD scale XS
- VW gen. modeling
- Top quark gen. modeling
- Mu. misid OC uncor. 2012
- El. misid OC uncor. 2012
- Lumi 2012
- VBF Higgs UE/PS
- JES eta modeling
- Muon Iso.
- ggF QCD scale e1
- ggF Higgs PDF accept
- VV QCD Scale accept 01j
- Top gen. model 2j
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- Electron Iso.
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- ggF H QCD scale accept
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- Zll ABCD MET eff. 2j
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# The Higgs Mass Paper



# Bloggers Spot

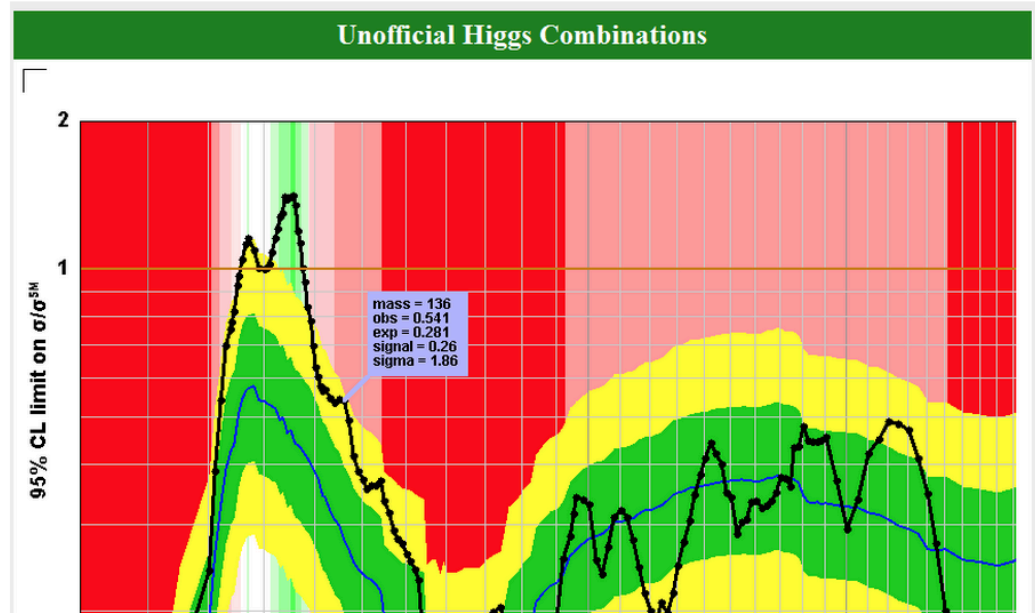
A combination  
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## Higgs Combination Applet

I have been showing unofficial Higgs combinations here for the last year or so but maybe you want to try some unusual combinations of your own. Now you can using the [viXra unofficial Higgs combination Java applet](#). It is armed with most of the plots published by the experiments CDF, D0, CMS, ATLAS and LEP. You just have to choose how to combine them. I am hoping it is self-explanatory but ask some questions and you may get some good tips. You may need to [update your Java plug-in](#).

Disclaimer: The results are approximate, unofficial and not endorsed by the experiments.



## An exercise in combining experiments (or channels)

- We assume two channels and ignore correlated systematics

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1(\mu, \theta_1) \mathcal{L}_2(\mu, \theta_2)$$

- We have

$$-2 \log \mathcal{L}_i(\mu, \hat{\theta}_i) = \left( \frac{\mu - \hat{\mu}_i}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 + \text{const.}$$

- It follows that

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{\hat{\mu}_1 \sigma_1^{-2} + \hat{\mu}_2 \sigma_2^{-2}}{\sigma_1^{-2} + \sigma_2^{-2}}$$

- Variance of  $\hat{\mu}$  is given by  $\sigma^{-2} = \sigma_1^{-2} + \sigma_2^{-2}$ .



## An exercise in combining experiments (or channels)

- The combined limit at CL  $1 - \alpha$  is given by

$$\mu_{up} = \hat{\mu} + \sigma \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha \Phi(\frac{\hat{\mu}}{\sigma}))$$

- The combined discovery p-value is given by

$$p_0 = 1 - \Phi(\hat{\mu}/\sigma)$$

- Median upper limit

$$\mu_{up}^{med} = \sigma \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha/2)$$

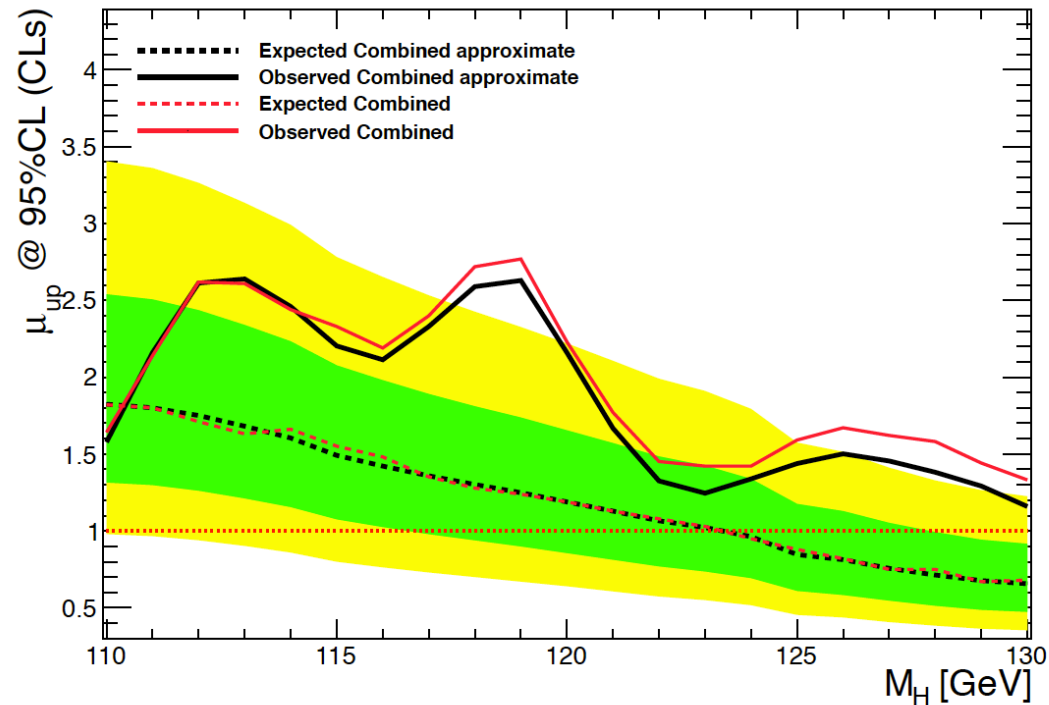
- Which gives

$$\frac{1}{(\mu_{up}^{med})^2} = \frac{1}{(\mu_{up,1}^{med})^2} + \frac{1}{(\mu_{up,2}^{med})^2}$$

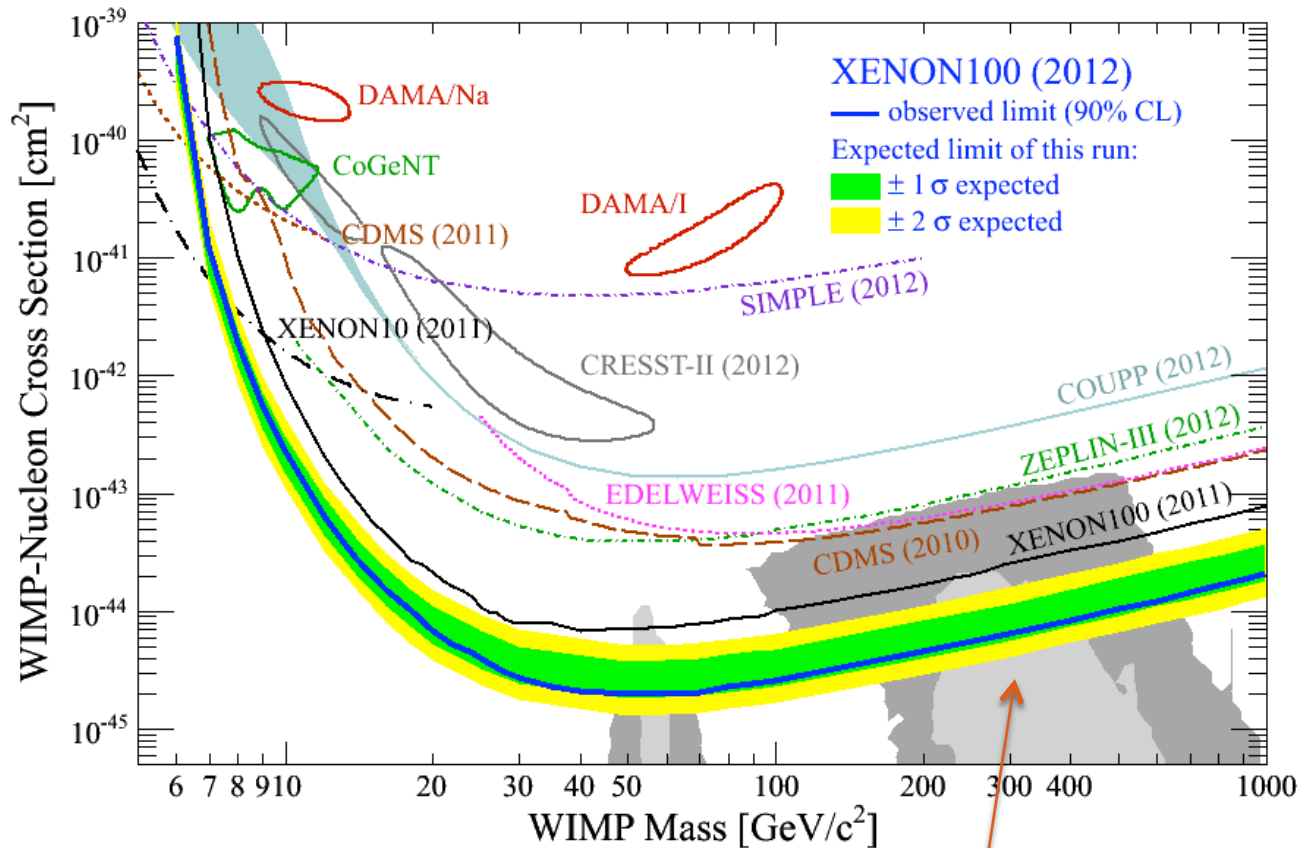


# An exercise in combining experiments (or channels)

- This combination takes onto account fluctuations of the observed limit



# Implications in Astro-Particle Physics



The lack of events in spite of an expected background allows us to set a better limit than the expected

