

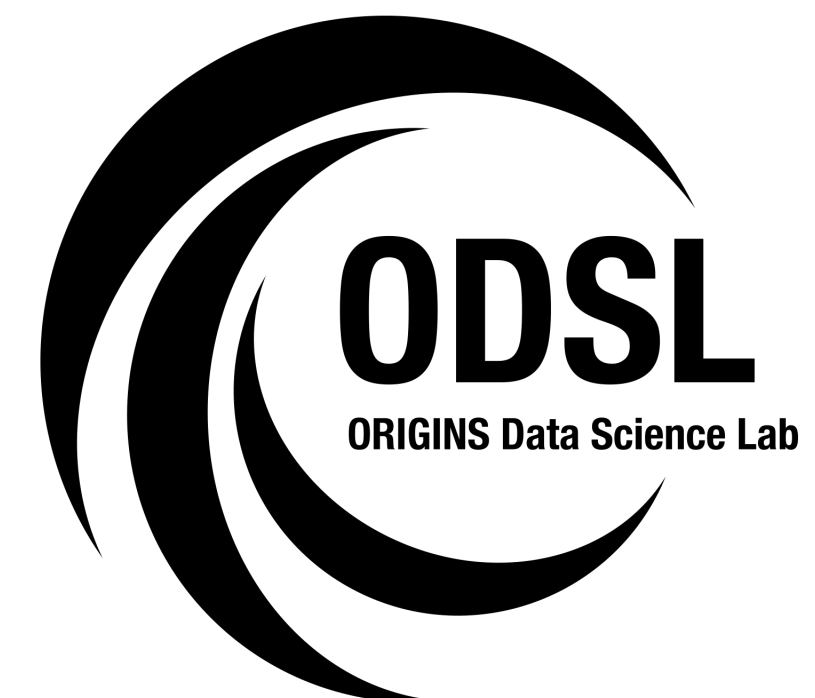


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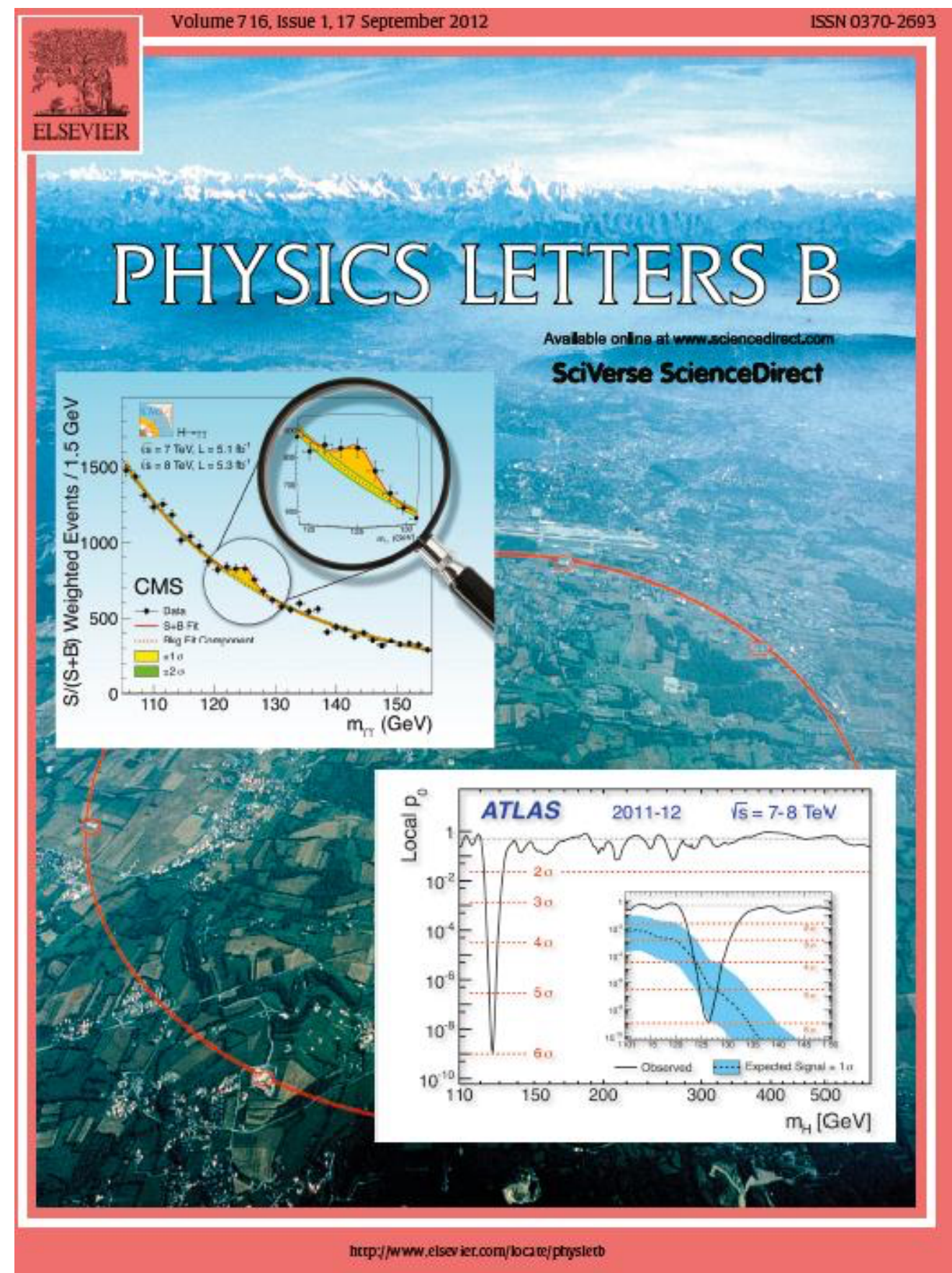
# Differentiable Programming for High Energy Physics

Physics in LHC and Beyond - Matsue, Japan

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# Two Breakthroughs 10 Years ago



July 2012

## ImageNet Classification with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks

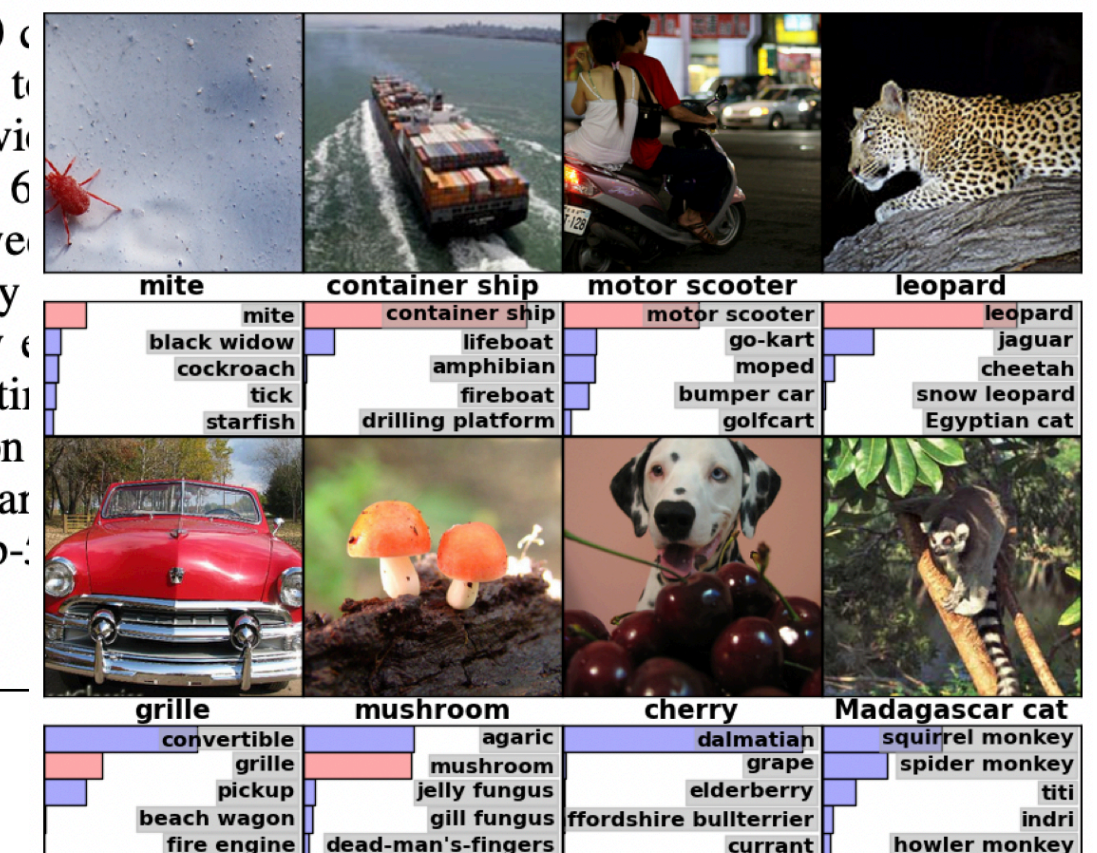
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### Abstract

We trained a large, deep convolutional neural network to classify the 1.2 million high-resolution images in the ImageNet LSVRC-2010 competition into 1000 different classes. On the test data, we achieved top-1 and top-5 accuracies of 37.5% and 61.7% respectively, which is considerably better than the previous state-of-the-art. To reduce overfitting and speed up training, we used non-saturating neurons and a very efficient implementation of the convolution operation. To reduce overfitting in the convolution layers we employed a recently-developed regularization technique called "dropout" that proved to be very effective. We also entered a variation of the competition and achieved a winning top-1 accuracy of 39.8% compared to 26.2% achieved by the second-best entry.



December 2012

# Since then.. vast progress in ML



This is a picture of Barack Obama. He is a former president of the United States.

How many people are there in this picture?

There are at least 5 people in this picture.

Where was this picture taken?

It was taken in a school.

How many mirrors are there?

There are at least 2 mirrors in this picture.

What is the person standing on?

The person is standing on a rug.

He is standing on a scale.

I think you are right.

What is he doing?

He is looking at the scale.

Where is Obama's foot positioned?

Obama's foot is positioned on the right side of the scale.

What happens as a result?

The scale shows a higher weight.

Is the person on the scale aware of it?

I think he is not aware of it.

Do you think that's why people are laughing?

I think so.

DeepMind: Flamingo

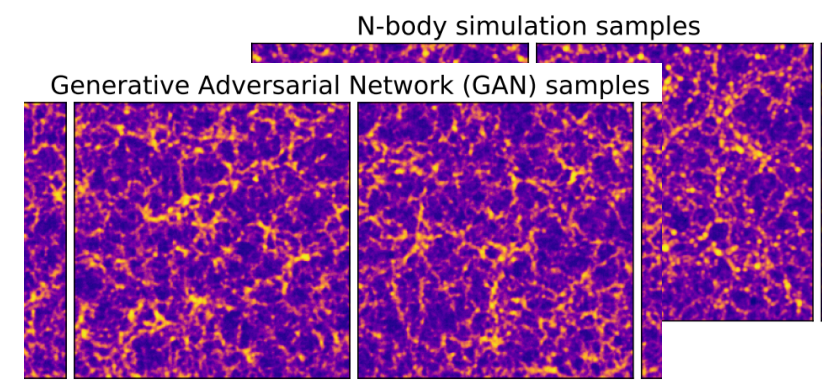
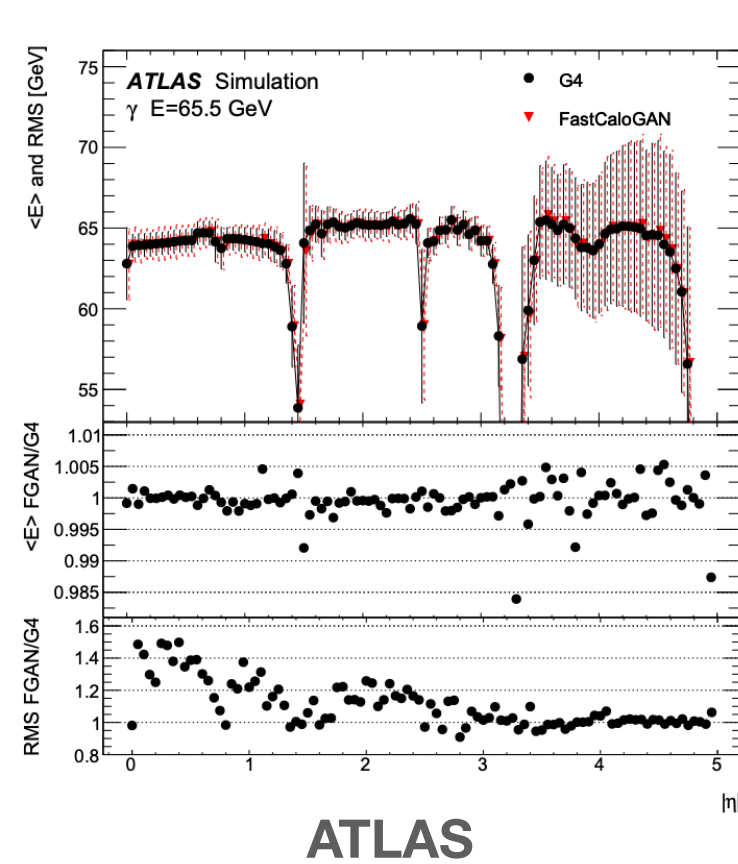
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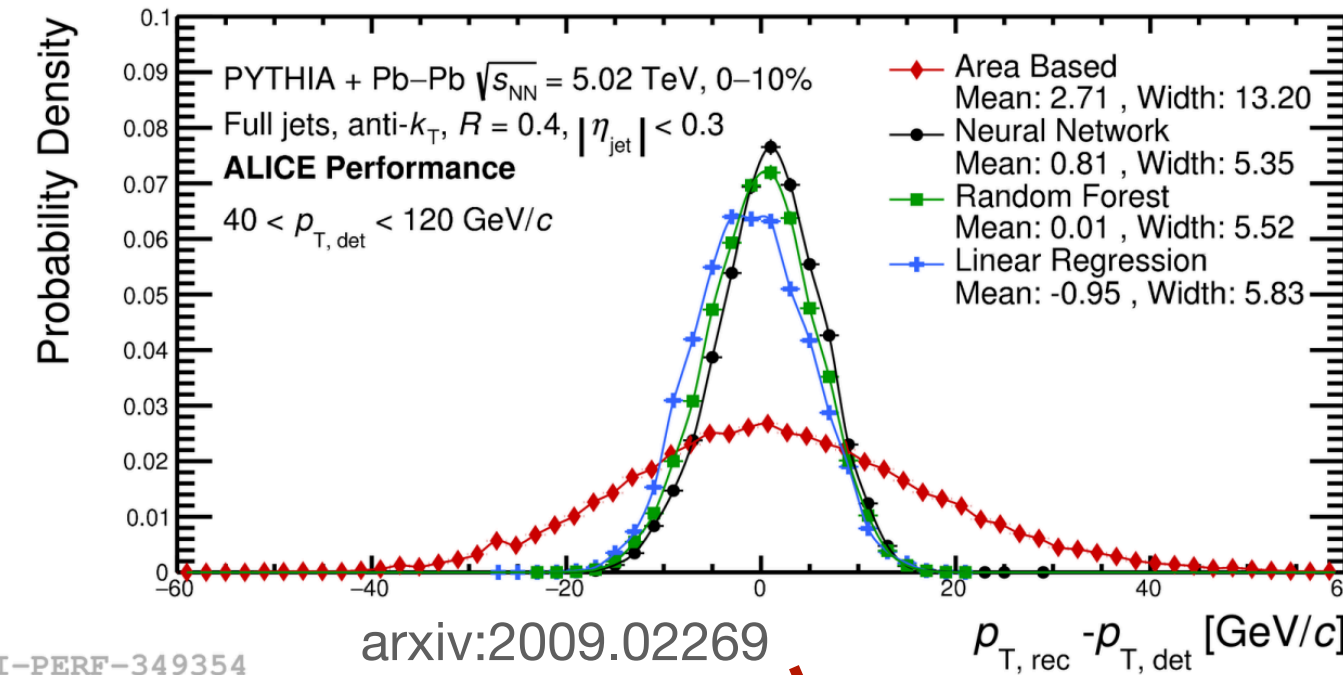
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# In HEP and Fundamental Science, it's entering everywhere

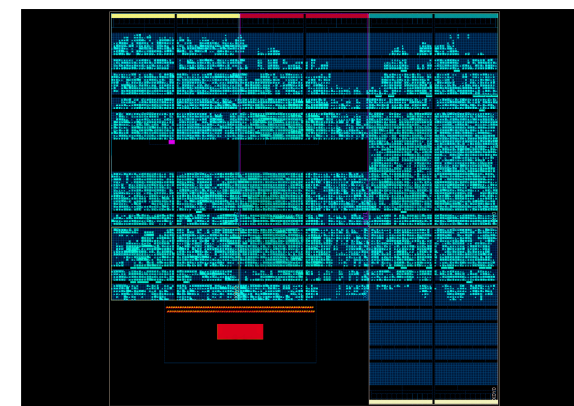
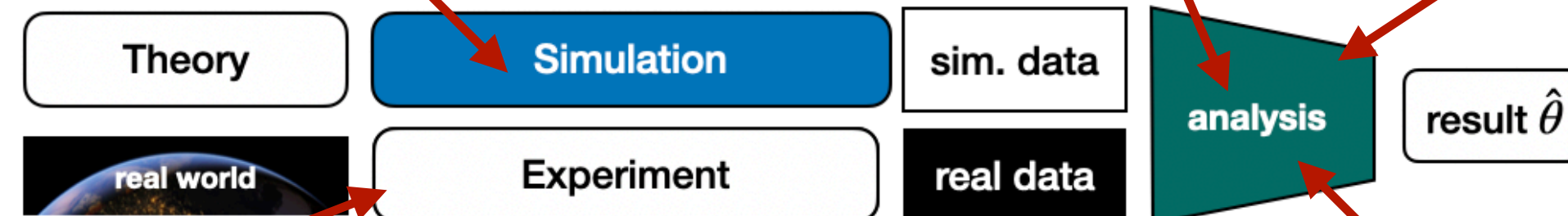
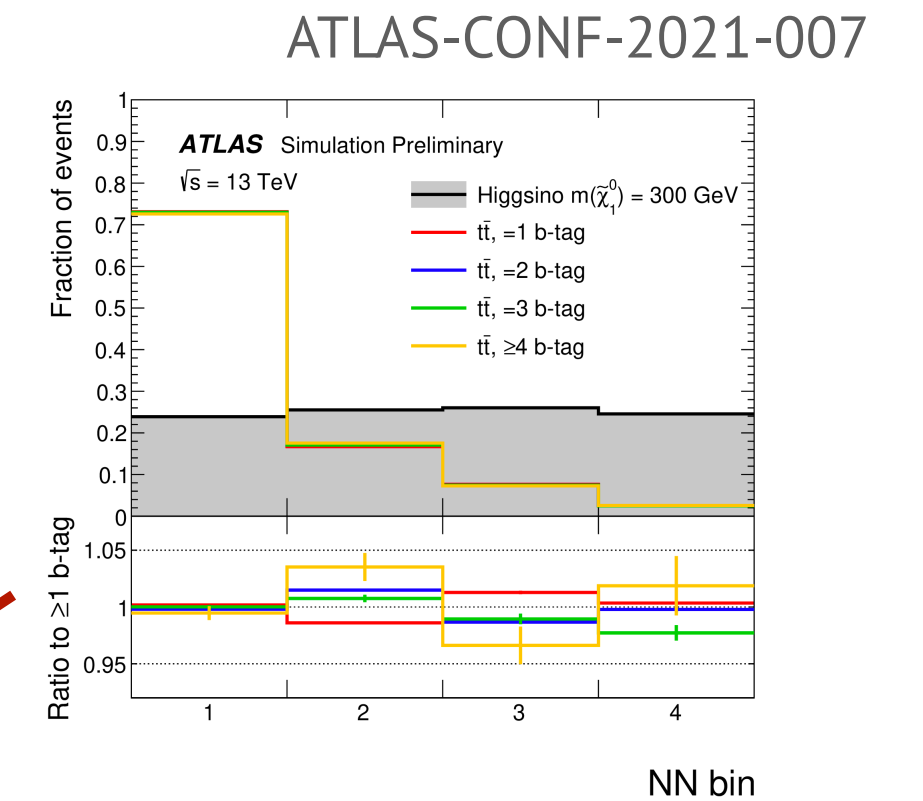
## Generative Models



## Particle Reconstruction

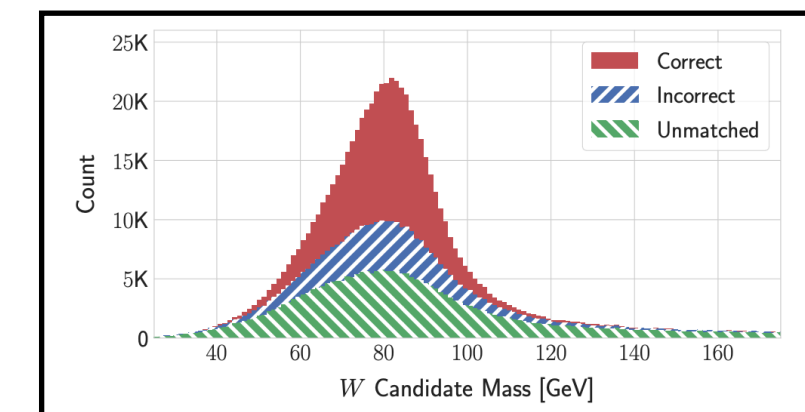
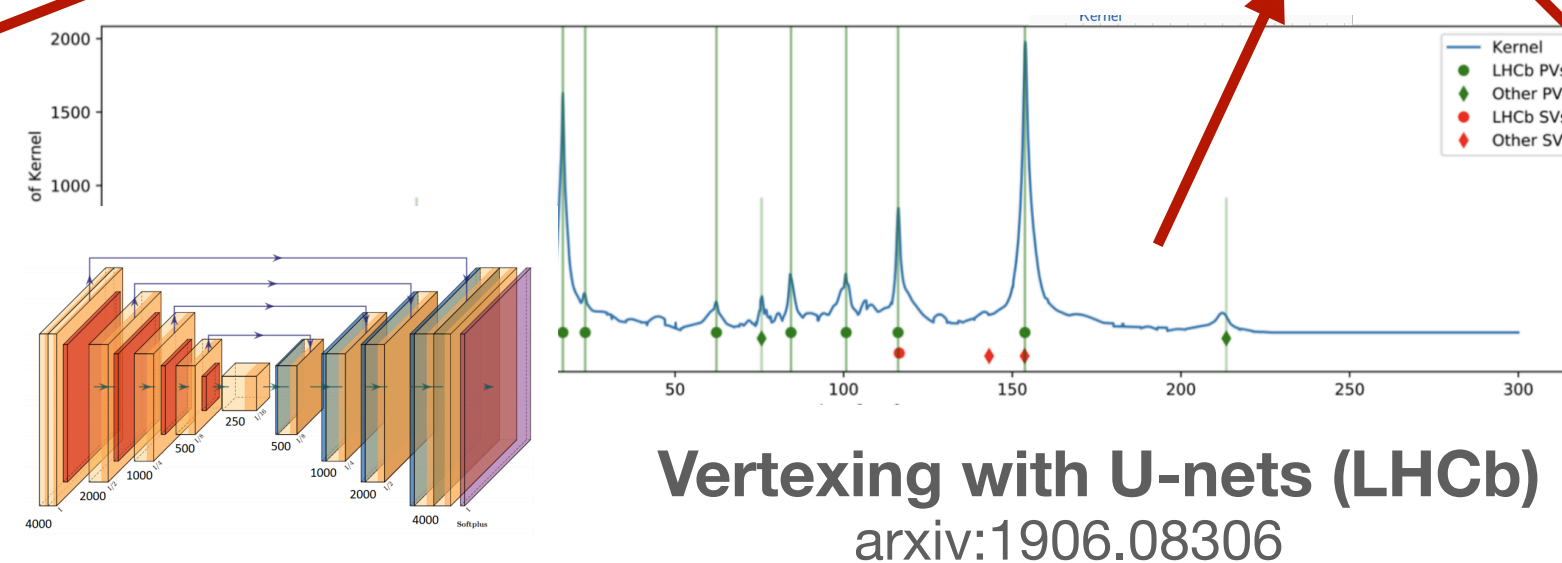


## Background Estimation



arXiv:2108.03986

Auto-Encoders for Anomaly Detection (DAQ)



arXiv:2010.09206

Where is this going?

# Challenges



This is a picture of Barack Obama. He is a former president of the United States.

How many giraffes are there?

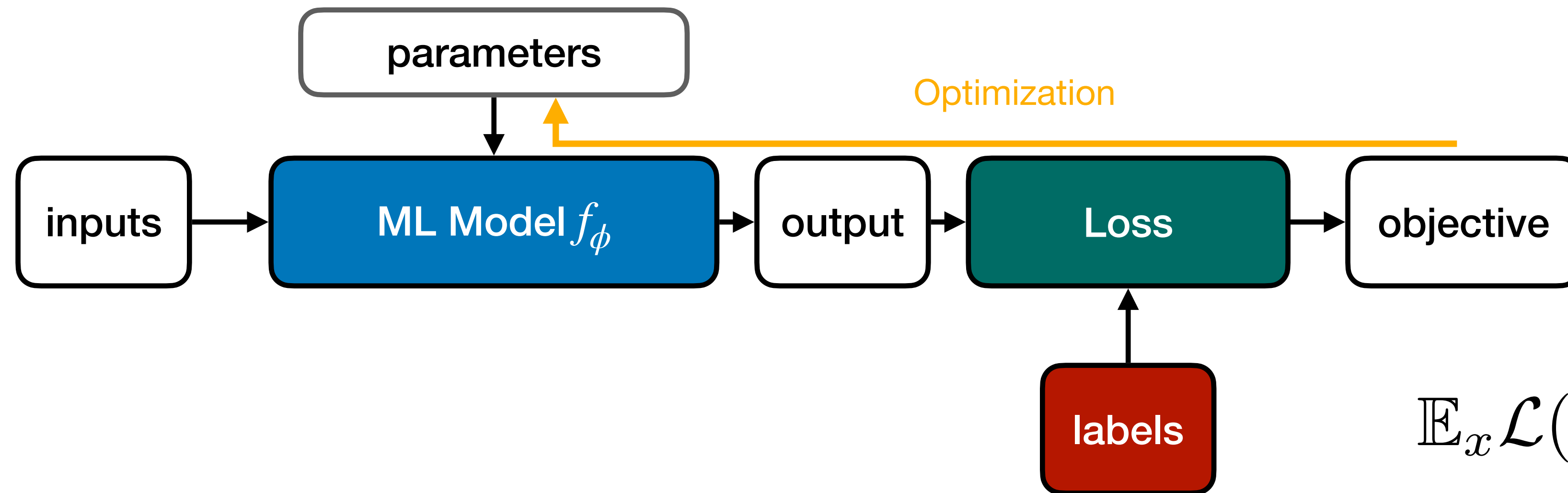
There are two giraffes.



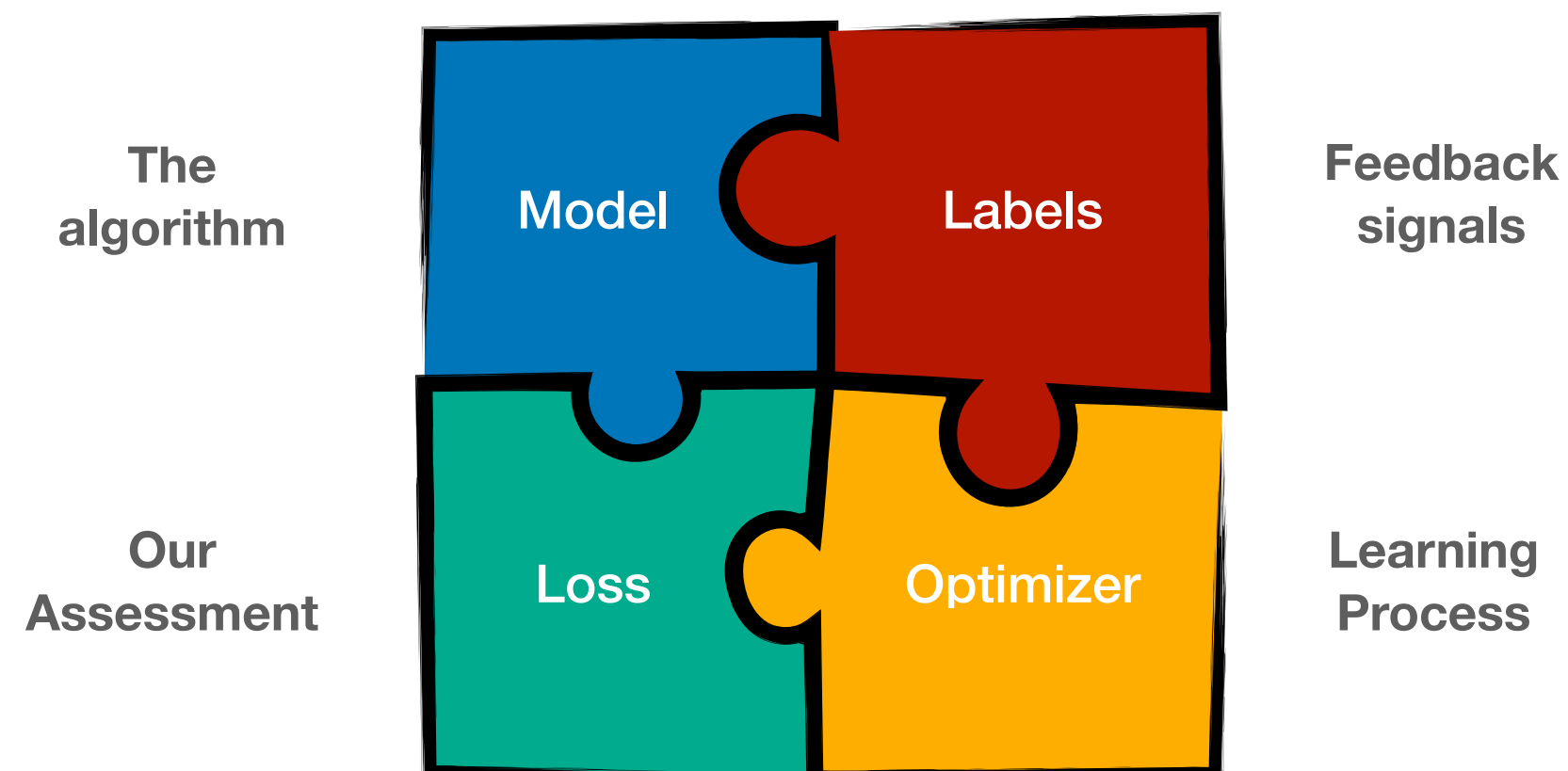
Replacing everything with one big black-box is not sufficient for scientific use cases: **need uncertainties, interpretability, robustness, ....**

A lot of interest in “physics-informed” Machine-Learning approaches

# Where to inject the physics?

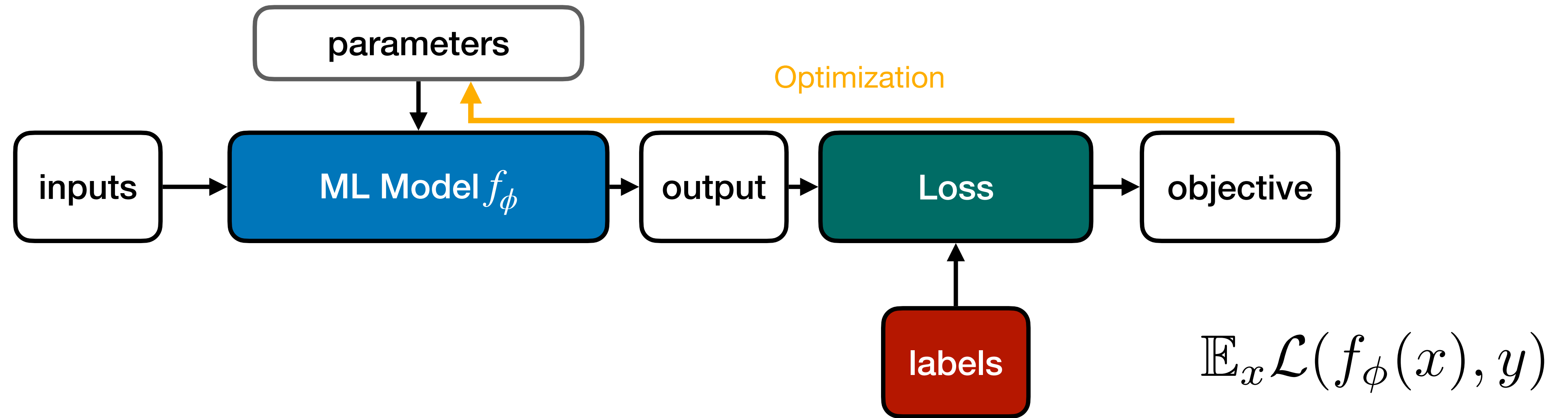


$$\mathbb{E}_x \mathcal{L}(f_\phi(x), y)$$



**Ideally: inject physics domain knowledge in all areas of a ML system**

# How to inject the physics?



Ability to computation gradients of computer programs are a key mechanism to inject domain knowledge into ML

↳ **Differentiable Programming**

# Gradient Based Optimization

Deep Learning is about searching through an extremely high-dimensional space

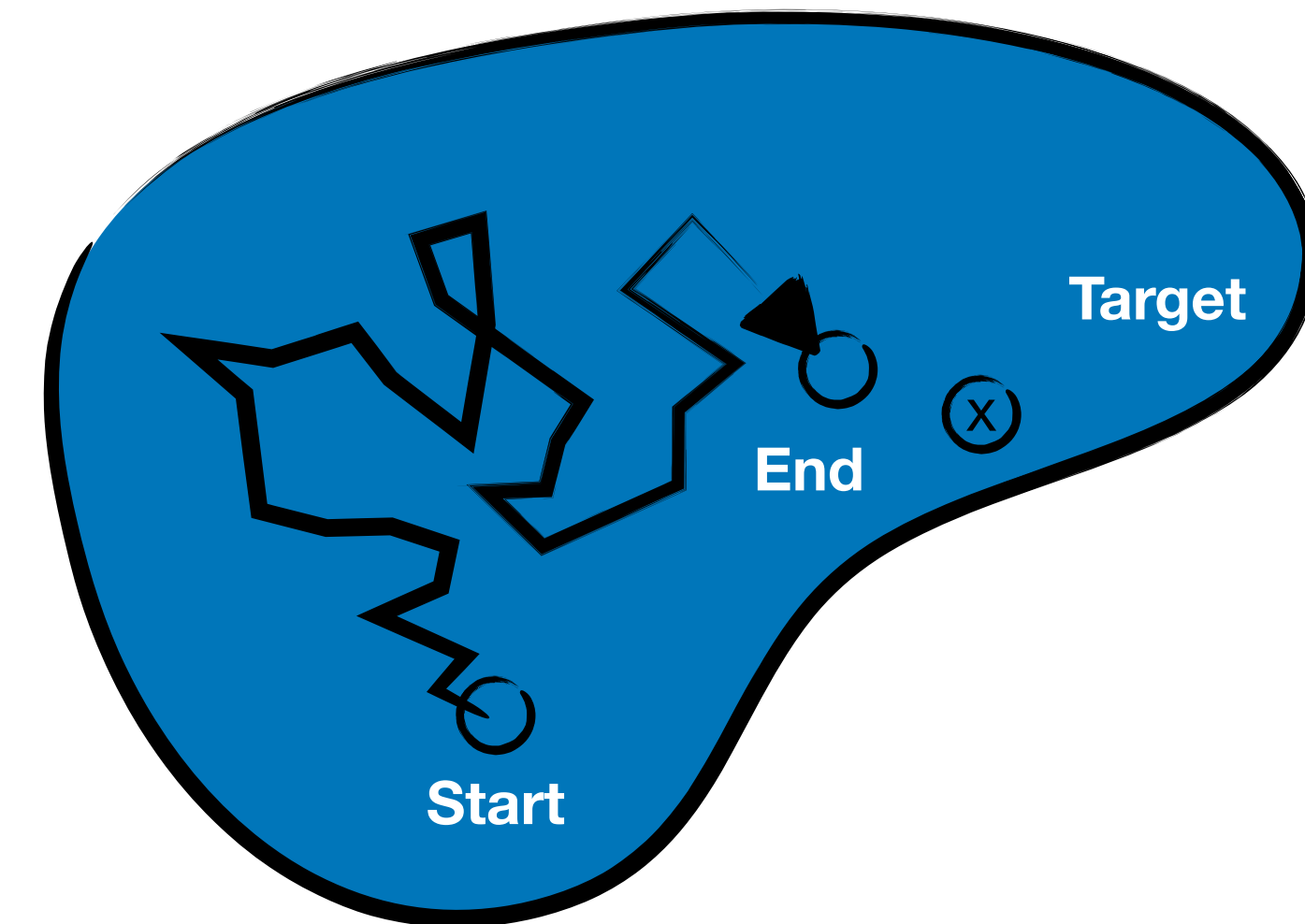
## Space of Algorithms

Gradients with respect to the algorithm parameters are crucial in order to make this feasible at all.

Requires differentiable **models** & differentiable **losses**

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \partial L & \partial f \\ \hline \partial f & \partial \phi \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\hat{\phi} = \underset{\phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathbb{E}_x \mathcal{L}(f_{\phi}(x), y)$$



SWITCH TRANSFORMERS: SCALING TO TRILLION PARAMETER MODELS WITH SIMPLE AND EFFICIENT SPARSITY

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ABSTRACT

In deep learning, models typically reuse the same parameters for all inputs. Mixture of Experts (MoE) models defy this and instead select *different* parameters for each incoming example. The result is a sparsely-activated model – with an outrageous number of parameters – but a constant computational cost. However, despite several notable successes of MoE, widespread adoption has been hindered



# Automatic Differentiation

Automatic Differentiation: careful application of *chain rule to computer programs*

- exact gradients (as e.g. Mathematica), but low overhead
- available for many common programming languages

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import jax
import jax.numpy as jnp

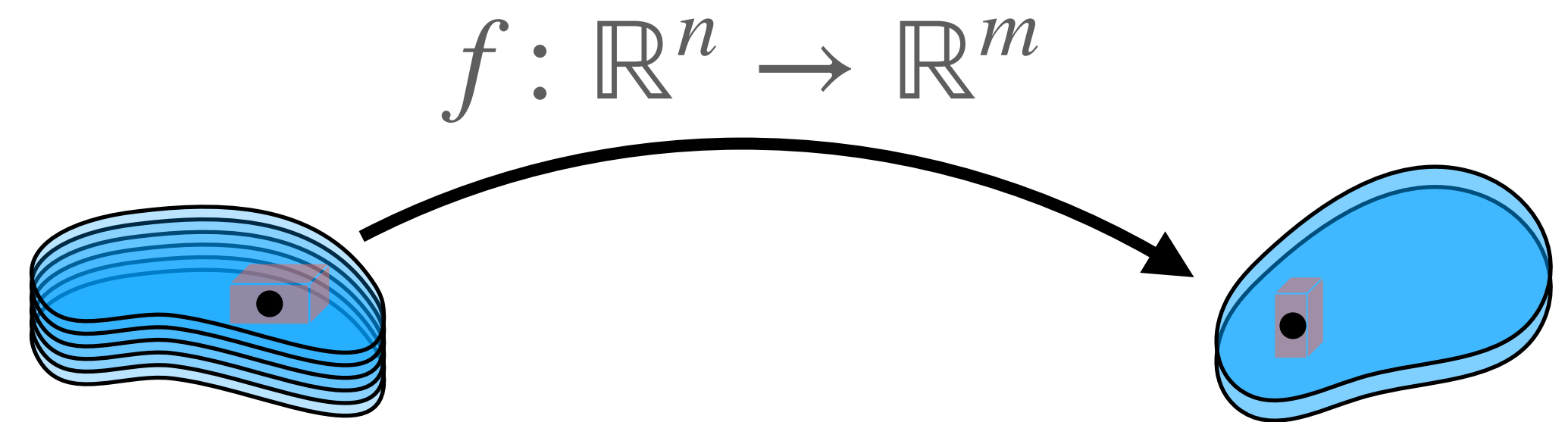
def func(x):
    y = x
    for i in range(4):
        y += x[0]**2 + jnp.sin(x[1]) + jnp.exp(-x[2])
    y = y.sum()
    return y
```

exact gradients!



```
gfunc = jax.value_and_grad(func)
gfunc(jnp.array([2., 3., -2]))

(DeviceArray(141.36212, dtype=float32),
 DeviceArray([ 49.          , -10.8799095, -87.66867  ], dtype=float32))
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$$y = f(x)$$

$$dy = J_f dx$$

Normal Program  
Output

Additional Program  
Output w/ AD

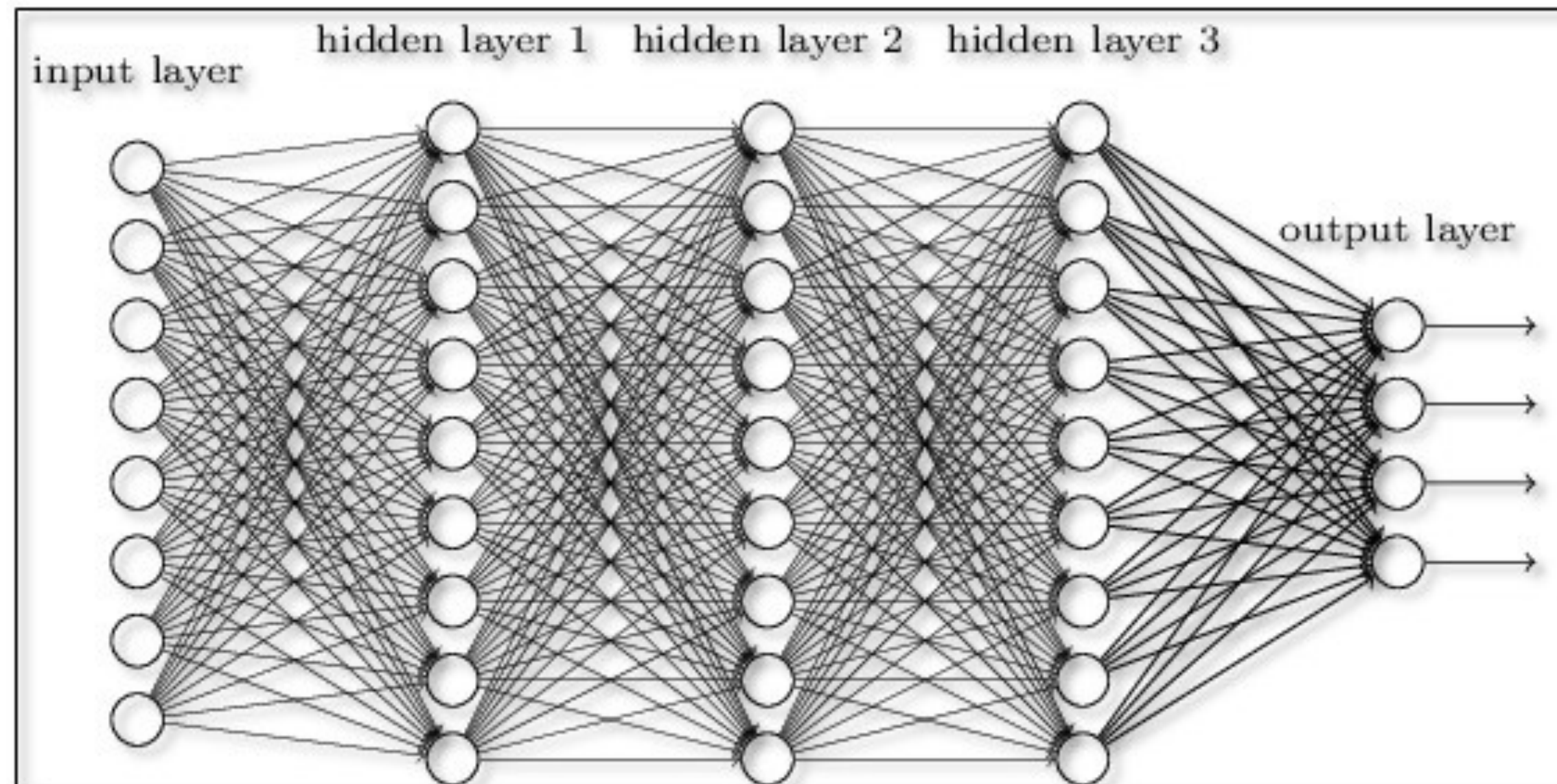


PYTORCH

... but also C++, Fortran, ...

# What is the space of algorithms?

Classic Neural Network answer: **a program without any structure**



**Generic layers that are easily differentiated**

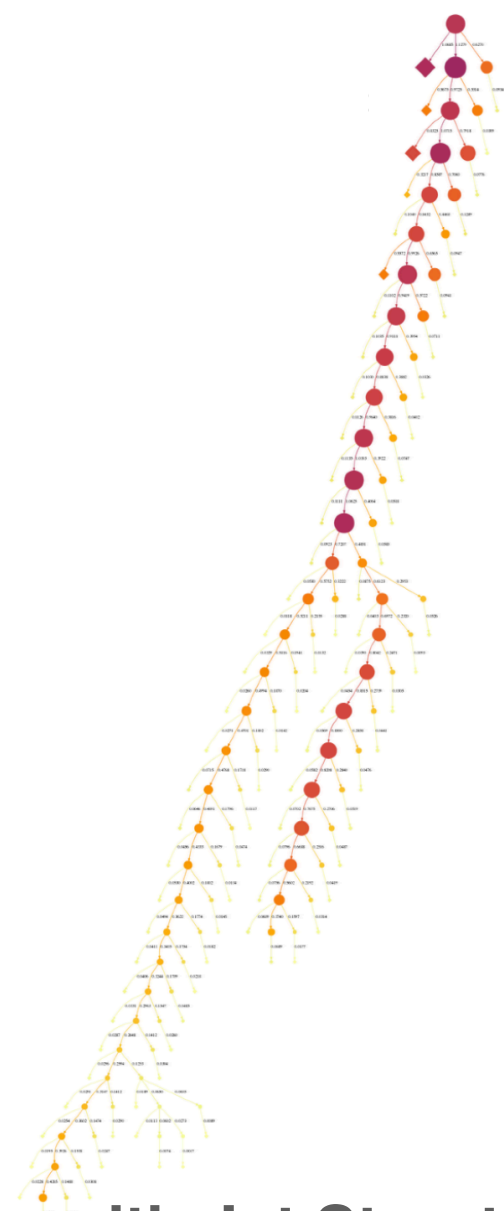
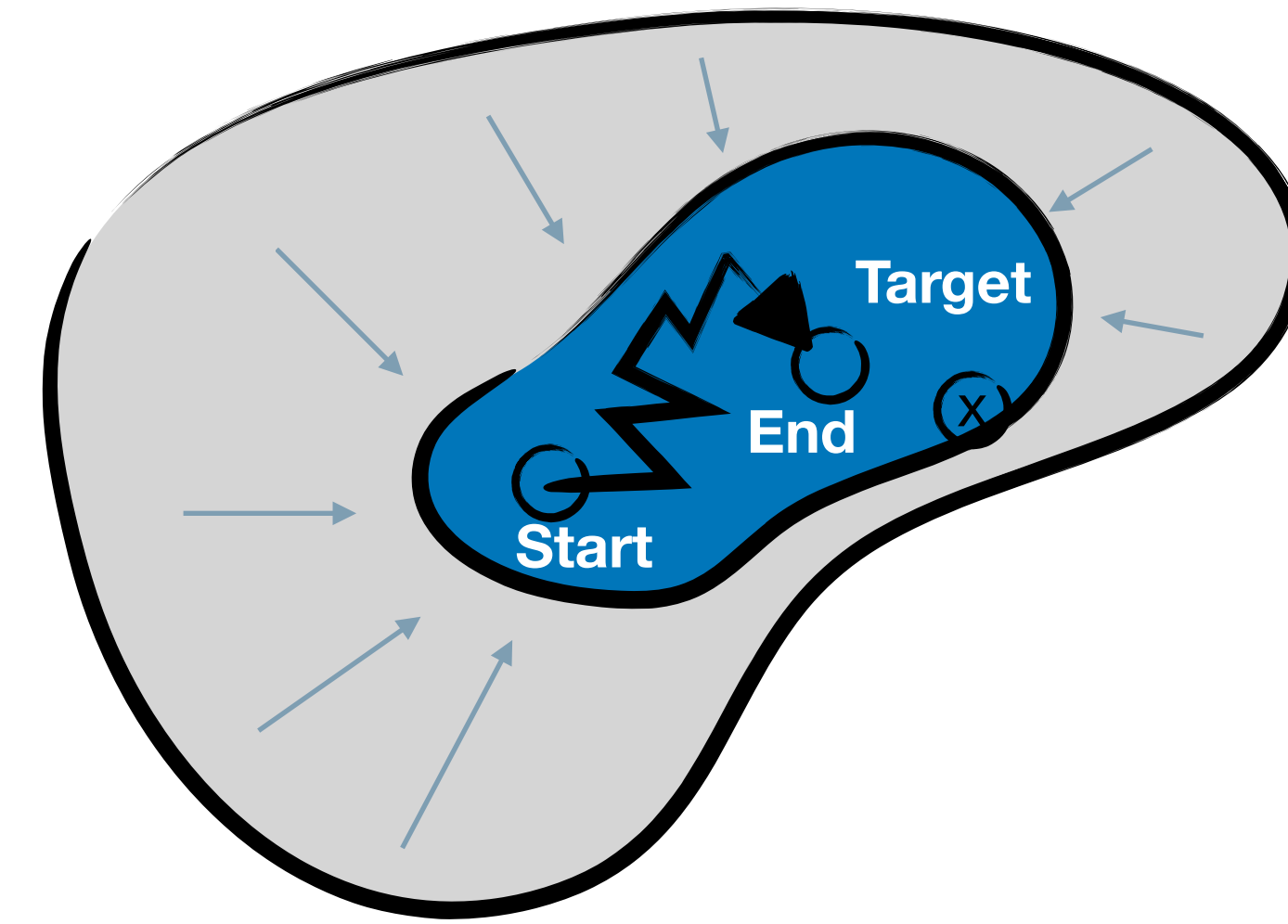
**With sufficient data this can work.**

# Inductive Bias

Architectures: By imposing structure on the program we can **bias learning towards sensible solutions**

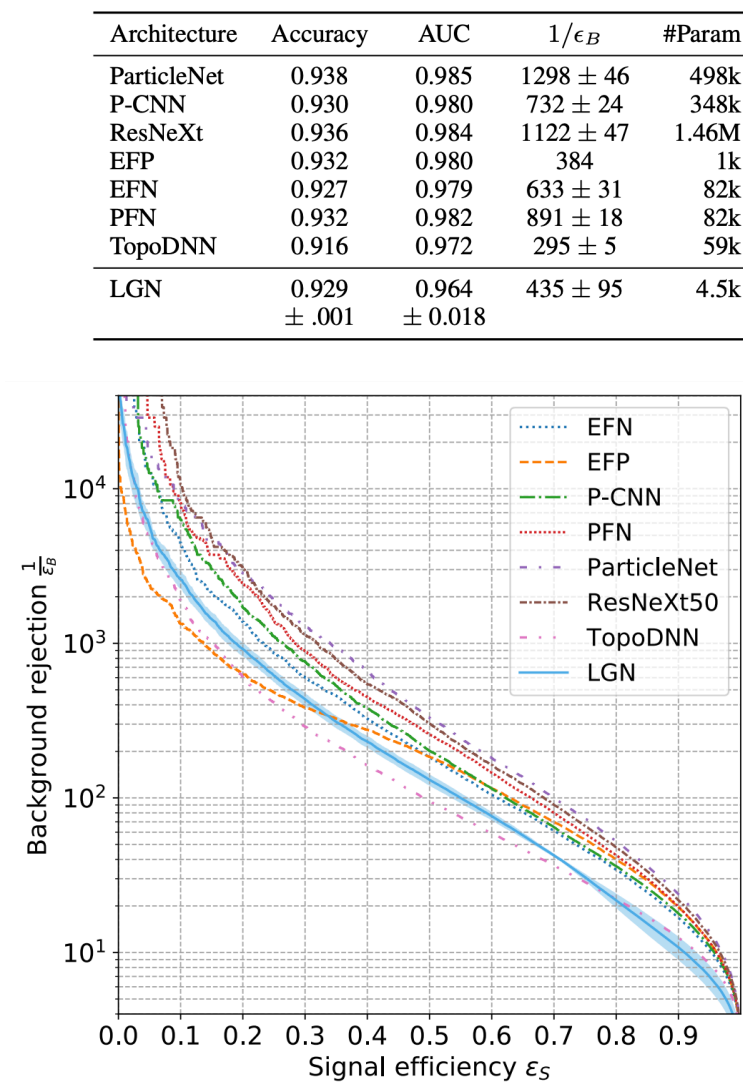
- more interpretable & data-efficient

Constraint: program must stay differentiable wrt. parameters to allow gradient-based optimization



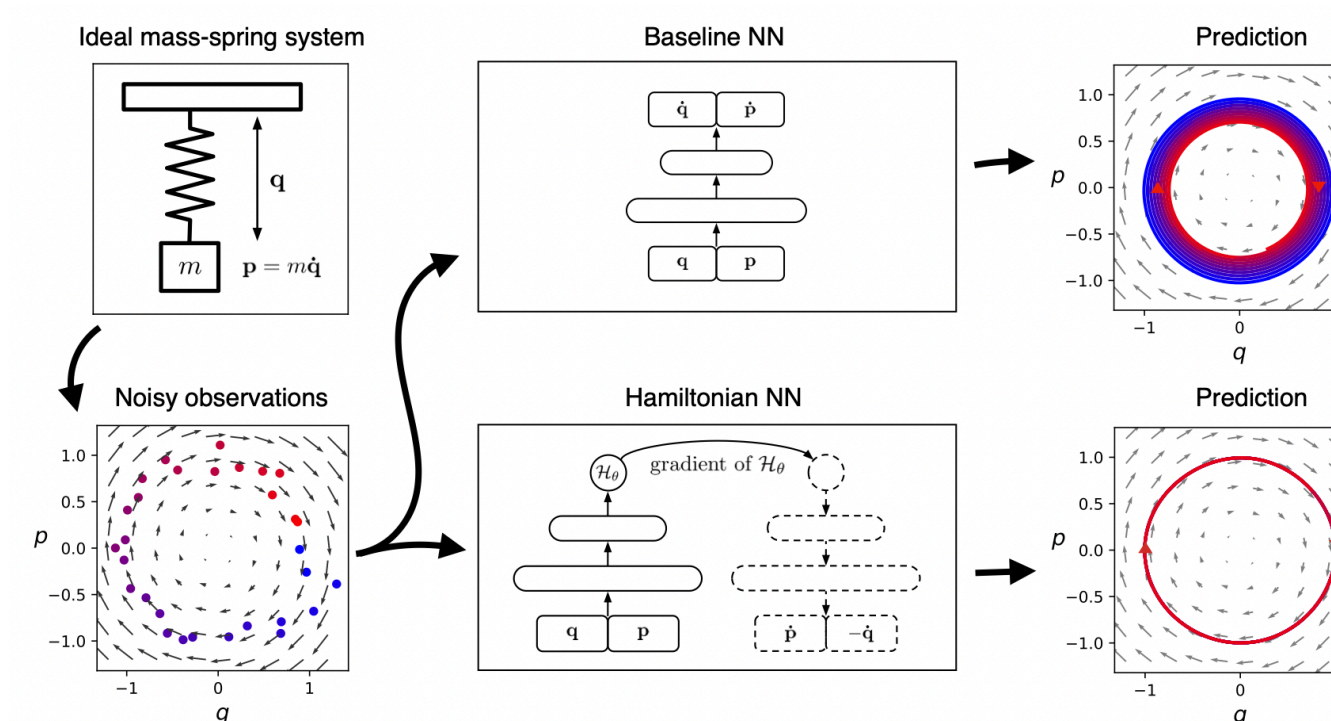
Nets with Jet Structure

arXiv:1702.00748



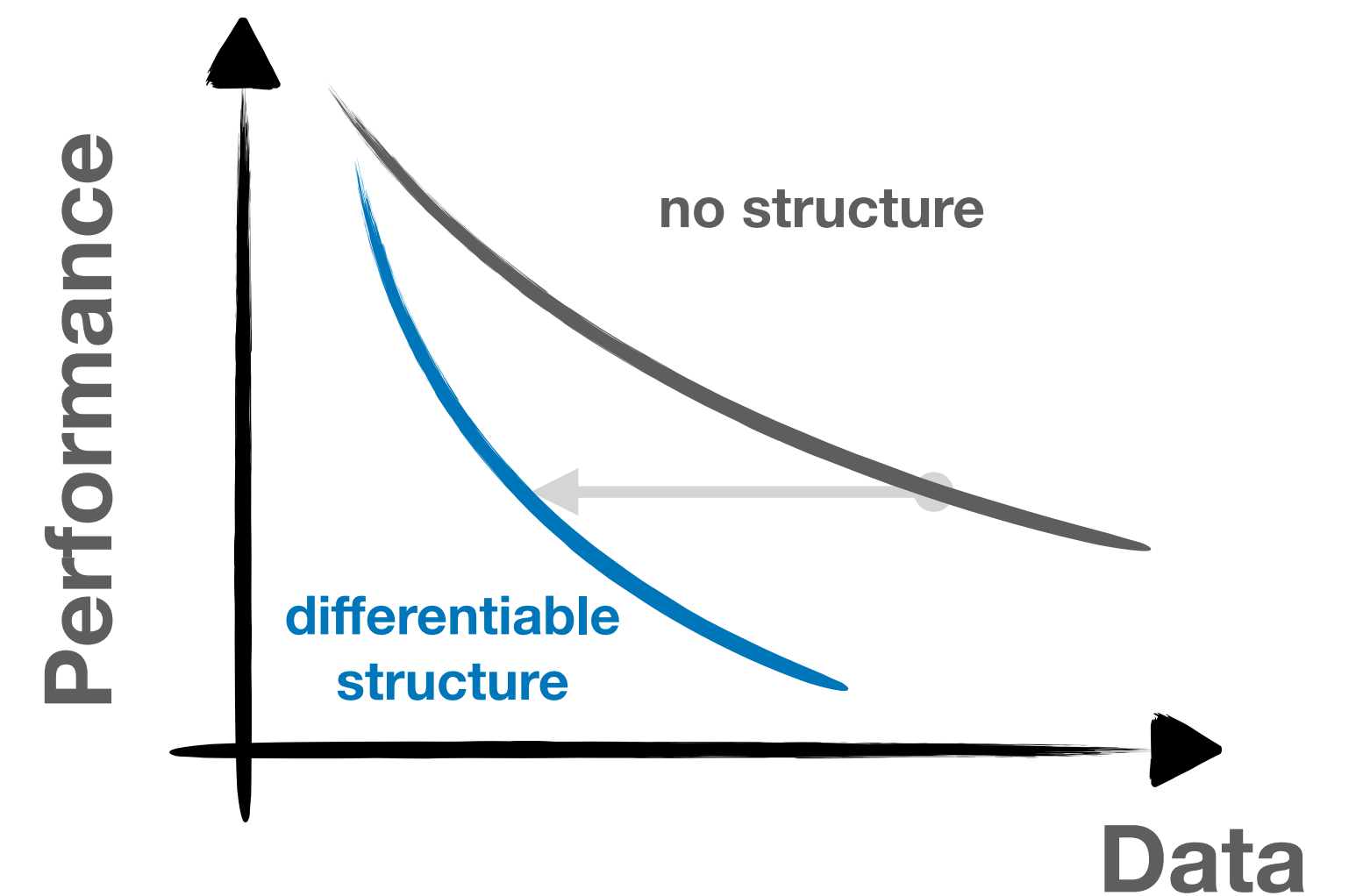
Lorentz-Invariance

arXiv:2006.04780



Hamiltonian Neural Nets

arXiv:1906.01563



## Why stop there?

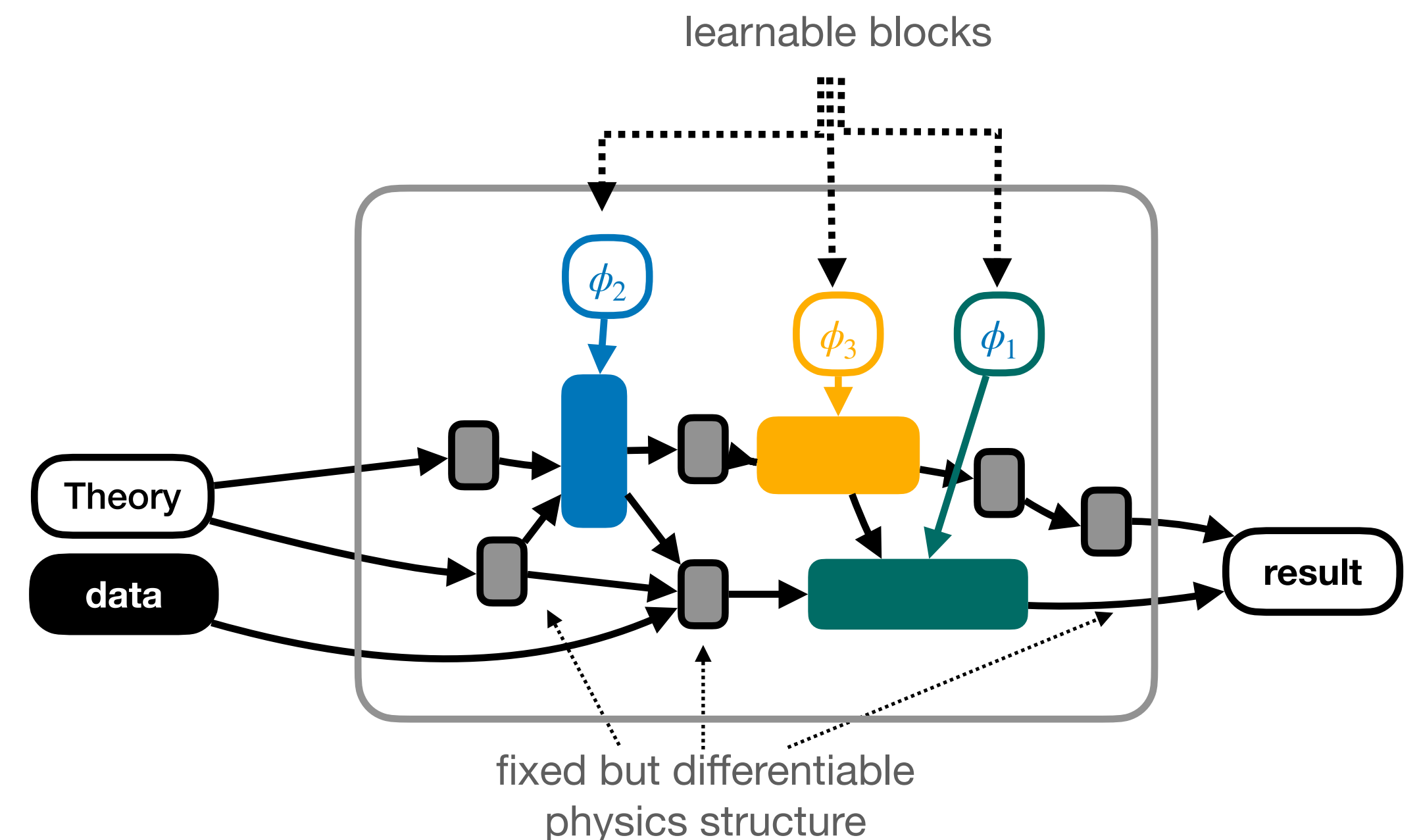
We already have a lot of code and structure that encodes our physics intuition

- Simulation, Tracking, Calorimetry, Particle Identification, Event Observables, ..

Instead of adding structure to a neural networks (symmetries, ...) we can try to make **our existing already-structured programs / logic differentiable**

### The differentiable programming POV

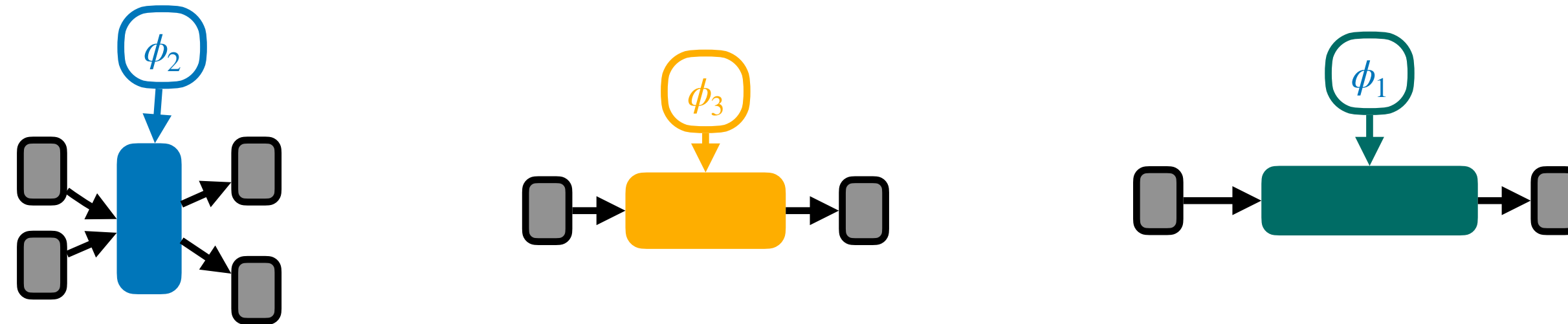
- enforce structure where we want it
- let ML fill in the blanks
- joint end-to-end optimization



## What do we get from this?

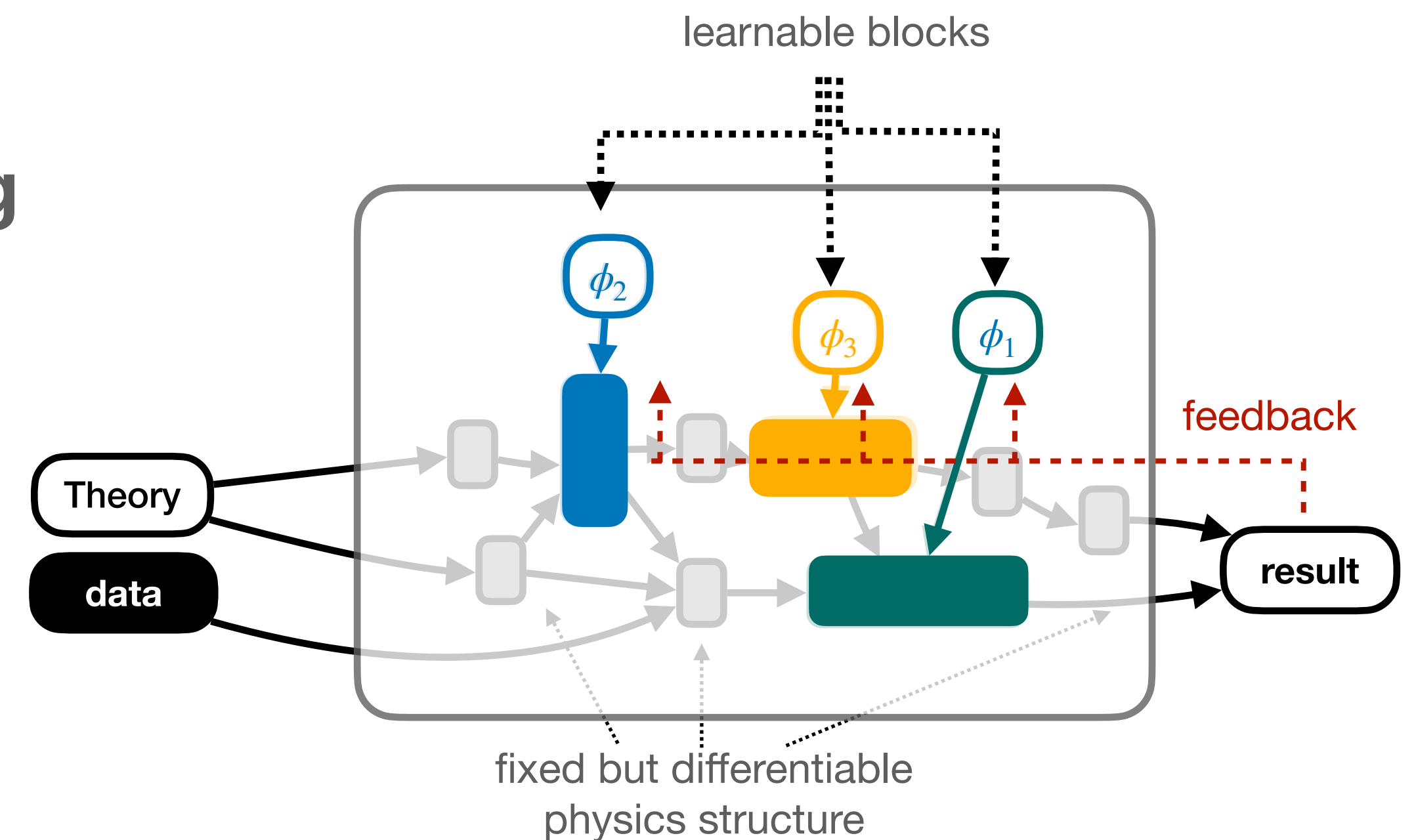
Currently we enforce physics by **compartmentalizing the ML components**

- train tracking, then particle ID, then analysis discriminants



With end-to-end differentiable programming we can guide **low-level algorithms** with **high-level feedback**

e.g. optimize reconstruction on final physics performance



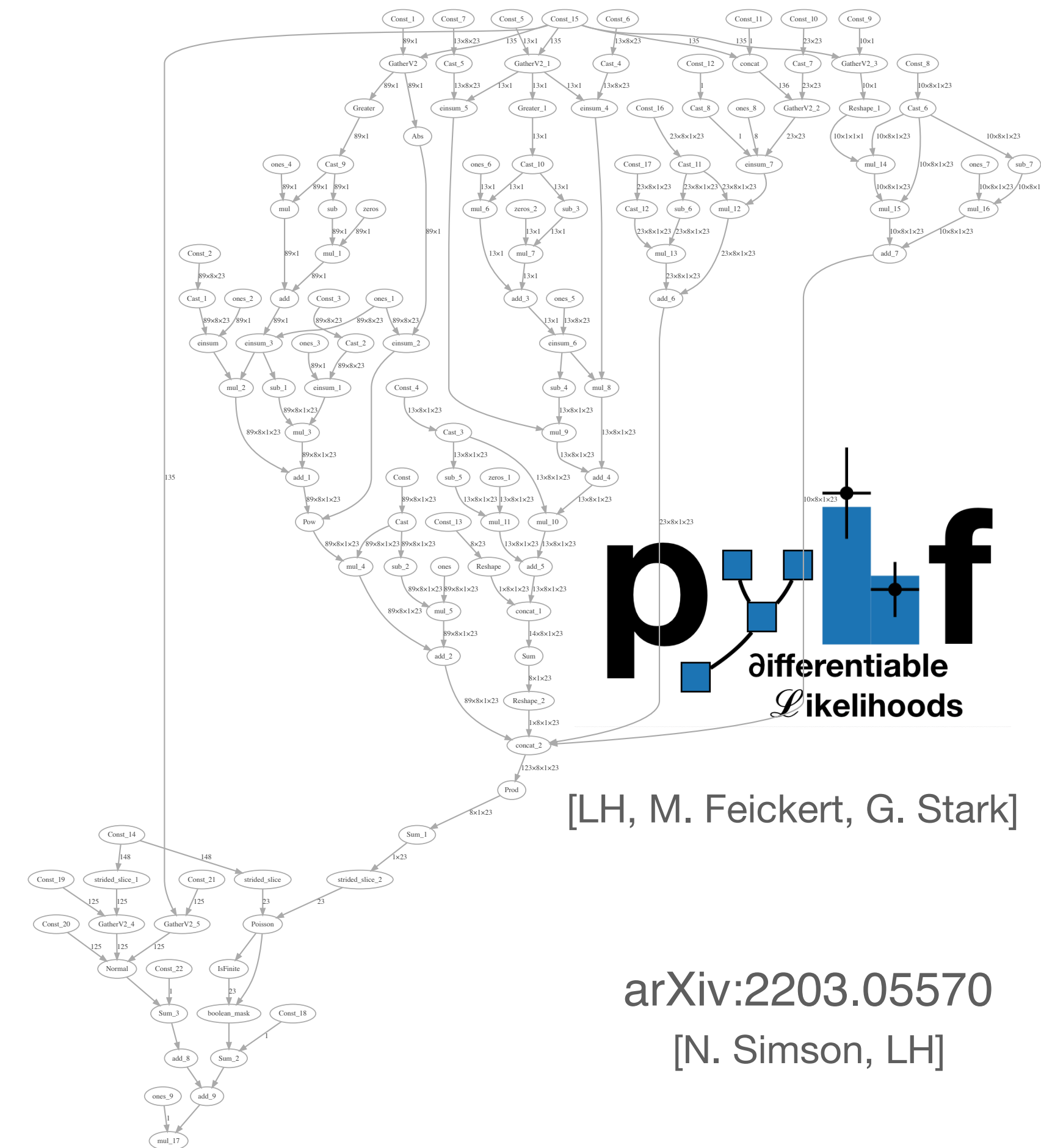
# Example: Systematics-Aware Neural Networks

Instead of optimizing on a proxy non-physics goal we can optimize on e.g. actual physics sensitivity



“smarter loss” thanks to a fully **differentiable statistical analysis** incl. systematics modelling, profiling.

differentiable  
but not a neural net!



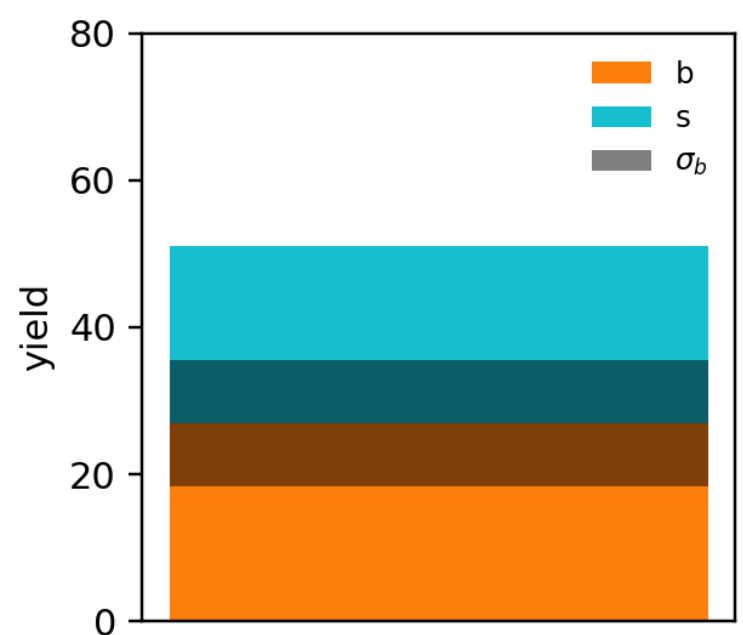
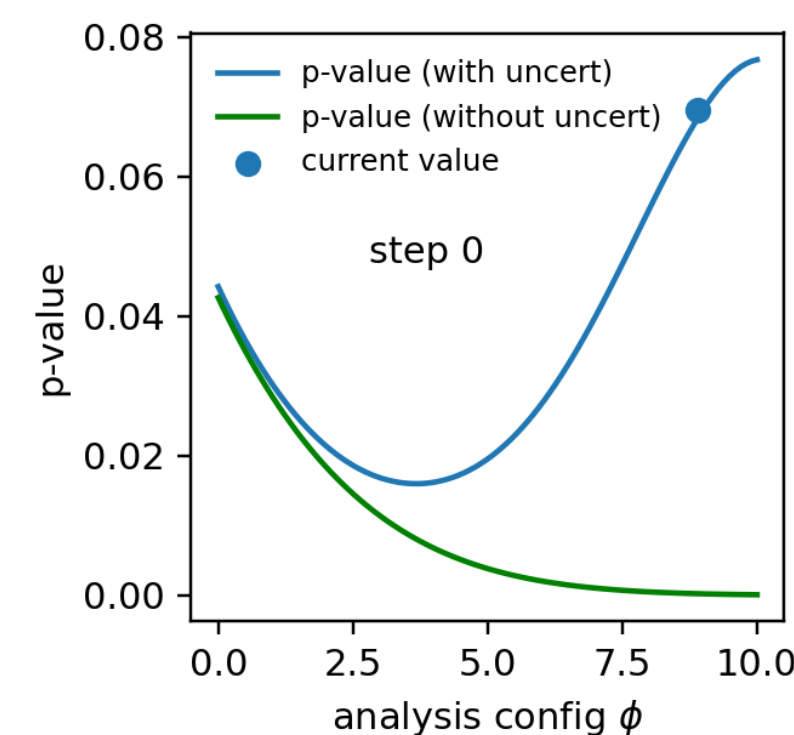
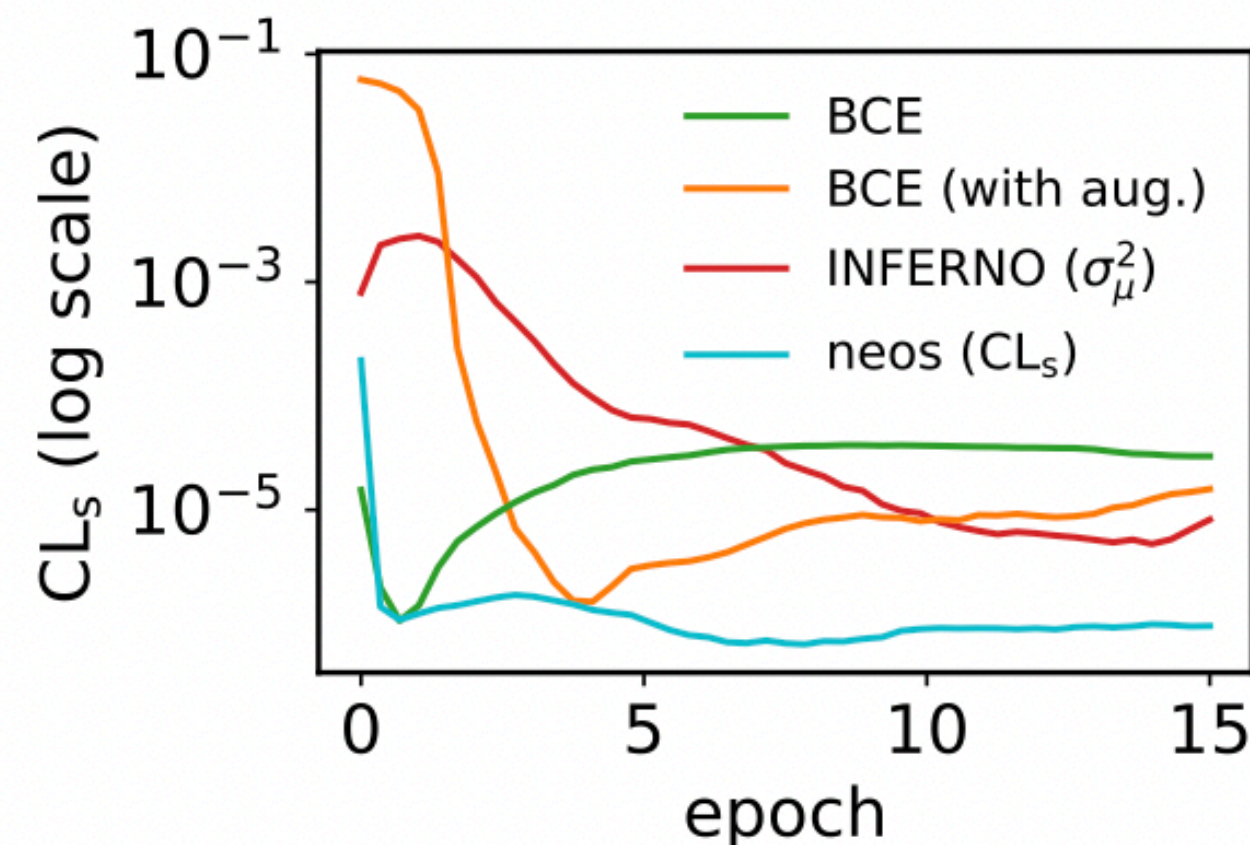
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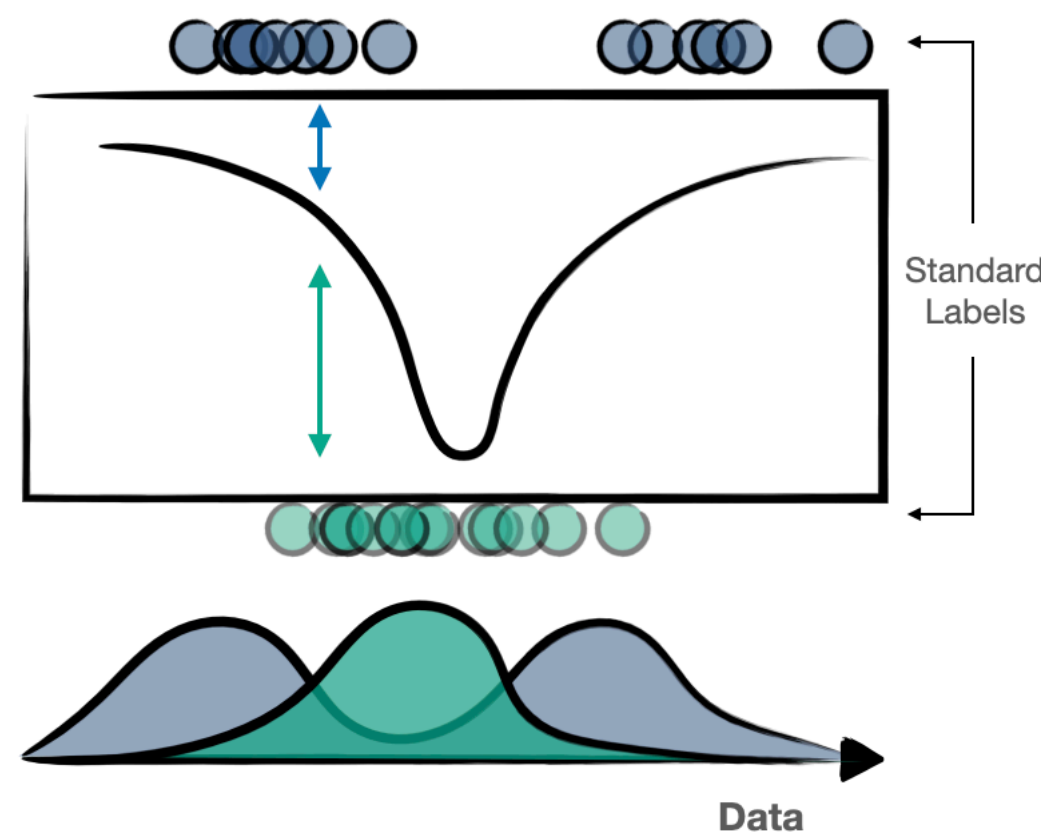
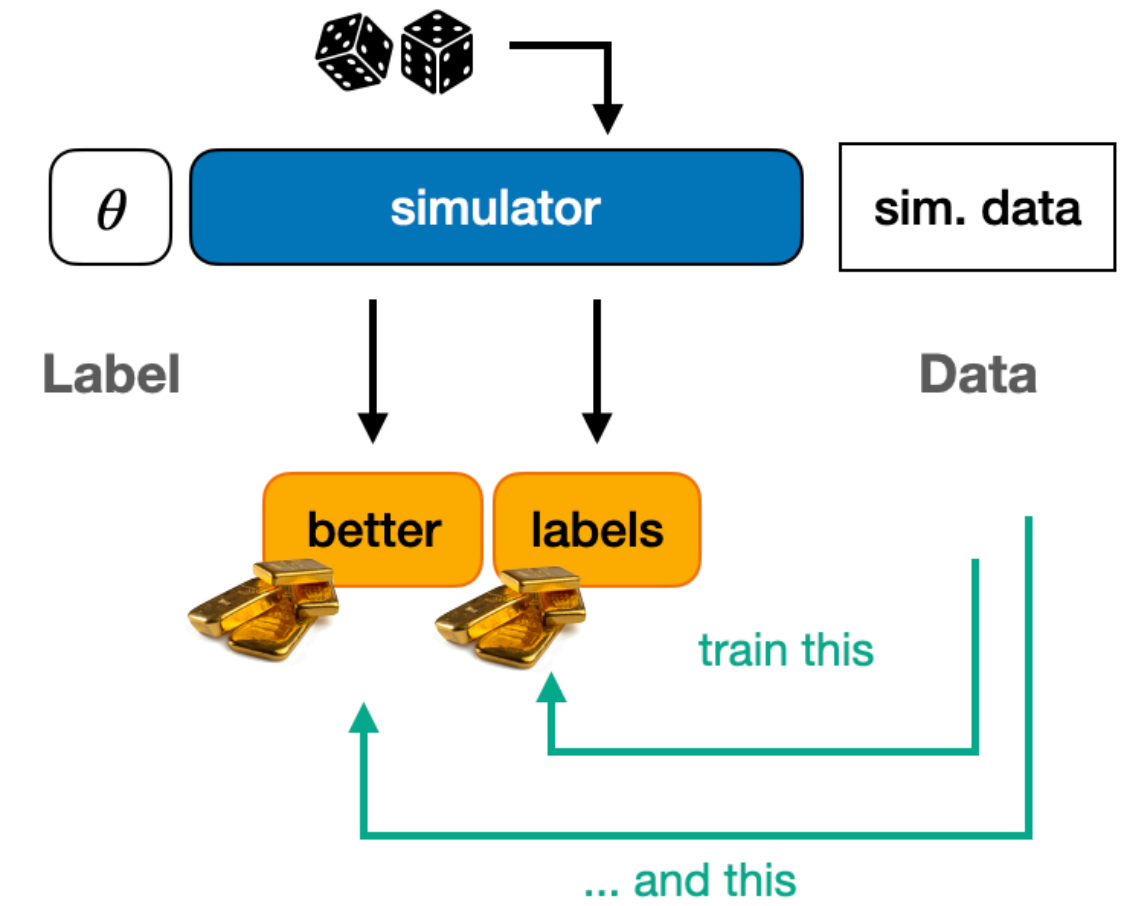
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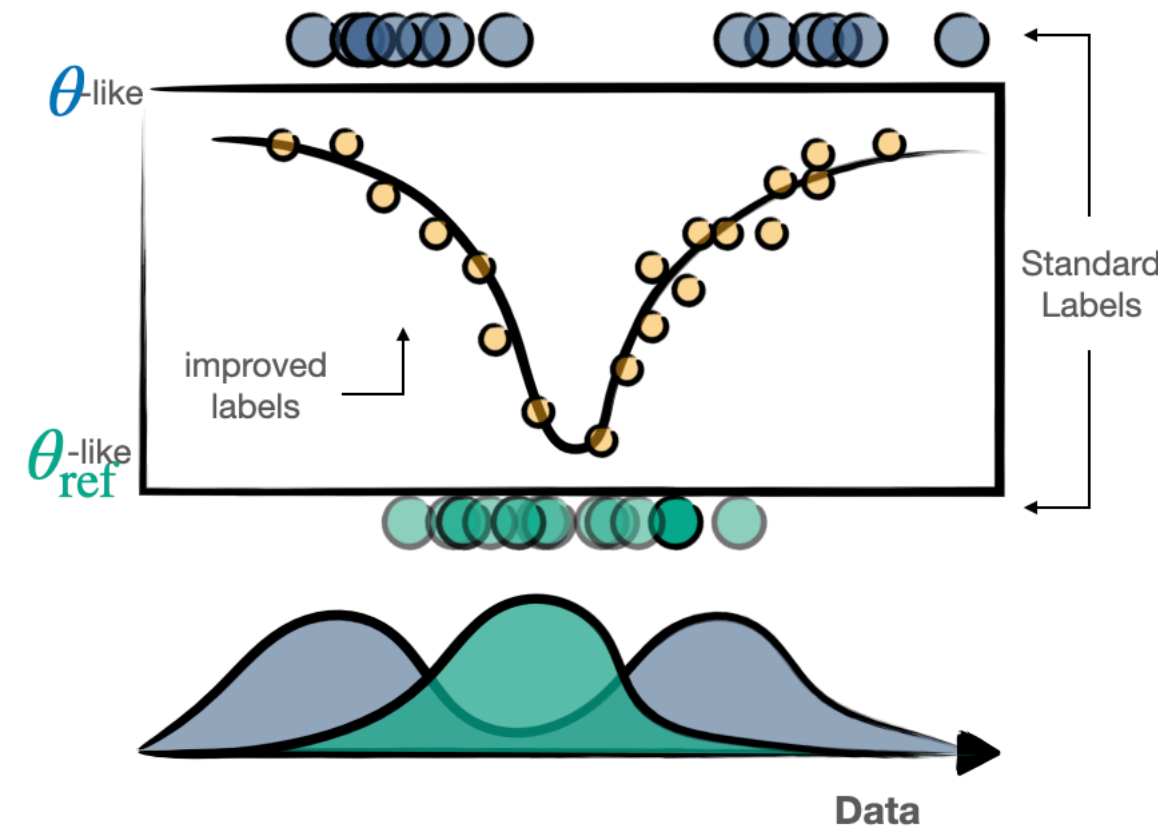
# Example: Gradient-Based Labels

Gradients are also key in order to improve labels. Intuitive: The more information you have about a target function the better

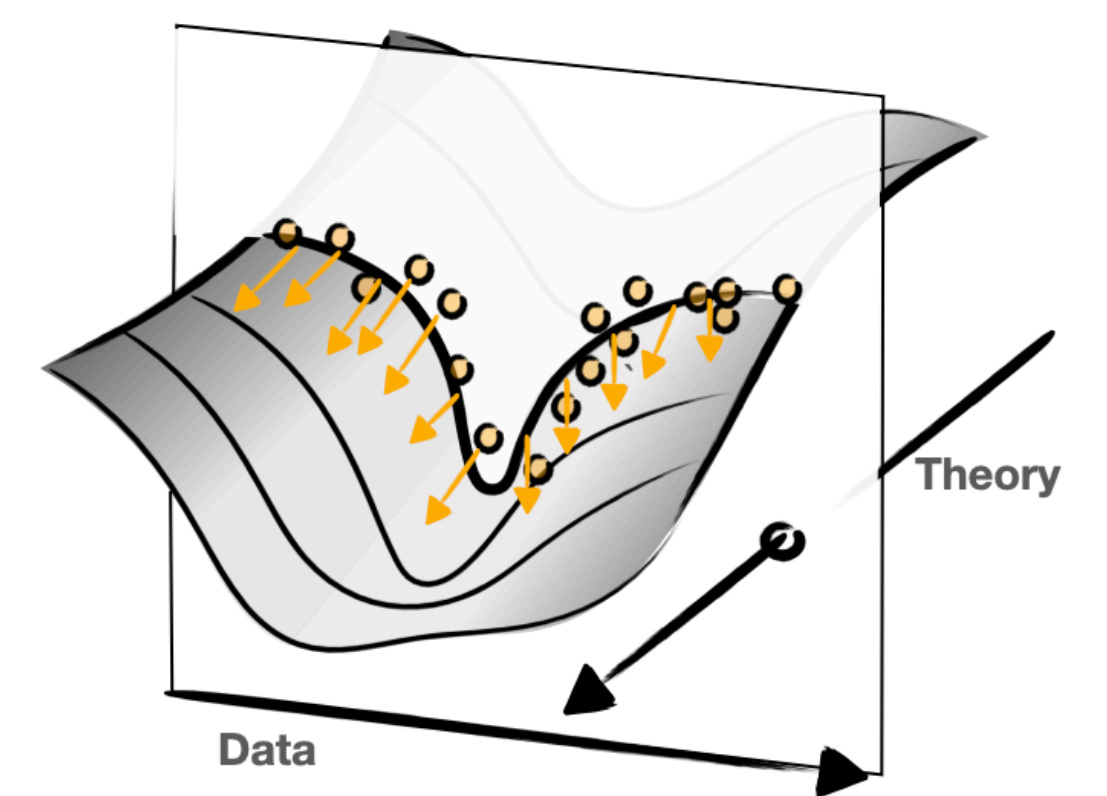
**Mining Gold:**  
 Extract labels from a (differentiable) simulator for density ratio estimation



$\theta$



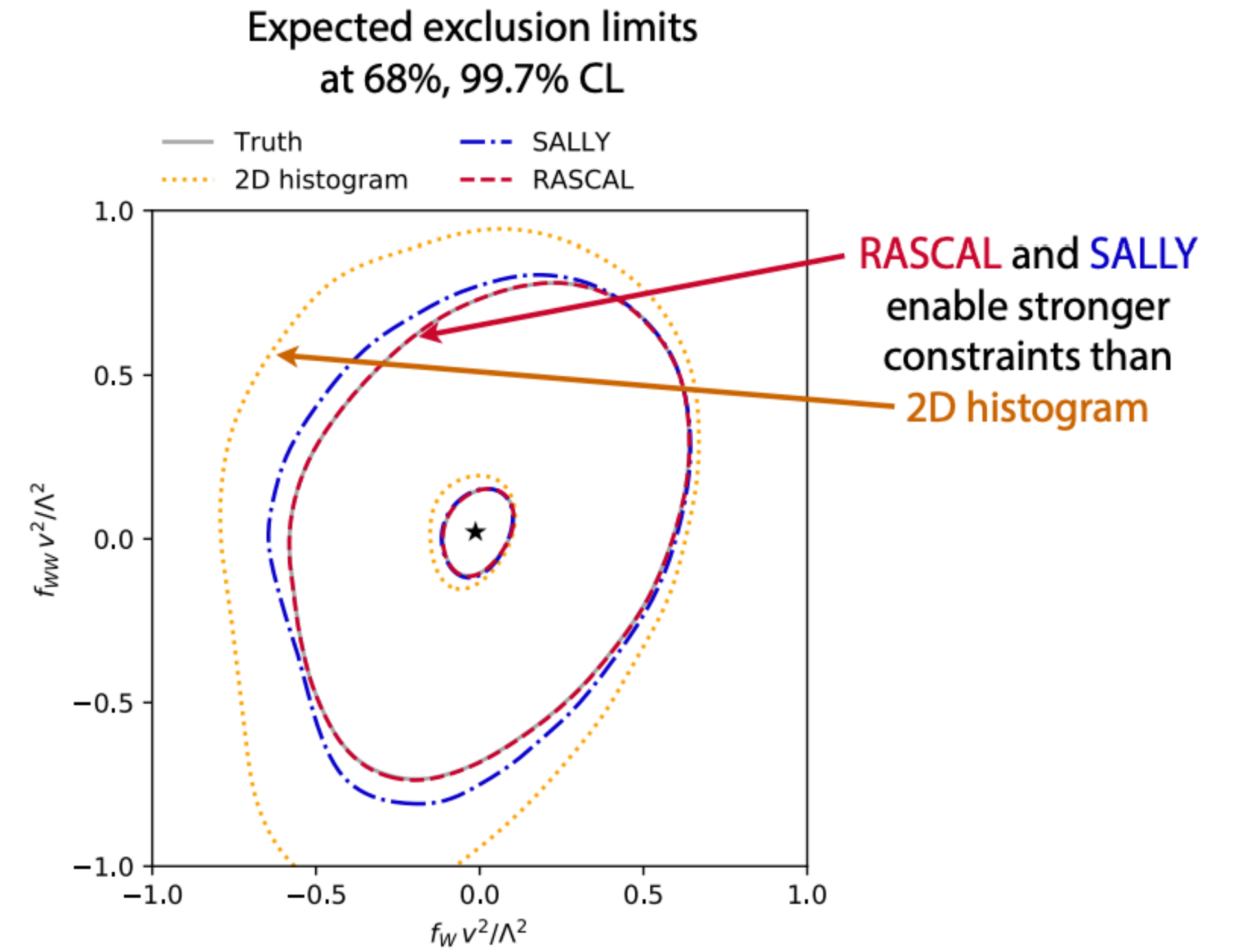
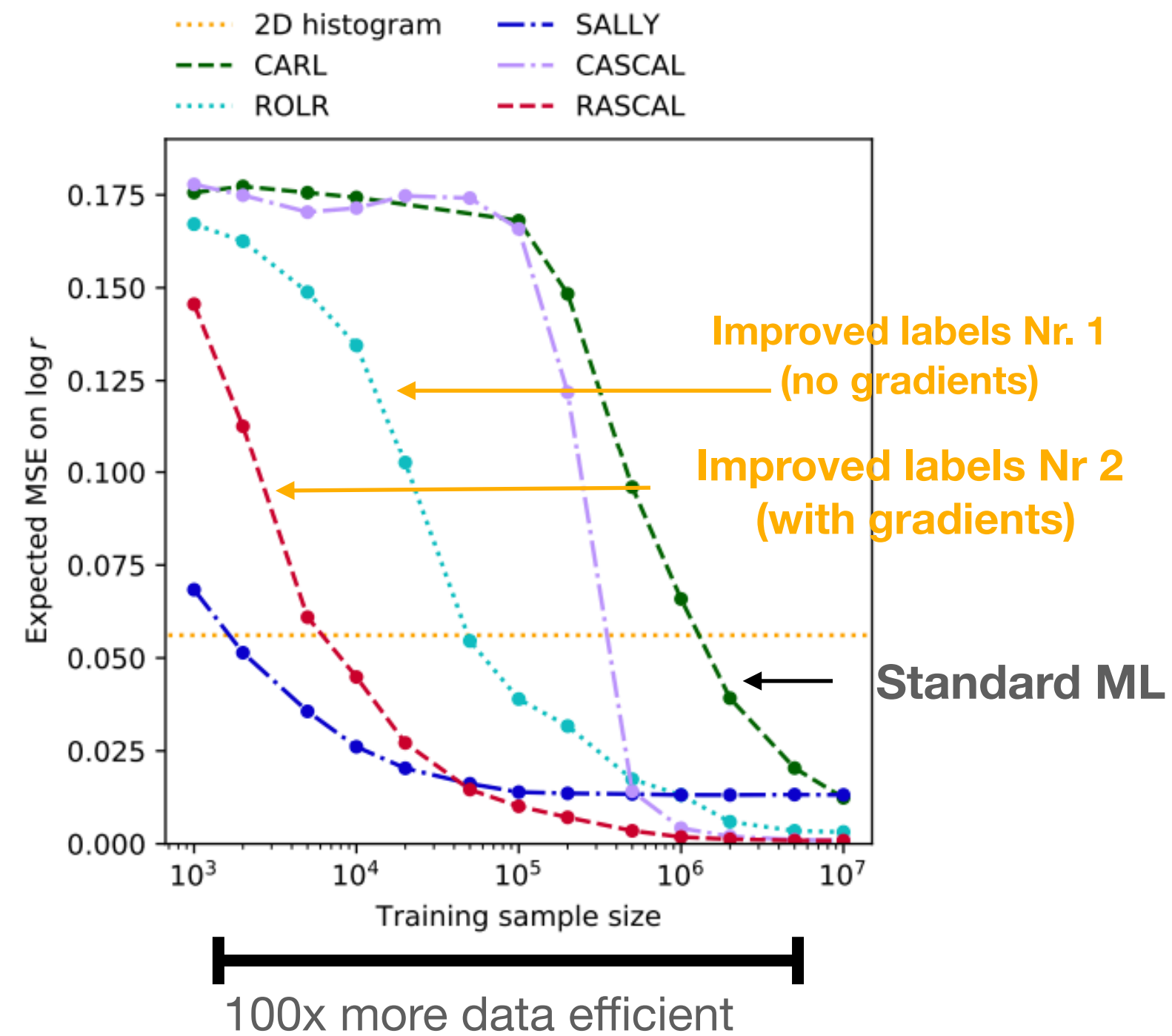
$\log p(x, z | \theta)$



$\nabla \log p(x, z | \theta)$

# Example: Gradient-Based Labels

Improved gradient labels can improve physics a lot!



But requires differentiable Matrix Elements  $\nabla_{\theta} |\mathcal{M}(x, \theta)|^2$



# Differentiable MadGraph: madjax

- General purpose Matrix Element Generator
- Default Choice for BSM Searches at LHC

Standard Simulator workflow:

Given a model, **generate code** to evaluate MEs

$$\sigma(x, \theta) = \sum_i | \mathcal{M}_i(x) |^2$$

$\sigma$  un-normalized pdf  $\rightarrow p(x | \theta) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} p(x | \theta)$

↑  
from MC integration

Lagrangian

Parameters

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Code Gen

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# Differentiable MadGraph: madjax

- General purpose Matrix Element Generator
- Default Choice for BSM Searches at LHC

Idea:

Given a model, **generate differentiable code** to evaluate MEs

Automatically delivers additional physics information useful for downstream tasks

$$\sigma(x, \theta)$$

Matrix  
Elements

$$\nabla_x \sigma(x, \theta)$$

Phase-space  
derivatives

$$\nabla_\theta \sigma(x, \theta)$$

Theory Landscape  
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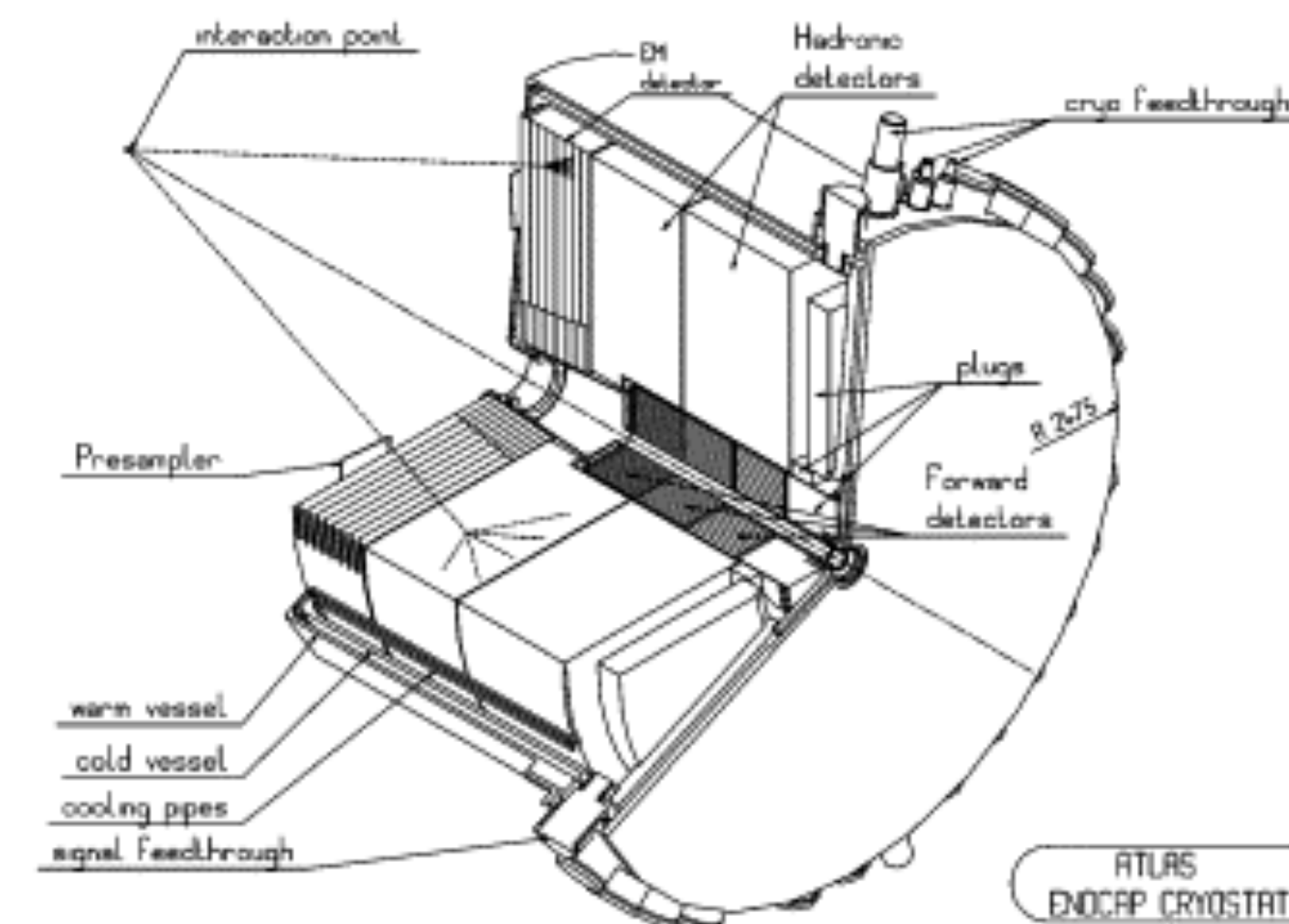
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## Example: Differentiable Design Optimization

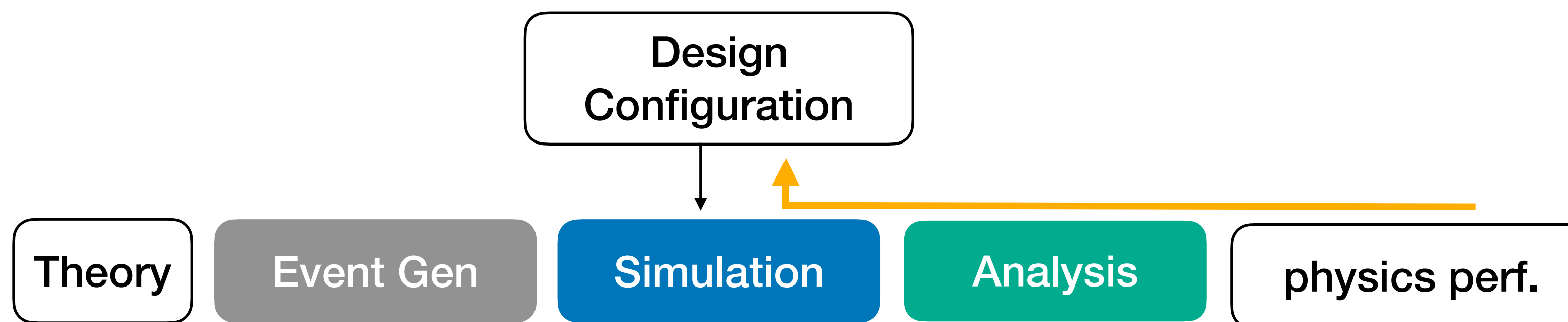
One of the most important optimization problems in physics is designing the detector itself

- very high-dimensional (many modules, ...)
- many trade-offs not obvious at detector level but dictated by downstream physics goals

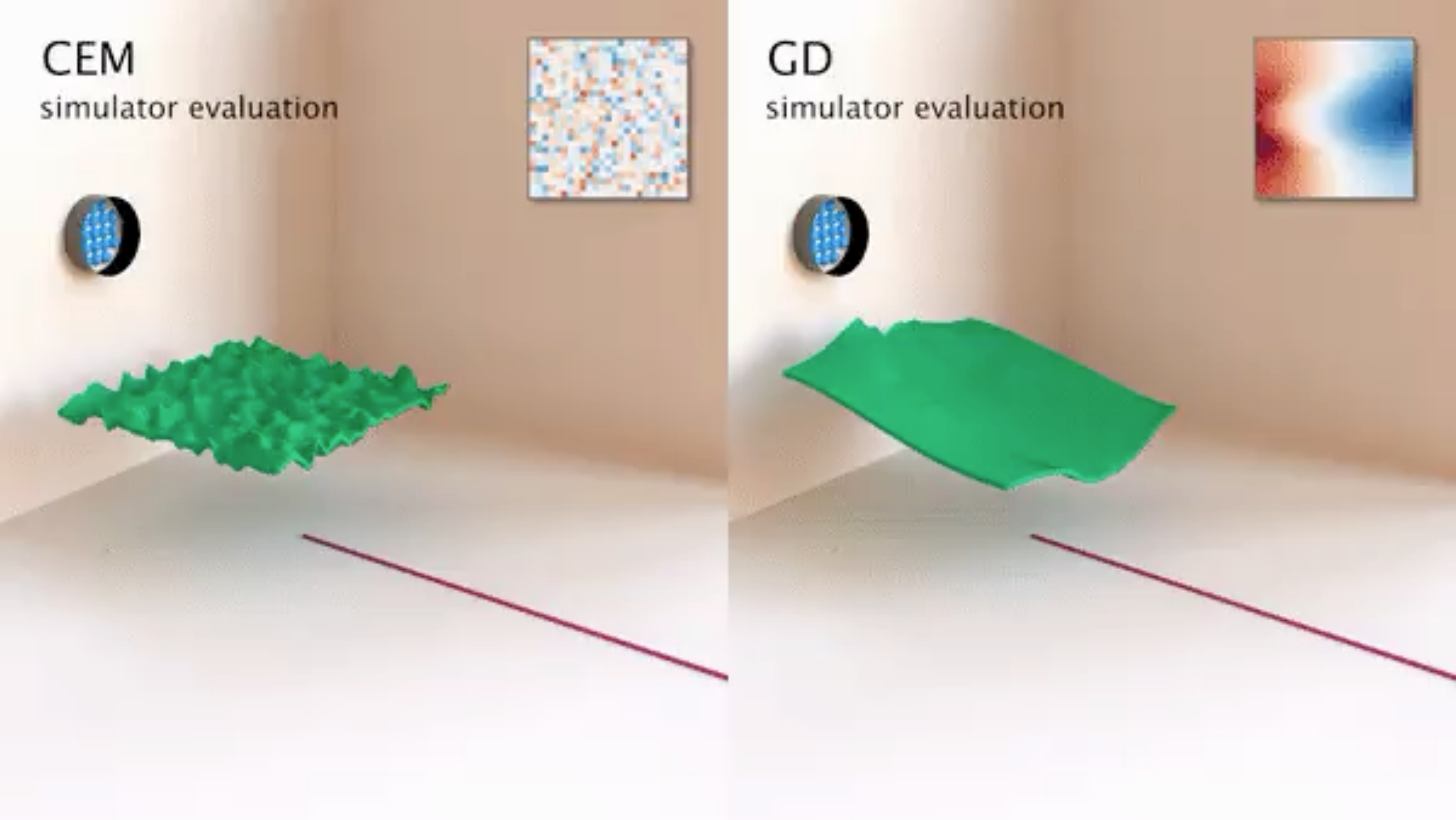


**Idea: Can you use gradient-based optimization?**

- very ambitious idea, but potentially big payoff



# Successful Examples from outside of HEP



# Successful Examples from inside of HEP

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## Black-Box Optimization with Local Generative Surrogates

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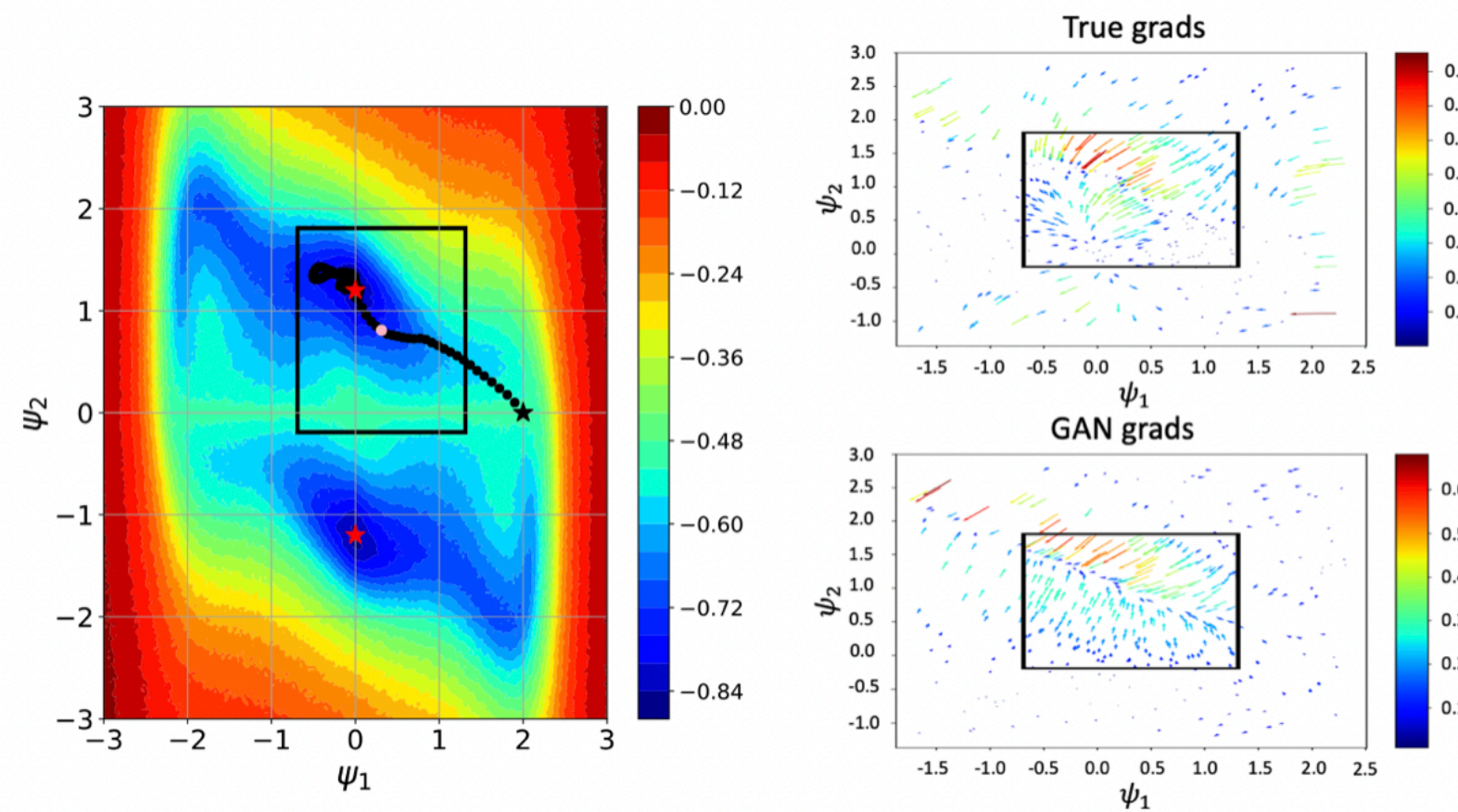
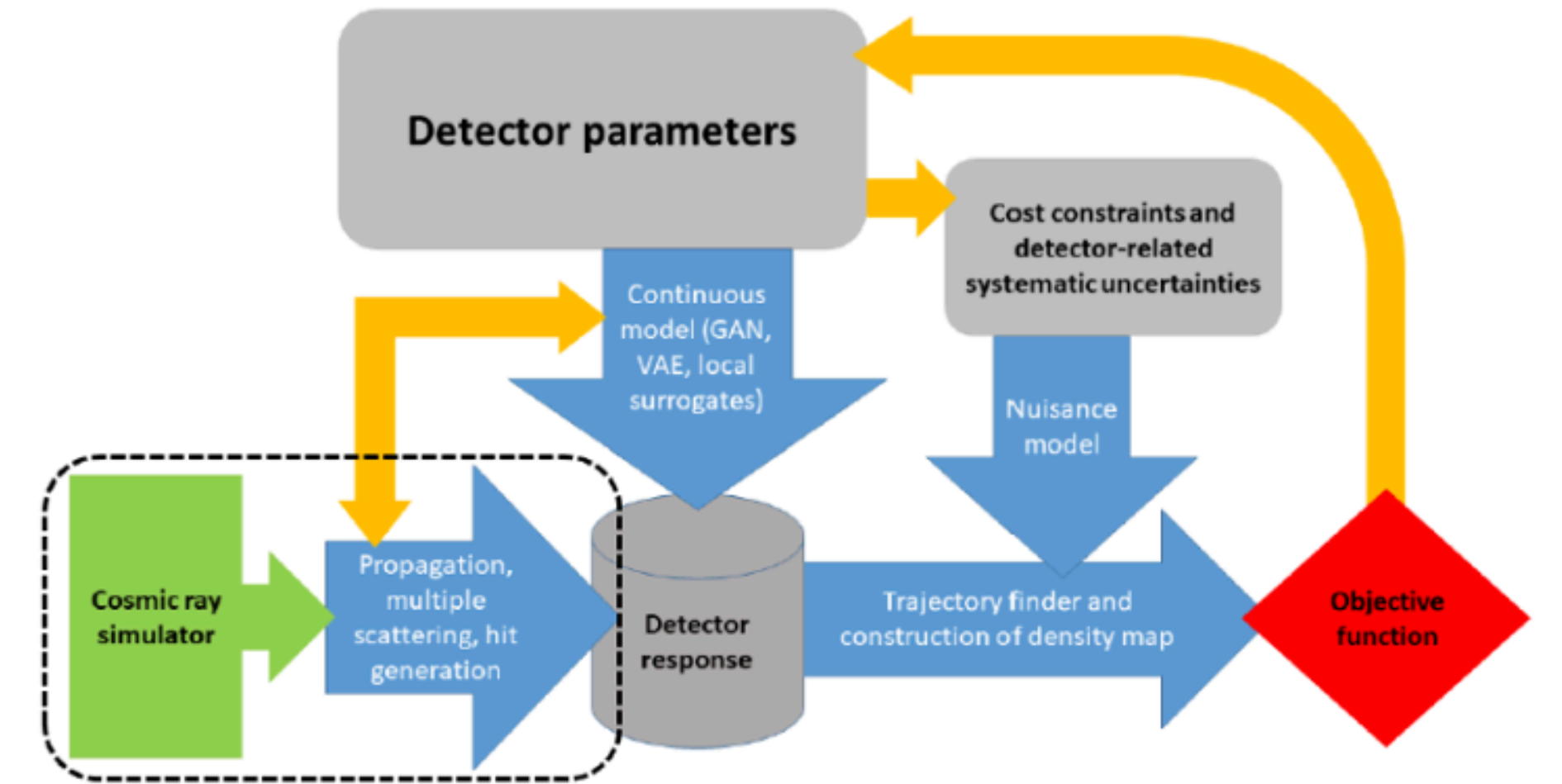
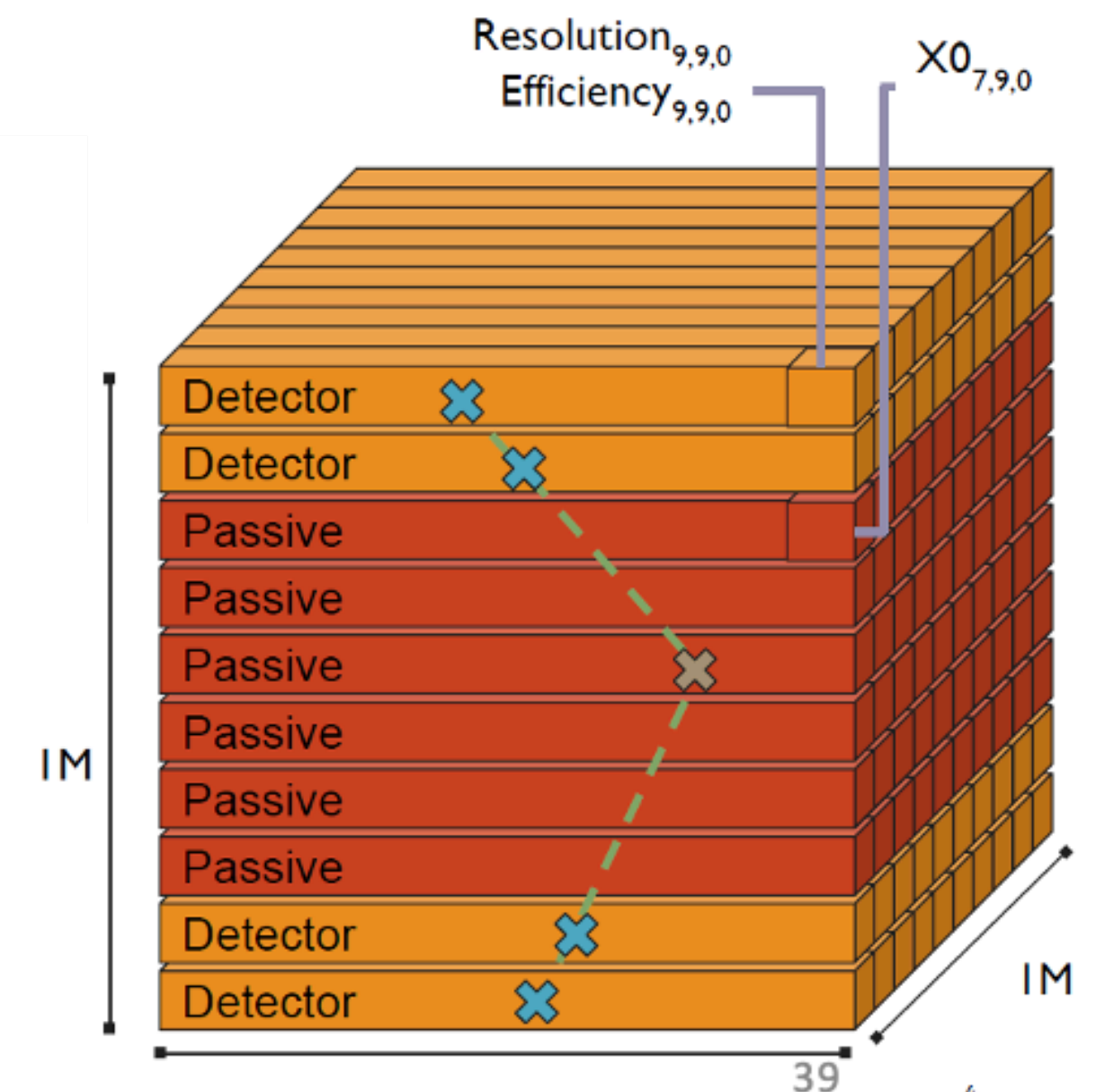


Figure 2: (Left) objective function surface of the "hump model" overlaid by the optimization path. Red stars are the objective optimal values. (Right) True gradients and GAN gradients, calculated at the yellow point. Black rectangle correspond to the current  $\epsilon$  neighborhood around yellow point. Full path animation is available at <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.9944597.v3>.



Right: scheme of the modeled apparatus (graph courtesy G. C. Strong)

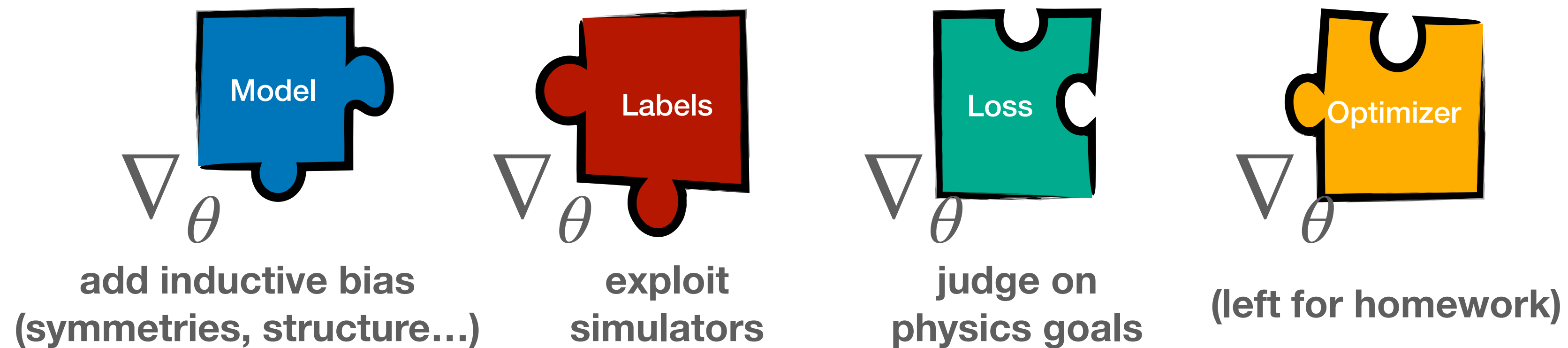


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# Differentiable Programming as a paradigm

HEP & ML are a great match - slowly permeating everything

**Gradient Information** allows us to inject physics domain knowledge into ML and make them more **data-efficient, interpretable and robust systems**



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