

We study the combination of ensembles and sparse conditional models. They are complementary, providing strong predictive performance and uncertainty calibration. We propose a new algorithm with the best of both worlds.

Sparse MoEs meet Efficient Ensembles



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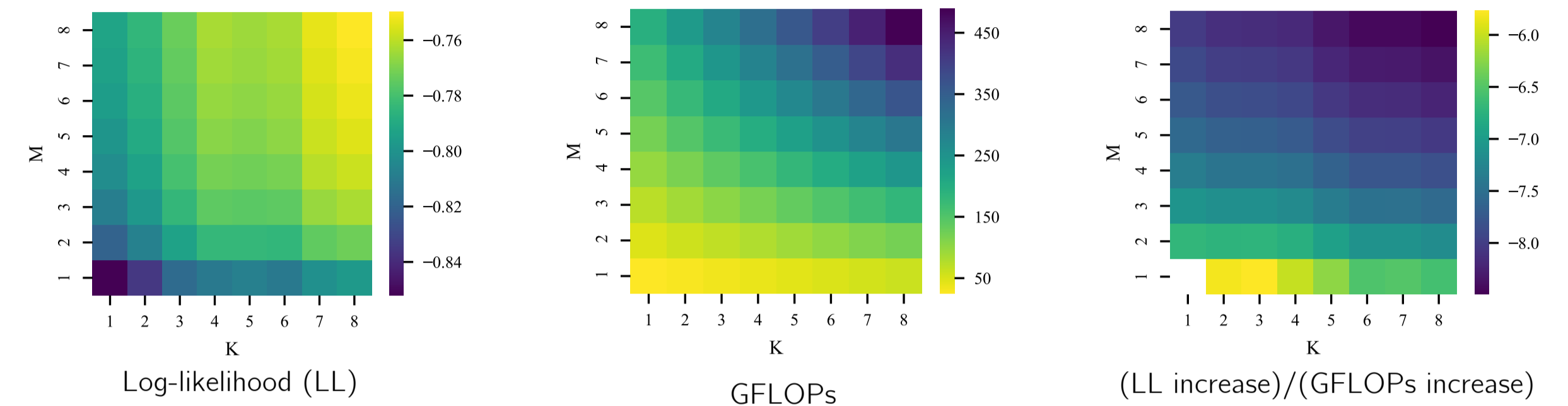


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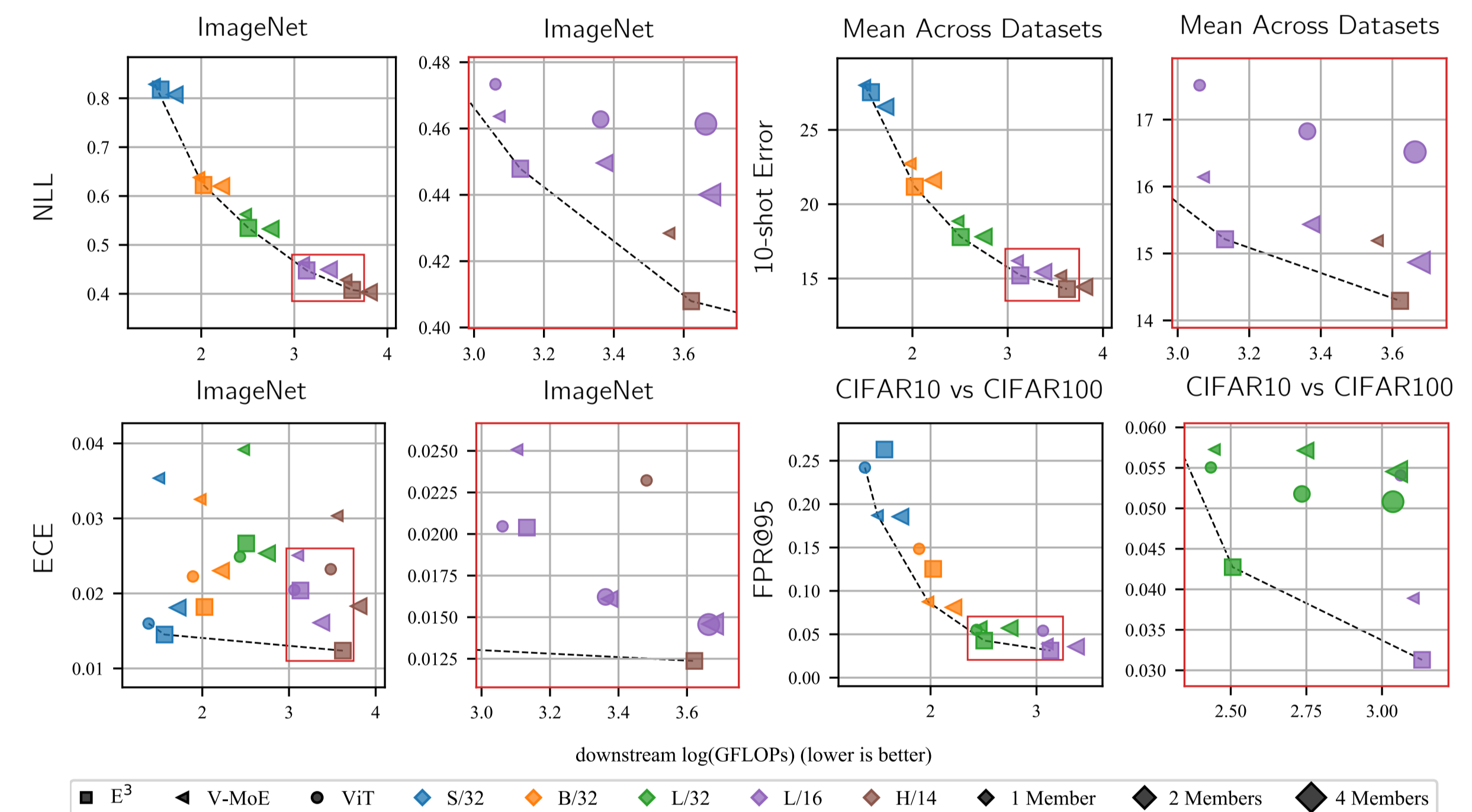
Sparse MoEs vs Ensembles Summary

| | Predictions | Combinations | Conditional Computation | Cost |
|----------------|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Sparse MoEs | Single | Activation level | Yes, adaptively per-input | ≈ dense |
| Ensembles | Multiple | Prediction level | No, Static | > dense |
| E ³ | Multiple | Activation & prediction level | Yes, adaptively per-input | ≈ dense |

Static (M) vs Adaptive (K) Ensembling (yellow is better)



Highlighted Results (lower is better)



E³ Algorithm Overview

