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Using Machine Learning to Scan Beyond Standard Model Parameter Spaces

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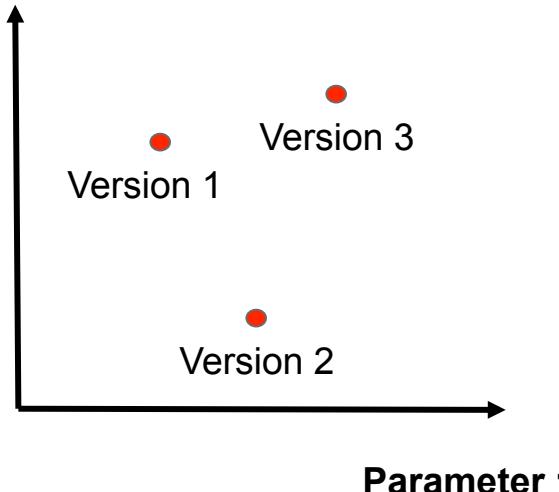
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Introduction

Beyond Standard Model Parameter Spaces

Parameter 2



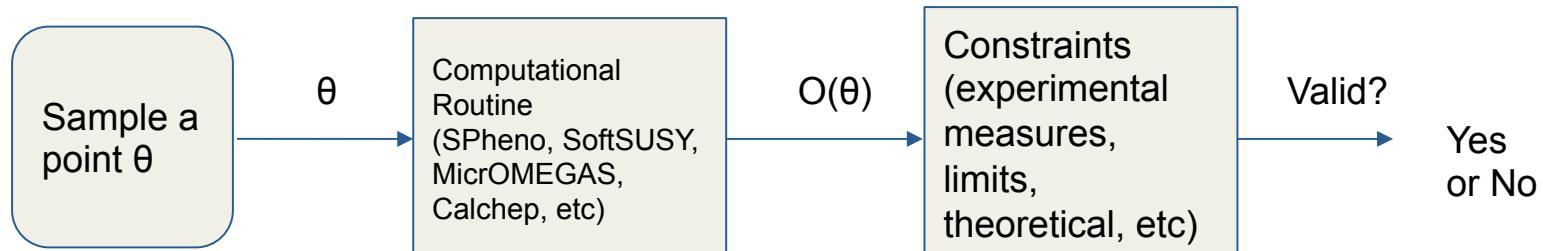
- BSM models typically have many free parameters.
These parameter form a **parameter space**
- Each point in the **parameter space** corresponds to a **unique version** of the **theoretical model**
- Which → versions agree with **experimental data**?

Need to **scan** the parameter space in search for valid points

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Scanning Parameter Spaces

- Parameter space scanning is usually **computationally and time consuming**
- Difficulty increases for highly constrained cases: **low parameter sampling efficiency**

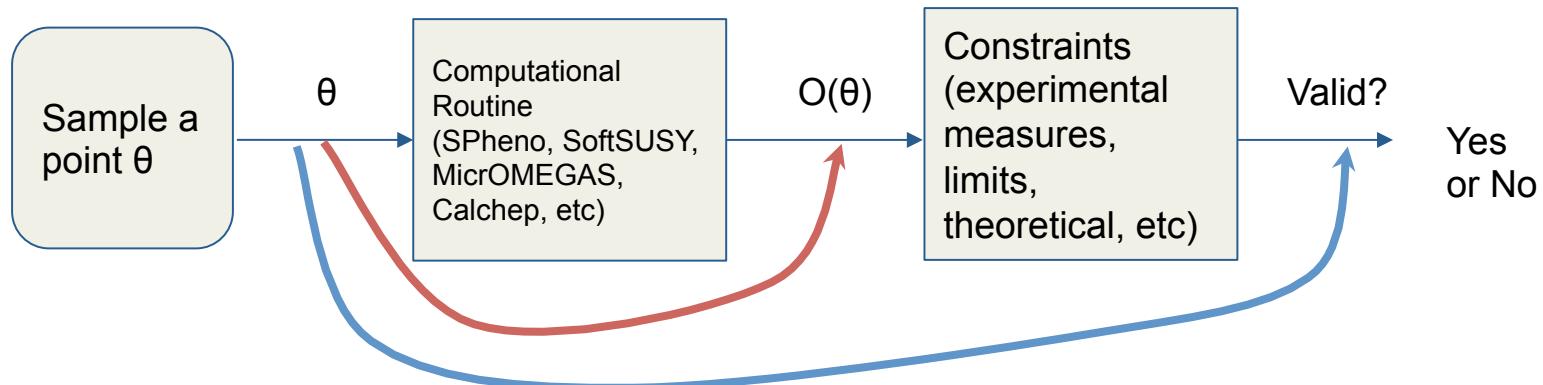


For more difficult scans one usually adapts for simplicity (e.g. known alignment limits, a priori choice of parameter space corners, less constraints, etc)

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Scanning Parameter Spaces

- Considering that the **observable computation** is the heavy step, try to **replace it**, either by **predicting the observables (regression)** or **predicting if a point is valid (classification)**
- Problem:** Vast amount of data required for training



Kronheim, et al
[2007.04506]

Caron, et al [1605.02797]; Ren, et al
[1708.06615]; Staub [1906.03277]

Exploring Parameter Spaces with ML/AI Search Algorithms

Exploring Parameter Spaces with Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Black-Box Optimisation Algorithms

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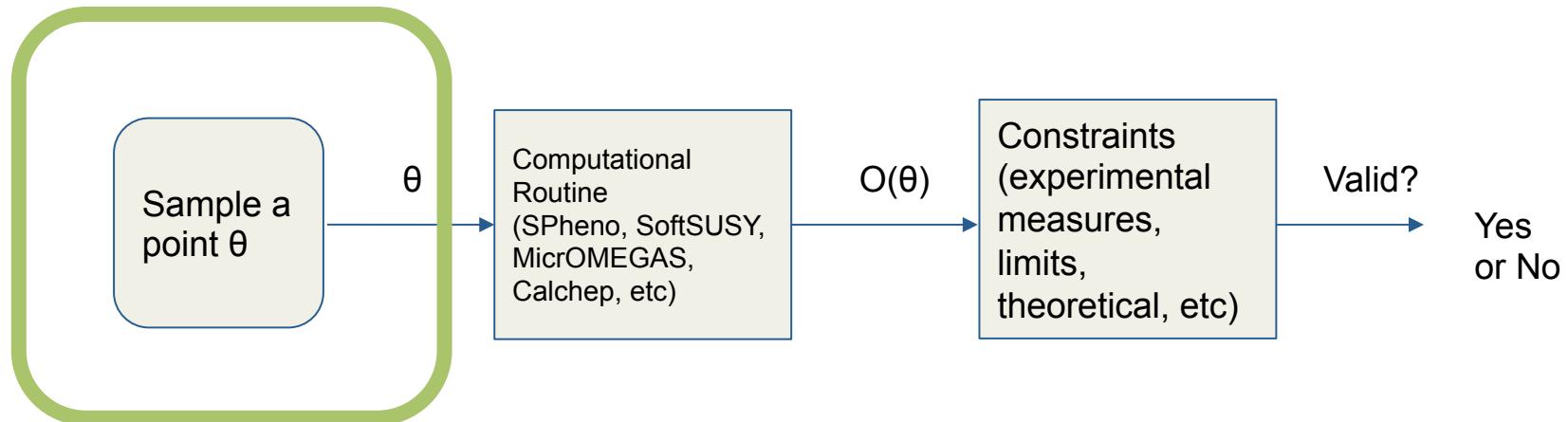
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.09223>

code: https://gitlab.com/lip_ml/blackboxbsm

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Problem (re)framing: face the sampling

- The “ah-ah” moment of this work was to consider: **what if we change the sampling itself**



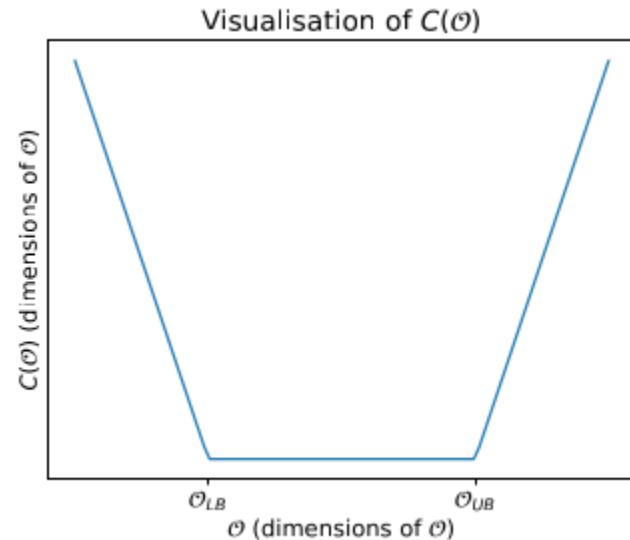
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Problem (re)framing: BSM as a black-box

- We do not look at if a point is valid or try to predict observables
- Instead, we look at **how far a point is from being valid**
- Let $C(\mathcal{O})$ be a function of a observable

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

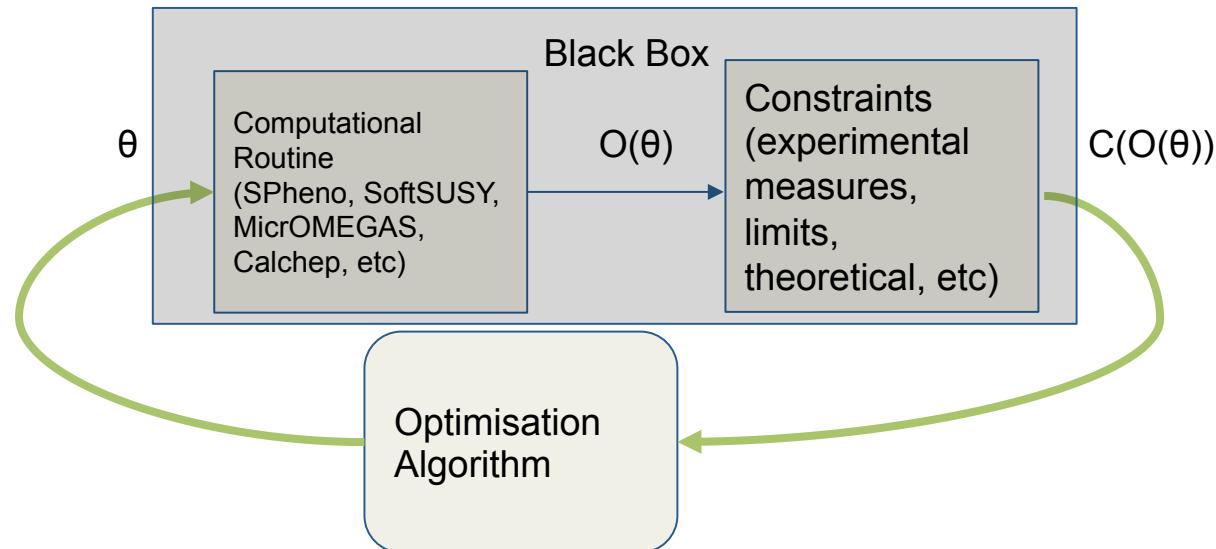
→ **Finding the valid points is the same as minimising $C(\mathcal{O})$**



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Problem (re)framing: BSM as a black-box

- Since $O=O(\theta)$ we can **close the loop** and **optimise in order to the parameters** $C(O)=C(O(\theta))$. From the outside, $C(O(\theta))$ is a **Black-Box**
=> Black-Box Optimisation Problem



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The physics models and computational routine

- We used the same physics cases as Hollingsworth, et al [2103.06957]

- **cMSSM**: 4 parameters
 - **pMSSM**: 19 parameters

- We performed two studies:
 - **Higgs mass** constraint

$$Loss(\theta) = C(m_{h^0}(\theta))$$

- **Higgs mass** and **Dark Matter Relic Density** constraints by adding them up

$$Loss(\theta) = C(m_{h^0}(\theta)) + C(\Omega_{DM} h^2(\theta))$$

Constraint	\mathcal{O}_{LB}	\mathcal{O}_{UB}
m_h	122 GeV	128 GeV
$\Omega_{DM} h^2$	0.08	0.14

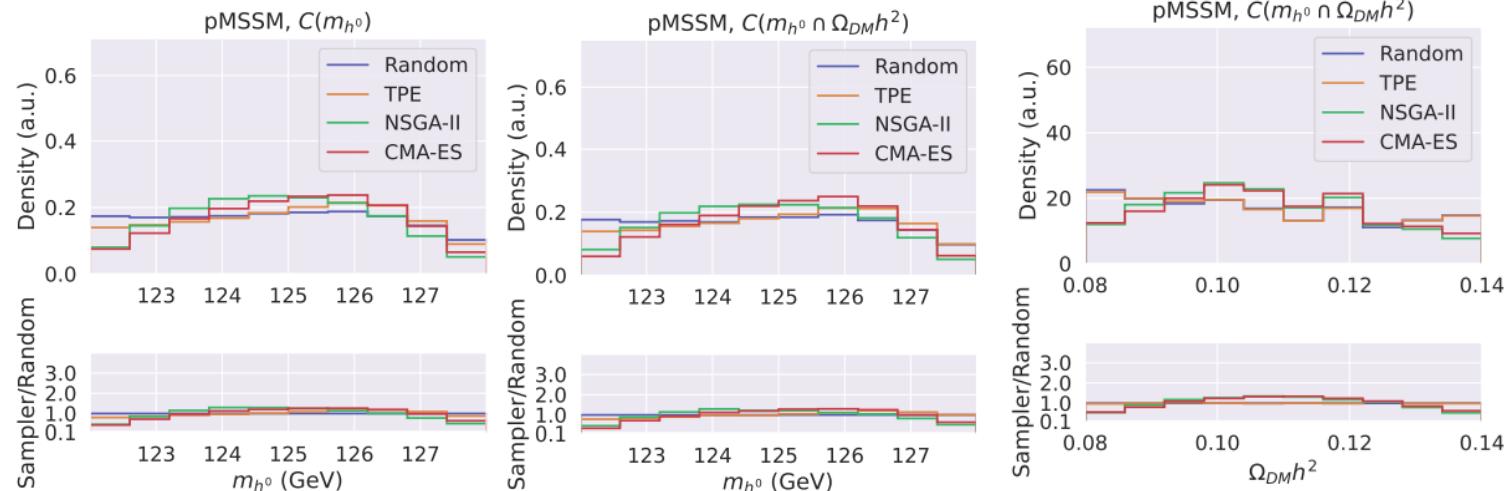
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Meet the algorithms

- The fields of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning have a multitude of **search algorithms** for **black-box optimisation**
- We explore **three different classes of algorithms** to see their differences
 - A **Bayesian** Optimisation Algorithm: Tree-Parzen Estimator (TPE)
 - A **Genetic** Algorithm: Nondominated Sorting Genetic Algorithm II (NSGA-II)
 - An (non-genetic) **Evolutionary** Algorithm: Covariant Matrix Approximation Evolution Strategy (CMA-ES)

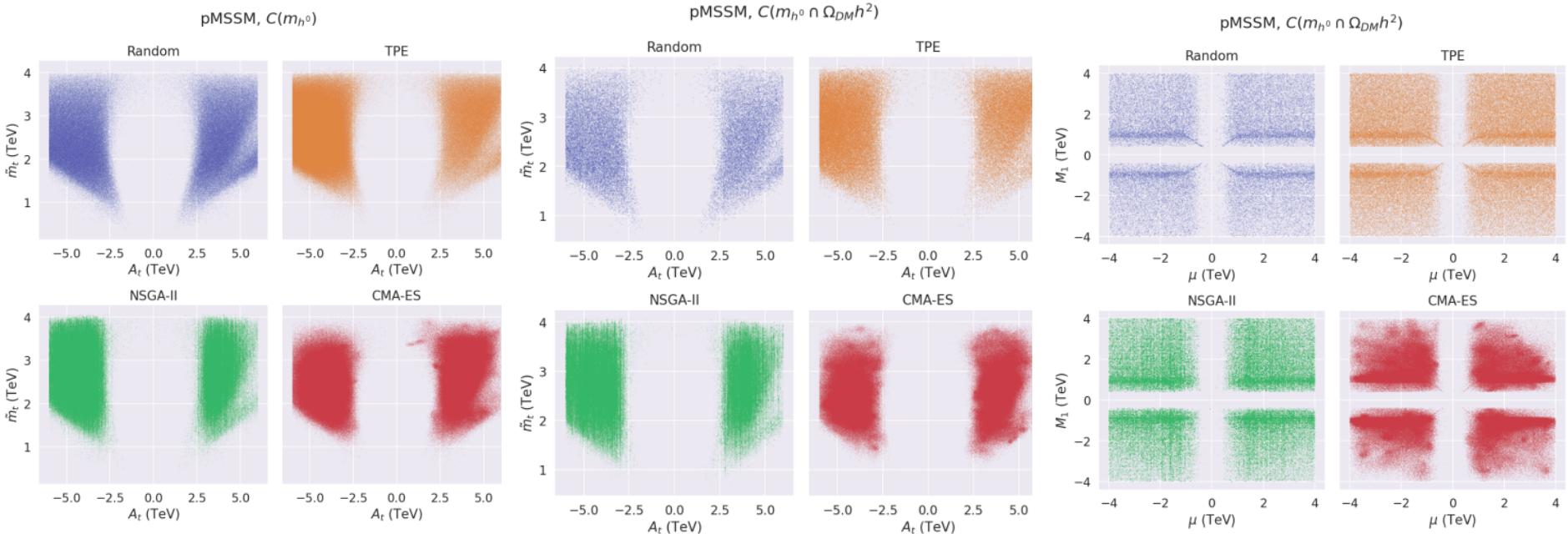
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Results: pMSSM observables



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Results: pMSSM parameter scatters



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Results: Performance metrics

- Efficiency (bigger is better)  ***exploitation***

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\# \text{ valid trials}}{\# \text{ total trials}}$$

Model	Constraint	Sampler			
		Random	TPE	NSGA-II	CMA-ES
cMSSM	m_h	0.401 ± 0.010	0.668 ± 0.012	0.715 ± 0.014	0.924 ± 0.023
	$m_{h_0} \cap \Omega_{DM} h^2$	0.006 ± 0.001	0.127 ± 0.008	0.281 ± 0.041	0.687 ± 0.084
pMSSM	m_h	0.309 ± 0.010	0.557 ± 0.038	0.862 ± 0.015	0.899 ± 0.034
	$m_h \cap \Omega_{DM} h^2$	0.038 ± 0.004	0.099 ± 0.013	0.663 ± 0.036	0.576 ± 0.073

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Results: Performance metrics

- Wasserstein Distance (smaller is better) → *exploration*

$$WD(f, g) = \int_U |F(u) - G(u)| du$$

Model	Constraint	Sampler			
		Random	TPE	NSGA-II	CMA-ES
cMSSM	m_{h_0}	0.229 ± 0.014	0.276 ± 0.020	0.364 ± 0.039	0.627 ± 0.099
	$m_{h_0} \cap \Omega_{DM} h^2$	0.797 ± 0.113	1.101 ± 0.062	1.150 ± 0.090	1.186 ± 0.117
pMSSM	m_{h_0}	0.495 ± 0.030	1.270 ± 0.137	2.028 ± 0.188	3.997 ± 0.449
	$m_{h_0} \cap \Omega_{DM} h^2$	0.939 ± 0.079	2.369 ± 0.274	2.800 ± 0.278	4.932 ± 0.331

Conclusions

- We presented a new approach to parameter space scanning: **black-box optimisation**
- The dynamic samplers introduced produced **up to 2 orders of magnitude increased sampling efficiency without the need of a prior training dataset**
- Different samplers have different **exploration-exploitation trade-off**
 - **Bayesian** (TPE) → best **coverage**
 - **Evolutionary** (CMA-ES) → best **efficiency**
 - **Genetic** (NSGA-II) → somewhere **in between**

Future work

- Develop **custom** samplers that can maximise **coverage** and **efficiency**
- Explore **multi-objective** optimisation algorithms
- Go **beyond proof-of-concept** and apply methodology to more difficult and realistic scans