

Who am I ...



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Why am I here ...

make you struggle & get uncomfortable

Their job: theory, concepts, tools, ...



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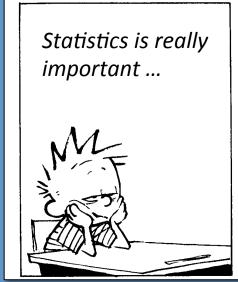
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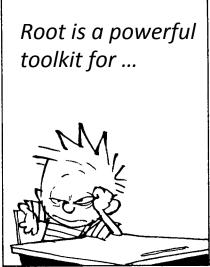


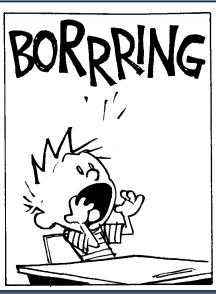
My job: hands-on exercises (intro, DIY)

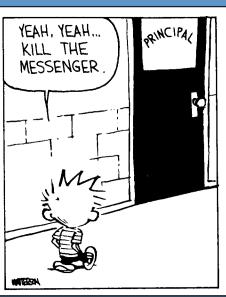
- Make sure *everybody* knows the basics
- Have you do things. Guide you through a few 'easy' exericses.
 DIY ... to have you appreciate standard tools like RooFit etc."

A short lecture on statistics









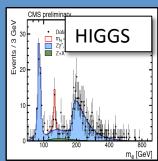
Enters at every step and defines validity/power of you analysis

Statistics is everywhere!



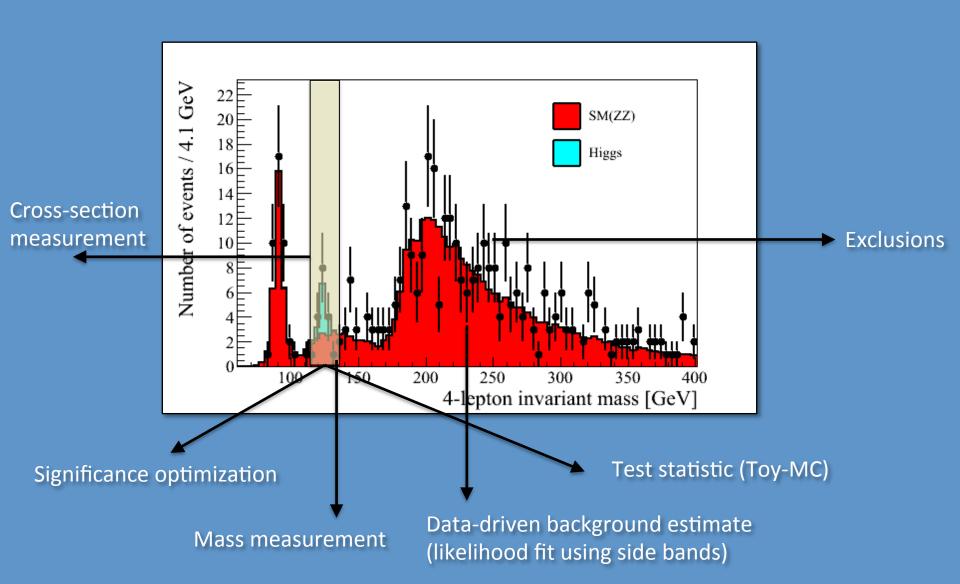




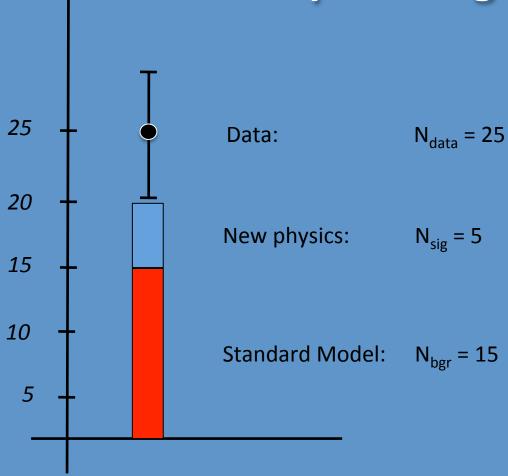


- Many mysteries, folklore, buzz-words, bluffing etc., but you **need** to master it to quantify the results of any analysis. Do **not** just follow 'what everybody else does' or your supervisor tells you.
- RooFit, Roostats, TMVA, Machine Learning, TensorFlow, BDT's are excellent and very powerful tools. Make sure you understand the basics so you know it's consequences for your result and what you ask it to do.

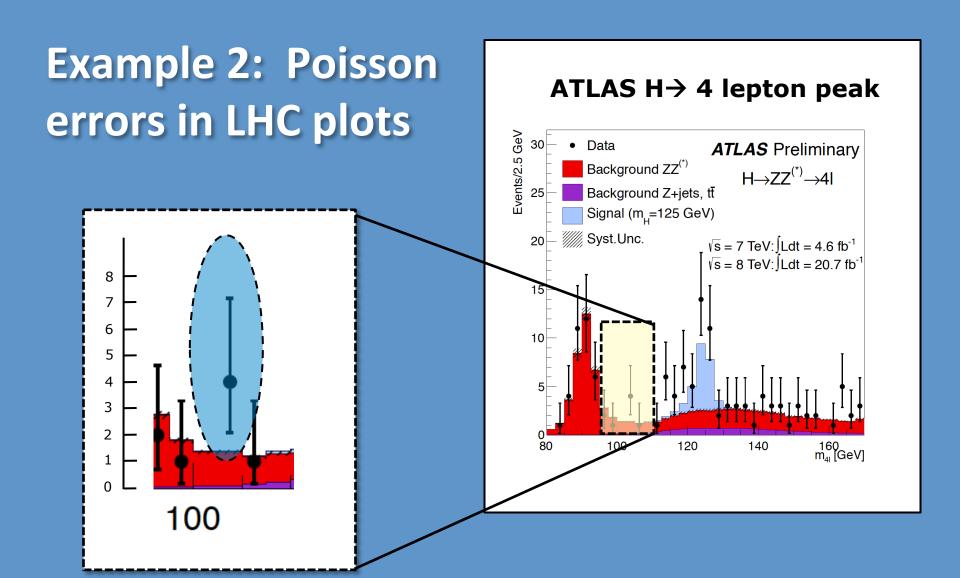
Data-set for exercises: 4 lepton mass



Example 1: significance



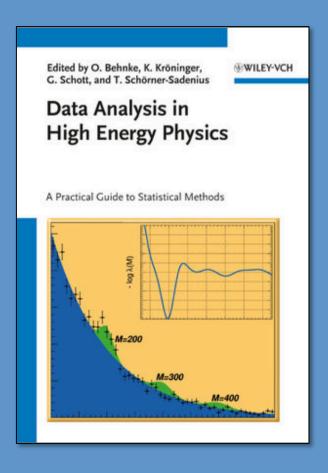
What is the significance of the excess?



I can present 5 options; you tell me which one you prefer.

Why do we put uncertainties on data points?

Example 2: Poisson errors in LHC plots



Exercise 4: Details: Poisson errors on data-points

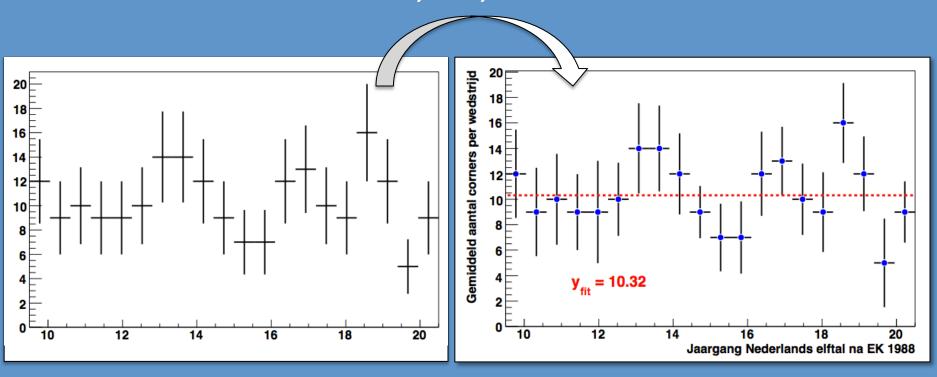
The subtleties of uncertainty regions enter at many stages in the analyses. Although it is for example custom practise to assign a \sqrt{n} uncertainty to an event count of n events, this is not the most natural way to summarize the measurement. While $\sqrt{\lambda_b}$ is a measure for the expected spread in the number of observed events from a Poisson process with a well known mean λ_b , the uncertainty band on an observed event yield is expected to reflect information on what we infer about the underlying model parameter. Although there are many ways to define such a confidence level region summarizing the measurement, the uncertainty interval assigned to data points in Figure 11.1 (and RooFit's default), is the region $(\mu_{\text{low}}, \mu_{\text{up}})$ defined by:

Go through various options

d) Irritate and confuse people at your institute by discussing this over coffee.

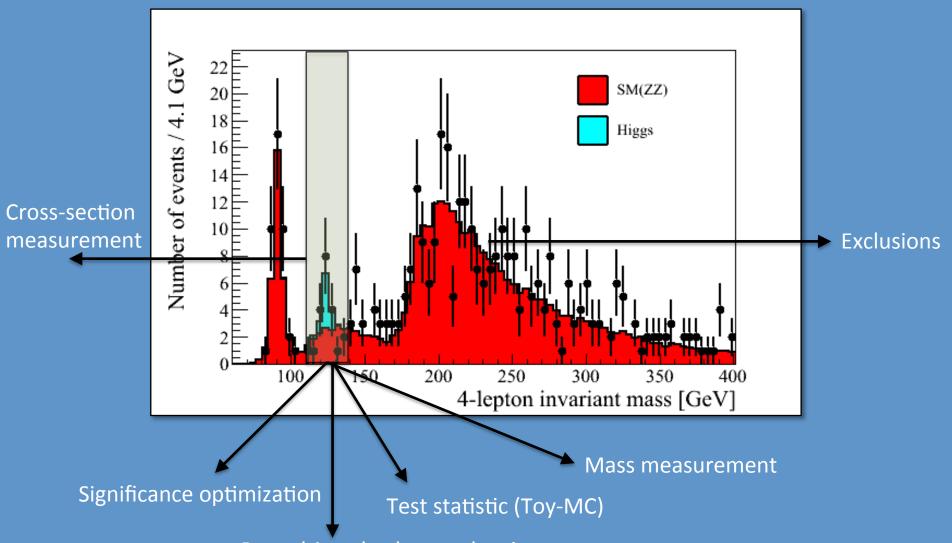
Example: Likelihood fit

Can everybody do this?



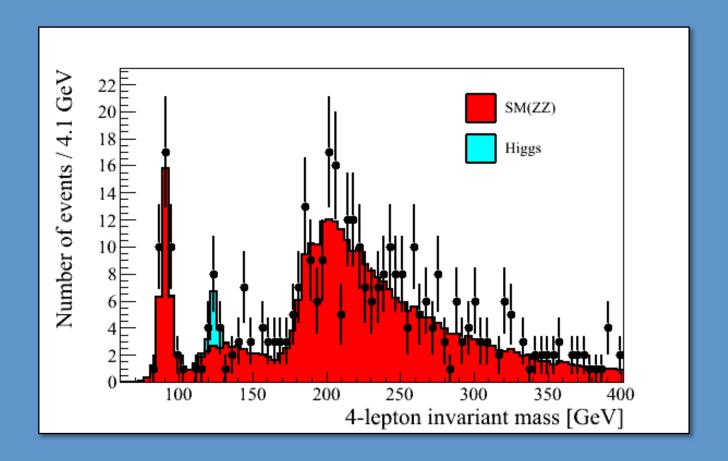
Hands-on exercises

Data-set for the exercises: 4 lepton mass



Data-driven background estimate (likelihood fit using side bands)

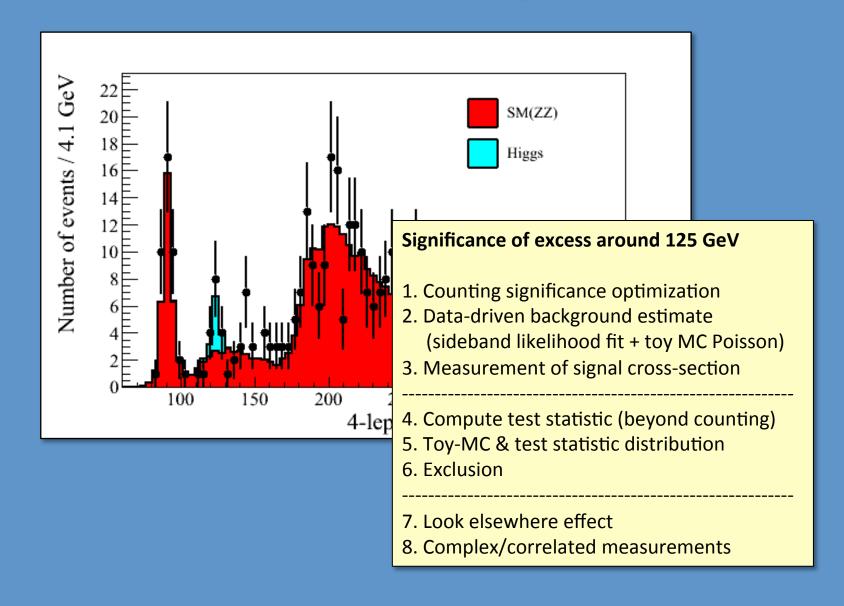
Data-set for the exercises: 4 lepton mass



Note: - Original histograms have 200 MeV bins

- This is fake data

Data-set for the exercises: 4 lepton mass



Basic material for the exercises:

- 1) Download tarball: DesyCode2018.tgz
- 2) Unpack everything: tar –vzxf DesyCode2018.tgz
 - a) Histograms_fake.root 4 histograms with the 4 lepton invariant mass (H125, H200, ZZ, data)
 - **b)** DESY_skeleton.C Some skeleton code (different levels, as minimal as possible)
 - c) Rootlogon.C Some standard Root blabla

Note: - skeleton is as empty as possible (on purpose)

- slides and exercise sheet from the school-website

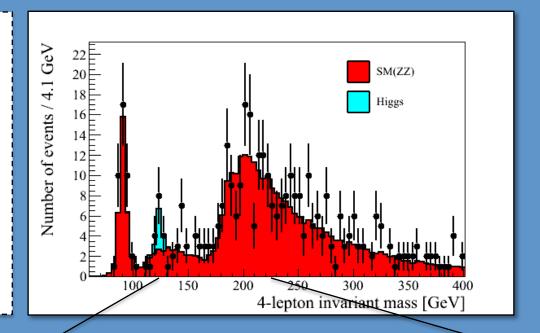
```
void MassPlot(int Irebin){
                                                                                 DESY_skeleton.C
  // Goal: produce SM+Higgs+data plot
       Note: rebinning is only for plotting
  //-- Standard stuff and prepare canvas
  gROOT->Clear();
  gROOT->Delete();
  //-- Prepare canvas and plot histograms
  TCanvas * canvas1 = new TCanvas( "canvas1", "Standard Canvas", 600, 400);
                                                                                                                     Define canvas
  canvas1->SetLeftMargin(0.125);
  canvas1->SetBottomMarqin(0.125);
  canvas1->cd();
  //-- [1] Prepare histograms
         o Get histograms from the files (signal, background and data)
         o Make cumulative histograms (for signal and background)
  //-- Get histograms from the files (higgs, zz and data)
  TH1D *h_sig, *h_bgr, *h_data;
                                                                                                                    Get histograms from root-file
  h_siq = GetMassDistribution(125);
  h_bgr = GetMassDistribution(1);
  h_data = GetMassDistribution(2);
  //-- [2] Plot histograms and make gif
        o rebin histograms
         o prepare cumulative histogram
       o make plot + opsmuk + gif
  //-- Rebin histograms (only for plotting)
  h_sig->Rebin(Irebin);
                                                                                                                   Rebin histograms
  h_bar->Rebin(Irebin);
  h_data->Rebin(Irebin);
                                                                                                                   Print bin content
  //-- Prepare cumulative histogram for signal + background
  TH1D *h_sig_plus_bgr = (TH1D* ) h_bgr->Clone("h_sig_plus_bgr");
  h_sig_plus_bgr->Reset();
  for (int i_bin = 1; i_bin < h_bgr->GetNbinsX(); i_bin++){
                                                                                                                   Make cumulative histogram
      h_sig_plus_bgr->SetBinContent( i_bin, h_sig->GetBinContent(i_bin) + h_bgr->GetBinContent(i_bin));
      printf(" REBINNED HISTOGRAM: bin %d, Ndata = %d\n",i_bin,(int)h_data->GetBinContent(i_bin));
 //-- prepare histograms and plot them on canvas
 double Data_max = h_data->GetBinContent(h_data->GetMaximumBin());
 double Ymax_plot = 1.10* (Data_max + TMath::Sqrt(Data_max));
 h_siq_plus_bqr->SetFillColor(7);
 h_sig_plus_bgr->SetAxisRange(0.,Ymax_plot,"Y");
 h_sig_plus_bgr->SetAxisRange(0.,400.,"X");
 h_bgr->SetFillColor(2);
                                                                                                                   Histogram characteristics & plot
 h_siq_plus_bqr->Draw("hist");
 h_bgr->Draw("same");
 h_bgr->Draw("axis same");
                                                                                                                   Add text
 h_data->Draw("e same");
 //-- some nice axes and add legend
                                                                                                                   Save plot as gif in your directory
 AddText( 0.900, 0.035, "4-lepton invariant mass [GeV]", 0.060, 0., "right");
                                                                                             // X-axis
 AddText( 0.040, 0.900, Form("Number of events / %3.1f GeV",h_bgr->GetBinWidth(1)) ,0.060,90.,"right"); // Y-axis
 TLegend *leg1 = new TLegend(0.65,0.65,0.90,0.85);
 leg1->SetBorderSize(0); leg1->SetFillColor(0);
                                                " SM(ZZ)", "f"); leg1a->SetTextSize(0.04);
 TLegendEntry *leg1a = leg1->AddEntry(h_bgr,
 TLegendEntry *leg1b = leg1->AddEntry(h_sig_plus_bgr, " Higgs", "f"); leg1b->SetTextSize(0.04);
 leg1->Draw();
 //-- prepare aif
 canvas1->Print(Form("./MassPlot_rebin%d.gif",Irebin));
 return:
} // end MassPlot()
```

Create the 4-lepton mass plot

root> .L DESY_skeleton.C++
root> MassPlot(20)

Rebin-factor

hist: h_bgr, h_sig, h_data



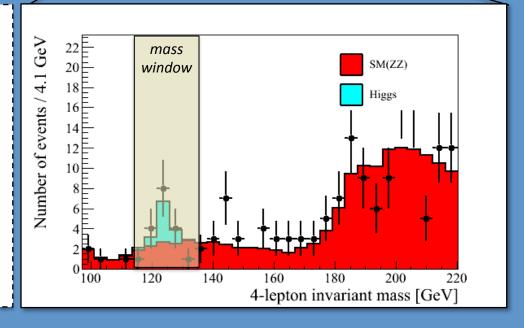
Summary in signal mass region (using 200 MeV bin and 10 GeV window)

Ndata = 16

Nbgr = 6.42

Nsig = 5.96

Exercises: significance



Information required for exercises

significance

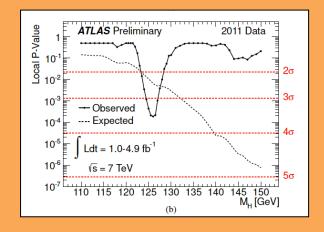
fitting

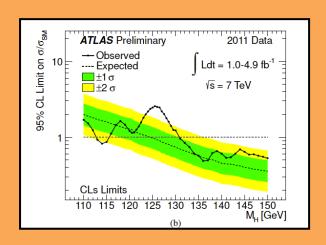
10-slide mini lecture on significance:
- discovery and exclusion -

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- Likelihood fits and uncertainties -

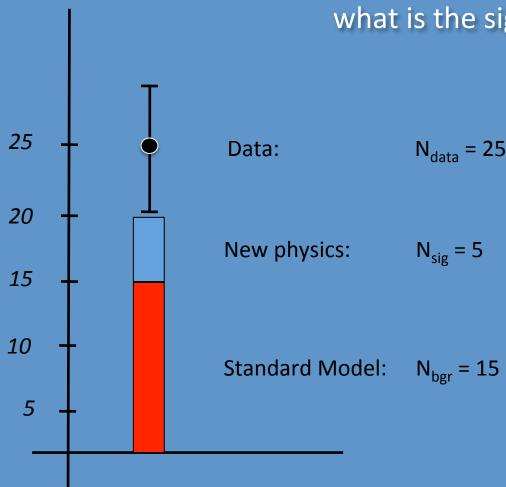
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General remark: what is the significance?



Significance for N events: probability to observe N events (or even more) under the background-only hypothesis

Observed significance:

$$\int_{25}^{\infty} Poisson(N \mid 15) dN = 0.0112 \leftarrow p-value$$

$$= 2.28 \text{ sigma} \leftarrow significance$$

Expected significance:

$$\int_{20}^{\infty} Poisson(N \mid 15) dN = 0.1248$$
= 1.15 sigma

Discovery if p-value $< 2.87 \times 10^{-7}$

 \rightarrow 39 events

Poisson distribution

The Poisson distribution

Binomial with $n \rightarrow \infty$, $p \rightarrow 0$ and $np = \lambda$

$$P(n \mid \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!}$$

Poisson distribution

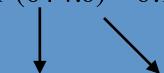
$$P(0|4.0) = 0.01832$$

$$P(2|4.0) = 0.14653$$

$$P(3|4.0) = 0.19537$$

$$P(4 \mid 4.0) = 0.19537$$

$$P(6|4.0) = 0.10420$$



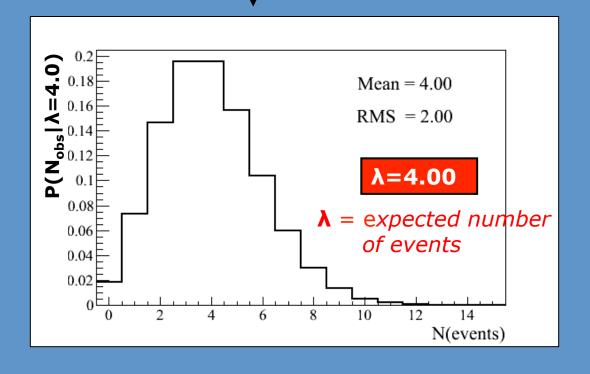
#observed

λ hypothesis

varying

fixed



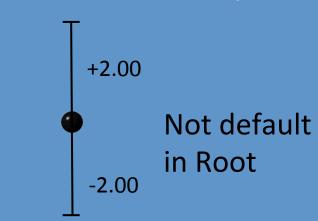


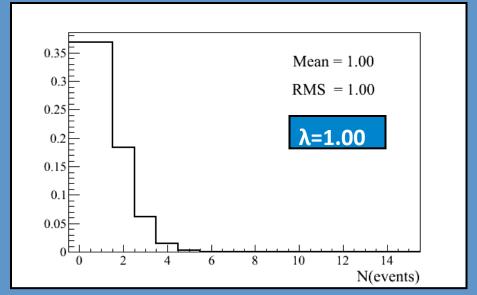
the famous √N

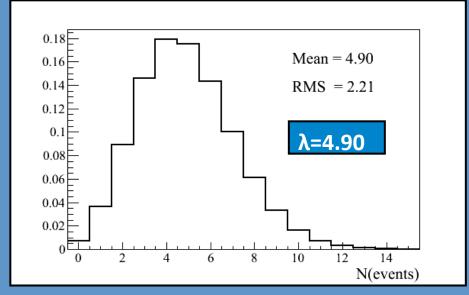
Properties Poisson distribution

- (1) Mean: $\langle n \rangle = \lambda$
- (2) Variance: $\langle (n \langle n \rangle)^2 \rangle = \lambda$
- (3) Most likely: first integer $\leq \lambda$

Usual way to represent the error on a data-point

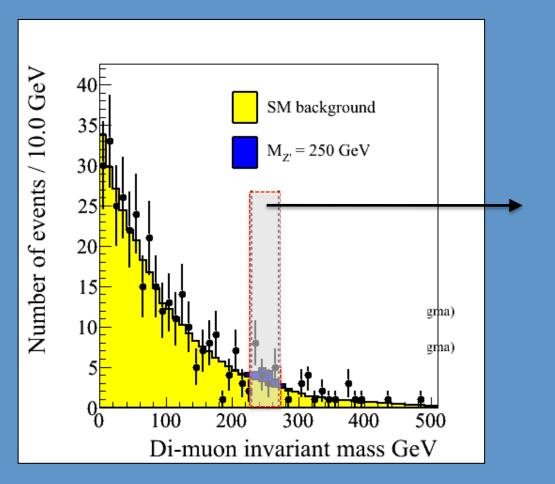






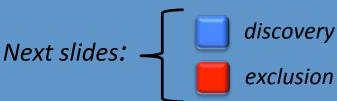
Significance example

Counting events in a mass window



SM	10
Higgs	5
Data	12

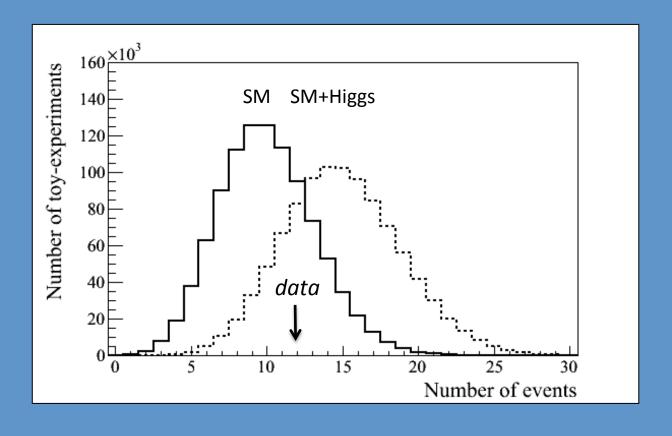
Ok, now what?



Poisson distribution

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Ok, now what?



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Interpretation

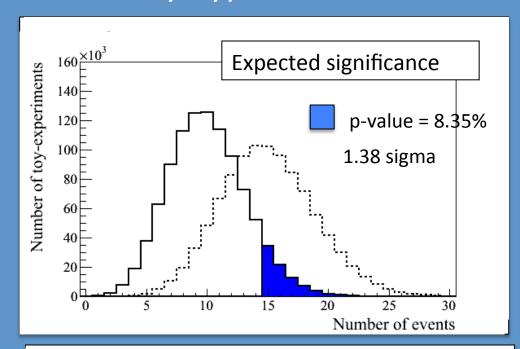
optimistic: discovery

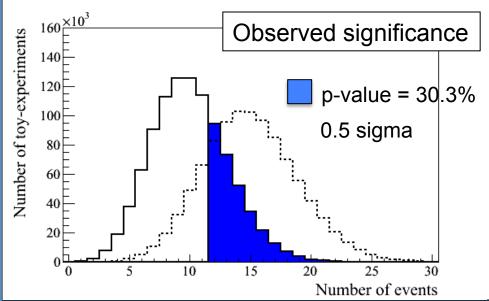
Incompatibility with SM-hypothesis

p-value: incompatibility with SM-only hypothesis

SM	10
Higgs	5
Data	12

1) What is the **expected** significance?





2) What is the **observed** significance?

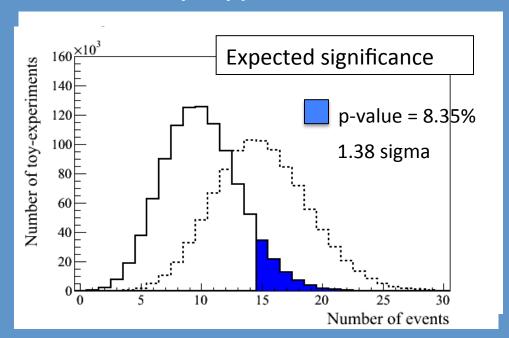
p-value: incompatibility with SM-only hypothesis

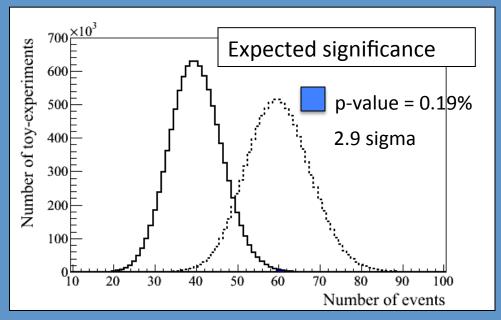
SM	10
Higgs	5

3) At what Lumi do you expect to be able to claim a discovery?



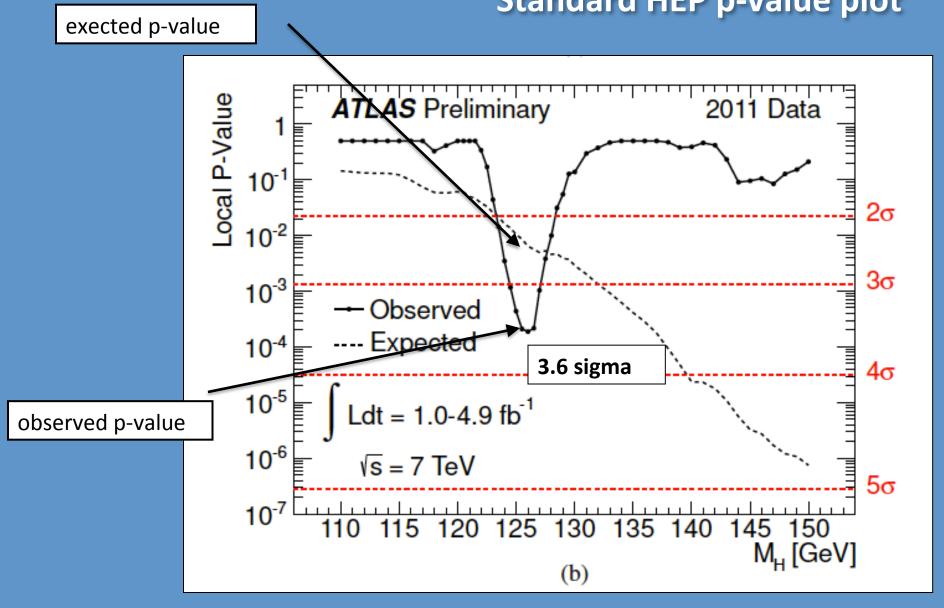
SM	30	
Higgs	15	





Discovery if p-value $< 2.87 \times 10^{-7}$





Interpretation

pessimistic: exclusion

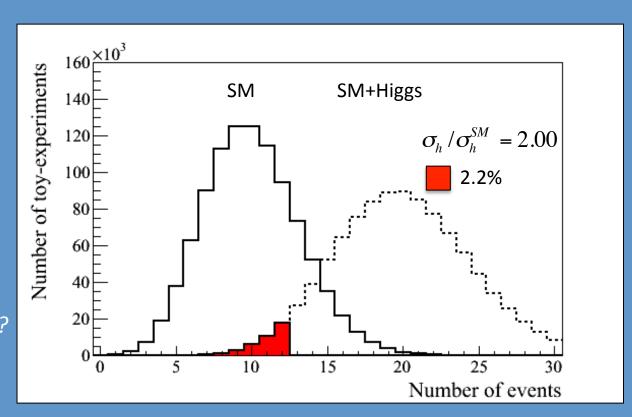
Incompatibility with New Physics-hypothesis

Excluding a signal: Incompatibility with s+b hypothesis

SM	10
Higgs	5
Data	12

Can we exclude the SM+Higgs hypothesis?

What σ_h/σ_h^{SM} can we exclude ?



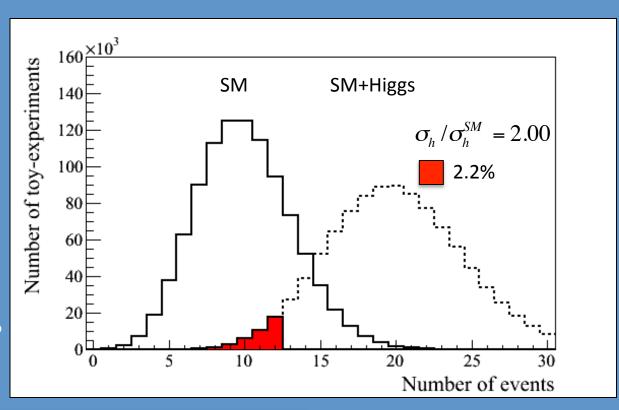
Exclusion: probability to observe N events (or even less) under the signal + background hypothesis

Excluding a signal: Incompatibility with s+b hypothesis

SM	10
Higgs	5
Data	12

Can we exclude the SM+Higgs hypothesis?

What σ_h/σ_h^{SM} can we exclude?



$\sigma/\sigma_{\rm SM}$	SM	# data	SM+Higgs		
1.0	10	12	15.0	18.5 %	
1.5	10	12	17.5	6.8%	
2.0	10	12	20.0	2.2%	

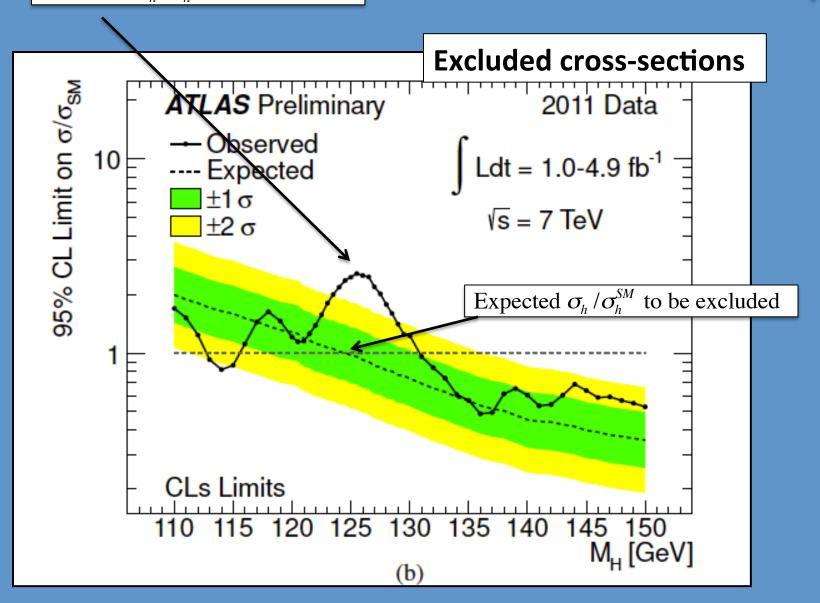
excluded

Expected exclusion? Use mean SM instead of Ndata

Observed excluded cross-section, σ_b/σ_b^{SM} , = 1.64

Observed σ_h / σ_h^{SM} to be excluded

Standard HEP exclusion plot

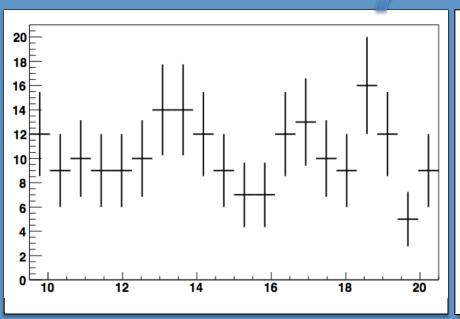


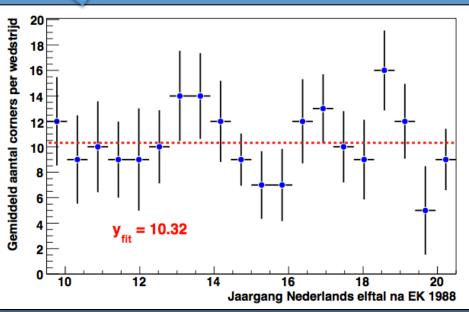
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Simple likelihood fit

Can everybody do this?



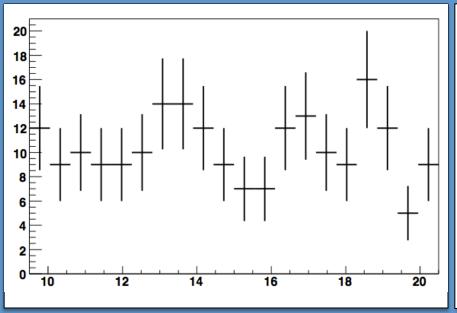


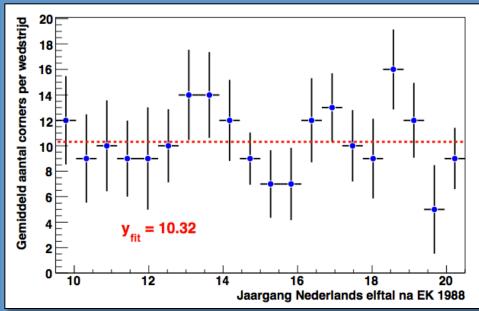
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TMath::Poisson(Nevt_bin, alpha)

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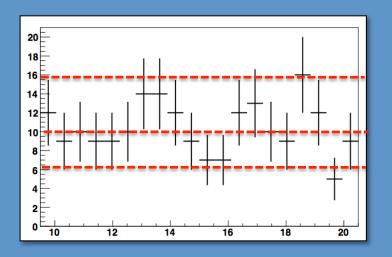
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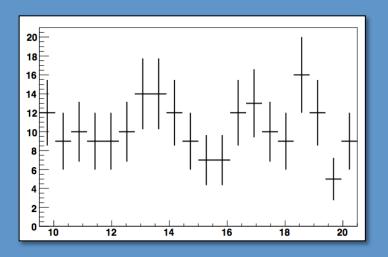
Fitting in 1 slide



You model: $f(x) = \lambda$

Try different values of λ and for each one compute *compatibility* of the model with the data

Fitting in 1 slide



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Try different values of λ and for each one compute *compatibility* of the model with the data

 χ^{2} -fit

Metric:

$$\chi^{2} = \sum_{bins} \frac{\left(N_{bin}^{data} - \lambda_{bin}^{expected}\right)^{2}}{N_{bin}^{data}}$$

Best value:

Value of λ that minimizes $\chi^2 (\chi_{min}^2)$

Errors:

Values of λ for which $\chi^2 = \chi_{min}^2 + 1$

Likelihood-fit

Metric:

$$-2\log(L) = -2 \cdot \sum_{bins} \log(Poisson(N_{bin}^{data} \mid \lambda))$$

TMath::Poisson(Nevt_bin, λ

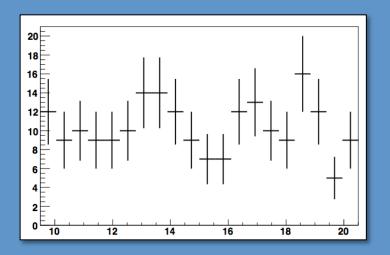
Best value:

Value of λ that minimizes -2Log(L) ($-2\text{log}(L)_{\text{min}}$)

Errors:

Values of λ for which $2\text{Log}(L) = (-2\log(L)_{\min}) + 1$

Fitting in 1 slide



You model: $f(x) = \lambda$

Try different values of λ and for each one compute *compatibility* of the model with the data

Recipe for each value of λ :

- Set LogLik = 0
- Loop over all bins:
 - o For each bin: compute prob.
 to observe N_i evts when you
 expect λ. **Poisson distribution**o take -2*Log of bin-probability
 o Add to existing LogLik
- → Output LogLik (1 number)

Likelihood-fit

Compatibility number:

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TMath::Poisson(Nevt_bin, λ

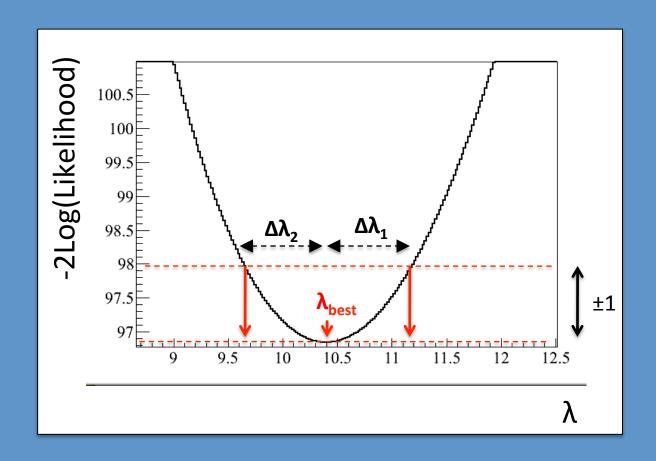
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Result from the fit



result: $\lambda = \lambda_{\text{best}-\Delta\lambda_2}^{+\Delta\lambda_1}$



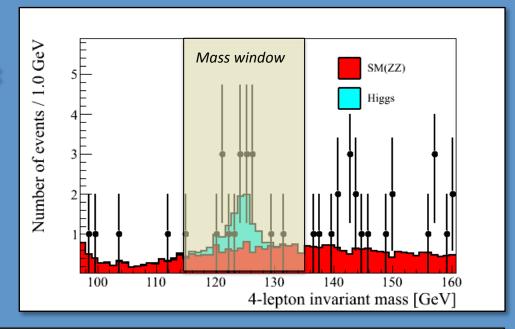
Exercise 1: significance optimization

Exercise 1: Optimizing the counting experiment

Code you could use:

IntegratePoissonFromRight()

Significance_Optimization()



Exercise 1: significance optimization of search window (Poisson counting)

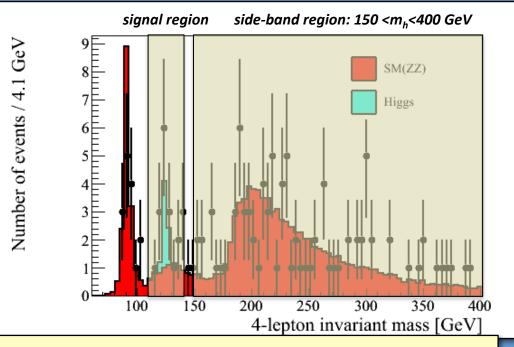
- **1.1** Find the window that optimizes the expected significance
- **1.2** Find the window that optimizes the observed significance (and never do it again)
- **1.3** Find the window that optimizes the expected significance for 5x higher luminosity
- **1.4** At what luminosity do you expect to be able to make a discovery?

background estimate, side-band fit

Data driven bkg estimate in 10 GeV, mass window or optimal one from Exercise 1

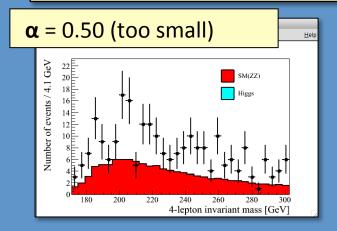
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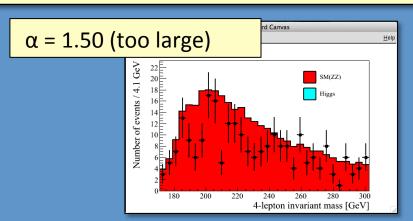
SideBandFit()



Exercise 2: background estimation from side-band fit

2.1 What is the optimal scale-factor for the background (α)? Do a likelihood fit to the side-band region $150 \le m_h \le 400 \text{ GeV}$

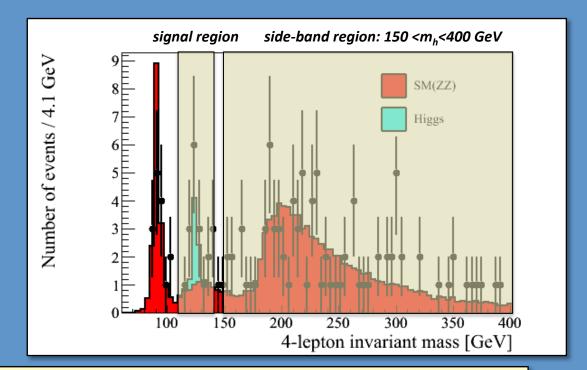




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Code you could use:

SideBandFit()



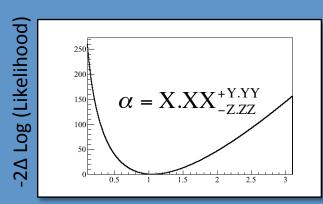
Exercise 2: significance optimization of mass/search window (use Poisson counting)

2.1 What is the optimal scale-factor for the background (α)? Do a likelihood fit to the side-band region $150 \le m_h \le 400 \text{ GeV}$

Computing the likelihood:

For each 'guess' of α :

$$-2\log(L) = -2 \cdot \sum_{bins} \log(Poisson(N_{bin}^{data} \mid \alpha \cdot f_{bin}^{SM}))$$

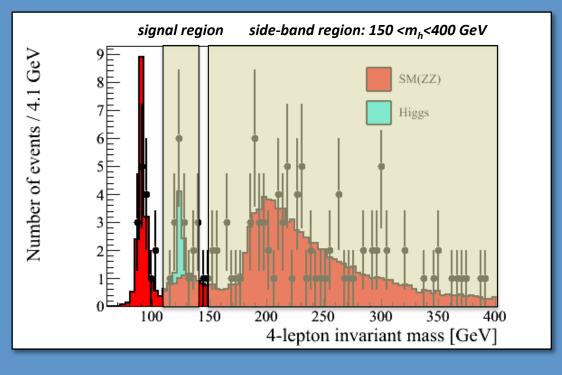


Background scale factor (α)

Code to use:

None

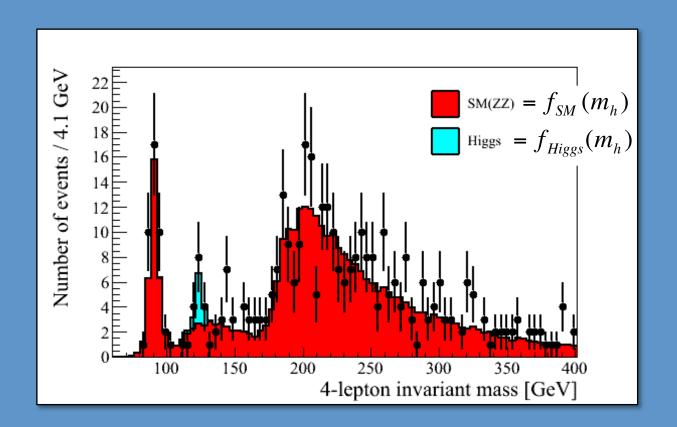
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- 2.2 Estimate background and its uncertainty $b\pm\Delta b$ in the mass window around 125 GeV (your optimal one from Exercise 1 or a simply a 10 GeV window)
- Compute the expected and observed significance using Toy-MC
 Note: Draw random # events in the mass window (for b-only and s+b)
 For each toy-experiment, not just draw a Poisson number,
 but also take a new central value using the (Gauss) Δb from 2.2

Compare it to the significance in exercise 1

Exercise 3: signal cross-section



$$f(m_h) = \mu * f_{Higgs}(m_h) + \alpha * f_{SM}(m_h)$$

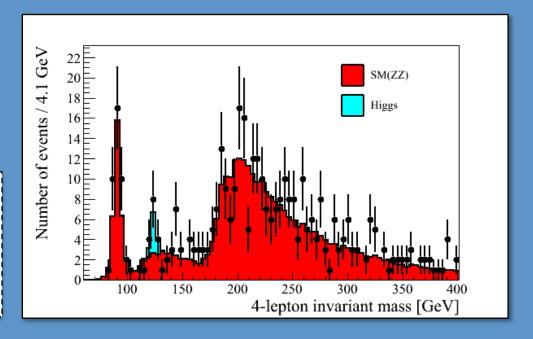
Scale factor Higgs

Scale factor SM background

Estimate of Higgs cross-section

Code to use:

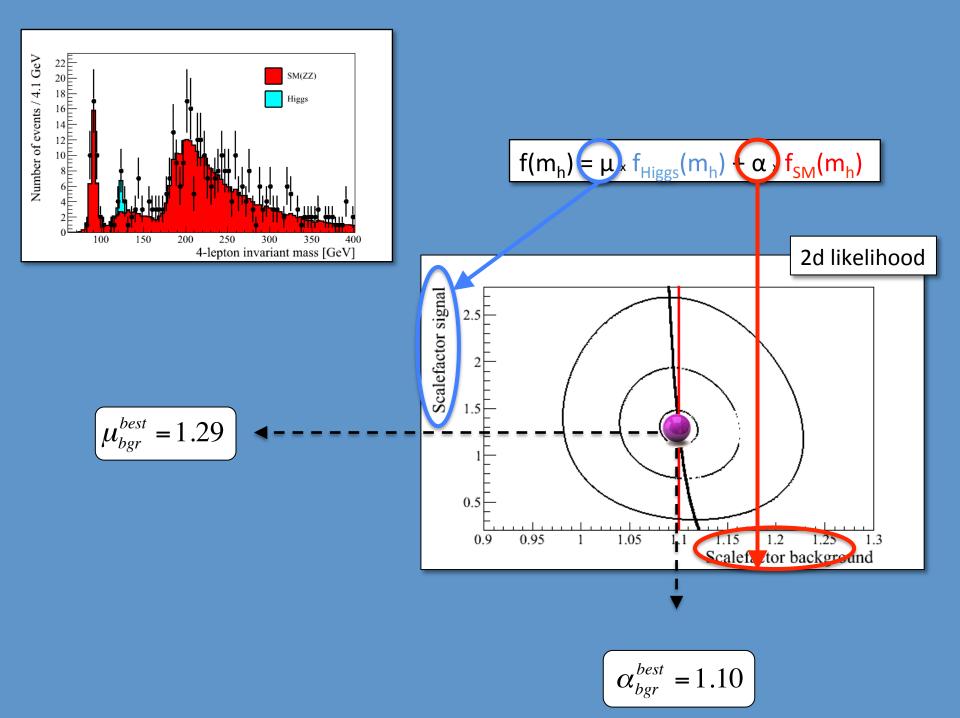
None (use Exercise 2)



$$-2 \cdot \log(Likelihood) = -2 \cdot \sum_{bins} \log(Poisson(N_{bin}^{data} \mid \mu \cdot f_{bin}^{Higgs} + \alpha \cdot f_{bin}^{SM}))$$

Exercise 3: Measurement of the signal cross-section

- 3.1 Do a fit where you fix background (to level from exercise 2) and leave the signal cross-section (μ) free. What is the best value for μ and what is its uncertainty ?
- 3.2 Do a fit where you leave both α and μ free. What are the optimal values ? How would you estimate the uncertainty on each of the parameters ?

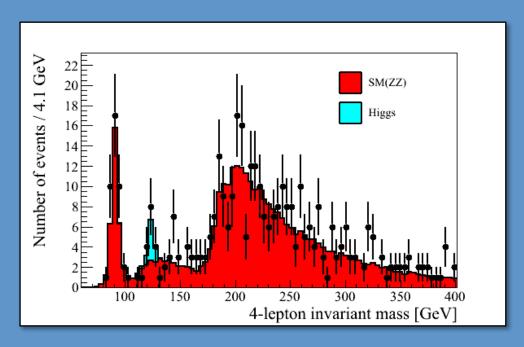






More complex test statistics

Beyond simple counting: likelihood ratio test-statistic

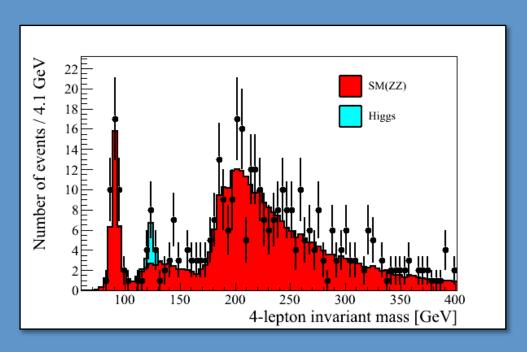


Condense data in one number: X

$$X(\mu) = -2\ln(Q(\mu))$$
, with $Q(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu))}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$

We'll use something a bit simpler, but same idea

Beyond simple counting: likelihood ratio test-statistic

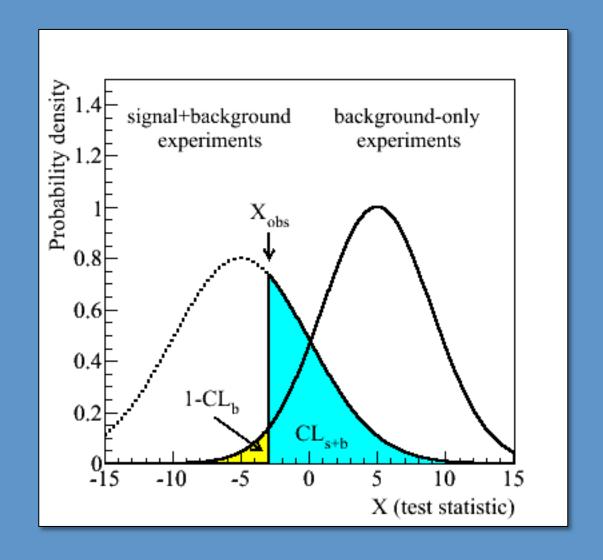


$$-2 \cdot \log(Likelihood) = -2 \cdot \sum_{bins} \log(Poisson(N_{bin}^{data} \mid \mu \cdot f_{bin}^{Higgs} + \alpha \cdot f_{bin}^{SM}))$$

Likelihood assuming
$$\mu_s$$
=1 (signal+background)
Hypothesis 1

Hypothesis 0

Likelihood assuming μ_s =0 (only background)



signal like

background like



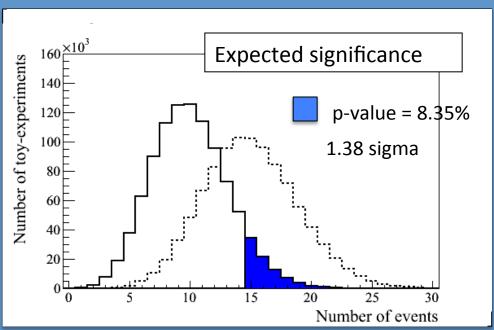
Discovery-aimed: p-value and significance

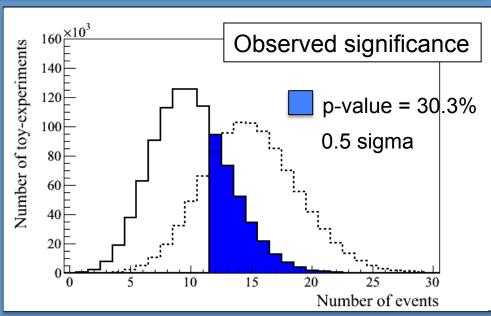
incompatibiliy with SM-only hypothesis

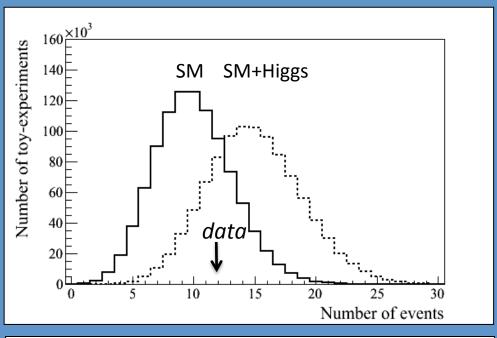
SM	10
Higgs	5
Data	12

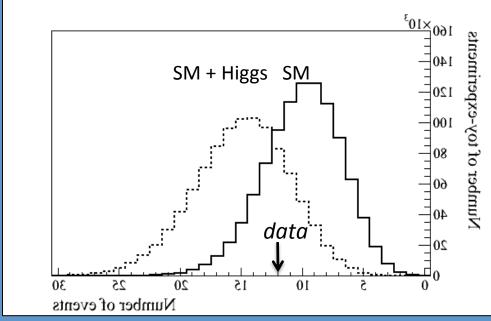
1) What is the **expected** significance?

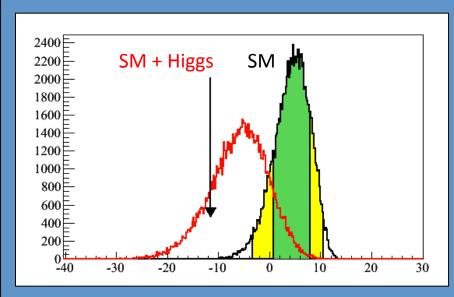






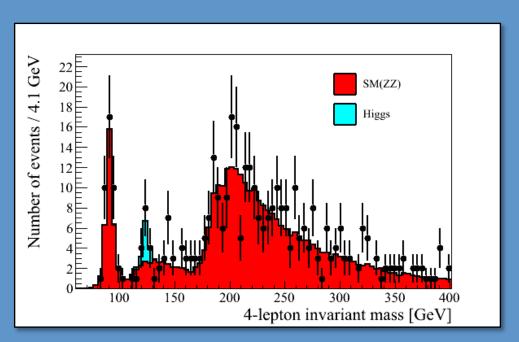






Question: does the window not matter?

$$X = -2\ln(Q), \text{ with } Q = \frac{L(\mu_s = 1)}{L(\mu_s = 0)}$$
 Number of events / 4.1 GeV



$$X = \log(a/b) = \log(A) - \log(B)$$

What happens if you add a bin at 300 GeV?
Will it not dilute the channel like in counting?

In that bin Lik_{bin} = Constant = C

$$X = log(a/b) = [log(A) + log(C)] - [log(B) + log(C)]$$

= log(A) - log(B)

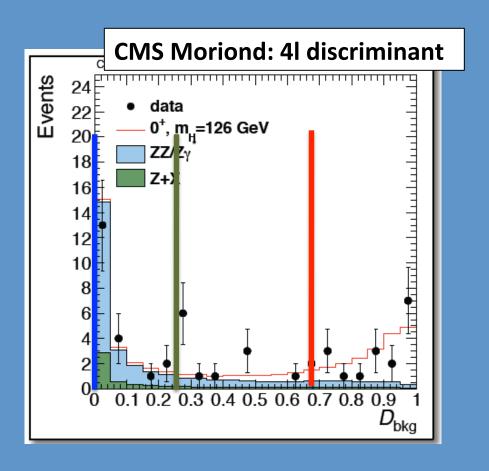
ANY discrimination info is good!

Question: what about more info than mass alone?

1) Optimal for counting

2) Optimal for LR test stat.

3) Normal procedure



Why: because the 'information' you add below D< 0.25 is maybe difficult to verify in terms of correctness: needs signal descripption in very background-like region: systematics. Need to find optimum.

Note: they still evaluate, like you: $X = -2\ln(Q)$, with $Q = \frac{L(\mu_s = 1)}{L(\mu_s = 0)}$

We will use a very simple form for the test statistic

Our exercise (α =1 or from Ex.3):

$$X = -2\ln(Q)$$
, with $Q = \frac{L(\mu_s = 1)}{L(\mu_s = 0)} = \frac{9}{100}$

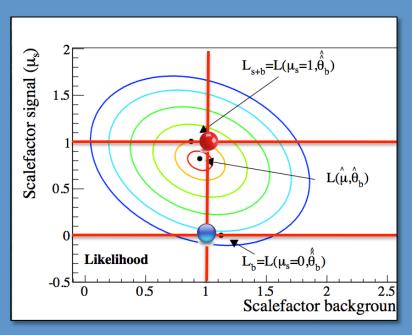
Tevatron-style:

$$X = -2\ln(Q), \text{ with } Q = \frac{L(\mu_s = 1, \hat{\theta}_{(\mu_s = 1)})}{L(\mu_s = 0, \hat{\hat{\theta}}_{(\mu_s = 0)})}$$

LHC experiments:

$$X(\mu) = -2\ln(Q(\mu))$$
, with $Q(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu))}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$

2-dimensional fit (α and μ free)



Note: α_{bgr} is just one of the nuissance parameters θ in a 'real' analysis

Likelihood ratio test statistic (X)

$$X = -2\ln(Q)$$
, with $Q = \frac{L(\mu_s = 1)}{L(\mu_s = 0)}$ Likelihood assuming $\mu_s = 1$ (signal+background) Likelihood assuming $\mu_s = 0$ (only background)

Exercise 4: create the likelihood ration test statistic – beyond simple counting

4.1 Write a routine that computes the likelihood ratio test-statistic for a given data-set double Get_TestStatistic(TH1D *h_mass_dataset, TH1D *h_template_bgr, TH1D *h_template_sig)

$$-2Log(Likelihood(\mu,\alpha=1)) = -2 \cdot \sum_{bins} \log(Poisson(N_{bin}^{data} \mid \mu \cdot f_{bin}^{Higgs} + \alpha \cdot f_{bin}^{SM}))$$

Note: log(a/b) = log(a) - log(b)

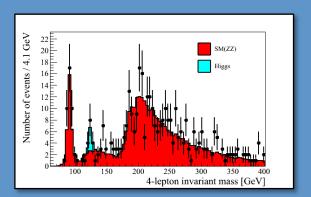
4.2 Compute the likelihood ratio test-statistic for the 'real' data

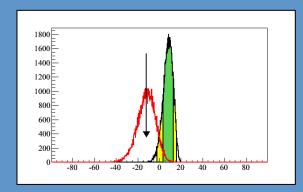
bonus: Implement the conditional profile likelihood ratio, i.e. find for each of the two hypotheses (μ_s =1 and μ_s =0) the best value for the background scaling (α_{bgr})

$$X = -2\ln(Q)$$
, with $Q = \frac{L(\mu_s = 1, \hat{\theta}_{(\mu_s = 1)})}{L(\mu_s = 0, \hat{\hat{\theta}}_{(\mu_s = 0)})}$

- Toy Monte Carlo
- distribution of test statistic for different hypotheses

- Generate toy data-sets
- Test statistic distribution





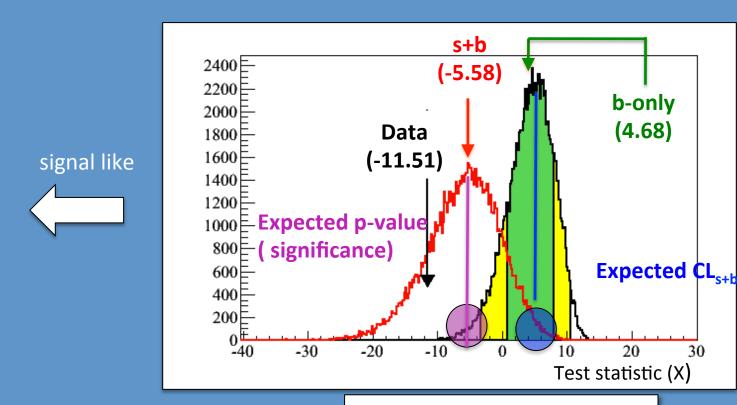
Exercise 5: create toy data-sets

5.1 Write a routine that generates a toy data-set from a MC template (b or s+b)

TH1D * GenerateToyDataSet(TH1D *h_mass_template)

How: Take the histogram h_mass_template and draw a Poisson random number in each bin using the bin content in h_mass_template as the central value. Return the new fake data-set.

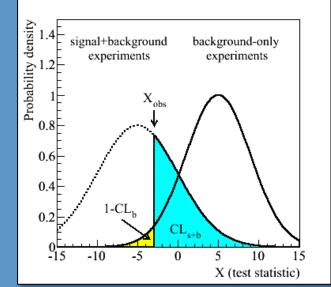
- **5.2** Generate 1000 toy data-sets for *background-only* & get test statistic distribution Generate 1000 toy data-sets for *signal+background* & get test statistic distribution
 - → plot both in one plot
- **5.3** Add the test-statistic from the data(exercise 4.2) to the plot



background like

Discovery: 1-Cl_b <2.87×10⁻⁷ Incompatibility with b-only hypothesis

signal like



Exclusion: Cl_{s+b} < 0.05
Incompatibility with s+b hypothesis

background like



Exercise 6:
Discovery potential

Exercise 6

Summarize separation power: conclusion

Exercise 5: compute p-value

- **6.1** Compute the p-value or 1-Cl_b (under the background-only hypothesis):
 - For the average(median) b-only experiment
 - For the average(median) s+b-only experiment [expected significance]
 - For the data [observed significance]
- **6.2** Draw conclusions:
 - Can you claim a discovery?
 - Did you expect to make a discovery?
 - At what luminosity did/do you expect to be able to make a discovery?

Exercise 7:
Excluding hypotheses

Exercise 6 continued

Exclude a cross-section for a given Higgs boson mass

Some shortcomings, but we'll use it anyway

$$\sigma_h(m_h) = \zeta \cdot \sigma_h^{SM}(m_h)$$

Scale factor wrt SM prediction

Exercise 6: compute CL_{s+b} and exclude Higgs masses or cross-sections

- **6.3** Compute the CL_{s+b} :
 - For the average(median) s+b experiment
 - For the average(median) b-only experiment
 - For the data
- **6.4** Draw conclusions:
 - Can you exclude the $m_h=200$ GeV hypothesis? What ς can you exclude?
 - Did you expect to be able to exclude the m_h =200 GeV hypothesis ? What ς did you expect to be able to exclude ?

BACKUP

From p-value to sigma

ATLAS-PHYS-PUB-2011-11 CMS Note-2011/005 Procedure for the LHC Higgs boson search combination in Summer 2011

The ATLAS Collaboration
The CMS Collaboration
The LHC Higgs Combination Group

https://cds.cern.ch/record/1379837/files/NOTE2011_005.pdf

To convert the p-value into a significance Z, we adopt the convention of a "one-sided Gaussian tail":

$$p = \int_{Z}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-x^2/2) dx = \frac{1}{2} P_{\chi_1^2}(Z^2), \tag{11}$$