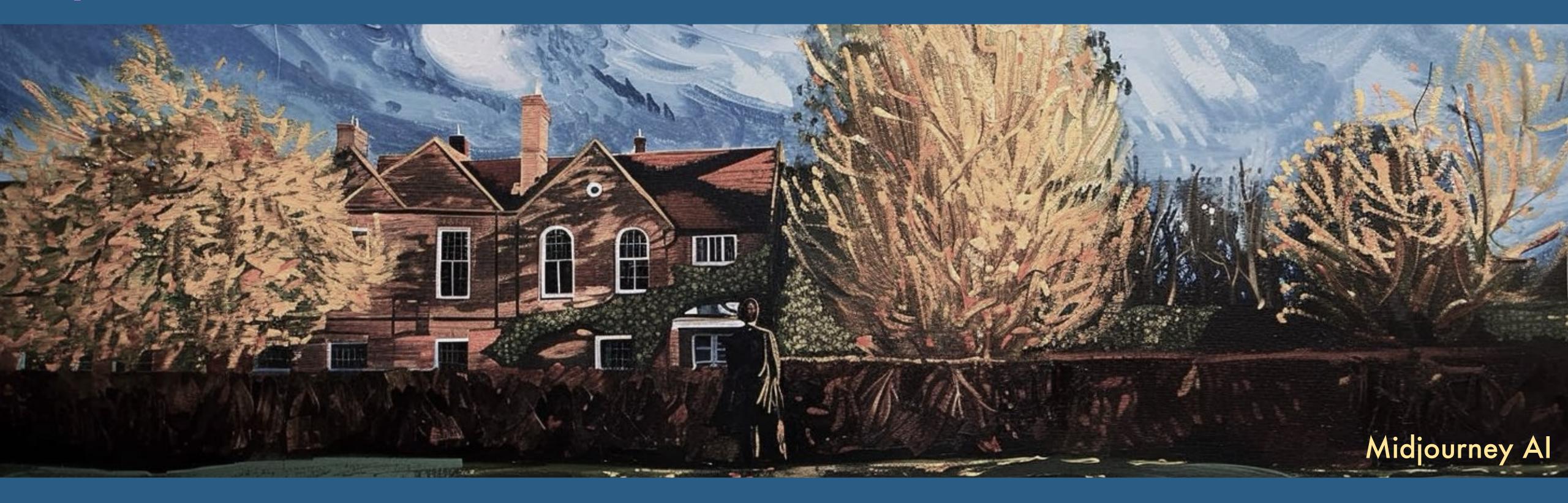
# Modern machine learning methods for new physics searches

Sapienta ex machina?





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# Why care about ML in physics?

### Why ML in HEP?

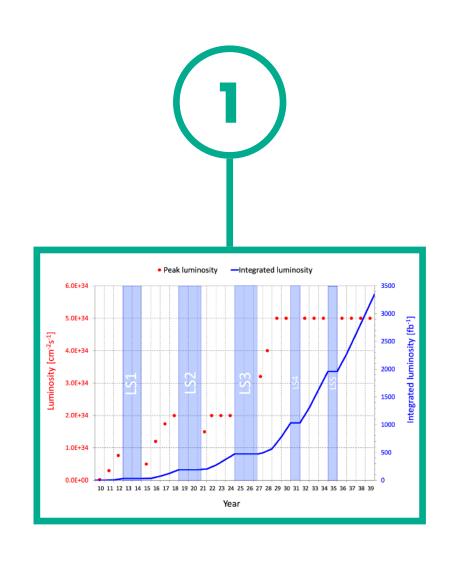


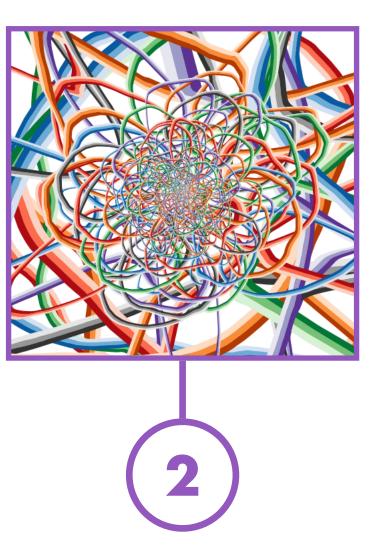
#### **Data volume**

Large amounts of data

- 1. labeled (Simulation)
- 2. unlabeled (Detector)

#### ML wants lots of data





#### Complexity

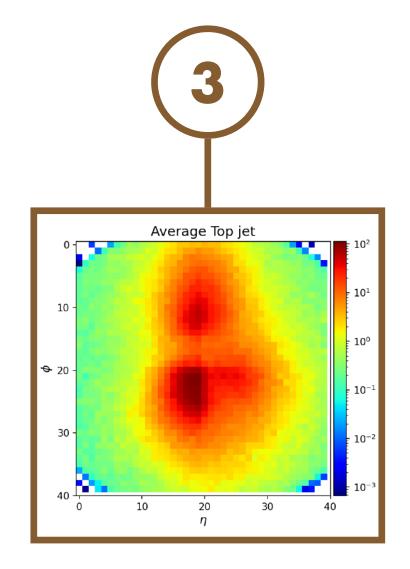
High-dimensional & highly correlated data structure

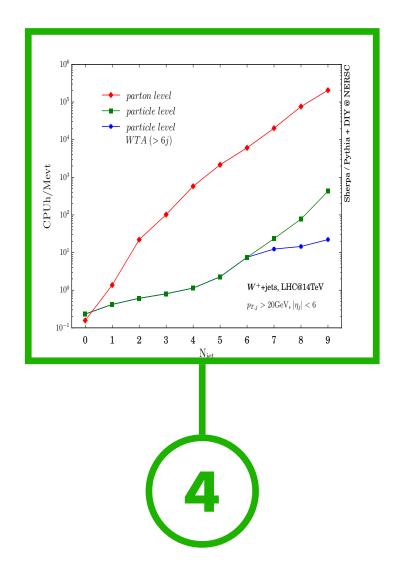
ML is expressive and interpretable

#### Signal detection

Rare and elusive signals among large backgrounds

ML has high accuracy and sensitivity





#### **Computing Budget**

Simulation & analysis is computationally expensive

**ML** is fast

#### **Increasing interest**

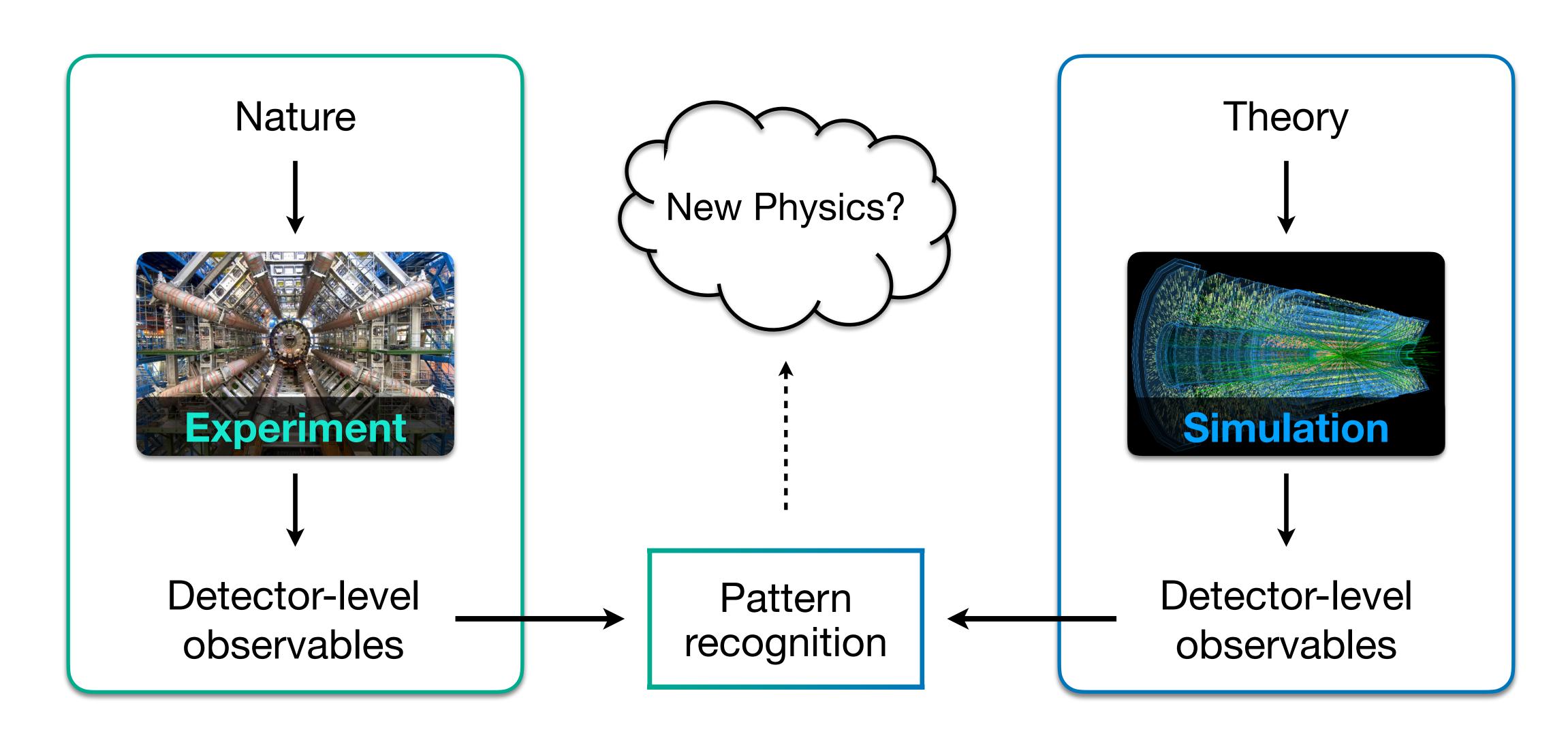
> 150 paper/year Future of HEP?

ML is fun!



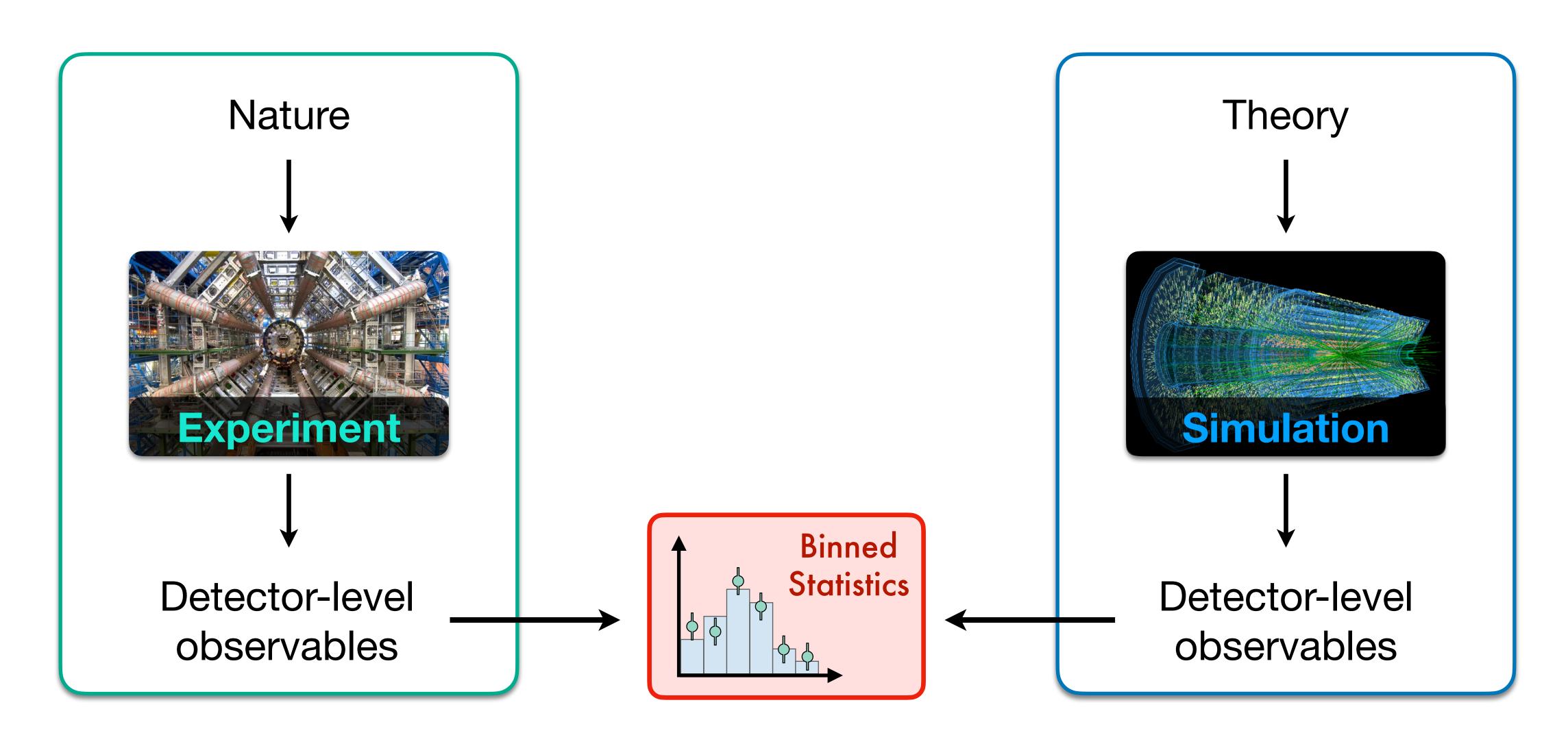
# LHC analysis (oversimplified)





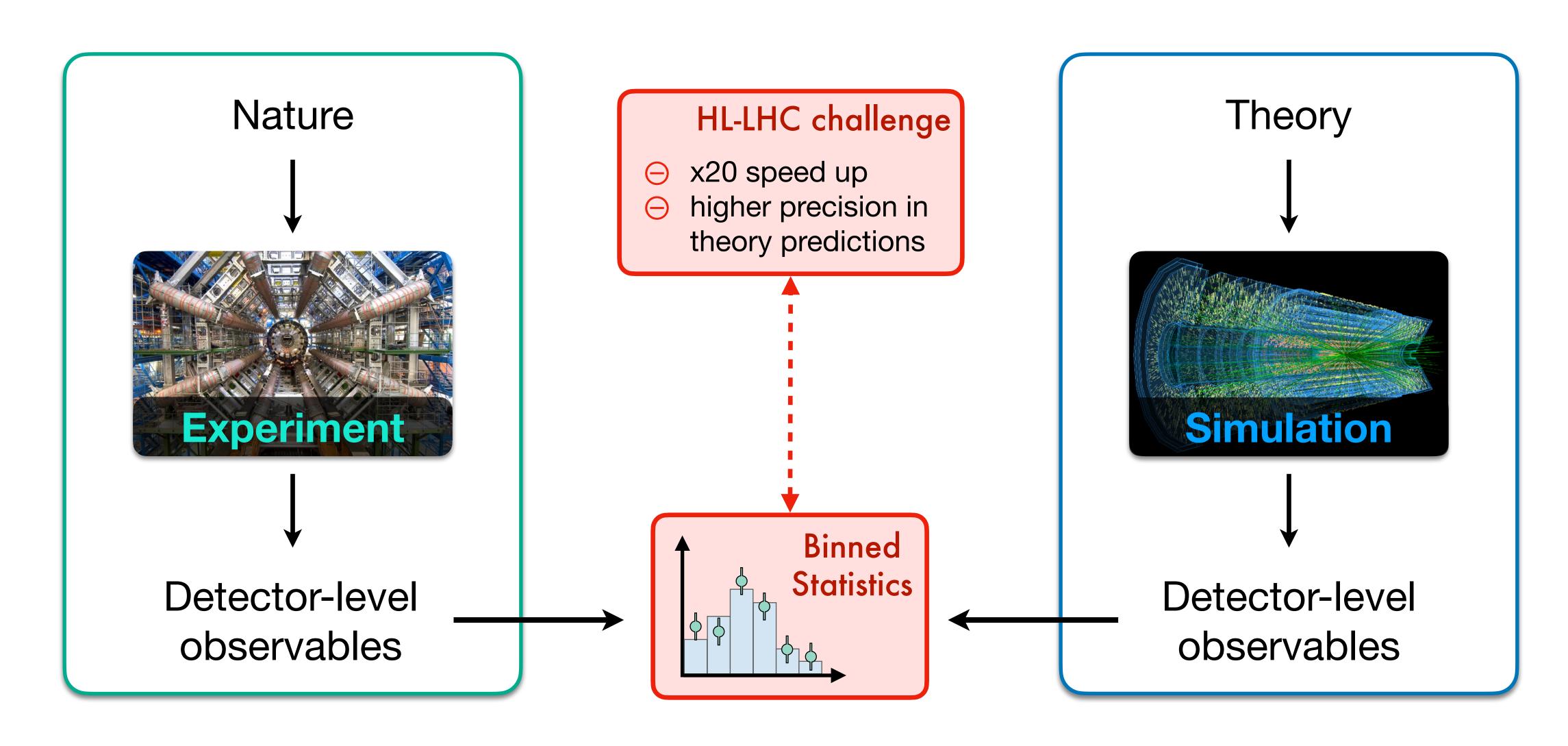
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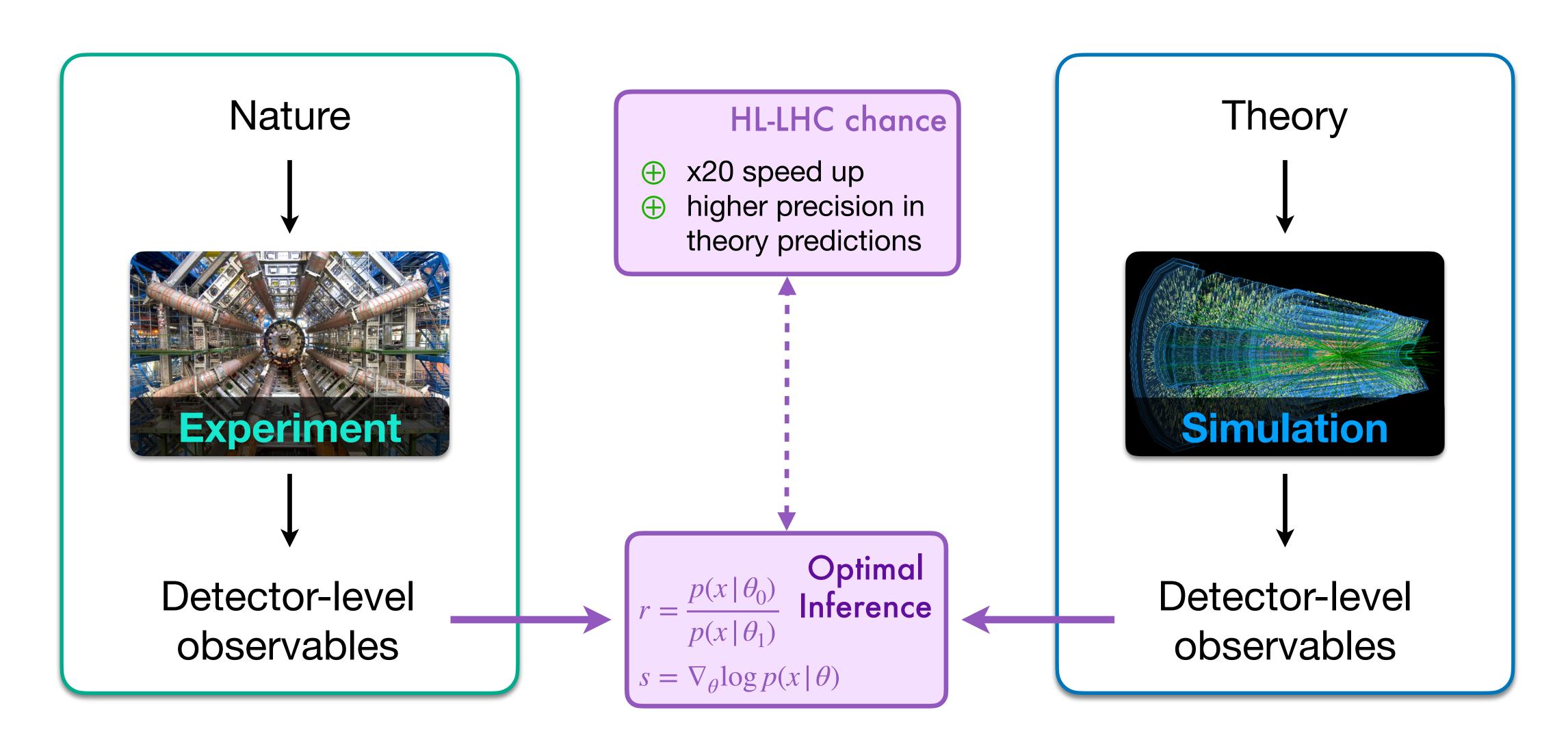


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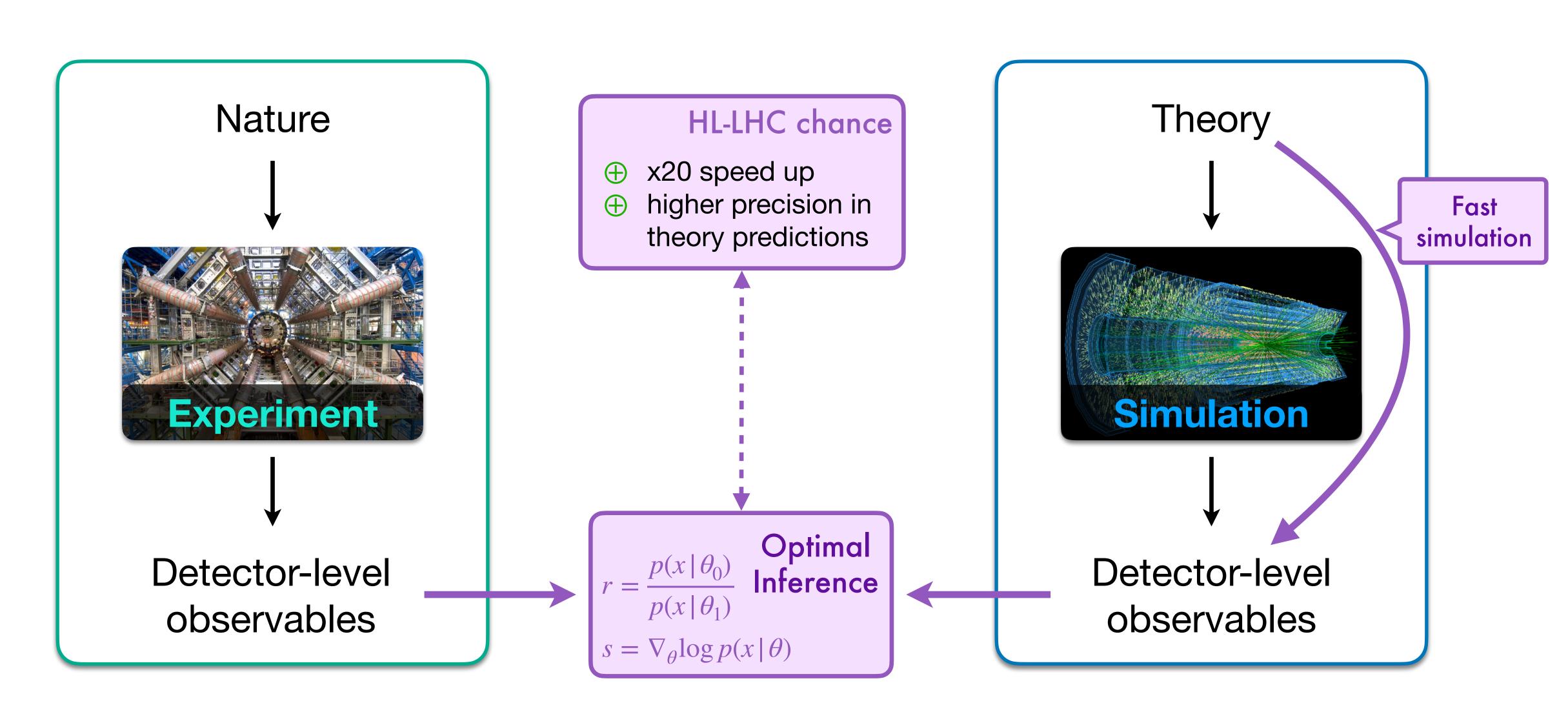




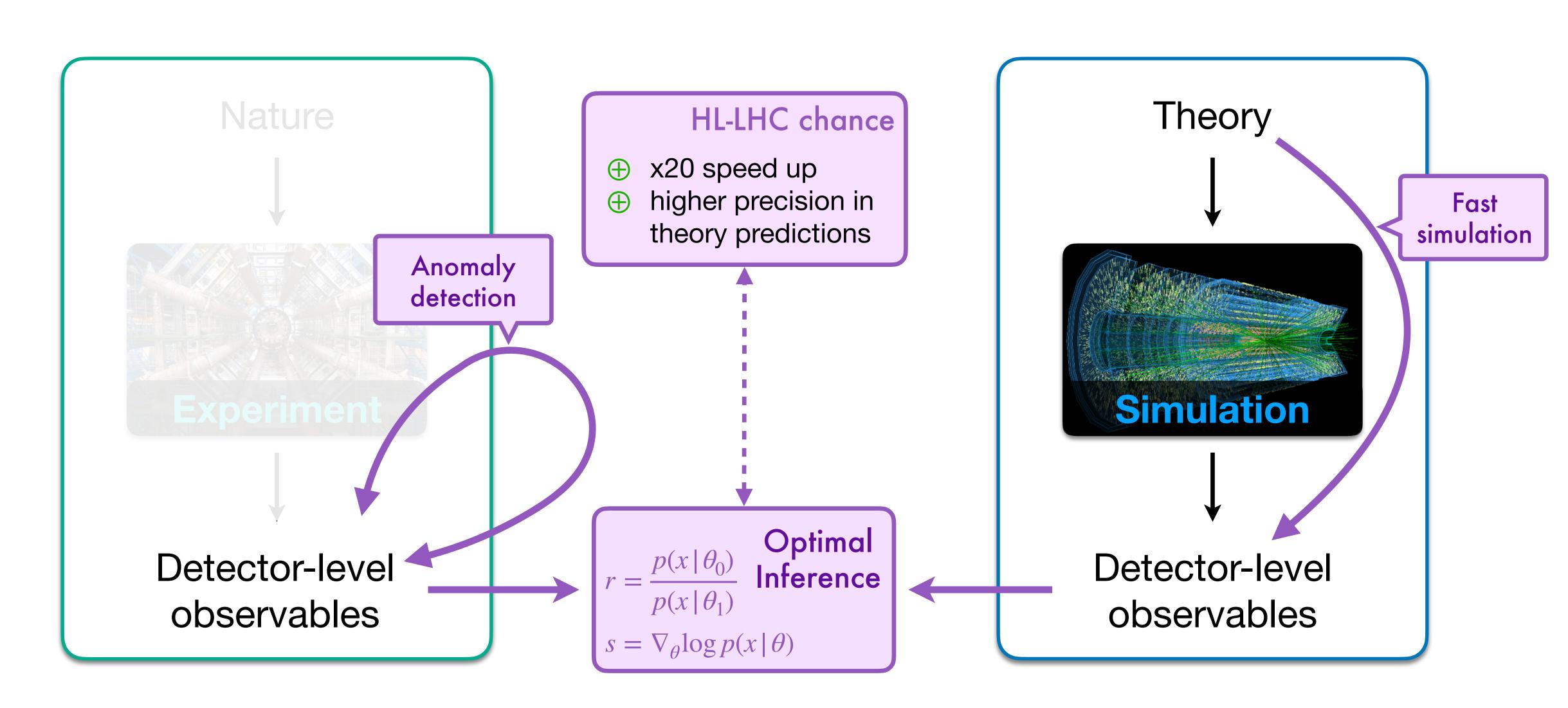




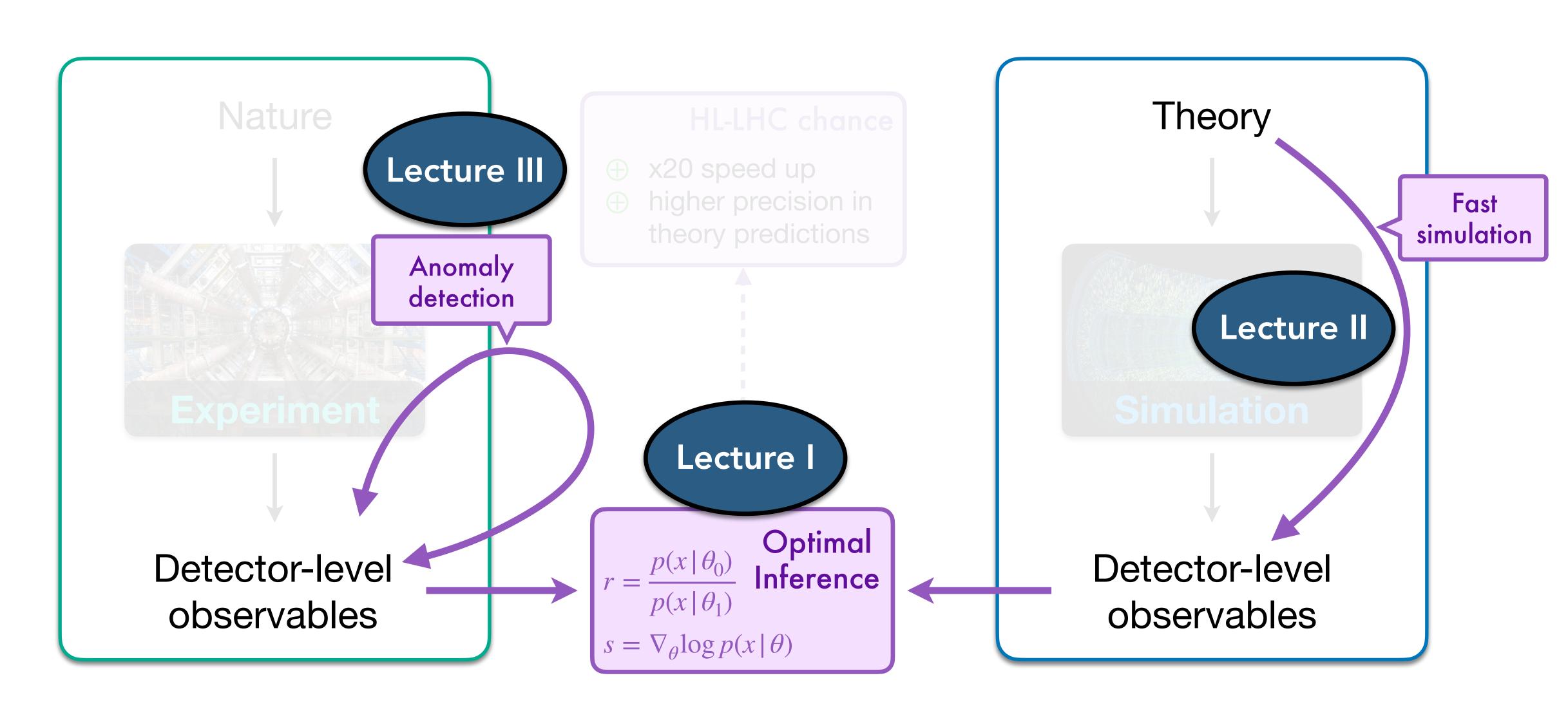






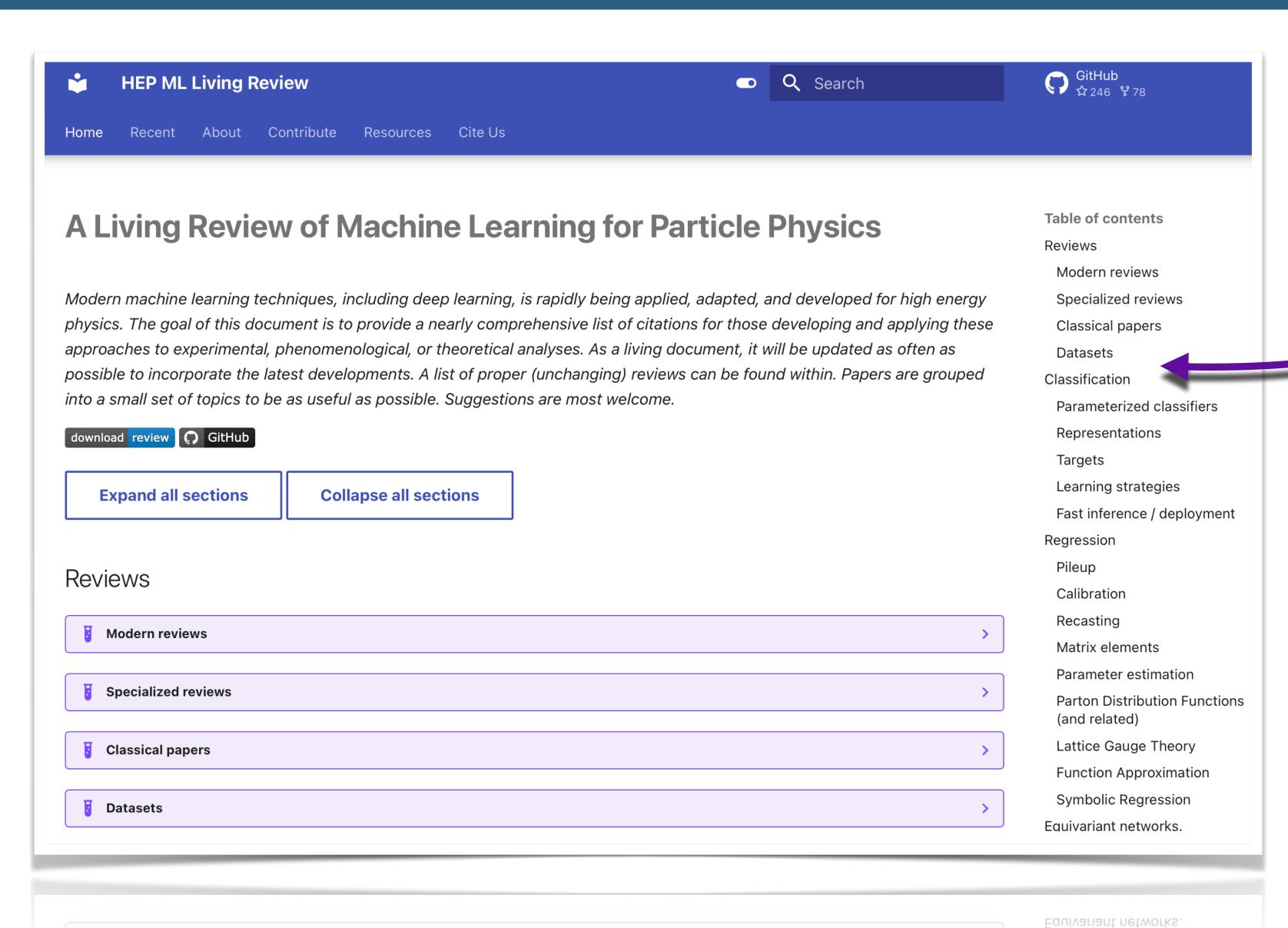






### HEPML Living Review





 Check LivingReview for many ML4HEP applications



### Plan of attack



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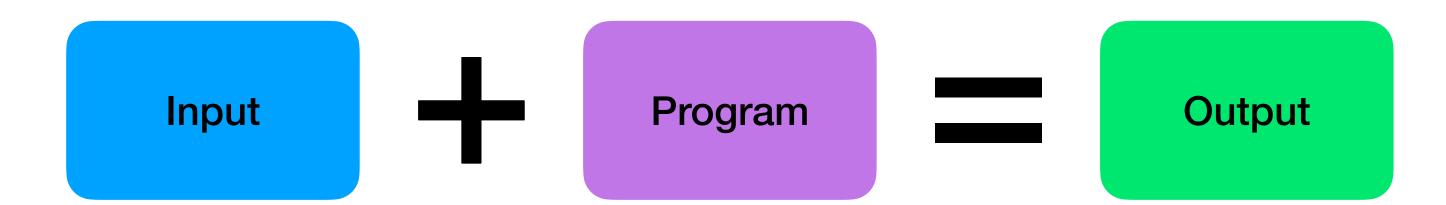


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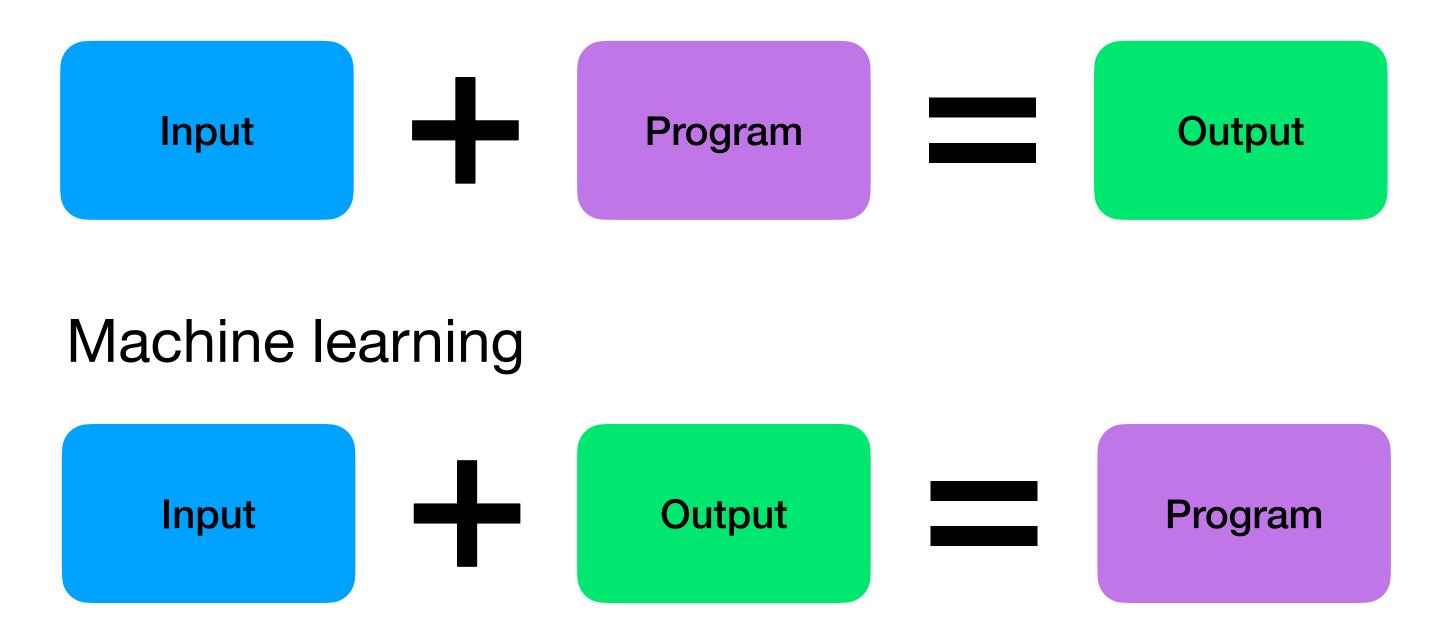


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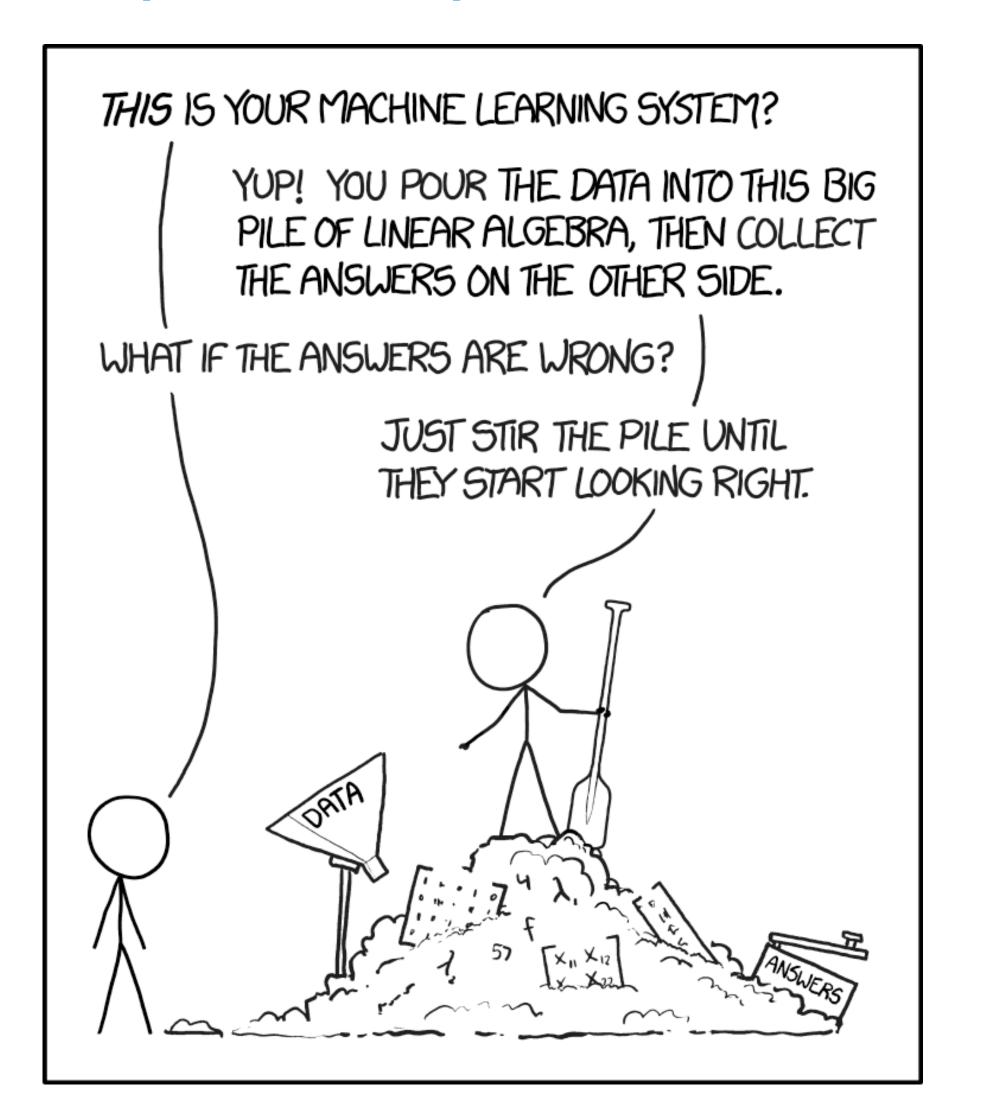
- 1. algorithm: a method to perform a task of interest
- 2. experience: training data, which the algorithm can use to learn how to perform a task
- 3. improve: a way to measure the performance on the training data
- 4. automatically: a strategy to exploit the training data, without external input



#### What if feels like... (sometimes)

#### Aim of the lectures:

Giving you the tools and ideas to use it right!





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#### Be aware!

The core of machine learning is to find structure in data - no more no less!

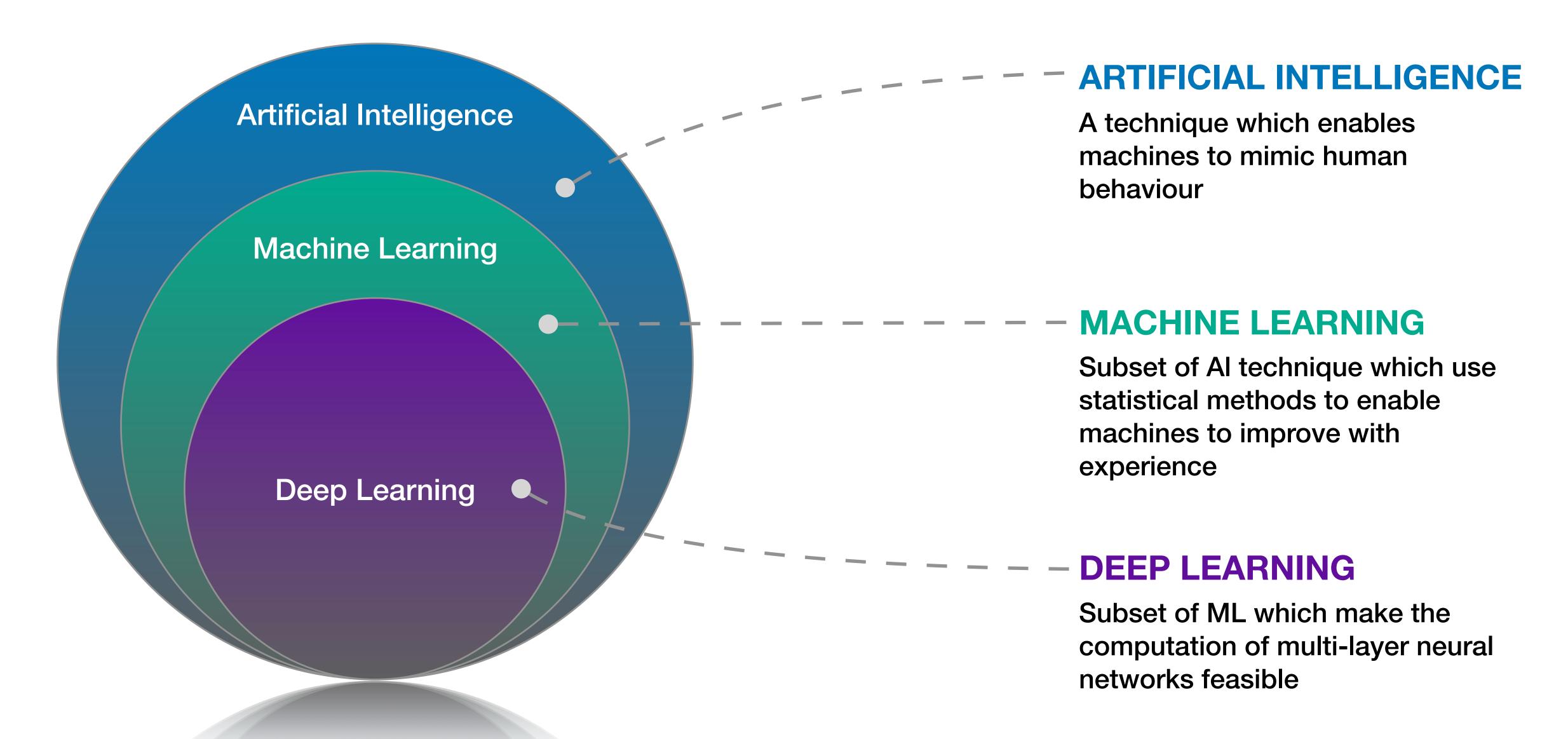


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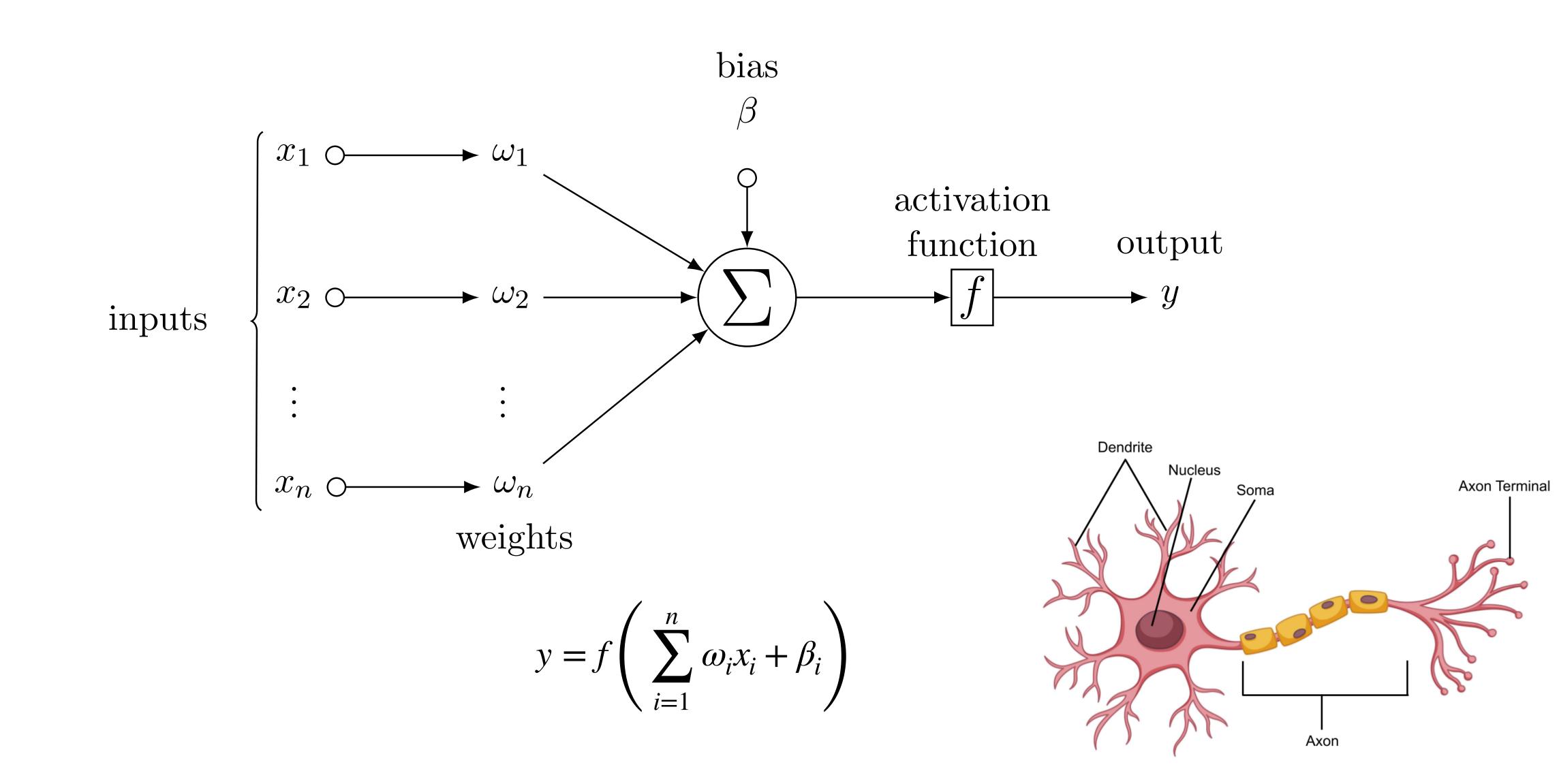




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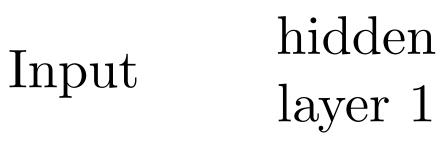
# Components of artificial neurons

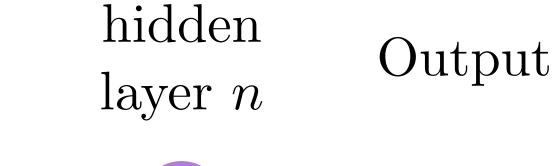


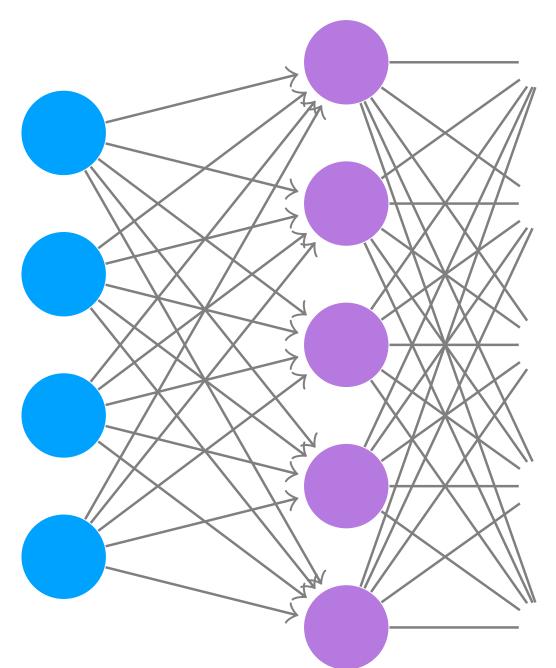


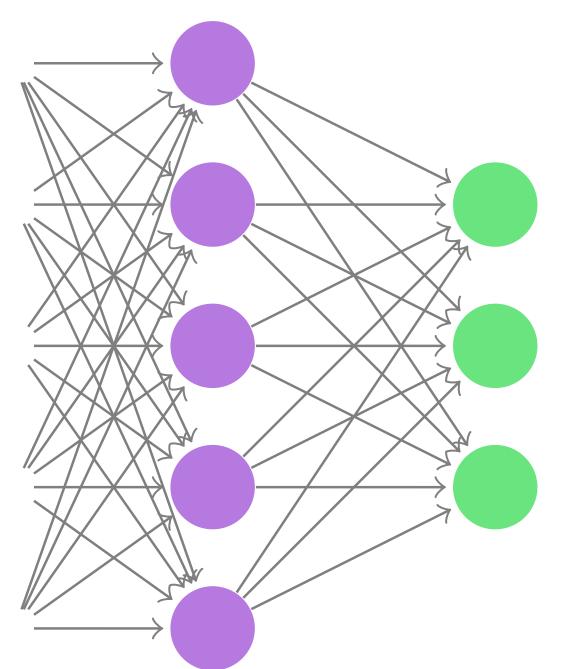
### Deep neural network











$$y_{j} = f_{j} \left( \sum_{m} \omega_{jm}^{(n+1)} g_{m}^{(n)} \left( \cdots \left( \sum_{i} \omega_{kl}^{(2)} g_{l}^{(1)} \left( \sum_{i} \omega_{li}^{(1)} x_{i} + \beta_{l}^{(1)} \right) + \beta_{k}^{(2)} \right) \cdots \right) + \beta_{j}^{(n+1)} \right)$$

# Training objective and optimization



#### Performance measure

In order to train the neural network, we need a training objective or loss function:

$$\mathcal{L}_{tot} = \sum_{i}^{N} \mathcal{L}(f_{\omega}(x_i), y_i)$$

#### **Backpropagation**

$$\nabla_{\omega} \mathcal{L}(f_{\omega}(x), y) = \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathcal{L}(f_{\omega}(x), y)}{\mathrm{d}\omega} = \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial f_{j,\omega}} \cdot \frac{\partial f_{j,\omega}}{\partial \omega_i} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

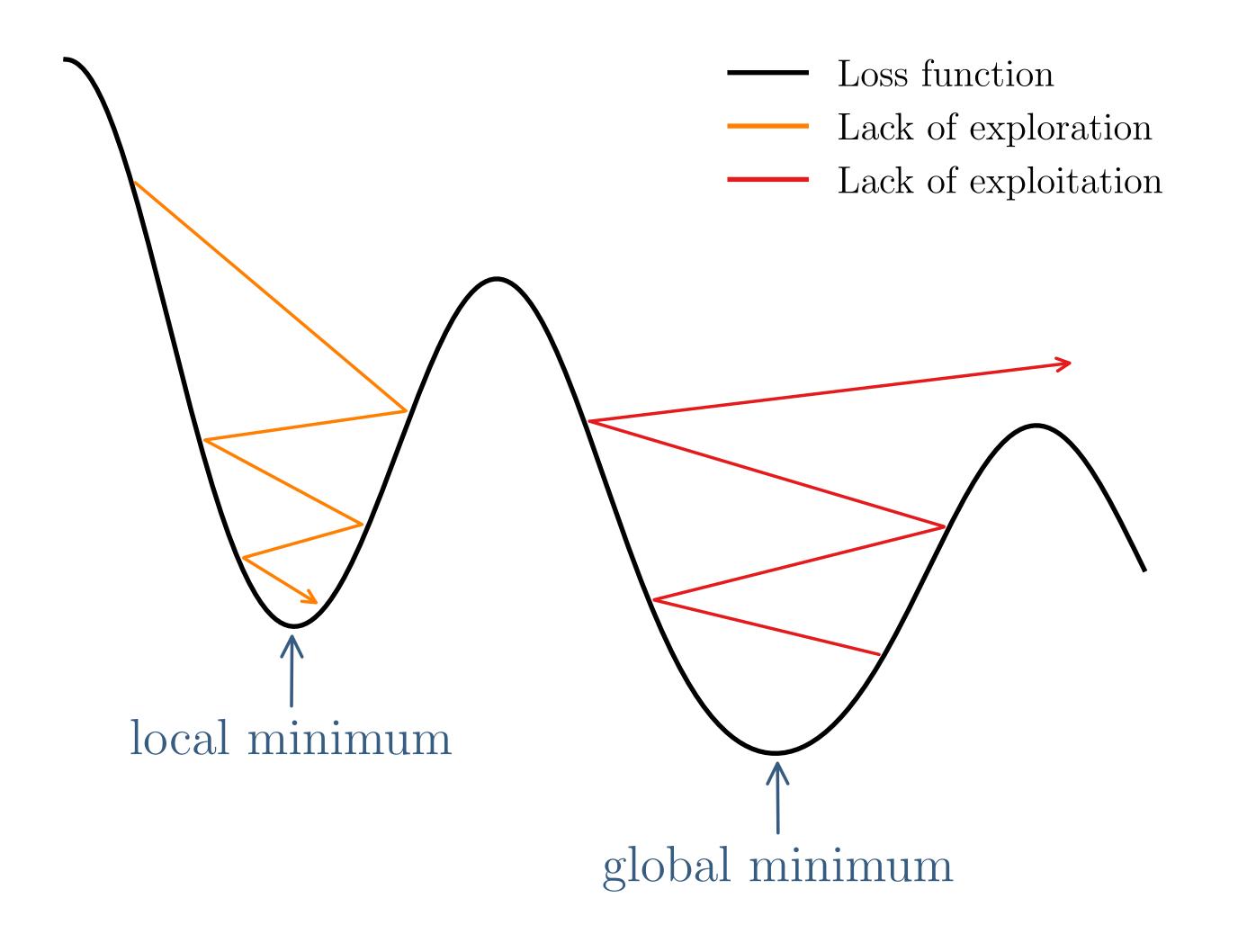
#### Stochastic gradient descent

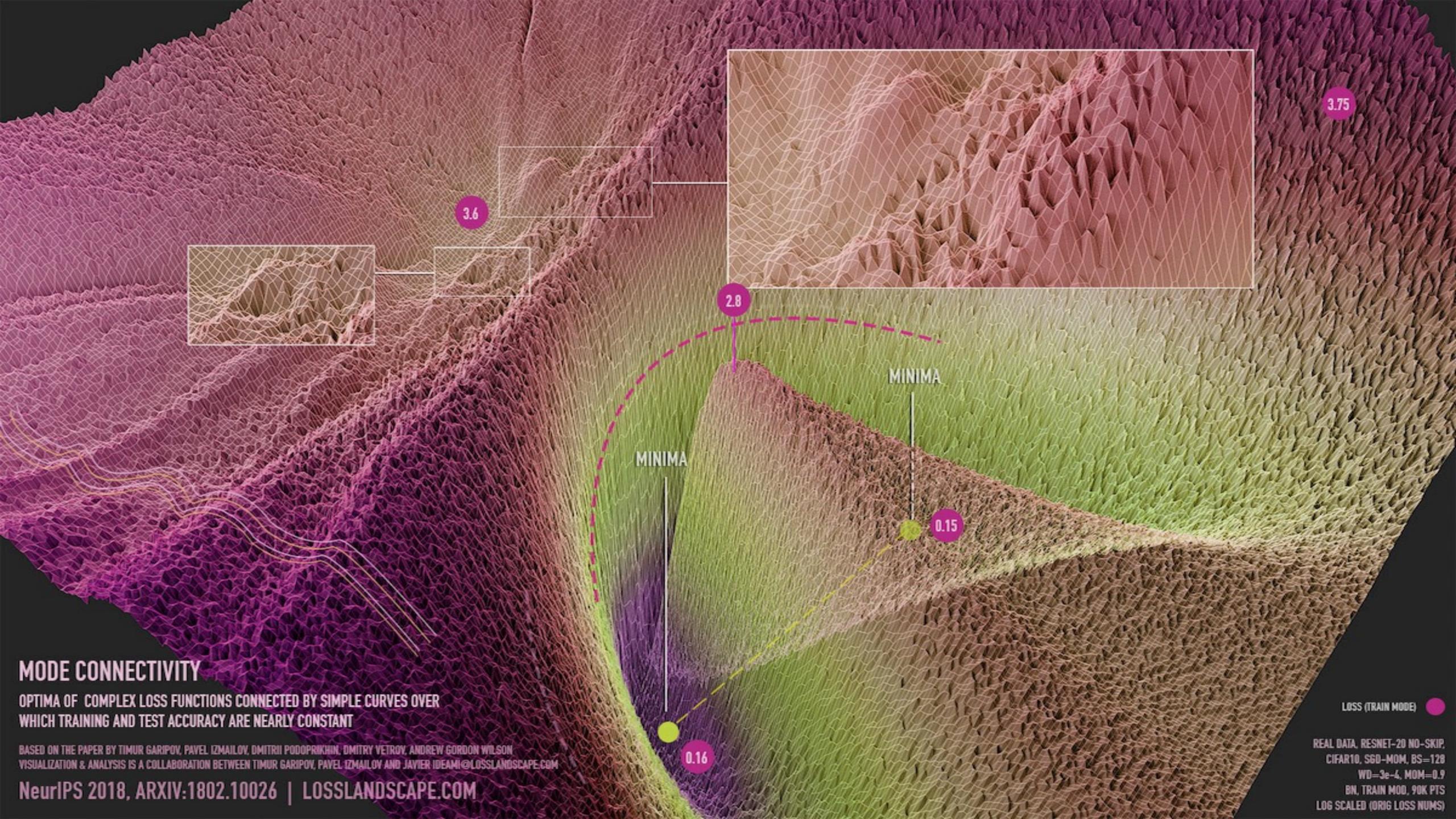
$$\omega_{t+1} = \omega_t - \eta \nabla_{\omega_t} \mathcal{L}_b(\omega), \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{L}_b(\omega) = \sum_i^b \mathcal{L}(f_\omega(x_i), y_i)$$

## Optimizer and loss landscape



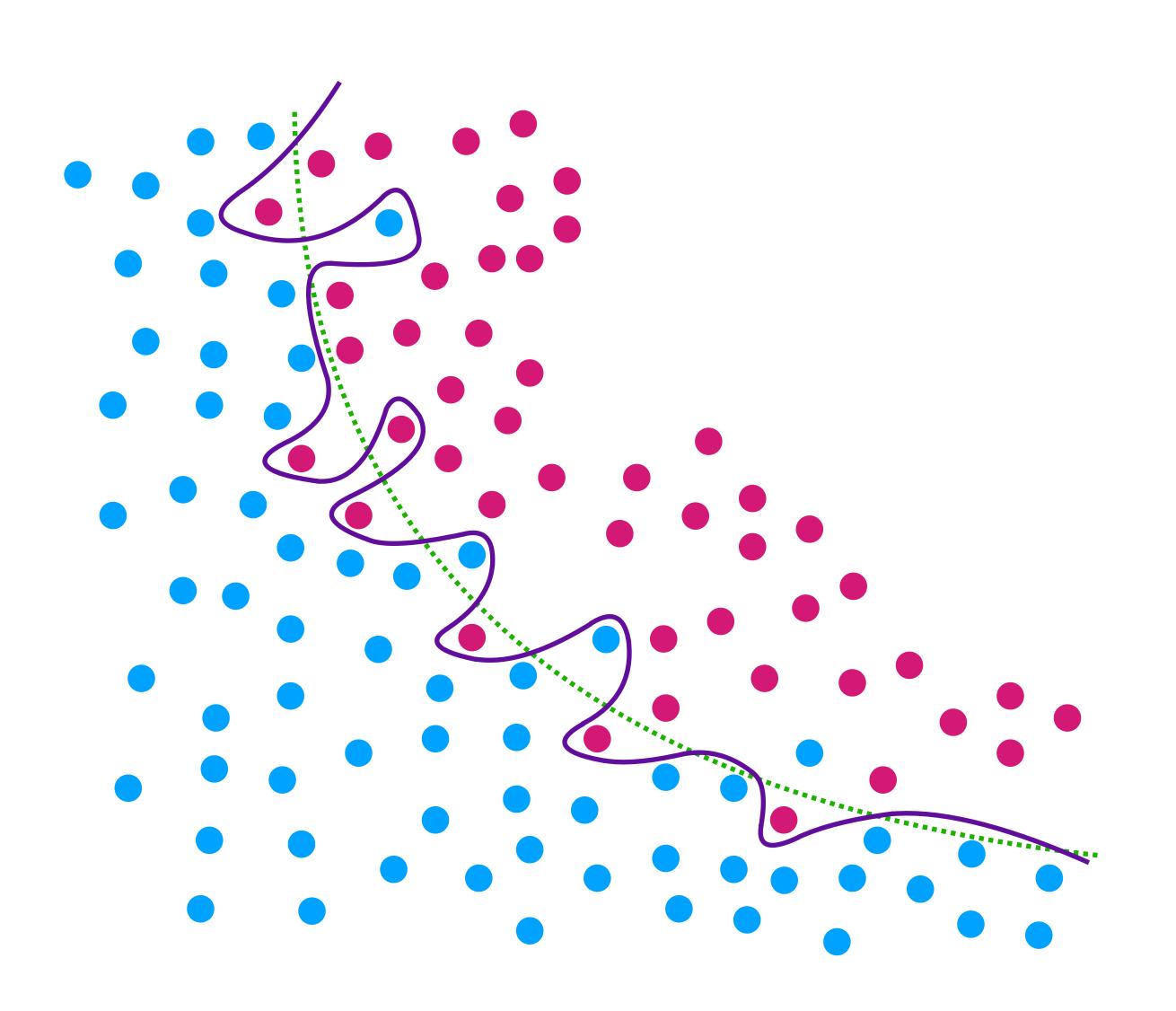
#### Finding the global minimum in a sea of local minima





### Overfitting und regularization





#### Identify

 Test/validation set: independent samples for testing/ validation

#### Regularization

- L1 & L2 Regularization: penalty term in the loss function
- Dropout: randomly sets the inputs to some nodes to zero

### How to choose the loss function?

### Fits and interpolations



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Minimize negative log-likelihood

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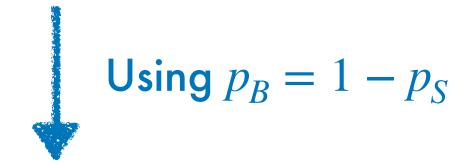
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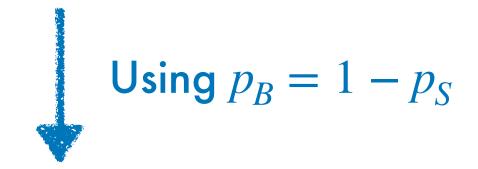
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Generalization (multi-class)

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# Useful libraries + algorithms



 scikit-learn: For most of the "basic" algorithms like Linear Regression and Boosted Decision Trees. Also useful for preprocessing, model combination, etc.



XGBoost, LightGBM, CatBoost: For optimized tree-based models







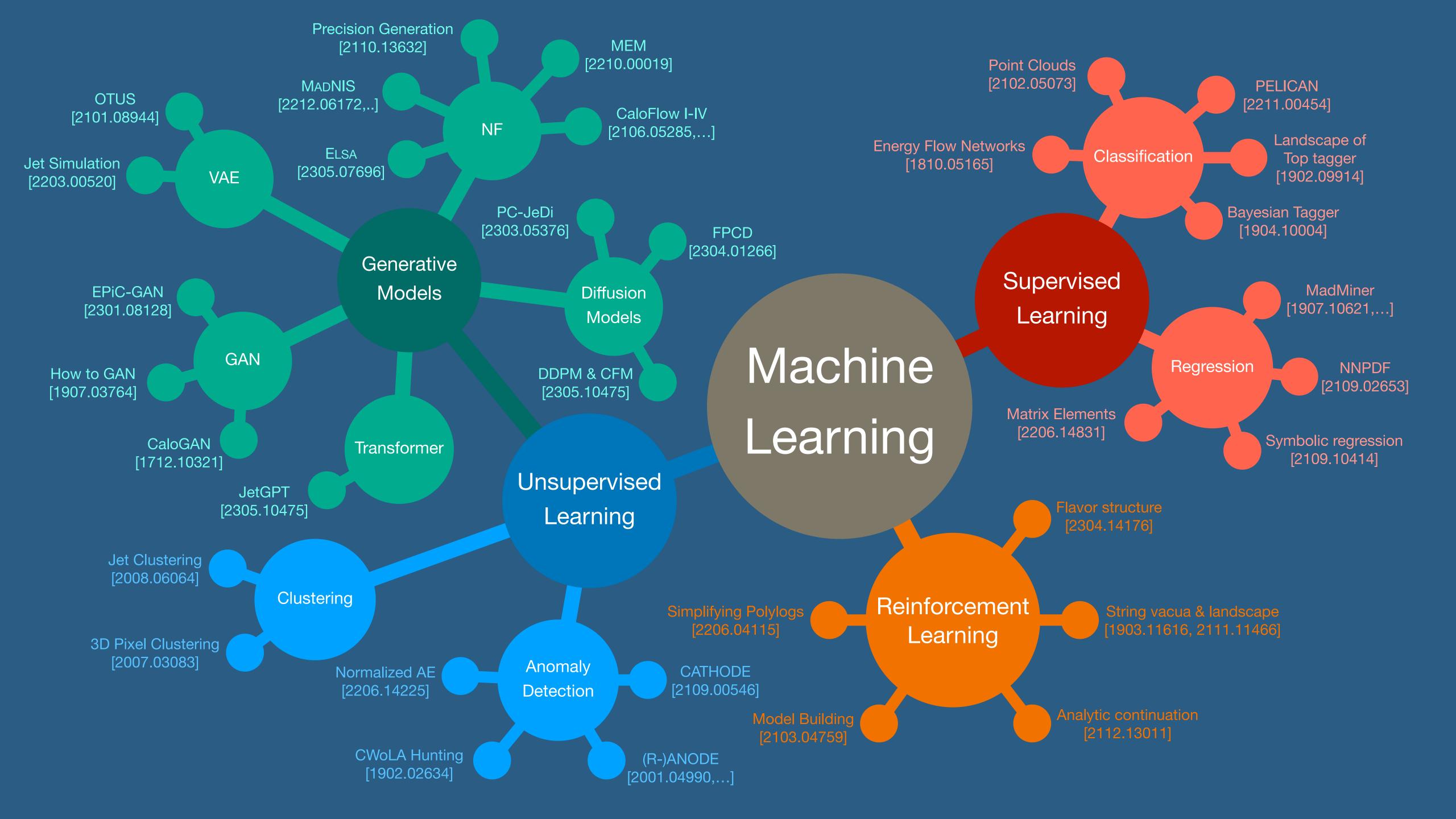
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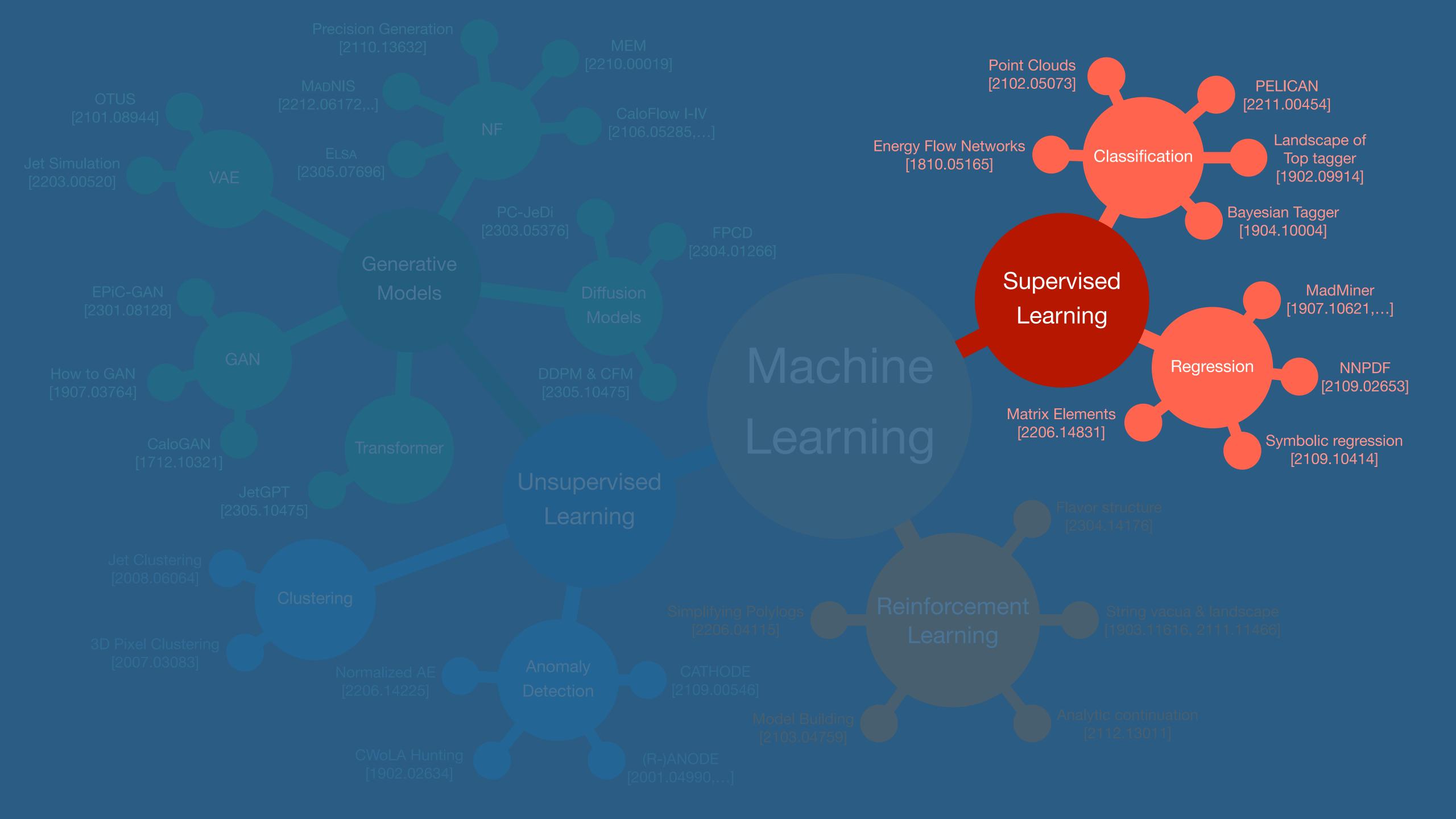






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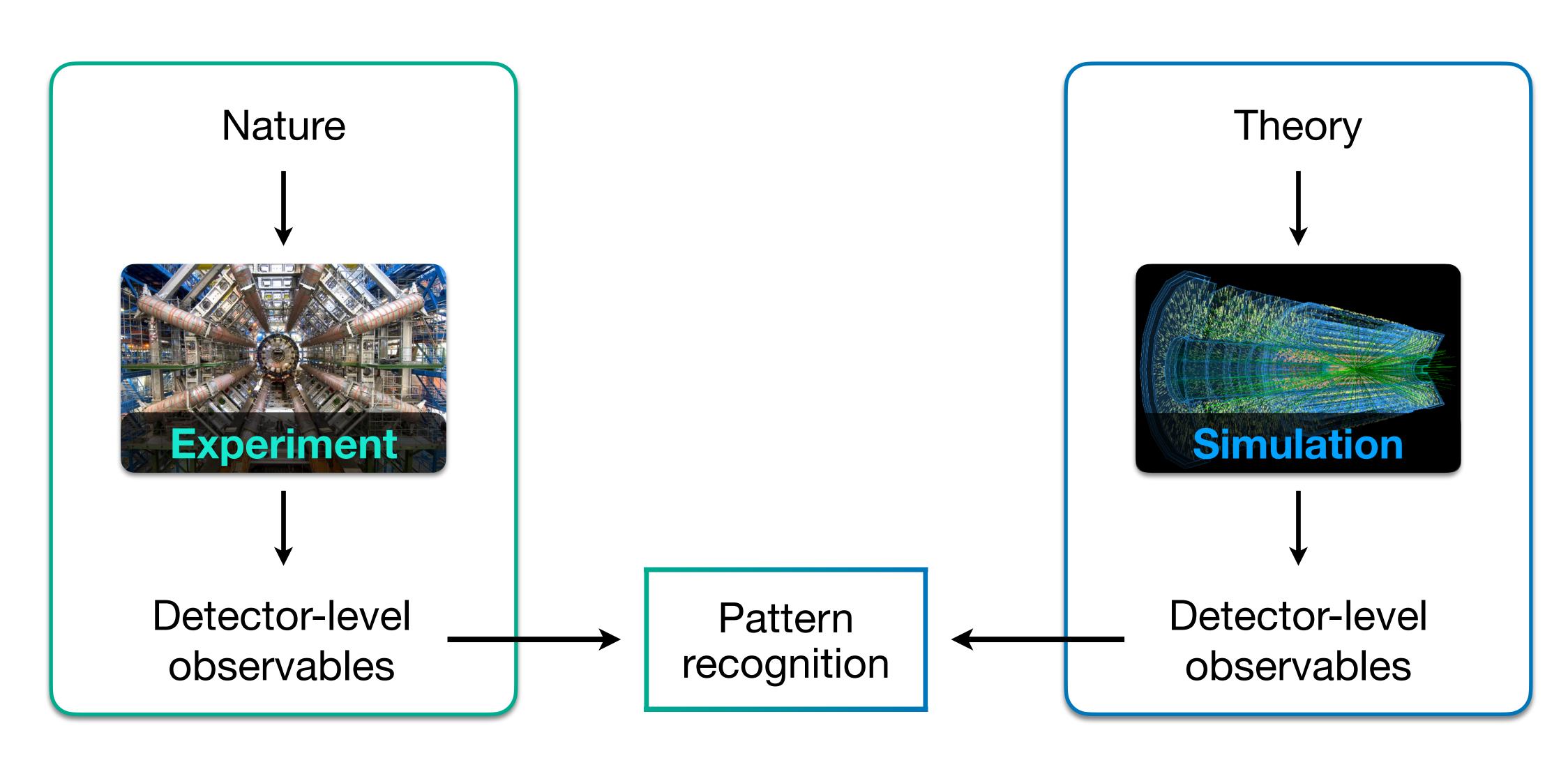




# Example I

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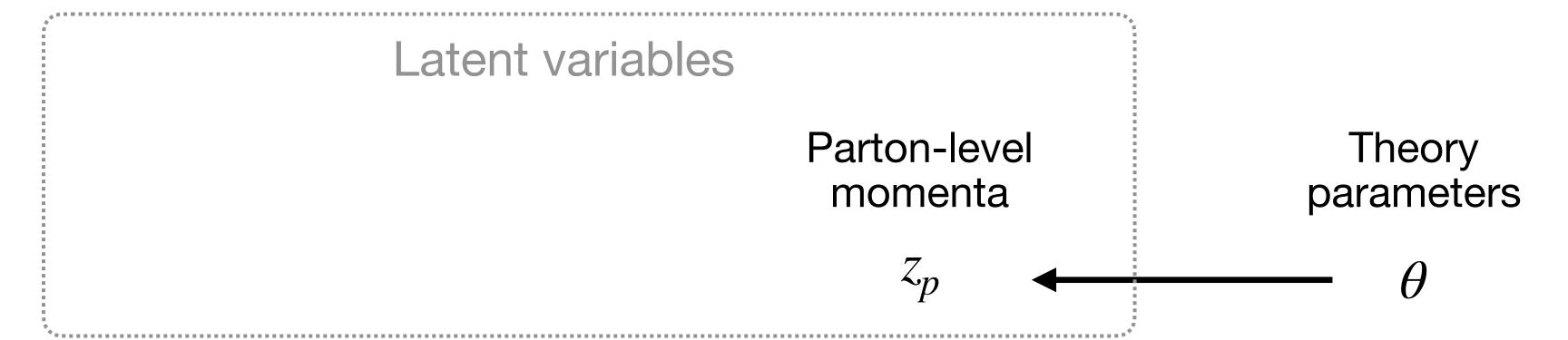


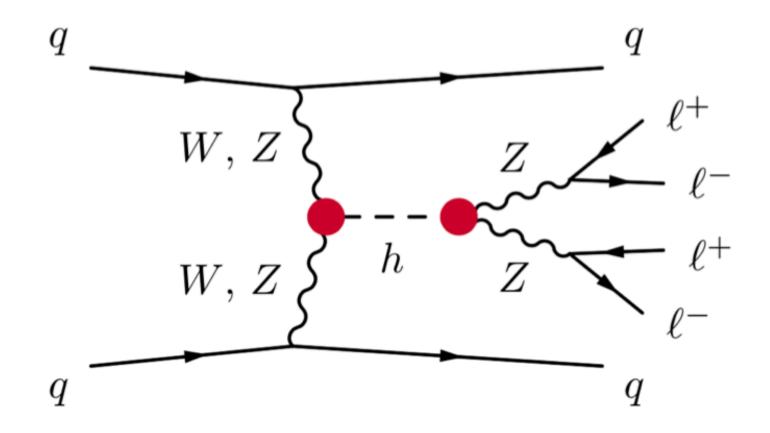


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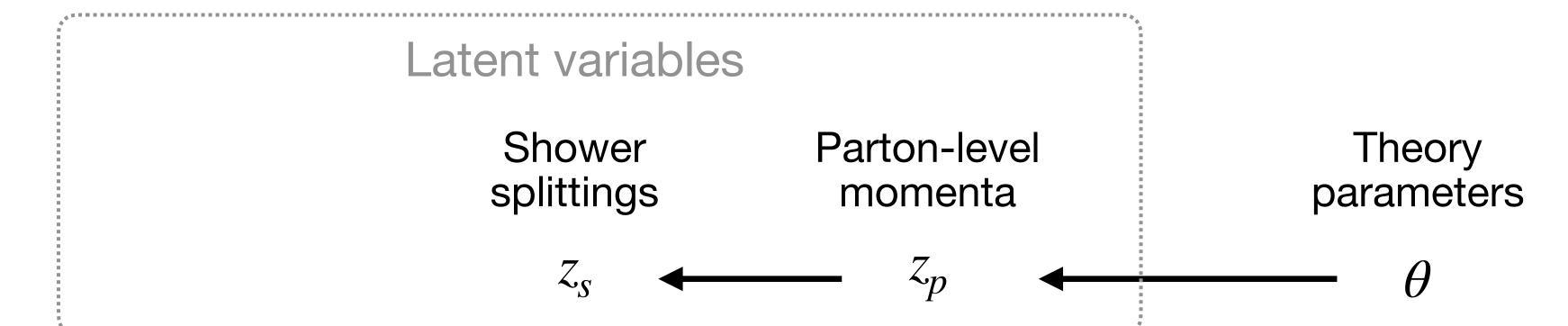
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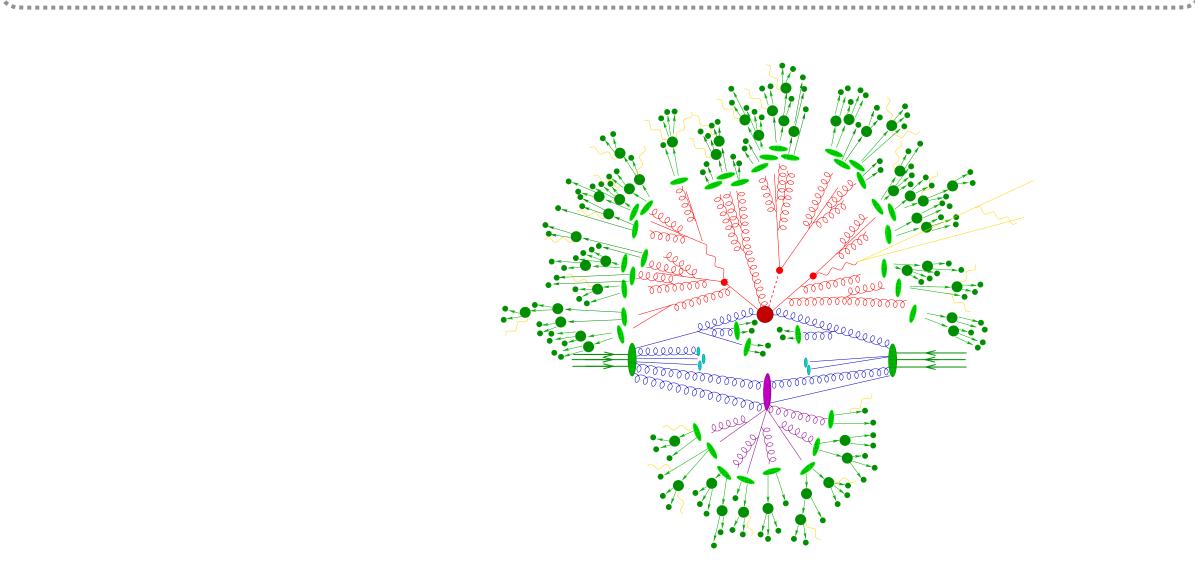




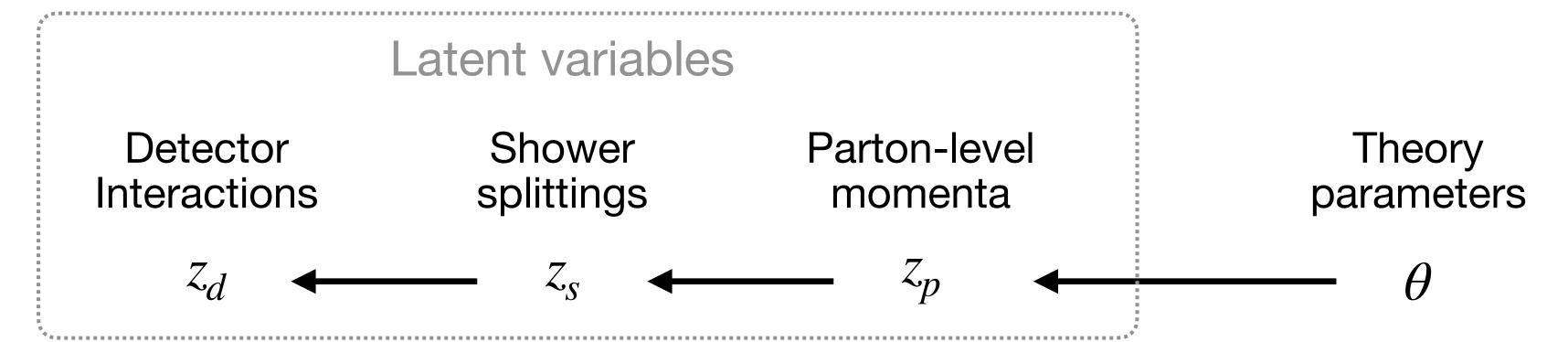


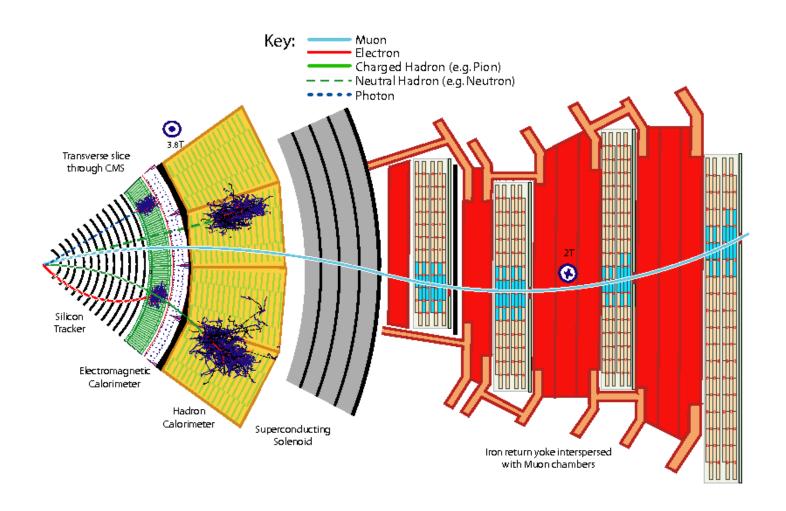




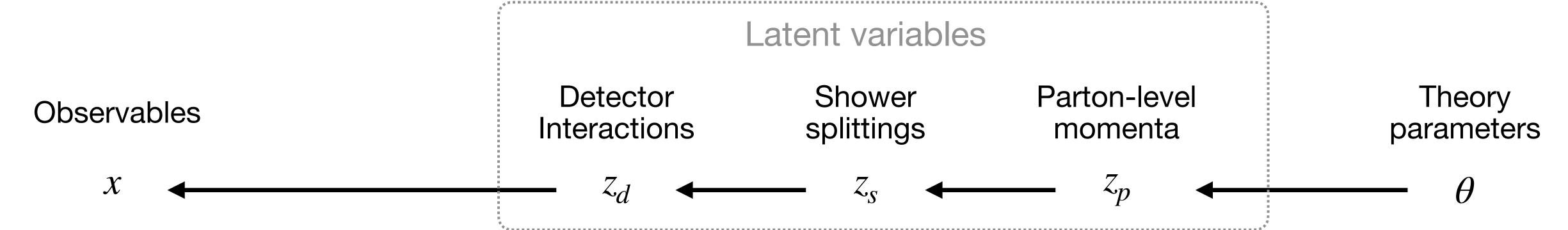


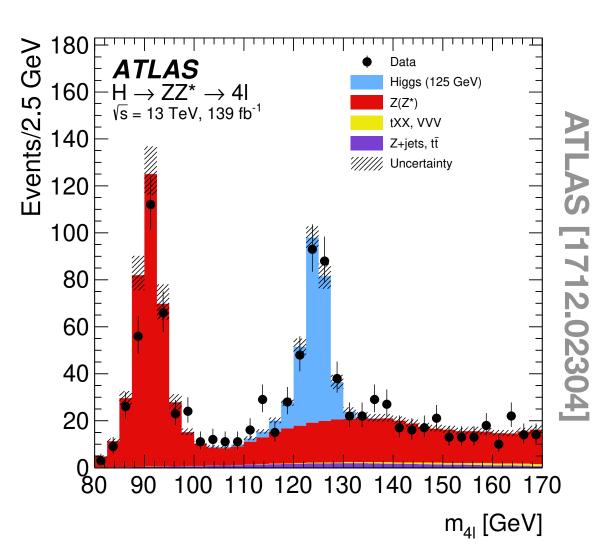




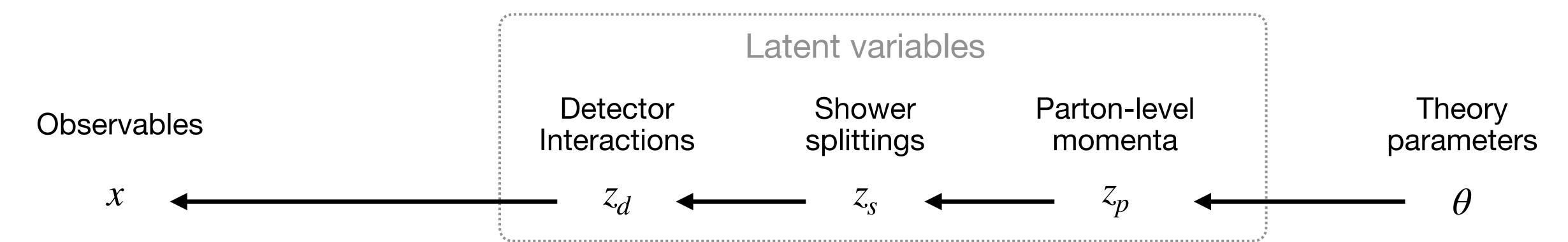












Sample from

$$p(x \mid z_d)$$

$$p(z_d | z_s)$$

$$p(z_s | z_p)$$

$$p(z_p | \theta)$$





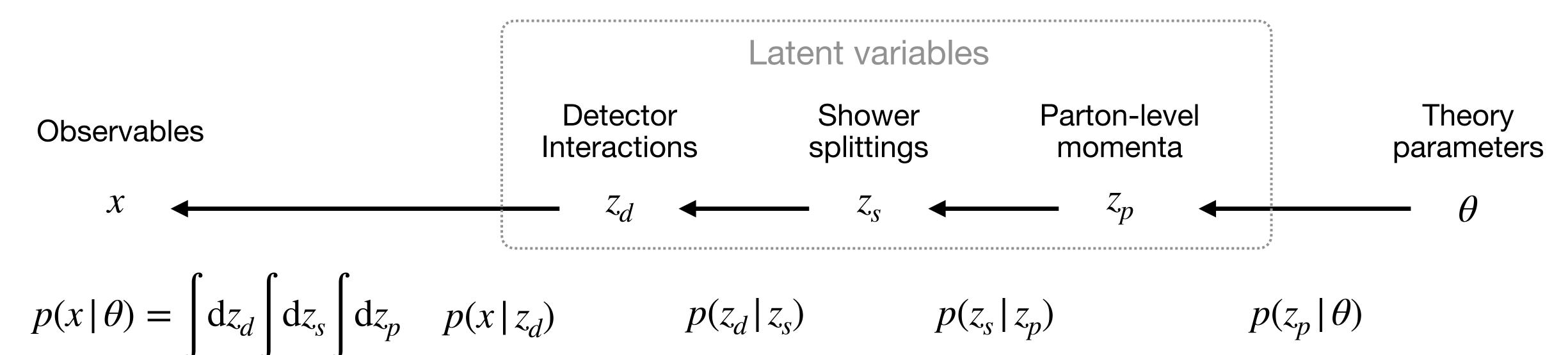




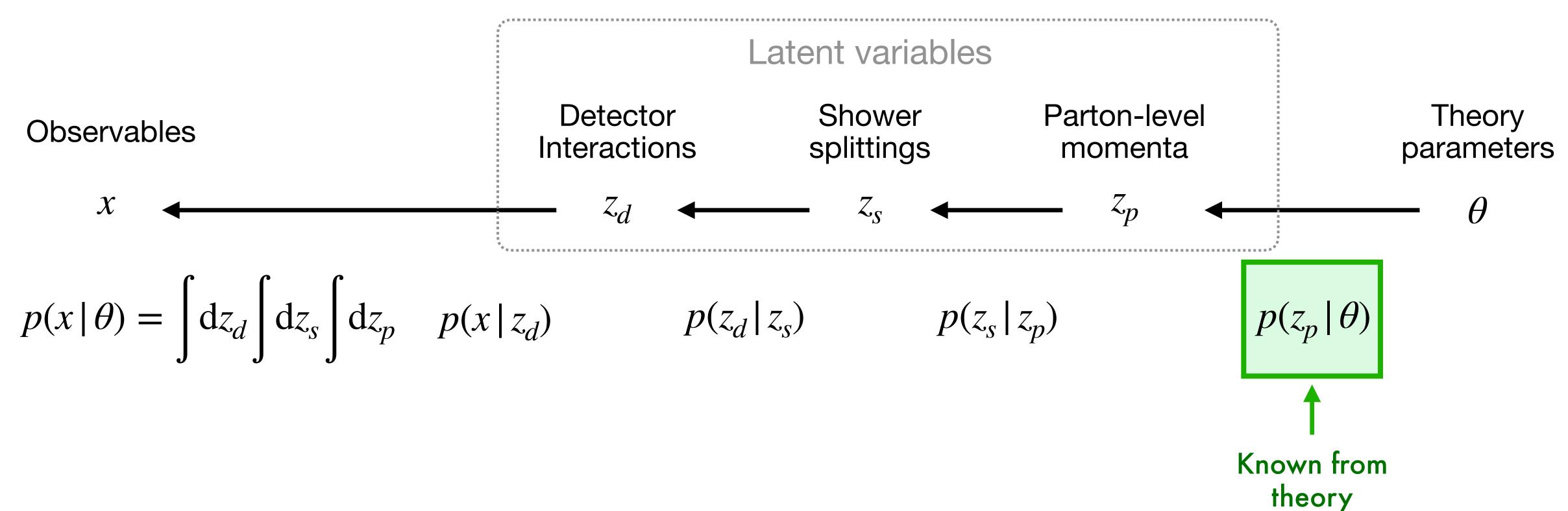




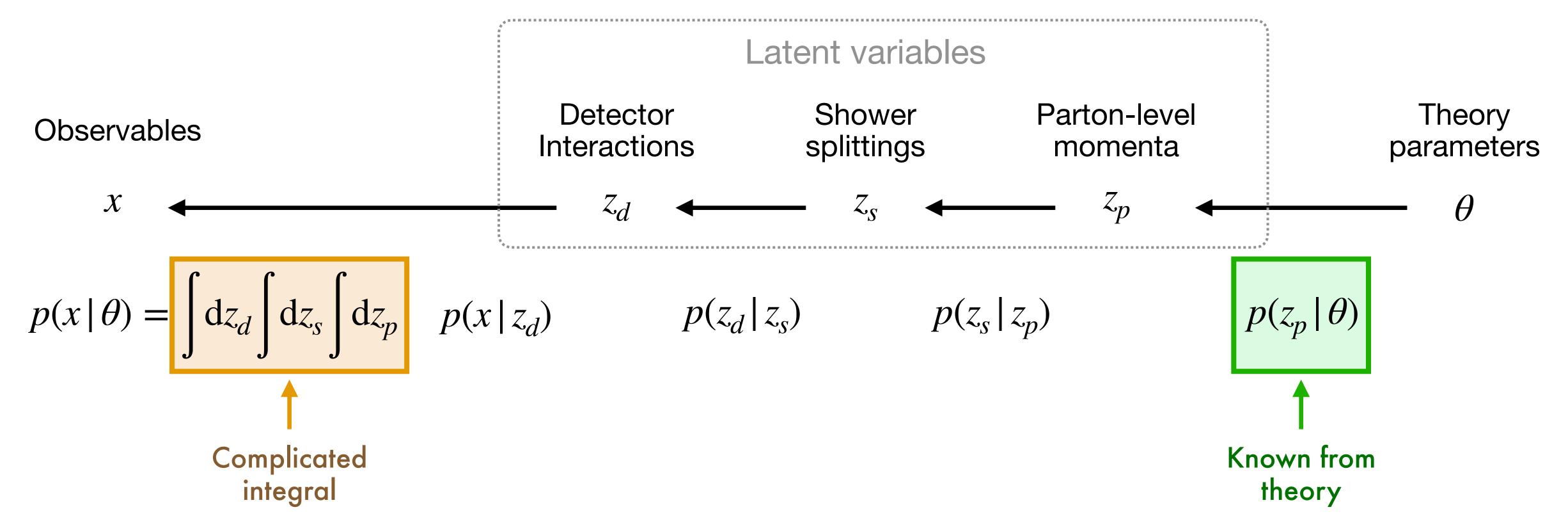




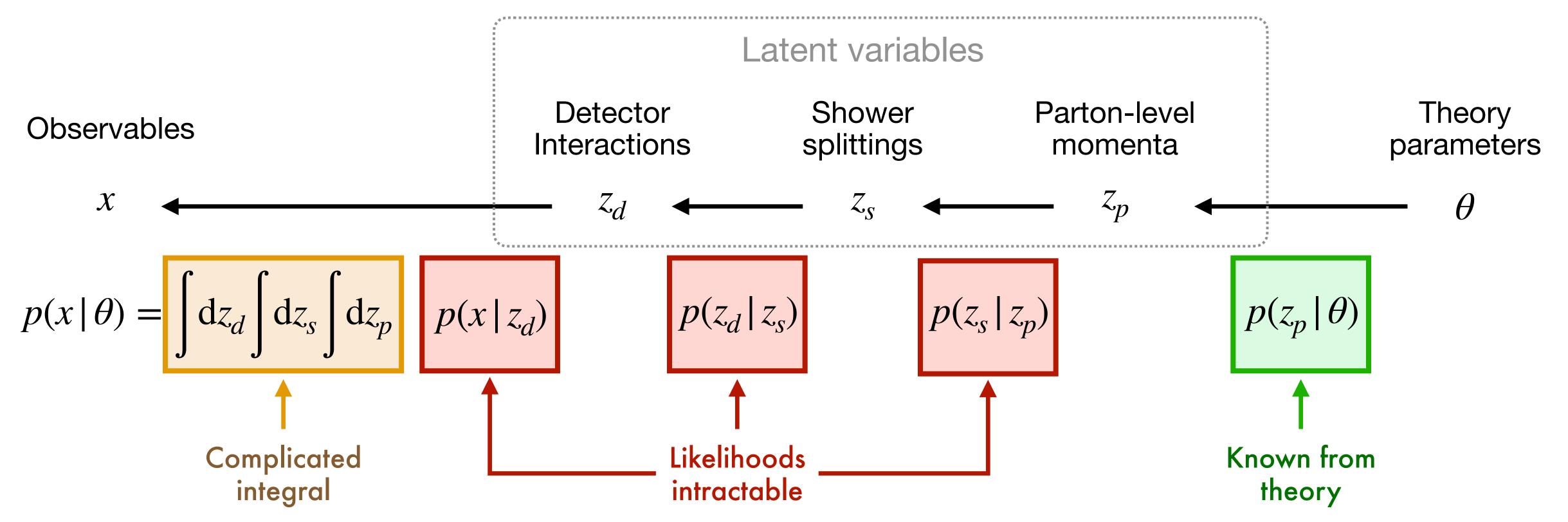




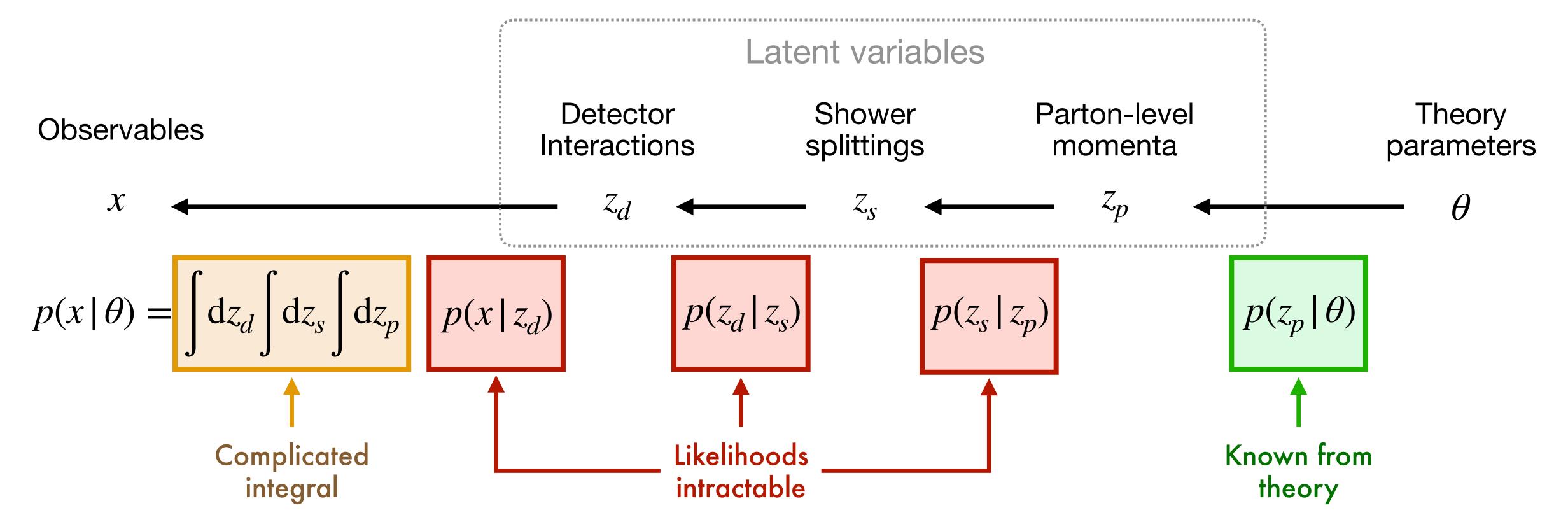








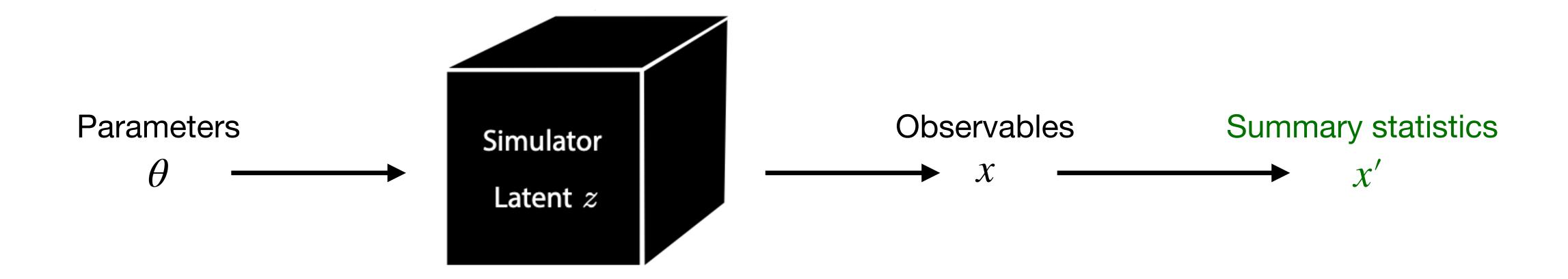




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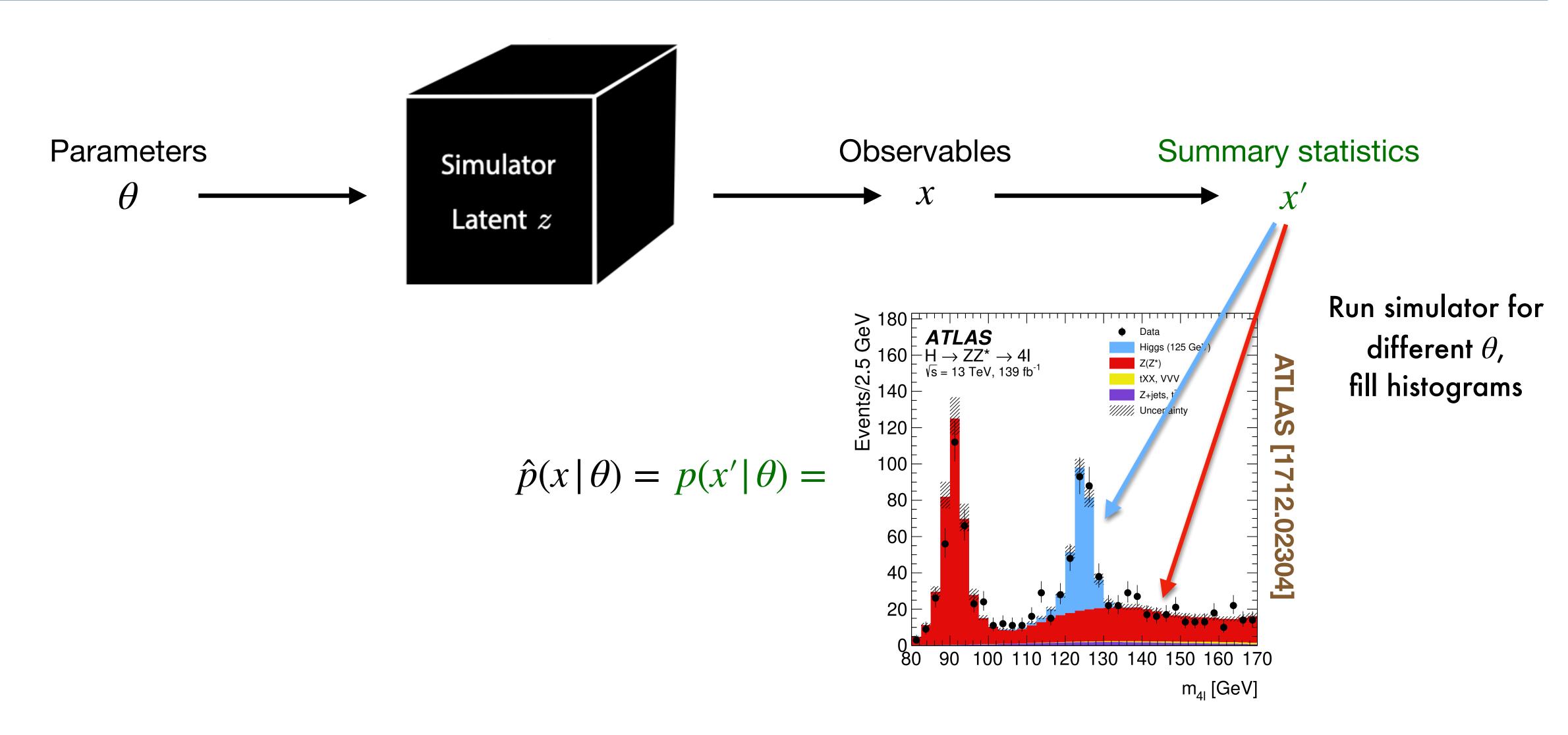
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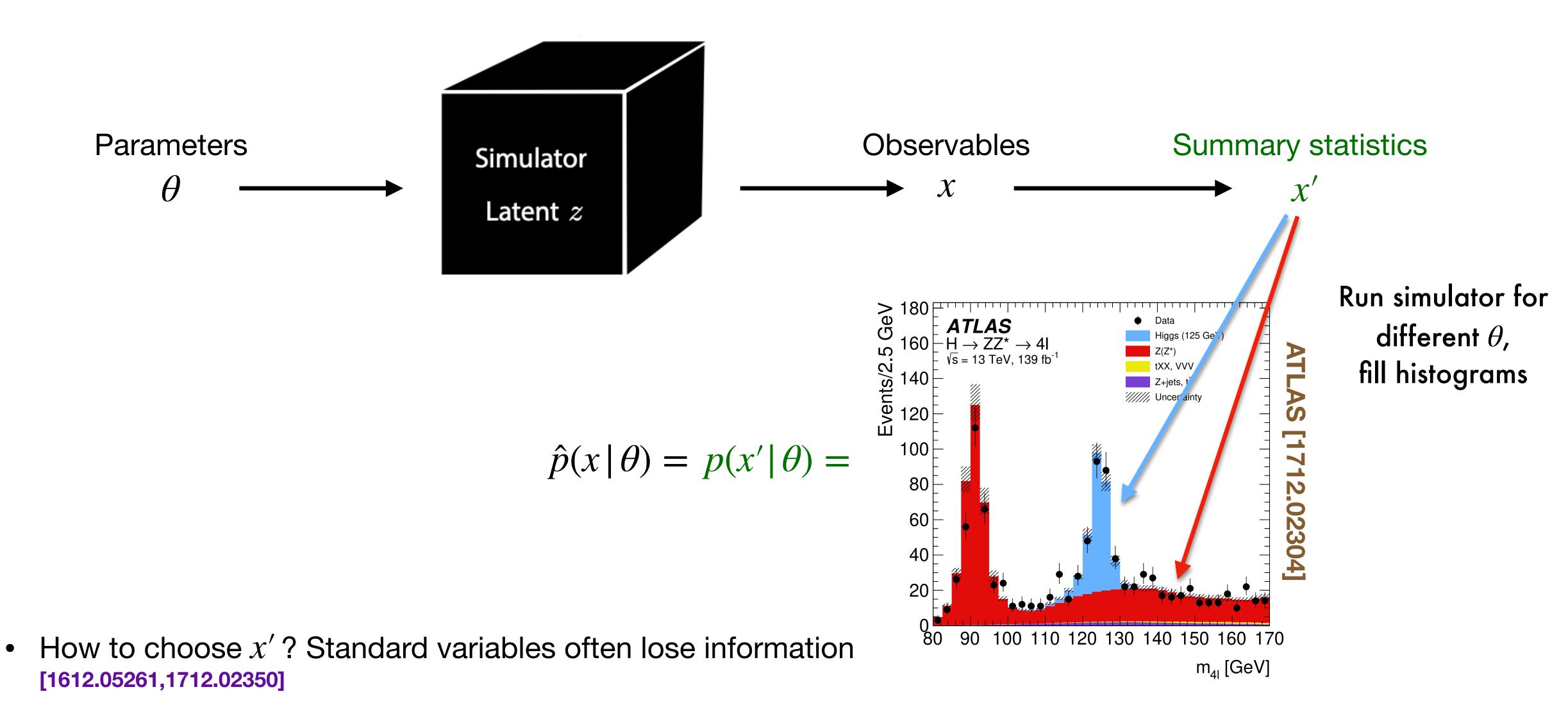
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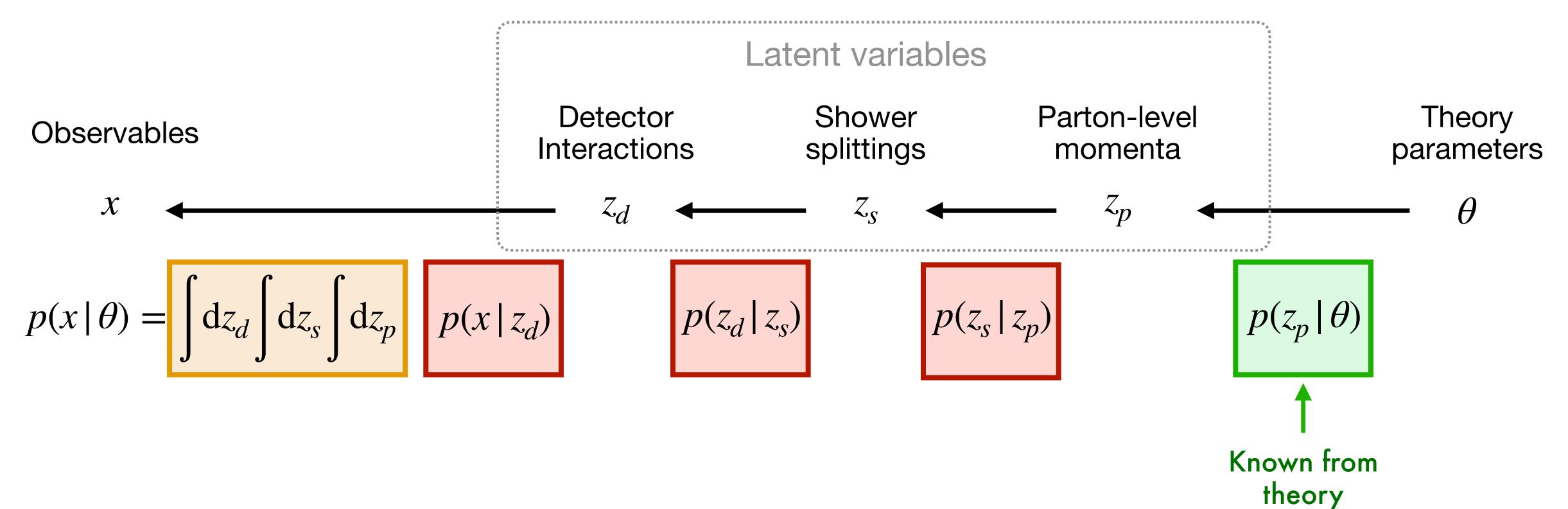
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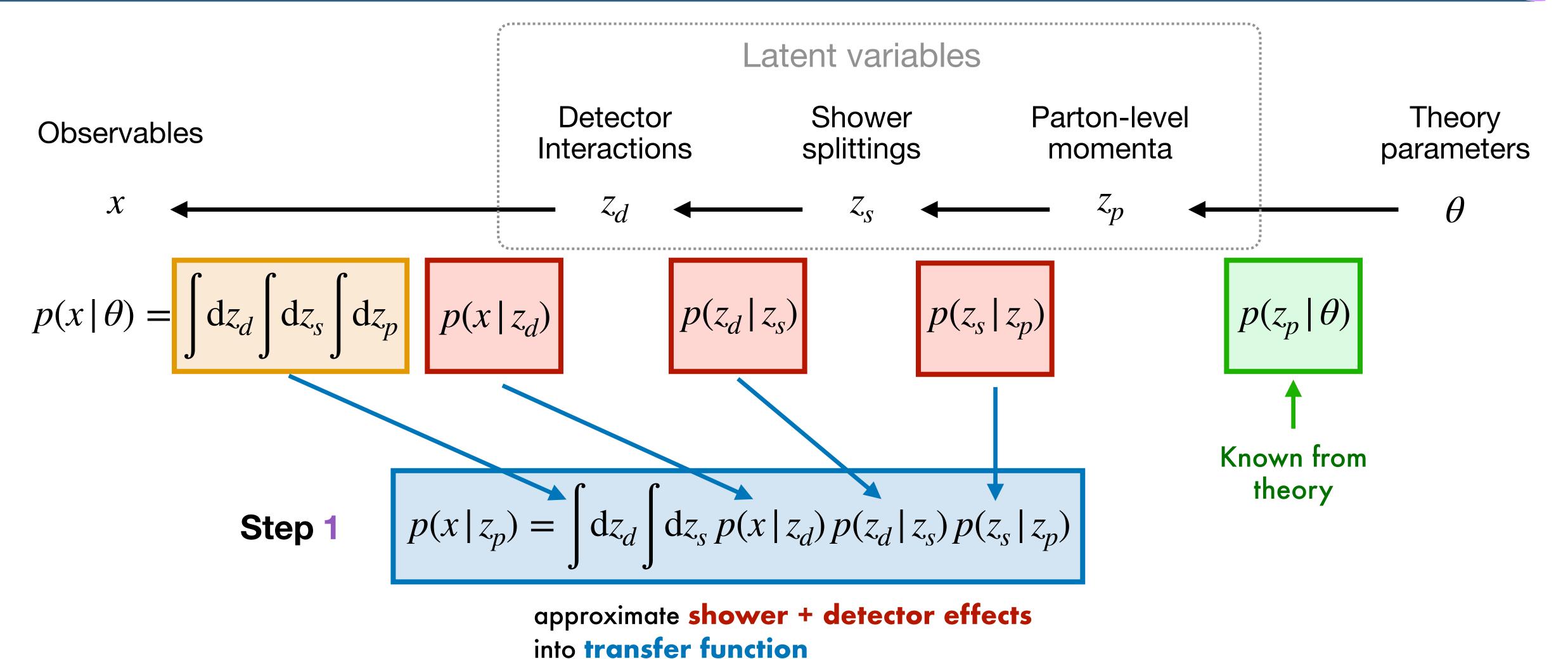


"Curse of dimensionality": Histograms don't scale to high-dimensional x

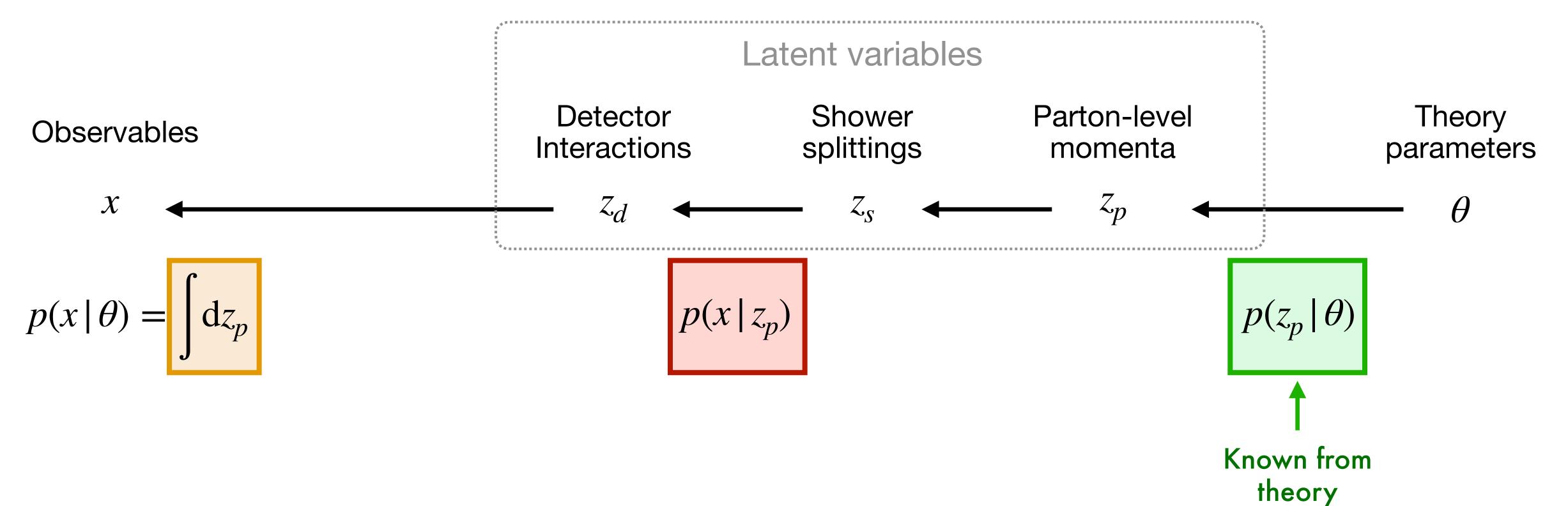




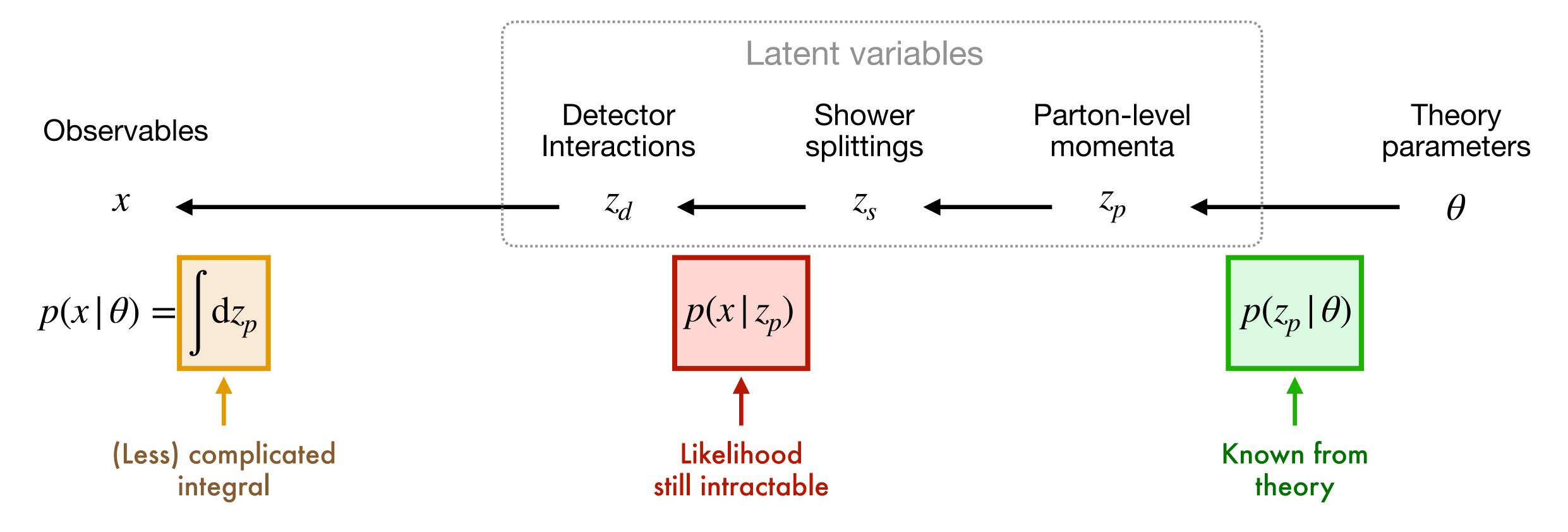




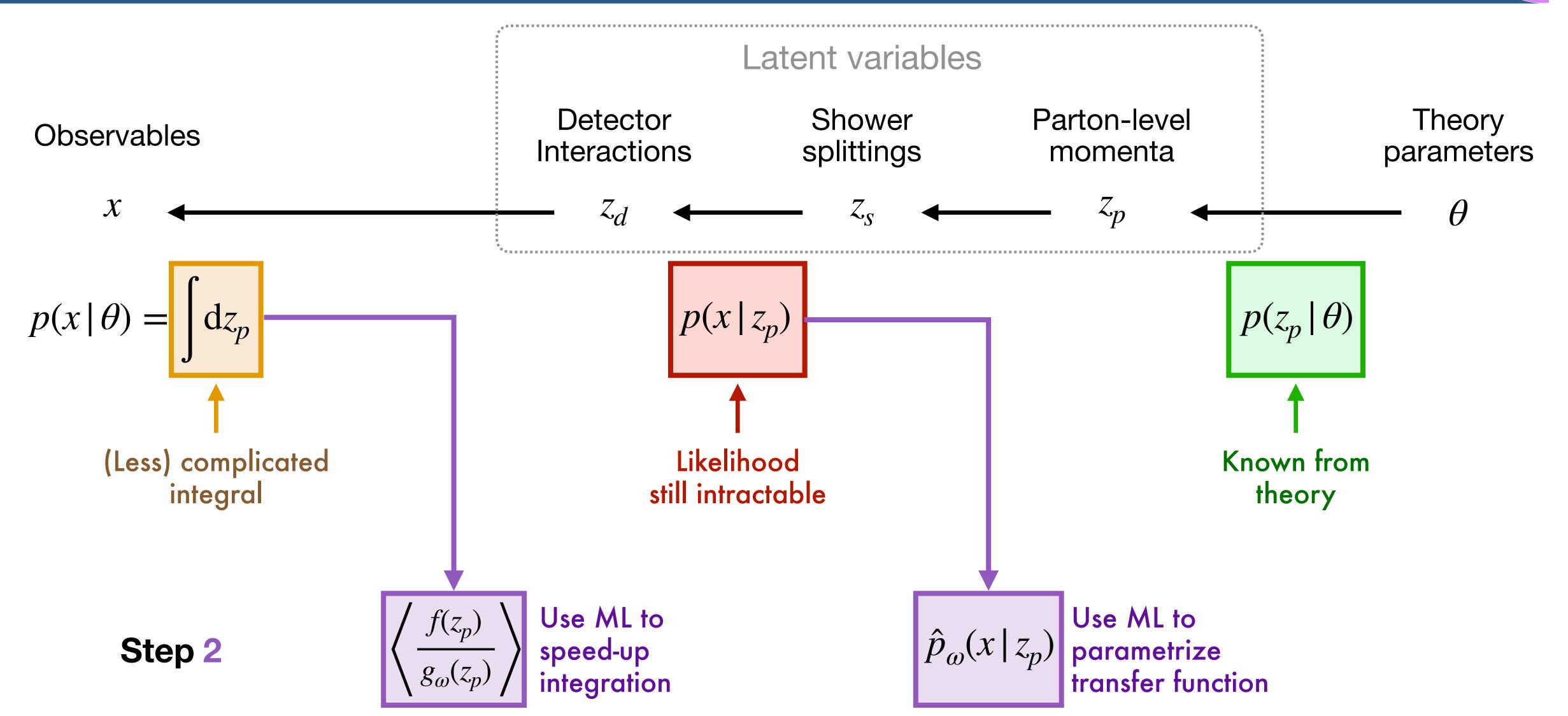




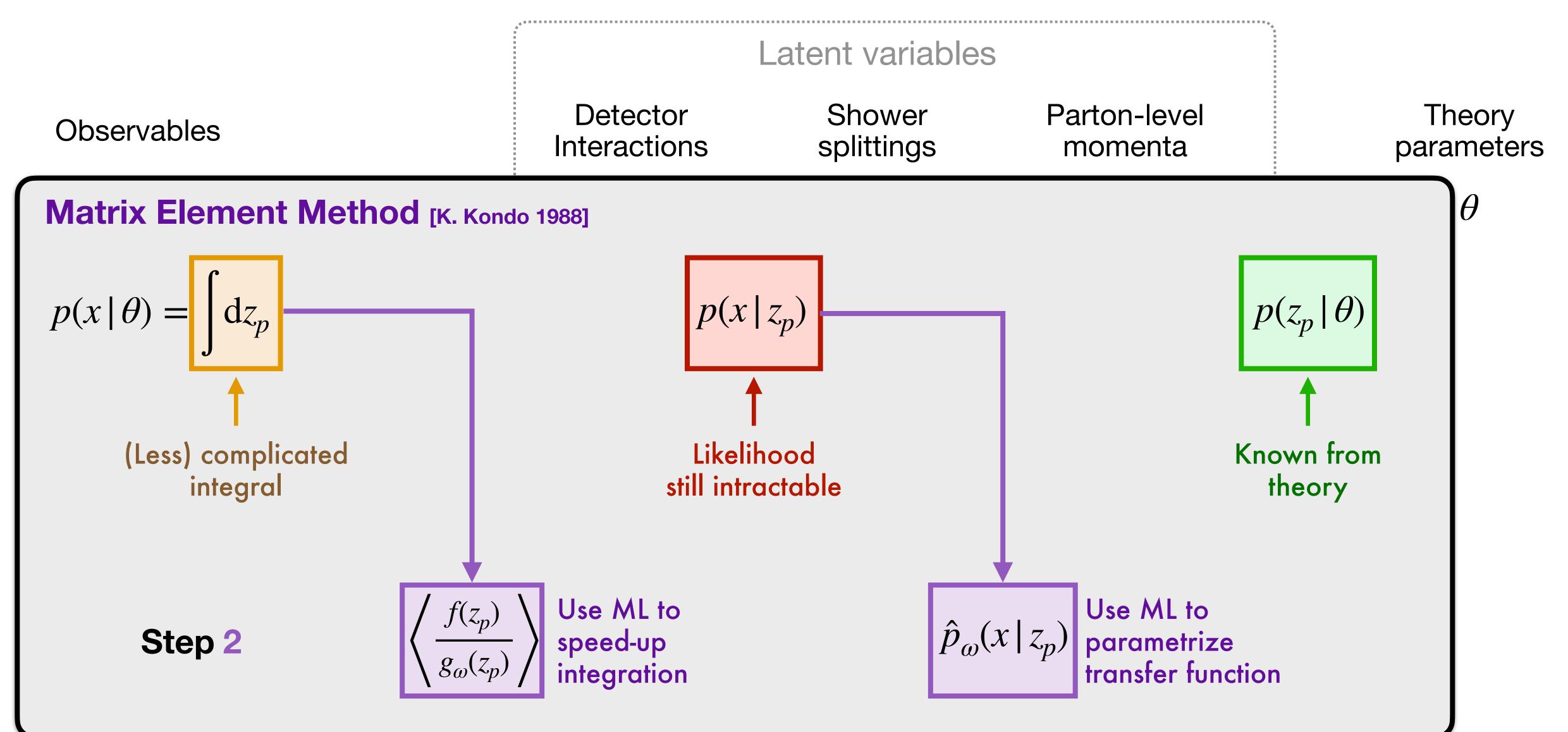




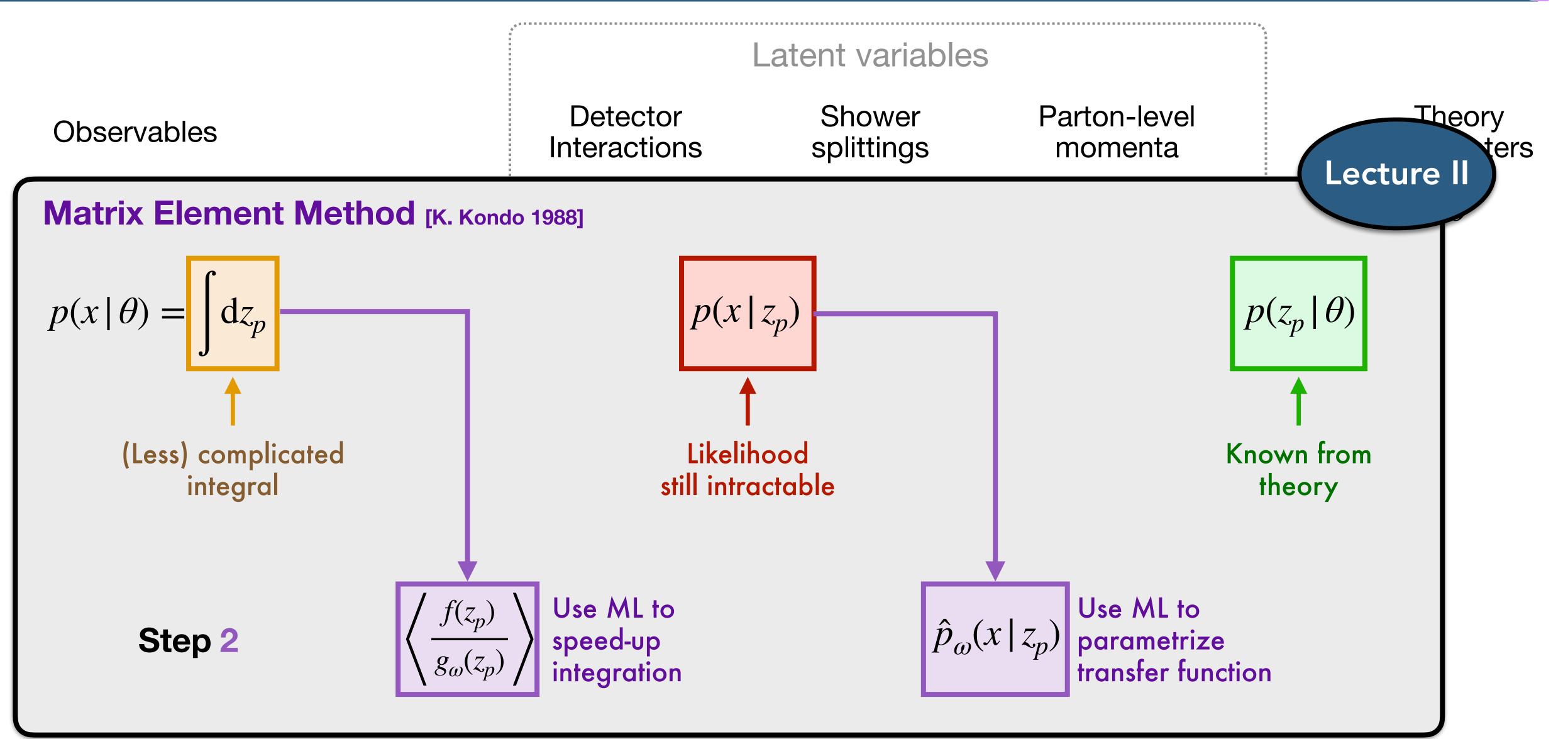






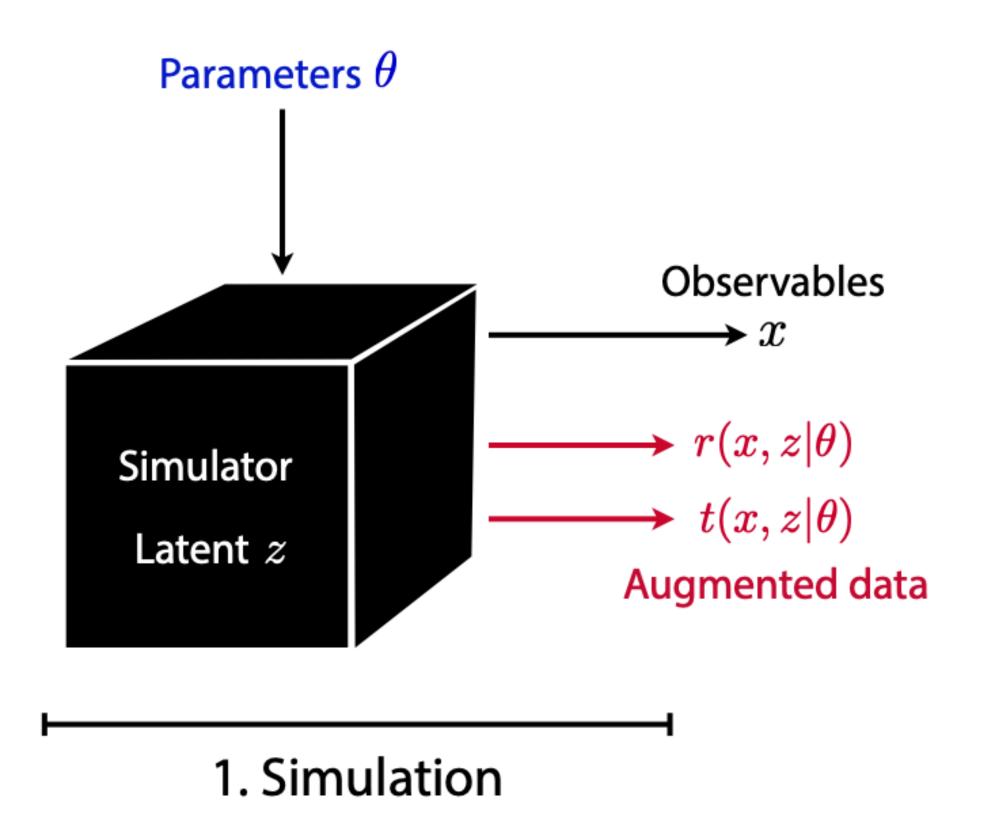






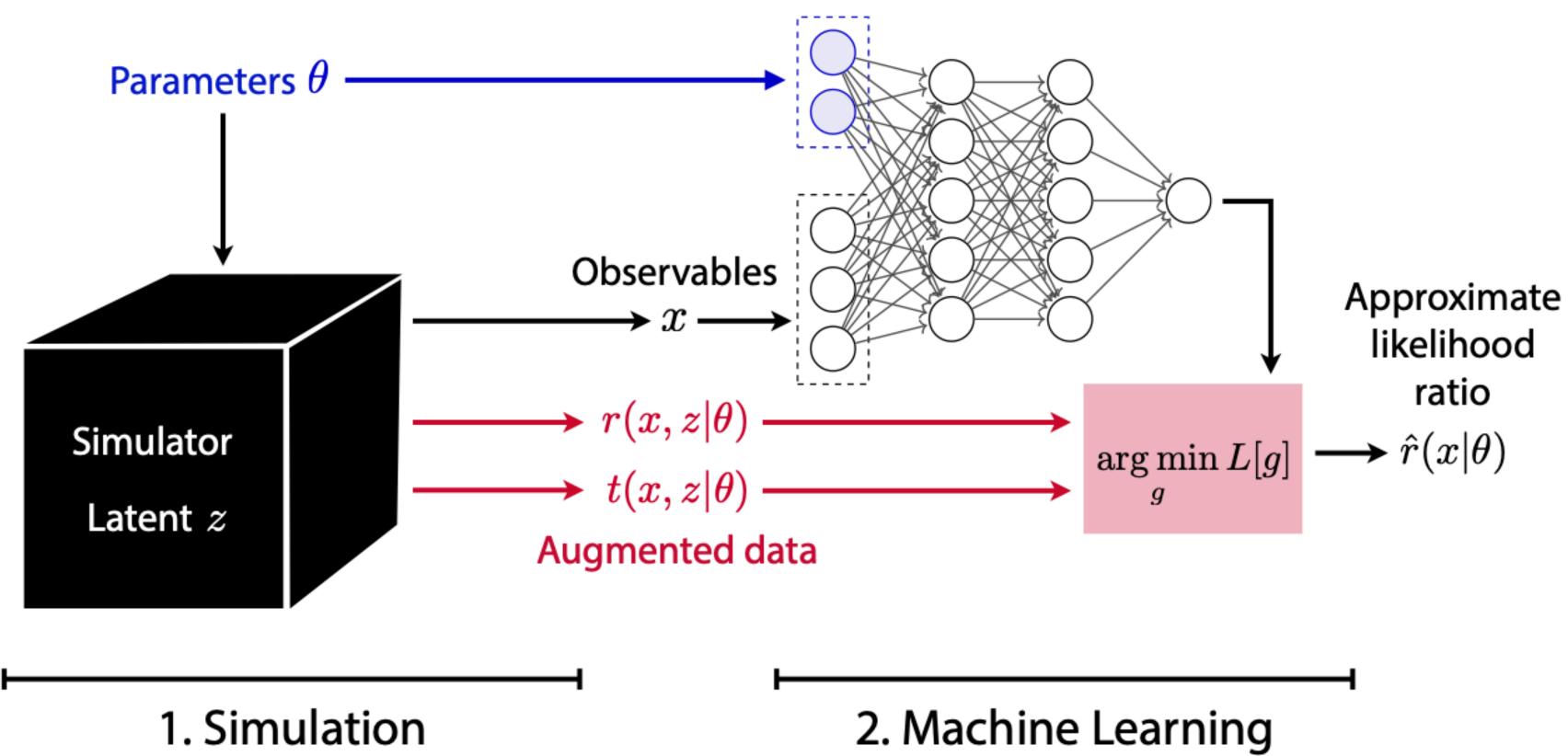
# Solving it with likelihood-free inference





"Mining gold": Extract additional information from simulator

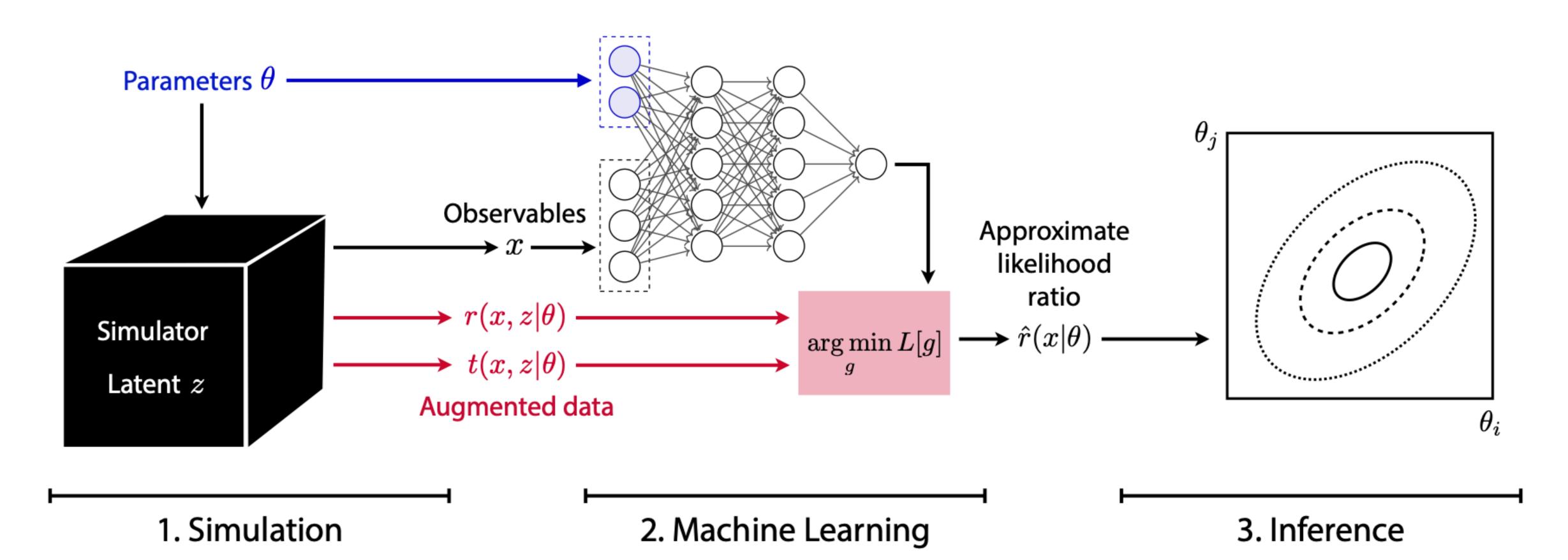




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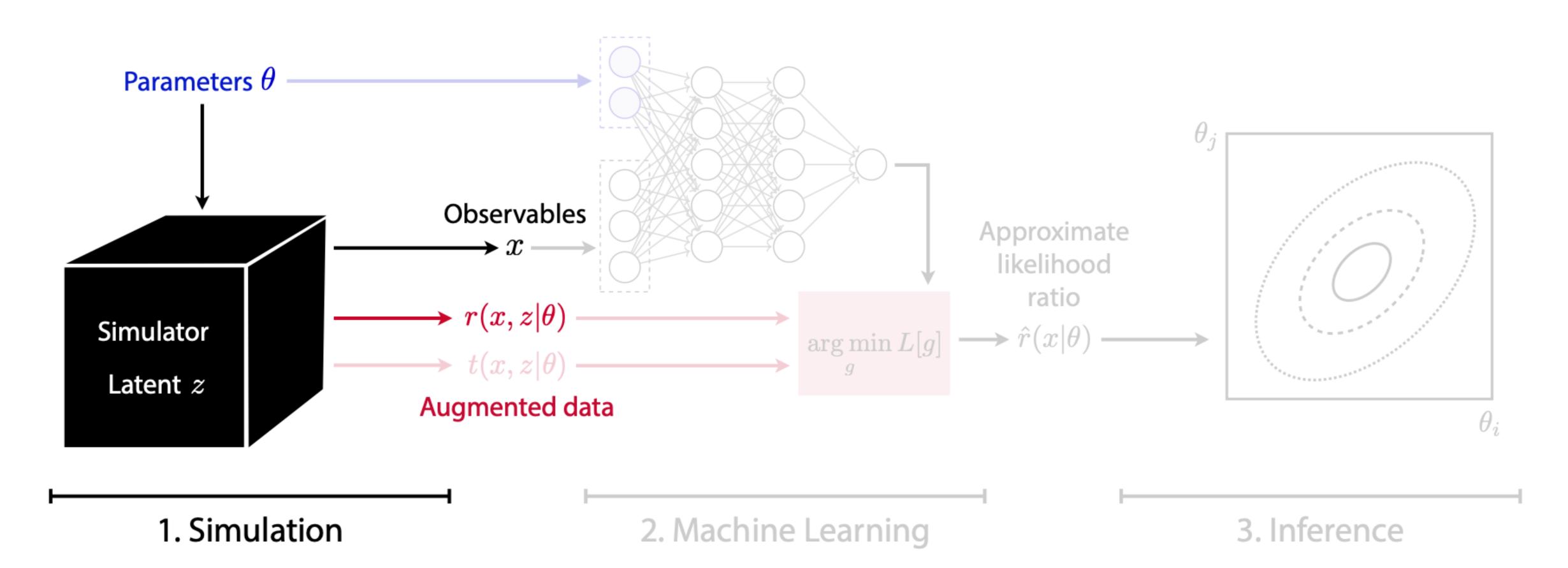


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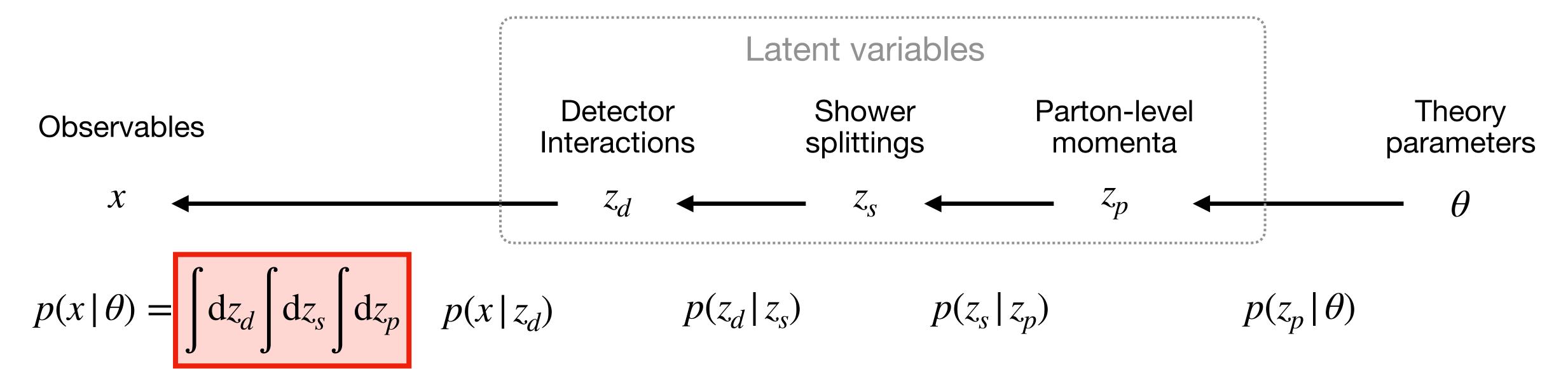
Set new constrains with standard hypothesis tests





#### Mining gold from the simulator





Intractable integrals

#### Mining gold from the simulator



Observables

Detector Shower splittings Parton-level momenta

$$z_d \leftarrow z_s \leftarrow z_p \leftarrow z_p$$

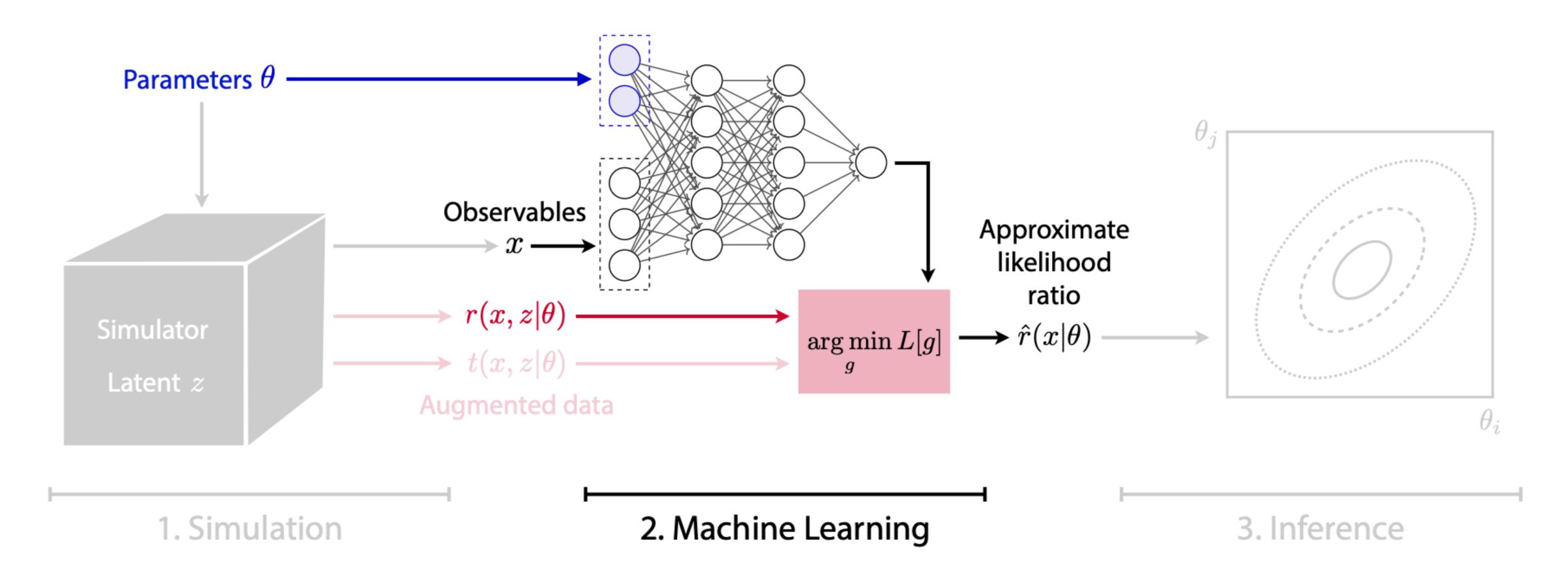
$$p(x \mid \theta) = \int dz_d \int dz_s \int dz_p \quad p(x \mid z_d) \qquad p(z_d \mid z_s) \qquad p(z_s \mid z_p)$$

Parton-level likelihood can be evaluated!

⇒ For each generated event, we can calculate the joint likelihood ratio conditional on its evolution:

$$r(x, z \mid \theta_0, \theta_1) \equiv \frac{p(x, z_d, z_s, z_p \mid \theta_0)}{p(x, z_d, z_s, z_p \mid \theta_1)} = \frac{p(x \mid z_d)}{p(x \mid z_d)} \frac{p(z_d \mid z_s)}{p(z_d \mid z_s)} \frac{p(z_s \mid z_p)}{p(z_s \mid z_p)} \frac{p(z_p \mid \theta_0)}{p(z_p \mid \theta_1)}$$





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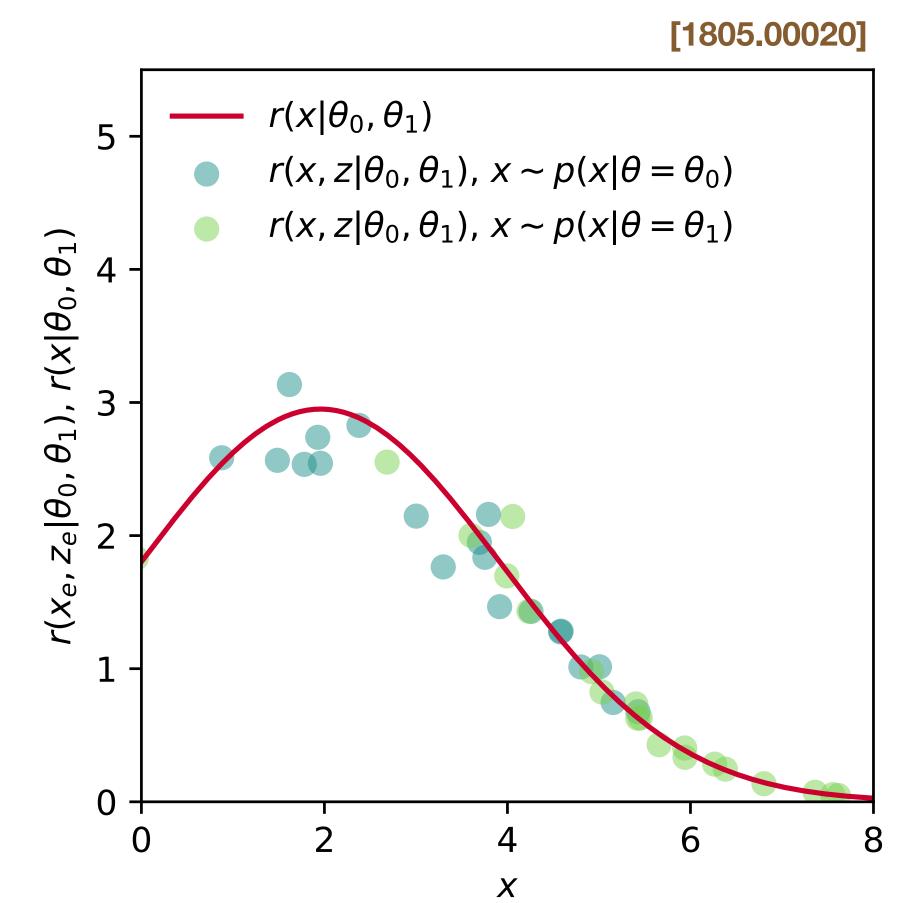
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With  $r(x, z | \theta_0, \theta_1)$ , we define the functional

$$L_r[\hat{r}(x \mid \theta_0, \theta_1)] = \int \mathrm{d}x \int \mathrm{d}z \, p(x, z \mid \theta_1) \, \left[ \hat{r}(x \mid \theta_0, \theta_1) - r(x, z \mid \theta_0, \theta_1) \right]^2$$

One can show it is minimized by

$$\hat{r}(x \mid \theta_0, \theta_1) = r(x \mid \theta_0, \theta_1)$$

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## Machine learning = applied calculus



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#### We do this via **Machine Learning:**

• Functional  $L_r$ 

Loss function

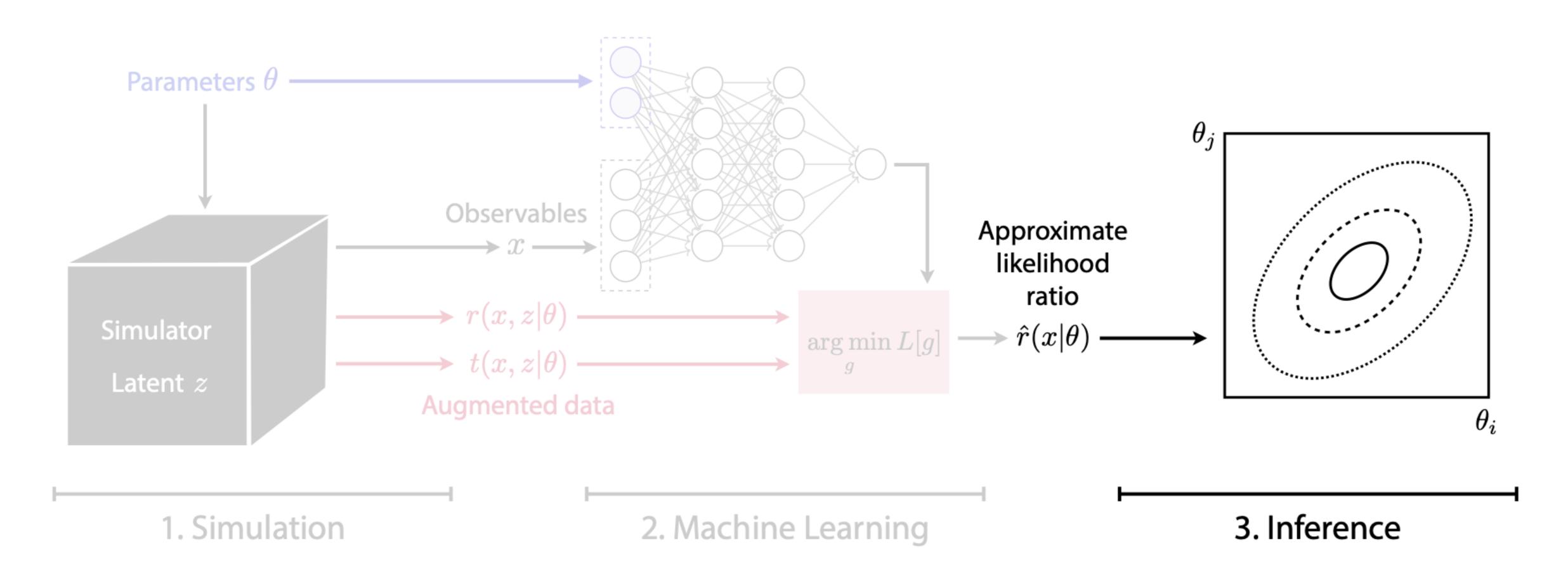
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{MSE}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i} \left[ \hat{r}_{\omega}(x_i | \theta_0, \theta_1) - r(x_i, z_i | \theta_0, \theta_1) \right]^2$$

- Variational familiy  $\hat{r}_{\omega}(x | \theta_0, \theta_1)$  Fle
  - Flexible parametric function (e.g. neural network)

Exact minimization

Numerical optimization algorithm (eg. Stochastic gradient descent)

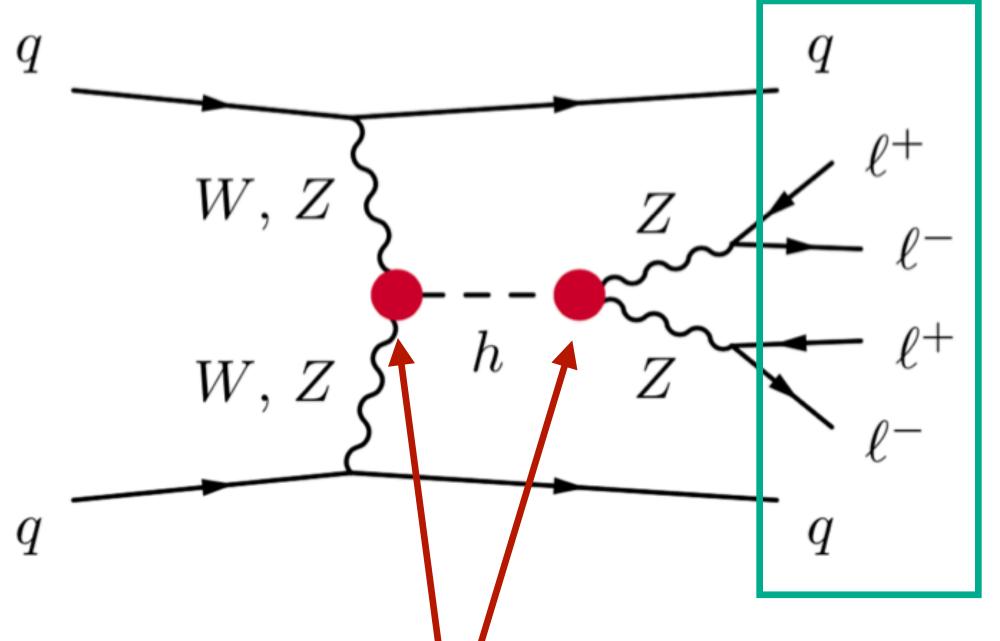




## Constraining EFT parameters with ML



Higgs production in weak boson fusion:



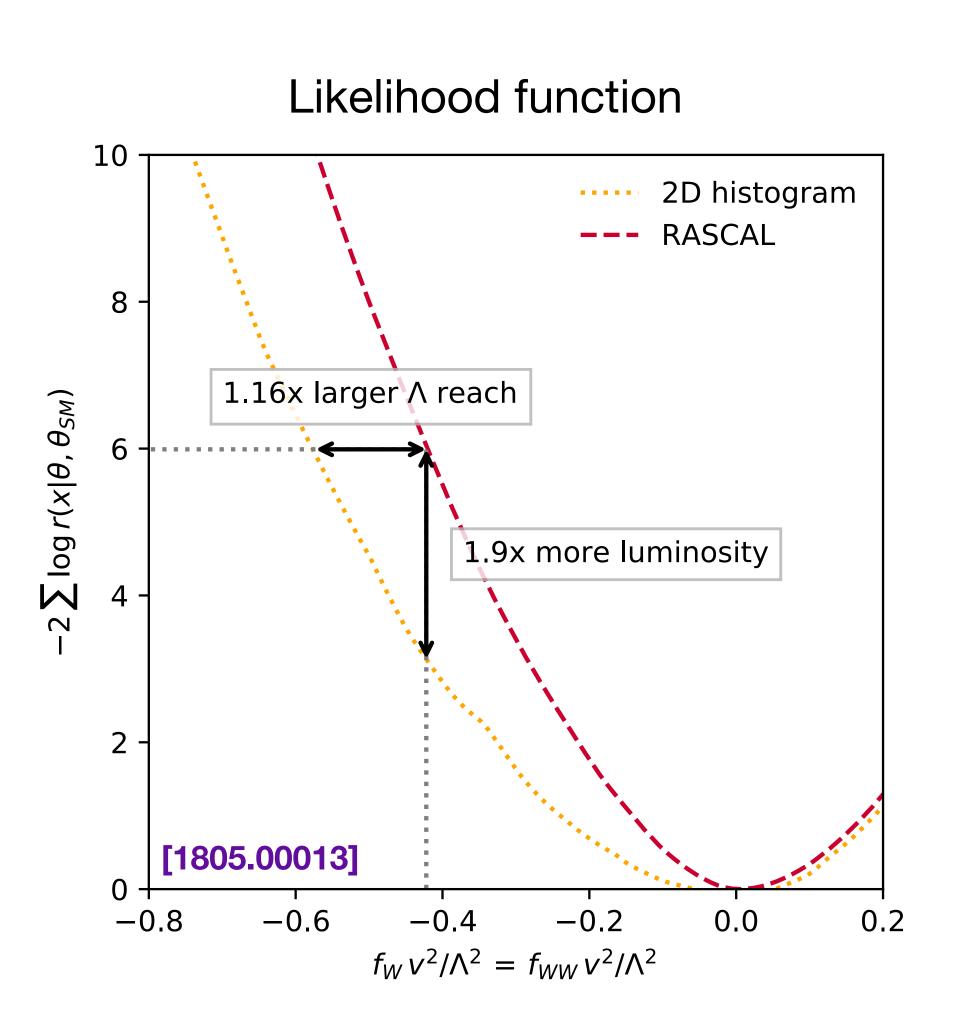
at least 16-dimensional observable space

Exciting new physics might hide here!
We parameterize it with two EFT coefficients

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm SM} + \frac{f_W}{\Lambda^2} \frac{ig}{2} (D^{\mu}\phi)^{\dagger} \sigma^a D^{\nu}\phi W_{\mu\nu}^a - \frac{f_{WW}}{\Lambda^2} \frac{g^2}{4} (\phi^{\dagger}\phi) W_{\mu\nu}^a W^{\mu\nu a}$$

## Better sensitivity to new physics

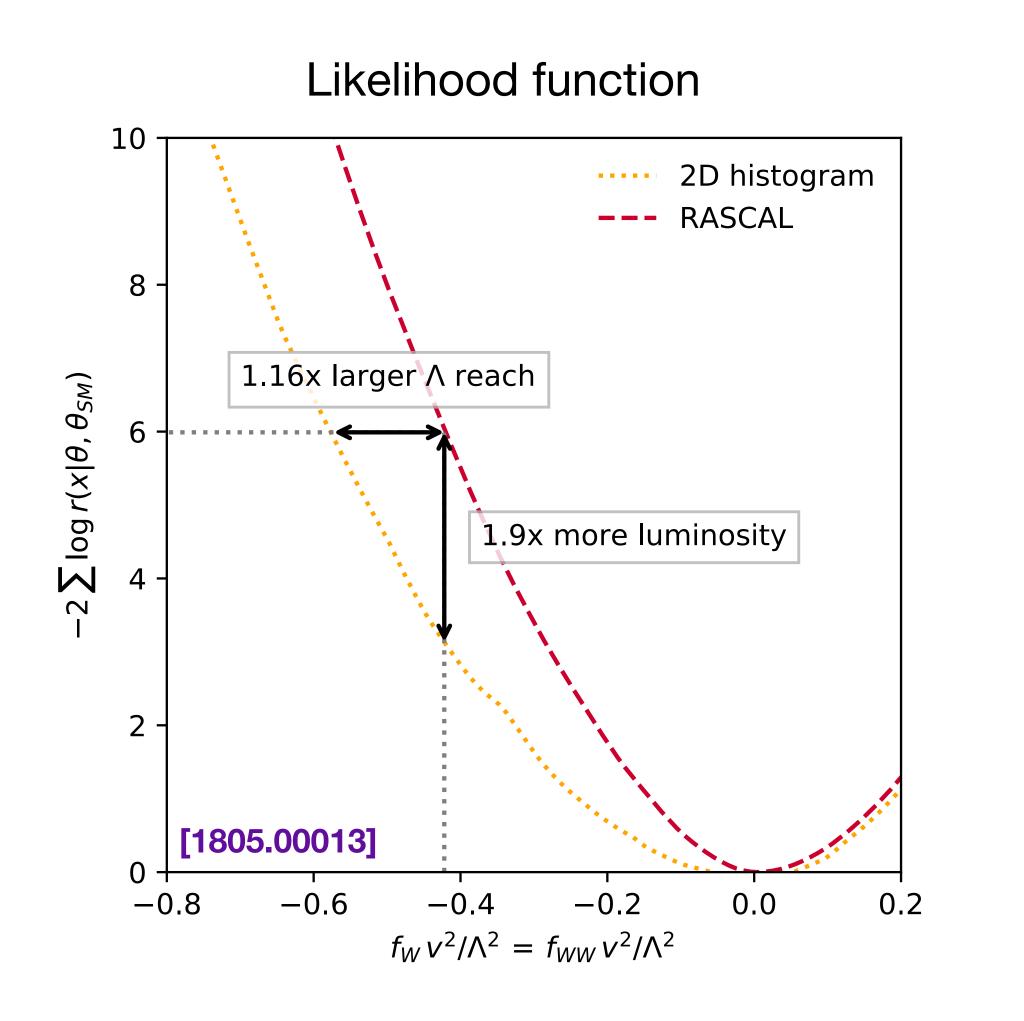


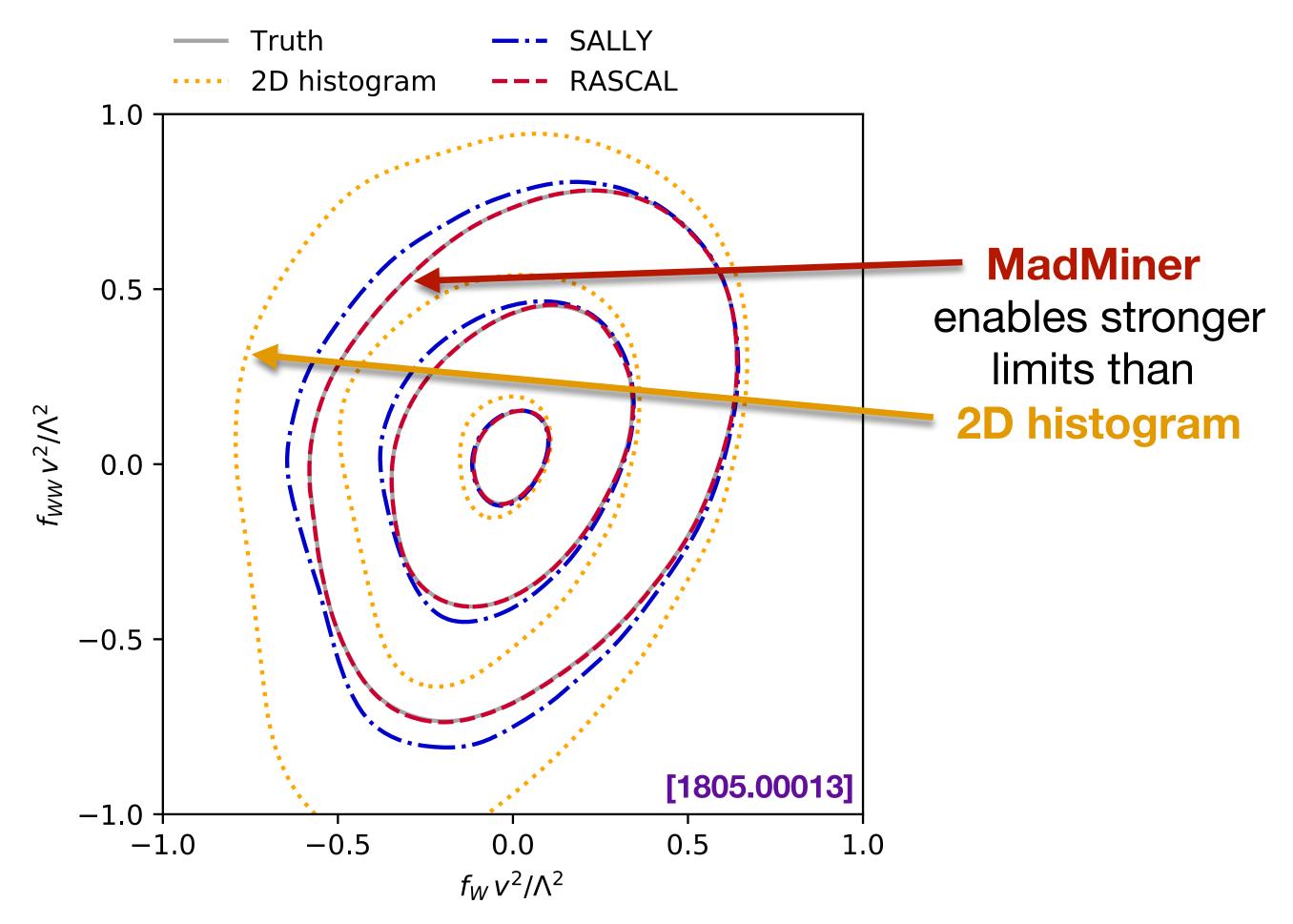


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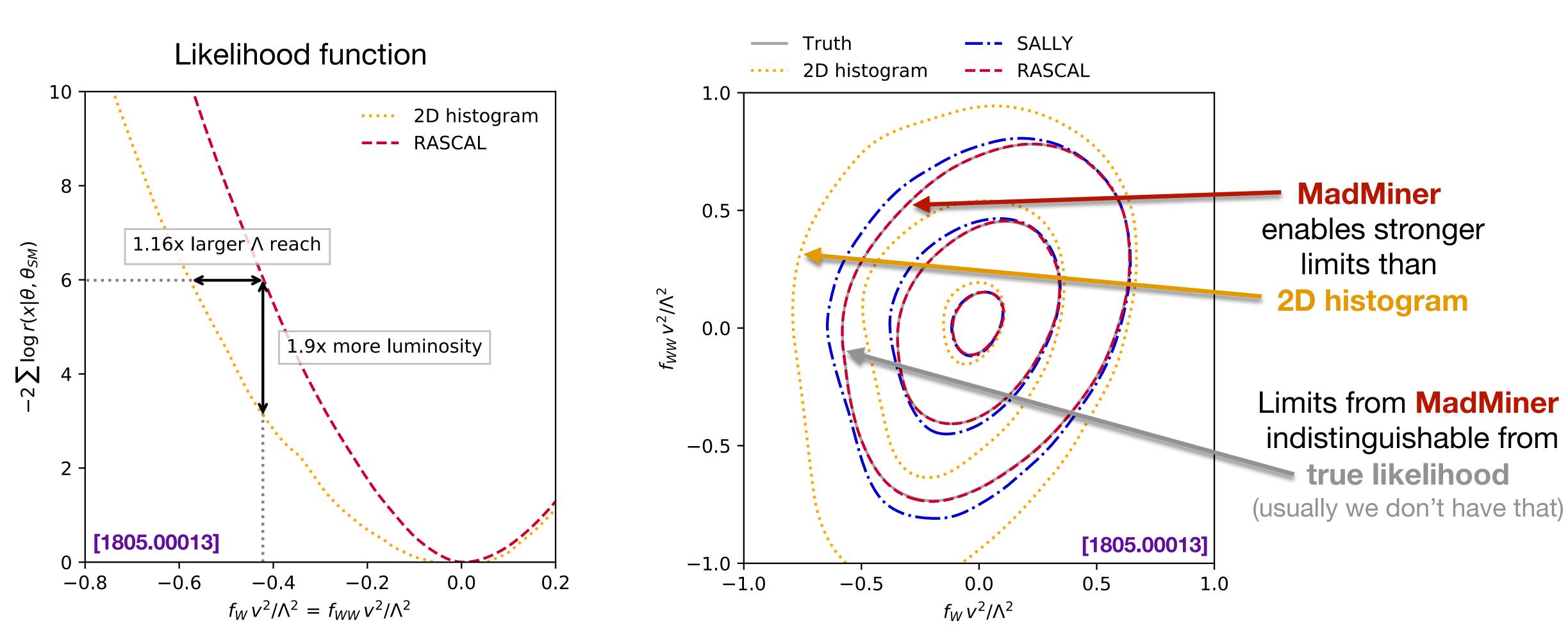


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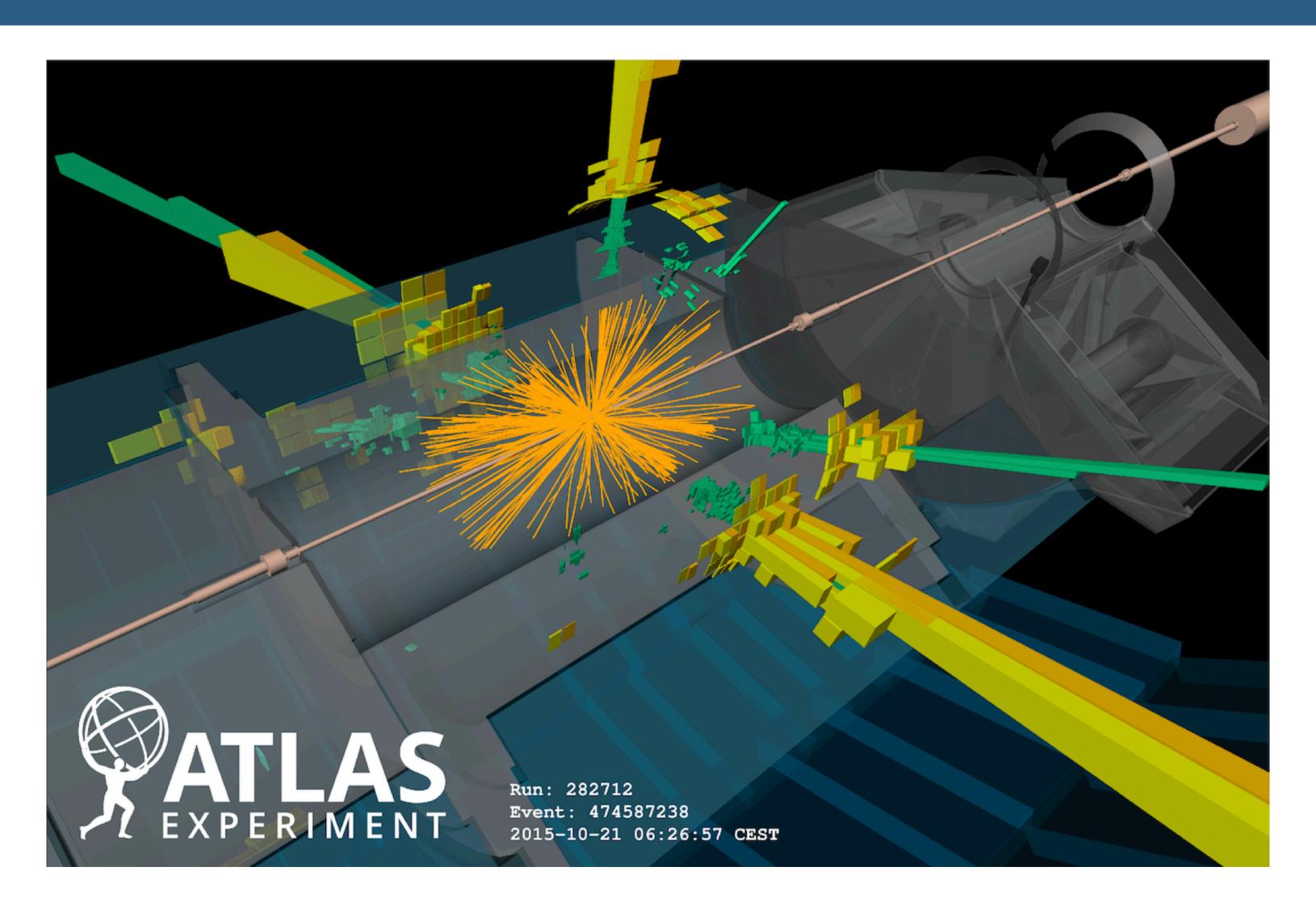


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# Example II

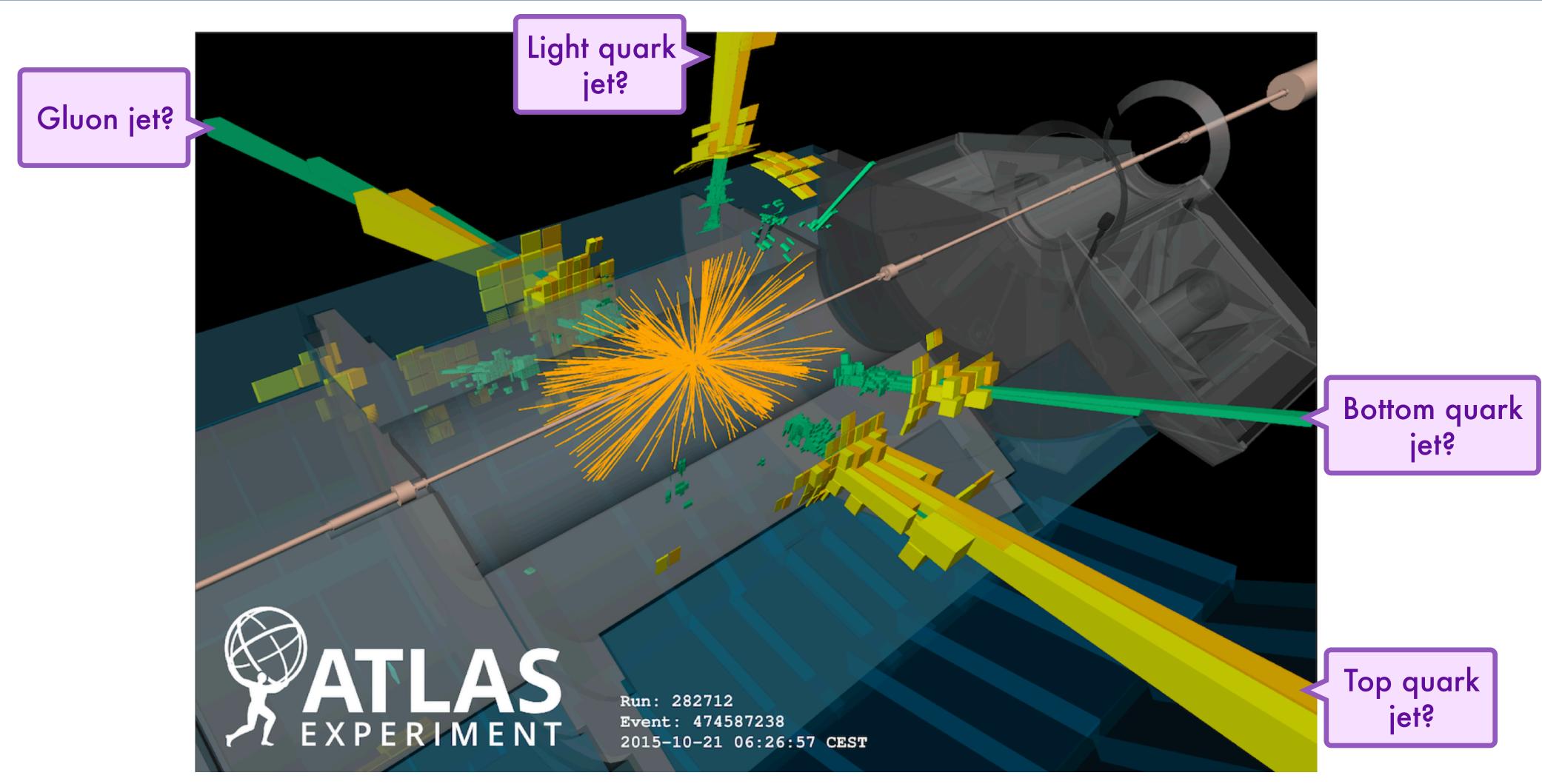
#### Classification with Top Tagging



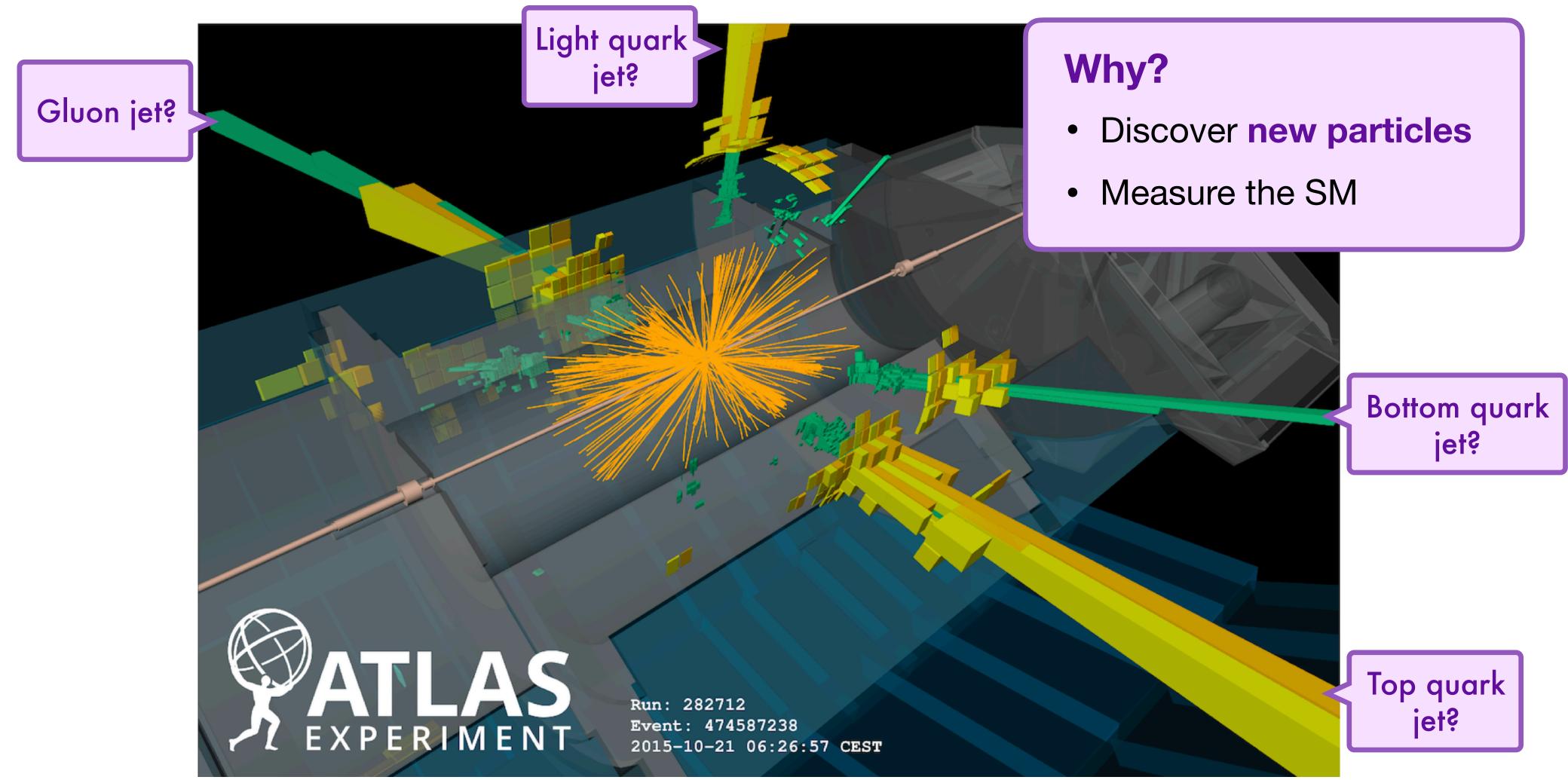


A jet is collimated shower of particles in the collider

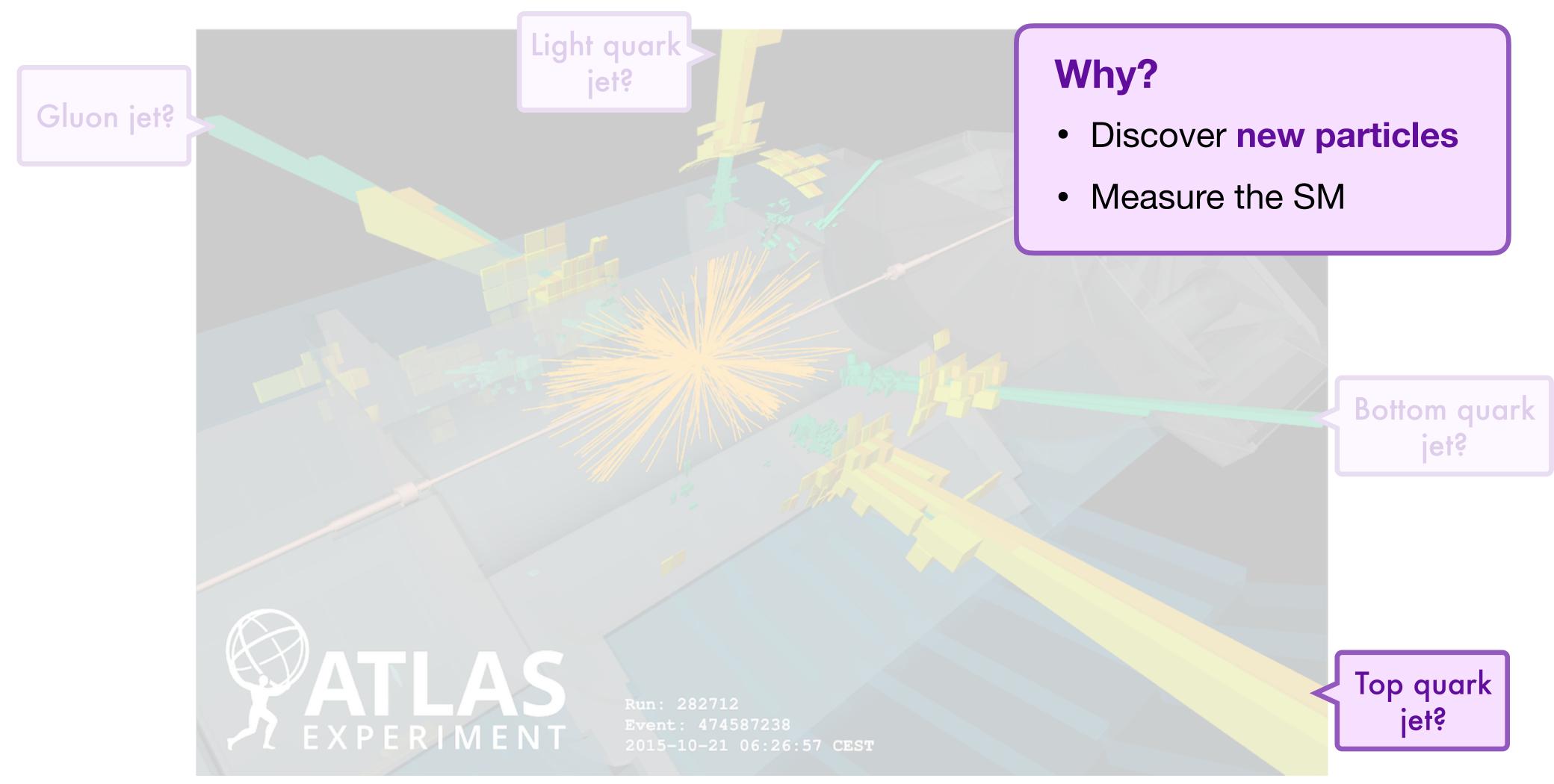




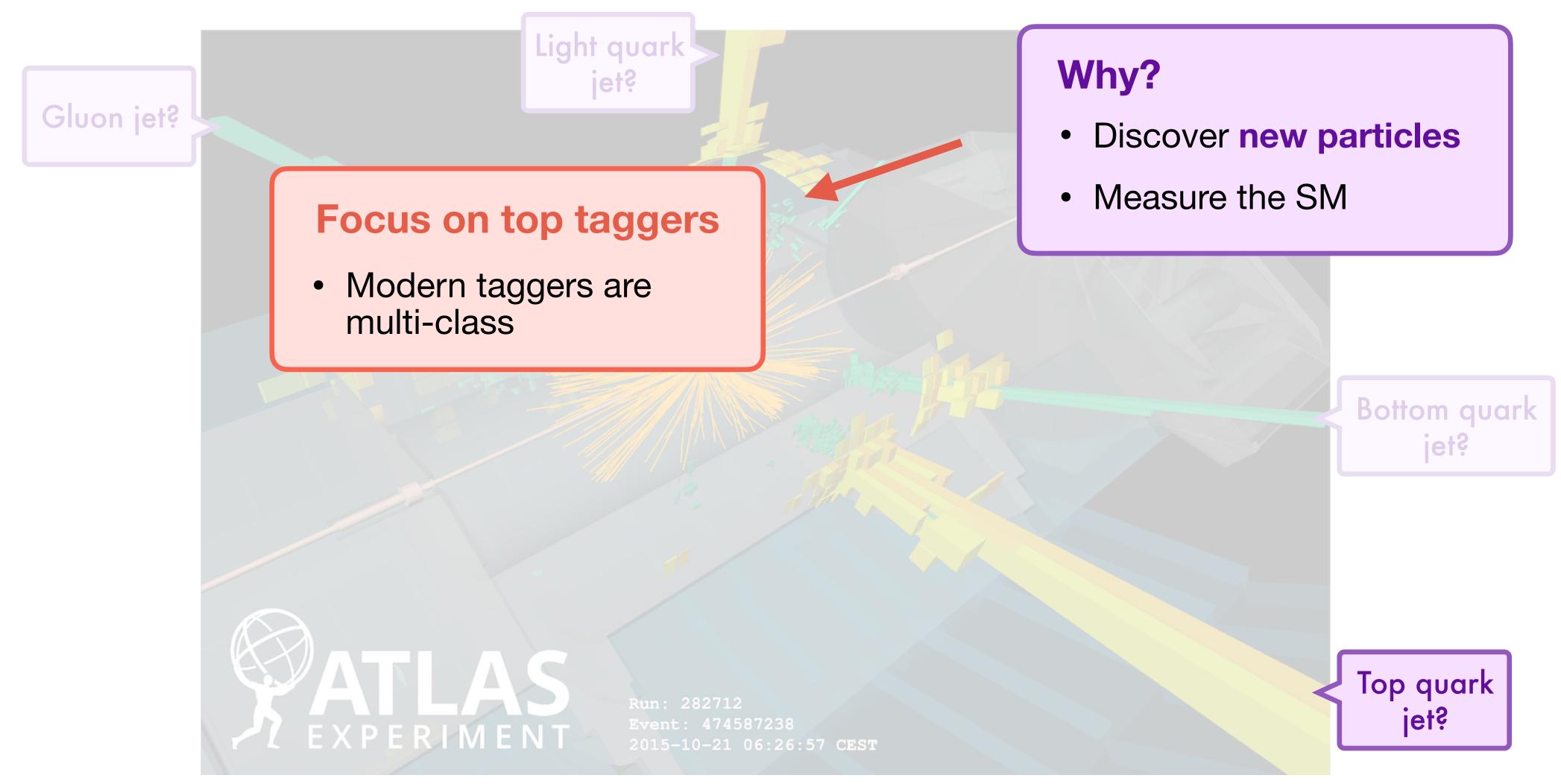




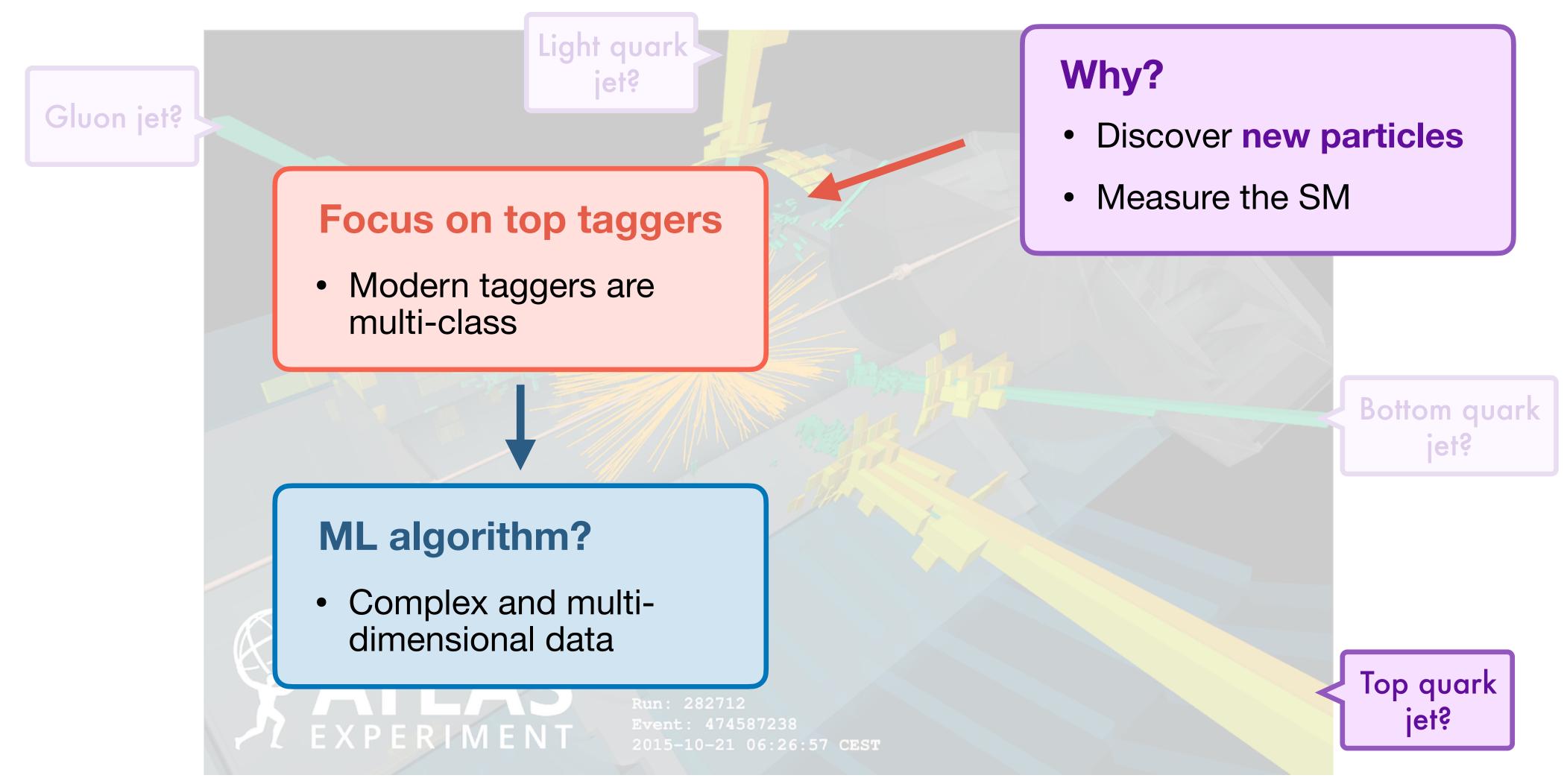










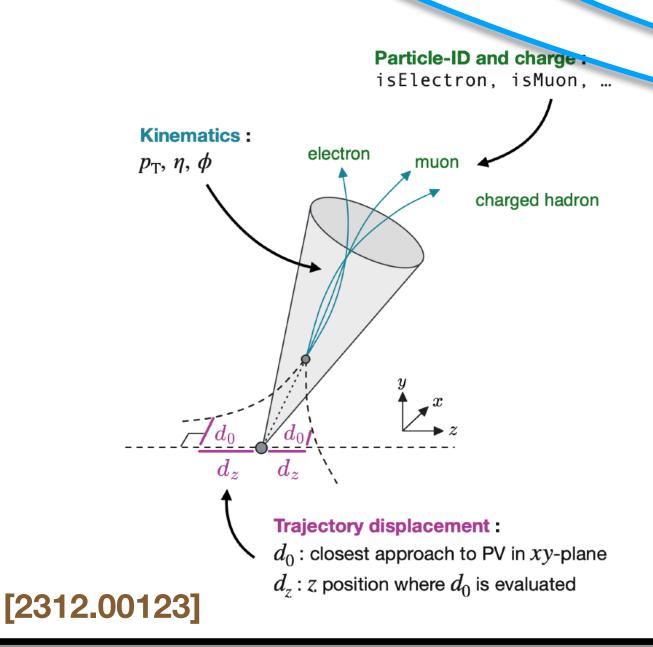


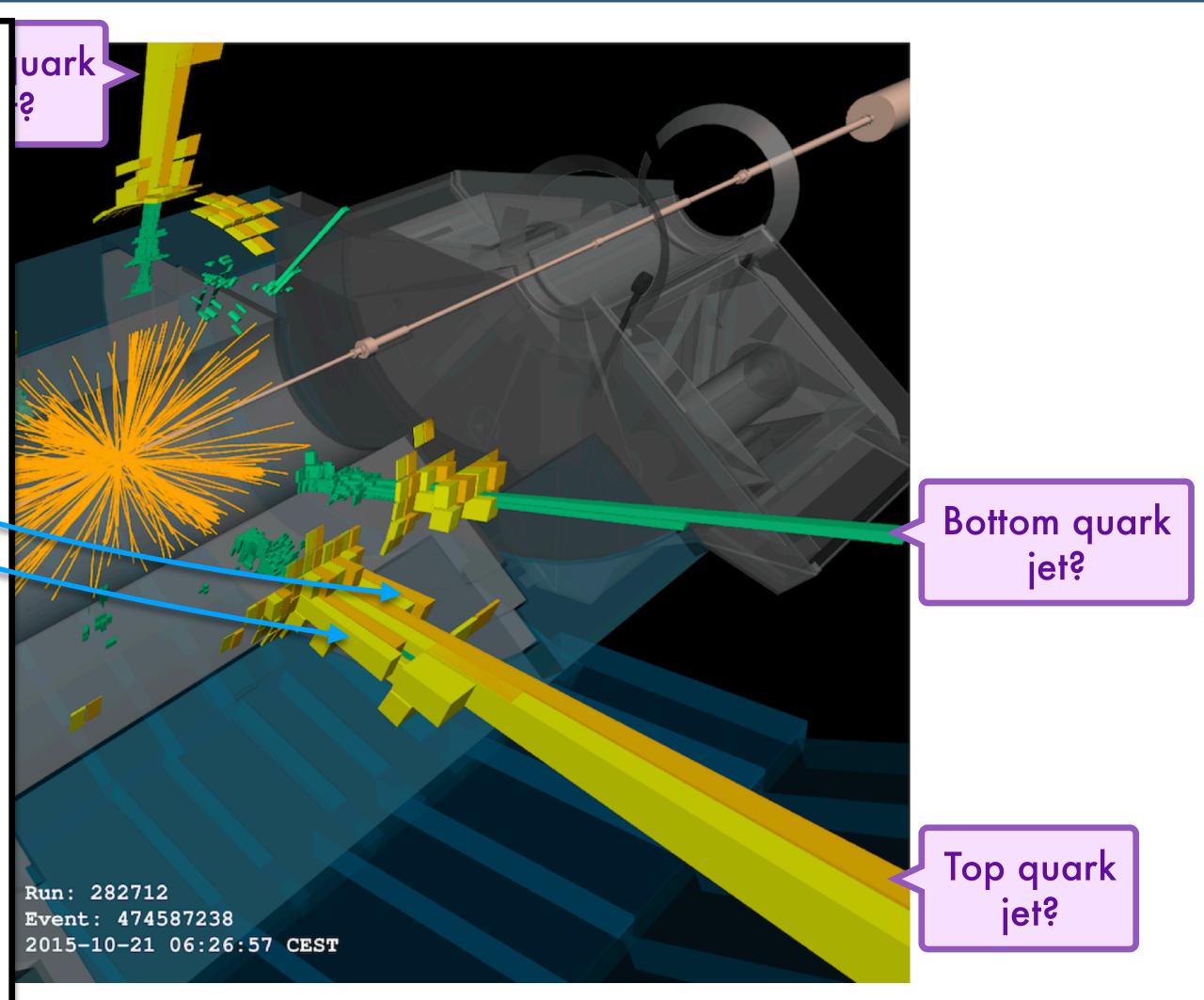


Data most naturally as point cloud

Each input (jet, event,...) is a set of k-dimensional vectors (individual particles, hits,...)

$$J_i = \{\vec{p}_1, ..., \vec{p}_n\}$$





#### Landscape Dataset

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- Open dataset for the devolopment of better tagging algorithms for particle physics
- 2 million simulated examples
- Perfect class labels:
   S=top jet or B=light quark/gluon jet
- Input: momentum sorted list of 200 particles/jets with 3 features/particle  $(p_x, p_y, p_z)$

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#### The Machine Learning Landscape of Top Taggers

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#### Abstract

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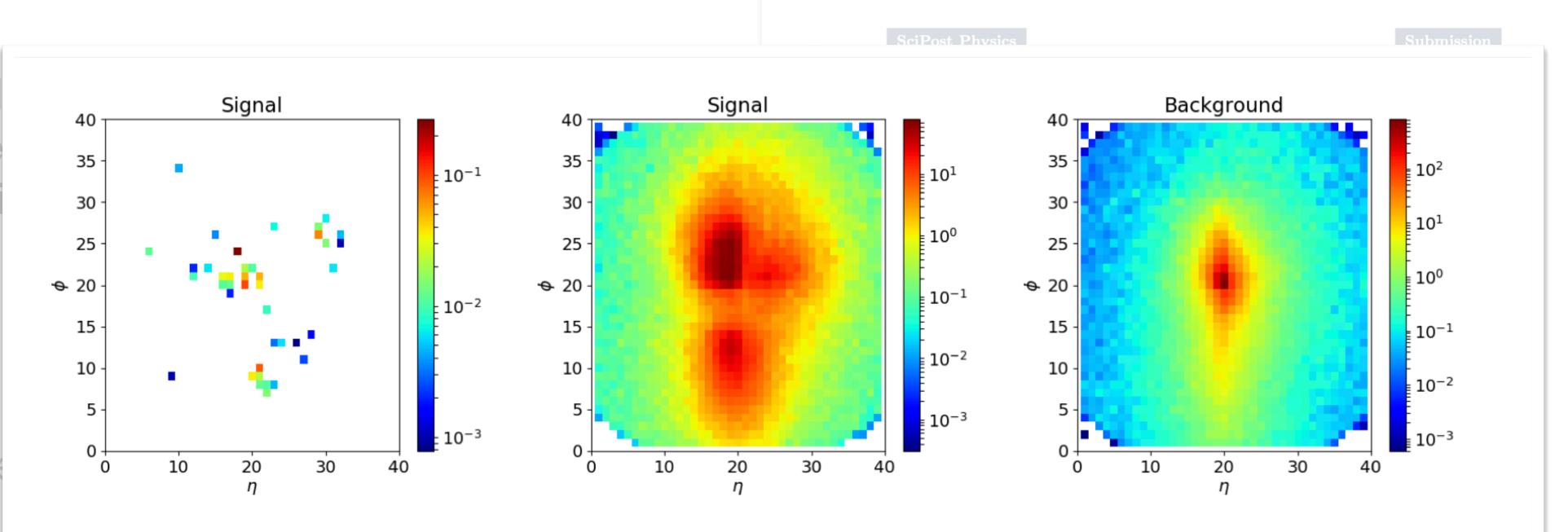


Figure 1: Left: typical single jet image in the rapidity vs azimuthal angle plane for the top signal after pre-processing. Center and right: signal and background images averaged over 10,000 individual images.

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 $(p_x, p_y, p_z)$ 

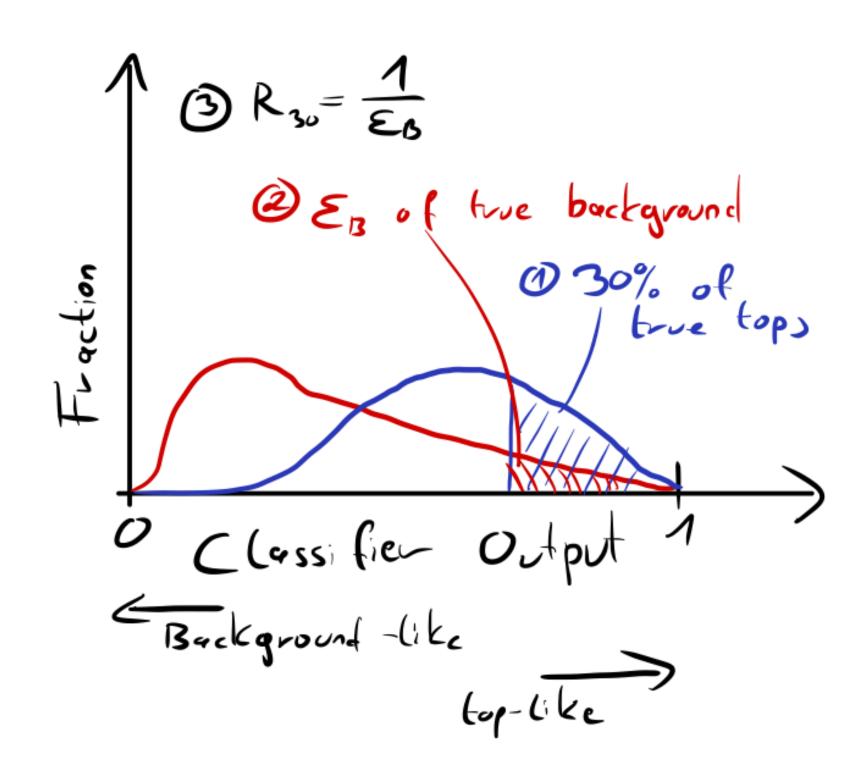
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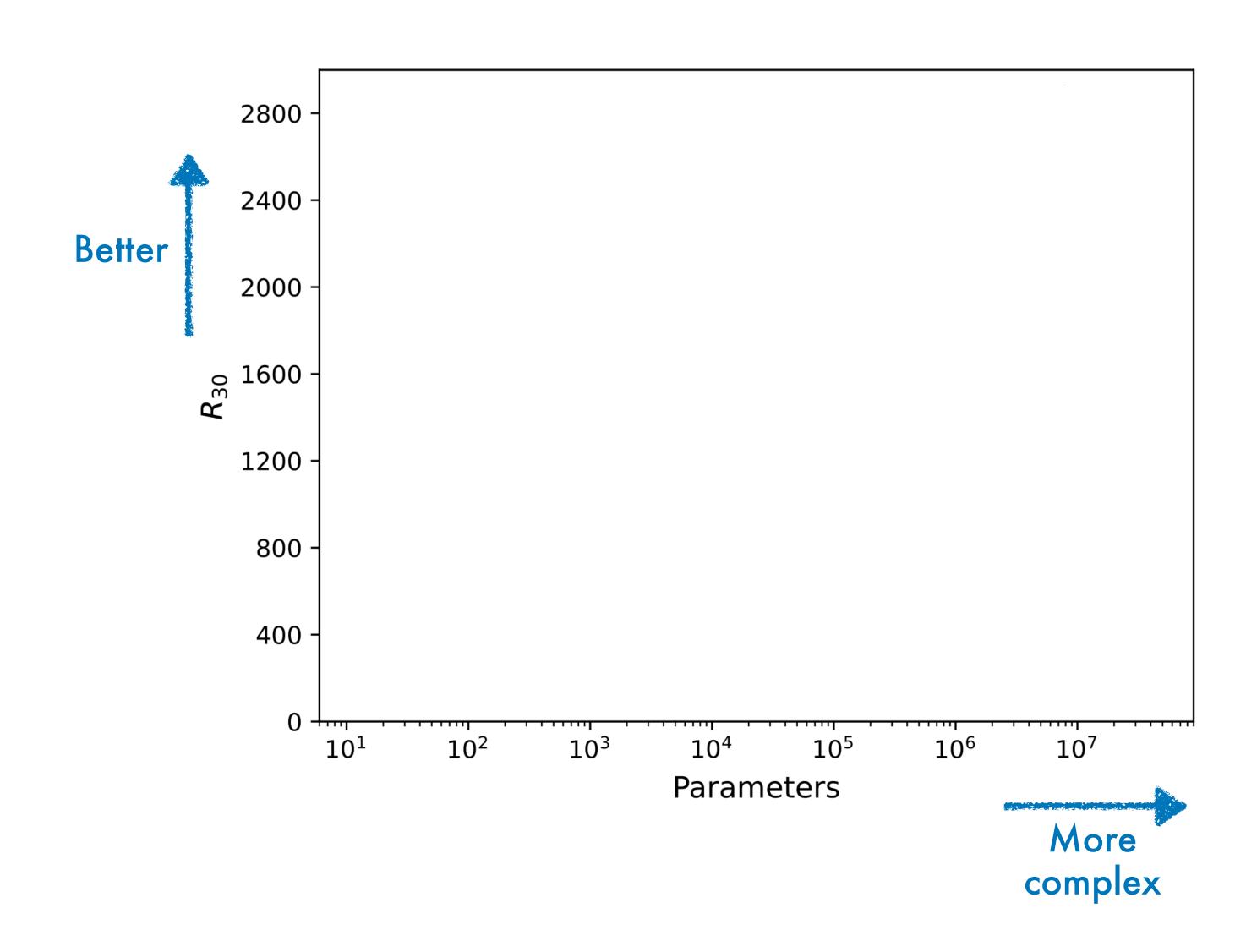
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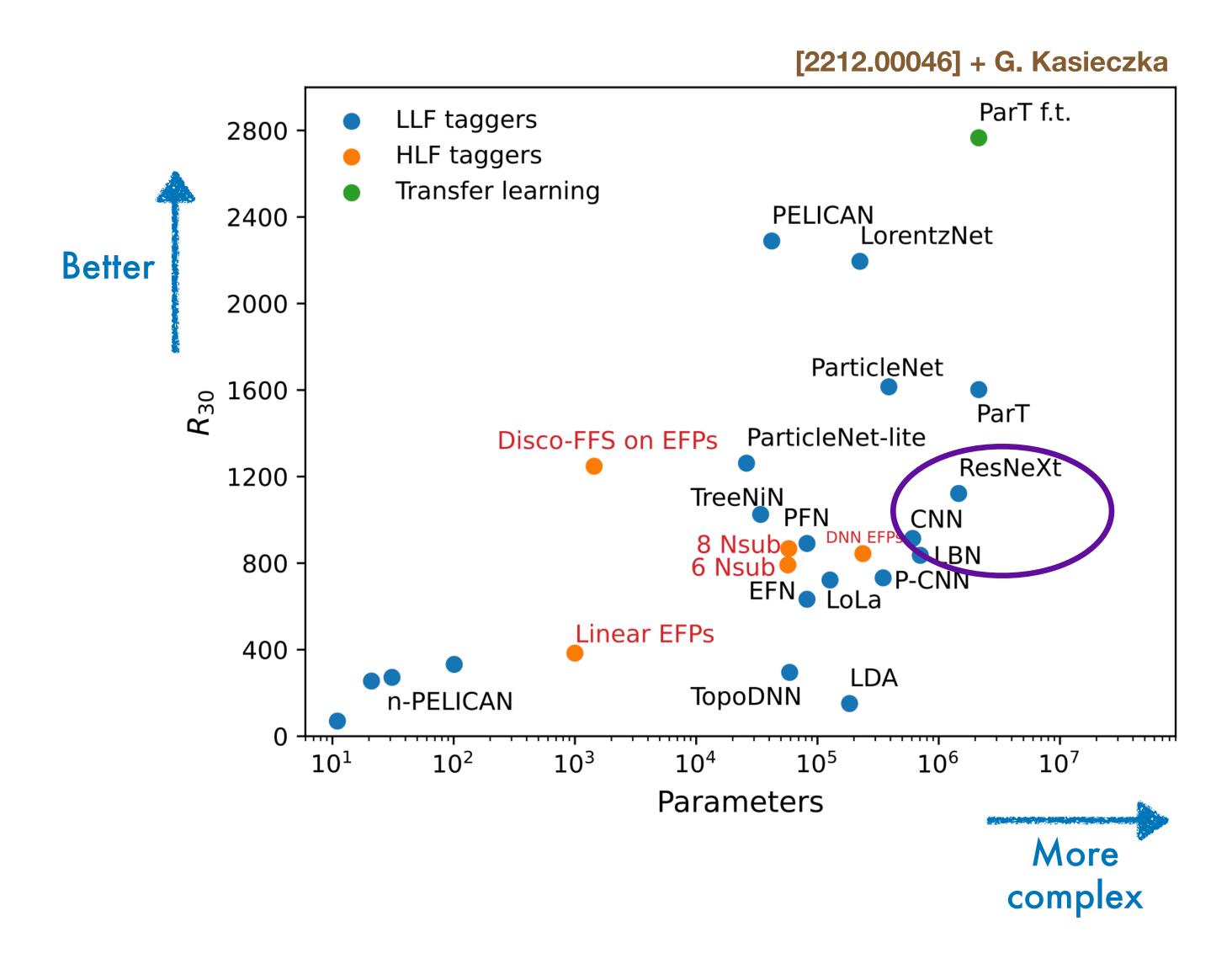
Cut so that 30% of top quarks pass selection:

 $R_{30}$  is the inverse of the number of background jets that also pass



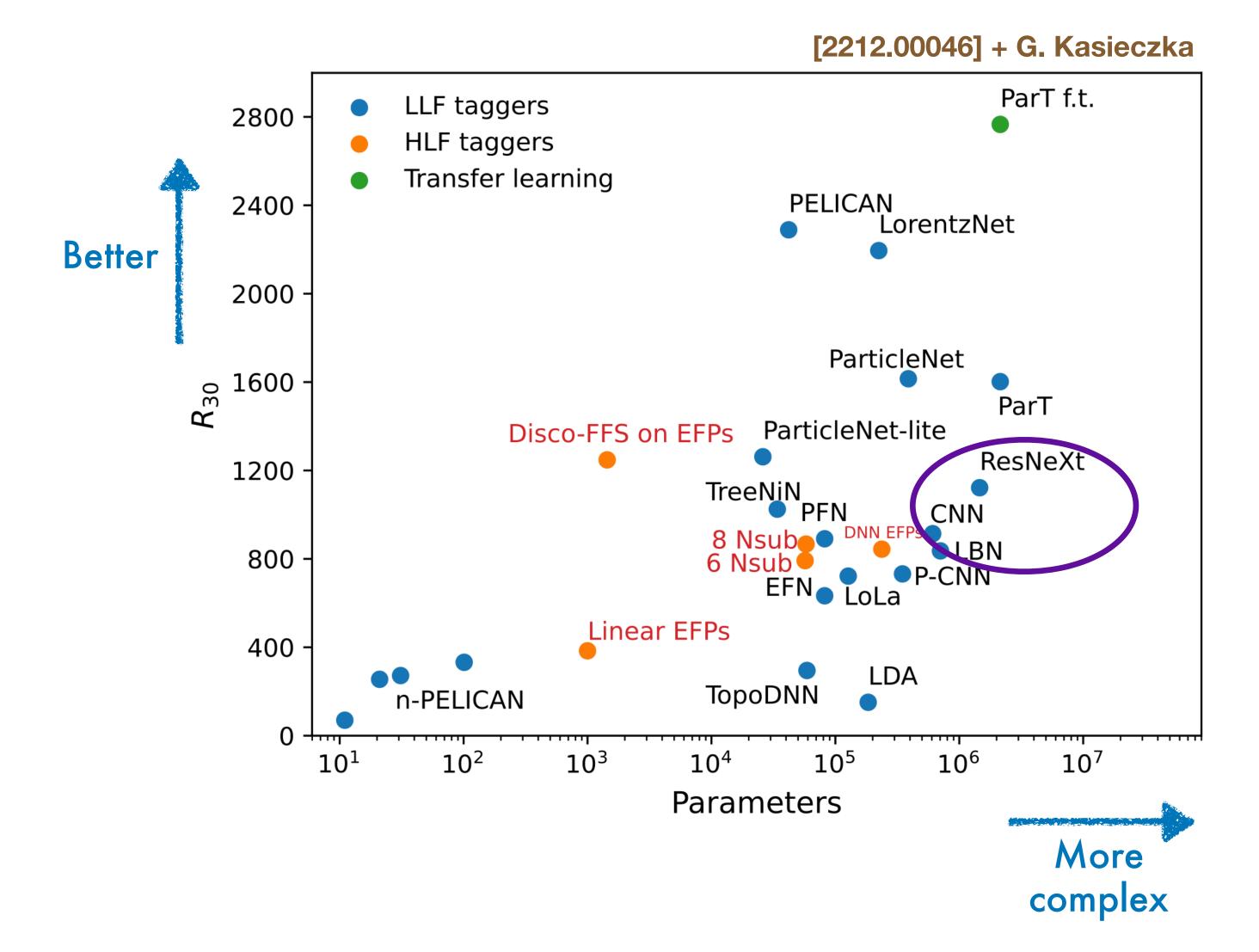






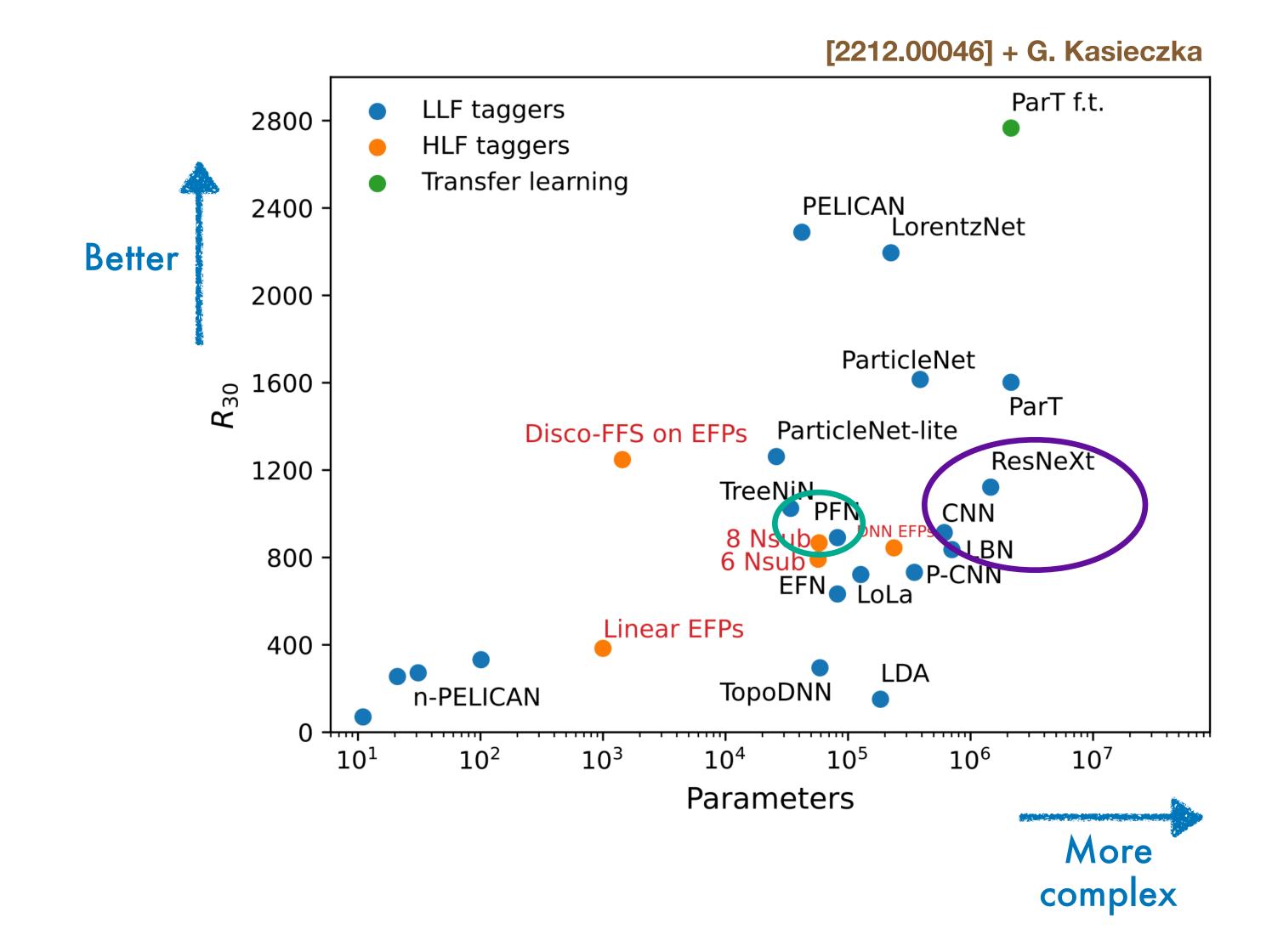


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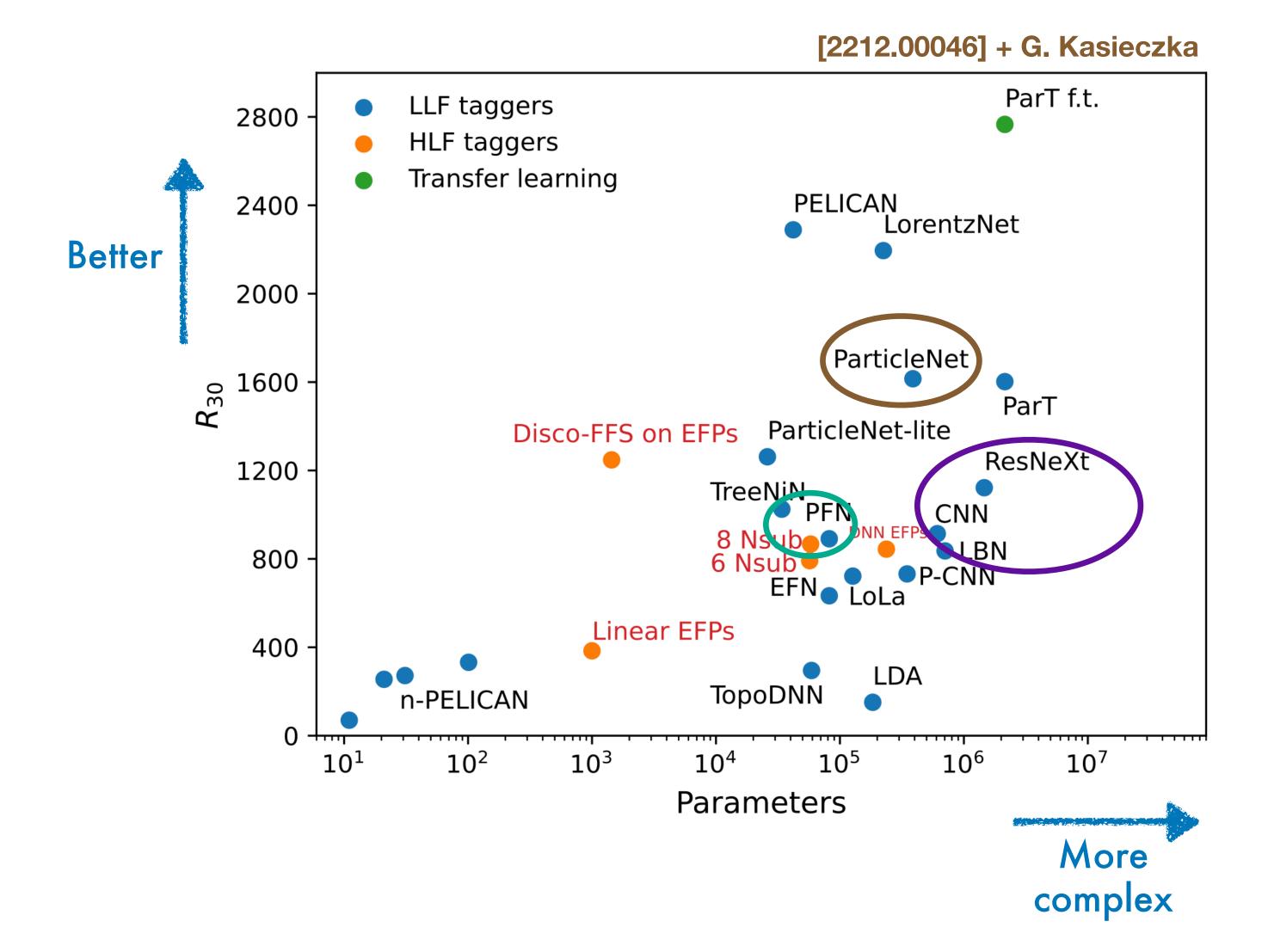


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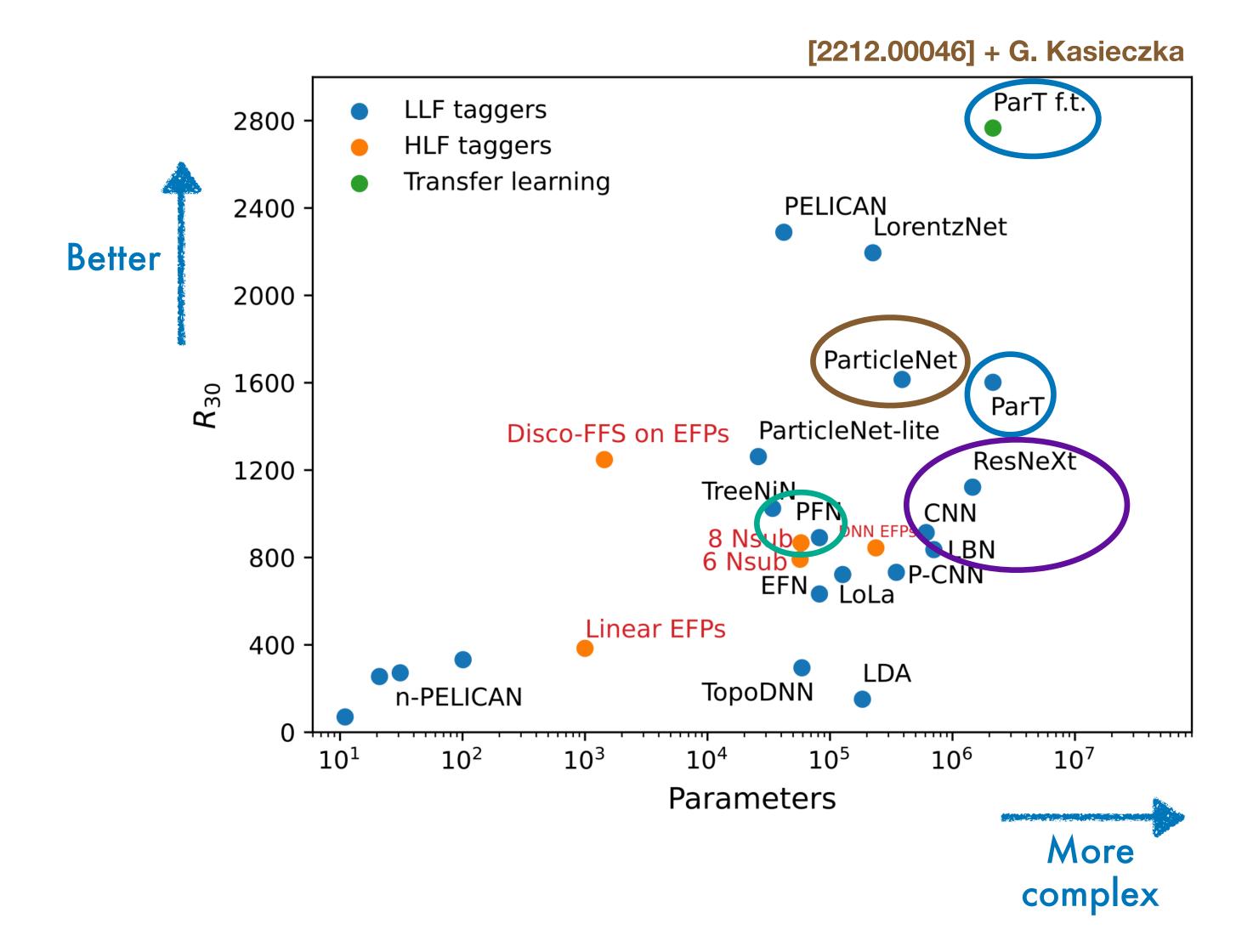


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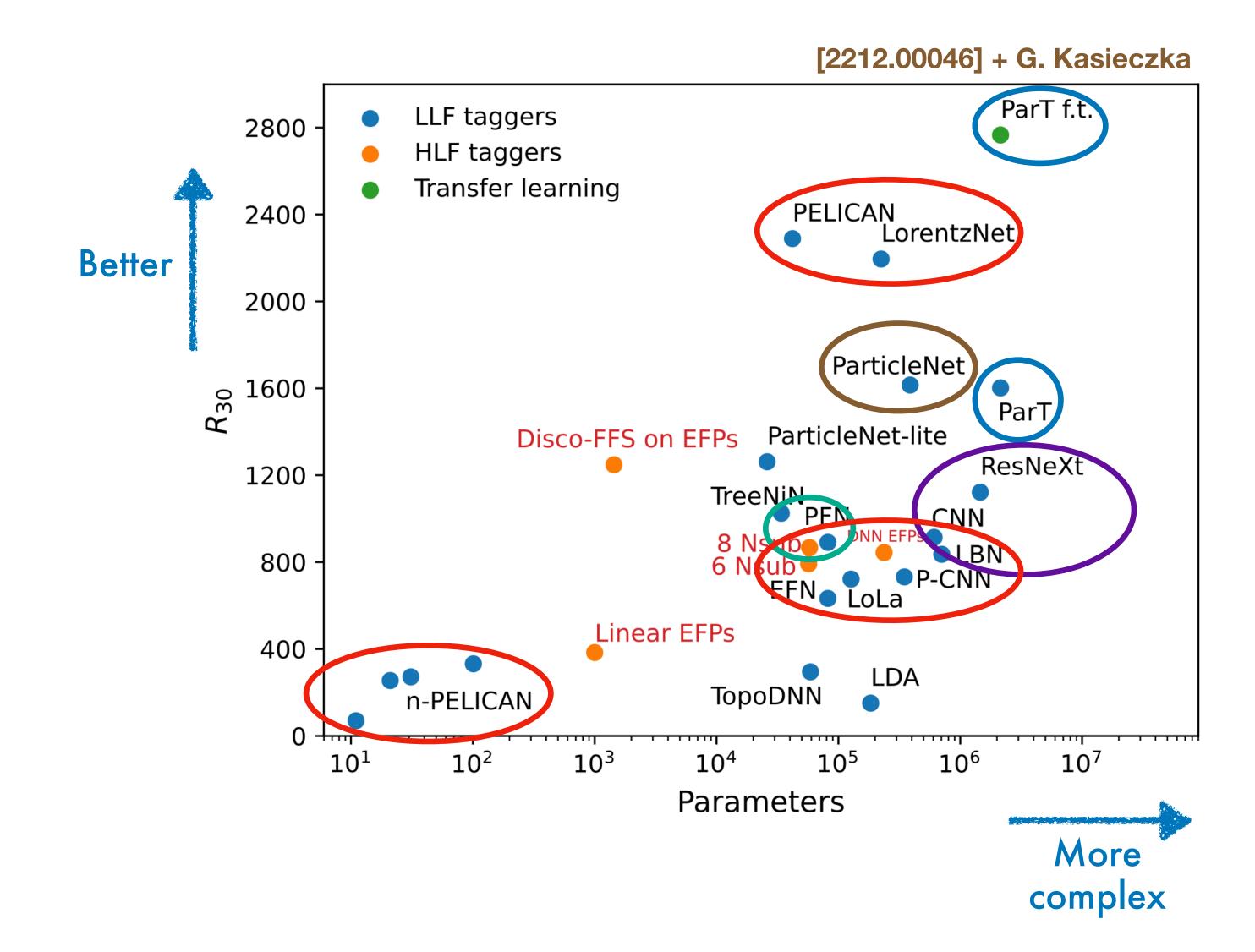


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# Appendix

#### Bonus material

#### Variational calculus



$$L[\hat{g}(x)] = \int dx \int dz p(x, z | \theta) \left[ g(x, z) - \hat{g}(x) \right]$$

$$= \int dx \left[ \hat{g}^2(x) \int dz p(x, z | \theta) - 2\hat{g}(x) \int dz p(x, z | \theta) g(x, z) + \int dz p(x, z | \theta) g^2(x, z) \right]$$

$$= F(x)$$

$$0 = \frac{\delta F}{\delta \hat{g}} \bigg|_{g^*} = 2\hat{g} \underbrace{\int dz \, p(x, z \mid \theta) - 2 \int dz \, p(x, z \mid \theta) \, g(x, z)}_{=p(x \mid \theta)}$$

$$g^*(x) = \frac{1}{p(x \mid \theta)} \int dz \, p(x, z, \mid \theta) \, g(x, z)$$

#### Choose

$$g(x,z) = \frac{p(x,z,|\theta_0)}{p(x,z,|\theta_1)}$$