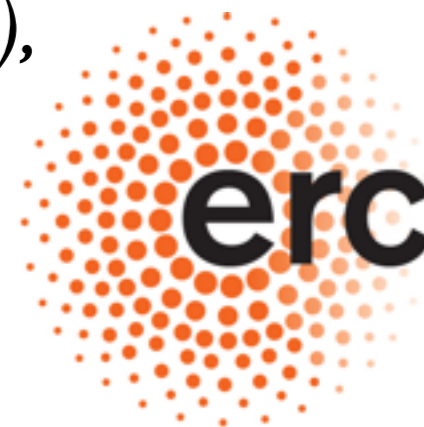


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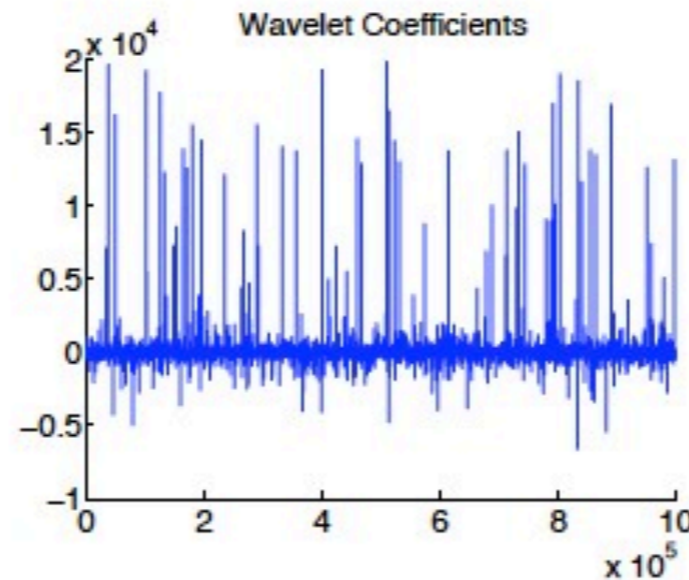
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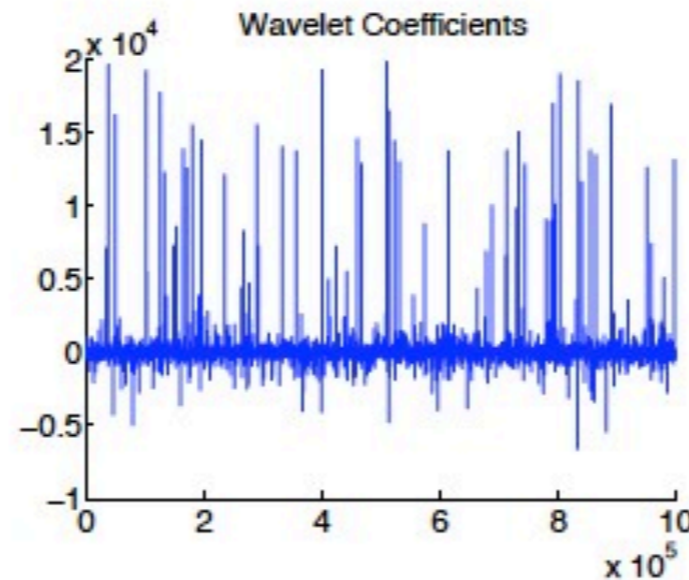
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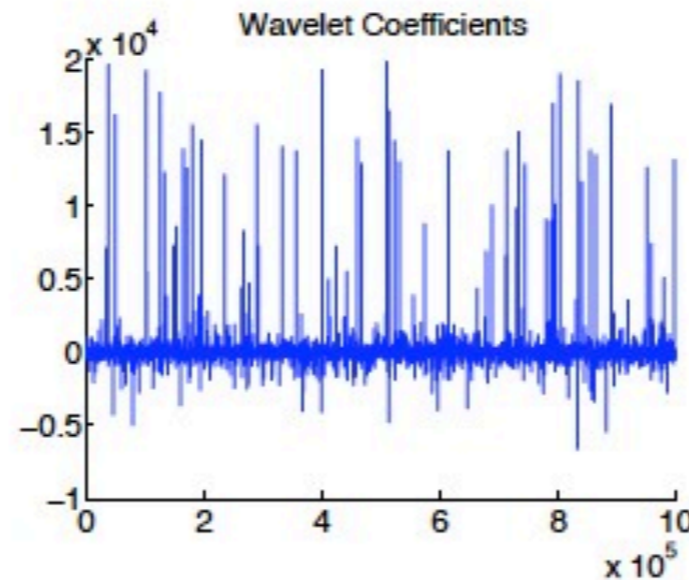
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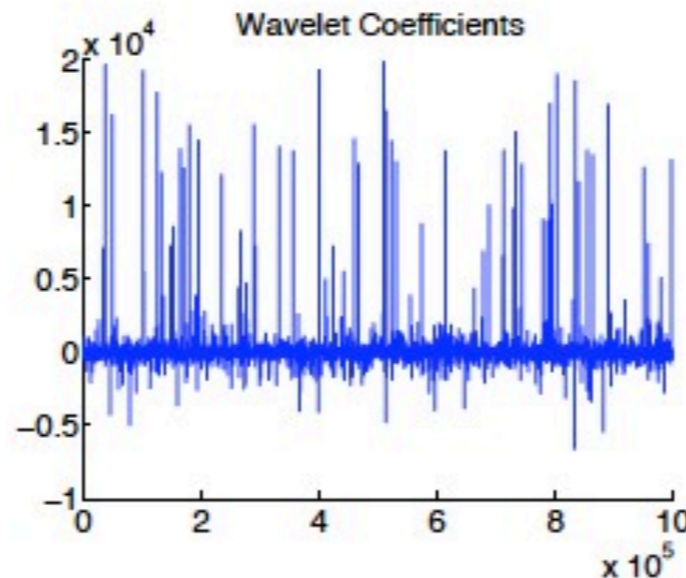
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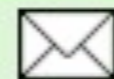
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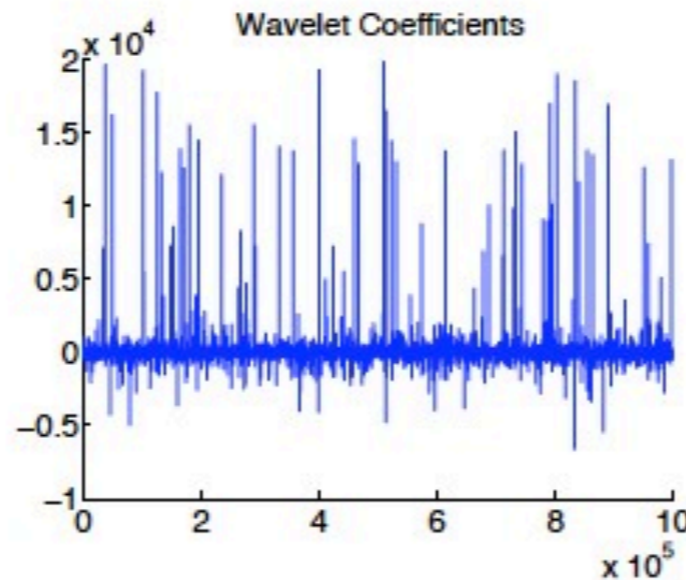
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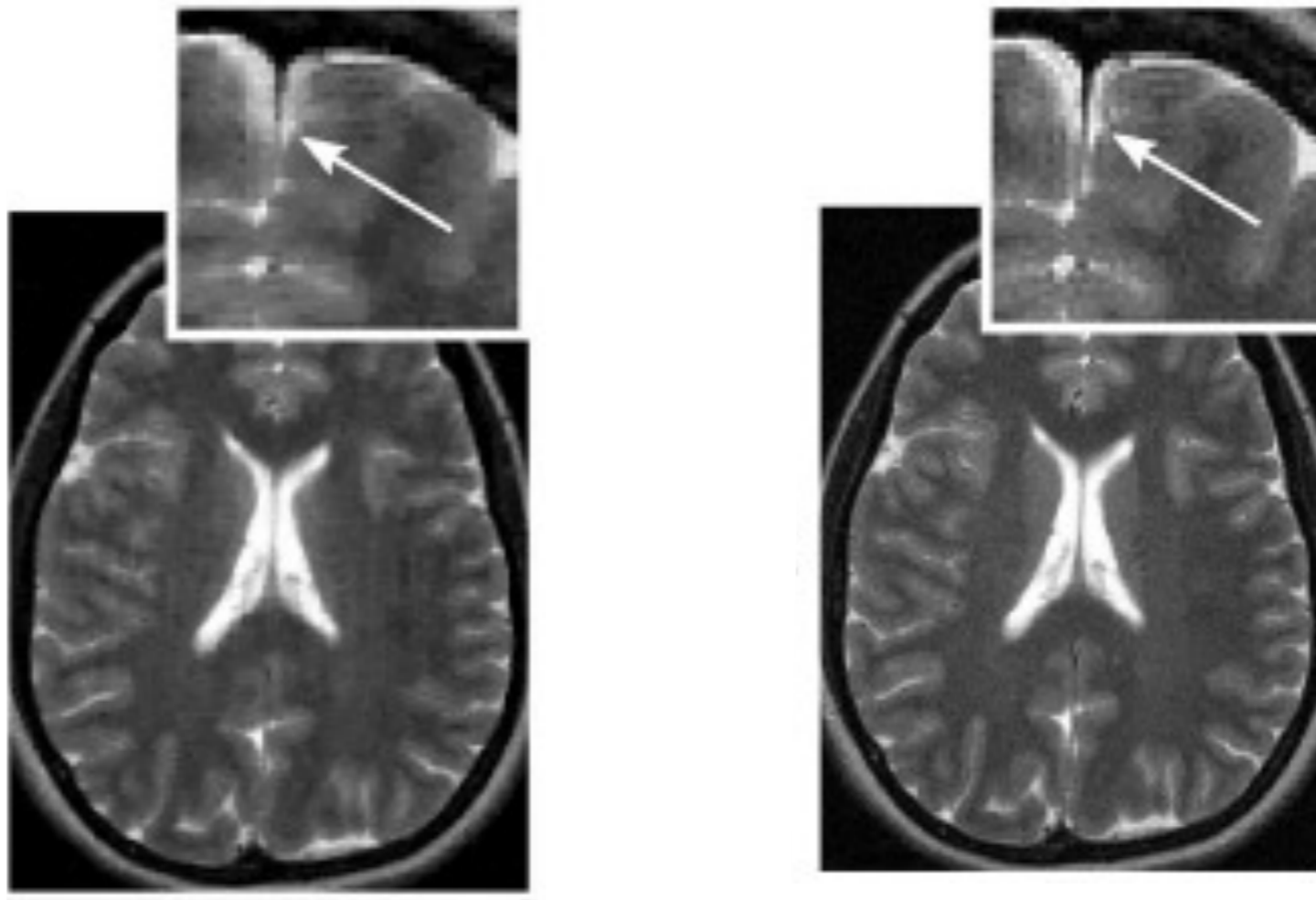
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# Teaser:

An example from magnetic resonance imaging



Left: image acquired with CS  
Acceleration by a factor 2.5

Lustig, Donoho, Pauly '07

# Possible applications

- Rapid Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Image acquisition (single-pixel camera)
- DNA microarrays
- Group testing
- Fast data compression
- Herschel spacial telescope
- Compressed Sensing Microscopes
- Sparse Principal Component Analysis
- Compressed quantum state tomography
- ...

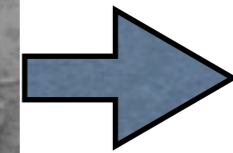
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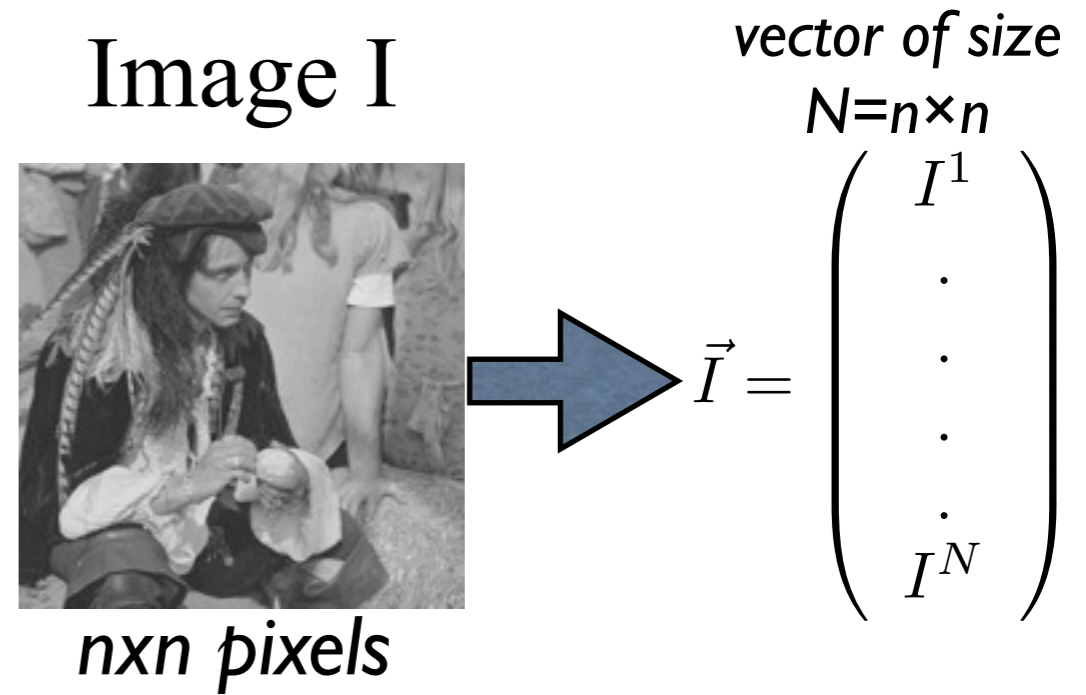


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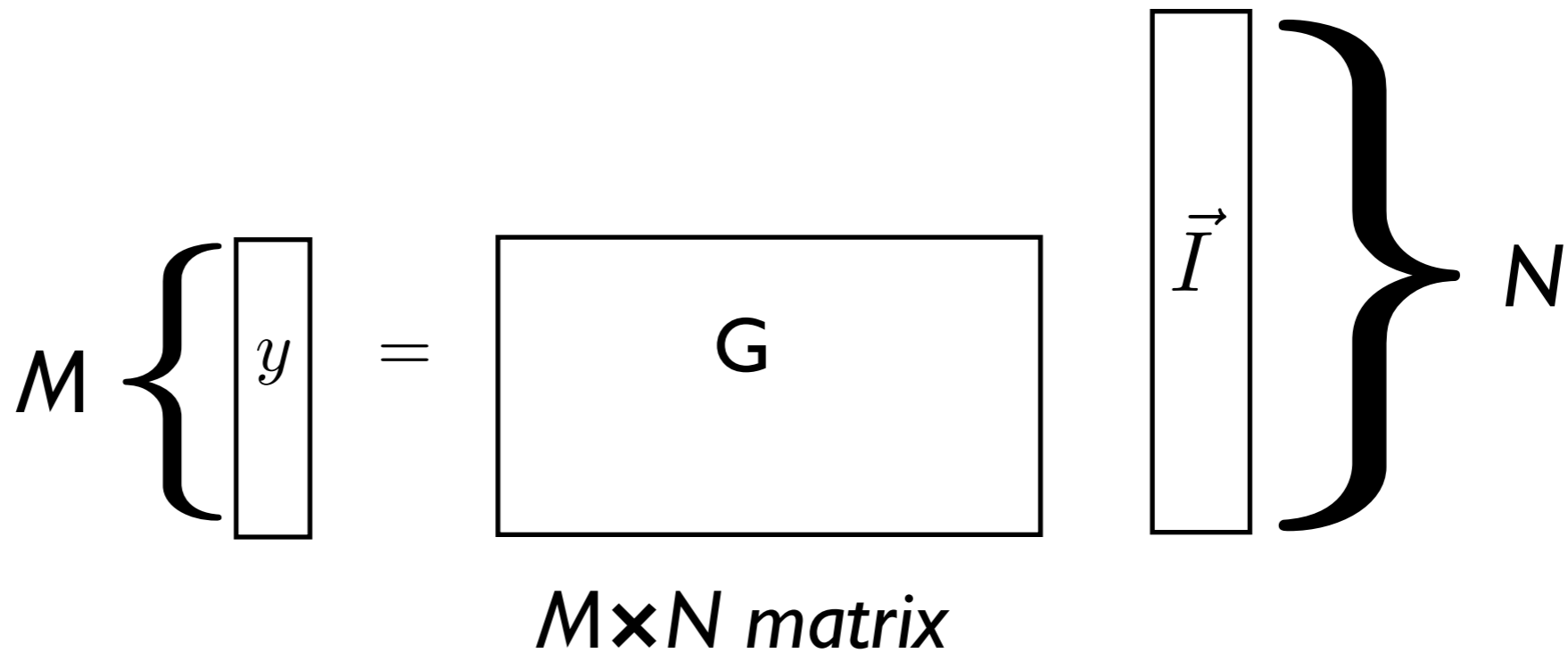
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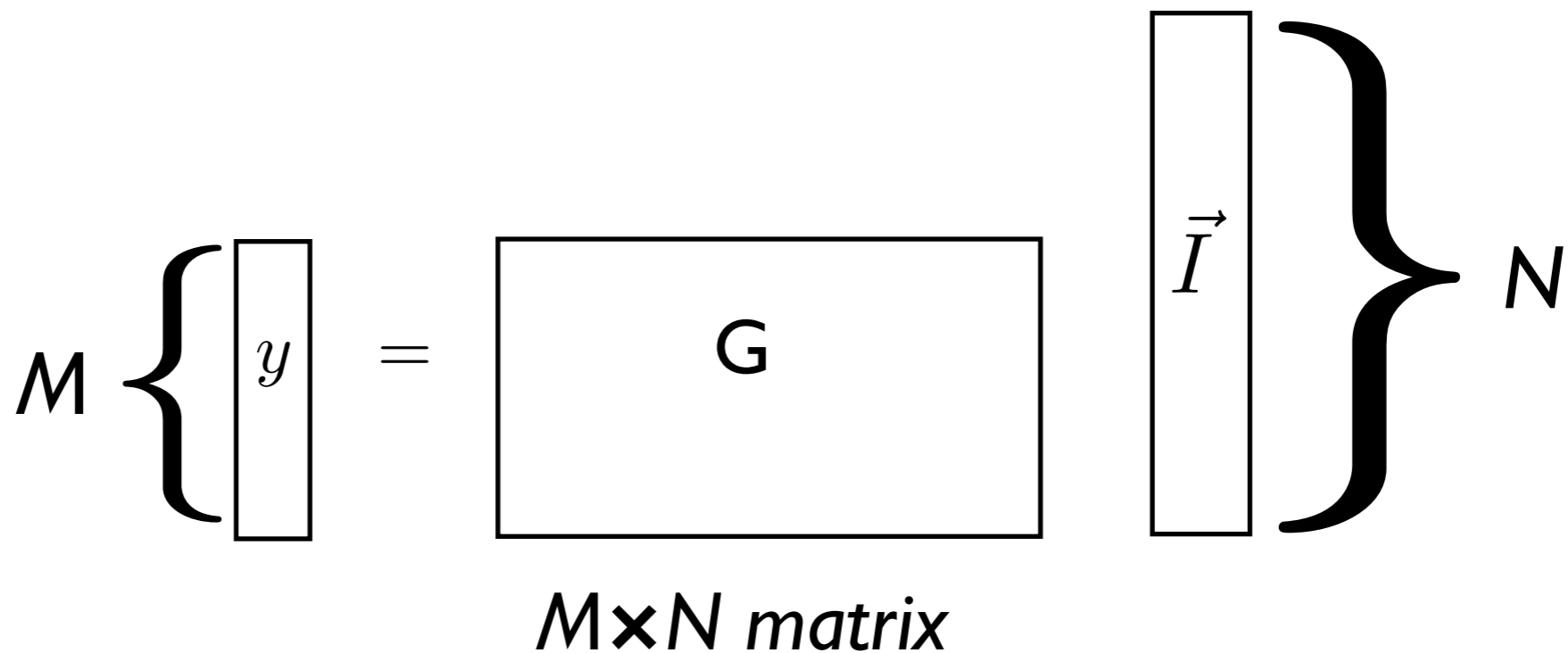
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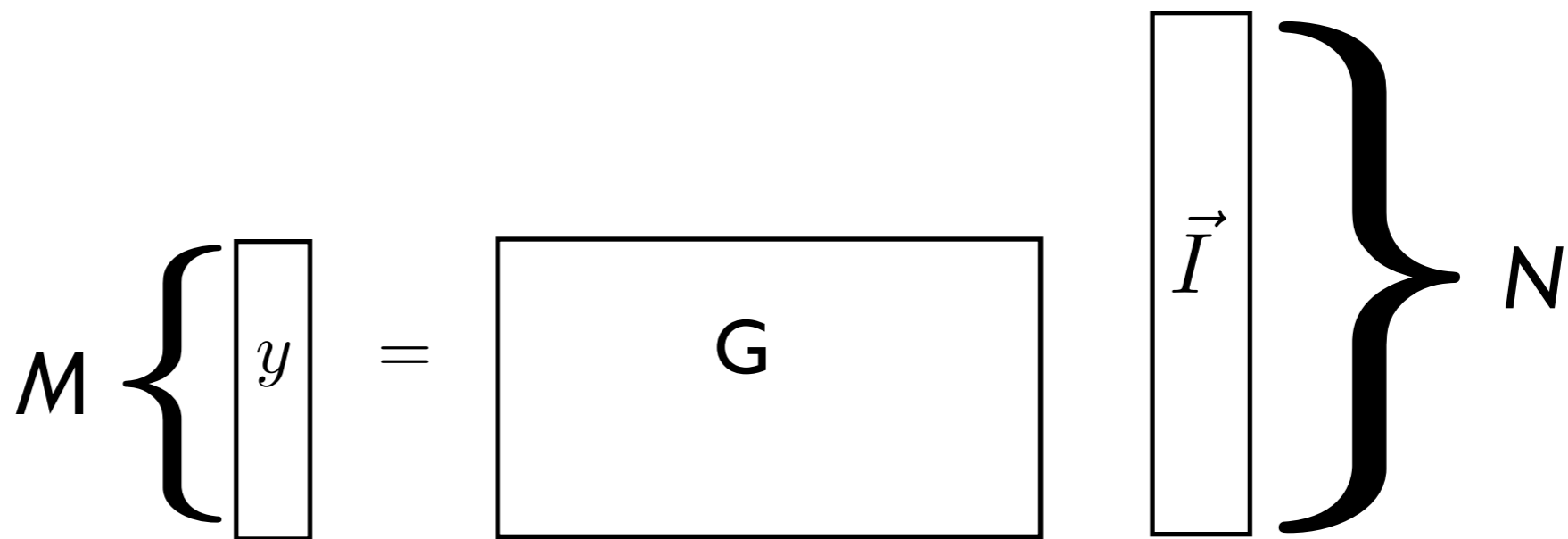
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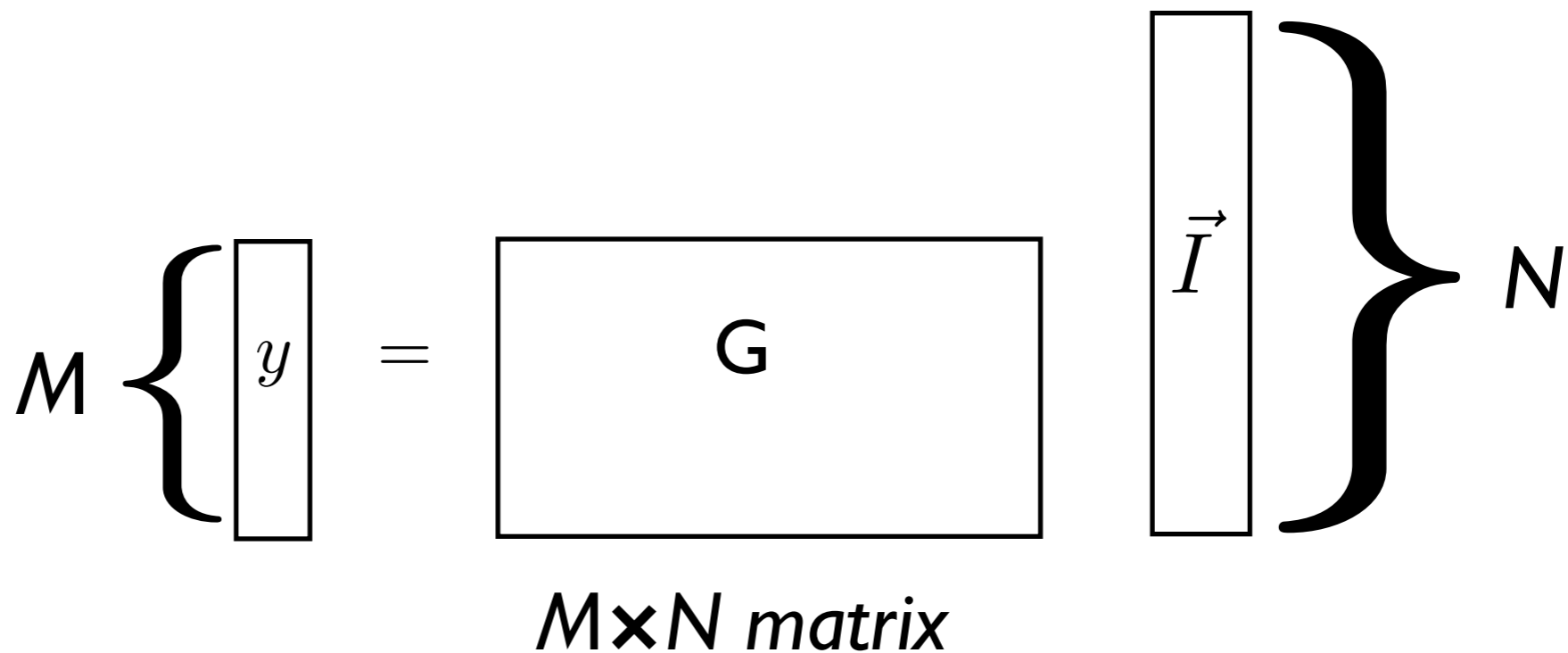
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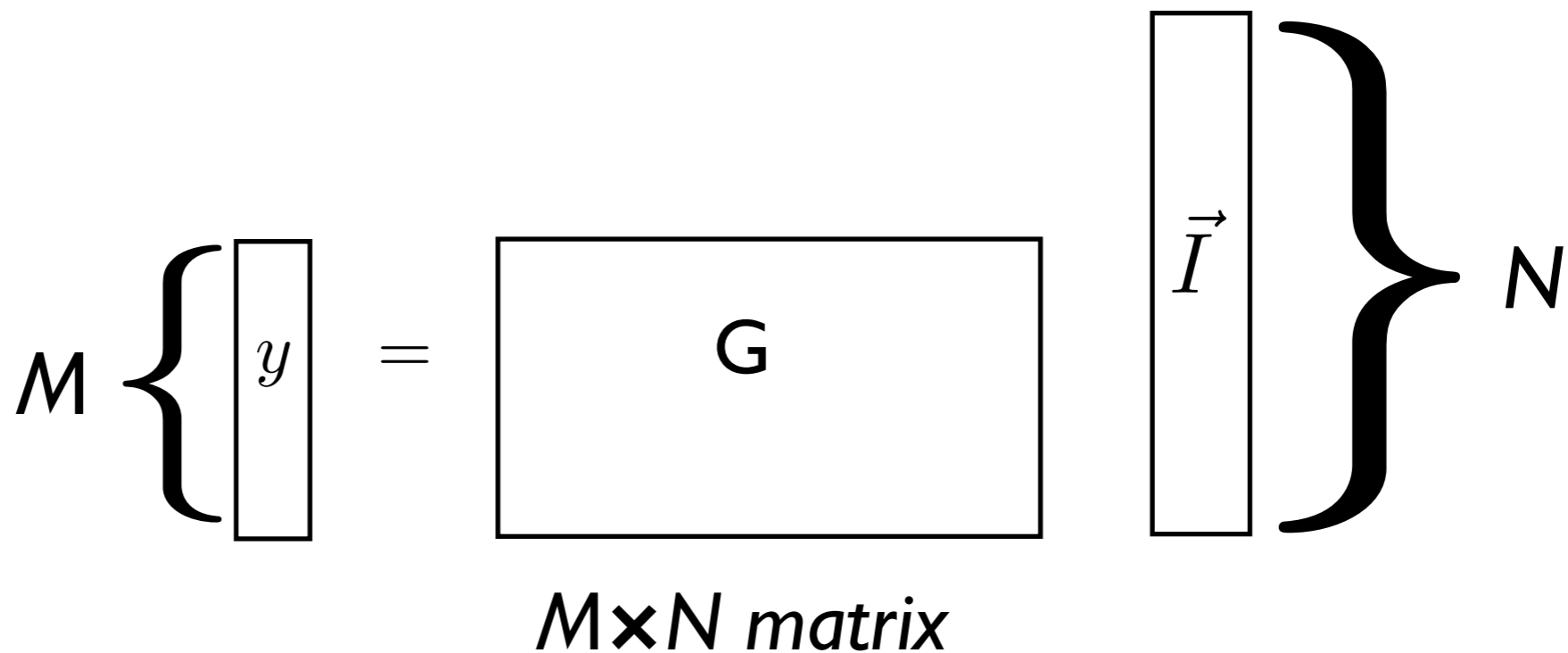
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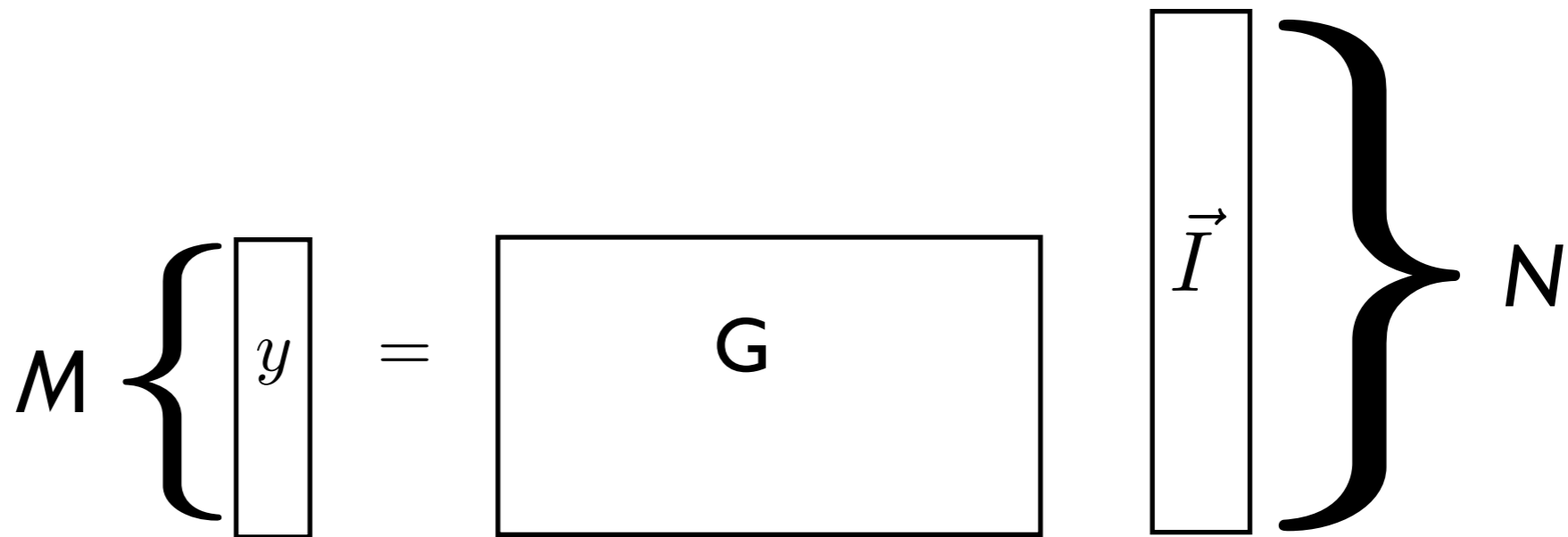
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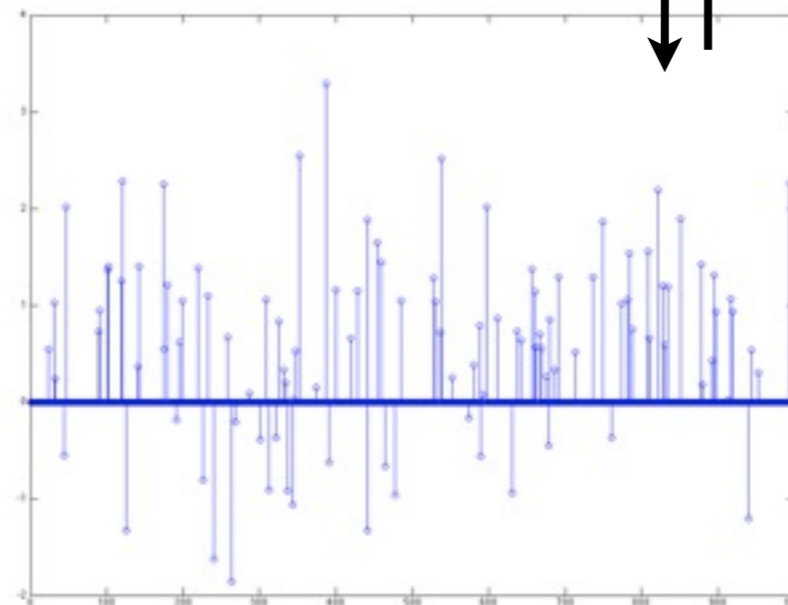
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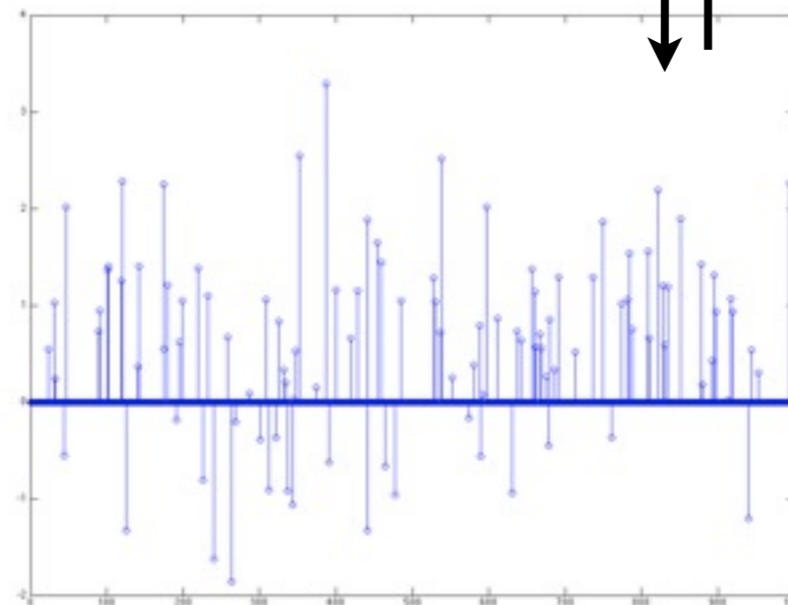
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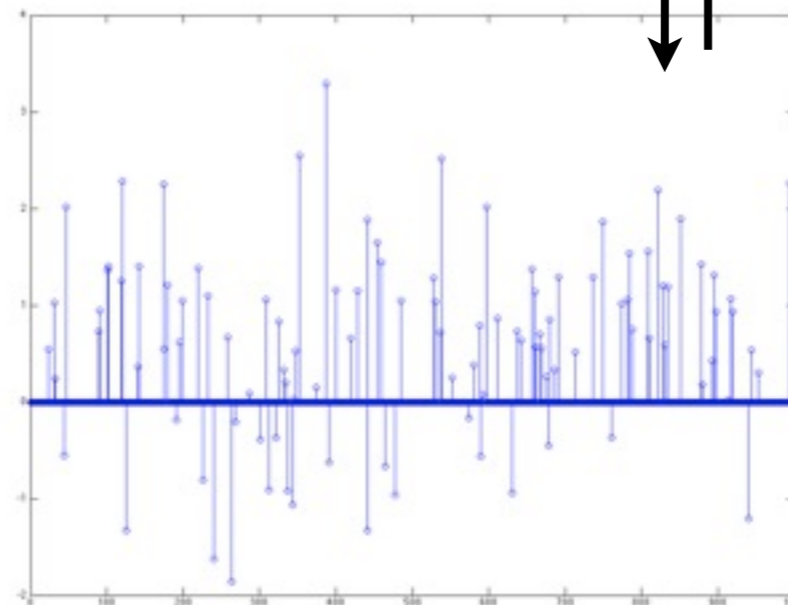
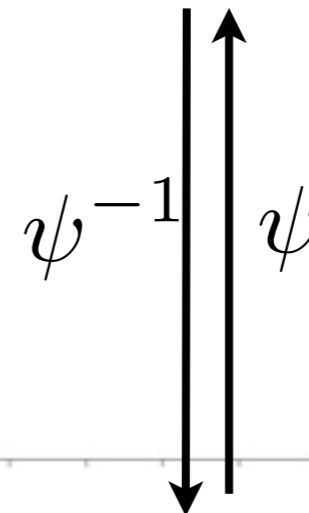


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**F=M×N matrix**

- Need to find a sparse solution of an under-constrained set of linear equations
- Ideally works as long as  $M > R$
- Robust to noise

# The reconstruction problem: Inverting an underconstrained linear system

Consider a system of linear measurements

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \nearrow y = Fx & \nwarrow \\ \text{Measurements} & & \text{Signal} \end{array} \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x^N \end{pmatrix}$$
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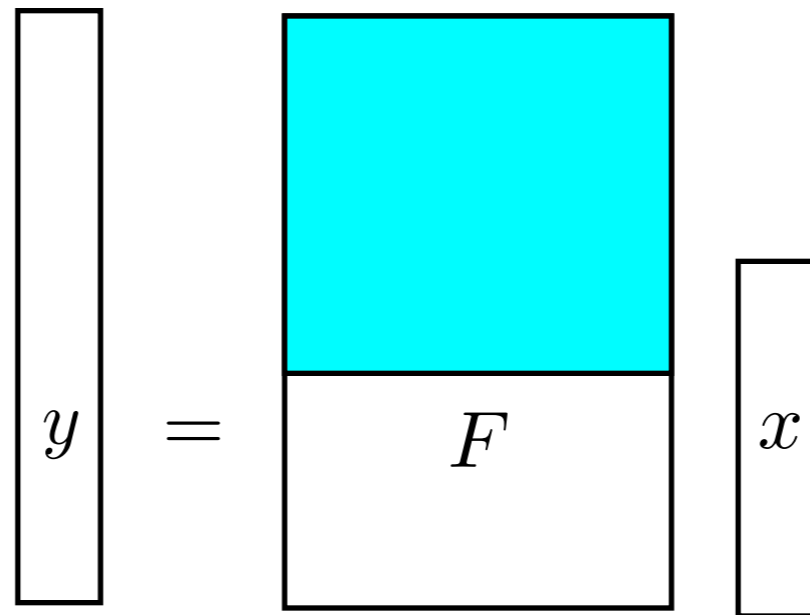
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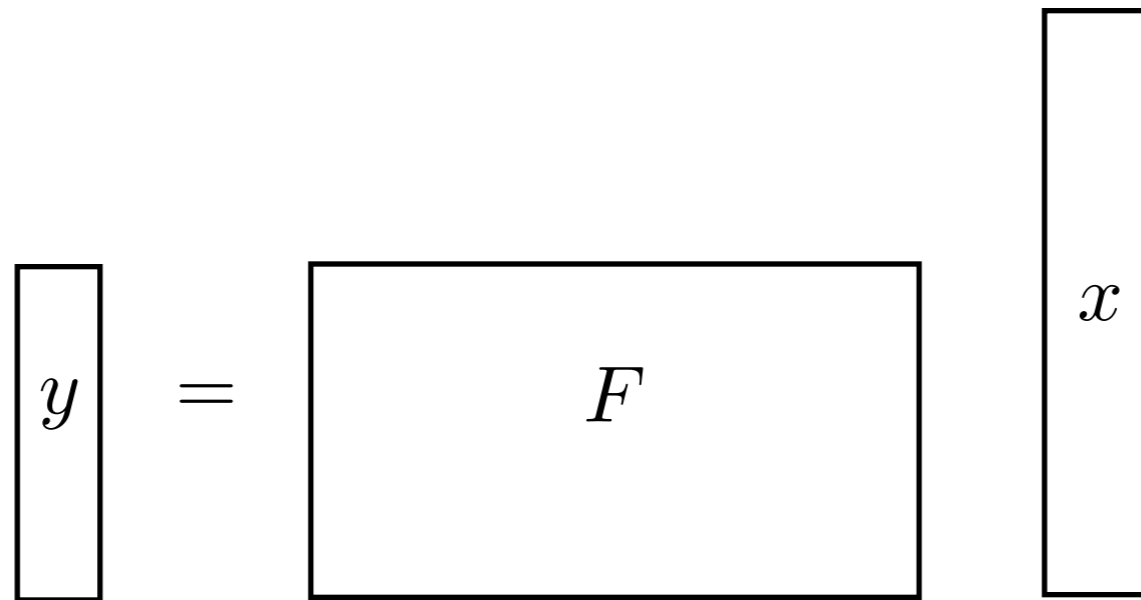
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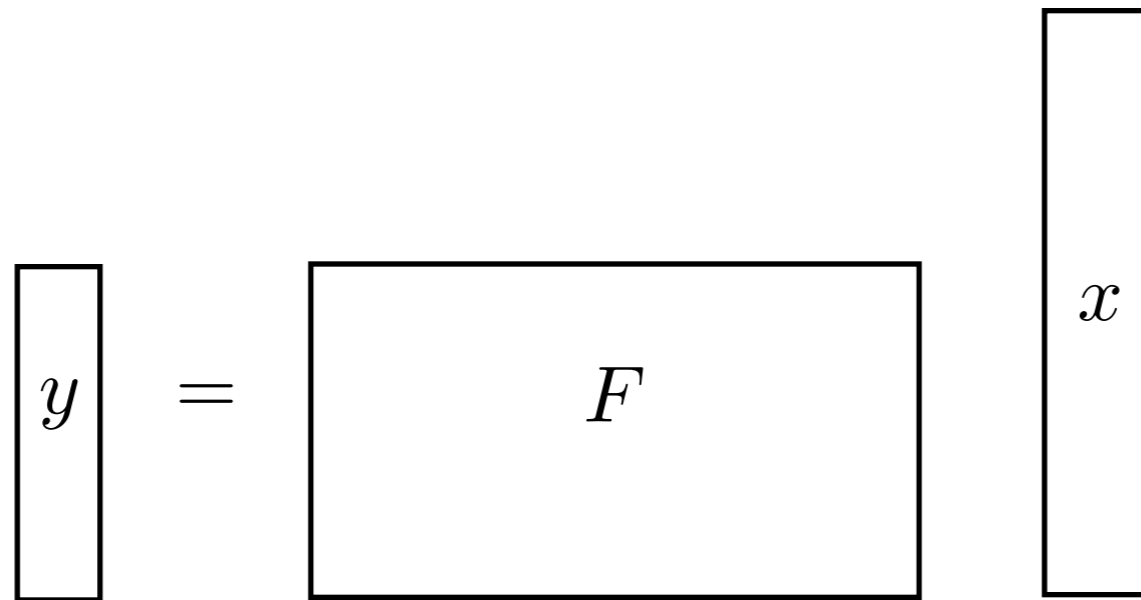
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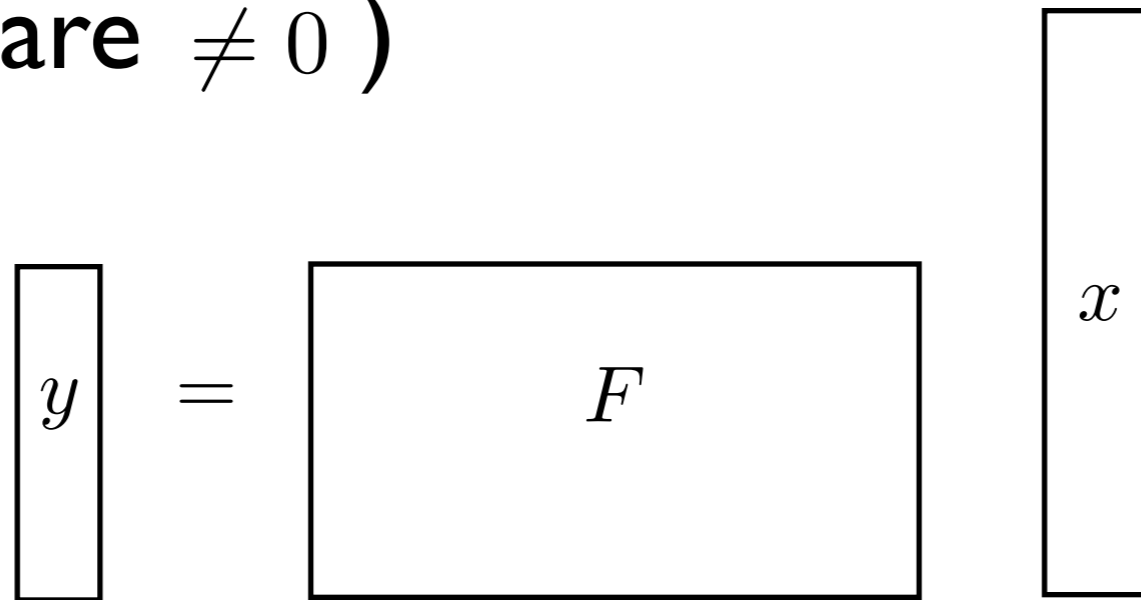


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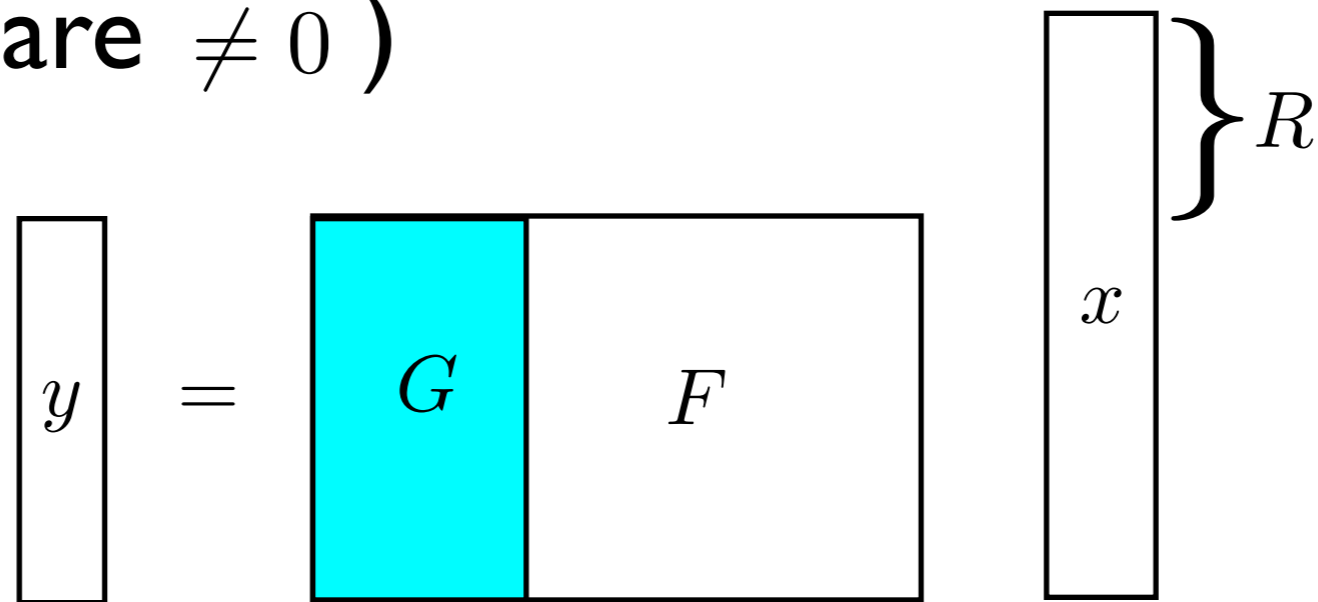
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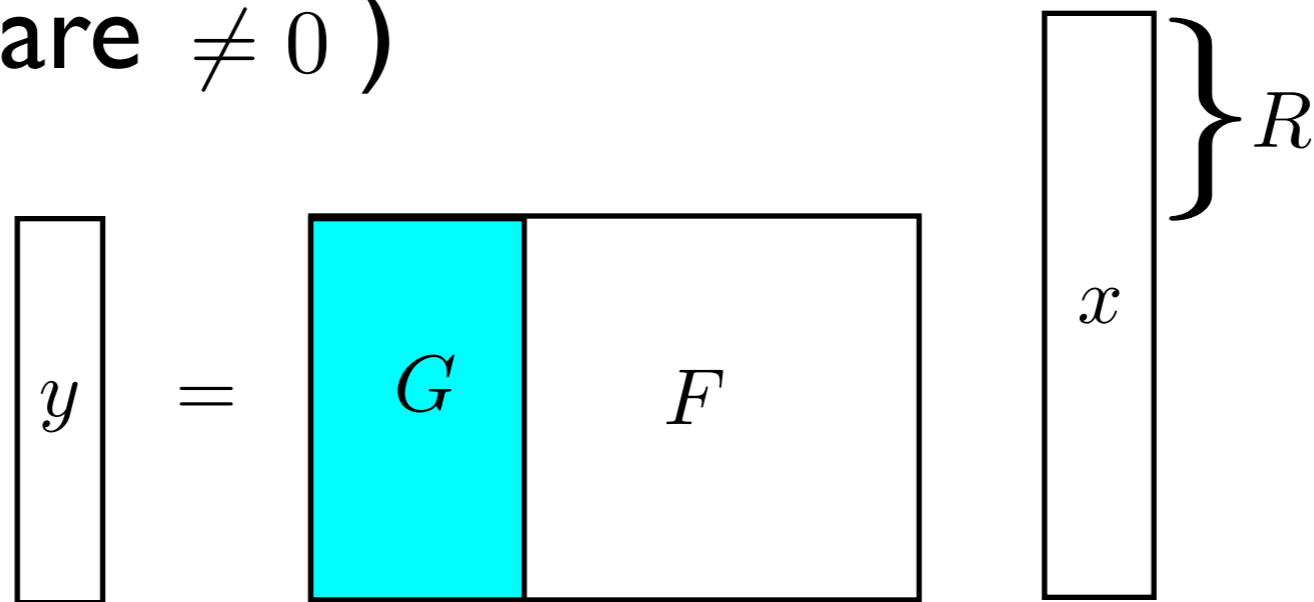
Solve : 
$$y^\mu = \sum_{i=1}^R G^{\mu i} x_i \quad \mu = 1, \dots, M$$

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$\longrightarrow$  generically inconsistent (no solution), except if the guess of locations of  $x_i \neq 0$  was correct

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$\binom{N}{R}$  possible guesses

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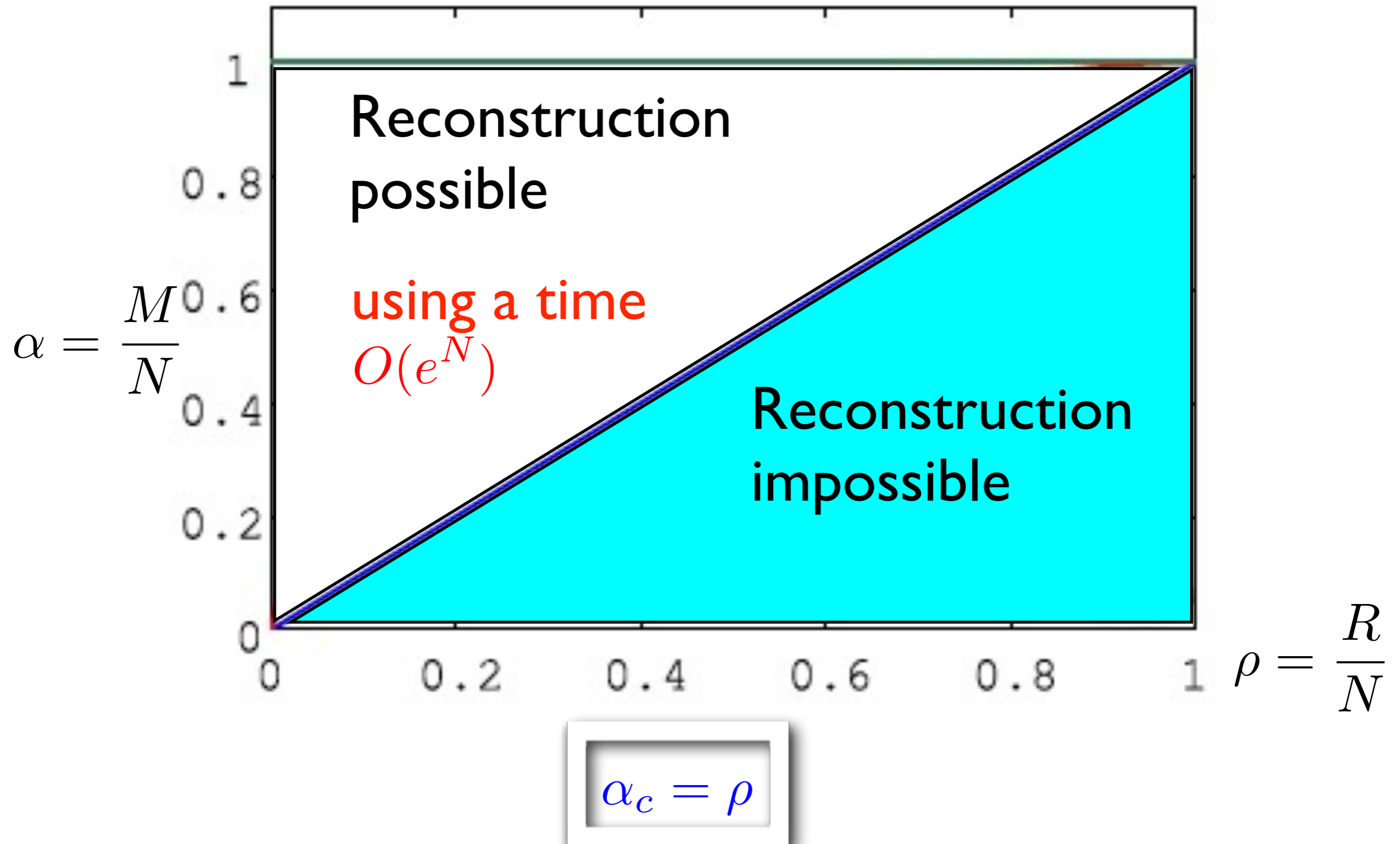
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# A phase diagram



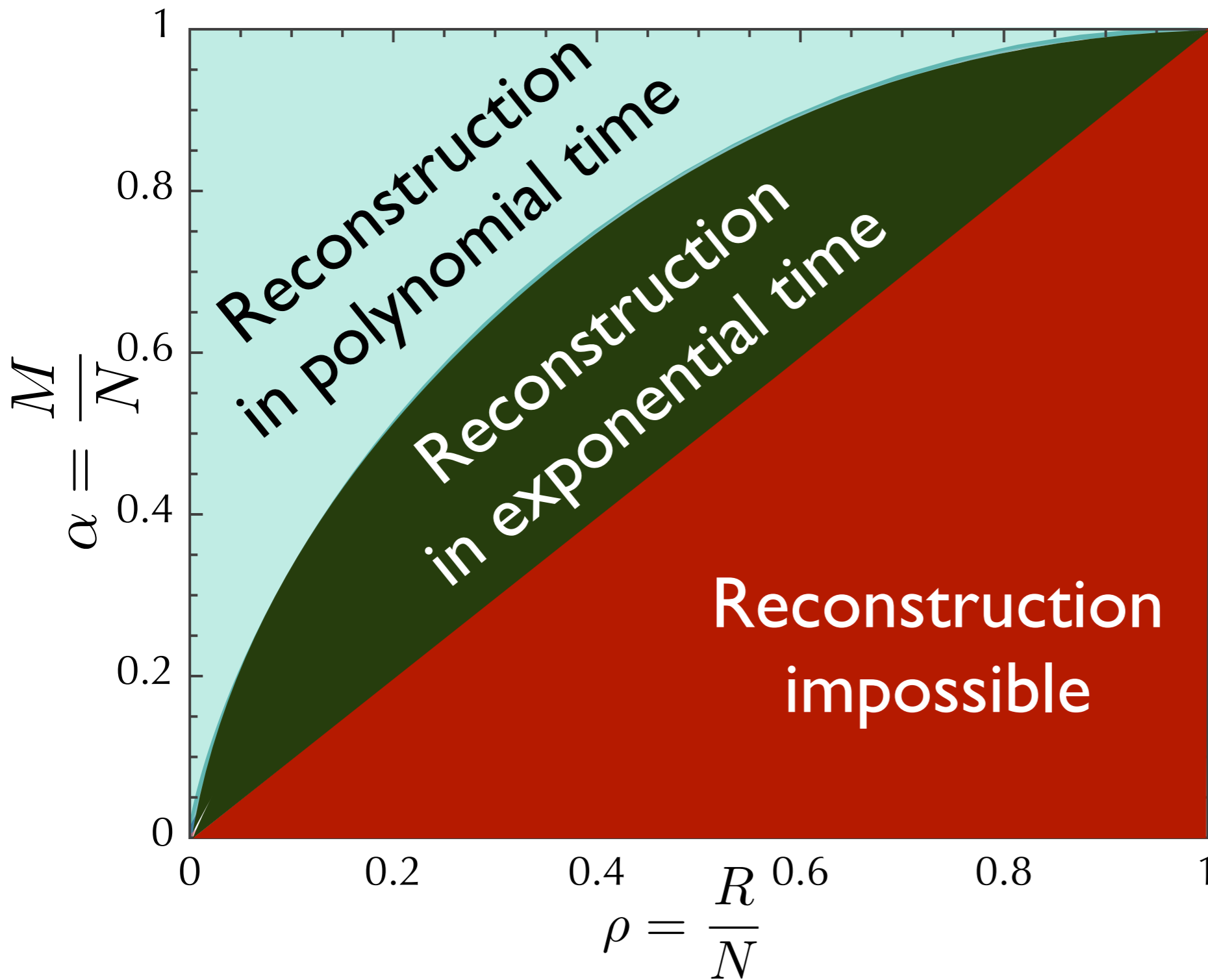
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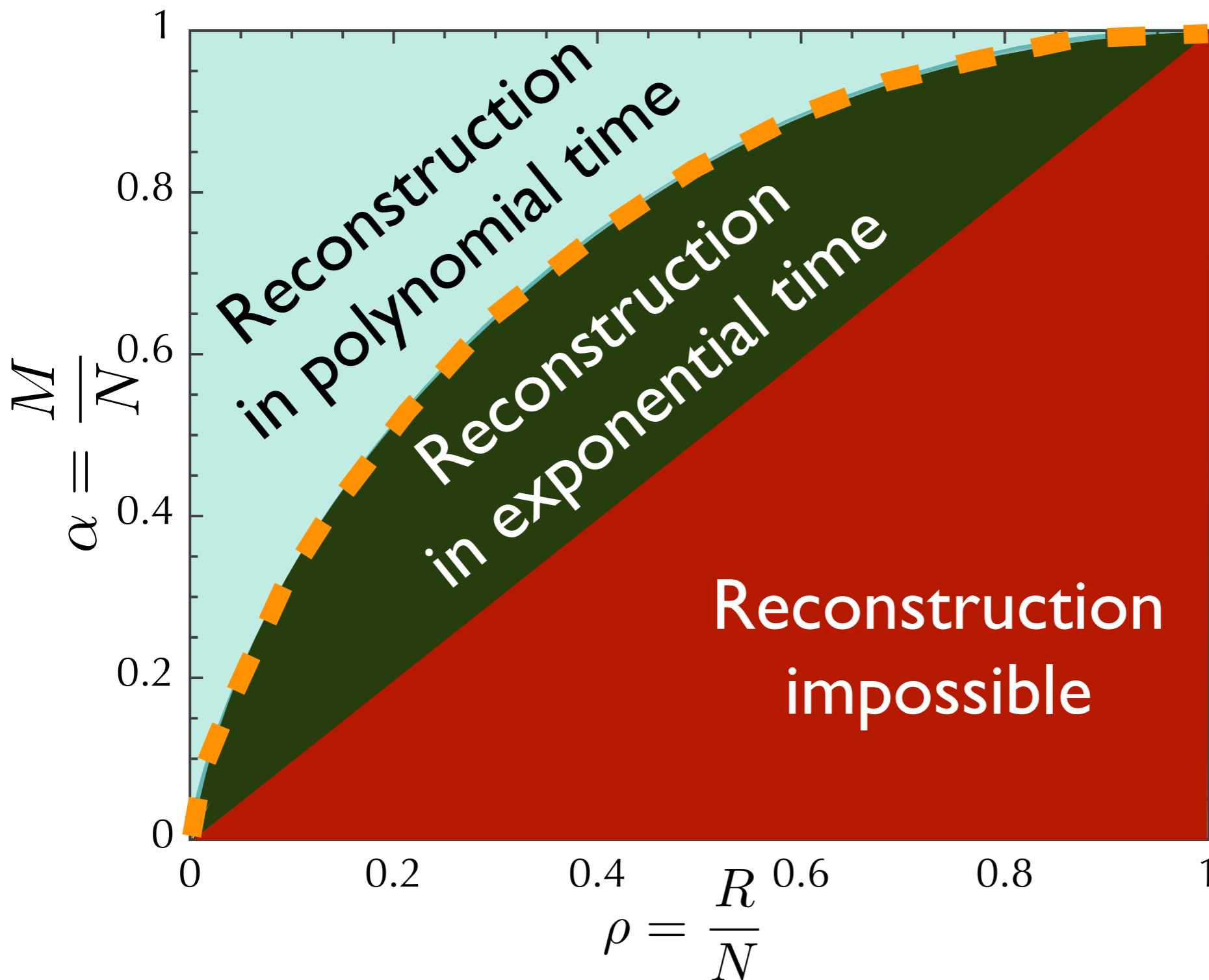
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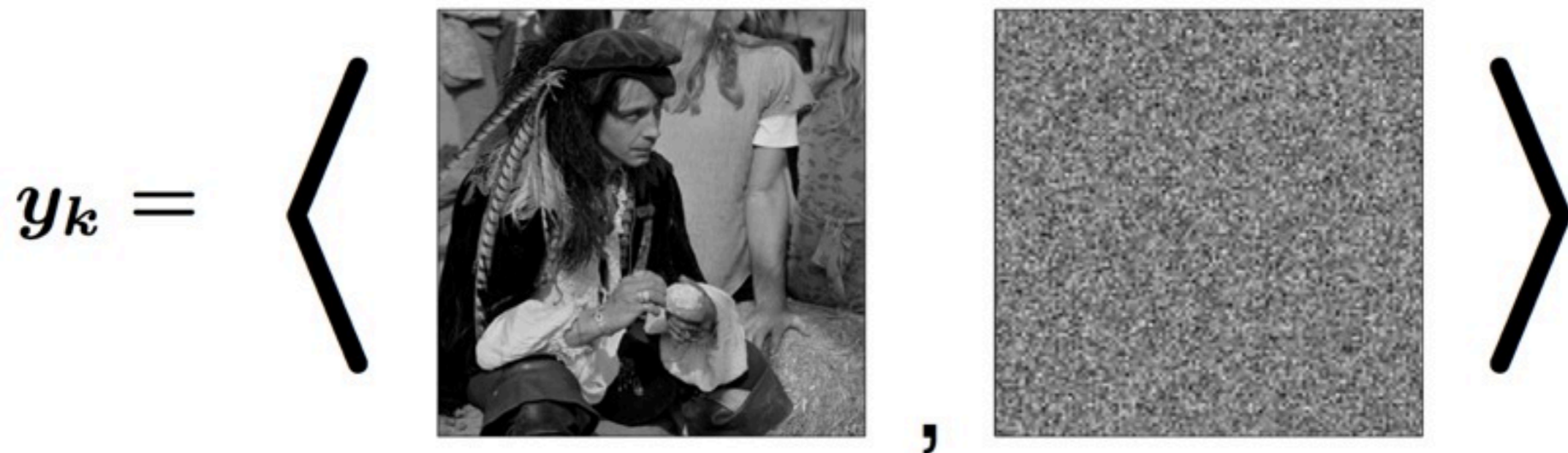
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From  $10^6$  points,  
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- Solve

$$\min \|\mathbf{x}\|_{\ell_1} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{G}\Psi\mathbf{x} = y$$

$\Psi$  = wavelet transform



original (25k wavelets)



*perfect recovery*

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A (short!) review of the present literature:

- Record data already in a compressed form
- Less measurements (faster, more precise)...
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or  $y=Ax$  revisited

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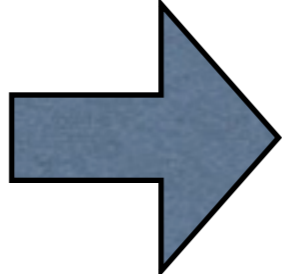
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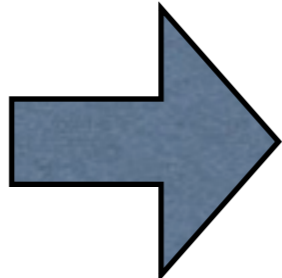
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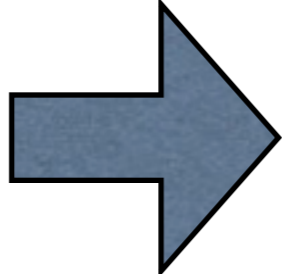
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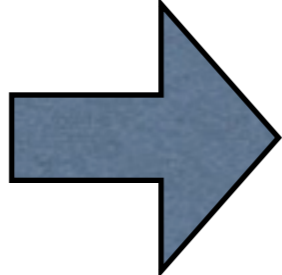
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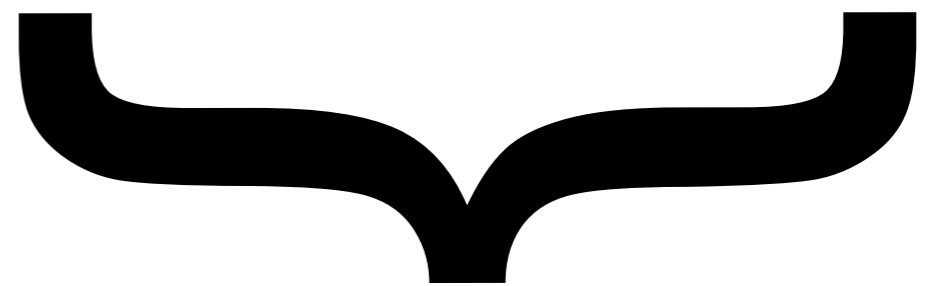
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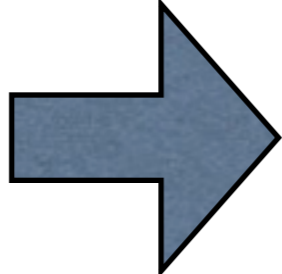
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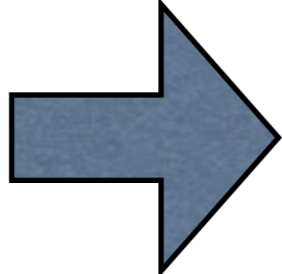
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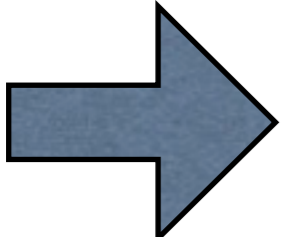
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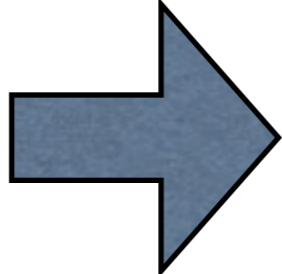
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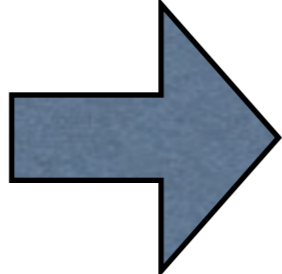


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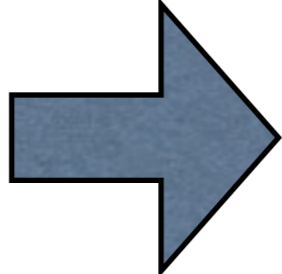
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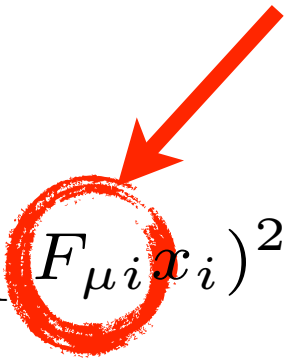
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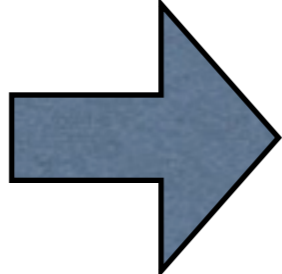
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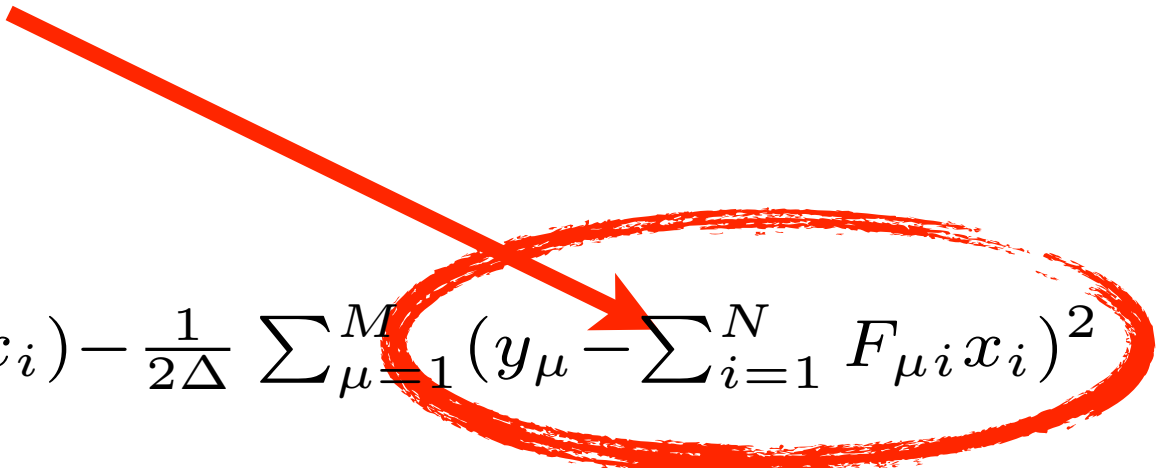
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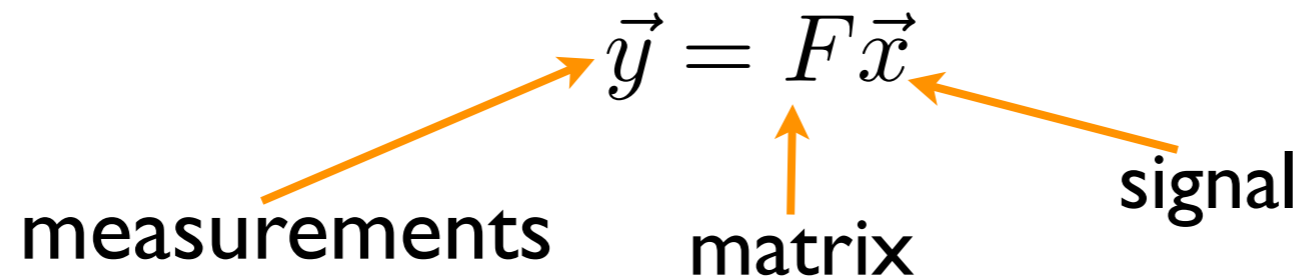
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**Estimating the probability of each value of  $x$  is equivalent to solving a mean-field disordered statistical physics problem**

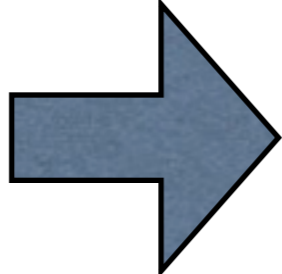
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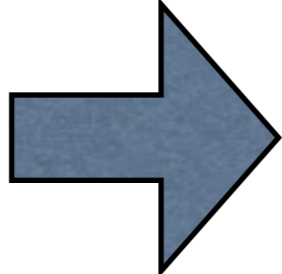
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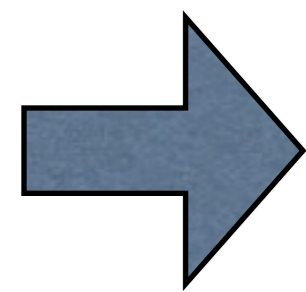
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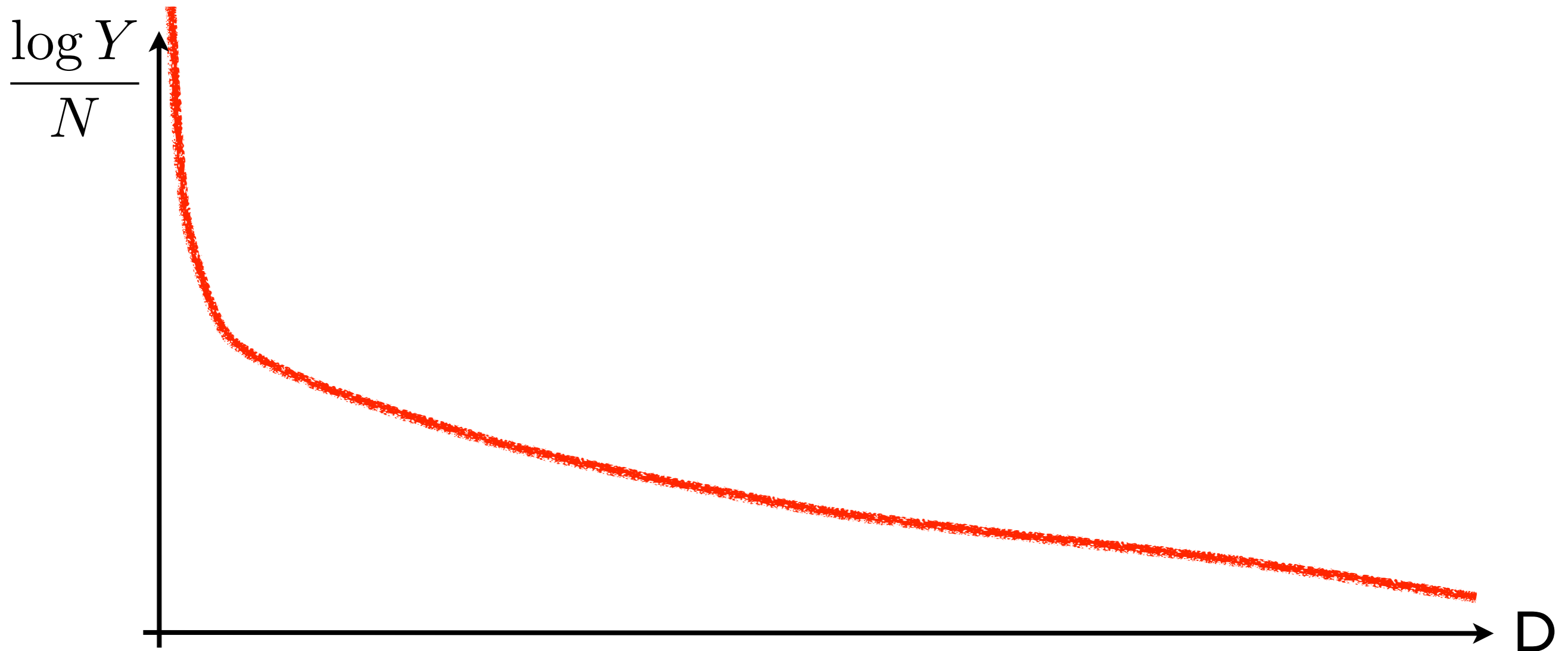
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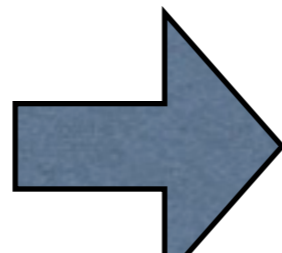
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# Analytic study: cavity equations, density evolution, replicas

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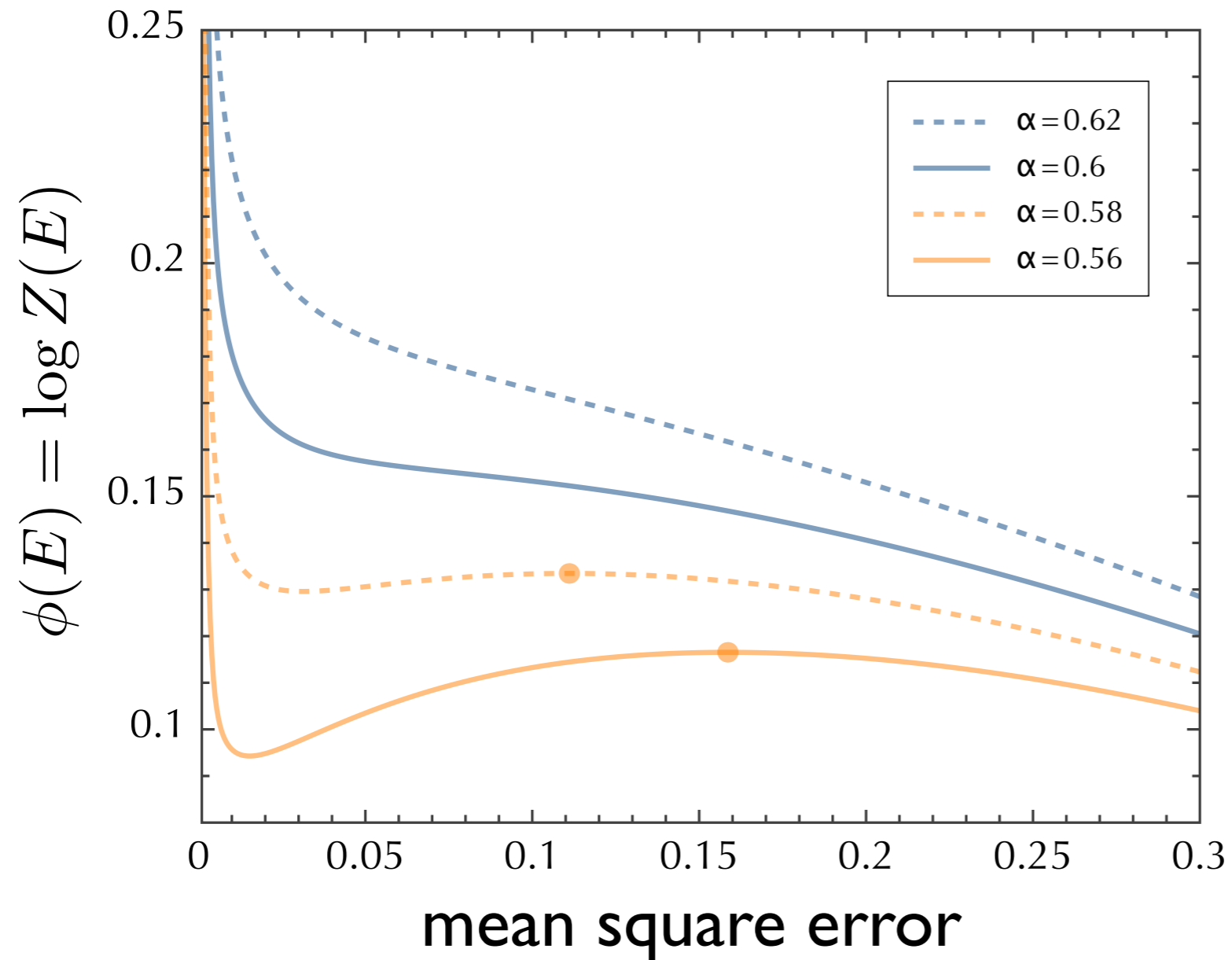
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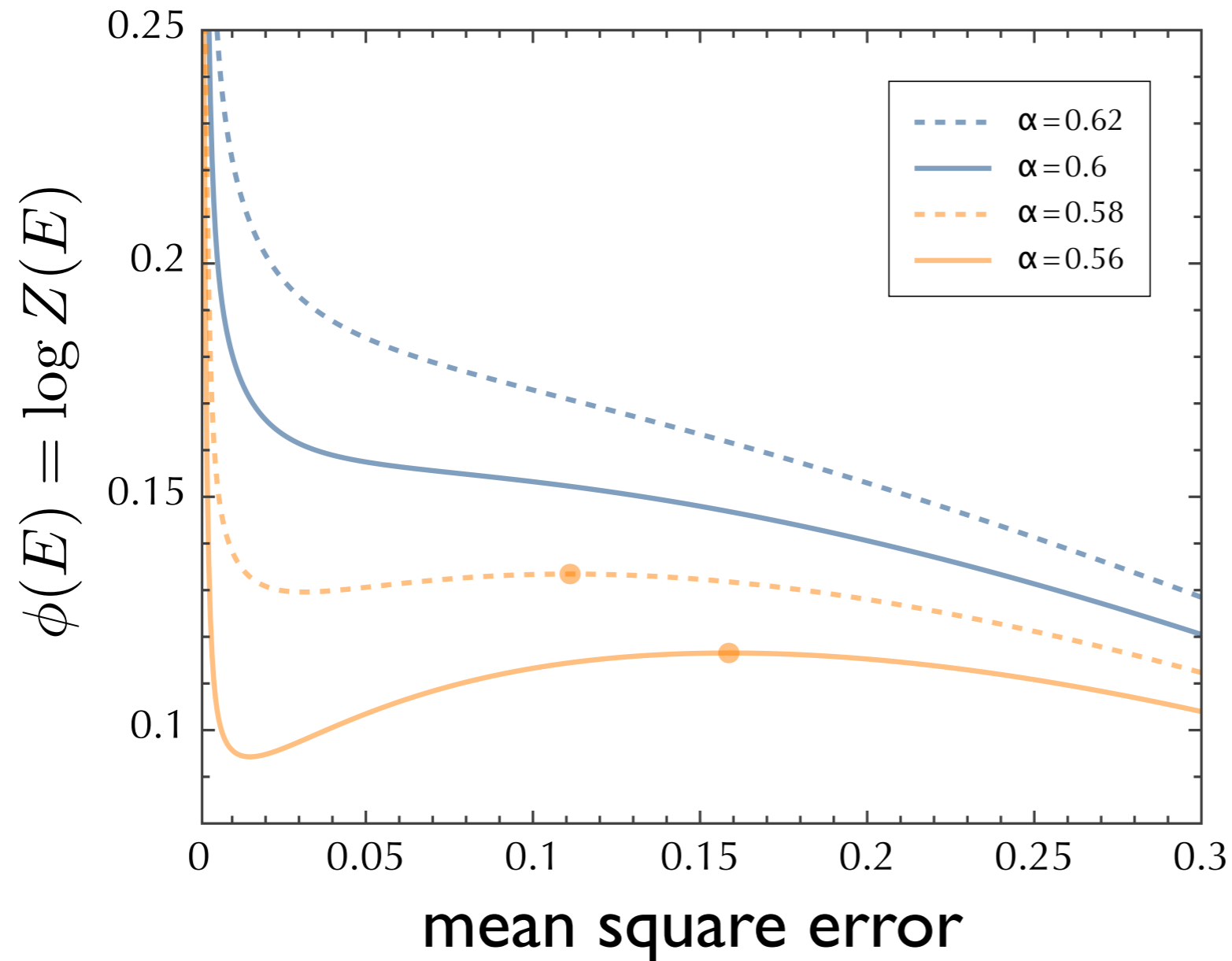
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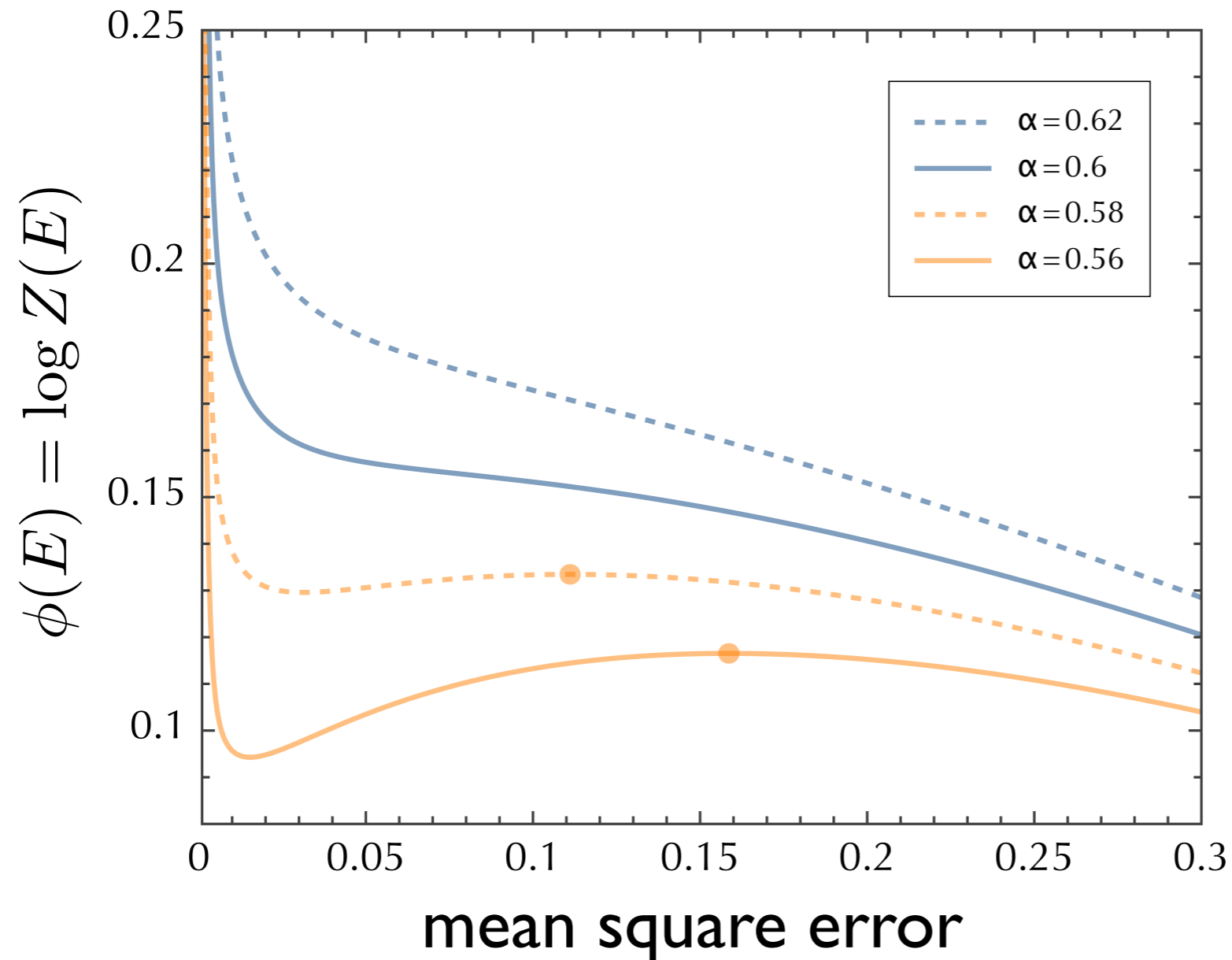


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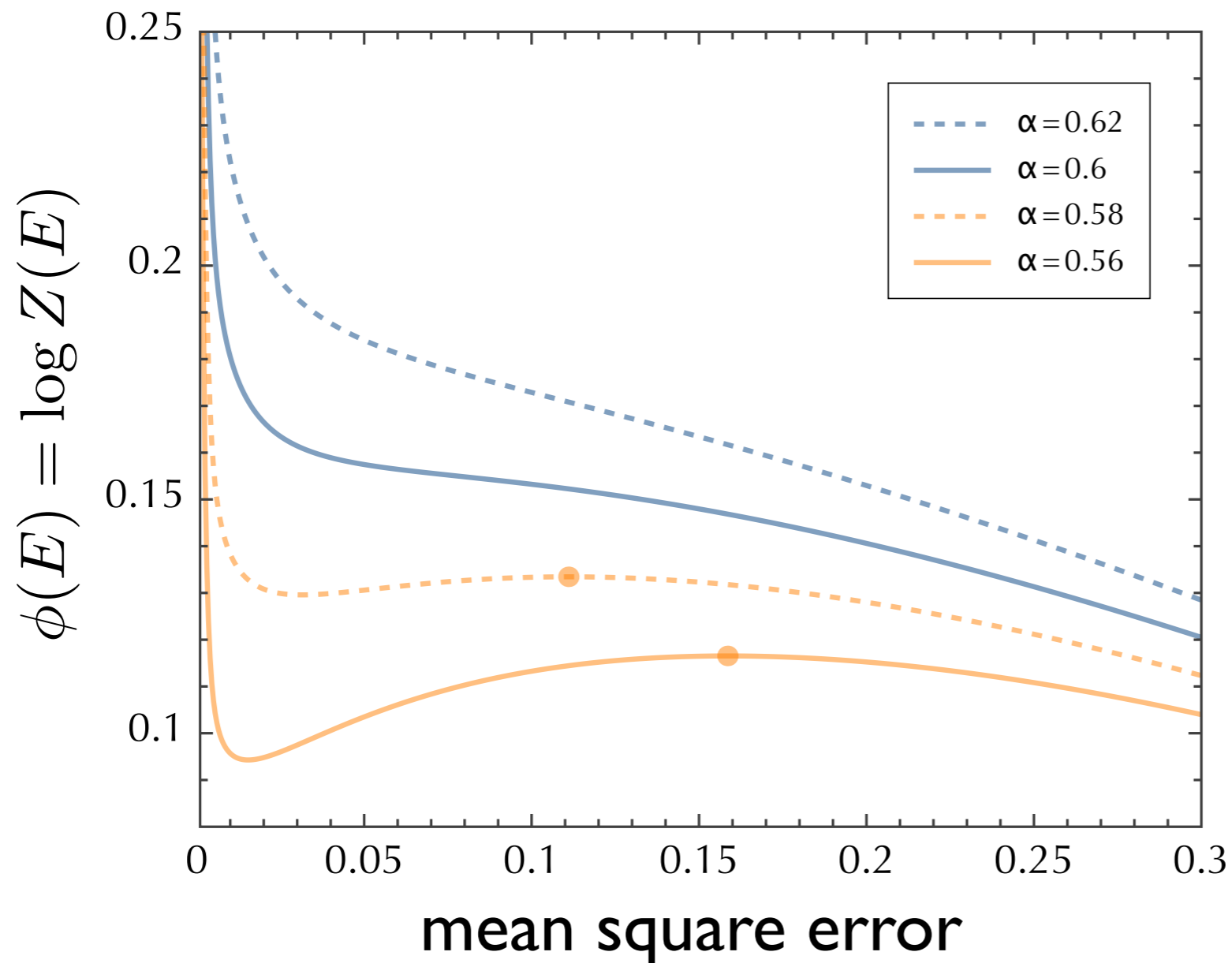


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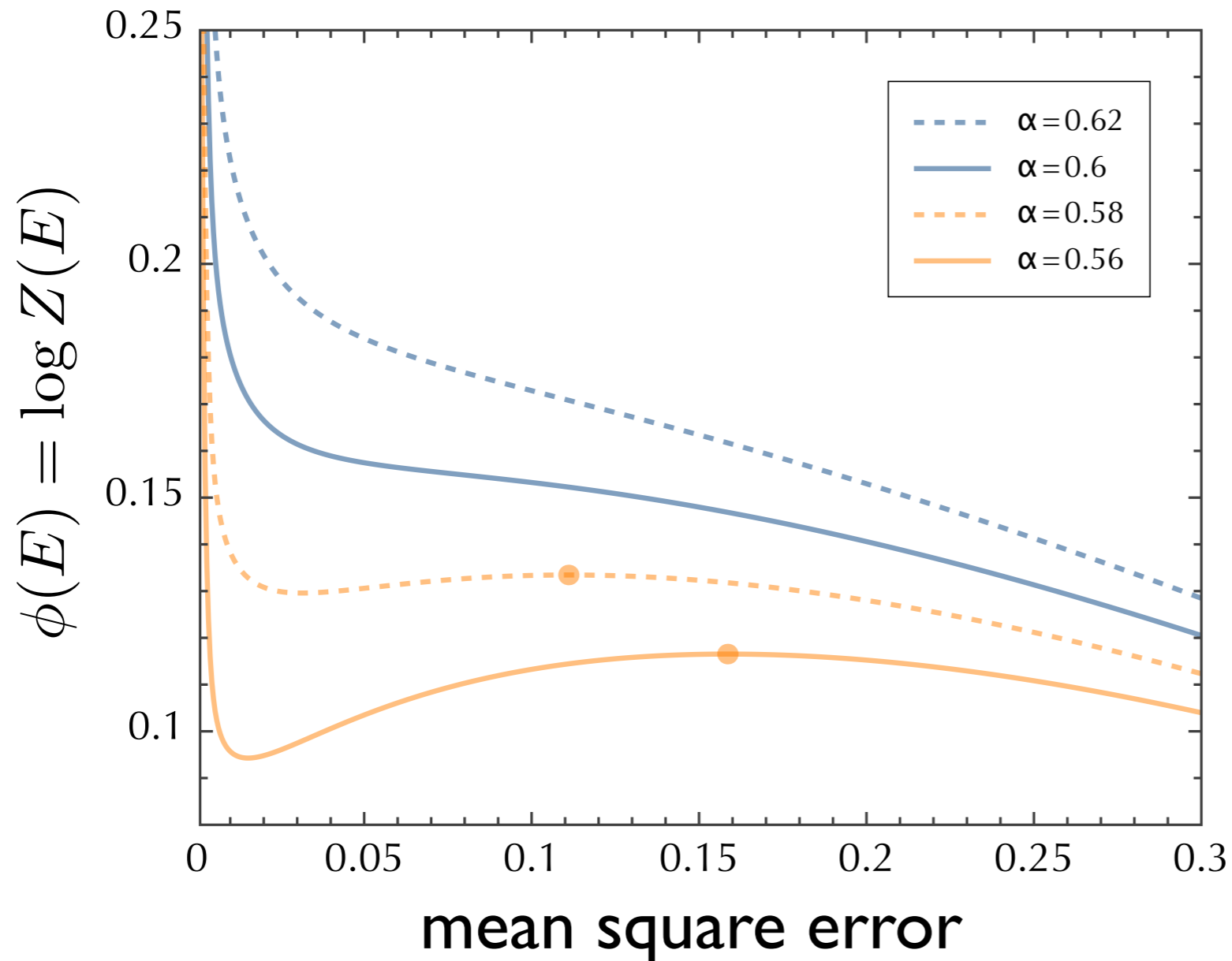


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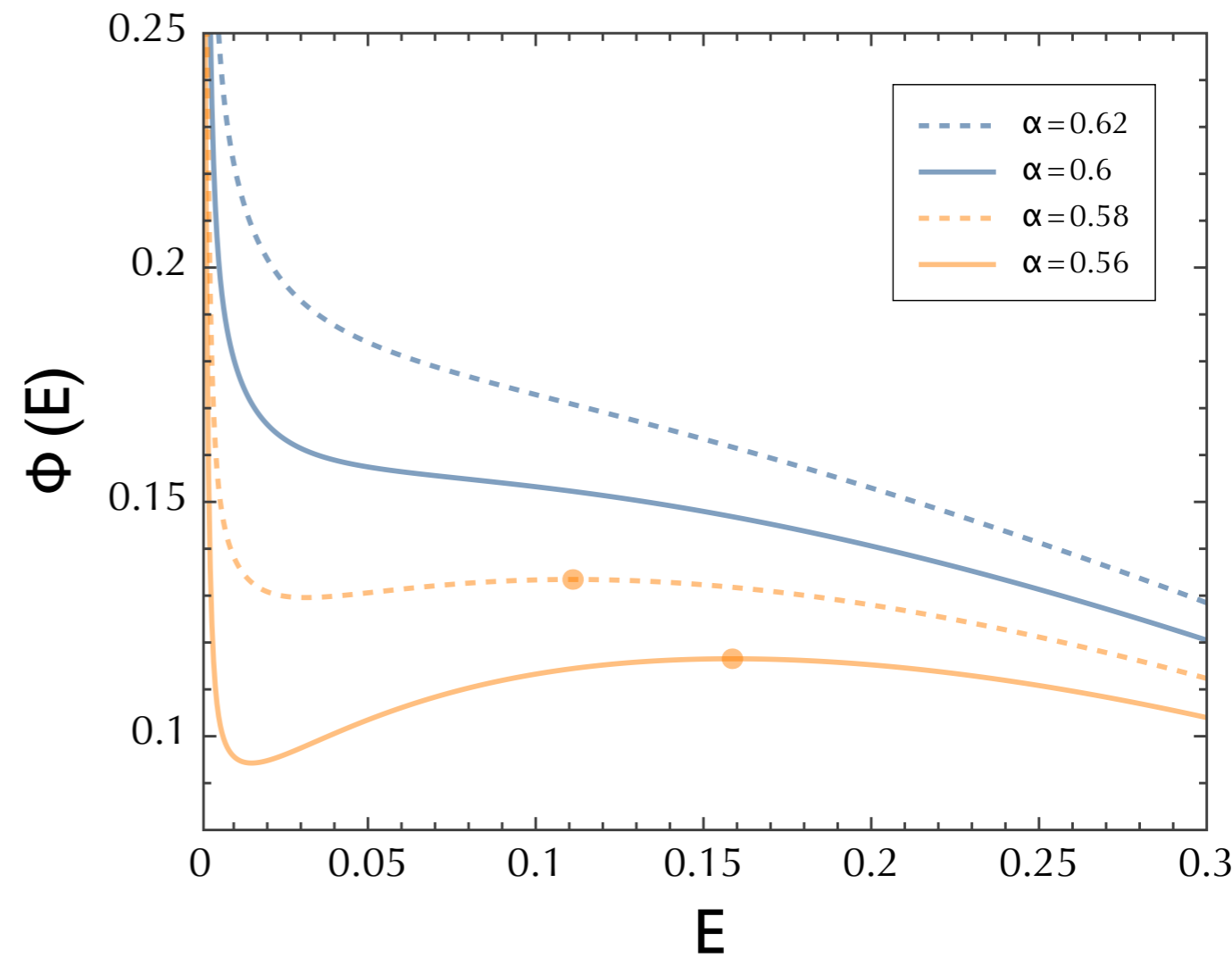
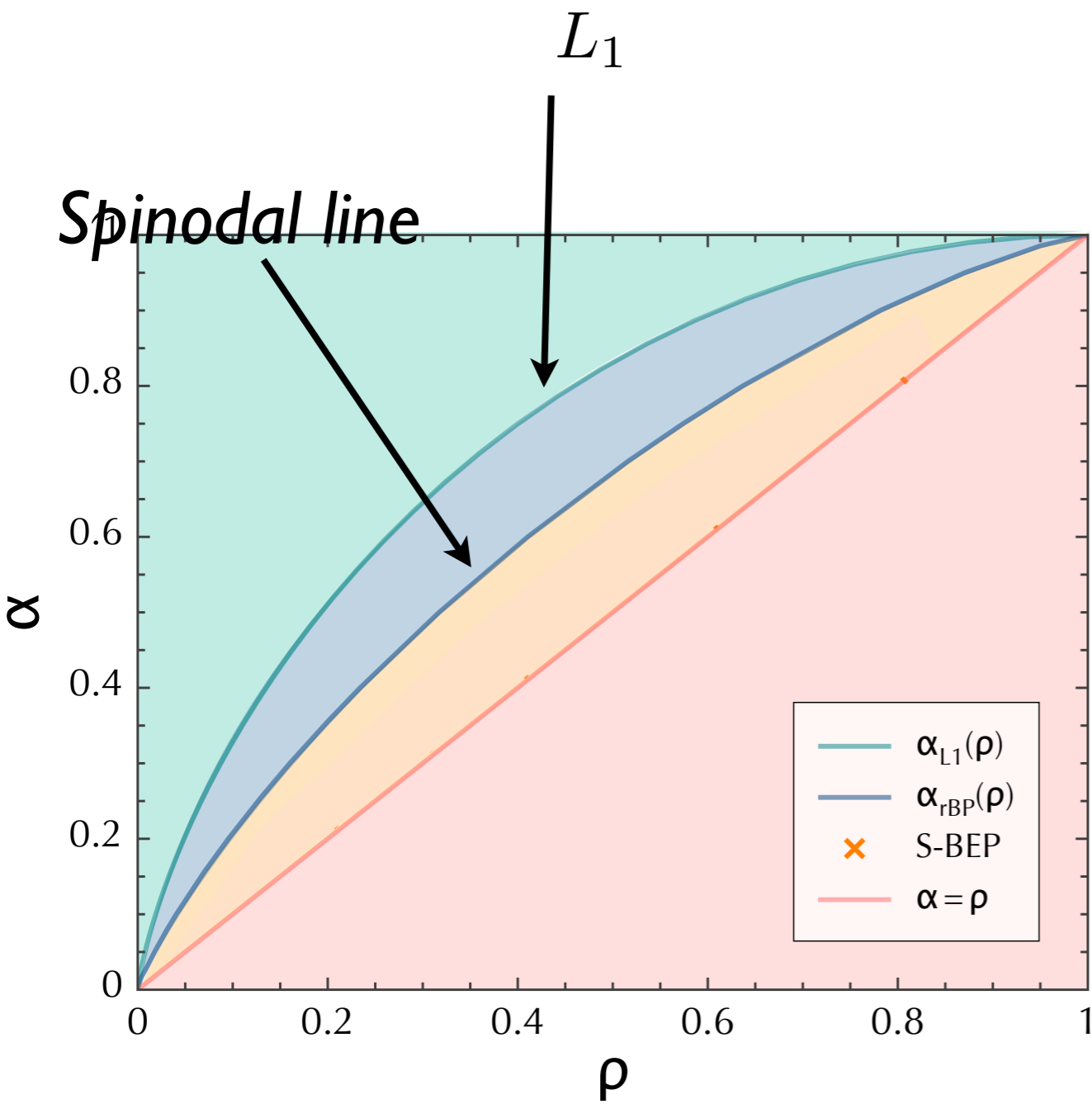


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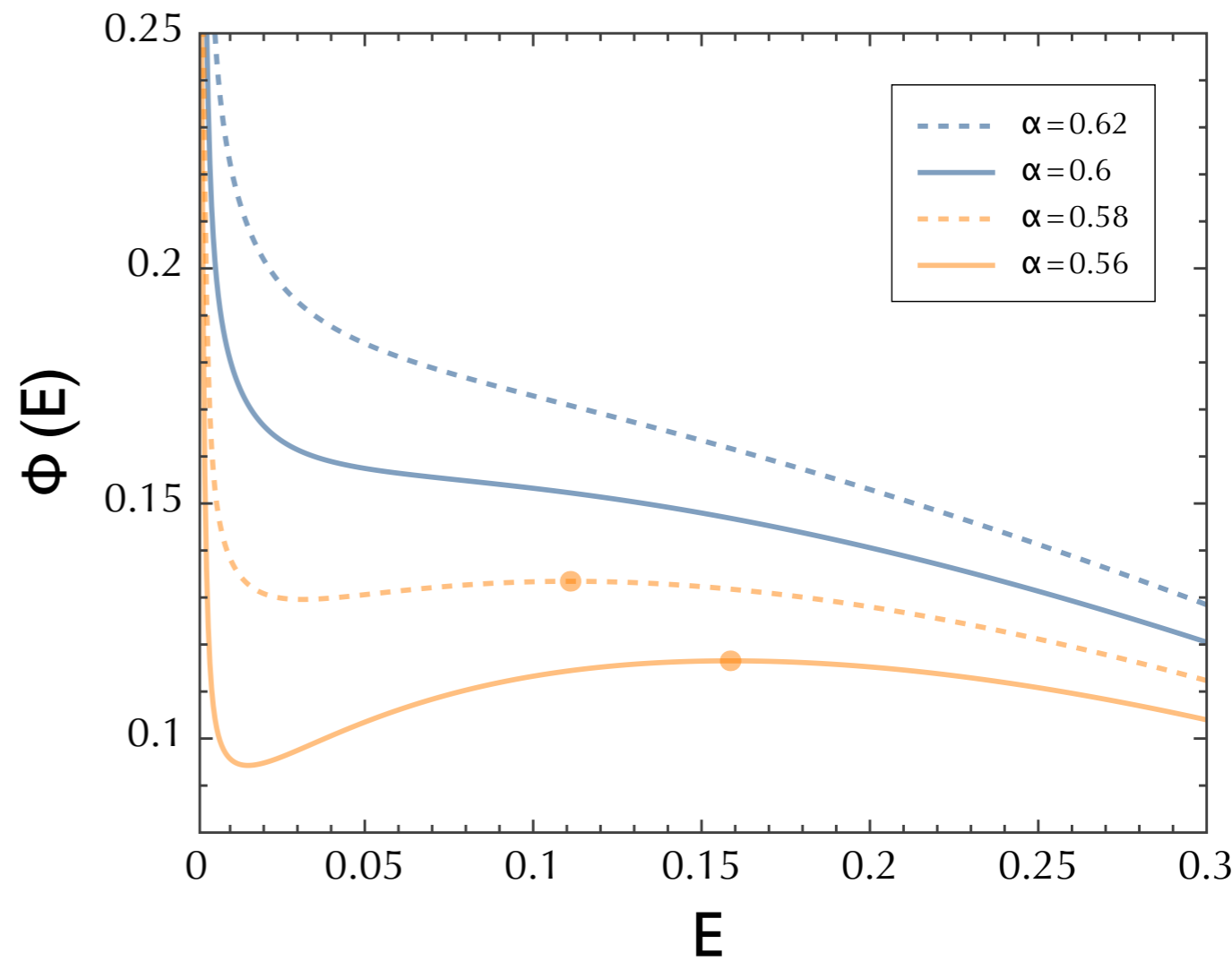
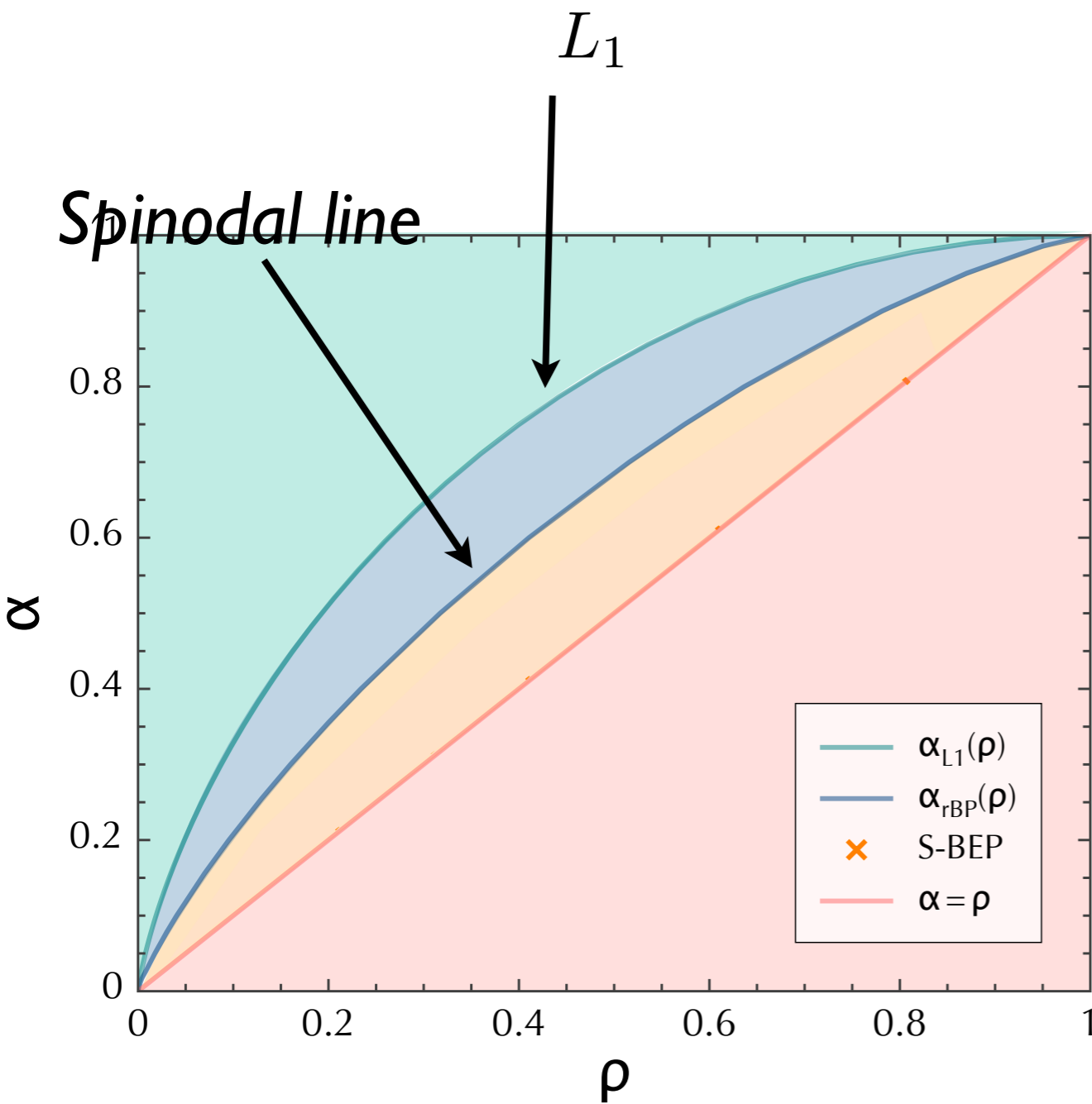
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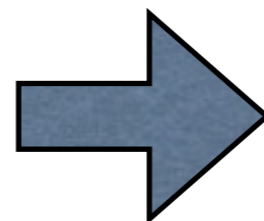
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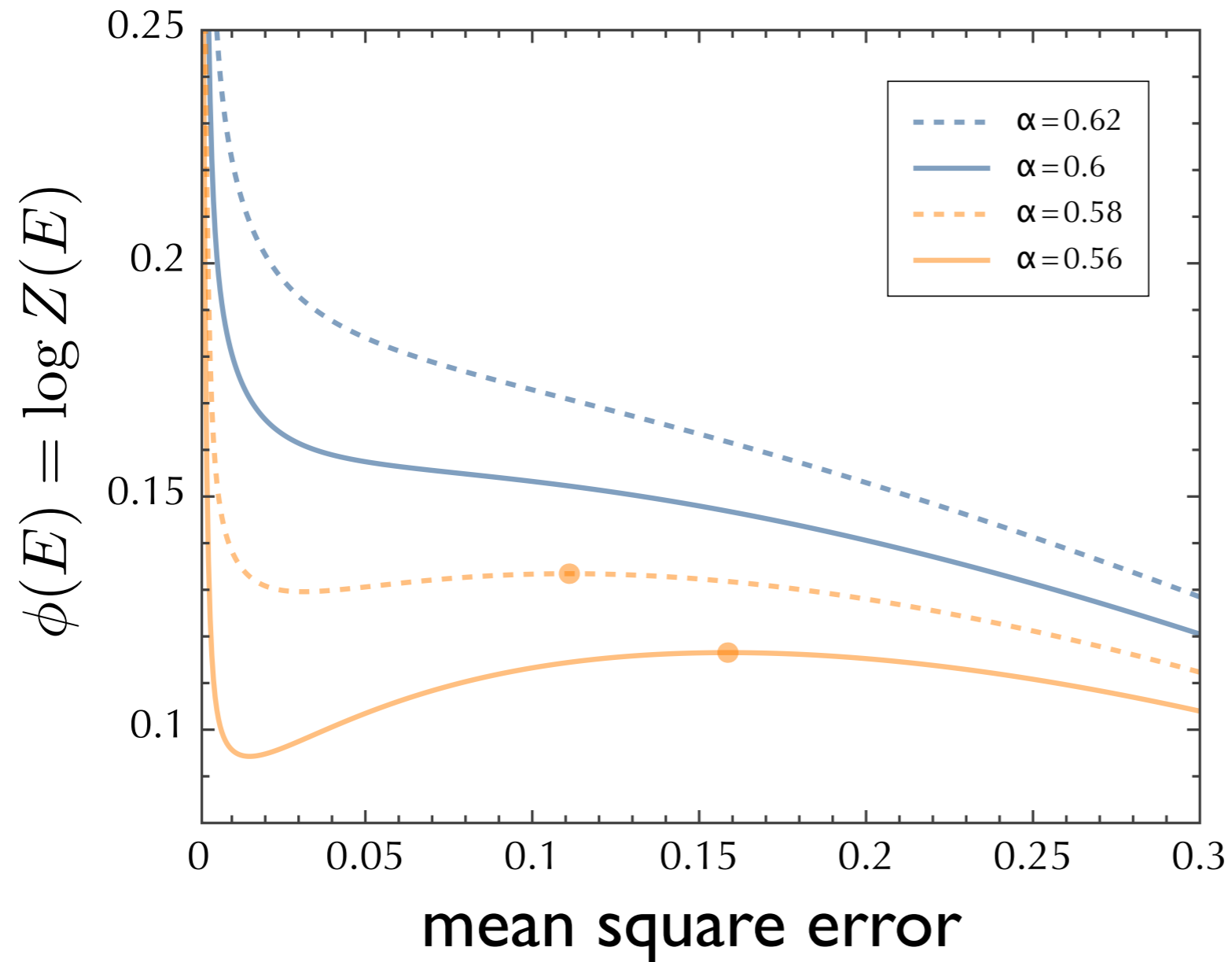
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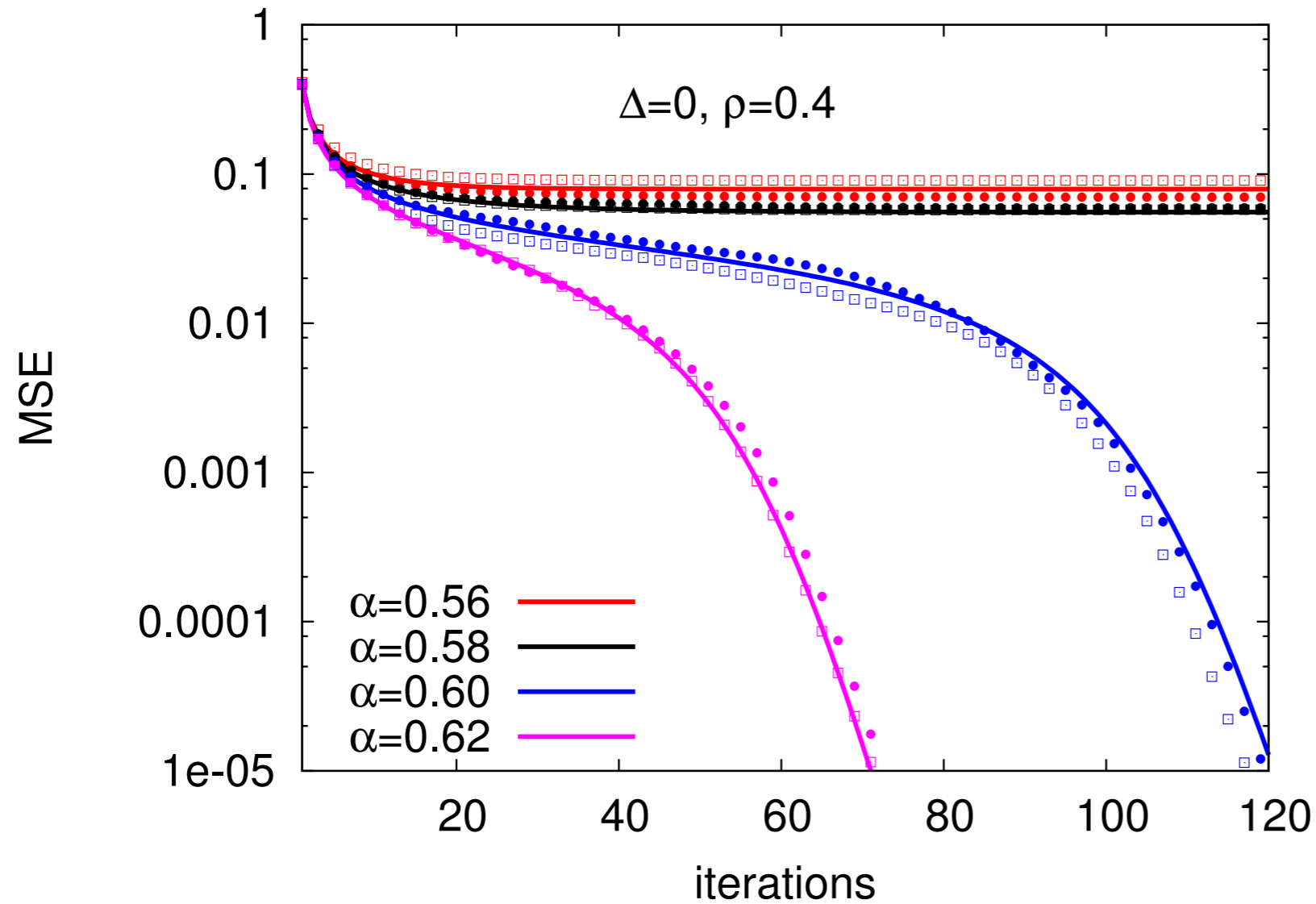
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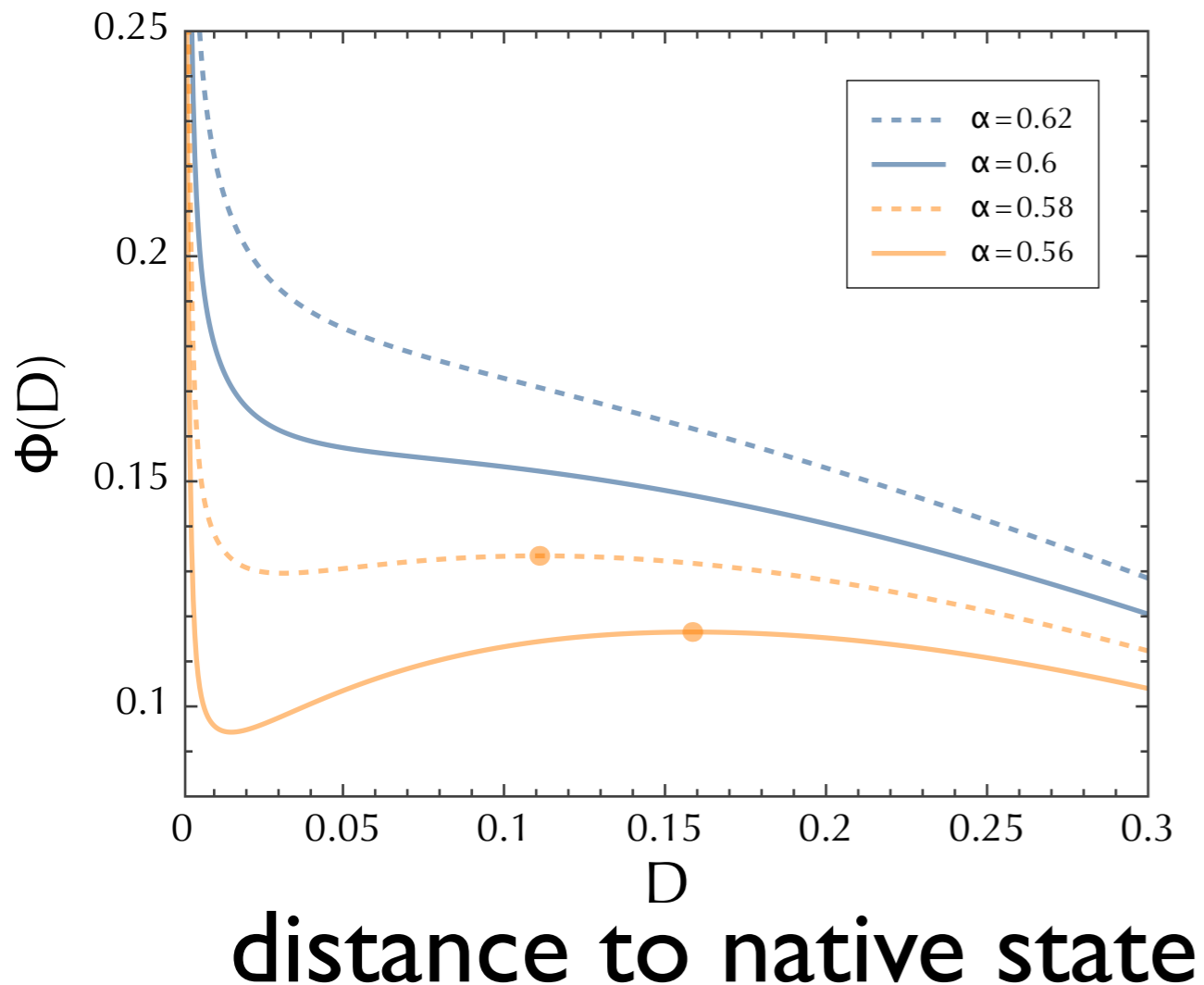
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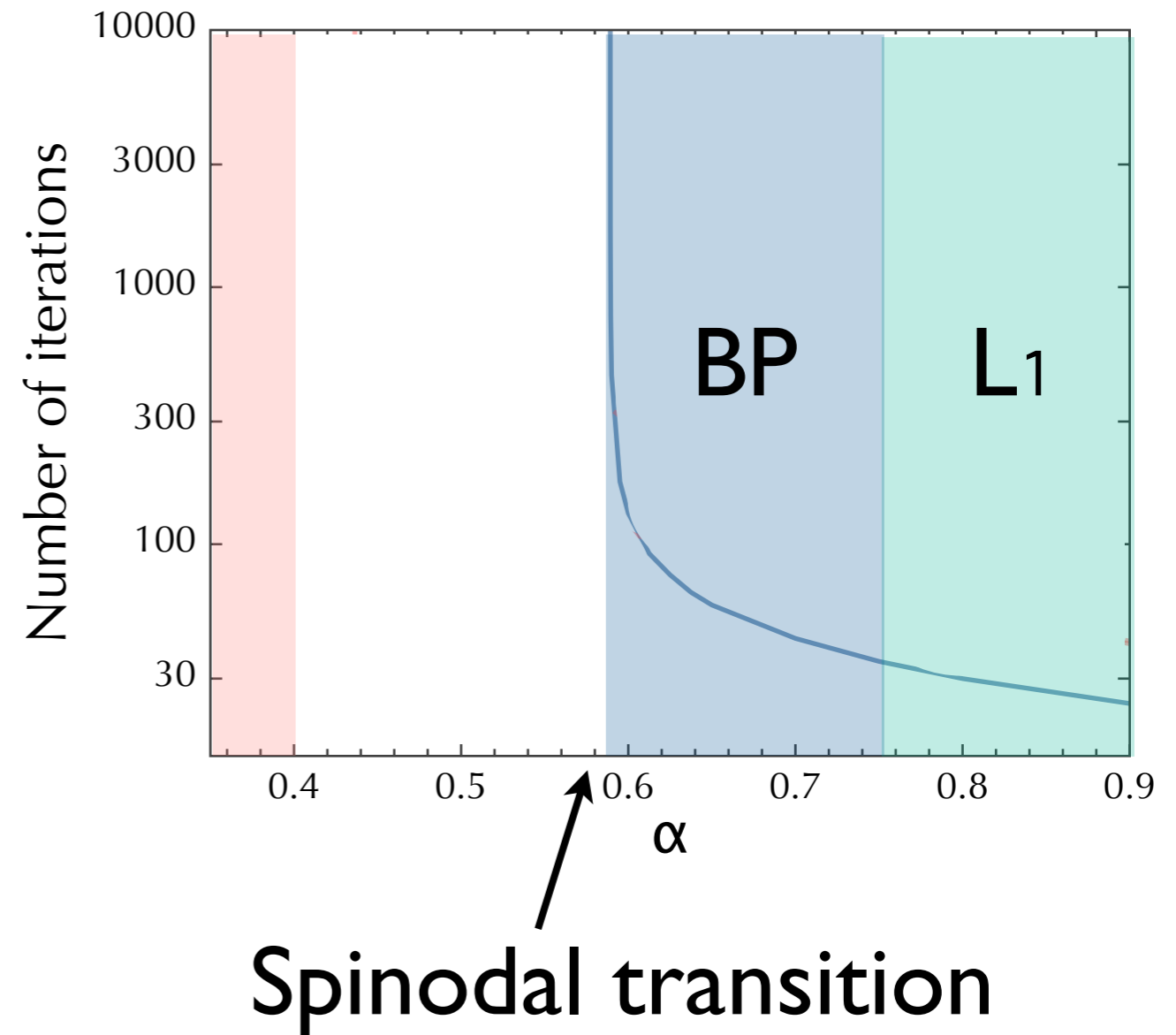
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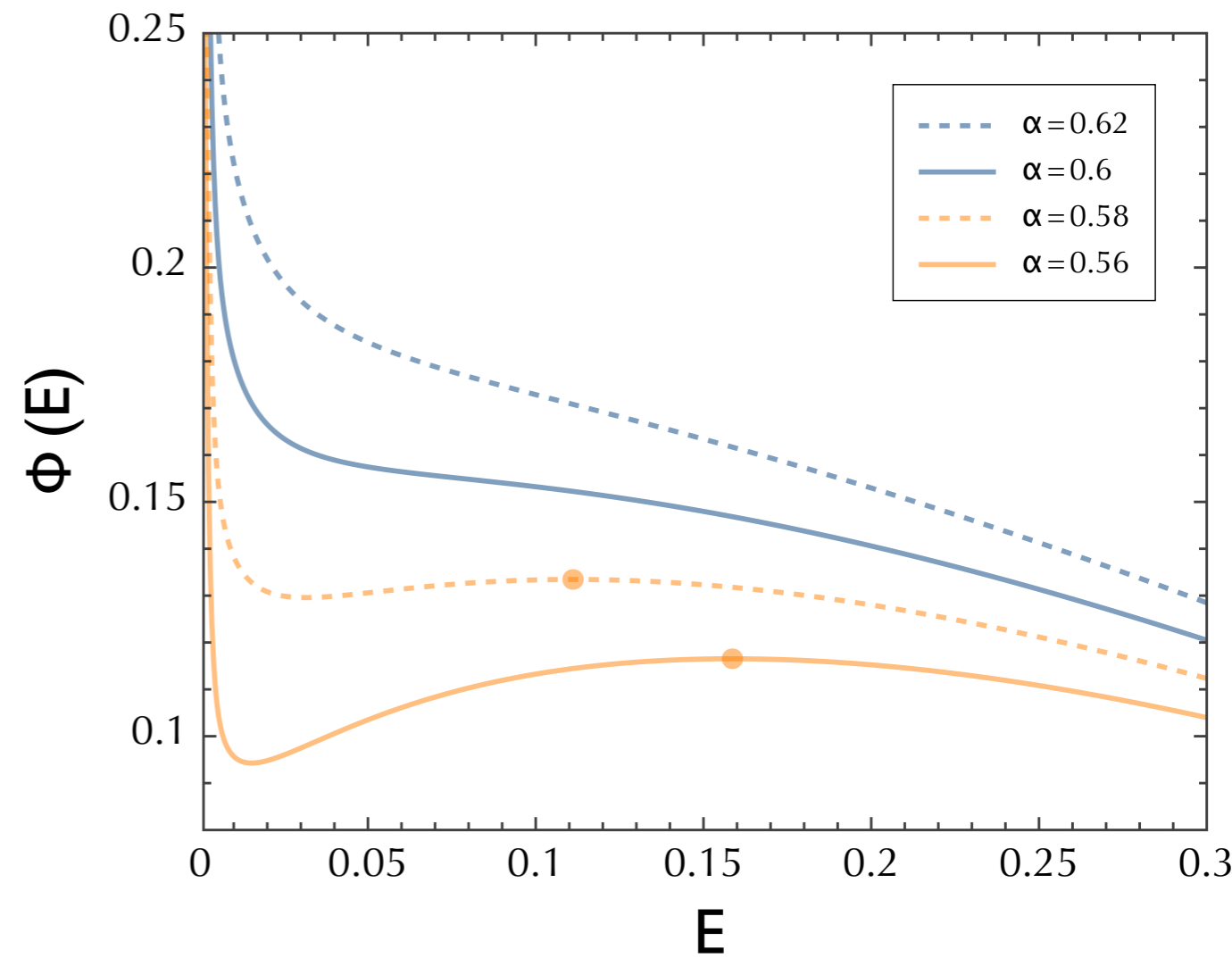
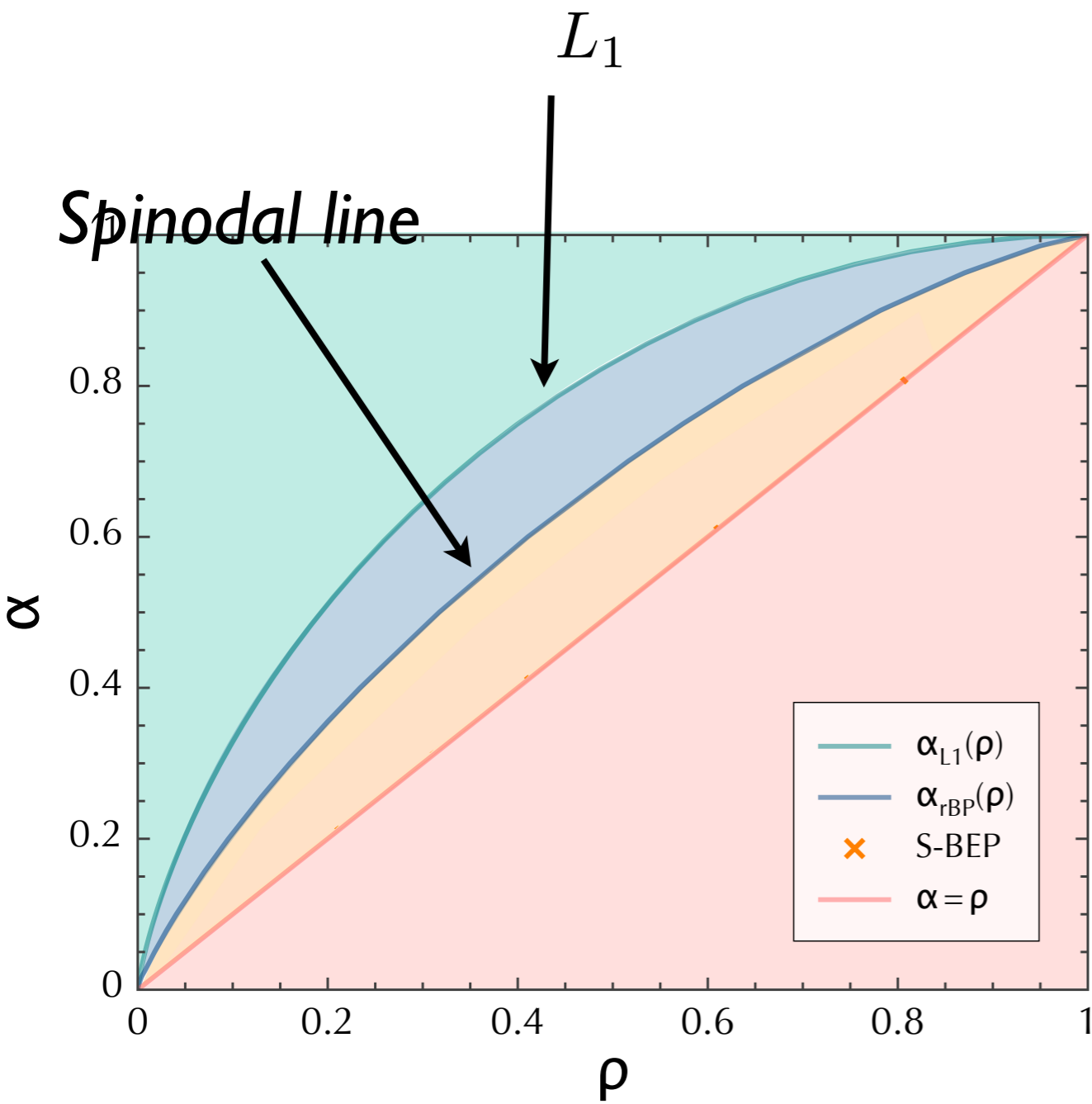


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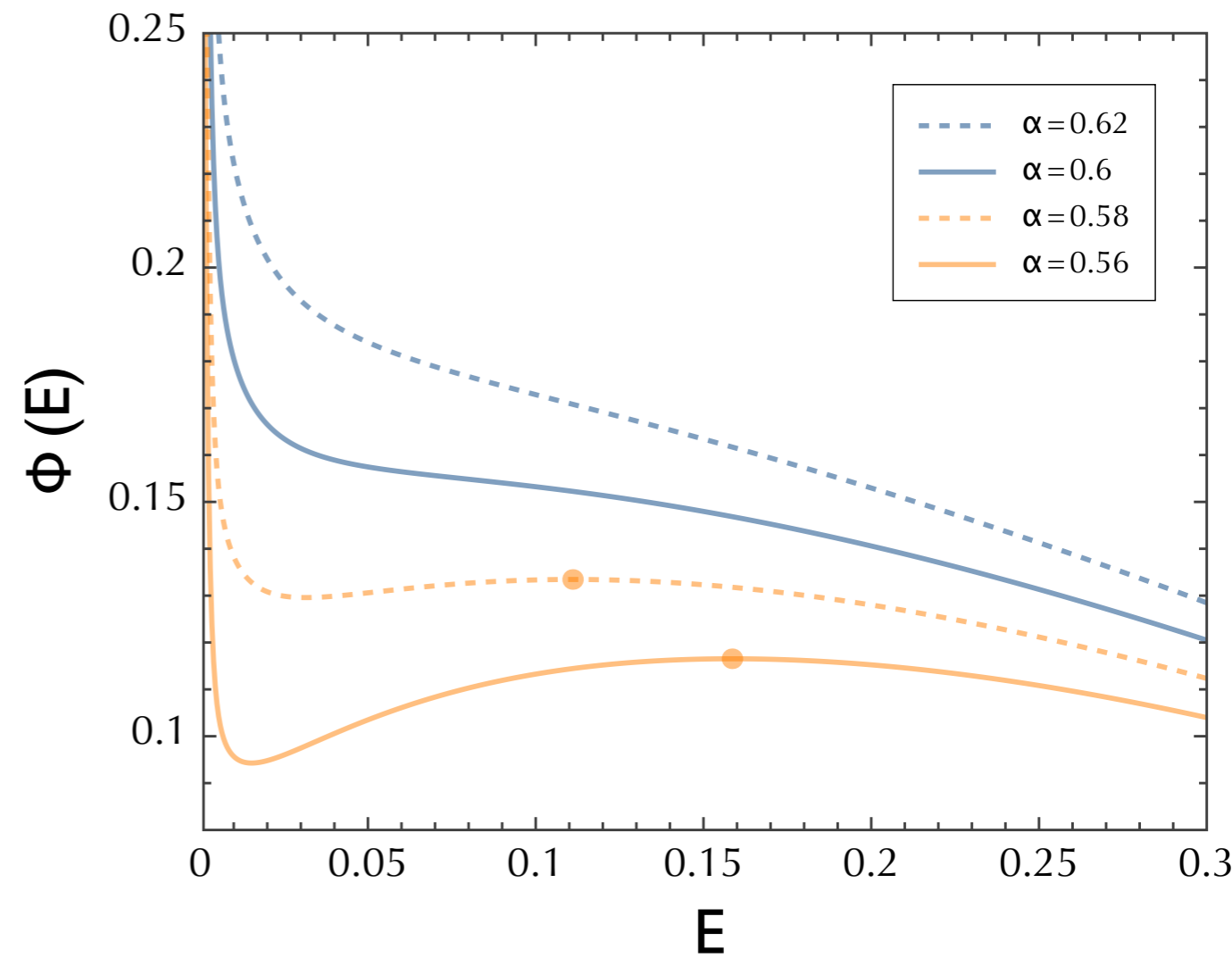
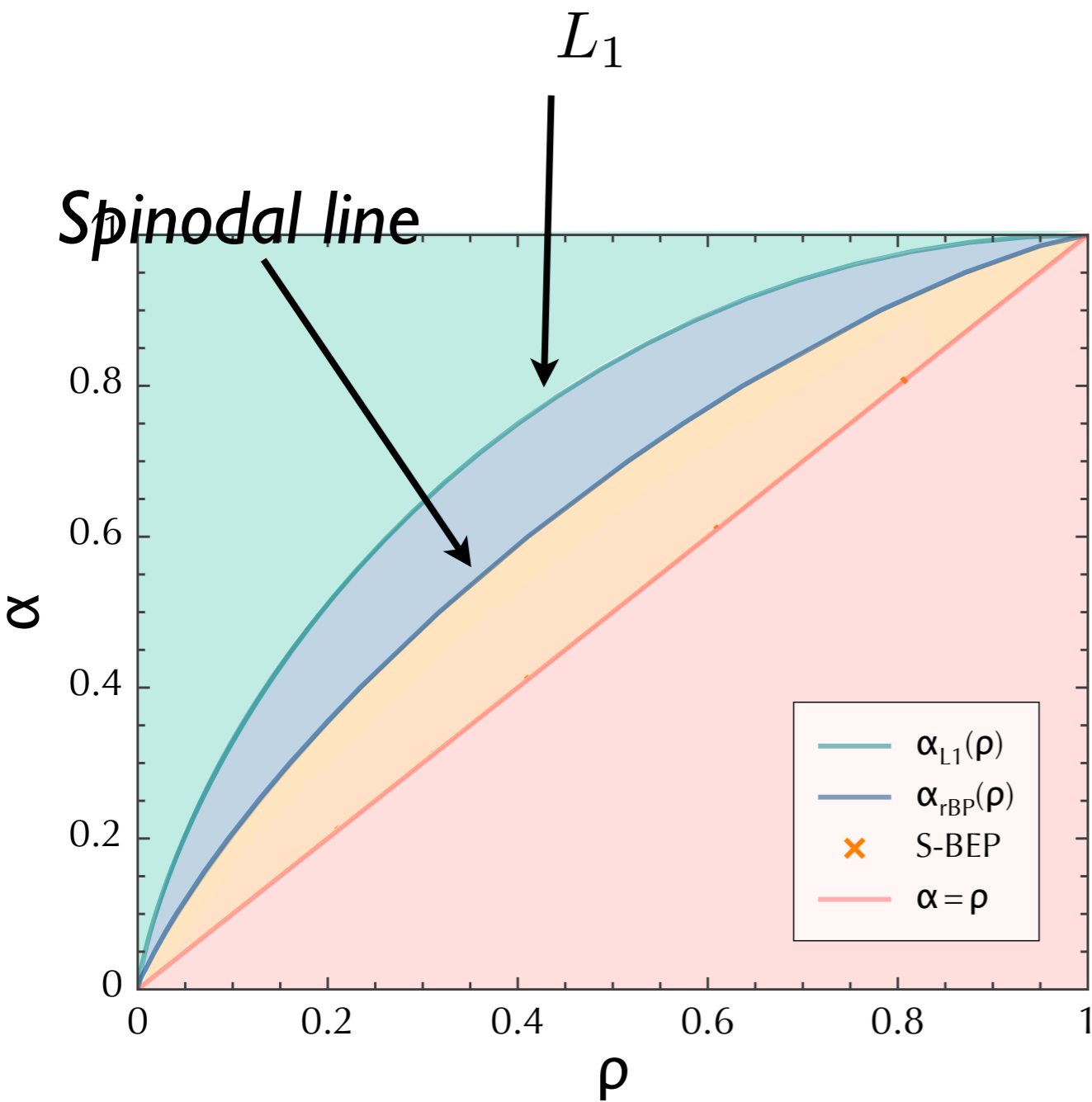


- Maximum is at  $E=0$  (as long as  $\alpha > \rho_0$ ): Equilibrium behavior dominated by the original signal
- For  $\alpha < 0.58$ , a secondary maximum appears (meta-stable state): spinodal point
- A steepest ascent dynamics starting from large  $E$  reaches the signal for  $\alpha > 0.58$ , but stay blocked in the meta-stable state for  $\alpha < 0.58$ , even if the true maximum is at  $E=0$ .
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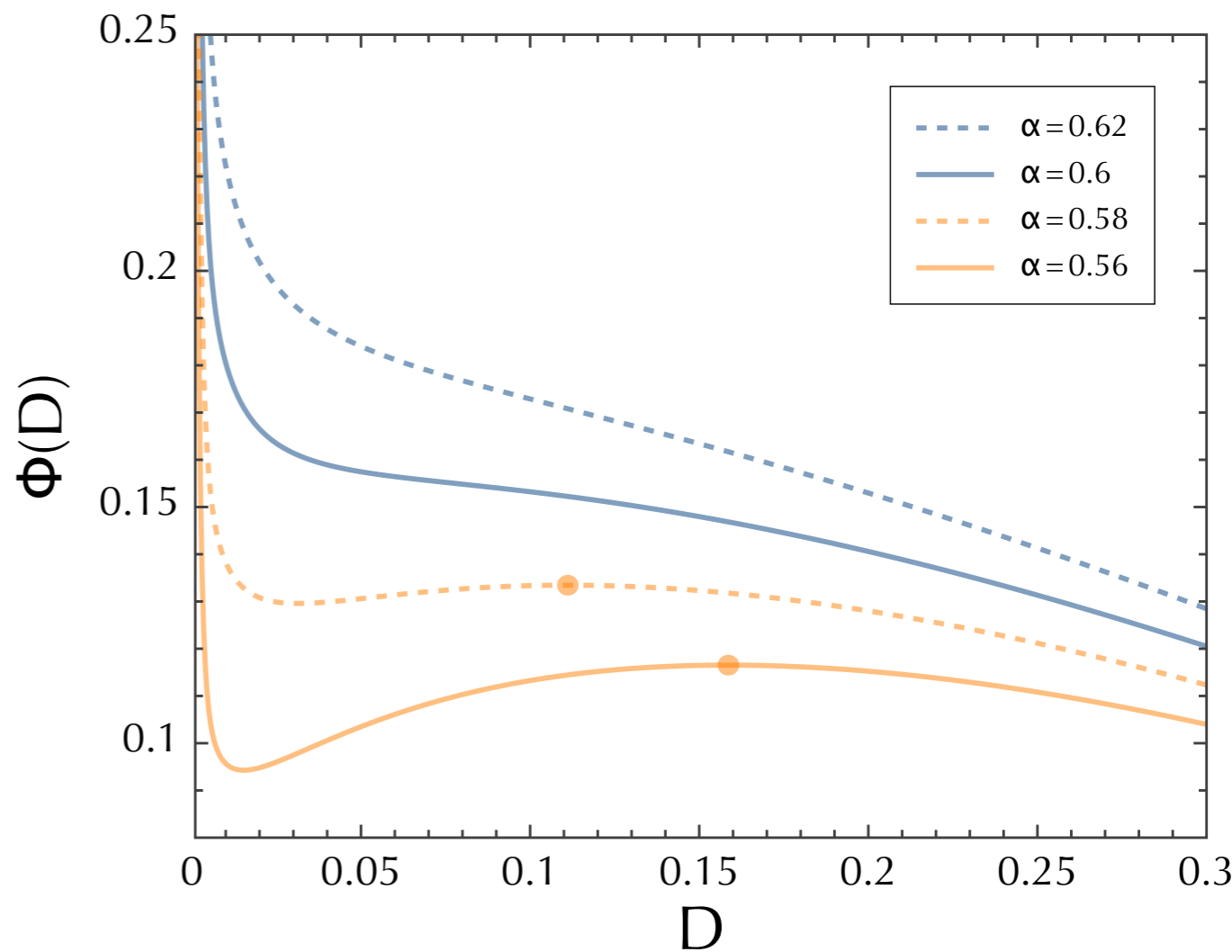
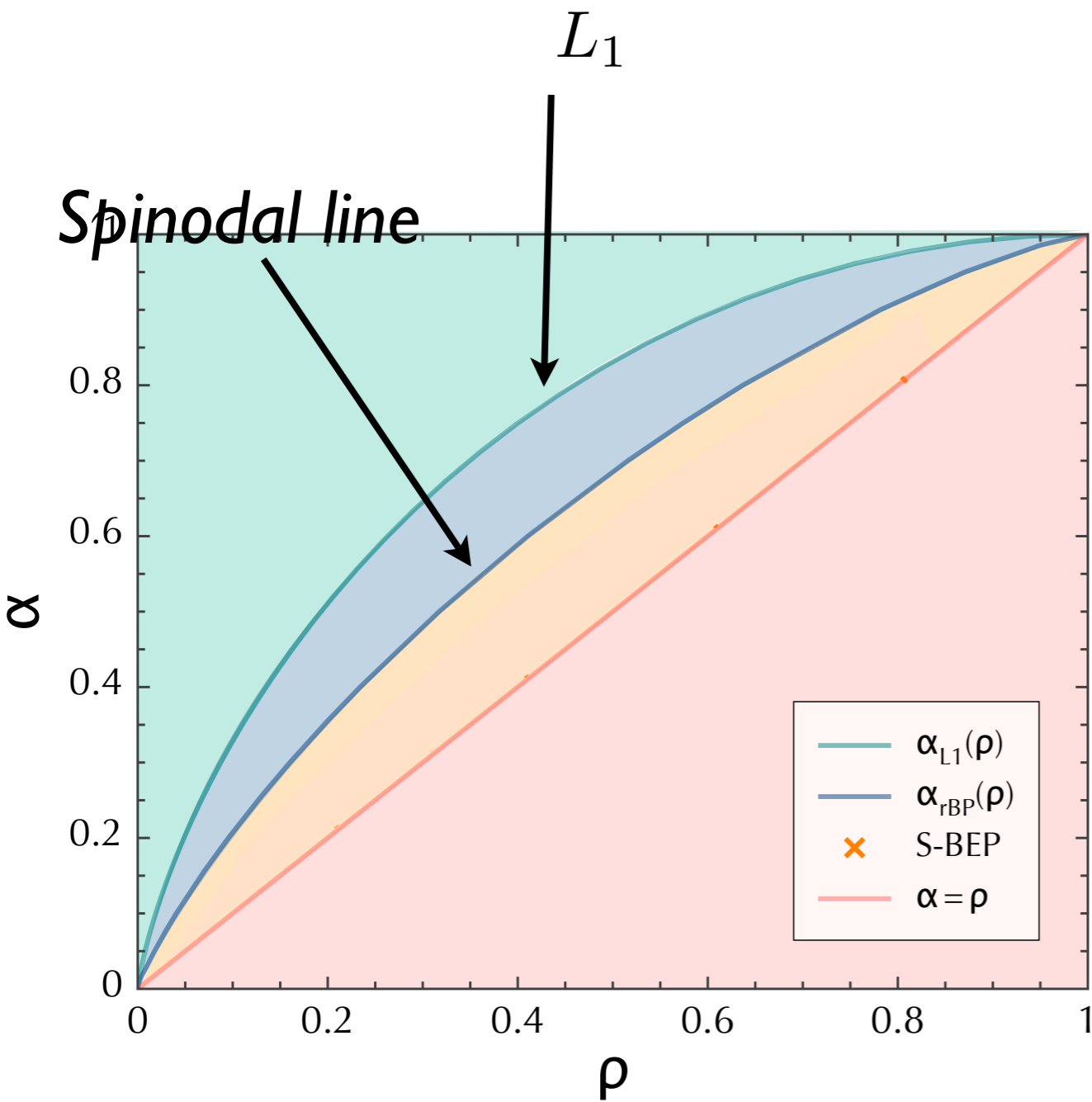
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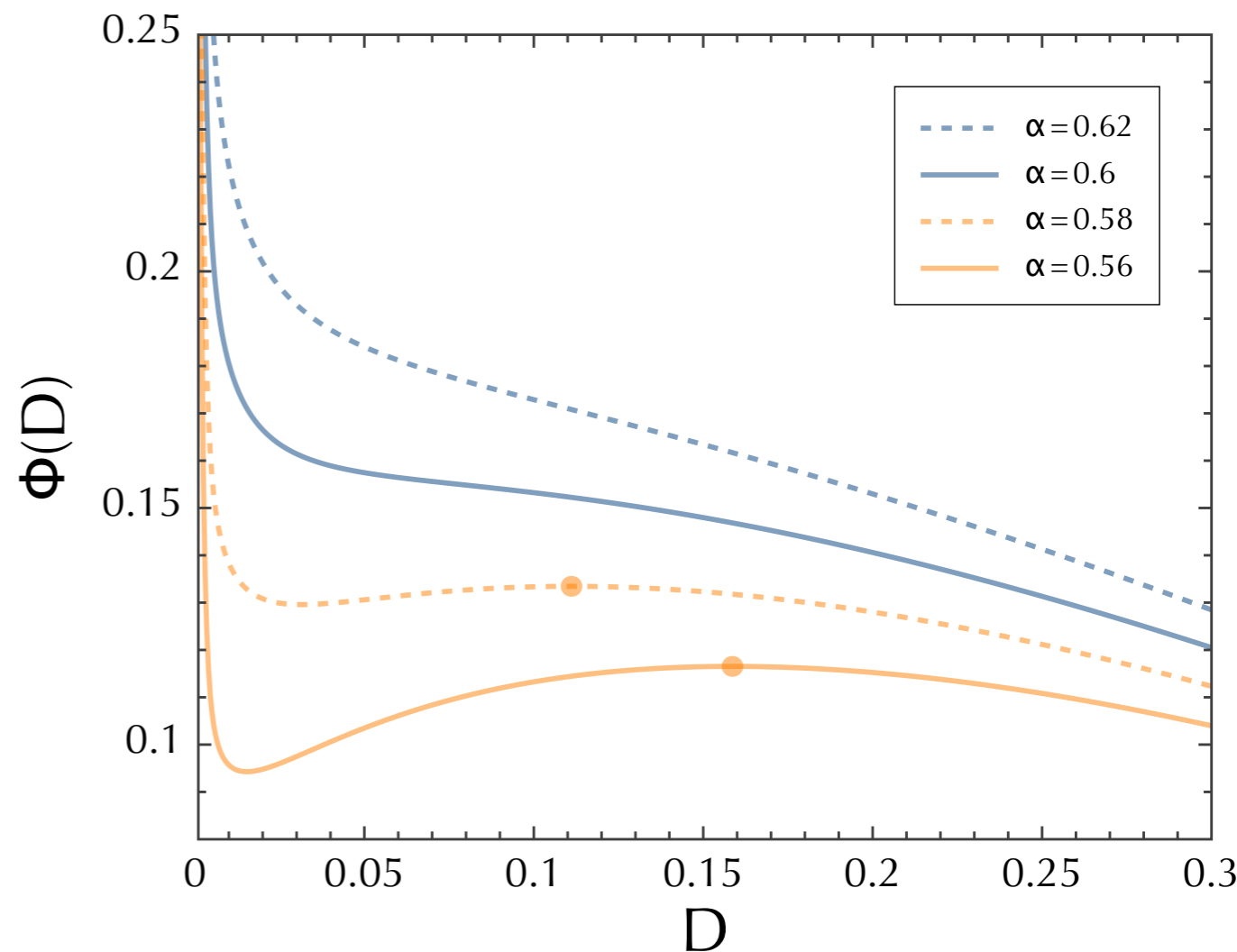


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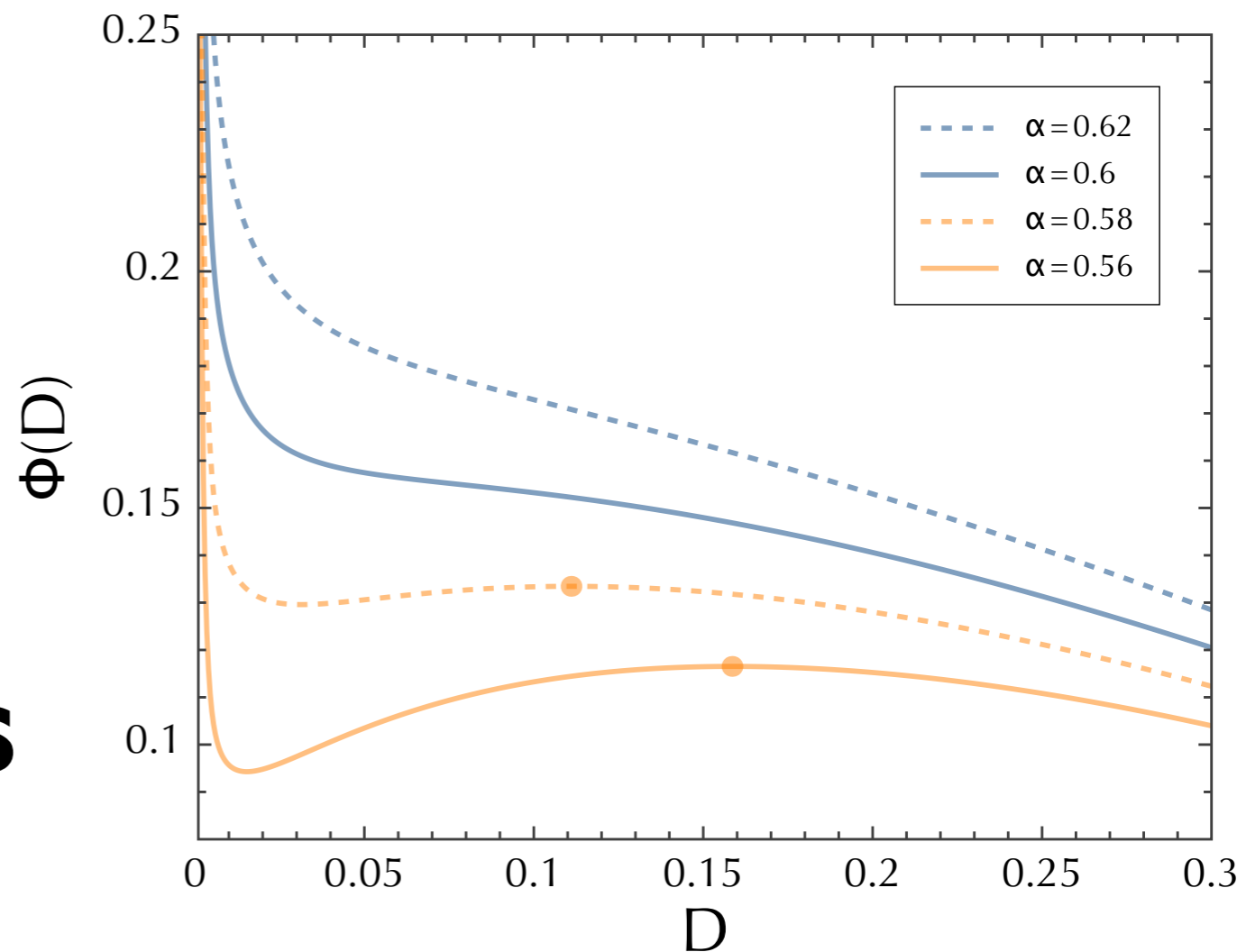
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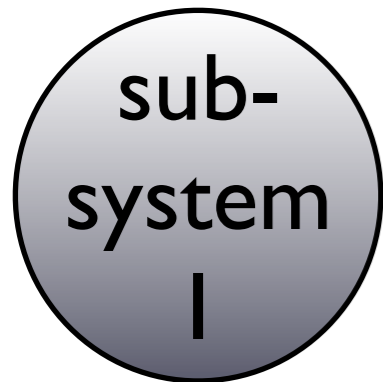
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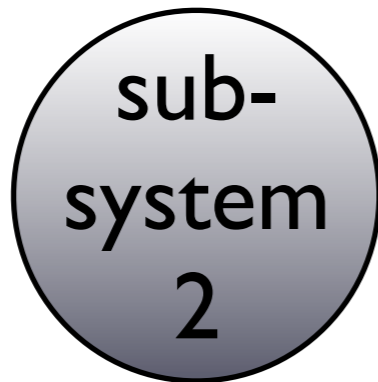
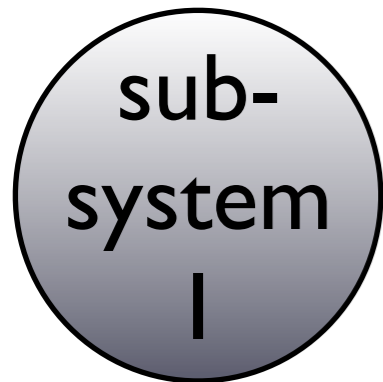
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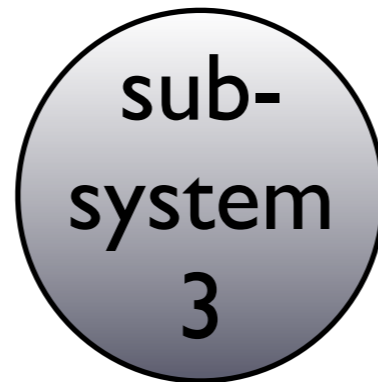
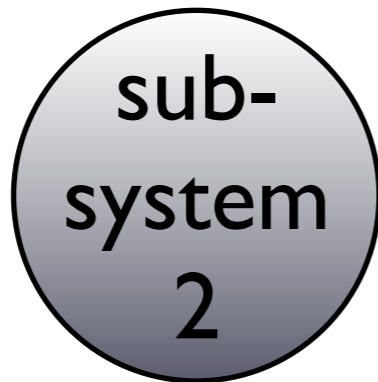
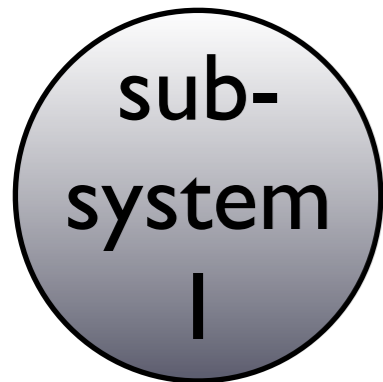
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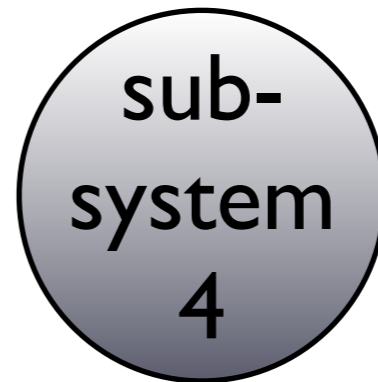
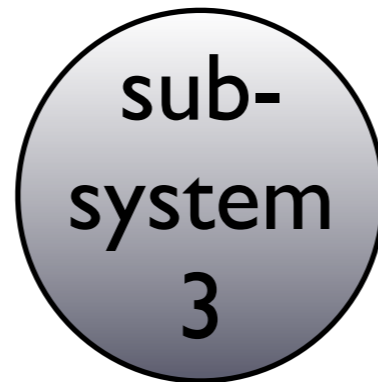
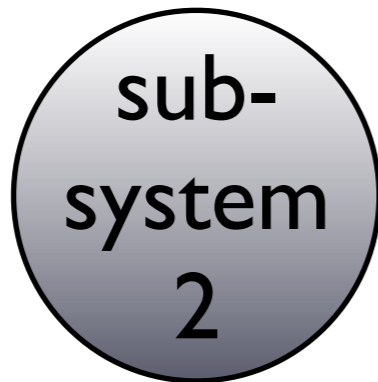
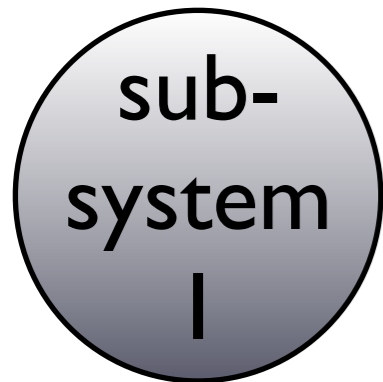
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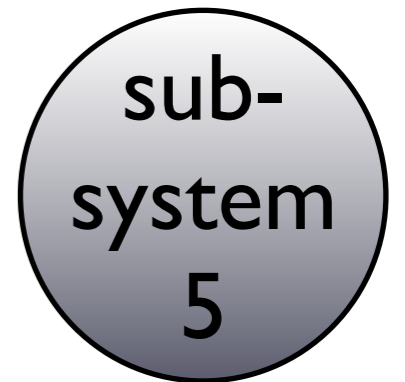
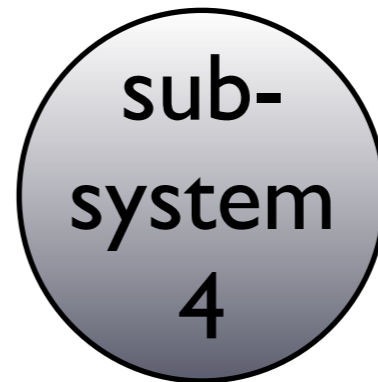
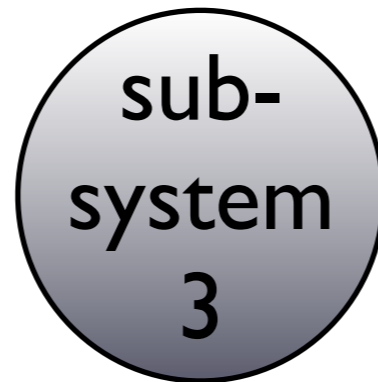
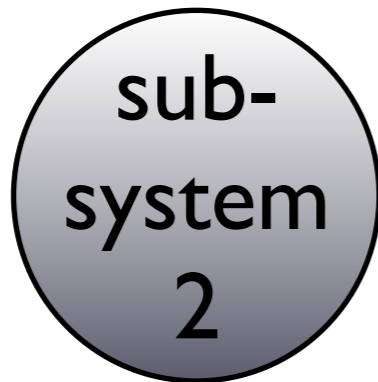
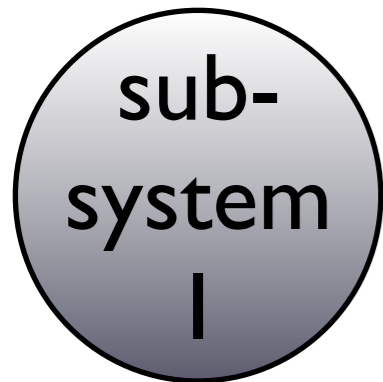
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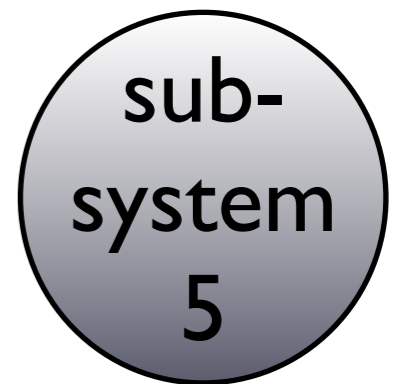
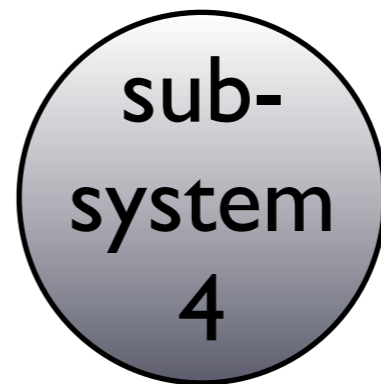
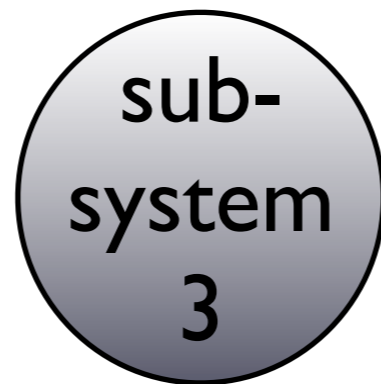
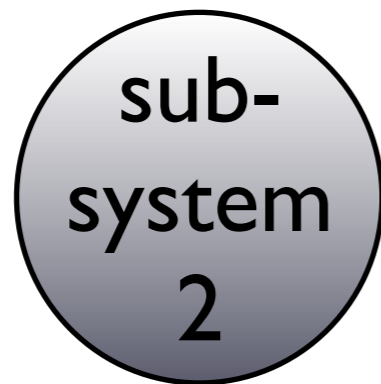
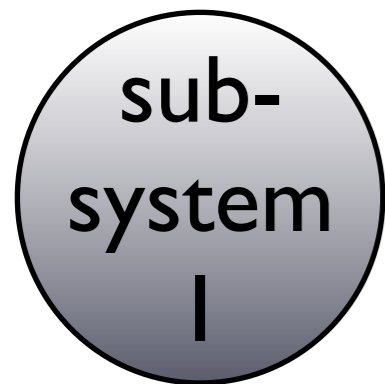
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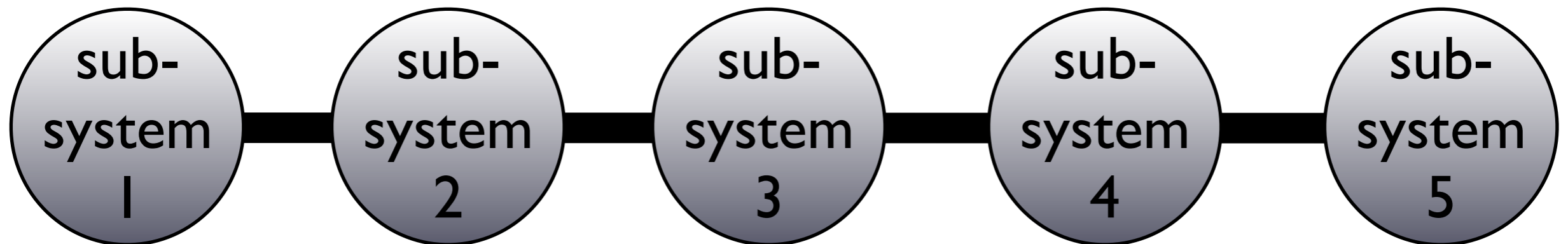
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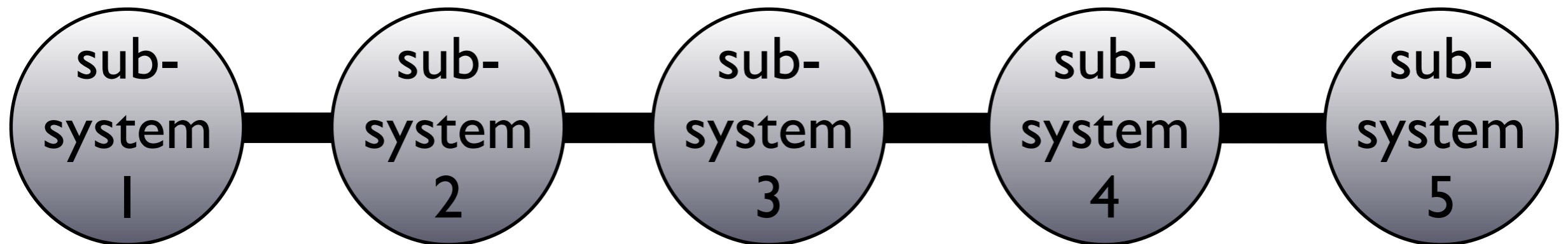
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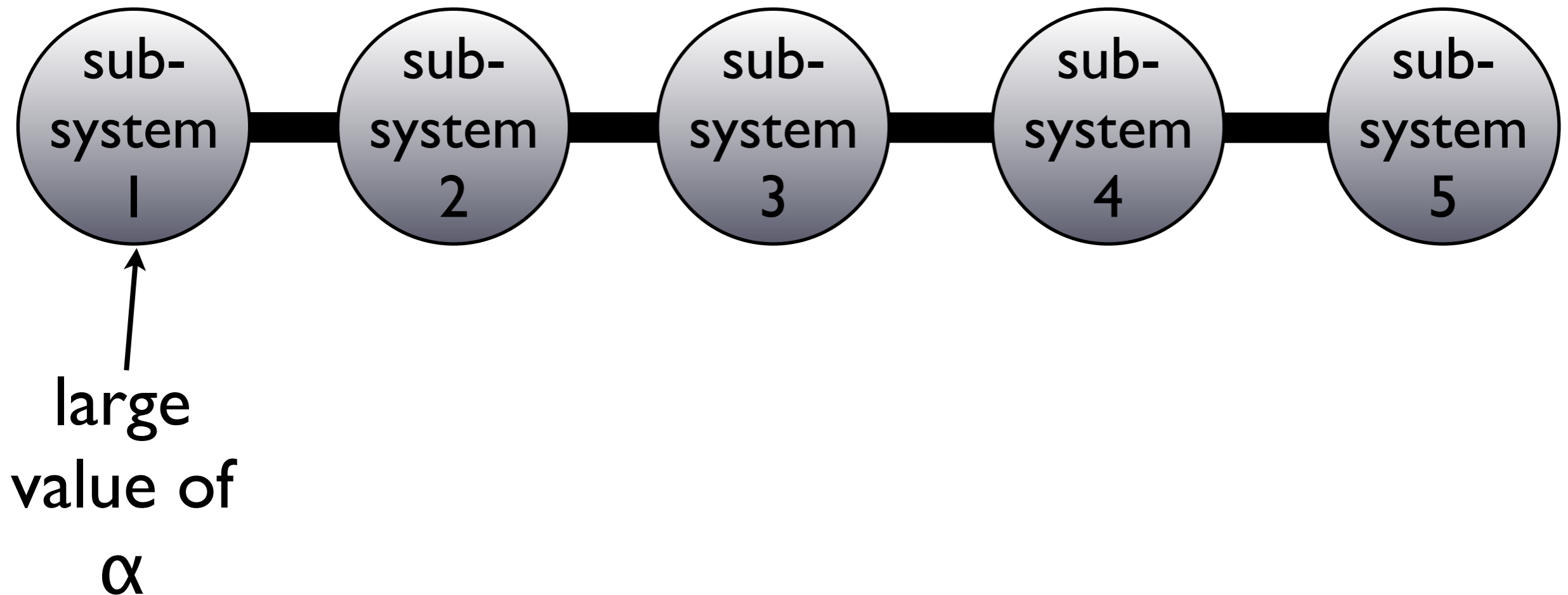
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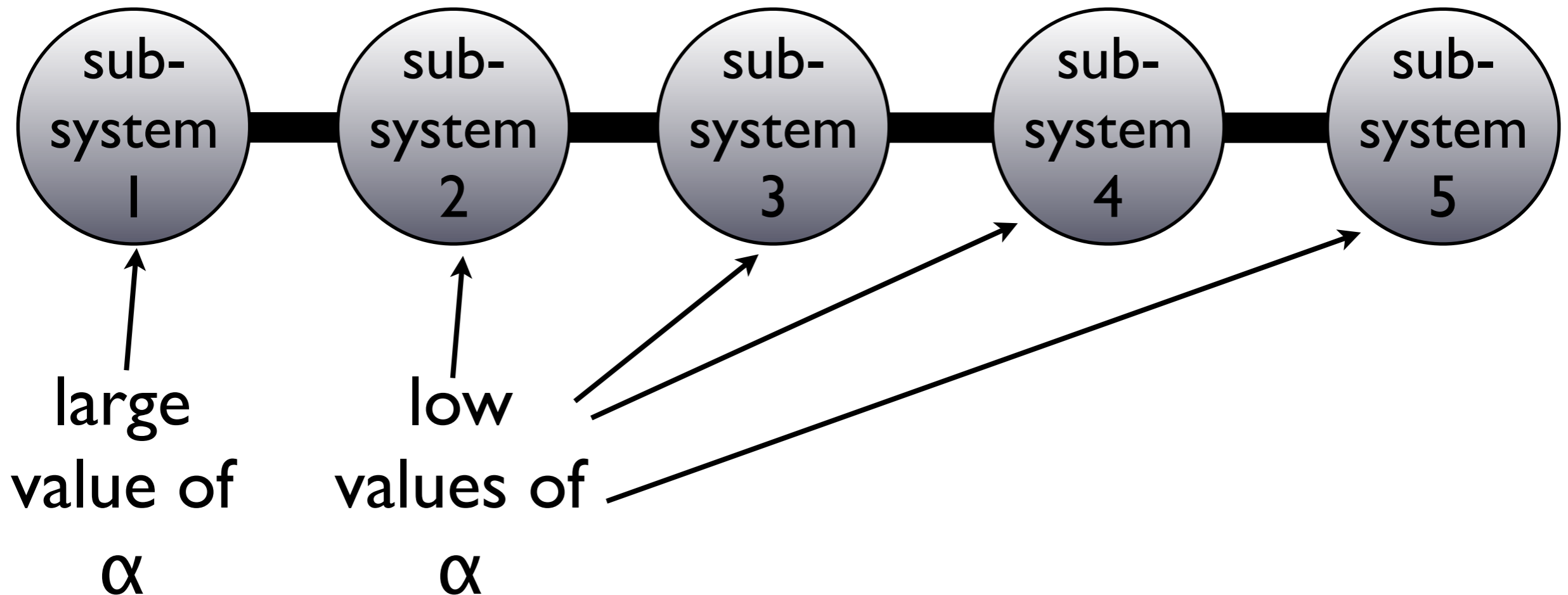
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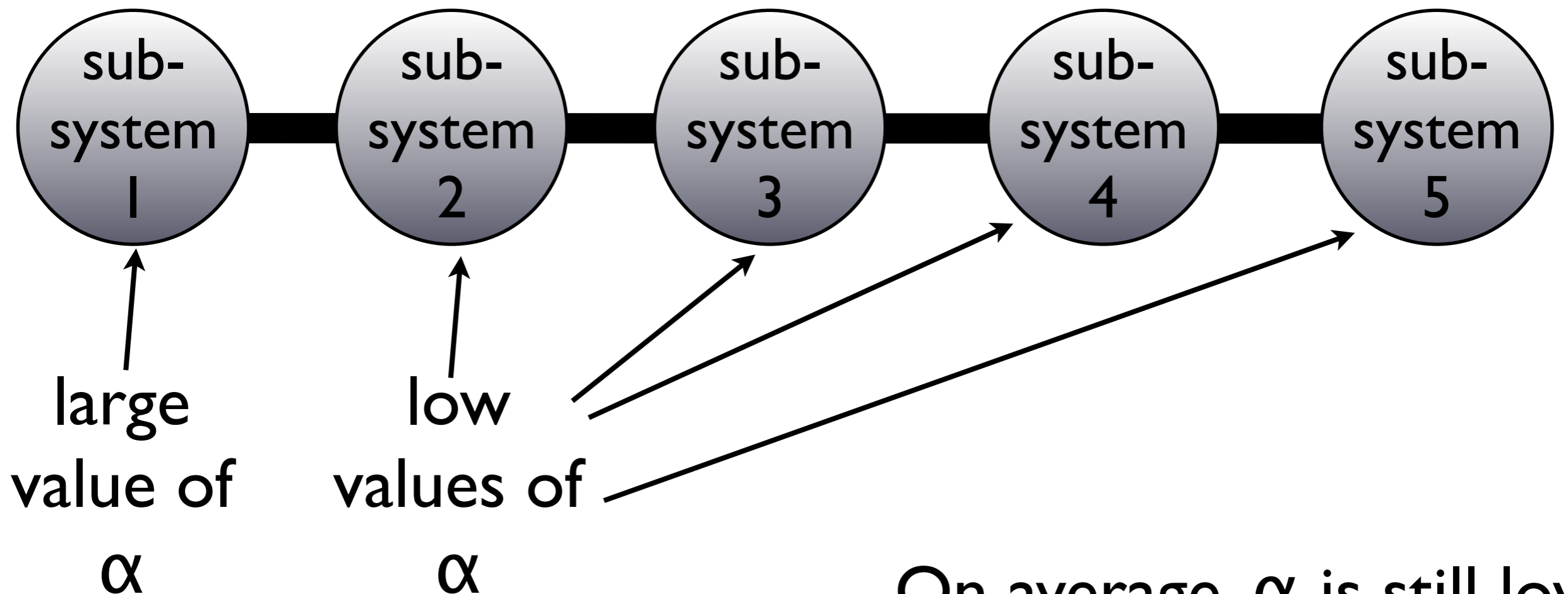
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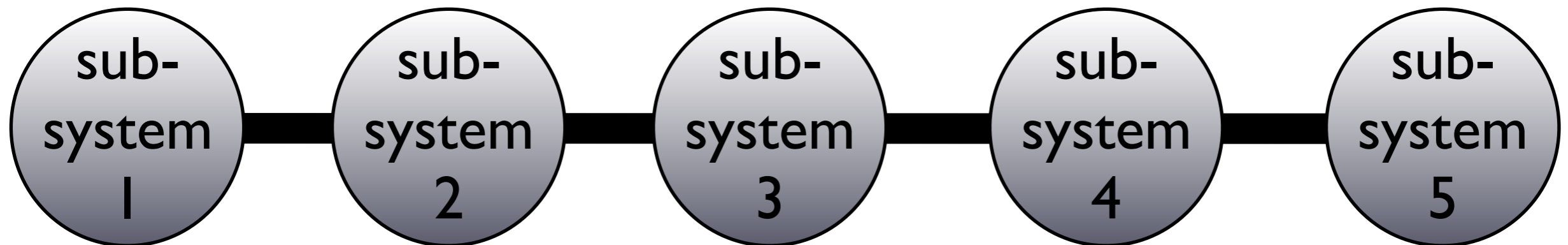
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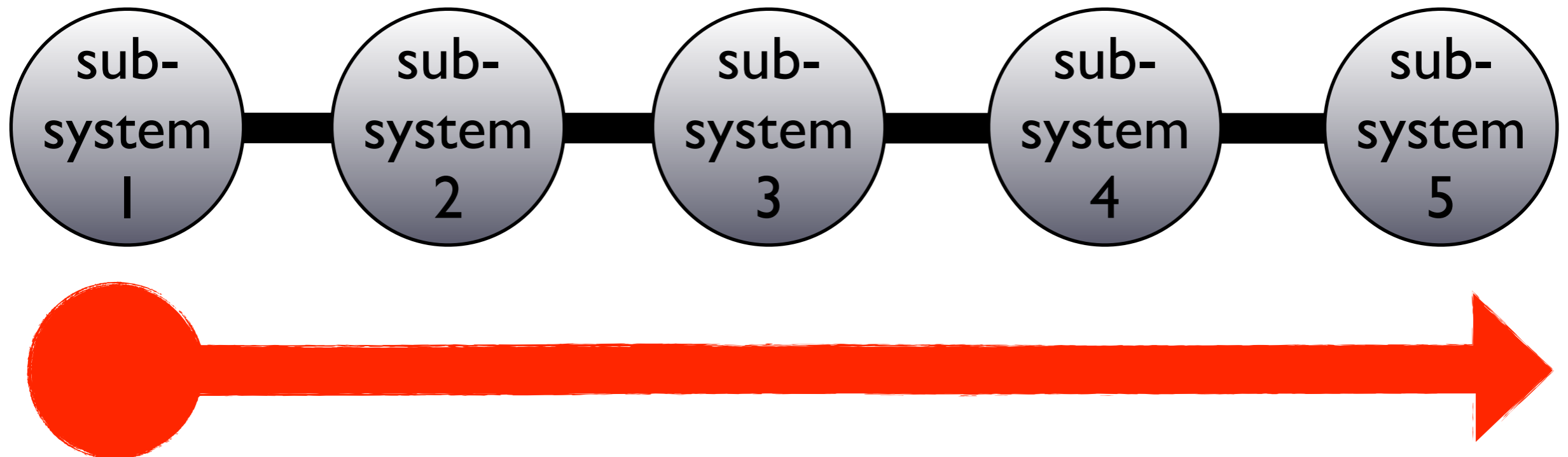
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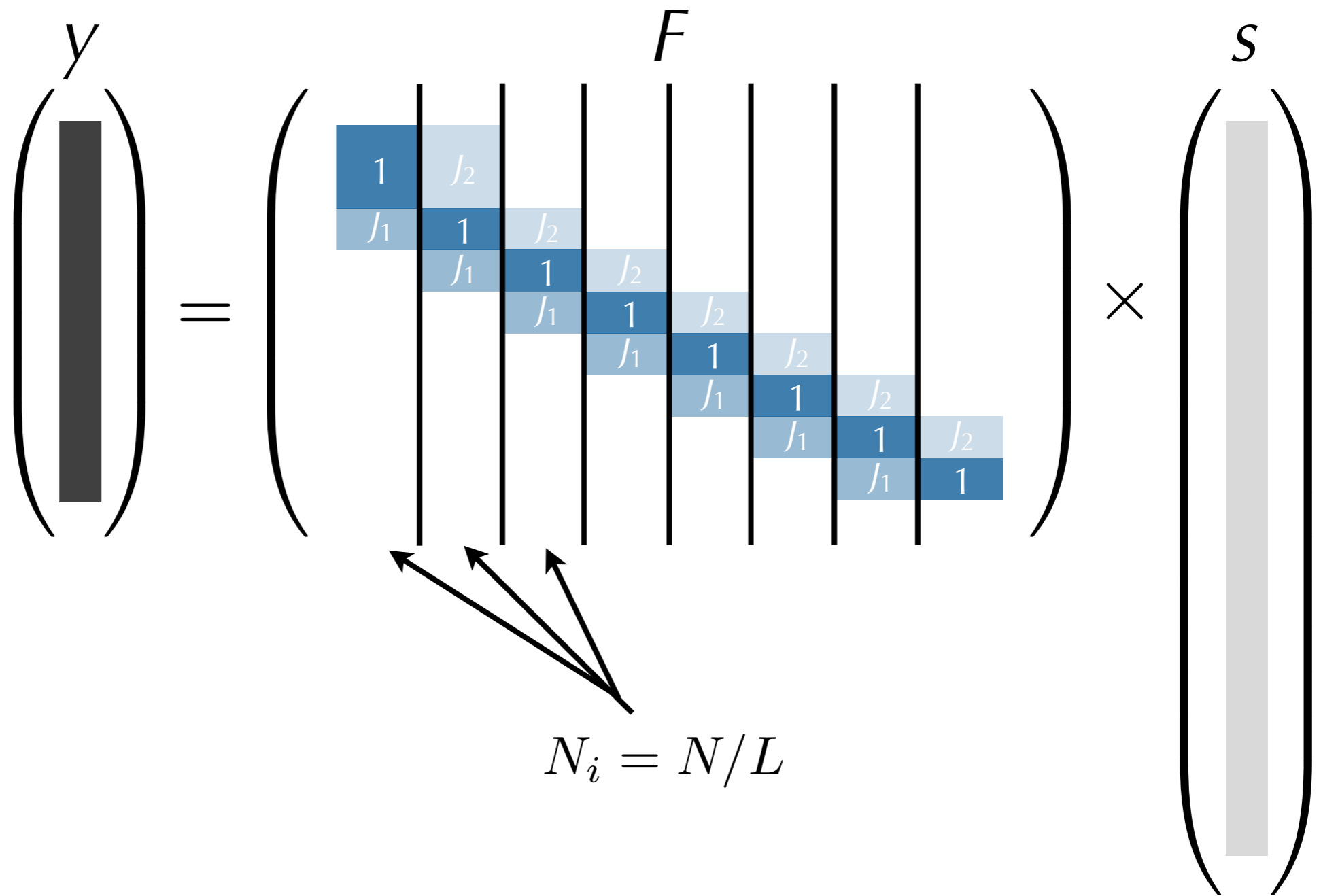
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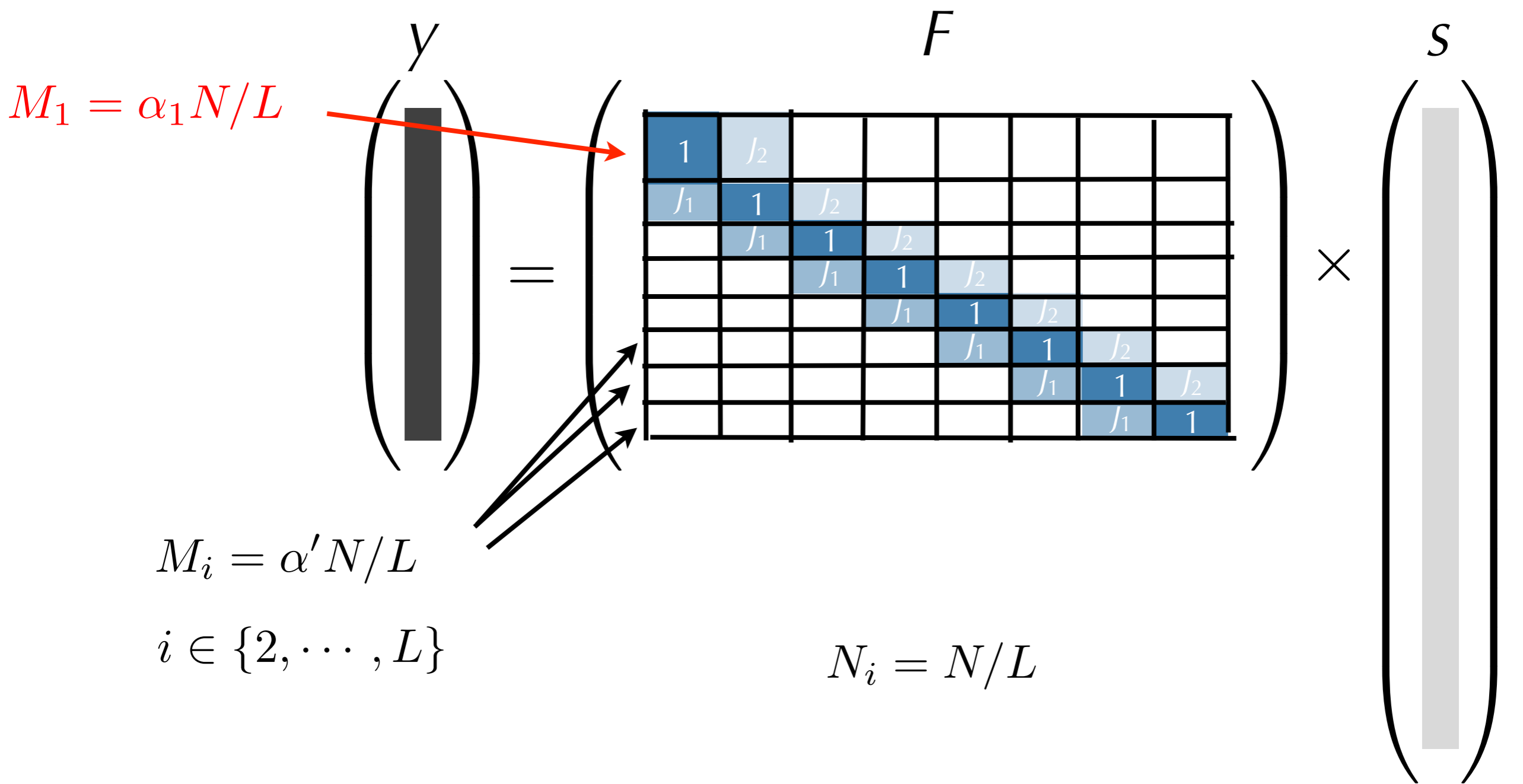
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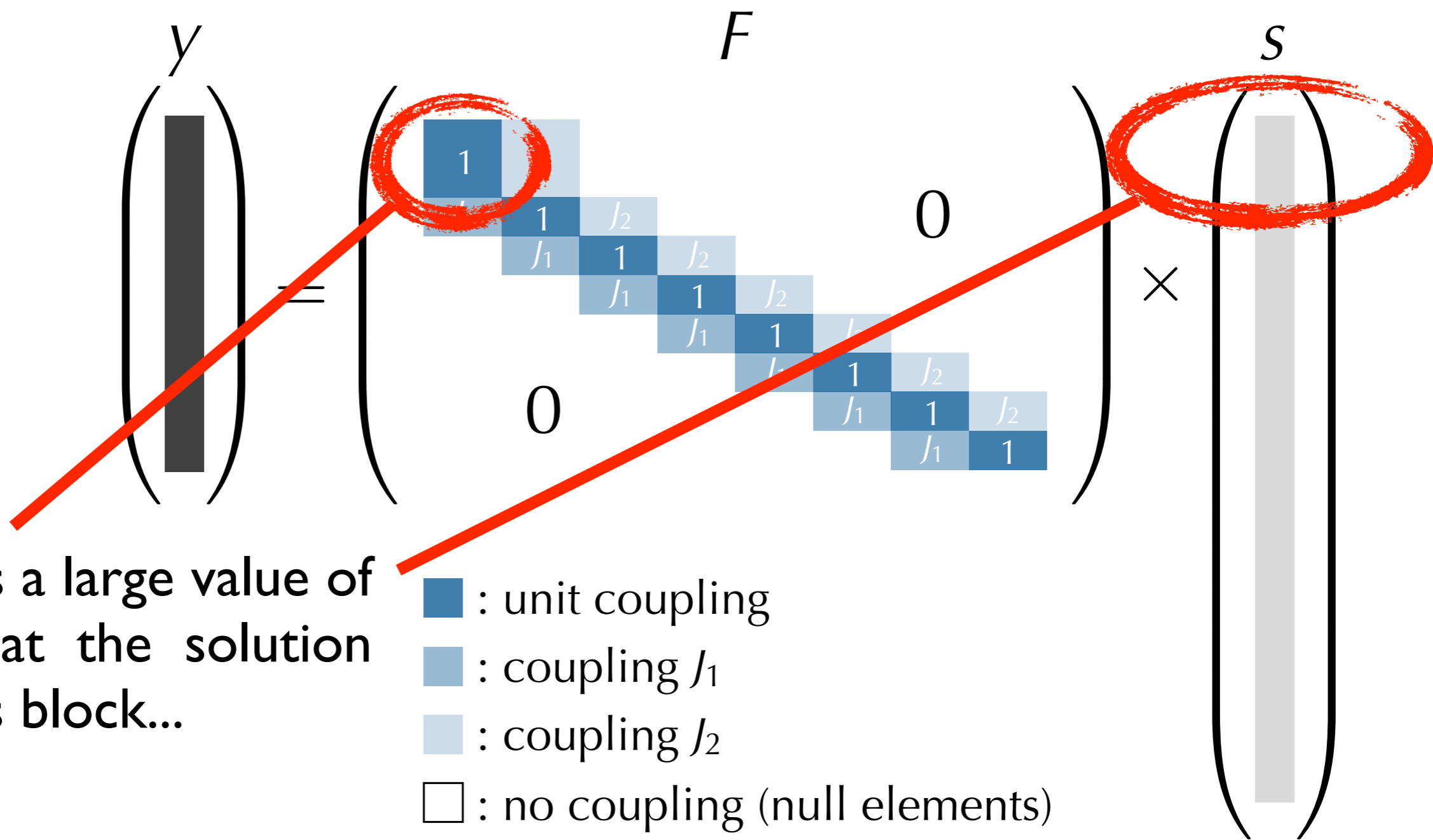
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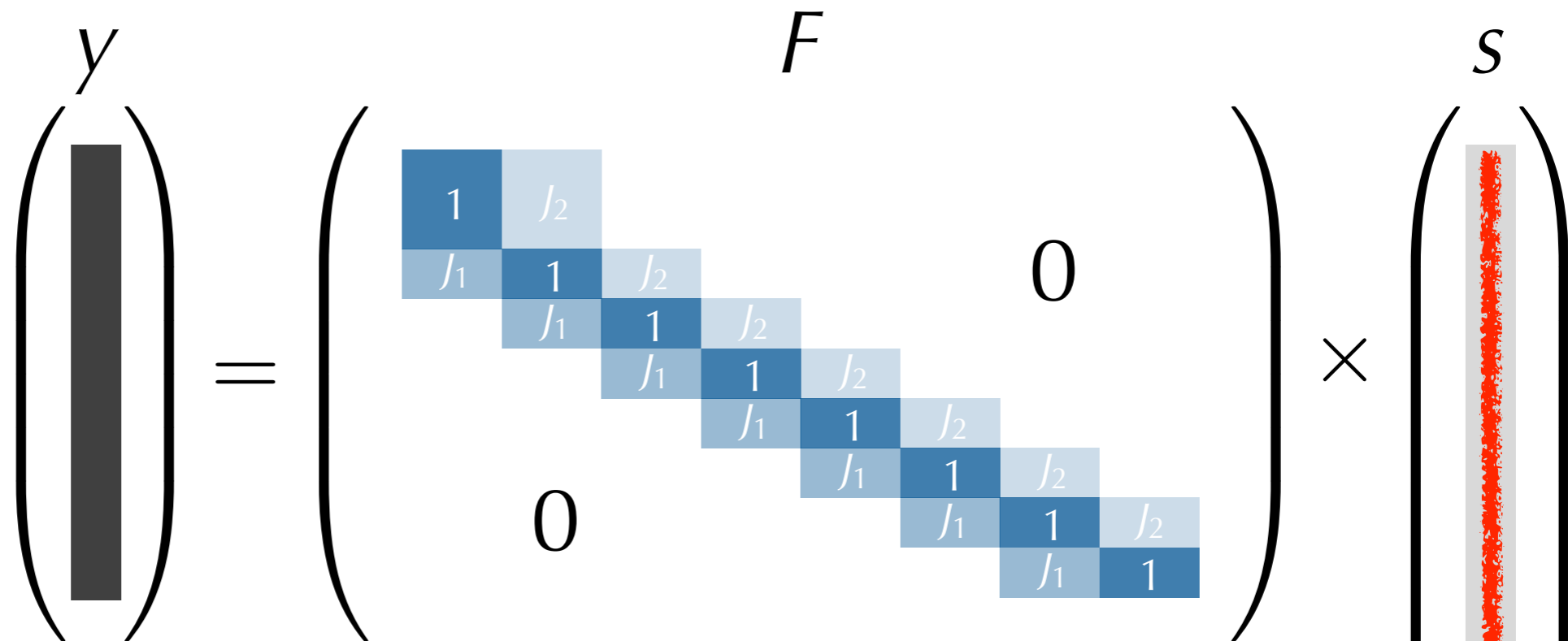
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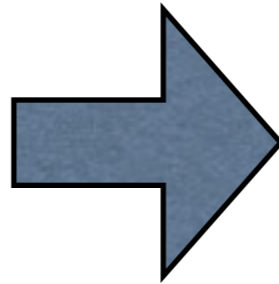
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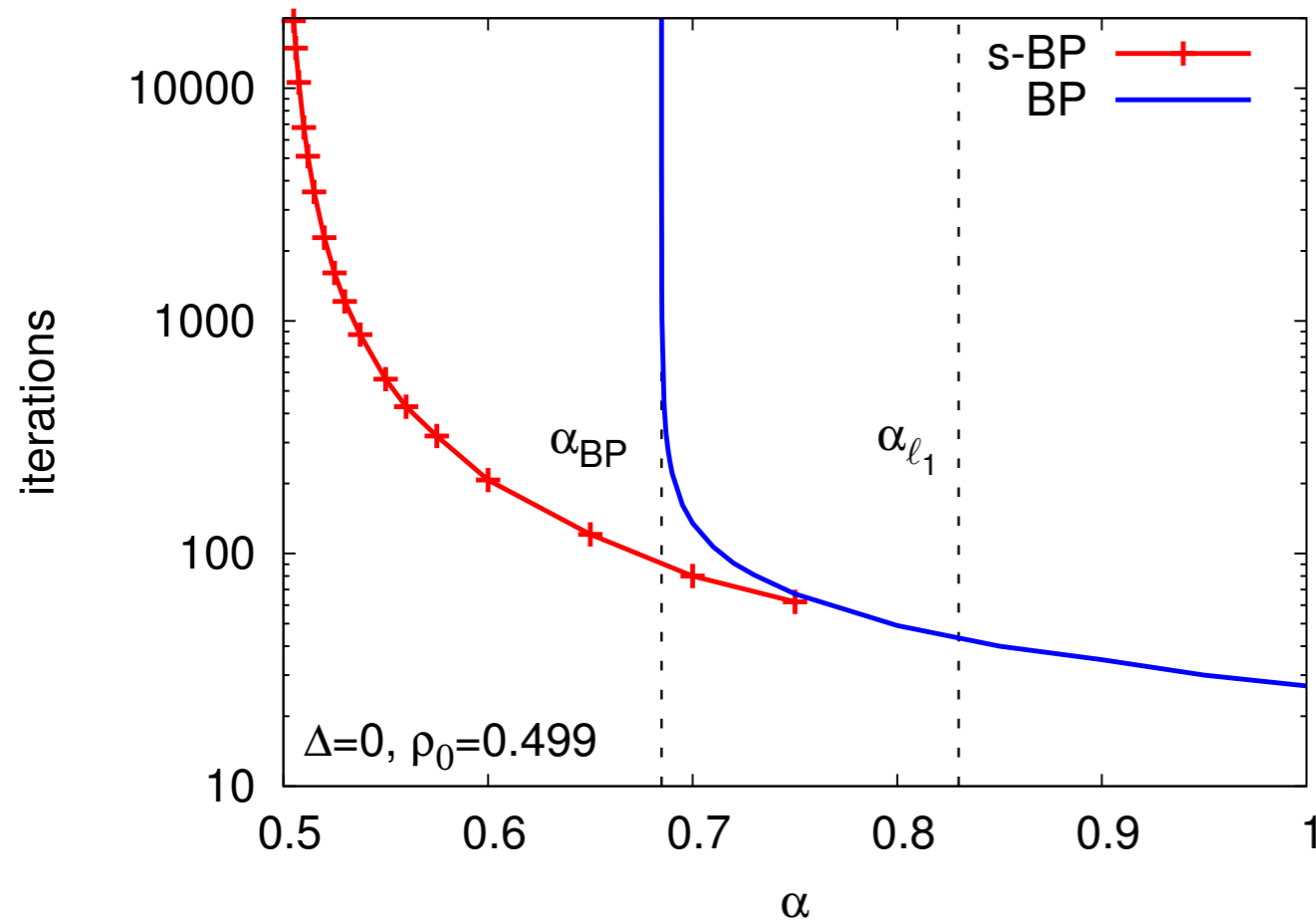
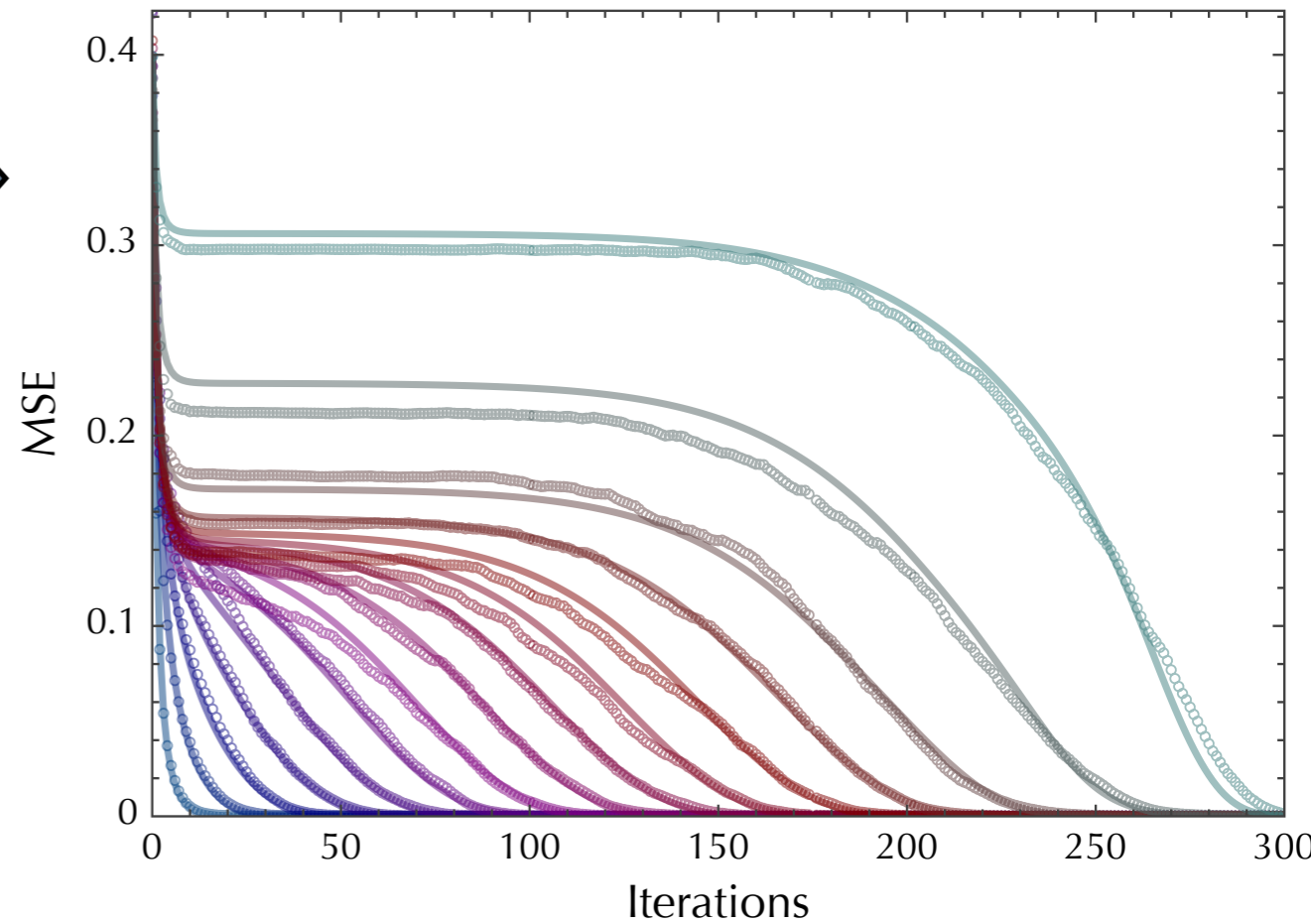
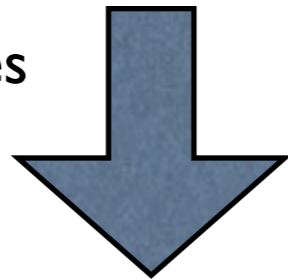


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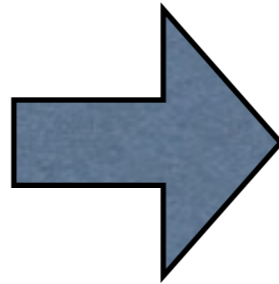
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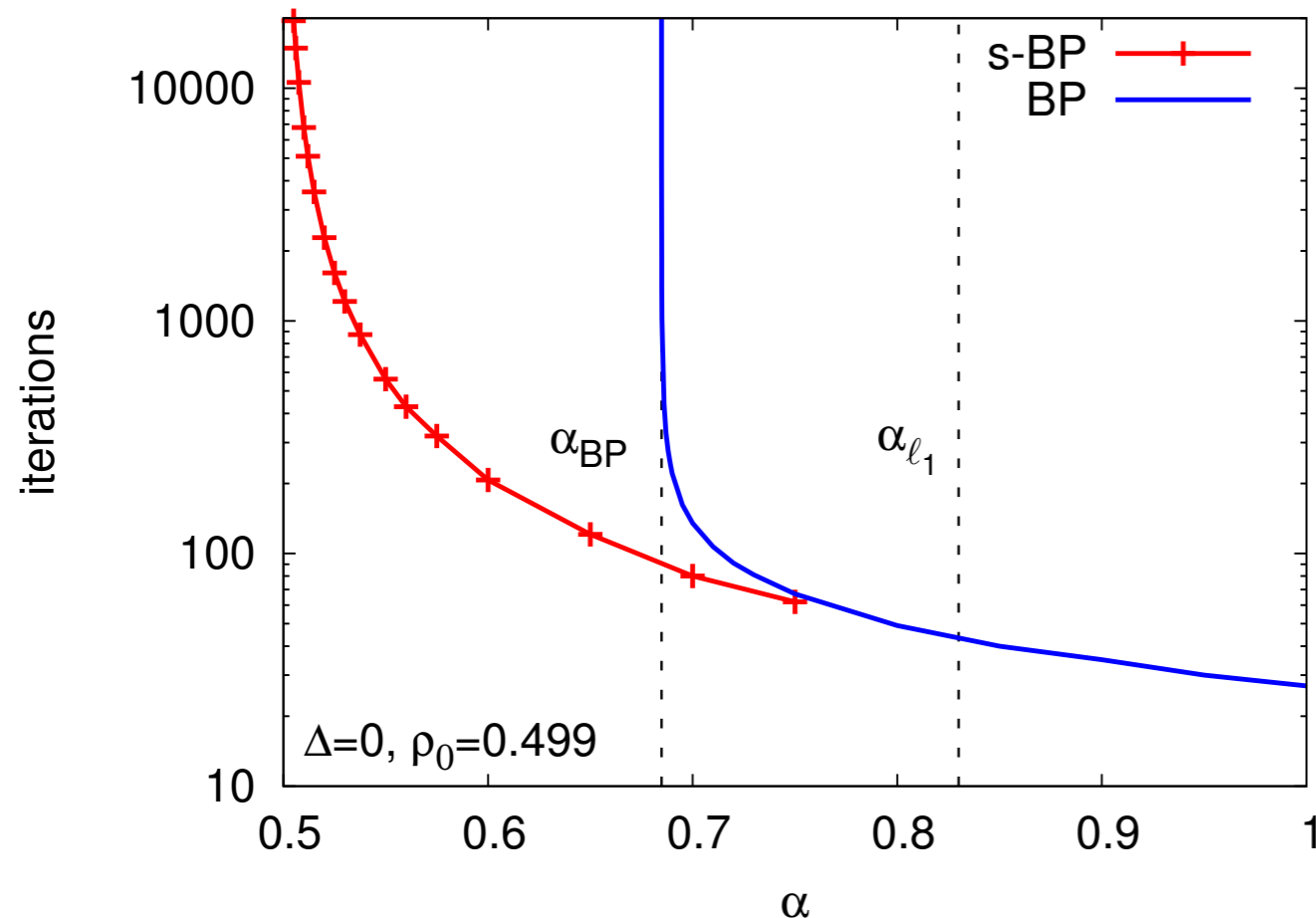
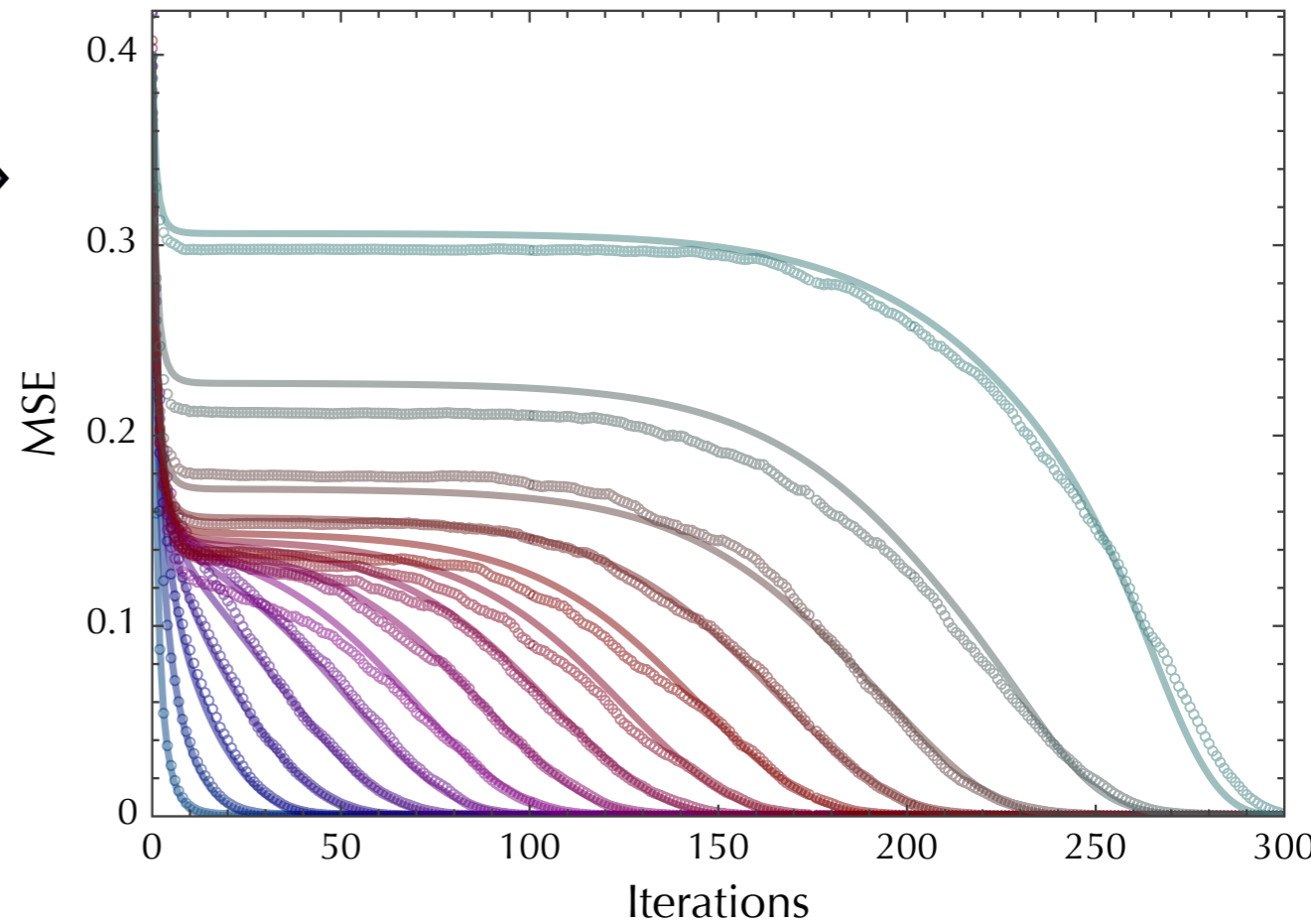
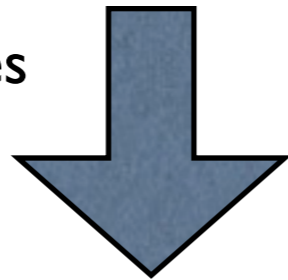
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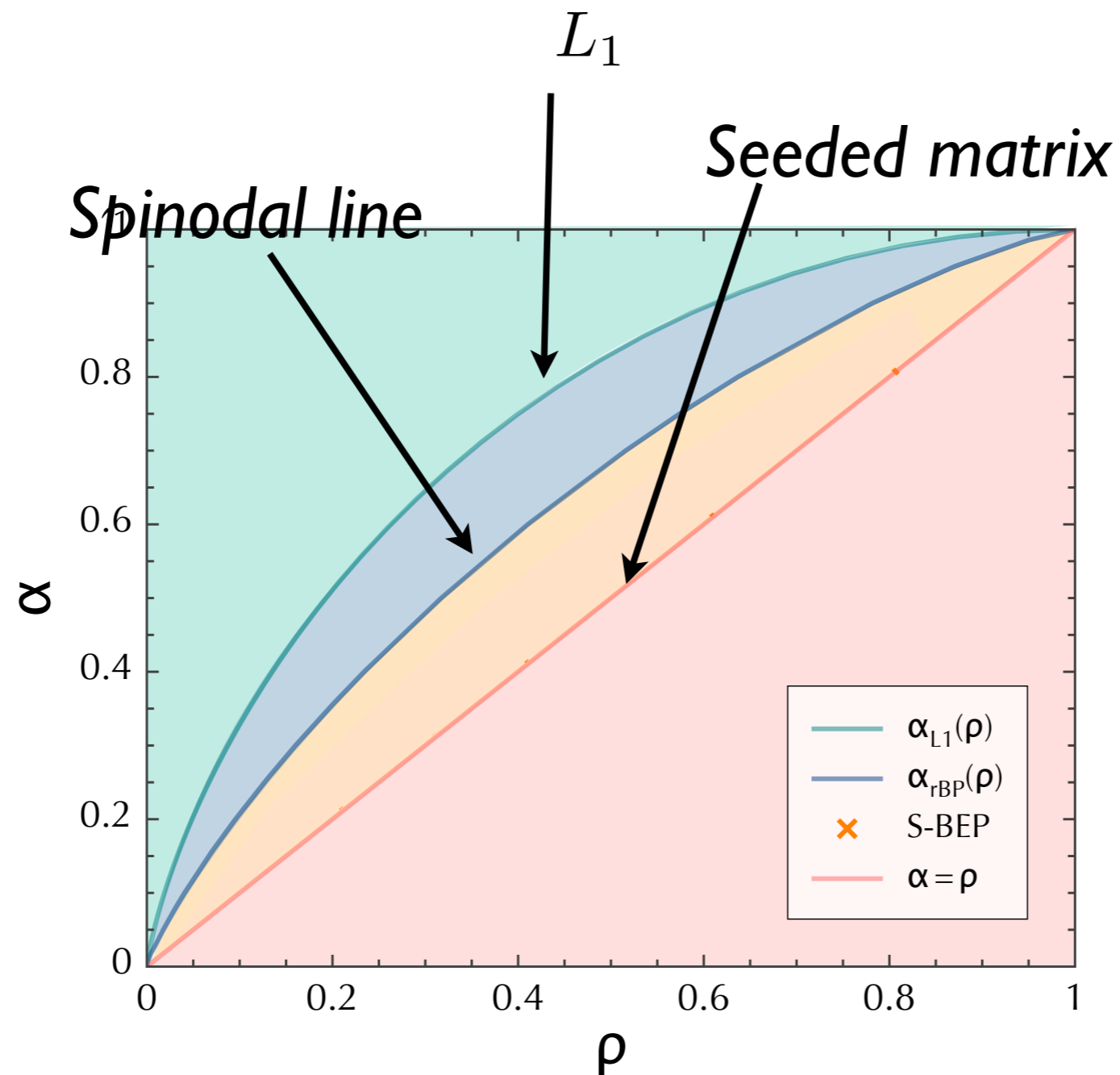
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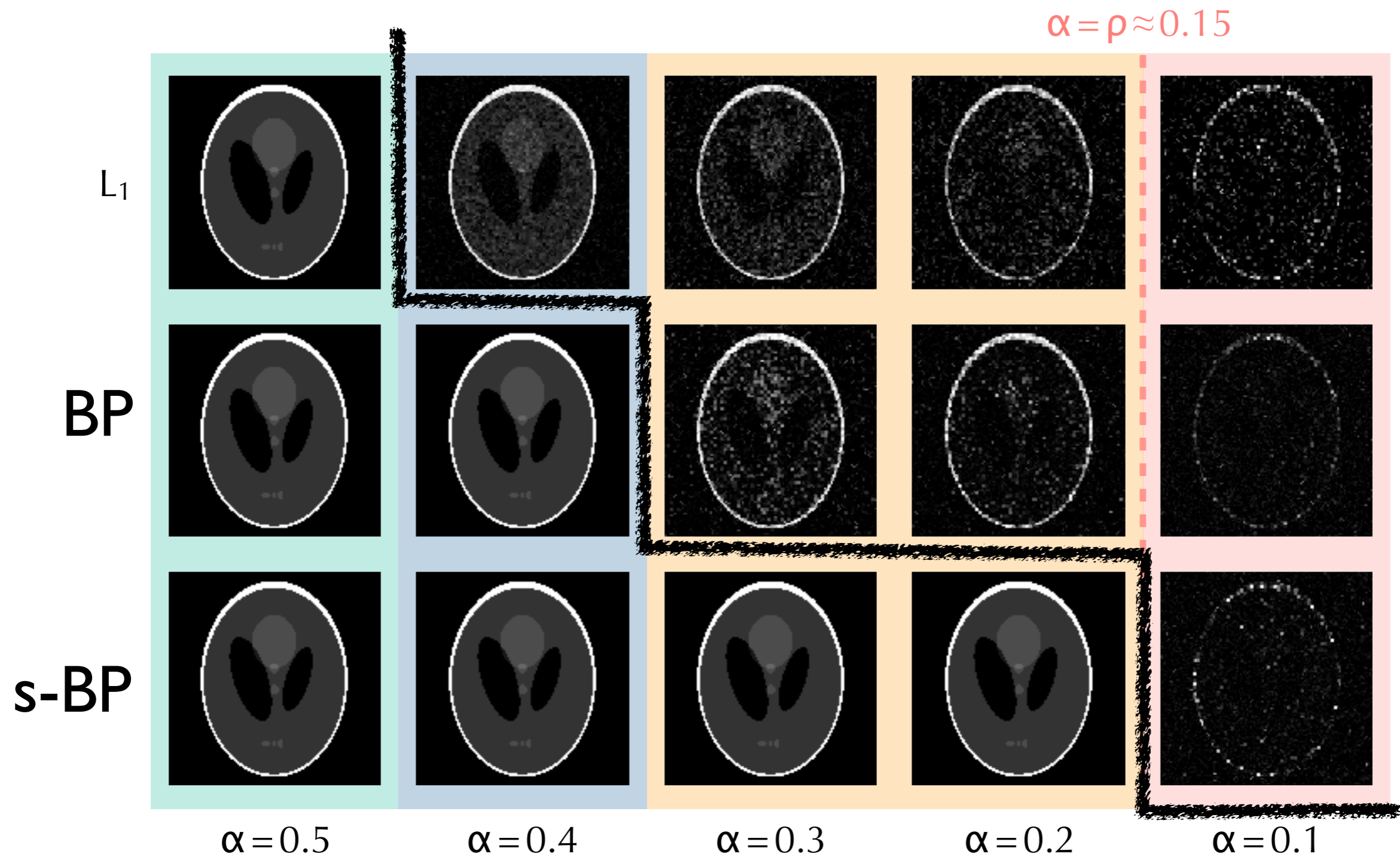
Generic proof for optimal reconstruction  
(when the prior matches the signal):  
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# Best measurement rates reached!



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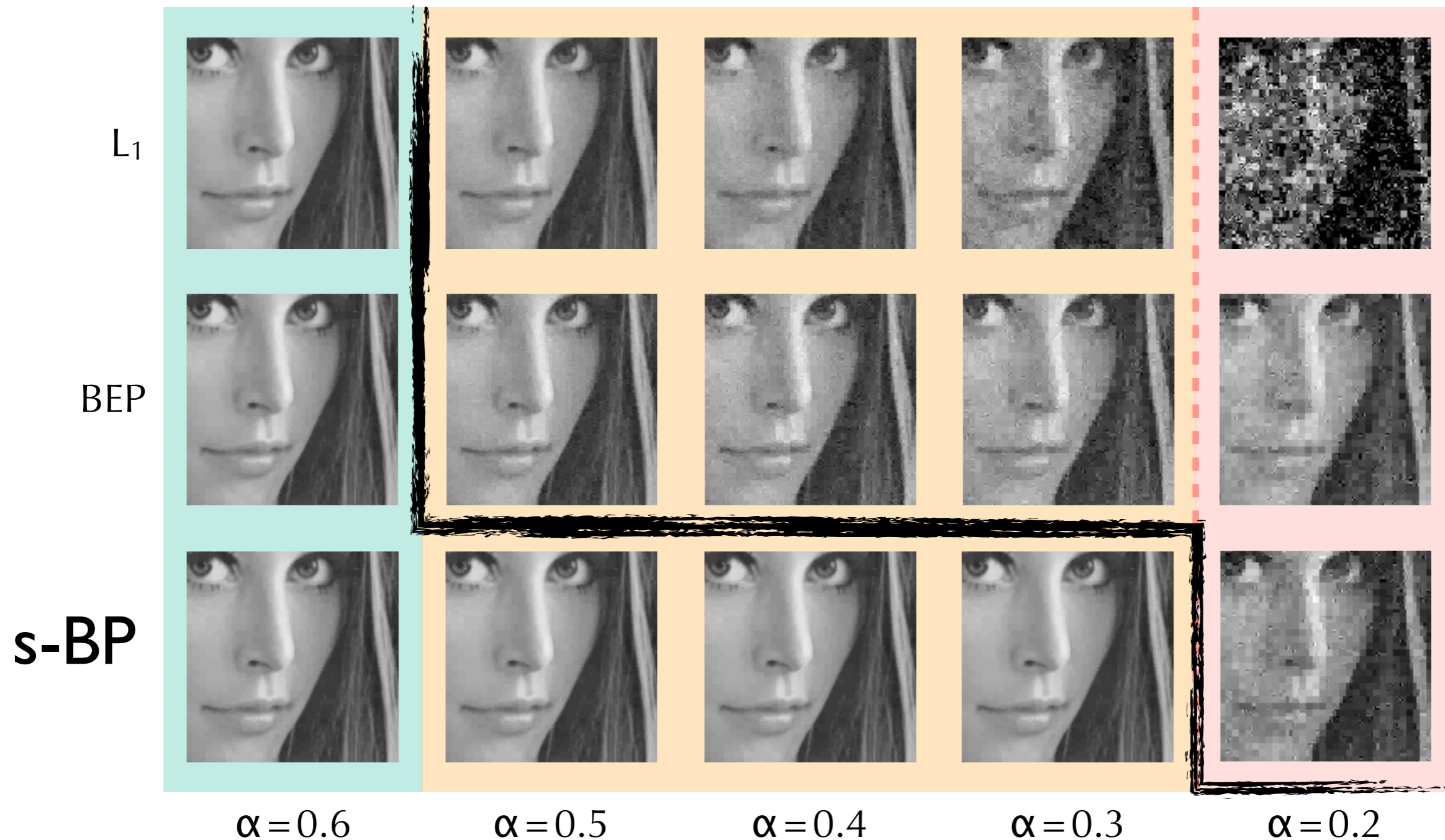
# An example



Shepp-Logan phantom, in the Haar-wavelet representation

# A more interesting example

$\alpha = \rho \approx 0.24$



The Lena picture in the Haar-wavelet representation

# Conclusions...

- A probabilistic approach to reconstruction
- Analysis of best possible reconstruction for different class of signals
- The Belief Propagation algorithm
- Optimality achieving seeded measurements matrices

## ... and perspectives:

- More information in the prior (Correlated measurement, wavelets, etc...)
- Other matrices with asymptotic measurements?
- Non-random matrix (e.g. Radon operator in Tomography, Fourier, etc..)
- Additive and multiplicative noise, Quasi-sparsity, etc... ?
- Calibration, and matrix/dictionary learning?
- Applications ?

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