

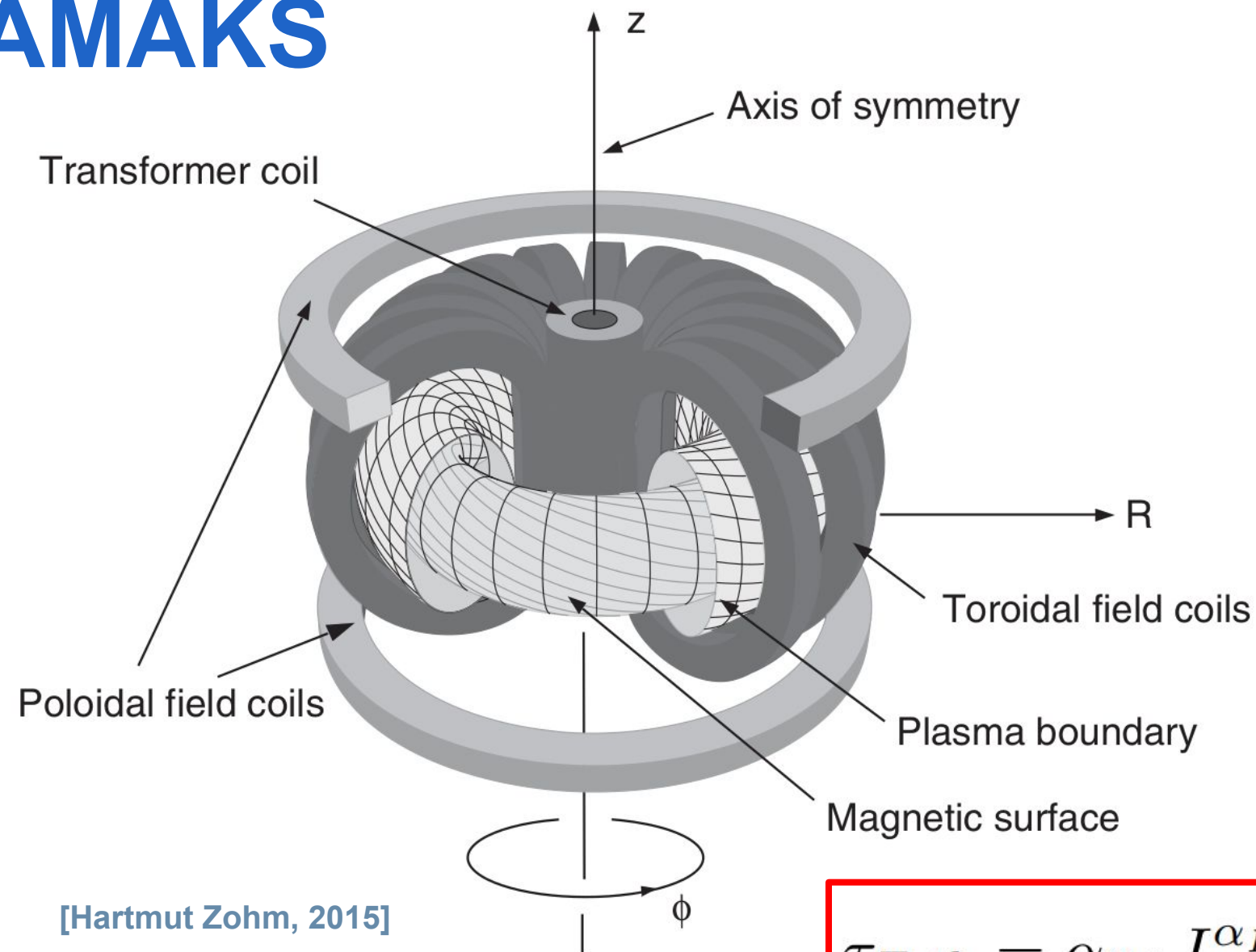
INVESTIGATING THE DEPENDENCE ON MACHINE SIZE OF THE ENERGY CONFINEMENT IN TOKAMAKS USING DATA-DRIVEN METHODS

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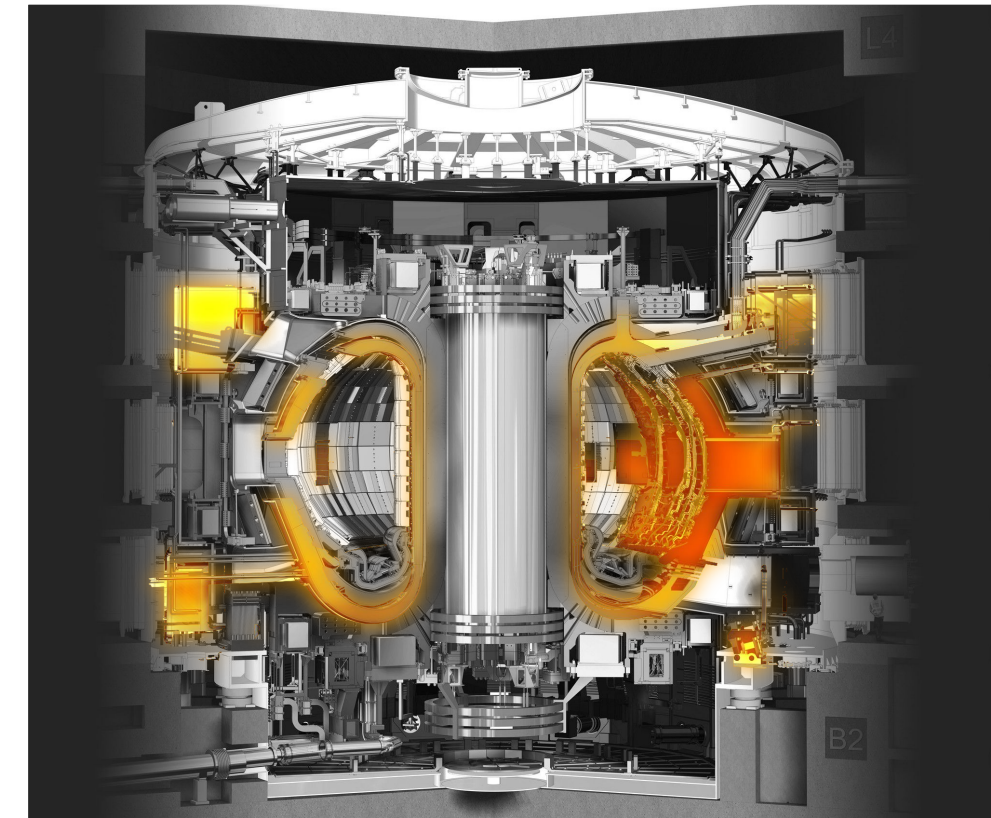
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[Hartmut Zohm, 2015]



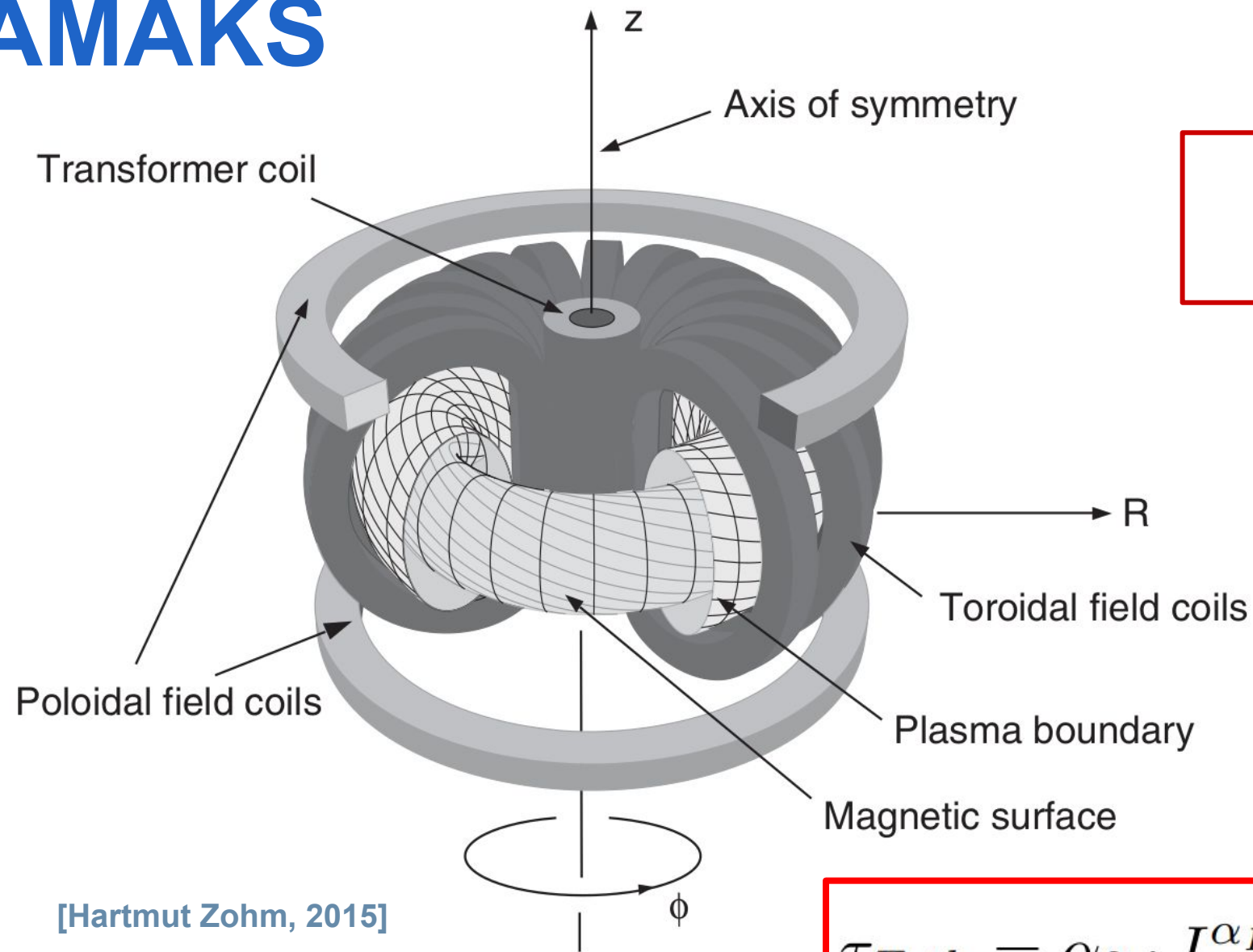
[ITER Organization, 2023]

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OLS

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TOKAMAKS



H-mode (EMLy subset) confinement database

STDB2
1998

$$\alpha_R \sim 2.22$$

WHY?

STDB5
2021

$$\alpha_R \sim 1.45$$

DATA?

PHYSICS?

WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

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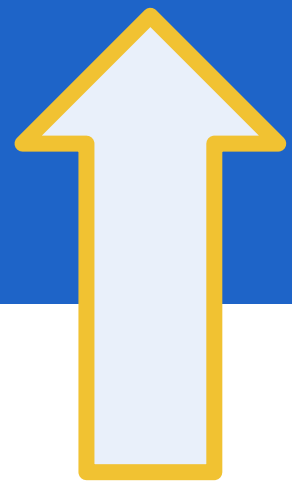
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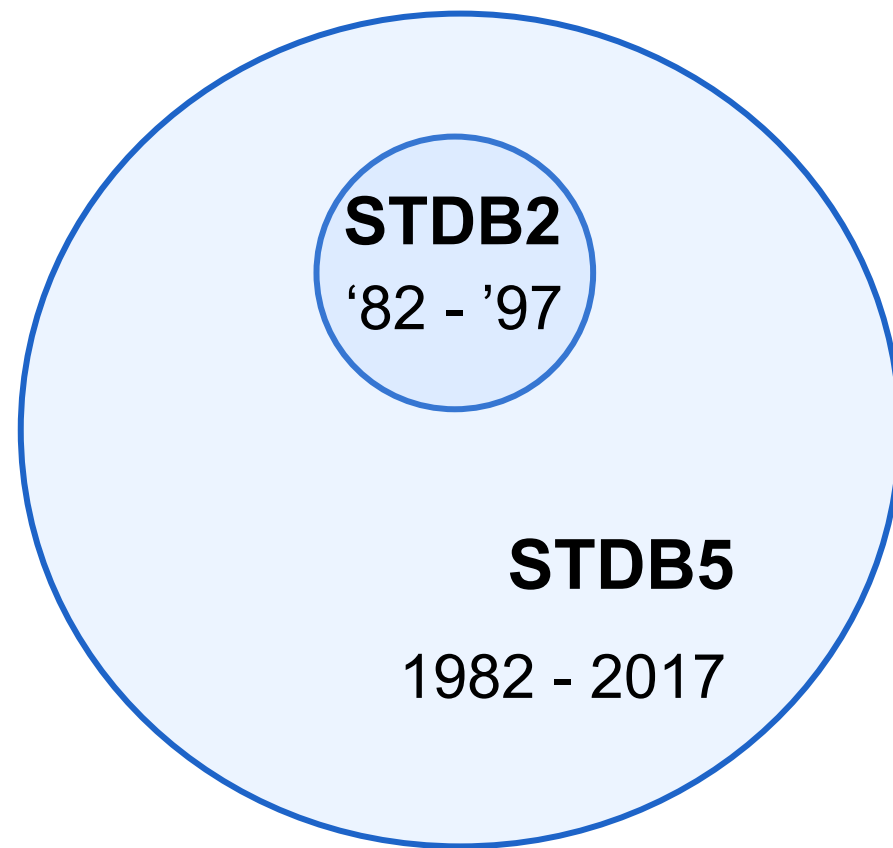
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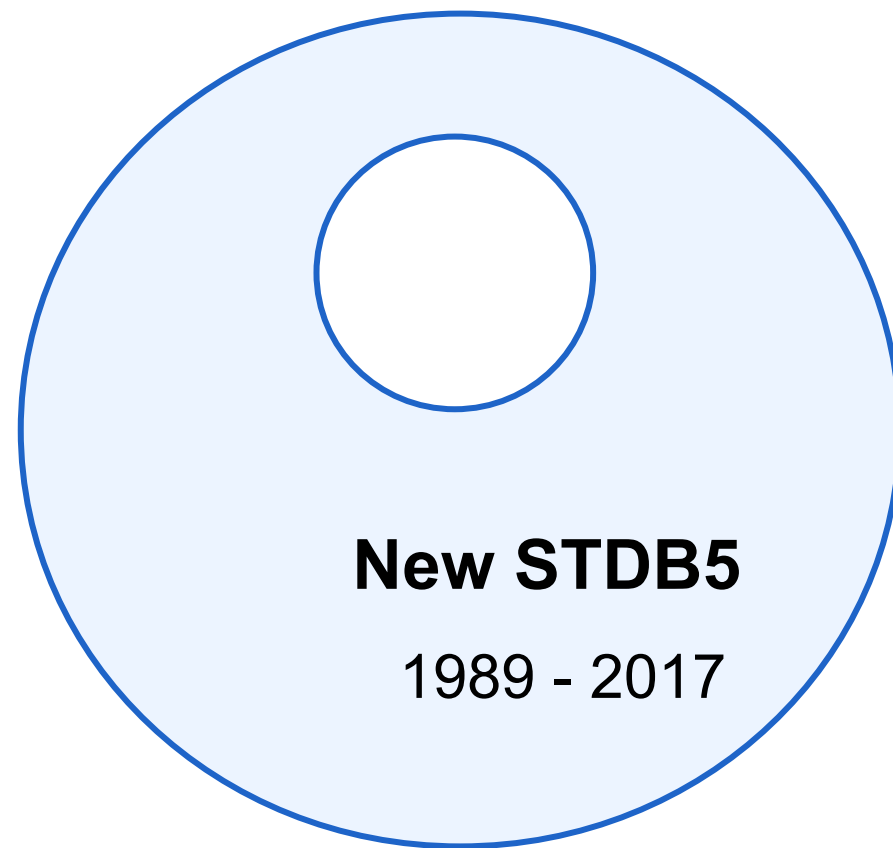


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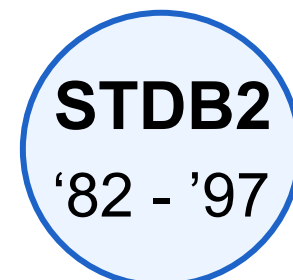


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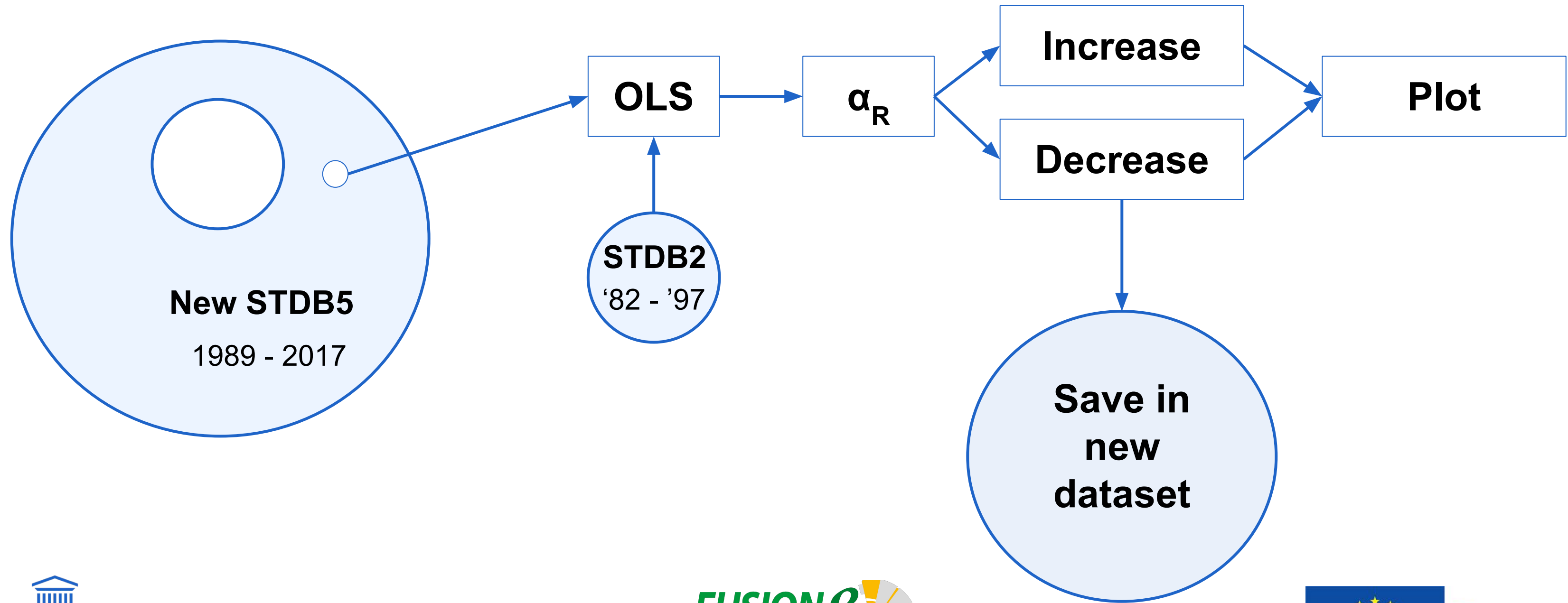


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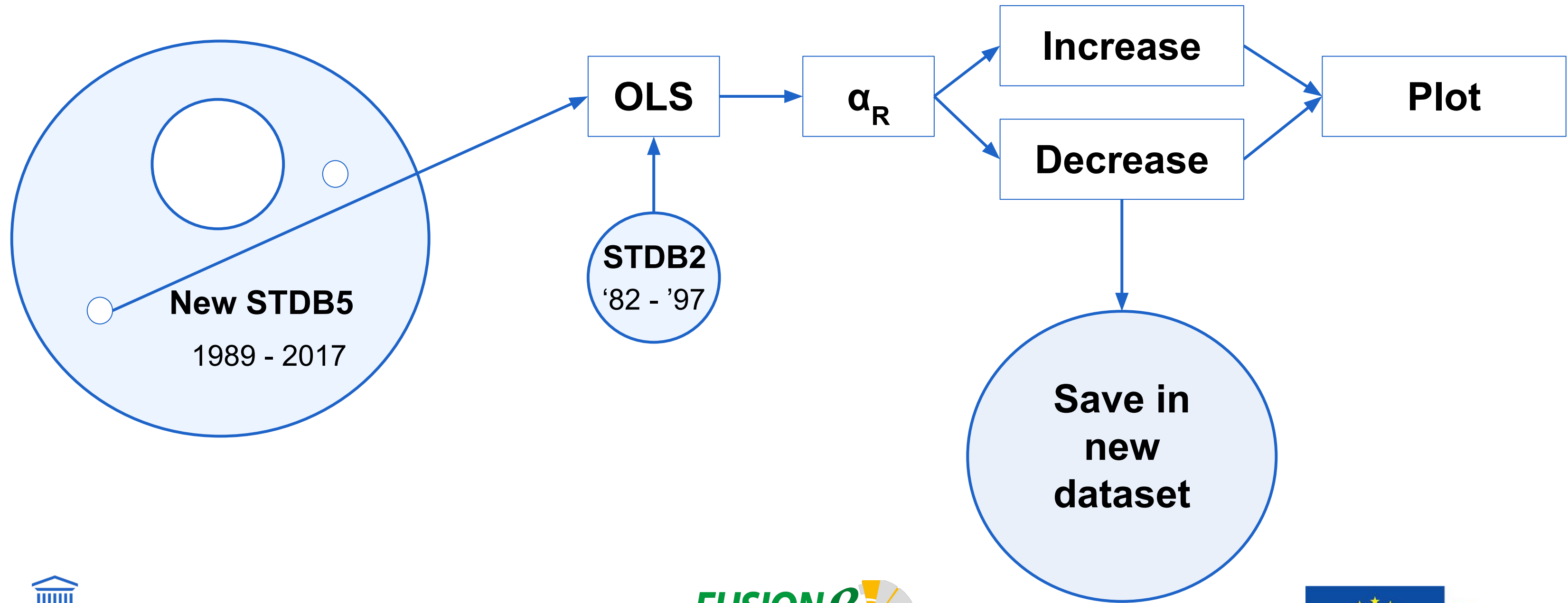


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UNAFFECTING

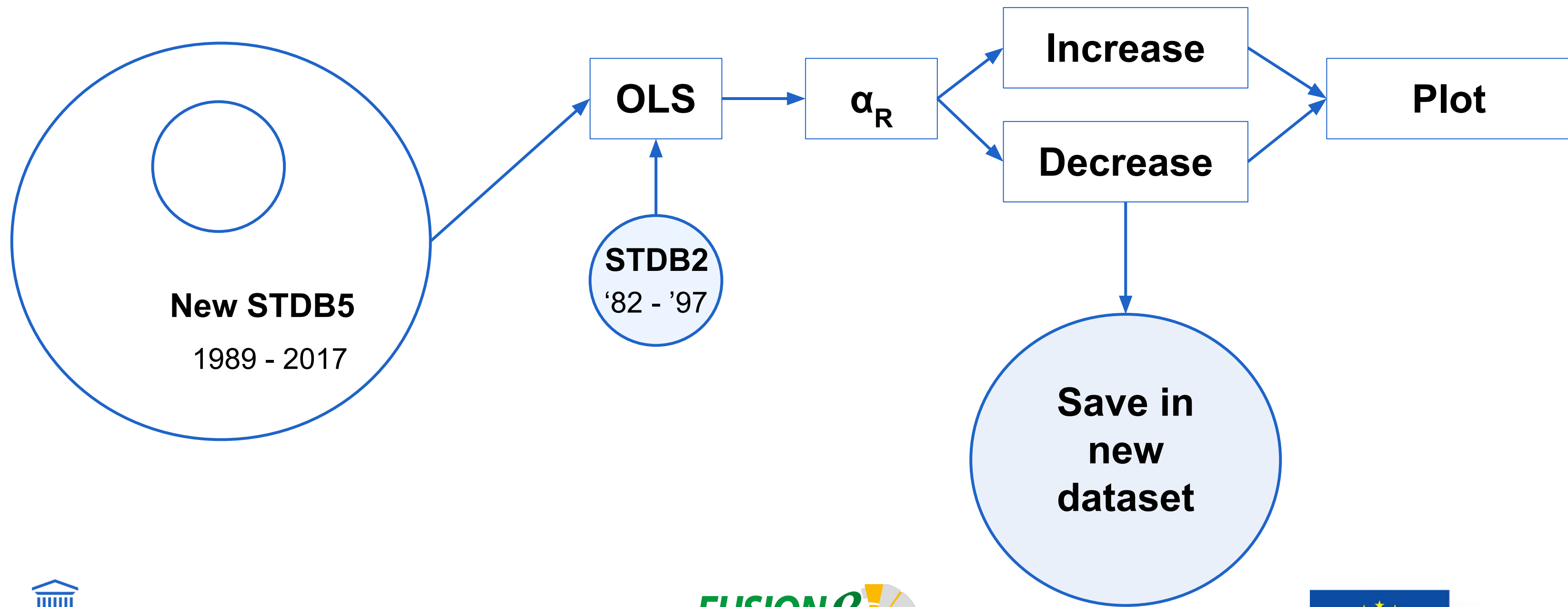
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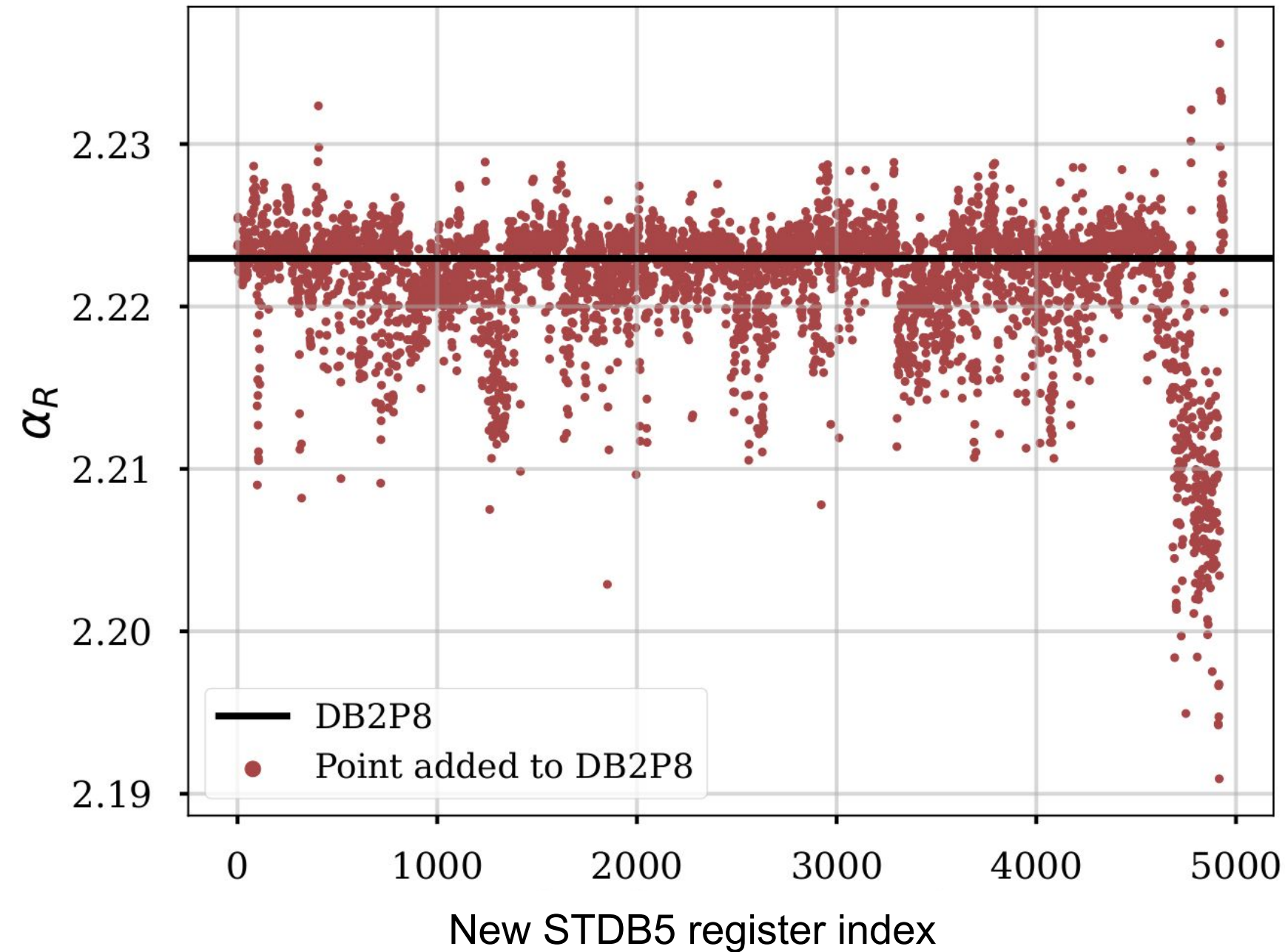
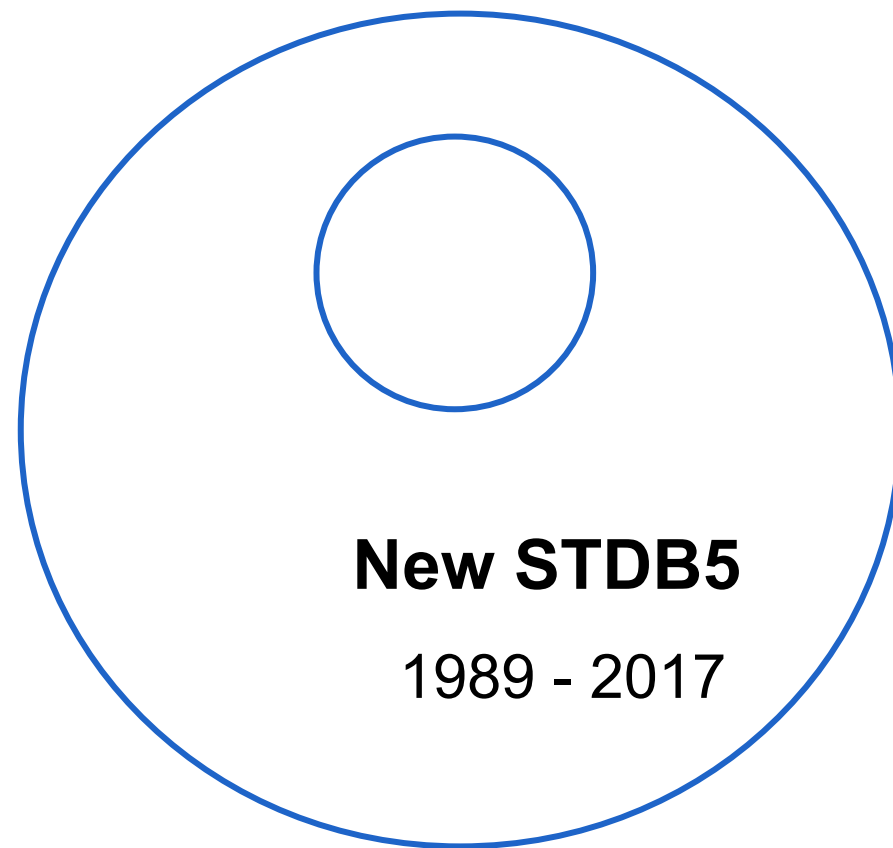
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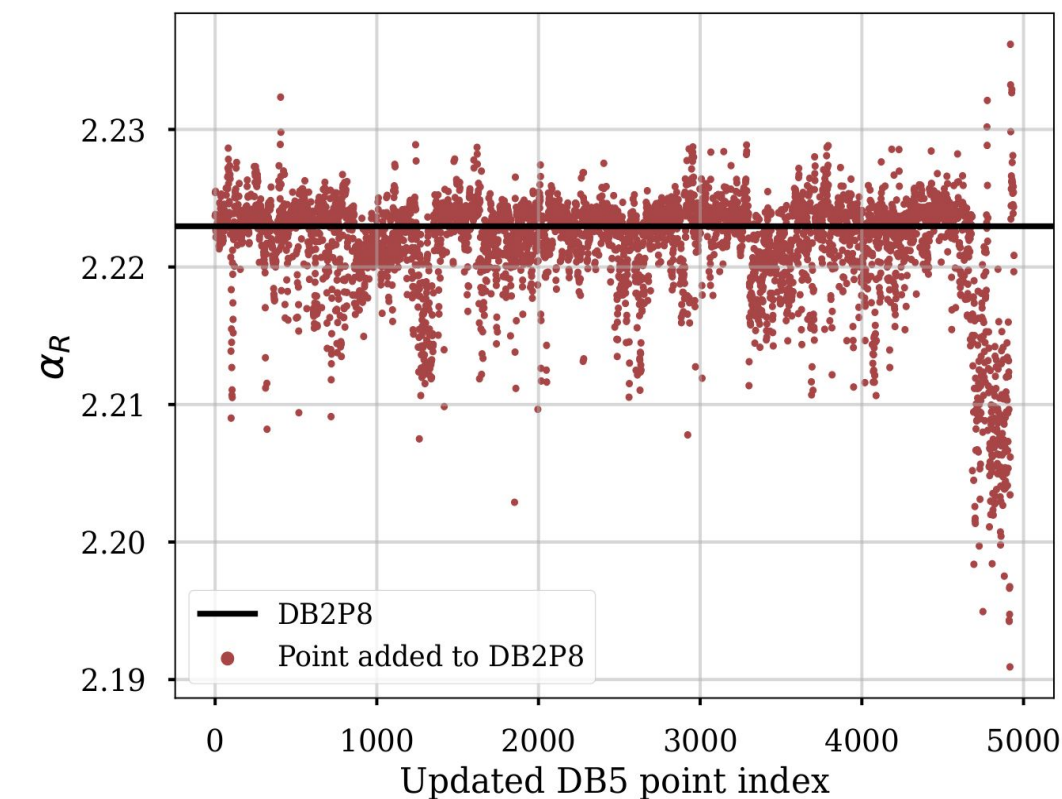
DECREASING REGISTERS



Plot

Random
Sampling

DECREASING REGISTERS



New STDB5 register index

Random
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OLS

STDB2

“Small dataset”

“Big dataset”

Smallest subset for
 $\alpha_R < 1$

Smallest α_R

$\alpha_R \sim 0.9998$

$\alpha_R \sim 0.6379$

Subset size = 618

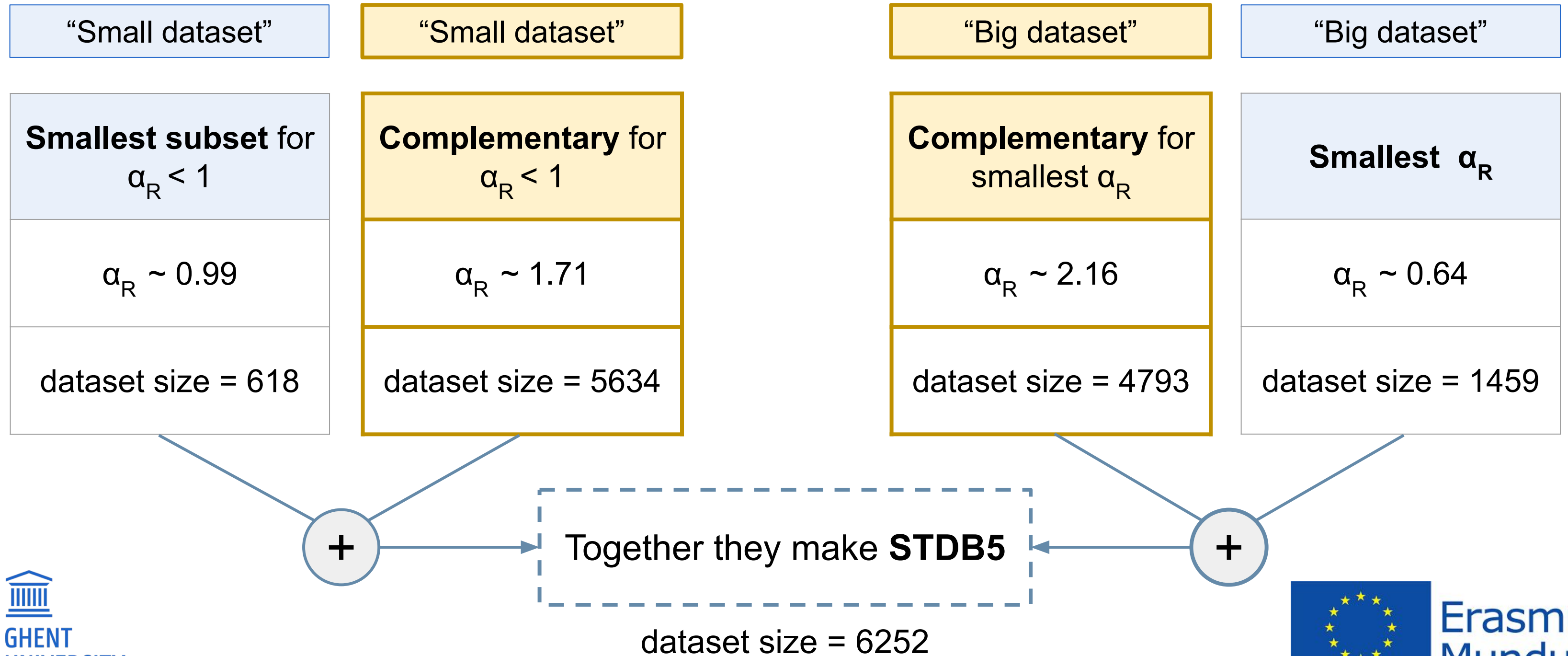
Subset size = 1459

9.88% decreased α_R
90.12% did not

23.34% decreased α_R
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STDB5

DECREASING AND UNAFFECTING REGISTERS



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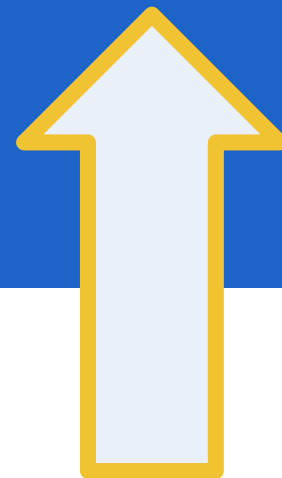


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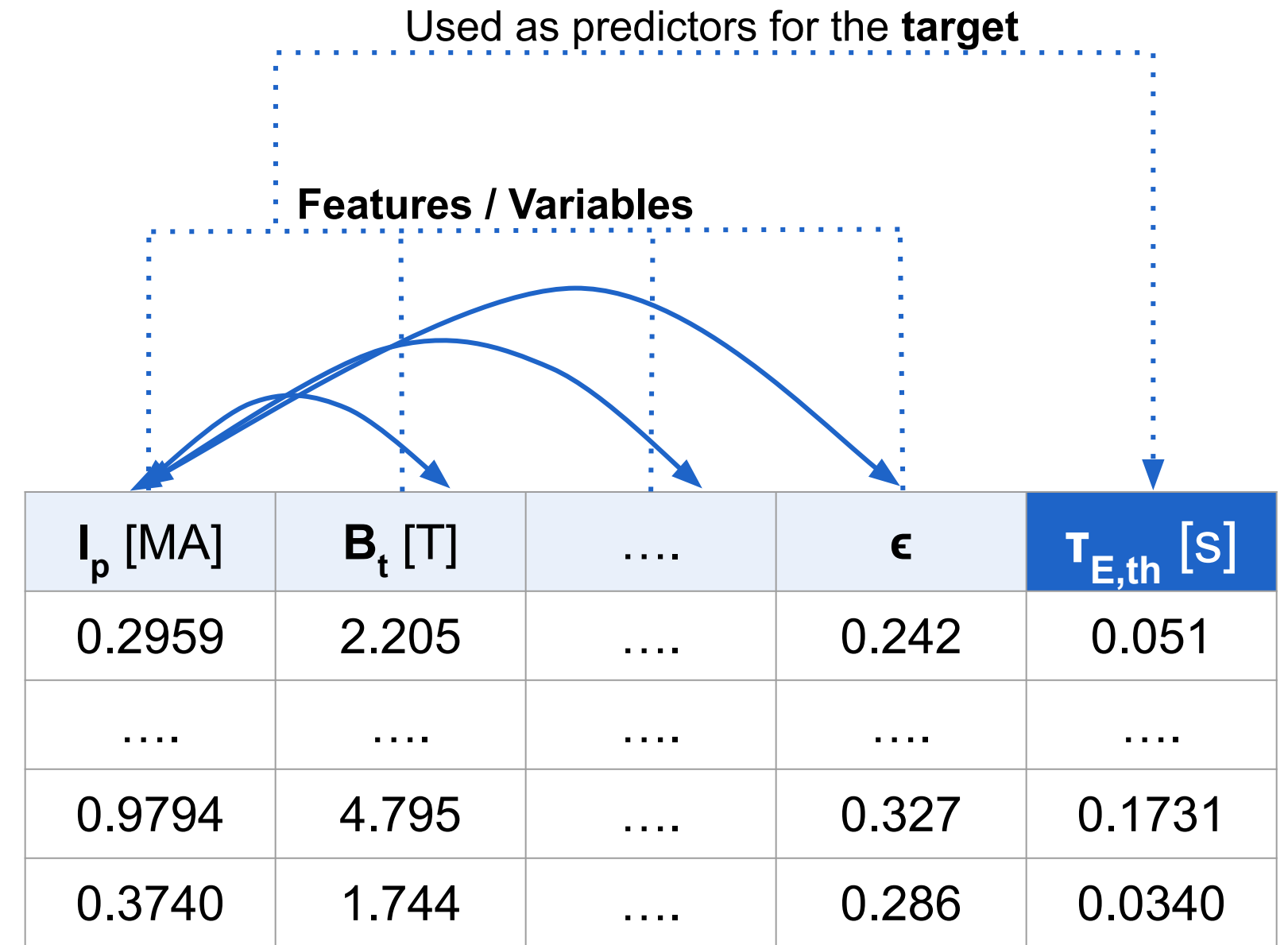
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MULTICOLLINEARITY?

CONSEQUENCES

- Increase in the standard errors of each feature
- Numerical instability
- Unreliable models



[W.-M Lee, 2021]
[D.Besley, E. Kuh, and R. Welsch, 2004]
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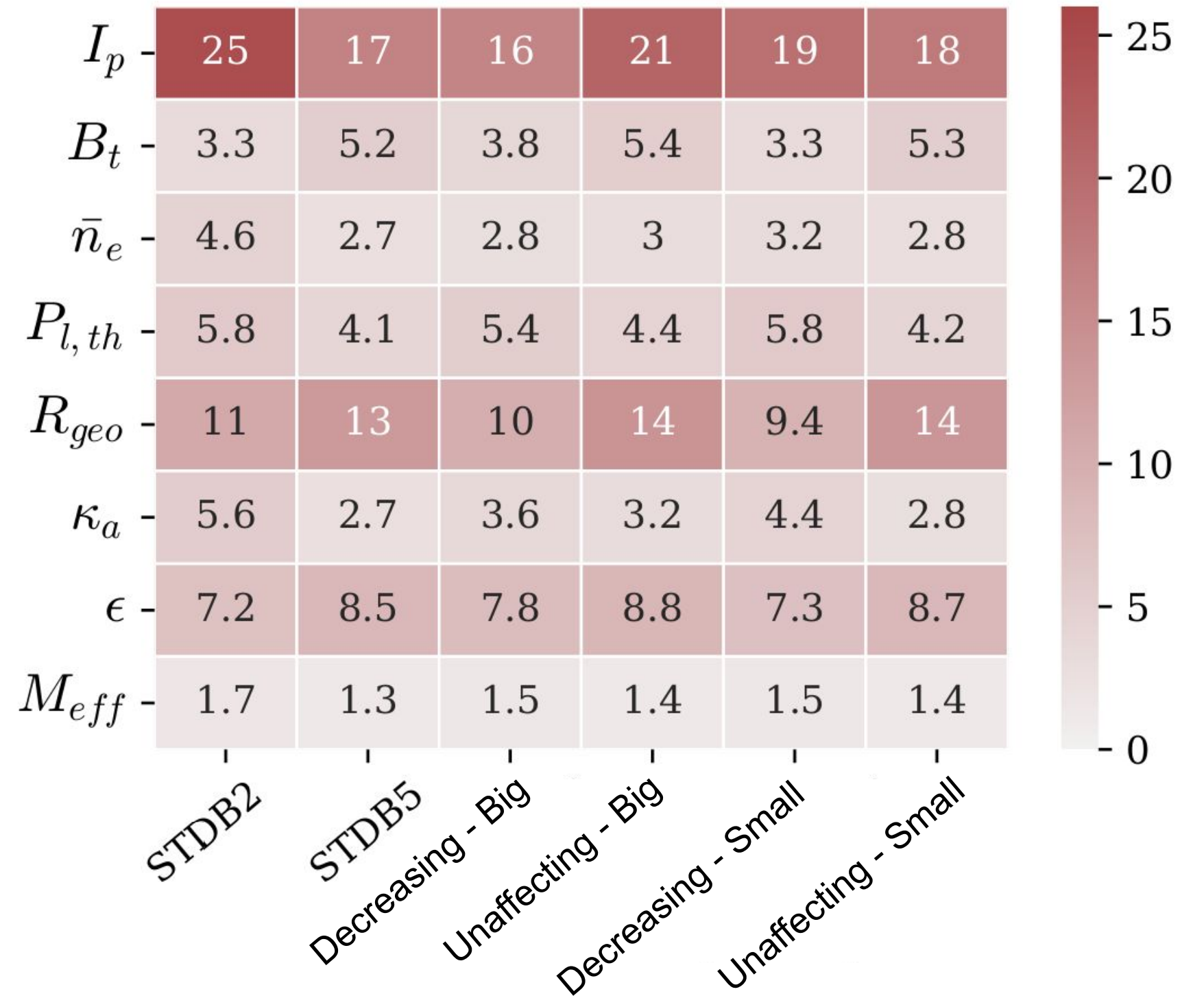
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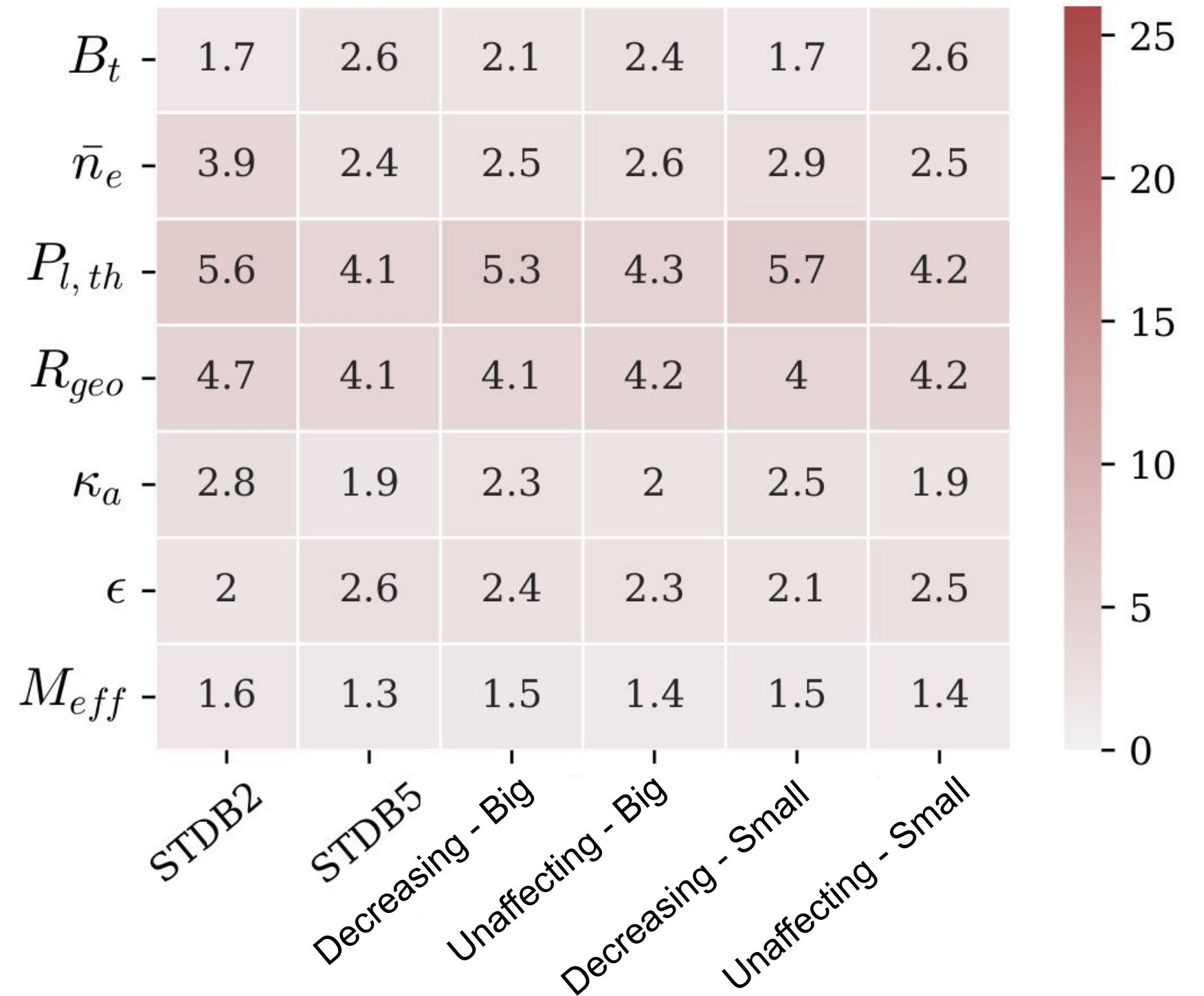


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IDEA

Keep features that
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when removed.

[M. Dash and H. Liu, 2020]

FEATURES OF INTEREST: Entropy + Low MCL

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Removing features
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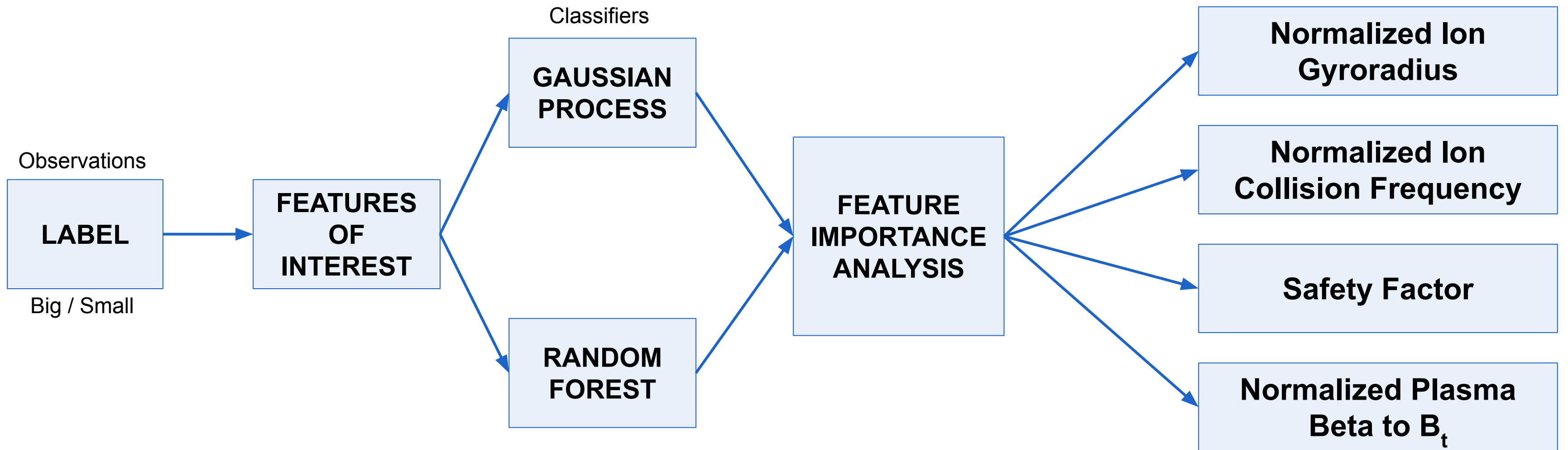
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FEATURE	DESCRIPTION	FEATURE	DESCRIPTION
BETA	Plasma pressure normalised to B_t	WFICFORM	Total fast ion energy due to ICRH estimated from approximate formula
RHOSTAR	Normalised Ion Gyroradius	WFFORM	Total fast ion energy due to NBI
NUSTAR	Normalised Ion collision frequency	ZEFFNEO	Line average plasma effective charge, from Bremsstrahlung
Q95	Plasma safety factor at the 95% poloidal flux surface	DWDIA	Time rate of change of the total plasma stored energy
PFLOSS	NBI power that is lost from the plasma through charge exchange and unconfined orbits		

Description of all columns in STDB5 found in [Princeton, 2021, <http://arks.princeton.edu/ark:/88435/dsp01m900nx49h>]

FEATURES FOR PREDICTION

Best Performance with “big dataset”



PREDICTIONS IN NEW DEVICES

	I_P	B_t	\bar{n}_e	$P_{l,th}$	R_{geo}	κ_a	ϵ	M_{eff}	ρ_*	β_t	ν_*	q_{95}	$\tau_{E,th}$
ITER	15	5.3	1.03	87	6.2	1.8	0.32	2.5	0.002	2.24	0.014	3	3.5
SPARC	8.7	12.2	3.1	25	1.85	1.97	0.31	2.5	0.003	1.20	0.03	3.2	0.77

UNAFFECTED

$$\tau_{E,2.16} = 0.06 \cdot I_p^{0.78} \cdot B_t^{0.24} \cdot \bar{n}_e^{0.41} \cdot P_{l,th}^{-0.75} \cdot R_{geo}^{2.16} \cdot \kappa_a^{0.5} \cdot \epsilon^{0.79} \cdot M_{eff}^{0.22}$$

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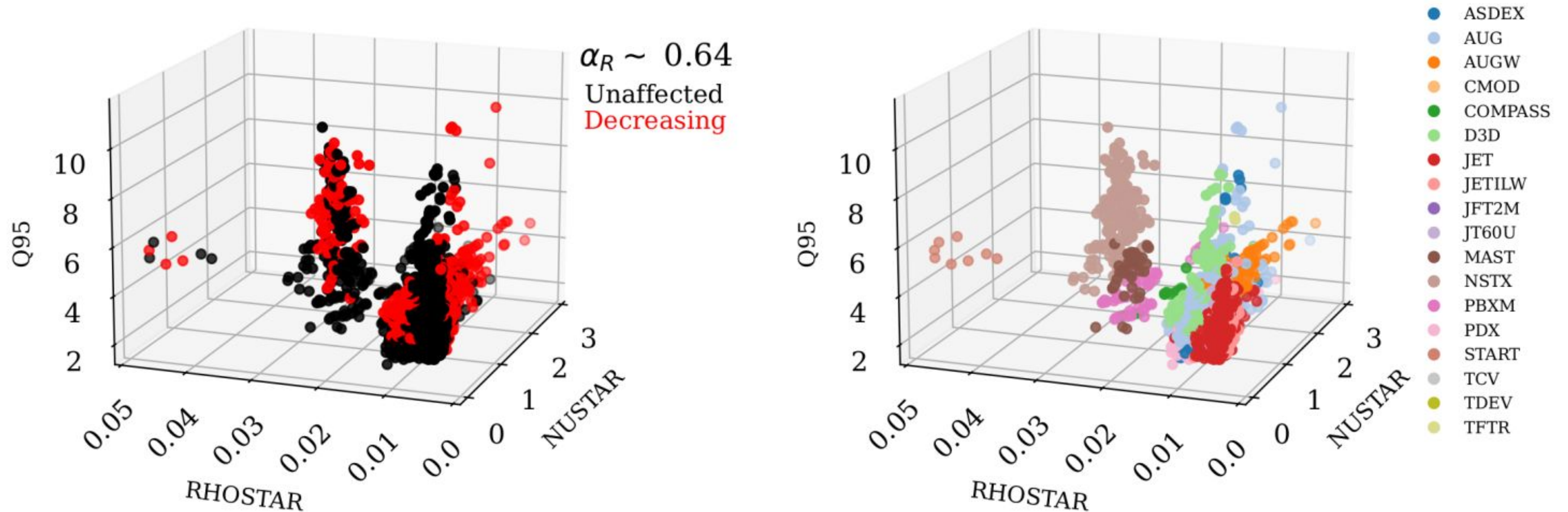
Yes, with only four
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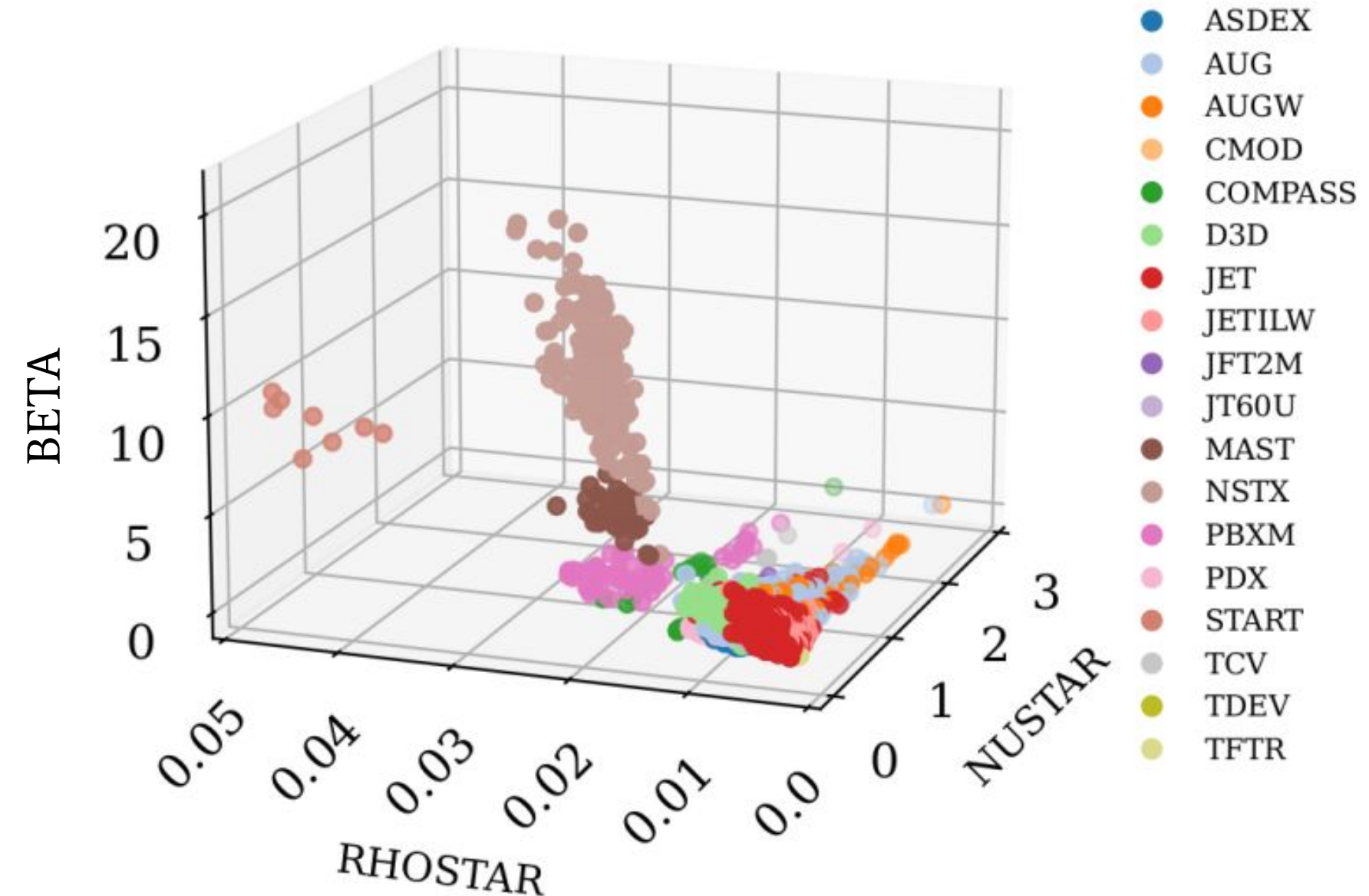
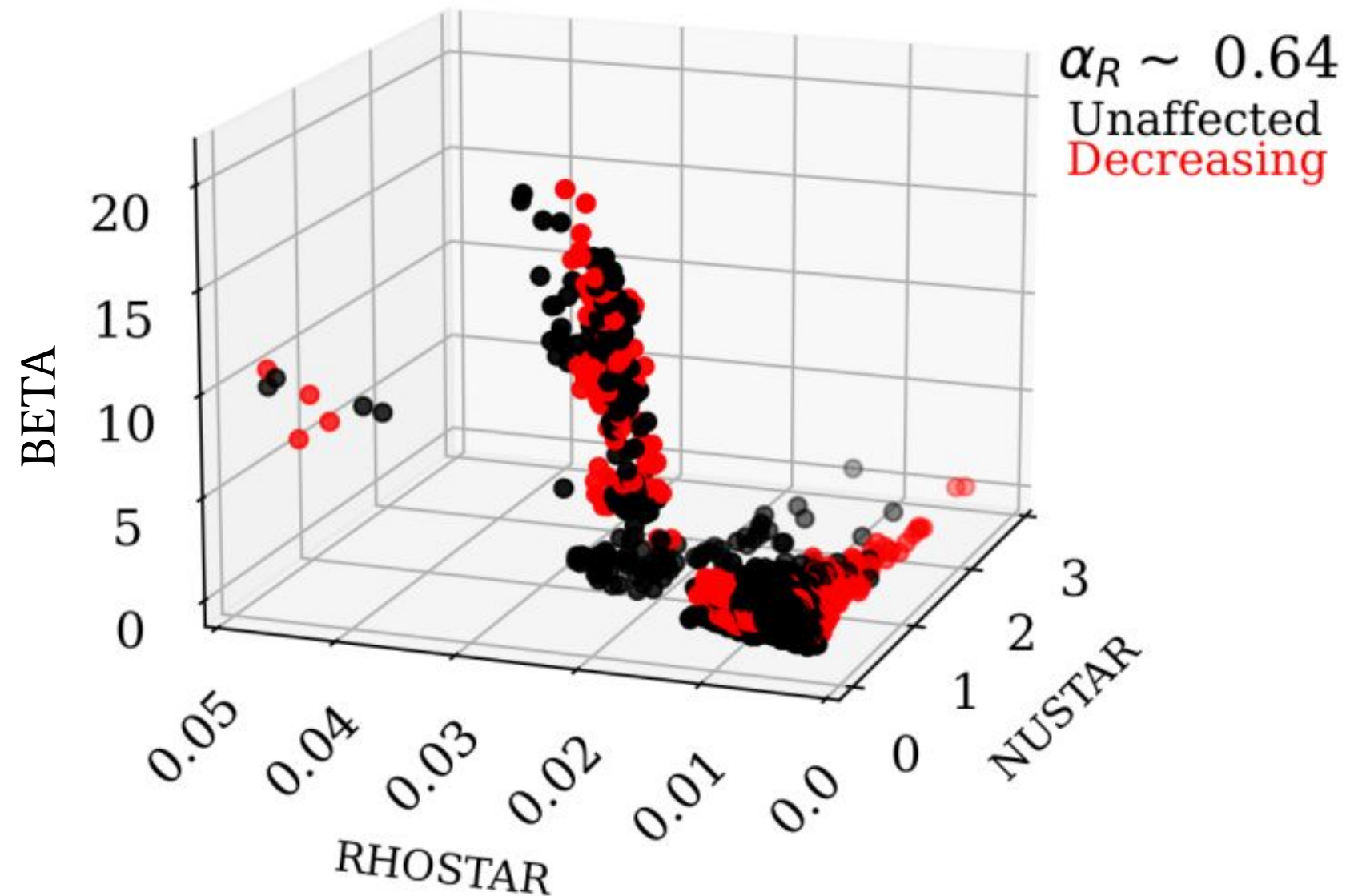
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Dimensionless Scaling and the Normalized Ion Gyroradius

$$\omega_i \cdot \tau_{E,the} \propto \rho_*^{-(2+\chi'_\rho)} \cdot F(\nu_*, \beta_t, \{p_i\}) \quad \text{with} \quad 0 \leq \chi'_\rho \leq 1$$

$$\chi'_\rho = 0.9 \pm 0.3$$

H-mode

characteristic turbulence scale length $\ell \approx \rho_*^{\chi'_\rho} \cdot a^{1-\chi'_\rho}$

		big_ds				small_ds	
		STDB2	STDB5	Decr.	Unaff.	Decr.	Unaff.
	χ_ρ	-3.09	-1.80	-1.31	-2.63	-1.5	-2.08
	χ'_ρ	1.09	0.2	0.69	0.63	-0.5	0.08
ITER	ℓ [m]	0.0012	7.99	227.43	0.026	64.99	1.15
SPARC	ℓ [m]	0.0017	1.67	22.33	0.019	8.46	0.37

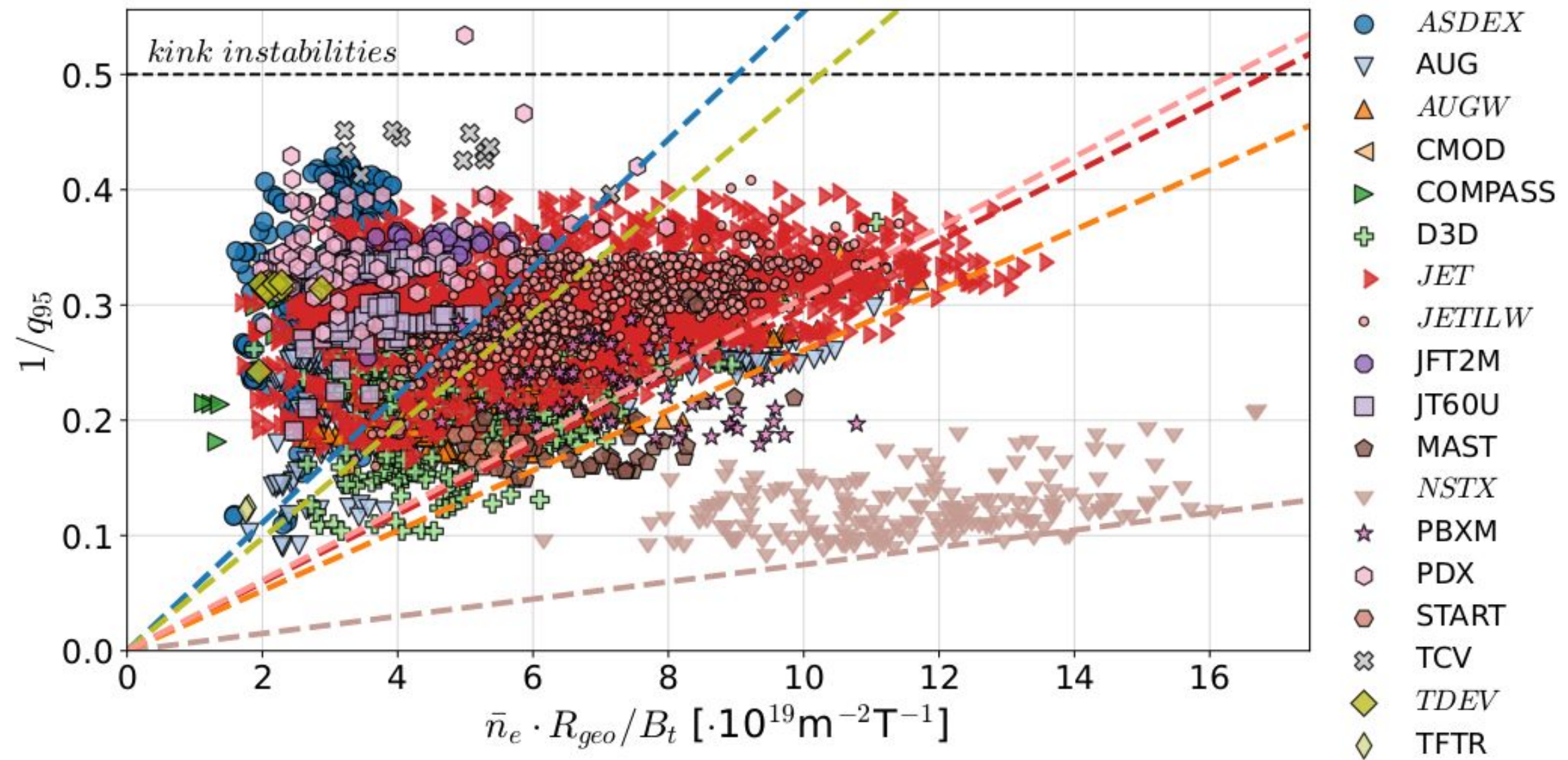
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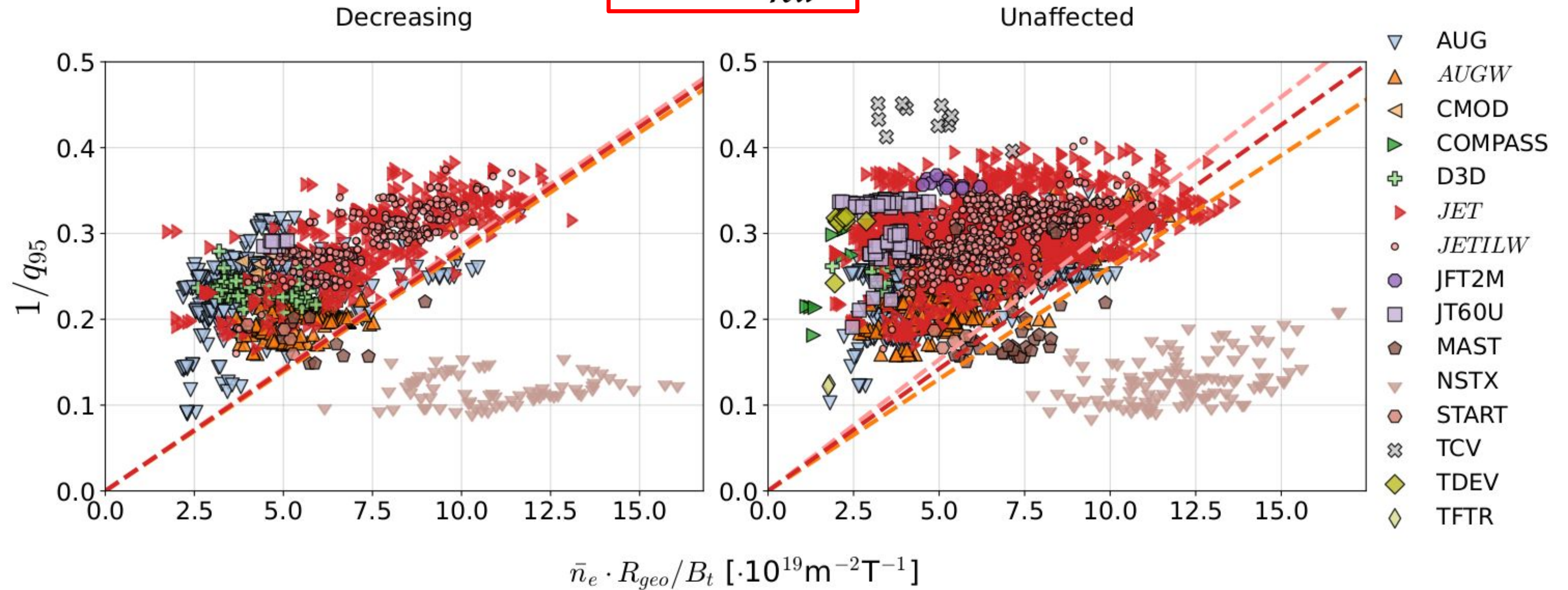
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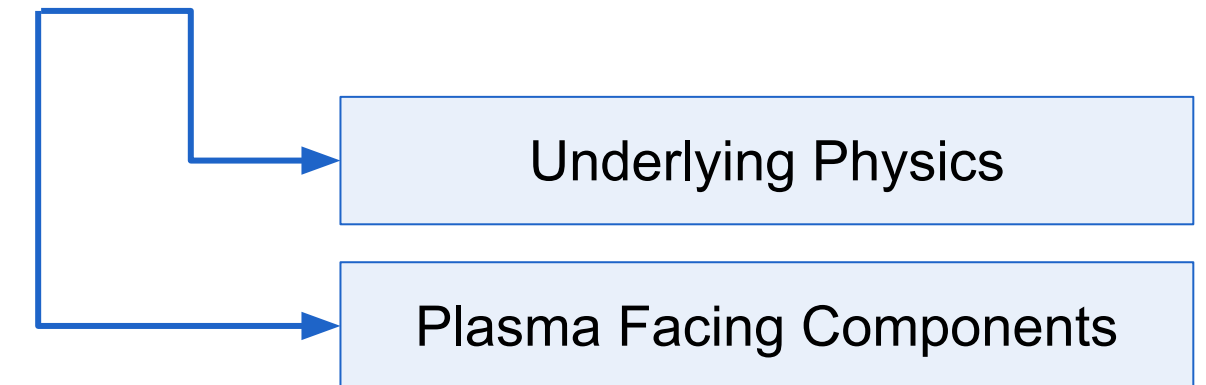
Conclusions and Further Work

CONCLUSIONS

- Multicollinearity is **not** the sole factor influencing α_R .
- It is possible to predict influencing observations with
- Chara ρ_* β_t ν_* q_{95} for spherical tokamaks.
- It is possible to tell if a dataset lacks of representative physics.
- Most of the observations that surpassed the GW limit are classified as unaffected.
- ITER and SPARC are expected to follow a scaling law similar to the 1998 scaling (great news!).

FURTHER WORK

- Obtain more data on spherical tokamaks.
- Discern between spherical and non spherical.
- Take time-series data of relevant shots and subject to other ML algorithms; e.g. **surrogate modelling**.



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Thank you! Questions?

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