Improving Analysis Workflow with IPython

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What's better about Python etc.?

The Language

- ▶ A lot of problem with ROOT is not really ROOT problem.
- ► C++ is a very verbose static type language. Good for other things but not a dynamic work like data analysis.
- ▶ C++. Static typing. Repeat yourself like crazy.

```
TFile f("myfile.root");
TTree* tree = dynamic_cast<TTree*>f.Get("tree");
float x;
tree->SetBranchAddress("x",&x); //repeat this
tree->GetEntry(10);
cout << x << endl;</pre>
```

Python. root_numpy. https://github.com/rootpy/root_numpy

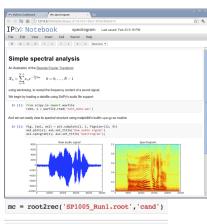
```
data = root2rec("myfile.root")#treename is optional
print data.x[10]
```

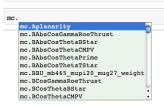
► There is PyROOT. But it is very slow for doing basic stuff like reading file. root_numpy is as fast as C++. There is also rootpy which use root_numpy as backend.

Interactive Environment

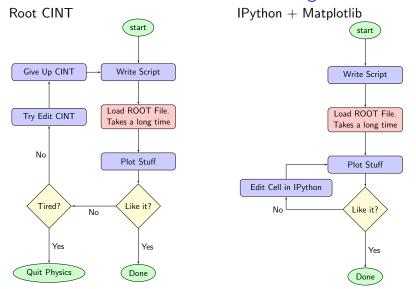
CINT/ROOT C/C++ Interpreter version 5.18.00, July 2, 2010 Type ? for help. Commands must be C++ statements. Enclose multiple statements between { }. root [0]

- ROOT interactive environment is not so good for doing analysis.
 Both new TBrowser and command prompt environment.
- IPython Notebook environment.
- ▶ http://ipython.org/
- Mathematica. Maple. Matlab. Sage.
- Type command. See output. Edit command. See output.
- ► Immediate inline feedback is the key. No separate windows.
- ► Save it along with output. Come back and view/re-execute later.
- Autocomplete. Docstring. IPython magic.
- inumpy
 - https://github.com/piti118/inumpy



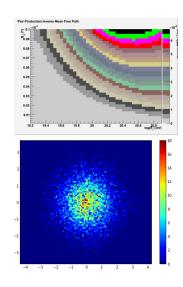


Good Interactive Environment will Change Your Workflow



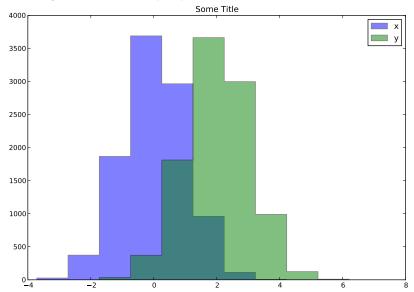
Plots looks nice by default

- Needs tons of work to make ROOT plot looks OK. They changed it recently though.
- Gray background by default. Why? Really?
- Default color for COLZ.
 - Legend says they are the 16 color supported by color screen back then.
- ► No transparent color!!
- ► Matplotlib. Python plotting library. http://matplotlib.org/
- ► Huge Gallery
 http://matplotlib.org/gallery.html
- Extensive documentation.



Plotting syntax

Let's try to make a simple plot



Plotting Syntax

ROOT. Black magic.

```
tree->Draw("x");
THIF *xhist = (THIF*)gPad->GetPrimitive("htemp");
htemp->SetLineColor(kRed);
tree->Draw("y>>h2", "same");
THIF *yhist = (THIF*)gPad->GetPrimitive("h2");
yhist->SetLineColor(kBlue);
htemp->SetTitle("Magic!!!");
Legend* leg = new TLegend(0.1,0.7,0.48,0.9);
leg->SetHeader("The Legend Title");
leg->AddEntry(xhist, "x");
leg->AddEntry(yhist, "y");
leg->Draw();
```

Matplotlib. Named argument.

Bonus

Multivariate Analysis and Fitting

- ▶ Python has tons of packages to do multivariate analysis.
 - ▶ Most popular one is scikit-learn http://scikit-learn.org/
 - A Bunch of neural network library too.
- Fitting takes advantage of Python introspection. You can ask a python function: Hey, what are your arguments?
- ► This means minimizer can automagically recognizes argument names as parameters. No need to repeat yourself.

```
def f(x,y,z):
    return (x-2)**2+(y-3)**2+(z-4)**2
m = Minuit(f)#it knows arguments are x,y,z
m.migrad()
print m.values #{"x":2.,"y":3.,"z":4.}
```

- Minuit and Likelihood/ χ^2 construction. With introspection and much more.
 - ▶ https://github.com/iminuit/iminuit
 - https://github.com/iminuit/probfit

```
def pdf(x, mu, sigma, alpha):
    return complicated_function(x,mu,sigma,alpha)
lh = BinLH(pdf,data) #knows about mu, sigma, alpha
m = Minuit(lh)
m.migrad()
```

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