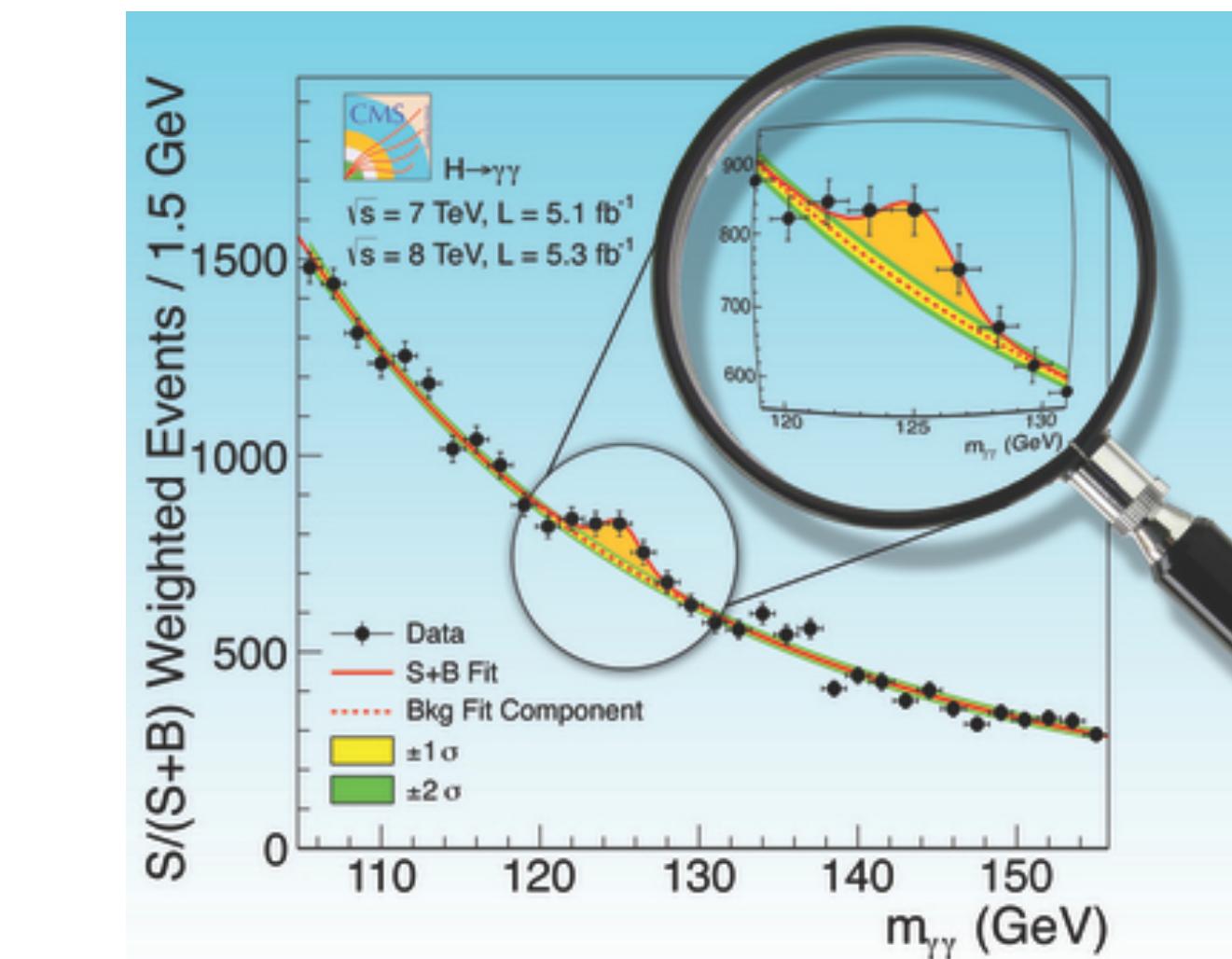


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# ROOT and Statistic Tutorial at UERJ

## 4. Fitting and Parameter Estimation



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# Introduction



- We have covered until now
  - Introduction to ROOT
  - Working with histograms in ROOT
  - Data I/O and ROOT Tree
- Introduction of statistics for data analysis
  - Definition of probabilities
  - Frequentist and Bayesian probability
  - Parameter Estimation
  - Introduction to Hypothesis Testing
- Machine Learning
  - Introduction and most popular ML methods



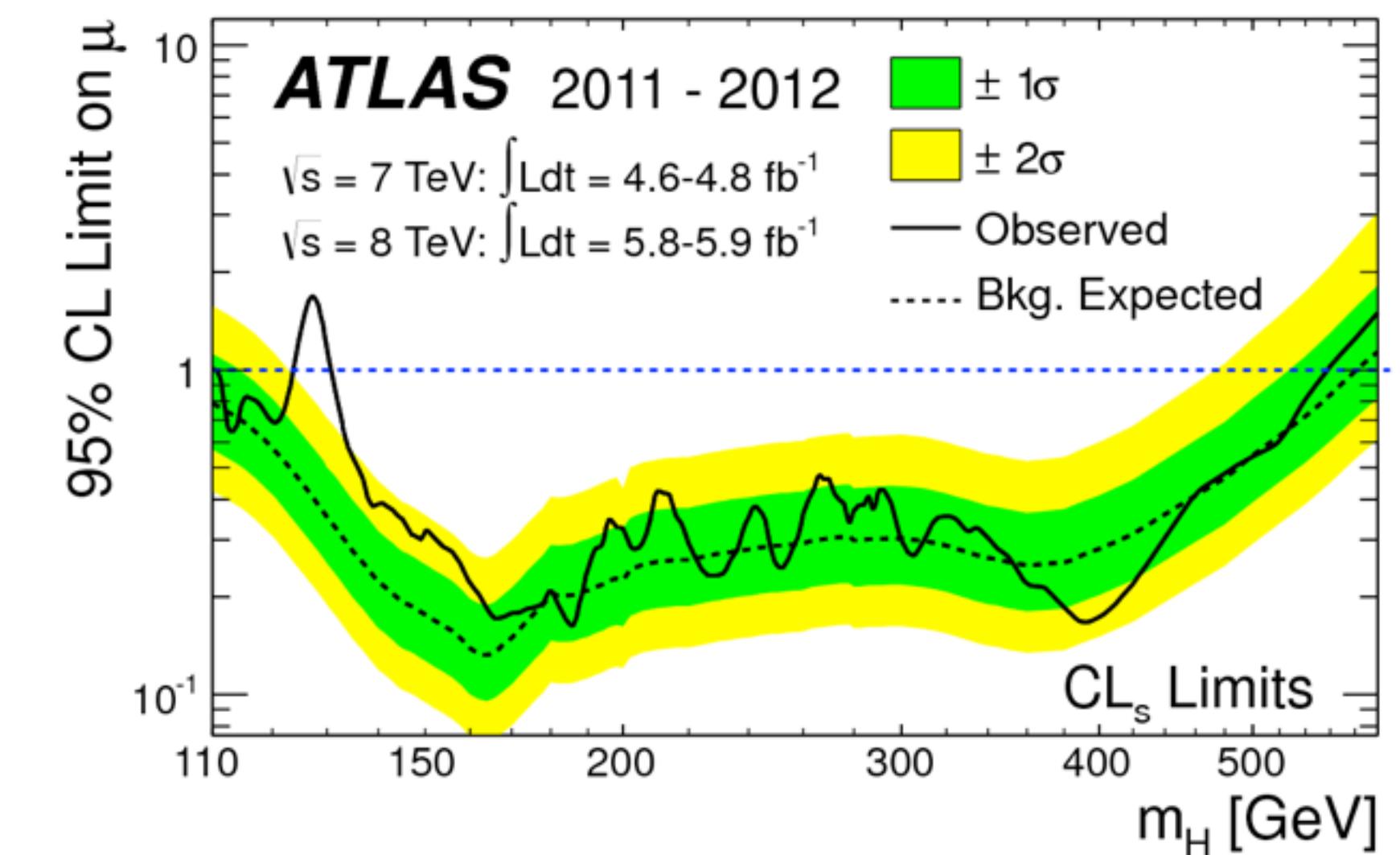
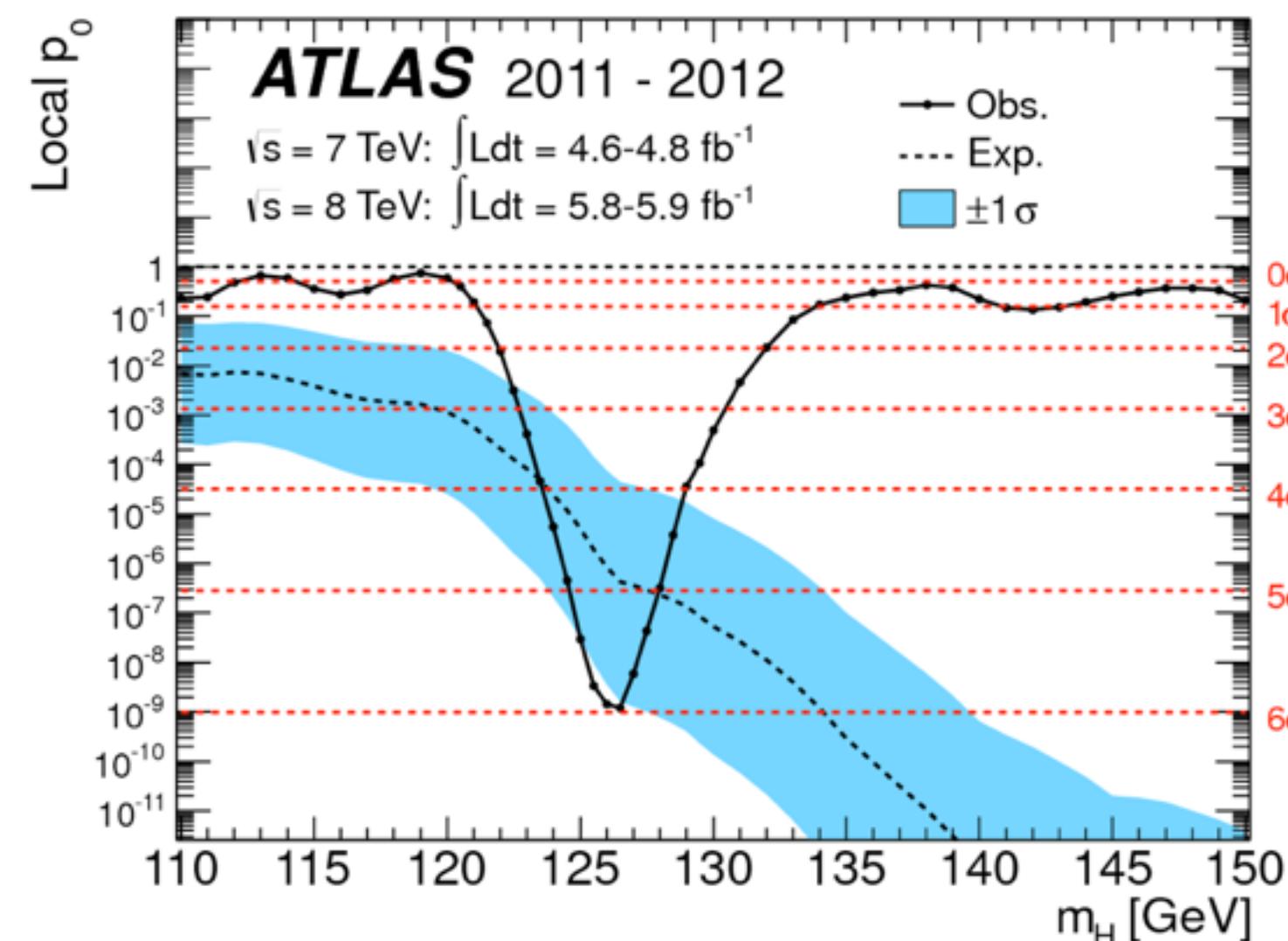
# Outline for this lecture



- Recap on theory of parameter estimation
- See its practical applications
  - fitting data points and histograms
- Fitting in ROOT
  - show some examples (e.g using IPython notebooks)
- Determination of Parameter uncertainties
- Minimisation
  
- Introduce RooFit
- How to build complex models for fitting
- Examples of usage

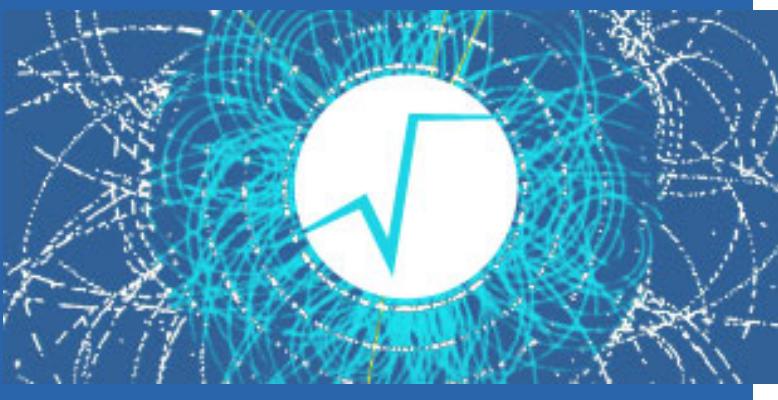


- Understand better confidence intervals and hypothesis testing
- See practical examples of estimating frequentist and bayesian intervals using RooStats
  - e.g. show how to make Brazilian plots with RooStat
- See examples of estimating discovery significance

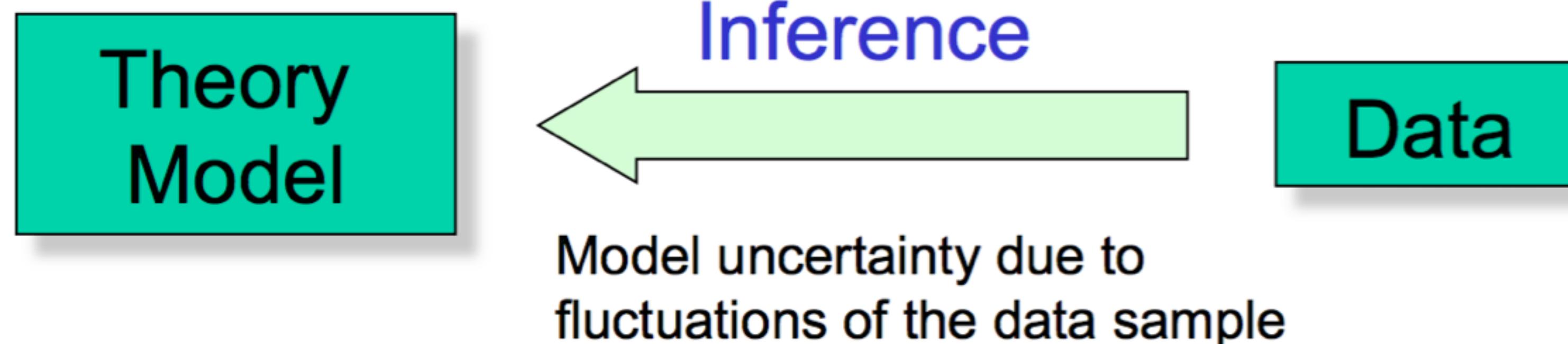
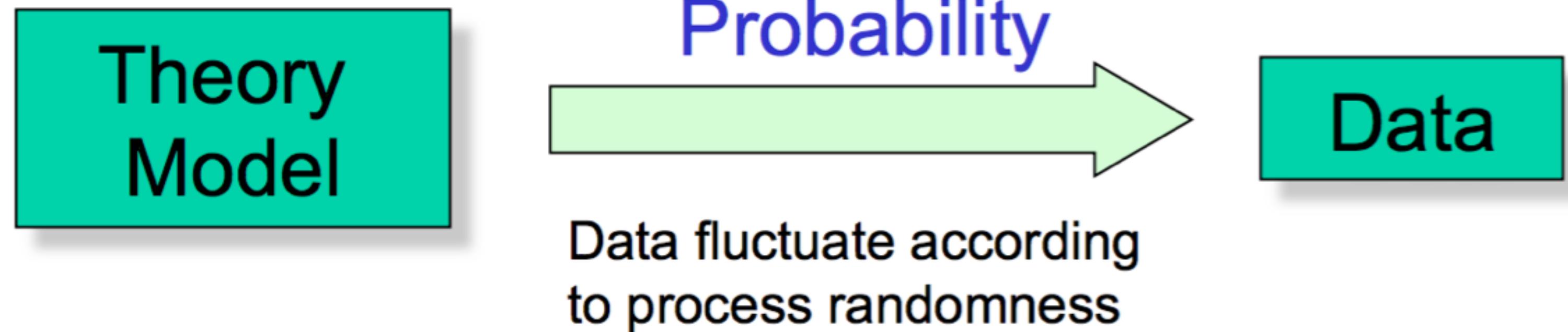




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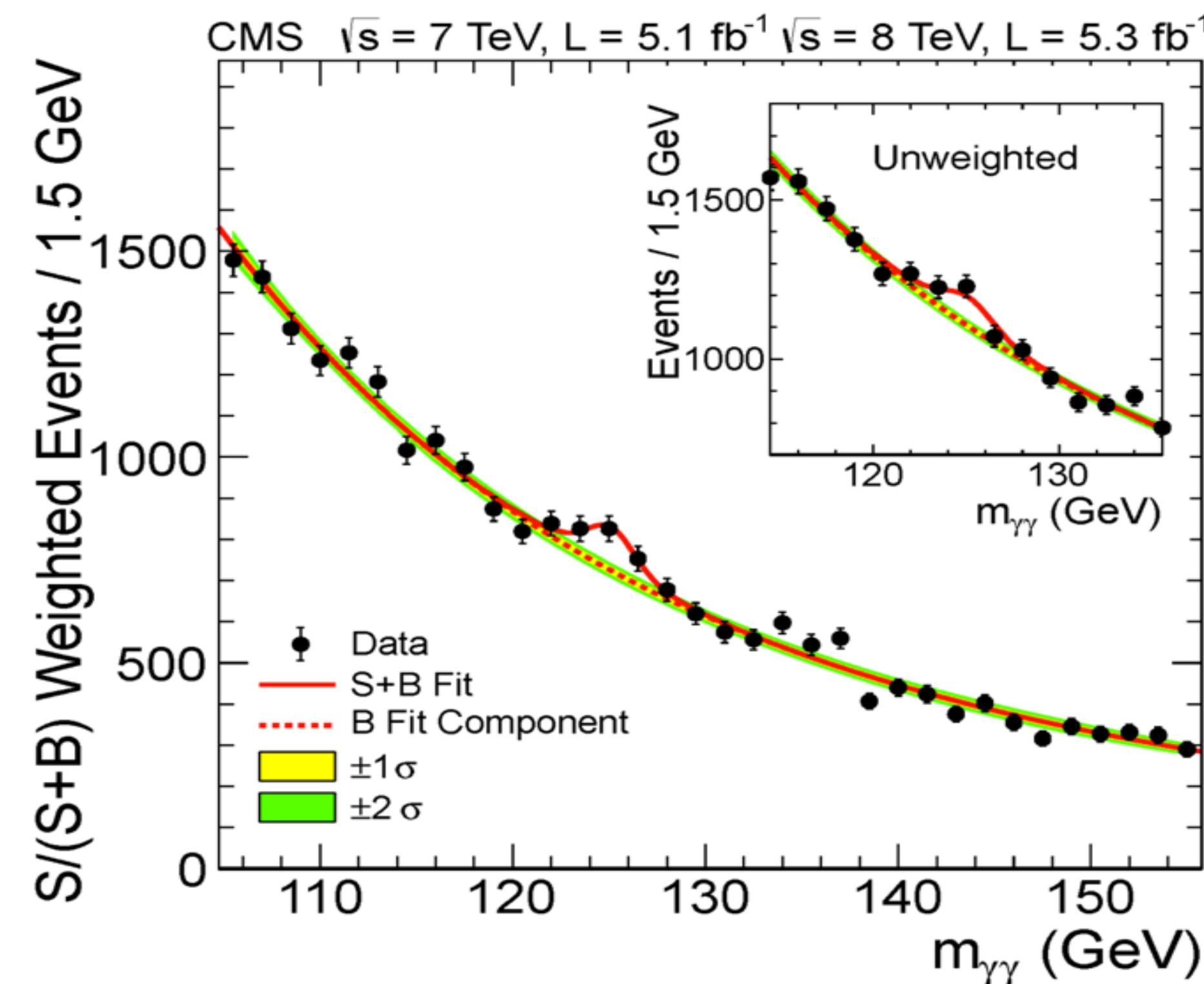
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# What is Fitting ?



- What is Fitting ?
  - It is the process used to estimate parameters of an hypothetical distribution from the observed data distribution



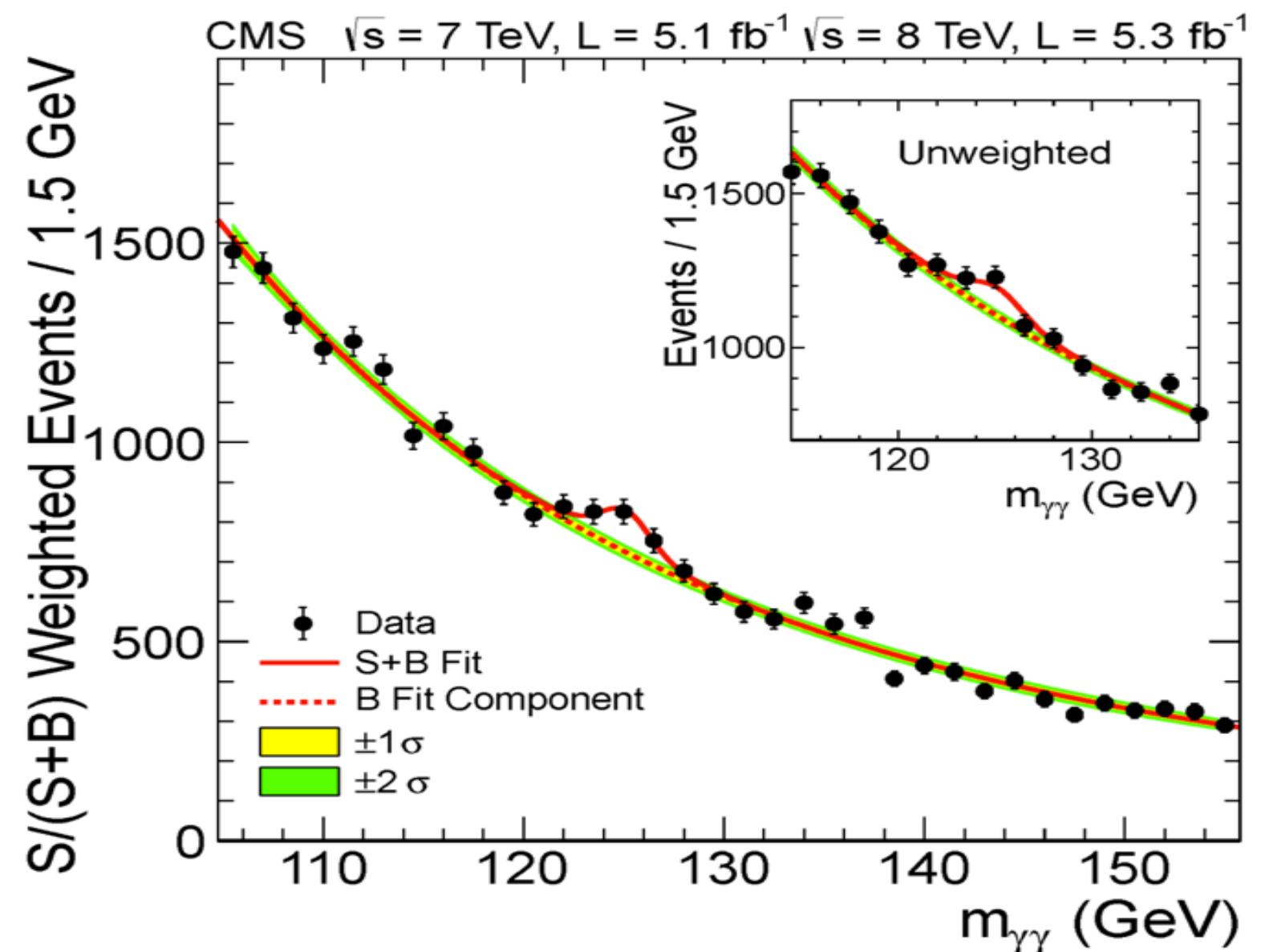
## Example

Higgs search in CMS  
( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )  
We fit for the expected number of Higgs events and for the Higgs mass

# Why ?



- One performs fits for:
  - estimate parameter values from a model
    - e.g. location of a resonance in a spectrum or its width
  - Test hypothesis
    - e.g. test the significance of a peak
    - Example: Higgs search in CMS ( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )



# Recap on 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**

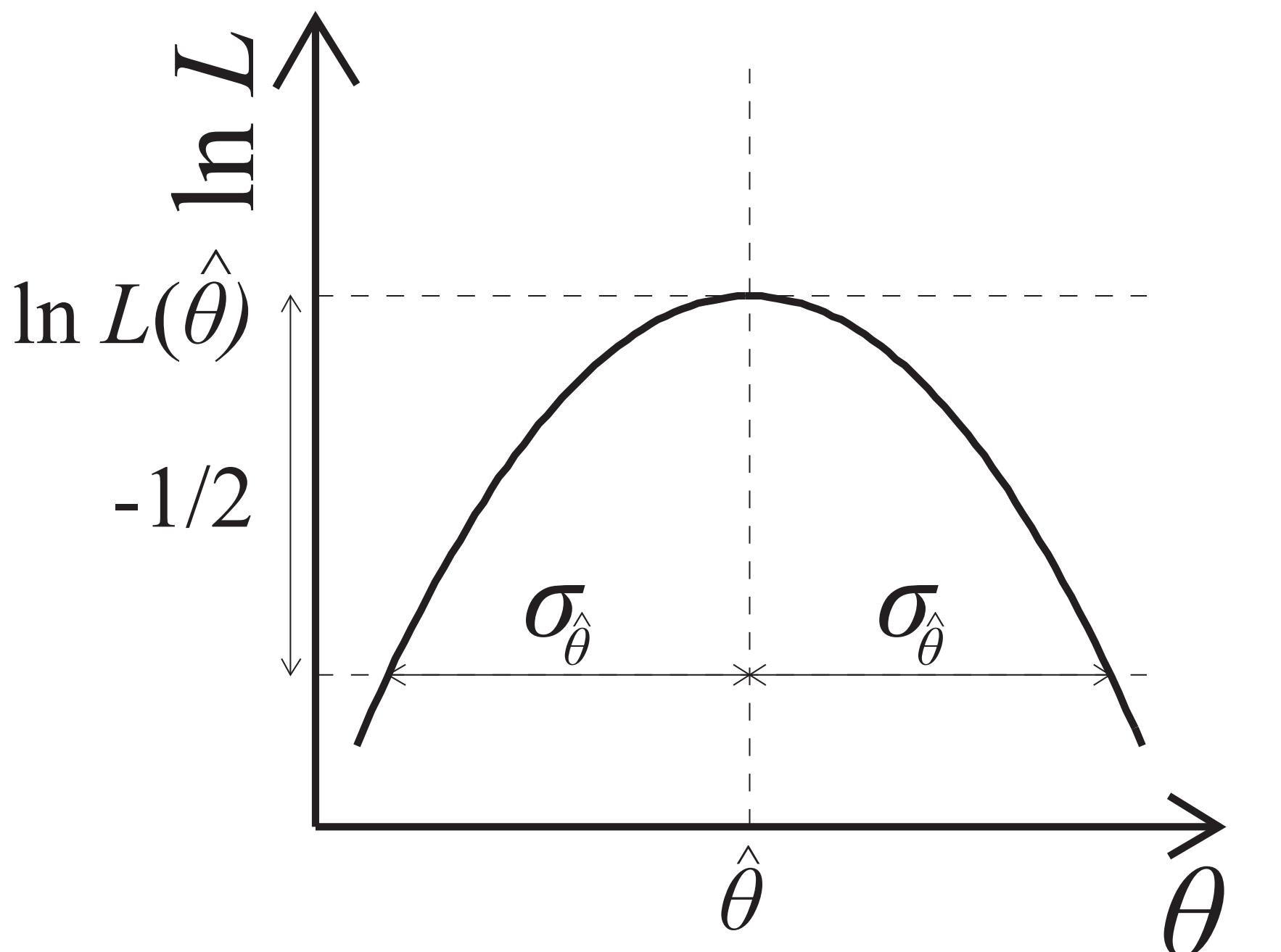
$$L(\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_N | \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N f(\vec{x}_i, \theta)$$



- The ML estimate of the parameter are those who maximise the likelihood function

$$L(\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_N | \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N f(\vec{x}_i, \theta)$$

$$\text{Best Estimate } \hat{\theta} \leftarrow \text{Max}(L(x|\theta))$$



ML is the preferred estimator given its good properties:

- consistent
- asymptotically unbiased
- efficient



- More convenient to work with the log of the likelihood-function
- Use negative log-likelihood function and find global minimum

$$-\log L(\vec{x}|\theta) = -\sum_i \log f(\vec{x}_i|\theta)$$

- The PDF must be normalised such that the integral of the likelihood function does not depend on the parameters  $\theta$
- The minimum is found typically using a numerical procedure
  - e.g. program MINUIT

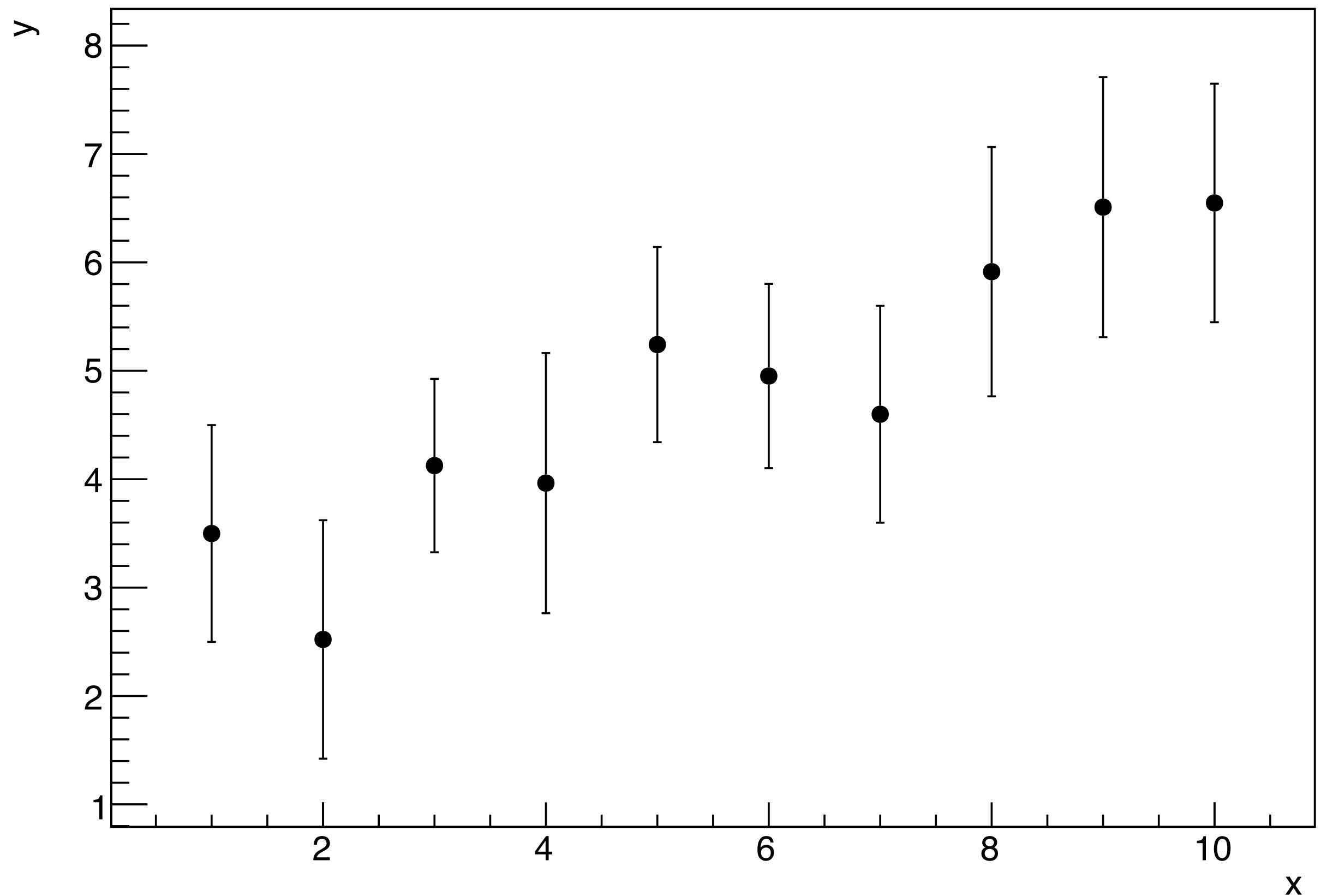
$$\int_{\Omega} f(\vec{x}, \theta) d\vec{x} = 1$$

# Example Fitting Data Points



- We have some data points

Same Data Points



# Example Fitting Data Points (2)



- Model

- $y = A * x + B$

- What is the PDF for the observed values ( $y_1, \dots, y_N$ ) ?

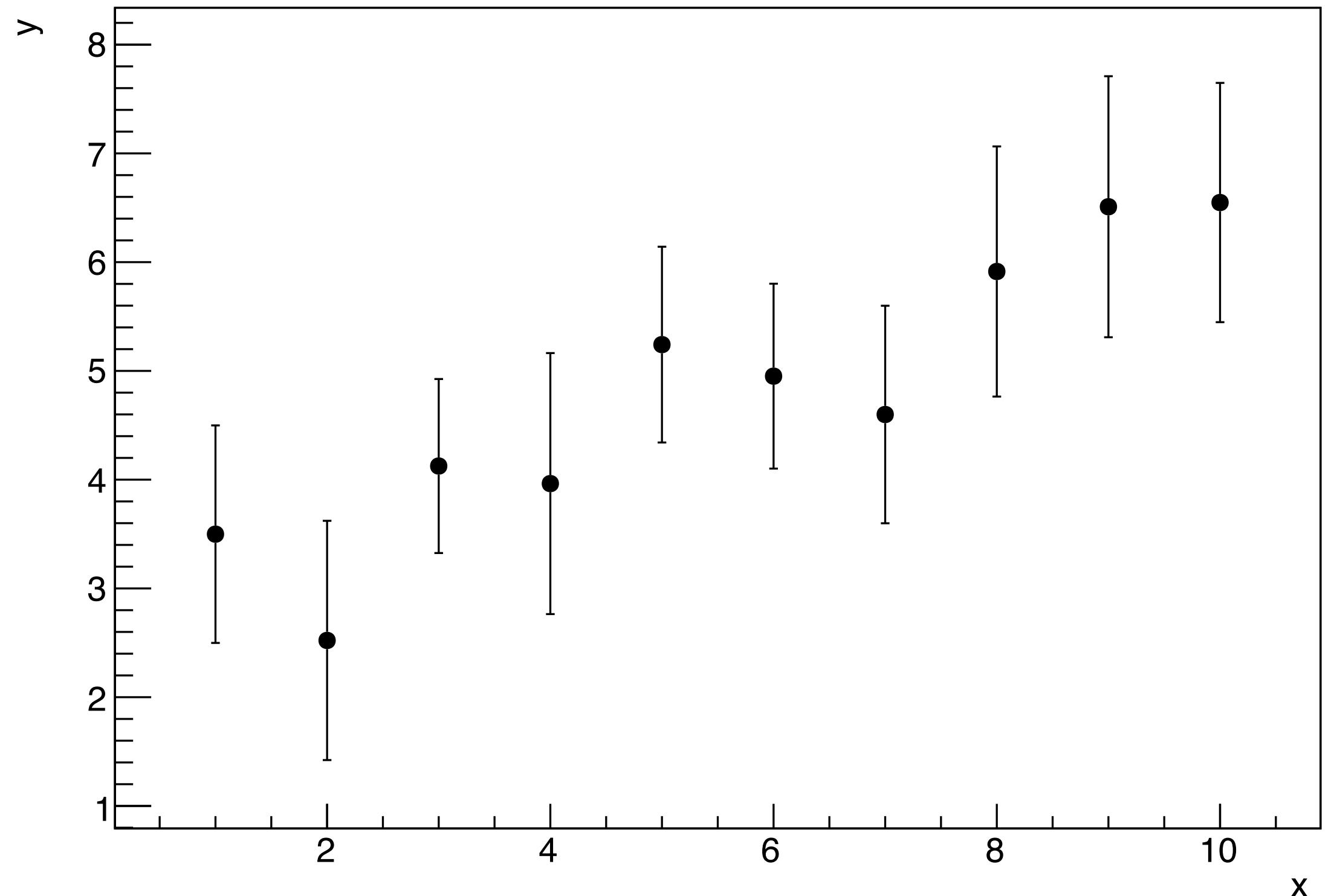
- We assume a normal distribution

$$\text{Gauss}(y_i, y_{\text{exp}}, \sigma) = G(y_i, A * x_i + B, \sigma_i)$$

- Likelihood function

$$L(y_1, \dots, y_N | A, B) = \prod_{i=1}^N G(y_i, A * x_i + B, \sigma_i)$$

Same Data Points



We assume the point error,  $\sigma_i$ , are known



# Likelihood for Gaussian points

- The negative log-likelihood function is in this case equivalent to the least-square function ( $\chi^2$ )

$$\begin{aligned}\log L(y|\theta) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \log G(y_i, f(x_i|\theta), \sigma_i) = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} e^{-\frac{(y_i - f(x_i|\theta))^2}{2\sigma_i^2}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{y_i - f(x_i|\theta)}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 \\ -2 \log L(y|\theta) \equiv \chi^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{y_i - f(x_i|\theta)}{\sigma_i} \right)^2\end{aligned}$$

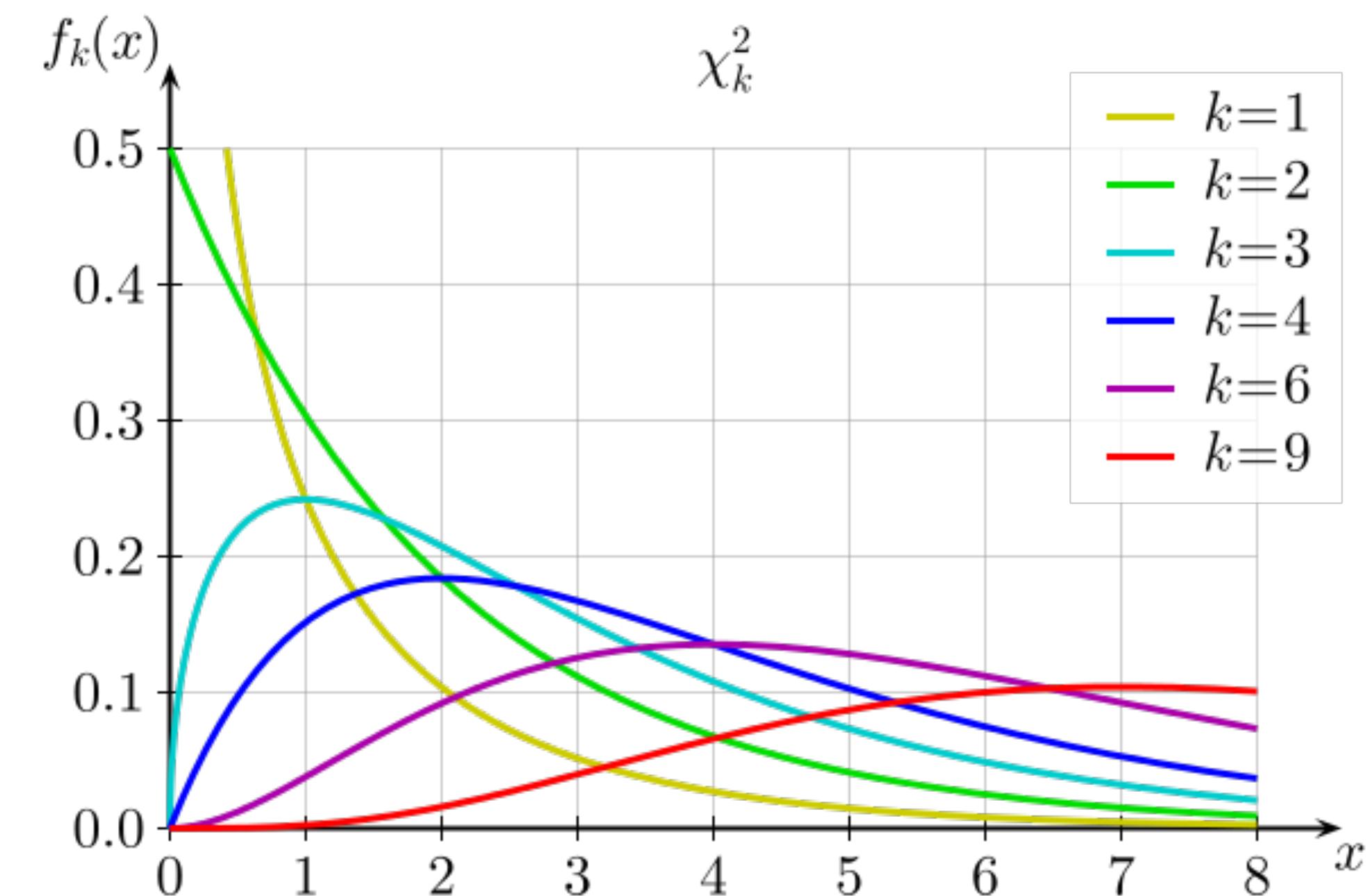
Distribution of least-square function is a  $\chi^2$  distribution



# Chi-squared Distribution

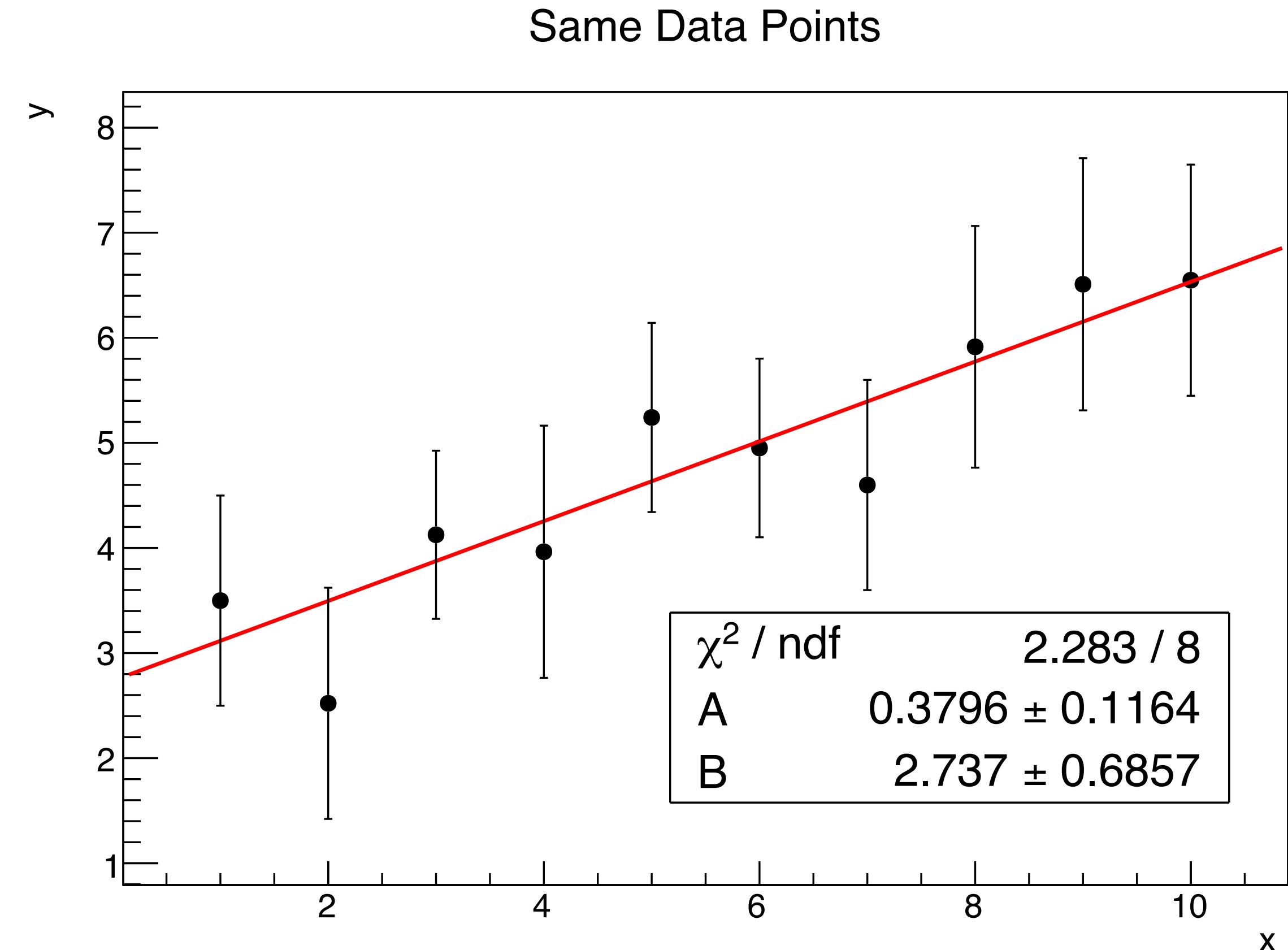
- Distribution for the sum of squared of independent standard normal distributions
  - $z_1, \dots, z_N : N$  variables that are normal distributed  $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$
  - $Q = \sum_{i=1}^N z_i^2$  is distributed as a chi-squared with  $N$  degree of freedom
  - $Q \sim \chi^2(N)$
  - $\chi^2$  PDF: (  $k$  is degree of freedom)

$$f(x; k) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^{(k/2-1)} e^{-x/2}}{2^{k/2} \Gamma(\frac{k}{2})}, & x > 0; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$





- Minimize the  $\chi^2$  function to find best values of parameters (e.g. A and B)



- For linear functions the solution (minimum) can be found analytically



- A histogram or a graph (set of data points) represents an estimate of an underlying distribution (or a function).
- The data can be used to infer the parameters describing the underlying distribution.
- Assume a relation between the observed variables  $y$  and  $x$ :

$$y = f(x | \theta)$$

- $f(x | \theta)$  is the fit (model) function
- for an histogram  $y$  is the bin content

- Least square fit ( $\chi^2$ ):
  - minimizes the deviations between the observed  $y$  and the predicted function values:
    - weighted by the data point errors
      - $\sigma = \sqrt{N}$  for the histograms
  - Equivalent to ML method if the data point distribution is Gaussian

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \frac{(Y_i - f(X_i, \theta))^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$



- Distribution for the bin content of an histogram is normally Poisson
  - bin records counts, i.e number of events  $n_{\text{obs}}$
  - $\text{Poisson}(n_{\text{obs}} \mid n_{\text{exp}})$ 
    - $n_{\text{exp}}$  is the expected bin content
- Log-Likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned}\log L(x|\theta) &= \sum_{\text{bin}} \log (\text{Poisson}(n_{\text{obs}}^{\text{bin}} | f(x_c^{\text{bin}}|\theta))) \\ &= \sum_{\text{bin}} n_{\text{obs}}^{\text{bin}} \log f(x_c^{\text{bin}}|\theta) - f(x_c^{\text{bin}}|\theta) + \text{constant}\end{aligned}$$

$$n_{\text{exp}} = N_{\text{TOT}} \int_{\text{bin}} f(x, \theta) dx \approx N_{\text{TOT}} \Delta_x f(x_c|\theta)$$

$$\text{Poisson}(n|\nu) = \frac{\nu^n}{n!} e^{-\nu}$$

- Likelihood fit is the correct one for histogram
  - Least square is just an approximation when Poisson  $\rightarrow$  Gaussian ( $\sigma = \sqrt{n}$ )
  - For functions varying a lot within the bin, more correct to use the integral of the model function in the bin



- Often used least-square fit for histograms

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \frac{(y_i - f(x_i^c, \theta))^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

- use observed counts to estimate the bin error  $\sigma = \sqrt{n_{\text{obs}}}$  (Newman  $\chi^2$ )
  - problem with histogram bins which are empty
    - e.g. ROOT decides to not use such bins in the fit
    - under-estimation of tails
  - This is the default fitting method in ROOT
- use expected bin errors :  $\sigma = \sqrt{n_{\text{exp}}}$  (Pearson  $\chi^2$ )
  - over-estimation of tails
  - error for low-statistics bins is far too small since distribution is not Gaussian !

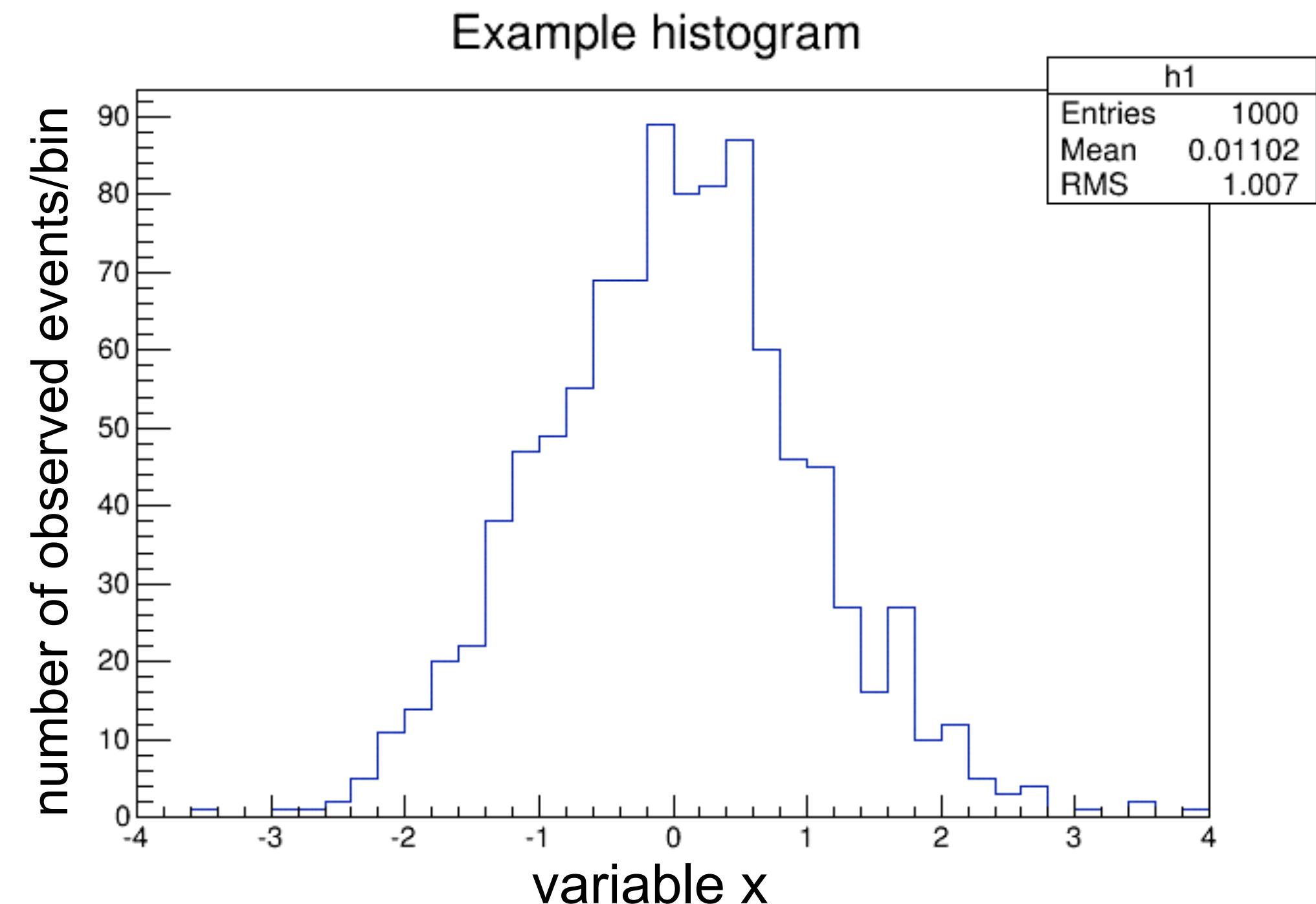


- How do we do fit in ROOT:
  - Create first a parametric function object, TF1, which represents our model, *i.e.* the fit function.
  - Set the initial values of the function parameters.
  - Fit the data object (Histogram or Graph):
    - call the Fit method on the Histogram or Graphs passing the function object as parameter
      - various options are possible (see the `TH1::Fit` documentation)
      - e.g select type of fit : least-square (default) or likelihood (option “L”)
      - the resulting fit function is then drawn on top of the Histogram or the Graph.
  - Examine result:
    - get parameter values;
    - get parameter errors (e.g. their confidence level);
    - get parameter correlation;
    - get fit quality.

# Simple Gaussian Fitting



- Let's suppose we have an histogram:
  - we know probably represents a gaussian distribution
  - we don't know the true parameter of the distribution
  - we want to estimate the mean and sigma of the hypothetical underlying gaussian distribution.



# Creating the Fit Function



- To create a parametric function object (a TF1):
  - we can use the available functions in ROOT library

```
TF1 * f1 = new TF1("f1","[0]*TMath::Gaus(x,[1],[2])");
```

- and also use it to write formula expressions
    - [0],[1],[2] indicate the parameters
  - we can also use pre-defined functions
- 
- ```
TF1 * f1 = new TF1("f1","gaus");
```
- using pre-defined functions we have the parameter name automatically set to meaningful values.
  - initial parameter values are estimated whenever possible.
  - pre-defined functions available:
    - gaus, expo, landau, pol0,1...,10, cheb0,...10, crystalball, breitwigner

# Building More Complex Functions



- Sometimes better to write directly the functions in C/C++
  - but in this case object cannot be fully stored to disk
- Using a general free function with parameters:

```
double function(double *x, double *p){  
    return p[0]*TMath::Gaus(x[0],p[0],p[1]);  
}  
  
TF1 * f1 = new TF1("f1",function,xmin,xmax,npar);
```

- any C++ object implementing double operator() (double \*x, double \*p)

```
struct Function {  
    double operator()(double *x, double *p){  
        return p[0]*TMath::Gaus(x[0],p[0],p[1]);}  
};  
  
Function func;  
  
TF1 * f1 = new TF1("f1",&func,xmin,xmax,npar);
```

- e.g using a lambda function (with Cling and C++-11)

```
TF1 * f1 = new TF1("f1",[](double *x,double *p){ return p[0]+p[1]*x[0];},xmin,xmax,npar);
```



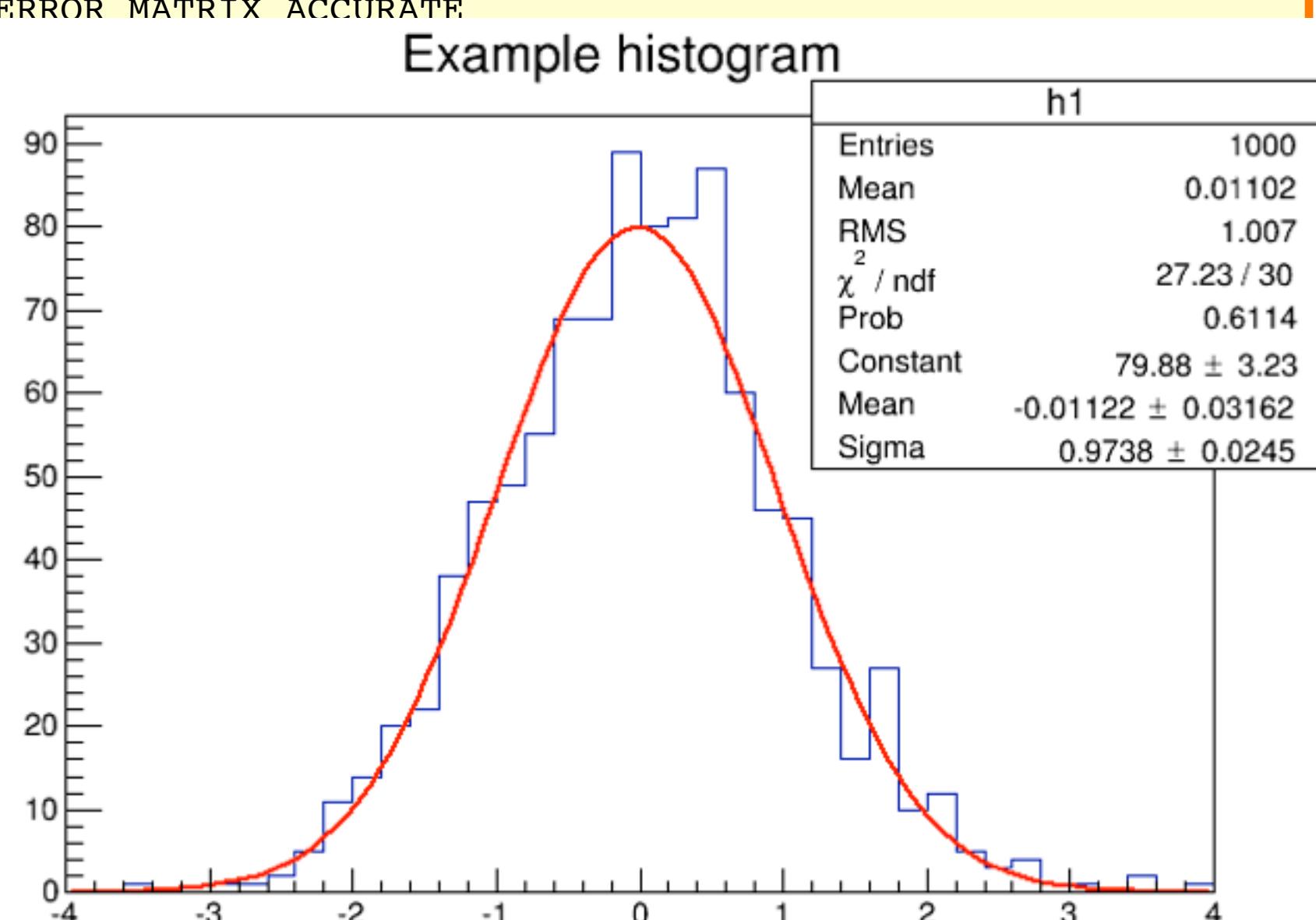
- How to fit the histogram:
  - after creating the function one needs to set the initial value of the parameters
  - then we can call the `Fit` method of the histogram class

```
root [] TF1 * f1 = new TF1("f1","gaus");  
root [] f1->SetParameters(1,0,1);  
root [] h1->Fit(f1);
```

```
FCN=27.2252 FROM MIGRAD      STATUS=CONVERGED      60 CALLS  
          EDM=1.12393e-07      STRATEGY= 1      ERROR MATRIX ACCURATE
```

**EXT PARAMETER**

| NO. | NAME     | VALUE        | ERROR       | STEP    |
|-----|----------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| 1   | Constant | 7.98760e+01  | 3.22882e+00 | 6.64363 |
| 2   | Mean     | -1.12183e-02 | 3.16223e-02 | 8.18642 |
| 3   | Sigma    | 9.73840e-01  | 2.44738e-02 | 1.69250 |



For displaying the fit parameters:

```
gStyle->SetOptFit(1111);
```



- The main results from the fit are stored in the fit function, which is attached to the histogram; it can be saved in a file (except for customized C/C++ functions).
- The fit function can be retrieved using its name:

```
TF1 * fitFunc = h1->GetFunction("f1");
```

- The parameter values using their indices (or their names):

```
fitFunc->GetParameter(par_index);
```

- The parameter errors:

```
fitFunc->GetParError(par_index);
```

- It is also possible to access the `TFitResult` class which has all information about the fit, if we use the fit option “S”:

```
TFitResultPtr r = h1->Fit(f1,"S");
r->Print();
TMatrixDSym C = r->GetCorrelationMatrix();
```

C++ Note: the `TFitResult` class is accessed by using operator-> of `TFitResultPtr`

# Some Fitting Options



- Fitting in a Range
- Quite / Verbose: option “Q”/“V”.
- Likelihood fit for histograms
  - option “L” for count histograms;
  - option “WL” in case of weighted counts.
- Default is chi-square with observed errors (and skipping empty bins)
  - option “P” for Pearson chi-square (expected errors) with empty bins
- Use integral function of the function in bin
- Compute MINOS errors : option “E”

```
h1->Fit("gaus","","","",-1.5,1.5);
```

```
h1->Fit("gaus","V");
```

```
h1->Fit("gaus","L");
```

```
h1->Fit("gaus","LW");
```

```
h1->Fit("gaus","P");
```

```
h1->Fit("gaus","L I");
```

```
h1->Fit("gaus","L E");
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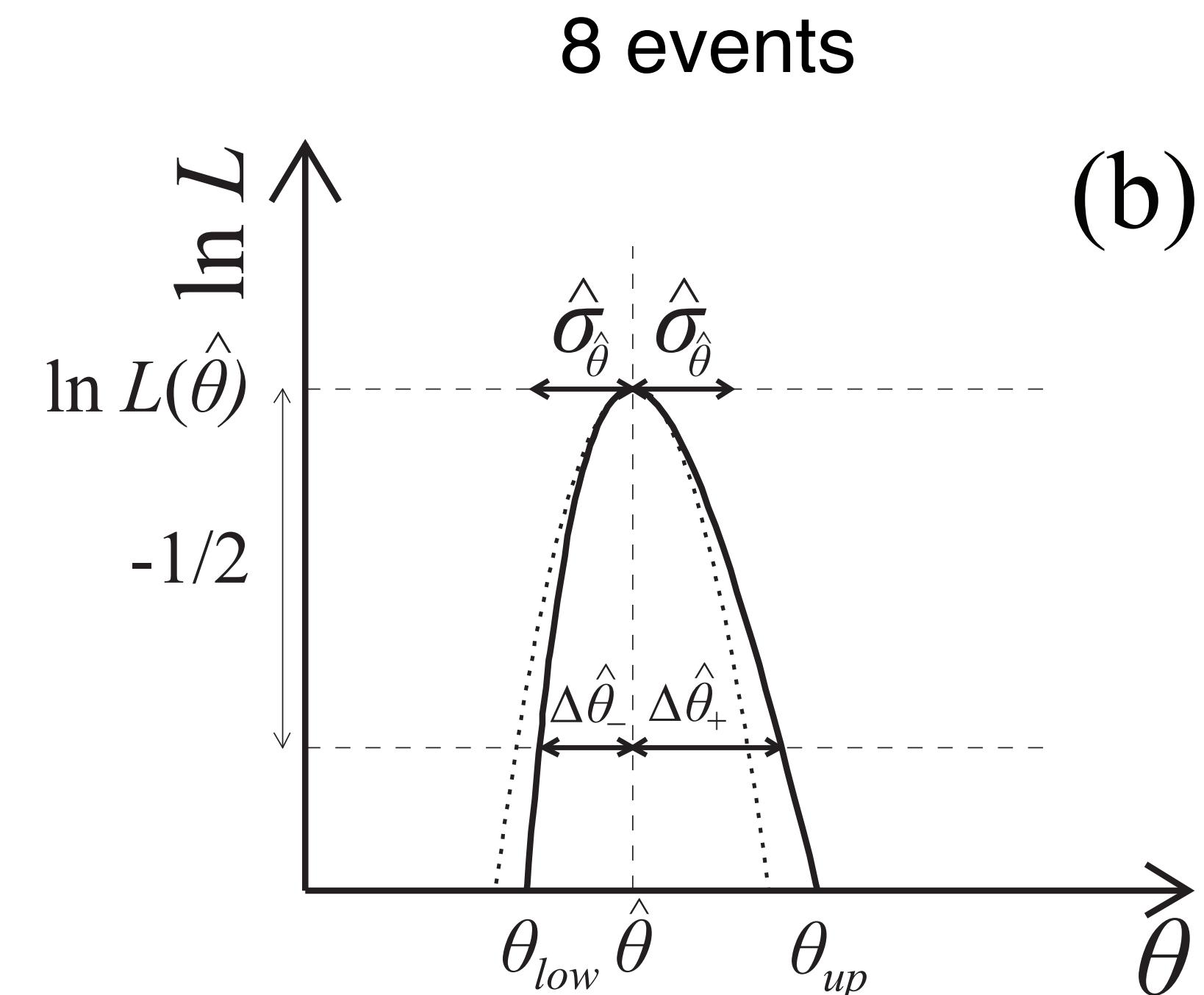
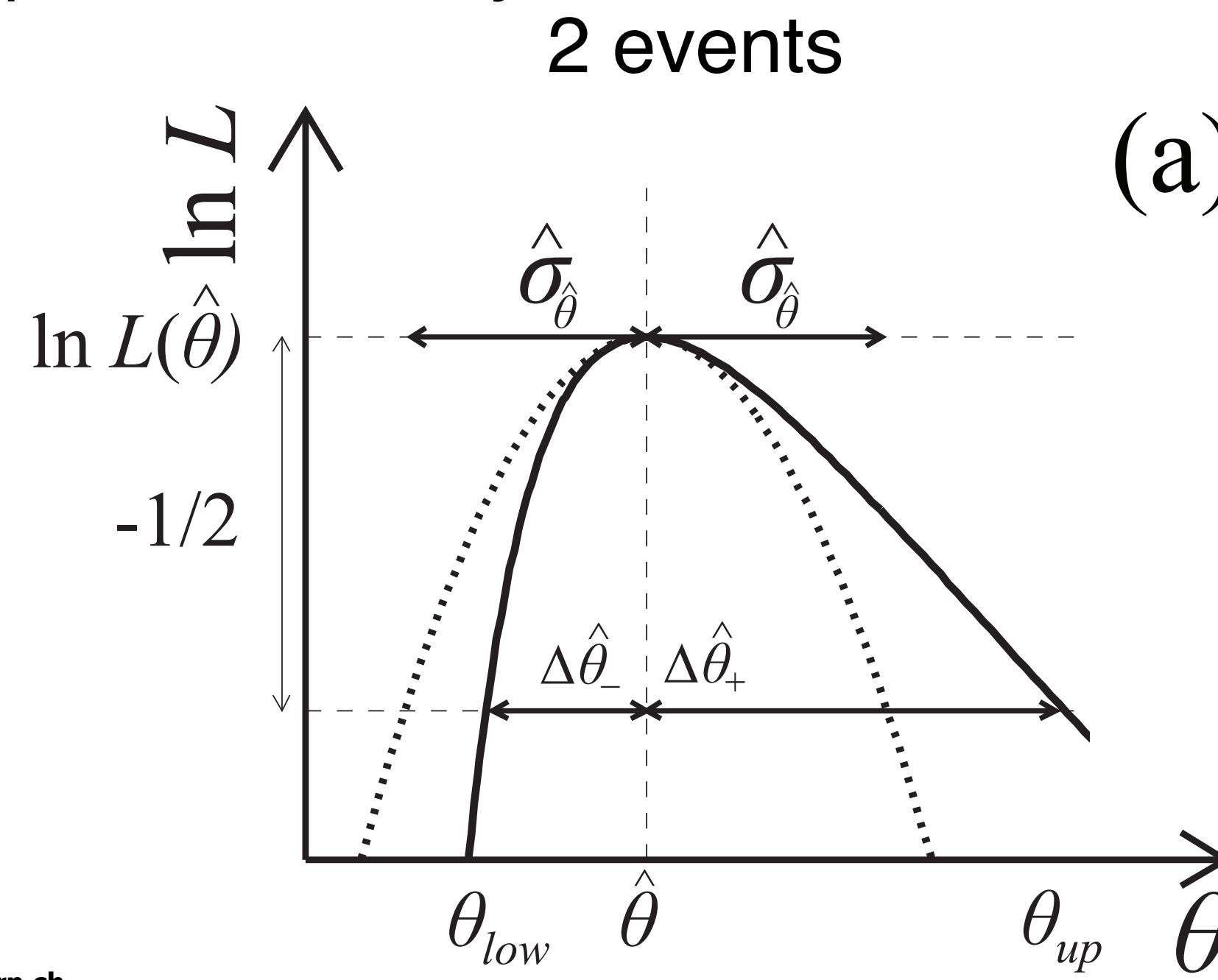
All fitting options documented in reference guide or User Guide (Fitting Histogram chapter)



- Errors returned by the fit are computed from the second derivatives of the likelihood function
  - Asymptotically the parameter estimates are normally distributed. The estimated correlation matrix is then:

$$\hat{\mathbf{V}}(\hat{\theta}) = \left[ \left( -\frac{\partial^2 \ln L(\mathbf{x}; \theta)}{\partial^2 \theta} \right)_{\theta=\hat{\theta}} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{H}^{-1}$$

Exponential decay fit





- A better approximation to estimate the confidence level in the parameter is to use directly the log-likelihood function and look at the difference from the minimum.

$$\lambda(\theta) = \frac{L(x|\theta)}{L(x|\hat{\theta})}$$

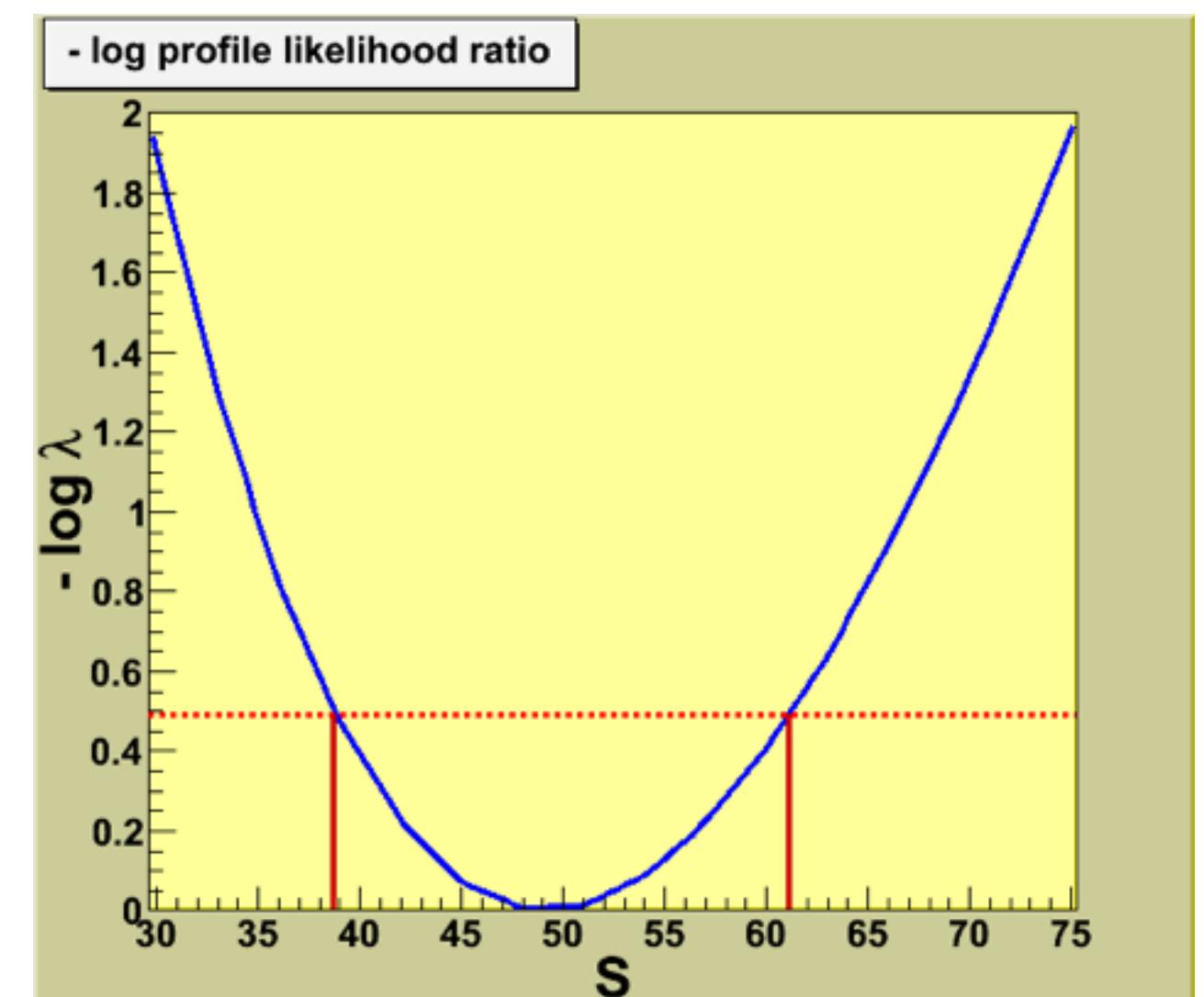
$$-2 \log \lambda(\theta) \approx (\theta - \hat{\theta})^T H(\theta - \hat{\theta})$$

$-2 \log \lambda(\theta) \sim \chi^2$  distribution

$$-\log \lambda(\theta_{low} \equiv \hat{\theta} - \delta\hat{\theta}_-) = -\log \lambda(\theta_{up} \equiv \hat{\theta} + \delta\hat{\theta}_+) = \frac{1}{2} F_{\chi^2}^{-1}(0.68, 1) = 0.5$$

- Method of Minuit/Minos (Fit option “E” in ROOT)
  - obtain a confidence interval which is in general not symmetric around the best parameter estimate

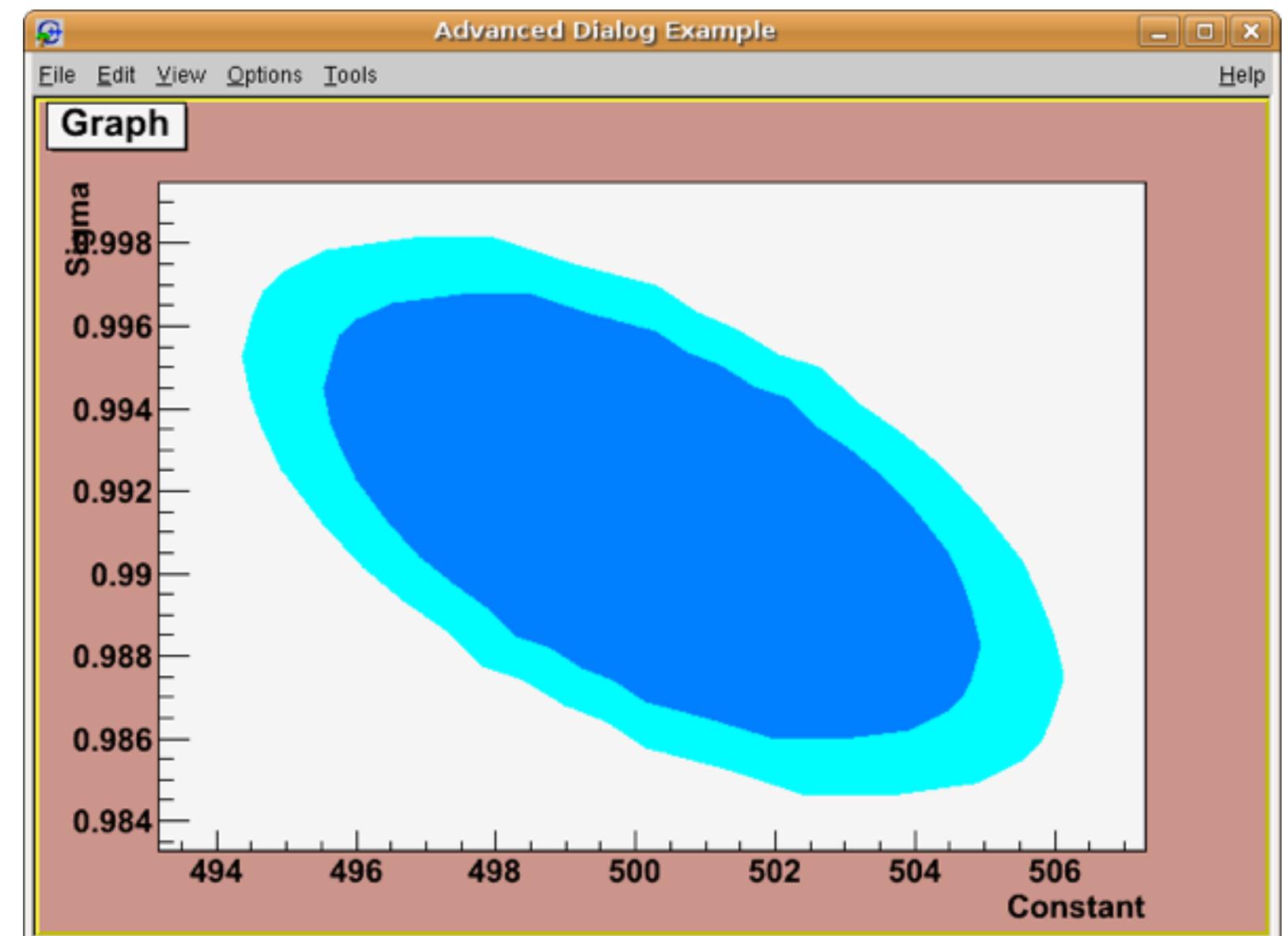
```
TFitResultPtr r = h1->Fit(f1,"E S");
r->LowerError(par_number);
r->UpperError(par_number);
```





- In case of more than one parameter of interest one can obtain the contours enclosing the confidence region at a given confidence level (e.g. 68 %)

$$-\log \lambda(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \frac{1}{2} F_{\chi^2}^{-1}(0.68, 2) = 1.15$$





- Log-Likelihood for histograms is computed using Baker-Cousins procedure (Likelihood  $\chi^2$ )

$$\chi_{\lambda}^2(\theta) = -2 \ln \lambda(\theta) = 2 \sum_i [\mu_i(\theta) - n_i + n_i \ln(n_i/\mu_i(\theta))]$$

-- $-2\ln\lambda(\theta)$  is an equivalent chi-square

- Its value at the minimum can be used for checking the fit quality
  - avoiding problems with bins with low content
- ROOT computes  $-\ln\lambda(\theta)$ 
  - can be retrieved it using `TFitResult::MinFcnValue()`



- **Unbinned likelihood fit**

- fit each single data point  $x_i$
- fit only functional shape (no overall normalisation), p.d.f are normalised

$$L(x|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N f(x_i|\theta)$$

- **Extended likelihood fit**

- add Poisson fluctuations for observed events
- fit also the function normalisation (number of expected events)

$$L(x|\theta) = e^{-\nu} \frac{\nu^N}{N!} \prod_{i=1}^N f(x_i|\theta)$$



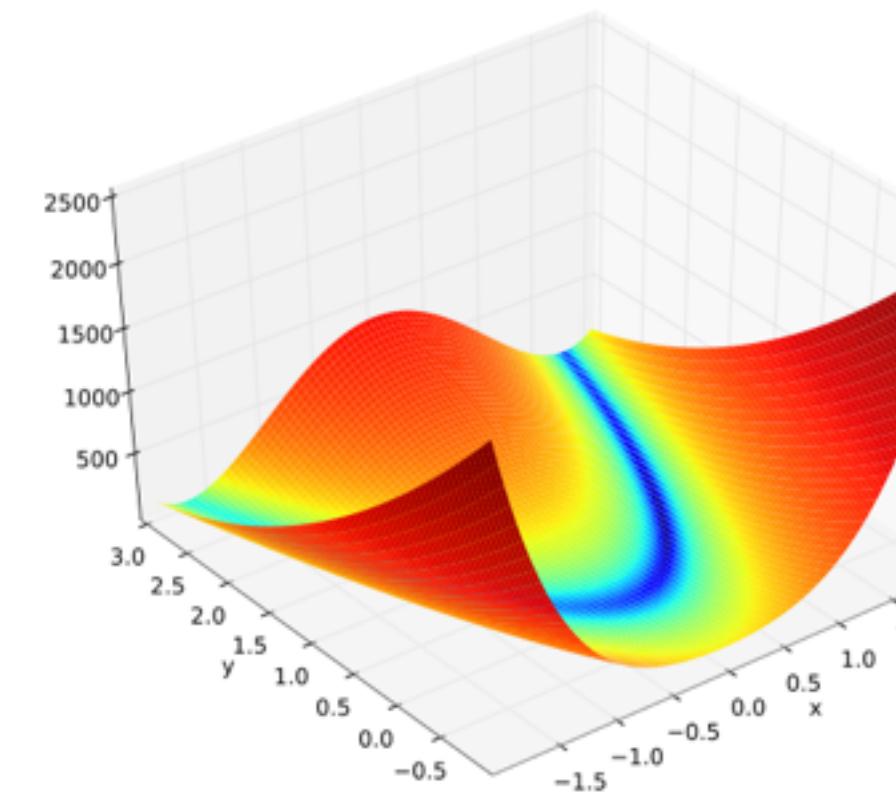
- The fitting problem is solved by minimizing the least-square or likelihood function.
- A direct solution exists only in case of linear fitting (function linear in the parameters)
  - e.g fitting polynomials
- Otherwise an iterative numerical algorithm is used:
  - Minuit is the minimization algorithm used by default
    - Two implementations: TMinuit and **Minuit2** (new C++ implementation and recommended)
    - other algorithms exists: Fumili, or minimizers based on GSL, genetic and simulated annealing algorithms
  - To change the minimizer:

```
ROOT::Math::MinimizerOptions::SetDefaultMinimizer("Minuit2");
```
  - Other commands are also available to control the minimization:
    - e.g. to control tolerance for convergence

```
ROOT::Math::MinimizerOptions::SetDefaultTolerance(1.E-6);
```



- Migrad based on Variable Metric algorithm (Davidon)
- Iterate to find function minimum:
  - start from initial estimate of gradient  $\mathbf{g}_0$  and Hessian matrix,  $\mathbf{B}_0$
  - find Newton direction:  $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{g}$
  - computing step by searching for minimum of  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$  along  $\mathbf{d}$
  - compute gradient  $\mathbf{g}$  at the new point
  - update inverse Hessian matrix,  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}$  at the new point using an approximate formula (Davidon, Powell, Fletcher)
  - repeat iteration until expected distance from minimum (edm) smaller than required tolerance ( $\text{edm} = \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{g}$ )



$$f(\mathbf{x}_k + \Delta\mathbf{x}) \approx f(\mathbf{x}_k) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)^T \Delta\mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{B} \Delta\mathbf{x},$$

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k + \Delta\mathbf{x}) \approx \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k) + \mathbf{B} \Delta\mathbf{x}$$

Newton step is obtained by setting this gradient to zero

# Function Minimization Algorithms

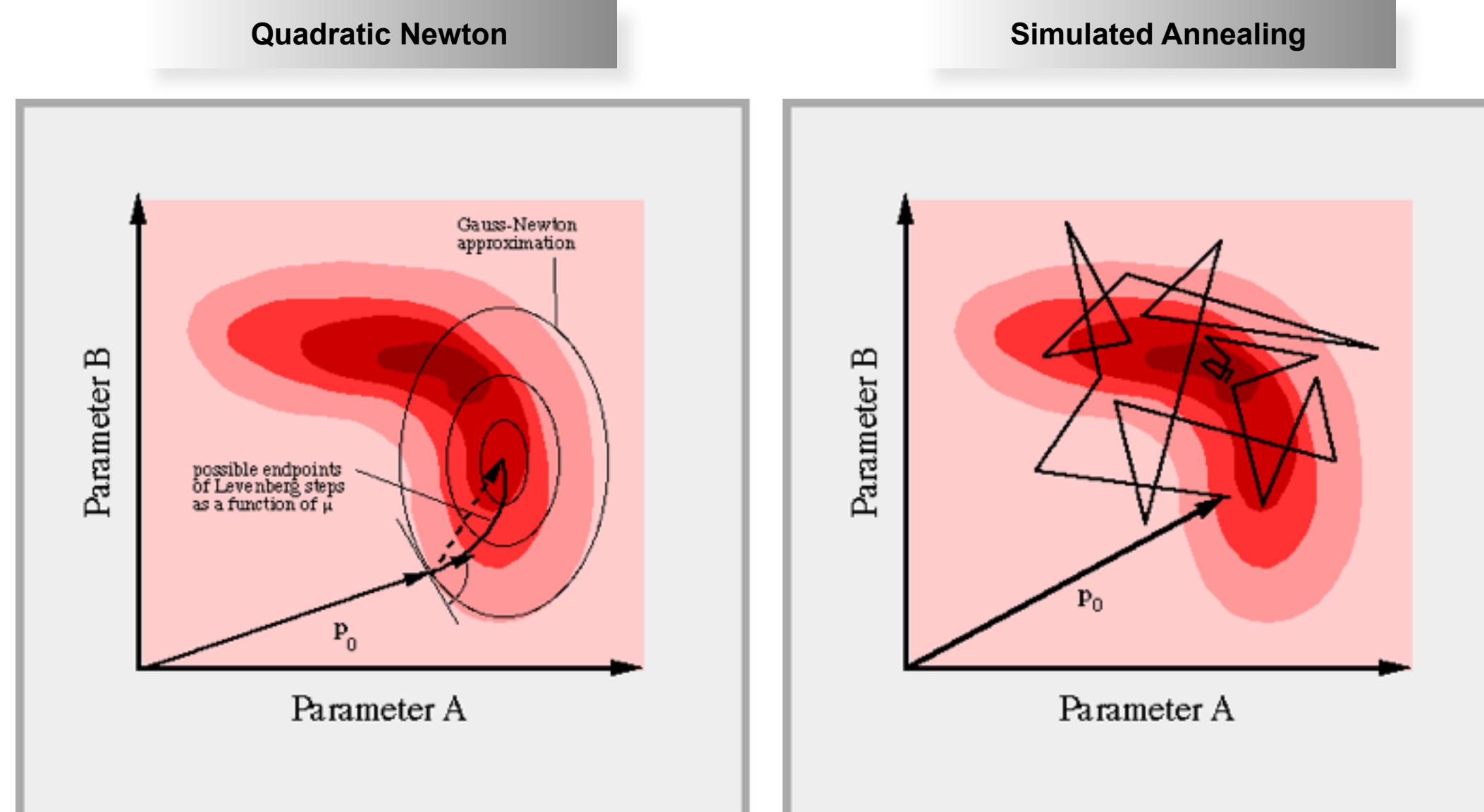


- Common interface class (**ROOT::Math::Minimizer**)
- Existing implementations available in ROOT as plug-ins:
  - **TMinuit** direct translation from Fortran code of MINUIT program
    - with Migrad, Simplex, Minimize algorithms
  - **Minuit2** (new C++ implementation with OO design)
    - with Migrad, Simplex, Minimize and Fumili2
  - **Fumili** (only for least-square or log-likelihood minimizations)
  - **GSLMultiMin**: conjugate gradient algorithms from GSL and BFGS
  - **GSLMultiFit**: Levenberg-Marquardt (for least square functions) from GSL
  - **Linear** for least square functions (direct solution, non-iterative method)
  - **GSLSimAn**: Simulated Annealing from GSL
  - **Genetic**: based on a genetic algorithm implemented in TMVA
  - **RMinimiser**: based on optimisation algorithms from R (optim and optima packages)
- Easy to extend and add new implementations
- Possible to combine them (Minuit + Genetic)

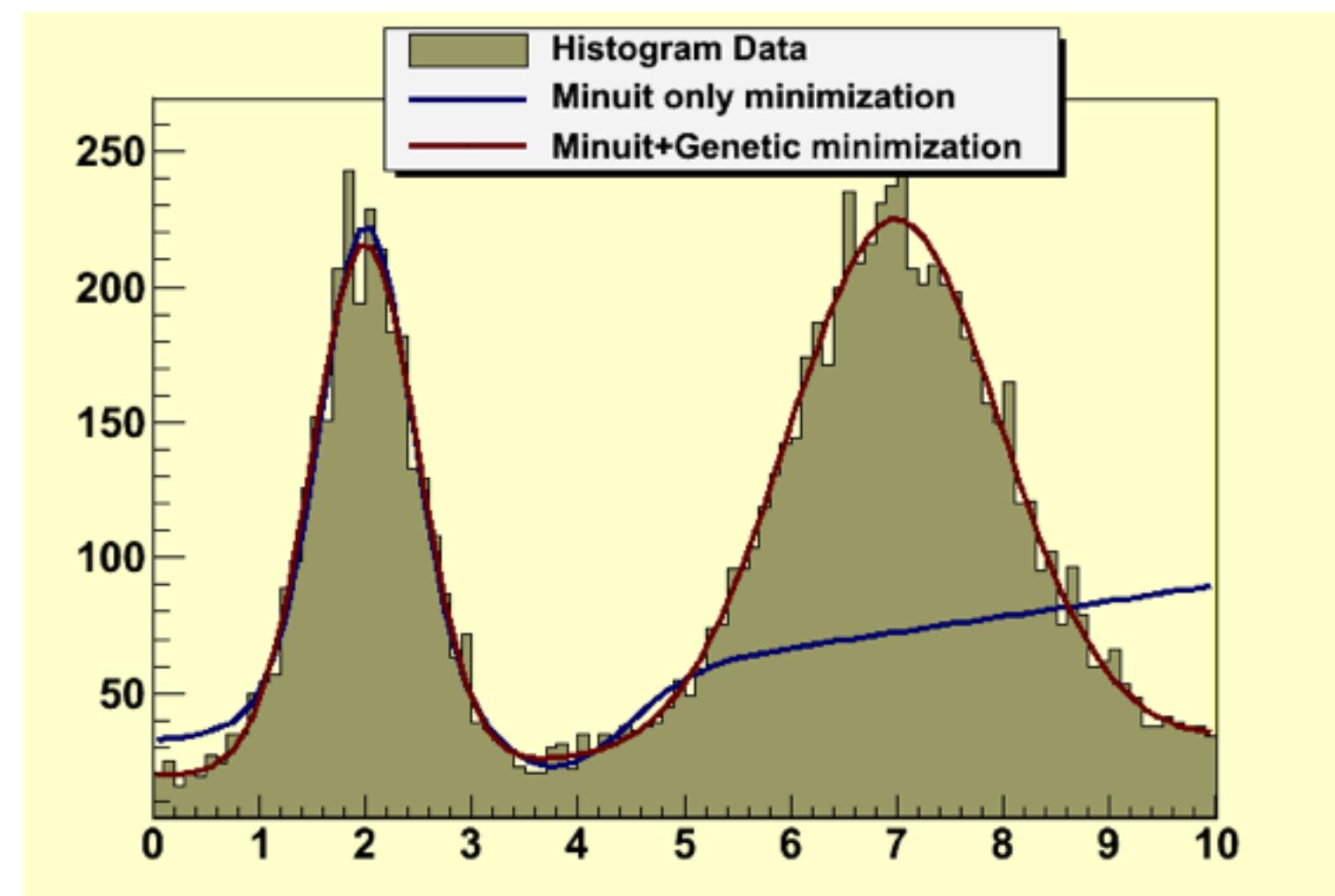
# Minimization Techniques



- Methods like Minuit based on gradient can get stuck easily in local minima.
- Stochastic methods like simulated annealing or genetic algorithms can help to find the global minimum.



Example: Fitting 2 peaks in a spectrum





- **Sometimes fits converge to a wrong solution**
  - Often is the case of a local minimum which is not the global one.
  - This is often solved with better initial parameter values. A minimizer like Minuit is able to find only the local best minimum using the function gradient.
  - Otherwise one needs to use a genetic or simulated annealing minimizer (but it can be quite inefficient, e.g. many function calls).
- **Sometimes fit does not converge :**

Warning in <Fit>: Abnormal termination of minimization.

- can happen because the Hessian matrix is not positive defined
  - e.g. there are no minimum in that region → wrong initial parameters;
- numerical precision problems in the function evaluation
  - need to check and re-think on how to implement better the fit model function;
- highly correlated parameters in the fit. In case of 100% correlation the point solution becomes a line (or an hyper-surface) in parameter space. The minimization problem is no longer well defined.

| PARAMETER NO. | CORRELATION GLOBAL | COEFFICIENTS |       |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------|-------|
|               |                    | 1            | 2     |
| 1             | 0.99835            | 1.000        | 0.998 |
| 2             | 0.99835            | 0.998        | 1.000 |

*Signs of trouble...*



- When using a polynomial parametrization:
  - $a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$  nearly always results in strong correlations between the coefficients.
    - problems in fit stability and inability to find the right solution at high order
- This can be solved using a better polynomial parametrization:
  - e.g. Chebychev polynomials

$$T_0(x) = 1$$

$$T_1(x) = x$$

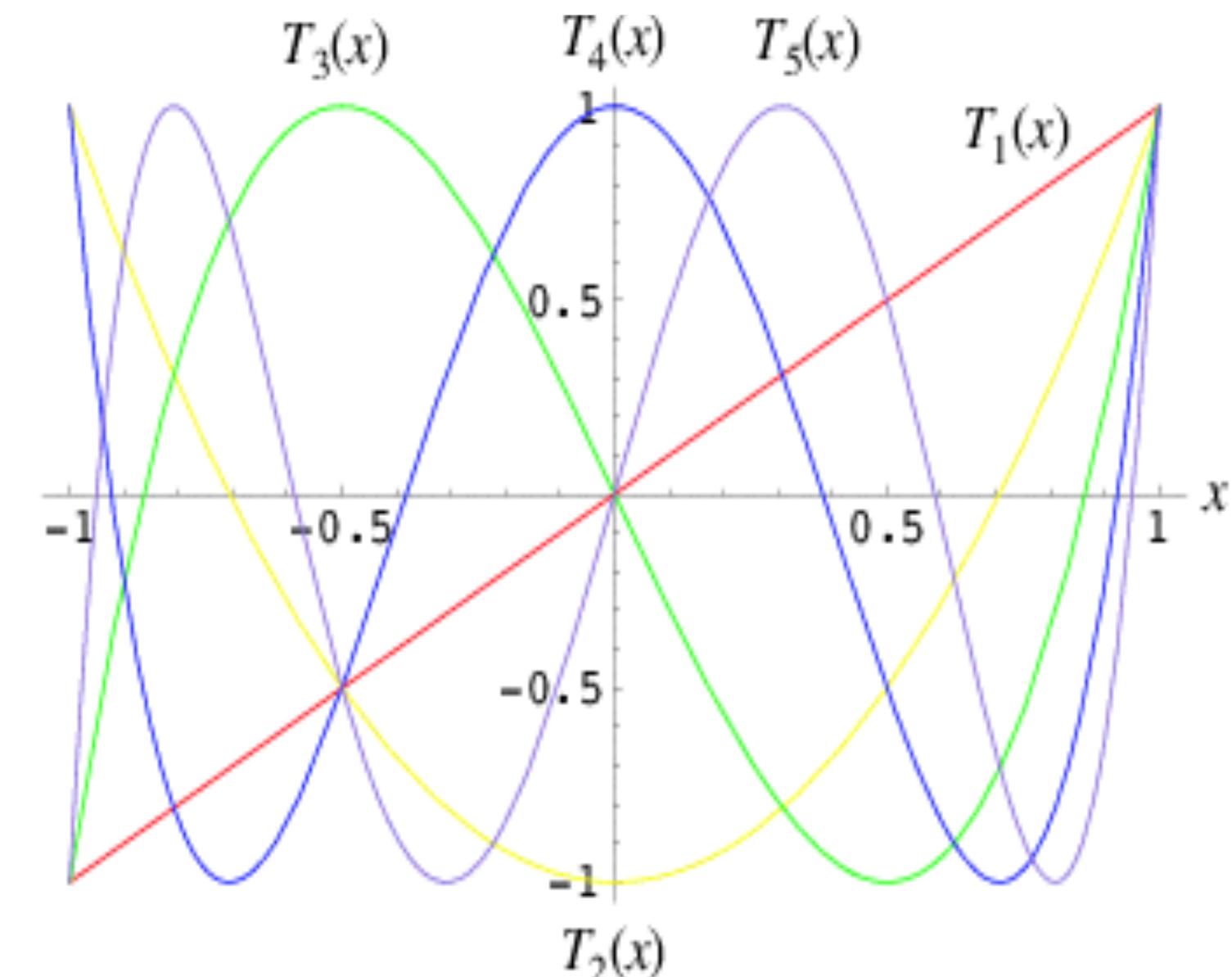
$$T_2(x) = 2x^2 - 1$$

$$T_3(x) = 4x^3 - 3x$$

$$T_4(x) = 8x^4 - 8x^2 + 1$$

$$T_5(x) = 16x^5 - 20x^3 + 5x$$

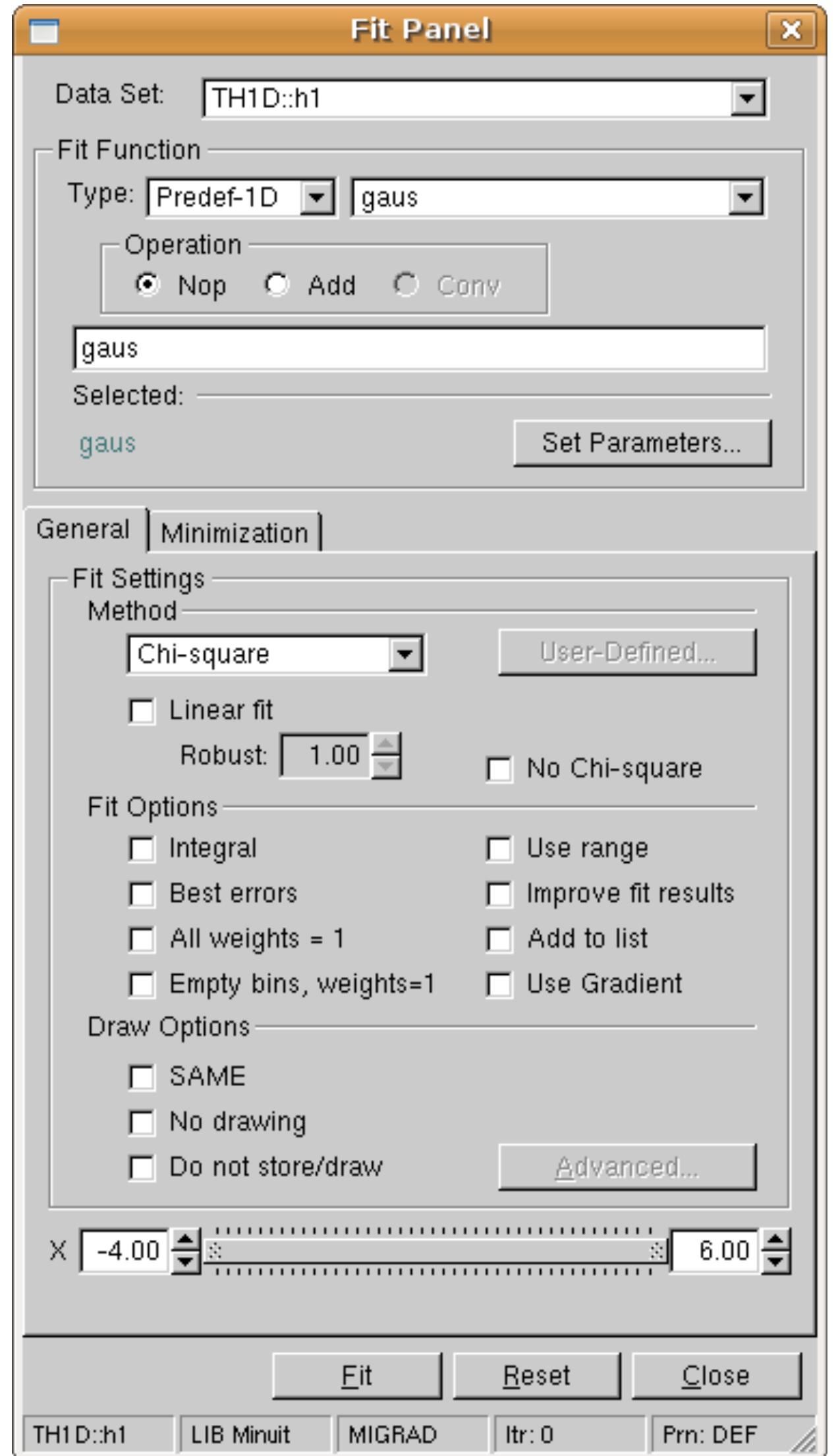
$$T_6(x) = 32x^6 - 48x^4 + 18x^2 - 1.$$



# The Fit Panel



- The fitting in ROOT using the FitPanel GUI
  - GUI for fitting all ROOT data objects (histogram, graphs, trees)
- Using the GUI we can:
  - select data object to fit
  - choose (or create) fit model function
  - set initial parameters
  - choose:
    - fit method (likelihood, chi2 )
    - fit options (e.g Minos errors)
    - drawing options
  - change the fit range

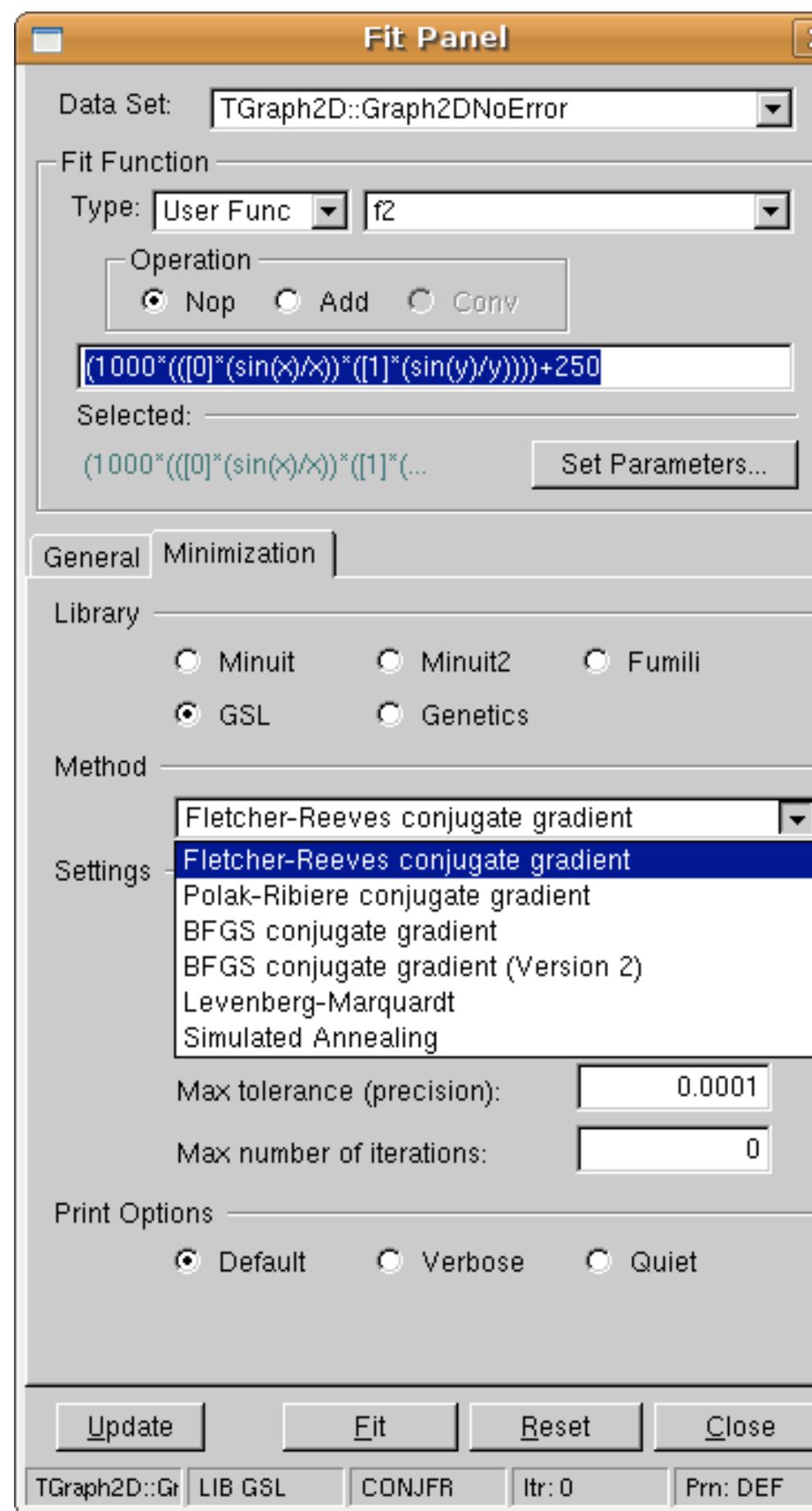


# Fit Panel (2)



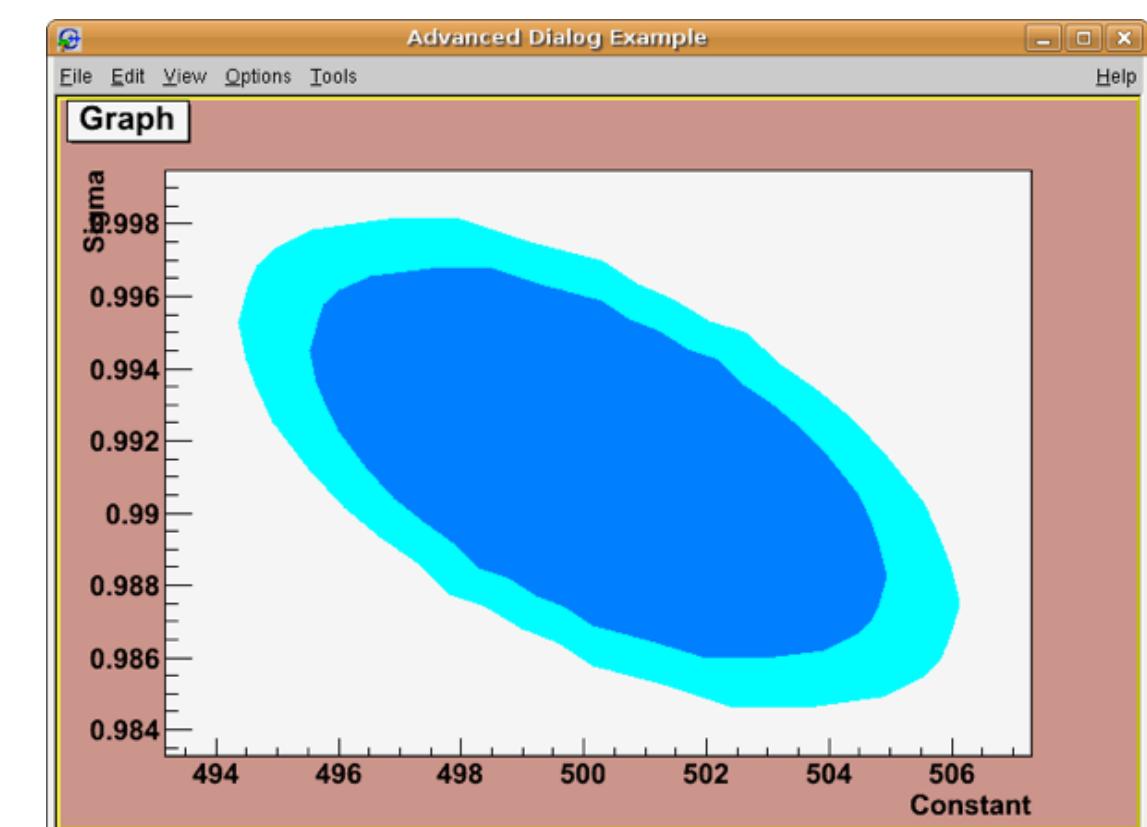
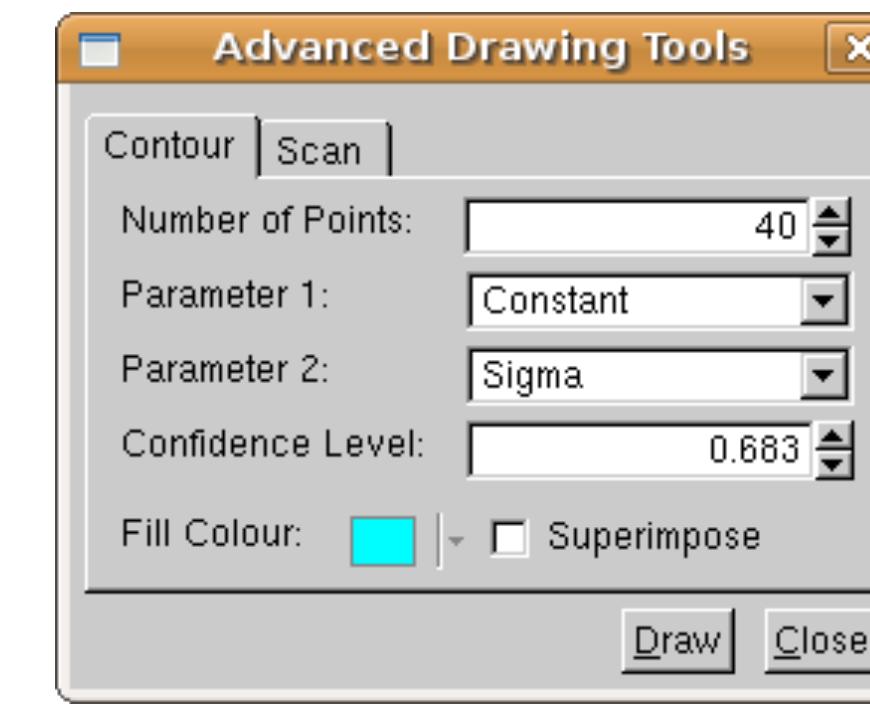
- The Fit Panel provides also extra functionality:

Control the minimization

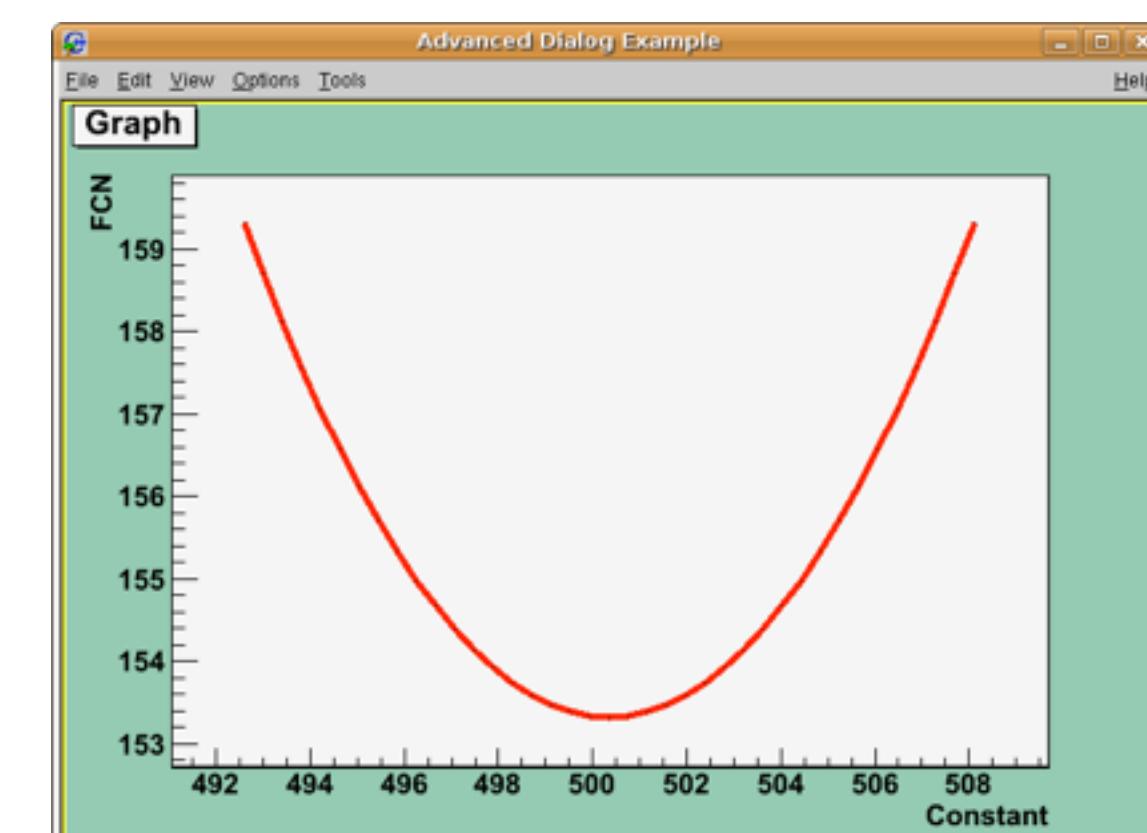
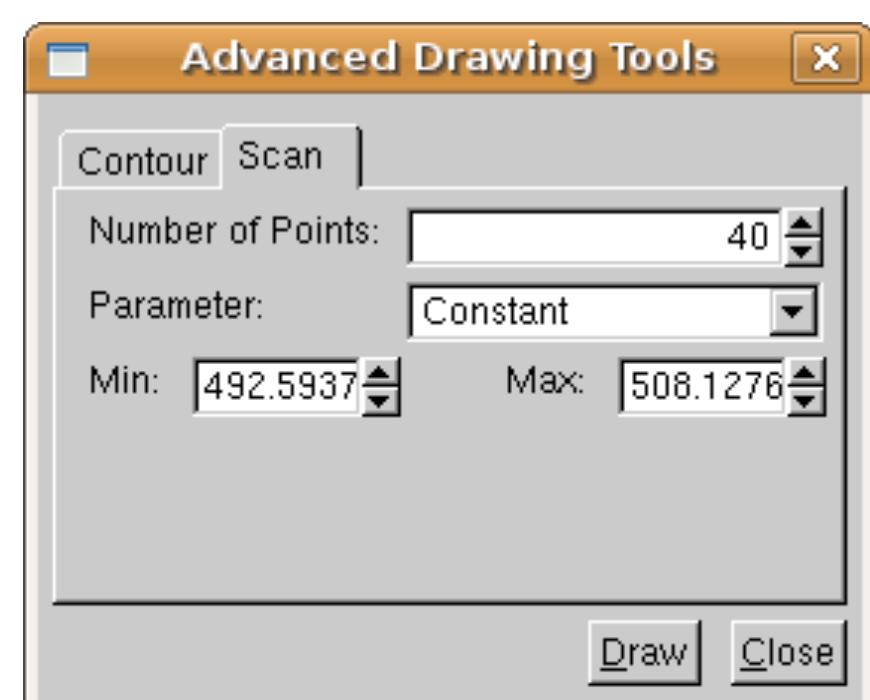


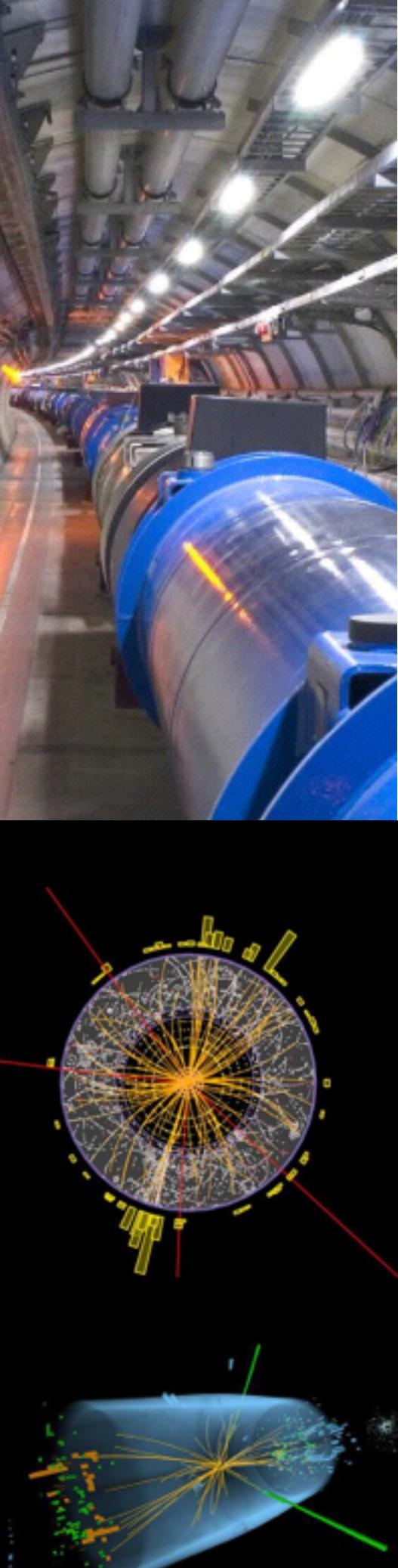
Advanced drawing tools

Contour plot



Scan plot of minimization function

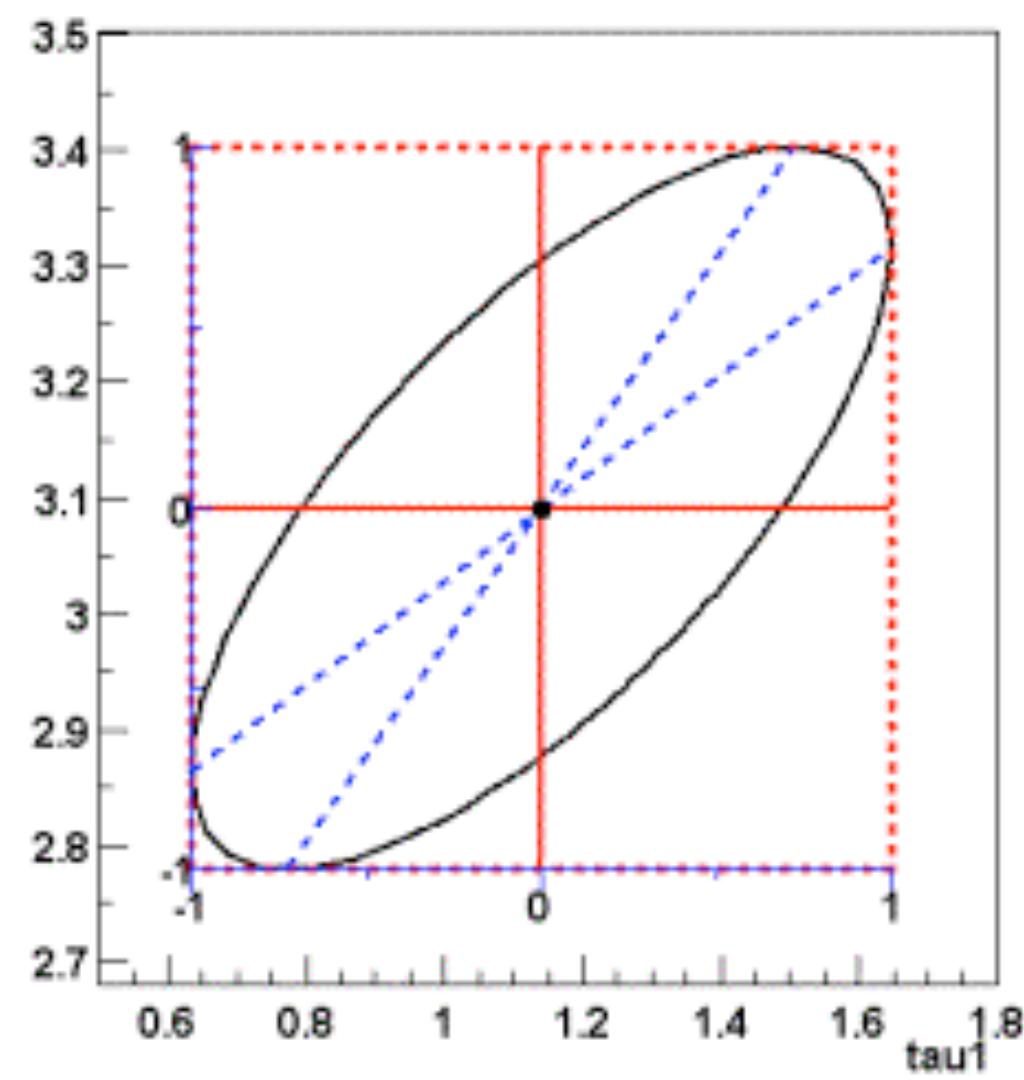
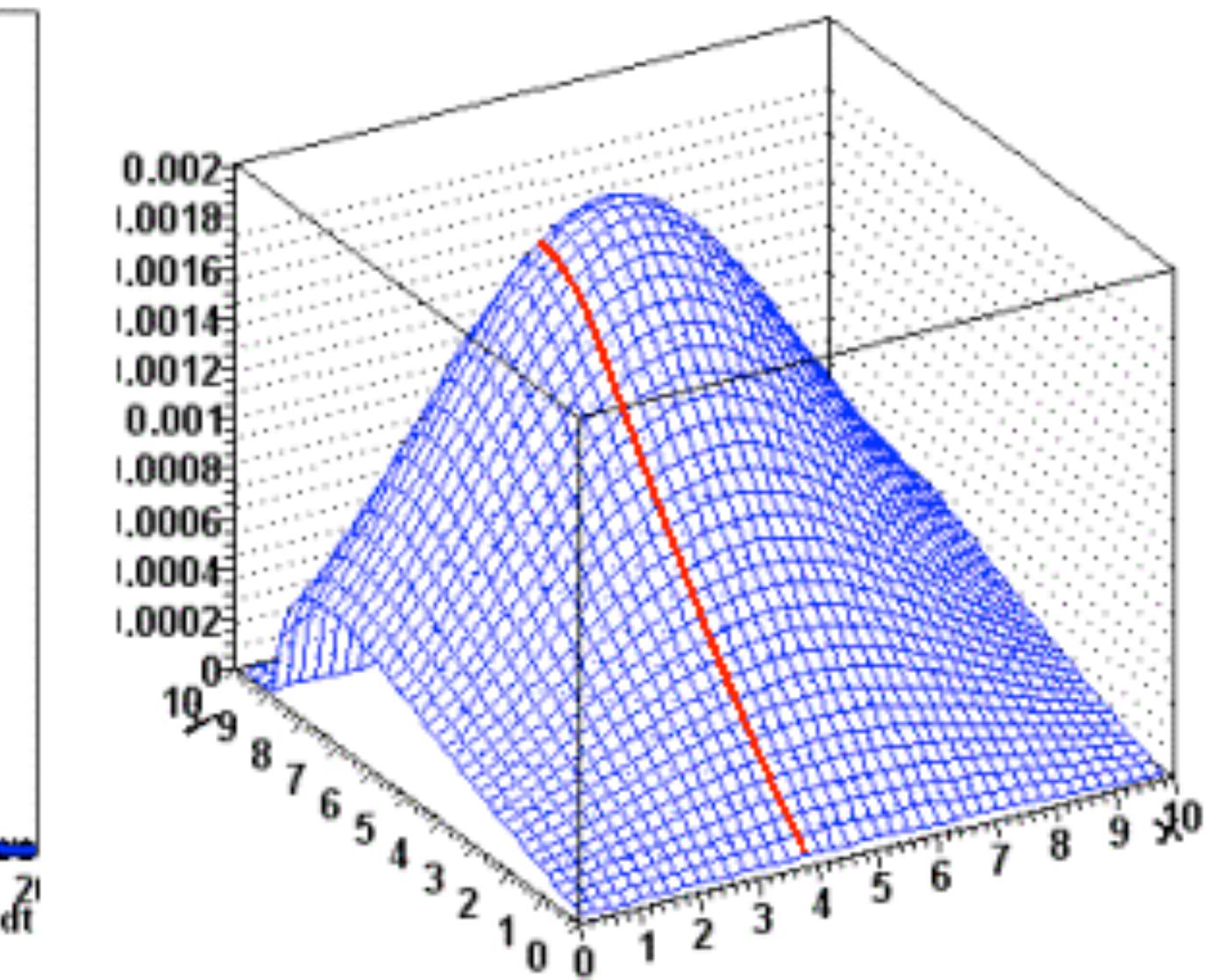
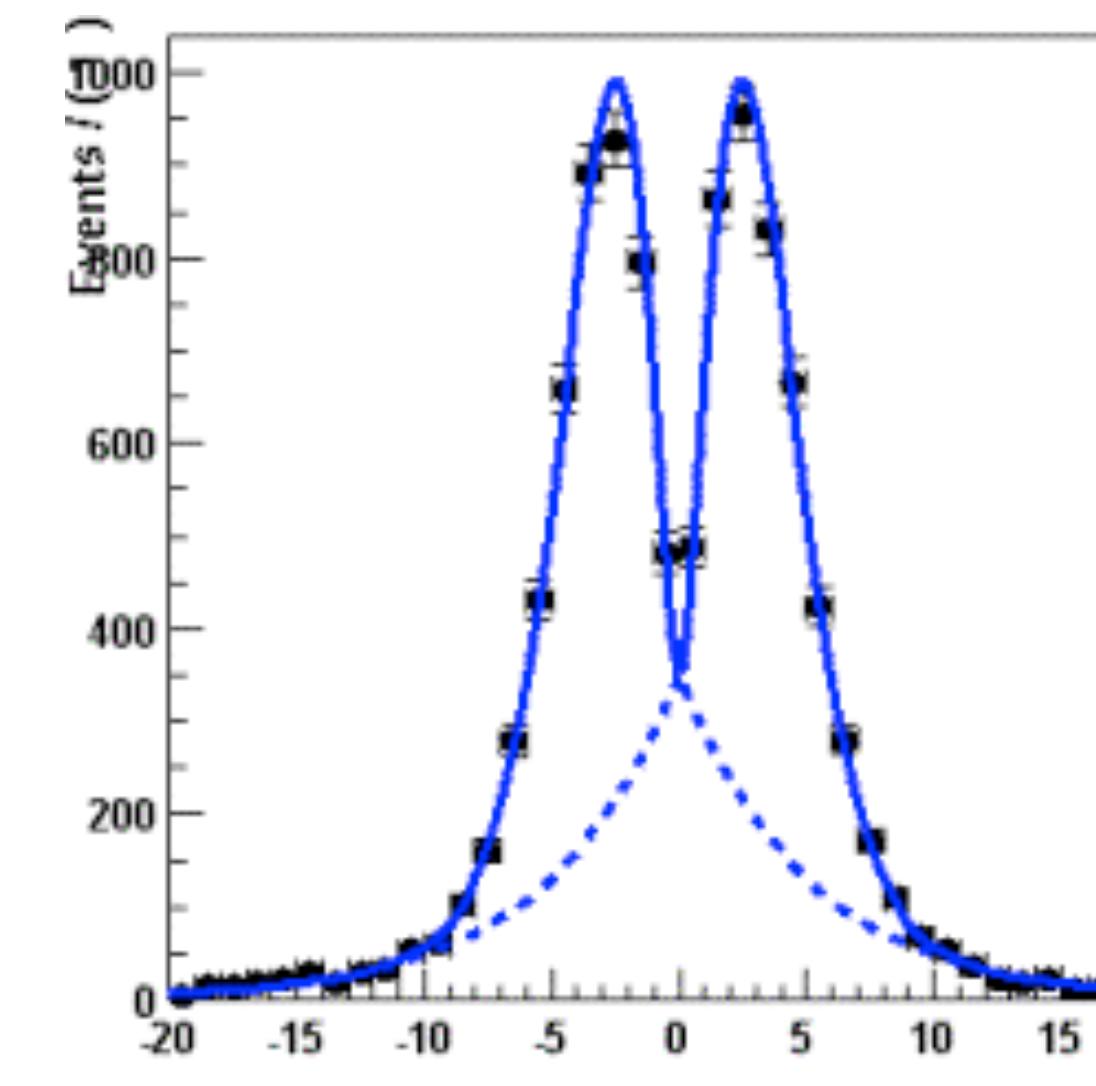




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# RooFit





# Outline



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

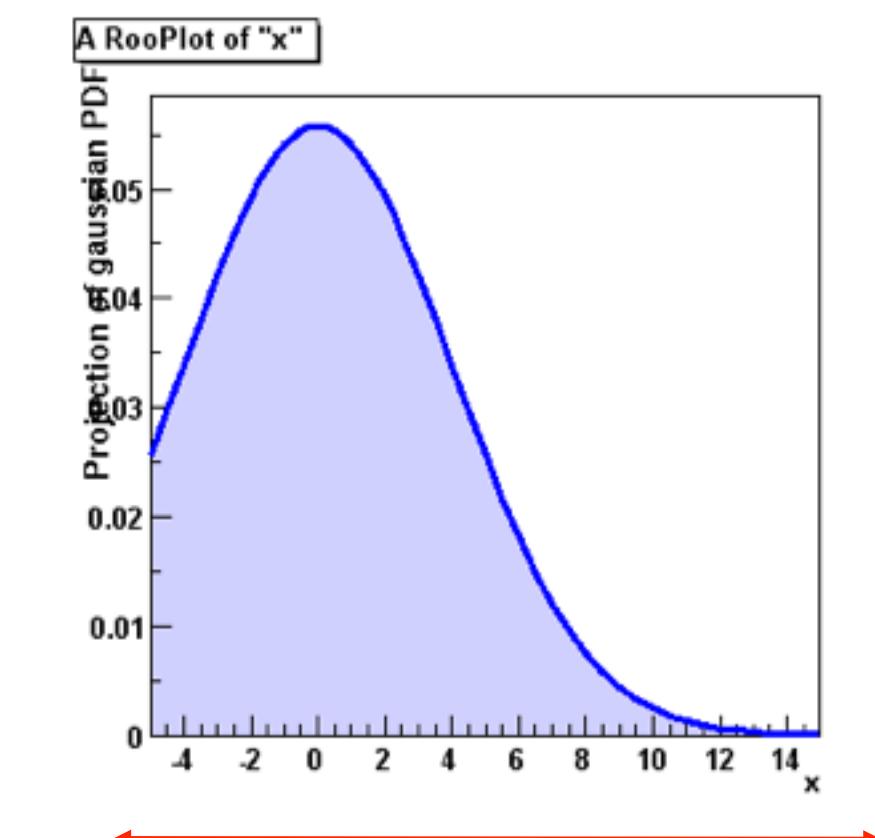
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# What is RooFit ?

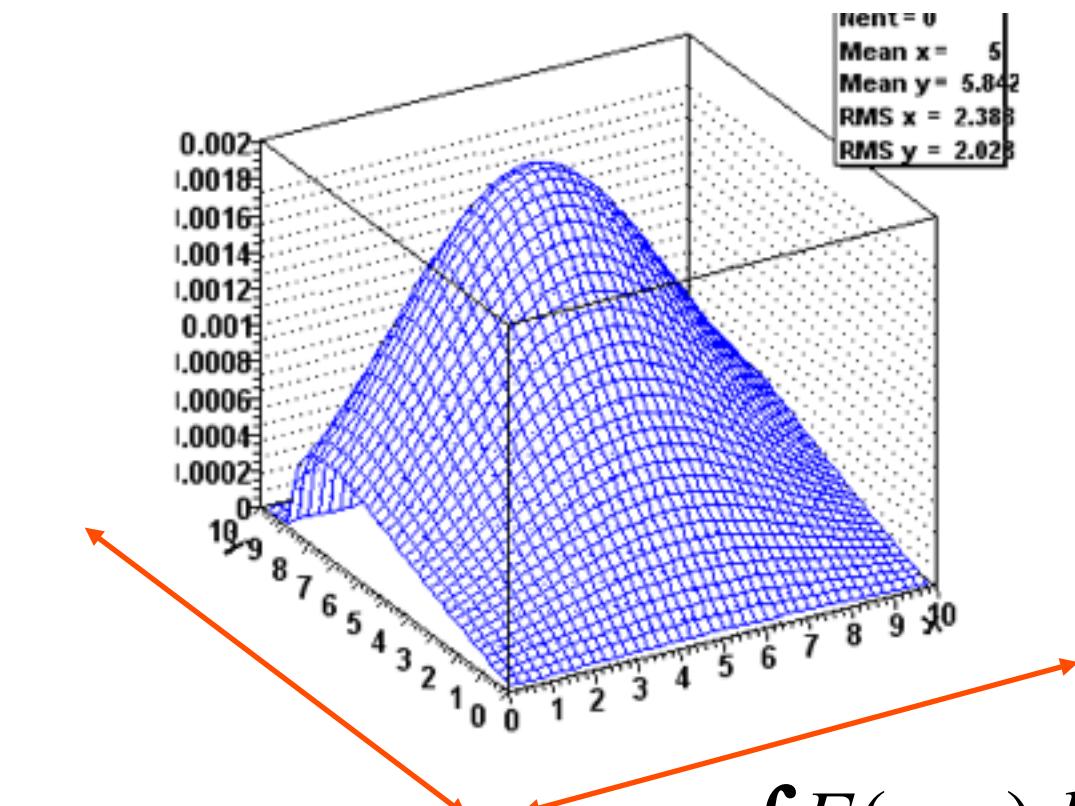


- A toolkit distributed with ROOT and based on its core functionality.
- It is used to model distributions, which can be used for fitting and statistical data analysis.
  - model distribution of observable  $\mathbf{x}$  in terms of parameters  $\mathbf{p}$ 
    - probability density function (p.d.f.):  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p})$
    - p.d.f. are normalized over allowed range of observables  $\mathbf{x}$  with respect to the parameters  $\mathbf{p}$

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



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

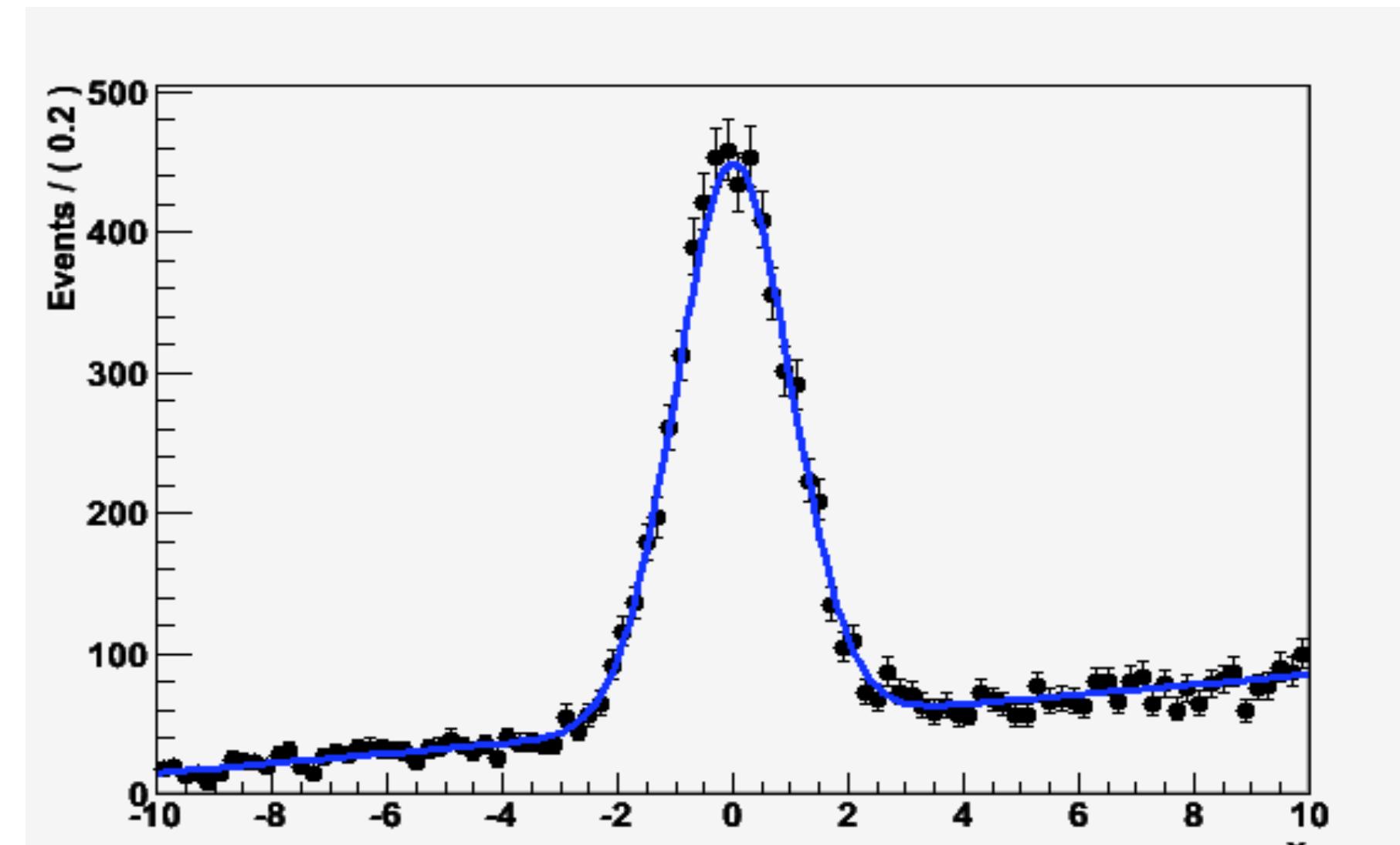


$$\int F(x, y) dx dy \equiv 1$$

# Coding Probability Density Function



- How do we formulate the p.d.f. in ROOT
  - For ‘simple’ problems (gauss, polynomial) this is easy



- But if we want to do complex likelihood fits using non-trivial functions and composing several p.d.f., or to work with multidimensional functions it becomes difficult to do it in ROOT



# Why RooFit ?



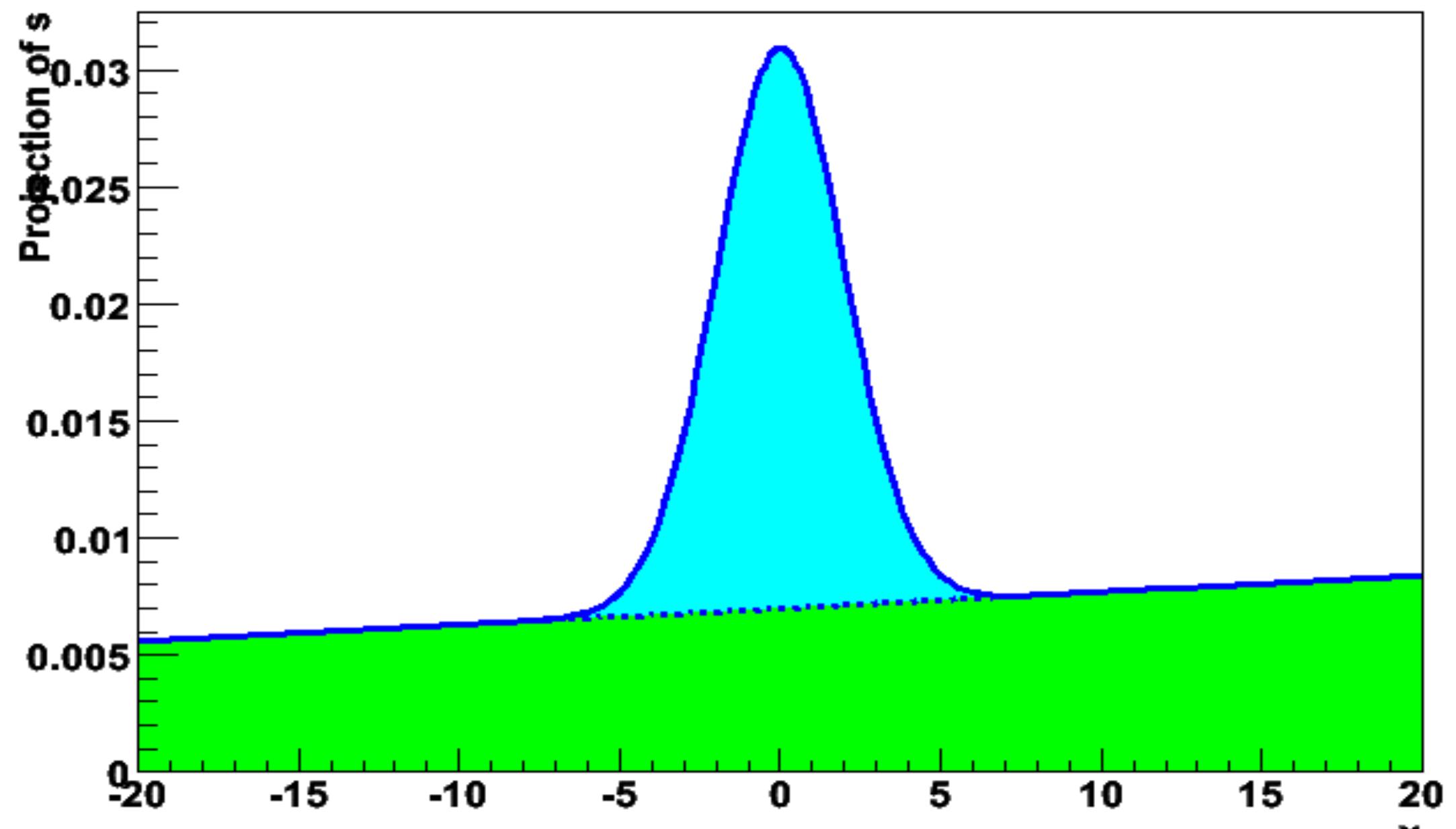
- ROOT can handle complicated functions but it might require writing large amount of code
- Normalization of p.d.f. not always trivial
  - **RooFit does it automatically**
- In complex fit, computation performance important
  - need to optimize code for acceptable performance
  - built-in optimization 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 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

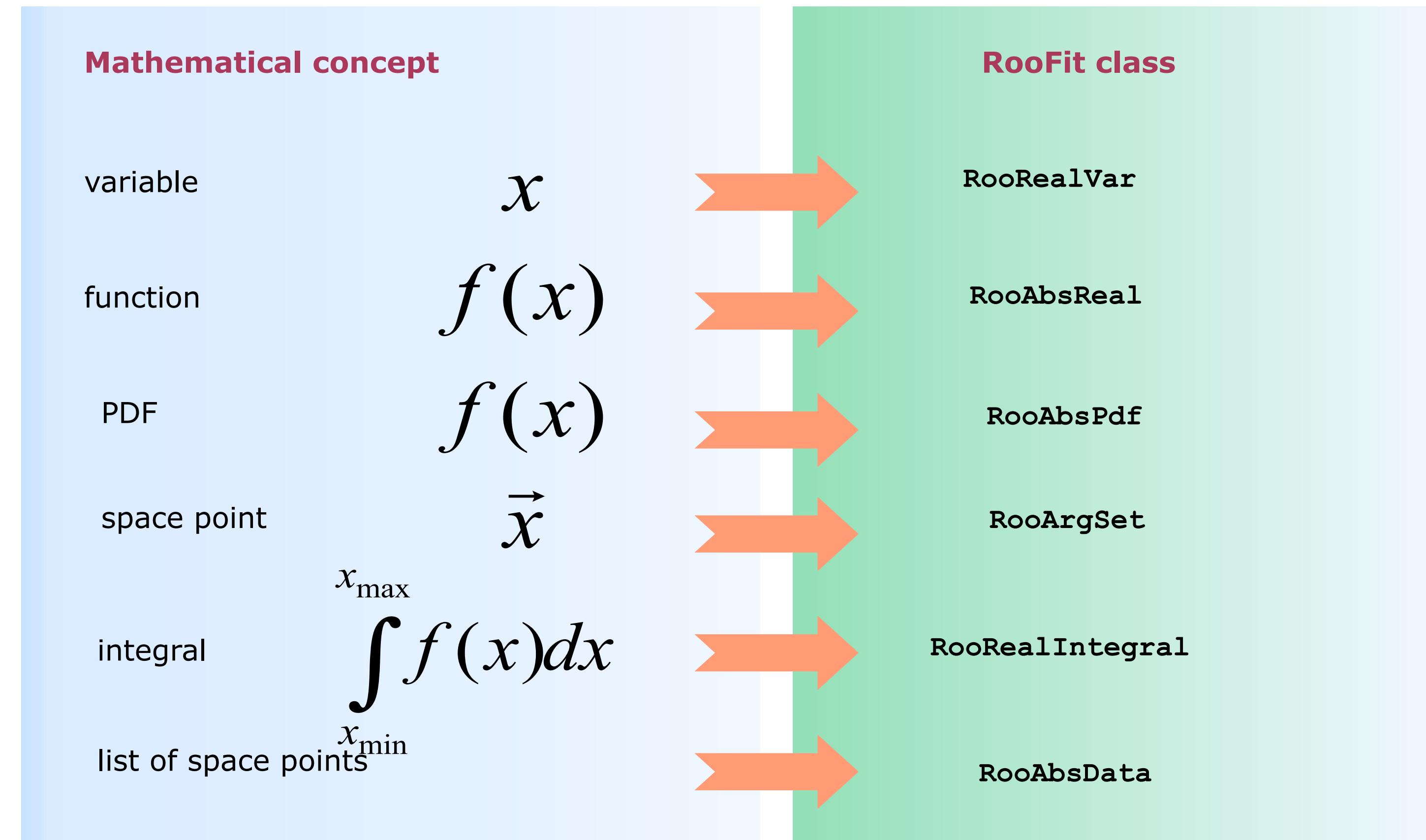


- Why use *probability density* functions rather than ‘plain’ functions to model the data?
  - *Easier to interpret the models.*  
If Blue and Green pdf are each guaranteed to be normalized to 1, then fractions of Blue,Green can be cleanly interpreted as #events
  - Many statistical techniques only function 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





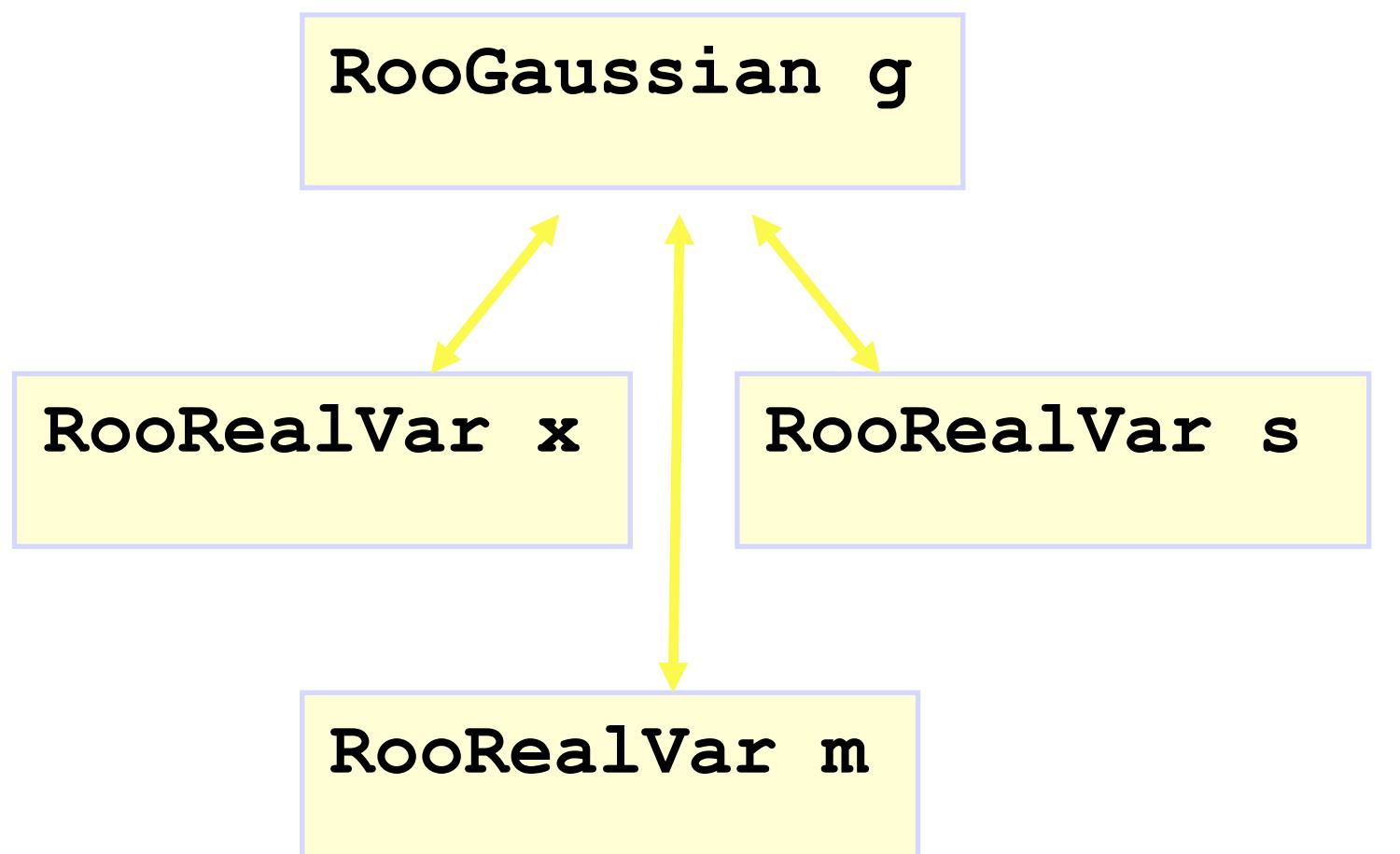
Mathematical concepts are represented as C++ objects





Example: Gaussian pdf

$$Gaus(x,m,s)$$



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

- We make a Gaussian p.d.f. with three variables:  
mass, mean and sigma

The diagram illustrates the construction of a Gaussian probability density function (PDF) using ROOT objects. The code is enclosed in a light yellow box:

```
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)
```

Annotations explain the components:

- Name of object**: Points to the identifier "x".
- Title of object**: Points to the string "Observable".
- Initial range**: Points to the range "-10,10".
- Objects representing a 'real' value.**: A bracket on the left groups the first three lines of code.
- PDF object**: A bracket on the left groups the entire code block.
- Initial value**: Points to the value "0.00027" in the `mean` declaration.
- References to variables**: Points to the variable names `x`, `mean`, and `sigma` in the `model` declaration.



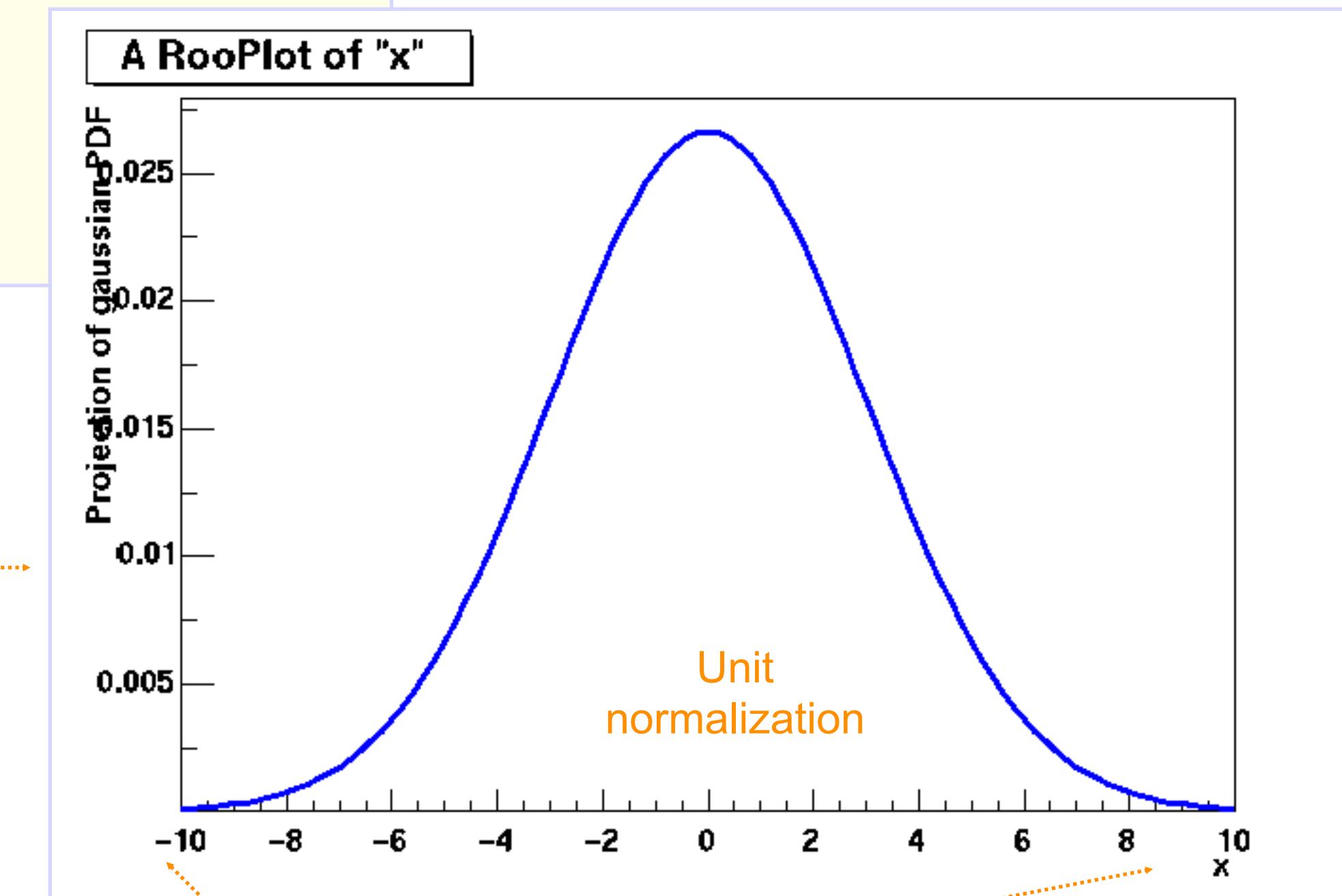
# Creating and plotting a Gaussian p.d.f

Setup gaussian PDF and plot

```
// Create an empty plot frame  
RooPlot* xframe = x.frame() ;  
  
// Plot model on frame  
model.plotOn(xframe) ;  
  
// Draw frame on canvas  
xframe->Draw() ;
```

A `RooPlot` is an empty frame capable of holding anything plotted versus its variable

Axis label from `gauss title`



Plot range taken from limits of `x`

# Basics – Generating toy MC events



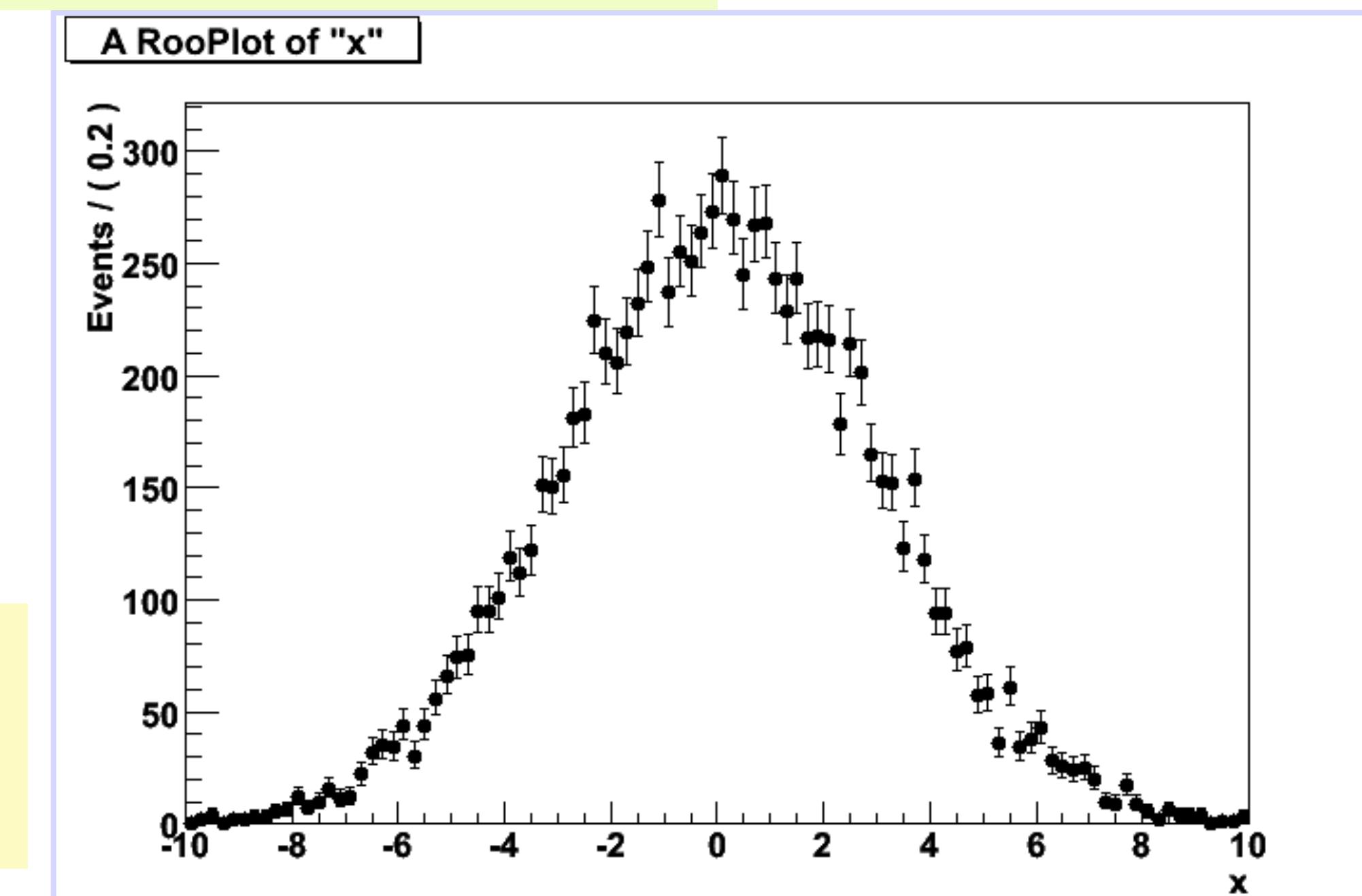
Generate 10000 events from Gaussian p.d.f and show distribution

```
// 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 unbinned 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.



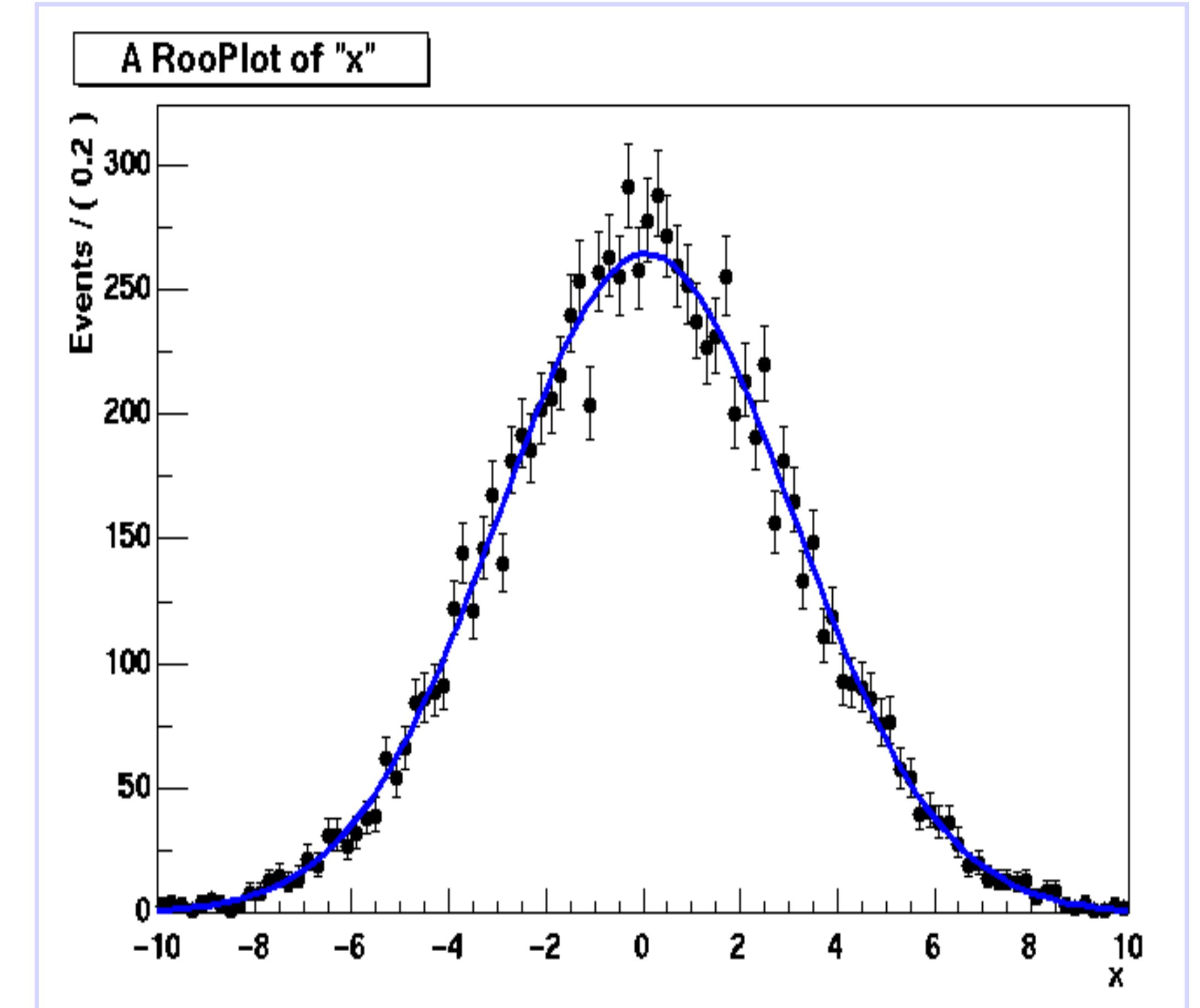
# Basics: Fitting the data

- 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



- 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”)



# 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")
```



```
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
}
```



- 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));
```



- 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)
```

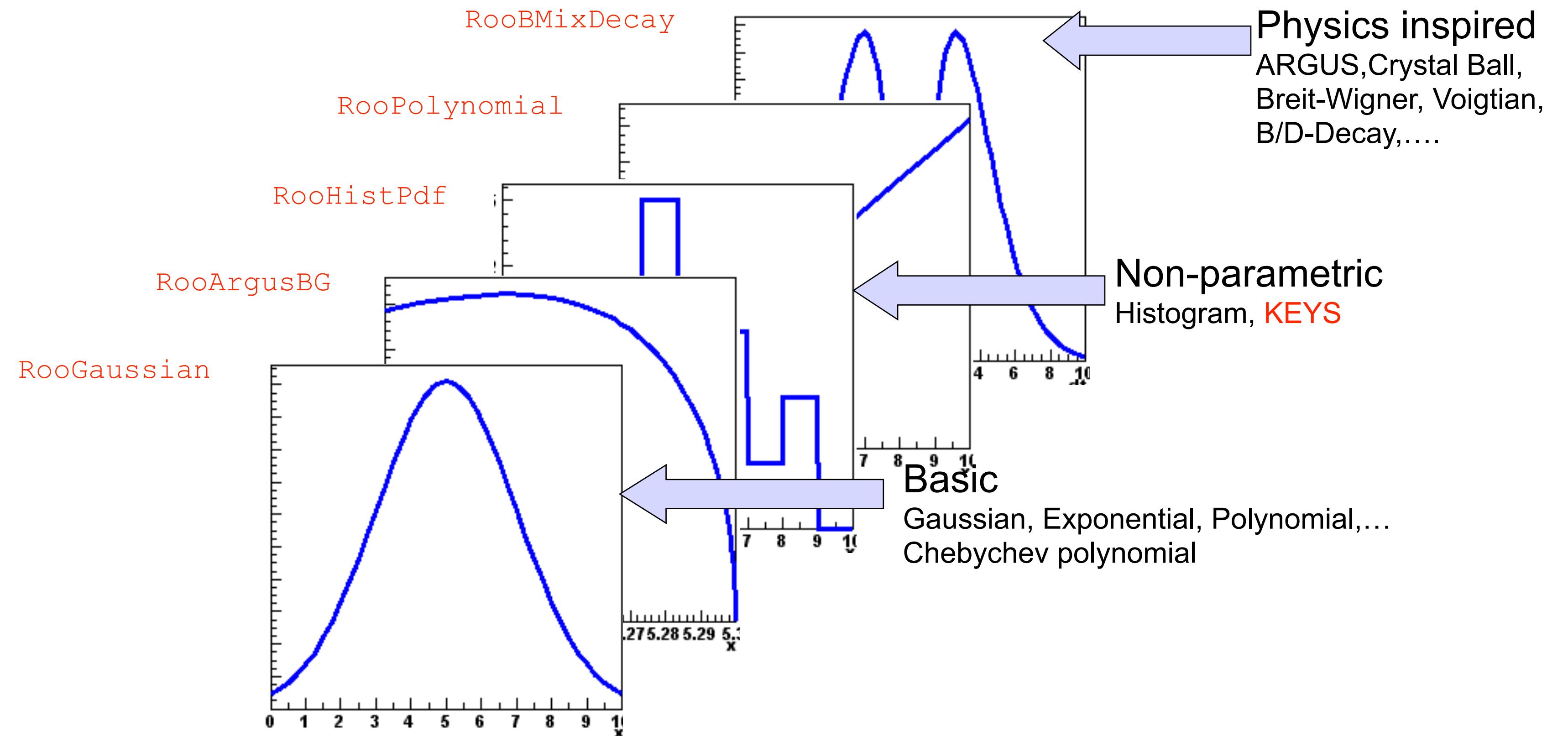
- It is not required to give component objects a name, e.g.

```
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)");
```

- Customized class, compiled and linked on the fly

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

- re-parametrization of variables (making functions)

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

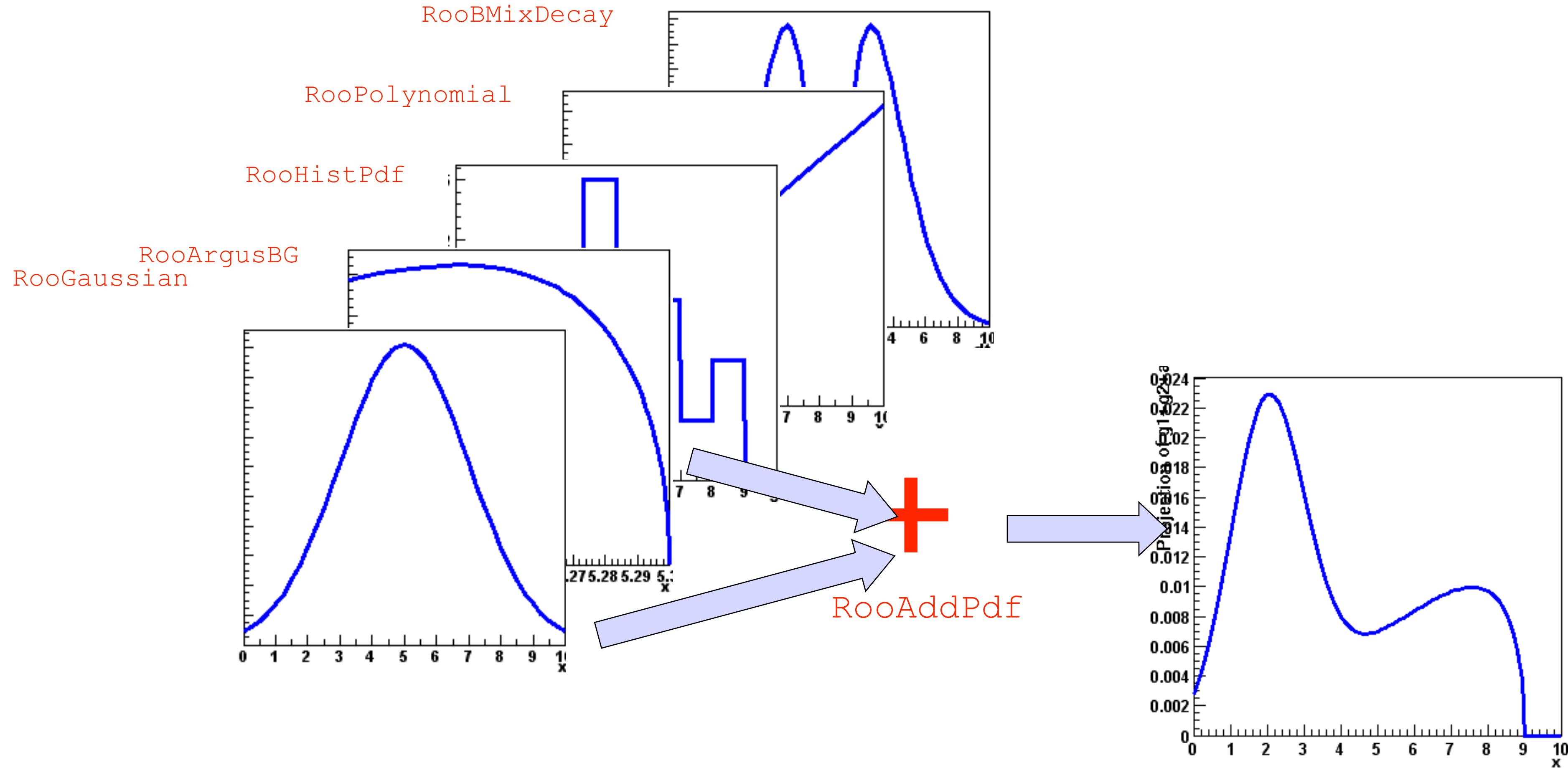
- note using expr (builds a function, a RooAbsReal)
- instead of EXPR (builds a pdf, a RooAbsPdf)

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

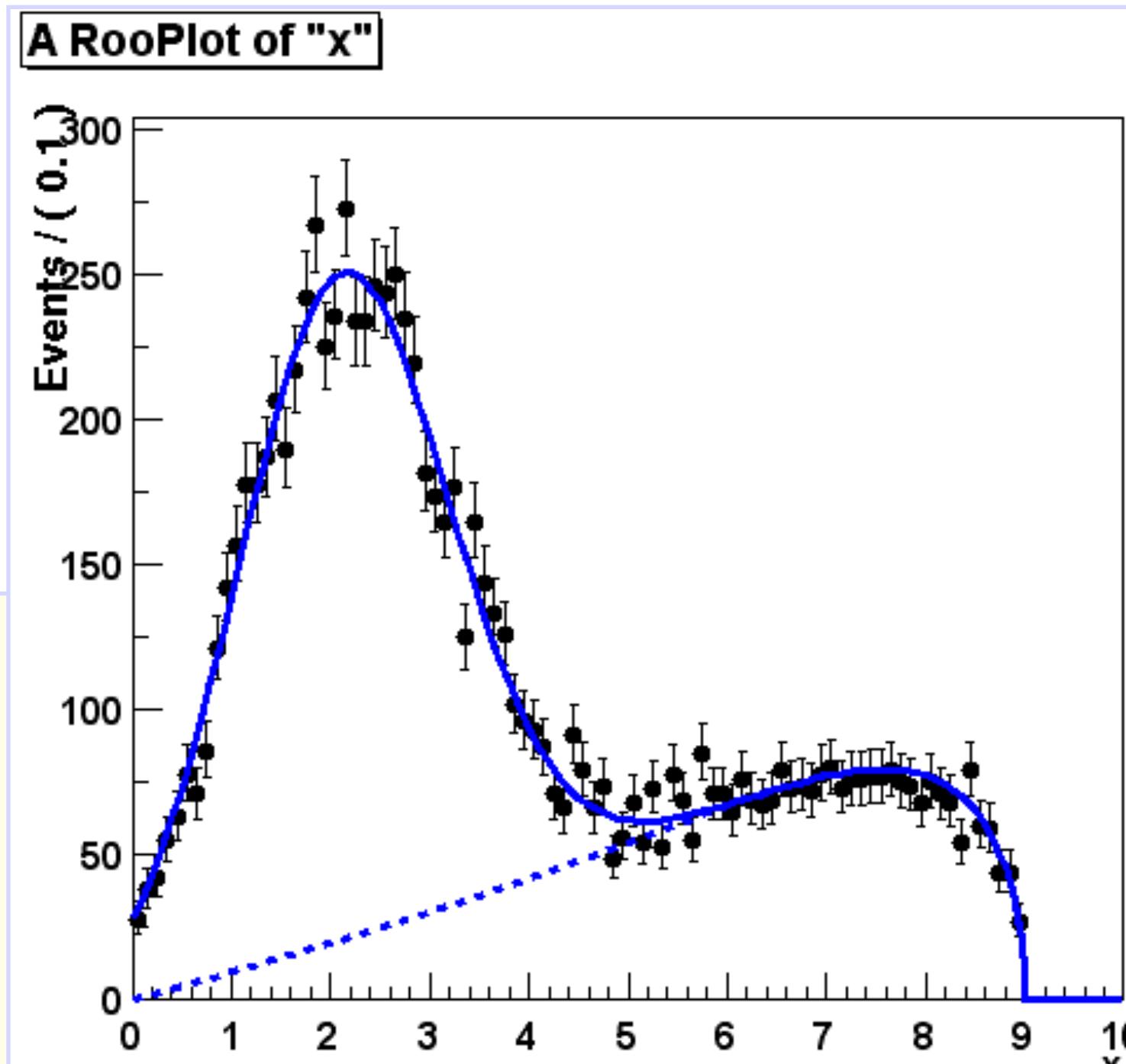
```
w.factory("Gaussian::gauss1(x[0,10],mean1[2],sigma[1])";  
w.factory("Gaussian::gauss2(x,mean2[3],sigma)");  
w.factory("ArgusBG::argus(x,k[-1],9.0)");  
  
w.factory("SUM::sum(g1frac[0.5]*gauss1, g2frac[0.1]*gauss2, argus)")
```

# 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)) ;
```





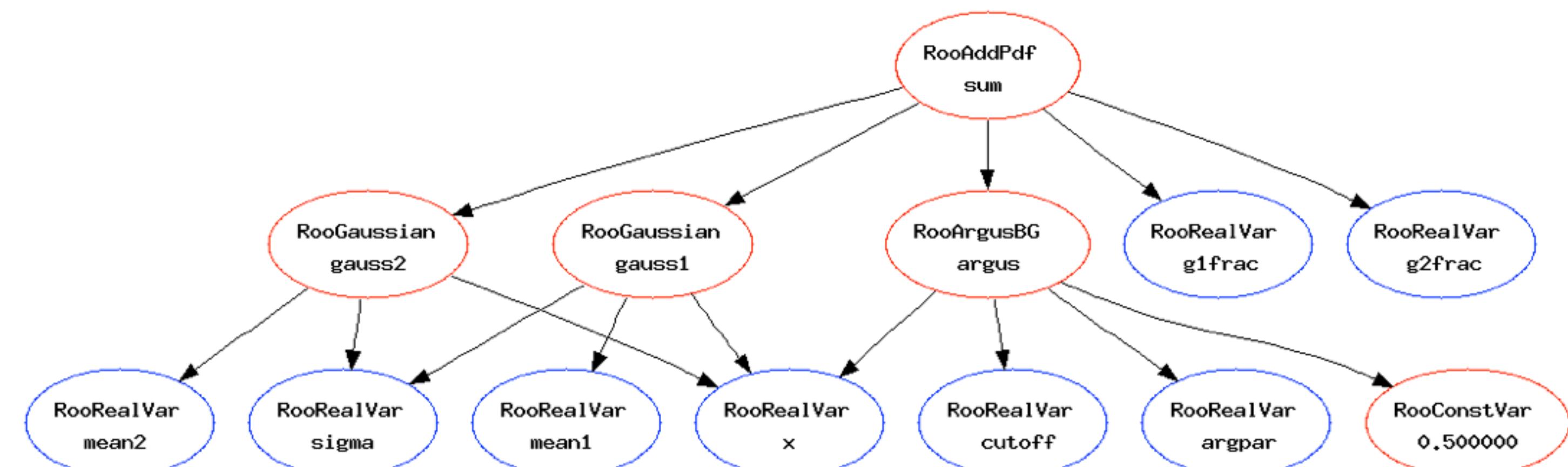
# Operations on specific to composite pdfs

- Tree printing mode of workspace reveals component structure

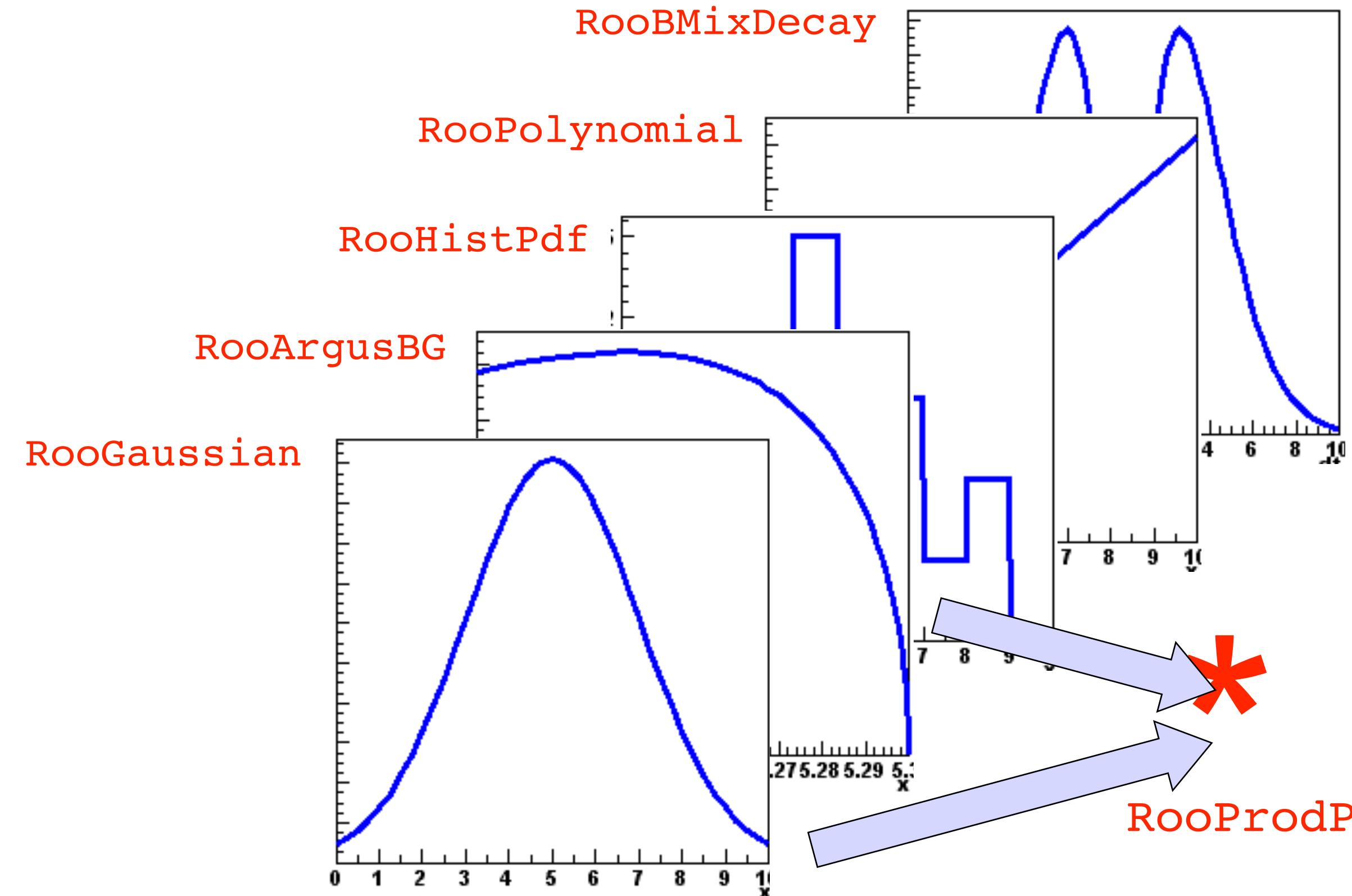
```
w.pdf("sum")->Print("t");  
RooAddPdf::sum[ g1frac * g1 + g2frac * g2 + [%] * argus ] = 0.0687785  
    RooGaussian::g1[ x=x mean=mean1 sigma=sigma ] = 0.135335  
    RooGaussian::g2[ x=x mean=mean2 sigma=sigma ] = 0.011109  
    RooArgusBG::argus[ m=x m0=k c=9 p=0.5 ] = 0
```

- Can also make input files for GraphViz visualization

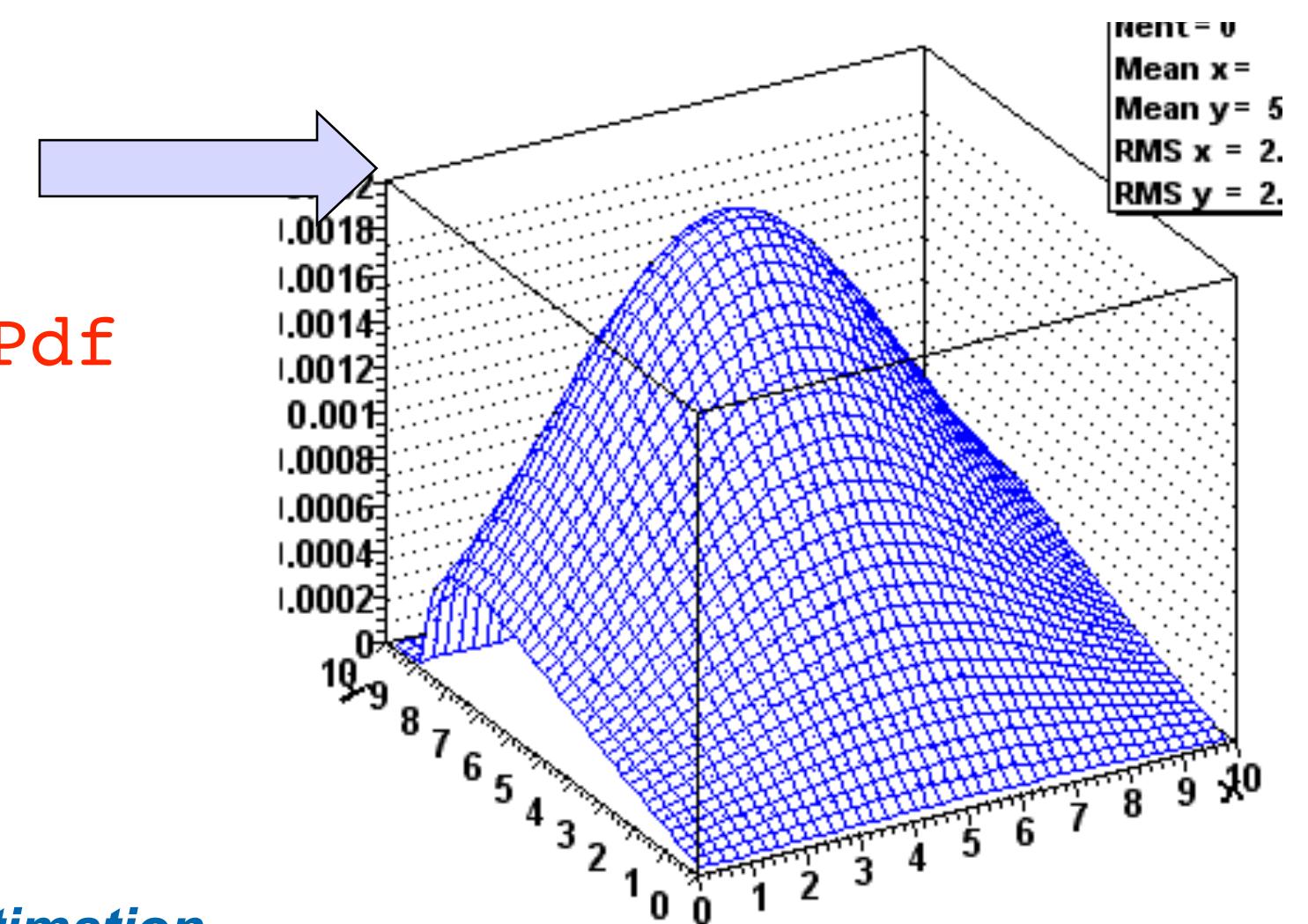
```
w.pdf("sum")->graphVizTree("myfile.dot");
```



# Products of uncorrelated p.d.f.s



$$H(x, y) = F(x) \times G(y)$$





- Mathematical construction of products of uncorrelated p.d.f.s is straightforward

**2D**

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

**nD**

- 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)" );
```



- 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

# Constructing joint pdfs (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")

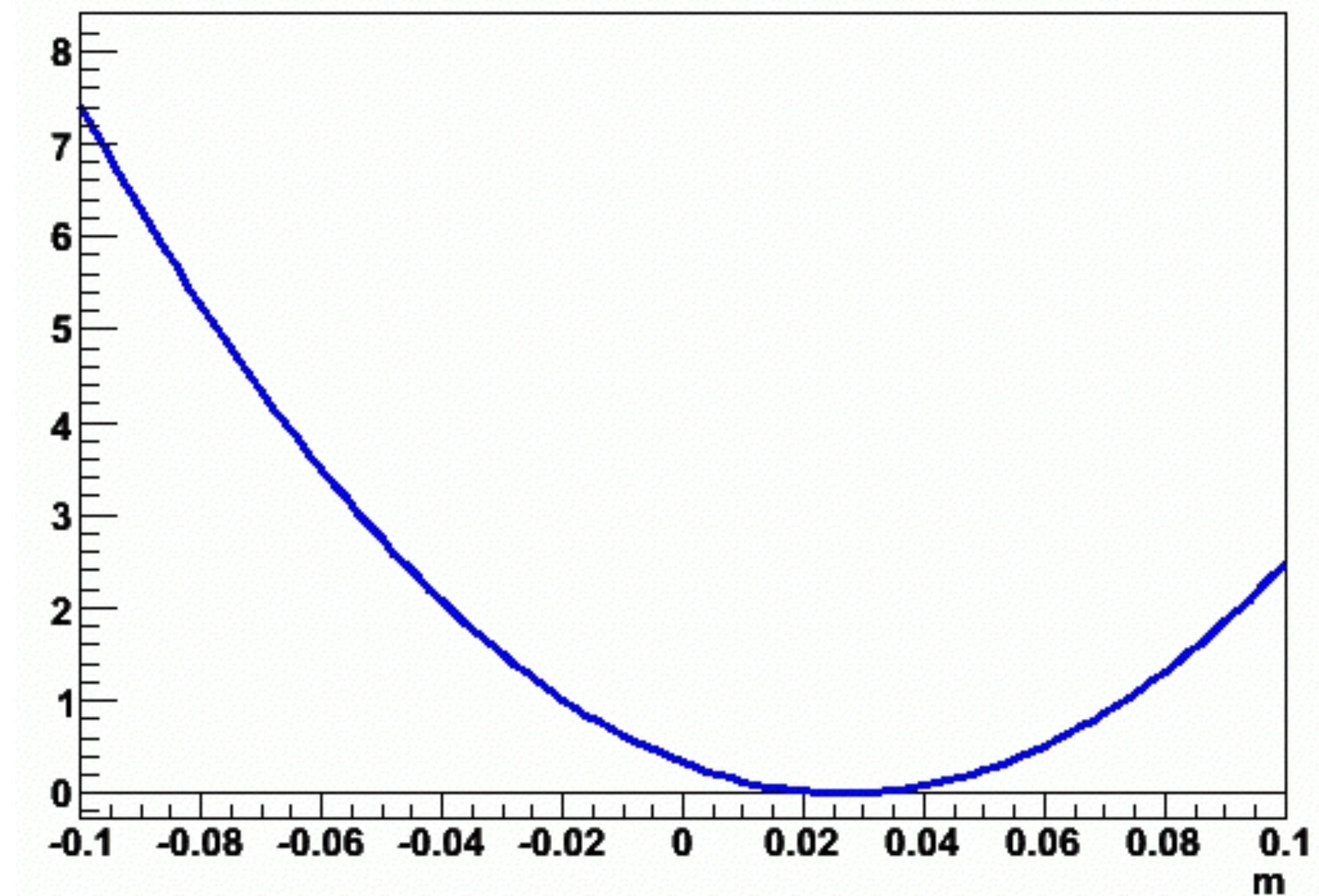
```
RooDataSet *dataA, *dataB ;  
RooDataSet dataAB("dataAB","dataAB",  
                 RooArgSet(*w.var("x"),*w.cat("index")),  
                 Index(*w.cat("index")),  
                 Import("A",*dataA),Import("B",*dataB)) ;
```

# 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 MINIMIZATION 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)
```

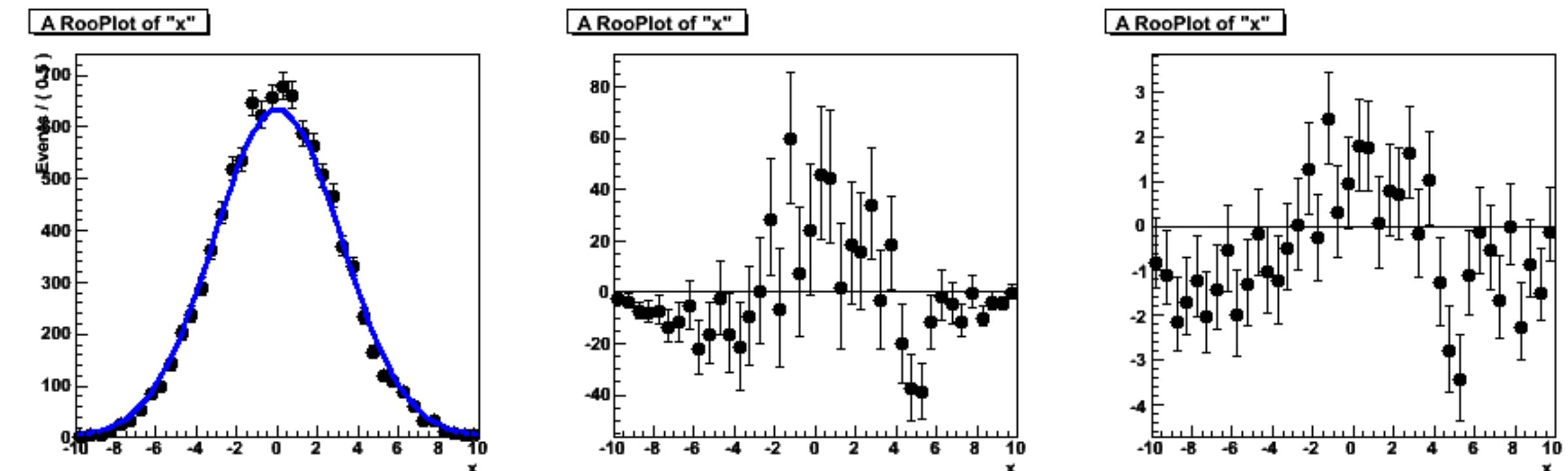
- Also other minimizers (Minuit, GSL etc) supported
- N.B. Different minimizer can also be used from `RooAbsPdf::fitTo`

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



# 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();  
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# Fit Validation Study – The pull distribution

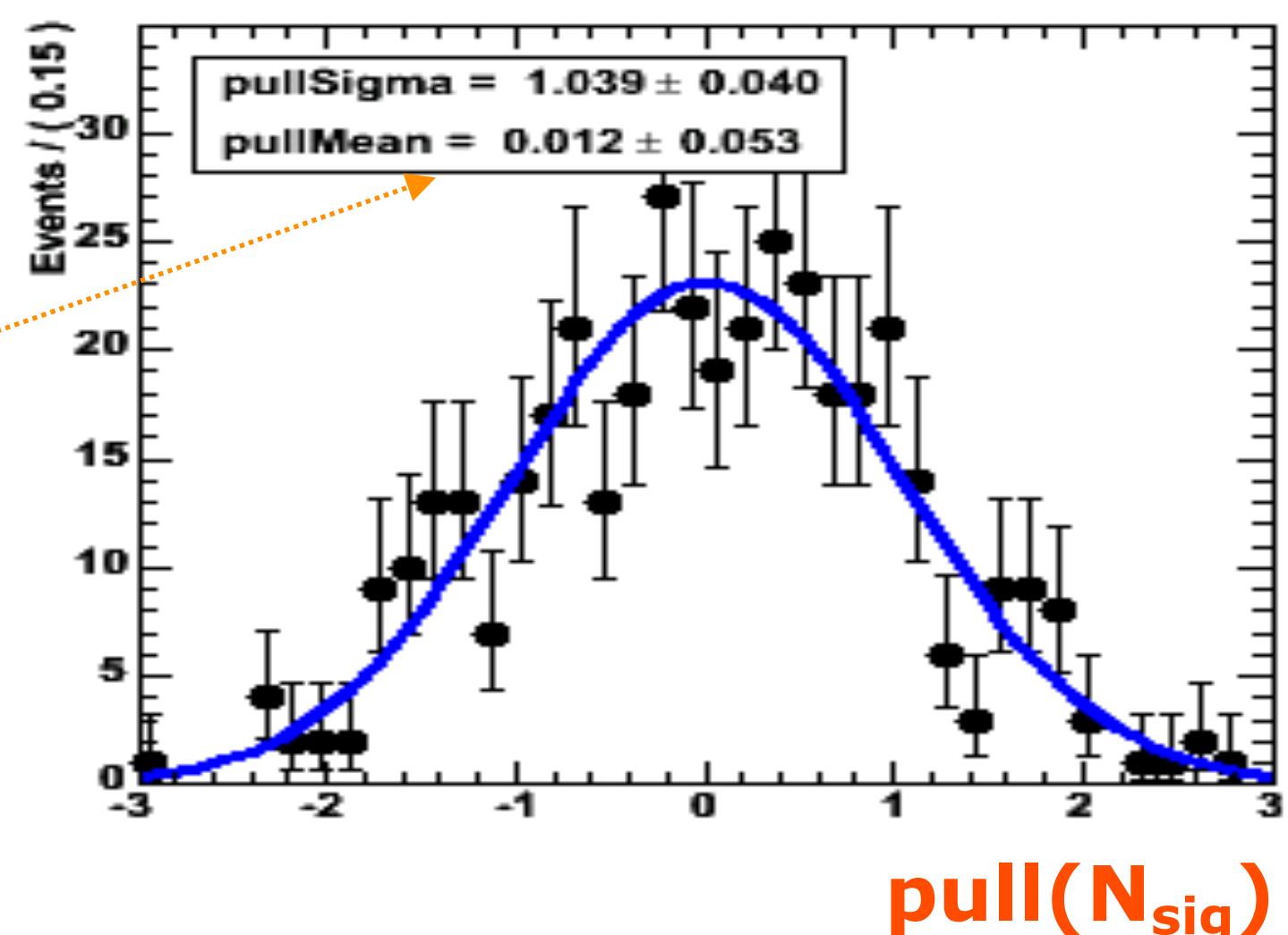
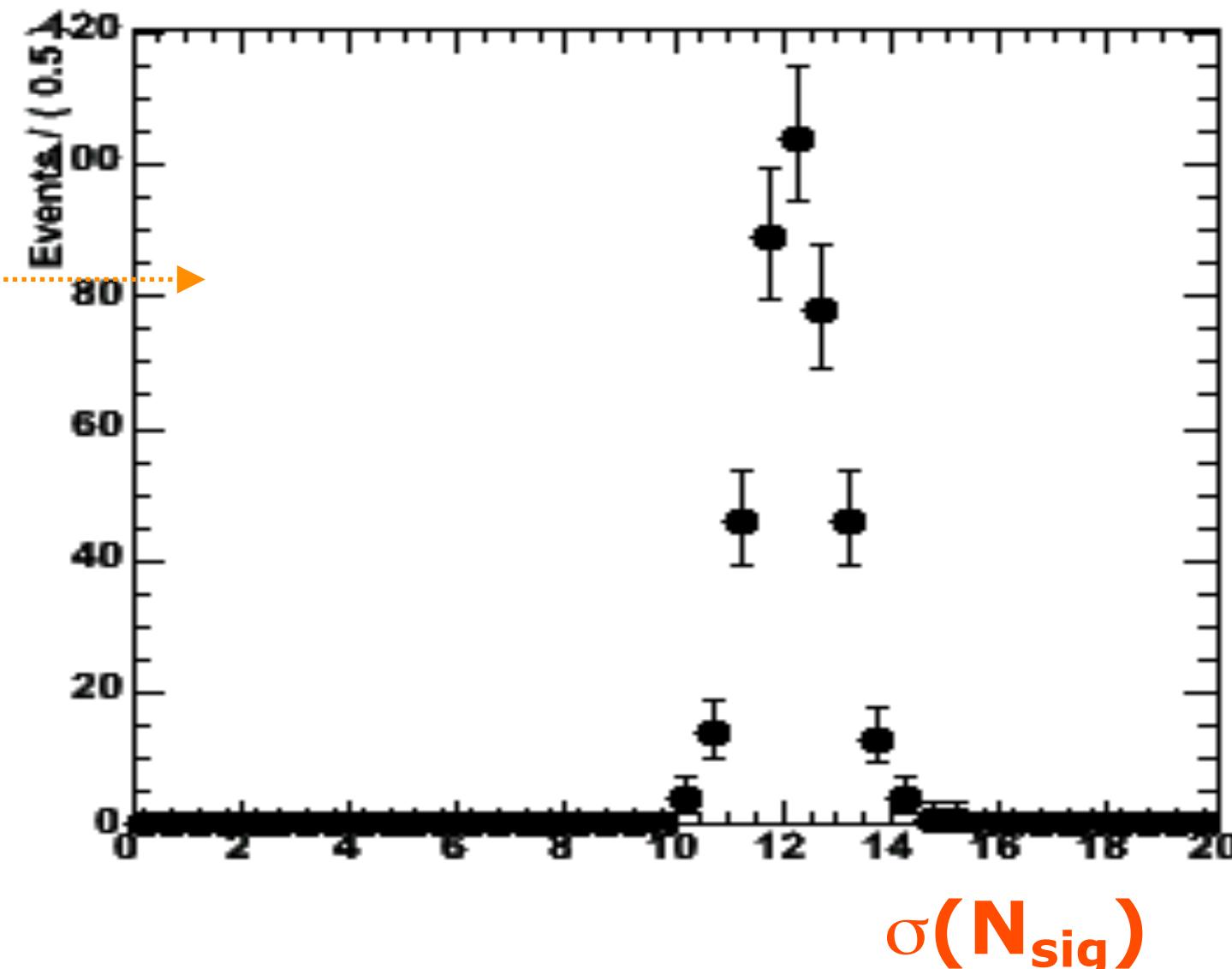


- What about the validity of the error?
  - Distribution of error from simulated experiments is difficult to interpret...
  - We don't have equivalent of  $N_{\text{sig}}$ (generated) for the error
- Solution: look at the ***pull distribution***

Definition:

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

- 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





# 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)



- 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](http://indico.in2p3.fr/getFile.py/access?contribId=15&resId=0&materialId=slides&confId=750)



- Understand better confidence intervals and hypothesis testing
- See practical examples of estimating frequentist and bayesian intervals using RooStats
  - e.g. show how to make Brazilian plots with RooStat
- See examples of estimating discovery significance

