

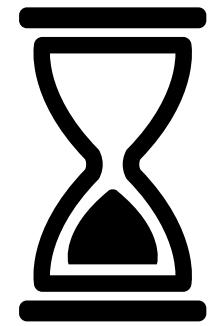
Randomized Dimension Reduction with Statistical Guarantees

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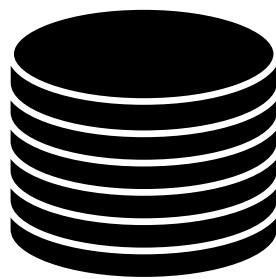
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Roadmap



Computational efficiency

- Randomized pivoting-based interpolative & CUR decompositions
- Randomized subspace approximation: efficient canonical angle bounds & estimates



Sample efficiency

- Sample efficiency of data augmentation consistency regularization
- Adaptively weighted data augmentation consistency regularization for distributionally robust optimization under concept shift

Randomized Pivoting Algorithms for Interpolative and CUR Decompositions

Based on joint work with: Per-Gunnar Martinsson

Dong Y, Martinsson PG. Simpler is better: a comparative study of randomized algorithms for computing the CUR decomposition. arXiv preprint arXiv:2104.05877. 2021 Apr 13.

Matrix Skeleton Selection: Overview

- Inputs: $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, target rank $k \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) \Rightarrow$ Outputs: column/row skeletons $J_k \subseteq [n]$ and/or $I_k \subseteq [m]$

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(:, J_k) \quad \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{A}(I_k, :)$$

- Interpolative decomposition (ID)

$$\mathbf{A} \approx \mathbf{C} (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^\dagger)$$

- CUR decomposition

$$\mathbf{A} \approx \mathbf{C} (\mathbf{C}^\dagger \mathbf{A} \mathbf{R}^\dagger) \mathbf{R}$$

Pivoting-based selection

- Column-pivoted QR
- (Strong) rank-revealing QR
- DEIM (SVD + LU with partial pivoting)

Key questions on **randomized pivoting-based skeleton selection**:

- Can we find **a general framework** that unifies the existing strategies?
- Are there more **efficient alternatives** to the existing algorithms?

Sampling-based selection

- Uniform sampling
- Leverage score sampling
- Volume sampling

Refer to (D., Martinsson, 2021)
Section 3 for a brief survey

Randomized Pivoting-based Skeleton Selection: A General Framework

- Inputs: $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, sample size l with $k < l \leq r = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$, number of power iterations $q \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$
- Outputs: $J_l \subseteq [n]$ and/or $I_l \subseteq [m]$ such that $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(:, J_l) \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times l}$, $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{A}(I_l, :) \in \mathbb{C}^{l \times n}$

Reduction stage: randomized dimension reduction / sketching

1. Draw randomized linear embedding $\boldsymbol{\Gamma} \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{l \times m})$ (e.g., $\Gamma_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1/l)$ i.i.d.)
2. Construct a random row space approximate $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{l \times n}$
 1. Sketching on \mathbf{A} : $\mathbf{X} = \boldsymbol{\Gamma} \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{A})^q$ (with optional step-wise orthonormalization)
 2. Randomized SVD (RSVD) of \mathbf{A} : $[\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{\Sigma}, \mathbf{V}] = \text{svd}(\boldsymbol{\Gamma} \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{A})^q)$

- Gaussian matrices
- Subsampled randomized trigonometric transforms
- CountSketch
- Sparse sign matrices

- sketching is more efficient than RSVD by $O(nl^2)$

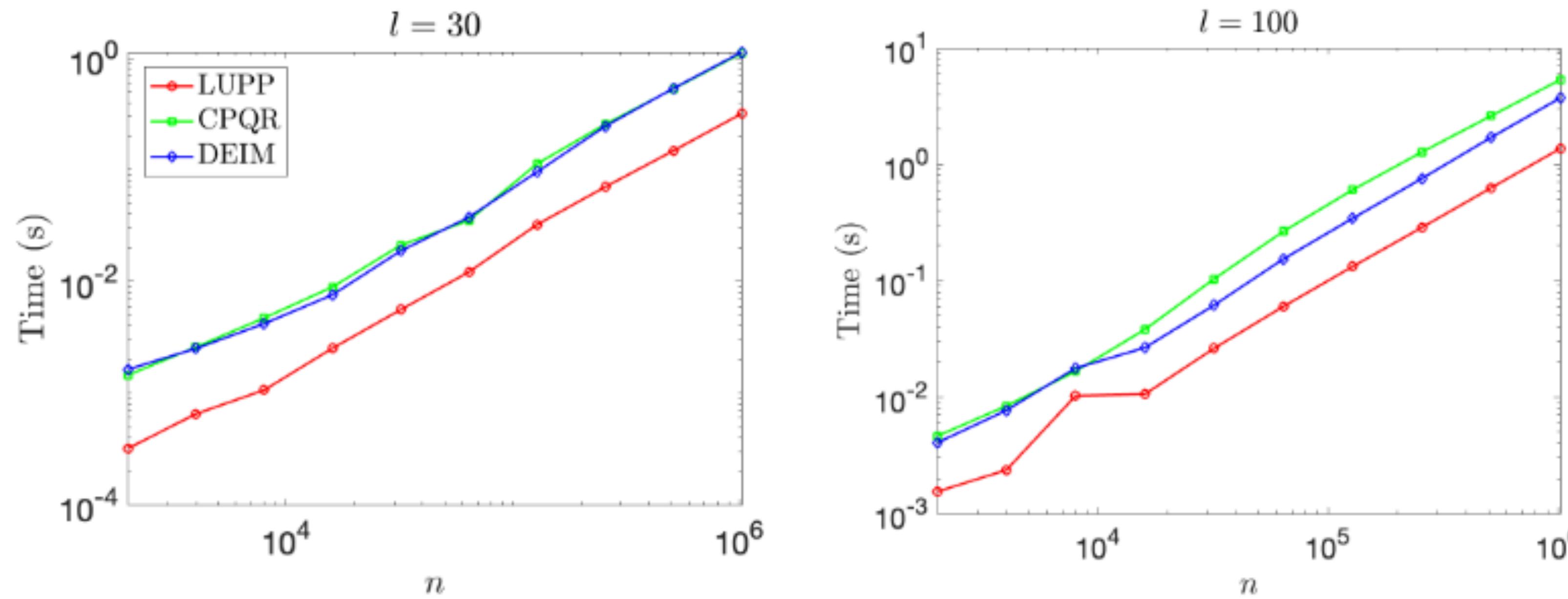
Pivoting stage: greedy skeleton selection

1. Column-wise pivoting on $\mathbf{X} \Rightarrow J_l$
2. (For CUR) row-wise pivoting on $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(:, J_l) \Rightarrow I_l$

Common pivoting schemes:

- Column pivoted QR (CPQR)
- LU with partial pivoting (LUPP)

Efficiency of Dimension Reduction + Pivoting

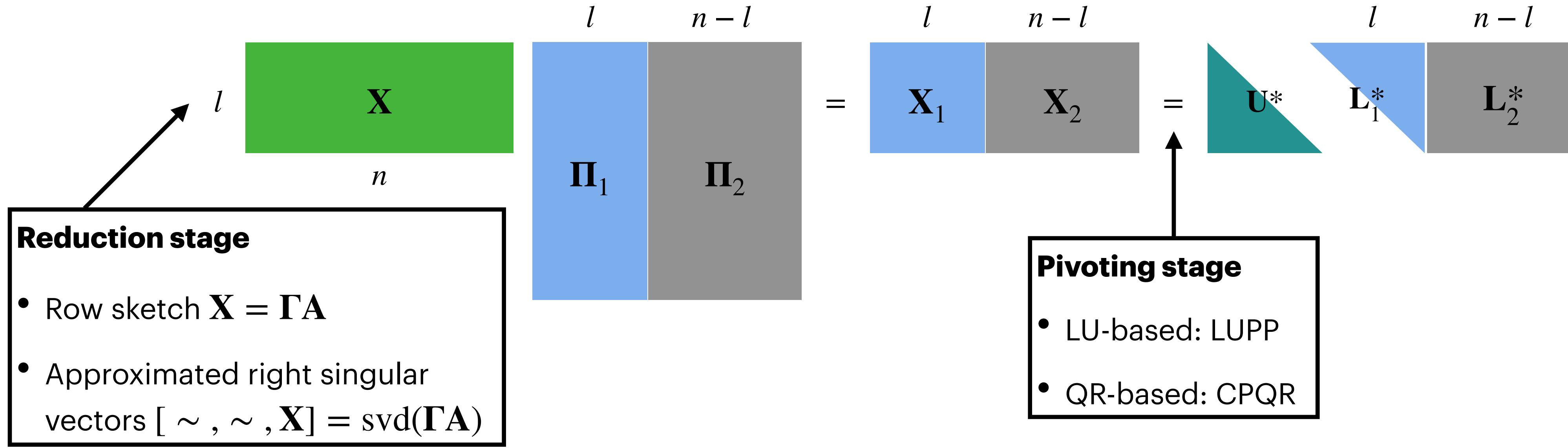


Runtime of sketching + LU with partial pivoting (LUPP) / sketching + column pivoted QR (CPQR) / randomized SVD + LUPP (DEIM) on $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{l \times n}$ column-wisely

- Runtime: **LUPP** \ll **DEIM** < **CPQR**
- Despite the same asymptotic complexity $O(nl^2)$, LUPP is much **more efficient** than CPQR in practice
- LUPP and its variations (e.g., CALU) enjoy **better parallelizability** compared to CPQR

- LUPP is **less stable** than CPQR:
 - Not rank-revealing
 - Vulnerable to rank-deficiency
- **Randomization stabilizes LUPP!**
 - Sketching is “spectrum-revealing”
 - Sketching yields maximum-rank sample matrices almost-surely

Pivoting-based Skeletonization Error: Posterior Guarantee

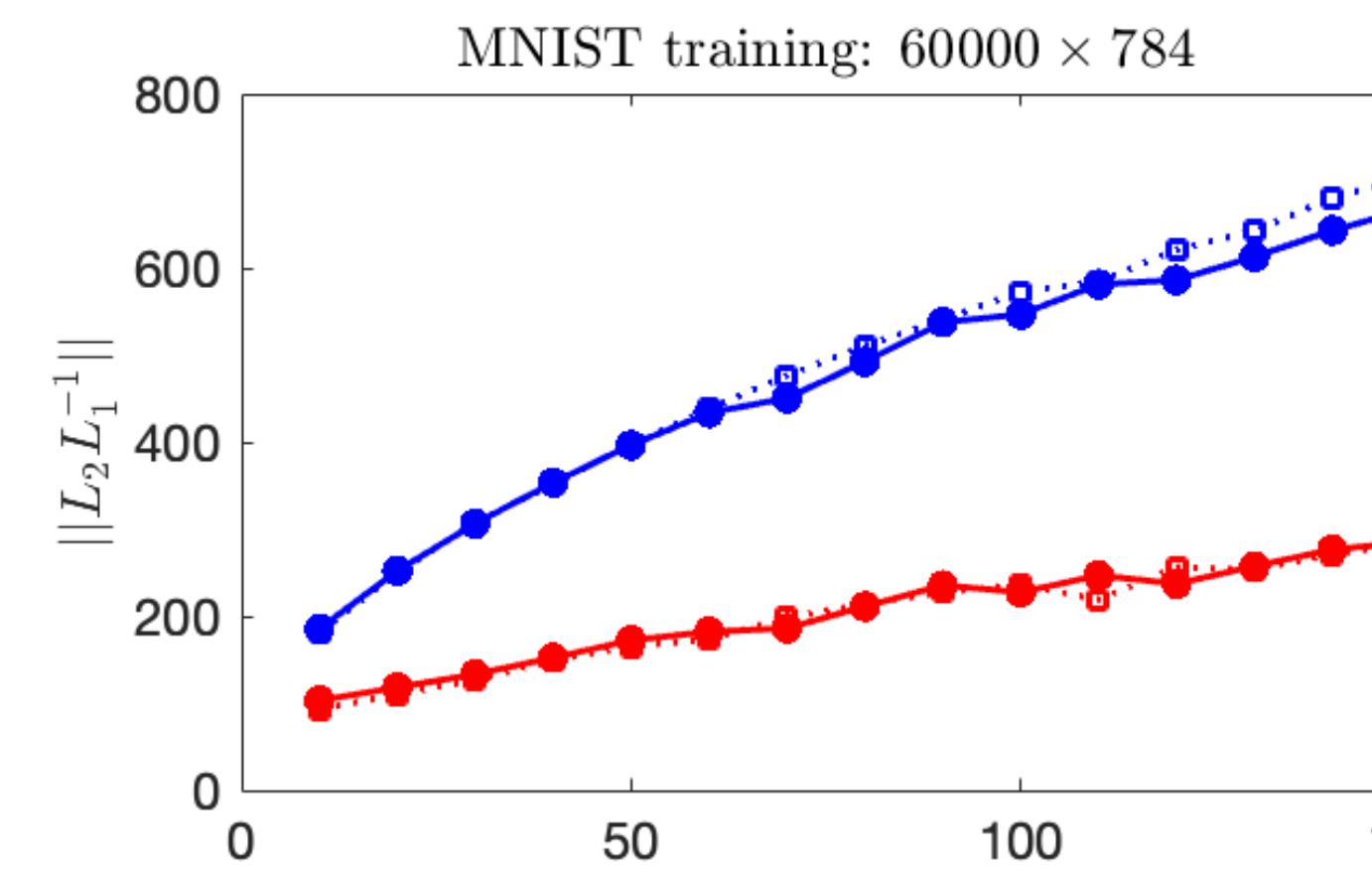
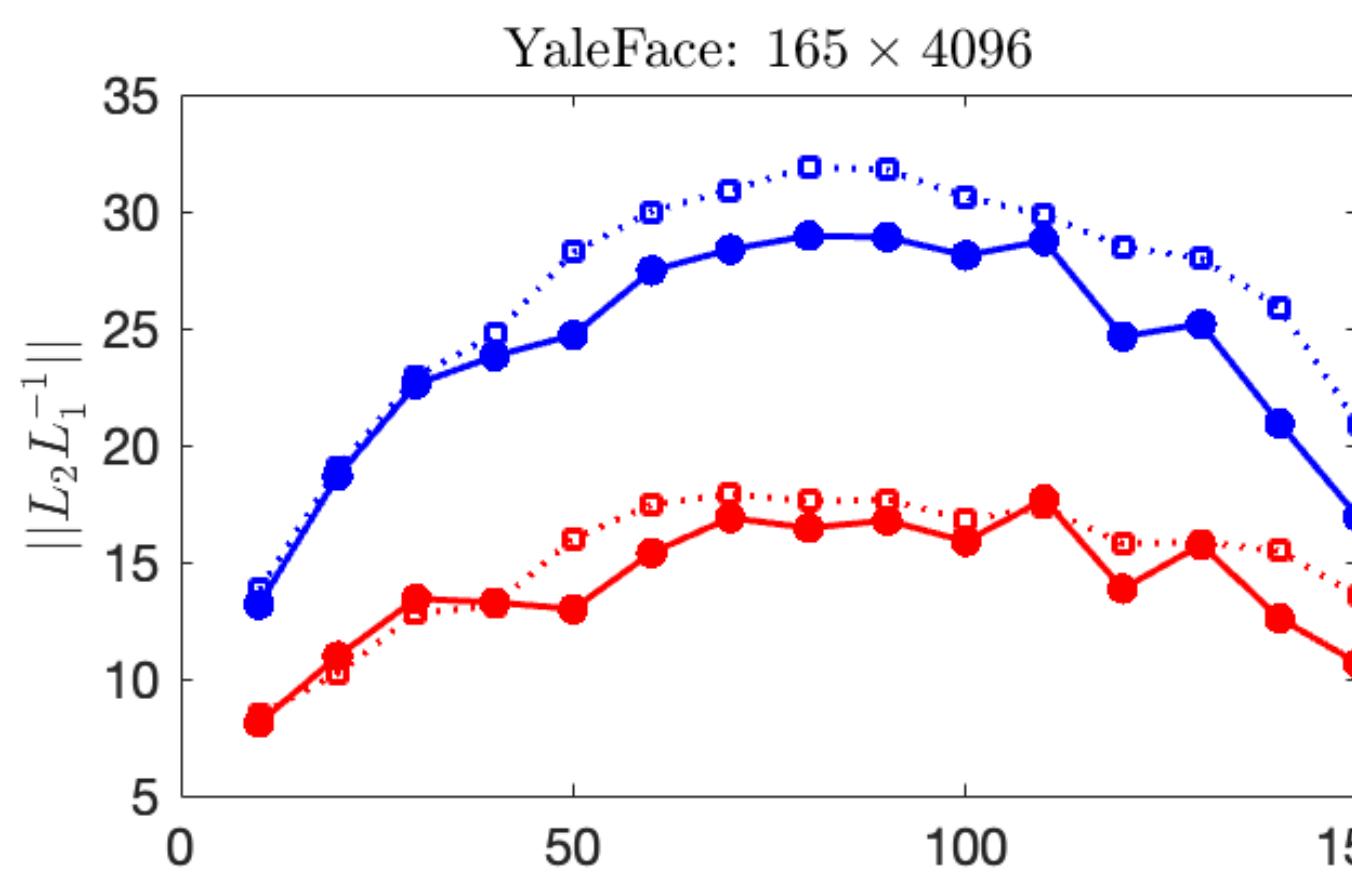
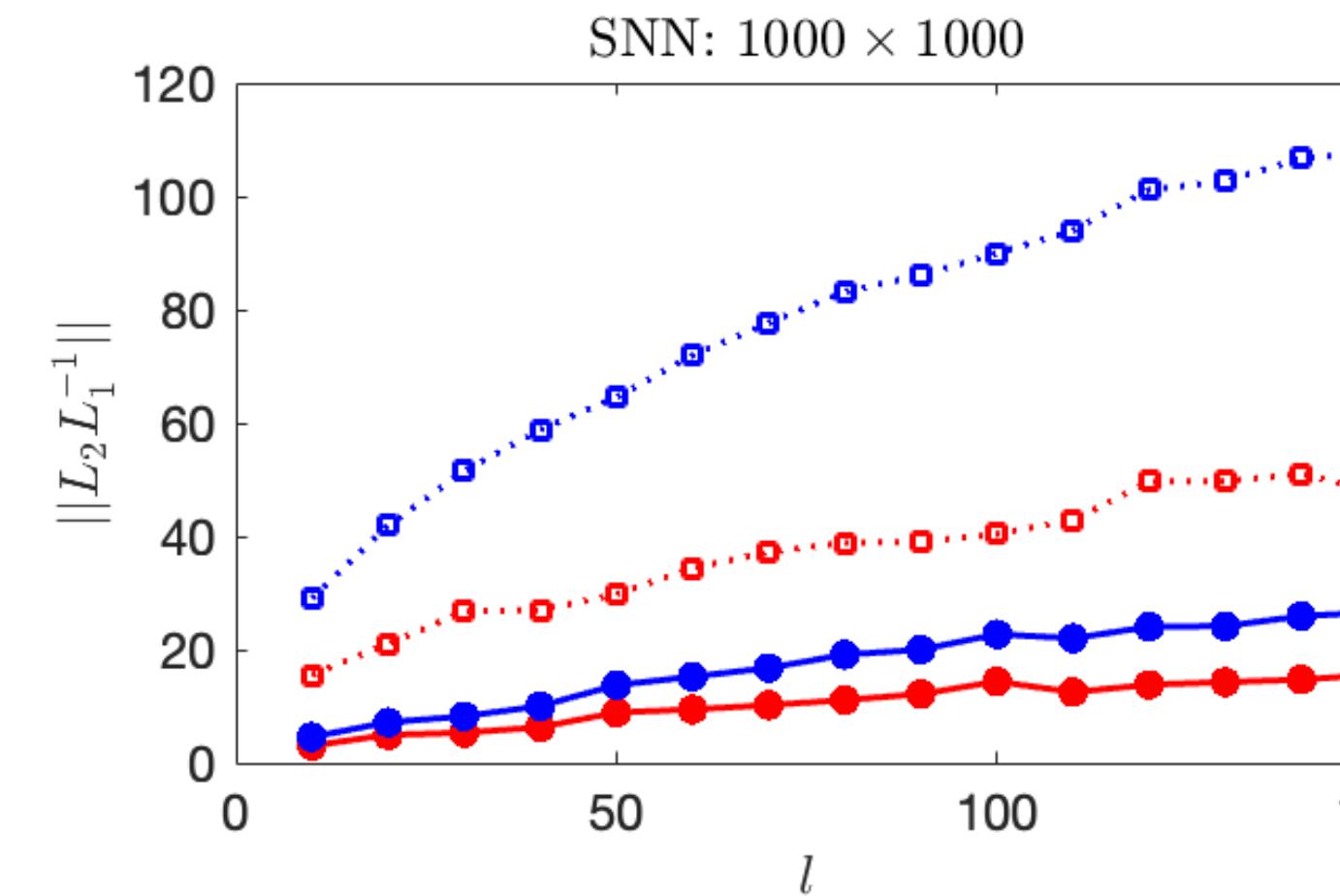
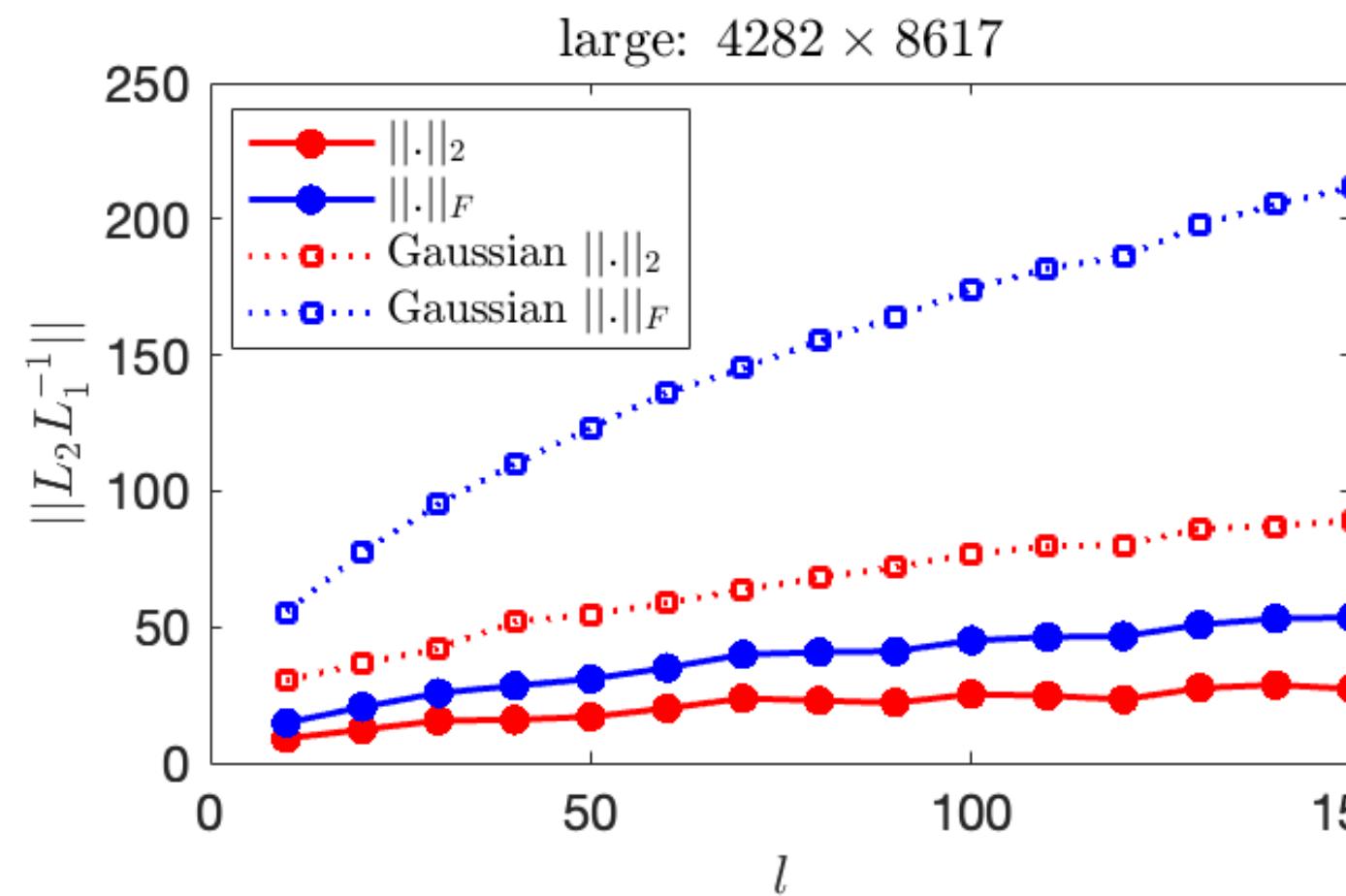


Theorem. (Posterior error guarantee of pivoting-based skeleton selection)

- Assume $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{l \times n}$ admits full row rank. Let $\mathbf{X}_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{l \times l}$ be the first l pivoted columns and $\mathbf{X}_2 \in \mathbb{C}^{l \times (n-l)}$ be the rest such that $\mathbf{X} [\mathbf{\Pi}_1, \mathbf{\Pi}_2] = [\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2]$. Then, for $\xi \in \{2, F\}$,

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{CC}^\dagger \mathbf{A}\|_\xi \leq \underbrace{\eta}_{\text{pivoting error}} \cdot \underbrace{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{AX}^\dagger \mathbf{X}\|_\xi}_{\text{reduction error}}, \quad \eta \leq \sqrt{1 + \|\mathbf{X}_1^\dagger \mathbf{X}_2\|_2^2}$$

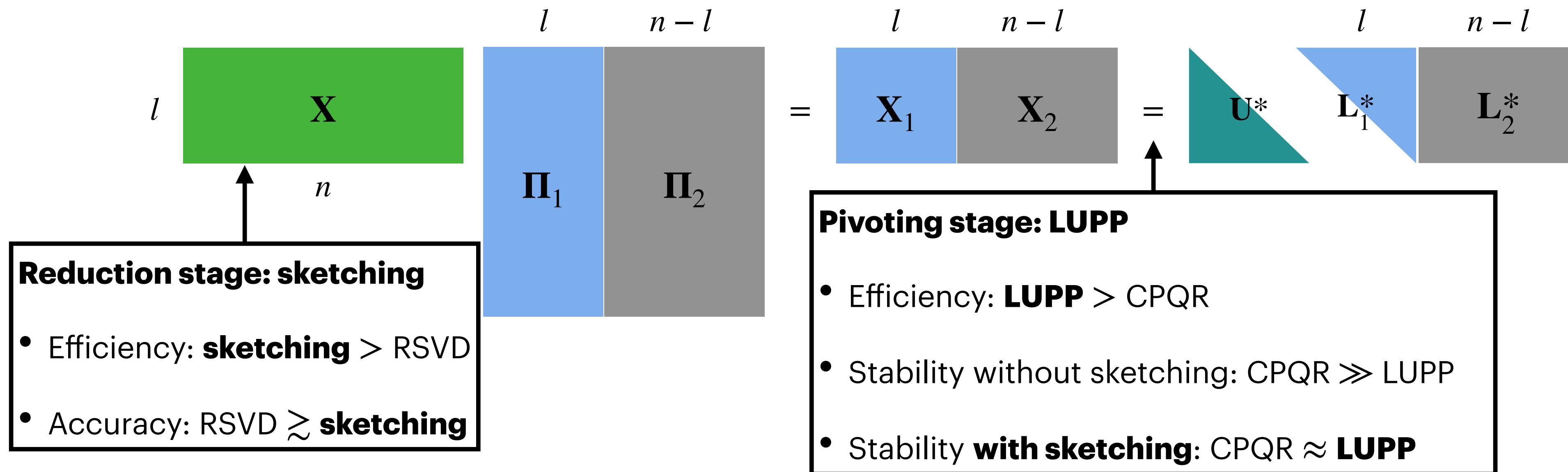
Randomization Stabilizes LUPP: $\eta = O(l)$ in practice



- **Worst-case** pivoting error factor:
 $\eta = \Theta(2^l)$ for both LUPP and CPQR
(e.g., Kahan matrix)
- With randomization via sketching,
we observe $\eta = O(l)$ **in practice**
(cf. Trefethen et al, 1990)

Trefethen LN, Schreiber RS. Average-case stability of Gaussian elimination. SIAM Journal on Matrix Analysis and Applications. 1990 Jul;11(3):335-60.

Efficient Alternative: Sketching + LUPP



Existing algorithms

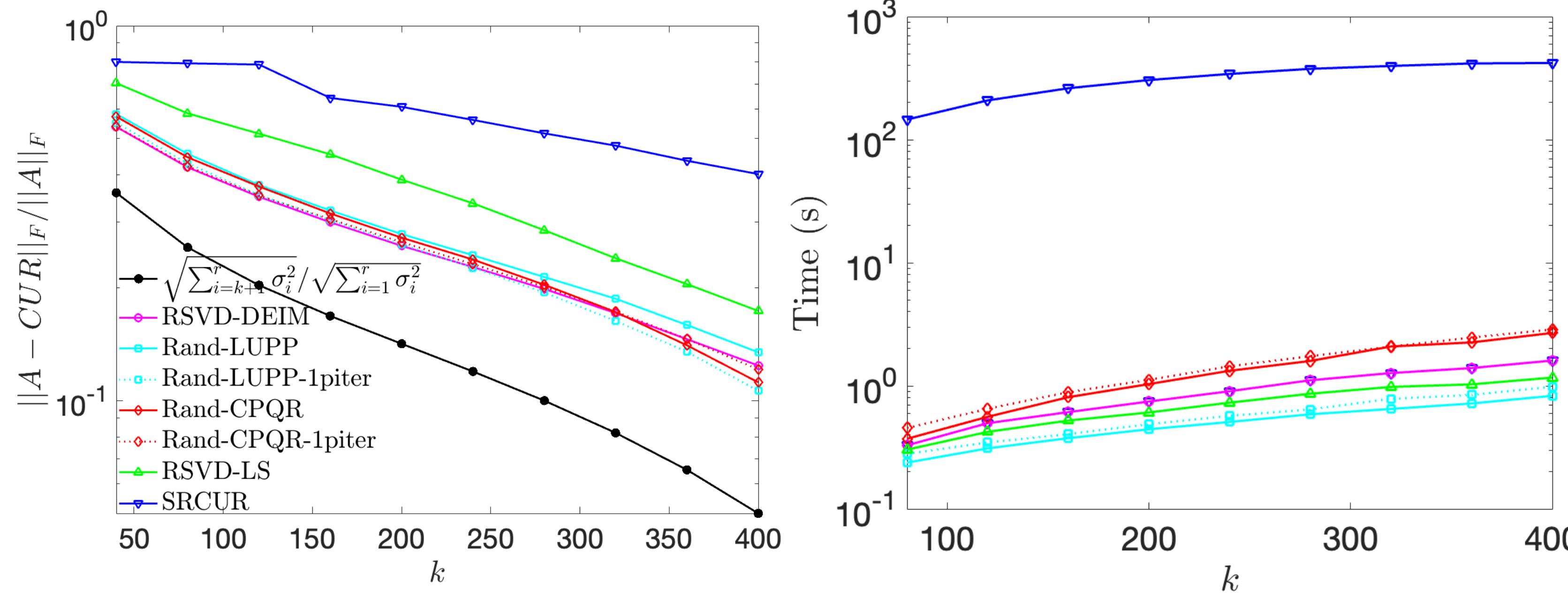
- (Voronin et al, 2017): Sketching + CPQR
- (Sorensen et al, 2016): RSVD + LUPP (DEIM)

More efficient alternative: **Sketching + LUPP**

- Sketching stage: $\mathbf{X} = \Gamma \mathbf{A}$
- Pivoting stage: LUPP on \mathbf{X} column-wisely

1. Voronin S, Martinsson PG. Efficient algorithms for CUR and interpolative matrix decompositions. *Advances in Computational Mathematics*. 2017 Jun;43:495-516.
2. Sorensen DC, Embree M. A deim induced cur factorization. *SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing*. 2016;38(3):A1454-82.

Accuracy & Efficiency of Sketching + LUPP: MNIST



Accuracy

- **Rand-LUPP** \approx RSVD-DEIM \approx Rand-CPQR
 $>$ RSVD-LS $>$ SRCUR
- $q = 1$ boosts accuracy sufficiently

Efficiency

- **Rand-LUPP** $>$ RSVD-LS $>$ RSVD-DEIM $>$ Rand-CPQR \gg SRCUR

- Rand-LUPP (ours): sketching + LUPP (with $q = 1$ power iteration)
- Rand-CPQR: sketching + CPQR (with $q = 1$ power iteration)
- RSVD-DEIM: RSVD + LUPP
- RSVD-LS: leverage score with approximated singular vectors from RSVD
- SRCUR: spectrum-revealing CUR (Chen et al, 2020) based on spectrum-revealing pivoting schemes

Randomized Subspace Approximations: Efficient Bounds and Estimates for Canonical Angles

Based on joint work with: Per-Gunnar Martinsson, Yuji Nakatsukasa

Dong Y, Martinsson PG, Nakatsukasa Y. Efficient Bounds and Estimates for Canonical Angles in Randomized Subspace Approximations. arXiv preprint arXiv:2211.04676. 2022 Nov 9.

Leading Singular Subspaces

- Singular value decomposition (SVD)

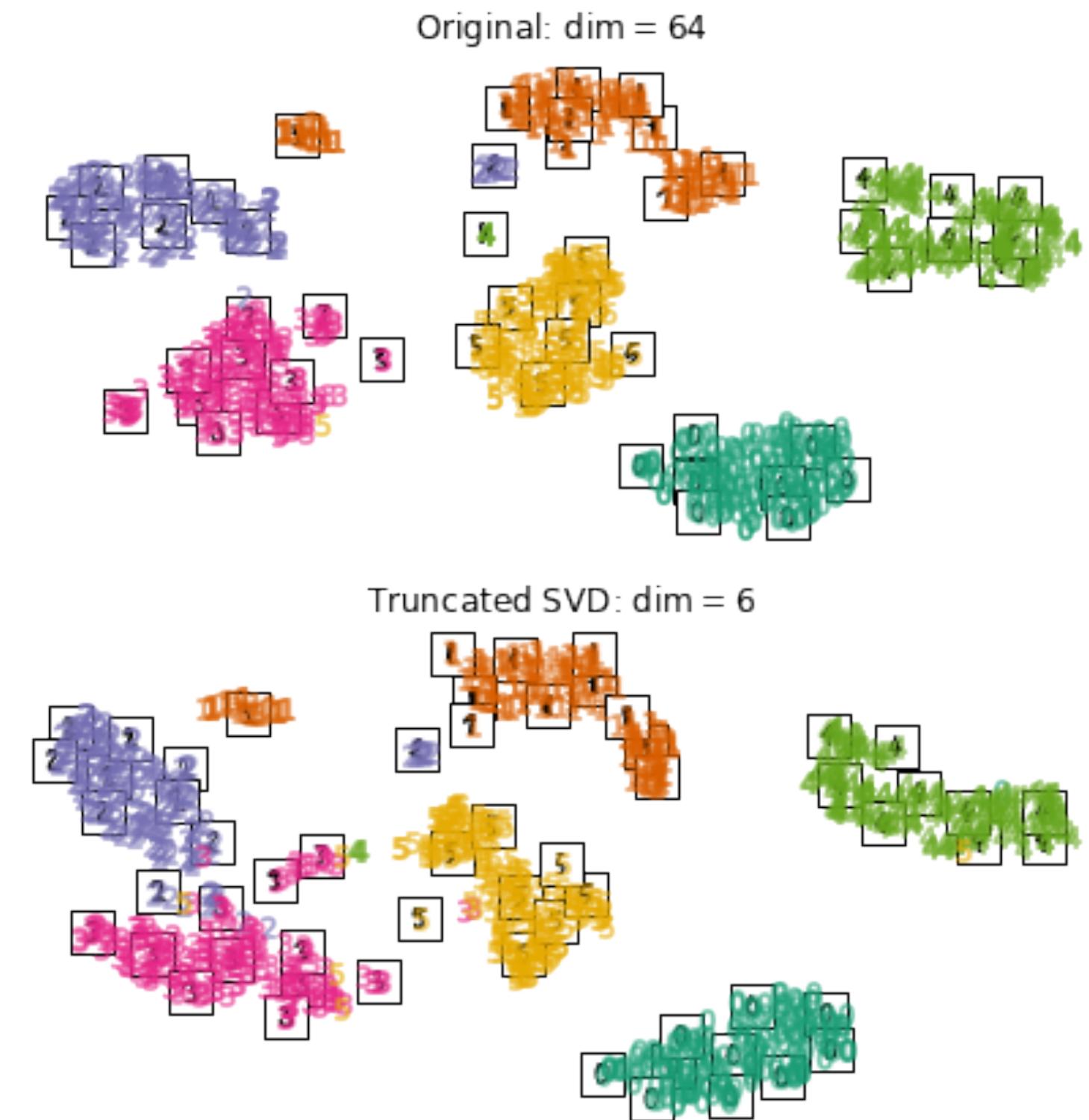
Given $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, $1 \leq k \leq r = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$, rank-k truncated SVD:

$$\mathbf{A}_k = \mathbf{U}_k \begin{matrix} \Sigma_k \\ k \times k \end{matrix} \mathbf{V}_k^* \begin{matrix} \\ k \times n \end{matrix}$$

- Maximum-k singular values: $\Sigma_k = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k)$
- Leading-k singular subspaces:** $\mathbf{U}_k^* \mathbf{U}_k = \mathbf{V}_k^* \mathbf{V}_k = \mathbf{I}_k$
- Eckart–Young–Mirsky theorem

$$\mathbf{A}_k = \min_{\text{rank}(\widehat{\mathbf{A}}) \leq k} \|\mathbf{A} - \widehat{\mathbf{A}}\|_F$$

- Truncated SVD provides the optimal rank-k approximation
- Broad Applications
- Low-rank approximations, PCA, CCA, spectral clustering, leverage score sampling, etc.



Spectral clustering on the dimension-6 leading singular subspace of a mini-MNIST dataset (8×8 images of digits 0-5)

Sketching: Approximate leading singular subspaces efficiently for large matrices

Questions: How accurate are these approximations? Tight & efficiently computable error bounds & estimates?

Randomized Subspace Approximations with Sketching

- Inputs: $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, sample size l with $k < l \leq r = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$ (e.g., $l = 2k \ll r$), number of power iterations $q \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ($q \leq 2$ usually)
- Outputs: $\text{RSVD}(\mathbf{A}, l, q) = (\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times l}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_l \in \mathbb{C}^{l \times l}, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times l})$ such that $\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_l = \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_l \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l^* \approx \mathbf{A}$

1. Randomized linear embedding (Johnson-Lindenstrauss transforms, etc.)

- Draw $\boldsymbol{\Omega} \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{n \times l})$ with i.i.d. entries $\Omega_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, l^{-1})$ such that $\mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{\Omega}\boldsymbol{\Omega}^*] = \mathbf{I}_n$

Isotropic embedding:
uniform over unit sphere

2. Sketching with power iterations

- Randomized **power** iterations (unstable): $\mathbf{X}^{(q)} = (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^*)^q \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Omega}$
- Randomized **subspace** iterations (stable): $\mathbf{X}^{(0)} = \text{ortho}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Omega})$, $\mathbf{X}^{(i)} = \text{ortho}(\mathbf{A} \text{ ortho}(\mathbf{A}^*\mathbf{X}^{(i-1)})) \forall i \in [q]$

3. $\mathbf{Q}_X = \text{ortho}(\mathbf{X}^{(q)})$

Key observations: with $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ being the spectrum of \mathbf{A}

4. $[\widetilde{\mathbf{U}}_l, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_l, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l] = \text{svd}(\mathbf{A}^*\mathbf{Q}_X)$

- For any $q \in \mathbb{N}$, q power iterations correspond to $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{2q+1}$

5. $\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l = \mathbf{Q}_X \widetilde{\mathbf{U}}_l$

- Compared to $\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l$ enjoys half more power iterations (i.e., $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{2q+2}$)

Canonical Angles: Alignment between Subspaces

- Canonical angles $\angle(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}) = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$ measure the alignment between two subspaces $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^d$ with dimensions $k, l \leq d$ respectively ($k < l$ w.l.o.g), e.g.,
 - True leading singular subspace: $\mathcal{U} = \text{range}(\mathbf{U}_k)$
 - Approximated leading singular subspace: $\mathcal{V} = \text{range}(\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l)$
- Left & right **canonical angles** of $\text{RSVD}(\mathbf{A}, l, q) = (\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_l, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l)$: $\forall i \in [k]$,
$$\sin\angle_i(\mathbf{U}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l) = \sigma_{k-i+1}((\mathbf{I}_m - \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l^*)\mathbf{U}_k), \quad \cos\angle_i(\mathbf{U}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l) = \sigma_i(\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l^* \mathbf{U}_k)$$
$$\sin\angle_i(\mathbf{V}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l) = \sigma_{k-i+1}((\mathbf{I}_m - \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l^*)\mathbf{V}_k), \quad \cos\angle_i(\mathbf{V}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l) = \sigma_i(\widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l^* \mathbf{V}_k)$$

Prior v.s. **posterior** guarantees: computed **without** v.s. **with** the outputs $(\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_l, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l)$

- Prior guarantees are probabilistic, with randomness from $\boldsymbol{\Omega} \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{n \times l})$
- Posterior guarantees are deterministic with given $(\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_l, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l)$

Space-agnostic Prior Probabilistic Bounds

Theorem. (Space-agnostic bounds under multiplicative oversampling. (D., Martinsson, Nakatsukasa, 2022))

- With Gaussian embedding; small $q \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\eta \triangleq \left(\sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^{4q+4} \right)^2 / \sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^{2(4q+4)} = \Omega(l)$; oversampling $l = \Omega(k)$
- Notice that $1 < \eta \leq r - k$ and usually $r - k \gg l$. $\eta = \Omega(l)$ refers to a realistic case with non-negligible approximation error: when the tail of the spectrum $\{\sigma_j\}_{j=k+1}^r$ remains non-trivial after q power iterations
- With high probability (at least $1 - e^{-\Theta(k)} - e^{-\Theta(l)}$), there exist $\epsilon_1 = \Theta(\sqrt{k/l})$, $\epsilon_2 = \Theta(\sqrt{l/\eta})$, $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 \in (0, 1)$ such that, $\forall i \in [k]$

$$\left(1 + O_{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2} \left(\frac{l \cdot \sigma_i^{4q+2}}{\sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^{4q+2}} \right) \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \leq \sin \angle_i(\mathbf{U}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l) \leq \left(1 + \frac{1 - \epsilon_1}{1 + \epsilon_2} \cdot \frac{l \cdot \sigma_i^{4q+2}}{\sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^{4q+2}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\left(1 + O_{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2} \left(\frac{l \cdot \sigma_i^{4q+4}}{\sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^{4q+4}} \right) \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \leq \sin \angle_i(\mathbf{V}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l) \leq \left(1 + \frac{1 - \epsilon_1}{1 + \epsilon_2} \cdot \frac{l \cdot \sigma_i^{4q+4}}{\sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^{4q+4}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

- In practice, taking $\epsilon_1 = \sqrt{k/l}$, $\epsilon_2 = \sqrt{l/(r - k)}$ is sufficient for upper bounds when $l \geq 1.6k$ and $q \leq 10$

Comparison with Existing Prior Probabilistic Guarantees

- Given $\Omega \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{n \times l})$, let $\Omega_1 \triangleq \mathbf{V}_k^* \Omega$ and $\Omega_2 \triangleq \mathbf{V}_{r \setminus k}^* \Omega$. Then, $\Omega_1 \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{k \times l})$ and $\Omega_2 \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{(r-k) \times l})$

- Prior work (Saibaba, 2018)¹:**

$$\sin\angle_i(\mathbf{U}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l) \leq \left(1 + \frac{\sigma_i^{4q+2}}{\sigma_{k+1}^{4q+2} \|\Omega_2 \Omega_1^\dagger\|_2^2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \sin\angle_i(\mathbf{V}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l) \leq \left(1 + \frac{\sigma_i^{4q+4}}{\sigma_{k+1}^{4q+4} \|\Omega_2 \Omega_1^\dagger\|_2^2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

where for $l \geq k + 2$, given any $\delta \in (0, 1)$, with probability at least $1 - \delta$,

$$\|\Omega_2 \Omega_1^\dagger\|_2 \leq \frac{e\sqrt{l}}{l - k + 1} \left(\frac{2}{\delta}\right)^{\frac{1}{l-k+1}} \left(\sqrt{n-k} + \sqrt{l} + \sqrt{2 \log \frac{2}{\delta}}\right) = \Omega\left(\sqrt{\frac{n-k}{l}}\right)$$

Recall the correspondence in
Theorem 1:

$$\frac{1}{l} \sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^{4q+2} \leq \frac{n-k}{l} \sigma_{k+1}^{4q+2}$$
where the smaller values lead to the tighter upper bounds

- Theorem 1 is **space-agnostic** since the randomized linear embedding $\Omega \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{n \times l})$ is **isotropic**
 - Only depends on the spectrum $\{\sigma_j\}_{j=1}^r$, but not on the singular subspaces $(\mathbf{U}_k, \mathbf{U}_{r \setminus k})$ or $(\mathbf{V}_k, \mathbf{V}_{r \setminus k})$
 - In proof, we took an integrated view on the concentration of $\Sigma_{r \setminus k}^{2q+1} \Omega_2$

Unbiased Space-agnostic Estimates

- Draw independent Gaussian random matrices $\left\{ \Omega_1^{(j)} \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{k \times l}) \mid j \in [N] \right\}$ and $\left\{ \Omega_2^{(j)} \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{(r-k) \times l}) \mid j \in [N] \right\}$
- Unbiased canonical angle estimates $\alpha_i = \mathbb{E} [\sin \angle_i(\mathbf{U}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l)], \beta_i = \mathbb{E} [\sin \angle_i(\mathbf{V}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l)] \quad \forall i \in [k]$ such that

$$\sin \angle_i(\mathbf{U}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l) \approx \alpha_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \left(1 + \sigma_i^2 \left(\Sigma_k^{2q+1} \Omega_1^{(j)} \left(\Sigma_{r \setminus k}^{2q+1} \Omega_2^{(j)} \right)^\dagger \right) \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Corresponds to $\frac{1 \mp \epsilon_1}{1 \pm \epsilon_2} \cdot \frac{l \cdot \sigma_i^{4q+2}}{\sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^{4q+2}}$ in
the upper/lower bounds of Theorem 1

$$\sin \angle_i(\mathbf{V}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l) \approx \beta_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \left(1 + \sigma_i^2 \left(\Sigma_k^{2q+2} \Omega_1^{(j)} \left(\Sigma_{r \setminus k}^{2q+2} \Omega_2^{(j)} \right)^\dagger \right) \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

- **Low variance** in practice (i.e., negligible when $N \geq 3$)
- **Can be computed efficiently** with $O(rl^2)$ operations (for a given spectrum Σ)
- **For any** $k \leq l \leq r$, without further assumptions on the sample size (e.g., $\eta = \Omega(l), l = \Omega(k)$)

Posterior Residual-based Guarantees

1. Posterior bounds based on full residuals: Theorem 2. (D., Martinsson, Nakatsukasa, 2022)

$$\bullet \sin\angle_i(\mathbf{U}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l) \leq \frac{\sigma_{k-i+1} \left((\mathbf{I}_m - \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l^*) \mathbf{A} \right)}{\sigma_k} \wedge \frac{\sigma_1 \left((\mathbf{I}_m - \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l^*) \mathbf{A} \right)}{\sigma_i}$$

- Deterministic and **algorithm-independent** (e.g., holds for any $k \leq l \leq r$, and any embedding Ω)
- Can be approximated with $O(mnl)$ operations

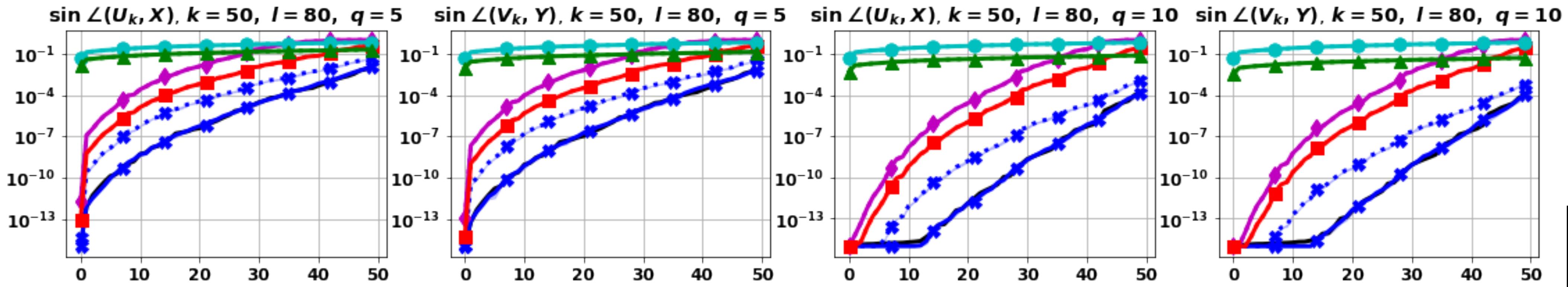
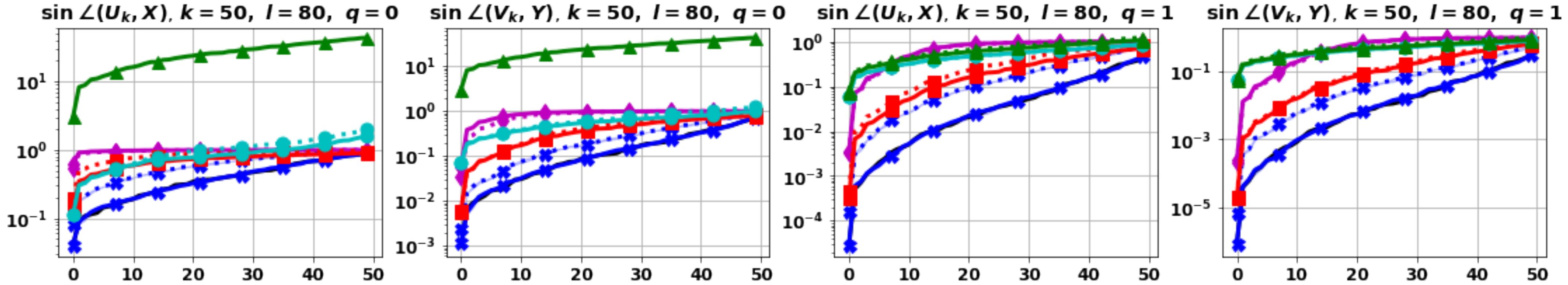
2. Posterior bounds based on sub-residuals: Theorem 3.

$$\bullet \text{Let } \mathbf{E}_{31} \triangleq \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_{m \setminus l}^* \mathbf{A} \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_k, \mathbf{E}_{32} \triangleq \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_{m \setminus l}^* \mathbf{A} \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_{l \setminus k}, \mathbf{E}_{33} \triangleq \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_{m \setminus l}^* \mathbf{A} \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_{n \setminus l}, \Gamma_1 \triangleq \frac{\sigma_k^2 - \|\mathbf{E}_{33}\|_2^2}{\sigma_k}, \Gamma_2 \triangleq \frac{\sigma_k^2 - \|\mathbf{E}_{33}\|_2^2}{\|\mathbf{E}_{33}\|_2}.$$

Assume $\sigma_k > \|\mathbf{E}_{33}\|_2$. Then, for any unitary invariant norm $\|\cdot\|$, $\|\sin\angle(\mathbf{U}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l)\| \leq \|[\mathbf{E}_{31}, \mathbf{E}_{32}]\| / \Gamma_1$

- Deterministic and holds for any $k \leq l \leq r$, and any embedding Ω
- Can be approximated with $O(mnl)$ operations

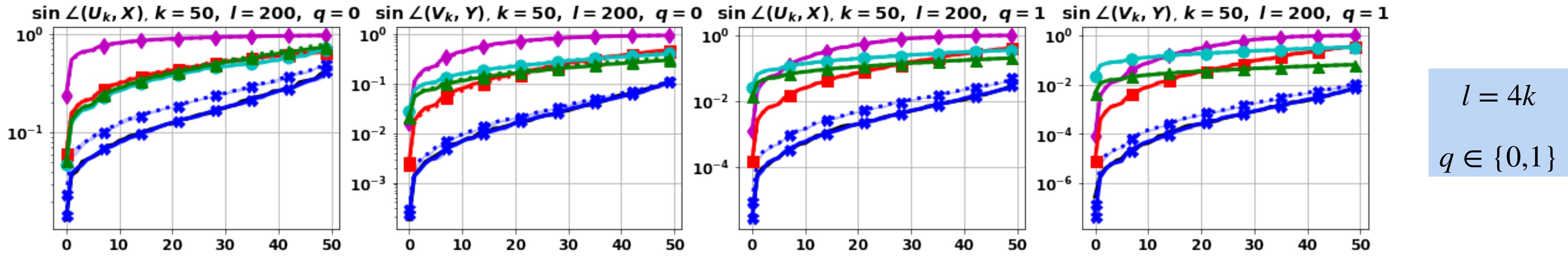
Space-agnostic bounds & estimates win on MNIST: Polynomial spectral decay



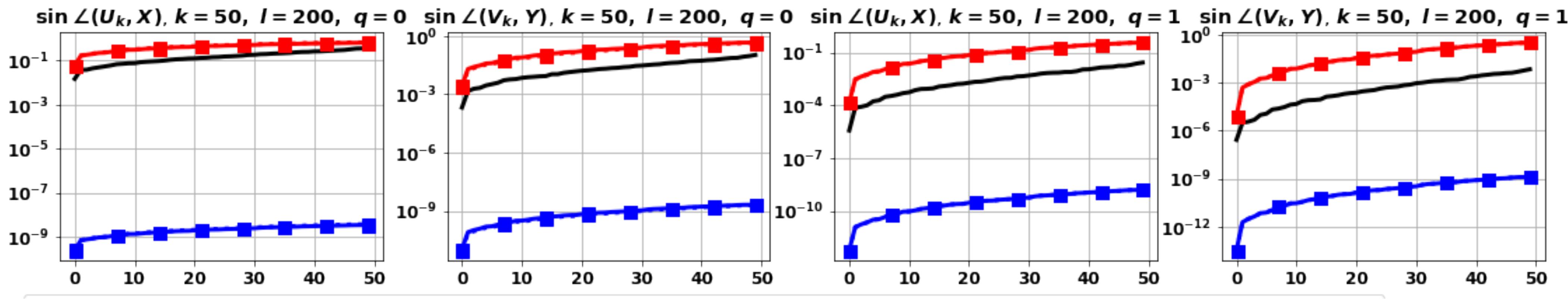
Blue lines/dashes (with shade): unbiased space-agnostic estimates computed with true/approximated singular values
 Red lines/dashes: space-agnostic upper bounds with true/approximated singular values, $\epsilon_1 = \sqrt{k/l}, \epsilon_2 = \sqrt{l/(r-k)}$
 Magenta lines/dashes: (Saibaba, 2018) bounds with true/approximated singular values and the true singular subspaces
 Cyan & green lines/dashes: Posterior residual-based bounds in Theorem 2 & 3 with true/approximated singular values

shade = min/max in
 $N = 3$ samples ⇒
 negligible variance!

How about space-agnostic lower bounds in practice: MNIST

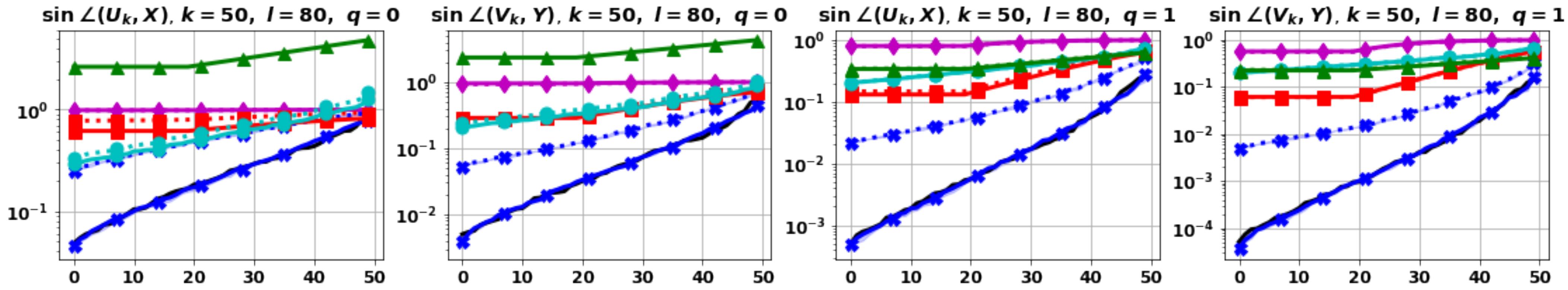


Unbiased space-agnostic estimates, space-agnostic upper bounds, (Saibaba, 2018) bounds, Posterior residual-based bounds in Theorem 2 & 3 (with true/approximated singular values), and true canonical angles

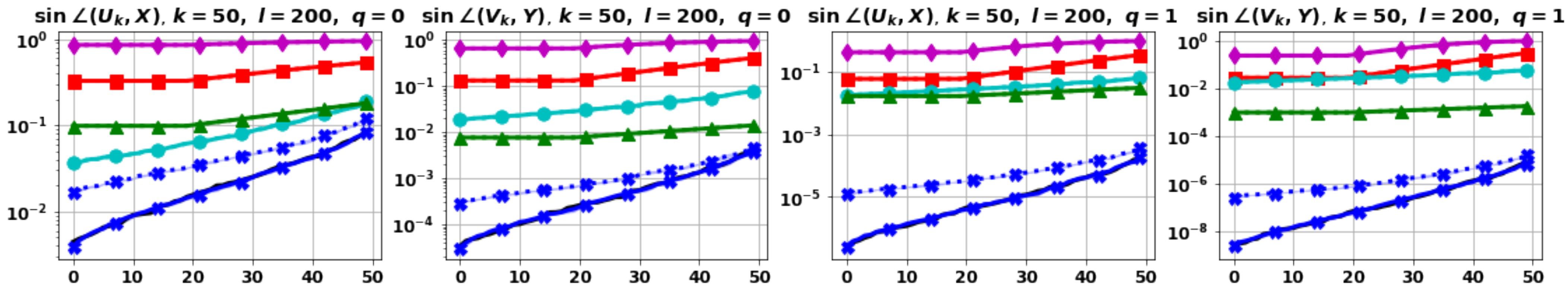


Space-agnostic upper bounds and lower bounds with true singular values and $\epsilon_1 = \sqrt{k/l}, \epsilon_2 = \sqrt{l/(r-k)}$

When are posterior bounds more effective:
Exponential spectral decay + low-error regimes



$$\begin{aligned} l &= 1.6k \\ q &\in \{0,1\} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} l &= 4k \\ q &\in \{0,1\} \end{aligned}$$

Unbiased space-agnostic estimates, space-agnostic upper bounds, (Saibaba, 2018) bounds, Posterior residual-based bounds in Theorem 2 & 3 (with true/approximated singular values), and true canonical angles

Sample Efficiency of Data Augmentation Consistency Regularization

Based on joint work with: Shuo Yang, Rachel Ward, Inderjit Dhillon, Sujay Sanghavi, Qi Lei

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Generalization & Sample Complexity

Learn **unknown population**

- As ground truth distribution $P : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow [0,1]$
- Within a function (hypothesis) class $\mathcal{H} \ni h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$
- Through a proper loss function $\ell : \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with

$$\text{ground truth } h^* \triangleq \operatorname{argmin}_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \left\{ L(h) \triangleq \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim P} [\ell(h(x), y)] \right\}$$

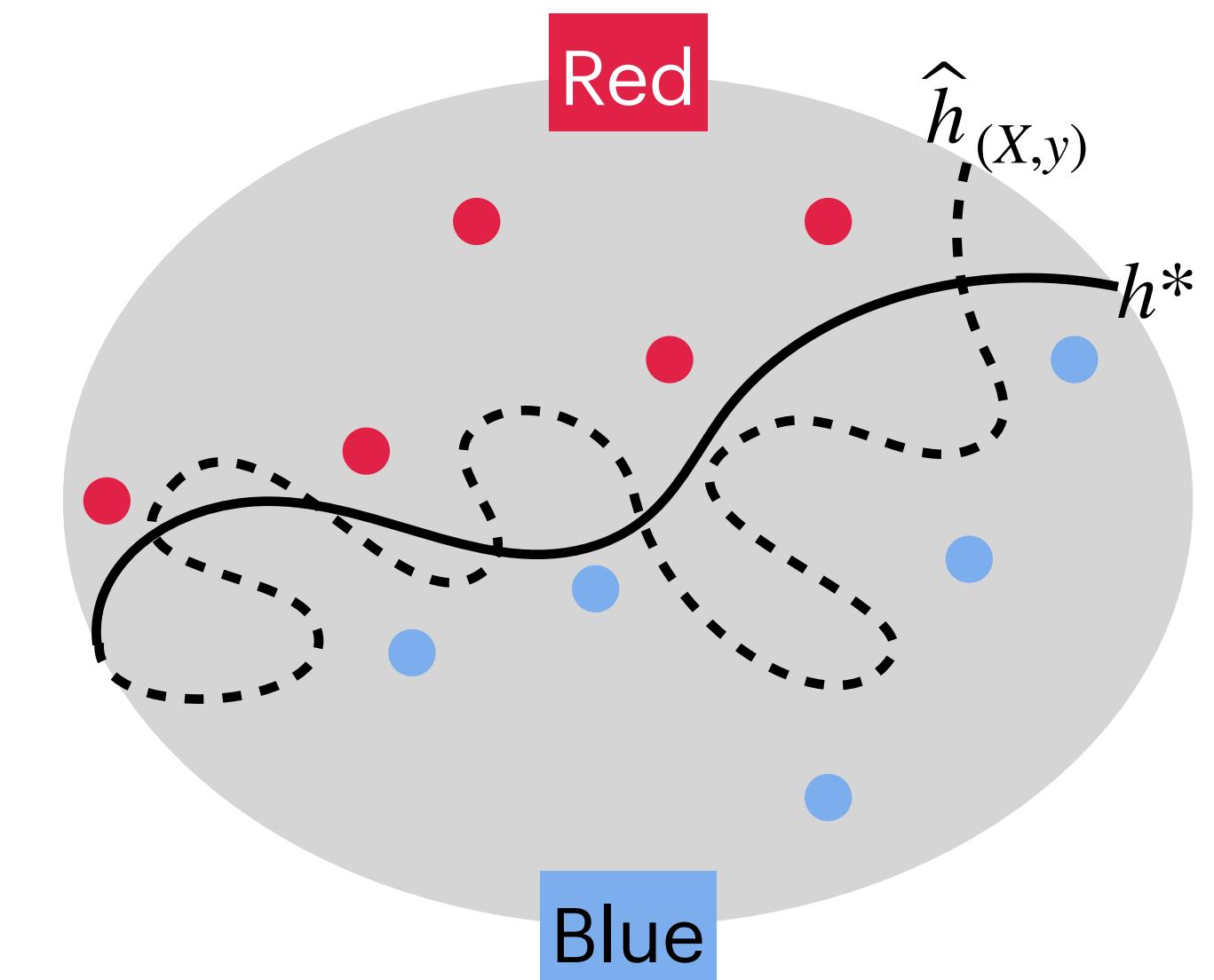
Population risk

From **limited samples**

- As training data $(X, y) = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n \sim P(x, y)^n$
- Via learning algorithm \mathcal{L} , e.g., **empirical risk minimization**

$$(\mathbf{ERM}): \hat{h}_{(X,y)} \triangleq \operatorname{argmin}_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \left\{ \hat{L}_{(X,y)}(h) \triangleq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(h(x_i), y_i) \right\}$$

Empirical risk



Generalization gap & sample complexity:

$$L(\hat{h}_{(X,y)}) - L(h^*) \leq \tilde{O}\left(\sqrt{\frac{\text{Complexity}(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{H})}{n}}\right)$$

with high probability over $(X, y) \sim P(x, y)^n$

Data Augmentation

- A transformation $A : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ that **preserves semantic information** in $x \in \mathcal{X}$, e.g., random rotation, cropping, color jittering on images
- Consider an augmented training set of $(X, y) \sim P(x, y)^n$ with $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ augmentations $\left\{x_{i,j} = A_{i,j}(x_i)\right\}_{j \in [\alpha]}$ per sample $i \in [n]$: with $\mathbf{M} = [\mathbf{I}_n; \dots; \mathbf{I}_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{(1+\alpha)n \times n}$ being the vertical stack of $n \times n$ identity matrices,
$$(\mathcal{A}(X), \mathbf{M}y) = \left([x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{1,1}, \dots, x_{n,1}, \dots, x_{1,\alpha}, \dots, x_{n,\alpha}]^\top, [y; y; \dots; y] \right) \in \mathcal{X}^{(1+\alpha)n} \times \mathcal{Y}^{(1+\alpha)n},$$



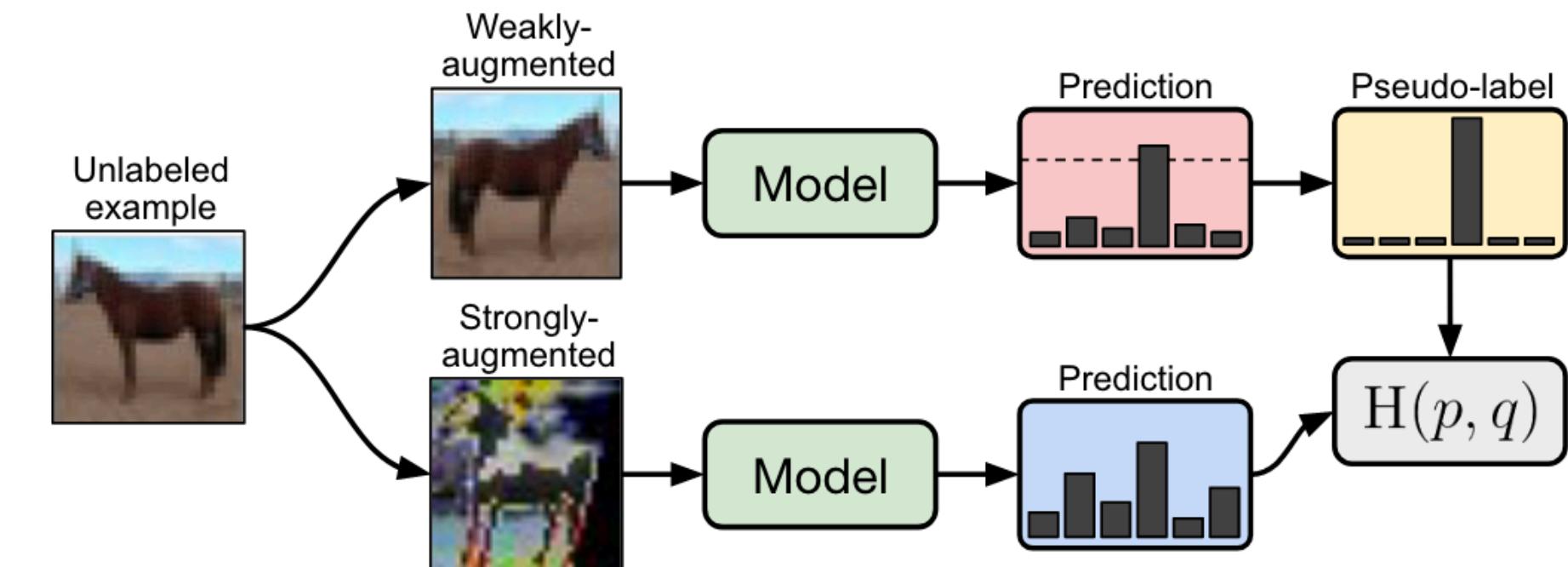
- Proper data augmentations lead to **better generalization and sample complexity**
- Ubiquitous in SOTA methods, with diverse designs (e.g., Mixup, Cutout, RandAugment, UDA, etc.)

Data Augmentation

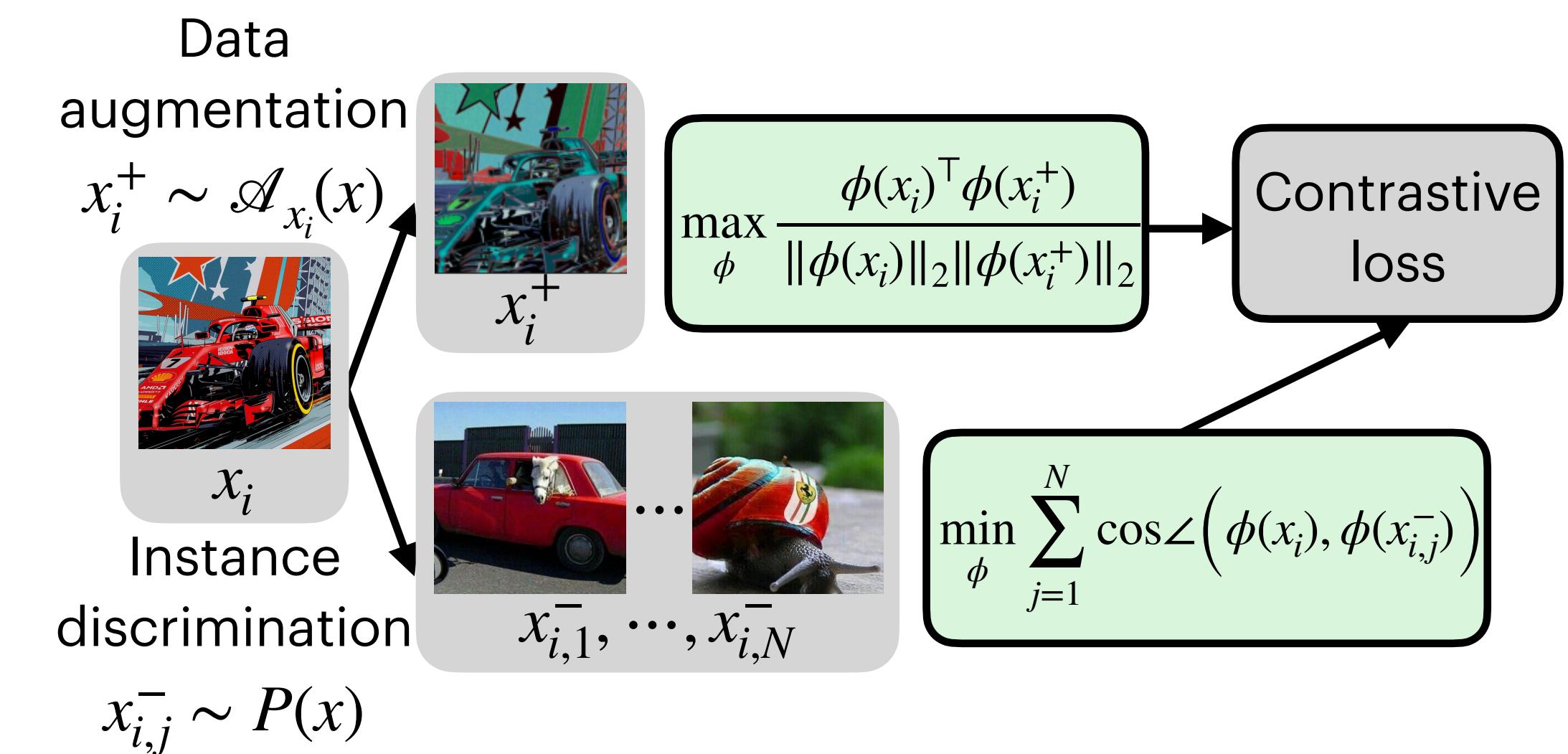
- Semi-supervised learning
 - Data augmentation consistency (DAC) regularization
 - E.g., MixMatch ([Berthelot et al, 2019](#)), Fixmatch ([Sohn et al, 2020](#))
- Self-supervised learning
 - Contrastive learning
 - E.g., MoCo ([He et al, 2020](#)), SimCLR ([Chen et al, 2020](#))

Sources of potency?

- Large amounts of unlabeled data
- **Effective algorithms for utilizing data augmentations**



Semi-supervised learning with DAC regularization
via FixMatch ([Sohn et al, 2020](#), Fig. 1)



Algorithmic Choices of Leveraging Data Augmentation in **Supervised Learning**

DA-ERM: ERM on augmented training samples $(\mathcal{A}(X), \mathbf{M}y)$

$$\bullet \quad \hat{h}_{(X,y)}^{\text{DA-ERM}} \triangleq \operatorname{argmin}_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(h(x_i), y_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{\alpha} \ell(h(x_{i,j}), y_i)$$

DAC: data augmentation consistency regularization

$$\bullet \quad \hat{h}_{(X,y)}^{\text{DAC}} \triangleq \operatorname{argmin}_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(h(x_i), y_i) + \lambda \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{\alpha} \varrho(\phi_h(x_{i,j}), \phi_h(x_i))}_{\text{DAC regularization}}$$

- $\phi_h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$ is a representation function associated with $h \in \mathcal{H}$
 - \mathcal{W} is a (latent) metric space with metric $\varrho : \mathcal{W} \times \mathcal{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$
 - $h = f_h \circ \phi_h$ where $\phi_h(x)$ encapsulates semantic information in x
 - E.g., ϕ_h = neural network, f_h = linear classifier, $\varrho(u, v) = \|u - v\|_2$

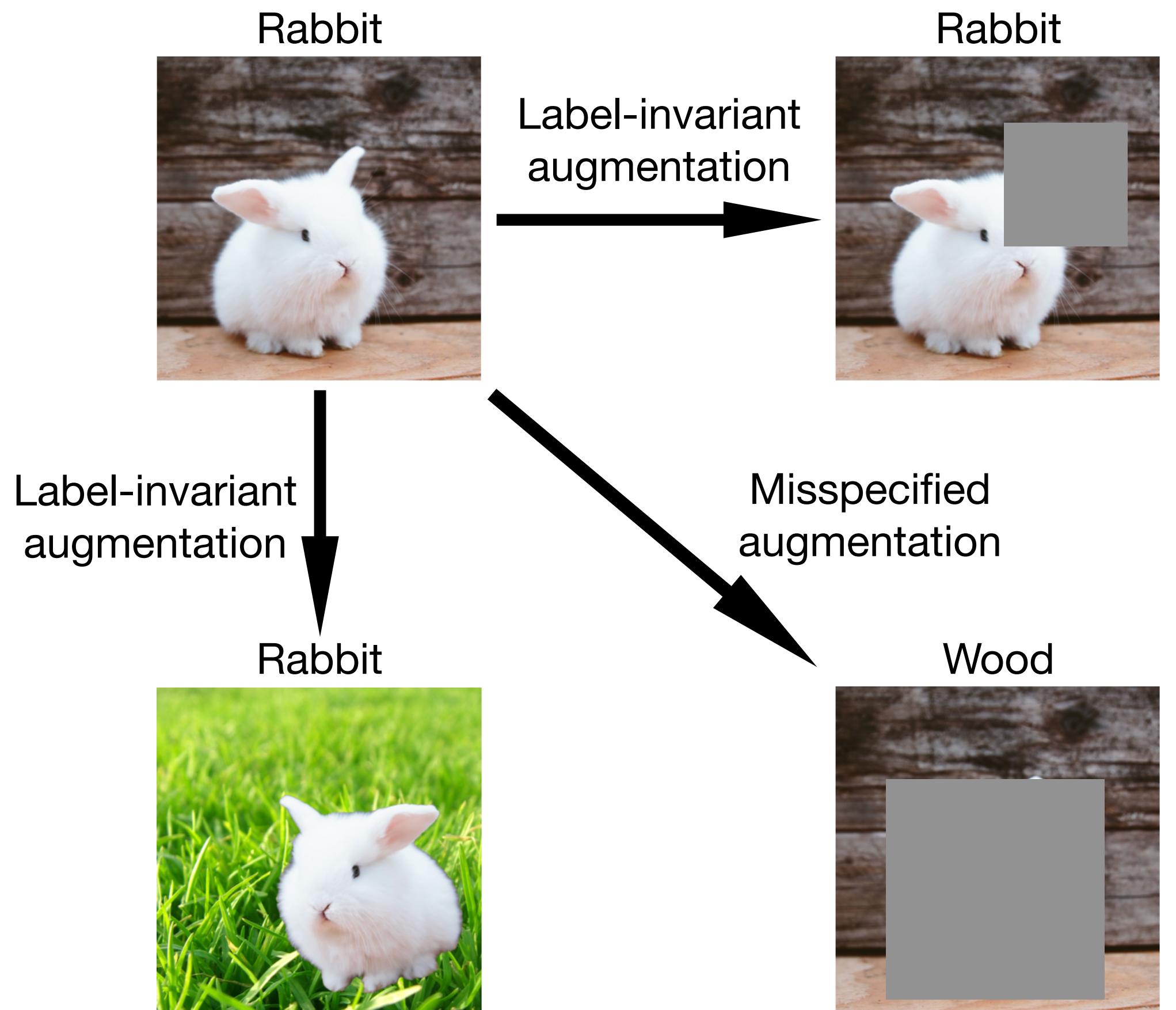
Whether potency of DAC comes merely from unlabeled data, or

DAC has intrinsic algorithmic advantage over DA-ERM?

- Apple-to-apple comparisons in **supervised learning setting**
- With limited random augmentations
- With “good”/“bad” augmentations
- From linear model to neural network

Label-invariant (“Good”) v.s. Misspecified (“Bad”) Data Augmentations

- Label-invariant (“good”) augmentation
 - Augmentation preserves labels: $P(y | x) = P(y | A(x))$
 - $Q(\phi_{h^*}(x_{i,j}), \phi_{h^*}(x_i)) = 0$ for all $i \in [n], j \in [\alpha]$
- Misspecified (“bad”) augmentation
 - Augmentation perturbs labels: $P(y | x) \neq P(y | A(x))$
 - $0 < \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^\alpha Q(\phi_{h^*}(x_{i,j}), \phi_{h^*}(x_i)) < C_{mis}$



Linear Regression + Label-invariant Augmentation

- Dimension- d linear regression: $(\underset{n \times d}{X}, y) = \{(x_i, y_i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}\}_{i=1}^n$ with $y = X\theta^* + \epsilon$, $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)$

- $\theta^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left\{ L(\theta) \triangleq \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)} \left[\frac{1}{n} \|y - X\theta\|_2^2 \right] \right\}$, $\hat{\theta}^{ERM} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left\{ \hat{L}(\theta) \triangleq \frac{1}{n} \|y - X\theta\|_2^2 \right\}$

- Without data augmentation: assume $\operatorname{rank}(X) = d$, $\mathbb{E}_{\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)} \left[L(\hat{\theta}^{ERM}) - L(\theta^*) \right] = \frac{d\sigma^2}{n}$

- Label-invariant augmentations:** $\Delta \triangleq \mathcal{A}(X) - \mathbf{M}X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ such that $\Delta\theta^* = 0$

- Augmentation strength:** $d_{aug} \triangleq \operatorname{rank}(\Delta)$ such that larger $d_{aug} \Rightarrow$ stronger augmentation

- Assume $\operatorname{rank}(\mathcal{A}(X)) = d$, taking $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ (i.e., **DAC constraint** $\Delta\theta = 0$), with $d' \triangleq \frac{1}{1+\alpha} \operatorname{tr} \left((\mathcal{A}(X)\mathcal{A}(X)^\dagger - \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{S}}) \mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^\top \right) \in [0, d_{aug}]$

where $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{S}}$ denotes the orthogonal projector onto $\mathcal{S} \triangleq \{\mathbf{M}X\theta \mid \Delta\theta = 0\}$:

$$\mathbb{E}_\epsilon \left[L(\hat{\theta}^{DAC}) - L(\theta^*) \right] = \frac{(d - d_{aug})\sigma^2}{n}$$

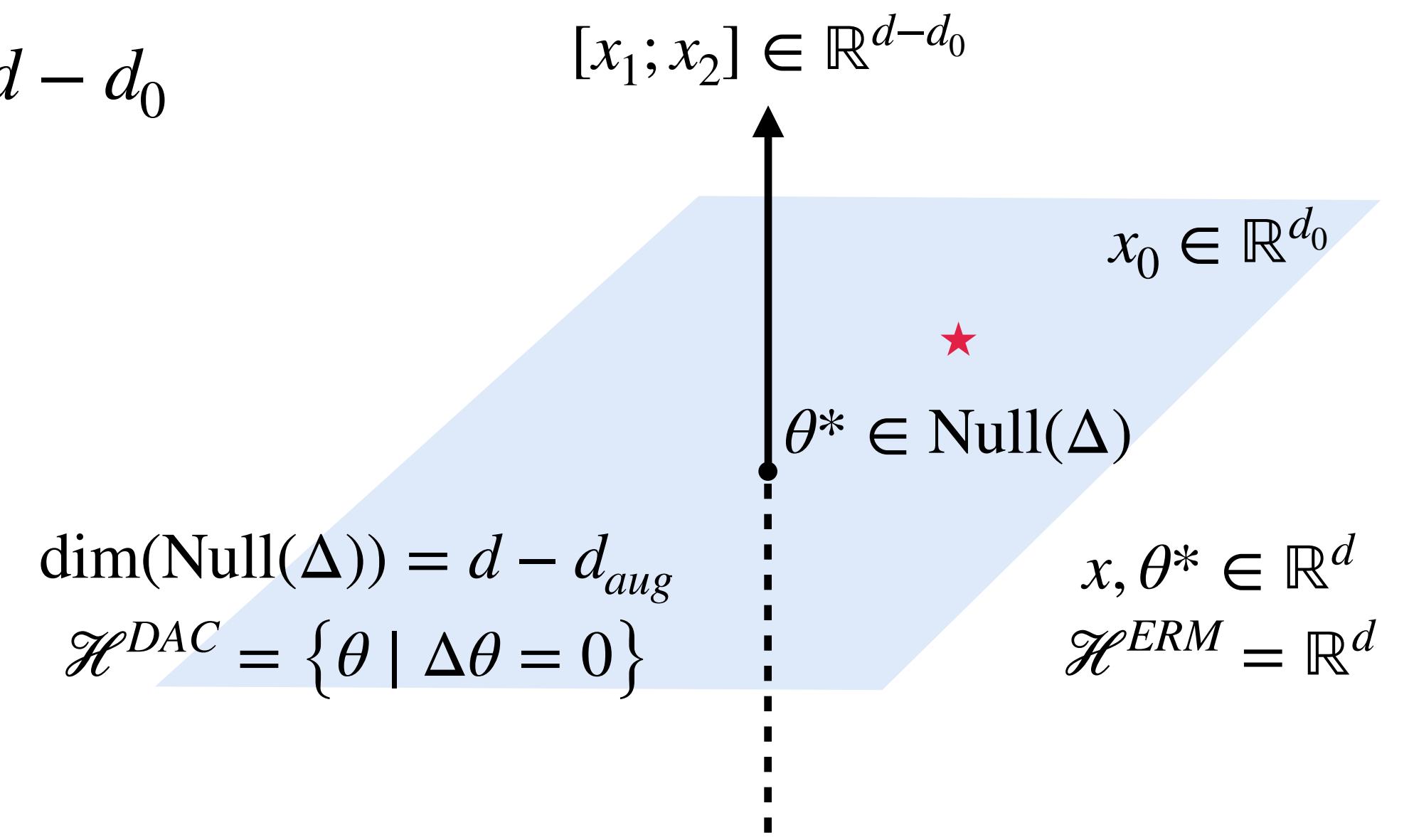
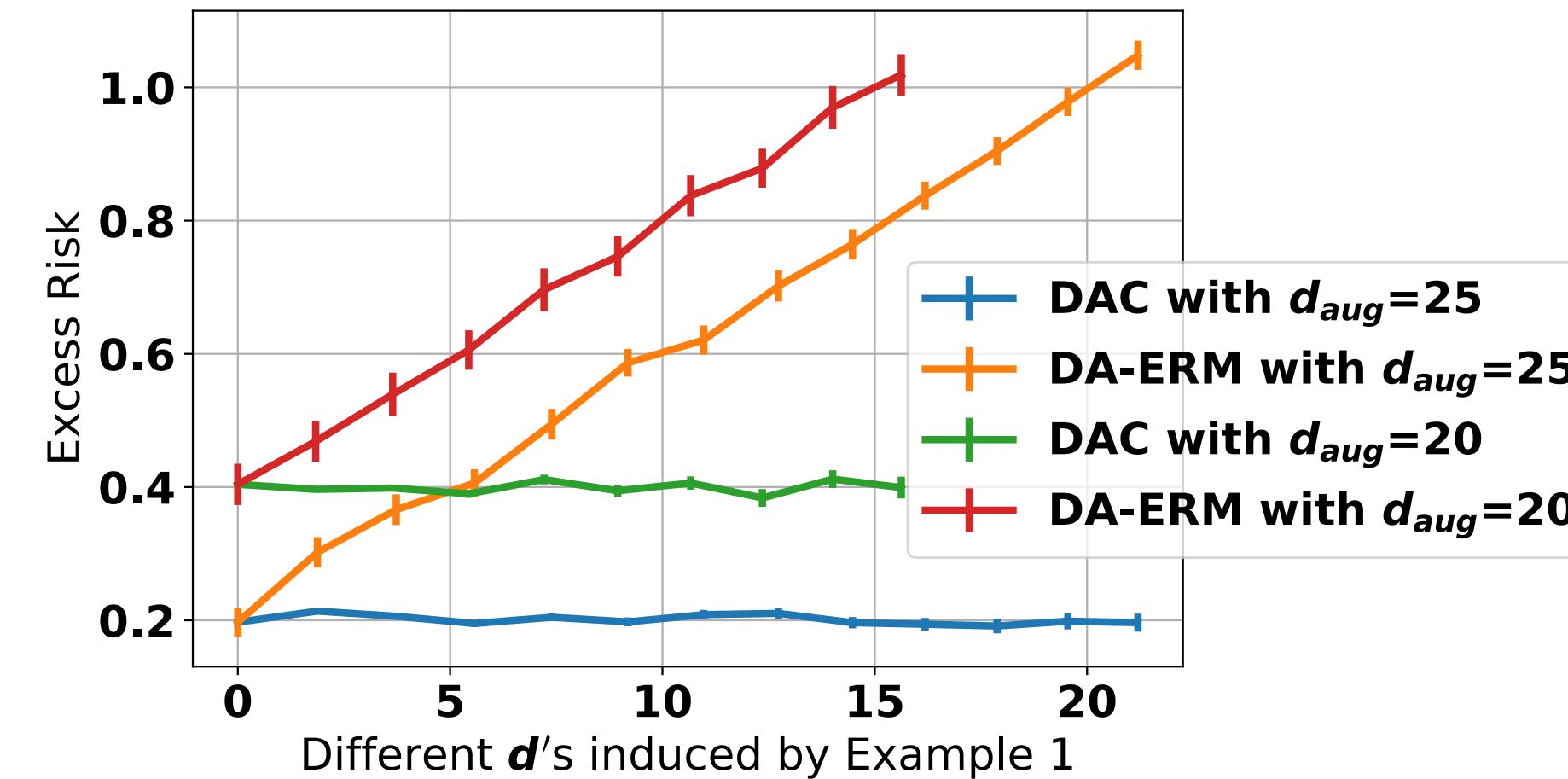
$$\mathbb{E}_\epsilon \left[L(\hat{\theta}^{DA-ERM}) - L(\theta^*) \right] = \frac{(d - d_{aug} + \textcircled{d'})\sigma^2}{n}$$

Linear Regression + Label-invariant Augmentation

Example 1

- Ground truth: $\theta^* = [\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{d_0}, 0, \dots, 0]$ with $\theta_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1) \forall i \in [d_0]$
- Semantic subspace $d_0 < d$ & spurious subspace $d - d_0 = d_1 + d_2$
- Data: $n = 50, d = 30, P(x) = \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I}_d)$ such that $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_0; x_1; x_2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\sigma = 1$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} d_0 & d_1 & d_2 \end{array}$$
- Augmentation: $A([x_0; x_1; x_2]) = [x_0; 2x_1; -x_2]$ such that $d_{aug} = d - d_0$



Beyond Label-invariant Augmentation

- **Misspecified augmentations:** $\Delta = \mathcal{A}(X) - \mathbf{M}X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ whereas $\Delta\theta^* \neq 0$
- Recall $d_{aug} = \text{rank}(\Delta)$, denote $\mathbf{P}_\Delta = \Delta^\dagger \Delta$, $\widetilde{\Delta} = (\mathbf{M}X\mathcal{A}(X)^\dagger) \Delta$, $S = \frac{1}{1+\alpha} \mathbf{M}^\top \mathcal{A}(X)$
- Let $\Sigma_X = \frac{1}{n} X^\top X$, $\Sigma_{\mathcal{A}(X)} = \frac{1}{(1+\alpha)n} \mathcal{A}(X)^\top \mathcal{A}(X)$, $\Sigma_\Delta = \frac{1}{(1+\alpha)n} \Delta^\top \Delta$, $\Sigma_{\widetilde{\Delta}} = \frac{1}{(1+\alpha)n} \widetilde{\Delta}^\top \widetilde{\Delta}$, $\Sigma_S = \frac{1}{n} S^\top S$
- Assume there exist $c_X, c_S > 0$ such that $\Sigma_{\mathcal{A}(X)} \leq c_X \Sigma_X$ and $\Sigma_{\mathcal{A}(X)} \leq c_S \Sigma_S$. Then, with **the optimal choice of λ :**

$$\mathbb{E}_\epsilon \left[L(\hat{\theta}^{DAC}) - L(\theta^*) \right] \leq \frac{(d - d_{aug})\sigma^2}{n} + \left\| \mathbf{P}_\Delta \theta^* \right\|_{\Sigma_\Delta} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n} \text{tr}(\Sigma_X \Sigma_\Delta^\dagger)}$$

$$\mathbb{E}_\epsilon \left[L(\hat{\theta}^{DA-ERM}) - L(\theta^*) \right] \geq \frac{d\sigma^2}{n \cdot c_X c_S} + \left\| \mathbf{P}_\Delta \theta^* \right\|_{\Sigma_{\widetilde{\Delta}}}^2$$

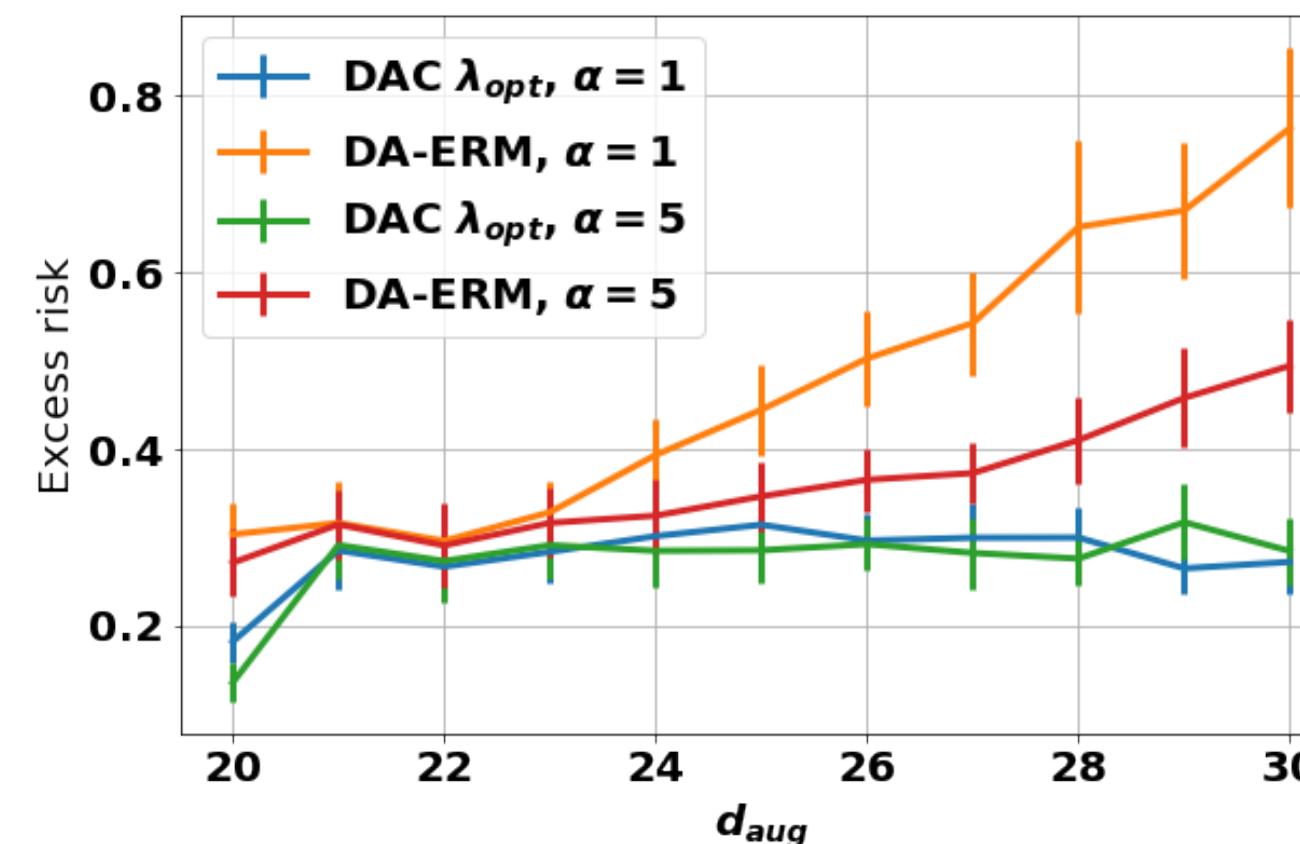
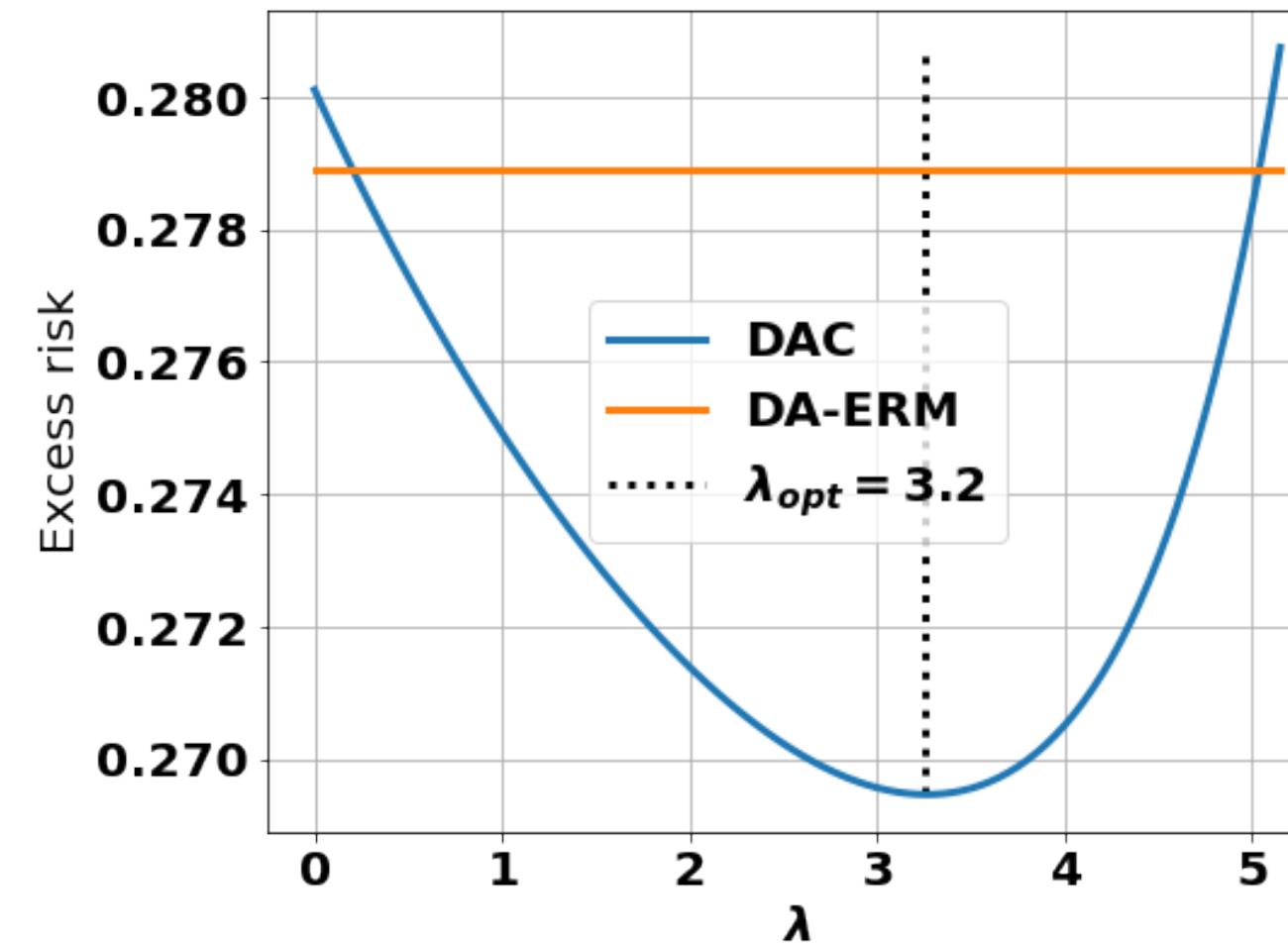
Variance Bias

- $\mathbf{P}_\Delta \theta^*$ measures misspecification of augmentations $\mathcal{A}(X)$ in θ^*
- For DA-ERM, the bias term $\left\| \mathbf{P}_\Delta \theta^* \right\|_{\Sigma_{\widetilde{\Delta}}}^2$ induced by misspecification $\Delta\theta^* \neq 0$ fails to vanish as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Beyond Label-invariant Augmentation

Example 2

- Ground truth: $\theta^* = [\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{d_0}, 0, \dots, 0]$
with $\theta_i \sim \{\pm 1\} \forall i \in [d_0], d_0 < d$
- Data: $n = 50, d = 30, d_0 = 10,$
 $P(x) = \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I}_d)$ such that
 $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ \vdots \\ x_{d-d_{aug}} \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{d_{aug}} \end{bmatrix}, \sigma = 0.1$
- Augmentation: $A([x_0; x_1]) = [x_0; x_1 + x'_1]$
with $x'_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_{d_{aug}}) \Rightarrow$
 $\mathbb{P}[\text{rank}(\Delta) = d_{aug}] = 1$
- Misspecification in ground truth:
 $[\theta_{d-d_{aug}+1}, \dots, \theta_{d_0}]$



- The optimal λ implicitly incorporates knowledge on the upper bound of misspecification $\|\mathbf{P}_\Delta \theta^*\|_{\Sigma_\Delta}$
- Less misspecification \Rightarrow larger λ
- Misspecified dimension: $d_{aug} - d_0$
- DAC is more robust to misspecification (with larger d_{aug})
- DAC leverages augmentations more efficiently (with smaller α)

Beyond Linear Model

- Two-layer ReLU network regression
 - $P(x, y): y = h^*(x) + \epsilon$ where $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ and $h^*(x) = \max(x^\top B^*, 0)$ $w^*, w^* \in \mathbb{R}^q, B^* = [b_1^*, \dots, b_q^*] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times q}$
 - Bounded ground truth: $\|w^*\|_1 \leq C_w, \|b_j^*\|_2 = 1 \forall j \in [q]$
 - Function class: $\mathcal{H} = \left\{ \max(\cdot^\top B, 0)w \mid B = [b_1, \dots, b_q], \|b_j\|_2 = 1 \forall j \in [q], \|w\|_1 \leq C_w \right\} \ni h^*$
 - DAC constraint on hidden layer: $\max(\mathcal{A}(X)B, 0) = \max(\mathbf{M}XB, 0)$
 - Recall $\Delta = \mathcal{A}(X) - \mathbf{M}X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ such that $\Delta\theta^* = 0$ and $d_{aug} \triangleq \text{rank}(\Delta); \mathbf{P}_\Delta^\perp = \mathbf{I}_d - \Delta^\dagger\Delta$
 - Under mild regularity conditions: $\alpha n \geq 3d_{aug}$; $P(x)$ is zero-mean and subgaussian; Δ admits absolutely continuous distribution
 - Conditioned on $X \sim P(x)^n$ and random augmentations Δ such that $\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\mathbf{P}_\Delta^\perp x_i\|_2^2} \leq C_N$, with probability $\geq 1 - \delta$ over $P(y \mid x)$

$$L(\hat{\theta}^{DAC}) - L(\theta^*) \lesssim \sigma C_w \left(\frac{C_N}{\sqrt{n}} + C_N \sqrt{\frac{\log(1 - \delta)}{n}} \right)$$

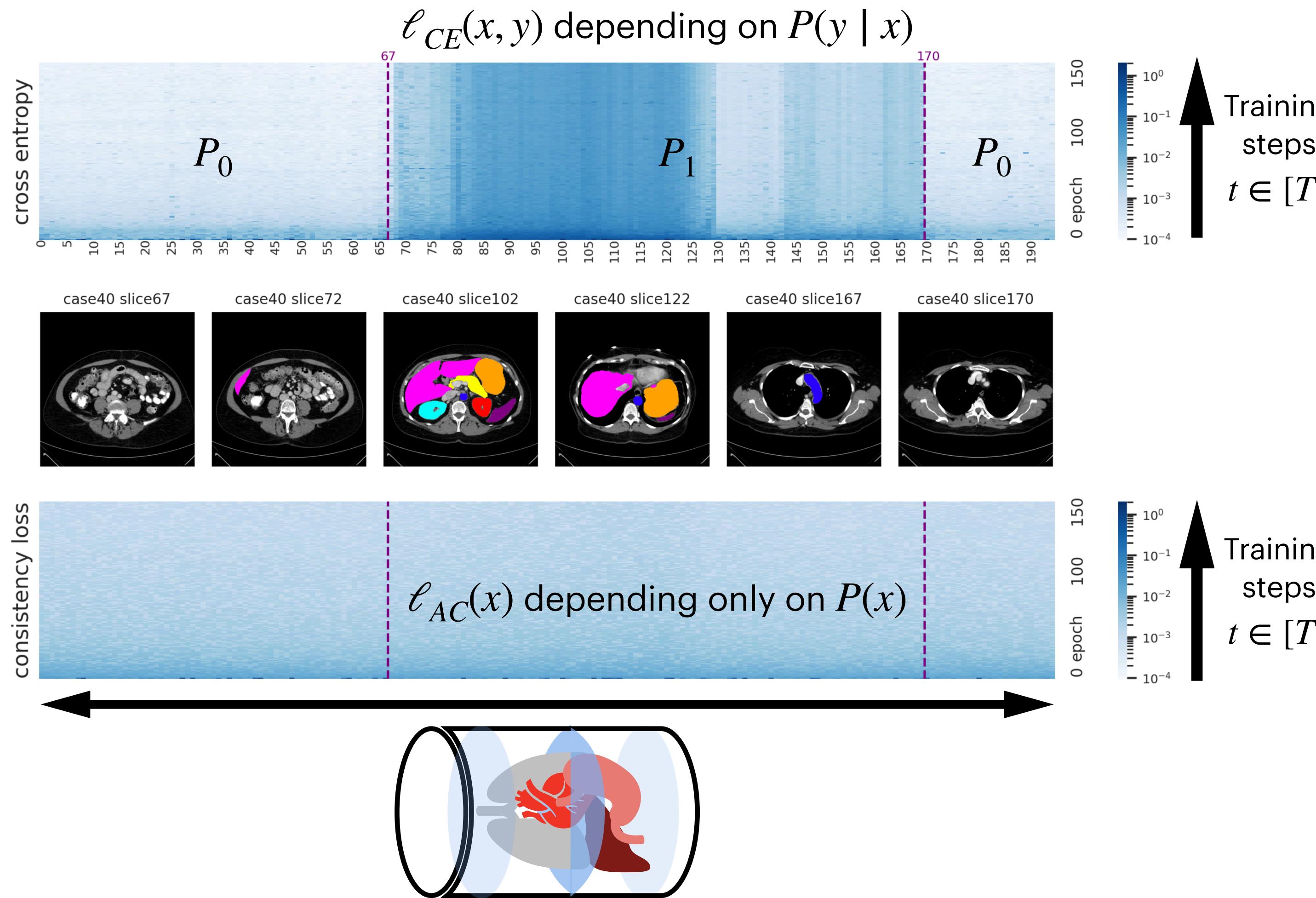
$$L(\hat{\theta}^{DA-ERM}) - L(\theta^*) \lesssim \sigma C_w \max \left(\sqrt{\frac{d - d_{aug}}{n}}, \sqrt{\frac{d}{(1 + \alpha)n}} \right)$$
 - Randomness in $X \sim P(x)^n$: with a sufficiently large n , $C_N \leq \sqrt{d - d_{aug}}$ with high probability

Adaptively Weighted Data Augmentation Consistency Regularization for Distributionally Robust Optimization under Concept Shift

Based on joint work with: Yuege Xie, Rachel Ward

Dong Y, Xie Y, Ward R. AdaWAC: Adaptively Weighted Augmentation Consistency Regularization for Volumetric Medical Image Segmentation. arXiv preprint arXiv:2210.01891. 2022 Oct 4.

Information Imbalance in Medical Image Segmentation



- Input image: $x \in \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$
- Segmentation label: $y \in [K]^d$
- Ground truth distribution $P_\xi : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow [0,1]$
- **Information imbalance:** $P_\xi = \xi P_0 + (1 - \xi) P_1$
 - P_0, P_1 with disjoint supports $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}_0 \cup \mathcal{X}_1$
 - P_0 : label-sparse distribution
 - P_1 : label-dense distribution
 - $P_0(x) = P_1(x)$ uniform for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$
 - **Concept shift:** $P_0(y | x) \neq P_1(y | x)$

How to improve segmentation accuracy under such concept shift?

Concept Shift: Label-sparse v.s. Label-dense Samples

- Data augmentation: $A_{i,j} \sim \mathcal{A}^{2n} \forall i \in [n], j \in [2]$; \mathcal{A} is a distribution over mild random augmentations (i.e., rotation & flip)
- Class of segmentation functions: $\mathcal{F} = \left\{ f_\theta = \begin{array}{c} \psi_\theta \\ \text{decoder} \end{array} \circ \begin{array}{c} \phi_\theta \\ \text{encoder} \end{array} \mid \theta \in \mathcal{F}_\theta, \phi_\theta: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^q, \psi_\theta: \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times K} \right\}$
- Ground truth $\theta^* = \cap_{\xi \in [0,1]} \underset{\theta \in \mathcal{F}_\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathbb{E}_{P_\xi} [\ell_{CE}(\theta; (x, y))]$, Banach space $(\mathcal{F}_\theta, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{F}})$
- Supervised cross-entropy loss: $\ell_{CE}(\theta; (x, y)) = -\frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{I}\{y_j = k\} \cdot \log(f_\theta(x)_{j,k})$
- Unsupervised consistency regularization: $\ell_{AC}(\theta; x, A_1, A_2) = \lambda_{AC} \cdot \left\| \phi_\theta(A_1(x)) - \phi_\theta(A_2(x)) \right\|_2$

Assumption. (n -separation between label-sparse and label-dense distributions)

Given $\gamma > 0$, let $\mathcal{F}_{\theta^*}(\gamma) = \{\theta \in \mathcal{F}_\theta \mid \|\theta - \theta^*\|_{\mathcal{F}} \leq \gamma\}$ be a compact and convex neighborhood with pre-trained segmentation functions. We say that the label-sparse distribution P_0 and label-dense distribution P_1 are **n -separated over $\mathcal{F}_{\theta^*}(\gamma)$** if there exist $\omega > 0$ such that, with probability $\geq 1 - \Omega(n^{1+\omega})$ over $(x, y, A_1, A_2) \sim \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A}$: for all $\theta \in \mathcal{F}_{\theta^*}(\gamma)$,

$$(x, y) \sim P_0 \Rightarrow \ell_{CE}(\theta; (x, y)) < \ell_{AC}(\theta; x, A_1, A_2) \quad \& \quad (x, y) \sim P_1 \Rightarrow \ell_{CE}(\theta; (x, y)) > \ell_{AC}(\theta; x, A_1, A_2)$$

Sample Reweighting & Data Augmentation Consistency Regularization

- Both sample reweighting and consistency regularization are known for boosting distributional robustness
- Sample reweighting via **distributionally robust optimization (DRO)**

$$\min_{\theta} \max_{i \in [n]} \ell_{CE}(\theta; (x_i, y_i)) \Leftrightarrow \min_{\theta} \max_{\beta \in \Delta_n} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \cdot \ell_{CE}(\theta; (x_i, y_i))$$

- Data augmentation **consistency regularization**

$$\min_{\theta} \ell_{CE}(\theta; (x_i, y_i)) + \ell_{AC}(\theta; x, A_1, A_2)$$

- A key challenge of incorporating consistency regularization in medical image segmentation
 - Dense segmentation labels are sensitive to data augmentations (even the simplest ones like rotation and flip)
 - For label-dense samples, severe misspecification is inevitable for data augmentations
 - For label-sparse samples, misspecification is mild (if any) thanks to the sparsity of labeled pixels
- How to properly combine DRO and consistency regularization for better distributional robustness?

Weighted Data Augmentation Consistency (WAC) Regularization

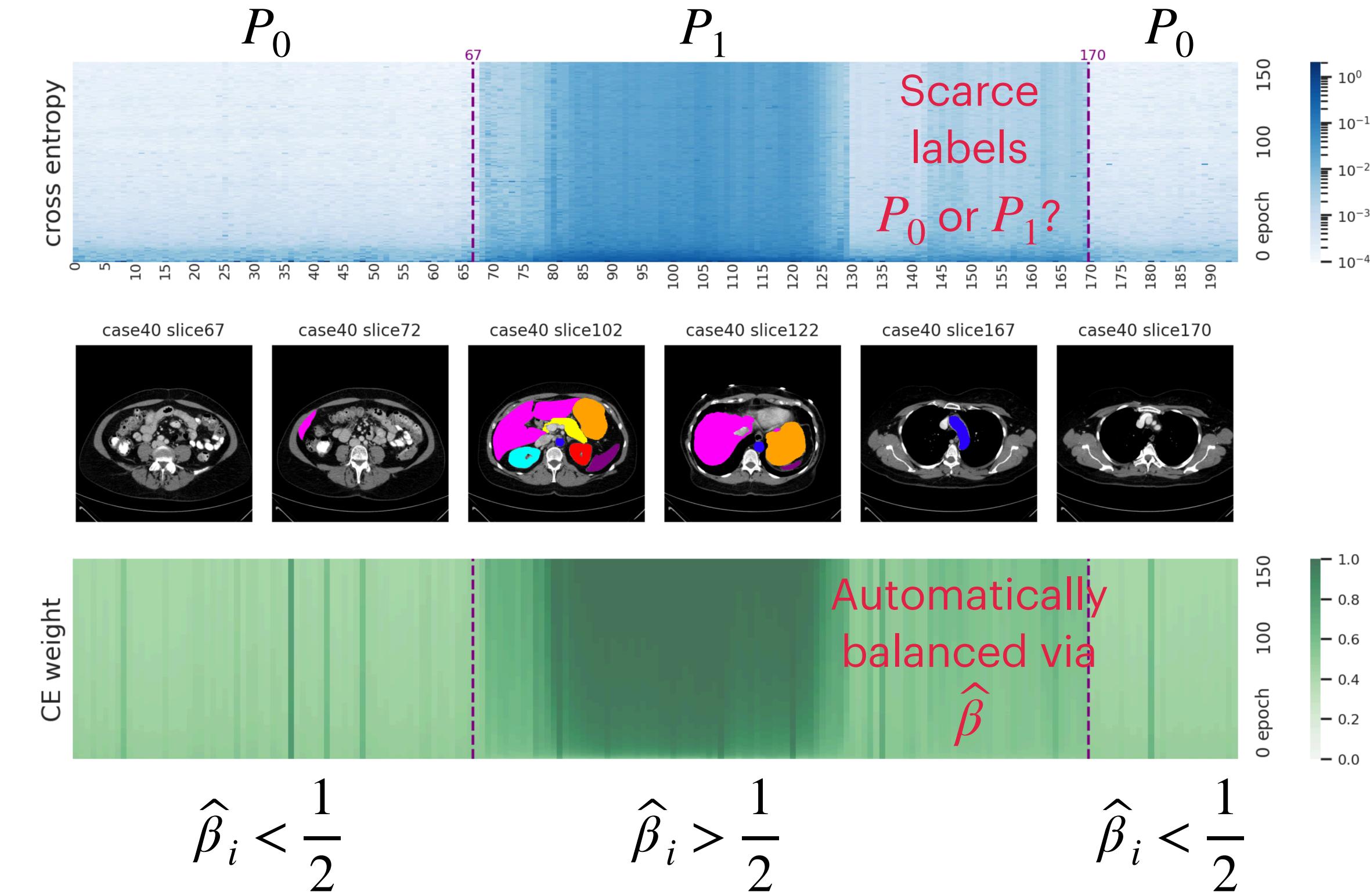
$$\hat{\theta}, \hat{\beta} = \underset{\theta \in \mathcal{F}_{\theta^*}(\gamma)}{\operatorname{argmin}} \underset{\beta \in [0,1]^n}{\operatorname{argmax}} \left\{ \hat{L}^{WAC}(\theta, \beta) \triangleq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \cdot \ell_{CE}(\theta; (x_i, y_i)) + (1 - \beta_i) \cdot \ell_{AC}(\theta; x_i, A_{i,1}, A_{i,2}) \right\}$$

Proposition. (Separation of P_0 and P_1 at saddle point)

Assume that $\ell_{CE}(\theta; (x, y))$ and $\ell_{AC}(\theta; x, A_1, A_2)$ are convex and continuous in θ for all (x, y, A_1, A_2) ; recall $\mathcal{F}_{\theta^*}(\gamma)$ is convex and compact. If P_0 and P_1 are n -separated, there exist $\hat{\beta} \in \{0,1\}^n$ and $\hat{\theta} \in \underset{\theta \in \mathcal{F}_{\theta^*}(\gamma)}{\operatorname{argmin}} \hat{L}^{WAC}(\theta, \hat{\beta})$ such that

$$\underset{\theta \in \mathcal{F}_{\theta^*}(\gamma)}{\operatorname{argmin}} \hat{L}^{WAC}(\theta, \hat{\beta}) = \hat{L}^{WAC}(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\beta}) = \underset{\beta \in [0,1]^n}{\operatorname{argmax}} \hat{L}^{WAC}(\hat{\theta}, \beta)$$

where $\hat{\beta}$ separates label-sparse and label-dense samples:

$$\hat{\beta}_i = \begin{cases} 0, & (x_i, y_i) \sim P_0 \\ 1, & (x_i, y_i) \sim P_1 \end{cases}$$


AdaWAC: Adaptively Weighted Augmentation Consistency Regularization

1. Initialize weights $\beta^{(0)} = (1/2, \dots, 1/2) \in [0,1]^n$
2. For $t = 0, \dots, T$:

1. Sample $i_t \sim [n]$ uniformly; set $b \leftarrow [\beta_{i_t}^{(t-1)}, 1 - \beta_{i_t}^{(t-1)}]$, $\beta^{(t)} \leftarrow \beta^{(t-1)}$

2. Update $b_1 \leftarrow b_1 \cdot \exp\left(\eta_\beta \cdot \ell_{CE}\left(\theta^{(t-1)}; (x_{i_t}, y_{i_t})\right)\right)$, $b_2 \leftarrow b_2 \cdot \exp\left(\eta_\beta \cdot \ell_{AC}\left(\theta^{(t-1)}; x_{i_t}, A_{i_t,1}, A_{i_t,2}\right)\right)$, $\beta_{i_t}^{(t)} \leftarrow \frac{b_1}{\|b\|_1}$

3. Update $\theta^{(t)} \leftarrow \theta^{(t-1)} - \eta_\theta \cdot \left(\beta_{i_t}^{(t)} \cdot \nabla_\theta \ell_{CE}\left(\theta^{(t-1)}; (x_{i_t}, y_{i_t})\right) + (1 - \beta_{i_t}^{(t)}) \cdot \nabla_\theta \ell_{AC}\left(\theta^{(t-1)}; x_{i_t}, A_{i_t,1}, A_{i_t,2}\right) \right)$

Online mirror descent for saddle point problem

- max via mirror map $\varphi_B(B) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^2 B_{ij} \log(B_{ij})$
- min via gradient descent $\varphi_\theta(\theta) = \|\theta - \theta^*\|_{\mathcal{F}}^2$

Proposition. (Convergence of AdaWAC)

If there exist $C_\theta, C_\beta > 0$ such that $\forall \theta \in \mathcal{F}_{\theta^*}(\gamma), \beta \in [0,1]^n$, $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \max \left\{ \ell_{CE}\left(\theta; (x_i, y_i)\right), \ell_{AC}\left(\theta; x_i, A_{i,1}, A_{i,2}\right) \right\}^2 \leq C_\beta^2$ and $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| \beta_i \cdot \nabla_\theta \ell_{CE}\left(\theta; (x_i, y_i)\right) + (1 - \beta_i) \cdot \nabla_\theta \ell_{AC}\left(\theta; x_i, A_{i,1}, A_{i,2}\right) \right\|_{\mathcal{F}}^2 \leq C_\theta^2$, then with $\eta_\theta = \eta_\beta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5T(\gamma^2 C_\theta^2 + 2nC_\beta^2)}}$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\max_{\beta \in [0,1]^n} \hat{L}^{WAC}(\bar{\theta}_T, \beta) - \min_{\theta \in \mathcal{F}_{\theta^*}(\gamma)} \hat{L}^{WAC}(\theta, \bar{\beta}_T) \right] \leq 2\sqrt{5(\gamma^2 C_\theta^2 + 2nC_\beta^2)/T}$$

Sample Efficiency & Distributional Robustness of AdaWAC

AdaWAC v.s. baseline (ERM + SGD) with TransUNet on Synapse and its subsets

Training	Method	DSC ↑	HD95 ↓	Aorta	Gallbladder	Kidney (L)	Kidney (R)	Liver	Pancreas	Spleen	Stomach
full	baseline	76.66 ± 0.88	29.23 ± 1.90	87.06	55.90	81.95	75.58	94.29	56.30	86.05	76.17
	AdaWAC	79.04 ± 0.21	27.39 ± 1.91	87.53	56.57	83.23	81.12	94.04	62.05	89.51	78.32
half-slice	baseline	74.62 ± 0.78	31.62 ± 8.37	86.14	44.23	79.09	78.46	93.50	55.78	84.54	75.24
	AdaWAC	77.37 ± 0.40	29.56 ± 1.09	86.89	55.96	82.15	78.63	94.34	57.36	86.60	77.05
half-vol	baseline	71.08 ± 0.90	46.83 ± 2.91	84.38	46.71	78.19	74.55	92.02	48.03	76.28	68.47
	AdaWAC	73.81 ± 0.94	35.33 ± 0.92	84.37	48.14	80.32	77.39	93.23	52.78	83.50	70.79
half-sparse	baseline	31.74 ± 2.78	69.72 ± 1.37	65.71	8.33	59.46	51.59	51.18	10.72	6.92	0.00
	AdaWAC	41.03 ± 2.12	59.04 ± 12.32	71.27	8.33	69.14	63.09	64.29	17.74	30.77	3.57

Sample efficiency

- **full**: original Synapse multi-organ dataset
- **half-slice**: slices with even indices in each case
- **half-vol**: 9 cases sampled uniformly from the total 18 training volumes

Distributional robustness

- **half-sparse**: the first half of slices in each volume, most of which are label-sparse

Comparison with Hard-thresholding algorithms

Why do we need adaptive weighting? Can we manually separate label-sparse & label-dense samples?

Comparison to hard-thresholding algorithms (+ consistency regularization) with TransUNet on Synapse

Method	baseline	trim-train		trim-ratio		pseudo- <i>AdaWAC</i>	<i>AdaWAC</i>
		+ACR	+ACR	+ACR	+ACR		
DSC \uparrow	76.66 ± 0.88	76.80 ± 1.13	78.42 ± 0.17	76.49 ± 0.16	77.71 ± 0.56	77.72 ± 0.65	79.04 ± 0.21
HD95 \downarrow	29.23 ± 1.90	32.05 ± 2.34	27.84 ± 1.16	31.96 ± 2.60	28.51 ± 2.66	28.45 ± 1.18	27.39 ± 1.91

- **trim-train** learns only from slices with at least one non-background pixel and trims the rest
- **trim-ratio** ranks the cross-entropy loss $\ell_{CE}(\theta; (x, y))$ in each iteration (mini-batch) and trims samples with the lowest $\ell_{CE}(\theta; (x, y))$ (i.e., label-sparse) at a fixed ratio — the ratio of all-background slices in the full training set (≈ 0.42), updating only those samples with the higher $\ell_{CE}(\theta; (x, y))$ (i.e., label-dense)
- **pseudo-AdaWAC** simulates the sample weights $\hat{\beta}$ at the saddle point — learns via $\ell_{CE}(\theta; (x, y))$ on slices with at least one non-background pixel while via $\ell_{AC}(\theta; x, A_1, A_2)$ otherwise
- **+ACR** further incorporates the augmentation consistency regularization directly via $+\ell_{AC}(\theta; x, A_1, A_2)$

Ablation Study

Ablation study of AdaWAC with TransUNet on Synapse

Method	DSC ↑	HD95 ↓	Aorta	Gallbladder	Kidney (L)	Kidney (R)	Liver	Pancreas	Spleen	Stomach
baseline	76.66 ± 0.88	29.23 ± 1.90	87.06	55.90	81.95	75.58	94.29	56.30	86.05	76.17
reweight-only	76.27 ± 0.42	32.66 ± 3.48	87.30	52.56	81.21	75.77	94.13	58.96	84.69	75.52
reweight-EM	76.83 ± 0.62	31.95 ± 2.64	87.33	54.16	82.20	76.00	93.84	58.59	86.35	76.16
ACR-only	78.01 ± 0.62	27.78 ± 2.80	87.51	58.79	83.39	79.26	94.70	58.99	86.02	75.43
AdaWAC-0.01	77.75 ± 0.23	28.02 ± 3.50	87.33	56.68	83.35	78.53	94.45	57.02	87.72	76.94
AdaWAC-1.0	79.04 ± 0.21	27.39 ± 1.91	87.53	56.57	83.23	81.12	94.04	62.05	89.51	78.32

On the influence of **consistency regularization**

- **reweight-only**: standard DRO following [Sagawa et al., 2020](#)
- **reweight-EM**: DRO + entropy maximization proposed in [Fidon et al., 2021](#)
- Reweighting alone brings little improvement compared to the baseline

On the influence of **sample reweighting**

- **ACR-only**: $\min_{\theta} \ell_{CE}(\theta; (x_i, y_i)) + \ell_{AC}(\theta; x, A_1, A_2)$
- **AdaWAC-0.01**: $\eta_{\beta} = 0.01$ with slow separation
- **AdaWAC-1.0**: $\eta_{\beta} = 1.0$ with (properly) rapid separation
- Proper reweighting brings additional boost

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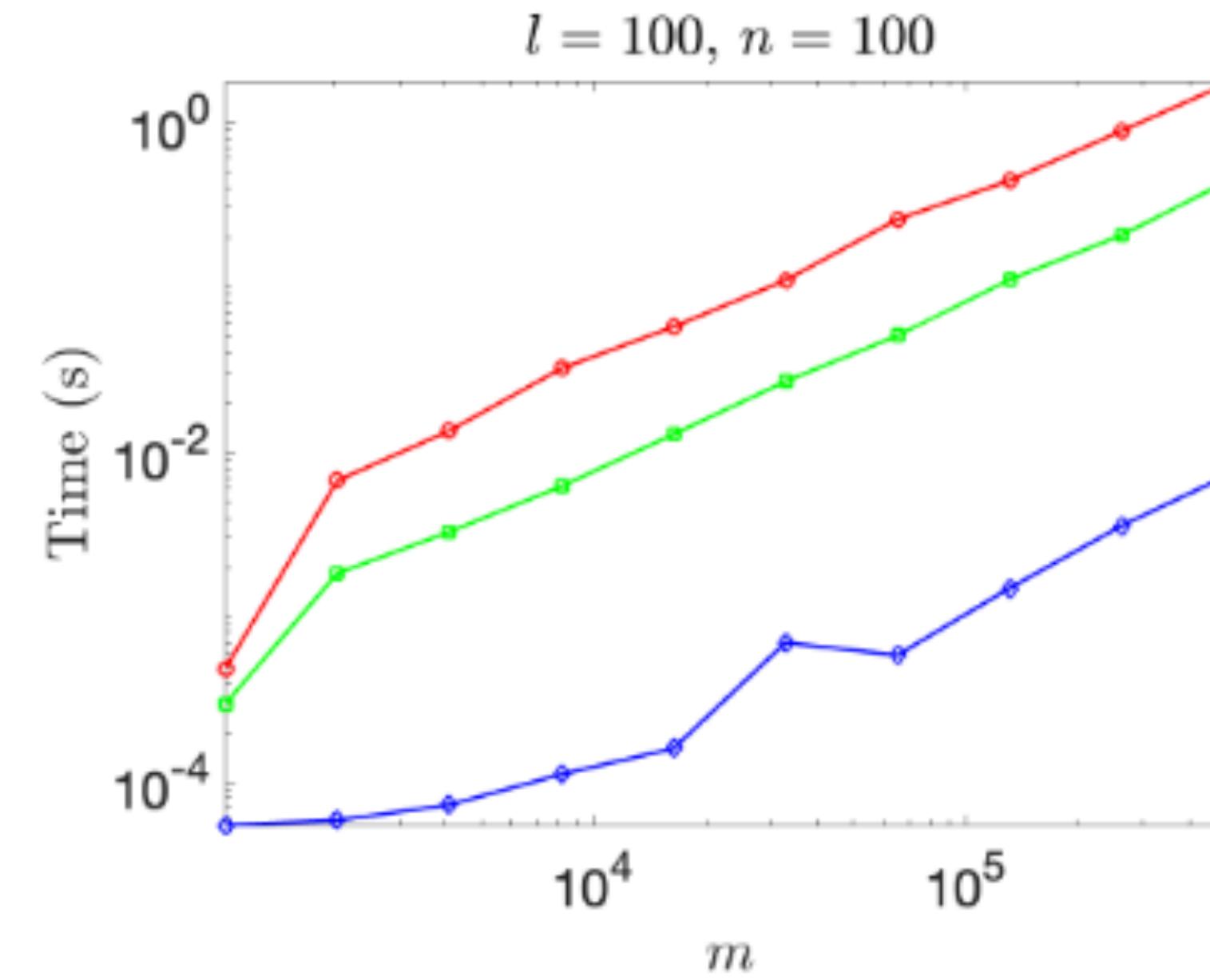
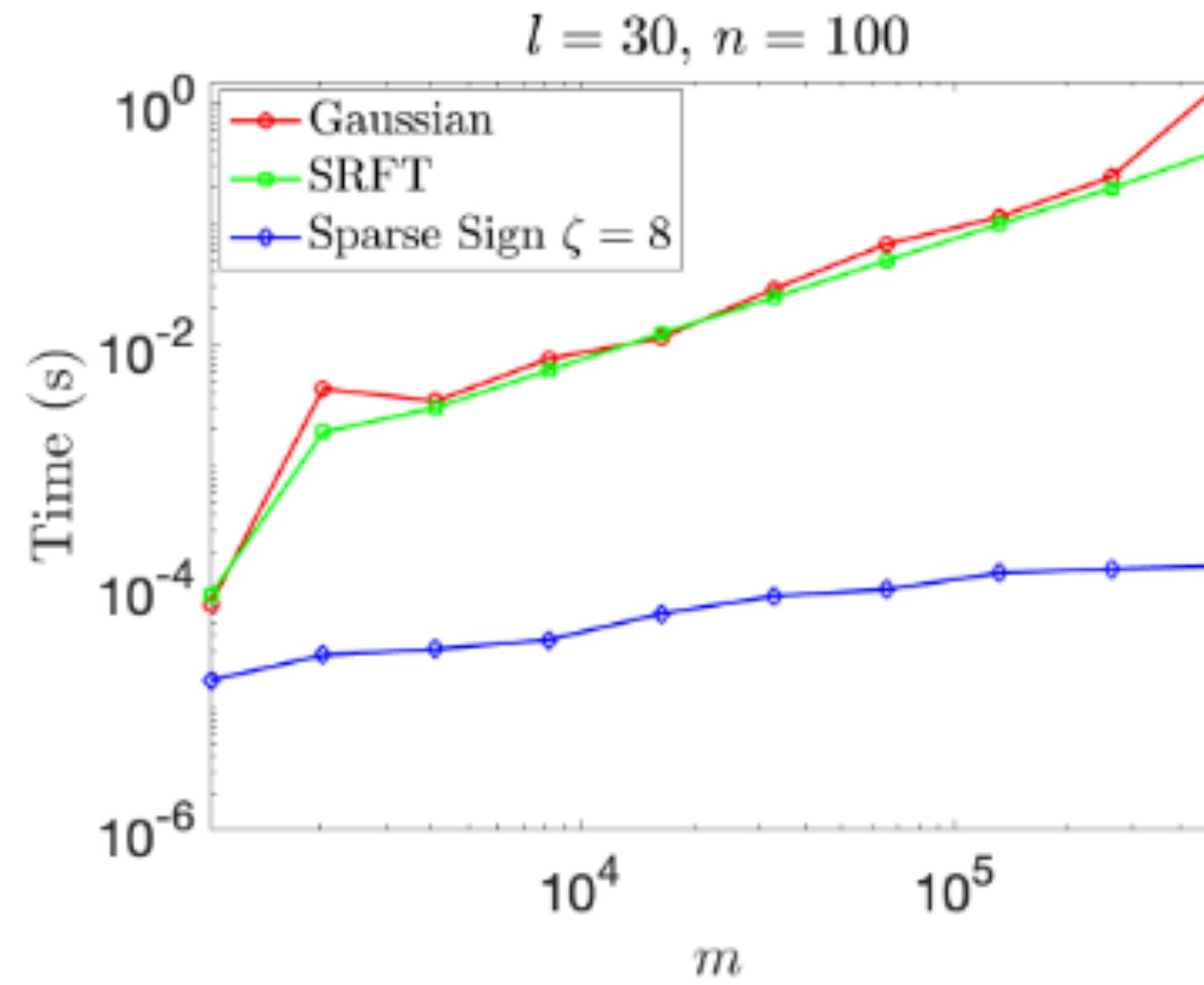
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Appendix

Efficiency of Sketching



Runtime of **Gaussian** / **SRFT** / **sparse sign** embedding $\Gamma \in \mathbb{C}^{l \times m}$ on dense matrices of size $m \times n$

- Runtime: **Sparse sign** $O(mn\zeta) < \text{SRFT}$
 $O(mn \log l) < \text{Gaussian } O(mnl)$
- Efficiency of sketching is important (only) when l is sufficiently large
- Similar low-rank approximation errors $\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{AX}^\dagger \mathbf{X}\|$ in practice
- We focus on **Gaussian embedding** for simplicity & consistency