



Introduction to BAT

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Bayes theorem

Logical reasoning with uncertainties = probability theory

What is the probability that

- the SM is right? Or SUSY?
- the Higgs has a mass of 125 GeV?

$$P_1(\vec{\lambda} | \vec{D}, M) = \frac{P(\vec{D} | \vec{\lambda}, M) P_0(\vec{\lambda} | M)}{\int P(\vec{D} | \vec{\lambda}, M) P_0(\vec{\lambda} | M) d\vec{\lambda}}$$

posterior \sim likelihood \times prior

Key idea: draw random numbers from posterior

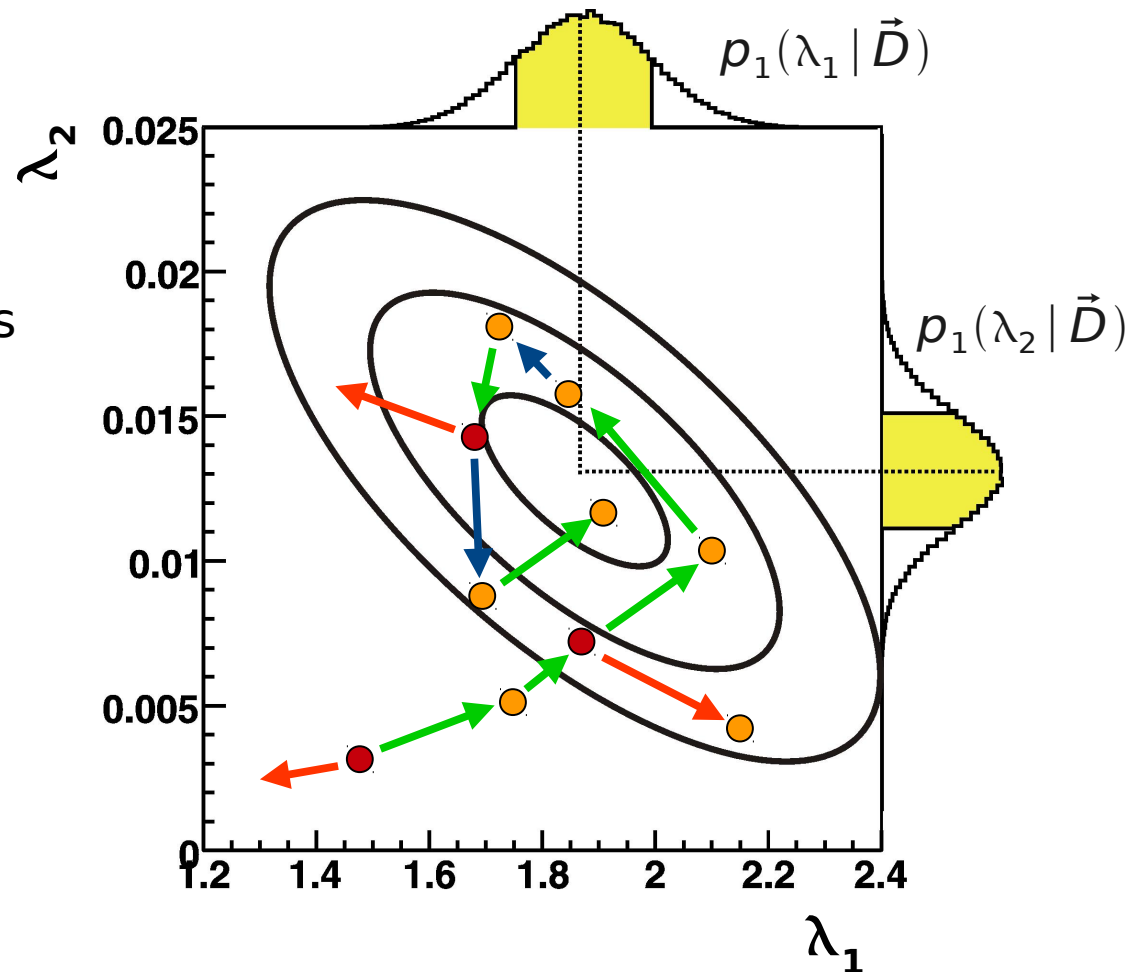
- In BAT use
Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)

$$\vec{\lambda} \sim p_1(\vec{\lambda} | \vec{D}) = \frac{p(\vec{D} | \vec{\lambda}) p_0(\vec{\lambda})}{\int p(\vec{D} | \vec{\lambda}) p_0(\vec{\lambda}) d\vec{\lambda}}$$

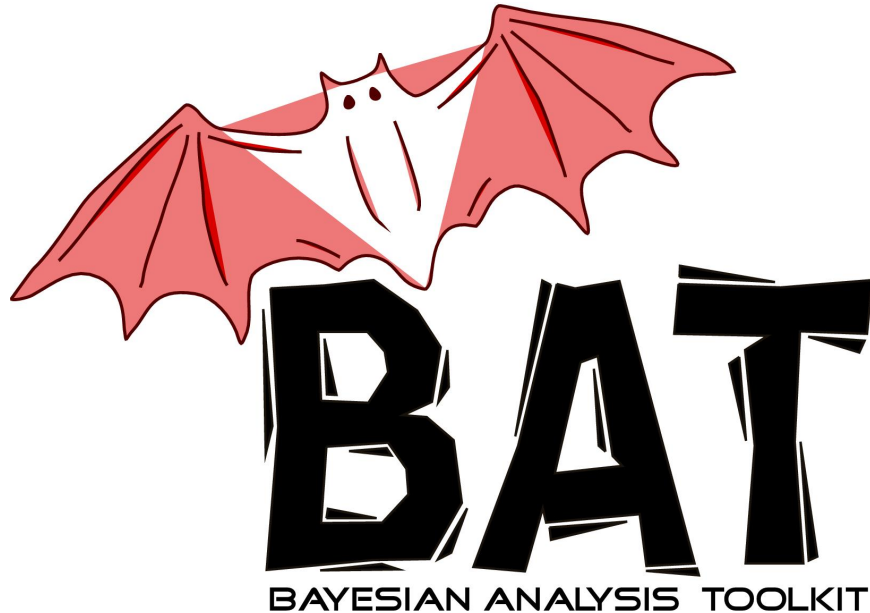
- Marginalize wrt. individual parameters while walking
→ obtain

$$p_1(\lambda_i | \vec{D}) = \int p(\vec{D} | \vec{\lambda}) p_0(\vec{\lambda}) d\vec{\lambda}_{j \neq i}$$

- Find maximum: “best” parameters
- Uncertainty propagation:
distribution of $f(\vec{\lambda})$



Bayesian Analysis Toolkit



<http://mpp.mpg.de/bat>

Fork me on <https://github.com/bat/bat>

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70 citations, ~100 downloads/month

Motivation:

- Bayes' theorem simple on paper, but numerics hard
- Implementing standard algorithms by yourself a time waster, error prone
- toolkit (C++ library) helps user focus on problem
- uses ROOT, optional: used by roostats, interface to CUBA, Minuit
- Doc, tutorials, examples... on web page

Example: template fit

- Code up $P(D|\lambda)$, $P_0(\lambda)$ or...
- Use MultiTemplateFitter
- Signal/bkg. shape as histogram, events binned

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// create new fitter object
BCMTF m("SingleChannelMTF");

m.AddChannel("channel1");

m.AddProcess("background", 200., 400.);
m.AddProcess("signal", 0., 200.);

m.SetData("channel1", hist_data);

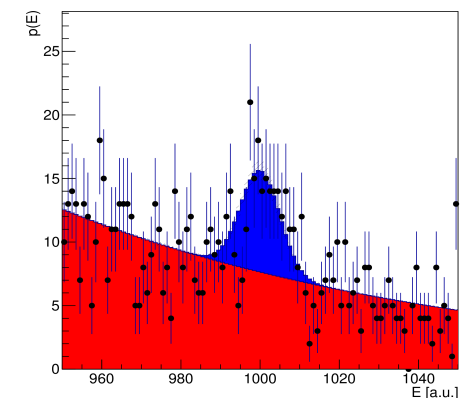
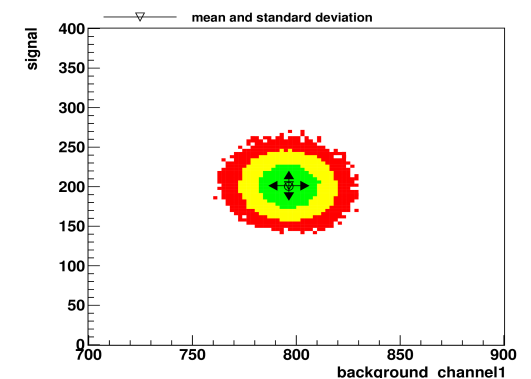
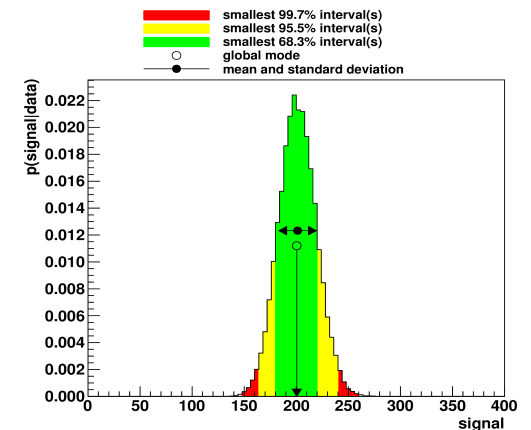
// set template and histograms
m.SetTemplate("channel1", "signal", hist_signal, 1.0);
m.SetTemplate("channel1", "background", hist_background, 1.0);

// set priors
m.SetPriorGauss("background", 300., 10.);
m.SetPriorConstant("signal");

// run MCMC, fills histograms
m.MarginalizeAll();

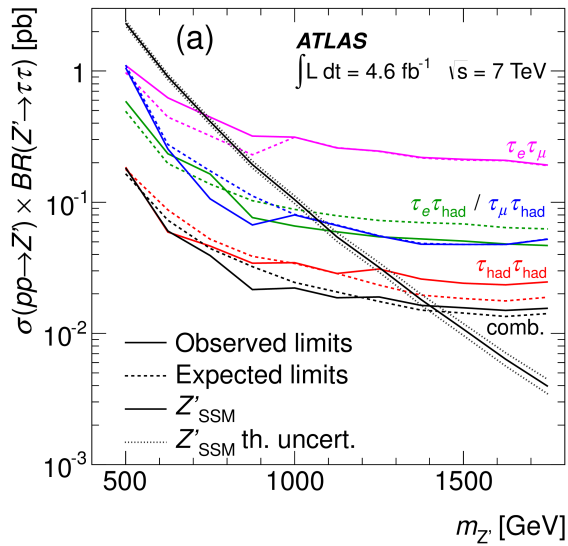
// use minuit or simulated annealing
m.FindMode(m.GetBestFitParameters());

// graphical output
m.PrintAllMarginalized("marginalized.pdf");
m.PrintStack(0, m.GetBestFitParameters(), "stack.pdf")
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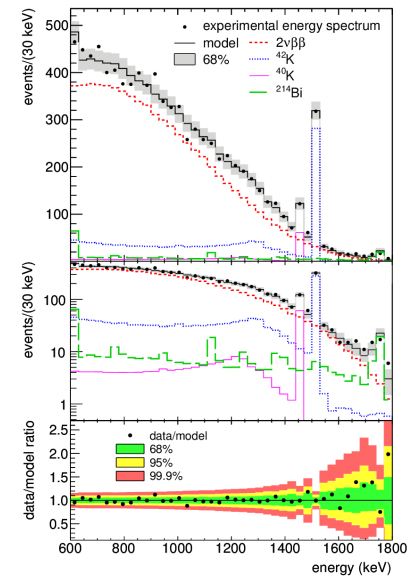
ATLAS: Z' search

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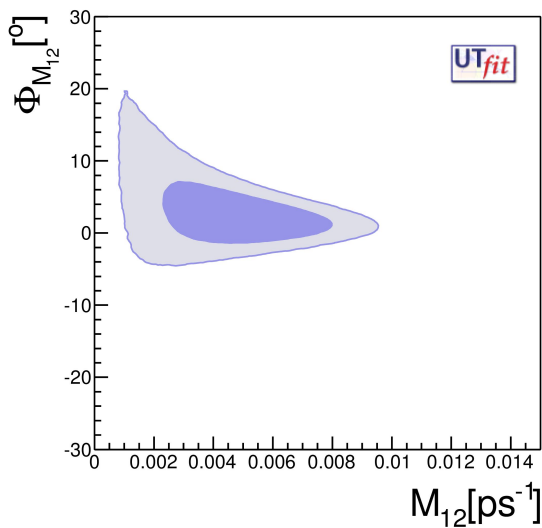
GERDA: double beta decay

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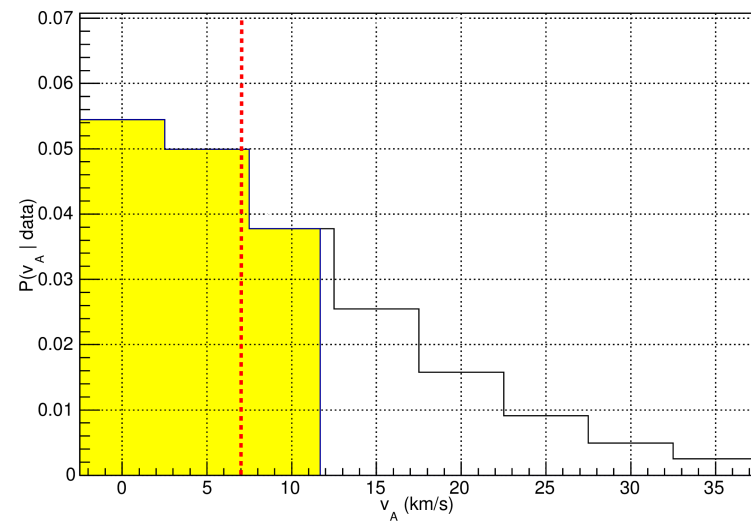
UTFIT: D meson mixing

arXiv:1402.1664



PAMELA: cosmic-ray proton spectrum

arXiv:1306.1354



Status and outlook

- Broader user base: contributions welcome <https://github.com/bat/bat>
- v0.9.3 released in Oct 2013: cleanup, multithreading, plots...
- v1.0 soon(?)
- V2.0: more sampling algorithms, run on clusters...

Developers welcome!