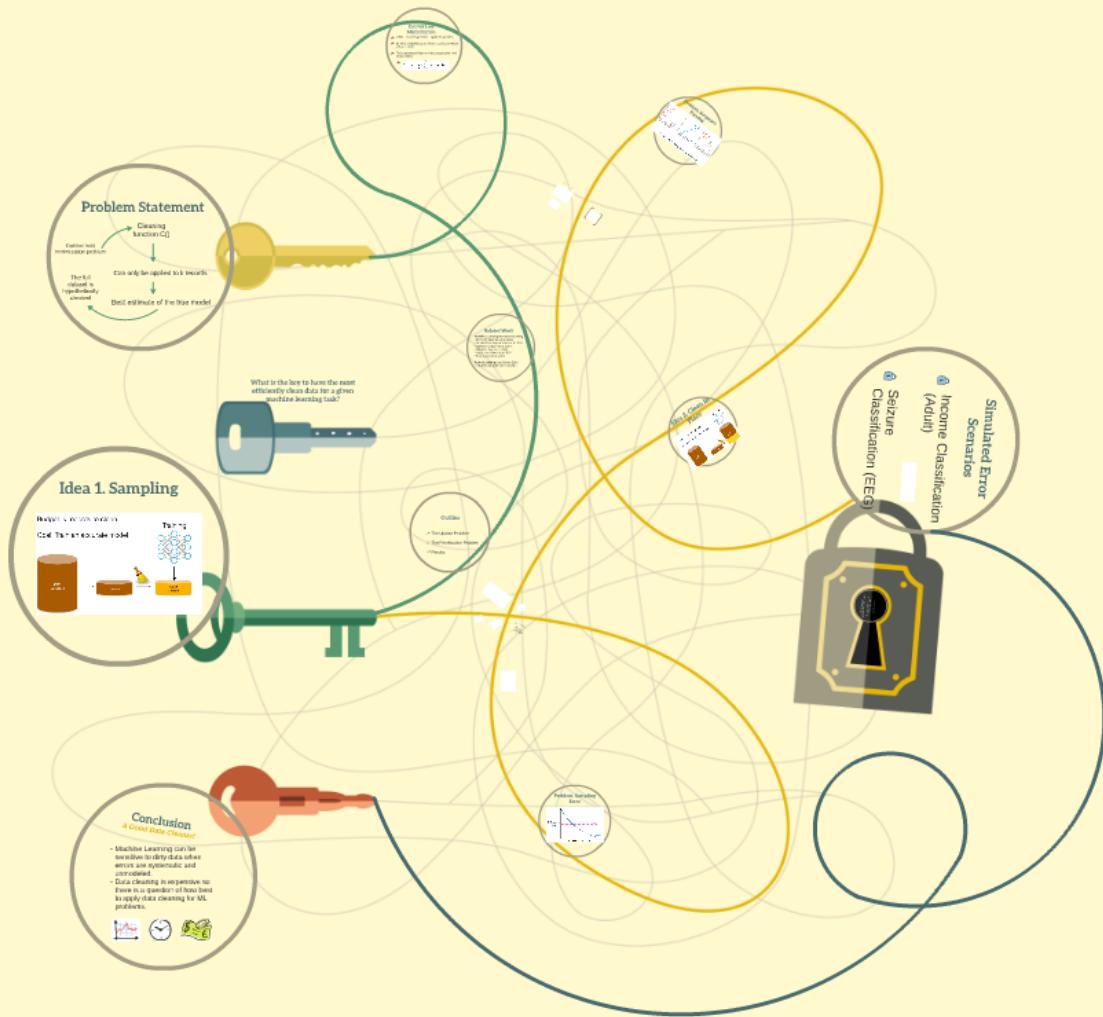


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Large Datasets, Sophisticated Models





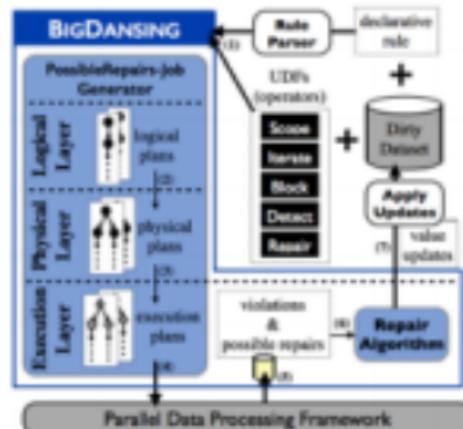
Data Cleaning Is Expensive



[1] Data Analyst Effort

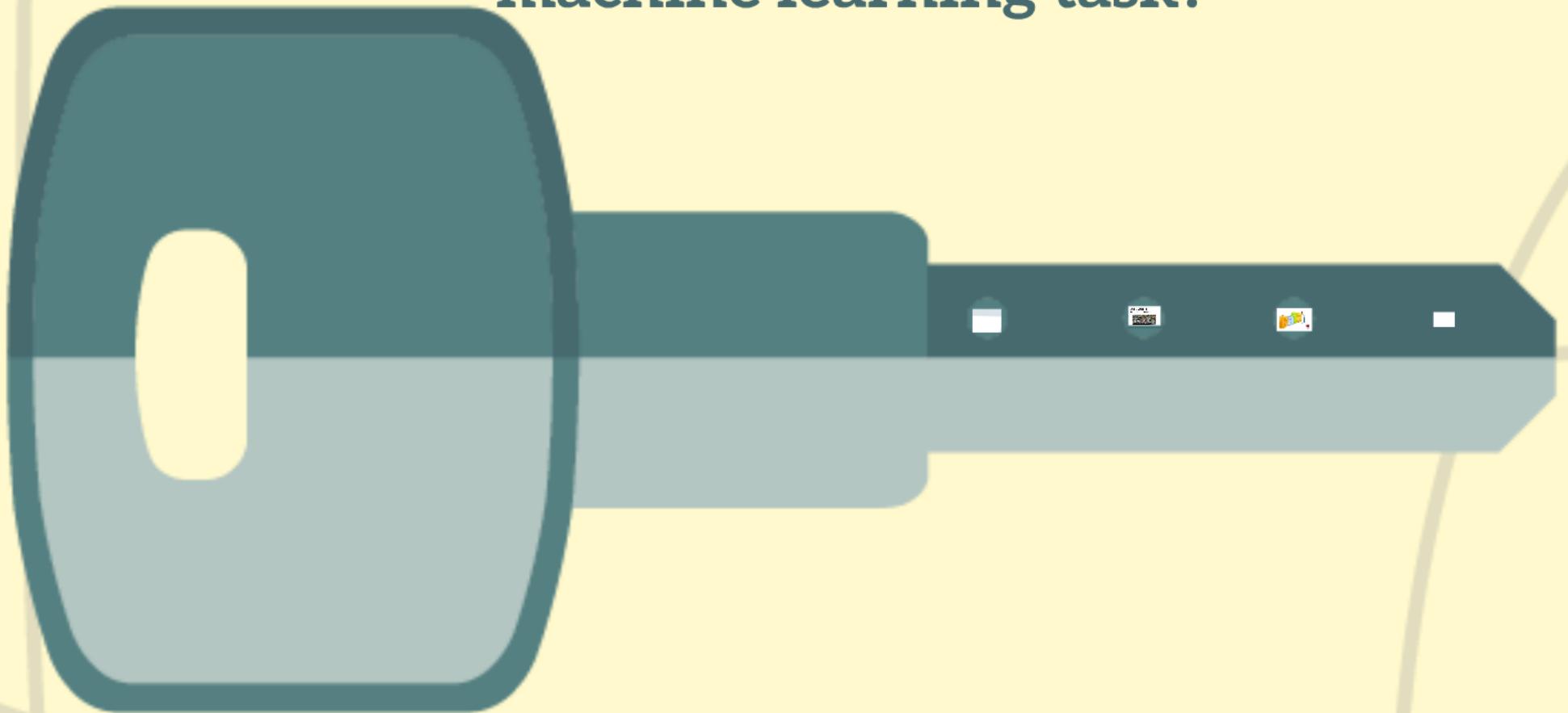


[2] Crowdsourcing



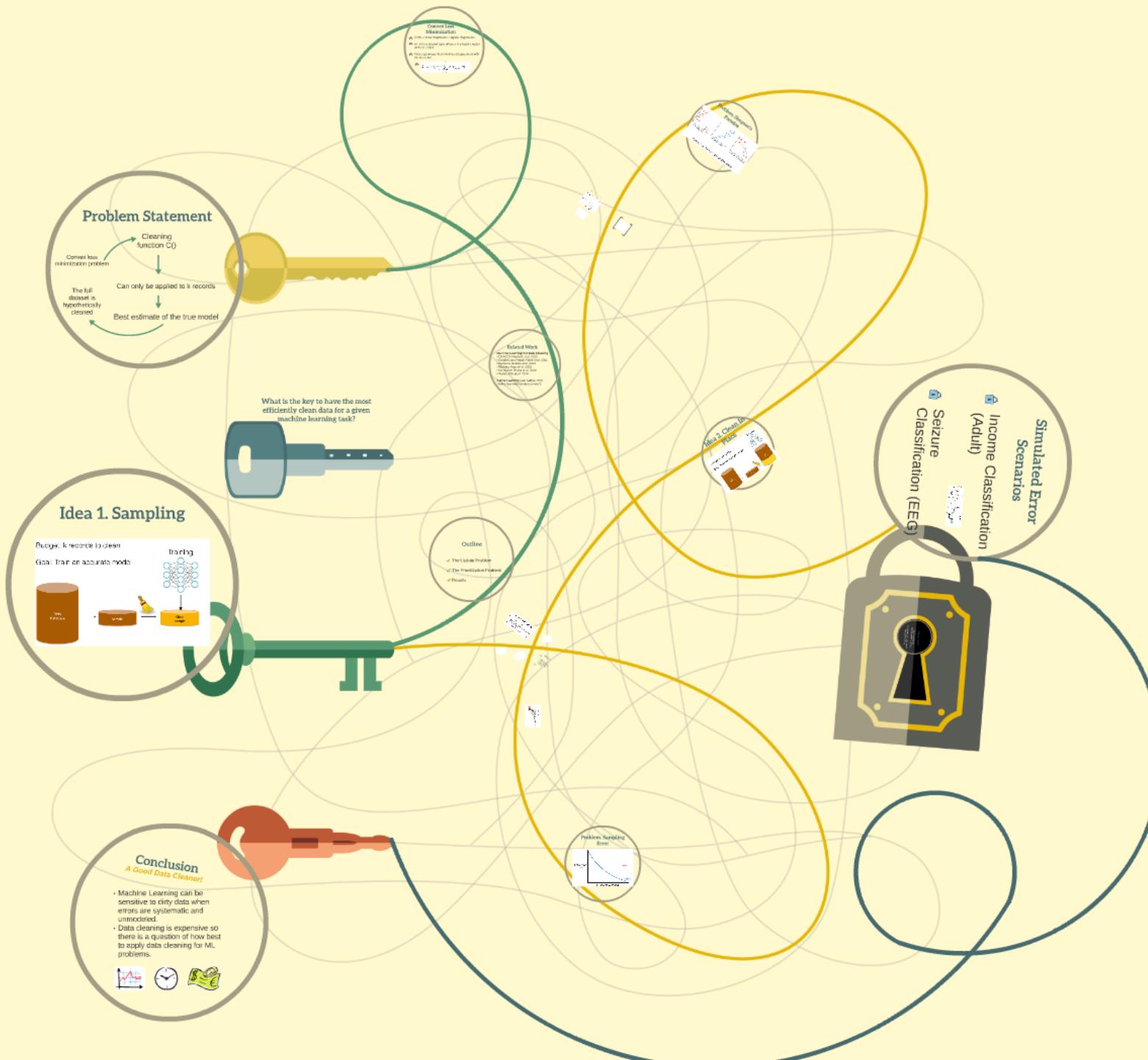
[3] Computational Cost

**What is the key to have the most
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machine learning task?**

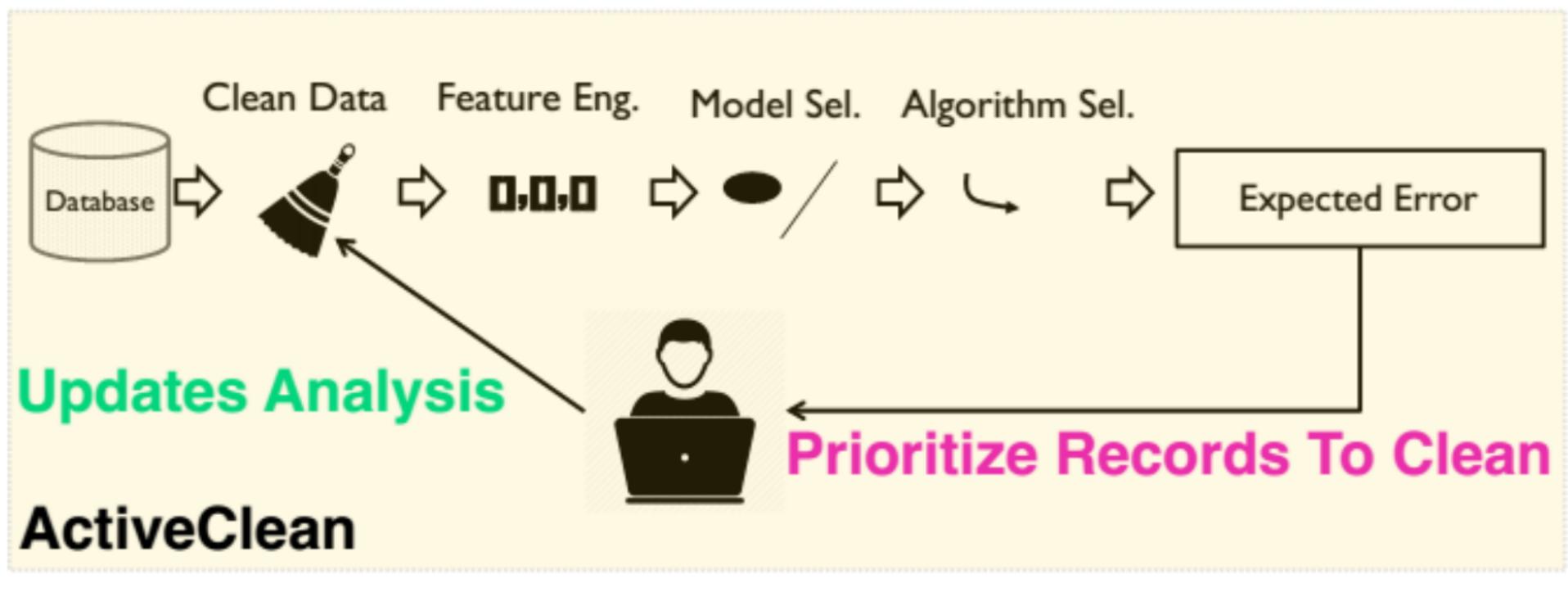


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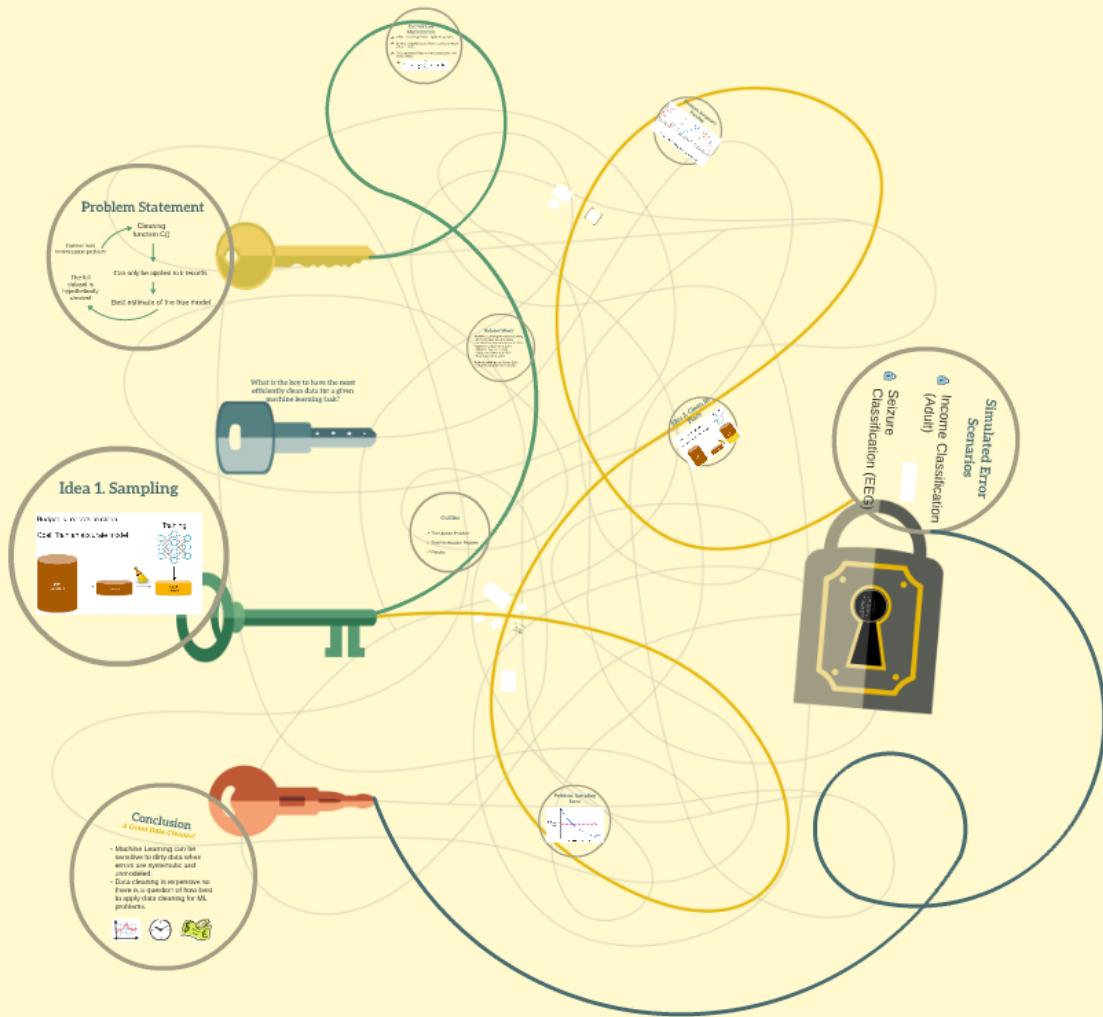


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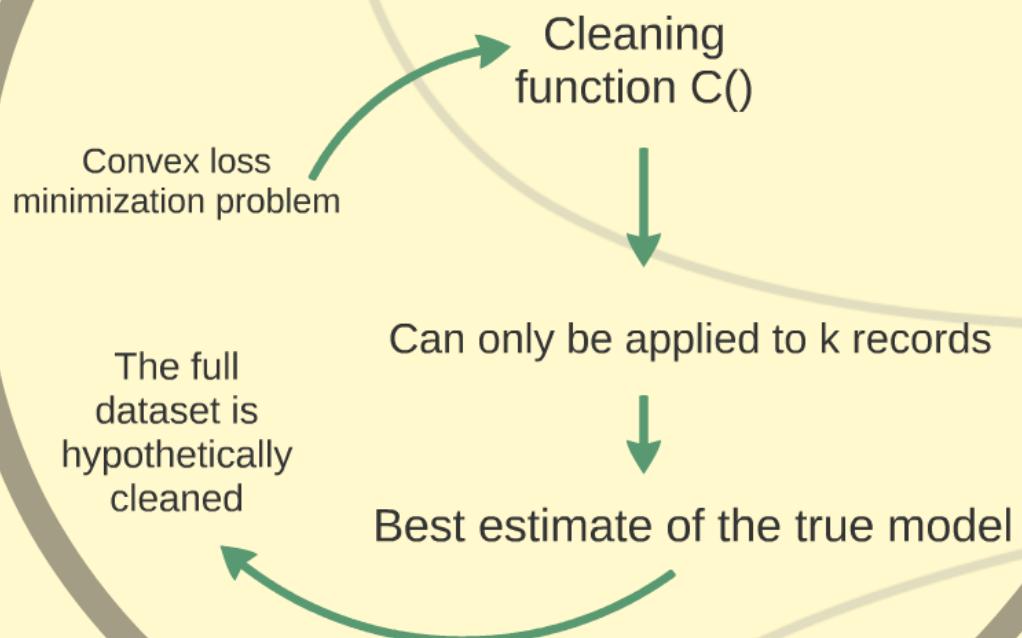


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Problem Statement



Convex Loss Minimization

- 🚗 SVMs, Linear Regression, Logistic Regression
- 🚗 (x_i, y_i) is a labeled tuple where x is a feature vector and y is a label.
- 🚗 Find a parameter that minimize disagreement with the true label.



$$\theta^* = \arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N \phi(x_i, y_i, \theta)$$

Related Work

Machine Learning For Data Cleaning

- ERACER Mayfield et al. 2010
- Guided Data Repair Yakut et al. 2011
- Corleone Gokale et al. 2014
- Wisteria Haas et al. 2015
- Deep Dive Zhang et al. 2014
- Katara Chu et al. 2014

Active Learning (see Settles 2010
“Active learning literature survey”)

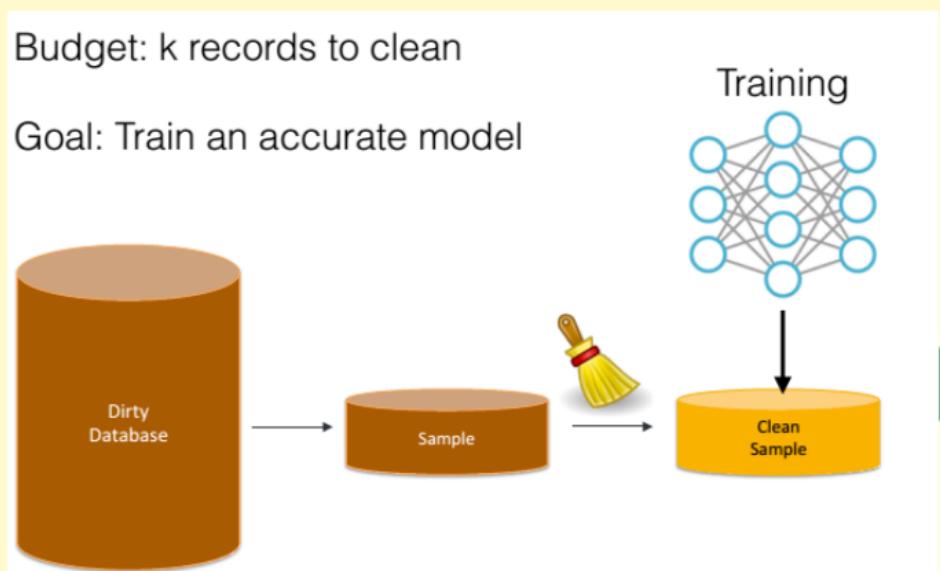
Outline

- ✓ The Update Problem
- ✓ The Prioritization Problem
- ✓ Results

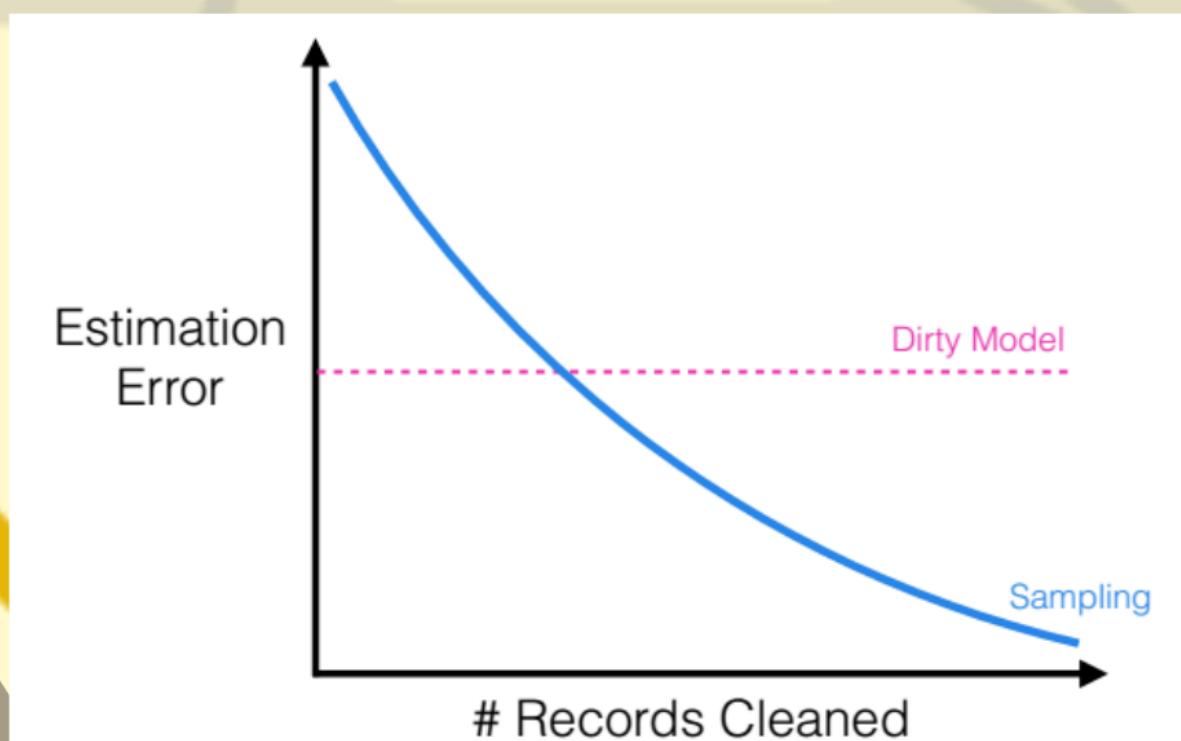
Idea 1. Sampling

Budget: k records to clean

Goal: Train an accurate model



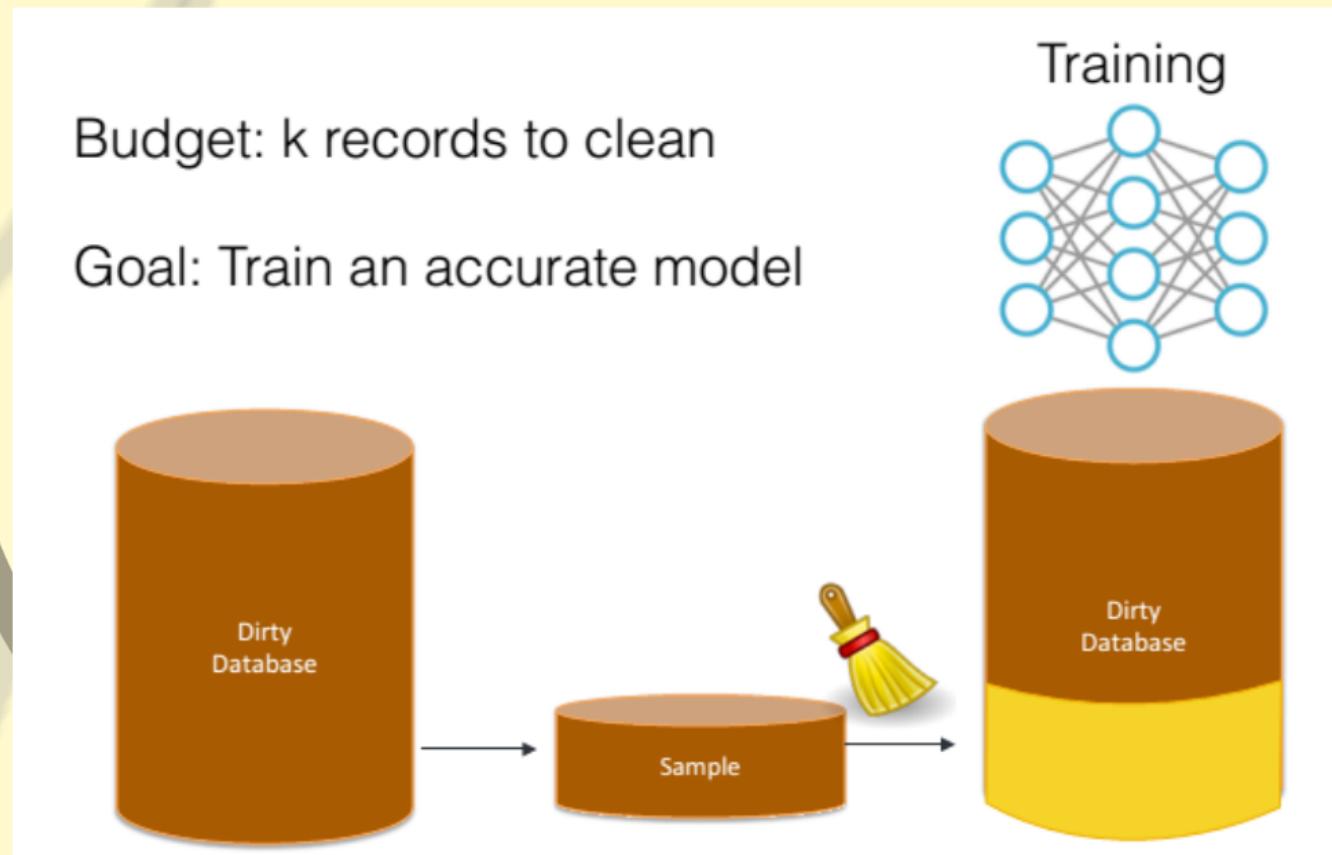
Problem. Sampling Error



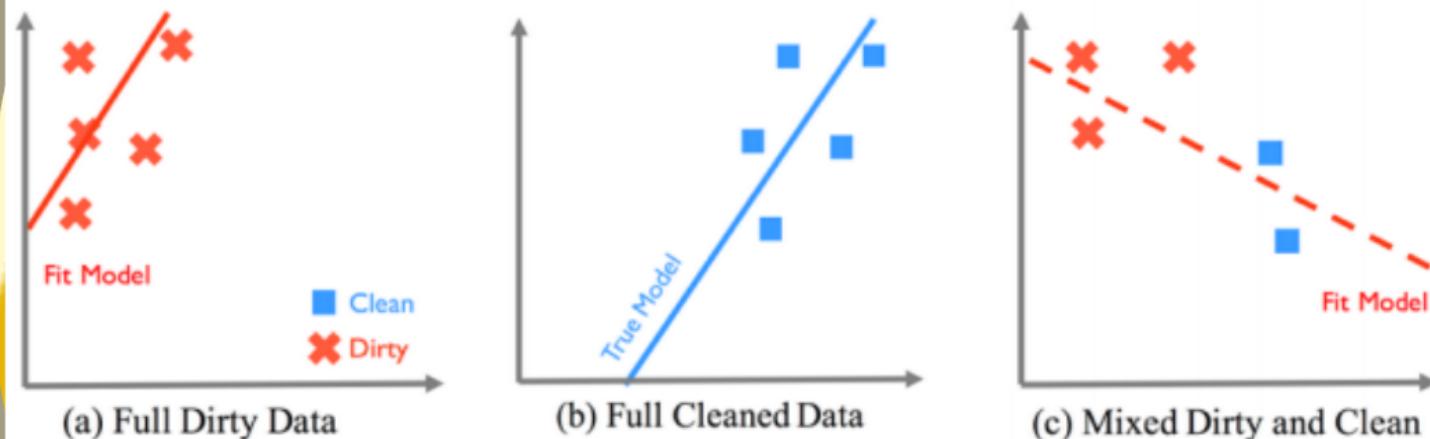
Idea 2. Clean In Place

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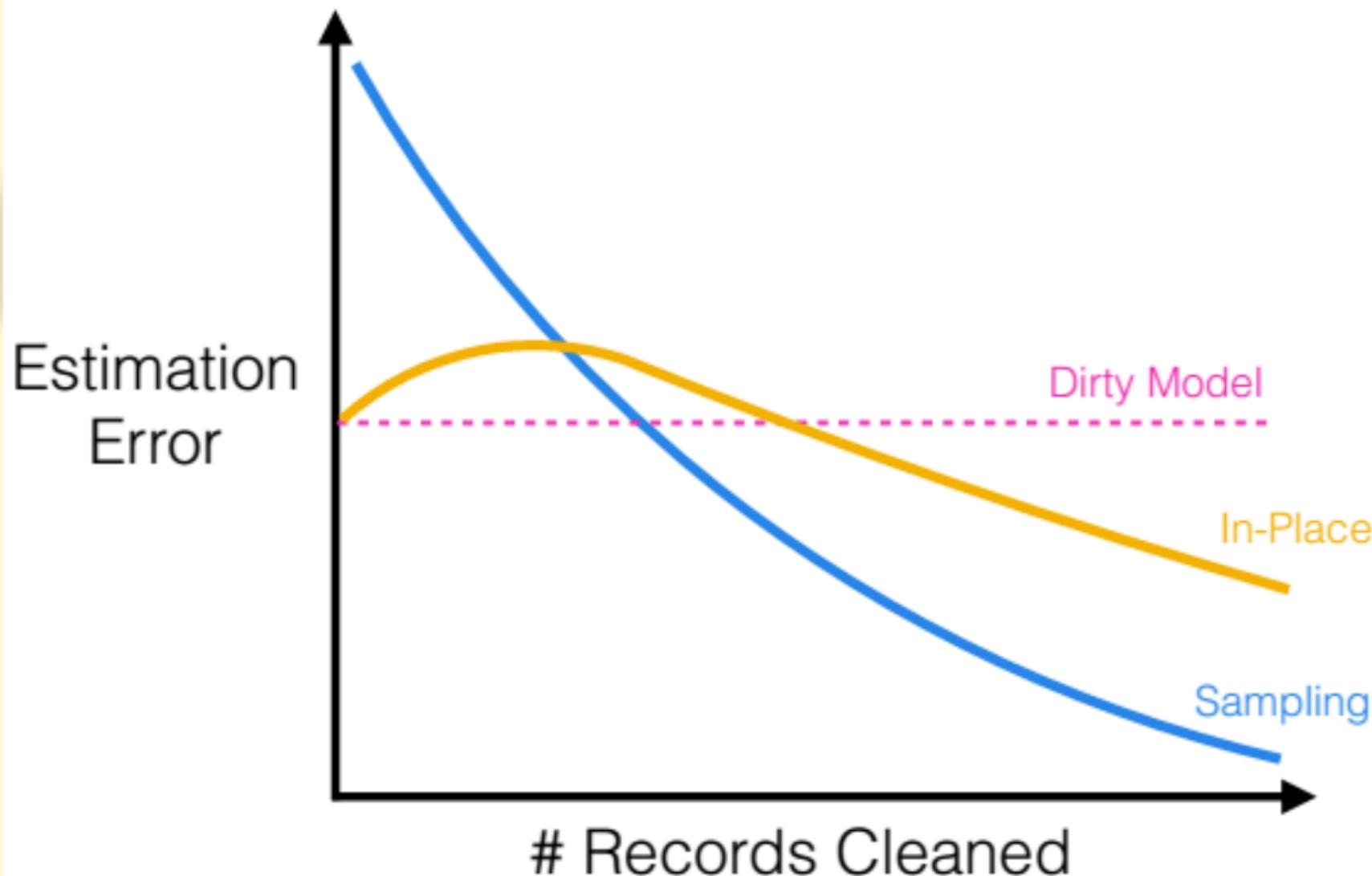
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Partial Data Cleaning Can Be Misleading



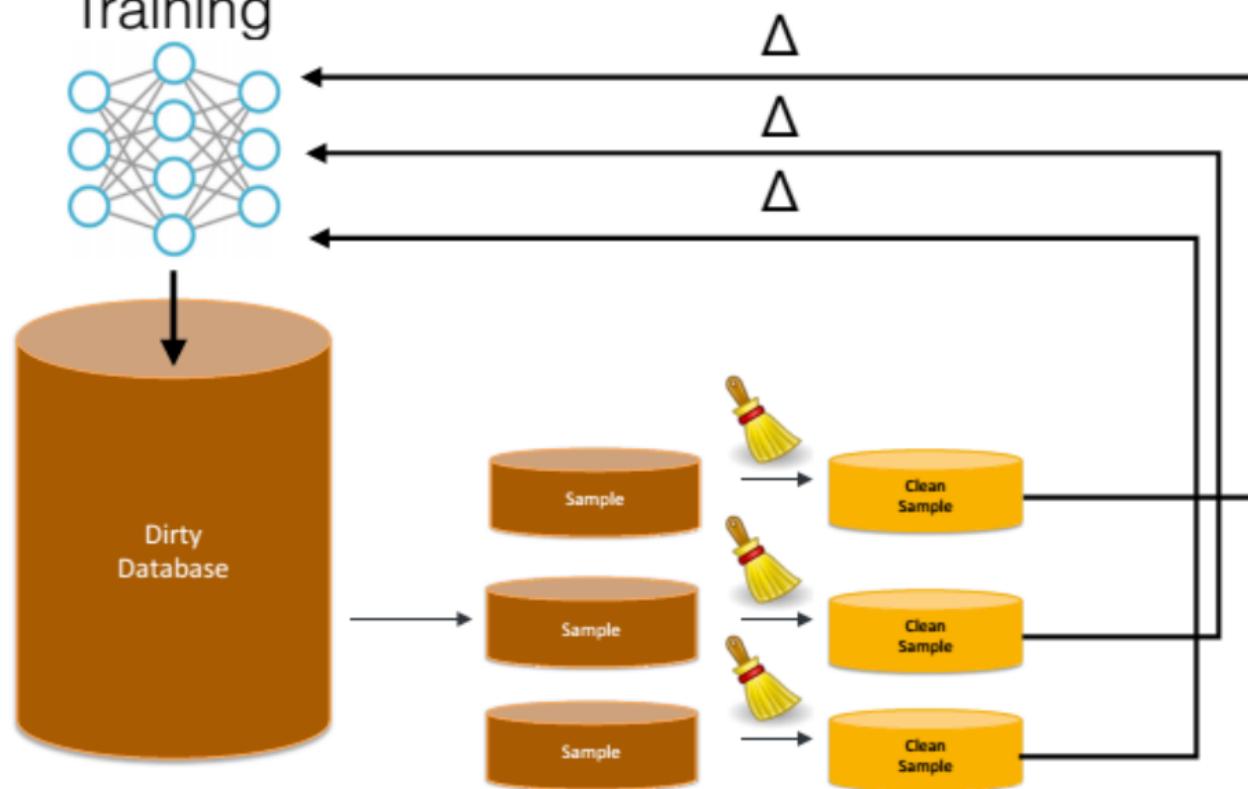
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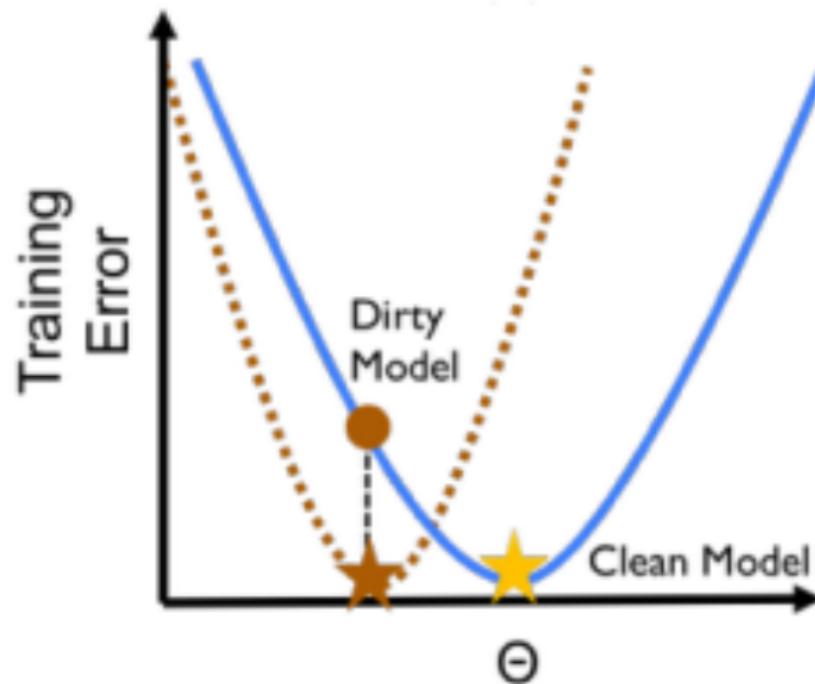
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Model as incremental optimization

Training



Intuition



- Stochastic Gradient Descent.

$$\theta^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \theta^{(t)} - \gamma \cdot E[\nabla \phi(\theta^{(t)})]$$

- Make each step unbiased.

Math time!

$$g(\theta) = \frac{|R_{clean}|}{|R|} \cdot g_C(\theta) + \frac{|R_{dirty}|}{|R|} \cdot g_S(\theta)$$

$$g_C(\theta) = \frac{1}{|R_{clean}|} \sum_{i \in R_{clean}} \nabla \phi(x_i^{(c)}, y_i^{(c)}, \theta)$$

$$g_S(\theta) = \frac{1}{|S|} \sum_{i \in S} \frac{1}{p(i)} \nabla \phi(x_i^{(c)}, \bar{y_i^{(c)}}, \theta)$$

Model Update Algorithm

1. Take a sample of data S from R_{dirty}
2. Calculate the gradient over the sample of newly clean data and call the result $g_S(\theta^{(t)})$
3. Calculate the average gradient over all of the already clean records in $R_{clean} = R - R_{dirty}$, and call the result $g_C(\theta^{(t)})$
4. Apply the following update rule, which is a weighted average of the gradient on the already clean records and newly cleaned records:

$$\theta^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \theta^{(t)} - \gamma \cdot \left(\frac{|R_{dirty}|}{|R|} \cdot g_S(\theta^{(t)}) + \frac{|R_{clean}|}{|R|} \cdot g_C(\theta^{(t)}) \right)$$

5. Append the newly cleaned records to set of previously clean records $R_{clean} = R_{clean} \cup S$

Optimal Sampling Problem

Given a set of candidate dirty data $R(\text{dirty})$, find sampling probabilities $p(r)$ such that over all samples S of size k it minimizes the variance:

$$\arg \min_p \mathbb{E}(\|g_S - g^*\|^2)$$

It can be shown that the optimal distribution over records in $R(\text{dirty})$ is proportional to:

$$p_i \propto \|\nabla \phi(x_i^{(d)}, y_i^{(d)}, \theta^{(t)})\|$$

EXPERIMENTS

Setup

- Naive-Mix (NM):
- Naive-Sampling (NS)
- Active Learning (AL)
- Active Clean (AC)
- Oracle (O)

Metrics

Experimental Setup

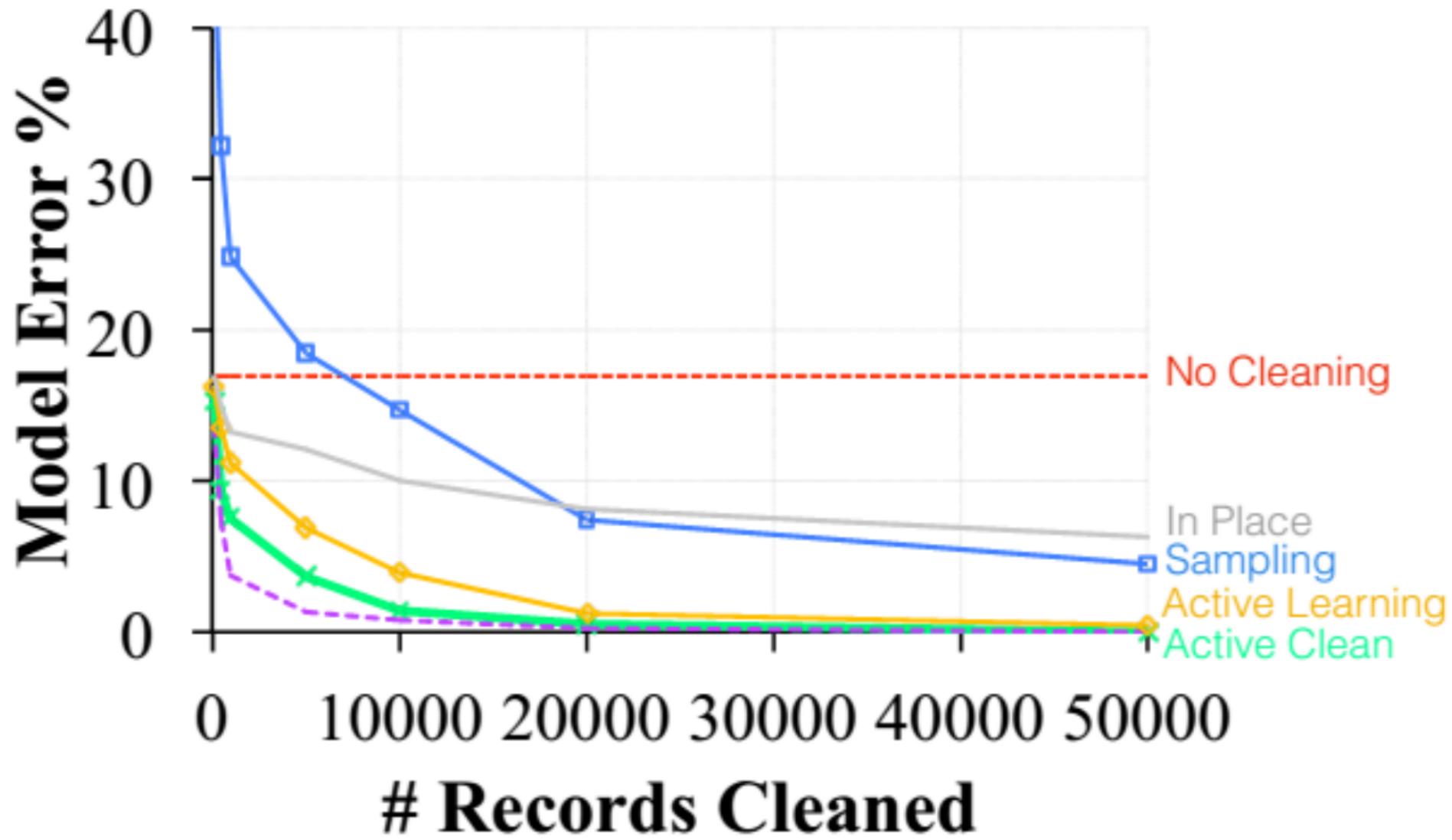
- Real datasets and real errors.
- Cleaned all of the errors up front, then simulated an analyst cleaning incrementally.
- Measured test and training error w.r.t true model

Dollars For Docs



- 250,000 medical contribution records
- Manually labeled as suspicious or not
- Entity resolution errors in company and drug names

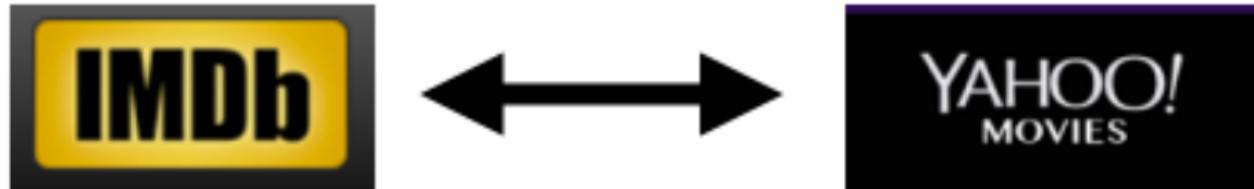
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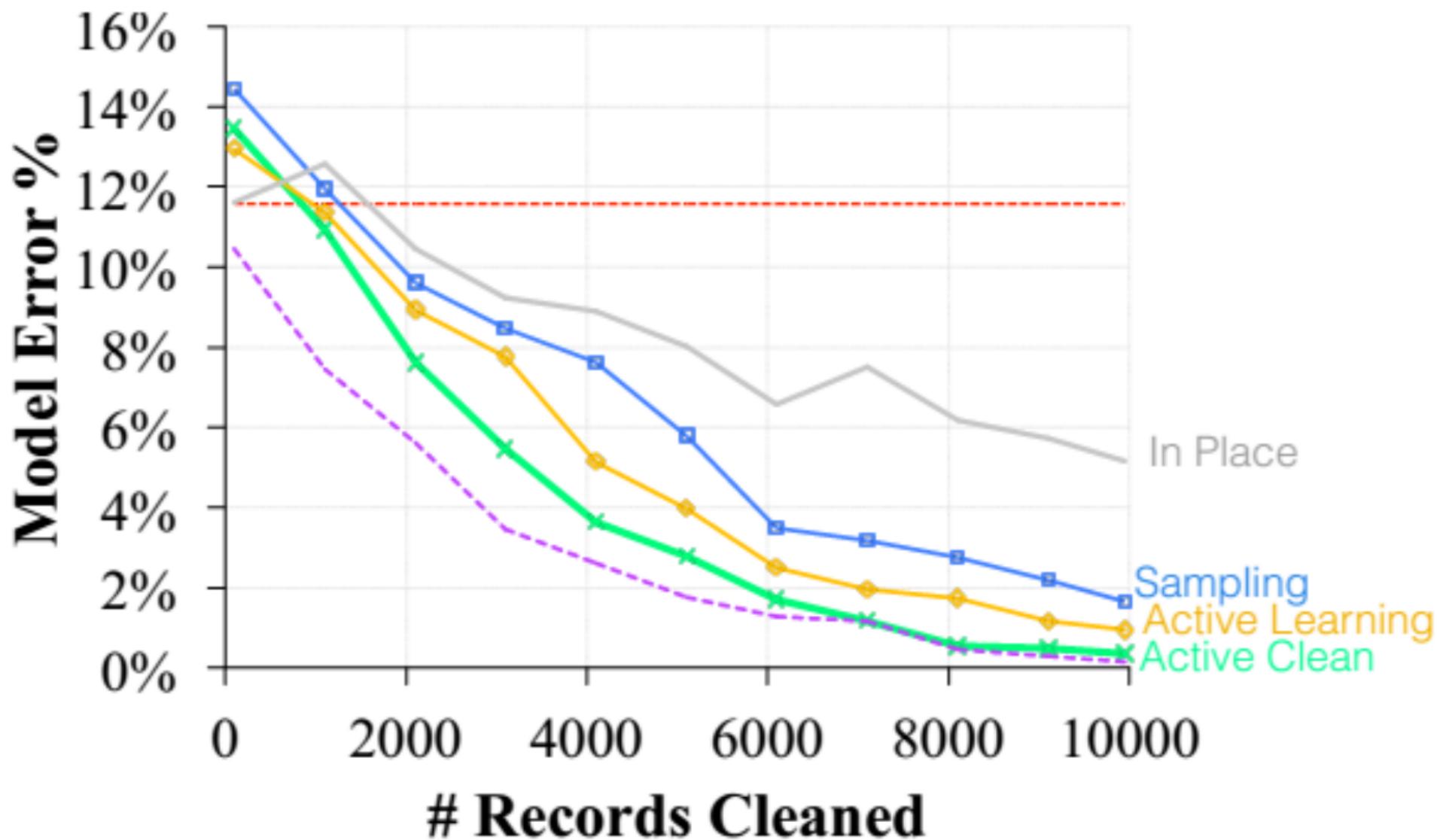
Yahoo Movies

- 900,000 Records of Plot Descriptions with Genres
- Classify Comedy vs. Horror

Bloodrage (1979) A psychotic killer stalks the streets of New York City. **Comedy**

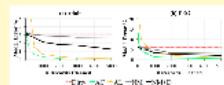


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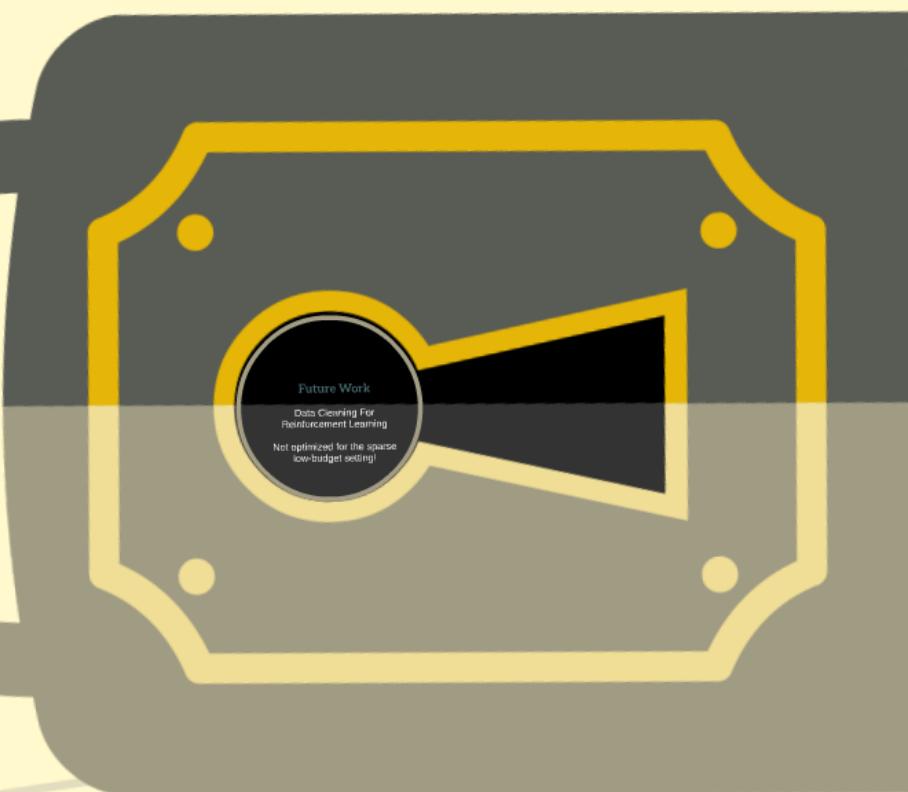


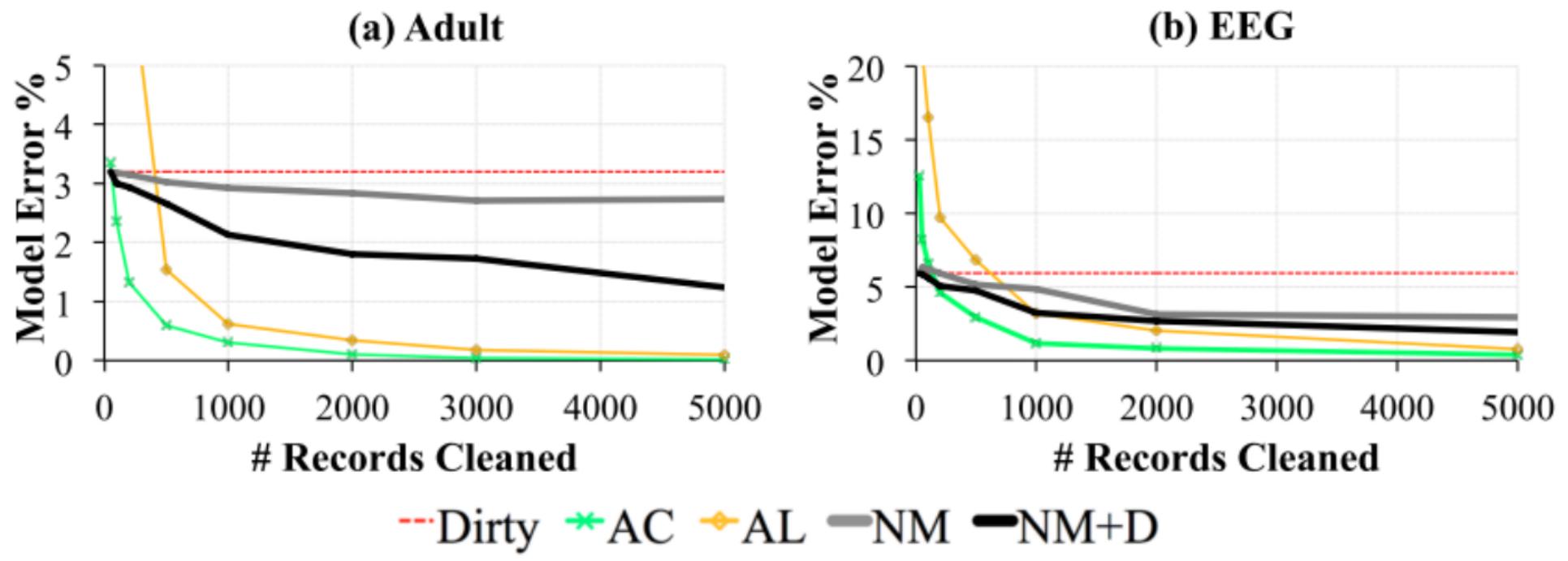
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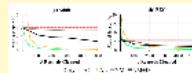




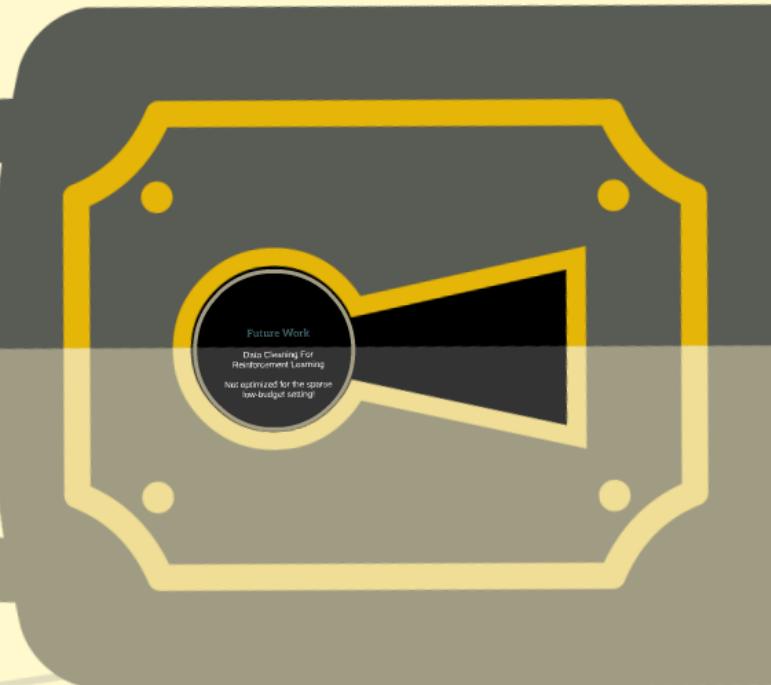
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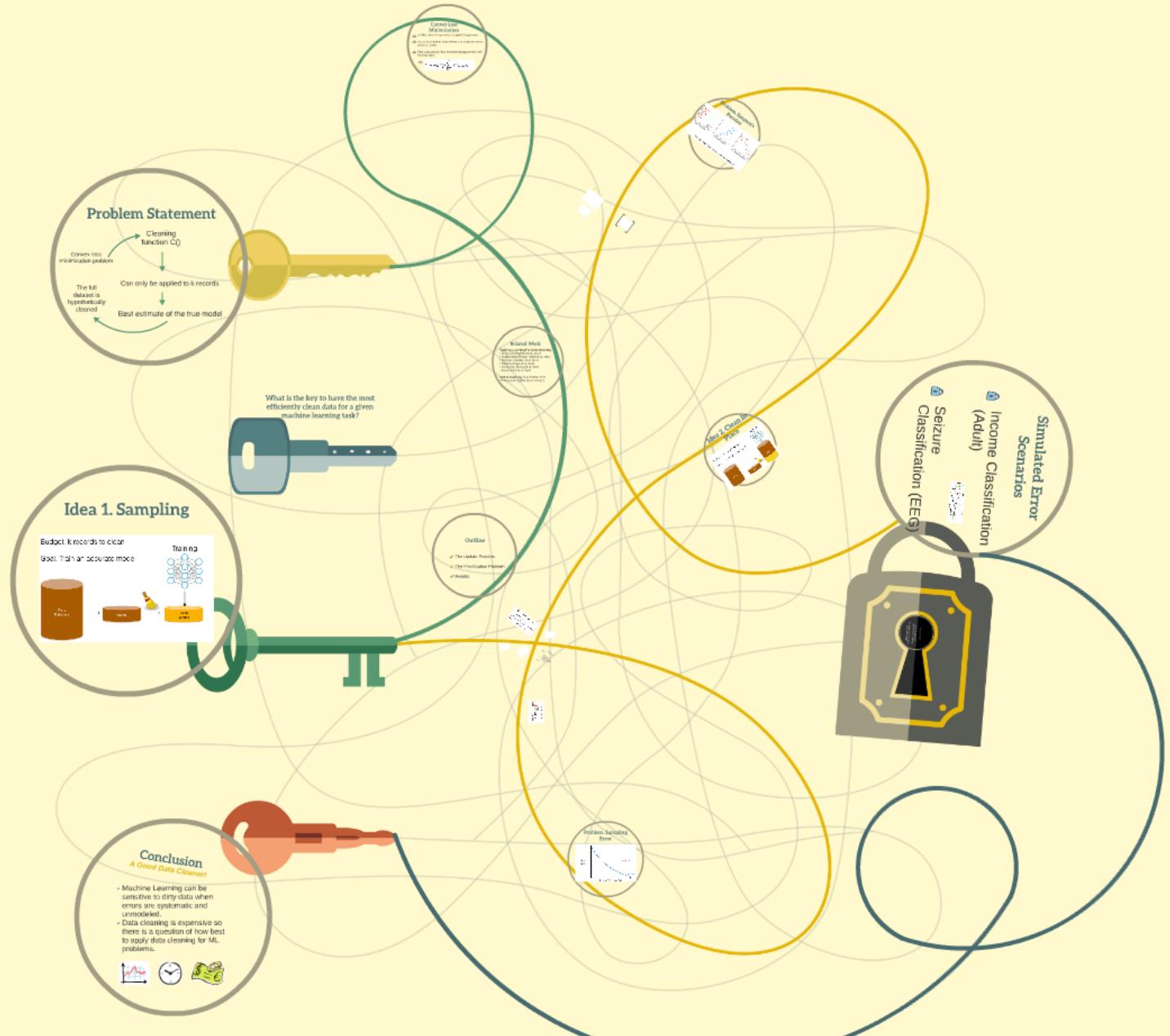
Future Work

Data Cleaning For
Reinforcement Learning

Not optimized for the sparse
low-budget setting!

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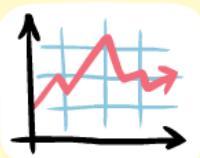
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Conclusion

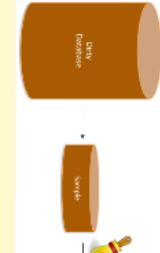
A Good Data Cleaner!

- Machine Learning can be sensitive to dirty data when errors are systematic and unmodeled.
- Data cleaning is expensive so there is a question of how best to apply data cleaning for ML problems.



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Idea 1. Sam

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Thank you!