

# Search and Discovery Statistics in HEP Lecture 2




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# What can you expect from the Lectures

-  Lecture 1: Basic Concepts  
Histograms, PDF, Testing Hypotheses,  
LR as a Test Statistics, p-value, POWER, CLs  
Measurements
-  Lecture 2: Wald Theorem, Asymptotic Formalism, Asimov Data Set, Feldman-Cousins, PL & CLs
-  Lecture 3: Asimov Significance  
Look Elsewhere Effect  
1D LEE the non-intuitive thumb rule  
(upcrossings, trial  $\# \sim Z$ )  
2D LEE (Euler Characteristic)

# Profile Likelihood & Wilks Theorem



# Wilks theorem in the presence of NPs

- Given  $n$  parameters of interest and any number of NPs, then

$$\lambda(\alpha_i) = \frac{L(\alpha_i, \hat{\theta}_j)}{L(\hat{\alpha}_i, \hat{\theta}_j)}$$

$$q(\alpha_i) \equiv -2 \log \lambda(\alpha_i) \sim \chi_n^2$$

# Bump Hunt

*Test  $H_0$  with  $q_0$ , Reject  $H_0 \Rightarrow$  Discovery*

$$q_0 = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(0) & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases} \quad \lambda(0) = \frac{L(0, \hat{\theta}_0)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$$

*Test  $H_\mu(m_H)$  with  $q_\mu$  Reject  $H_\mu(m_H) \Rightarrow$*

*Exclusion of a Higgs with  $m_H \Rightarrow \mu_{up}(m_H)$*

$$q_\mu = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(\mu) & \hat{\mu} \leq \mu \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} > \mu \end{cases} \quad \lambda(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$$



# Classification of Test Statistics

Test Stat.	Purpose	Expression	LR
$q_0$	discovery of positive signal	$q_0 = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(0) & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$	$\lambda(0) = \frac{L(0, \hat{\theta})}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$
$t_\mu$	2-sided measurement	$t_\mu = -2 \ln \lambda(\mu)$	$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta})}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$
$\bar{t}_\mu$	avoid negative signal (Feldman-Cousins)	$\bar{t}_\mu = -2 \ln \tilde{\lambda}(\mu)$	$\tilde{\lambda}(\mu) = \begin{cases} \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu))}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu))}{L(0, \hat{\theta}(0))} & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$
$q_\mu$	exclusion	$q_\mu = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(\mu) & \hat{\mu} \leq \mu \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} > \mu \end{cases}$	
$\bar{q}_\mu$	exclusion of positive signal	$\bar{q}_\mu = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu))}{L(0, \hat{\theta}(0))} & \hat{\mu} < 0, \\ -2 \ln \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu))}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} & 0 \leq \hat{\mu} \leq \mu \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} > \mu \end{cases}$	



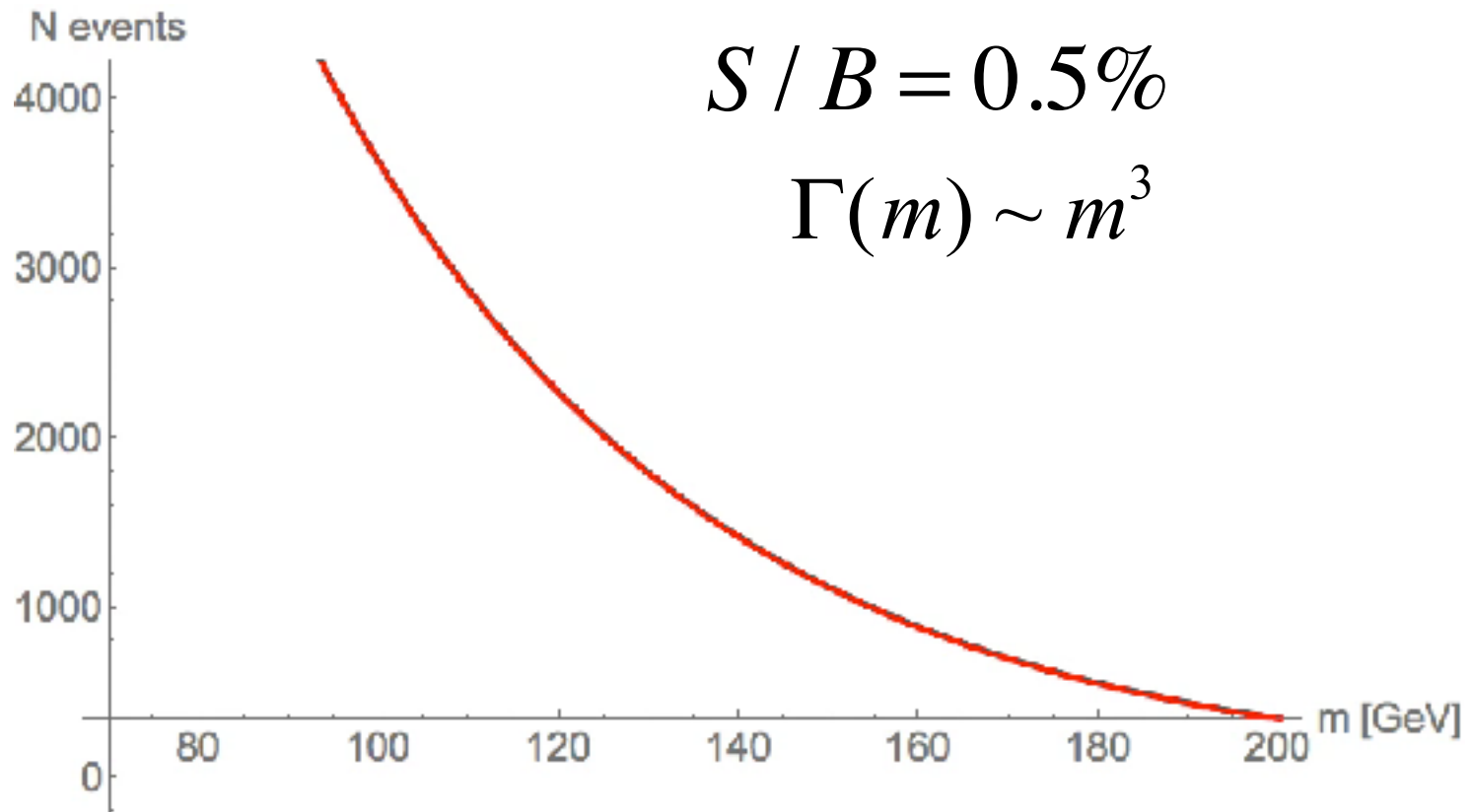
# Study Case 2: Bump Hunt

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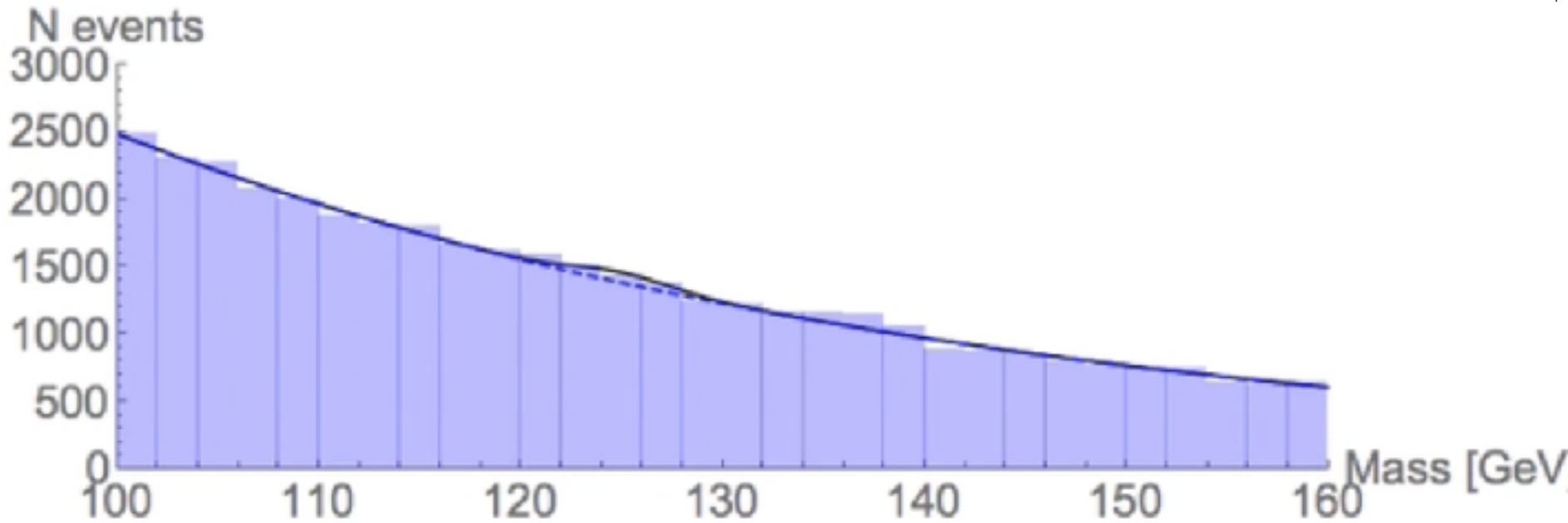
# Bump Hunt

Gamma Gamma like BG and a Gaussian signal on top of it

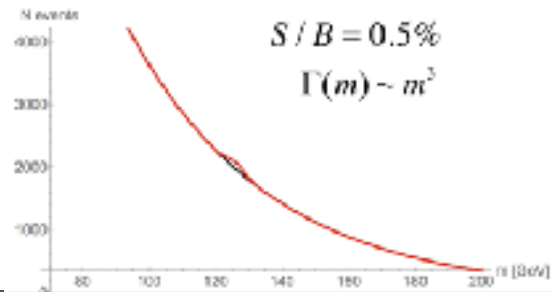




# A GammaGammaLike Signal



Luminosity is the number of events in the histogram



# Asymptotic Approximation

## Asymptotic formulae for likelihood-based tests of new physics

Glen Cowan (Royal Holloway, U. of London), Kyle Cranmer (New York U.), Eilam Gross, Ofer Vitells (Weizmann Inst.), Jul 10, 2010. 25 pp.  
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# Test Statistic $t_\mu = -2\ln\lambda(\mu)$

$$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} \quad t_\mu = -2\ln\lambda(\mu)$$

*Higher values of  $t_\mu$  correspond to increasing incompatibility between the data and  $\mu$*



# Wald Theorem

$$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} \quad t_\mu = -2 \ln \lambda(\mu) \quad \text{Wilks} \Rightarrow f(t_\mu | \mu) \sim \chi_1^2$$

How does  $t_\mu$  distribute under  $H_{\mu'}$  ( $\mu' \neq \mu$ )

S.S. Wilks, *The large-sample distribution of the likelihood ratio for testing composite hypotheses*, Ann. Math. Statist. **9** (1938) 60-2.

$$t_\mu = -2 \ln \lambda(\mu) = \frac{(\mu - \hat{\mu})^2}{\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2} + O(1/\sqrt{N})$$

(Use the Asimov Dataset to estimate  $\sigma$ )

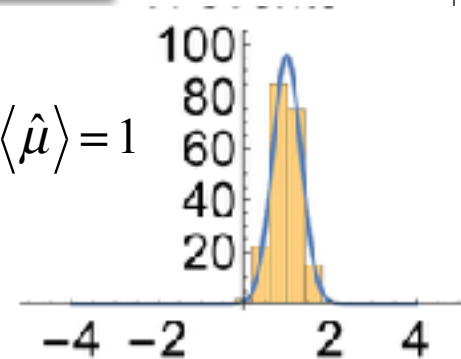
$f(t_\mu | \mu')$  follows a noncentral Chi squared distribution

with non-centrality parameter  $\Lambda = \frac{(\mu - \mu')^2}{\sigma^2}$  with 1 d.o.f

where  $\hat{\mu} \sim G(\mu', \sigma)$

N is the sample size

$$\mu' = 1 \Rightarrow \langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = 1$$



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$$f(t_\mu; \Lambda) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t_\mu}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{t_\mu} + \sqrt{\Lambda})^2\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{t_\mu} - \sqrt{\Lambda})^2\right) \right]$$

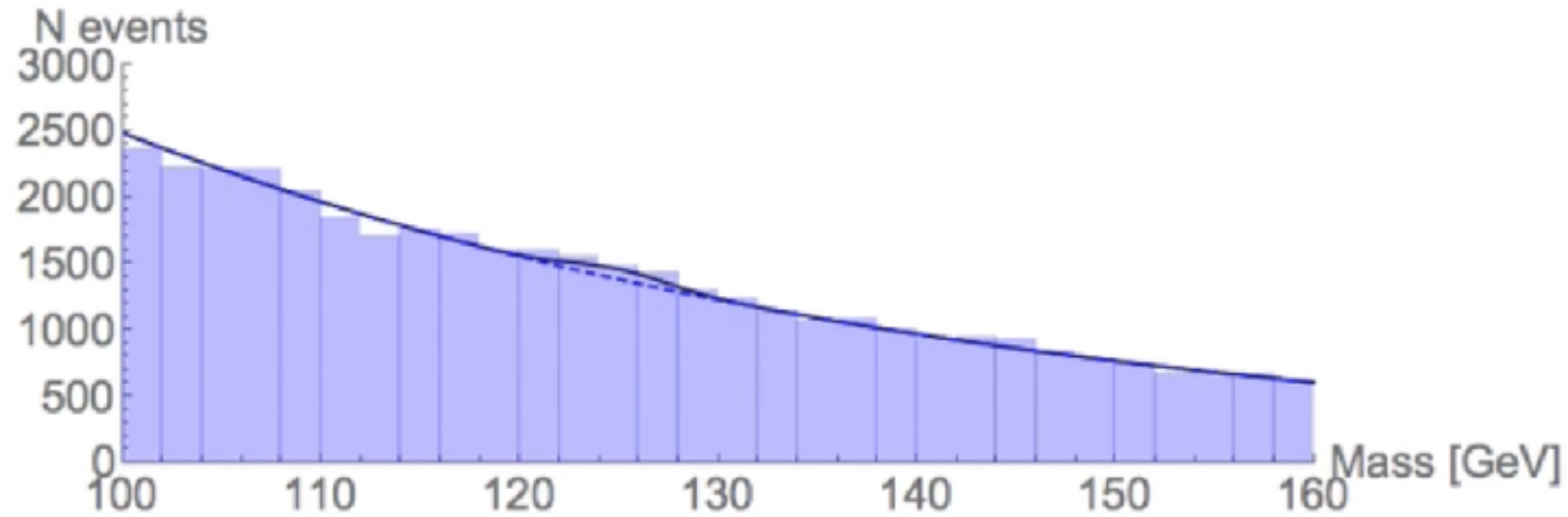
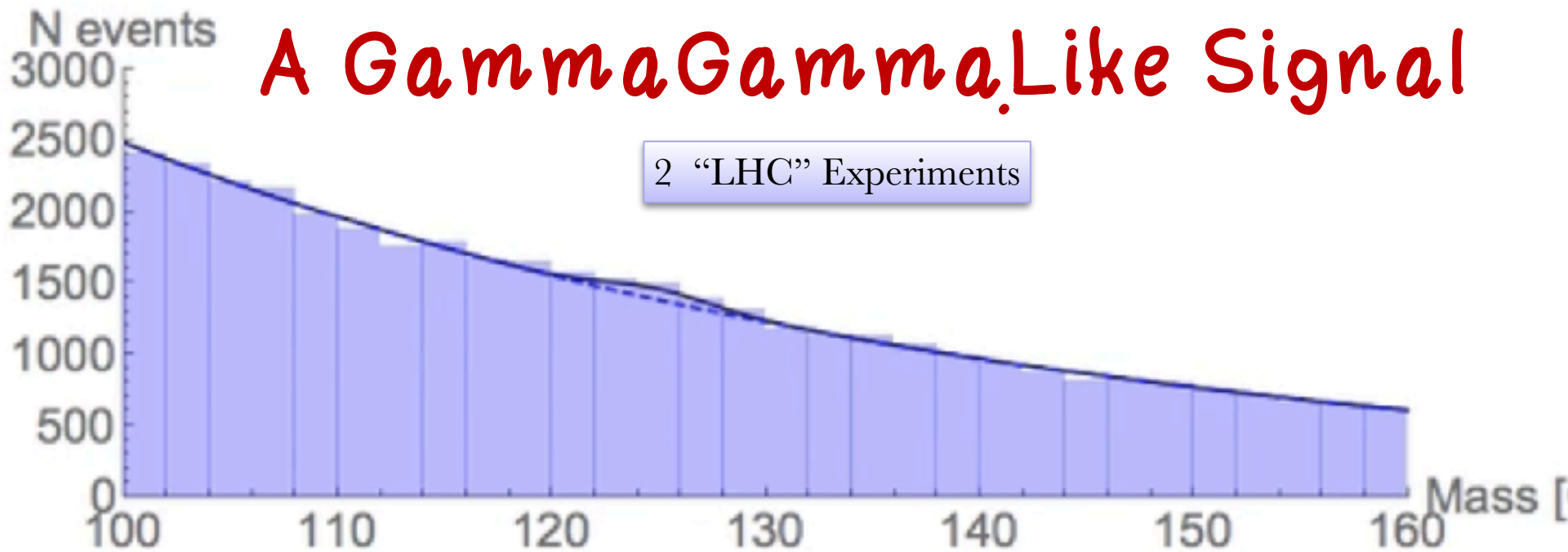
for  $\mu' = \mu$  we retrieve Wilks' theorem

$$f(t_\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t_\mu}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}t_\mu} = \chi^2$$



# A GammaGammaLike Signal

2 "LHC" Experiments

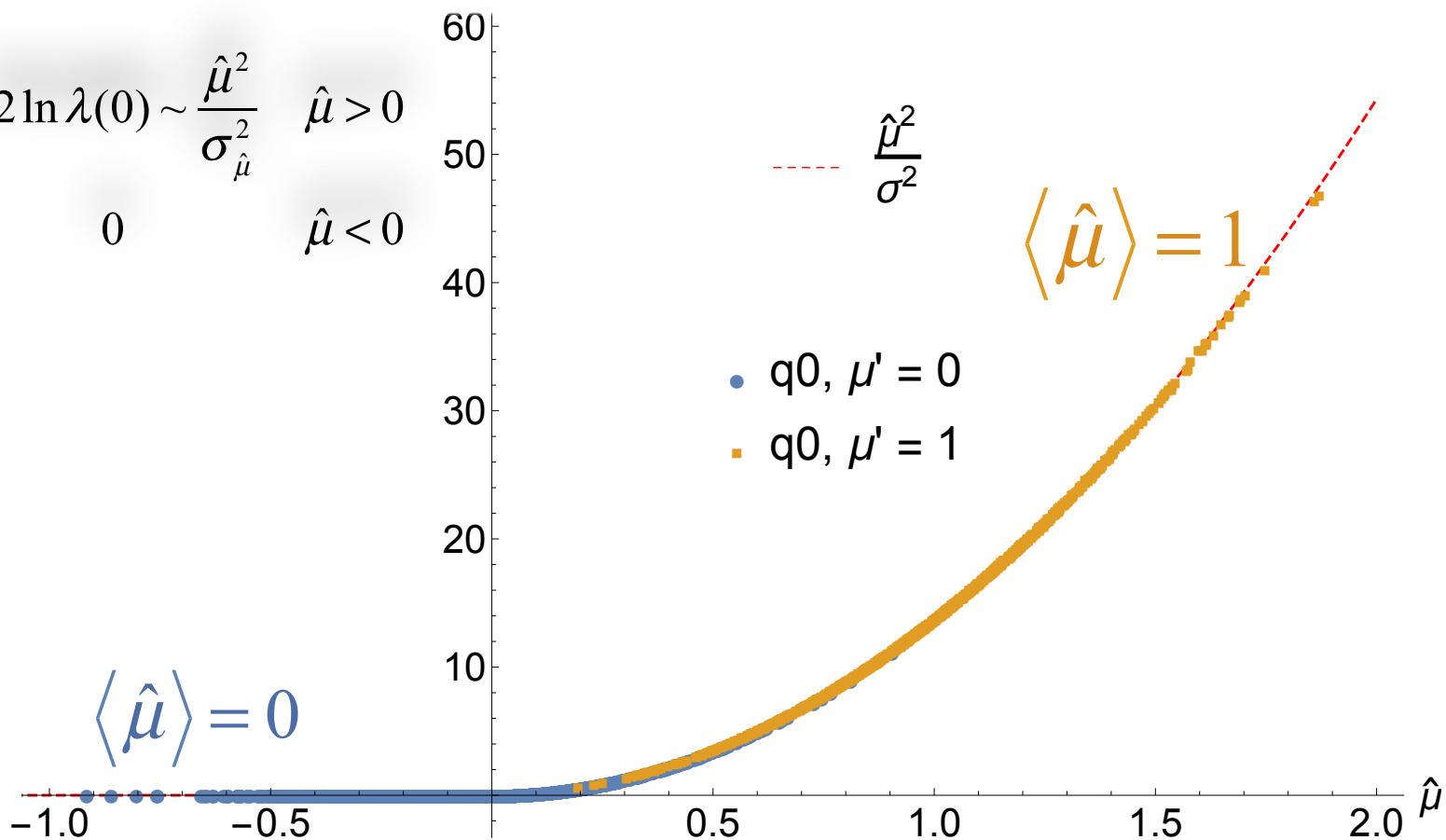


# Wald Theorem Demonstration

$$-2 \ln \lambda(\mu) = \frac{(\mu - \hat{\mu})^2}{\sigma^2} + \mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{N})$$

$$\mathcal{L} = 60000$$

$$q_0(\hat{\mu}) = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(0) \sim \frac{\hat{\mu}^2}{\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2} & \hat{\mu} > 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$$



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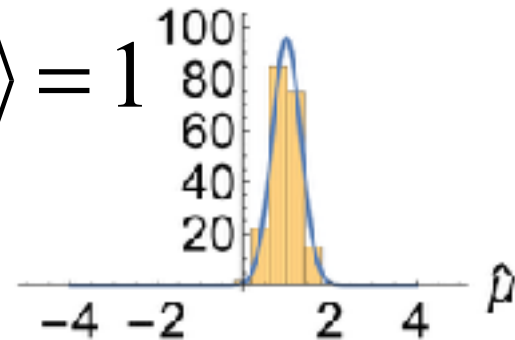
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$$q_1(\hat{\mu}) = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(1) \sim \frac{(1 - \hat{\mu})^2}{\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2} & \hat{\mu} < 1 \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = 1$$

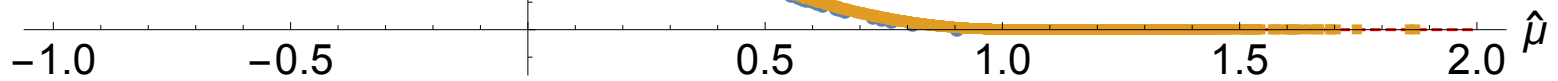
$$\frac{(\mu - \hat{\mu})^2}{\sigma^2}$$



$$\langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = 0$$

- $q_1, \mu' = 0$
- $q_1, \mu' = 1$

$$\langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = 1$$

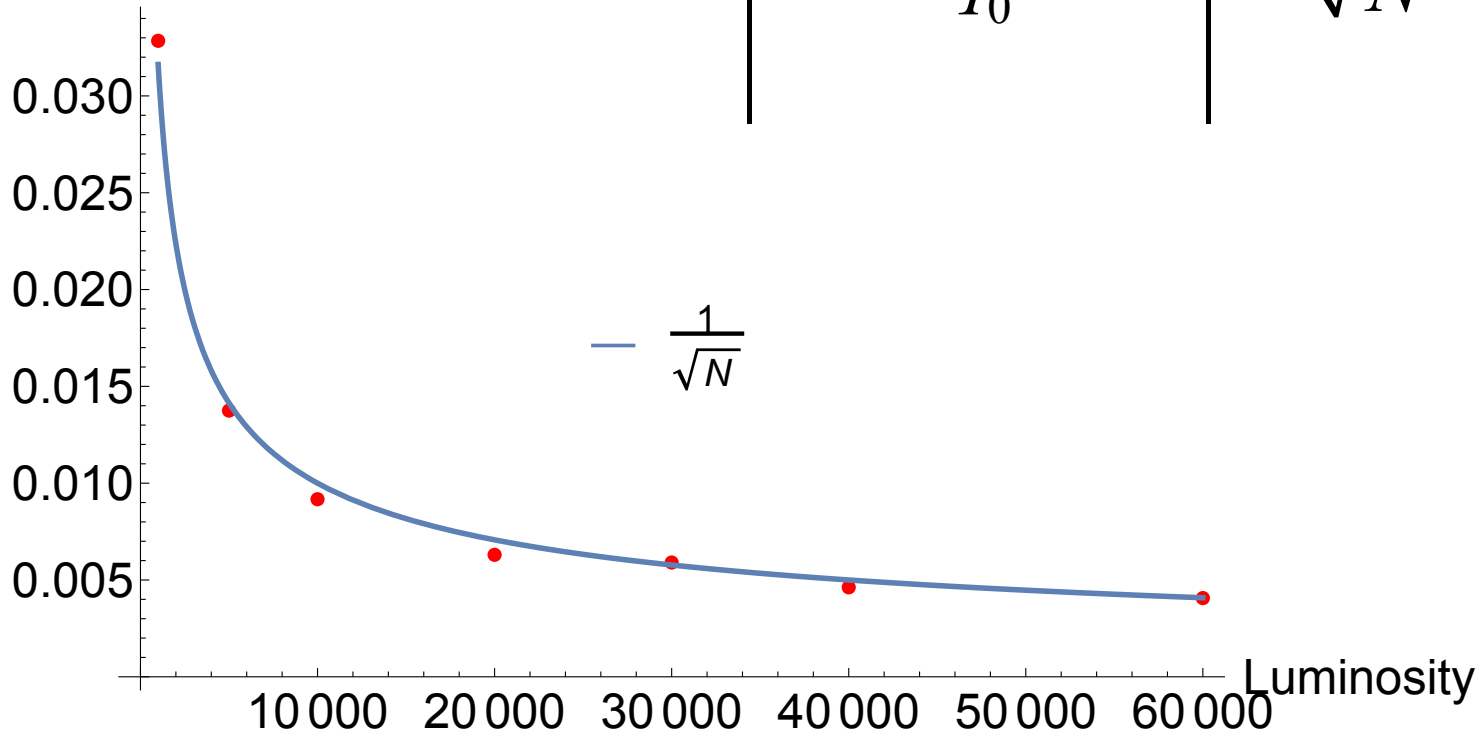




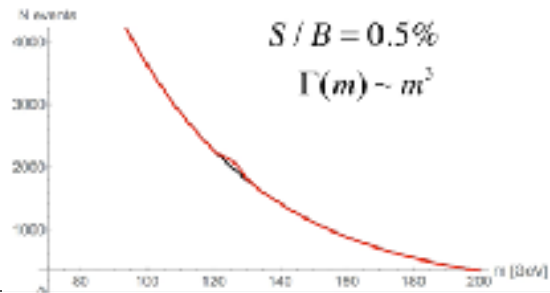
# Wald Theorem

$$\Delta = \left| \frac{q_0 - \frac{(\mu - \hat{\mu})^2}{\sigma^2}}{q_0} \right| \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

Relative Error



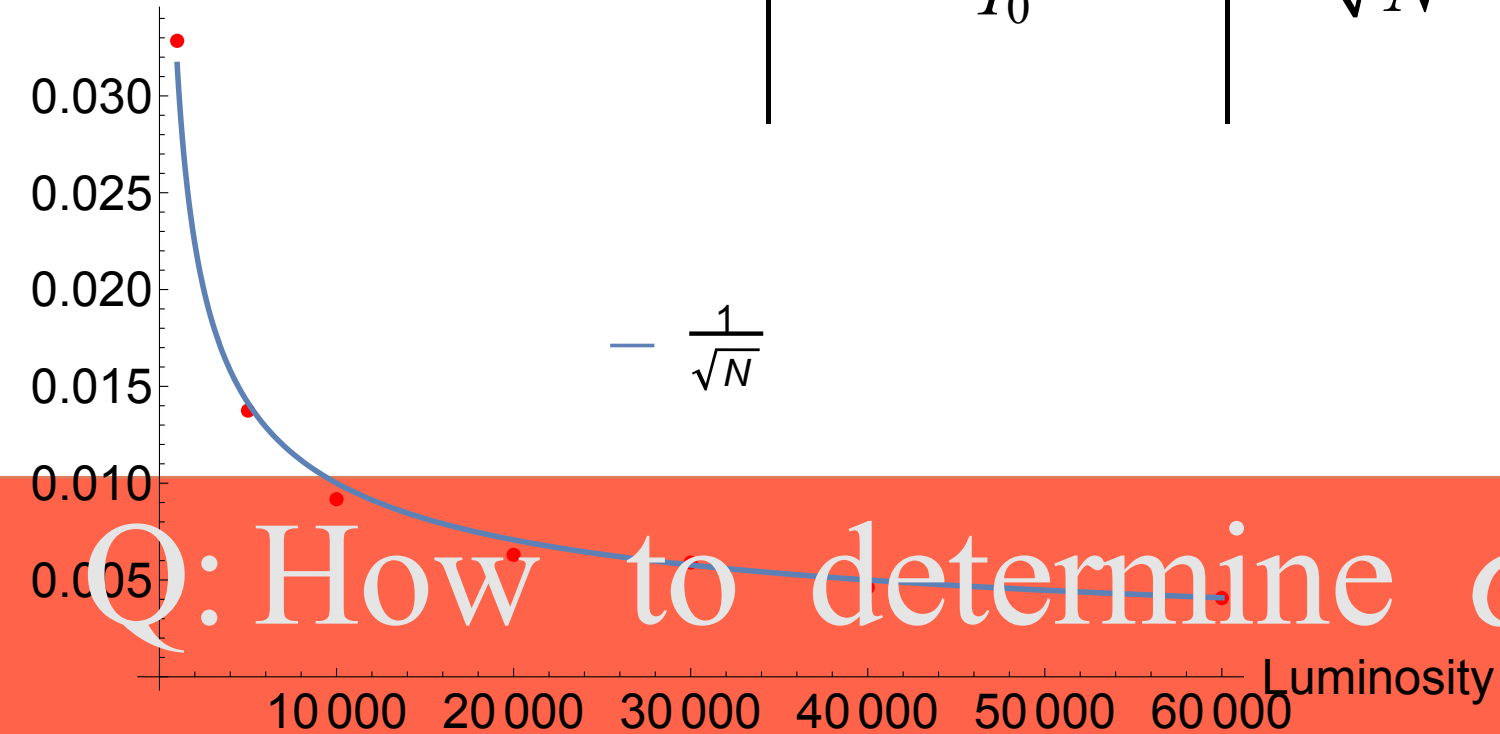
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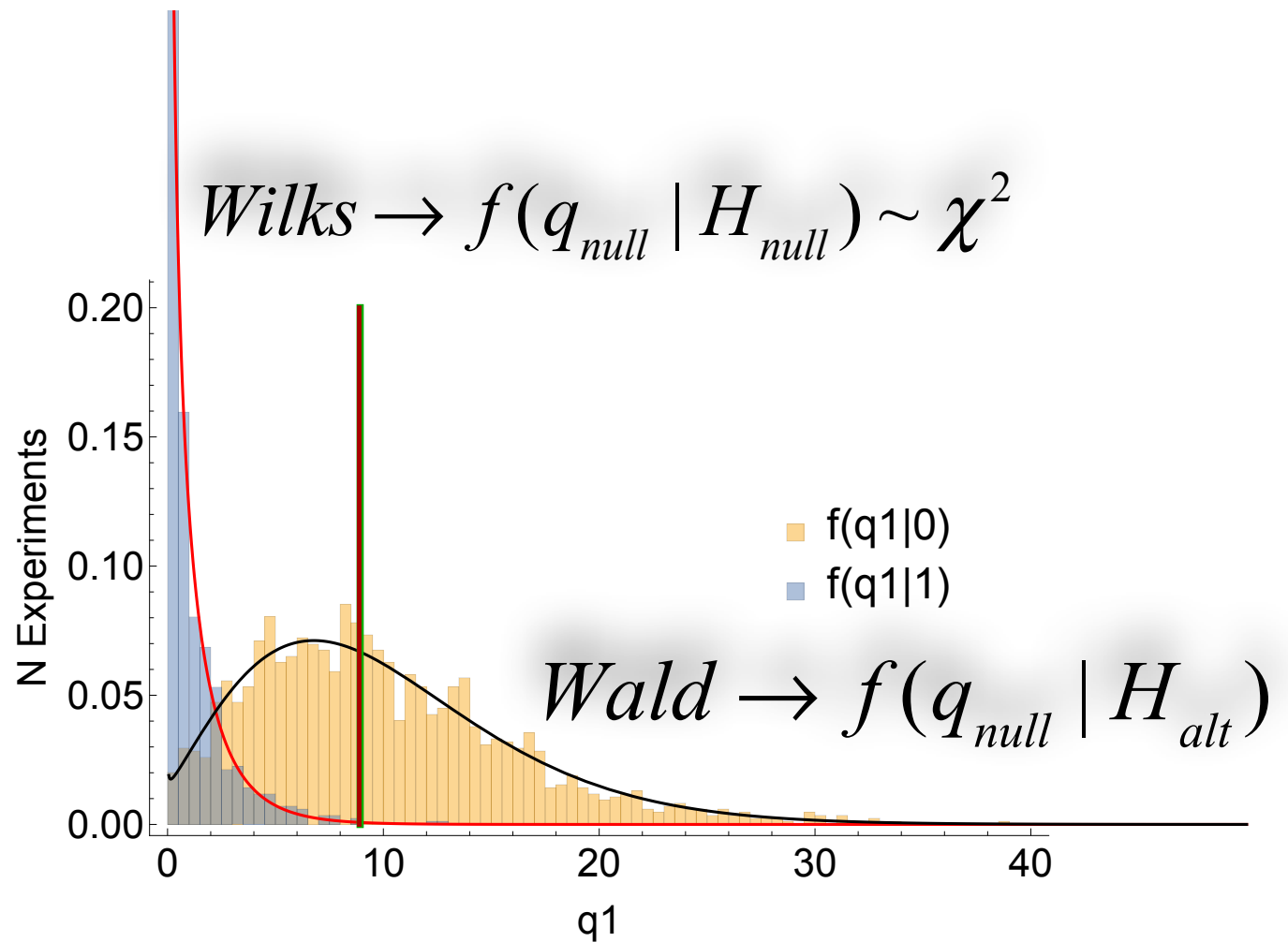
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A: With the Asimov DATA

# Asymptotics



# The Feldman Cousins Unified Method

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# The Flip Flop Way of an Experiment

- The most intuitive way to analyze the results of an experiment would be

If the significance based on  $q_{\text{obs}}$ , is less than 3 sigma, derive an upper limit (just looking at tables), if the result is  $>5$  sigma derive a discovery central confidence interval for the measured parameter (cross section, mass....)

- This Flip Flopping policy leads to undercoverage:  
*Is that really a problem for Physicists?*  
Some physicists say, for each experiment quote always two results, an upper limit, and a (central?) discovery confidence interval
- Many LHC analyses report both ways.

# Frequentist Paradise – F&C Unified with Full Coverage

- Frequentist Paradise is certainly made up of an interpretation by constructing a confidence interval in brute force ensuring a coverage!
- This is the Neyman confidence interval adopted by F&C....

• The motivation:

- Ensures Coverage
- Avoid Flip-Flopping – an ordering rule determines the nature of the interval (1-sided or 2-sided depending on your observed data)
- Ensures Physical Intervals

• Let the test statistics be

$$q = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \frac{L(s+b)}{L(\hat{s}+b)} & \hat{s} \geq 0 \\ -2 \ln \frac{L(s+b)}{L(b)} & \hat{s} < 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\hat{s}$  is the

physically allowed mean  $s$  that maximizes  $L(\hat{s}+b)$

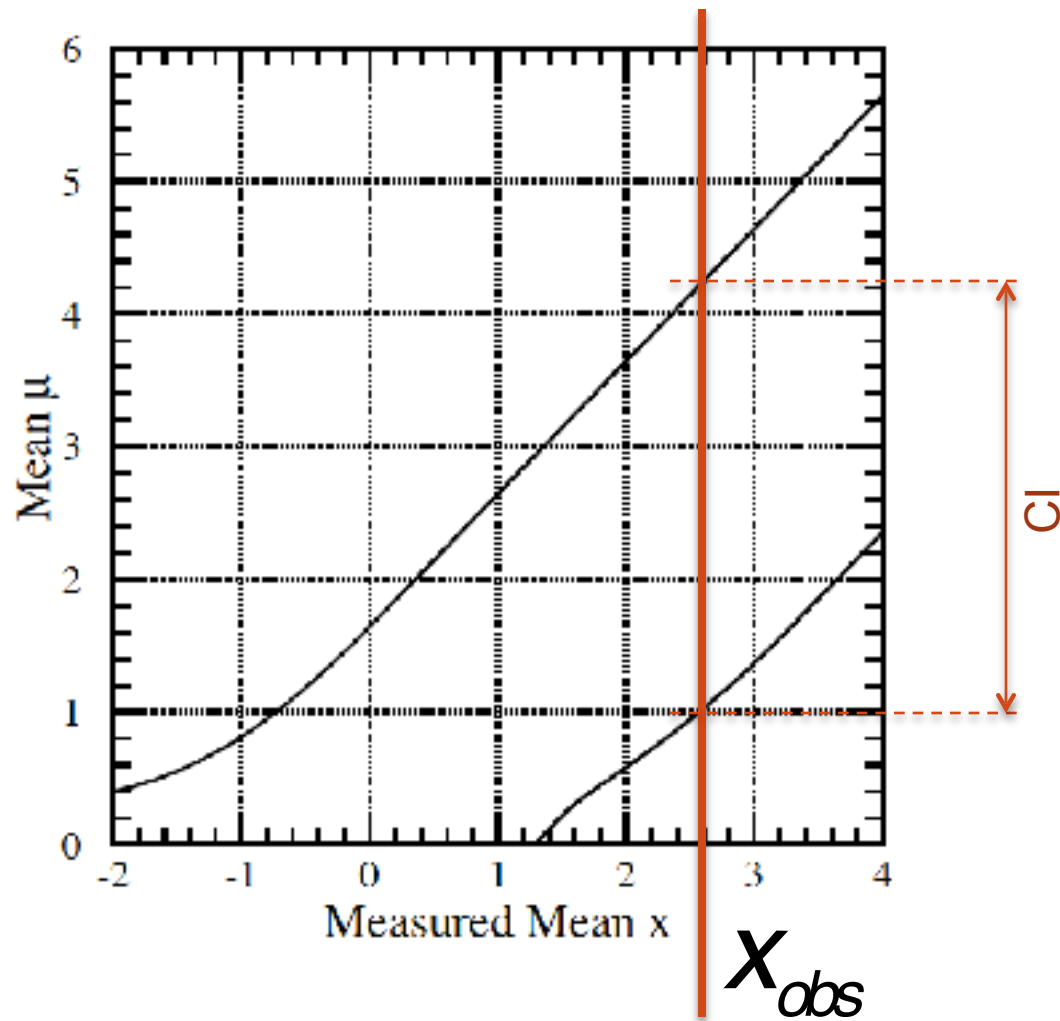
(protect a downward fluctuation of the background,  $n_{\text{obs}} > b$  ;  $\hat{s} > 0$  )

- Order by taking the 68% highest  $q$ 's



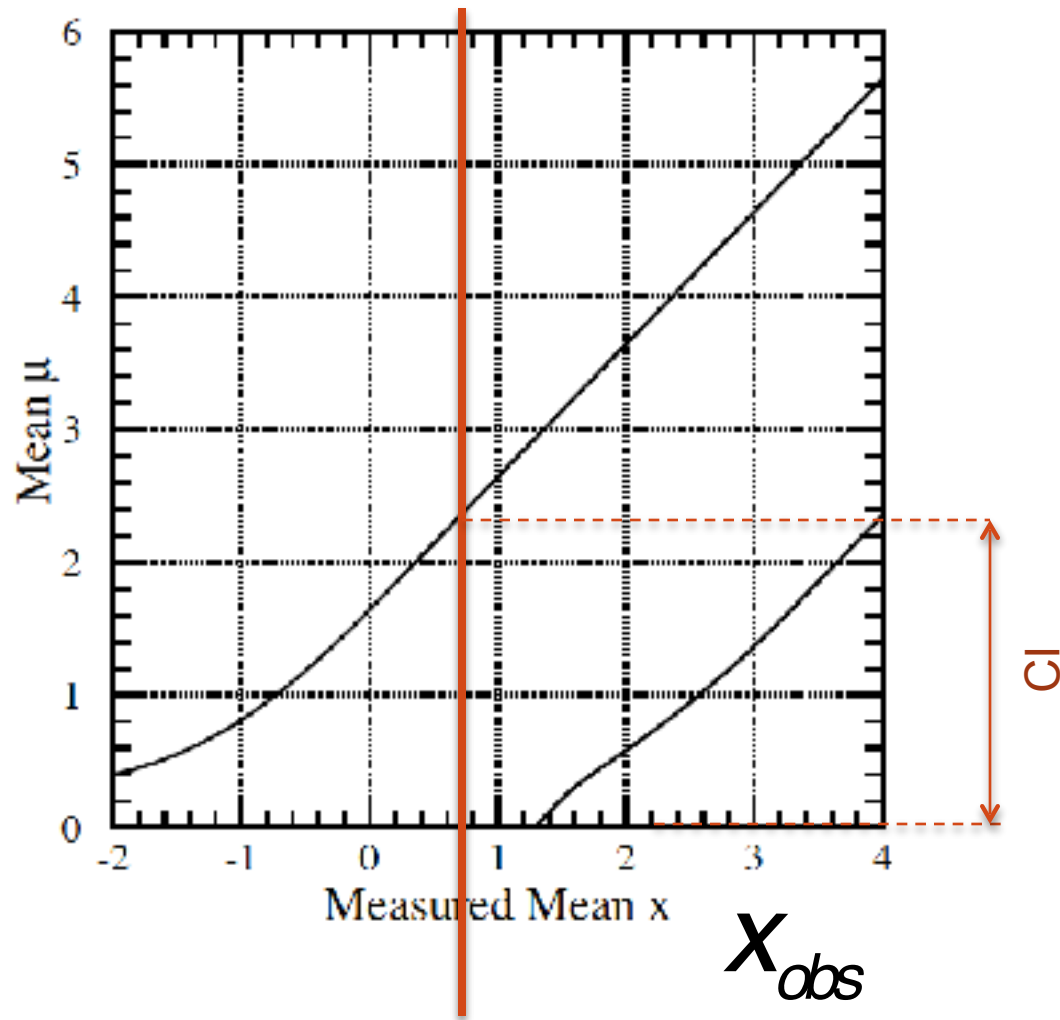
# How to tell an Upper limit from a Measurement without Flip Flopping

- A measurement (2 sided)



## How to tell an Upper limit from a Measurement without Flip Flopping

- An upper limit (1 sided)





# *Asymptotic Feldman – Cousins*

$$\left[ \tilde{t}_{\mu} \text{ for } \mu \geq 0 \right]$$

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# Feldman Cousins - Asymptotic

If  $\mu \geq 0$  due to physics constraints, for  $\hat{\mu} < 0$  the best agreement between data and the physical  $\mu$  is  $\hat{\mu} = 0$ . We define

$$\tilde{t}_\mu \equiv -2 \log \left( \tilde{\lambda}(\mu) \right) \quad \tilde{\lambda}(\mu) \equiv \begin{cases} \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu))}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu))}{L(0, \hat{\theta}(0))} & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$$

Wald  $\rightarrow$

$$\tilde{t}_\mu \equiv \begin{cases} \frac{(\mu - \hat{\mu})^2}{\sigma^2} & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ \frac{\mu^2 - 2\mu\hat{\mu}}{\sigma^2} = \frac{(\mu - \hat{\mu})^2}{\sigma^2} - \frac{(\hat{\mu})^2}{\sigma^2} & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$$



# Feldman Cousins - Asymptotic

$$f(\tilde{t}_\mu | \mu) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tilde{t}_\mu}} e^{-\tilde{t}_\mu/2} & \tilde{t}_\mu \leq \frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tilde{t}_\mu}} e^{-\tilde{t}_\mu/2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}(2\mu/\sigma)} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\tilde{t}_\mu + \mu^2/\sigma^2)^2}{(2\mu/\sigma)^2}\right] & \tilde{t}_\mu > \frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} \end{cases}$$

$$p_\mu = 1 - F(\tilde{t}_\mu | \mu)$$

$$F(\tilde{t}_\mu | \mu) = \begin{cases} 2\Phi\left(\sqrt{\tilde{t}_\mu}\right) - 1 & \tilde{t}_\mu \leq \frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} \\ \Phi\left(\sqrt{\tilde{t}_\mu}\right) + \Phi\left(\frac{\tilde{t}_\mu + \mu^2/\sigma^2}{2\mu/\sigma}\right) - 1 & \tilde{t}_\mu > \frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} \end{cases}$$

*CI of  $\mu$  at the  $(1-\alpha)$  CL =  $\{\mu \mid p_\mu \geq \alpha\}$*

*CI of  $\mu$  at the 95% CL =  $\{\mu \mid p_\mu \geq 5\%\}$*

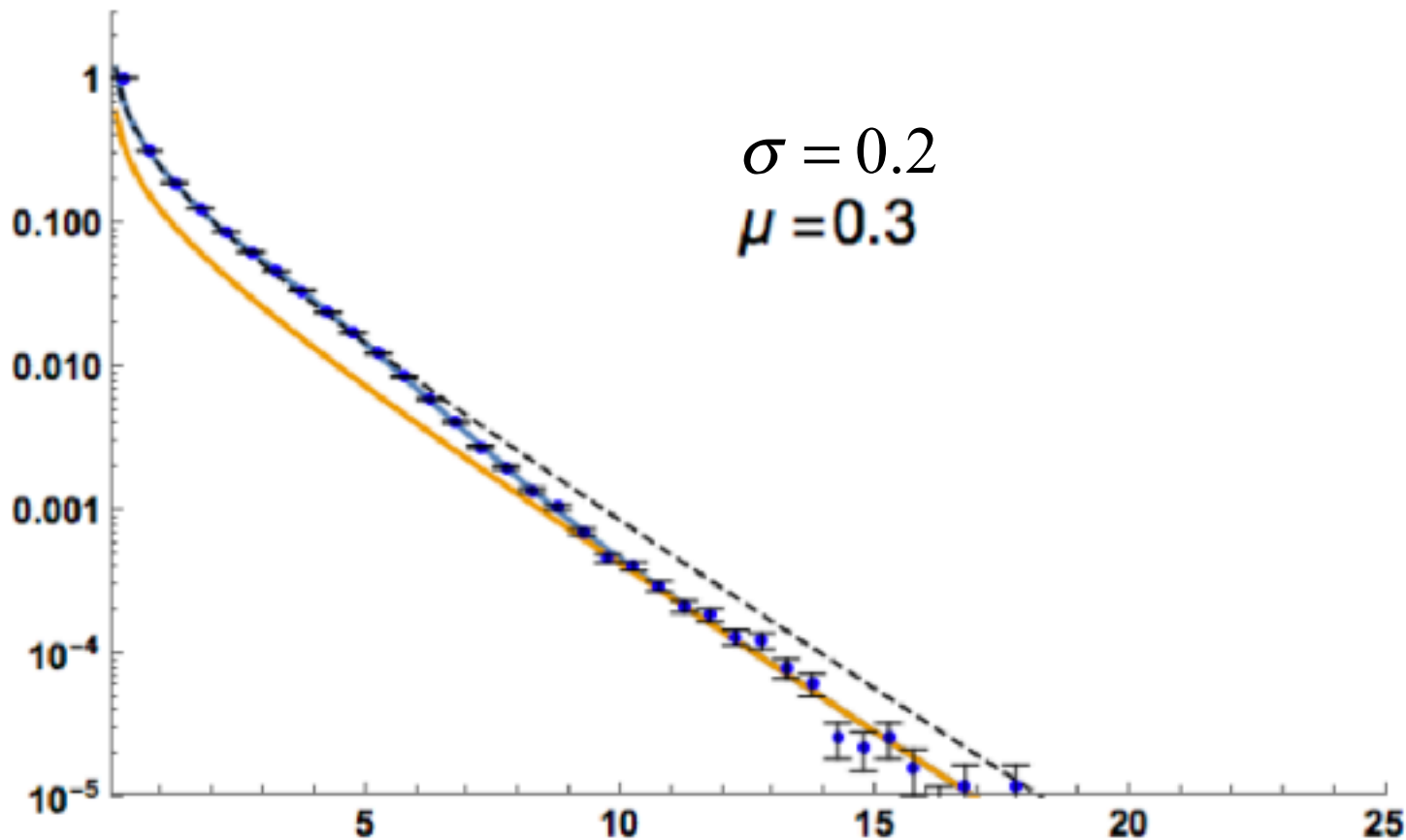


$$\Phi(Z) = \int_{-\infty}^x G(Z; 0, 1) dx$$

# Validation of $f(\tilde{t}_\mu | \mu)$

$f(\tilde{t}_{(\mu)} | \mu)$

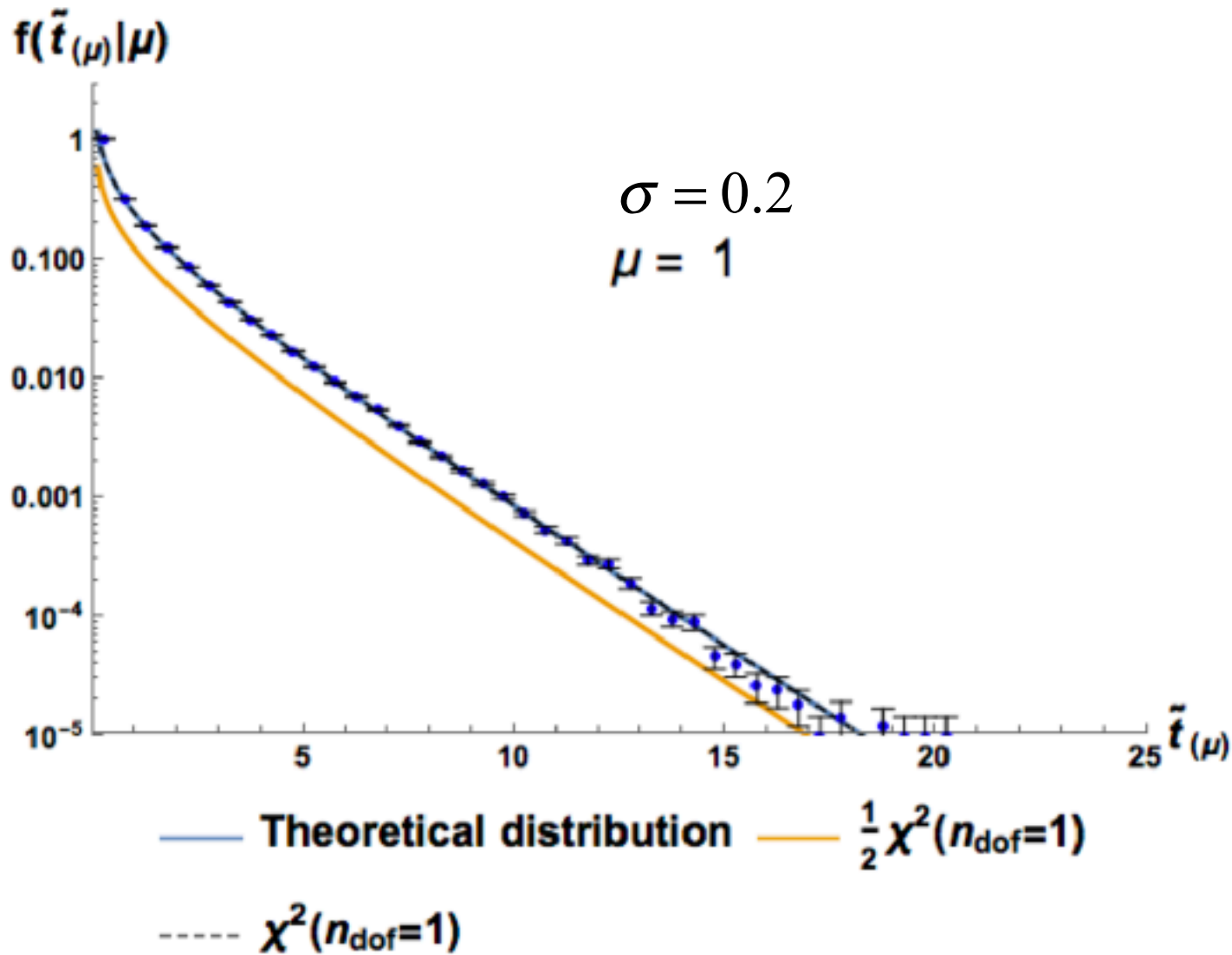
$\sigma = 0.2$   
 $\mu = 0.3$



— Theoretical distribution —  $\frac{1}{2}\chi^2(n_{\text{dof}}=1)$

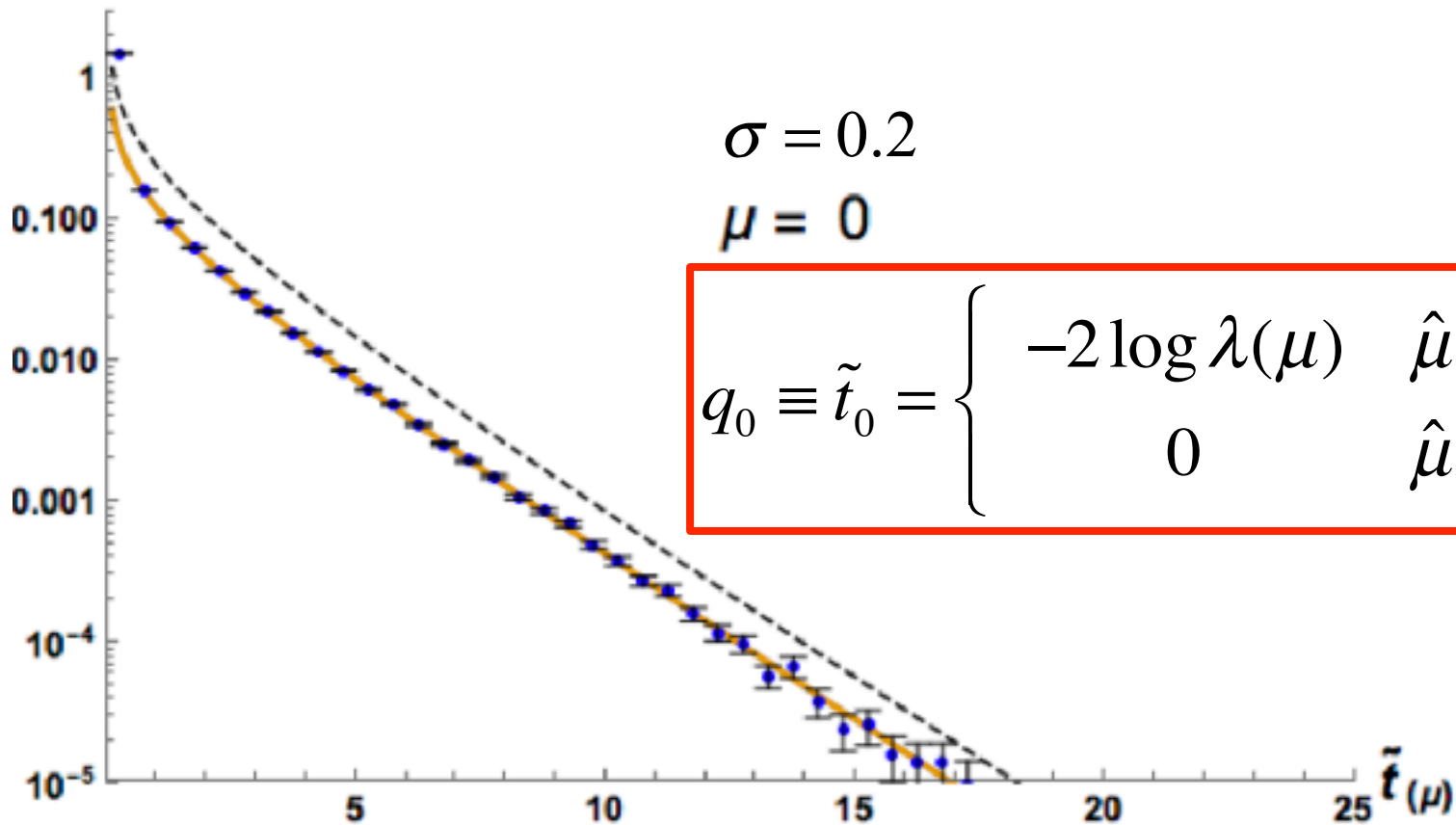
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# FC confidence belt

Given  $\mu_{\text{true}} = 0.2$

derive the  $\hat{\mu}$  interval

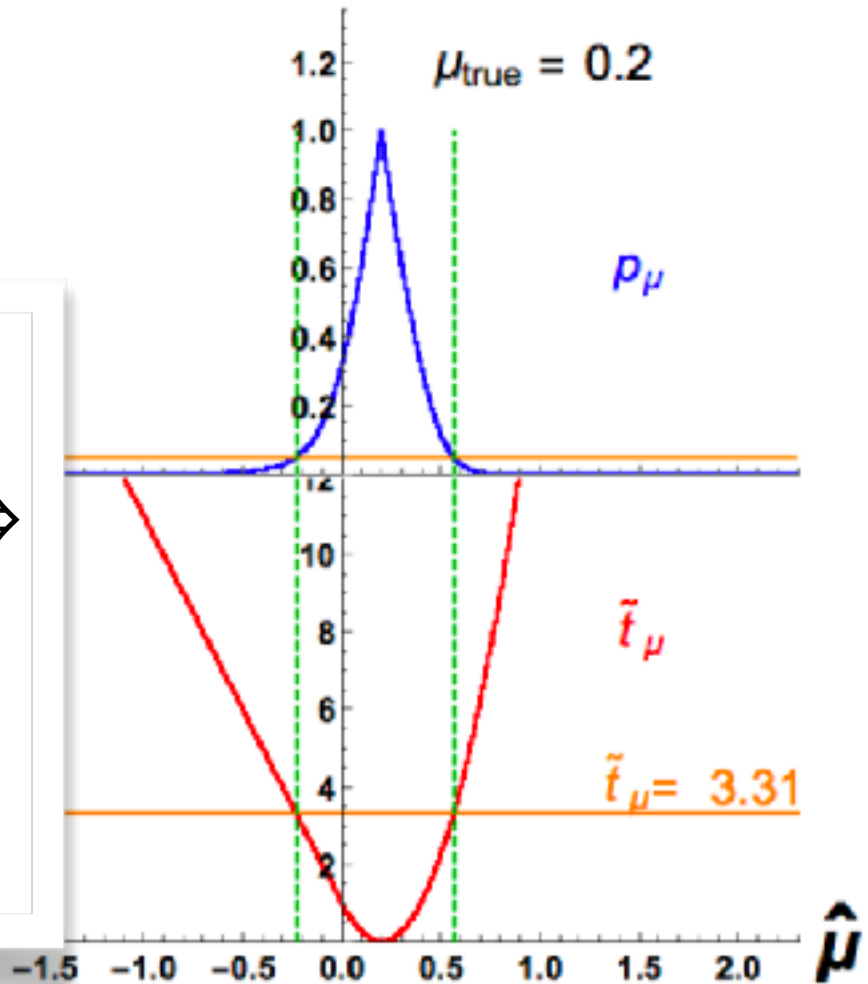
for which  $p_{\mu} > 0.05$

set  $\mu_{\text{true}}$  e.g.  $\mu_{\text{true}} = 0.2$

$$p_{\mu}(\hat{\mu}) = 1 - F(\tilde{t}_{\mu}(\hat{\mu}) | \mu) \Rightarrow$$

$$CI_{\hat{\mu}} = \left\{ \hat{\mu} \mid p_{\mu}(\hat{\mu}) \geq 5\% \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\tilde{t}_{\mu} = 3.31$$



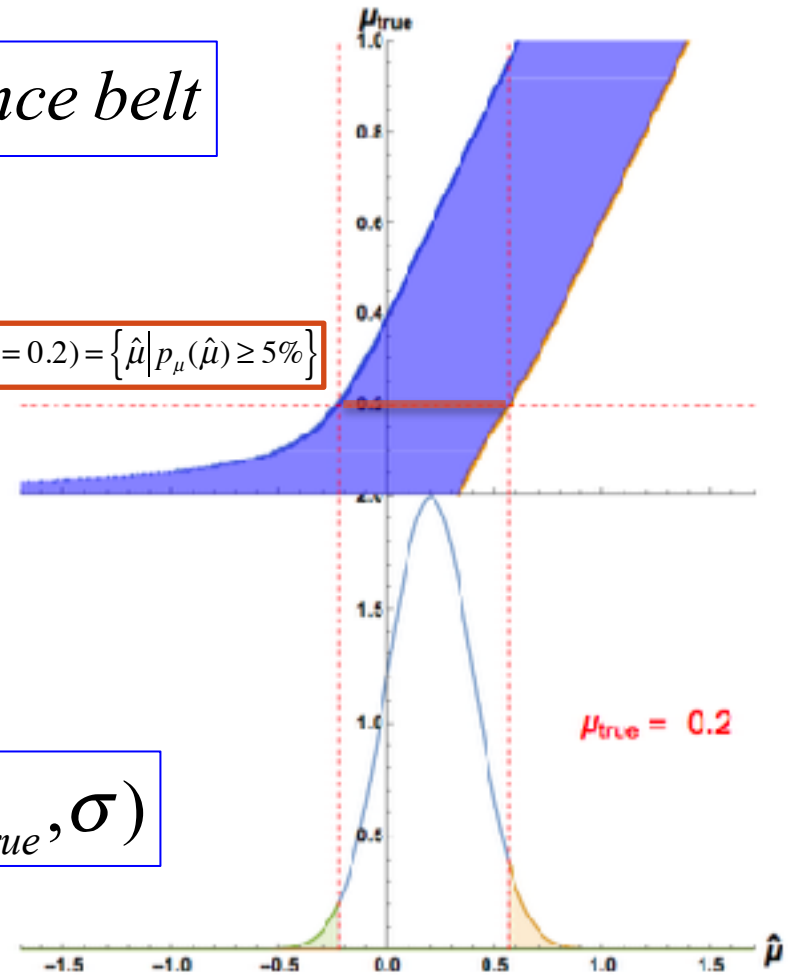
# FC confidence belt

Scan  $\mu_{true}$  and build the Confidence belt

$$\mu_{true}(\hat{\mu})$$

$$CI_{\hat{\mu}}(\mu_{true} = 0.2) = \{\hat{\mu} | p_{\mu}(\hat{\mu}) \geq 5\%\}$$

$$G(\hat{\mu}; \mu_{true}, \sigma)$$



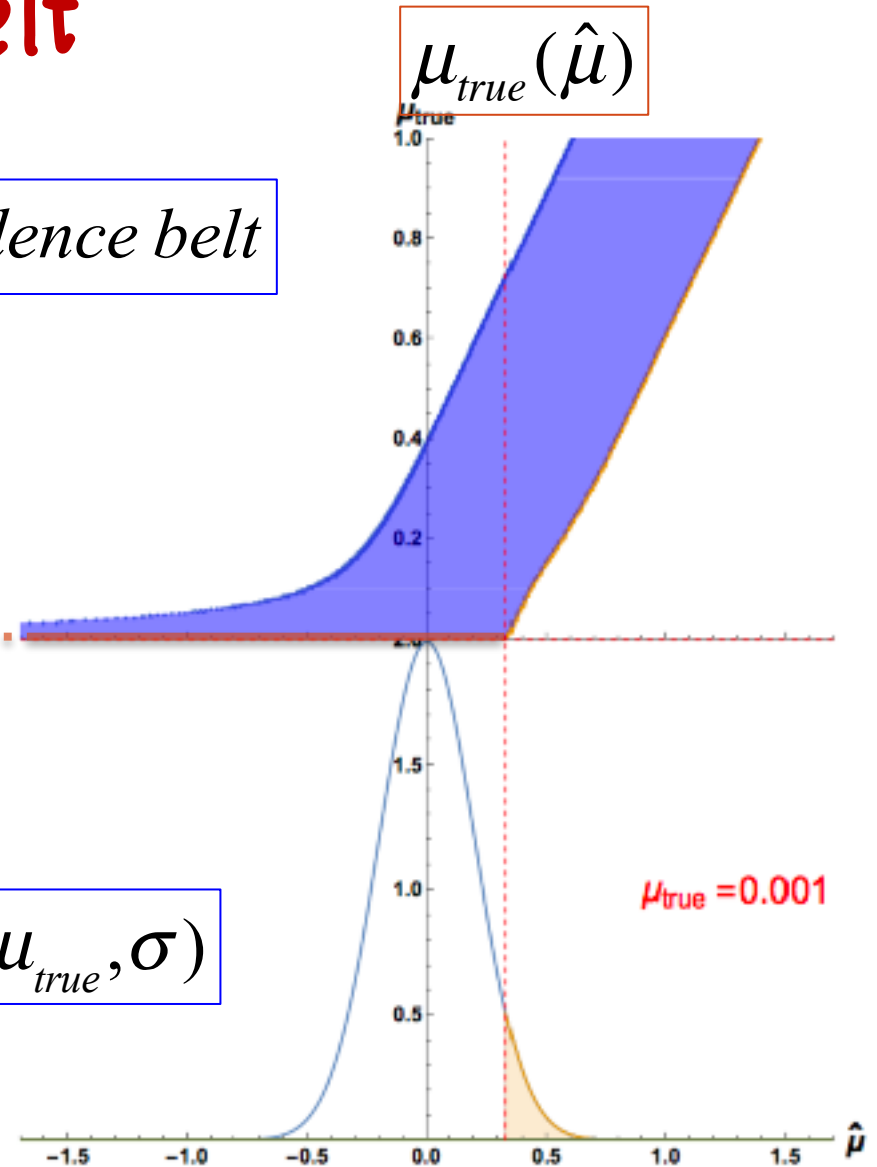


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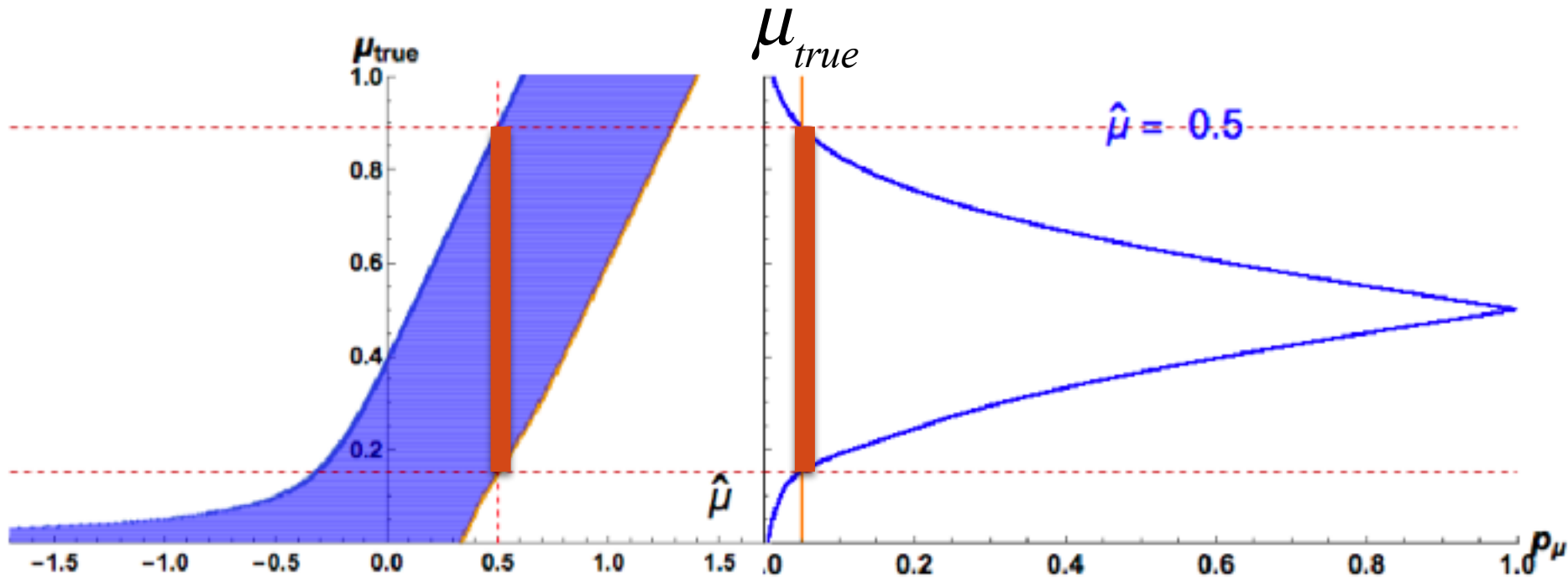
Scan  $\mu_{true}$  and build the Confidence belt

$$CI_{\hat{\mu}}(\mu_{true} = 0.001) = \{\hat{\mu} | p_{\mu}(\hat{\mu}) \geq 5\%\}$$

$$G(\hat{\mu}; \mu_{true}, \sigma)$$



# FC confidence belt



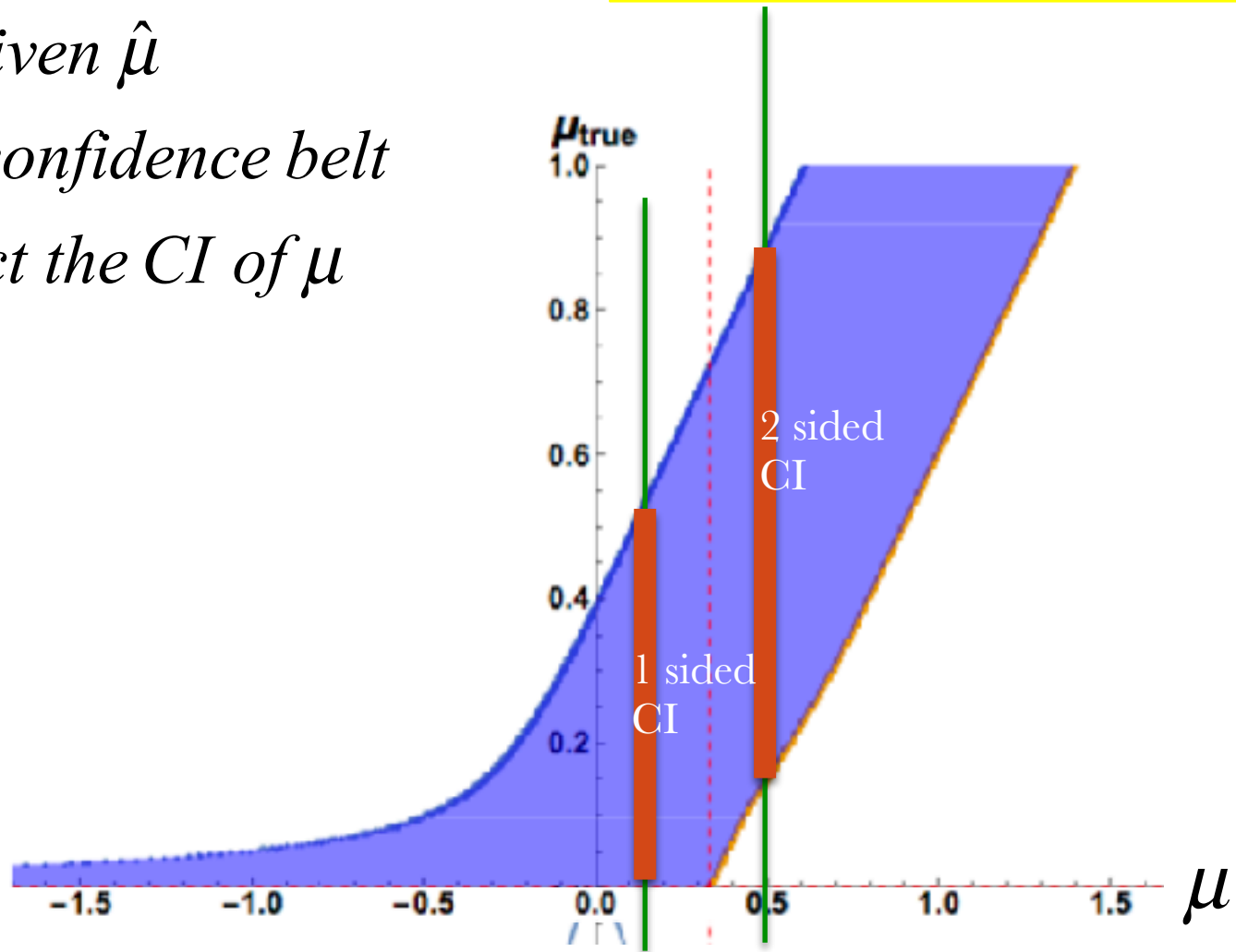
*The values of  $\mu_{true}$  for which  $p_{\mu} = 0.05$   
for a given  $\hat{\mu}$ , are the CI of  $\mu$*



# FC confidence belt

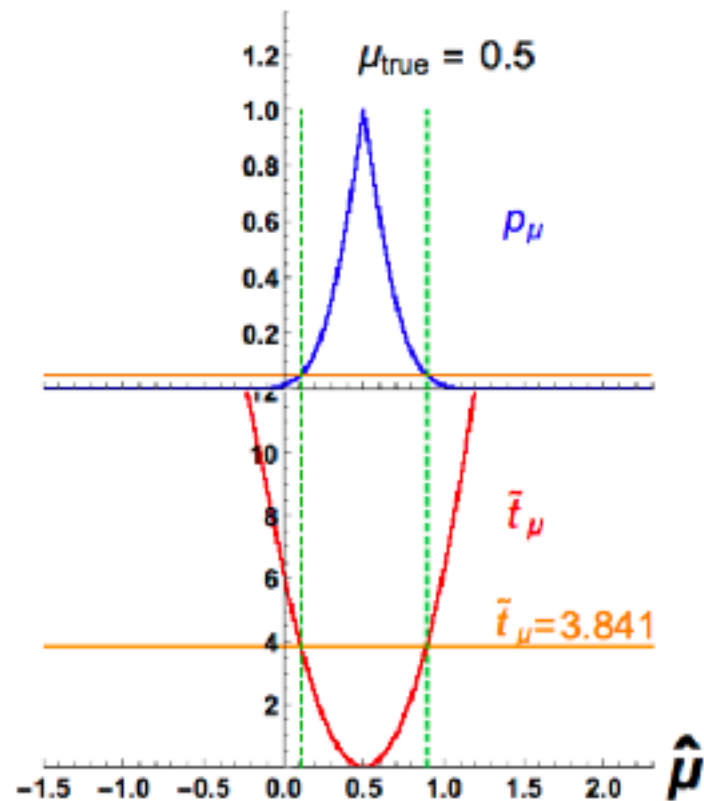
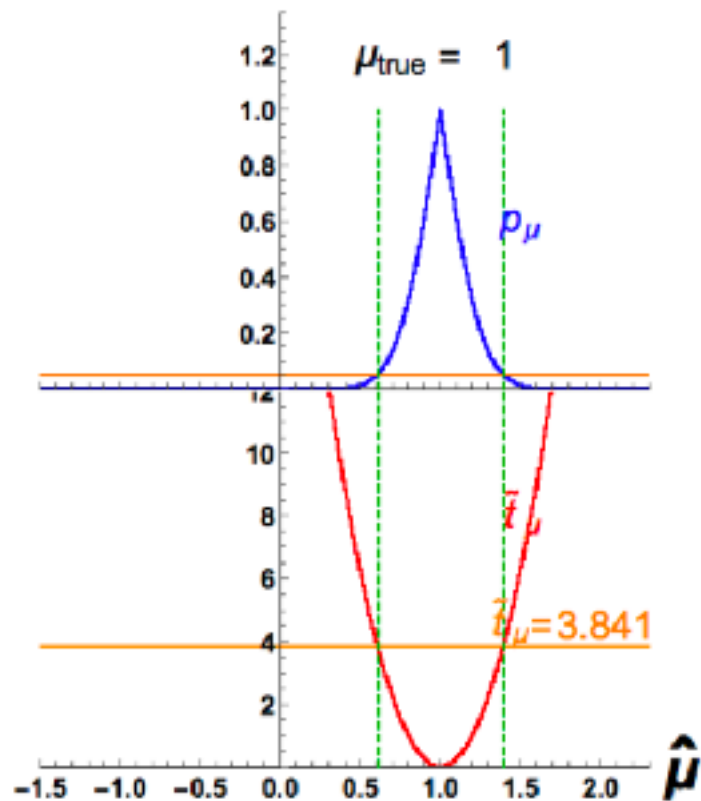
Depends on the observation  
one might get 1-sided or 2-sided CI

*For a given  $\hat{\mu}$   
use the confidence belt  
to extract the CI of  $\mu$*



# FC confidence belt - A Shortcut

$$\mu_{true} \gg 0 \Rightarrow \left\{ \tilde{t}_\mu \mid p_\mu > 0.95 \right\} \rightarrow 3.84$$



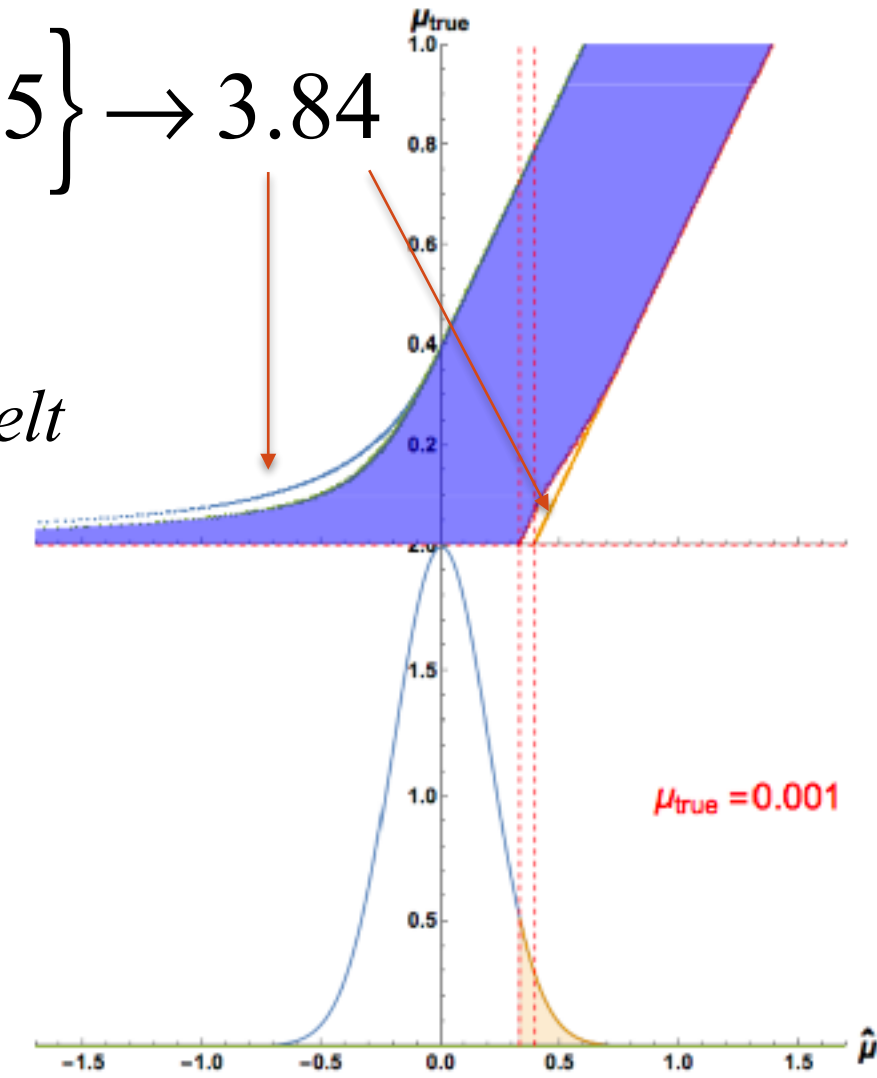
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Use  $\tilde{t}_{\mu} = 3.84$  to construct the belt

The CI will be at  $CL > 95\%$

(Conservative)



$$q_0 \equiv \tilde{t}_0 = \begin{cases} -2 \log \lambda(\mu) & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$$

# $q_0$ for discovery

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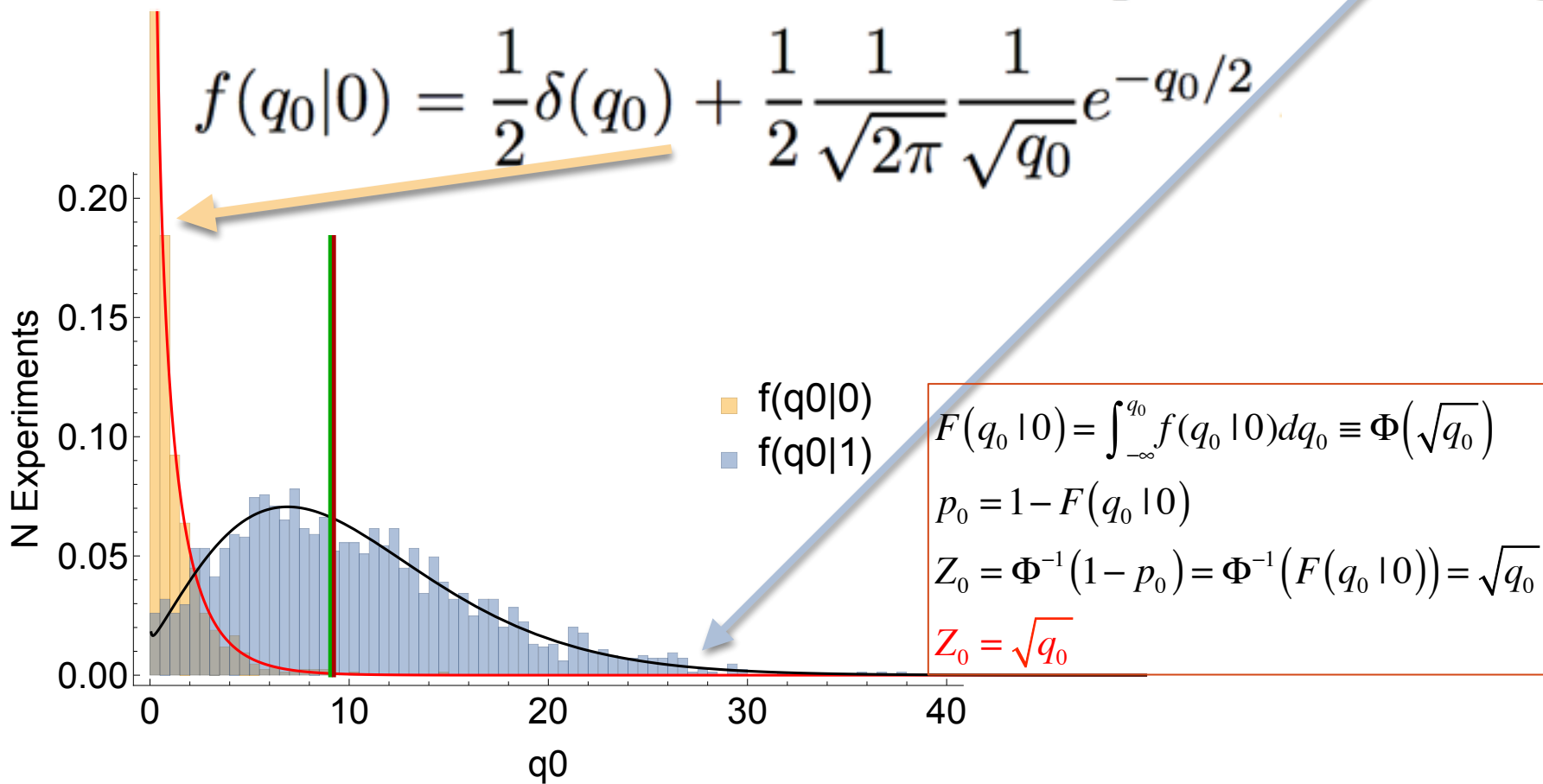
$$q_0 = \begin{cases} -2 \log \lambda(\mu) & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$$

Downward fluctuations of the background  
do not serve as an evidence against the background

# PDF of $(q_0|0)$ and $(q_0|1)$

$$f(q_0|\mu') = \left(1 - \Phi\left(\frac{\mu'}{\sigma}\right)\right) \delta(q_0) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{q_0}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{q_0} - \frac{\mu'}{\sigma}\right)^2\right]$$

$$f(q_0|0) = \frac{1}{2} \delta(q_0) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{q_0}} e^{-q_0/2}$$



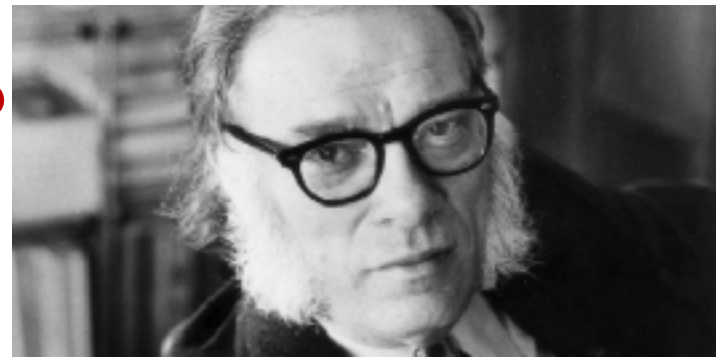
# Estimating the Sensitivity of an Experiment

- Estimate the expected significance one could achieve (for discovering the Higgs Boson) with a given analysis, a given Luminosity and CM energy..
- Option 1:
  - Toss, say, 1,000,000 BG only events (null) and derive the BG-only pdf of  $q$ ,  $f(q_{\text{null}}|BG)$ .  
Toss another 1,000,000 S+BG (alt) events and find the significance for each one of them  
then, find the median significance....
  - This may take ages..., is there a shortcut?
- Option 2:
  - Asymptotics+Asimov Data Set



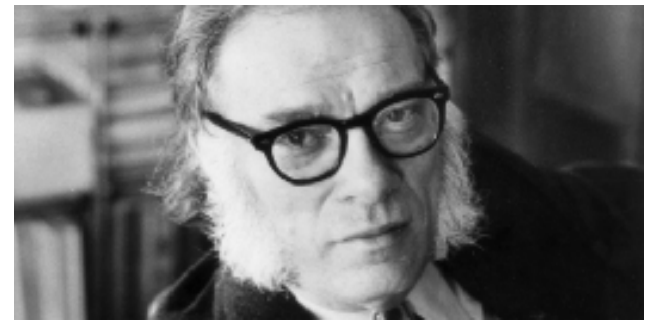


# The Asimov Data S



In the future, the United States has converted to an "electronic democracy" where the computer Multivac selects a single person to answer a number of questions. Multivac will then use the answers and other data to determine what the results of an election would be, avoiding the need for an actual election to be held.

# The Asimov Data Set



- The use of a single representative individual to stand in for the entire population can help in evaluating the sensitivity of a statistical method.
- The "Asimov data set":  
an ensemble of simulated experiments can be replaced by a single representative one.

# Estimating the Sensitivity of an Experiment

- one can replace each ensemble of the alternate-hypothesis experiments with one data set that represents the typical experiment.

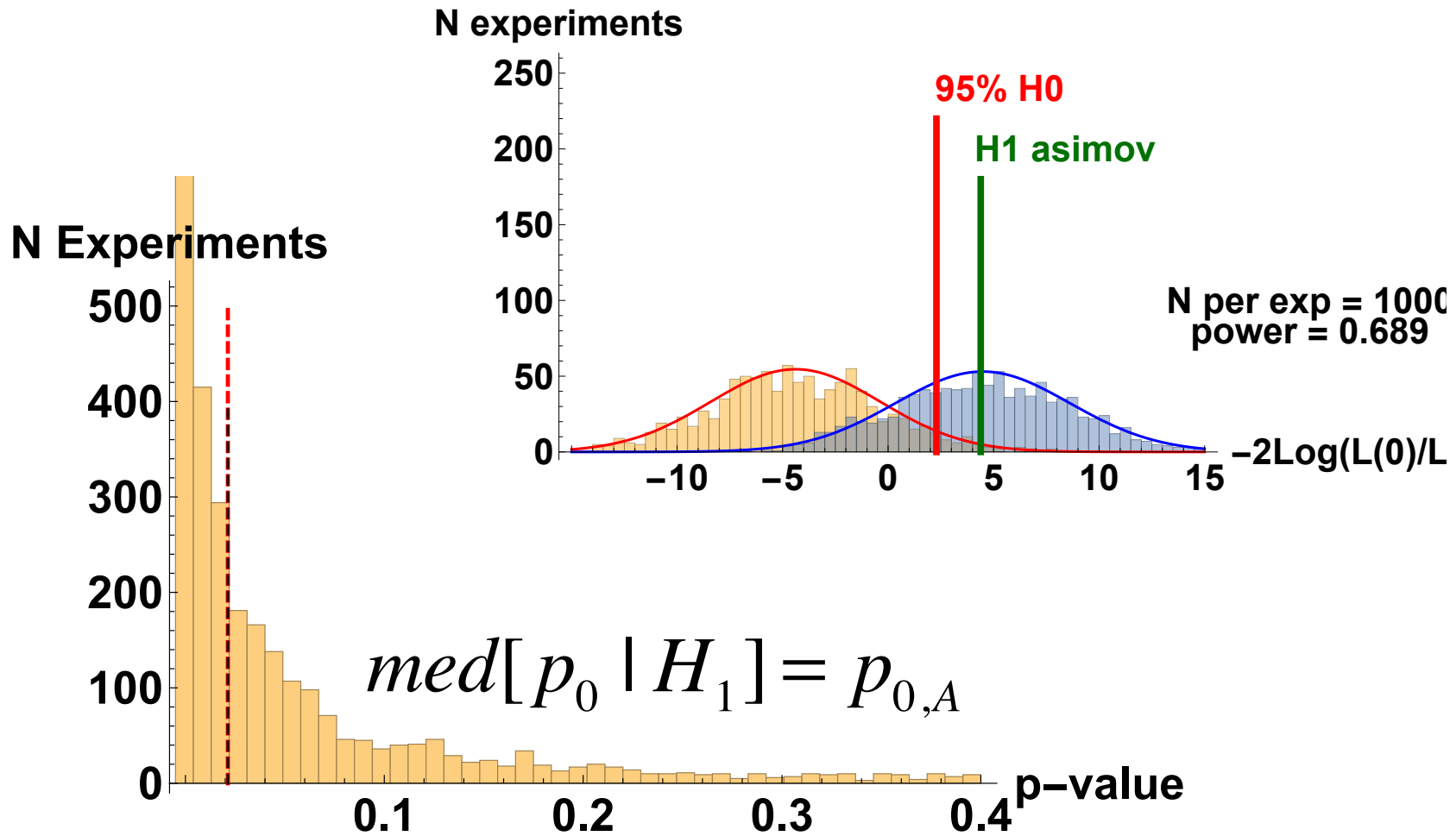
This "Asimov" data set delivers the desired median sensitivity. Hence, one is exempted from the need to perform an ensemble of experiments for each set of parameters.

- The Asimov data set is constructed such that when one uses it to evaluate the estimators for all parameters, one obtains the true parameter values.
- the Asimov data set can trivially be constructed from the true parameters values. For example, a set corresponding to the  $H_1$  hypothesis is  $n_A = s + b$ . and the one correspond to the  $H_0$  hypothesis is  $n_A = b$ .
- As strange as it reads, the Asimov data set is not necessarily an integer.



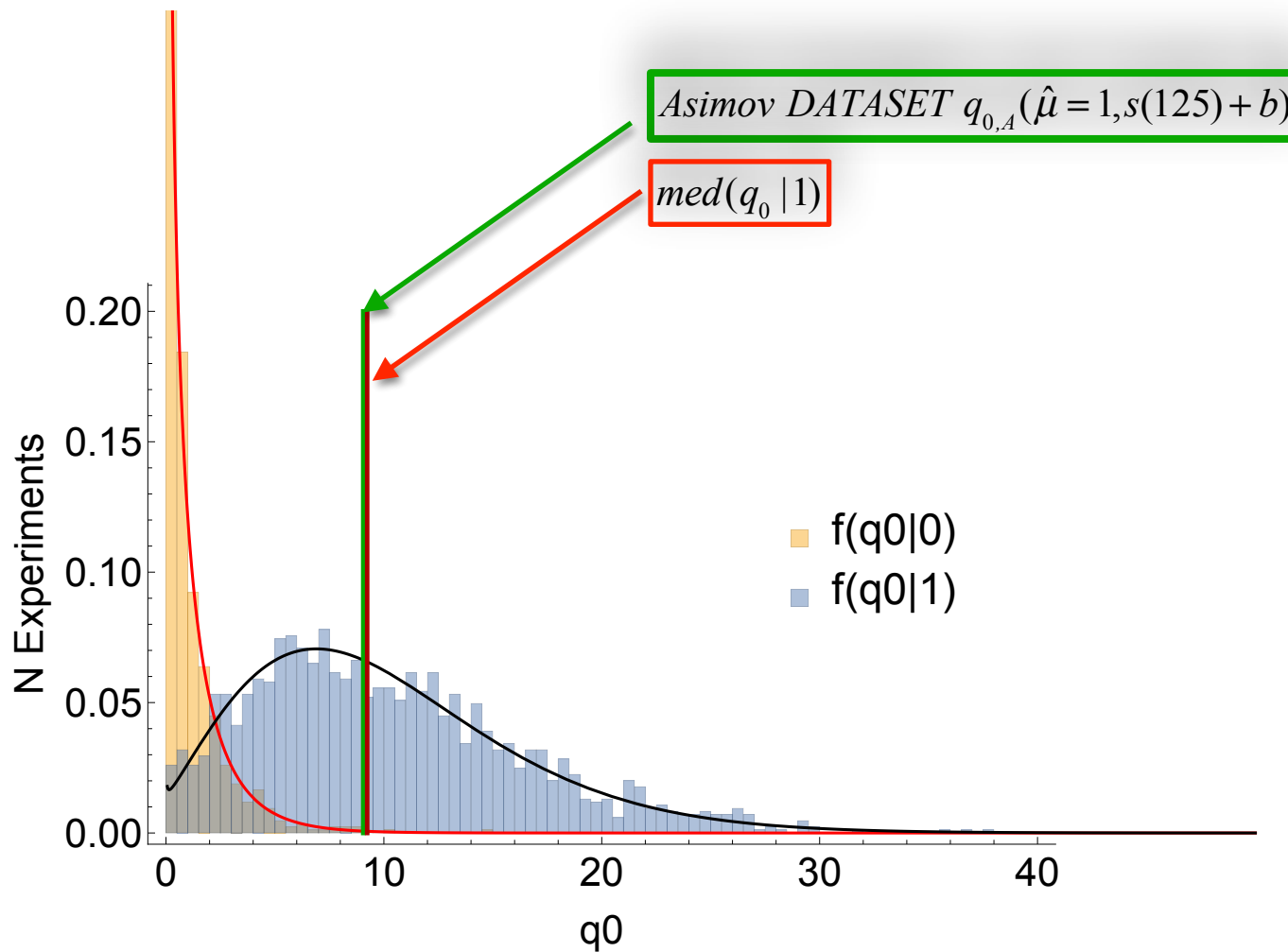
# Back to Spin

## Distribution of $p_0$ -value under $H_1$



$$f(p_0 | H_1) = f([\text{prob}(q \geq q_{obs}) | H_0] | H_1)$$

# The Magic of Asimov



# Back to Wald, what is $\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}$ ?

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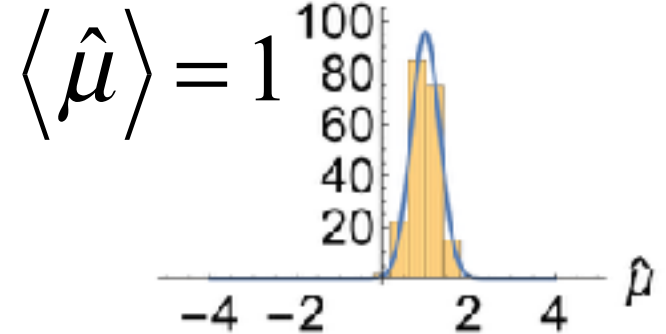
For the Asimov  $\hat{\mu} = \mu_{true}$

$$q_{\mu,A} = -2 \ln \lambda_A(\mu) = \frac{(\mu - \mu_{true})^2}{\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2}$$

$$\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2 = \frac{(\mu - \mu_{true})^2}{q_{\mu,A}} \quad \langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = \mu_{true}$$

$$\text{set } \mu = 0 \quad \mu_{true} = 1 \rightarrow \sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2 = \frac{1}{q_{0,A}}$$

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Test  $\mu$  for exclusion,  $\mu_{true} = 0$

$$\rightarrow \sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2 = \frac{\mu^2}{q_{\mu,A}}$$



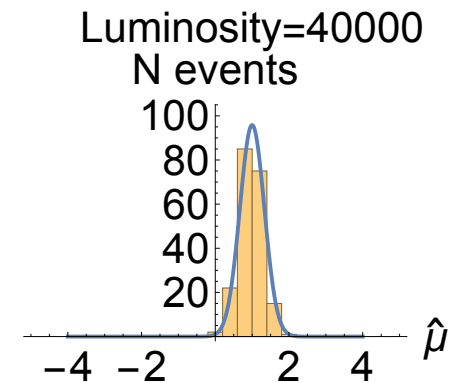
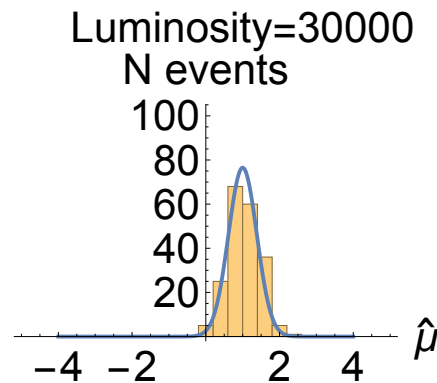
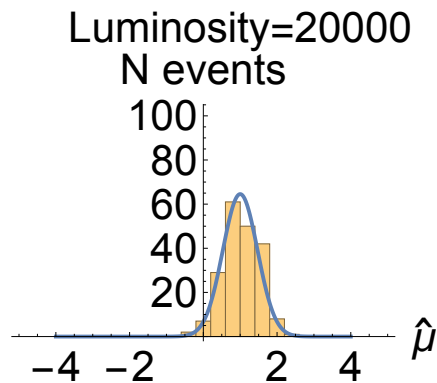
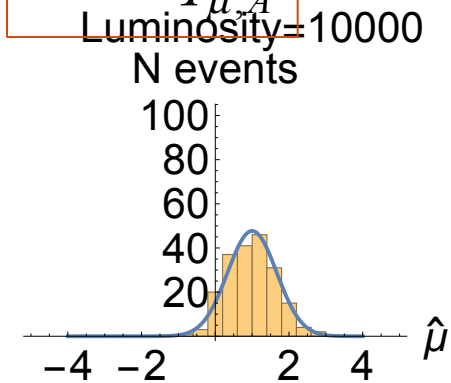
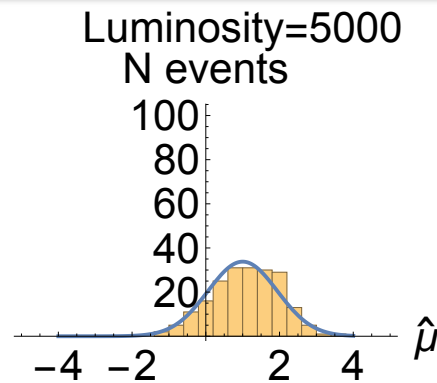
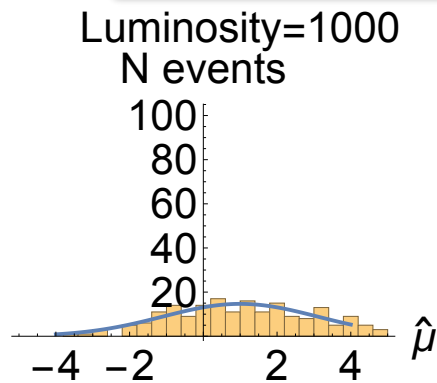
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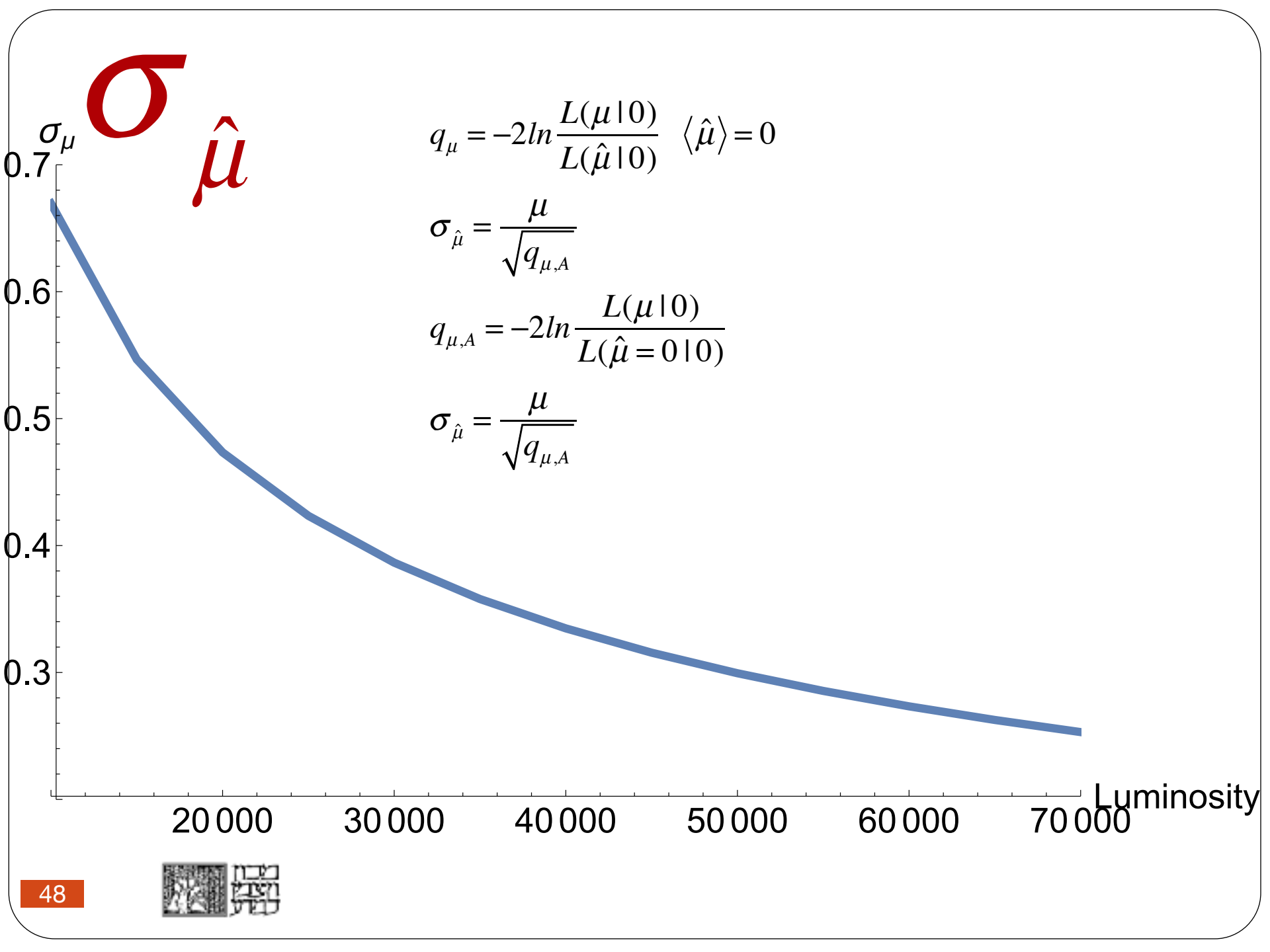
# $\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}$ ?

$$-2 \ln \lambda(\mu) = \frac{(\mu - \hat{\mu})^2}{\sigma^2} + \mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{N})$$

Fit the distribution with the Asimov calculated Sigma

$$\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2 = \frac{\mu^2}{q_{\mu,A}}$$

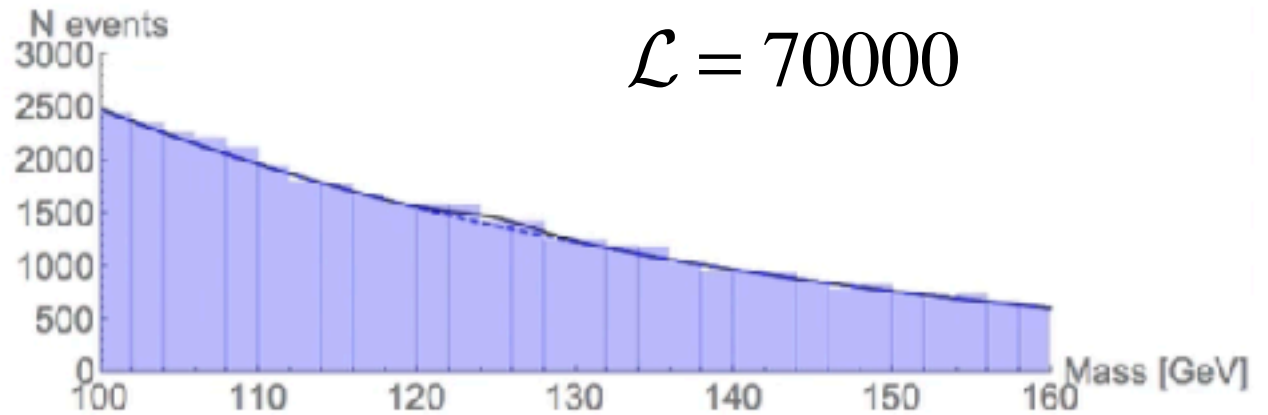




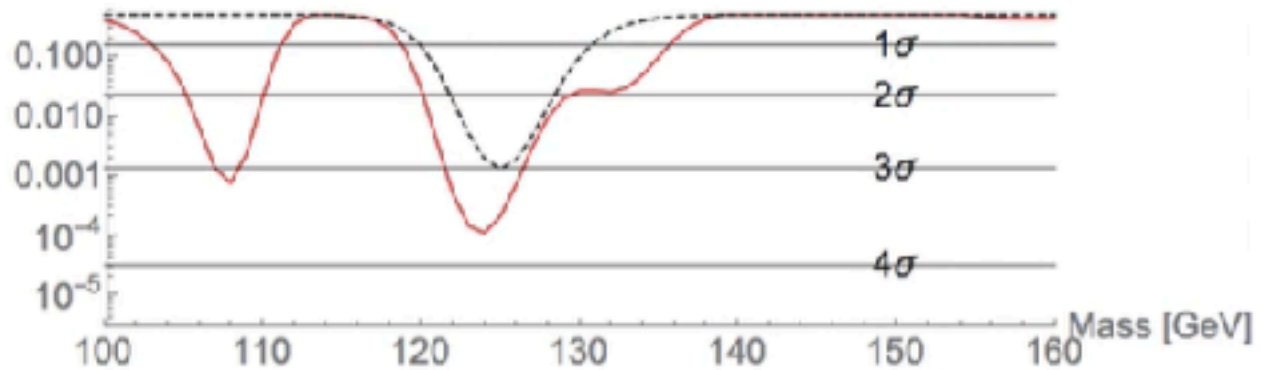


$p$ -value

$$\mathcal{L} = 70000$$

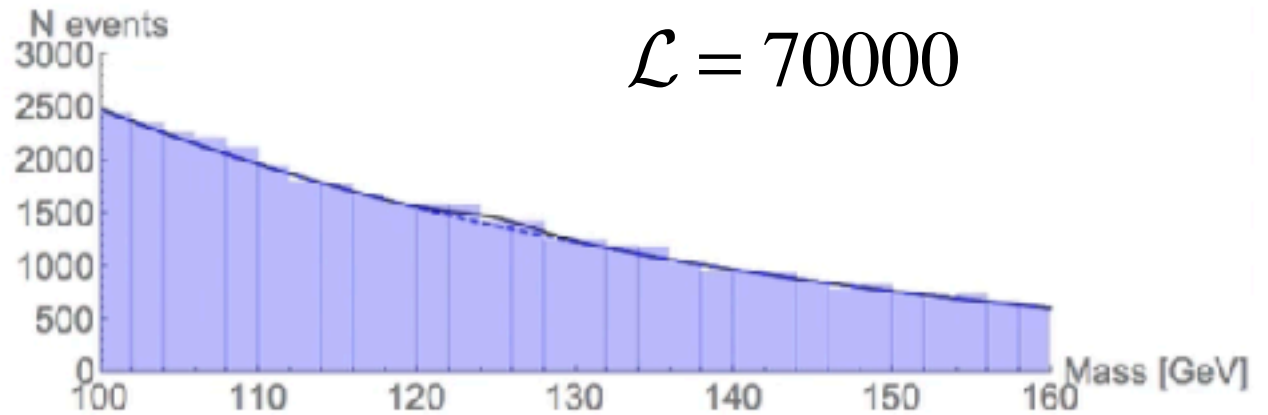


$$p = \text{prob}(q_0 \geq q_{0,obs})$$

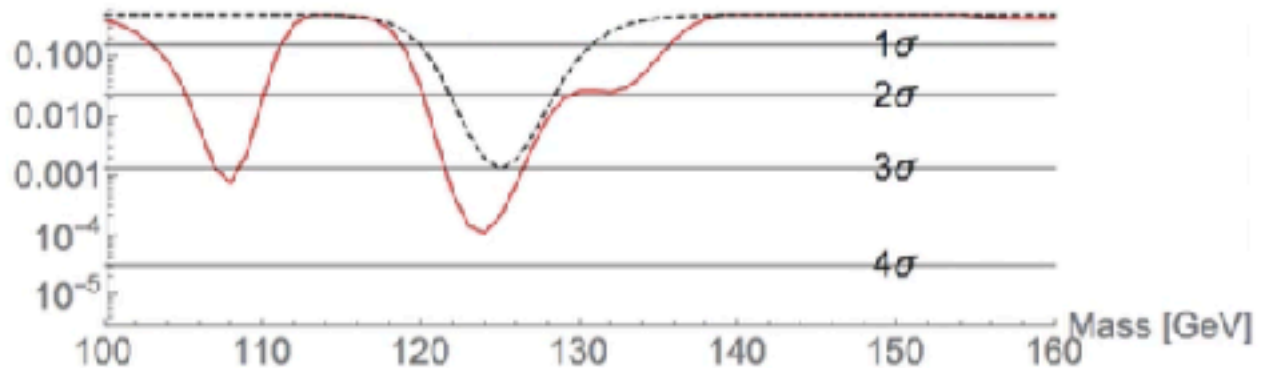


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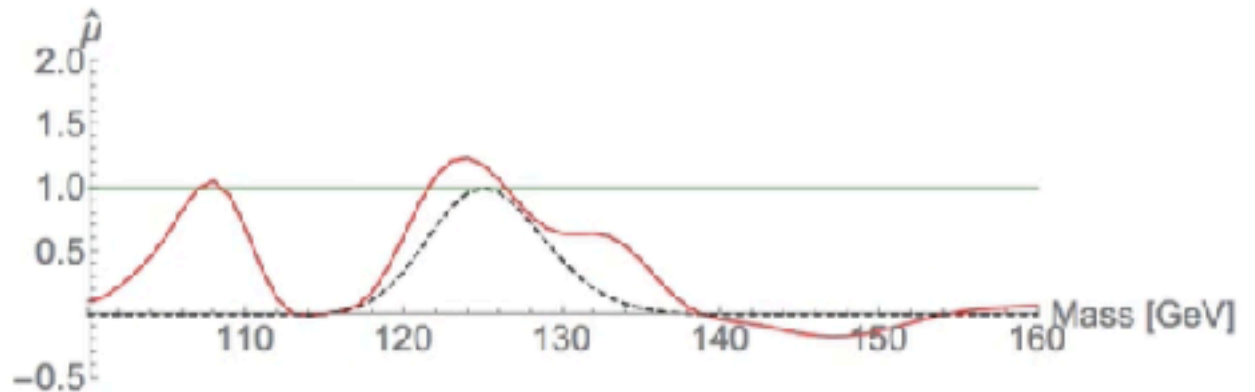
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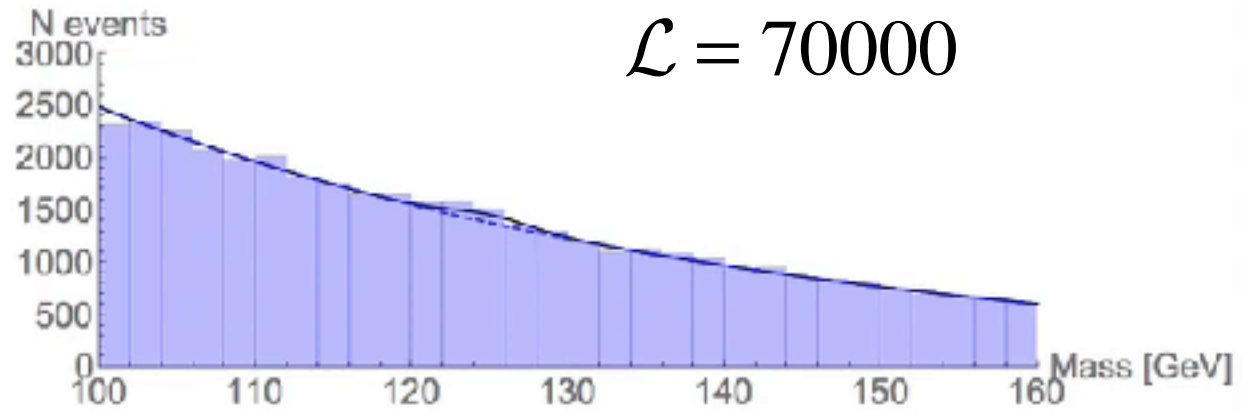


$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{\sigma_{obs}}{\sigma_{exp}}$$

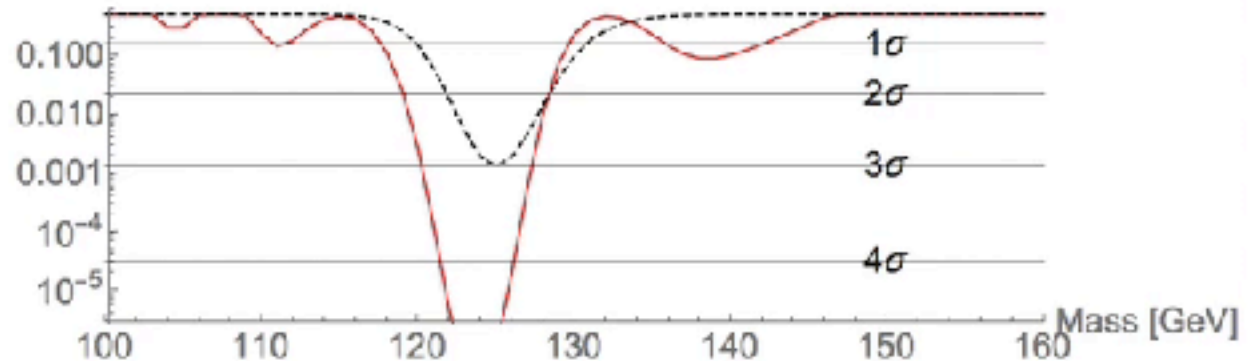


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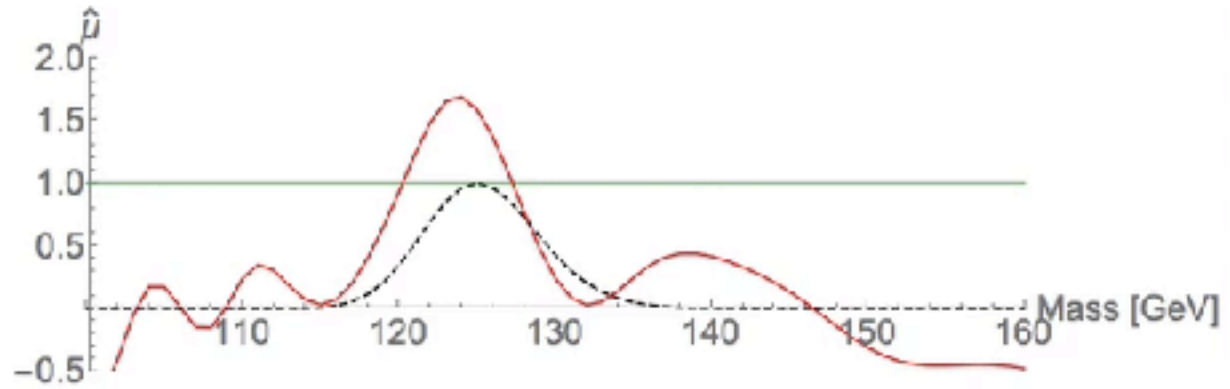
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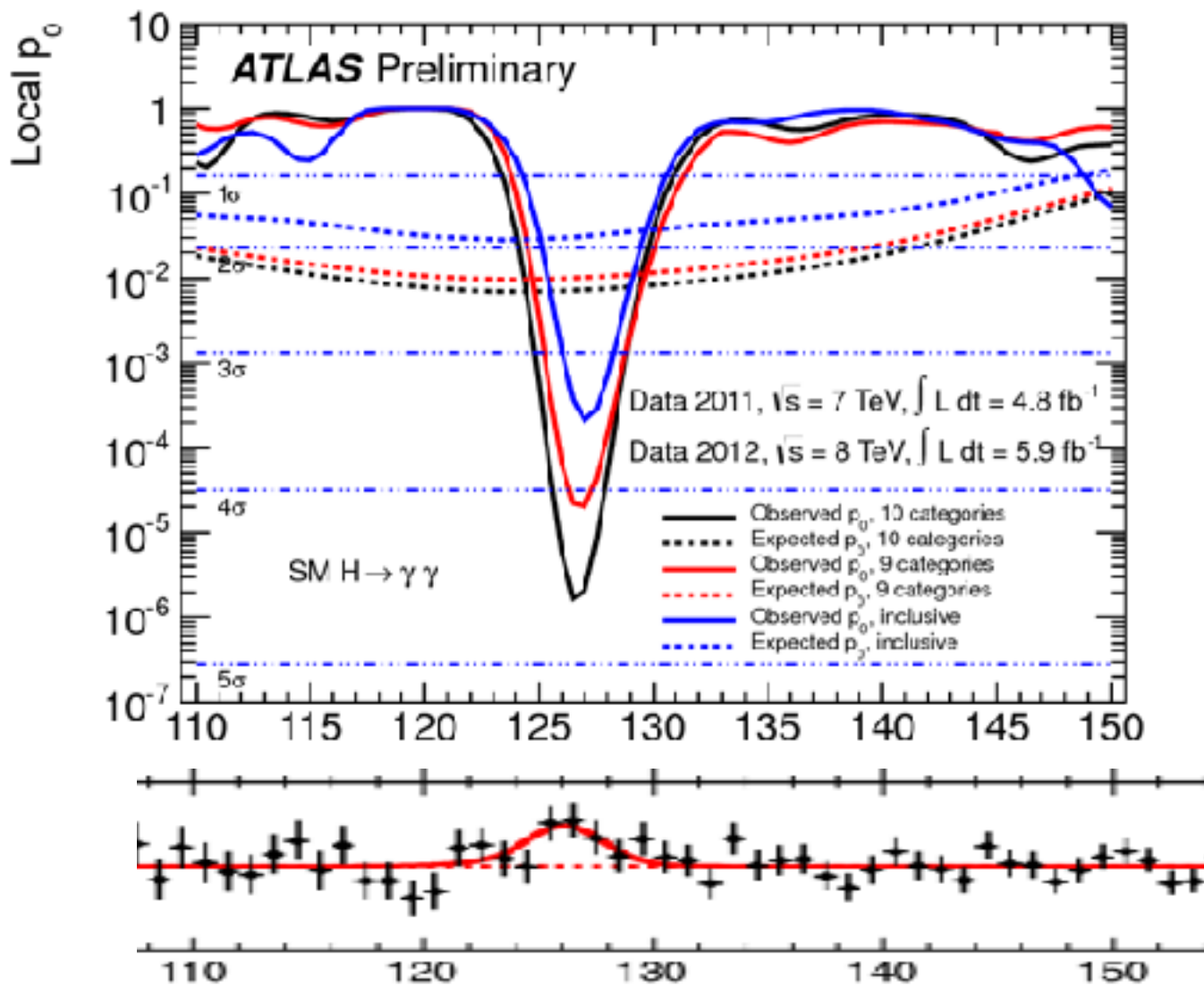
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$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



# $q_\mu$ for exclusion

CCGV

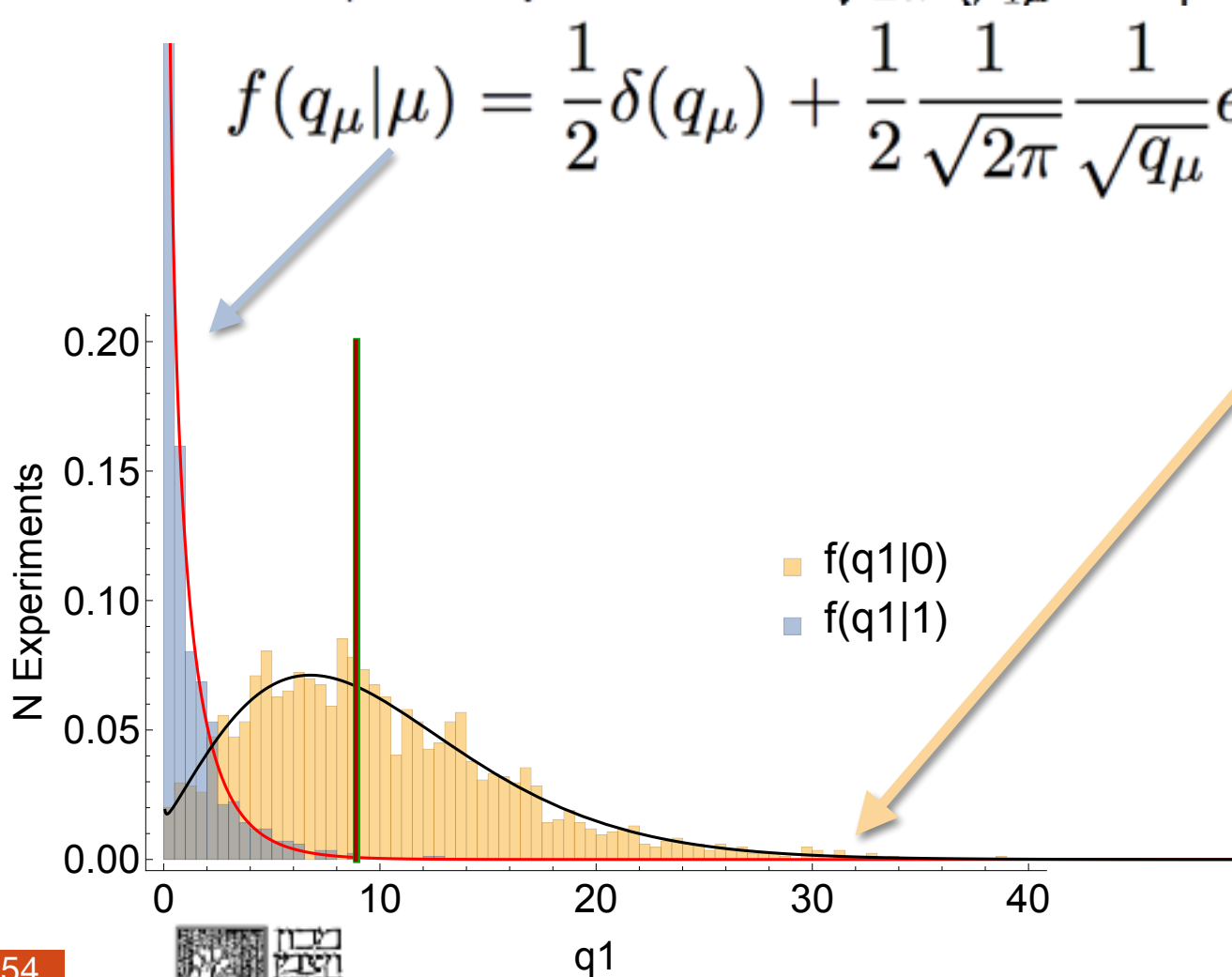
$$q_\mu = \begin{cases} -2 \log \lambda(\mu) & \hat{\mu} \leq \mu \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} > \mu \end{cases}$$

Upward fluctuations of the signal  
do not serve as an evidence against the signal

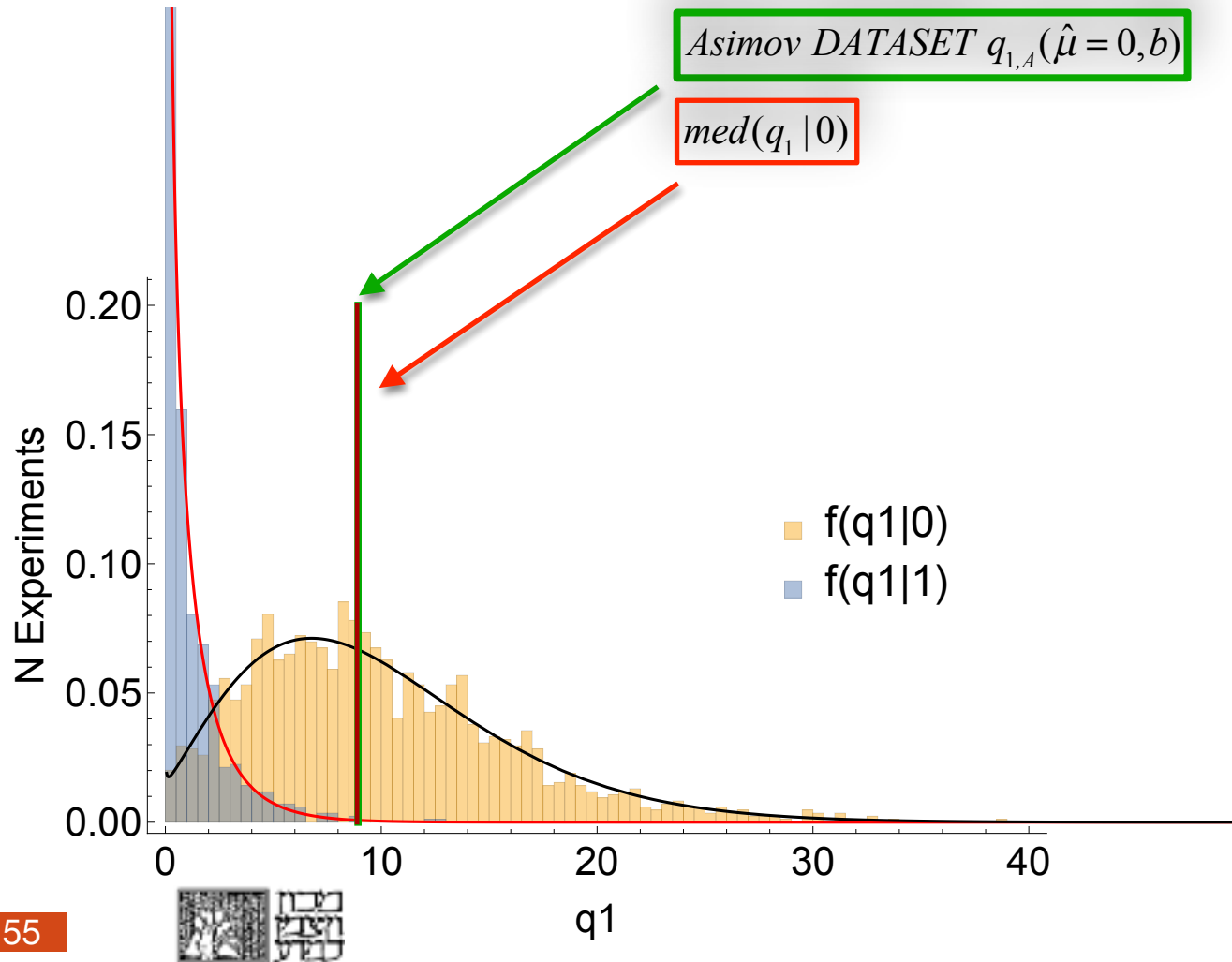
# PDF of (q1|1) and (q1|1)

$$f(q_\mu|\mu') = \Phi\left(\frac{\mu' - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \delta(q_\mu) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{q_\mu}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{q_\mu} - \frac{\mu - \mu'}{\sigma}\right)^2\right]$$

$$f(q_\mu|\mu) = \frac{1}{2} \delta(q_\mu) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{q_\mu}} e^{-q_\mu/2}$$



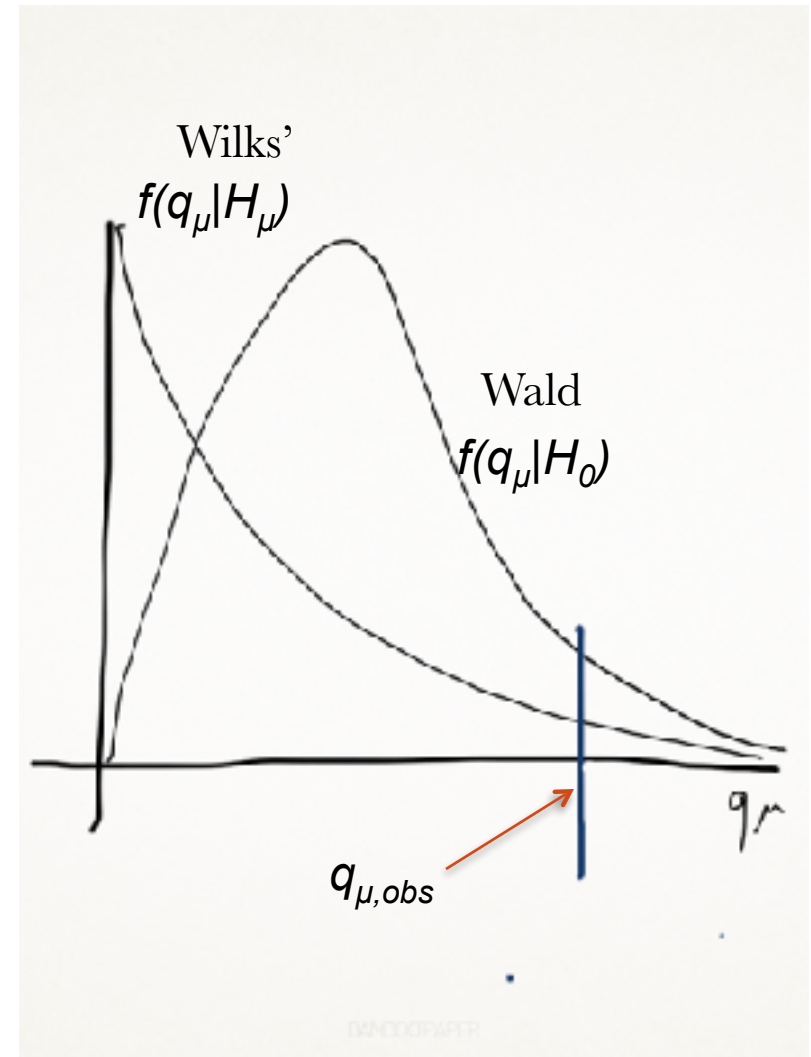
# PDF of $(q_1|1)$ and $(q_1|1)$



# Exclusion at 95% CL

- We test hypothesis  $H_\mu$
- We calculate the PL (profile likelihood) ratio with the one observed data

- $q_{\mu,obs}$



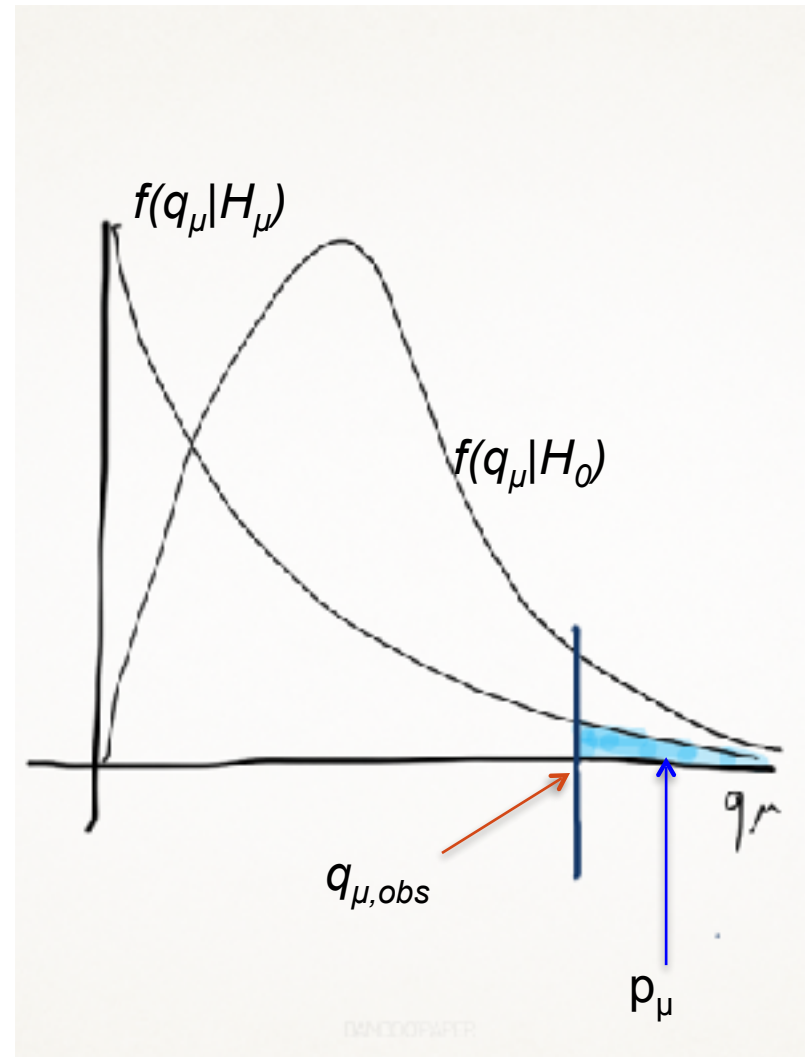


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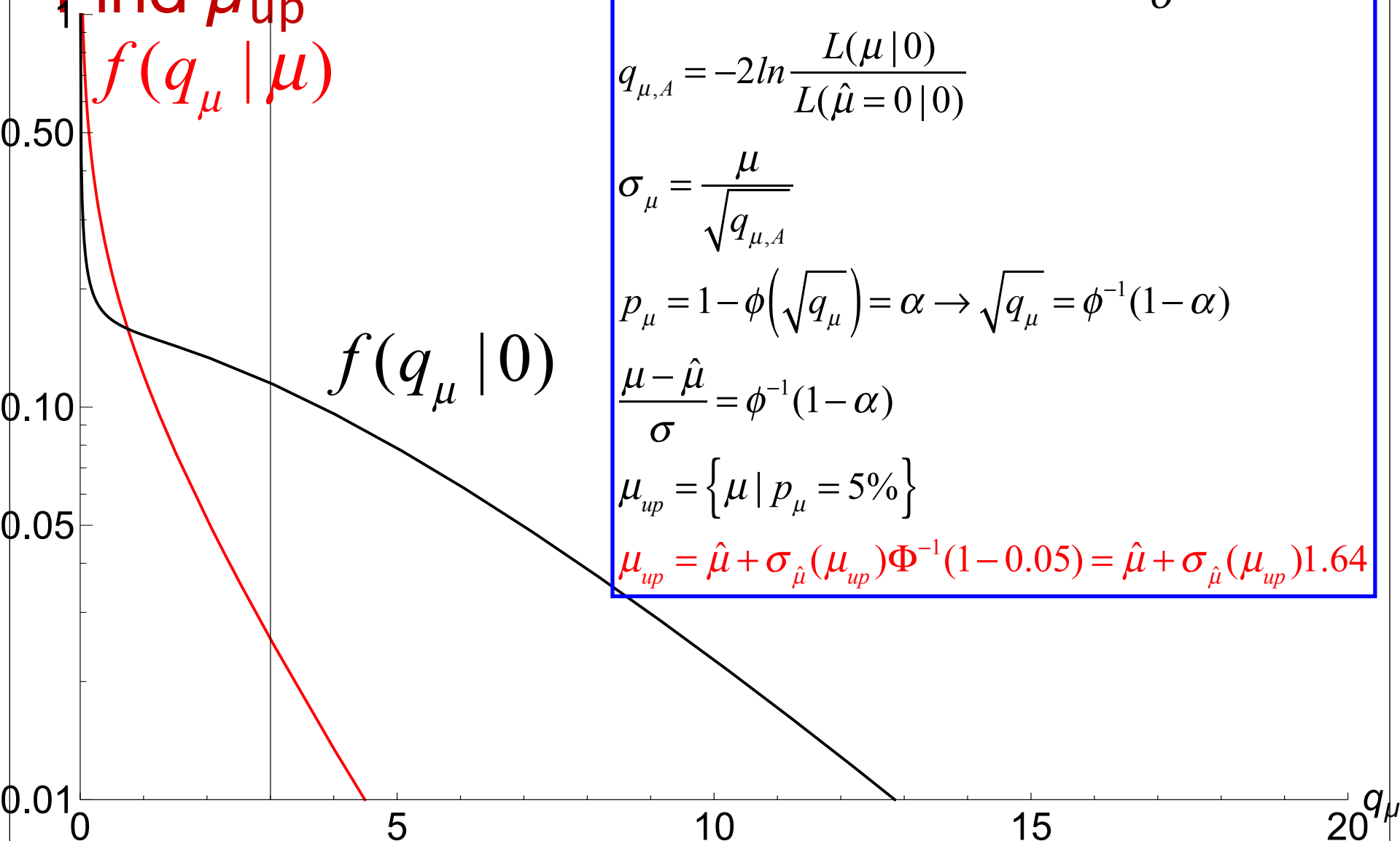
- Find the p-value of the signal hypothesis  $H_\mu$

$$p_\mu = \int_{q_{\mu,obs}}^{\infty} f(q_\mu | H_\mu) dq_\mu$$

- In principle if  $p_\mu < 5\%$ ,  $H_\mu$  hypothesis is excluded at the 95% CL
- Note that  $H_\mu$  is for a given Higgs mass  $m_H$



Find  $\mu_{up}$   
 $f(q_\mu | \mu)$



$$\text{Let } \langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = 0, \text{ Wald } \rightarrow Z = \sqrt{q_\mu} = \frac{\mu - \hat{\mu}}{\sigma}$$

$$q_{\mu,A} = -2 \ln \frac{L(\mu | 0)}{L(\hat{\mu} = 0 | 0)}$$

$$\sigma_\mu = \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{q_{\mu,A}}}$$

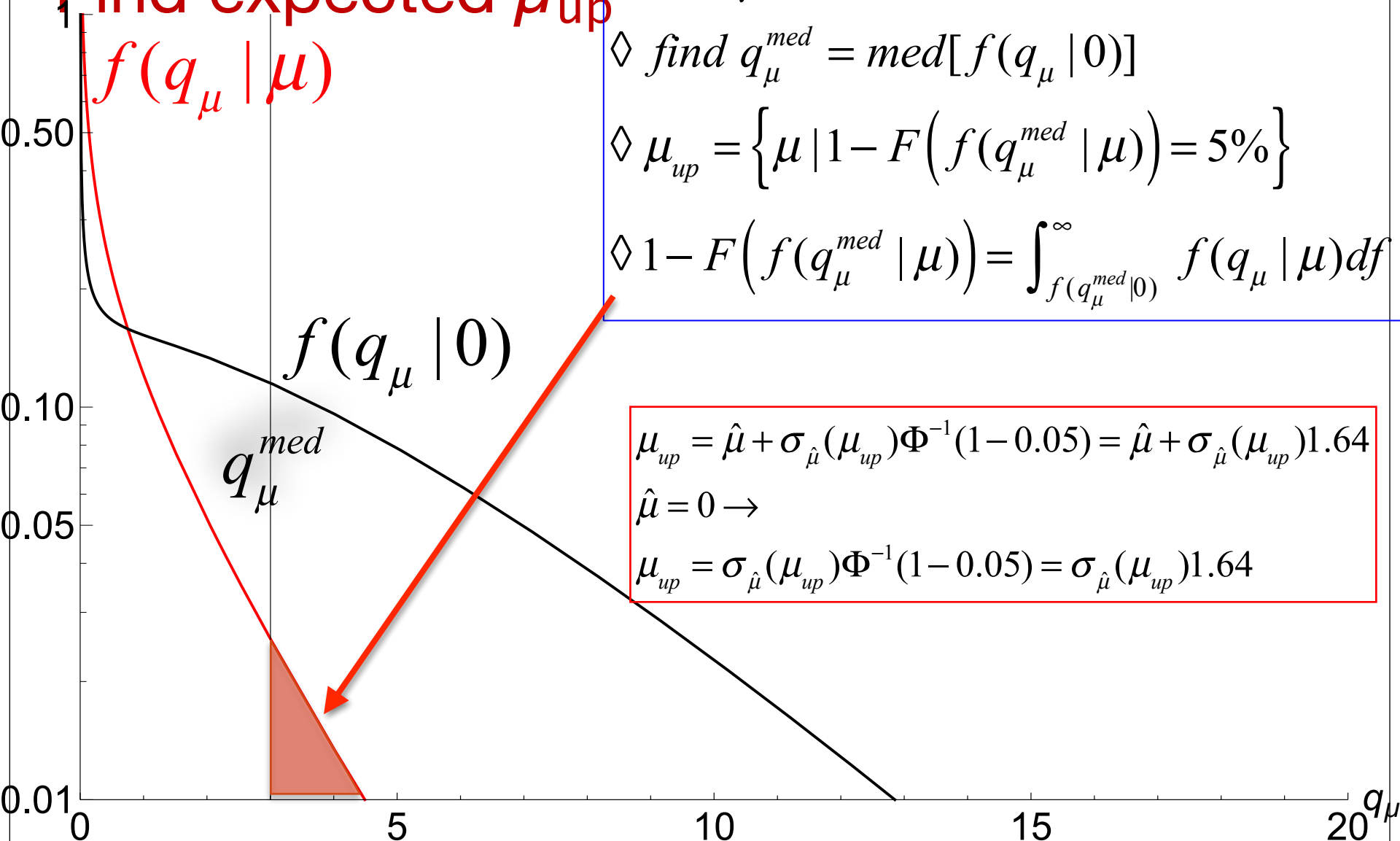
$$p_\mu = 1 - \Phi(\sqrt{q_\mu}) = \alpha \rightarrow \sqrt{q_\mu} = \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$$

$$\frac{\mu - \hat{\mu}}{\sigma} = \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$$

$$\mu_{up} = \{ \mu \mid p_\mu = 5\% \}$$

$$\mu_{up} = \hat{\mu} + \sigma_{\hat{\mu}}(\mu_{up}) \Phi^{-1}(1 - 0.05) = \hat{\mu} + \sigma_{\hat{\mu}}(\mu_{up}) 1.64$$

# Find expected $\mu_{up}$



◇ scan  $\mu$

◇ find  $q_\mu^{med} = med[f(q_\mu | 0)]$

◇  $\mu_{up} = \{ \mu \mid 1 - F(f(q_\mu^{med} | \mu)) = 5\% \}$

◇  $1 - F(f(q_\mu^{med} | \mu)) = \int_{f(q_\mu^{med} | 0)}^{\infty} f(q_\mu | \mu) df$

$$\mu_{up} = \hat{\mu} + \sigma_{\hat{\mu}}(\mu_{up}) \Phi^{-1}(1 - 0.05) = \hat{\mu} + \sigma_{\hat{\mu}}(\mu_{up}) 1.64$$

$$\hat{\mu} = 0 \rightarrow$$

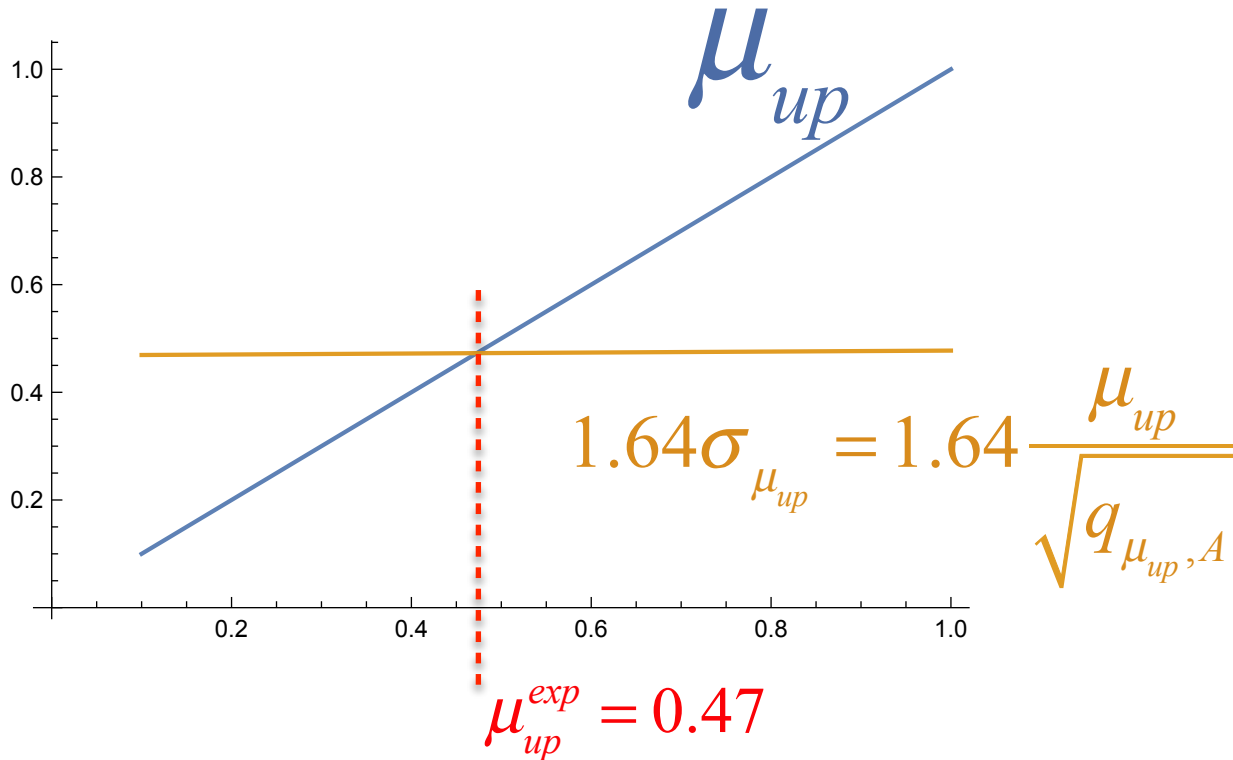
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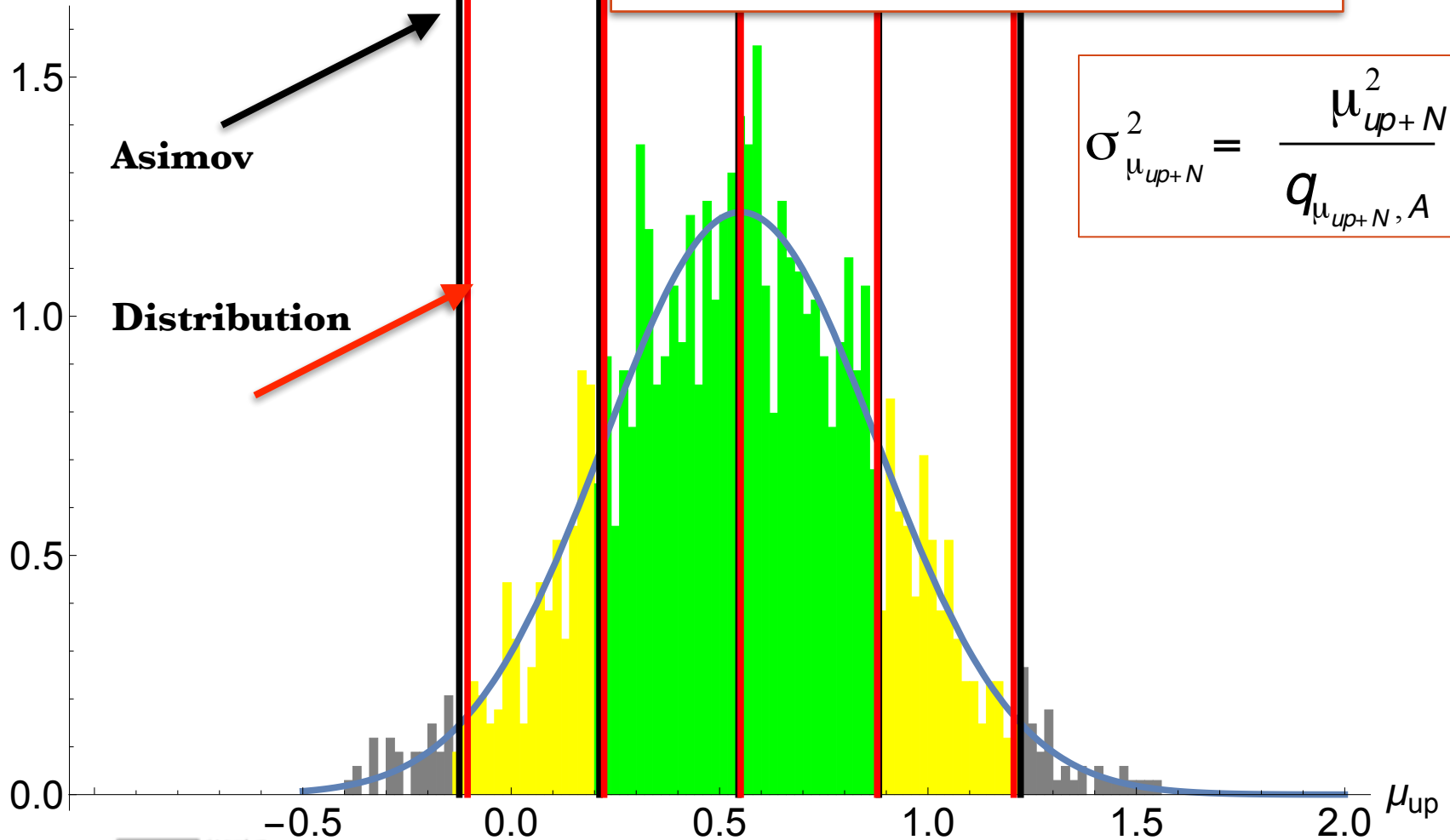
$$\mu_{up}^{exp} = \sigma_{\hat{\mu}}(\mu_{up}^{exp})\Phi^{-1}(1-0.05) = \sigma_{\hat{\mu}}(\mu_{up}^{exp})1.64$$



# Expected $\mu_{up}$ Bands at $m=125$

$$\mu_{up+N}^{exp} = \sigma_{\hat{\mu}}(\mu_{up+N}^{exp}) \left( \phi^{-1}(1-\alpha) + N \right)$$

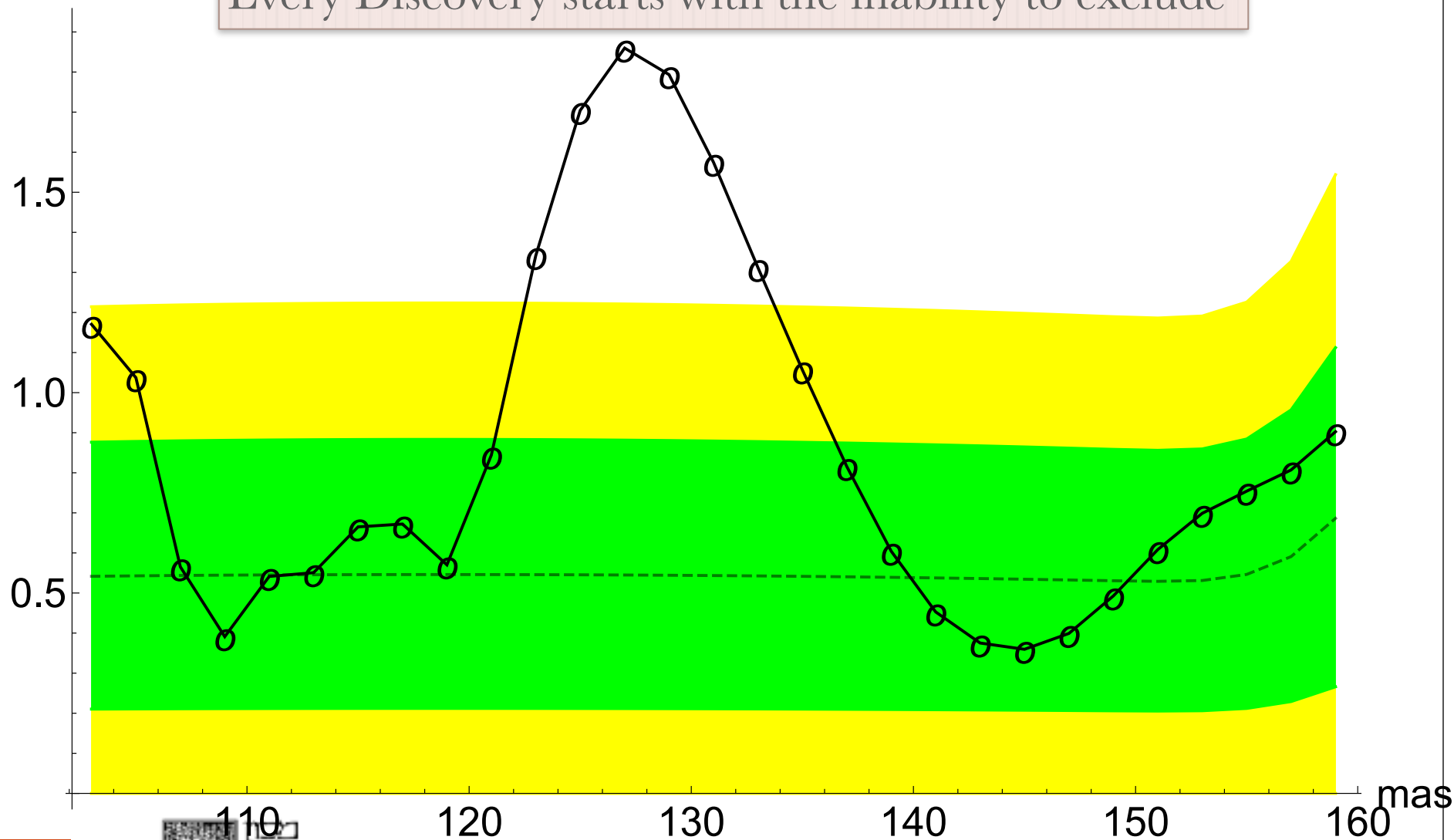
$$\sigma_{\mu_{up+N}}^2 = \frac{\mu_{up+N}^2}{q_{\mu_{up+N}, A}}$$



# Brazil Plot

$\mu_{\text{up}}$

Every Discovery starts with the inability to exclude

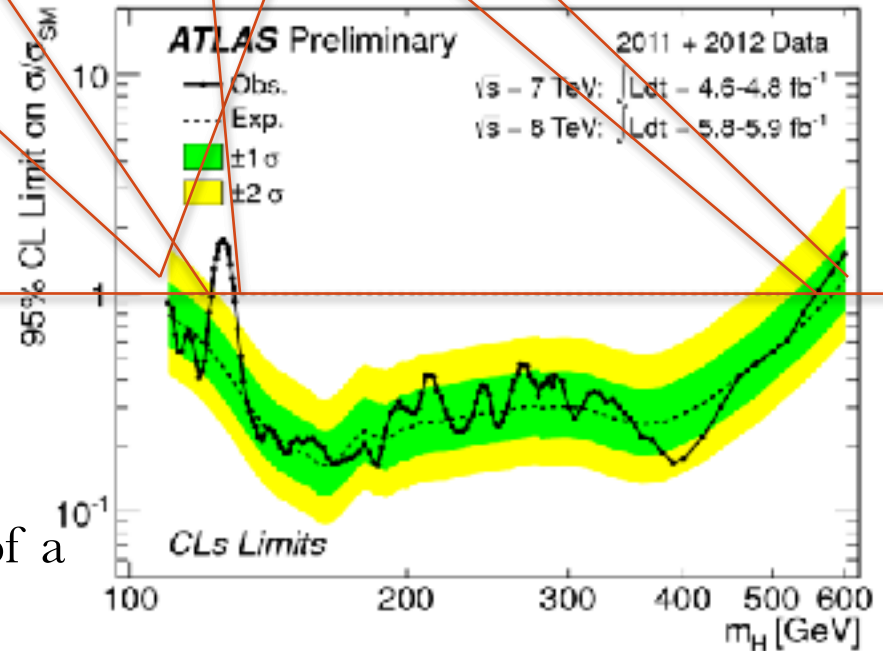


# Understanding the Brazil Plot

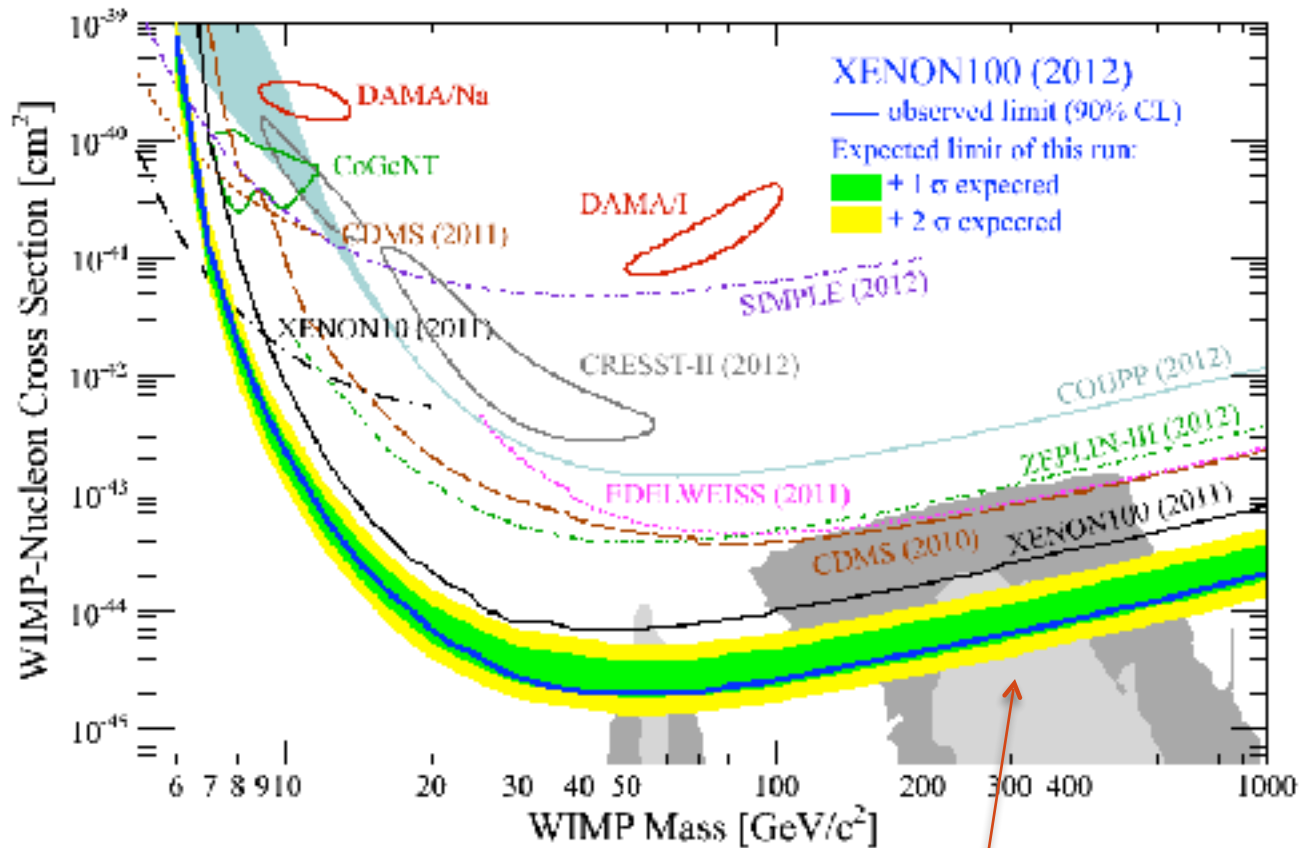
The expected 95% CL exclusion region covers the  $m_H$  range from 110 GeV to 582 GeV. The observed 95% CL exclusion regions are from 110 GeV to 122.6 GeV and 129.7 GeV to 558 GeV. The addition of

- $\mu_{\text{up}} = \sigma(m_H) / \sigma_{\text{SM}}(m_H) < 1 \rightarrow$   
 $\sigma(m_H) < \sigma_{\text{SM}}(m_H) \rightarrow \text{SM } m_H \text{ excluded}$

- The line  $\mu_{\text{up}} = 1$  corresponds to  $\text{CLs} = 5\%$  ( $p'_s = 5\%$ )
- The smaller  $\mu_{\text{up}} < 1$  is, the exclusion of a SM Higgs is deeper  $\rightarrow p'_s < 5\%$ ,  
 $p'_s = \text{CLs} \rightarrow \text{CL} = 1 - p'_s > 95\%$



# Implications in Astro-Particle Physics



The lack of events in spite of an expected background allows us to set a better limit than the expected



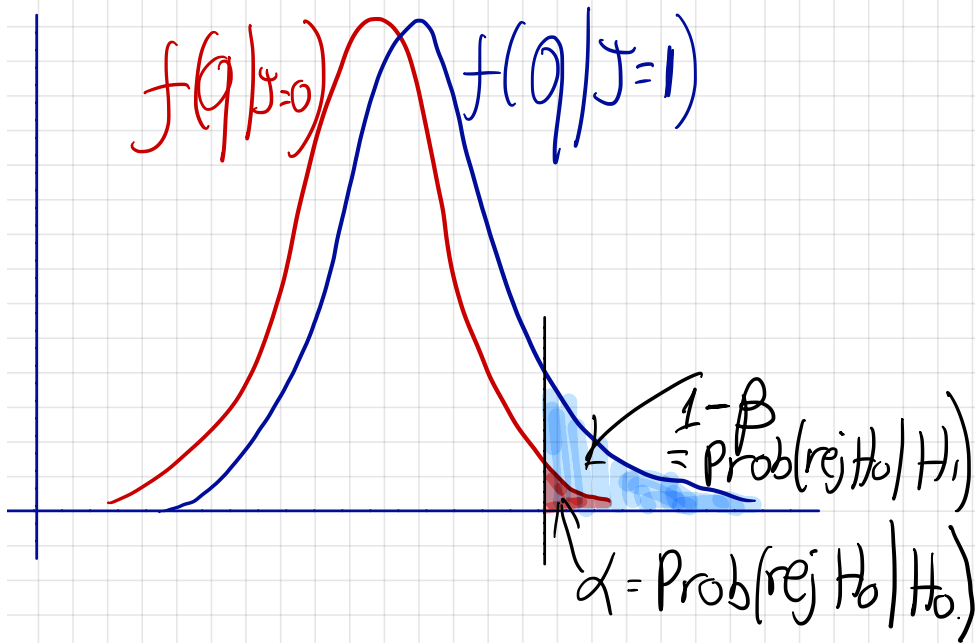
# Revised CLs (and Asymptotic)

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# CLs

Birnbaum (1962) suggested that  $\alpha / 1 - \beta$  (significance / power) should be used as a measure of the strength of a statistical test, rather than  $\alpha$  alone



$$p = 5\% \rightarrow p' = 5\% / 0.155 = 32\%$$

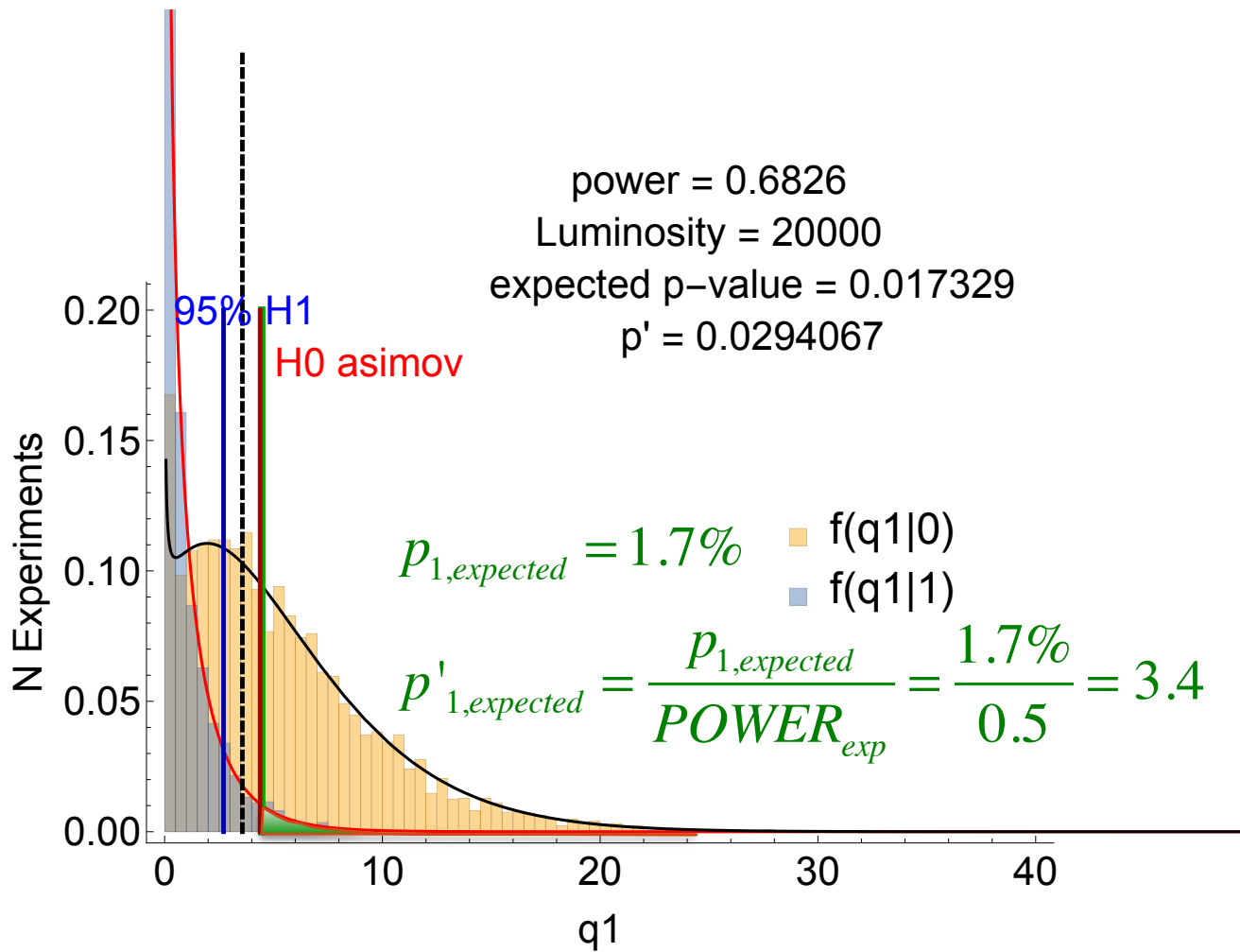
$$p' \equiv CL_s$$

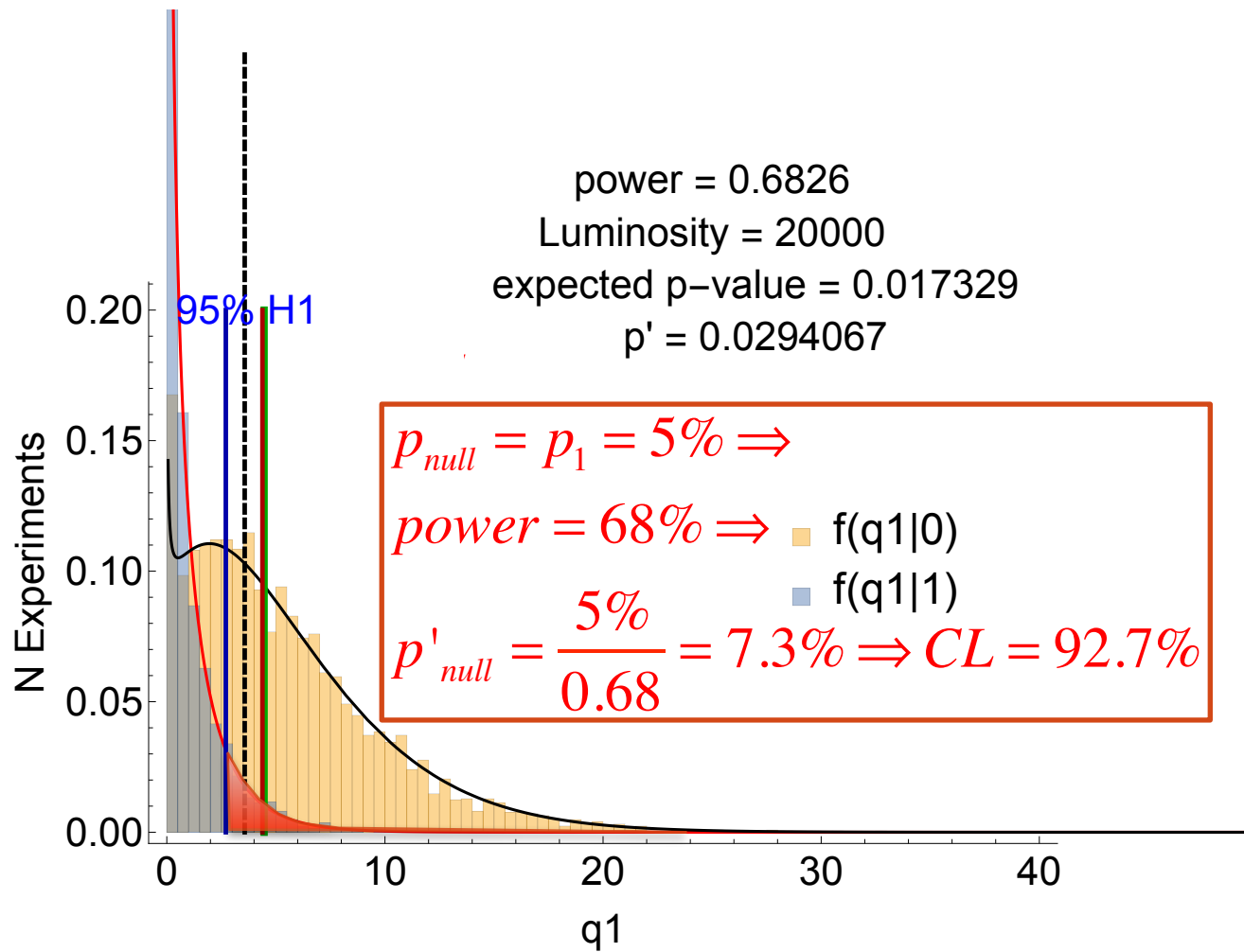
$$p'_\mu = \frac{P_\mu}{1 - p_0}$$

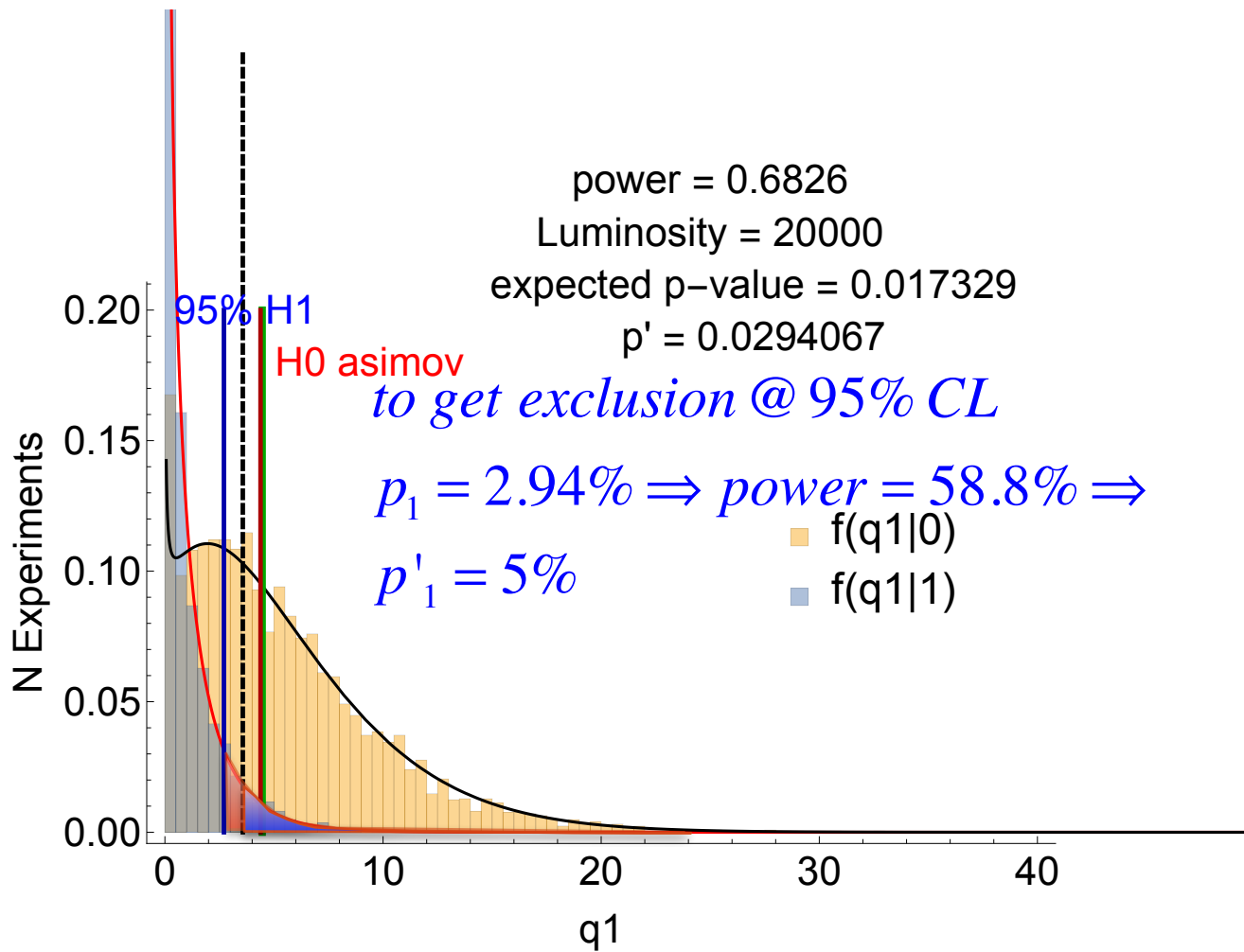
The CLs method  
Was brought into  
HEP By Alex Read (2002)  
A.L. Read,  
Presentation of search results:  
The CL(s) technique,  
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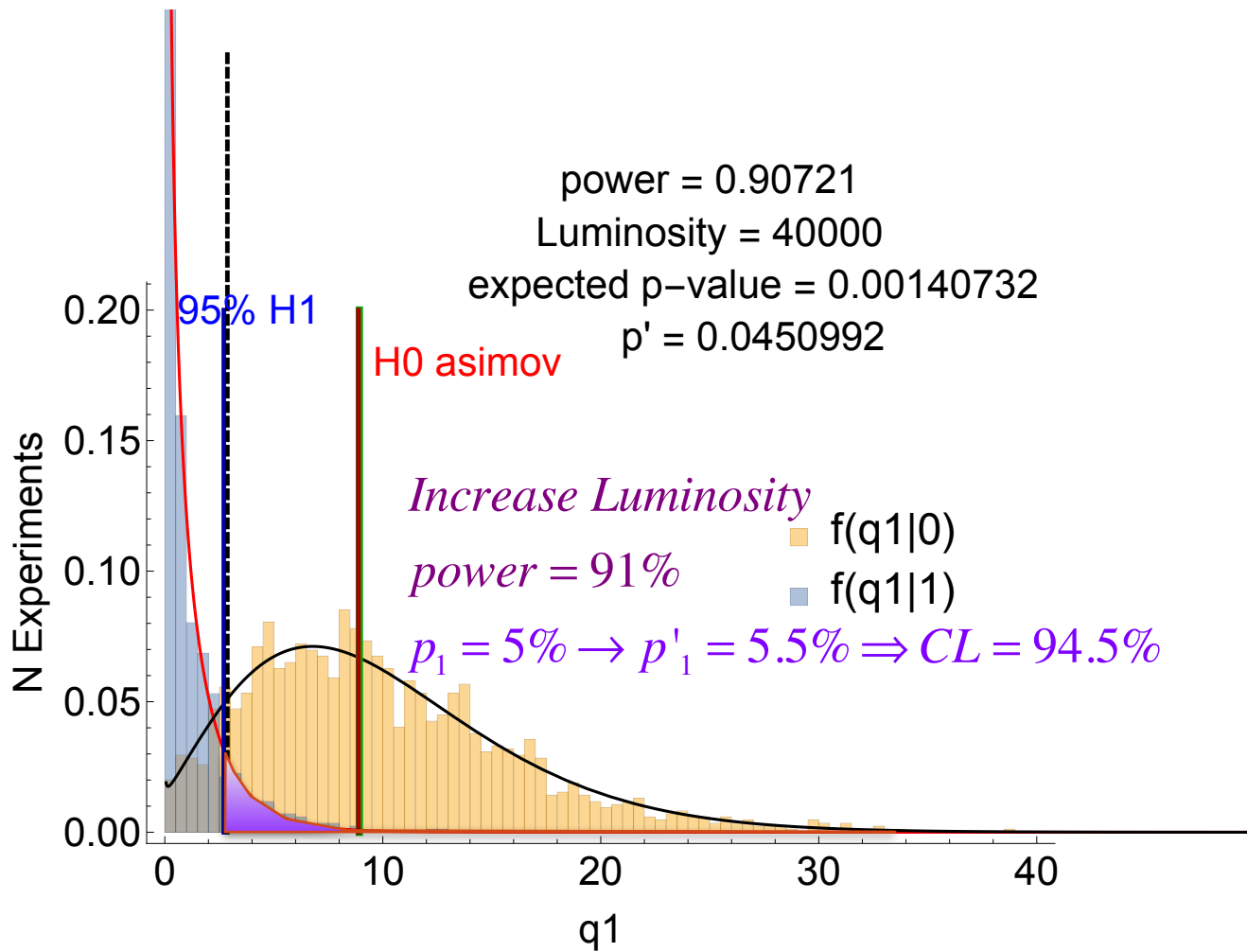
Birnbaum was re-discovered later  
By O. Vitells

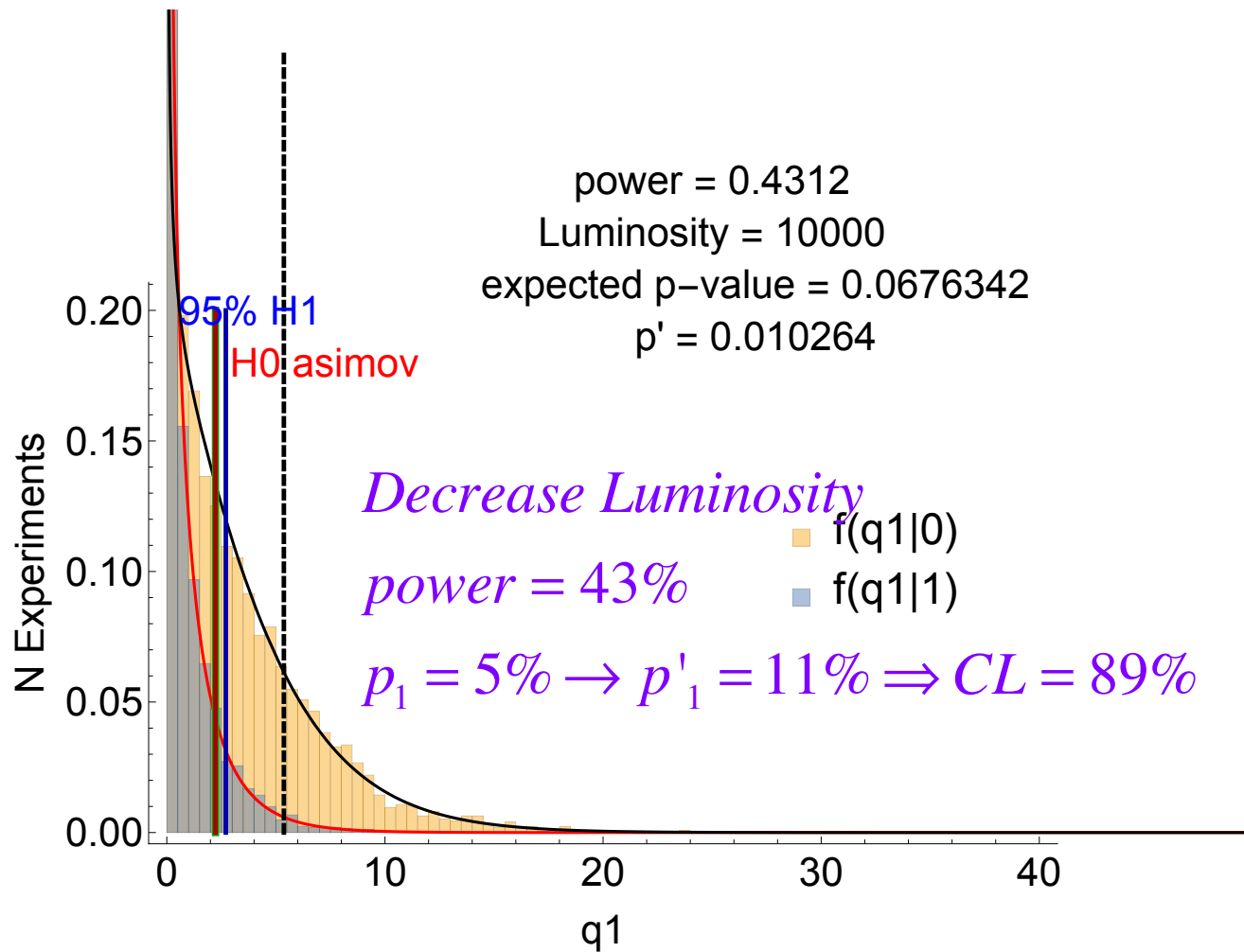


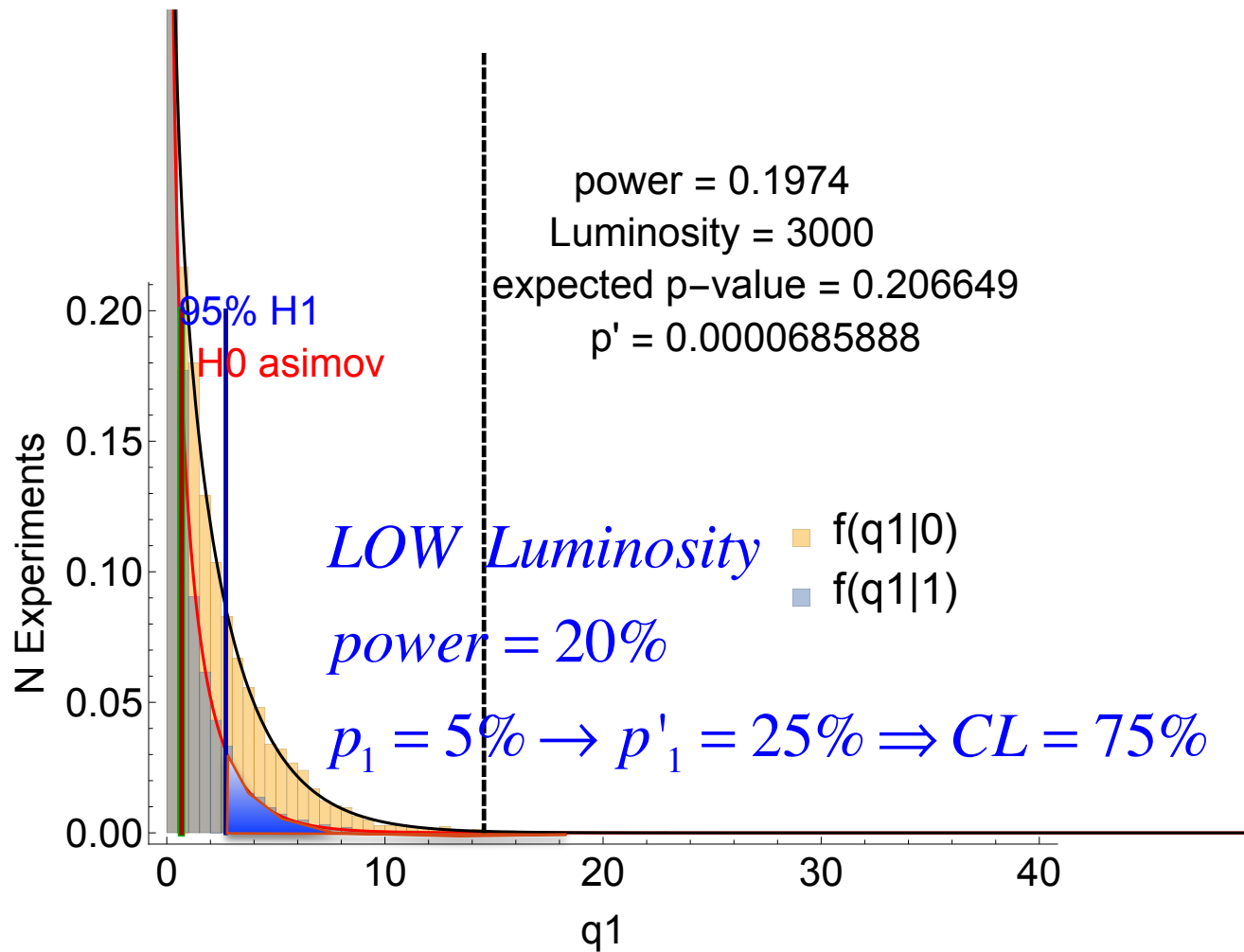




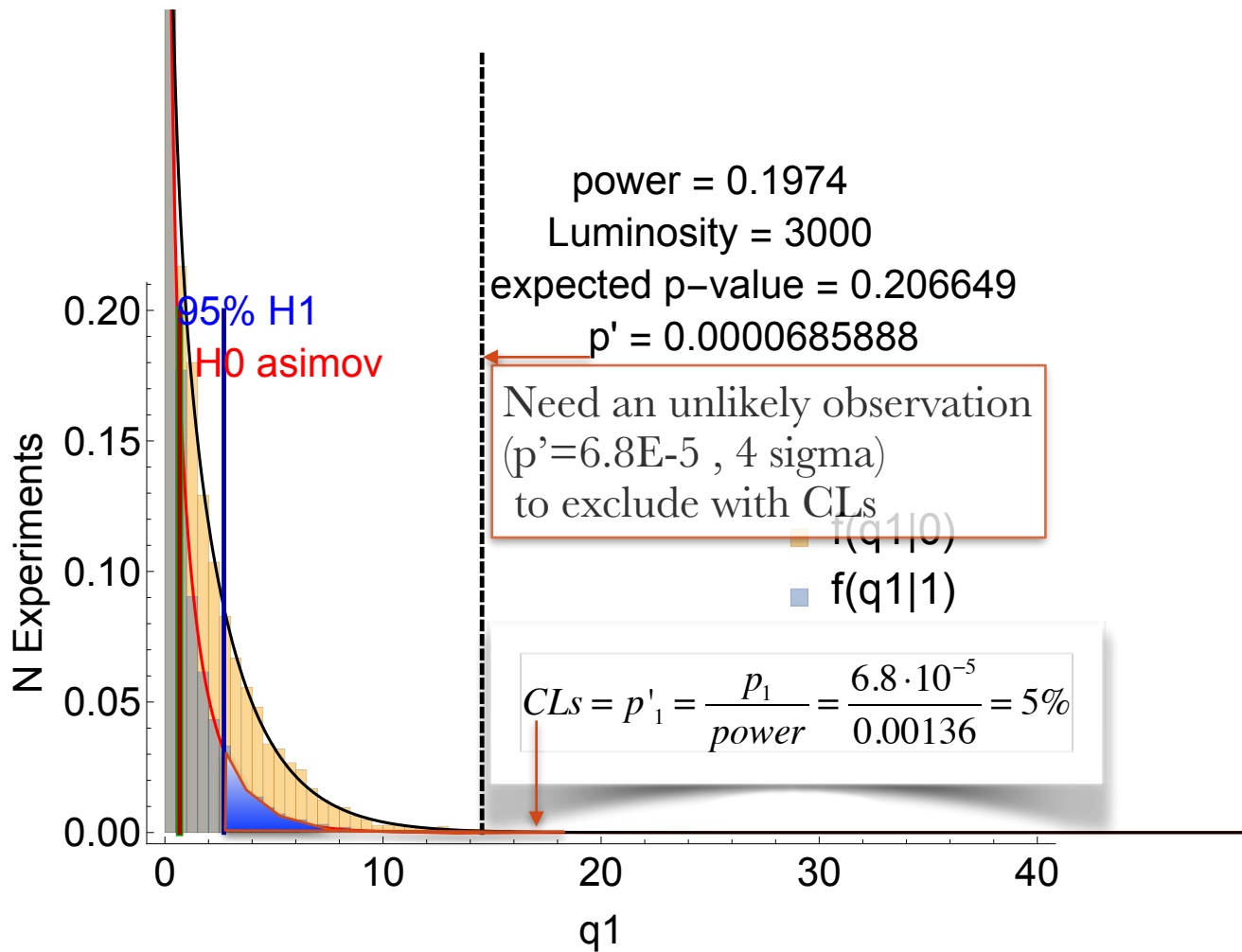












Hard to digest an observation with a power <5%



# The Asymptotic and CLs

$$p'_\mu = \frac{P_\mu}{1 - p_0}$$

$$p_\mu = 1 - \Phi\left(\sqrt{q_{\mu,obs}}\right)$$

$$p_0 = \Phi\left(\sqrt{q_{\mu,obs}} - \sqrt{q_{\mu,A}}\right) \rightarrow$$

$$p'_\mu = \frac{1 - \Phi\left(\sqrt{q_{\mu,obs}}\right)}{\Phi\left(\sqrt{q_{\mu,A}} - \sqrt{q_{\mu,obs}}\right)} \Rightarrow$$

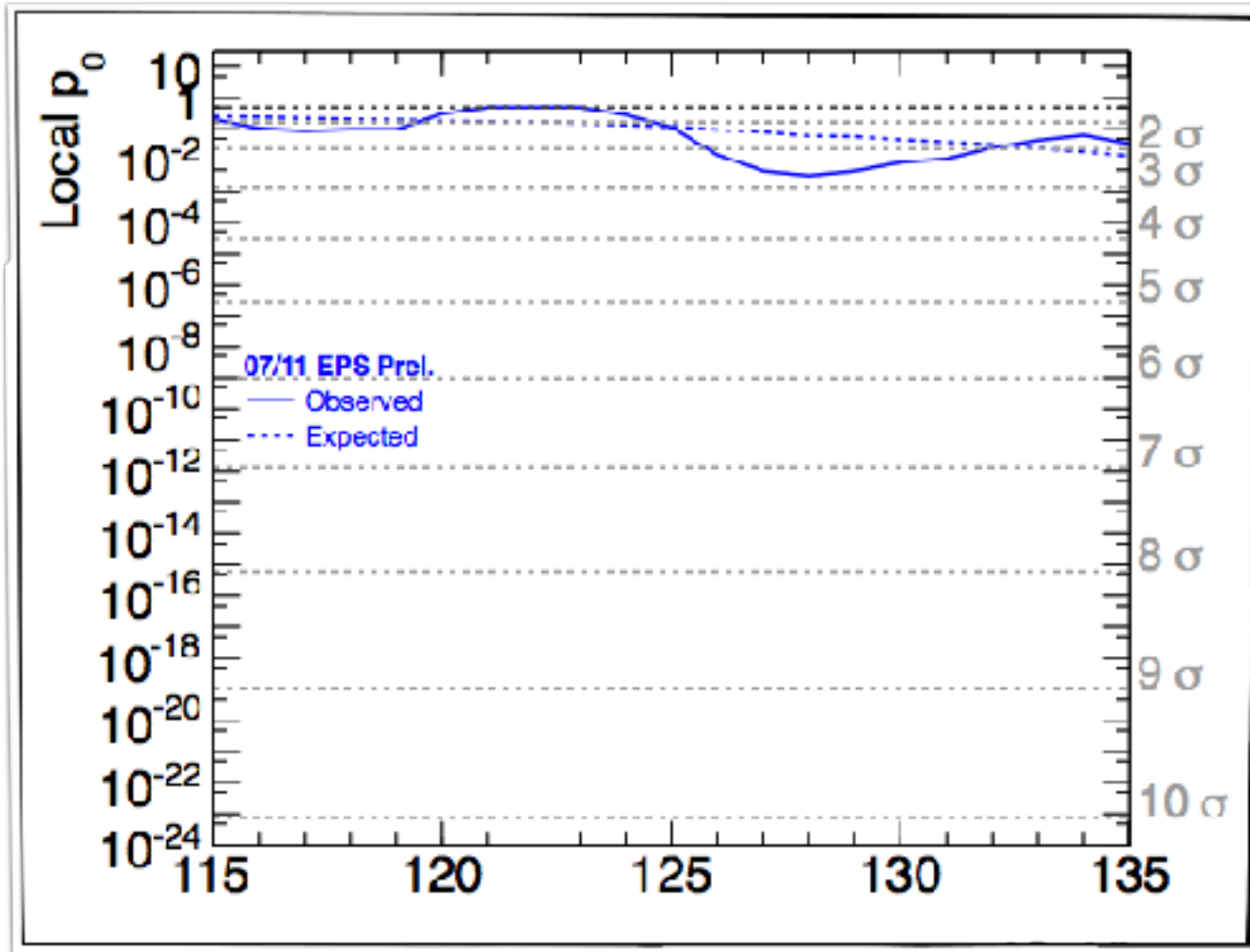
*scan  $\mu$  and find  $\mu_{up}$*

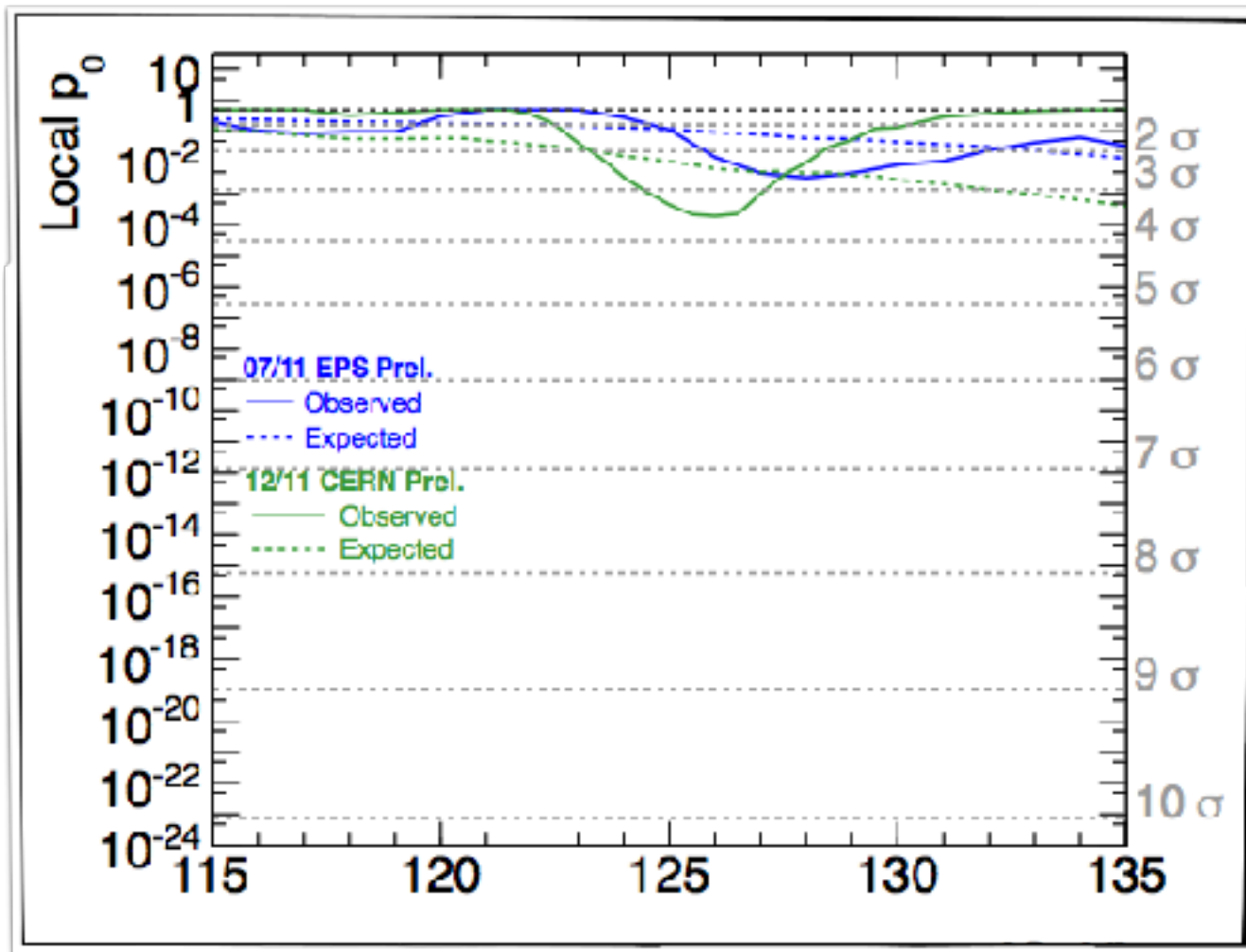
$$\mu_{up} = \left\{ \mu \left| \frac{1 - \Phi\left(\sqrt{q_{\mu,obs}}\right)}{\Phi\left(\sqrt{q_{\mu,A}} - \sqrt{q_{\mu,obs}}\right)} = 5\% \right. \right\}$$

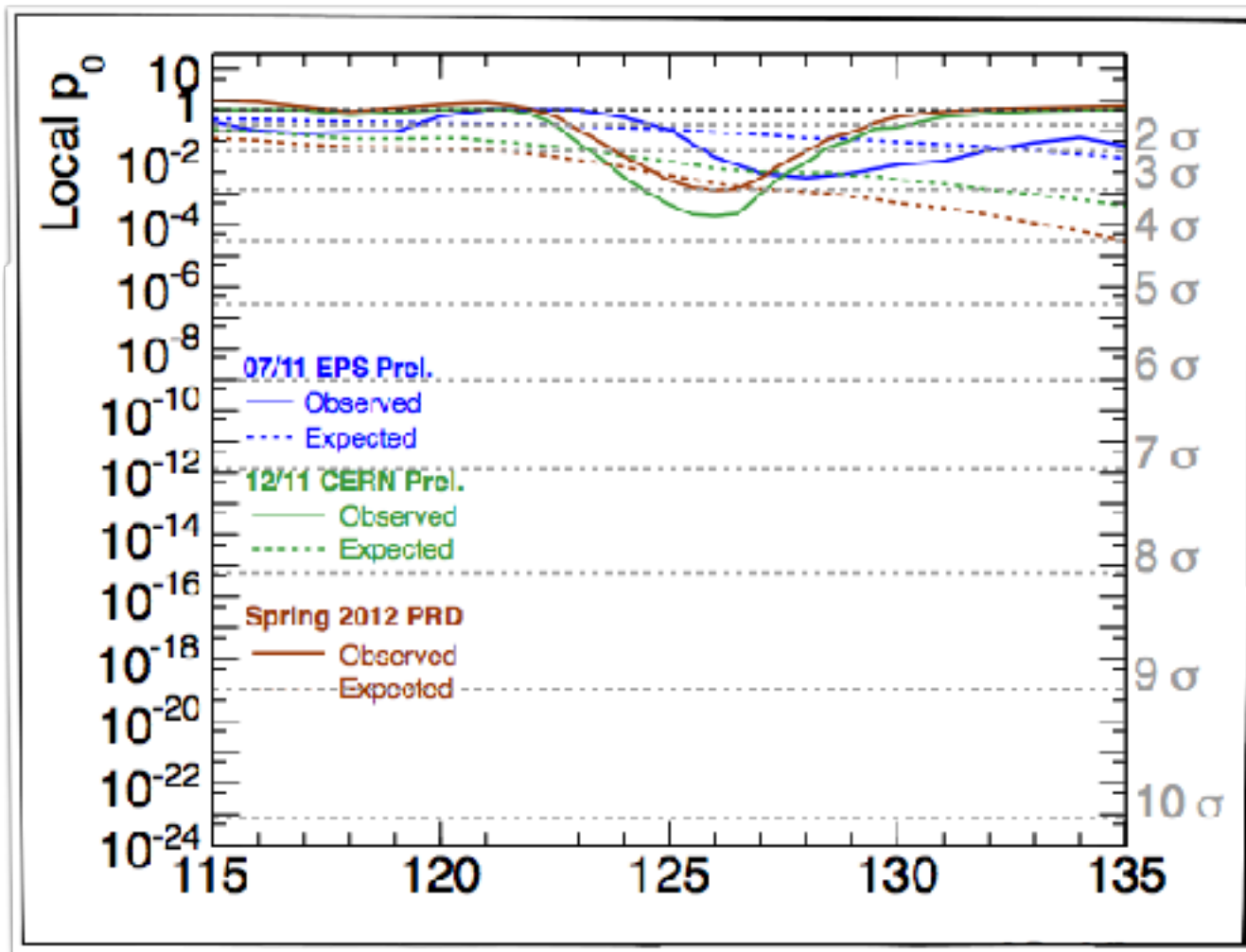
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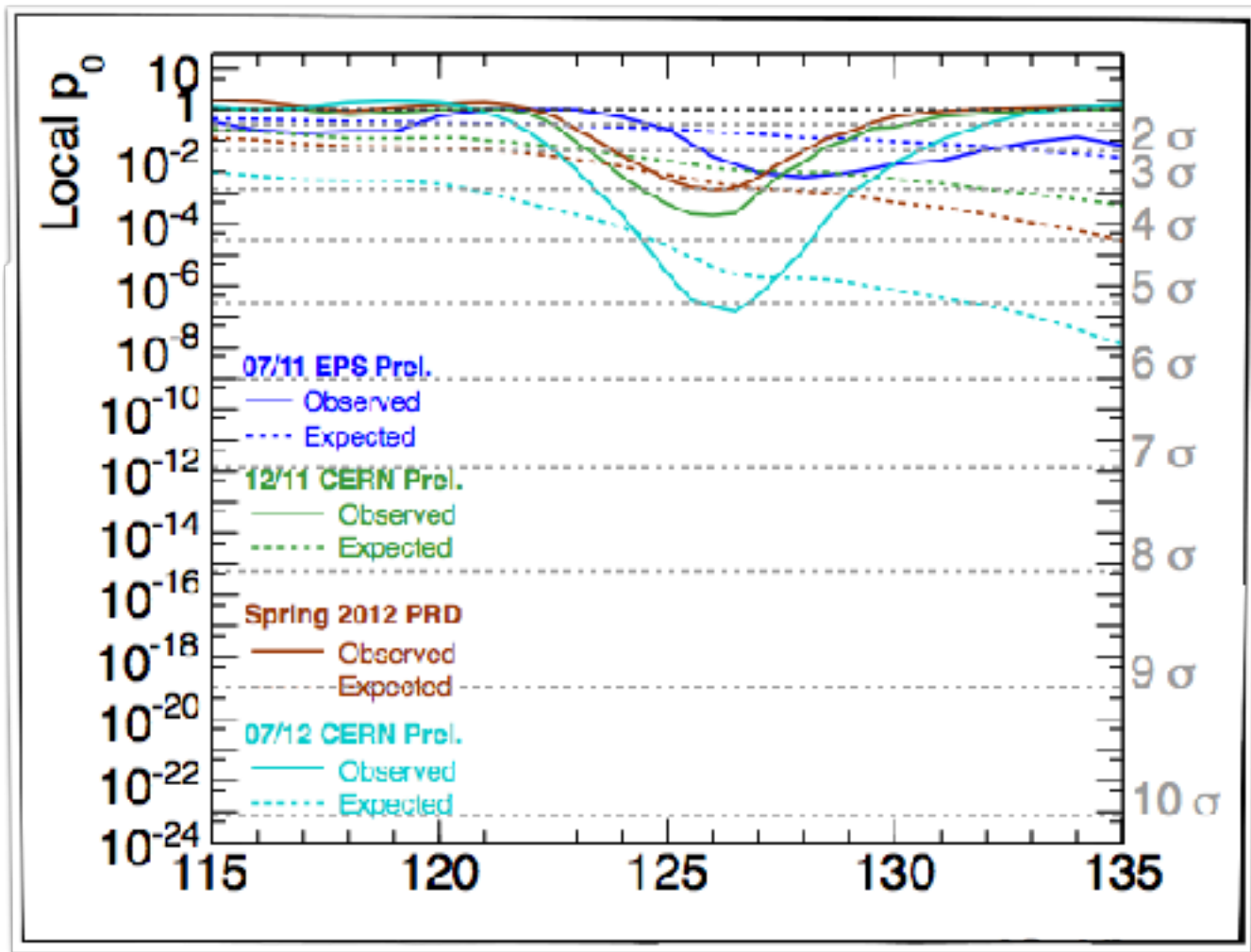
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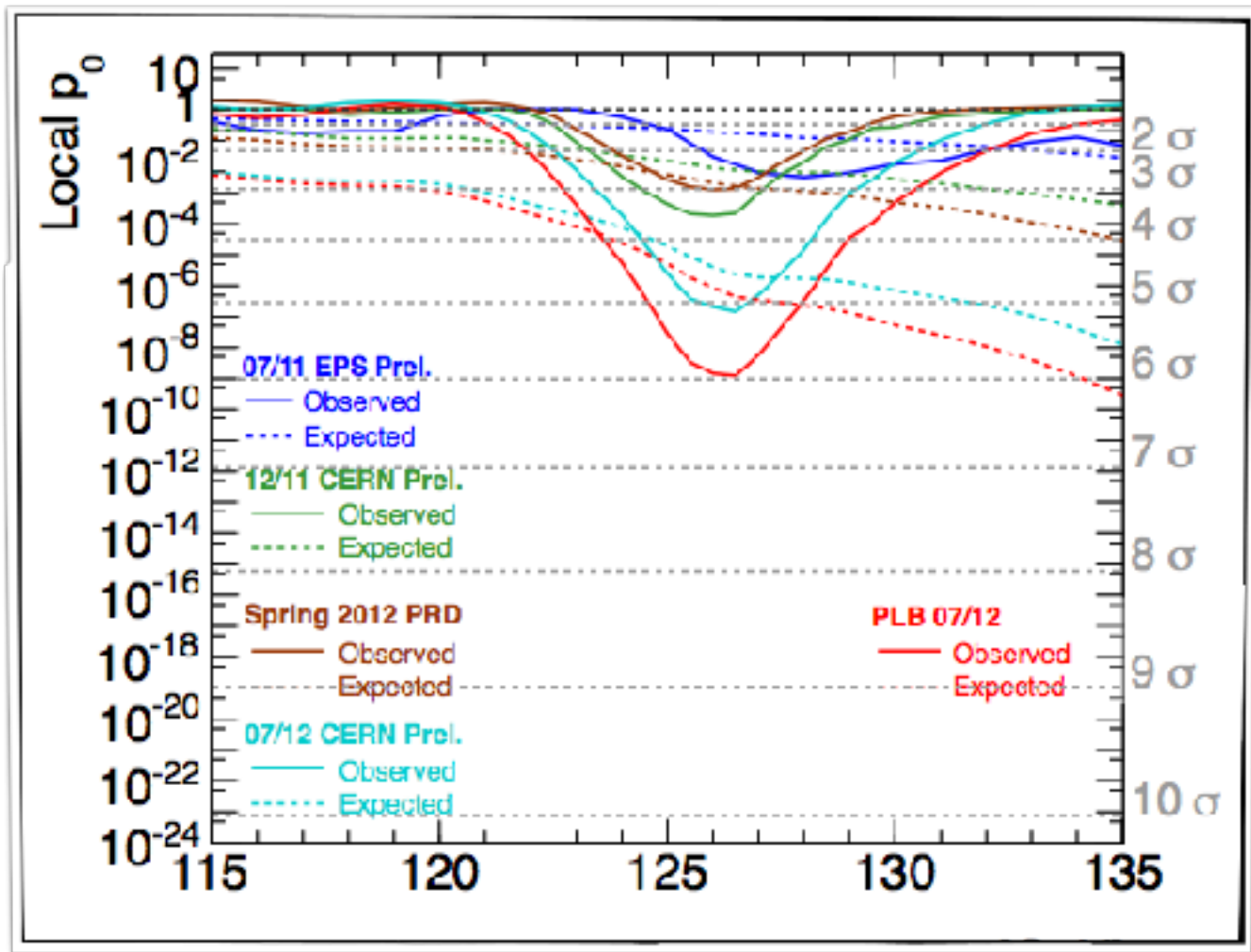




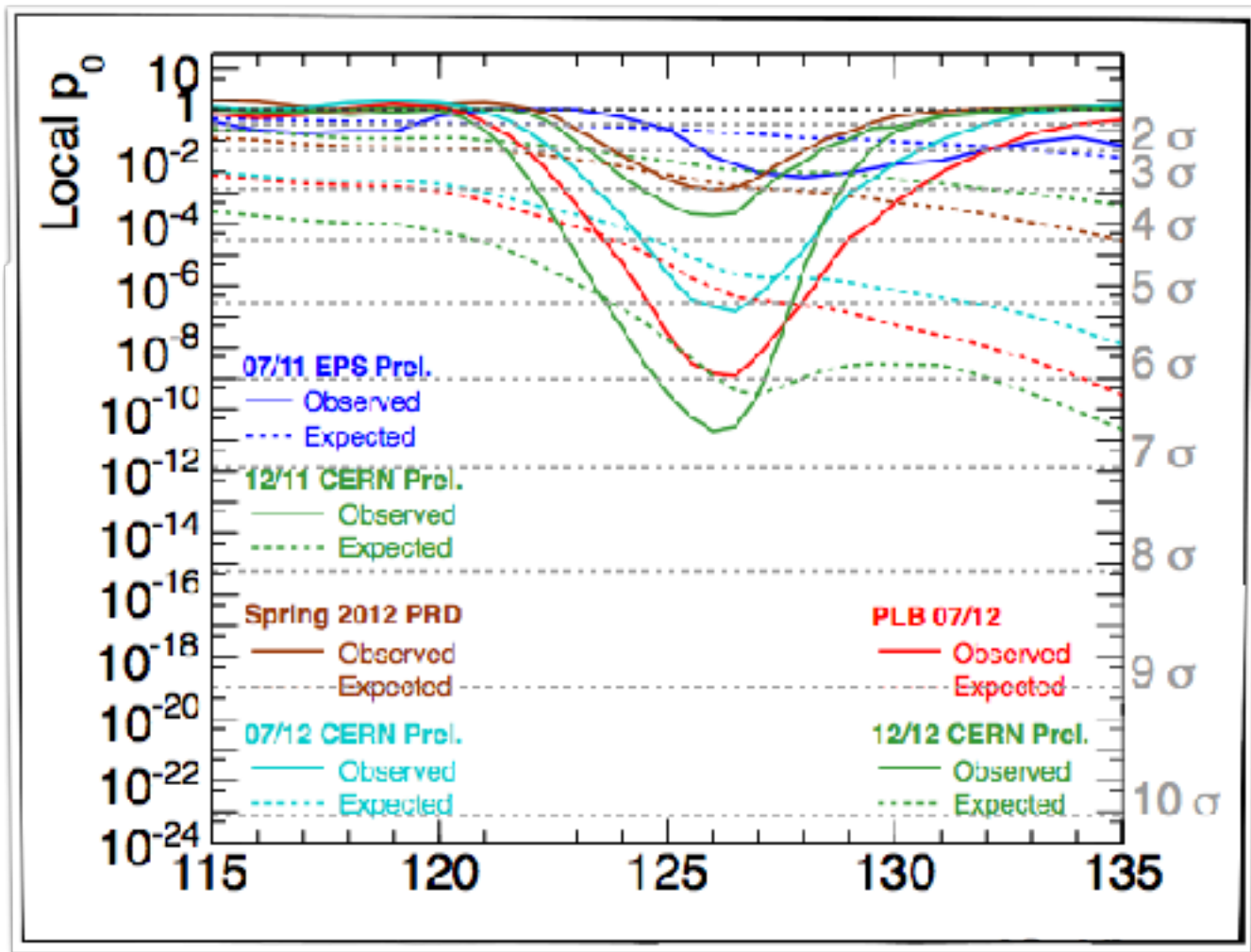


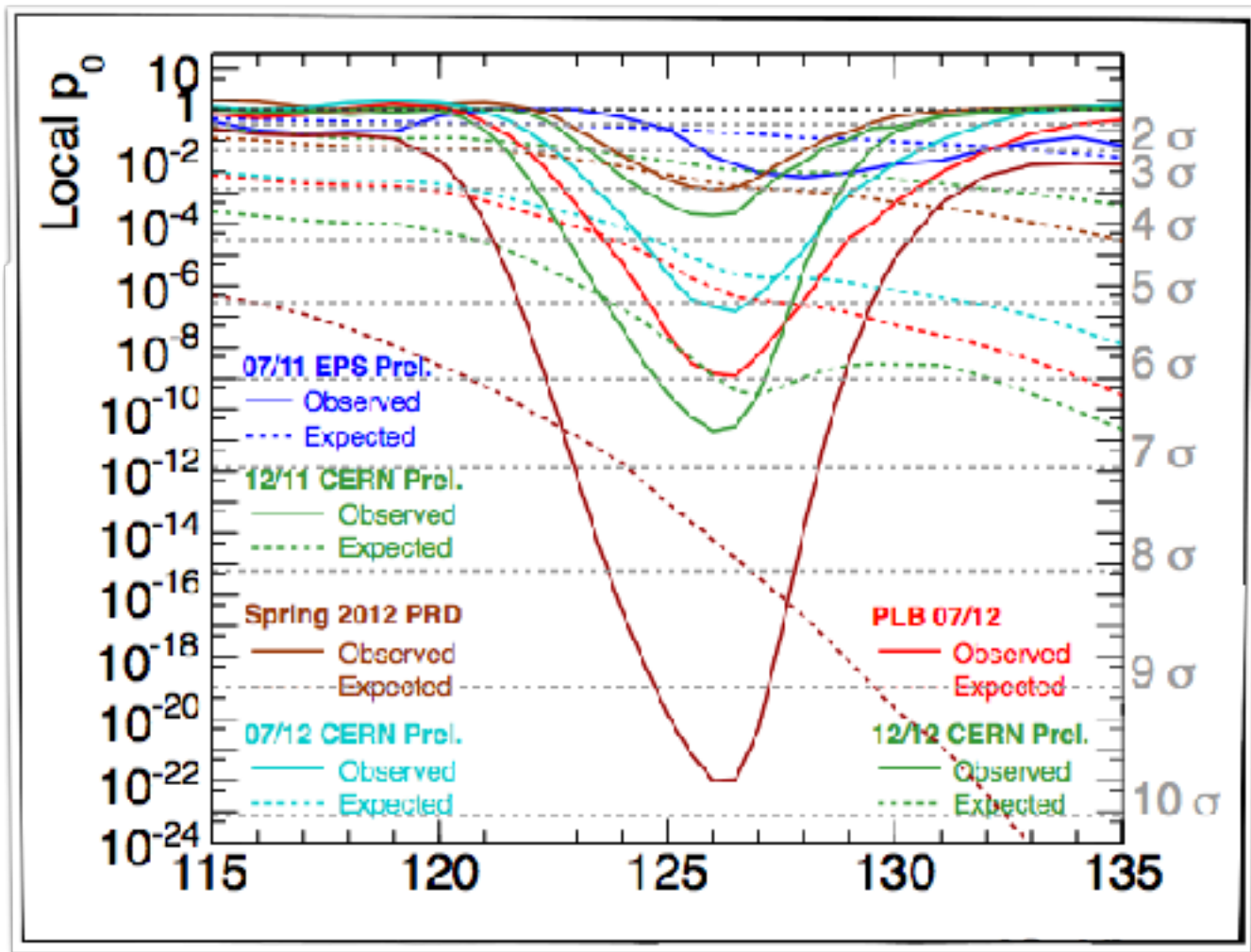




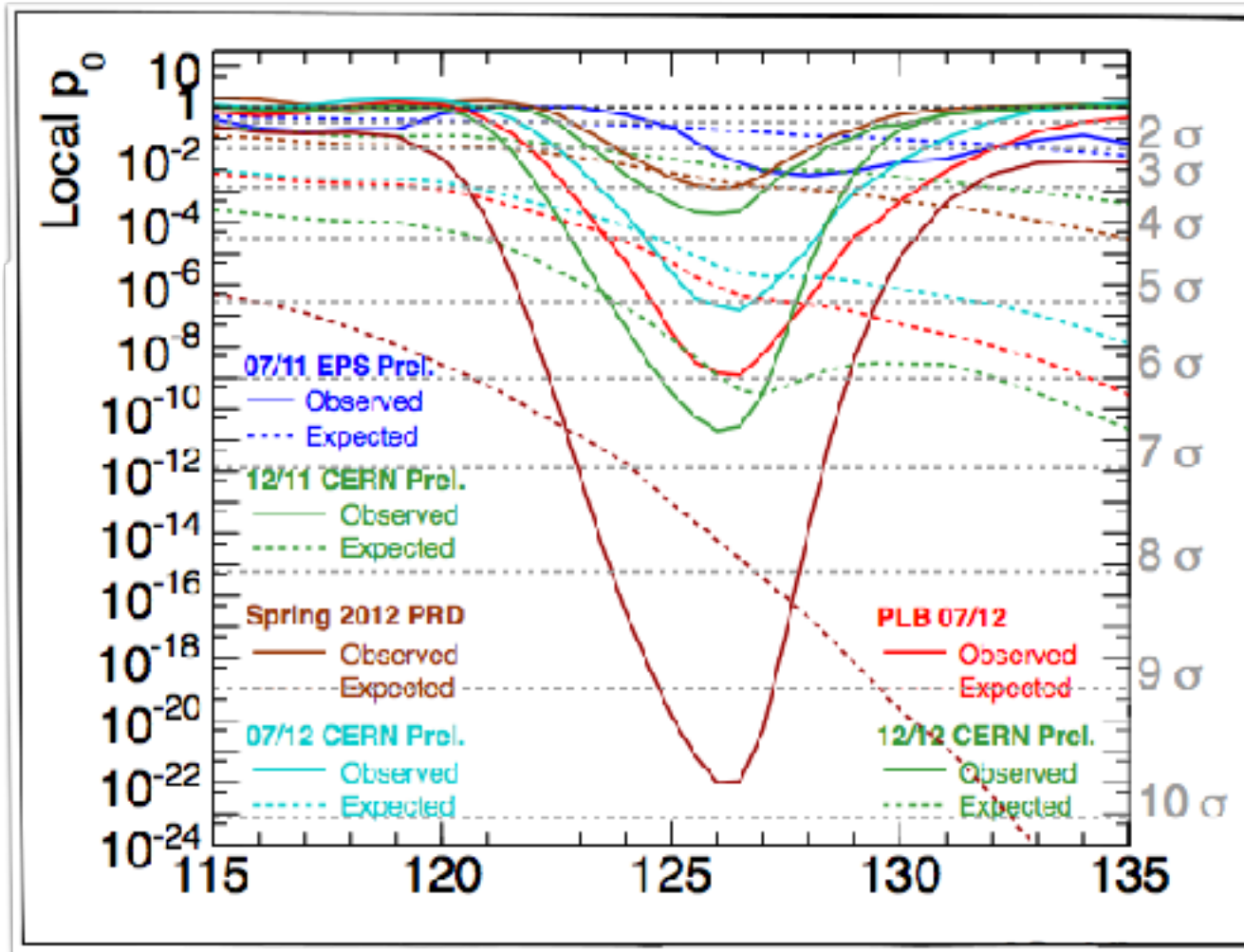








p0



# p0 and the expected p0

$$p_0 = \int_{q_{0,obs}}^{p_{max}} f(q_0|0) dq_0$$

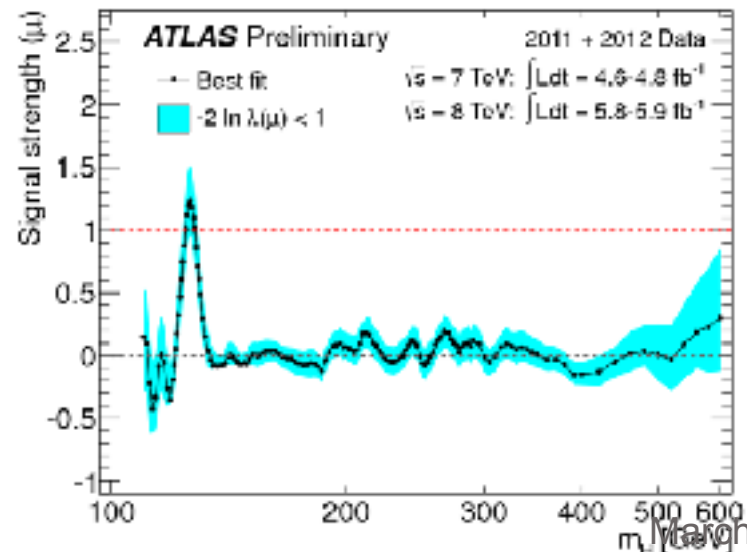
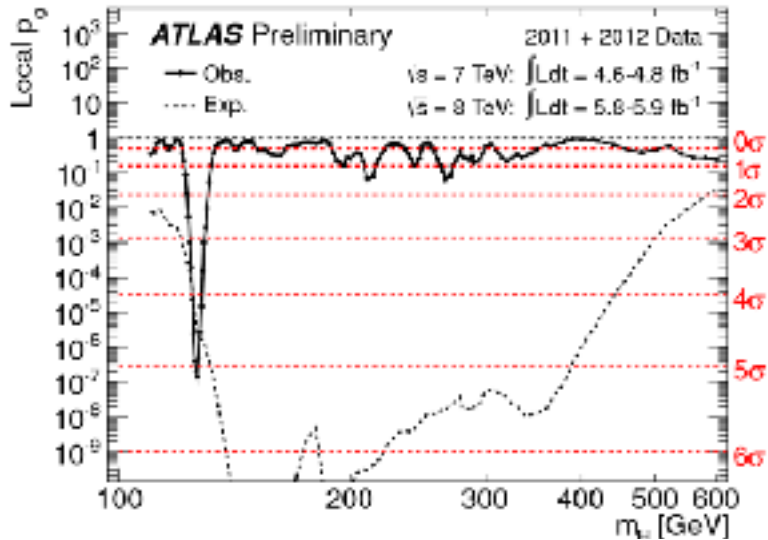
$p_0$  is the probability to observe a less BG like result (more signal like) than the observed one

Small  $p_0$  leads to an observation

A tiny  $p_0$  leads to a discovery

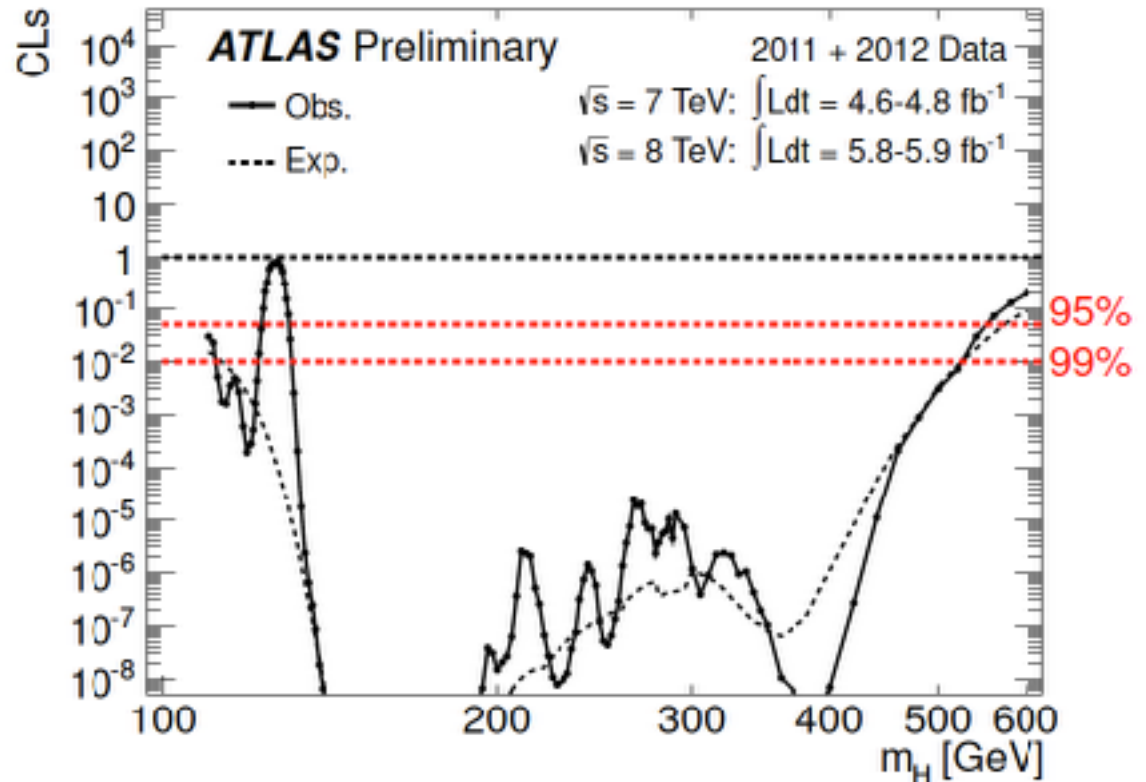
$$p = \int_Z^{p_{max}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx = 1 - \Phi(Z)$$

$$Z = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p)$$



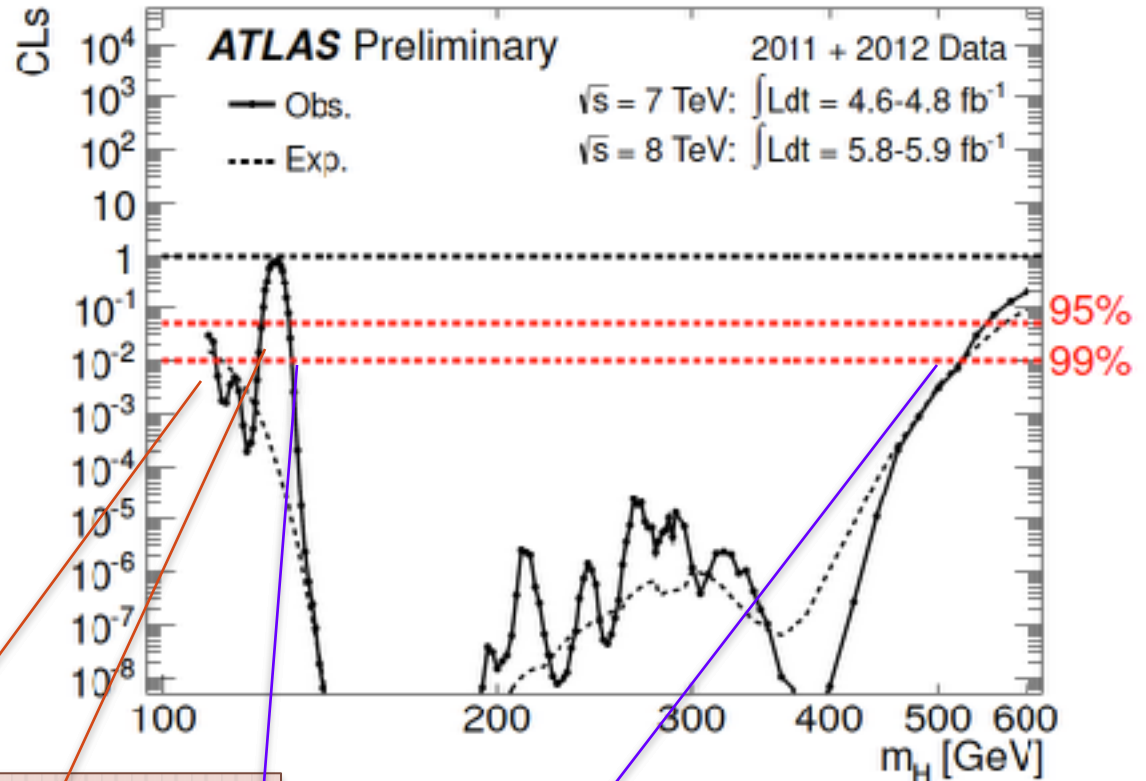
# Understanding the CLs plot

- CLs is the compatibility of the data with the signal hypothesis
- The smaller the CLs, the less compatible the data with the prospective signal



# Understanding the CLs plot

- Here, for each Higgs mass  $m_H$ , one finds the observed  $p'_s$  value, i.e.  $p'_{\mu, \mu=1}$
- This modified p-value,  $p'_s$ , is by definition CLs



The smaller CLs, the deeper is the exclusion,  
 Exclusion  $CL = 1 - CL_s = 1 - p'_s$

to the previous combined search [1]. Figure 2 shows the  $CL_s$  values for  $\mu = 1$ , where it can be seen that the regions between 111.7 GeV to 121.8 GeV and 130.7 GeV to 523 GeV are excluded at the 99% CL.

# Test Spin 0 parity

$$H_0 = 0^+$$

$$H_1 = 0^-$$

$$q^{NP} = -2 \ln \frac{L(H_0)}{L(H_1)}$$

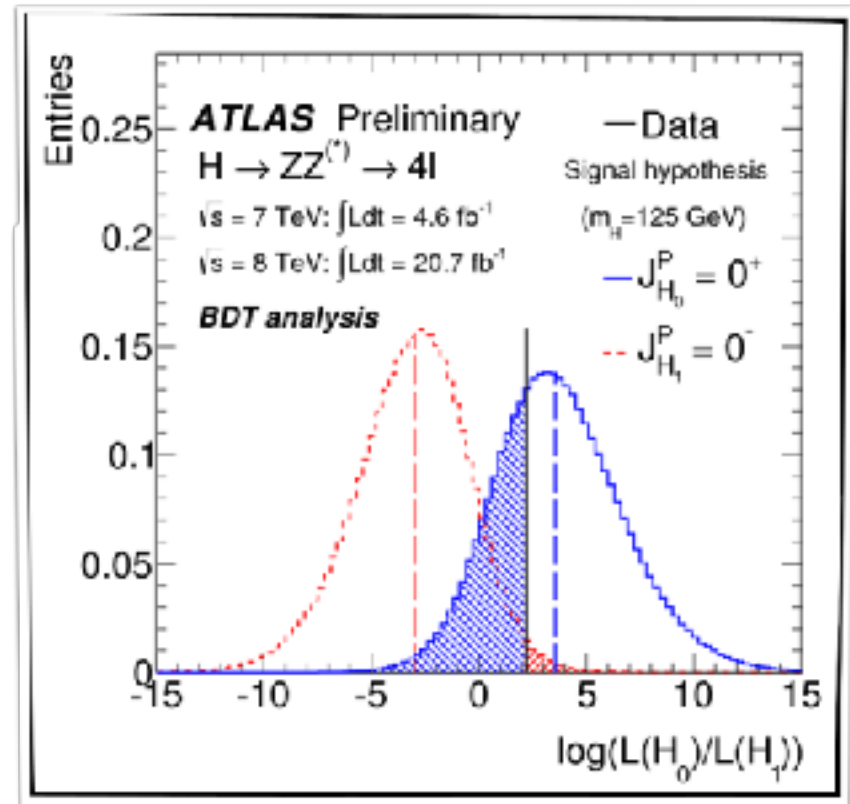
$$p_{H_1}(\text{exp} | H_0) = 0.37\%$$

$$p_{H_1}(\text{obs}) = 1.5\%$$

$$p_{H_0}(\text{obs}) = 31\%$$

$$p_{H_1}^{CL_s}(\text{obs}) = 2.2\%$$

$$p_{H_1}^{CL_s} = \frac{p_{H_1}}{1 - p_{H_0}} = \frac{1.5\%}{1 - 0.31} = 2.2\%$$



Which means

$J^P=0^-$  is excluded at the 97.8% CL in favour of  $J^P=0^+$

$H_1$  like

$H_0$  like

More Magic (if time permits)

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# The New $s/\sqrt{b}$

The new  $s/\sqrt{b}$

$$Z_A = \sqrt{q_{0,A}}$$

$$\text{med}[Z_0|1] = \sqrt{q_{0,A}} = \sqrt{2((s+b)\ln(1+s/b) - s)}$$

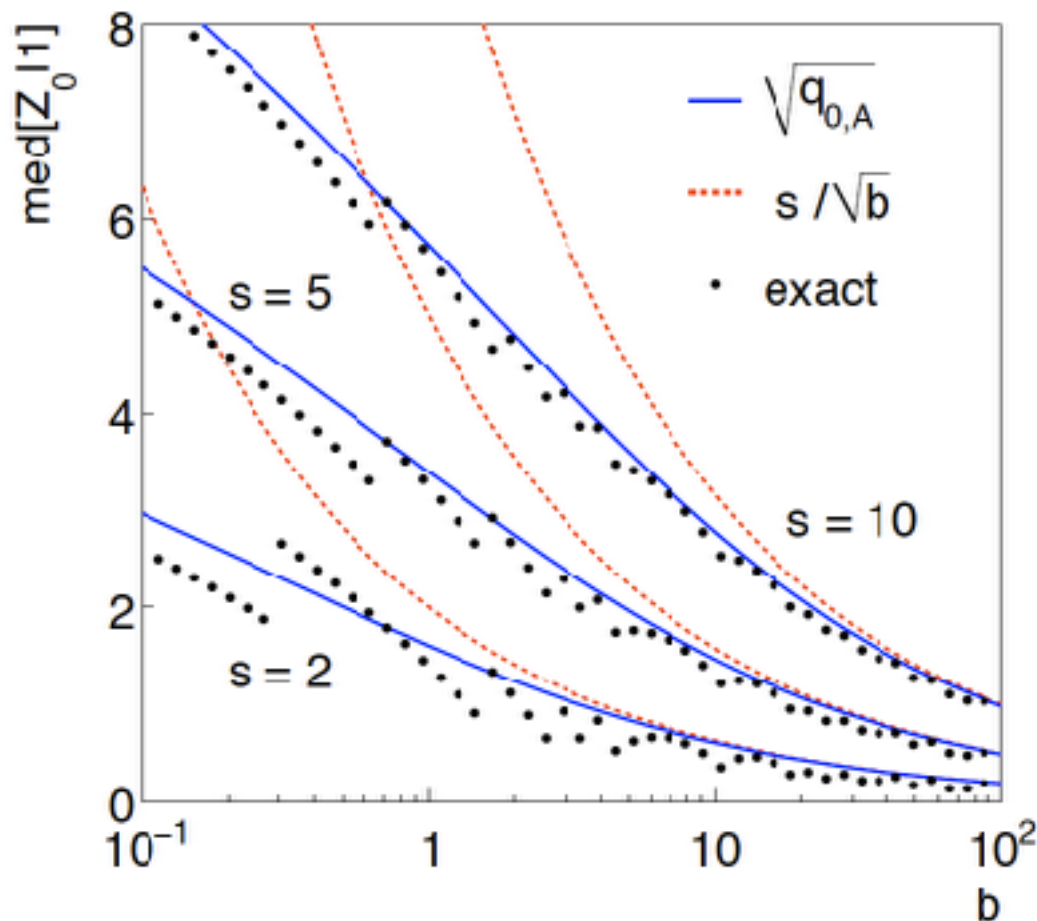
$$Z_A = \sqrt{q_{0,A}} \xrightarrow{s/b \ll 1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{b}} + O(s/b)$$



# The New $s/\sqrt{b}$

# $s/\sqrt{b}$ ?

The new  $s/\sqrt{b}$



$$\text{med}[Z_0|1] = \sqrt{q_{0,A}} = \sqrt{2((s+b)\ln(1+s/b) - s)}$$



# Taking Background Systematics into Account

- The intuitive explanation of  $s/\sqrt{b}$  is that it compares the signal,  $s$ , to the standard deviation of  $n$  assuming no signal,  $\sqrt{b}$ .
- Now suppose the value of  $b$  is uncertain, characterized by a standard deviation  $\sigma_b$ .
- A reasonable guess is to replace  $\sqrt{b}$  by the quadratic sum of  $\sqrt{b}$  and  $\sigma_b$ , i.e.,

$$b \pm \Delta \cdot b \Rightarrow \sigma_b = \sqrt{(\sqrt{b})^2 + (\Delta \cdot b)^2} = \sqrt{b + \Delta^2 b^2}$$

$$s / \sqrt{b} \Rightarrow s / \sqrt{b(1 + b\Delta^2)} \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{s/b}{\Delta}$$

$$\frac{s/b}{\Delta} \geq 5 \rightarrow s/b \geq 0.5 \text{ for } \Delta \sim 10\%$$

If  $s/b < 0.5$  we will never be able to make a discovery

But even that formula can be improved using the Asimov formalism



# Significance with systematics

- We find (G. Cowan)

$$Z_A = \left[ 2 \left( (s + b) \ln \left[ \frac{(s + b)(b + \sigma_b^2)}{b^2 + (s + b)\sigma_b^2} \right] - \frac{b^2}{\sigma_b^2} \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{\sigma_b^2 s}{b(b + \sigma_b^2)} \right] \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

Expanding the Asimov formula in powers of  $s/b$  and  $\sigma_b^2/b$  gives

$$Z_A = \frac{s}{\sqrt{b + \sigma_b^2}} \left( 1 + \mathcal{O}(s/b) + \mathcal{O}(\sigma_b^2/b) \right)$$

- So the “intuitive” formula can be justified as a limiting case of the significance from the profile likelihood ratio test evaluated with the Asimov data set.

# Significance with systematics

