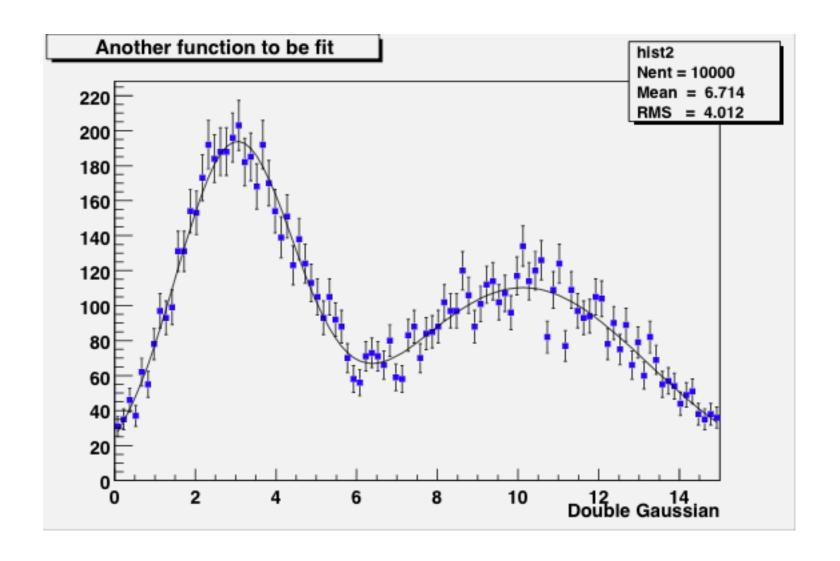
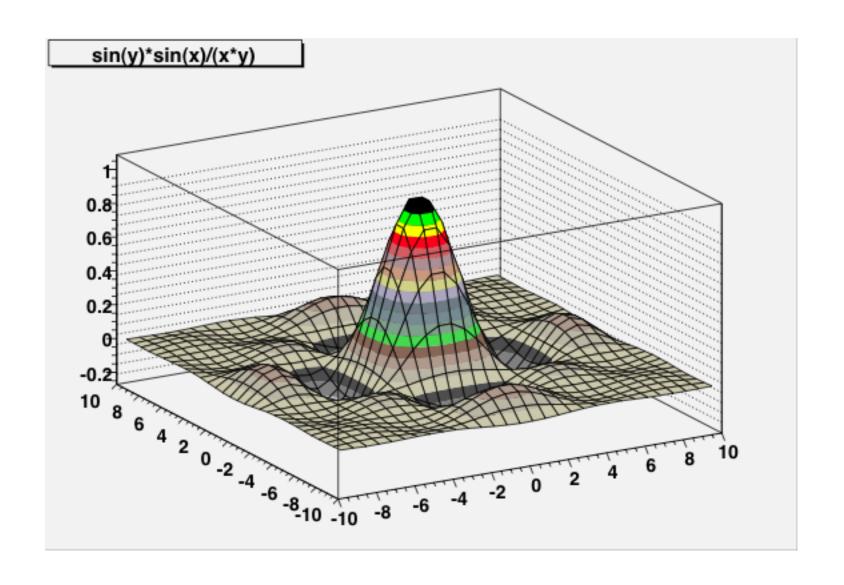
What is ROOT? Why do we use it?

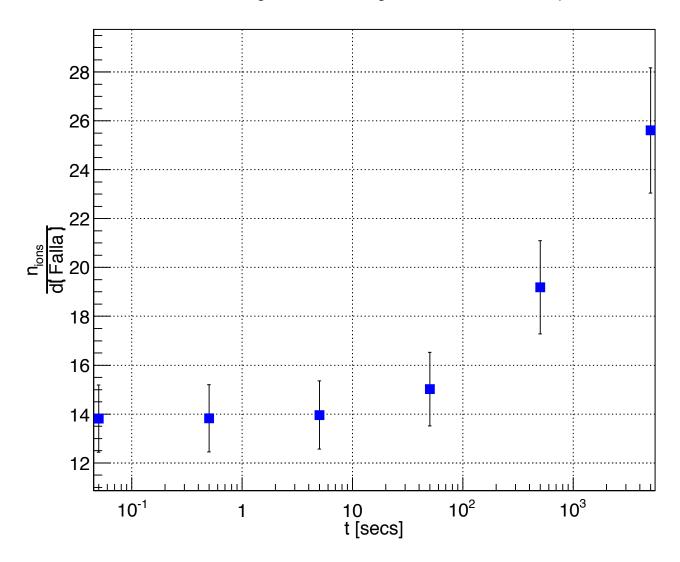
Answer:

ROOT does what physicists do:

It makes plots.







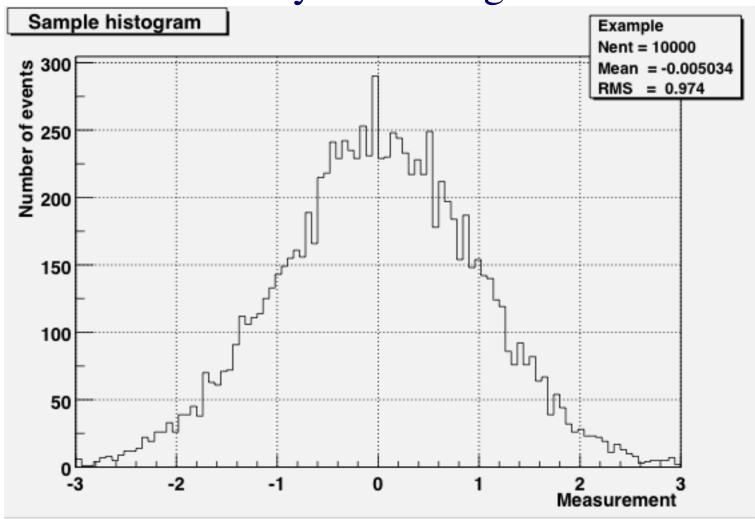
Can you spot the pun in this plot?

The typical analysis task that you will be asked to do:

Take variables in an n-tuple, perform some computations, and make histograms.

So what is a histogram, what is an n-tuple, and how do we perform the computations?

Anatomy of a histogram



Properties of a histogram

A ROOT command that might be used to create this histogram:

```
Mame or Identifier

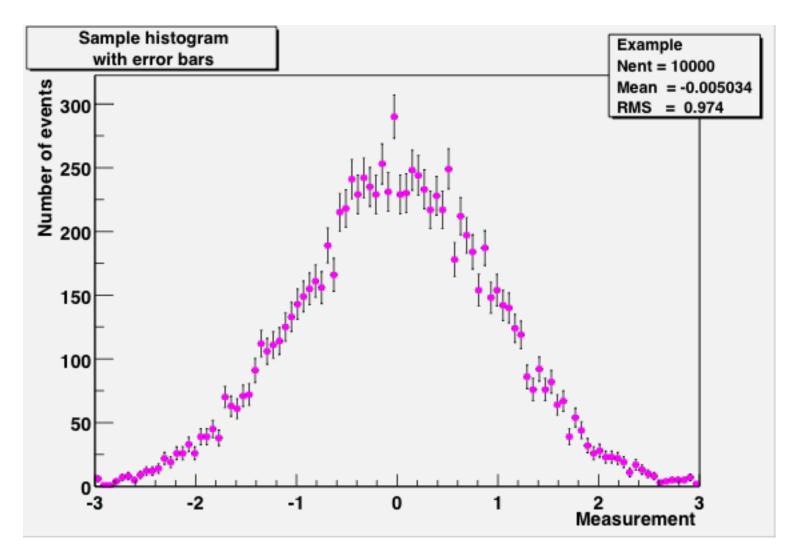
Title (to be displayed on plot)

Number of bins

Lower bin limit

Upper bin limit
```

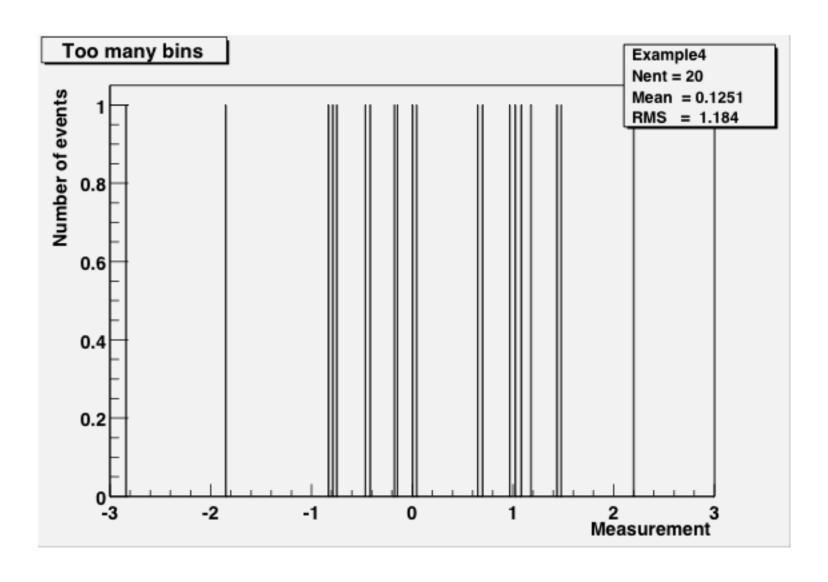
```
TH1F myPlot("Example", "Sample histogram", 100, -3, 3)
```

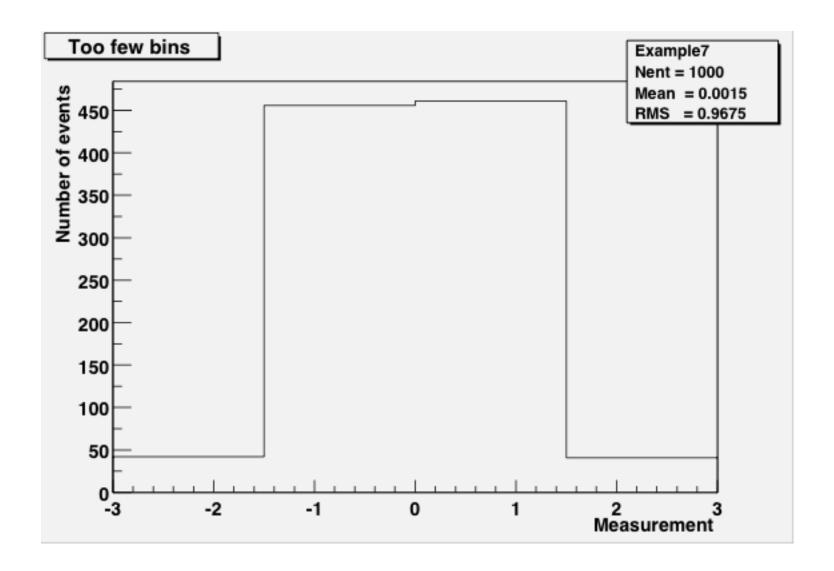


Don't forget the errors!

For simple histograms, the error in one bin is the square root of the number of events in that bin.

There's an art to histogram design...





Anatomy of an n-tuple (a simple form of a ROOT Tree)

	Branche	es W				
	Row	event	ebeam	рх	ру	pz
les	0	0	150.14	14.33	-4.02	143.54
Entries	1	1	149.79	0.05	-1.37	148.60
E	2	2	150.16	4.01	3.89	145.69
×	3	3	150.14	1.46	4.66	146.71
	4	4	149.94	-10.34	11.07	148.33
	5	5	150.18	17.08	-12.14	143.10
	6	6	150.02	5.19	7.79	148.59
	7	7	150.05	7.55	-7.43	144.45
	8	8	150.07	0.23	-0.02	147.78
	9	9	149.96	1.21	7.27	146.99
	10	10	149.92	5.35	3.98	140.70
	11	11	149.88	-4.63	-0.08	147.91

An n-tuple is an ordered list of numbers.

A ROOT Tree can be an ordered list of any collections of C++ objects.

Probably you'll only be asked to work with n-tuples this summer, but in the advanced tutorial you can see what it's like to work with a ROOT Tree.

Why ROOT?

- It knows about n-tuples and histograms (and 4-vectors and object persistency and schema evolution and detector geometry and Feynmann diagrams and linear algebra and function-fitting and multi-variable analysis and...)
- It can handle large volumes of data (millions of physics events; files of gigabytes->terabytes in size).
- Multi-platform (Windows, Mac, many UNIX flavors)
- It's free.

But...

- It's open-source, with a complicated design history.
- User-interface issues and documentation are often neglected. ROOT is not easy to use.
- You have to know some C++ in order to use ROOT effectively, in order to perform computations.
- What does C++ look like? Well...

```
#define Analyze cxx
#include "Analyze.h"
#include <TH2.h>
#include <TStyle.h>
#include <TCanvas.h>
void Analyze::Loop() [
//
    In a Root session, you can do:
       Root > .L Analyze.C
//
//
       Root > Analyze t
//
       Root > t.GetEntry(12); // Fill t data members with entry number 12
       Root > t.Show();  // Show values of entry 12
//
    //
//
//
      This is the loop skeleton
        To read only selected branches, Insert statements like:
// METHOD1:
     fChain->SetBranchStatus("*",0); // disable all branches
     fChain->SetBranchStatus("branchname",1); // activate branchname
// METHOD2: replace line
     fChain->GetEntry(i); // read all branches
//by b branchname->GetEntry(i); //read only this branch
   if (\overline{f}Chain == 0) return;
   Long64 t nentries = fChain->GetEntries();
   Long64 t nbytes = 0, nb = 0;
   for (Long64 t jentry=0; jentry<nentries; jentry++) {</pre>
     Long64 t ientry = LoadTree(jentry);
     nb = fChain->GetEntry(jentry);    nbytes += nb;
     // if (Cut(ientry) < 0) continue;</pre>
```

If you prefer python, there's pyroot

```
import ROOT
# Open the file.
myfile = ROOT.TFile( 'experiment.root' )
# Retrieve the n-tuple of interest.
mychain = ROOT.gDirectory.Get( 'tree1')
entries = mychain.GetEntriesFast()
# Create a 2D histogram
myHist = ROOT.TH2D("hist2D", "chi2 vs ebeam", 100, 0, 20, 100, 149, 151)
myHist.GetXaxis().SetTitle("chi2")
myHist.GetYaxis().SetTitle("ebeam [GeV]")
for jentry in xrange( entries ):
   # Get the next tree in the chain and verify.
   ientry = mychain.LoadTree( jentry )
   if ientry < 0:
      break
   # Copy next entry into memory and verify.
   nb = mychain.GetEntry( jentry )
   if nb \le 0:
      continue
   # Fetch the variables from the entry and fill the histogram.
   chi2 = mychain.chi2
   ebeam = mychain.ebeam
   myHist.Fill(chi2,ebeam)
# Display the scatterplot.
myHist.Draw()
```

Web Links

(the only part you should bother to write down)

All the documents you've seen (and will see) during the class today can be found at:

http://www.nevis.columbia.edu/~seligman/root-class/

ROOT and C++ links, including links to reference books on C++ and statistics, can be found at:

http://www.nevis.columbia.edu/~seligman/root-class/links.html

The Hands-on Course:

Basic Data Analysis using ROOT

ROOT basics

Over the next two days, you will learn how to:

- look up ROOT command references
- plot a function
- histogram a variable
- fit a histogram
- create C++ or python code for an n-tuple
- get a variable from an n-tuple
- apply cuts
- -- but not necessarily in this order!

The advanced tutorial (which you may get to) includes sets of additional exercises to help turn you into a ROOT expert:

- Creating an x-y plot
- Working with large numbers of histograms
- Extracting your own n-tuples

Try to go over as much of it as you can.

A Brief ROOT Demonstration