

# Hyperparameter selection for high dimensional sparse learning: application to neuroimaging

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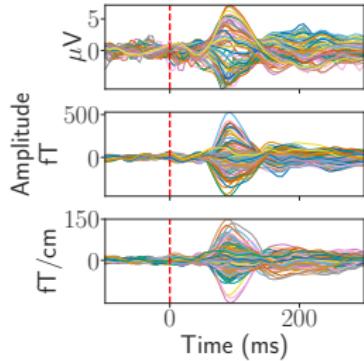
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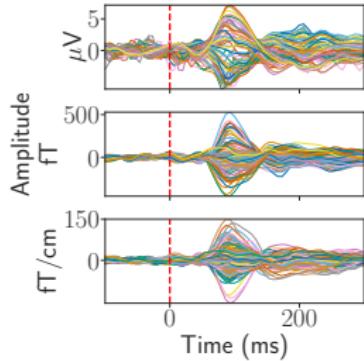
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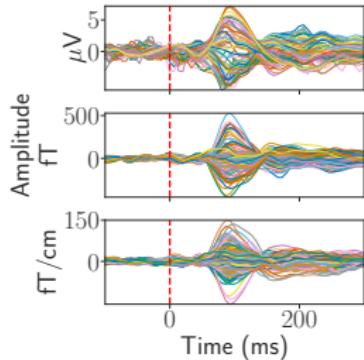
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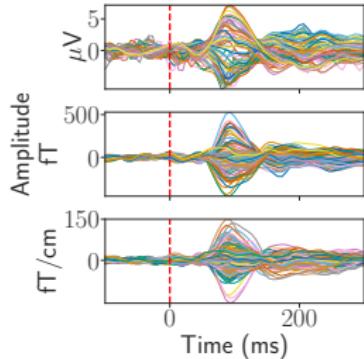
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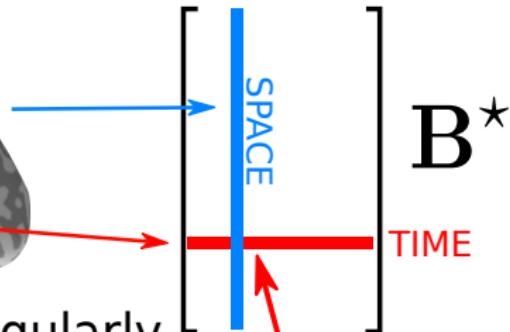
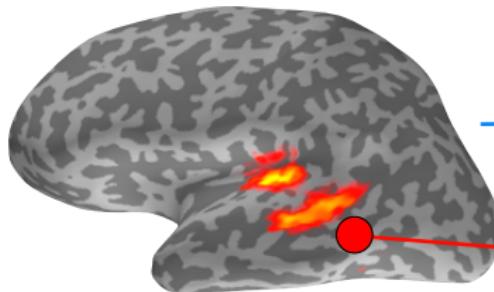
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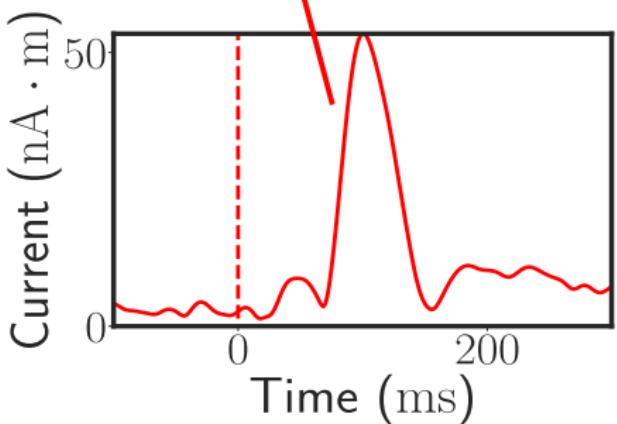
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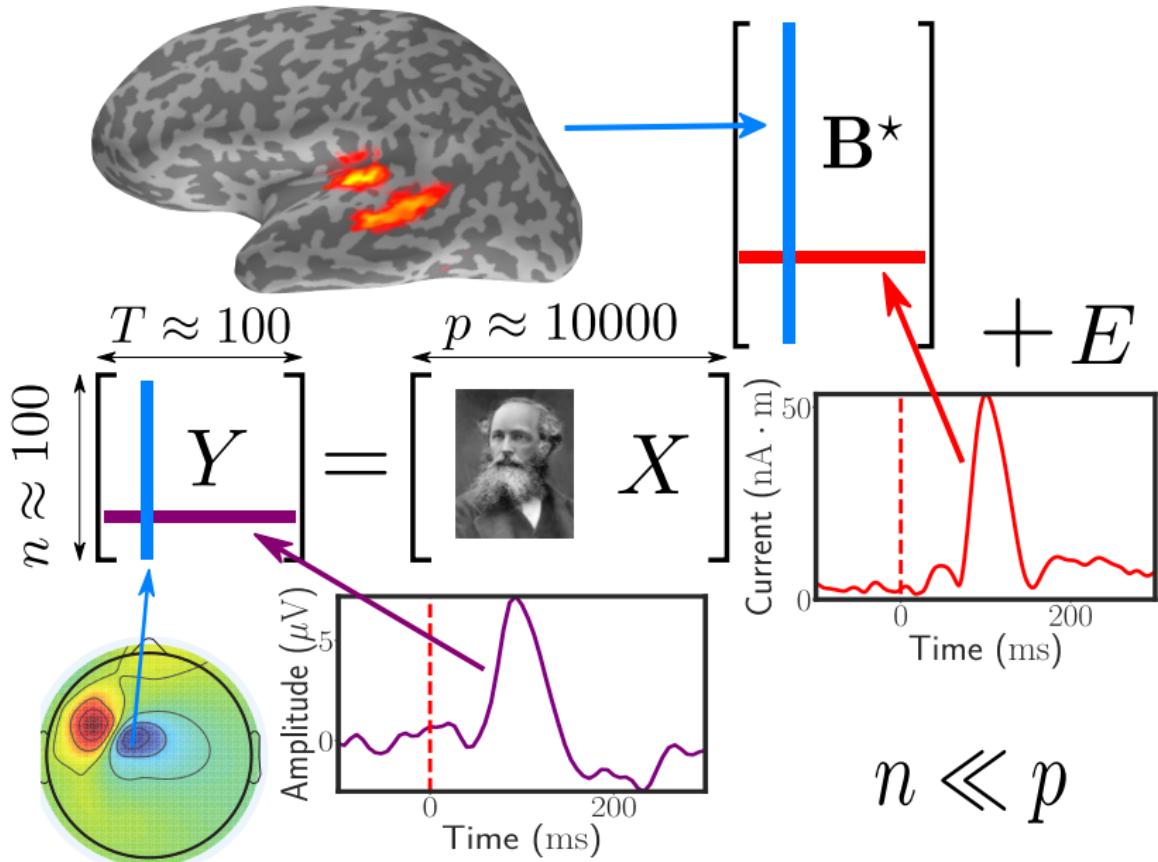


Source candidates regularly spaced in the brain  
(e.g., every 5mm)

$$\mathbf{B}^* \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times T}$$



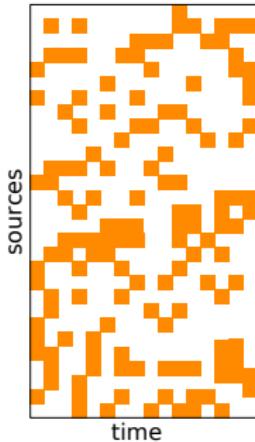
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Popular convex penalties:

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Sparse support: no structure

Penalty: **Lasso**

$$\Omega(\mathbf{B}) = \|\mathbf{B}\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^p \sum_{k=1}^T |\mathbf{B}_{j,k}|$$

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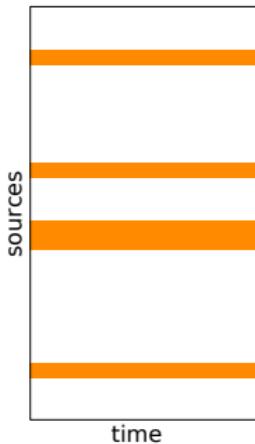
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Sparse support: group structure ✓

Penalty: **Group-Lasso**

$$\Omega(\mathbf{B}) = \|\mathbf{B}\|_{2,1} = \sum_{j=1}^p \|\mathbf{B}_{j,:}\|_2$$

where  $\mathbf{B}_{j,:}$  the  $j$ -th row of  $\mathbf{B}$

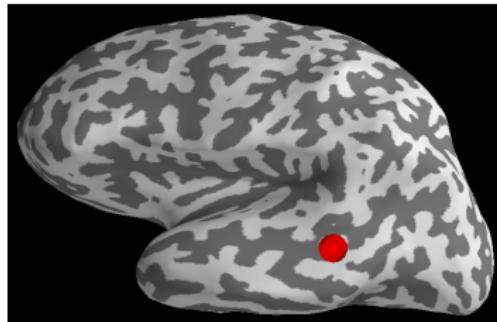
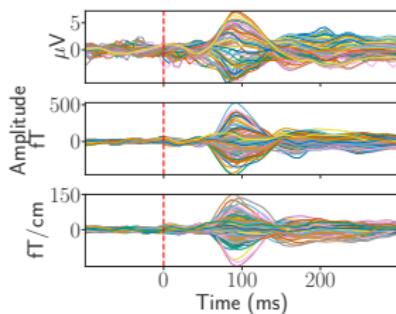
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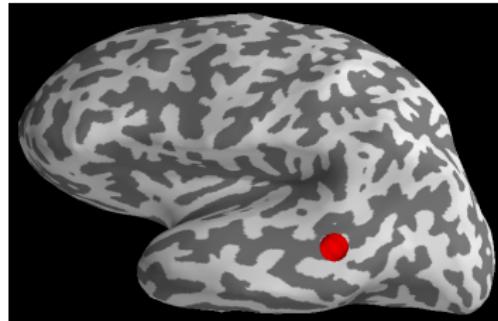
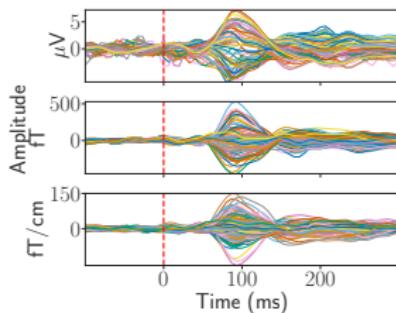
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Covered in this presentation

- ▶ How to efficiently solve this optimization problem?<sup>(5)</sup>
- ▶ How to efficiently select the regularization parameter  $\lambda$ ?<sup>(6), (7)</sup>

Not covered in this presentation<sup>(8), (9), (10)</sup>

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Default solver in ML packages<sup>(11), (12), (13), (14)</sup>

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# CD on least squares

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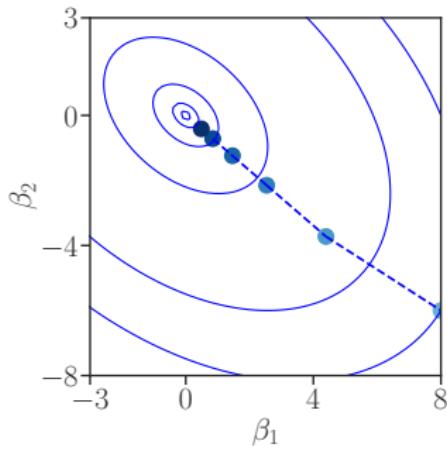
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**Algorithm:** Gradient descent

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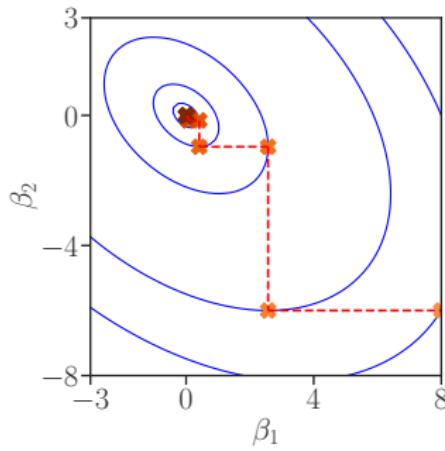
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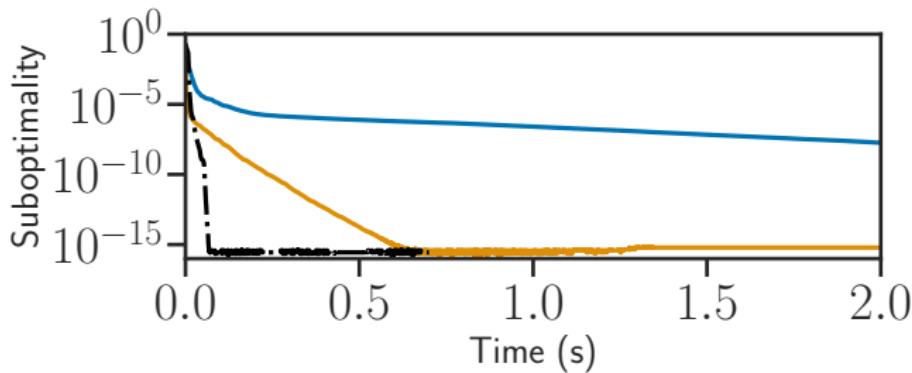
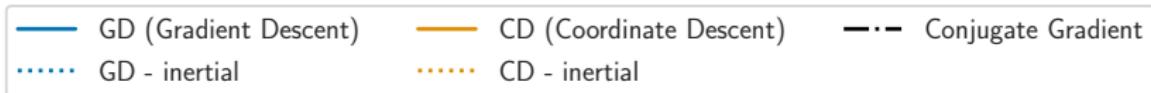
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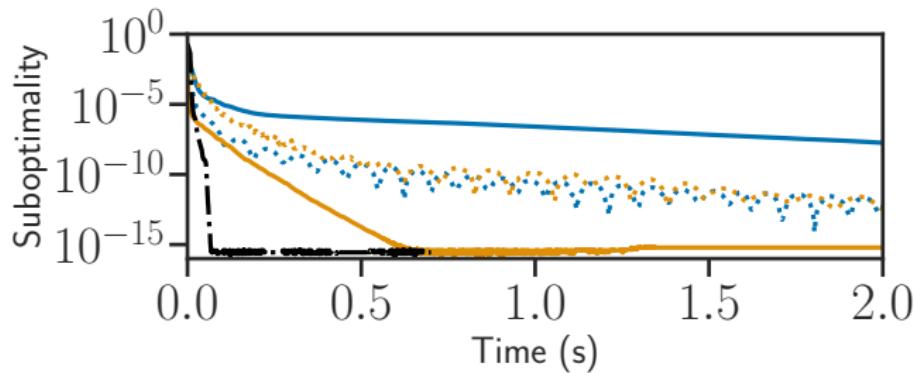
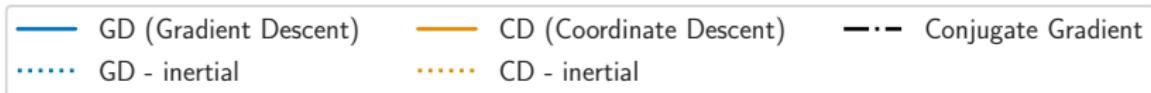
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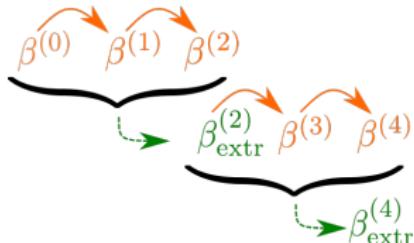
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     $\beta^{(k)} = T\beta^{(k-1)} + b$  // regular epoch
    if  $k = 0 \pmod K$  then
         $U = [\beta^{(k-K+1)} - \beta^{(k-K)}, \dots]$ 
         $c = (U^\top U)^{-1} \mathbf{1}_K$  // linear system
         $\beta^{(k)}_{\text{extr}} = \sum_i^K c_i \beta^{(k-K+i)} / \sum_i c_i$ 
         $\beta^{(k)} = \beta^{(k)}_{\text{extr}}$  // sequence changes
return  $\beta^{(k)}$ 
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- ▶ For CD,  $T$  corresponds to one update of all the coordinates

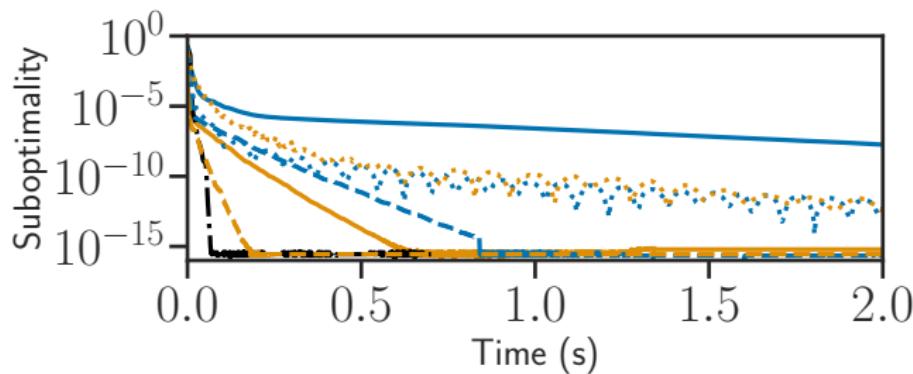
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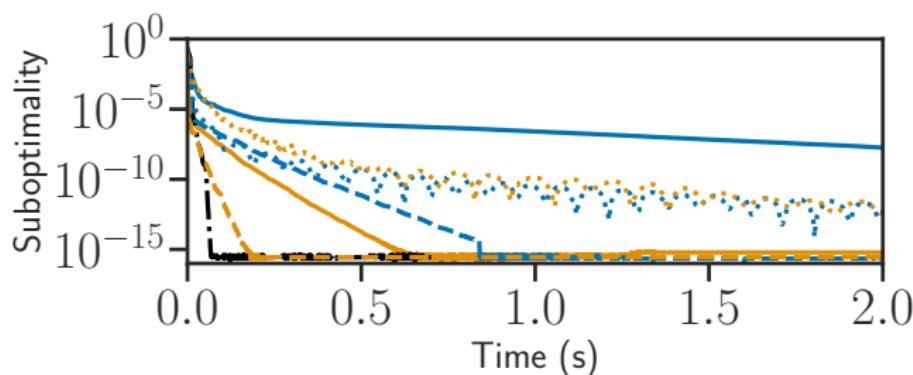
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# Coordinate descent (CD)

- ▶ Quadratic problem, with  $b \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $H \in \mathbb{S}_{++}^p$ ,  $H \succ 0$ :

$$\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \frac{1}{2} \beta^\top H \beta + \langle b, \beta \rangle$$

- ▶ Updates of coordinate descent: for all  $j \in 1, \dots, p$ :

$$\beta_j \leftarrow \beta_j - (H_{j:}\beta + b_j)/H_{jj}$$

- ▶ Updating all the coordinates yields a **fixed point iteration**

$$\beta^{(k+1)} = T\beta^{(k)} + v$$

with a **nonsymmetric** iteration matrix  $T$   $\times$

## Theoretical properties

Weaker theoretical properties for AA with non-symmetric  $T^{(21)}$

### Non-symmetric $T$

Let  $T$  be the iteration matrix of pseudo-symmetric coordinate descent:  $T = H^{-1/2}SH^{1/2}$ , with  $S$  the symmetric positive semidefinite matrix

$$S = \left( \text{Id}_p - H^{1/2} \frac{e_1 e_1^\top}{H_{11}} H^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \times \cdots \times \left( \text{Id}_p - H^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{e_p e_p^\top}{H_{pp}} H^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\ \times \left( \text{Id}_p - H^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{e_p e_p^\top}{H_{pp}} H^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \times \cdots \times \left( \text{Id}_p - H^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{e_1 e_1^\top}{H_{11}} H^{\frac{1}{2}} \right).$$

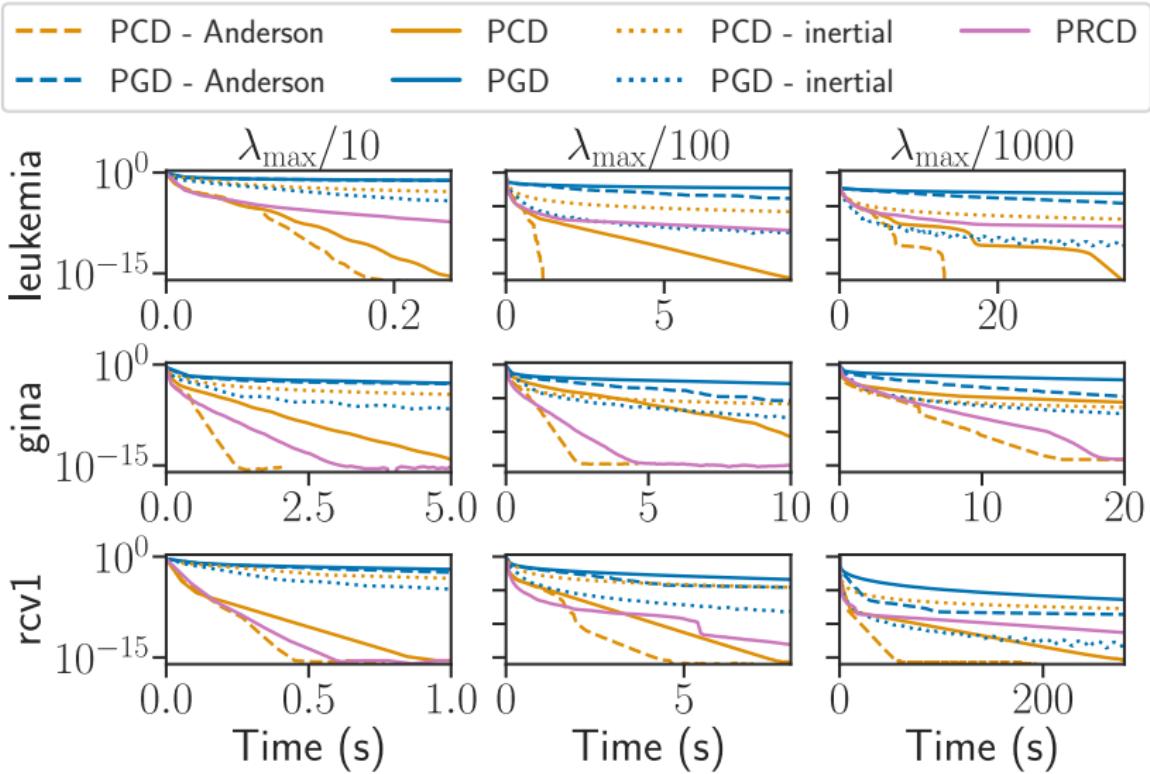
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# Lasso



# Dissemination

Combined with working sets strategies<sup>(23)</sup>:

- ▶ **Default solver** for sparsity based estimators in the most popular brain signal processing package MNE<sup>(24)</sup>
- ▶ Open source and **modular** package **andersoncd**

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## andersoncd

This is a library to run Anderson extrapolated coordinate descent.

## Installation

First clone the repository available at <https://github.com/mathurinm/andersoncd>:

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$ git clone https://github.com/andersoncd.git  
$ cd andersoncd/
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We recommend to use the [Anaconda Python distribution](#).

From a working environment, you can install the package with:

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$ pip install -e .
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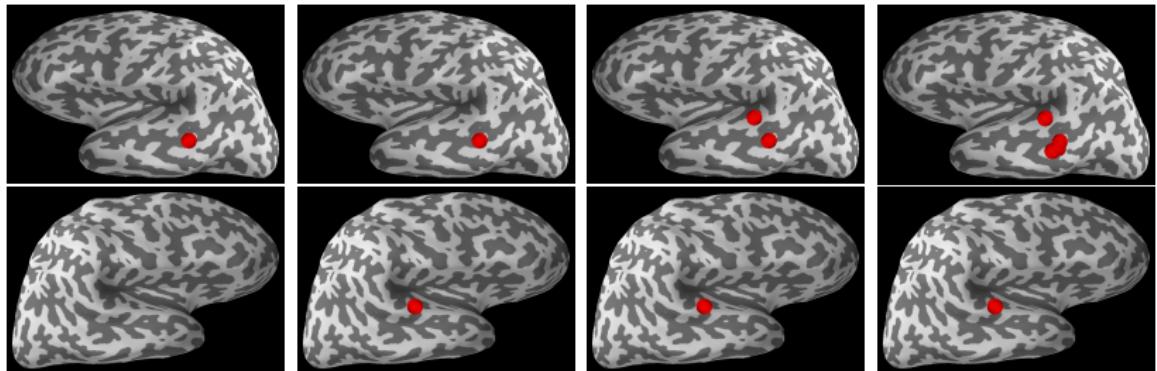
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Conclusion and perspectives

# Which $\lambda$ to pick?

$$\hat{\mathbf{B}} \in \arg \min_{\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times T}} \left( \frac{1}{2nT} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{XB}\|_F^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{B}\|_{2,1} \right)$$



$$\lambda = 0.85\lambda_{\max} \quad \lambda = 0.82\lambda_{\max} \quad \lambda = 0.80\lambda_{\max} \quad \lambda = 0.75\lambda_{\max}$$

**Real MEEG data.** Brain source reconstruction using multitask Lasso with multiple  $\lambda$ . Which  $\lambda$  to pick? How to *automatically* select  $\lambda$ ?

- When  $\lambda \geq \lambda_{\max}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{B}} = 0$  no sources are recovered

# Model selection techniques

- ▶ Statistical route<sup>(25), (26)</sup>:  
assumptions on the design matrix  $X$
- ▶ Bayesian statistics<sup>(27), (28)</sup>:  
prior on  $\lambda$
- ▶ Hyperparameter optimization<sup>(29), (30)</sup>:  
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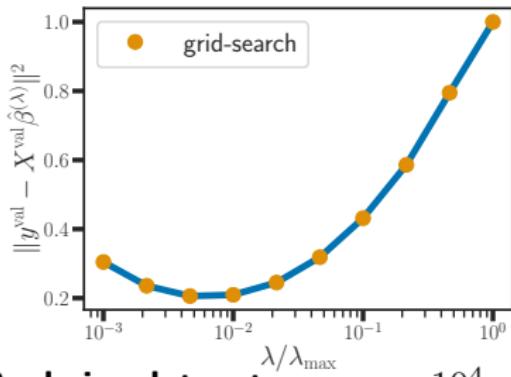
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Criterion: held-out loss

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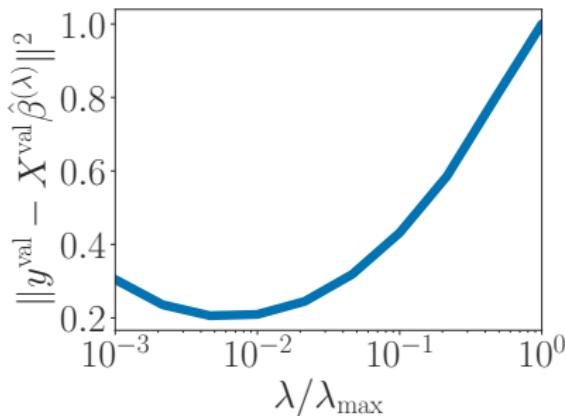
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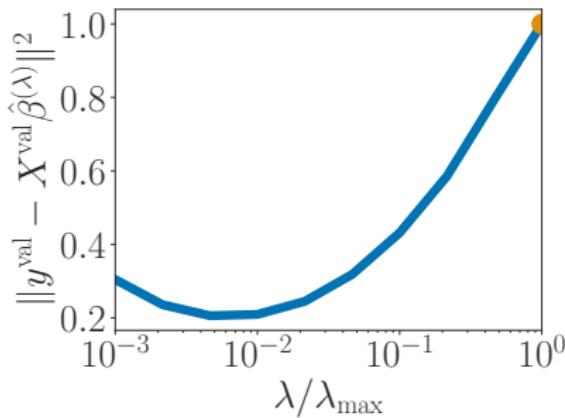


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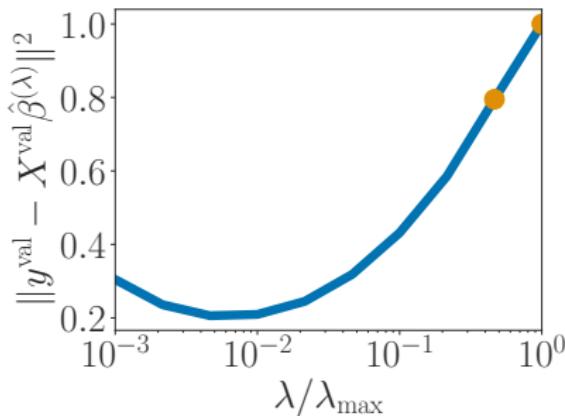


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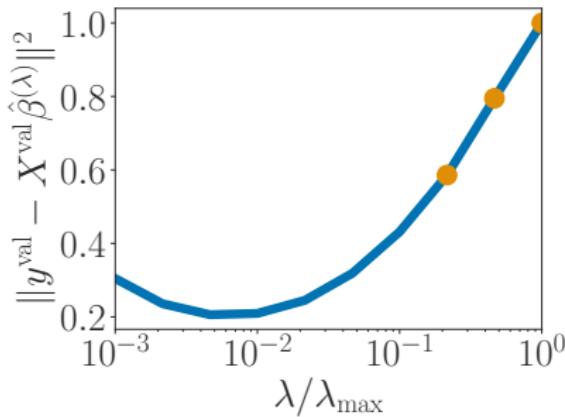


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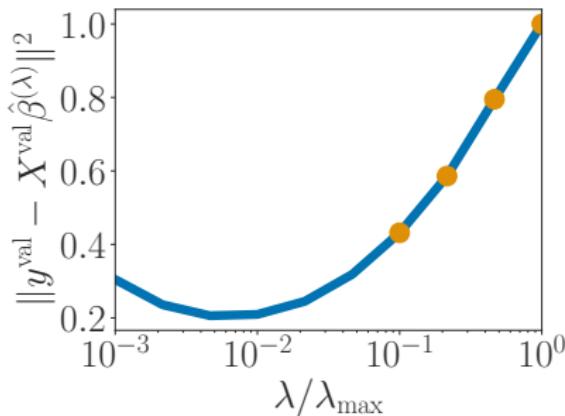


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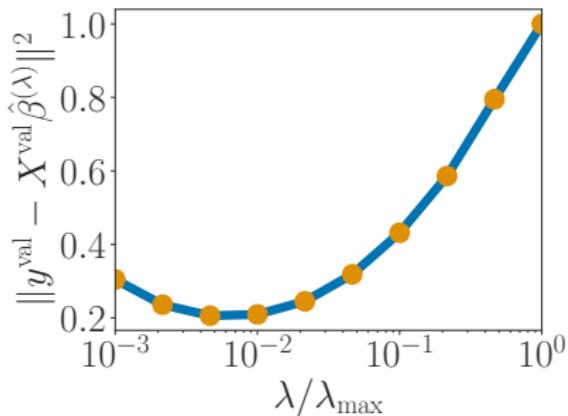


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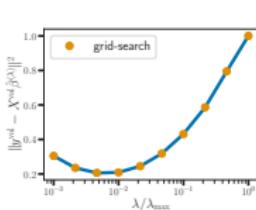
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# Grid-search as a 0-order optimization method



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- ▶ Grid-search, random-search,<sup>(37)</sup> SMBO<sup>(38)</sup>: 0-order methods to solve bilevel optimization problem
- ▶ **Idea:** if  $\mathcal{L}$  is differentiable, use first-order optimization, i.e., compute  $\nabla_{\lambda} \mathcal{L}$
- ▶ Once  $\nabla_{\lambda} \mathcal{L}(\lambda)$  is computed, use gradient descent<sup>(39)</sup>:  
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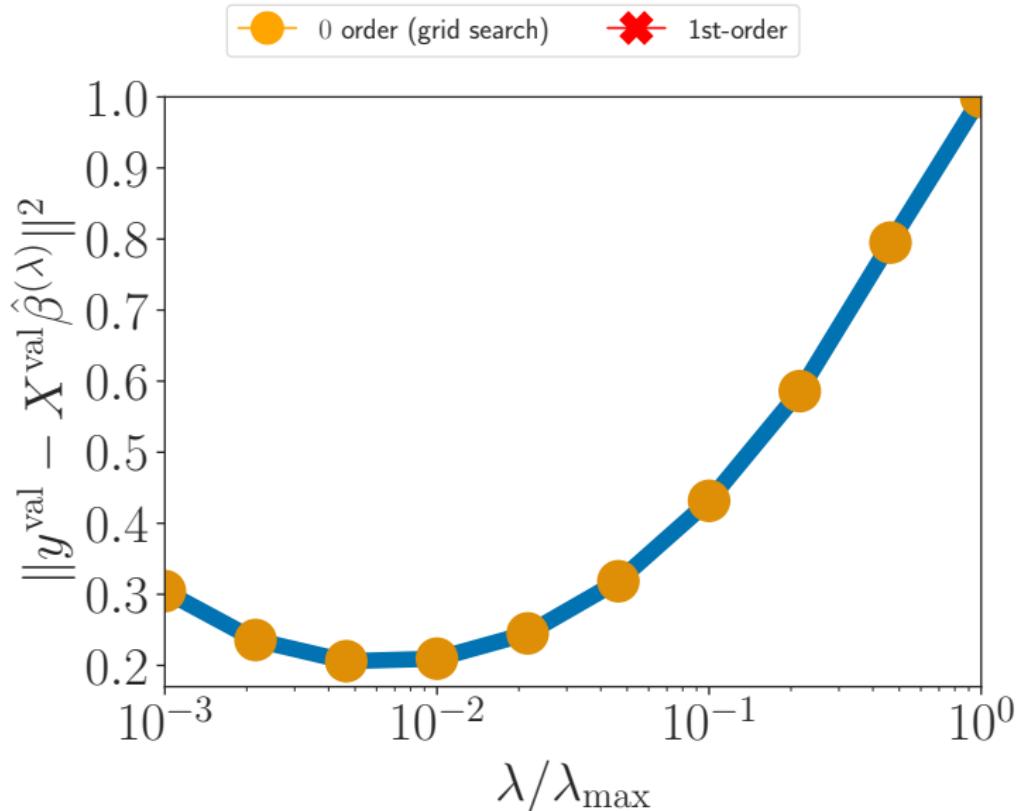
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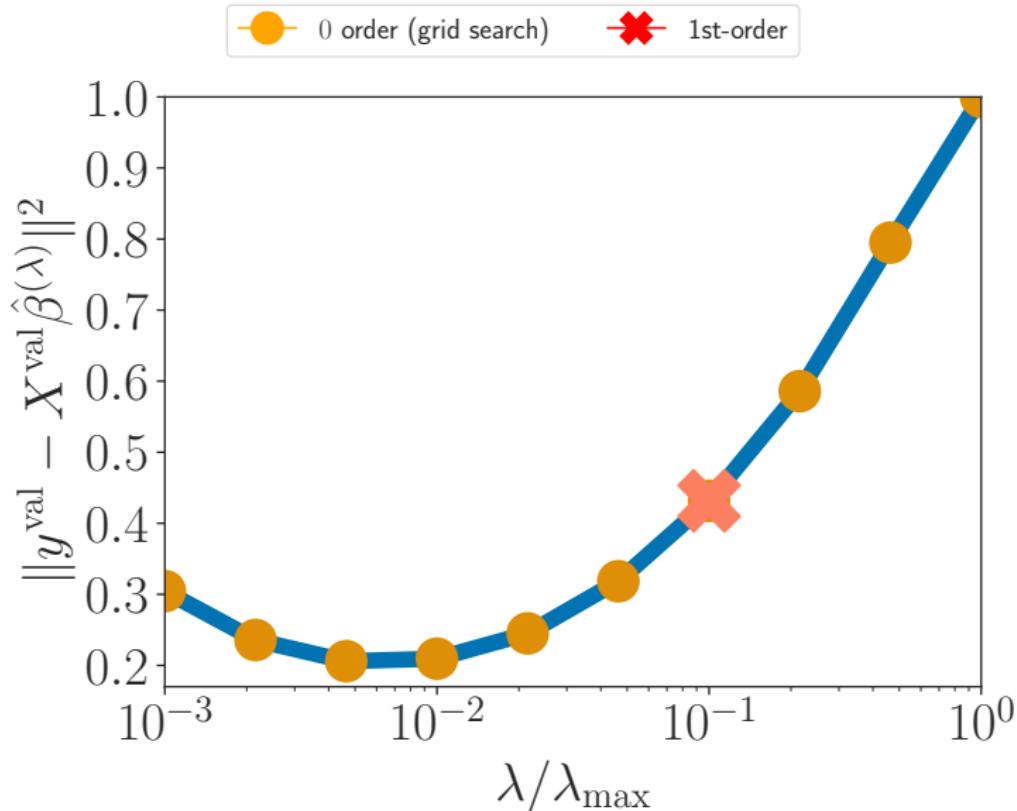
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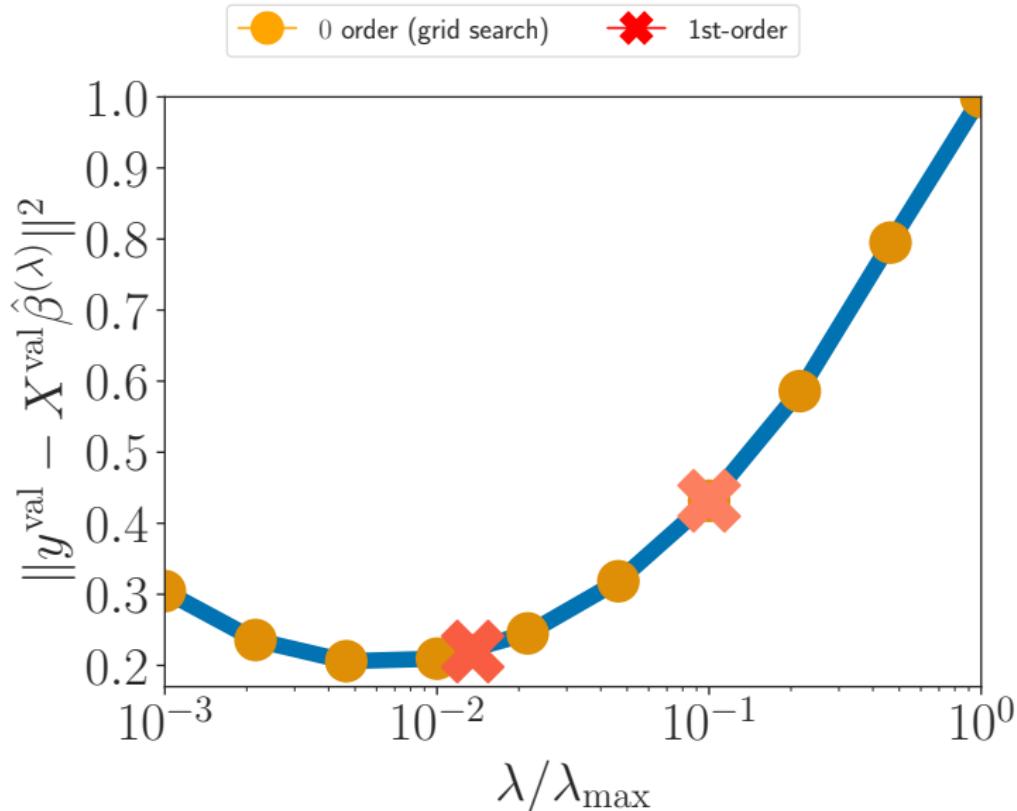
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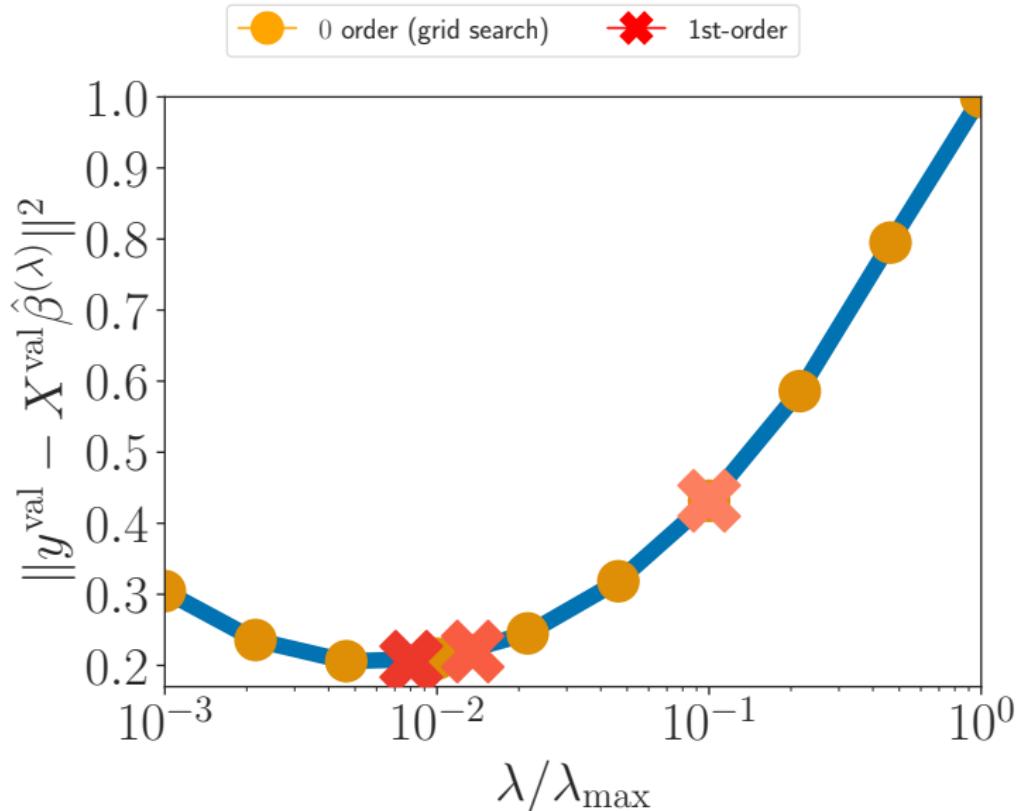
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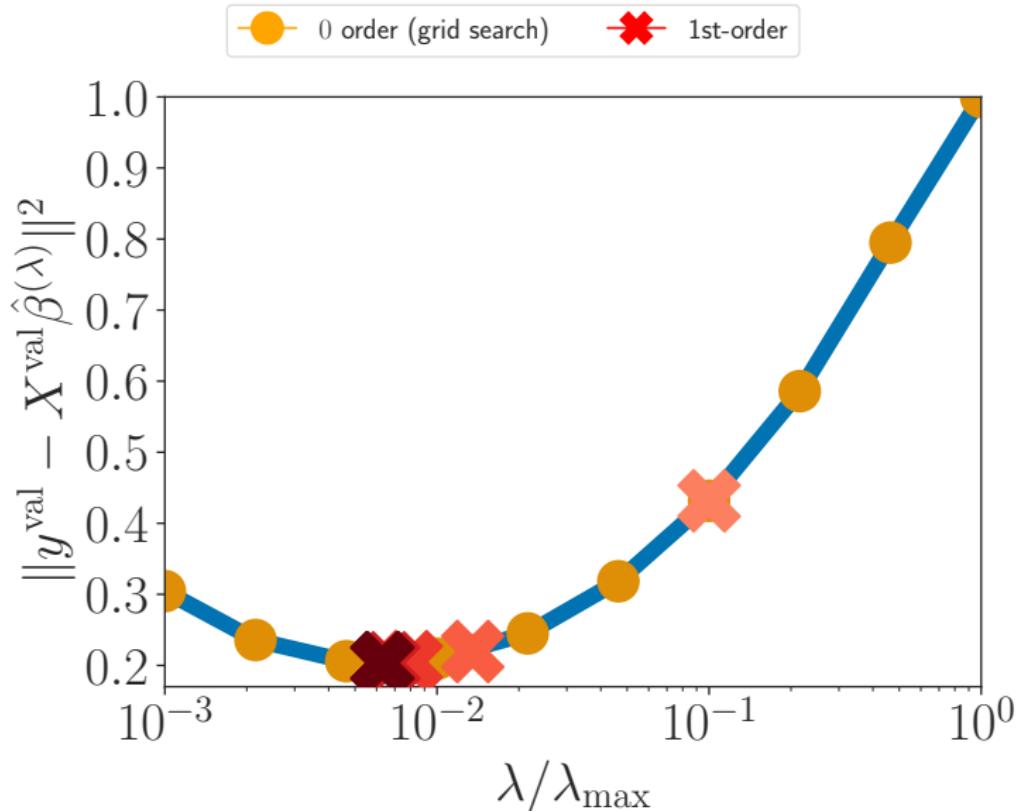
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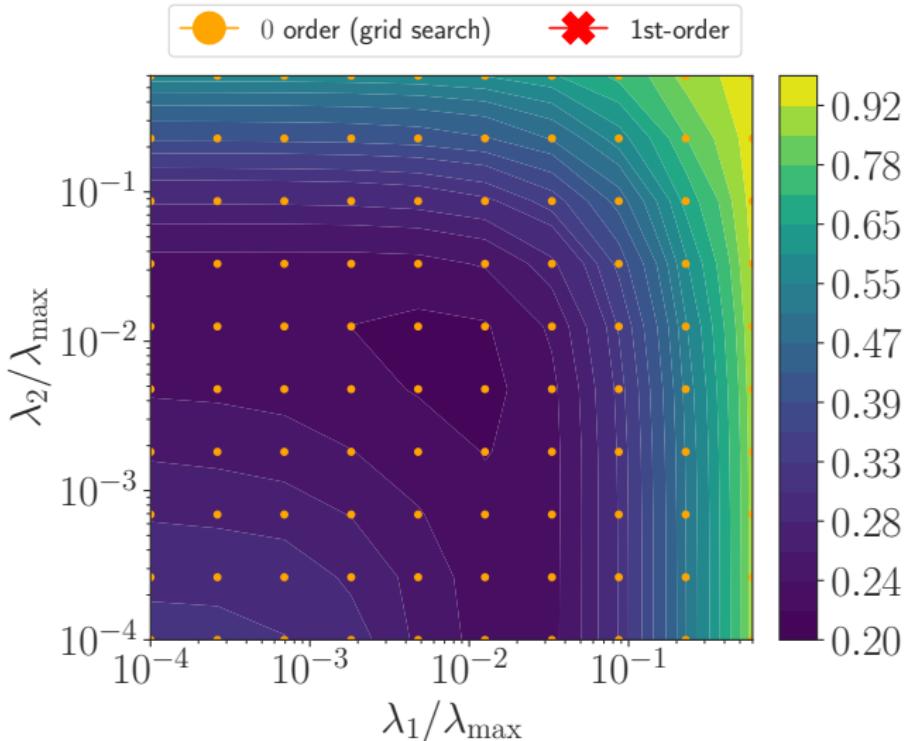
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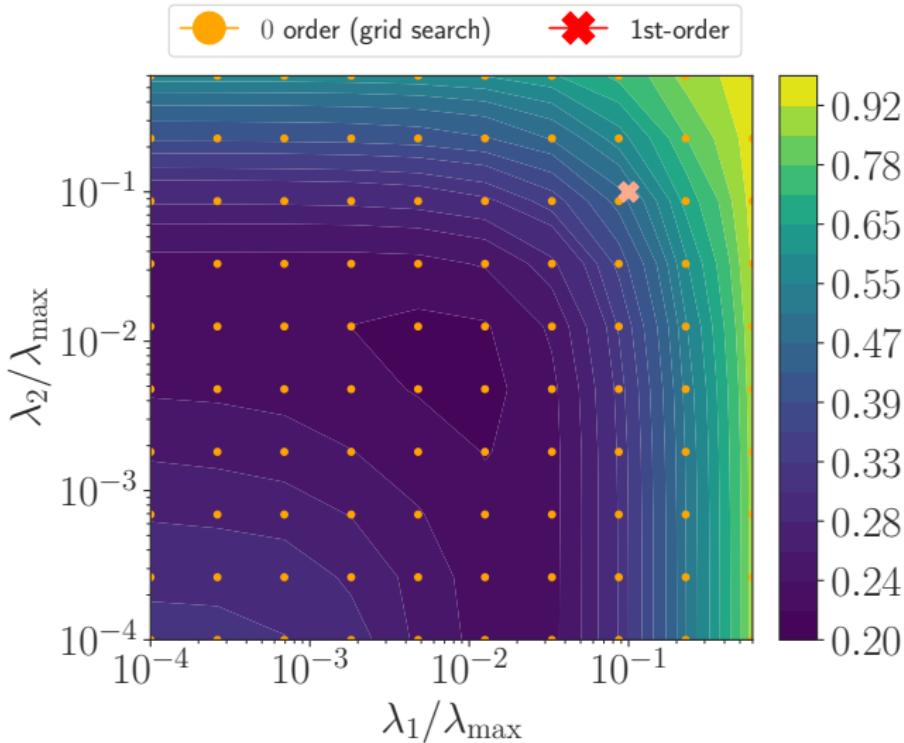
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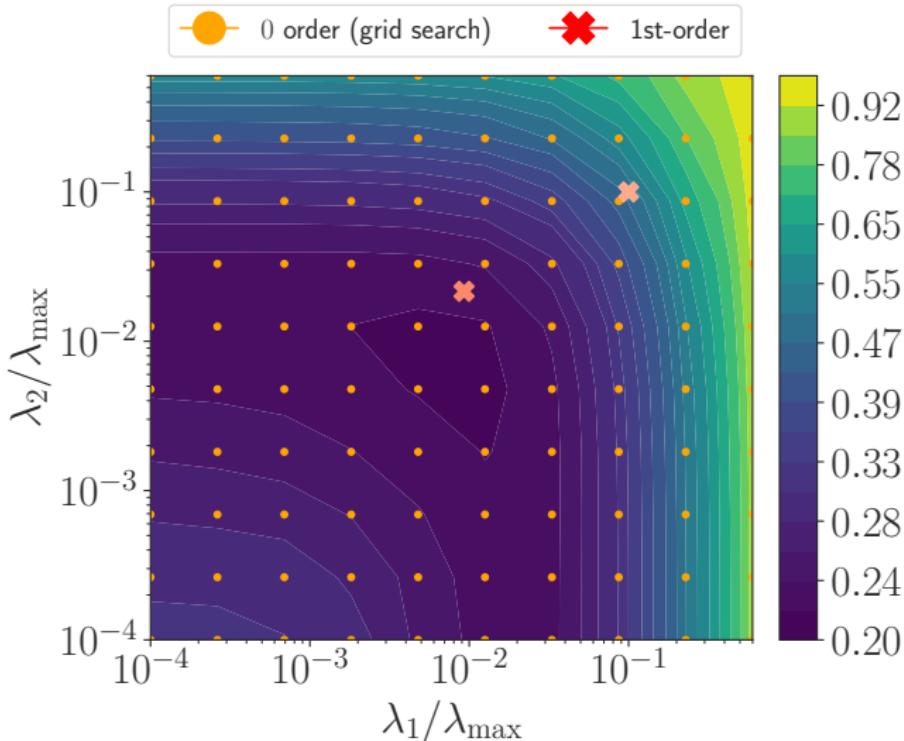
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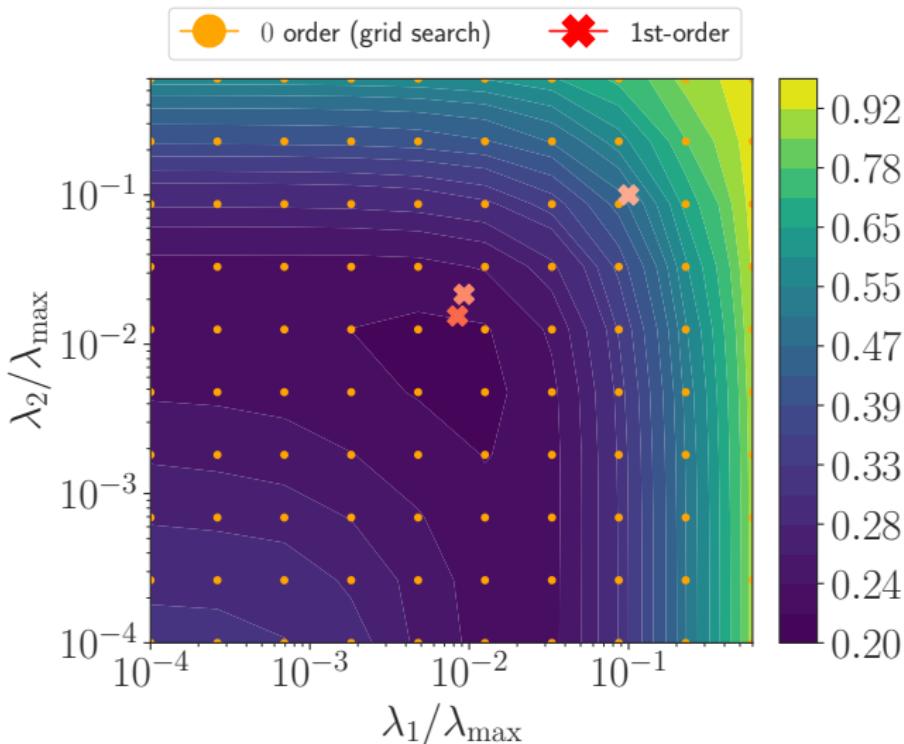
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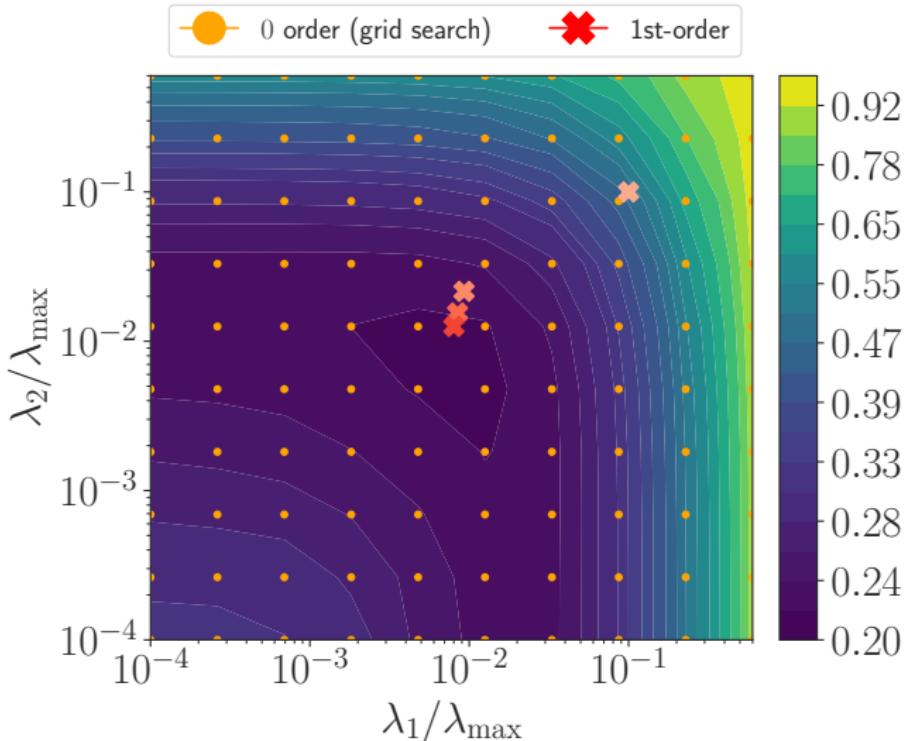
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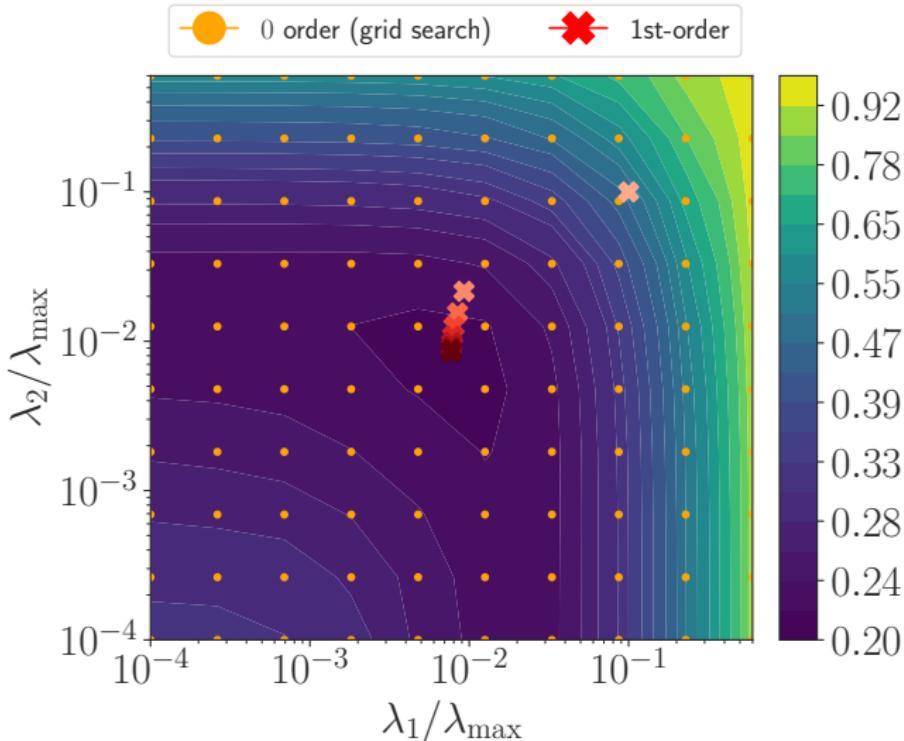
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- ▶ Line-search<sup>(40)</sup>
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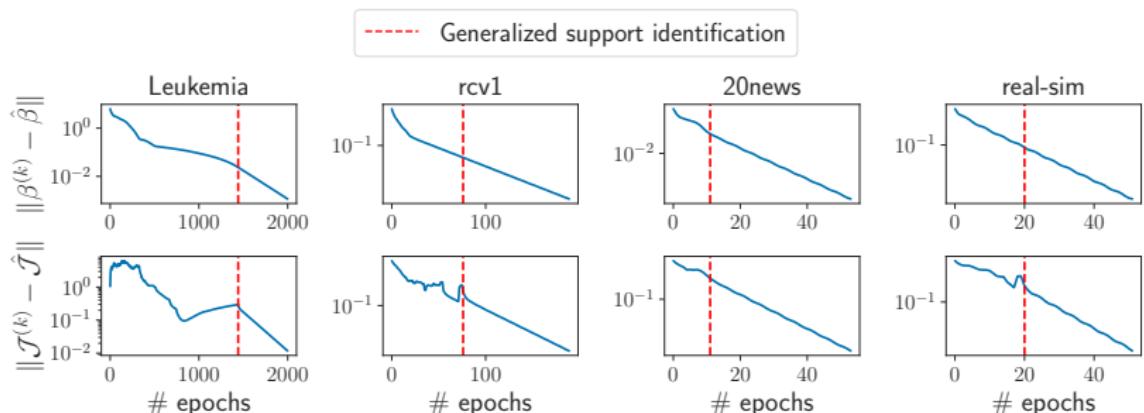
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## Forward diff. PCD convergence, Lasso

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Then the Jacobian sequence based on forward diff. of PCD converges to the true Jacobian. Once the support (the non-zeros coefs.) has been identified, convergence is linear.<sup>(51)</sup>



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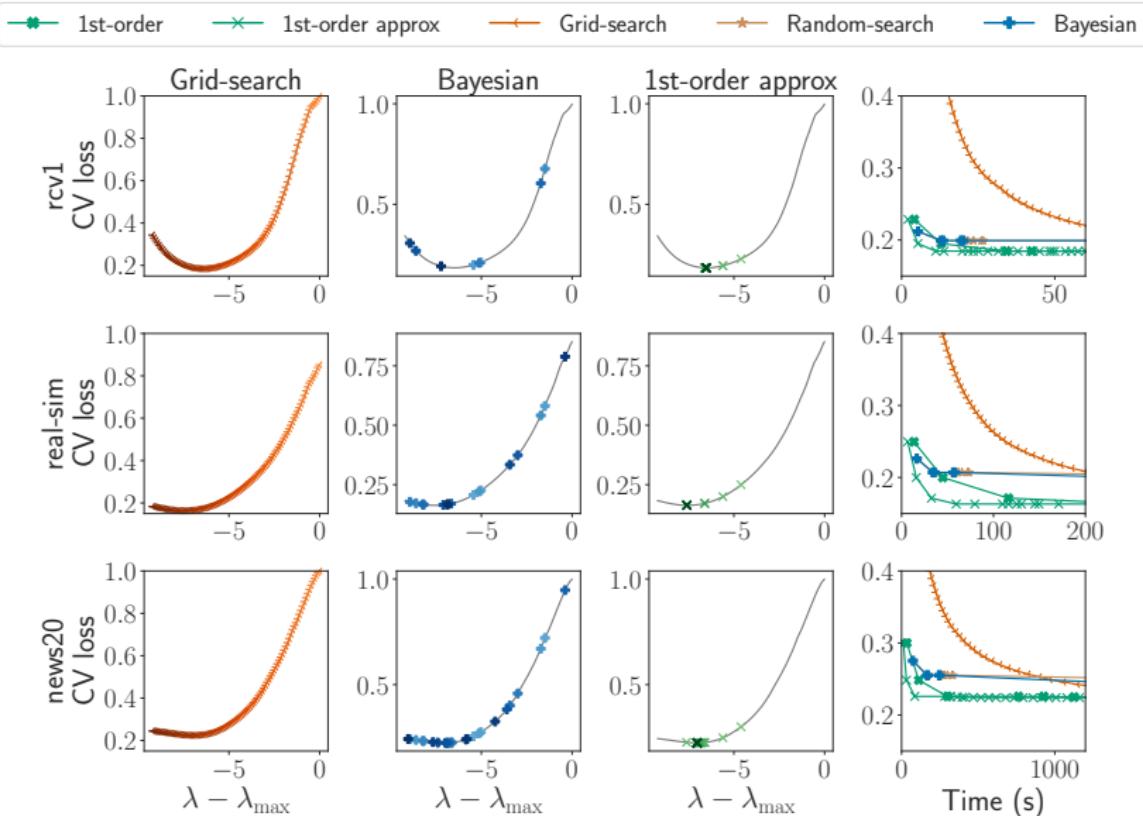
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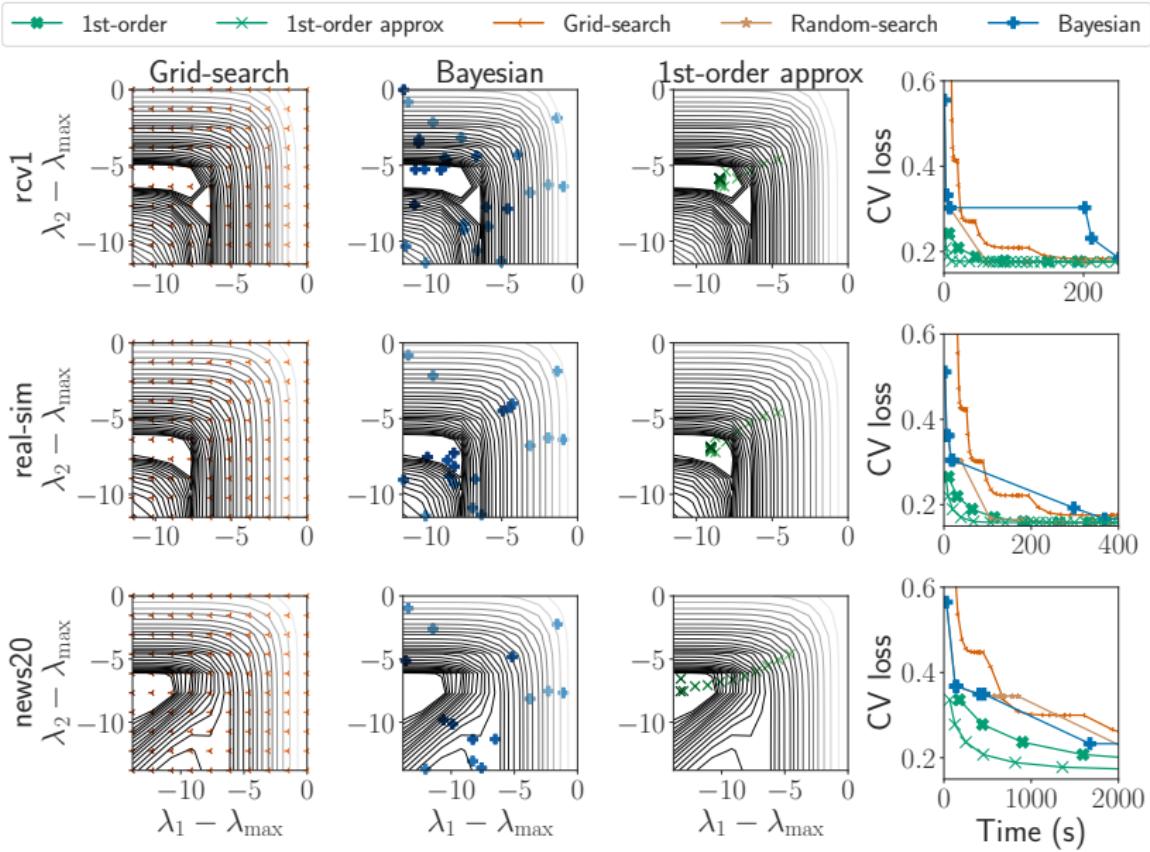
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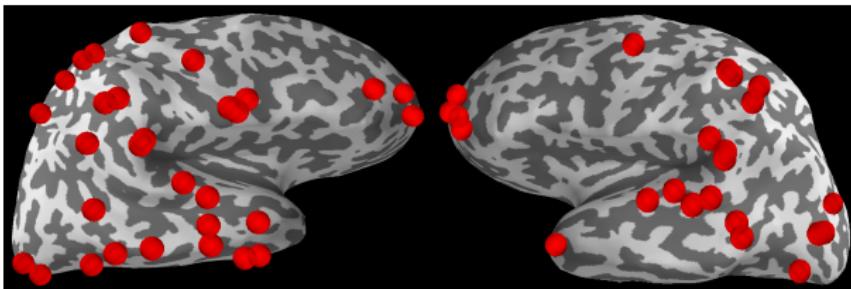
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Real M/EEG data, vanilla Lasso (1 hyperparameter  $\lambda$ )

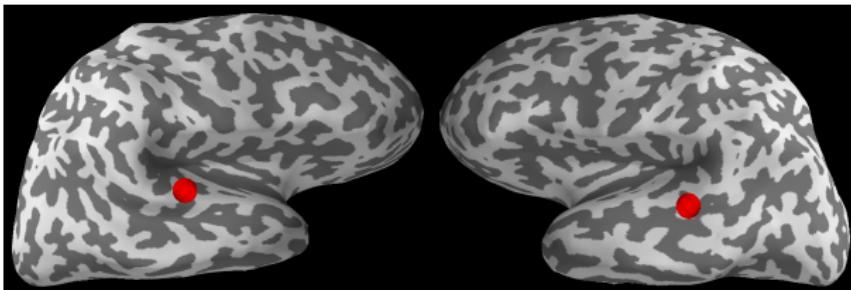
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# Limitations

- ▶ Specific parametrization  $e^\lambda$
- ▶ Need a **differentiable criterion**: cannot use 0/1-loss
- ▶ Need a **continuous estimator** w.r.t. data and hyperparameters: does not apply yet to **non-convex** penalties<sup>(55)(56)</sup>
- ▶ Optimized function often **non-convex**: possibly multiple local minima
- ▶ Hard to calibrate **nested for loops**

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# Contributions and dissemination

- ▶ Local linear convergence of the Jacobian
- ▶ Leverage sparsity to speed up hypergradient computation
- ▶ Open source package

<https://github.com/QB3/sparse-ho>

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## sparse-ho

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`sparse-ho` stands for "sparse hyperparameter optimization". This package implements efficient hyperparameter tuning for sparse machine learning models. It supports models such as the Lasso, the Weighted Lasso, multiclass sparse Logistic regression, SVM, etc.

Relying on a first order algorithm for bilevel optimization, `sparse-ho`'s performances scales gracefully with the number of hyperparameters to tune.

In order to benchmark performances, the package also implements alternatives such as forward or backward differentiation.

## Documentation

Please visit '<https://qb3.github.io/sparse-ho>' for the latest version of the documentation.

## Install

To run the code you first need to clone the repository, and then run, in the folder containing the `setup.py` file (root folder):

```
pip install -e .
```

# Summary of contributions

$$\hat{\mathbf{B}} \in \arg \min_{\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times T}} \left( \frac{1}{2nT} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{XB}\|_F^2 + \lambda \Omega(\mathbf{B}) \right)$$

Covered in this presentation

- ▶ How to efficiently solve this optimization problem?<sup>(57)</sup>
- ▶ How to efficiently select the regularization parameter  $\lambda$ ?<sup>(58)(59)</sup>

Not covered in this presentation<sup>(60)(61)(62)</sup>

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# Perspectives I, andersoncd

Name	Fast	Modular	sk API	Nncvx	Language
glmnet <sup>(63)</sup>	+	✗	✗	✗	Fortran
scikit-learn <sup>(64)</sup>	+	✗	✓	✗	cython
lightning <sup>(65)</sup>	+	✓	✓	✗	cython
celer <sup>(66)</sup>	++	✗	✓	✗	cython
picasso <sup>(67)</sup>	++	✗	✗	✓	C++
pyGLMnet <sup>(68)</sup>	—	✓	✓	✗	python
remains to be done	++	✓	✓	✓	python

## Existing packages for linear models

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# Perspectives II, bilevel optimization

- ▶ For smooth inner problems, HO packages exist<sup>(69)(70)</sup> ....
- ▶ But practitioners mostly rely on 0-order methods<sup>(71)(72)</sup>

## Main problems

- ▶ Hard to tune *hyperhyperparameters*
- ▶ Hard to calibrate nested *for* loops

## What I propose

- ▶ Study bilevel optimization through the lens of games theory<sup>(73)</sup>

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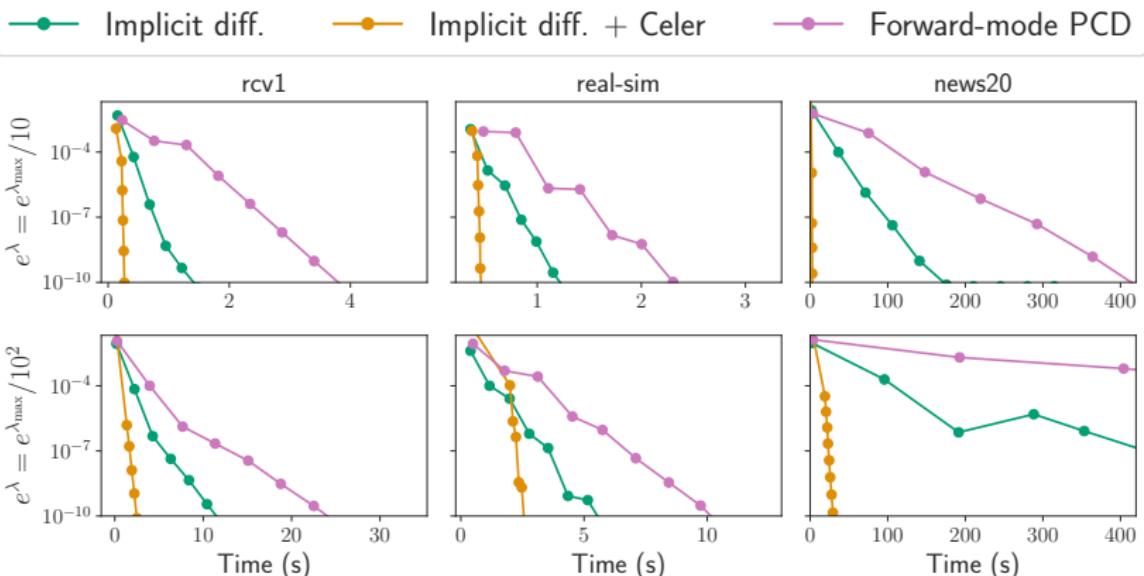
<sup>(73)</sup> H. von Stackelberg. *Marktform und Gleichgewicht*. J. Springer, 1934.

# Thank you!

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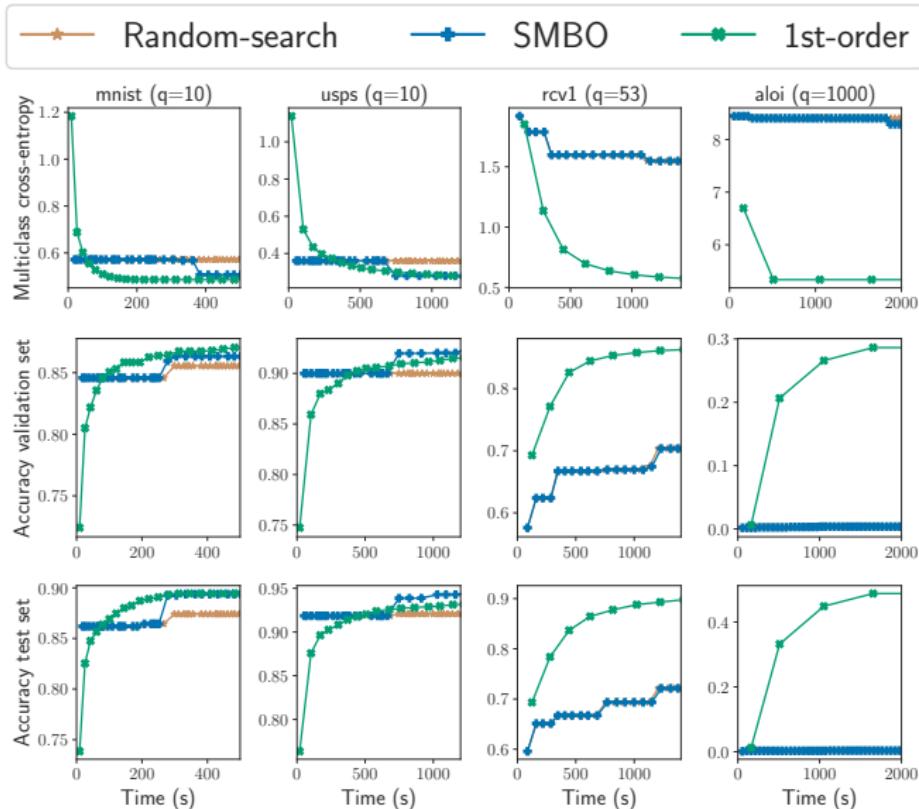


# Backup - Implicit vs forward-mode



**Lasso with hold-out criterion:** absolute difference between the exact hypergradient (using  $\hat{\beta}$ ) and the iterate hypergradient (using  $\beta^{(k)}$ ) of the Lasso as a function of time.

# Backup - Multiclass logistic regression



Multiclass sparse logistic regression hold-out, time comparison (# classes = # hyperparameters).

# Backup - Outer procedure

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**Algorithm:** OUTER PROCEDURE

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**input** :  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^r, (\epsilon_i)$

**init** : use\_adaptive\_step\_size = True

**for**  $i = 1, \dots, \text{iter}$  **do**

$\lambda^{\text{old}} \leftarrow \lambda$

    // compute the value and the gradient

$\mathcal{L}(\lambda), \nabla \mathcal{L}(\lambda) \leftarrow \text{Implicit diff}(X, y, \lambda, \epsilon_i)$

**if** use\_adaptive\_step\_size **then**

$\alpha = 1/\|\nabla \mathcal{L}(\lambda)\|$

        // gradient step

$\lambda -= \alpha \nabla \mathcal{L}(\lambda)$

**if**  $\mathcal{L}(\lambda) > \mathcal{L}(\lambda^{\text{old}})$  **then**

            use\_adaptive\_step\_size = False

$\alpha /= 10$

**return**  $\lambda$

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