



# Introduction to **ROOT** Practical Session

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**ROOT**  
Data Analysis Framework

## **Practical introduction to the ROOT framework**

- Starting ROOT**
- Macros**
- Functions**
- Histograms**
- Files**
- TTrees**
- TBrowser**
- Pyroot**

*Macros and slides are in :*

<http://cern.ch/go/j8PV>



- *ROOT is a large Object-Oriented data handling and analysis framework*
  - *Efficient object store scaling from kB's to PB's C++ interpreter*
- *Extensive 2D+3D scientific data visualization capabilities*
- *Extensive set of multi-dimensional histogramming, data fitting, modeling and analysis methods*
- *Complete set of GUI widgets*
- *Classes for threading, shared memory, networking, etc.*
- *Parallel version of analysis engine runs on clusters and multi-core*
- *Fully cross platform: Unix/Linux, MacOS X and Windows*

- *The user interacts with ROOT via a graphical user interface, the command line or scripts*
- *The command and scripting language is C++*
  - *Embedded C++ interpreter CINT (ROOT5)/ CLING (ROOT6)*
  - *Large scripts can be compiled and dynamically loaded*

***... but for you?***

*ROOT is usually the interface (and sometimes the barrier) between you and the data*

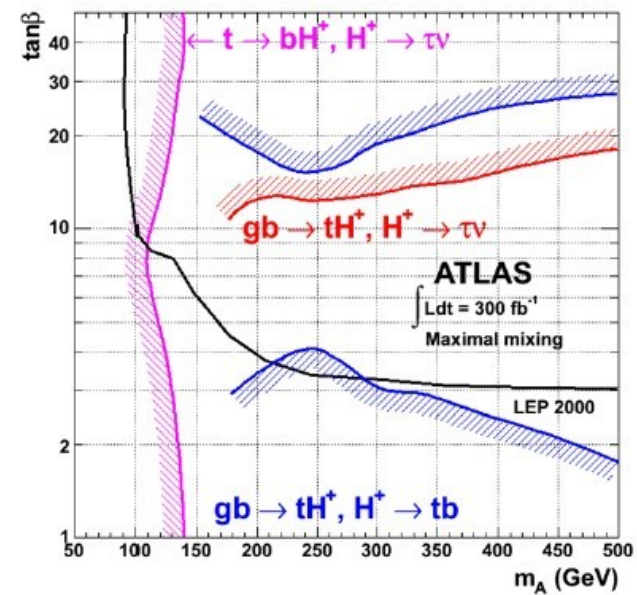
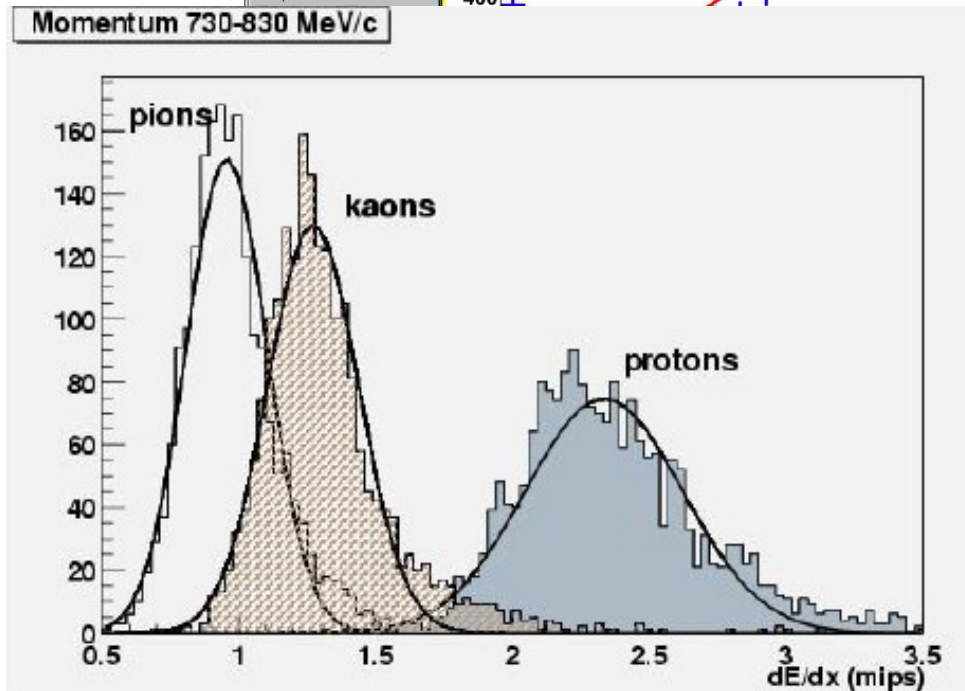
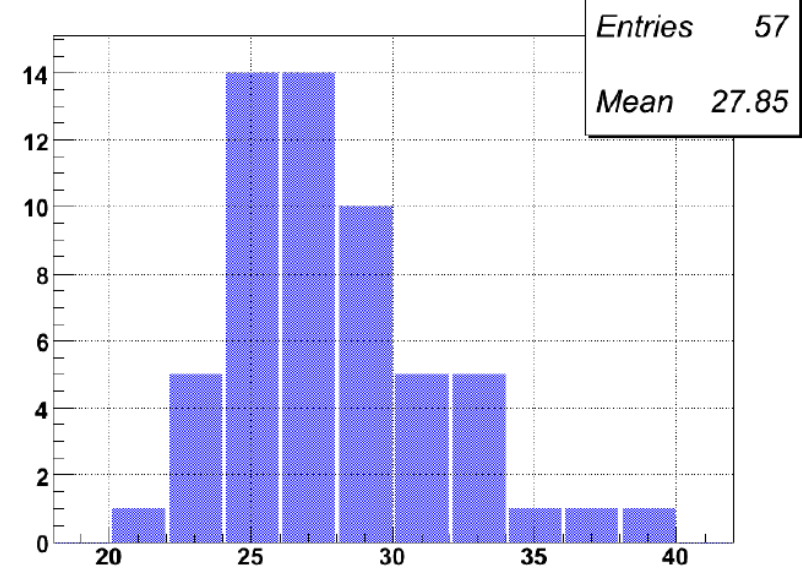
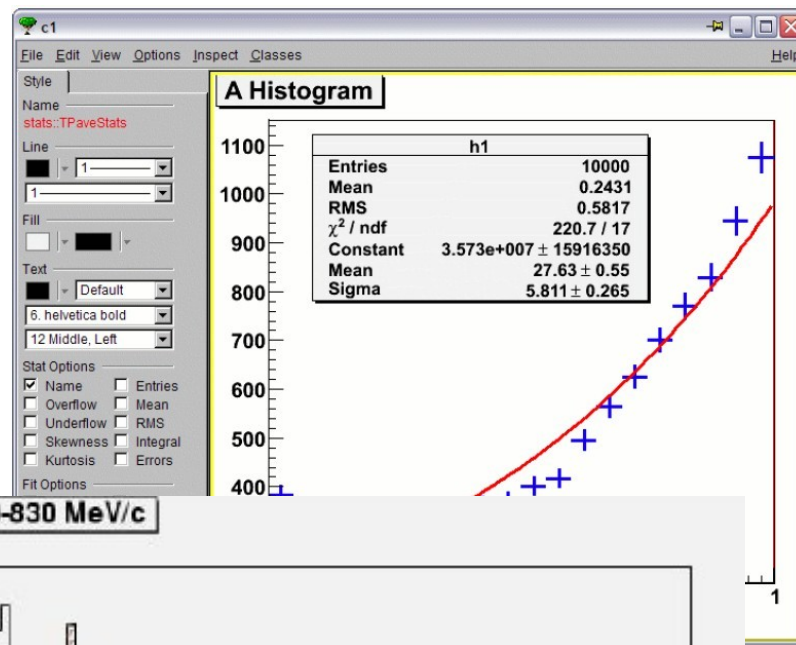


# ROOT an Open Source Project

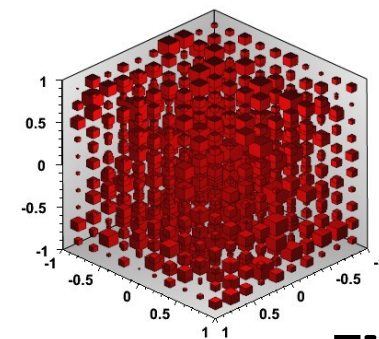
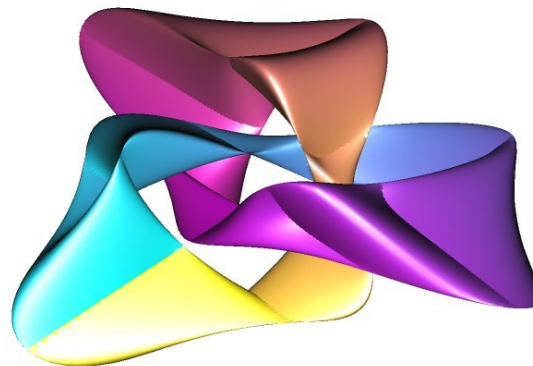
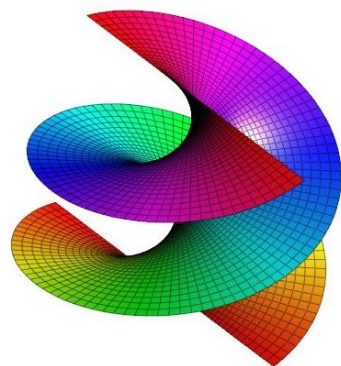
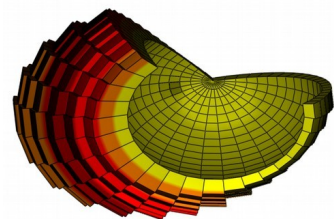
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- *The project was started in Jan 1995. First release Nov 1995. The project is developed as a collaboration between:*
  - *Full time developers:*
    - *7 people full time at CERN (PH/SFT)*
    - *2 developers at Fermilab/USA*
- *Large number of part-time contributors (160 in CREDITS file)*
- *A long list of users giving feedback, comments, bug fixes and many small contributions*
  - *5,500 users registered to RootTalk forum*
  - *10,000 posts per year*
- *An Open Source Project, source available under the LGPL license*
- *Used by all major HEP experiments in the world*
- *Used in many other scientific fields and in commercial world.*

# ROOT Graphics

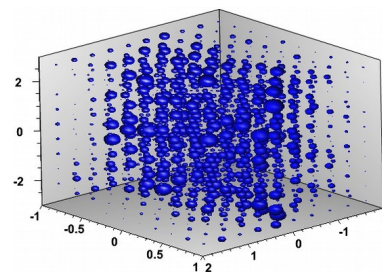
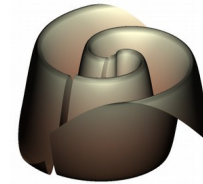
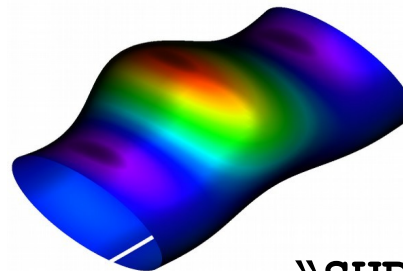
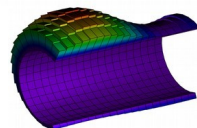
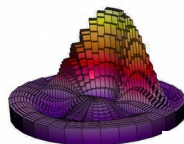
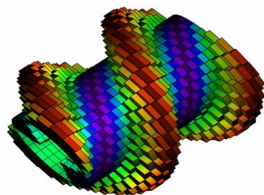


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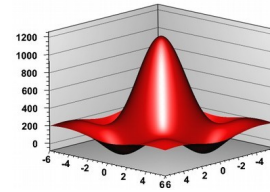
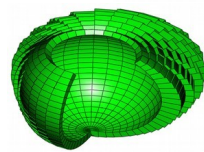
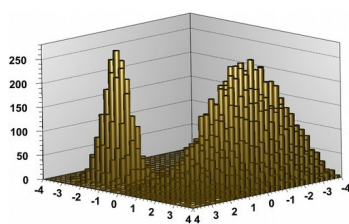


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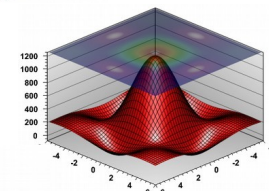
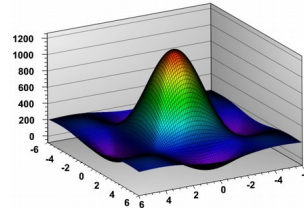
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"LEGO"



"SURF"



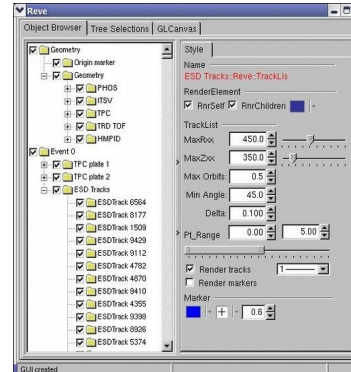
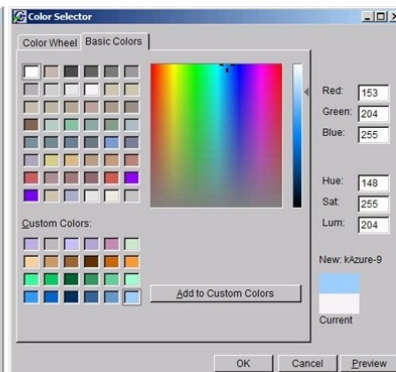
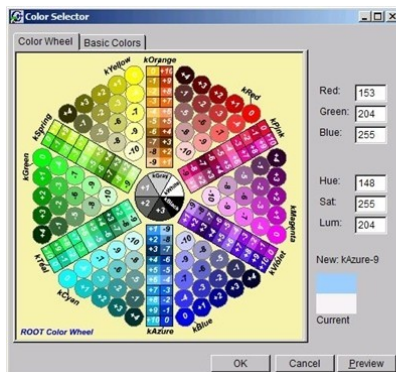
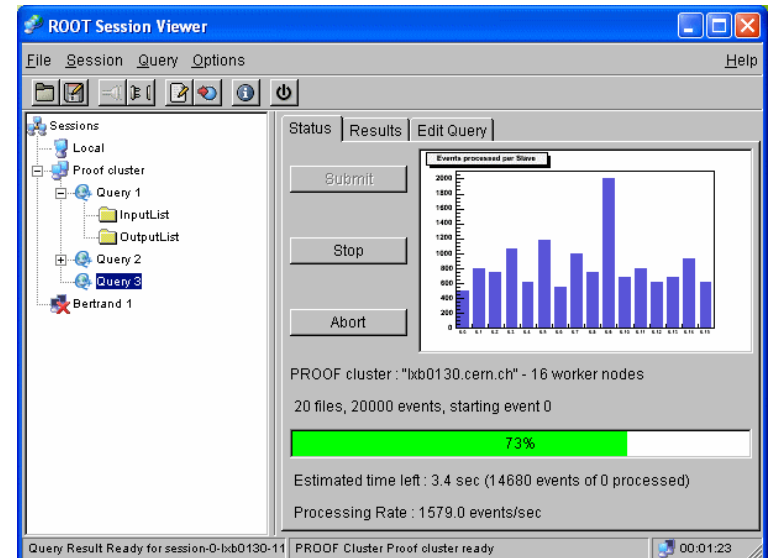
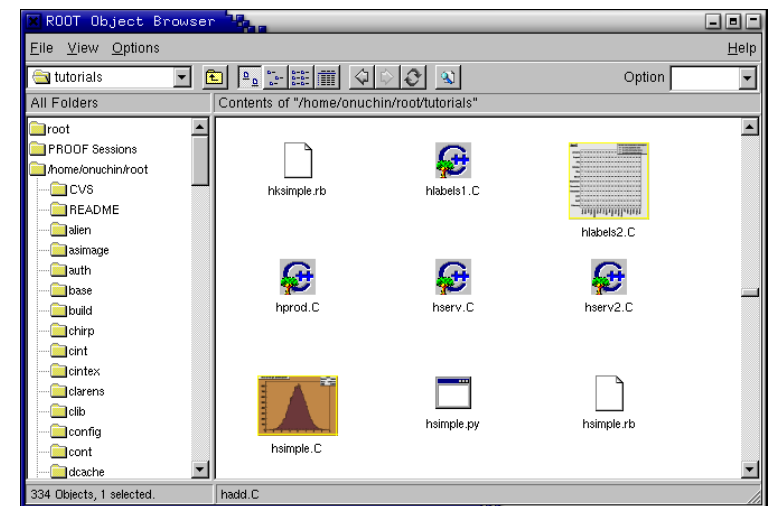
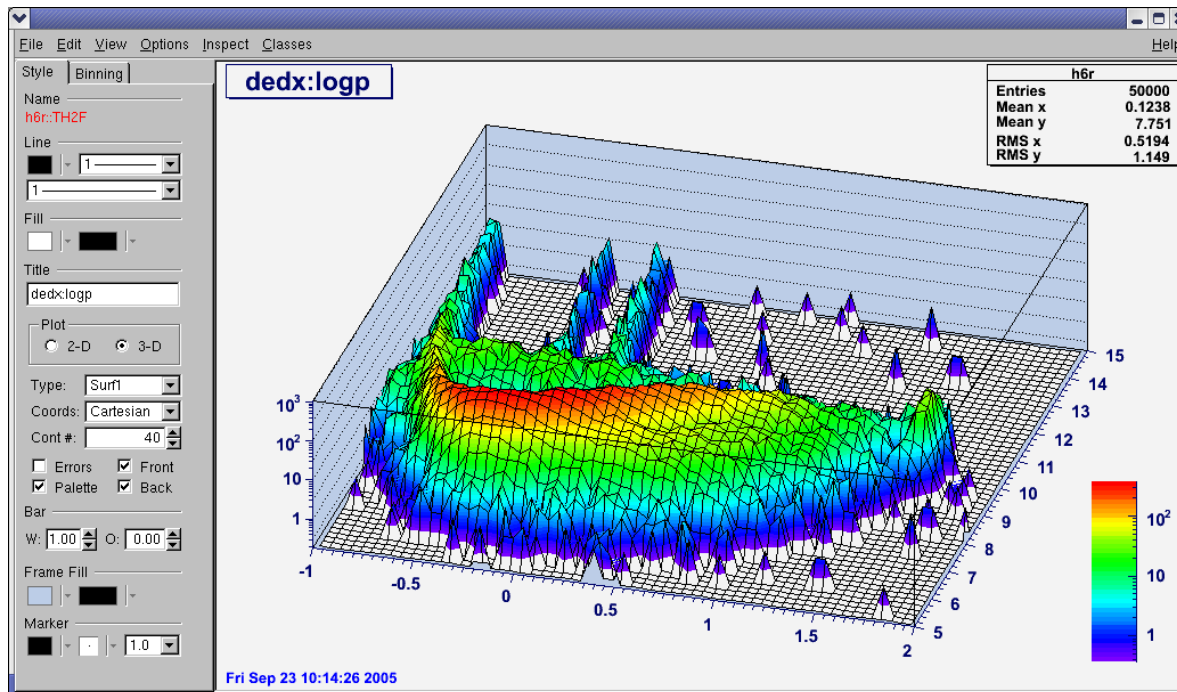
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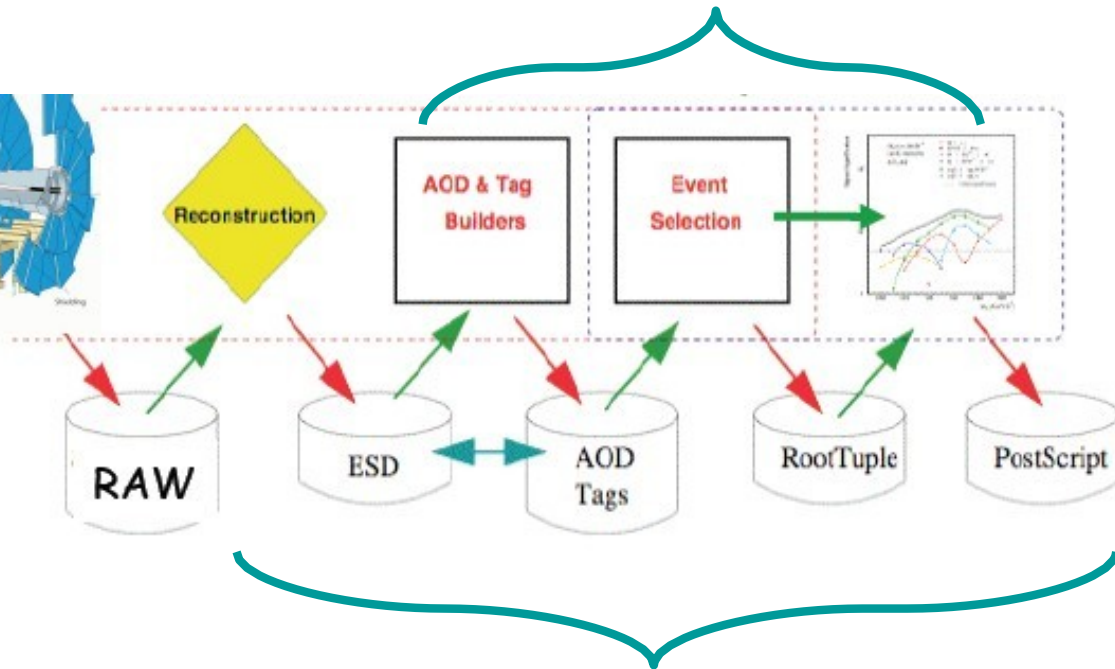


# ROOT Graphical Interfaces



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## Data Analysis & Visualization



## Data Storage: Local, Network

**General Framework**



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**Getting Started**



**Reference Guide**



**Forum**

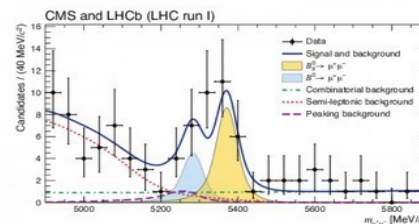


**Gallery**

## ROOT is ...

A modular scientific software framework. It provides all the functionalities needed to deal with big data processing, statistical analysis, visualisation and storage. It is mainly written in C++ but integrated with other languages such as Python and R.

[Try it in your browser! \(Beta\)](#)



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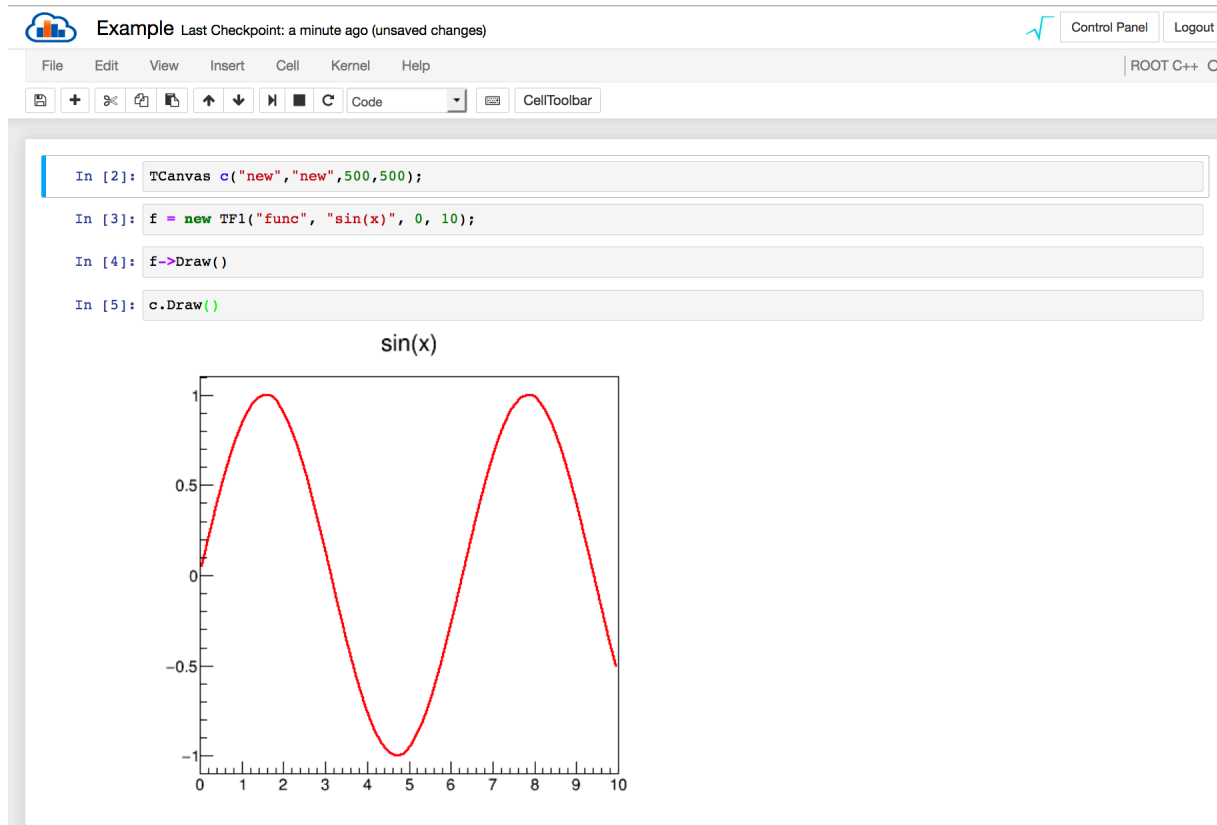
- *Binaries for common Linux PC flavors, Mac OS, Windows (ROOT5)*
- *Before Installing ROOT, add dependencies, discussed here:*
  - <https://root.cern.ch/build-prerequisites>
- *Linux and MacOS: ROOT6 preferred Windows: ROOT5*
- *Installation guide at:*
  - <https://root.cern.ch/installing-root-source>

*If nothing works:* <http://root.cern.ch/notebooks/rootbinder.html>



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# Interactive ROOT



<https://swan.ific.uv.es>

- You can log in using username and password provided for the WIFI as :

*WIFI Username: **ABCD***

*WIFI Password: **1234***

*Swan username: **abcd***

*Swan password: **abcd.1234***

<https://swan.ific.uv.es/user/jgarcian/notebooks/Example.ipynb>



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Main ROOT page

- <http://root.cern.ch>

Class Reference Guide

- <http://root.cern.ch/root/html>

C++ tutorial

- <http://www.cplusplus.com/doc/tutorial/>
- <http://www-root.fnal.gov/root/CPlusPlus/index.html>

Hands-on tutorials:

- <https://root.cern.ch/courses>



## Starting ROOT

```
$ root -l  
$ root -h
```

```
root[] 2+3  
root[] log(5)  
root[] TMath::Pi() // try to type also TMath::Pi  
root[] int i = 42  
root[] cout << i << endl;
```

## Command history

- Scan through with arrow keys
- Search with CTRL-R (like in bash)

## ROOT prompt

```
root[] .? //or  
root[] .help
```

## Online help

```
root[] new TF1(<TAB>  
TF1 TF1()  
TF1 TF1(const char* name, const char* formula, Double_t  
xmin = 0, Double_t xmax = 1
```

## ROOT Prompt (2)

- *Typing multi-line commands*

```
root [ ] for (i=10; i>0; i--) {cout << i <<  
endl;}; cout << "BOOM!!" << endl;
```

```
root [ ] for (i=0; i<3; i++) {  
end with '}', '@':abort > printf("%d\n", i);  
end with '}', '@':abort > }
```

- *Aborting wrong input*

```
root [ ] printf("%d\n", i)  
end with ';', '@':abort > @
```

**Don't panic!**

*Don't press CTRL-C! Just type @ or .@*

- *It is quite cumbersome to type the same lines again and again*
- *Create macros for commonly used code Macro*
- *= file that is interpreted by CINT/CLING*

```
int myfirstmacro(int value)
{
    int ret = 42;  ret
    += value;  return
    ret;
}
```

—————→ save as myfirstmacro.C

- *Execute with*

```
root[0] .x myfirstmacro.C(10)
root[0] .L myfirstmacro.C
root[1] myfirstmacro(10)
```

## ROOT Macros (2)

- *Combine lines of codes in macros* *Unnamed*
- *macro*
  - *No parameters*

```
{  
  TRandom r;  
  for (Int_t i=0; i<10; i++) {  cout  
    << r.Rndm() << endl;  
  }  
  for (Int_t i=0; i<100000; i++) {  
    r.Rndm();  
  }  
}
```

### *Data types in ROOT*

*Int\_t (4 Bytes)*

*Long64\_t (8 Bytes)*

*...*

*to achieve platform independency*

**Example : macro1.C**

- *Executing macros*

```
root [ ] .x macro1.C  
$ root -l macro1.C  
$ root -l -b macro1.C (batch mode no graphics)  
$ root -l -q macro1.C (quit after execution)
```

- *"Library": compiled code, shared library CINT/CLING can call its functions!*
- *Building a library from a macro: ACLiC (**A**utomatic **C**ompiler of **L**ibraries for **C**INT)*
- *Execute it with a "+"*

```
root [0] .x myfirstmacro.C(42)+
```

*or*

```
root [0] .L myfirstmacro.C+  
root [1] myfirstmacro(42)
```

- *No Makefile needed*
- *CINT knows all functions in the library  
mymacro\_C.so/.dll*

## **Why compile?**

- *Faster execution, CINT/CLING has some limitations...*

## **Why interpret?**

- *Faster Edit → Run → Check result → Edit cycles ("rapid prototyping"). Scripting is sometimes just easier*

## **So when should I start compiling?**

- *For simple things: start with macros*
- *Rule of thumb*
  - *Is it a lot of code or running slow? **Compile it!***
  - *Does it behave weird? **Compile it!***
  - *Is there an error that you do not find. **Compile it!***

# Objects

*A (mathematical) function TF1 is an object: has data members/methods*

## Constructor:

*makes an instance of the  
object*

```
root [0] TF1 f("myFunction", "sin(x)/x", 0, 10)
root [1] f
(class TF1)40879392
```

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Formula

Range  
(min/max)

## Methods:

*ask for/modify properties of  
the object*

```
root [3] cout << f.GetName() << endl
myFunction
root [4]
root [4] f.SetName("myFunctionWithNewName")
root [5]
root [5] cout << f.GetName() << endl
myFunctionWithNewName
```

***Data members:***

*properties of the object  
generally inaccessible to us  
can be modified with  
setters/getters*

## From the TF1.h class

```
Double_t fXmin;      //Lower bounds for the range
Double_t fXmax;      //Upper bounds for the range
```



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*The class TF1 allows to draw functions*

```
root [ ] f = new TF1("func", "sin(x)", 0, 10)
```

*"func" is a (unique) name*

*"sin(x)" is the formula*

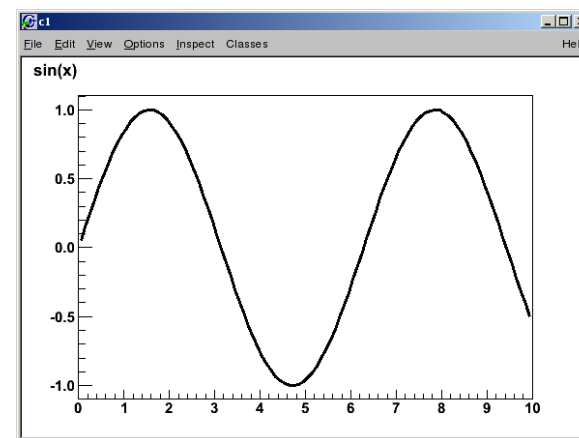
*0, 10 is the x-range for the function*

```
root [ ] f->Draw()
```

*The style of the function can be changed  
on the command line or with the context  
menu (right click)*

```
root [ ] f->SetLineColor(kRed)
```

*The class TF2(3) is for 2(3)-dimensional functions*



**Canvas**



# Pointers vs Value Types

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- *A value type contains an instance of an object*
- *A pointer points to the instance of an object*
- *Create a pointer*

```
root [ ] TF1* f1 = new TF1("func", "sin(x)", 0, 10)
```

- *Create a value type*

```
root [ ] TF1 f2("func", "cos(x)", 0, 10)
```

- *One can point to the other*

```
TF1 f1b(*f1)    // dereference and create a copy  
TF1* f2b = &f2  // point to the same object
```

# Naming Conventions

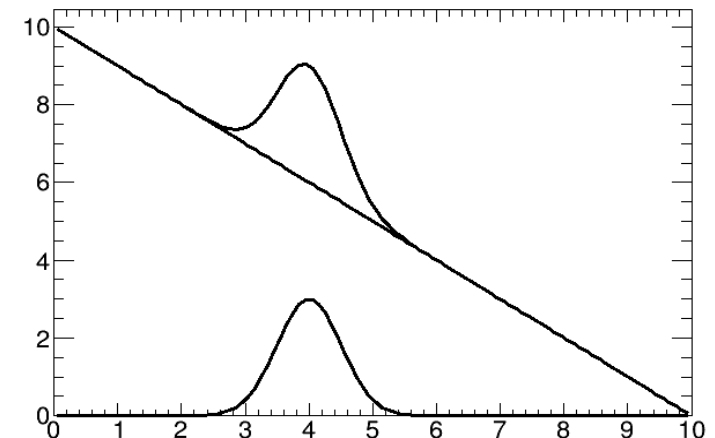
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*How does ROOT call its classes and functions?*

- Class names start with capital T, e.g. **TF1**
- Class data members start with f, e.g. **fXmin**
- Names of non-class data types end with **\_t**: e.g. **Int\_t**
- Class methods start with **\_t**: e.g. **GetName()**
- Global variable names start with **\_t**: e.g. **gPad**
- Constant (or enumerator) names start with k: e.g. **kTrue**
- Words in names are capitalized: e.g. **GetLineColor()**
- Two subsequent capital letters are avoided: e.g. **GetXaxis()**

# Functions

```
root [ ] TF1 *f1 = new TF1("f1","gaus(x)",0,10)
root [ ] TF1 *f2 = new TF1("f2","10.-x",0,10)
root [ ] f2->SetParameter(0,1)
root [ ] f2->Draw()
root [ ] f1->SetParameter(0,2)
root [ ] f1->SetParameter(1,4)
root [ ] f1->SetParameter(2,2.5)
root [ ] f1->Draw()
root [ ] TF1 *f3 = new
TF1("f3","f1+f2",0,10)
root [ ] f3->Draw()
root [ ] f3->SetParameter(0,3)
root [ ] f3->SetParameter(2,0.5)
root [ ] f3->Draw()
root [ ] f2->Draw("same")
root [ ] f1->SetParameter(0,3)
root [ ] f1->SetParameter(2,0.5)
root [ ] f1->Draw("same")
```



*Now play a bit with the function class and graphical options.*

*Can you change the background shape from a linear function to an exponential function?*

*How to save the graphical window (it is called Canvas)?*

*code in **function.C***



# Histograms

*Contain binned data – probably the most important class in ROOT for the physicist*

**Create** a TH1F (= one dimensional, float precision)

```
root[] h = new TH1F("hist", "my hist;Bins;Entries", 10, 0, 10)
```

*"hist" is a (unique) name*

*"my hist;Bins;Entries" are the title and the x and y labels*

*10 is the number of bins*

*0, 10 are the limits on the x axis.*

*Thus the first bin is from 0 to 1,  
the second from 1 to 2, etc.*

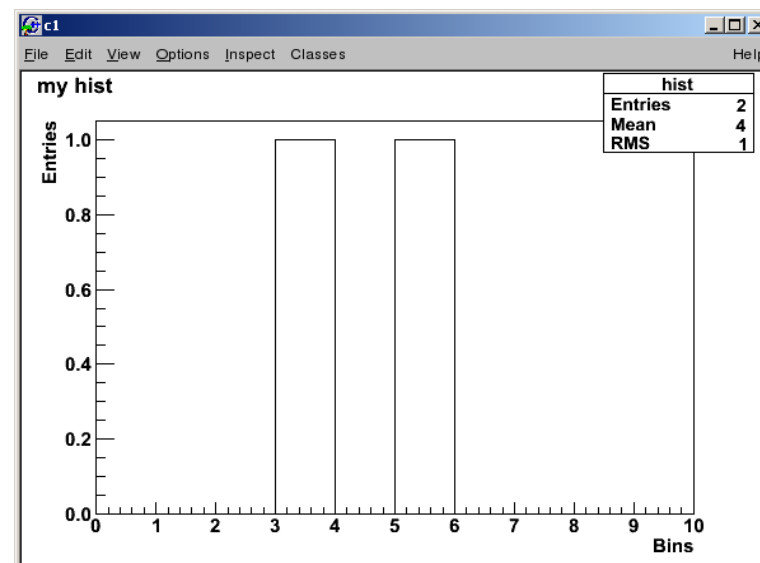
**Fill** the histogram

```
root[] h->Fill(3.5)
```

```
root[] h->Fill(5.5)
```

**Draw** the histogram

```
root[] h->Draw()
```



*A bin includes the lower limit, but  
excludes the upper limit*

## Histograms (2)

```
root[] TH1F h("h","h",80,-40,40)
root[] TRandom r;
root[] for (i=0;i<15000;i++) { h.Fill(r.Gaus(0,7));}
root[] h.Draw()
```

### Rebinning

```
root[] h.Rebin(2)
```

### Change ranges/canvas

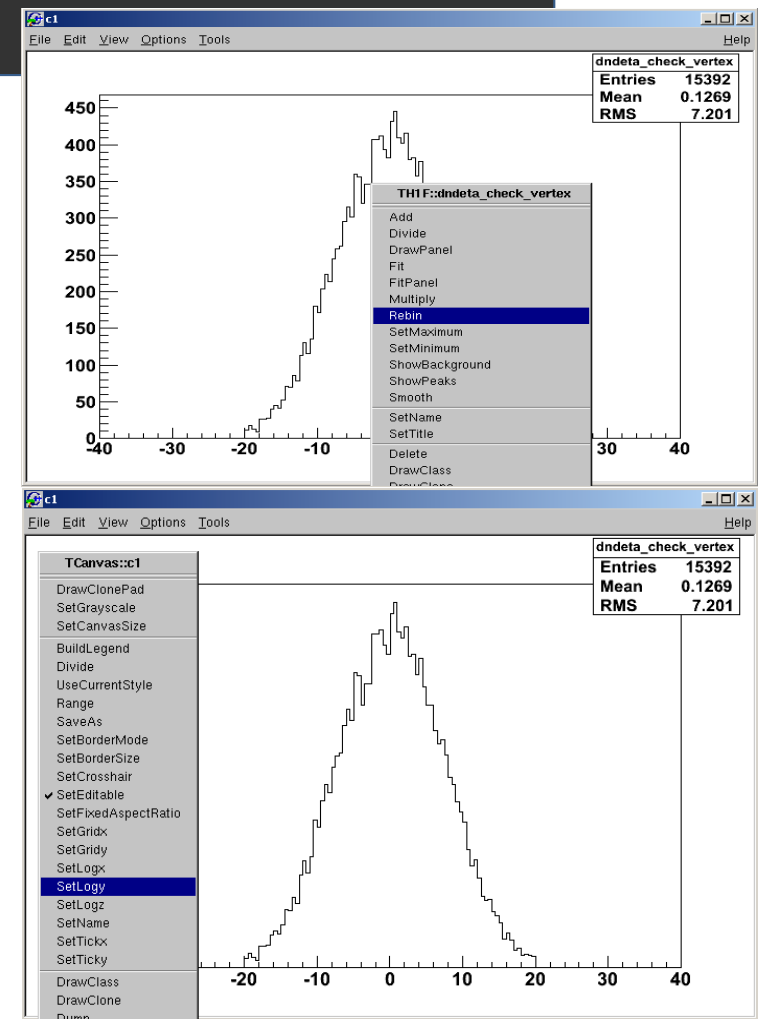
- with the mouse, very easy!
- with the context menu
- command line

```
root[] h.GetXaxis()->
    SetRangeUser(2, 5)
```

### Log-view

- right-click in the white area at the side of the canvas and select **SetLogx** (**SetLogy**)
- command line

```
root[] gPad->SetLogy()
```



## Interactive

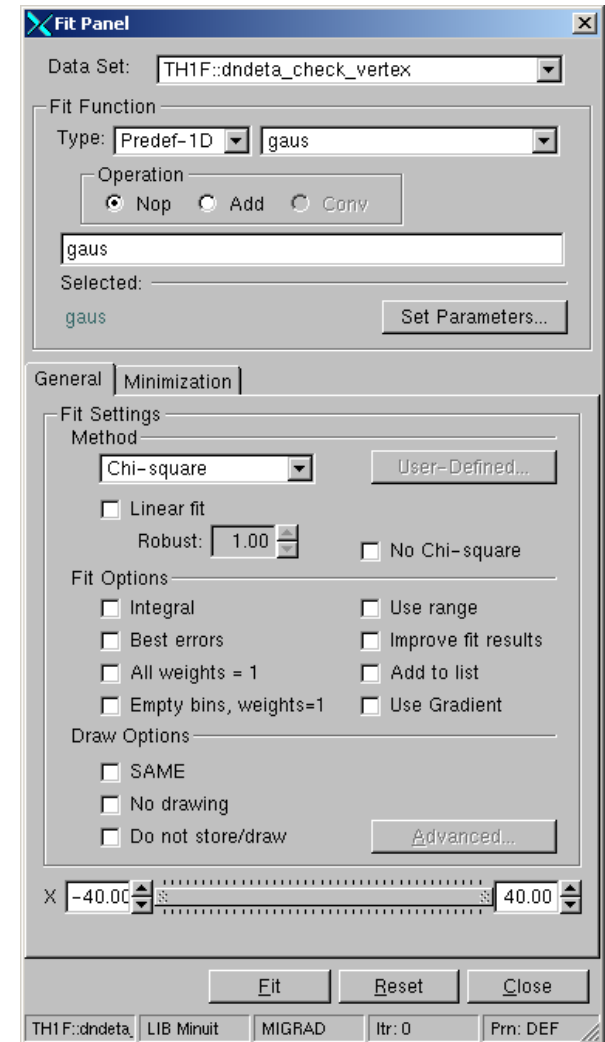
- Right click on the histogram and choose "fit panel"
- Select function and click fit
- Fit parameters
  - are printed in command line
  - in the canvas: options - fit parameters

## Command line

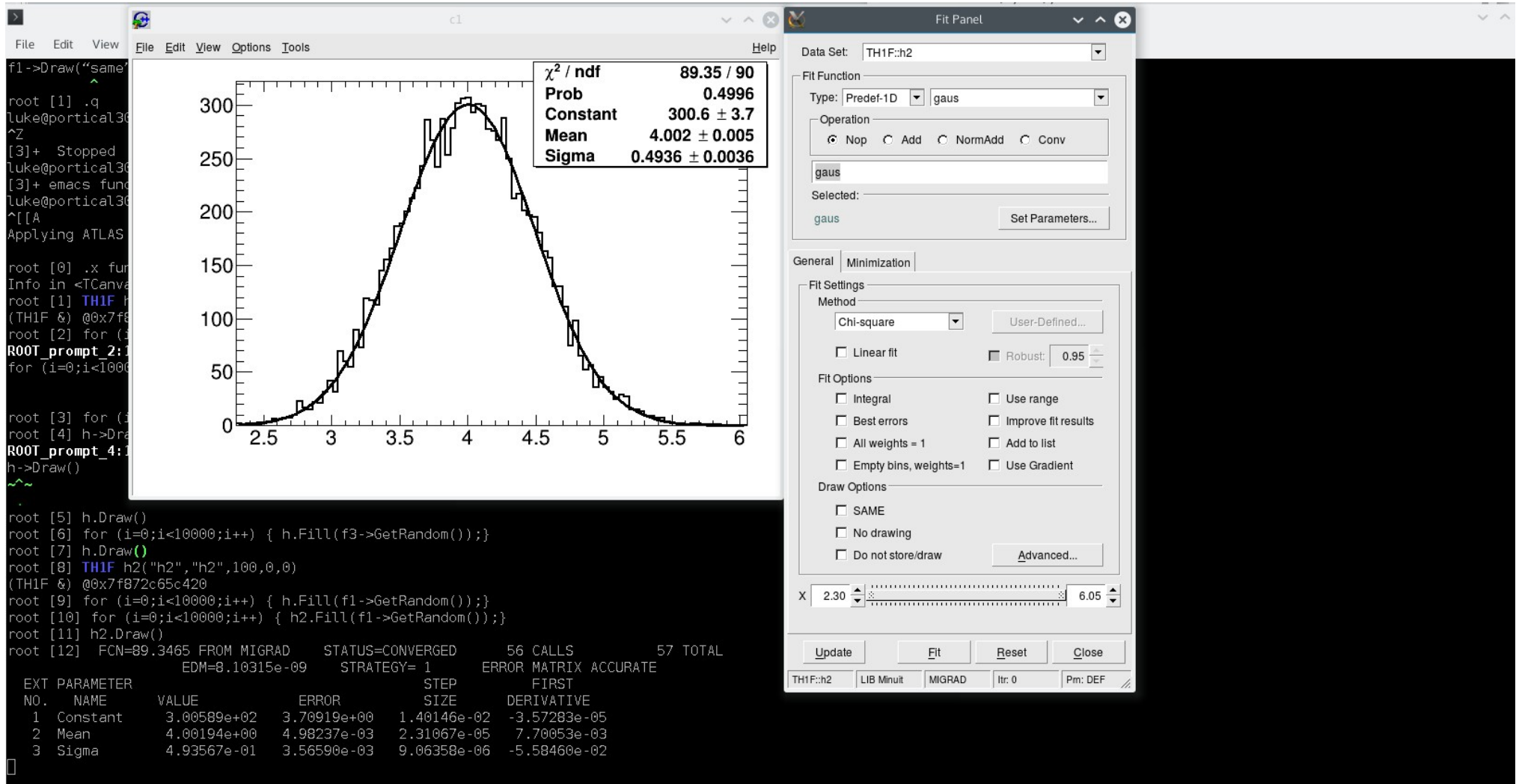
```
root [ ] h.Fit("gaus")
```

- Other predefined functions  
*polN* ( $N = 0..9$ ), *expo*, *landau*

*Try to fit the histogram with different functions.*



# Fitting Histograms (2)



## Fitting Histograms (3)

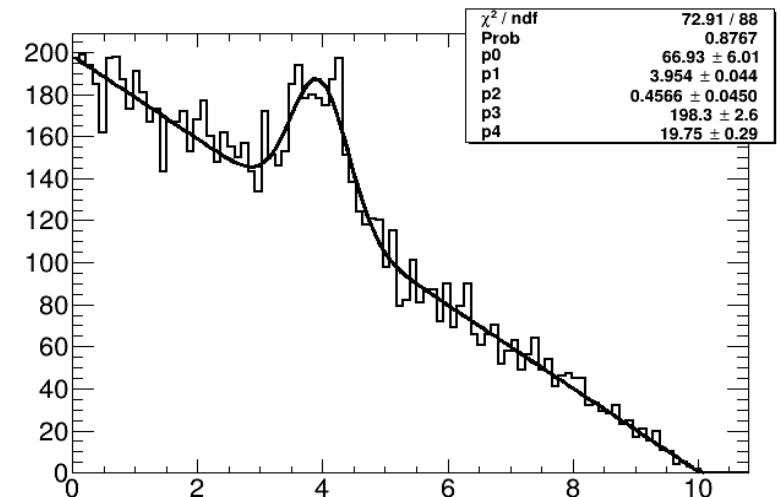
*Now edit function.C*

```
root [ ] TH1F h("h","h",100,0,0); //auto range
root [ ] for (i=0;i<10000;i++) { h.Fill(f3-&gtGetRandom());}
//create random numbers according to function
root [ ] h.Draw()
```

*Try to fit the the histogram:*

```
root [ ] TF1* f4 = new TF1("f4",".....",0,10)
```

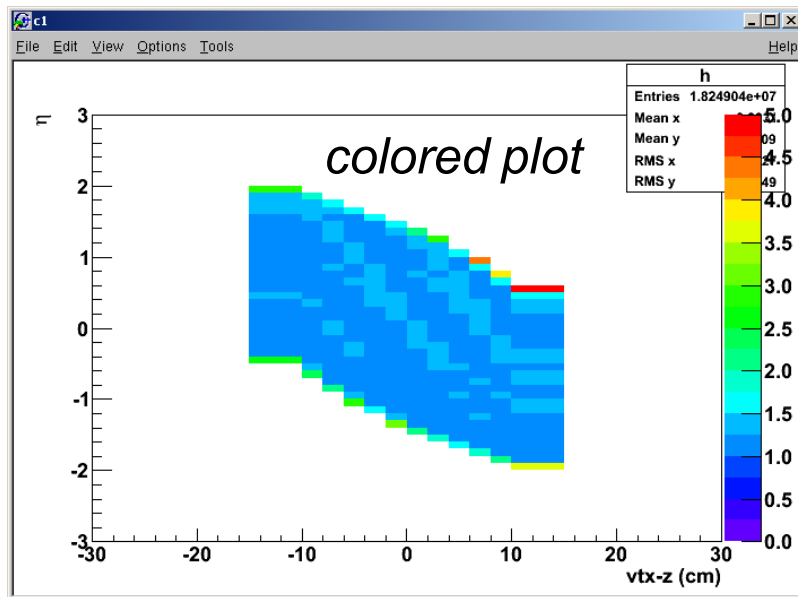
**Tip:** A Gaussian function can be written as:  
 $[0]*TMath::Exp(-0.5*((x-[1])/[2])*((x-[1])/[2]))$





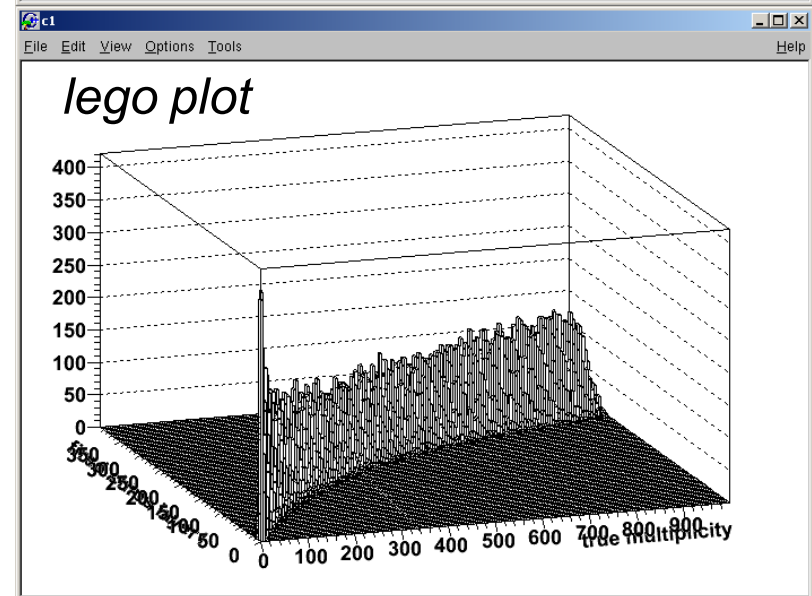
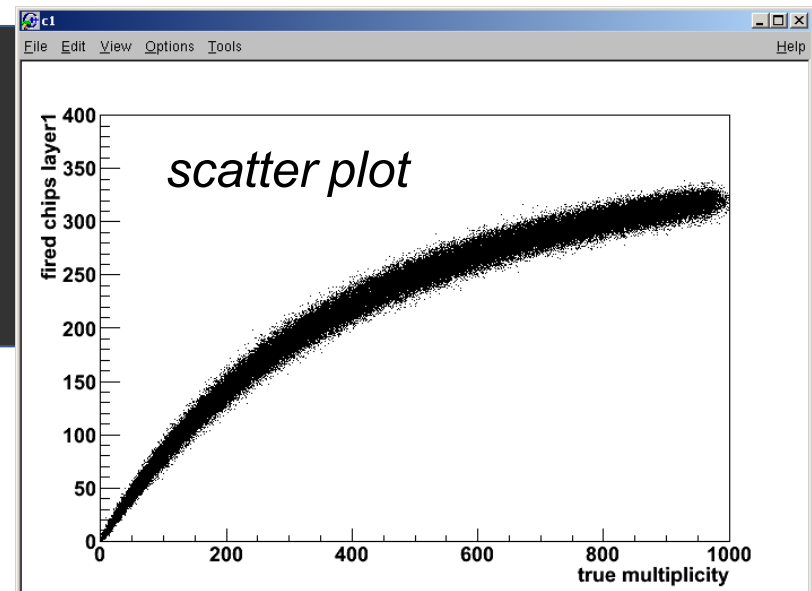
# 2D Histograms

```
root [ ] h->Draw()  
root [ ] h->Draw("LEGO")  
root [ ] h2->Draw("COLZ")
```



NB: *h* and *h2* are in file *hist2.root*

**get nicer colors in COLZ plots by**  
**`gStyle->SetPalette(1, 0)`**



*The class TFile allows to store any ROOT object on the disk*  
*Create a histogram like before with*

```
TH1F* h = new TH1F("h", "my hist;...", 10, 0, 10)
TH1F hist("hist", "test", 100, -3, 3);
hist.FillRandom("gaus", 1000);
```

*"hist" will be the name in the file*

```
// Open a file for writing
root [ ] file = TFile::Open("file.root", "RECREATE")
// Write an object into the file
root [ ] h->Write()
root [ ] hist->Write()
// Close the file
root [ ] file->Close()
```

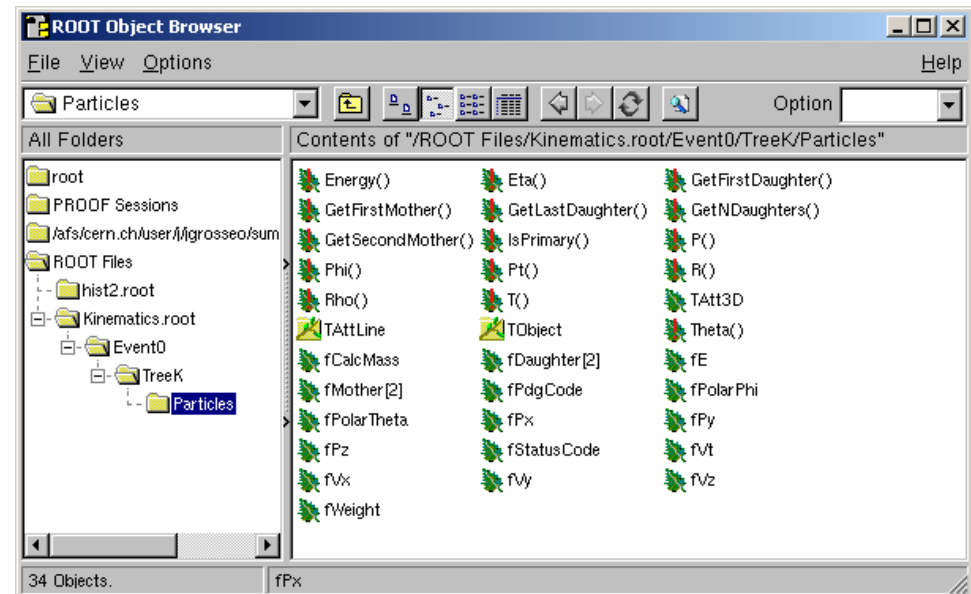
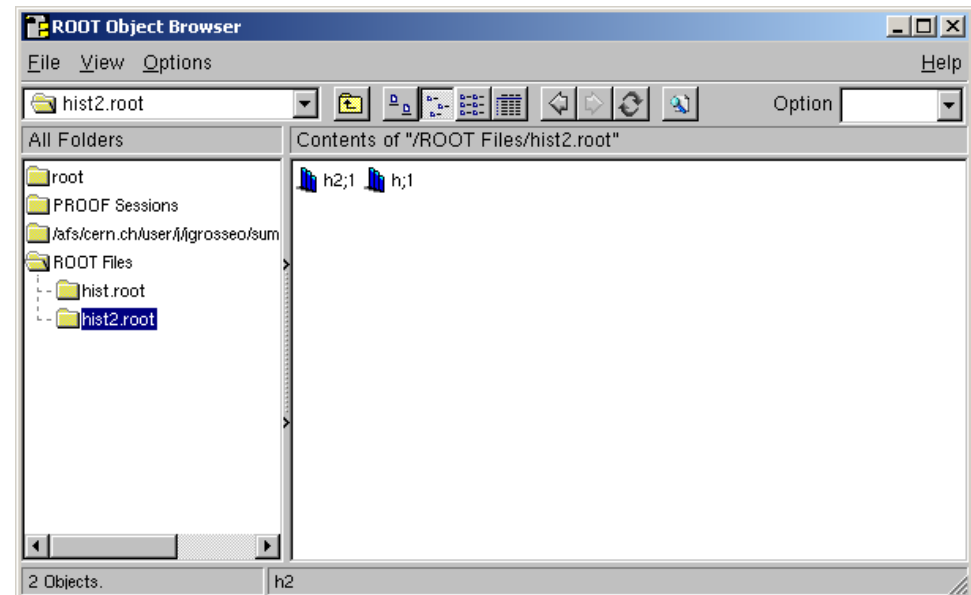
*NEW*  
*READ*  
*RECREATE*  
*UPDATE*

....

```
// Open the file for reading
root [ ] file = TFile::Open("file.root")
// Read the object from the file
root [ ] hist->Draw()
// (only works on the command line!). In a
macro read the object with
TH1F* h = 0;
file->GetObject("hist", h);
// What else is in the file?
root [ ] .ls
// Open a file when starting root
$ root file.root
// Access it with the _file0 or gFile pointer
```

*Object ownership* After reading an object from a file don't close it! Otherwise your object is not in memory anymore

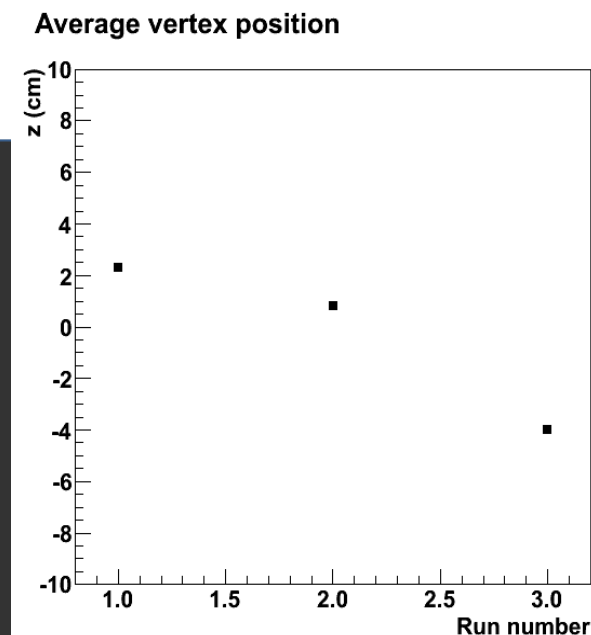
- *The TBrowser can be used*
  - to open files
  - navigate in them
  - to look at TTrees
- *Starting a TBrowser*  
`root [ ] new TBrowser`
- *Open a file*
- *Navigate through the file*
- *Draw a histogram*
- *Change the standard style*
  - Drop down menu in the top right corner
- *Access a tree*
- *Plot a member*



# Graphs

- A graph is a data container filled with distinct points
- *TGraph*: x/y graph without error bars
- *TGraphErrors*: x/y graph with error bars    *TGraphAsymmErrors*:
- x/y graph with asymmetric error bars

```
graph = new TGraph;  
graph->SetPoint(graph->GetN(), 1, 2.3);  
graph->SetPoint(graph->GetN(), 2, 0.8);  
graph->SetPoint(graph->GetN(), 3, -4);  
graph->Draw("AP");  
graph->SetMarkerStyle(21);  
graph->GetYaxis()->SetRangeUser(-10, 10);  
graph->GetXaxis()->SetTitle("Run number");  
graph->GetYaxis()->SetTitle("z (cm)");  
graph->SetTitle("Average vertex position");
```

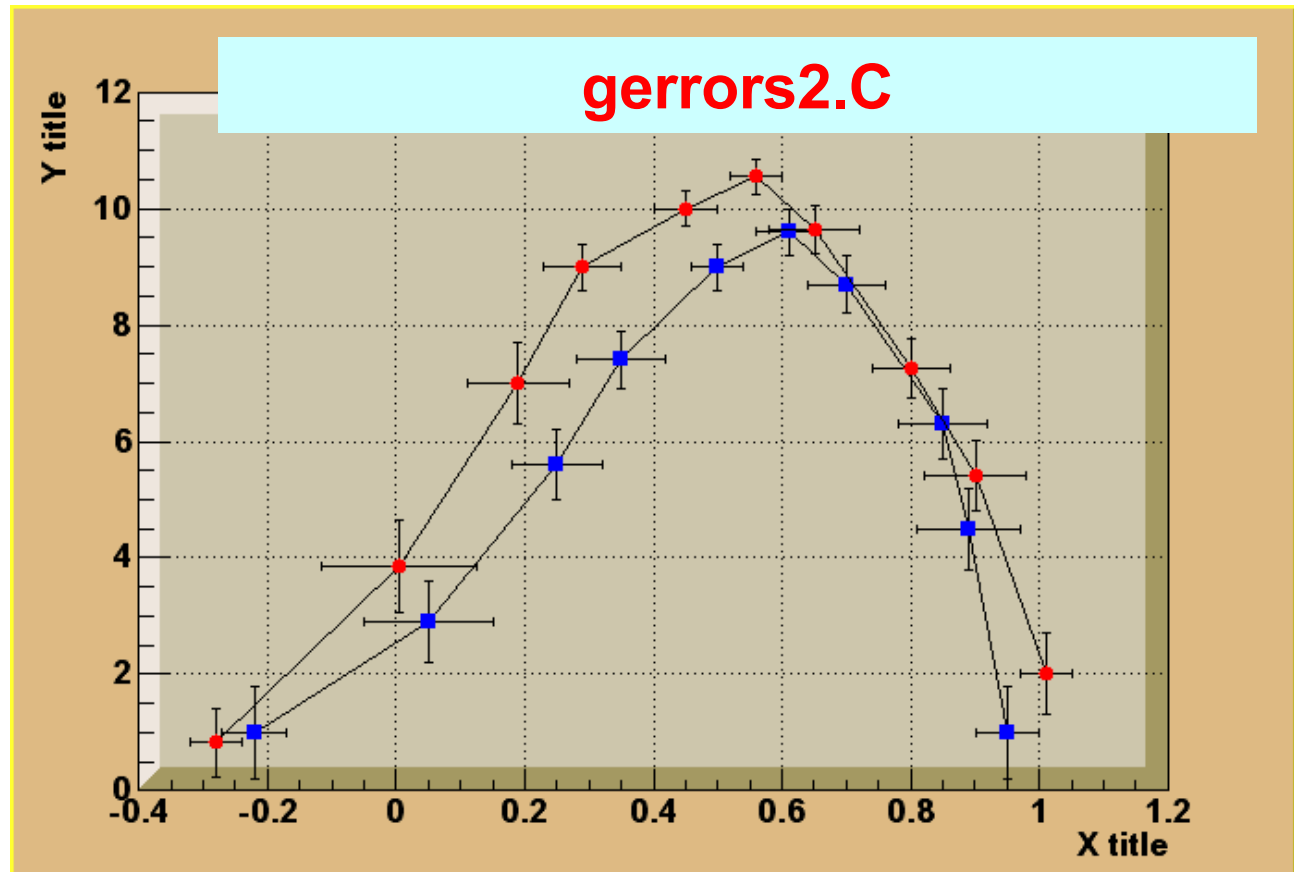


**TGraphErrors(n,x,y,ex,ey)**

**TGraph(n,x,y)**

**TCutG(n,x,y)**

**TMultiGraph**



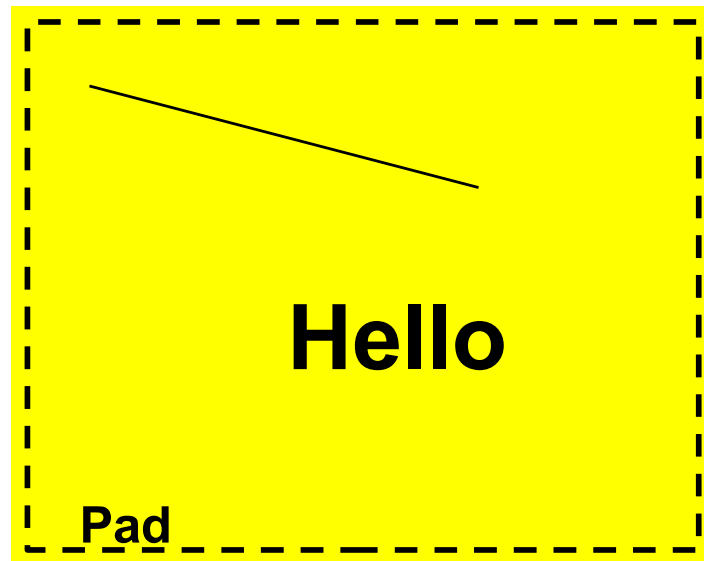
**TGraphAsymmErrors(n,x,y,exl,exh,eyl,eyh)**

# Graphic Objects

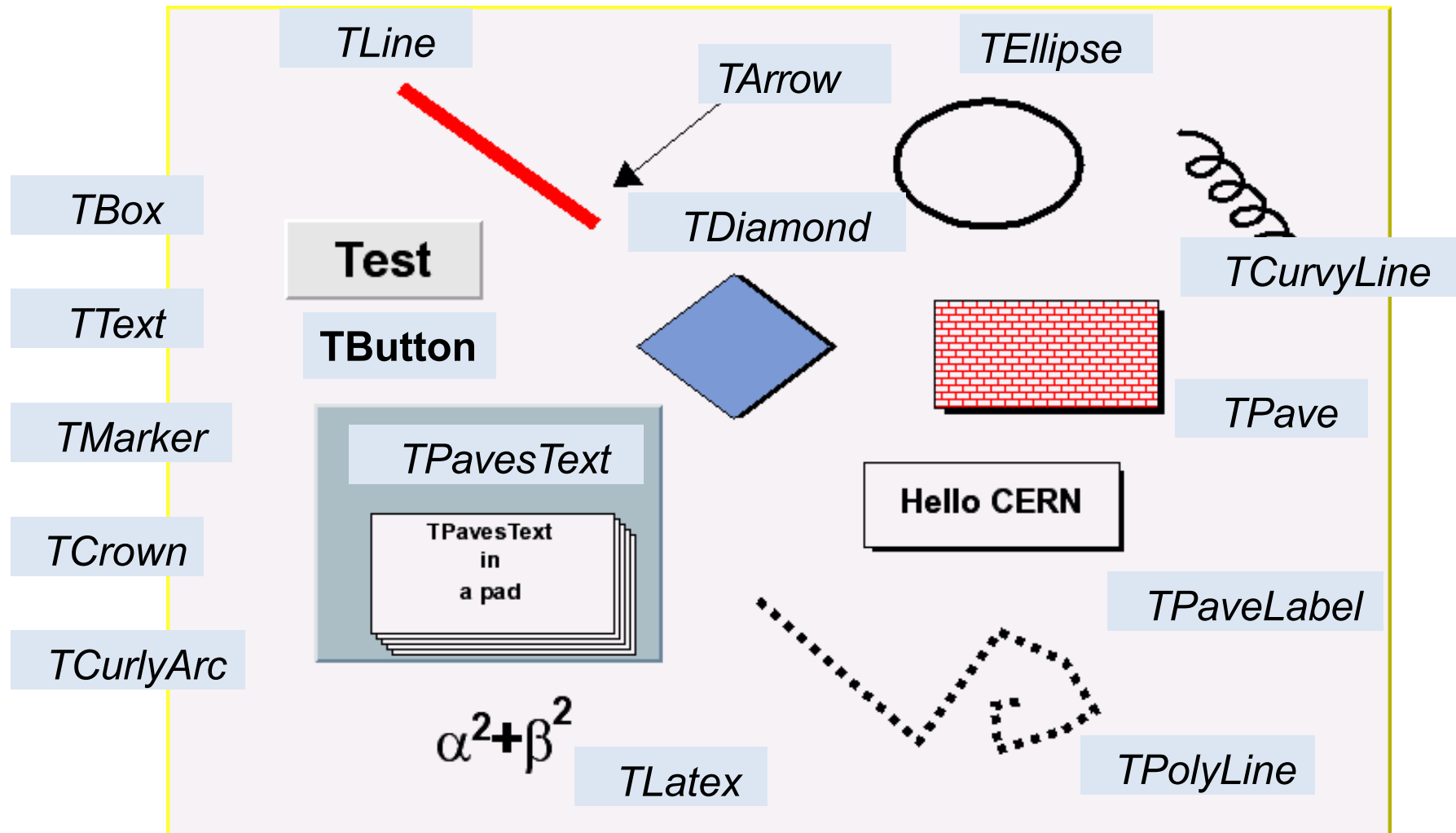
- You can draw with the command line
- The *Draw* function adds the object to the list of primitives of the current pad
- If no pad exists, a pad is automatically created
- A pad is embedded in a canvas
- You create one manually with *new TCanvas*
  - A canvas has one pad by default
  - You can add more

```
root [ ] TLine line(.1,.9,.6,.6)
root [ ] line.Draw()
root [ ] Ttext text(.5,.2,"Hello")
root [ ] text.Draw()
```

Canvas



# More Graphic Objects

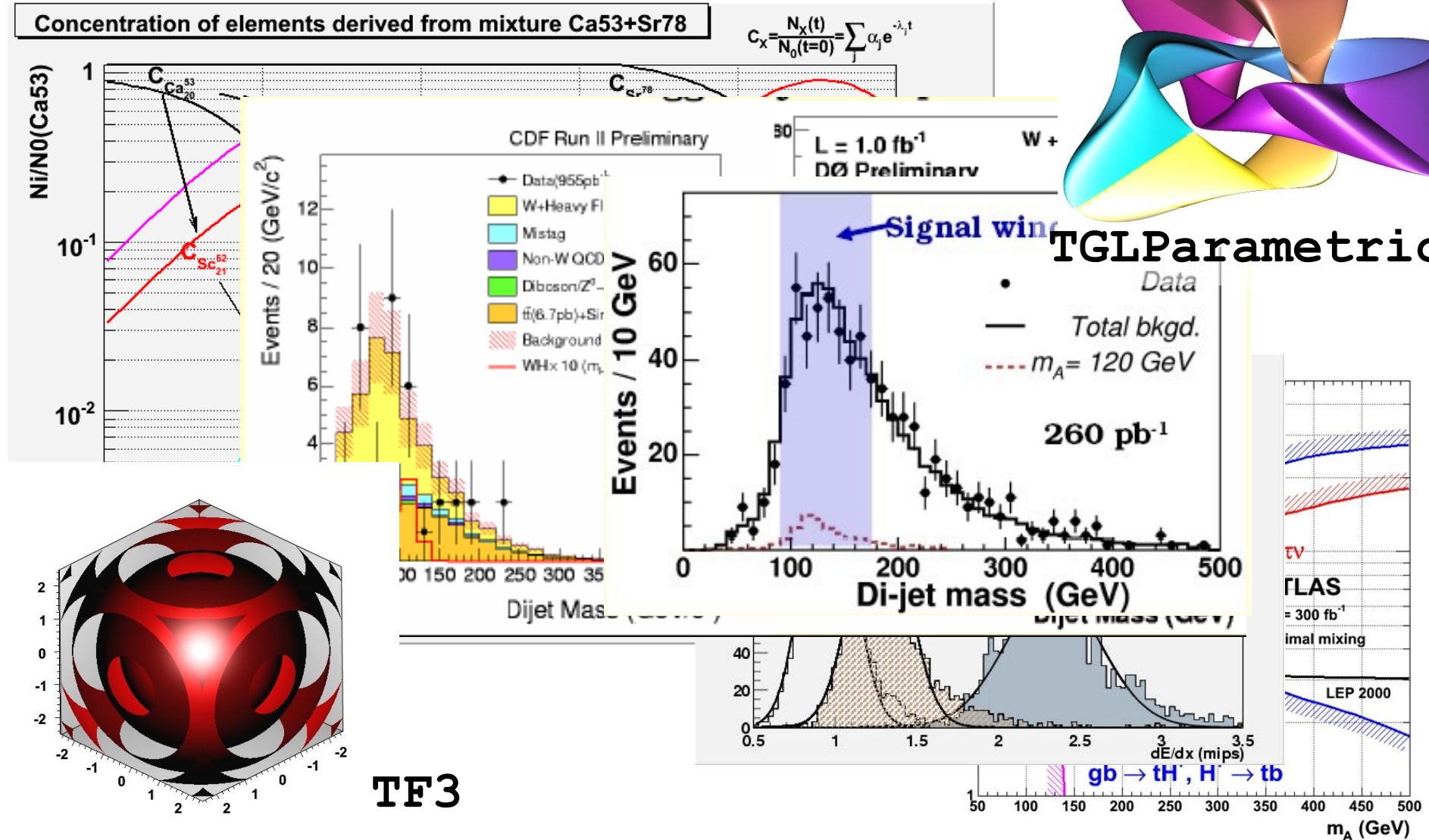


Can be accessed with the toolbar  
View > Toolbar (in any canvas)





## Graphic Examples



# What is a ROOT Tree?

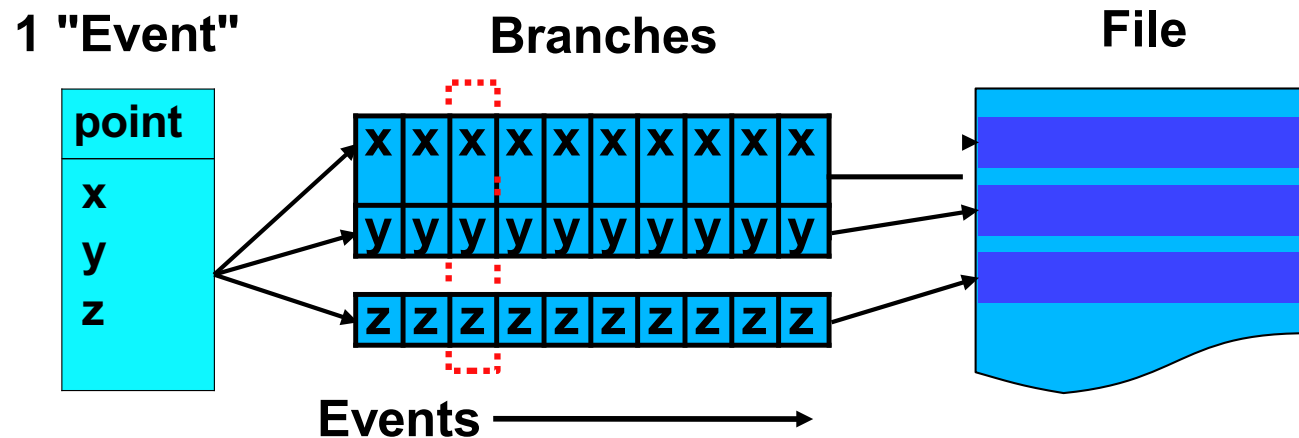
- *Trees have been designed to support very large collections of objects. The overhead in memory is in general less than 4 bytes per entry.*
- *Trees allow direct and random access to any entry (sequential access is the most efficient)*

*The class TTree is the main container for data storage*

*It can store any class and basic types (e.g. Float\_t)*

*When reading a tree, certain branches can be switched off*

- *speed up of analysis when not all data is needed*

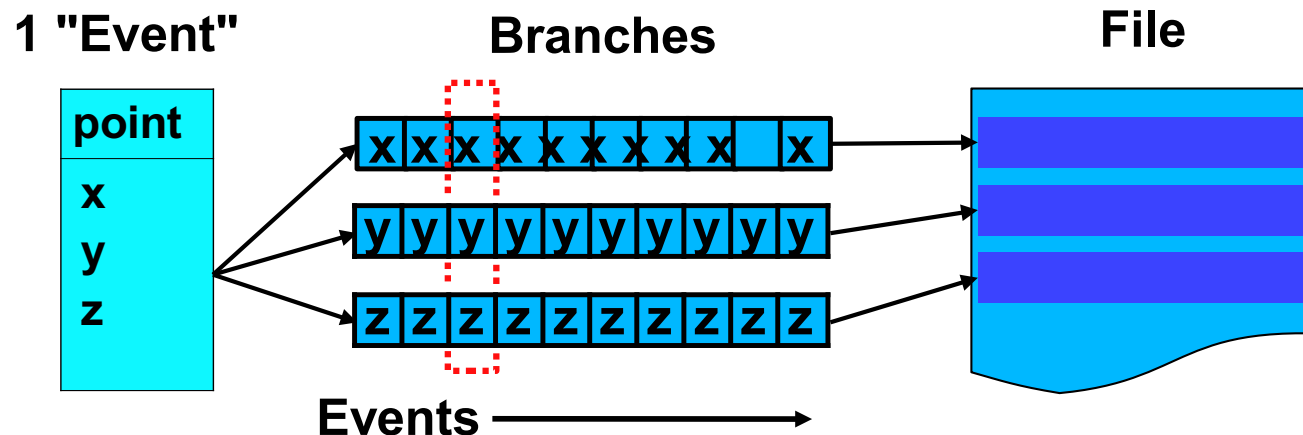


# Tree

*Trees are structured into branches and leaves. One can read a subset of all branches*

*High level functions like `TTree::Draw` loop on all entries with selection expressions*

*Trees can be browsed via `TBrowser` Trees can be analyzed via `TTreeViewer`*



- *You want to store objects in a tree which is written into a file*
- *Initialization*

```
root[] TFile* f = TFile::Open("events.root", "RECREATE");  
root[] TTree* t = new TTree("Events", "Event Tree");  
root[] Int_t var1;  
root[] Float_t var2;  
root[] Float_t var3;  
root[] t->Branch("var1", &var1, "var1/I");  
root[] t->Branch("var2", &var2, "var2/F");  
root[] t->Branch("var3",      &var3, "var3/F");
```

## Tree Writing (2)

```
root [ ] var1=5; var2=3.1; var3=10.;
// Now Fill the Tree. Fill copies content into Tree entry
root [ ] t->Fill();
// Again
root [ ] var1=1; var2=7; var3=4.5;
root [ ] t->Fill();

// Inspect the Tree
root [ ] t->Print();
// Show entry's content
root [ ] t->Show(1);
// Write into File
root [ ] t->Write();
// Close File
root [ ] f->Close();
```

Code is in: *simpletree.C*

# Tree Reading

- *Open the file, retrieve the tree and connect the branch with a pointer to TMyEvent*

```
TFile *f = TFile::Open("events.root");  
TTree *tree = (TTree*)f->Get("Events");  
Float_t var2;  
tree->SetBranchAddress("var2", &var2);
```

- *Read entries from the tree and use the content of the class*

```
Int_t nentries = tree->GetEntries();  
for (Int_t i=0;i<nentries;i++) {  
    tree->GetEntry(i);  
    cout << var2 << endl;  
}
```

*A quick way to  
browse through a  
tree is to use a  
**TBrowser** or  
**TTreeView***

Code is in: **readtree.C**

*Accessing a more complex objects from non-standard classes*

- Members are accessible even without the proper class library*
- Might not work in all frameworks*

*Example: eventdata.root (containing kinematics from ALICE)*

```
$ root eventdata.root
root [ ] tree->Scan();
root [ ] tree->Scan("*");
root [ ] tree-
>Scan("fParticles.fPosX:fParticles.fPosY:fParticles.fPosZ");
root [ ] tree-
  >Scan("fParticles.fPosX:fParticles.fPosY:fParticles.fPosZ",
    "fParticles.fPosX<0")
```

## More on Trees (2)

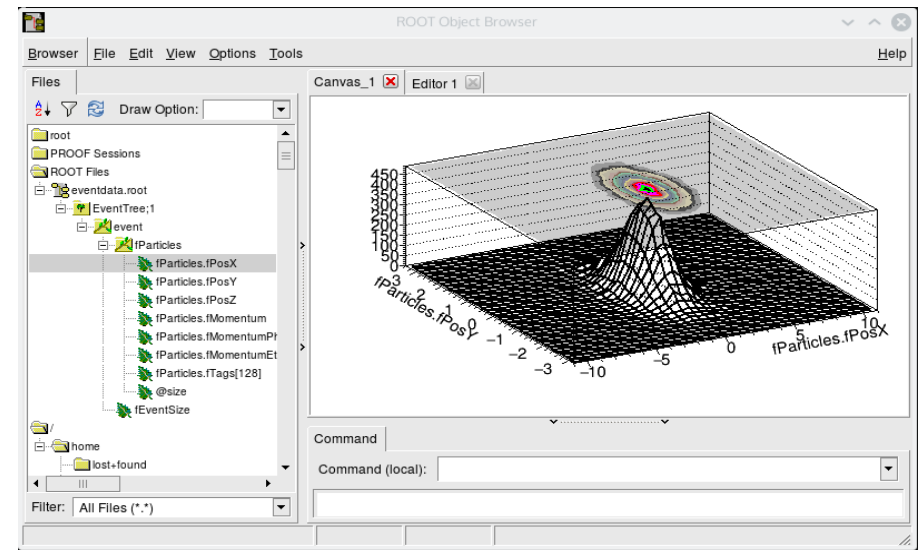
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*Example: eventdata.root (containing kinematics from ALICE)*

```
$ root eventdata.root  
root [ ] tree->Draw("fParticles.fPosX")  
root [ ] tree->Draw("fParticles.fPosY:fParticles.fPosX")  
root [ ] tree->Draw("fParticles.fPoxY", "fParticles.fPoxX< 0")
```

- *Perform more complex selections*
- *Plot 1D, 2D histograms with different styles*
- *Perform fits of some of these distributions*

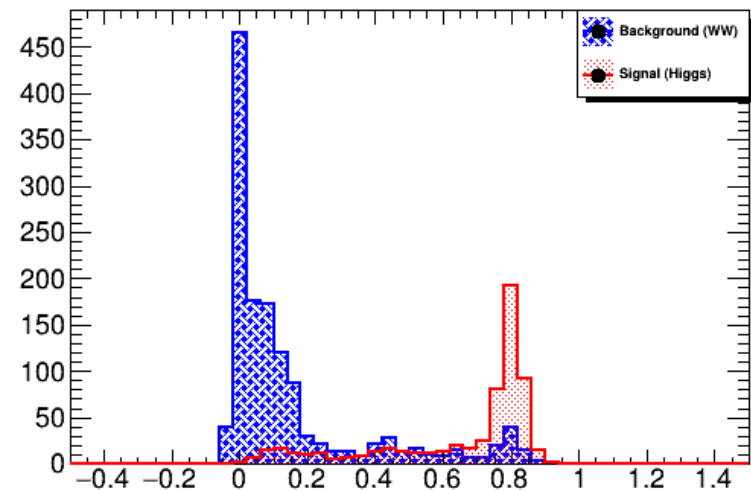
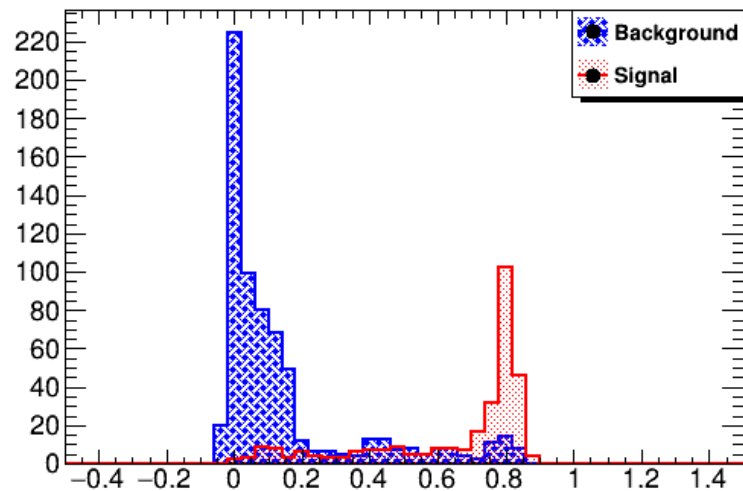
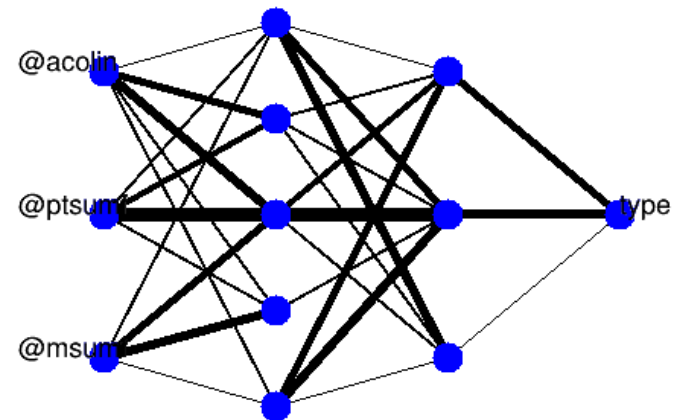
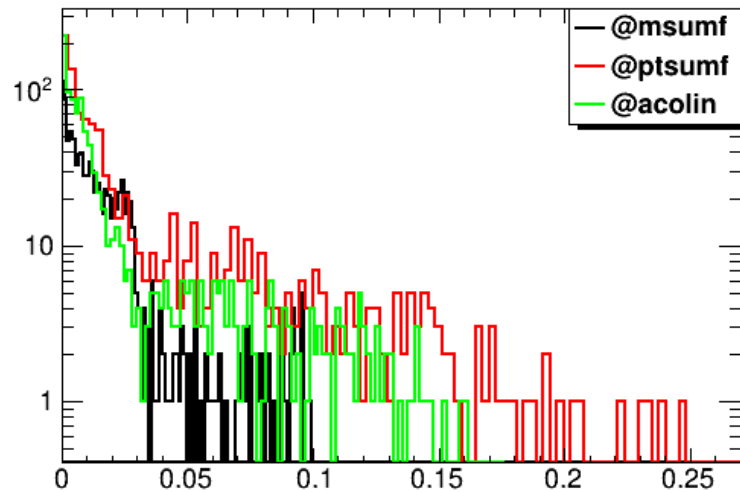




- *Example of advanced statistical analysis:*
  - *Read from a tree the event variables for:*
    - “signal” process, e.g. a simulation of a new phenomena you are looking for.
    - simulation of a “background process you want to separate the signal from.
  - *Build a Neural Network with these variables, whose separation of the signal to background is much better than the each of the input variables.*
  - *Launch the macro: mlpHiggs.C*
  - *Check the contents of the macro and of the mlpHiggs.root file:*

**TFile::Open("http://root.cern.ch/files/mlpHiggs.root")**

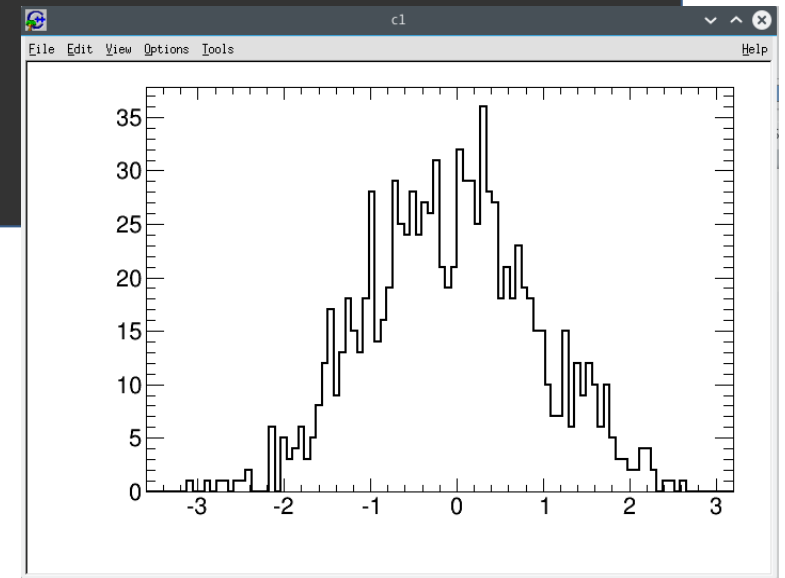
# Machine Learning (2)



*ROOT is developed in C++ and has a native C++ interpreter, but it is interfaced also to other languages, such as python.*

```
$ python
In [1]: import ROOT
In [2]: h = ROOT.TH1F("h", "h", 100, 0, 0)
In [3]: h.GetName()
Out[3]: 'h'
In [4]: r= ROOT.TRandom()
In [5]: for i in xrange(0,1000):
h.Fill(r.Gaus())
In [6]: h.Draw()
```

*Now you can redo all the tutorial in python if you wish!*



## Interactive ROOT in your Browser!

<https://app.mybinder.org:80/3000949792/notebooks/index.ipynb>

ROOT\_Example (unsaved changes) Terminal

File Edit View Insert Cell Kernel Help | ROOT C++

Code CellToolbar

### How to write a C++ ROOTBook

In order to use a C++ [ROOTbook](#), just start the [ROOT kernel](#). That's it. We will see also how the user can mark cells containing C++ statements with the %%**cpp** magic.

```
In [1]: cout << "From this point on...\n"
        << "... it's only C++ ..." << endl;
```

From this point on...  
... it's only C++ ...

We now create a [ROOT histogram](#) and fill it with [random numbers](#) distributed according to a Gaussian.

```
In [2]: TH1F h("gauss", "Example histogram", 64, -4, 4);
        h.FillRandom("gaus");
```

Now, we create a [canvas](#), the entity which holds graphics primitives.

```
In [3]: TCanvas c("myCanvasName", "The Canvas Title", 1600, 1200);
        c.Draw();
```

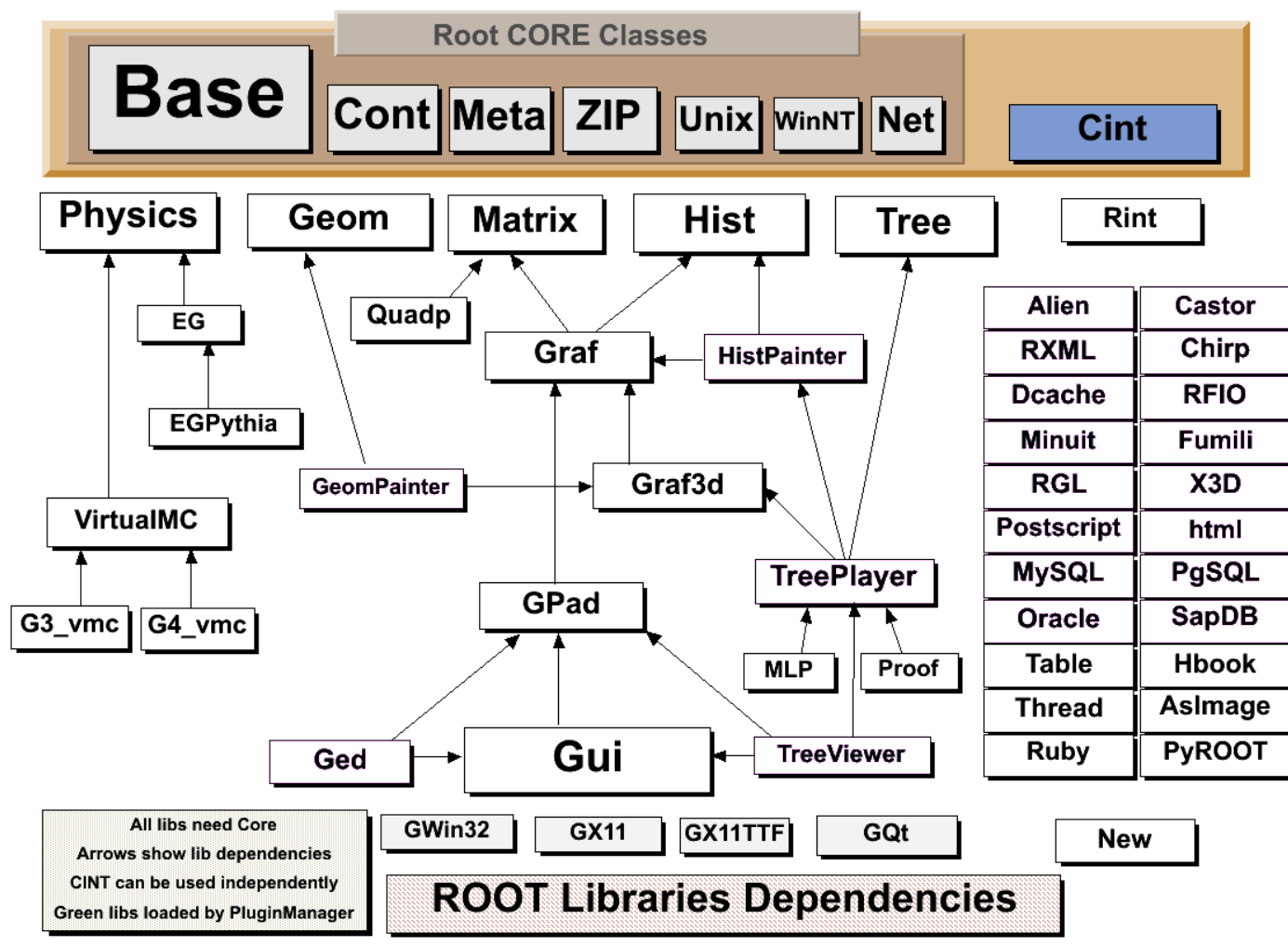
For the histogram to be displayed in the notebook, we need to draw the canvas.

```
In [4]: c.Draw();
```



## Much More ...

*In this talk, I presented the most basic classes typically used during physics analyses*



*ROOT contains many more libraries, and has several more applications*