

# ElasticNet avec gestion des interactions et débiaisage

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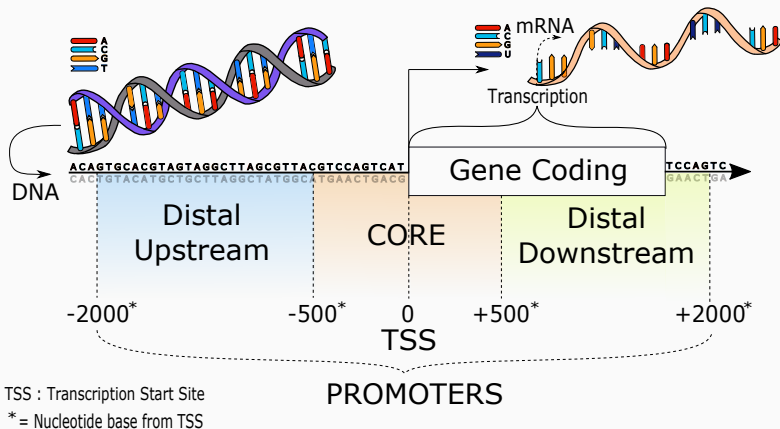
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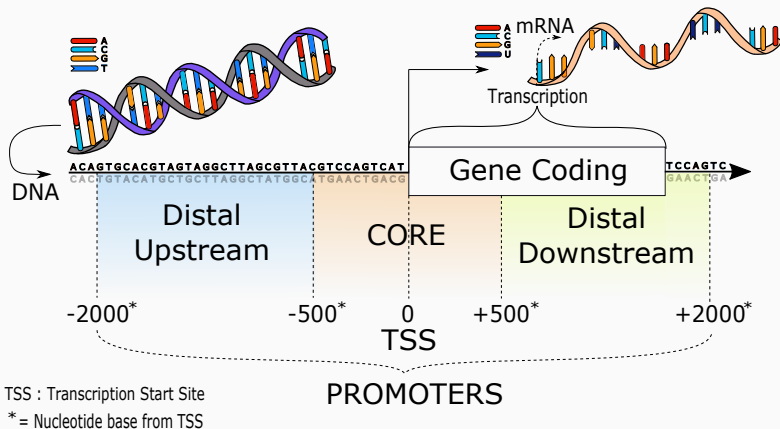
# Motivation

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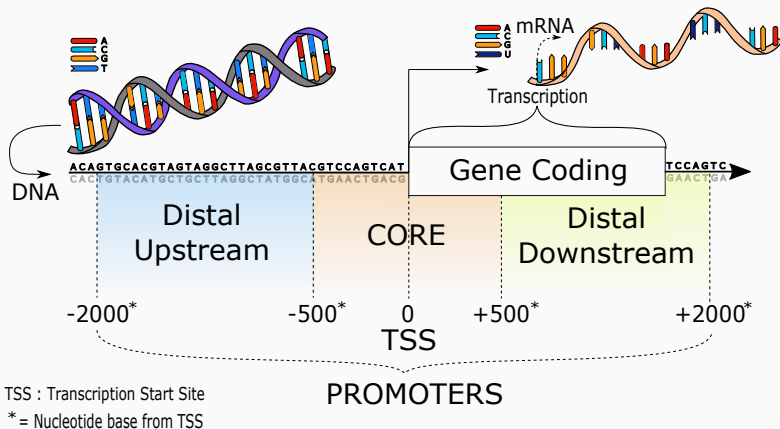
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$$\text{Here : } \begin{cases} n \approx 20\,000 : \text{genes number} \\ p \approx 500 : \text{number of main features} \\ q \approx 140\,000 : \text{number of quadratic features} \end{cases}$$



## ElasticNet with interactions

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Q: How to solve it ? A: Coordinate Descent<sup>4</sup> algorithm

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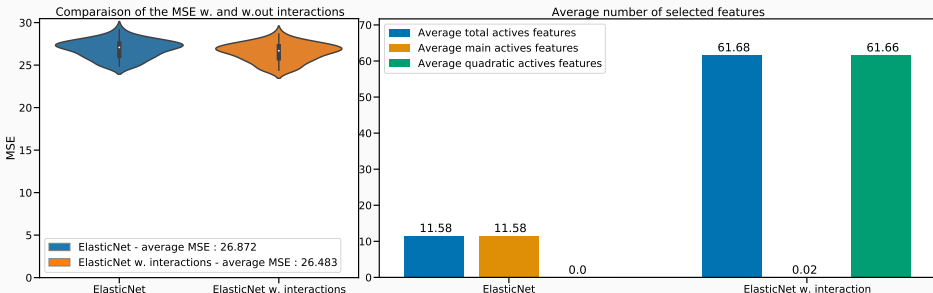
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(a) MSE error

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# Debiasing the ElasticNet

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Pro : updating scheme well fitted for coordinate descent.

Simulation Study :  $y = X\beta^* + Z\Theta^* + \varepsilon$  w.  $n = 100$ ,  $p = 50$ ,  $q = 1275$

- study different interaction hierarchical<sup>7</sup> cases : strong, weak and random.
- $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0_p, \Sigma_{p \times p})$ ,  $\Sigma_{p \times p}$  produce correlation Toeplitz on  $X$  :

$$\Sigma_{p \times p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.9 & 0.9^2 & \dots & 0.9^{p-2} & 0.9^{p-1} \\ 0.9 & 1 & 0.9 & \dots & 0.9^{p-3} & 0.9^{p-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0.9^{p-1} & 0.9^{p-2} & 0.9^{p-3} & \dots & 0.9 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

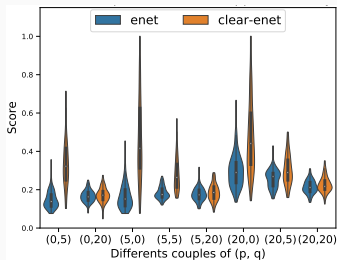
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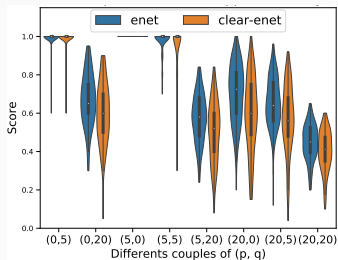
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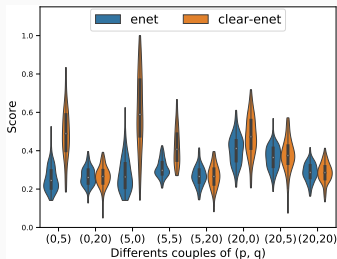
## Simulated result in random cases : 100 repetitions of 5-folds CV.<sup>9</sup>



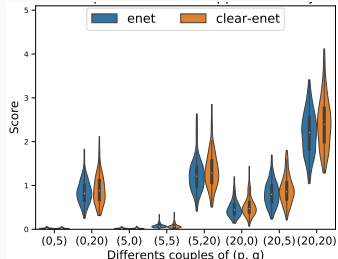
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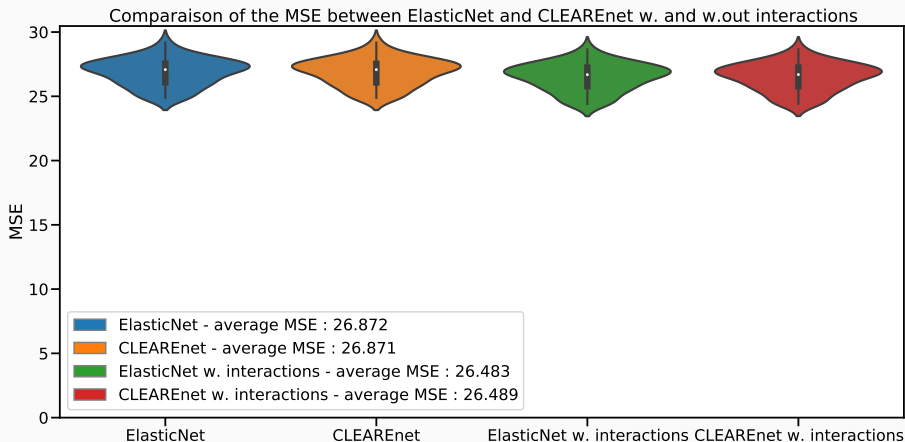
(c) F1 score



(d) MSE

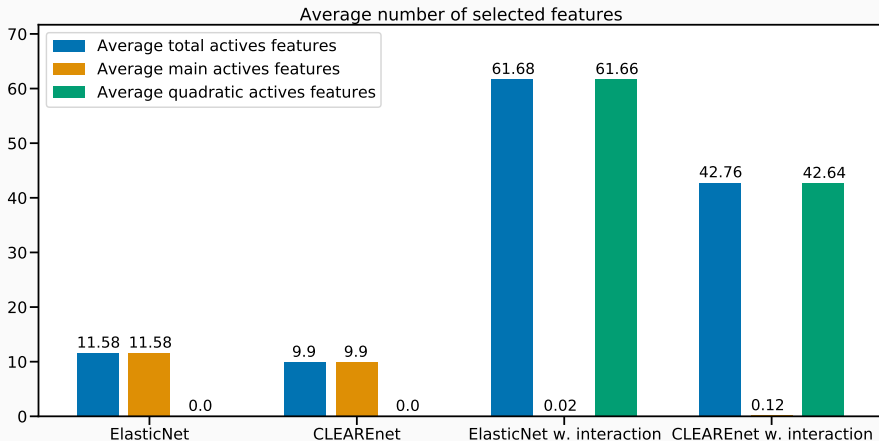
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- ➋ CLEARNet helps debiasing ElasticNet and reduces the number of actives features ;

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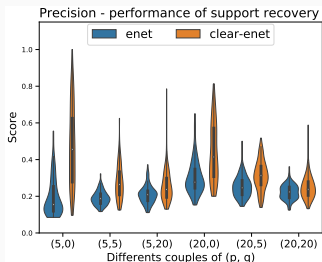
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# Appendix

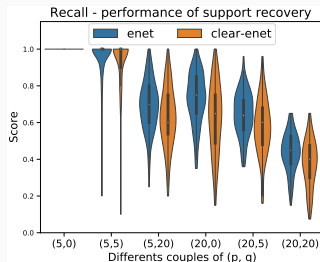
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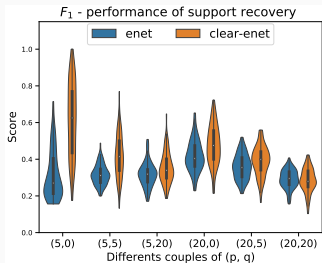
# Strong cases : Result after 100 repetition of 5-folds CV.<sup>14</sup>



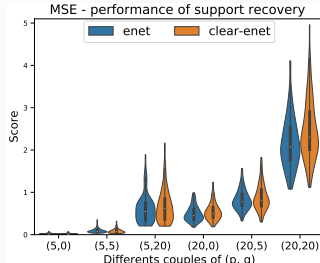
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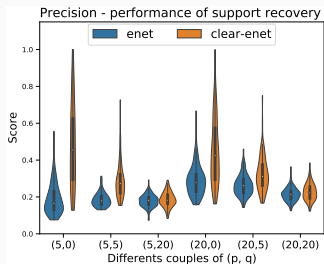
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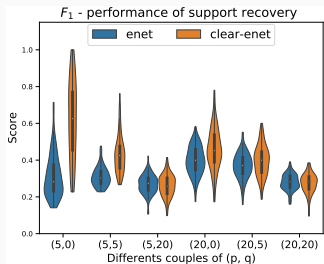
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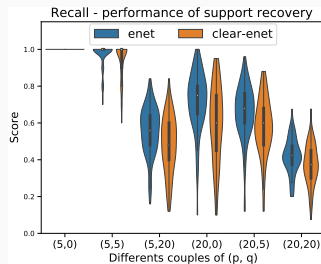
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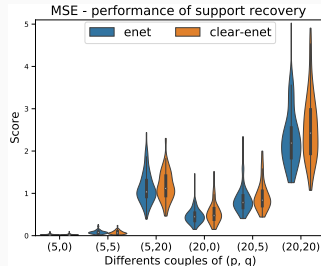
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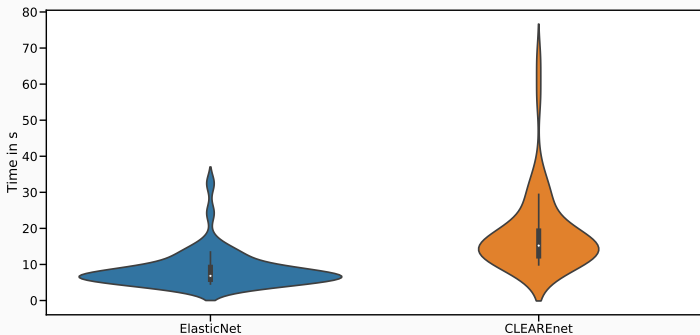
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