Topics in instrumental variable estimation: structural mean models and bounds

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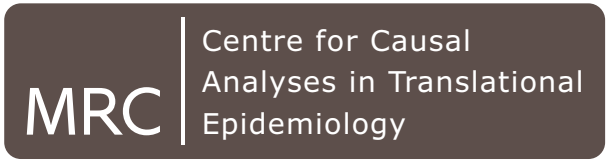

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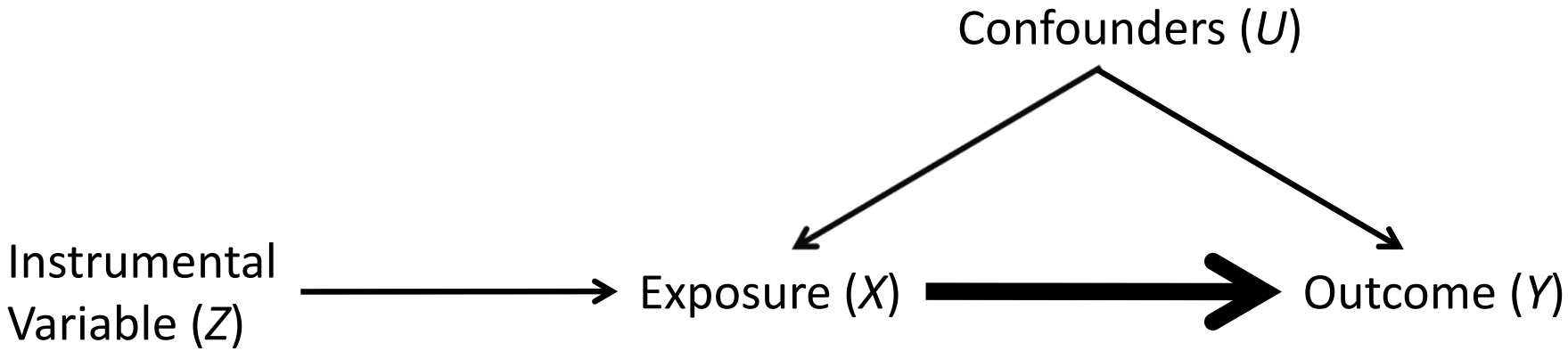

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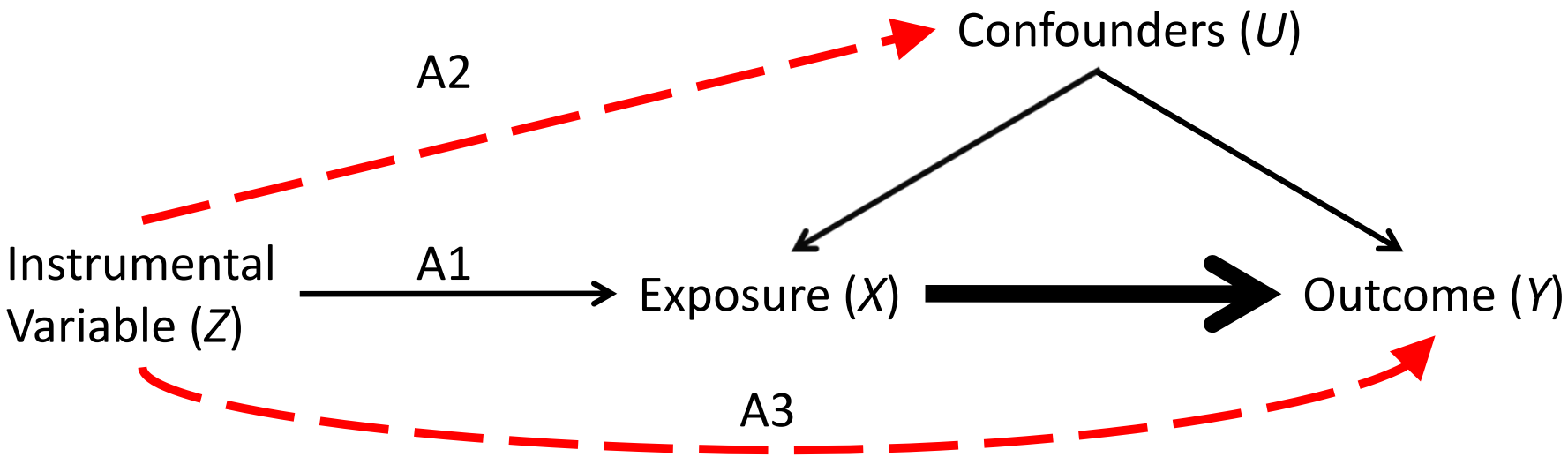

A1. Instrumental variable associated with exposure ($Z \not\perp\!\!\!\perp X$)
A2. Instrumental variable independent of confounders ($Z \perp\!\!\!\perp U$)
A3. No direct effect of instrumental variable on outcome
exclusion restriction ($Y \perp\!\!\!\perp Z \mid (X, U)$)

Application: Mendelian randomization

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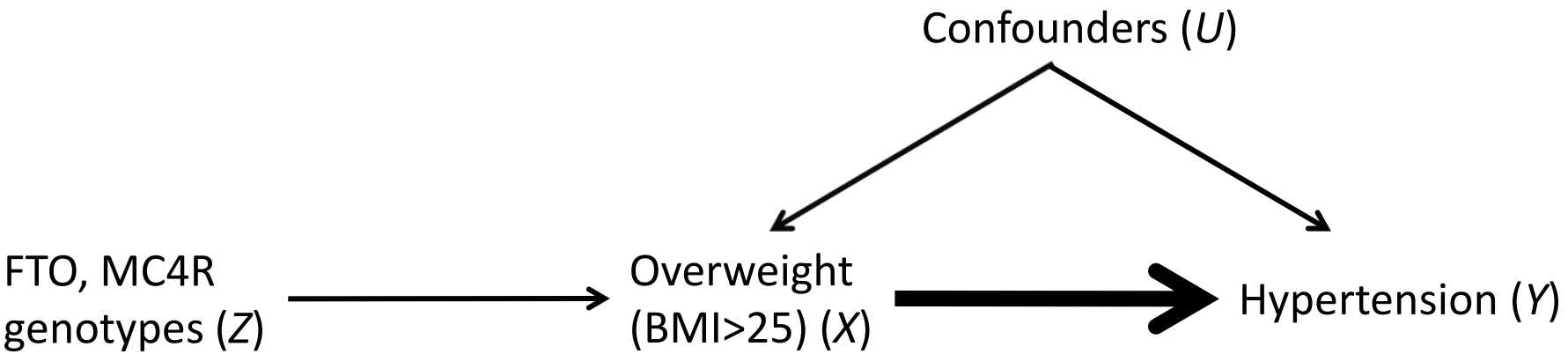

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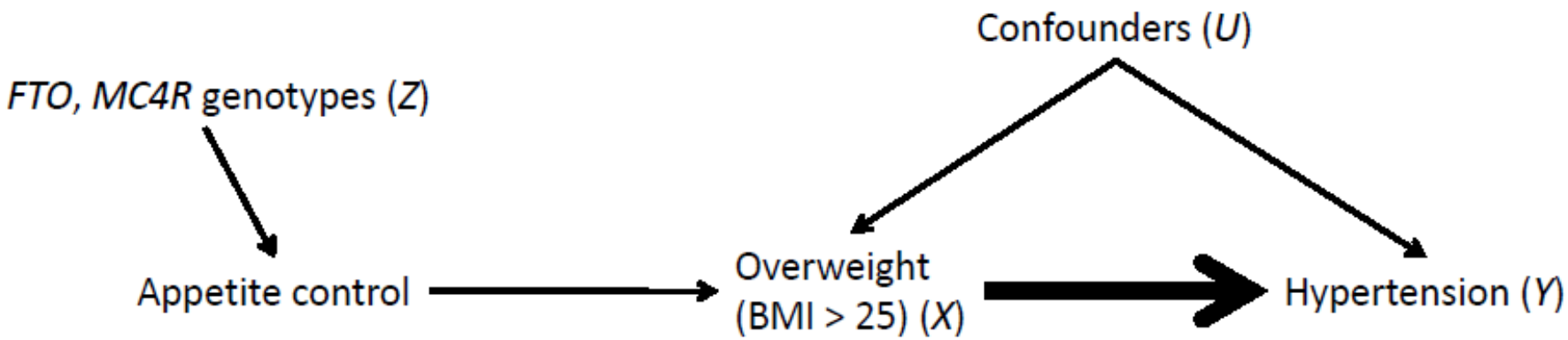
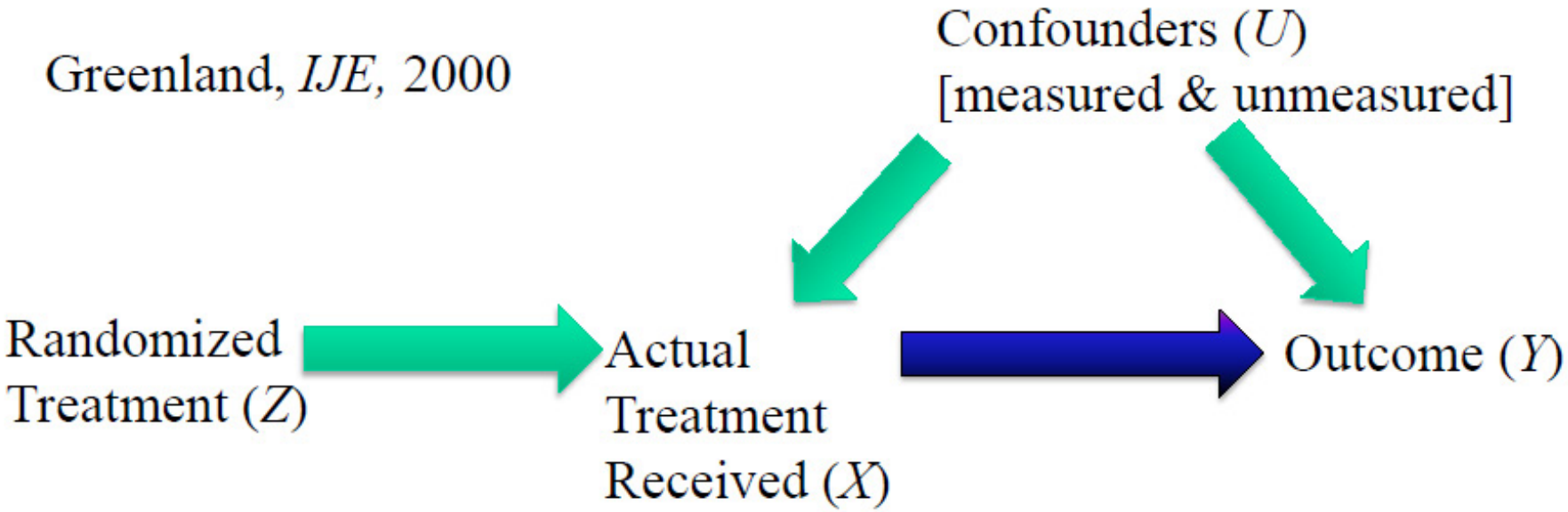


IV does not have to be causal for exposure

Application: randomized controlled trials

Correcting for noncompliance in randomized controlled trials

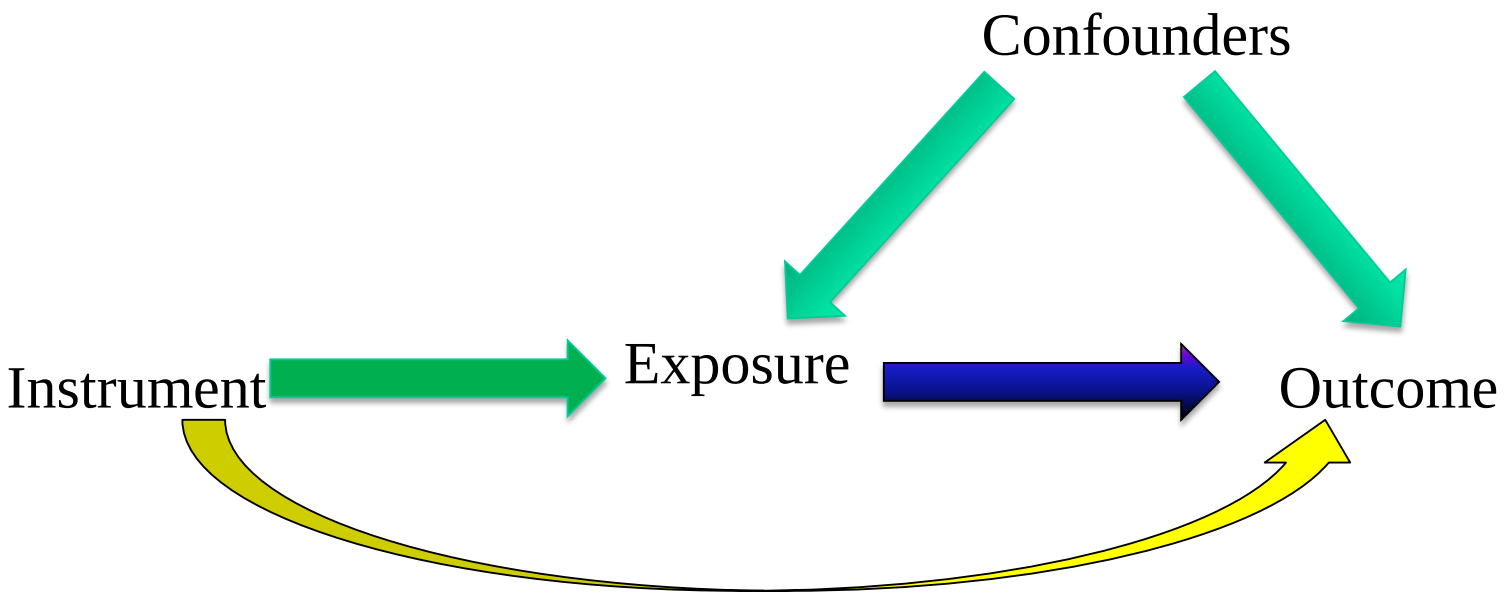


Test of presence of causal effect

If the IV conditions hold, then a test of the

instrument-outcome association

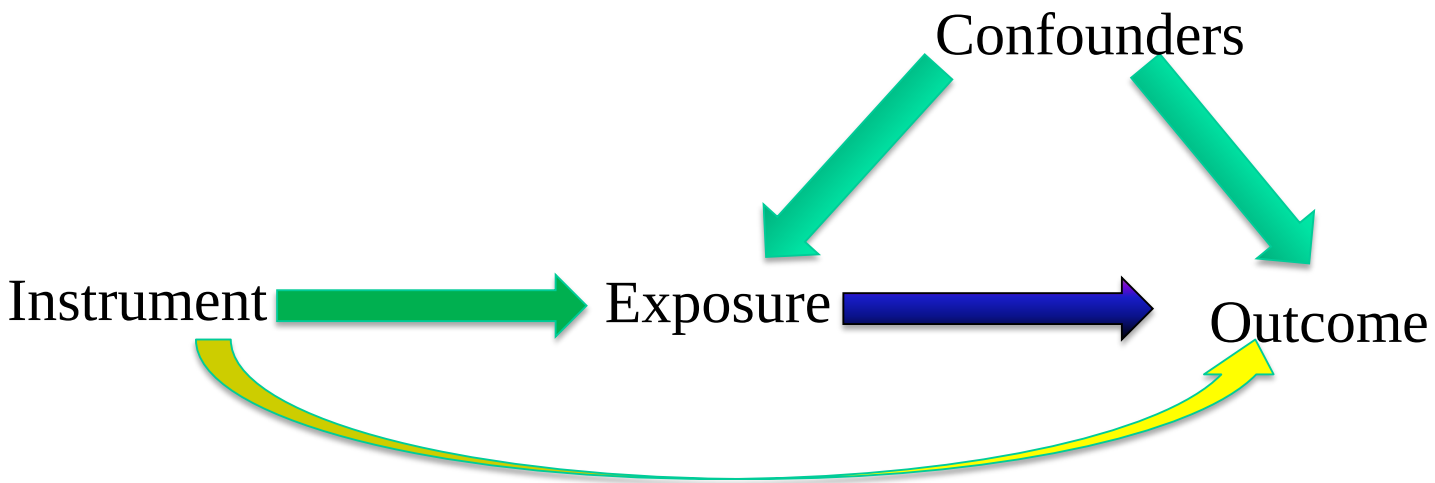
is a test for the presence of a causal effect of exposure on outcome



Ratio estimator

Assumptions: everything linear, binary instrument

$$\text{IV estimate of Exposure on Outcome} = \frac{\text{Instrument-outcome association } (ZY)}{\text{Instrument-exposure association } (ZX)}$$



Standard error & confidence interval from delta-method/Fieller's theorem (Thomas et al. *Ann Epi*, 2007)

Two-stage least squares estimator

Estimation with multiple instruments

Two-stage least squares

$$X = \beta_0 + \beta_{z1}Z_1 + ... + \beta_{zn}Z_n$$

Stage 1

- Regress Exposure on instrument/s
- Generate predicted values of exposure

$$\hat{X} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_Z Z$$

Stage 2

- Regress Outcome on predicted values of exposure
- (***adjust standard errors***)

$$Y = \alpha + \beta_{XY}\hat{X}$$

Stata comands: `ivregress`, `ivreg2`

Automatically correct standard errors!!

Binary outcome: parameter = risk difference

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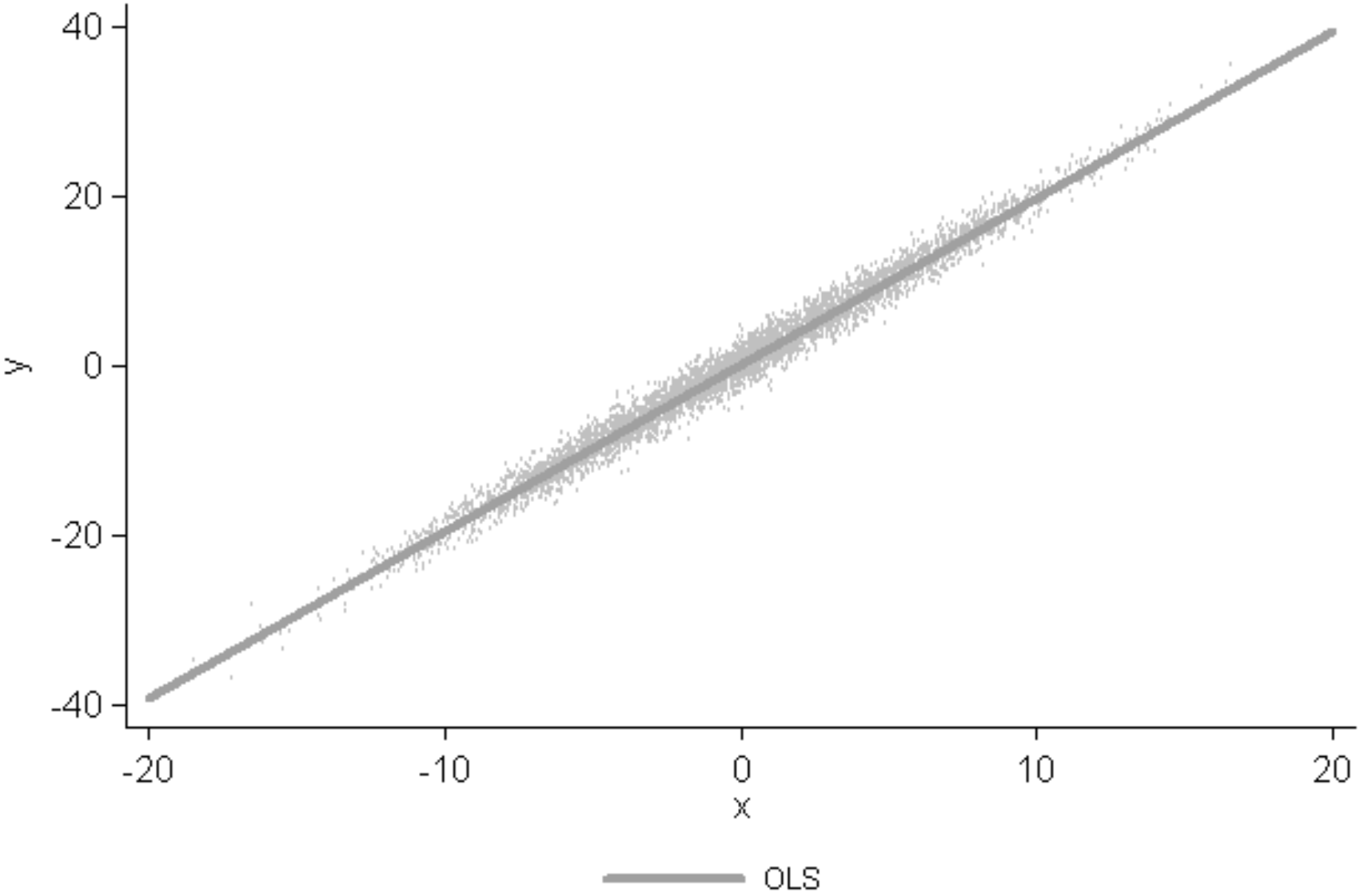

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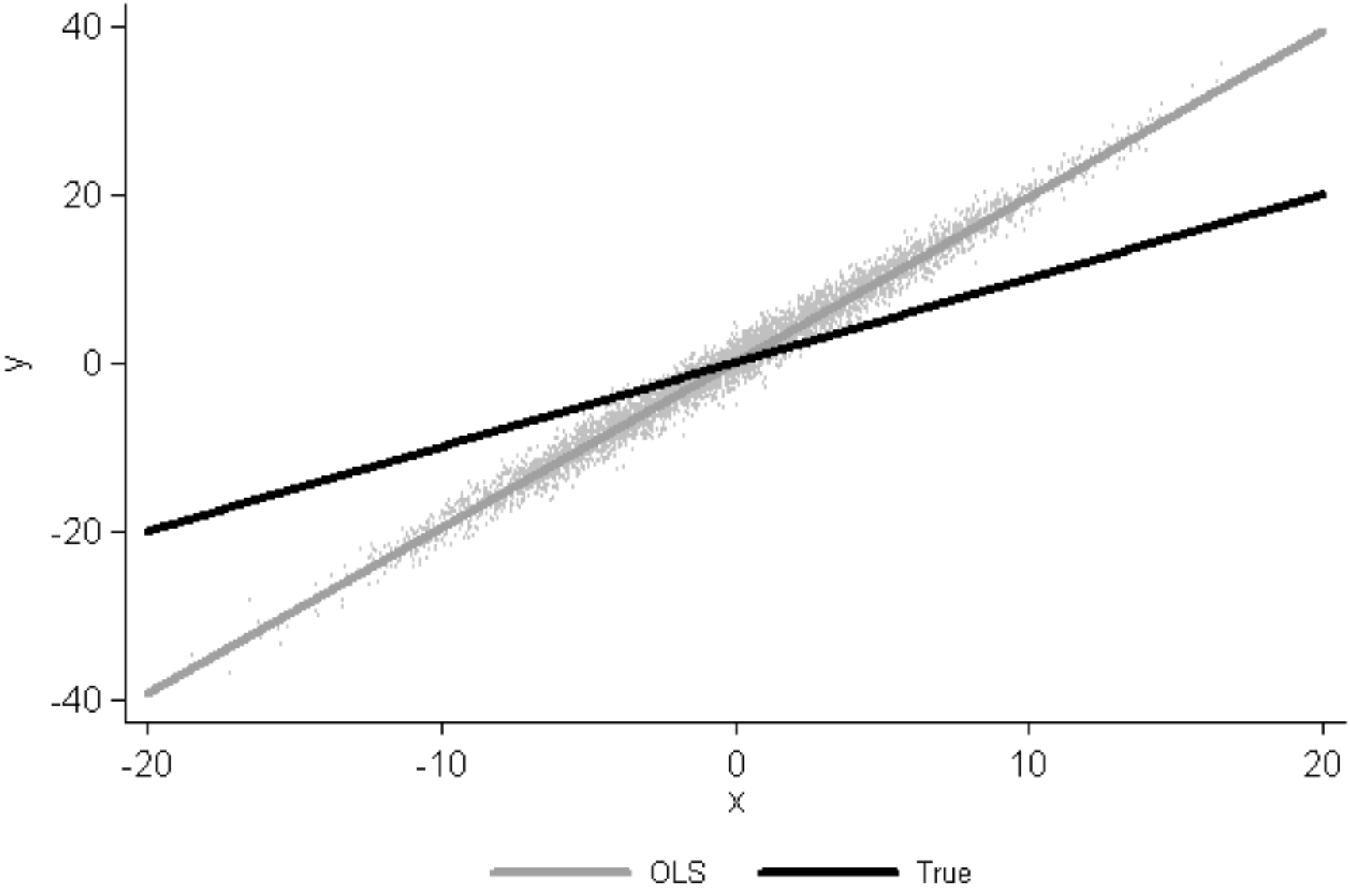

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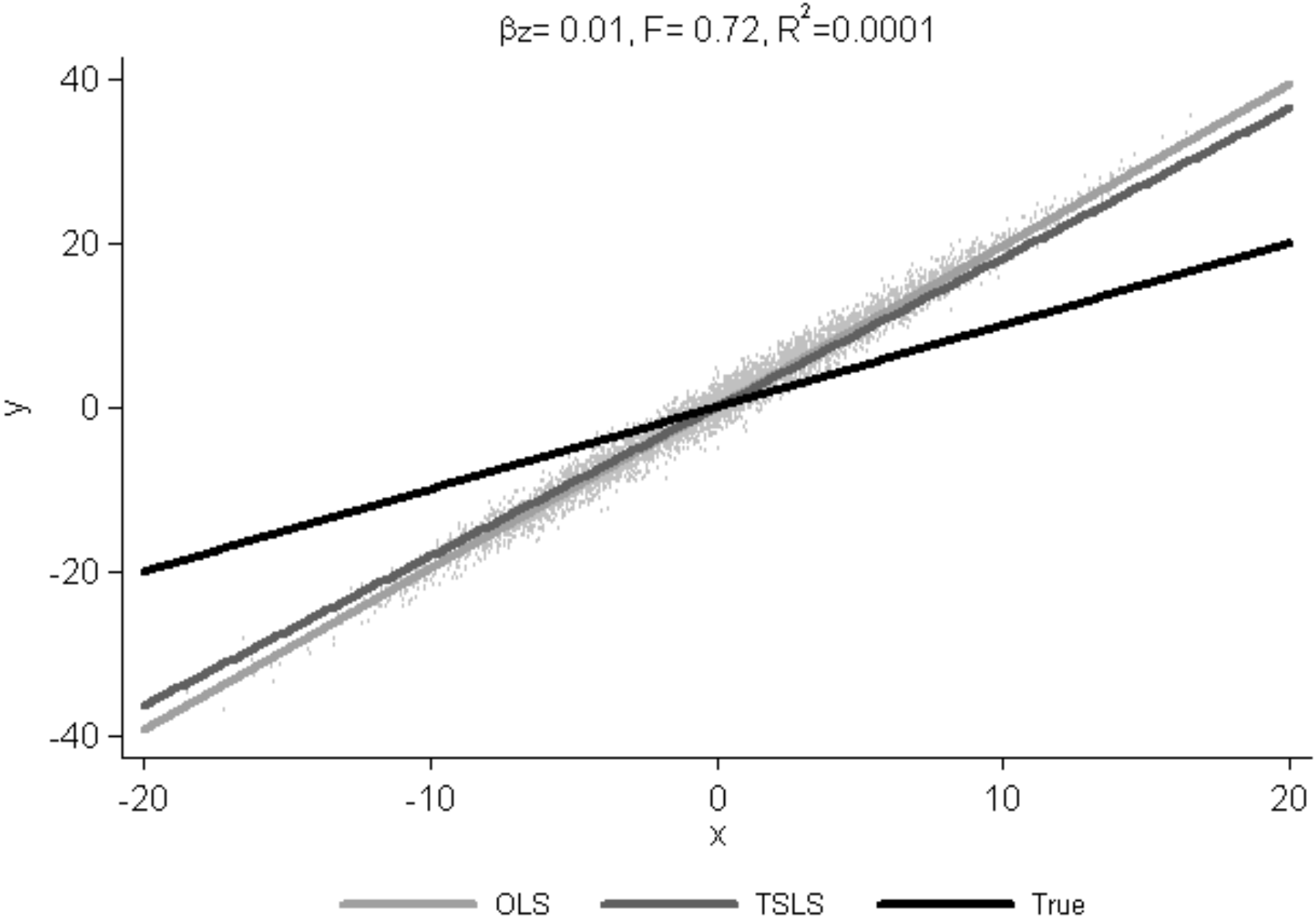

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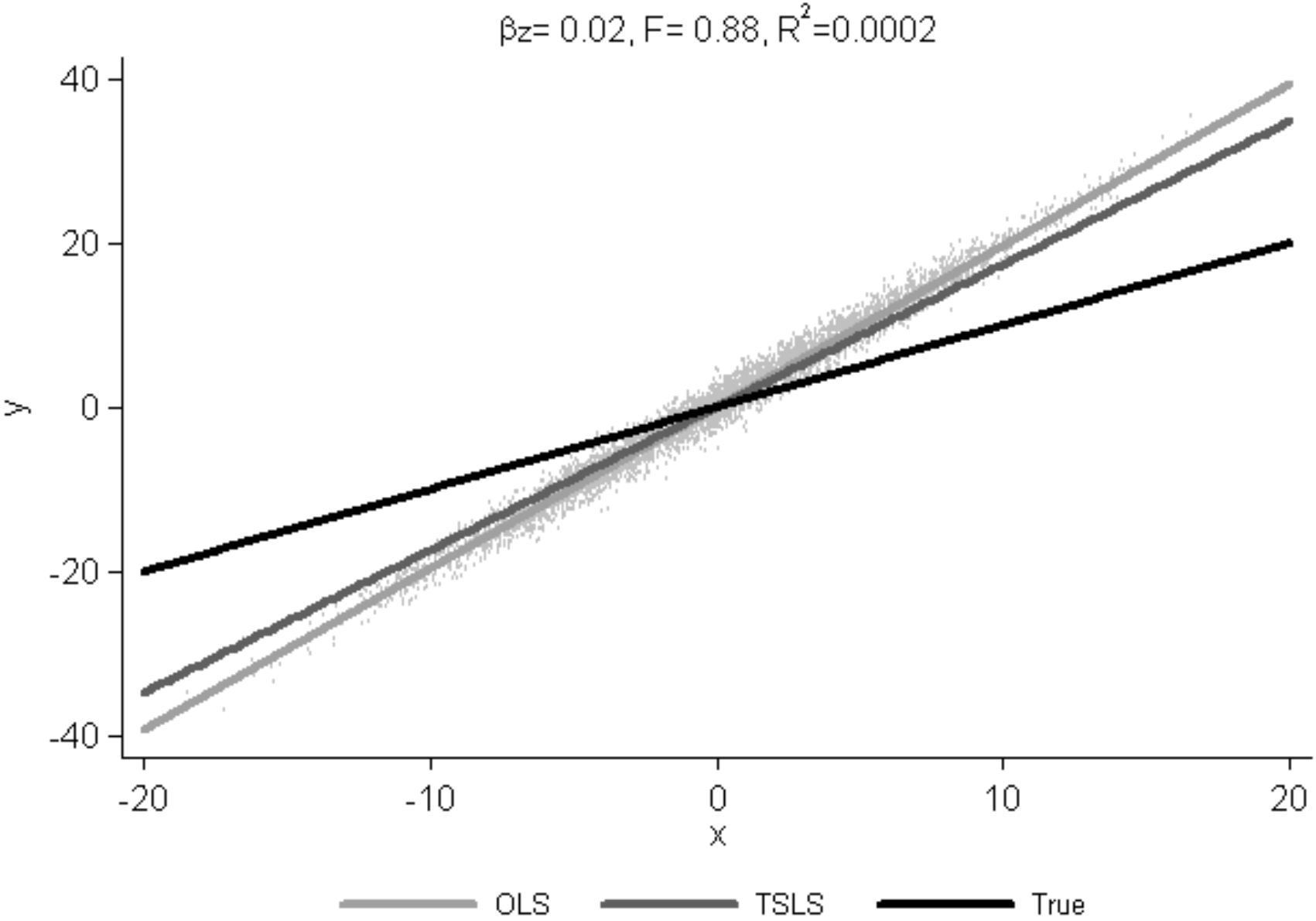

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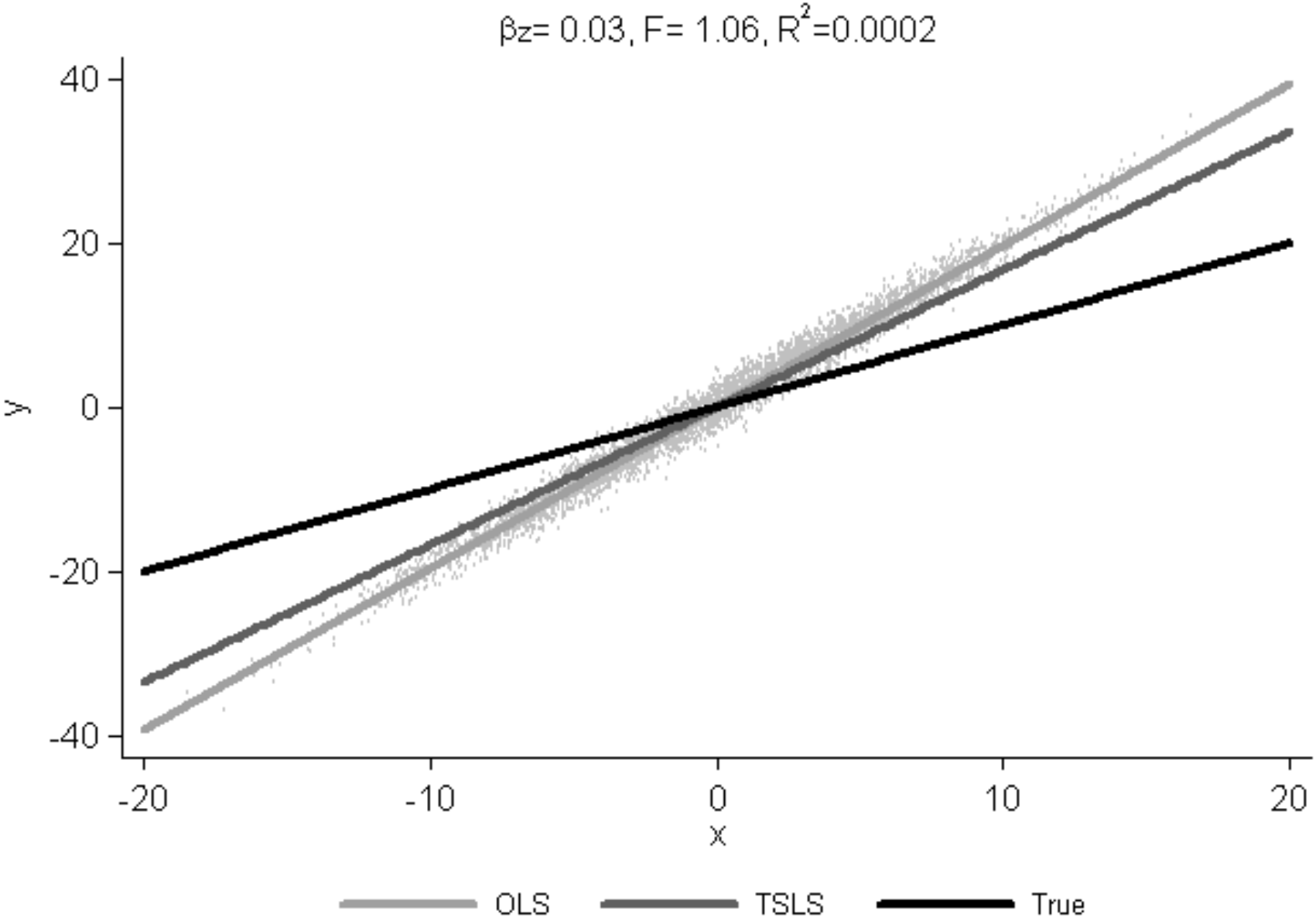

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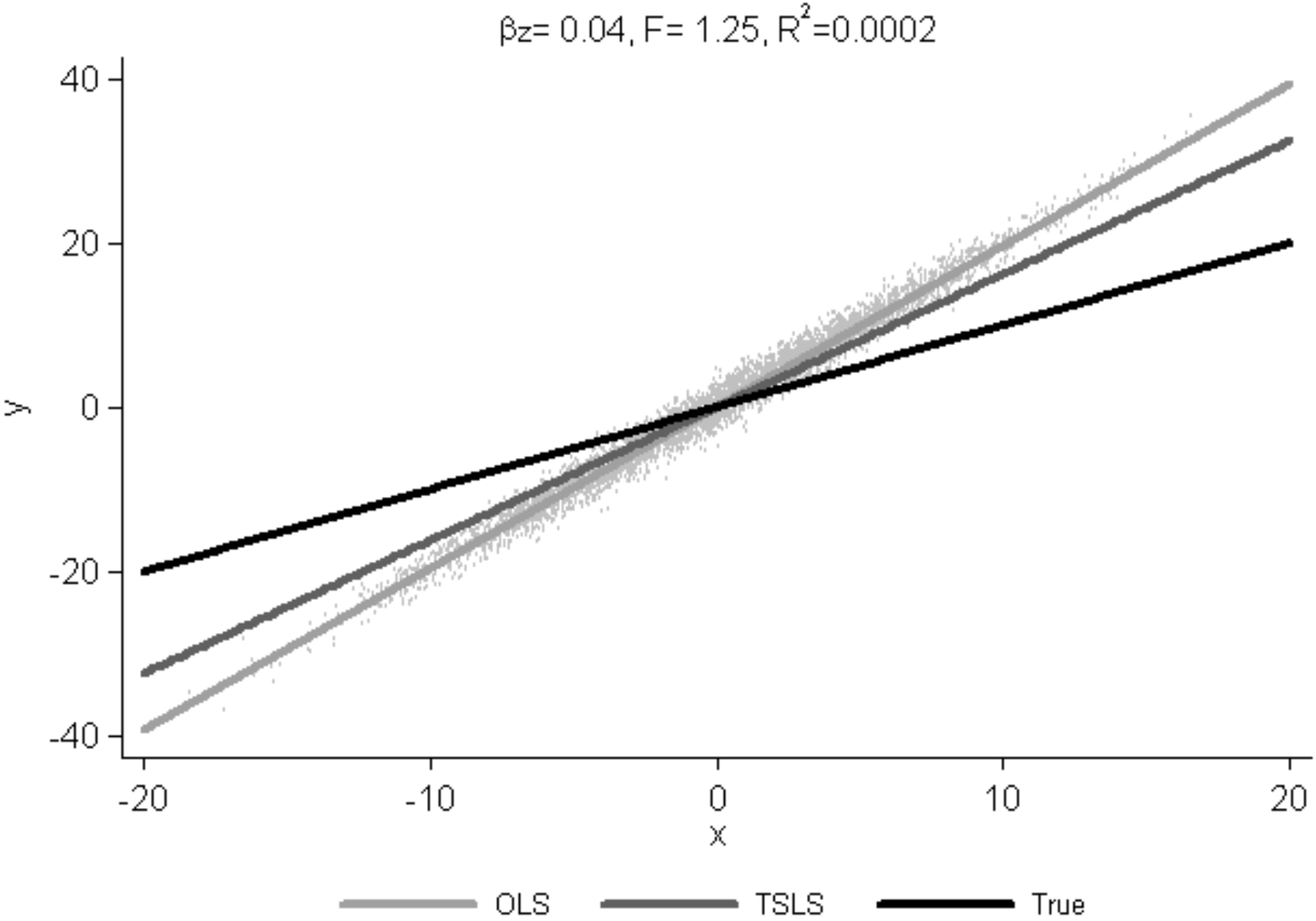

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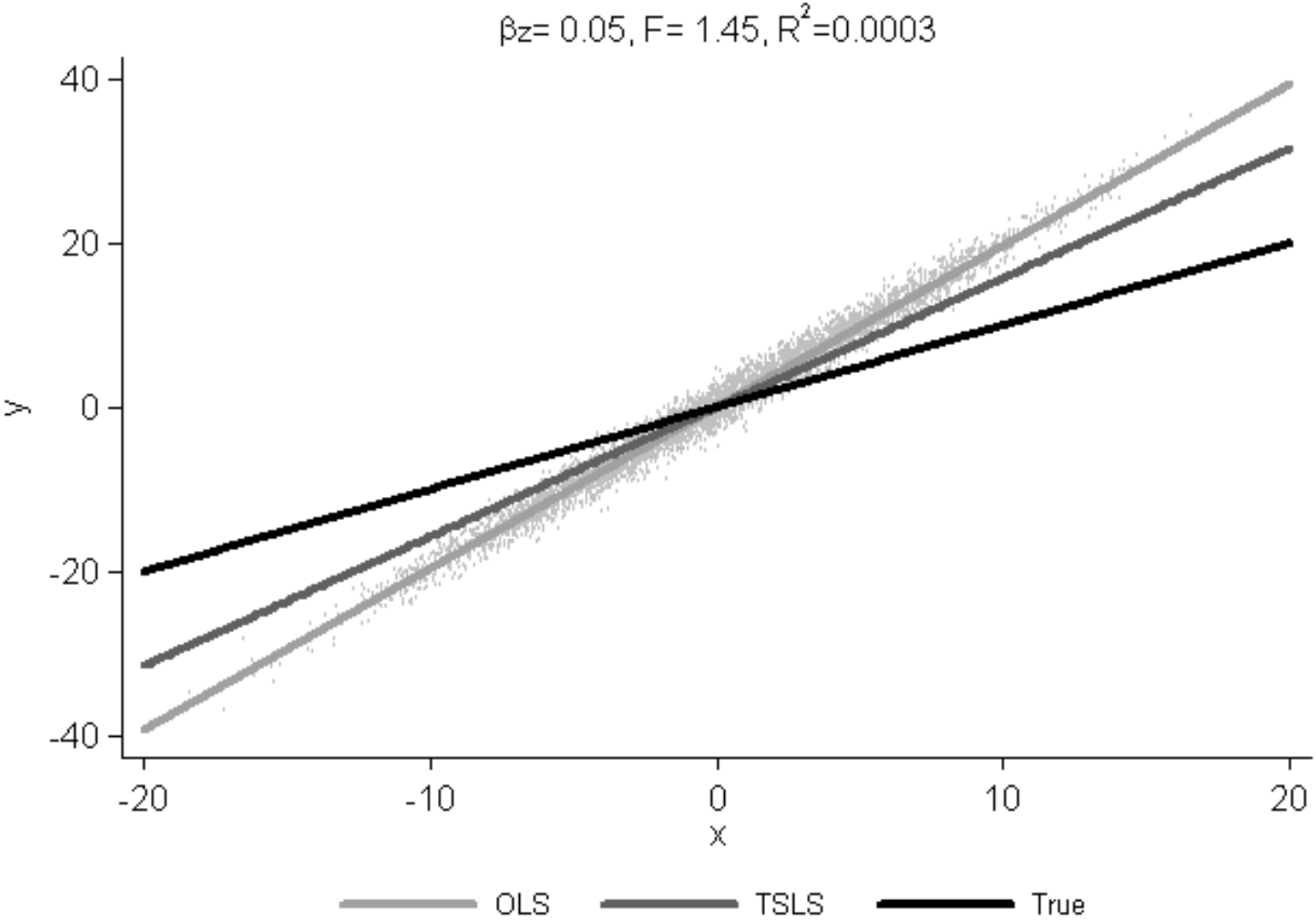

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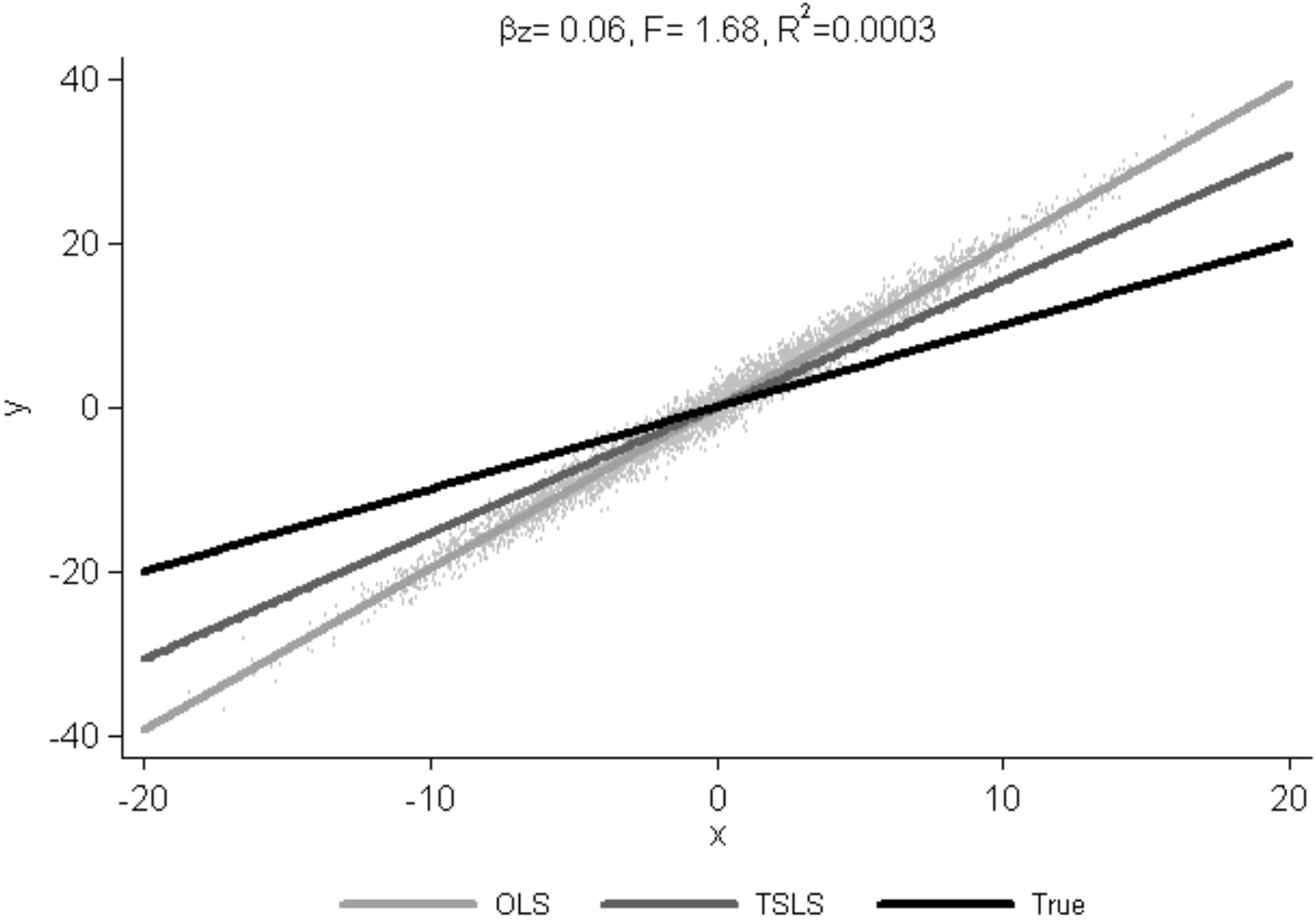

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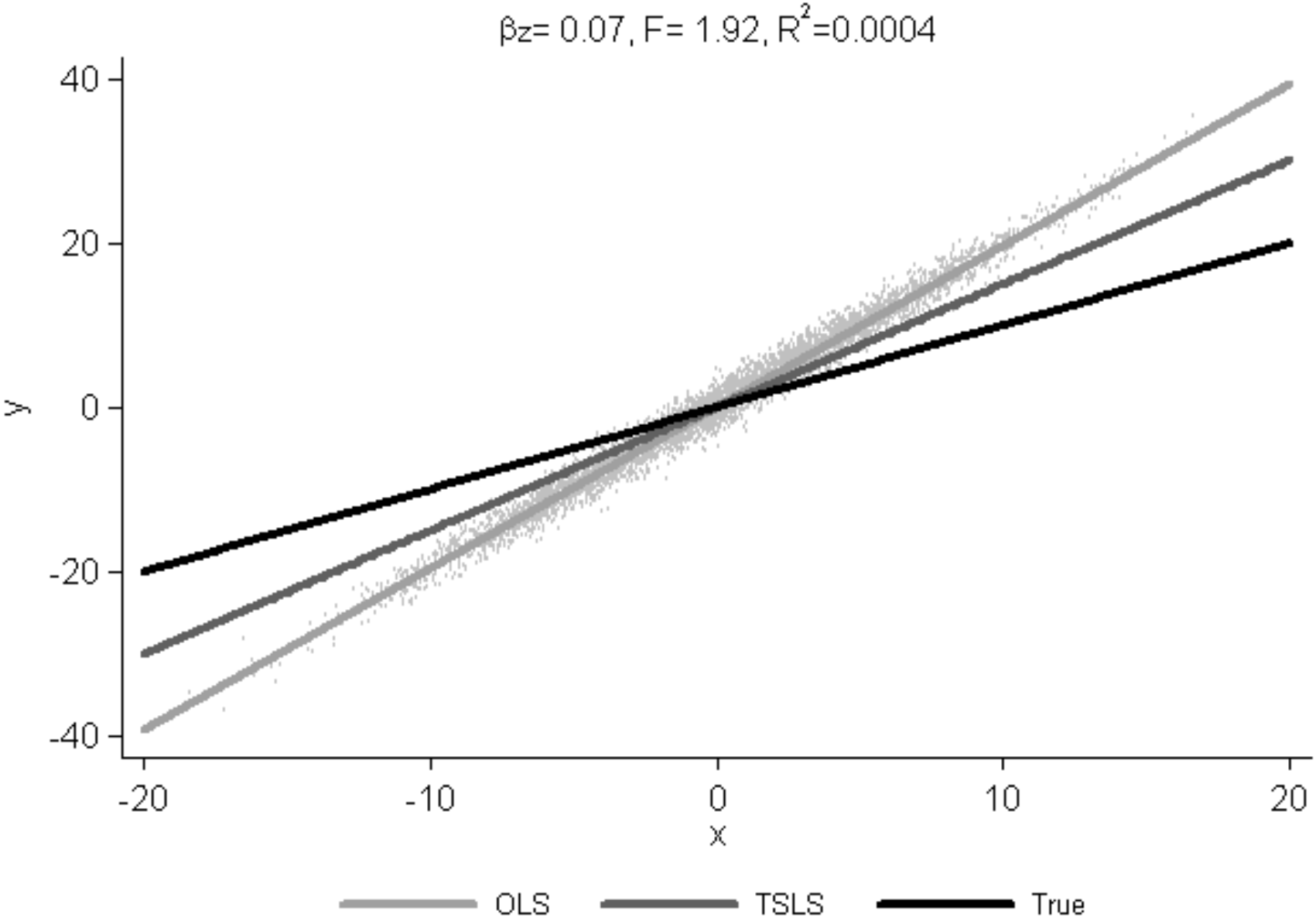

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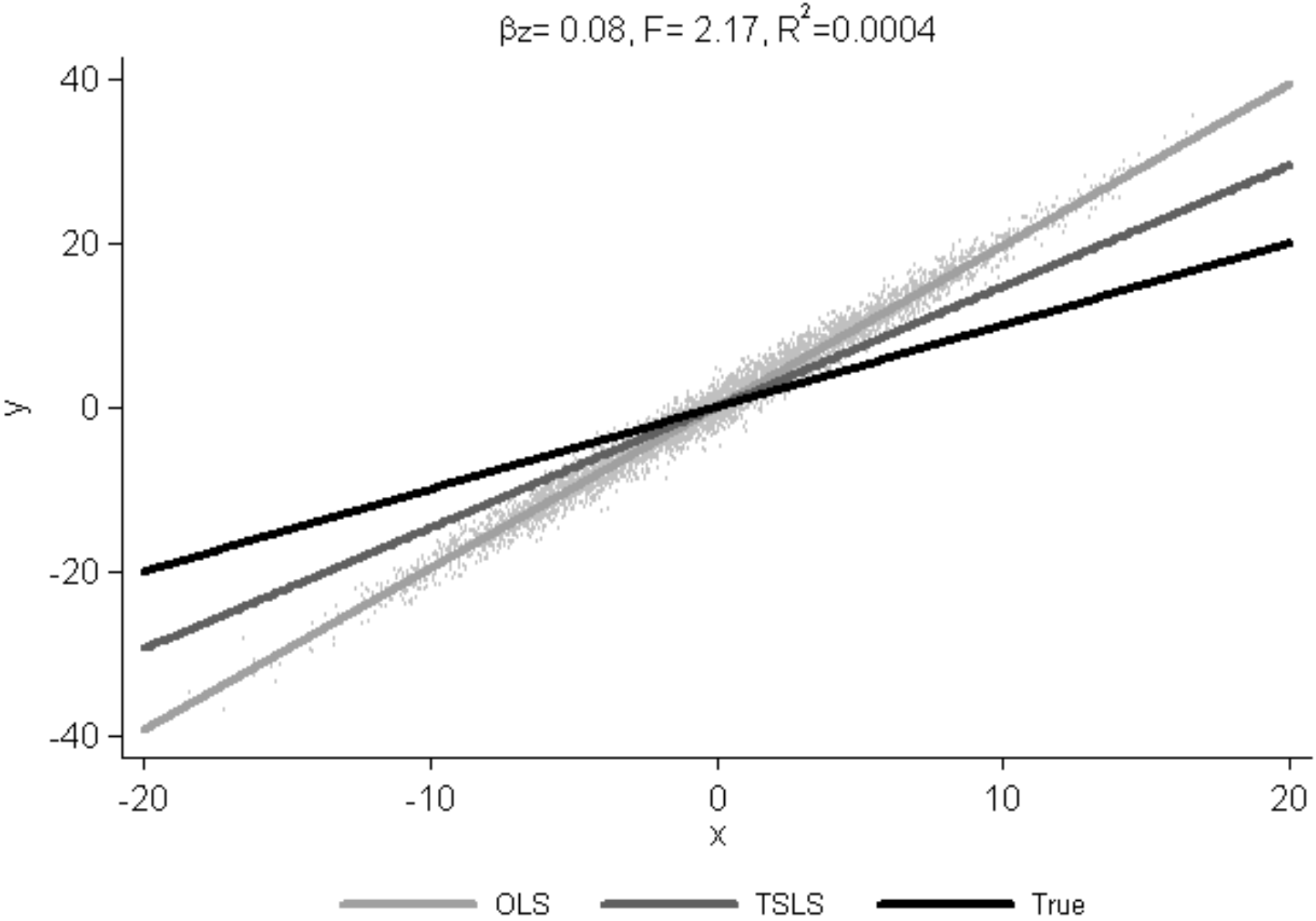

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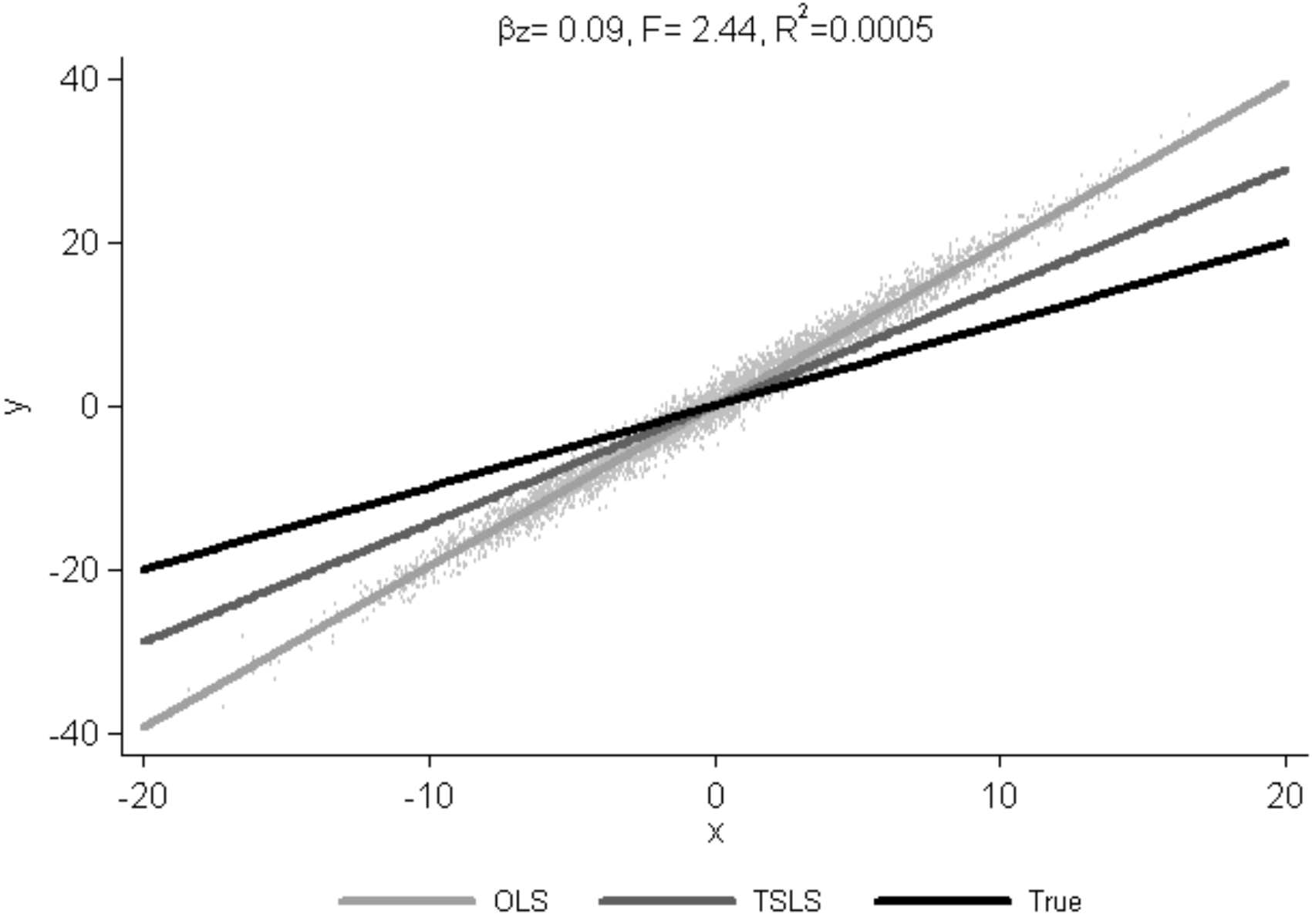

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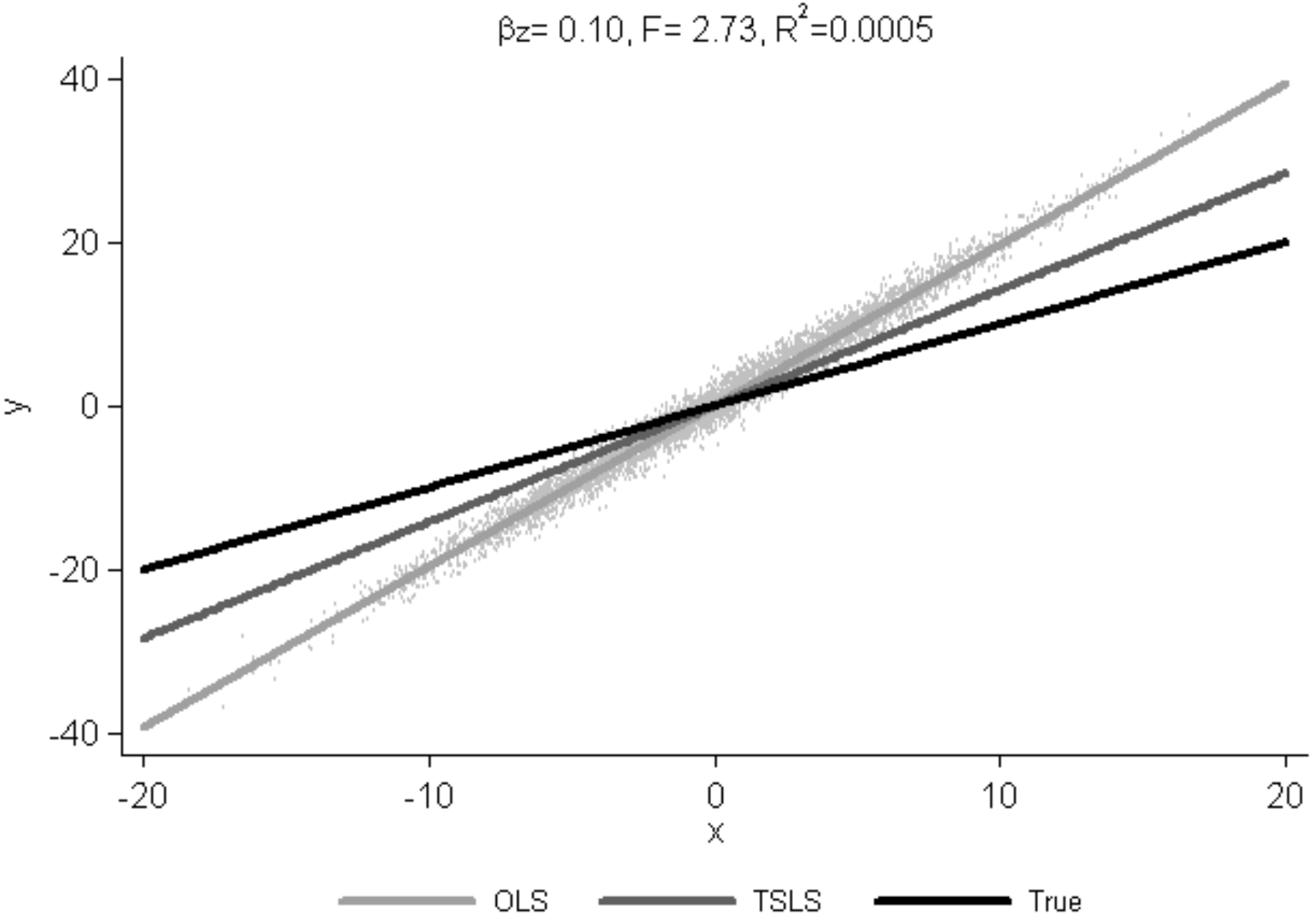

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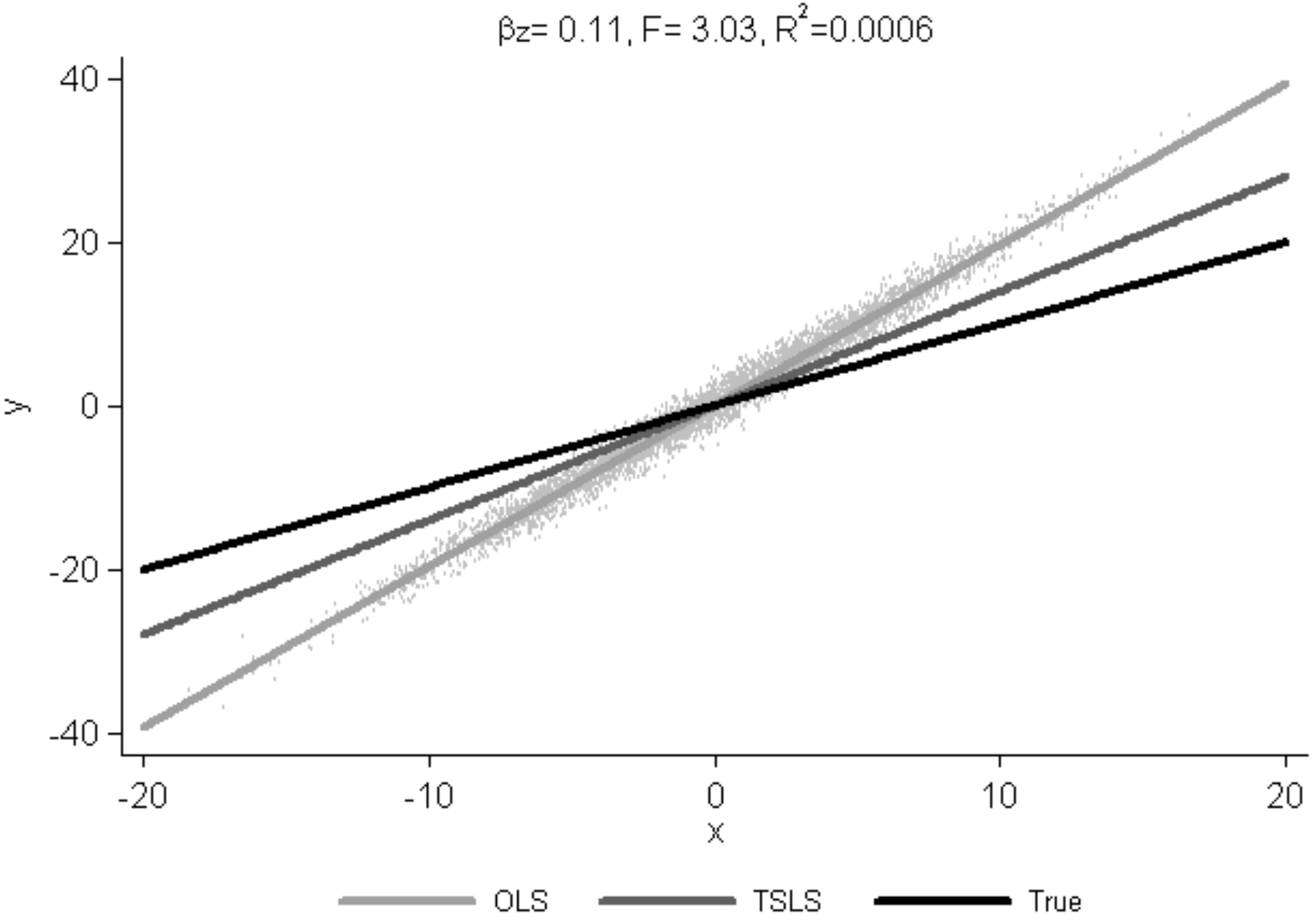

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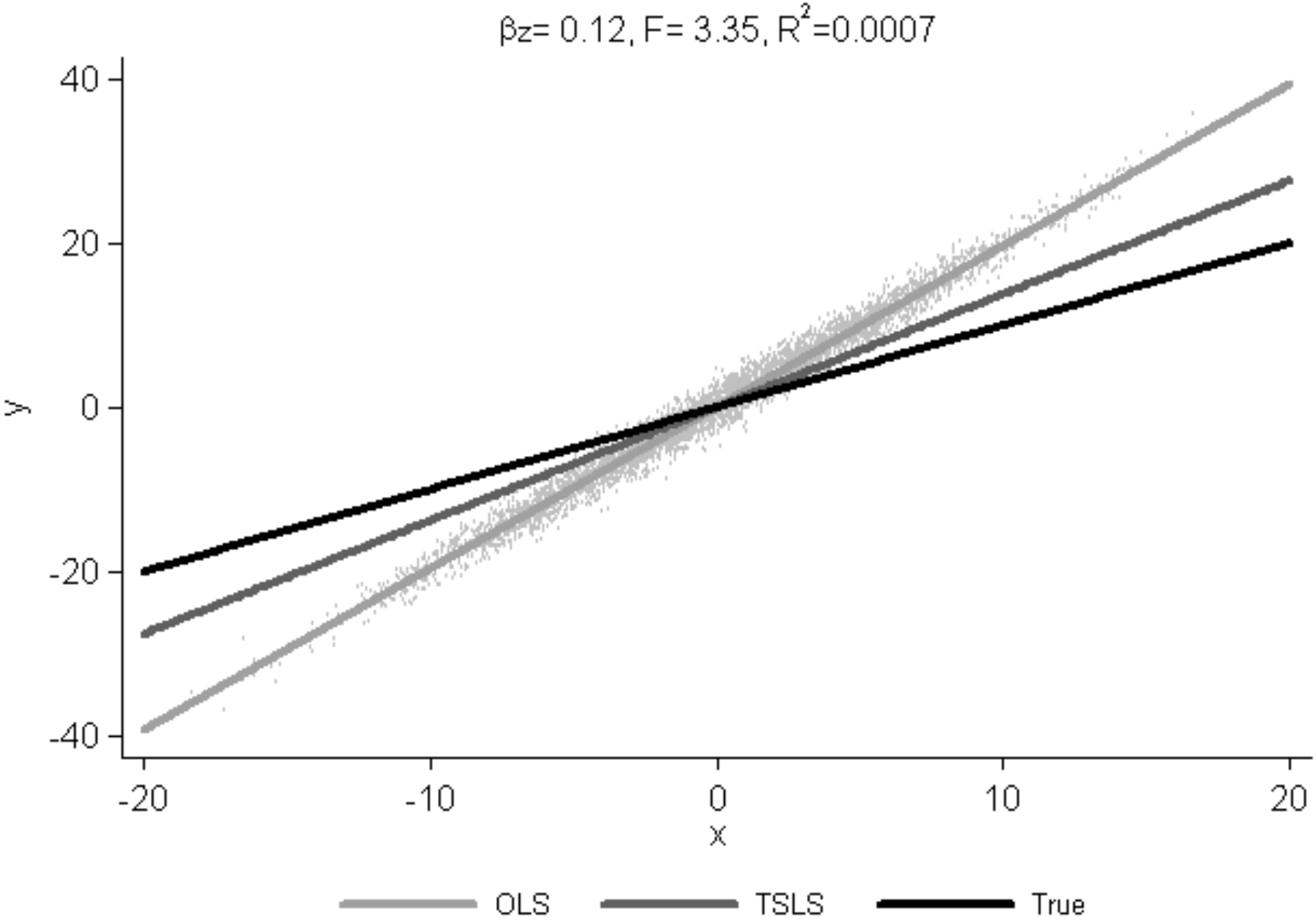

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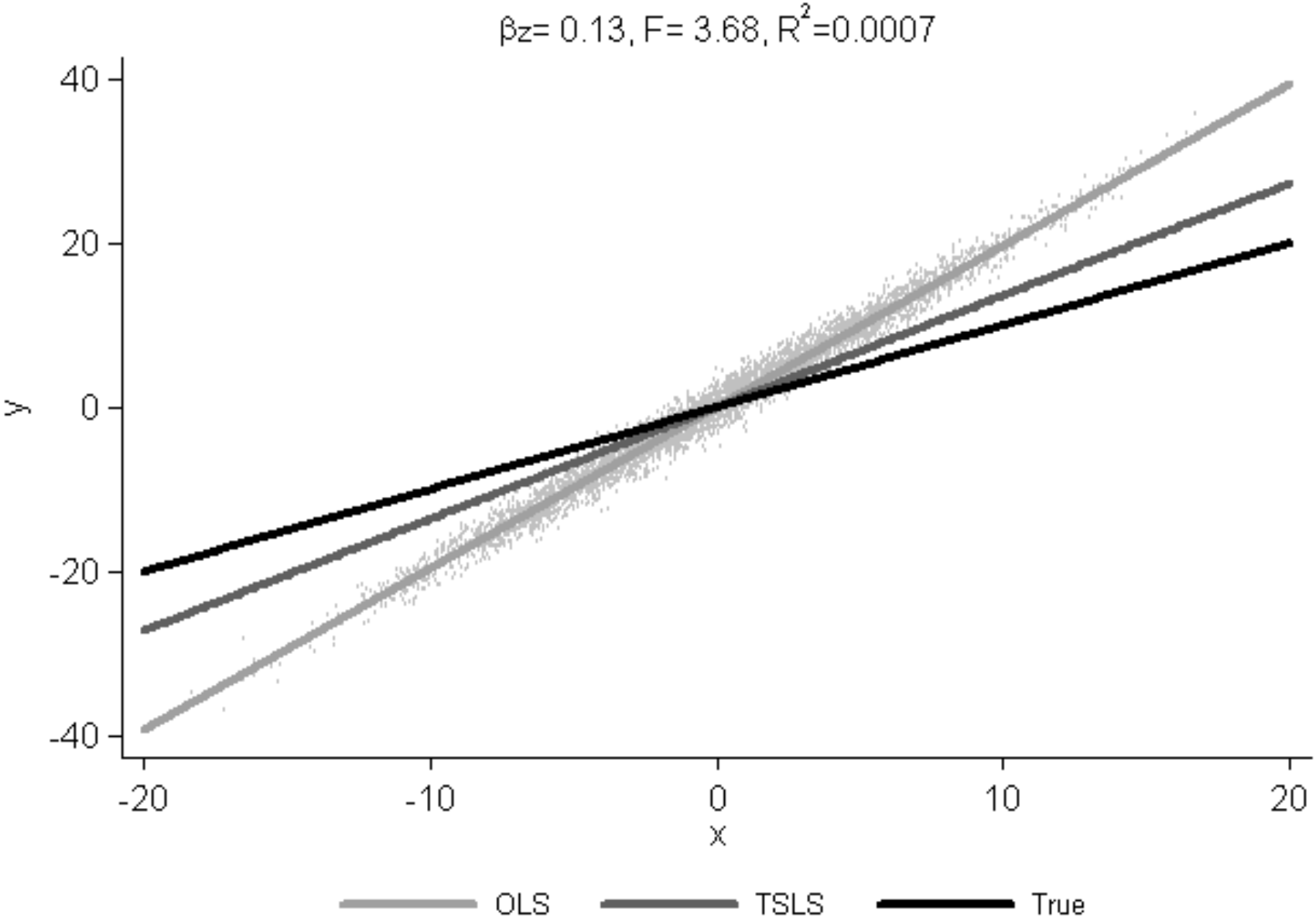

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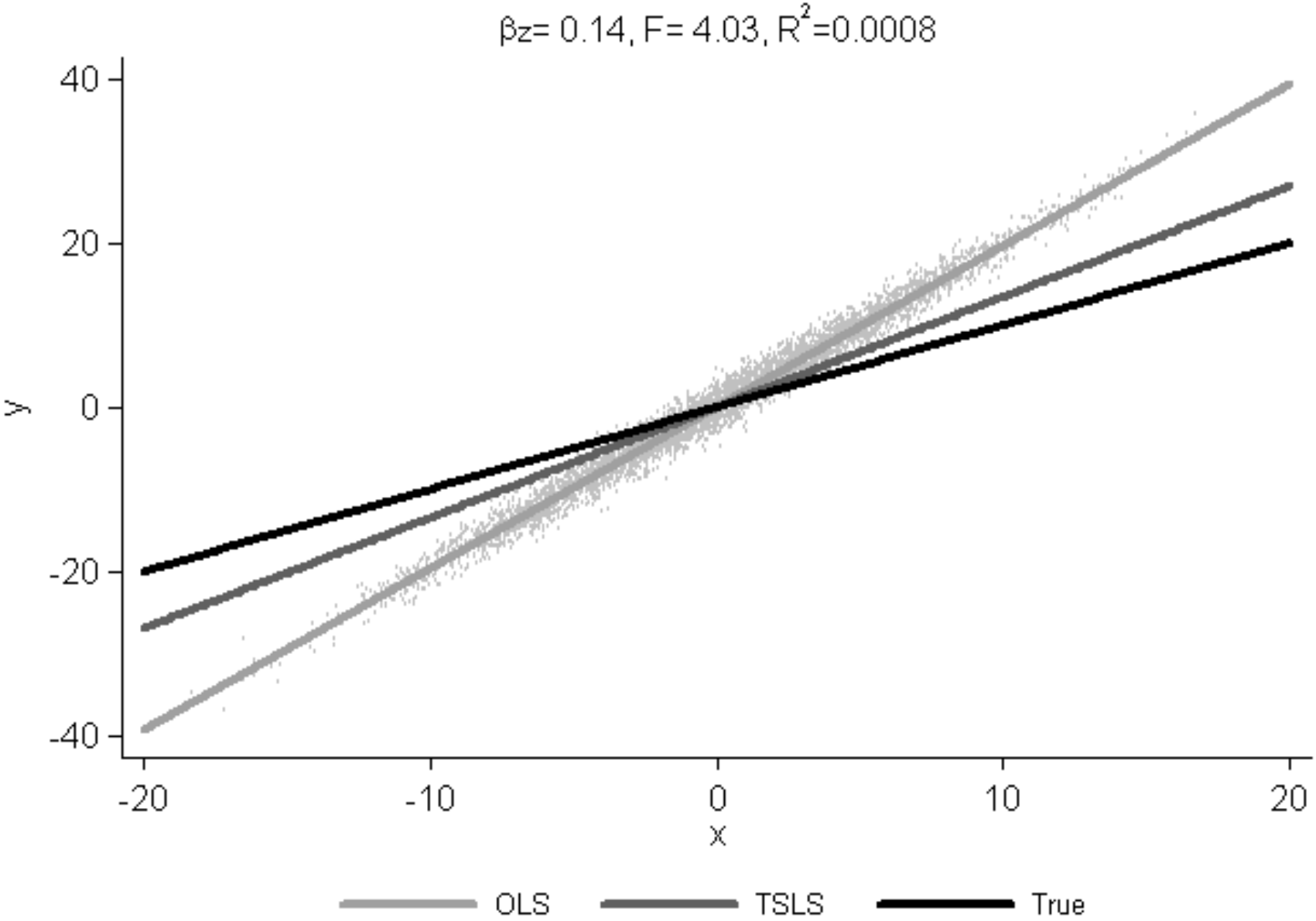

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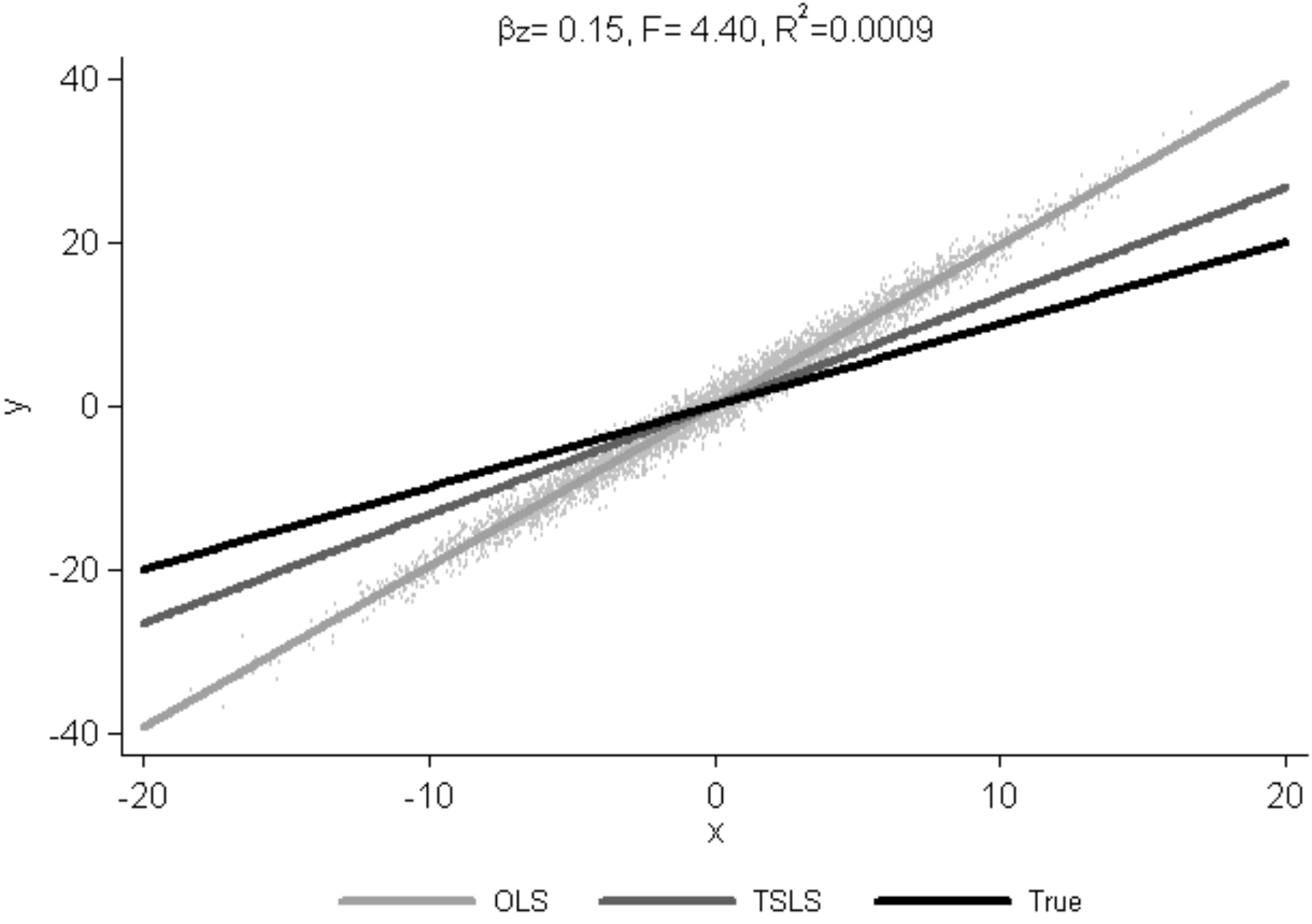

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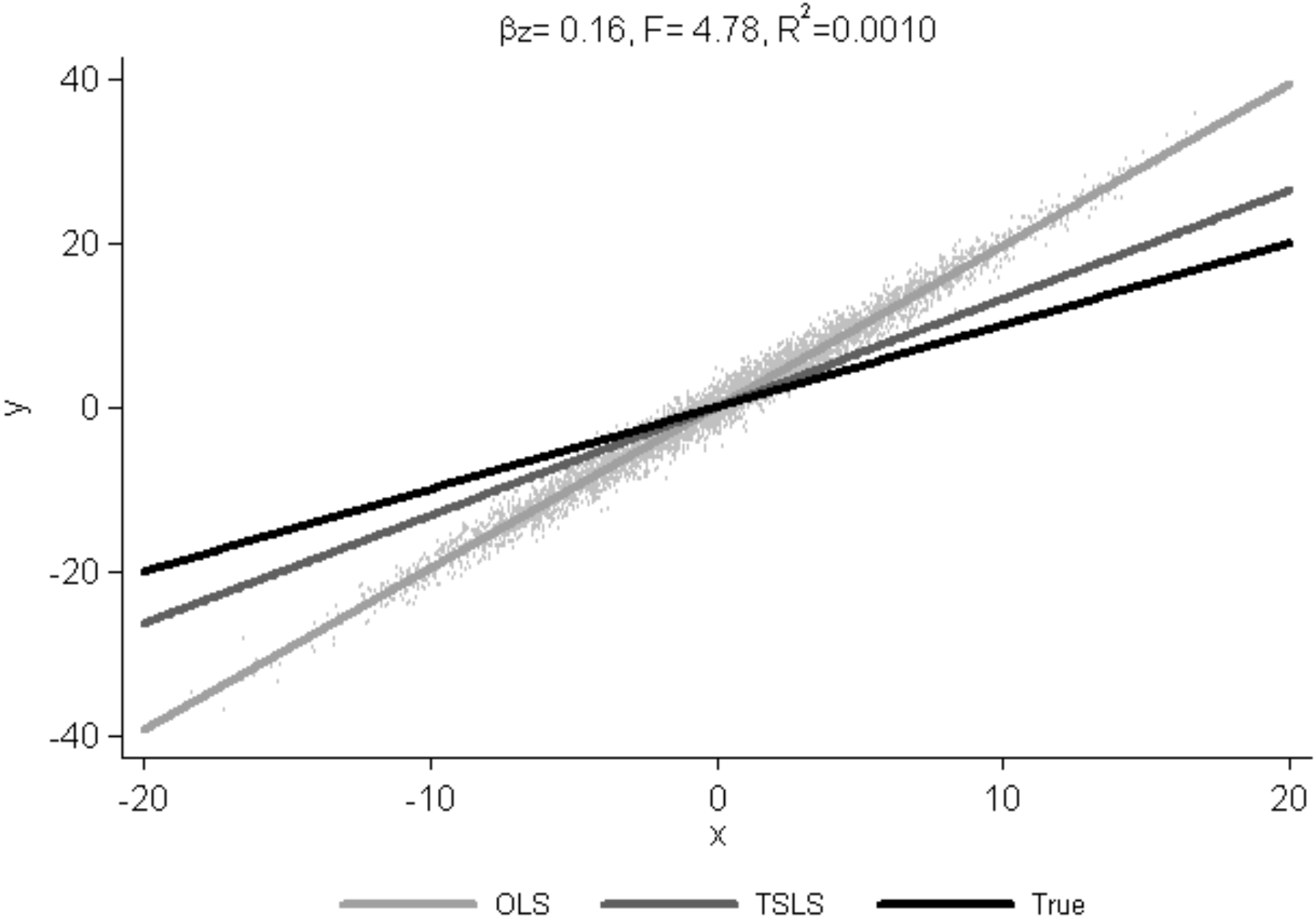

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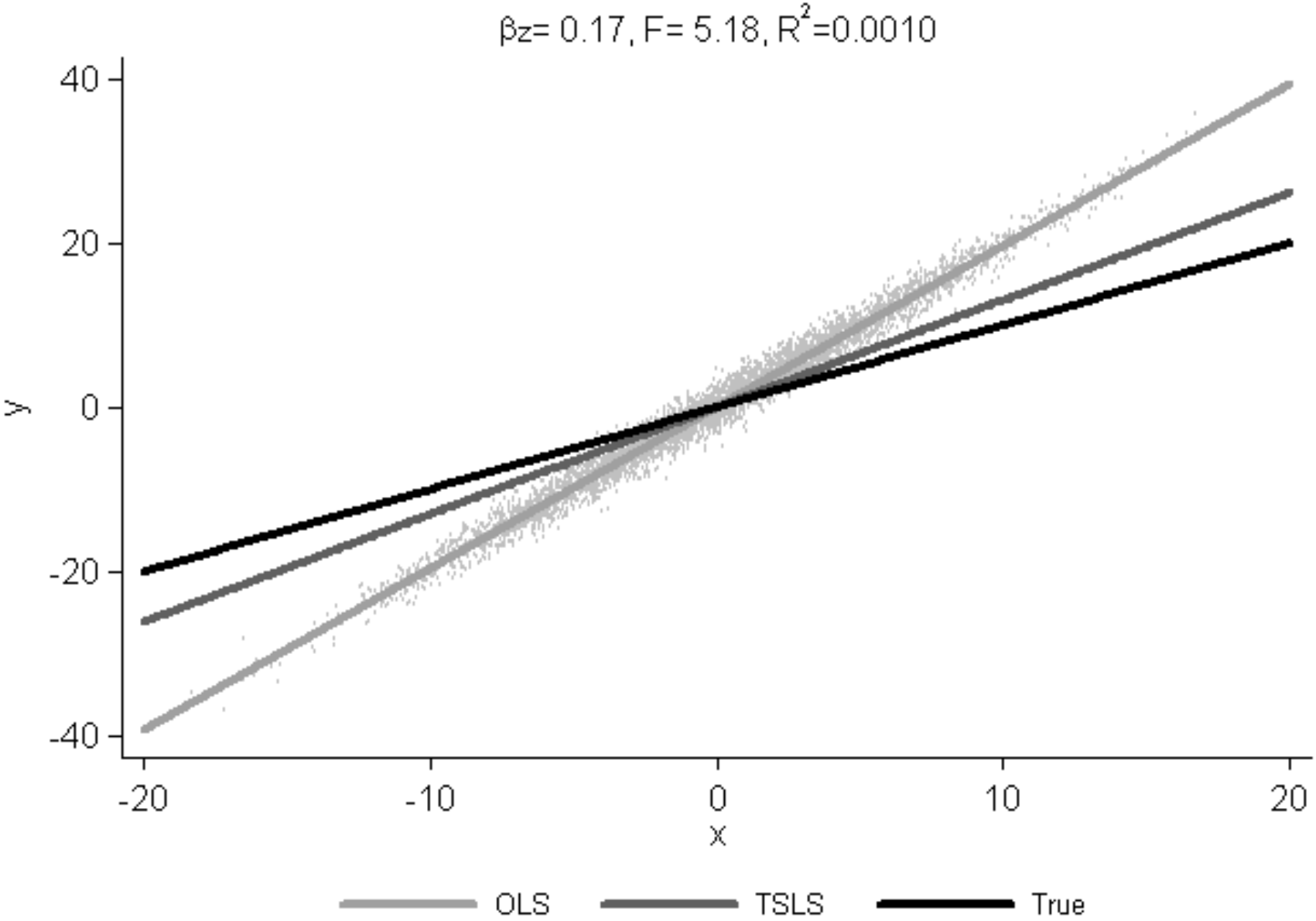

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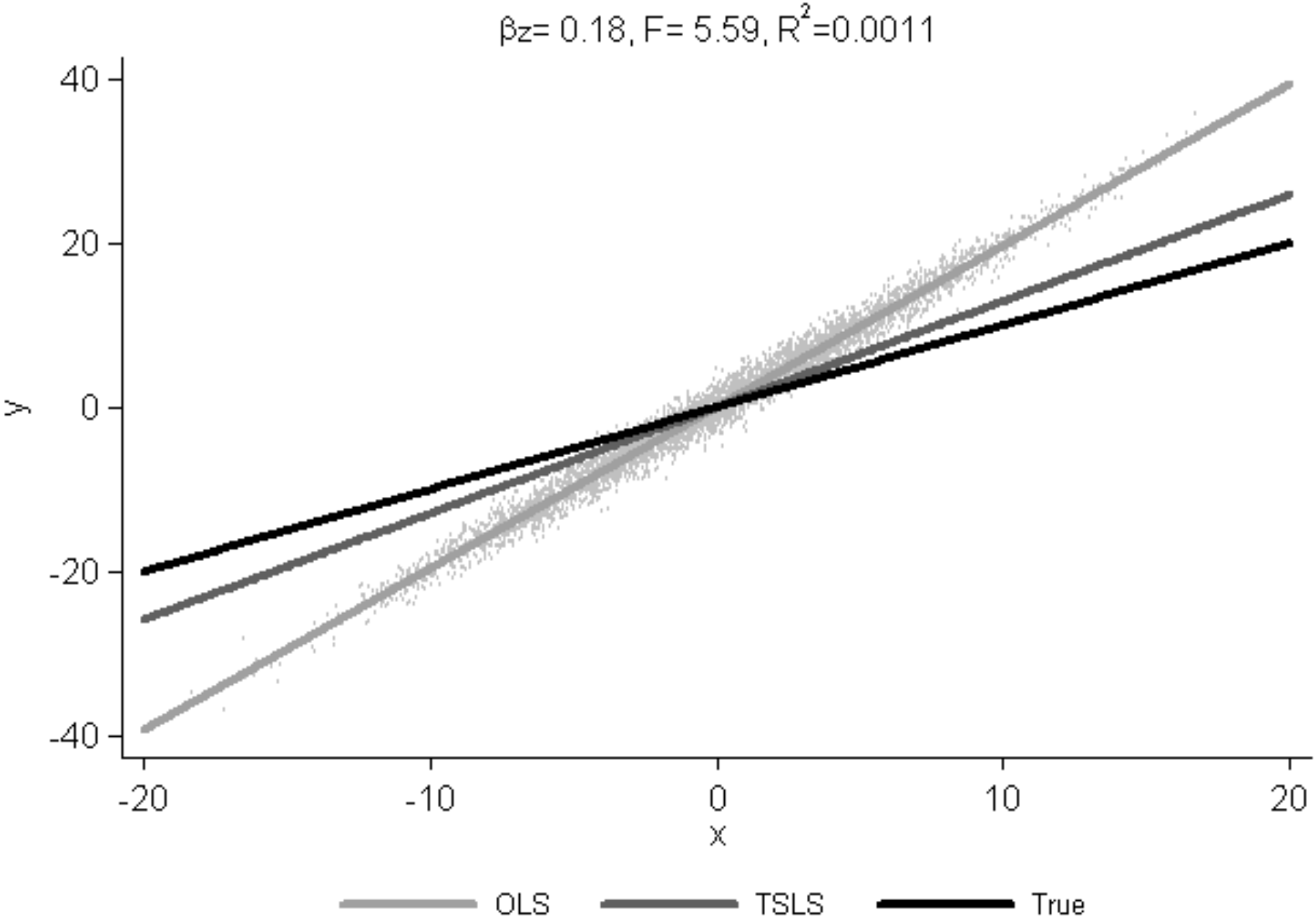

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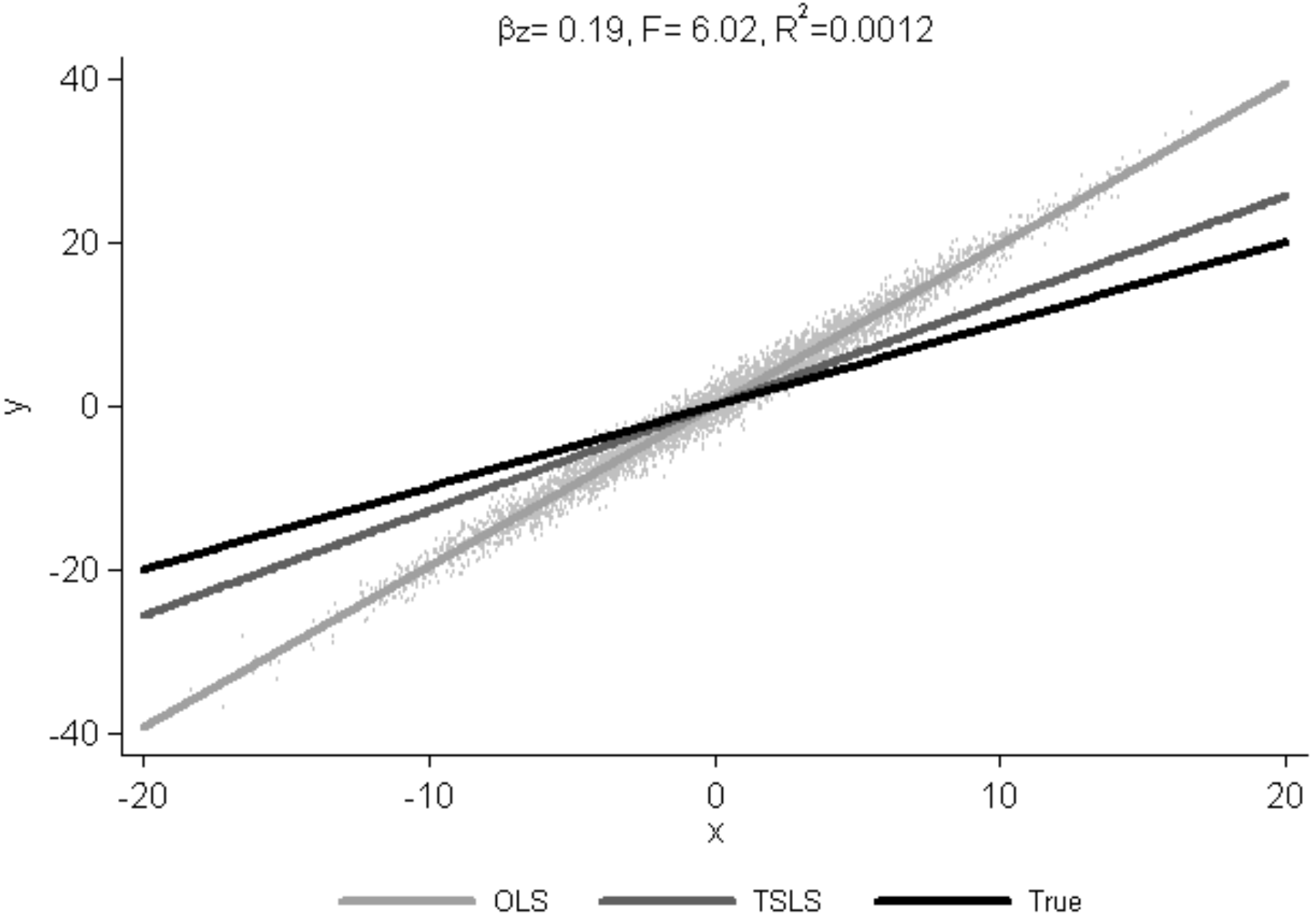

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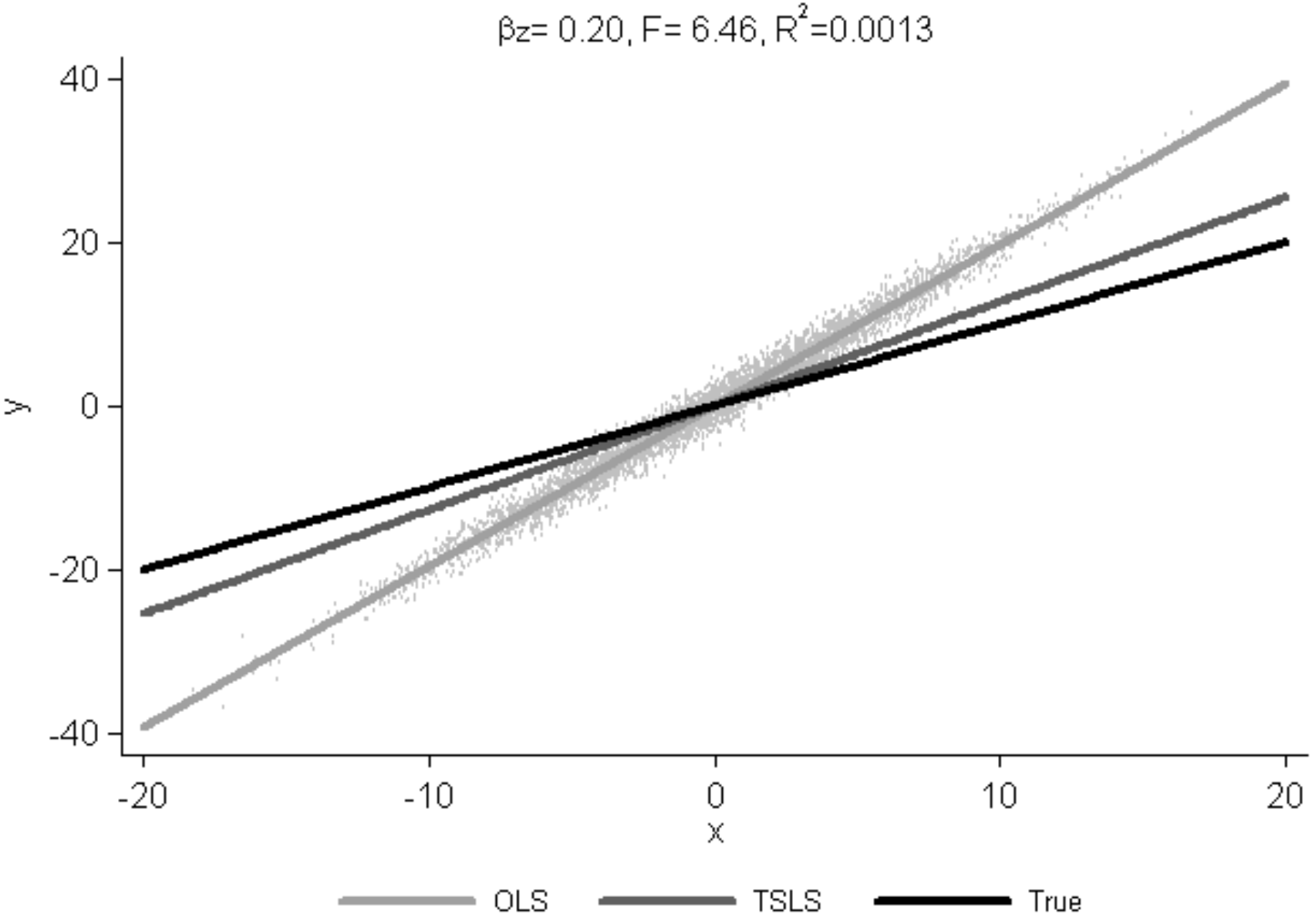

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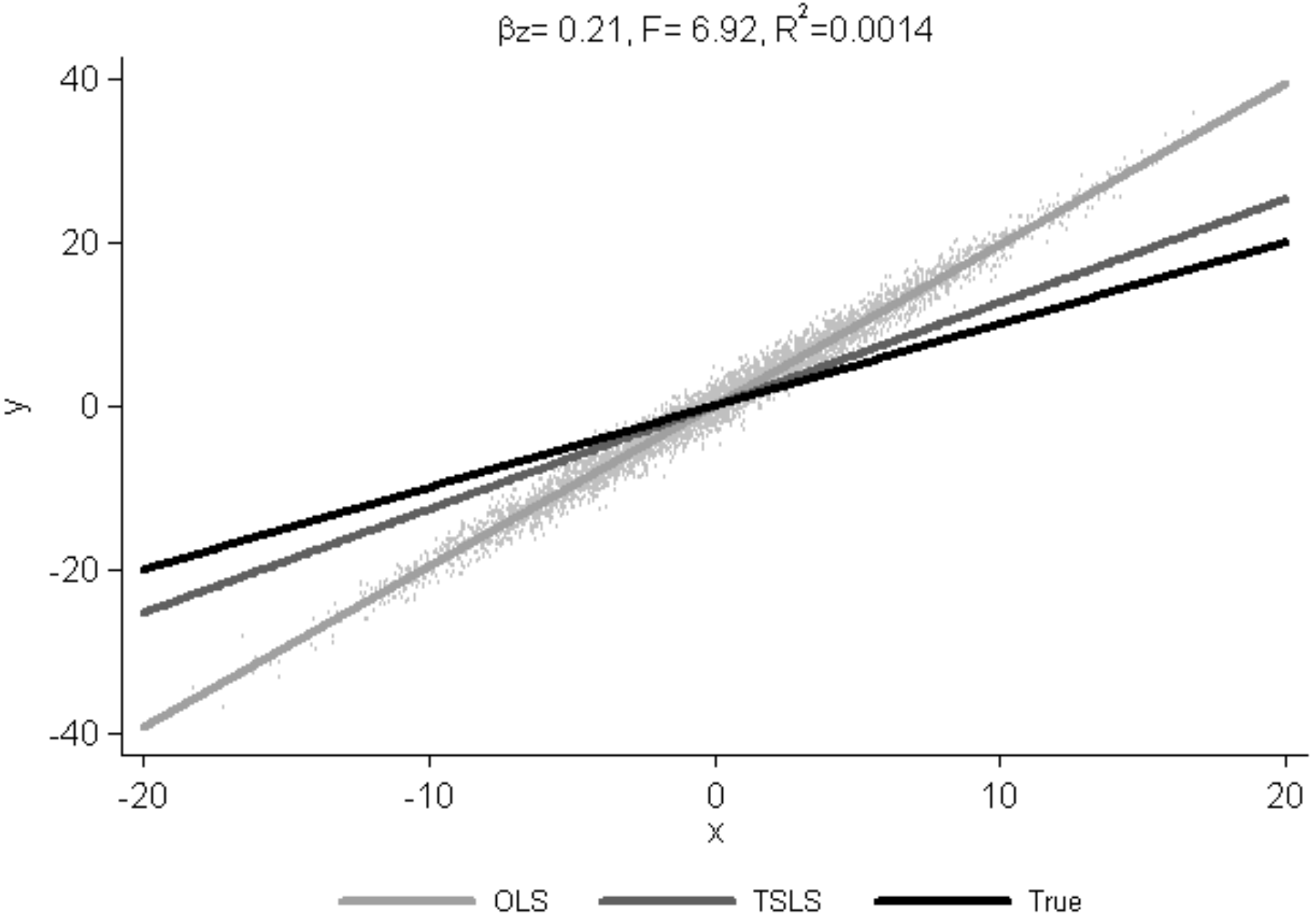

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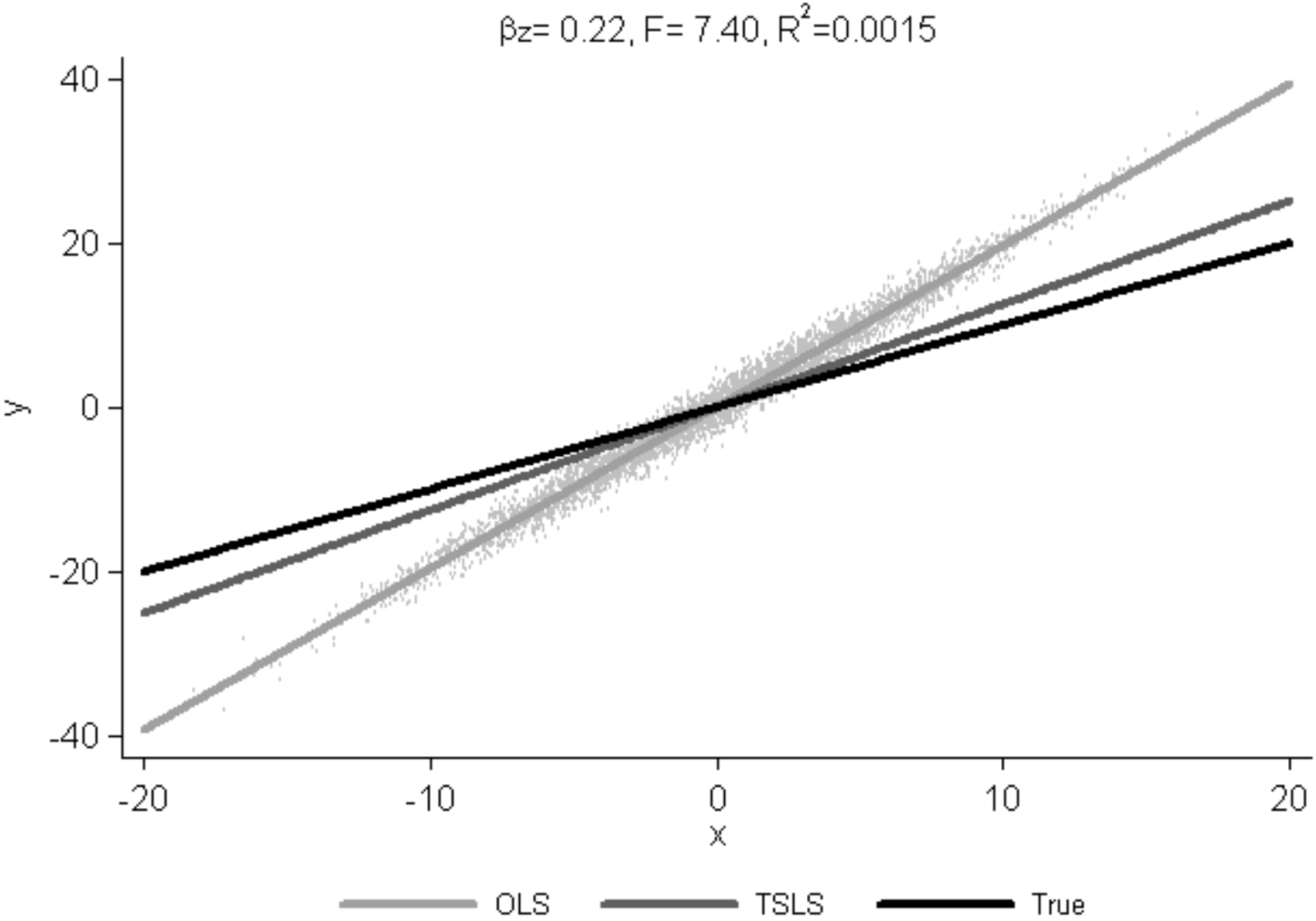

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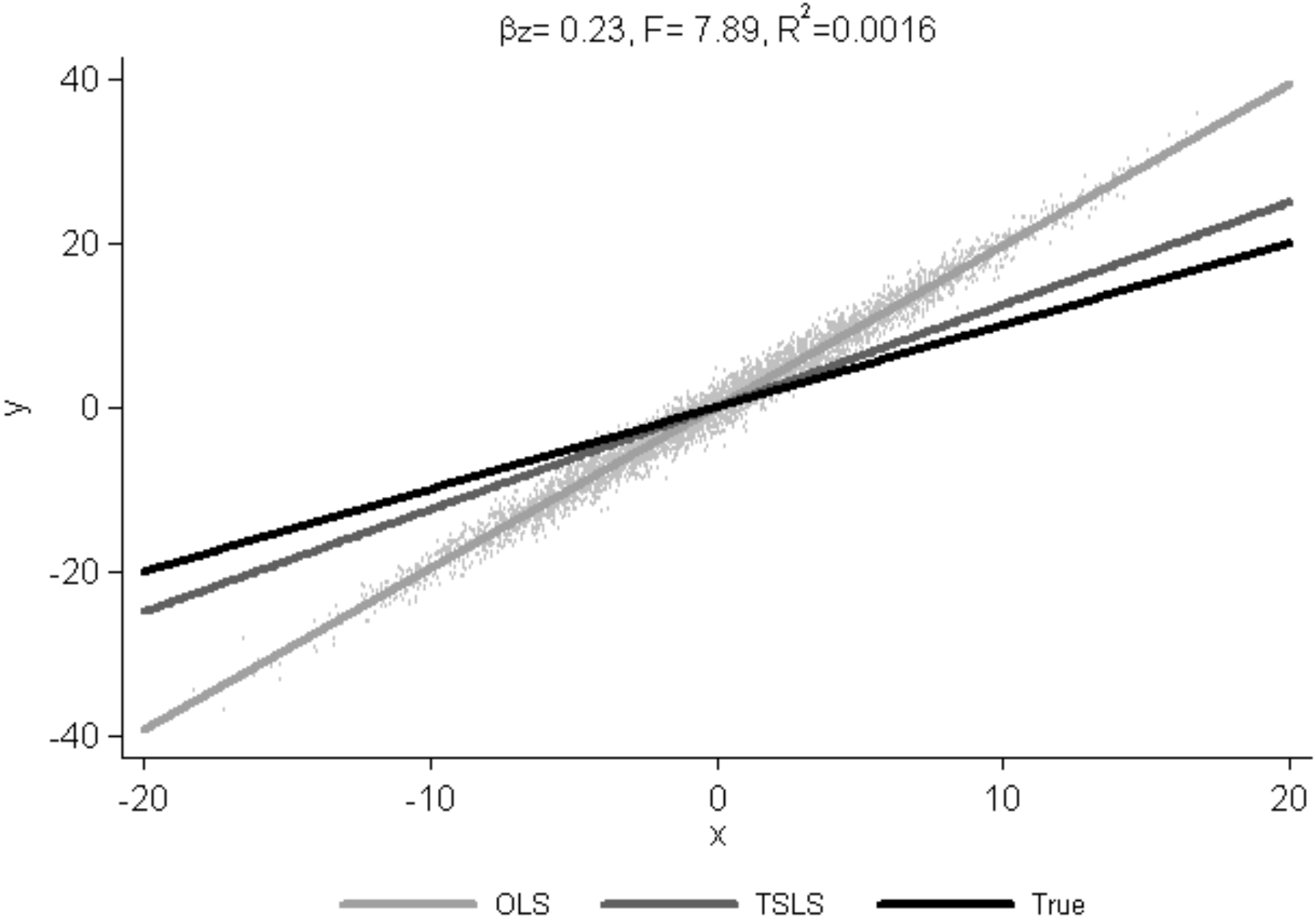

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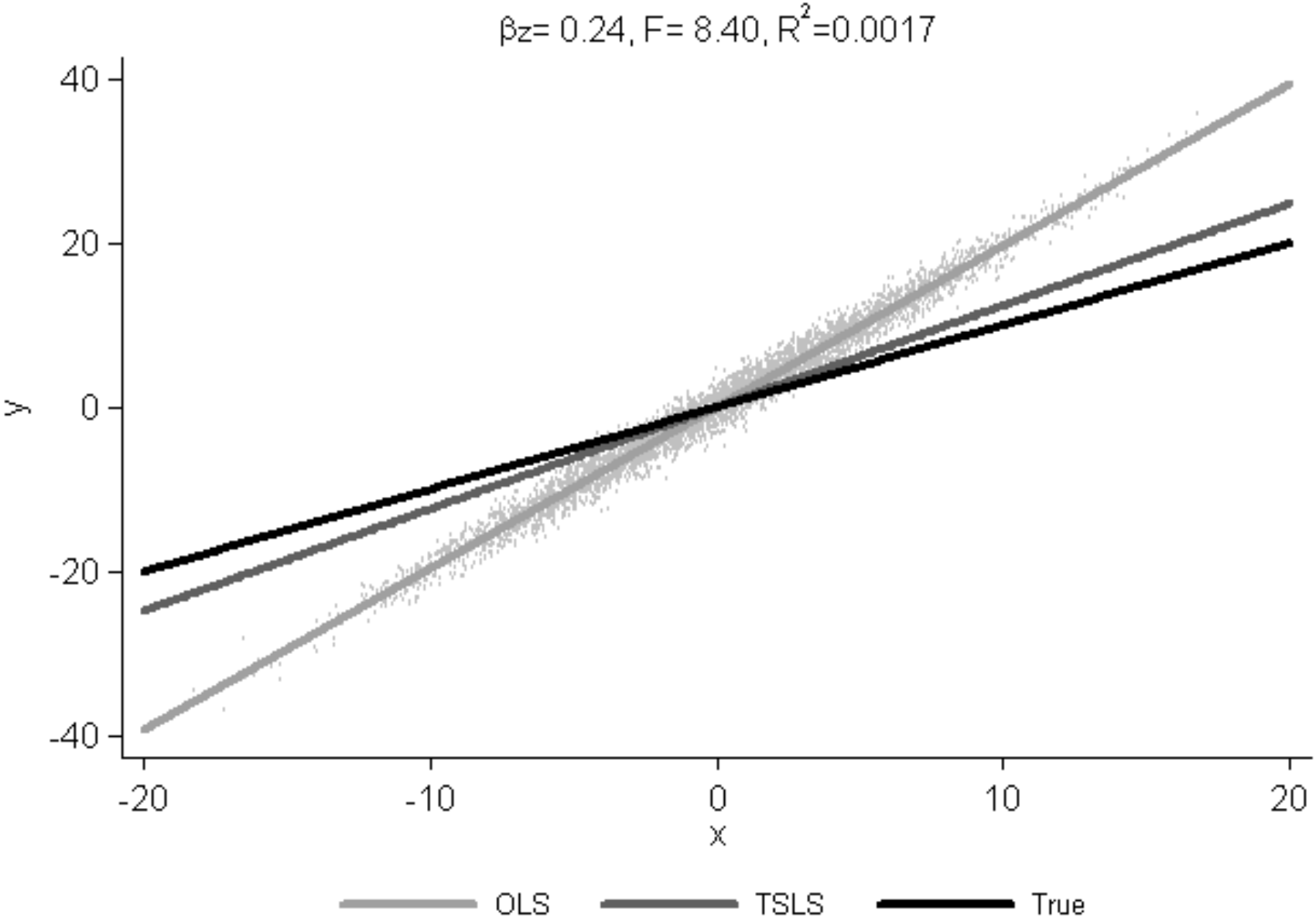

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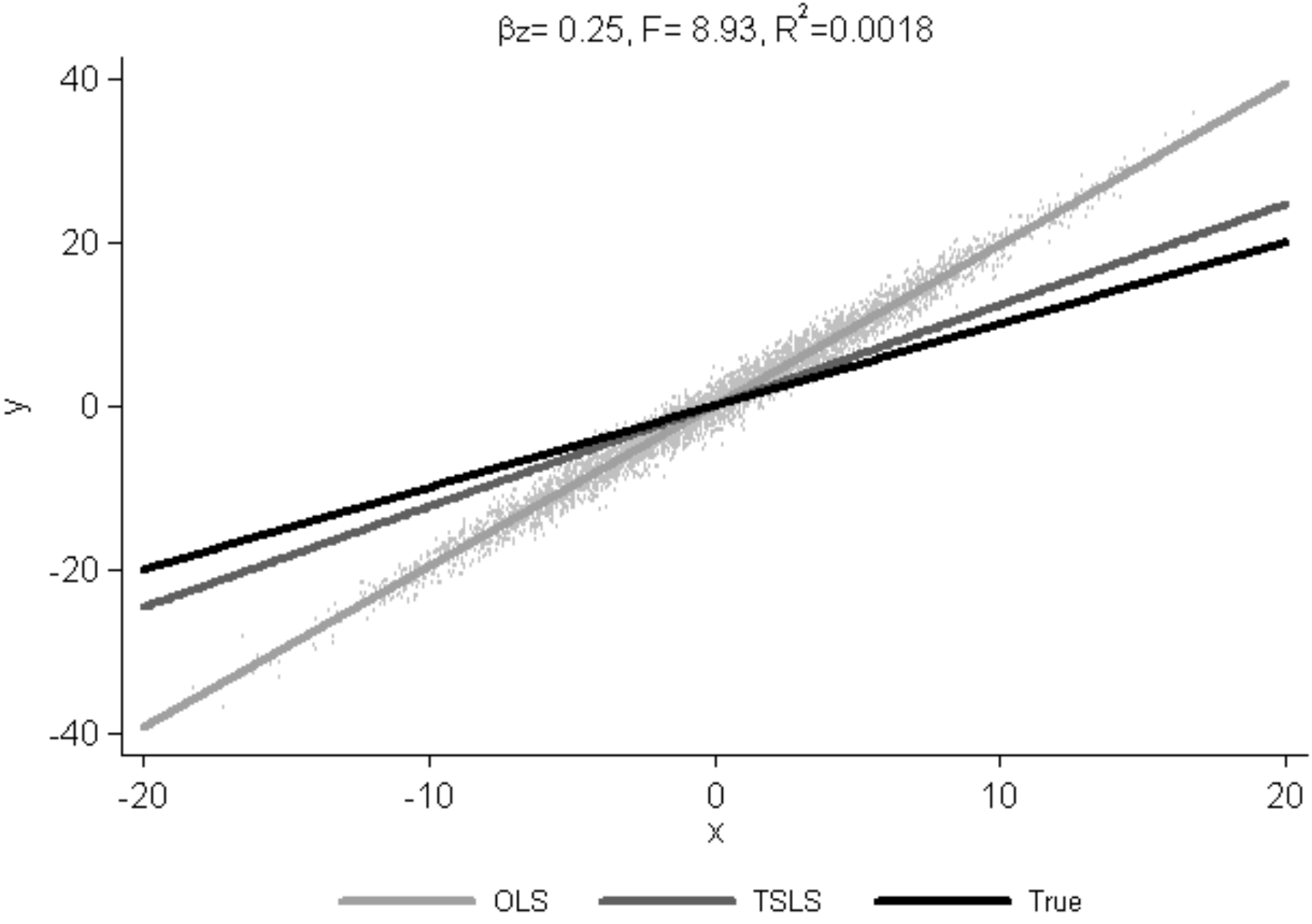

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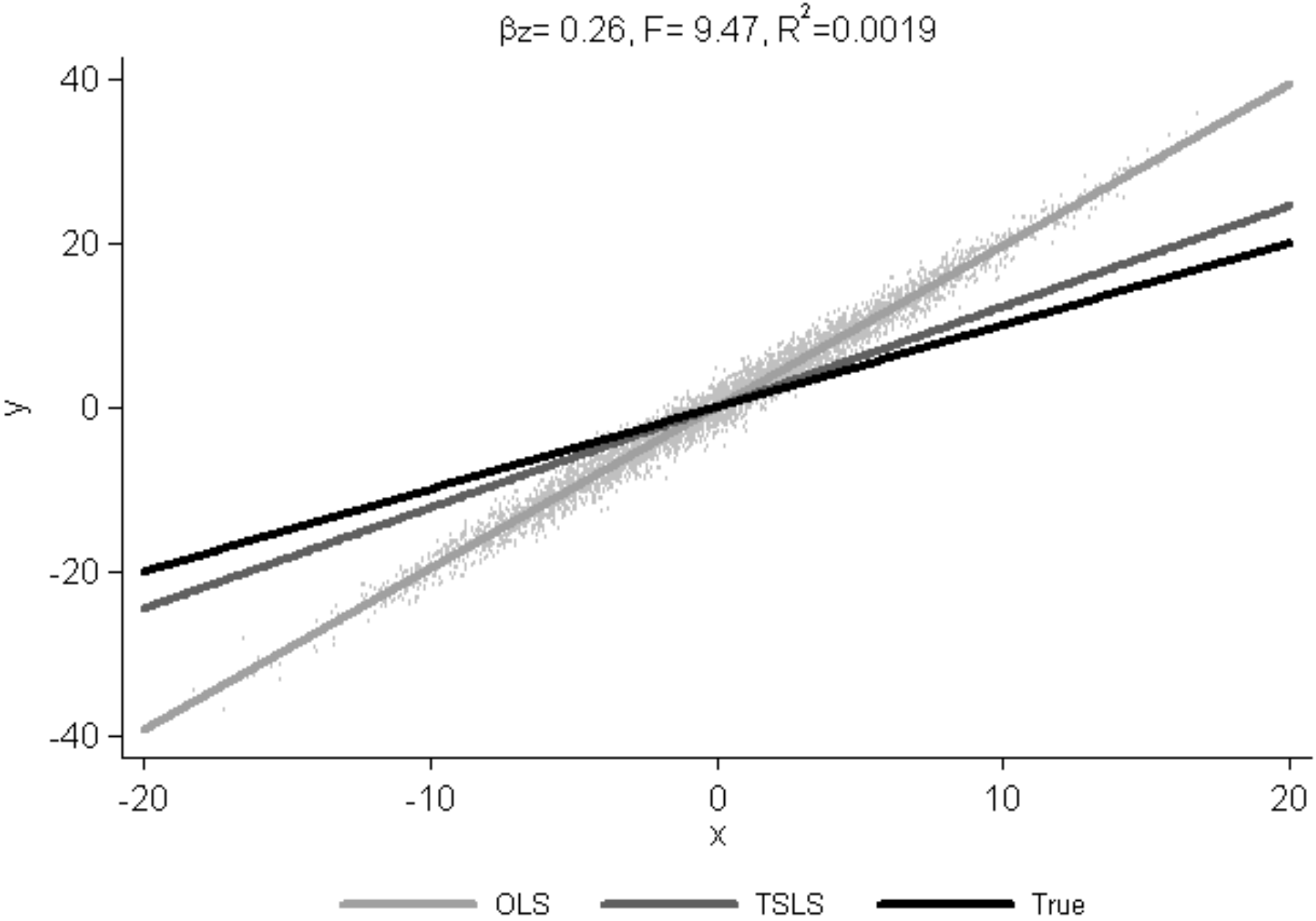

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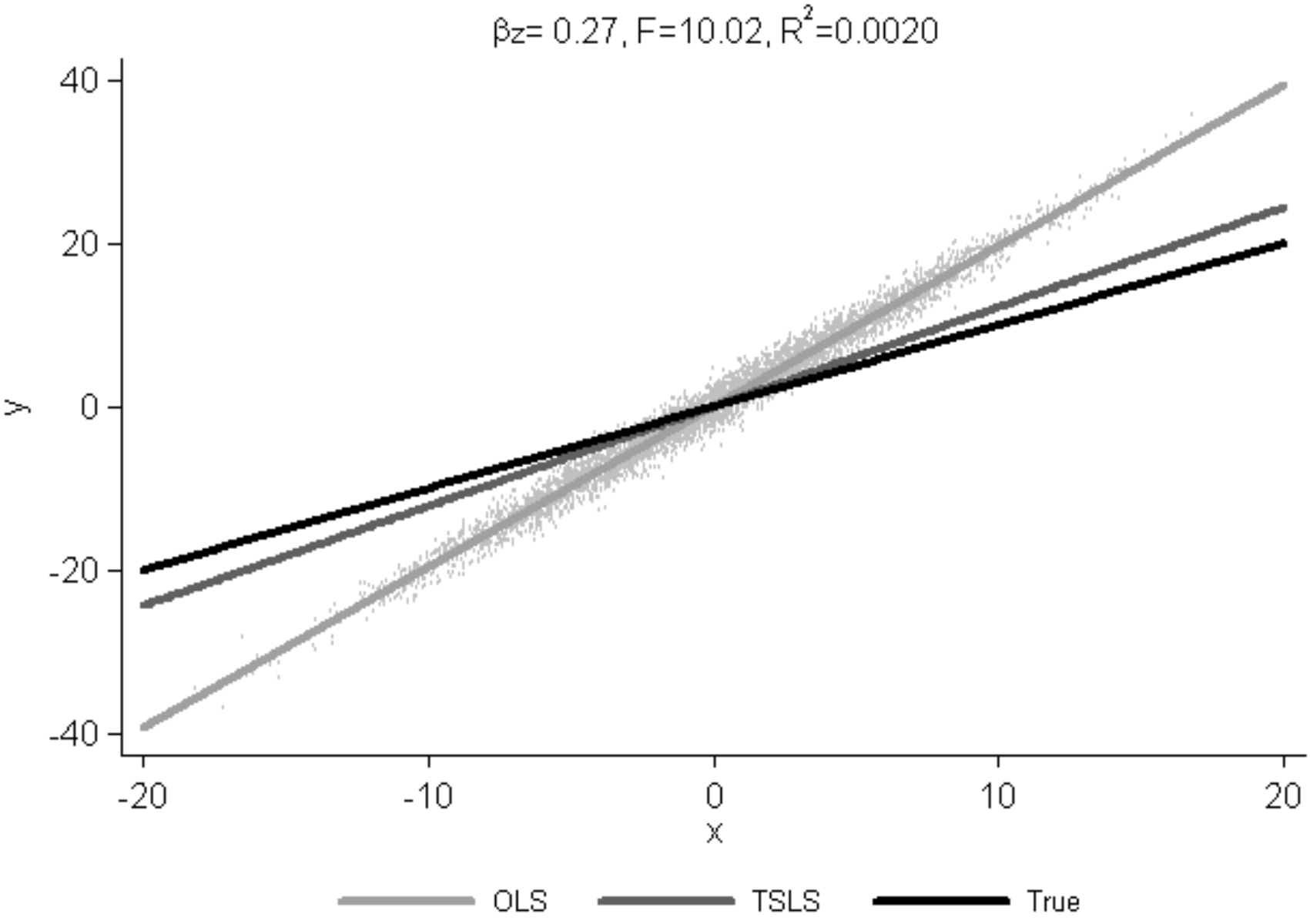

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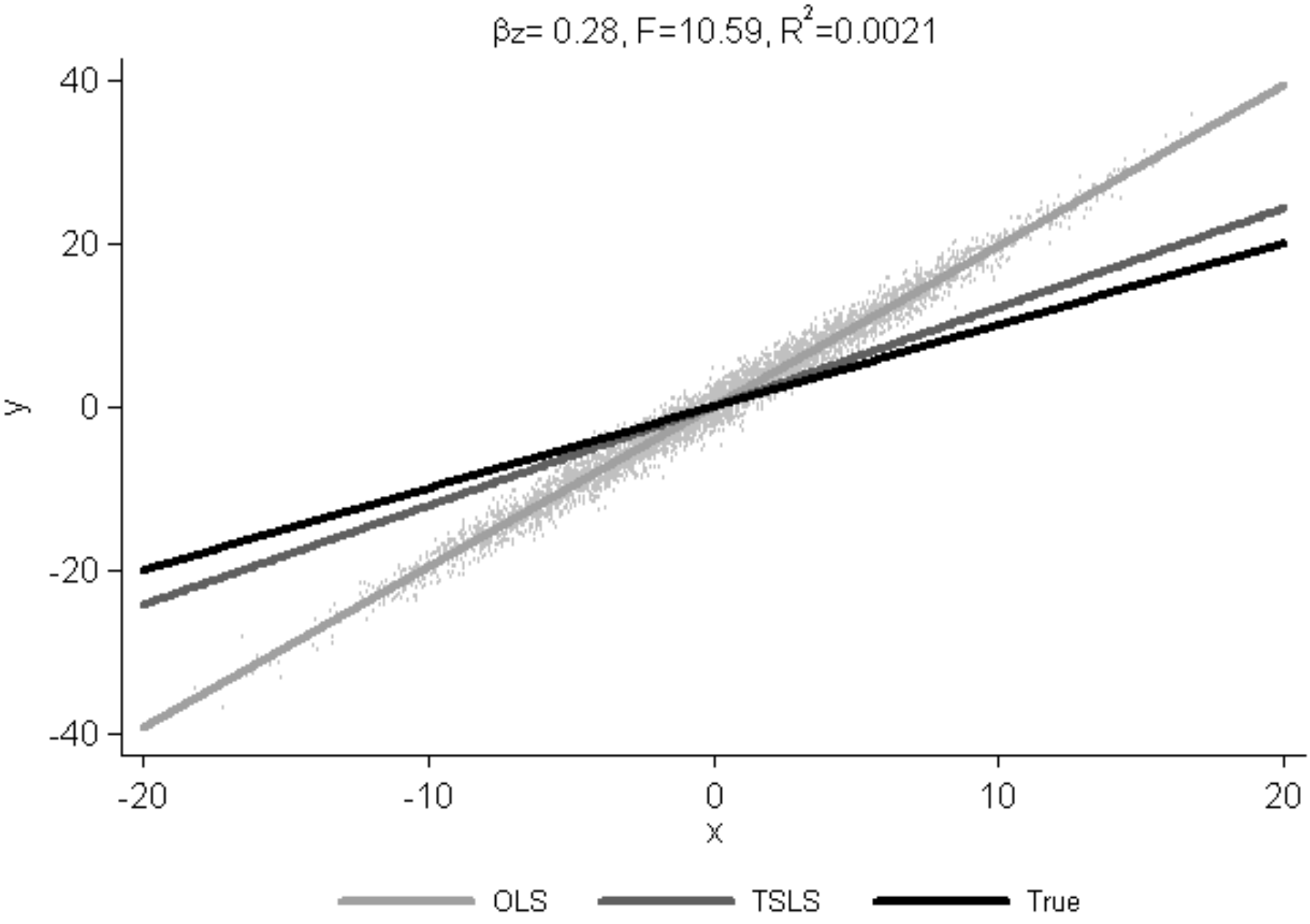

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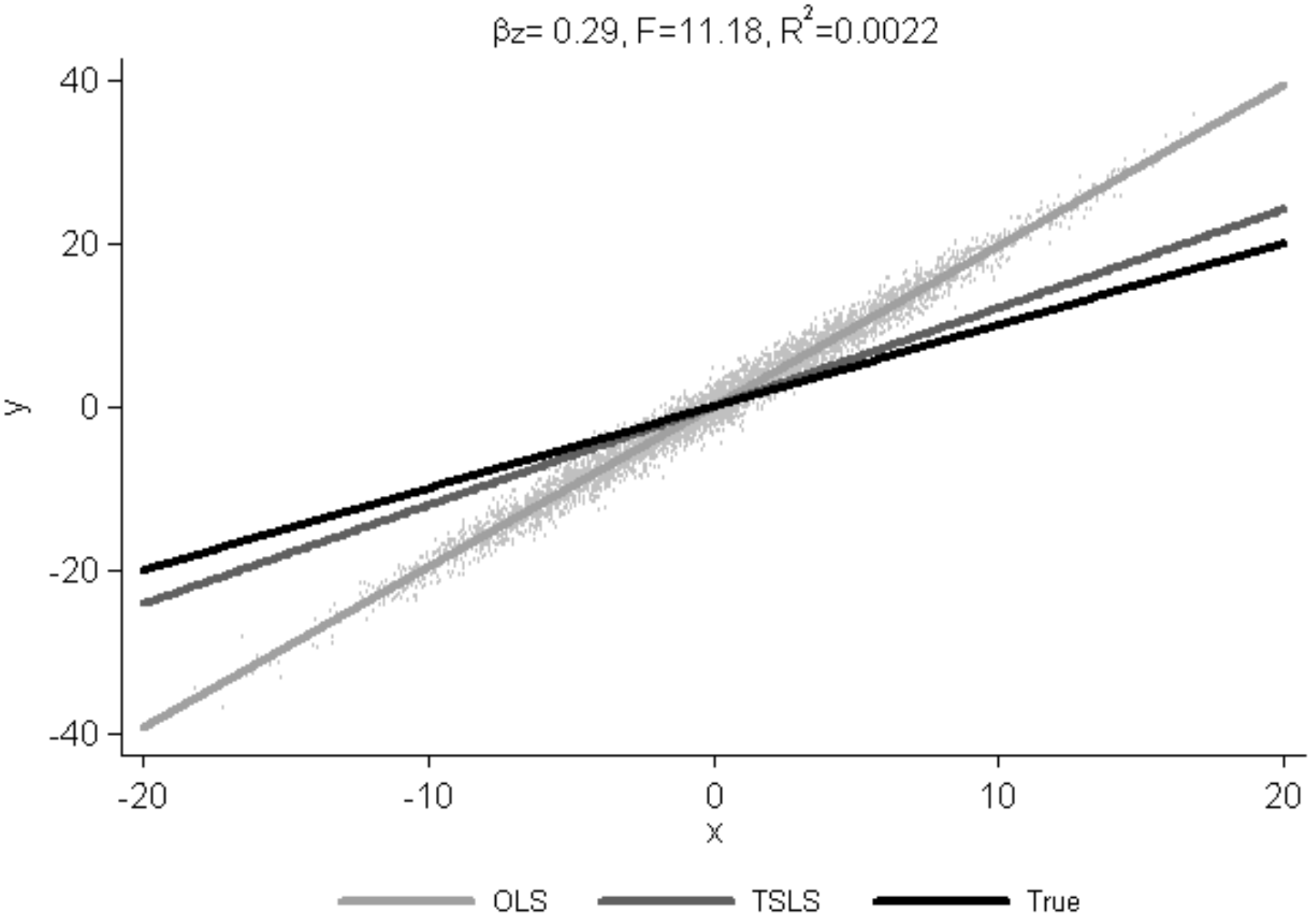

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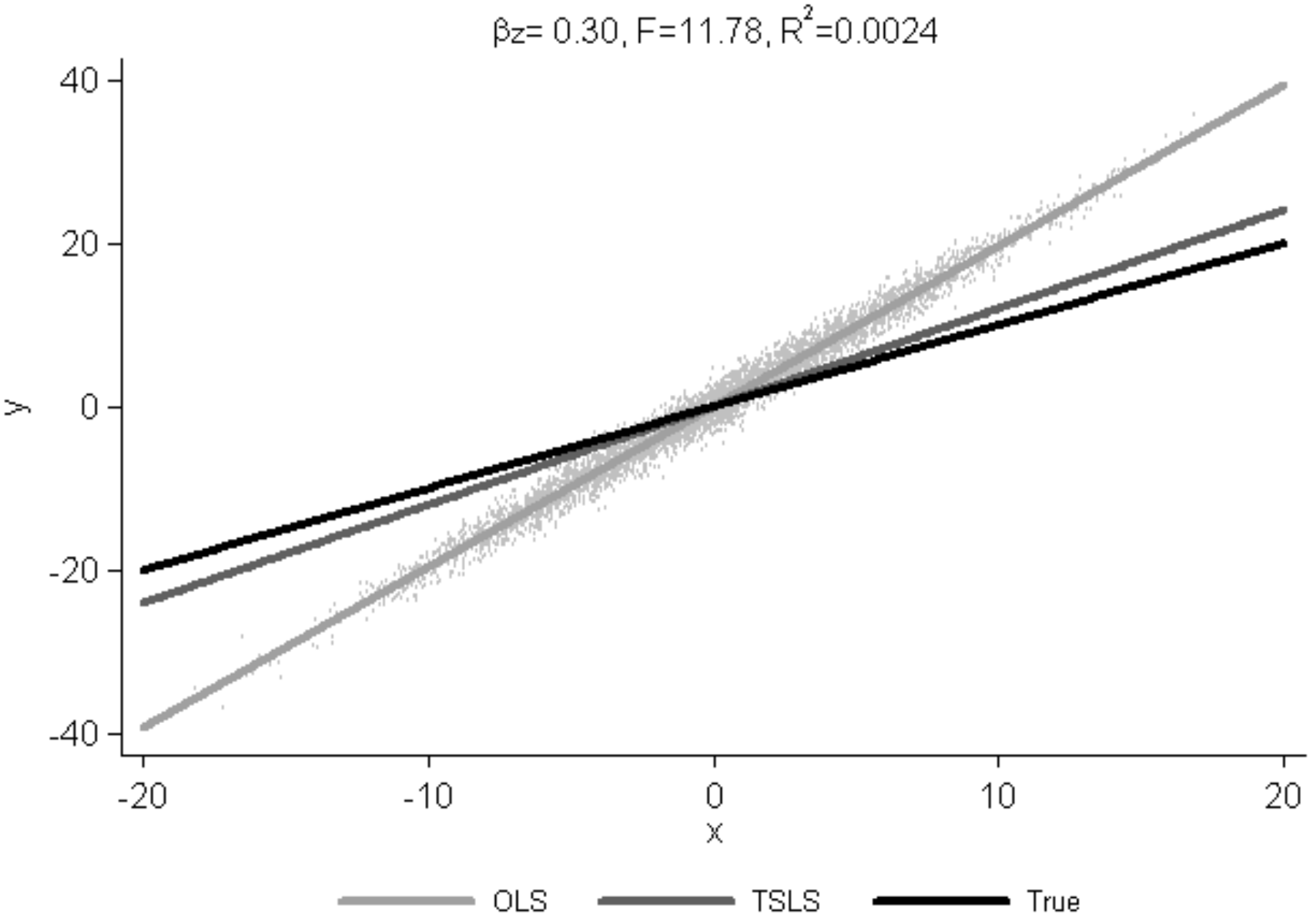

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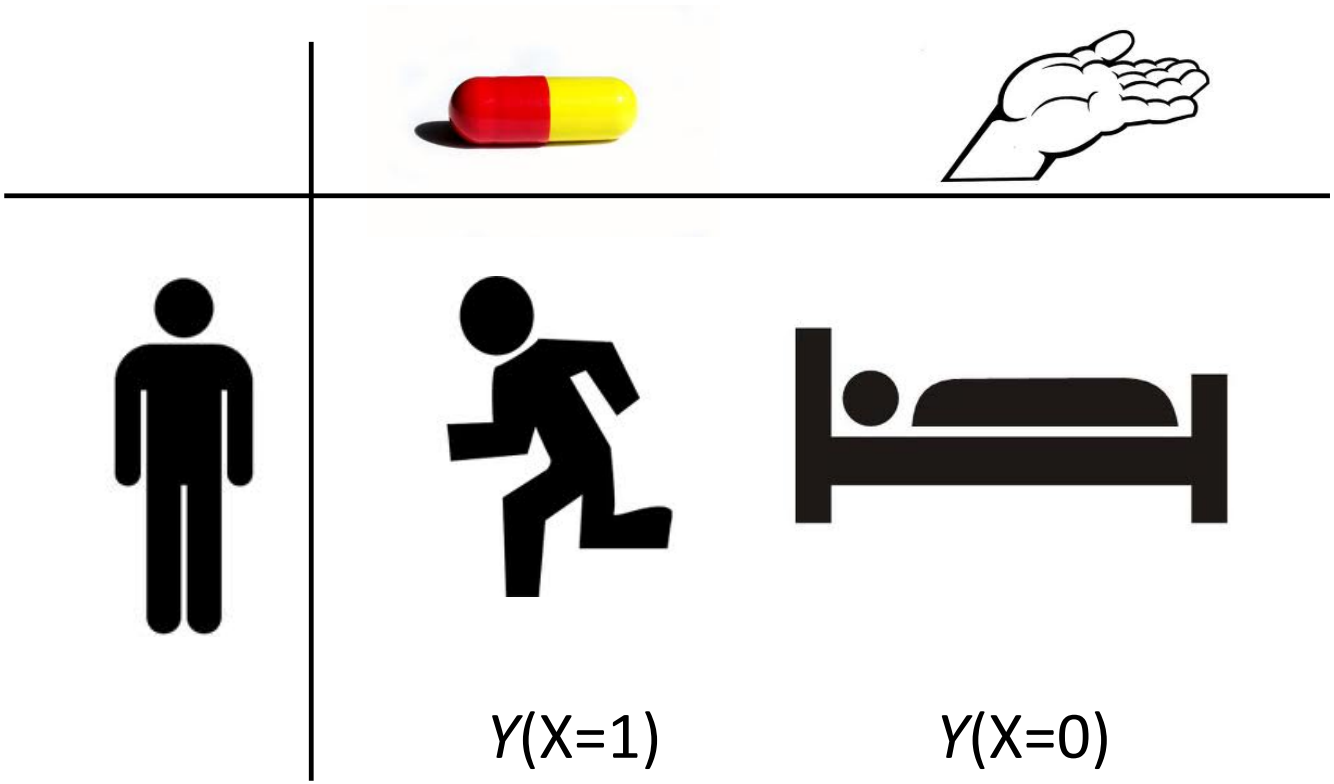

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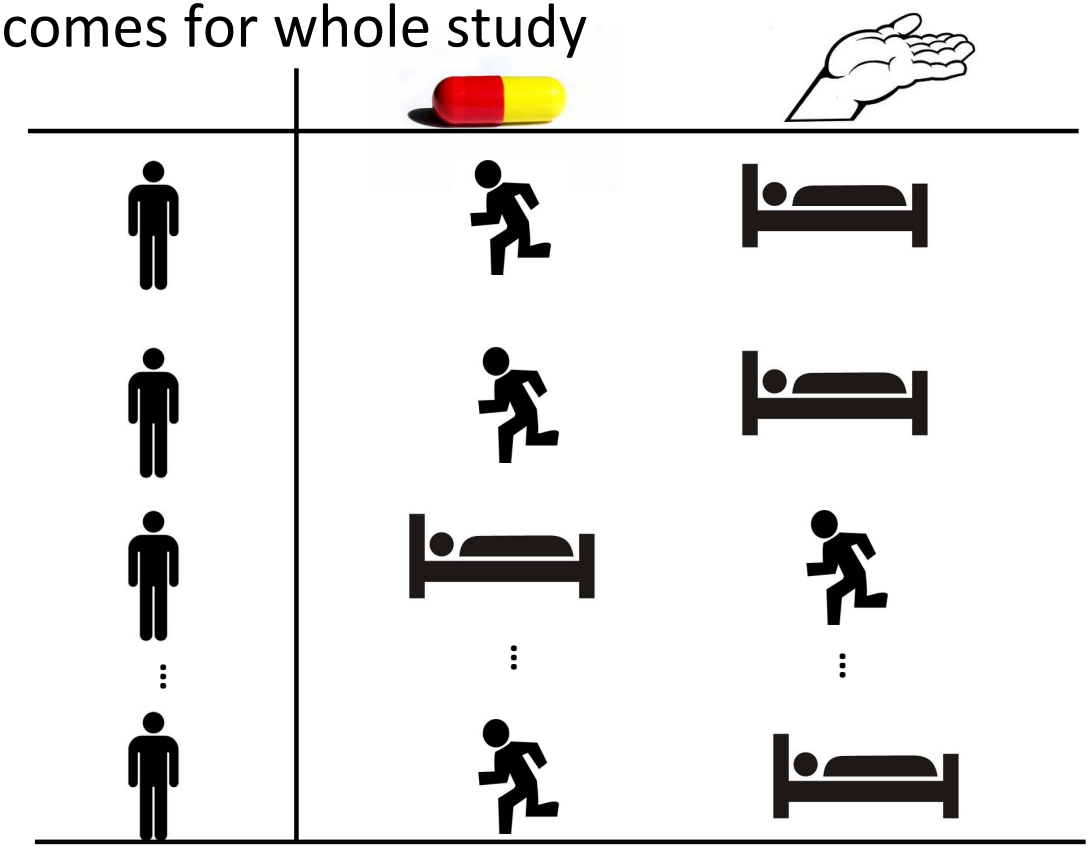
Potential outcomes for whole study



Average treatment effect = E[Y(X=1)] − E[Y(X=0)]
binary outcome: causal risk difference

Causal risk ratio = E[Y(X=1)] / E[Y(X=0)]

Causal odds ratio = odds[Y(X=1)] / odds[Y(X=0)]

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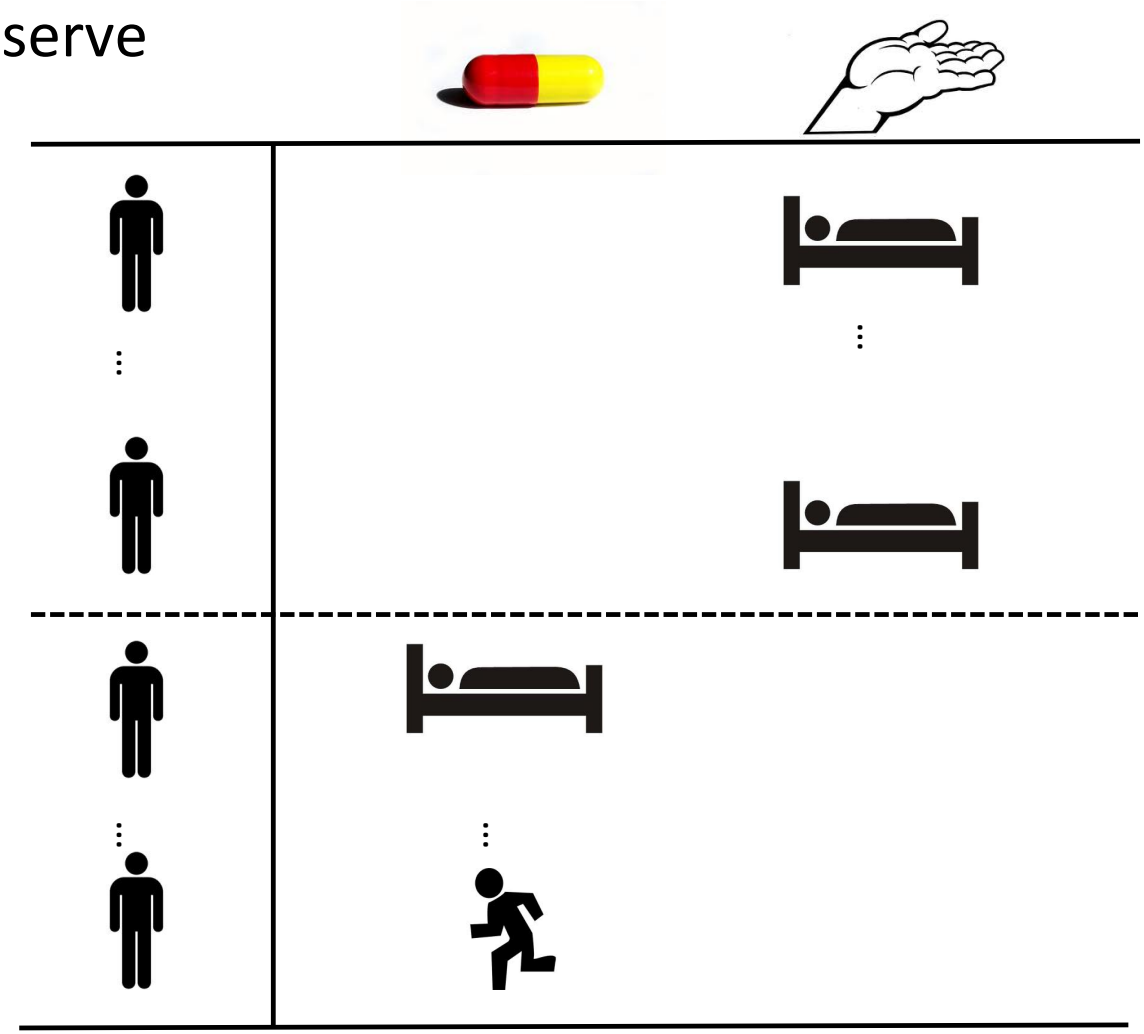
What we observe



SMMs identify effect of treatment of treated

Additive SMM example I

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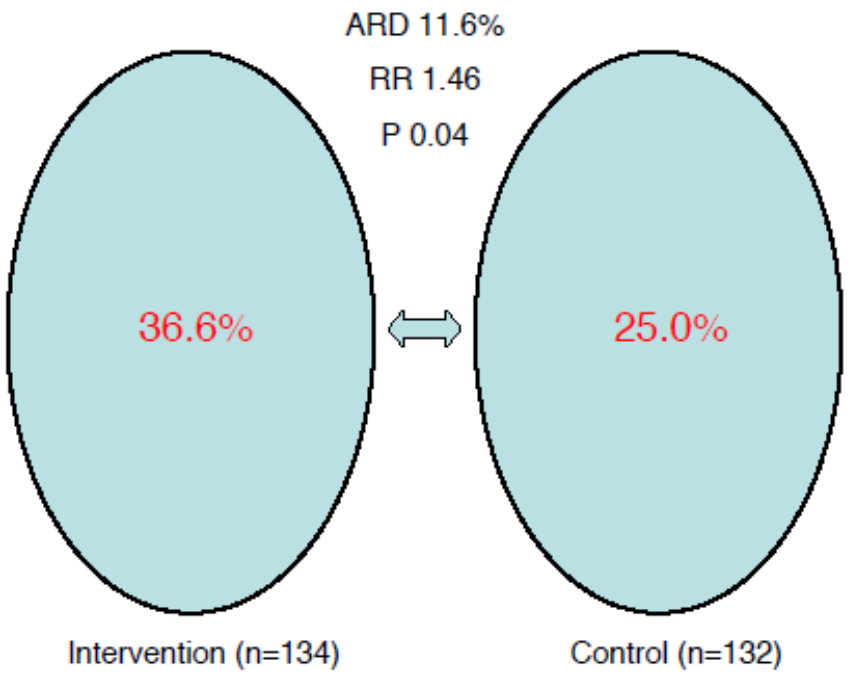

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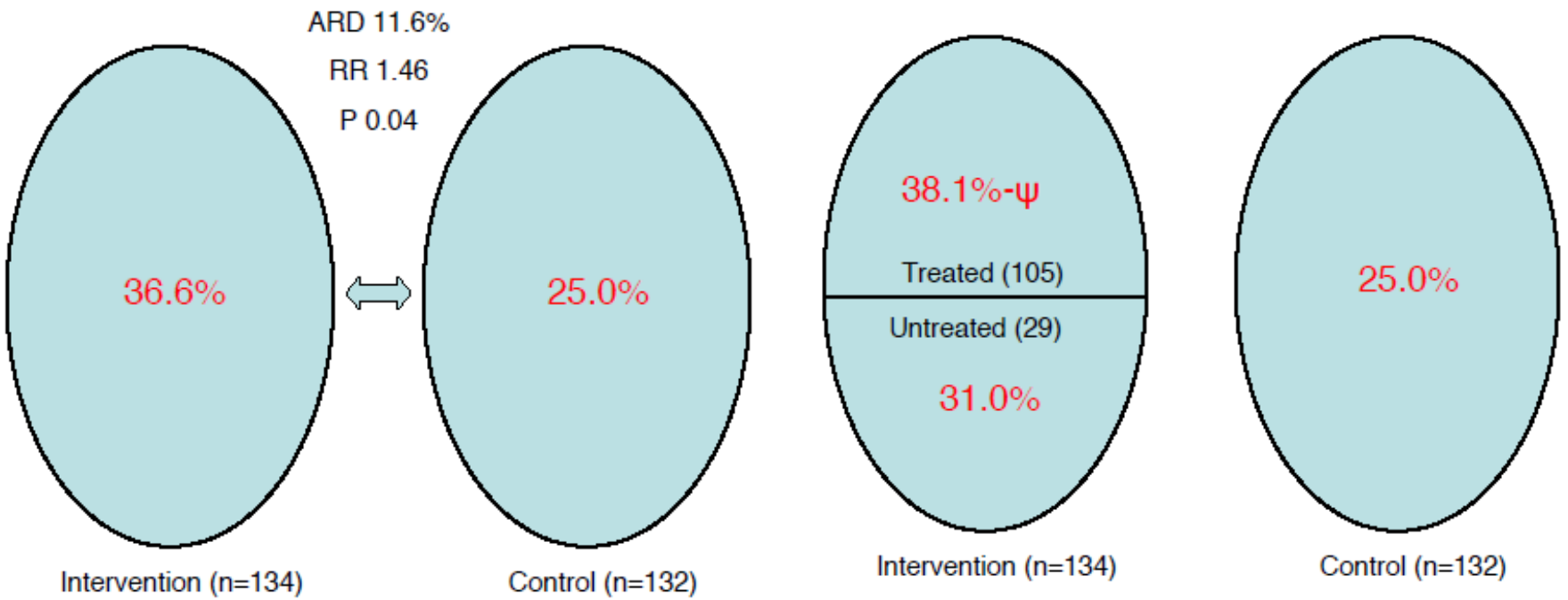

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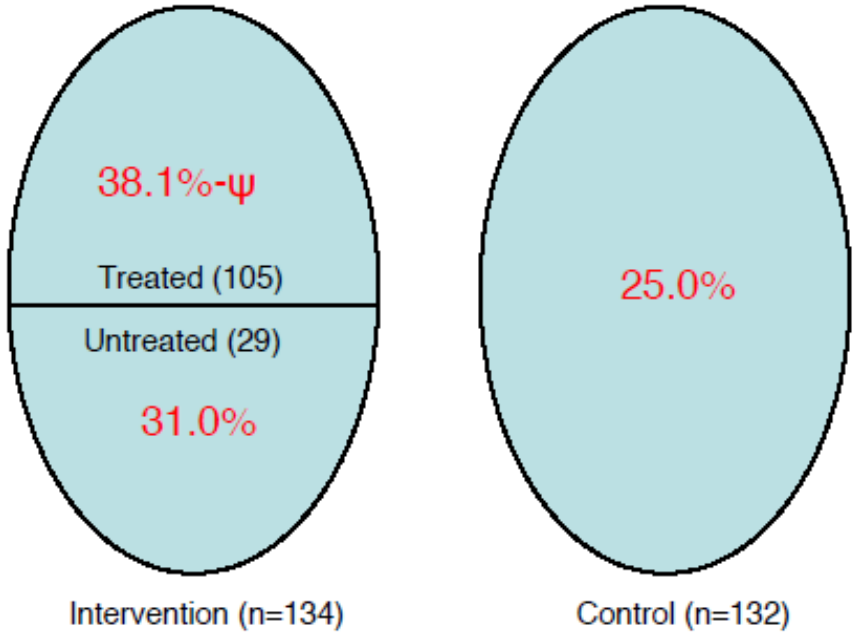

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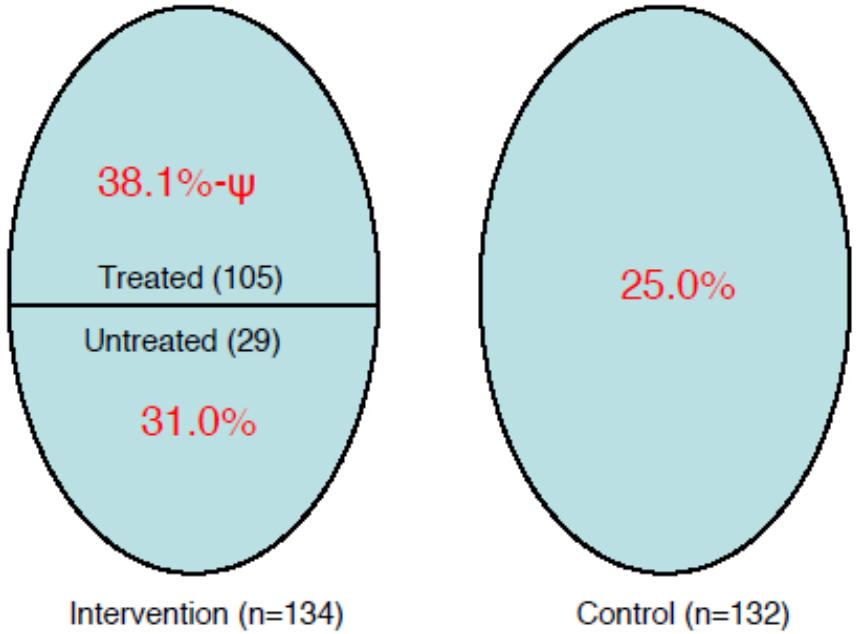

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G-estimation: what would have happened if no-one was treated

ASMM estimate: $(38.1 - \psi)(105/134) + 31.0(29/134) = 25.0$

$$\psi = (38.1 \times 105 + 31.0 \times 29 - 25.0 \times 134)/105 = 14.8\%$$

Multiplicative SMM

- Notation: X exposure/treatment, Y outcome, Z instrument, $Y(X = 0)$ exposure/treatment free potential outcome

Robins, Rotnitzky, & Scharfstein, 1999; Hernán & Robins, 2006

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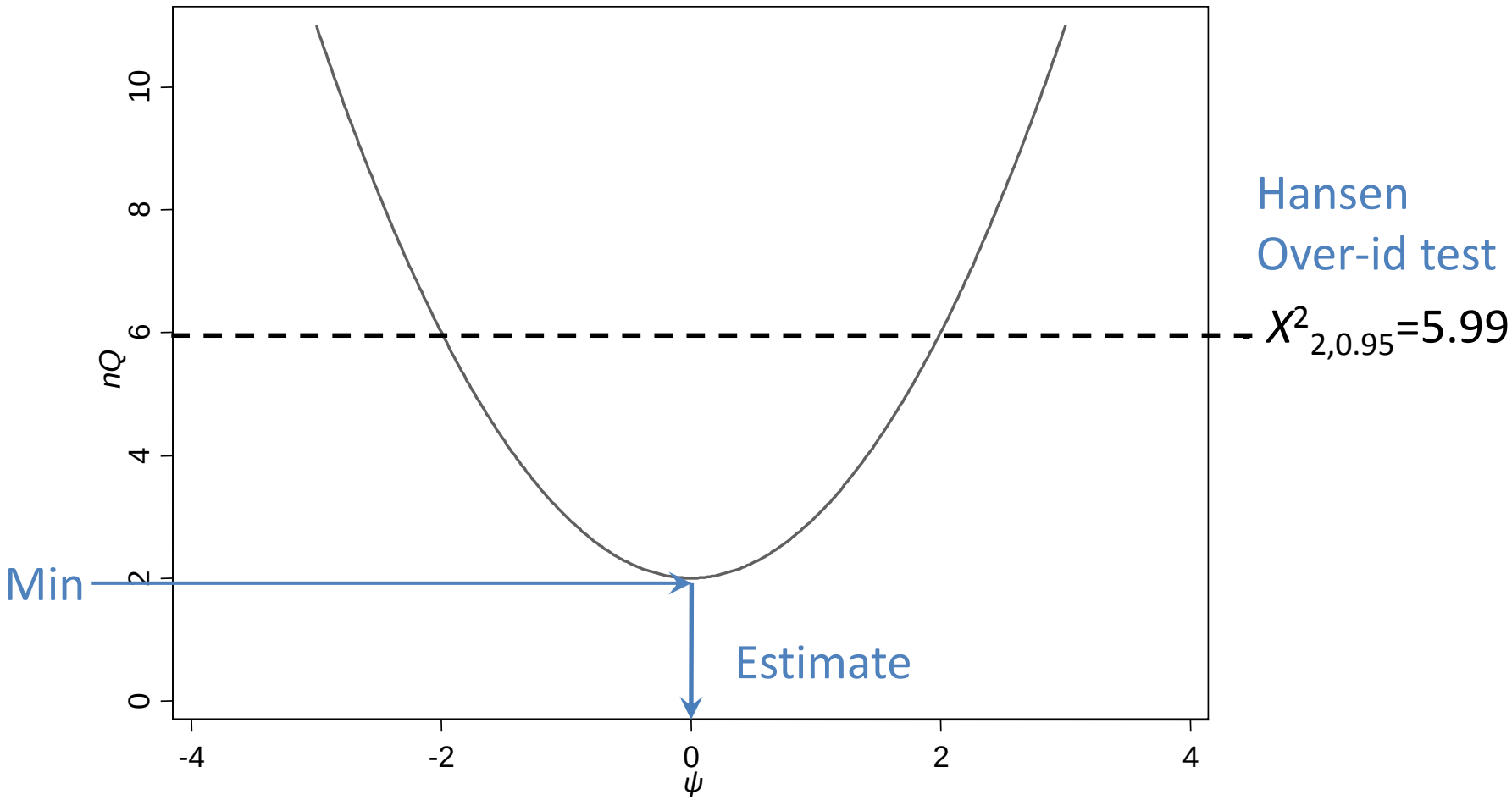
Generalised Method of Moments

Minimises quadratic form: $Q = m' W^{-1} m$



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R: gmm package (Chaussé, 2010)

```
library(gmm)
msmmMoments <- function(theta,x){
  # extract variables from x
  Y <- x[,1]; X <- x[,2]; Z1 <- x[,3]; Z2 <- x[,4]; Z3 <- x[,5]
  # moments
  m1 <- (Y*exp(- X*theta[2]) - theta[1])
  m2 <- (Y*exp(- X*theta[2]) - theta[1])*Z1
  m3 <- (Y*exp(- X*theta[2]) - theta[1])*Z2
  m4 <- (Y*exp(- X*theta[2]) - theta[1])*Z3
  return(cbind(m1,m2,m3,m4))
}
fit <- gmm(msmmMoments, data, t0=c(0,0))
```

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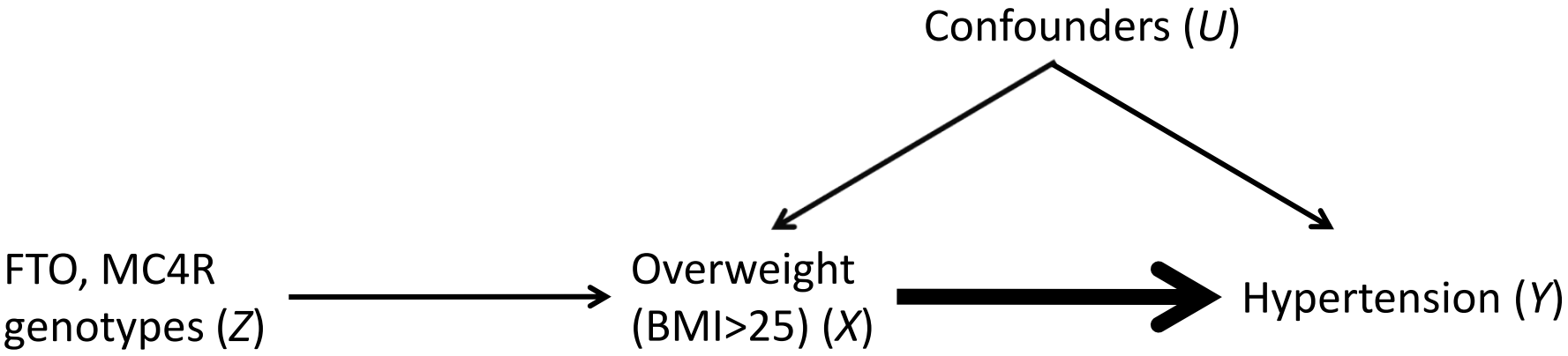

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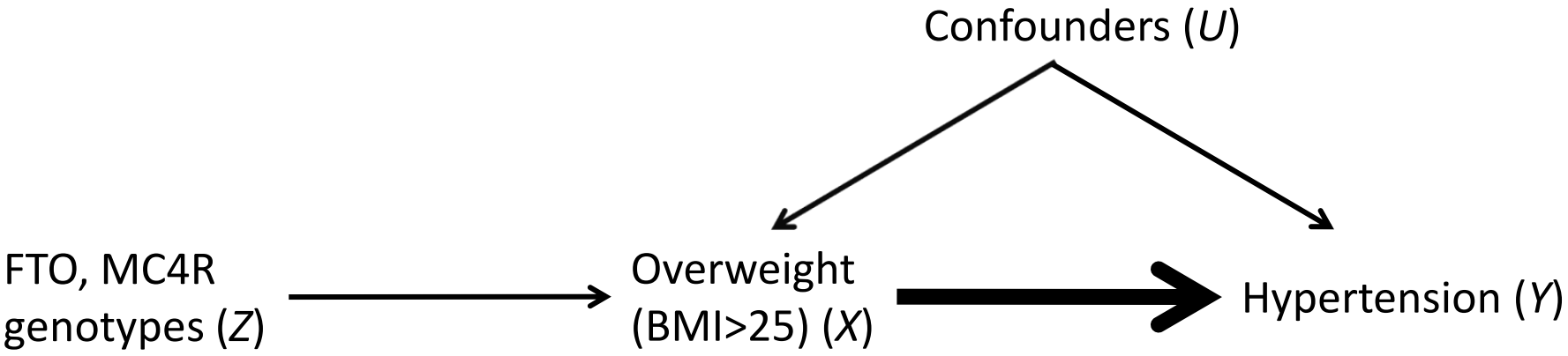


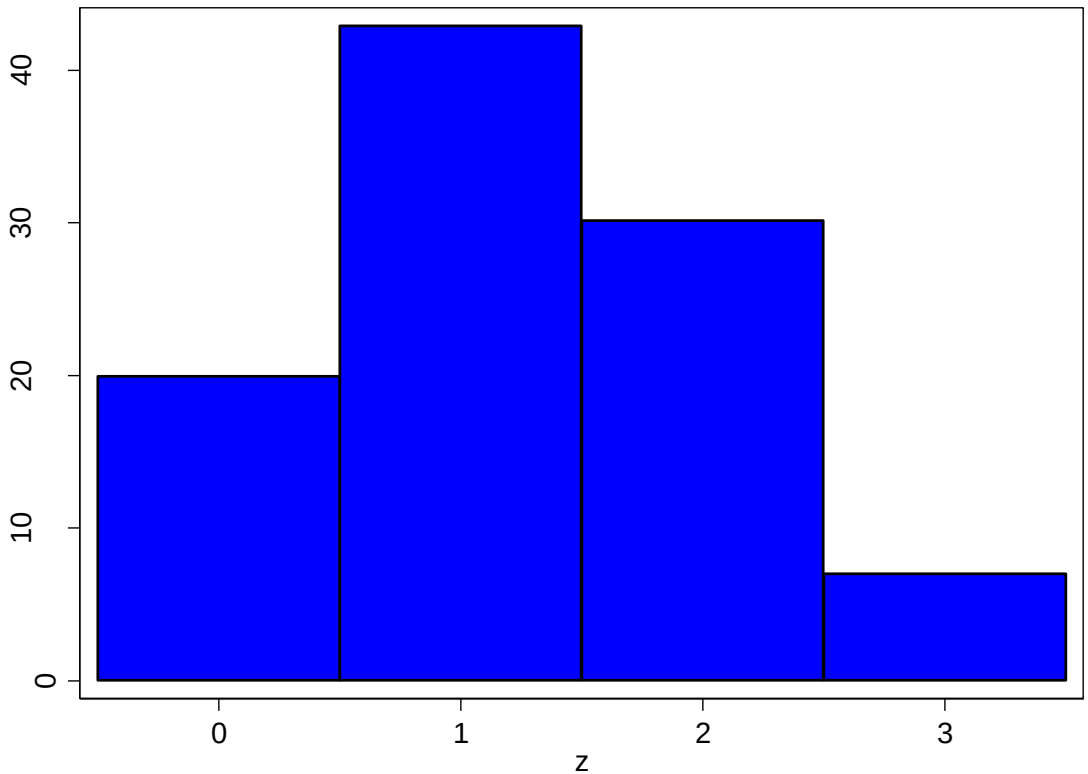
	No Hypertension	Hypertension	Total
Not Overweight	10,066 42%	13,909 58%	23,975
Overweight	6,906 22%	24,642 78%	31,548
Total	16,972 31%	38,551 69%	55,523 χ^2 P<0.001

Risk ratio for hypertension 1.35 (1.32, 1.37)

Copenhagen example descriptive statistics 2

Distribution of instrument (Z)

FTO	*MC4R*	*Z*	Freq
0	0	0	0.20
0	1	1	0.15
1	0	1	0.27
1	1	2	0.21
2	0	2	0.09
2	1	3	0.07



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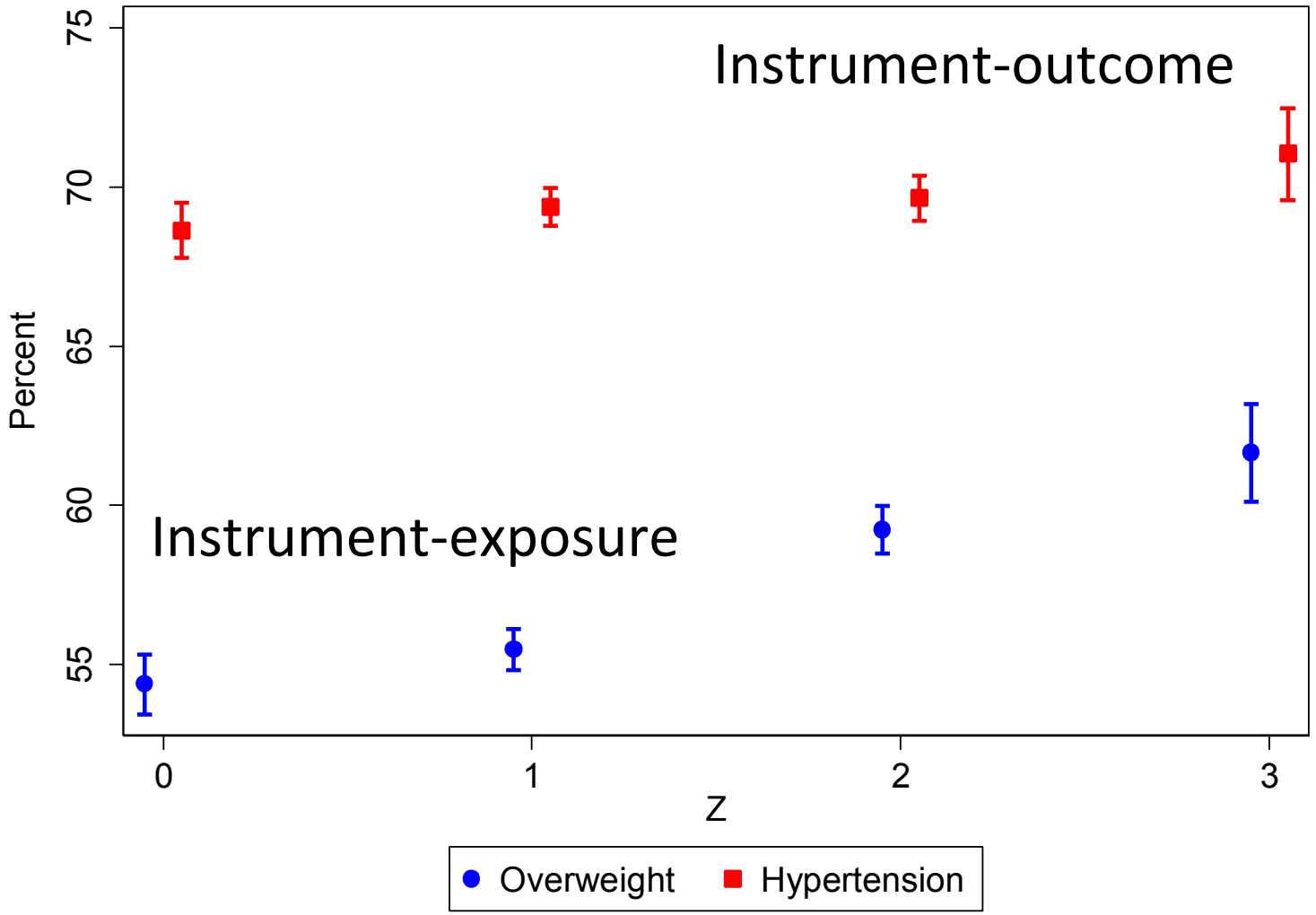
Exposure (over-weight) & outcome (hypertension) by instrument

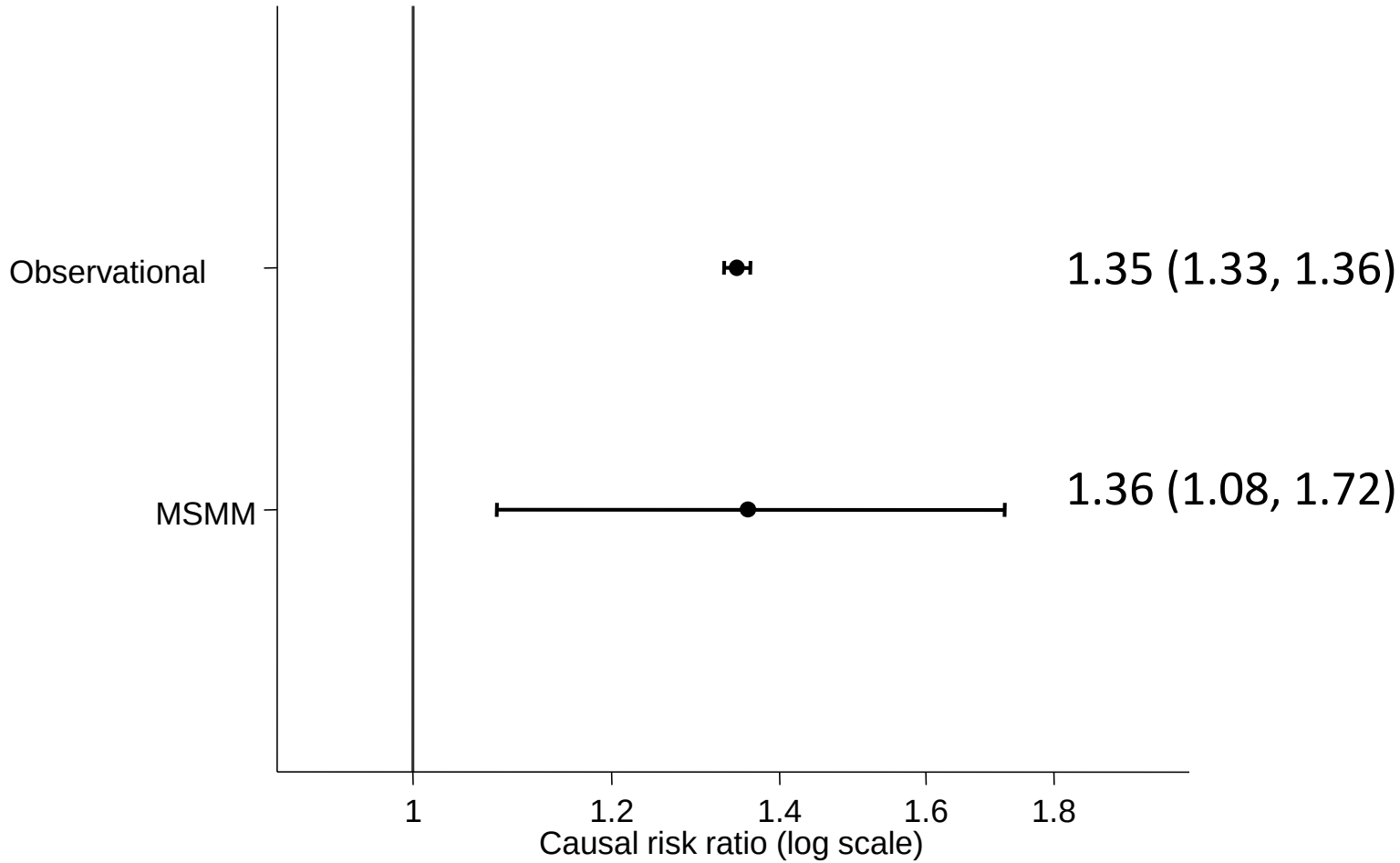


P=0.007

P<0.001

R^2=0.002

Copenhagen example Multiplicative SMM estimates



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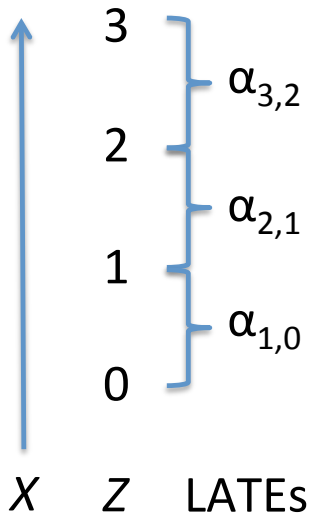

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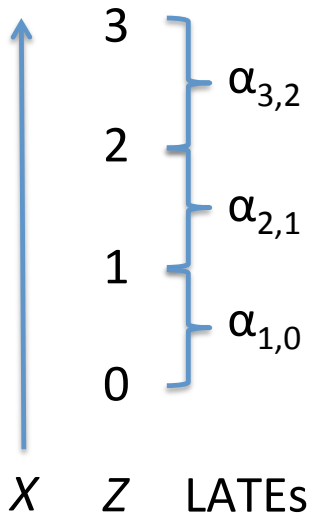

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Similar result holds for MSMM: $e^{\psi}_{\text{All}} = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \tau_k e^{\psi}_{k,k-1}$

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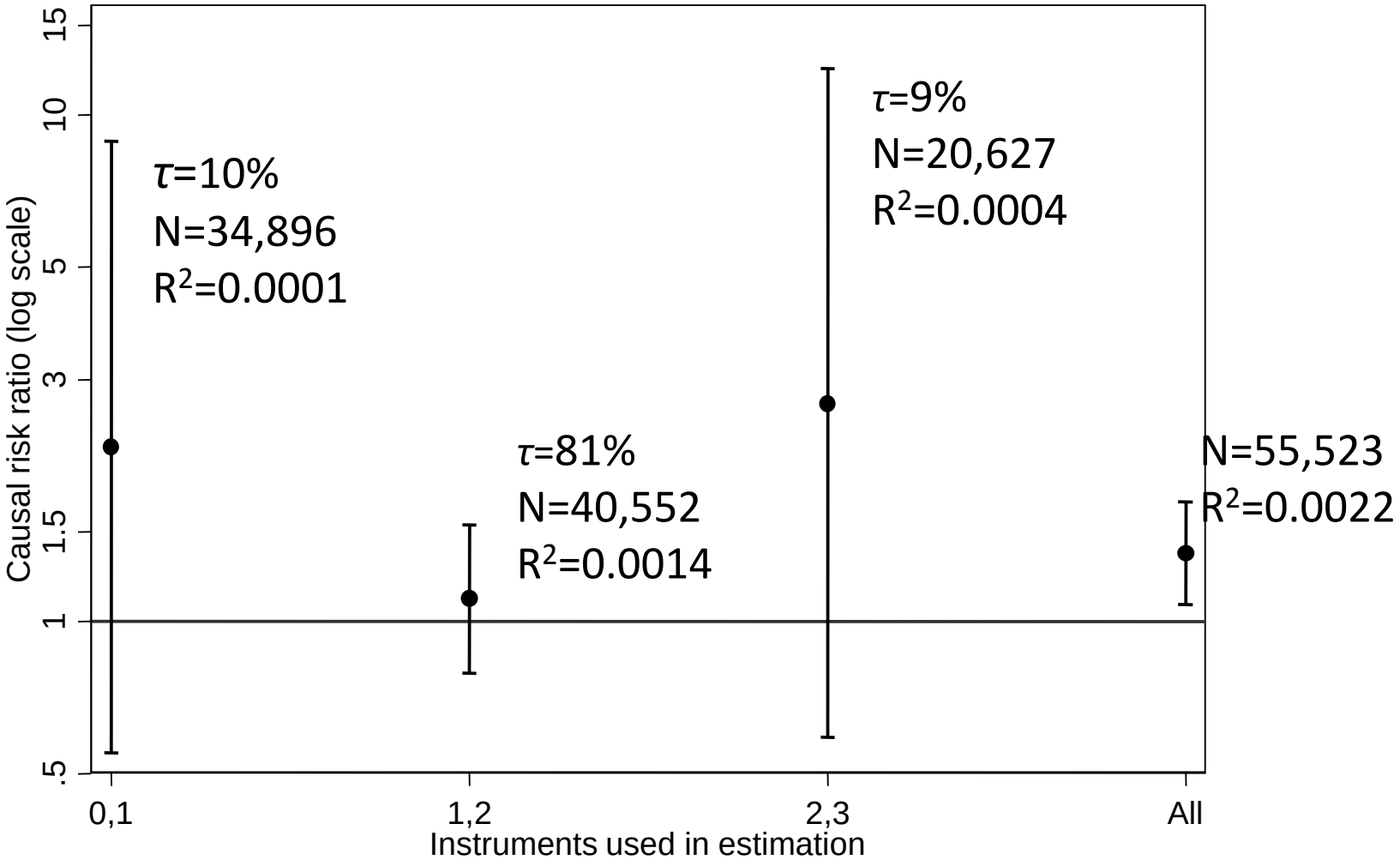

Check: $(0.10 \times 2.21) + (0.81 \times 1.11) + (0.09 \times 2.69) = 1.36$

3. Nonparametric bounds I

X, Y, Z all binary: IV assumptions–instrumental inequality (Bonet, 2001)

Denote $p_{yx.z} = P(Y = y, X = x \mid Z = z)$

$$\begin{aligned} p_{00.0} + p_{10.1} &\leq 1 \\ p_{10.0} + p_{00.1} &\leq 1 \\ p_{11.0} + p_{01.1} &\leq 1 \\ p_{01.0} + p_{11.1} &\leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Not a statistical test
- If fail then the IV assumptions must be violated
- But IV assumptions can be violated without failing the inequalities

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$P(Y(X=1))$	(0.7990, 0.9990)
Average Causal Effect (risk difference)	(-0.1946, 0.0054)
Causal risk ratio	(0.8042, 1.0054)

TSLS: ACE 0.0032 (95%CI 0.0010, 0.0055)

Nonparametric bounds: Interpretation

- Not same as a confidence interval
- Bounds of [-0.1946, 0.0054]:
  there exists some distribution involving U that yields a true ACE as small as -19.46%, and another that gives a true ACE as large as 0.54%, with both distributions satisfying the IV assumptions and having the same observed marginal frequencies on (X, Y, Z)

Nonparametric bounds: Extensions

- Monotonicity assumption: for all values u of U
  $P(X = 1 \mid Z = 1, U = u) \geq P(X = 1 \mid Z = 0, U = u)$
  gives (slightly) tighter inequalities and bounds
- Extensions for a 3rd instrument category
- Data structures: (X, Z) & (Y, Z) in different samples

Nonparametric bounds: Limitation

Simulate data (N=10,000), two outcomes; both do not fulfil IV assumptions

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\begin{aligned}
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For Y_2 we get

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$P(Y(X=1))$	(0.0585, 0.8464)
Average Causal Effect (risk difference)	(-0.1767, 0.6922)

4. Summary

- Instrumental variable assumptions
  - Not fully testable from observational data (as for all causal inf.)
- Applications
  - Mendelian randomization (IV: genotypes)
  - Correct for noncompliance (IV: randomized treatment)
- Test for presence of effect
- Estimators: ratio and two-stage least squares
- Structural Mean Models: G-estimation $Y(0) \perp\!\!\!\perp Z$
- Additive SMM
- Multiplicative SMM
- Review of methods Palmer, Sterne, et al., 2011; Palmer, Lawlor, et al., 2011
- Nonparametric bounds
- Stata command: `bpbounds` Palmer, Ramsahai, Didelez, & Sheehan, 2011

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Control function	1.36 (1.08, 1.71)	
	OR (95% CI)	P over-id
LSMM two-stage	1.88 (1.75, 2.02)	
LSMM joint	2.87 (1.25, 6.55)	0.29
$Y - \text{expit}(\psi X) \perp\!\!\!\perp Z$	2.69 (1.23, 5.90)	0.30
Control function	2.69 (1.21, 5.97)	

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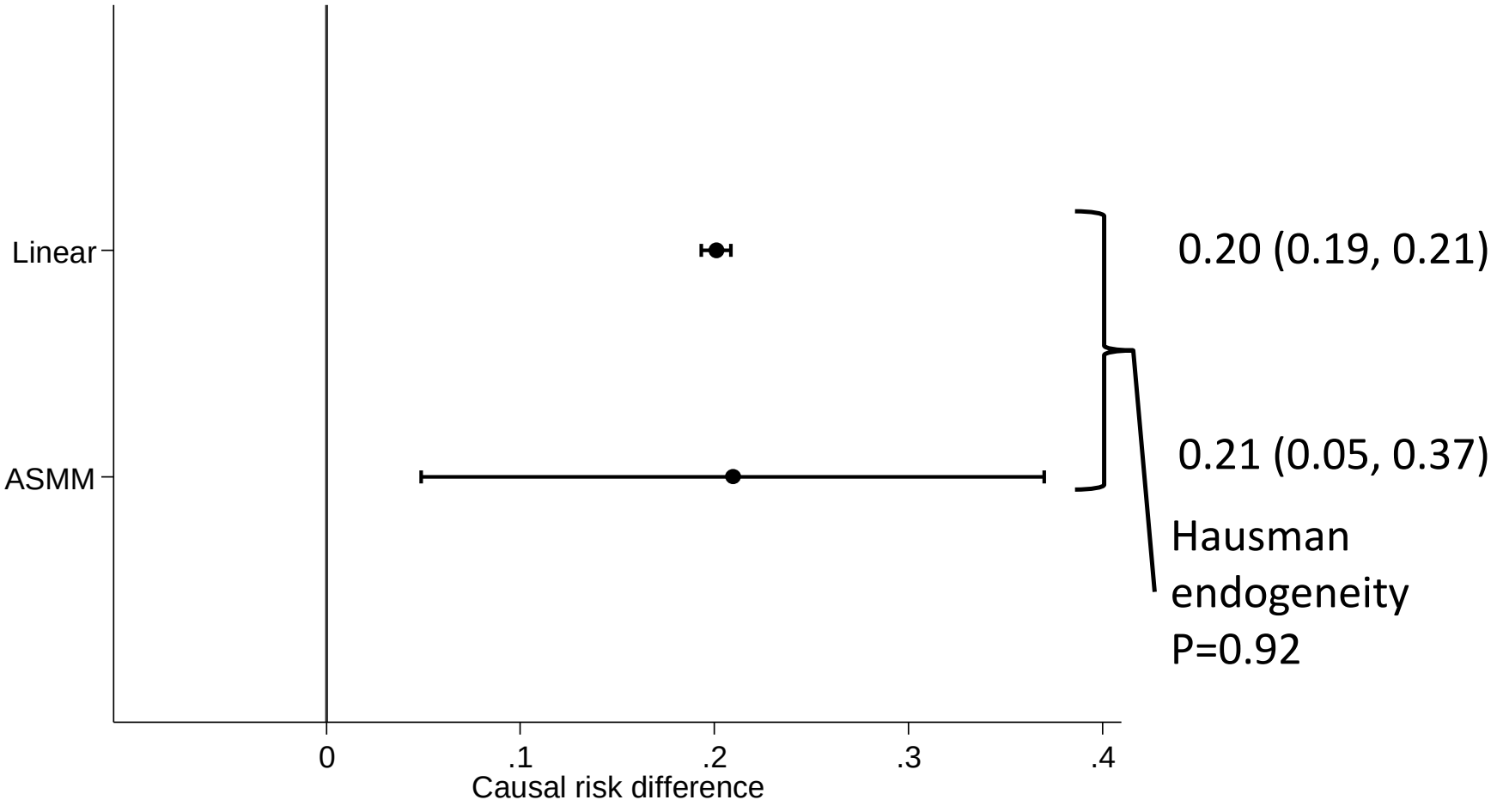

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- First stage association model Vansteelandt (2003):
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  - (ii) predict Y, estimate LSMM using predicted Y

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Problem: SEs incorrect - need association model uncertainty

LSMM joint estimation

Joint estimation = correct SEs Gourieroux (1996)

Vansteelandt & Goetghebeur (2003)

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Stata `gmm` command - allows multiple equations - still 1 line of code

Example: causal model SEs $\times 10$

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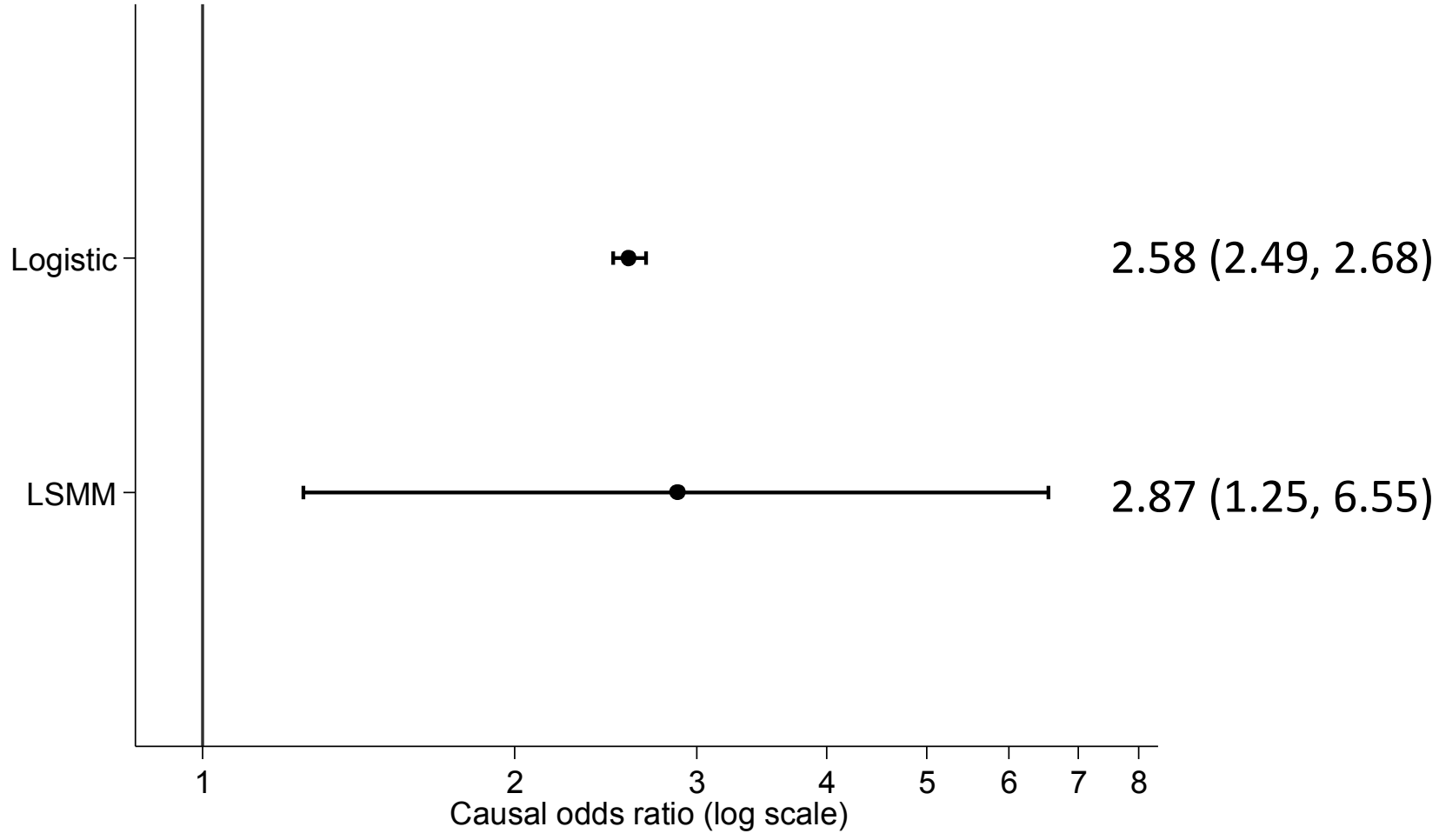

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sex, age, chol	1.33 (1.05, 1.68)	0.49