#### Advanced Statistics Course – Part IV

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#### Expected sensitivity & asymptotic distributions

### Expected significance

• When planning an experiment, we want to quantify how sensitive we are to a potential discovery, e.g. by giving the median significance, assuming some non-zero signal strength  $\mu^\prime$ 



- For p-value, need  $f(q_0|0) \rightarrow find q_0$  for which p-values is e.g. 0.05 (= $q_0^{disc}$ )
- For sensitivity need  $f(q_0|\mu') \rightarrow find value of \mu'$  for which median  $q_0$  value is  $q_0^{disc}$

## Expected (upper) limits

- Similarly, can construct expected (upper) limits.
- Allows to compare observed limits to what we would expected (based on the sensitivity of the experiment)
  - Find value of  $\mu_{up}$  for which background-only data would result in (e.g.) 95% exclusion of  $\mu_{up}.$
  - For given  $\mu$ , use f(q\_{\mu}|0) to find median value of q\_{\mu} for background-only data.
  - Find  $\mu_{up}$  for which med[q<sub>µ-up</sub>|0] results in p<sub>µ-up</sub> of (e.g.) 0.05



#### Uncertainty bands on expected limits

- Upper limits are subject to the effect of statistical fluctuations in the data. Customary to quantify this effect with error bands on the expected limit
- Example for N·σ error bands on upper limit → Recalculate limits using med[q<sub>µ</sub>|µ']±σ(q<sub>µ</sub>|µ') to define value of q<sub>µ</sub> that should result in 5% p-value for f(q<sub>µ</sub>|µ)



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#### Asymptotic distributions

- Using toy experiments to calculate limits can be very computationally very expensive.
- Fortunately analytical 'asymptotic' forms exists for all needed test statistic distributions that are valid in the limit N→∞ for f(q<sub>µ</sub>|µ')
- For t<sub>µ</sub>, the profile likelihood ratio test statistic, defined as

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

the asymptotic form for  $t_{\!\scriptscriptstyle \mu}$  for an assumed strength  $\mu'$  is

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

(this is known as a "non-central  $\chi^2$  distribution")

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## Asymptotic distributions

• For  $f(t_{\mu}|\mu)$  this simplifies to

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

a simply  $\chi^2$  distribution for one degree of freedom

 This we'd already seen this before when discussing the relation between MINOS intervals and confidence intervals based on t<sub>µ</sub>



#### Asymptotic forms of $q_0$ and $q_u$

- Similarly, asymptotic forms exist for  $q_0$  and  $q_\mu$
- For the discovery test statistic q<sub>0</sub>: full form

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

• Simplified form for  $\mu = \mu' = 0$ 

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

δ function at zero (modeling cases with µ-hat<0) Chi-squared distribution for 1 degree of freedom

• Finally, one can also show that the discovery significance is asymptotically simply  $\sqrt{q_{0,obs}}$ 

$$Z_0 = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p_0) = \sqrt{q_0} \,.$$

#### Asymptotic forms of $q_0$ and $q_u$

• For the exclusion test statistic  $q_{\mu}$ : full form

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

• Simplified solution for  $\mu = \mu'$ 

$$f(q_{\mu}|\mu) = \frac{1}{2}\delta(q_{\mu}) + \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\frac{1}{\sqrt{q_{\mu}}}e^{-q_{\mu}/2}$$
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δ function at zero (modeling cases with µ-hat<0) Chi-squared distribution for 1 degree of freedom

#### Using asymptotic forms for $\mu \neq \mu'$

• Similar to case for  $t_{\mu}$ , asymptotic distributions for  $q_0, q_{\mu}$ for  $\mu \neq \mu'$  depend on  $\sigma$ , which cannot be calculated analytically as it depends on the nuisance parameters

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

 But for these test statistics we can calculate this in a computationally inexpensive way using 'Asimov Datasets'

#### The Asimov dataset illustrated



NB: Asimov datasets can be trivially generated from any model in RooFit by adding the Asimov() argument to RooAbsPdf::generate()

#### Regular data set of 1000 events



Asimov dataset (a weighted dataset with a sum of weights of 1000)



#### How to Asimov dataset helps

- With a test statistic evaluated on an Asimov dataset one can calculate directly (in the asymptotic limit)
- The variance σ<sup>2</sup> needed for the full asymptotic expressions



Value of test statistics for Asimov dataset

 Note that with Asimov datasets, one can also trivially obtain the median p-values needed for the median expected limit and observation significance

$$\operatorname{med}[Z_0|\mu'] = \sqrt{q_{0,\mathrm{A}}} ,$$

$$\operatorname{med}[Z_{\mu}|0] = \sqrt{q_{\mu,\mathrm{A}}}.$$

(Corresponding p-values trivially calculable from Z-values)

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Asymptotic independence on nuisance parameters

 While full asymptotic forms depends nuisance parameters via σ, cases for μ≠μ' do **not**

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

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

- This means that the distributions that are used to calculation observation p-values and limits are asymptotically independent of the value of the nuisance parameters.
- This is good → If distributions are truly independent of nuisance parameters, exact coverage is restored.
- Note that this does not hold for all test statistics, e.g. for  $t^{\sim}_{\mu}$  this is not the case (NB:  $t^{\sim}_{0}$  corresponds to Feldman Cousins)

How quickly is asymptotic behavior achieved?

Investigate using on/off problem

Poisson(n| $\mu$ s+b)Poisson(m| $\tau$ ·b) with  $\tau$ =1



#### How quickly is asymptotic behavior achieved?

• Exclusion limits: look at distributions for  $q_1$  test statistics for assumed hypothesis  $\mu=0$  and  $\mu=1$ 

Already good behavior for s=6, b=9

Poisson(n| $\mu$ s+b)Poisson(m| $\tau$ ·b) with  $\tau$ =1



#### How quickly is asymptotic behavior achieved?

• Same, for s=10, b=10,

med[q<sub>0</sub>|1] for s=1..20 and b=1...50



 For all asymptotic formulae and lots of details Cowan, Cranmer, Gross, Vitells, arXiv:1007.1727, EPJC 71 (2011) 1554

#### Using asymptotical formulae in RooStats

- All asymptotic formulae are implemented in RooStats in the class AsymptoticCalculator
  - Specify instead of FrequentistCalculator when you want to use asymptotic forms.

```
// create first HypoTest calculator (N.B null is s+b model)
AsymptoticCalculator ac(*data, *bModel, *sbModel);
HypoTestInverter calc(*ac);
// run inverter same as using other calculators
......
```

 Also available in StandardHypoTest InvDemo.C: Specify calculatorType=3 (instead of 0)



## The look-elsewhere effect

#### The 'Look Elsewhere Effect'

- Suppose a model for a mass distribution allows for a peak at mass m with with amplitude  $\mu$
- The data shows a bump at mass m<sub>0</sub>.
- How consistent is this with the no-bump hypothesis?



#### Calculating the p-value for a fixed mass

 If the mass m<sub>0</sub> of the peak is known a priori, problem reduces to a likelihood ratio test statistic with one parameter of interest (μ)

$$t_{fix} = \frac{L(0, m_0)}{L(\hat{\mu}, m_0)}$$

• P-value for background-only hypothesis calculated as

$$p_{0,fix} = \int_{t_{fix,obs}}^{\infty} f(t_{fix} \mid 0) dt_{fix}$$

specifies probability to observe  $t_{fix}$  or larger at the specified value of  $m_0$ 

 Expect that asymptotic form of f(t<sub>fix</sub>|0) can be used with a sufficiently large data sample.

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## Calculating the p-value for an unspecified mass

 If we don't where to expect a peak in the distribution, we want the probability to find a peak at least as significant anywhere in the distribution:

$$t_{float} = \frac{L(0)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{m})}$$

Note that m is not — a parameter of the background-only model

• Calculate p-value as usual

$$p_{0,float} = \int_{t_{float,obs}}^{\infty} f(t_{float} \mid 0) dt_{float}$$

• What about the asymptotic distribution for  $f(t_{float}|0)$ ?

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## Asymptotic distributions for $t_{fix}$ and $t_{float}$

- For sufficiently large data sample t<sub>fix</sub> has chi-squared distribution for 1 degree of freedom
- For  $t_{float}$ , one naively expected a chi-squared distribution with 2 degrees of freedom ( $\mu$ ,m)



 Obtaining f(t<sub>float</sub>|0) from toy experiments can be very expensive and difficult → Any other ways?

### The look-elsewhere effect and the trials factor

- The fact that p<sub>fix</sub> and p<sub>float</sub> are different is called the 'look elsewhere effect'
- Probability to obtained observed result under background hypothesis increases if you look in a broad range instead of in a specific place

- The ratio p<sub>float</sub>/p<sub>fix</sub> is also called the 'trials factor'
- Generally, if we know the trials factor for a given experiment, we only need to calculate p<sub>fix</sub> to obtained p<sub>float</sub>

#### Approximating the trials factor

• Gross and Vitells (arXiv 1005.1891) show that

$$p_{float} \approx p_{fix} + \langle N(c) \rangle$$

where N(c) is the number of 'upcrossings' of

$$\lambda(\mu, m) = -2\log \frac{L(\mu, m)}{L(\hat{\mu}, m)}$$

in the examined range of m, where  $c=Z_{fix}^2$  is a threshold set by the significance  $Z_{fix}$  corresponding to  $p_{fix}$ 

 With this approximate relation, can do fixed mass analysis and apply correction factor to get approximate p-value for floating mass scenario.

## Counting upcrossings

• Illustration of upcrossings over threshold c of q(m) vs m



Here 3 upcrossings over threshold c=0.5

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## Counting up-crossings at high Z<sub>fix</sub>

- Typically, we are interested at  $Z_{\text{float}}$  when  $Z_{\text{fix}}$  high, e.g.  $5\sigma.$
- Would need <N(c=25)> for the correction factor, but this is very hard to obtain → Very few upcrossings at c=25 in background-only samples
- Can use another approximation

$$\langle N(c) \rangle \approx \langle N(c_0) \rangle e^{-(c-c_0)/2}$$

- Can estimate e.g. N(c=0.5) from background simulation (without need for high statistics), and approximate N (c=25)
- Example:  $Z_{fix} = 5\sigma \rightarrow pfix = 2.9 \ 10^{-7}$  $< N(0.5) >= 8 \rightarrow N(25) = 8 \cdot e^{-12.25} = 3.8 \ 10^{-5}$  $p_{float} \approx (p_{fix}=2.9 \ 10^{-7}) + 1.4 \ 10^{-5} = 3.9 \ 10^{-5}$  $Z_{float} \approx 3.9\sigma$  (trials factor = 134)

## Convergence of approximate trials factor

 Approximation of trials factor due to look-elsewhereeffect works best at high Z<sub>fix</sub>



Note: similar procedure can also be defined for N floating parameters. Replace <#upcrossings> by expectation value of Euler characteristic
 φ = #(disconnected components) - #(holes)



#### Summary of look-elsewhere-effect

- Look-Elsewhere-Effect occurs when testing a single model (e.g. SM) with multiple observations (different experimental selections, e.g. invariant mass regions)
- There is no LEE when considering exclusion limits we test specific models and say wether each is excluded
- Approximate LEE should be sufficient for most applications, and both p<sub>float</sub> and p<sub>fix</sub> should always be reported

## (Higgs) Combinations

## Combining multiple measurement for a limit

- For many types of (new) physics being investigated, there exist multiple experimental signatures sensitive to the same (new) physics parameters
- Example: Search for Standard Model Higgs boson is conducted in O(10) experimental signatures
  - $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow IIII$
  - $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow IqIq$
  - $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
  - H→ bb
- Each search result is a likelihood  $L(\mu, \theta)$  that can be used to construct a confidence interval on  $\mu = \sigma/\sigma_{SM}$ .
- How do you combine the information from all searches into a single (most powerful) confidence interval on μ?

# Combining Higgs channels (and experiments)

• Procedure: define joint likelihood



$$L(\mu, \theta_{LHC}) = L_{ATLAS}(\mu, \theta_{ATLAS}) \cdot L_{CMS}(\mu, \theta_{CMS}) \cdot \dots$$

- Correlations between  $\theta_{WW}, \theta_{\gamma\gamma}$  etc and between  $\theta_{ATLAS}, \theta_{CMS}$  requires careful consideration!
- The construction profile likelihood ratio test statistic from joint likelihood and proceed as usual

$$\widetilde{q}_{\mu} = -2\ln\frac{L(data \mid \mu, \hat{\hat{\theta}}_{\mu})}{L(data \mid \hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$$

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## Combinations in RooFit/RooStats

- The workspace concept in RooFit greatly simplifies the practical aspects of such combined model building
- Each (analysis channel/experiment) builds its own probability model for each channel and exports it in a RooFit workspace
- Combined model is built by 'just' combining workspaces



## Joint distributions in RooFit

• At the likelihood level a joint likelihood is constructed by simply multiplying the component likelihoods

$$L(\mu, \theta_{comb}) = L_{H \to WW}(\mu, \theta_{WW}) \cdot L_{H \to ZZ}(\mu, \theta_{ZZ}) \cdot L_{H \to \gamma\gamma}(\mu, \theta_{\gamma\gamma}) \cdot \dots$$

- But for frequentist you also need the joint probability model (probability density function) to be able to sample toy experiments. How do you represent a joint measurement as the probability model
- A 'simultaneous pdf' of  $f_A(x)$  and  $f_B(y)$  can be defined as

 $f(x,y,i) = f_A(x) \text{ if } i=A$  $f_B(y) \text{ if } (i=B)$ 

 From observation sets x and y joint dataset is constructed D(x,y,i) that contains all values of x and y of the original datasets and a label i that is A or B, indicating the origin of each event

#### Example of constructing a joint model

 An example constructing a joint model of class RooSimultaneous using the factory operator SIMUL



## Example of constructing a joint dataset

• A joint dataset is made with similar ease



- Can choose between copying channel data [ Import() ] and linking to channel data [ Link() ]
  - When linking the joint dataset is just a 'virtual layer' that redirects to the original datasets

#### Tools exist to import models from other workspaces

- For practical combinations, channel models will be provided in workspaces in separate files
- Convenient tools exist to import such models from filebased workspaces into your own



 Specifying the 'top node' of a model will automatically import all components

#### Tools exist to import models from other workspaces

- Option exist to rename variable, pdf component names, and dataset names to avoid unintended clashes
- NB: When constructing joint models in RooFit:

same parameter name = same parameter

i.e. when a parameter `mu' already exists in the workspace and new model is imported that has its own copy of mu, it will be linked to the existing copy, so that all models in the same workspace share the same mu

- In contrast: when pdf (components) and functions have the same name, this is refused by default, as it is likely a mistake (there is switch to override if this is intentional).
- Tools exist for comprehensive renaming upon import to avoid unintended clashes

#### Things to worry about in combinations

- Just focused on technical aspects of joint model building.
- Construction of joint models present vast array of difficult questions to answer in terms of common nuisance parameters between channels and experiments
  - Is the jet-energy-scale between  $H \rightarrow ZZ$  and  $H \rightarrow WW$  correlated?
  - Is the jet-energy-scale between ATLAS and CMS correlated?
  - Is the W+jets cross-section (background) correlated between H→WW (lqlq) and H→ZZ(llqq)
- Remember that frequentist use of likelihood treats all contributions on similar footing: main measurement and subsidiary measurements.
- E.g is it OK if main measurement of H→ZZ constrains nuisance parameter for JES that is also used in H→WW more than the subsidiary measurement that was introduced for H→WW?

#### Putting it all together – The Higgs search as example

#### • Step 1 – Event selection

- Defined separately for each Higgs decay channel (gg,WW,ZZ,TT)
- Quantify SM and Higgs expected distributions for each channel (the latter for a large range of mHiggs hypotheses)



## Each channel is sensitive to a different range of $m_H$

- Can execute limit-setting procedure for each channel separately
- Limit on  $\mu = \sigma / \sigma_{SM}$  always calculated at **fixed** m<sub>H</sub>
  - Trials factor will be discussed later
- For each m<sub>H</sub> calculate
  - Observed limit (using CL<sub>S</sub>)
  - Expected limits and  $1,2\sigma$  bands
  - p-value of background hypothesis (will show later)



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#### Then combine all channels

• Different channels contribute in different ranges of m<sub>H...</sub>





#### How to read the upper limit plot

- For each value of  $m_H$ , find the  $CL_S$  upper limit on  $\mu$
- For each  $m_H$ , determine distribution of upper limits  $\mu_{up}$  one would obtain under the hypothesis  $\mu=0$ 
  - The dashed curve is the median of  $\mu_{up}$  and the green(yellow) and give the  $\pm 1\sigma(2\sigma)$  regions of this distribution
- Range(s) of  $m_H$  for which  $\mu_{up} < 1$  is region where we *expect* to be able to exclude SM Higgs boson (at  $\mu=1$ )
- Range(s) of  $m_{\rm H}$  where observed limit is <1 is what we actually exclude



#### How to read the p0 plot

- The "local" p0 means the p-value for the backgroundonly hypothesis obtained from the test of  $\mu=0$  at each individual m<sub>H</sub>, without any correction for the LEE
- The expected curve gives the median p0 under the assumption of the SM Higgs ( $\mu$ =1) at high m<sub>H</sub>
  - Low expected p<sub>0</sub> means high observation sensitivity,
     (*not* higher probability of the Higgs having this mass)



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#### How to read the "blue band" plot

• On the plot of  $\mu$ -hat (fit to  $\sigma/\sigma_{SM}$ ) versus  $m_{H}$ , the blue band is defined by

$$\ln L(\mu) > \ln L(\hat{\mu}) - \frac{1}{2}$$

"Minos error" ( $\approx 68\%$  C.L.)



#### The Look Elsewhere Effect

- Indications of the global p-value (correction for the look-elsewhere effect), if given is calculated from the "upcrossing counting method"
  - Keep in mind that this approximation works best for high Z<sub>local</sub>
  - Example below for preliminary ATLAS+CMS Higgs combination performed in Fall 2011



## The end – Recommended reading

- Easy
  - R. Barlow, Statistics: A Guide to the Use of Statistical Methods in the Physical Sciences, Wiley, 1989
  - L. Lyons, Statistics for Nuclear and Particle Physics, Cambridge University Press
  - Philip R. Bevington and D.Keith Robinson, Data Reduction and Error Analysis for the Physical Sciences
- Intermediate
  - Glen Cowan, Statistical Data Analysis (Solid foundation for HEP)
  - Frederick James, Statistical Methods in Experimental Physics, World Scientific, 2006. (This is the second edition of the influential 1971 book by Eadie et al., has more advanced theory, many examples)
- Advanced
  - A. Stuart, K. Ord, S. Arnold, Kendall's Advanced Theory of Statistics, Vol. 2A, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, 1999; and earlier editions of this "Kendall and Stuart" series. (Authoritative on classical frequentist statistics)
- Recent papers (covered in these lectures)
  - Asymptotic Distributions

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 Look-Elsewhere-Effect arXiv 1005.1891











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#### Exercise A

 Repeat the limit setting exercises of module 3 with the Asymptotic Calculator instead of the Frequentist calculator (use calculatorType=3) and compare the results.