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Scalable Active Learning by Approximated Error Reduction

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Experiment and Conclusion





Background

- The aim and limitation of existing active learning.



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Experiment and Conclusion



I. Classification

II. Active Learning

Classification

Identifying the categories of unlabeled instances

computer vision, handwriting recognition, speech recognition, document classification







- Difficulties of this problem
 - Quality of labeled instances
 - Expensive costs of collecting labels

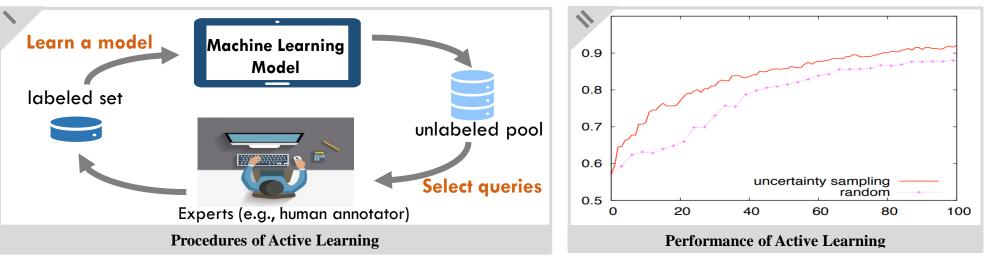




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 - Label prediction based on current **semi-supervised classifier**.
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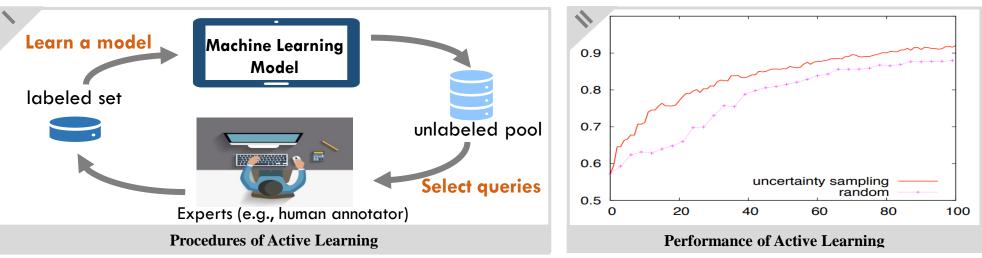


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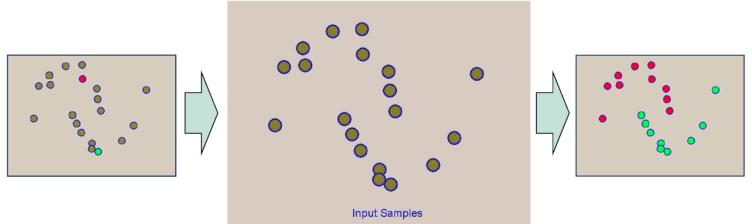


II. Query Selection Criterion

III. Limitations

□ Semi-Supervised Classifier (learn from labeled and unlabeled data)

- Graph-based Classifier
 - Illustration:



- Graph Construction + Label Propagation
- Advantages:
 - Easy for explanation; Analytic solution ...



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I. Semi-Supervised Classifier

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Semi-Supervised Classifier

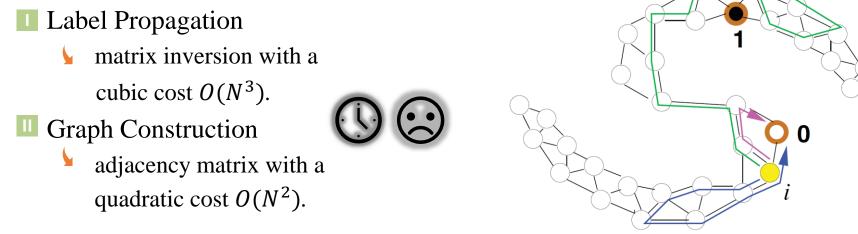
- Graph-based Classifier
 - **Formulation**:

$$minimize \quad \sum_{i}^{n} \|\boldsymbol{f}_{i} - \boldsymbol{y}_{i}\|^{2} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} W_{ij} \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{D_{ii}}} \boldsymbol{f}_{i} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{D_{jj}}} \boldsymbol{f}_{j} \right\|^{2} \Rightarrow minimize \|\boldsymbol{F} - \boldsymbol{Y}\|_{F}^{2} + \lambda tr[\boldsymbol{F}^{T}(\boldsymbol{I} - \boldsymbol{W})\boldsymbol{F}]$$

Optimal Solution:

 $\mathbf{F} = [\mathbf{I} + \lambda(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{W})]^{-1}\mathbf{Y}$

• **P**rocedure:





III. Limitations

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 - **D**efinition: choose the instance with the largest error reduction \Rightarrow tradeoff on error reduction
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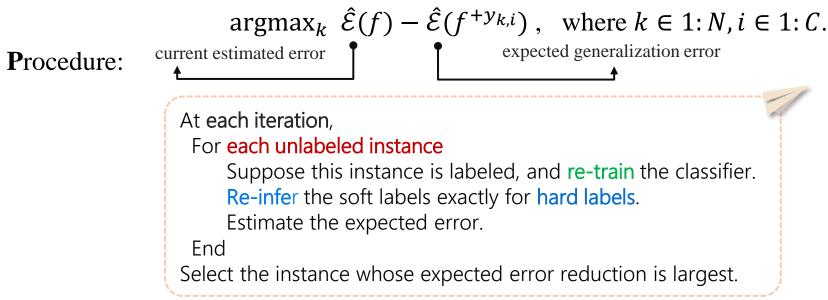
 $\underset{\leftarrow}{\operatorname{argmax}_{k} \ \hat{\mathcal{E}}(f) - \hat{\mathcal{E}}(f^{+y_{k,i}}), \text{ where } k \in 1: N, i \in 1: C.}$



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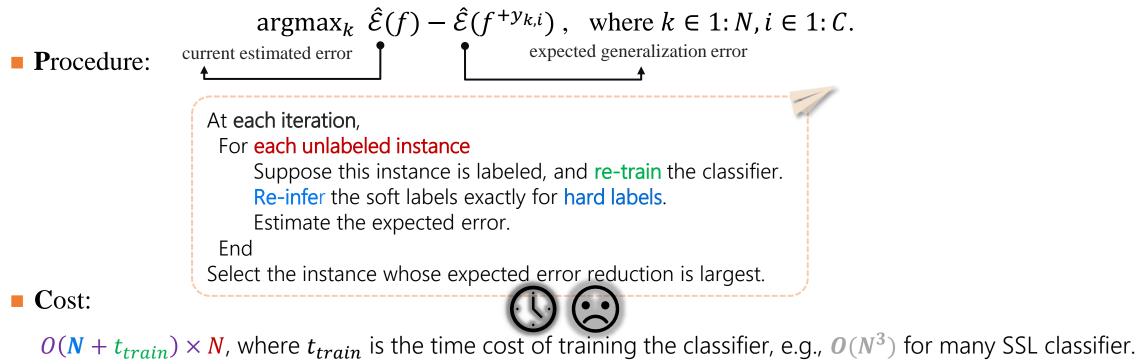




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Query Selection Criterion

- A. Expected Error Reduction (EER)
- B. Uncertainty Sampling
 - **D**efinition: choose the instance with the largest uncertainty.
 - Procedure:

At each iteration, For each unlabeled instance avoid model retraining. Infer the labels of unlabeled instances. Estimate the uncertainty. End Select the instance with the largest uncertainty.

Analysis:

• Cost: reduce the time cost to O(N) without re-training.



Effectiveness: ignore the influence of labels; outliers may be selected.



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Limitations

- Semi-supervised Classifier
 - A. Graph-based Classifier
 - Large time cost of graph construction and mode training.
- Query Selection Criterion
 - A. Expected Error Reduction

(Perform well at either tuning decision boundaries or discovering new classes)

- Large time cost of **model re-training** and **label re-inference**.
- B. Uncertainty Sampling
 - Ignore the **influence** of labels on the **classifier** and **other instances**.

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- An alternative to select high-quality queries efficiently.



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II. Efficient Semi-Supervised Classifier

III. Scalable Query Selection

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Efficient Semi-Supervised Classifier

- Reduce the time cost of graph-based learning.
- Keep a high classification accuracy.

Scalable Query Selection Criterion

- Cut down the time cost of query selection.
- Keep the high quality of selected instances.

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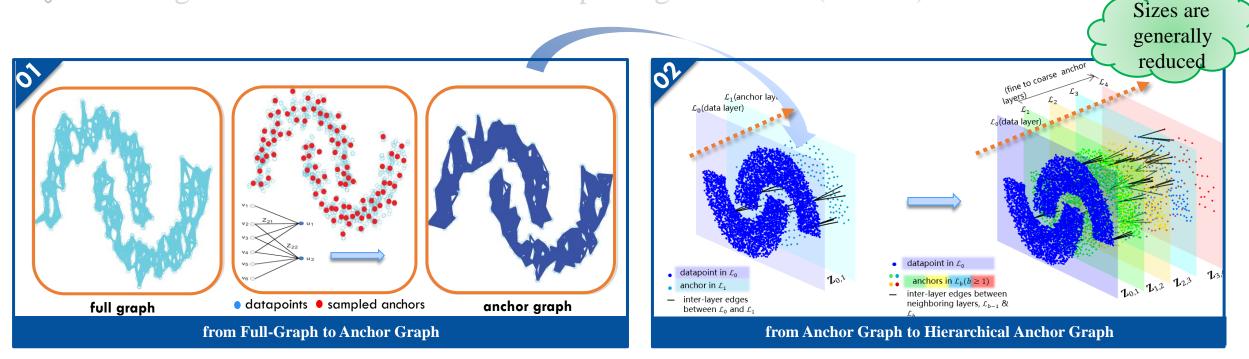
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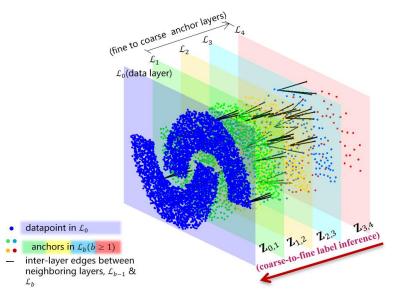
Hierarchical Anchor Graph

& Learning with Hierarchical Anchor Graph Regularization (HAGR)

• Formulation: $\sum_{i=1}^{l} \|\mathbf{Z}_{i.}^{\mathrm{H}}\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{y}_{i}\|^{2} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{i,j}^{n} W_{ij} (\mathbf{Z}_{i.}^{\mathrm{H}}\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{Z}_{j.}^{\mathrm{H}}\mathbf{A})^{2}.$

- **Label smoothing** (Laplacian matrix) based on the **finest** anchors with $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{Z}^{0,1^{\mathrm{T}}} \mathbf{Z}^{0,1}$.
- Label inference (hierarchically) from the coarsest anchors with Z^H = Z^{0,1}Z^{1,2} ... Z^{h-1,h}.
- Solution: $\mathbf{A} = \left(\mathbf{Z}_{L}^{H^{T}}\mathbf{Z}^{H} + \lambda \tilde{\mathbf{L}}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{Z}_{L}^{H^{T}}\mathbf{Y}_{L}$

• Time cost: reduced to $O(NN_h^2 + N_h^3)$.



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II. Efficient Semi-Supervised Classifier

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Motivations

- □ Efficient Semi-Supervised Classifier
 - Cut down the computational cost of graph construction and model optimization.
 - Keeping a satisfying performance on the classification accuracy.

Scalable Query Selection Criterion

- Cut down the computational cost of query selection.
- Keeping a satisfying performance on the quality of selected instances.

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II. Efficient Semi-Supervised Classifier

Scalable Query Selection

- <u>Approximated</u> $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$ rror $\underline{\mathbf{R}}$ eduction (AER)
 - Definition:
 - an approximated estimation of expected error reduction with limited computations.
 - Formulation: average estimated error argmax_{xq} I_q × (<sup>εr_(q)/<sub>I_(q))^{1-ε}
 where I_q is the expected impact over all instances, ε is the hyper-parameter and
 <sup>εr_(q)/_{I_(q)} is the approximated ratio between the error reduction and the expected impact over nearby instances.
 Interpretation:
 error reduction =expected impact × ^{expected error reduction}/_{expected Impact}.
 approximated error reduction =expected impact × (^{expected error reduction}/_{expected Impact})^{1-ε}/_{nearby datapoints}.
 </sup></sub></sup>
 - Setting ϵ as average estimated error within $(0, 1) \Rightarrow$ Adaptive tradeoff between two terms with the error decreasing.

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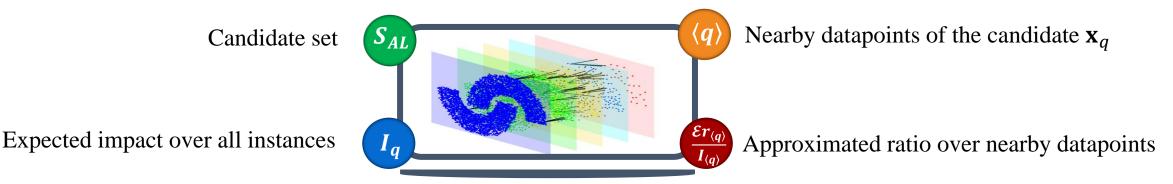
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Formulation:

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{x}_{q}} I_{q} \times \left(\frac{\varepsilon r_{\langle q \rangle}}{I_{\langle q \rangle}}\right)^{1-\varepsilon}, q \in S_{AL}$$

where I_q is the expected impact over all instances, $\frac{\varepsilon_{r_{\langle q \rangle}}}{I_{\langle q \rangle}}$ is the approximated ratio between the error reduction and the expected impact over nearby instances, and ε is the tradeoff parameter.

Keypoints:



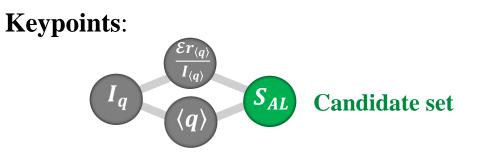
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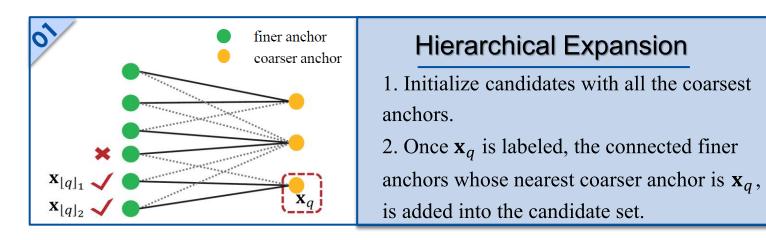
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Details:

<u>Hierarchical expansion of candidates</u>



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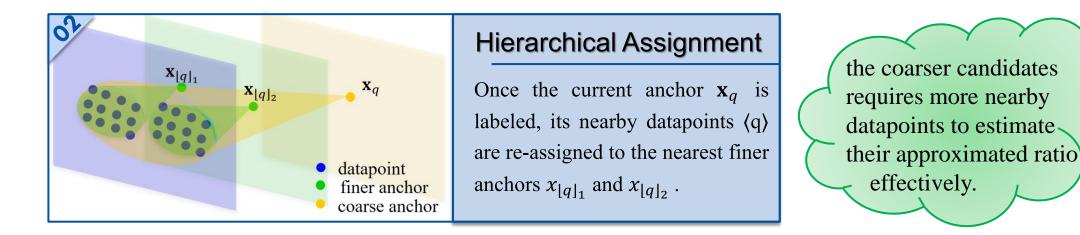
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<u>Approximated</u> <u>Error</u> <u>R</u>eduction (AER)

Keypoints: S_{AL} S_{AL} I_q Nearby datapoints of x_q Hierarchical assignment of nearby datapoints

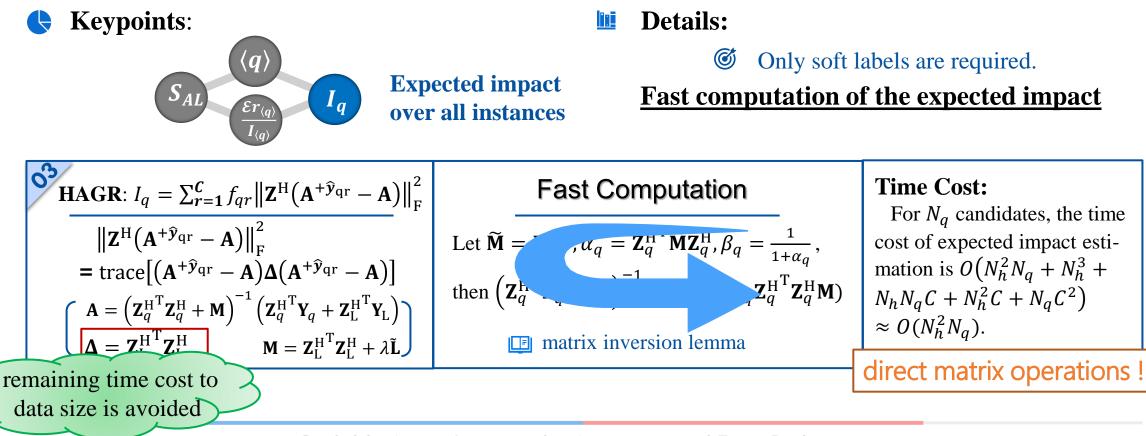


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<u>Approximated</u> $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$ rror $\underline{\mathbf{R}}$ eduction (AER)



 $\mathcal{E}r_{\langle q \rangle} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\langle q \rangle}} \eta_i \ell(f_i, \hat{f}_i) \approx \eta \sum \ell(f_i, \hat{f}_i)$

 η :degree of the expected error will be reduced.

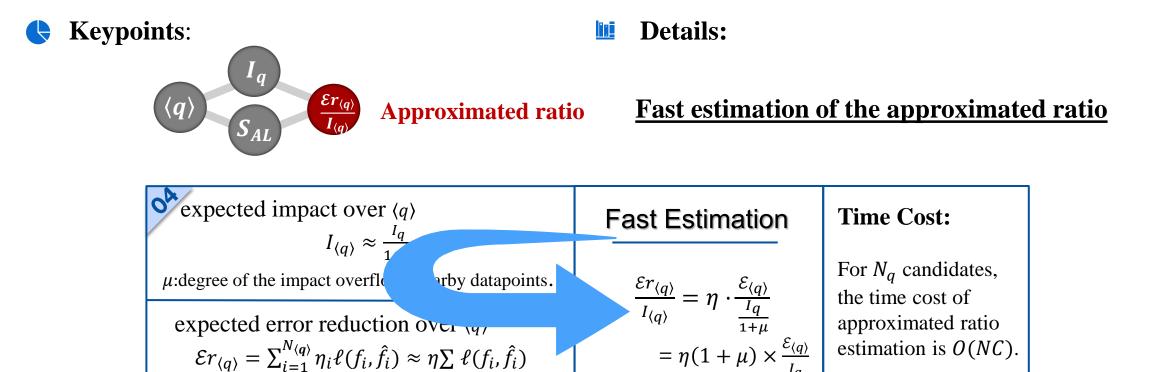
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estimation is O(NC).

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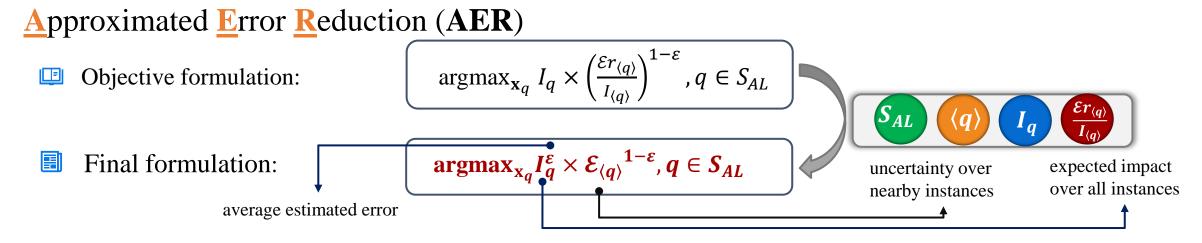
Approximated Error Reduction (AER)



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AER enables an efficient estimation of error reduction without re-inferring labels of instances.

The expected impact can be calculated for all candidates via direct matrix operations rather than multiple iterations.



Apart from the **similar time cost to** that of the **uncertainty sampling**, **the remaining time cost** of our AER-based approach is **independent of data sizes** during the query selection.



AER focuses on **global impact first** and pays attention to **local uncertainty later**, which provides an opportunity to achieve **comparable or even higher accuracies** than the EER-based approach.









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Experiment

Efficient Semi-Supervised Learning on Hierarchical Anchor Graph

Scalable Active Learning with Approximated Error Reduction

Classification error rates (%) on **USPS-Train** (7,291 samples) with l = 100 labeled samples. m = 1000 for four versions of AGR. The running time of k-means clustering is 7.65 seconds.

Method	Error Rate	Running Time	
	(%)	(seconds)	
1NN	20.15 ± 1.80	0.12	
LGC with 6NN graph	$8.79 {\pm} 2.27$	403.02	
GFHF with 6NN graph \sim	5.10 ± 0.43	413.28	
$random AnchorGraphReg^0$	11.15 ± 0.77	2.55	
random AnchorGraphReg	10.30 ± 0.75	8.85	
AnchorGraphReg ⁰	$7.40{\pm}0.59$	10.20	
AnchorGraphReg	$6.56{\pm}0.55$	16.57	

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# of labeled	1NN	LSVM	AGR	EAGR	HAGR	HAGR	
samples			-30,000	-30,000	-30,000-5,000	-300,000-30,000-500	<u>0</u>
100	60.16 ± 1.96	59.67 ± 2.19	$\overline{89.87 \pm 1.78}$	90.27 ± 0.18	89.46 ± 1.24	91.36 ± 0.70	
200	68.66 ± 1.29	64.46 ± 2.37	91.15 ± 0.59	91.76 ± 0.57	90.85 ± 0.50	92.46 ± 0.42	
300	72.78 ± 0.81	66.79 ± 2.25	92.21 ± 0.51	92.37 ± 0.51	91.66 ± 0.42	93.05 ± 0.37	_
400	75.33 ± 0.60	68.33 ± 1.97	92.47 ± 0.44	92.73 ± 0.38	92.16 ± 0.36	93.43 ± 0.37	-
500	77.24 ± 0.55	70.65 ± 1.49	92.70 ± 0.41	93.05 ± 0.29	92.50 ± 0.29	93.78 ± 0.24	- I.
600	78.58 ± 0.54	72.64 ± 1.36	92.80 ± 0.34	93.17 ± 0.27	92.64 ± 0.26	93.90 ± 0.27	- I/
700	79.87 ± 0.70	73.80 ± 1.27	93.12 ± 0.31	93.41 ± 0.30	92.92 ± 0.28	94.10 ± 0.25	
800	81.02 ± 0.50	73.87 ± 1.18	93.19 ± 0.23	93.51 ± 0.15	93.06 ± 0.16	94.21 ± 0.15	
900	81.76 ± 0.49	73.97 ± 0.96	93.29 ± 0.36	93.63 ± 0.21	93.18 ± 0.26	94.28 ± 0.15	_
1000	82.51 ± 0.42	76.95 ± 1.13	93.49 ± 0.22	93.79 ± 0.15	93.37 ± 0.16	94.39 ± 0.12	_

Classification accuracies (%) with different number of labeled samples on the MNIST8M dataset.

The comparison of time costs (in seconds) of AGR, EAGR, and HAGR methods on the MNIST8M dataset.

Dataset AGR-30,000	EAGR-30,000	HAGR-30,000-5000	HAGR-300,000-30,000-5,000
MNIST8M 665.07	662.60	104.97	137.54

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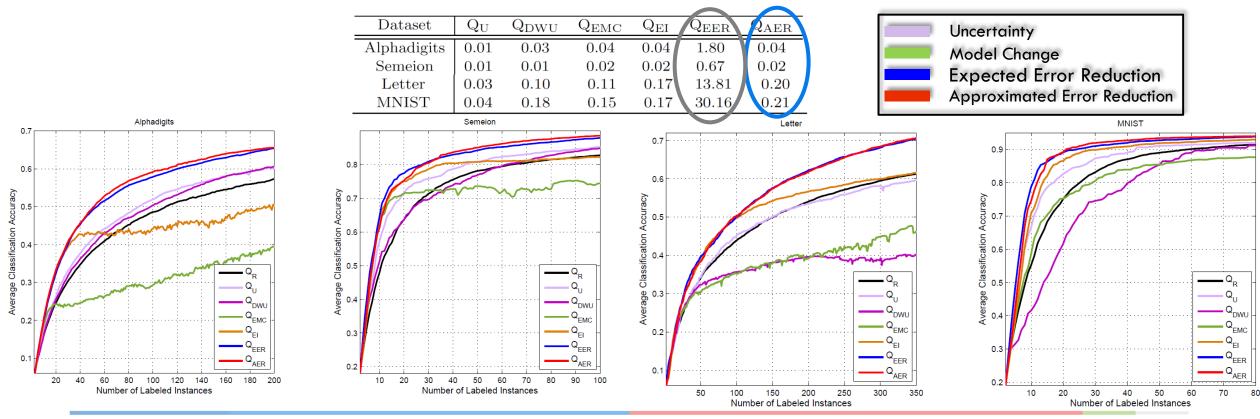
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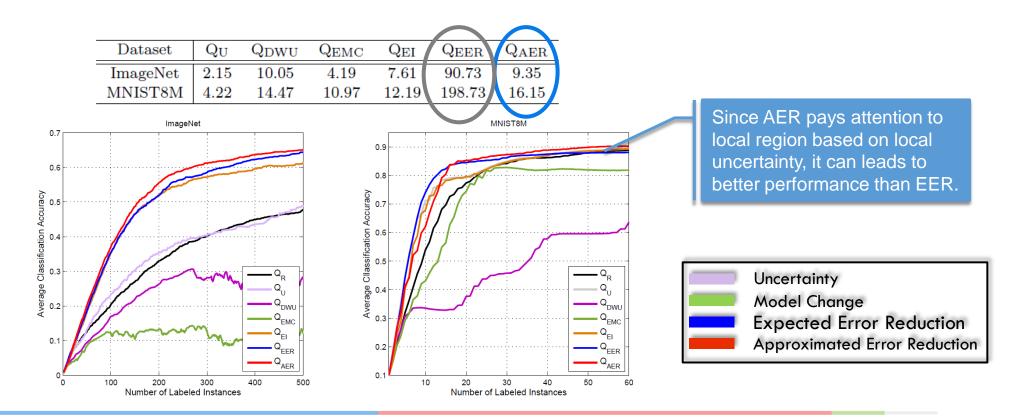
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Semi-supervised classifier on hierarchical anchor graph.

Query selection criterion with approximated error reduction.

Scalable active learning for efficient classification.

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