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# Errors-on-errors

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# Motivation



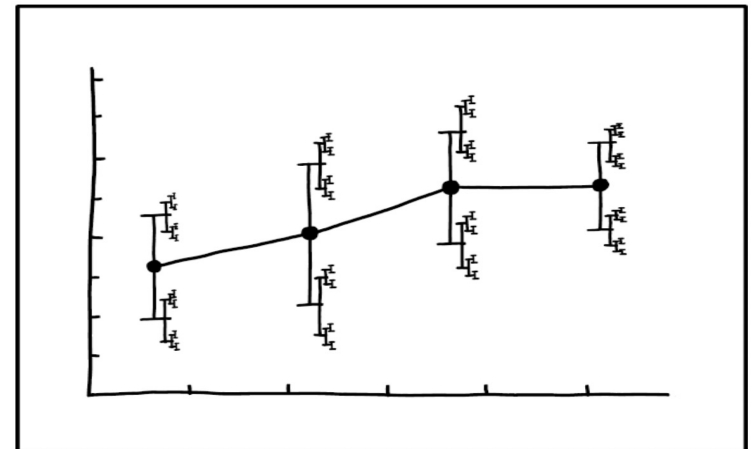
## “*Uncertainties on Systematics*”

1) Some **systematic uncertainties** can be well estimated:

- Related to stat. error of control measurements
- Related to size of MC event sample

2) But they can also be **quite uncertain**:

- Theory systematics ( $\sim 50\%$  relative error)
- Two points systematics ( $\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cong 70\%$  relative error)



<https://xkcd.com/2110/>

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*Let systematic errors be  
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# Gamma distributions

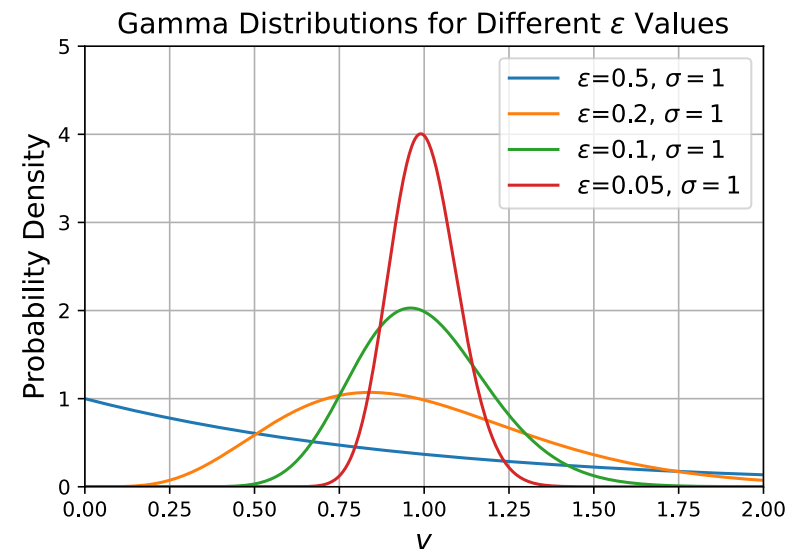


To implement errors-on-errors suppose the systematic variances  $\sigma_{u_i}^2$  are *adjustable parameters*, and their best estimates  $v_i$  are gamma distributed:

$$v \sim \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} v^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta v}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{4\varepsilon_i^2} \quad \beta = \frac{1}{4\varepsilon_i^2 \sigma_{u_i}^2}$$

- $\sigma_{u_i}^2$  Expectation value of  $v_i$
- $\varepsilon_i = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_{v_i}}{\sigma_{u_i}^2} \cong \frac{\sqrt{v_i}}{\sigma_{u_i}}$ : relative error on  $\sigma_{u_i}$ : “**Error on error**”\*



\* $\varepsilon$  used to be  $r$  in previous references

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- The likelihood is modified as follows:

$$L(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{u_i}^2) = P(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \times \prod_i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{u_i}} e^{-(u_i - \theta_i)^2 / 2\sigma_{u_i}^2} \times \frac{\beta_i^{\alpha_i}}{\Gamma(\alpha_i)} v_i^{\alpha_i - 1} e^{-\beta_i v_i}$$

- One can profile over  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{u_i}^2$  in closed form:

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(see: G. Cowan, Eur. Phys. J. C (2019) 79:133; arXiv:1809.05778)

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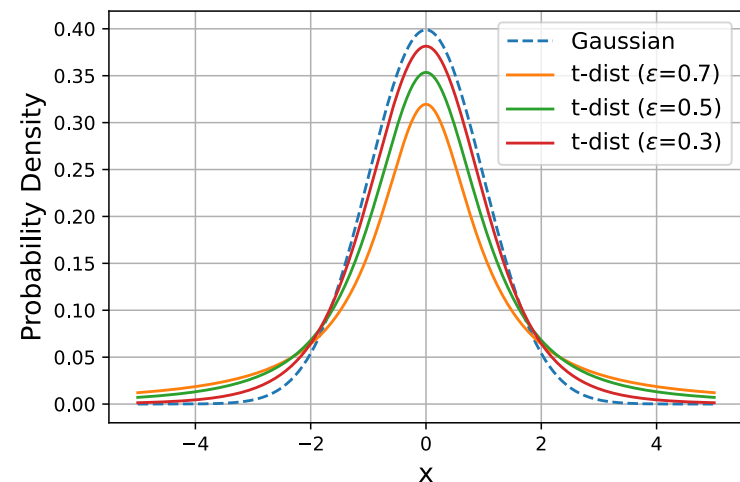
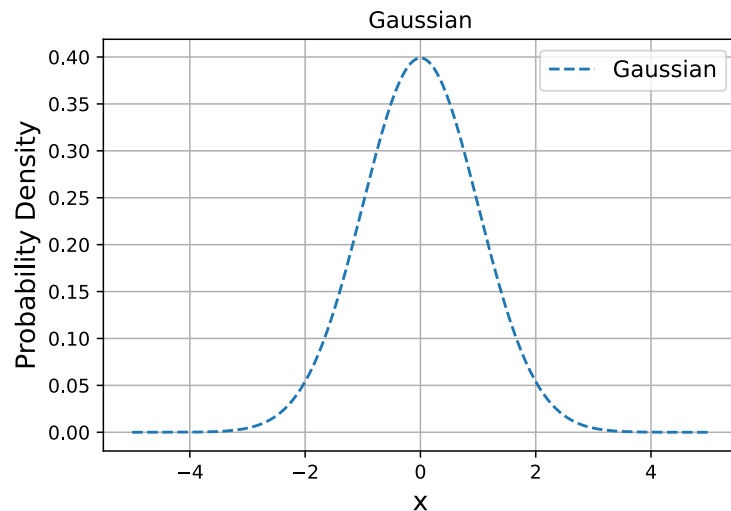
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- Equivalent to switch from **Gaussian constraints** to **Student's t constraints** for systematics:



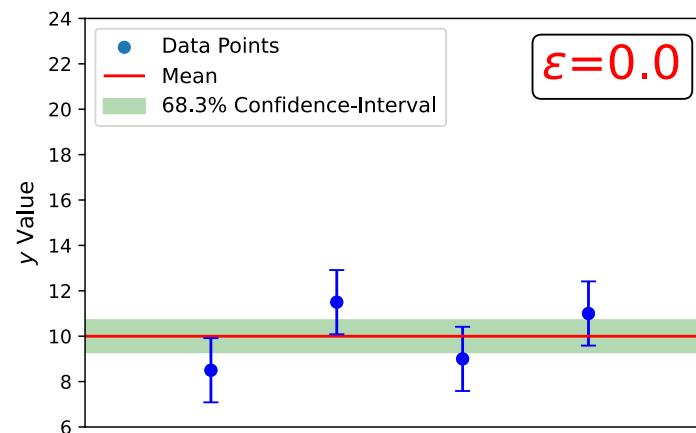
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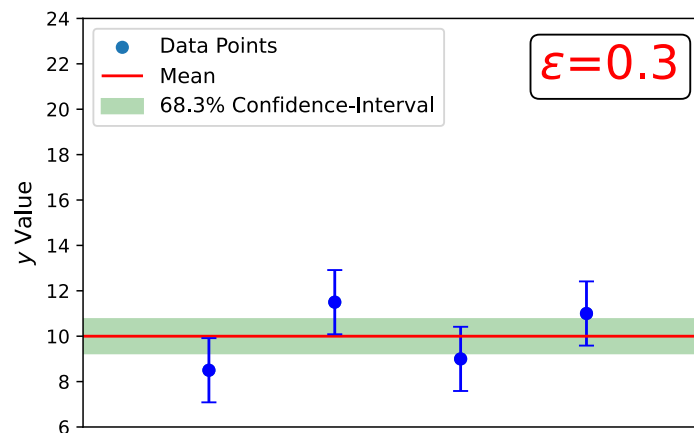
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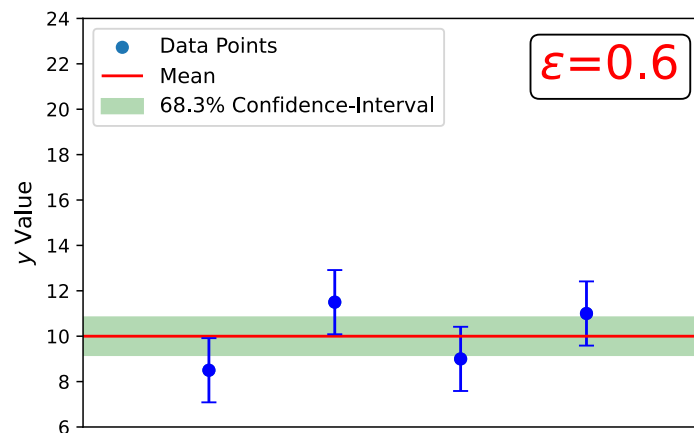
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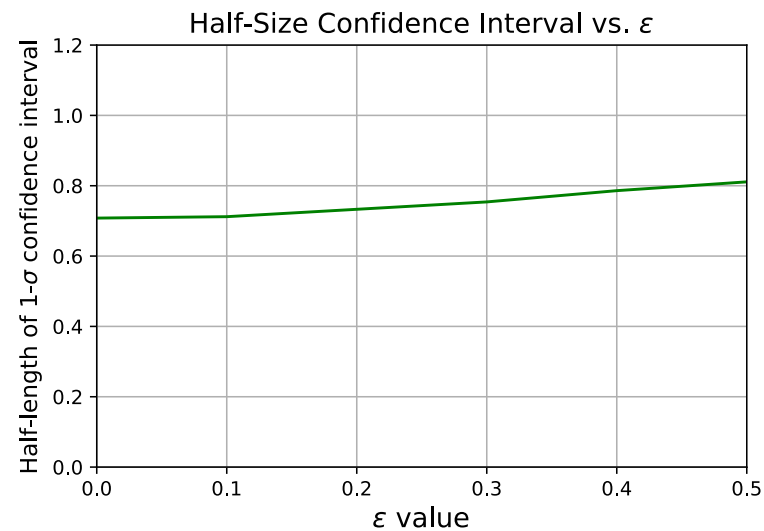
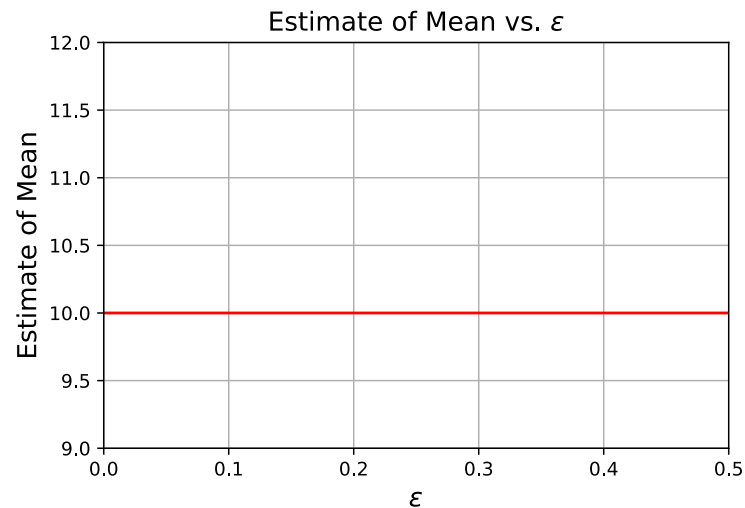
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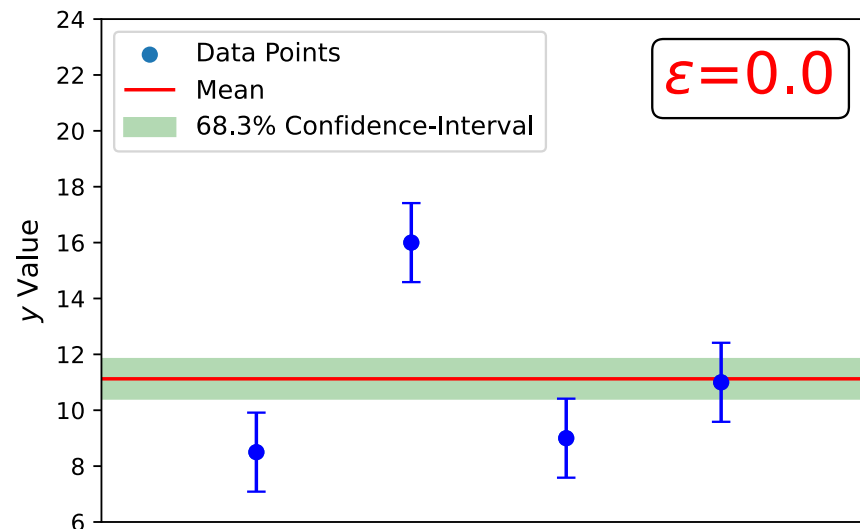


1. The estimate of the mean does not change when we increase  $\epsilon$
2. The size of the confidence interval for the mean only slightly increase, reflecting the extra degree of uncertainty introduced by the errors-on-errors
3. If data are internally compatible results are only slightly modified

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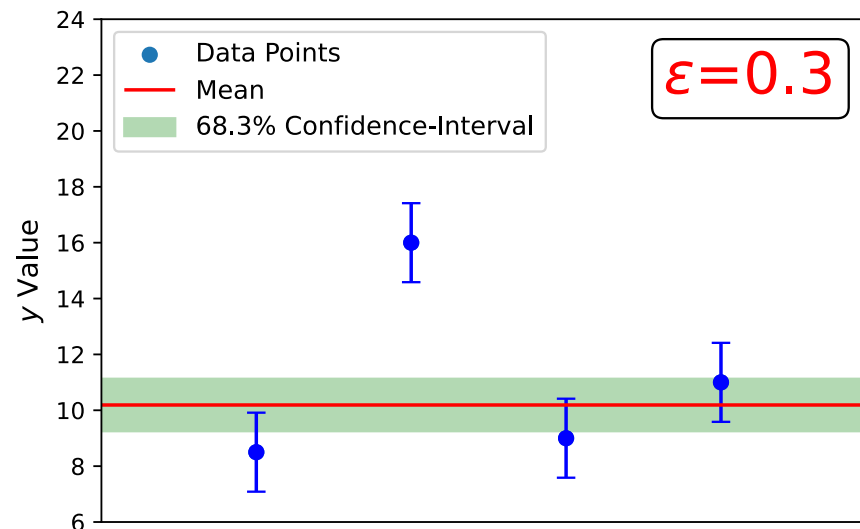


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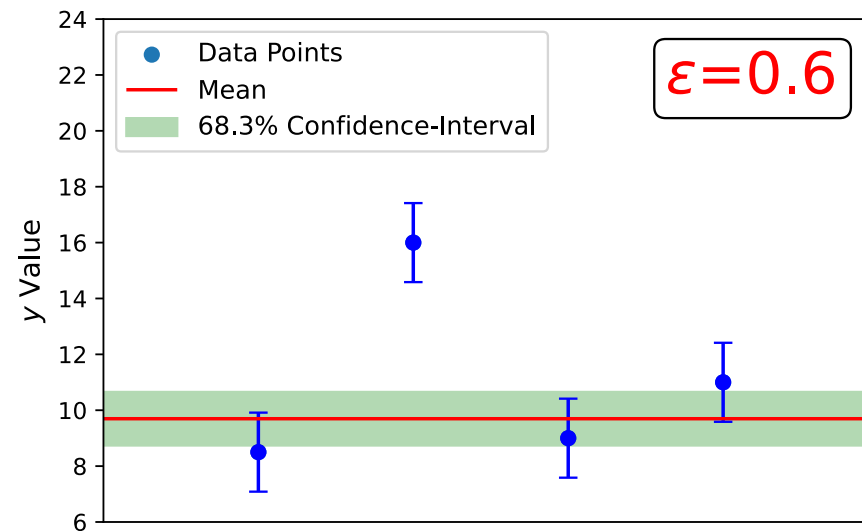


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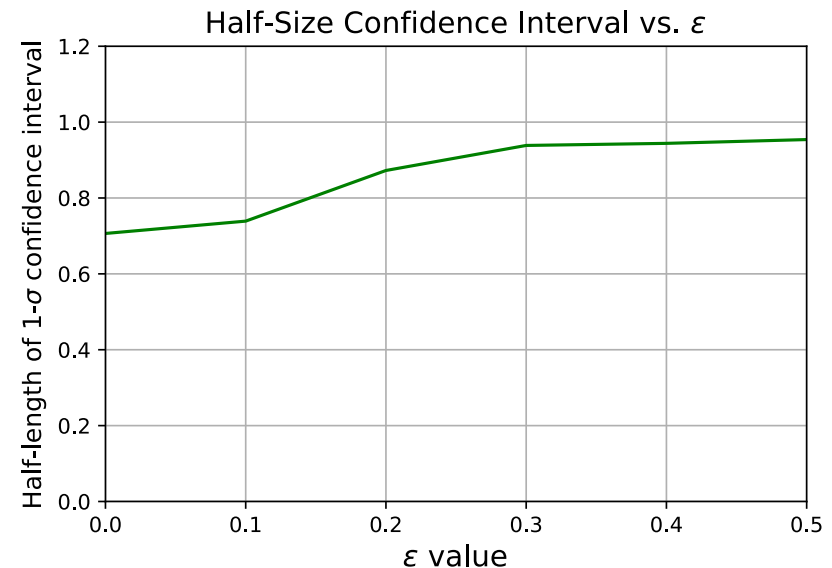
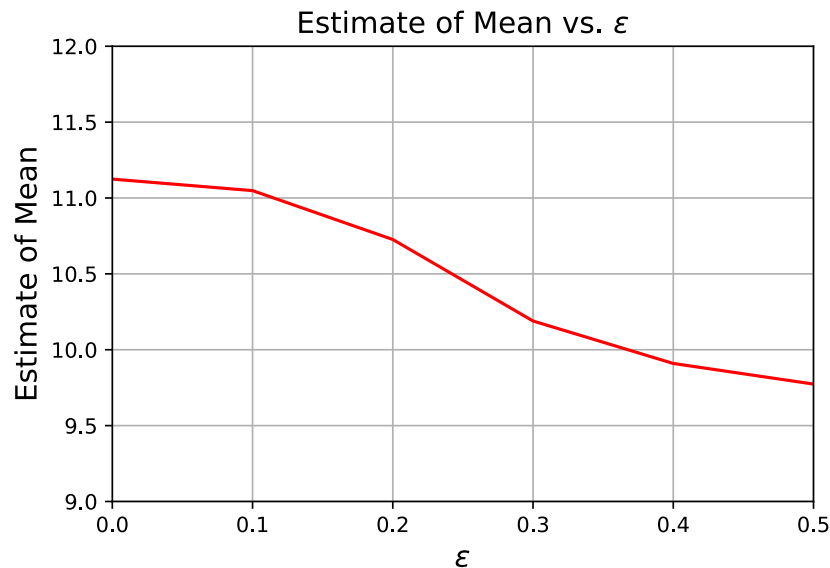
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# Sensitivity to outliers



1. With increasing  $\epsilon$ , the estimate of mean is pulled less strongly by the outlier
2. The error bar grows more significantly: the GVM treats internal incompatibility as an additional source of uncertainty

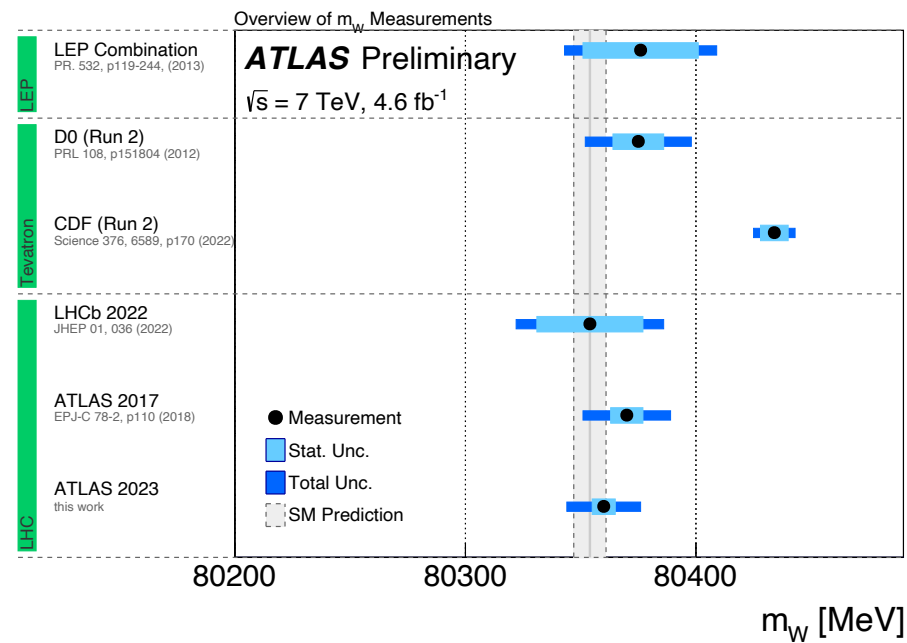


3. The model is sensitive to internal compatibility of the data

# Application: W-mass

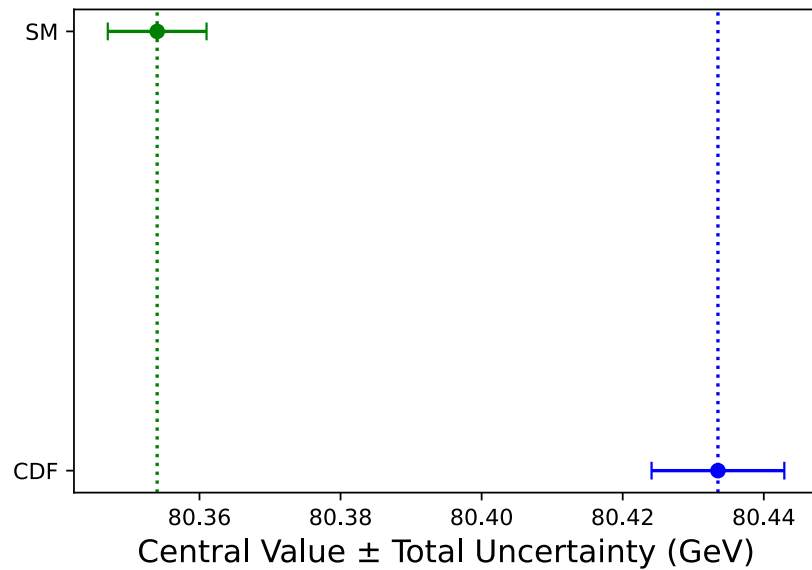


- The W-mass is one of the fundamental parameters of the Standard Model (SM)



- The latest CDF W-mass measurement displayed a significant tension with the other measurements and the SM prediction

# CDF vs SM



*Potentially uncertain!*

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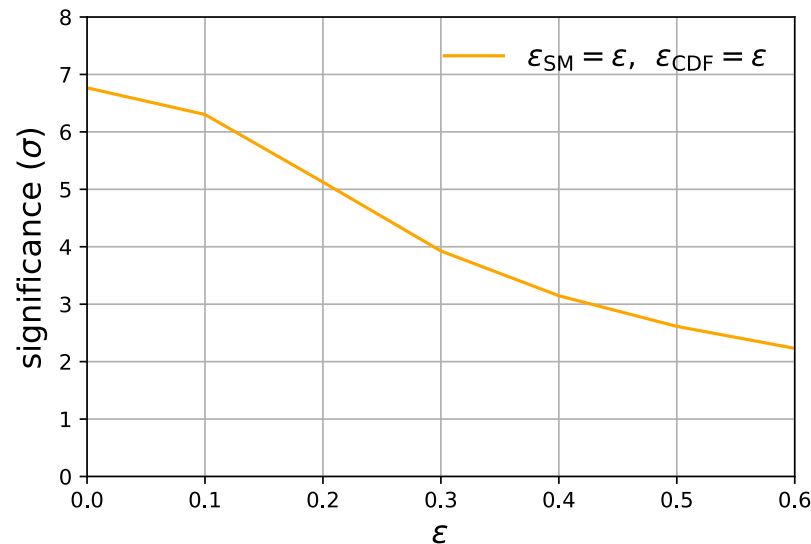
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- CDF has a  $7\sigma$  discrepancy with the SM
- We will associate an error-on-error to the uncertainties in *orange*.

# Significance of discrepancy



1. We assume  $\epsilon_{CDF}$  and  $\epsilon_{SM}$  to be equal to  $\epsilon$  and we plot the significance as a function of  $\epsilon$ .



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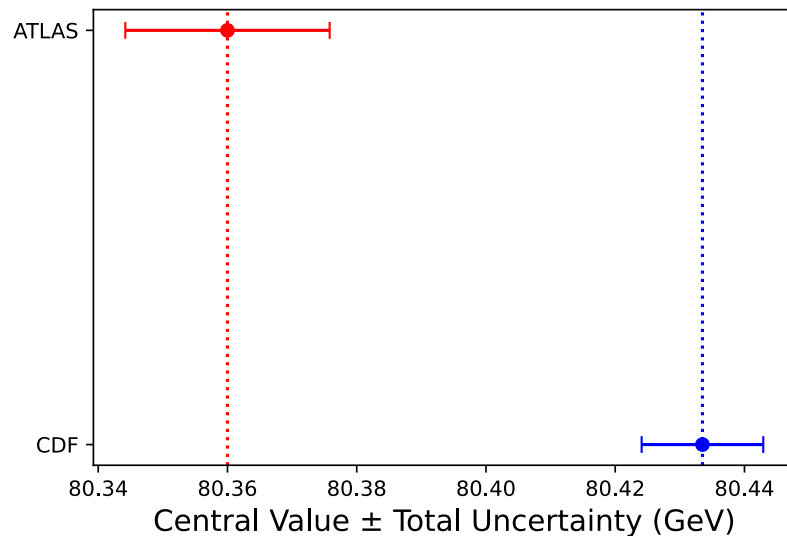
Assign  $\epsilon$  to both

- Errors-on-errors substantially reduce the significance of the discrepancy
- Uncertainties in the assignment of systematics can account for some of the tension between the inputs

# CDF vs Atlas



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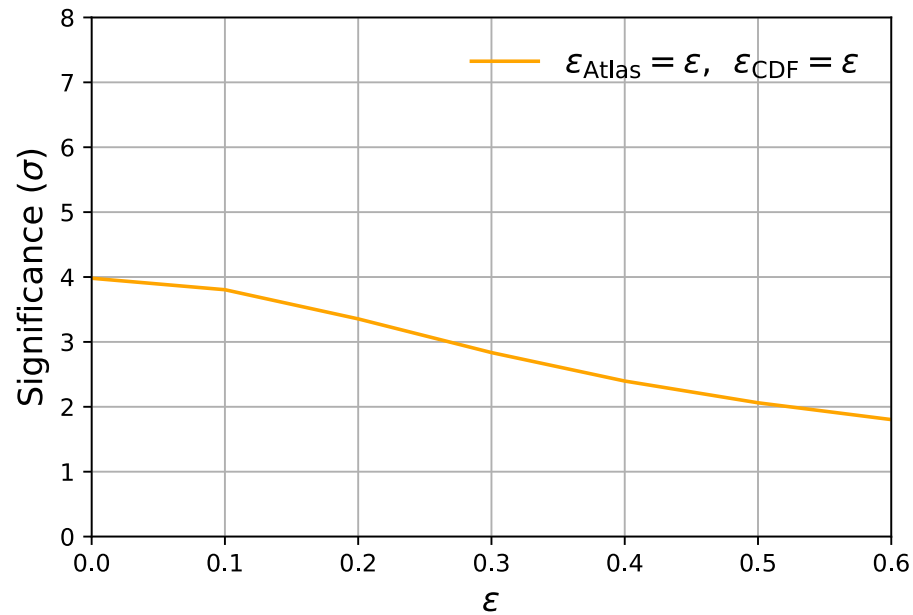
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- CDF and the latest Atlas measurements display a  $4\sigma$  tension, even though they measure the same SM parameter
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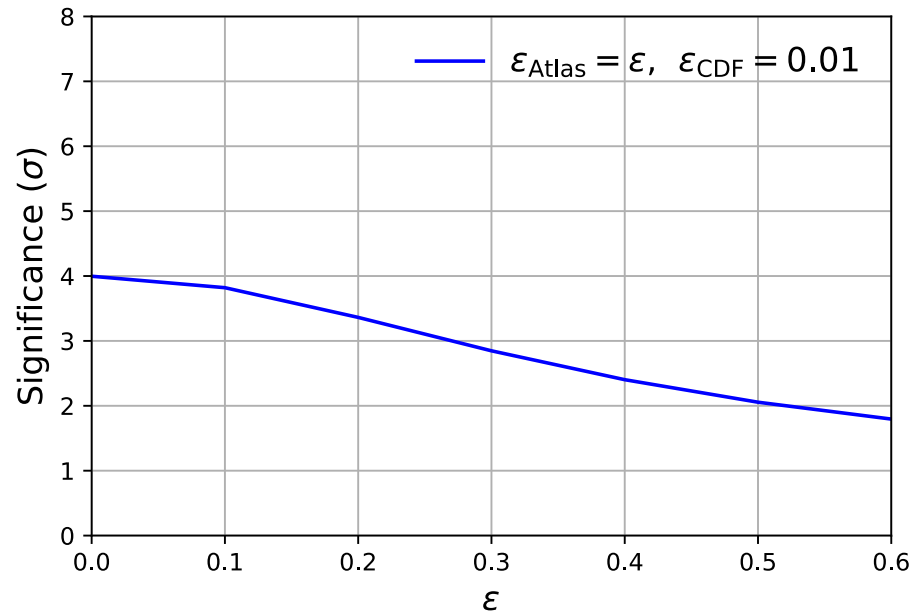
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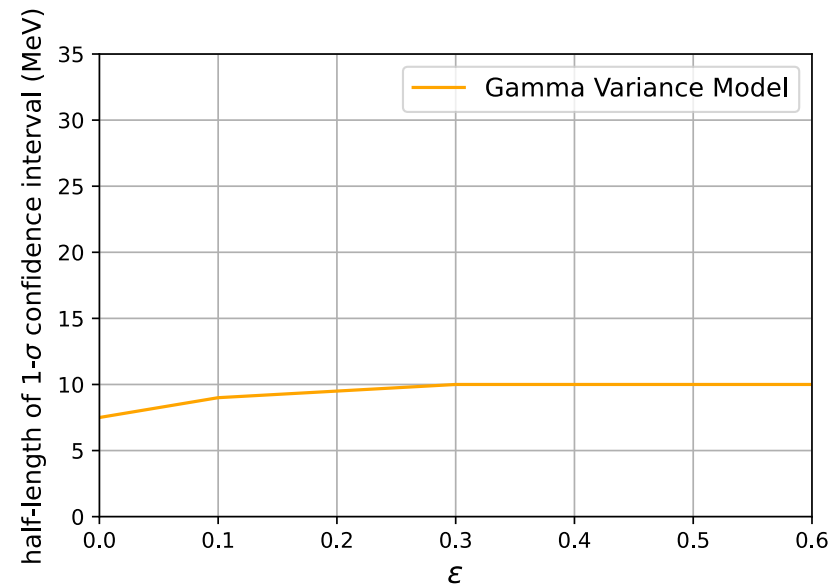
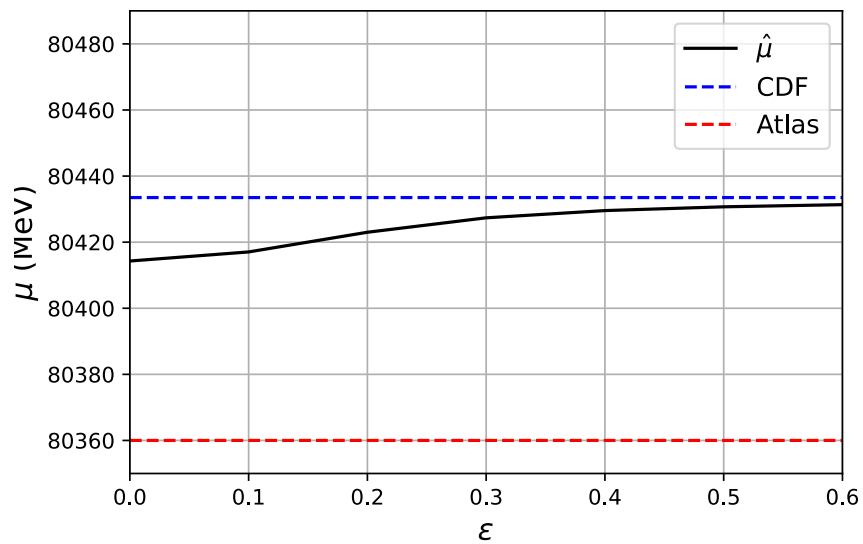
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- Error on the largest uncertainty dominates
- The error on the Atlas systematic uncertainty dominates because it is the one with the largest systematic error

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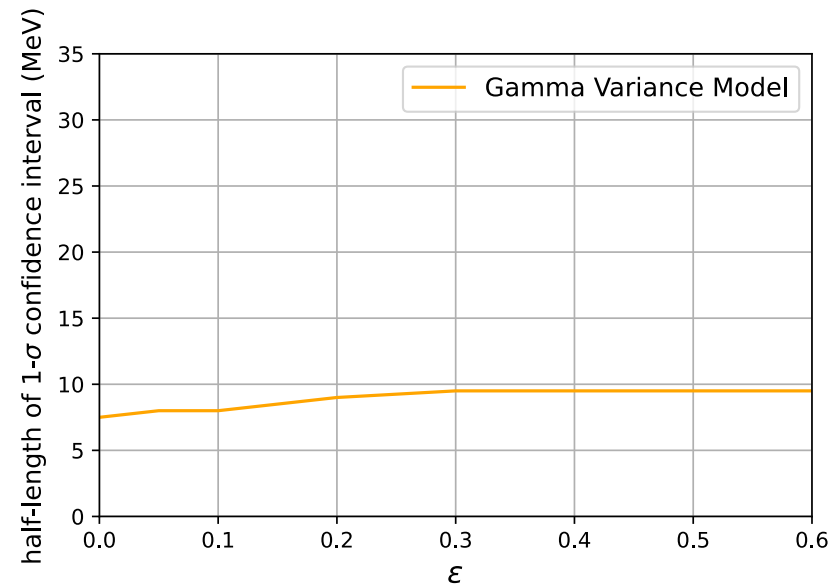
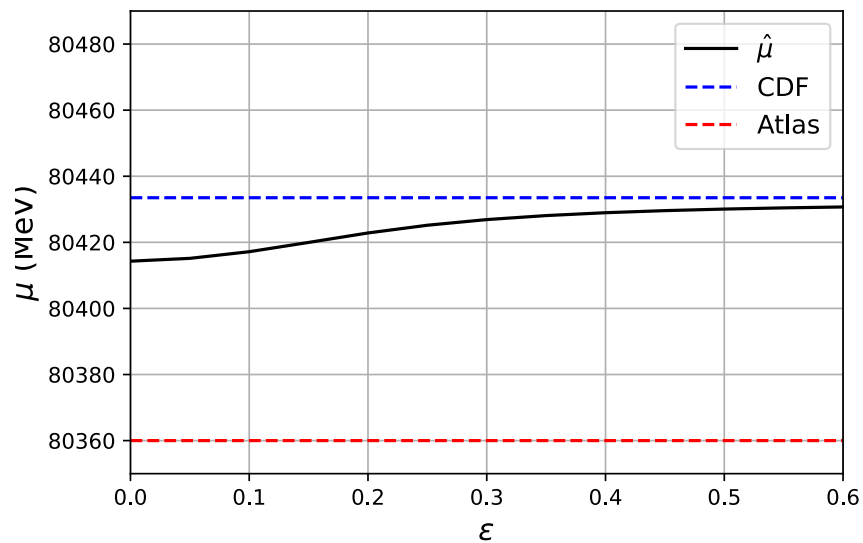
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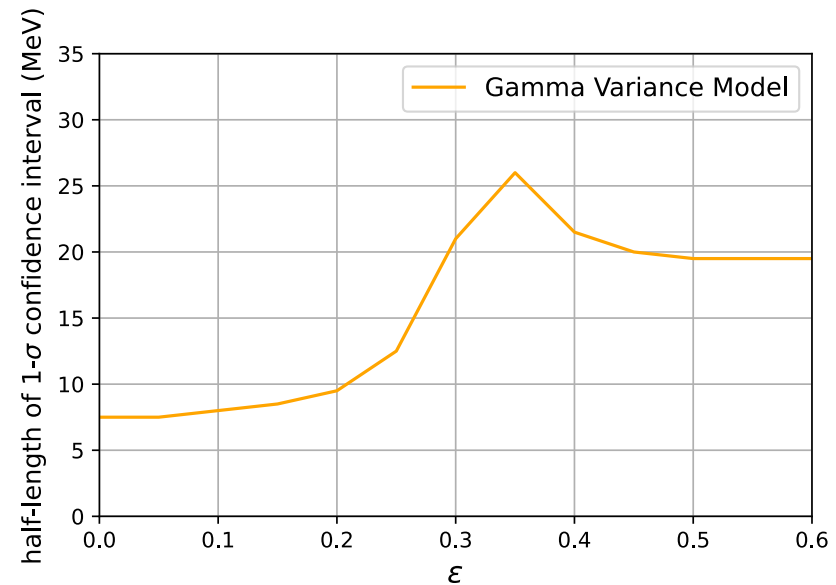
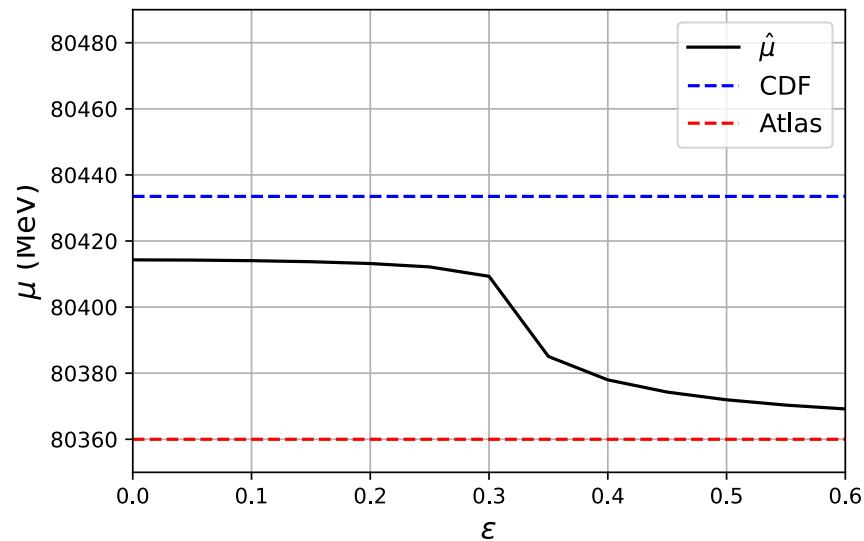


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## 3. $\epsilon_{Atlas} = 0.01$ and $\epsilon_{CDF} = \epsilon$



- This time, for sufficiently large error-on-error ( $\epsilon > 0.3$ ) the GVM treats the CDF measurement as the *outlier* of the dataset.
- To accurately assign errors-on-errors experts knowledge is needed

# Average



- If we want to reduce the significance of discrepancy from  $4\sigma$  to  $2\sigma$  large errors-on-errors are needed ( $\epsilon > 0.5$ )
- This implies a significant inflation of the confidence interval on the estimate of the mean
  - Examples 1&2:  $8\text{MeV} \rightarrow 10\text{MeV}$
  - Example 3:  $8\text{MeV} \rightarrow 20\text{MeV}$
- **The knowledge we claim to have on the W-mass can be significantly impacted by uncertainties on systematics.**



- How can confidence intervals be computed with the Gamma Variance Model?
- The GVM was found to deviate from the asymptotic limit when the errors-on-errors parameters  $\varepsilon_i$  are different from 0.
- Higher-order asymptotics provide an elegant solution.

# Calculation of the confidence intervals



- The likelihood function can be used to construct the profile likelihood ratio test statistic:

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**SOLUTIONS:**

- Use MC: Very long
- Use Asymptotic limit

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We will apply these corrections to the errors-on-errors model. But they can be a very useful tool in any analysis where the asymptotic distributions are a poor approximation, e.g., small data sample.

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\*The expectation value can be computed at order  $\mathcal{O}(n^{-1})$  using a result by Lawley (*Biometrika*, Vol. 43, Issue 3-4, (1956) 295-303)



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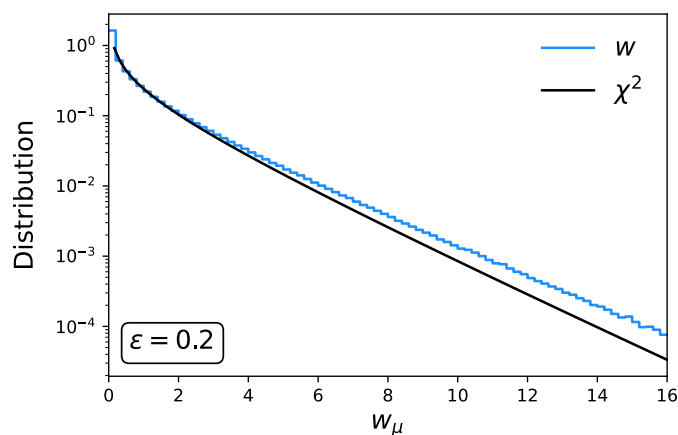


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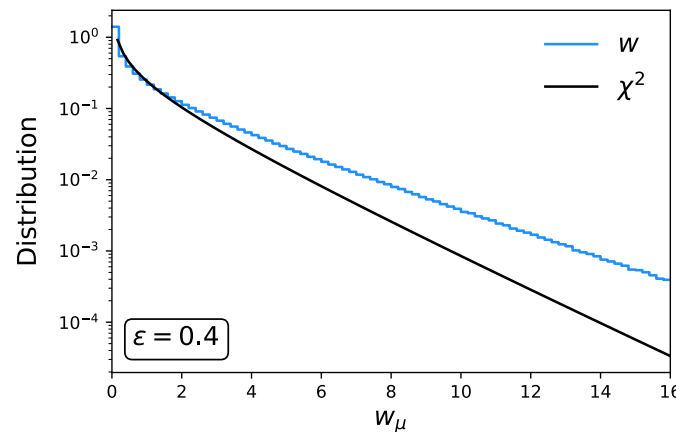
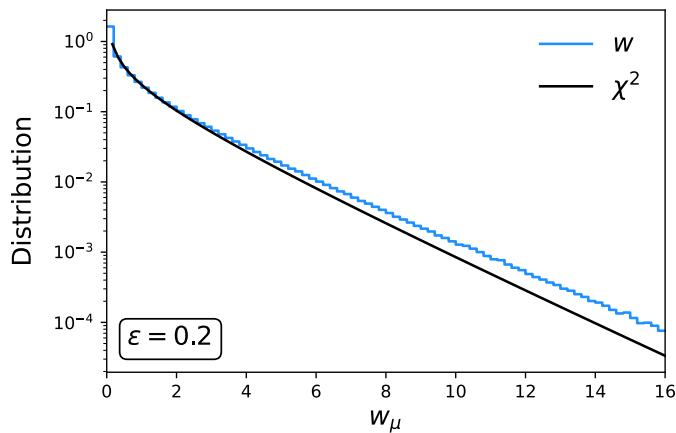


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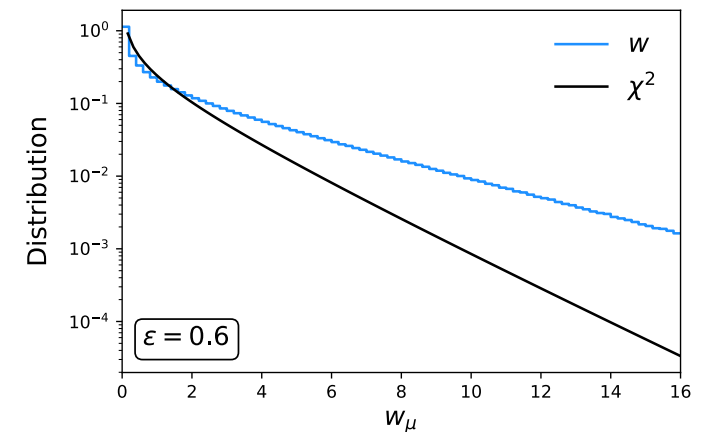
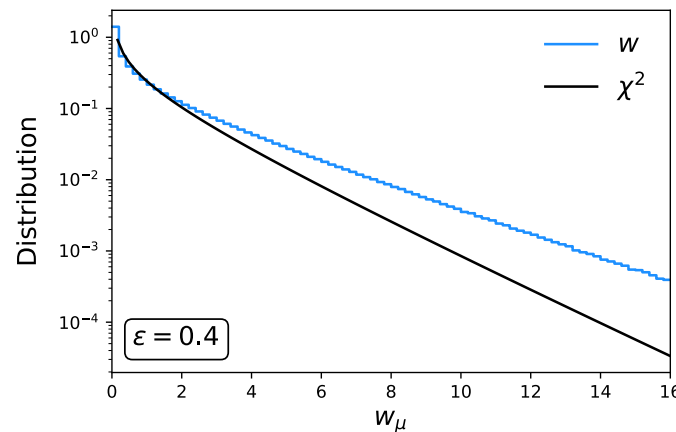
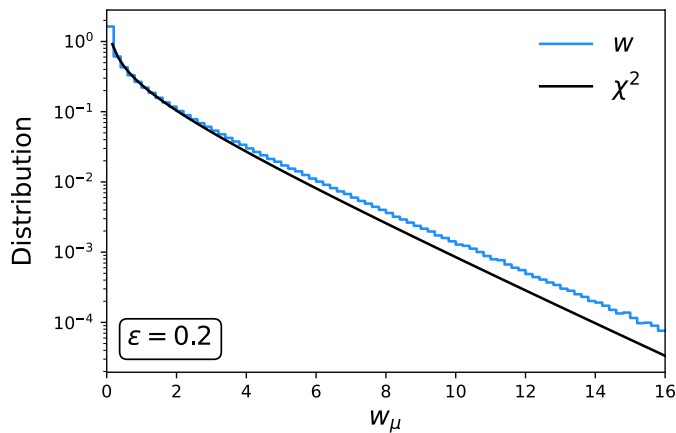


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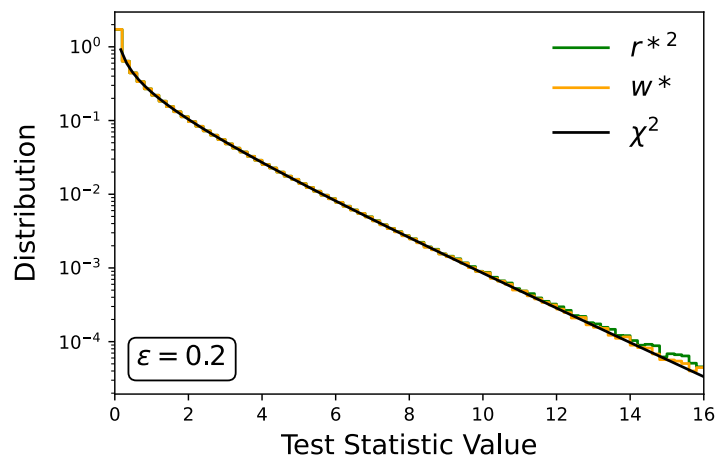
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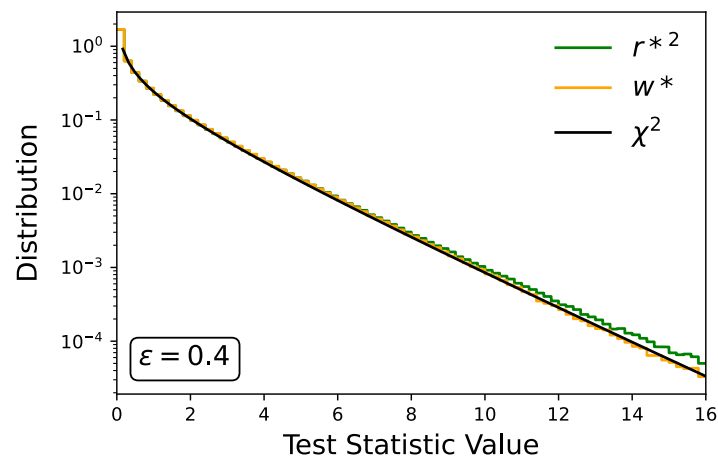
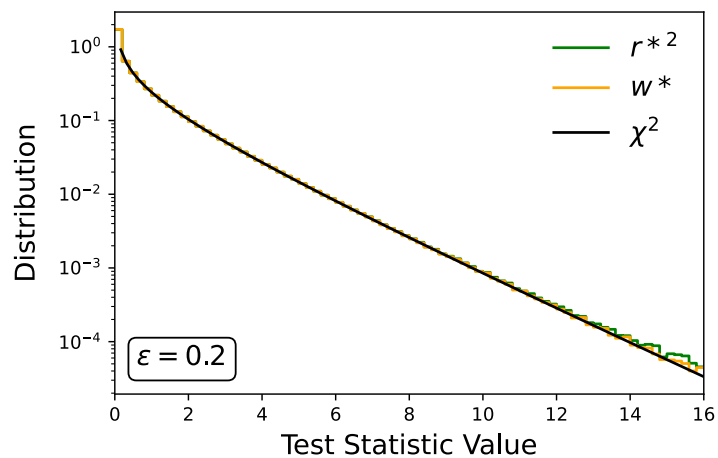
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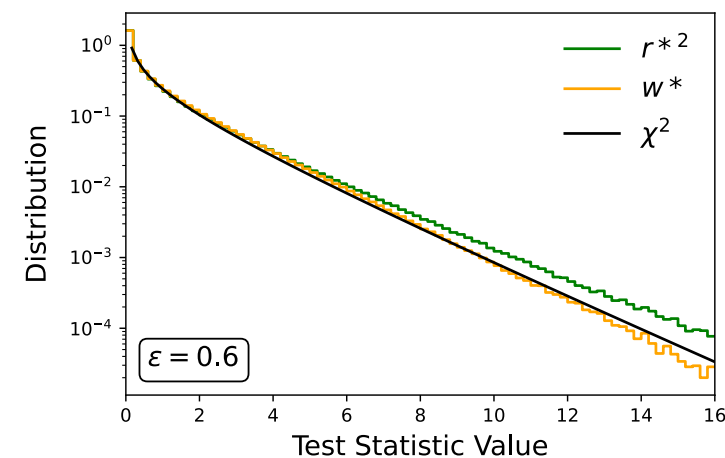
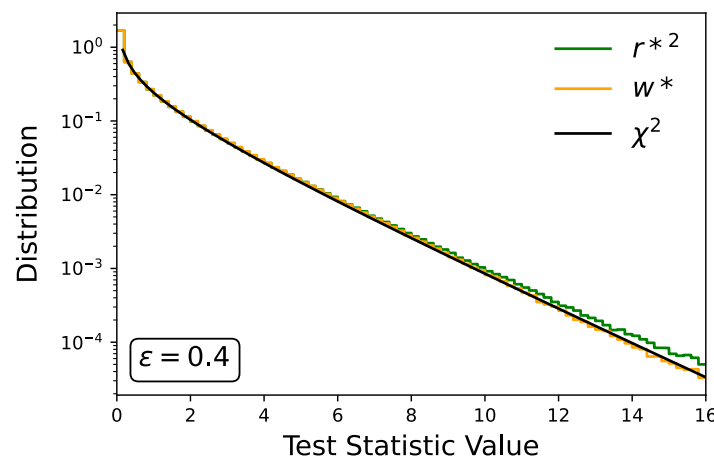
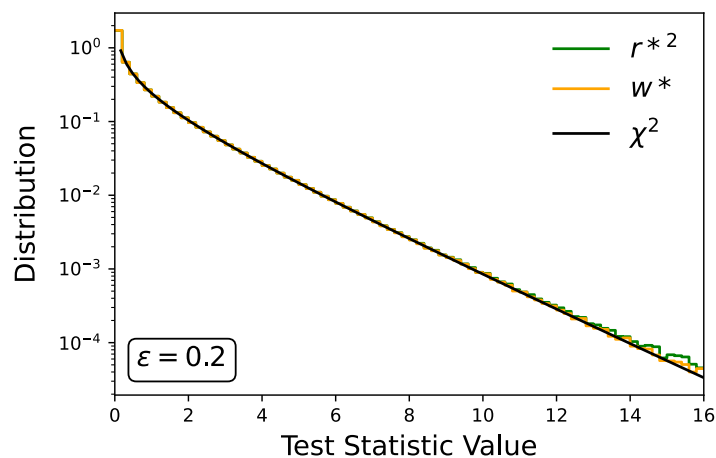
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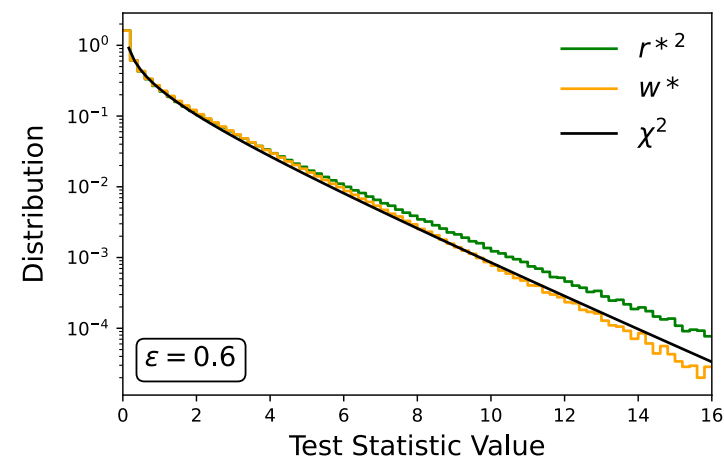
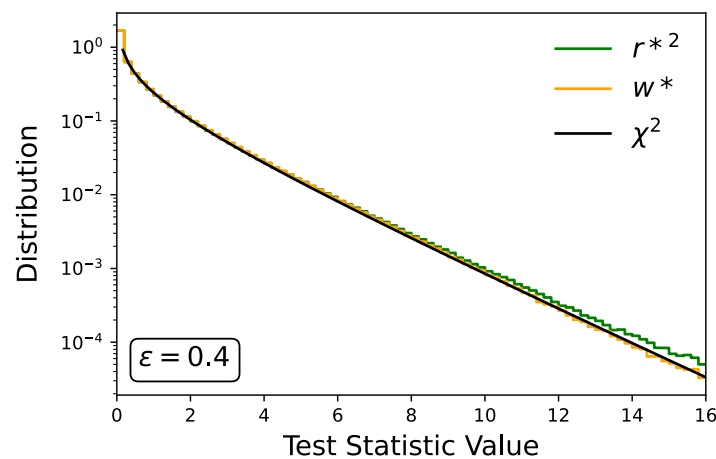
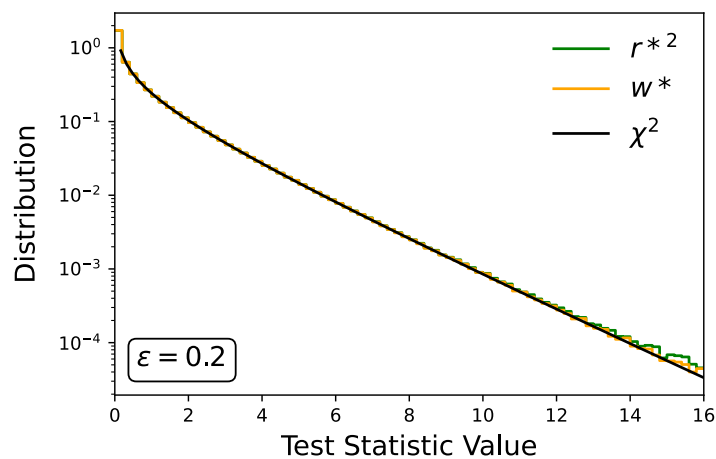
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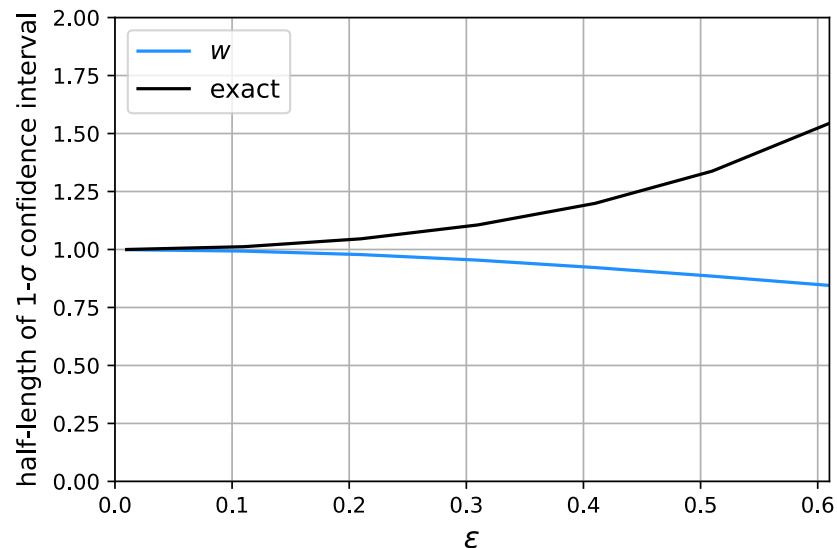
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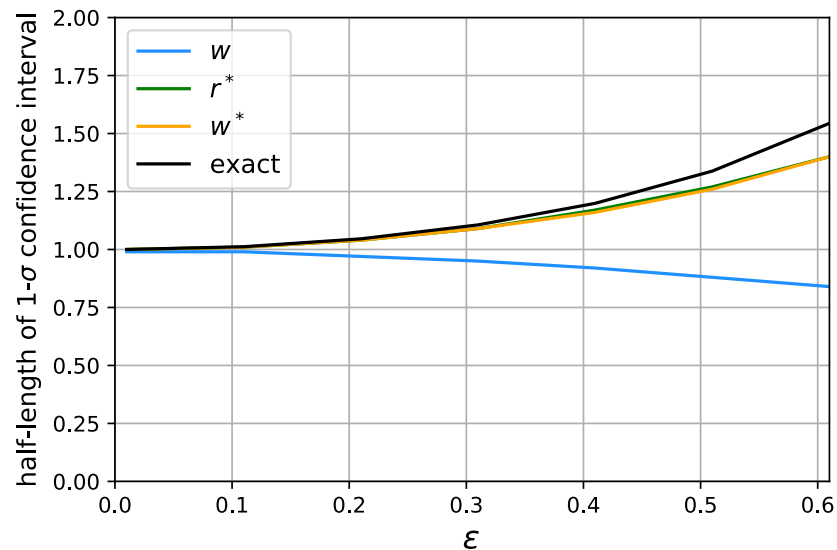
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- We just published a paper on the arXiv ([arXiv:2304.10574](https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.10574)) where higher order asymptotics are applied to more types of errors-on-errors models
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- Averages using the full GVM.
- Correct goodness-of-fit statistics

# Conclusions



- Including errors-on-errors has non-trivial consequences:
  - The model is sensitive to internal compatibility of the data
  - If data are internally compatible results are only slightly modified
  - If data are incompatible errors-on-errors modify both central values and confidence intervals in a non-linear way.
- The GVM deviates from asymptotic limit: higher-order asymptotics provide an elegant method to avoid (or reduce) the use of MC.



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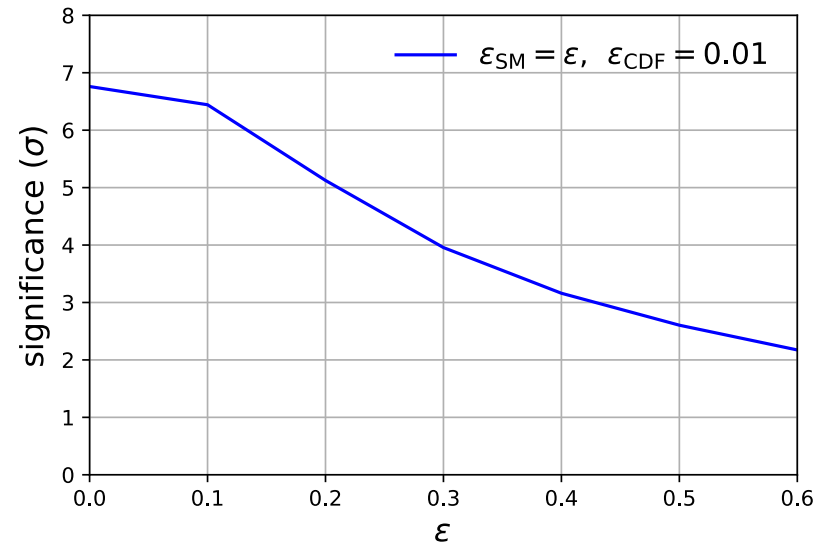
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# Back-up slides

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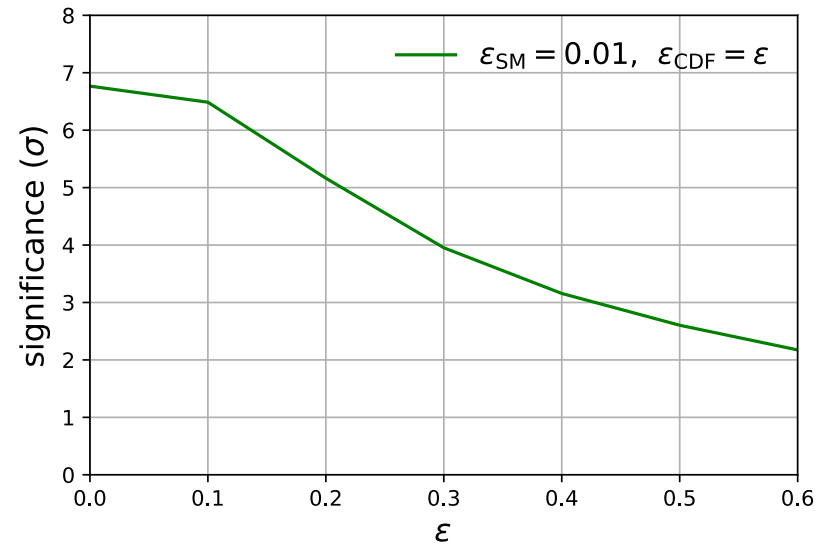
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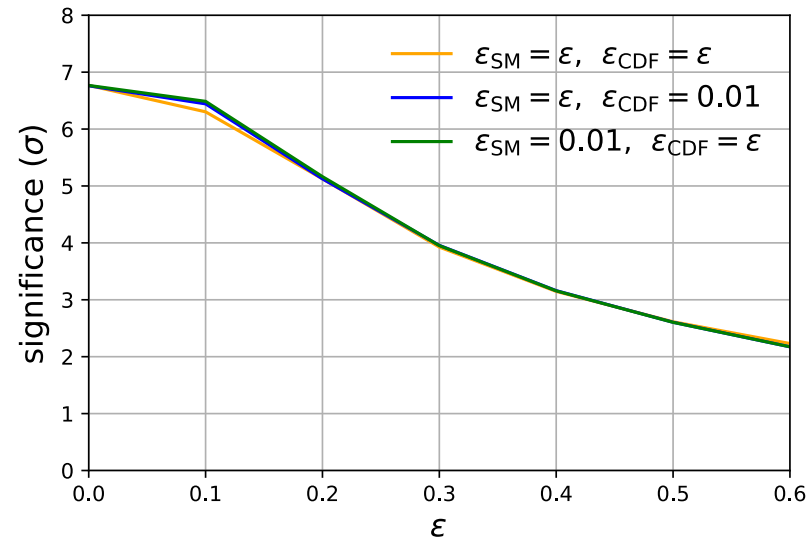
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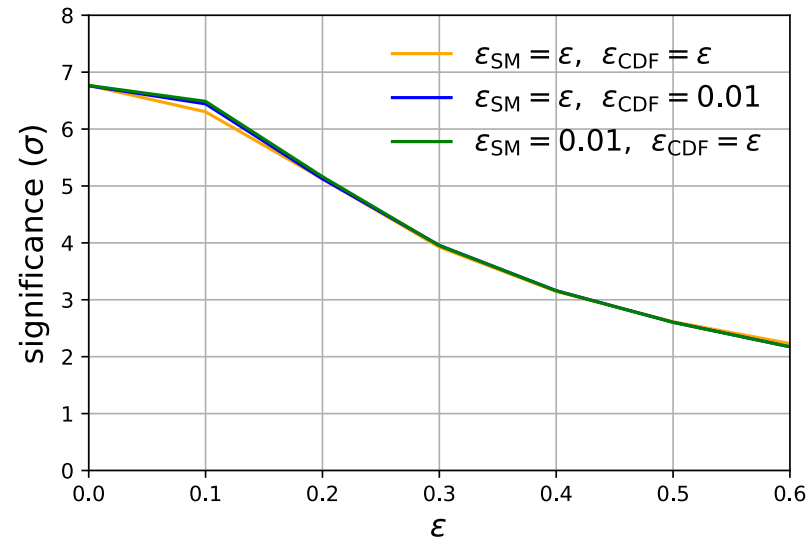
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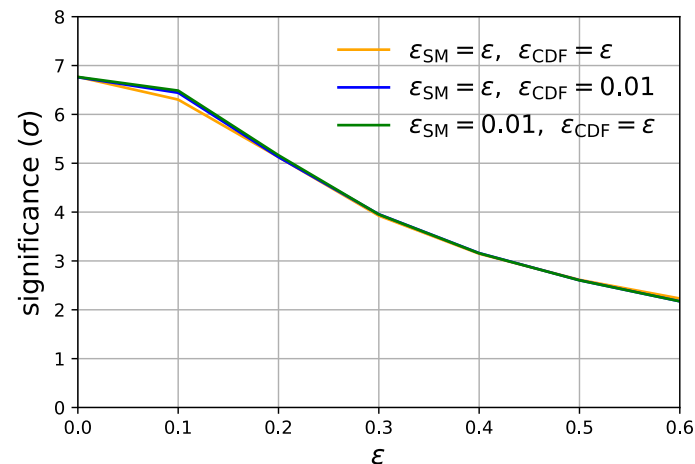
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2. Second example:  $\epsilon_{CDF} = 0.01$ ,  $\epsilon_{SM} = \epsilon$

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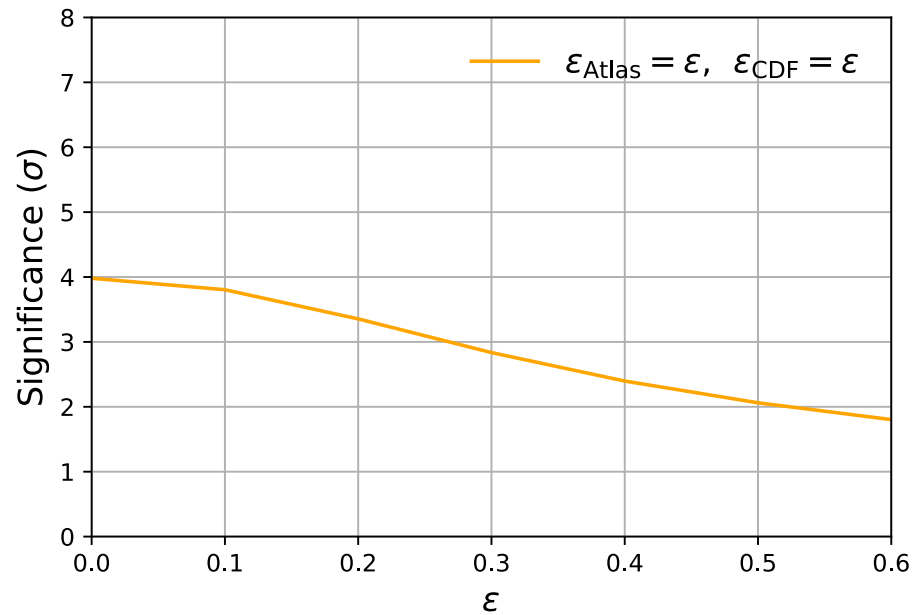
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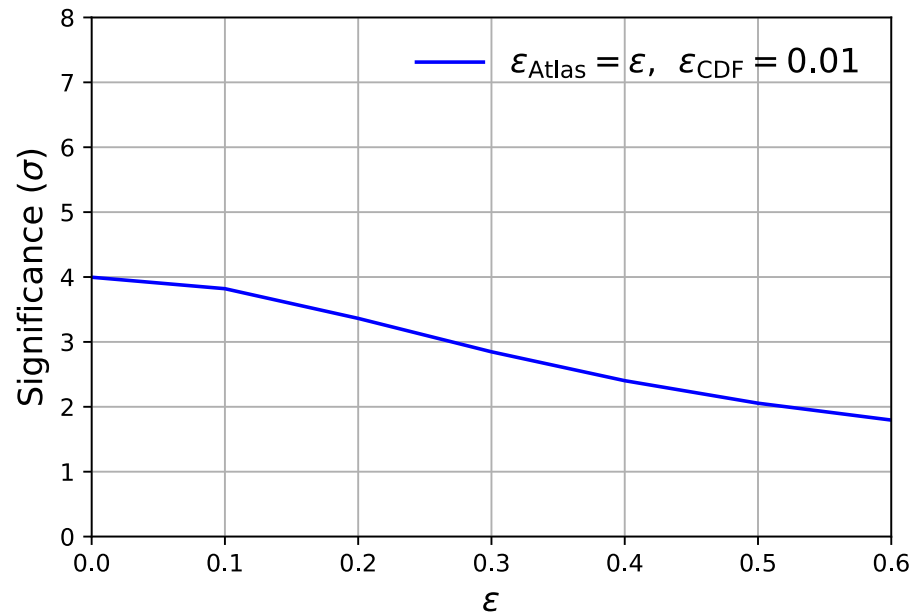
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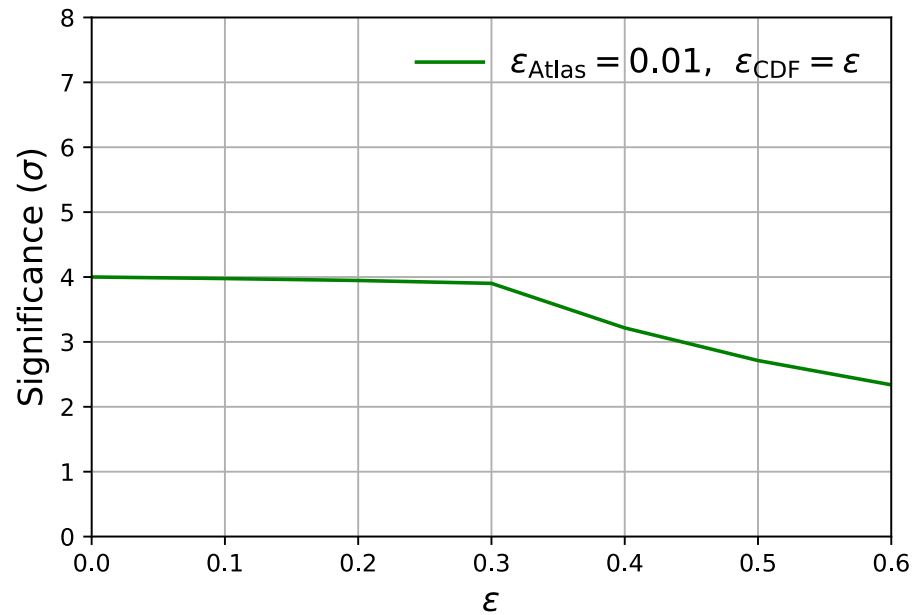
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- Error-on-error on the largest uncertainty dominates
- The error-on-error on the Atlas systematic uncertainty dominates because it is the one with the largest systematic error

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- If we set  $\epsilon_{Atlas} = 0.01$  we can now see the effects of the uncertainty on CDF uncertainty

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- If we integrate the  $p^*$  approximation for density function of  $\hat{\mu}$ :

$$f(\hat{\mu}) = p^*(\hat{\mu}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} j e^{-w/2} + \mathcal{O}(n^{-3/2})$$

- We find:

$$F(r) = \Phi(r) + \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{q}\right)\phi(r)$$

- With  $q = \left(\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \hat{\mu}}(\hat{\mu}) - \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \hat{\mu}}(\mu)\right) \sqrt{j(\hat{\mu})}$

# $p^*$ Approximation



- Or equivalently we can define

$$r^* = r + \frac{1}{r} \log\left(\frac{q}{r}\right)$$

- Distributed as:

$$f(r^*) = \mathcal{N}(0,1) + \mathcal{O}(n^{-3/2})$$

- Therefore  $r^*$  is  $\chi^2$

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- $(n - 1)v_i/\sigma_{u_i}^2$  follows a  $\chi_{n-1}^2$  distribution and  $v_i$  a Gamma distribution with:

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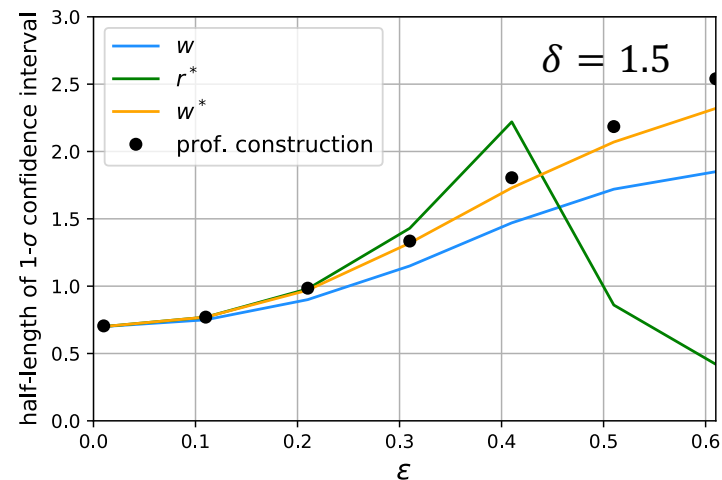
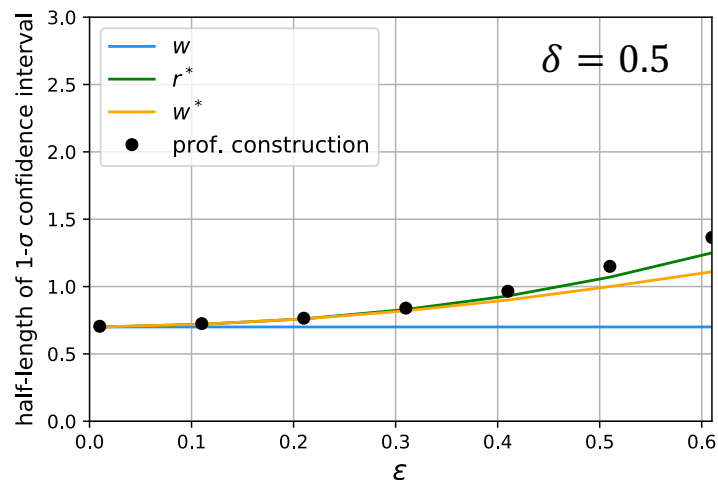
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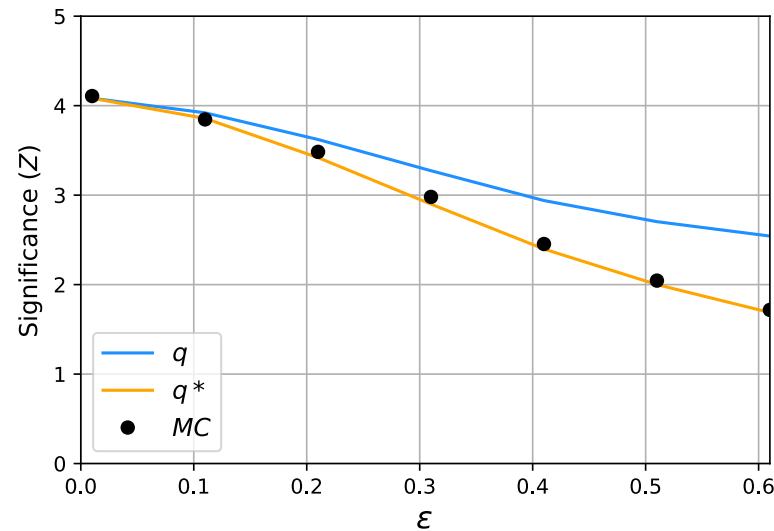
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- $q^*$  is the Bartlett-corrected version of  $q$ :

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- $E[q]$  was computed analytically at order  $\varepsilon^2$  using the Lawley formula
- The Lawley formula was used defining  $q$  as the likelihood ratio of the saturated model

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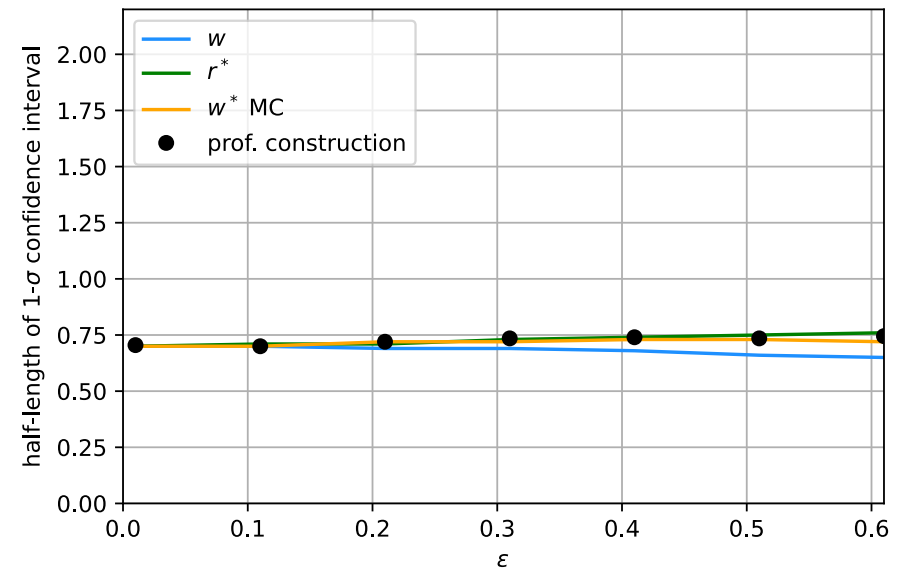
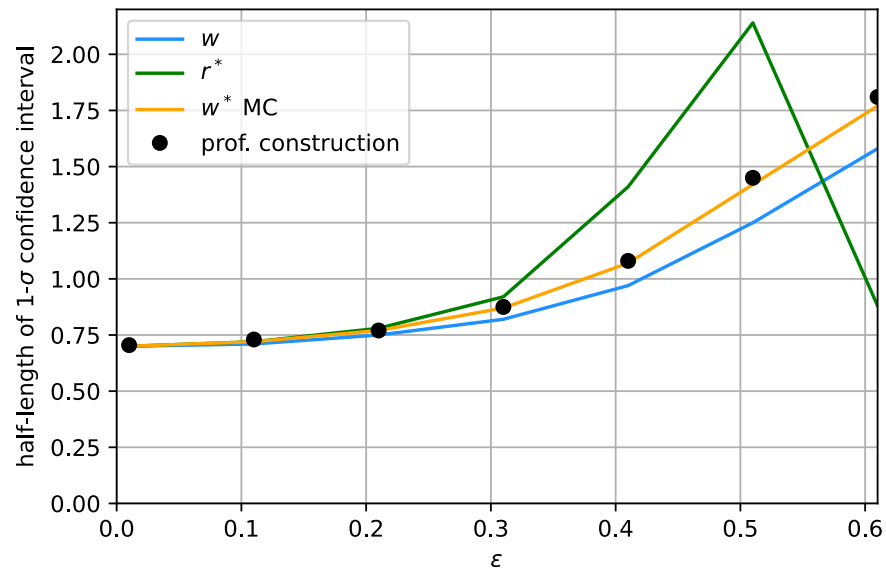


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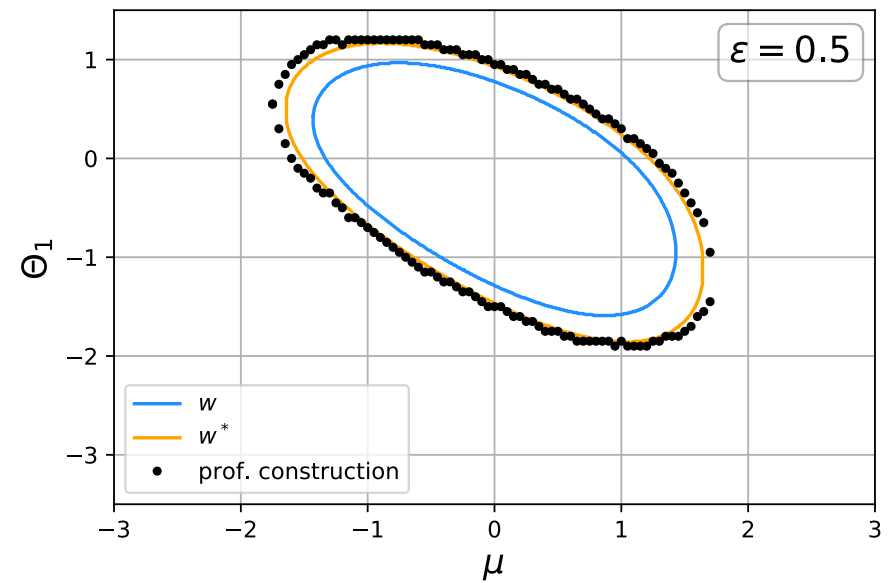
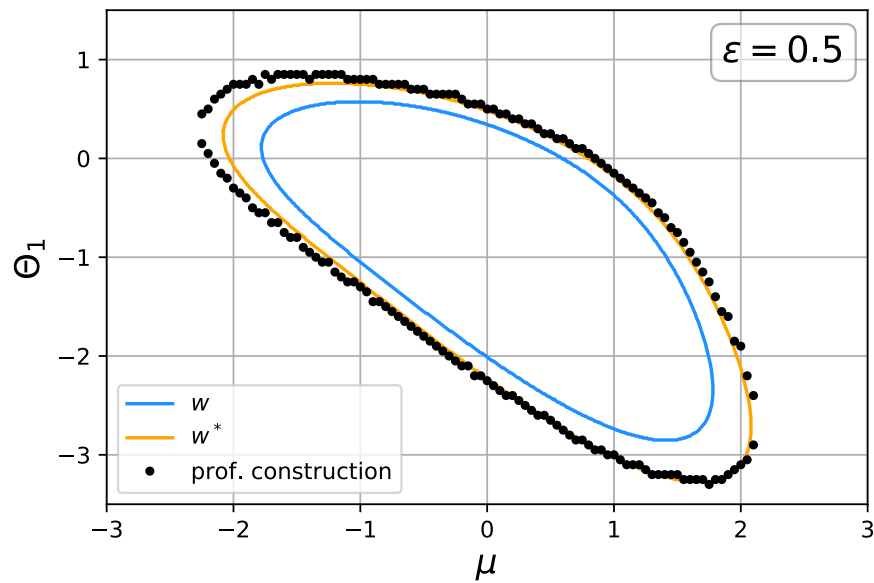


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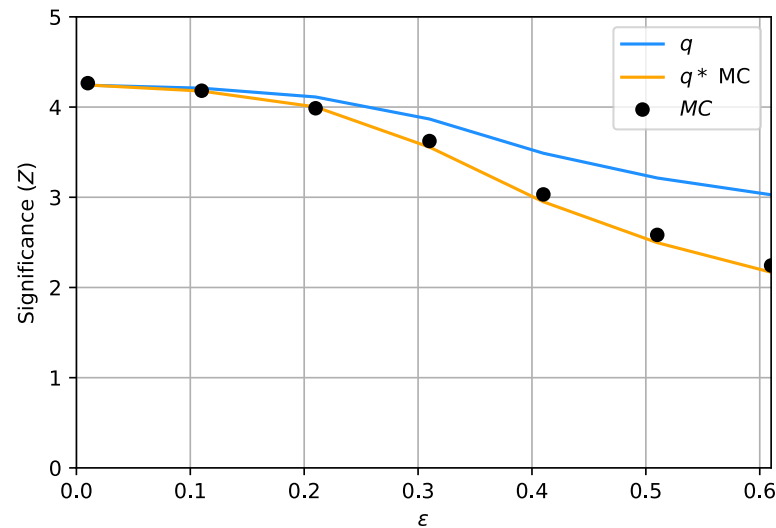
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