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# RooFit/RooStats Tutorial

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# Introduction

Shared Folder: Machine → Settings → Shared Folders

- <https://indico.desy.de/internalPage.py?pagId=1&confId=5065>
- Linux: run inside VM: `sudo mount -t vboxsf -o uid=1001,gid=1001 hosthome /mnt`
- Mac: use automount, type “mount” and search for your folder to see where it is mounted, run as root

login/pwd: school / School12



## Announcements

Collaborative project to provide and consolidate advanced statistical tools needed by LHC experiments.

Joint contribution from ATLAS, CMS, ROOT and RooFit: developments overseen by ATLAS and CMS statistics committees.

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Included since ROOT v5.22; RooStats is developing fast and the latest stable version of ROOT is recommended: currently v5.32.02

Example macros in **\$ROOTSYS/tutorials/roostats**

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# Sources

**TWiki:** <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/RooStats/WebHome>

- your primary source and repository of links to other sources!

**ATLAS statistics recommendations:**

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasProtected/ATLASStatisticsFAQ>

**CMS statistics recommendations:**

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/viewauth/CMS/StatisticsCommittee>

**Screencast tutorials:** <http://www.youtube.com/RooStats>

**User's Guide:** [http://root.cern.ch/viewcvs/branches/dev/roostats/roofit/roostats/doc/usersguide/RooStats\\_UsersGuide.pdf](http://root.cern.ch/viewcvs/branches/dev/roostats/roofit/roostats/doc/usersguide/RooStats_UsersGuide.pdf)

**Code documentation via ROOT:** <http://root.cern.ch/root/html/ClassIndex.html#idx17>

The screenshot shows the 'RooStats' page on a TWiki website. The header includes the TWiki logo and navigation links for 'Jump', 'Search', 'RooStats', and 'All webs'. The main content area features a large heading 'Welcome to the RooStats Wiki'. Below it, a section titled 'What is RooStats?' provides a brief description of the project. Another section, 'How to get it?', contains instructions for downloading the software. A third section, 'Tutorial Screencasts on YouTube', includes a thumbnail image of a video player showing a screen recording of a YouTube video.

# RooStats Goals

- Provide a common framework for statistical calculations
  - work on arbitrary models and datasets
  - implement most accepted techniques
    - frequentists, Bayesian and likelihood based tools
  - possible to easily compare different statistical methods
  - provide utility for combinations of results
  - using same tools across experiments facilities combinations of results

# Statistical Applications

- Common purposes:
  - point estimation: determine the best estimate of a parameter
  - estimation of confidence (credible) intervals
    - multi-dimensional contours or just a lower/higher limit
  - hypothesis tests: evaluation of p-value for one or multiple hypotheses (significance)
  - goodness-of-fit: how well a model describes the data
- Analysis combination:
  - Performed at analysis level: full information available to treat correlations
  - For these things RooStats can help you

# RooStats Design

- Built on top of RooFit
  - generic and convenient description of models
    - probability density function or likelihood functions
  - easily generation of models (workspace factory)
  - tools for model combinations (e.g. simultaneous pdf)
  - possibility to persistify models in files using the RooFit RooWorkspace class
    - sharing and digital publishing of results
- workspace models are the inputs to all RooStats statistical tools

# User's Guide

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# Current list of Calculators

## HypoTestCalculators

- [FrequentistCalculator](#)
  - frequentist calculation (profile nuisance parameters)
- [HybridCalculator](#)
  - hybrid Bayes-Frequentist calculation (marginalize nuisance parameters)
- [ProfileLikelihoodCalculator](#)
  - the method of MINUIT/MINOS, based on Wilks' theorem

## IntervalCalculators

- [HypoTestInverter](#)
  - takes a HypoTestCalculator and forms an IntervalCalculator
- [ProfileLikelihoodCalculator](#)
  - method of MINUIT/MINOS, based on Wilks' theorem
- [NeymanConstruction](#)
  - general purpose Neyman Construction class, highly configurable: choice of TestStatistic, TestStatSampler (defines ensemble/conditioning), integration boundary (upper, lower, central limits), and parameter points to scan
- [FeldmanCousins](#)
  - specific configuration of NeymanConstruction for Feldman-Cousins (generalized for nuisance parameters)
- [MCMCCalculator](#)
  - Bayesian Markov Chain Monte Carlo (Metropolis Hastings), proposal function is highly customizable
- [BayesianCalculator](#)
  - Bayesian posterior calculated via numeric integration routines, currently only supports one parameter





## 1.3 Terminology used in this guide

**model** a probability density function that describes some observables. We use the term model for both parametric models (eg. a Gaussian is parametrized by a mean and standard deviation) and non-parametric models (eg. histograms or KEYS pdfs).

**observable(s)** quantities that are directly measured by an experiment and present in a data set. The distribution of the observables are predicted by the model. Models are normalized such that the integral of the model over the observables is 1.

**auxiliary observable** observables that come from an auxiliary experiment (eg. a control sample or a preceding experiment). also called “global observables”

**parameter of interest** quantities used to parametrize a model that are ‘interesting’ in the sense that one wishes to estimate their values, place limits on them, etc (eg. masses, cross-sections, and the like).

**nuisance parameter** quantities used to parametrize a model that are uncertain but not ‘interesting’ in the above sense (eg. background normalization, shape parameters associated to systematic uncertainties, etc.)

# ModelConfig Class

- **ModelConfig** class input to all Roostats calculators
  - contains a reference to the RooFit workspace class
  - provides the workspace meta information needed to run RooStats calculators
    - pdf of the model stored in the workspace
    - what are observables (needed for toy generations)
    - what are the parameters of interest and the nuisance parameters
    - global observables (from auxiliary measurements) for frequentist calculators
    - prior pdf for the Bayesian tools
  - ModelConfig can be imported in workspace for storage and later retrieval

# Building ModelConfig Class

- ModelConfig must be built after having the workspace
- Specifies names for all the components which are present in the workspace

```
//specify components of model for statistical tools
ModelConfig modelConfig("G(x|mu,1)");
modelConfig.SetWorkspace(workspace);
//set components using the name of ws objects
modelConfig.SetPdf("normal");
modelConfig.SetParameterOfInterest("poi");
modelConfig.SetObservables("obs");
```

- Alternatively ModelConfig can be used to import the components directly into the workspace
- Some tools (Bayesian) require to specify prior pdf

```
// set and to import into workspace
modelConfig.SetPdf(*pdf);
```

- ModelConfig can be imported in workspace to be then stored in a file

```
//can import modelConfig into workspace too
workspace.import(*modelConfig);
```

# Profile Likelihood Calculator

- Method based on properties of the likelihood function
- Profile likelihood function:

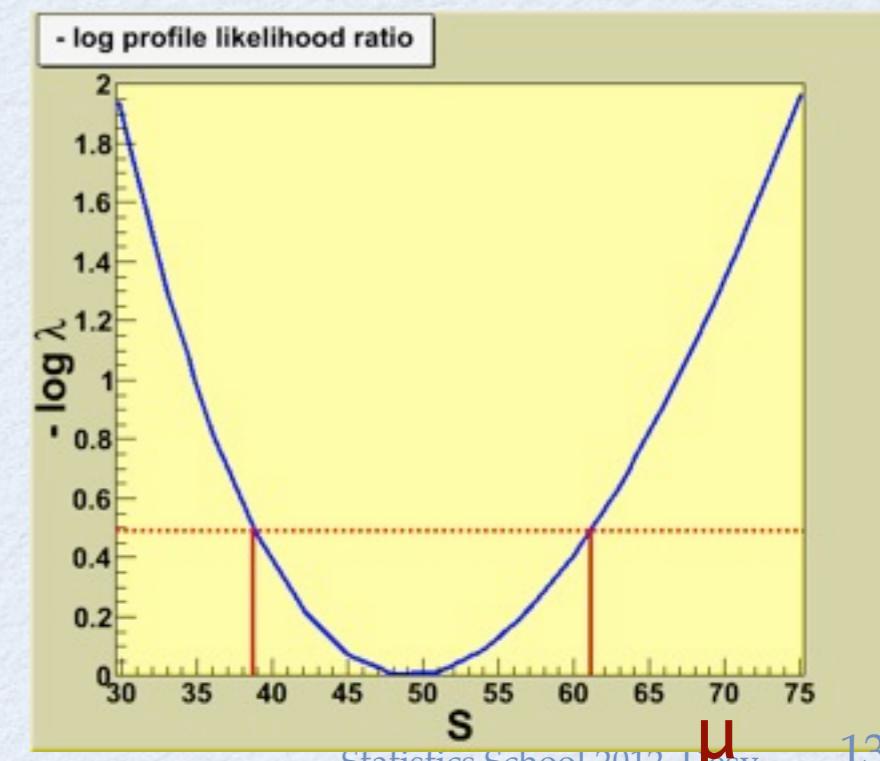
$$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{L(x|\mu, \hat{\nu})}{L(x|\hat{\mu}, \hat{\nu})}$$

maximize w.r.t nuisance parameters  $\nu$  and fix POI  $\mu$

maximize w.r.t. all parameters

$\lambda$  is a function of only the parameter of interest  $\mu$

- Uses asymptotic properties of  $e\lambda$  based on Wilks' theorem:
  - Taylor expansion of  $\log\lambda$  around the minimum:
  - $\rightarrow -2\log\lambda$  is a parabola ( $\lambda$  is a gaussian function)
  - $\rightarrow$  interval on  $\mu$  from  $\log\lambda$  values
- Method of MINUIT/MINOS
  - lower/upper limits for 1D
  - contours for 2 parameters



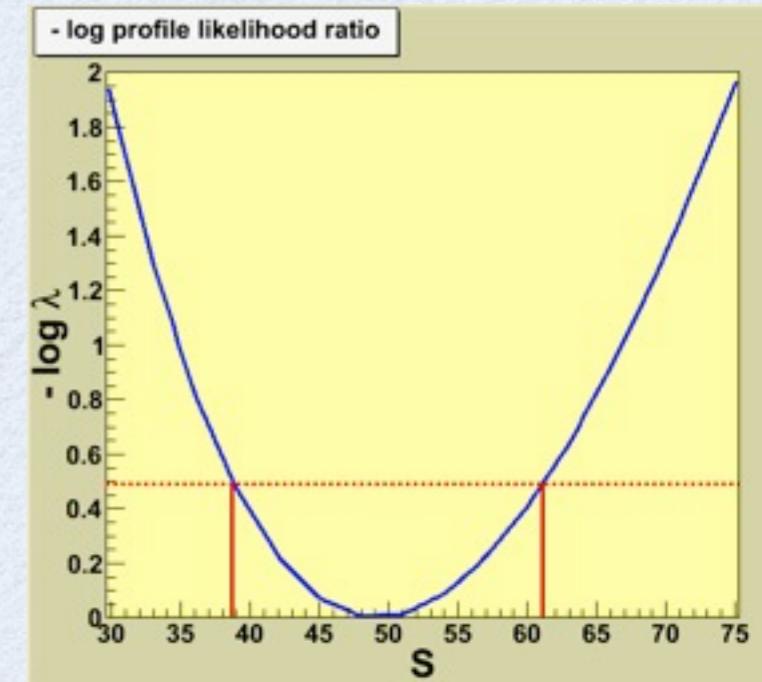
# Usage of Profile Likelihood Calculator

```
// create the class using data and model
ProfileLikelihoodCalculator plc(*data, *model, *POI);

// set the confidence level
plc.SetConfidenceLevel(0.683);

// compute the interval
LikelihoodInterval* interval = plc.GetInterval();
double lowerLimit = interval->LowerLimit(*S);
double upperLimit = interval->UpperLimit(*S);

// plot the interval
LikelihoodIntervalPlot plot(interval);
plot.Draw();
```



- For one-dimensional intervals:
  - 68% CL ( $1\sigma$ ) interval :  $\Delta \log \lambda = 0.5$
  - 95% CL interval :  $\Delta \log \lambda = 1.96$
- **LikelihoodIntervalPlot** can plot the 2D contours

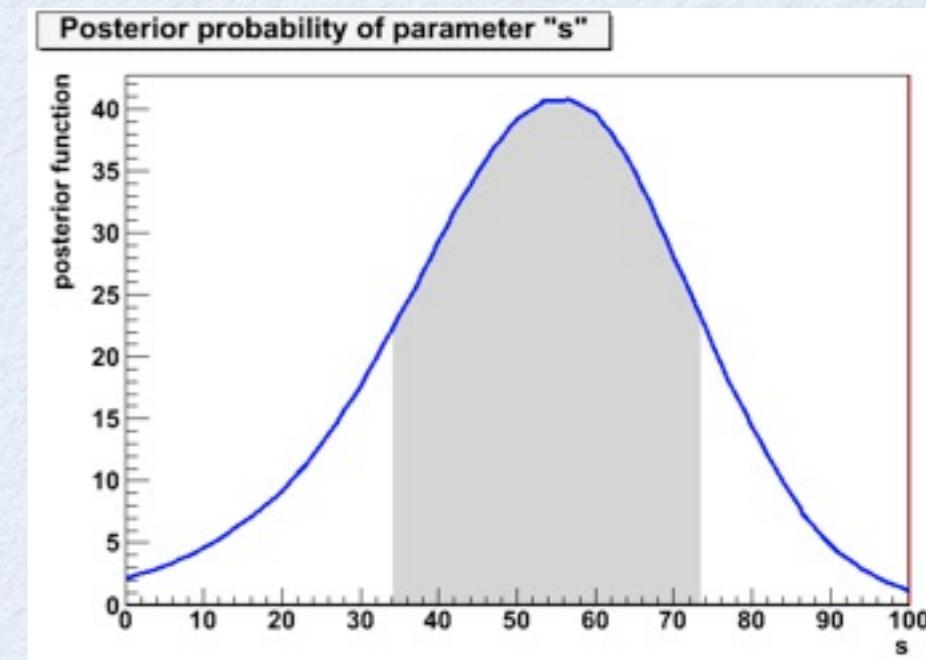
# Example: Bayesian Analysis

- **RooStats** provides classes for
  - marginalize posterior and estimate credible interval

$$P(\mu|x) = \frac{\text{posterior probability}}{\text{POI} \quad \text{data}} = \frac{\text{likelihood function}}{\underbrace{\int L(x|\mu, \nu)\Pi(\mu, \nu)d\nu}_{\text{normalisation term}}} \cdot \frac{\text{prior probability}}{\text{nuisance parameters}} \cdot \underbrace{\int \int L(x|\mu, \nu)\Pi(\mu, \nu)d\mu d\nu}_{\text{marginalization}}$$

Bayesian Theorem

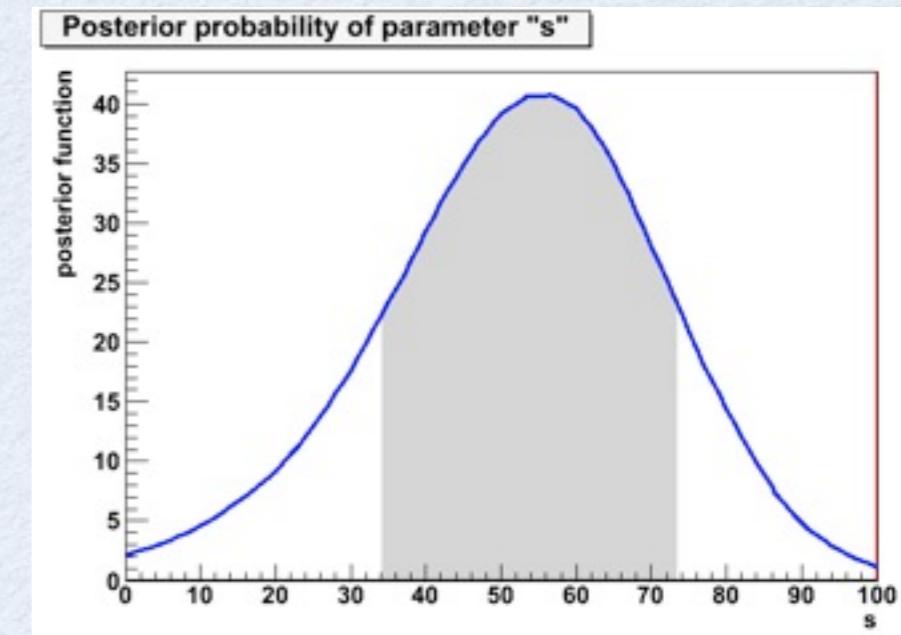
- support for different integration algorithms:
  - adaptive (numerical)
  - MC integration
  - Markov-Chain
- can work with models with many parameters (e.g few hundreds)



# Bayesian Classes

- **BayesianCalculator** class

- posterior and interval estimation using numerical integration
- working only for one parameter of interest but can integrate many nuisance parameters
- support for different integration algorithms, using **BayesianCalculator::SetIntegrationType**
  - adaptive numerical (default type), working only for few nuisances (< 10)
  - Monte Carlo integration (PLAIN, MISER, VEGAS)
  - TOYMC : sampling toys from nuisance pdf's (requires not-uniform nuisance pdf but can work with many parameters)
- can compute central interval or one-sided interval (upper limit) or a shortest interval (SetCentralInterval)
- provide plot of posterior and interval



Example: 68% CL central interval

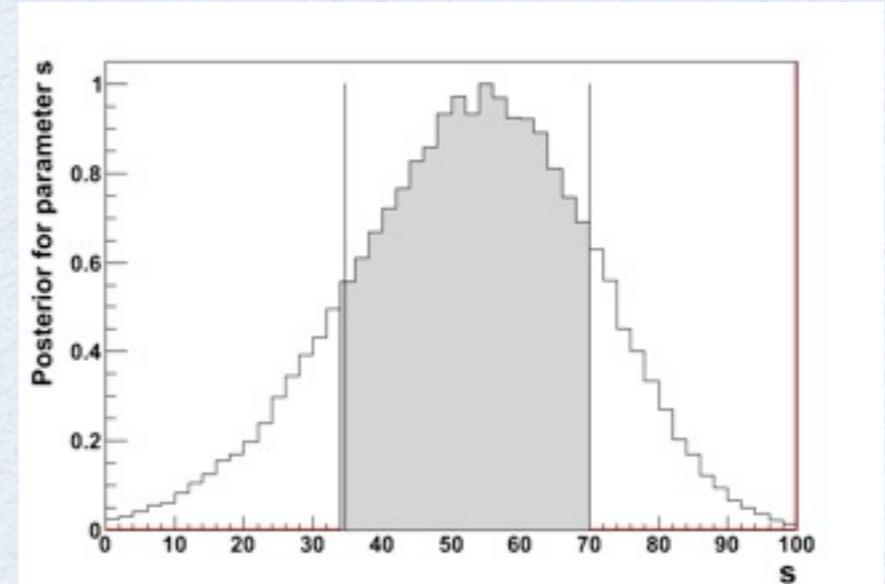
```
BayesianCalculator bc(data, model);
bc.SetConfidenceLevel(0.683);
bc.SetLeftSideTailFraction(0.5);
bc.SetIntegrationType("ADAPTIVE");
SimpleInterval* interval = bc.GetInterval();
double lowerLimit = interval->LowerLimit();
double upperLimit = interval->UpperLimit();
RooPlot * plot = bc.GetPosteriorPlot();
plot->Draw();
```

# MCMC Calculator

- **MCMCCalculator** class

- integration using **Markov-Chain Monte Carlo** (Metropolis Hastings algorithm)
- can deal with more than one parameter of interest
- can work with many nuisance parameters
  - e.g. used in Higgs combination with more than 300 nuisances
- possible to specify **ProposalFunction**
  - multivariate Gaussian from fit result
  - Sequential proposal
- can visualize posterior and also the chain result

MCMCCalculator



```
MCMCCalculator mc(data, model);
mc.SetConfidenceLevel(0.683);
mc.SetLeftSideTailFraction(0.5);
SequentialProposal sp(0.1);
mc.SetProposalFunction(sp);
mc.SetNumIters(1000000);
mc.SetNumBurnInSteps(50);
MCInterval* interval = bc.GetInterval();
RooRealVar * s = (RooRealVar*)
model.GetParametersOfInterest()->find("s");
double lowerLimit = interval->LowerLimit(*s);
double upperLimit = interval->UpperLimit(*s);
MCMCIntervalPlot plot(*interval);
plot.Draw();
```

# Markov-Chain Monte Carlo

Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) is a nice technique which will produce a sampling of a parameter space which is proportional to a posterior

- it works well in high dimensional problems
- Metropolis–Hastings Algorithm: generates a sequence of points  $\{\vec{\alpha}^{(t)}\}$ 
  - Given the likelihood function  $L(\vec{\alpha})$  & prior  $P(\vec{\alpha})$ , the posterior is proportional to  $L(\vec{\alpha}) \cdot P(\vec{\alpha})$
  - propose a point  $\vec{\alpha}'$  to be added to the chain according to a proposal density  $Q(\vec{\alpha}'|\vec{\alpha})$  that depends only on current point  $\vec{\alpha}$
  - if posterior is higher at  $\vec{\alpha}'$  than at  $\vec{\alpha}$ , then add new point to chain
  - else: add  $\vec{\alpha}'$  to the chain with probability
    - (appending original point  $\vec{\alpha}$  with complementary probability)
- RooStats works with any  $L(\vec{\alpha}), P(\vec{\alpha})$
- ~~Since last week~~: can use any RooFit PDF as proposal function  $Q(\vec{\alpha}'|\vec{\alpha})$

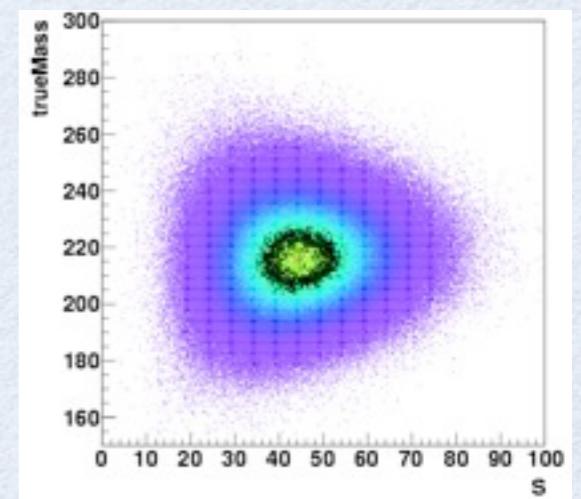
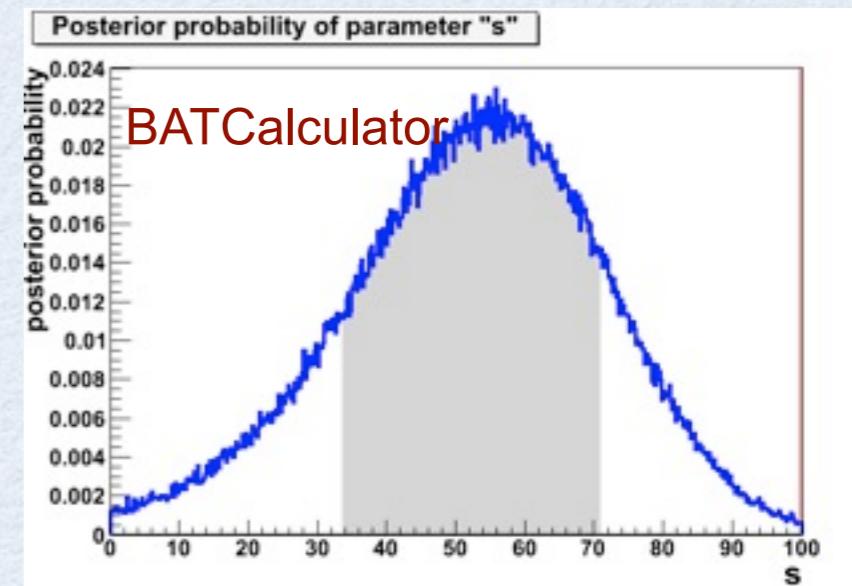
Work done primarily by Kevin Belasco, a Princeton undergraduate I'm working with.

# BAT Calculator

- **BATCalculator class**

- developed by S. Schmitz & G. Schott
- provided by the BAT package (not part of Roostats)  
A. Caldwell, D. Kollar, K. Kröninger, Comp. Physics Comm. 180 (2009) 2197  
see also <http://www.mppmu.mpg.de/bat/>
- valuable alternative for cross-checks
- various options for controlling the Markov chain
- similar interface as other RooStats Bayesian calculator
  - but requires to load first libBAT to use it

```
gSystem->Load("libBAT");
BatCalculator bc(data, model);
bc->SetnMCMC(500000);
MCInterval* interval = bc.GetInterval();
```



BATCalculator for  
a 2-dim problem