

# FAST-RA1: Validating the datacards (WIP)

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# Motivation

- © In RA1, transitioning from using AlphaTools + AlphaStats to FAST-RA1
- © Datacards are a crucial part of analysis – store information about the fitting, systematics, background contribution, signal contamination for each mass point in a signal model
- © In RA1, take flat trees → AlphaTools generates TH2Ds → AlphaStats transforms to datacards
- © In FAST-RA1, flat trees → dataframes → datacards
- © Need to validate the datacards created in FAST framework by running them through AlphaStats
- © Compared to a test sample so, at each stage, we could verify the datacards were performing correctly

# Difficulties and setbacks

- © Most of the problems were related to formatting – had to make sure the file names, layout of datacards, etc. were exactly correct
- © Testament to the rigidity of AlphaStats (although, not a problem if running through the AlphaTools + AlphaStats workflow in entirety)
- © Some issues with histograms in root files not being filled
- © Essentially, a back-and-forth between myself and Olivier to iterate over the datacards and make sure they were correct
- © Then, after they passed the first step, everything worked properly
- © Needed the datacards for just a few mass points to get limits

# Comparisons

© Currently a work-in-progress

© Currently have datacards and HiggsCombine files from using FAST-RA1 and can compare to test sample

© Need more mass points to make limit plane and extract numerical values for a proper comparison

# Future plans

- © Make comparisons as detailed in previous slide
- © Olivier has noticed some issues with his normalisation/histogram filling, so values may not be accurate at the moment
- © Once sorted, will make more in-depth and meaningful comparisons to validate FAST-RA1 datacards
- © Longer term: make sure we don't fall into the same traps as AlphaStats (i.e., rigidity, unruly nature w.r.t. changing parameters, large monolithic scripts)

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Backup

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