

A few slides to prime the
discussion

Start simple (1)

- This is a mock-up exercise
 - to learn how we exchange information
 - to understand assumptions used by each collaboration
 - correlate assumptions
 - etc., etc.
- No intention to produce “official” projection

Start simple (2)

- pick one analysis, cut-and-count for now
e.g. $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 2l2\nu + 0\text{-jets}$ (3 sub-channels)
all numbers are made up
- factorize:
 - 1) event counts for signal and all backgrounds
 - 2) systematic list of systematic error sources
with their pdf's and correlations across all...
 - 3) statistical machinery converting the above
input into limits and significances

Why $H \rightarrow WW$

- $H \rightarrow WW$ is good testing ground
 - many observables involved: leptons, jets, MET
 - variety of methods used (MC-driven, data-driven detector performance measurements, data-driven control samples for assessing some backgrounds)
 - role of systematic errors is rather large
- $H \rightarrow WW$ is a forerunner Higgs publication

Input information (1)

- Conceptually, for each channel, we track event counts for signal and a few backgrounds:

$$b = N \cdot w \cdot \prod \varepsilon_i$$

- N is some integer (number of MC events, number of events in a control sample in data); it gives a statistical uncertainty
- w is some scale factor, e.g., MC event weight $w=\sigma \cdot L$, or scale factor for $N_{\text{SignalRegion}} = w \cdot N_{\text{ControlRegion}}$. A slew of systematic errors may affect it.
- ε_i 's are efficiencies associated with reconstruction and subsequent cuts; they all come with some systematic errors

Input information (2)

- For signal and all bkgd's in each channel, we need:
 - N
 - $\alpha = w \cdot \prod \varepsilon_i$
 - systematic errors on α (pdf and its parameters), broken down by all independent contributions

Then systematic errors can be treated as

- 100% correlated across channels, signals, backgrounds
- 0% correlated from one source to another

pdf's

$$b = N \cdot \alpha$$

- e.g., lognormal for α (general purpose?)
- e.g., gamma distribution (stat contribution from N)
- use convolution when both are comparable
- any other favorites?
- truncated normal (avoid in general, but may be needed for comparisons with other tools)

Statistical Machinery

- RooStats and all tools available to crosscheck and compare (when possible)
- De-facto recent “standards”:
 - CL_s , CL_{bs} , CL_b with marginalization and profiling of errors
 - Bayesian with a flat prior on signal strength
- New approaches? To be discussed...