

Follow up material for
PRACTICAL CLASS 7
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[Some slides borrowed from RooFit tutorials]

We have seen in **PRACTICAL CLASS 7** that :

Likelihood minimization – class RooMinuit

- Class `RooMinuit` is an *interface* to the ROOT implementation of the **MINUIT minimization** and error analysis package.
- `RooMinuit` takes care of
 - Passing value of minimized RooFit function to MINUIT
 - Propagated changes in parameters both from `RooRealVar` to MINUIT and back from MINUIT to `RooRealVar`, i.e. it keeps the state of RooFit objects synchronous with the MINUIT internal state
 - Propagate error analysis information back to `RooRealVar` parameters objects
 - Exposing high-level MINUIT operations to RooFit uses (MIGRAD,HESSE,MINOS) etc...
 - Making optional snapshots of complete MINUIT information (e.g. convergence state, full error matrix etc)

```
// Start Minuit session on above nll
Roofit m(nll) ;

// MIGRAD likelihood minimization
m.migrad() ;

// Run HESSE error analysis
m.hesse() ;

// Set sx to 3, keep fixed in fit
sx.setVal(3) ;
sx.setConstant(kTRUE) ;

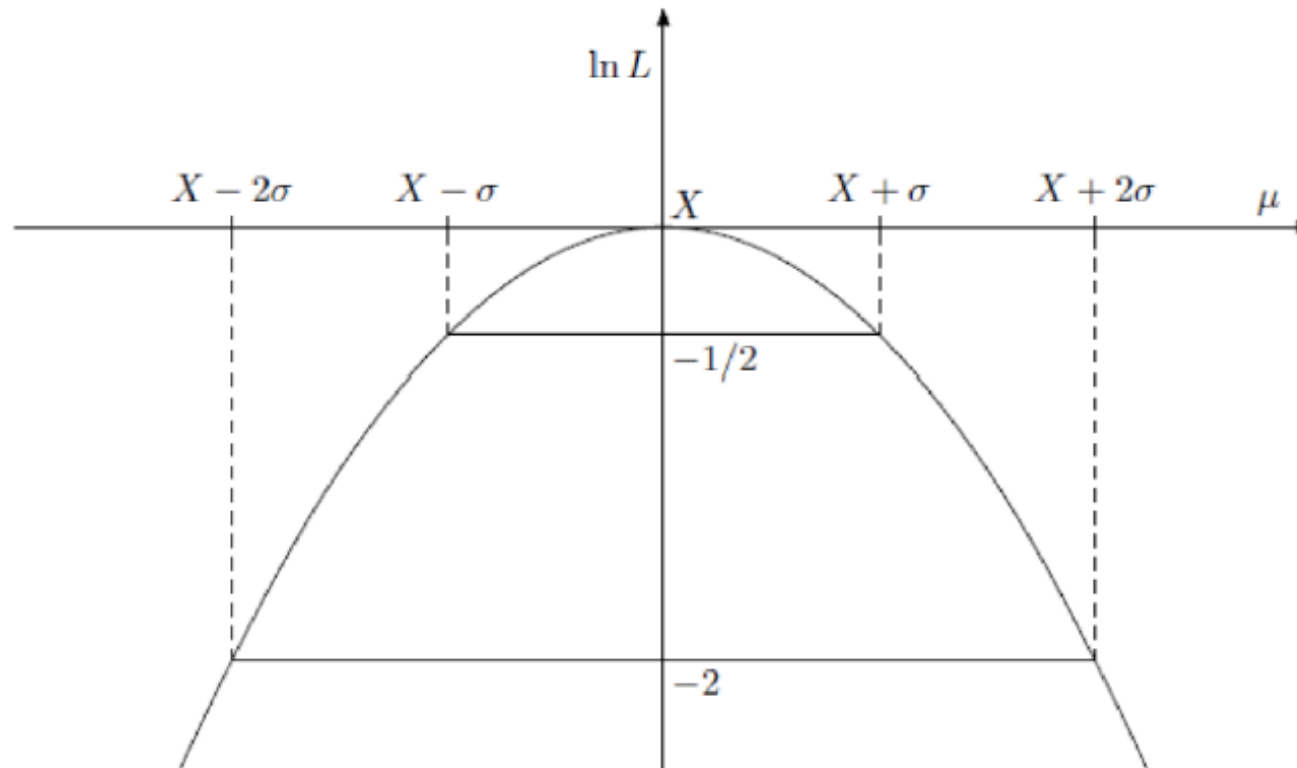
// MIGRAD likelihood minimization
m.migrad() ;

// Run MINOS error analysis
m.minos()

// Draw 1,2,3 'sigma' contours in sx,sy
m.contour(sx,sy) ;
```

We know that PDF can be converted into a Likelihood function L by exchanging the vector of observation with the vector of parameters.

For only 1 parameter μ the likelihood L is a function of μ and $\ln L$ is a parabola:

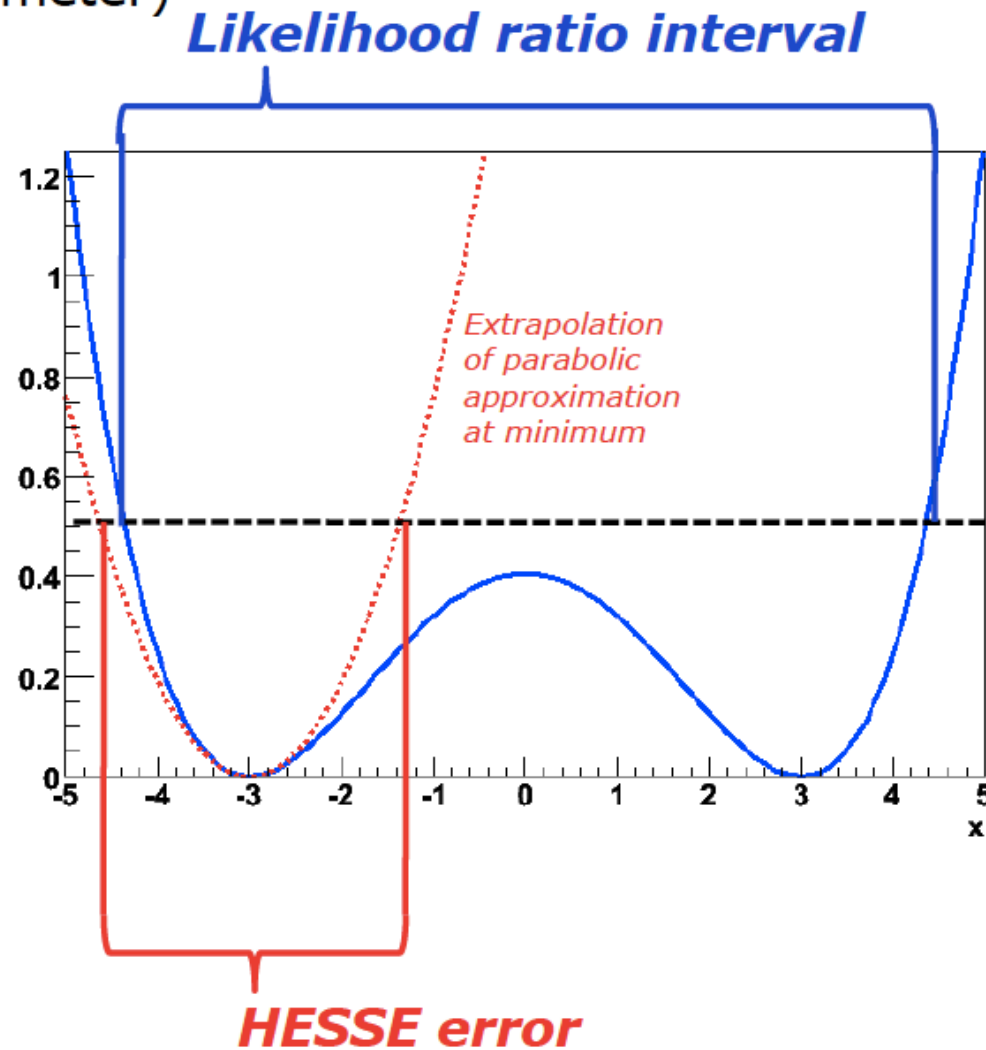


If we have many parameters, some of them are “of interest” (**POI**) and the other are called “**nuisance parameters**”; the latter are parameters in the problem which affect the result but which are not of primary interest.

Likelihood ratio intervals

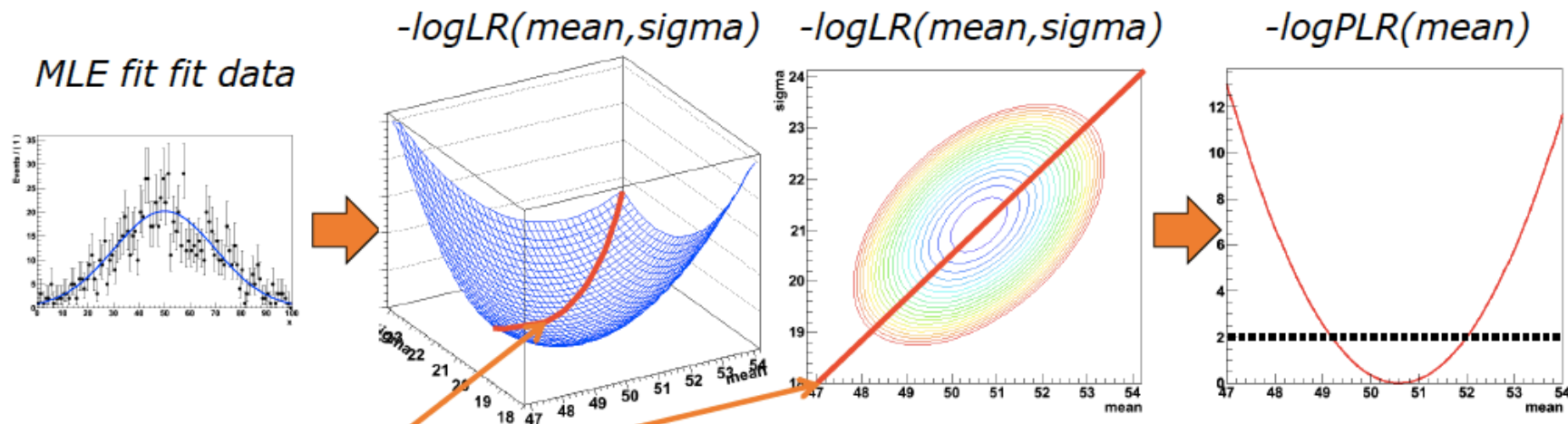
- Definition of Likelihood Ratio interval (identical to MINOS for 1 parameter)

$$LR(\vec{x}, \mu) = \frac{L(\vec{x}, \mu)}{L(\vec{x}, \hat{\mu})}$$



Dealing with nuisance pars in Likelihood ratio interval:

- Nuisance parameters in LR interval
 - For each value of the parameter of interest, search the full subspace of nuisance parameters for the point at which the likelihood is maximized.
 - Associate that value of the likelihood with that value of the parameter of interest → 'Profile likelihood'



$$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\sigma}(\mu))}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma})}$$

- **best $L(\mu)$ for any value of s**
- **best $L(\mu, \sigma)$**

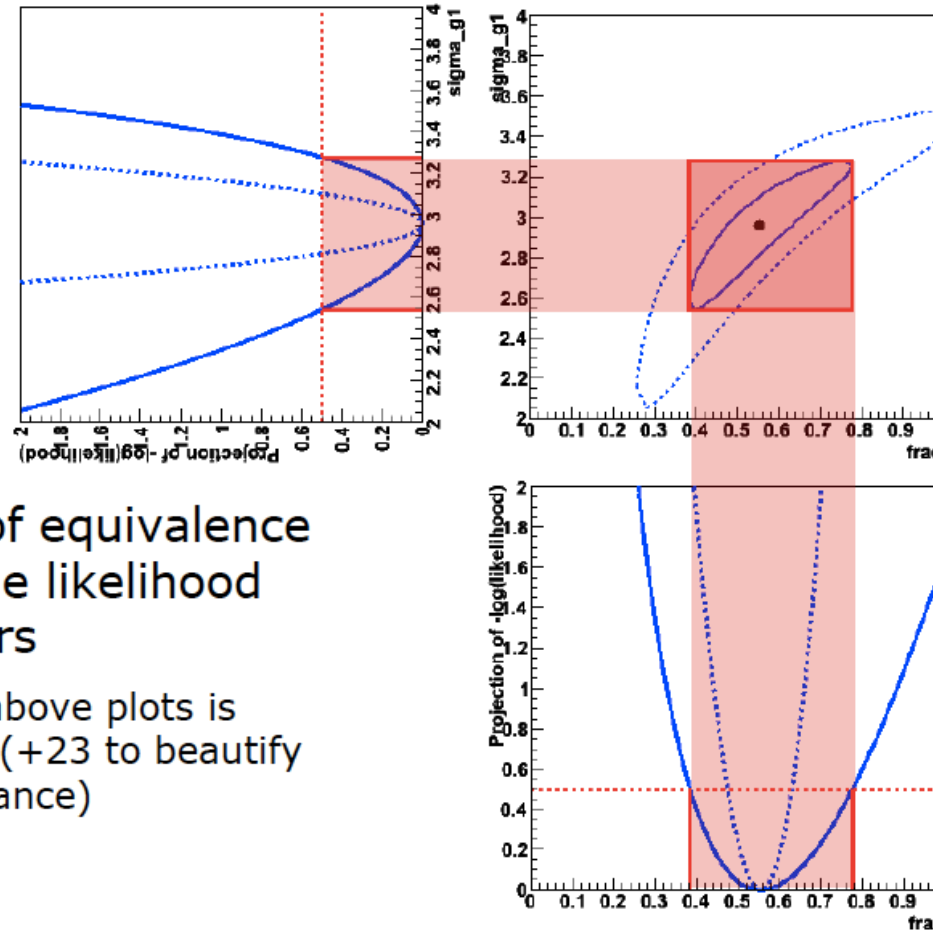
Working with profile likelihood

- A profile likelihood ratio $\lambda(p) = \frac{L(p, \hat{q})}{L(\hat{p}, \hat{q})}$ ← *Best L for given p*
← *Best L*

can be represent by a regular RooFit function
(albeit an expensive one to evaluate)

```
RooAbsReal* ll = model.createNLL(data, NumCPU(8)) ;  
RooAbsReal* pll = ll->createProfile(params) ;
```

On the equivalence of profile likelihood and MINOS



- Demonstration of equivalence of (RooFit) profile likelihood and MINOS errors
 - Macro to make above plots is 34 lines of code (+23 to beautify graphics appearance)

Indeed we have checked by ourselves that the Profile Likelihood ratio defines an interval (1sigma uncertainty) of values for a single POI - when $\ln L$ is increased by 0.5 – that is the same as the one provided by MINOS.