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The Bayesian Analysis Toolkit (BAT) – a complex MCMC application

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Aims

Provide a flexible and modular **framework for statistical models** in the context of a Bayesian interpretation

Provide a **set of (mostly numerical) methods** to solve data-analysis problems
(parameter estimation, limit setting, model comparison, goodness-of-fit tests, etc.)

Scope

Developed in experimental-particle-physics community
(explains choice of C++ and ROOT dependence)

Extended to other fields of research
(phenomenology, medicine, astroparticle physics, etc.)

Phrase arbitrary models and use data sets

C++ library based on ROOT

Models implemented as base classes

Easy to interface to any existing code

(interesting for complex fitting: fits of CKM parameters, SM parameters, ...)

Perform data analysis tasks

Graphical output via **ROOT** core functionality

Point estimation done using **Minuit** and **Simulated Annealing**

Interval estimation and uncertainty propagation done using **MCMC**

Model comparison via Bayes factors or evidence calculation using interface to **Cuba**

(Cuba is a collection of integration methods, e.g., **VEGAS**)



Implementation

COMMON METHODS

- Normalize
- Find mode / fit
- Test the fit
- ➔ **Marginalize w/r/t several parameters**
- Compare models
- Provide nice output

Usage of MCMC in Bayesian inference

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

USER DEFINED

Read DATA

- from text file, ROOT tree, user-defined (anything)
- interface to user-defined software

Define MODEL

- define parameters $\vec{\lambda}$
- define likelihood $p(\vec{D} | \vec{\lambda})$
- define priors $p_0(\vec{\lambda})$

IN YOUR CODE

```

BCModel::LogLikelihood(const std::vector<double> & parameters)
BCModel::LogAPrioriProbability(const std::vector<double> & parameters)
    
```

Usage of MCMC in Bayesian inference

Use MCMC to **sample the posterior probability**, i.e.

$$f(\vec{\lambda}) = p(\vec{D} | \vec{\lambda}) p_0(\vec{\lambda})$$

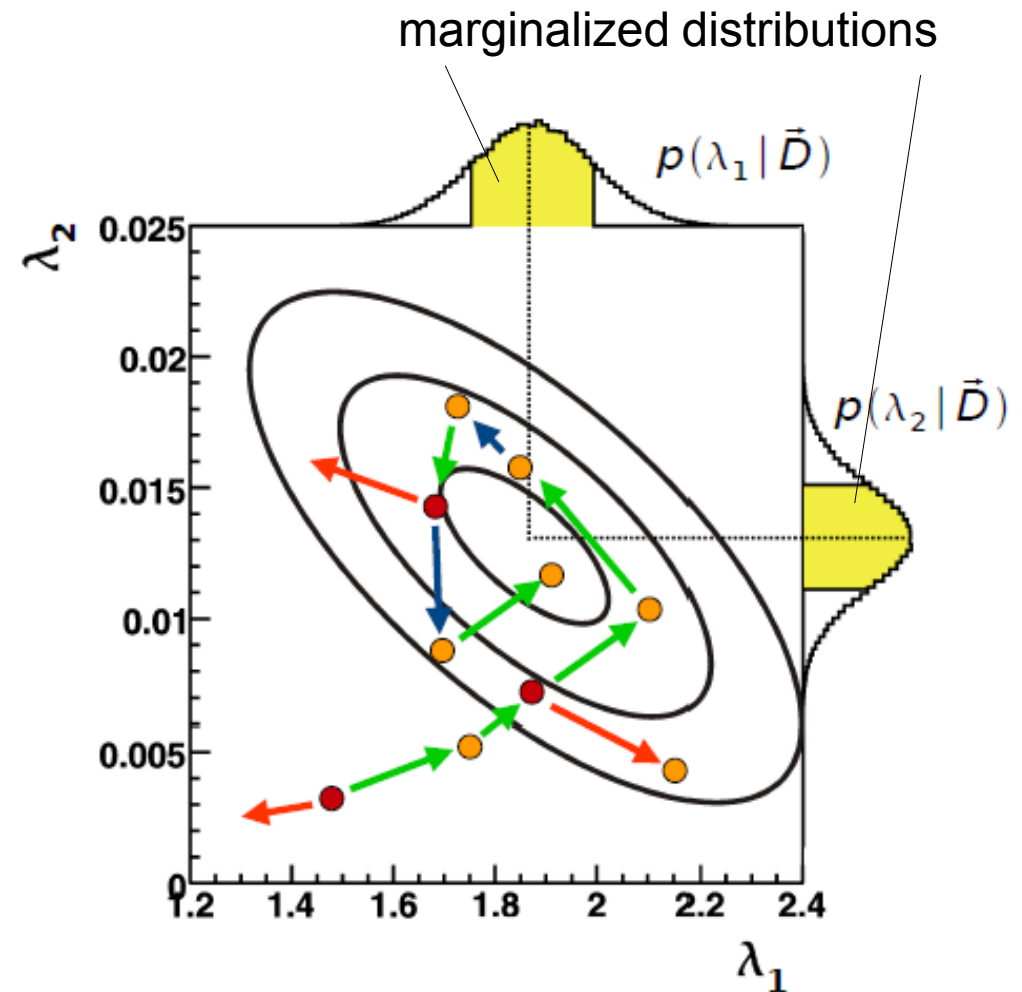
Marginalization of posterior:

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

Fill a histogram with just one coordinate while sampling

Uncertainty propagation:
calculate any function of the parameters while sampling

Point estimation:
find mode while sampling



Step 1: Starting values

Either **random** within parameter space (default)

or **center** of each dimension

or **user-defined**

Step 2: Burn-in phase

Use multiple chains (by default 5)

Run until **convergence** is reached and chains are **efficient**

Convergence is reached if inter- and intra-chain variances are equal (Gelman and Rubin criterion [Gelman & Rubin, StatSci 7, 1992])

Chains are **efficient** if the efficiency is between 15% and 50%

Run in sequences to adjust the width of the proposal functions:

efficiency > 50% → increase width

efficiency < 15% → decrease width

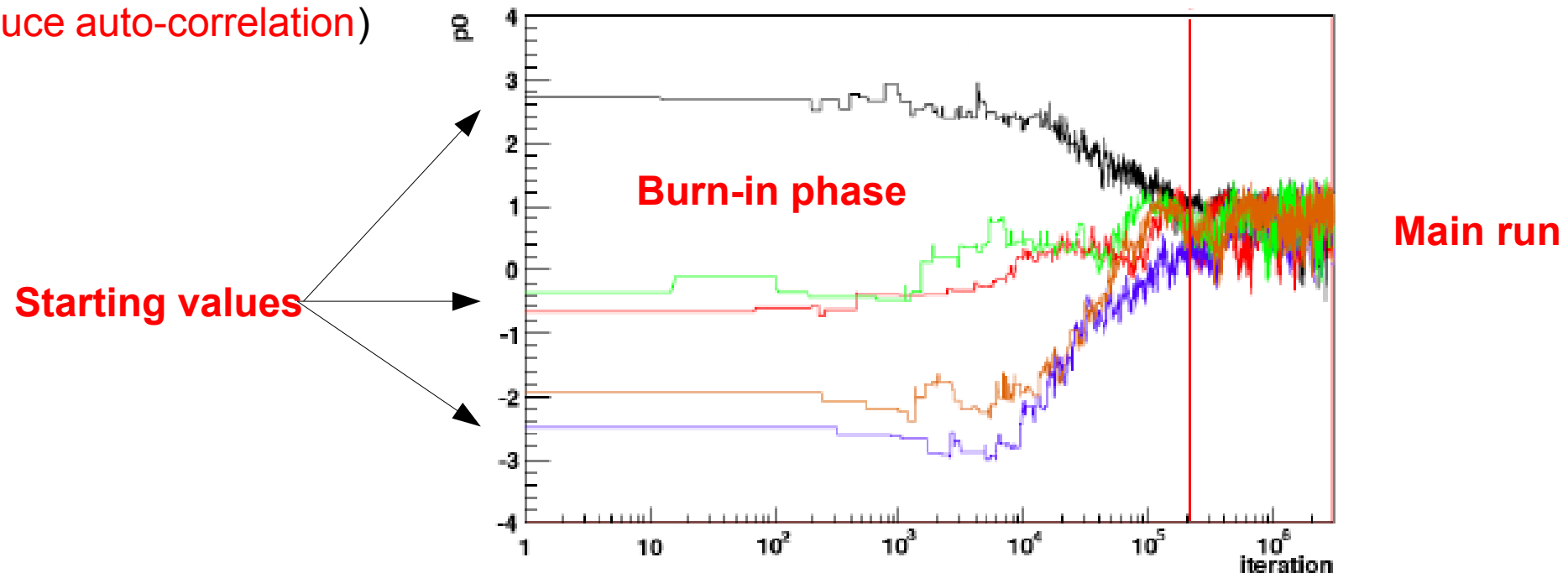
Step 3: Main run

Fix width of proposal function to that obtained from efficiency optimization
(always fixed during the main run)

Run for a specified number of iterations

Perform analysis-specific calculations
(fill marginalized histograms, uncertainty propagation, fill ROOT tree, etc.)

Store information of every n^{th} iteration
(**reduce auto-correlation**)



Full (correlated) information in Markov Chain written as ROOT TTree

Default text output:

Mean and standard deviation

Median and central interval

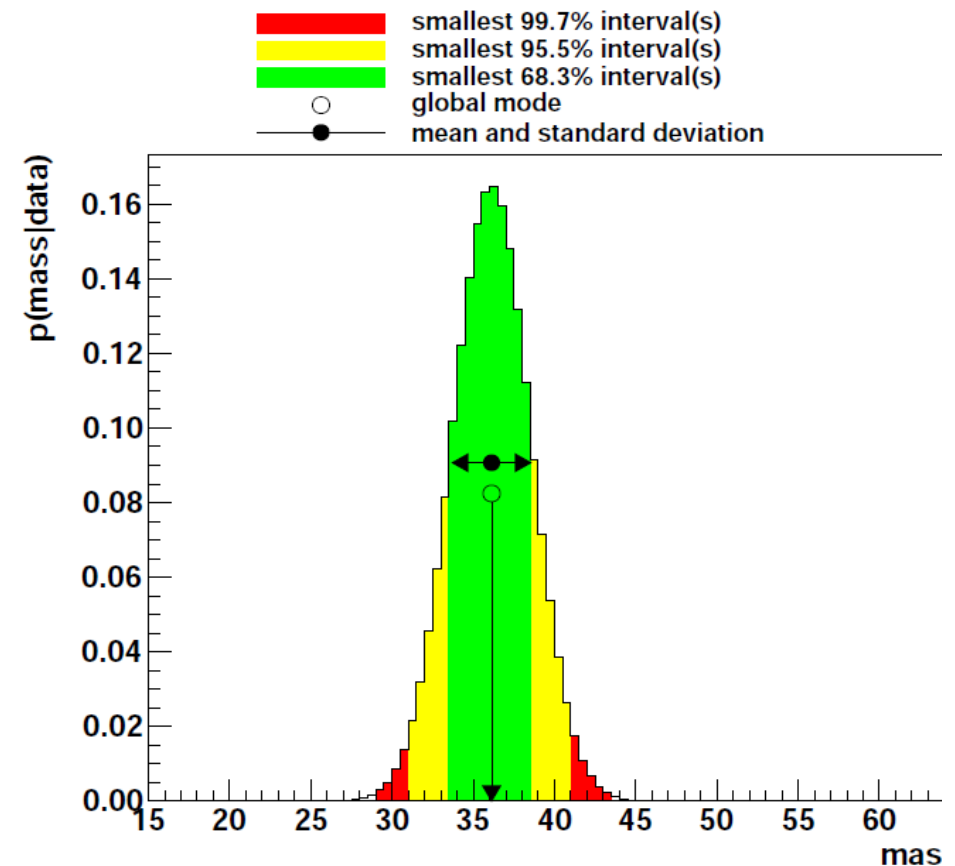
Mode and smallest intervals

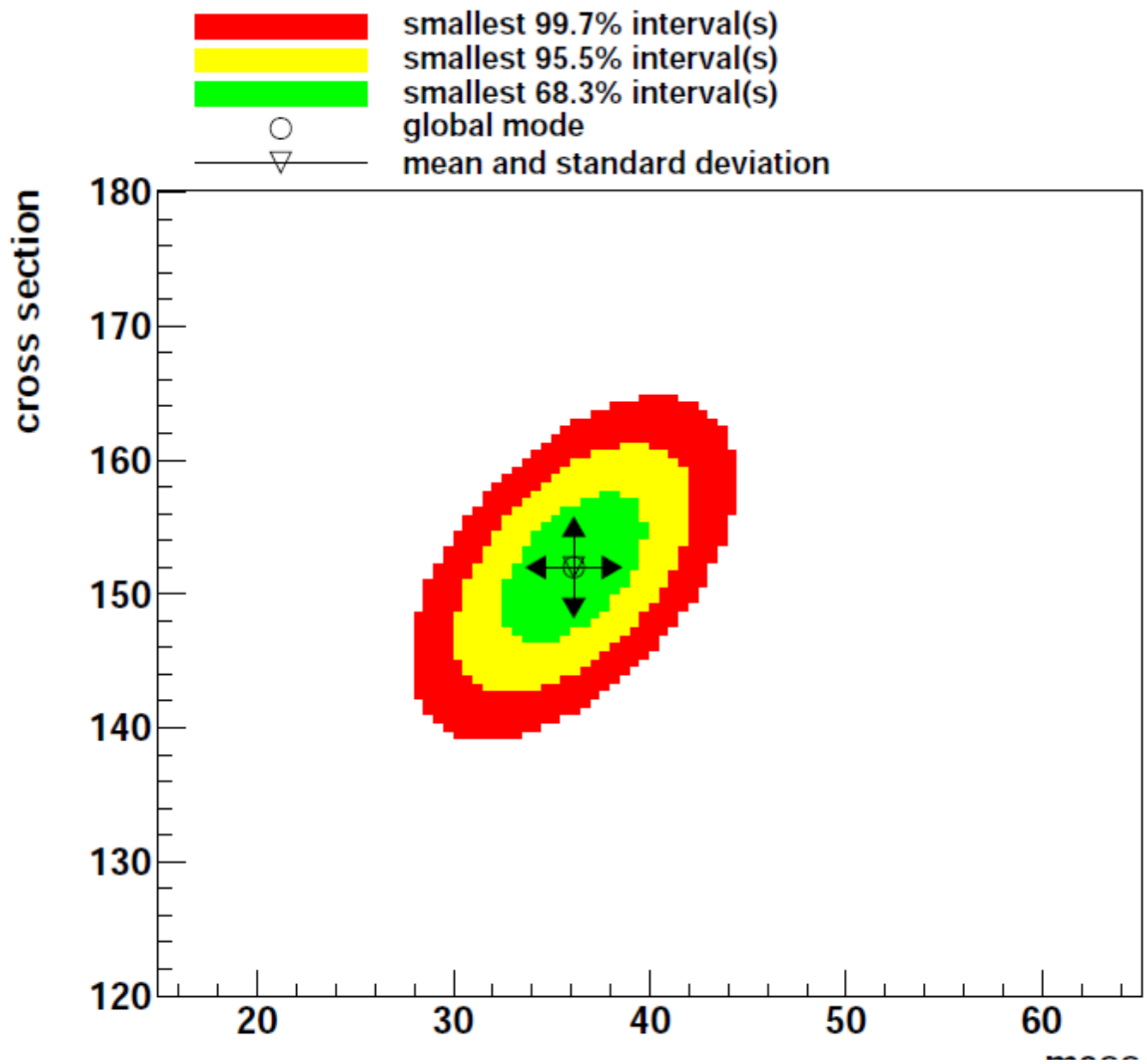
Important quantiles

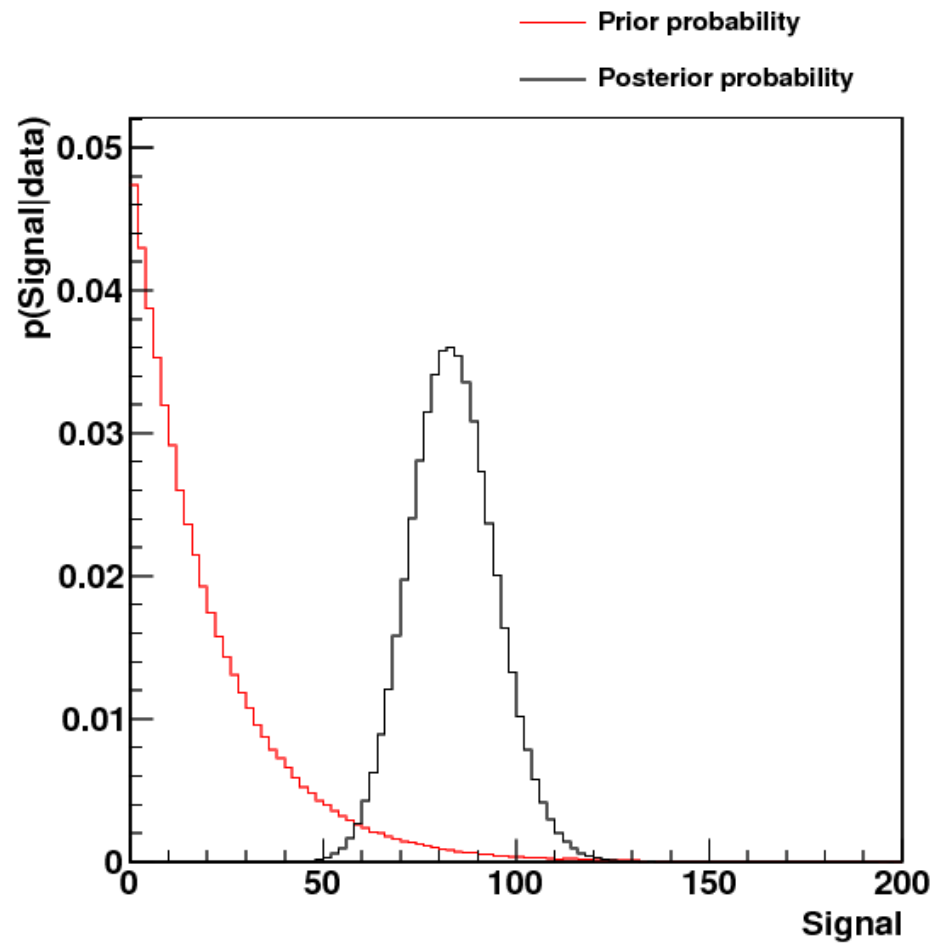
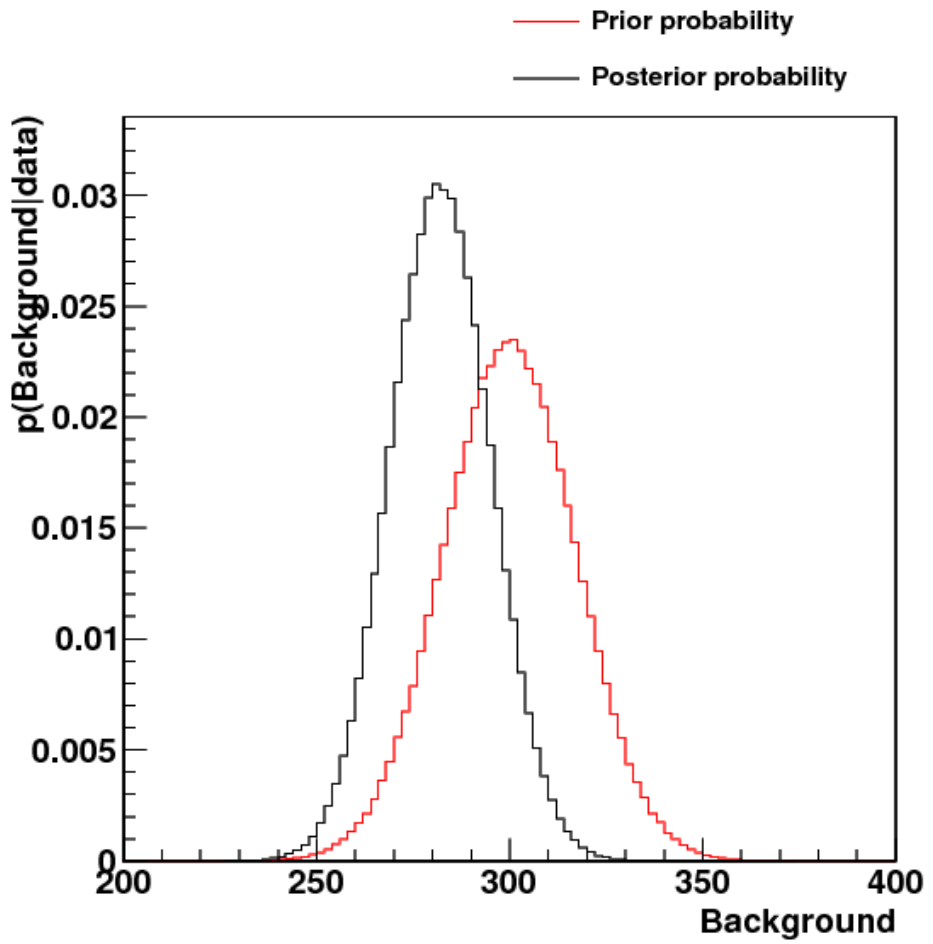
Global mode

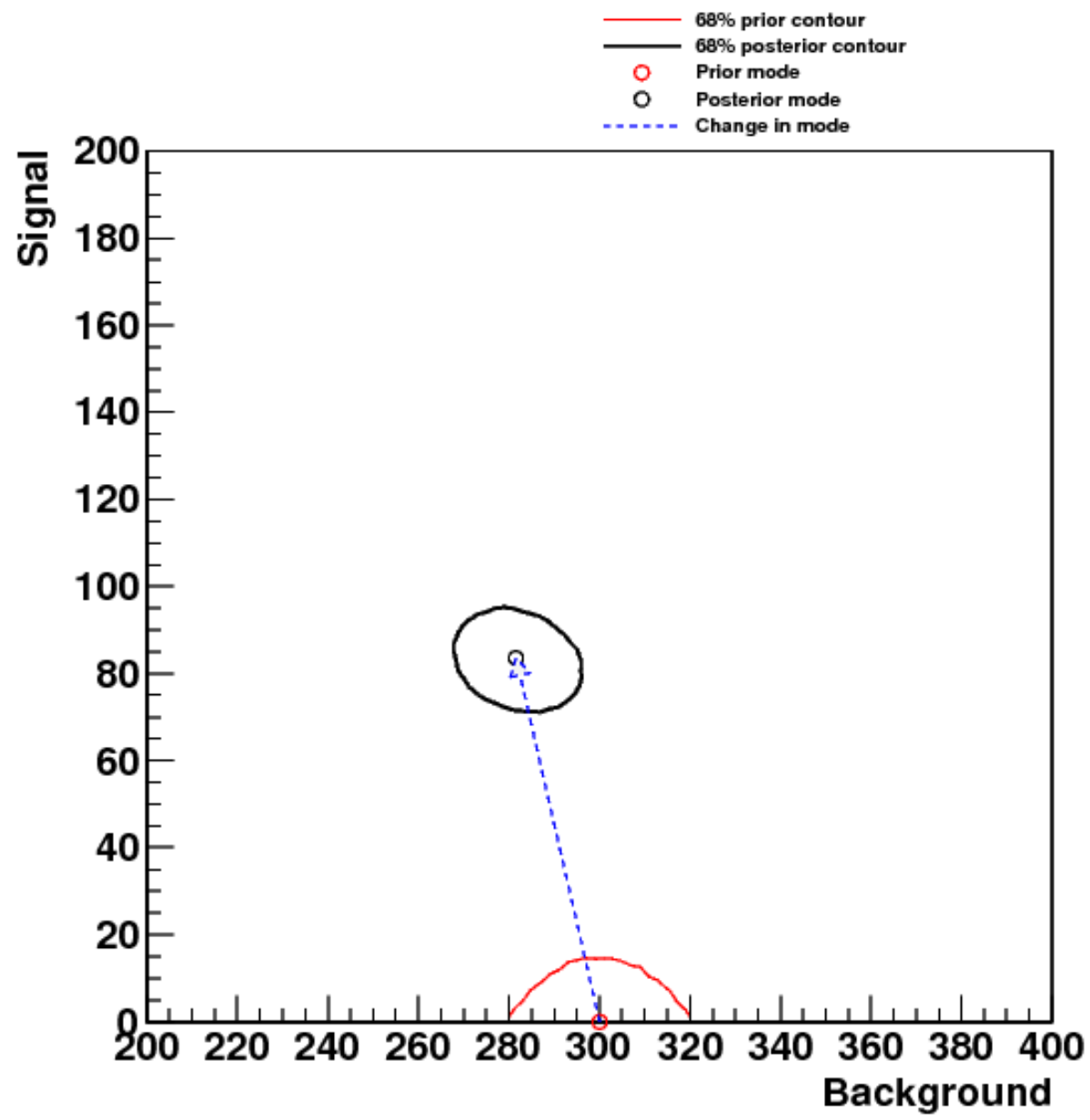
Marginalizations:

Projection of posterior in one or two parameter dimensions

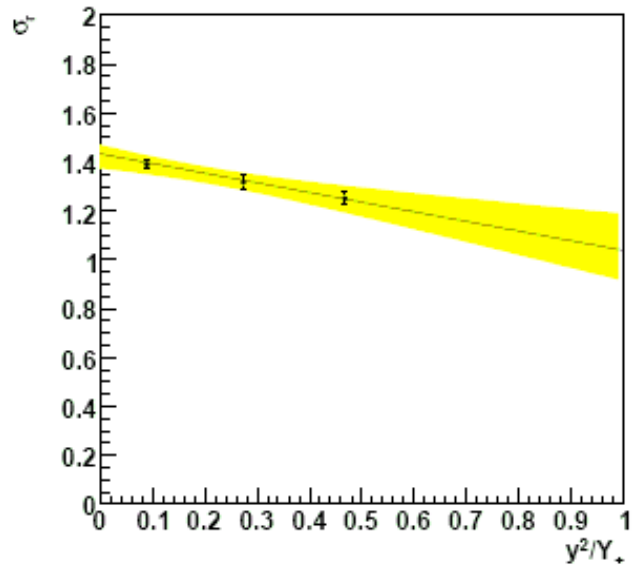
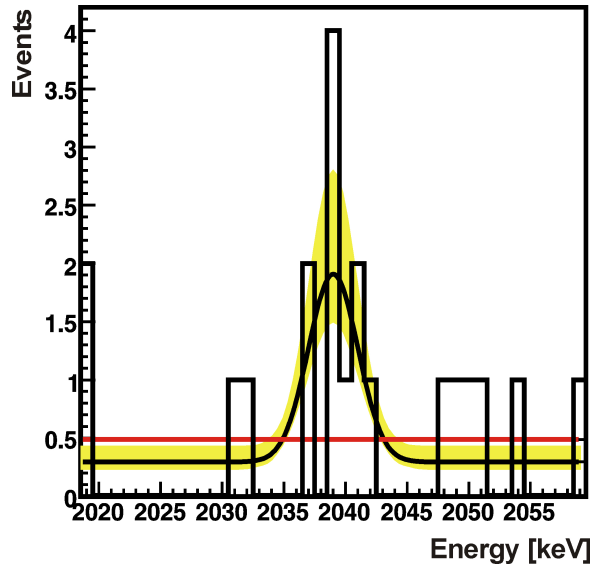
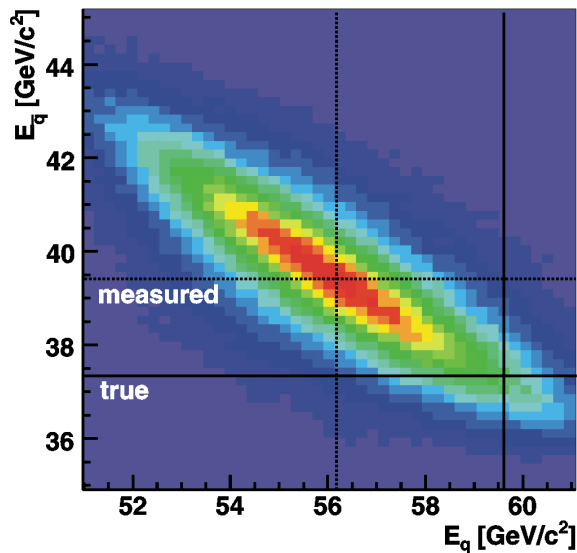








Example-Use Cases



Quentin Buat, *Search for extra dimensions in the diphoton final state with ATLAS* [arXiv:1201.4748]

ATLAS collaboration, *Search for excited leptons in proton-proton collisions at sqrt(s) = 7 TeV with the ATLAS detector* [arXiv:1201.3293]

I. Abt *et al.*, *Measurement of the temperature dependence of pulse lengths in an n-type germanium detector*, Eur. Phys. J. Appl. Phys.56:10104,2011 [arXiv:1112.5033]

ATLAS collaboration, *Search for Extra Dimensions using diphoton events in 7 TeV proton-proton collisions with the ATLAS detector* [arXiv:1112.2194]

ATLAS collaboration, *A measurement of the ratio of the W and Z cross sections with exactly one associated jet in pp collisions at sqrt(s) = 7 TeV with ATLAS*, Phys.Lett.B708:221-240,2012 [arXiv:1108.4908]

ZEUS collaboration, *Search for single-top production in ep collisions at HERA*, Phys.Lett.B708:27-36,2012 [arXiv:1111.3901]

CMS collaboration, *Search for a W' boson decaying to a muon and a neutrino in pp collisions at sqrt(s) = 7 TeV*, Phys.Lett.B701:160-179,2011 [arXiv:1103.0030]

ZEUS collaboration, *Measurement of the Longitudinal Proton Structure Function at HERA*, Phys.Lett.B682:8-22,2009 [arXiv:0904.1092]



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Latest version: **0.9.3** (pre 1.0)

Urgency: **high**

Release date: **27.09.2013**

Source code: [BAT-0.9.3.tar.gz](#) (888 kB)

[installation instructions](#) | [reference guide](#) | [changelog](#)

Release notes

This version is intended as a pre-release for the stable BAT version 1.0. It contains many updates and improvements, a few fixes and several new features. The most important changes are summarized below.

Web page: <http://www.mppmu.mpg.de/bat/>

E-Mail: bat@mppmu.mpg.de

Paper on BAT

A. Caldwell, D. Kollar, K. Kröninger, *BAT - The Bayesian Analysis Toolkit*.
Comp. Phys. Comm. 180 (2009) 2197-2209 [arXiv:0808.2552]

Installing BAT

ROOT (required), <http://root.cern.ch>

Download the precompiled binary for your system,
before attempting compilation yourself!

After installation edit environment variables

bash, zsh (~/.bashrc, ~/.zshenv)

```
export ROOTSYS=/path/to/root
export PATH=$ROOTSYS/bin:$PATH
export CPATH=$ROOTSYS/include:$CPATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$ROOTSYS/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
```

csh, etc. – change `export X=Y` to `setenv X Y` for above lines

TEST:

open new terminal (or source env-variable script)

run `root-config --version`

BAT: <https://github.com/bat/bat> (“Download ZIP” button on right-hand side)
(Or: <https://www.mppmu.mpg.de/bat/>)

Unzip, enter directory, and run `./autogen.sh`

```
./configure --with-rootsys=`root-config --prefix`  
            [ --prefix=/desired/path/to/installation ]
```

```
make          (~ 1 minute)
```

```
make install
```

After installation edit environment variables (if `--prefix=...`)

bash, zsh (`~/.bashrc`, `~/.zshenv`)

```
export BATINSTALLDIR=/path/to/bat  
export CPATH=$BATINSTALLDIR/include:$CPATH  
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$BATINSTALLDIR/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
```

csh, etc. `export X=Y` → `setenv X Y`

TEST: open new terminal (or source env-variable script)

run `ls -R $BATINSTALLDIR`, to see headers (`.h`) and libraries (`.so`)

A Pedagogical Example

Are you ready?

Do you have ...

BAT (and therefore also **ROOT**) installed?

Environment variables properly set (**BATINSTALLDIR**)?

Create a new project:

run BAT's Create-Project script (found in the “tools” directory):

```
CreateProject.sh [ProjectName]
```

(Throughout the tutorial, my project name will be “TutMod”)

Enter newly created directory (same as project name) and run

```
make
```

```
./runTutMod
```

If you have no errors, you are ready to go!

A counting experiment:

Search for a signal (S) in the presence of a background (B)

Our parameters:

B \equiv expectation for number of background events

S \equiv number of signal events

N \equiv observed number of events

Later

ε \equiv detection efficiency

S_{obs} $\equiv S / \varepsilon$

Exercise 1: Precisely Known Background

Exercise 2: Uncertain Background

Exercise 3: Update of Knowledge

Exercise 4: Signal Detection Efficiency

Exercise 5: Propagation of Uncertainty

Exercise 6: Choice of Priors (optional)

Consult the BAT reference guide throughout:

<http://www.mppmu.mpg.de/bat/docs/refman/html-0.9.3/annotated.html>

(NB – Your-Model : BCModel : BCIntegrate : BCEngineMCMC)

Exercise 1 – Precisely Known Background

AIM: Given a measured number of events, $N = 10$,
and a precisely known background expectation $B = 10$,
learn about number of measured signal events $S = ??$

Steps:

1. In `TutMod::DefineParameters()`,

A. Add parameters for B and S using
`::AddParameter(const char * name, double min, double max)`

Q – What should the ranges be?

B. Define Priors for B and S .

Consult reference guide of `BCModel` for predefined prior choices

Q – What is the prior for B ? What prior should we use for S ?

Exercise 1 – Precisely Known Background (cont'd)

2. Define likelihood $L(N | B, S)$
in `TutMod::LogLikelihood(const std::vector<double> ¶meters)`
according to Poisson distribution
Use `BCMath::LogPoisson(double measured, double expected)`

Q – What is the expected number of events?

3. Modify `runTutMod.cxx` for analysis
`::SetMarginalizationMethod(BCIntegrate kMargMetropolis)`
`::MarginalizeAll()`

And output

- `::PrintAllMarginalized(const char * filename)`
`::PrintResults(const char * filename)`
4. Compile (`make`) and run (`./runTutMod`)!

1. In TutMod.cxx

```
void TutMod::DefineParameters() {  
    // Define Parameters  
    AddParameter("B",0,20);  
    AddParameter("S",0,20);  
    // Set Priors  
    SetPriorDelta("B",10);  
    SetPriorConstant("S");  
}
```

Comment out `TutMod::LogAPrioriProbability(...)` in `TutMod.cxx` AND `TutMod.h`

2. In TutMod.cxx

```
double TutMod::LogLikelihood(const std::vector<double> &parameters) {  
    double N = 10;  
    double B = parameters[0];  
    double S = parameters[1];  
    return BCMath::LogPoisson(N,B+S);  
}
```

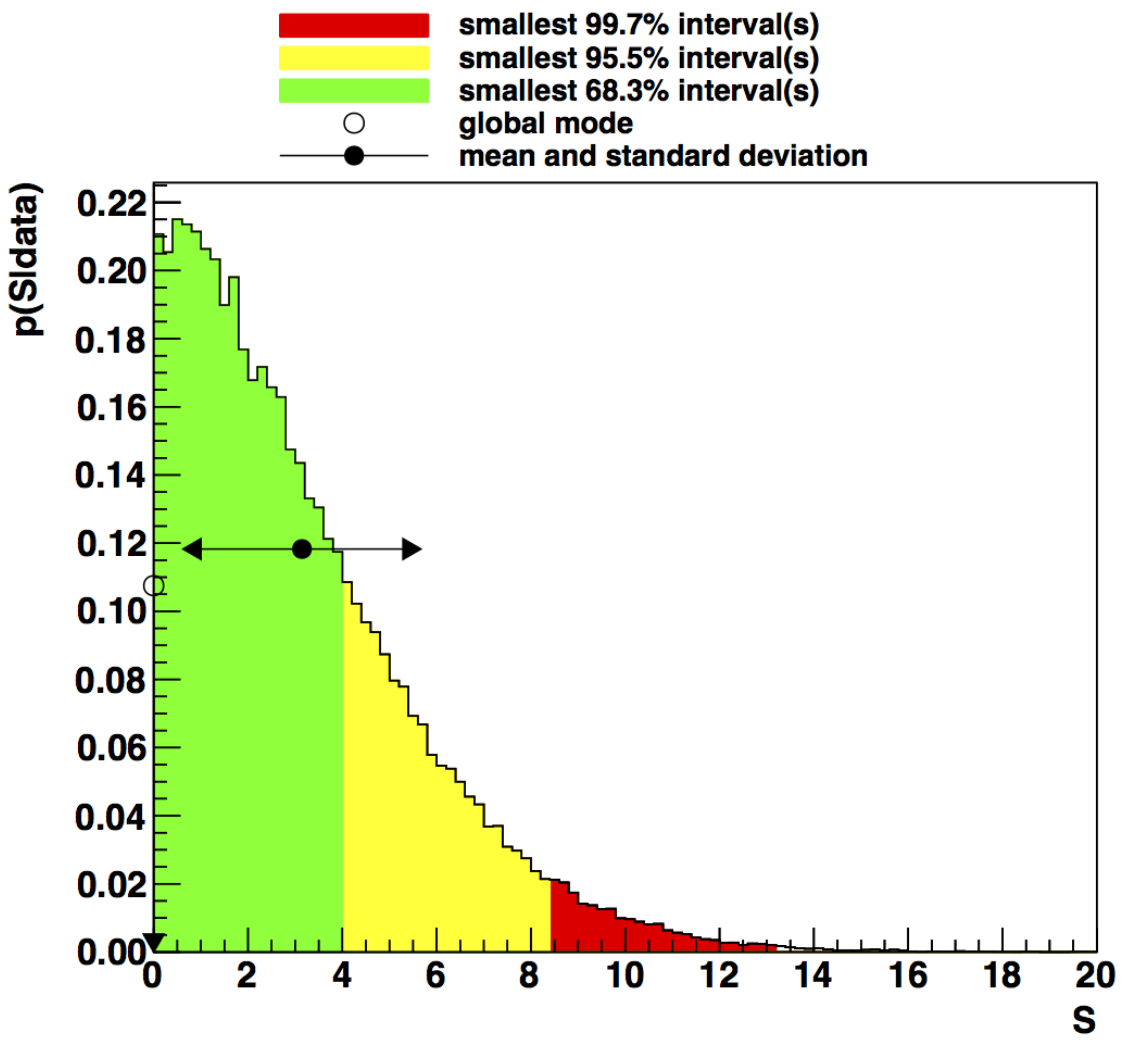
3. In runTutMod.cxx uncomment lines

```
m->SetMarginalizationMethod(BCIntegrate::kMargMetropolis);  
m->MarginalizeAll();  
m->PrintAllMarginalized("TutMod_plots.pdf");  
m->PrintResults("TutMod_results.txt");
```

Additional fun:

Rerun with different measured numbers of events.

Try $N < B$ (for example, $N=5$).



90% upper limit on signal: 6.7

95% upper limit on signal: 8.2

Exercise 2 – Uncertain Background

AIM: Given a measured number of events,
and an uncertain background expectation
learn about number of measured signal events

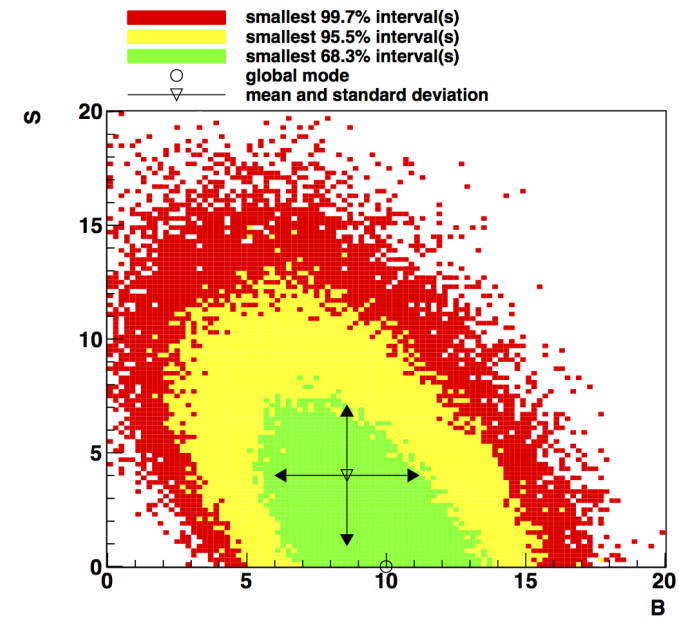
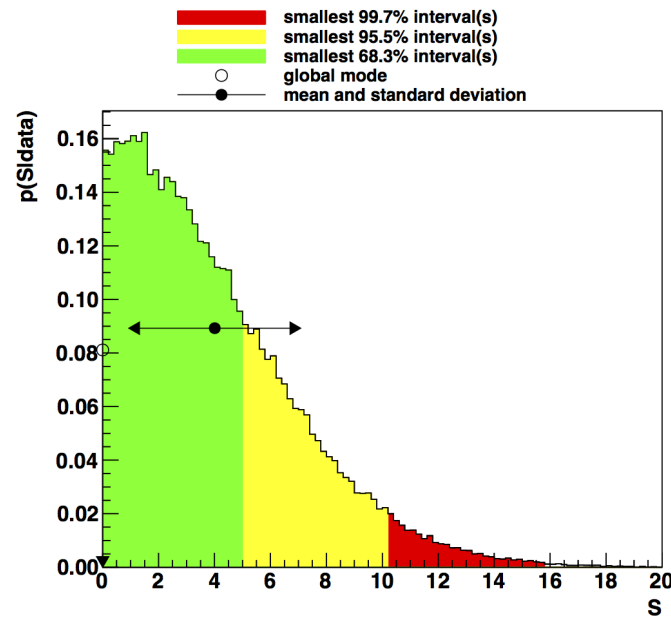
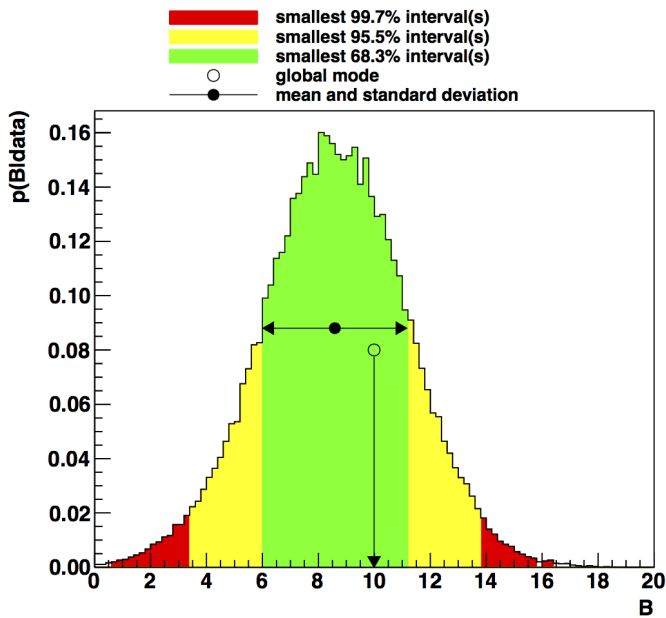
$$N = 10,$$
$$B = 10 \pm 3,$$
$$S = ??$$

Steps:

1. Modify background prior to incorporate uncertainty
Q – What is the prior for B ?
2. Compile & run.

Exercise 2 – Uncertain Background – Solution

1. `SetPriorGauss("B", 10, 3);`



90% upper limit on signal: 8.3

95% upper limit on signal: 10.3

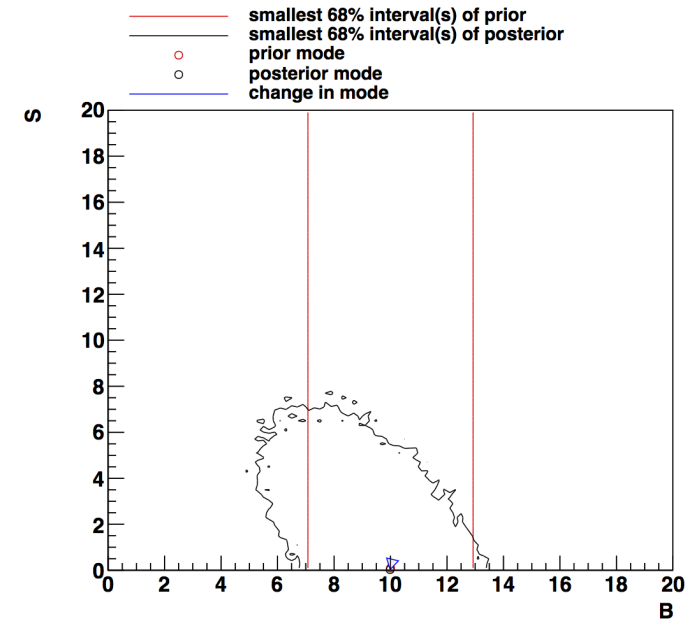
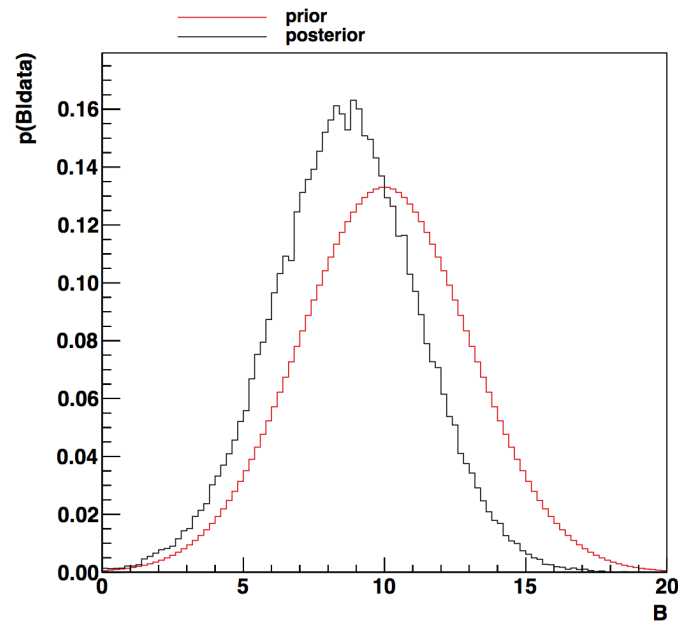
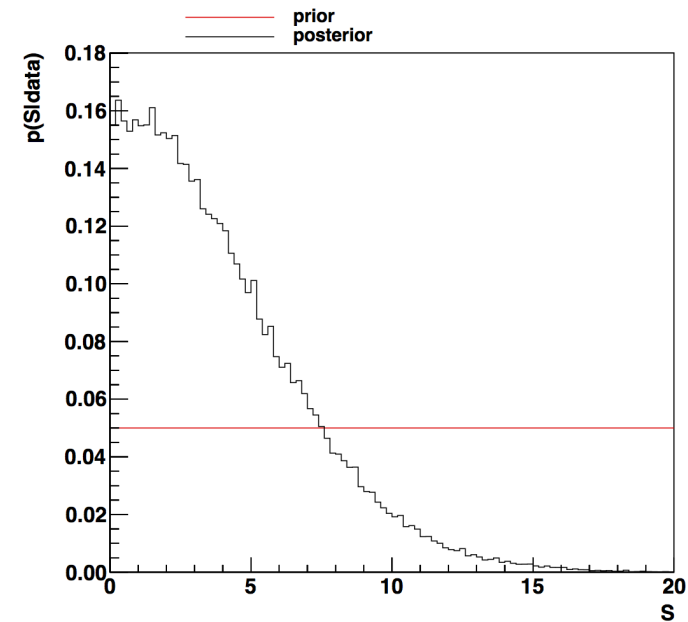
AIM: Check update of knowledge

Steps:

1. Use [BCSummaryTool](#) to print knowledge update.

1. In `runTutMod.cxx` uncomment line

```
summary->PrintKnowledgeUpdatePlots("TutMod_update.pdf");
```



AIM: Add efficiency of detection into our model, $\varepsilon = (10 \pm 2) \%$

Steps:

1. Add parameter for efficiency and set its prior. Change range for S .

Q – What is the range for the efficiency? What is its prior?

Q – What should the new range for S be?

2. Change likelihood calculation.

Q – How must you change the expected number of events?

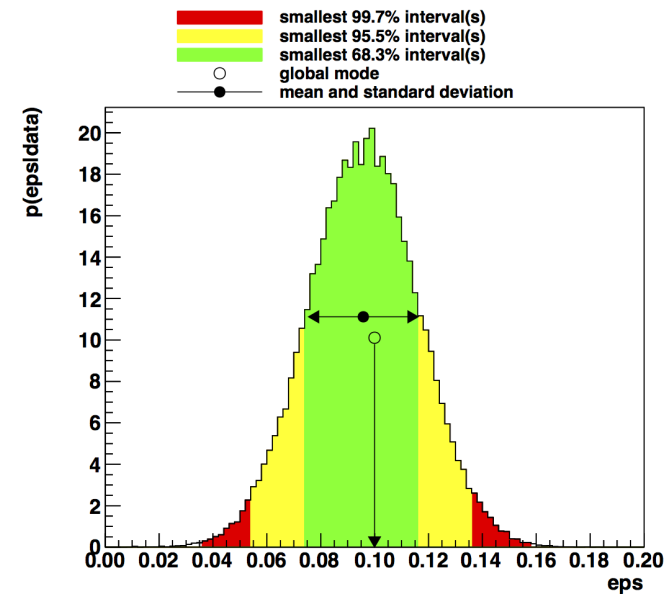
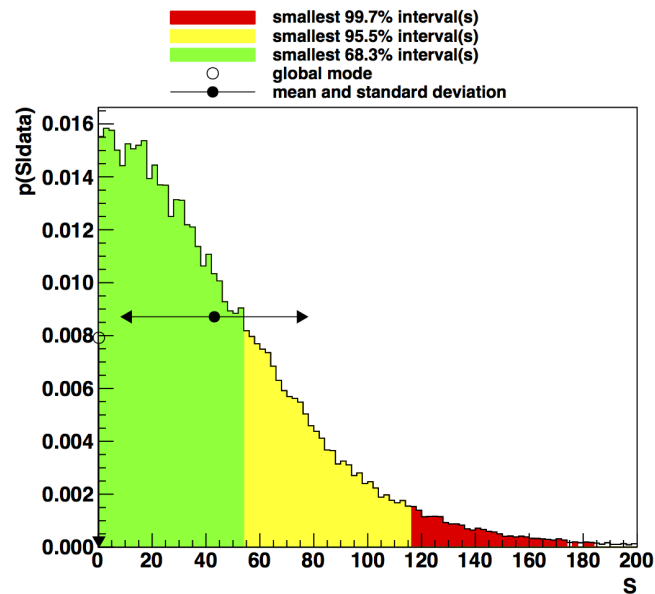
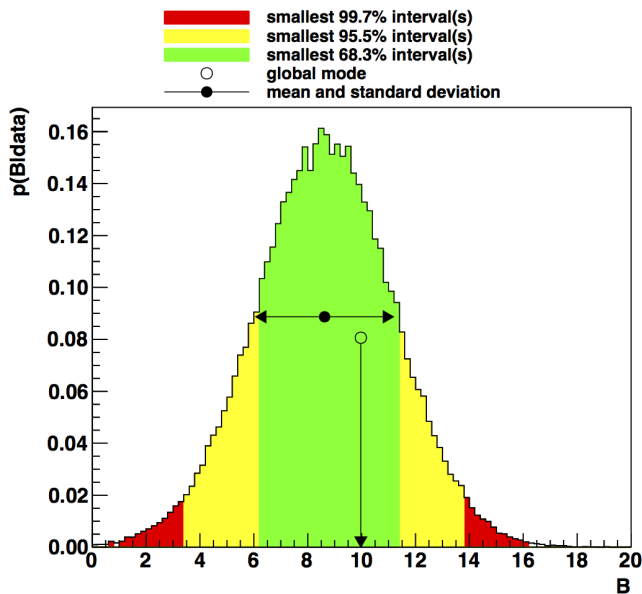
Q – What is the 95% upper limit on the true S ?

1. In DefineParameters() ...

```
AddParameter("S", 0, 200);
AddParameter("eps", 0, 0.20);
SetPriorGauss("eps", 0.10, 0.02);
```

2. In LogLikelihood(std::vector<double> ¶meters) ...

```
double eps = parameters[2];
return BCMath::LogPoisson(N,B+S*eps);
```



95% upper limit on true $S = 115$

AIM: Calculate the number of observed signal events and store its distribution.

$$S_{\text{obs}} = \epsilon S$$

Steps:

1. Add calculation of observed number of events.

Add ROOT TH1D for storing histogram S_{obs} .

2. Use BCH1D to draw histogram.

Q – What is the 95% upper limit on the observed S ?

1. In `TutMod.h` add... At top: `#include <TH1D.h>`

And inside class:

```
TH1D * MyHistogram;  
void MCMCUserIterationInterface();
```

In `TutMod.cxx` add.... In constructor:

```
MyHistogram = new TH1D("S", ";S_{obs};P(S_{obs}|data)", 100, 0, 20);
```

and add function:

```
void TutMod::MCMCUserIterationInterface() {  
    for (int i=0; i<MCMCGetNChains(); ++i) {  
        double S      = fMCMCx.at(i*GetNParameters() + 1);  
        double eps    = fMCMCx.at(i*GetNParameters() + 2);  
        MyHistogram->Fill(S*eps);  
    }  
}
```

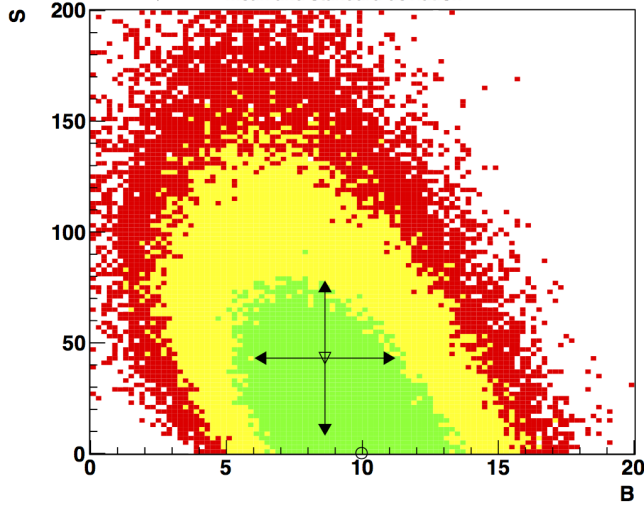
2. In `runTutMod.cxx` add (after printing results)...

```
BCH1D * MyS = new BCH1D(m->MyHistogram);  
MyS -> Print("TutMod_ObsS_plot.pdf");
```

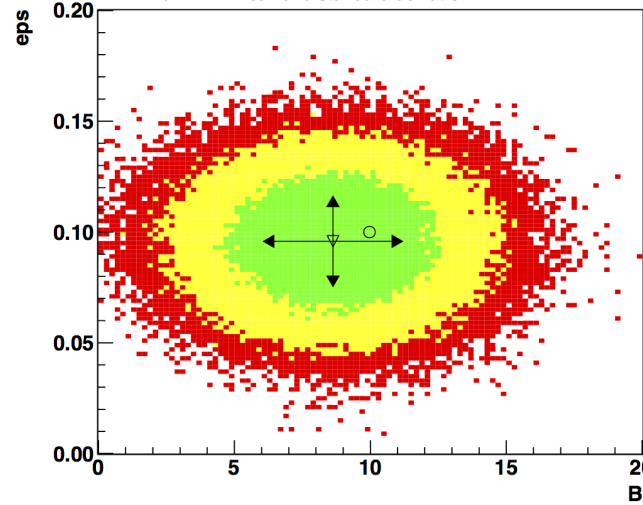
Exercise 5 – Propagation of Uncertainty – Solution (cont'd)



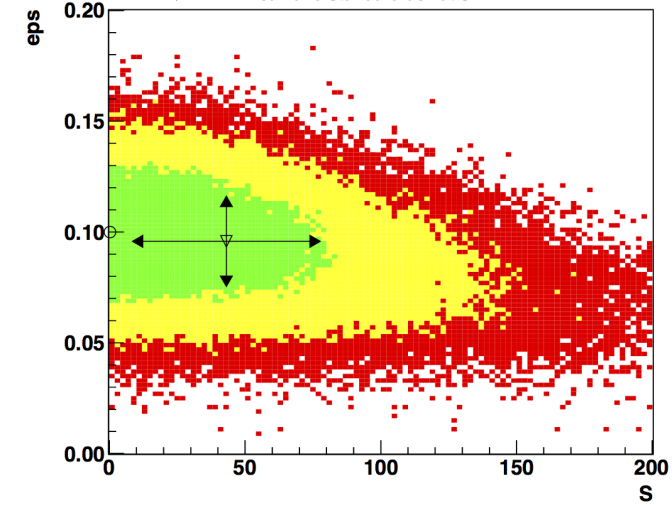
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 ○ global mode
 ▽ mean and standard deviation



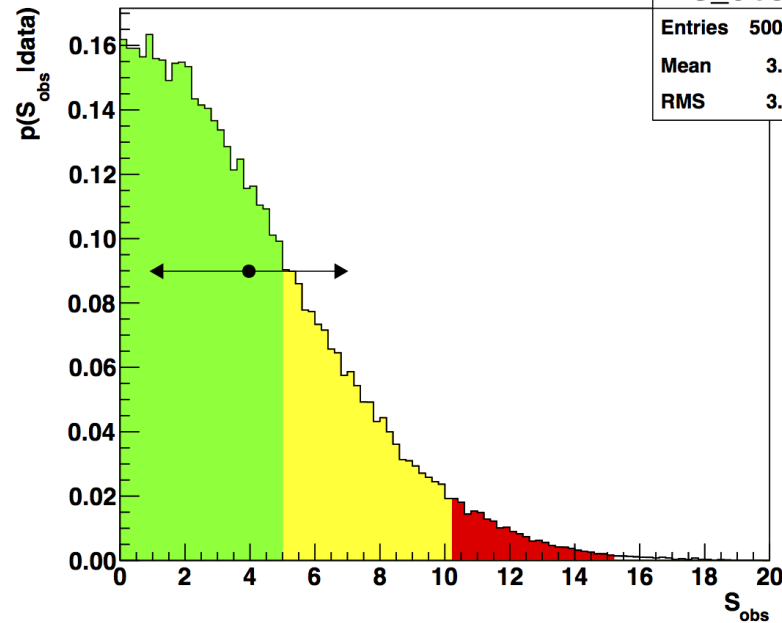
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Exercise 6 – Choice of Priors

Repeat your analysis with different priors

e.g. an exponential one,
a Gaussian one,
or a Jeffreys prior

How do the limits on the true and observed signal counts change?

Uncomment `TutMod::LogAPrioriProbability(...)` and go wild!

Additional (more complicated) tutorials can be found at
<https://www.mppmu.mpg.de/bat/?page=tutorials>

Installing BAT with Cuba

CUBA (optional), <http://www.feynarts.de/cuba>, latest version (3.2)

Download source file, extract, enter directory

```
./configure CFLAGS='-fPIC -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -ffast-math -Wall'  
[ --prefix=/desired/path/to/installation ]
```

```
make lib    (~10 seconds)
```

```
make install
```

After installation edit environment variables:

bash, zsh (~/.bashrc, ~/.zshenv)

```
export CUBADIR=/path/to/cuba  
export CPATH=$CUBADIR/include:$CPATH  
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$CUBADIR/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
```

csh, etc. export X=Y → setenv X Y

TEST: open new terminal (or source env-variable script)

run `ls -R $CUBADIR`, and you should see `cuba.h` and `libcuba.a`

BAT, <http://mppmu.mpg.de/bat>, latest version (0.9.3)

Download source, extract, enter directory

```
./configure --with-rootsys=`root-config --prefix`  
    [ --with-cuba --with-cuba-include-dir=$CUBADIR/include  
    --with-cuba-lib-dir=$CUBADIR/lib ]  
    [ --prefix=/desired/path/to/installation ]
```

```
make      (~ 1 minute)
```

```
make install
```

After installation edit environment variables (if `--prefix=...`)

bash, zsh (`~/.bashrc`, `~/.zshenv`)

```
export BATINSTALLDIR=/path/to/bat  
export CPATH=$BATINSTALLDIR/include:$CPATH  
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$BATINSTALLDIR/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
```

csh, etc. `export X=Y` → `setenv X Y`

TEST: open new terminal (or source env-variable script)

run `ls -R $BATINSTALLDIR`, to see headers (.h) and libraries (.so)