

Statistical physics approach to compressed sensing

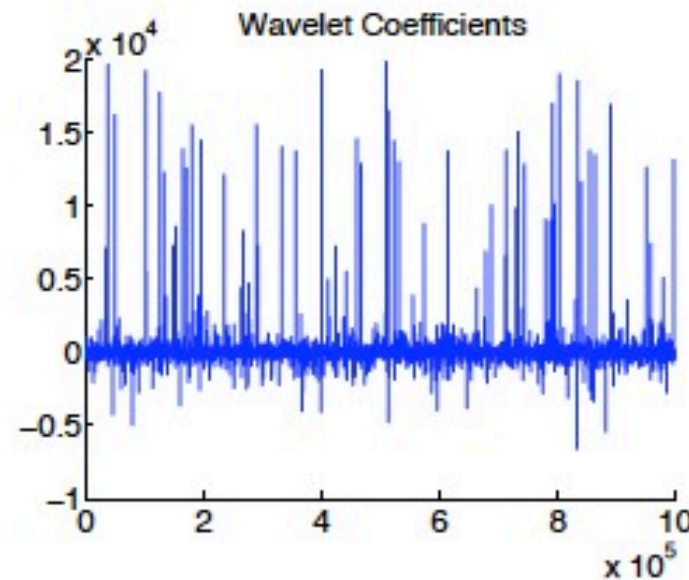
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Sparse signals



From 65.536 wavelet coefficients, keep 25.000

(From Candes-Wakin)

Exploited for data compression (JPEG). More recently: data acquisition (...[Donoho, Candes-Romberg-Tao, 2006,+...](#))

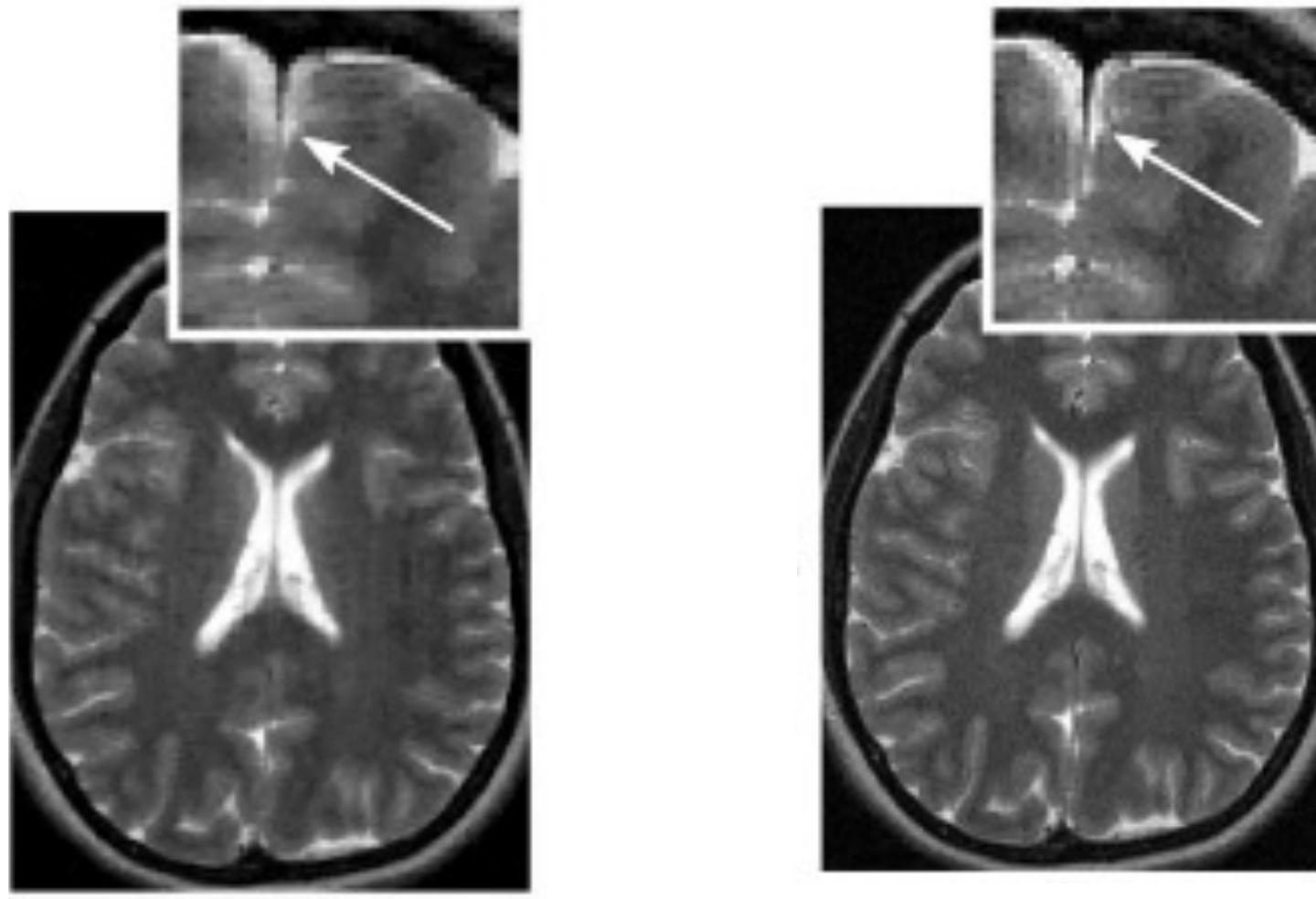
Compressed sensing

Acquire N bit data by doing measurements on much less than N bits (possible if signal is compressible, i.e. it has much less than N bits of information).

Possible applications:

- Rapid Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Tomography, microscopy
- Image acquisition (single-pixel camera)
- Infer regulatory interactions among many genes using only a limited number of experimental conditions
- Possible relevance in information processing in the brain (e.g. uncover original signal from compressed signal sent by retina)
- ...

An example from magnetic resonance imaging

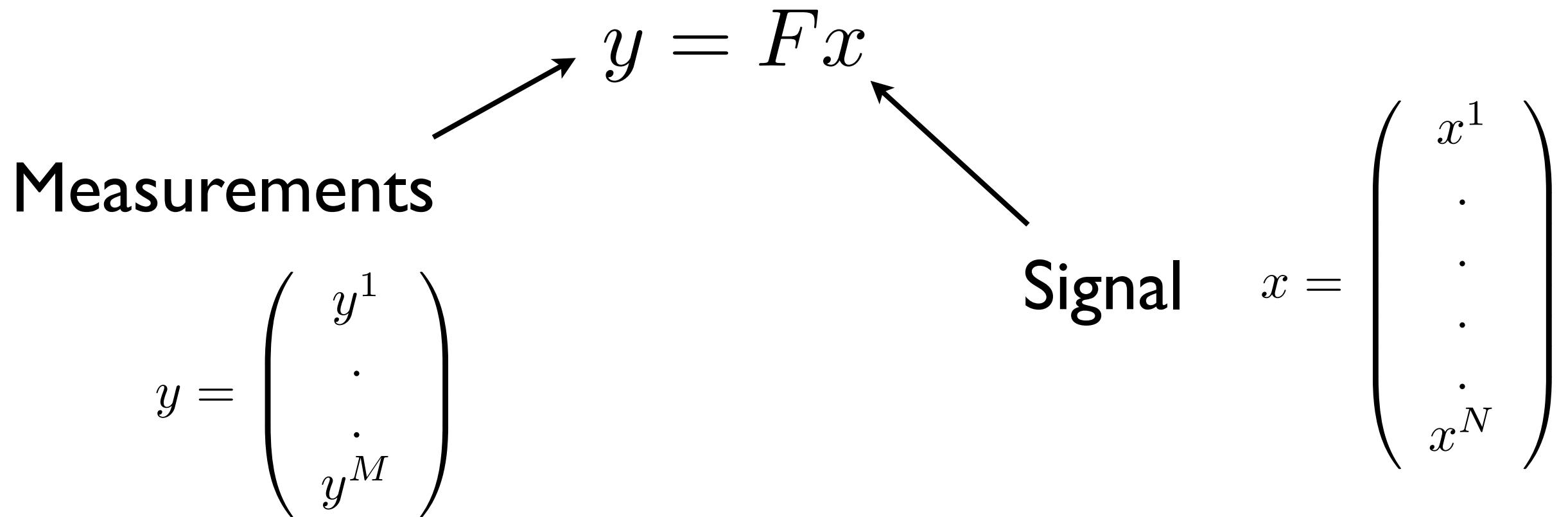


Left: image acquired with compressed sensing: acceleration 2.5

Lustig et al.,

The simplest problem: getting a signal from some measurement= linear transforms

Consider a system of linear measurements



(e.g. wavelet components)

$F = M \times N$ matrix

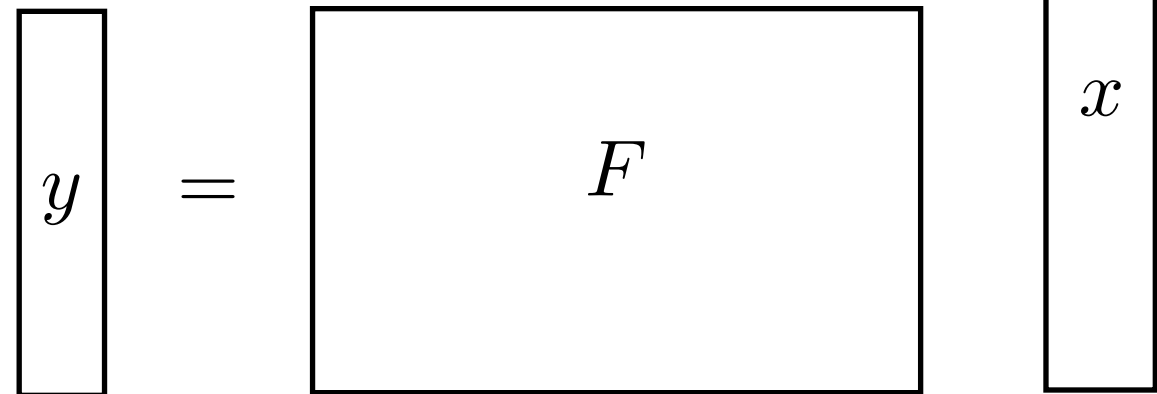
Pb: Find x when $M < N$ and x is sparse

The problem: $y = Fs$ and x is sparse, i.e. it has
 R components $\neq 0$

$R < M < N$ y is observed, F is known. Find s

Study the linear system $y = Fx$

Exploit the sparsity of
the original s



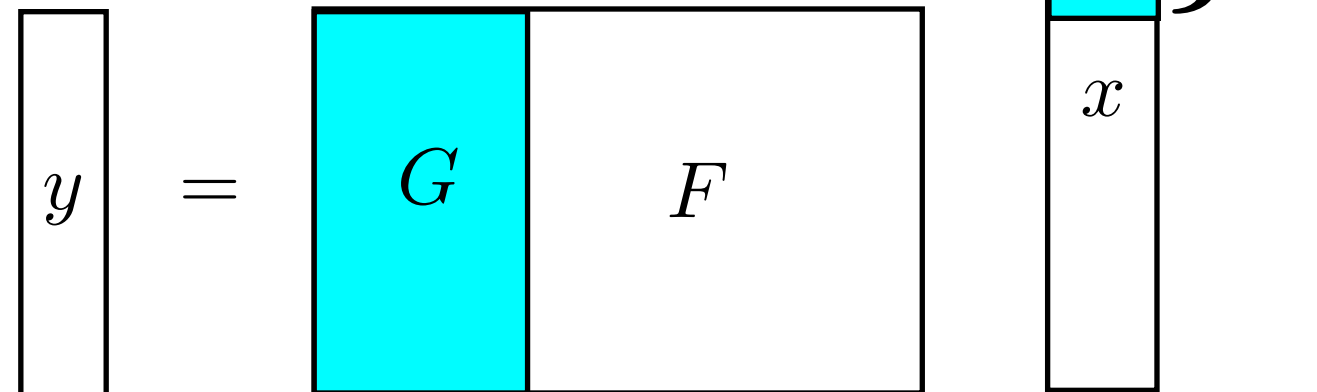
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A 'simple' solution: guess the positions
where $x_i \neq 0$ and check if it is correct

e.g. $x_1, \dots, x_R \neq 0$

$G = \{ R \text{ first columns of } F \}$



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

$R < M \Rightarrow$ too many equations

\Rightarrow generically inconsistent (no solution), except if
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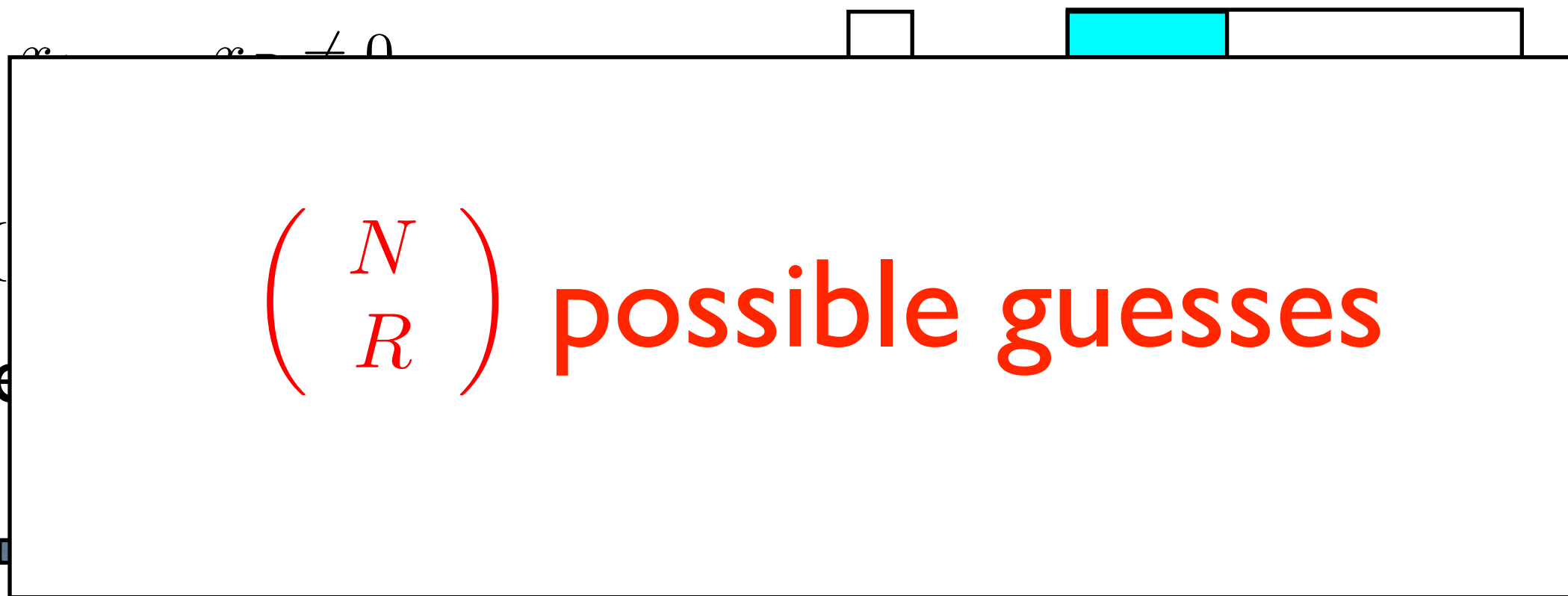
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Compressed sensing as an optimization problem: the L_1 norm approach

Find a N - component vector x such that the M equations $y = Fx$ are satisfied and $\|x\|$ is minimal

Hopefully: $x = s$

$\|x\|_0$: number of non-zero components

$$\|x\|_p = \sum_i |x_i|^p$$

Ideally, use $\|x\|_0$. In practice, use $\|x\|_1$

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Worst-case analysis: How many equations are needed in order to get the correct result for any initial sparse signal? Candès-Tao, Donoho

Typical-case analysis: How many equations are needed in order to get the correct result for almost all initial sparse signals and measurement matrices, drawn from some measure (e.g. $F_{\mu i} = \text{iid Gaussian variables}$)

Phase diagram of the L_1 norm approach

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Hardest and most interesting regime:

$N \gg 1$ variables

$R = \rho N$ non-zero variables

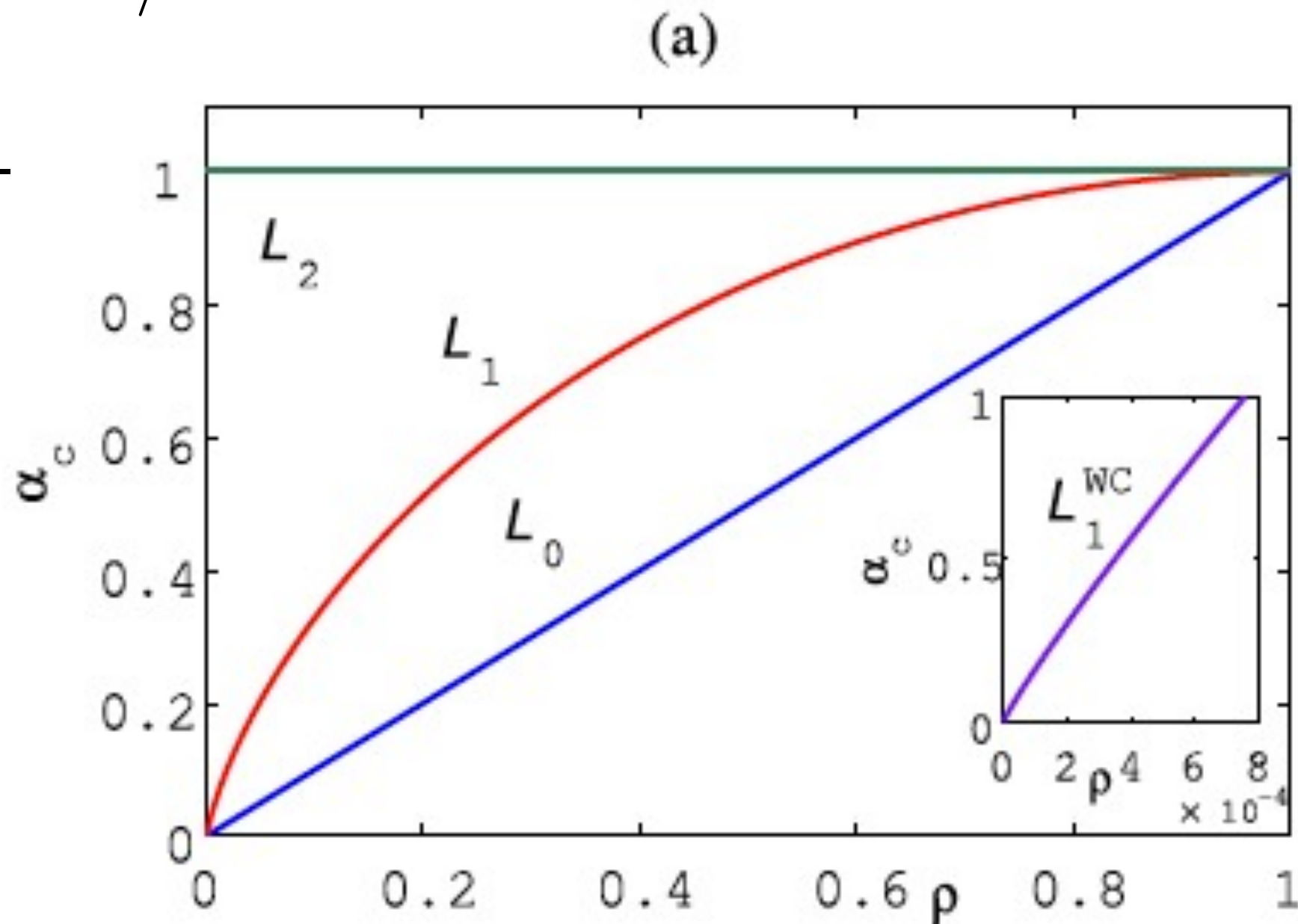
$M = \alpha N$ equations

Typical-case analysis: phase diagram in the plane ρ, α

Phase diagram

$$\alpha = M/N$$

Number
of
measure-
ments
per
variable



Donoho
2006,
Donoho
Tanner 2005

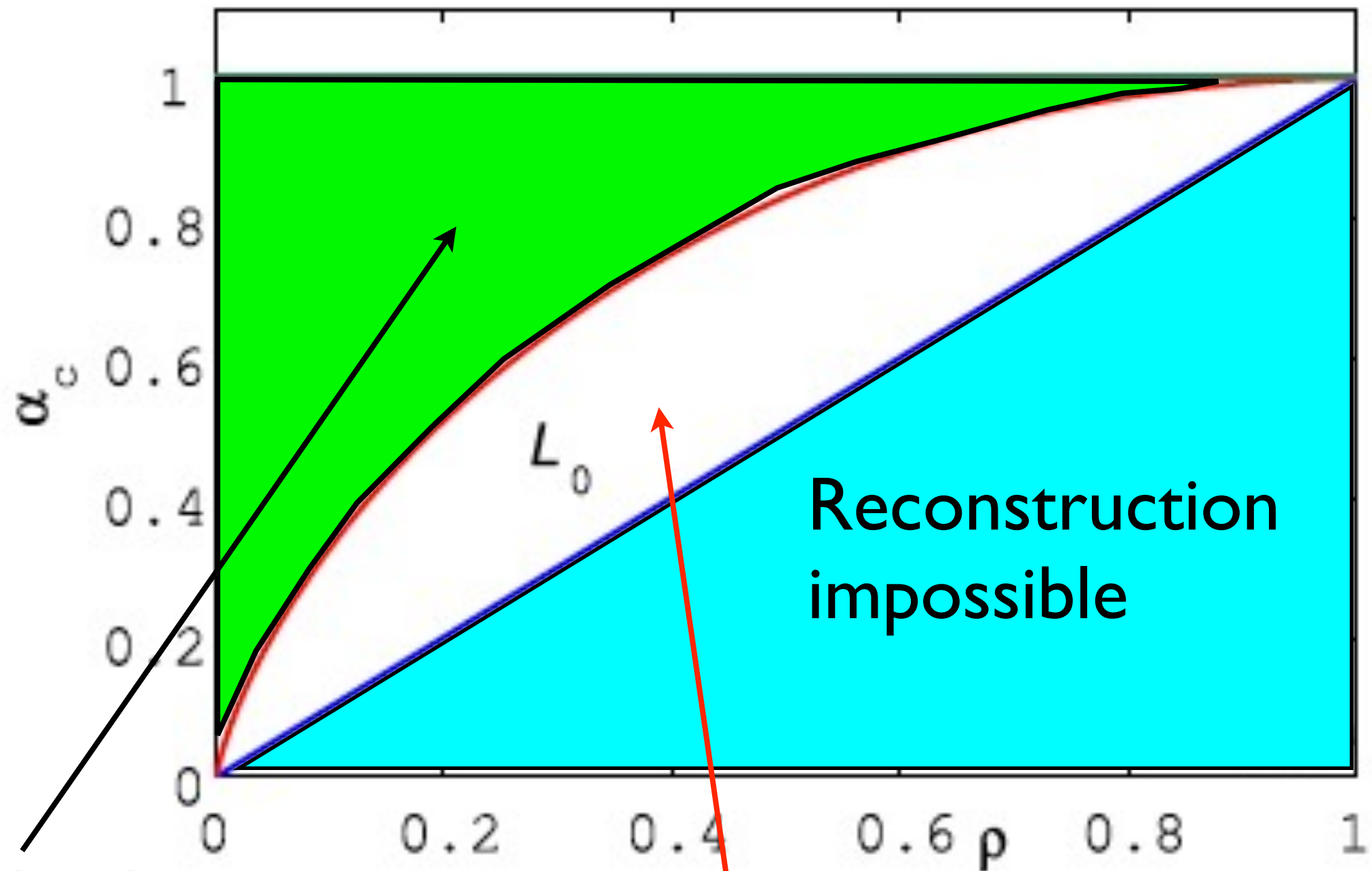
Kabashima,
Wadayama
and Tanaka,
JSTAT 2009

$$\rho = R/N$$

Fraction of non-
zero variables

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↑
Gaussian random matrix



Possible by linear programming
 Efficient message passing solution

Donoho Maleki Montanari;
 (Kabashima MM)

Possible by enumeration,
 using a time $O(e^N)$

Alternative approach, able to reach the optimal rate $\alpha = \rho$

Krzakala Sausset Mézard Sun Zdeborova 2011

- Probabilistic approach
- Message passing reconstruction of the signal
- Careful design of the measurement matrix

NB: each of these three ingredients is crucial

Step 1: Probabilistic approach to compressed sensing

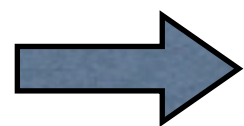
Signal generated from: $P_0(\mathbf{s}) = \prod_{i=1}^N [(1 - \rho_0)\delta(s_i) + \rho_0\phi_0(s_i)]$

Probabilistic decoding using:

$$P(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^N [(1 - \rho)\delta(x_i) + \rho\phi(x_i)] \prod_{\mu=1}^P \delta\left(y_\mu - \sum_i F_{\mu i}x_i\right)$$

NB: $(\rho, \phi(x))$ may be *distinct* from true signal distribution $(\rho_0, \phi_0(x))$: no need of prior knowledge of signal

Theorem: if $\rho_0 < 1$, $\rho < 1$, $\alpha > \rho_0$, F random Gaussian, in the large N limit the maximum of $P(\mathbf{x})$ is at $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{s}$



Sampling from $P(\mathbf{x})$ is optimal, even if we do not know the correct ρ_0, ϕ_0

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Also true for broader class of measurement matrices F
e.g. the seeding matrices to be used in the final design

Step 2: belief propagation-based reconstruction with parameter learning

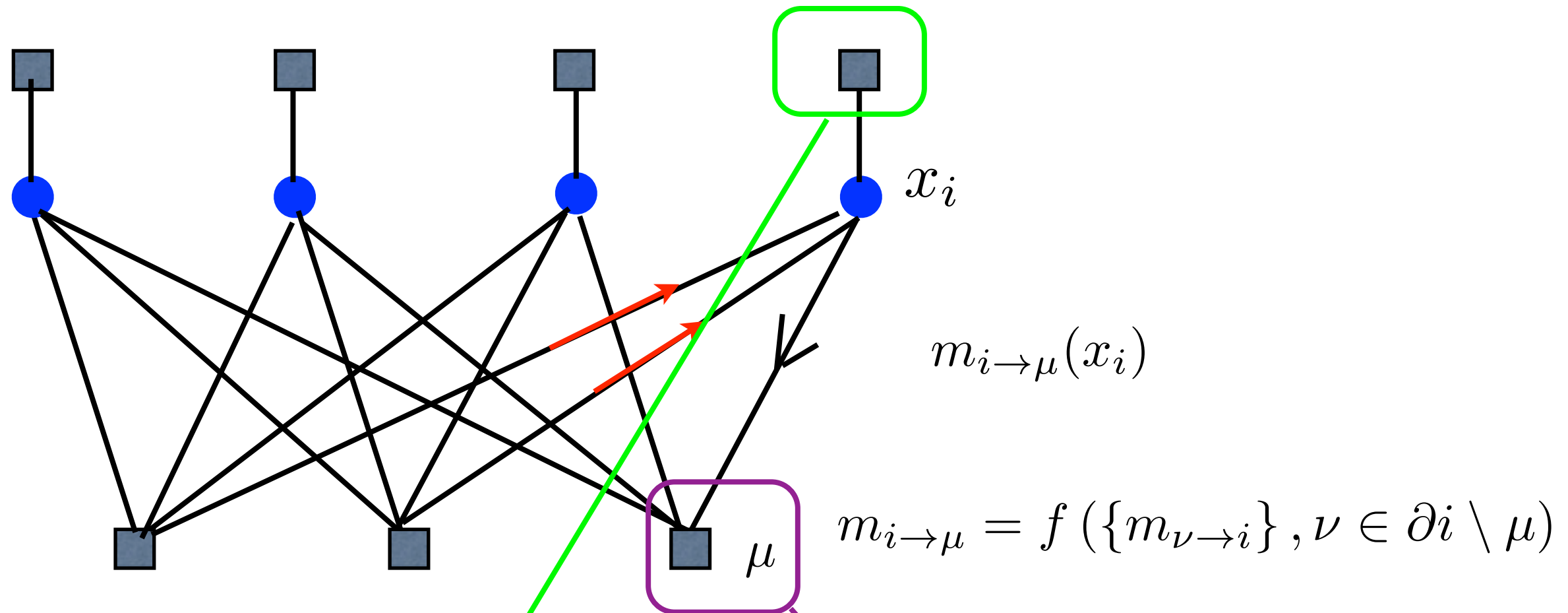
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«Native configuration» = stored signal $x_i = s_i$ is infinitely more probable than other configurations.

Efficient sampling?

Use **belief propagation**, with **gaussian-approximated** messages, and **parameter learning** of (ρ, ϕ) .

Message passing for compressed sensing



Useless as such !

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Gaussian-projected BP («relaxed-BP»)

$$a_{i \rightarrow \mu} = \int dx_i x_i m_{i \rightarrow \mu}(x_i)$$

$$v_{i \rightarrow \mu} = \int dx_i x_i^2 m_{i \rightarrow \mu}(x_i) - a_{i \rightarrow \mu}^2$$

$$m_{\mu \rightarrow i}(x_i) = \frac{1}{\tilde{Z}_{\mu \rightarrow i}} e^{-\frac{x_i^2}{2} A_{\mu \rightarrow i} + B_{\mu \rightarrow i} x_i}$$

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... (TAP +cavity method
for SK model)...,
Kabashima Saad,
Guo Wang,
Rangan \rightarrow CS

Large connectivity: simplification by projection of the messages on their first two moments

NB : Possible further simplification:

«Approximate Message Passing» (TAP-form)

Donoho-Montanari

$$m_{i \rightarrow \mu}(x_i) = \frac{1}{\tilde{Z}^{i \rightarrow \mu}} [(1 - \rho)\delta(x_i) + \rho\phi(x_i)] e^{-\frac{x_i^2}{2} \sum_{\gamma \neq \mu} A_{\gamma \rightarrow i} + x_i \sum_{\gamma \neq \mu} B_{\gamma \rightarrow i}}$$

$$\sum_{\gamma \neq \mu} A_{\gamma \rightarrow i} \quad \text{depends only weakly on } \mu$$

Expansion to first order in the correction (Onsager's reaction term). Messages: two real numbers on each vertex

$$\omega_\mu = \sum_i F_{\mu i} a_{i \rightarrow \mu} \quad \gamma_\mu = \sum_i F_{\mu i}^2 v_{i \rightarrow \mu}$$

$$U_i = \sum_\mu A_{\mu \rightarrow i} \quad V_i = \sum_\mu B_{\mu \rightarrow i}$$

Parameter learning

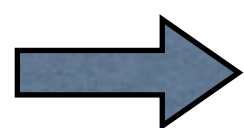
$$P(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{i=1}^N [(1 - \rho)\delta(x_i) + \rho\phi(x_i)] \prod_{\mu=1}^M \delta\left(y_{\mu} - \sum_{i=1}^N F_{\mu i}x_i\right)$$

Parameters: ρ, \bar{x}, σ

(taking Gaussian $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(x-\bar{x})^2/(2\sigma^2)}$)

Express the Bethe free-entropy $\log Z$ in terms of the BP messages.

Update the parameters ρ, \bar{x}, σ at each iteration by moving in the direction of the gradient of $\log Z$



Find the parameters which maximize Z

Performance of the probabilistic approach + message passing + parameter learning

$$Z = \int \prod_{j=1}^N dx_j \prod_{i=1}^N [(1 - \rho)\delta(x_i) + \rho\phi(x_i)] \prod_{\mu=1}^M \delta\left(y_\mu - \sum_{i=1}^N F_{\mu i} x_i\right)$$

$F_{\mu i}$ iid Gaussian, variance $1/N$

- ▶ Simulations
- ▶ Analytic study of the large N limit

Analytic study: cavity equations, density evolution, replicas, state evolution

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Quenched disorder:

$F_{\mu i}$ iid Gaussian, variance $1/N$

$y_\mu = \sum_{i=1}^N F_{\mu i} x_i^0$ where x_i^0 are iid distributed from
 $(1 - \rho_0)\delta(x_i^0) + \rho_0\phi_0(x_i)$

Infinite range weak interactions...

Replica computation:

$$E(\log Z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{E(Z^n) - 1}{n}$$

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$$E(Z^n) = \max_{D,V} e^{Nn\phi(D,V)} \quad \Phi \quad \text{is known}$$

Order parameters:

$$D = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (\langle x_i \rangle - s_i)^2 \quad V = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (\langle x_i^2 \rangle - \langle x_i \rangle^2)$$

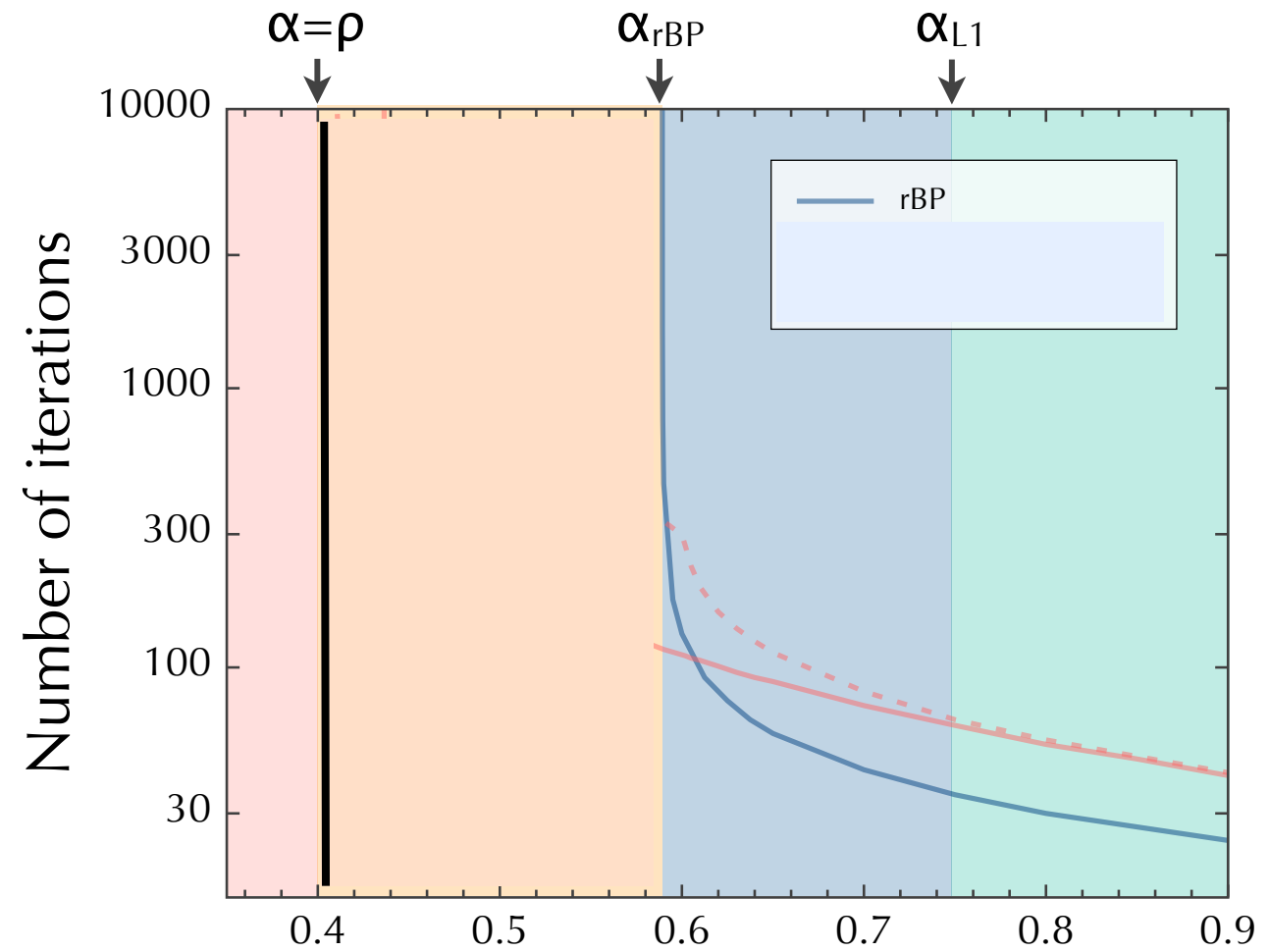
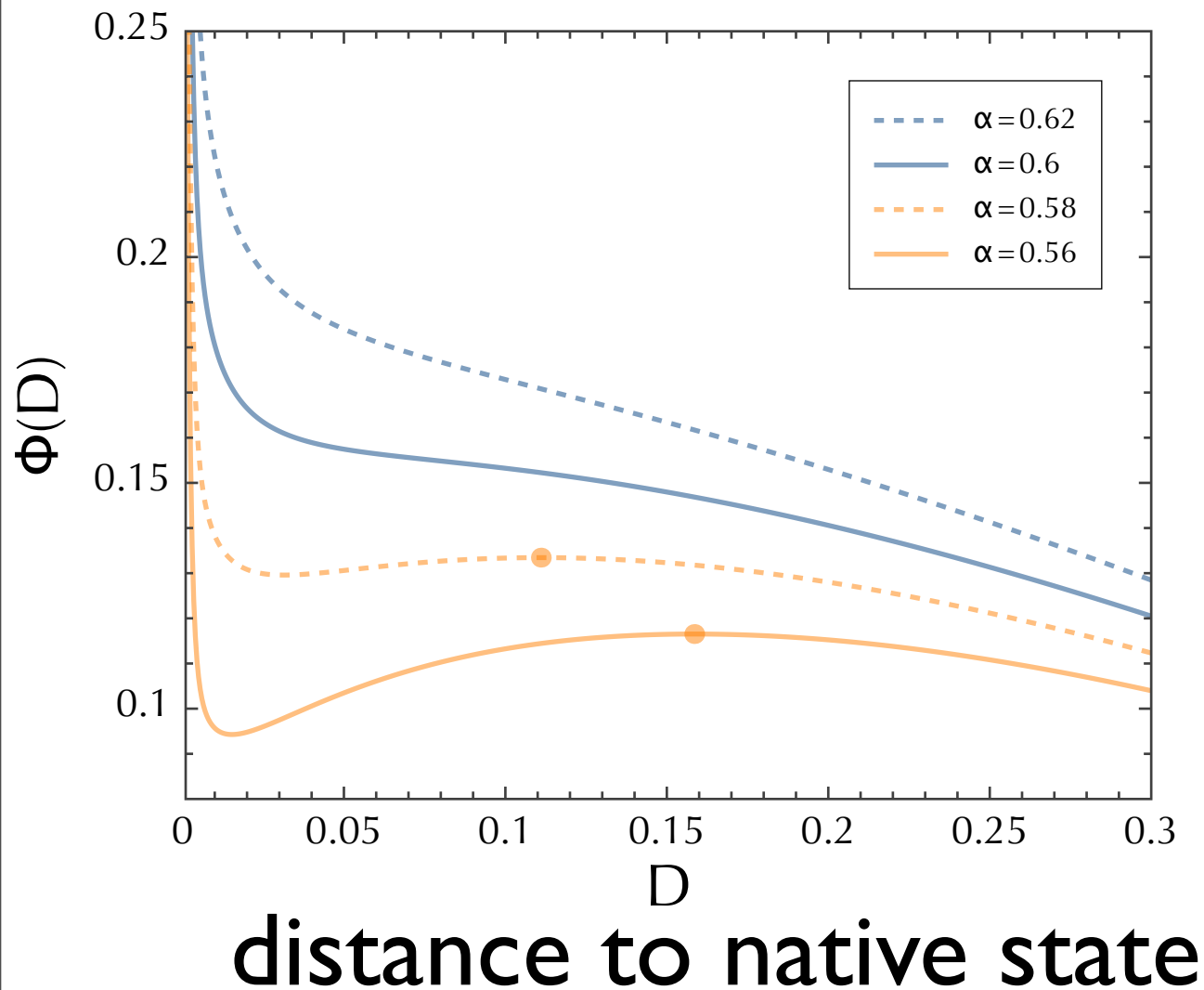
Cavity approach shows that the order parameters of the BP iteration flow according to the gradient of the replica free entropy Φ

NB: Replica symmetric expression of Φ is OK only on the Nishimori line: $\rho = \rho_0 \quad \phi = \phi_0$

Free entropy

$$\rho_0 = .4$$

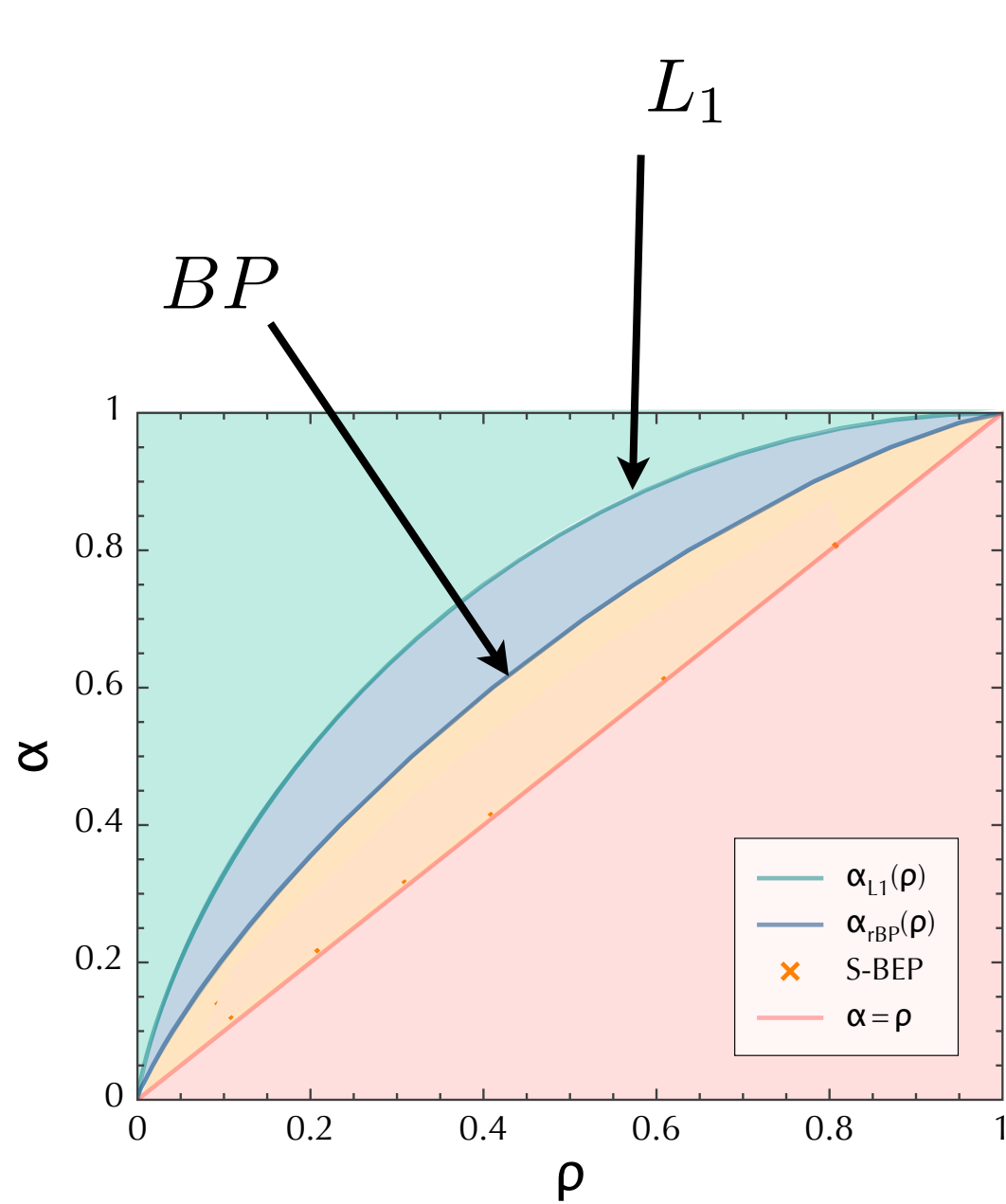
BP convergence time



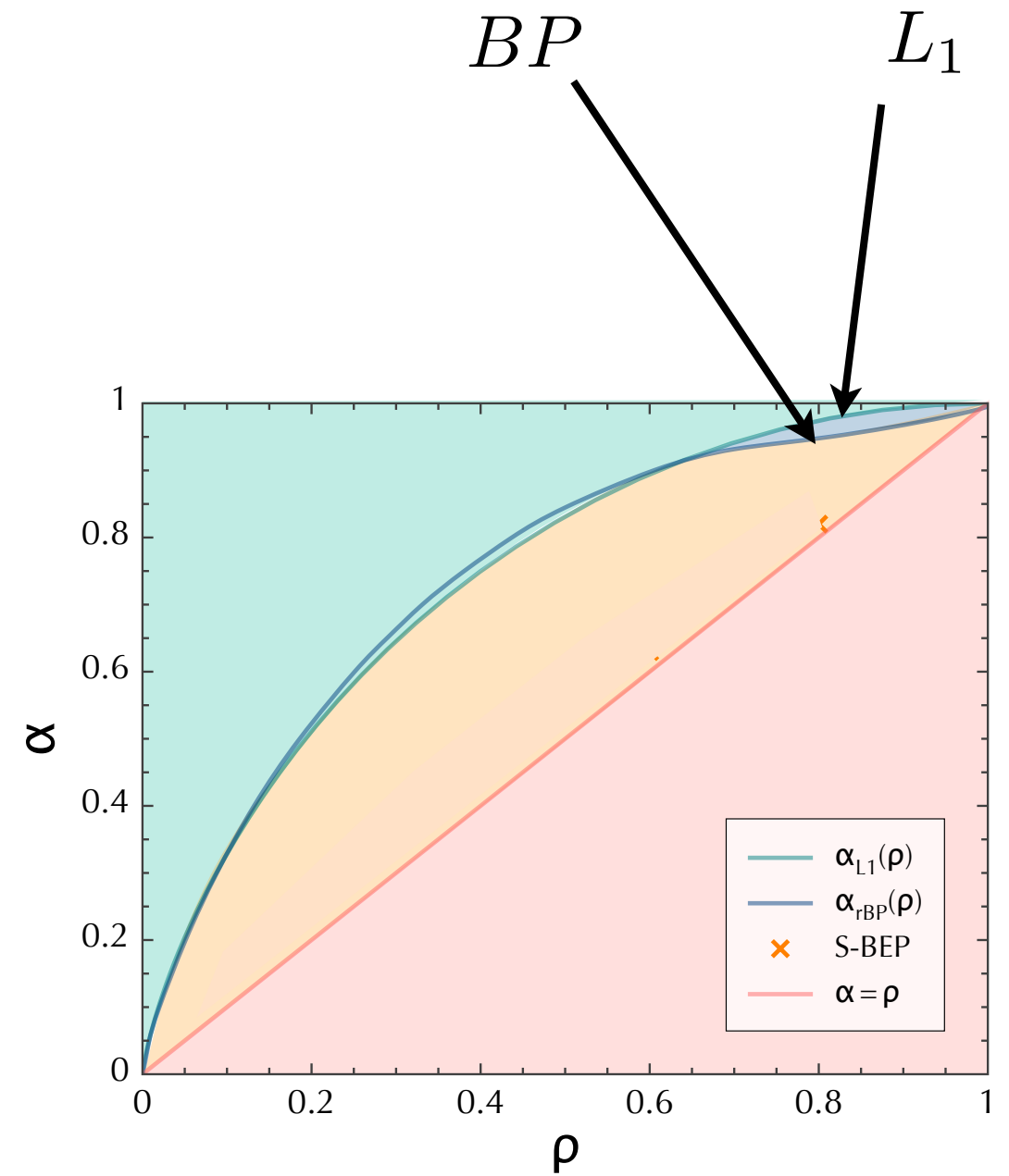
Dynamic glass transition

When α is too small, BP is trapped in a **glass phase**

Performance of BP with parameter learning: phase diagram



Gaussian signal



Binary signal

Step 3: design the measurement matrix in order to get around the glass transition

Getting around the glass trap: design the matrix F so that one nucleates the naive state (crystal nucleation idea, borrowed from error correcting codes!)

Hassani Macris Urbanke

—————→ Seeded BP

Group the variables and the measurements into L blocks

$F_{\mu i} =$ independent random Gaussian variables,
zero mean and variance $J_{b(\mu)b(i)}/N$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} s \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

■ : unit coupling
 ■ : coupling J_1
 ■ : coupling J_2
 □ : no coupling (null elements)

$$L = 8$$

$$N_i = N/L$$

$$M_i = \alpha_i N/L$$

$$\alpha_1 > \alpha_{BP}$$

$$\alpha_j = \alpha' < \alpha_{BP} \quad j \geq 2$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{L} (\alpha_1 + (L - 1)\alpha')$$

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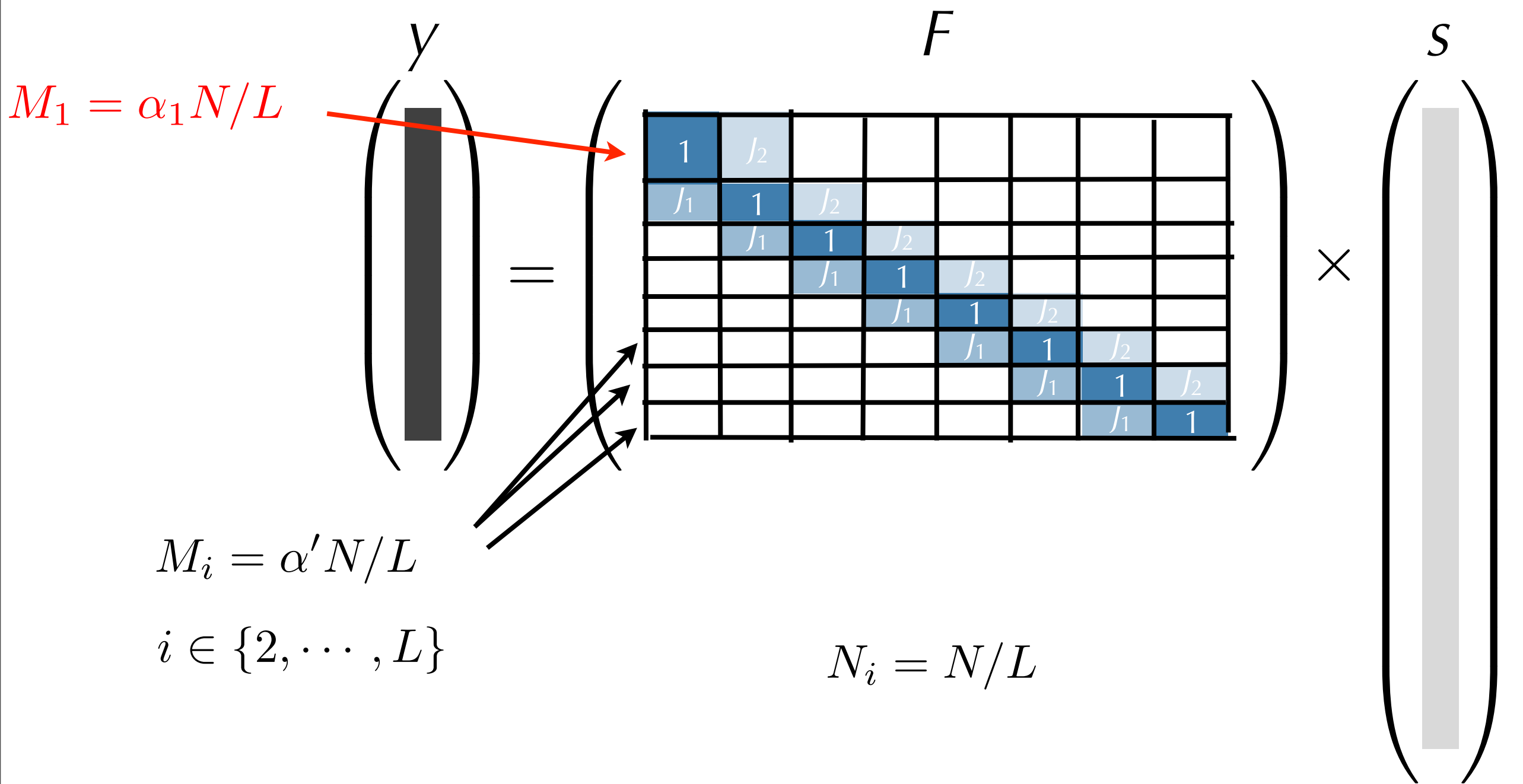
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$$i \in \{2, \dots, L\}$$

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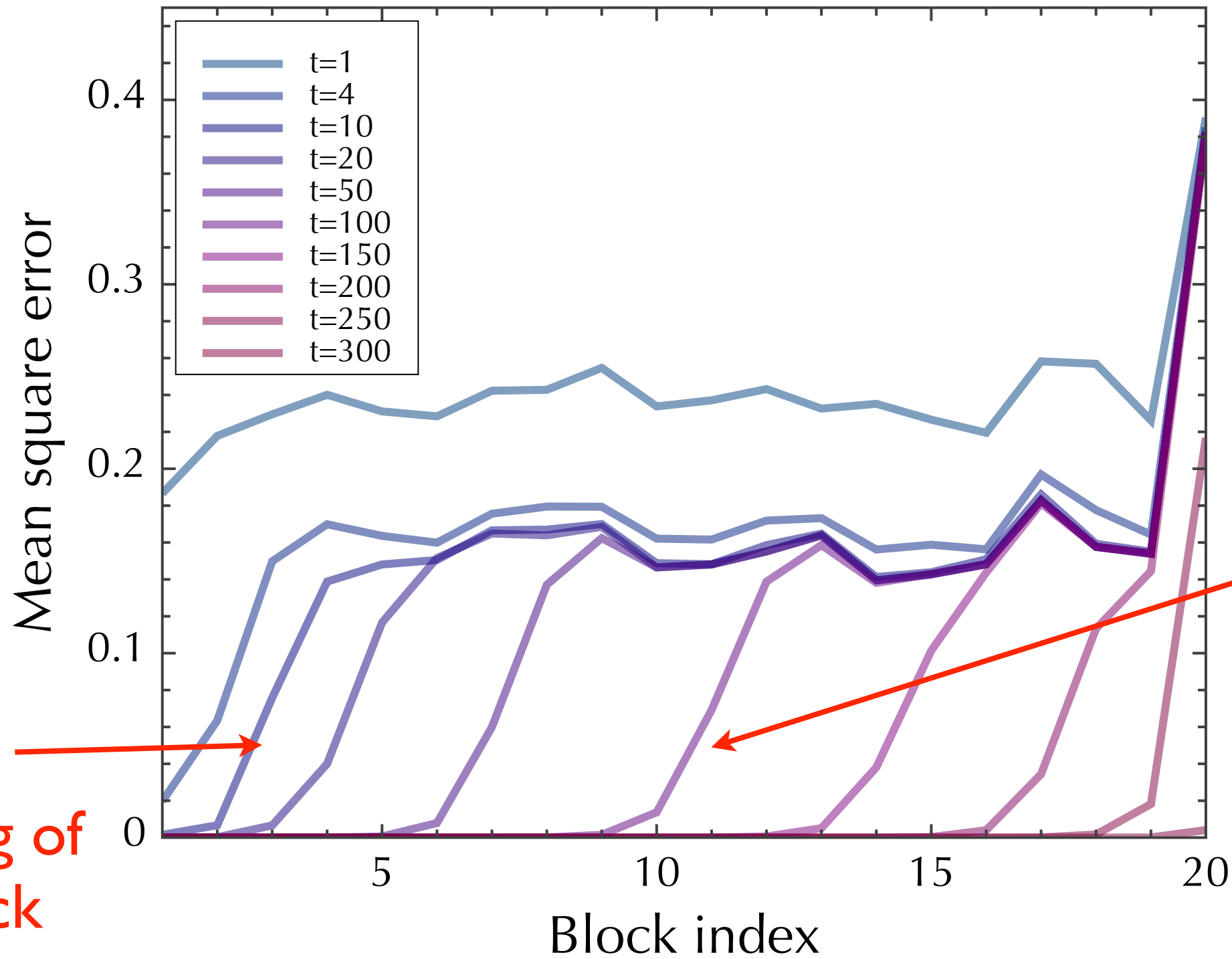
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Numerical study



$t = 10$
decoding of
first block

$t = 100$
decoding
of blocks
1 to 9

$$L = 20$$

$$N = 50000$$

$$\rho = .4$$

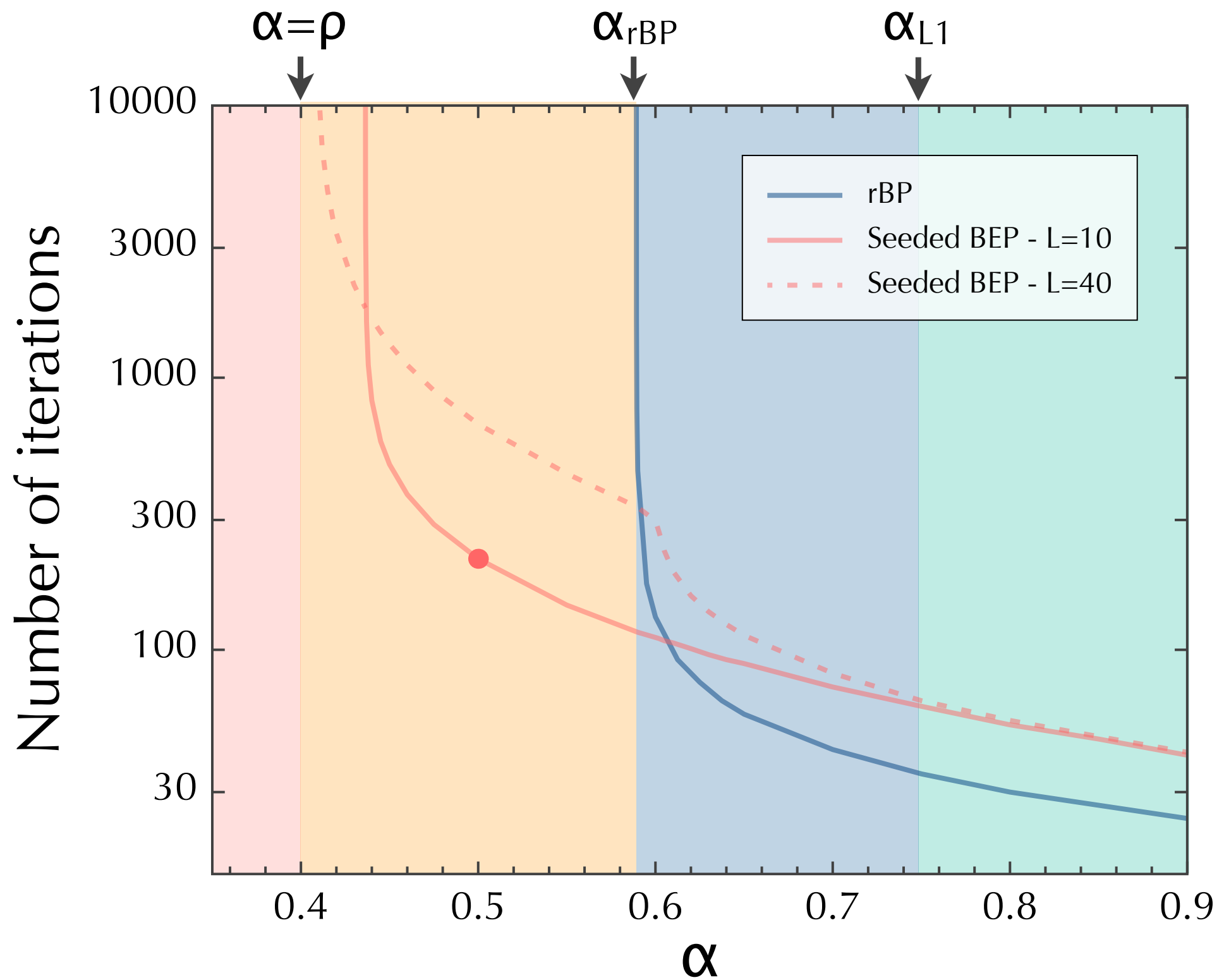
$$J_1 = 20$$

$$\alpha_1 = 1$$

$$J_2 = .2$$

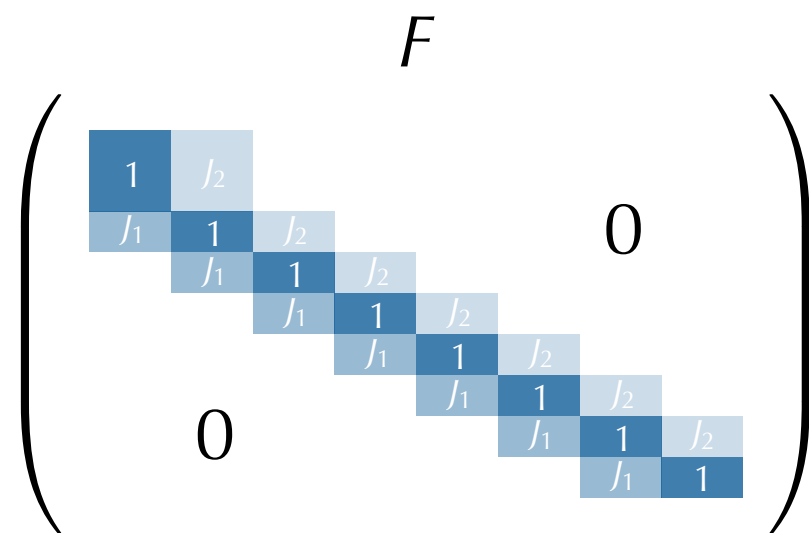
$$\alpha = .5$$

Numerical study



Performance of the probabilistic approach + message passing + parameter learning+ seeding matrix

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- ▶ Analytic approaches

Analytic study: cavity equations, density evolution, replicas, state evolution

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$2L$ order parameters:

$$D_r = \frac{1}{N/L} \sum_{i \in B_r} (\langle x_i \rangle - s_i)^2 \quad V_r = \frac{1}{N/L} \sum_{i \in B_r} (\langle x_i^2 \rangle - \langle x_i \rangle^2)$$

Cavity approach shows that the order parameters of the BP iteration + parameter learning flow according to the gradient of the replica free entropy Φ :

$$(\{D_r, V_r\}, \rho, \bar{x}, \sigma^2)^{(t+1)} = f \left((\{D_r, V_r\}, \rho, \bar{x}, \sigma^2)^{(t)} \right) \quad \rightarrow \text{optimize}$$

Known mapping f , depends on α_i, J_1, J_2 J_1, J_2

Analytic study: cavity equations, density evolution, replicas

Replica study of the seeding
measurement matrix : in some
regimes of α_1, J_1, J_2

there is no dynamical glass
transition (in the large L
limit)

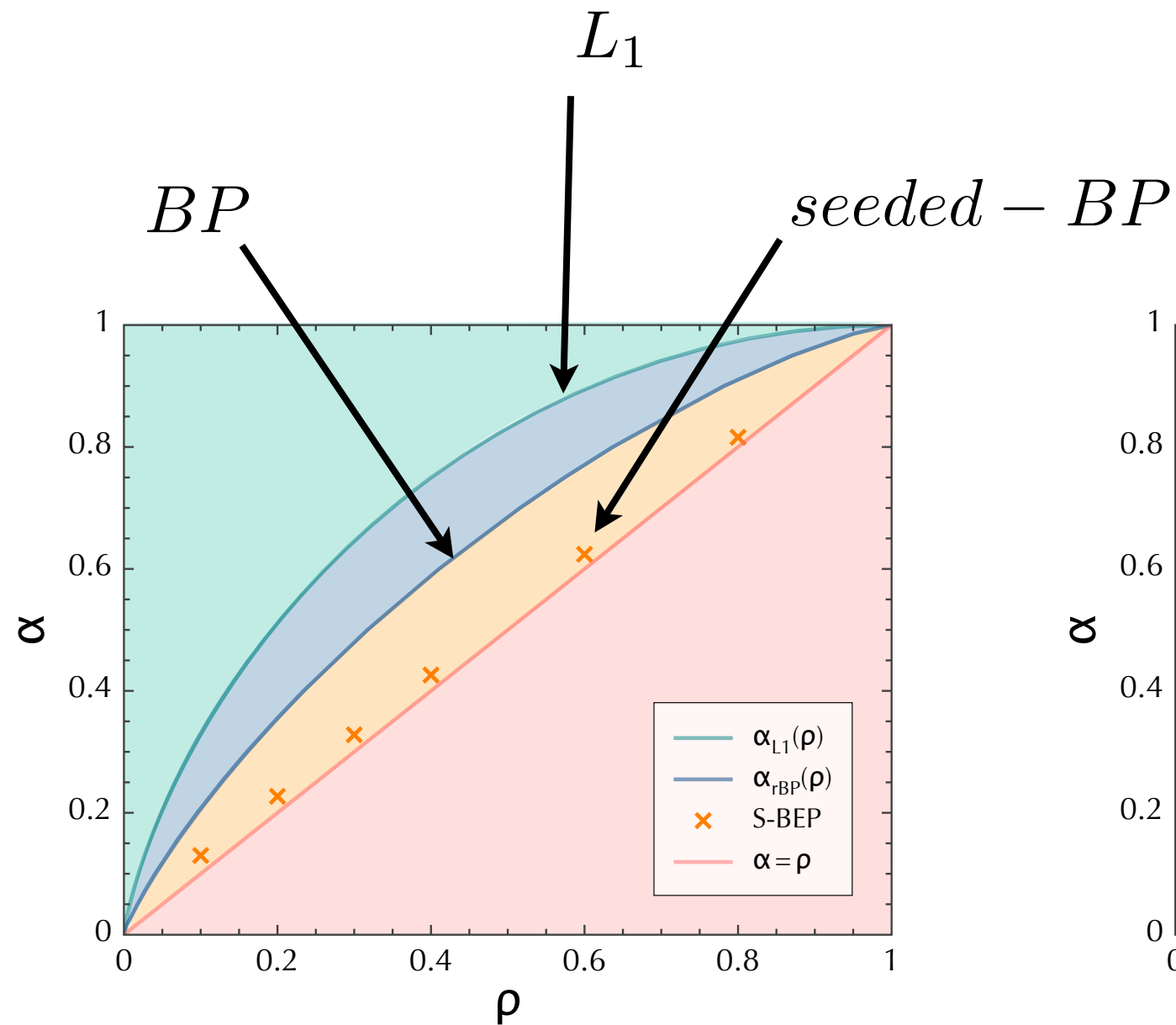
possible to reach the optimal
compressed sensing limit $\alpha = \rho$

$y = F \cdot s$

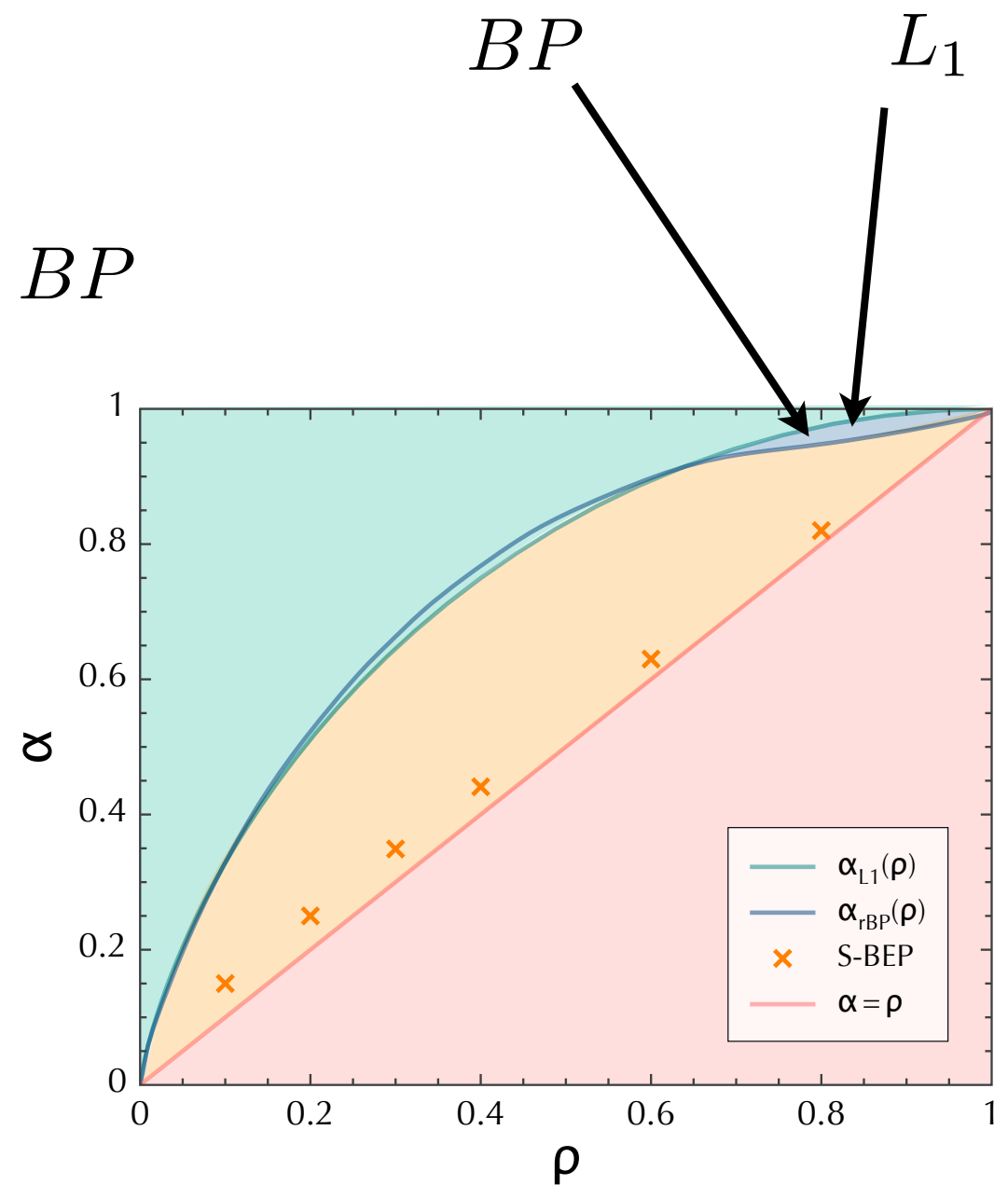
Legend:

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Binary signal

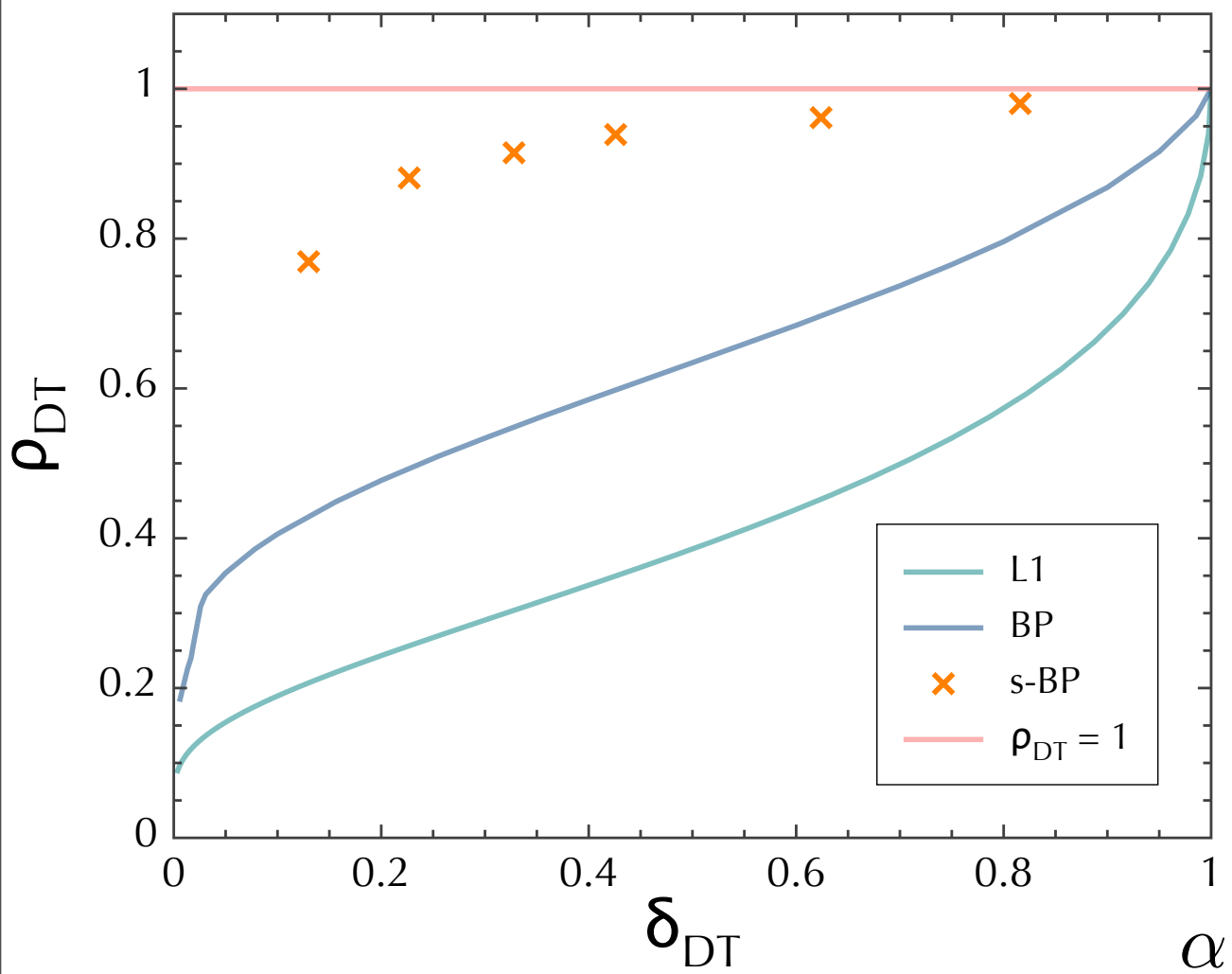


Theory: seeded-BP threshold at $\alpha = \rho$ when $L \rightarrow \infty$

L_1 phase transition line moves up when using seeding F

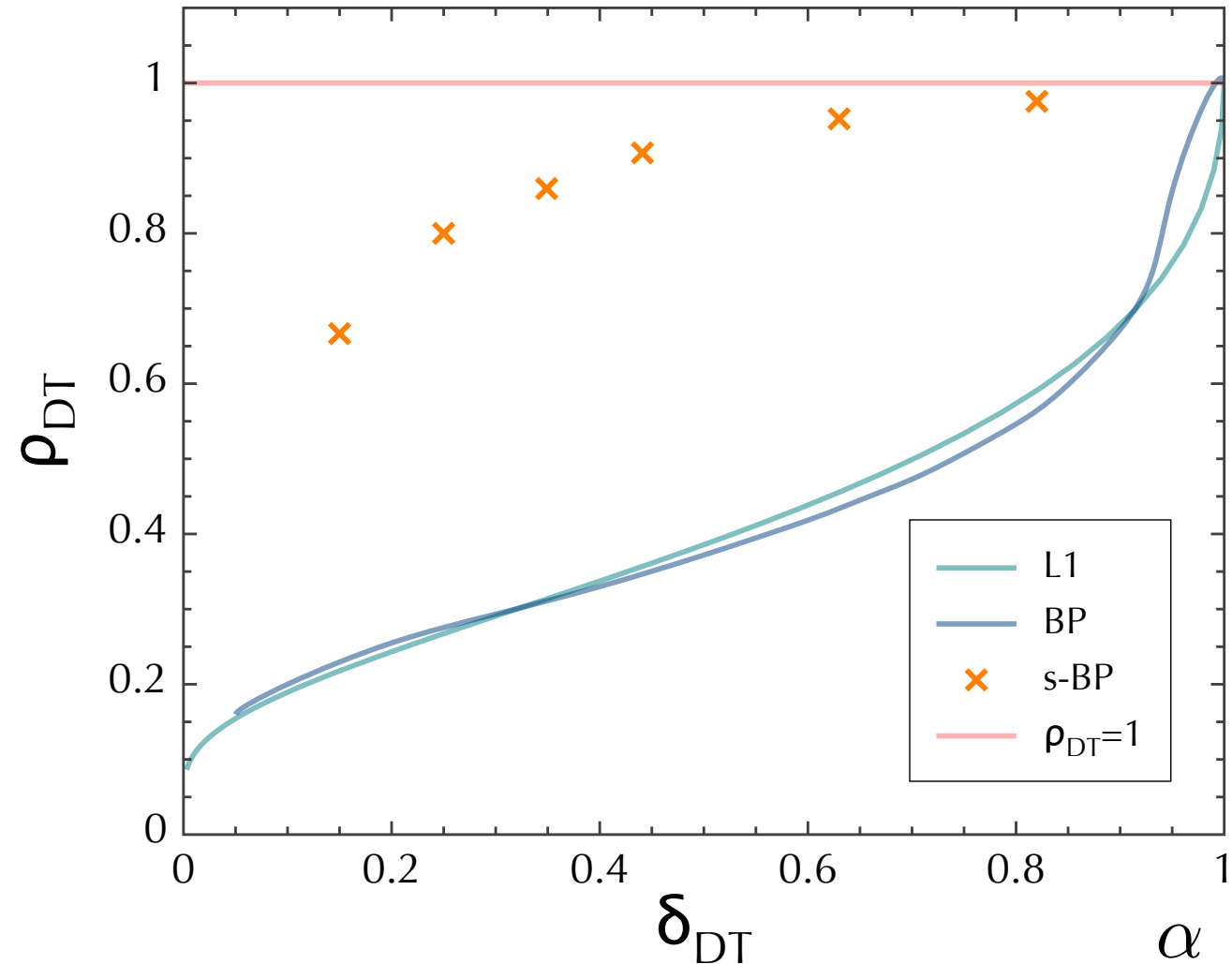
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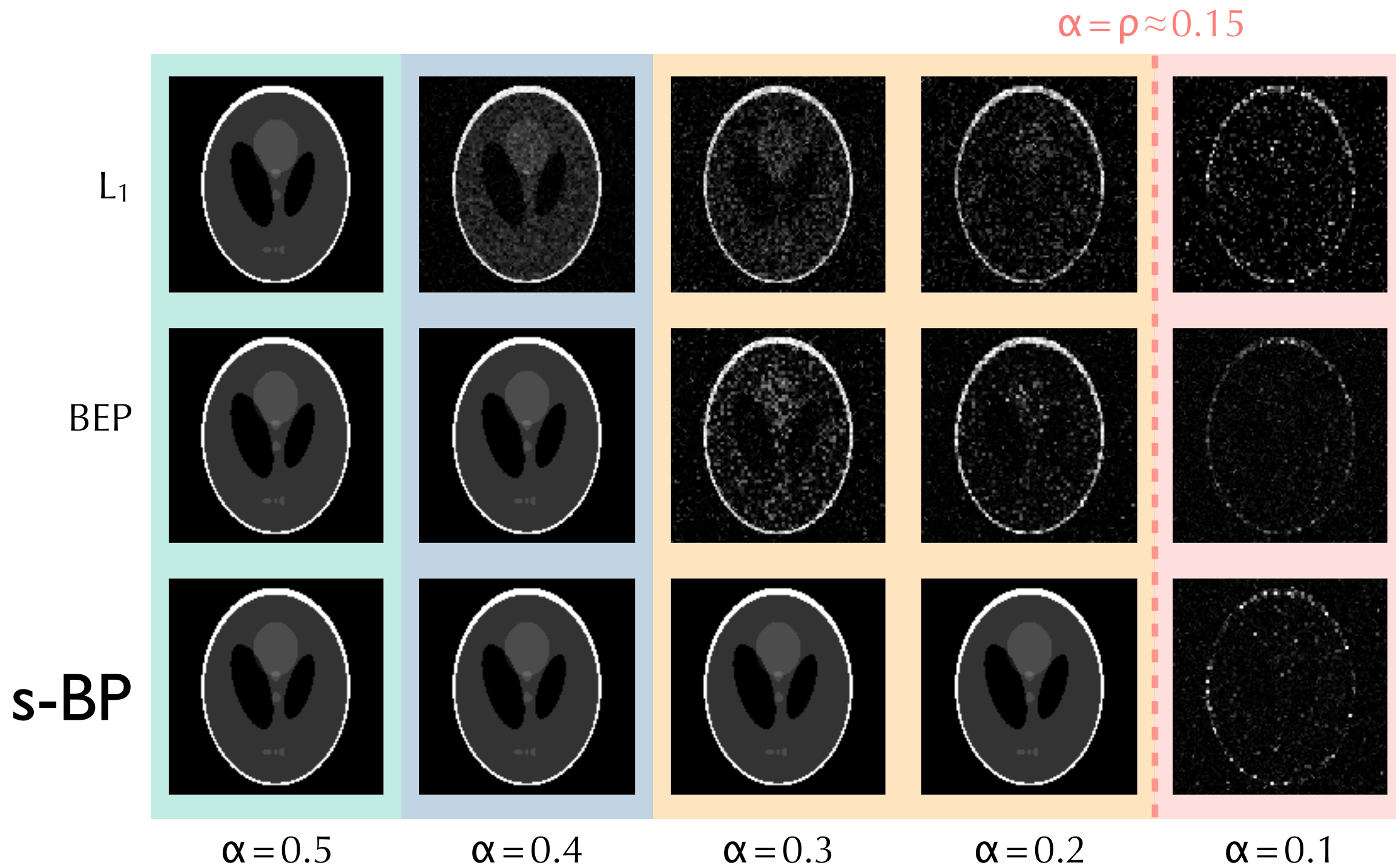
ρ/α



Binary signal

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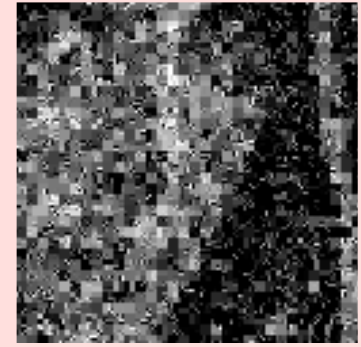
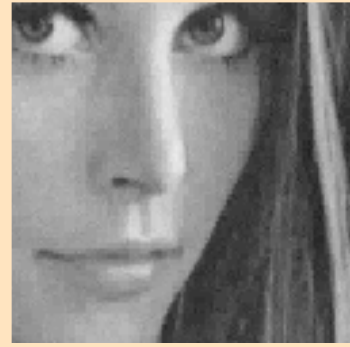
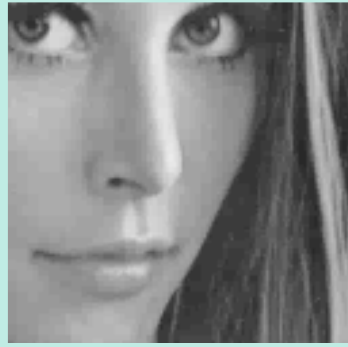




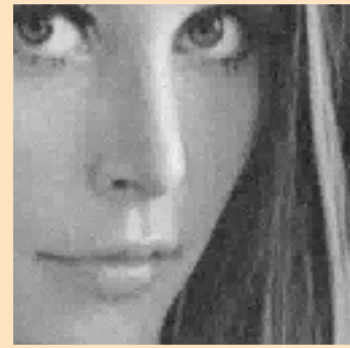
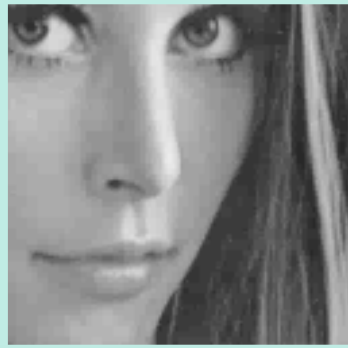
Shepp-Logan phantom, in the Haar-wavelet representation

$\alpha = \rho \approx 0.24$

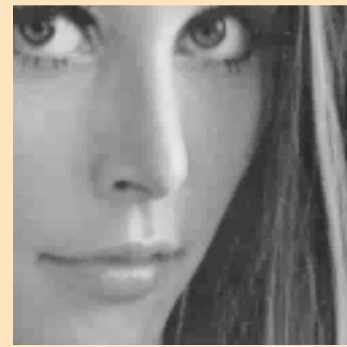
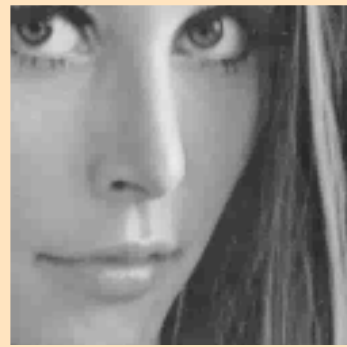
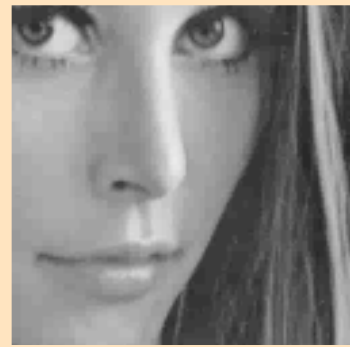
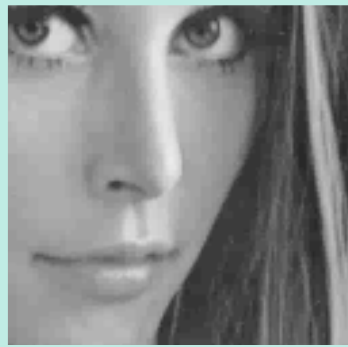
L₁



BEP



s-BP



$\alpha = 0.6$

$\alpha = 0.5$

$\alpha = 0.4$

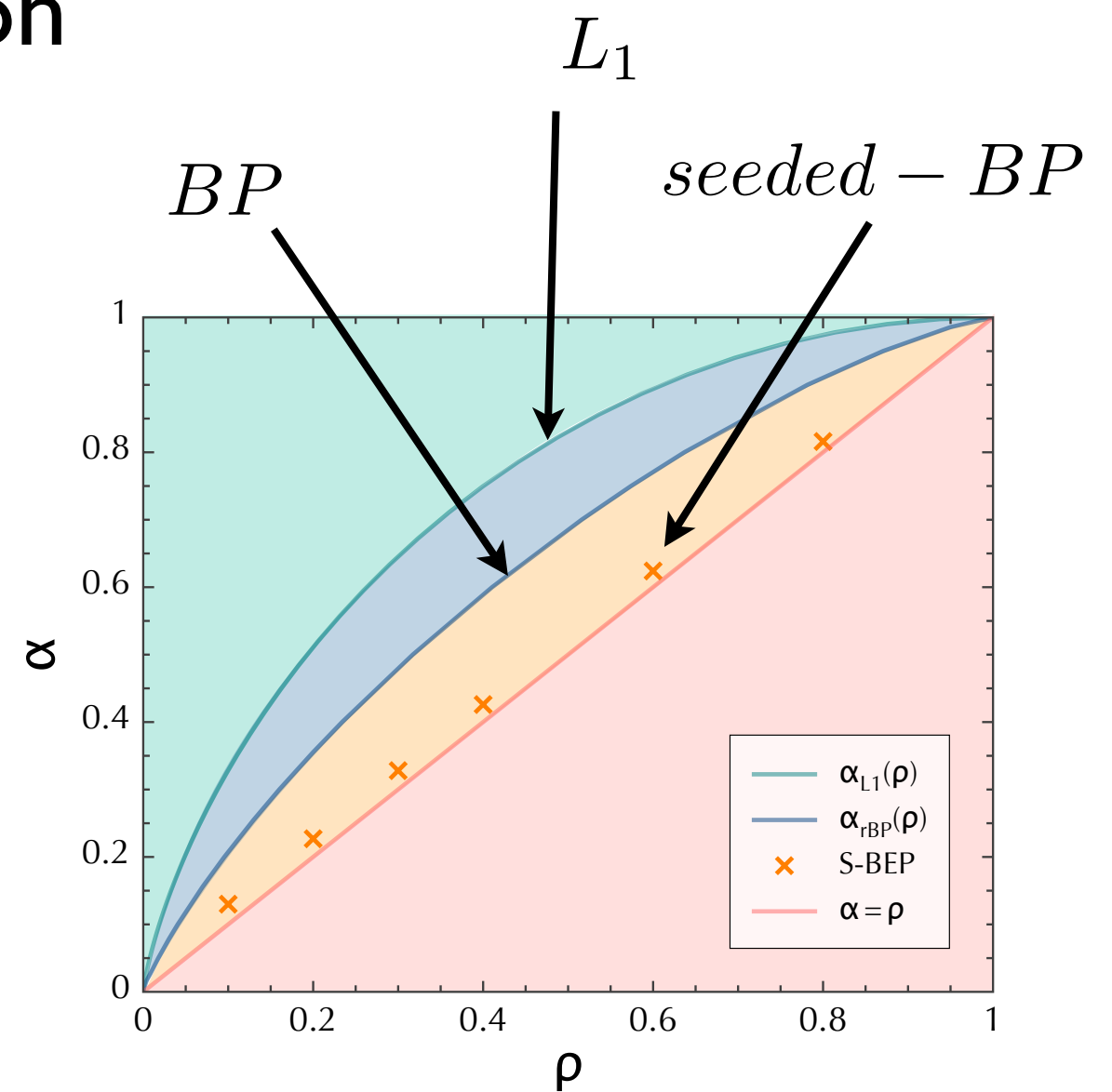
$\alpha = 0.3$

$\alpha = 0.2$

Summary

Progress based on the union of three ingredients:

- Probabilistic approach
- Message passing reconstruction of the signal
- Careful design of the measurement matrix to avoid glass transition



Many things to be done

- Rigorous version of the analytic study (see Montanari's recent works)
- Rigorous study of analytic equations (choice of J_1, J_2 , convergence, degradation of L_1 by seeding, etc.)
- Design of F for applications, taking into account constraints on the possible measurements
- Full study of the performance in presence of noise
- Non-linear versions
- ...