

# Search and Discovery Statistics in HEP Lecture 2

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# What can you expect from the Lectures

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## Lecture 1: Basic Concepts

Histograms, PDF, Testing Hypotheses,  
LR as a Test Statistics, p-value, POWER, CLs  
Measurements

## Lecture 2: **Wald Theorem, Asymptotic Formalism, Asimov Data Set, Feldman-Cousins, PL & CLs, Asimov Significance**

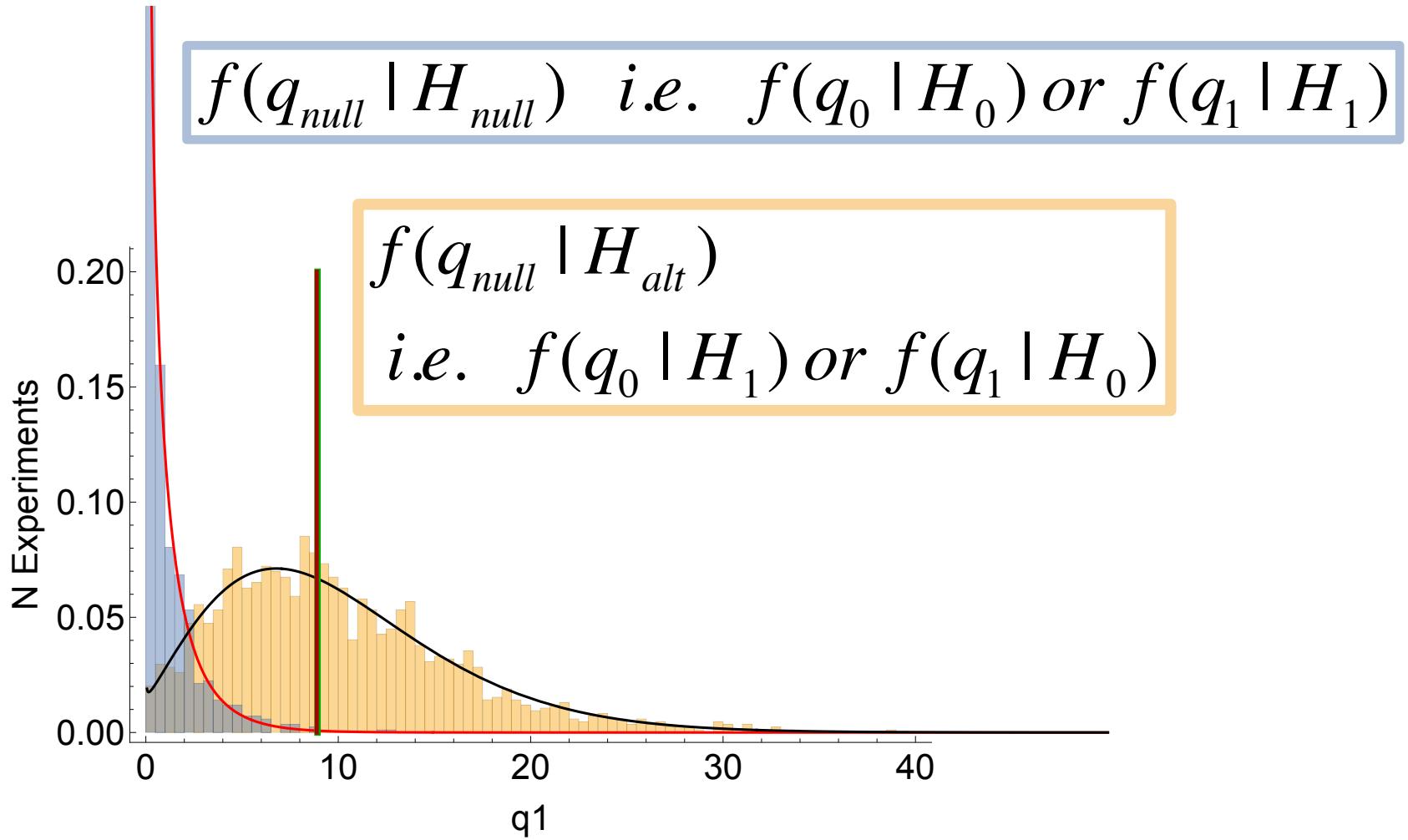
## Lecture 3: Look Elsewhere Effect

1D LEE the non-intuitive thumb rule  
(upcrossings, trial #~Z)  
2D LEE (Euler Characteristic)

## Lecture 4: Basic Introduction to Deep Learning



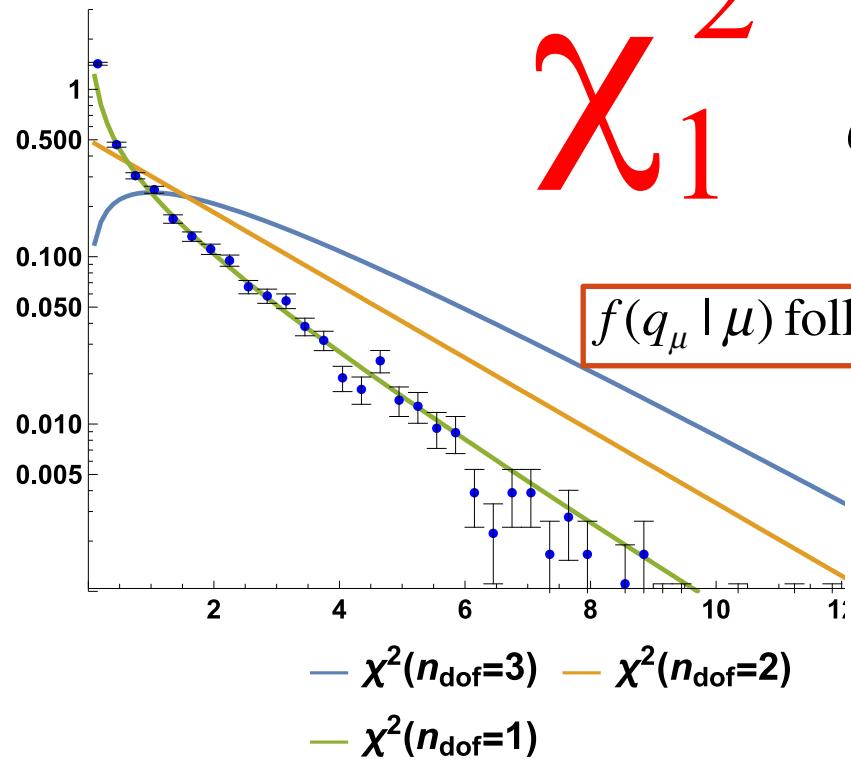
# This Lecture's Questions



# Profile Likelihood & Wilks' Theorem

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



$\chi_1^2$

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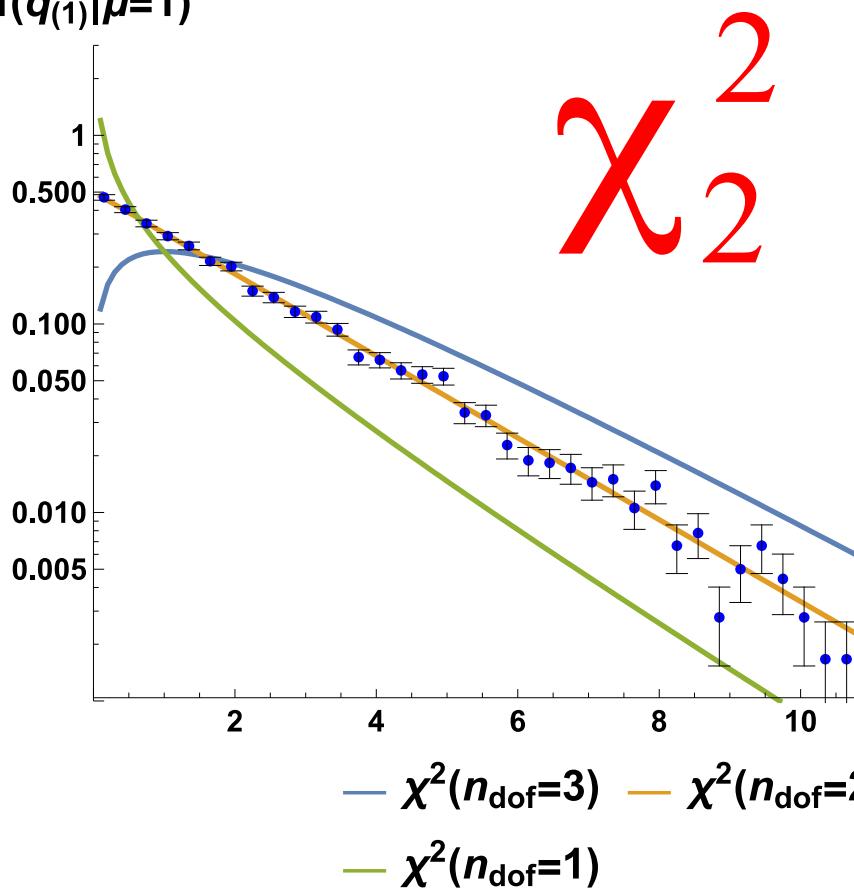
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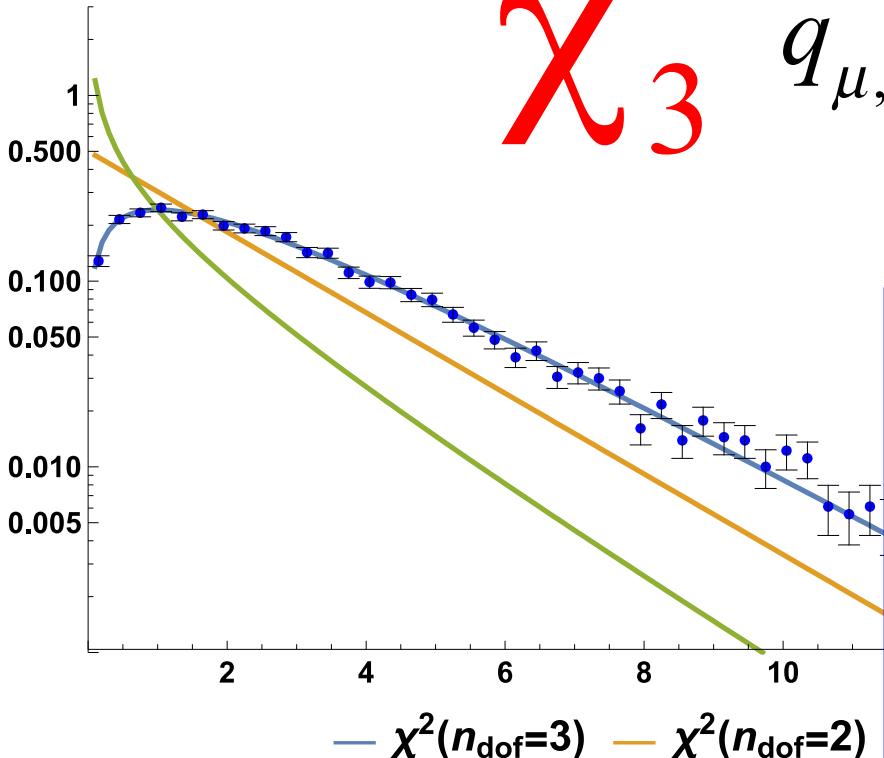


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$n = \# \text{ pars of interest}$



## Classification of Test Statistics

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



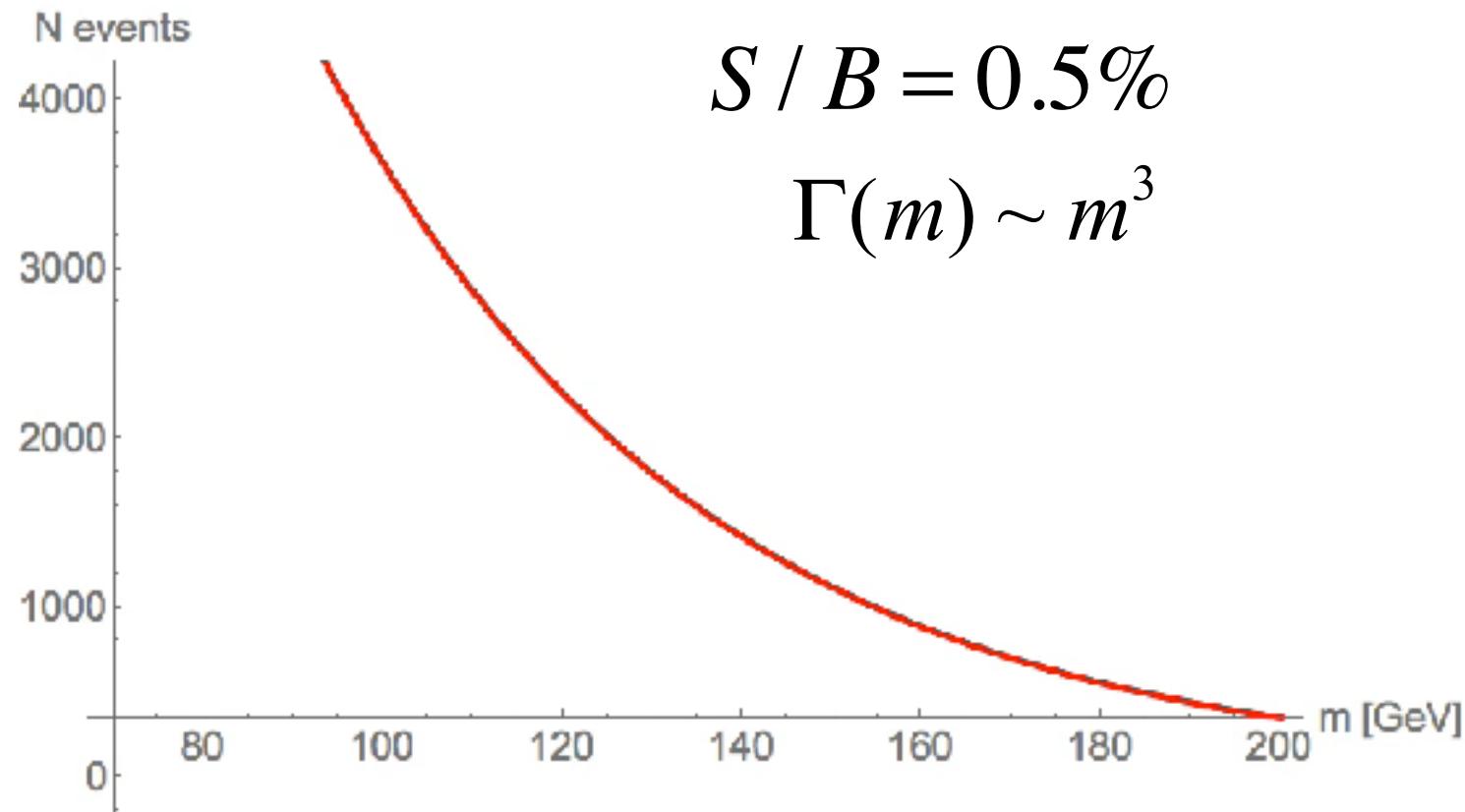
# Study Case 2: Bump Hunt

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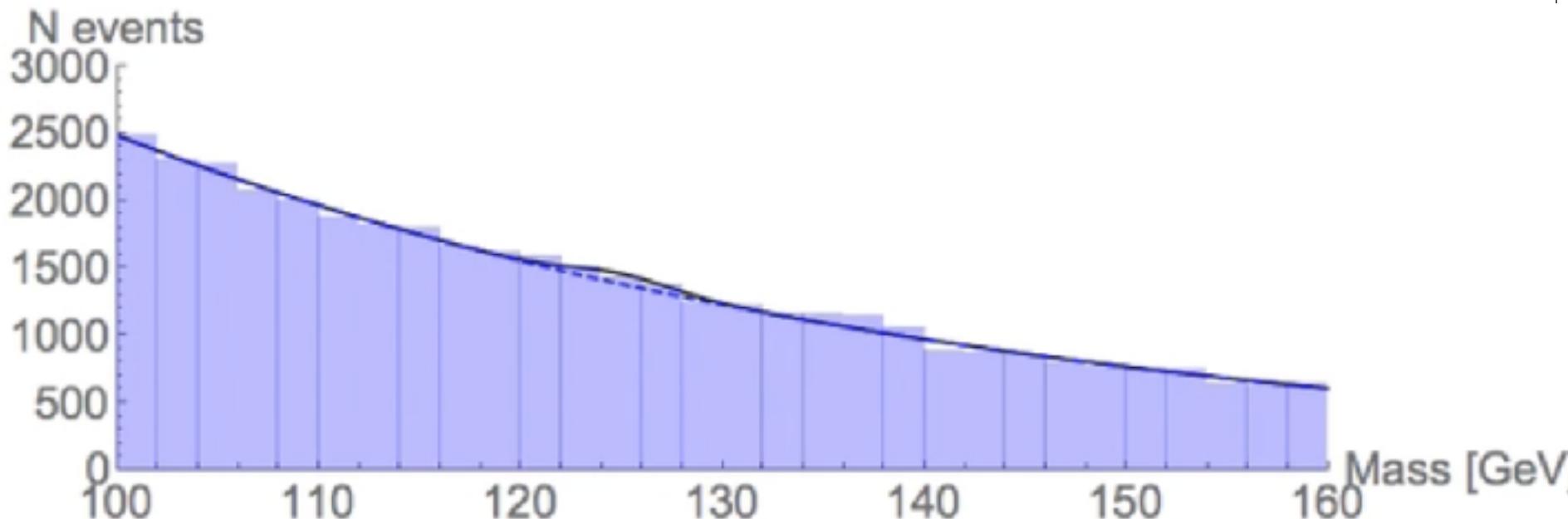


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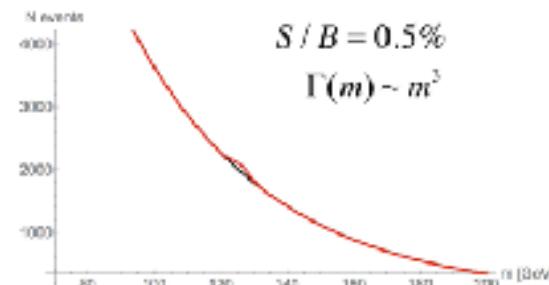
Gamma Gamma like BG and a Gaussian signal on top of it



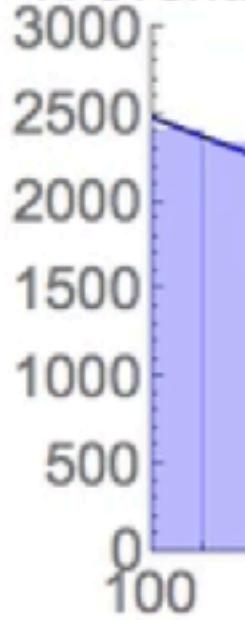
# A GammaGammaLike Signal



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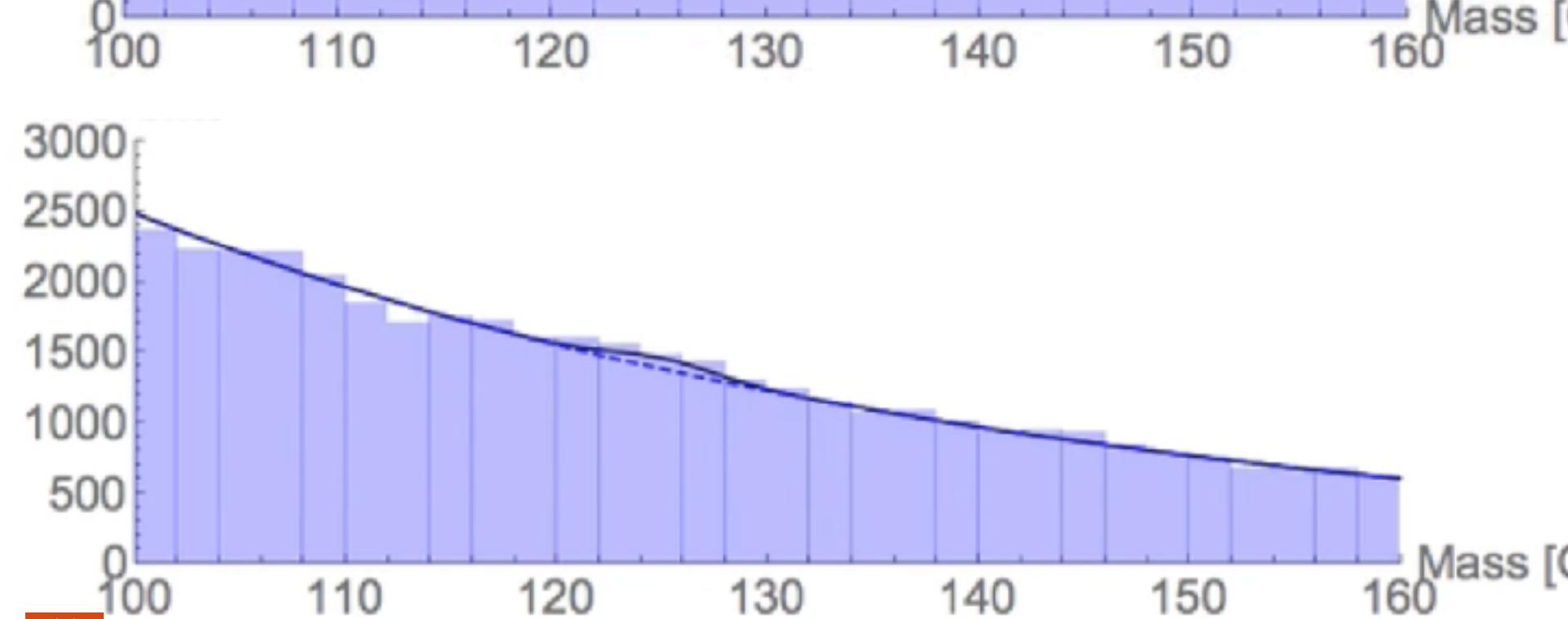


N events



# A GammaGammaLike Signal

2 “LHC” Experiments



# Bump Hunt

*Test  $H_0$  with  $q_0$ , Reject  $H_0 \Rightarrow$  Discovery*

$$q_0 = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(0) & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases} \quad \lambda(0) = \frac{L(0, \hat{\theta}_0)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$$

*Test  $H_\mu(m_H)$  with  $q_\mu$  Reject  $H_\mu(m_H) \Rightarrow$*

*Exclusion of a Higgs with  $m_H \Rightarrow \mu_{up}(m_H)$*

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# Asymptotic Approximation

Asymptotic formulae for likelihood-based  
tests of new physics

Glen Cowan (Royal Holloway, U. of London), Kyle  
Cranmer (New York U.), Eilam Gross, Ofer Vitells  
(Weizmann Inst.), Jul 10, 2010, 25 pp.  
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# Test Statistic

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*Higher values of  $t_\mu$  correspond to increasing incompatibility between the data and  $\mu$*



# Wald Theorem

$$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} \quad t_\mu = -2 \ln \lambda(\mu) \quad \text{Wilks} \Rightarrow f(t_\mu \mid \mu) \sim \chi^2_1$$

How does  $t_\mu$  distributes under  $H_{\mu'}$  ( $\mu' \neq \mu$ )

A. Wald, *Tests of Statistical Hypotheses Concerning Several Parameters When the Number of Observations is Large*, Transactions of the American Mathematical Society, Vol. 54, No. 3 (Nov., 1943), pp. 426-482.

$$t_\mu = -2 \ln \lambda(\mu) = \frac{(\mu - \hat{\mu})^2}{\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2} + O\left(1 / \sqrt{N}\right)$$

(Use the Asimov Dataset to estimate  $\sigma$ )

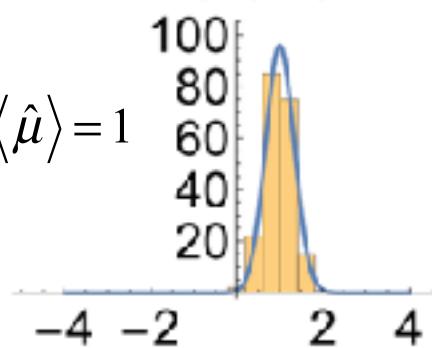
$f(t_\mu \mid \mu')$  follows a noncentral Chi squared distribution

with non-centrality parameter  $\Lambda = \frac{(\mu - \mu')^2}{\sigma^2}$  with 1 d.o.f

where  $\hat{\mu} \sim G(\mu', \sigma)$

N is the sample size

$$\mu' = 1 \Rightarrow \langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = 1$$



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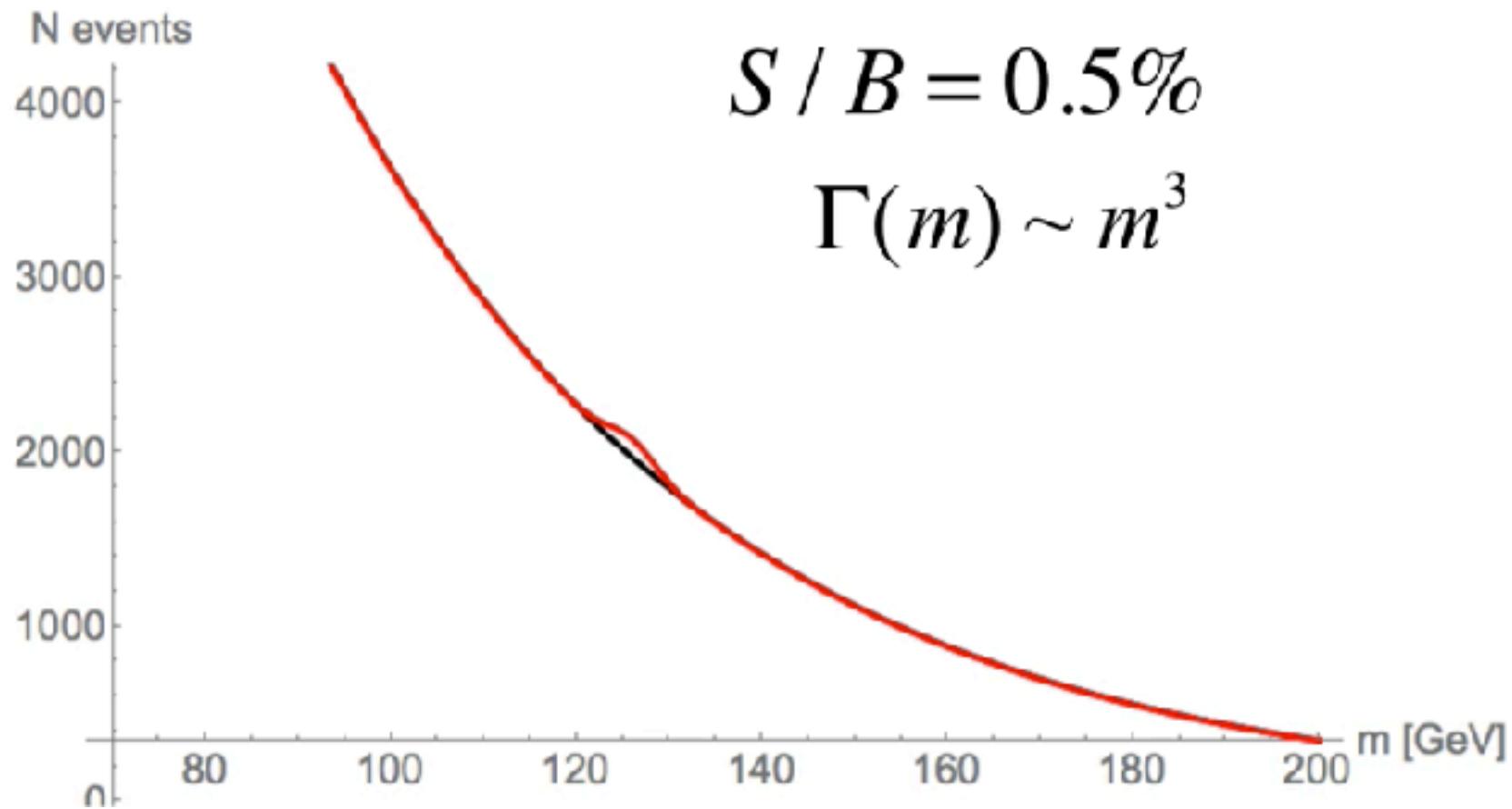
$$f(t_\mu; \Lambda) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t_\mu}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{t_\mu} + \sqrt{\Lambda})^2\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{t_\mu} - \sqrt{\Lambda})^2\right) \right]$$

for  $\mu' = \mu$  we retrieve Wilks' theorem

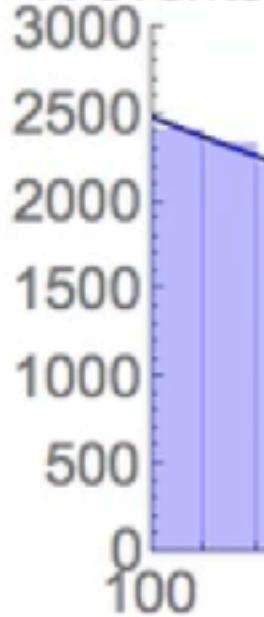
$$f(t_\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t_\mu}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}t_\mu} = \chi^2$$



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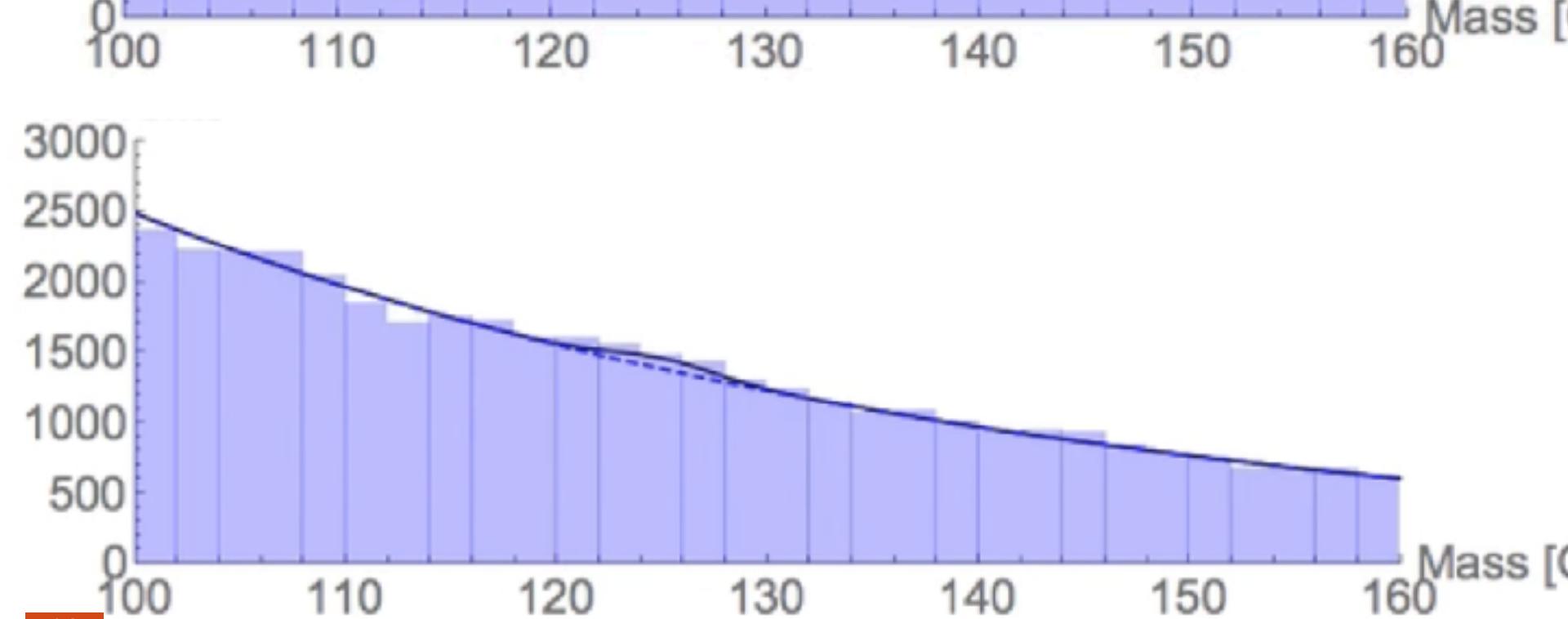


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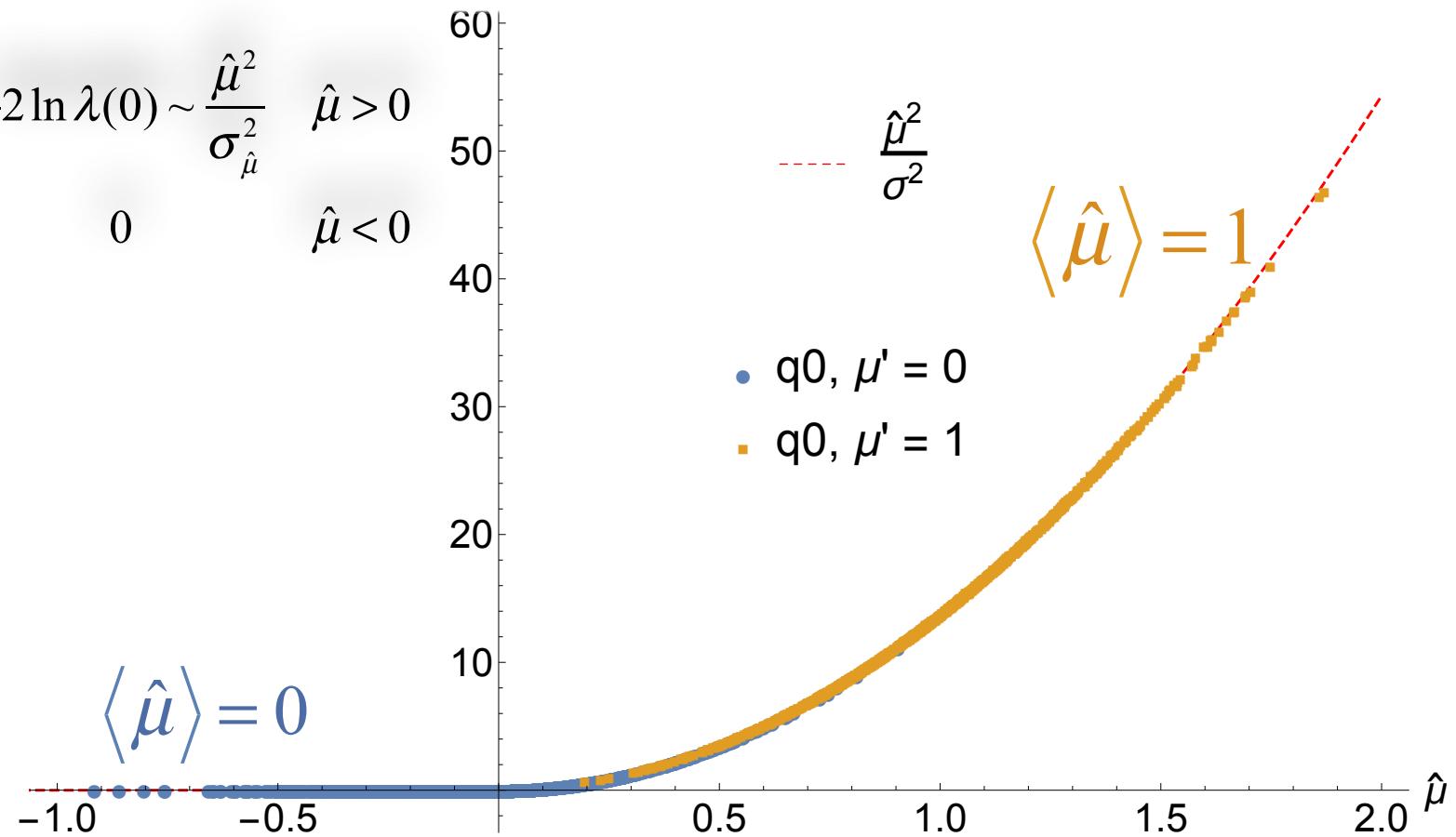


# Wald Theorem Demonstration

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$$\mathcal{L} = 60000$$

$$q_0(\hat{\mu}) = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(0) \sim \frac{\hat{\mu}^2}{\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2} & \hat{\mu} > 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$$

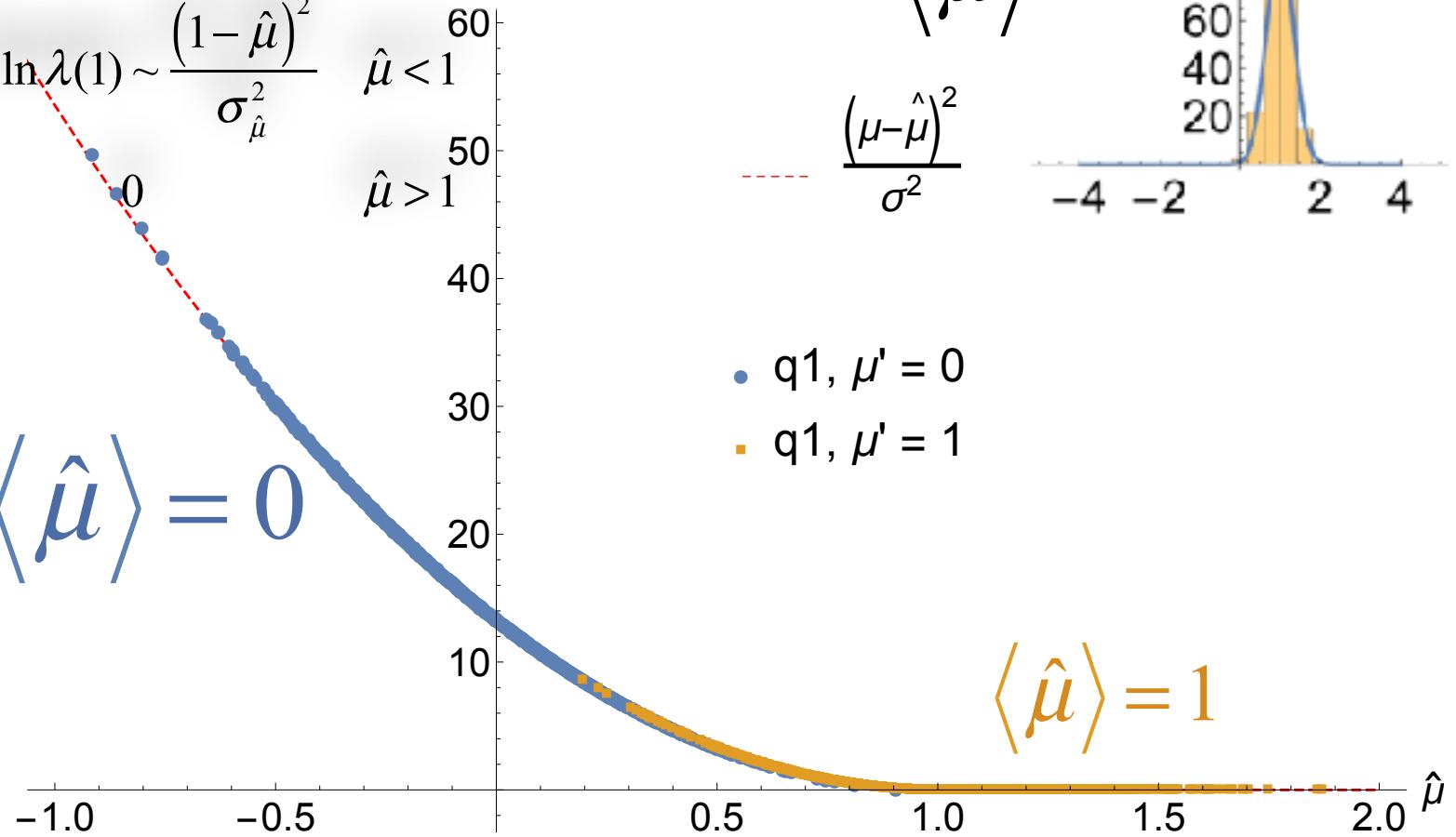


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$$q_1(\hat{\mu}) = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(1) \sim \frac{(1 - \hat{\mu})^2}{\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2} & \hat{\mu} < 1 \\ 60 & \hat{\mu} > 1 \end{cases}$$

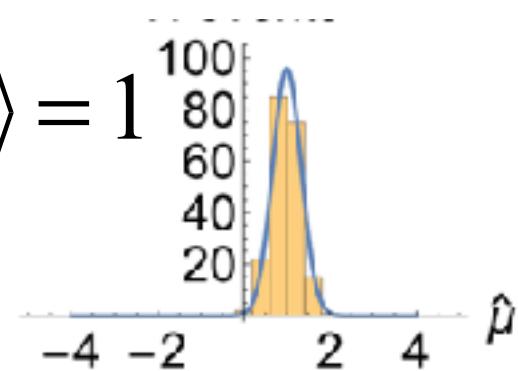
$$\langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = 0$$



$$\frac{(\mu - \hat{\mu})^2}{\sigma^2}$$

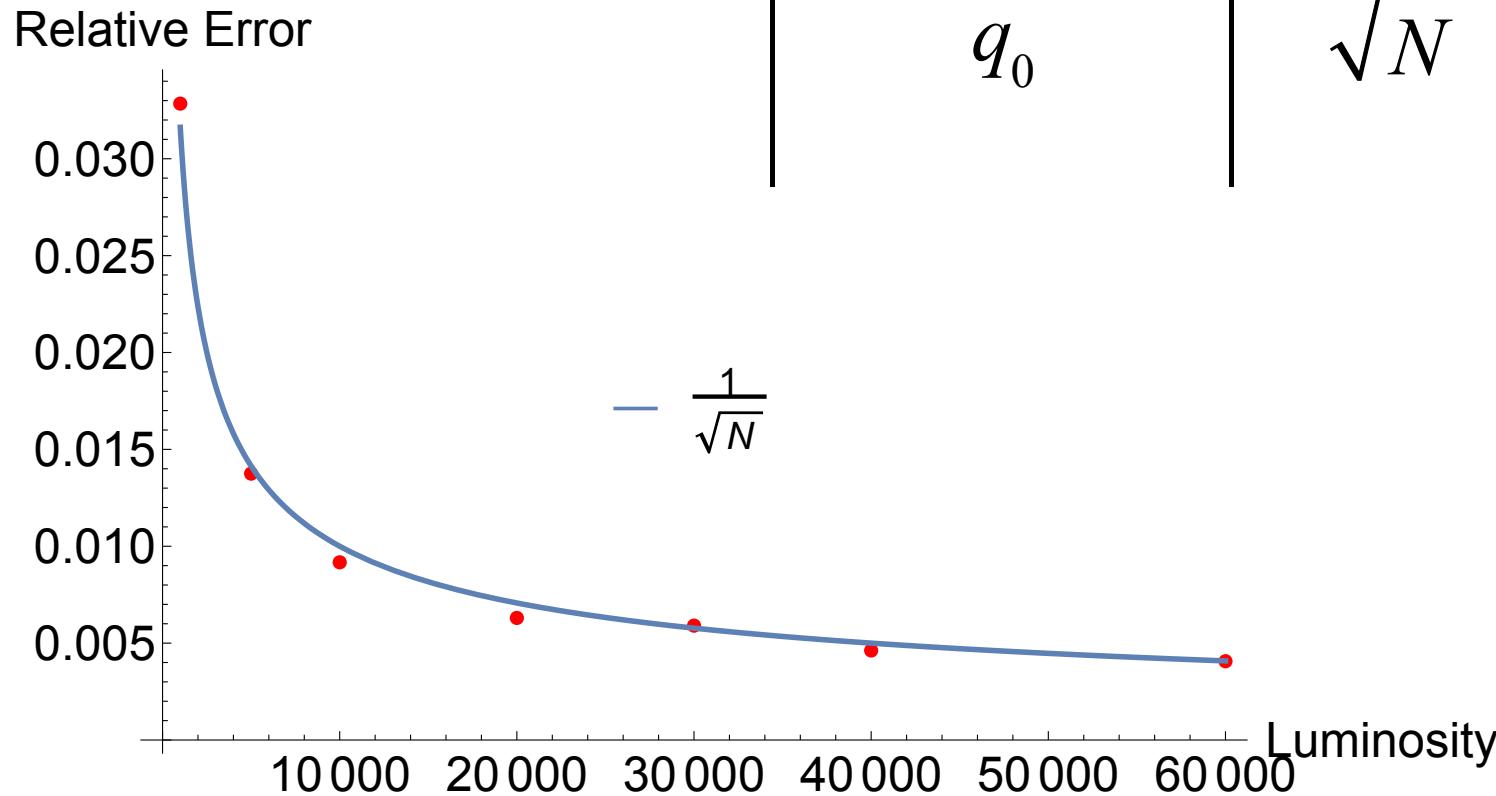
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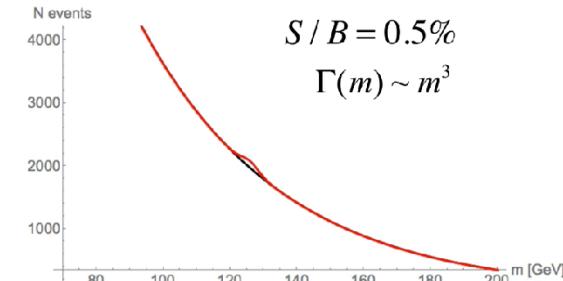


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$$\Delta = \left| \frac{q_0 - \frac{(\mu - \hat{\mu})^2}{\sigma^2}}{q_0} \right| \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

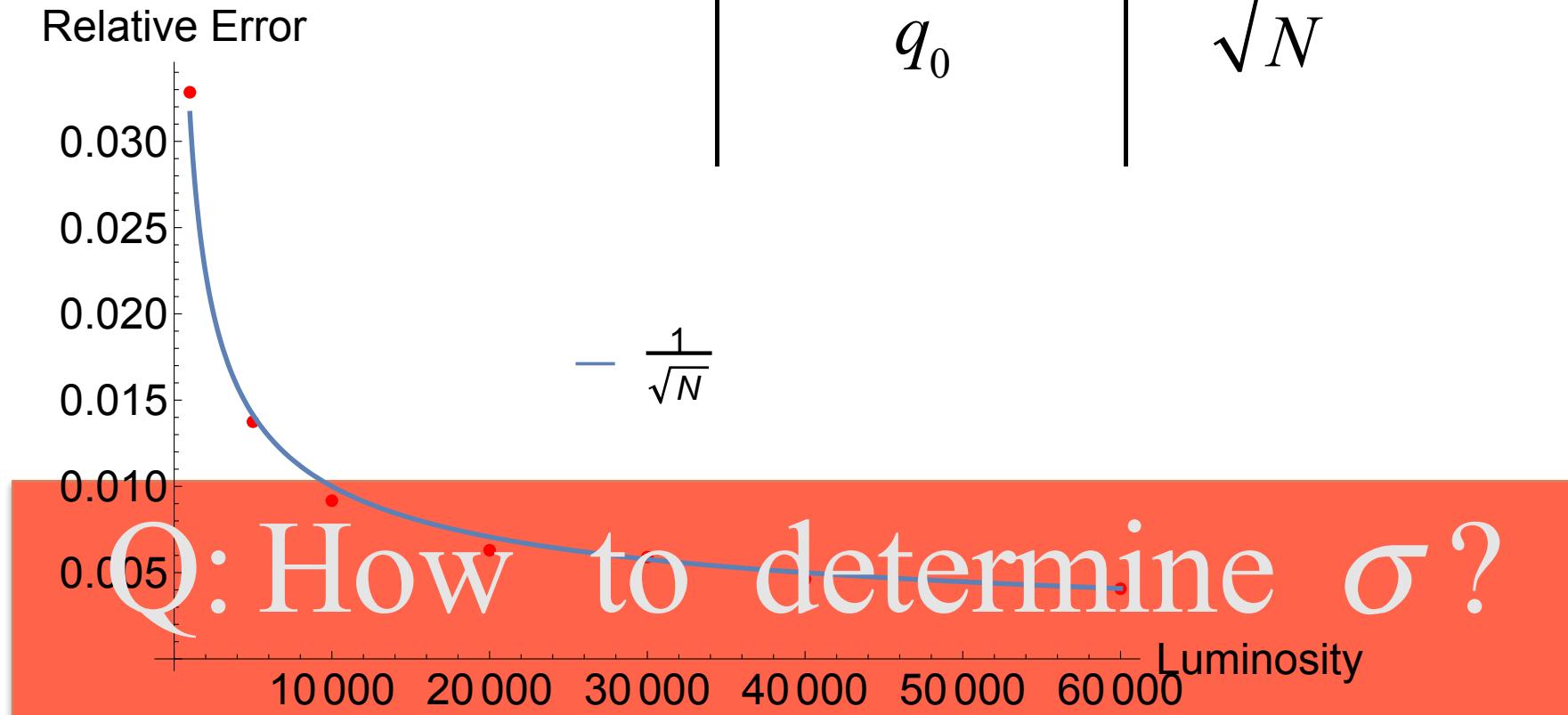


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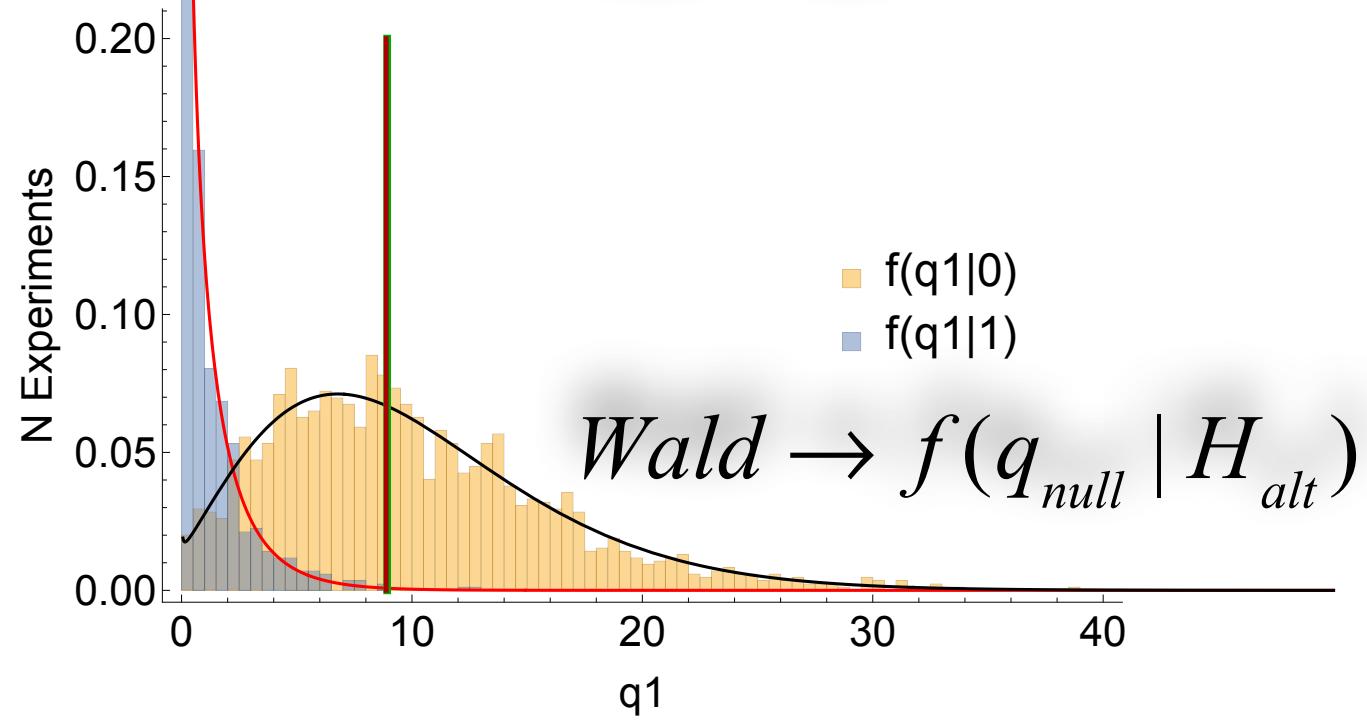


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A: With the Asimov DATA

# Asymptotics

*Wilks*  $\rightarrow f(q_{null} \mid H_{null}) \sim \chi^2$



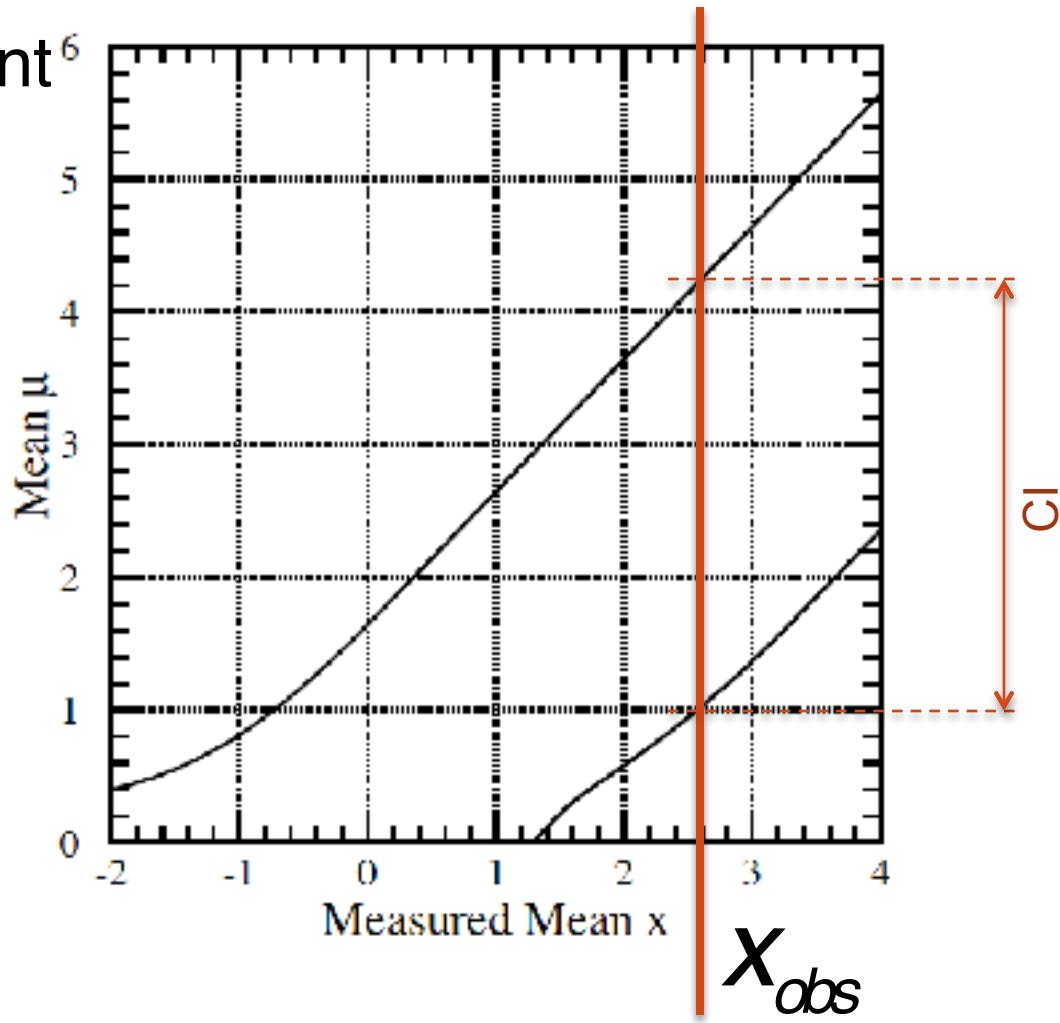
# The Feldman Cousins Unified Method - Take 2

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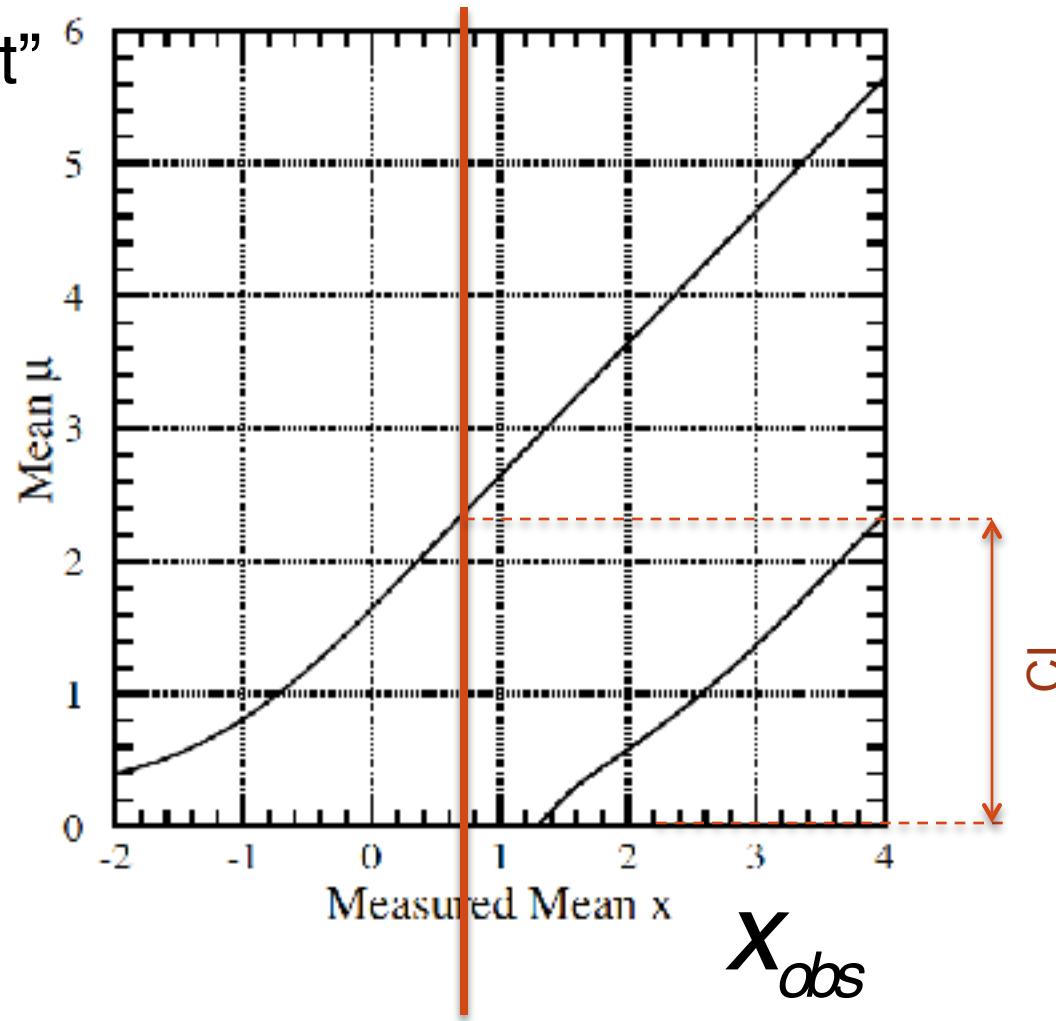
## How to tell an Upper limit from a Measurement without Flip Flopping

- A measurement<sup>6</sup> (2 sided)



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

- An “upper limit”  
(1 sided)



# *Asymptotic Feldman – Cousins*

$$\left[ \tilde{t}_\mu \text{ for } \mu \geq 0 \right]$$

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# Feldman Cousins - Asymptotic

If  $\mu \geq 0$  due to physics constraints, for  $\hat{\mu} < 0$  the best agreement between data and the physical  $\mu$  is  $\hat{\mu} = 0$ . We define

$$\tilde{t}_\mu \equiv -2 \log \left( \tilde{\lambda}(\mu) \right) \quad \tilde{\lambda}(\mu) \equiv \begin{cases} \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu))}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu))}{L(0, \hat{\theta}(0))} & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$$

Wald  $\rightarrow$

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



# Feldman Cousins - Asymptotic

$$f(\tilde{t}_\mu | \mu) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tilde{t}_\mu}} e^{-\tilde{t}_\mu/2} & \tilde{t}_\mu \leq \frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tilde{t}_\mu}} e^{-\tilde{t}_\mu/2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}(2\mu/\sigma)} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\tilde{t}_\mu + \mu^2/\sigma^2)^2}{(2\mu/\sigma)^2}\right] & \tilde{t}_\mu > \frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} \end{cases}$$

$$p_\mu = 1 - F(\tilde{t}_\mu | \mu)$$

$$\Phi(Z) = \int_{-\infty}^Z G(x; 0, 1) dx$$

$$F(\tilde{t}_\mu | \mu) = \begin{cases} 2\Phi\left(\sqrt{\tilde{t}_\mu}\right) - 1 & \tilde{t}_\mu \leq \frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} \\ \Phi\left(\sqrt{\tilde{t}_\mu}\right) + \Phi\left(\frac{\tilde{t}_\mu + \mu^2/\sigma^2}{2\mu/\sigma}\right) - 1 & \tilde{t}_\mu > \frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} \end{cases}$$

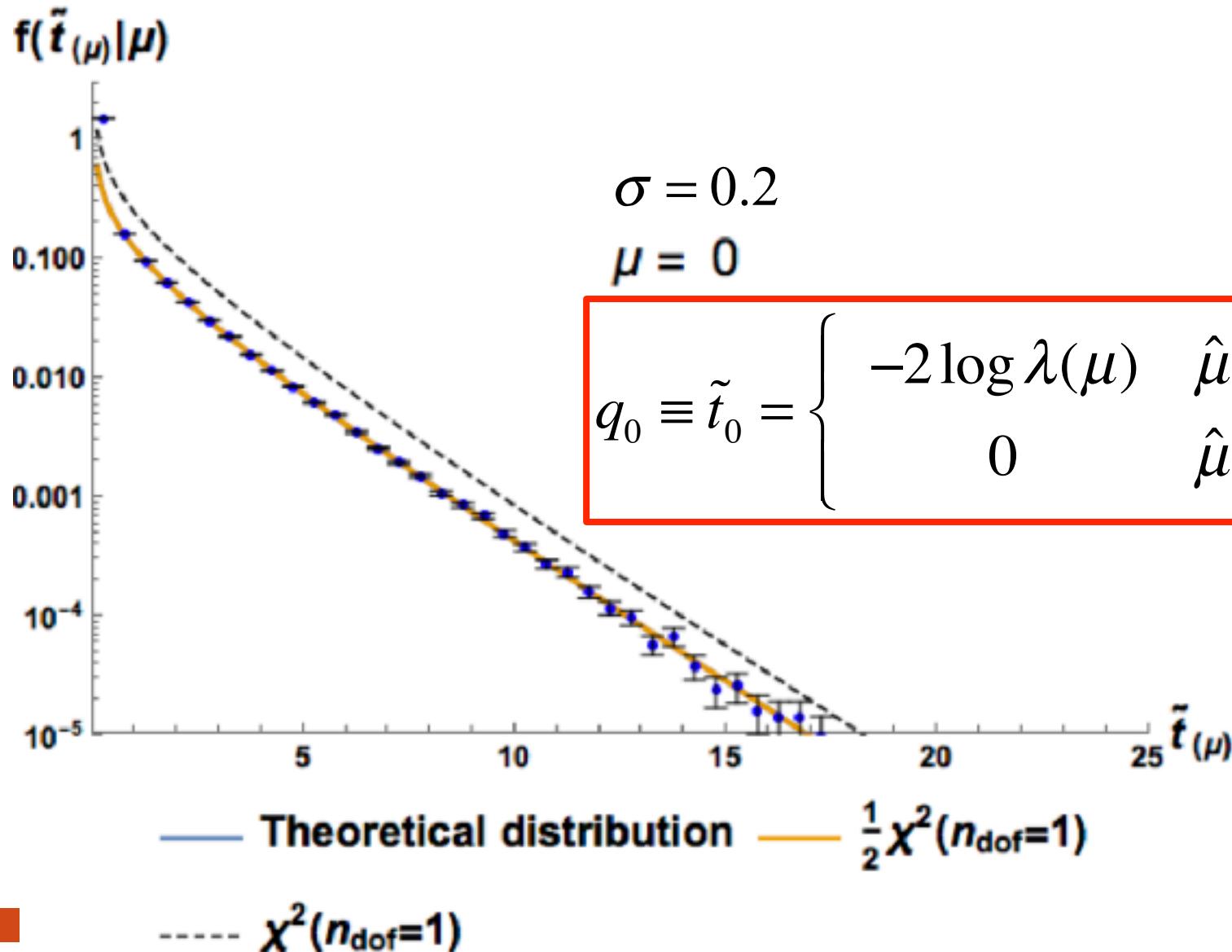
*CI of  $\mu$  at the  $(1 - \alpha)$  CL* =  $\{\mu \mid p_\mu \geq \alpha\}$

*CI of  $\mu$  at the 95% CL* =  $\{\mu \mid p_\mu \geq 5\%\}$



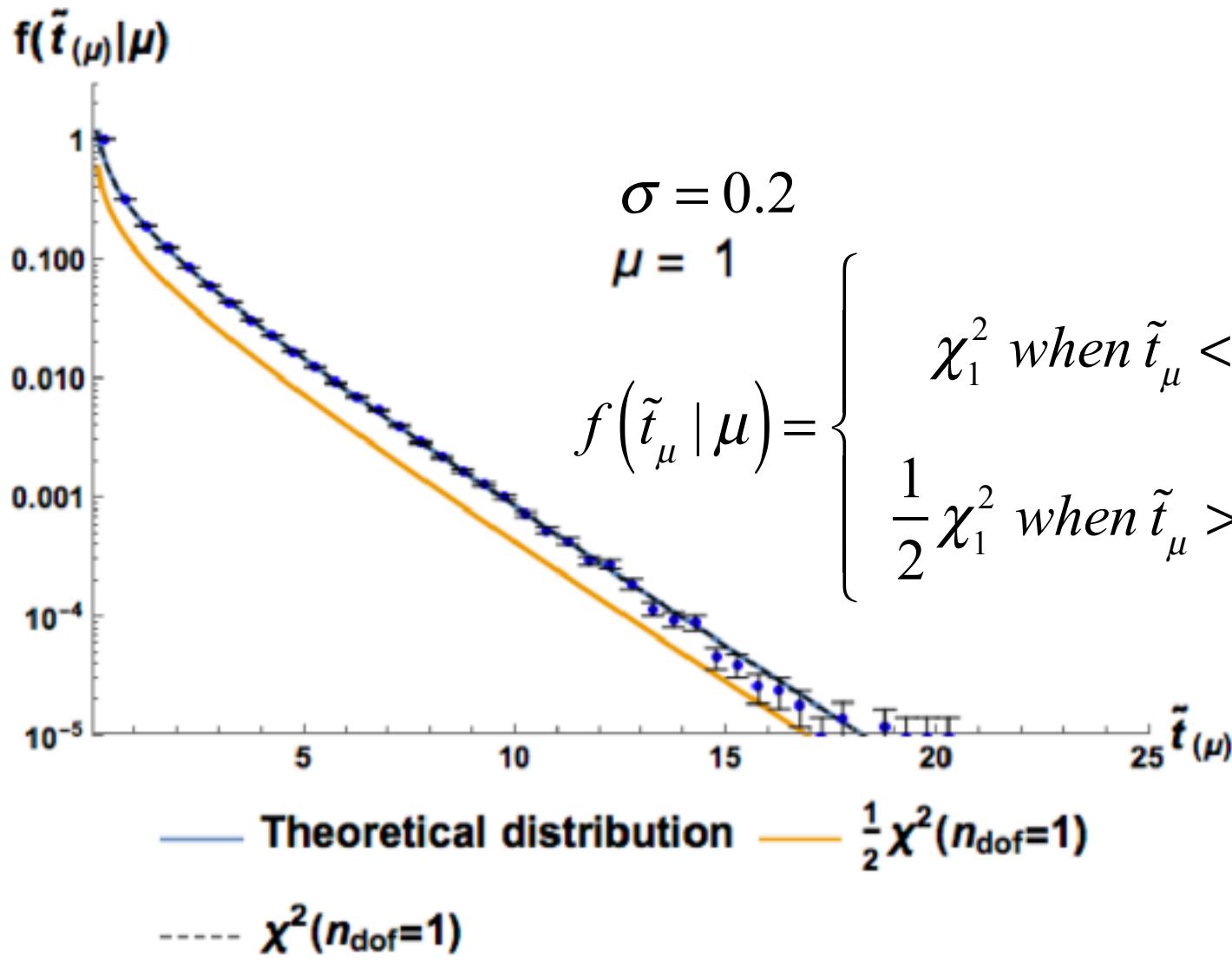
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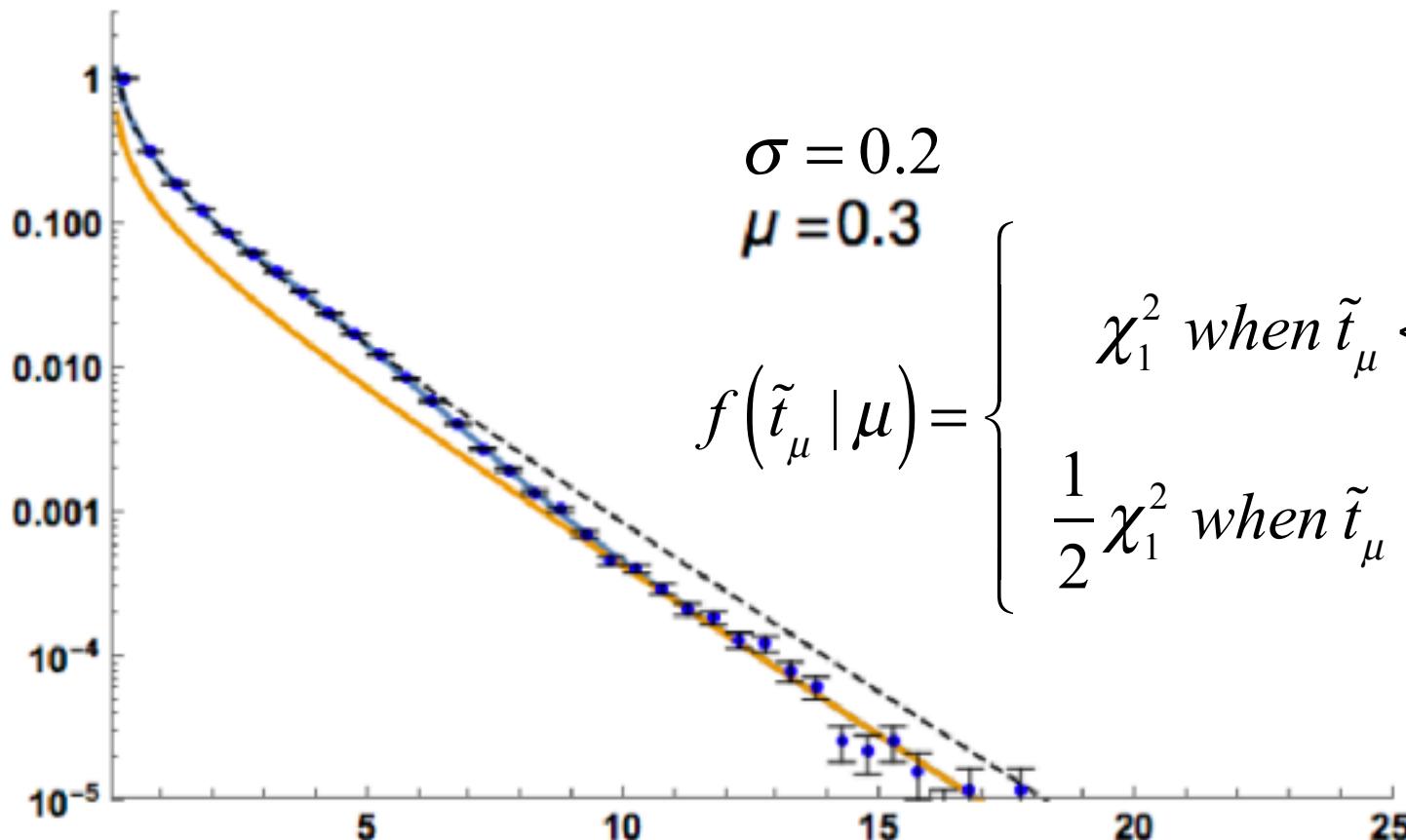
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— Theoretical distribution —  $\frac{1}{2} \chi^2(n_{\text{dof}}=1)$

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# FC confidence belt

Given  $\mu_{true} = 0.2$

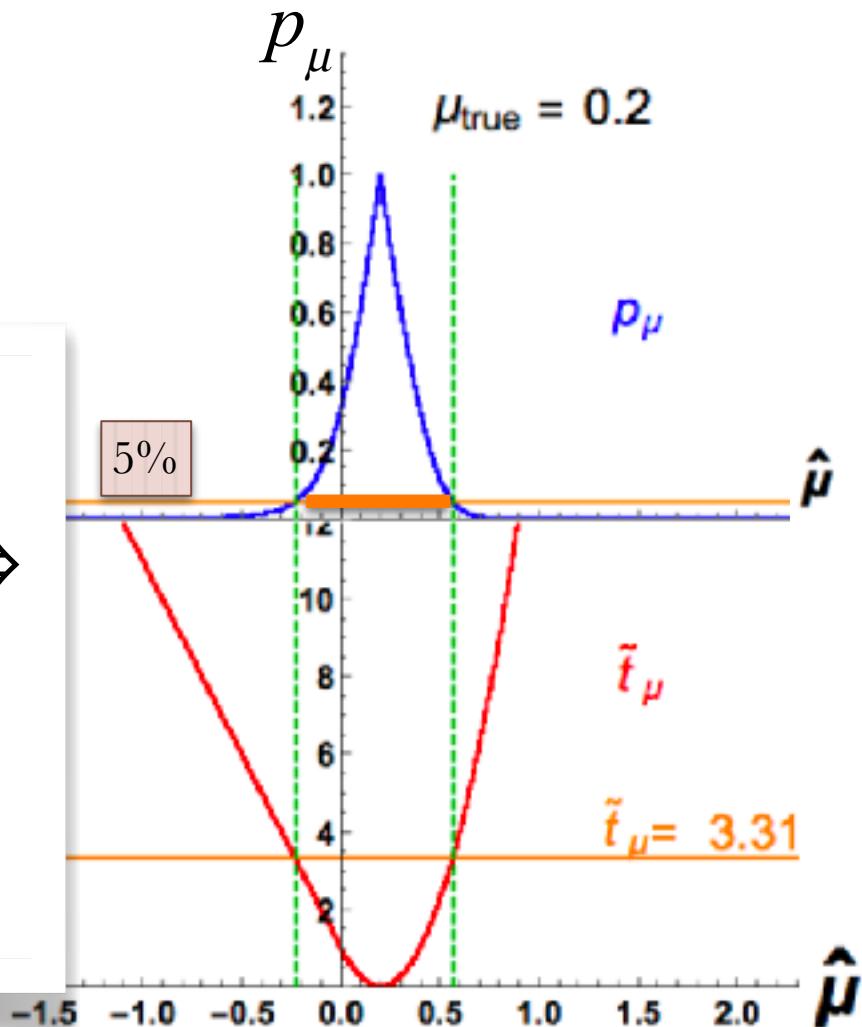
derive the  $\hat{\mu}$  interval  
for which  $p_\mu > 0.05$

set  $\mu_{true}$  e.g.  $\mu_{true} = 0.2$

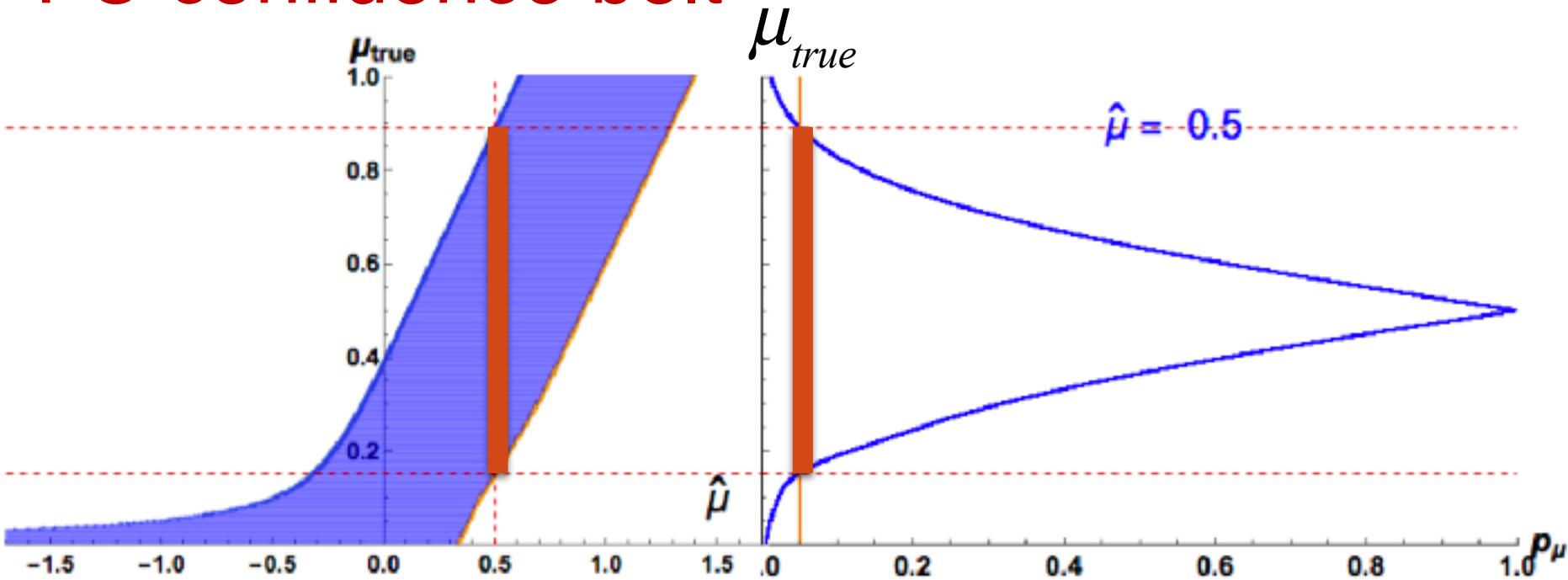
$$p_\mu(\hat{\mu}) = 1 - F(\tilde{t}_\mu(\hat{\mu}) | \mu) \Rightarrow$$

$$CI_{\hat{\mu}} = \left\{ \hat{\mu} \mid p_\mu(\hat{\mu}) \geq 5\% \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\tilde{t}_\mu = 3.31$$



# FC confidence belt



*The values of  $\mu_{true}$  for which  $p_{\mu} \geq 0.05$   
for a given  $\hat{\mu}$ , are the CI of  $\mu$*

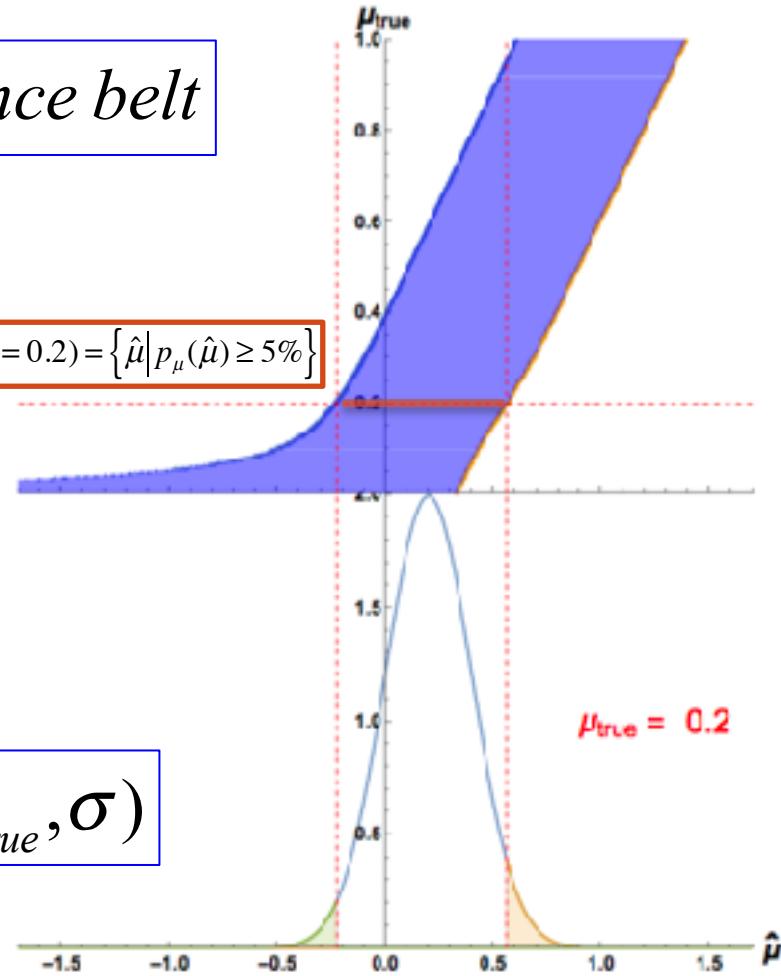


# FC confidence belt

$$\mu_{true}(\hat{\mu})$$

Scan  $\mu_{true}$  and build the Confidence belt

$$CI_{\hat{\mu}}(\mu_{true} = 0.2) = \{ \hat{\mu} \mid p_{\mu}(\hat{\mu}) \geq 5\% \}$$



$$G(\hat{\mu}; \mu_{true}, \sigma)$$

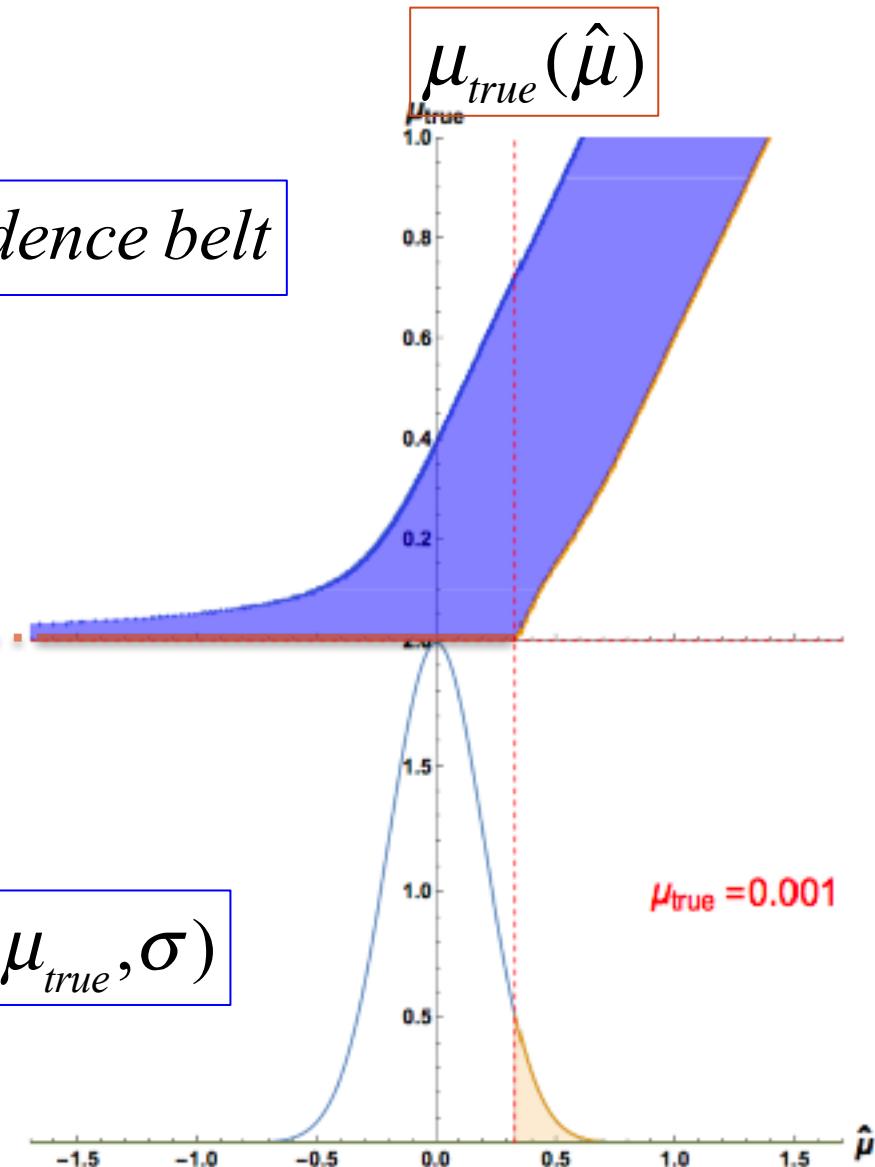


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Scan  $\mu_{true}$  and build the Confidence belt

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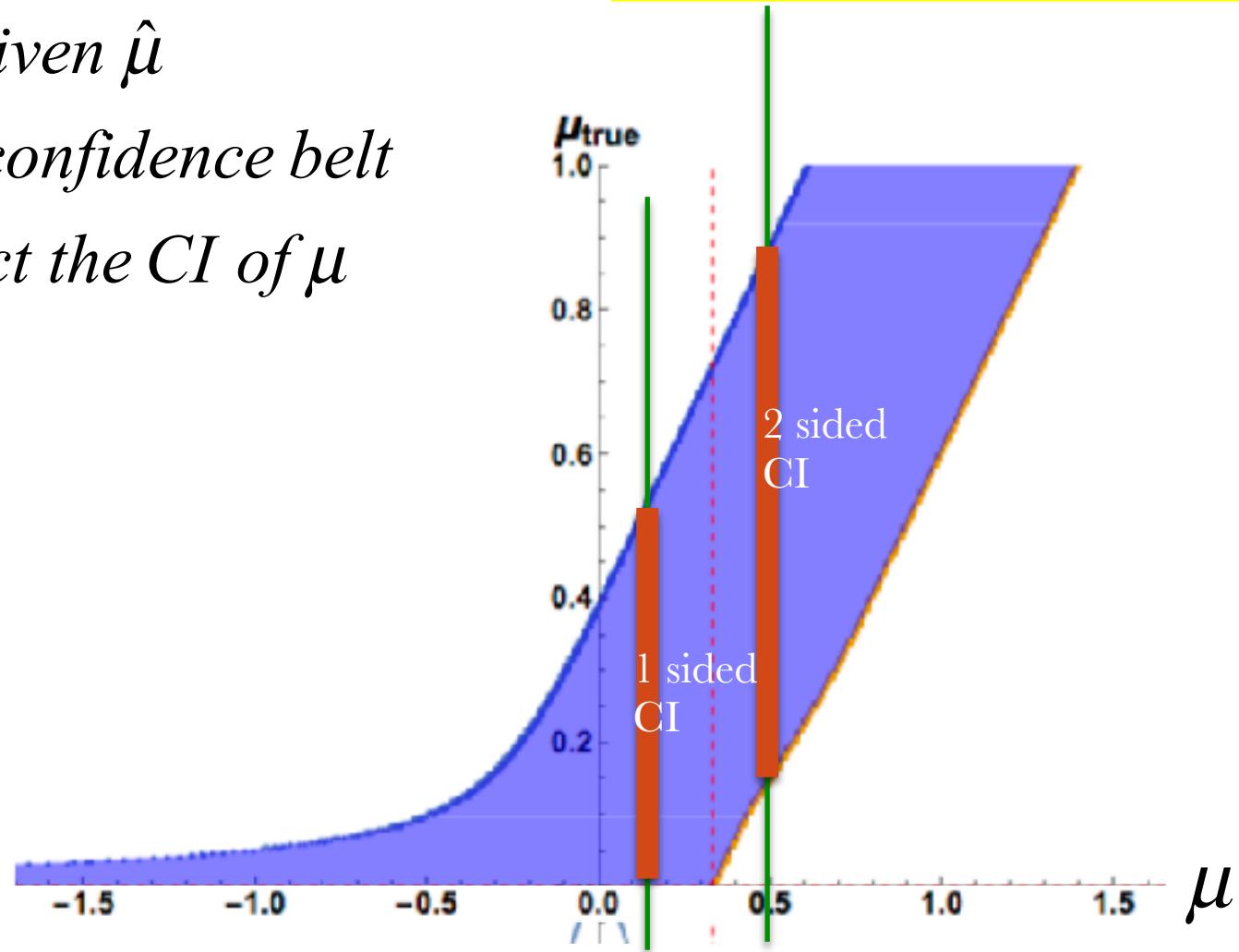
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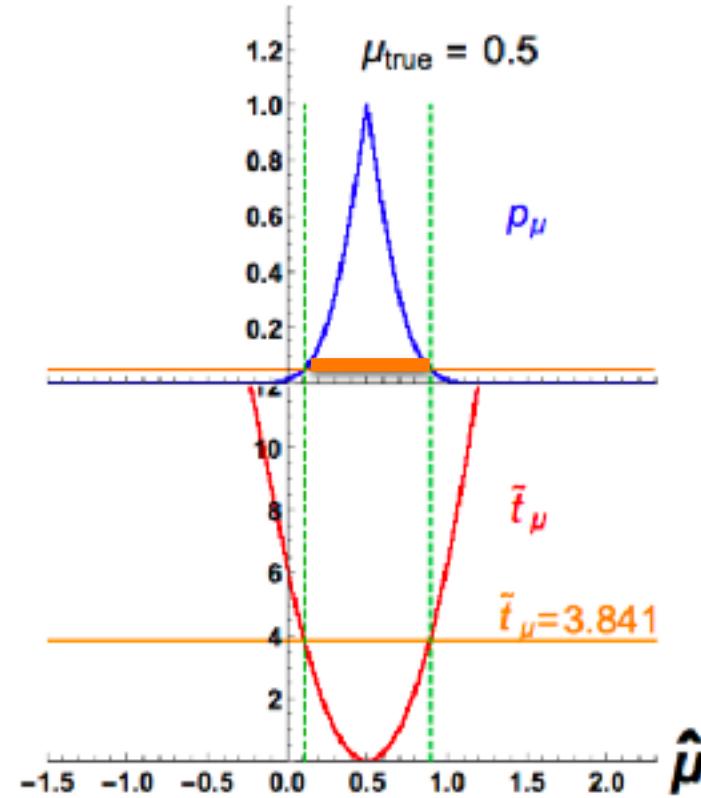
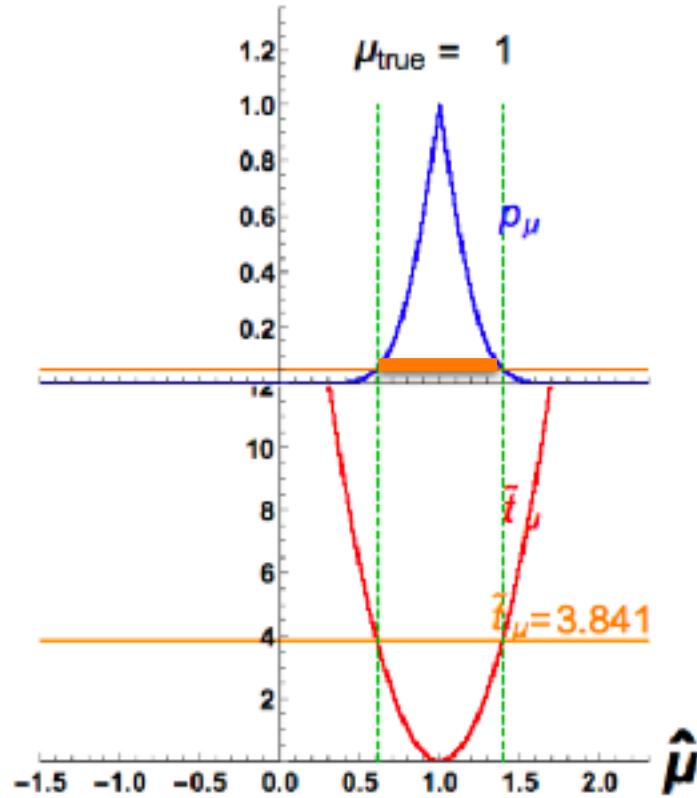
Depends on the observation  
one might get 1-sided or 2-sided CI

*For a given  $\hat{\mu}$   
use the confidence belt  
to extract the CI of  $\mu$*



# FC confidence belt - A Shortcut

$$\mu_{true} \gg 0 \Rightarrow \left\{ \tilde{t}_\mu \mid p_\mu > 0.95 \right\} \rightarrow 3.84$$

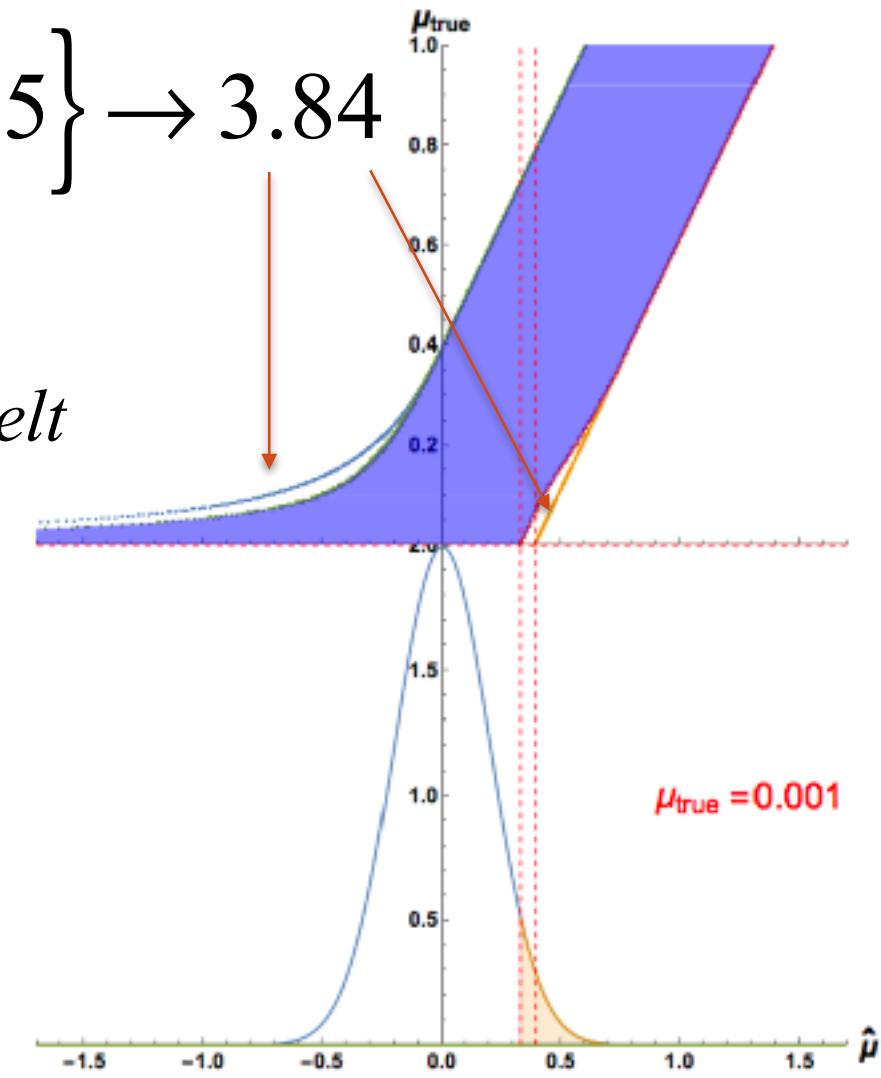


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Use  $\tilde{t}_\mu = 3.84$  to construct the belt

The CI will be at  $CL > 95\%$   
(Conservative)



$$q_0 \equiv \tilde{t}_0 = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(0) & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases} \quad \lambda(0) = \frac{L(\mu=0)}{L(\hat{\mu})} = \frac{L(\hat{b}_{\mu=0})}{L(\hat{\mu}s + \hat{b})} = \frac{L(\hat{b}_{\mu=0})}{L(\hat{s} + \hat{b})}$$

# $q_0$ for discovery

CCGV

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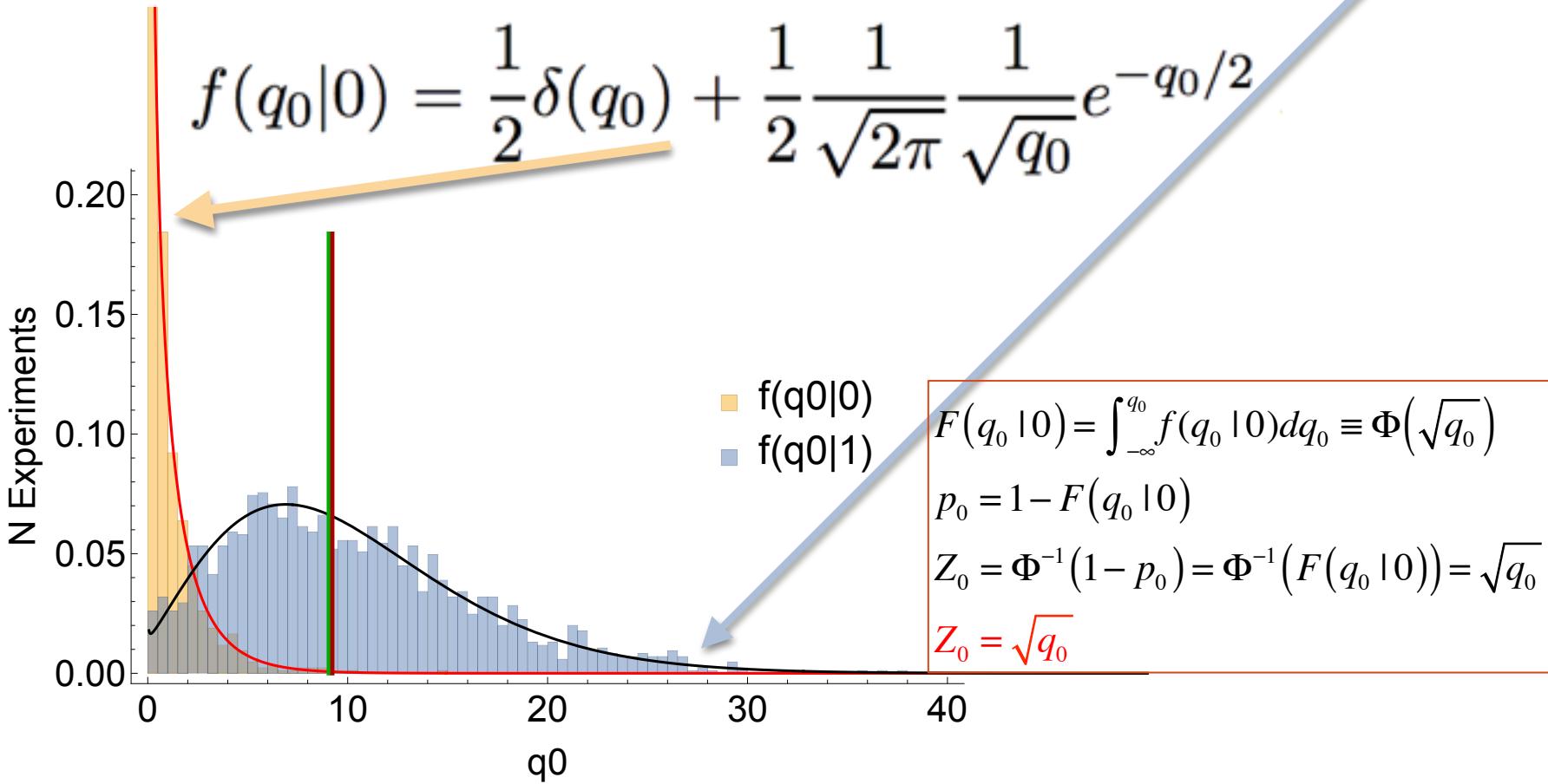
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# PDF of $(q_0|0)$ and $(q_0|1)$

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

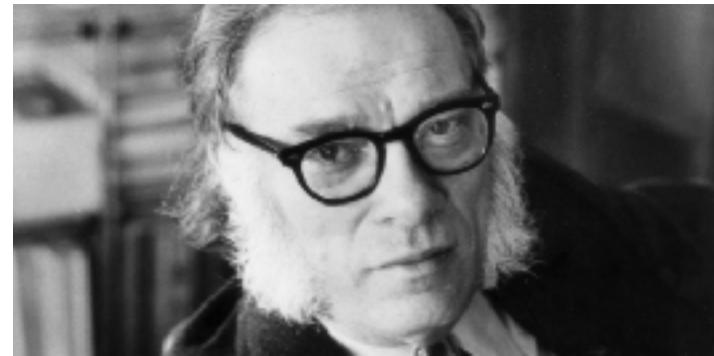
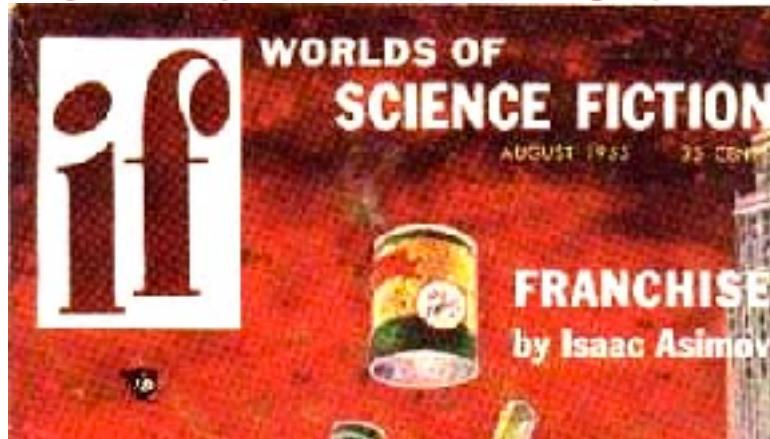


# Estimating the Sensitivity of an Experiment

- Estimate the expected significance one could achieve (for discovering the Higgs Boson) with a given analysis, a given Luminosity and CM energy..
- Option 1:
  - Toss, say, 1,000,000 BG only events (null) and derive the BG-only pdf of  $q$ ,  $f(q_{\text{null}} | \text{BG})$ .  
Toss another 1,000,000 S+BG (alt) events and find the significance for each one of them  
then, find the median significance....
  - This may take ages..., is there a shortcut?
- Option 2:
  - Asymptotics+Asimov Data Set



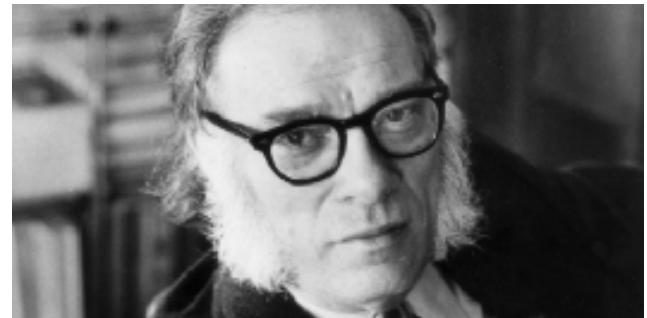
# The Asimov Data Set



In the future, the United States has converted to an "electronic democracy" where the computer Multivac selects a single person to answer a number of questions. Multivac will then use the answers and other data to determine what the results of an election would be, avoiding the need for an actual election to be held.



# The Asimov Data Set



- *The use of a single representative individual to stand in for the entire population can help in evaluating the sensitivity of a statistical method.*
- ***The "Asimov data set":  
an ensemble of simulated experiments can  
be replaced by a single representative one.***

# Estimating the Sensitivity of an Experiment

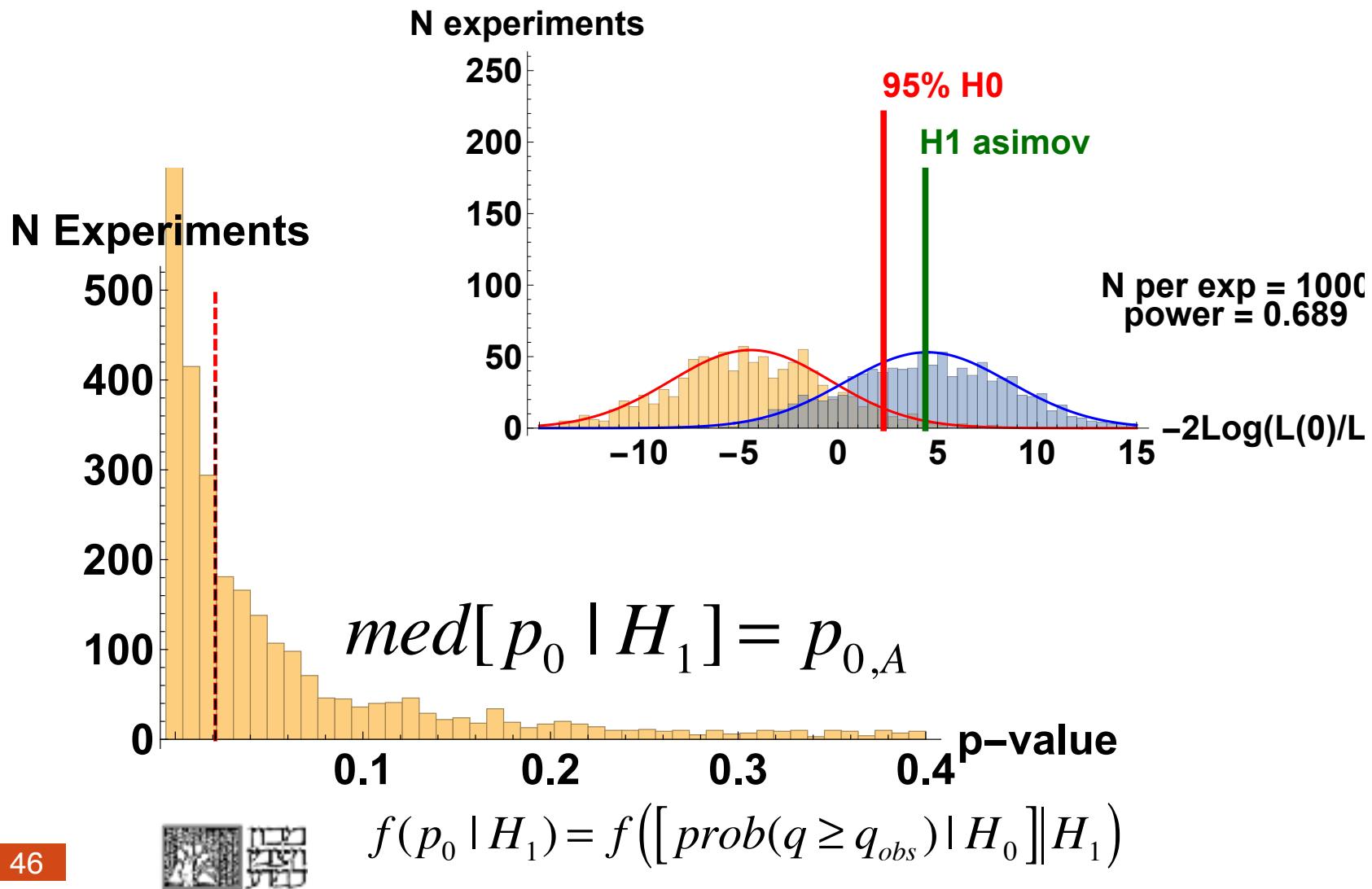
- one can replace each ensemble of the alternate-hypothesis experiments with one data set that represents the typical experiment.

This “Asimov” data set delivers the desired median sensitivity. Hence, one is exempted from the need to perform an ensemble of experiments for each set of parameters.

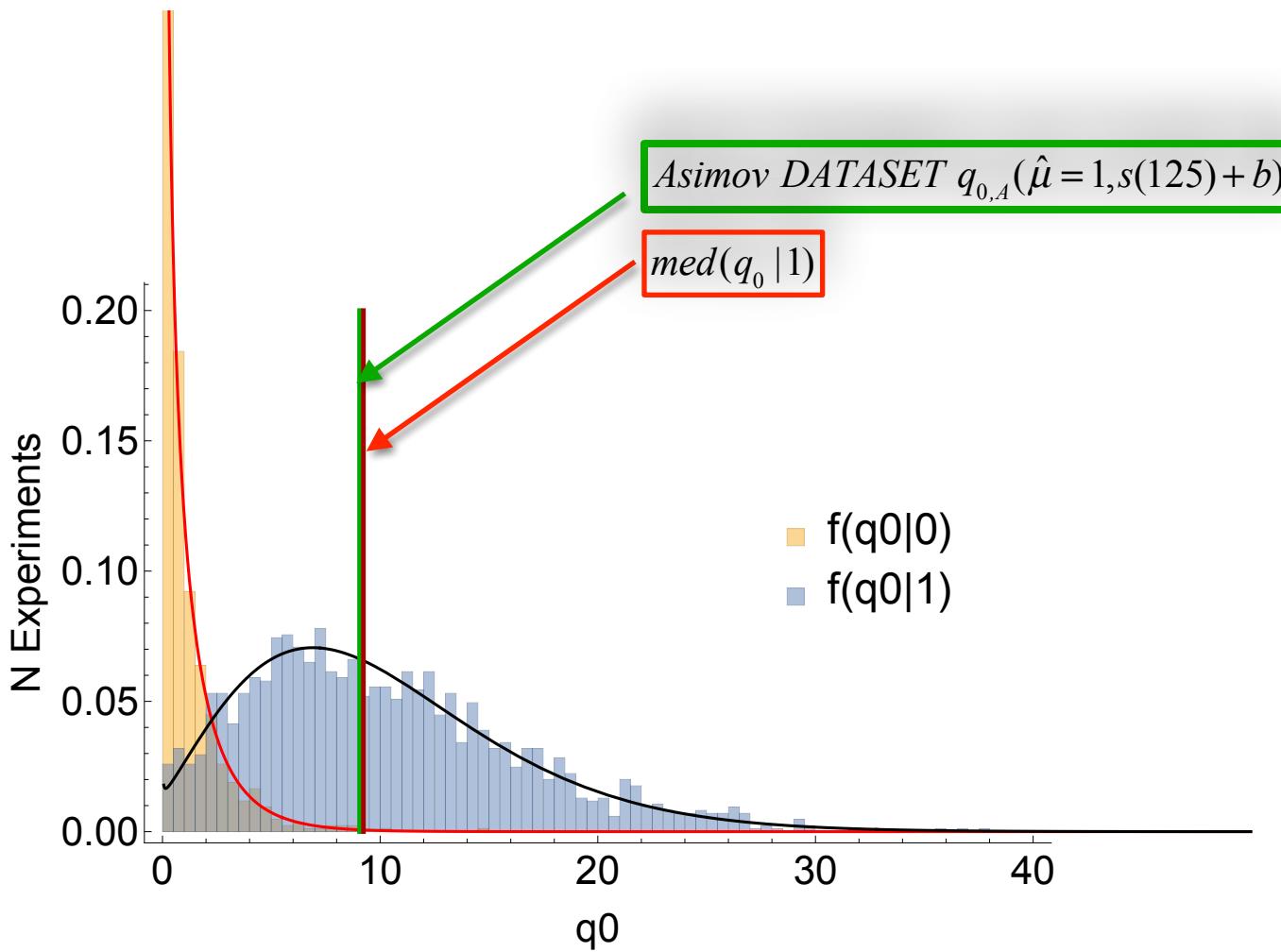
- The Asimov data set is constructed such that when one uses it to evaluate the estimators for all parameters, one obtains the true parameter values.
- the Asimov data set can trivially be constructed from the true parameters values. For example, a set corresponding to the  $H_1$  hypothesis is  $n_A = s + b$ . and the one correspond to the  $H_0$  hypothesis is  $n_A = b$ .
- As strange as it reads, the Asimov data set is **not necessarily an integer**.



# Back to Spin Distribution of $p_0$ -value under $H_1$



# The Magic of Asimov



# Back to Wald, what is

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

For the Asimov  $\hat{\mu} = \mu_{true}$

$$q_{\mu,A} = -2 \ln \lambda_A(\mu) = \frac{(\mu - \mu_{true})^2}{\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2}$$

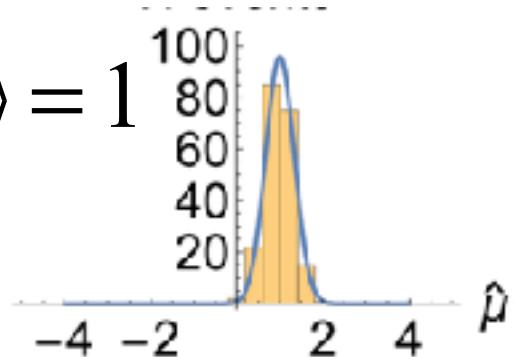
$$\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2 = \frac{(\mu - \mu_{true})^2}{q_{\mu,A}} \quad \langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = \mu_{true}$$

$$\text{set } \mu = 0 \quad \mu_{true} = 1 \rightarrow \sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2 = \frac{1}{q_{0,A}}$$

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$\sigma_{\hat{\mu}} ?$

$$\langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = 1$$



Test  $\mu$  for exclusion,  $\mu_{true} = 0$

$$\rightarrow \sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2 = \frac{\mu^2}{q_{\mu,A}}$$



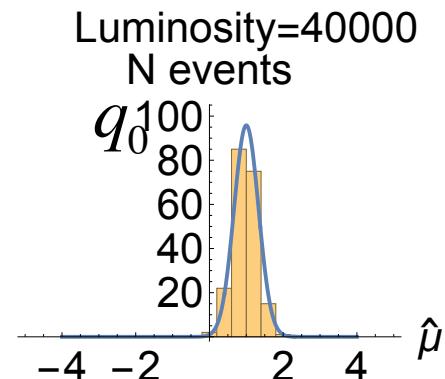
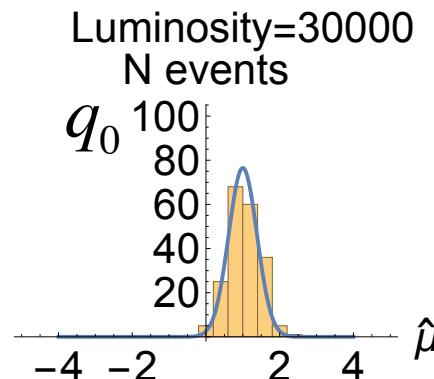
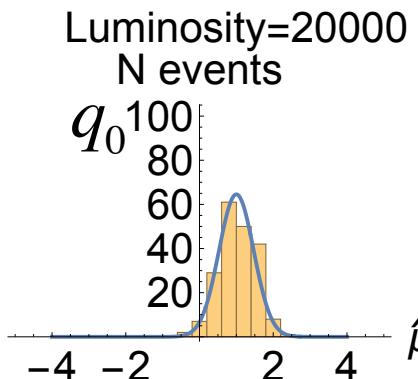
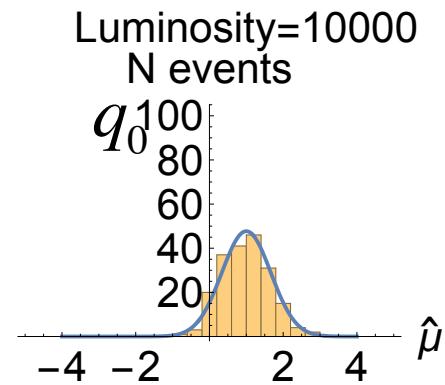
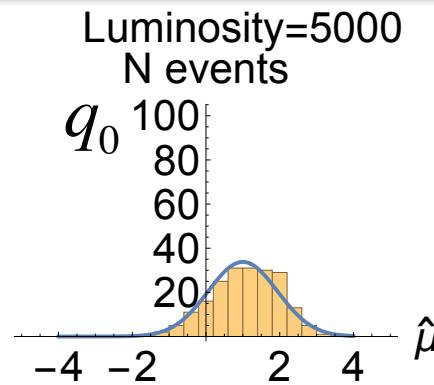
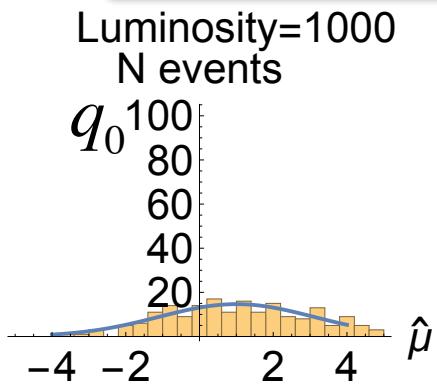
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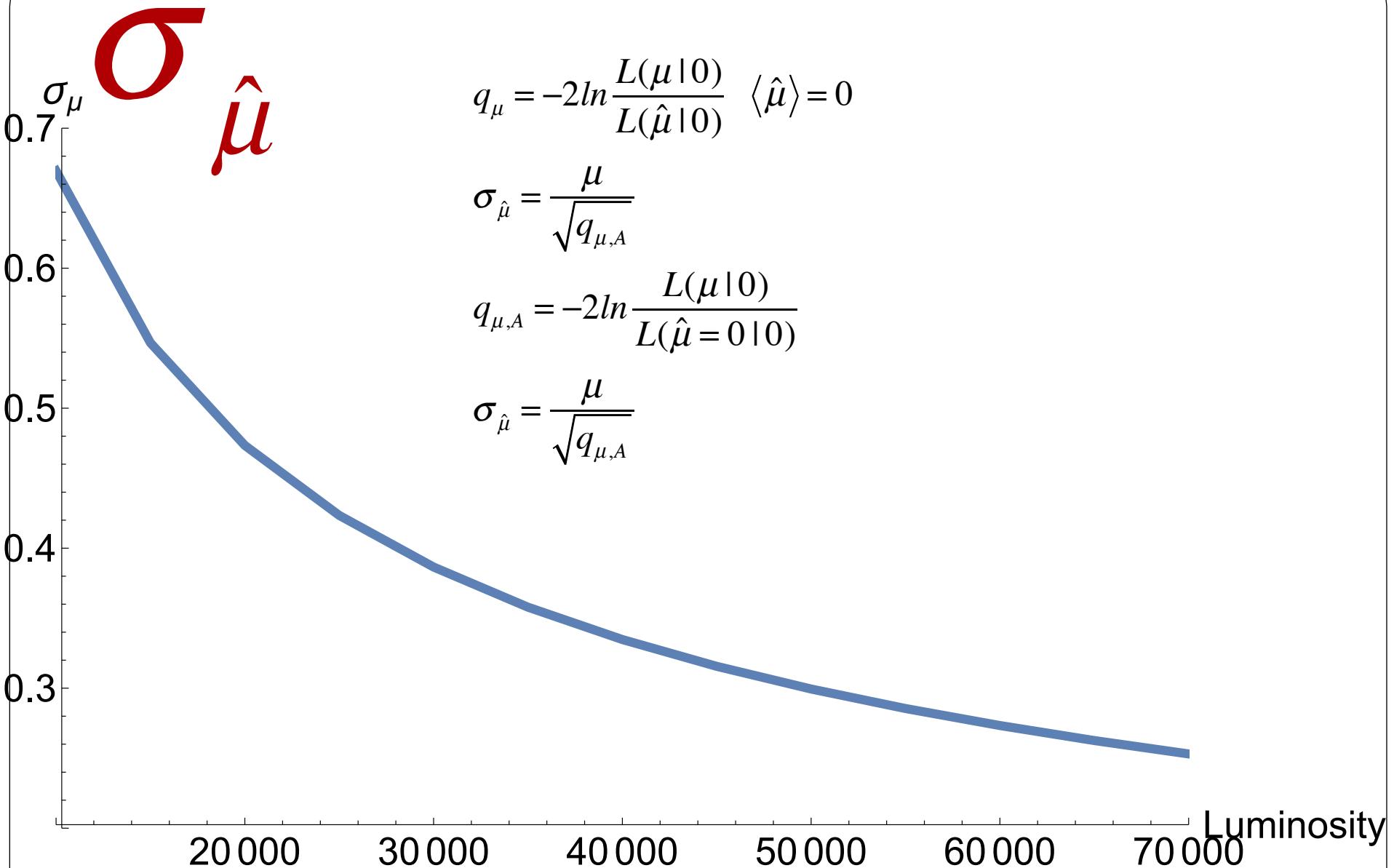
$\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}$  ?

$$-2 \ln \lambda(0) = \frac{\hat{\mu}^2}{\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2} + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\right) \quad \langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = 1$$

$$\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2 = \frac{1}{q_{0,A}}$$

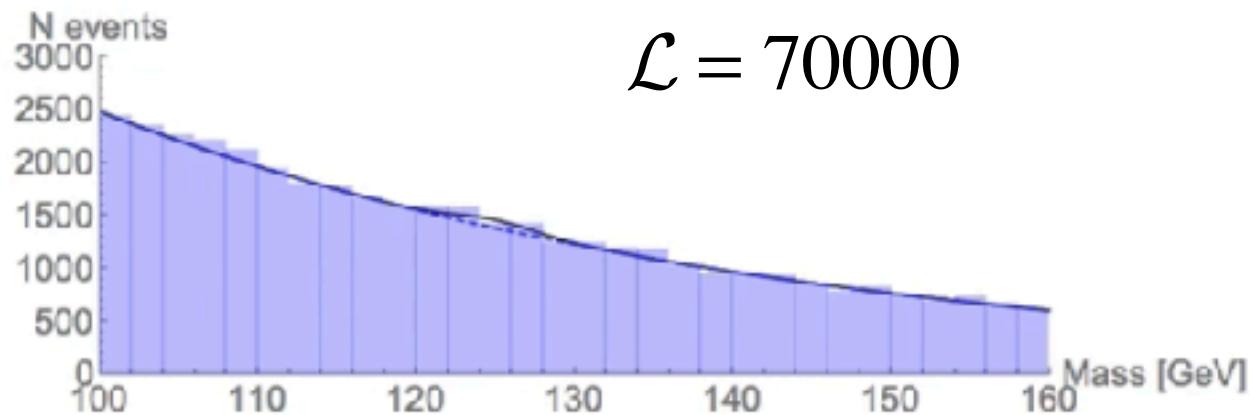
Fit the distribution with the Asimov calculated Sigma



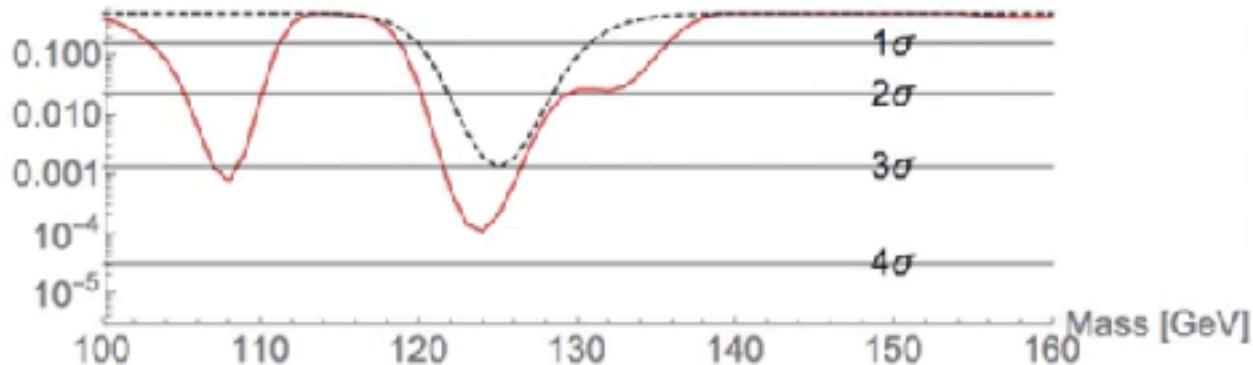


# p-value

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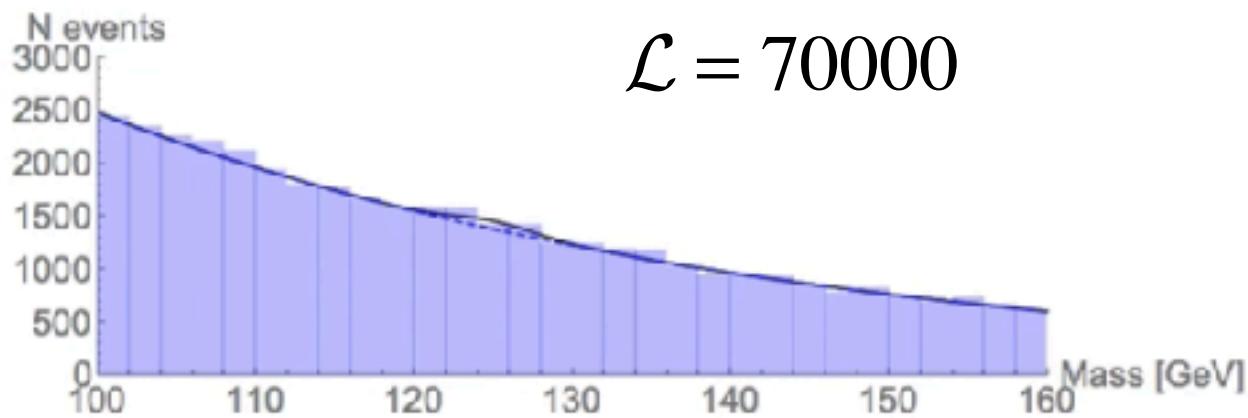


$$p = \text{prob}(q_0 \geq q_{0,obs})$$

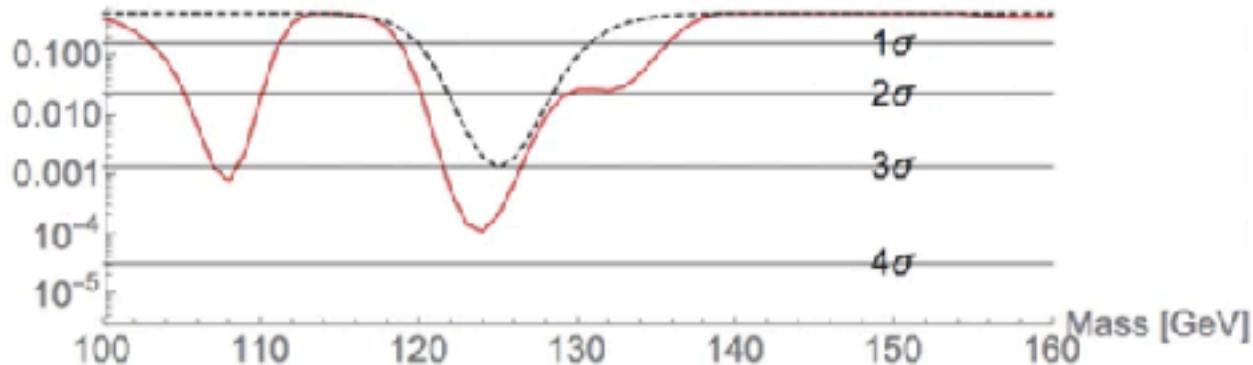


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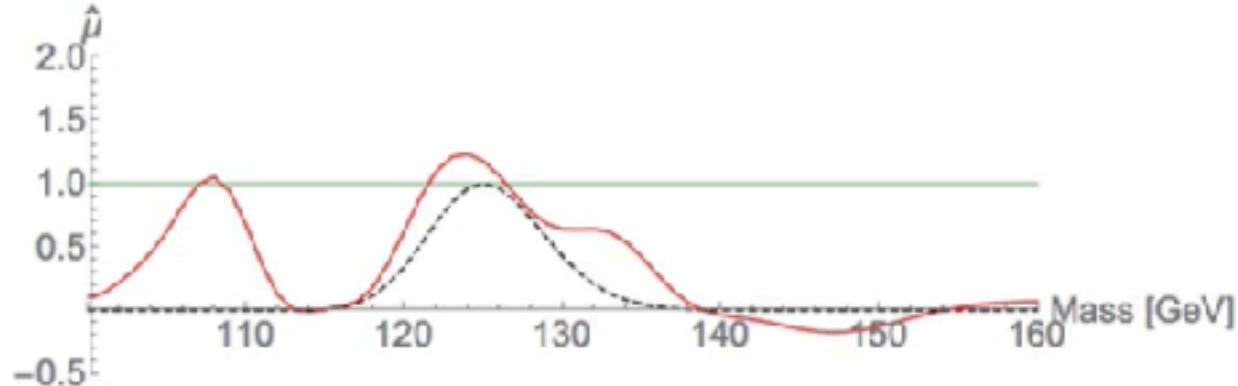
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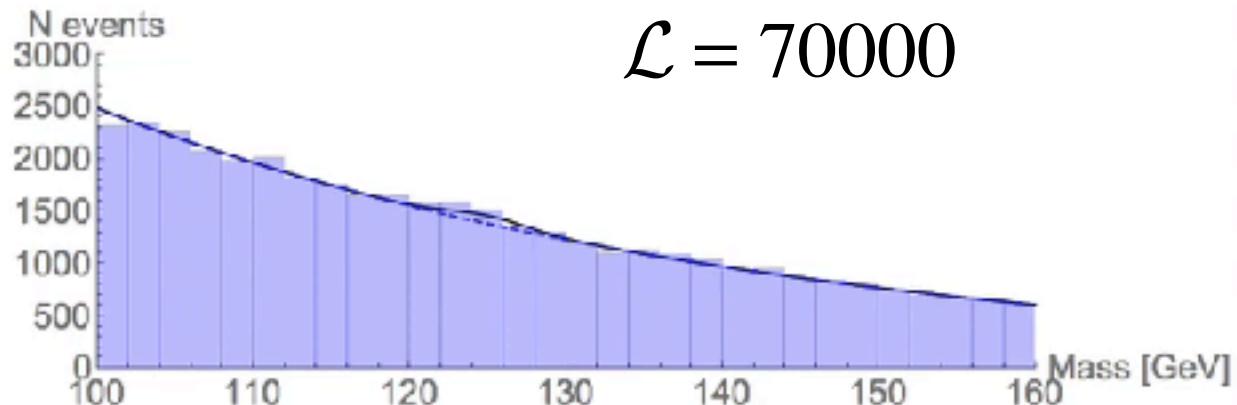


$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{\sigma_{obs}}{\sigma_{exp}}$$

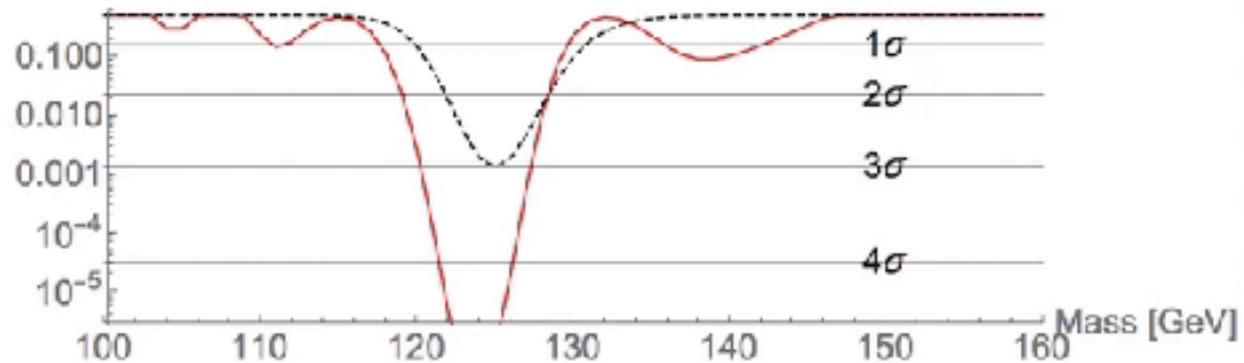


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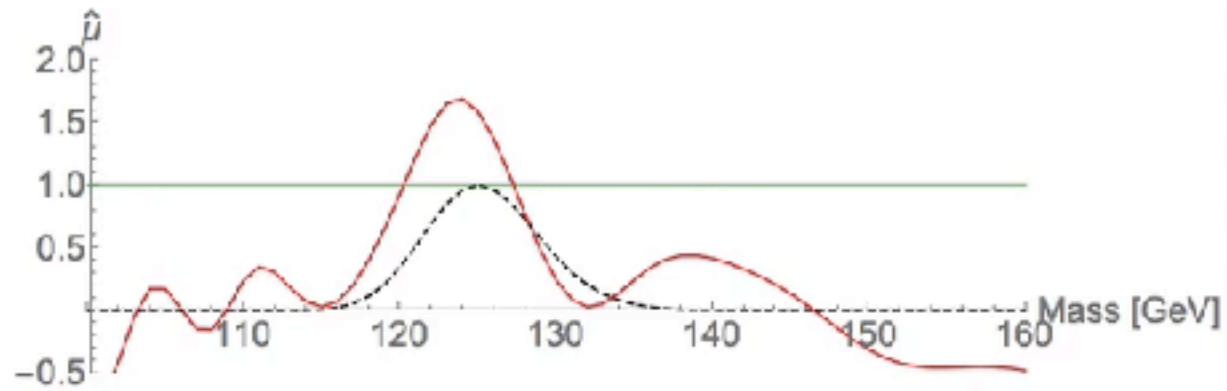
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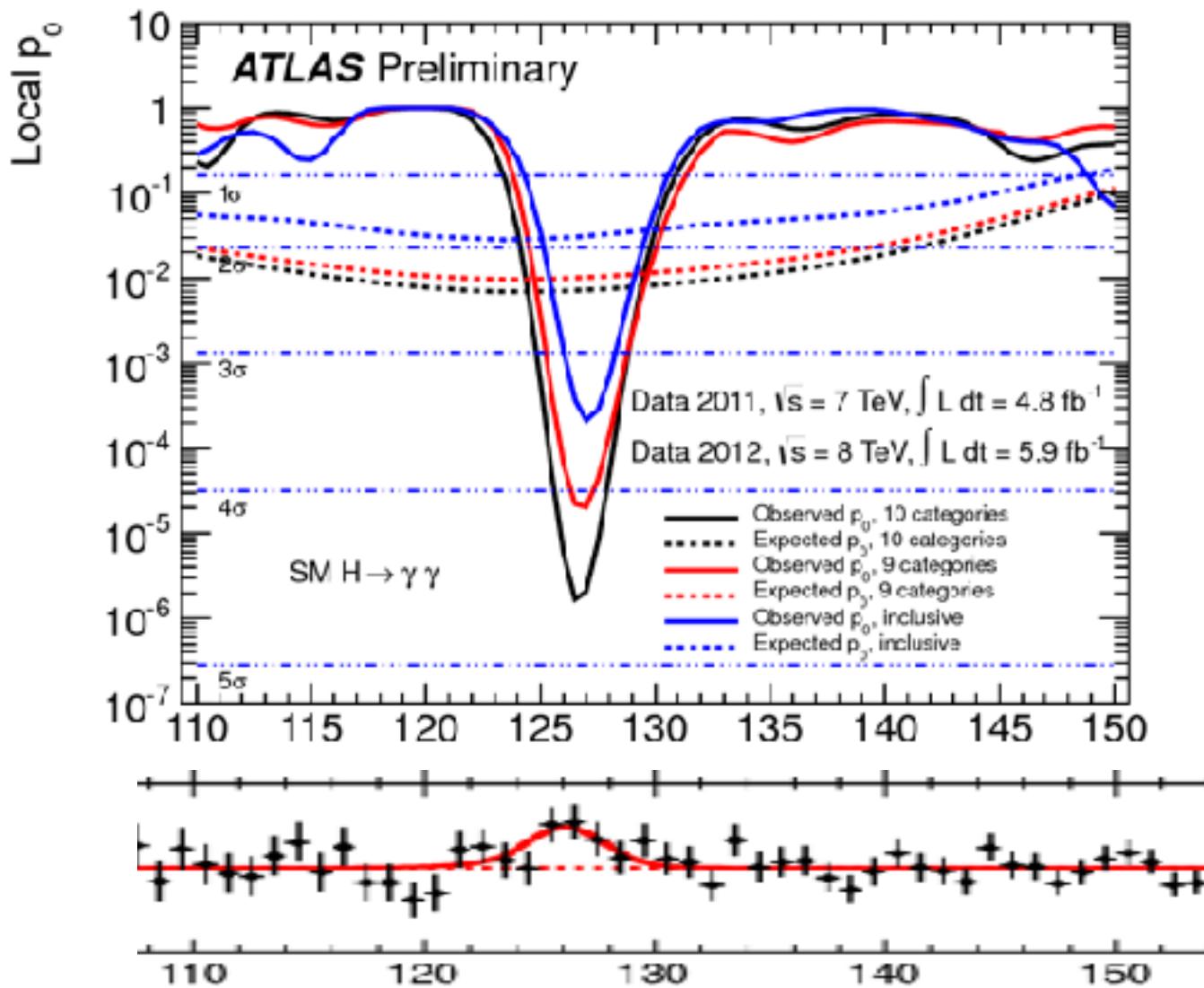
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$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



# $q_\mu$ for exclusion

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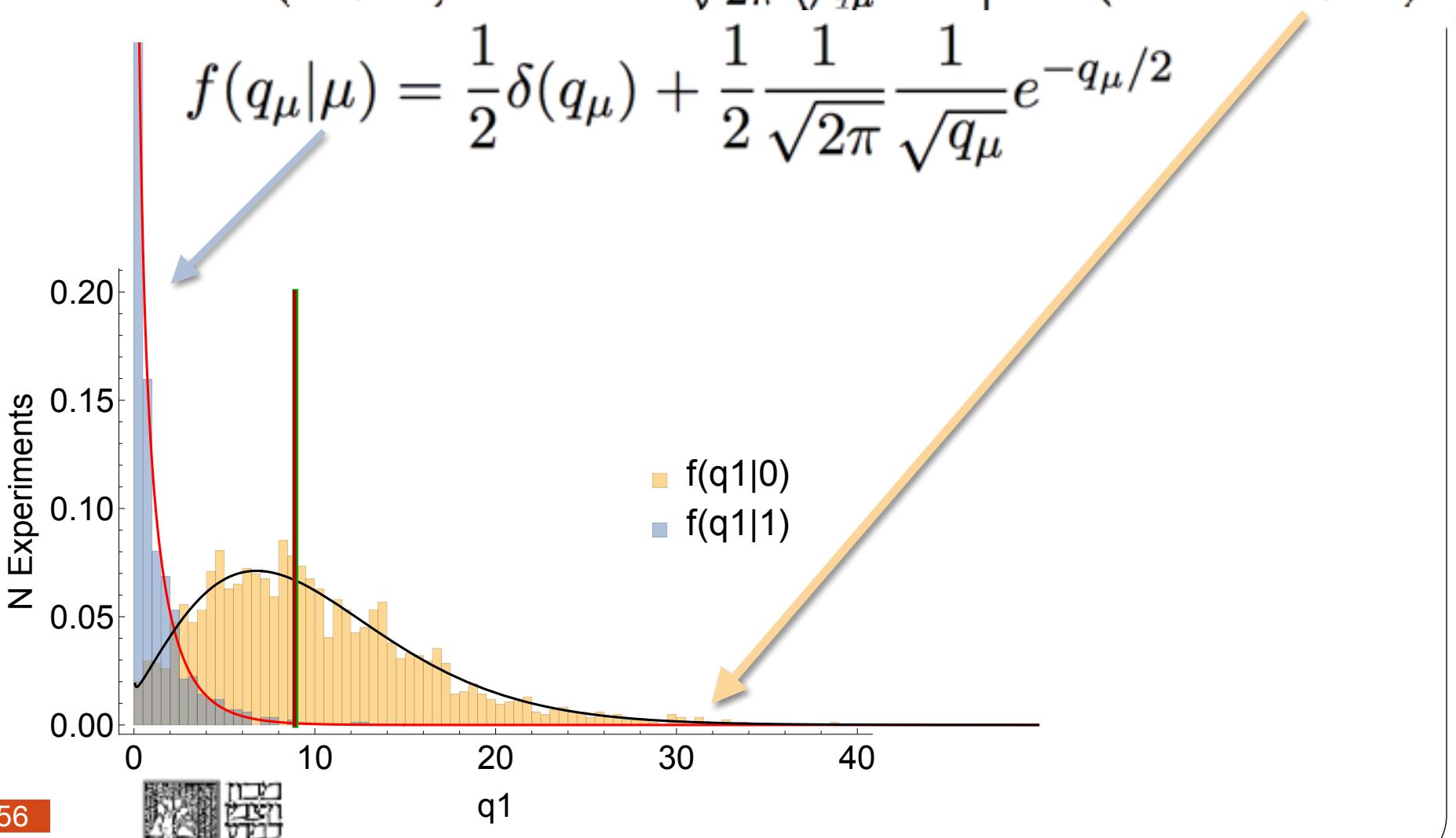
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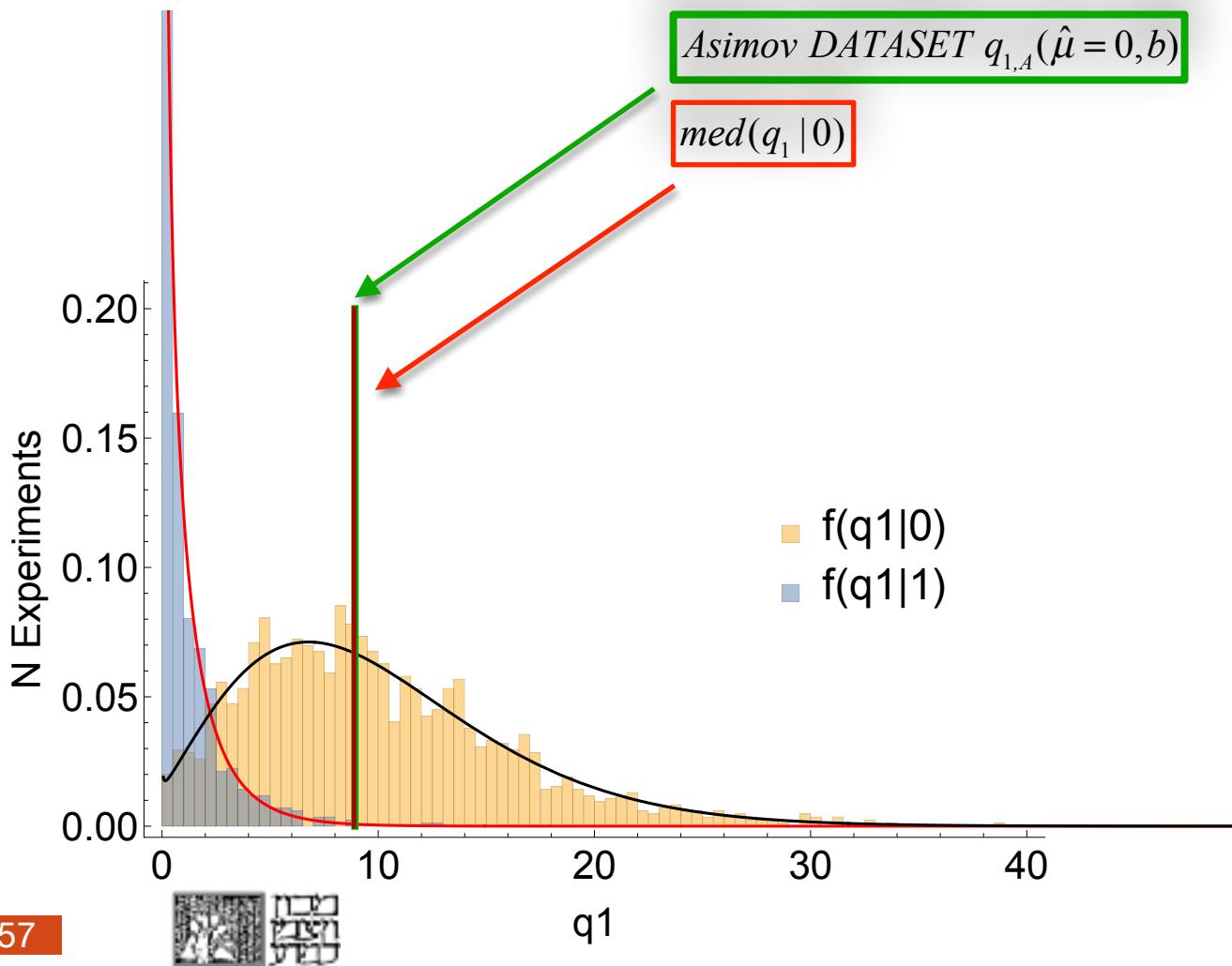
# PDF of $(q_1|1)$ and $(q_1|0)$

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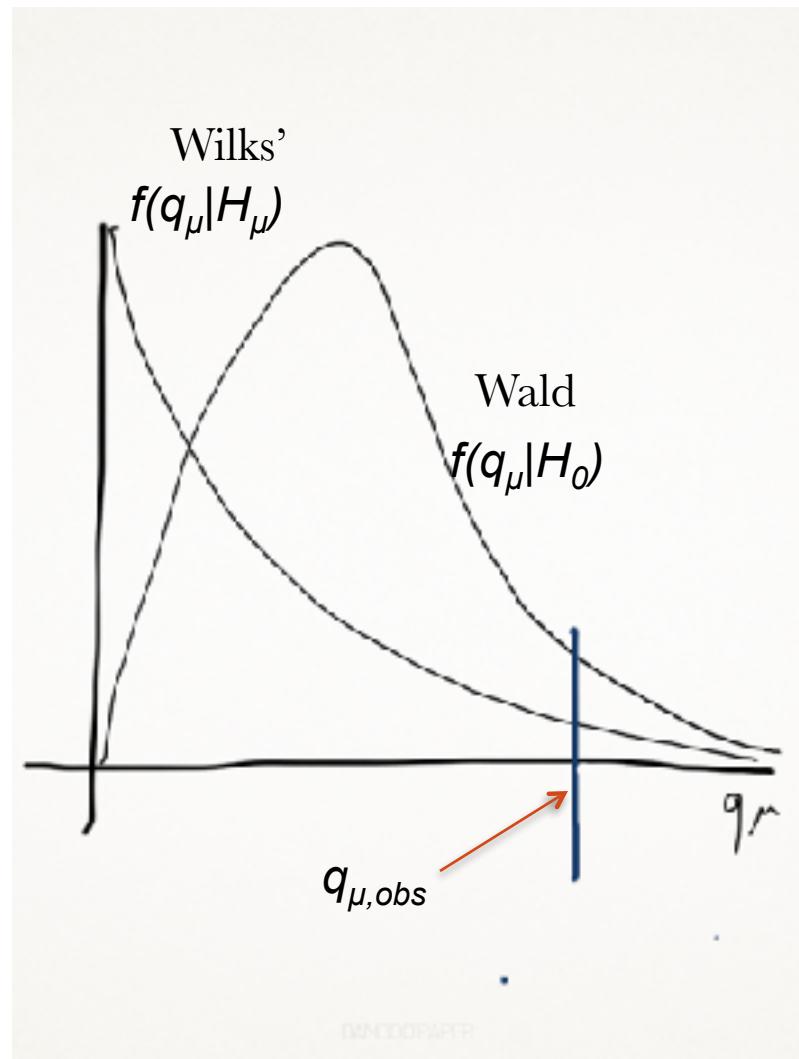


# PDF of $(q_1|1)$ and $(q_1|0)$



# Exclusion at 95% CL

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

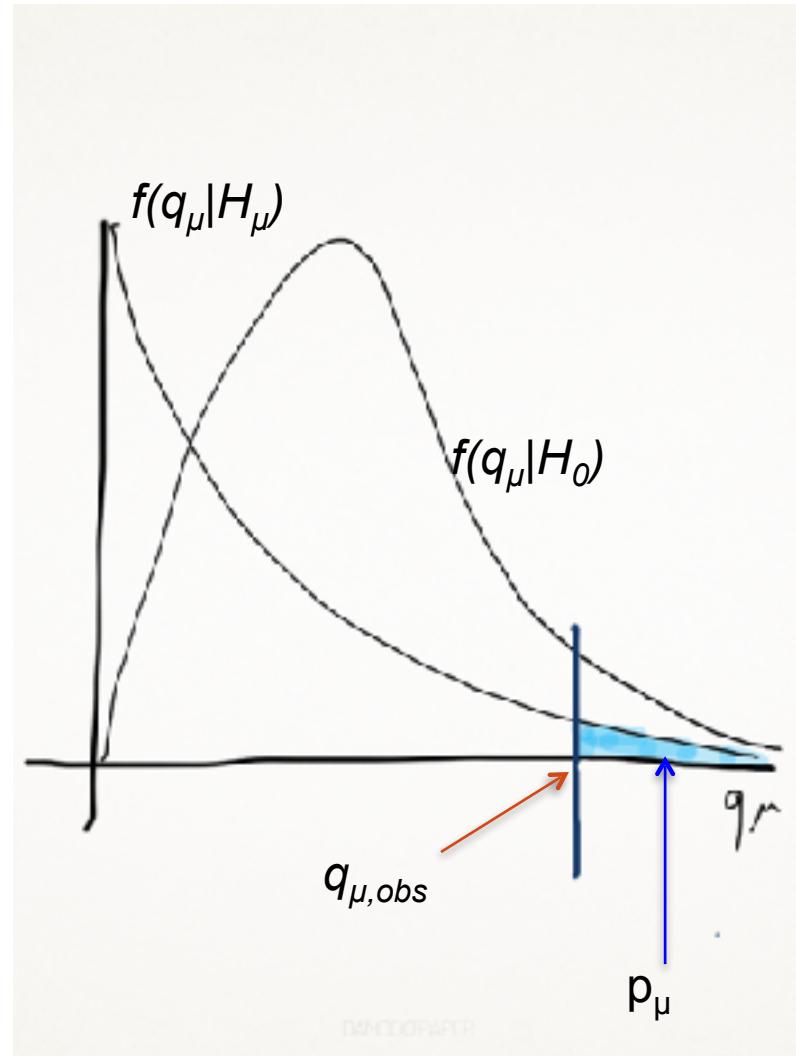


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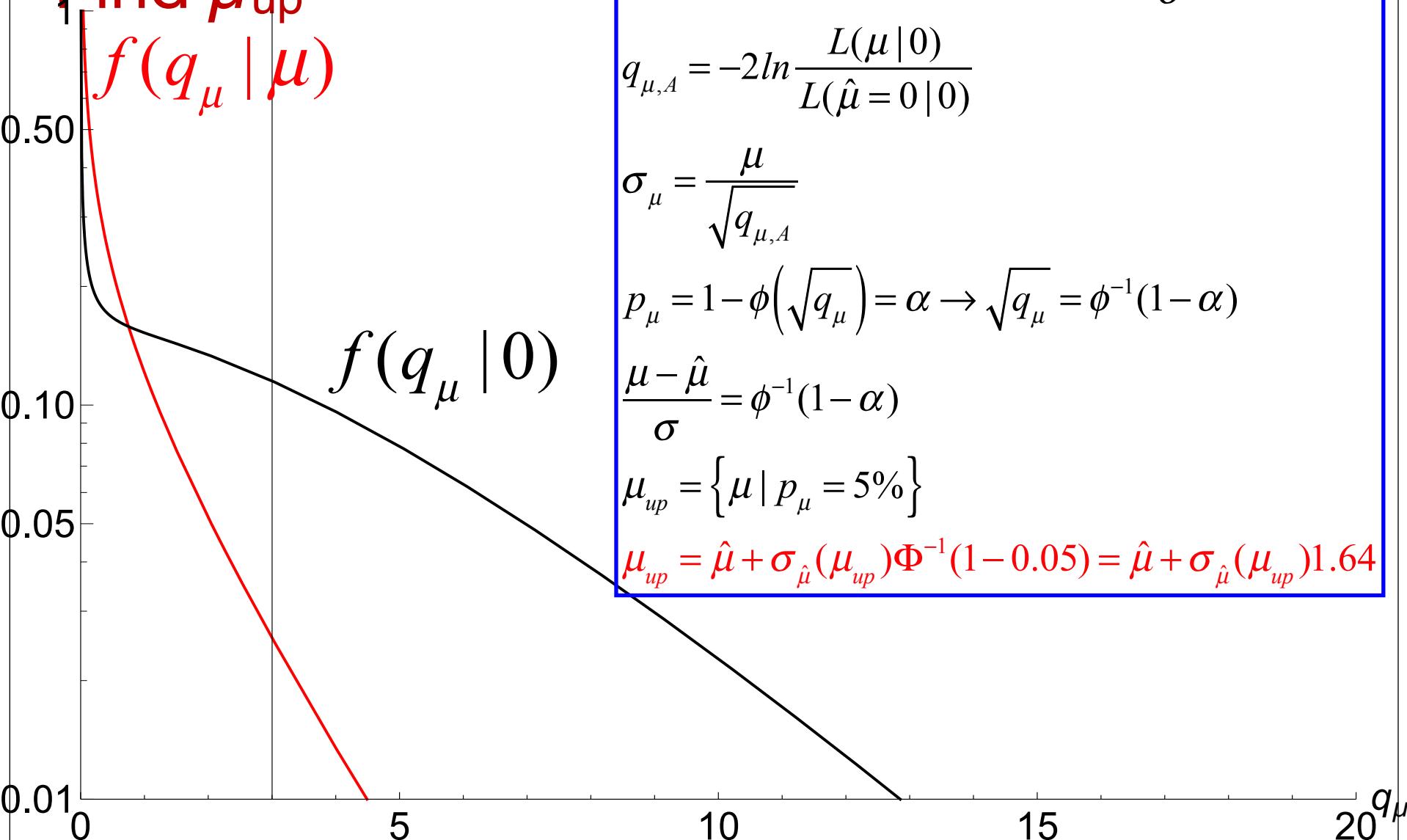
- Find the p-value of the signal hypothesis  $H_\mu$

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

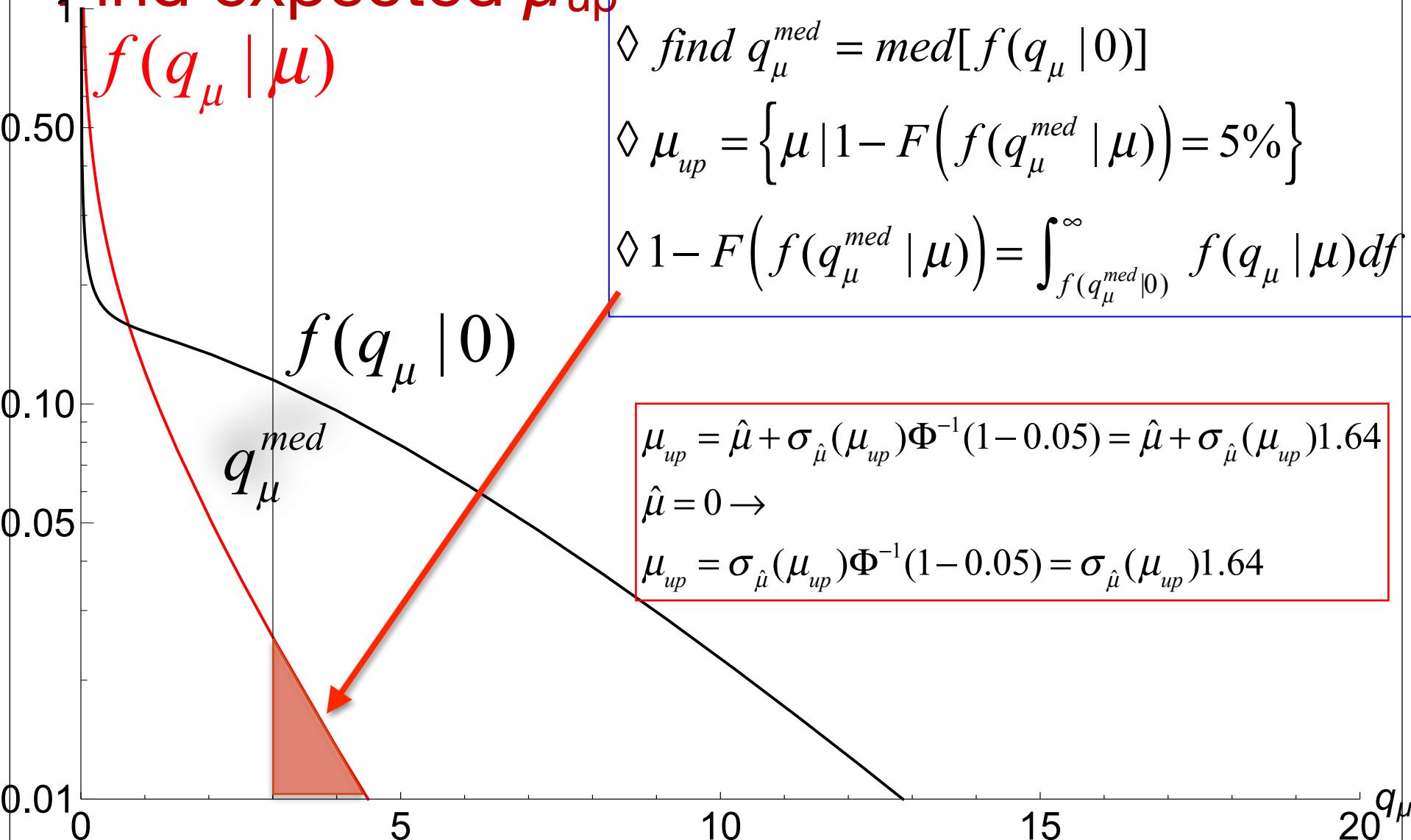
- In principle if  $p_\mu < 5\%$ ,  $H_\mu$  hypothesis is excluded at the 95% CL
- Note that  $H_\mu$  is for a given Higgs mass  $m_H$



Find  $\mu_{up}$



# Find expected $\mu_{up}$

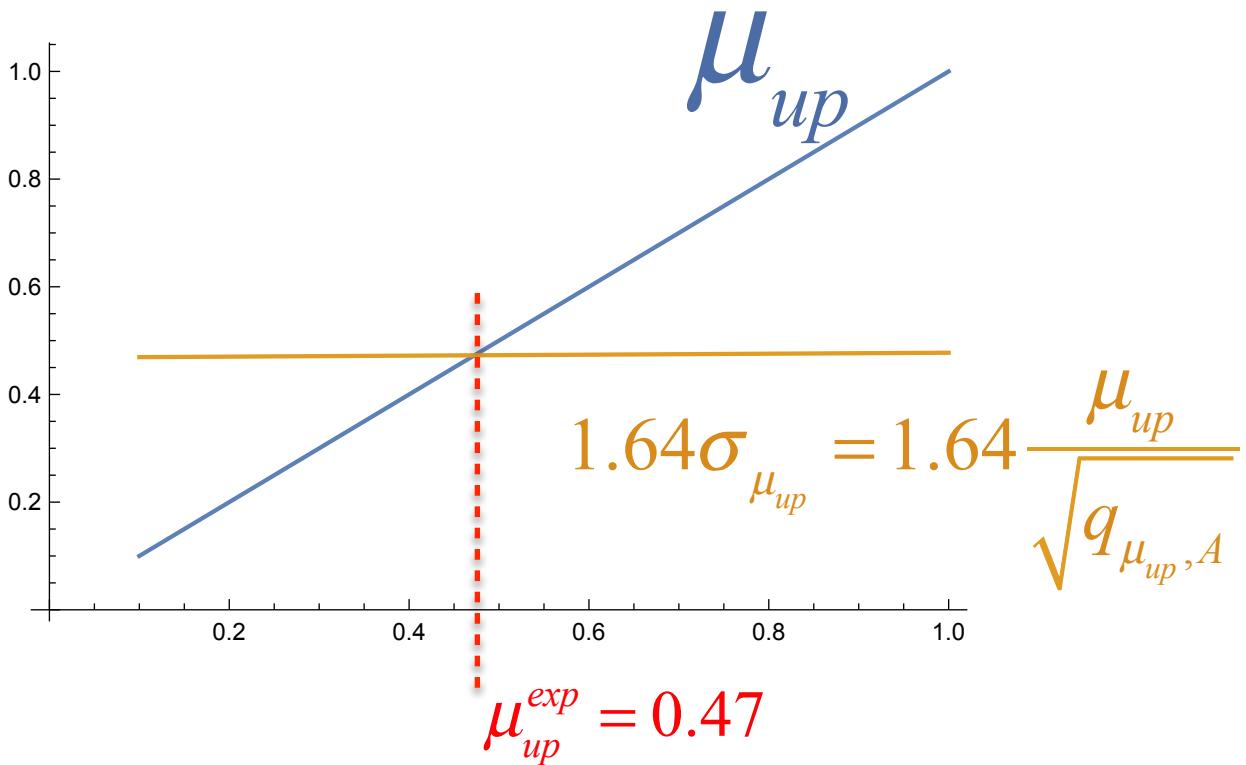


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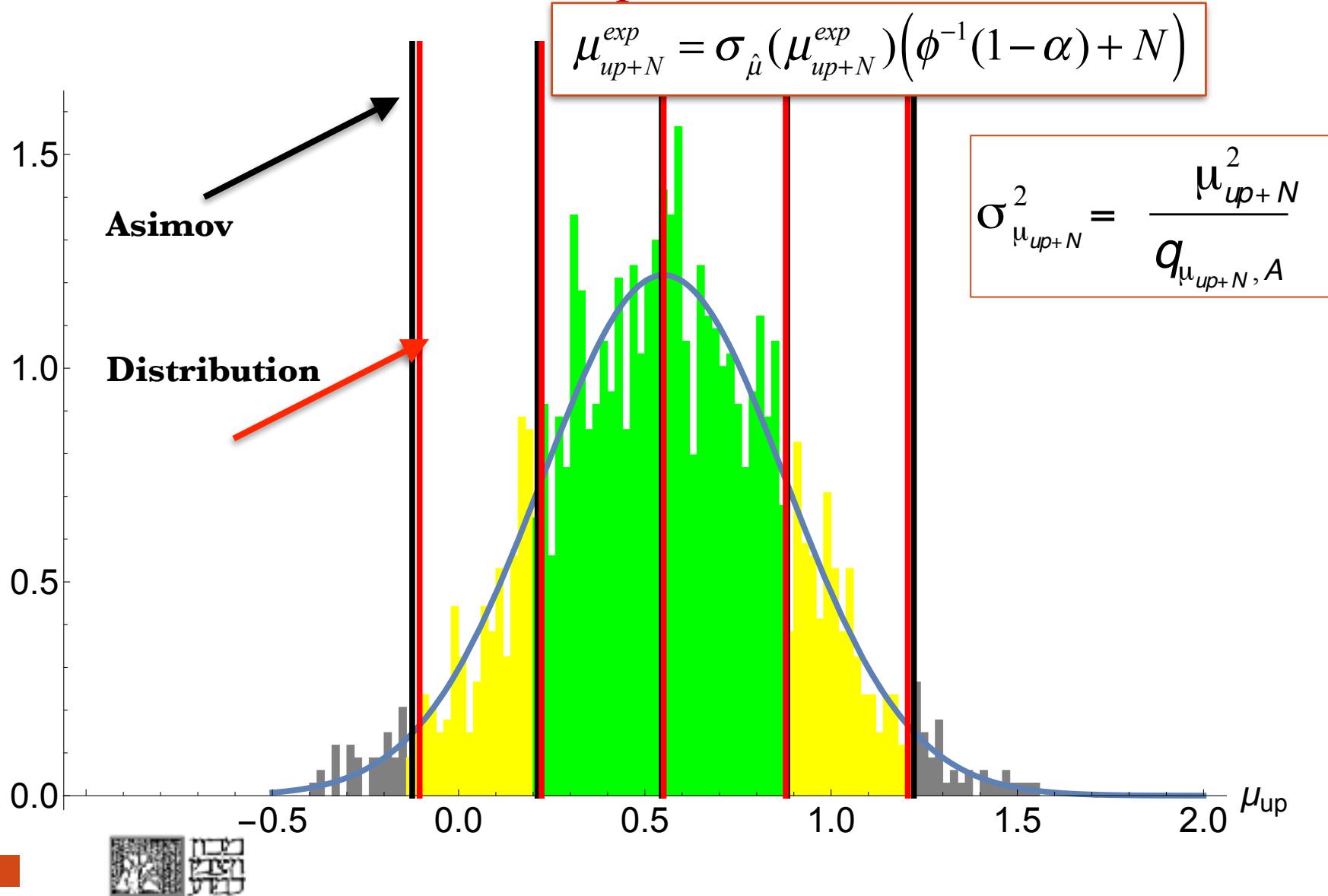
$$\mu_{up} = \hat{\mu} + \sigma_{\hat{\mu}}(\mu_{up})\Phi^{-1}(1 - 0.05) = \hat{\mu} + \sigma_{\hat{\mu}}(\mu_{up})1.64$$

$$\hat{\mu}_A = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$\mu_{up}^{exp} = \sigma_{\hat{\mu}}(\mu_{up})\Phi^{-1}(1 - 0.05) = \sigma_{\hat{\mu}}(\mu_{up}^{exp})1.64$$



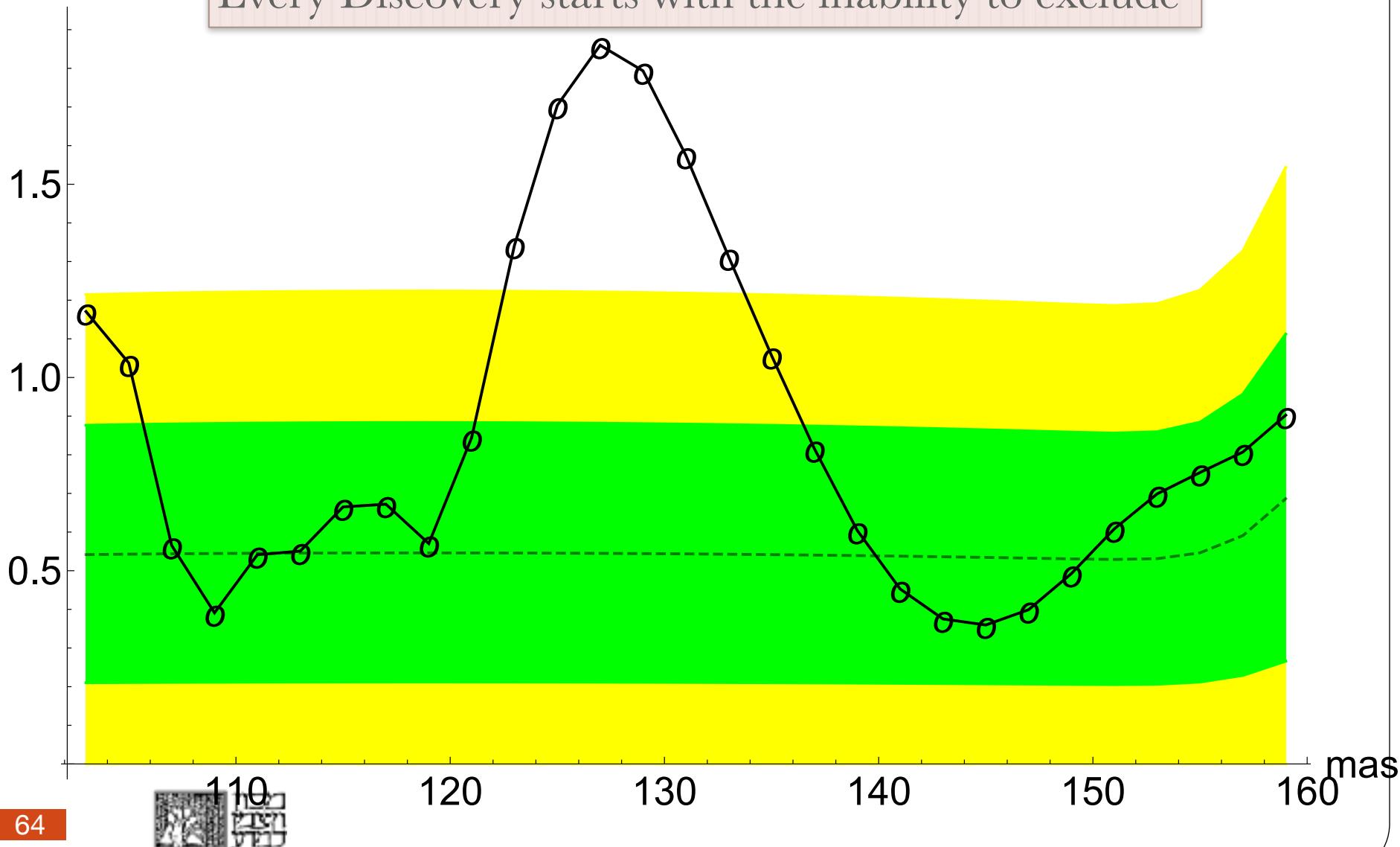
# Expected $\mu_{up}$ Bands at m=125



# Brazil Plot

$\mu_{\text{up}}$

Every Discovery starts with the inability to exclude

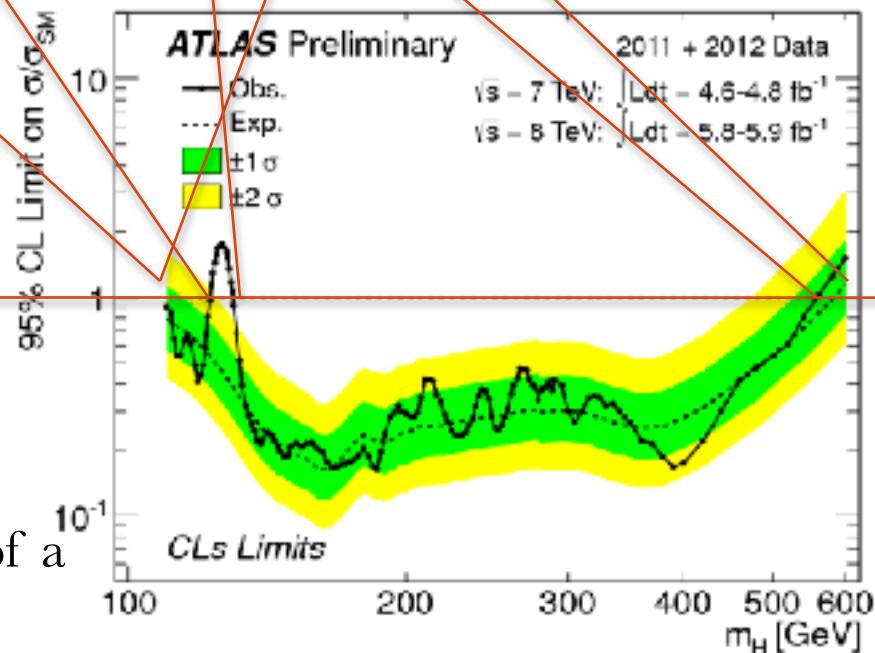


# Understanding the Brazil Plot

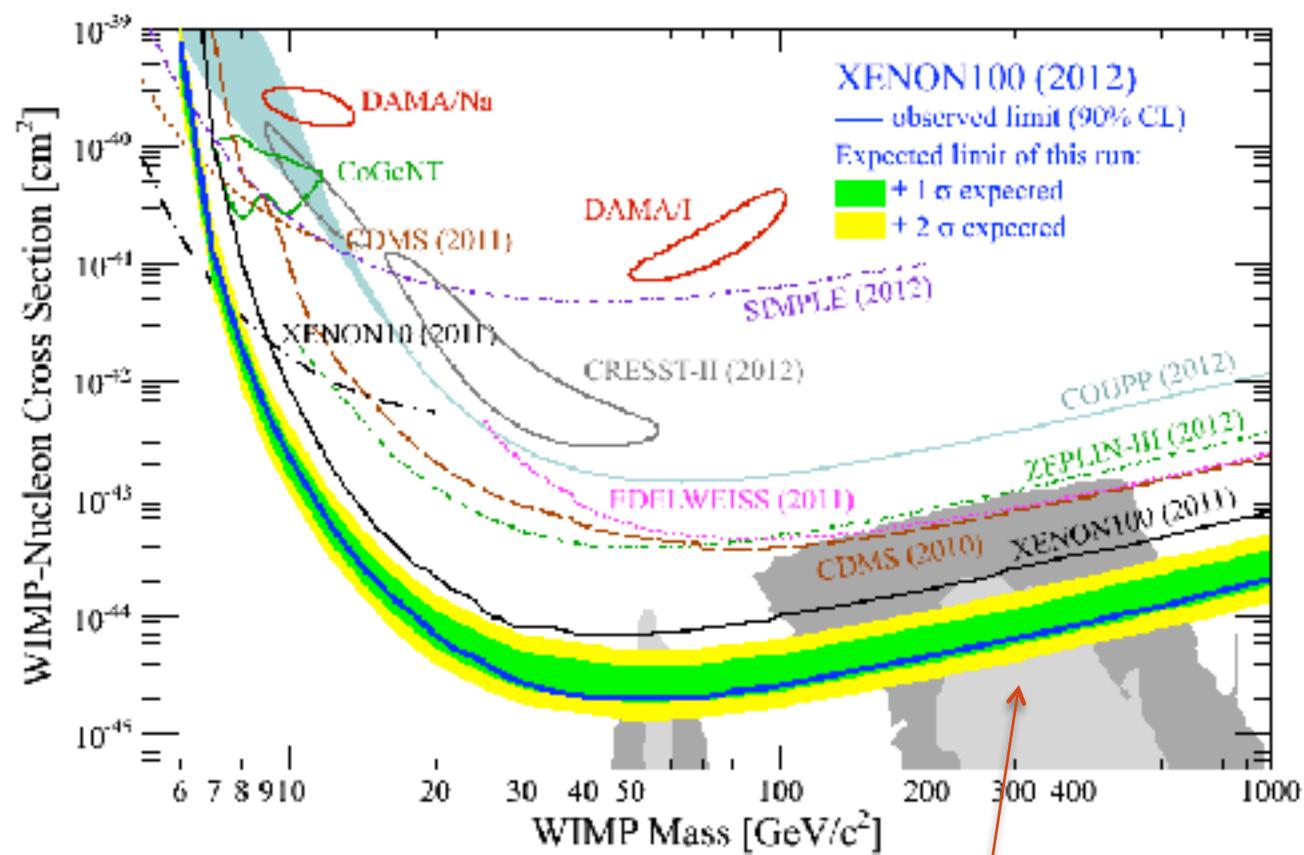
The expected 95% CL exclusion region covers the  $m_H$  range from 110 GeV to 582 GeV. The observed 95% CL exclusion regions are from 110 GeV to 122.6 GeV and 129.7 GeV to 558 GeV. The addition of

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

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



# 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



# Revised CLs (and Asymptotic)

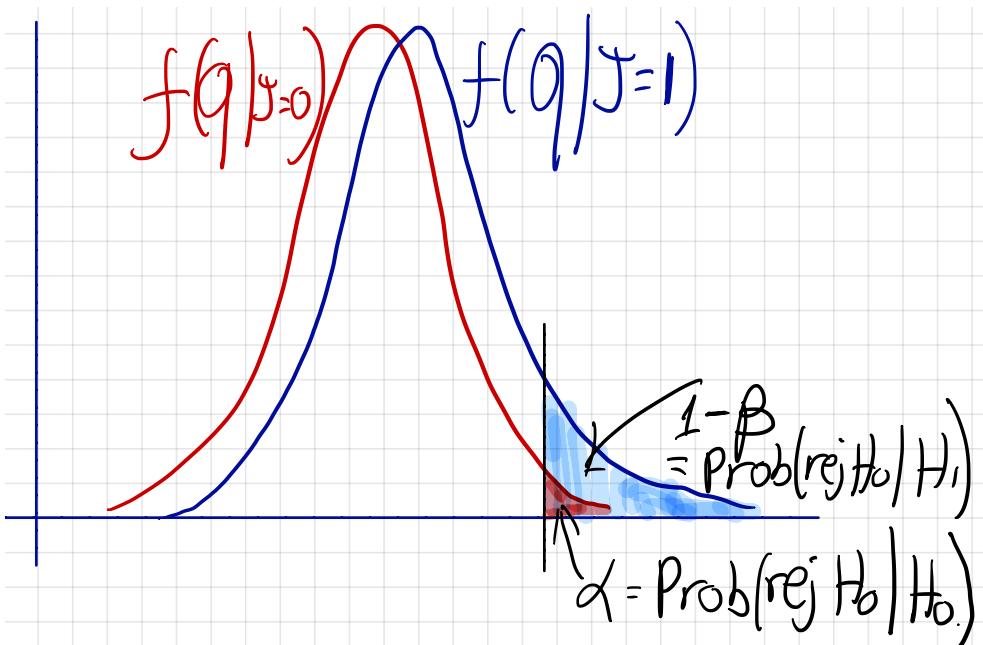
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# CLs

Birnbaum (1962) suggested that  $\alpha / 1 - \beta$  (significance / power) should be used as a measure of the strength of a statistical test, rather than  $\alpha$  alone

$$p = 5\% \rightarrow p' = 5\% / 0.155 = 32\%$$



$$p' \equiv CL_s$$

$$p'_\mu = \frac{p_\mu}{1 - p_0}$$

The CLs method  
Was brought into  
HEP By Alex Read (2002)  
A.L. Read,  
Presentation of search results:  
The CL(s) technique,  
"J.\ Phys.\ G {\bf 28}, 2693 (2002).

Birnbaum was re-discovered later  
By O. Vitells



# The Asymptotic and CLs

$$p'_{\mu} = \frac{p_{\mu}}{1 - p_0}$$

$$p_{\mu} = 1 - \Phi\left(\sqrt{q_{\mu,obs}}\right)$$

$$p_0 = \Phi\left(\sqrt{q_{\mu,obs}} - \sqrt{q_{\mu,A}}\right) \rightarrow$$

$$p'_{\mu} = \frac{1 - \Phi\left(\sqrt{q_{\mu,obs}}\right)}{\Phi\left(\sqrt{q_{\mu,A}} - \sqrt{q_{\mu,obs}}\right)} \Rightarrow$$

scan  $\mu$  and find  $\mu_{up}$

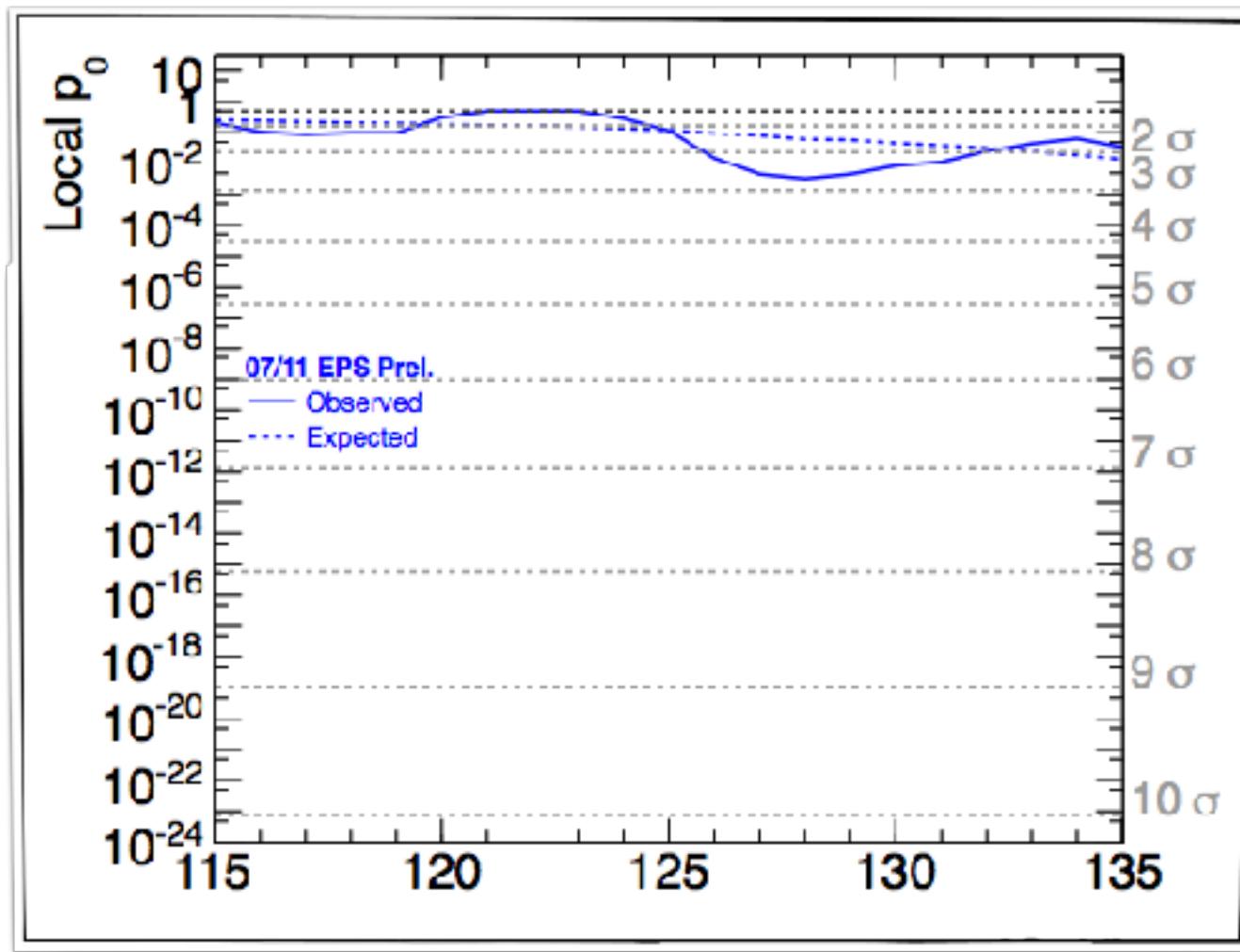
$$\mu_{up} = \left\{ \mu \left| \frac{1 - \Phi\left(\sqrt{q_{\mu,obs}}\right)}{\Phi\left(\sqrt{q_{\mu,A}} - \sqrt{q_{\mu,obs}}\right)} = 5\% \right. \right\}$$

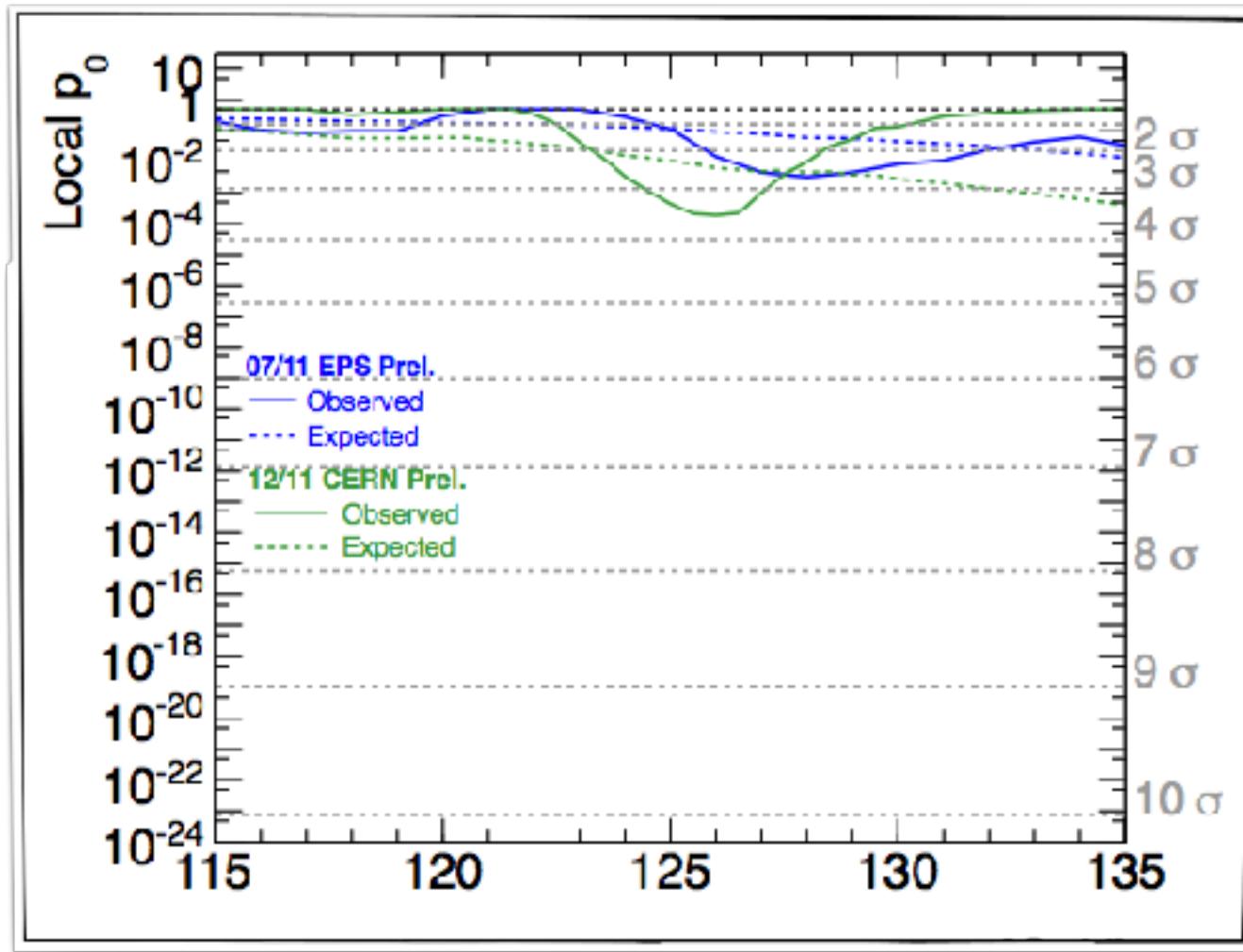


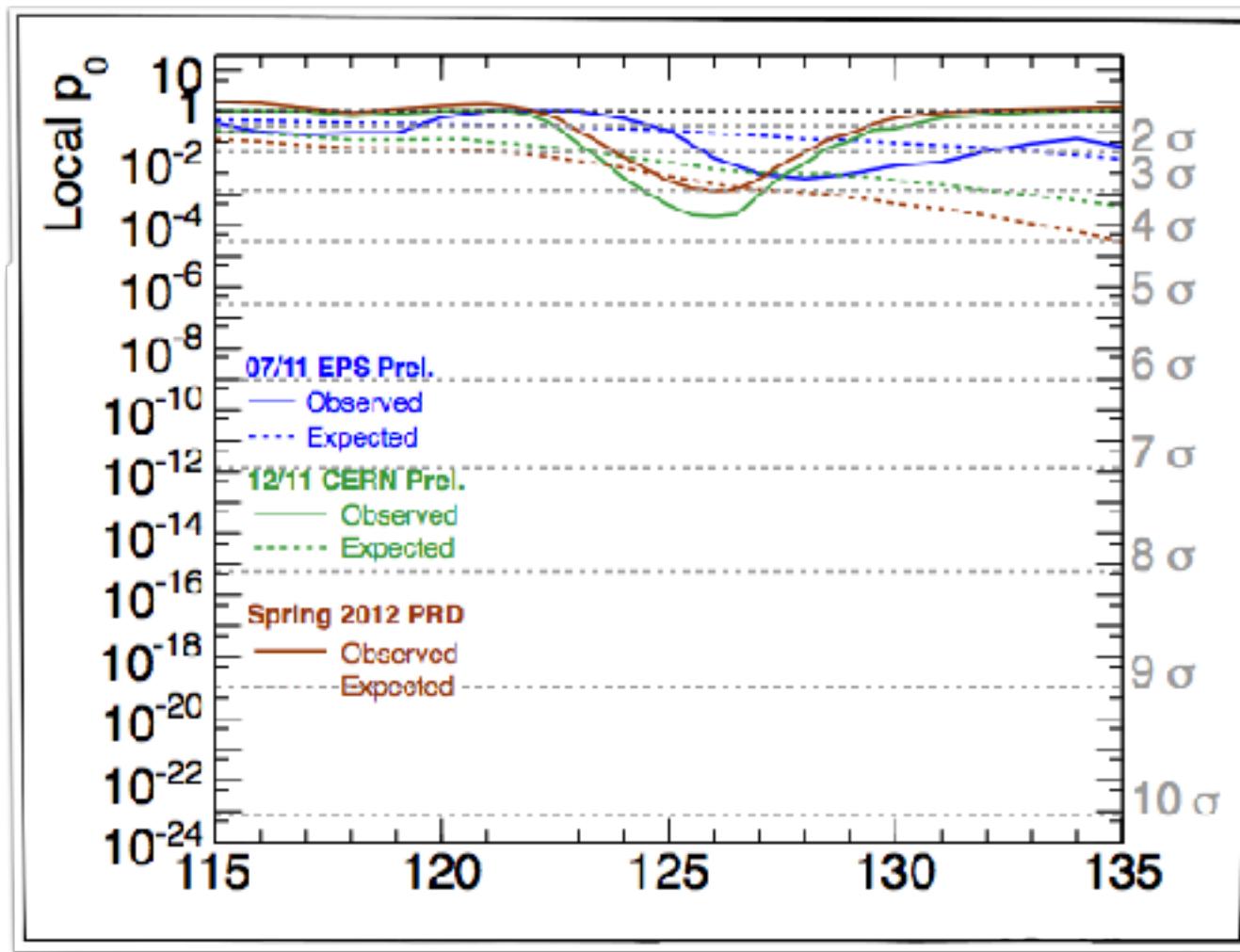
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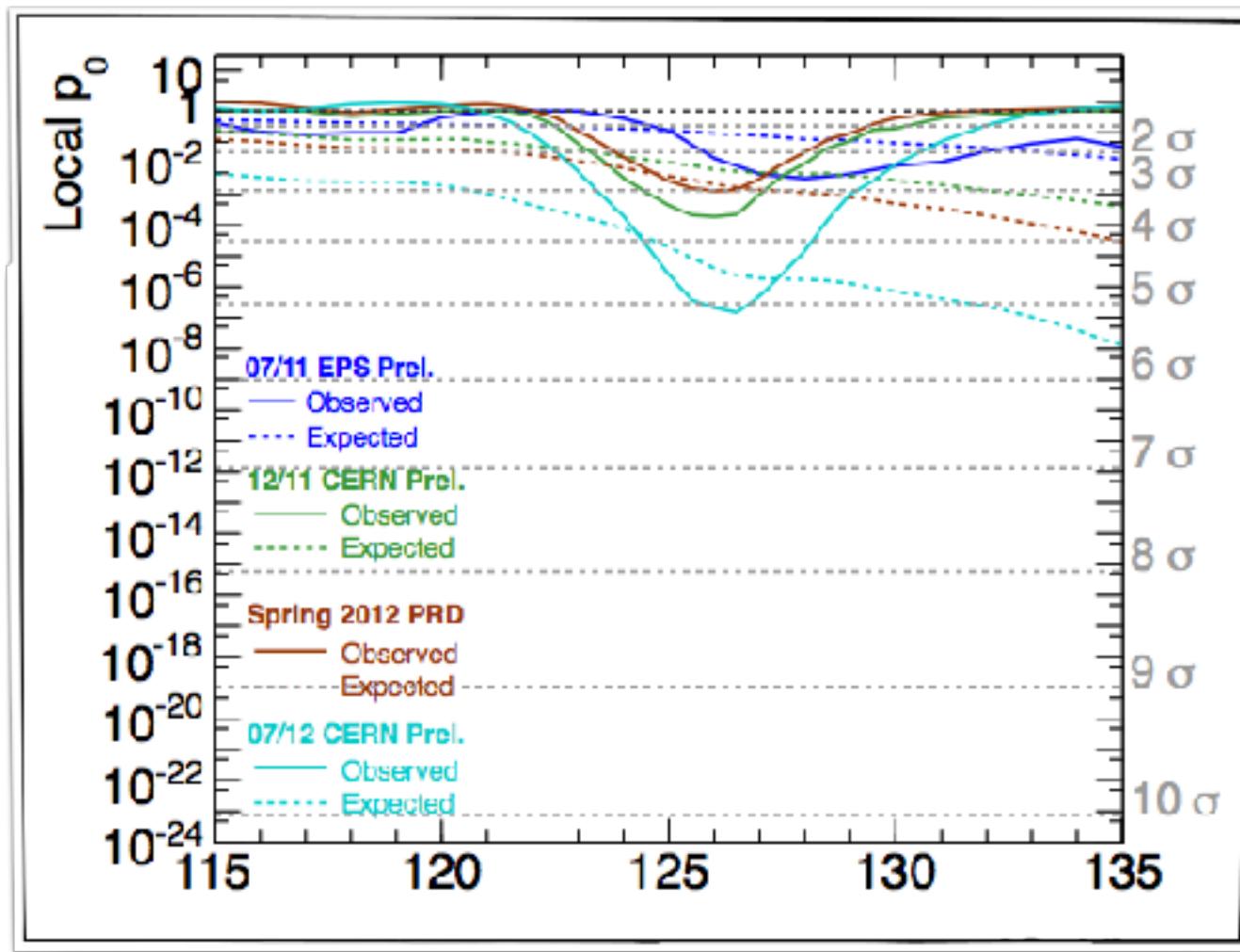
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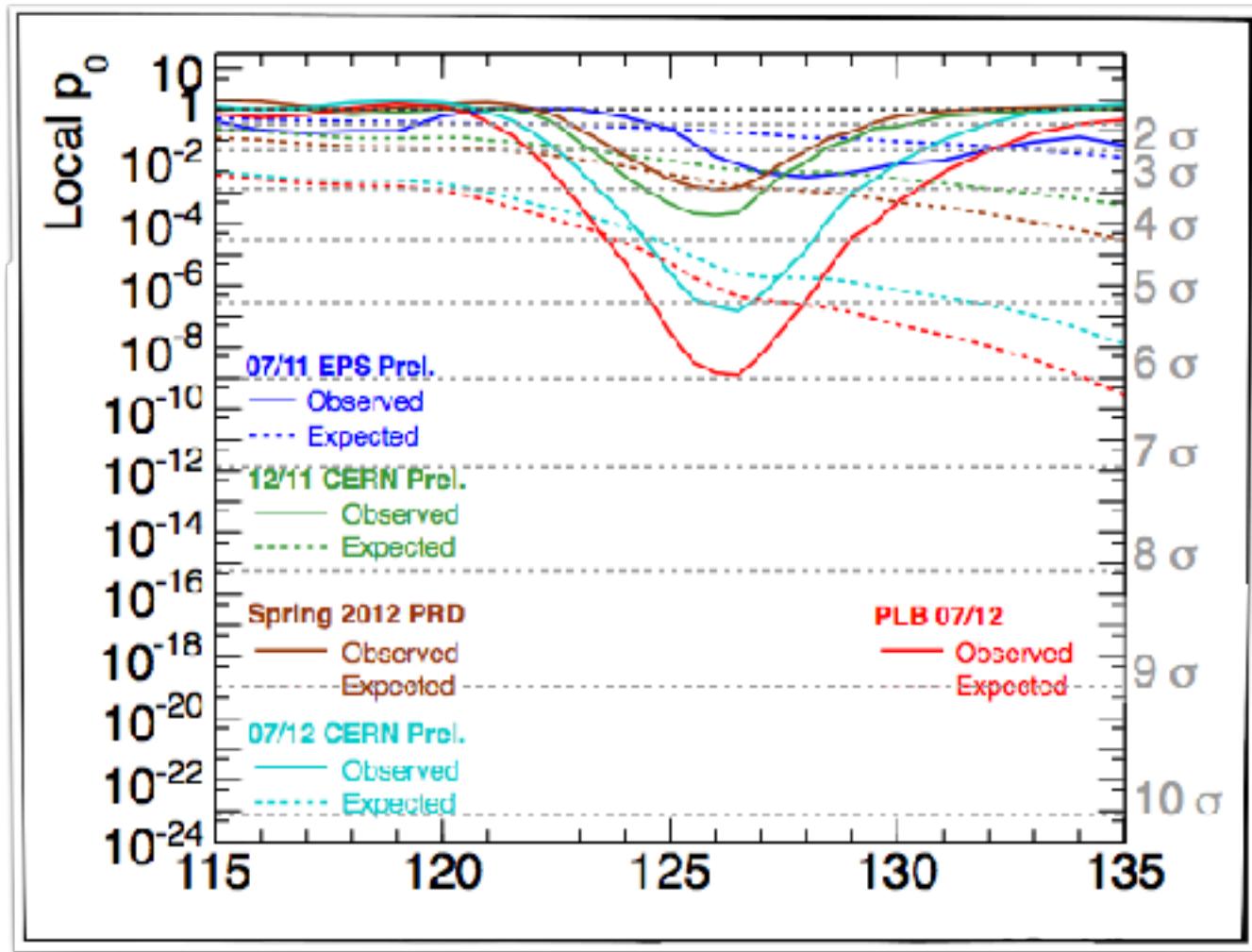


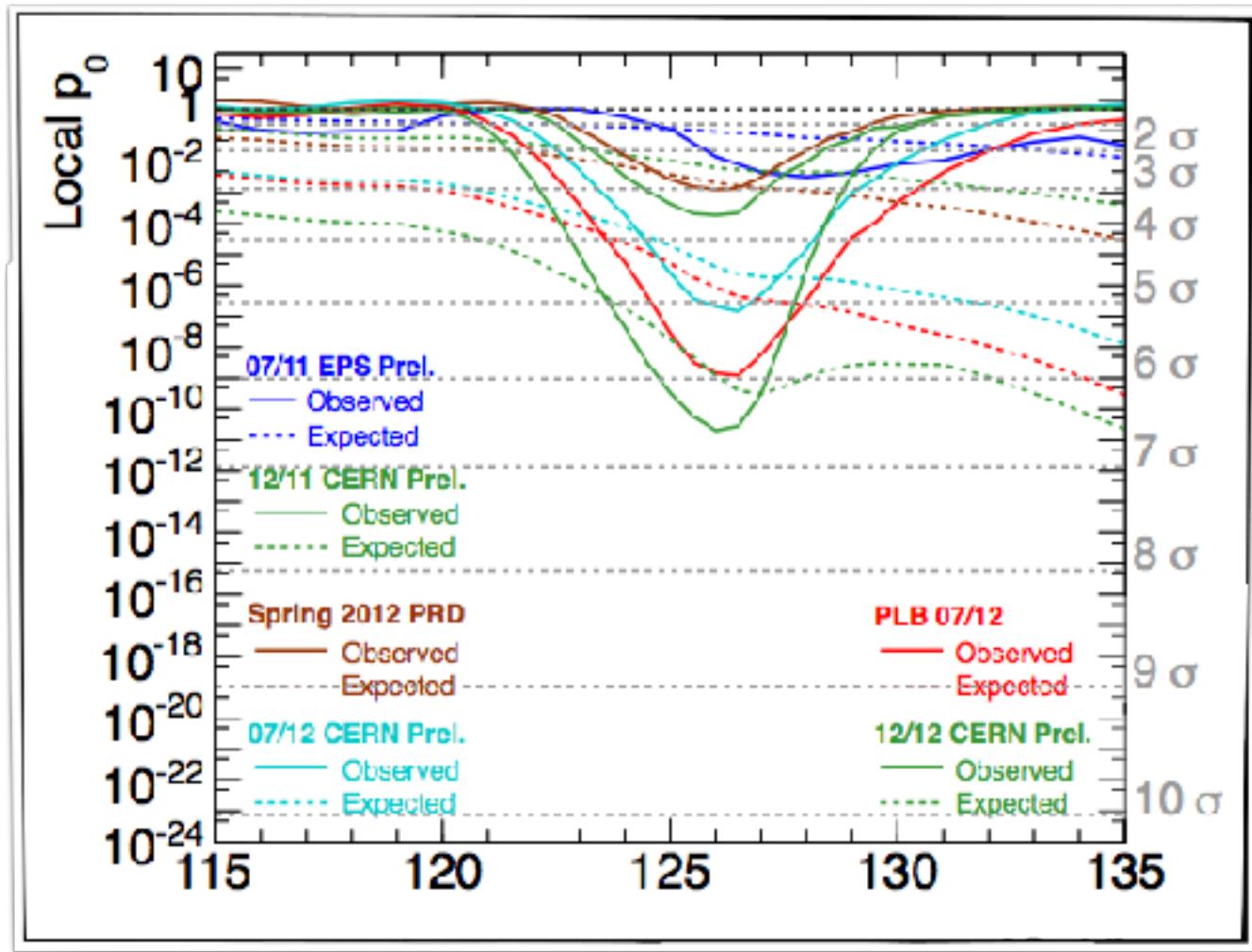


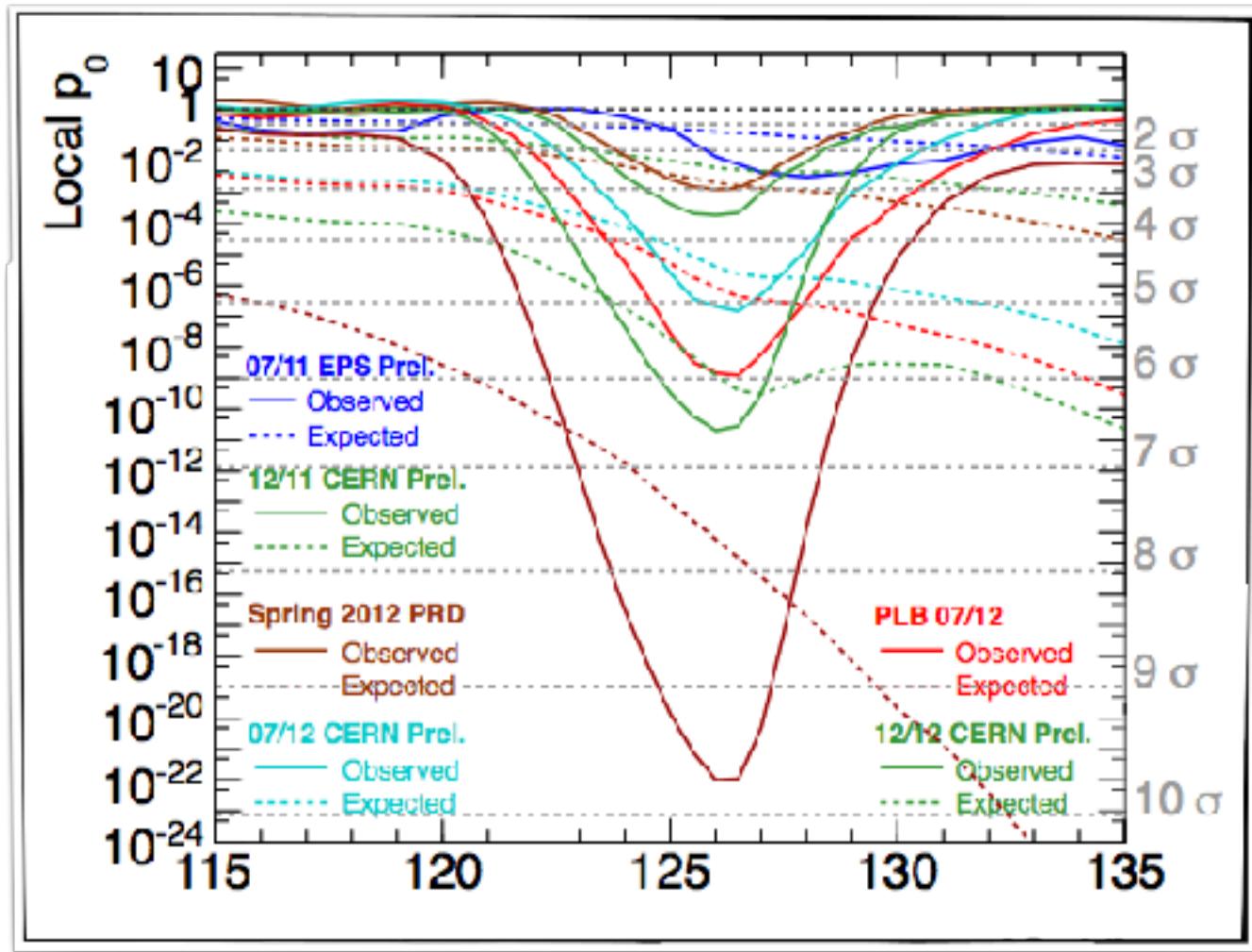




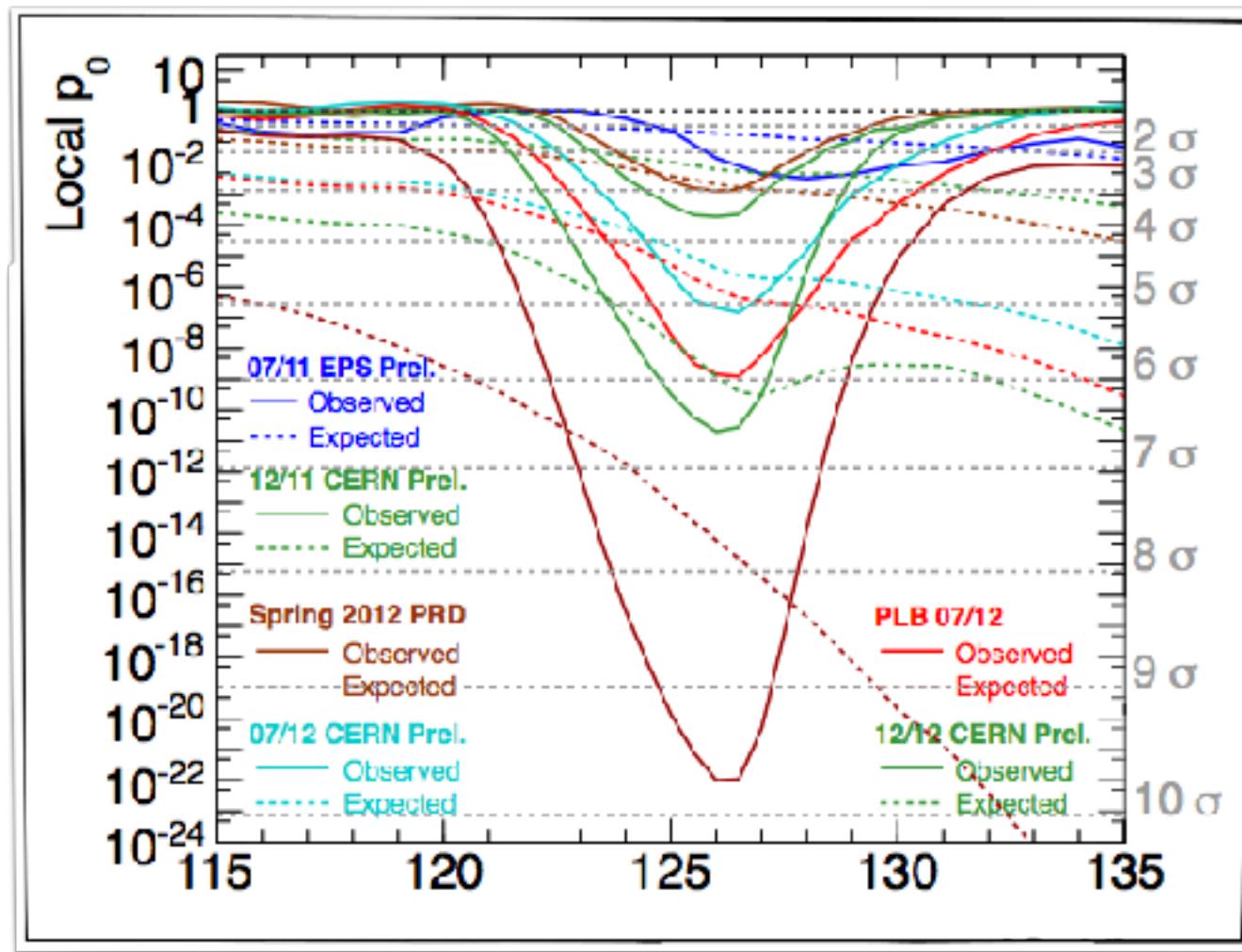








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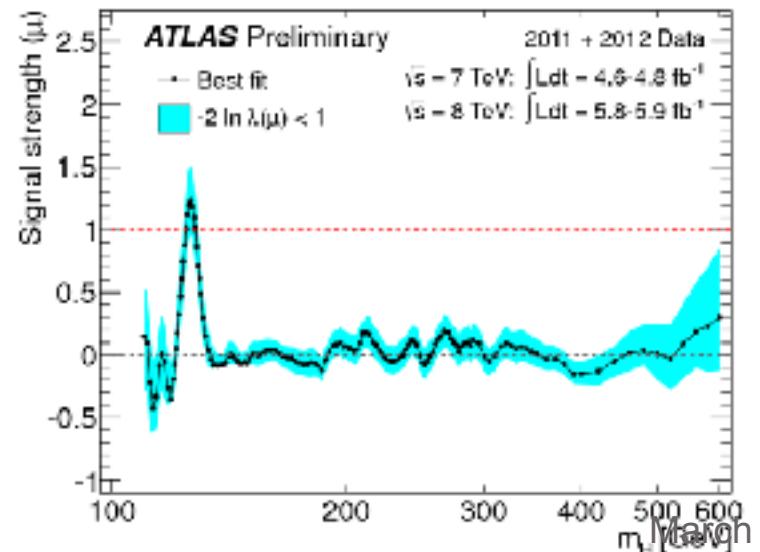
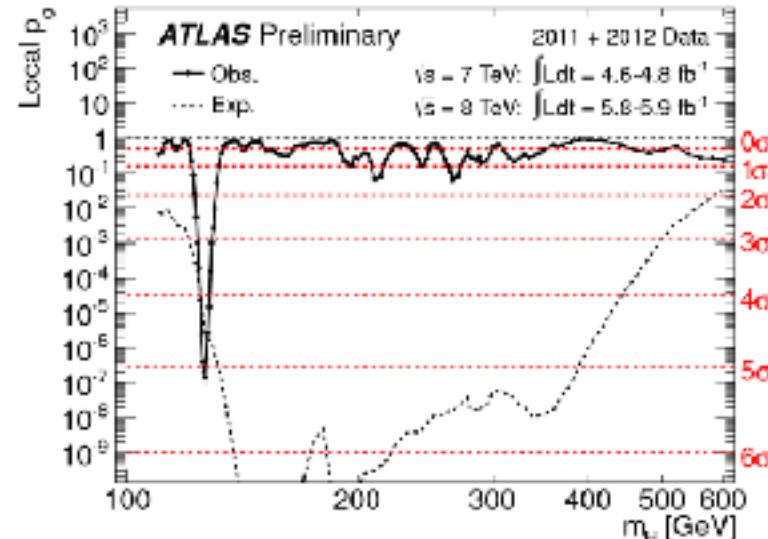
# p0 and the expected p0

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

$p_0$  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

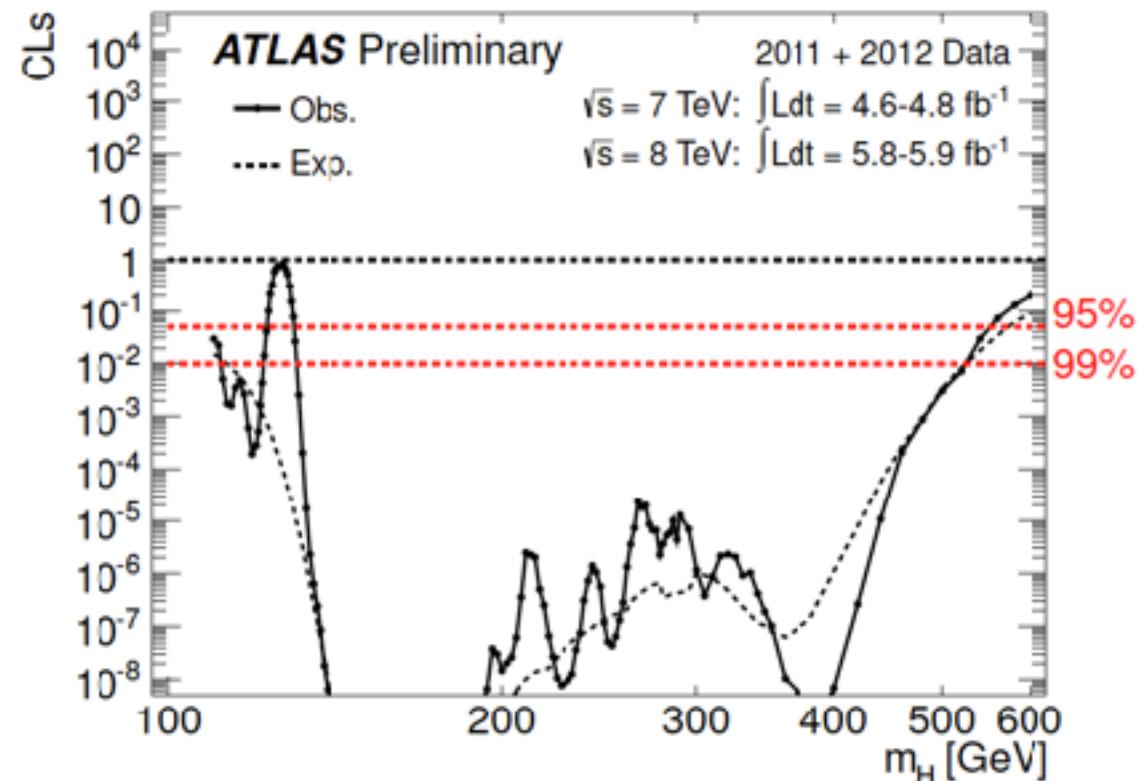
$$p = \int_Z^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx = 1 - \Phi(Z)$$

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



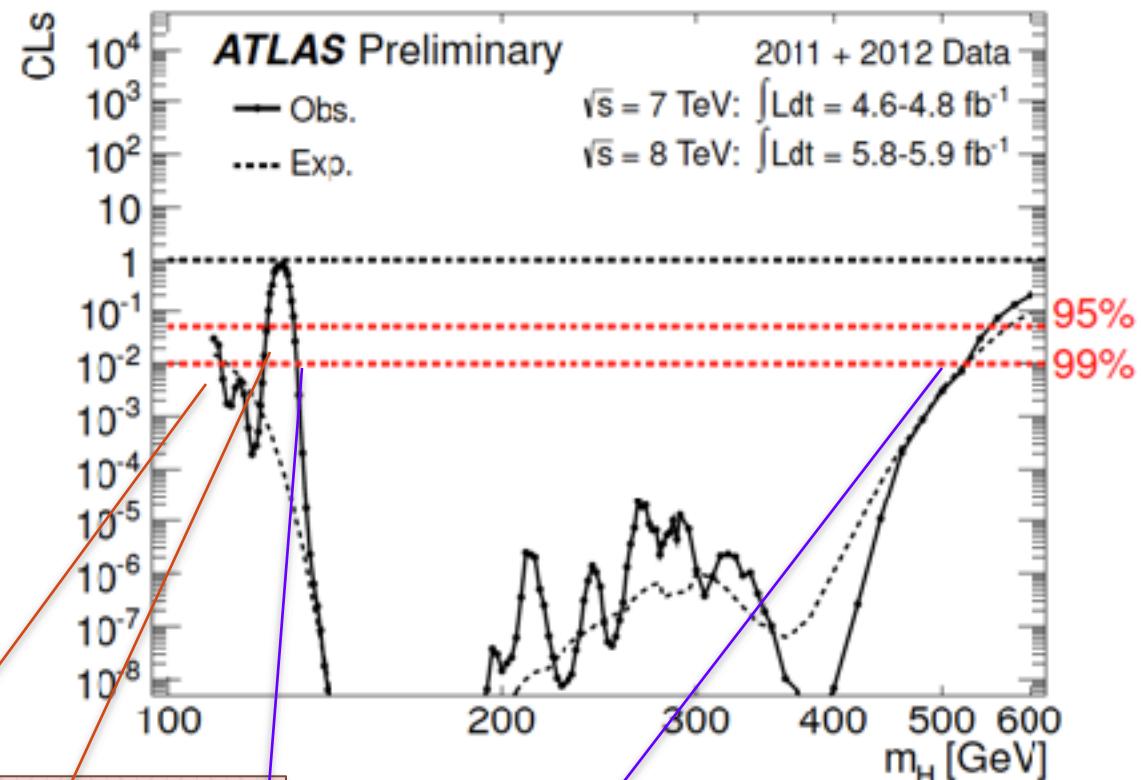
# Understanding the CLs plot

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



# 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 - CLs = 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.



# More Magic (if time permits)

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

The new  $s/\sqrt{b}$

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

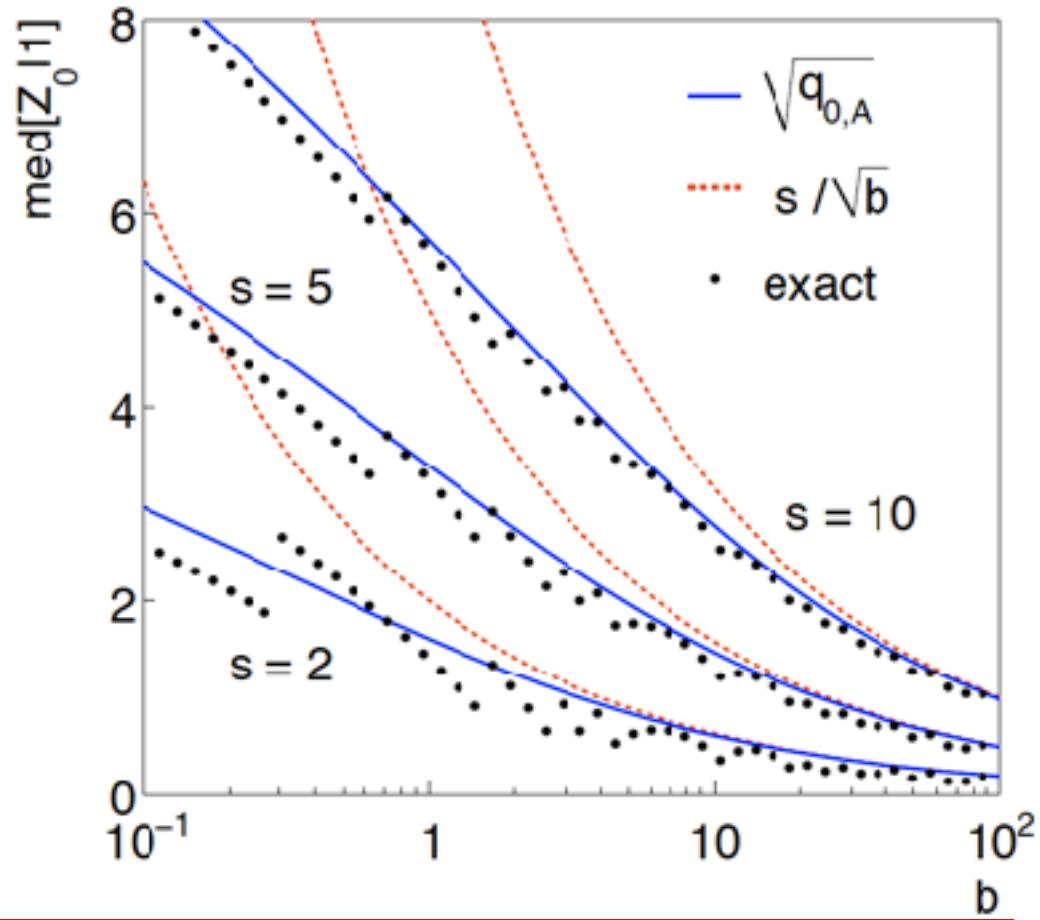
$$\text{med}[Z_0|1] = \sqrt{q_{0,A}} = \sqrt{2((s+b)\ln(1+s/b) - s)}$$

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



# 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.



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