



# Phase transitions in low-rank matrix estimation

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<http://krzakala.github.io/LowRAMP/>

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# LOW-RANK MATRIX ESTIMATION

$$W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X X^T \quad X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r} \quad \text{unknown}$$

or

$$W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} U V^T \quad U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}, V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r} \quad \text{unknown}$$

Matrix  $W$  has low (finite) rank  $r \ll n, m$

$W$  is observed element-wise through a noisy channel:  $P_{\text{out}}(y_{ij} | w_{ij})$

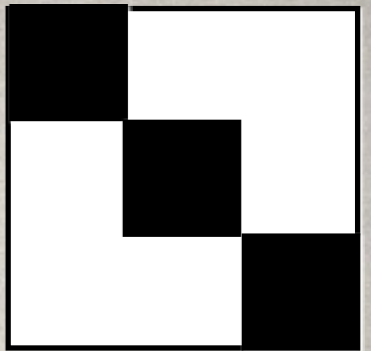
► Goal: Estimate unknown  $X$  (or  $U$  &  $V$ ) from known  $Y$ .

# SOME EXAMPLES...

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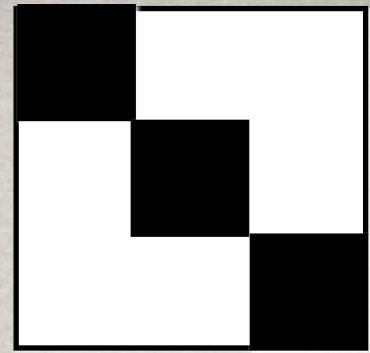
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r-dimensional variable (r=rank)



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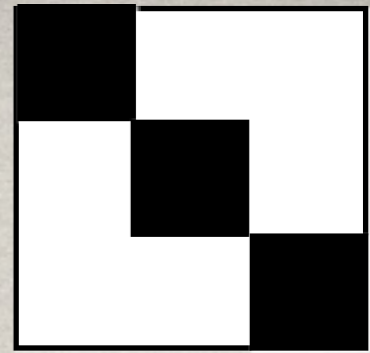
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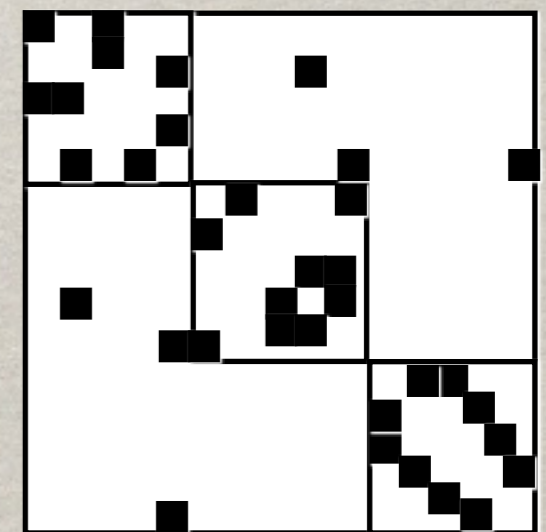
- Dense stochastic block model (community detection)

$$P_{\text{out}}(y_{ij} = 1 | w_{ij}) = p_{\text{out}} + \mu w_{ij}$$

$$P_{\text{out}}(y_{ij} = 0 | w_{ij}) = 1 - p_{\text{out}} - \mu w_{ij}$$

$$p_{\text{in}} = p_{\text{out}} + \mu / \sqrt{n}$$

$$\Delta = \frac{p_{\text{out}}(1 - p_{\text{out}})}{\mu^2}.$$



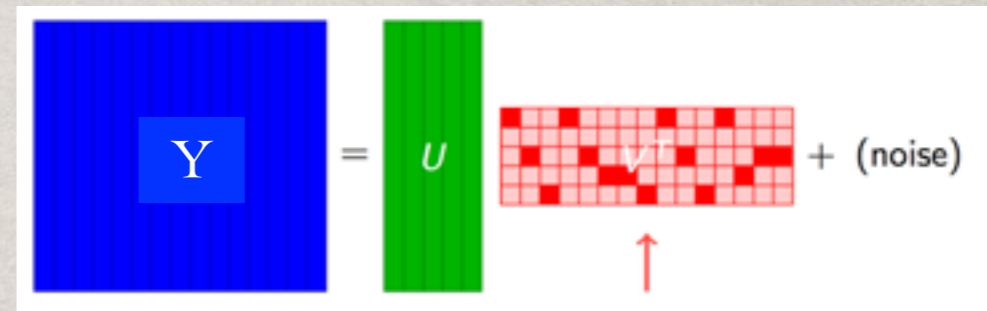
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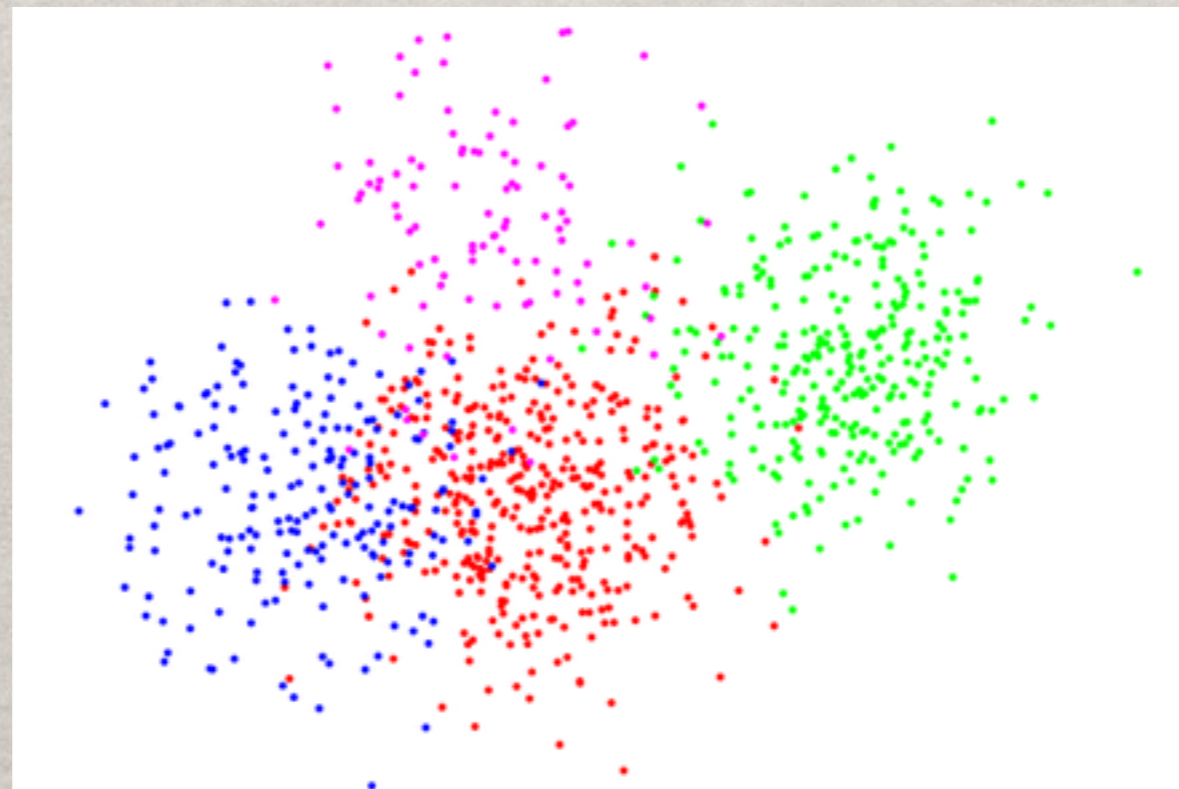
$$u_i^T = (v_i^1, \dots, v_i^R) \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$v_i^T = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} UV^T + \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$



- Additive white Gaussian noise (clustering mixture of Gaussians)



(Goal: Estimate unknown  $U$  and  $V$  from known  $Y$ .)

# EVEN MORE EXAMPLES...

- Sparse PCA, robust PCA
- Collaborative filtering (low rank matrix completion)
- 1-bit Collaborative filtering (like/unlike)
- Bi-clustering
- Planted clique (cf. Andrea Montanari yesterday)
- etc...



# QUESTIONS

Many interesting problems can be formulated this way

📌 Q1: When is it possible to perform a good factorization?

📌 Q2: When is it algorithmically tractable ?

📌 Q3: How good are spectral methods (main tool) ?

📌 *Yesterday*: Andrea taught us how to analyze AMP for such problems with the state evolution approach.

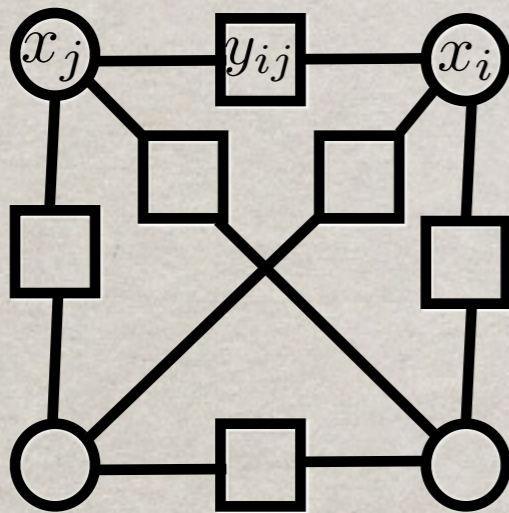
📌 *Today*: We continue in this direction and answer these questions in a probabilistic setting, with instances randomly generated from a model.

# PROBABILISTIC SETTING

Assume  $X$  is generated from  $P(X) = \prod_{i=1}^n P_X(x_i)$

The posterior distribution reads

$$P(X|Y) = \frac{1}{Z(Y)} \prod_{i=1}^n P_X(x_i) \prod_{i<j} P_{\text{out}} \left( y_{ij} \mid \frac{x_i^T x_j}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$



Graphical model where  $y_{ij}$  are pair-wise observations of variables

MMSE estimator (minimal error)

Marginals probability of the posterior

## EXACTLY SOLVABLE ?

When  $P_X$  and  $P_{\text{out}}$  known,  $n \rightarrow \infty, r = O(1)$

Approximate message passing = dense-factor-graph simplifications of belief propagation, hopefully asymptotically exact marginals of the posterior distribution.

Exact analysis possible with statistical-physics style methods

Many rigorous proofs possible when one works a bit harder

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$$\mathbf{B}^t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{a}^t - \frac{1}{\Delta} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_i v_i^t \right) \mathbf{a}^{t-1}$$

$$A^t = \frac{1}{n\Delta} \mathbf{a}^t \cdot \mathbf{a}^t$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{\mathbf{Y}}{\Delta}$$

Mean and variance  
of the marginals:

$$a_i^{t+1} = f(A^t, B_i^t)$$

$$v_i^{t+1} = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial B} \right) (A^t, B_i^t)$$

- First written for rank  $r=1$  in [Rangan, Fletcher'12](#)

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Dependence on the prior only via a “thresholding function”  $f(A, B)$  given by the expectation of:

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(A, B)} P_X(x) \exp \left( B^\top x - \frac{x^\top A x}{2} \right)$$

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**Note:** for  $x=\pm 1$ , these are nothing but the TAP equations for the Ising Sherrington-Kirkpatrick model (on the Nishimori line)

$$a_i^{t+1} = \tanh(B_i^t)$$

$$v_i^{t+1} = 1 - (a_i^{t+1})^2$$

# STATE EVOLUTION

Single letter characterization of the AMP

$$M^t = \frac{1}{n} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{\text{AMP}} \cdot \mathbf{x}$$

$$M^{t+1} = \mathbb{E}_{x, \xi} \left[ f \left( \frac{M^t}{\Delta}, \frac{M^t}{\Delta} x + \sqrt{\frac{M^t}{\Delta}} \xi \right) x \right]$$

Depends on the channel only through its Fisher information.  
1-parameter family of channels having the same MMSE.

cf. Yesterday's talk: rigorously proven in  
Montanari, Bayati '10 - Montanari, Deshpande '14

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**Note:** for  $x = \pm 1$ , these are nothing but the replica symmetric equations for the Ising Sherrington-Kirkpatrick model (on the Nishimori line)

$$M^{t+1} = \int dx \mathcal{D}\xi \tanh \left( \frac{M^t}{\Delta} x + \sqrt{\frac{M^t}{\Delta}} \xi \right)$$



# REPLICA MUTUAL INFORMATION

Most quantities of interest can be computed from the Mutual Information  
(free energy for physicist)

$$I(X; Y) = \int dx dy P(x, y) \log \left( \frac{P(x, y)}{P(x)P(y)} \right)$$

The replica methods predicts an asymptotic formula for  $i = I/n$ :

$$i_{\text{RS}}(m) = \frac{m^2 + [\mathbb{E}_x(x^2)]^2}{4\Delta} - \mathbb{E}_{x,z} \left[ \mathcal{J} \left( \frac{m}{\Delta}, \frac{mx}{\Delta} + \sqrt{\frac{m}{\Delta}} z \right) \right]$$

$$\text{with } \mathcal{J}(A, B) = \log \int e^{Bx - Ax^2/2} p(x) dx$$

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**FACT:** The state evolution recursion for AMP is a fixed point of  $i_{\text{RS}}(m)$

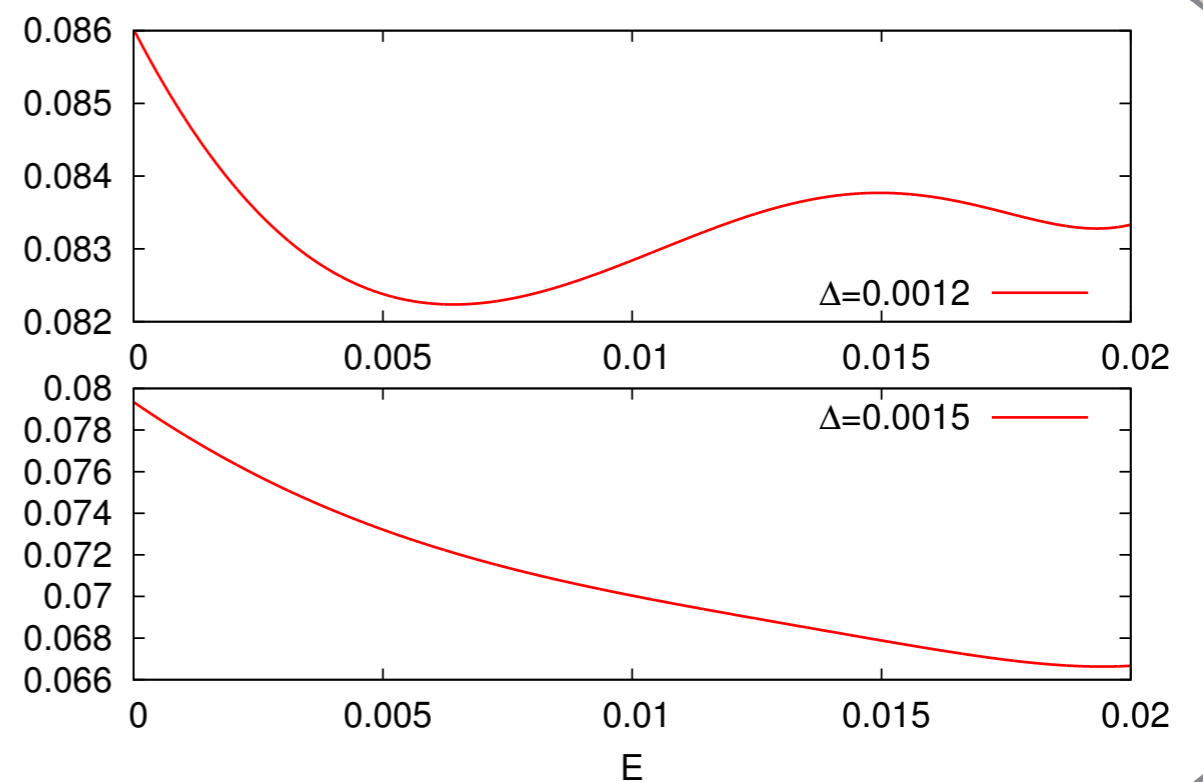
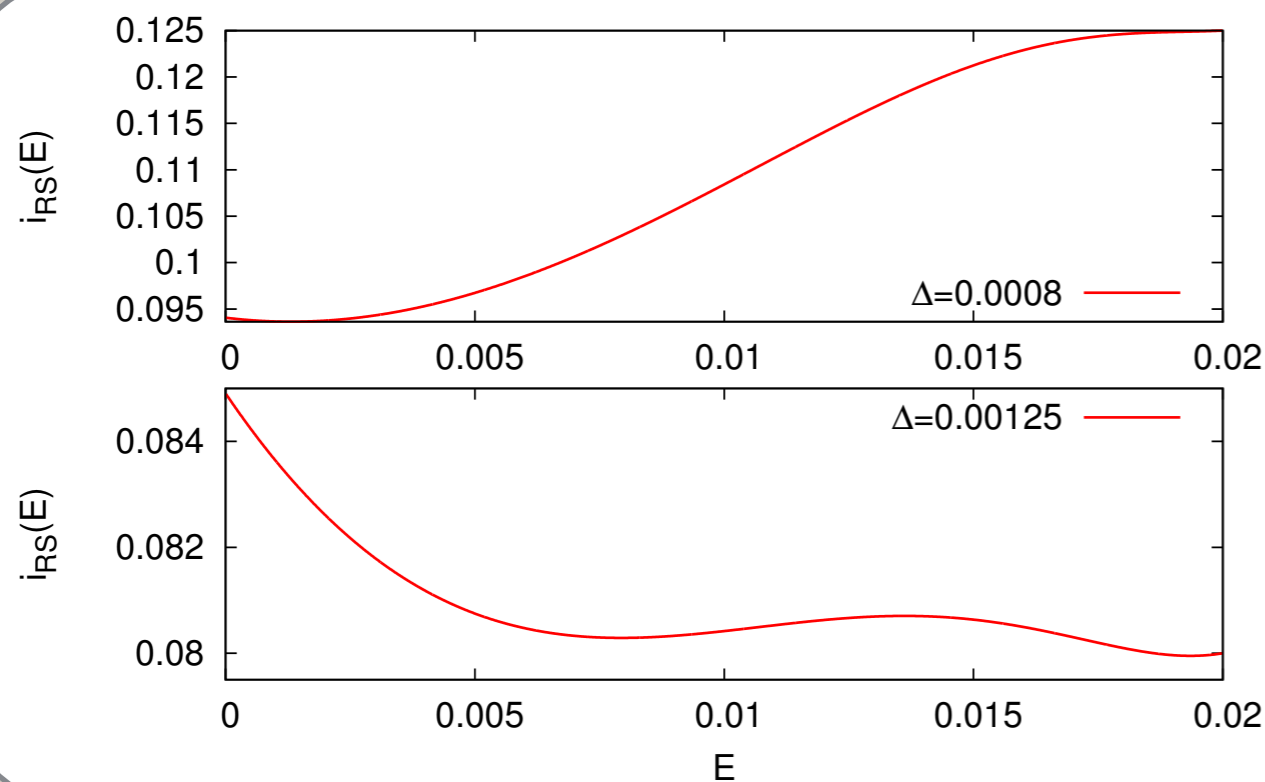
**CONJECTURE:**  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I(X; Y)}{n} = \min_m i_{\text{RS}}(m)$

# REPLICA MUTUAL INFORMATION

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Good for AMP

Bad for AMP



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$$E = MSE_{AMP}^{vector} = \mathbb{E}[x^2] - m$$

# REPLICA MUTUAL INFORMATION

Can we prove  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I(X; Y)}{n} = \min_m i_{rs}(m)$  ? **yes!**

$$i_{RS}(m) = \frac{m^2 + [\mathbb{E}_x(x^2)]^2}{4\Delta} - \mathbb{E}_{x,z} \left[ \mathcal{J} \left( \frac{m}{\Delta}, \frac{mx}{\Delta} + \sqrt{\frac{m}{\Delta}} z \right) \right]$$

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- \* Proven for “not-too-sparse” PCA (Montanari & Deshpande '14) and for symmetric community detection (Montanari, Abbe & Deshpande '16).
- \* Proven for the planted SK model by Korada & Macris '10

FK, Xu & Zdeborová '16 : Upper Bound  $\frac{I}{n} \leq i_{rs}(m)$   
(*Guerra Interpolation*)

Barbier, Dia, Macris, FK & Zdeborová '16:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I}{n} \geq \min_m i_{rs}(m)$   
(*Spatial coupling+thermodynamic integration/I-MMSE*)

# FORMULAS FOR UV<sup>T</sup>

## AMP

$$B_u^{t+1} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\Delta n}} X f_v(A_v^t, B_v^t) - \frac{1}{\Delta} \langle f_v'(A_v^t, B_v^t) \rangle f_u(A_u^{t-1}, B_u^{t-1})$$

$$A_u^{t+1} = \frac{1}{\Delta n} f_v(A_v^t, B_v^t) f_v(A_v^t, B_v^t)^T$$

$$B_v^{t+1} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\Delta n}} X^T f_s(A_s^t, B_s^t) - \frac{\alpha}{\Delta} \langle f_s'(A_s^t, B_s^t) \rangle f_v(A_v^{t-1}, B_v^{t-1})$$

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## State evolution

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$$M_v^t = \frac{1}{m} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{\text{AMP}} \cdot \mathbf{v} \quad M_v^{t+1} = \mathbb{E}_{v, \xi} \left[ f_v \left( \alpha \frac{M_u^t}{\Delta}, \alpha \frac{M_u^t}{\Delta} x + \sqrt{\alpha \frac{M_u^t}{\Delta}} \xi \right) v \right]$$

## Mutual information

$$i_{\text{RS}}(m_u, m_v) = \alpha \frac{m_u m_v + [\mathbb{E}(u^2)][\mathbb{E}(v^2)]}{2\Delta} - \mathbb{E}_{u, z} \left[ \mathcal{J}_u \left( \frac{m_v}{\Delta}, \frac{m_v u}{\Delta} + \sqrt{\frac{m_v}{\Delta}} z \right) \right] - \alpha \mathbb{E}_{v, z} \left[ \mathcal{J}_v \left( \frac{m_u}{\Delta}, \frac{m_u v}{\Delta} + \sqrt{\frac{m_u}{\Delta}} z \right) \right]$$

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# WHAT ABOUT OTHER CHANNELS?

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# CHANNEL UNIVERSALITY

$$w_{ij} = x_i^T x_j / \sqrt{n} \xrightarrow{P_{\text{out}}(y_{ij}|w_{ij})} y_{ij}$$

Dependence on the channel only via:

$$S_{ij} \equiv \left. \frac{\partial \log P_{\text{out}}(y_{ij}|w)}{\partial w} \right|_{y_{ij},0} \quad \text{Fisher-score matrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta} \equiv \mathbb{E}_{P_{\text{out}}(y|w=0)} \left[ \left( \left. \frac{\partial \log P_{\text{out}}(y|w)}{\partial w} \right|_{y,0} \right)^2 \right] \quad \text{Fisher information}$$

Effective Gaussian channel with  $y=\Delta S$

$$w_{ij} = x_i^T x_j / \sqrt{n} \xrightarrow{\text{AWGN}} y_{ij} = w_{ij} + \sqrt{\Delta} \xi$$

# CHANNEL UNIVERSALITY

## A physicist argument

*small quantity*  $\longrightarrow$   $W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X X^T$

$$P_{\text{out}}(Y_{ij}|W_{ij}) = e^{\log P_{\text{out}}(Y_{ij}|W_{ij})} = P_{\text{out}}(Y_{ij}|0) e^{W_{ij} S_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} W_{ij}^2 S'_{ij} + O(n^{-3/2})}$$

$n^2$  terms  $\longrightarrow$   $P_{\text{out}}(Y|W) = P_{\text{out}}(Y|0) e^{\sum_{i \leq j} (W_{ij} S_{ij} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} W_{ij}^2 S'_{ij}}_{\text{concentration}}) + O(\sqrt{n})}$

$$P_{\text{out}}(Y|W) \approx P_{\text{out}}(Y|0) e^{\sum_{i \leq j} (W_{ij} S_{ij} - \frac{1}{2\Delta} W_{ij}^2) + O(\sqrt{n})}$$

*Effective Gaussian posterior probability*

$$P(W|Y) \propto P(W) e^{-\frac{1}{2\Delta} \sum_{i \leq j} (\Delta S_{ij} - W_{ij})^2 + O(\sqrt{n})}.$$



# CHANNEL UNIVERSALITY

**Theorem I.1** (Channel Universality). Assume model (1) with a prior  $p(x)$  having a finite support, and the output channel  $P_{\text{out}}(y|w)$  such that at  $w = 0$ ,  $\log P_{\text{out}}(y|w)$  is thrice differentiable with bounded second and third derivatives and  $\mathbb{E}_{P_{\text{out}}(y|0)}[|\partial_w \log P_{\text{out}}(y|w)|_{w=0}|^3] = O(1)$ . Then the mutual information per variable satisfies

$$I(\mathbf{W}; \mathbf{Y}) = I(\mathbf{W}; \mathbf{W} + \sqrt{\Delta} \boldsymbol{\xi}) + O(\sqrt{n}), \quad (2)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\xi}$  is a symmetric matrix such that  $\xi_{ij} \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  for  $i \leq j$ , and  $\Delta$  is the inverse Fisher information (evaluated at  $w=0$ ) of the channel  $P_{\text{out}}(y|w)$ :

$$\frac{1}{\Delta} \equiv \mathbb{E}_{P_{\text{out}}(y|0)} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \log P_{\text{out}}(y|w)}{\partial w} \Big|_{y,0} \right)^2 \right]. \quad (3)$$

arXiv:1603.08447 FK, Xu & Zdeborova '16

✓ Conjectured in Lesieur, FK & Zdeborova '15

✓ Rank 1 SBM used & proven in Abbe, Deshpande, Montanari '16

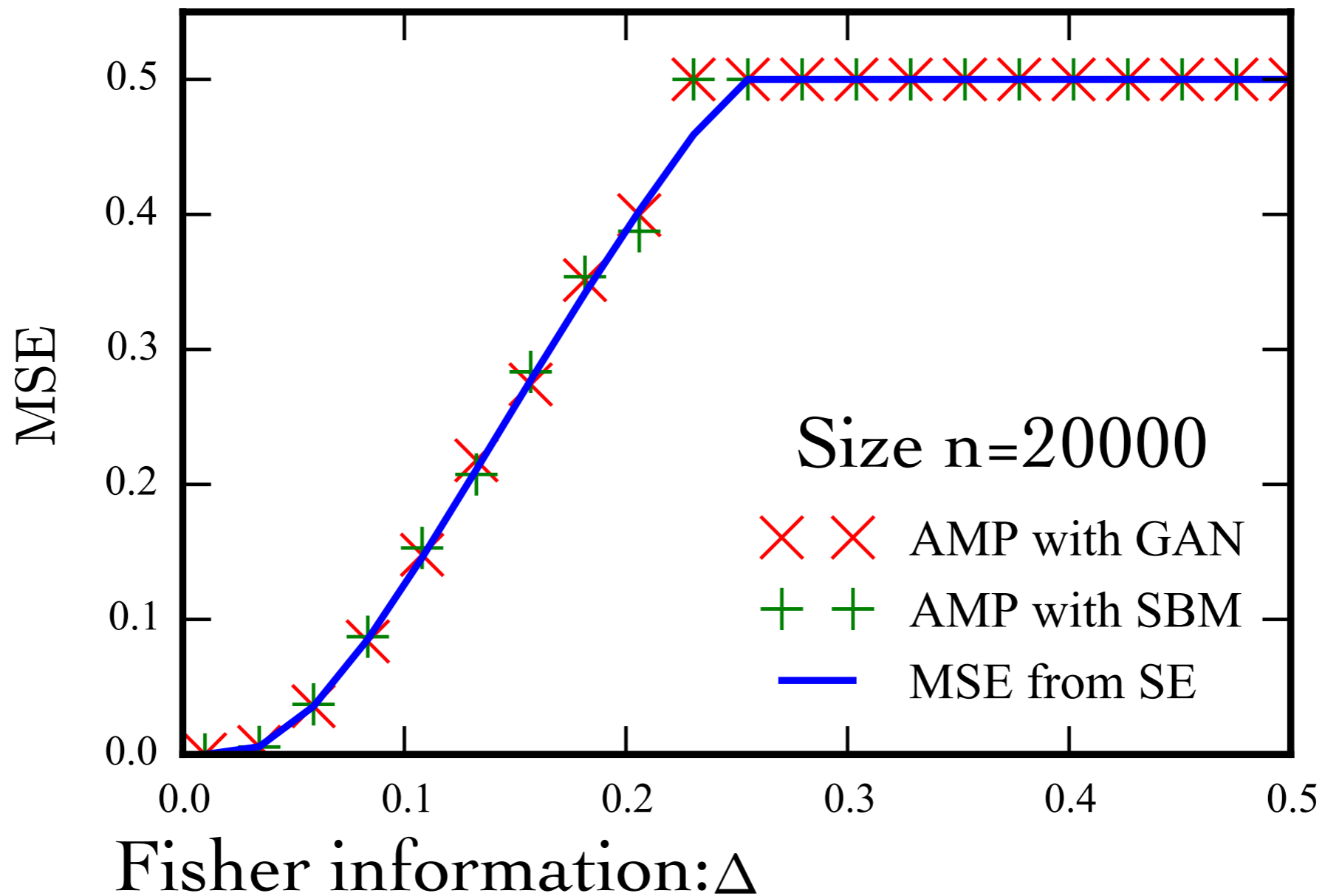
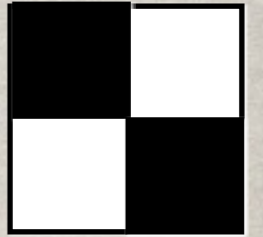
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# MINIMUM MEAN-SQUARED ERROR

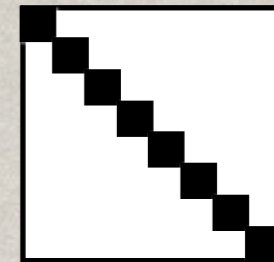
$$x_i^T = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) \quad W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X X^T \quad Y = P_{\text{out}}(W)$$

Rank  $r=2$

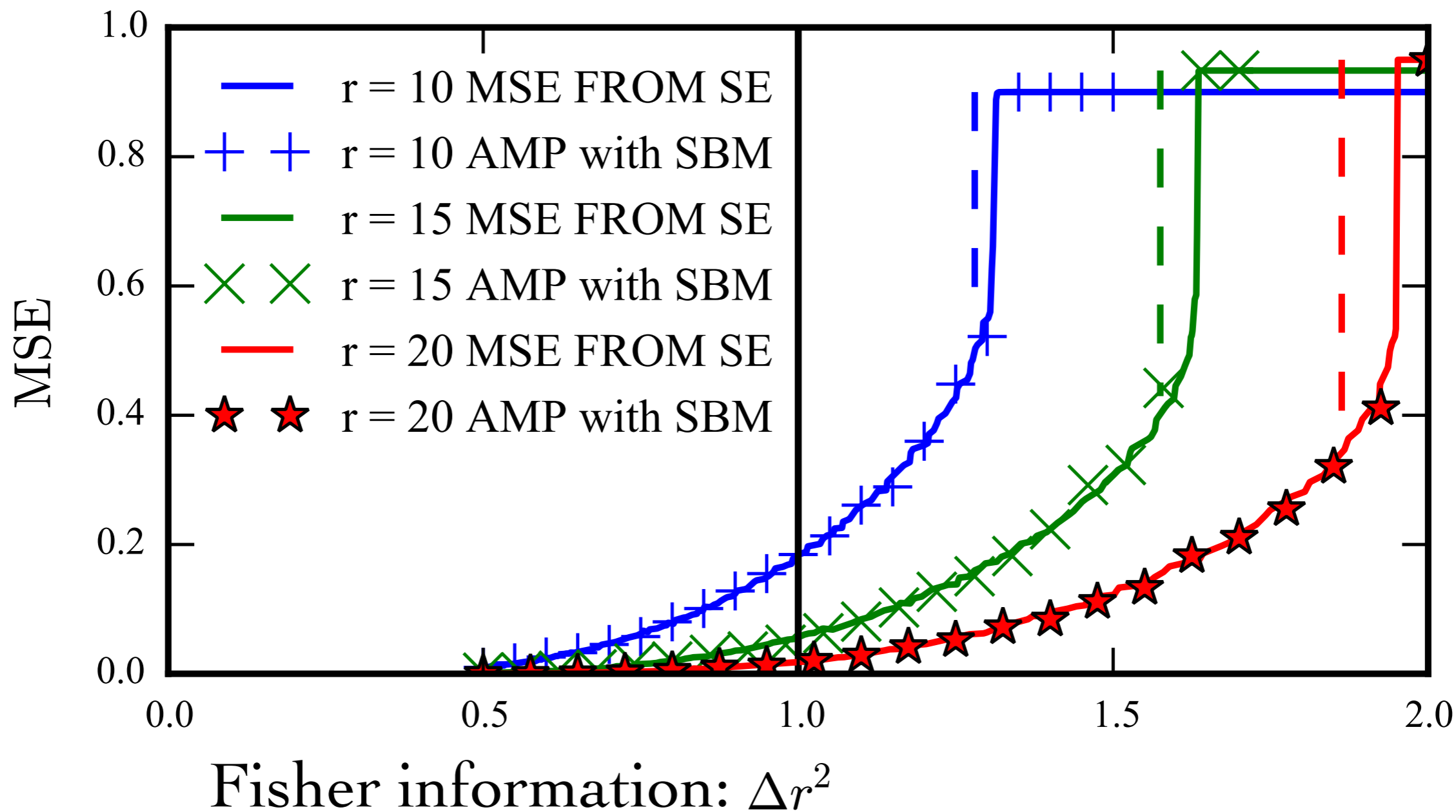


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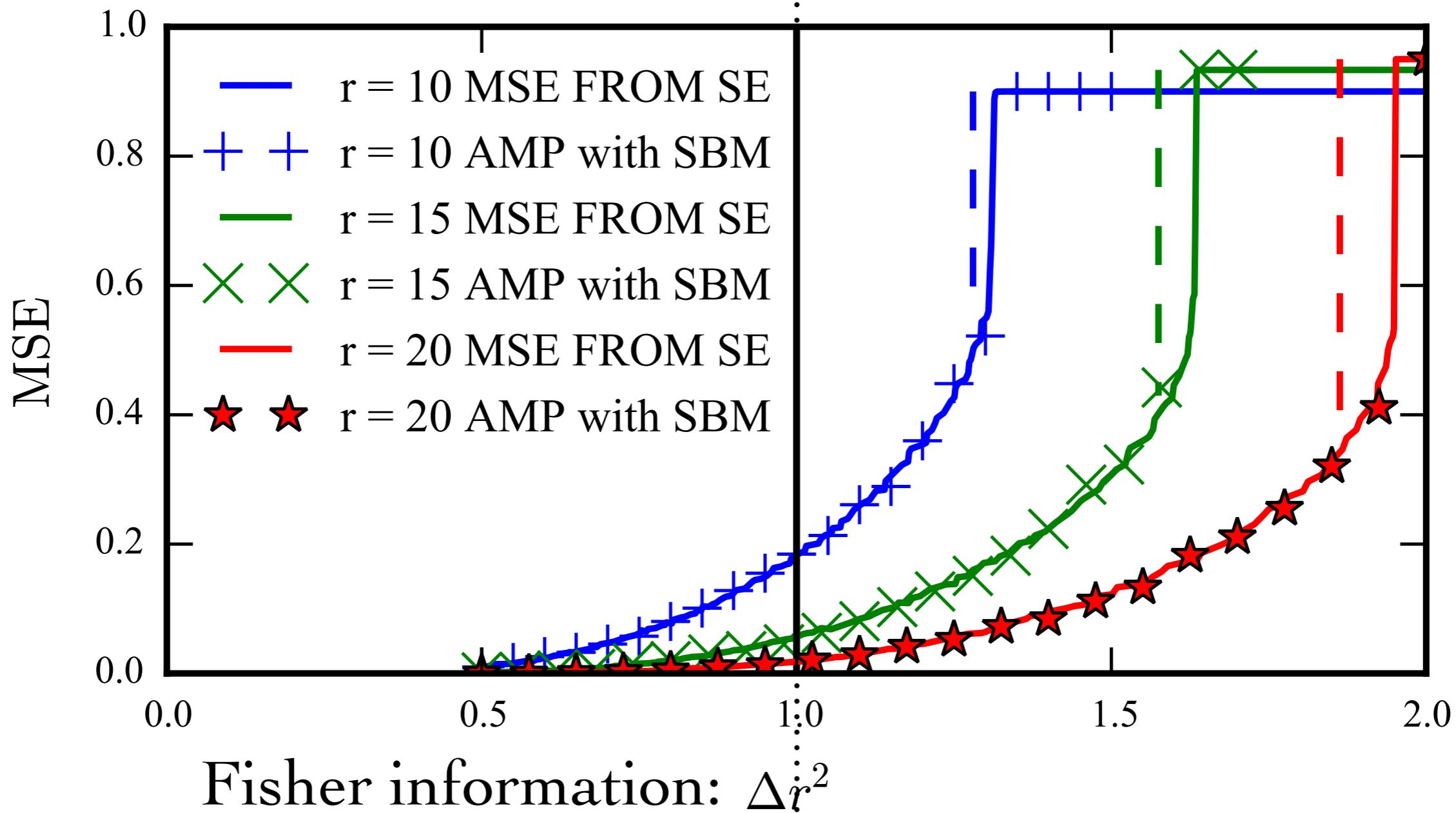
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Rank  $\geq 4$



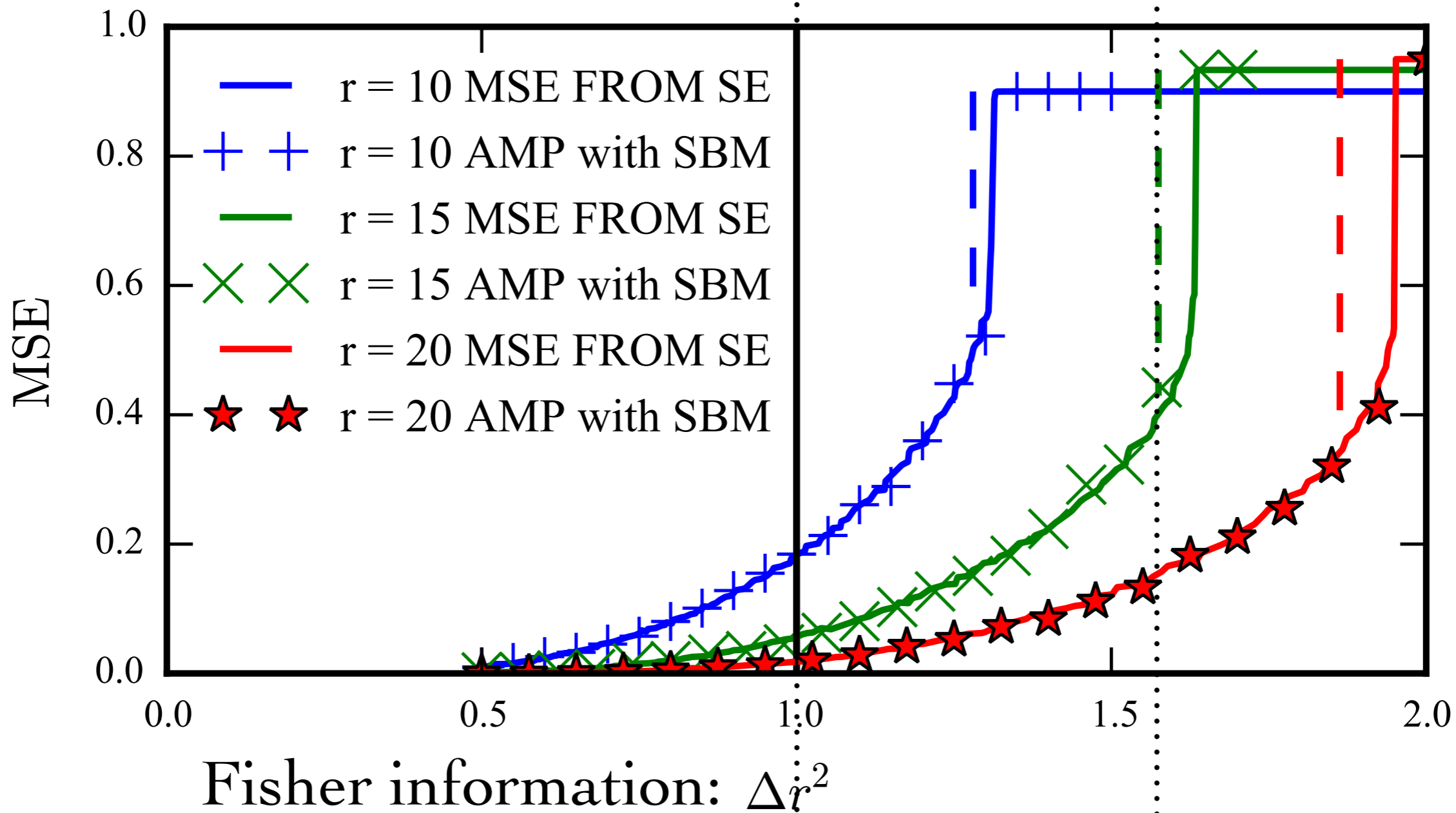
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EASY

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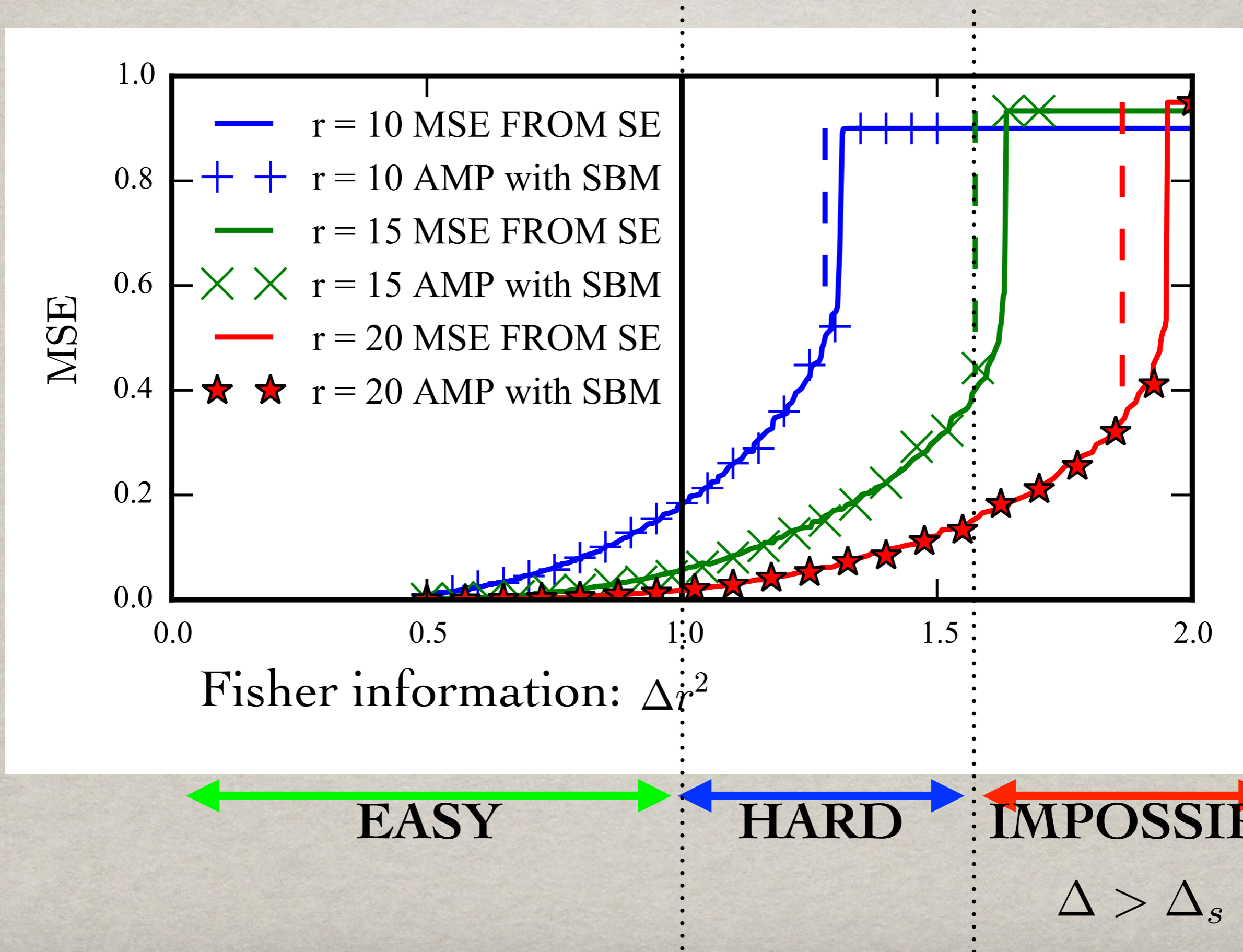
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**EASY** **HARD**

$$\Delta_c < \Delta < \Delta_s$$

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Same transition in spectral methods (~BBP'05)

► Easy phase  $\Delta < \frac{1}{r^2} = \Delta_c$

$$|p_{\text{in}} - p_{\text{out}}| > \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} r \sqrt{p_{\text{out}}(1 - p_{\text{out}})}.$$

Decelle, Moore, FK, Zdeborova'11

► Hard phase  $\frac{1}{r^2} < \Delta < \frac{1}{4r \ln(r)} [1 + o_r(1)] = \Delta_s$

Conjectured to be hard for all polynomial algorithms

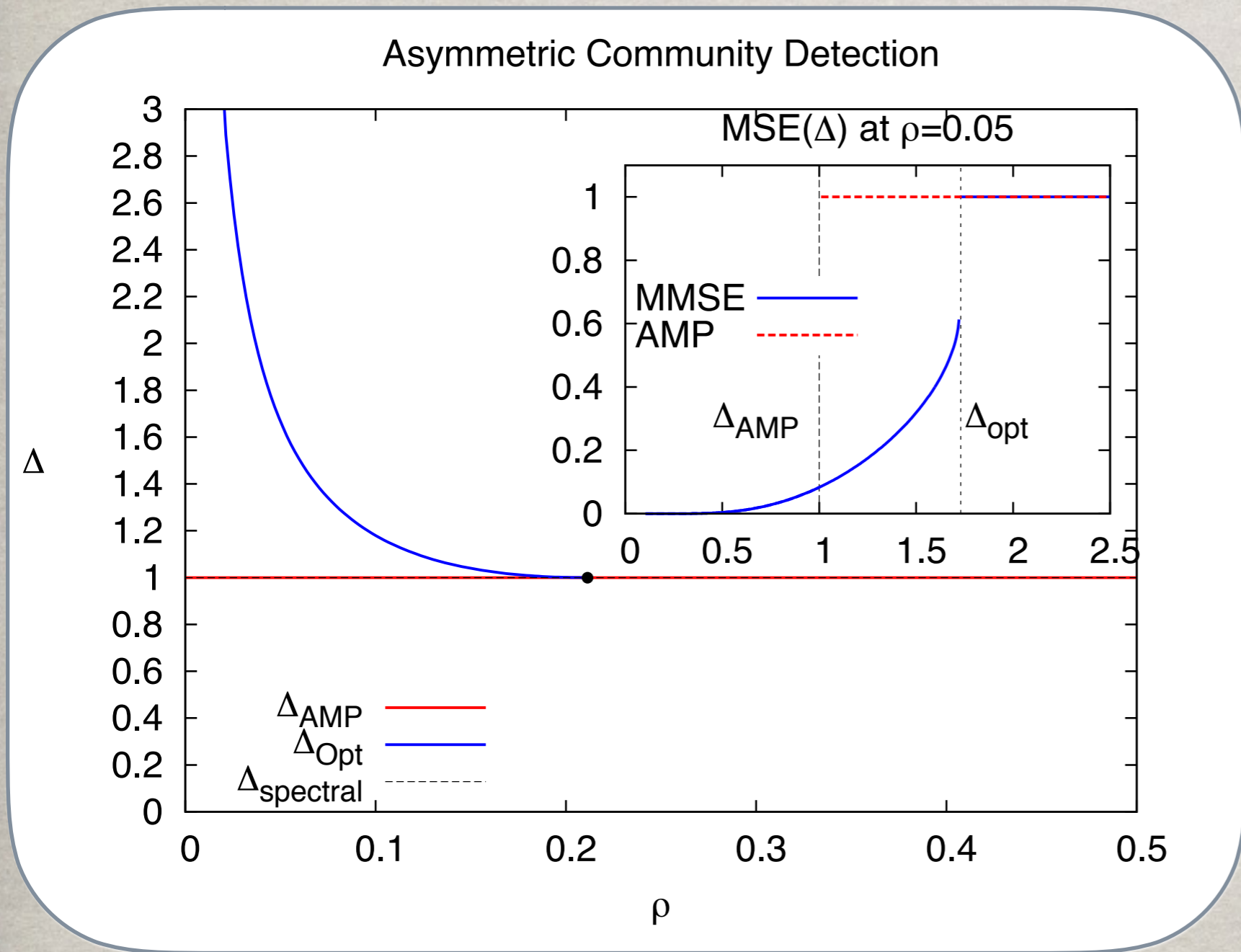
► Impossible phase  $\Delta > \frac{1}{4r \ln(r)} [1 + o_r(1)] = \Delta_s$

$$|p_{\text{in}} - p_{\text{out}}| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} 2 \sqrt{r \log r} \sqrt{p_{\text{out}}(1 - p_{\text{out}})}.$$

Related to Potts glass temperature (*Kanter, Gross, Sompolinsky'85*)



# NON-SYMMETRIC COMMUNITY DETECTION

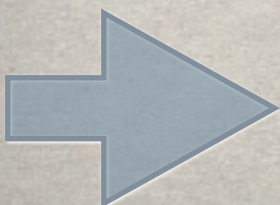


2 communities +/-  
 size +:  $\rho n$   
 size -:  $(1-\rho)n$

$$p_{++} = p + \mu \frac{1-\rho}{\rho\sqrt{n}}$$

$$p_{--} = p + \mu \frac{\rho}{(1-\rho)\sqrt{n}}$$

$$p_{+-} = p - \mu \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

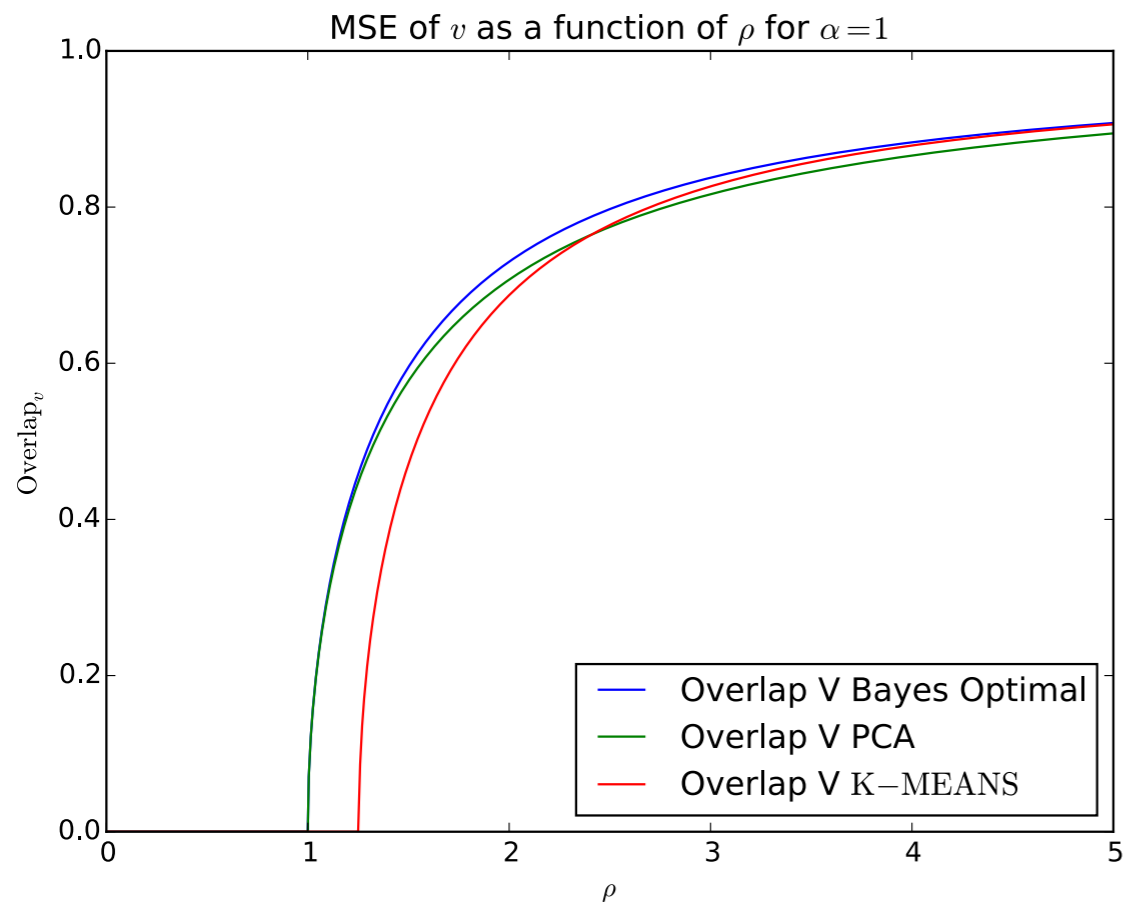


$$P(x) = \rho\delta\left(x - \sqrt{\frac{1-\rho}{\rho}}\right) + (1-\rho)\delta\left(x + \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{1-\rho}}\right)$$

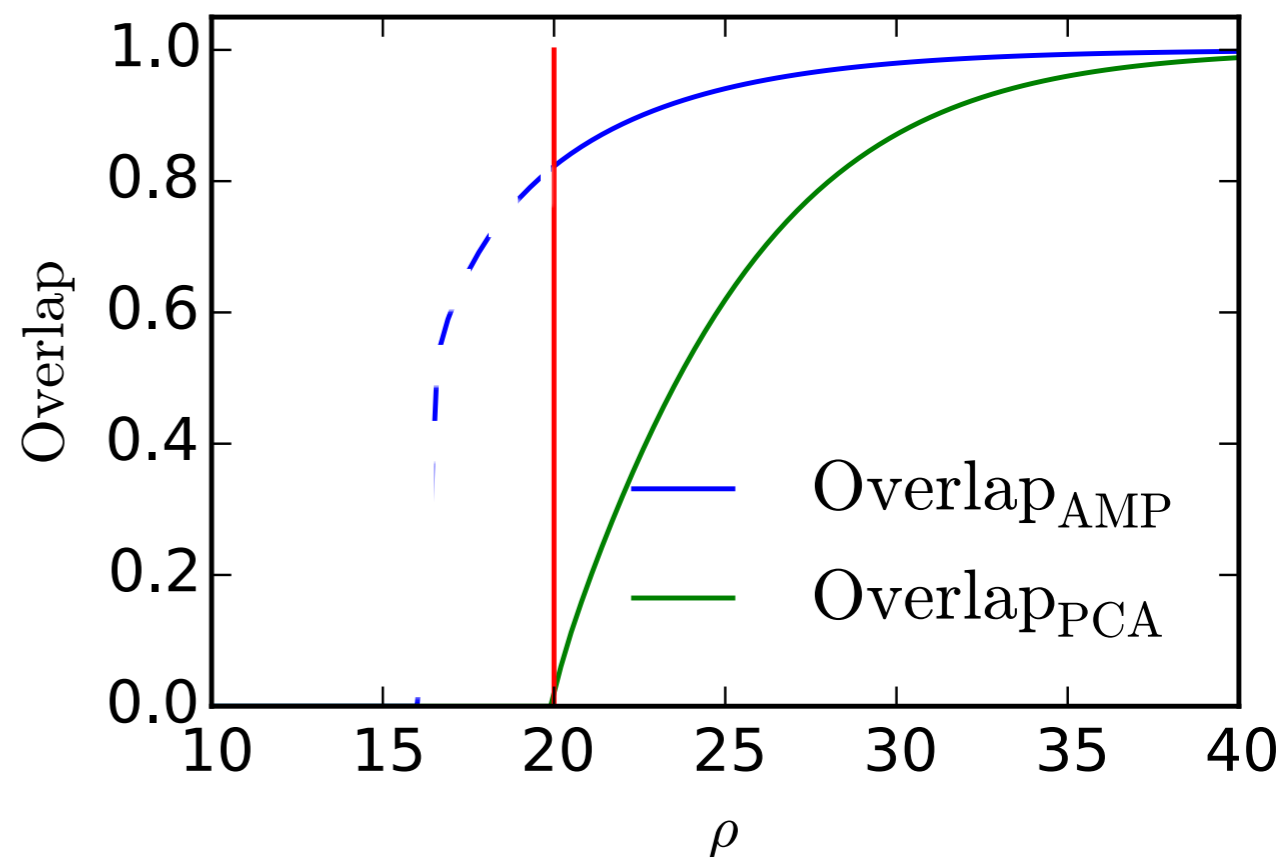
$$\Delta = \frac{p(1-p)}{\mu^2}$$

# CLUSTERING MIXTURES OF GAUSSIANS IN HIGH DIMENSIONS

2 groups



20 groups

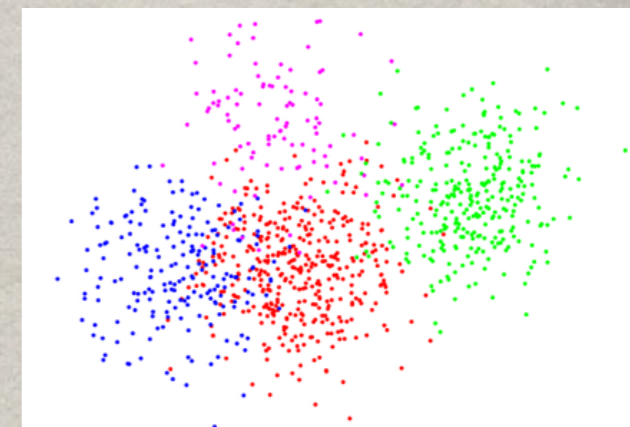
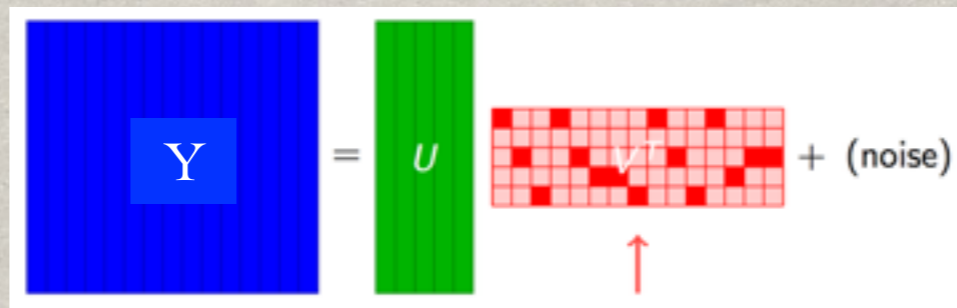


$$u_i^T = (v_i^1, \dots, v_i^R) \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\alpha = m/n = 1$$

$$v_i^T = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} UV^T + \mathcal{N}(0, 1/\rho)$$

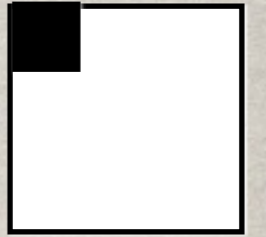


► Algorithm first proposed by [Matsushita, Tanaka '13](#)

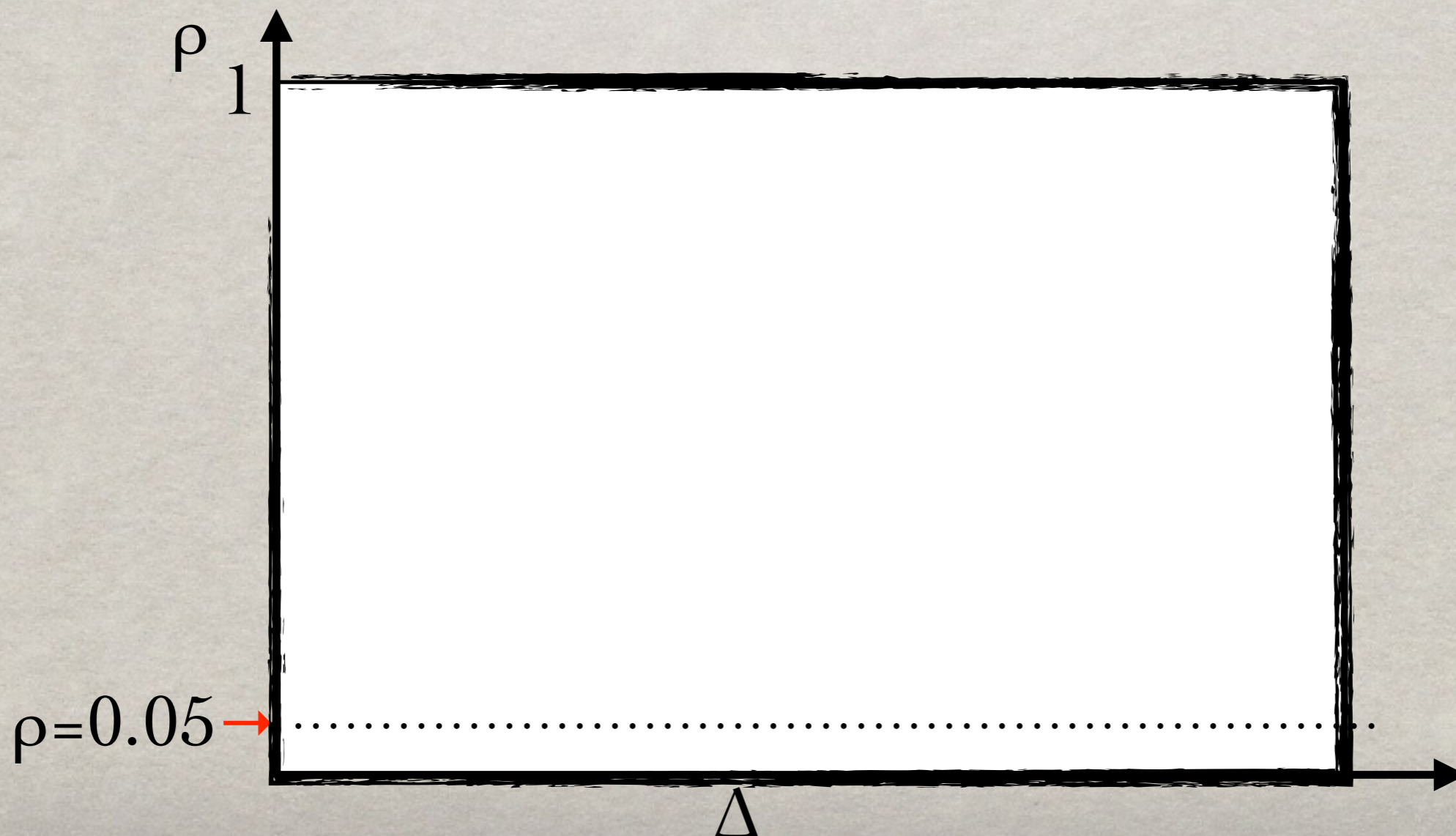
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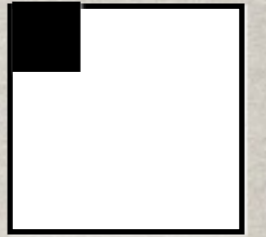
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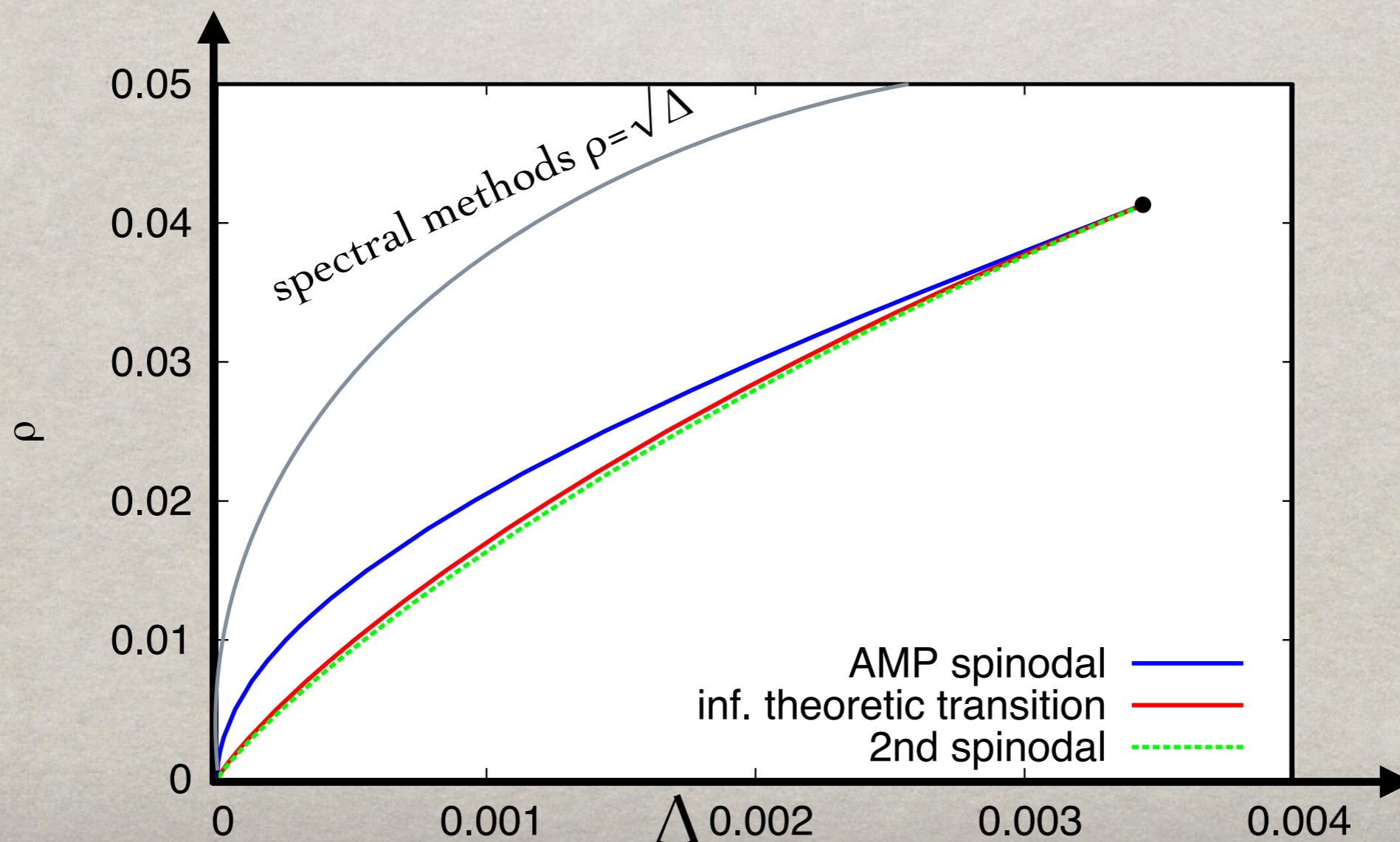
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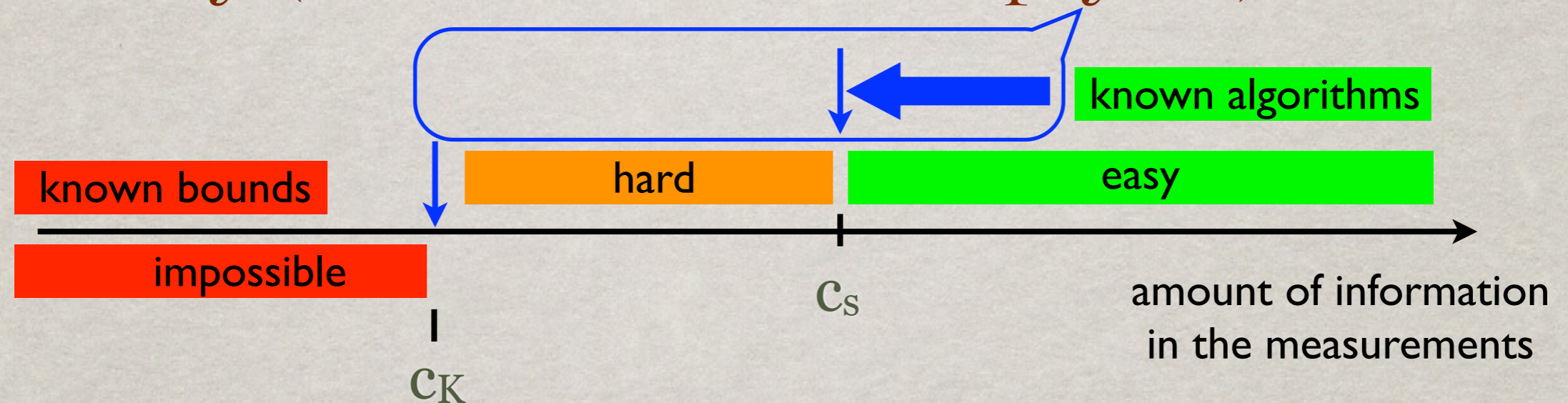


AMP achieved the optimal MMSE everywhere  
EXCEPT between the blue and red curves



# EASY, HARD AND IMPOSSIBLE INFERENCE

- A very common phenomena: Information is hidden by metastability (1st order transition in physics)



- The hard phase quantified also in: planted constraint satisfaction, compressed sensing, stochastic block model, dictionary learning, blind source separation, sparse PCA, error correcting codes, hidden clique problem, others ....

- Conjecture: hard for all polynomial algorithms

# OUTLINE

- 1) Message passing, State evolution, Mutual information
- 2) Universality property
- 3) Main results
- 4) Sketch of proof

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**Result 1 [FK, Xu & Zdeborová] : Upper Bound**

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(note that this is true at any value of  $n$ , not only asymptotically)

**Method: Guerra's interpolation+Nishimori identities**

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$$\frac{I(x; Y)}{n} = i_{rs}(m) - \int_0^1 dt \frac{(m - \mathbb{E}_t[xx_0])^2}{4\Delta} < i_{rs}(m)$$

**Remark:** for estimation problems, Guerra's interpolation yields an upper bound while in the usual case (i.e. CSP) it yields a lower bound

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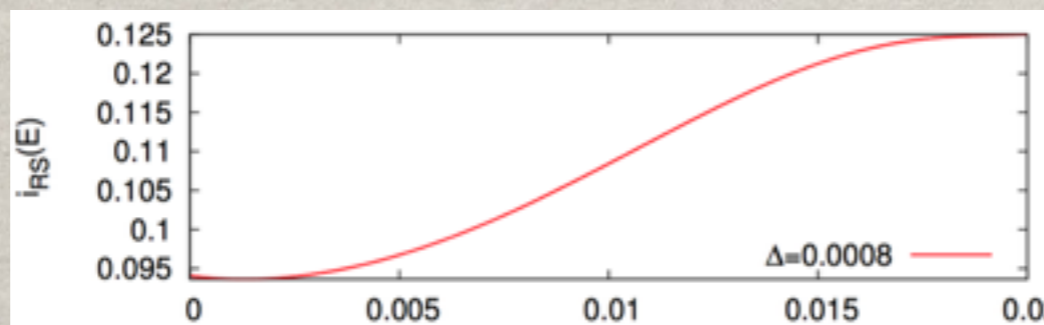
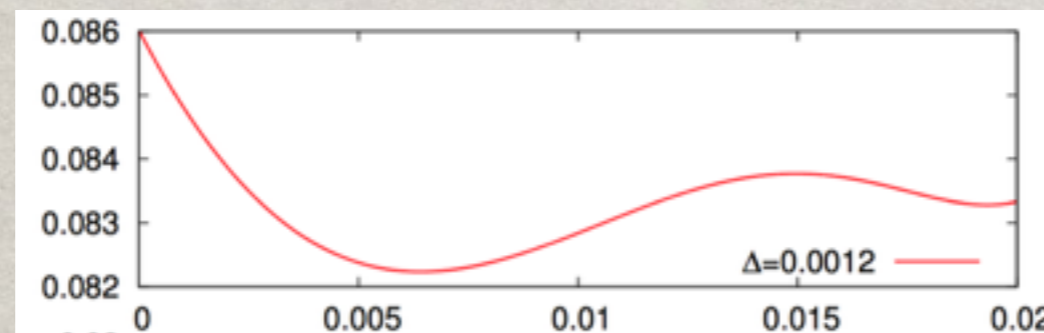
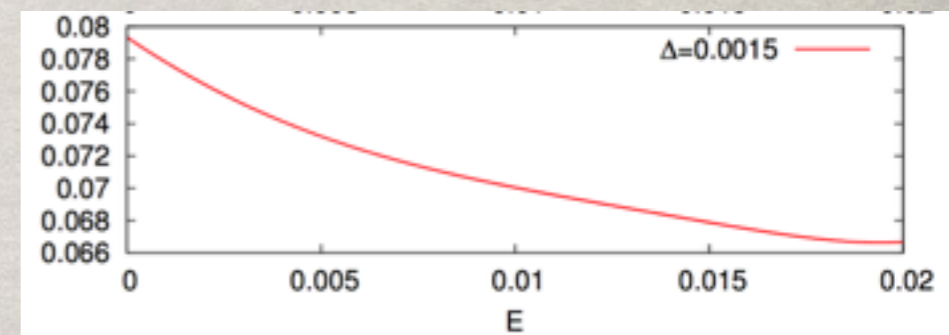
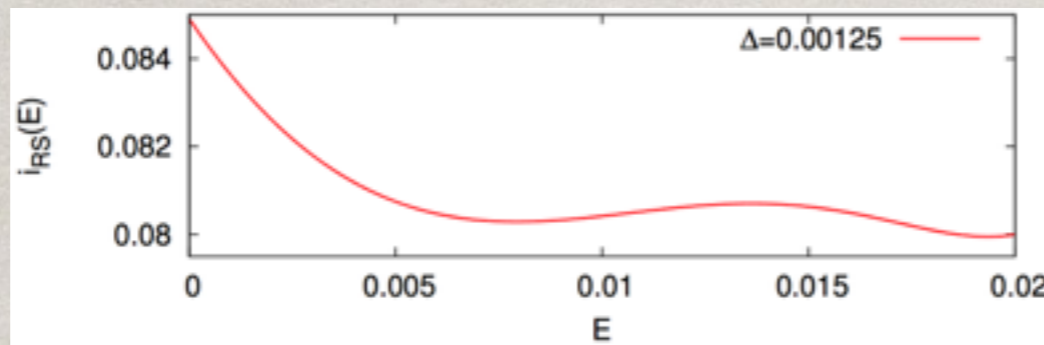
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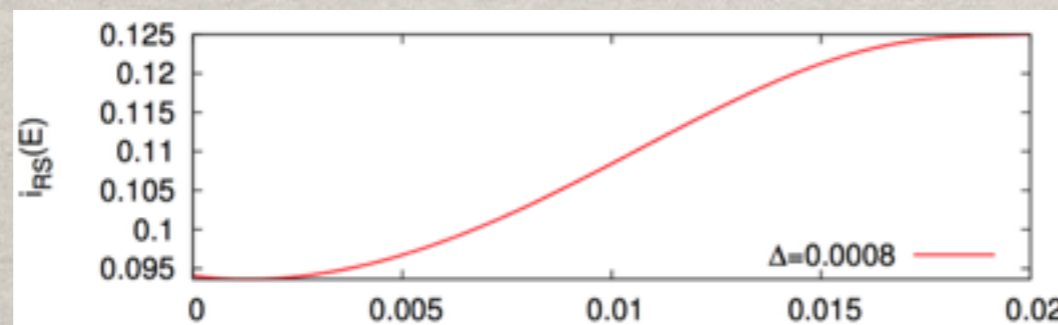


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Step 2: Prove that the true thermodynamic potential is analytic until  $\Delta_{RS}$

This is the hardest part. Sketch:

- 1) Map the problem to its “spatially coupled” version
- 2) Prove both models have the same mutual information  
(with Guerra’s type interpolation)
- 3) Prove the spatially coupled version is analytic until  $\Delta_{RS}$   
(Threshold saturation)

More in Nicolas Macris's talk this afternoon

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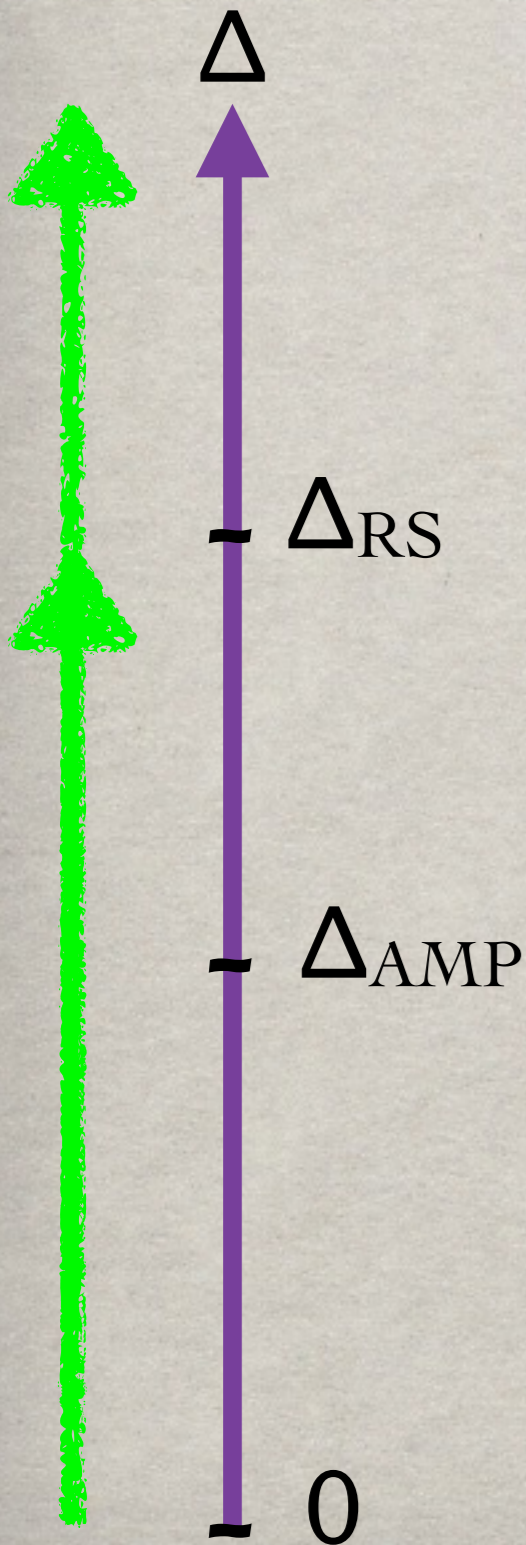
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## Step 3:

For  $\Delta > \Delta_{RS}$ ,

AMP provides back the MMSE  
Use again the I-MMSE theorem

from  $\Delta_{RS}$  to  $\Delta > \Delta_{RS}$



# CONCLUSIONS

- ▶ MMSE in a random setting of the low-rank matrix estimation evaluated (*Proven rigorously for symmetric problems, open for generic  $UV^T$  factorization*).
- ▶ Promising proof strategy for the replica formula in estimation problems (possible generalization for larger ranks, tensors, etc...)
- ▶ Dependence on the output channel through its Fisher information: *universality*
- ▶ Two phase transitions: an algorithmic one and an information theoretic one. Sometimes equal, but not always; AMP reach the MMSE in a large region.
- ▶ When the problem is not balanced (i.e. if the prior has a non-zero mean) AMP has a better detectability transition than spectral methods.
- ▶ Promising algorithm with good convergence properties for applications beyond random setting (example: Restricted Boltzmann Machine).
- ▶ **Open-source implementation available**  
<http://krzakala.github.io/LowRAMP/>

