

“Not just your usual BP”: Making it work in two examples

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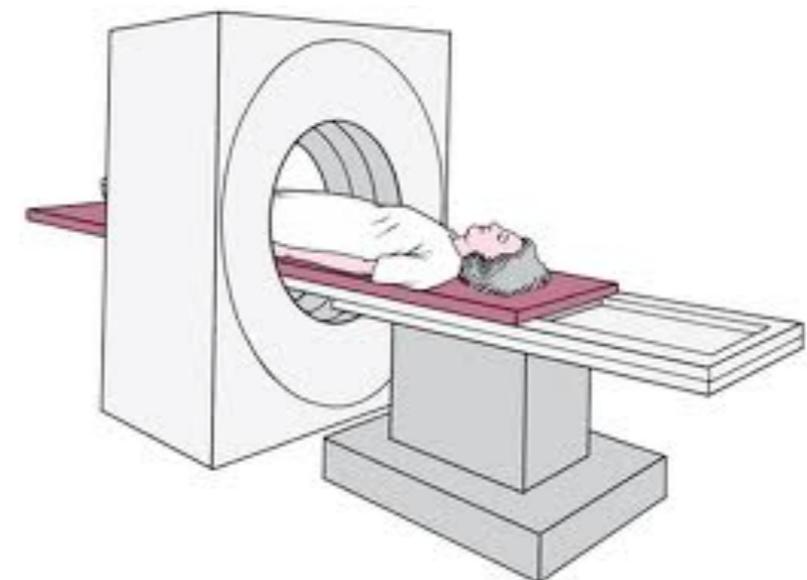
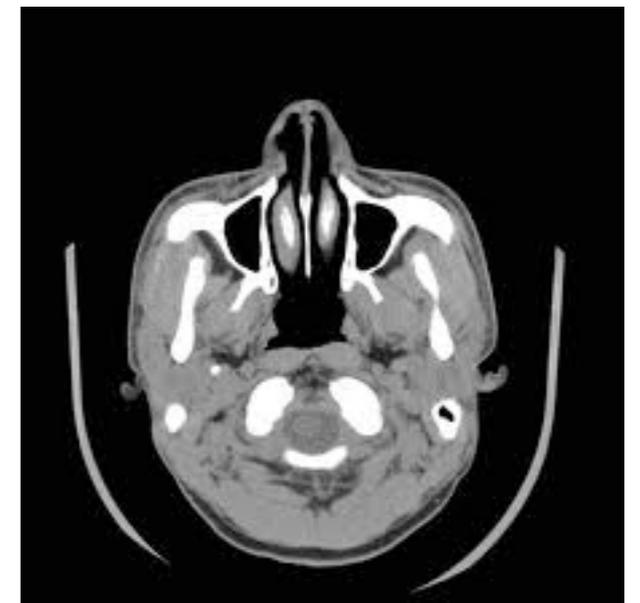
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Two problems

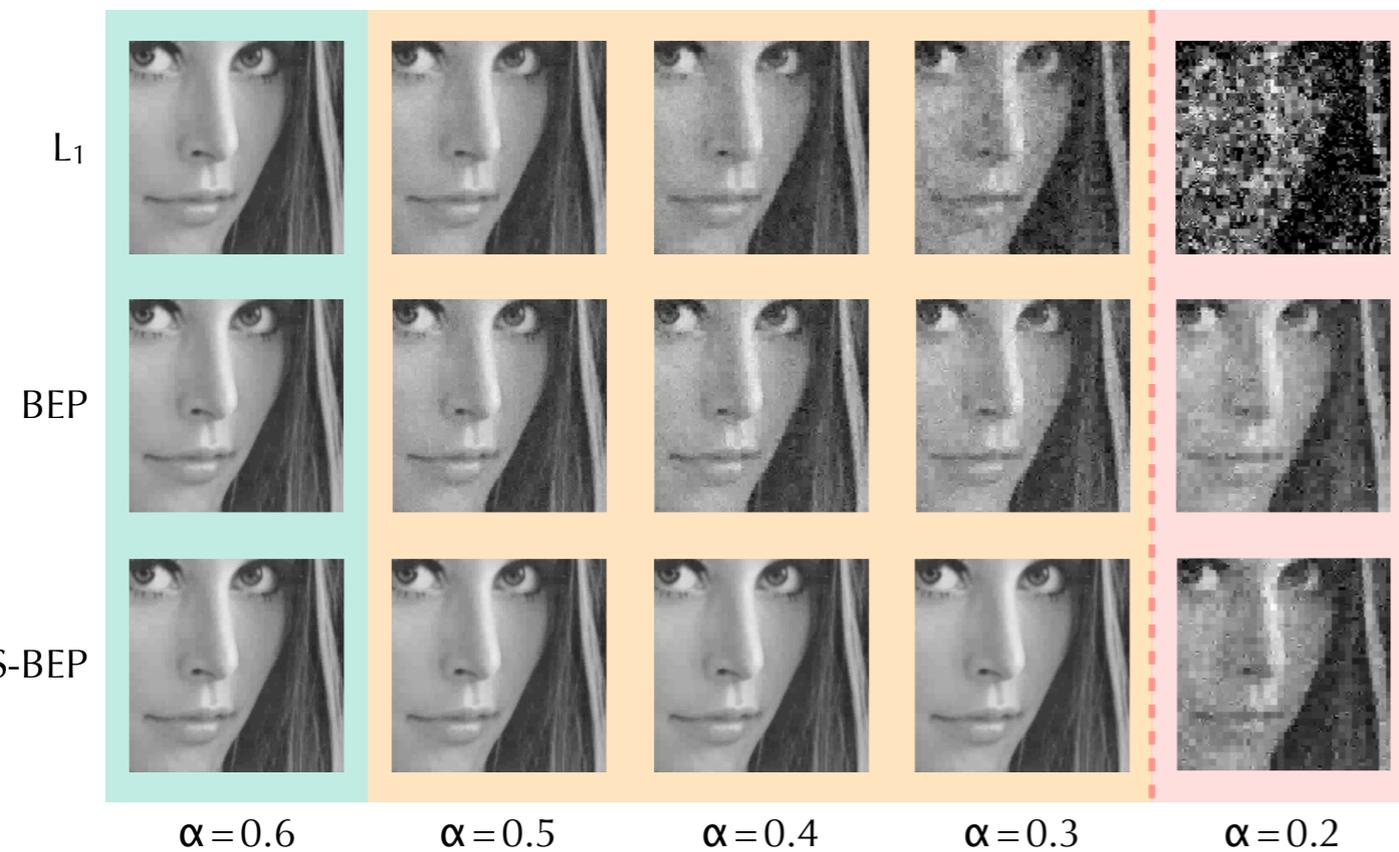
Compressed sensing

Discrete tomography

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} y \end{array} \right\} = F \left\{ \begin{array}{c} x \end{array} \right\}$$



$\alpha = \rho \approx 0.24$



Compressed sensing

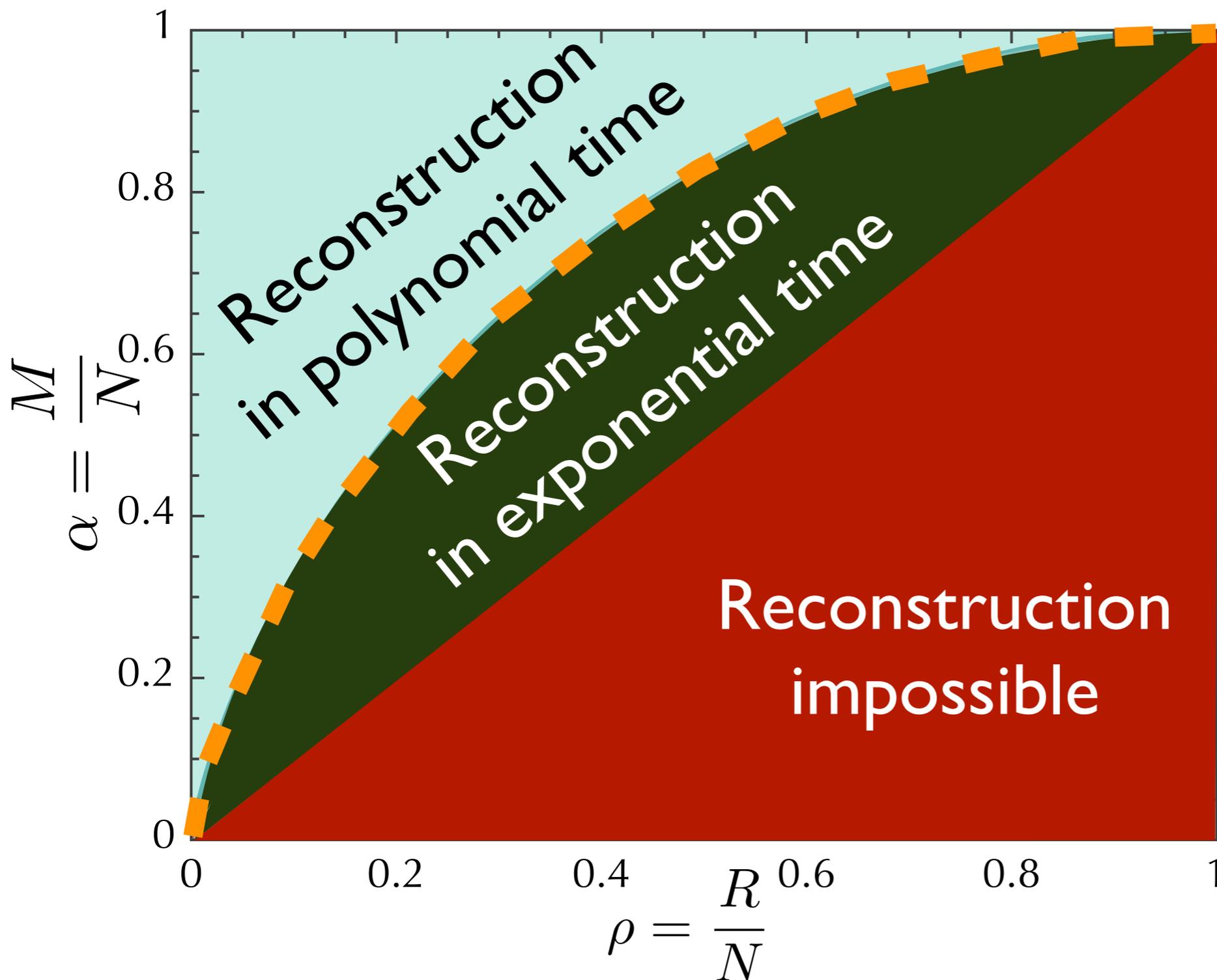
State of the art in CS

$$M \left\{ \begin{array}{c} y \end{array} \right\} = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{F} \\ M \times N \text{ matrix} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \left. \begin{array}{c} x \end{array} \right\} N \text{ (} R \text{ non-zeros)} \end{array}$$

- Incoherent samplings (i.e. a random matrix F)
- Reconstruction by minimizing the L_1 norm $\|\vec{x}\|_{L_1} = \sum_i |x_i|$

Candès & Tao (2005)
Donoho and Tanner (2005)

State of the art in CS



For a signal with
{
(1- ρ)N zeros
R= ρ N non zeros

and a random
iid matrix with
M = α N

Reconstruction limited by the Donoho-Tanner transition
for the L_1 norm minimization

Analysis of the BP/TAP algorithm

(Also known as AMP in compressed sensing, *Montanari et al.*)

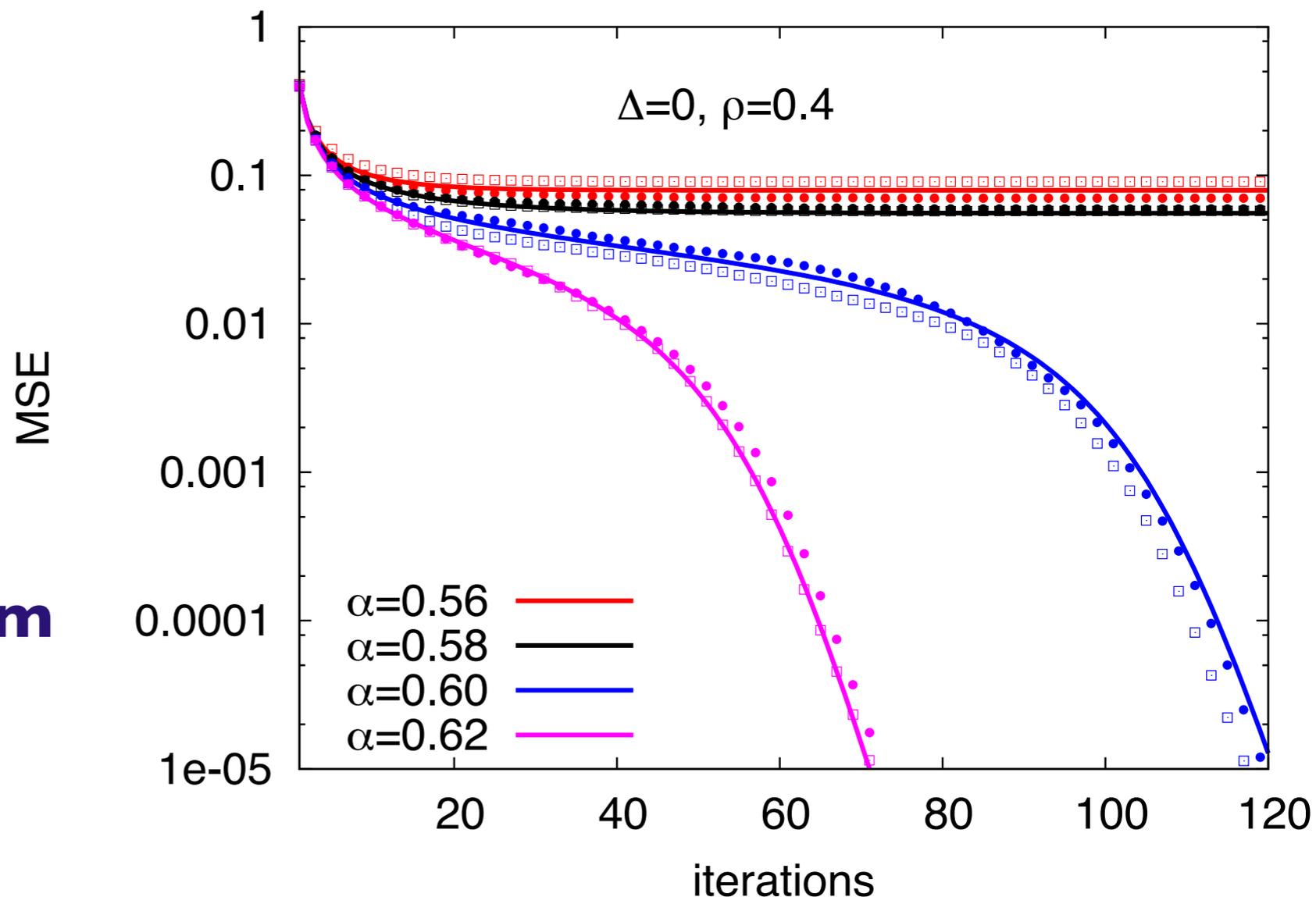
The performance of the algorithm for a given distribution of signals can be analyzed using a method known as density evolution (coding theory) or replica method (physics)

Rigorous

Bayati and Montanari
Lelarge and Montanari

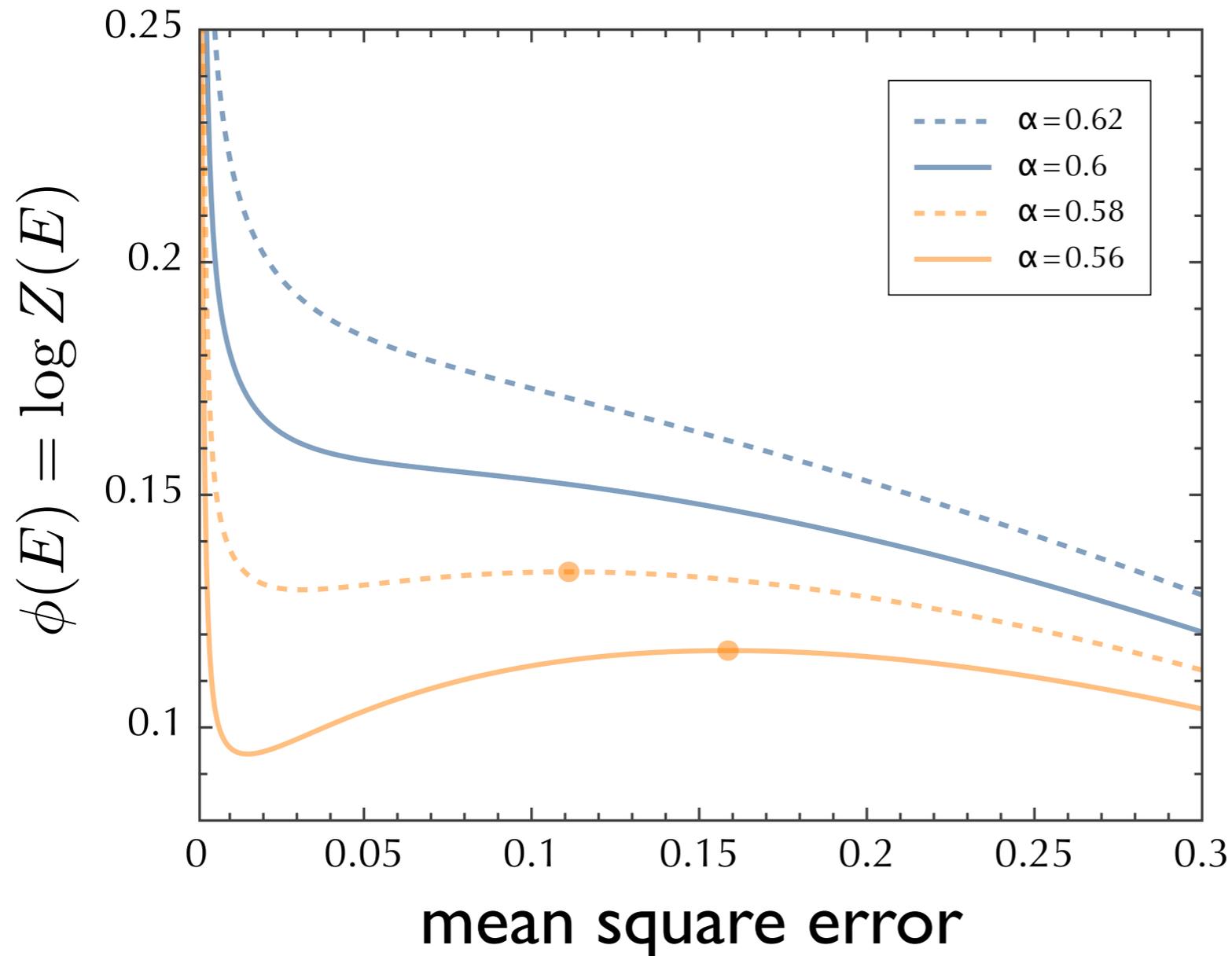
Comparison BP/Algorithm

for discrete and continuous
values matrices



Steepest ascent of the free entropy

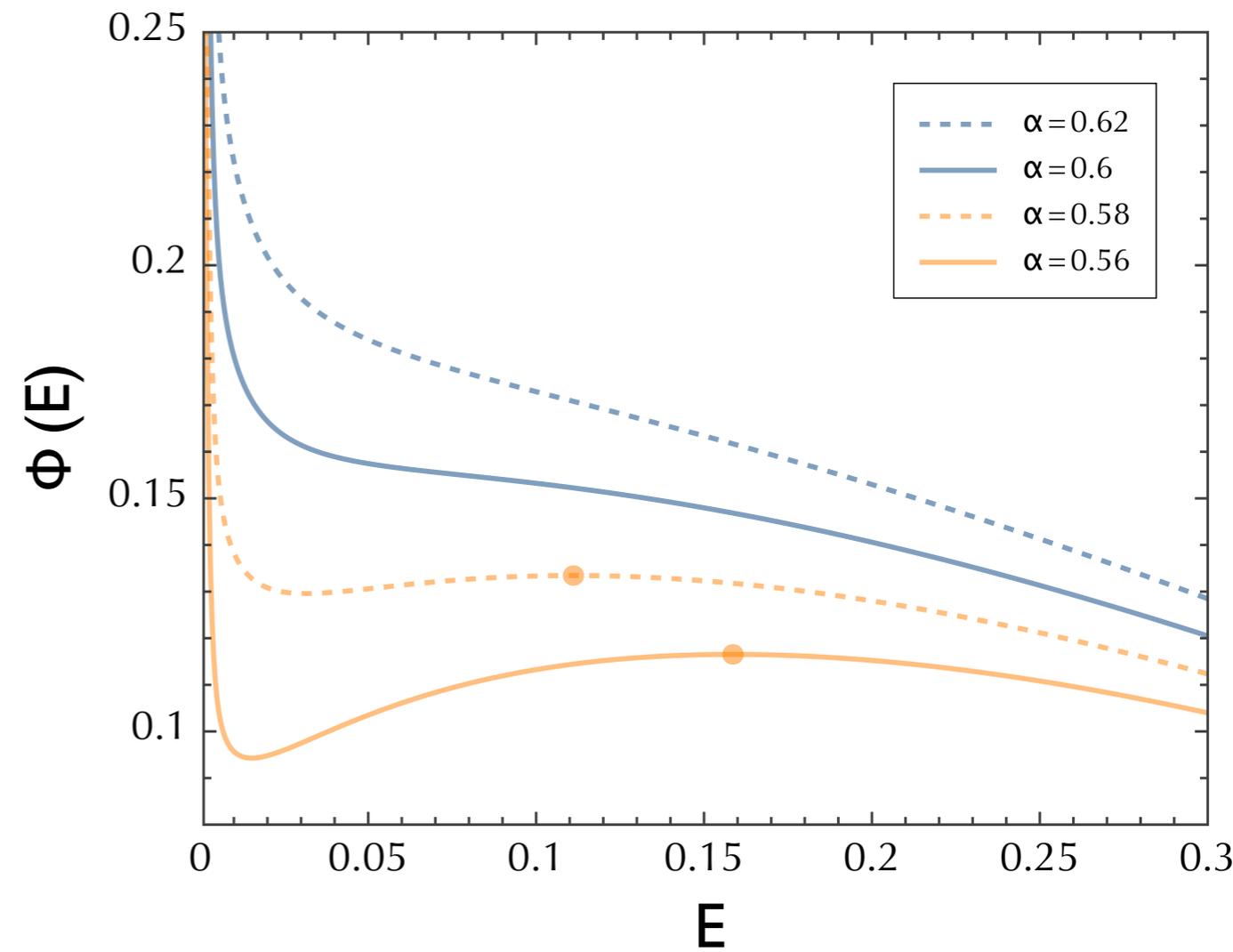
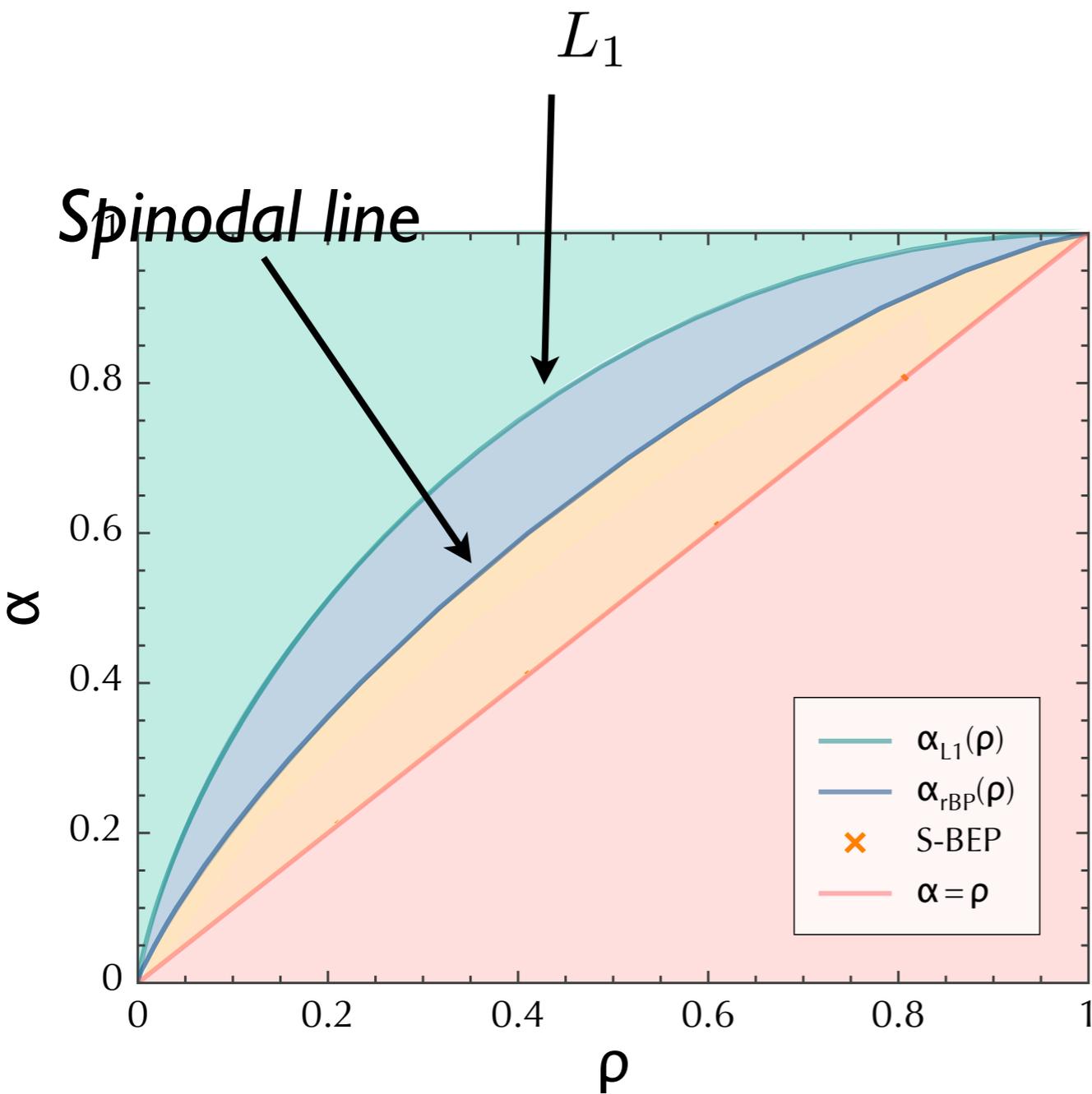
Example with $\rho_0=0.4$, and Φ_0 a Gaussian distribution with zero mean and unit variance



$$E = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (\langle x_i \rangle - x_i^0)^2$$

- 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 would reach the signal for $\alpha > 0.58$, but would stay block in the meta-stable state for $\alpha < 0.58$, even if the true equilibrium is at $E=0$.
- Similarity with supercooled liquids

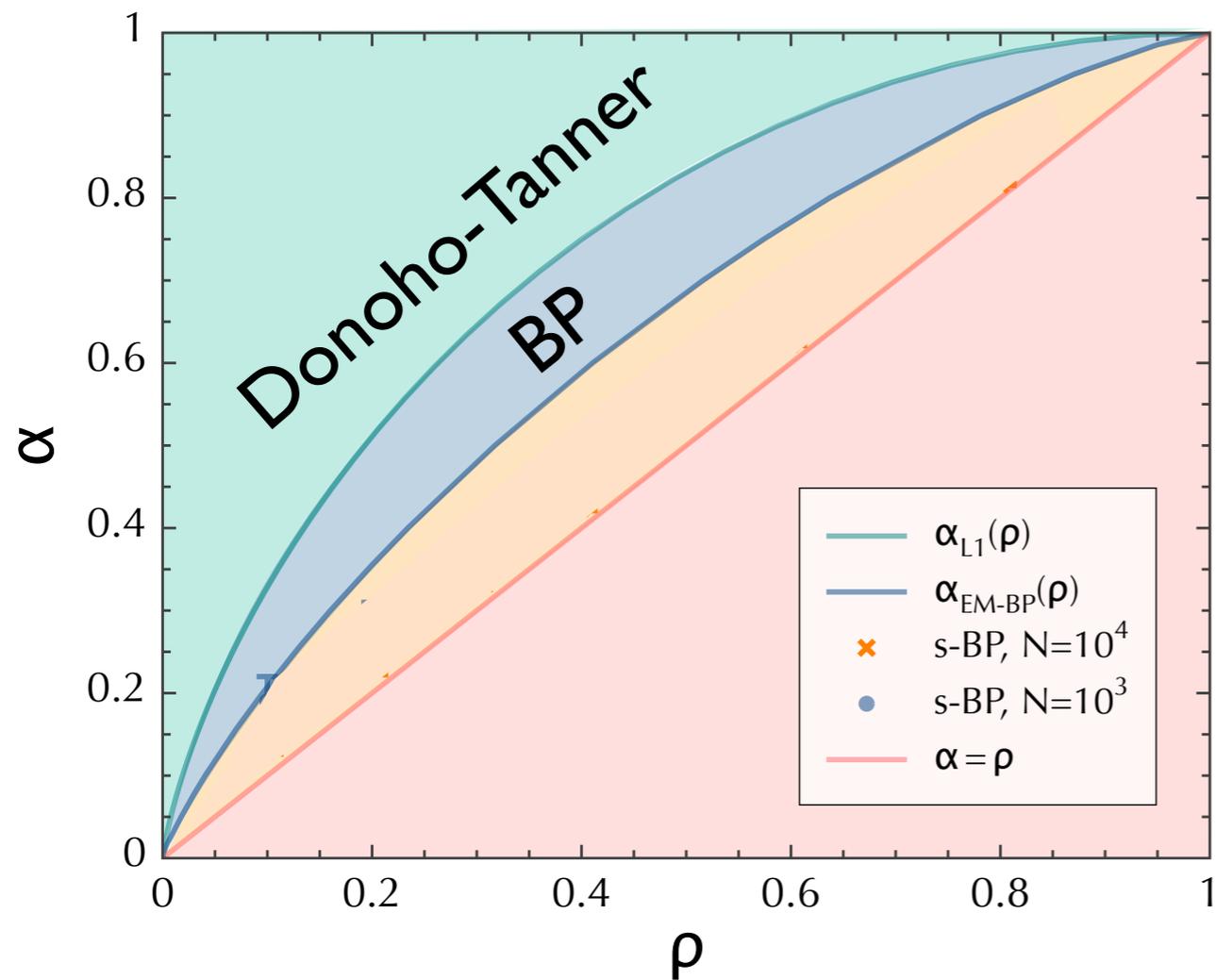
Computing the Phase Diagram



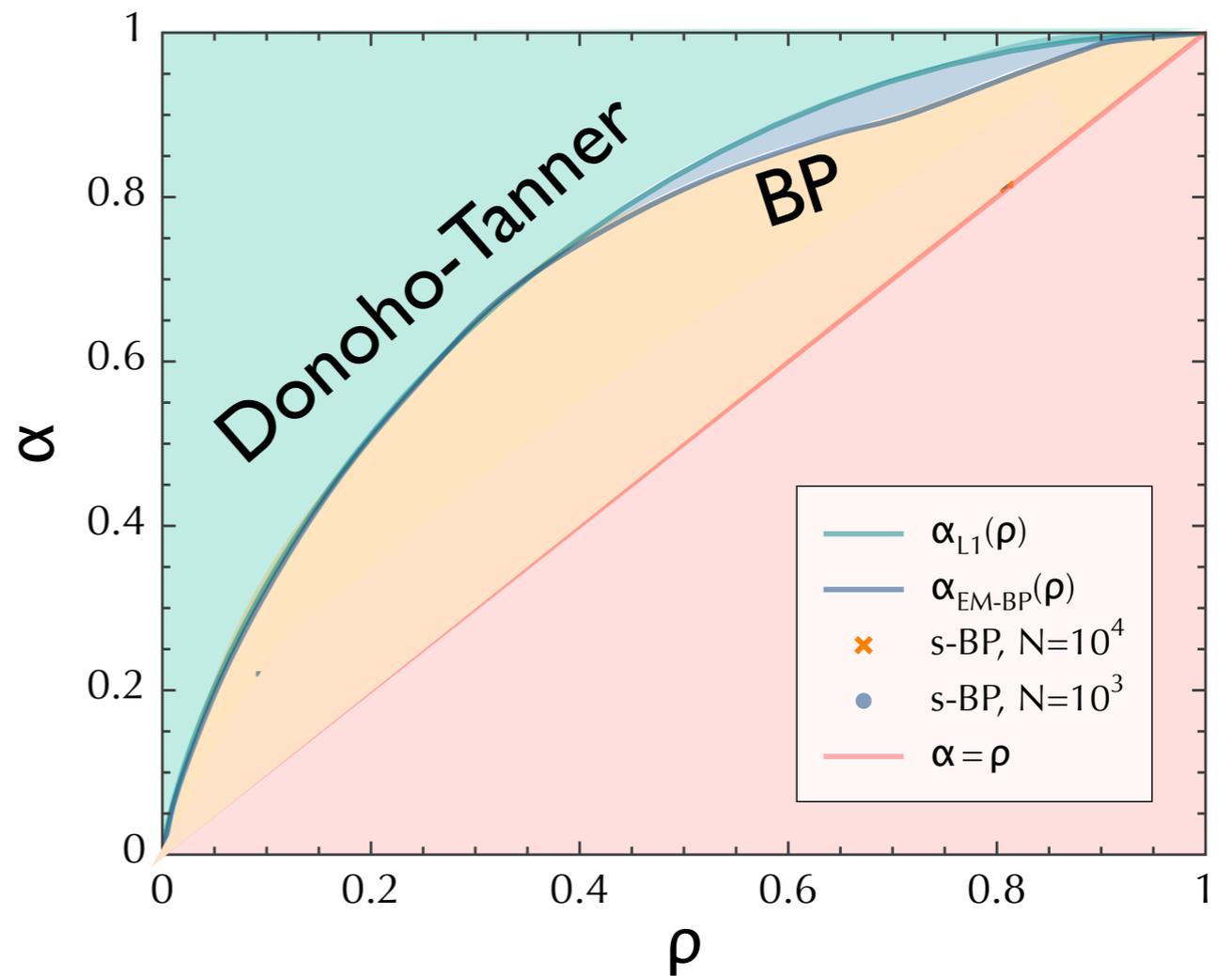
A steepest ascent of the free entropy allows a perfect reconstruction until the spinodal line. This is more efficient than L_1 -minimization

Trying different type of signals

The limit depends on the type of signal
(while the Donoho-Tanner is universal)

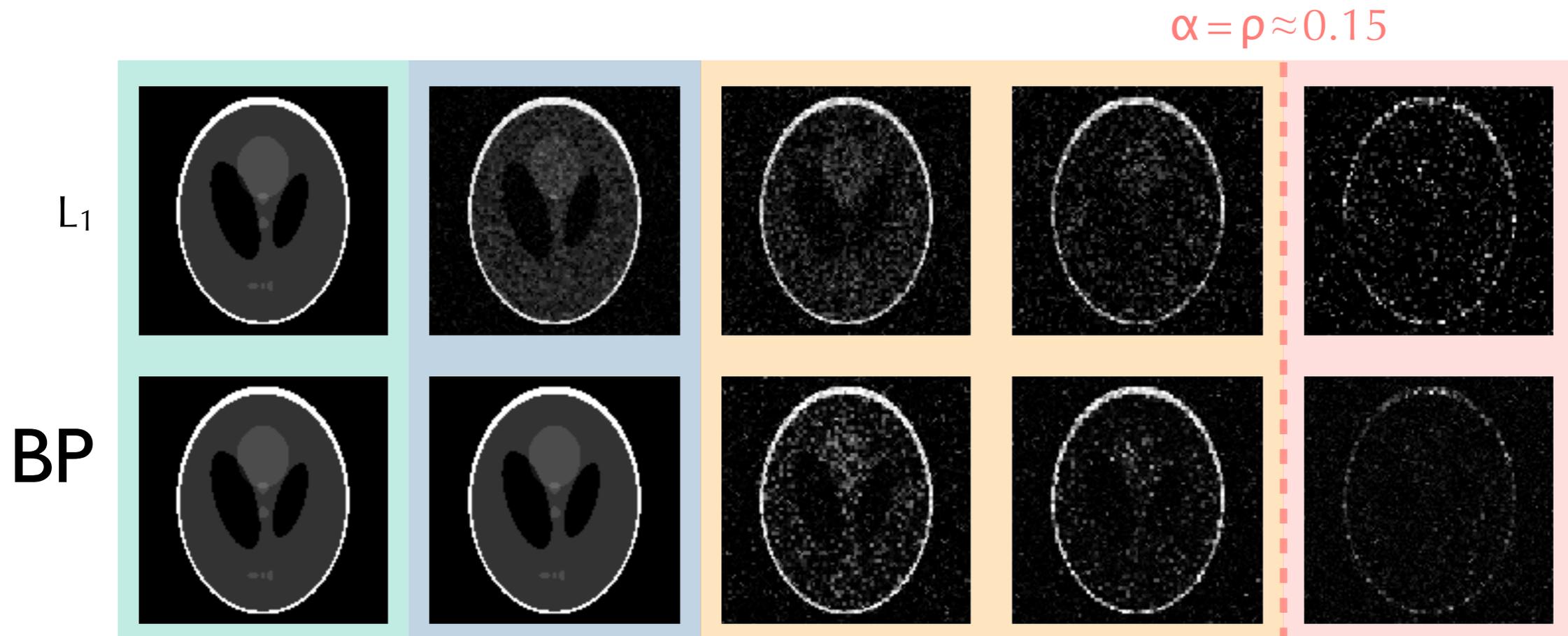


Gauss-Bernoulli signal



Binary signals

A more complex signal



Shepp-Logan phantom, in the Haar-wavelet representation

$\alpha = 0.5$

$\alpha = 0.4$

$\alpha = 0.3$

$\alpha = 0.2$

$\alpha = 0.1$

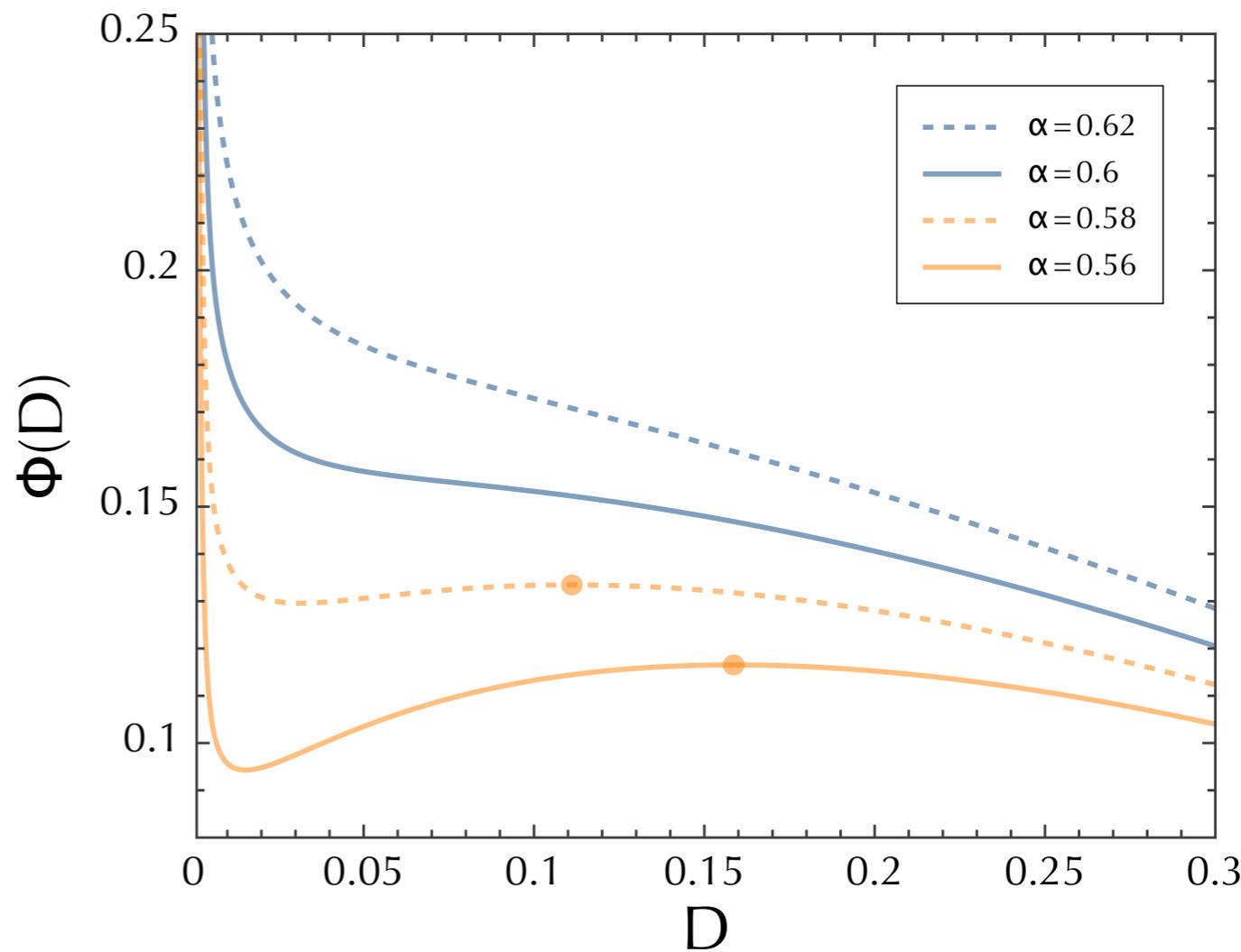
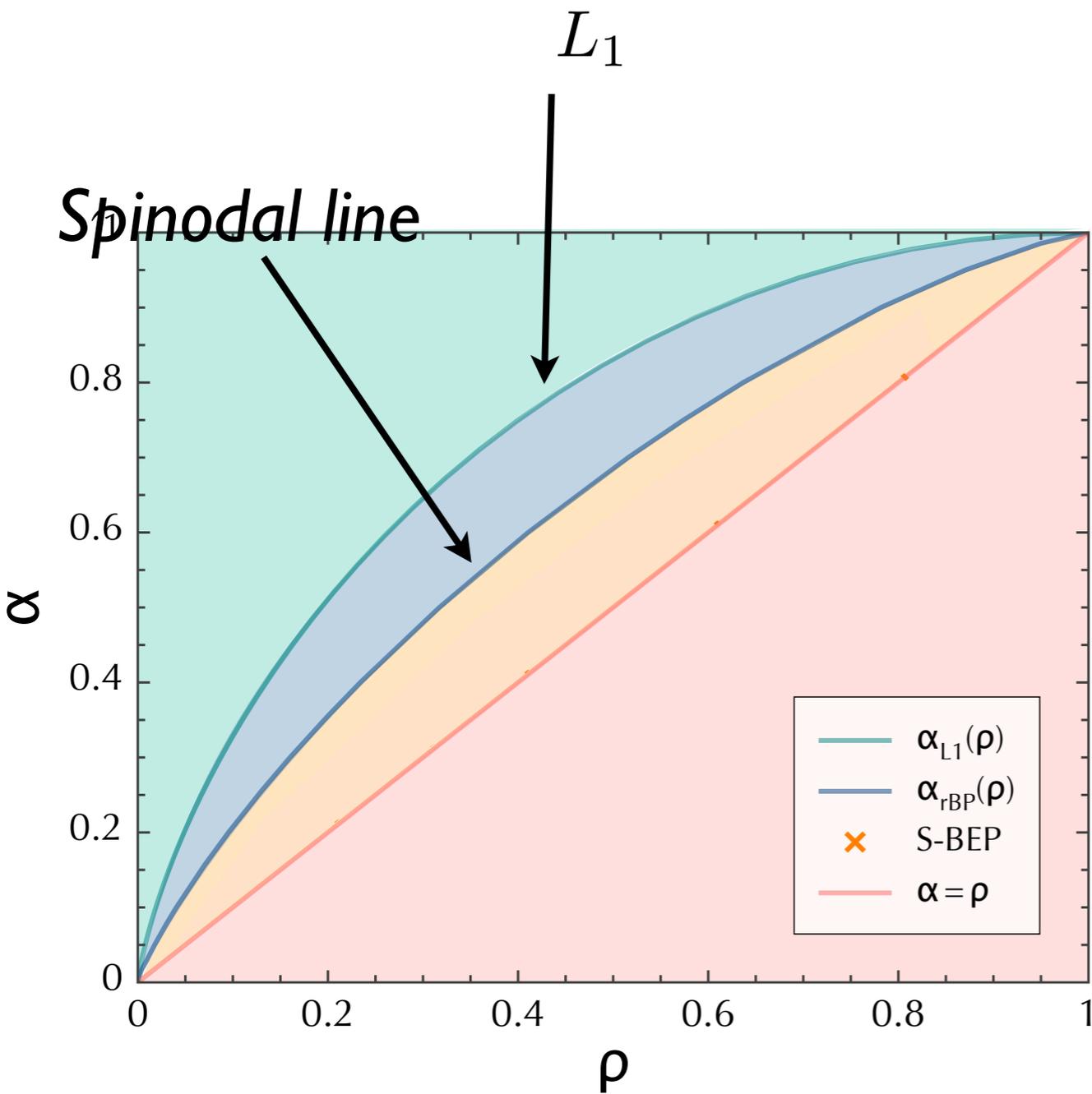
Can we do a better job?

Our work

A statistical physics approach
to compressed sensing

- A probabilistic approach to reconstruction
- The Belief Propagation algorithm
- **Seeded measurements matrices**

This is good, but not good enough

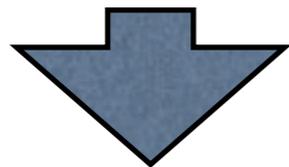


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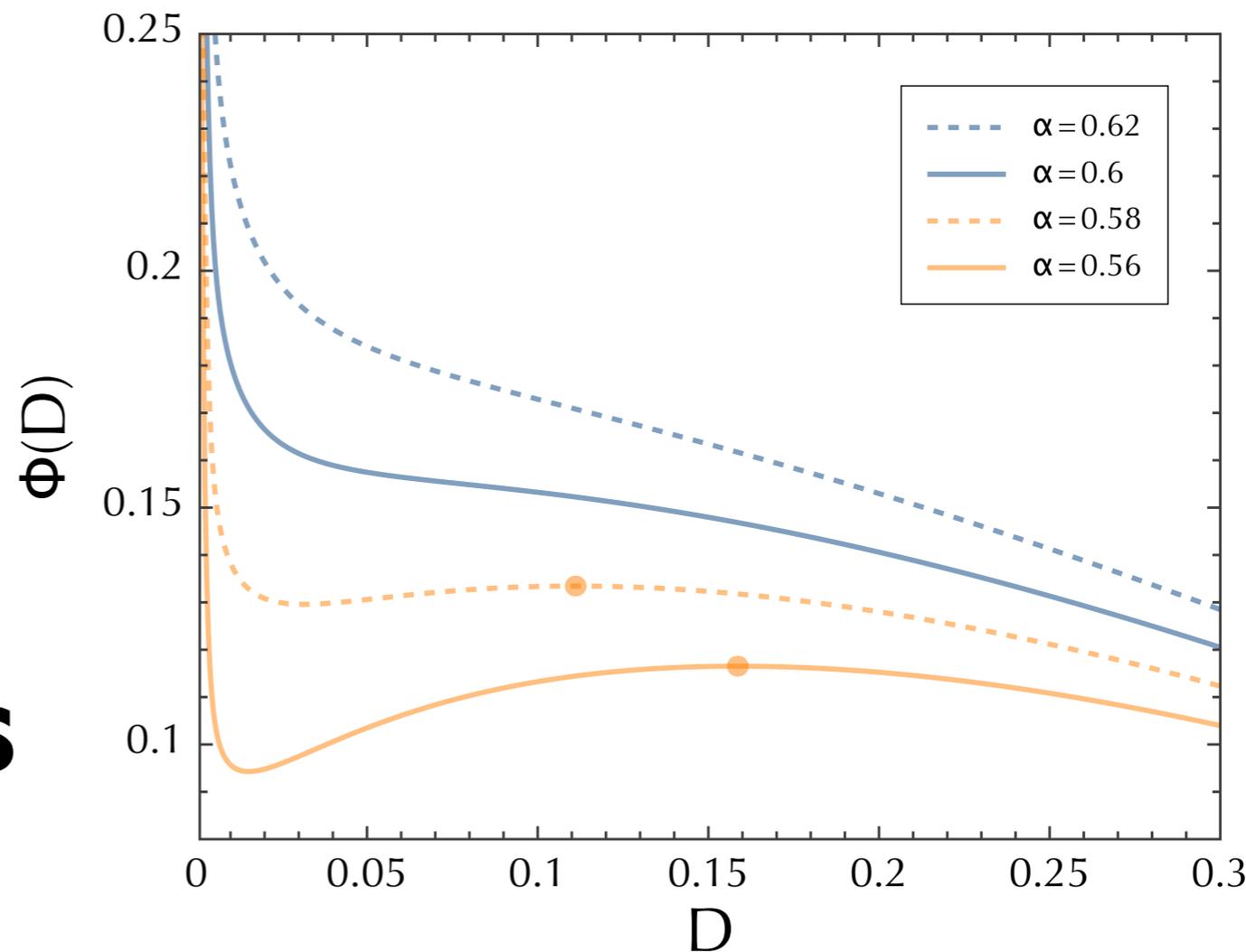
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How to pass the
spinodal point?

By nucleation!



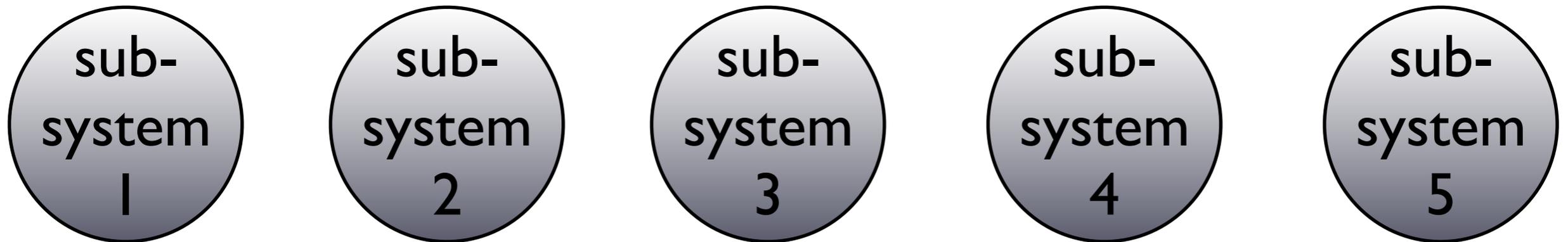
**Special design of
“seeded” matrices**



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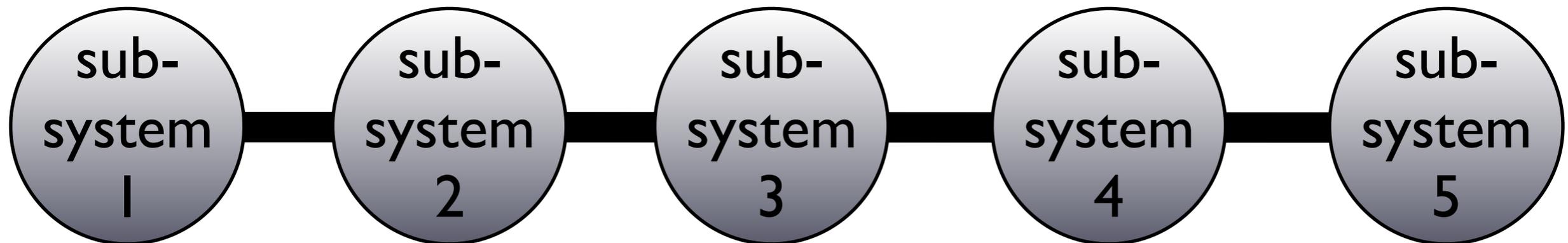
I) Create many “mean-field” sub-systems



A construction inspired by the
“**spatially coupled matrices**”
developed in coding theory
cf: Urbanke et al.

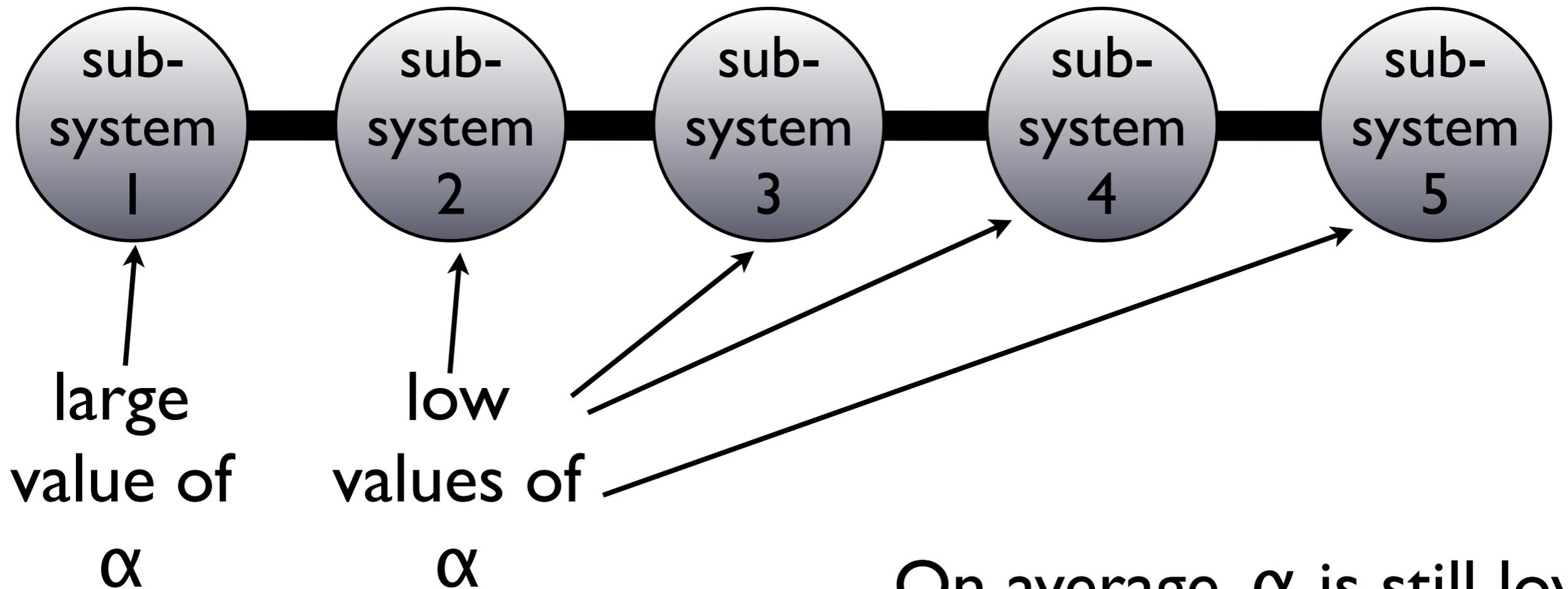
Mixed “mean-field” and one-dimensional system:

2) Add a first neighbor coupling



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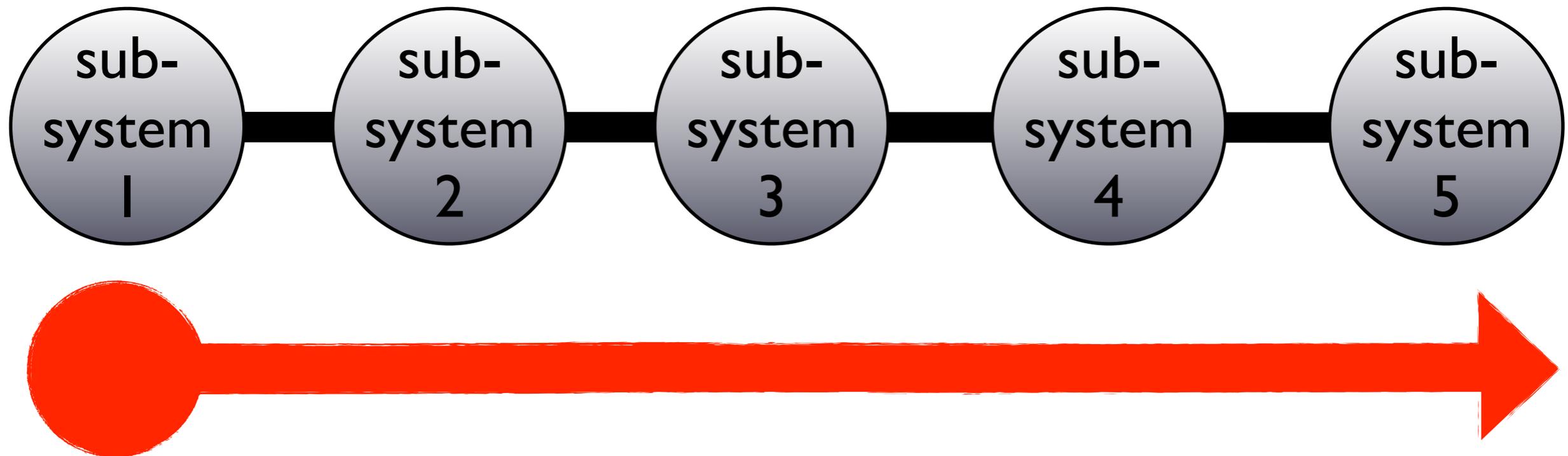
- 3) Choose parameters such that the first system is in the region of the phase diagram where there is no metastability



On average, α is still low !

Mixed “mean-field” and one-dimensional system:

- 4) The solution will appear in the first sub-system (with large α), and then propagate in the system



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

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

$$L = 8$$

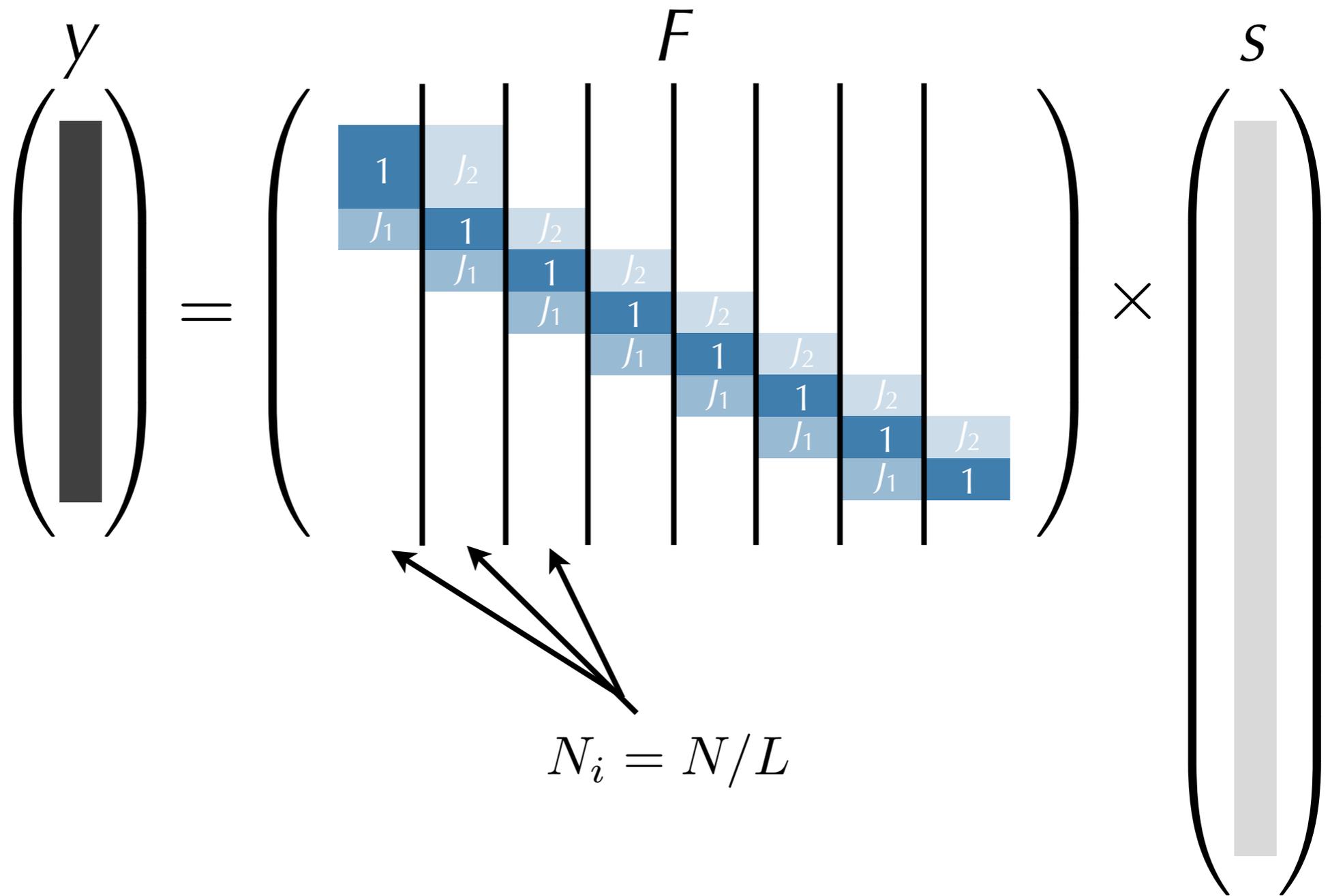
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$$M_i = \alpha_i N/L$$

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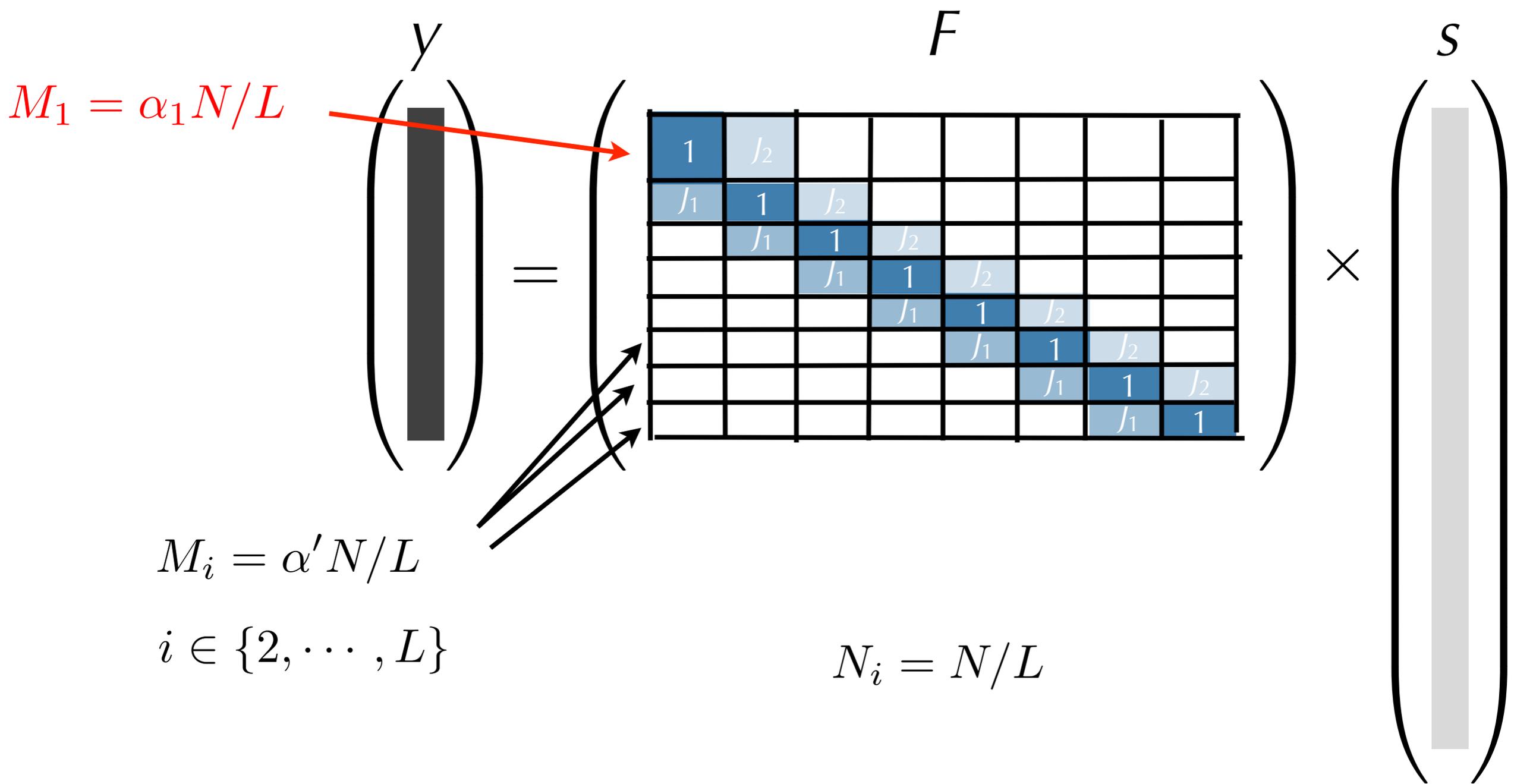
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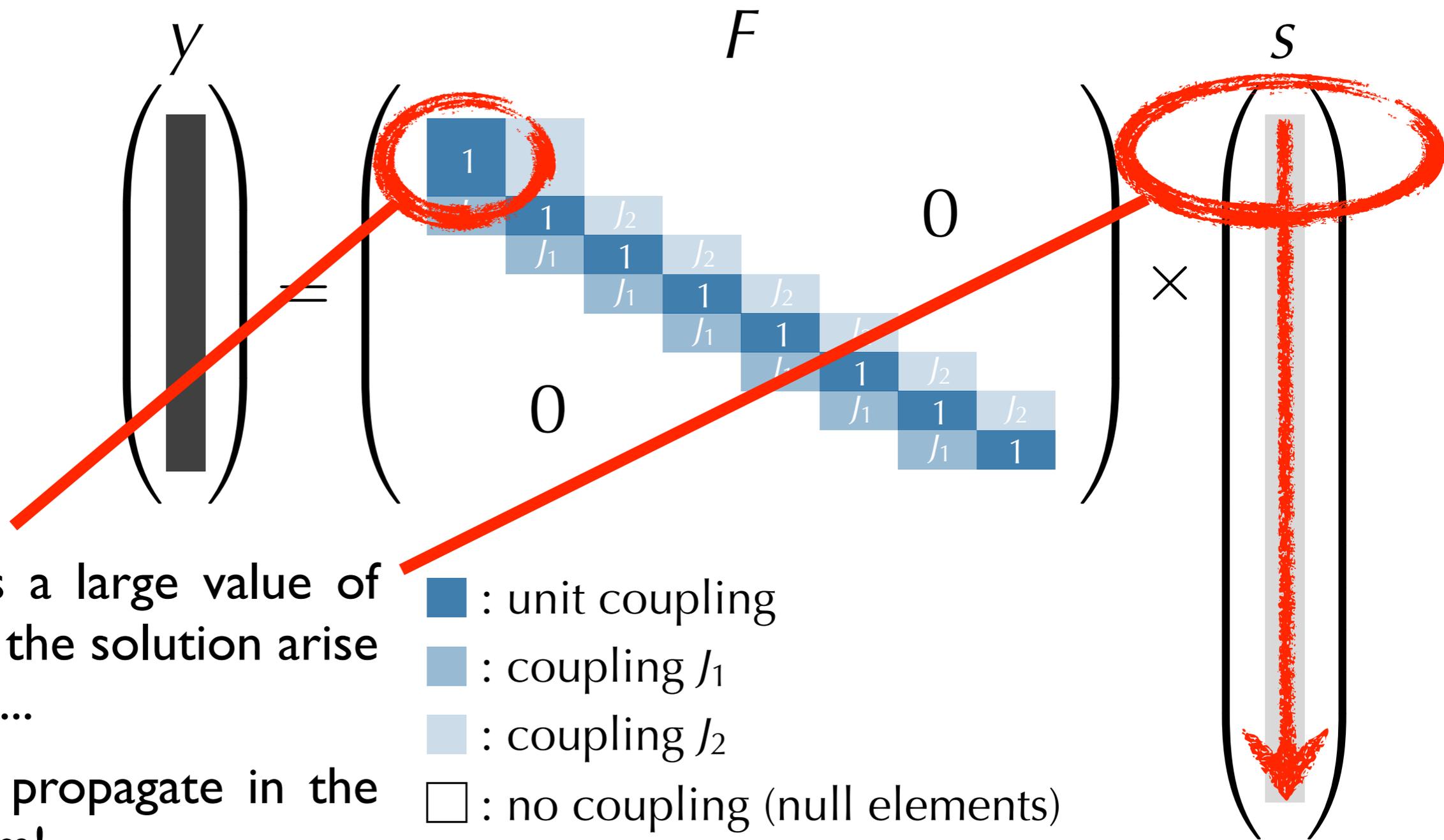
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Block 1 has a large value of M such that the solution arise in this block...

... and then propagate in the whole system!

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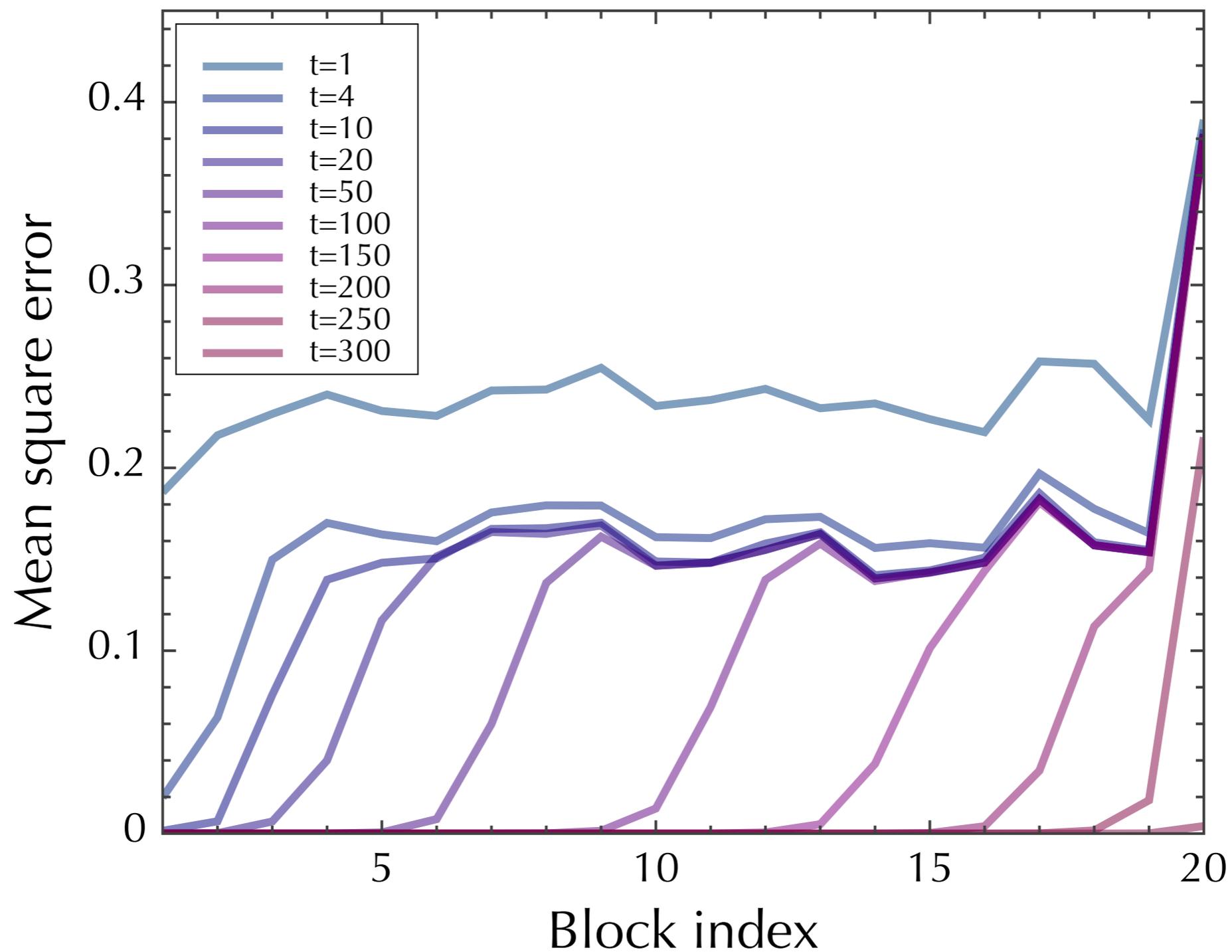
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$L = 20$

$N = 50000$

$\rho = .4$

$J_1 = 20$

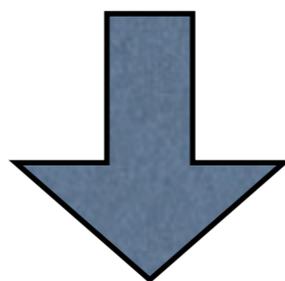
$\alpha_1 = 1$

$J_2 = .2$

$\alpha = .5$

Analytical results for seeding matrices

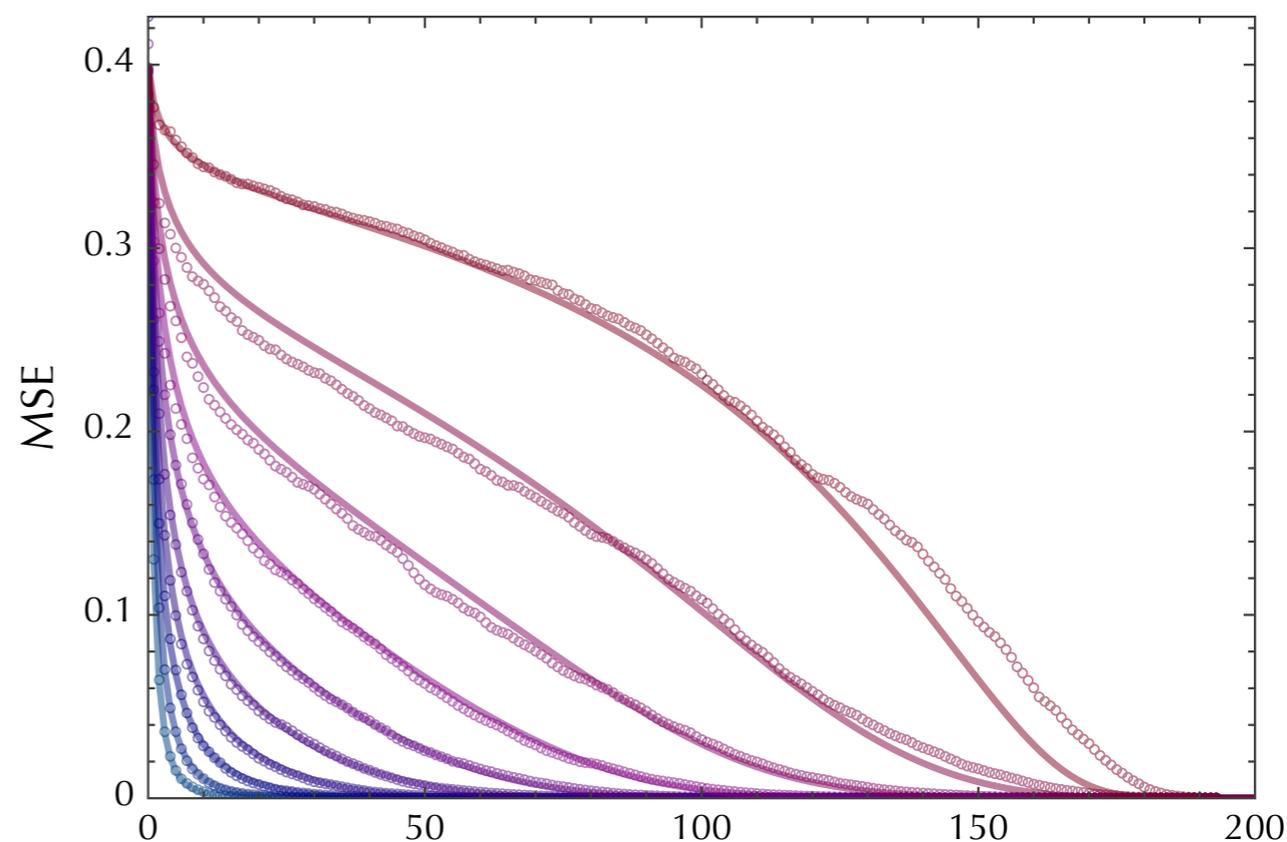
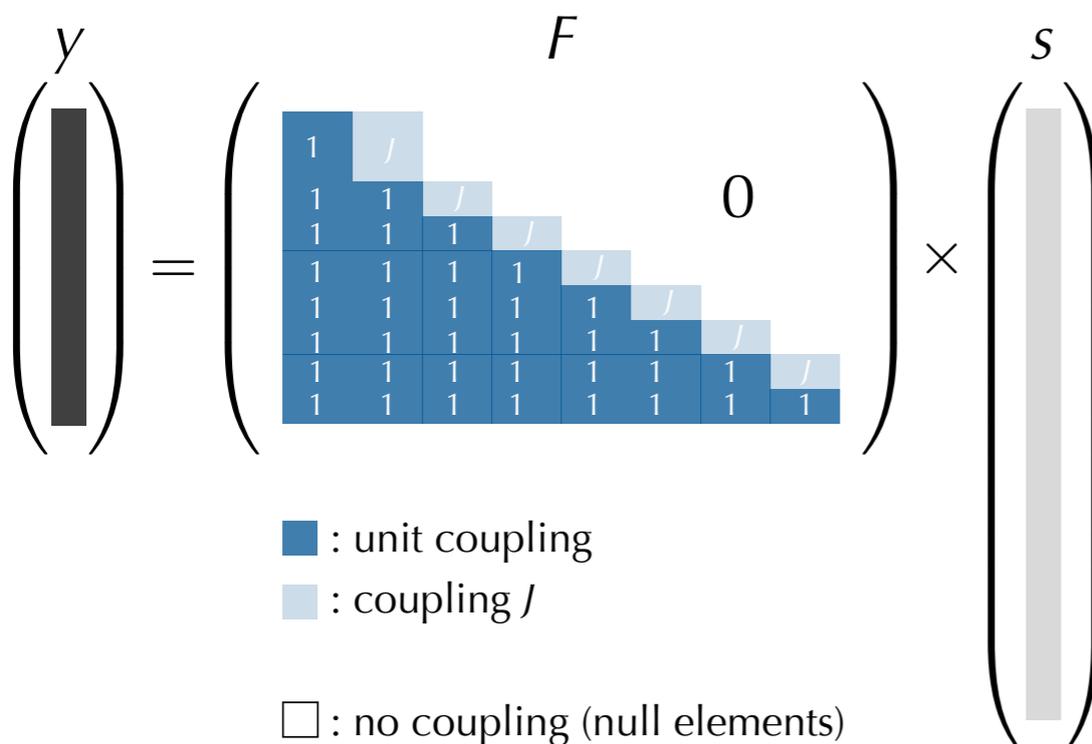
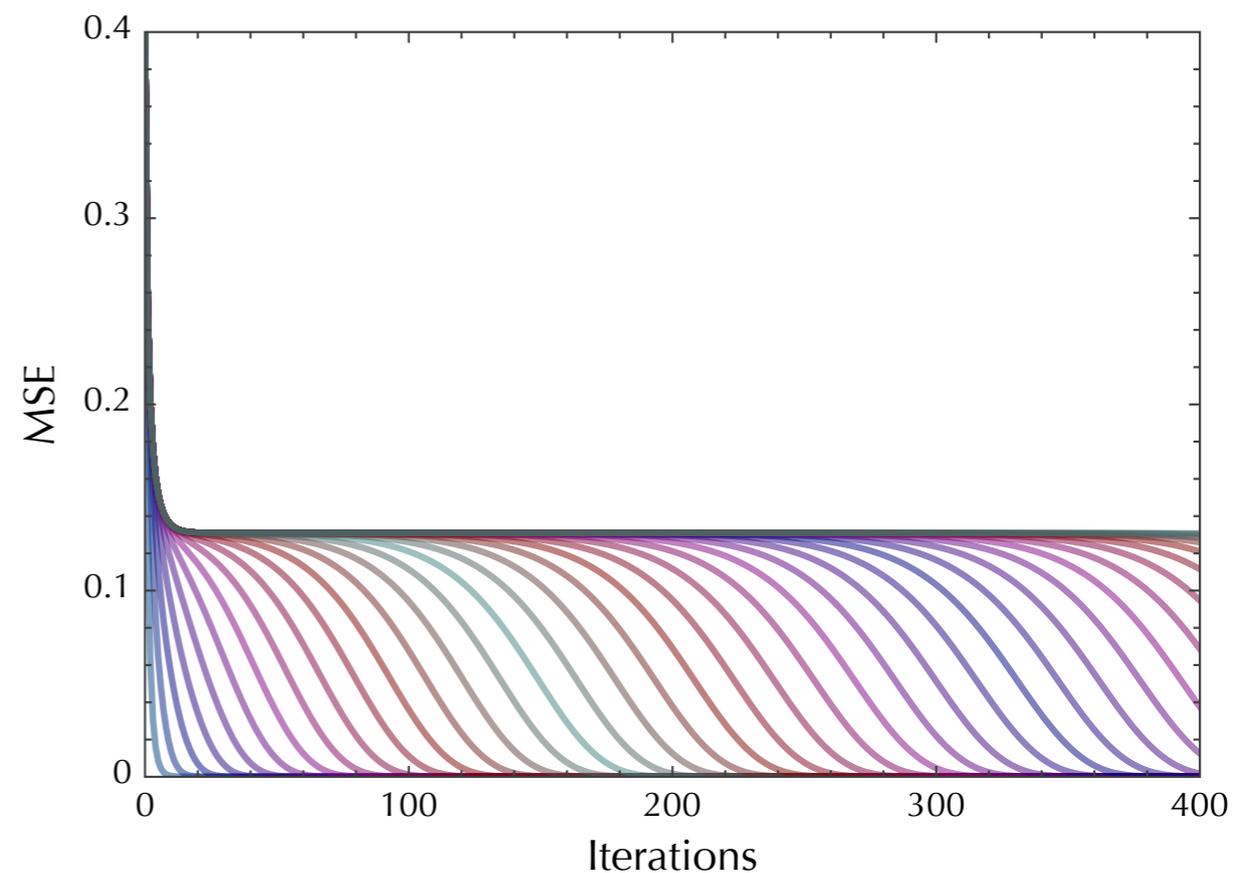
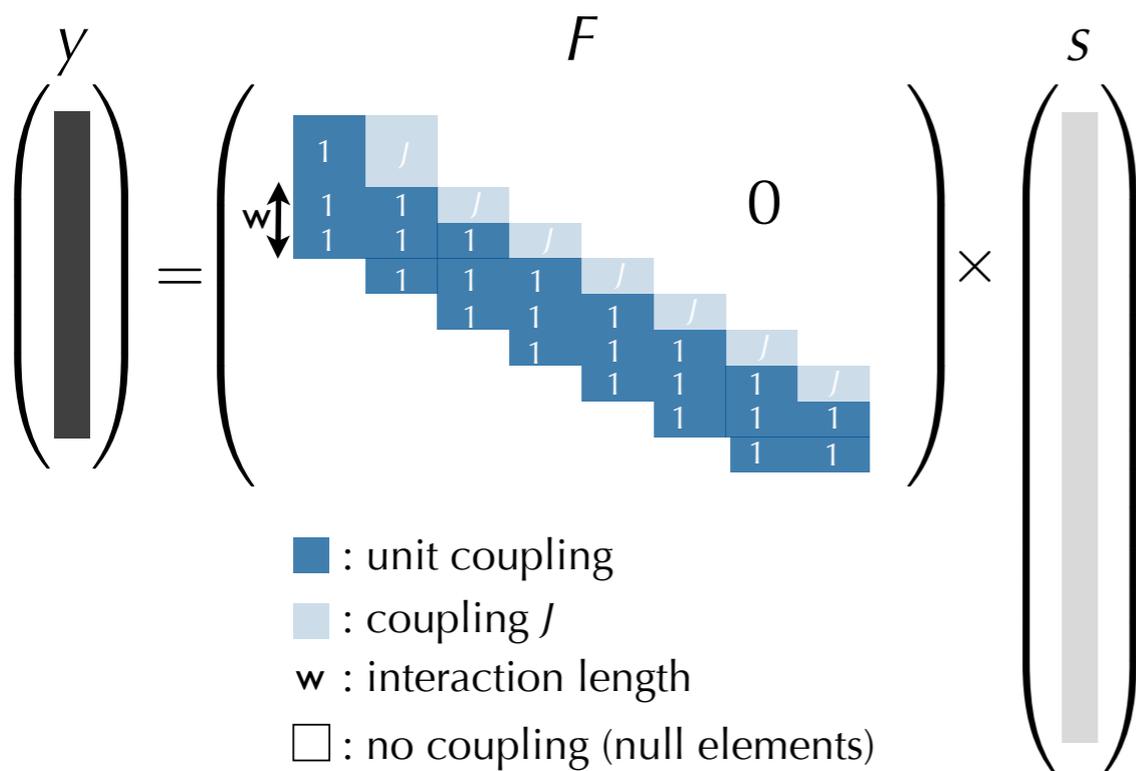
- One can repeat the replica/density evolution analysis for the seeded matrices, and the performance of the algorithm can be studied analytically, leading to $\alpha > \rho$ in the large N limit:

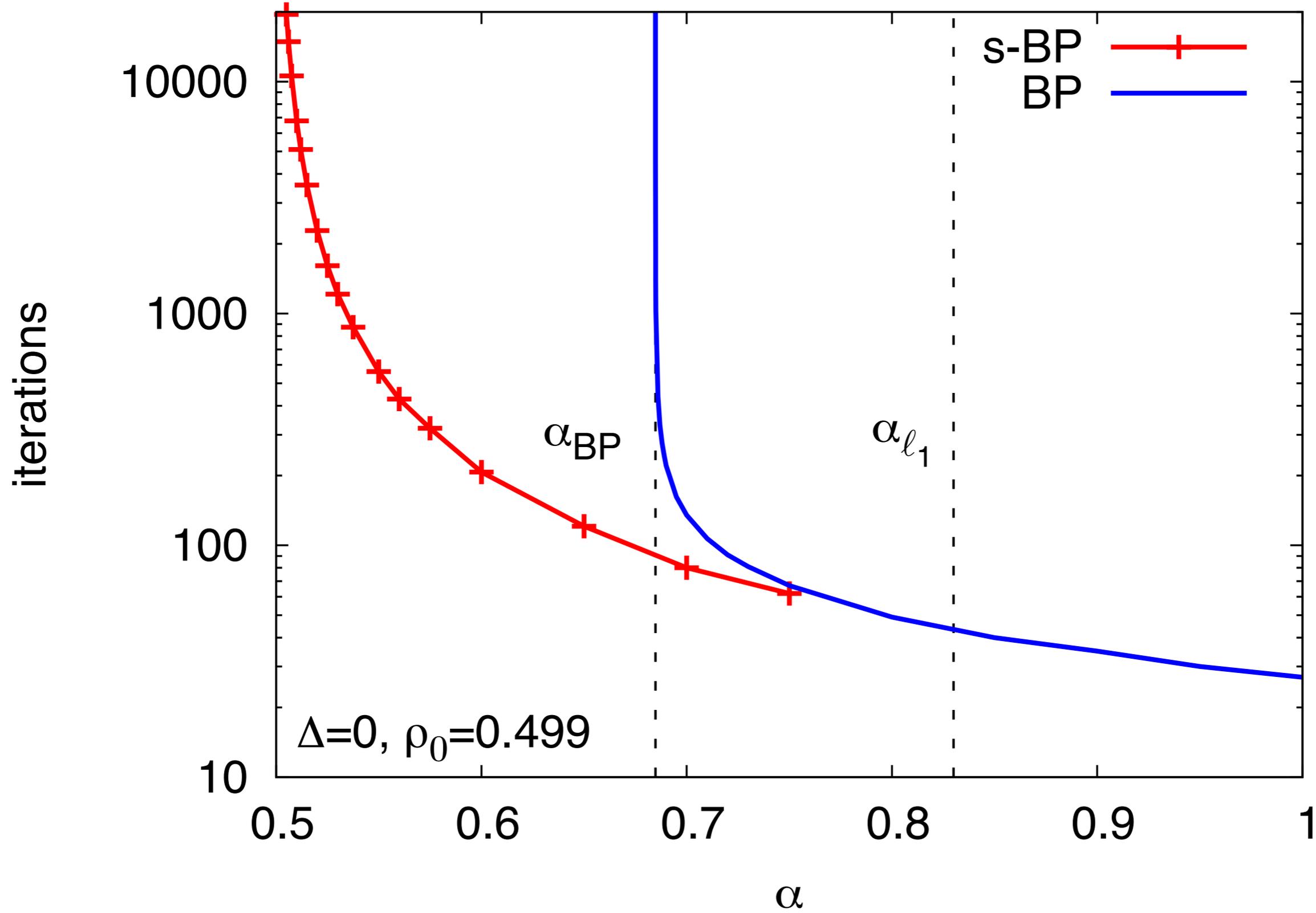


Asymptotically optimal measurements

- A special case (zero or vanishing noise, and with prior matching the signal) have been recently confirmed by a [rigorous analysis](#) by Donoho, Montanari and Javanmard (arXiv:1112.0708)
- But note that the analysis of the density evolution shows that our construction works *even* when the prior is not the correct one, and also with large noise (although with noise the performances depend on the prior)

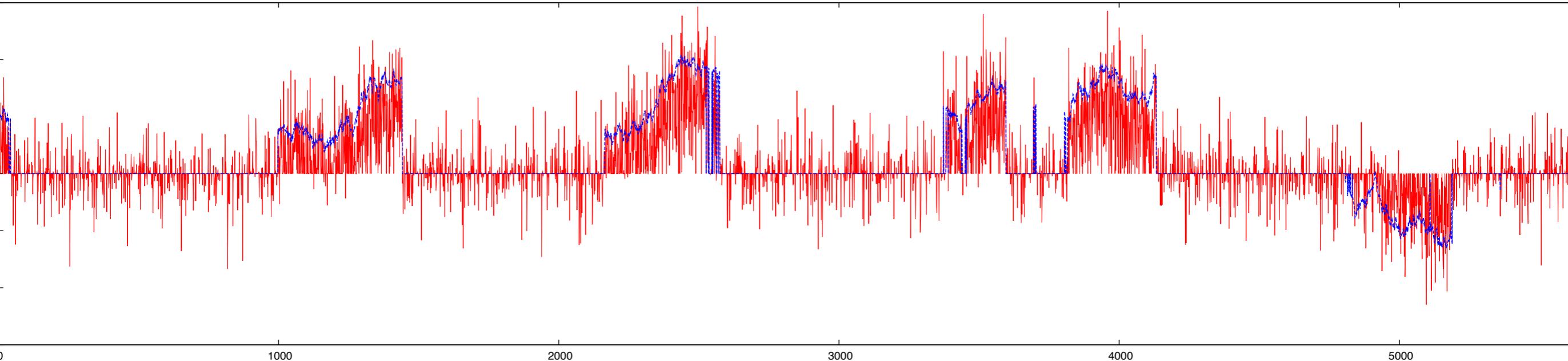
Many way to design seeding matrices





A signal with $\alpha=0.5$ and $\rho=0.4$

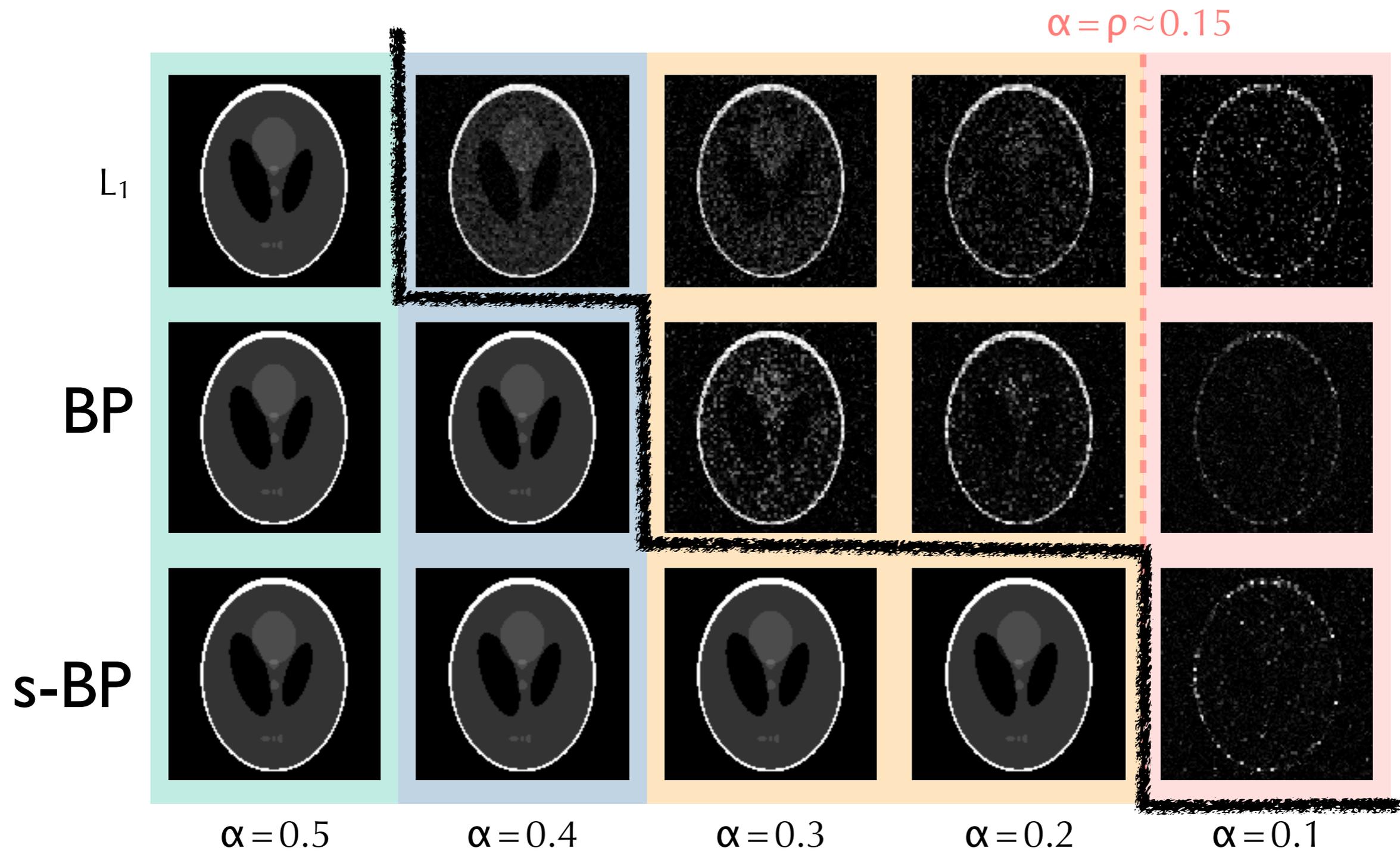
N=10000 points, rho=0.4, alpha=0.5



Blue is the true signal reconstructed by s-BP

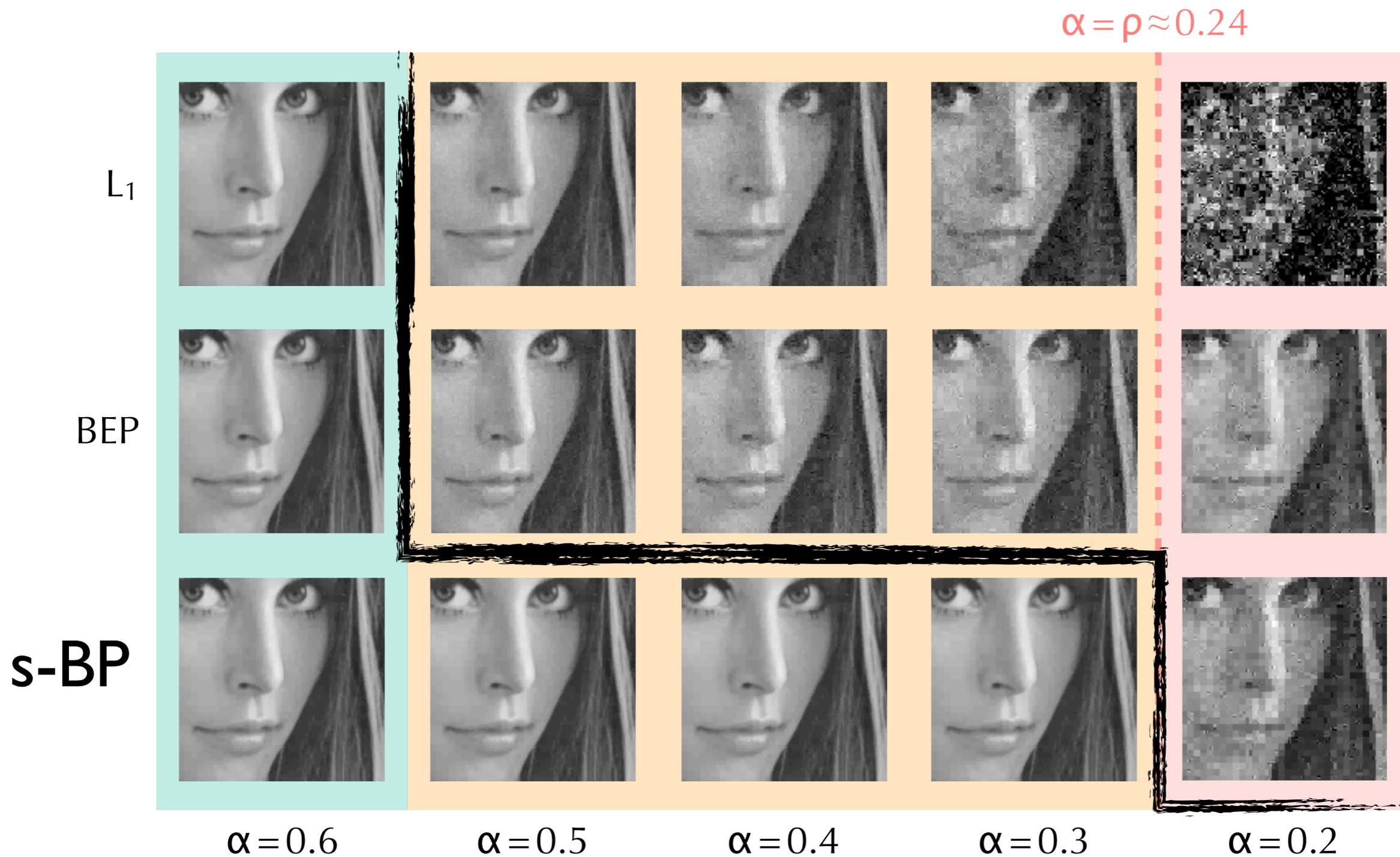
Red is the signal found by L₁

A more interesting example



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A EVEN more interesting example



The Lena picture in the Haar-wavelet representation

Conclusions...

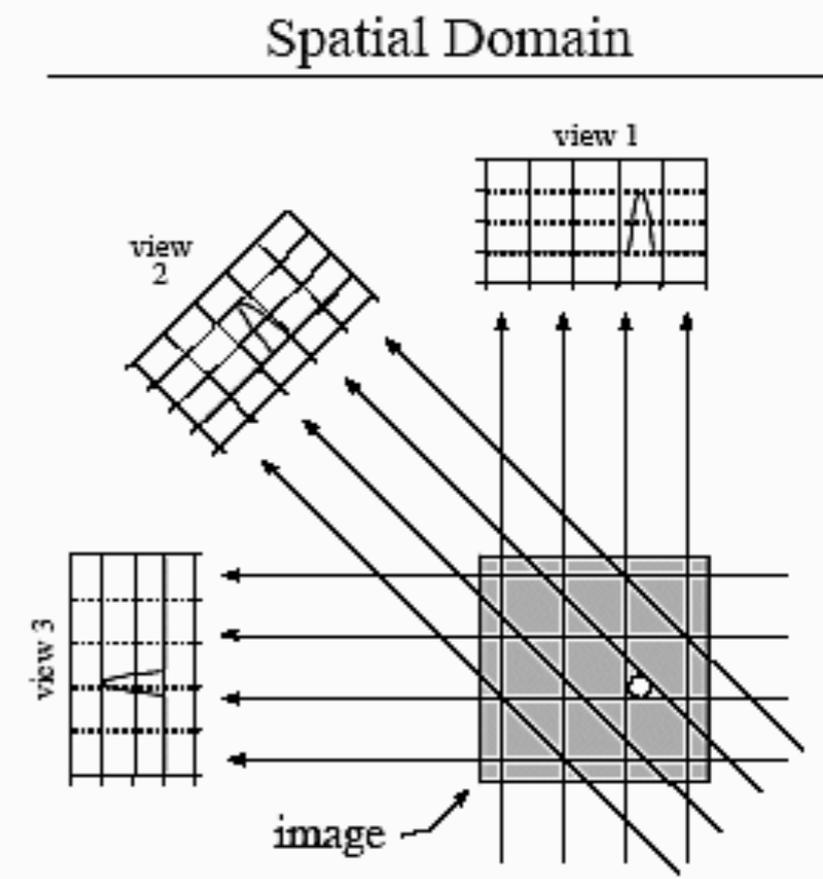
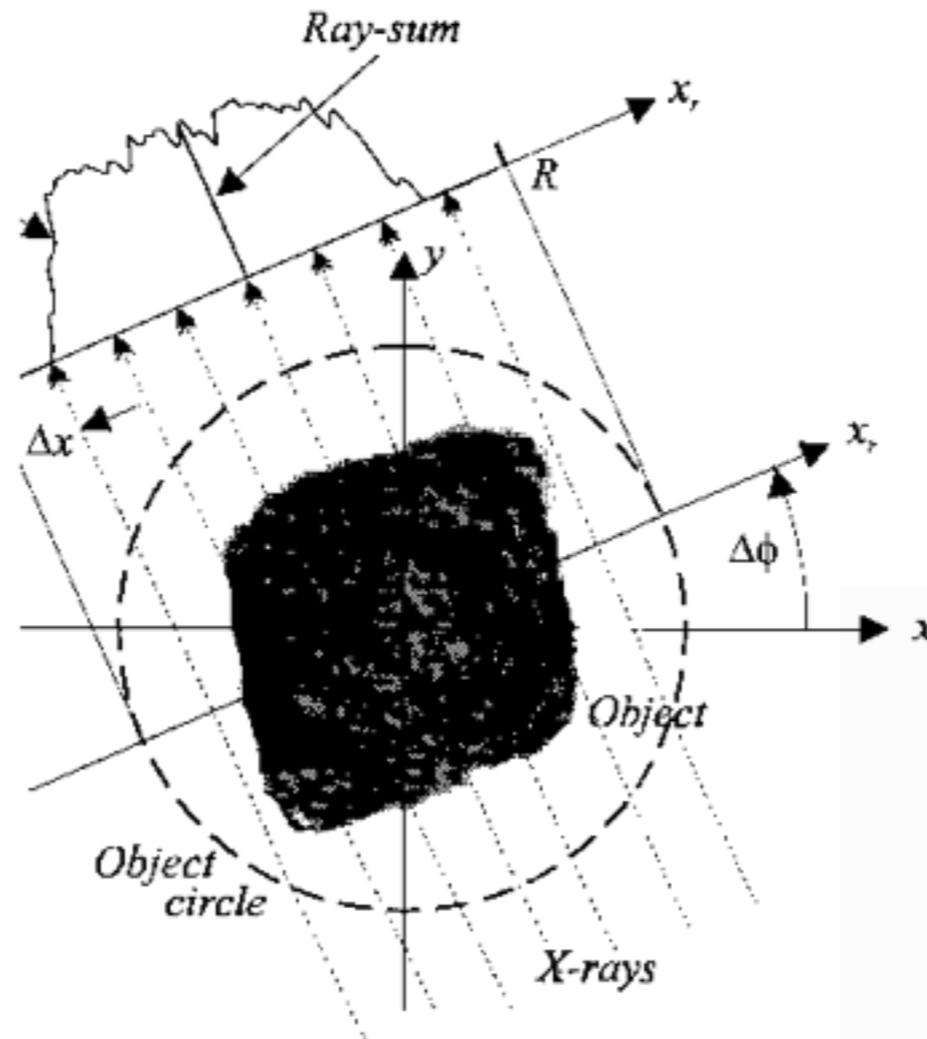
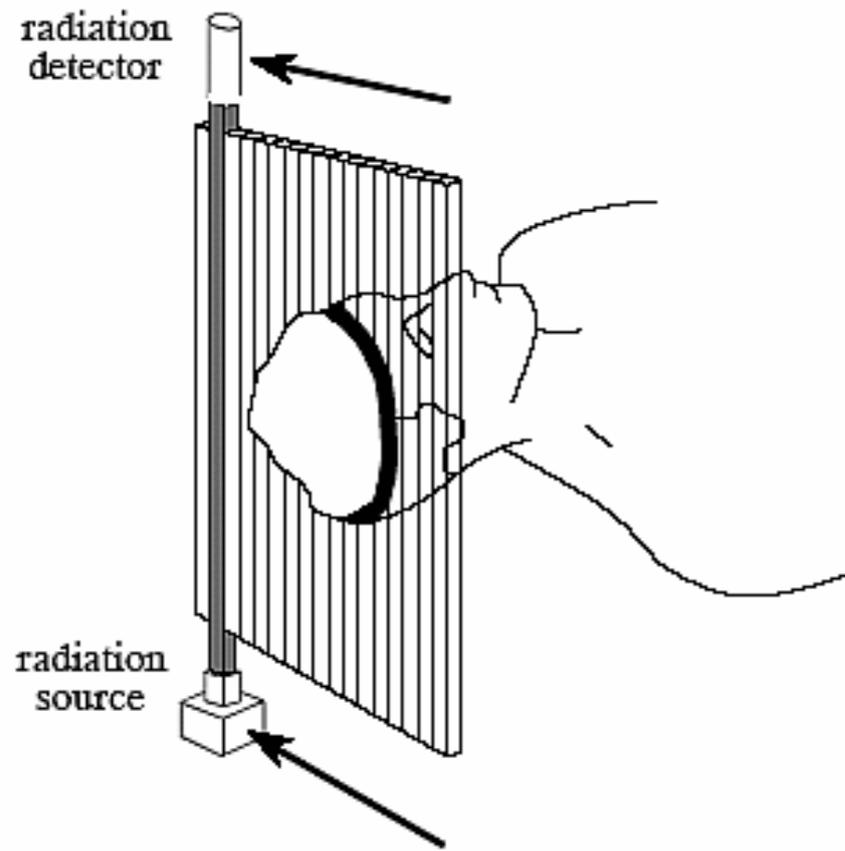
- Probabilistic approach to reconstruction in compressed sensing...
- ... with a Belief Propagation algorithm.
- Seeded measurements matrices allows to perform optimally

... and perspectives:

- More information in the prior ? Calibration noise, additive noise, approximated-sparsity, structure sparsity, etc... ?
- Dictionary learning? Sparse PCA? Fast data compression? Quantum tomography? Group testing? etc...

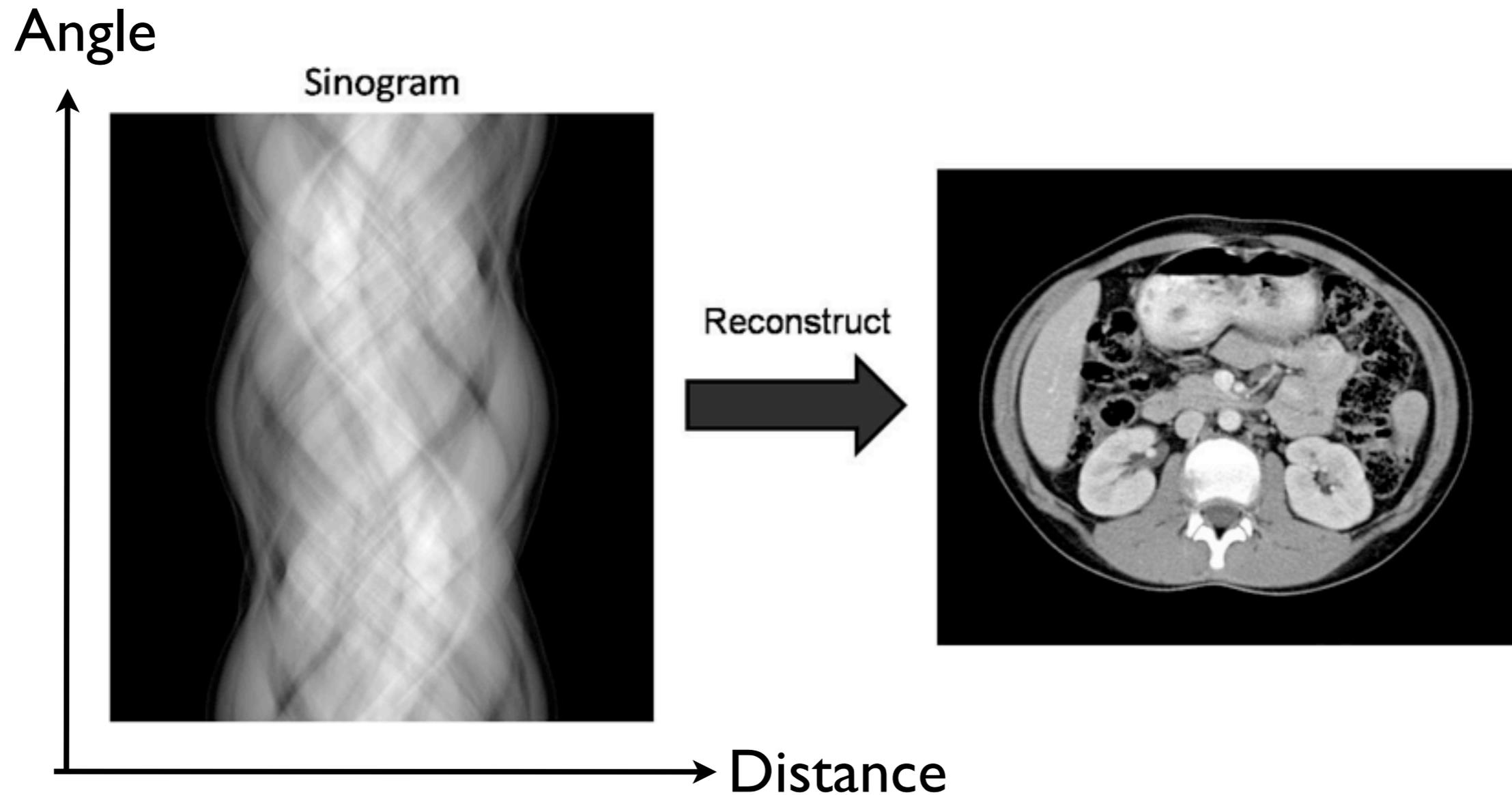
Discrete Tomography

X-ray computed tomography

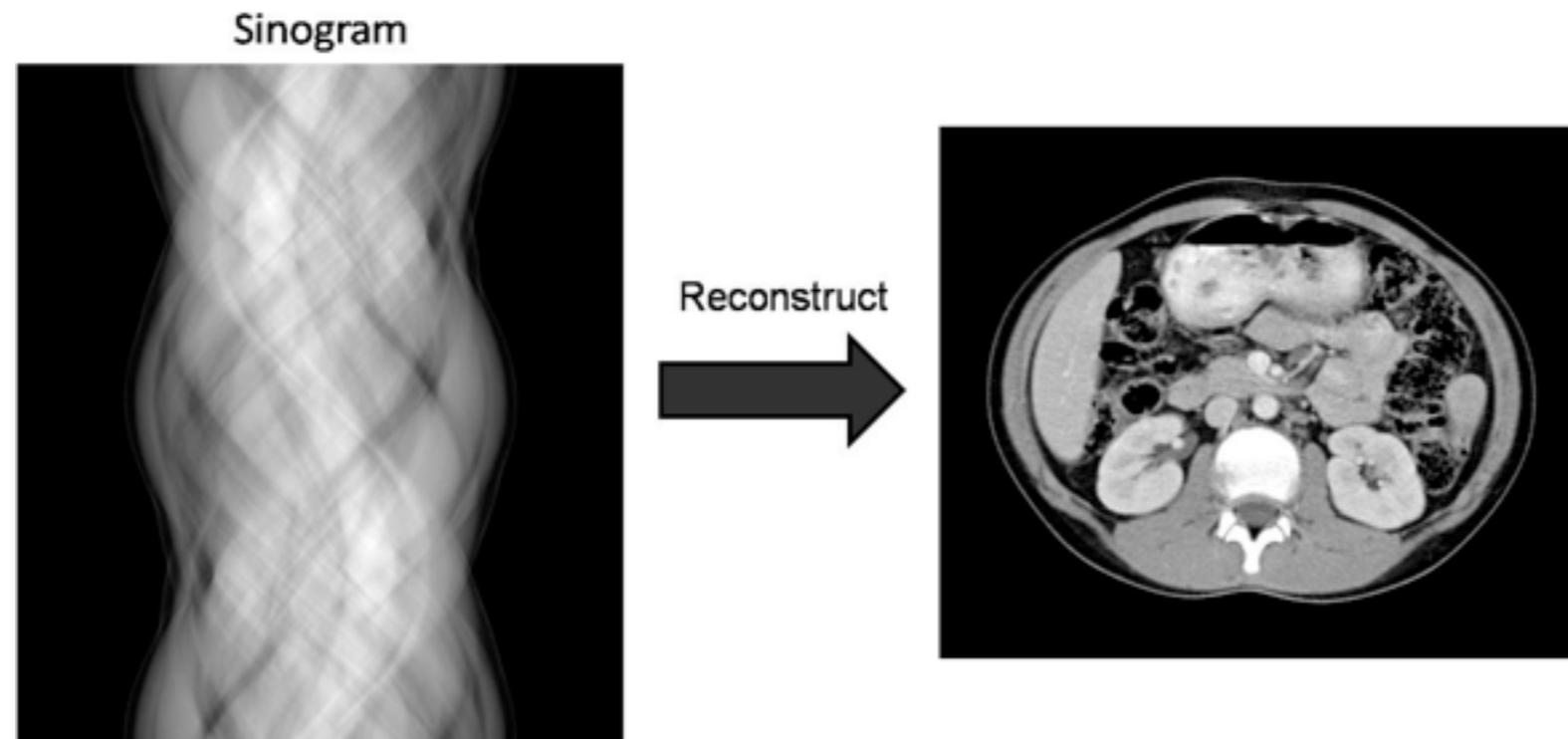


X-ray computed tomography

The reconstruction problem



Radon and inverse Radon Transform



$$Rf(\alpha, s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x(t), y(t)) dt$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f((t \sin \alpha + s \cos \alpha), (-t \cos \alpha + s \sin \alpha)) dt$$

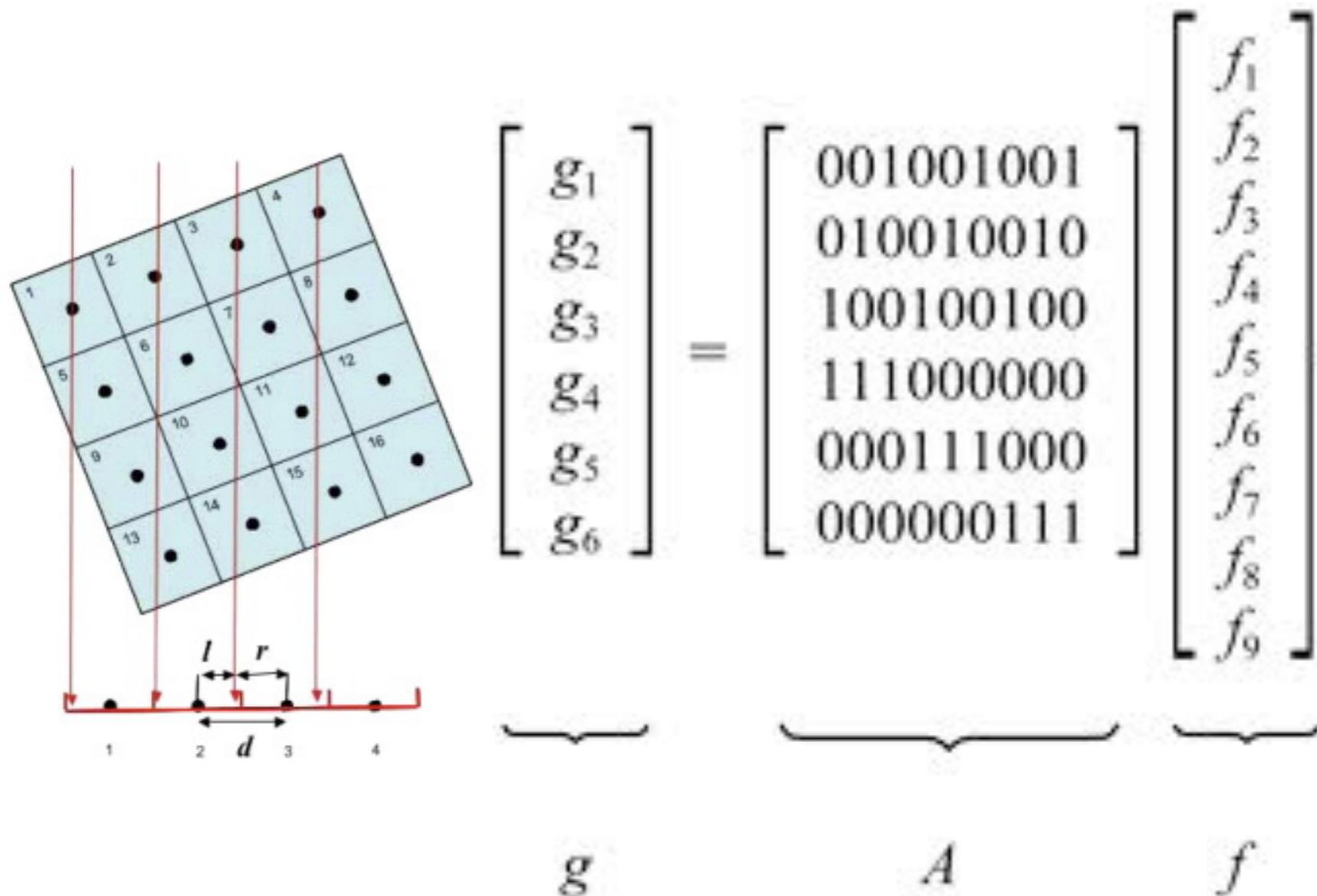
Direct

Inverse

$$f(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |k| \widetilde{(\tilde{f})}(k, \mathbf{u}_t) e^{+i(\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{u}_t)k} dk d\Phi$$

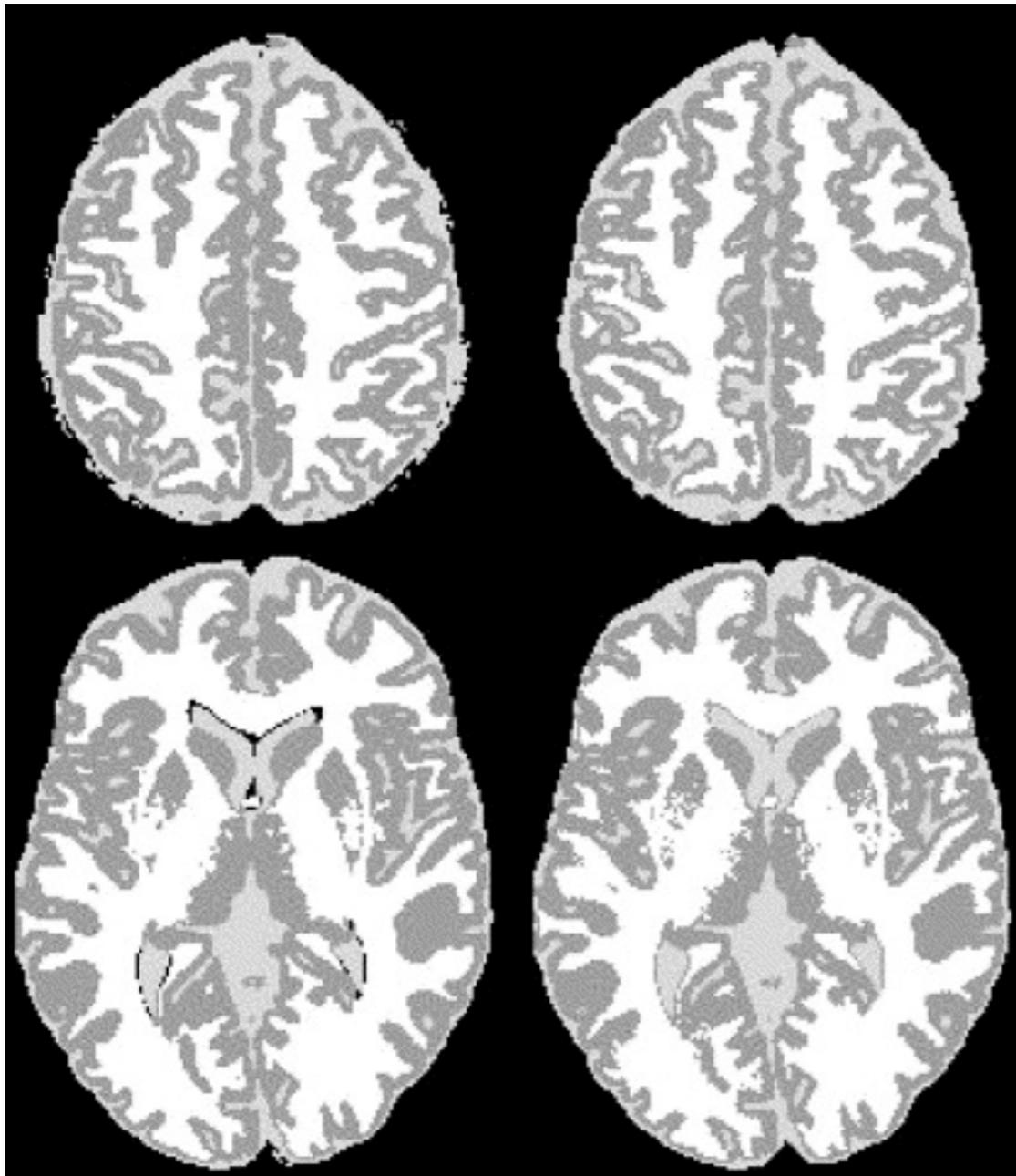
Works well, but need the knowledge of all possible projections!

Algebraic methods: Inverting the matrix!



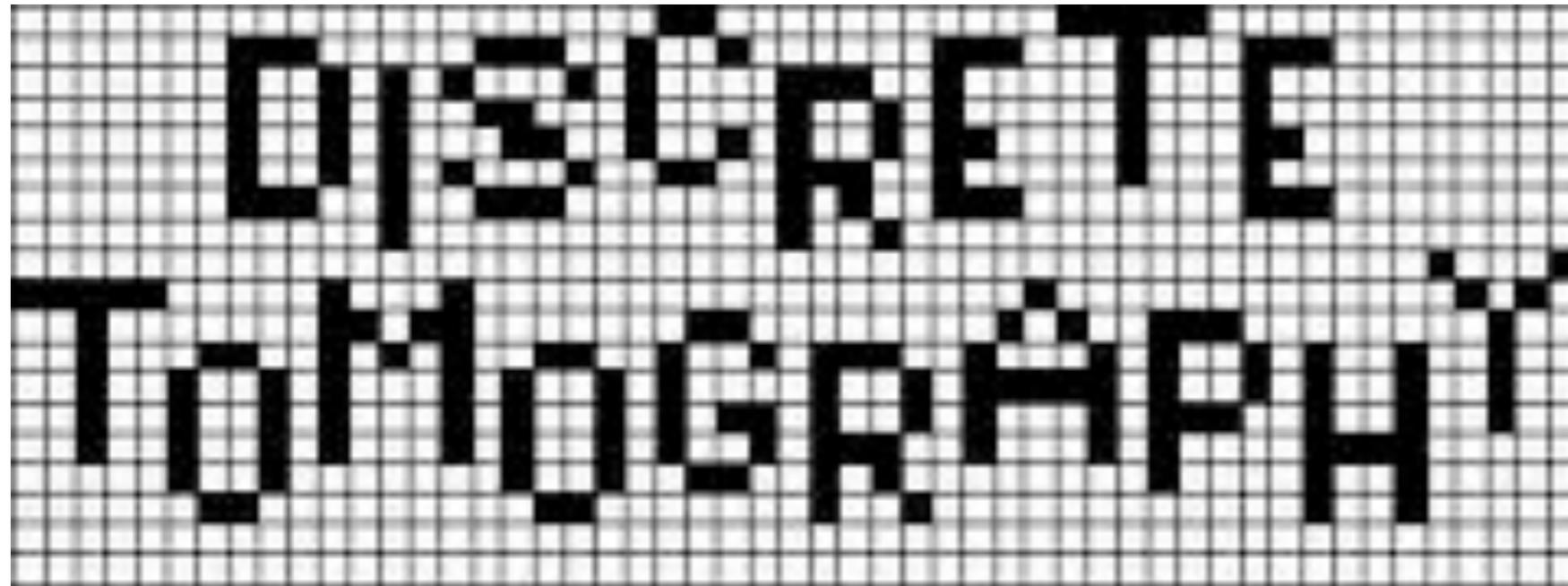
Can one reconstruct when M (number of measurements) is smaller than N (number of "pixel") ?

Discrete tomography



- 1) The image take discrete values: discrete tomography*
- 2) Interfaces are rare*

The problem: Example with two angles

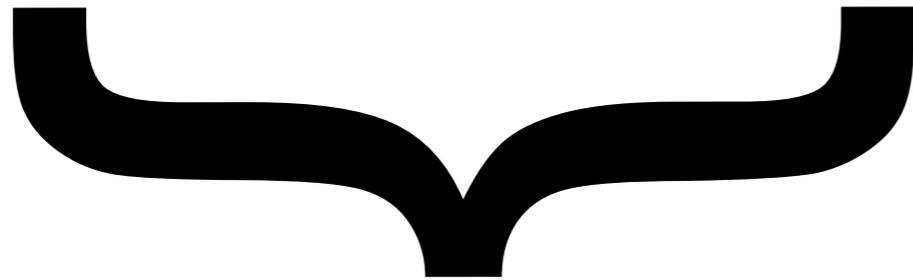


In general: NP-hard problem for 3 angles and more
👉 Popular game known as PICROSS

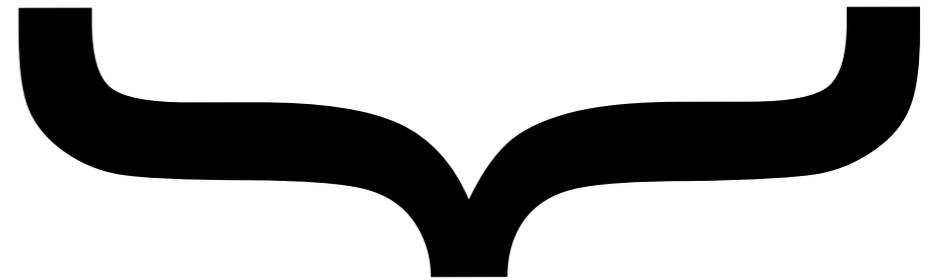
Our work

A probabilistic approach
to X-ray tomography

$$P(\{\vec{S}\}) \propto \prod_{\mu=1}^M \delta(y_{\mu} - \sum_{i \in \mu} S_i) \prod_{\mu=1}^M e^{J \sum_{i \in \mu} S_i S_{i+1}}$$



Solution of
the linear system



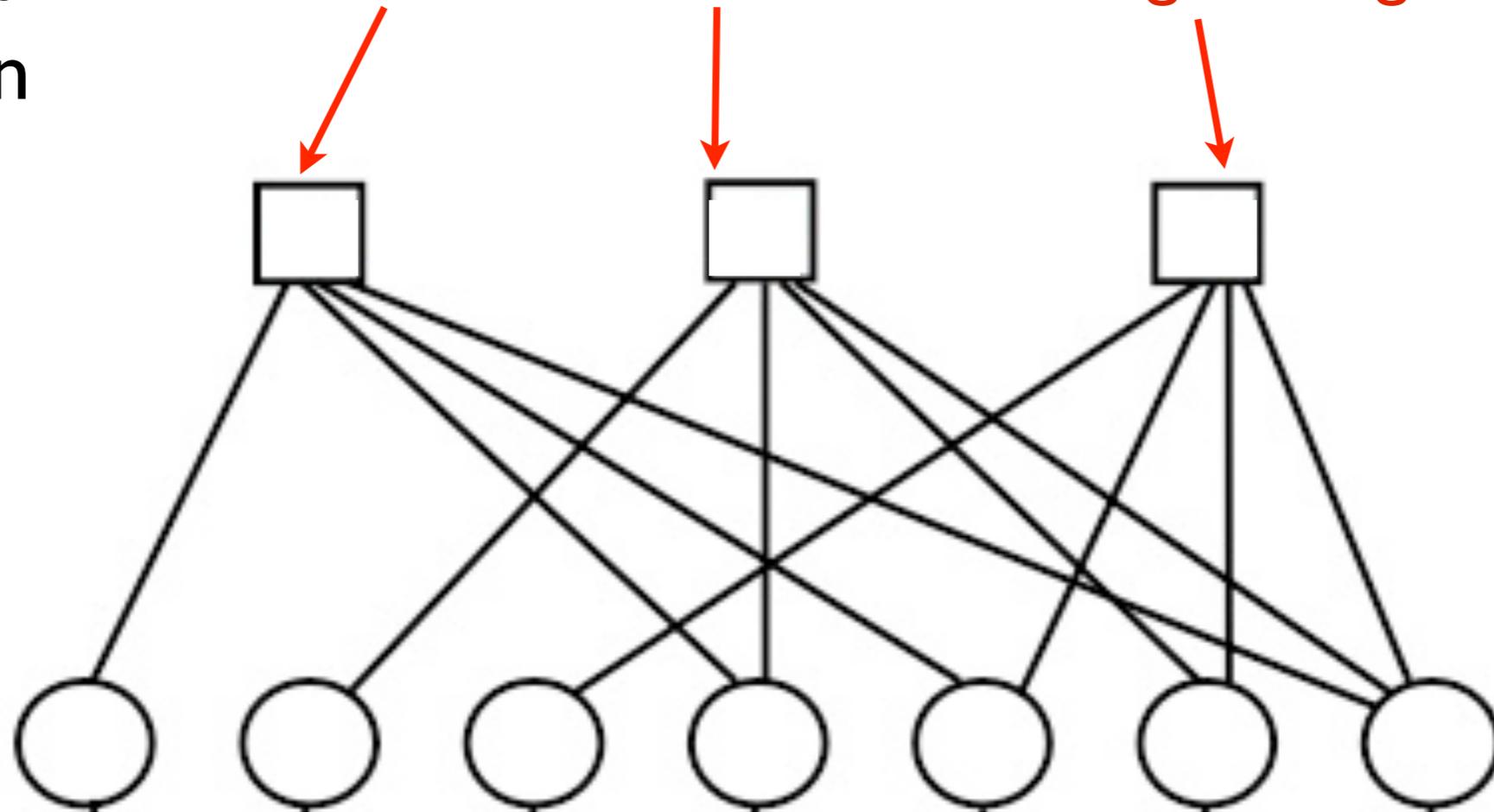
Prior on the images

BP for Discrete Tomography

Fix the sum of the spins for a given projection ...

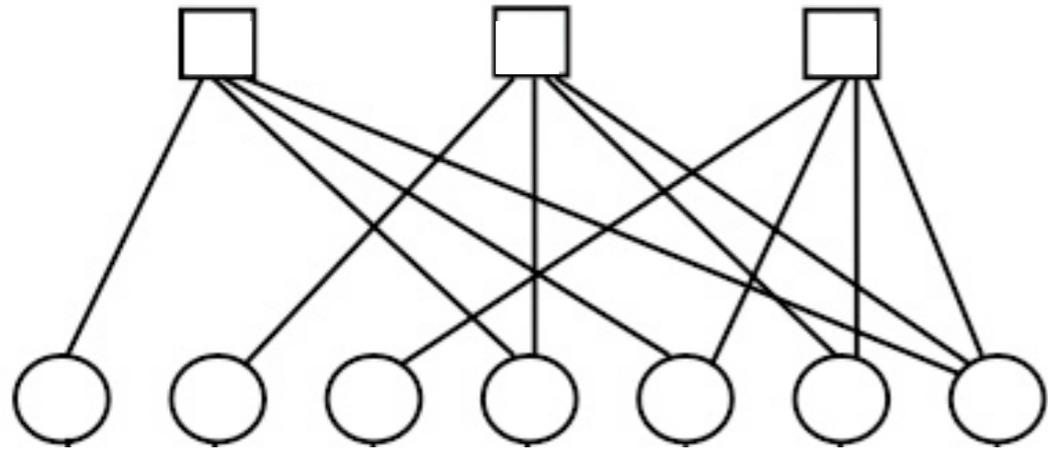
... and take care of the first-neighboring interaction

1 constraint
by projection



Pixels:
 $S_i = \pm 1$

BP for Discrete Tomography



The usual BP equations

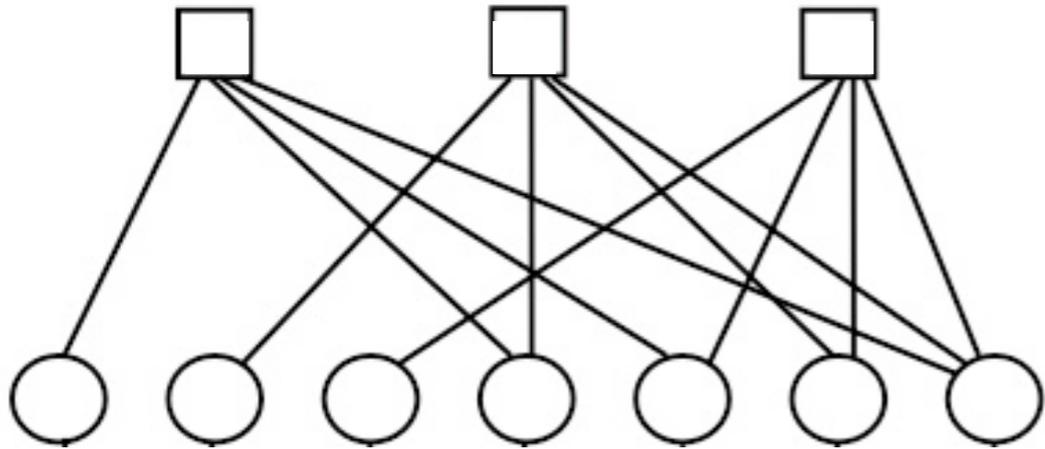
From spin to factor nodes:

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BP for Discrete Tomography



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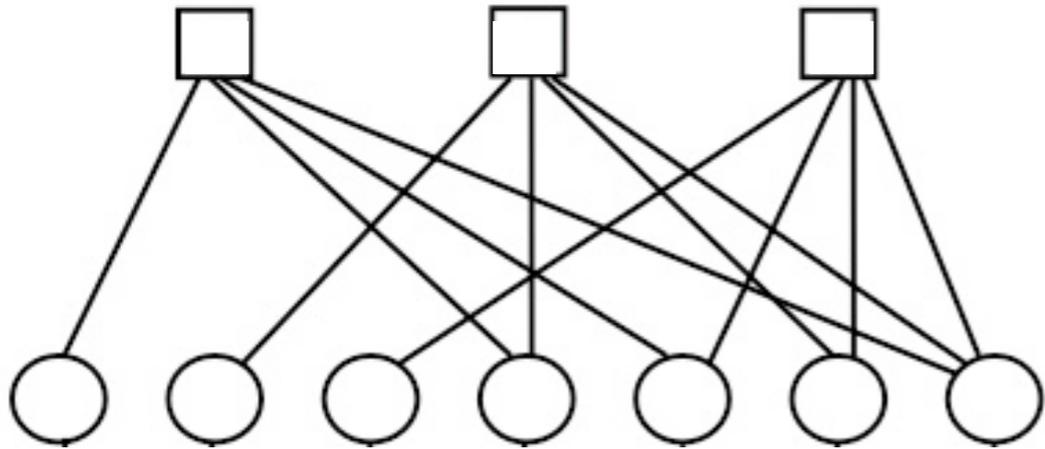
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BP for Discrete Tomography



2^L operations!

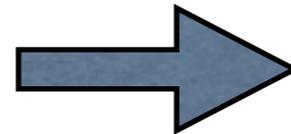
👉 Intractable

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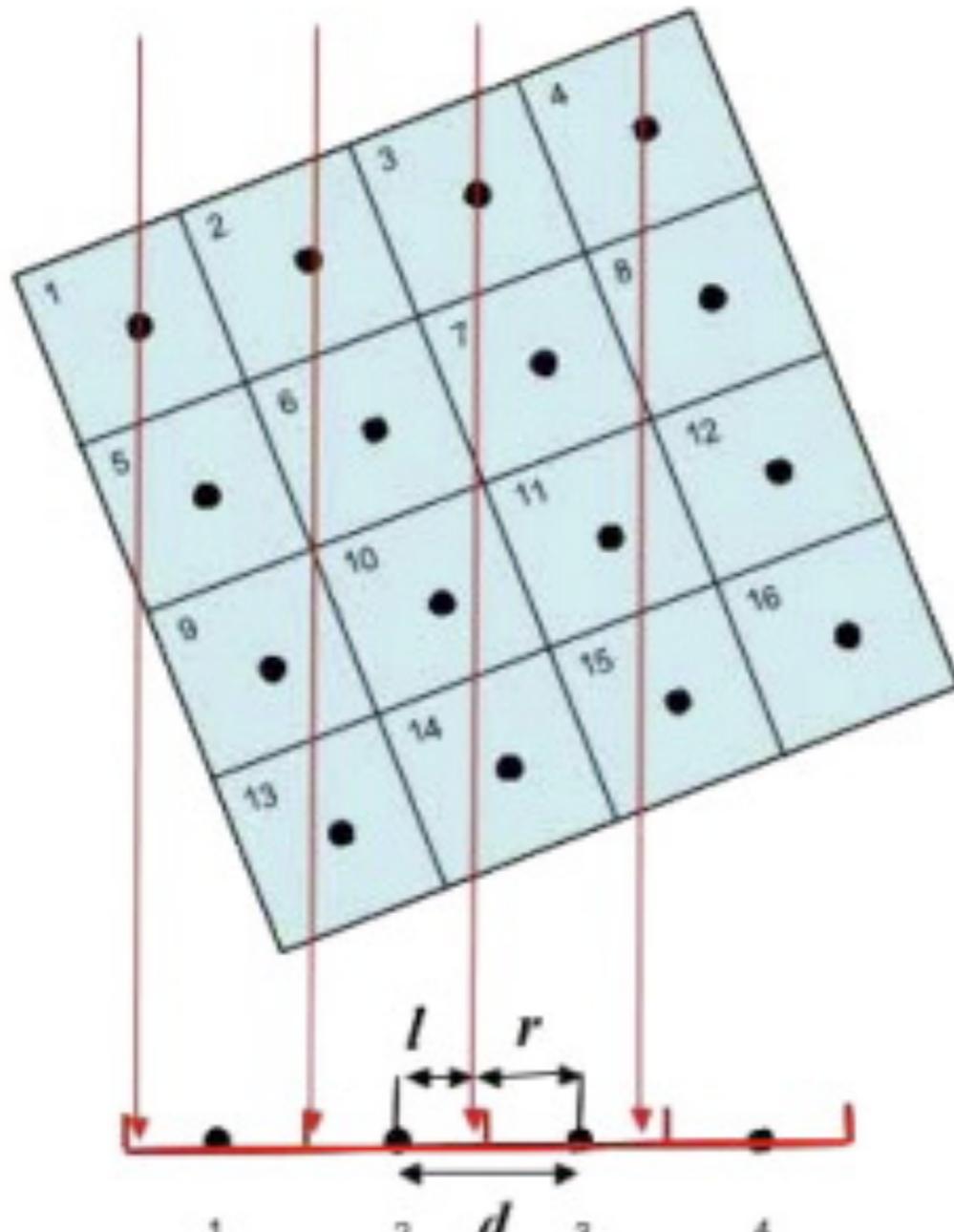


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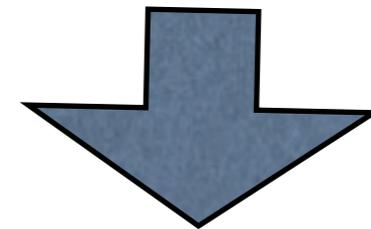
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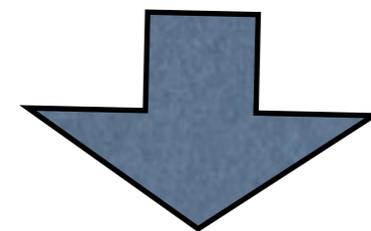
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All the spin involved in one given constraints are just neighboring spins on a line



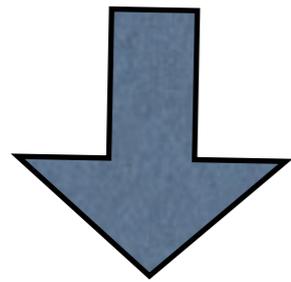
One needs to estimates the marginal of variables on a one-dimension chain in random field



Use BP!

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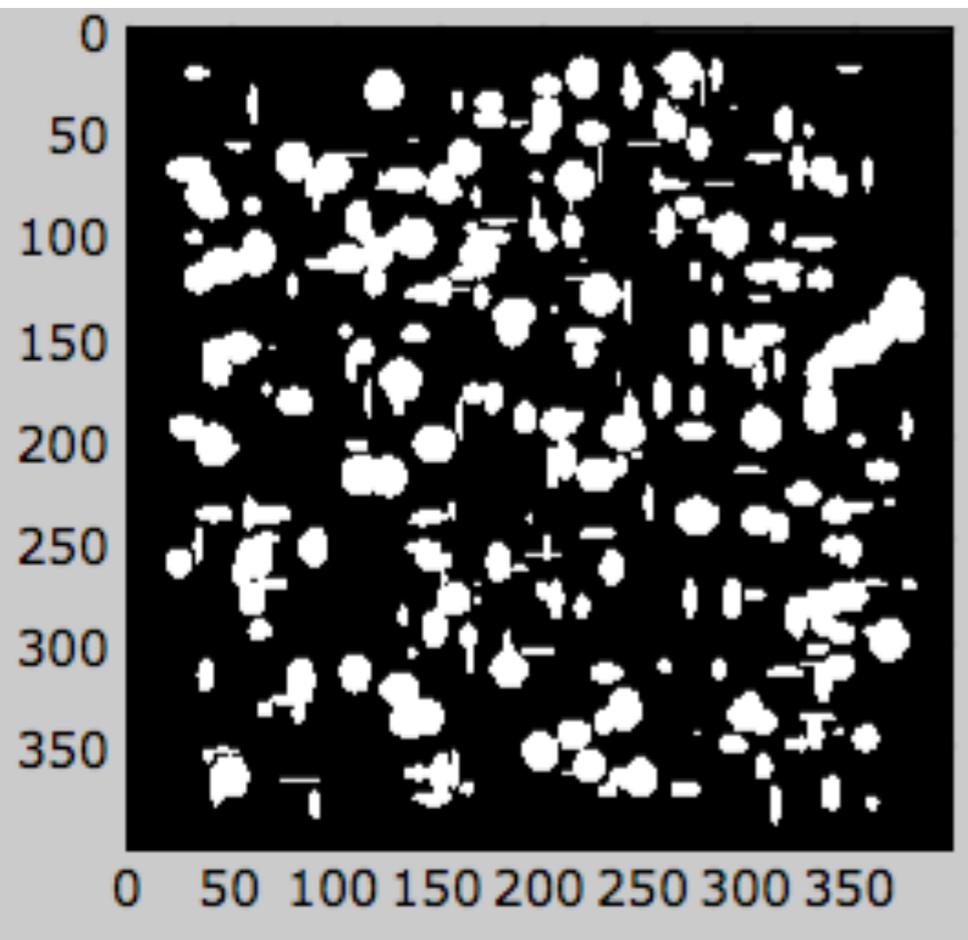


Replace the delta by a
Lagrange multiplier (magnetic field)

$$\tilde{m}_{\mu \rightarrow i}(\sigma_i) \propto \sum_{\sigma \in \mu \neq i} e^{H \sum_i S_i} e^{J_\mu \sum_{j \in \mu} \sigma_j \sigma_{j+1} + \sum_{j \in \mu \neq i} h_{j \rightarrow \mu}}$$

Find H such that the delta constraint is satisfied
(by Dichotomy or using Newton method)

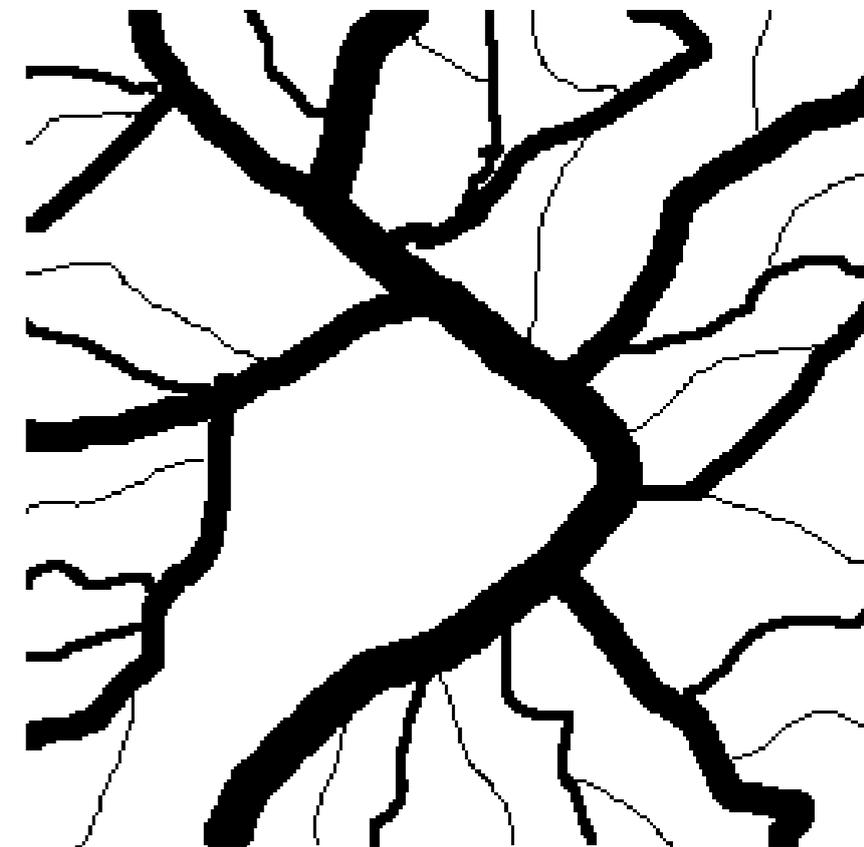
BP at works...



30 angles



14 angles



17 angles

Fast, and need for only few projections

Robust to noise!

Adding a noise to the projections

From 6 angles...



Original

BP

Continuous
+ Total Variation

(i.e. LASSO-type problem)

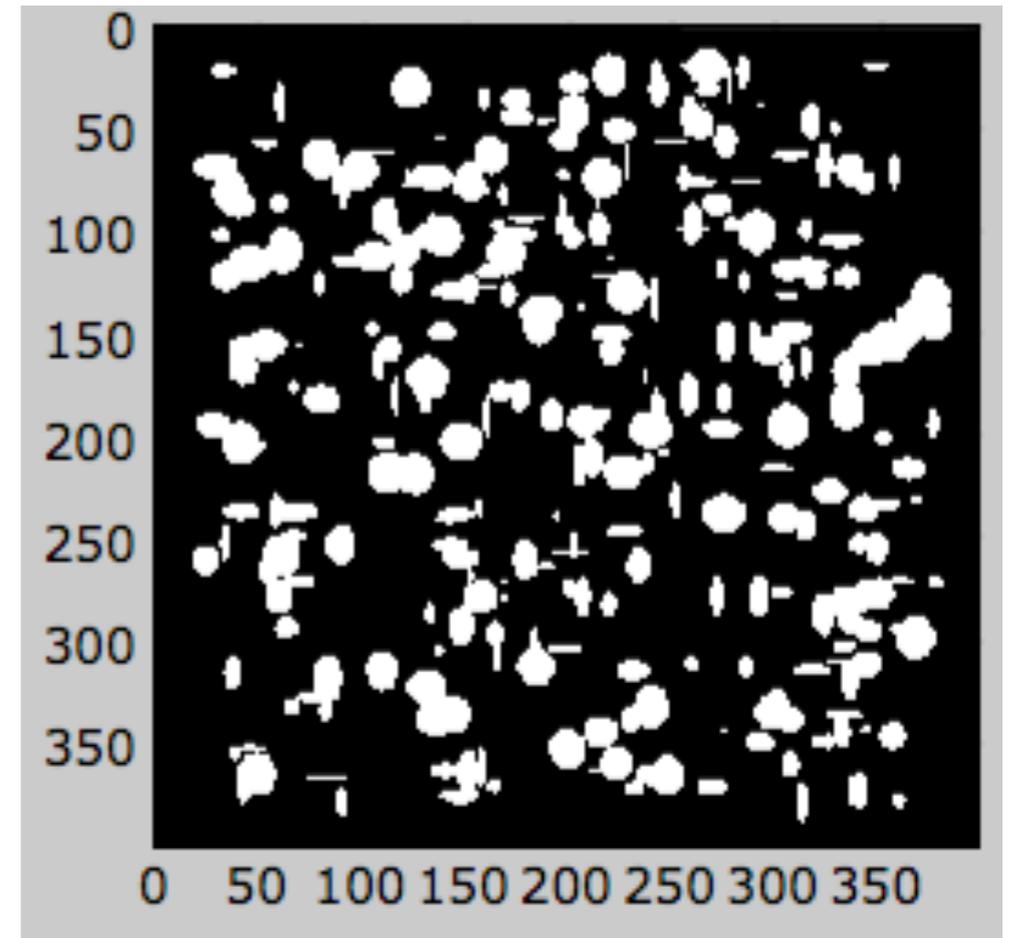
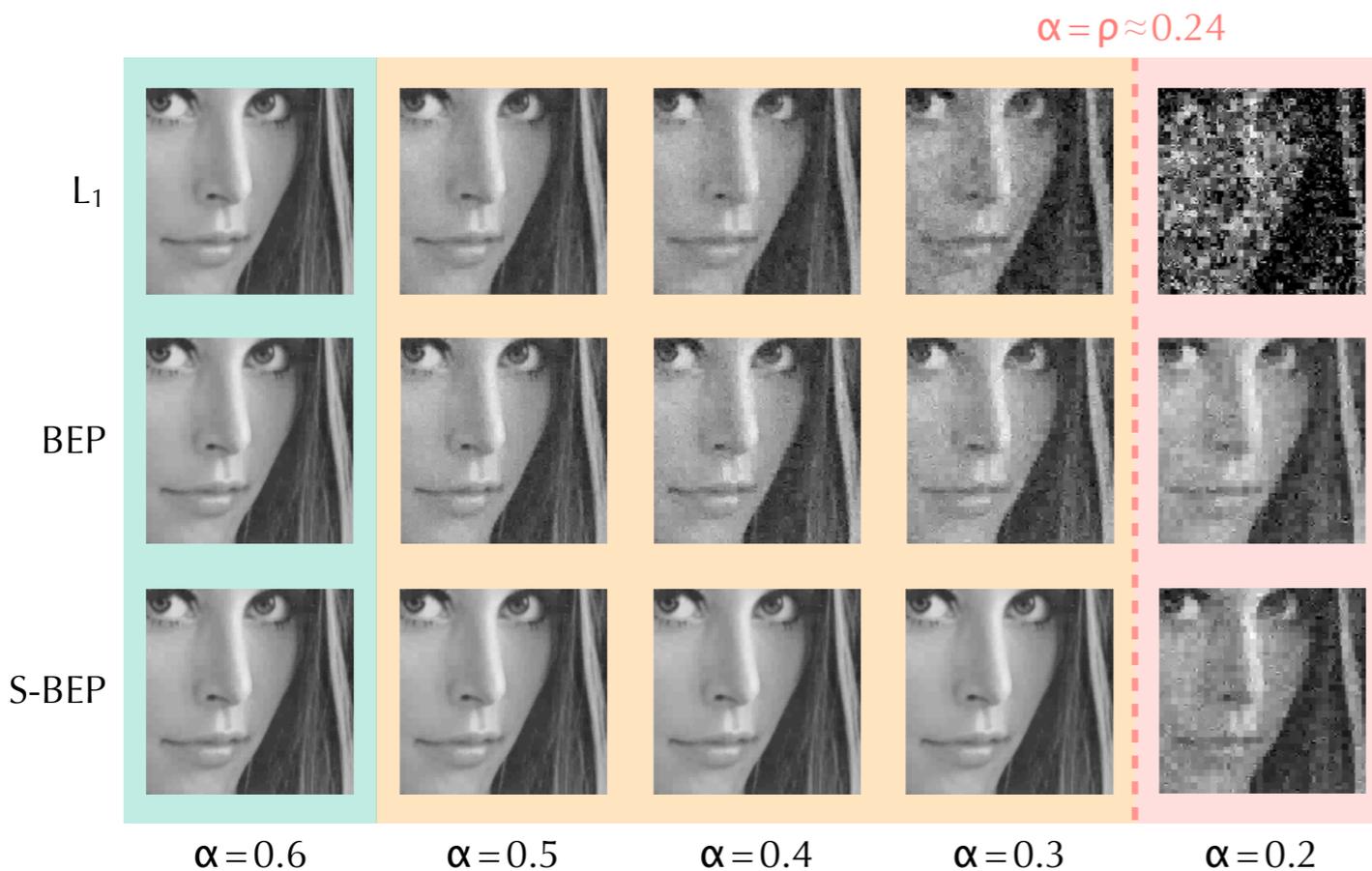
Conclusions...

- Probabilistic approach to reconstruction in tomography...
- ... with a Belief Propagation algorithm
- Ising model (BP in BP)

... and perspectives:

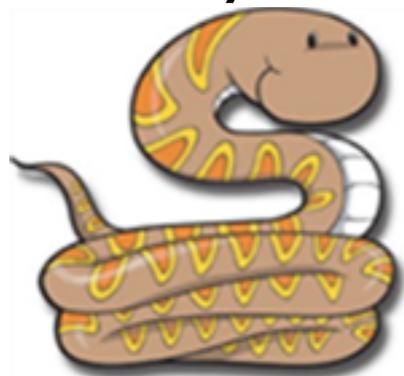
- Q-state and continuous tomographic reconstruction?
- Multi-scale approach?
- Generic message: LASSO type problems are often better to be replaced by a probabilistic approach with a BP algorithm.
-  Toward Applications!

Thanks for your attention



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