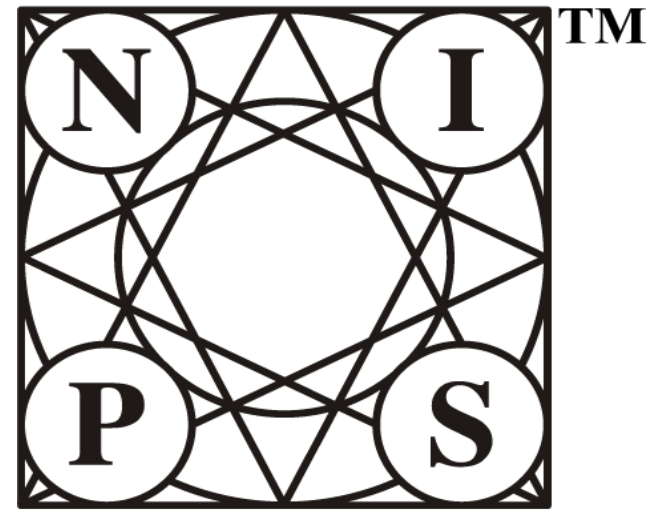


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# Low-rank Interaction with Sparse Additive Effects Model for Large Data Frames

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# Motivation: species monitoring



## White headed duck: endangered

- lead poisoning
- wetland loss



## Eurasian curlew: declining

- lead poisoning
- habitat destruction
- disturbances

## Waterbirds counts

	2008	2009	2010
site 1	NA	16	32
site 2	299	286	346
site 3	NA	96	151
site 4	NA	NA	NA
site 5	NA	NA	NA
site 6	4647	6054	2442
site 7	16	45	30
site 8	5916	6485	1249

## Sites and year covariates

Site	Surface	Country	Latitude	Year	Spring N/O	Spring N/E	Winter S/O
1	0.35	Algeria	36.64	2008	0,499	1,672	0,505
2	15.4	Tunisia	34.11	2009	0,175	2,527	0,215
3	1.12	Lybia	35.75	2010	0,36	-1,453	0,290
4	0.34	Morocco	35.56				
5	2.8	Algeria	34.49				
6	2.6	Algeria	35.91				
7	0.98	Tunisia	35.75				
8	7.2	Morocco	30.36				

## 1) Characteristics of the data

- **Mixed**: categorical, real and discrete
- **Large scale**: 25,000+ survey sites
- **Incomplete**: missing values
- **Side information**: row & column covariates

## 2) Goal: estimate

- **Main effects**: effect of covariates
- **Interactions**: the remaining effects

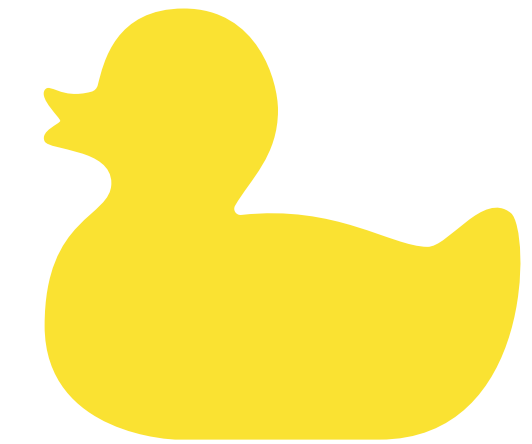
# Low-rank Interaction and Sparse main effects

Heterogeneous exponential family parametric model:

$$f_{Y_{ij}}(y) = f_{ij}(y, X_{ij})$$

parameter (unknown)

depends on the entry



Main effects and interactions in parameter space:

$$X_{ij} = \underbrace{\langle u_{ij}, \alpha \rangle}_{\text{regression term}} + \underbrace{L_{ij}}_{\text{"residual"}}$$
$$X = \sum_{k=1}^q \alpha_k U^k + L$$

sparse regression on dictionary      low-rank design

Estimation:

$$(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{L}) \in \operatorname{argmin} \mathcal{L}(Y; X) + \lambda_1 \|L\|_{\star} + \lambda_2 \|\alpha\|_1$$

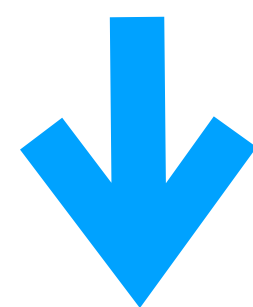
**Two-fold generalisation of  
"sparse plus low-rank"  
matrix recovery**

1. general sparsity pattern
2. exponential family noise



## Statistical guarantees

$$(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{L}) \in \operatorname{argmin} \mathcal{L}(Y; X) + \lambda_1 \|L\|_{\star} + \lambda_2 \|\alpha\|_1$$



Near optimal error bounds for main effects **and** interactions

### Theorem 1:

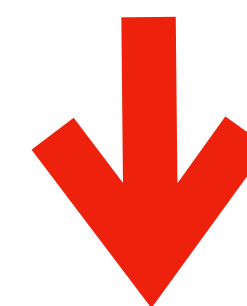
$$\|\hat{\alpha} - \alpha^0\|_2^2 \leq \frac{\|\alpha^0\|_1}{\pi} \times \frac{\max_k \|\mathbf{U}(k)\|_1}{\kappa^2} + D_{\alpha}$$

$$\|\hat{L} - L^0\|_F^2 \leq \frac{\operatorname{rank}(L^0) \max(n, p)}{\pi} + D_L$$

## Convergence results

### Mixed Coordinate Gradient Descent Algorithm:

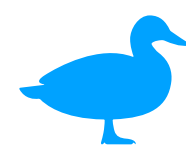
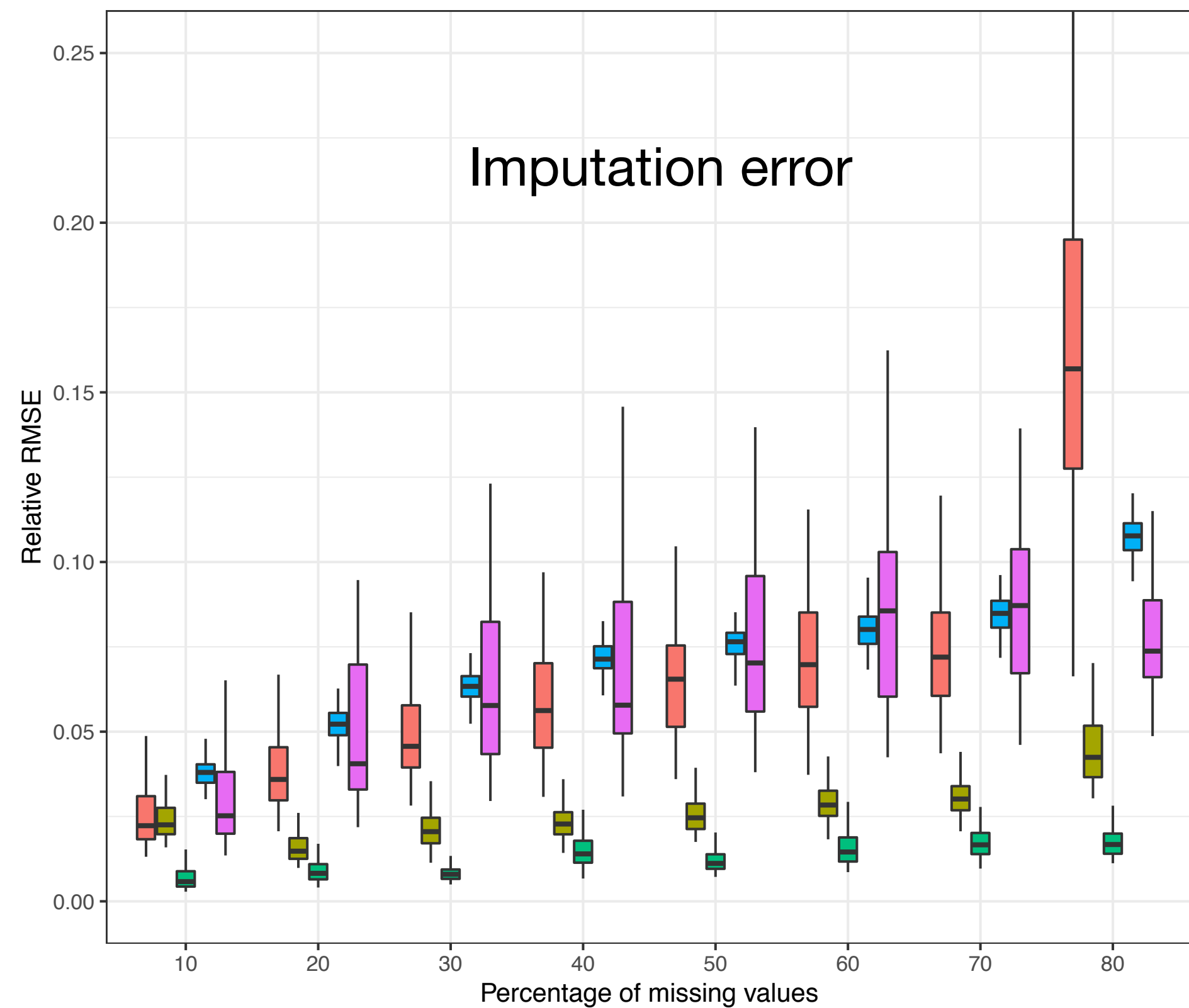
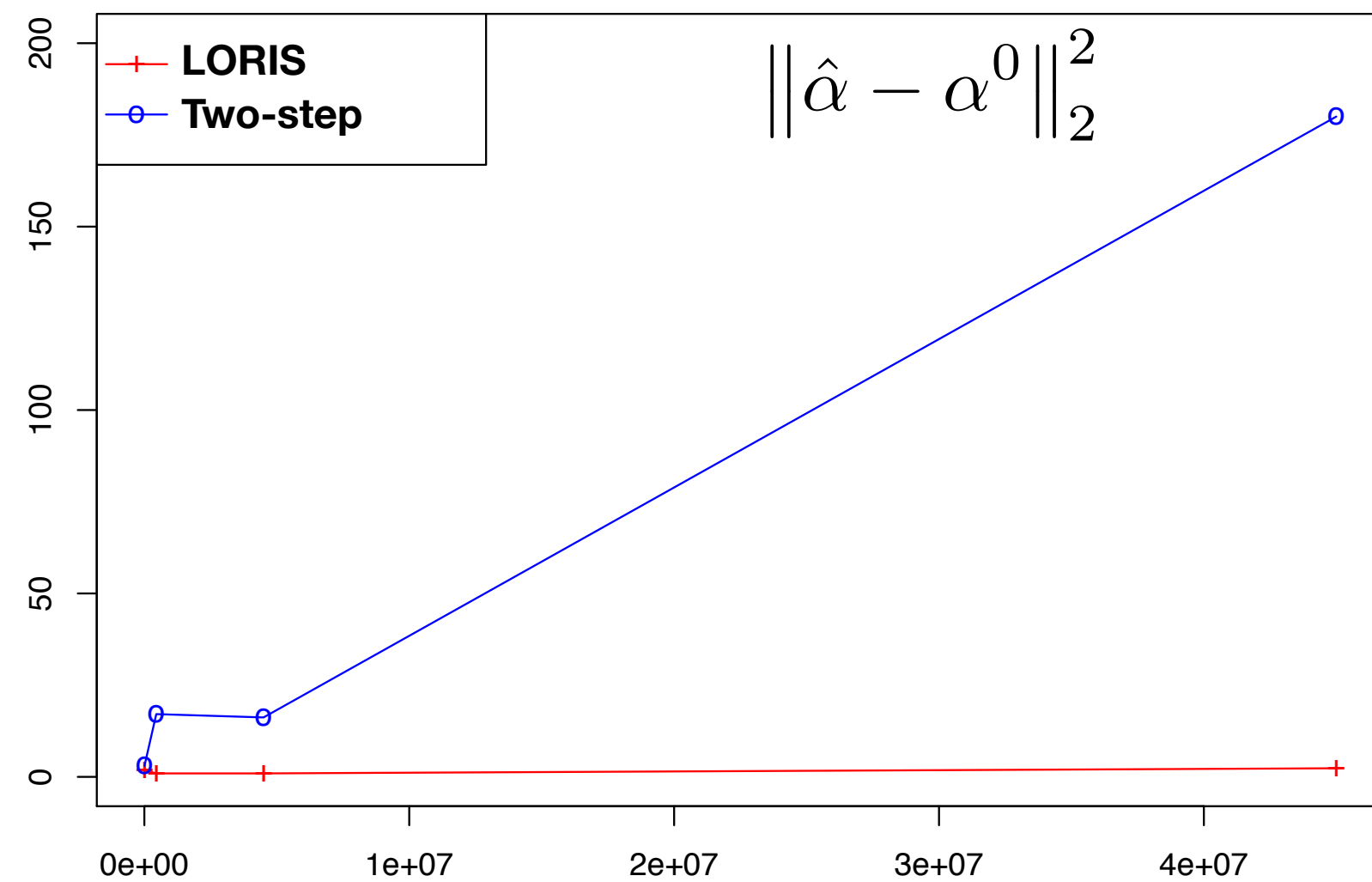
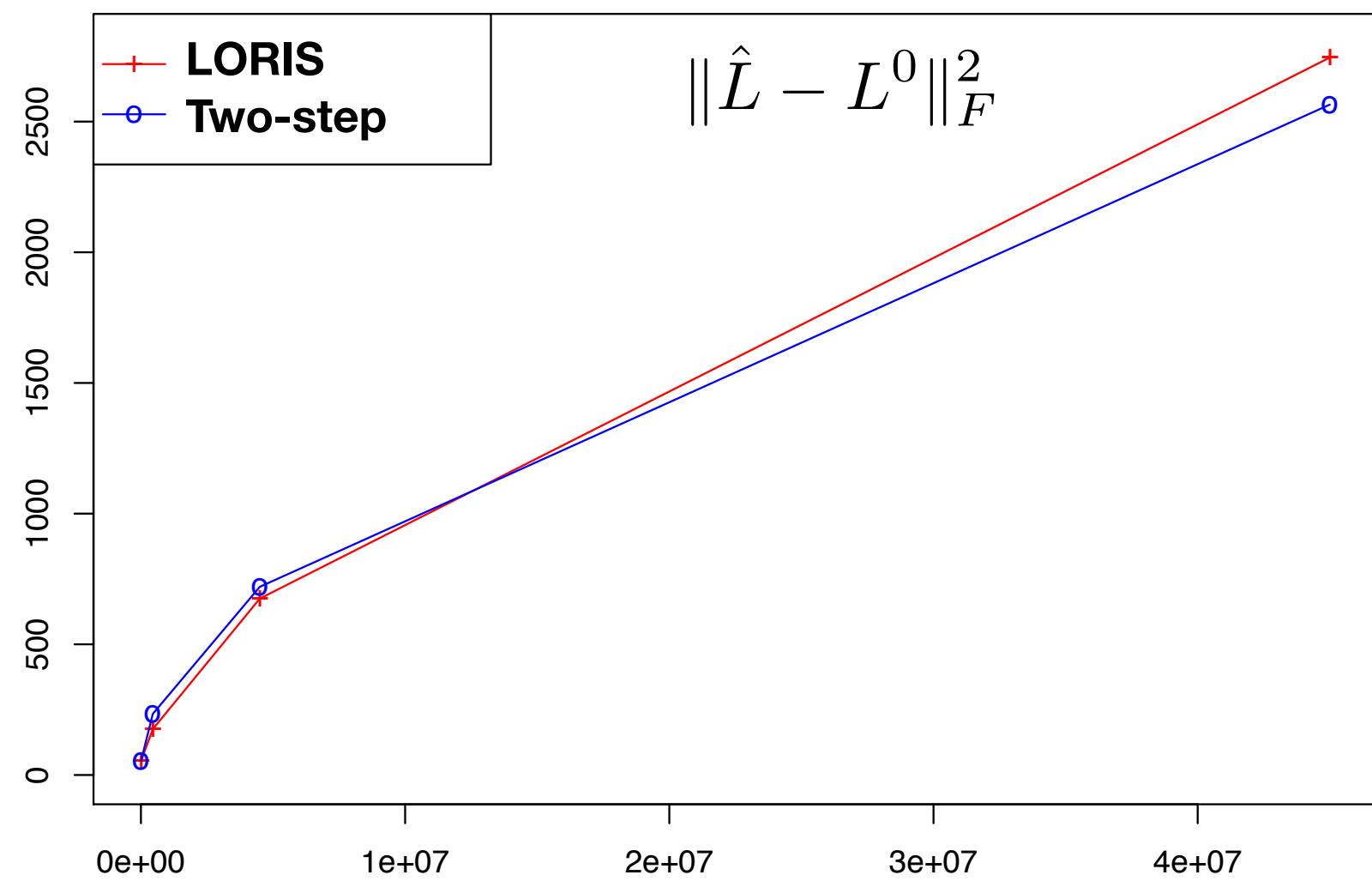
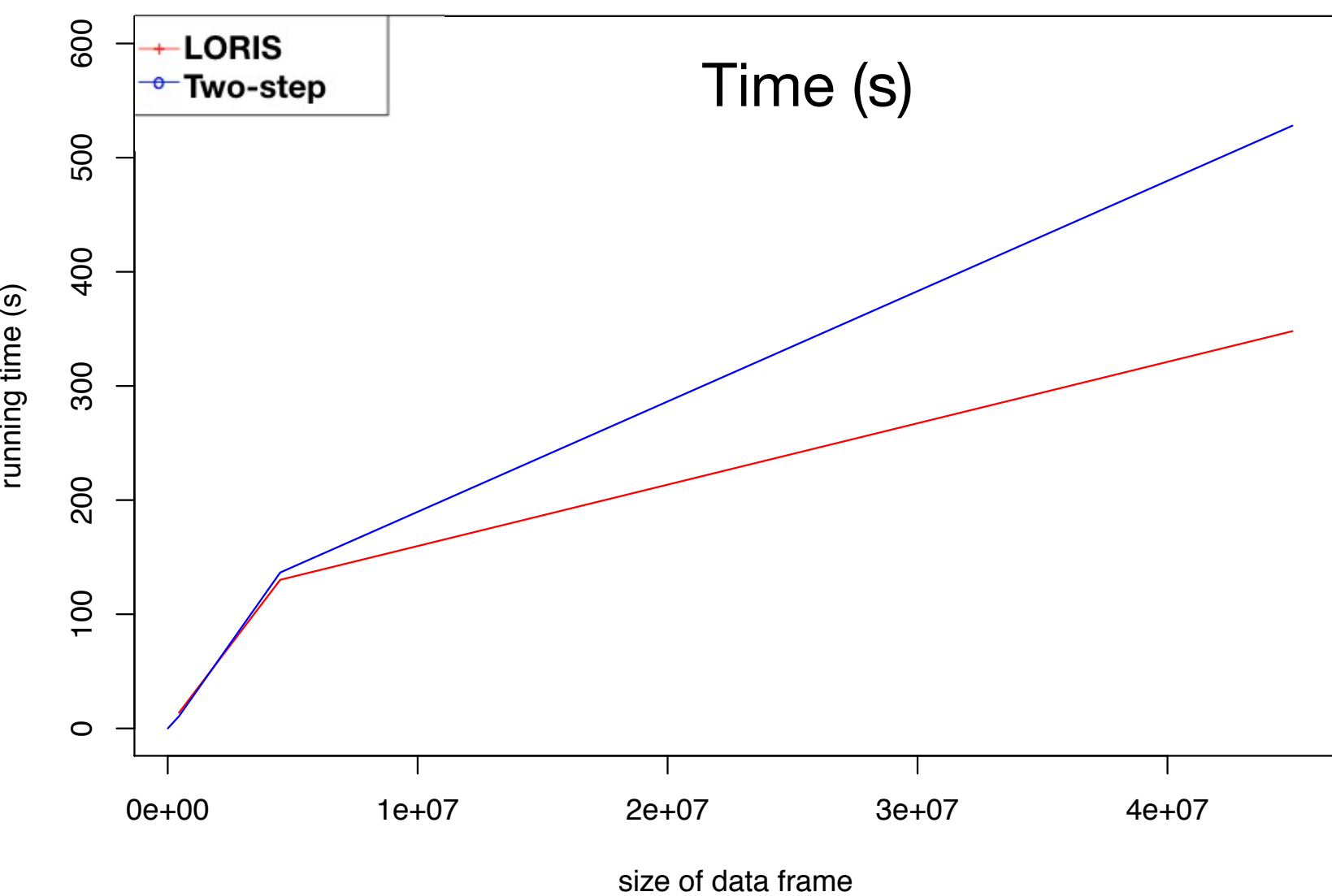
- proximal update for  $\alpha$
- conditional gradient/Franke-Wolfe update for  $L$



Sublinear convergence and **computationally** efficient

### Theorem 2:

The MCGD method converges to an  $\epsilon$ -solution in  $\mathcal{O}(1/\epsilon)$  iterations



Fast in large dimensions



Estimation of main effects constant with dimensions



Robust to large proportions of missing values



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