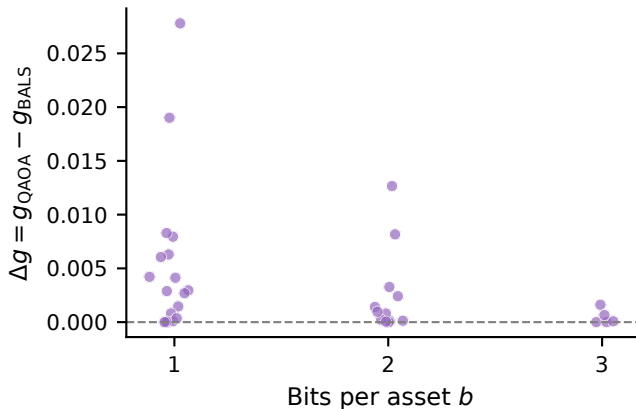


EXP-C: QAOA-polishes-BALS delta gap (88.6\% hurts, 0\% helps;  $R_{\text{LOO-cv}}^2 < 0$ )

(a) by  $b$  ( $\rho_s = -0.38$ )



(b) by  $|f^*|$  ( $\rho_s = -0.34$ )

