

# **Sparse, Predictive, and Interpretable Functional Connectomics with Union of Intersections (UoI<sub>Lasso</sub>)**

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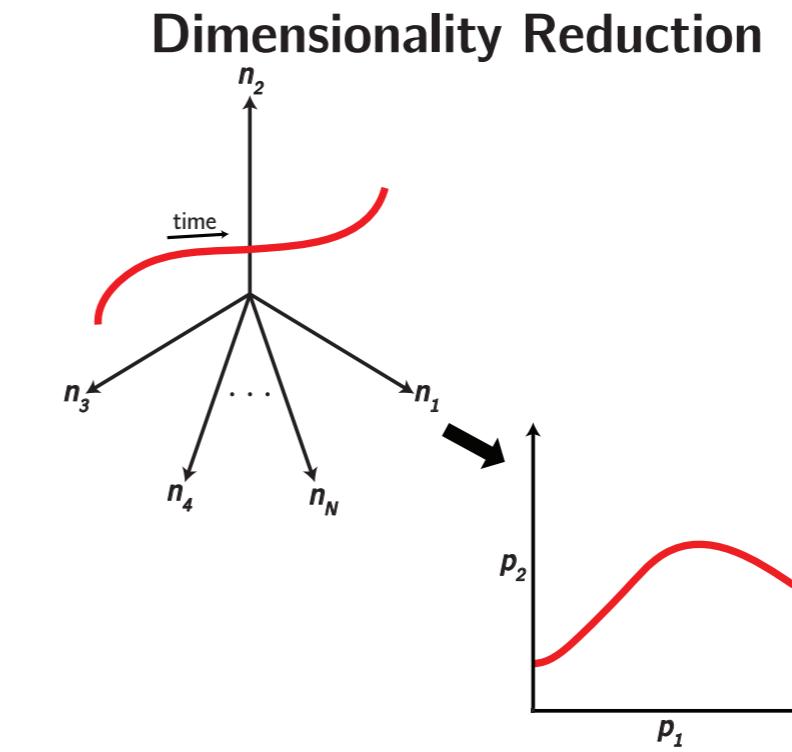
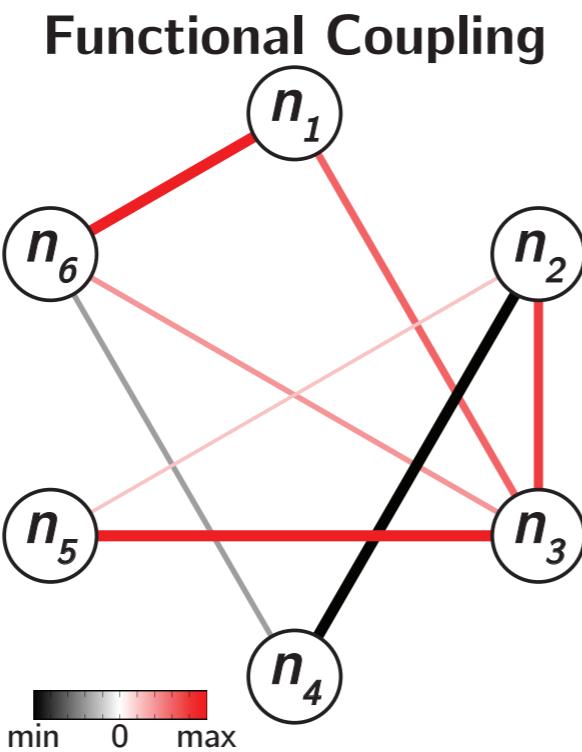
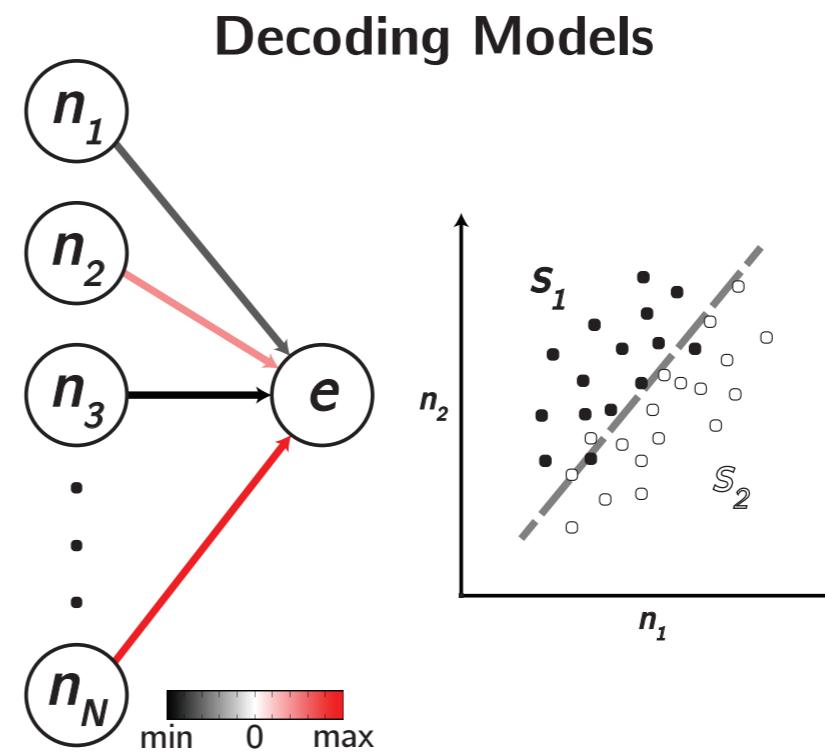
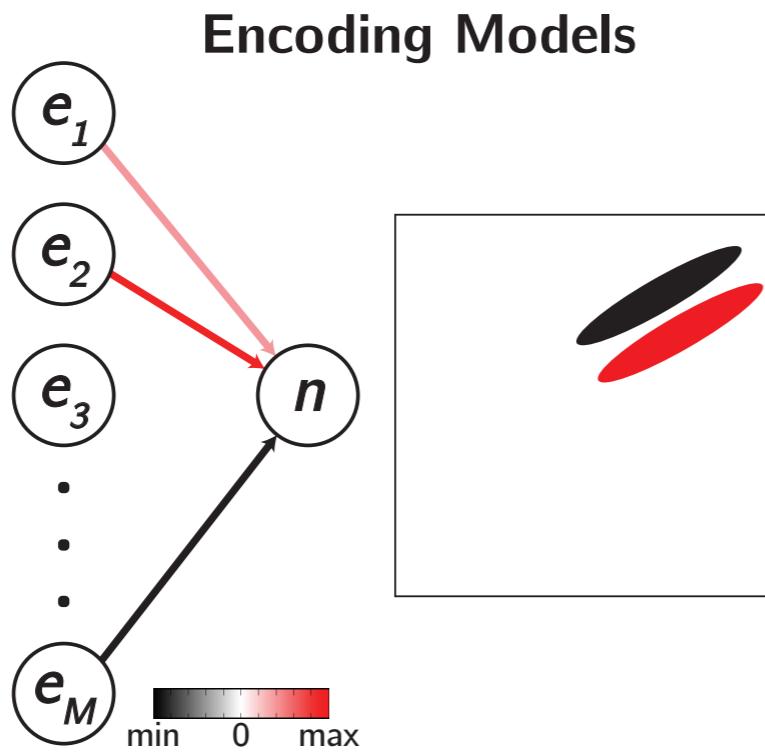
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# Parametric Models in Neuroscience



# Desired Properties of Statistical Models in (Neuro)science

<i>property</i>	<i>goal</i>	<i>metric</i>
<b>predictive</b>	ability to predict response variable(s) on new data	accuracy, log-likelihood, $R^2$ , etc.
<b>stable</b>	returns the same values on multiple runs	variance
<b>selective</b>	only chooses features that influence the response variable(s)	false positives, false negatives, selection accuracy
<b>accurate</b>	values of estimated parameters are close to the “real” value	bias
<b>scalable</b>	capable of fitting to large dataset	time

# Linear Model

response variable  
(e.g. activity of a target neuron)



$$y = \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i x_i + \epsilon$$

features (e.g. activities of other neurons)

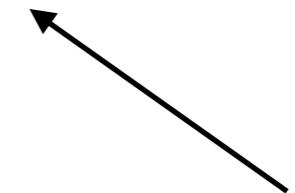
parameters to fit (i.e. which features are important, and how important they are)

# Lasso Penalty

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} |\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta|_2^2 + \lambda|\beta|_1$$

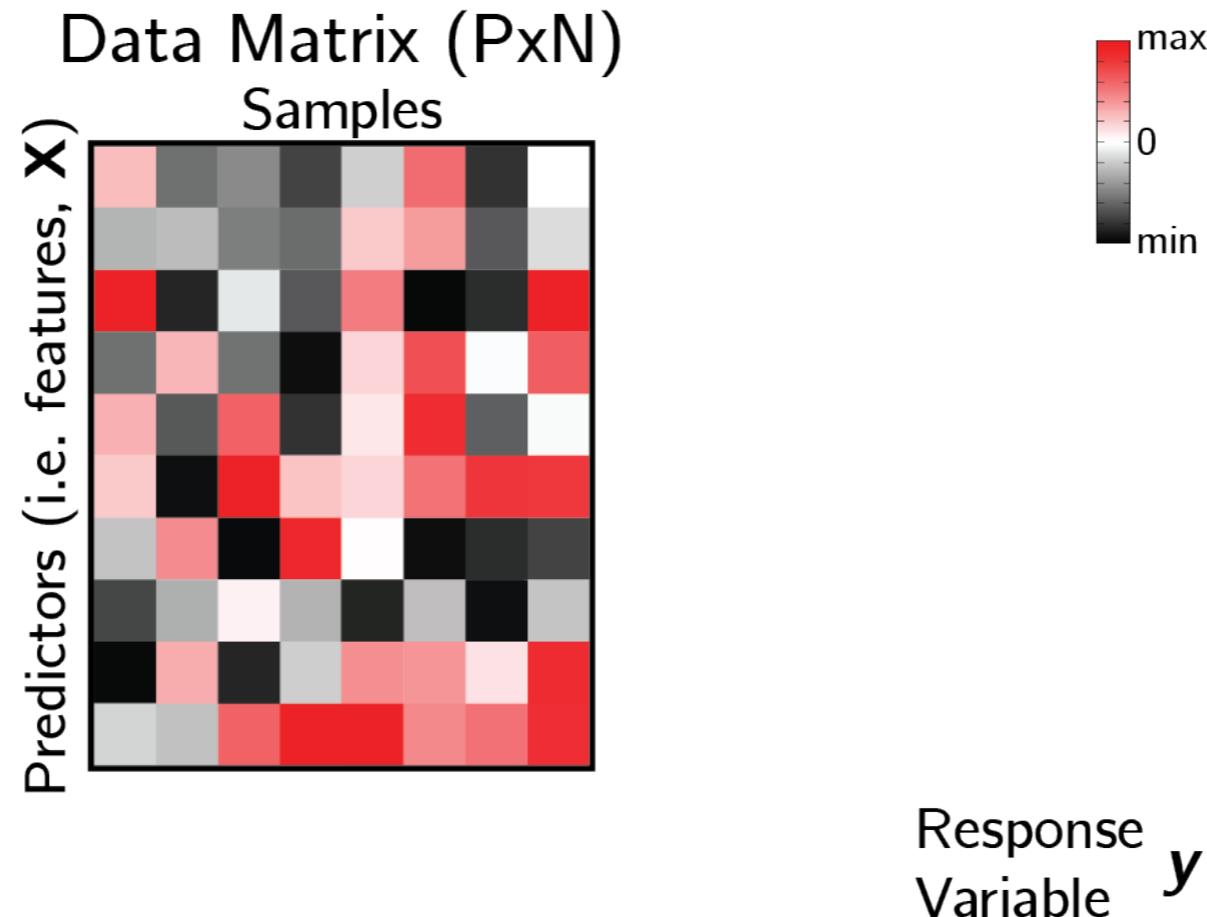


mean squared error  
(reconstruction)



weight penalty  
(enforces sparsity)

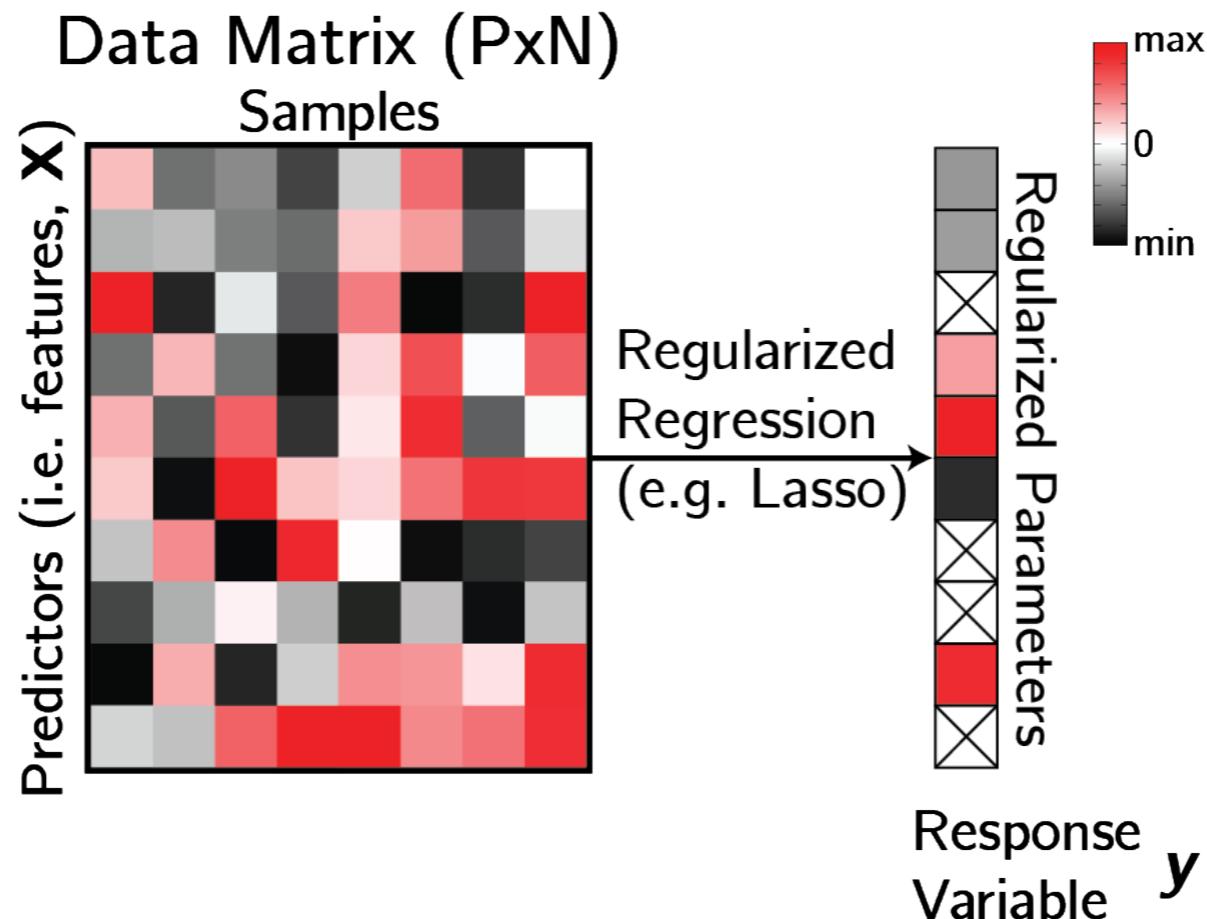
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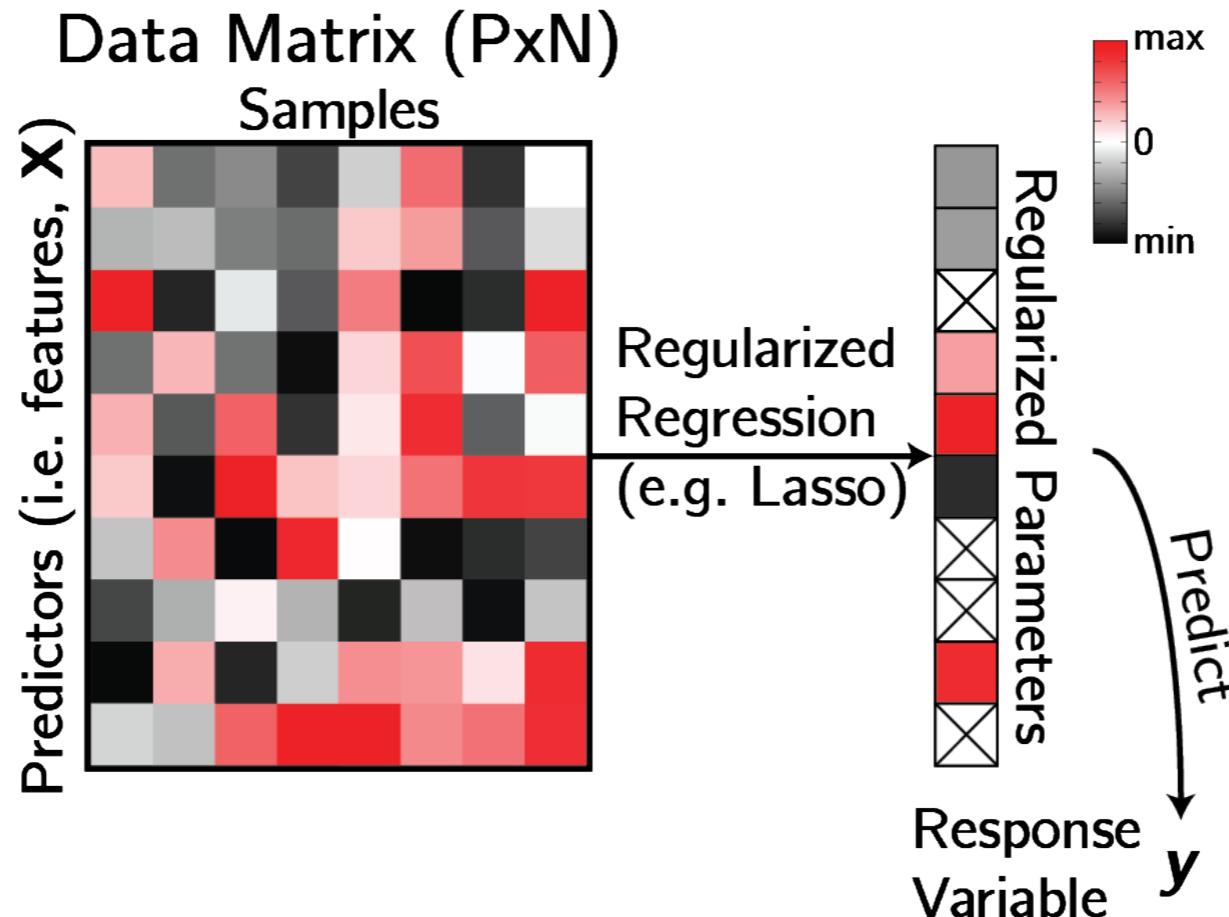
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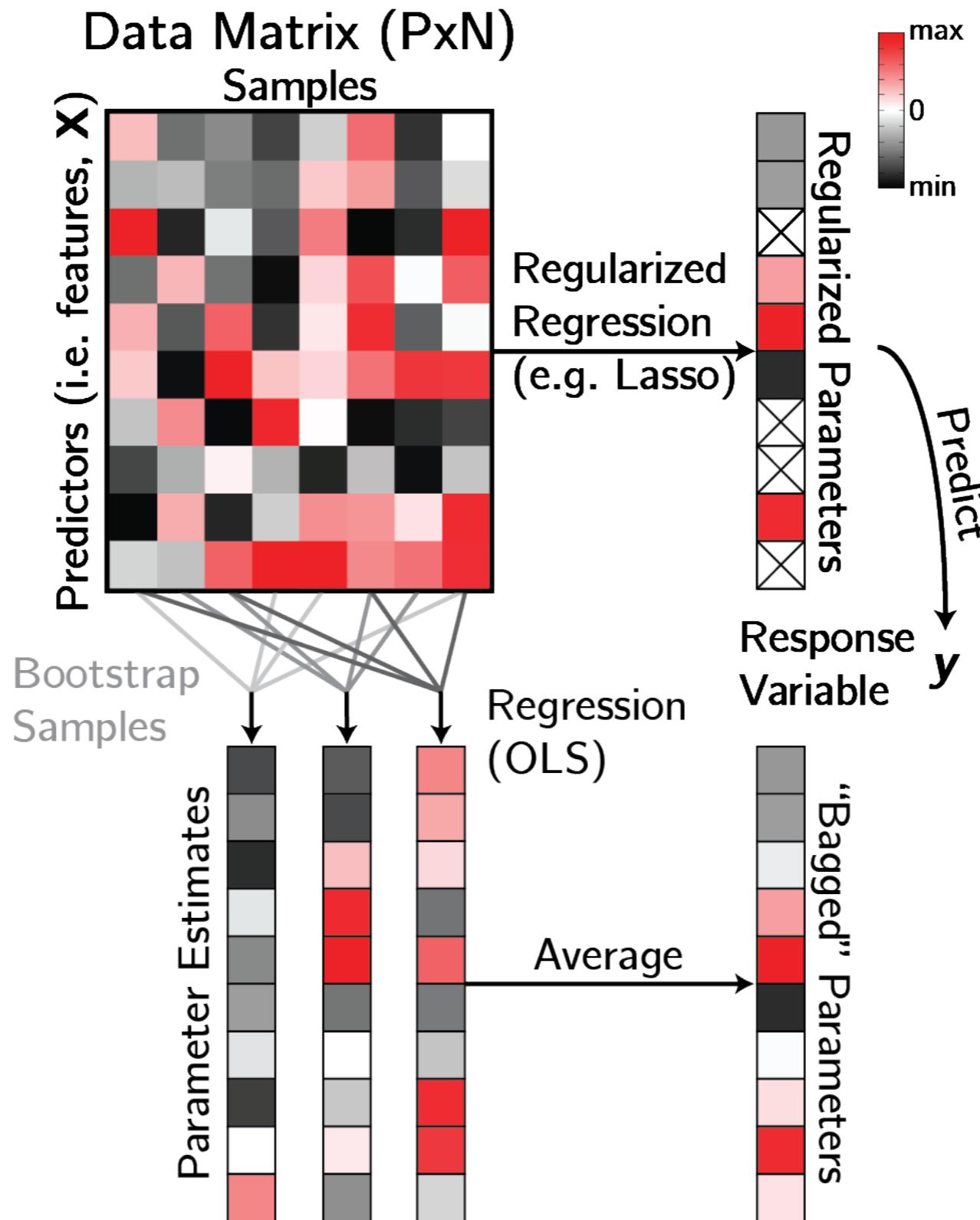
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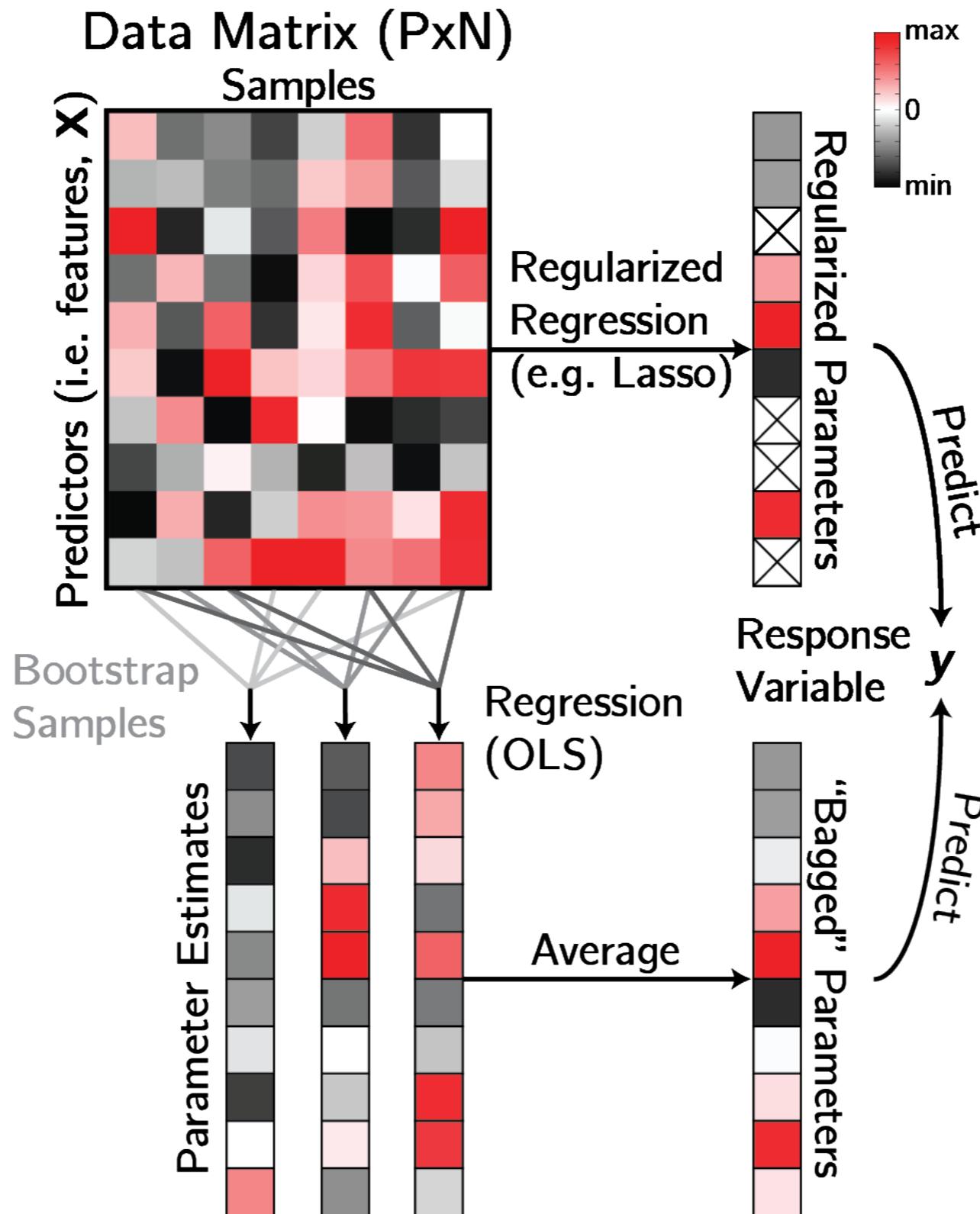
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## Intersection

Step 1



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intersected support

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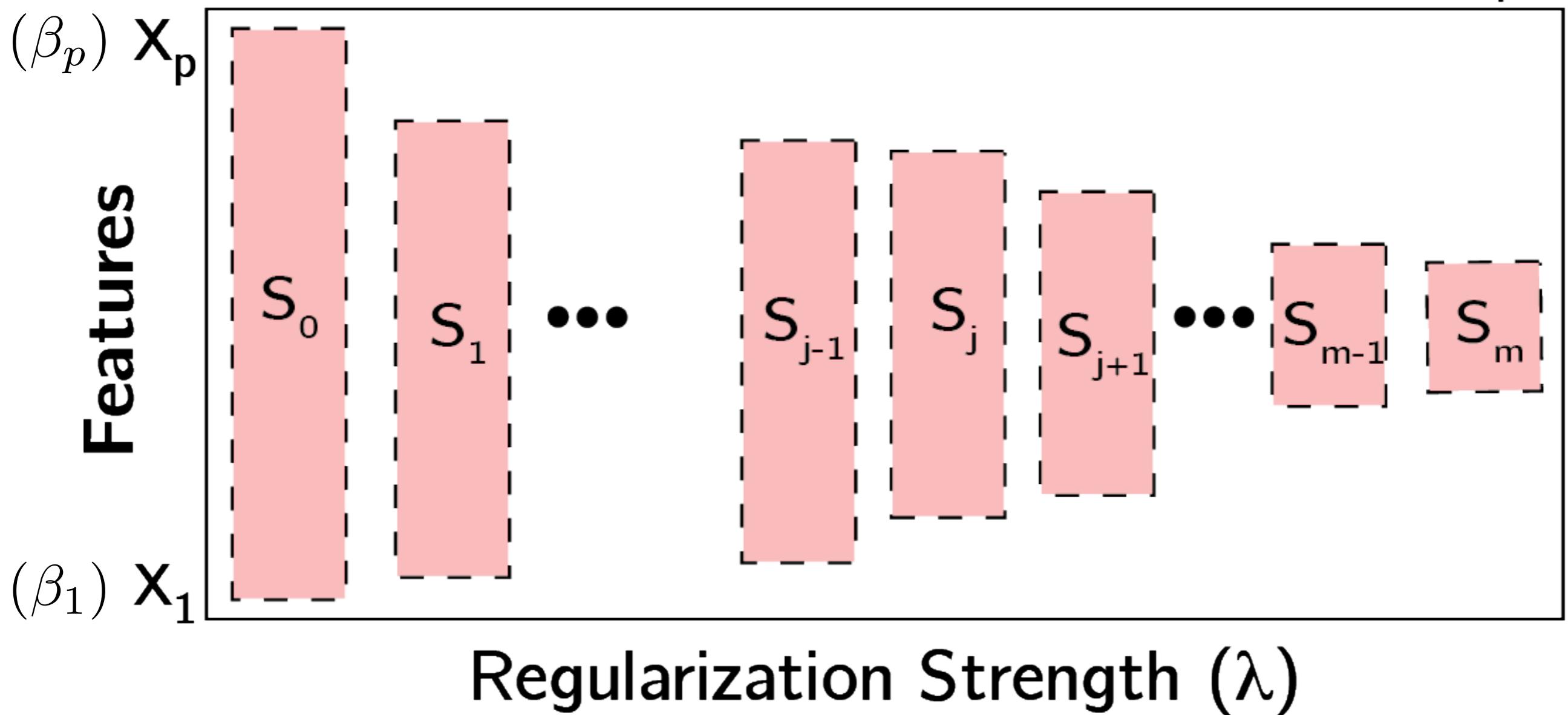
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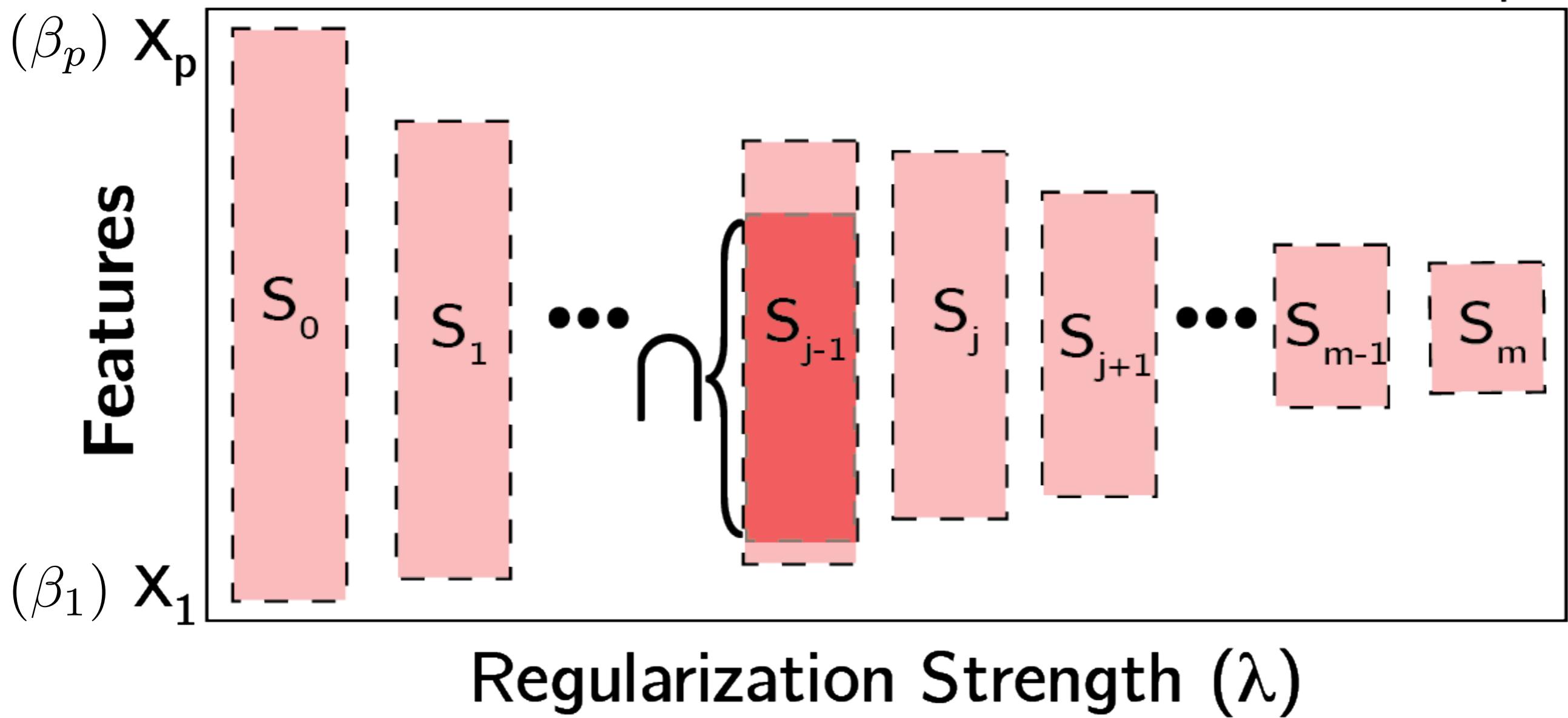


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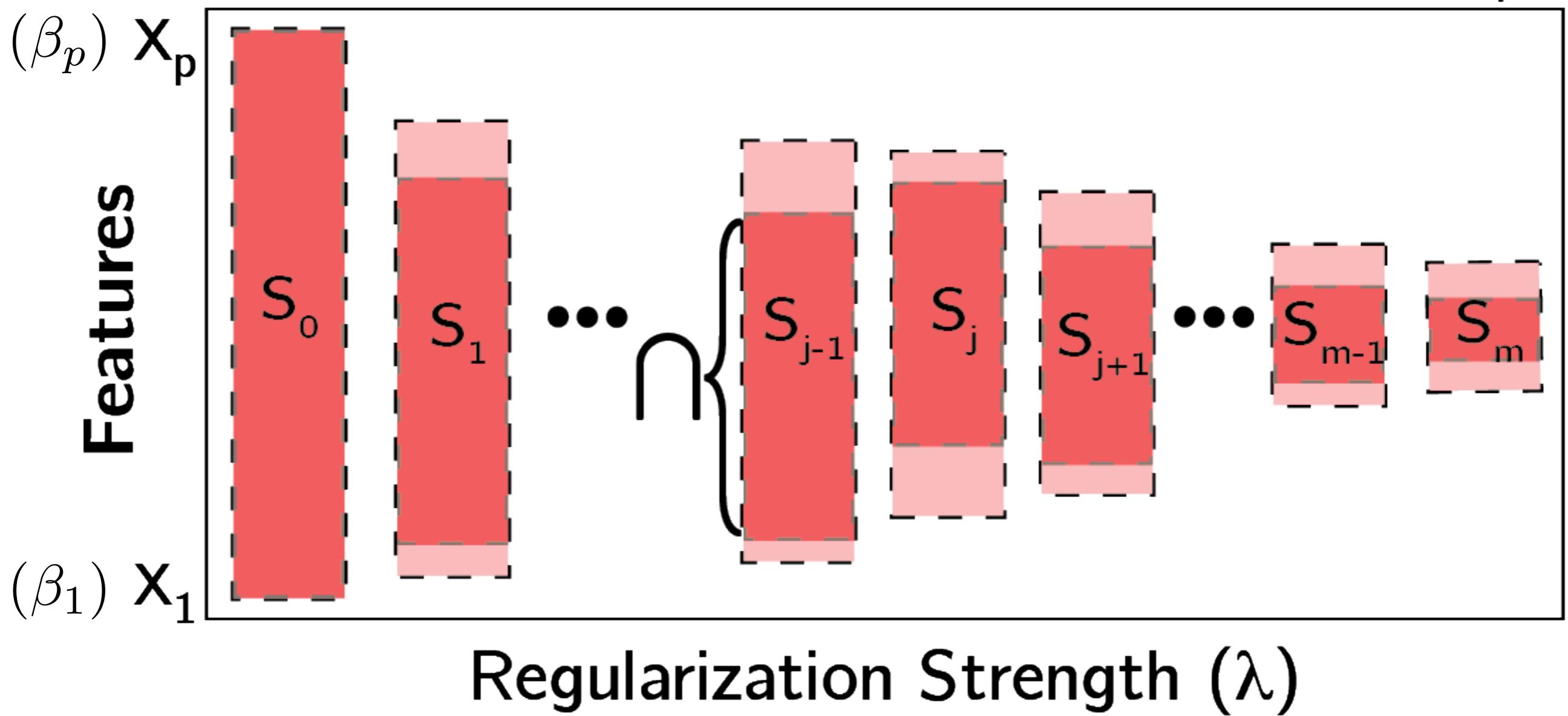
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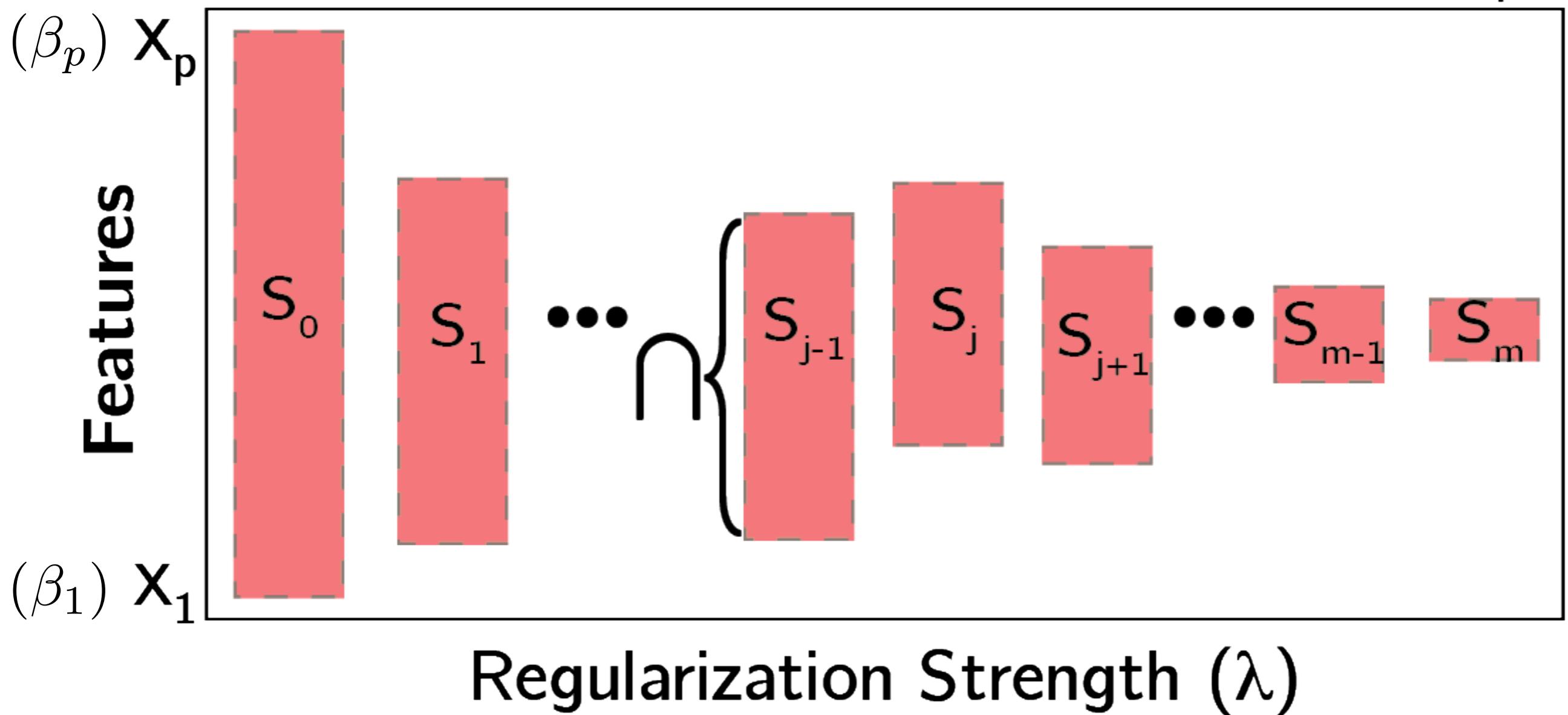
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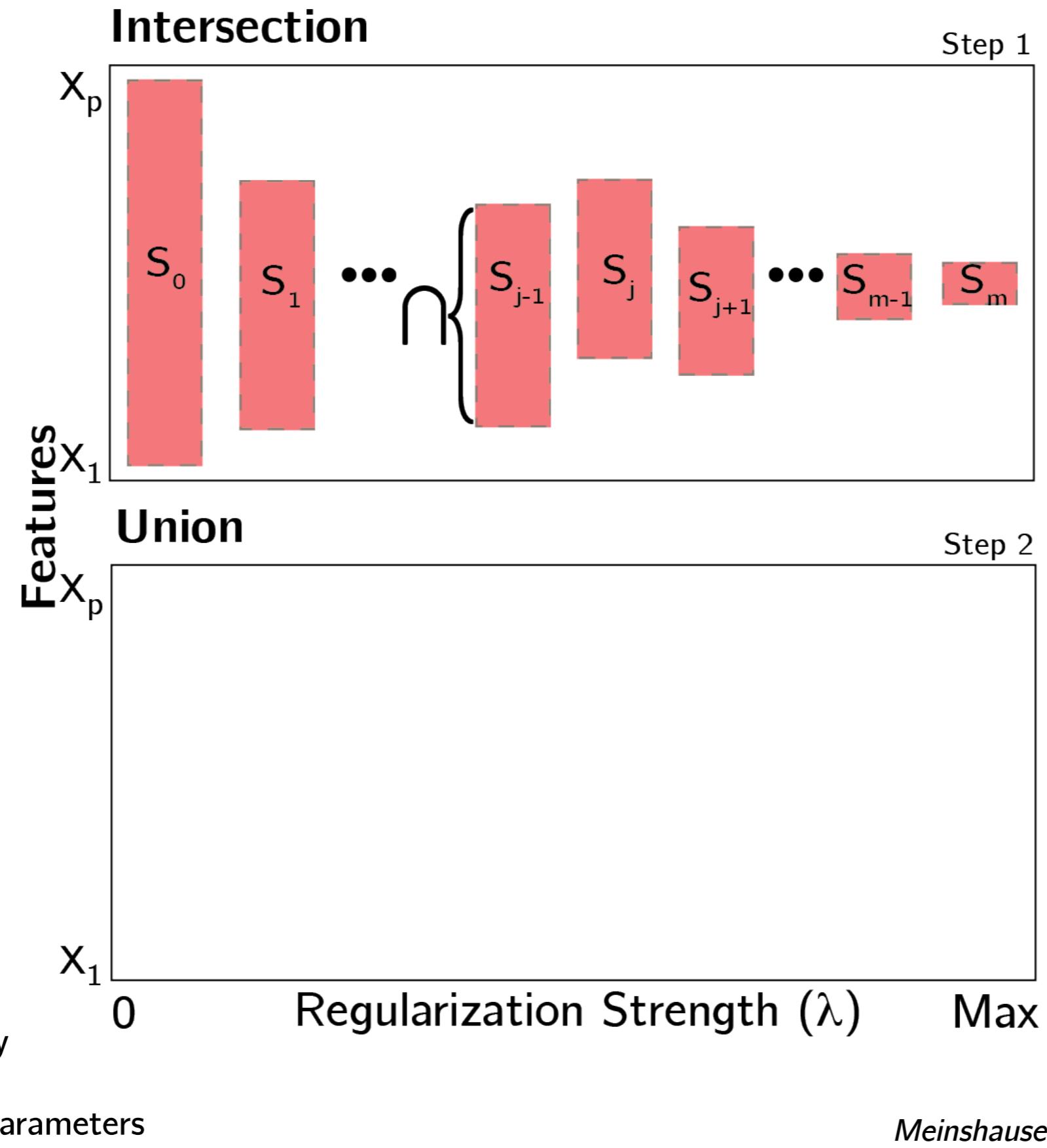
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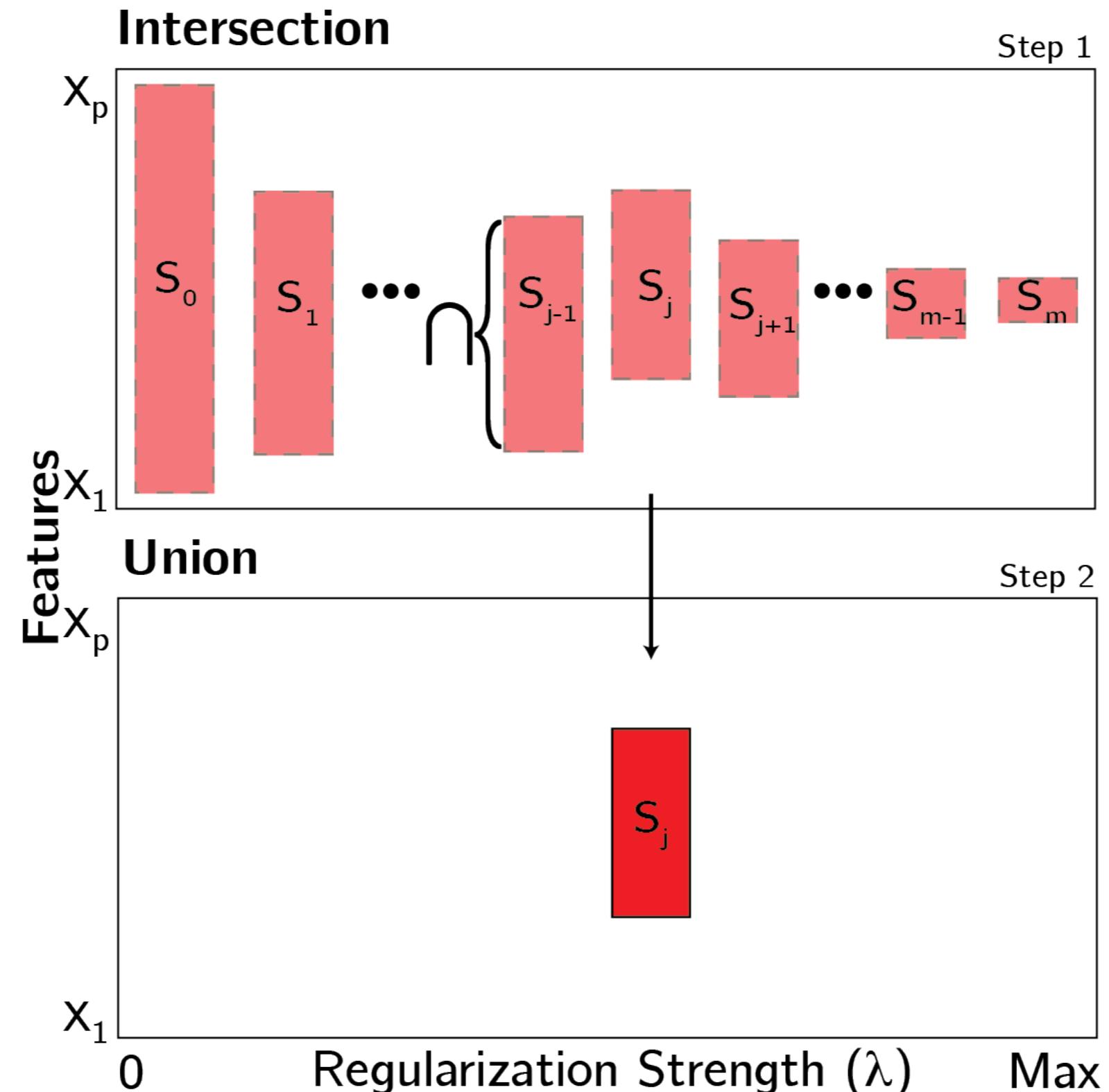
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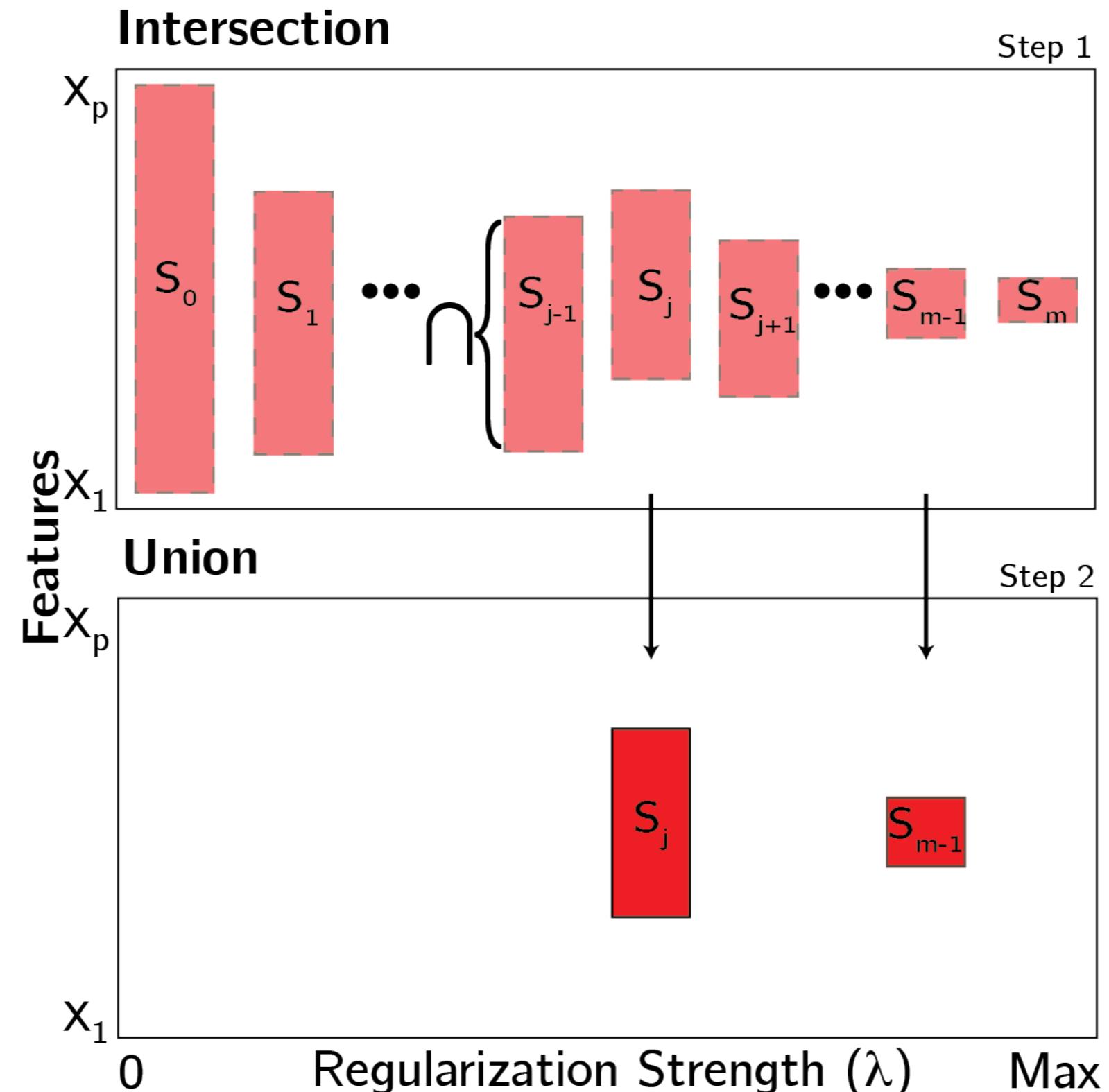
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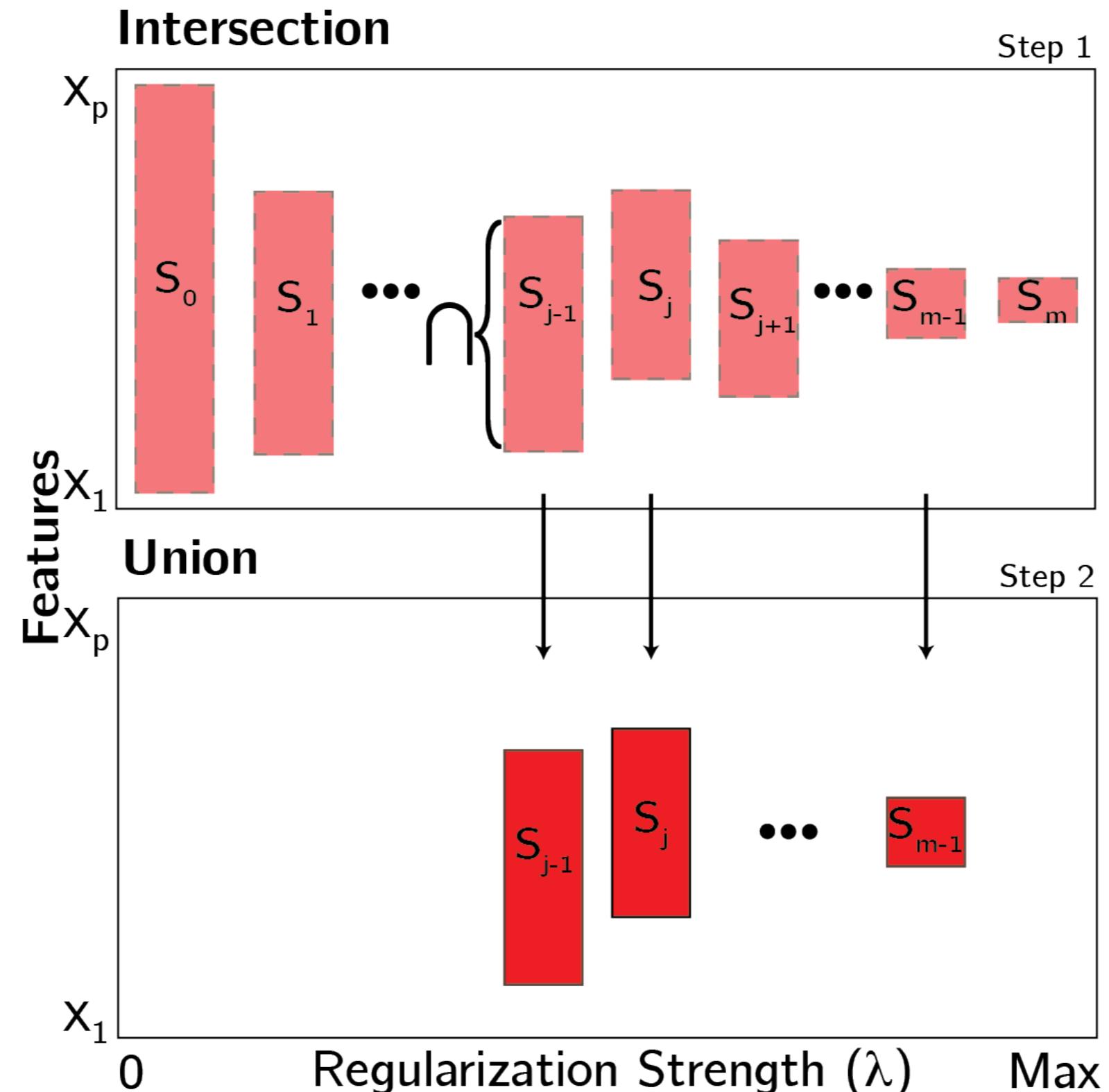
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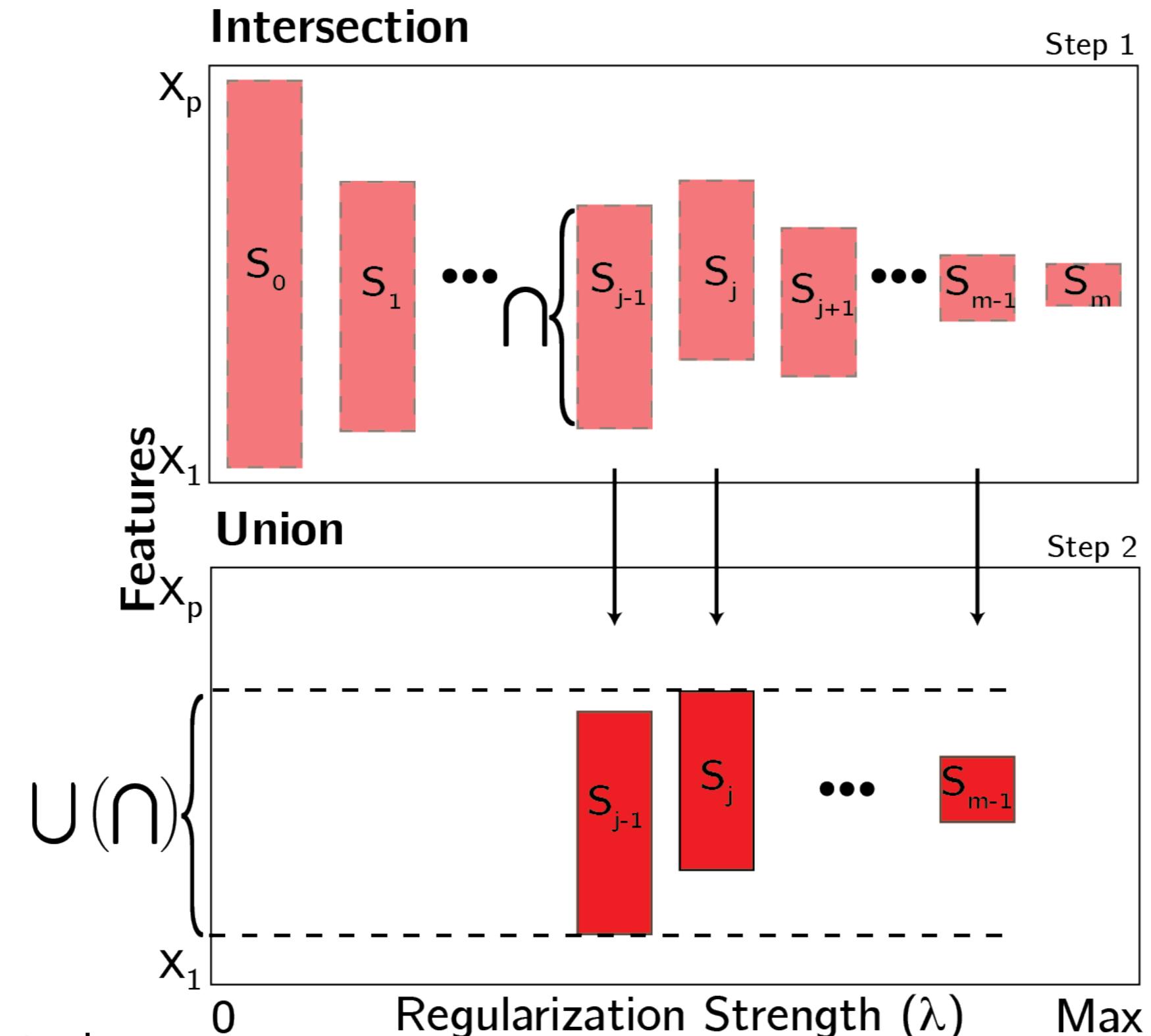
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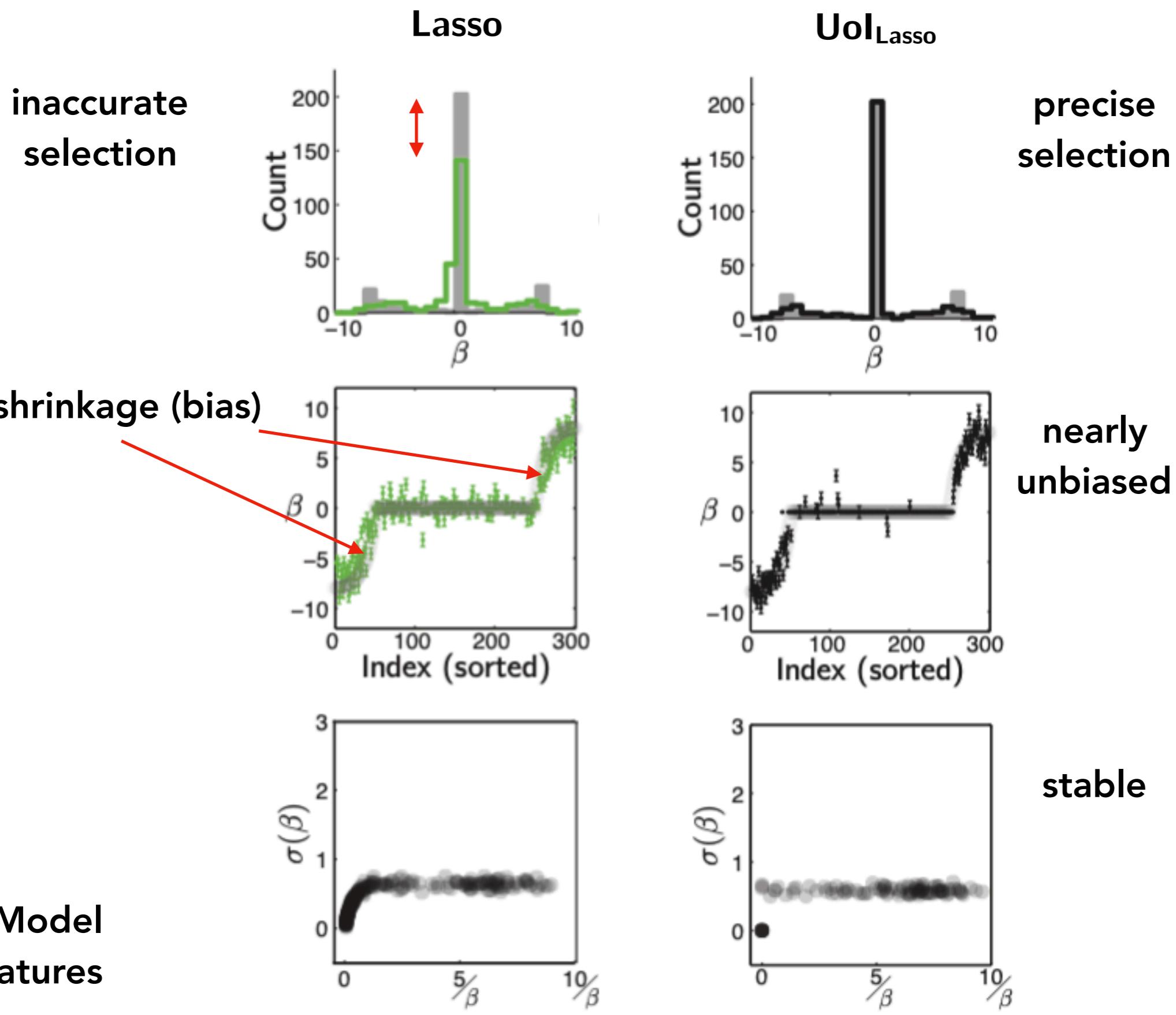
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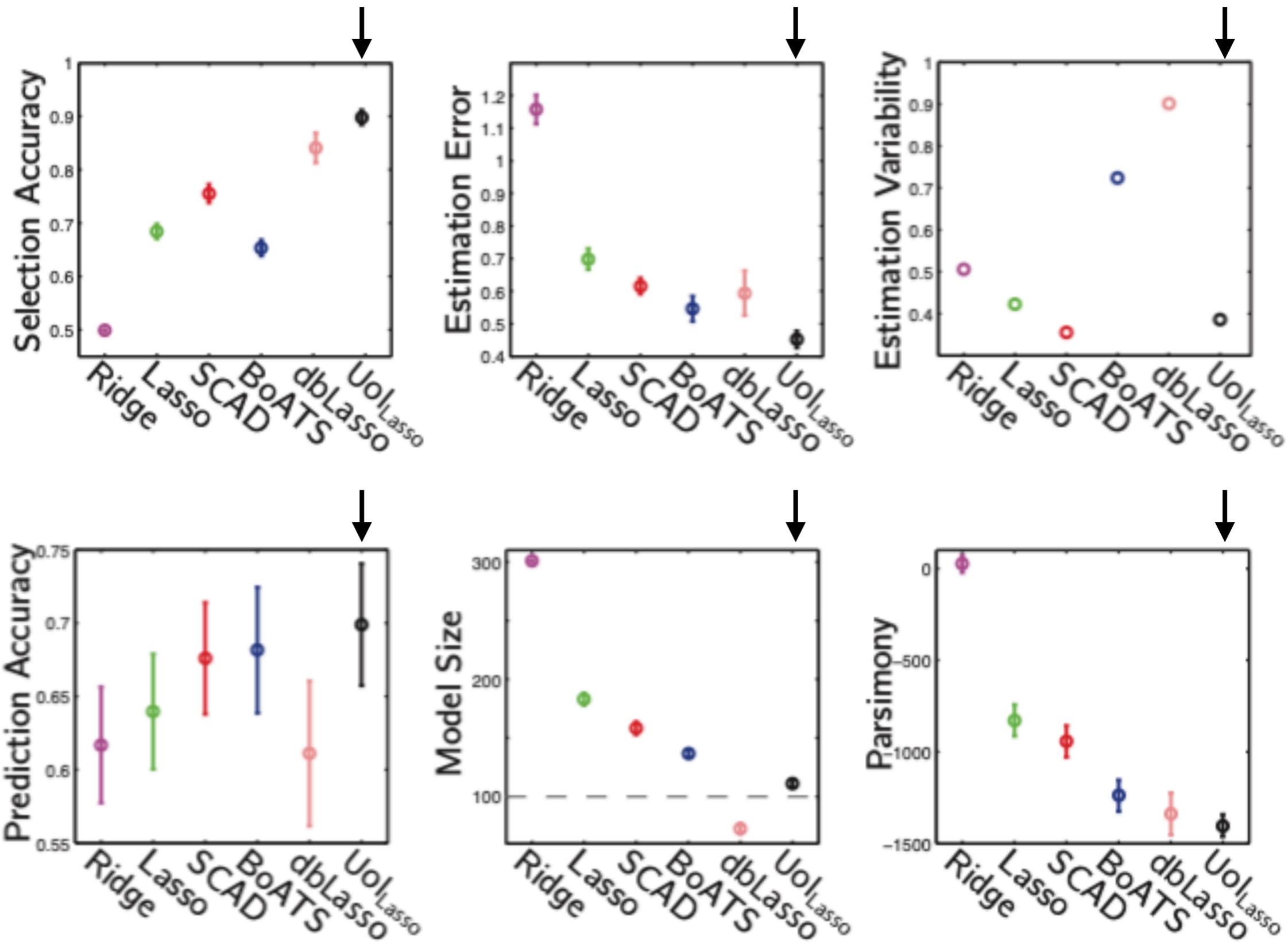
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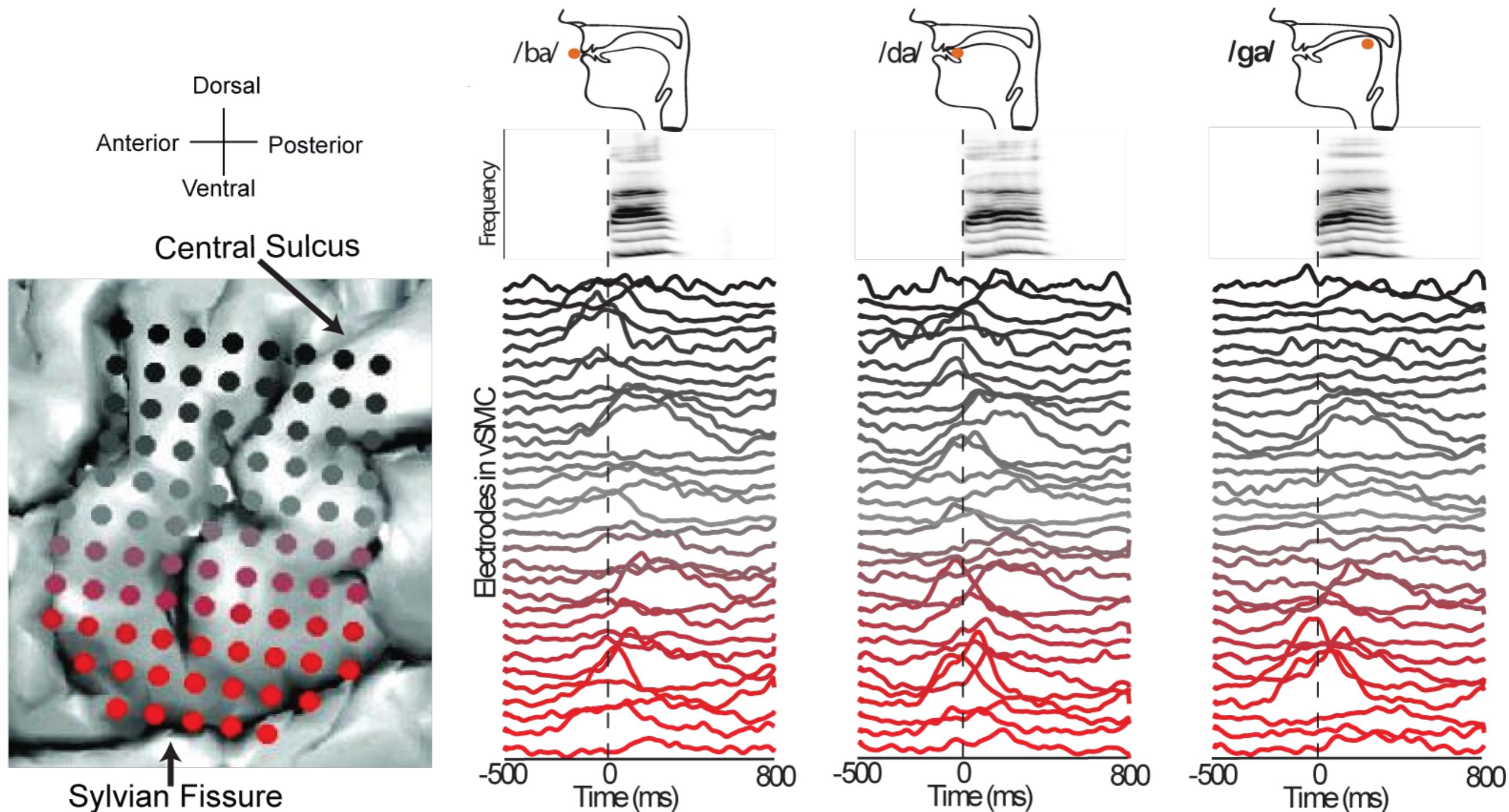
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# Electro-corticography Recordings from Human vSMC



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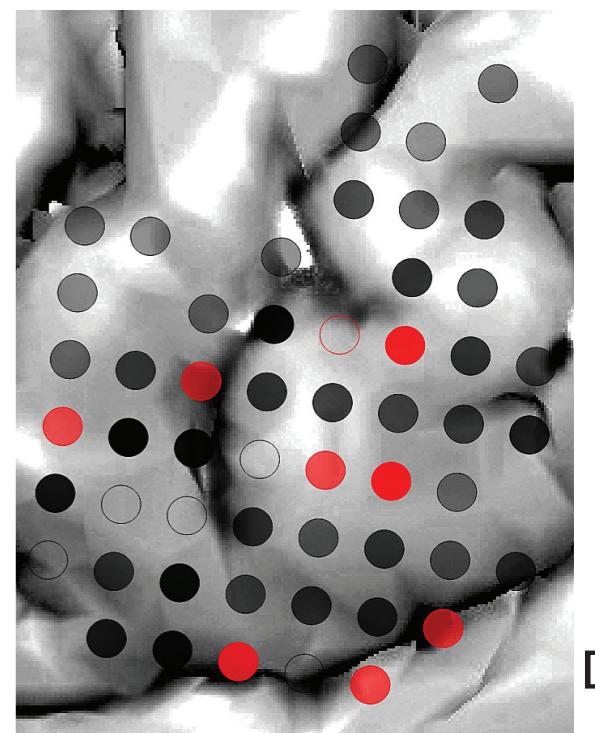
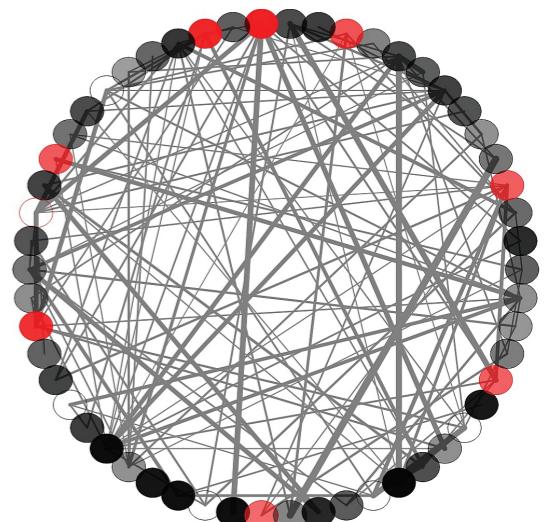
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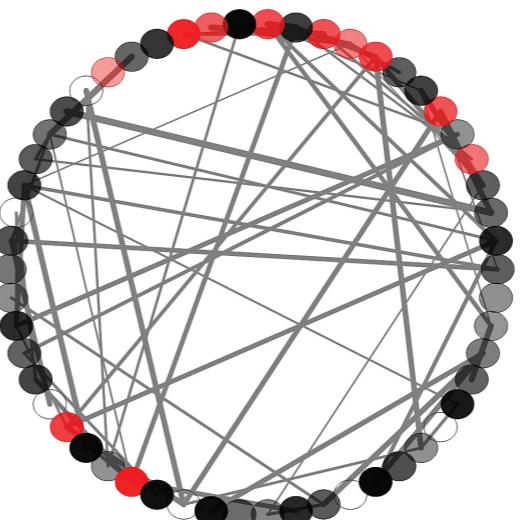
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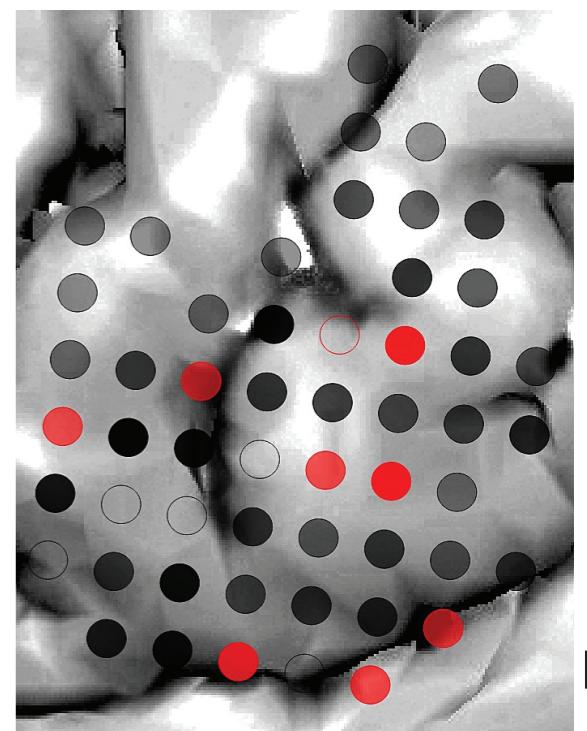
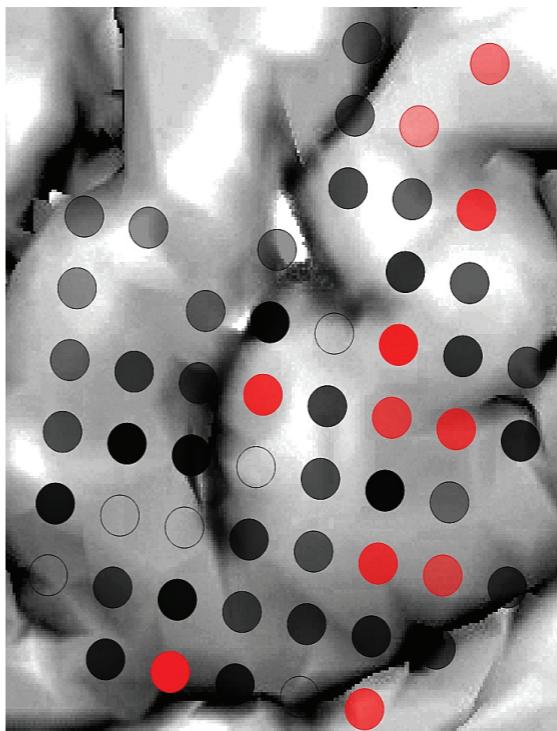
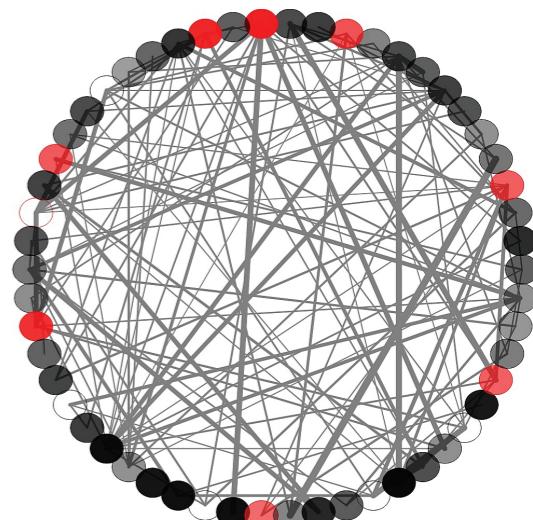
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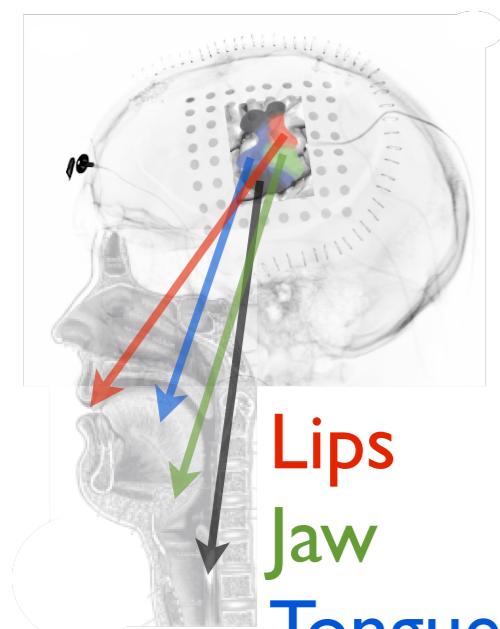
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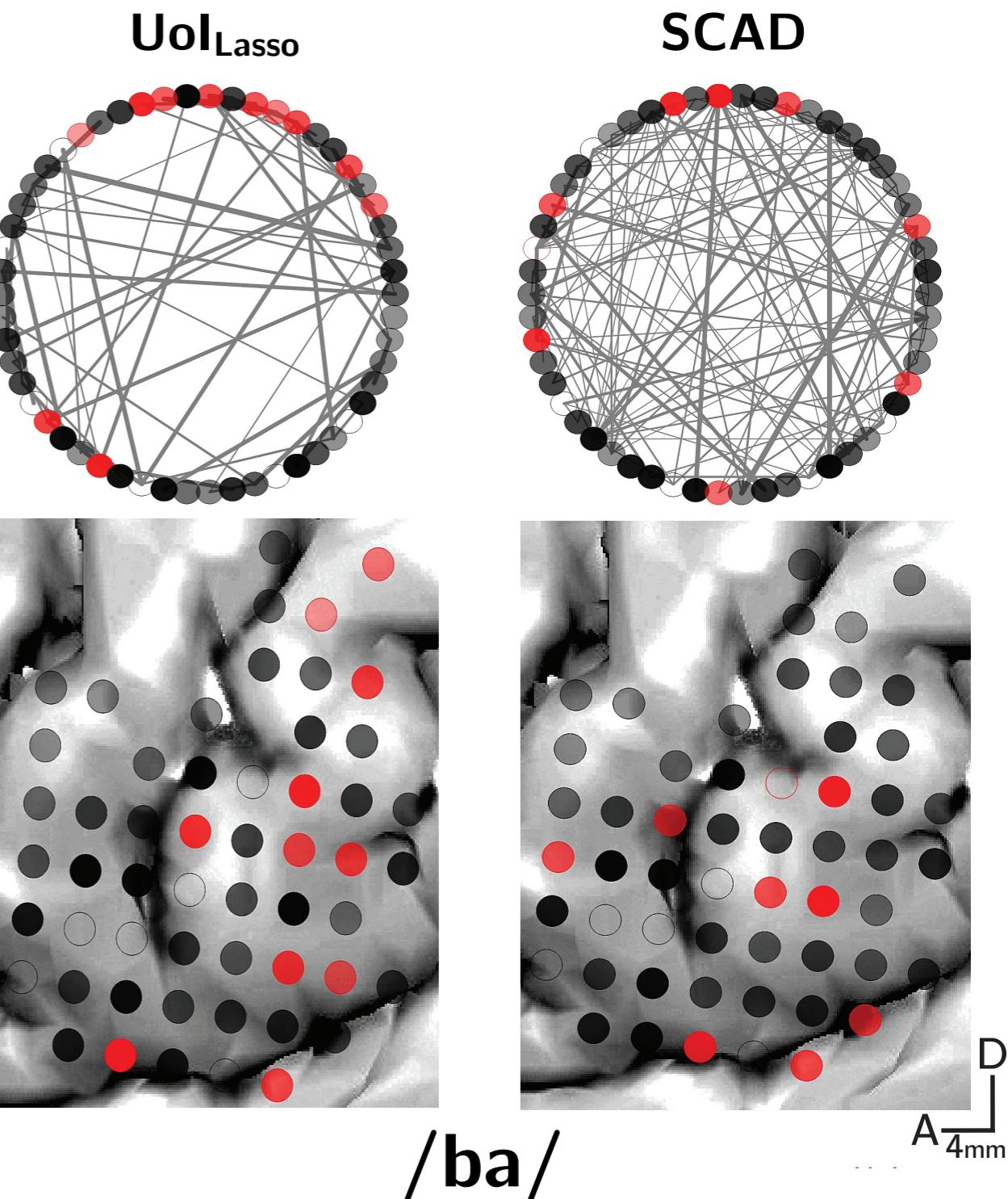
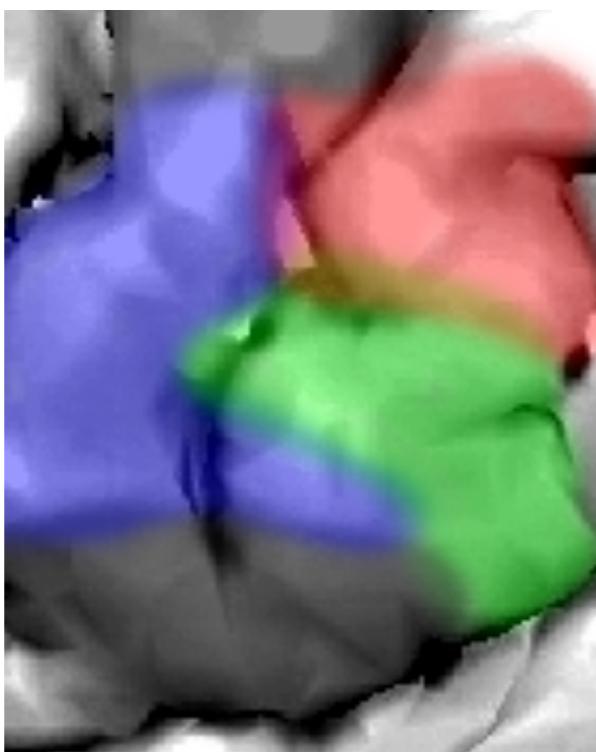
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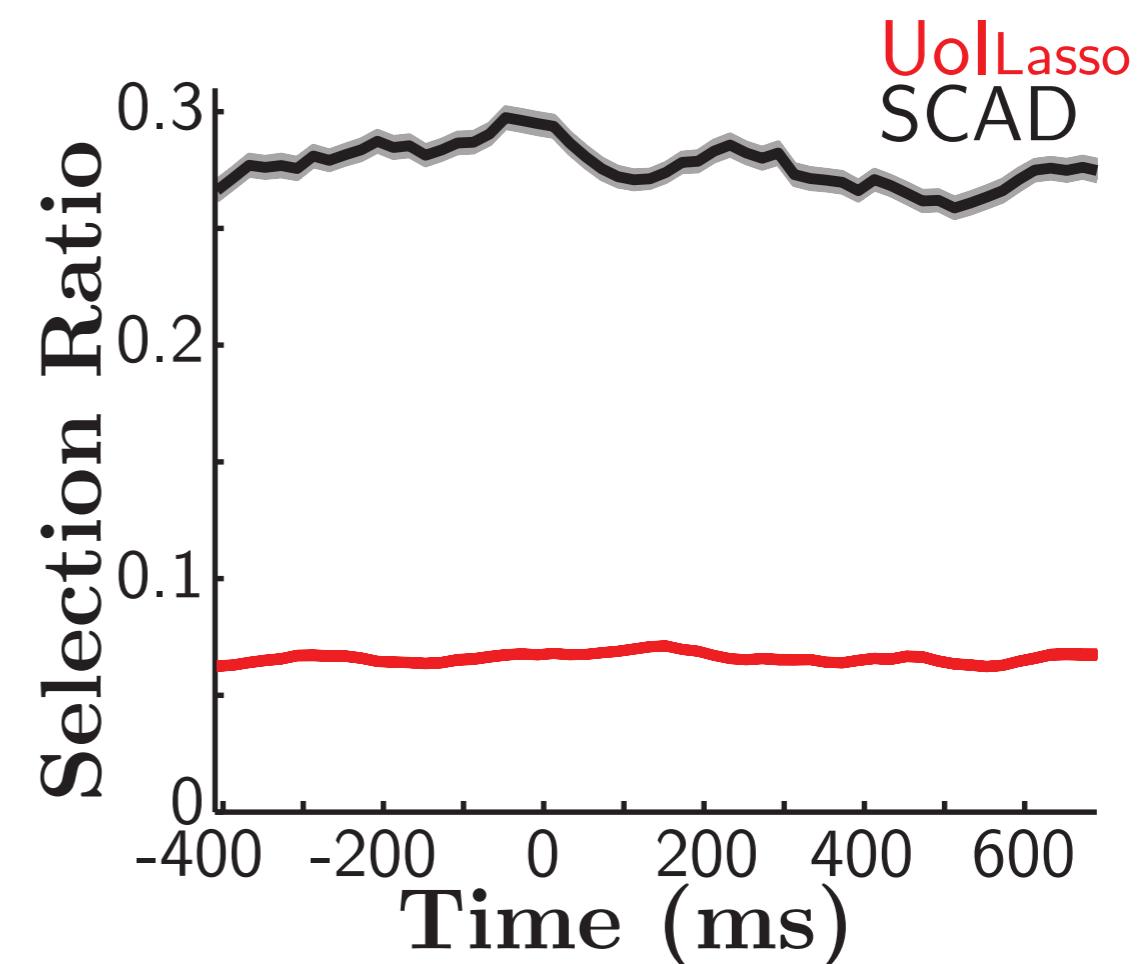
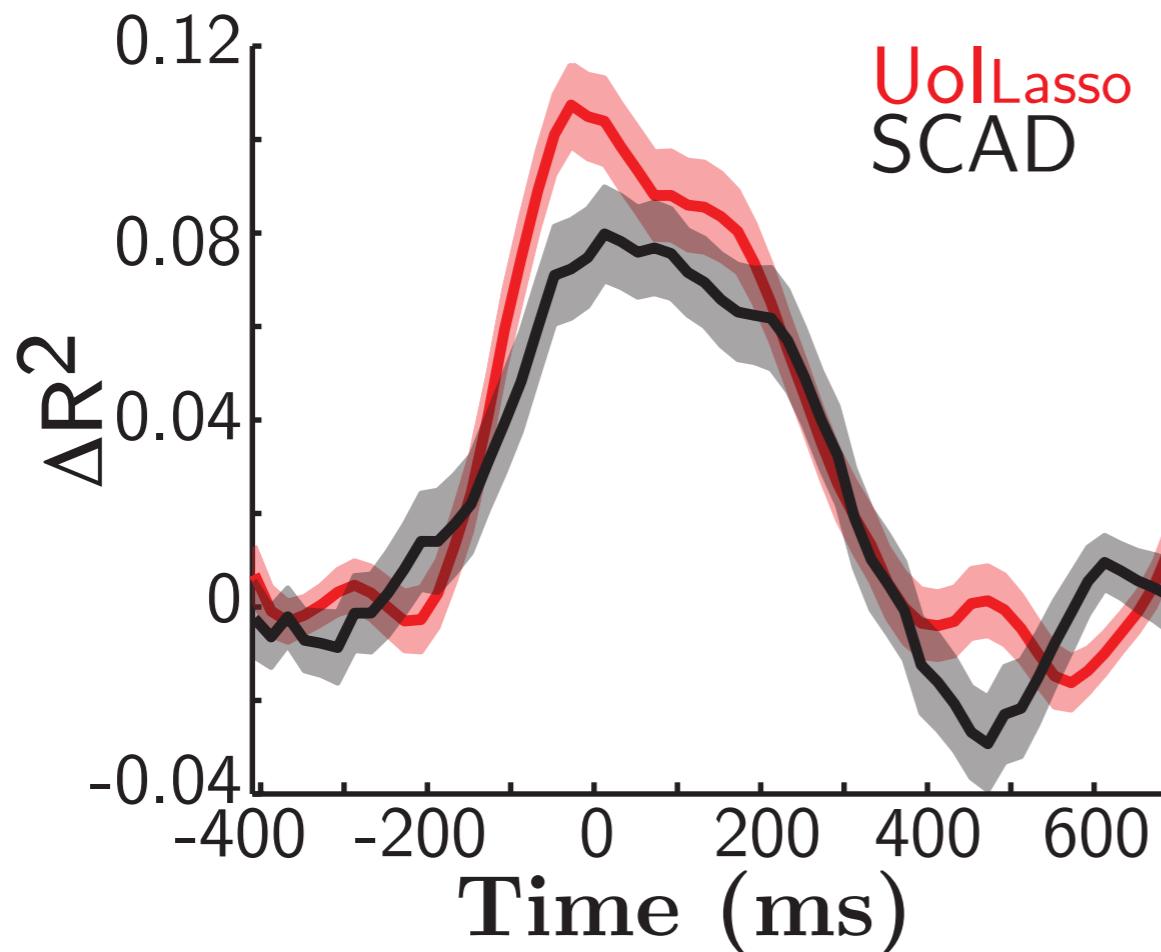
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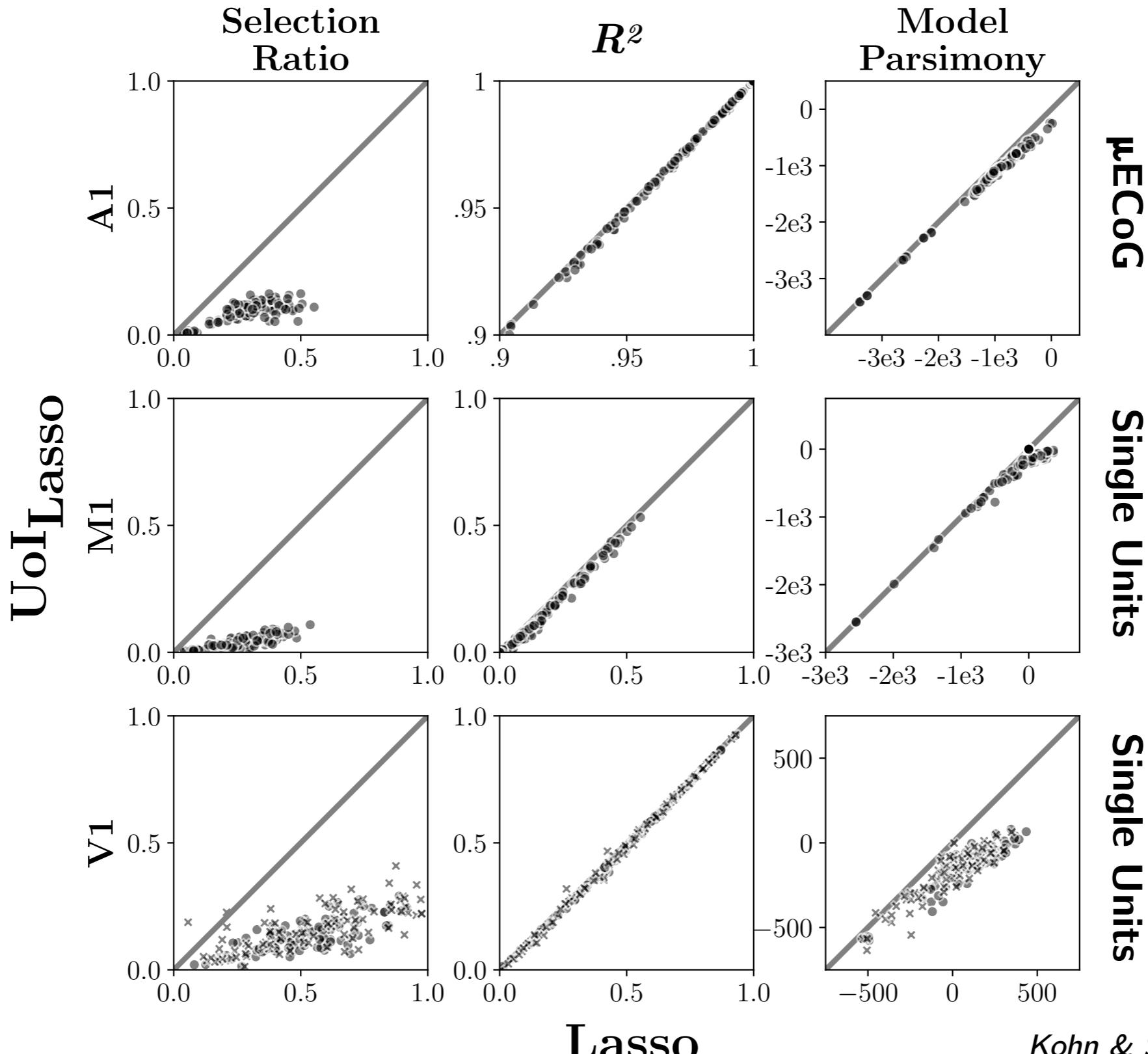
Lips  
Jaw  
Tongue  
Larynx



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# Sparse and Predictive Functional Coupling Networks Across Brain Regions



Kohn & Smith, CRCNS.org (2016)  
O'Doherty et al., Zenodo (2017)  
Bouchard et al. (2019)

# PyUol: Union of Intersections in Python

[github.com/BouchardLab/PyUol](https://github.com/BouchardLab/PyUol)



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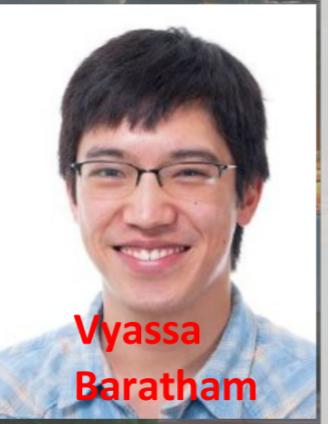
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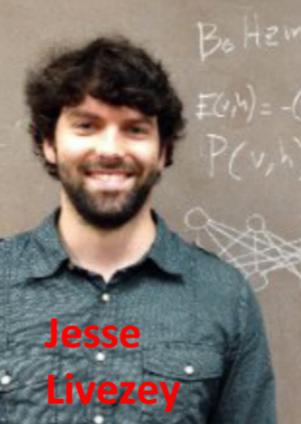
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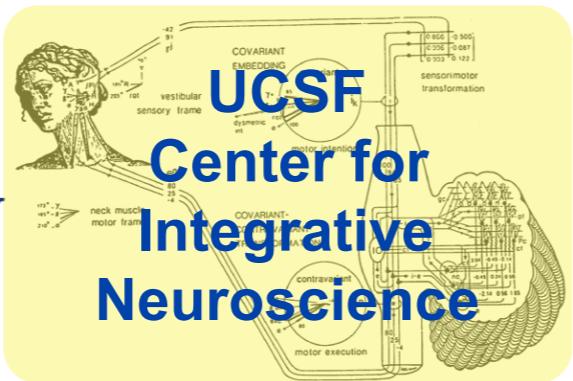


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# Interpretable Networks in Ventral Sensory-Motor Cortex

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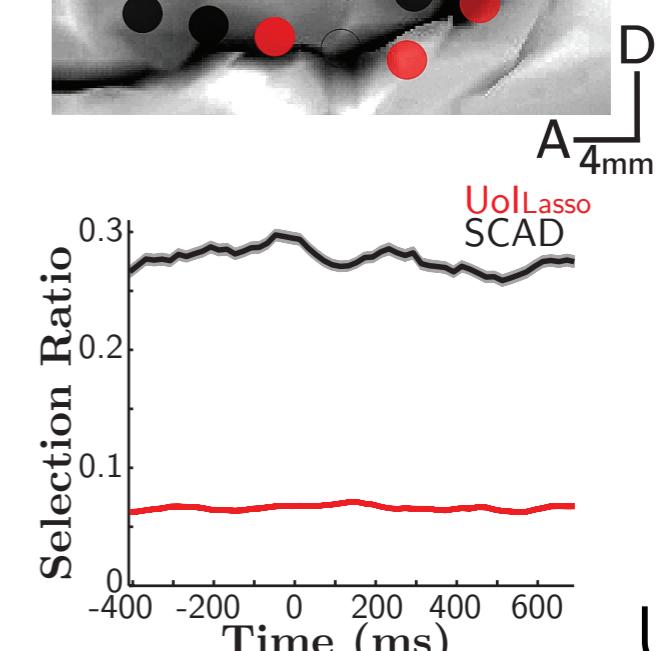
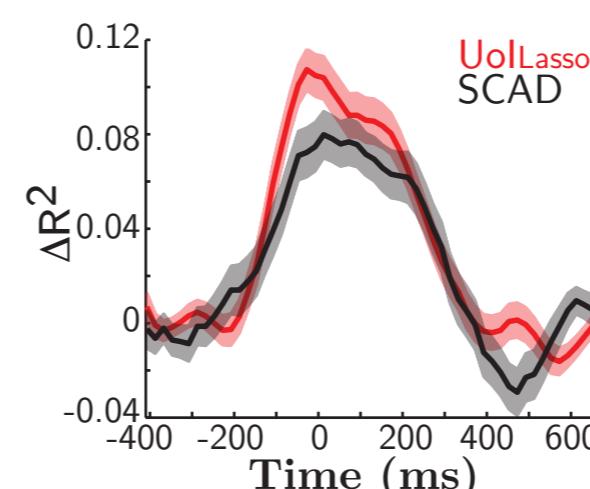
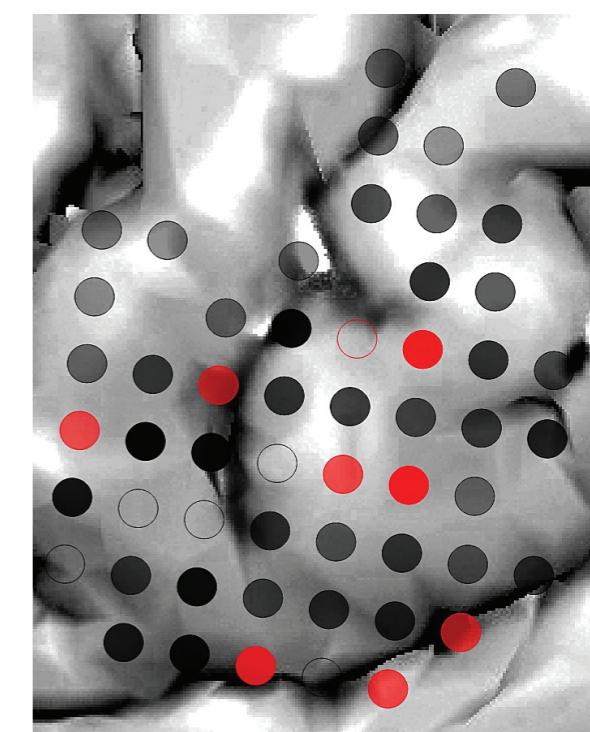
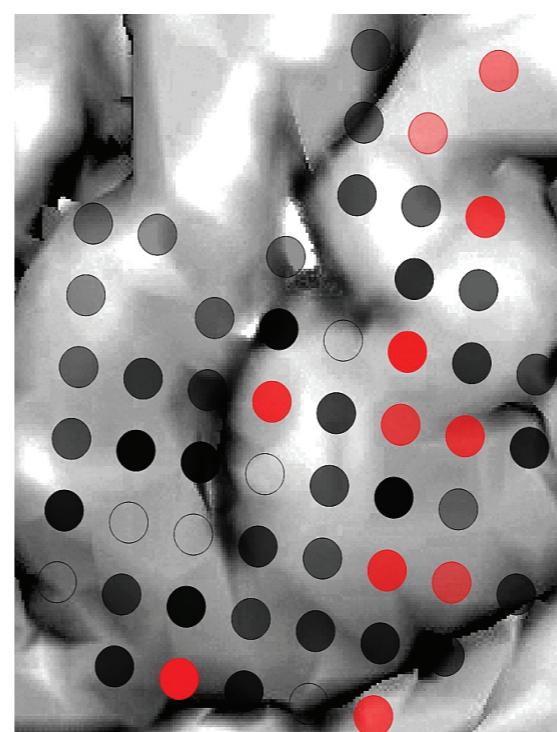
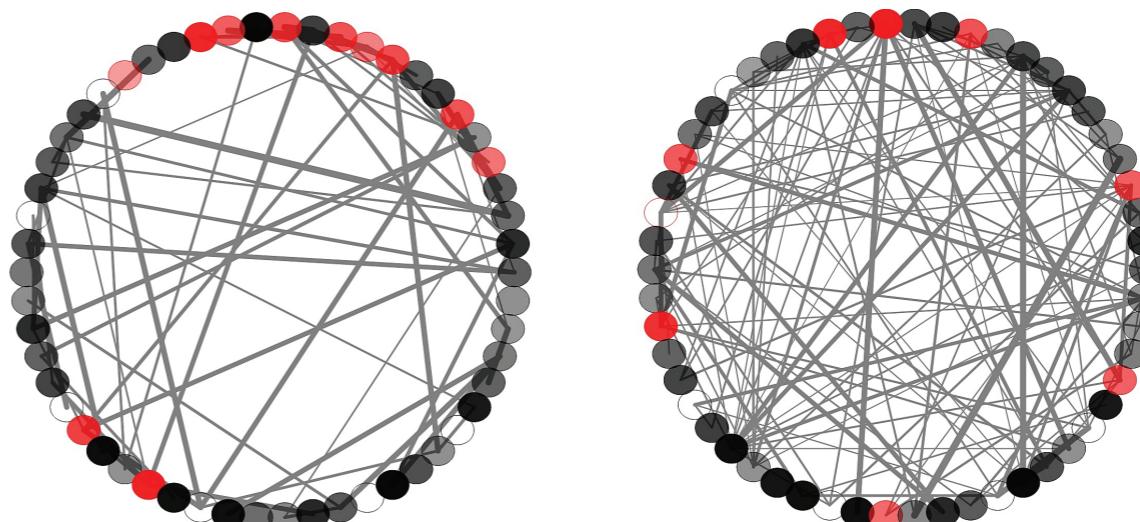
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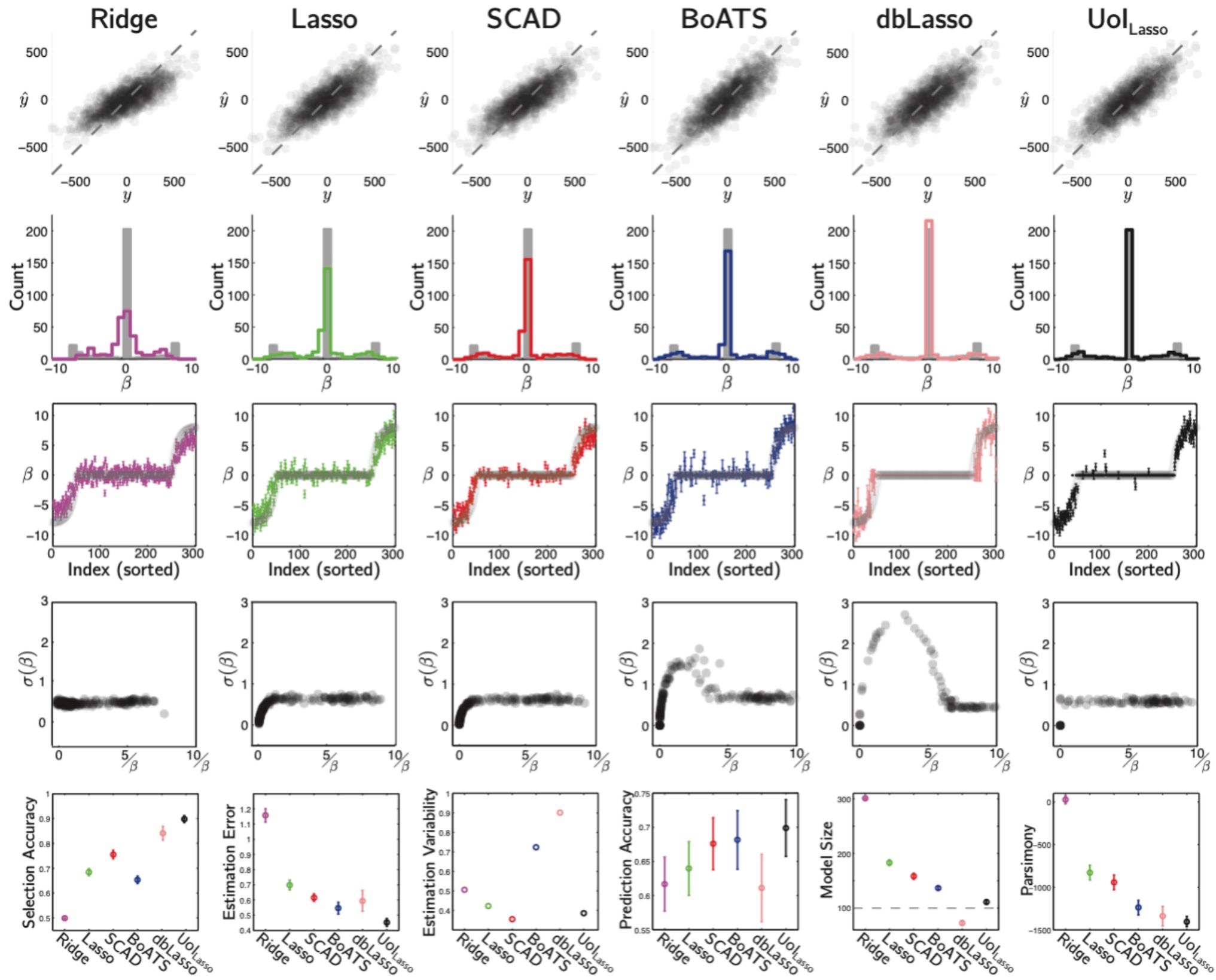
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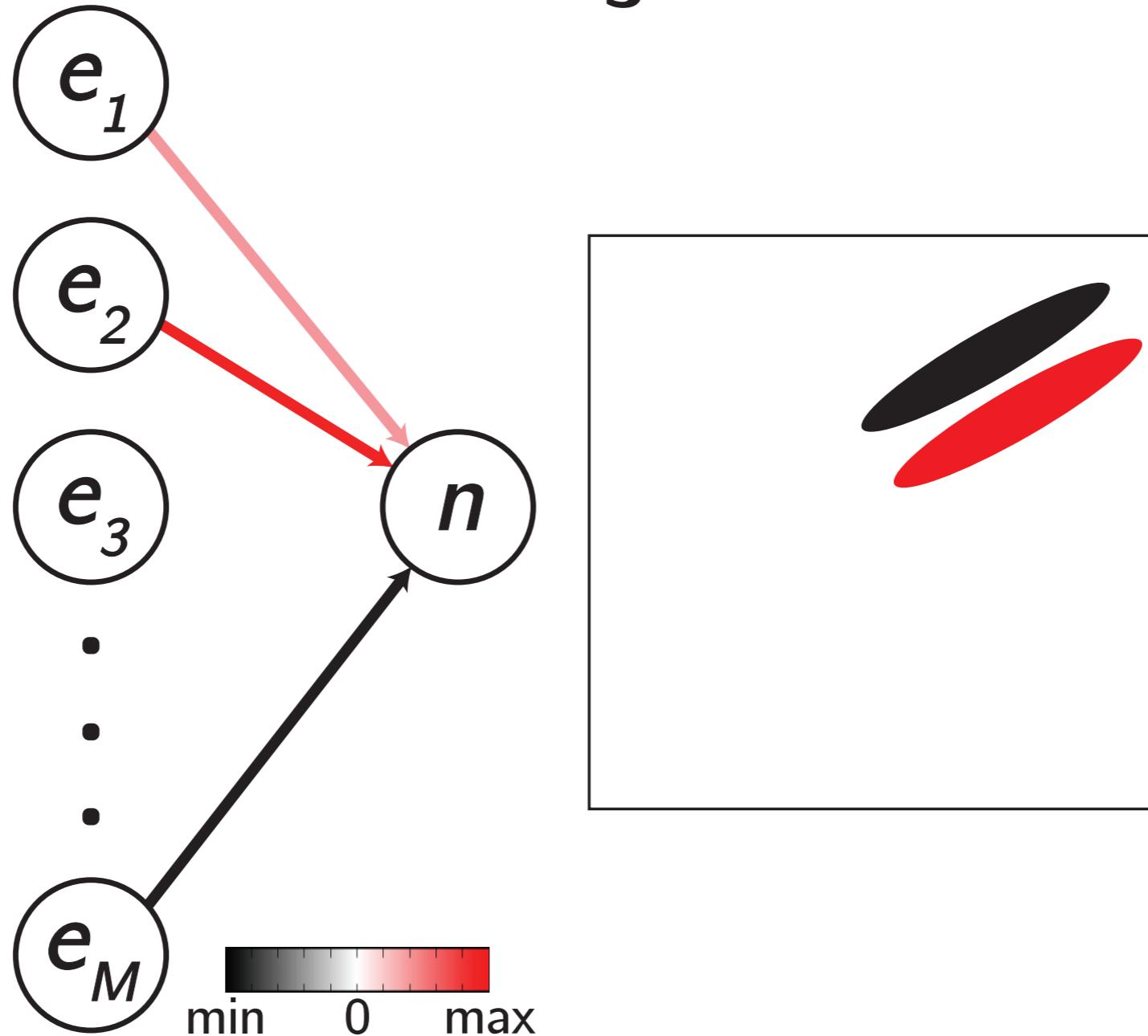
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# Validation on Synthetic Data



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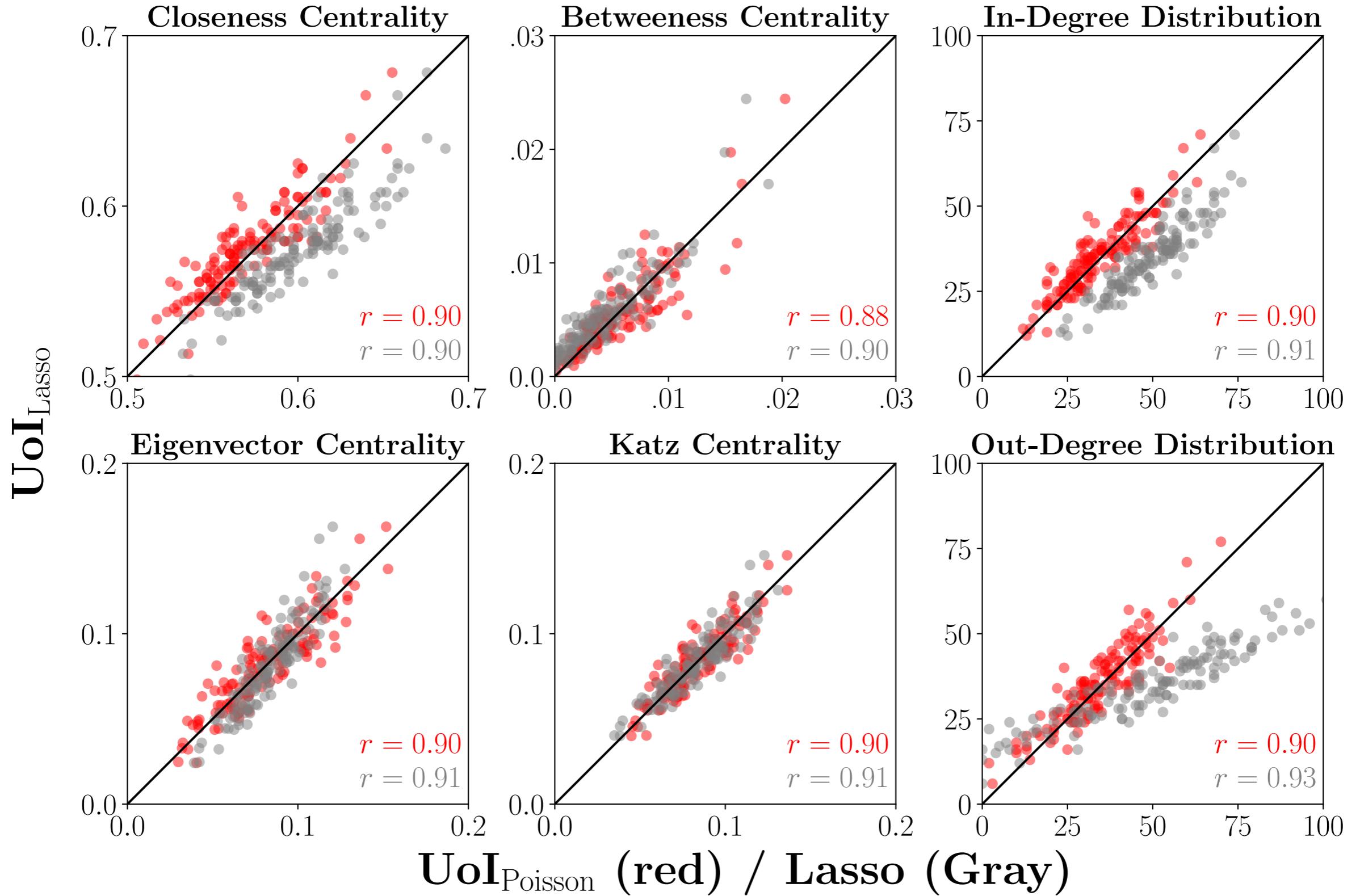
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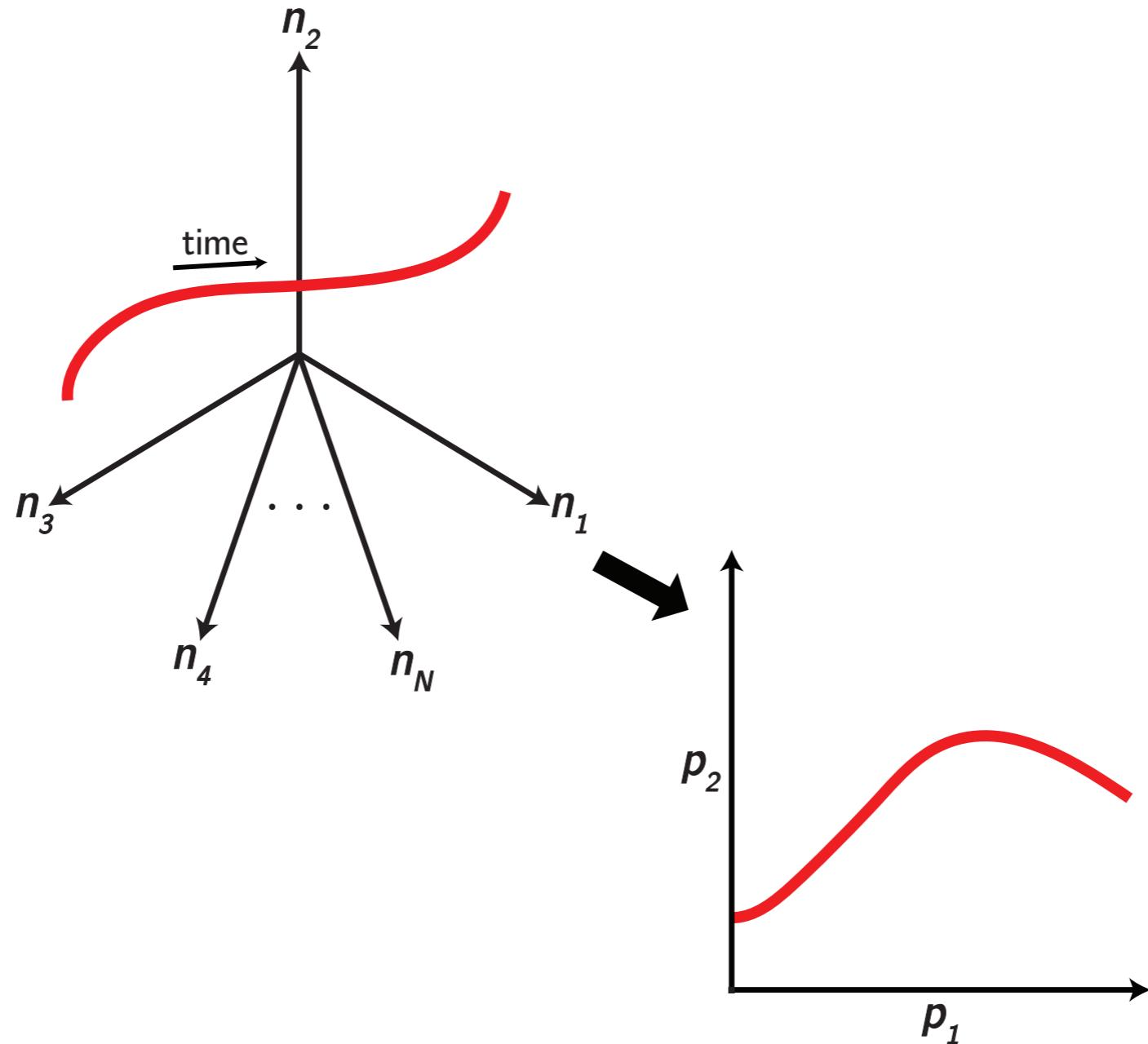
Retinal STRF  
A1 Tuning Curves

# $\text{UoI}_{\text{Poisson}}$ extracts similar networks as $\text{UoI}_{\text{Lasso}}$



$\text{UoI}_{\text{Poisson}}$

# Dimensionality Reduction



# Column Subset Selection / CUR Decomposition

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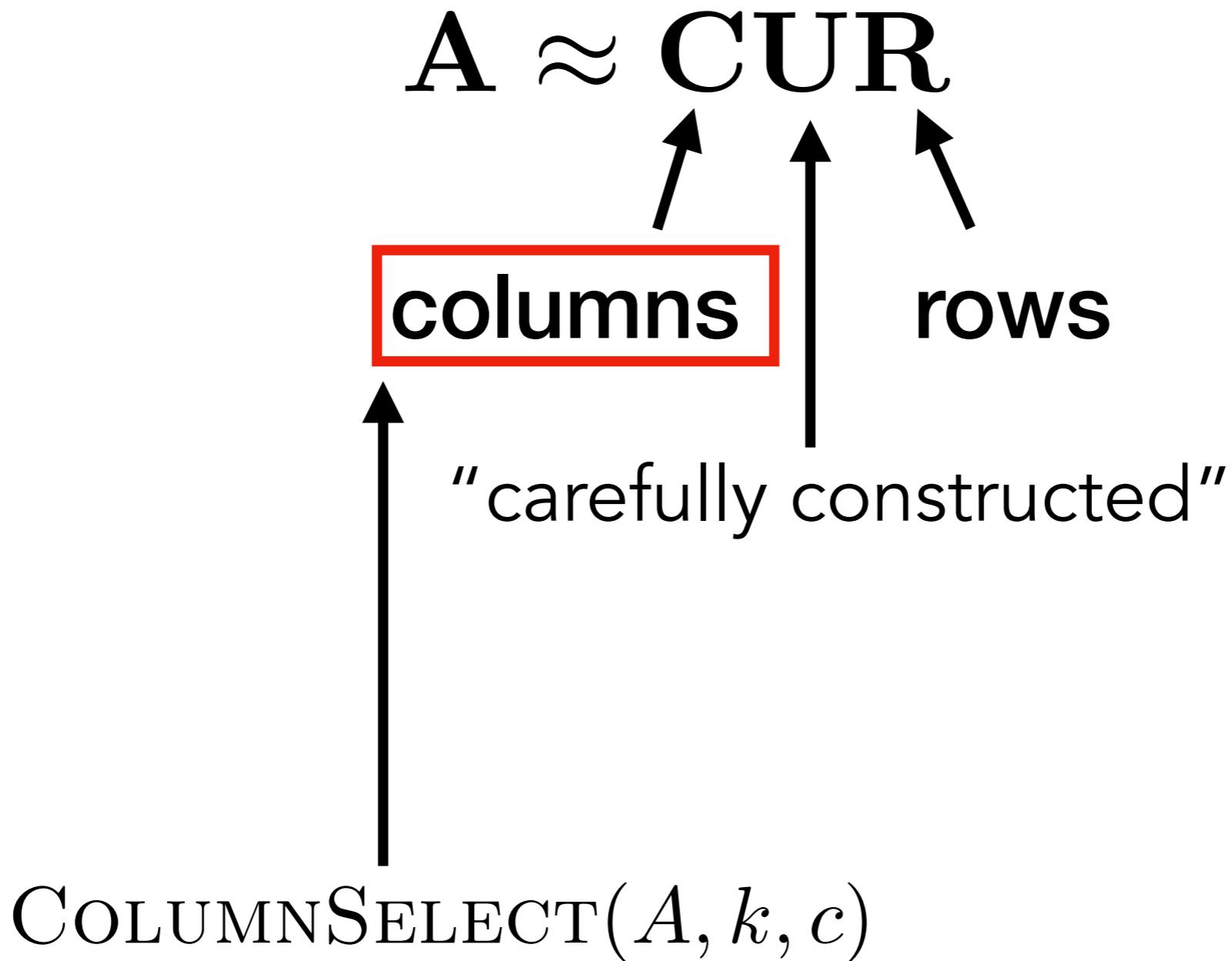
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# UoIcss

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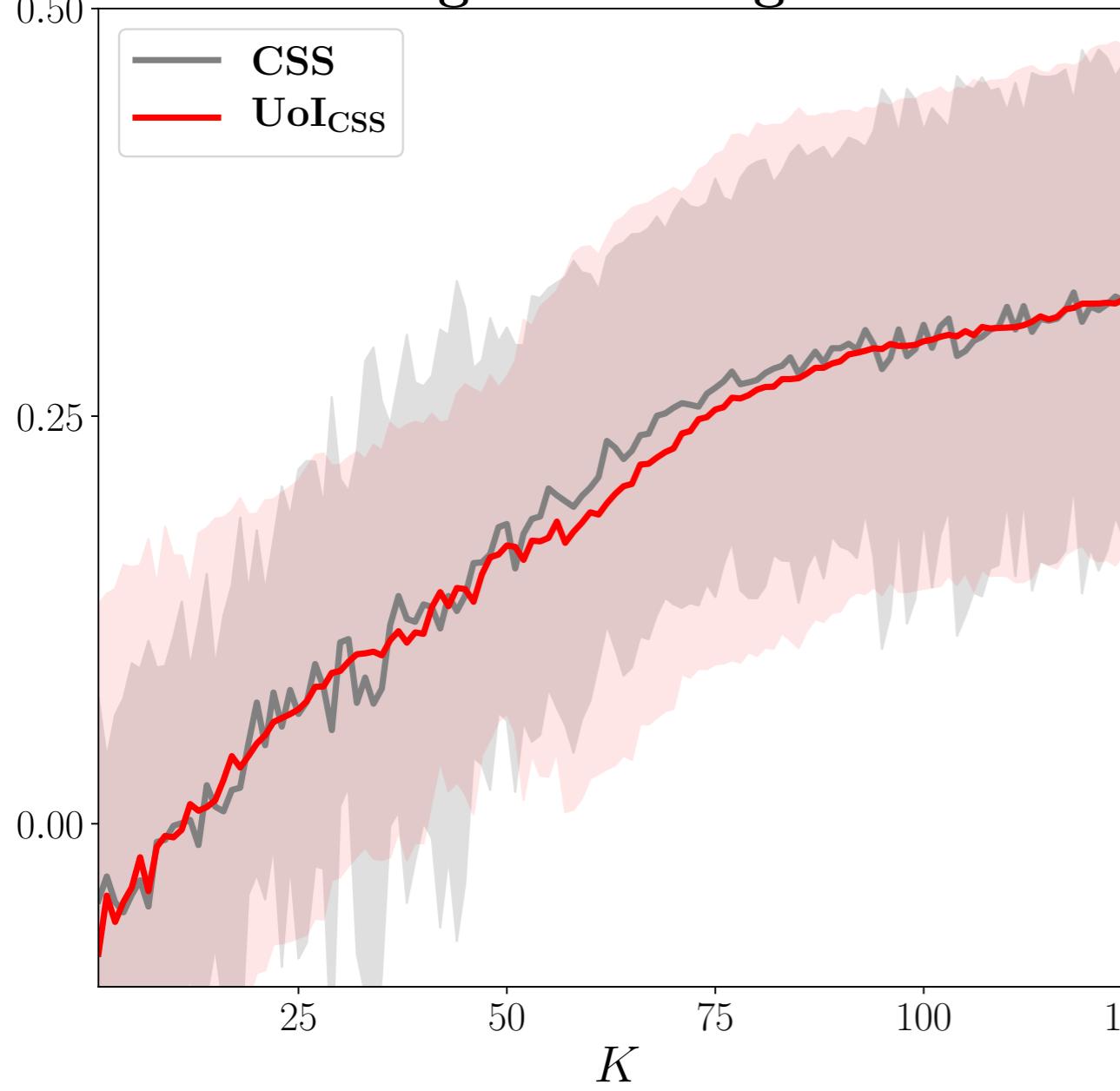
**Input:**  $A, N \times M$  design matrix

$K = \{k_i\}_{i=1}^{N_k}$ , the ranks of the SVD decomposition to union over  
 $c(k)$ , the expected number of columns for each rank  $k$

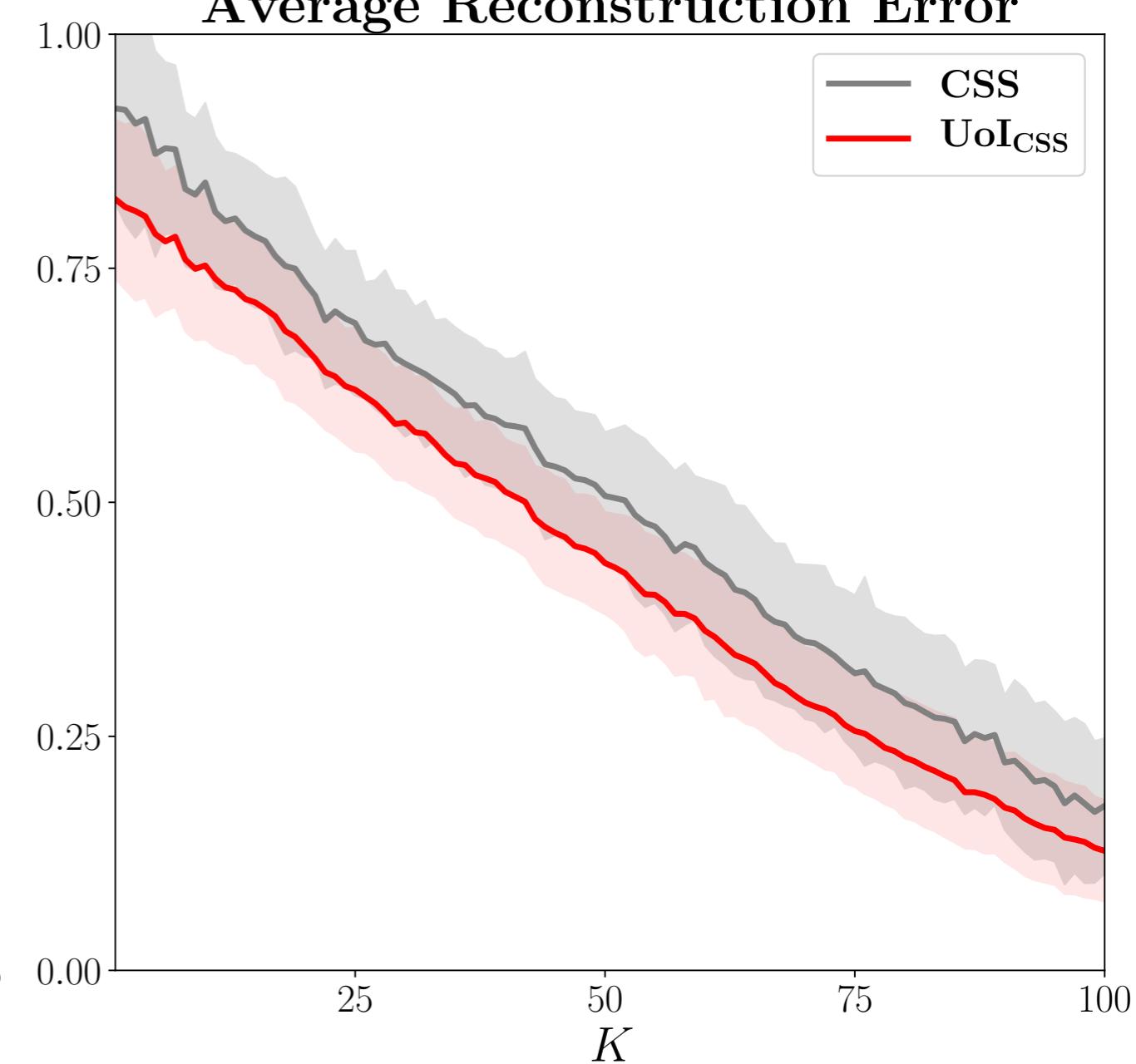
- 1: **for**  $j = 1$  to  $N_B$  **do** ▷ iterate over bootstraps
  - 2:   Generate resample  $A^j$  of the data matrix  $A$
  - 3:   **for**  $k_i$  in  $K$  **do** ▷ iterate over ranks
  - 4:      $C_i \leftarrow \text{COLUMNSELECT}(A^j, k_i, c(k_i))$
  - 5:      $C \leftarrow \bigcup_{i=1}^{N_k} \left( \bigcap_{j=1}^{N_B} C_j \right)$  ▷ union of intersections
  - 6: **return**  $C$
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# CSS in M1 Reaching Data

Average Decoding Error



Average Reconstruction Error



$$x, y = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^T \beta_i N_i$$

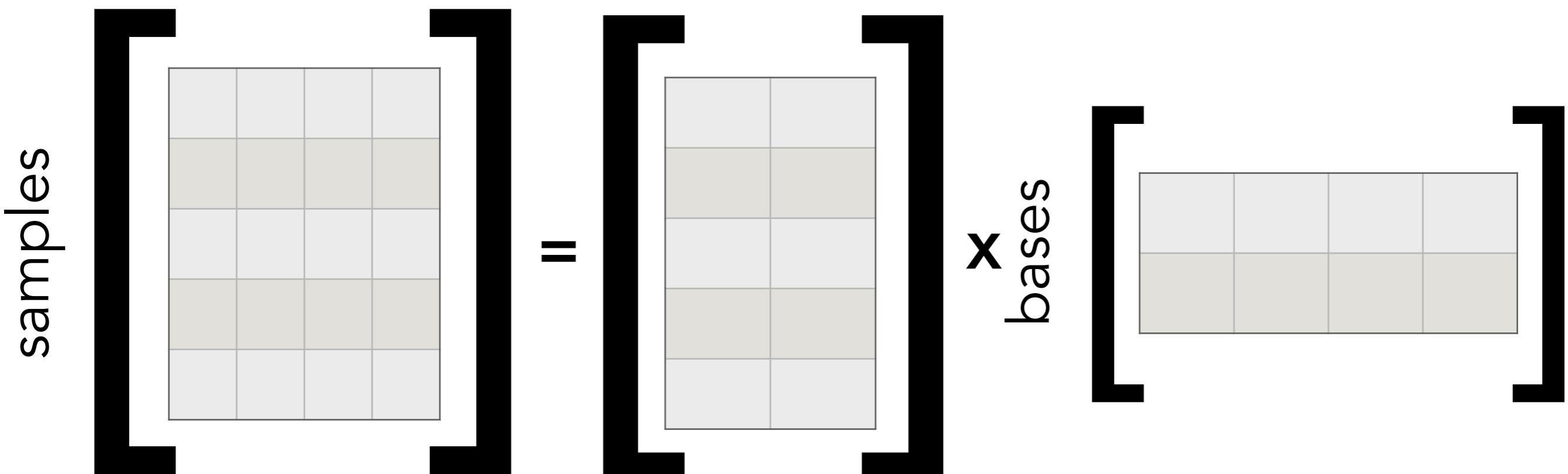
$$\text{sum}(A - A_c A_c^\dagger A)$$

# Non-negative Matrix Factorization

$$\mathbf{A} \approx \mathbf{W}\mathbf{H}$$

features

coefficients



parts-based decomposition of the data

# NMF in Auditory A1 Data

