

Global fits and Bayesian inference in beyond-Standard Model physics

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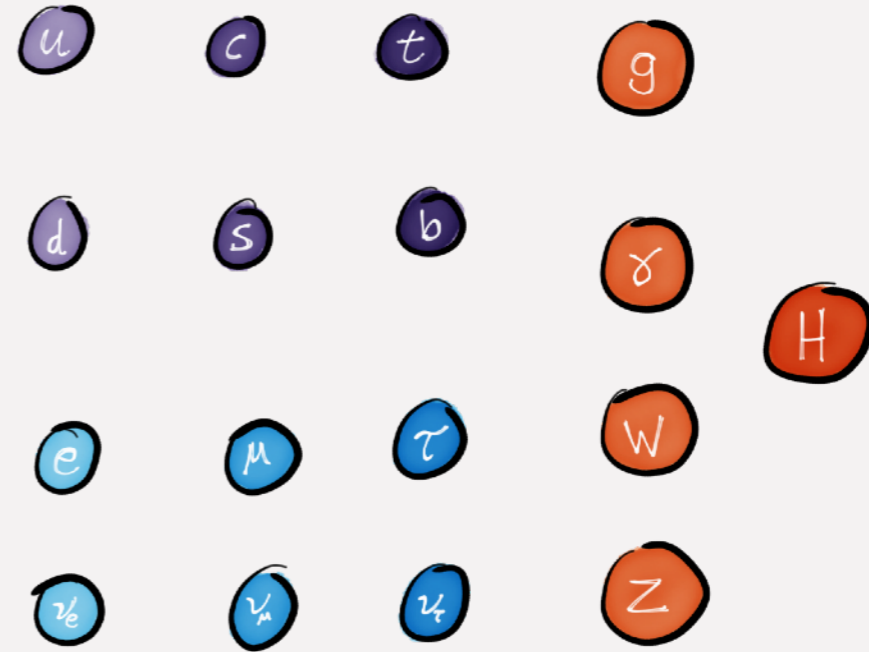
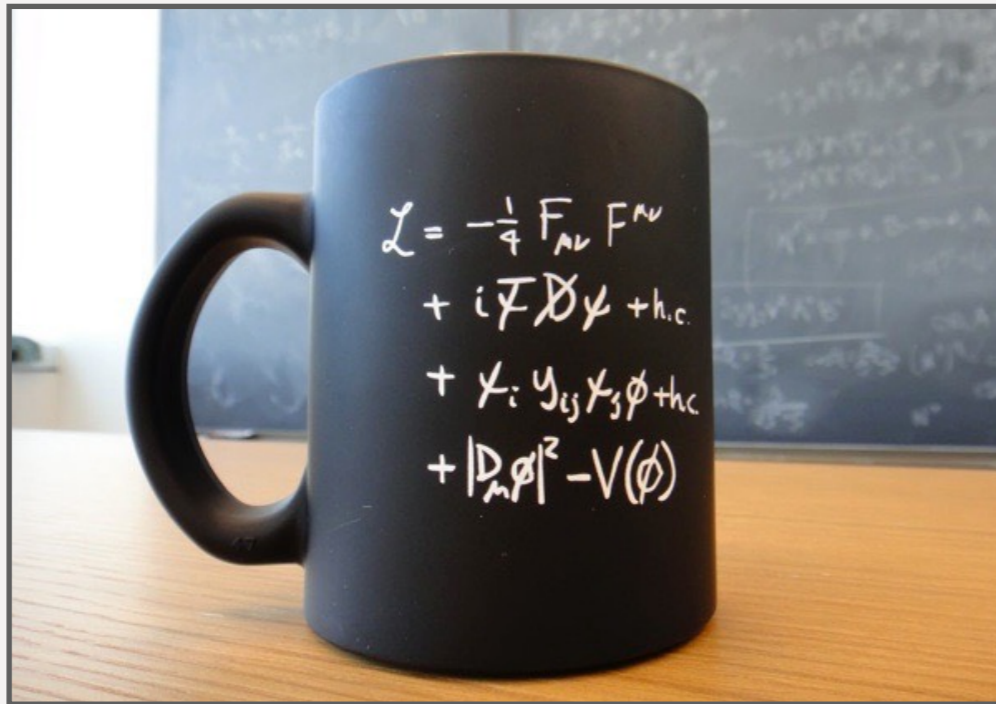
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The Standard Model is incomplete!



- Why is the Higgs particle so light?
- Why are the neutrinos so *extremely* light?
- What is dark matter? And dark energy?
- Why do the matter particles come in three «generations»?
- How did we end up with slightly more matter than antimatter?
- ...

Need beyond-Standard Model (BSM) physics to explain this

Understanding the full implications of [experimental] searches requires the interpretation of the experimental results in the context of many more theoretical models than are currently explored at the time of publication.

HEP Software Foundation [arxiv:1712.06982]

See also:

- *Publishing statistical models: Getting the most out of particle physics experiments*
[arxiv:2109.04981]
- *Reinterpretation of LHC Results for New Physics: Status and Recommendations after Run 2*
[arxiv:2003.07868]
- *Simple and statistically sound strategies for analysing physical theories*
[arxiv:2012.09874]

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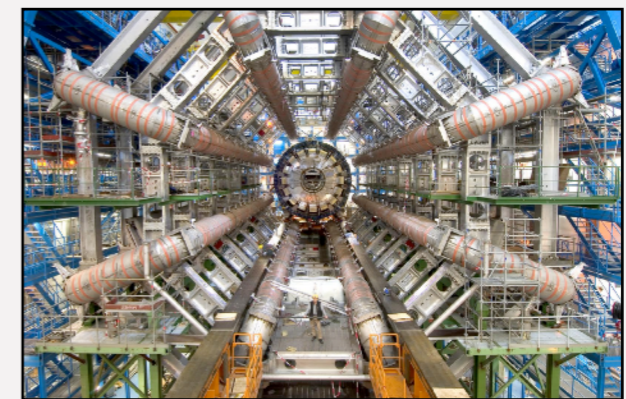
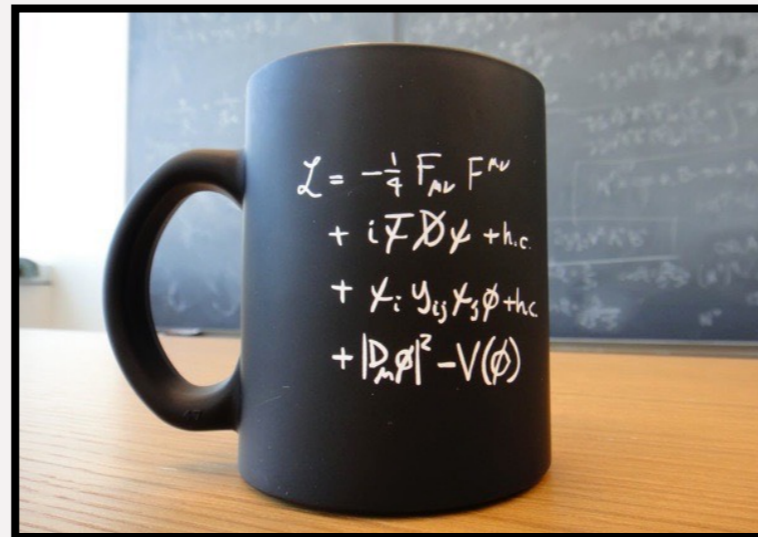
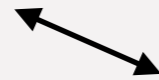
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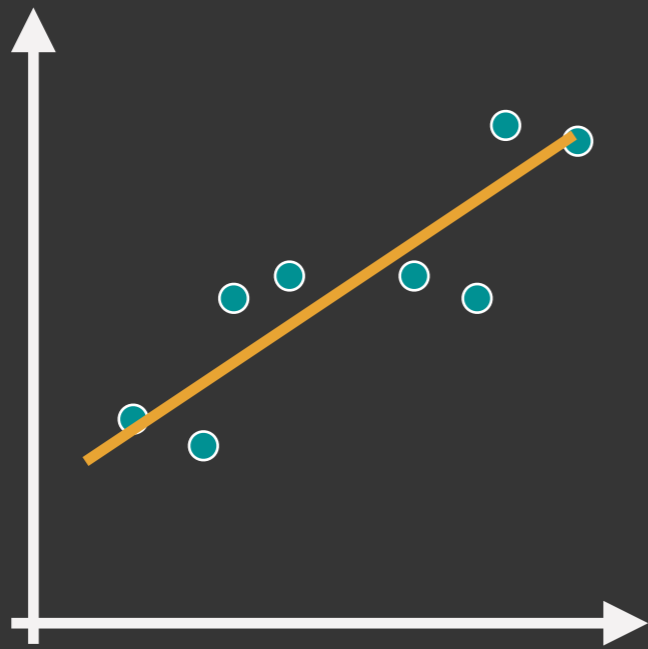
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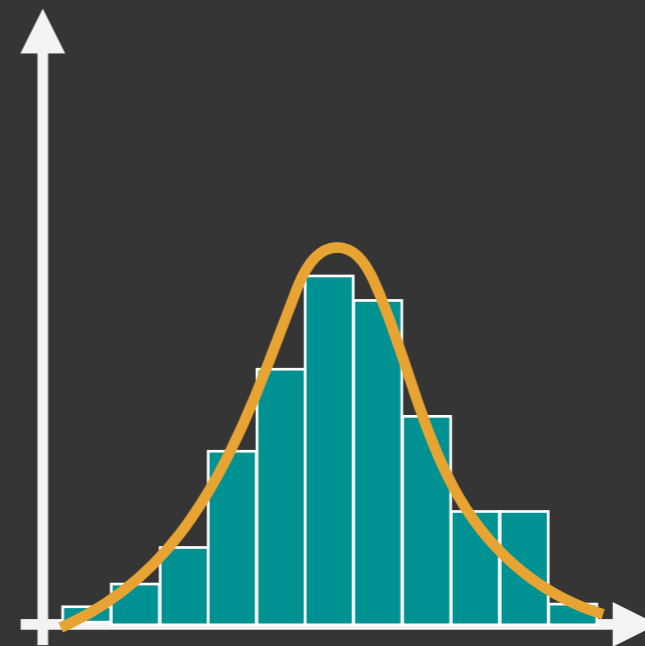


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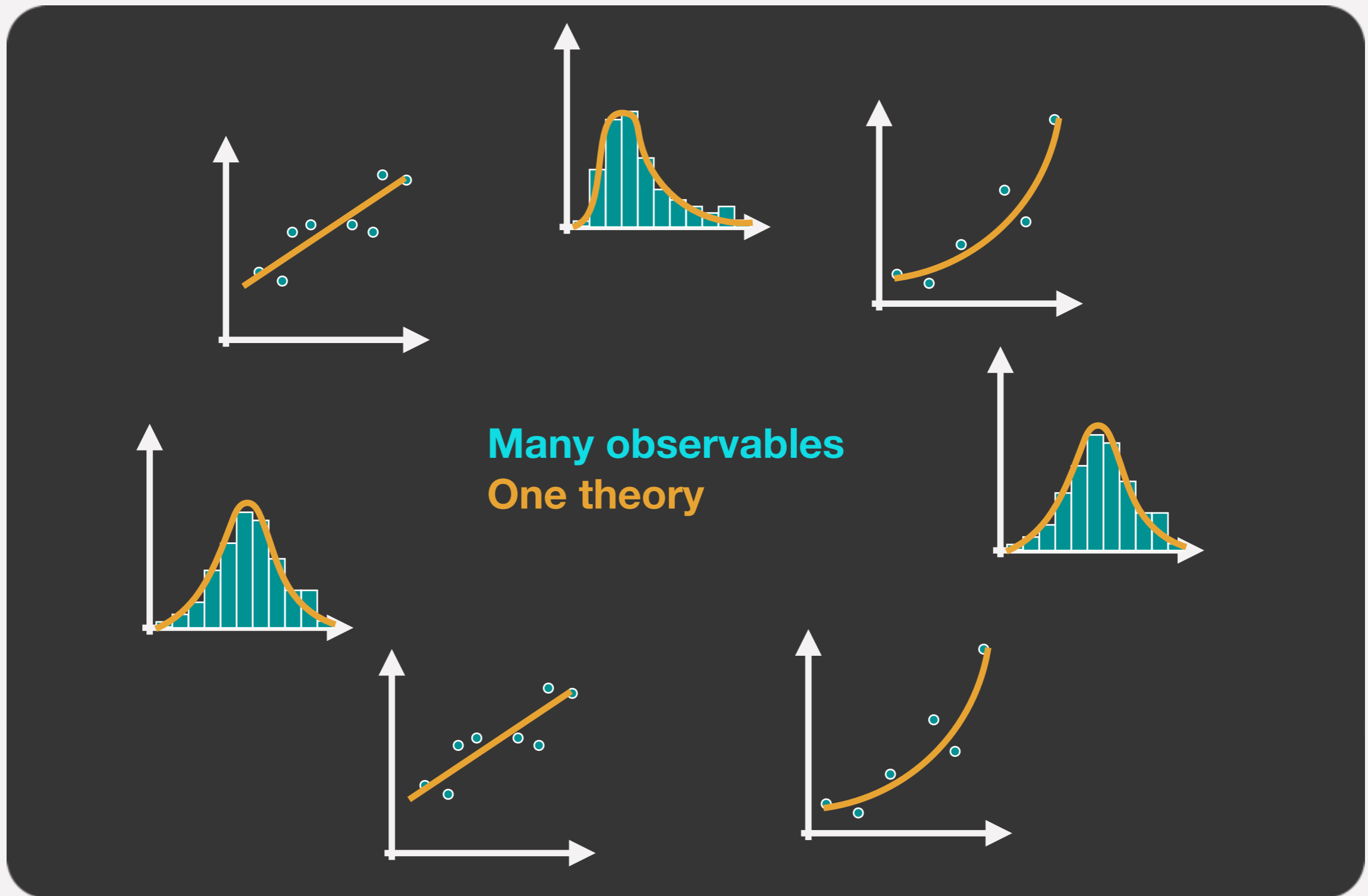


Some observable
Some model

Some other observable
Some other model



Global fits



Many observables
One theory

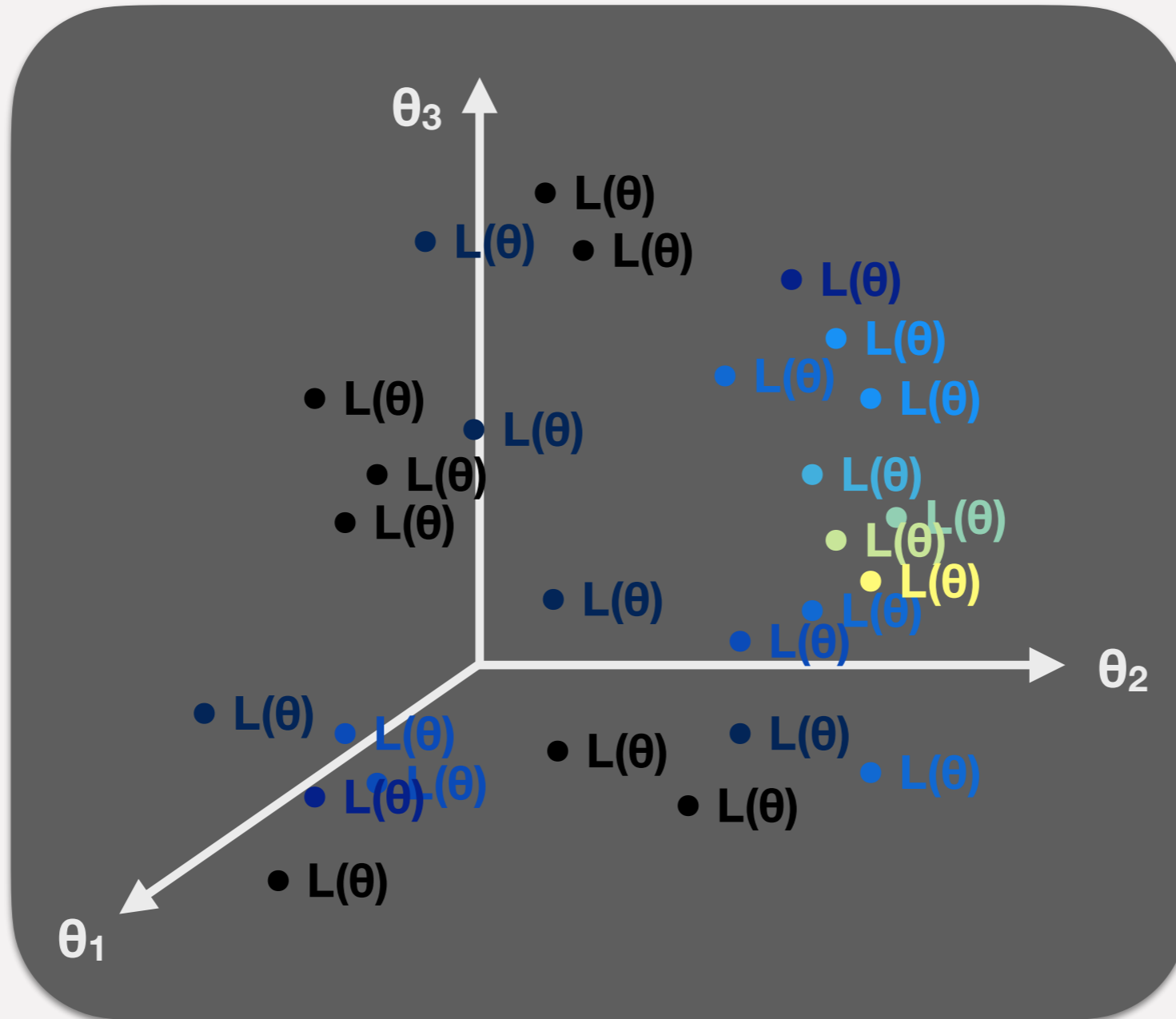
The basic steps of a BSM global fit

- Choose your **BSM theory and parameterisation**
- Construct the **joint likelihood function** including observables from collider physics, dark matter, flavor physics, +++

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{collider}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{DM}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{flavor}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{EWPO}} \dots$$

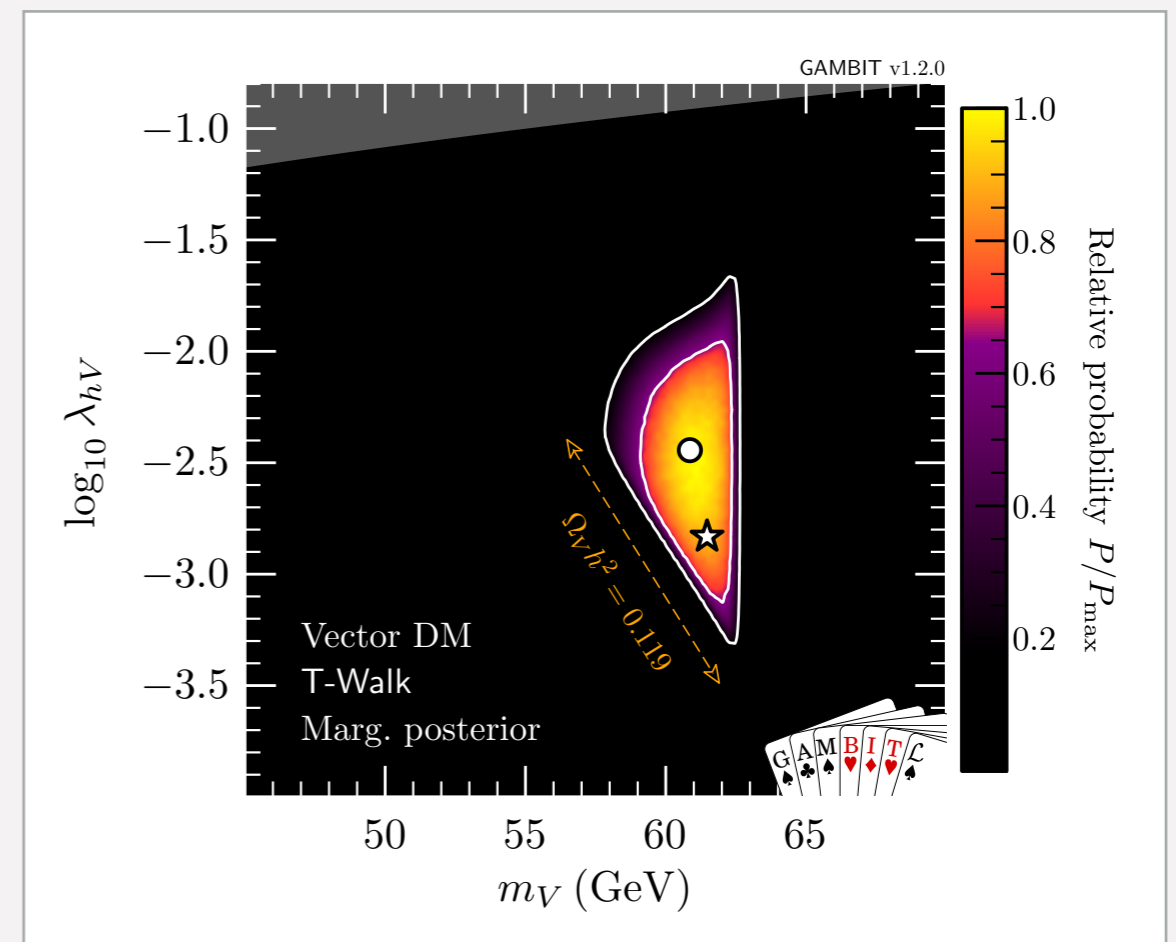
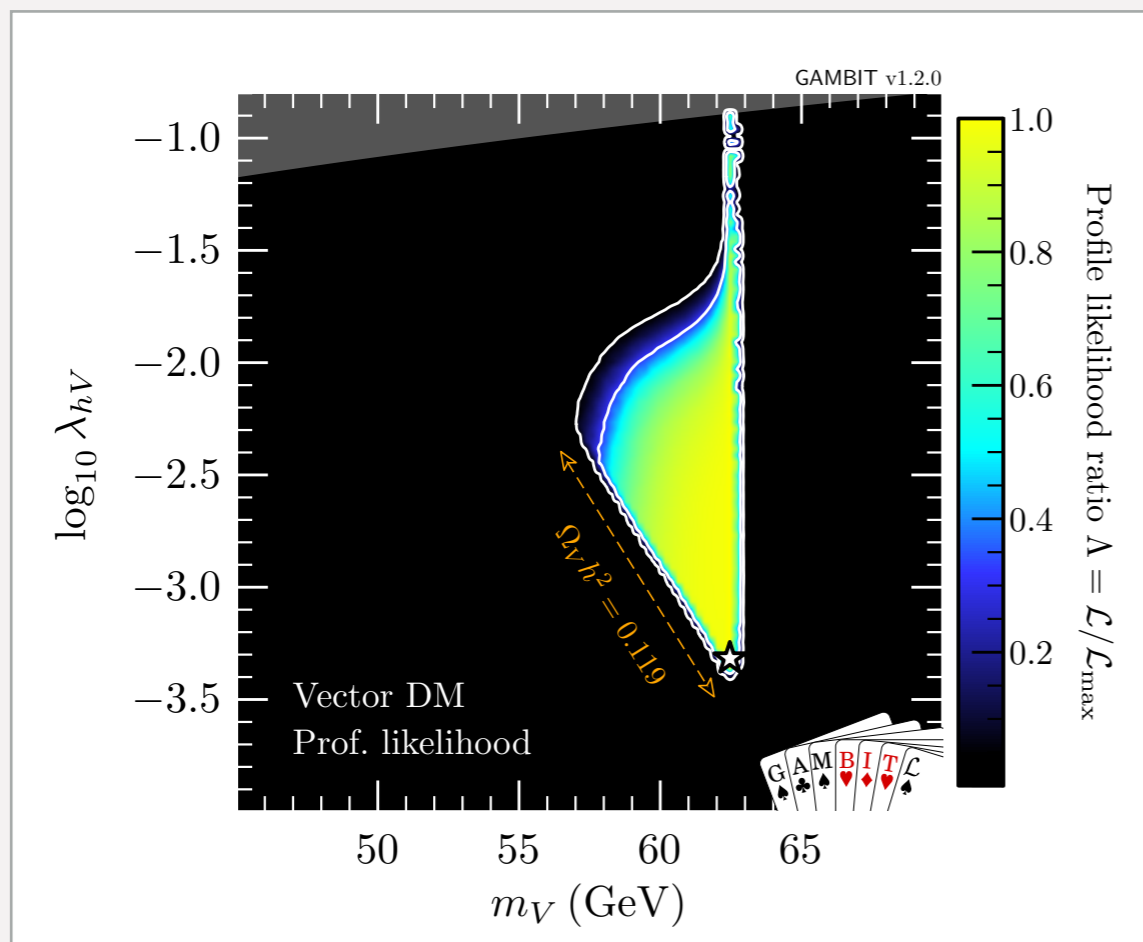
- Use **sophisticated scanning techniques** to explore the likelihood function across the parameter space of the theory
- From likelihood samples, carry out frequentist or Bayesian inference (parameter estimation, model comparison, ...)

- **Explore the model parameter space** ($\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \dots$)
- At every point θ : **calculate predictions**(θ) \rightarrow **evaluate joint likelihood** $L(\theta)$



Typical result:

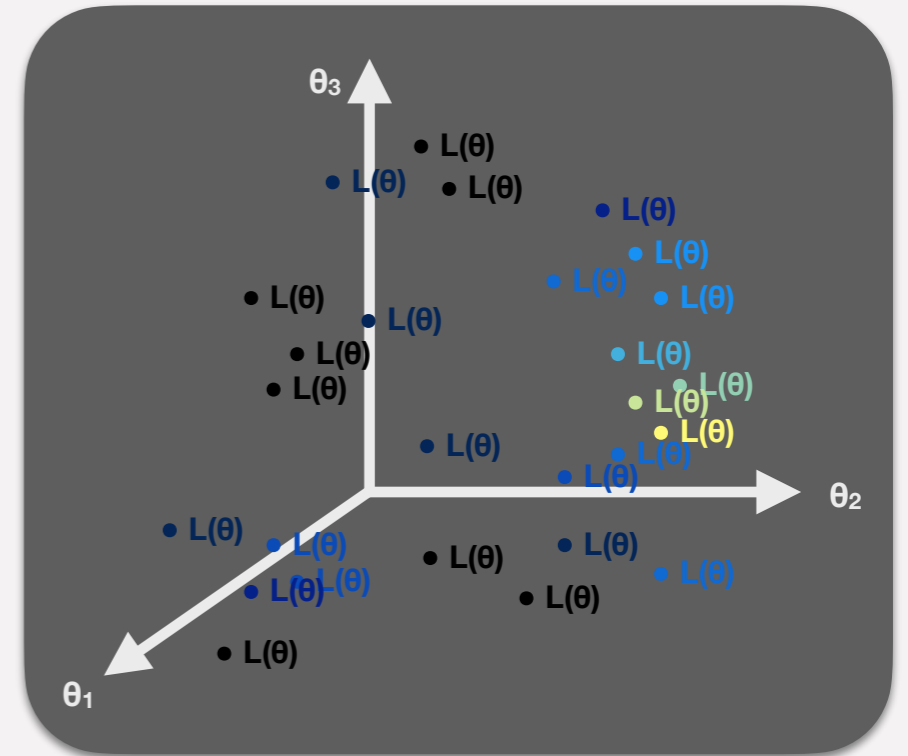
Parameter estimation, presented as **profile likelihood** and/or **posterior density** plots



[arxiv:1808.10465]

Computational challenges:

- Need **smart exploration** of parameter space
- Need **fast theory calculations**
- Need **fast simulations of experiments** (e.g. LHC)
- Need **sufficiently detailed likelihoods** or **full statistical models**



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// Increment signal region counters: 2 same-sign leptons
if (preselection && nSignalLeptons==2 && nSignalTaus==0 && met>60 && conversion_veto)
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    bool pp = false;
    bool mm = false;
    if(signalLeptons.at(0)->pid() > 0)pp = true;
    if(signalLeptons.at(0)->pid() < 0)mm = true;

    if (num_ISRjets==0) {
      // The 0 jet regions
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    }
  }
}
```

Some code infrastructure challenges:

- Need **different parameter scanning algorithms**
- Need **model-agnostic core framework**
- Need to interface **many external physics codes**
- Need **massive parallelisation...**
- ...which implies a need for **diskless interfacing**
- ...which implies a need to **stop external codes from calling STOP and kill your 10,000-CPU scan... :)**

2. GAMBIT



GAMBIT: The Global And Modular BSM Inference Tool

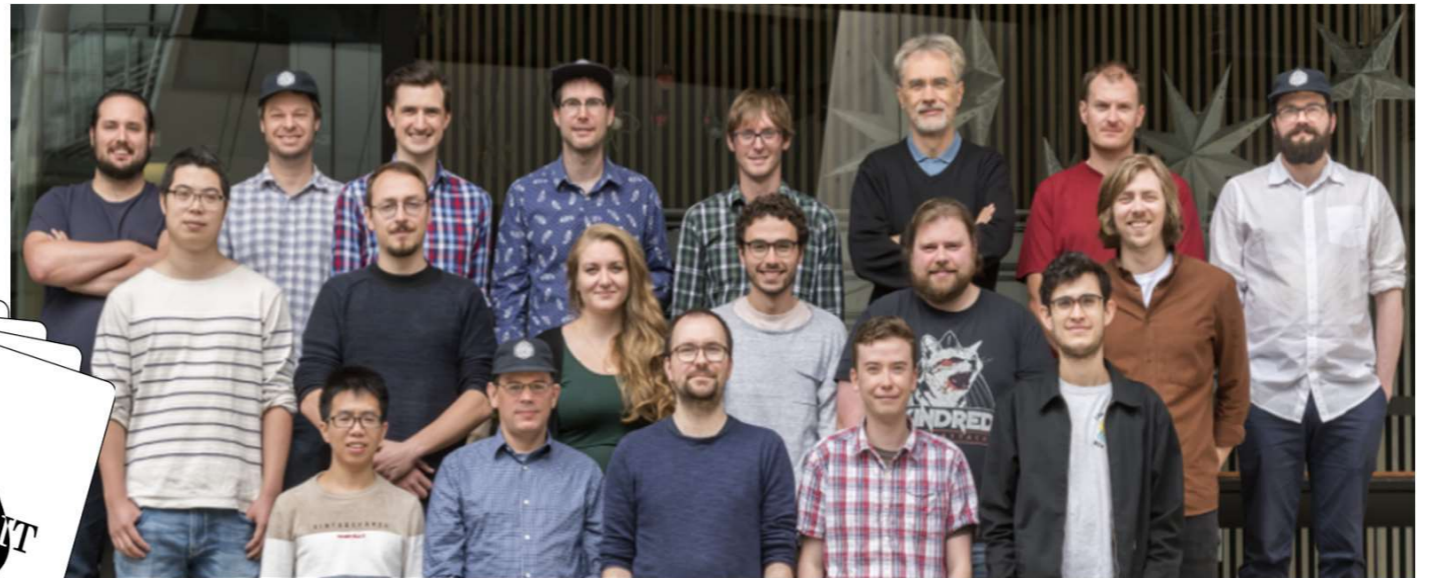
gambit.hepforge.org

github.com/GambitBSM

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- Extensive model database, beyond SUSY
- Fast definition of new datasets, theories
- Extensive observable/data libraries
- Plug&play scanning/physics/likelihood packages
- Various statistical options (frequentist /Bayesian)
- Fast LHC likelihood calculator
- Massively parallel
- Fully open-source

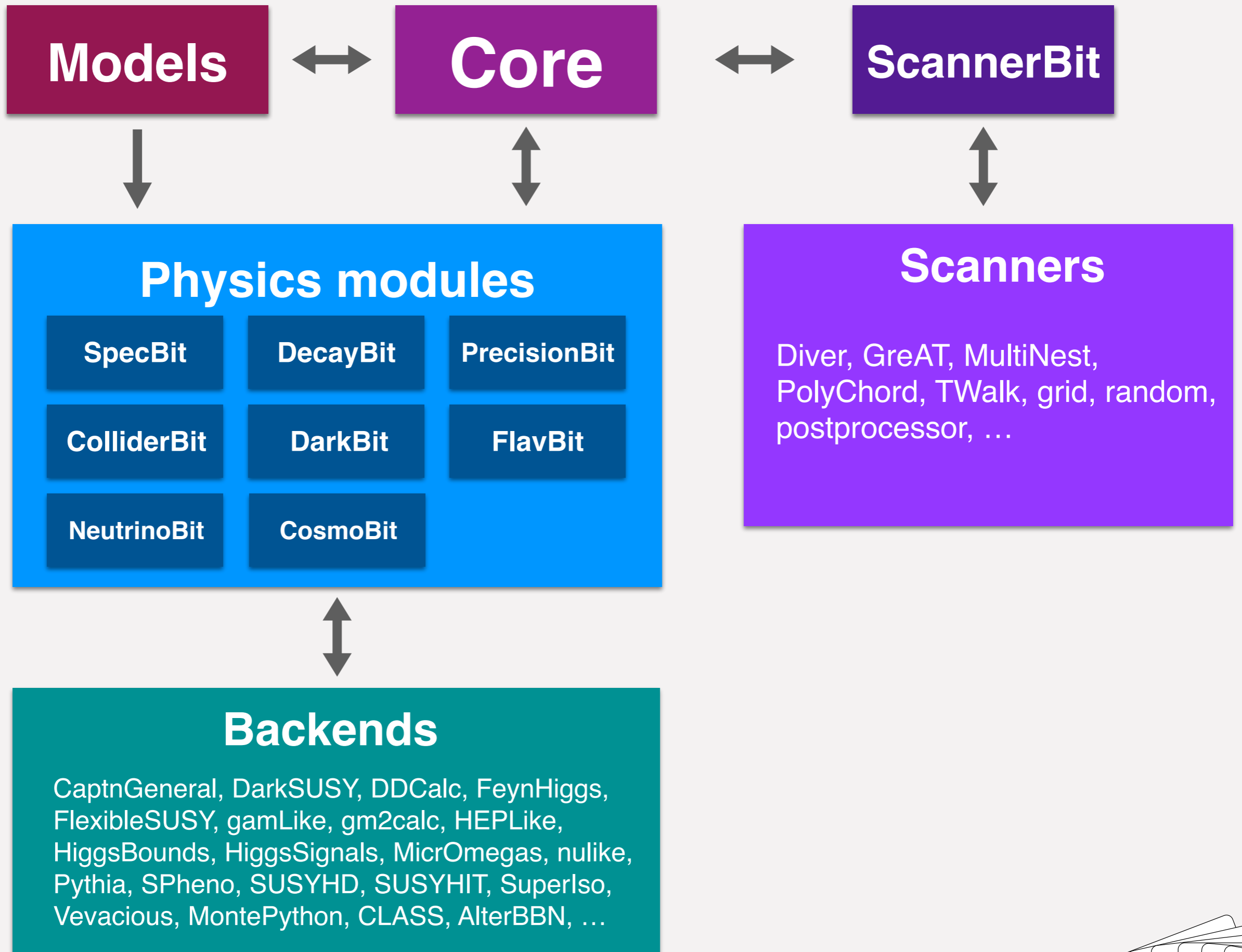


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Authors of: BubbleProfiler, Capt'n General, Contur, DarkAges, DarkSUSY, DDCalc, DirectDM, Diver, EasyScanHEP, ExoCLASS, FlexibleSUSY, gamLike, GM2Calc, HEPLike, IsaTools, MARTY, nuLike, PhaseTracer, PolyChord, Rivet, SOFTSUSY, SuperIso, SUSY-AI, xsec, Vevacious, WIMPSim

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70+ participants in many experiments and numerous major theory codes

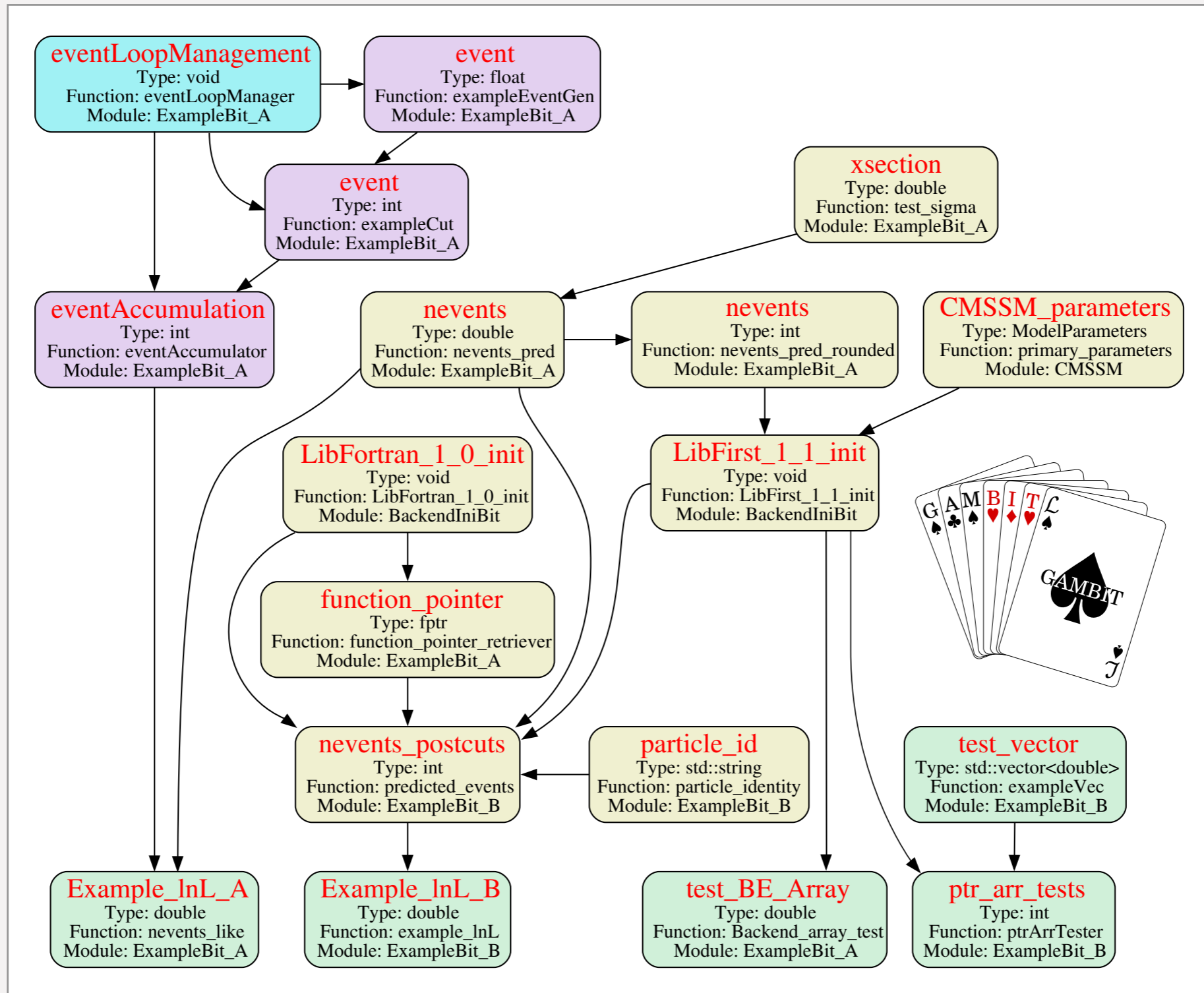


Some technical features

- **Two-level parallelisation:**
 - **MPI** for parameter sampling algorithm
 - **OpenMP** for per-point physics computations
- Collection of **sampling algorithms as plug-ins**
- Backend system for using **C, C++, Fortran, Python** and **Mathematica** codes as **runtime plug-ins** for physics computations
- Run configuration through **YAML** input file
- **Dynamic dependency resolution:** order of computations not hard-coded
- GAMBIT Universal Model machine (GUM): **code auto-generation** for new physics models

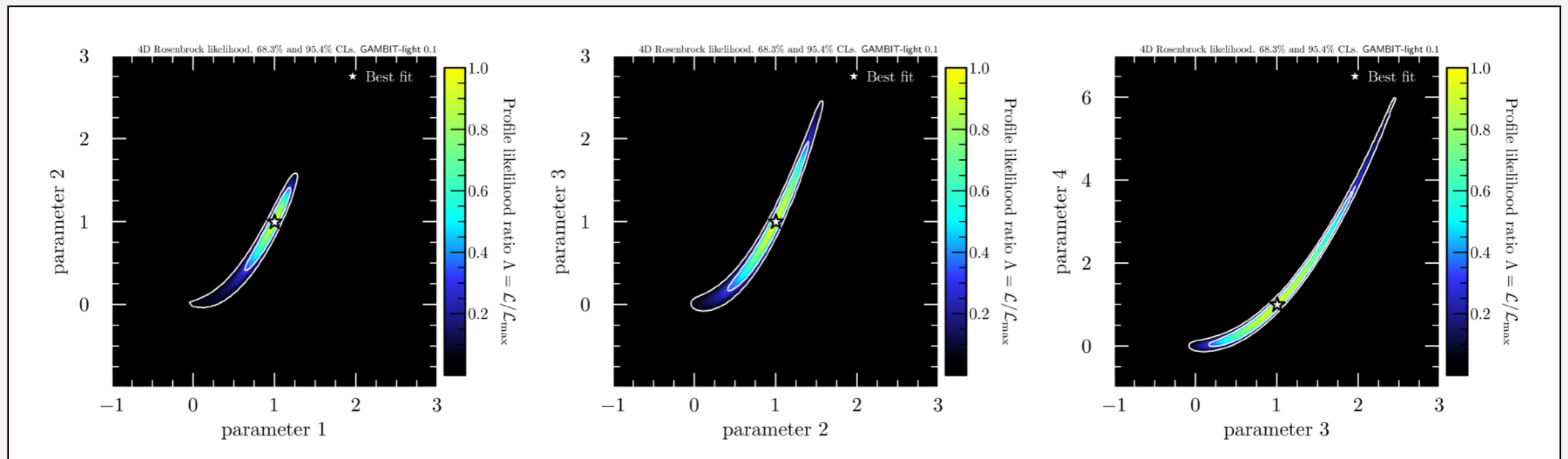


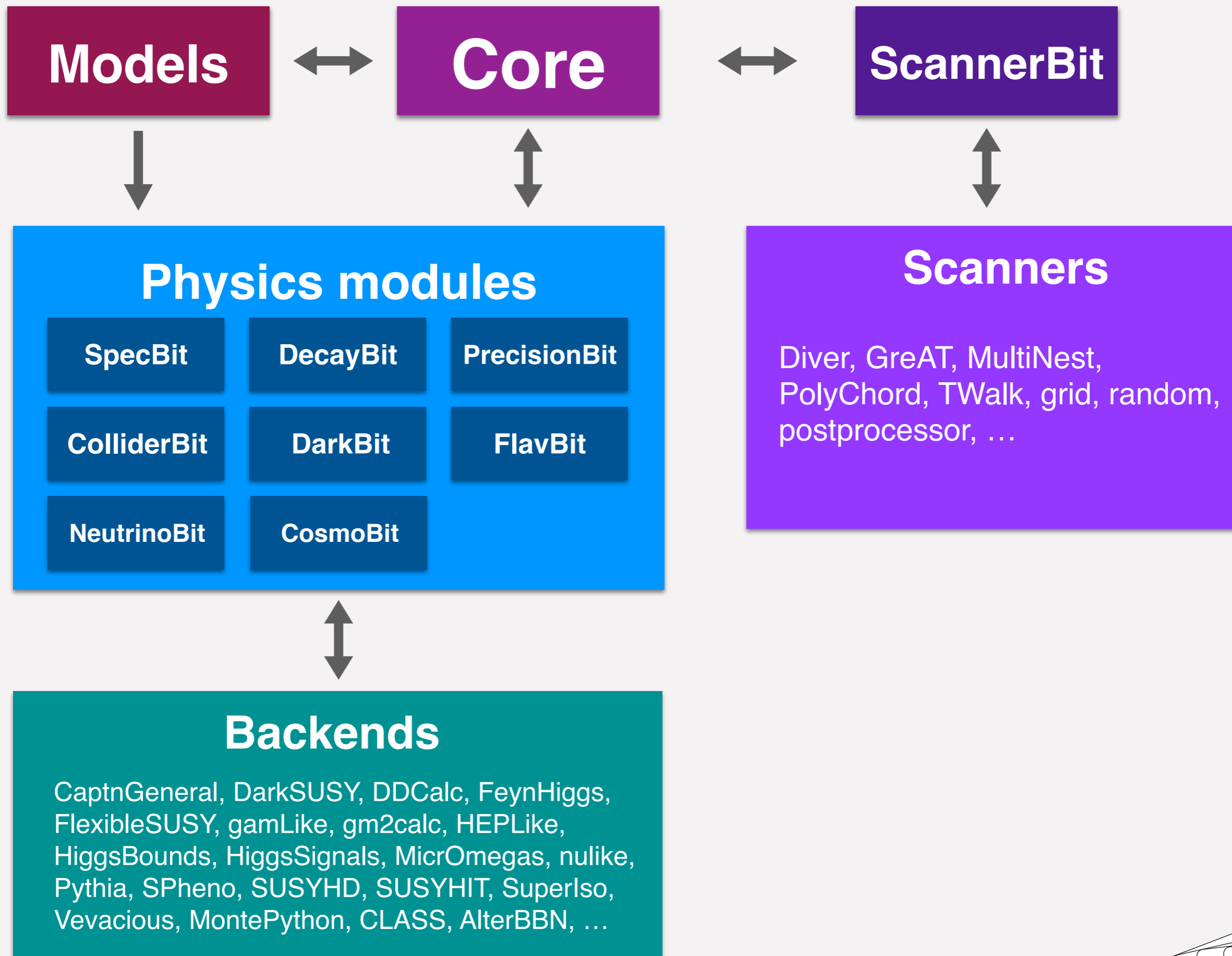
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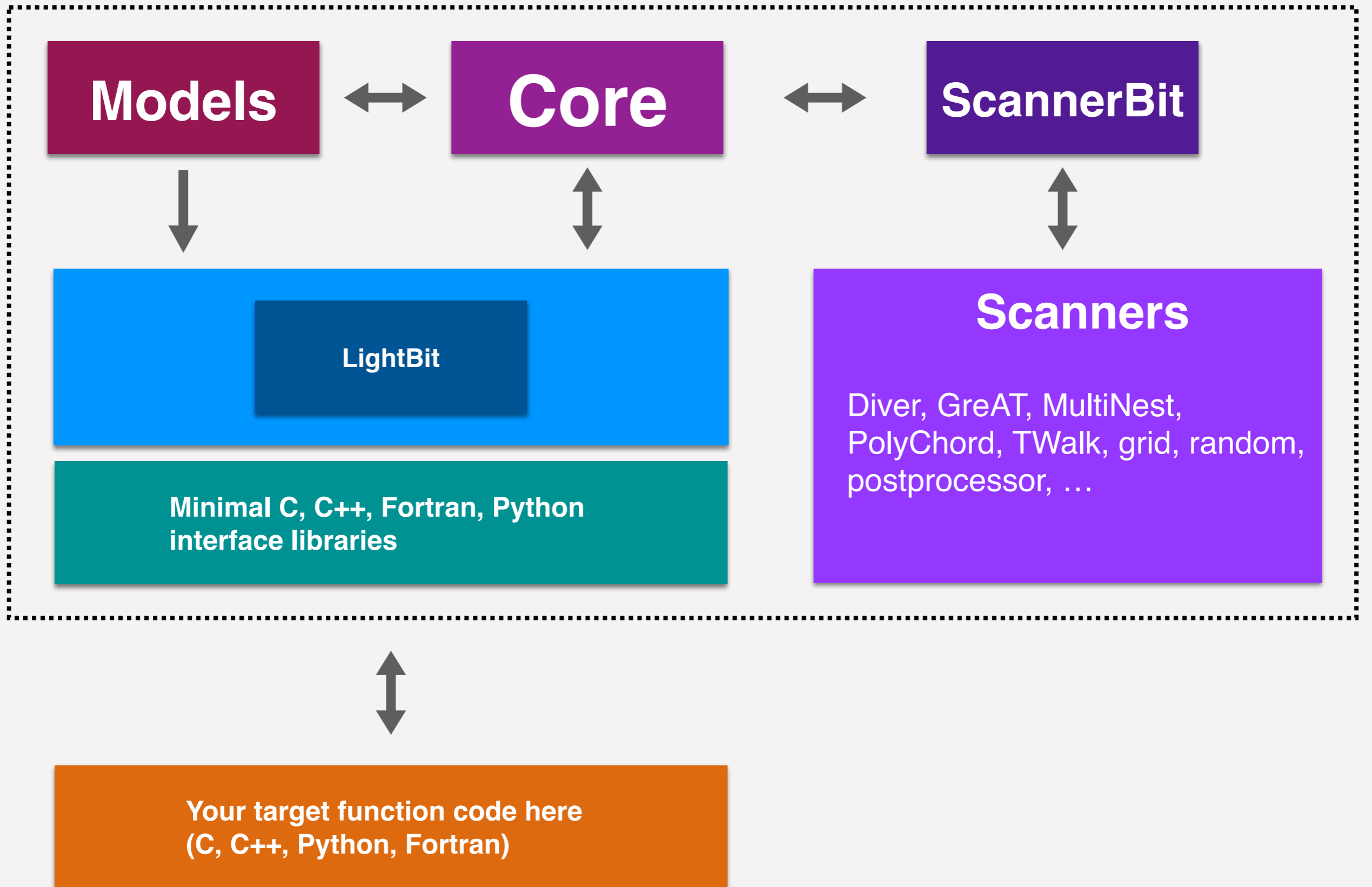


GAMBIT-light

- **GAMBIT** can be used **beyond particle physics**
- At its core: A general tool for **computationally heavy optimisation and parameter estimation** tasks
- Coming soon: **GAMBIT-light**
A lightweight GAMBIT without the particle physics

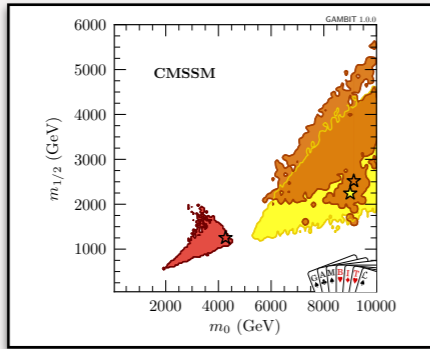




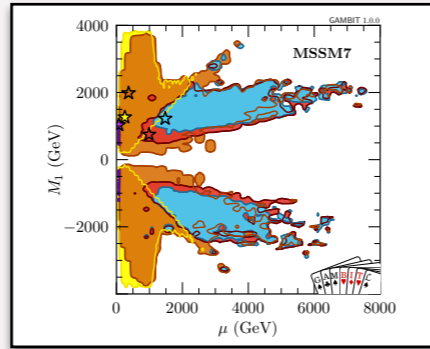


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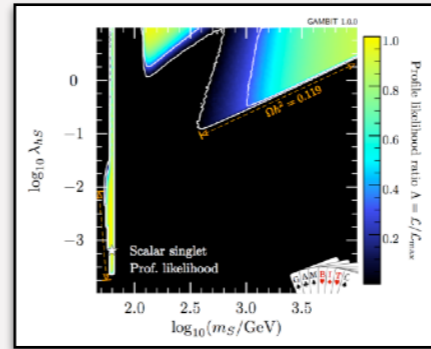




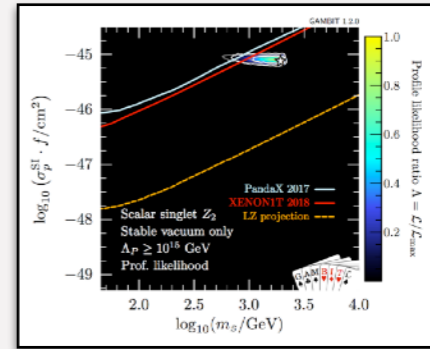
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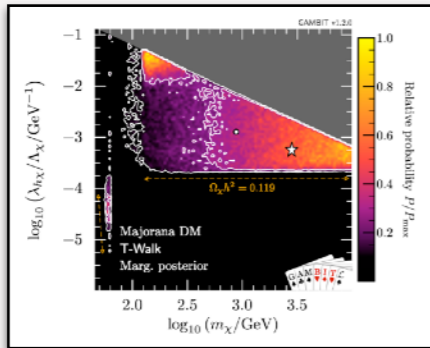
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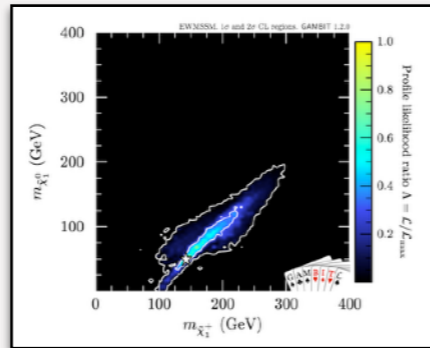
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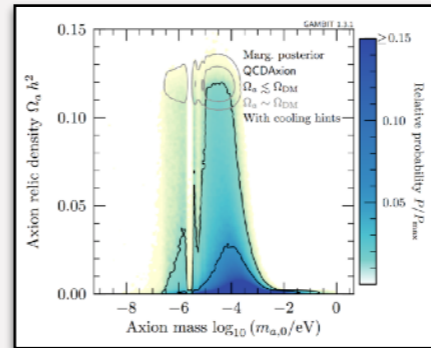
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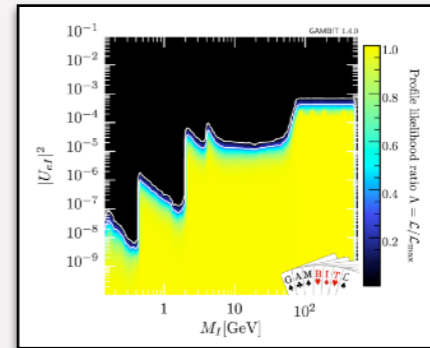
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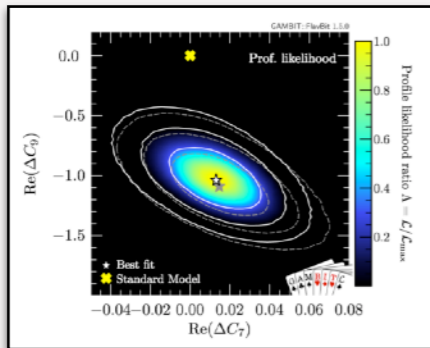
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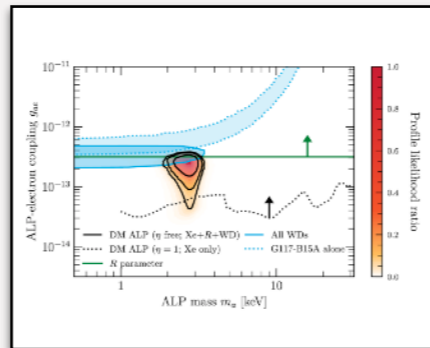
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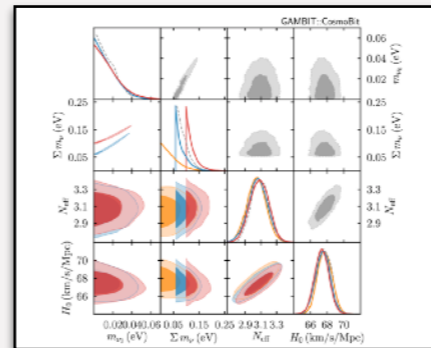
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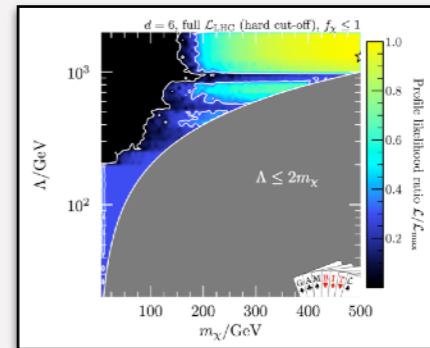
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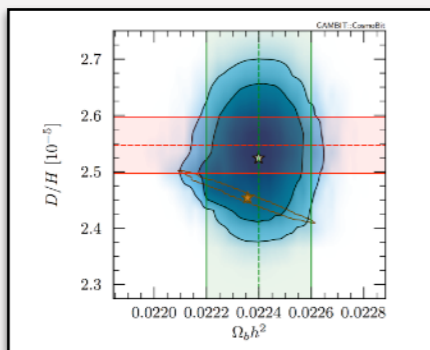
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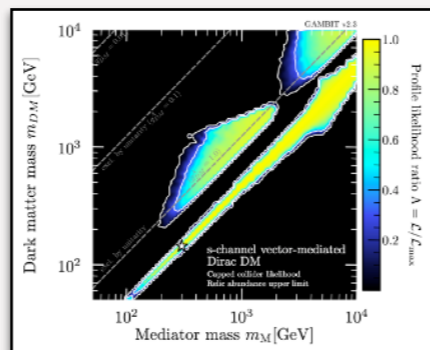
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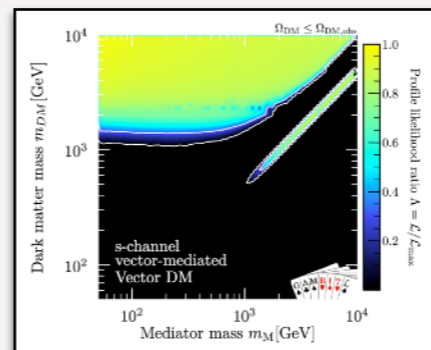
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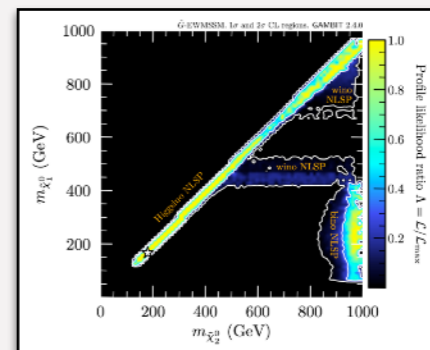
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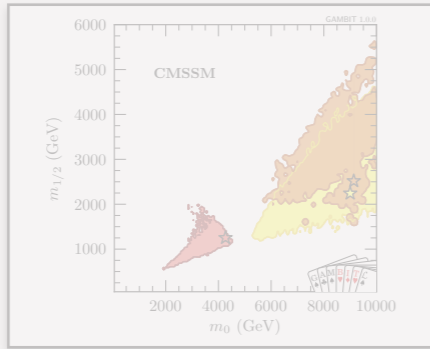


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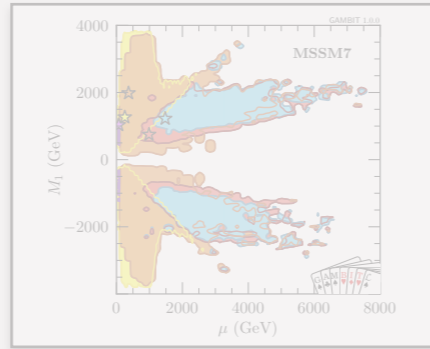


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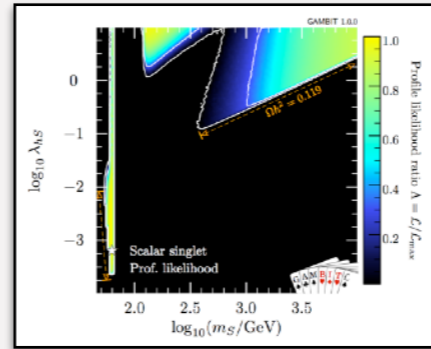




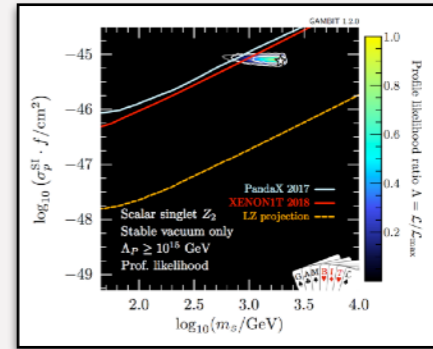
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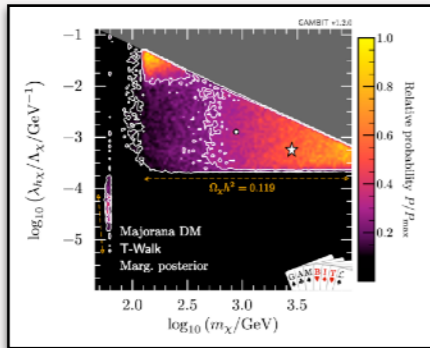
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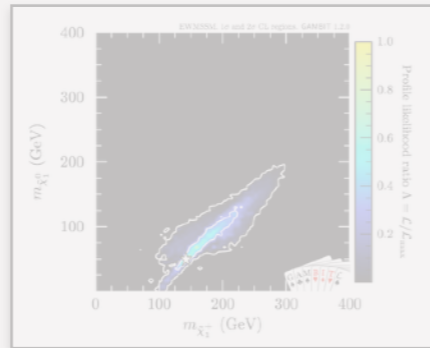
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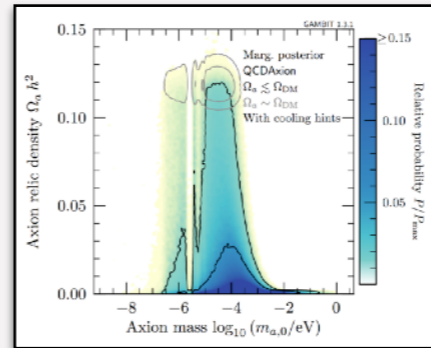
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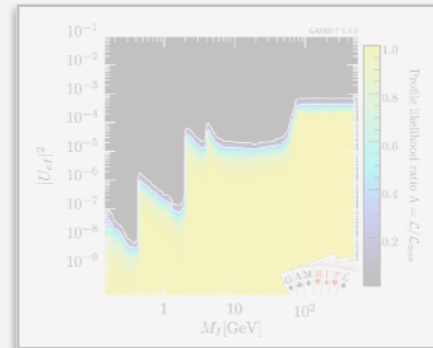
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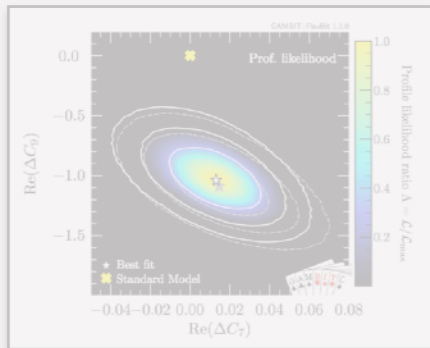
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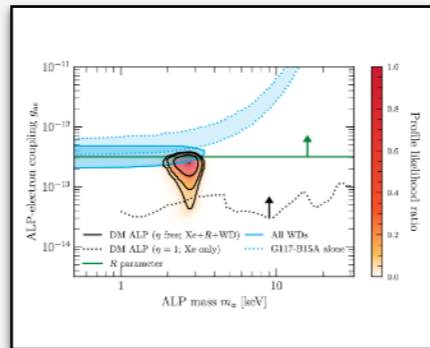
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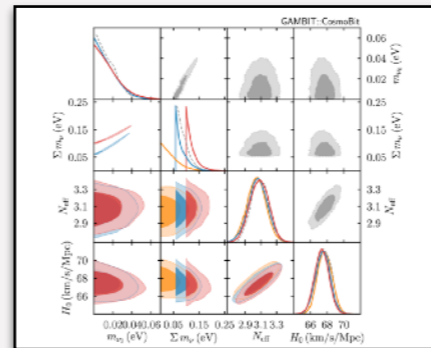
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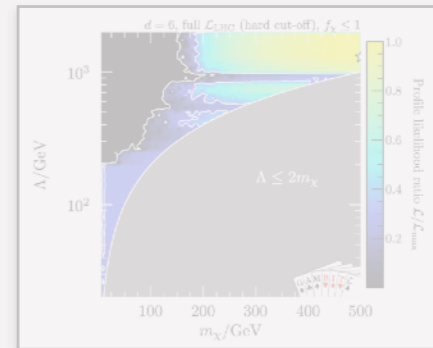
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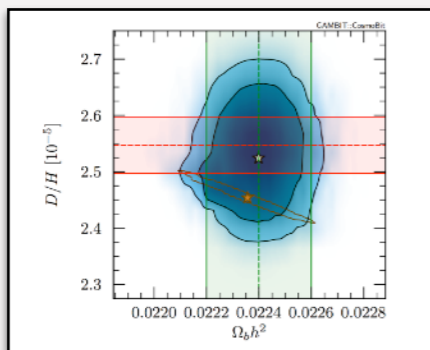
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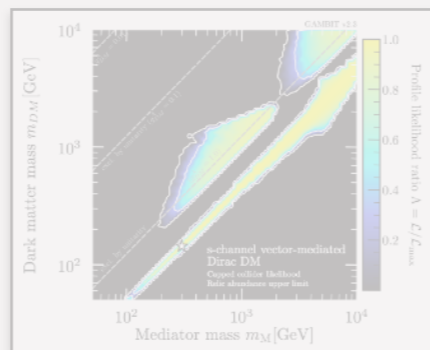
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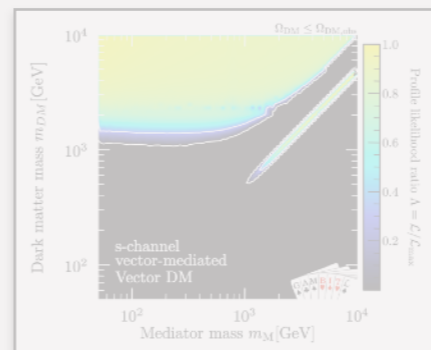
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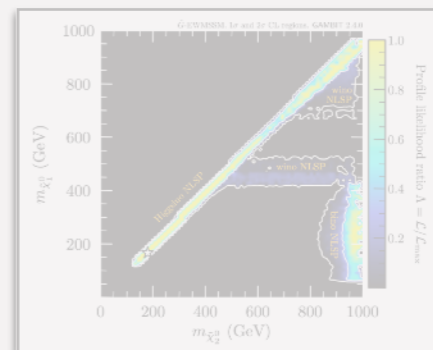
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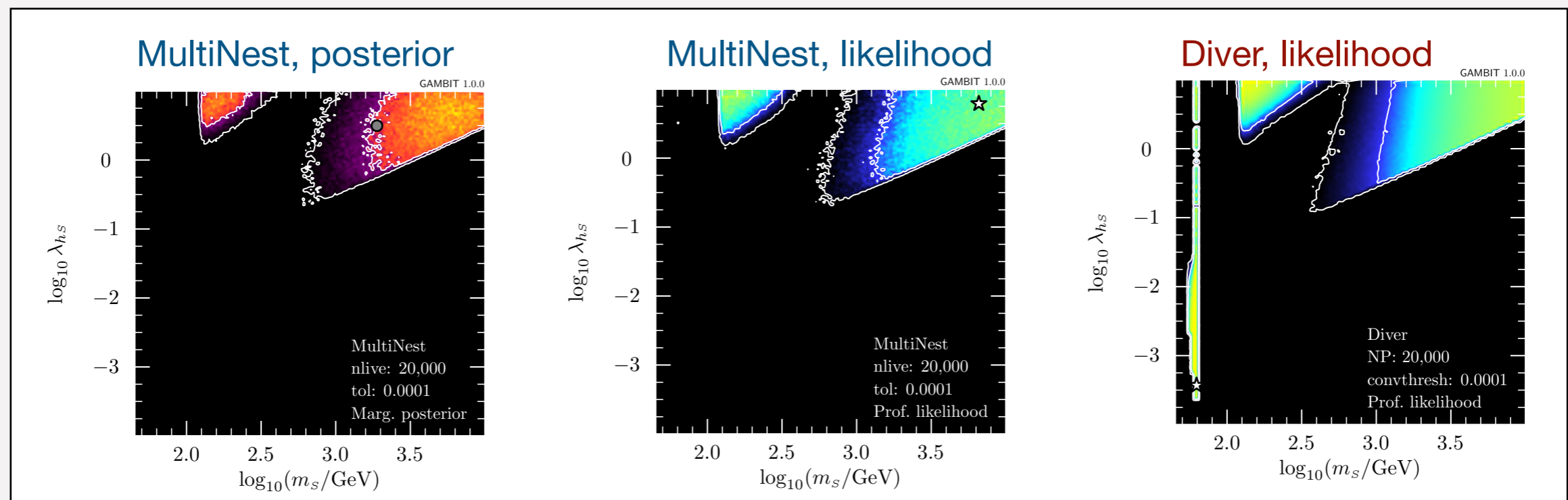
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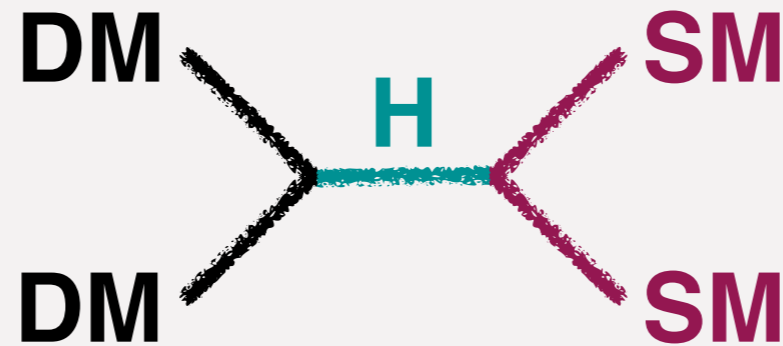
- Collecting **posterior samples**:
 - **T-Walk** (ensemble MCMC) or **PolyChord/MultiNest** (nested sampling)
- Computing **Bayesian evidences**:
 - **PolyChord** or **MultiNest**
- Sampling to map out **profile likelihood function**:
 - **Diver** (differential evolution)
 - And add all samples from the Bayesian scans

[arXiv:1705.07959]



Example: «Higgs portal» dark matter

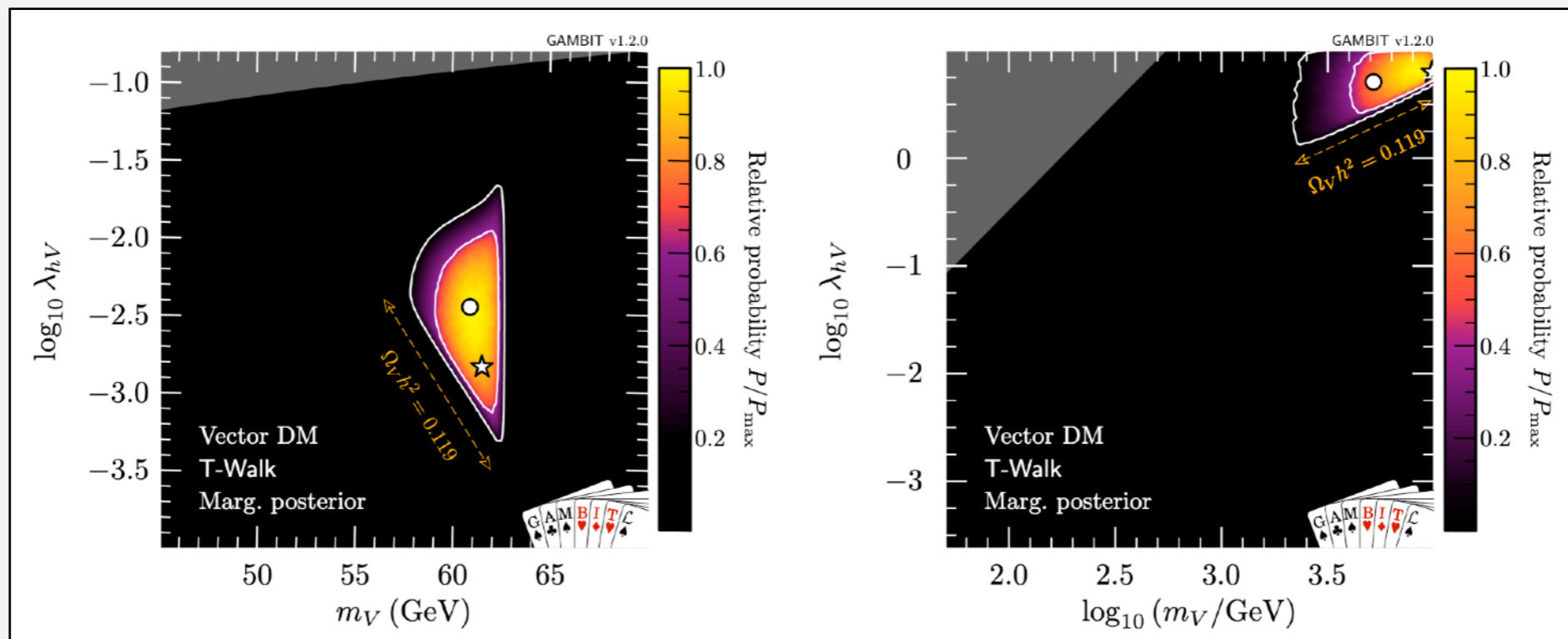
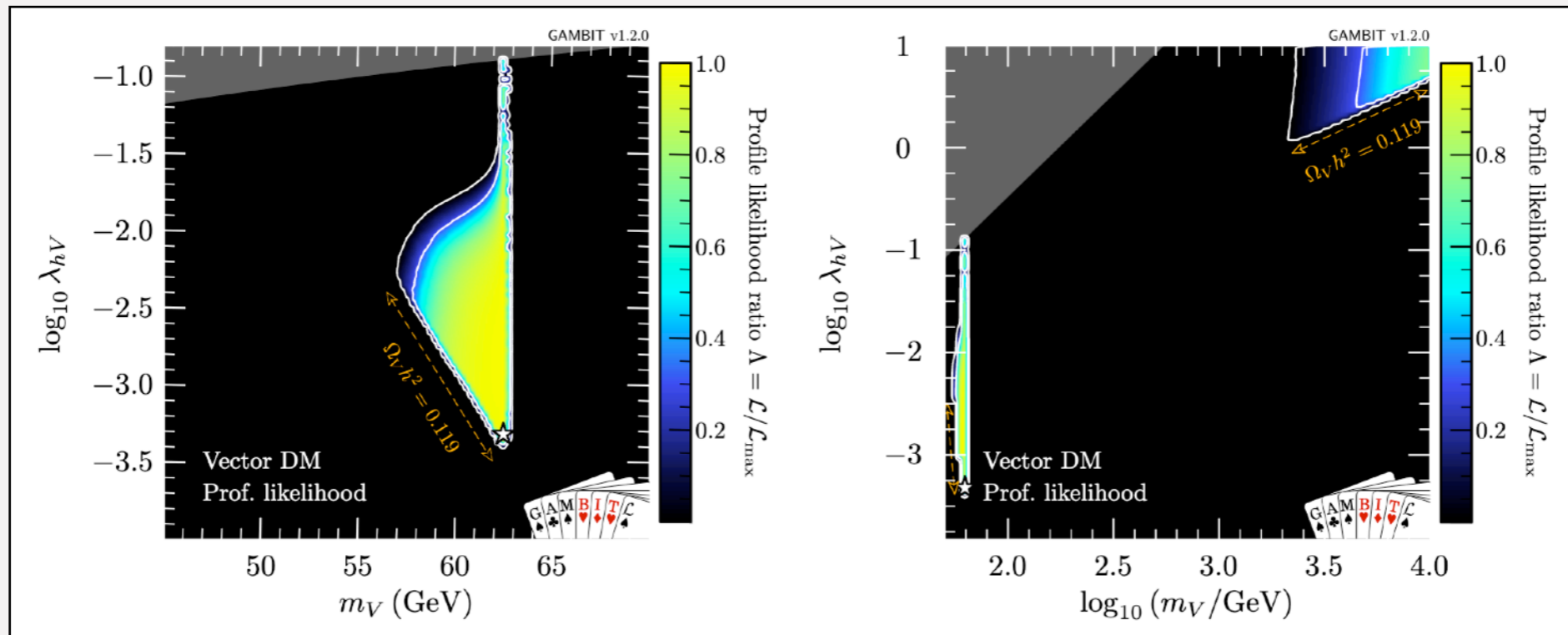
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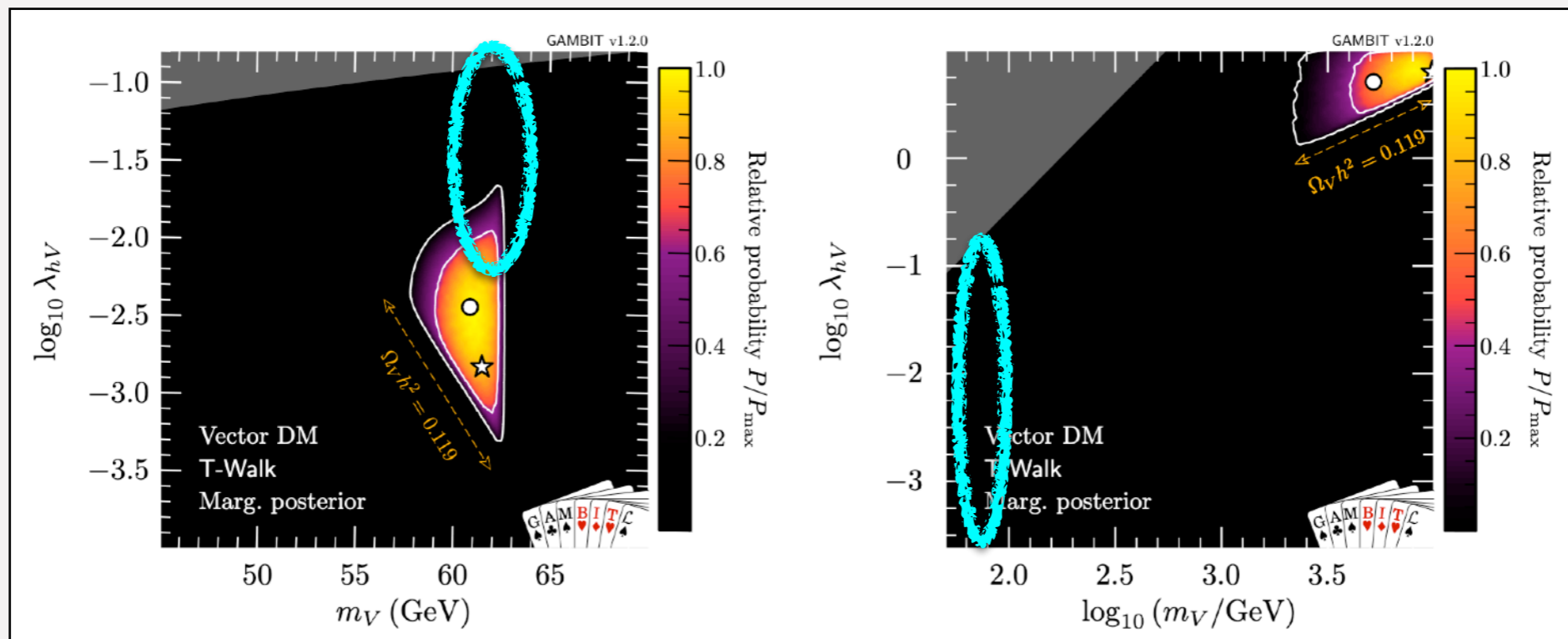
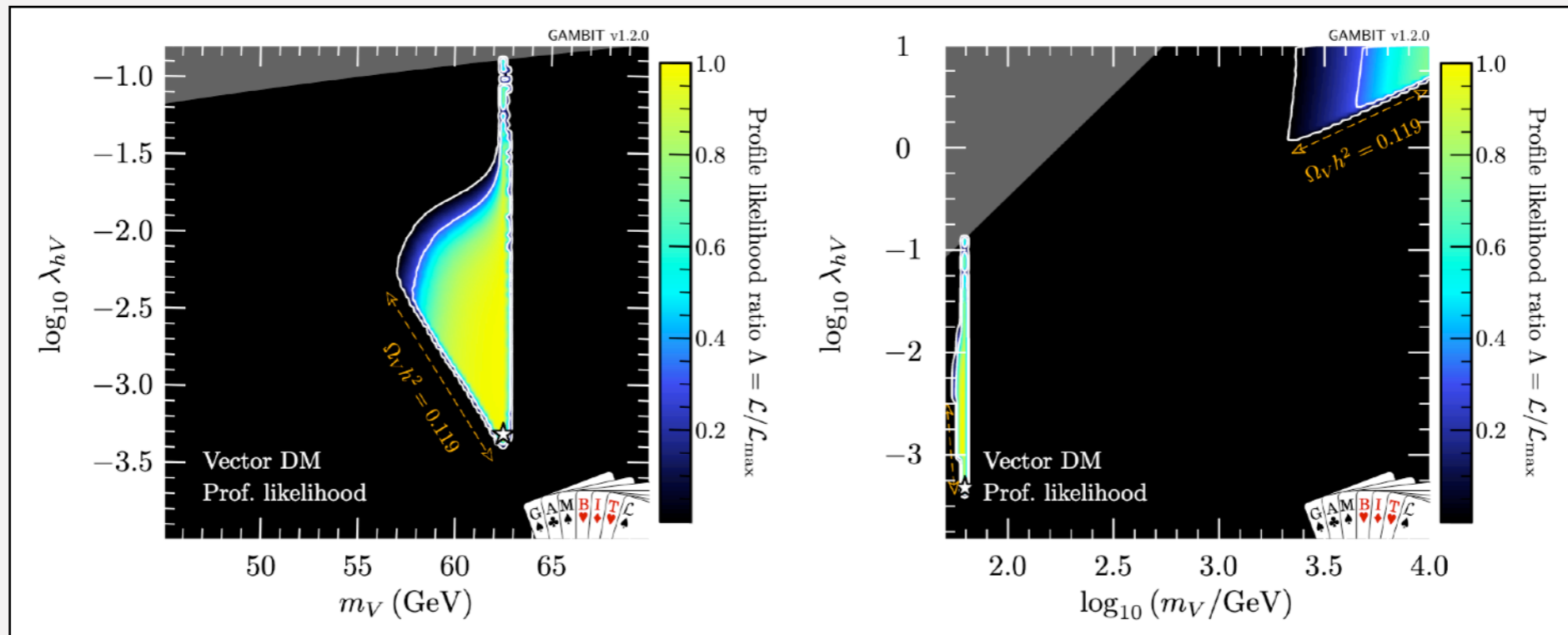
- Study of three models where the dark matter (DM) field only interacts with the Standard Model fields through interactions with the Higgs field
- 1) Vector DM 2) Dirac fermion DM 3) Majorana fermion DM
- Parameter space
 - DM mass
 - 1–2 parameters for the DM-Higgs interaction
 - 7 nuisance parameters
- Likelihoods for DM density, Higgs «invisible decay width», and many experimental searches for DM signals (indirect and direct)
- Intended here as an example — the results are now somewhat outdated



- Both **profile likelihoods** and **posteriors**
- Helps disentangle «**low likelihood**» vs «**high likelihood but fine-tuned**»



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Bayesian model comparisons

Model	Comparison model and priors			Odds
$\xi = 0$	$m_\chi: \log$	$\lambda_{h\chi}/\Lambda_\chi: \log$	$\xi: \text{flat}$	70:1
$g_p/\Lambda_p = 0$	$m_\chi: \log$	$g_s/\Lambda_s: \log$	$g_p/\Lambda_p: \log$	140:1

Table 8: Odds ratios for CP violation for the singlet Majorana fermion Higgs portal model. Here the odds ratios are those against a pure CP-even Higgs portal coupling, as compared to two different parametrisations (and thus priors) of the model in which the CP nature of the Higgs portal can vary freely.

Within the fermion DM models:

Strong evidence for model that allows a CP-violating H-DM interaction, i.e. a more complicated model

(Nested models)

No particular preference in comparisons between the different classes of DM models

(Non-nested models)

Model	Parameters and priors			Odds
S	$m_S: \log$	$\lambda_{hS}: \log$		1:1
V_μ	$m_V: \log$	$\lambda_{hV}: \log$		6:1
χ	$m_\chi: \log$	$\lambda_{h\chi}/\Lambda_\chi: \log$	$\xi: \text{flat}$	1:1
ψ	$m_\psi: \log$	$\lambda_{h\psi}/\Lambda_\psi: \log$	$\xi: \text{flat}$	1:1

Table 9: Odds ratios against each singlet Higgs portal DM model with \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry, relative to the scalar model.



More examples of Bayesian applications in BSM phenomenology

(by no means an exhaustive list)

- Fast **theory emulators**, fast **marginalised likelihoods**, ...
 - Fast AMS-02 antiproton likelihoods: [[arxiv:2303.07362](#)]
 - Fast higher-order LHC cross-section predictions: [[arxiv:2006.16273](#)]
- Bayesian takes on **fine-tuning questions in BSM physics** [[arxiv:1204.4940](#)], [[arxiv:1709.07895](#)] (and many more...)
- Bayesian **uncertainties for missing higher-order terms** in QFT calculations: [[arxiv:2006.16293](#)]
- Creative applications of (originally) Bayesian methods
 - Nested sampling for **estimating small p-values** [[arxiv:2105.13923](#)]
 - Nested sampling for **event generation** [[arxiv:2205.02030](#)]
- + many applications of Bayesian parameter estimation and model comparison...

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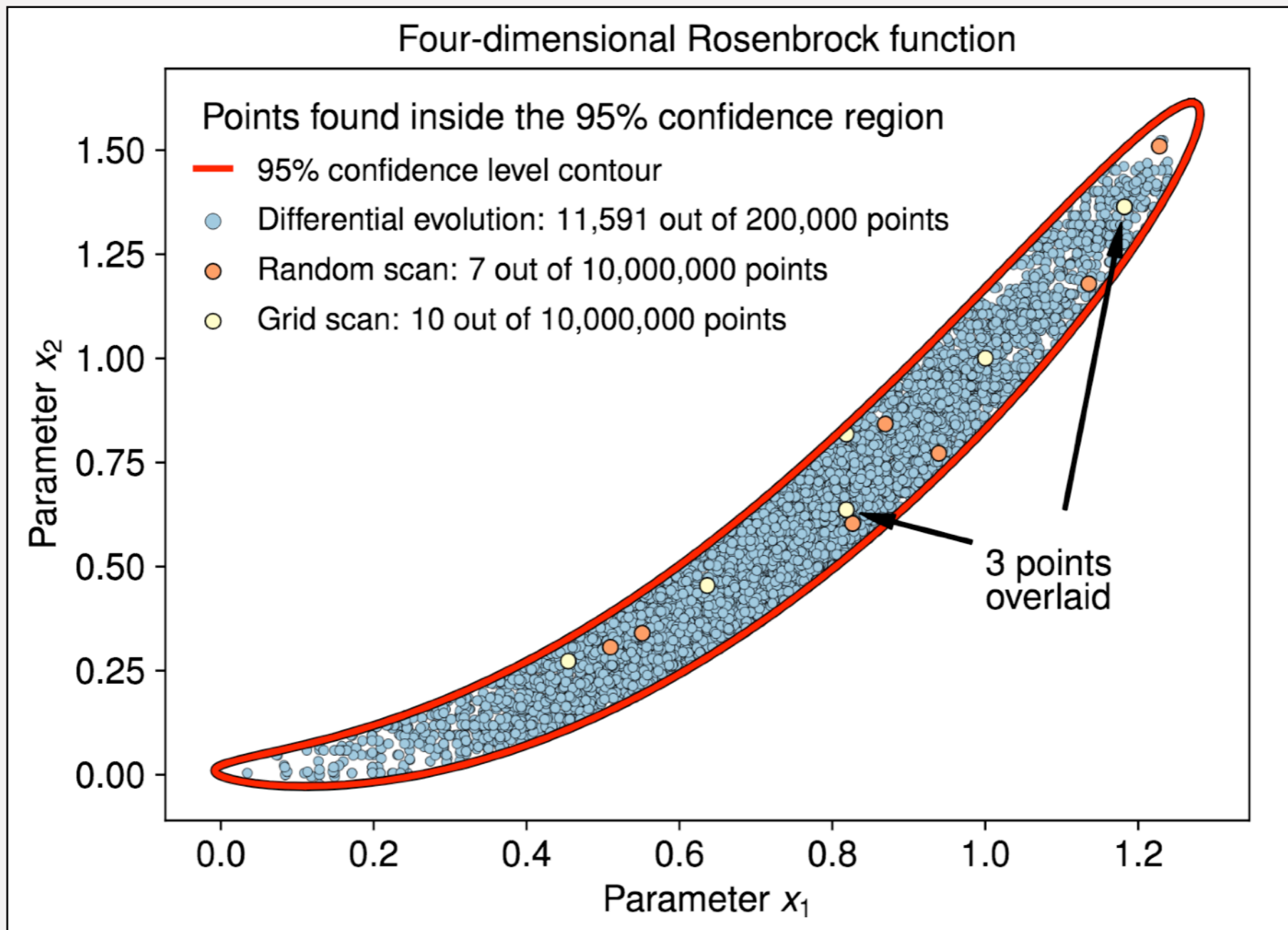
- How can we **learn the most physics from our experimental results?**
Test all the results against all interesting theories!
- **GAMBIT** is an open-source tool for **large-scale global fits** of new theories in particle physics
- A **modular** and **model-independent** core software framework
→ GAMBIT has been used to investigate a wide range of new theories
- Bayesian approaches widely used in BSM physics:
parameter estimation, model comparison, emulation, theory uncertainties
- **Different questions, different answers:** Useful to perform both Bayesian and frequentist analyses (if computationally feasible)
- Coming soon: **GAMBIT-light**
- gambit.hepforge.org and github.com/GambitBSM/gambit_2.4
- GAMBIT results are publicly available: zenodo.org/communities/gambit-official



Bonus tracks



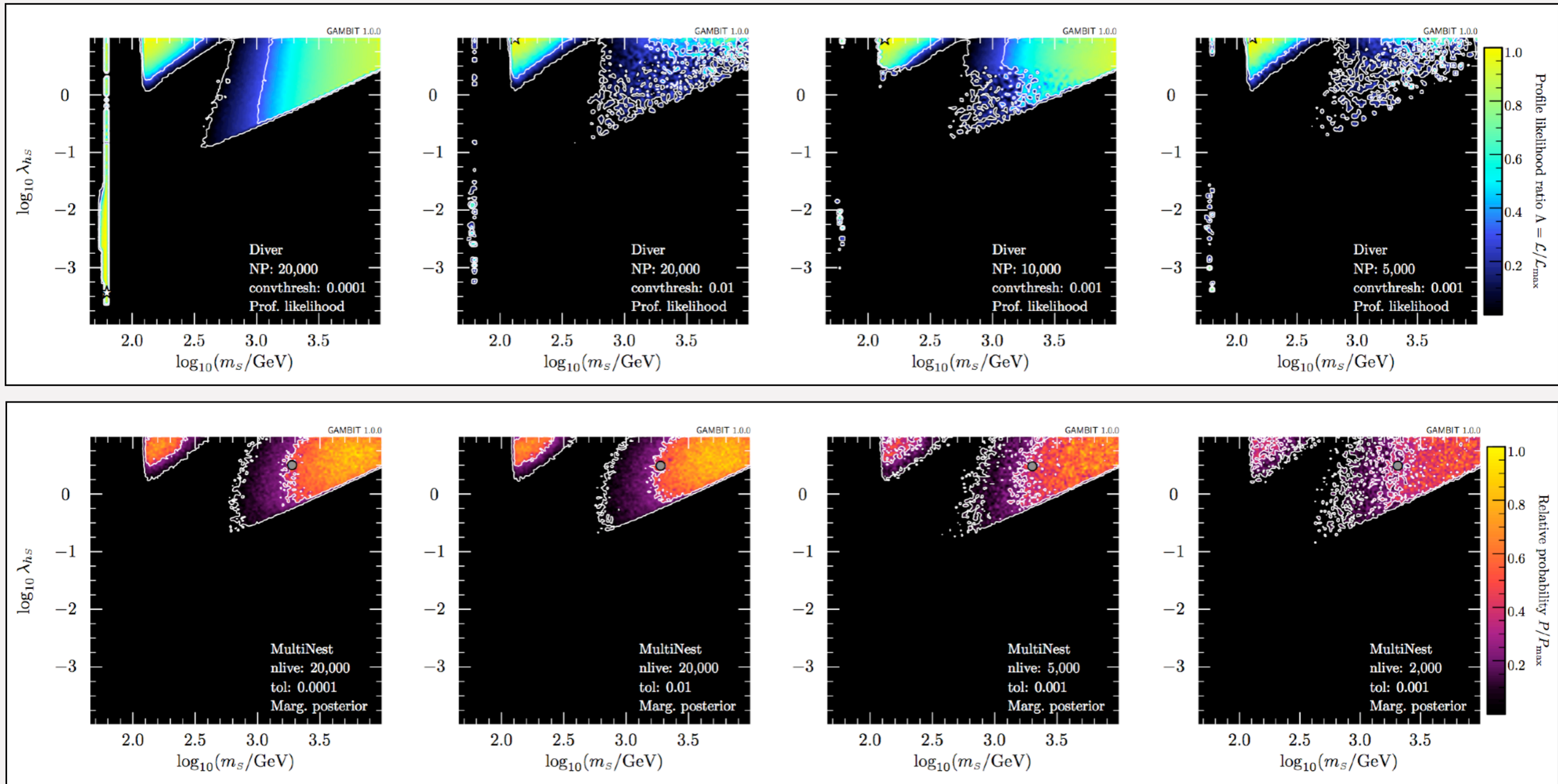
Parameter space exploration



[arxiv:2012.09874]



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[arxiv:1705.07959]



Dependency resolution

- Basic building blocks: **module functions**
- A physics module: **a collection of module functions** related to the same physics topic
- Each module function has a single **capability** (what it calculates)
- A module function can have **dependencies** on the results of other module functions
- A module function can declare which **models** it can work with
- GAMBIT determines which module functions should be run in which order for a given scan (**dependency resolution**)

```
void function_name(double &result)
{
    ...
    result = ... // something useful
}
```

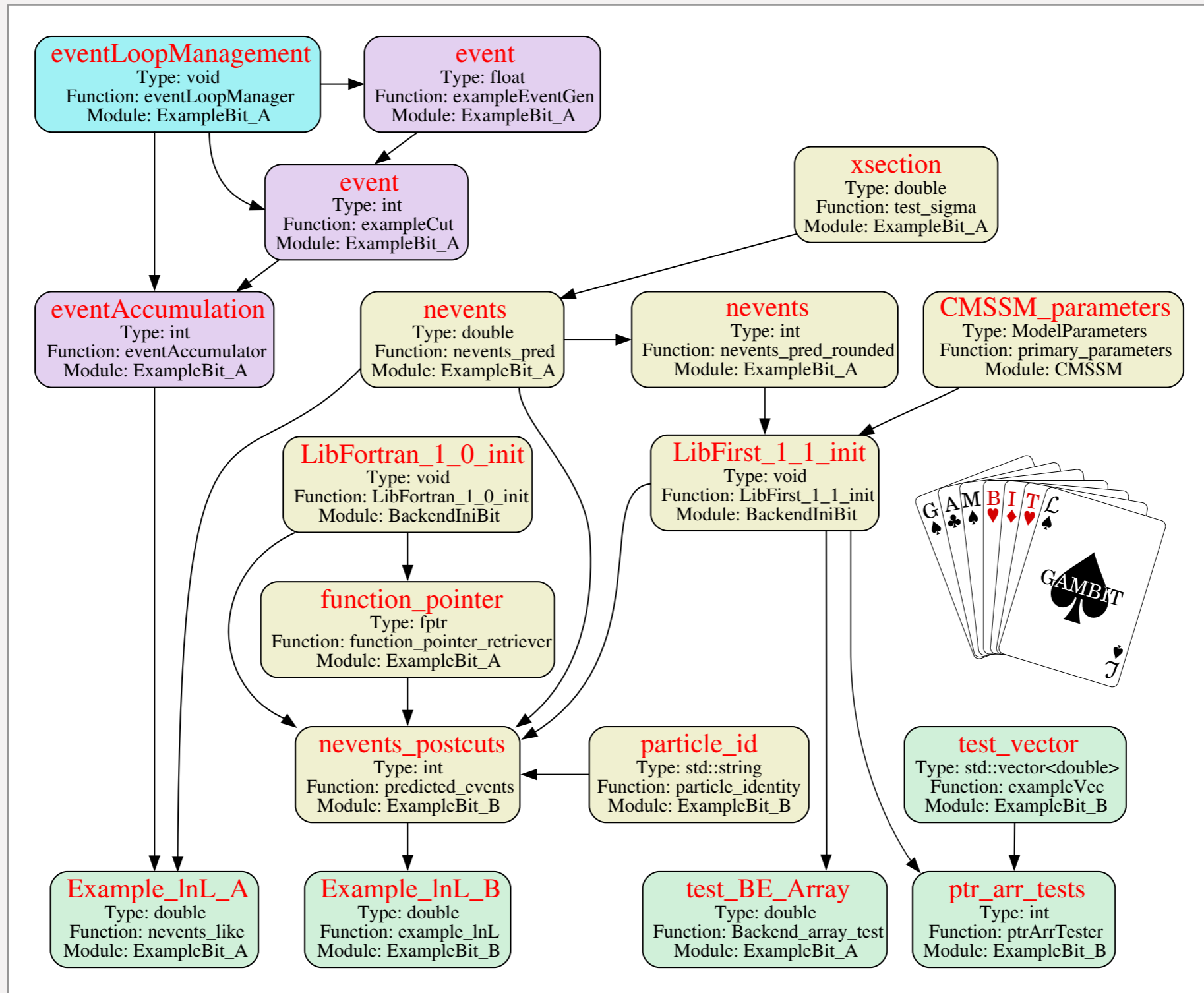
```
// Observable: BR(B -> tau nu)
#define CAPABILITY Btaunu
START_CAPABILITY
#define FUNCTION SI_Btaunu
START_FUNCTION(double)
DEPENDENCY(SuperIso_modelinfo, parameters)
BACKEND_REQ(Btaunu, (libsUPERISO), double, (const parameters*))
BACKEND_OPTION( (SuperIso, 3.6), (libsUPERISO) )
#undef FUNCTION
#undef CAPABILITY
```

```
/// Br B->tau nu_tau decays
void SI_Btaunu(double &result)
{
    using namespace Pipes::SI_Btaunu;

    parameters const& param = *Dep::SuperIso_modelinfo;
    result = BEreq::Btaunu(&param);
}
```

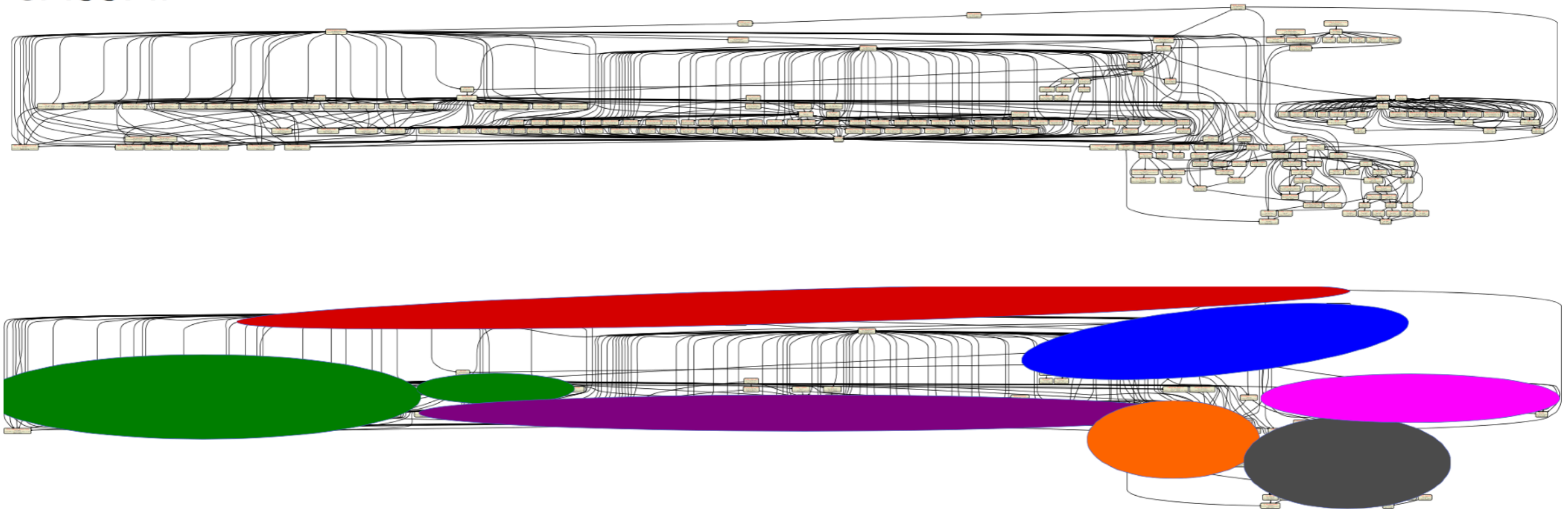


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CMSSM:



- Red: Model parameter translations
- Blue: Precision calculations
- Green: LEP rates+likelihoods
- Purple: Decays
- Orange: LHC observables and likelihoods
- Grey: DM direct, indirect and relic density
- Pink: Flavour physics

