

# Experimental Design on a Budget for Sparse Linear Models and Applications

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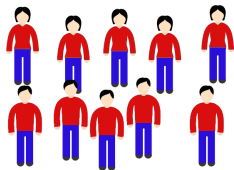
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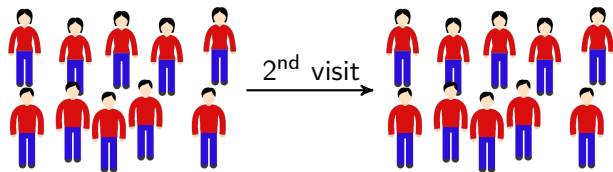


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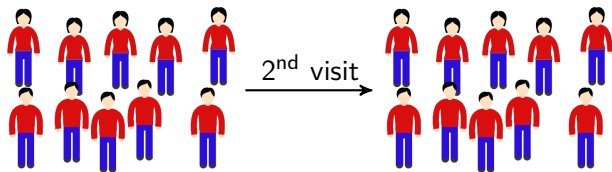
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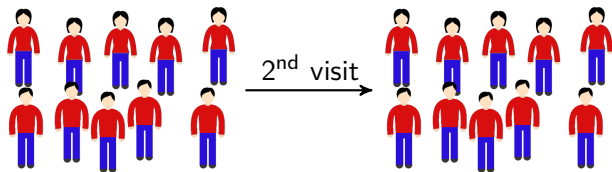


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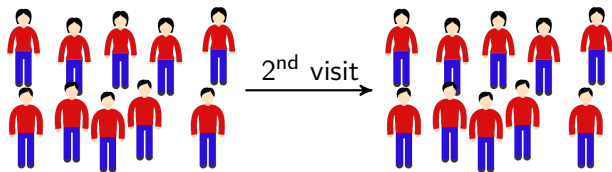


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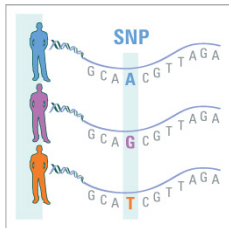
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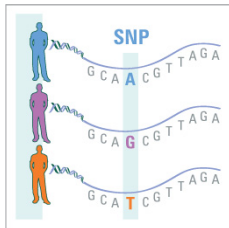


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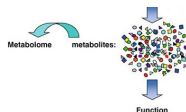
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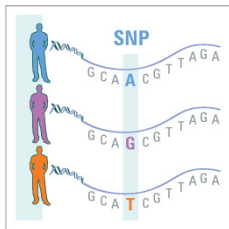
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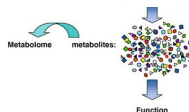
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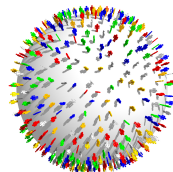
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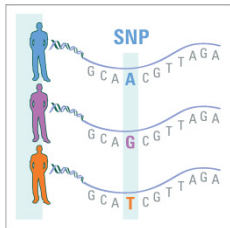
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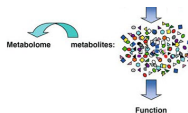
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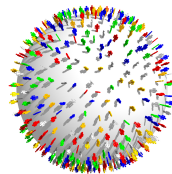
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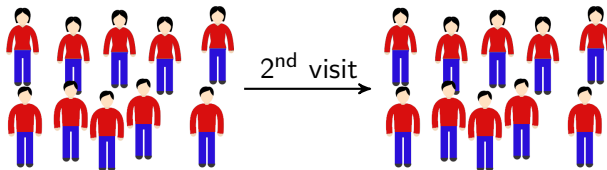
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Examples of **Response**  $y$  : Clinical Dementia Rating (CDR), Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Score (ADAS) etc..

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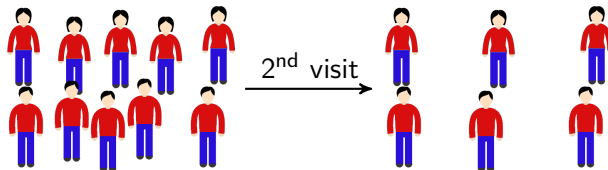
# Financial implications

500 **patients** with cost \$150/**visit** =  $\$150 \times 500 = \$75000$ .



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300 patients with cost \$150/visit =  $\$150 \times 300 = \$45000$ .



**Savings=\$30000.**

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Covariate data agnostic, not applicable here.



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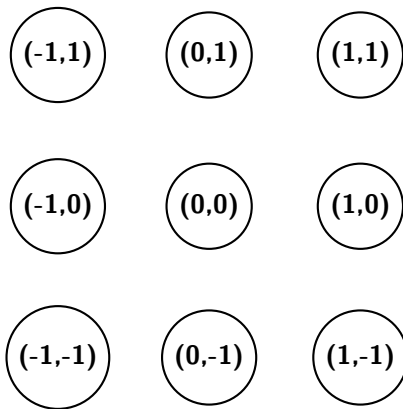
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Well studied when  $f$  is linear. Often solved using Convex Optimization.

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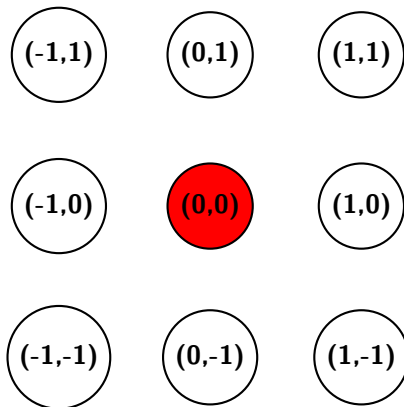
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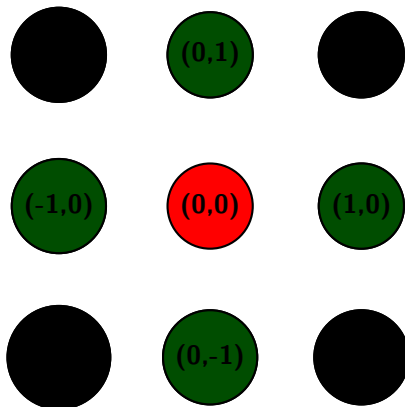
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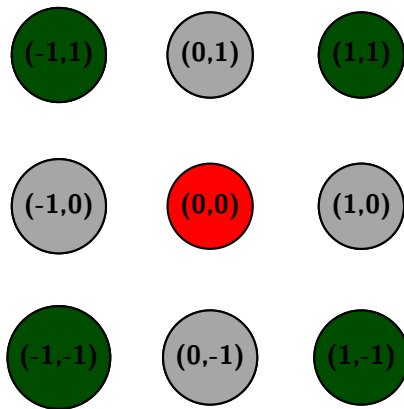
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Not a great Choice!



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Ah! Much better.



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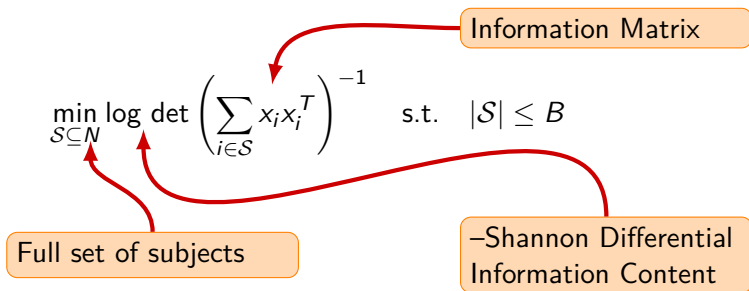
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Full set of subjects

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- A-Optimal: Replace log det by trace and so on. log det is just a placeholder.



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Costs

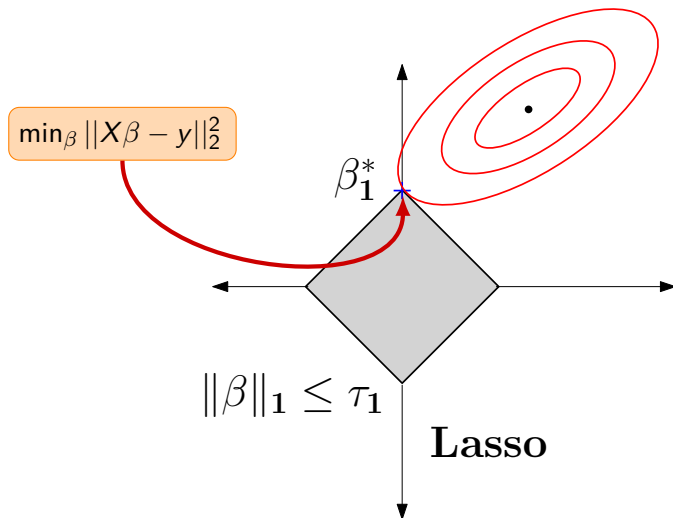
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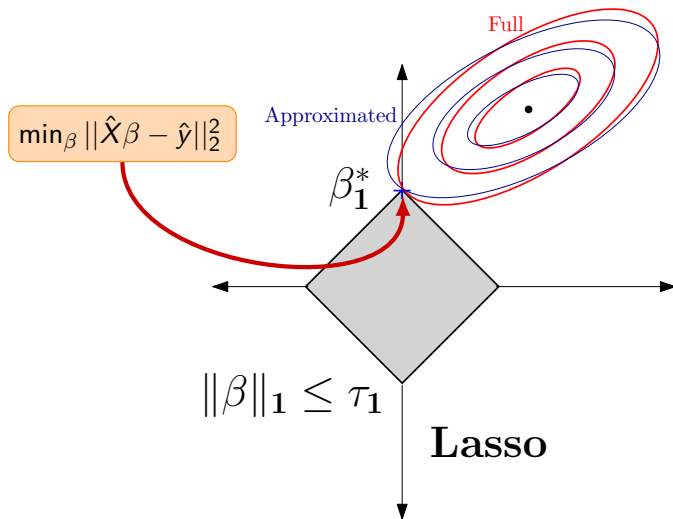
Goal: Extend to  $f$  **sparse** linear

# Sparse $f$ : Feature Selection

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Regularization  
Parameter

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# ED-S Algorithm

## Alternating Minimization or Batch Coordinate Descent Algorithm

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Coherence:

$$\max_{i=1,\dots,n} \text{diag} \left( X (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \right)$$



## ED-Incoherent (ED-I)

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Set  $\mu_i e_i^T X = z_i$

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Convex Optimization Problem with no extra variables!



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for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$  do
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    Pick  $i \in \{0, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\mu_i \leftarrow \mu_i - \eta \nabla_{\mu_i} f$ 
  end for
  Project  $\mu$ 
end for
Output:  $\mu^*$ 
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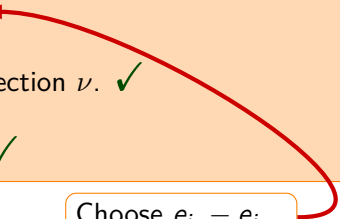


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Efficiently implementable/Derive approximation ratios. ✓

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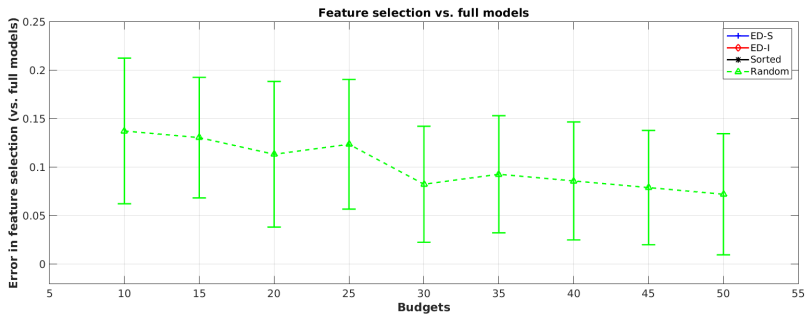
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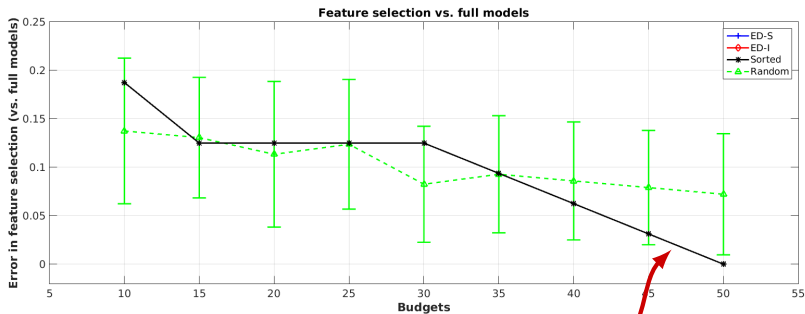
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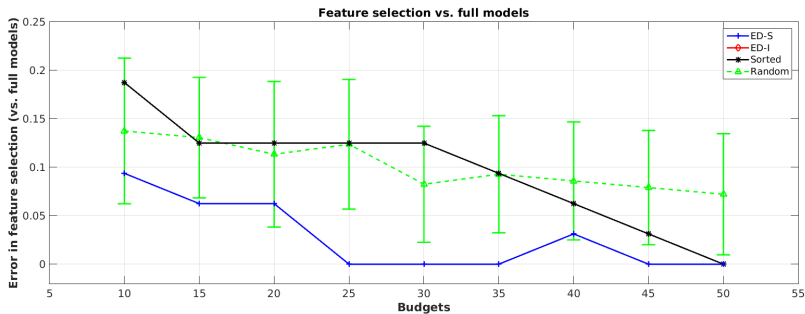


sorted  $\approx k$ -means

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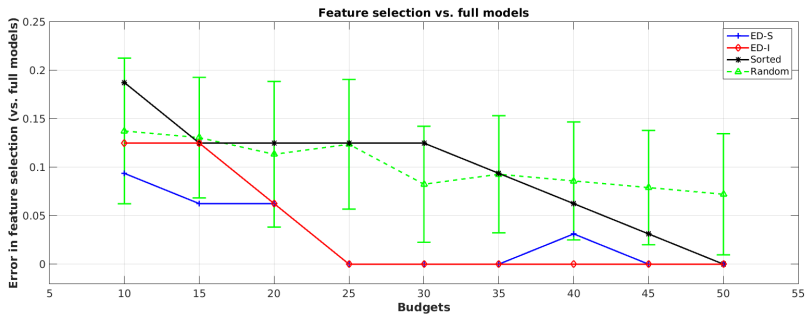
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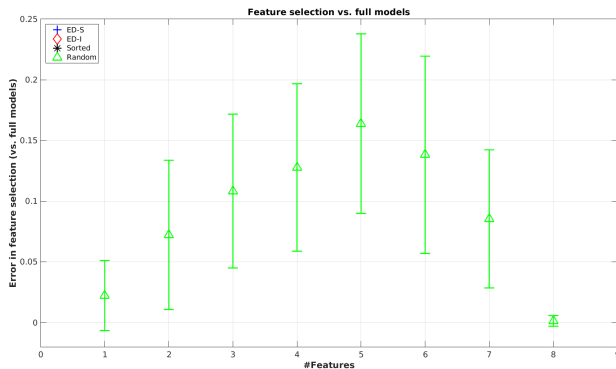




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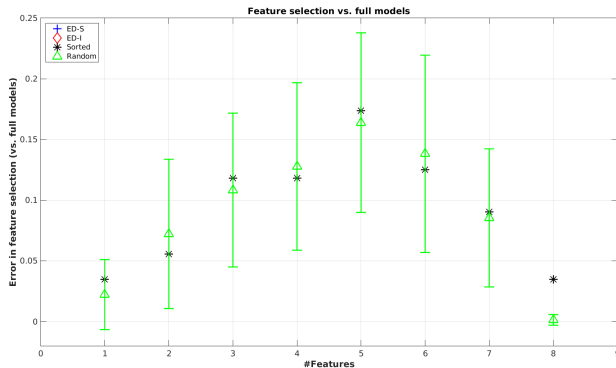
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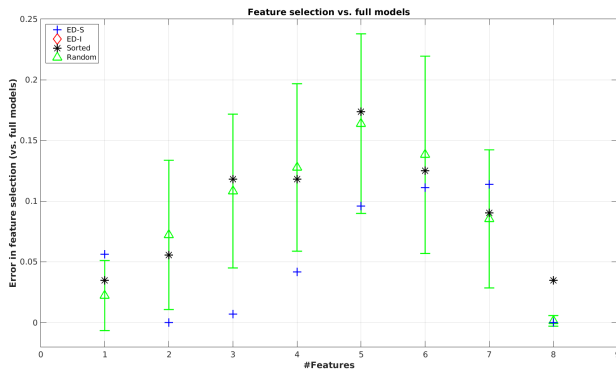
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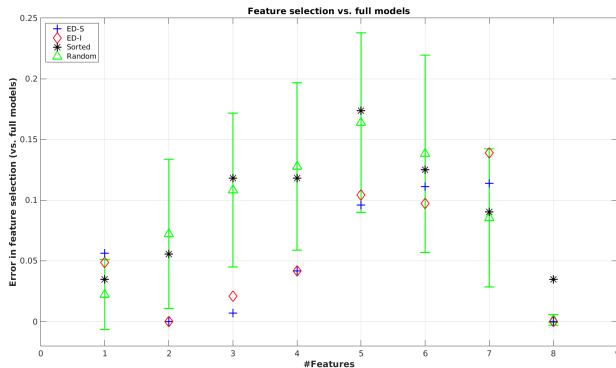
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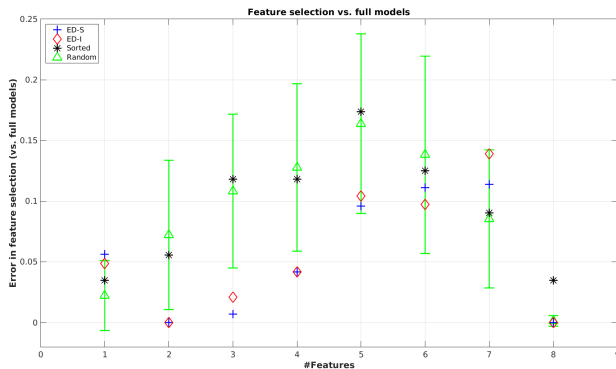


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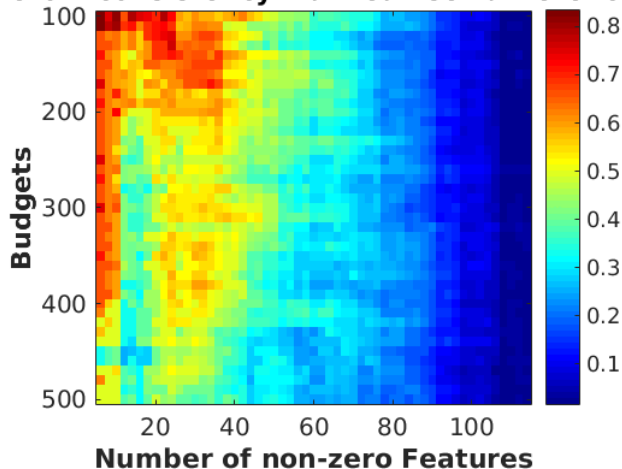
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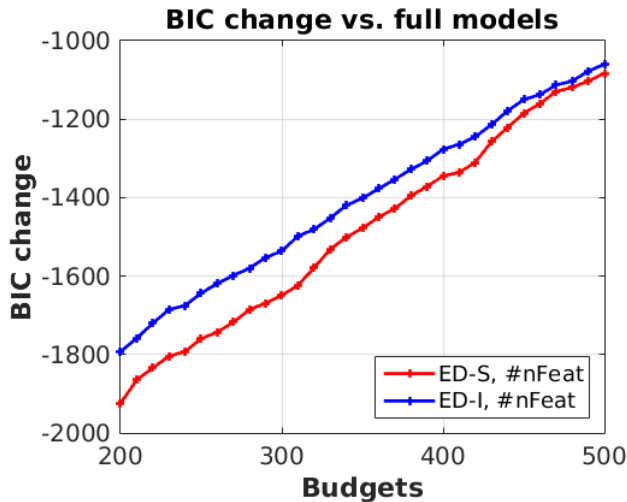
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Zero inconsistency via mean set-difference



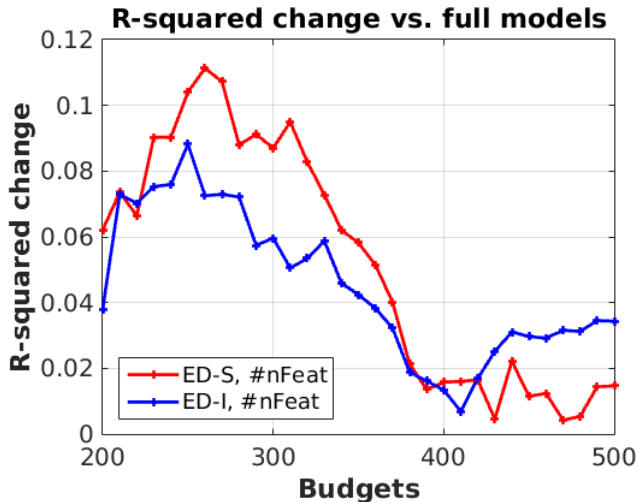
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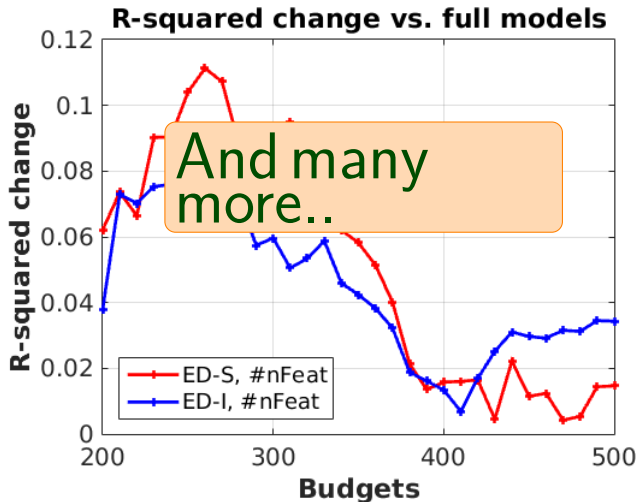
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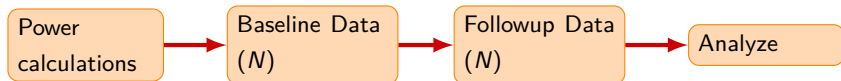
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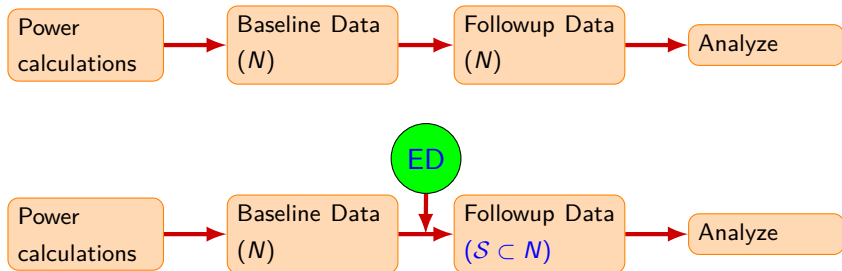
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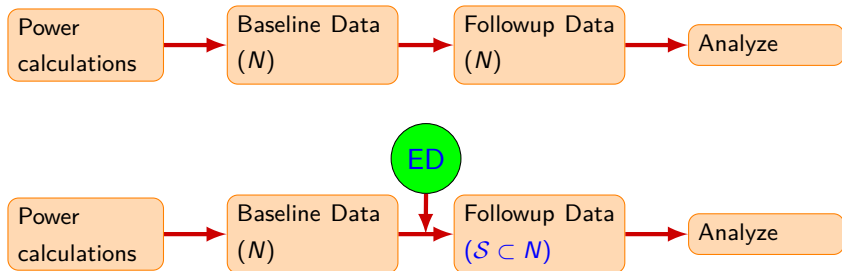
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- Proposed algorithmically efficient formulations for Experimental Design for Sparse Linear Model which are effective practically as well.
- Future direction: Theory for **adaptive** statistical power calculations using this framework.

The end...

Thank you!  
Questions?

Code is publicly available at [https://github.com/sravi-uwmadison/Exp\\_design\\_sparse](https://github.com/sravi-uwmadison/Exp_design_sparse).  
See you at the poster session (today 3 pm - 7 pm)!

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