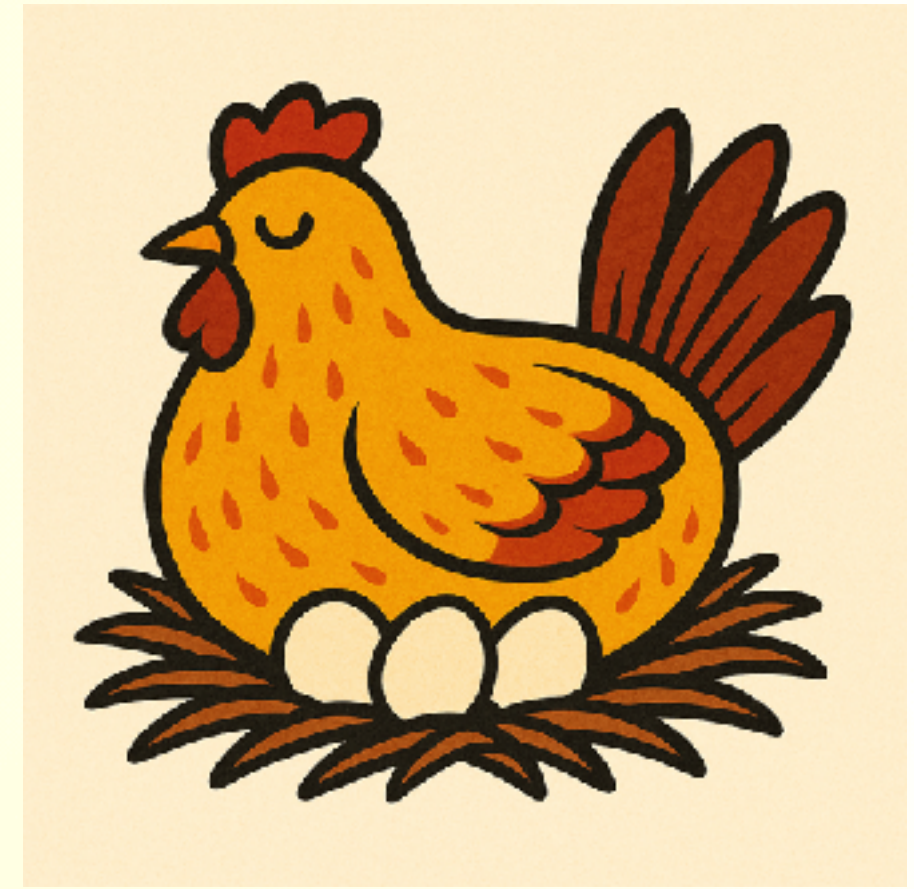




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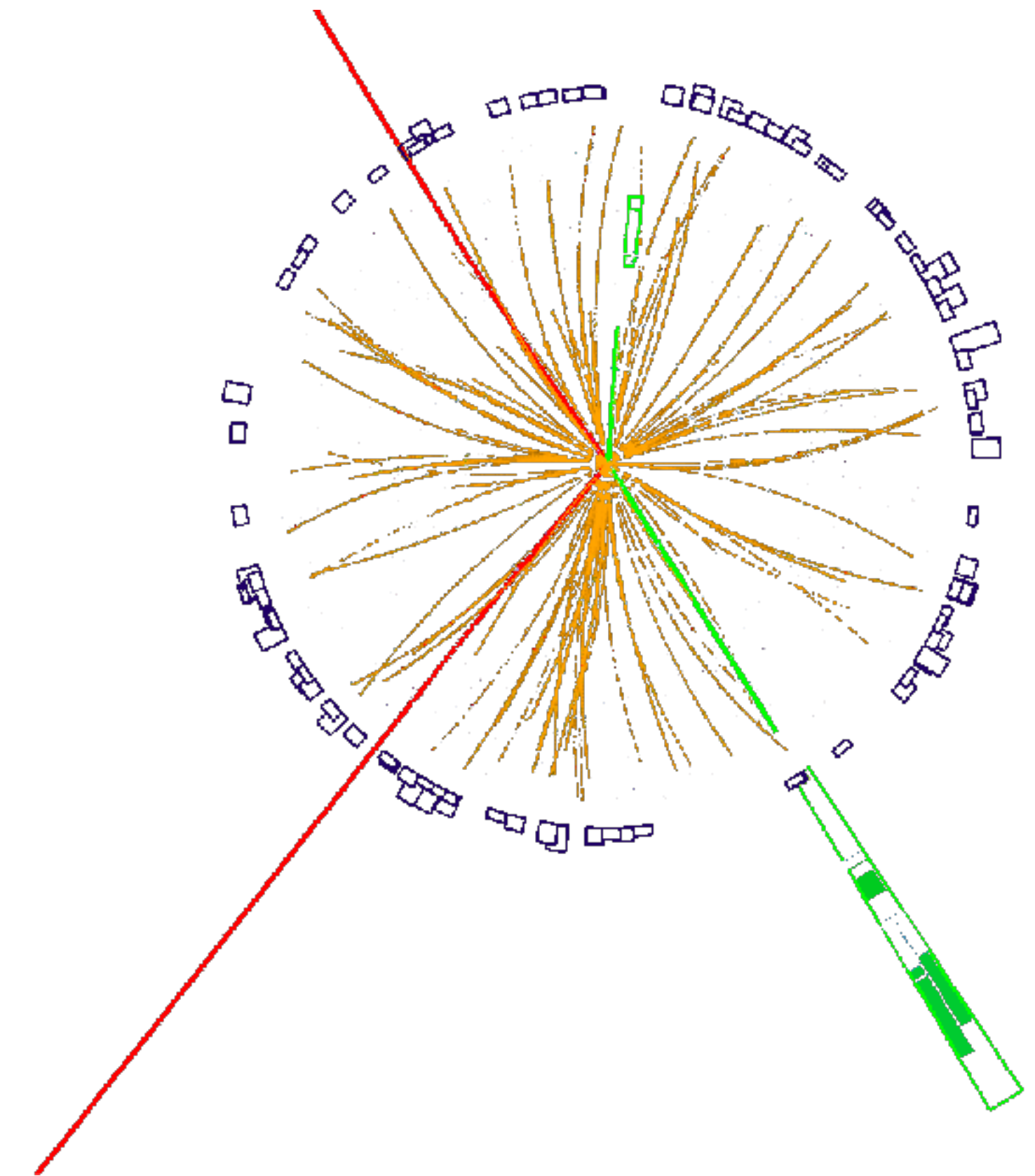


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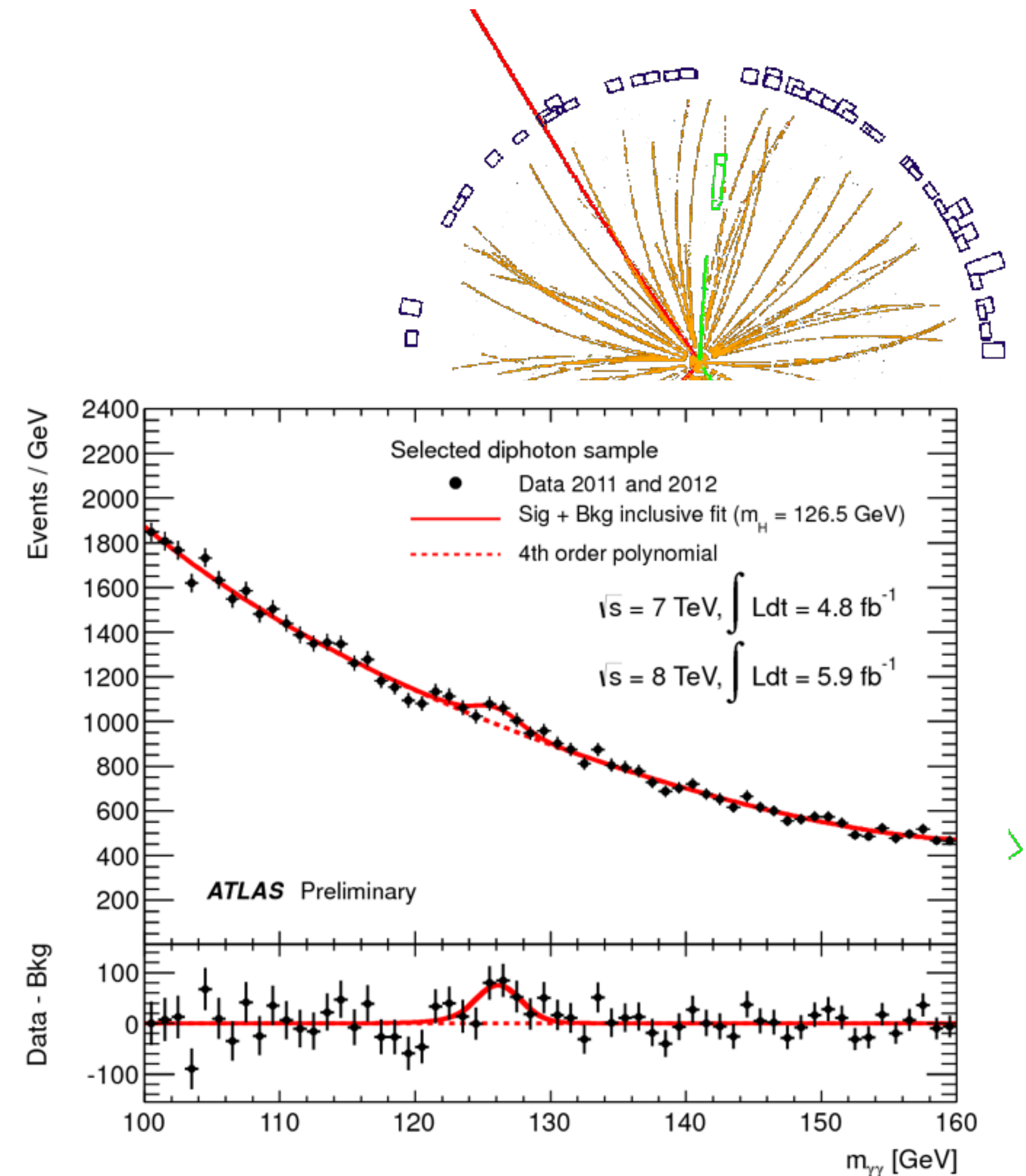


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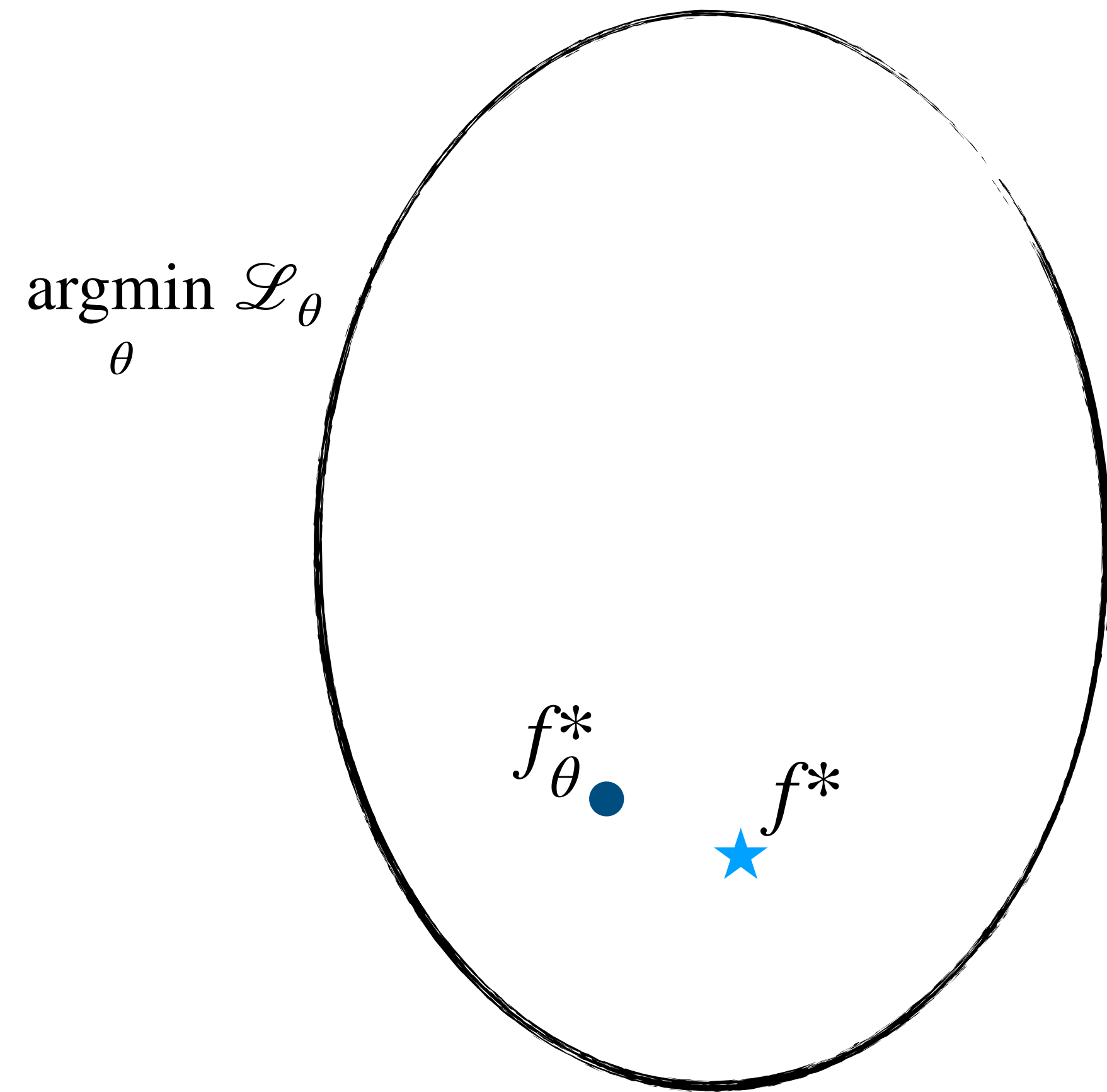
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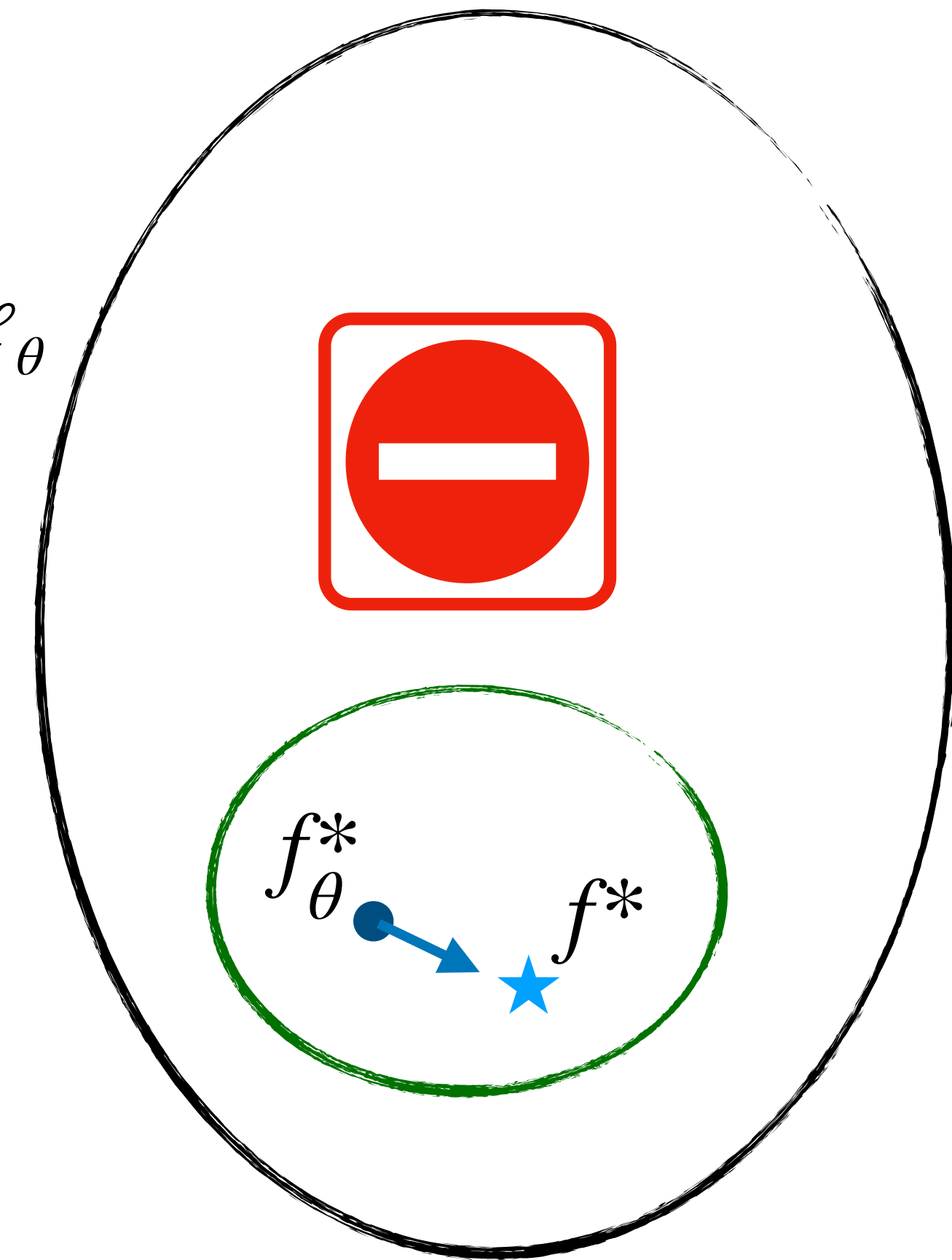
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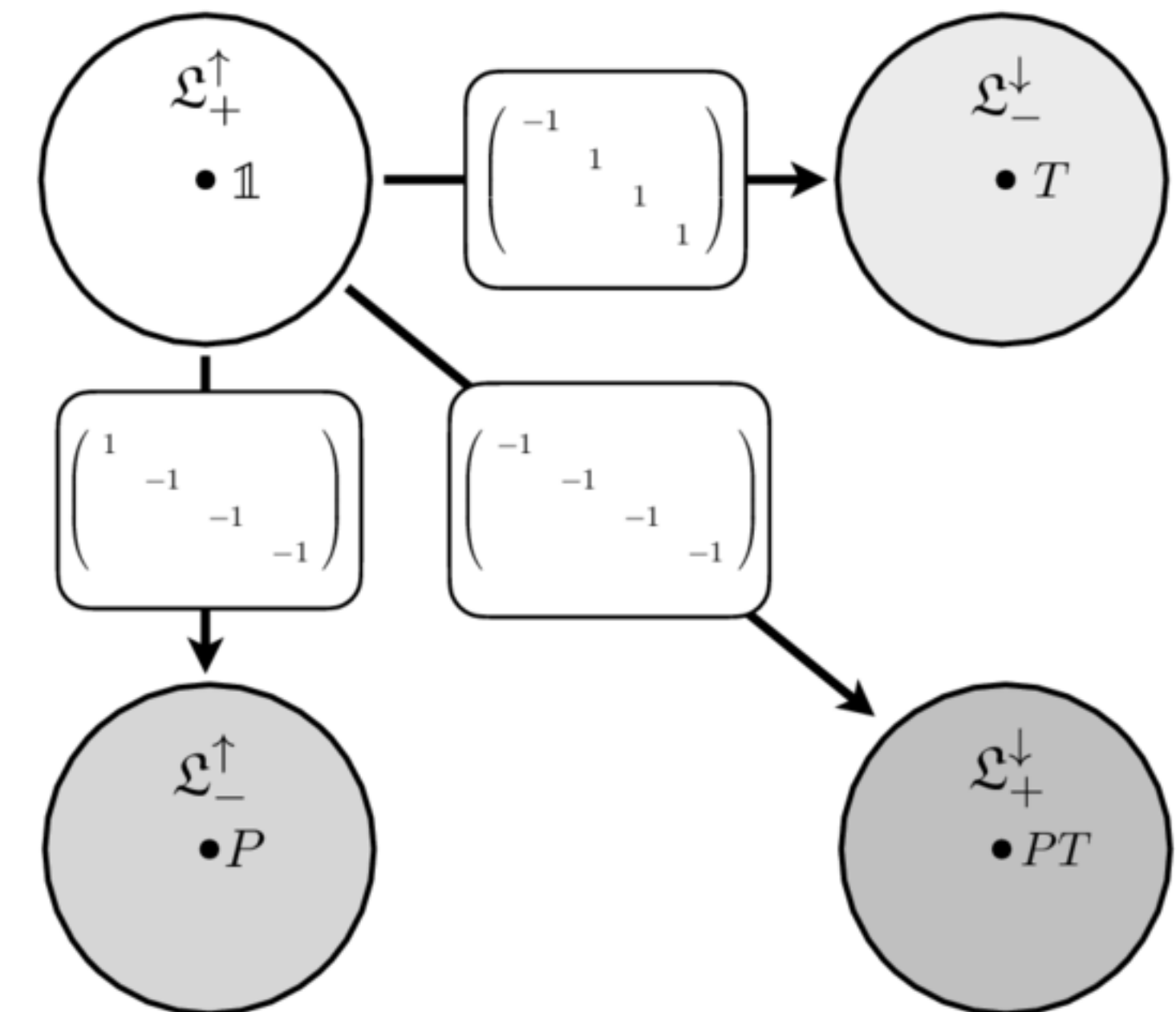
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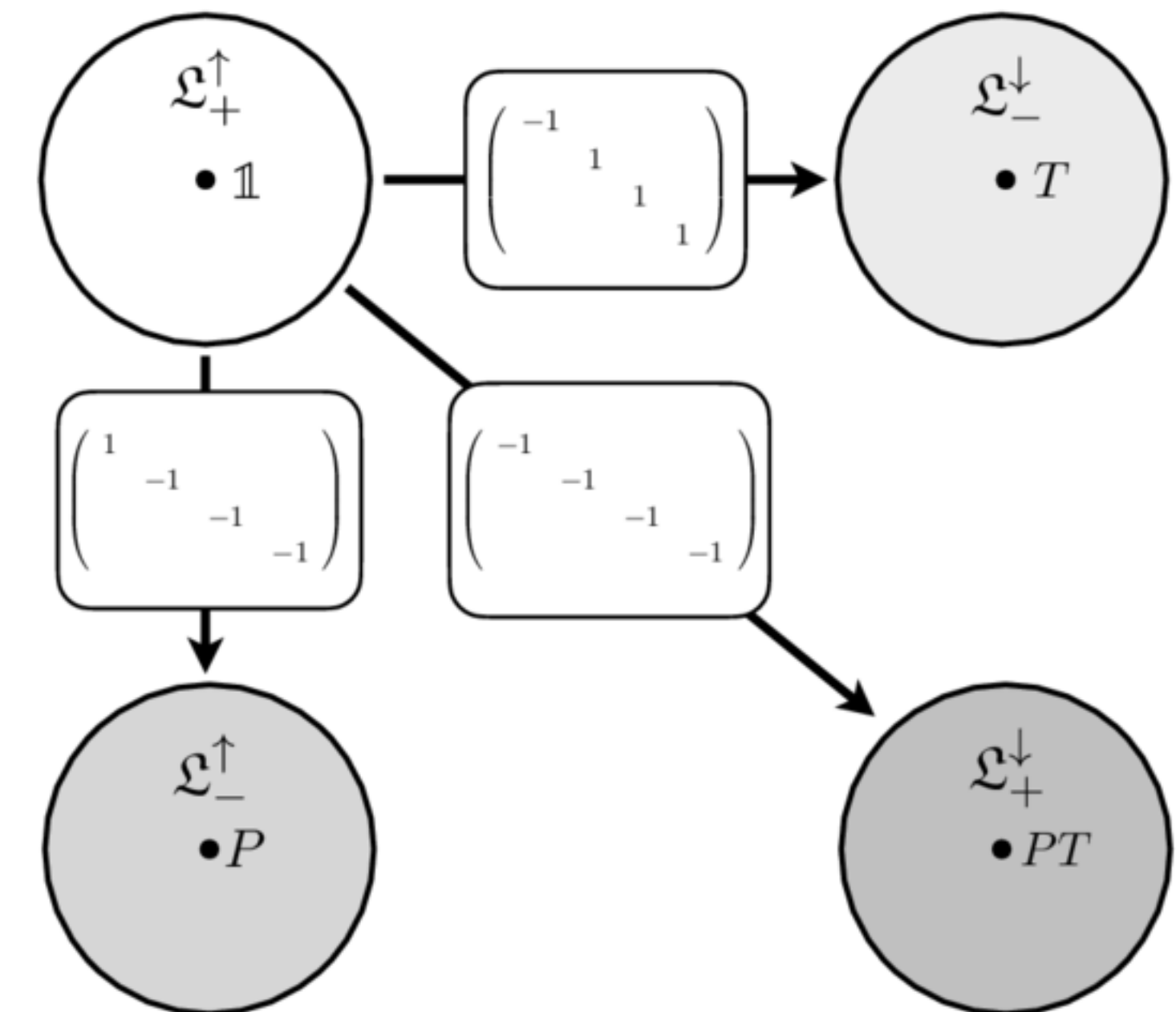
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or with the metric $g = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1)$ $\langle x, y \rangle = g_{\mu\nu} x^\mu y^\nu$

- Condition on the elements of the Lorentz group reads

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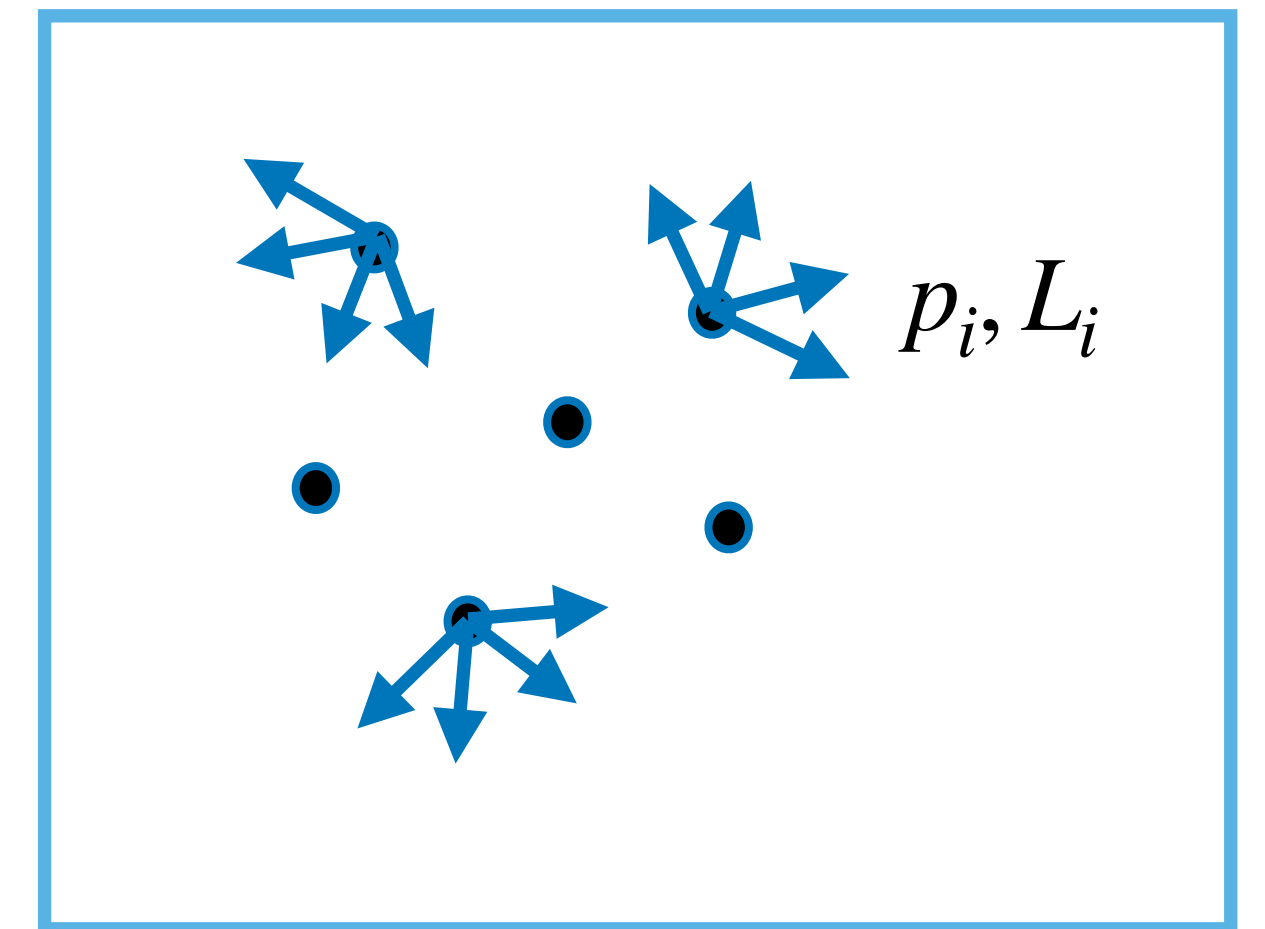
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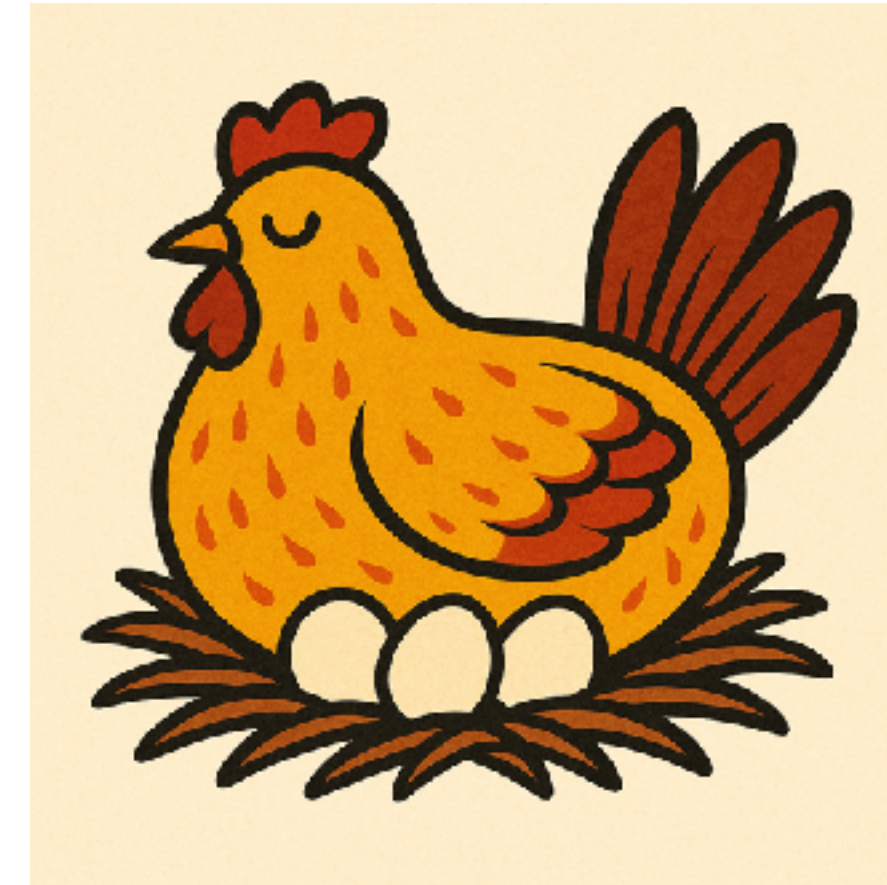
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Lorentz Local Canonicalization, or LloCa

- Equivariantly Predict three vectors for each particle*;
- Apply Gram-Schmidt and predict the 4th vector;
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Applicable to any neural network which uses geometric input



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Technical aspects:

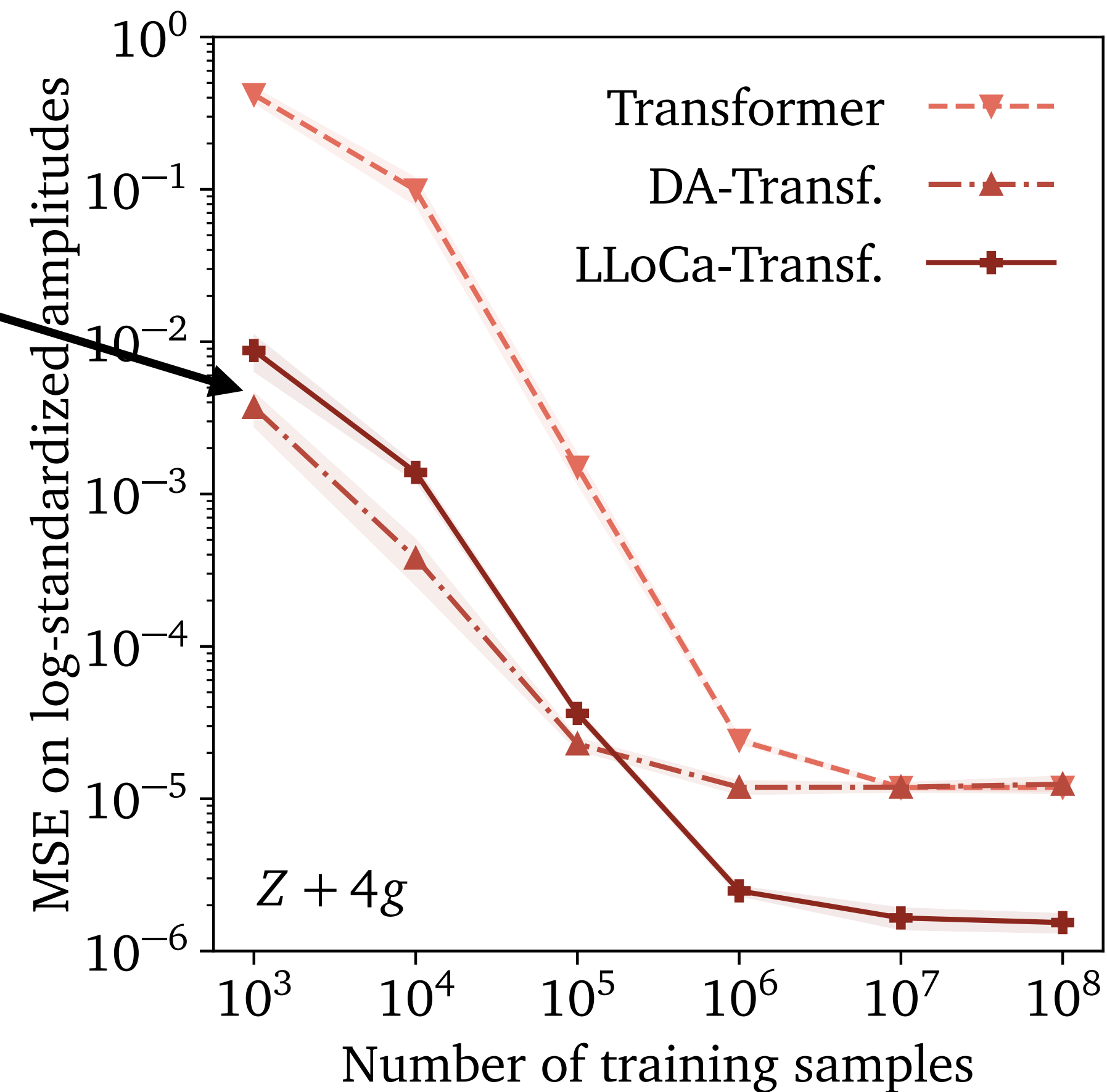
- Better to use a polar decomposition, $L = RB$;
- Predictor can be a (small) neural network;

$$^* v_{i,k} = \sum_{j=1}^N \text{softmax} \left(\varphi_k(s_i, s_j, \langle p_i, p_j \rangle) \right) (p_i + p_j) \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2.$$

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“Data augmentation” is
a valid alternative if
little data is available

Data augmentation: pick a random
global reference frame $g \in G$



Regression of an “amplitude”,
a Lorentz-invariant scalar

Equivalence improves predictions

Thanks for your attention!