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Beyond Standard Model Scans

BSM Parameter Spaces Scans

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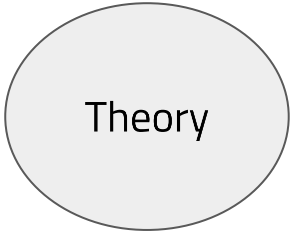

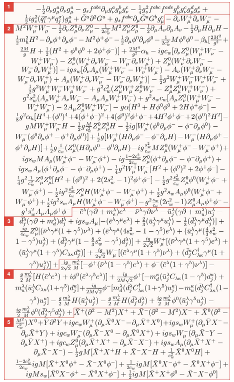

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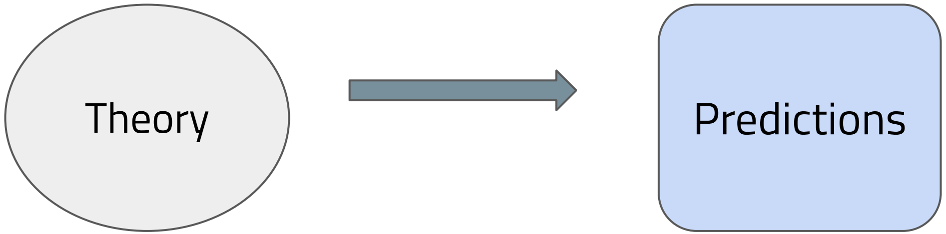

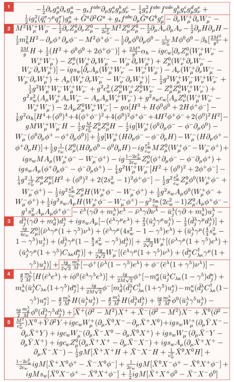

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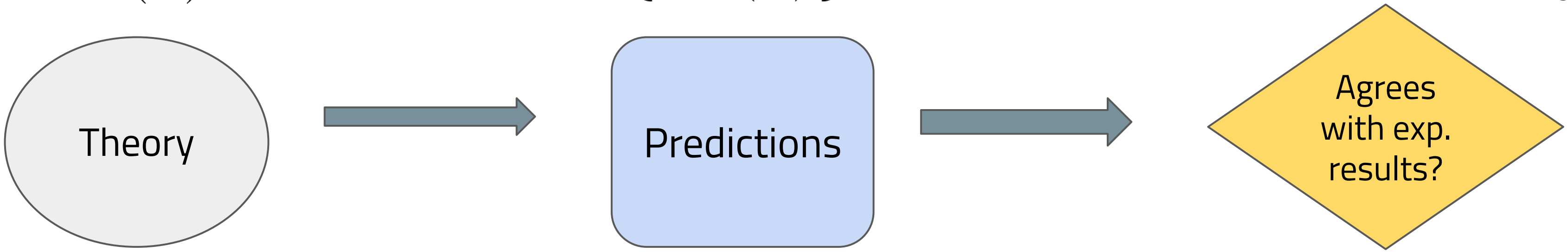

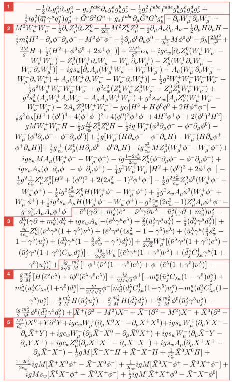

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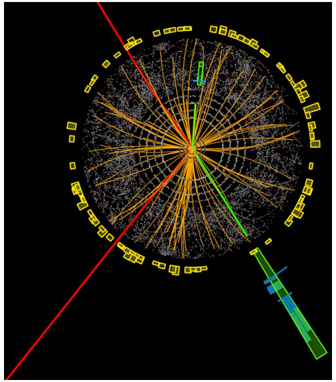

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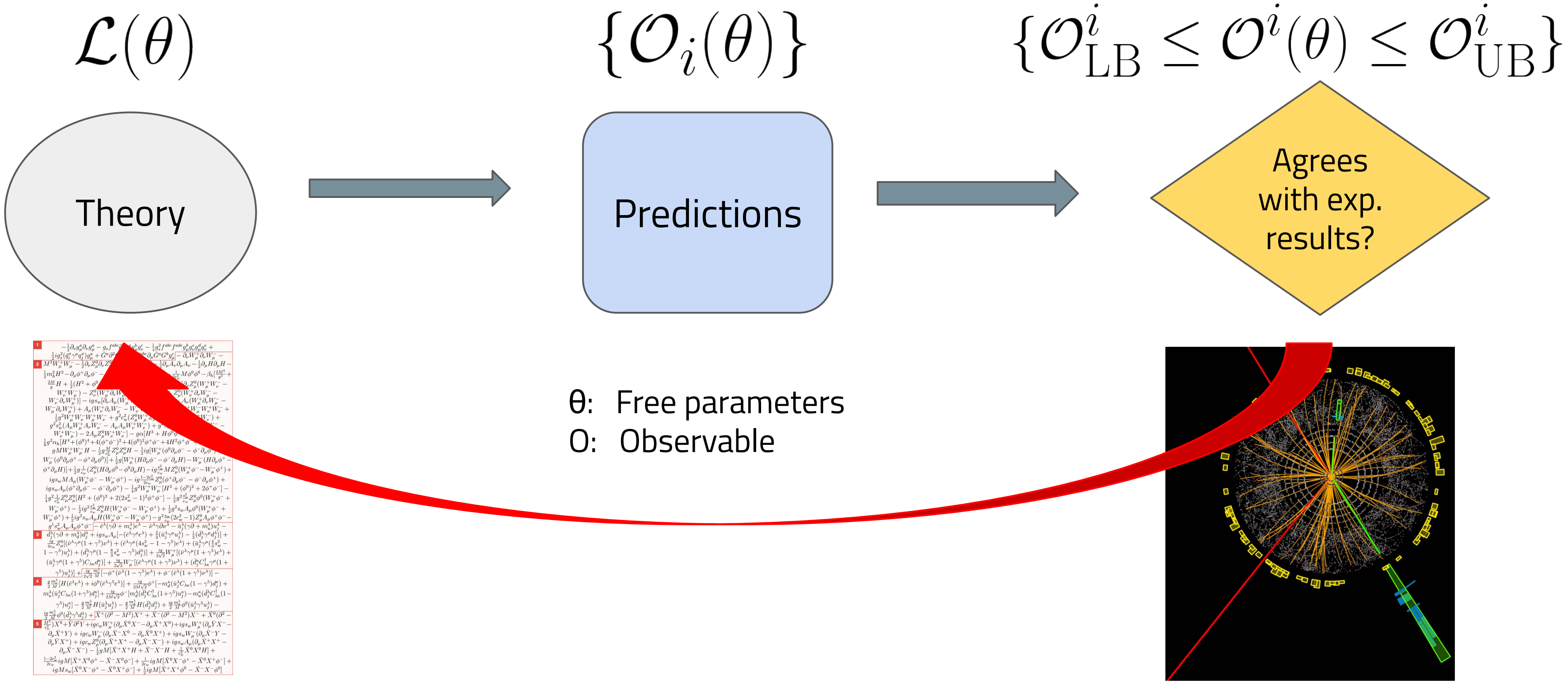

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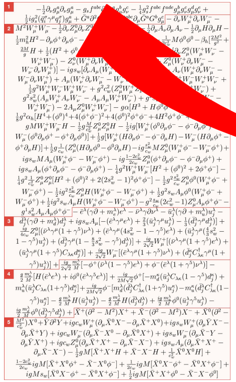

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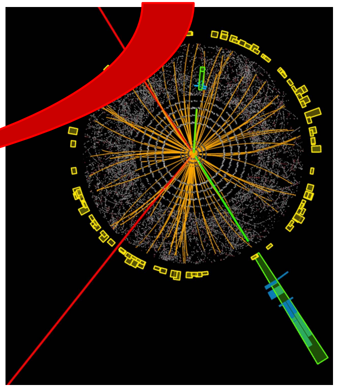

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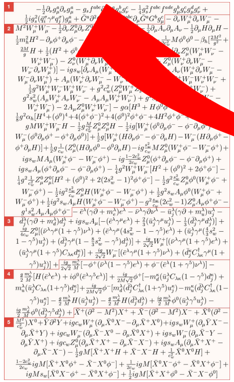

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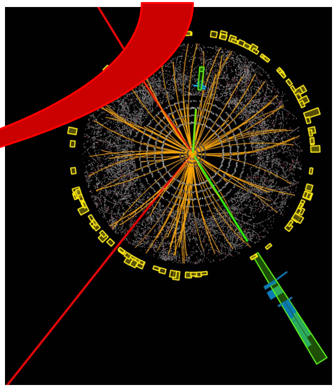

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Curse of dimensionality!

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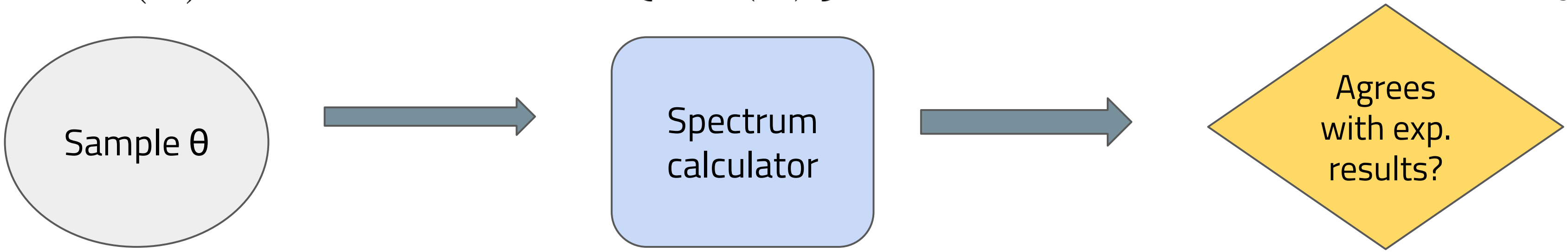

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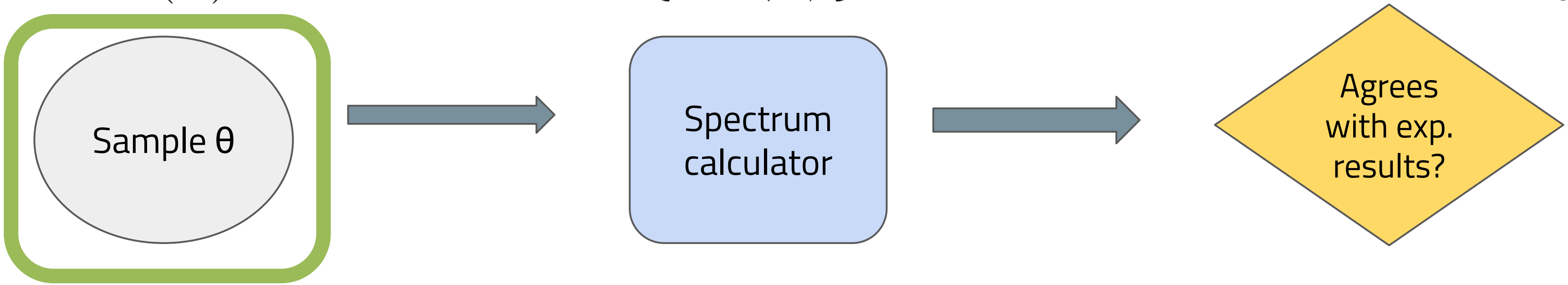

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<u>Proposed solution</u>: Increase efficiency by modifying sampling

Methodology

FAS, MCR, NFC, MN and WP
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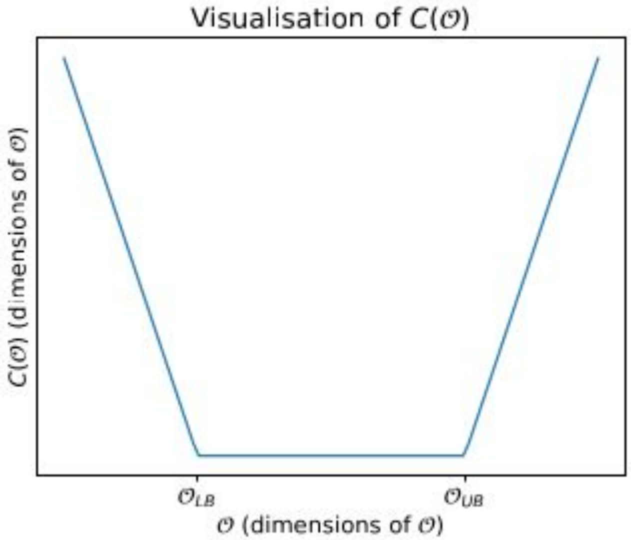
Parameter Spaces Scans
Black Box Optimisation

- **How far** is the point from being valid
    - Cost function C(O)

- To find valid points is to minimise C(O)

→ **Optimisation** problem!



$$C(\mathcal{O}) = max(0, -\mathcal{O} + \mathcal{O}_{LB}, \mathcal{O} - \mathcal{O}_{UB})$$

Point is valid when **C(O) = 0**

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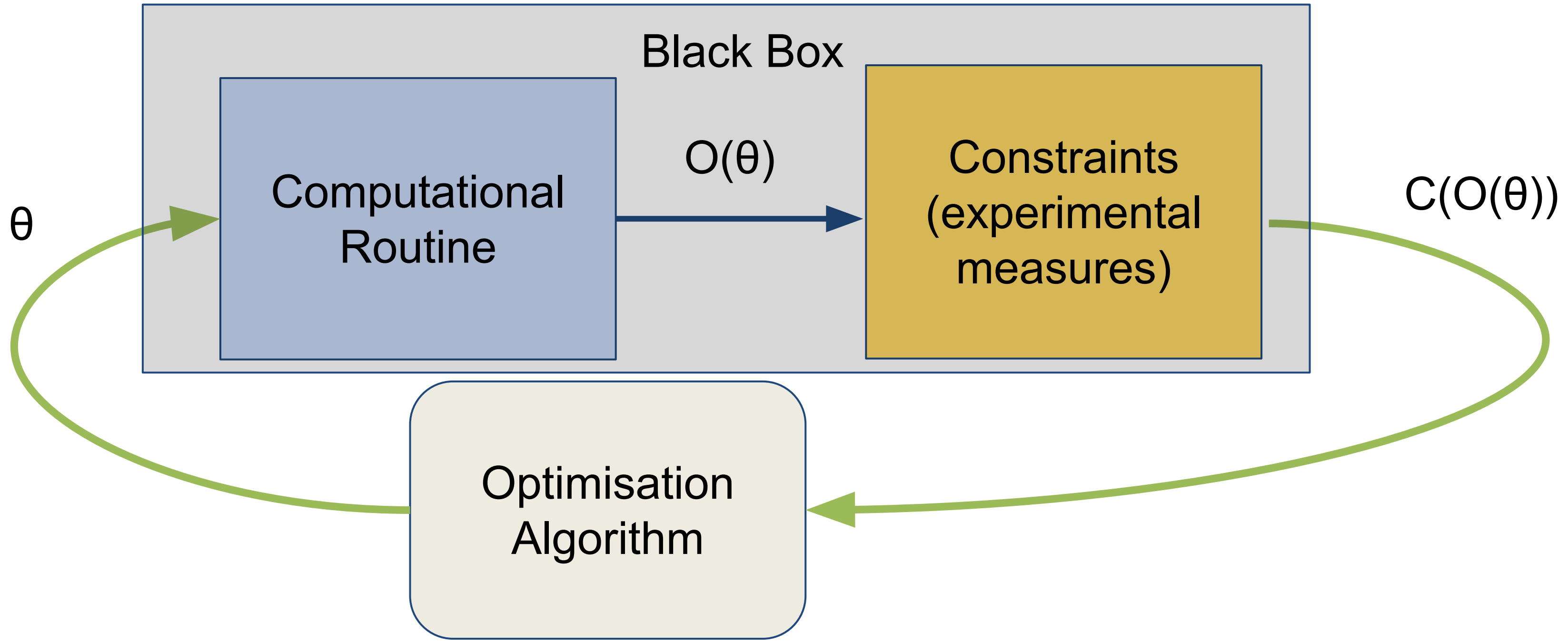

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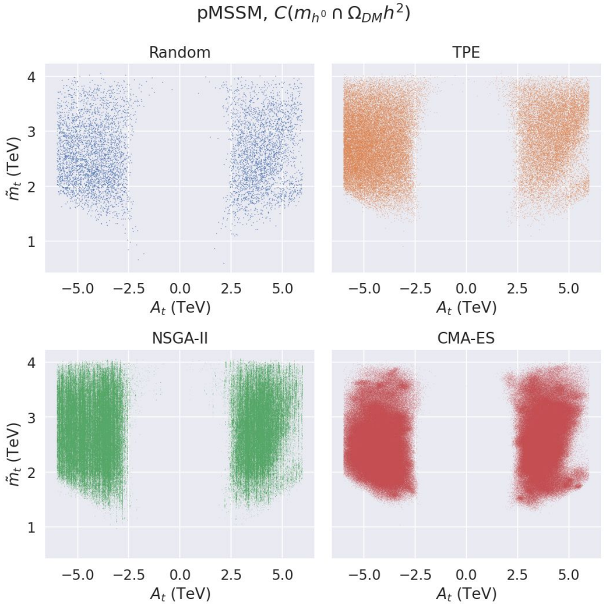
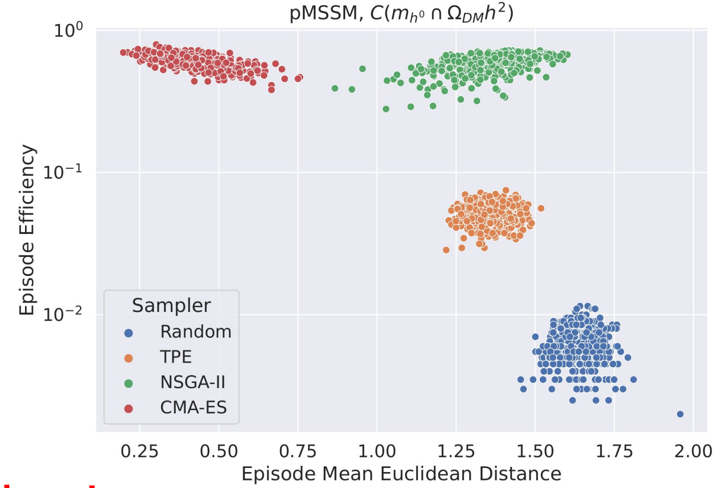
Black Box Optimization Scans
First case study

- Physics cases: **Supersymmetry** constrained by **Higgs mass** and **Dark Matter Relic Density**
  - **cMSSM**: 4 free parameters
  - **pMSSM**: 19 free parameters



Optimisation Algorithms			
Bayesian:	TPE	→	Best **coverage**
Evolutionary:	CMA-ES	→	Best **efficiency**
Genetic:	NSGA-II	→	In between



Gain of ~ 100x in efficiency!

Scotogenic Model

Scotogenic Model
Particle content

SM

+

2 doublets **fermions** **(Ψ1, Ψ2)**

2 singlets **fermions** **(F1, F2)**

1 doublet **scalar** **(η)**

1 singlet **scalar** **(S)**

Z2 odd

Z2 even

Scotogenic Model
Particle content

	Fermions				Scalars	
	Ψ_1	Ψ_2	F_1	F_2	η	S
$SU(2)_L$	$\mathbf{2}$	$\mathbf{2}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{2}$	$\mathbf{1}$
$U(1)_Y$	-1	1	0	0	1	0

- 46 free **parameters**
- 31 (experimental / theoretical) **constraints**

- **Neutrino masses at 1-loop level**
- **DM candidates**
- **LFV**
- **(g - 2)μ**

Scotogenic Model

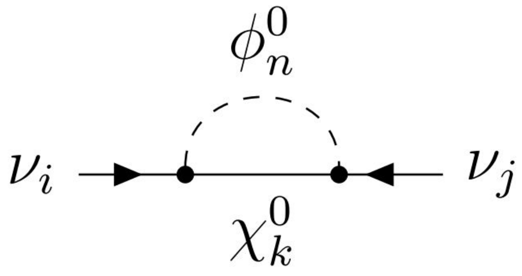
Fermion sector

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{fermion}} \supset -\frac{1}{2}M_{F_{ij}}F_iF_j - M_\Psi\Psi_1\Psi_2$$
$$- y_{1i}\Psi_1 H F_i - y_{2i}\Psi_2\tilde{H}F_i$$
$$- g_\Psi^k\Psi_2 L_k S - g_{F_j}^k\eta L_k F_j - g_R^k e_k^c\tilde{\eta}\Psi_1 + \text{h.c.}$$

Neutrino masses at 1-loop level

Scotogenic Model
Neutrino masses

$$\mathcal{G} = \begin{pmatrix} g_\Psi^1 & g_\Psi^2 & g_\Psi^3 \\ g_{F_1}^1 & g_{F_1}^2 & g_{F_1}^3 \\ g_{F_2}^1 & g_{F_2}^2 & g_{F_2}^3 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\equiv \quad \overline{\nu_j^c}\left(\mathcal{M}_\nu\right)_{ji}\nu_i$$

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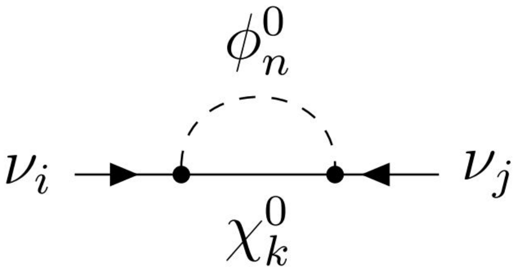

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$$|U_{\text{PMNS}}^{ij}| \sim 1 \longrightarrow \begin{cases} |g_\Psi^1| \sim |g_\Psi^2| \sim |g_\Psi^3| \\ |g_{F_k}^1| \sim |g_{F_k}^2| \sim |g_{F_k}^3| \end{cases}$$

Scotogenic Model
Mass basis

- Scalar sector

$$\left(\phi_1^0, \phi_2^0, A^0\right)^T = U_\phi \left(S, \eta^0, A^0\right)^T$$

- Fermion sector

$$\left(\chi_1^0, \chi_2^0, \chi_3^0, \chi_4^0\right)^T = U_\chi \left(F_1, F_2, \Psi_1^0, \Psi_2^0\right)^T$$

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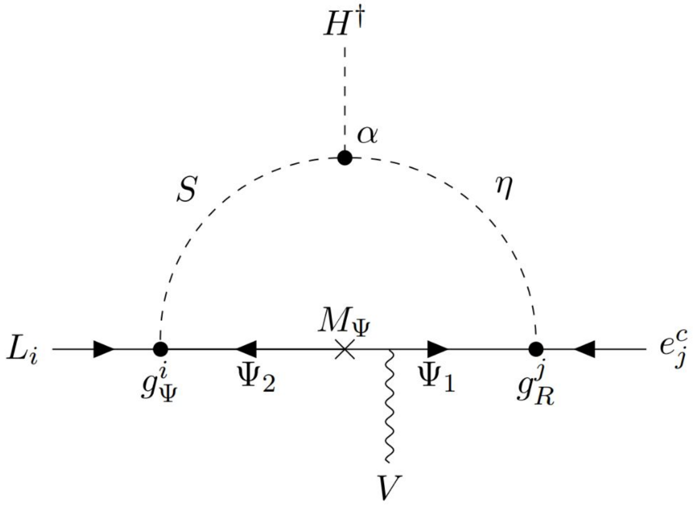

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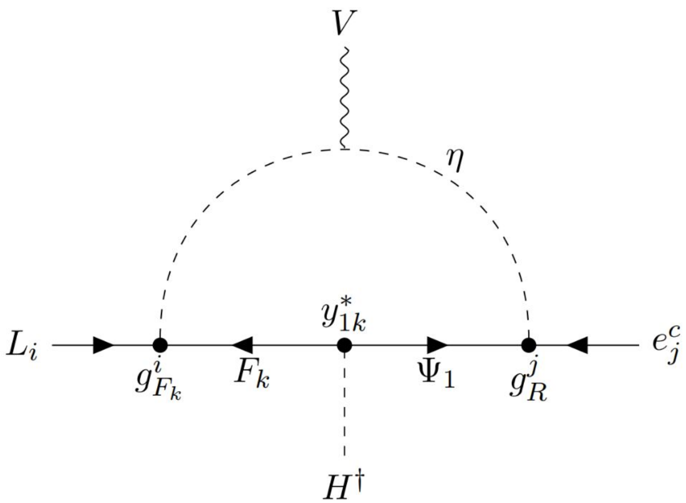
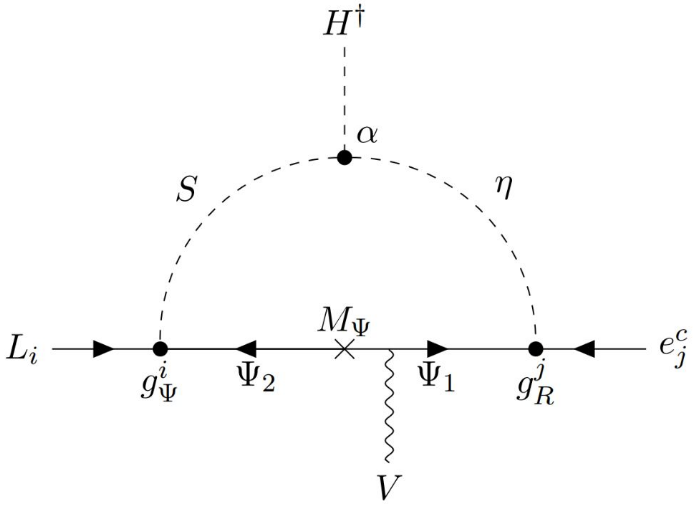


$$\sim y_1\, g_F\, g_R$$

Scotogenic Model
LFV and (g-2)μ

$$\mathrm{BR}(\mu \to e\gamma) < 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$$ ➡ $|g_F^2|, |g_\Psi^2|, |g_R^2|$ small

$$a_\mu^{\mathrm{BSM}} = (251 \pm 59) \times 10^{-11}$$ ➡ $|g_F^2|, |g_\Psi^2|, |g_R^2|$ large



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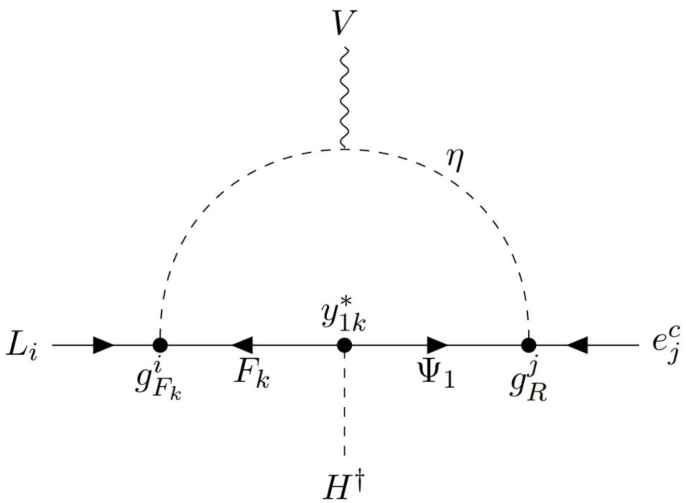

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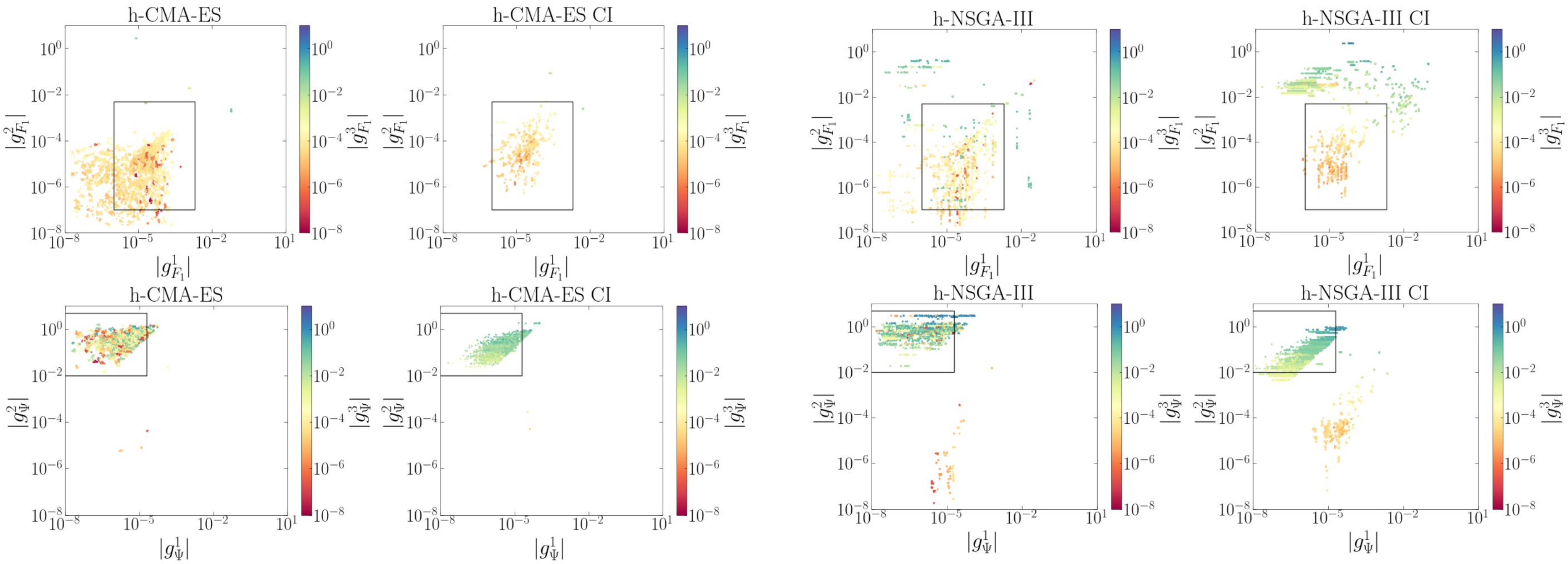

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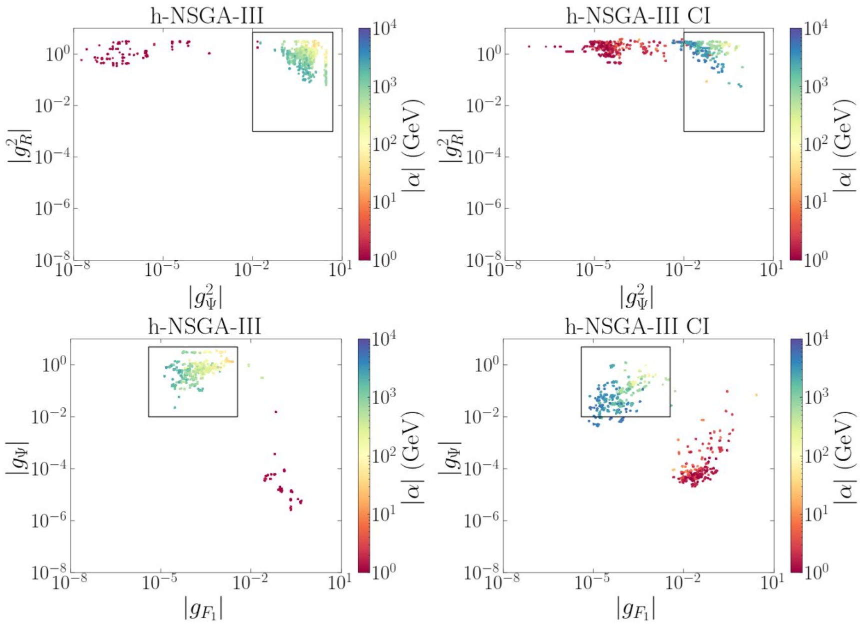

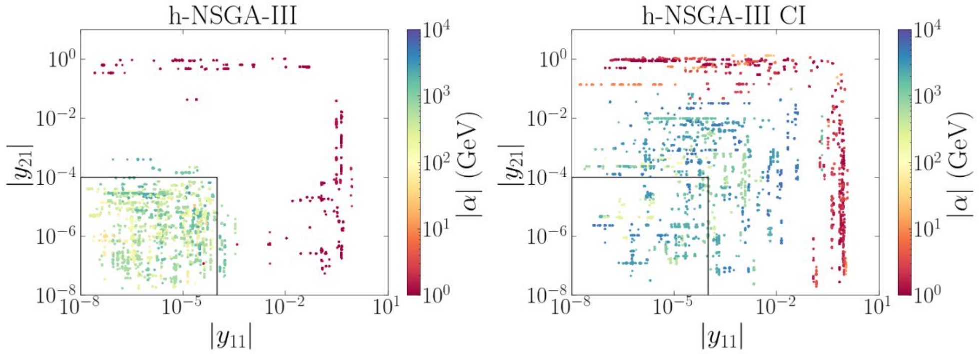

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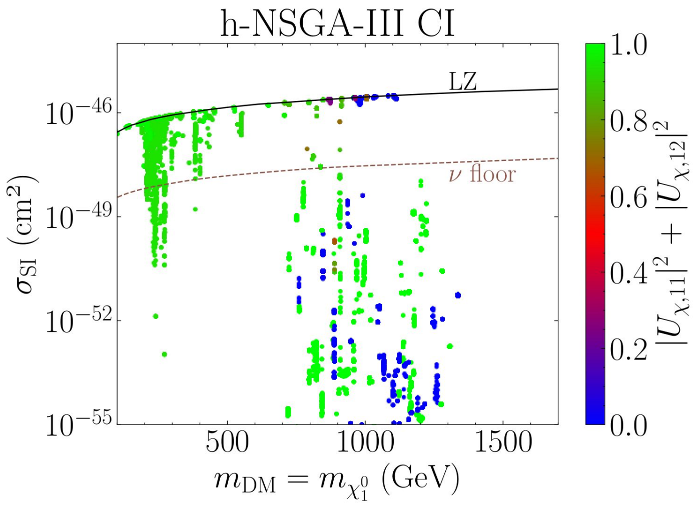

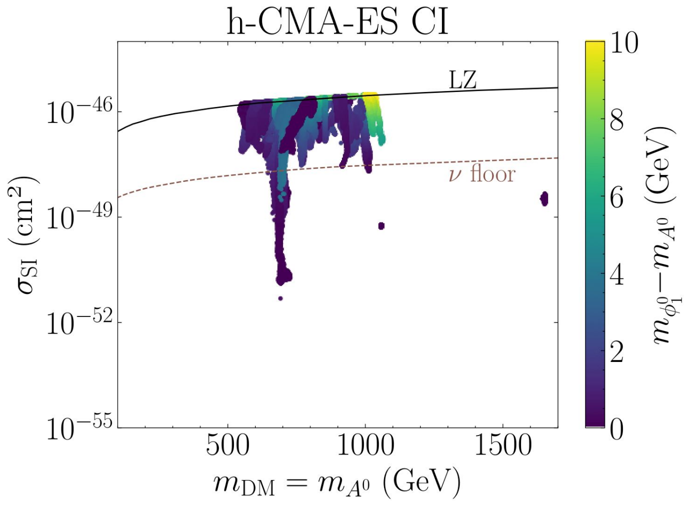

New phenomenology:

- **Fermionic dark matter above neutrino floor**
- **Axial dark matter**

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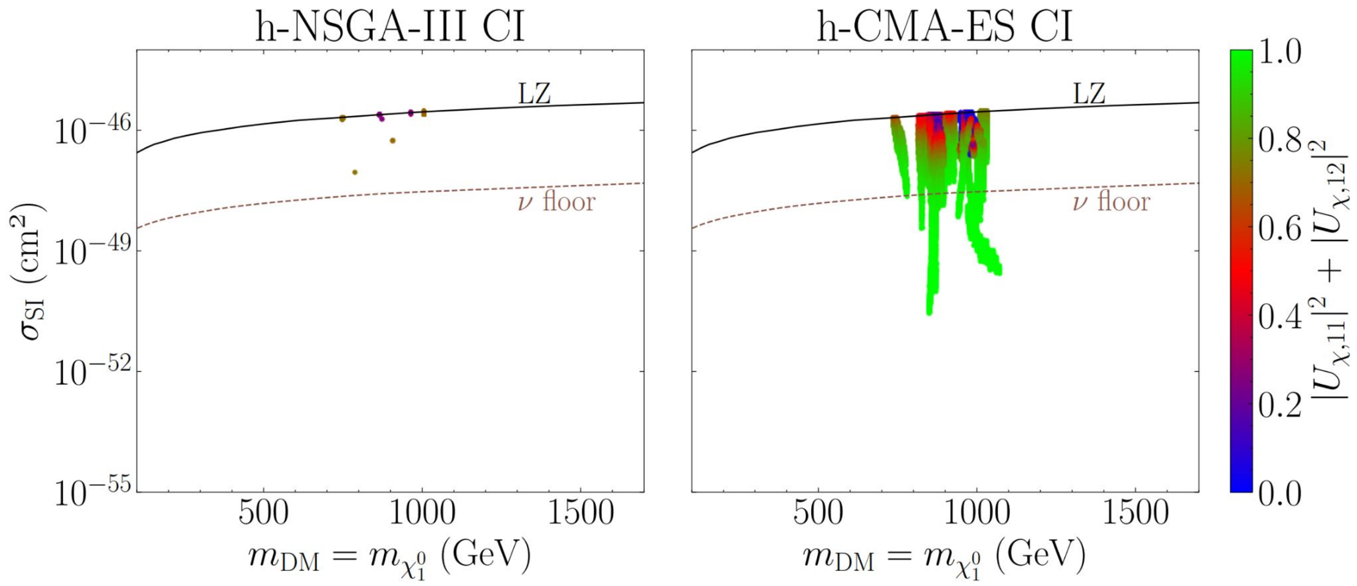
Parameter Spaces Scan
Novelty detection

- Exploration is enhanced with a **novelty detection** (ND) reward.
- ND can be applied to **parameter space** and/or **observable space**.
- ND in **observable space** can explore **new phenomenology**.



Conclusions

- The methodology allows for efficiently exploration of **parameter** and **phenomenological spaces** without the need of simplifying assumptions

- Algorithms show an **exploration-exploitation trade-off** which can be combined for a more powerful search strategy

- Use of **Multi-objective optimization** and the introduction of **hierarchy** in **single-objective optimization** show promising results

- Scotogenic new phenomenology:
    - **Fermionic DM above neutrino floor**
    - **Axial DM**

Backup

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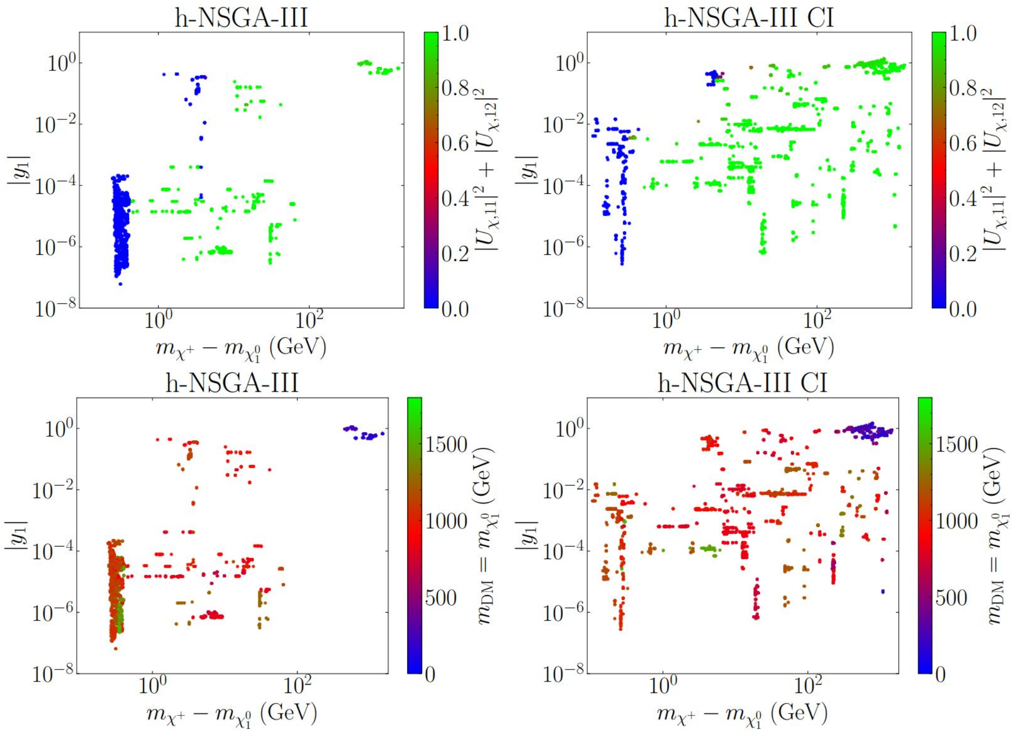


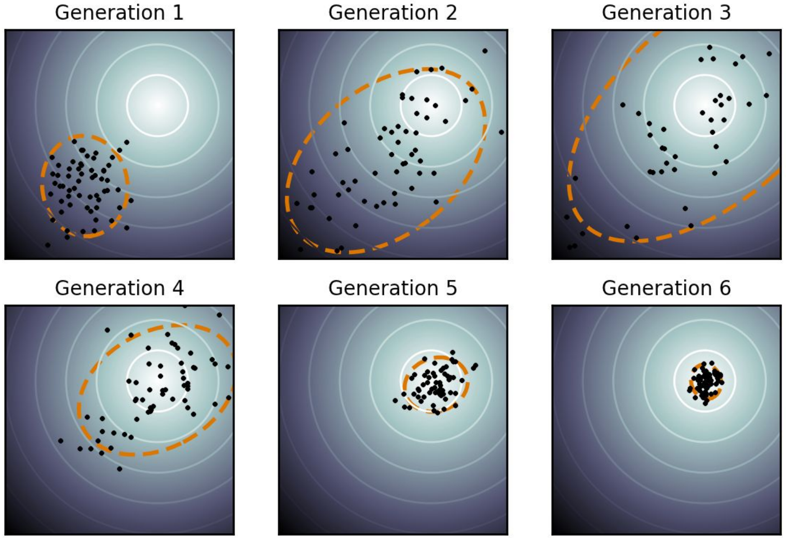
Parameter	Interval	Parametrisation	Mapping
λ_H	$[0.1,\ 0.3]$	Both	linear
$\lambda_{4S},\ \lambda_{4\eta}$	$[10^{-8},\ 1]$	Both	log
$\lambda_{S\eta},\ \lambda_S,\ \lambda_\eta,\ \lambda'_\eta,\ \lambda''_\eta$	$\pm[10^{-8},\ 1]$	Both	symlog
α (GeV)	$\pm[1,\ 10^4]$	Both	symlog
$M_S^2,\ M_\eta^2$ (GeV^2)	$5\times[10^5,\ 0^6]$	Both	linear
$M_1,\ M_2$ (GeV)	$[100,\ 2000]$	Both	linear
M_Ψ (GeV)	$[700,\ 2000]$	Both	linear
$\Re(y_{ij}),\ (i,j=1,2)$	$\pm[10^{-8},\ 3]$	Both	symlog
$\Im(y_{ij}),\ (i,j=1,2)$	$\pm[10^{-8},\ 3]$	Both	symlog
$\Re(g_R^k),\ (k=1,2,3)$	$\pm[10^{-8},\ 3]$	Both	symlog
$\Im(g_R^k),\ (k=1,2,3)$	$\pm[10^{-8},\ 3]$	Both	symlog
$\Re(g_\Psi^k),\ (k=1,2,3)$	$\pm[10^{-8},\ 3]$	Non CI	symlog
$\Im(g_\Psi^k),\ (k=1,2,3)$	$\pm[10^{-8},\ 3]$	Non CI	symlog
$\Re(g_{F_j}^k),,\ (k=1,2,3),\ (j=1,2)$	$\pm[10^{-8},\ 3]$	Non CI	symlog
$\Im(g_{F_j}^k),\ (k=1,2,3),\ (j=1,2)$	$\pm[10^{-8},\ 3]$	Non CI	symlog
m_{ν_1}	$[10^{-16},\ 10^{-10}]$	CI	log
m_{ν_2}	$[\sqrt{m_{\nu_1}^2+6.82\times10^{-23}},\ \sqrt{m_{\nu_1}^2+8.04\times10^{-23}}]$	CI	linear
m_{ν_3}	$[\sqrt{m_{\nu_1}^2+2.435\times10^{-21}},\ \sqrt{m_{\nu_1}^2+2.598\times10^{-21}}]$	CI	linear
$\theta_{12}^{\rm PMNS}$	$[31.27,\ 35.86]\frac{\pi}{180}$	CI	linear
$\theta_{13}^{\rm PMNS}$	$[8.20,\ 8.93]\frac{\pi}{180}$	CI	linear
$\theta_{23}^{\rm PMNS}$	$[40.1,\ 51.7]\frac{\pi}{180}$	CI	linear
$\delta_{\rm CP}$	$[120,\ 369]\frac{\pi}{180}$	CI	linear
$\Re(\theta_k^{\rm R}),\ (k=1,2,3)$	$[0,\ 2\pi]$	CI	linear
$\Im(\theta_k^{\rm R}),\ (k=1,2,3)$	$\pm[10^{-8},\ 3]$	CI	symlog

Observable	Allowed Values	Parametrisation
m_h	$[124.25, 126.25]$ GeV	Both
$a_\mu^{\rm BSM}$	$[74,\ 428]\times10^{-11}$	Both
$\Omega_{\rm DM}h^2$	$[0.11,\ 0.13]$	Both
BR($\mu^-\to e^-\gamma$)	$<4.2\times10^{-13}$	Both
BR($\tau^-\to e^-\gamma$)	$<3.3\times10^{-8}$	Both
BR($\tau^-\to \mu^-\gamma$)	$<4.2\times10^{-8}$	Both
BR($\mu^-\to e^-e^+e^-$)	$<1.0\times10^{-12}$	Both
BR($\tau^-\to e^-e^+e^-$)	$<2.7\times10^{-8}$	Both
BR($\tau^-\to \mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$)	$<2.1\times10^{-8}$	Both
BR($\tau^-\to e^-\mu^+\mu^-$)	$<2.7\times10^{-8}$	Both
BR($\tau^-\to \mu^-e^+e^-$)	$<1.8\times10^{-8}$	Both
BR($\tau^-\to \mu^-e^+\mu^-$)	$<1.7\times10^{-8}$	Both
BR($\tau^-\to \mu^+e^-e^-$)	$<1.5\times10^{-8}$	Both
BR($\tau^-\to e^-\pi$)	$<8.0\times10^{-8}$	Both
BR($\tau^-\to e^-\eta$)	$<9.2\times10^{-8}$	Both
BR($\tau^-\to e^-\eta'$)	$<1.6\times10^{-7}$	Both
BR($\tau^-\to \mu^-\pi$)	$<1.1\times10^{-7}$	Both
BR($\tau^-\to \mu^-\eta$)	$<6.5\times10^{-8}$	Both
BR($\tau^-\to \mu^-\eta'$)	$<1.3\times10^{-7}$	Both
${\rm CR}_{\mu\to e}$(Ti)	$<4.3\times10^{-12}$	Both
${\rm CR}_{\mu\to e}$(Pb)	$<4.3\times10^{-11}$	Both
${\rm CR}_{\mu\to e}$(Au)	$<7.0\times10^{-13}$	Both
BR($Z^0\to e^\pm\mu^\mp$)	$<7.5\times10^{-7}$	Both
BR($Z^0\to e^\pm\tau^\mp$)	$<5.0\times10^{-6}$	Both
BR($Z^0\to \mu^\pm\tau^\mp$)	$<6.5\times10^{-6}$	Both
$\sigma_{\rm SI}^{\rm DM}$	LZ bounds	Both
Δm_{21}^2	$[6.82,\ 8.04]\times10^{-5}{\rm eV}^2$	Non CI
Δm_{31}^2	$[2.435,\ 2.598]\times10^{-3}{\rm eV}^2$	Non CI
$\sin^2(\theta_{12})$	$[0.269,\ 0.343]$	Non CI
$\sin^2(\theta_{13})$	$[0.02032,\ 0.02410]$	Non CI
$\sin^2(\theta_{23})$	$[0.415,\ 0.616]$	Non CI
$\delta_{\rm CP}$	$[120,\ 369]\times\frac{2\pi}{360}$	Non CI
$\lvert g_{F_j}^k\rvert,\ (k=1,2,3),\ (j=1,2)$	$[0,\ 4\pi]$	CI
$\lvert g_\Psi^k\rvert,\ (k=1,2,3)$	$[0,\ 4\pi]$	CI

Algorithms

Covariance matrix adaptation evolution strategy (CMA-ES)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CMA-ES]

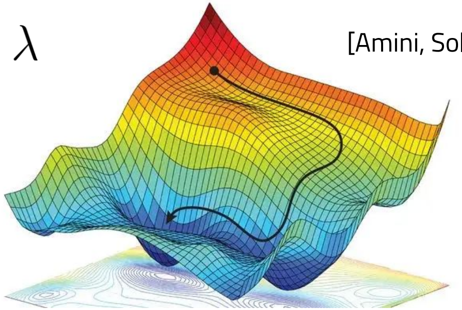


- Non genetic evolutionary algorithm
- Normal multivariate distribution
  - Mean: evolution direction
  - Covariance matrix: adapted iteratively

$$\theta_i^{(g+1)} \sim m^{(g)} + \sigma^{(g)} \mathcal{N}(0, \mathcal{C}^{(g)}) \quad \text{for} \quad i = 1, \cdots, \lambda$$

- Similar to a *gradient descent*

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_n - \gamma \nabla F(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

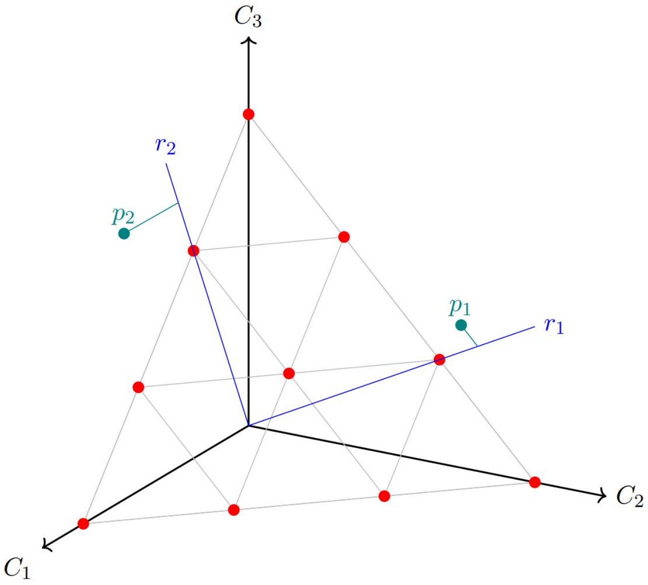


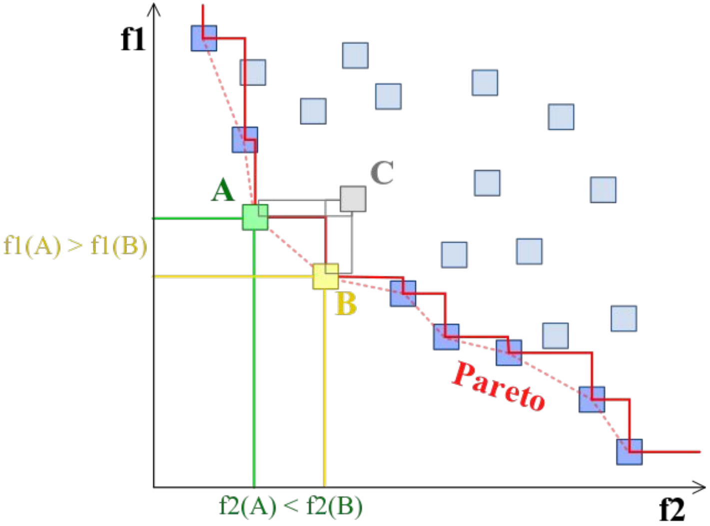
[Amini, Soleimany, Karaman, Rus, 2019]

Algorithms

Non-dominated Sorting Genetic Algorithm - III (NSGA-III)

- Multi-objective genetic algorithm
- Uses reference lines to increase diversity of solutions





[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pareto_front]

Algorithms

Non-dominated Sorting Genetic Algorithm - III (NSGA-III)

Hyperparameter	Value	Description	Algorithm
$\sigma^{(0)}$	1.0	Initial step size	CMA-ES
N	1000	Maximum number of generations	CMA-ES
N	2000	Maximum number of generations	NSGA-III
μ	400	Population size	NSGA-III
P_{cx}	0.9	Crossover probability	NSGA-III
η_{cx}	30	Crossover crowding factor	NSGA-III
P_{mut}	0.5	Mutation probability	NSGA-III
η_{mut}	40	Mutation crowding factor	NSGA-III
P_{ind}	$\frac{4}{N_{\text{dim}}}$	Independent mutation probability	NSGA-III