

# AI4DB:AI Meets Query Optimization

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# AI4DB

Database system & Data Management  
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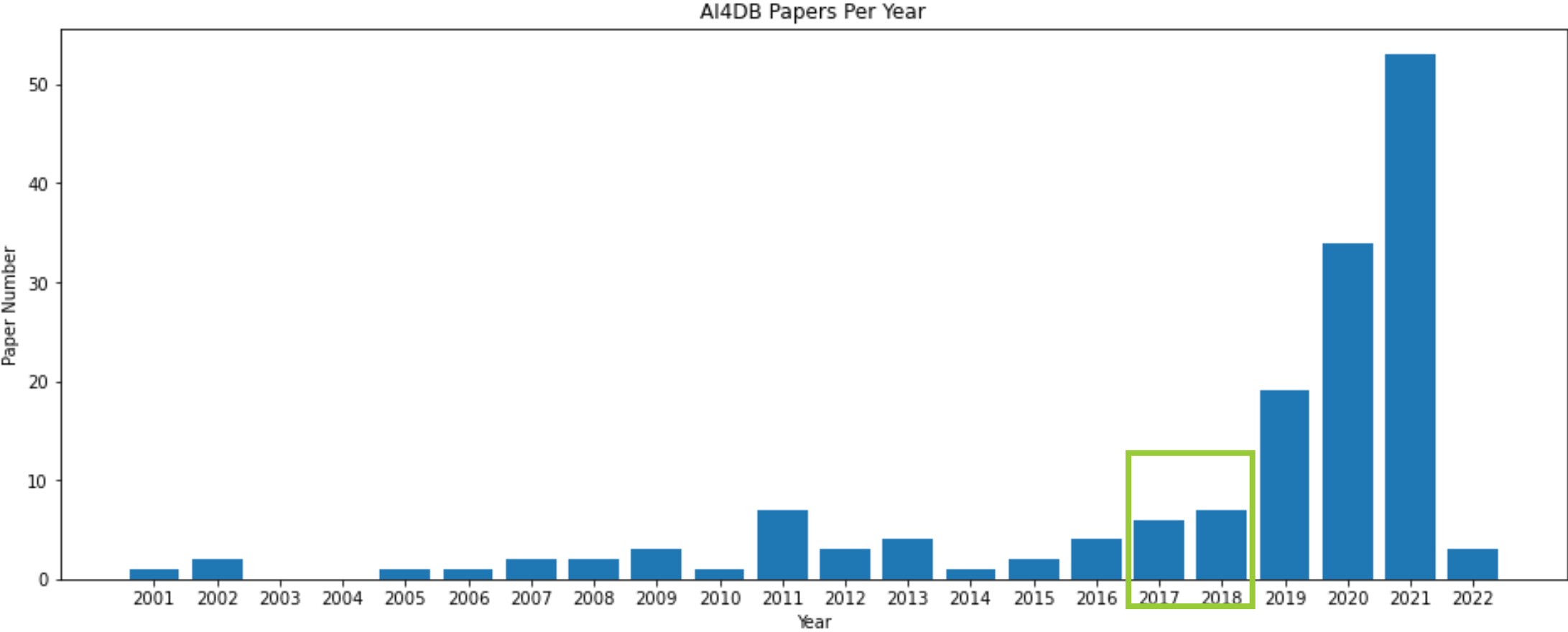
# AI + DB

- AI:
  - Advance in CV, NLP, ...
  - Statistic, learning, inference, planning
- DB:
  - Static
  - Data volume, sophisticated workload, hardware
- AI4DB
  - Goal: Reduce labor costs & Improve system performance
  - Query workload, data distribution, hardware features, history performance

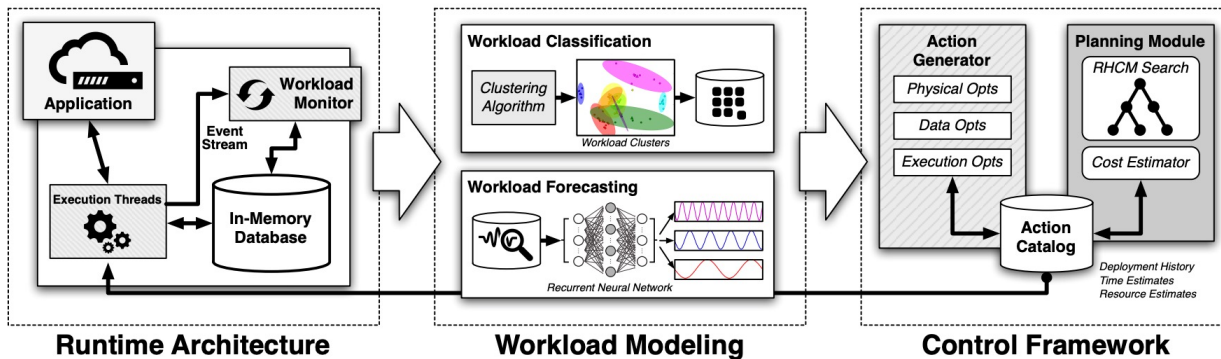


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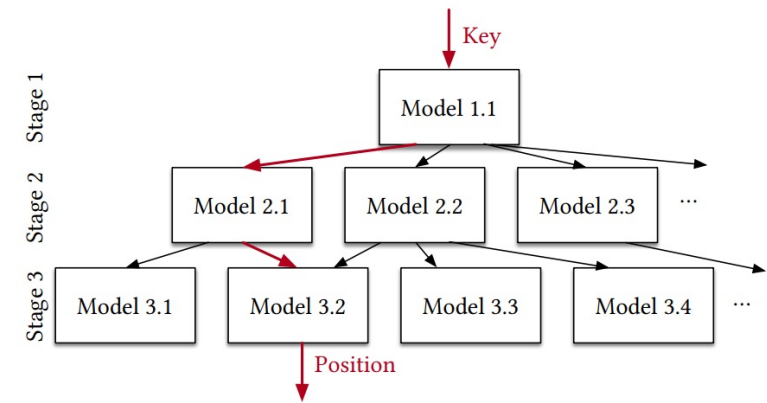
<https://github.com/LumingSun/ML4DB-paper-list>



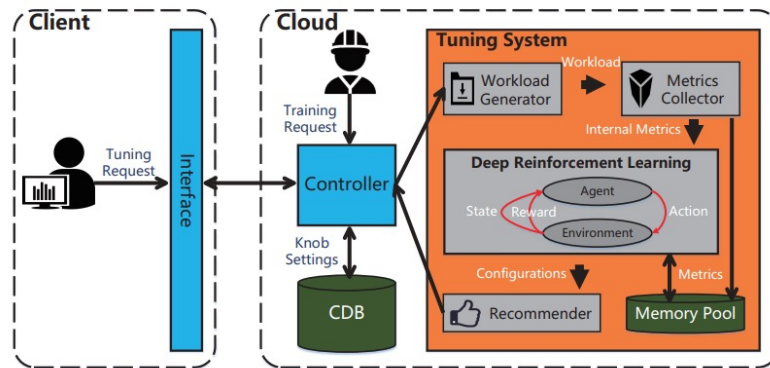
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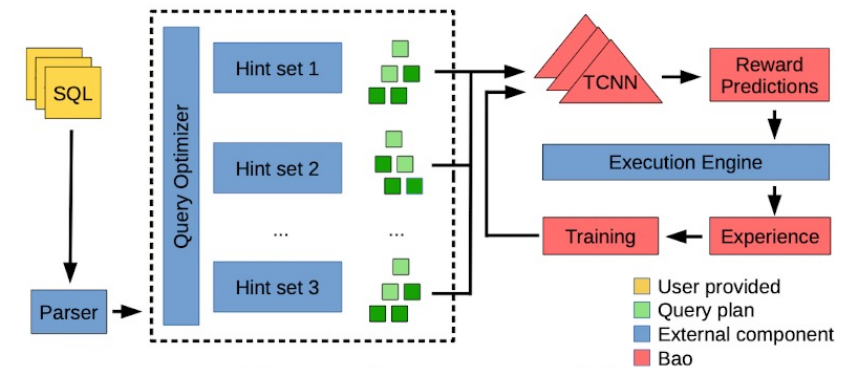
Andy Pavlo, et al. CIDR'17



Tim Kraska, et al. SIGMOD'18

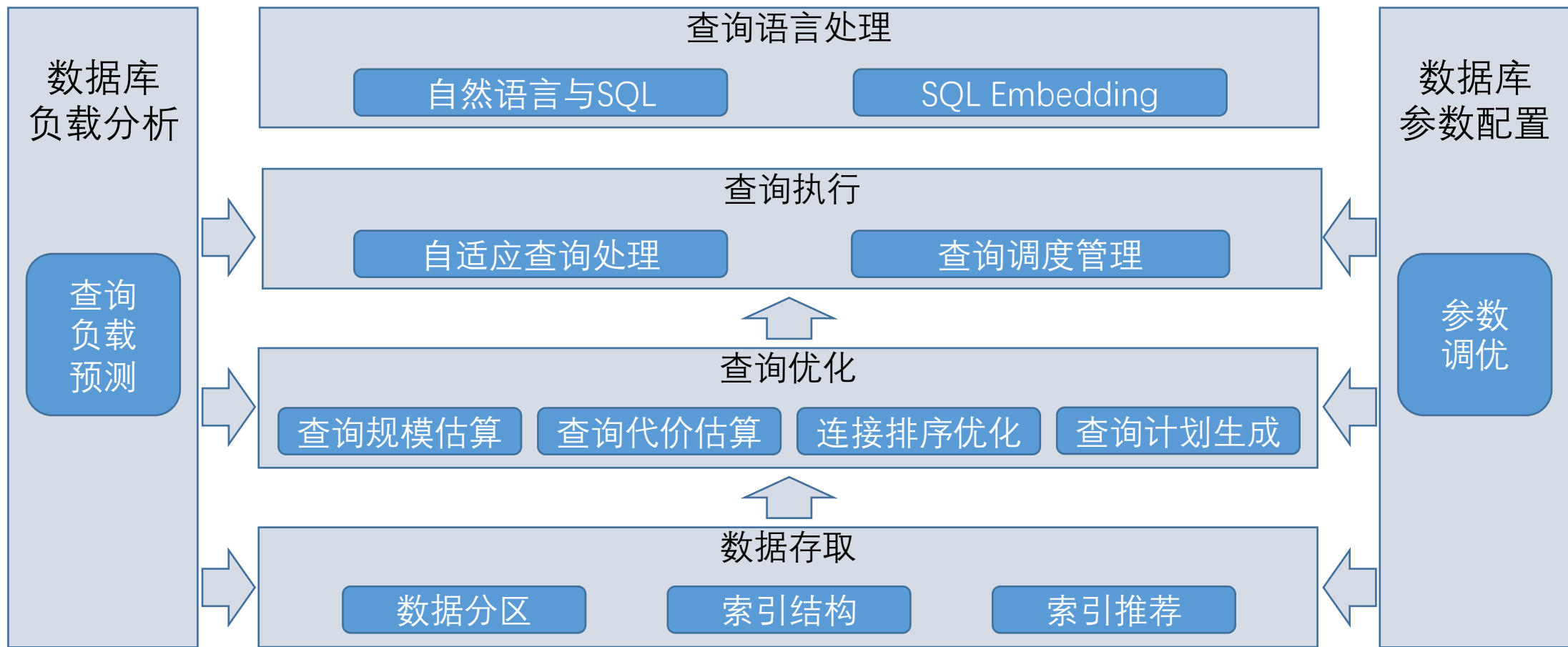


Guoliang Li, et al. SIGMOD'19



Ryan Marcus, et al. VLDB'21

# AI4DB



# MOSE: A Monotonic Selectivity Estimator Using Learned CDF



# What is Cardinality/Selectivity

Q: **SELECT** \*  
**FROM** *Student* **WHERE** *age* > 15  
**AND** *gender* = 'Male';

Card(Q) = 4

Sel(Q) = Card(Q) / #row  
= 4/9 = 0.444

age	gender	GPA
21	Female	3.42
20	Male	2.58
18	Female	2.79
20	Female	3.98
24	Female	3.71
20	Male	3.50
21	Male	4.0
23	Female	3.66
22	Male	3.12

# Why Cardinality/Selectivity Estimation

2014



IS QUERY OPTIMIZATION A "SOLVED" PROBLEM?

≡ Databases

Guy Lohman, IBM DB2 (40 years' experience)

“The root of all evil, the **Achilles Heel** of query optimization, is the estimation of the size of intermediate results, known as **cardinalities**.”

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2015

## How Good Are Query Optimizers, Really?

“We have also shown that relational database systems produce **large estimation errors** that quickly grow as the number of joins increases, and that these errors are usually the reason for **bad plans**.”

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2018

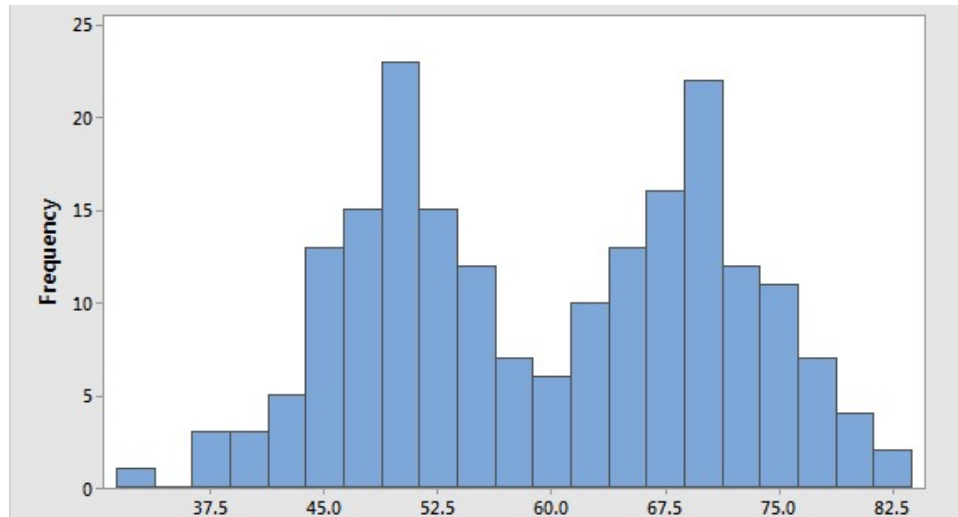
Multiple research groups consistently working on learned selectivity estimators

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2021



# Traditional Selectivity Estimation Methods

- Histograms



- Sampling
- Most Common Values (MVC)

# How Learned Selectivity Estimators Work

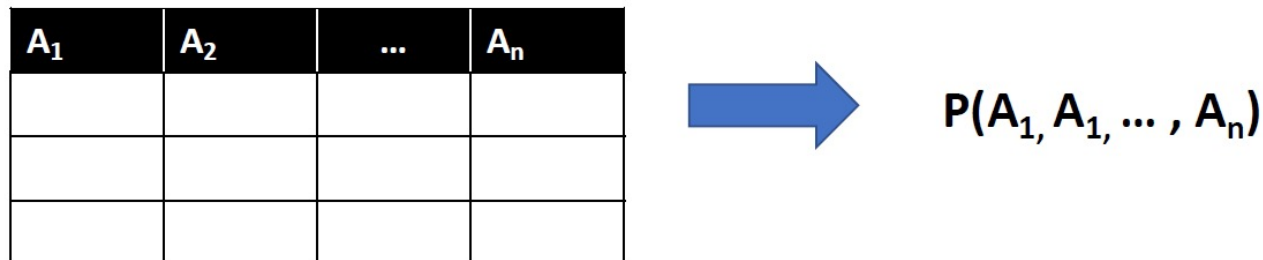
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- Key Idea: Model as a Regression problem



- Methodology 2: **Data-driven**

- Key Idea: Model as a Joint Distribution Estimation problem



# Methodology 1: Query-Driven

## Training

Query Pool

Q1: `SELECT * FROM Student WHERE age > 20;`  
Q2: `SELECT * FROM Student WHERE GPA < 3.5 AND GPA > 3.0;`  
Q3: `SELECT * FROM Student WHERE gender = 'Female';`  
...

Labels

4  
2  
5  
...

↓  
Featurize

Q1: `<0.8, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0>` 4  
Q2: `<0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.3, 0.6>` 2  
Q3: `<0.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 0.0, 1.0>` 5  
...

↓  
Train



Regression Model

## Inference

Q: `SELECT * FROM Student  
WHERE age > 15 AND gender = "Male"`

↓  
Featurize

Q: `<0.0, 0.9, 0.0, 1.0, 0.8, 1.0>`

↓  
Inference



Estimation: 4!

# Methodology 1: Query-Driven

- **MSCN** [Kipf, A et al. CIDR 19]  
Neural Network + Sampling
- **LW-XGB** [Dutt, A et al. VLDB 19]  
XGBoost+ Histogram
- **LW-NN** [Dutt, A et al. VLDB 19]  
Neural Network + Histogram
- **QuickSel** [Yongjoo, P et al. SIGMOD 20]  
Mixture Model

## Shortcomings:

- Require large amount of training data
- Violate basic rule of selectivity estimation
  - Monotonicity:  $sel(1 < x < 2) \leq sel(1 < x < 3)$
  - Validity:  $sel(1 < x < 0) = 0$
  - Consistency:  $sel(1 < x \leq 2) + sel(2 < x < 3)$   
 $= sel(1 < x < 3)$

# How Learned Selectivity Estimators Work

- Methodology 1: **Query-driven**

- Key Idea: Model as a Regression problem



- Methodology 2: **Data-driven**

- Key Idea: Model as a Joint Distribution Estimation problem

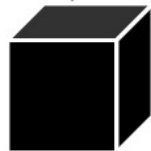


# Methodology 2: Data-Driven

## Training

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Train



$P(\text{age, gender, GPA})$

Joint Distribution Estimation Model

## Inference

Q: `SELECT * FROM Student`  
`WHERE age > 15 AND gender = "Male"`



$P(\text{age} > 20, \text{gender} = \text{"Male"})$



Inference



Estimation: 4!



# Methodology 2: Data-Driven

- **Naru** [Yang, Z et al. VLDB 20]  
Auto-regressive Model
- **DeepDB** [Hilprecht, B et al. VLDB 20]  
Sum Product Network
- **FLAT** [Rong, Z et al. VLDB 2021]  
Graphical Model

## Shortcomings:

- Heavy costs on model training and inference
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  - Validity:  $sel(1 < x < 0) = 0$
  - Consistency:  $sel(1 < x \leq 2) + sel(2 < x < 3)$   
 $= sel(1 < x < 3)$
  - **Stability**:  $sel(1 < x < 2) = sel(1 < x < 2)$

# MOSE: A Monotonic Selectivity Estimator Using Learned CDF

- **Aim**

Reliable, accurate and efficient learned selectivity estimator

- **Problem Settings**

Multi-dimensional predicates on single table

- **Methodology**

Query-based

- **Key observation**

The joint cumulative distribution function (**CDF**) of the data in a table can be used to compute the **selectivity** for query range predicates

# CDF to Selectivity

- Multi-dimensional CDF:

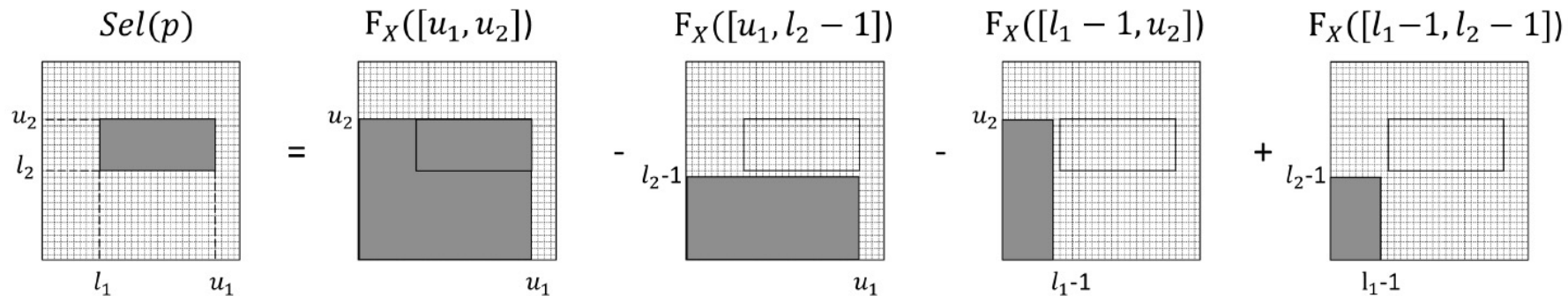
Random variable  $X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d)$ ,

CDF:  $F_X(x) = \Pr(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_d \leq x_d)$

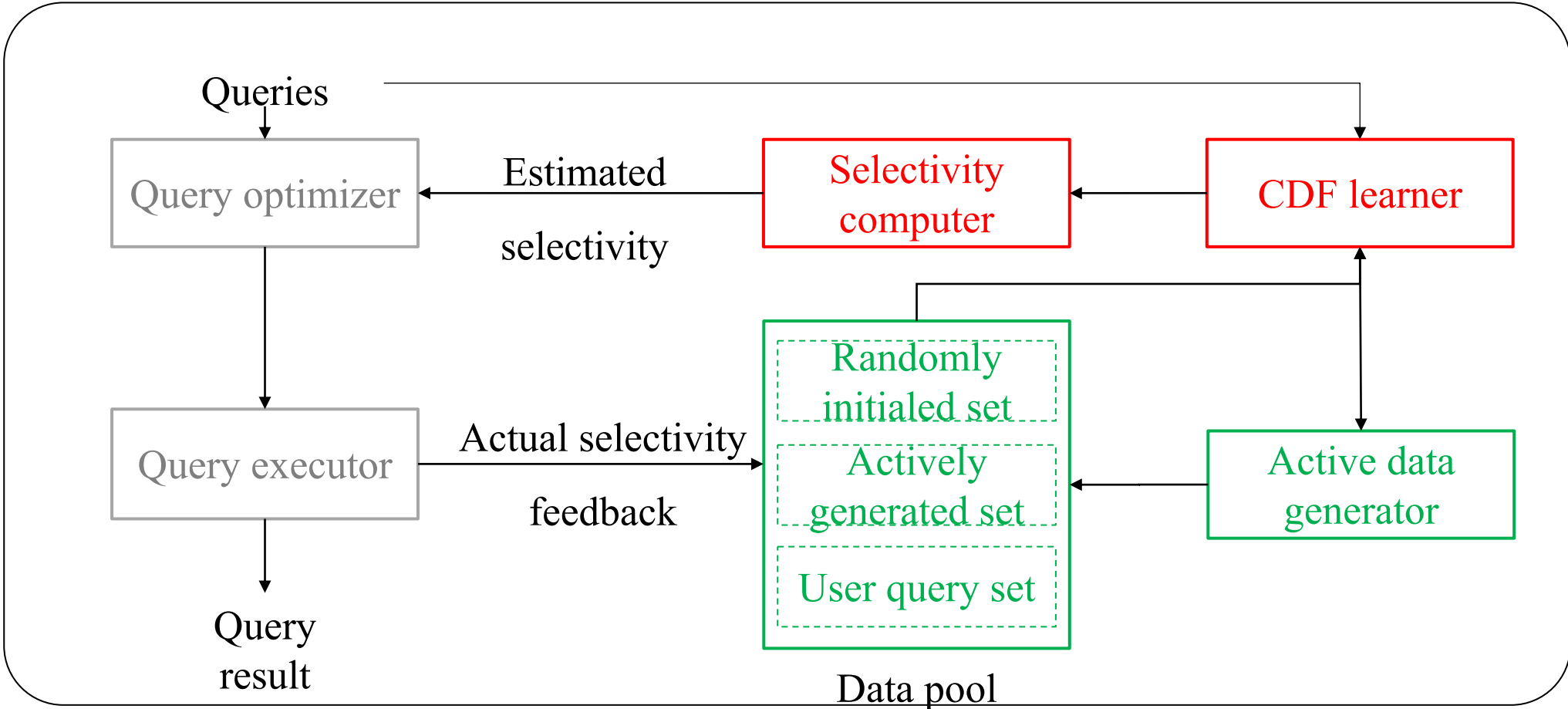
- CDF to selectivity

$$sel(p) = \sum_{\forall x_i \in \{l_i - 1, u_i\}} \left\{ \left( \prod_{i=1}^d s(i) \right) F_X(x) \right\}$$

$$sel(p) = F_X([u_1, u_2]) - F_X([u_1, l_2 - 1]) - F_X([l_1 - 1, u_2]) + F_X([l_1 - 1, l_2 - 1])$$

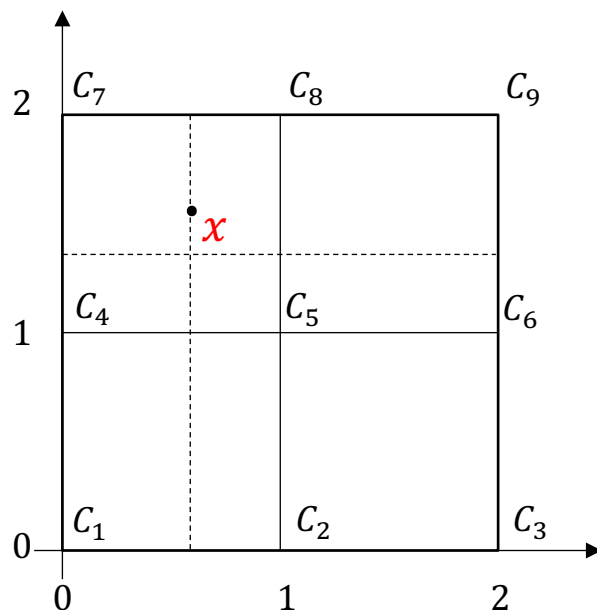


# MOSE Overview



# CDF Learner

- **Monotonic Lattice Regression Model**



$$\hat{y} = F_X(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m \phi(x)_j \theta_j, \quad \sum_{j=1}^m \phi(x)_j C_j = x, \quad \sum_{j=1}^m \phi(x)_j = 1.$$

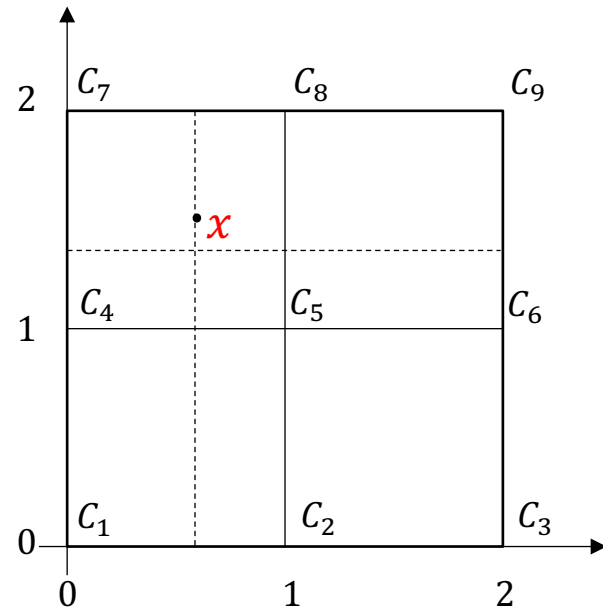
$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \arg \min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^m} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2 \\ &= \arg \min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^m} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \phi(x)_{ij} \theta_j \right) - y_i \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta = \arg \min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^m} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2, \text{ s.t. } A\theta^T \leq 0.$$

C: Lattice Node

Theta: Lattice Parameter

# Monotonic Constraint



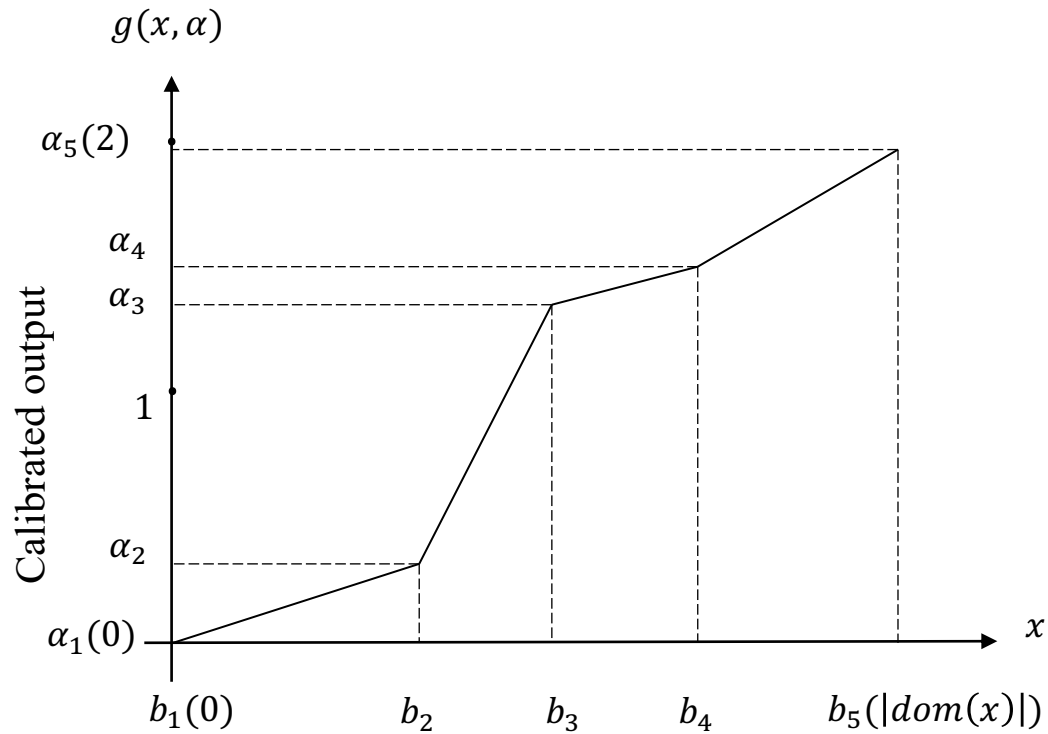
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \theta_3 \\ \theta_4 \\ \theta_5 \\ \theta_6 \\ \theta_7 \\ \theta_8 \\ \theta_9 \end{bmatrix} \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \\ \theta_2 \leq \theta_3 \\ \theta_4 \leq \theta_5 \\ \theta_5 \leq \theta_6 \\ \theta_7 \leq \theta_8 \\ \theta_8 \leq \theta_9 \\ \theta_1 \leq \theta_4 \\ \theta_2 \leq \theta_5 \\ \theta_3 \leq \theta_6 \\ \theta_4 \leq \theta_7 \\ \theta_5 \leq \theta_8 \\ \theta_6 \leq \theta_9 \end{array}$$

# Attribute-Aware Calibration



$$\theta, \alpha = \arg \min_{\theta, \alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \phi(g(x, \alpha))_{ij} \theta_j \right) - y_i \right)^2 + \lambda R(\theta)$$

s.t.  $A\theta^T \leq 0$  and  $B\alpha^T \leq 0$ ,

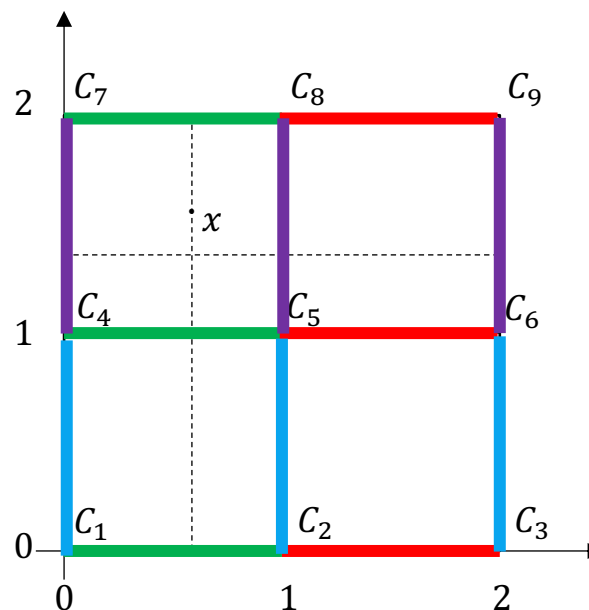
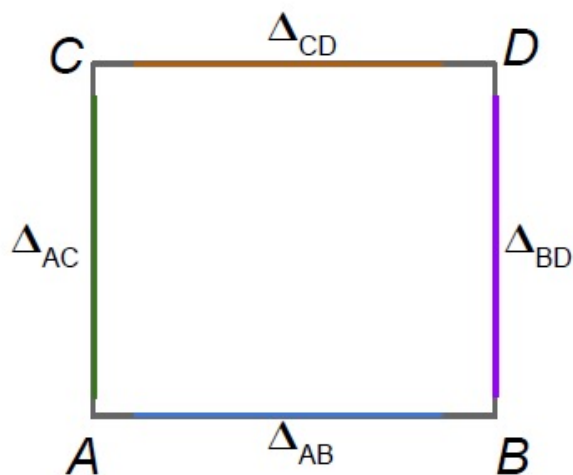
# Cell-Wise Regularizer

**Graph Laplacian:**  
flatter function

**Penalizes:**

$$(A-C)^2 + (A-B)^2 + (C-D)^2 + (B-D)^2$$

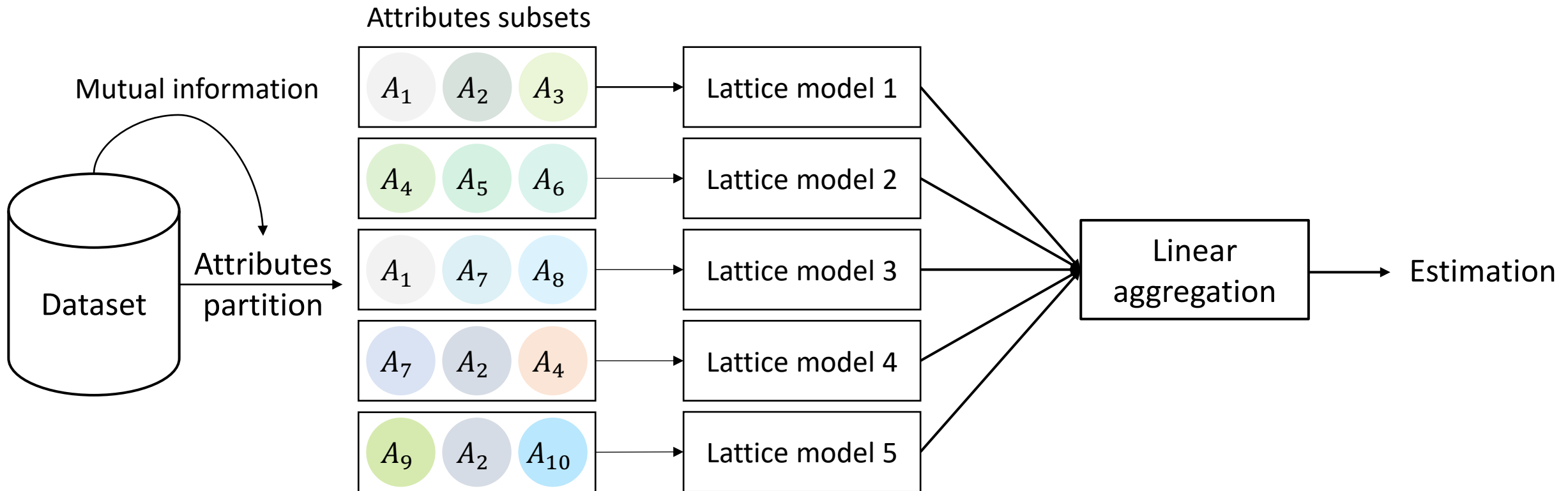
$$= \Delta_{AC}^2 + \Delta_{AB}^2 + \Delta_{CD}^2 + \Delta_{BD}^2$$



$$R(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{\substack{C_r, C_s \text{ such that} \\ C_r \text{ and } C_s \text{ adjacent on dimension } i}} H_i(C_r, C_s) (\theta_r - \theta_s)^2$$



# Lattice Ensemble



# ACTIVE DATA GENERATOR

- Challenges:
  - Infinite query space (NOT pool based active learning)
  - Regression problem (NO model uncertainty)
- Solution
  - Picking the lattice cells that are most valuable or necessary to optimize
  - Two factors: (1) cell accuracy; (2) cell density
  - Weighted lattice sampling

# Weighted Lattice Sampling

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**Algorithm 2:** Active Data Generator

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**input :**  $X_L$  is the initial labeled data,  
 $\theta$  is model weight of CDF learner,  
 $\mathcal{T}$  is the cost threshold of data collection,  
 $\epsilon$  is the cost function to label a data instance,  
 $B$  is the number of data selected in one batch,  
 $\mathcal{P}$  is a function to calculate cell sampling weight

**output:**  $X$  is the labeled training data

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1  $X \leftarrow X_L$  // total training set
2  $t \leftarrow 0$  // initialize total cost
3 while  $t < \mathcal{T}$  do
4    $\theta \leftarrow \text{TrainModelWith}(X)$ 
5    $\text{Error} \leftarrow \text{Evaluate}(\theta, X)$ 
6    $P_{\text{TopError}} \leftarrow \text{Top}(X, \text{Error}, K)$ 
7    $\mathcal{P}_c \leftarrow X, P_{\text{TopError}}$ 
8    $\text{cells} \leftarrow \text{WeightedSampling}(\mathcal{P}_c, B)$ 
9    $X_A \leftarrow \text{RandomPointGenerate}(\text{cells})$ 
10   $X_{AL} \leftarrow \text{ExecuteQuery}(X_A)$ 
11   $t = t + \epsilon(X_A)$ 
12   $X = X \cup X_{AL}$ 
13 return  $X$ 
```

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$$\mathcal{P}_c = \frac{1 + \omega k_c}{1 + M_c},$$

$M_c$ : points in cell C

$k_c$ : k points of C are in the  
TOP-K worst estimation

# Accuracy

TABLE 2: Selectivity estimation accuracy on DMV

Estimator	Training data size				
	200	400	600	800	1000
LWM	0.03474	0.02576	0.01817	0.01758	0.01607
NN	0.04787	0.03082	0.02153	0.01803	0.01577
QuickSel	0.02151	0.01421	0.01296	0.01125	0.01027
MOSE	0.00674	0.00543	0.00463	0.00429	0.00393

TABLE 3: Selectivity estimation accuracy on Forest

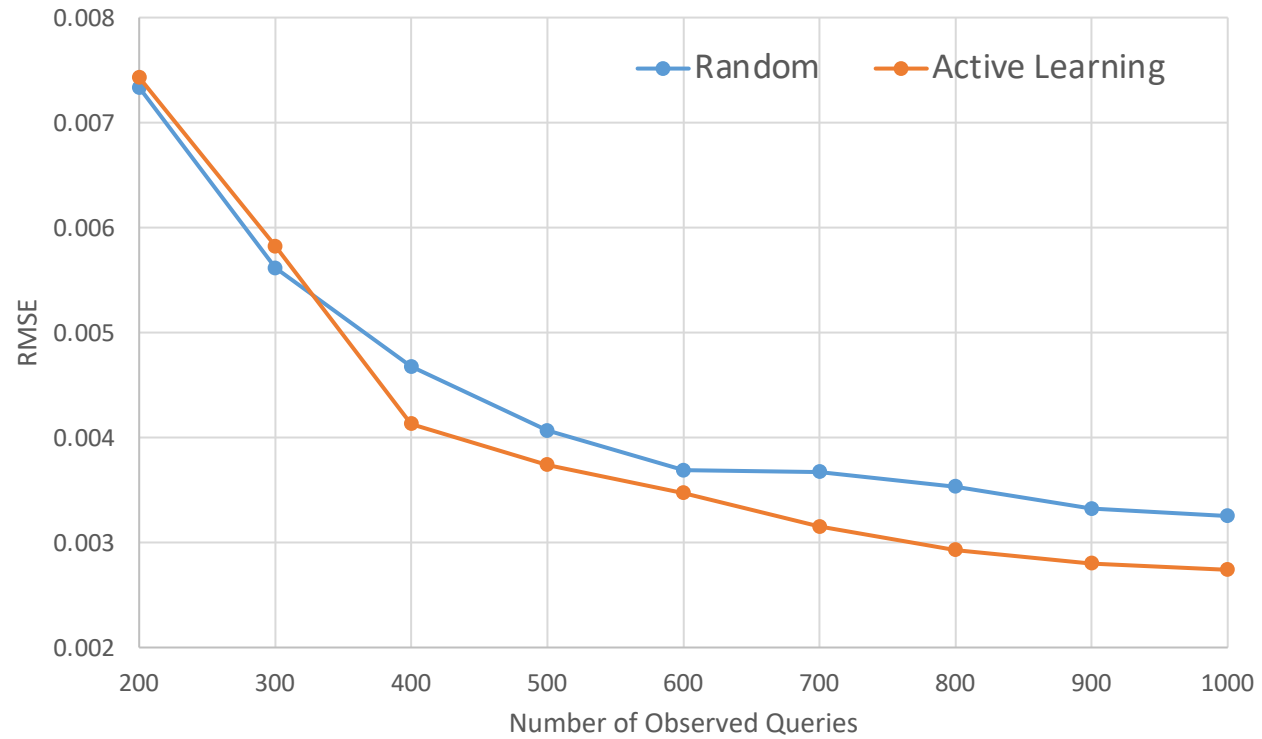
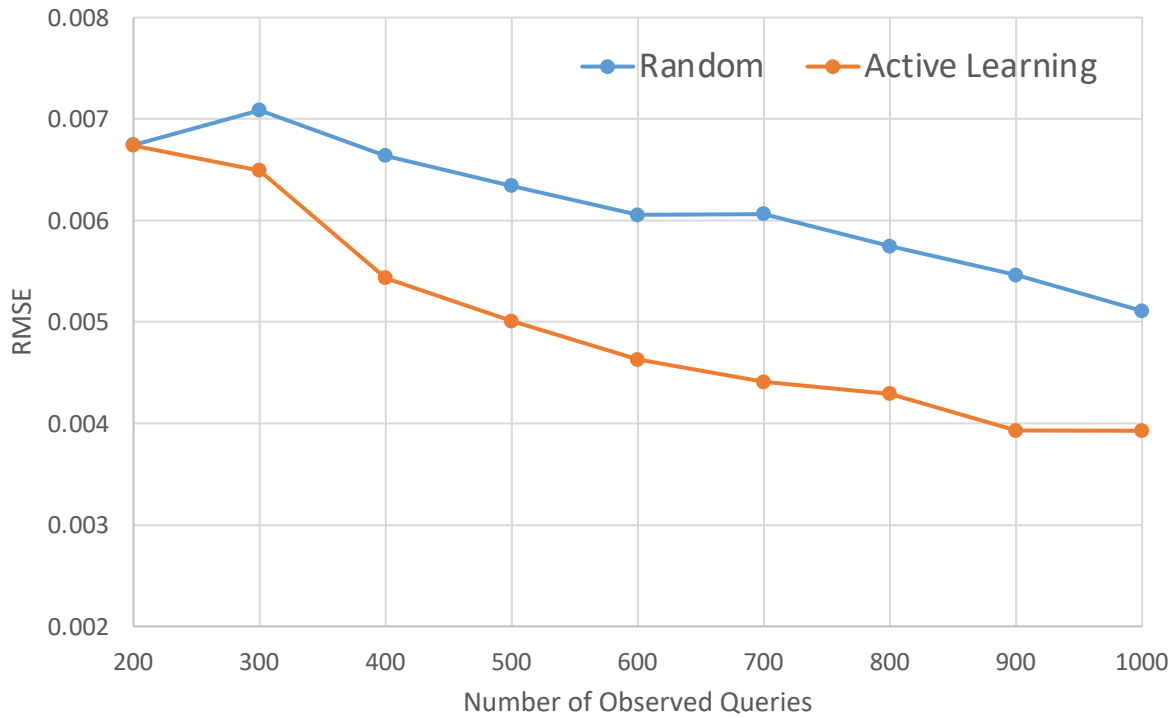
Estimator	Range predicates dimension				
	2D	4D	6D	8D	10D
AVI	0.23020	0.06069	0.01060	0.00240	0.000582
Sampling	0.00642	0.01164	0.00452	0.00946	0.000718
Naru	0.20113	0.59320	0.56103	0.10131	0.308497
LWM	0.03125	0.01573	0.00729	0.00229	0.000574
NN	0.00638	0.01226	0.00943	0.00240	0.000582
QuickSel	0.00470	0.00773	0.00382	0.83949	0.000590
MOSE	0.00419	0.00544	0.00274	0.00223	0.000555

# Ablation Experiments

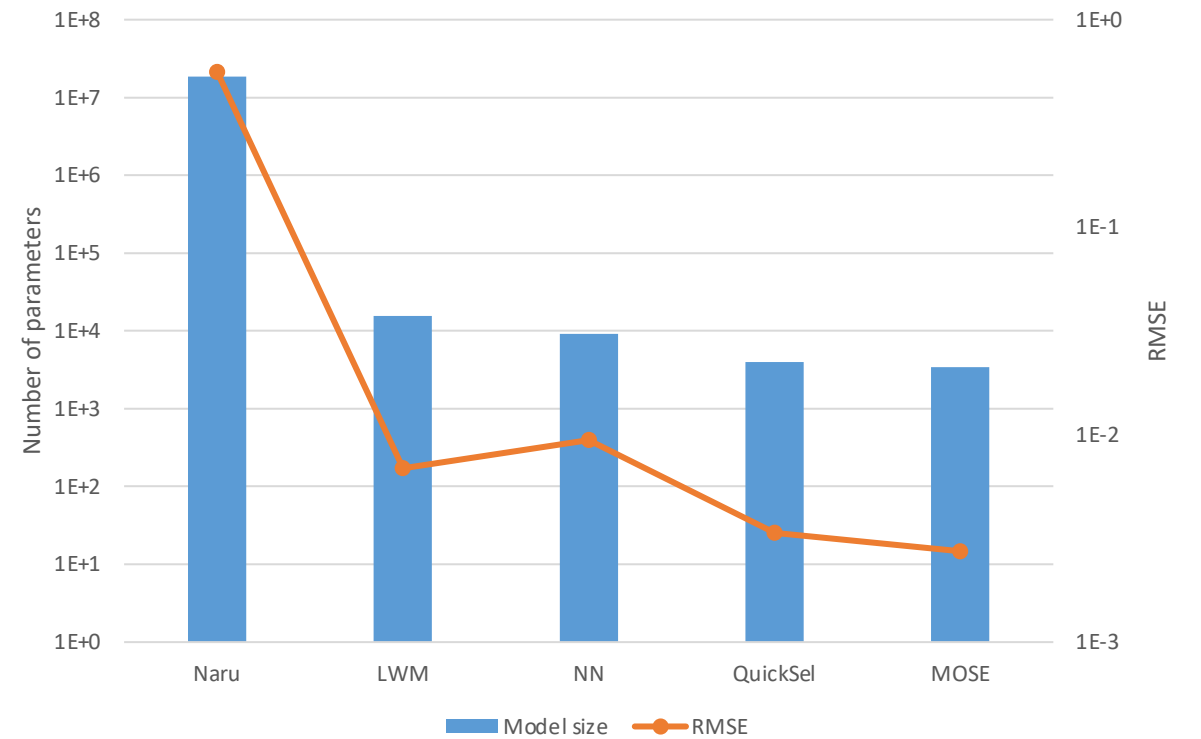
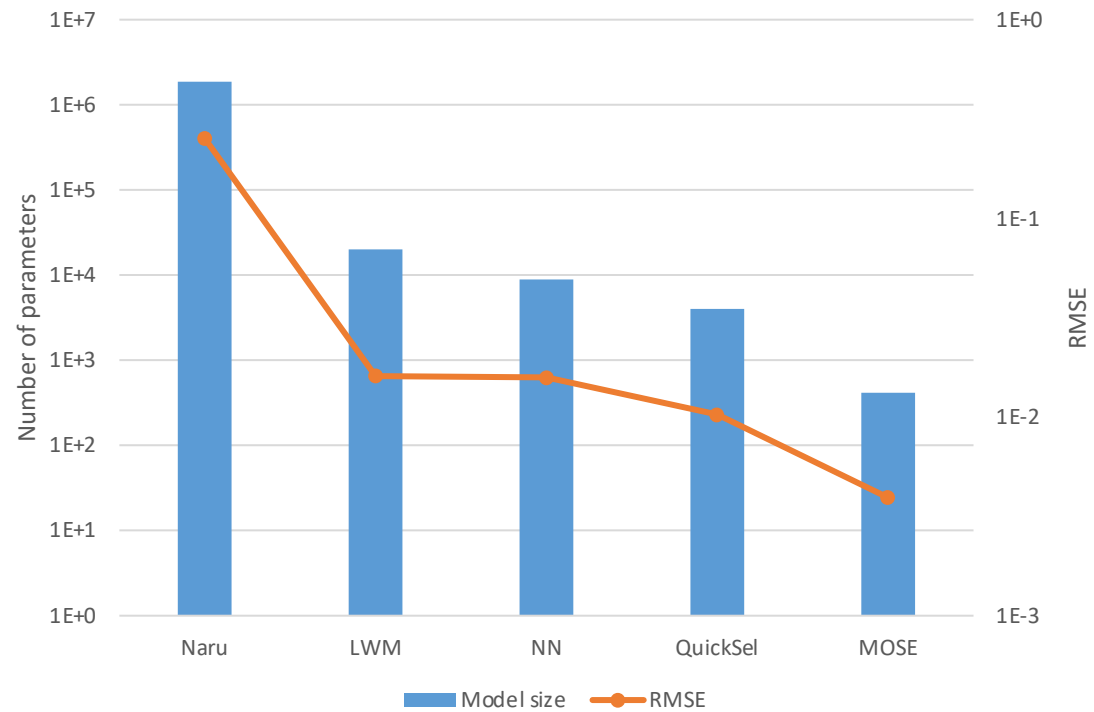
TABLE 4: Combination of calibration and regularizer

Combination method	RMSE
Laplacian regularizer + Uniform calibration	0.00713
Laplacian regularizer + A-A calibration	0.00540
C-W regularizer + Uniform calibration	0.00530
C-W regularizer + A-A calibration	0.00393

# Active Learning



# Model Size



# Summary

- Reliability: CDF --> selectivity: reliable
- Cell-wise regularizer + attribute-aware calibration: accurate
- Lattice ensemble based on mutual-information: efficient (model training)
- Active data generator: efficient (data collecting)
- Results:
  - Up to 62% less error
  - 1/15 number of parameters
  - 3.29x speedup



# Thanks!

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