



# RooFit

## Aula 05

# Outline

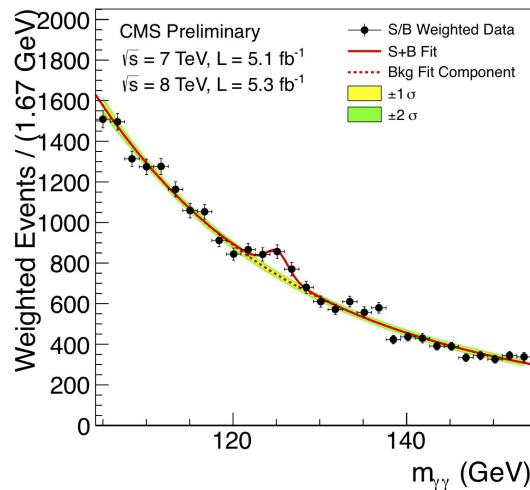
- Introduction to RooFit
  - Basic functionality
  - Model building using the workspace
  - Composite models
- Exercises on RooFit:
  - building and fitting model

Material based:

- on slides from W. Verkerke (author of RooFit)
- ROOT Tutorial at UERJ - 2015

# What is Fitting ?

- Estimate parameters of a hypothetical distribution from the observed data distribution
  - $y = f(x | \theta)$  is the fit model function
- Find the best estimate of the parameters  $\theta$  assuming  $f(x | \theta)$
- Both Likelihood and Chi2 fitting are supported in ROOT



## Example

Higgs  $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  spectrum

We can fit for:

- the expected number of Higgs events
- the Higgs mass

# Parameter Estimation

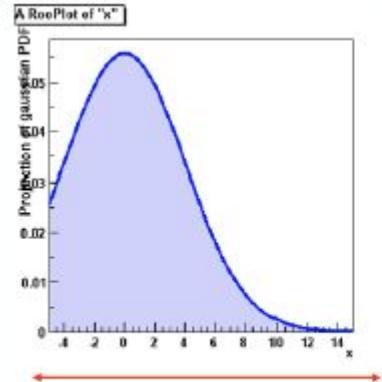
- Given a model for our observed data (Probability Density Function) we want to estimate the parameter of our model
- The model of the observed data is expressed using the Probability Density Function (PDF)
  - the PDF is a differential probability  $f(\vec{x}, \theta)$ 
    - e.g. probability of observing event in an histogram bin  $P_{bin} = \int_{bin} f(\vec{x}, \theta) d\vec{x}$
  - the PDF is normalised to 1 when integrated in all the sample space  $\Omega$   $\int_{\Omega} f(\vec{x}, \theta) d\vec{x} = 1$
- To estimate the parameter we use the **Likelihood Function**  $L(\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_N | \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N f(\vec{x}_i, \theta)$
- More convenient to work with the log of the likelihood-function
- Use negative log-likelihood function and find global minimum  $-\log L(\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_N | \theta) = -\sum_i \log f(\vec{x}_i, | \theta)$
- Extend likelihood  $\log L(x | \theta) = \sum_{bin} \log e^{-\nu} \frac{\nu^N}{N!} f(x | \theta)$

# What is RooFit ?

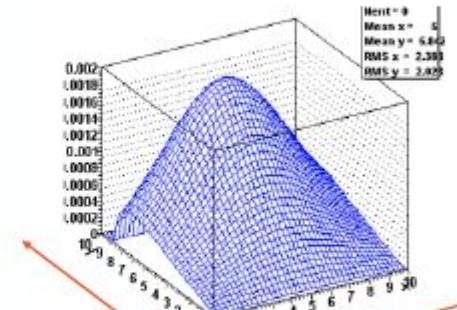
A toolkit distributed with ROOT and based on its core functionality.

- It is used to model distributions, which can be used for fitting and statistical data analysis.
  - model distribution of observable  $x$  in terms of parameters  $p$
- probability density function (p.d.f.):  $P(x;p)$
- p.d.f. are normalized over allowed range of observables  $x$  with respect to the parameters  $p$

$$\int_{\Omega} P(\vec{x}; \vec{p}) d\vec{x} = 1$$



$$\int F(x) dx \equiv 1$$



$$\int F(x, y) dx dy \equiv 1$$

# Why RooFit ?

- ROOT can handle complicated functions but it might require writing large amount of code
- Normalization of p.d.f. not always trivial
  - RooFit does it automatically
- In complex fit, computation performance important
  - need to optimize code for acceptable performance
  - built-in optimization available in RooFit
    - evaluation of model parts only when needed
- Simultaneous fit to different data samples
- Provide full description of model for further use

# RooFit

- RooFit provides functionality for building the pdf's
  - complex model building from standard components
  - composition with addition product and convolution
- All models provide the functionality for
  - maximum likelihood fitting
  - toy MC generator
  - visualization

# Math - Functions vs probability density functions

- Why use probability density functions rather than 'plain' functions to model the data?

- Easier to interpret the models.

If Blue and Green pdf are each guaranteed to be normalized to 1,

then fractions of Blue,Green can be cleanly interpreted as #events

- Many statistical techniques only function properly with p.d.f. (e.g maximum likelihood fits)

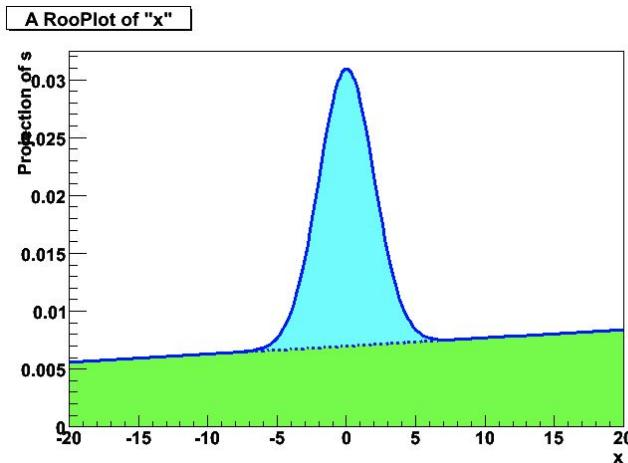
- What is difficult with p.d.f ?

- The normalization can be hard to calculate

(e.g. it can be different for each set of parameter values  $p$ )

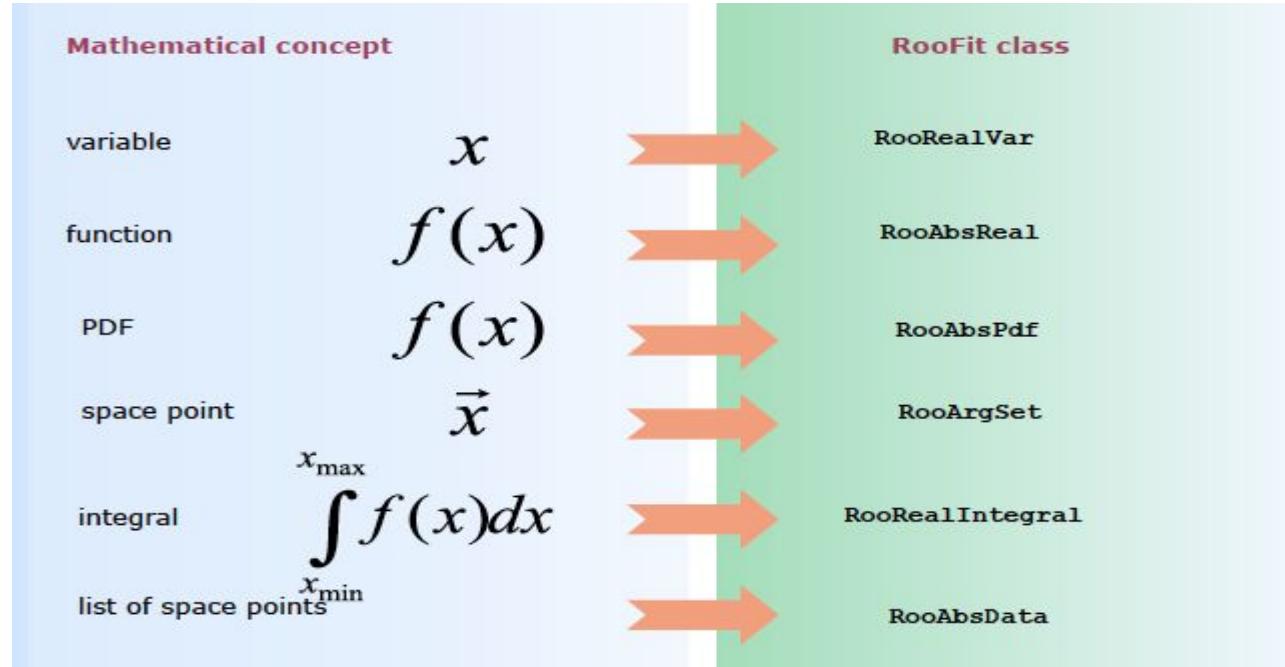
- In >1 dimension (numeric) integration can be particularly hard

- RooFit aims to simplify these tasks



# RooFit Modeling

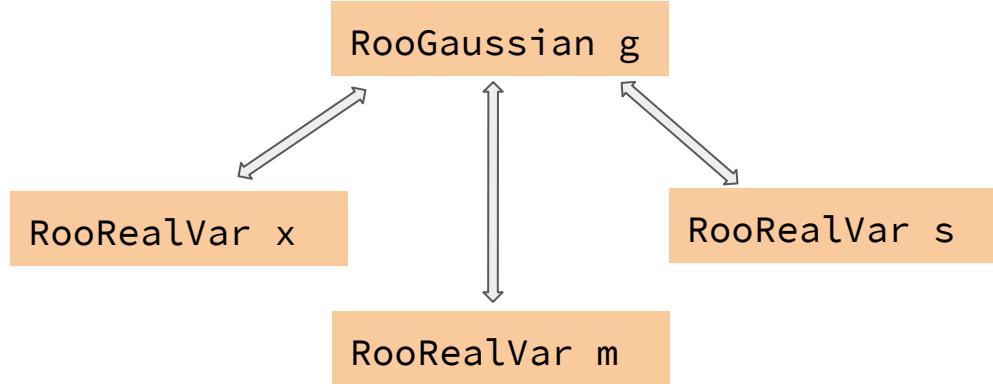
Mathematical concepts are represented as C++ objects



# RooFit Modeling

Example: Gaussian pdf

$\text{Gaus}(x,m,s)$



RooFit code:

```
RooRealVar x("x", "x", 2,-10,10);  
RooRealVar s("s", "s", 3);  
RooRealVar m("m", "m", 0);  
RooGaussian g("g", "g", x,m,s);
```

# The simplest possible example

objects  
representing  
a 'real' value

Name of object

Title of object

initial range

```
RooRealVar x("x", "Observable", -10,10);  
RooRealVar mean("mean", "B0 mass", 0.00027);  
RooRealVar sigma("sigma", "B0 mass width", 5.2794);  
  
RooGaussian model("model", "signal pdf", x,mean,sigma);
```

PDF object

initial range

References to variables

# Basics - Generating toy MC events

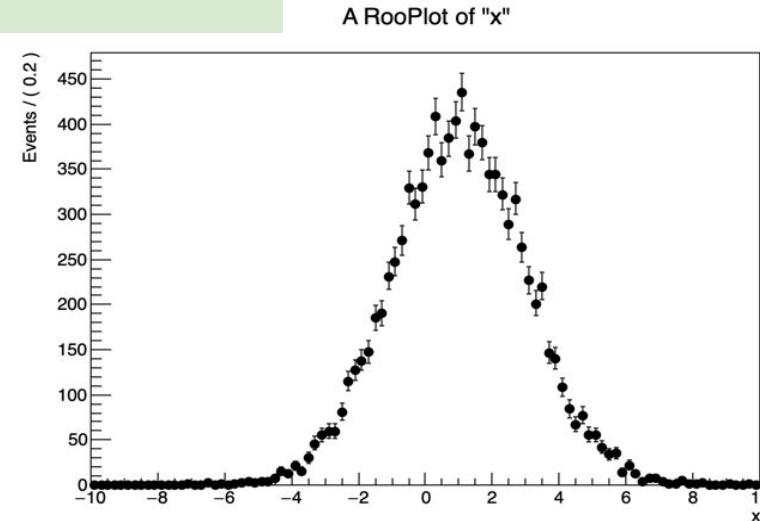
Generate 10000 events from Gaussian p.d.f and show distribution

```
// Generate an unbinned toy MC set  
RooDataSet* data = gauss.generate(x,10000);  
  
// Generate an binned toy MC set  
RooDataHist* data = gauss.generateBinned(x,10000);
```

Can generate both binned and unbinned datasets

## Data visualization

```
// Plot PDF  
RooPlot * xframe = x->frame();  
data->plotOn(xframe);  
xframe->Draw();
```



# Basics - Importing data

- Unbinned data can also be imported from ROOT **TTrees**

```
// Import unbinned data
RooDataSet data("data","data",x,Import(*myTree));
```

- Imports **TTree** branch named “x”.
- Can be of type **Double\_t**, **Float\_t**, **Int\_t** or **UInt\_t**.  
All data is converted to **Double\_t** internally
- Specify a **RooArgSet** of multiple observables to import multiple observables

- Binned data can be imported from ROOT **THx** histograms

```
// Import binned data
RooDataHist data("data","data",x,Import(*myTH1));
```

- Imports values, binning definition and errors (if defined)
- Specify a **RooArgList** of observables when importing a TH2/3.

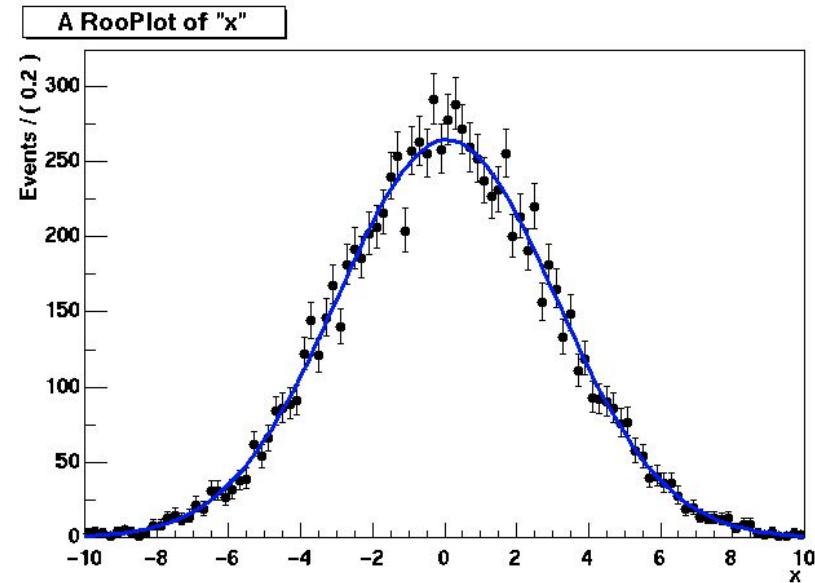
# Basics - Fitting the data

- Fit of model to data
  - e.g. unbinned maximum likelihood fit

```
pdf = pdf->fitTo(data);
```

- data and pdf visualization after fit

```
RooPlot * xframe = x->frame();  
data->plotOn(xframe);  
pdf->plotOn(xframe);  
xframe->Draw();
```



PDF automatically  
normalized to dataset

# Exercises working with RooFit

## Exercise 1

- Create a Gaussian p.d.f, generate some toy data and fit it
- Extra:
  - Play with some other p.d.f
    - e.g. Exponential pdf
  - or some other p.d.f you want.
  - You can find several pdf in roofit reference documentations
    - [http://root.cern.ch/root/html/ROOFIT\\_ROOFIT\\_Index.html](http://root.cern.ch/root/html/ROOFIT_ROOFIT_Index.html)
    - (all class names in RooFit starts with “Roo”)

<https://github.com/sandrofonseca/rootFitTutorial/blob/master/roofitUERJ/GausModelRooFit.ipynb>

# RooFit Workspace

- RooWorkspace class: container for all objects created:
  - full model configuration
    - PDF and parameter/observables descriptions
    - uncertainty/shape of nuisance parameters
  - (multiple) data sets
- Maintain a complete description of all the model
  - possibility to save entire model in a ROOT file
  - all information is available for further analysis
- Combination of results joining workspaces in a single one
  - common format for combining and sharing physics results

```
RooWorkspace workspace("w");
workspace.import(*data);
workspace.import(*pdf);
workspace.writeFile("myWorkspace.root");
```

# RooFit Factory

```
RooRealVar x("x","x",2,-10,10)
RooRealVar s("s","s",3) ;
RooRealVar m("m","m",0) ;
RooGaussian g("g","g",x,m,s)
```

Provides a factory to auto-generate  
objects from a math-like language

```
RooWorkspace w;
w.factory("Gaussian::g(x[2,-10,10],m[0],s[3])")
```

We will work in the examples using the workspace  
factory to build models

# Using the workspace

- Workspace
  - A generic container class for all RooFit objects of your project
  - Helps to organize analysis projects
- Creating a workspace

```
RooWorkspace w("w");
```

- Putting variables and functions into a workspace
  - When importing a function, all its components (variables) are automatically imported too

```
RooRealVar x("x","x",-10,10);
RooRealVar mean("mean","mean",5);
RooRealVar sigma("sigma","sigma",3);
RooGaussian f("f","f",x,mean,sigma);
// imports f,x,mean and sigma
w.import(f);
```

# Using the workspace

- Looking into a workspace

```
w.Print() ;  
variables  
-----  
(mean,sigma,x)  
p.d.f.s  
-----  
RooGaussian::f[ x=x mean=mean sigma=sigma ] =  
0.249352
```

- Getting variables and functions out of a workspace

```
//Variety of accessors available  
RooPlot* frame = w.var("x")->frame() ;  
w.pdf("f")->plotOn(frame) ;
```

# Using the workspace

- Workspace can be written to a file with all its contents
  - Writing workspace and contents to file

```
w.writeFile("wspace.root");
```

- Organizing your code – Separate construction and use of models

```
void driver() {  
    RooWorkspace w("w") ;  
    makeModel(w) ;  
    useModel(w) ;  
}  
  
void makeModel(RooWorkspace& w) {  
    // Construct model here  
}  
  
void useModel(RooWorkspace& w) {  
    // Make fit, plots etc here  
}
```

# Factoring Syntax

- Rule #1 – Create a variable

```
x[-10,10] // Create variable with given range  
x[5,-10,10] // Create variable with initial value and range  
x[5] // Create initially constant variable
```

- Rule #2 – Create a function or pdf object

```
ClassName::Objectname(arg1,[arg2],...)
```

- Leading ‘Roo’ in class name can be omitted
- Arguments are names of objects that already exist in the workspace
- Named objects must be of correct type, if not factory issues error
- Set and List arguments can be constructed with brackets {}

```
Gaussian::g(x,mean,sigma)  
// equivalent to RooGaussian("g","g",x,mean,sigma)  
Polynomial::p(x,{a0,a1})  
// equivalent to RooPolynomial("p","p",x,RooArgList(a0,a1));
```

# Factoring Syntax

- Rule #3 – Each creation expression returns the name of the object created
  - Allows to create input arguments to functions ‘in place’ rather than in advance

```
Gaussian::g(x[-10,10],mean[-10,10],sigma[3])
//--> x[-10,10]
// mean[-10,10]
// sigma[3]
// Gaussian::g(x,mean,sigma)
```

- Miscellaneous points
  - You can always use numeric literals where values or functions are expected

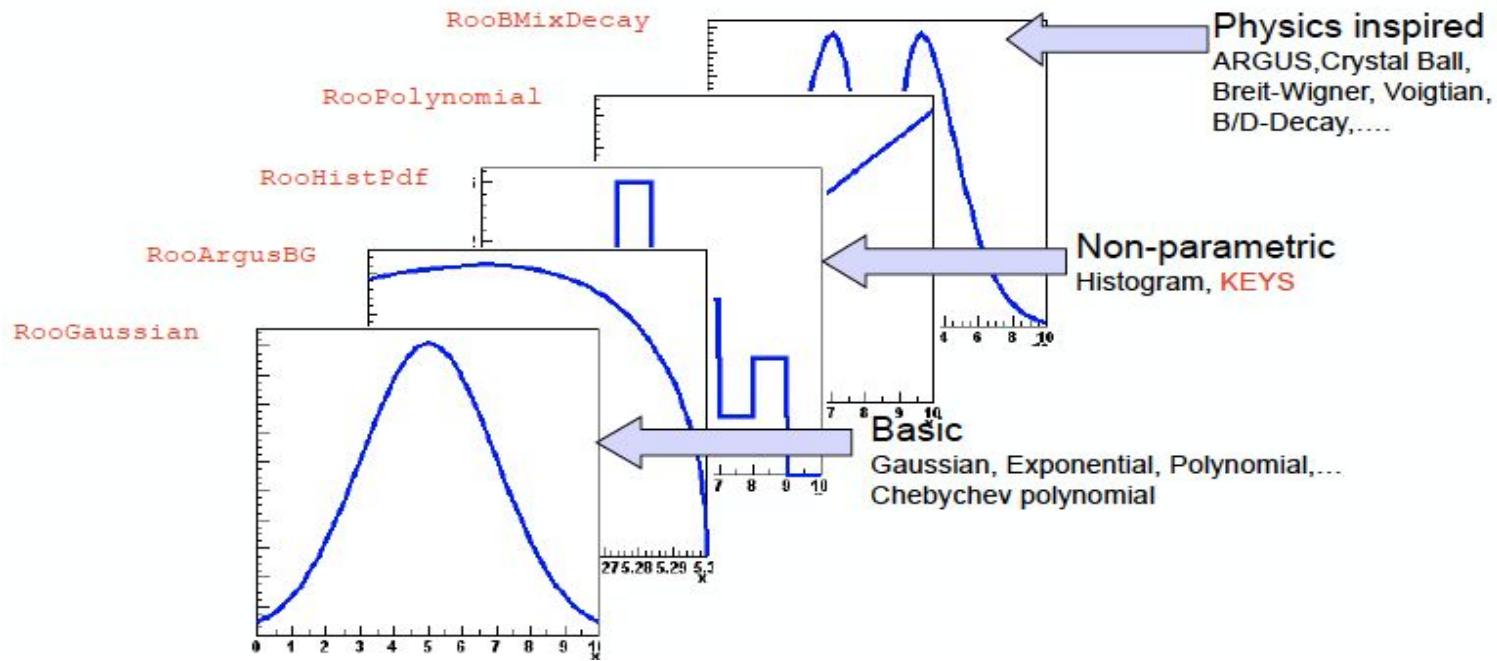
```
Gaussian::g(x[-10,10],0,3)
```

- It is not required to give component objects a name, e.g.

```
SUM::model(0.5*Gaussian(x[-10,10],0,3),Uniform(x));
```

# Model Building

- RooFit provides a collection of compiled standard PDF classes



Easy to extend the library: each p.d.f. is a separate C++ class

# (Re)using standard components

- List of most frequently used pdfs and their factory spec

Gaussian `Gaussian::g(x,mean,sigma)`

Breit-Wigner `BreitWigner::bw(x,mean,gamma)`

Landau `Landau::l(x,mean,sigma)`

Exponential `Exponential::e(x,alpha)`

Polynomial `Polynomial::p(x,{a0,a1,a2})`

Chebychev `Chebychev::p(x,{a0,a1,a2})`

Kernel Estimation `KeysPdf::k(x,dataSet)`

Poisson `Poisson::p(x,mu)`

Voigtian `Voigtian::v(x,mean,gamma,sigma)`

# Factory syntax - using expressions

- Customized p.d.f from interpreted expressions

```
w.factory("EXPR::mypdf('sqrt(a*x)+b',x,a,b)");
```

- re-parametrization of variables (making functions)

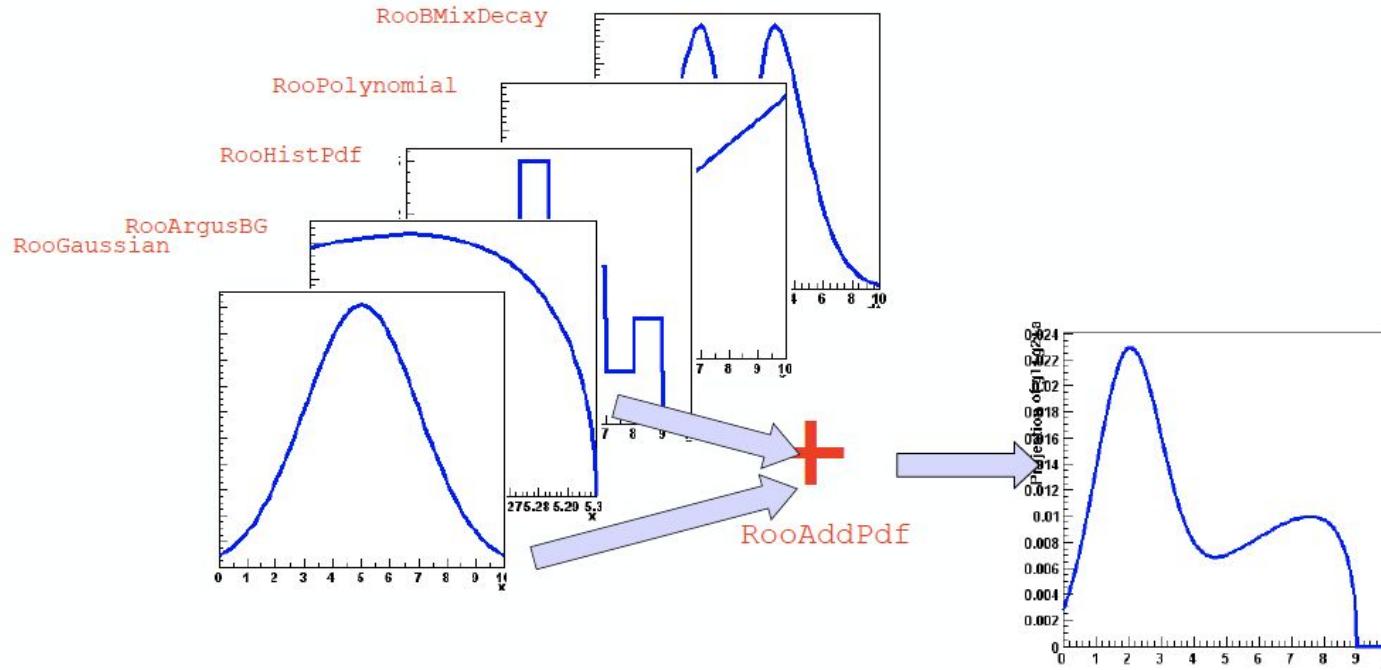
```
w.factory("expr::w(' (1-D)/2',D[0,1])");
```

- note using expr (builds a function, a RooAbsReal)
- instead of EXPR (builds a pdf, a RooAbsPdf)

This usage of upper vs lower case applies also for other factory commands (SUM, PROD,.... )

# Model building - (Re)using standard components

- Most realistic models are constructed as the sum of one or more p.d.f.s (e.g. signal and background)
- Facilitated through **operator p.d.f** `RooAddPdf`



# Adding p.d.f.s - Factory syntax

- Additions created through a SUM expression

```
SUM::name(frac1*PDF1,PDFN)
```

$$S(x) = fF(x) + (1 - f)G(x)$$

```
SUM::name(frac1*PDF1,frac2*PDF2,...,PDFN)
```

– Note that last PDF does not have an associated fraction in case of floating overall normalization

- when the normalization is fitted from the observed events

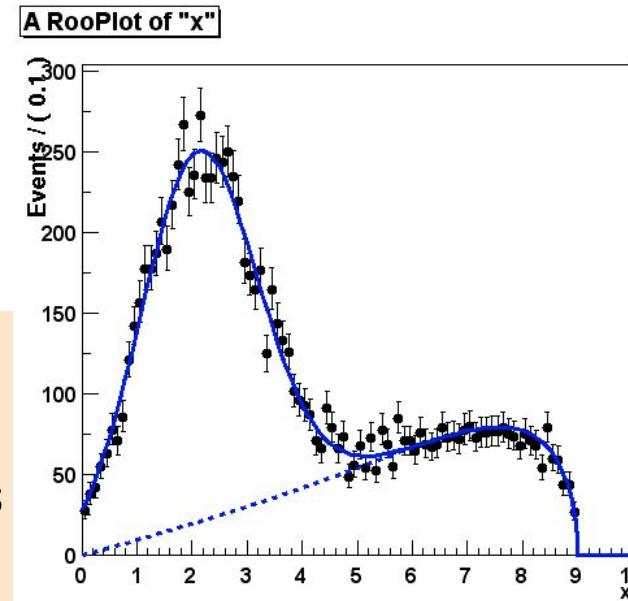
- Complete example

```
w.factory("Gaussian::gauss1(x[0,10],mean1[2],sigma[1])" );
w.factory("Gaussian::gauss2(x,mean2[3],sigma)" );
w.factory("ArgusBG::argus(x,k[-1],9.0)" );
w.factory("SUM::sum(g1frac[0.5]*gauss1, g2frac[0.1]*gauss2,argus)");
```

# Plotting Components of a p.d.f

- Plotting, toy event generation and fitting works identically for composite p.d.f.s
  - Several optimizations applied behind the scenes that are specific to composite models (e.g. delegate event generation to components)
- Extra plotting functionality specific to composite p.d.f.s
  - Component plotting

```
// Plot only argus components  
w::sum.plotOn(frame,Components("argus"),LineStyle(kDashed));  
// Wildcards allowed  
w::sum.plotOn(frame,Components("gauss*"),LineStyle(kDashed));
```



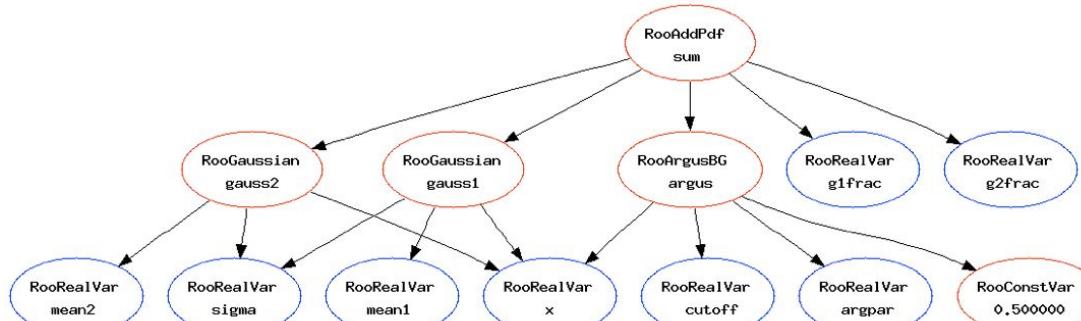
# Operations on specific to composite pdfs

- Tree printing mode of workspace reveals component structure

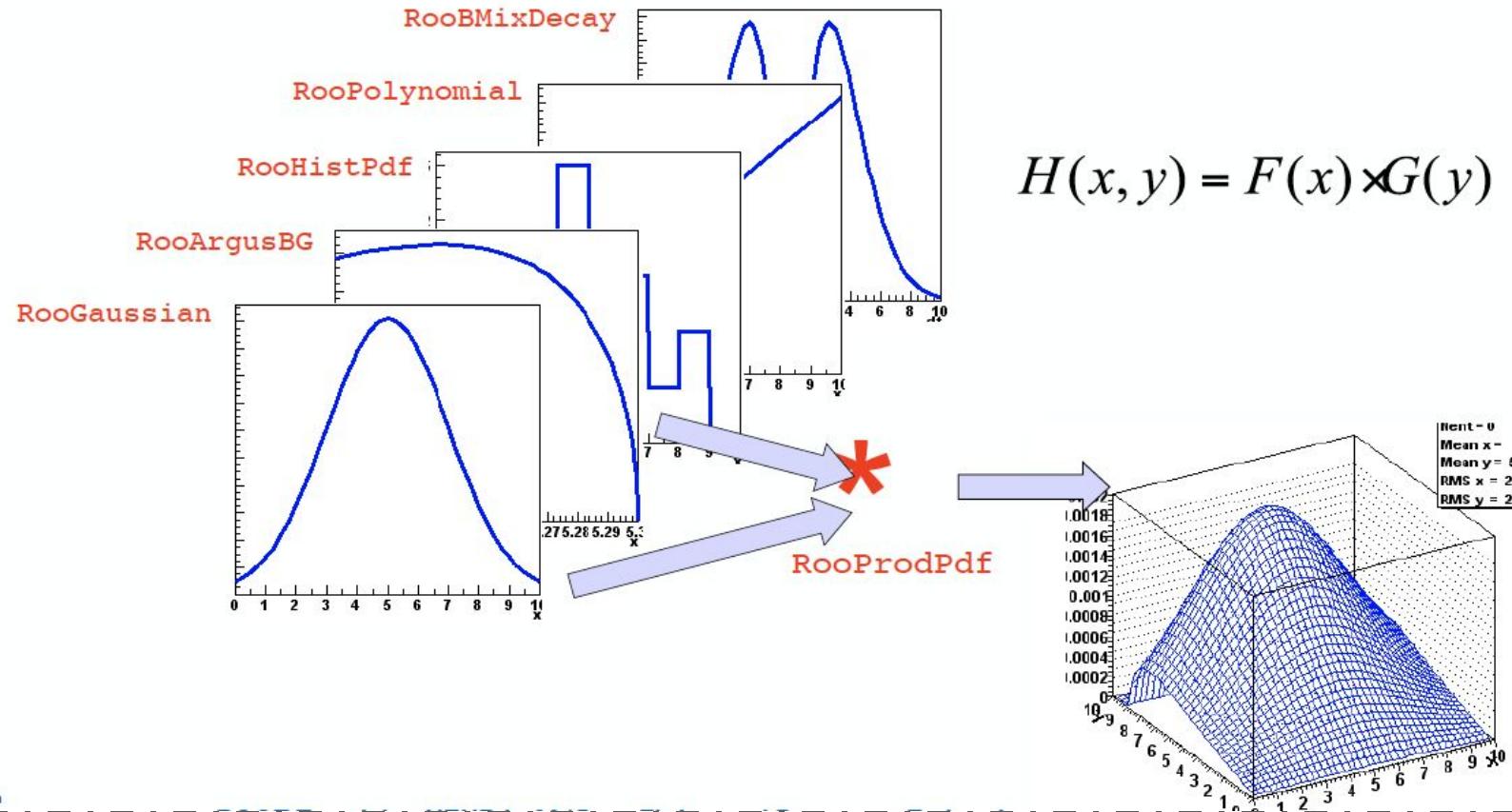
```
w.pdf("sum")->Print("t");  
RooAddPdf::sum[ g1frac * g1 + g2frac * g2 + [%] * argus ] = 0.0687785  
RooGaussian::g1[ x=x mean=mean1 sigma=sigma ] = 0.135335  
RooGaussian::g2[ x=x mean=mean2 sigma=sigma ] = 0.011109  
RooArgusBG::argus[ m=x m0=k c=9 p=0.5 ] = 0
```

- Can also make input files for GraphViz visualization

```
w.pdf("sum")->graphVizTree("myfile.dot");
```



# Products of uncorrelated p.d.f.s



# Uncorrelated products - Mathematics and constructors

$$H(x, y) = F(x) \times G(y) \quad H(x^{\{i\}}) = \prod_i F^{\{i\}}(x^{\{i\}})$$

- No explicit normalization required → If input p.d.f.s are unit normalized, product is also unit normalized
  - (Partial) integration and toy MC generation automatically uses factorizing properties of product, e.g.  $\int H(x, y)dx \equiv G(y)$  is deduced from structure.
- Corresponding factory operator is **PROD**

```
w.factory("Gaussian::gx(x[-5,5],mx[2],sx[1]);  
w.factory("Gaussian::gy(y[-5,5],my[-2],sy[3]);  
w.factory("PROD::gxy(gx,gy));
```

# Constructing joint p.d.f.s (RooSimultaneous)

- Operator class SIMUL to construct **joint models** at the pdf level
  - need a discrete observable (category) to label the channels

```
// Pdfs for channels 'A' and 'B'  
w.factory("Gaussian::pdfA(x[-10,10],mean[-10,10],sigma[3])");  
w.factory("Uniform::pdfB(x)");  
// Create discrete observable to label channels  
w.factory("index[A,B]");  
// Create joint pdf (RooSimultaneous)  
w.factory("SIMUL::joint(index,A=pdfA,B=pdfB)");
```

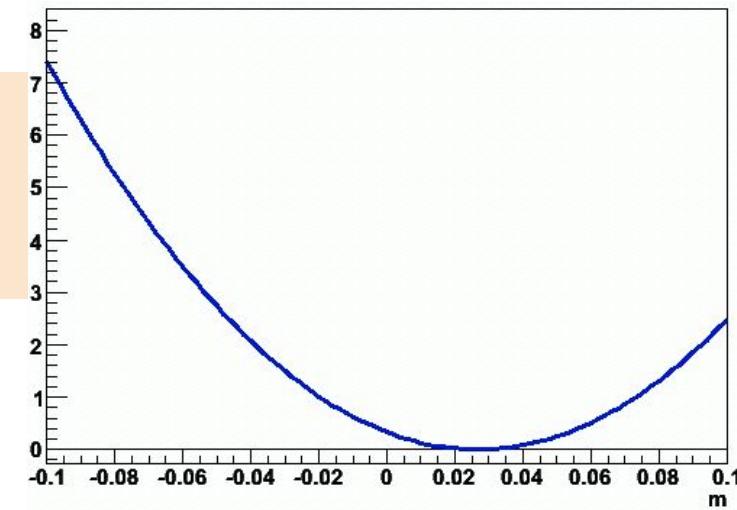
- Construct joint datasets
  - contains observables ("x") and category ("index")

```
RooDataSet *dataA, *dataB ;  
RooDataSet dataAB("dataAB","dataAB",  
                  RooArgSet(*w.var("x"),*w.cat("index")),  
                  Index(*w.cat("index")),  
                  Import("A",*dataA),Import("B",*dataB));
```

# Constructing the likelihood

- So far focus on construction of pdfs, and basic use for fitting and toy event generation
- Can also explicitly construct the likelihood function of and pdf/data combination
  - Can use (plot, integrate) likelihood like any RooFit function object

```
RooAbsReal* nll = pdf->createNLL(data) ;  
RooPlot* frame = parameter->frame() ;  
nll->plotOn(frame,ShiftToZero()) ;
```



# Constructing the likelihood

- Example – Manual MINIZATION using MINUIT
  - Result of minimization are immediately propagated to RooFit variable objects (values and errors)

```
// Create likelihood (calculation parallelized on 8 cores)
RooAbsReal* nll = w::model.createNLL(data,NumCPU(8)) ;
RooMinimizer m(*nll) ; // create Minimizer class
m.minimize("Minuit2","Migrad") ; // minimize using Minuit2
m.hesse() ; // Call HESSE
m.minos(w::param) ; // Call MINOS for 'param'
RooFitResult* r = m.save() ; // Save status (cov matrix etc)
```

- Also other minimizers (Minuit, GSL etc) supported
- N.B. Different minimizer can also be used from `RooAbsPdf::fitTo`

```
//fit a pdf to a data set using Minuit2 as minimizer
pdf.fitTo(*data, RooFit::Minimizer("Minuit2","Migrad")) ;
```

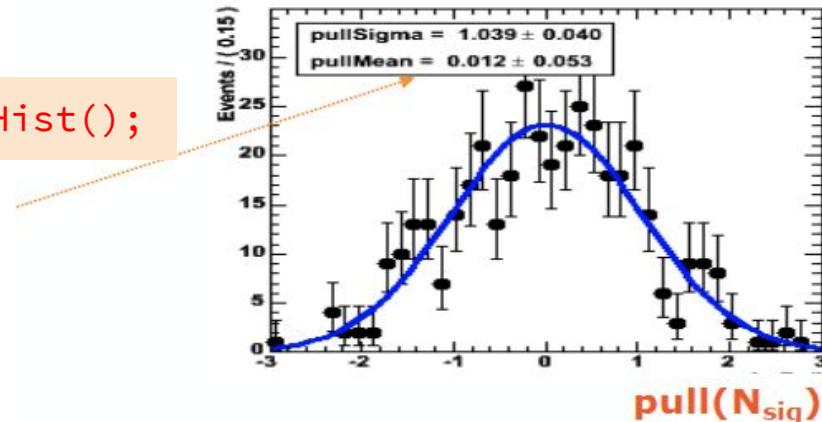
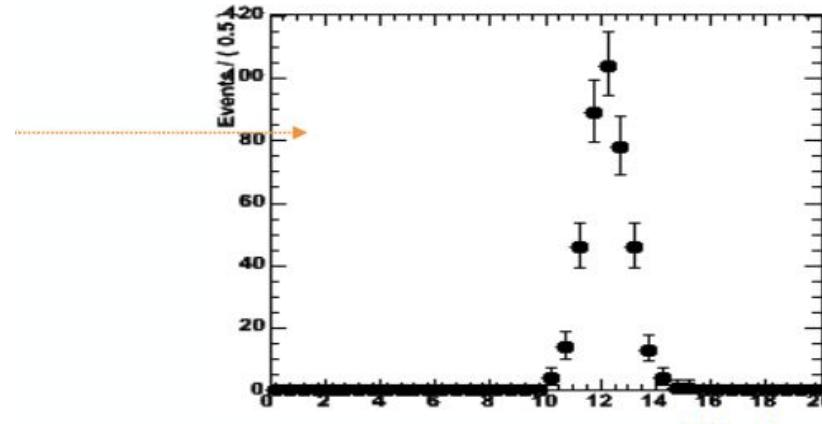
# Fit Validation Study - The pull distribution

- What about the validity of the error?
  - Distribution of error from simulated experiments is difficult to interpret...
- We don't have equivalent of  $N_{sig}$  (generated) for the error
- Solution: look at the **pull distribution**

Definition:

$$pull(N_{sig}) = \frac{N_{sig}^{fit} - N_{sig}^{true}}{\sigma_N^{fit}}$$

- Properties of pull:
  - Mean is 0 if there is no bias
  - Width is 1 if error is correct
- In this example: no bias, correct error within statistical precision of study



# Exercise 2

This exercise involves RooFit only

- Construct a  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  + background PDF
  - $J/\psi$  with a Crystal Ball function
  - $\psi(2S)$  with a similar(spoiler!) Crystal Ball
  - Background with a polynomial
- For now, the  $\psi(2S)$  will involve a very small amount of signal events
- Fit it, plot it, save it

Input file is here: <https://cernbox.cern.ch/index.php/s/mccq4dW7qIYWOHx>

# RooFit Summary

- **Overview of RooFit functionality**

- not everything covered
- not discussed on how it works internally (optimizations, analytical deduction, etc..)

- **Capable to handle complex model**

- scale to models with large number of parameters
- being used for many analysis at LHC

- **Workspace:**

- easy model creation using the factory syntax
- tool for storing and sharing models (analysis combination)

# RooFit Documentation

- Starting point: <http://root.cern.ch/drupal/content/roofit>
- Users manual (134 pages ~ 1 year old)
- Quick Start Guide (20 pages, recent)
- Link to 84 tutorial macros (also in \$ROOTSYS/tutorials/roofit)
- More than 200 slides from W. Verkerke documenting all features are available at the French School of Statistics 2008
  - <http://indico.in2p3.fr/getFile.py/access?contribId=15&resId=0&materialId=slides&confId=750>
  - Pull : [http://physics.rocketfeller.edu/luc/technical\\_reports/cdf5776\\_pulls.pdf](http://physics.rocketfeller.edu/luc/technical_reports/cdf5776_pulls.pdf)

<https://github.com/sandrofonseca/rootFitTutorial/tree/master/roofitUERJ>

# Backup

# Composition of p.d.f.s

RooFit pdf building blocks do not require variables as input, just real-valued functions

- Can substitute any variable with a function expression in parameters and/or

observables

$$f(x; p) \Rightarrow f(x, p(y, q)) = f(x, y; q)$$

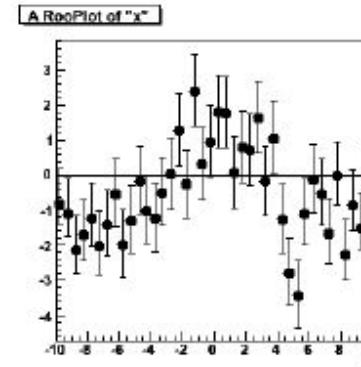
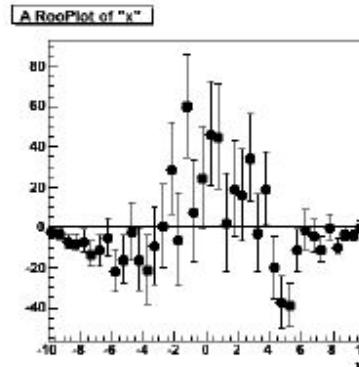
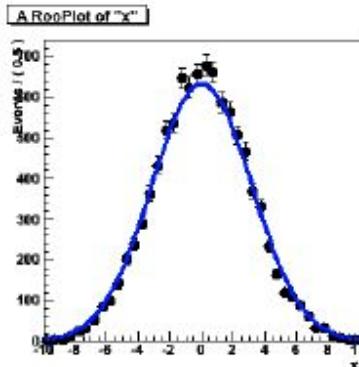
- Example: Gaussian with shifting mean

```
w.factory("expr::mean('a*y+b',y[-10,10],a[0.7],b[0.3])" );
w.factory("Gaussian::g(x[-10,10],mean,sigma[3])" );
```

- No assumption made in function on a,b,x,y being observables or parameters, any combination will work

# How do you know if your fit was “good”?

- Goodness-of-fit broad issue in statistics (we will see maybe later)
  - For one-dimensional fits, a  $\chi^2$  is usually the right thing to do
    - Some tools implemented in RooPlot to be able to calculate  $\chi^2/\text{ndf}$  of curve w.r.t data
- double chi2 = frame->chisquare(nFloatParam);



- Also tools exists to plot residual and pull distributions from curve and histogram in a RooPlot

```
frame->makePullHist();  
frame->makeResidHist();
```