

Introduction to Statistical Analysis

The background is a complex 3D abstract scene. It features numerous yellow and green rectangular blocks of varying sizes, some stacked and others scattered. A central point of convergence is marked by a dense burst of thin, yellow, needle-like lines radiating outwards. Several red dice with white pips are positioned around this central burst, appearing to be in motion or having just landed. Two thin, light-colored rods or cables extend diagonally across the scene, one from the bottom left and another from the top right.

Lecture 3

Course Outline

Previously in this course:

Statistics basics

Describing measurements

Determining the value of a parameter

Today:

Computing statistical results:

Discovery testing




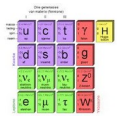
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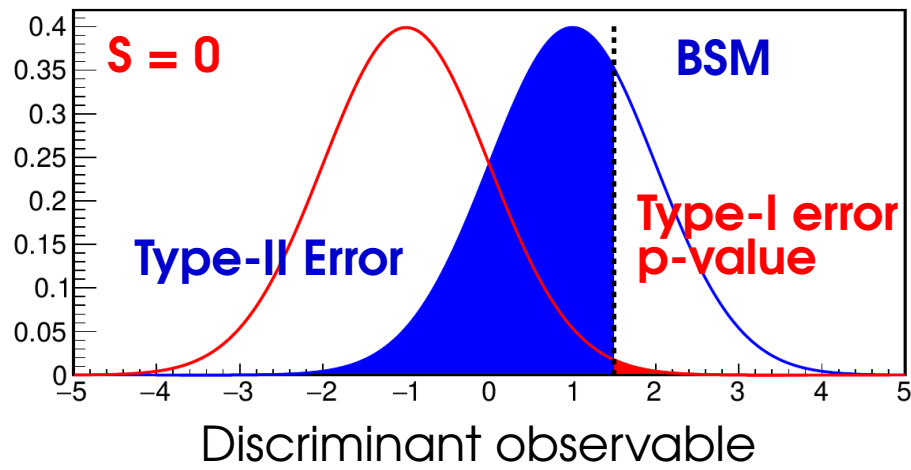
Hypothesis Testing

Hypothesis: assumption on model parameters, say value of S (e.g. $H_0 : S=0$)

	Data disfavors H_0 (Discovery claim)	Data favors H_0 (Nothing found)
H_0 is false (New physics!)	Discovery! 	Type-II error (Missed discovery) 
H_0 is true (Nothing new)	Type-I error (False discovery) 	No new physics, none found 

Lower Type-I errors \Leftrightarrow Higher Type-II errors and vice versa: cannot have everything!

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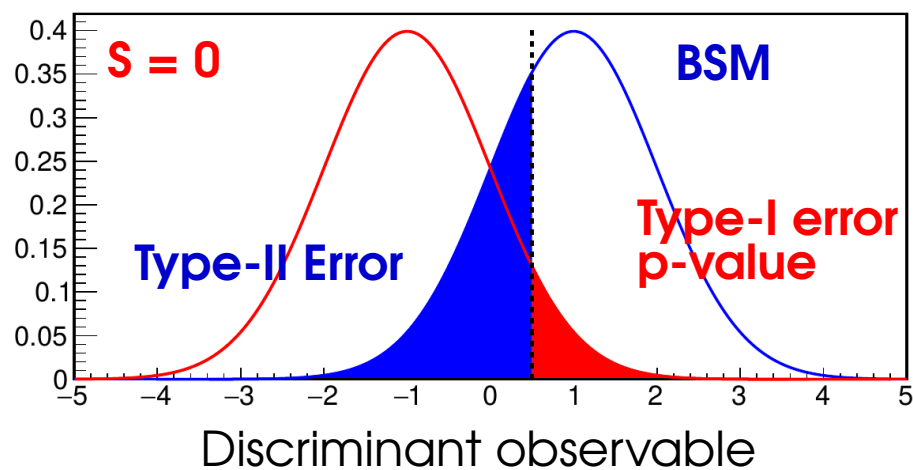
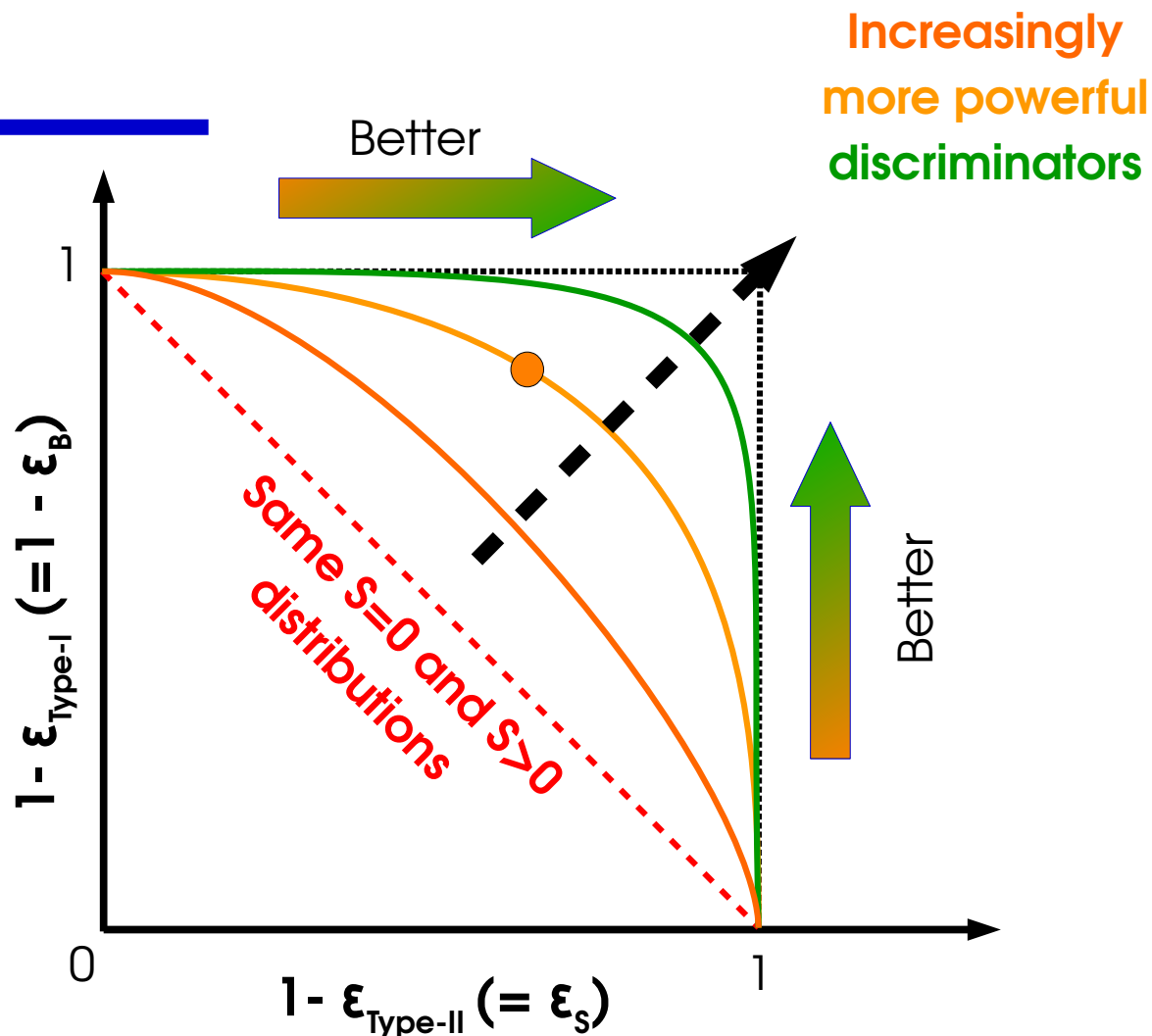
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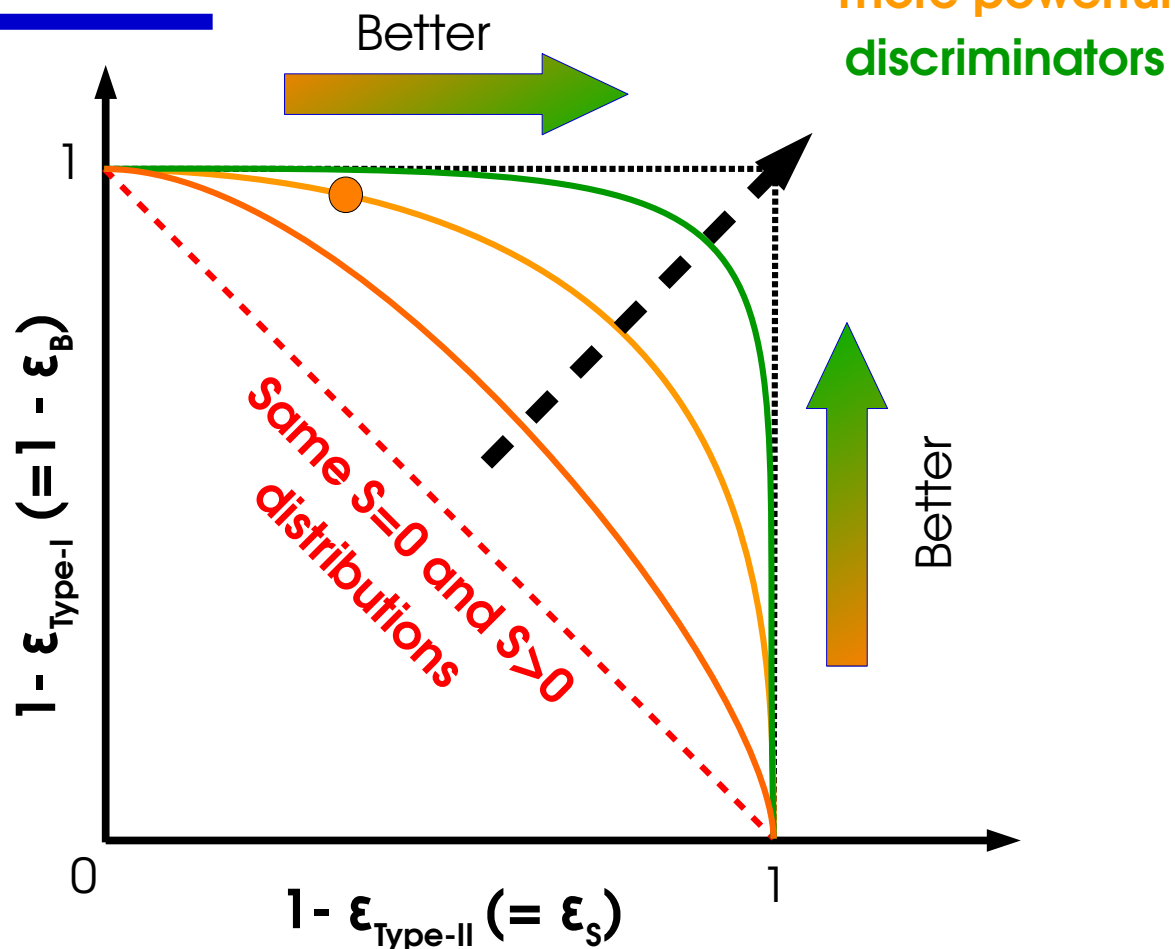
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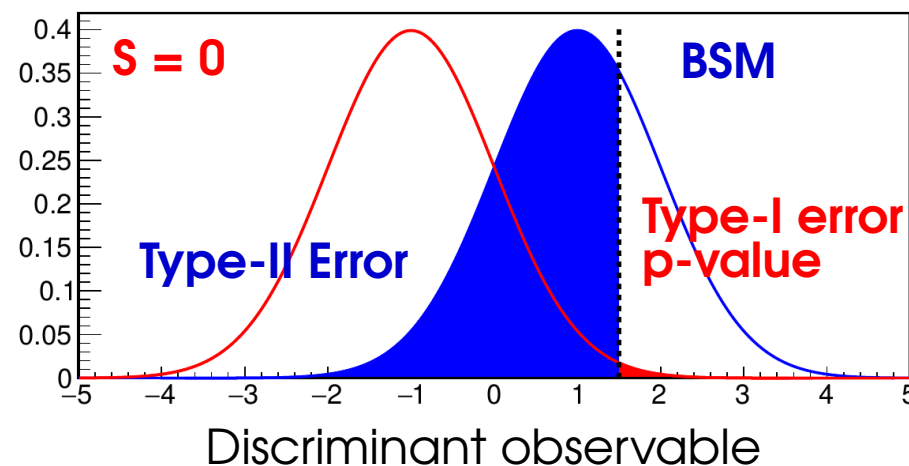
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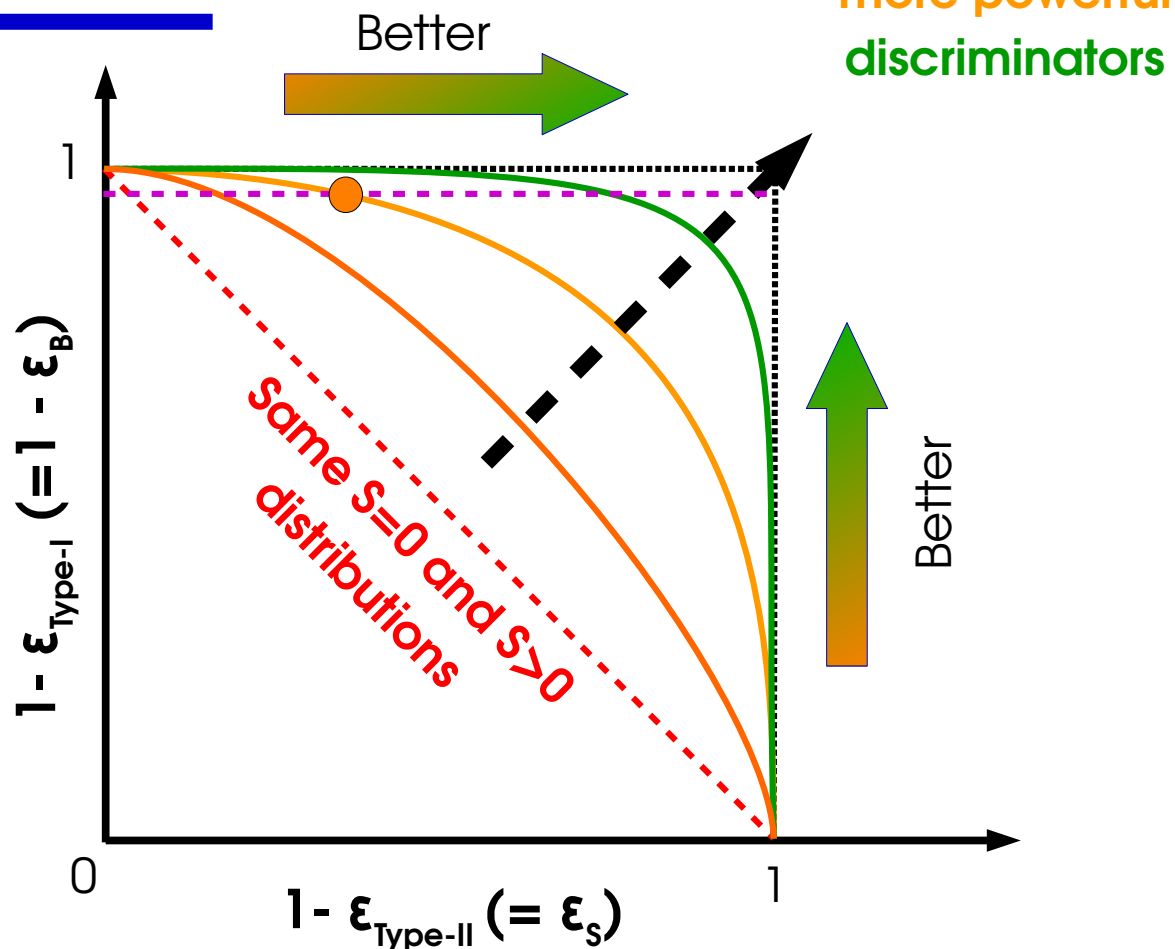
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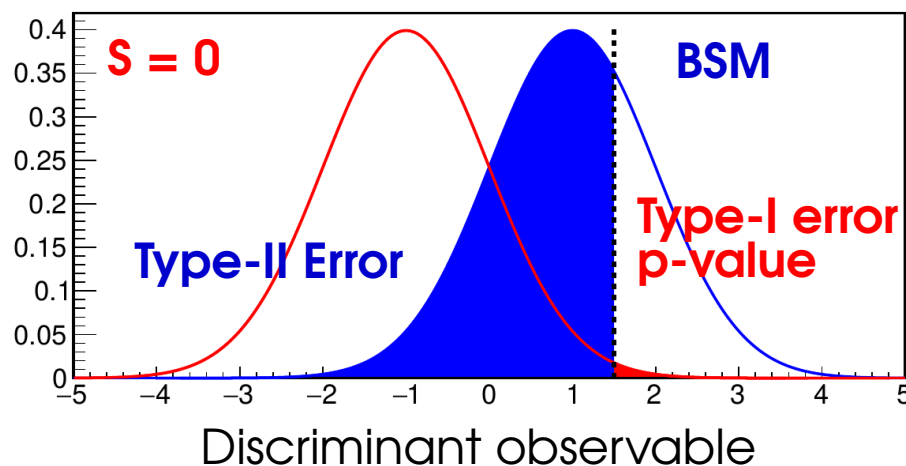
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Hypothesis Testing with Likelihoods

Neyman-Pearson Lemma

When comparing two hypotheses H_0 and H_1 , the optimal discriminator is the **Likelihood ratio** (LR)

$$\frac{L(H_1; data)}{L(H_0; data)}$$

e.g.
$$\frac{L(S = 5; data)}{L(S = 0; data)}$$

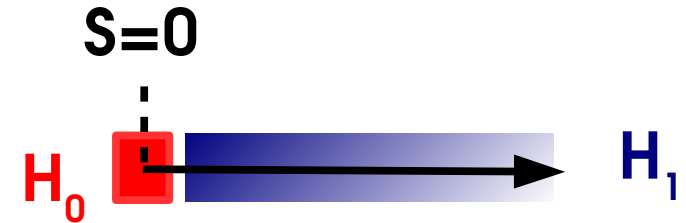
Caveat: Strictly true only for *simple hypotheses* (no free parameters)

As for MLE, choose the hypothesis that is more likely **given the data we have**.

- **Minimizes Type-II uncertainties** for given level of Type-I uncertainties
- Always need an **alternate hypothesis** to test against.
- **In the following:** all tests based on LR, will focus on p-values (Type-I errors), trusting that Type-II errors are anyway as small as they can be...

Discovery :

- H_0 : background only ($S = 0$) against
- H_1 : presence of a signal ($S > 0$)



→ For H_1 , any $S > 0$ is possible, which to use ? **The one preferred by the data, \hat{S} .**

⇒ Use Likelihood ratio: $\frac{L(S=0)}{L(\hat{S})}$

→ In fact use the **test statistic** $q_0 = -2 \log \frac{L(S=0)}{L(\hat{S})}$

Note: for $\hat{S} < 0$, set $q_0=0$ to reject negative signals (“one-sided test statistic”)

Discovery p-value

Large values of $-2 \log \frac{L(S=0)}{L(\hat{S})}$ if:

⇒ observed \hat{S} is far from 0

⇒ $H_0(S=0)$ **disfavored** compared to $H_1(S \neq 0)$.

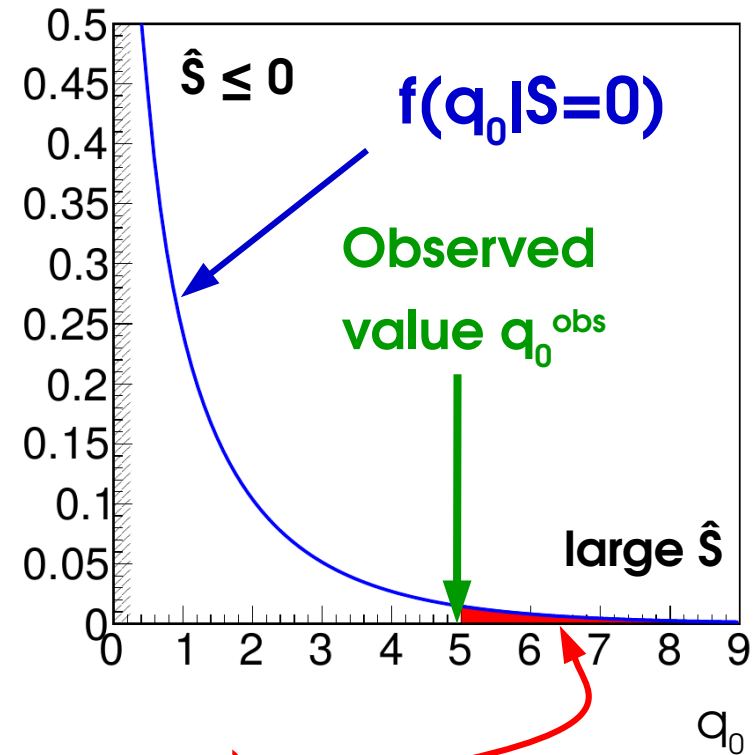
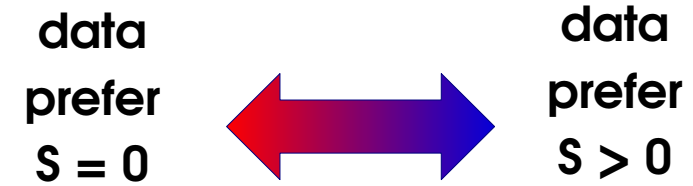
How large q_0 before we can exclude H_0 ?

(and **claim a discovery!**)

→ Need small Type-I rate (falsely rejecting H_0)

→ Type-I rate, a.k.a. the **p-value**: $p_0 = \int_{q_0^{\text{obs}}}^{\infty} f(q_0|S=0) dq_0$
 = Fraction of outcomes that are

at least as extreme (signal-like) **as data**, when H_0 is true (no signal).



Asymptotic distribution of q_0

Gaussian regime for \hat{S} (e.g. large n_{evts} , Central-limit theorem) :

Wilk's Theorem (*) : for $S = 0$

q_0 is distributed as χ^2 (n_{par})

$\Rightarrow n_{\text{par}} = 1$: $\sqrt{q_0}$ is distributed as a Gaussian

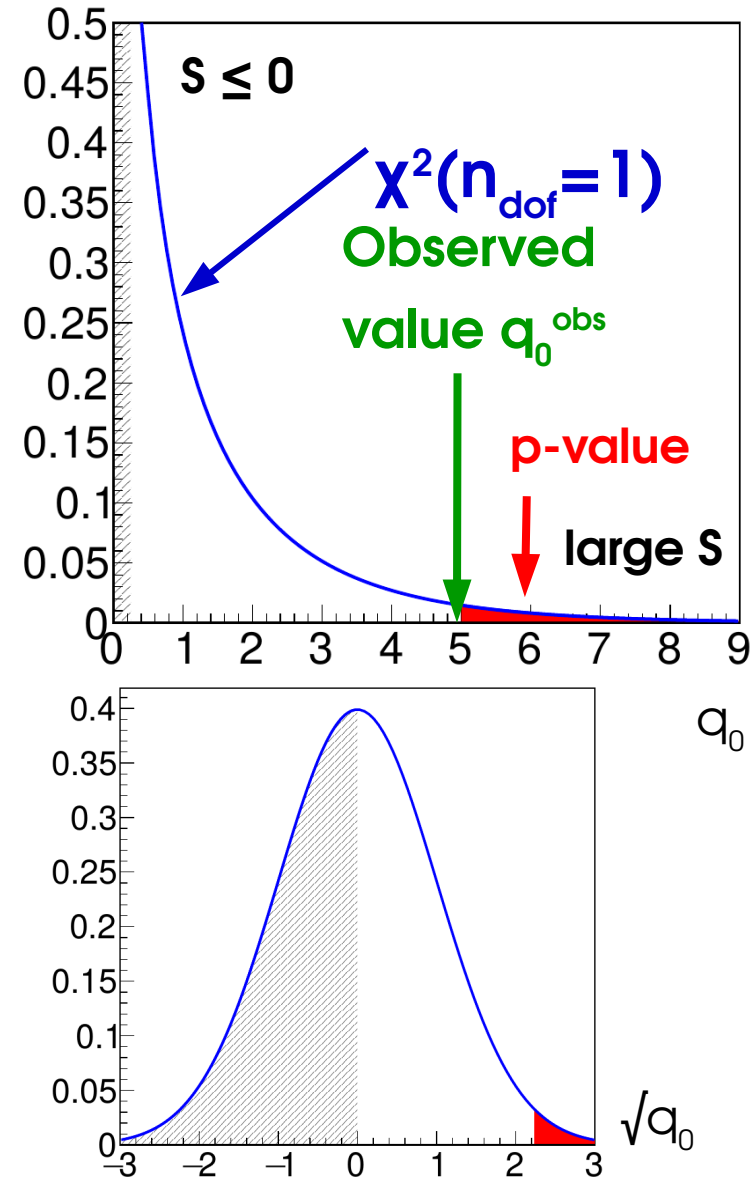
\Rightarrow Can compute p-values from Gaussian quantiles

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

\Rightarrow Even more simply, the significance is:

$$Z = \sqrt{q_0}$$

Typically works well already for event counts of $O(5)$ and above \Rightarrow Widely applicable



(*) 1-line "proof" : asymptotically L and S are Gaussian, so

$$L(S) = \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{S-\hat{S}}{\sigma}\right)^2\right] \Rightarrow q_0 = \left(\frac{\hat{S}}{\sigma}\right)^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{q_0} = \frac{\hat{S}}{\sigma} \sim G(0,1) \Rightarrow q_0 \sim \chi^2(n_{\text{dof}}=1)$$

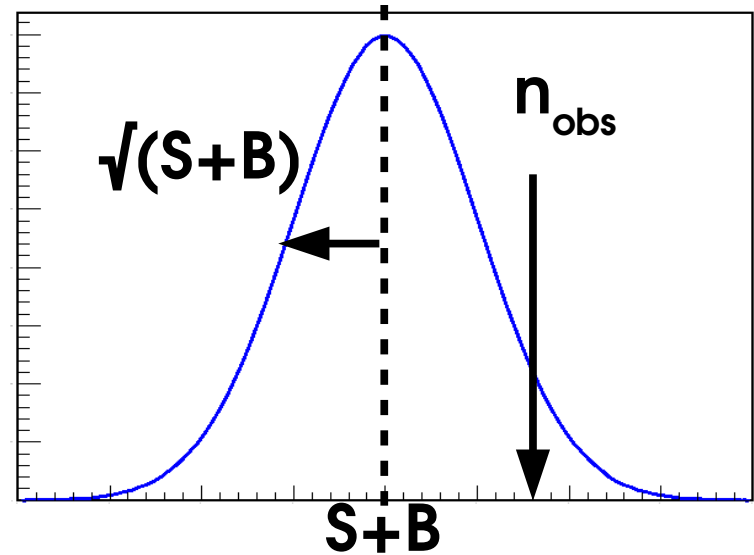
Homework 1: Gaussian Counting

Count number of events n in data

→ assume n large enough so process is Gaussian

→ assume B is known, measure S

Likelihood :
$$L(S; n_{\text{obs}}) = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{n_{\text{obs}} - (S+B)}{\sqrt{S+B}} \right)^2}$$



→ Find the best-fit value (MLE) \hat{S} for the signal
(can use $\lambda = -2 \log L$ instead of L for simplicity)

→ Find the expression of q_0 for $\hat{S} > 0$.

→ Find the expression for the significance

$$Z = \frac{\hat{S}}{\sqrt{B}}$$

Homework 2: Poisson Counting

Same problem but now **not** assuming Gaussian behavior:

$$L(S; n) = e^{-(S+B)} (S+B)^n$$

(Can remove the $n!$ constant since we're only dealing with L ratios)

→ As before, compute \hat{S} , and q_0

→ Compute $Z = \sqrt{q_0}$, assuming asymptotic behavior

Solution:

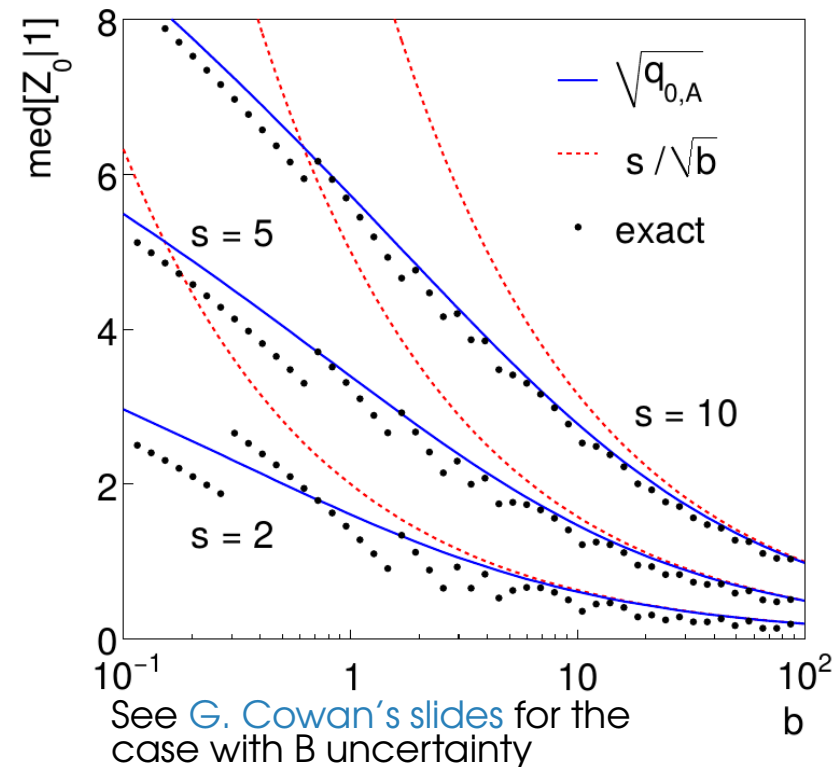
$$Z = \sqrt{2 \left[(\hat{S} + B) \log \left(1 + \frac{\hat{S}}{B} \right) - \hat{S} \right]}$$

Exact result can be obtained using

pseudo-experiments → close to $\sqrt{q_0}$ result

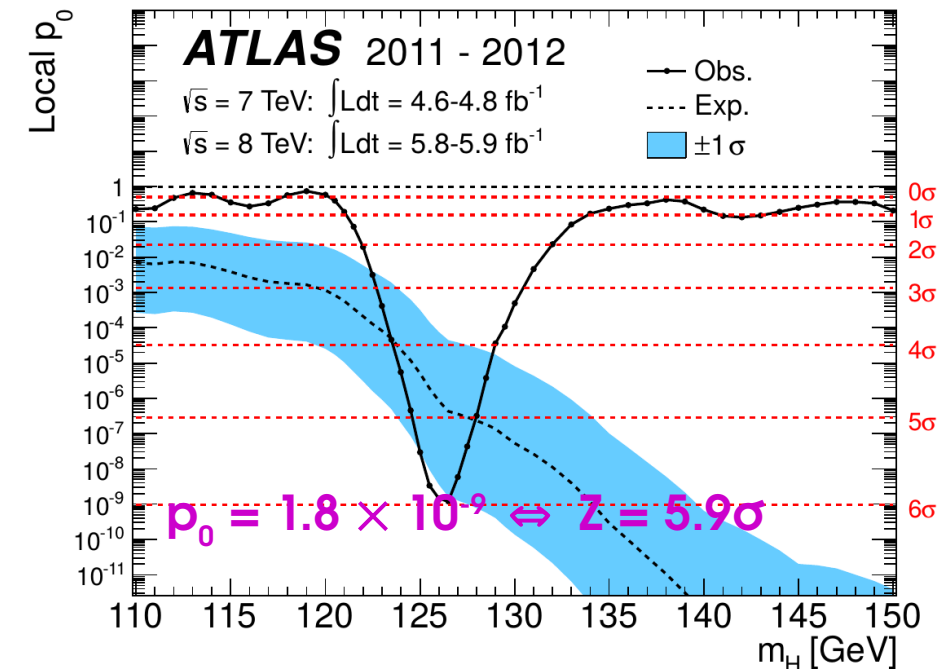
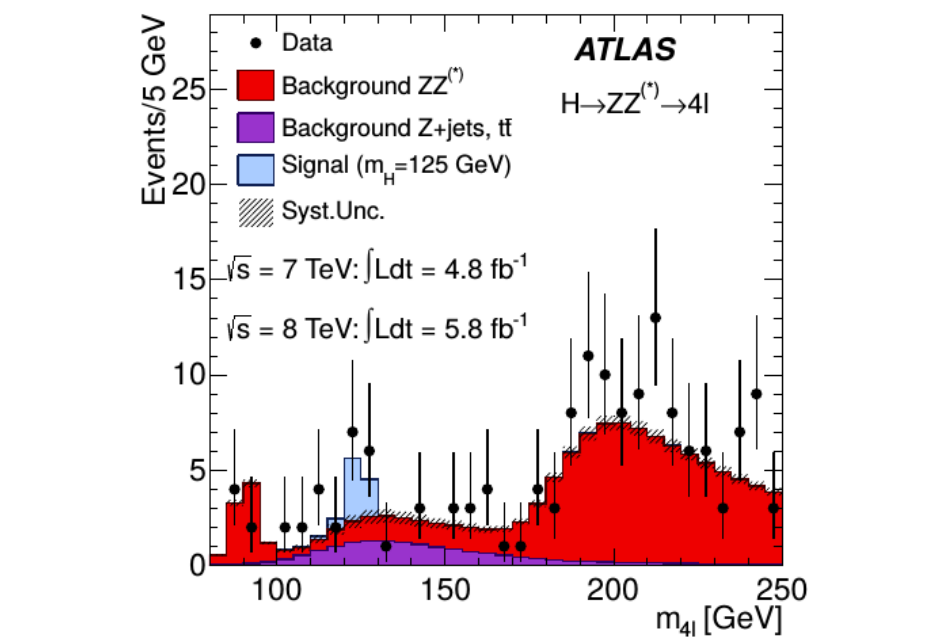
Asymptotic formulas justified by Gaussian regime, but remain valid even for small values of $S+B$ (down to 5 events!)

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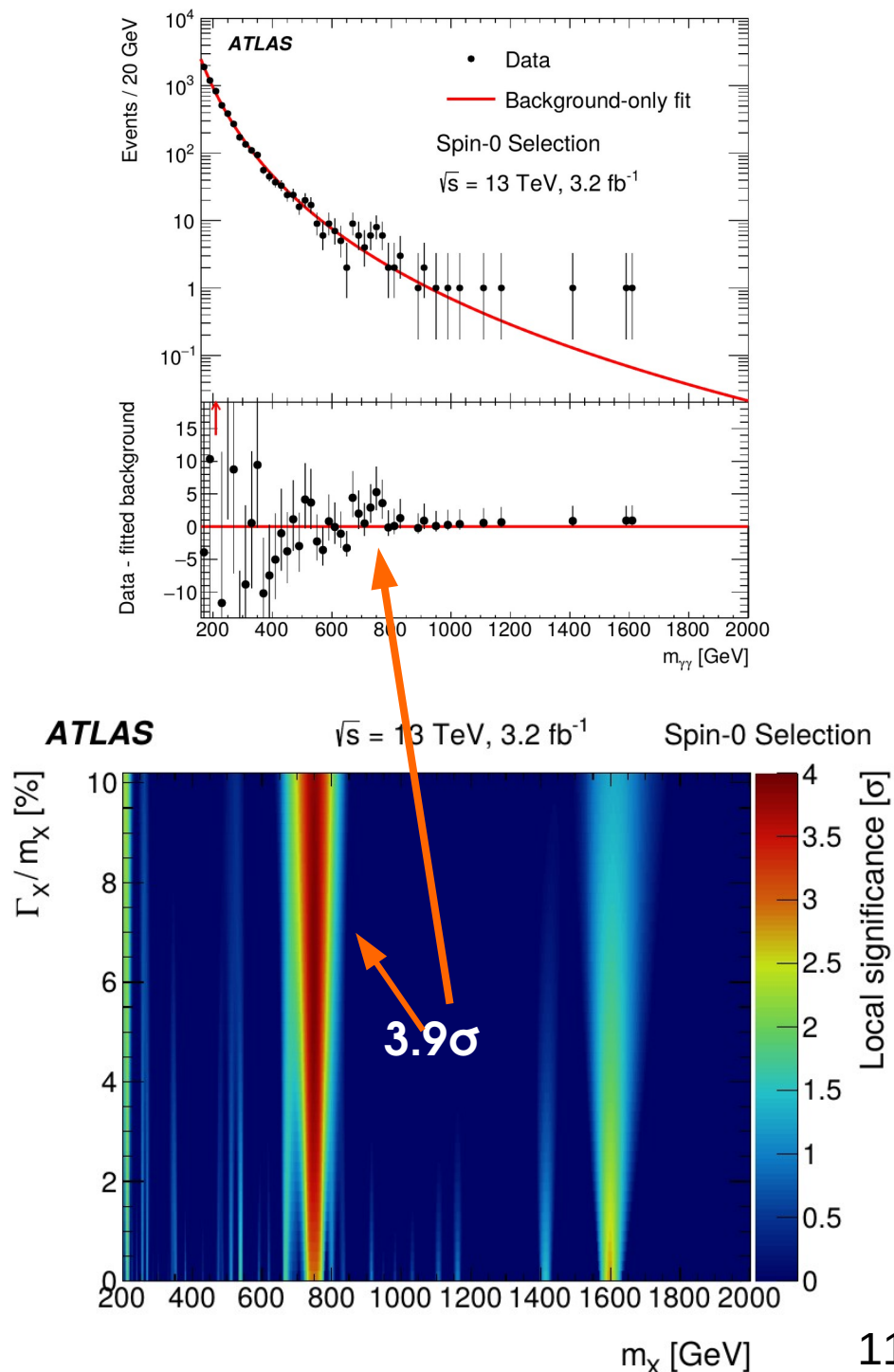


Some Examples

Higgs Discovery: [Phys. Lett. B 716 \(2012\) 1-29](#)



High-mass $X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Search: [JHEP 09 \(2016\) 1](#)



Discovery Thresholds

Evidence : $3\sigma \Leftrightarrow p_0 = 0.3\% \Leftrightarrow 1 \text{ chance in } 300$

Discovery: $5\sigma \Leftrightarrow p_0 = 3 \cdot 10^{-7} \Leftrightarrow 1 \text{ chance in } 3.5\text{M}$

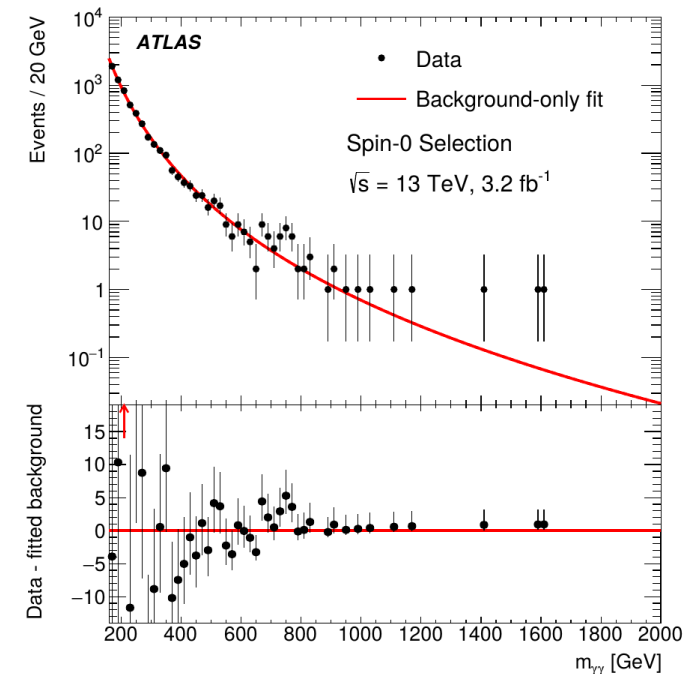
Why so high thresholds ? (from Louis Lyons):

- Look-elsewhere effect** : searches typically cover multiple independent regions \Rightarrow Higher chance to have a fluctuation “somewhere”

$N_{\text{trials}} \sim 1000$: local $5\sigma \Leftrightarrow O(10^{-4})$ more reasonable

- Mismodeled systematics**: factor 2 error in syst-dominated analysis \Rightarrow factor 2 error on Z...
- History**: 3σ and 4σ excesses do occur regularly, for the reasons above

Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence!



Takeaways

Given a statistical model $P(\text{data}; \mu)$, define likelihood $L(\mu) = P(\text{data}; \mu)$

To estimate a parameter, use the value $\hat{\mu}$ that maximizes $L(\mu) \rightarrow$ best-fit value

To decide between hypotheses H_0 and H_1 , use the **likelihood ratio** $\frac{L(H_0)}{L(H_1)}$

To test for **discovery**, use $q_0 = -2 \log \frac{L(S=0)}{L(\hat{S})} \quad \hat{S} \geq 0$

For large enough datasets ($n \gtrsim 5$), $Z = \sqrt{q_0}$

For a **Gaussian** measurement, $Z = \frac{\hat{S}}{\sqrt{B}}$

For a **Poisson** measurement, $Z = \sqrt{2 \left[(\hat{S} + B) \log \left(1 + \frac{\hat{S}}{B} \right) - \hat{S} \right]}$

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Confidence Intervals

Last lecture we saw how to estimate (=compute) the value of a parameter

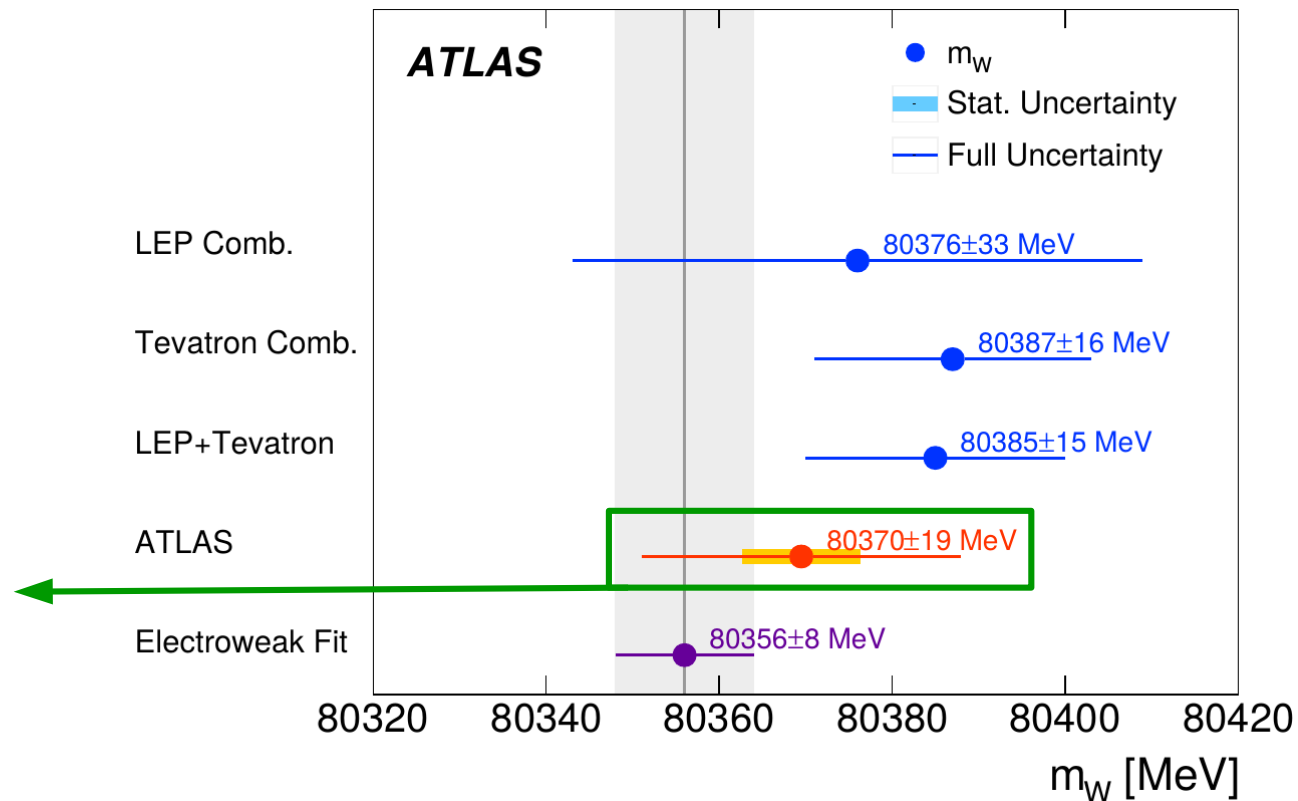
**Maximum Likelihood
Estimator (MLE) $\hat{\mu}$:**

$$\hat{\mu} = \arg \max L(\mu)$$

However we also need to estimate the associated uncertainty.

**What is the meaning of an
uncertainty ?**

We don't know what the true
value is, but **there is a
68% chance that it is within
the orange interval**



Gaussian Intervals

If $\hat{\mu} \sim G(\mu^*, \sigma)$, known quantiles :

$$P(\mu^* - \sigma < \hat{\mu} < \mu^* + \sigma) = 68 \%$$

This is a probability for $\hat{\mu}$, not μ^* !

→ μ^* is a **fixed number**, **not a random variable**

But we can invert the relation:

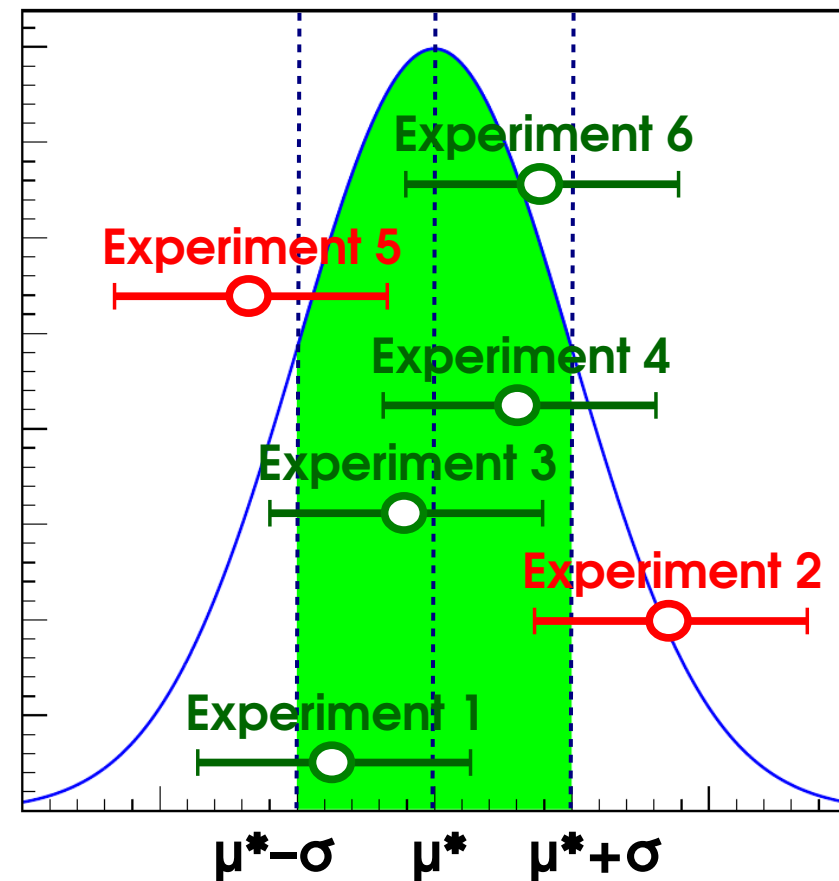
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→ If we repeat the experiment many times, $[\hat{\mu} - \sigma, \hat{\mu} + \sigma]$ will **contain the true value** 68.3% of the time: $\mu^* = \hat{\mu} \pm \sigma$

This is a statement on the interval $[\hat{\mu} - \sigma, \hat{\mu} + \sigma]$ obtained for each experiment



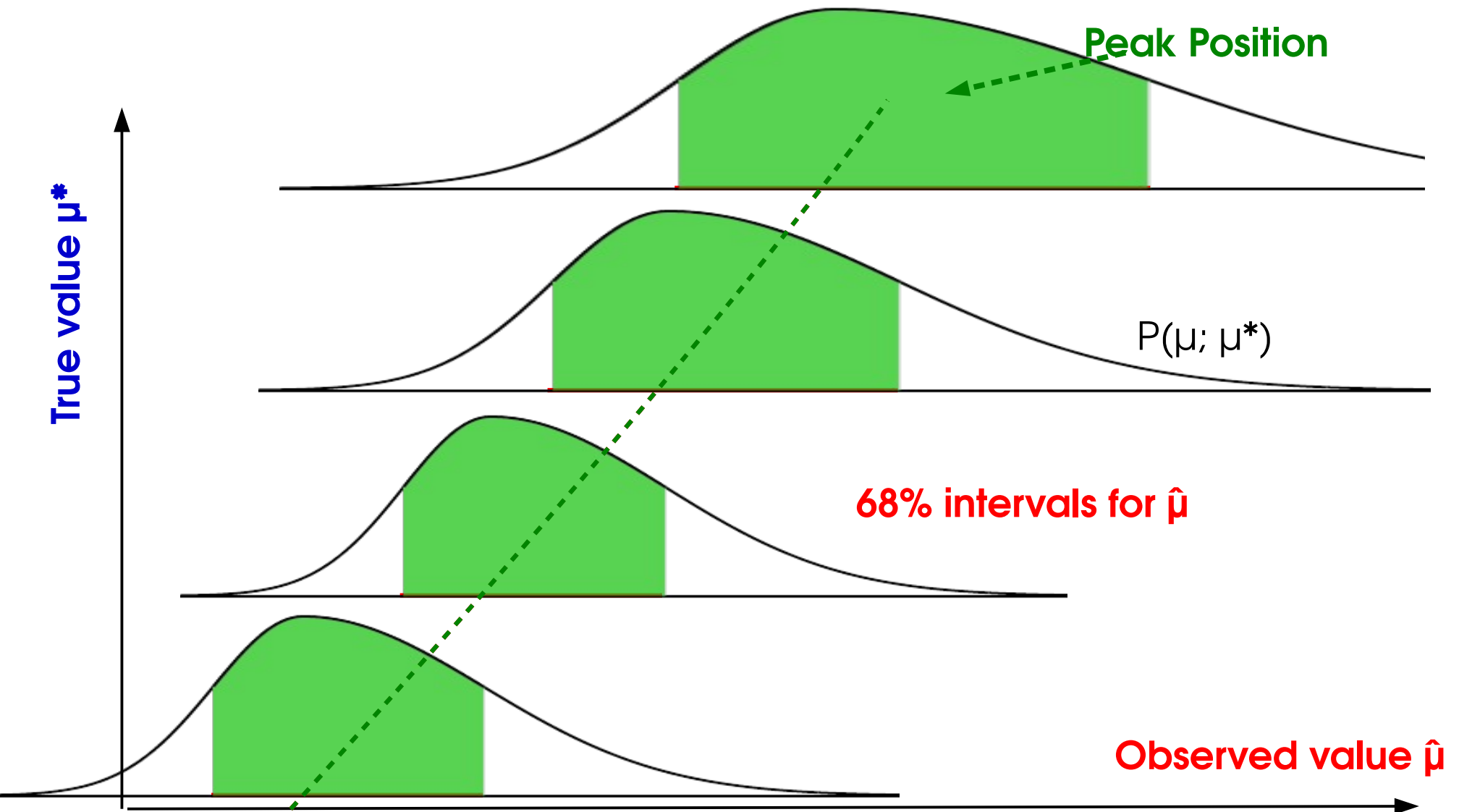
Works in the same way for other interval sizes: $[\hat{\mu} - Z\sigma, \hat{\mu} + Z\sigma]$ with

Z	1	1.96	2
CL	68.3%	95%	95.5%

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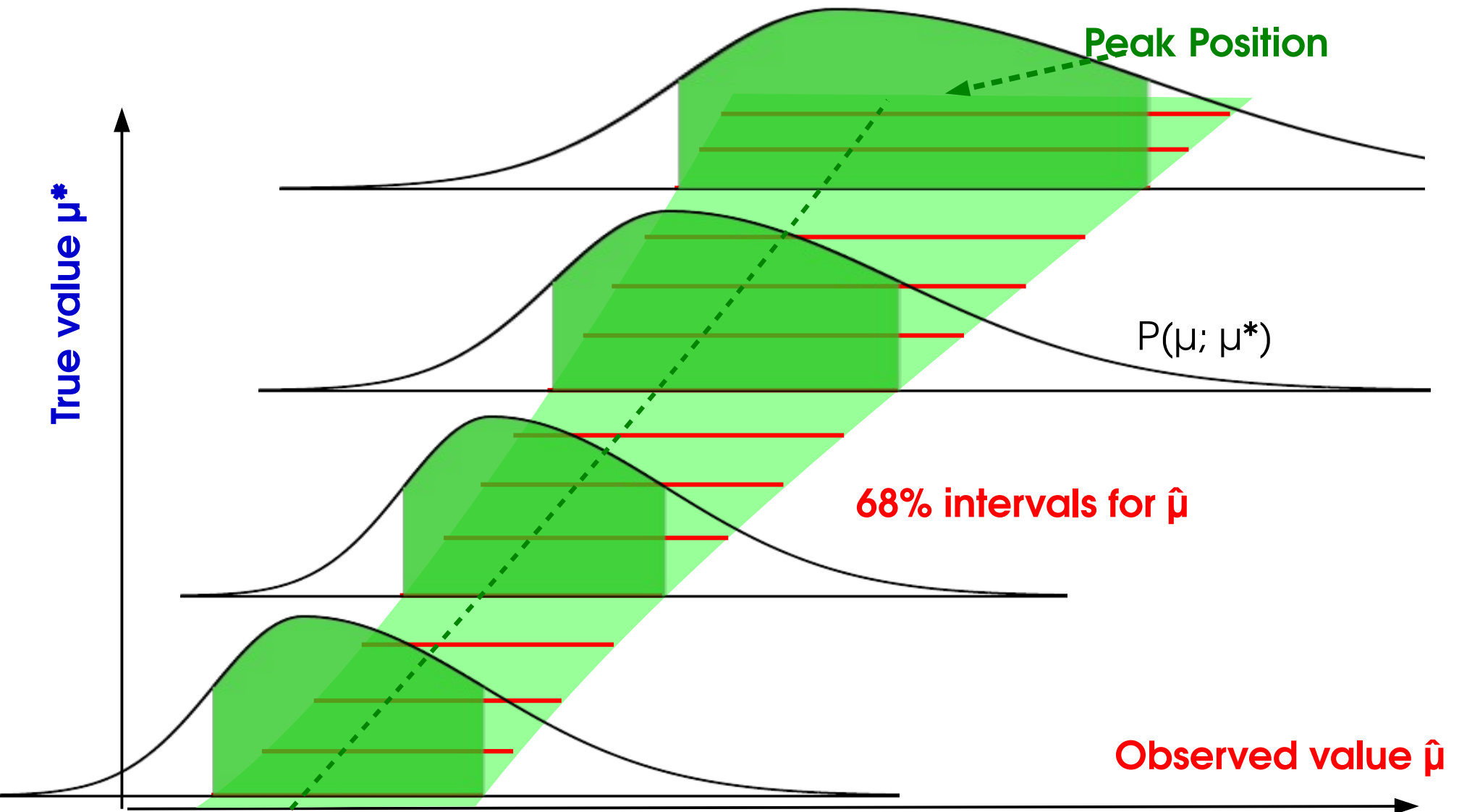
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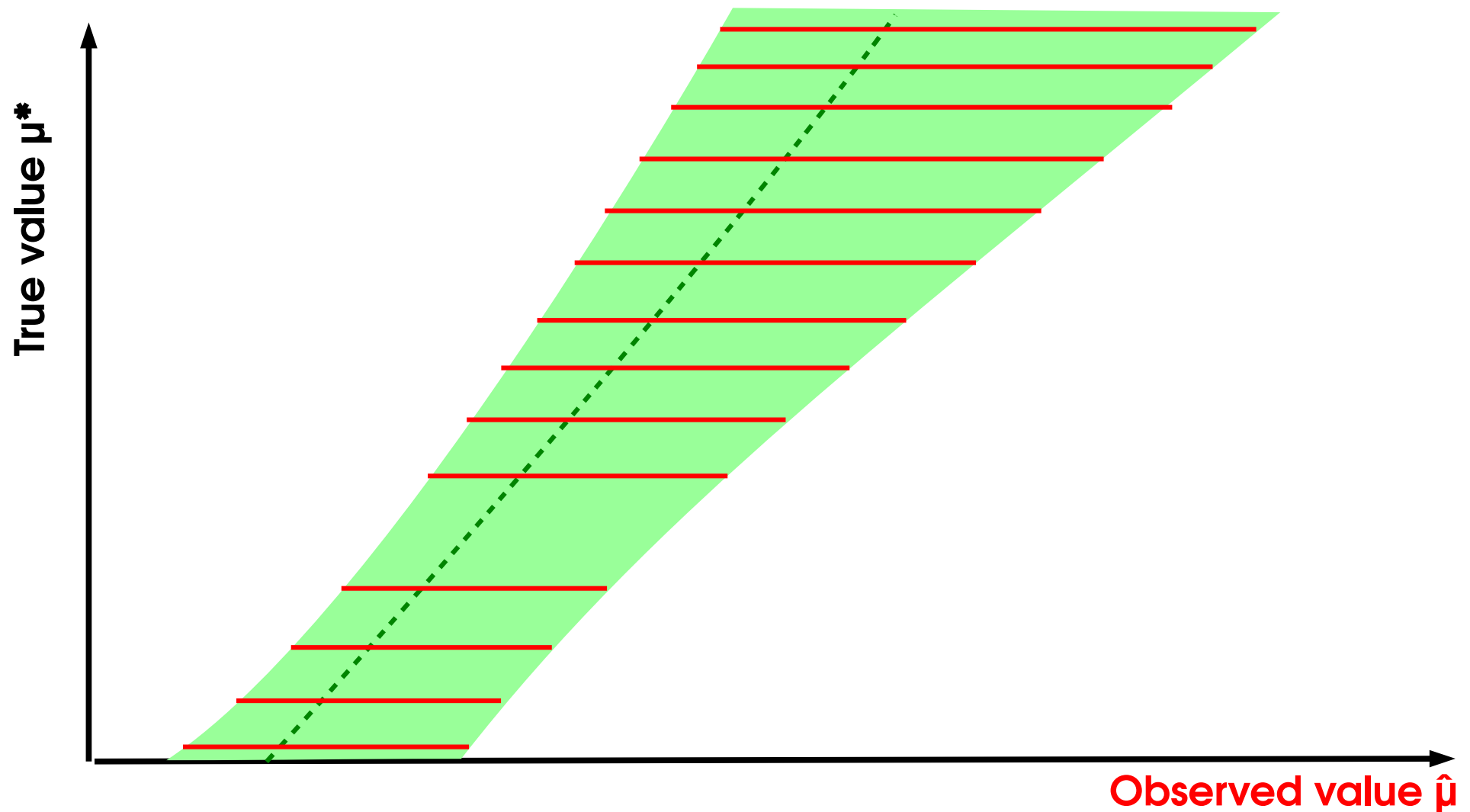
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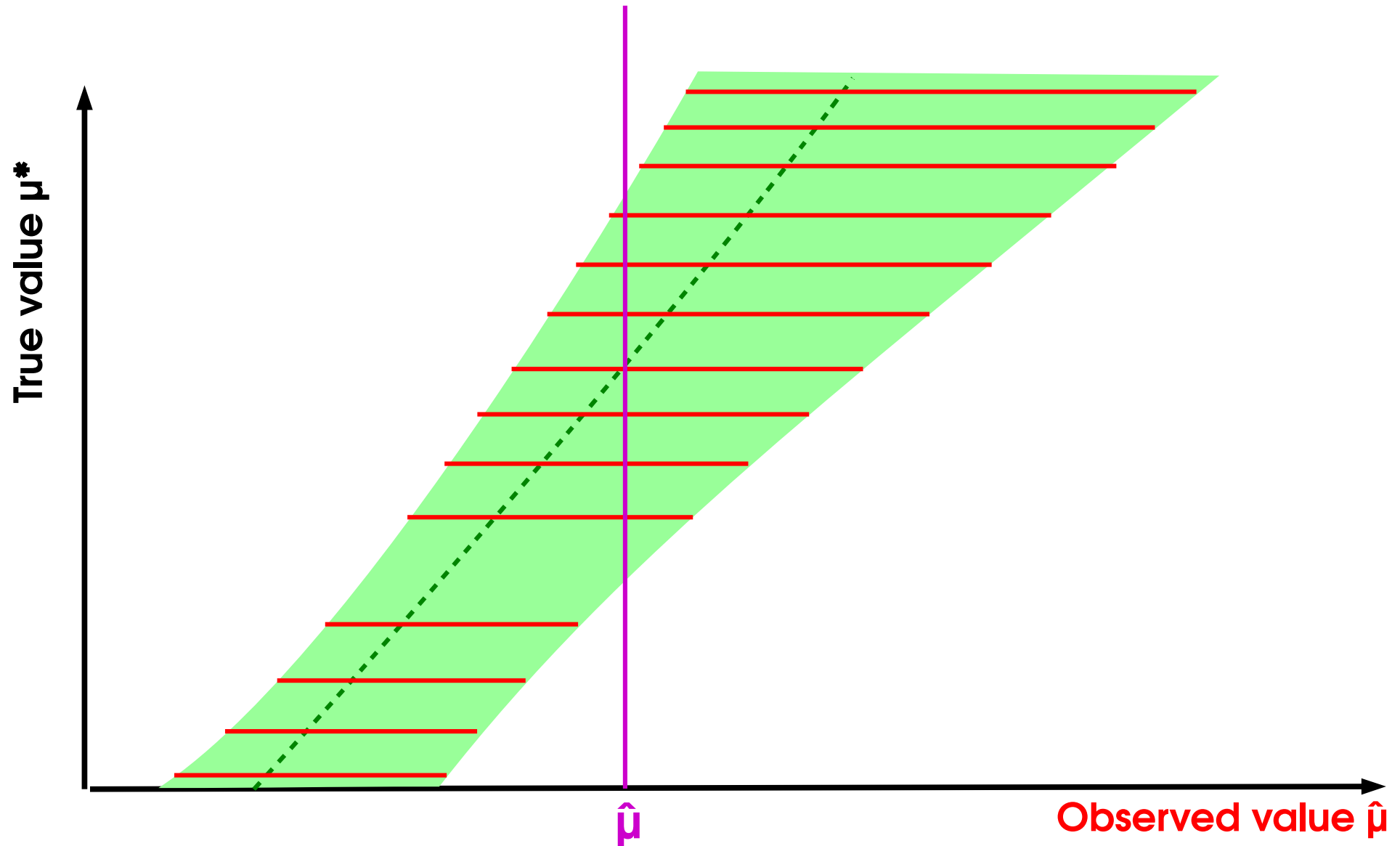
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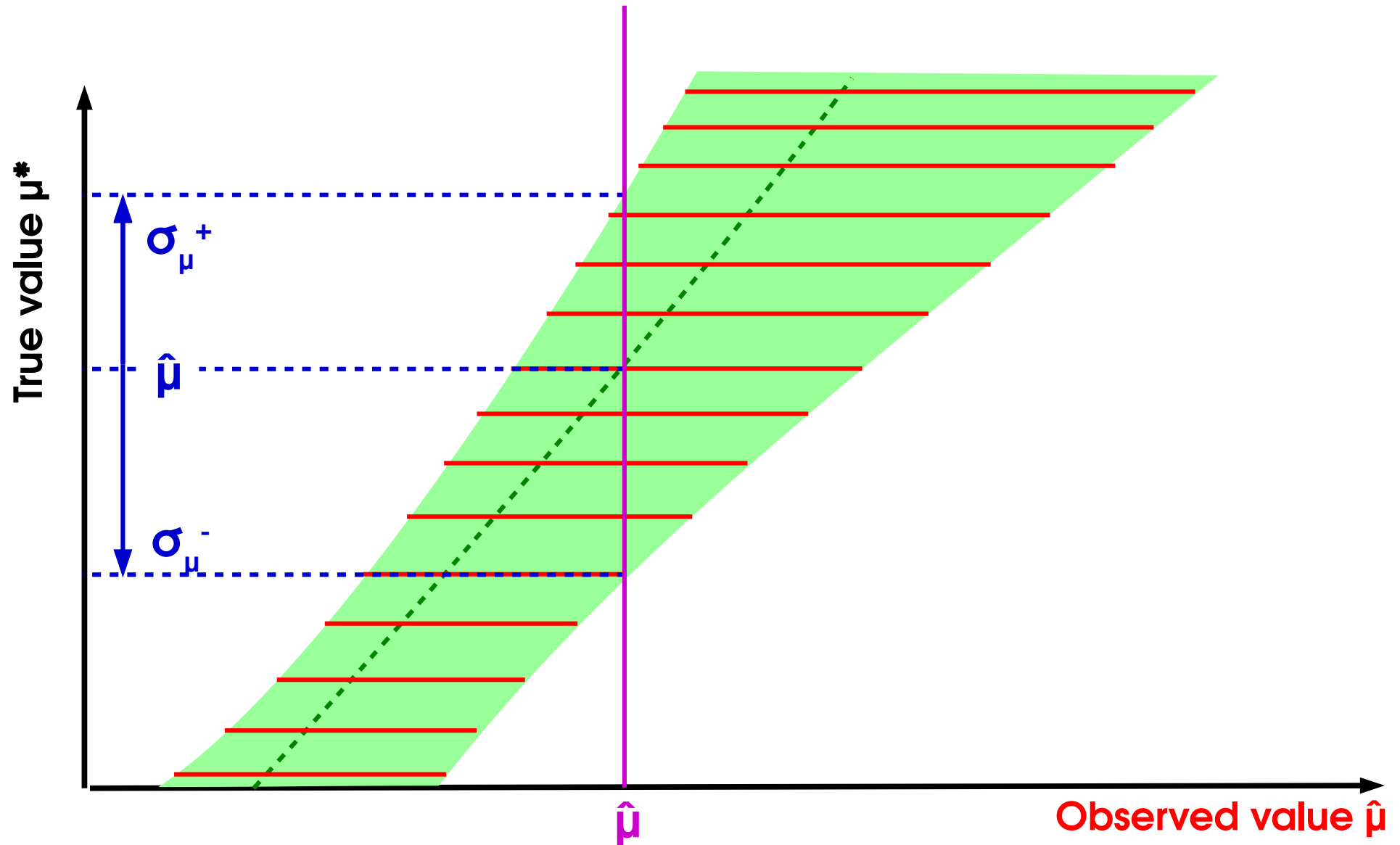
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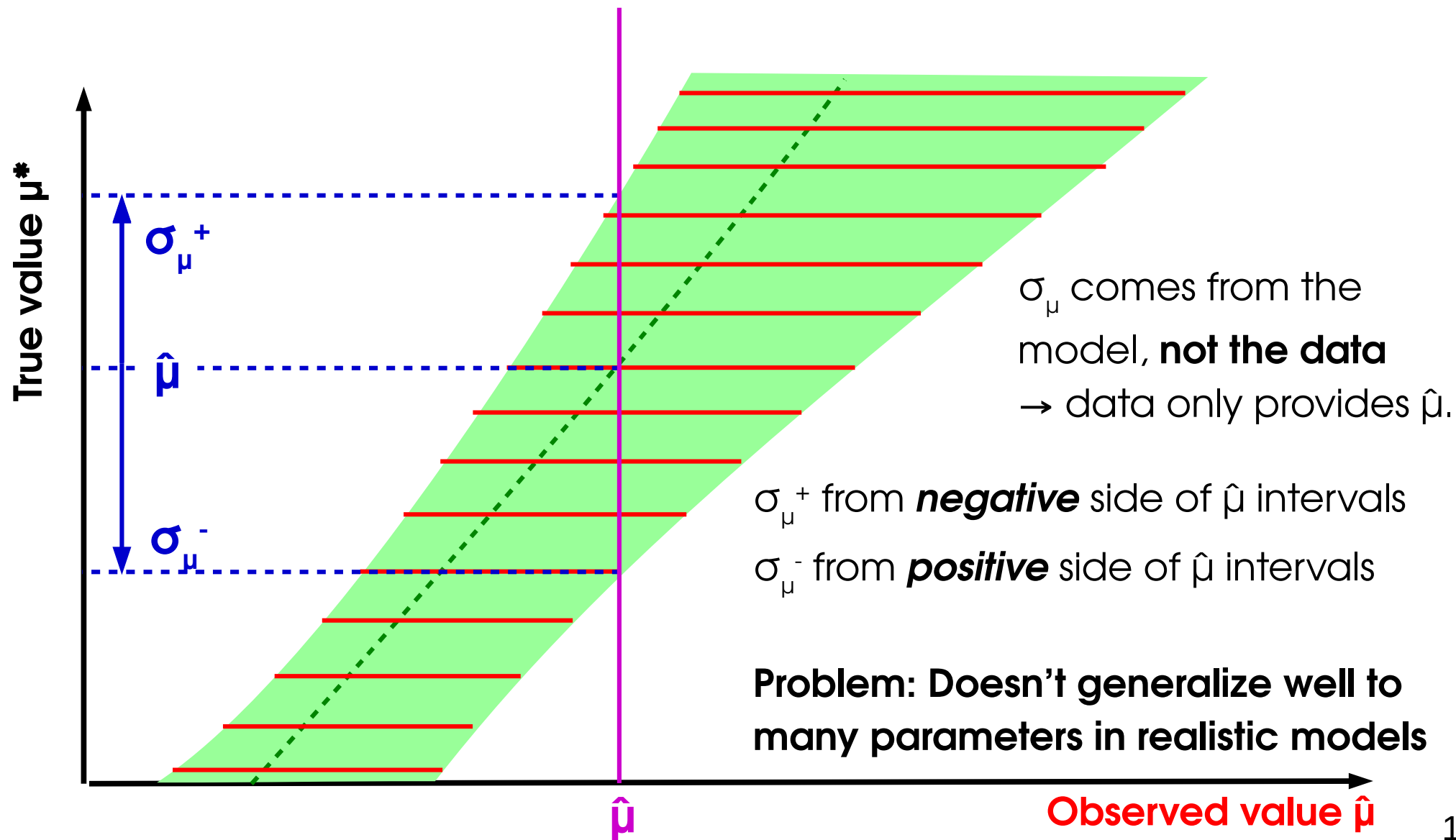
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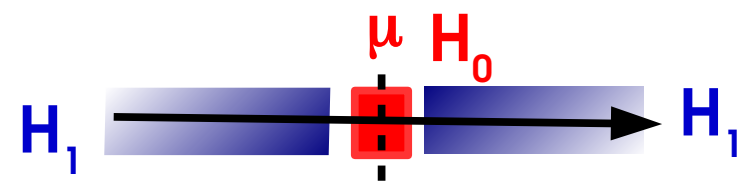
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Likelihood Intervals



Confidence intervals from L:

- Test $H(\mu_0)$ against alternative using
- Two-sided test since true value can be higher or lower than observed

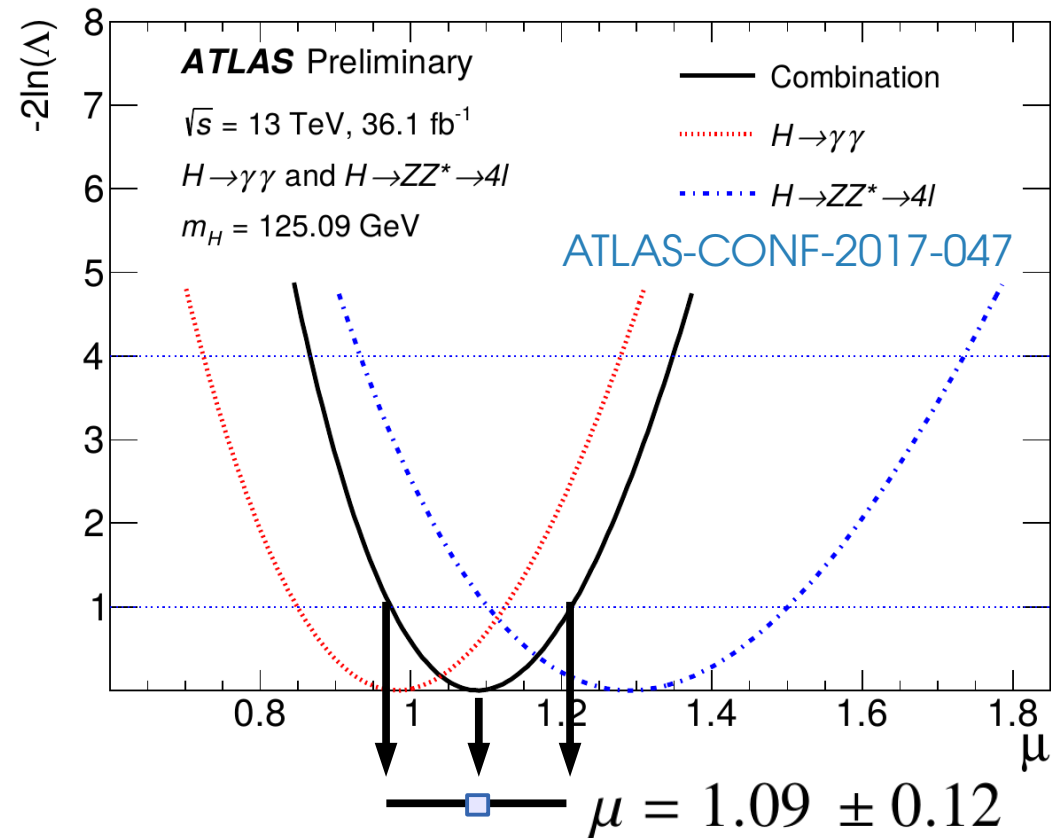
$$t_{\mu_0} = -2 \log \frac{L(\mu = \mu_0)}{L(\hat{\mu})}$$

Gaussian L:

- $t_{\mu_0} = \left(\frac{\hat{\mu} - \mu_0}{\sigma_{\mu}} \right)^2$: parabolic in μ_0 .
- Minimum occurs at $\mu = \hat{\mu}$
- Crossings with $t_{\mu} = 1$ give the 1σ interval

General case:

- Generally not a perfect parabola
- Minimum still occurs at $\mu = \hat{\mu}$
- Still define 1σ interval from the $t_{\mu} = \pm 1$ crossings



Homework 3: Gaussian Case

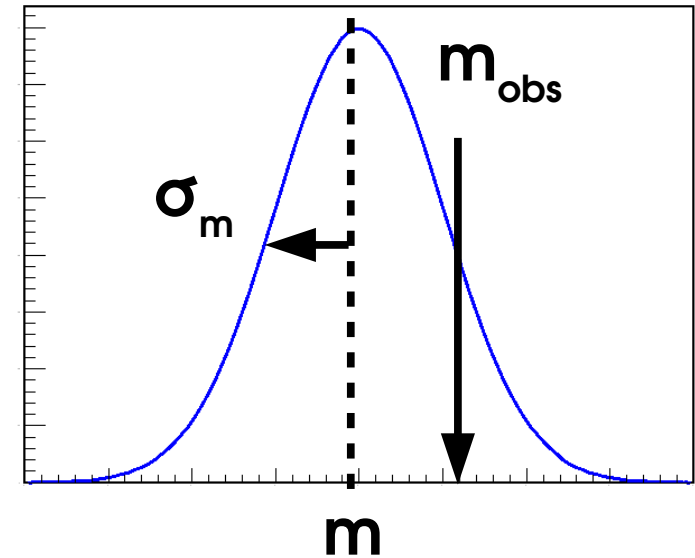
Consider a parameter m (e.g. Higgs boson mass) whose measurement is Gaussian with known width σ_m , and we measure m_{obs} :

$$L(m; m_{\text{obs}}) = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m - m_{\text{obs}}}{\sigma_m} \right)^2}$$

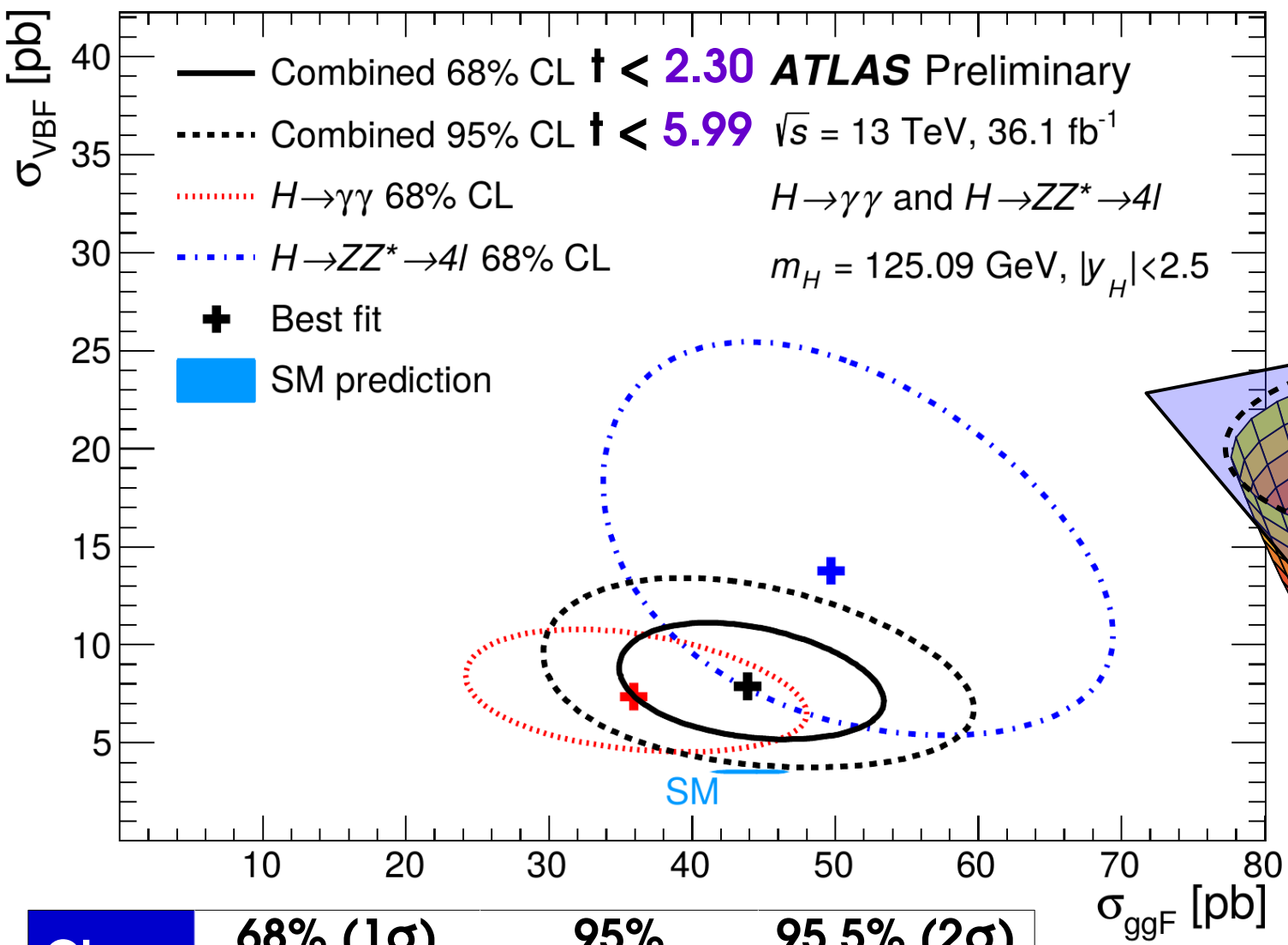
- Compute the best-fit value (MLE) \hat{m}
- Compute t_m
- Compute the $1-\sigma$ ($Z=1$, $\sim 68\%$ CL) interval on m

Solution: $m = m_{\text{obs}} \pm \sigma_m$

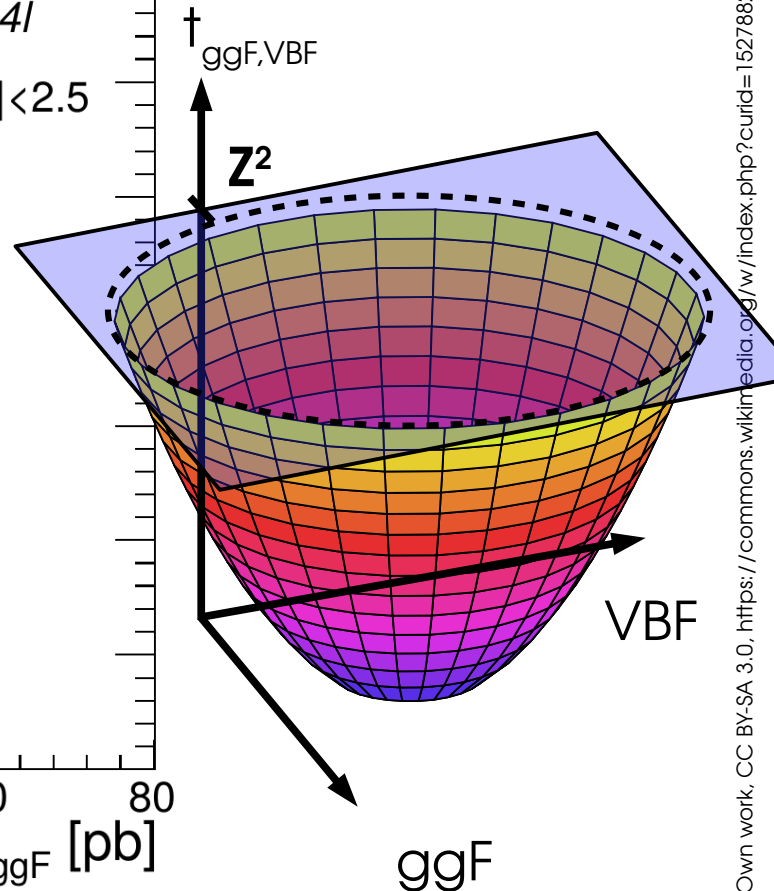
- Not really a surprise – the method works as expected on this simple case
- General method can be applied in the same way to more complex cases



2D Example: Higgs σ_{VBF} vs. σ_{ggF}



$$t = -2 \log \frac{L(X_0, Y_0)}{L(\hat{X}, \hat{Y})}$$
$$\sim \chi^2(N_{\text{dof}}=2)$$



CL	68% (1σ)	95%	95.5% (2σ)
1D Z^2	1	3.84	4
2D Z^2	2.30	5.99	6.18

Gaussian case: elliptic paraboloid surface

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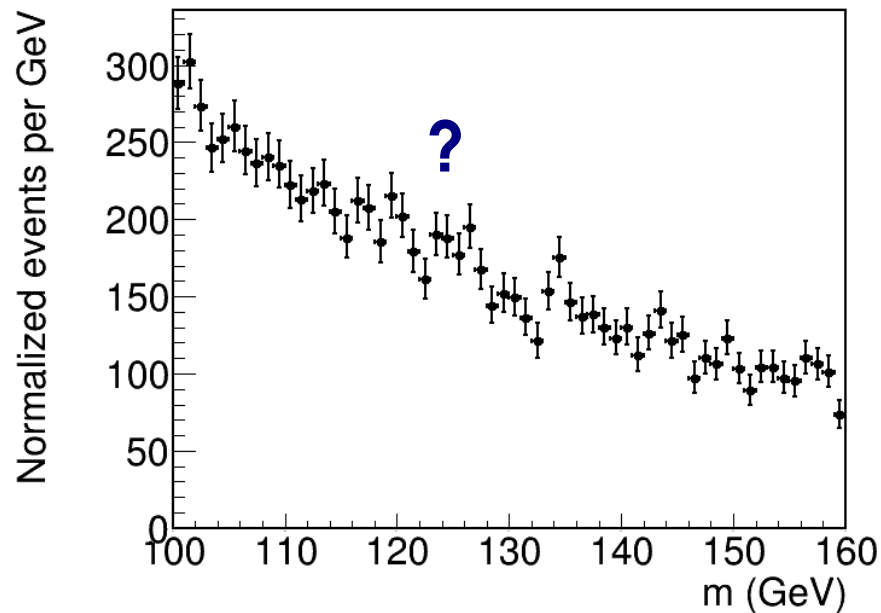
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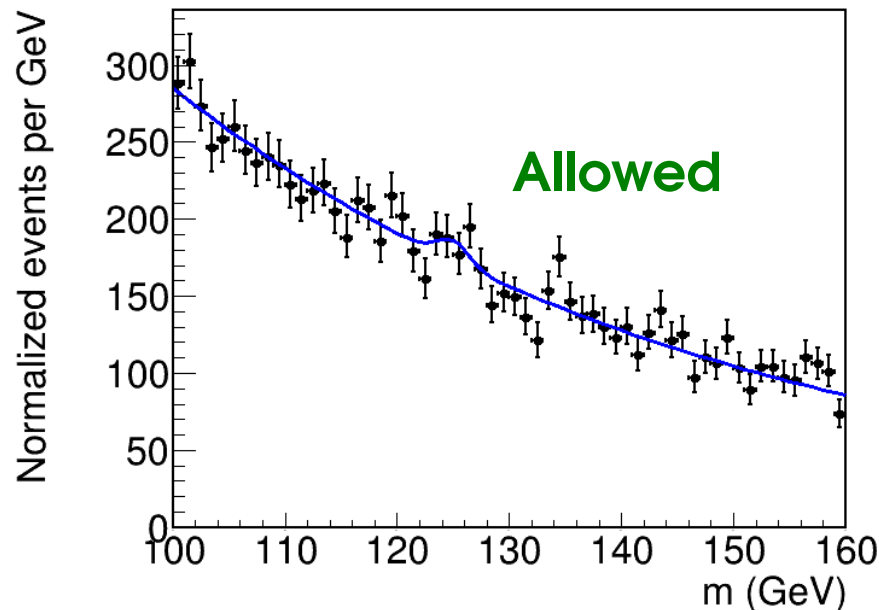
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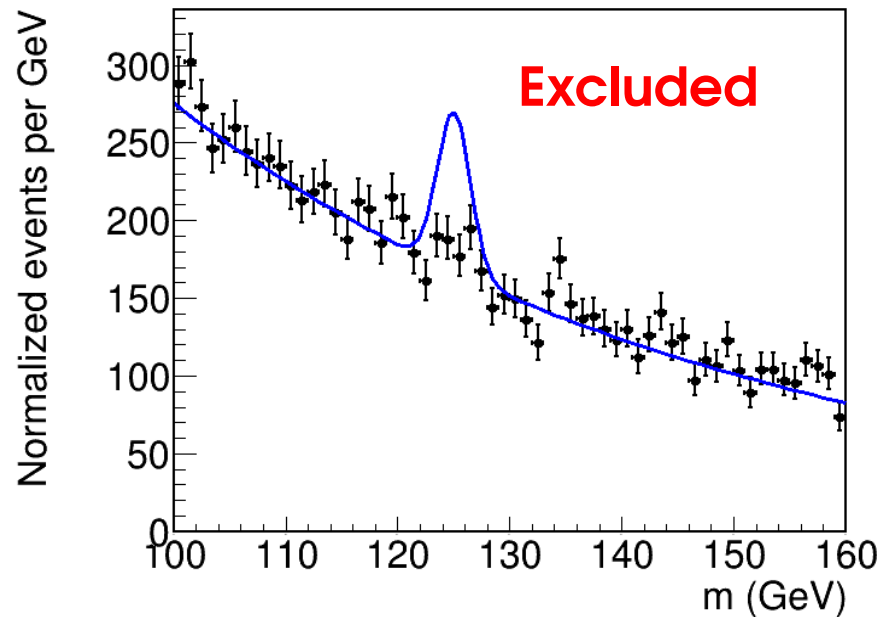
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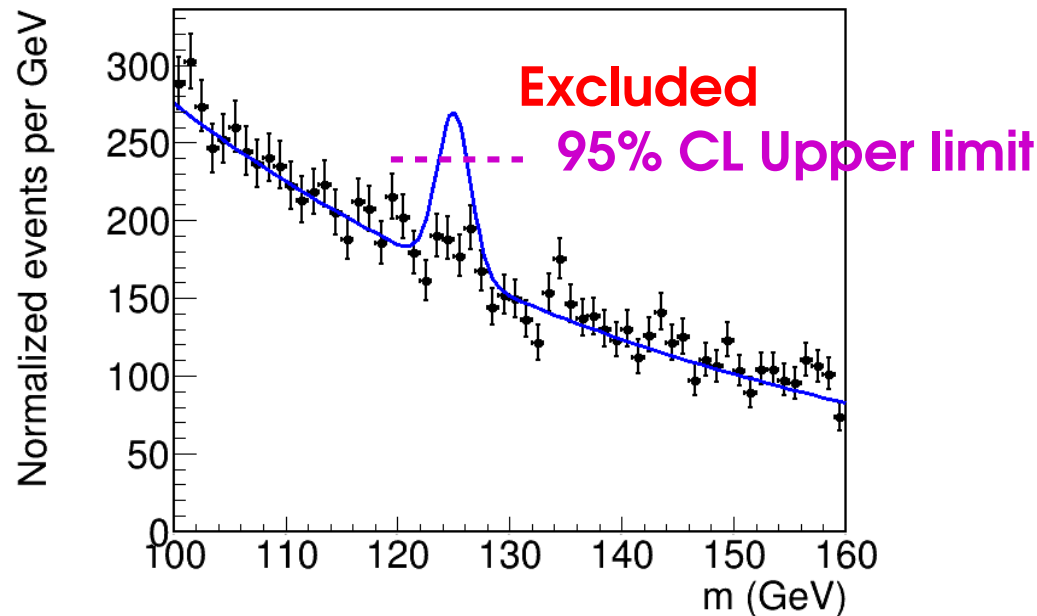
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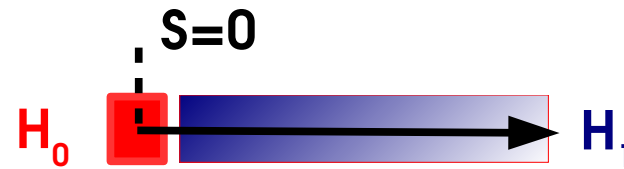
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Test Statistic for Limit-Setting

Discovery :

- $H_0 : S = 0$
- $H_1 : S > 0$



$$q_0 = -2 \log \frac{L(S=0)}{L(\hat{S})}$$

Compare

← Likelihood of H_0 ($\hat{S} > 0$)
 ← Likelihood of H_1

Limit-setting

- $H_0 : S = S_0$
- $H_1 : S < S_0$



$$q_{S_0} = -2 \log \frac{L(S=S_0)}{L(\hat{S})}$$

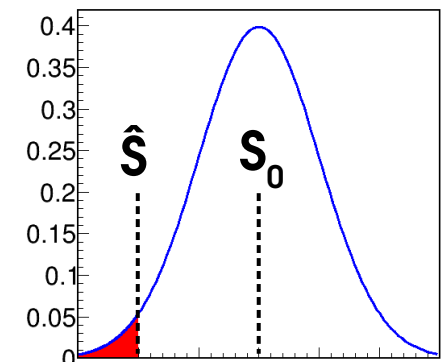
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Same as q_0 :

→ large values \Rightarrow good rejection of H_0 .

Asymptotic case: p-value $p_{S_0} = 1 - \Phi(\sqrt{q_{S_0}})$



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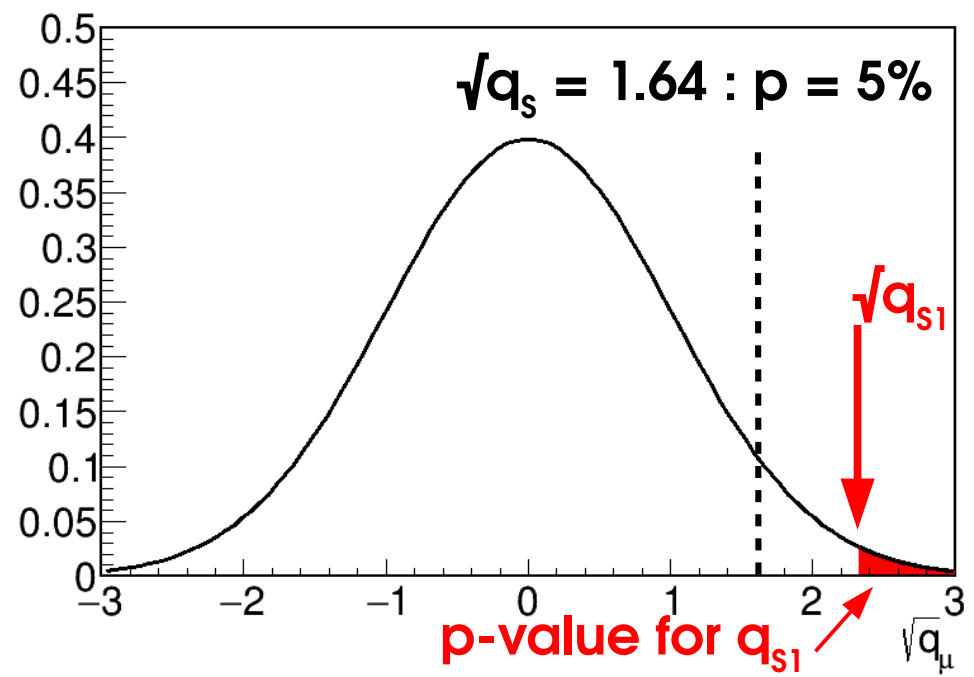
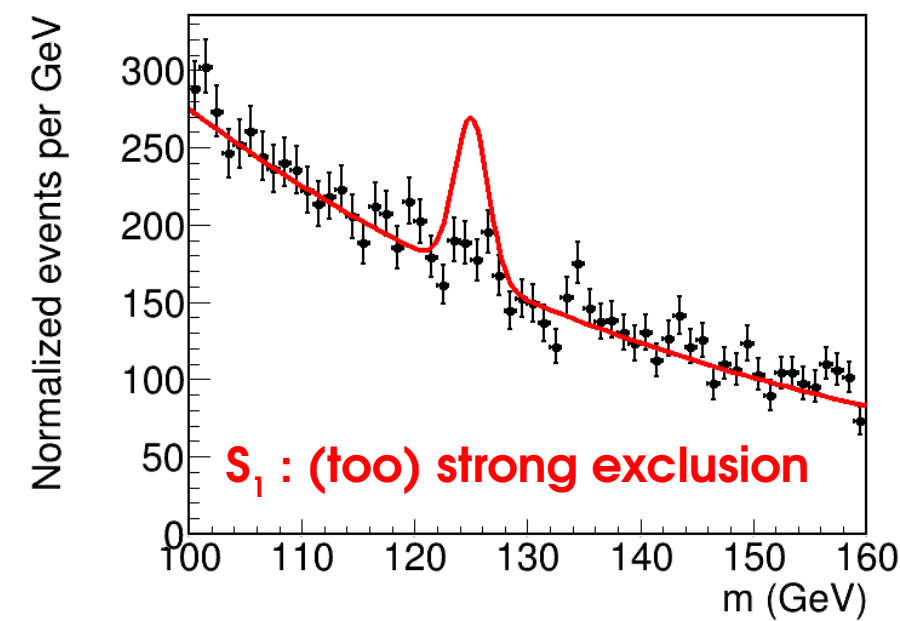
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Asymptotic case: need $\sqrt{q_{s_0}} = 1.64$

Asymptotics

$$\sqrt{q_{s_0}} = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p_0)$$

CL	Region
90%	$\sqrt{q_s} > 1.28$
95%	$\sqrt{q_s} > 1.64$
99%	$\sqrt{q_s} > 2.33$



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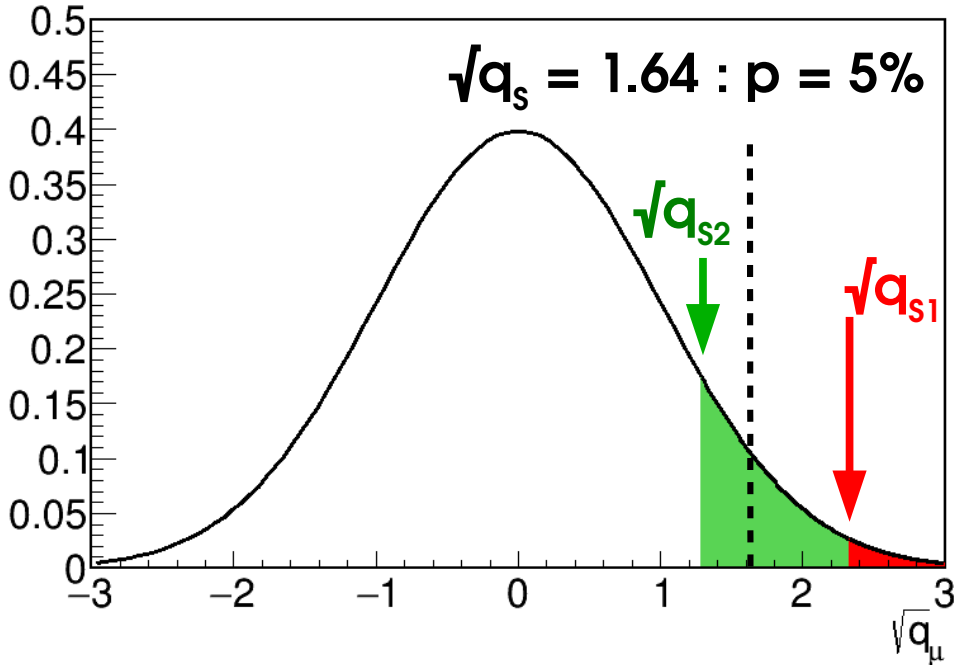
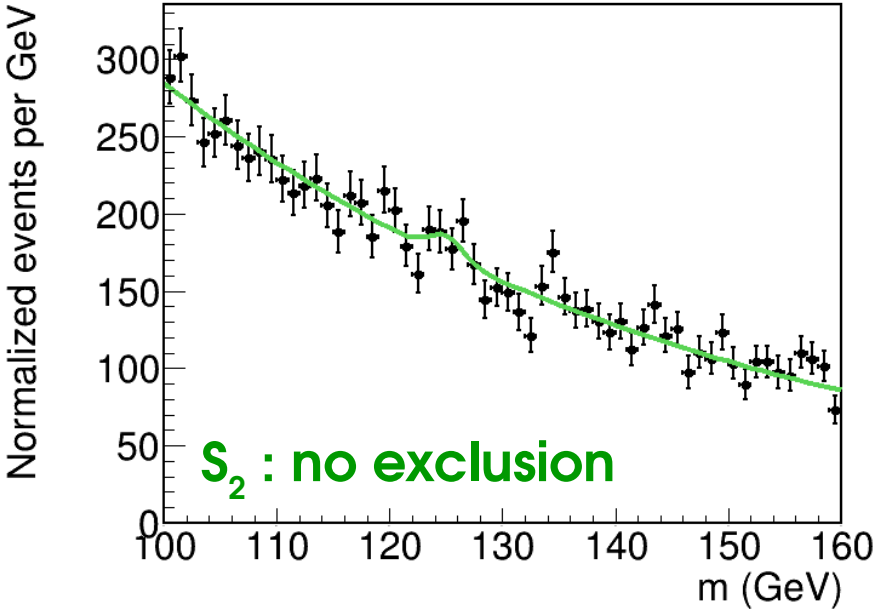
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$$\sqrt{q_{s_0}} = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p_0)$$

CL	Region
90%	$\sqrt{q_s} > 1.28$
95%	$\sqrt{q_s} > 1.64$
99%	$\sqrt{q_s} > 2.33$



Inversion : Getting the limit for a given CL

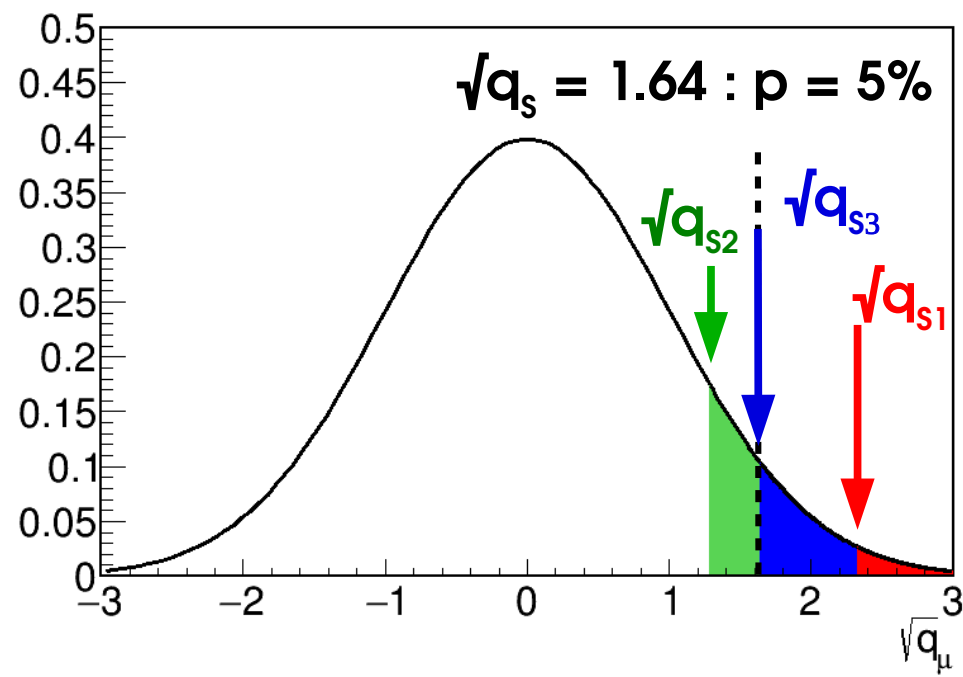
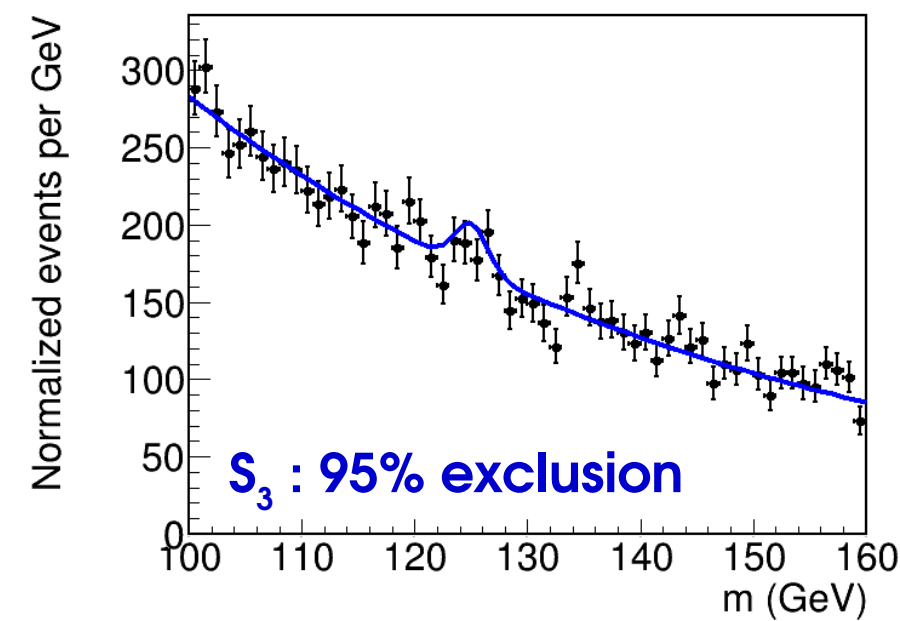
Procedure:

- Compute q_{s_0} for some S_0 , get the **exclusion p-value p_{s_0}** .
- Adjust S_0 until 95% CL exclusion ($p_{s_0} = 5\%$) is reached
- Asymptotic case: need $\sqrt{q_{s_0}} = 1.64$

Asymptotics

$$\sqrt{q_{s_0}} = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p_0)$$

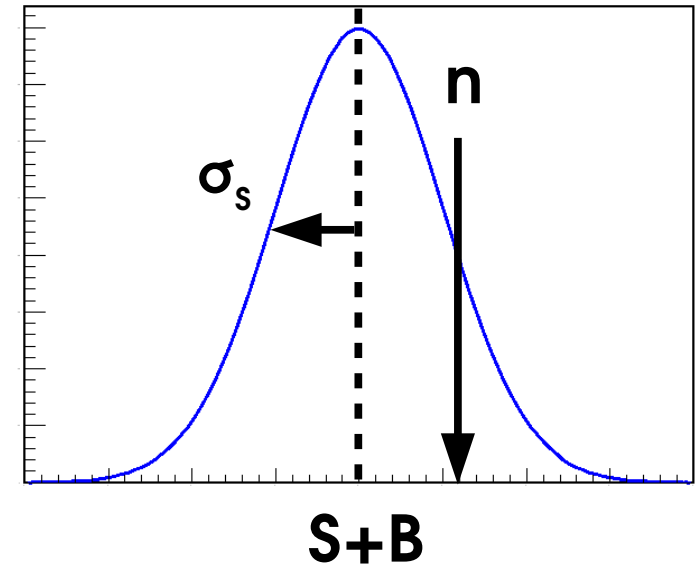
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Homework 4: Gaussian Example

Usual Gaussian counting example with known B:

$$L(S; n) = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{n - (S+B)}{\sigma_s} \right)^2} \quad \sigma_s \sim \sqrt{B} \text{ for small } S$$



Reminder: Significance: $Z = \hat{S} / \sigma_s$

→ Compute q_{s0}

→ Compute the 95% CL upper limit on S , S_{up} , by solving $\sqrt{q_{s0}} = 1.64$.

Solution: $S_{up} = \hat{S} + 1.64 \sigma_s$ at 95 % CL

Upper Limit Pathologies

Upper limit: $S_{\text{up}} \sim \hat{S} + 1.64 \sigma_s$.

Problem: for negative \hat{S} , get **very** good observed limit.

→ For \hat{S} sufficiently negative, even $S_{\text{up}} < 0$!

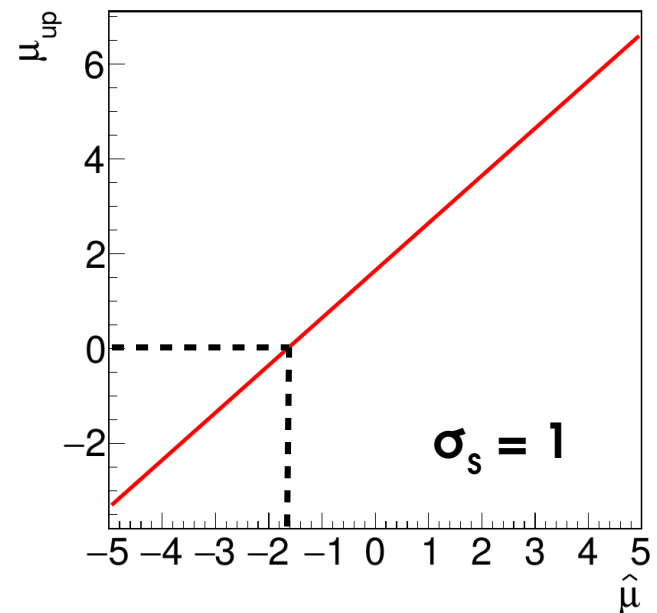
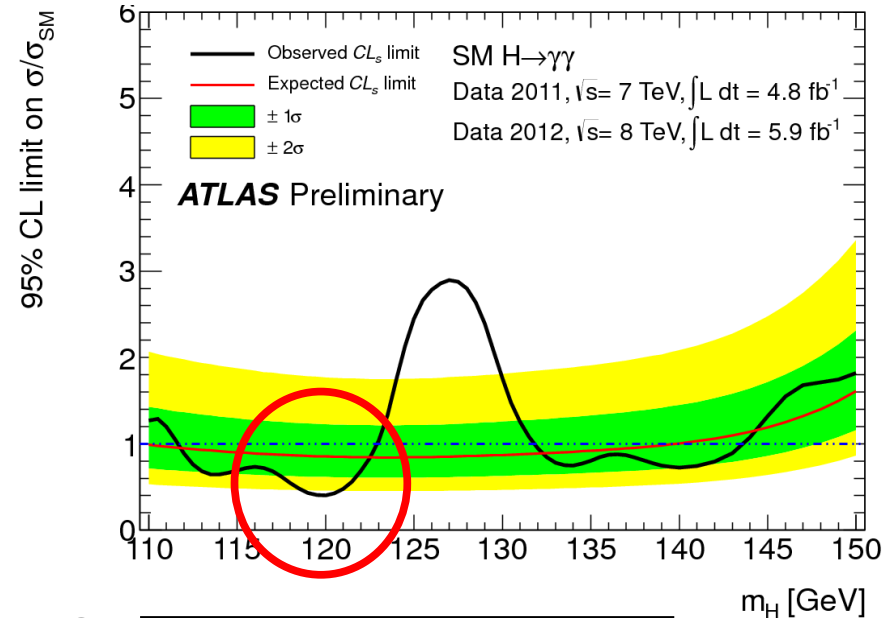
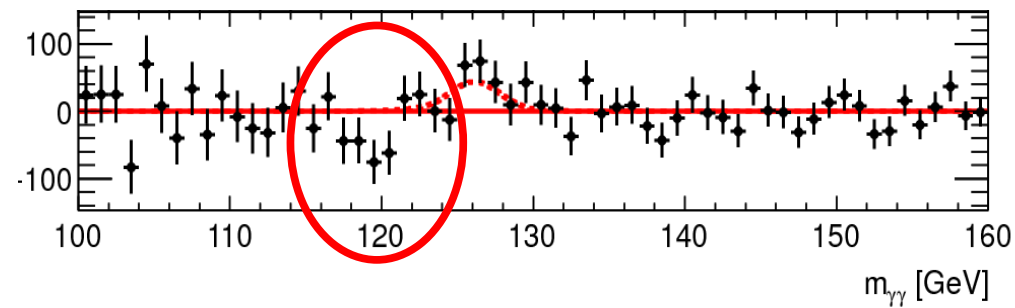
How can this be ?

→ **Background modeling issue ?...** Or:

→ This is a **95%** limit \Rightarrow **5% of the time, the limit wrongly excludes the true value**, e.g. $S^*=0$.

Options

- **live with it:** sometimes report limit < 0
- **Special procedure to avoid these cases**, since if we assume S must be > 0 , we know a priori this is just a fluctuation.



Usual solution in HEP : **CL_s**.

→ Compute modified p-value

$$p_{CL_s} = \frac{p_{S_0}}{(1 - p_B)}$$

The usual p-value under $H(S=S_0)$ (=5%)
 The p-value computed under $H(S=0)$

⇒ **Rescale** exclusion at S_0 by exclusion at $S=0$.

→ Somewhat ad-hoc, but good properties...

\hat{S} compatible with 0 : $p_B \sim O(1)$

$p_{CL_s} \sim p_{S_0} \sim 5\%$, no change.

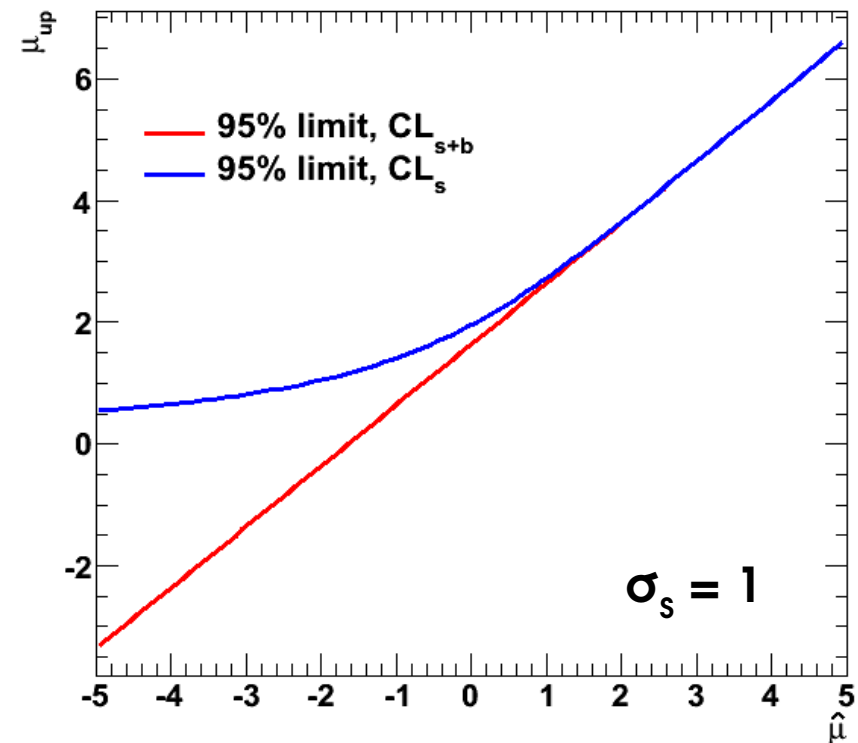
Far-negative \hat{S} : $1 - p_B \ll 1$

$p_{CL_s} \sim p_{S_0} / (1 - p_B) \gg 5\%$

→ lower exclusion ⇒ higher limit,
usually >0 as desired

Drawback: overcoverage

→ limit is claimed to be 95% CL, but actually $>95\%$ CL for small $1 - p_B$.



Homework 5: CL_s : Gaussian Case

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Reminder

CL_{s+b} limit: $S_{up} = \hat{S} + 1.64 \sigma_s$ at 95 % CL

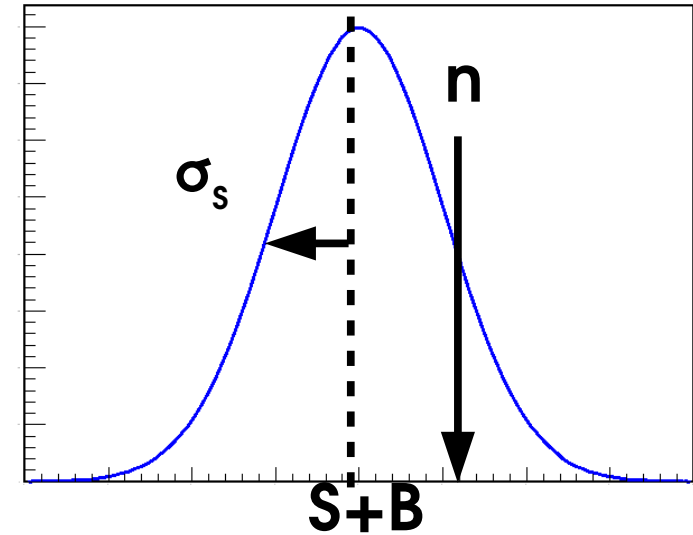
CL_s upper limit :

→ Compute p_{s0} (same as for CL_{s+b})

→ Compute $1-p_B$ (hard!)

Solution: $S_{up} = \hat{S} + \left[\Phi^{-1} \left(1 - 0.05 \Phi \left(\hat{S} / \sigma_s \right) \right) \right] \sigma_s$ at 95 % CL

for $\hat{S} \sim 0$, $S_{up} = \hat{S} + 1.96 \sigma_s$ at 95 % CL



Homework 6: CL_s Rule of Thumb for $n_{\text{obs}}=0$

Same exercise, for the Poisson case with $n_{\text{obs}} = 0$. Perform an exact computation of the 95% CLs upper limit based on the definition of the p-value:

p-value : *sum probabilities of cases at least as extreme as the data*

Hint: for $n_{\text{obs}}=0$, there are no “more extreme” cases (cannot have $n < 0$!), so

$p_{S_0} = \text{Poisson}(n=0 \mid S_0+B)$ and $1 - p_B = \text{Poisson}(n=0 \mid B)$

$$S_{\text{up}}(n_{\text{obs}}=0) = \log(20) = 2.996 \approx 3$$

Solution:

⇒ **Rule of thumb**: when $n_{\text{obs}} = 0$, the 95% CL_s limit is **3** events (for any B)

Outline

Computing statistical results

Confidence intervals

Upper limits on signal yields

Expected Limits

Generating Pseudo-data

Model describes the distribution of the observable: $P(\text{data}; \text{parameters})$

⇒ Possible outcomes of the experiment, for given parameter values

Can draw random events according to PDF : **generate** *pseudo-data*

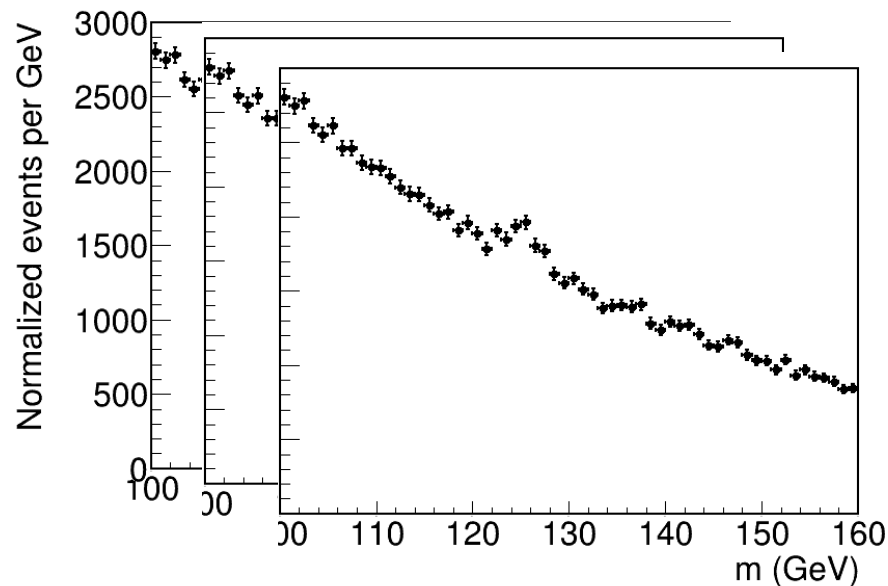
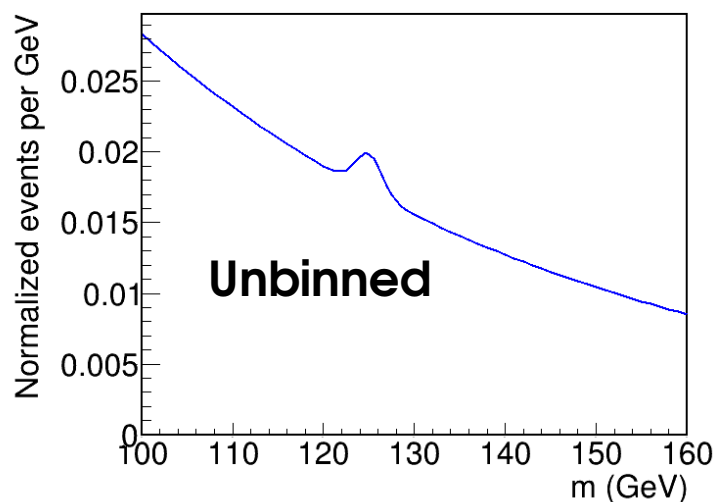
$$P(\lambda=5)$$



2, 5, 3, 7, 4, 9, ...

Each entry = separate “experiment”

Generate



Expected Limits: Toys

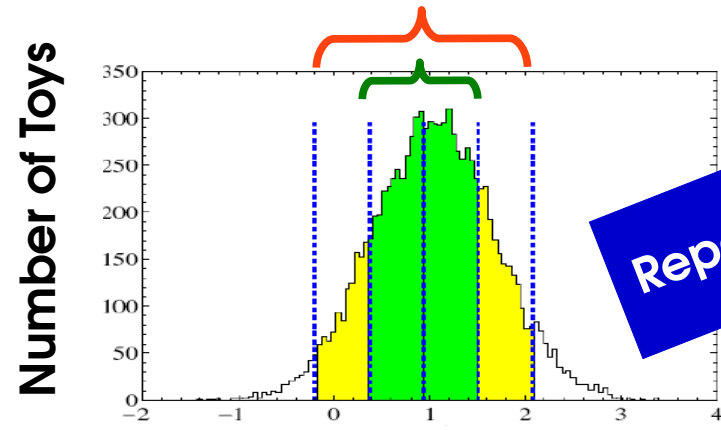
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→ usually B-only for searches, but other choices possible.

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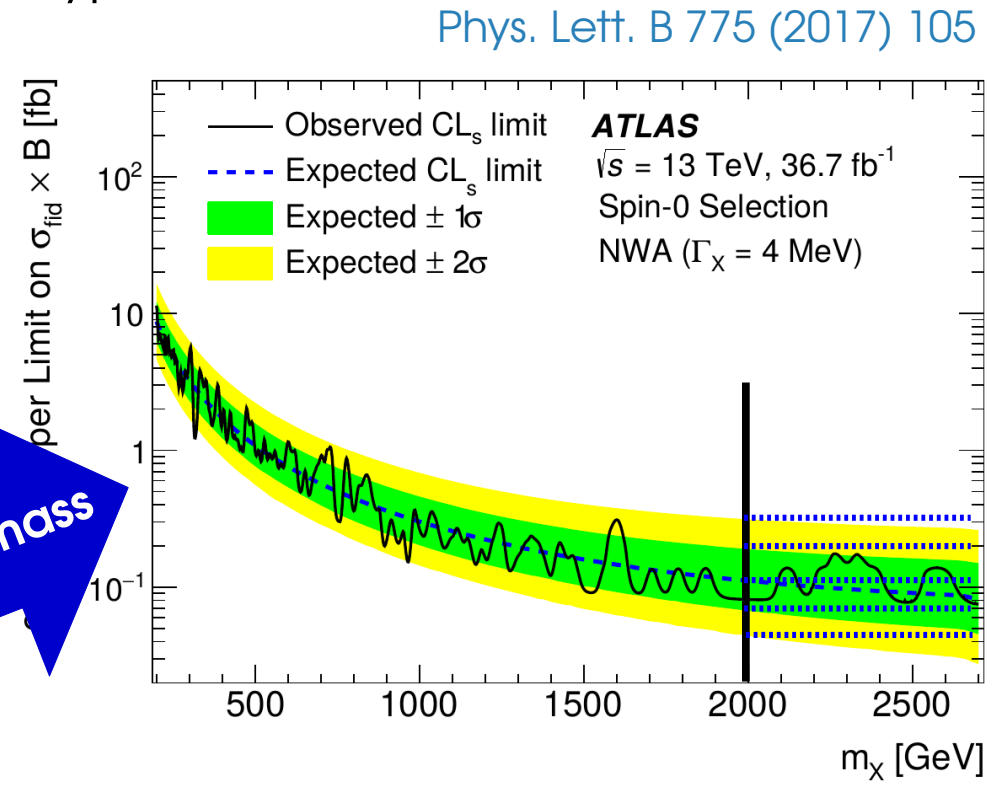
→ **Pseudo-experiments (toys):**

- Generate a pseudo-dataset in B-only hypothesis
- Compute limit
- Repeat and histogram the results
- Central value = median, bands based on quantiles

68% of toys 95% of toys



Repeat for each mass



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Expected Limits: Asimov Datasets

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Two main ways to compute:

Strictly speaking, Asimov dataset if

$$\hat{X} = X_0 \text{ for all parameters } X,$$

where X_0 is the generation value

→ **Asimov Datasets**

- Generate a “perfect dataset” – e.g. for binned data, set bin contents carefully, no fluctuations.

- Gives the median result immediately:

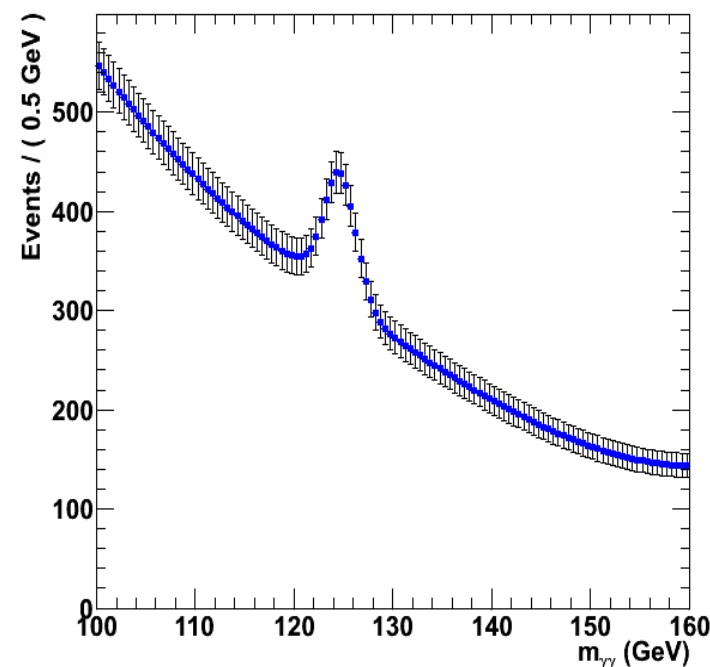
$$\text{median}(\text{toy results}) \leftrightarrow \text{result}(\text{median dataset})$$

- Get bands from asymptotic formulas:
Band width

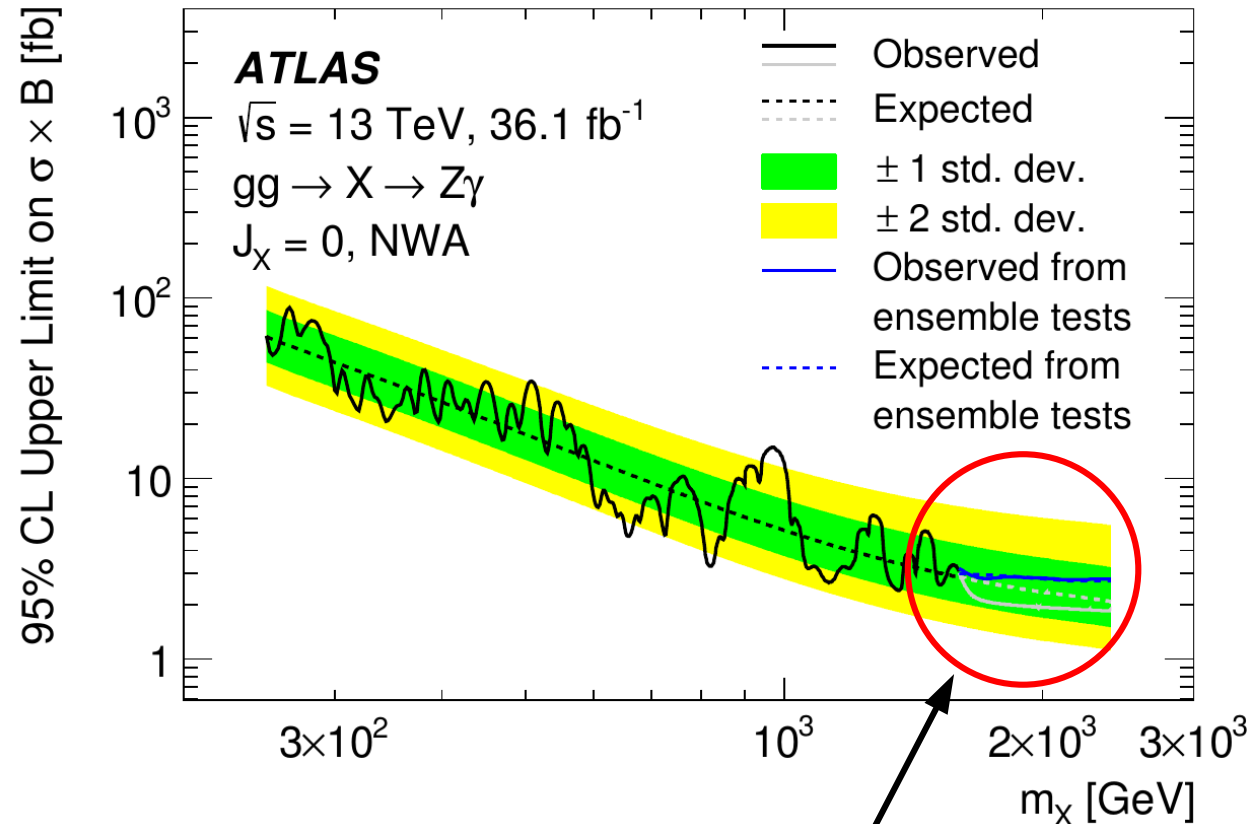
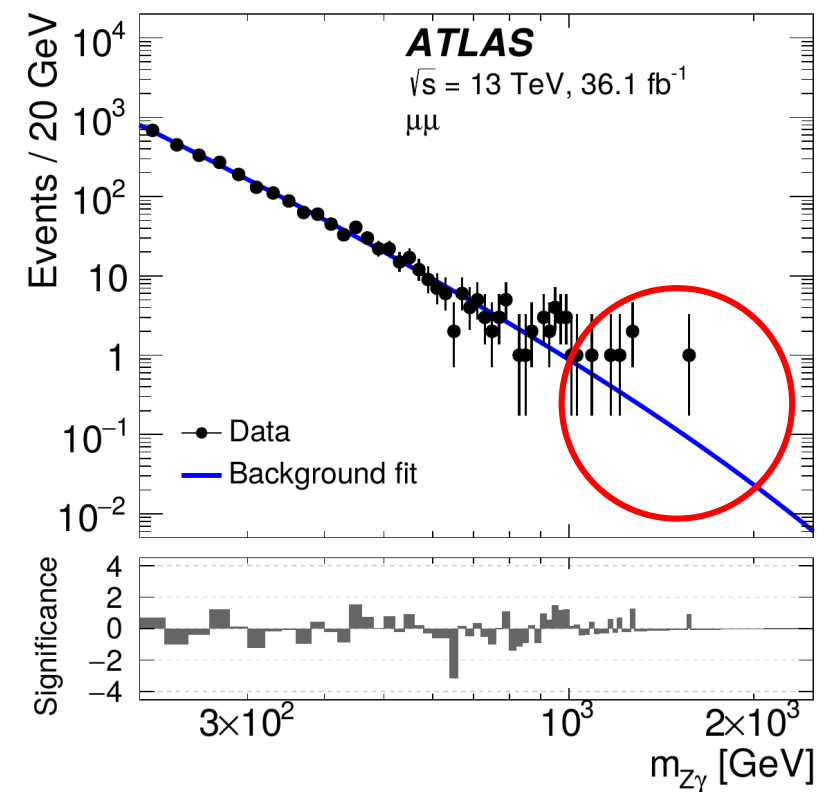
$$\sigma_{S_0, A}^2 = \frac{S_0^2}{q_{S_0}(\text{Asimov})}$$

⊕ Much faster (1 “toy”)

⊖ Relies on Gaussian approximation



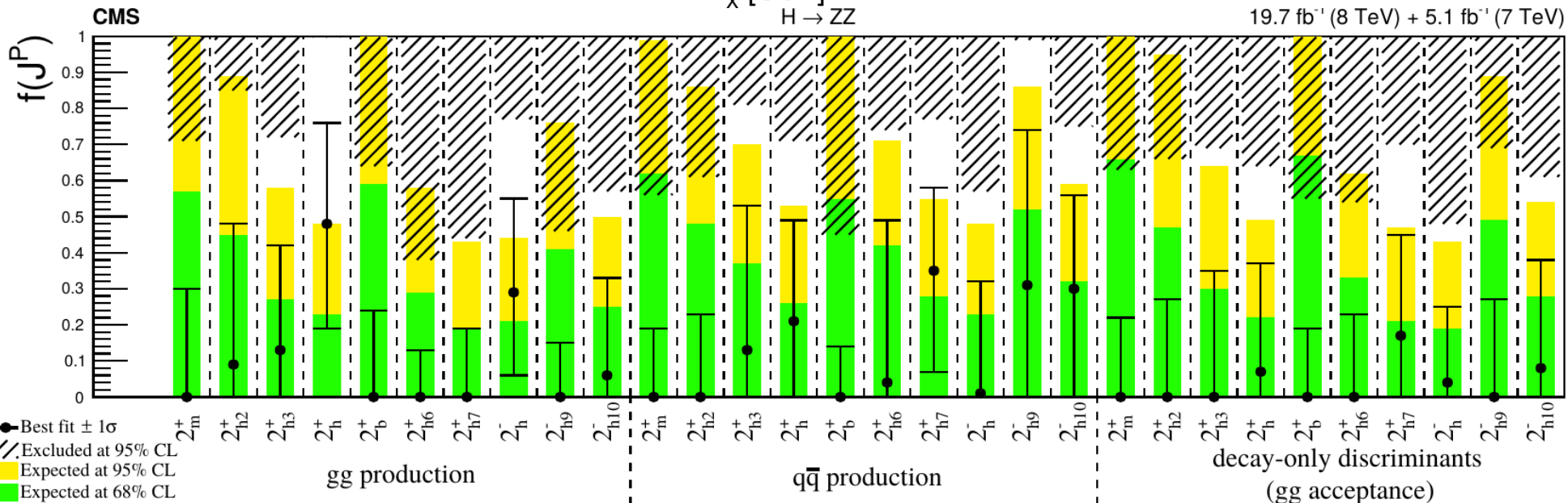
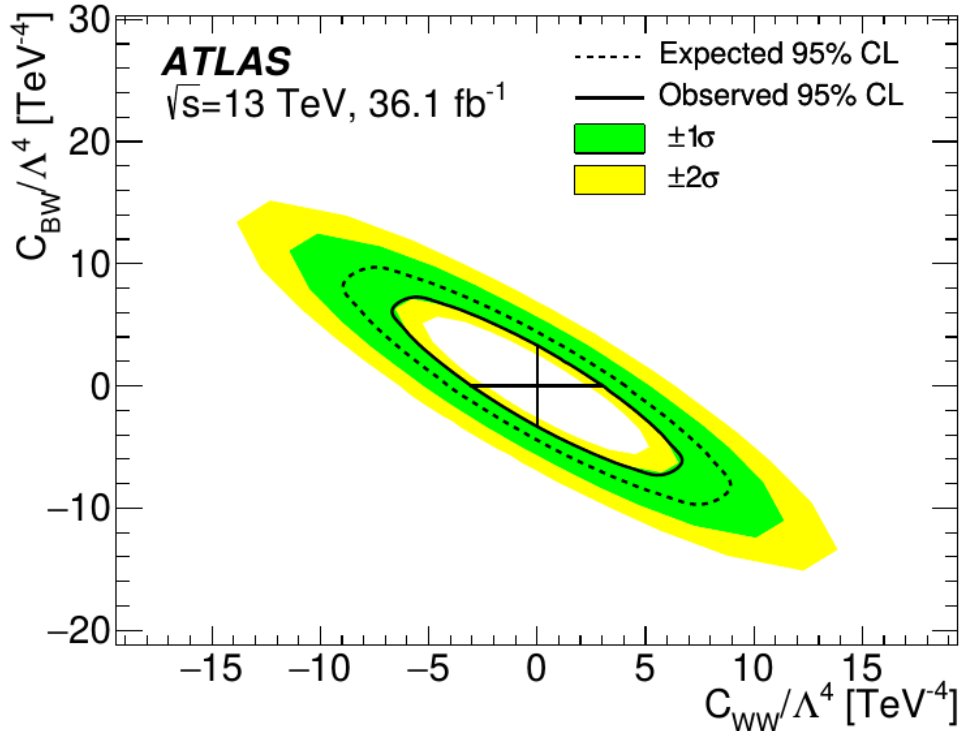
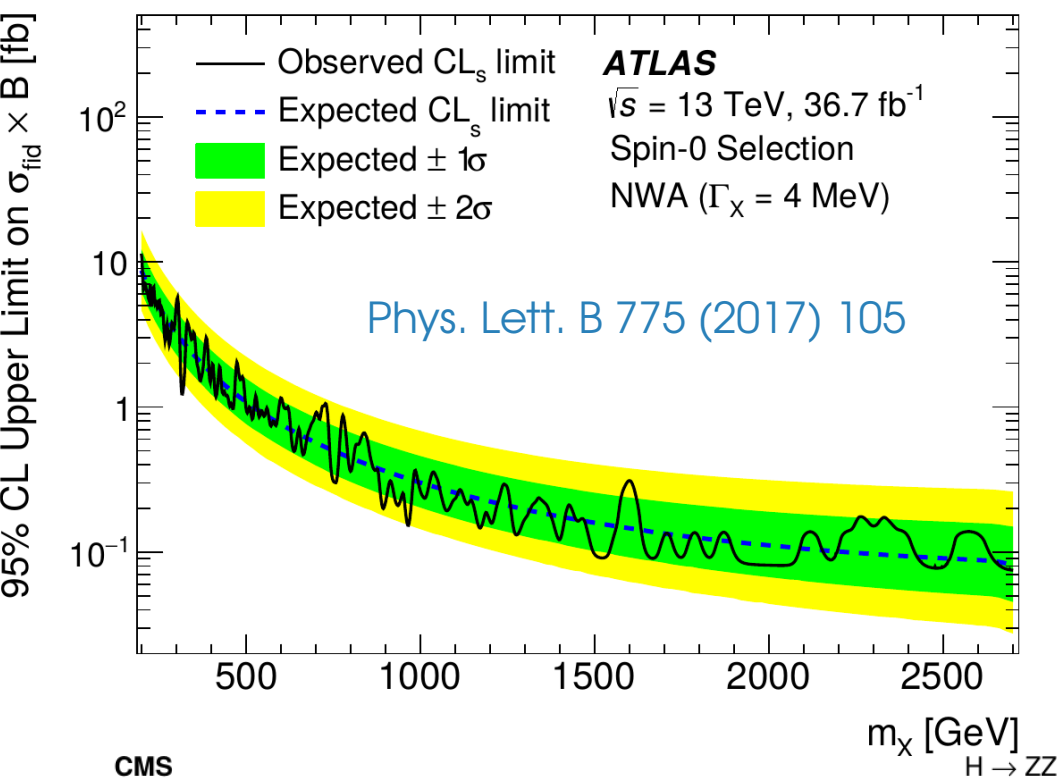
ATLAS $X \rightarrow Z\gamma$ Search: covers $200 \text{ GeV} < m_X < 2.5 \text{ TeV}$
 \rightarrow for $m_X > 1.6 \text{ TeV}$, low event counts \Rightarrow derive results from toys



Asimov results (in gray) give optimistic result compared to toys (in blue)

Upper Limit Examples

ATLAS 2015-2016 4l aTGC Search



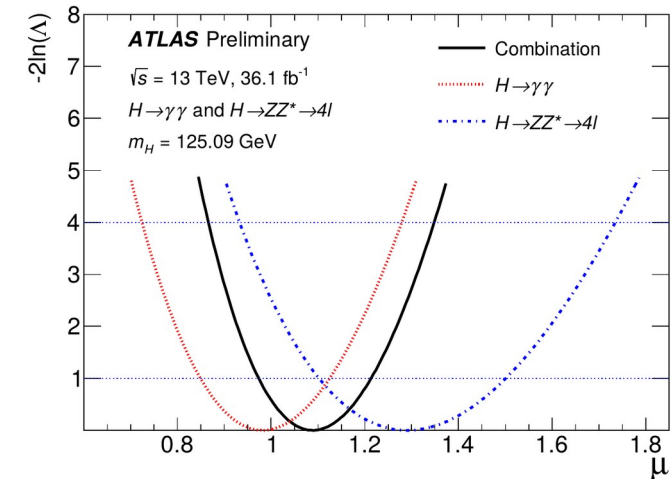
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Takeaways

Confidence intervals: use $t_{\mu_0} = -2 \log \frac{L(\mu = \mu_0)}{L(\hat{\mu})}$

→ Crossings with $t_{\mu_0} = Z^2$ for $\pm Z\sigma$ intervals (in 1D)

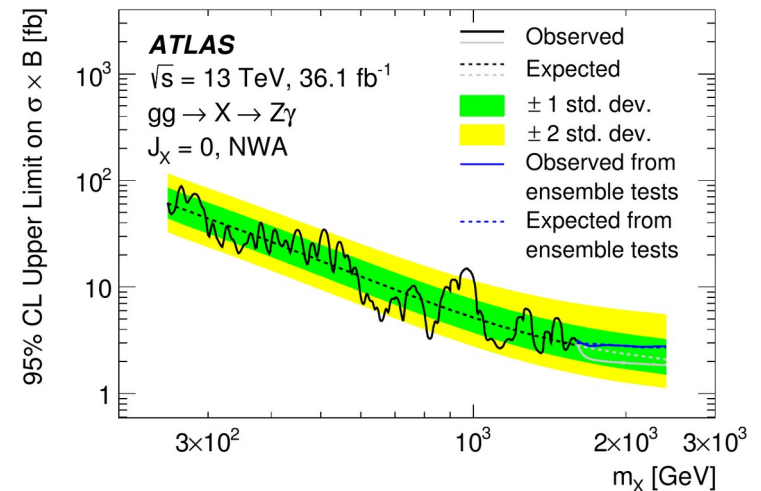
Gaussian regime: $\mu = \hat{\mu} \pm \sigma_{\mu}$ (1σ interval)



Limits : use LR-based test statistic: $q_{s_0} = -2 \log \frac{L(S=S_0)}{L(\hat{S})}$ $S_0 \geq \hat{S}$

→ Use **CL_s procedure** to avoid negative limits

Poisson regime, $n=0$: $S_{\text{up}} = 3 \text{ events}$



Extra Slides

CL_s : Gaussian Bands

Usual Gaussian counting example with known B:
95% CL_s upper limit on S:

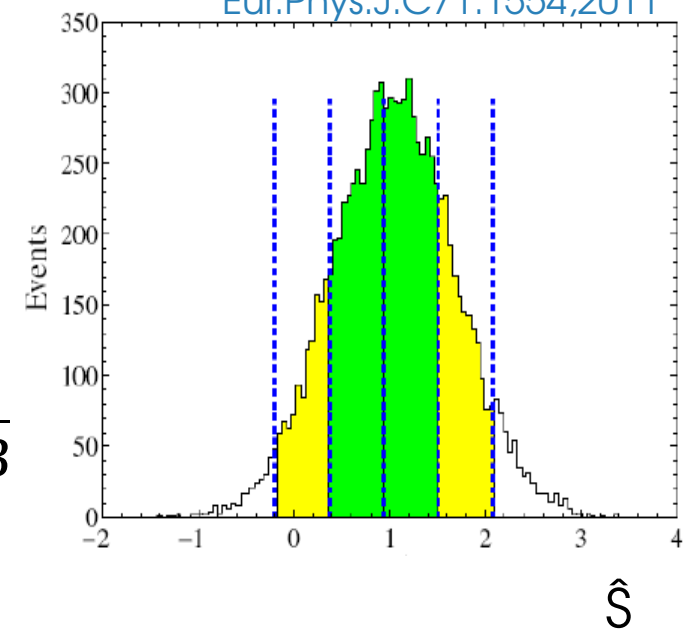
$$S_{\text{up}} = \hat{S} + \left[\Phi^{-1} \left(1 - 0.05 \Phi(\hat{S}/\sigma_S) \right) \right] \sigma_S \quad \text{with} \quad \sigma_S = \sqrt{B}$$

Compute expected bands for S=0:

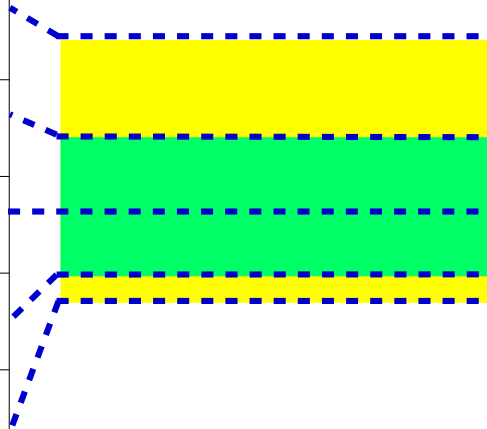
→ **Asimov dataset** $\Leftrightarrow \hat{S} = 0$: $S_{\text{up,exp}}^0 = 1.96 \sigma_S$

→ **$\pm n \sigma$ bands**:

$$S_{\text{up,exp}}^{\pm n} = \left(\pm n + \left[1 - \Phi^{-1} \left(0.05 \Phi(\mp n) \right) \right] \right) \sigma_S$$



n	$S_{\text{exp}}^{\pm n} / \sqrt{B}$
+2	3.66
+1	2.72
0	1.96
-1	1.41
-2	1.05



CLs :

- Positive bands somewhat reduced,
- Negative ones more so

Band width from $\sigma_{S,A}^2 = \frac{S^2}{q_S(\text{Asimov})}$
 depends on S, for non-Gaussian cases, different values for each band...

Comparison with LEP/TeVatron definitions

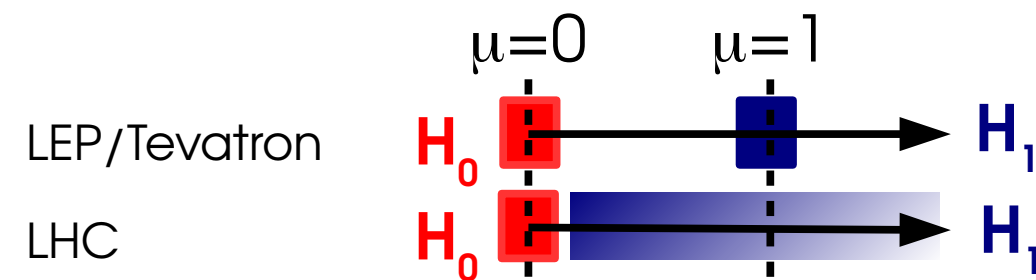
Likelihood ratios are not a new idea:

- **LEP**: Simple LR with NPs from MC
 - Compare $\mu=0$ and $\mu=1$
- **TeVatron**: PLR with profiled NPs

$$q_{LEP} = -2 \log \frac{L(\mu=0, \tilde{\theta})}{L(\mu=1, \tilde{\theta})}$$

$$q_{TeVatron} = -2 \log \frac{L(\mu=0, \hat{\theta}_0)}{L(\mu=1, \hat{\theta}_1)}$$

Both compare to $\mu=1$ instead of best-fit $\hat{\mu}$



→ Asymptotically:

- **LEP/TeVatron**: q linear in $\mu \Rightarrow \sim \text{Gaussian}$
- **LHC**: q quadratic in $\mu \Rightarrow \sim \chi^2$

→ Still use TeVatron-style for discrete cases

