Lizard Perch Heights on Experimental Islands

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Control

Brown lizard removal

Predictor of Interest: Treatment through time

Response: Green Lizard Perch Height

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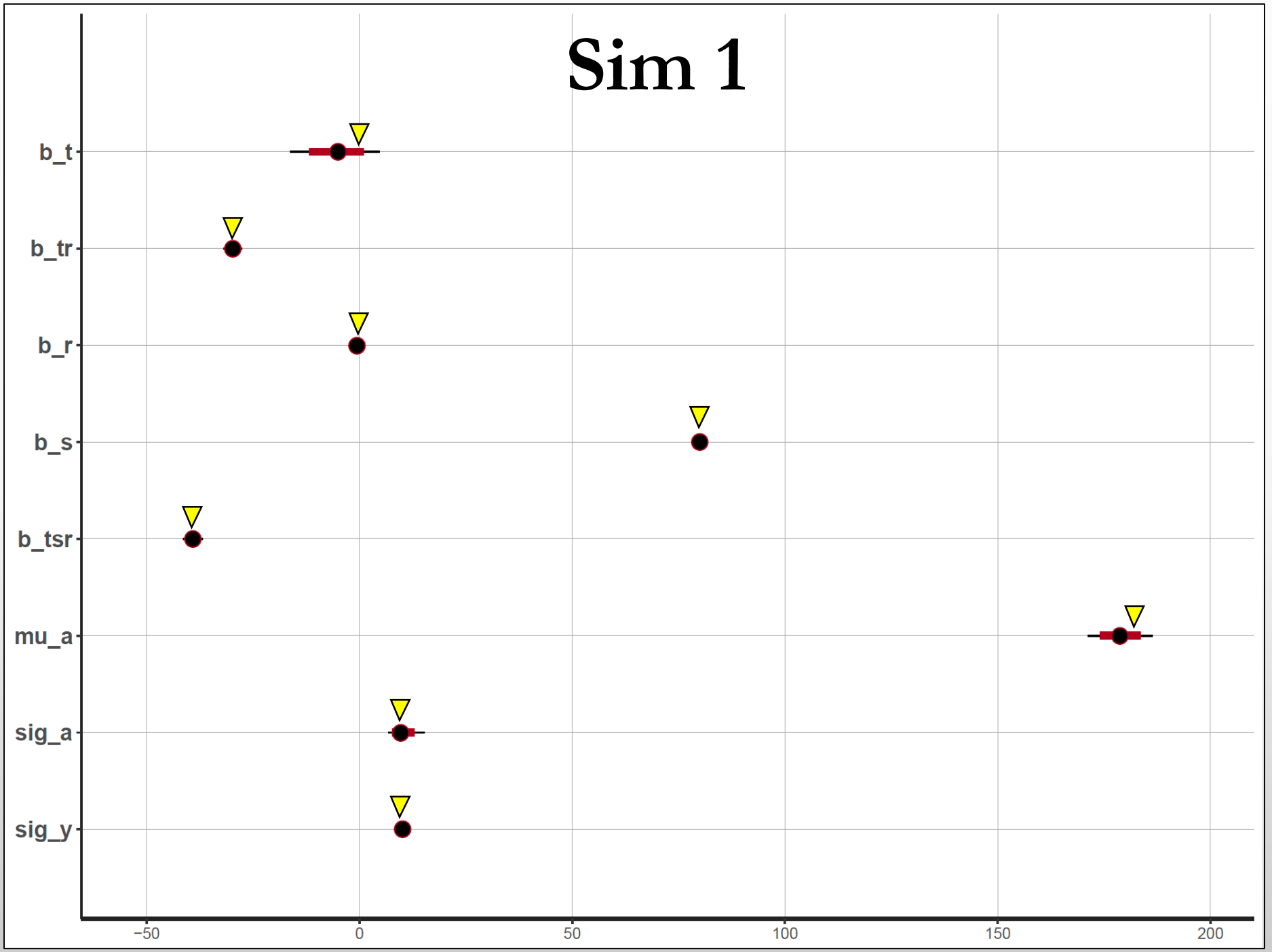
	Sim 1	Sim 2	Sim 3	Sim 4	Sim 5	Sim 6
Data Type	fake	fake	fake	fake	real and fake	real and fake
Balanced sampling?	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Observations per island	50	26*	26	26	26‡	26‡
Number of islands (j)	16	6*	6	6	6	6
Total number of observations (i)	1600	312*	312	312	294*	294
$\beta_{treatment}$	0	0	-120*	0*	0	0
$\beta_{treatment\ x\ year}$	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30
β_{year}	0	0	0	0	0	0
β_{sex}	80	80	80	80	80	80
$\beta_{treatment\ x\ sex\ x\ year}$	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40
μ_{α}	180	180	180	180	181.6*†	181.6†
σ_{α}	10	25*	25	40*	41.2*†	41.2†
σ_{y}	10	25*	25	100*	123.4*†	40*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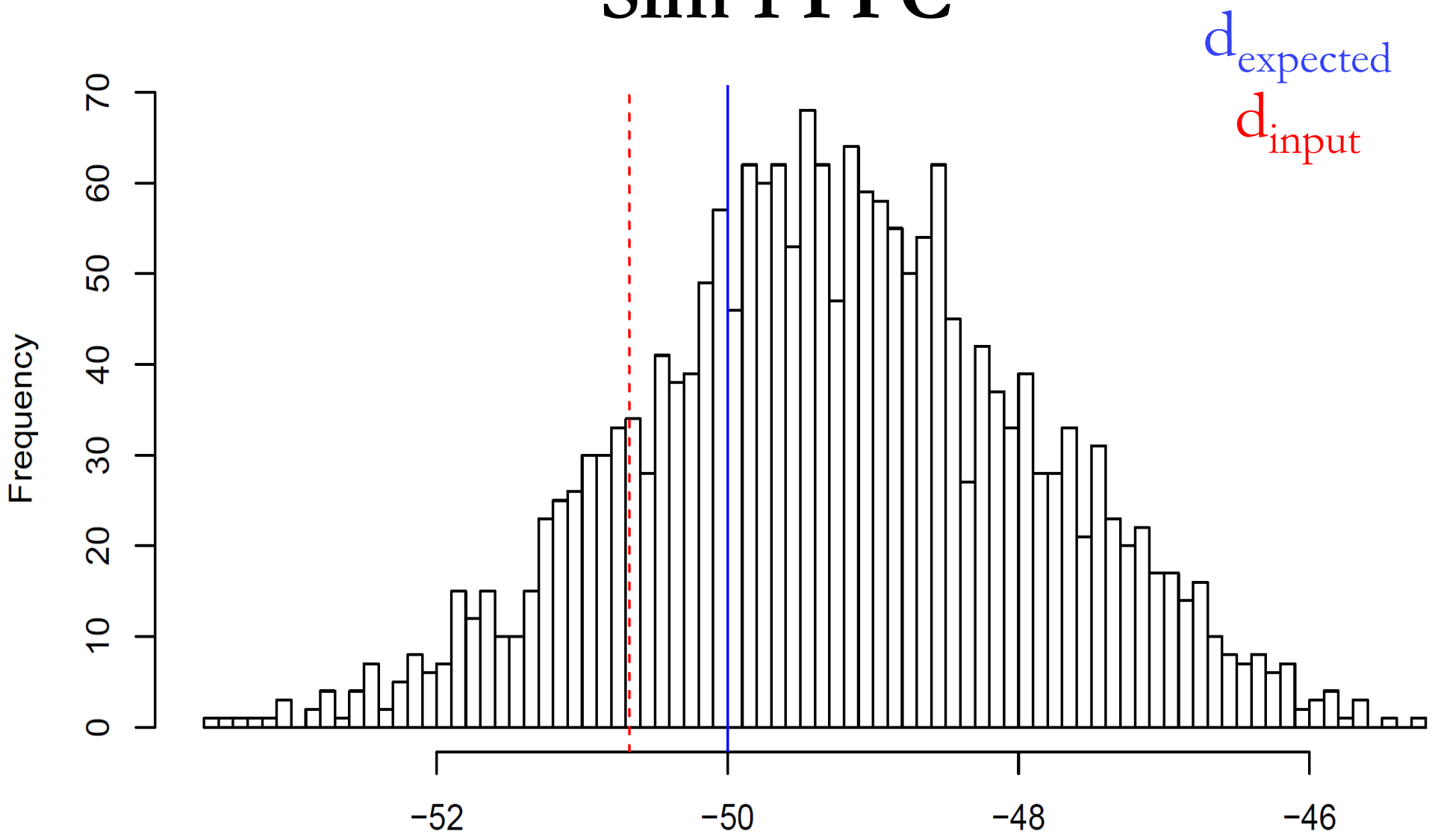
Sim 1 PPC



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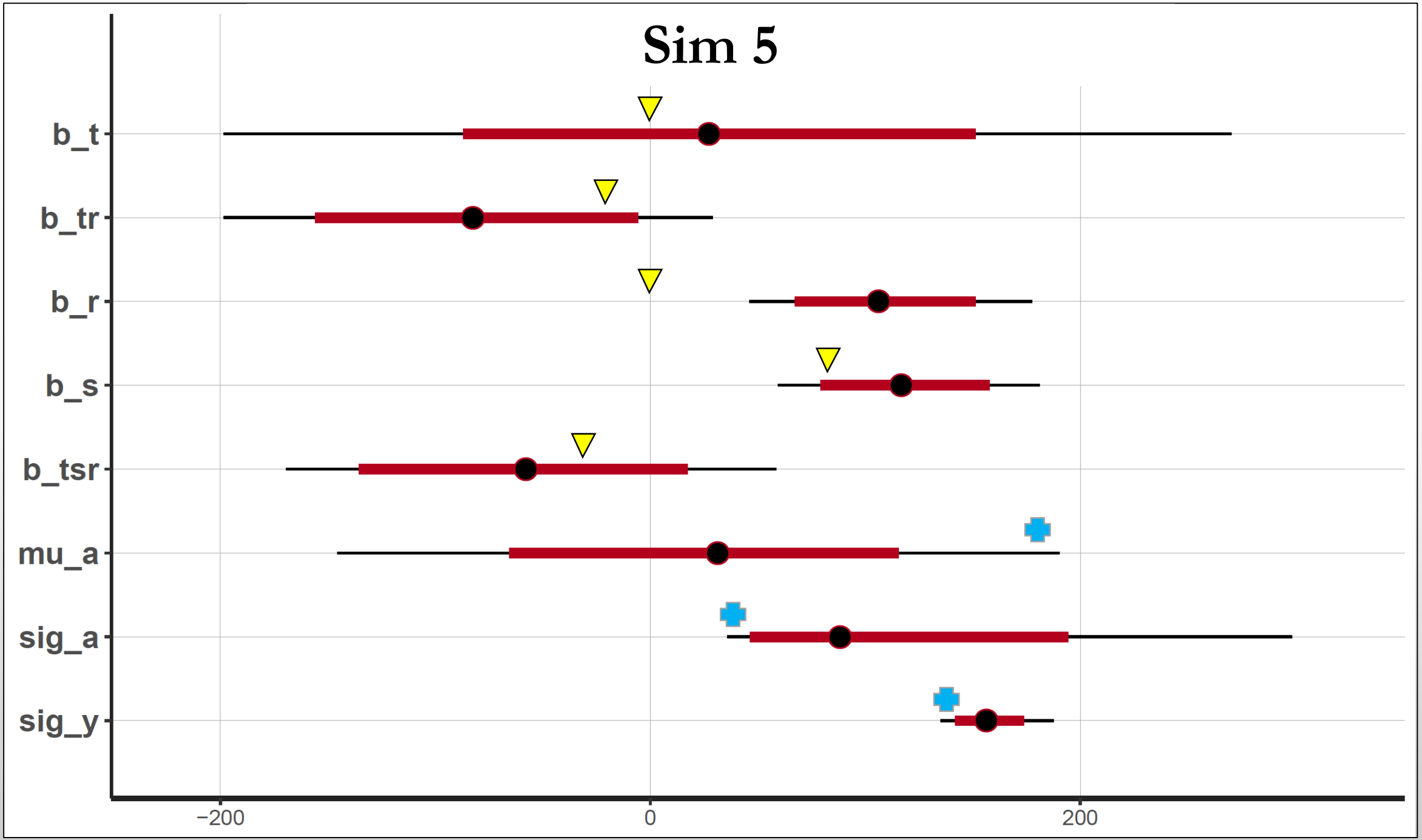
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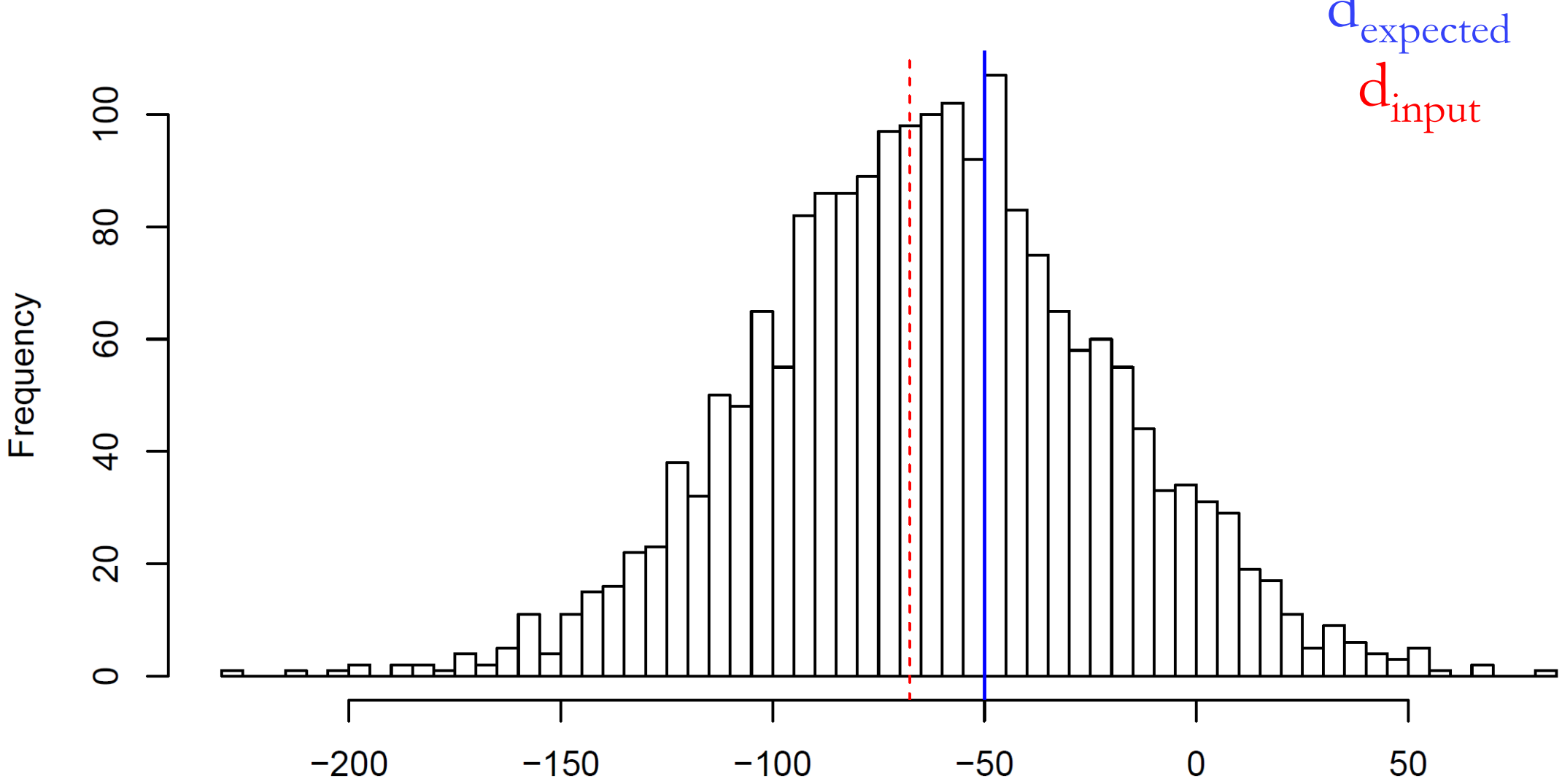

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What's next?

- Different variances for removal vs. control islands
- Weakly informative priors on hyperparameters
- Use my new skills on an experiment that won't get crushed by a hurricane


Thanks!