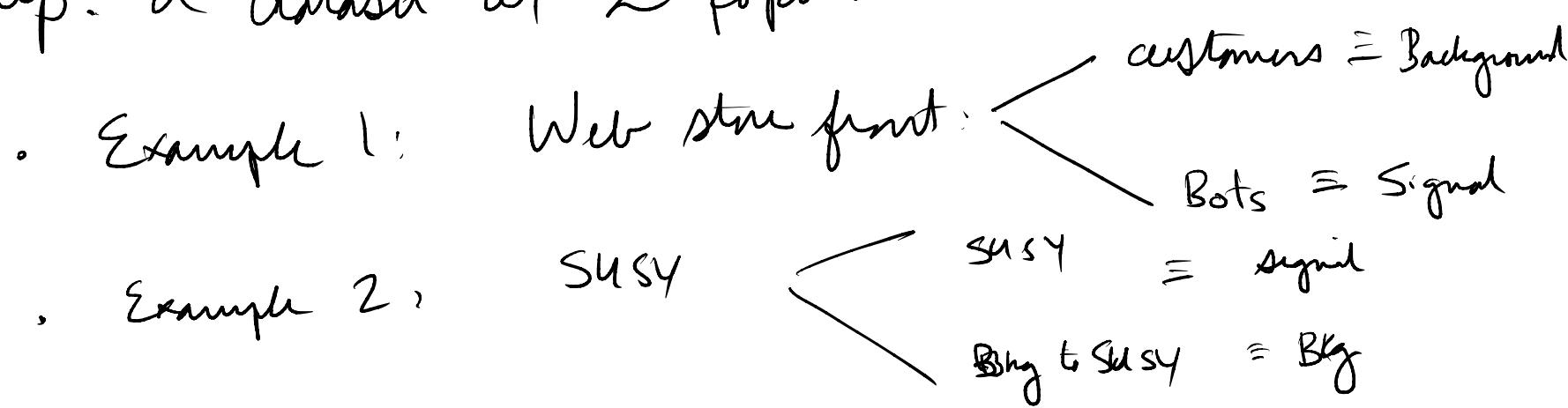


- Friday Lab will be virtual
  - No projects  $\Rightarrow$  new syllabus next week
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Setup: a dataset w/ 2 populations



$\Rightarrow$  Estimated the expected Background

- Ex 1: previous data
- Ex 2: Phenix calc + simulation

$$\} \rightarrow \bar{N}_B$$

Expect  $\bar{N}_B$

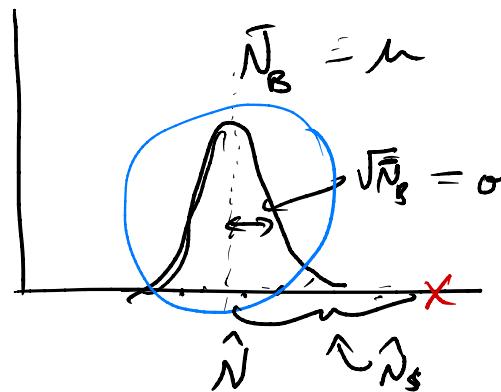
Observe  $\hat{N}$

$$\bar{N}_B = 100 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\bar{N}_B} = 10$$

100 } w/w 1 STD  
90  
110

150  
180 }  $\Rightarrow$  very unlikely

$$\hat{N}_s = 50 \quad \sigma_{\hat{N}_s} = \sqrt{150}$$



Counting  $\Rightarrow$

Poisson Stat

Standard Deviation

if  $\hat{N}$  is the most likely value

$\Rightarrow$  Standard deviation is  $\sqrt{\hat{N}} = \sigma$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{N}_s &= \hat{N} - \bar{N}_B \\ \sigma_{\hat{N}_s} &= \text{STD } \hat{N}_s = \sqrt{\hat{N}} \\ &\approx \sqrt{\hat{N}_s + \bar{N}_B}\end{aligned}$$

very good estimate  
 $\Rightarrow$  almost no error

significance =  $\frac{\hat{N}_s}{\sigma_{\hat{N}_s}}$   $\approx \frac{\hat{N}_s}{\sqrt{\hat{N}_s + \bar{N}_B}}$

$\geq 4$  observe  
 $\geq 5$  destroy

Imagine that there is a observable ( feature, raw feature )

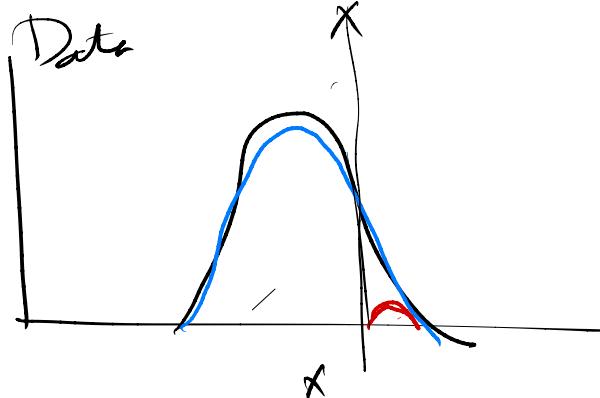
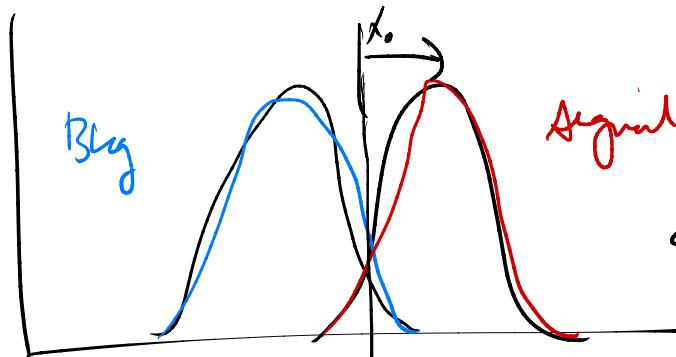
$x$

True positive rate (TPR)

$E_s = \text{fraction of signal events}$   
Passing select of  $x > x_0$

False Positive Rate (FPR) in

$E_B = \frac{\text{Bkg}}{\text{Bkg}}$



$E_s \gg E_B$

$\overline{N}_B' \xleftarrow{\text{after selection}}$

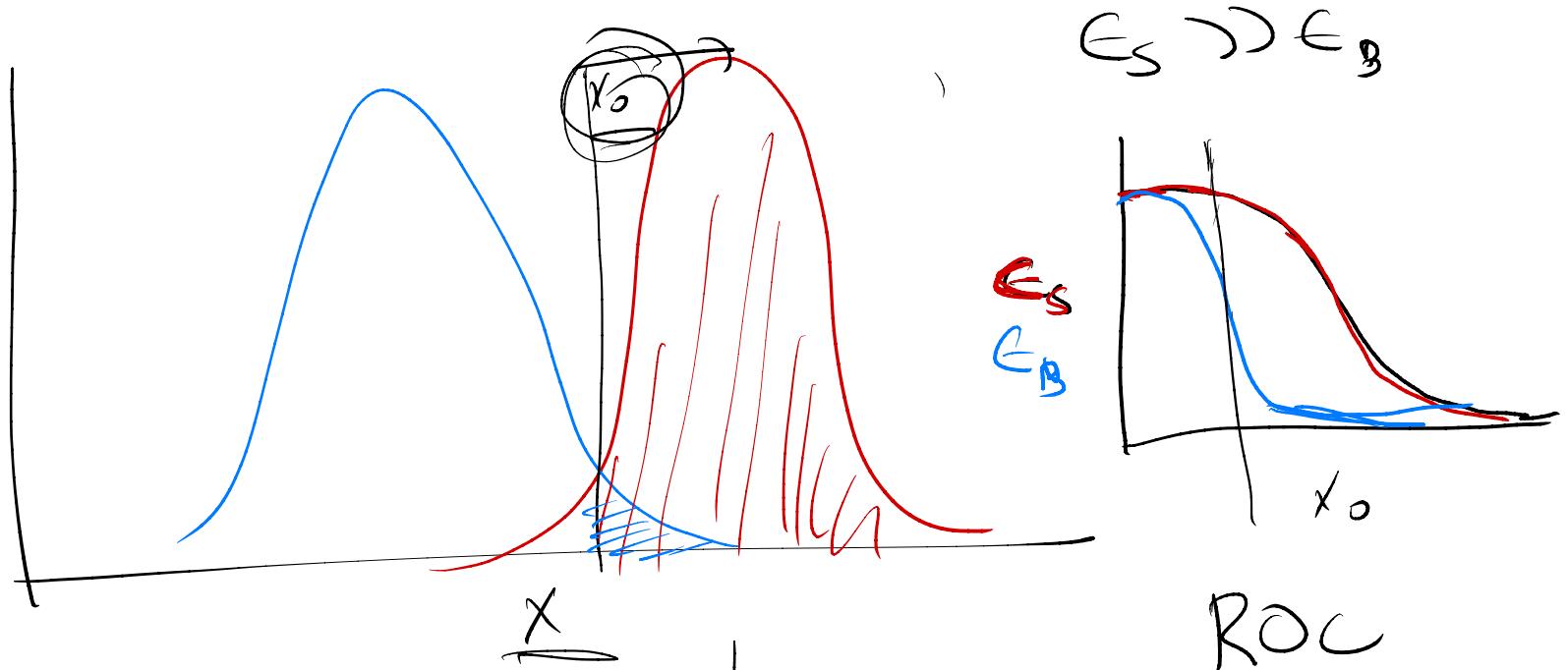
$$\overline{N}_B' = E_B \overline{N}_B \Rightarrow \overline{N}' = \overline{N}_s' + \overline{N}_B' \xleftarrow{\text{expected}}$$

$$\overline{N}_s' = E_s \overline{N}_s \Rightarrow \hat{N}' \xleftarrow{\text{observed}}$$

$$\hat{N}_s' = \hat{N}' - \overline{N}_B'$$

$$\sigma_{\hat{N}_s'} = \sqrt{\hat{N}'} \approx \sqrt{\overline{N}'} = \sqrt{E_B \overline{N}_B + E_s \overline{N}_s}$$

$$\text{significance} = \frac{\bar{N}_S}{\sqrt{\epsilon_S \bar{N}_S + \epsilon_B N_B}} \approx \frac{\epsilon_S \bar{N}_S}{\sqrt{\epsilon_S N_S + \epsilon_B N_B}}$$



Optimization  $\Rightarrow$  select  $x_0$   
such that  
sig is maximum.



