

# Statistically Learning the Next SM **from LHC data**

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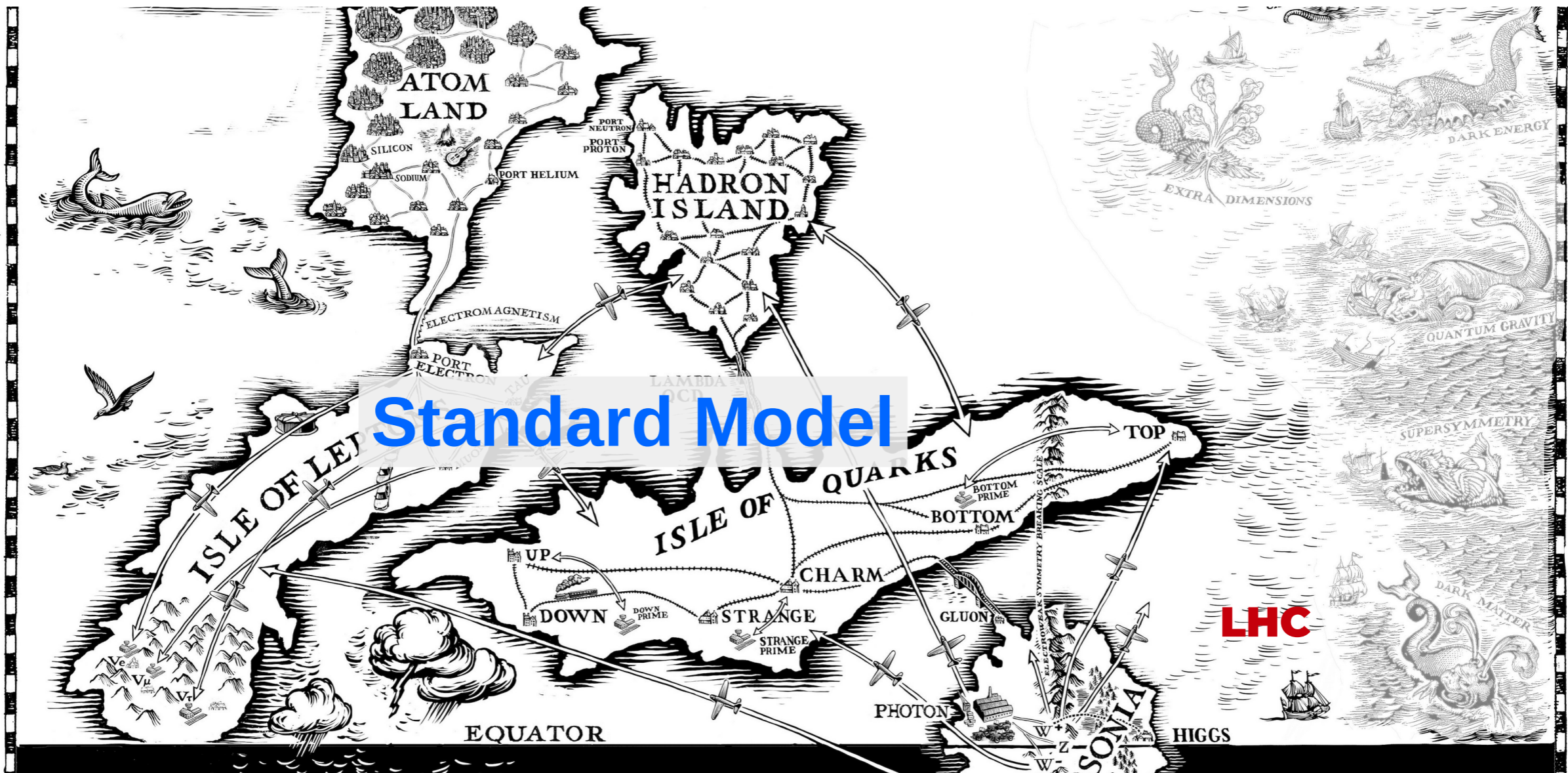
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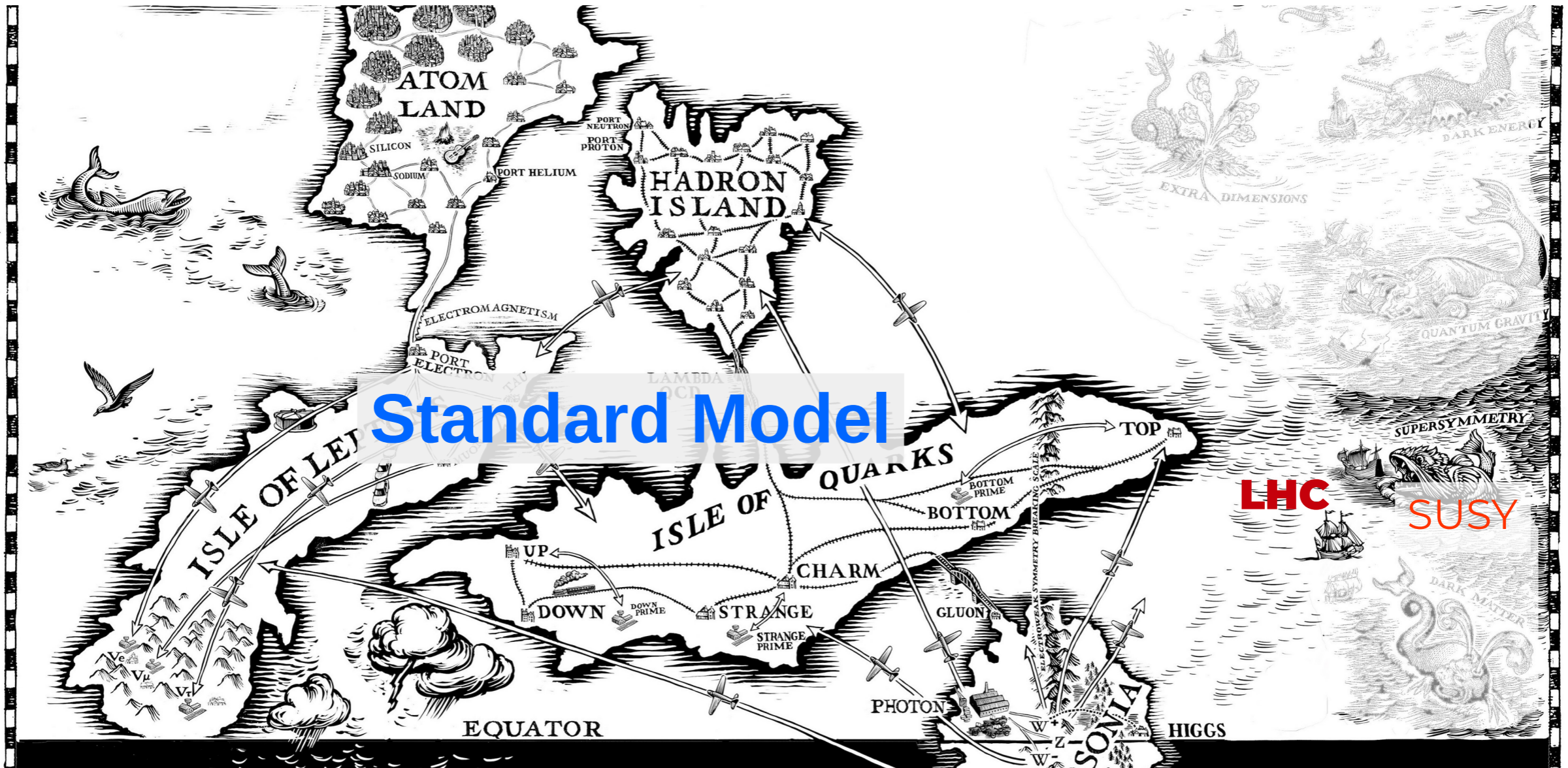


Adapted from J. Butterworth's talk @ LPSC



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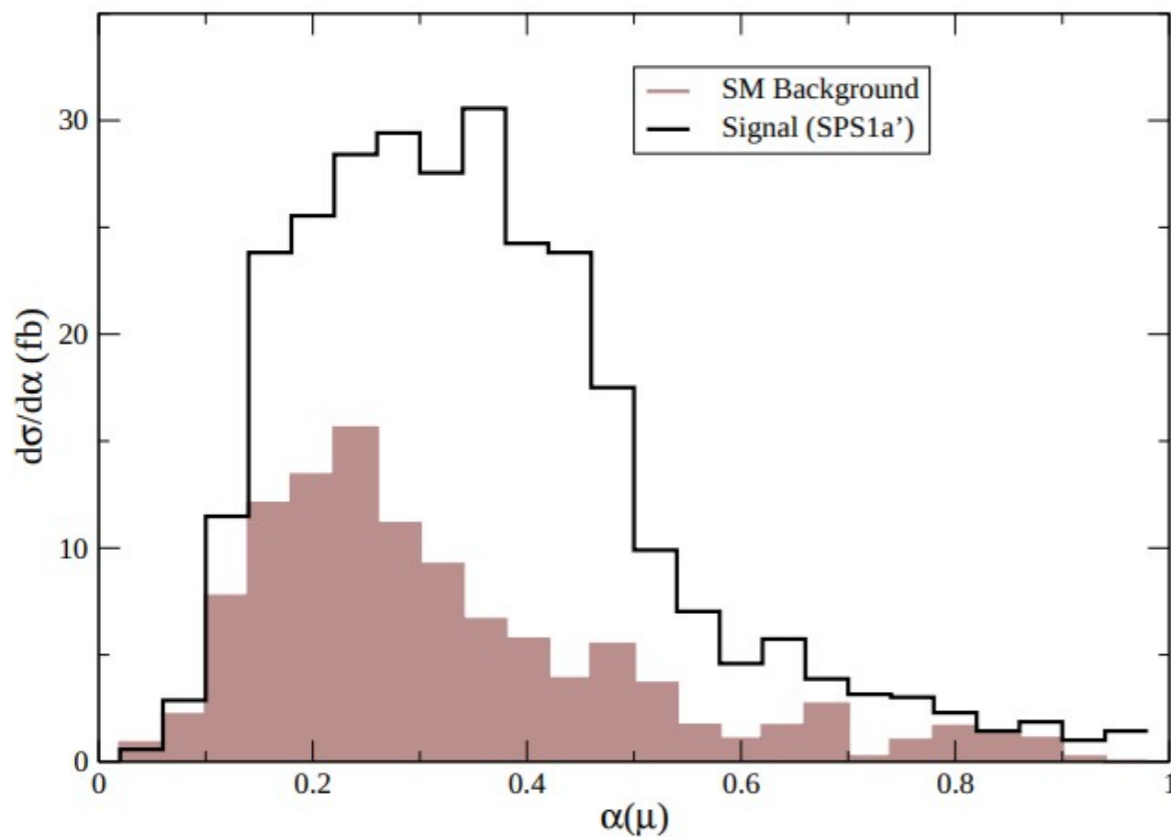
- Previous to LHC data, there was a strong bias in some of the HEP community:



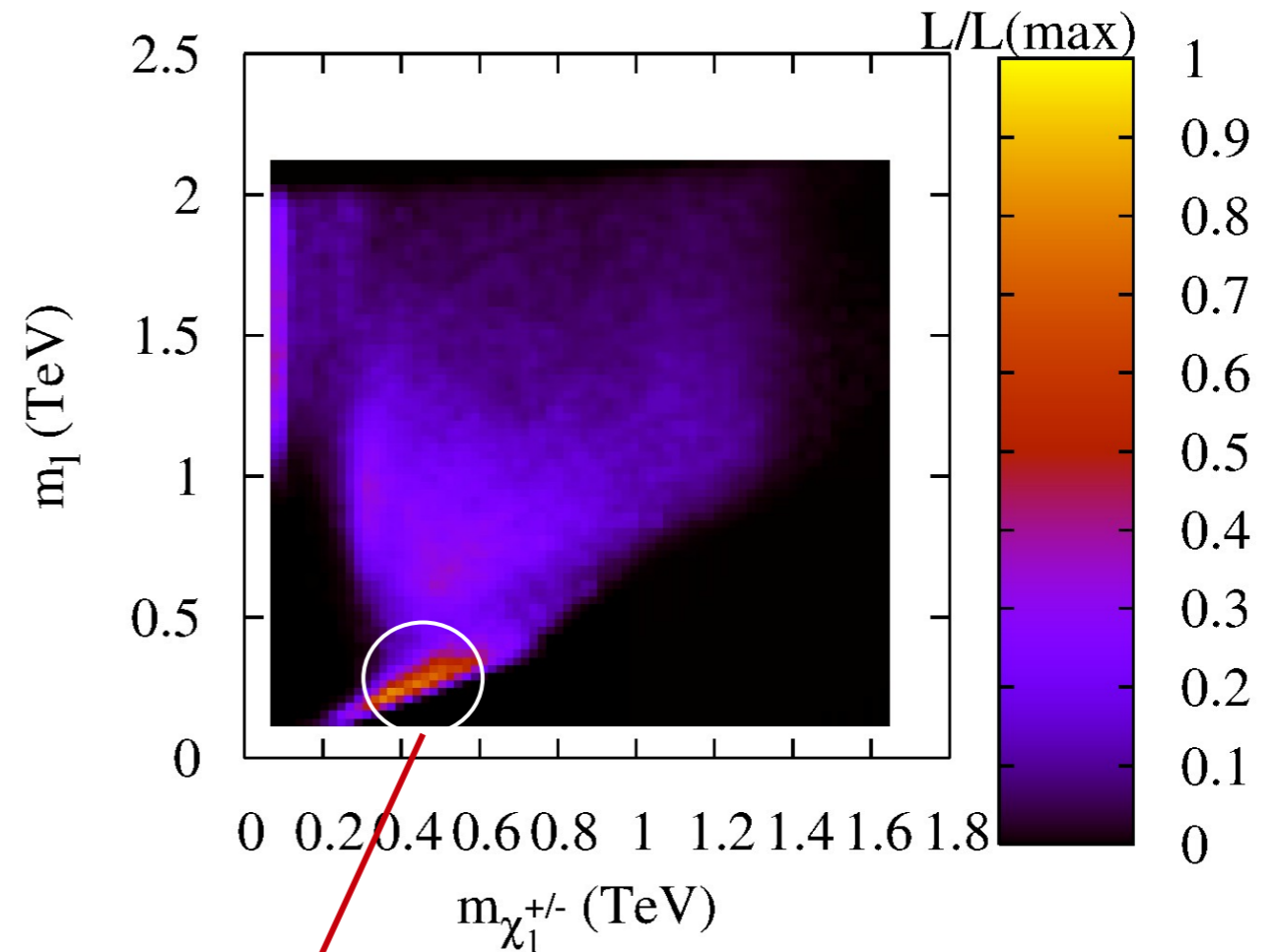
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- It was expected that new physics would quickly emerge from LHC data

*H. Baer, AL, H. Summy, Phys.Lett.B 674 (2009)*



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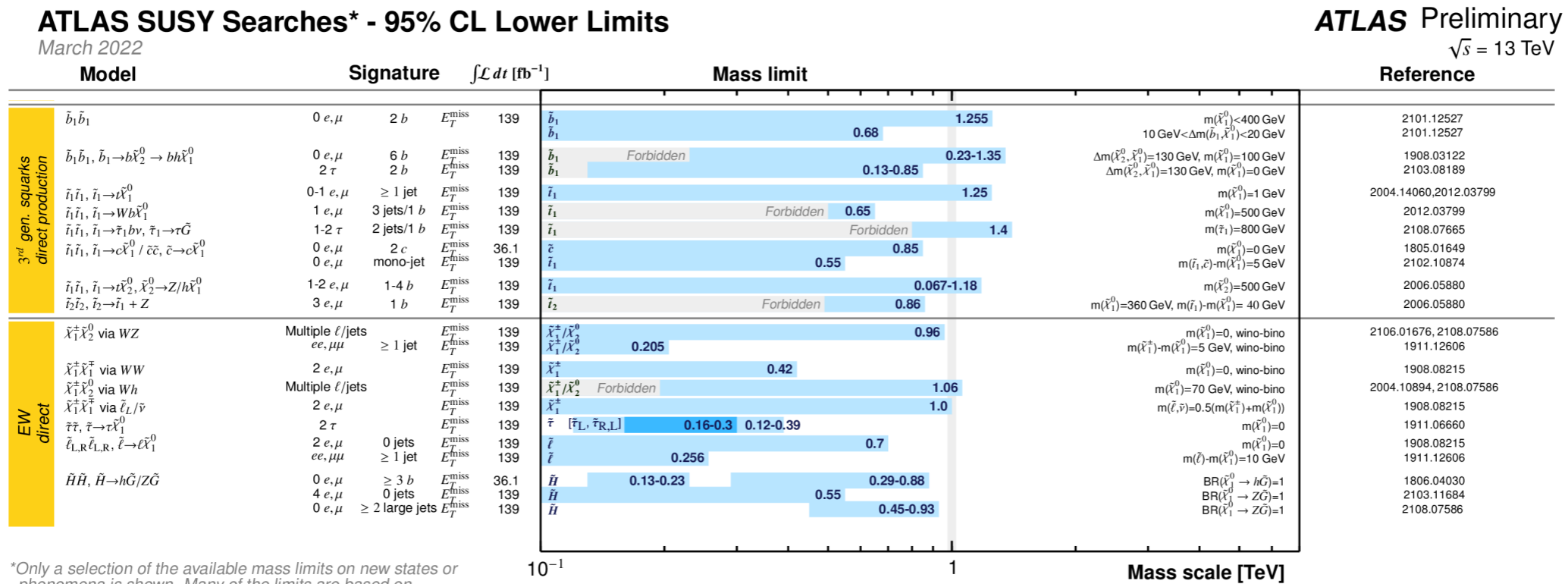


BSM masses  $\sim$  300-500 GeV



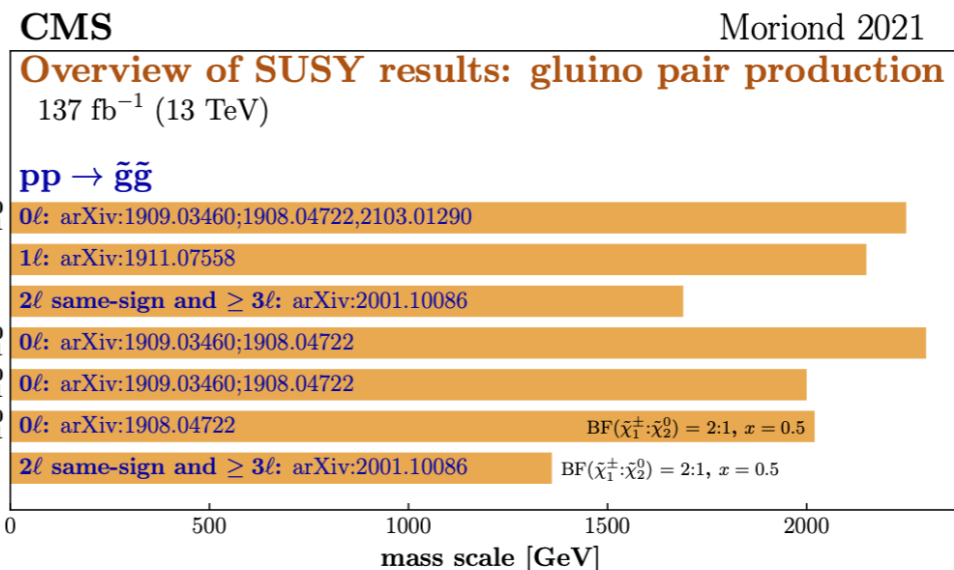
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- After a decade of data taking...



No clear evidence of new physics

Many caveats!



Selection of observed limits at 95% C.L. (theory uncertainties are not included). Probe up to the quoted mass limit for light LSPs unless stated otherwise. The quantities  $\Delta M$  and  $x$  represent the absolute mass difference between the primary sparticle and the LSP, and the difference between the intermediate sparticle and the LSP relative to  $\Delta M$ , respectively, unless indicated otherwise.

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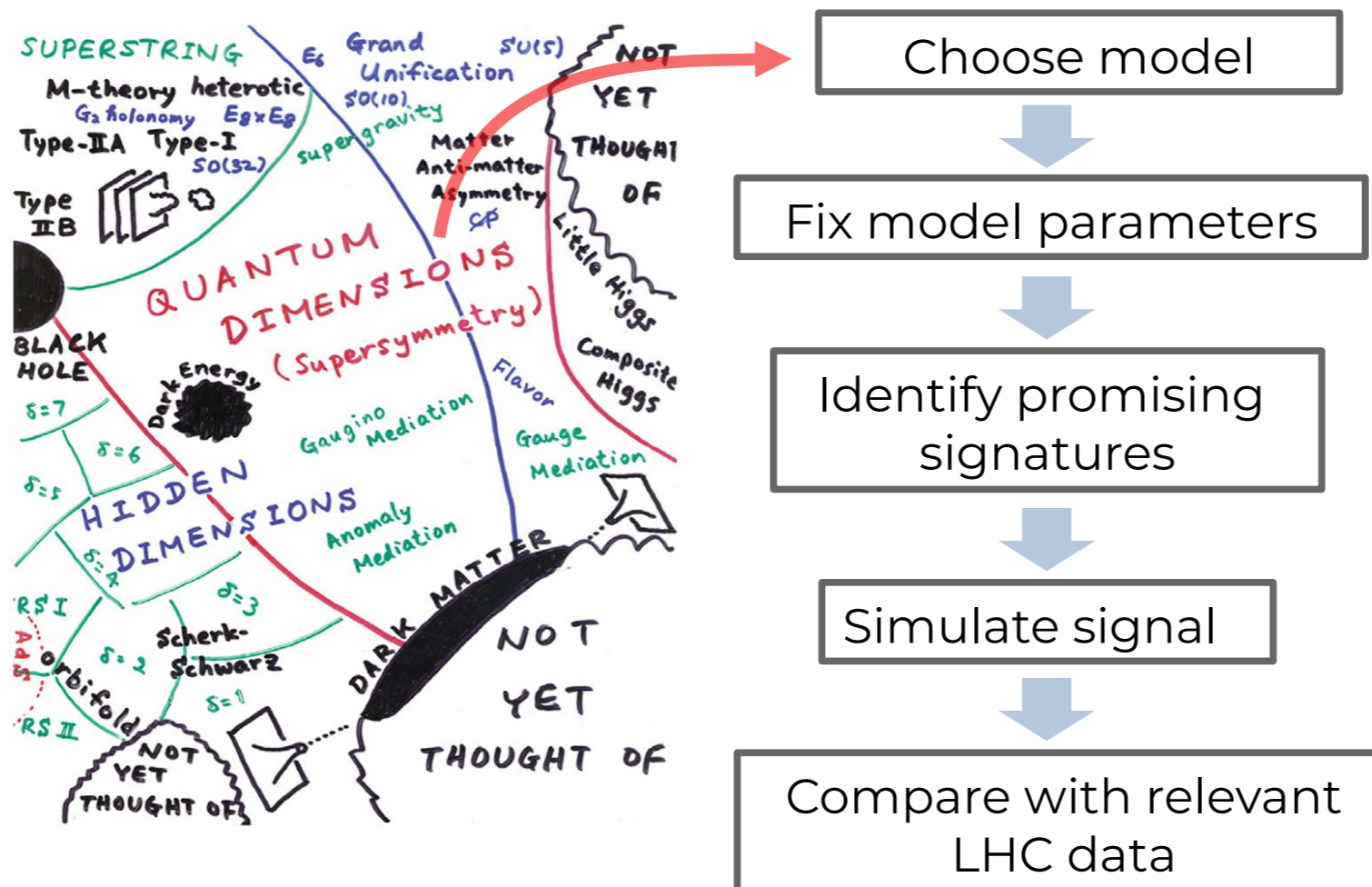
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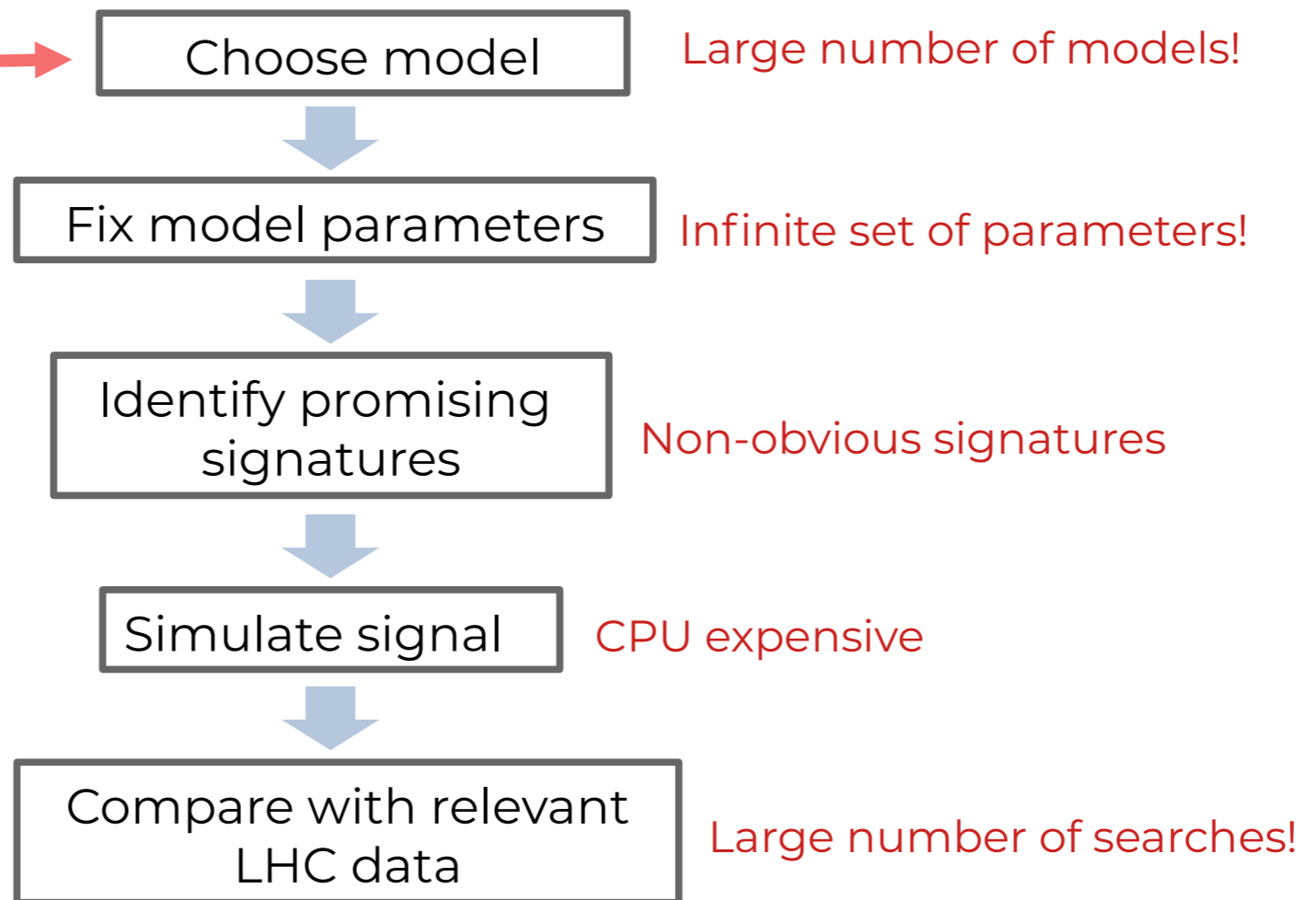
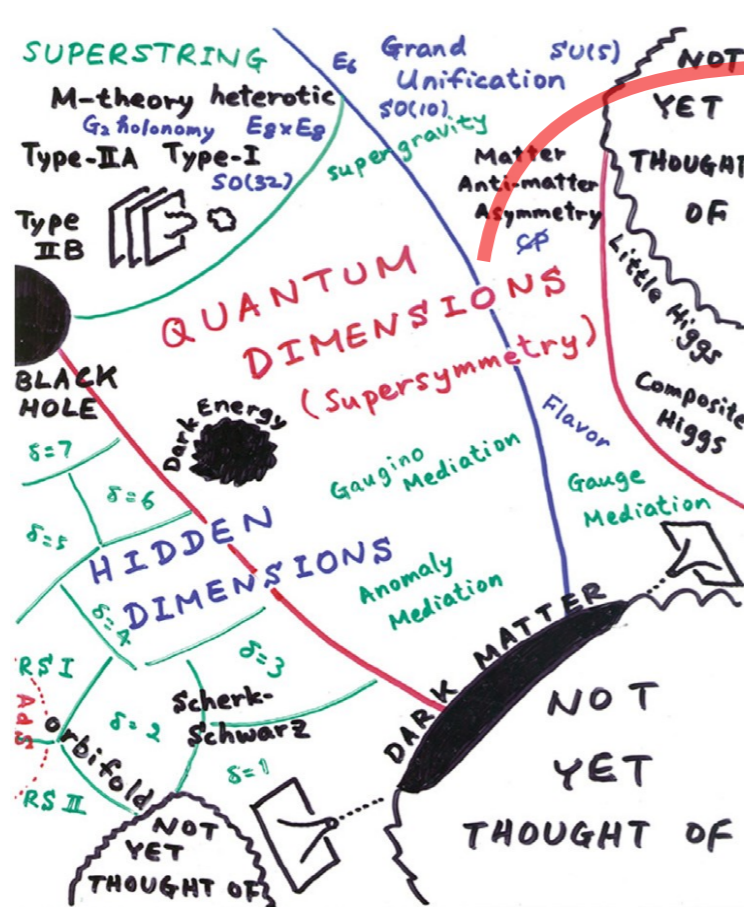


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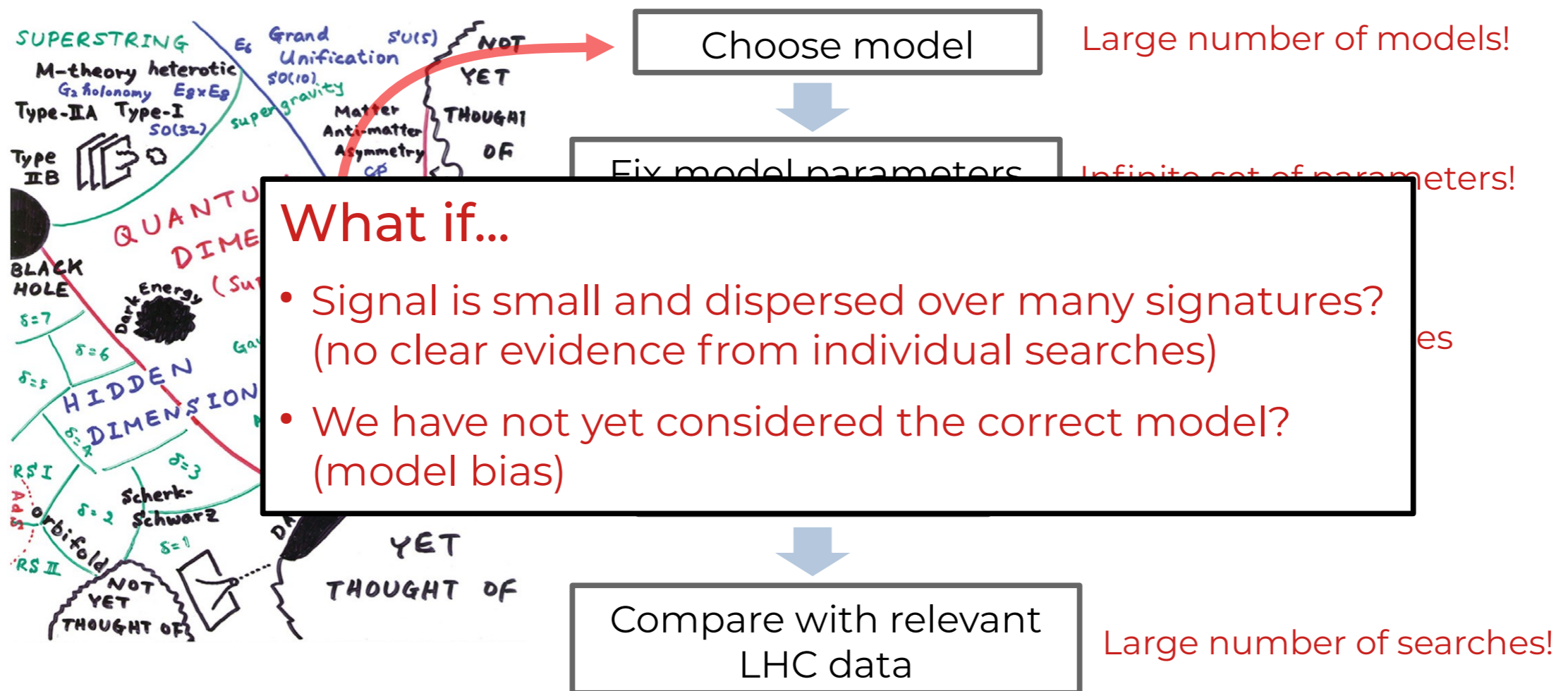
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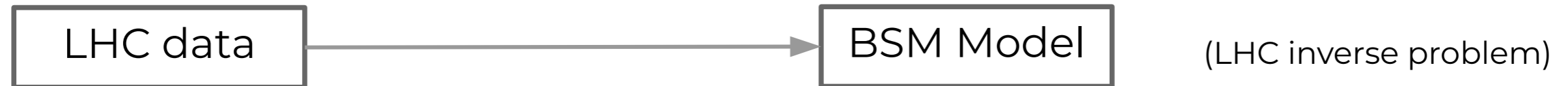
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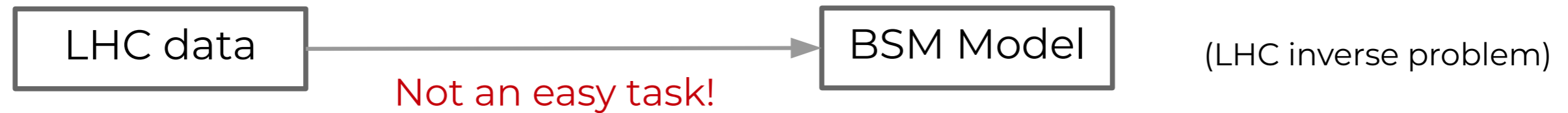


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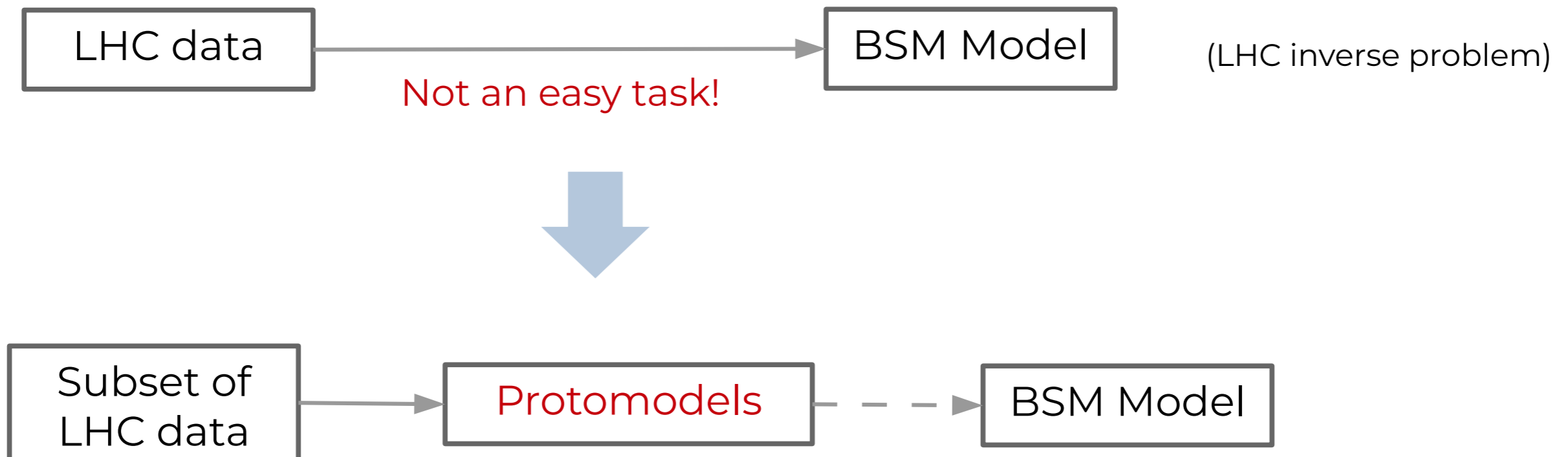


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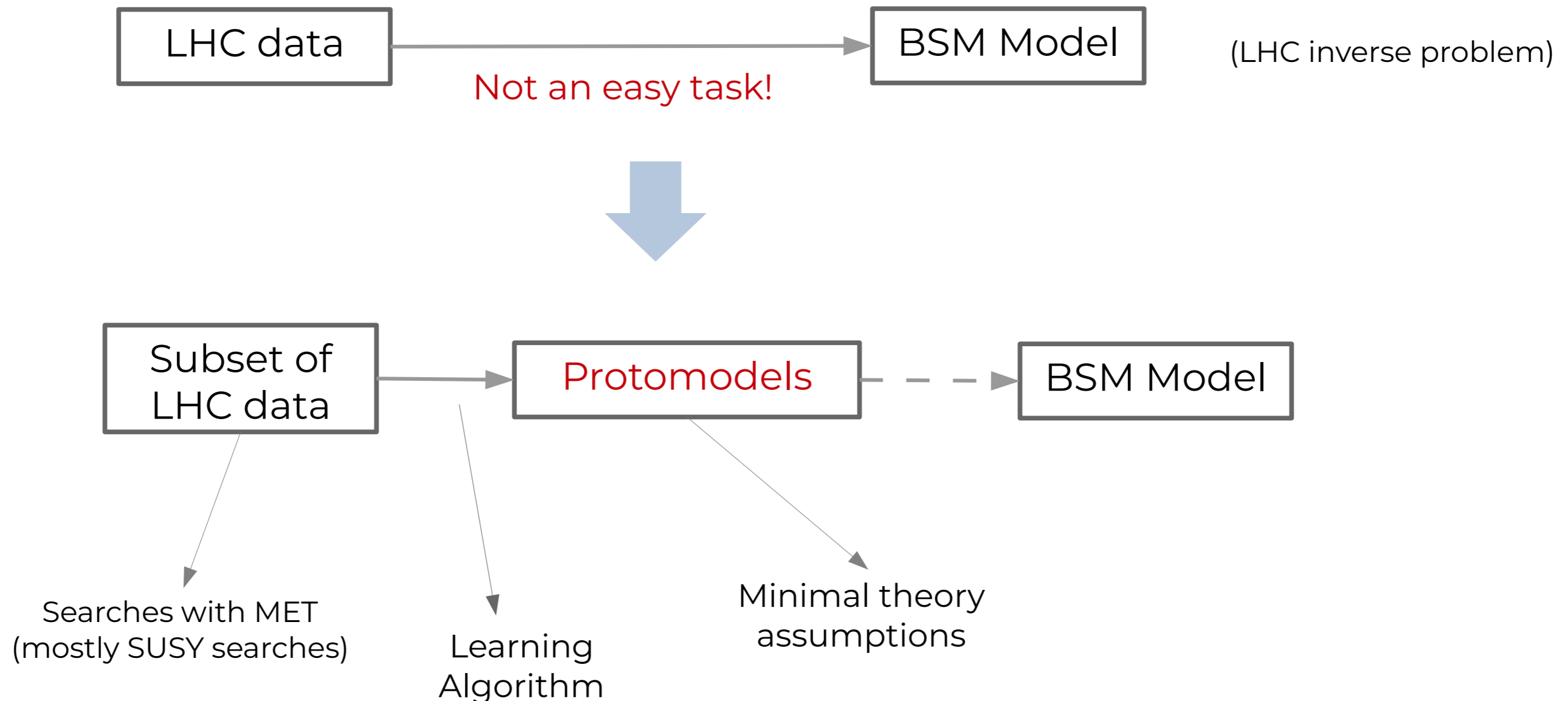
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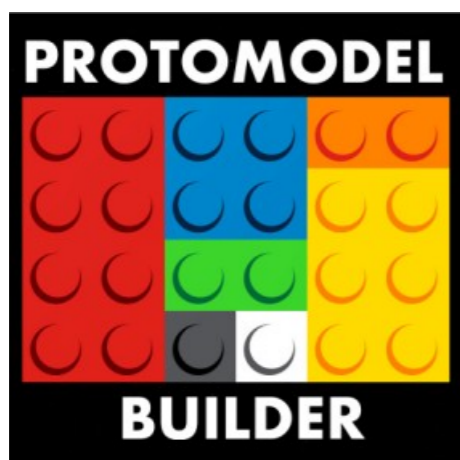
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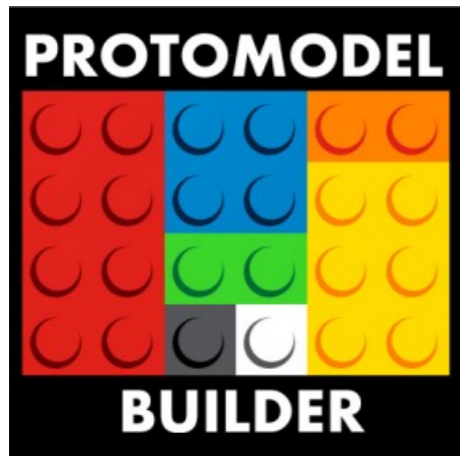
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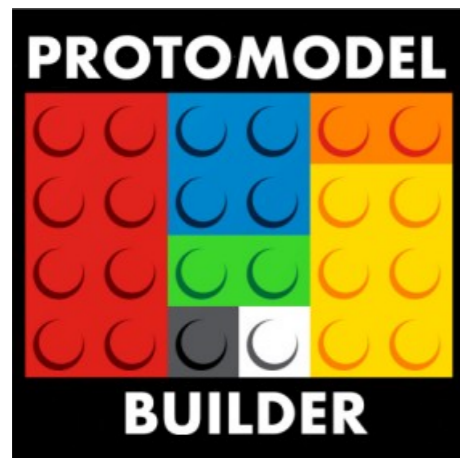
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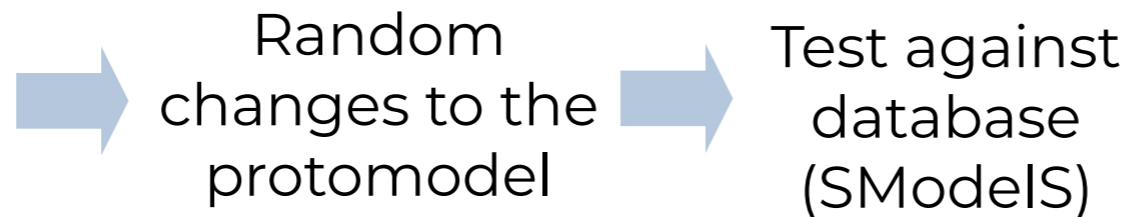
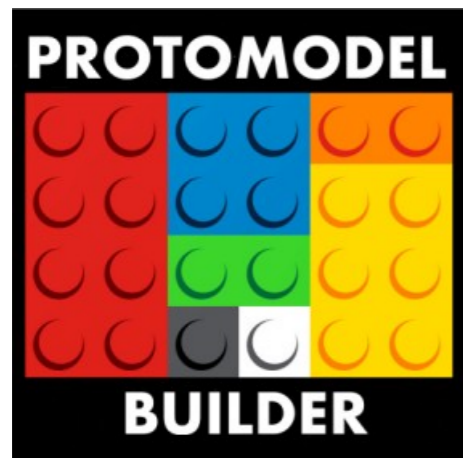
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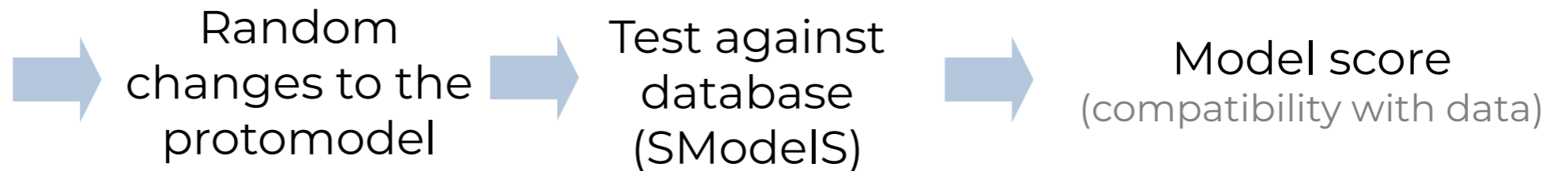
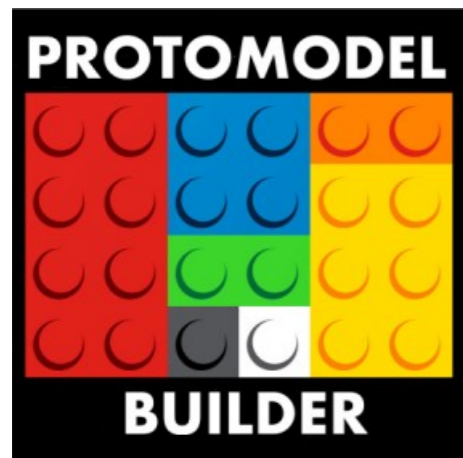
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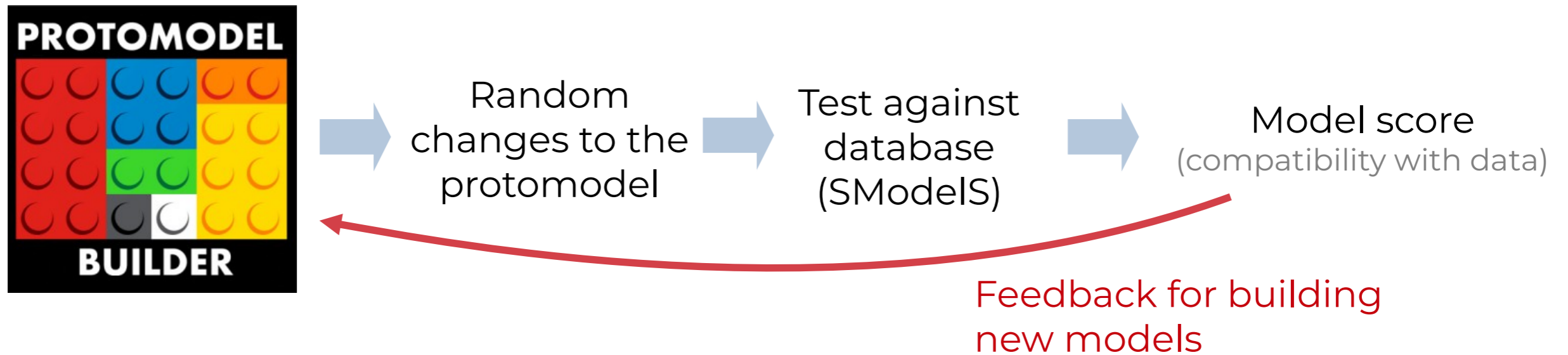
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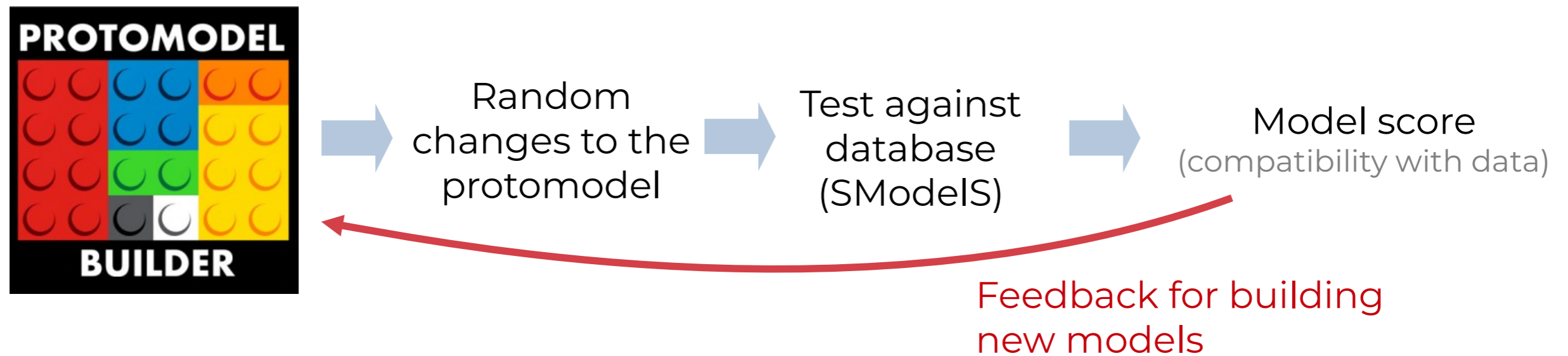
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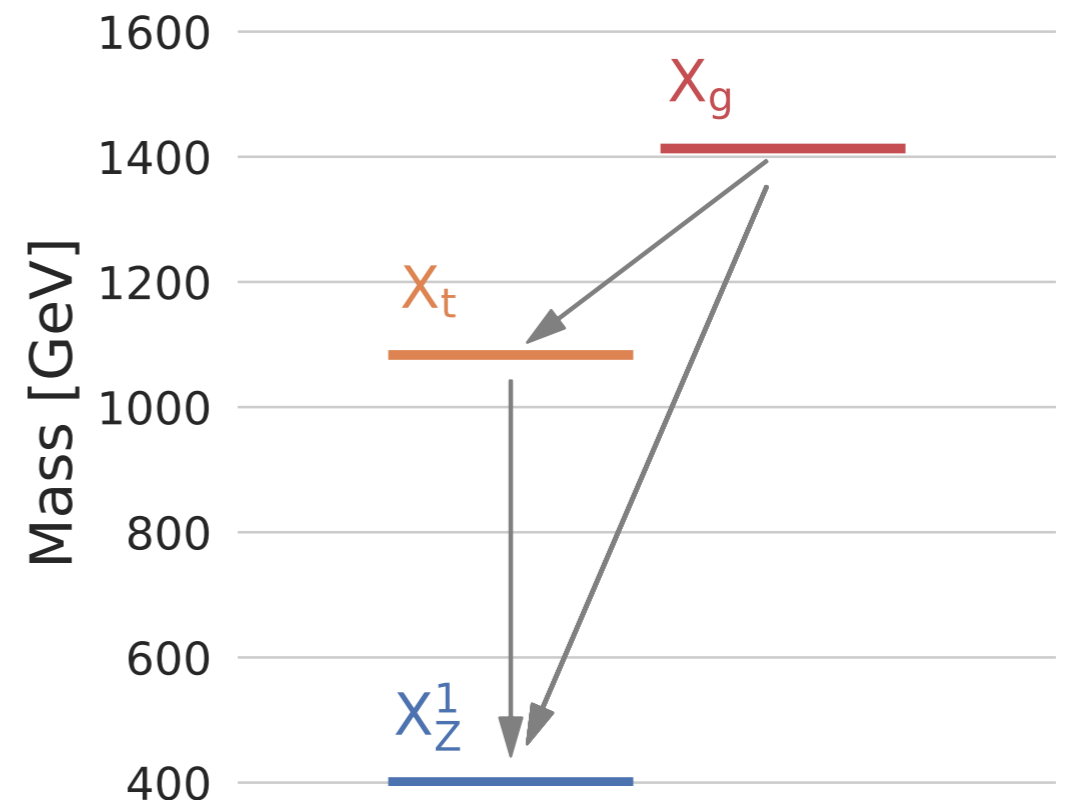
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- ➔ “MCMC-type walk” over model+parameter space
- ➔ After many iterations/steps, the builder “learns” the best BSM model

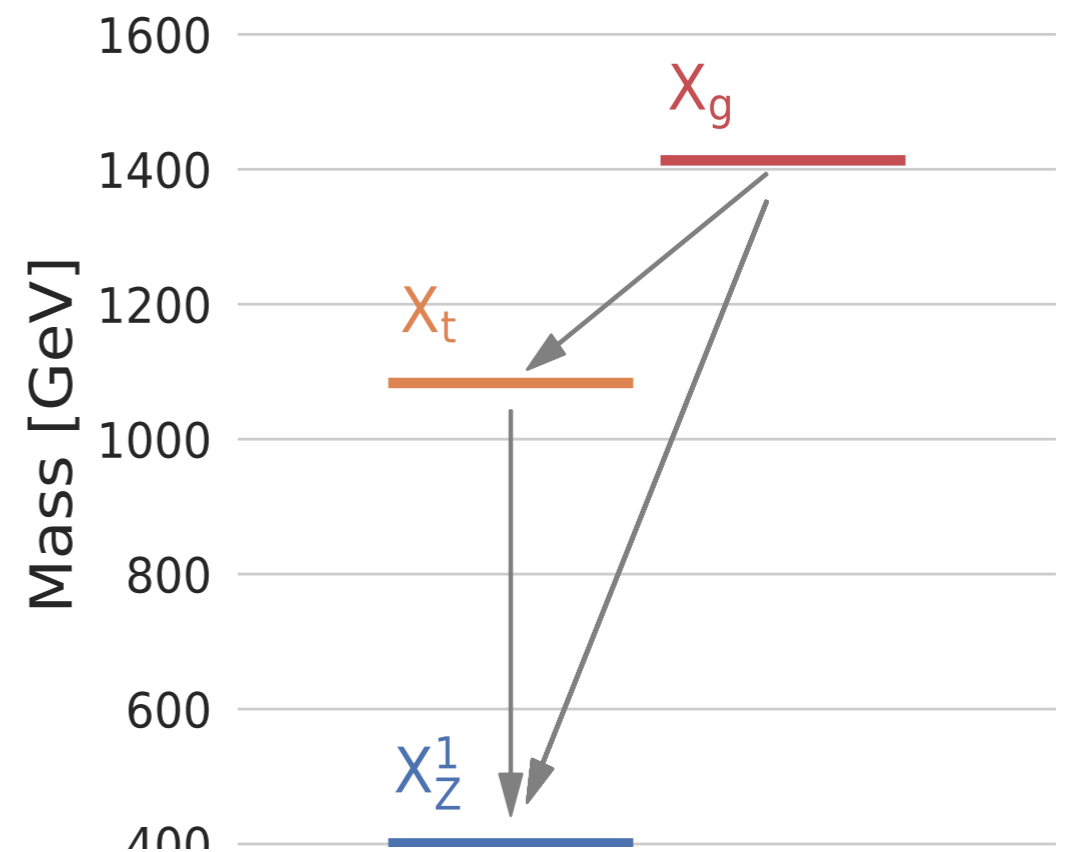
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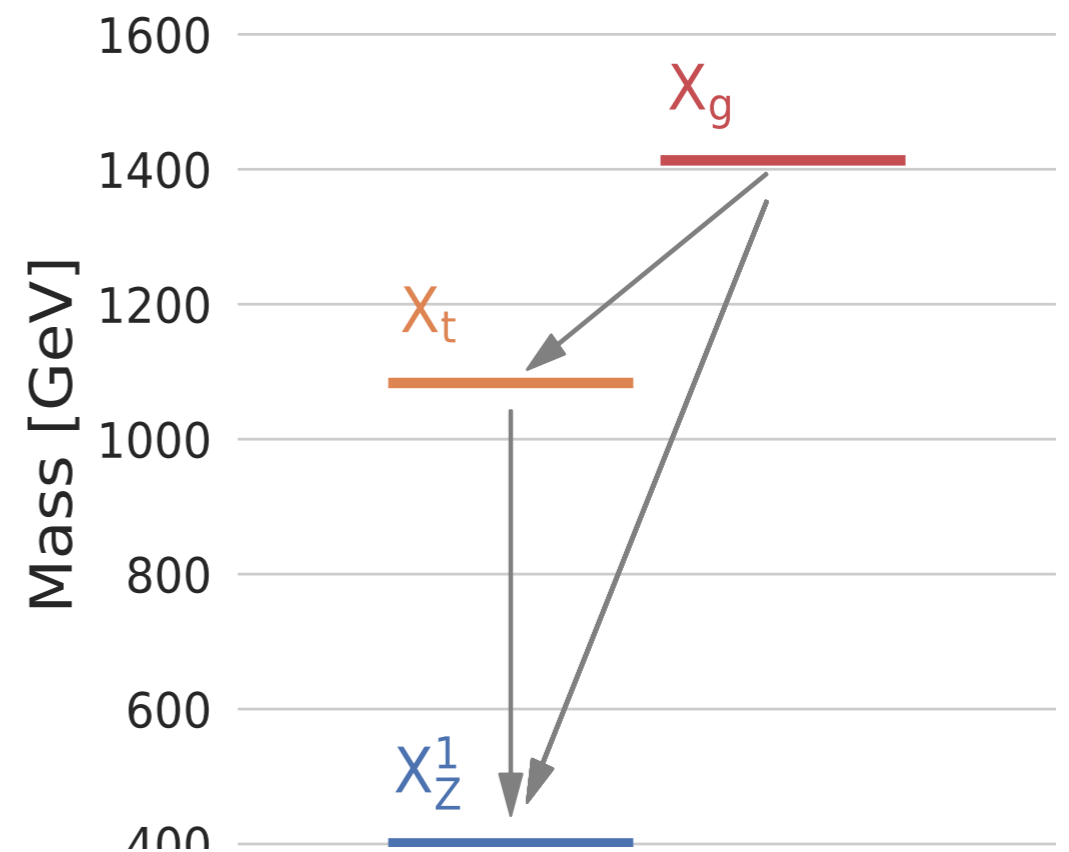
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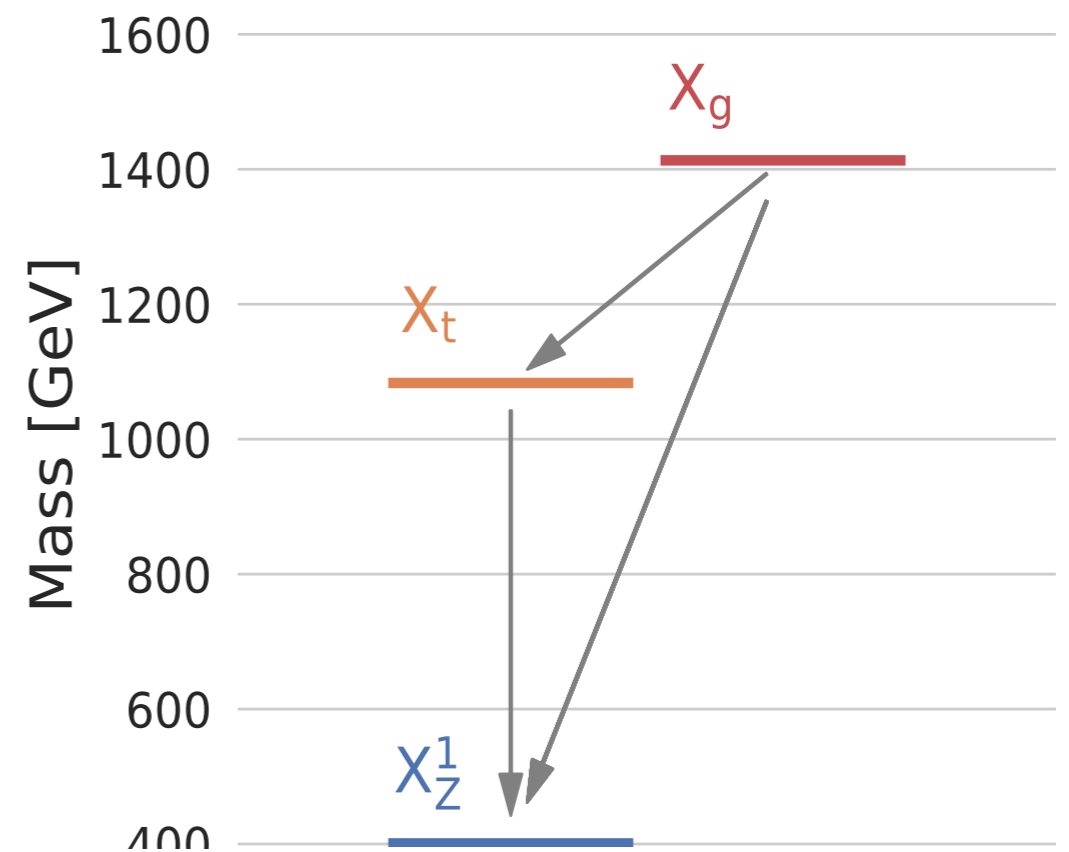
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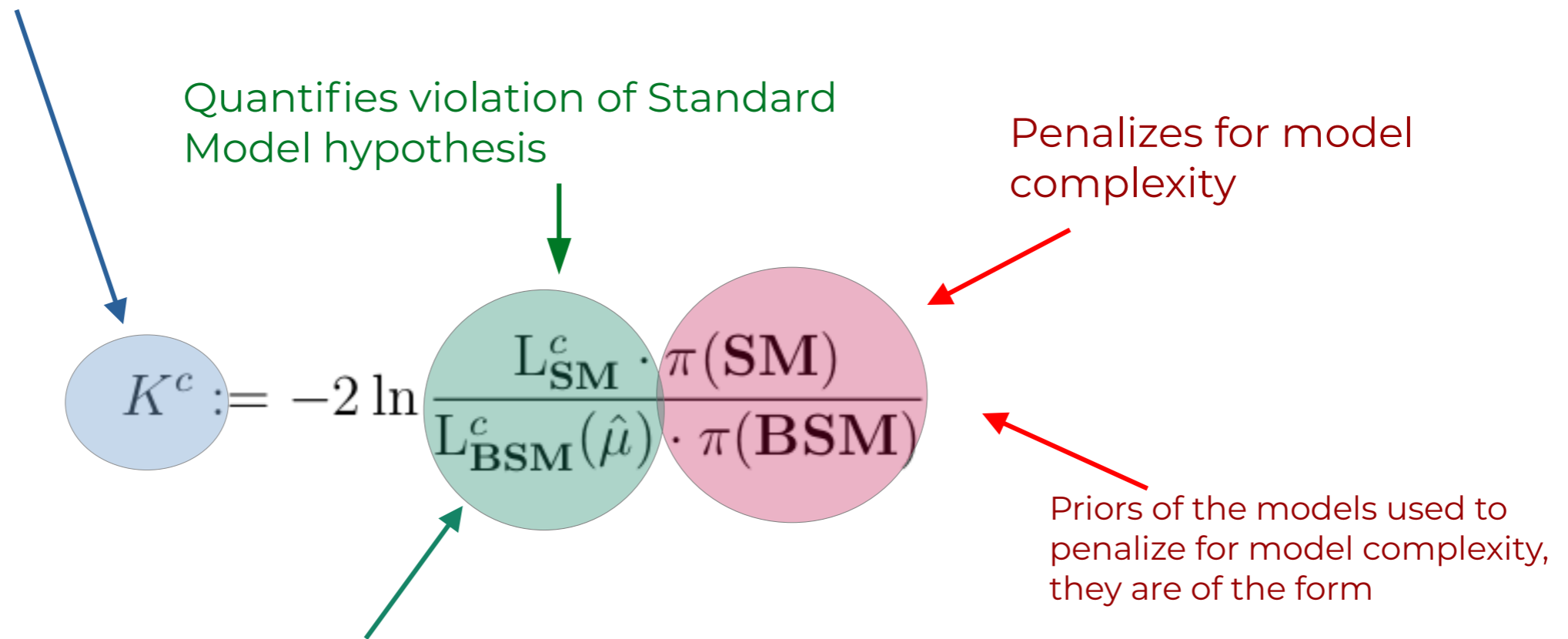
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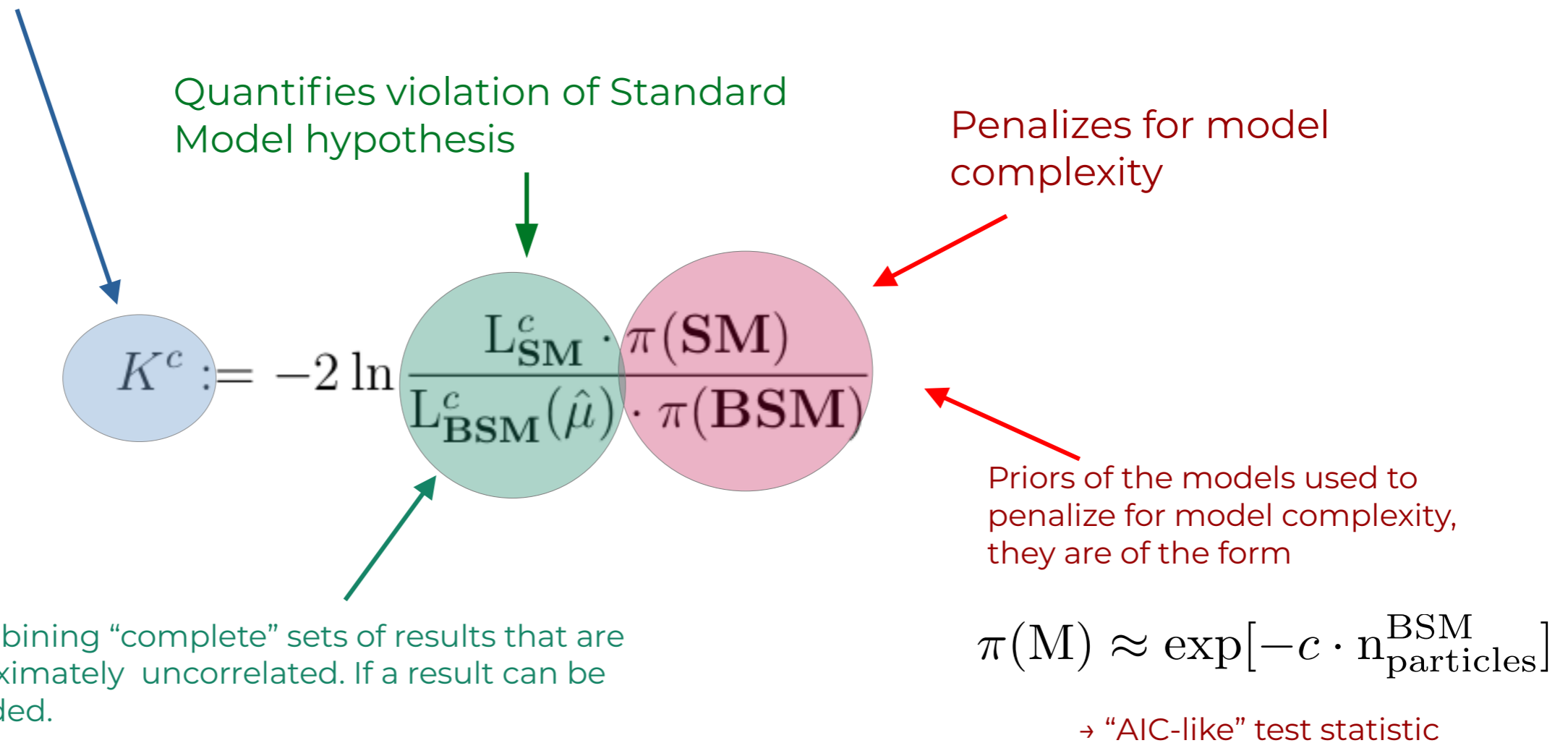
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→ “AIC-like” test statistic

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- The test statistic is based on **likelihoods**
- The likelihood is computed using simplified models results in **SModels database**

# Input Data

- **SModelS Database:**
  - Searches for production of new particles with missing energy (DM-inspired)
  - Around **50 CMS and 50 ATLAS publications**
  - **Simplified statistical models for the data → simplified likelihoods**

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ATLAS-SUSY-2015-02 [68]	1 $\ell$ stop	3.2	✓		✓	
ATLAS-SUSY-2015-06 [69]	0 $\ell$ + 2–6 jets	3.2			✓	
ATLAS-SUSY-2015-09 [70]	jets + 2 SS or $\geq 3\ell$	3.2	✓			
ATLAS-SUSY-2016-07 [55]	0 $\ell$ + jets	36.1	✓		✓	
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ATLAS-SUSY-2016-17 [73]	2 OS leptons	36.1	✓			
ATLAS-SUSY-2016-19 [74]	2 b-jets + $\tau$ 's	36.1	✓			
ATLAS-SUSY-2016-24 [53]	2–3 $\ell$ , EWino	36.1	✓		✓	
ATLAS-SUSY-2016-26 [75]	$\geq 2$ c-jets	36.1	✓			
ATLAS-SUSY-2016-27 [76]	jets + $\gamma$	36.1	✓		✓	
ATLAS-SUSY-2016-28 [77]	2 b-jets	36.1	✓			
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ATLAS-SUSY-2017-01 [79]	WH(bb), EWino	36.1	✓			
ATLAS-SUSY-2017-02 [80]	0 $\ell$ + jets	36.1	✓	✓		
ATLAS-SUSY-2017-03 [81]	2–3 leptons, EWino	36.1	✓			
ATLAS-SUSY-2018-04 [38]	2 hadronic taus	139.0	✓		✓	JSON
ATLAS-SUSY-2018-06 [82]	3 leptons, EWino	139.0	✓	✓		
ATLAS-SUSY-2018-31 [39]	2b + 2H(bb)	139.0	✓		✓	JSON
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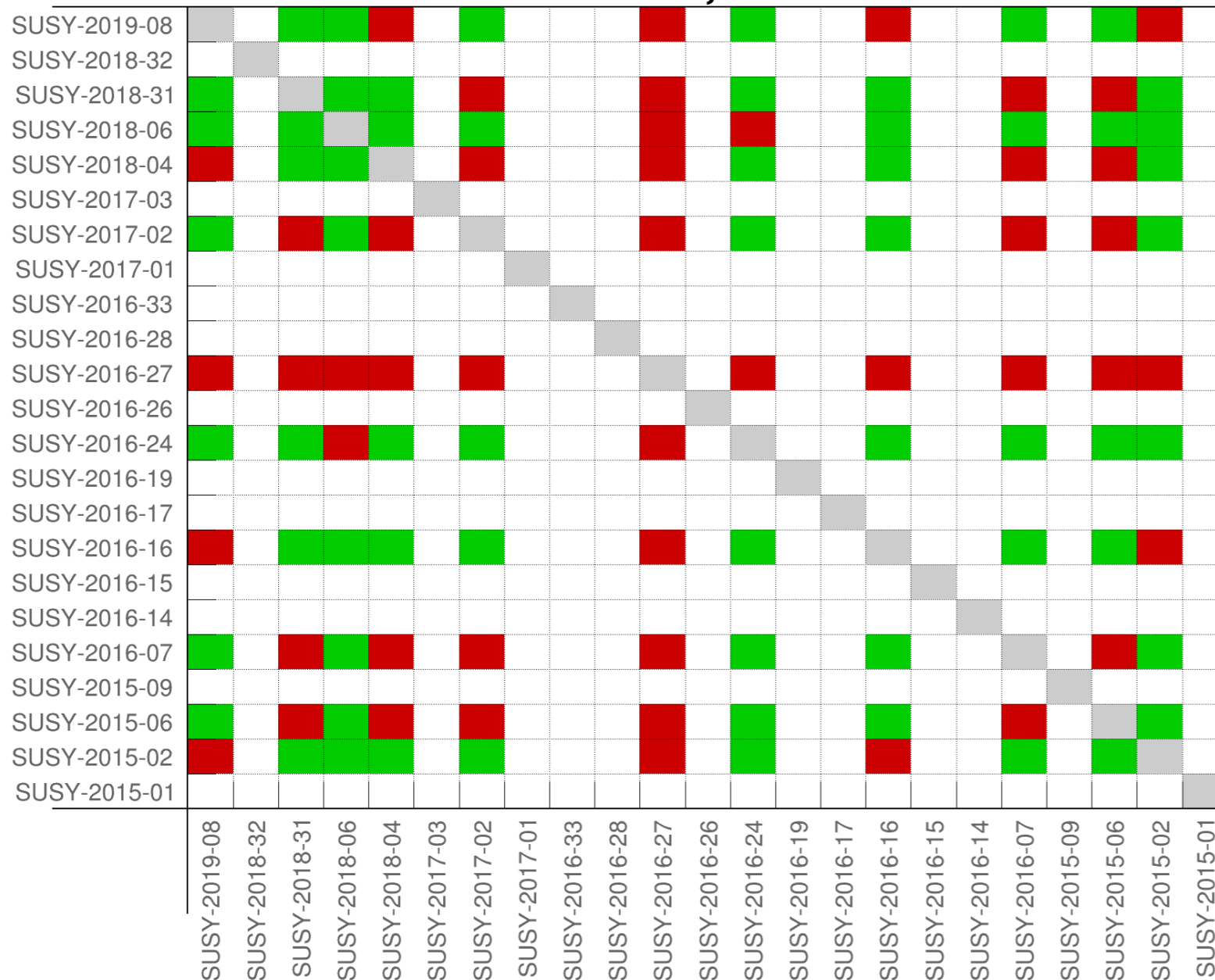
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CMS-PAS-SUS-16-052 [34]	ISR jet + soft $\ell$	35.9	✓		✓	Cov.
CMS-SUS-16-009 [85]	0 $\ell$ + jets, top tagging	2.3	✓	✓		
CMS-SUS-16-032 [86]	2 b- or 2 c-jets	35.9	✓			
CMS-SUS-16-033 [57]	0 $\ell$ + jets	35.9	✓	✓	✓	
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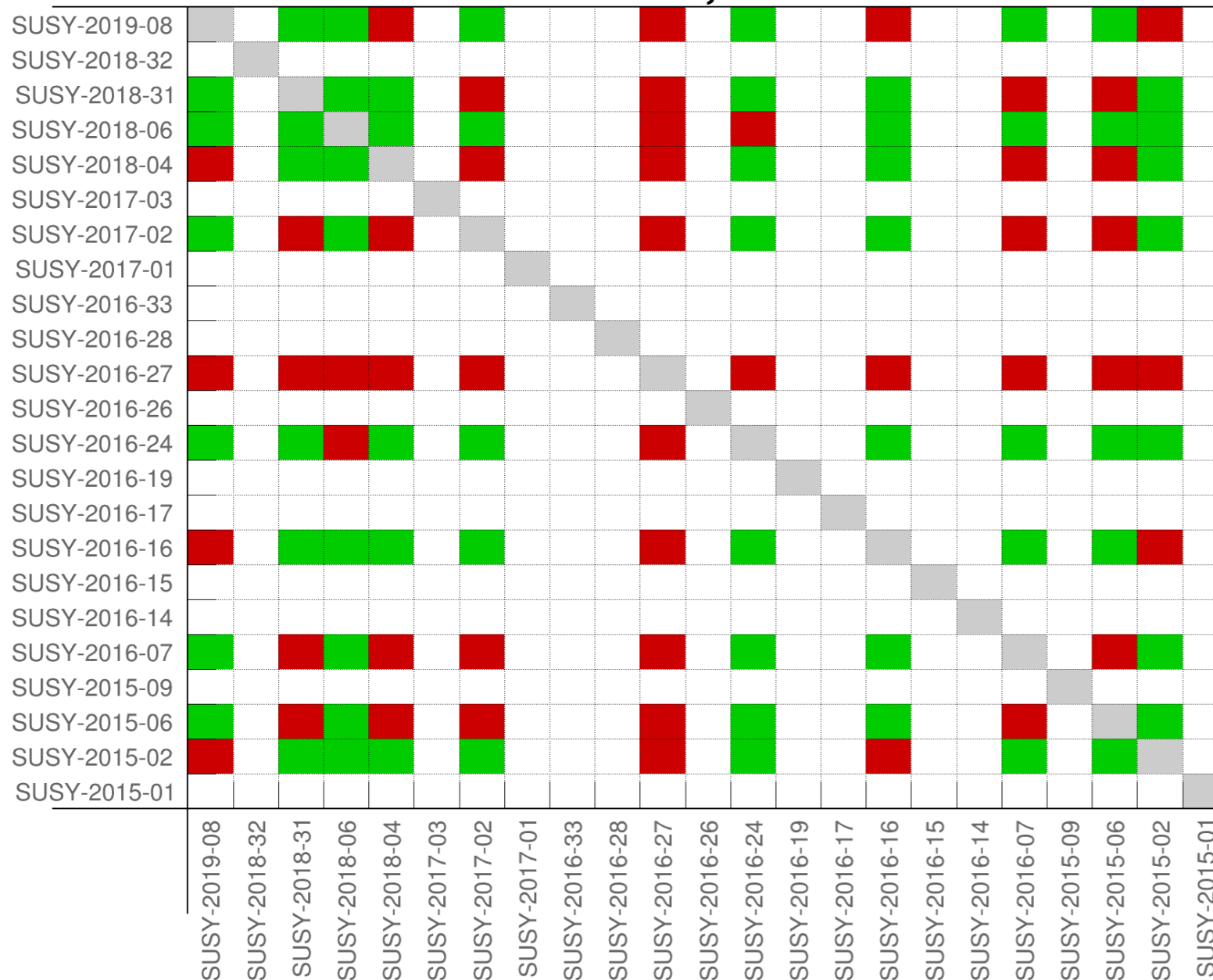
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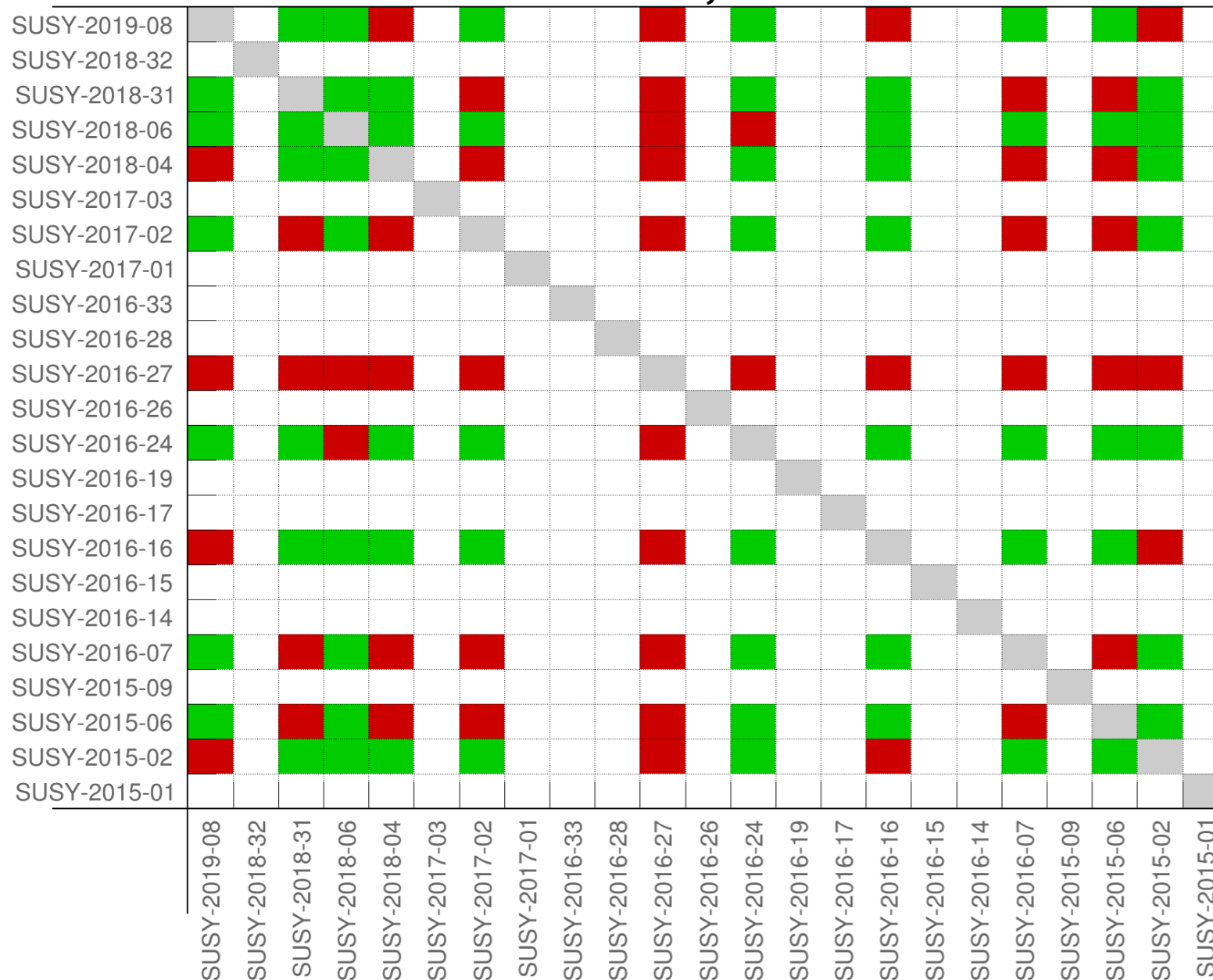
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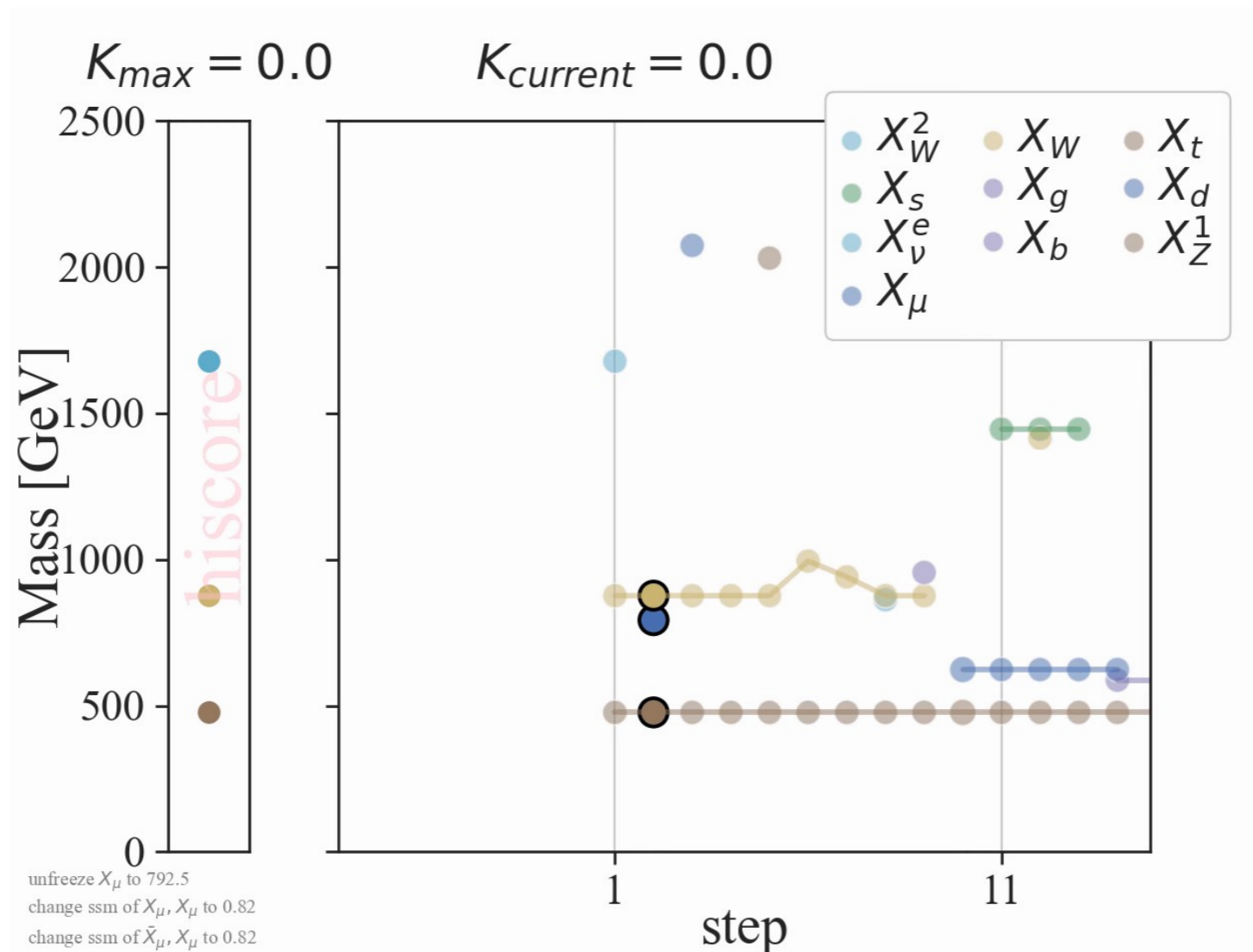
Signal regions within each analysis → correlated

Les Houches effort:

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.12220>

Current version: “educated guesses” from description of signatures in signal regions.  
Ongoing **TACO** effort to determine this matrix automatically from recasting tools.

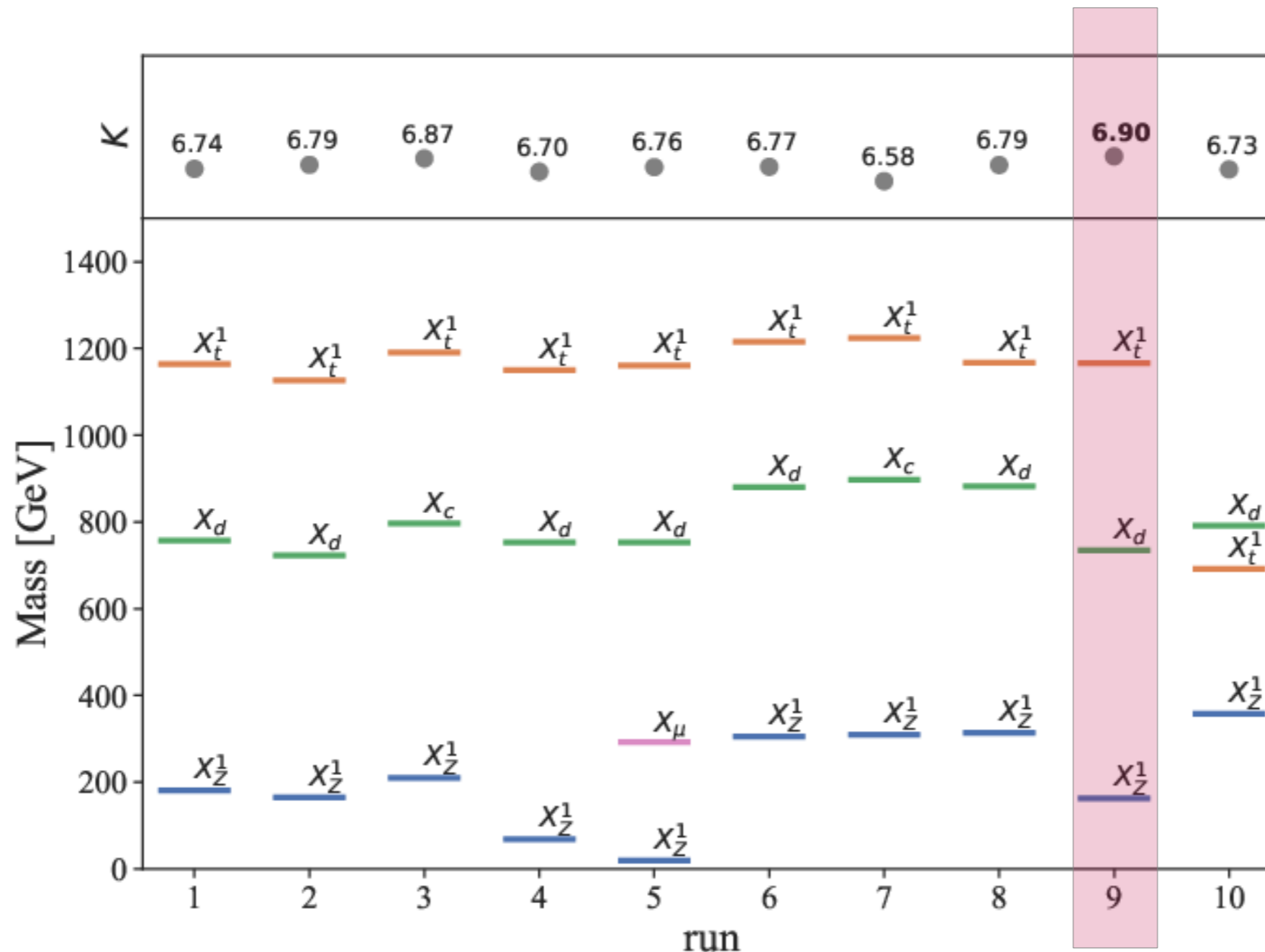
# Running the algorithm...



- We defined a “run” as 50 parallel walkers, making 1,000 steps each.
- We performed 10 such runs on the SModelS database.
- We validated with simulated versions of the SModelS database, synthesized from our statistical models.
- Total computing resources spent:  $\sim 1,000,000$  CPU hours

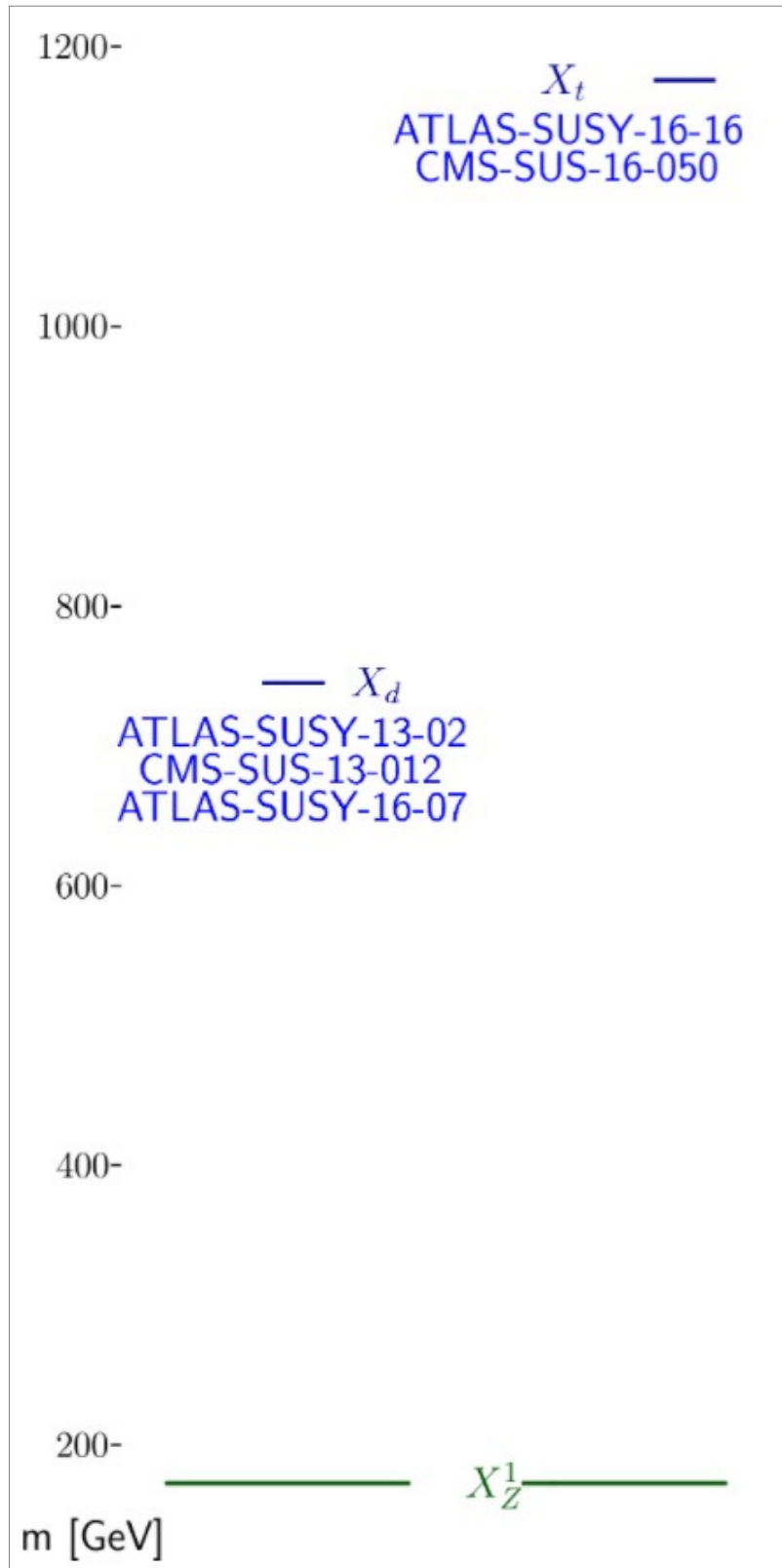
# Walking over the SModelS Database

- We performed 10 such runs on the SModelS database:



- All 10 runs introduced a **top partner** as well as a **light quark partner**. The cross sections are compatible with values expected from the MSSM. The best test statistic was  $K=6.9$ .

# The High Score Protomodel



Analysis	Dataset	Obs	Exp	Z	P	Signal
ATL multijet, 8 TeV [54]	SR6jtp	6	$4.9 \pm 1.6$	$0.4 \sigma$	$X_d$	0.25
ATL multijet, 13 TeV [55]	2j_Me ...	611	$526 \pm 31$	$2.2 \sigma$	$X_d$	44.18
ATL $1\ell$ stop, 13 TeV [48]	tN_high	8	$3.8 \pm 1$	$1.9 \sigma$	$X_t$	3.93
CMS multijet, 8 TeV [56]		30.8 fb	19.6 fb	$1.1 \sigma$	$X_d$	2.66 fb
CMS $0\ell$ stop, 13 TeV [49]		4.5 fb	2.5 fb	$1.6 \sigma$	$X_t$	2.62 fb

Table 3: Analyses contributing to the  $K$  value of the highest score proto-model

the dispersed excess

Tension!

Analysis (all CMS 13 TeV)	Prod	$\sigma_{XX}$ (fb)	$\sigma_{\text{obs}}^{\text{UL}}$ (fb)	$\sigma_{\text{exp}}^{\text{UL}}$ (fb)	$r_{\text{obs}}$
CMS multijet, $M_{HT}$ , $137 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ [15]	$(\bar{X}_d, X_d)$	23.96	18.45	21.57	1.30
CMS multijet, $M_{HT}$ , $137 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ [15]	$(\bar{X}_t, X_t)$	2.62	2.04	2.08	1.28
CMS multijet, $M_{HT}$ , $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ [57]	$(\bar{X}_d, X_d)$	23.96	19.26	28.31	1.24
CMS multijet, $M_{T2}$ , $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ [58]	$(\bar{X}_d, X_d)$	23.96	26.02	31.79	0.92
CMS $1\ell$ stop, $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ [59]	$(\bar{X}_t, X_t)$	2.62	2.91	4.44	0.90

Table 4: List of the most constraining results for the highest score proto-model. The

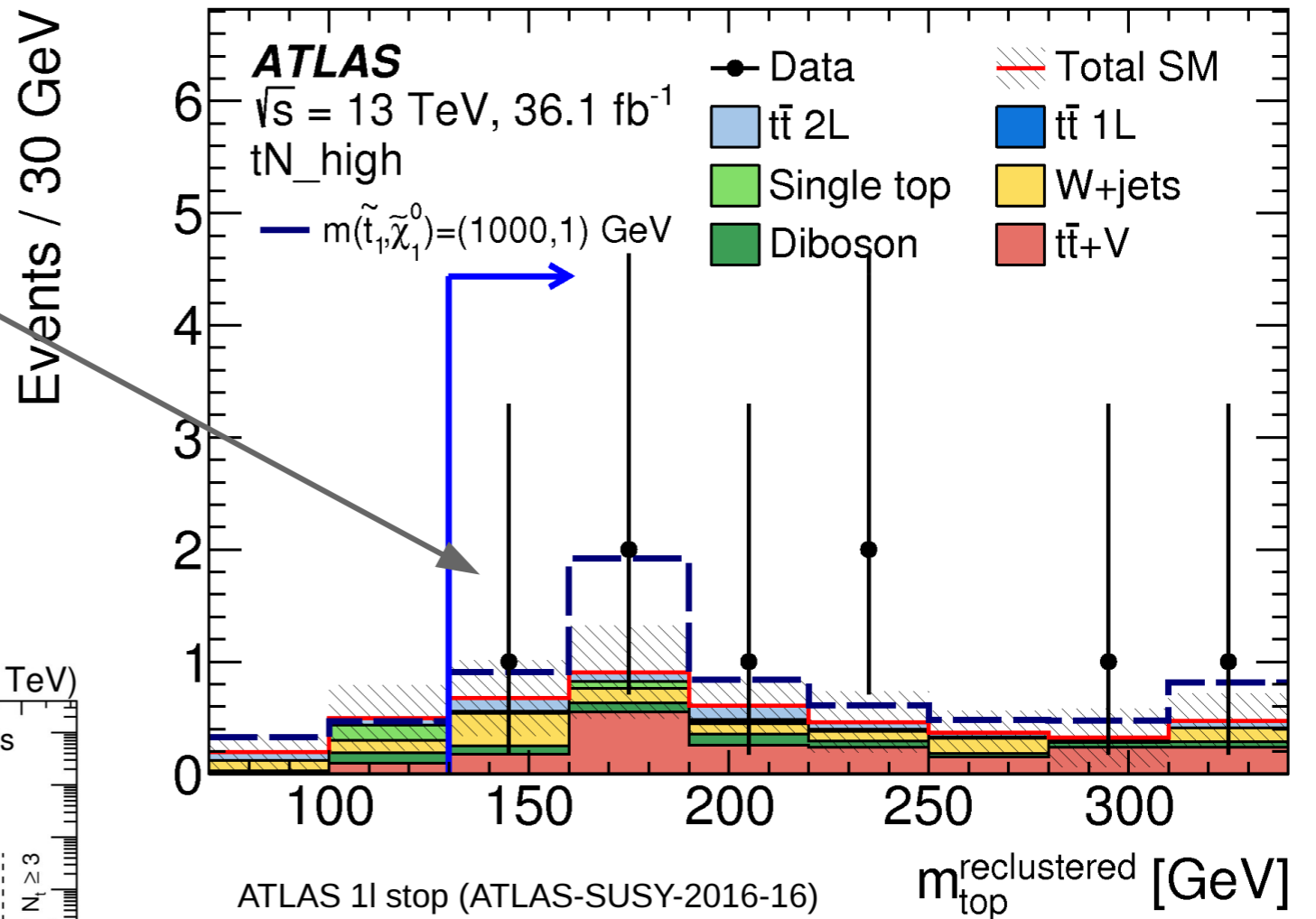
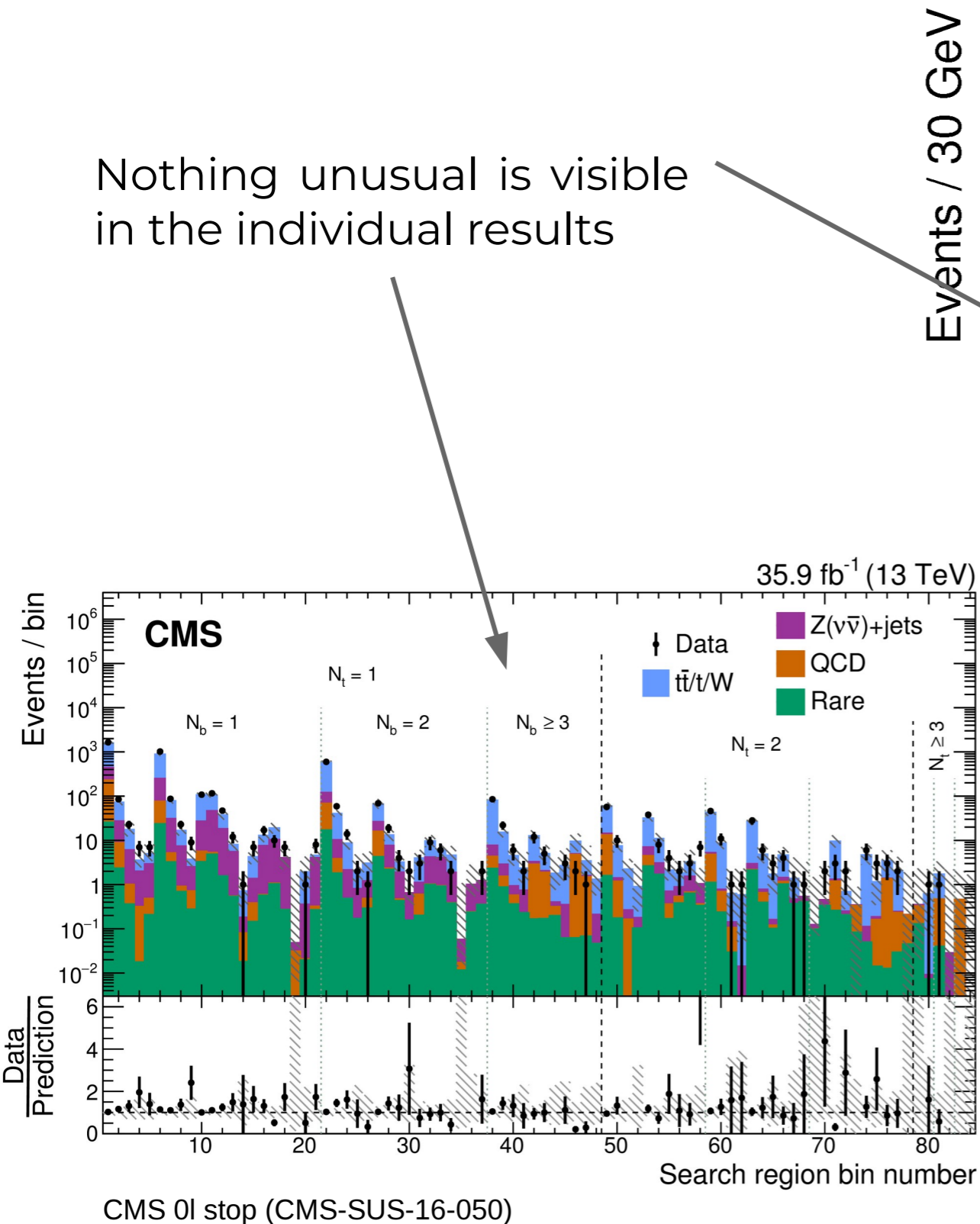
negative results in the database

Signal strength multipliers:  $(\bar{X}_t, X_t) = 1.2$ ;  $(\bar{X}_d, X_d), (X_d, X_Z^1), (\bar{X}_d, X_Z^1) = 0.49$

Contributions by particles:  $X_t : K_{\text{without}} = 2.59(59\%), X_d : K_{\text{without}} = 3.90(41\%)$   
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# Data driving the protomodel

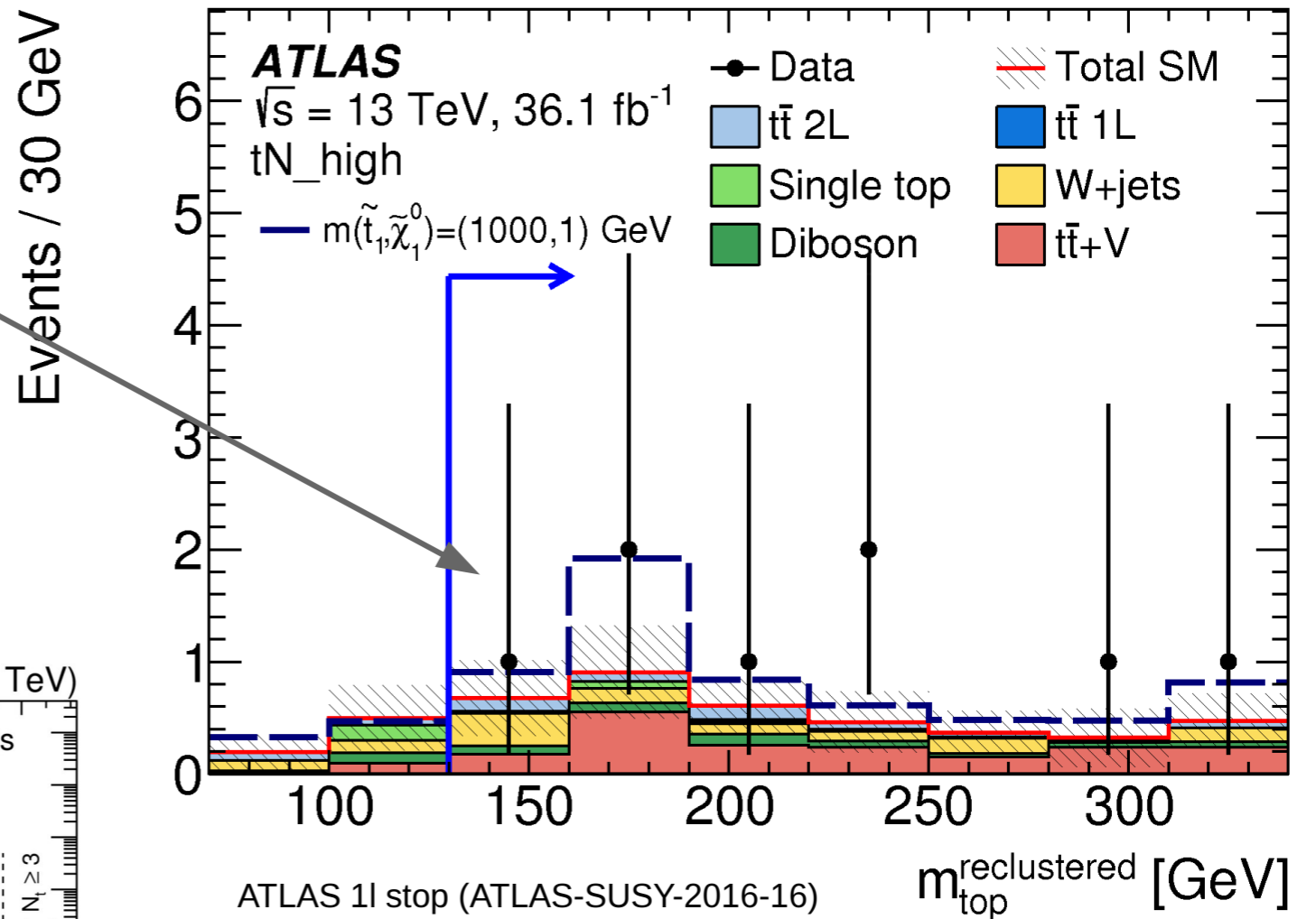
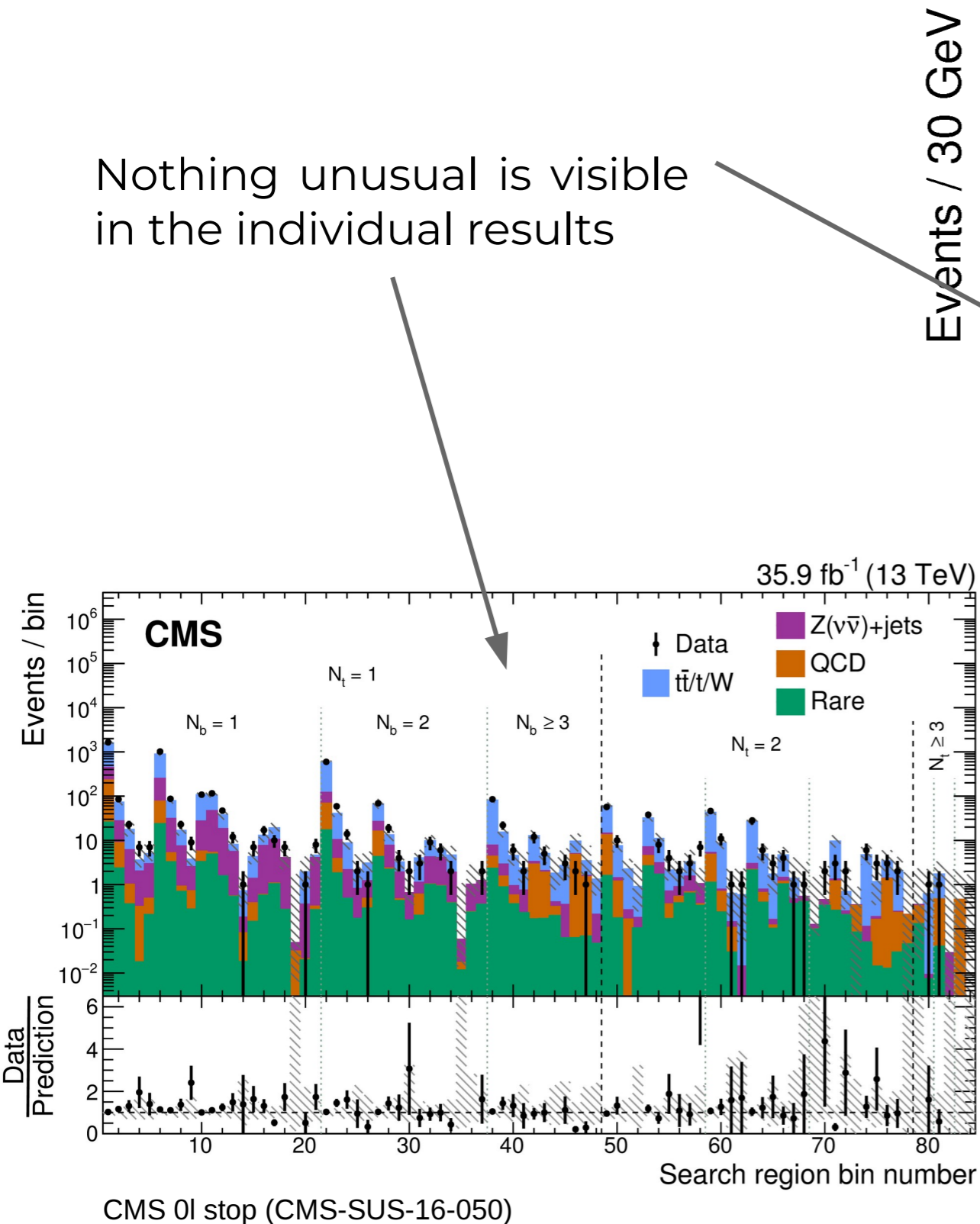
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But when interpreted as a correlated signal from the protomodel, things may seem different!

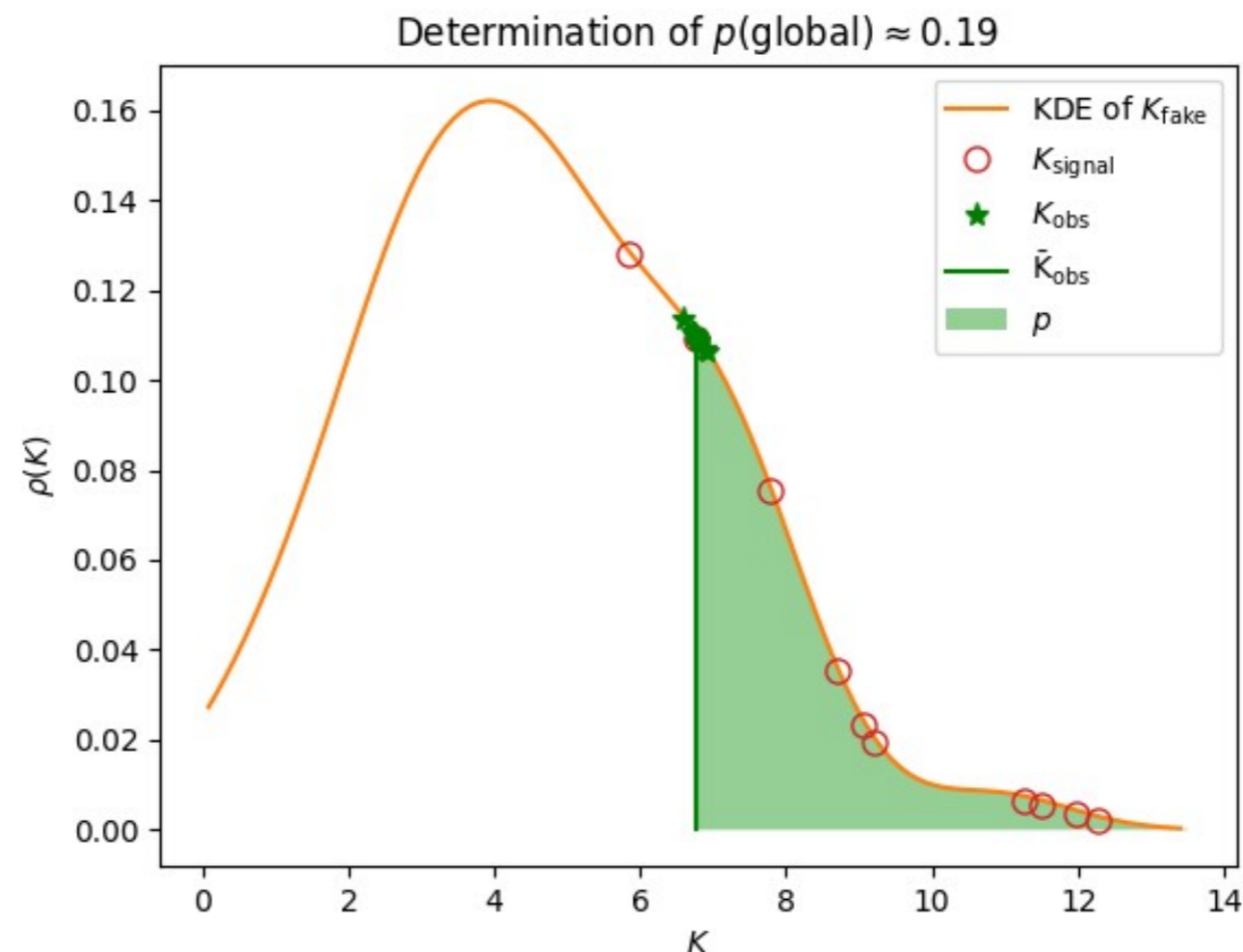


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smaller p-value → SM “more excluded”

By construction, no Look-Elsewhere Effect applies.

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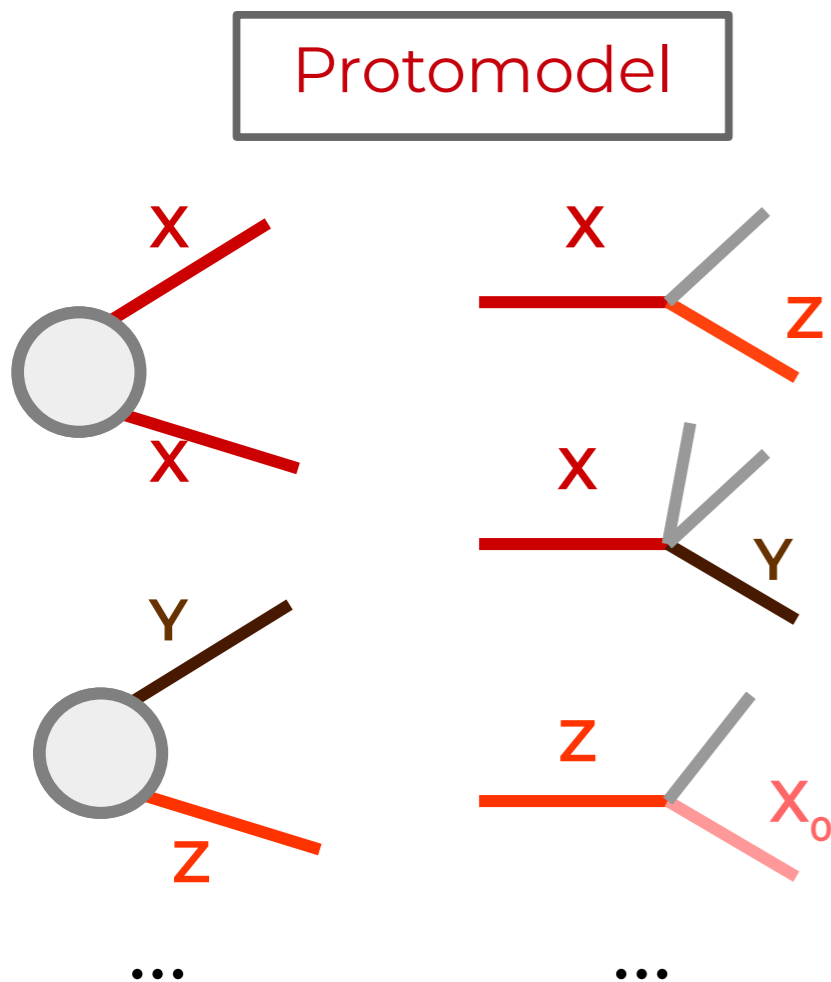


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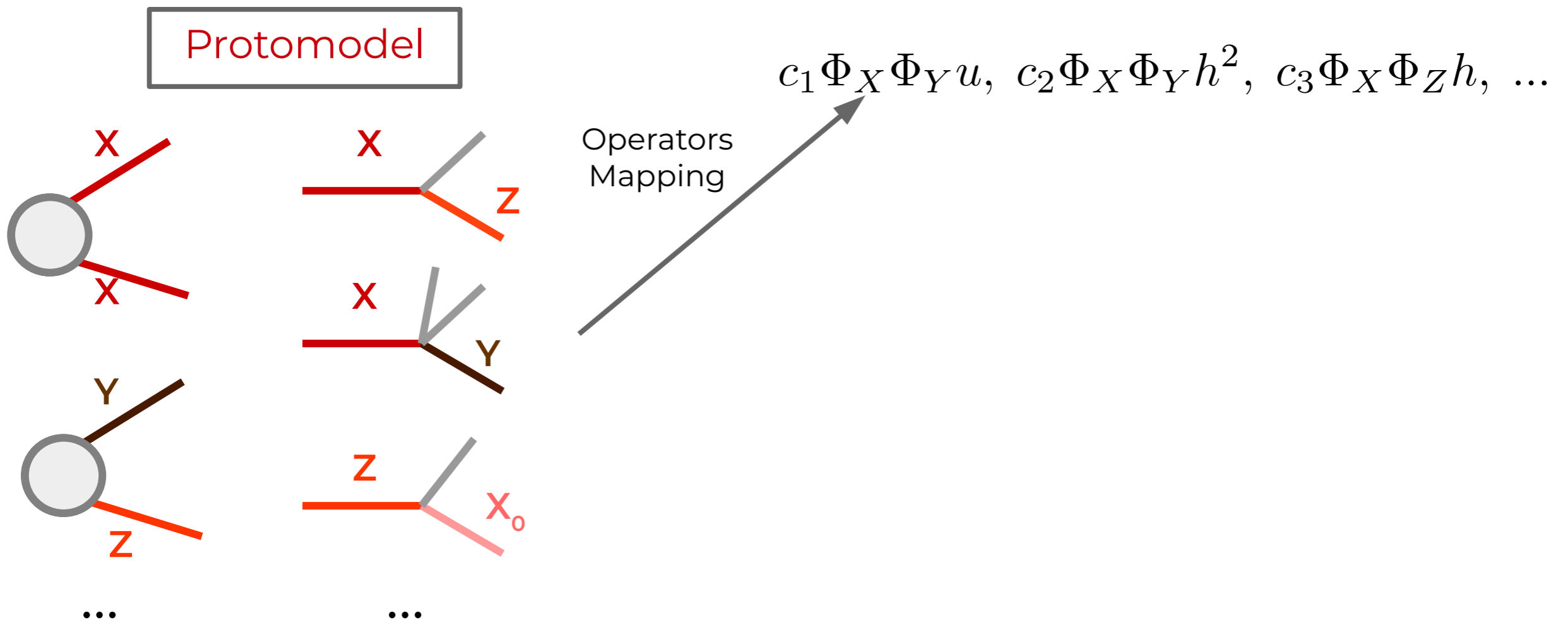


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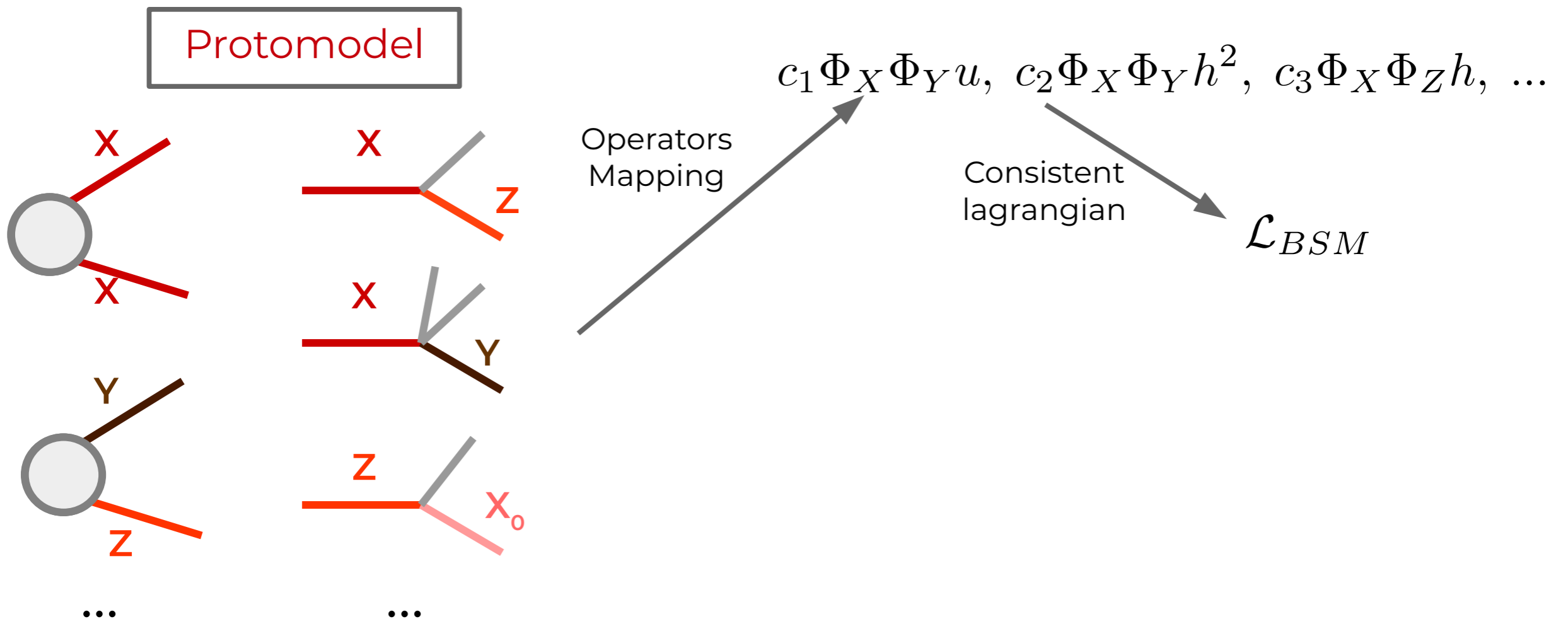


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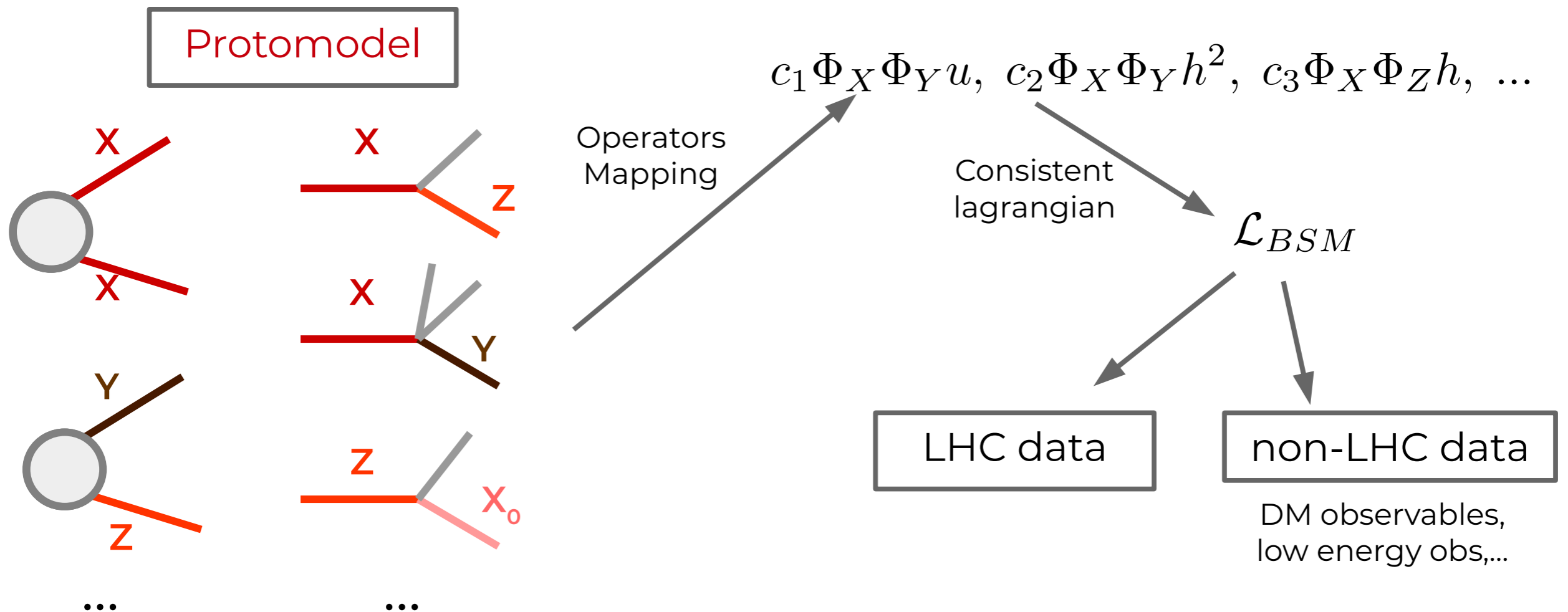


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# Other Future Developments

- **SModelS** framework:
  - Extend to generalized signals (without the  $Z_2$  restriction) using graphs
  - Include non-SUSY searches
- **SModelS** database:
  - Add latest full run-2 CMS and ATLAS publications
  - Learn the database
- **Statistical** calculation:
  - Move to more complete statistical models (e.g. via pyhf)
  - Improve analyses combination matrix
  - Learn likelihoods

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**BACKUP**

# LIKELIHOODS



- **Only exclusion lines**  
If only exclusion lines are given, without upper limits, we can do nothing
- **Observed 95% CL upper limits only:**  
cannot construct likelihood, binary decision “excluded” / “not-excluded” only (“critic”)

- **Expected and observed 95% CL upper limits**  
can construct an approximate likelihood with truncated Gaussian, cannot combine topologies, very crude approximation

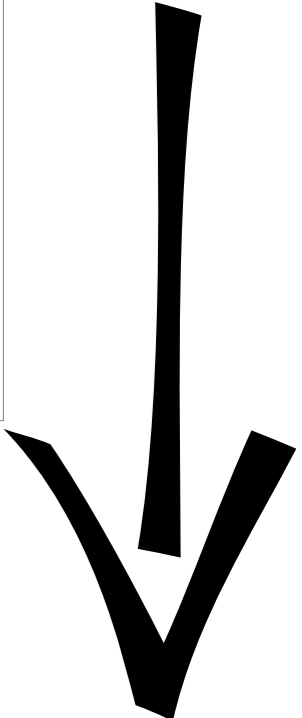
- **Efficiency maps**  
can construct a likelihood as Gaussian (for the nuisances) \* Poissonian (for yields), can work per SR, and combine topologies in each SR [\*]
- **Efficiency maps + correlation matrices**  
can combine signal regions via multivariate Gaussian \* Poissonians
- **Efficiency maps + full likelihoods**  
full realism, correct statistical model



Compos

Likelihoods

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[\*] if efficiency maps are not supplied, we can try to produce them with recasting frameworks

# THE TEST STATISTIC

For every legal combination, we define a test statistic  $K$

$$K^c := -2 \ln \frac{L_{\text{SM}}^c \cdot \pi(\text{SM})}{L_{\text{BSM}}^c(\hat{\mu}) \cdot \pi(\text{BSM})}$$

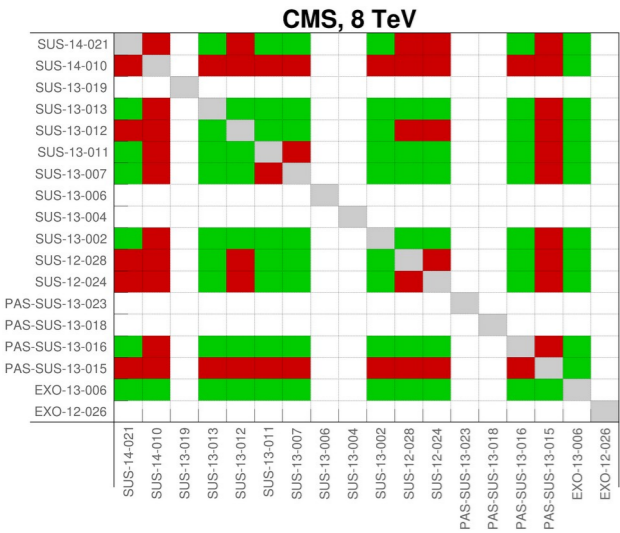
$\pi(\text{BSM})$  is the prior of the BSM model. We use it to “regularize” the model, i.e. impose the *law of parsimony*:

$$\pi(M) = \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{n_{\text{particles}}}{a_1} + \frac{n_{\text{BRs}}}{a_2} + \frac{n_{\text{productionmodes}}}{a_3} \right) \right]$$

Resulting in a test statistic that resembles an “Akaike information criterion”:

$$K \approx \Delta\chi^2 - 2n_{\text{particles}}$$

An additional particle will have to increase the “(delta-)chi-square” by approximately two units.



# THE COMBINER

we allow the machine to combine likelihoods.

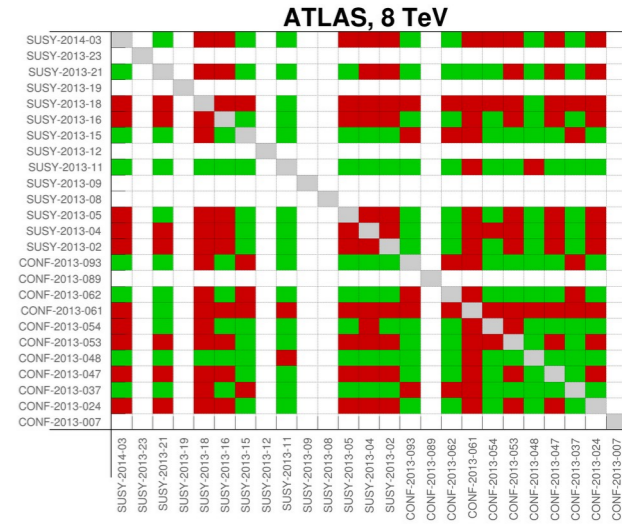
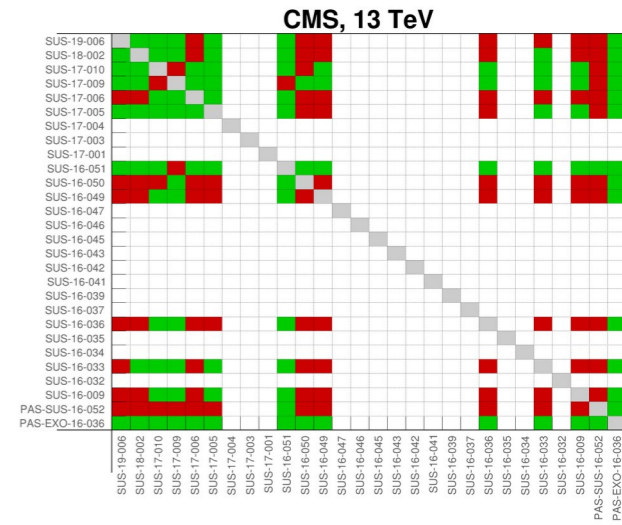


Fig. 2

Approximately uncorrelated are analyses that are:

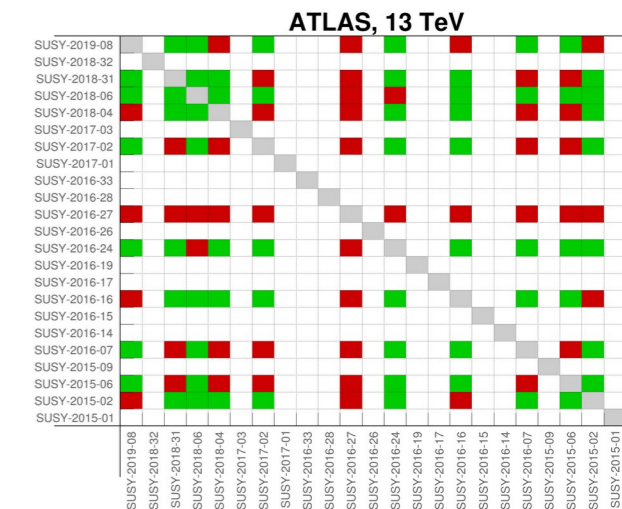
- from different runs, and/or
- from different experiments, and/or
- looking for (clearly) different signatures



A combination “c” of analyses is “legal” if the following conditions are met:

- all results are mutually uncorrelated (= “combinable”)
- if a result can be added, it has to be added (any subset of a legal combination is not itself legal)
- combined likelihood:

$$L_c = \prod_{i \in c} L_i$$



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(Remember, we have a database of  $r$  these results, i.e. the ones that maximally violate the SM hypothesis)

most interesting combinations of

Of all “legal” combinations of experimental results, the builder chooses the one combination “c” that maximizes  $K$ :

$$K := \max_{\forall c \in C} K^c \quad \text{Eq. 7}$$

$\mu$  denotes an global signal strength multiplier – the production cross sections are free parameters

$$\forall i, j : \sigma(pp \rightarrow X_i X_j) = \mu \bar{\sigma}(pp \rightarrow X_i X_j)$$

It is maximized in the denominator, but its support is confined such that no limits in the SModelS database are violated (the “critic”),

$$\hat{\mu} \in [0, \mu_{\text{max}}]$$

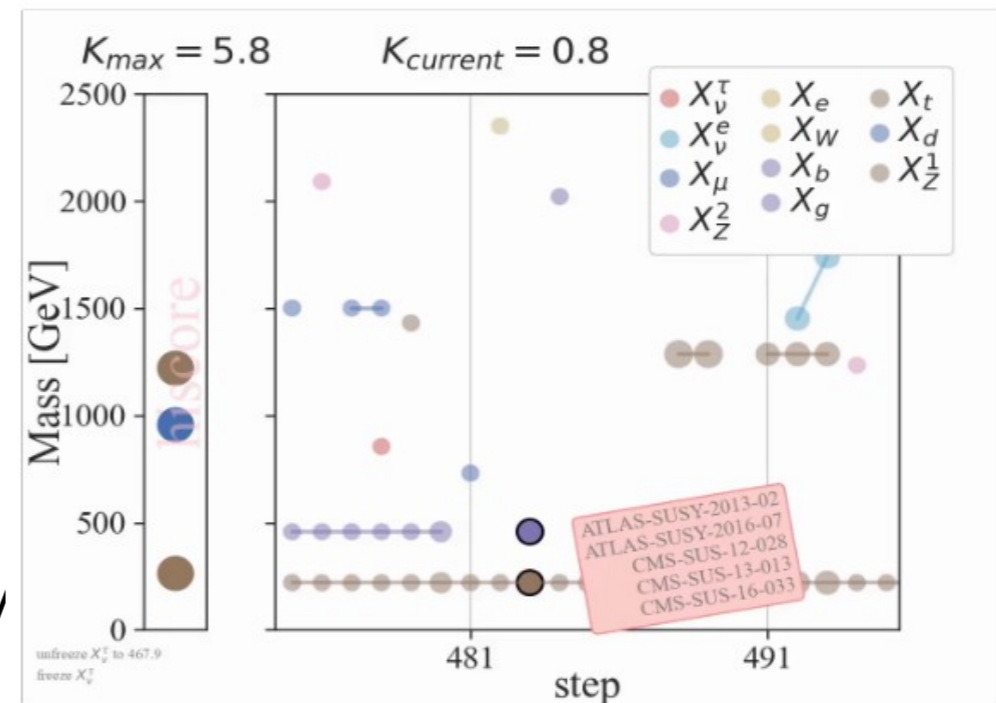


# THE WALKER

The Walker takes care of moving in the protomodel space with varying dimensionality by performing the following types of modifications to the protomodel:

- **add or remove particles** from the protomodel
- **change the masses** of particles
- **change the signal strengths** of production modes
- **change** decay channels and **branching ratios**

At each step the test statistic  $K$  is computed. An  $M$  in the sense that the step is reverted with a probability of



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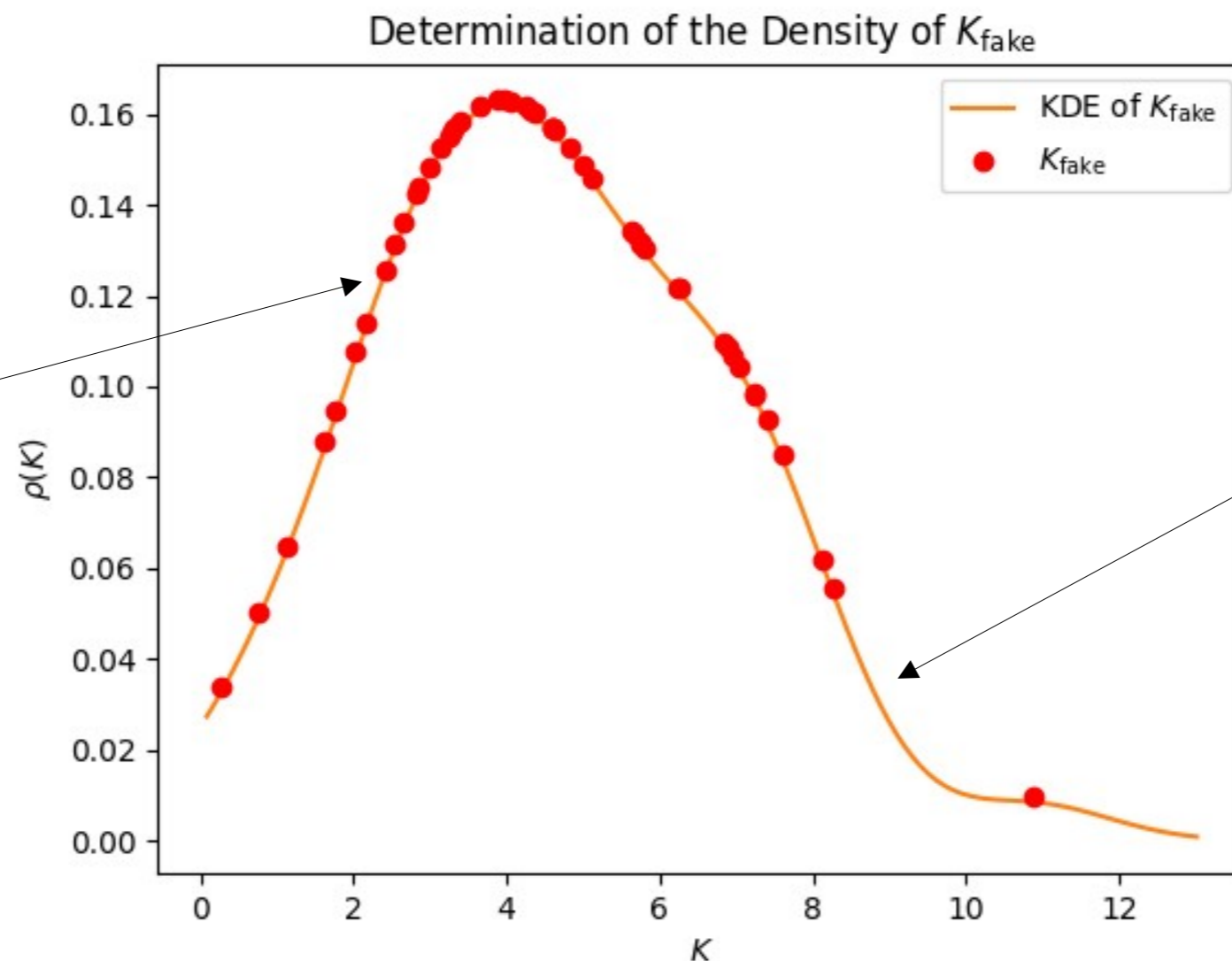
$$\exp \left[ \frac{1}{2} (K_i - K_{i-1}) \right]$$

if and only if  $K_i$  is smaller than  $K_{i-1}$

\* (note however, instead of ratios of unnormalized posteriors we have ratios of ratios of unnormalized posteriors)

# WALKING OVER FAKE STANDARD MODEL DATABASES

- Produced 50 “fake” SModelS databases by sampling background models
- Corresponds to typical LHC results if no new physics is in data
- Determine 50 “fake”  $K$  values by running 50 walkers on each of the 50 databases (50 x 50 walkers in total) → density of  $K$  under null SM-only hypothesis



$K$  for one “fake” background-only database.

Density of  $K$  estimated via a simple Kernel density estimator.

# THE WALKS

We define a “run” as 50 parallel walks, each taking 1000 steps.

We performed

- 10 runs on the SModelS database ([Sec. 5.2](#))
- 50 runs on fake “Standard Model-like” databases ([Sec 5.1](#))  
to be able to determine a global  $p$ -value under the SM hypothesis
- 2x10 runs on fake “Signal-like” databases ([Sec 5.3](#))  
to show closure of the method

# WALKING OVER DATABASES WITH FAKE SIGNALS

To show closure of our method, we inject the winning protomodel as a signal in fake databases, and see if the algorithm can reconstruct the injected signal.

Sec 5.3

Technical closure test

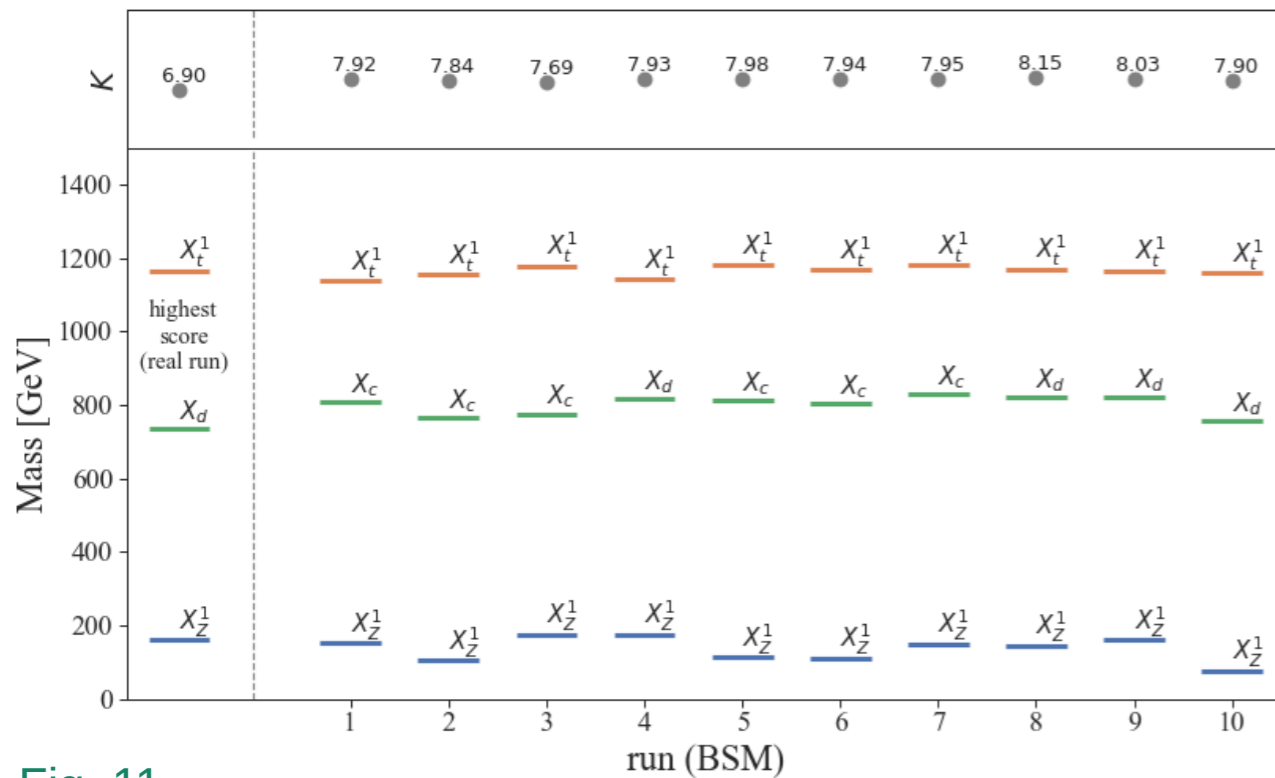
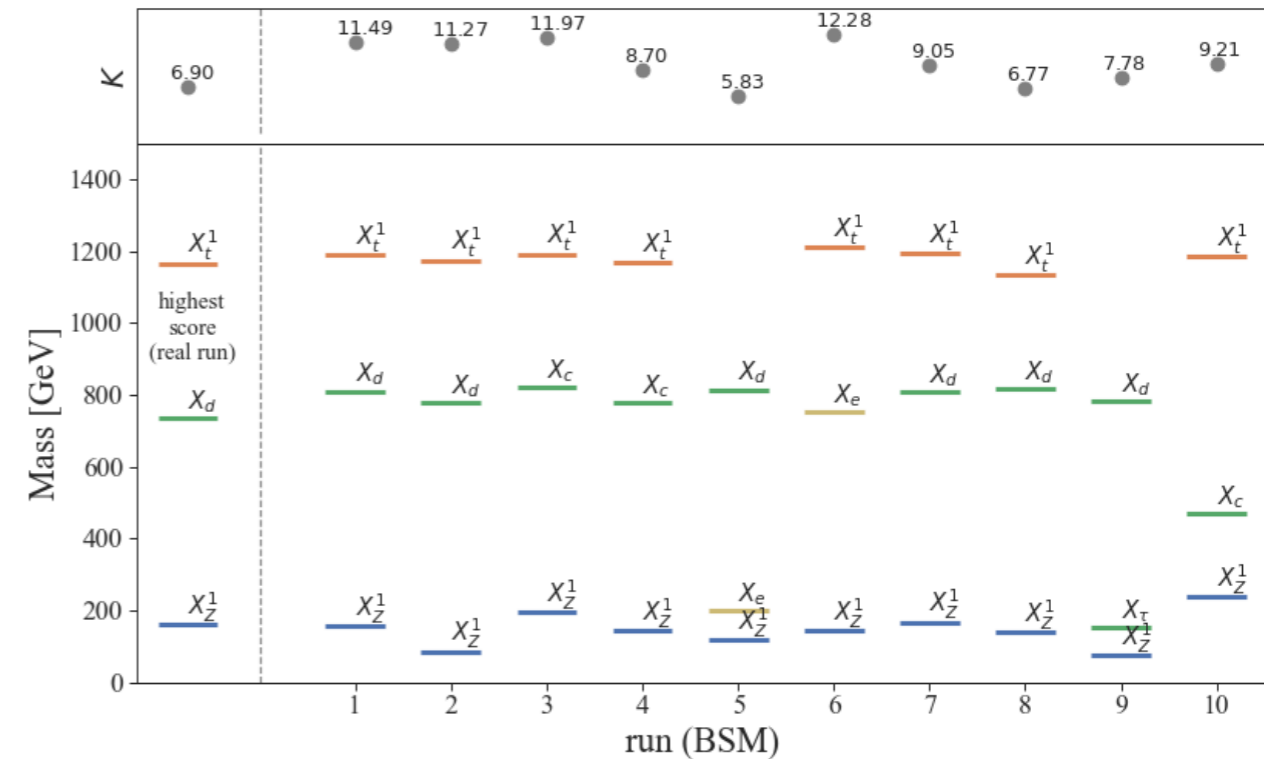


Fig. 11

Physics closure test



Sampling turned on

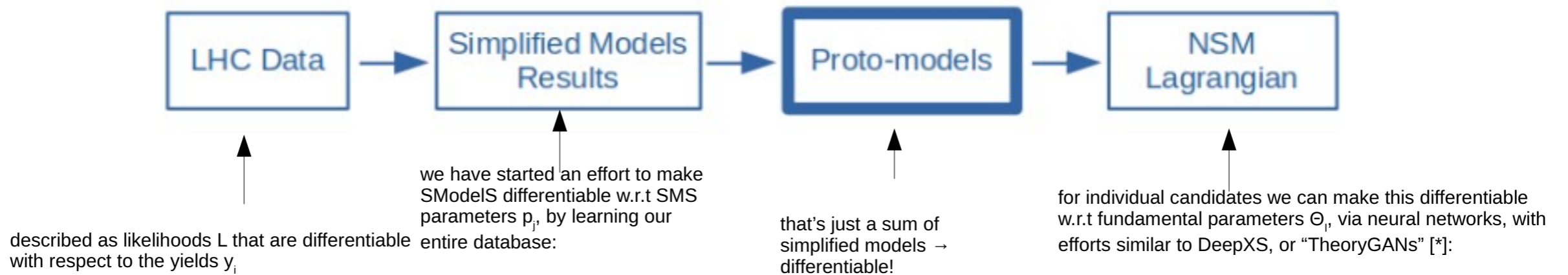
Fig. 10

No sampling of the models for the SRs, i.e. observed events := expected SM + expected signal events

# WHY DIFFERENTIABLE?



If we had gradients we could perform gradient descent to find the best model, and we could use e.g. the Fisher information to infer the error on its parameters (or, alternatively we can then MCMC-sample).



$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_l} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_i} \cdot \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial p_j} \cdot \frac{\partial p_j}{\partial (m_k, \Gamma_k, \sigma_k)} \cdot \frac{\partial (m_k, \Gamma_k, \sigma_k)}{\partial \theta_l}$$

Needless to say, the data pipeline sketched above is not the only feasible one. Differentiability however would be a helpful tool for all possible data pipelines. A similar rationale would apply also to EFTs, Wilson coefficients and data from measurements.

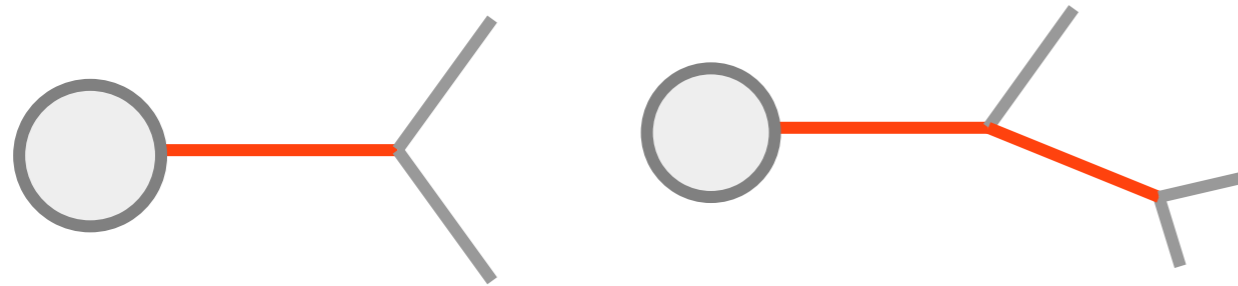
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**→ DIFFERENTIABLE INDUCTIVE REASONING!**

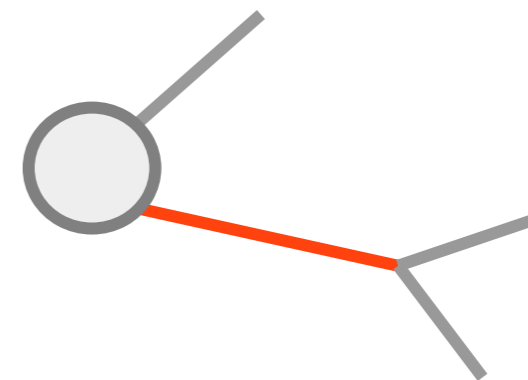
# GENERALIZED TOPOLOGIES WITH GRAPHS

- Describe signal topologies with arbitrary shapes, such as:

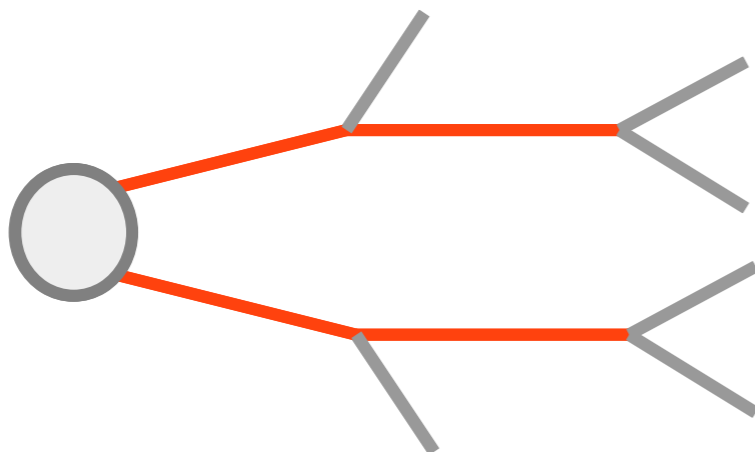
- Resonant production



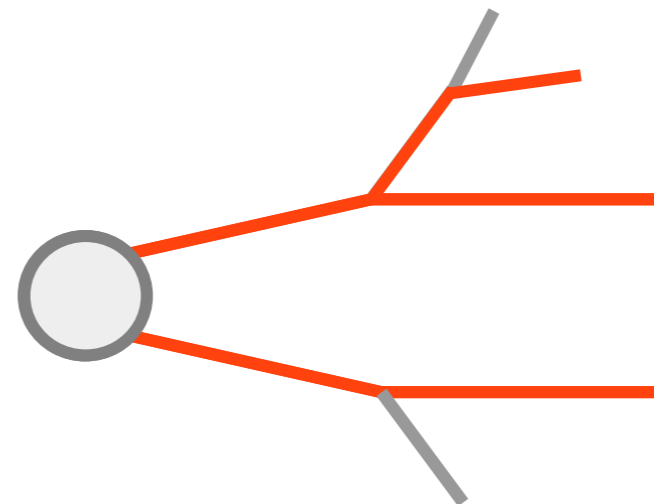
- Associated Production



- R-Parity Violating Decays



- Non- $Z_2$  decays



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