If [...] indefinite time can be allowed for judging of the truth of an explanatory hypothesis, the most favorable conclusion is that the consequences of [those] hypotheses that are susceptible of verification should be subjected to systematic and thorough tests. This, which may be called Scientific Retroduction, will be subject to considerations of economy.


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