

Social science helps us

Take models off the table

- Where the best available model is not adequate for purpose, what should we do?
- How can we benchmark model performance and remove those that provide no useful information?



Benchmarking the performance of complex models against much simpler predictive statistics can help us understand when models add value, and when a more effective decision procedure would take the model results off the table and focus on other things.

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