

# Non-convex compressed sensing using partial support information

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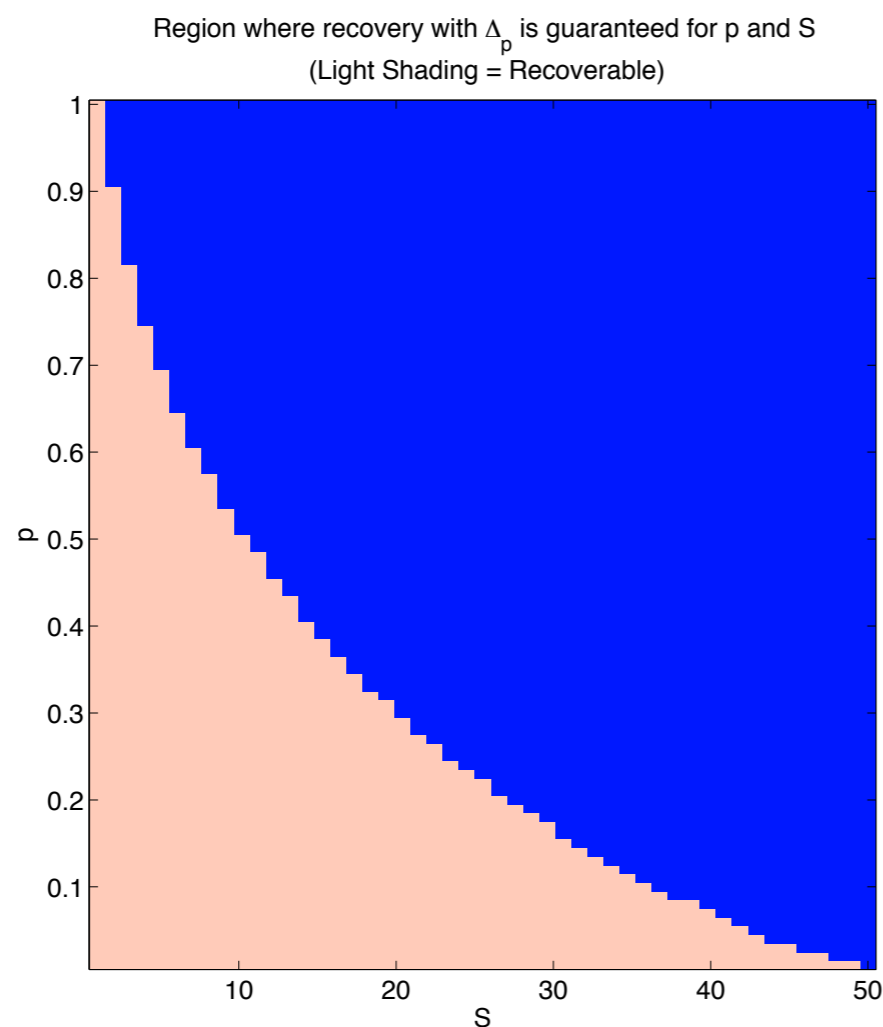
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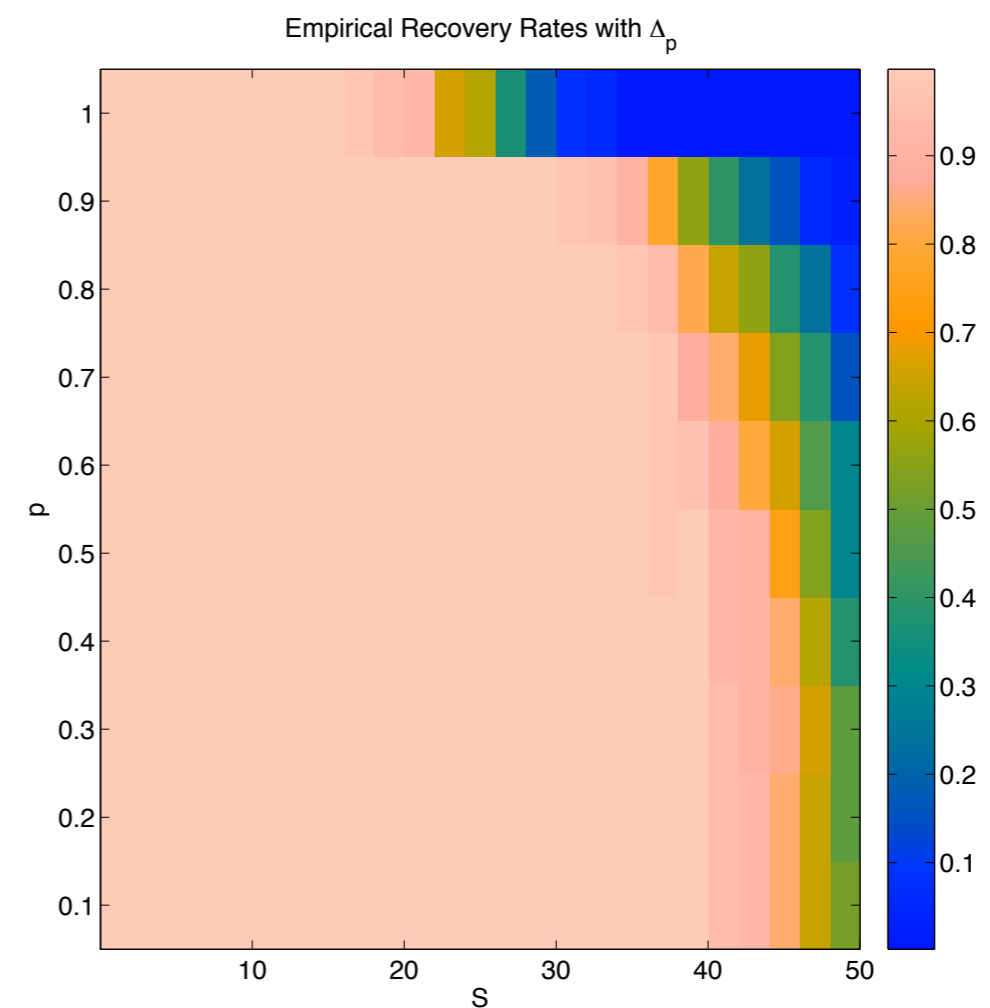
# Phase-diagrams for reconstruction via $\ell_p$ minimization

This diagram shows the success rate of recovering  $S$ -sparse signals using  $\ell_p$  minimization for a Gaussian matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{100 \times 300}$ .

The light-shaded areas show the pairs  $(p, S)$  that we have guaranteed recovery.



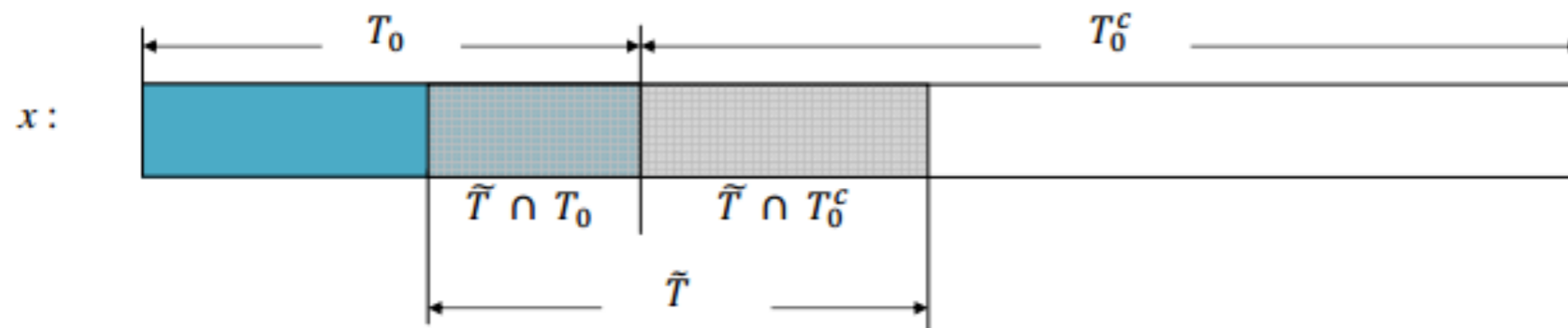
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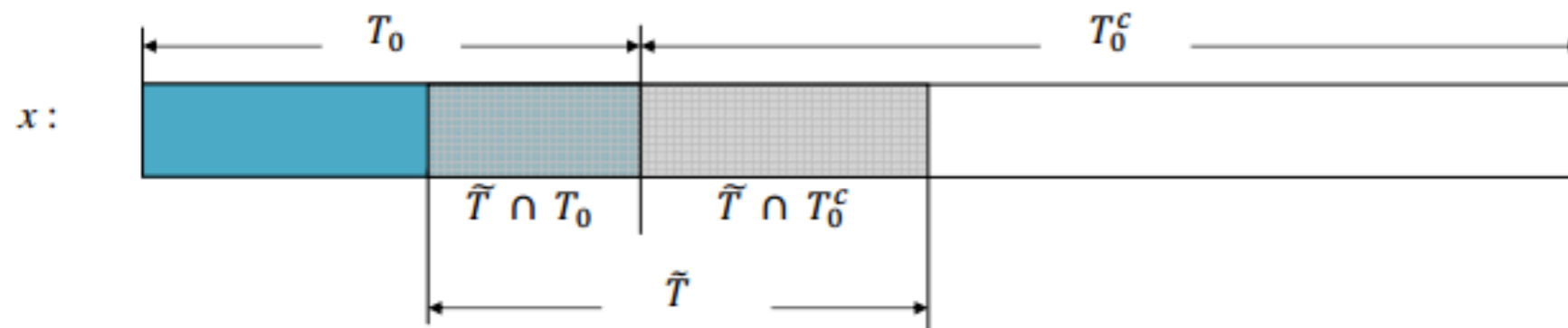


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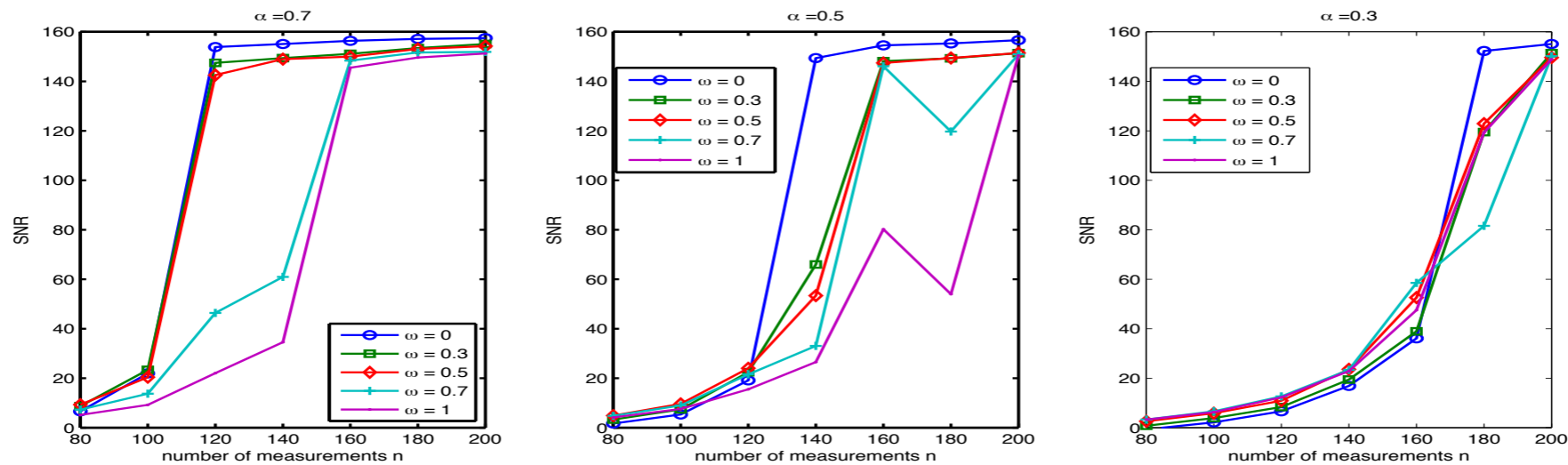
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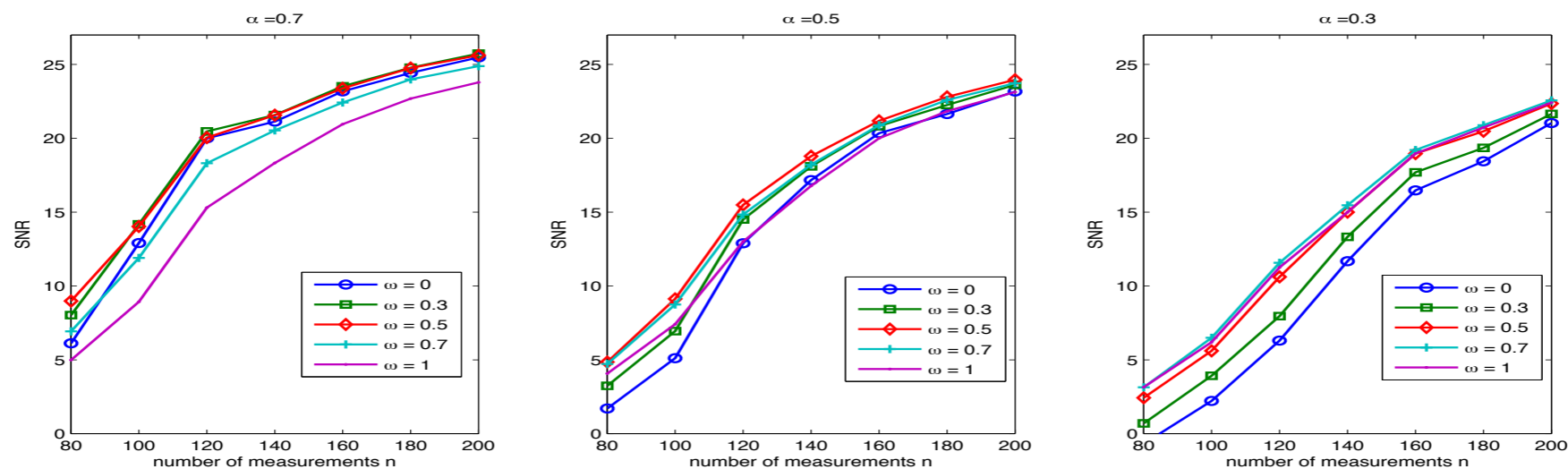
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This plot shows the results of using weighted  $\ell_1$ , recovering 40-sparse signal when  $N = 500$ .



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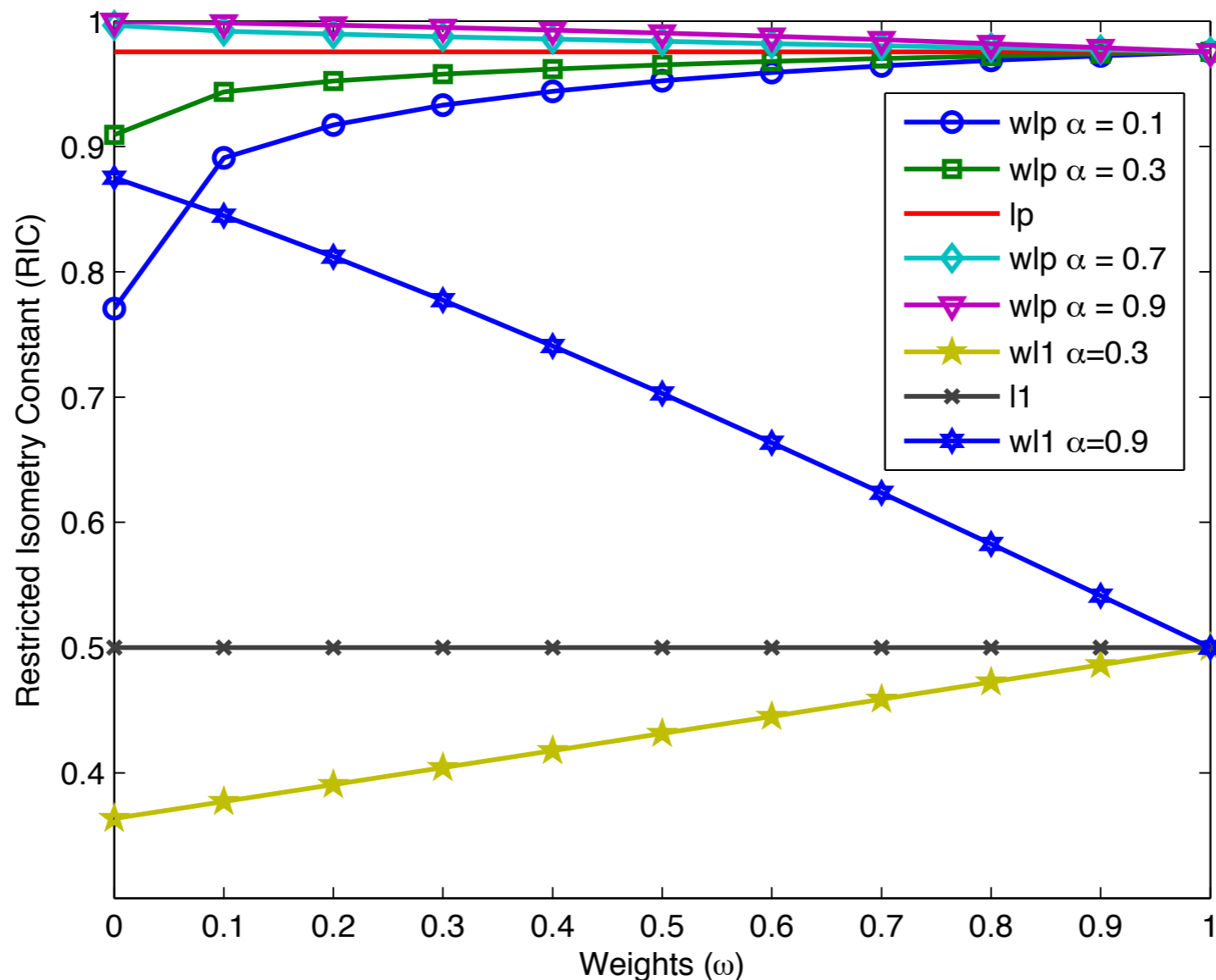
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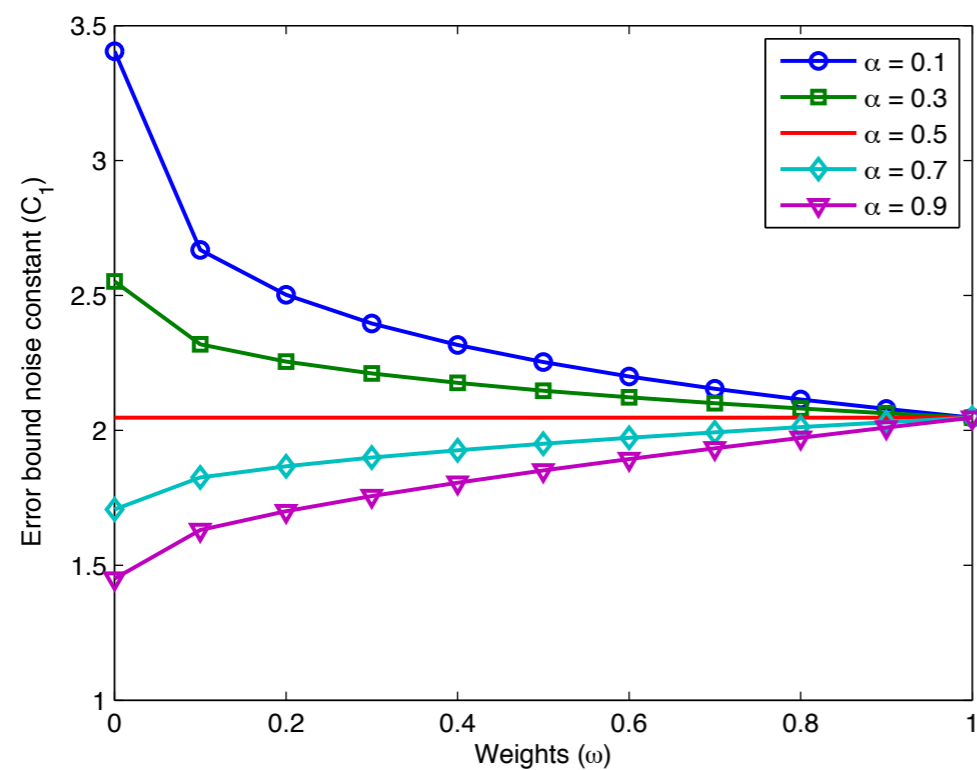
This plot compares the sufficient recovery conditions on the measurement matrix  $A$ , using weighted  $\ell_1$  and weighted  $\ell_p$ .

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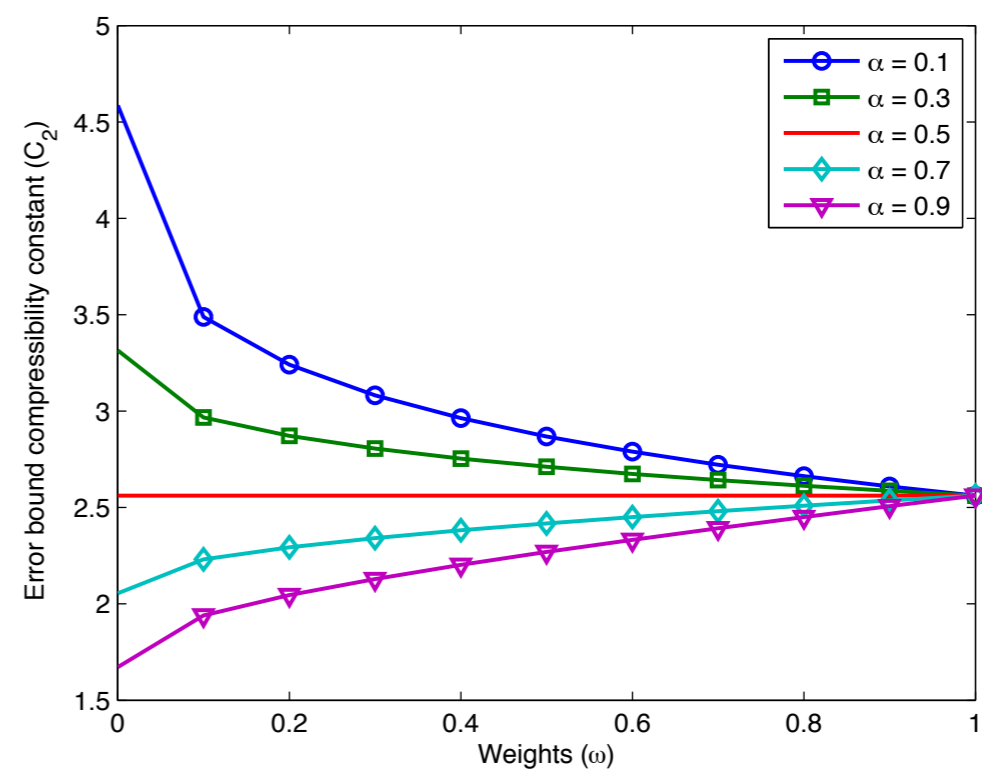


# Comparison of constants

As the following plot shows when  $\alpha > 0.5$  using smaller weights results in better error bounds.



(e) Measurement noise constant



(f) Signal compressibility constant

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We generate a 40-sparse random vector  $x$  and try to recover  $x$  by measurements  $b = Ax$  where  $A$  is a  $80 \times 500$  random Gaussian matrix.

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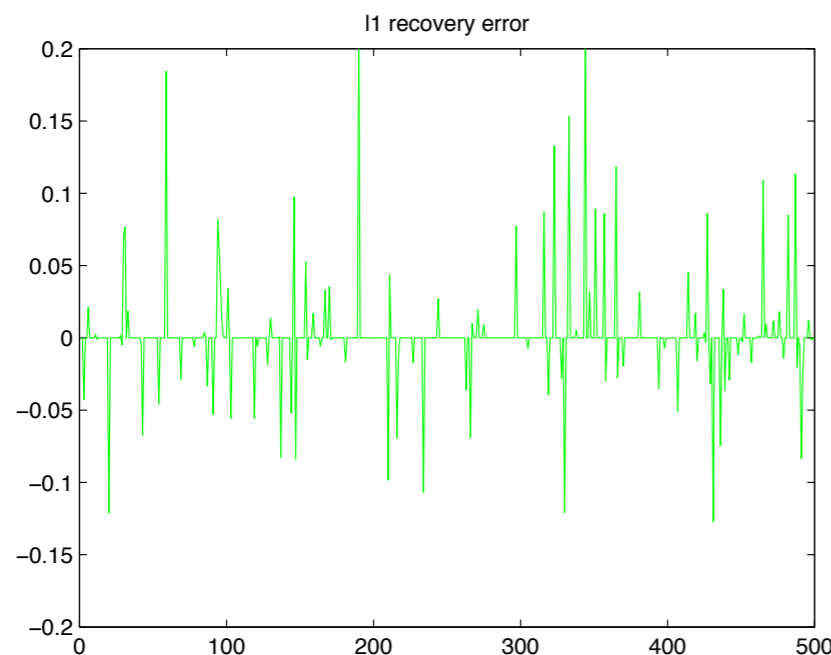


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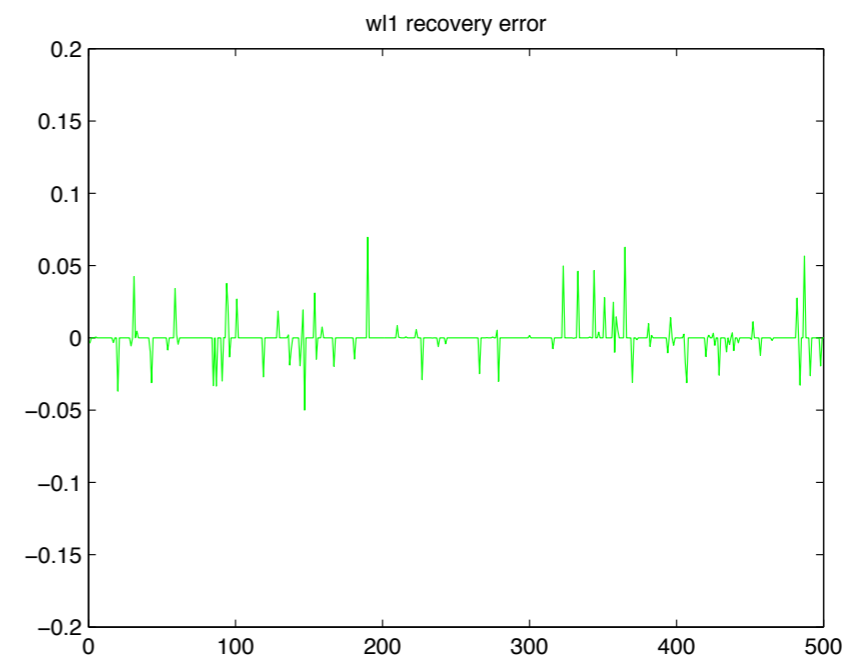


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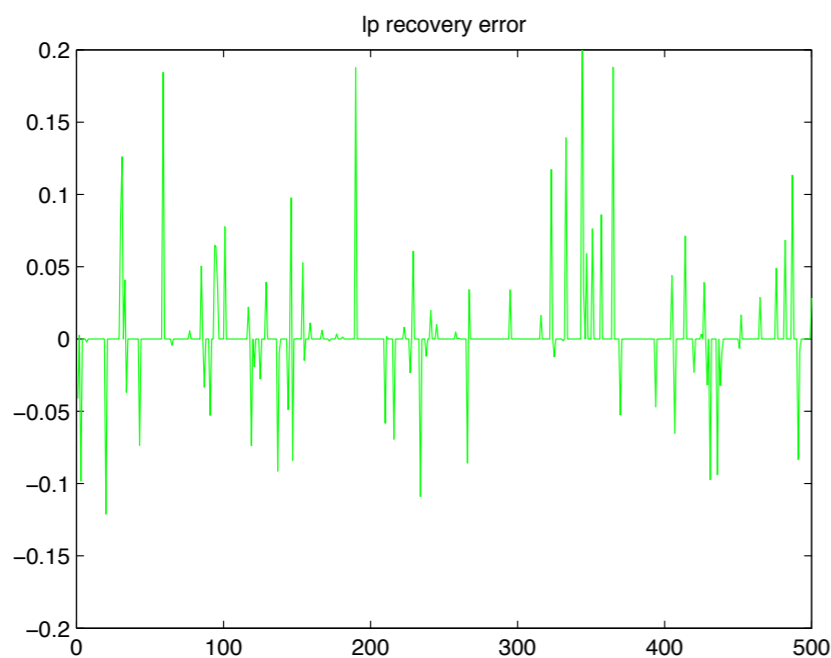


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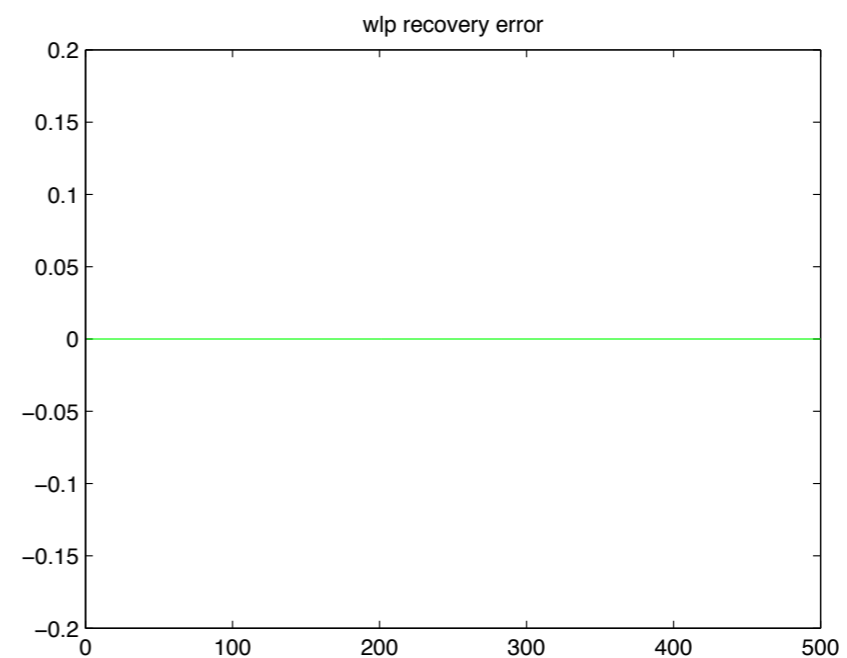


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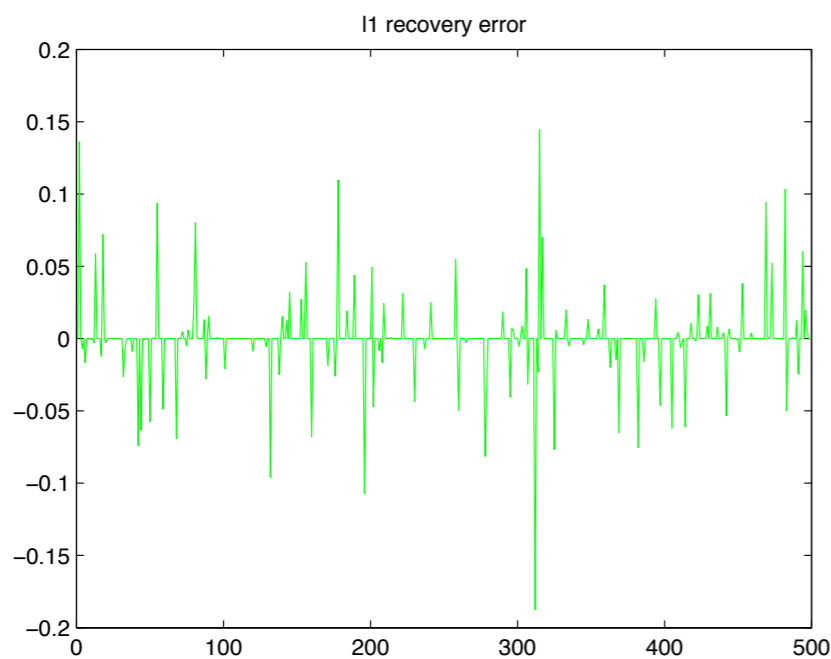


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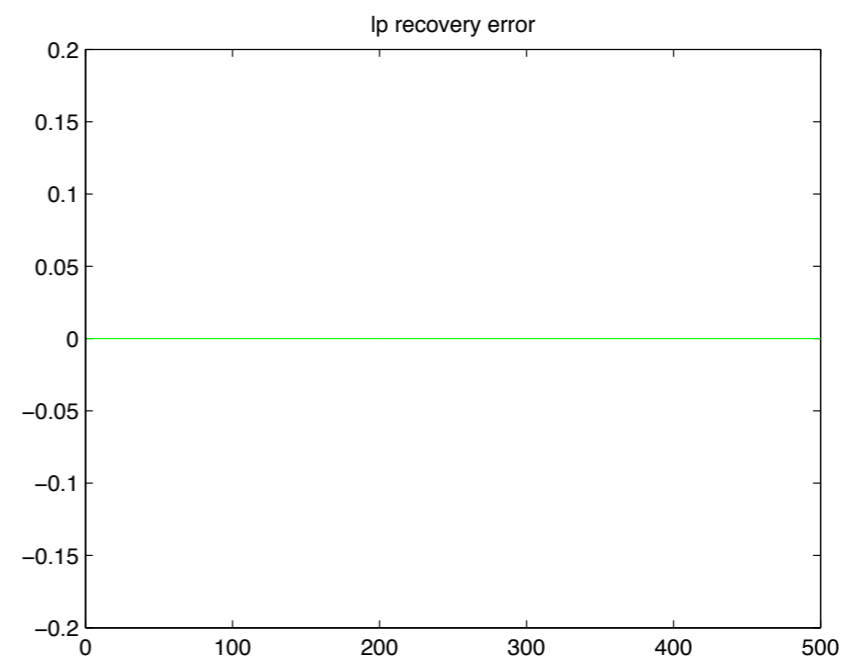


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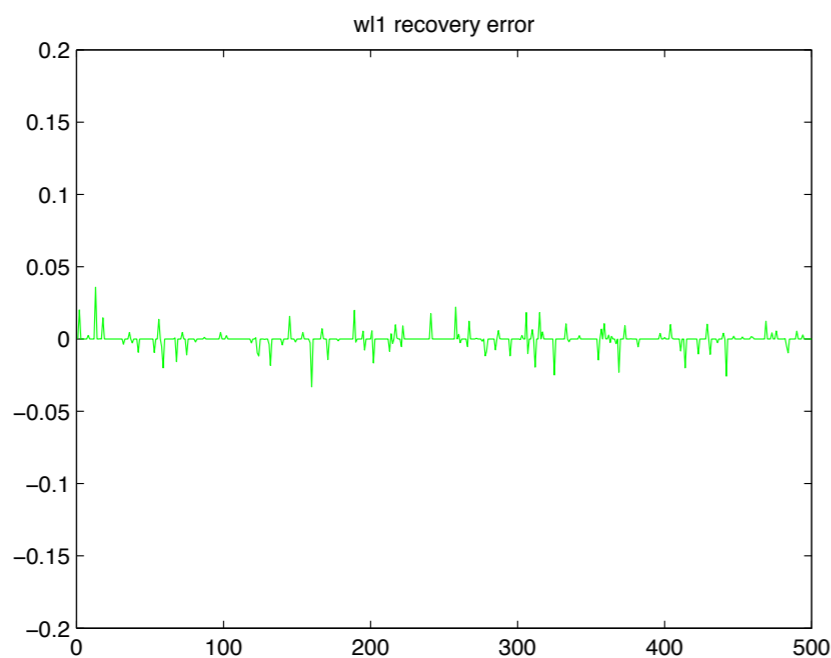


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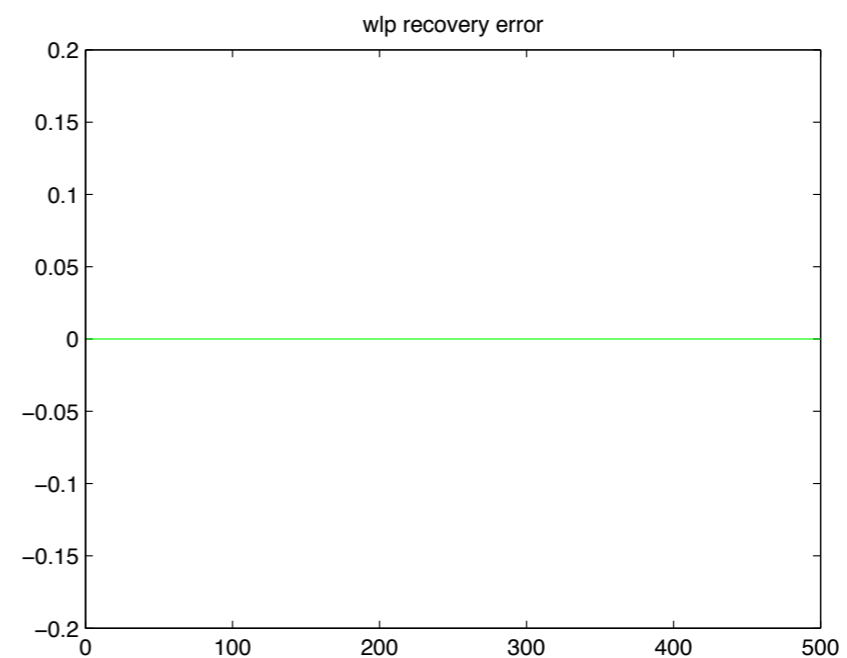
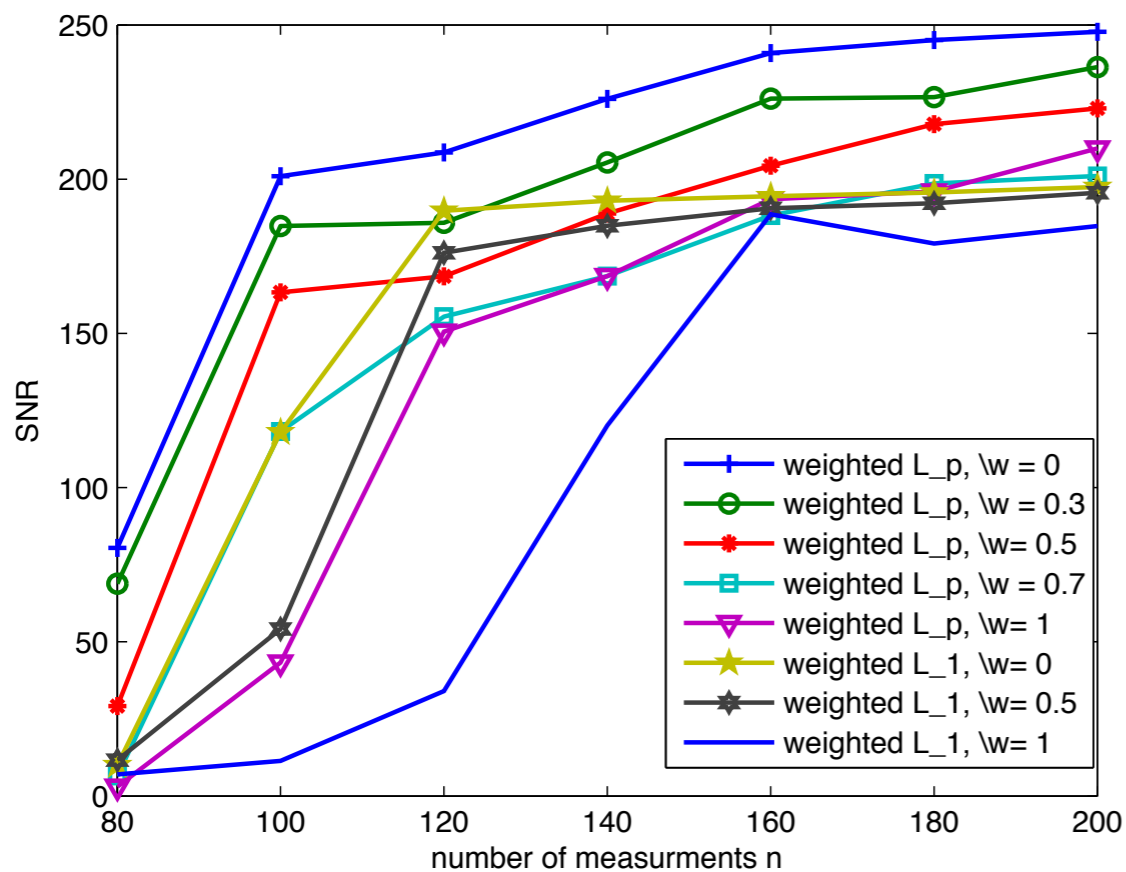


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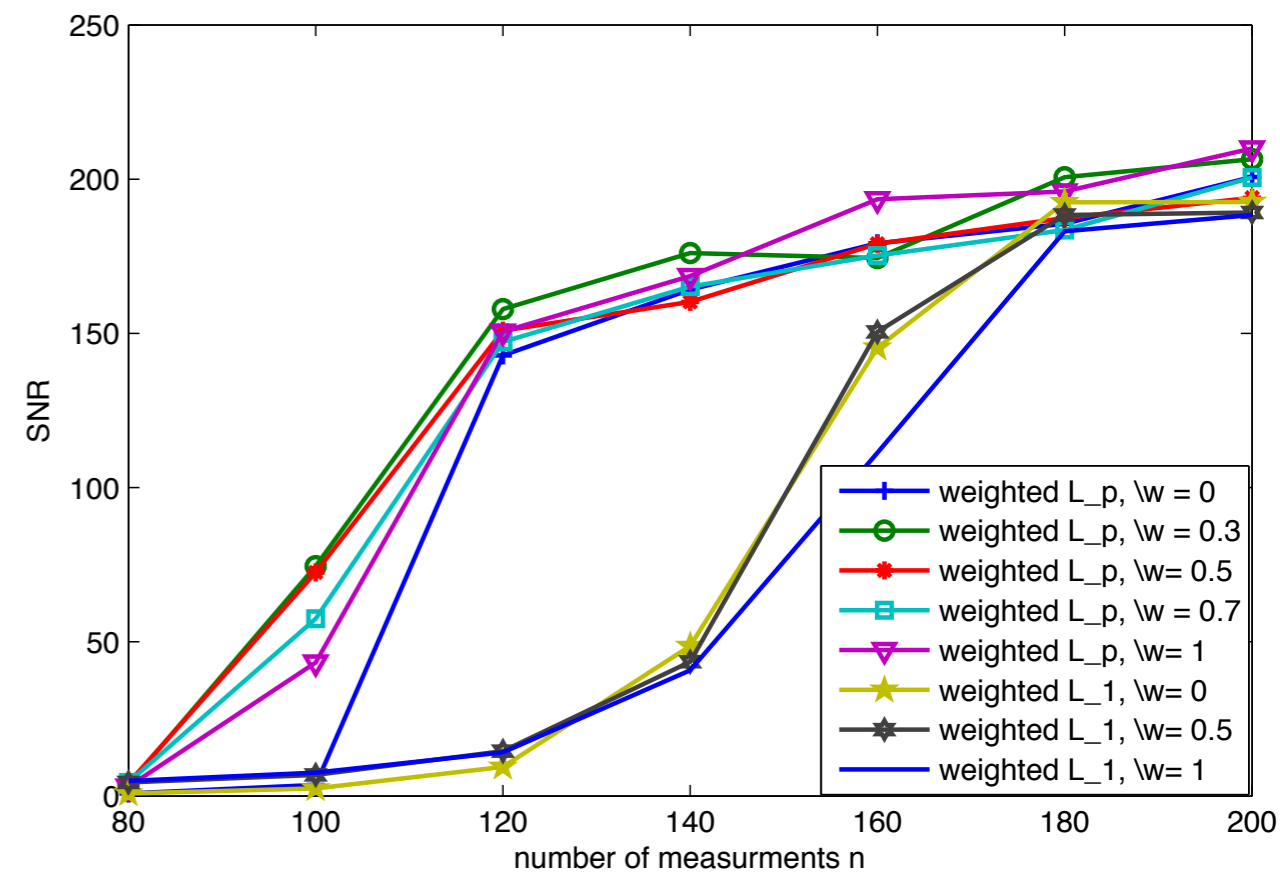
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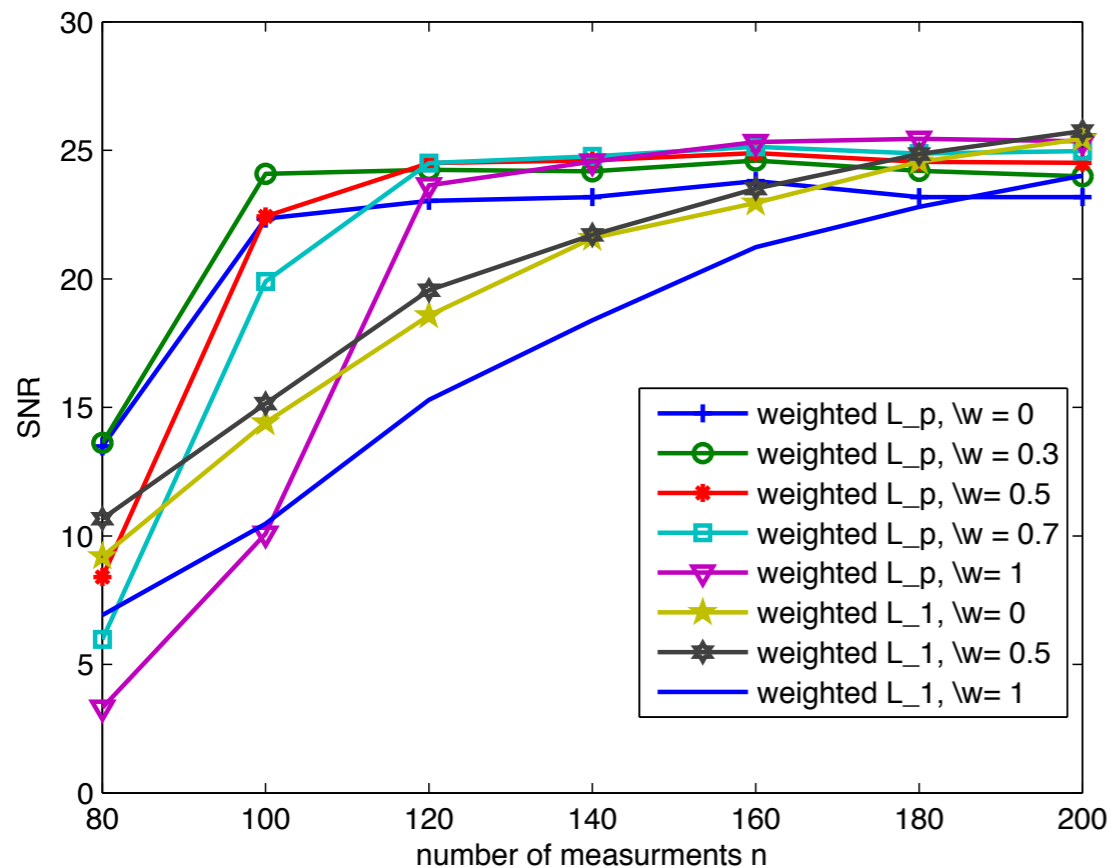


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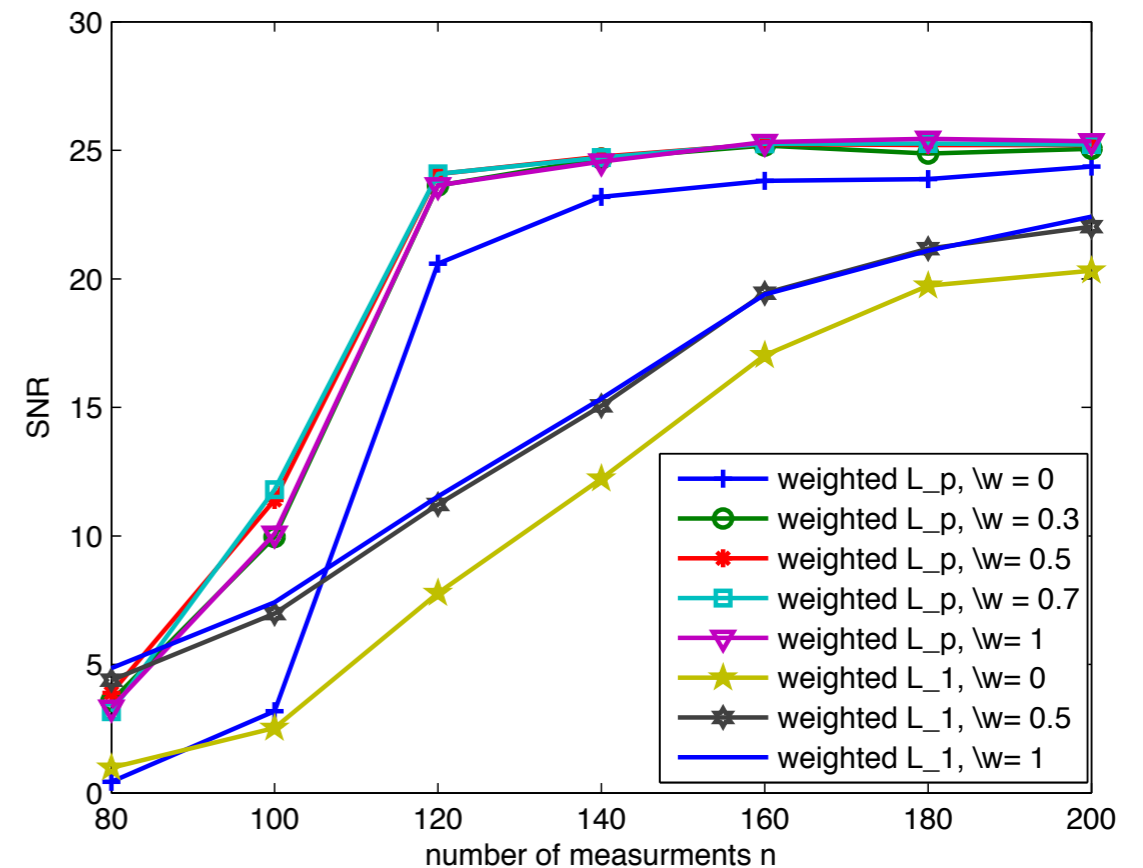
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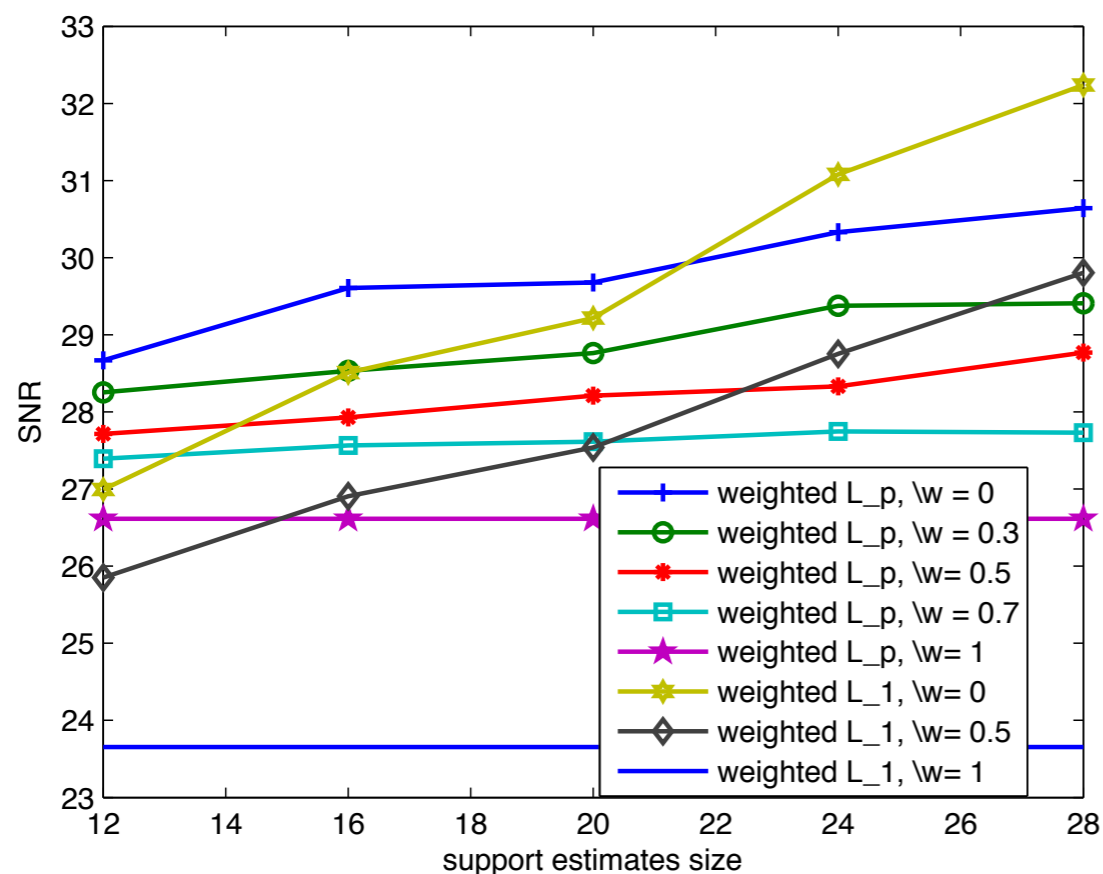
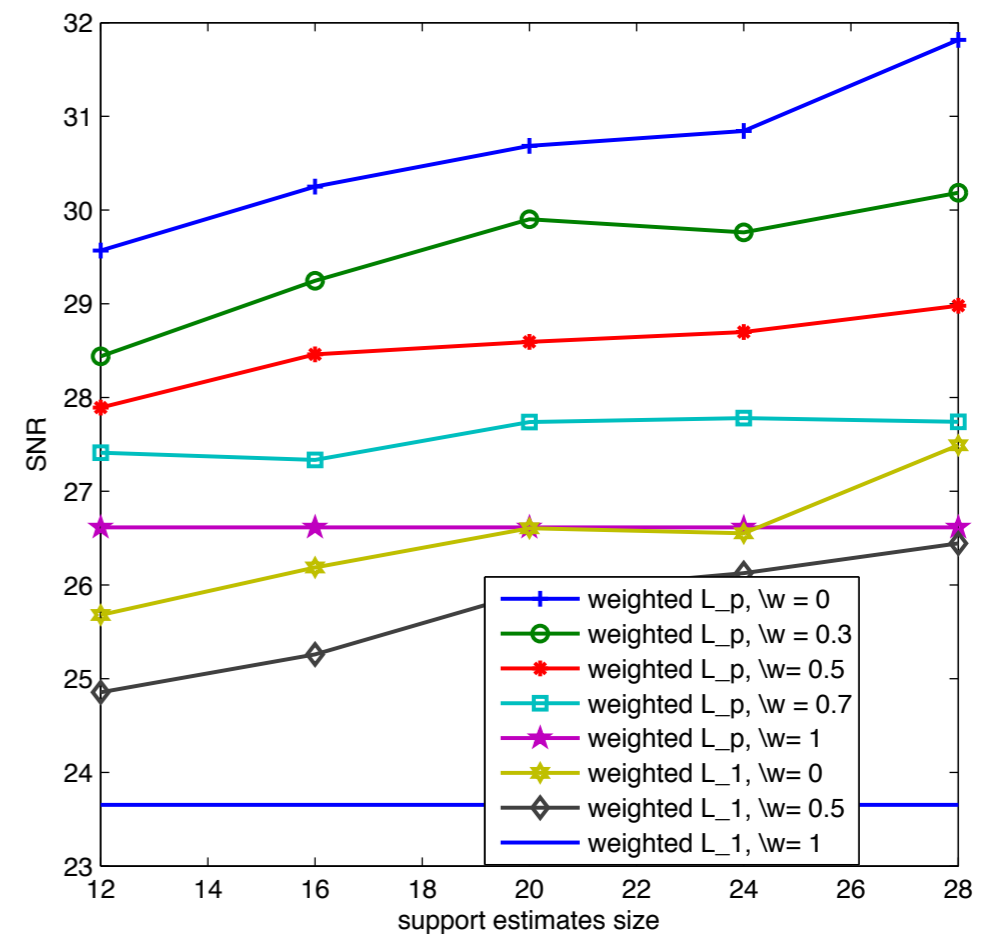
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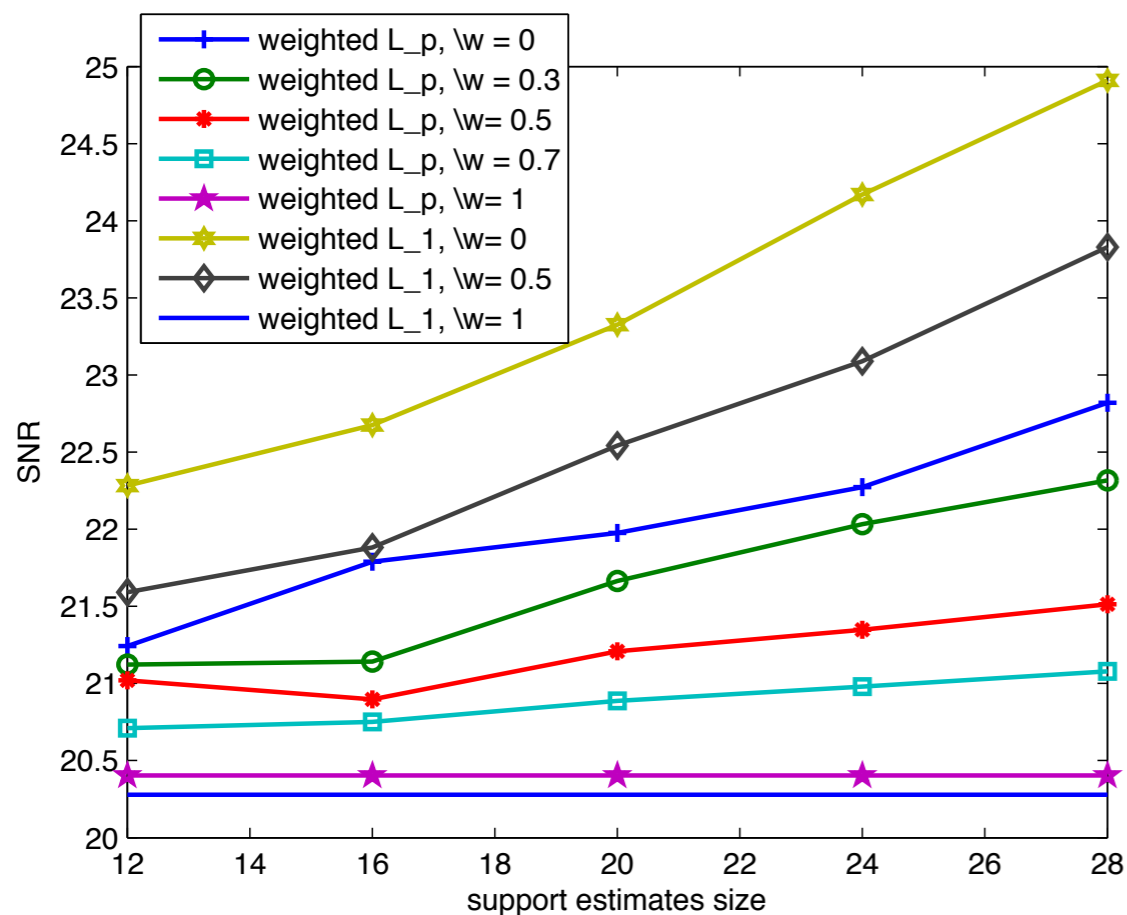
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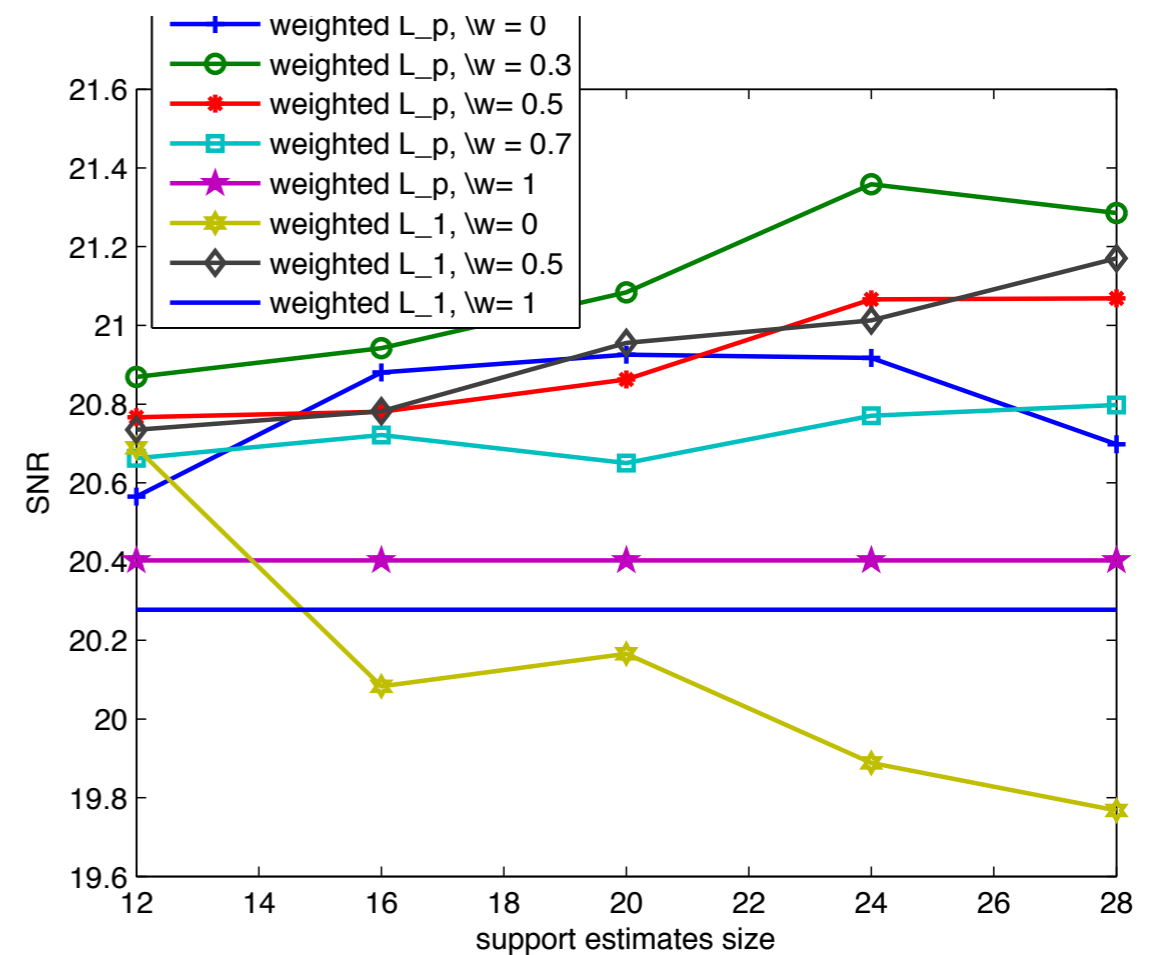
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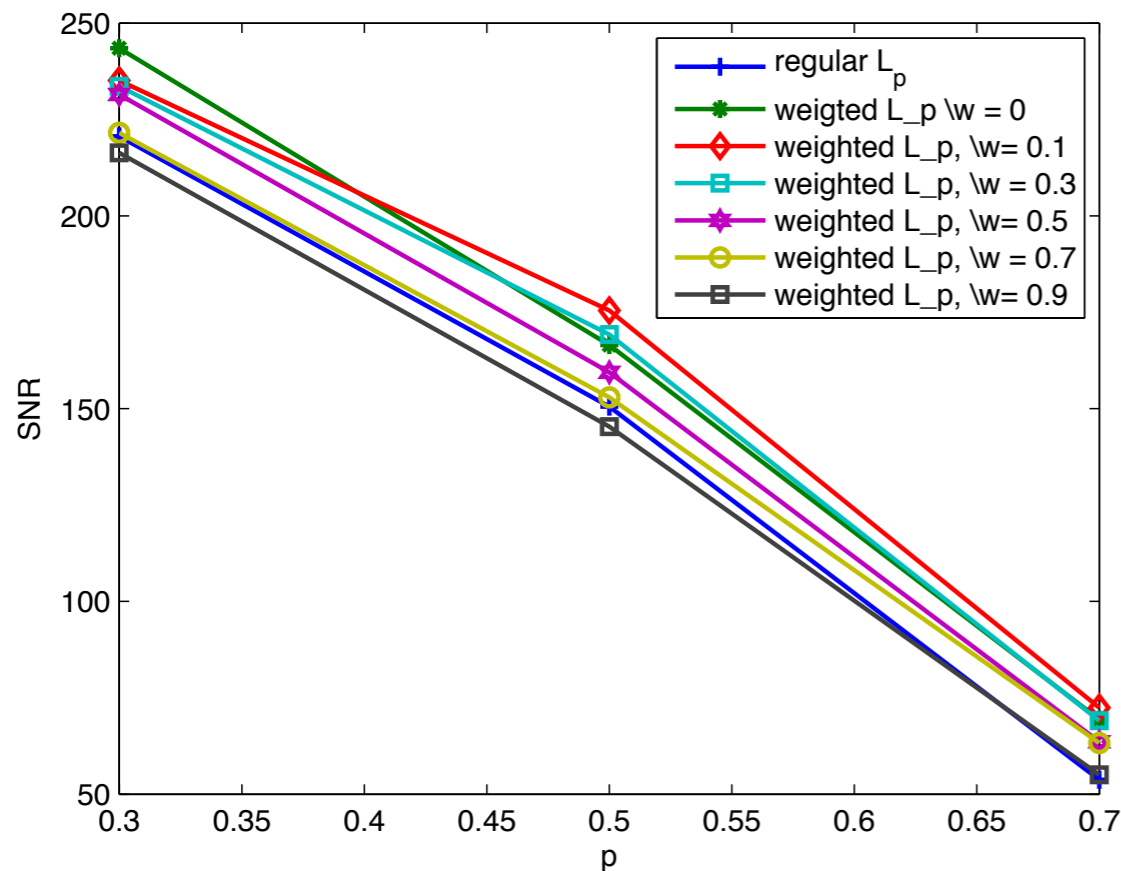


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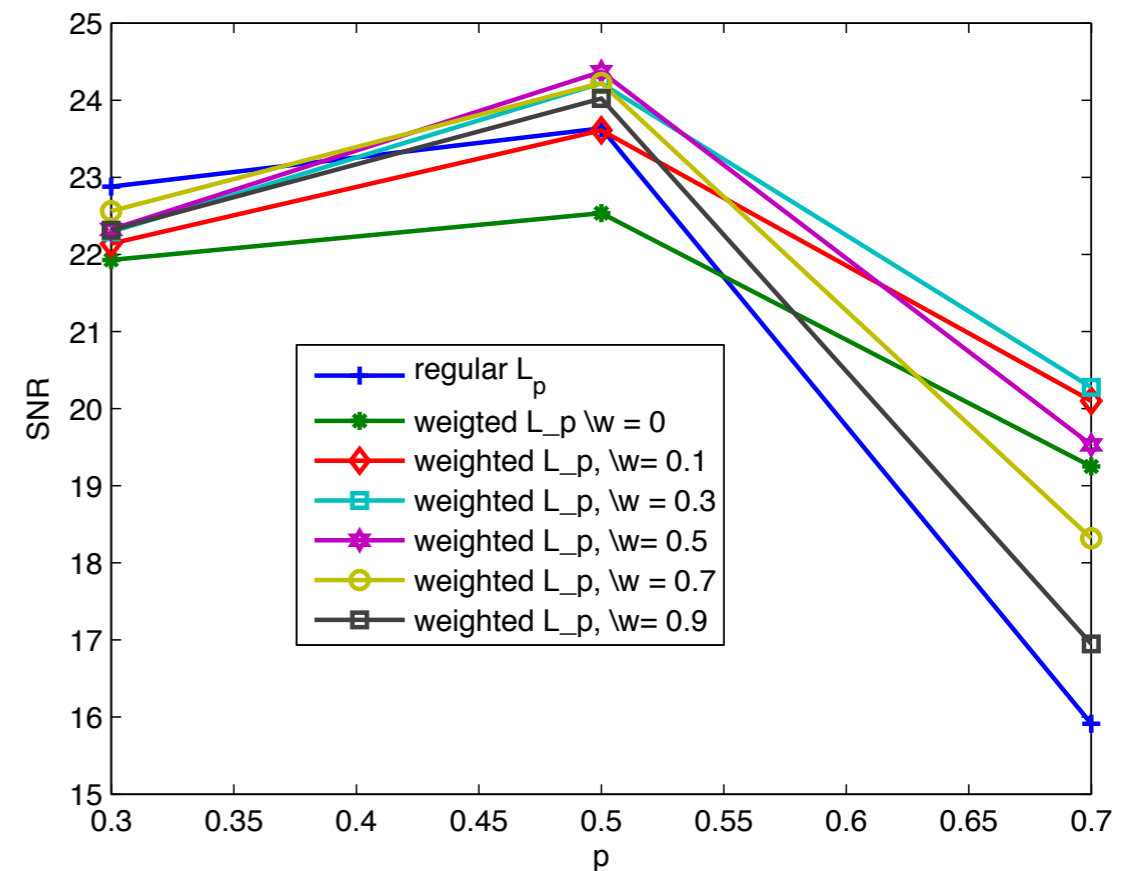
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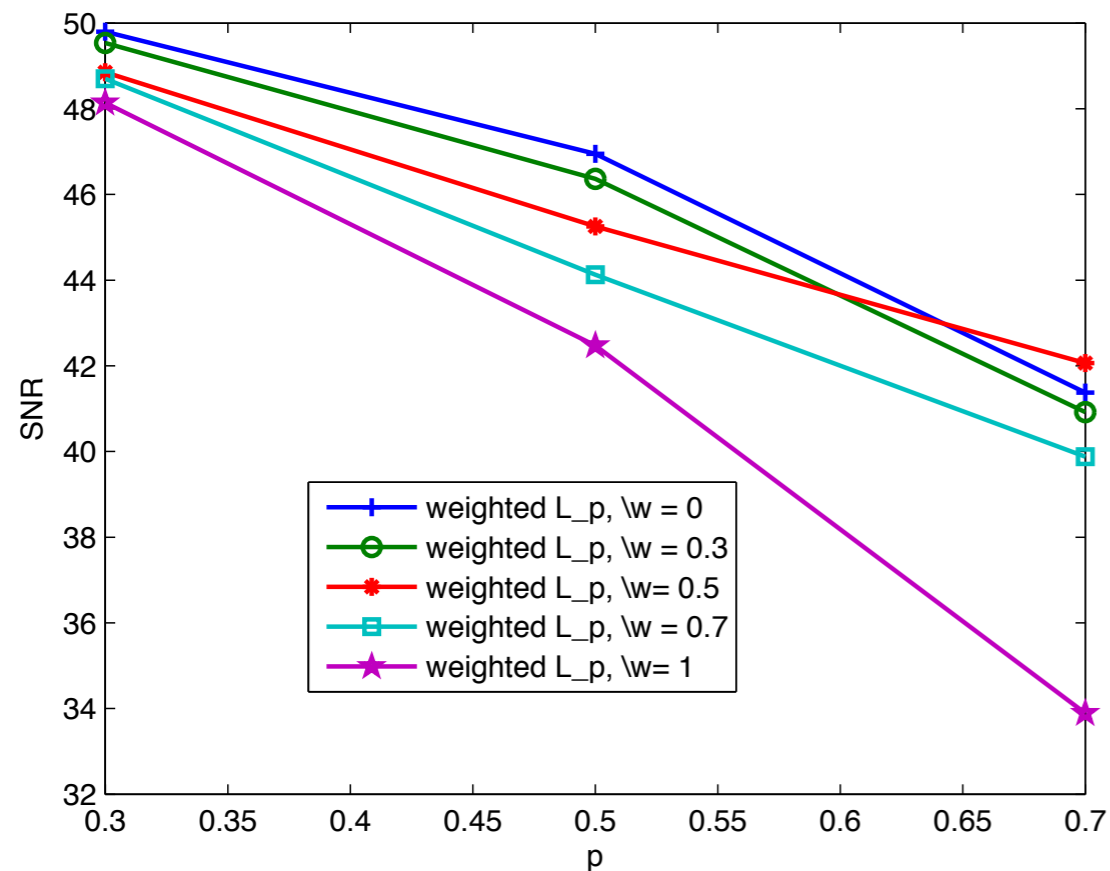
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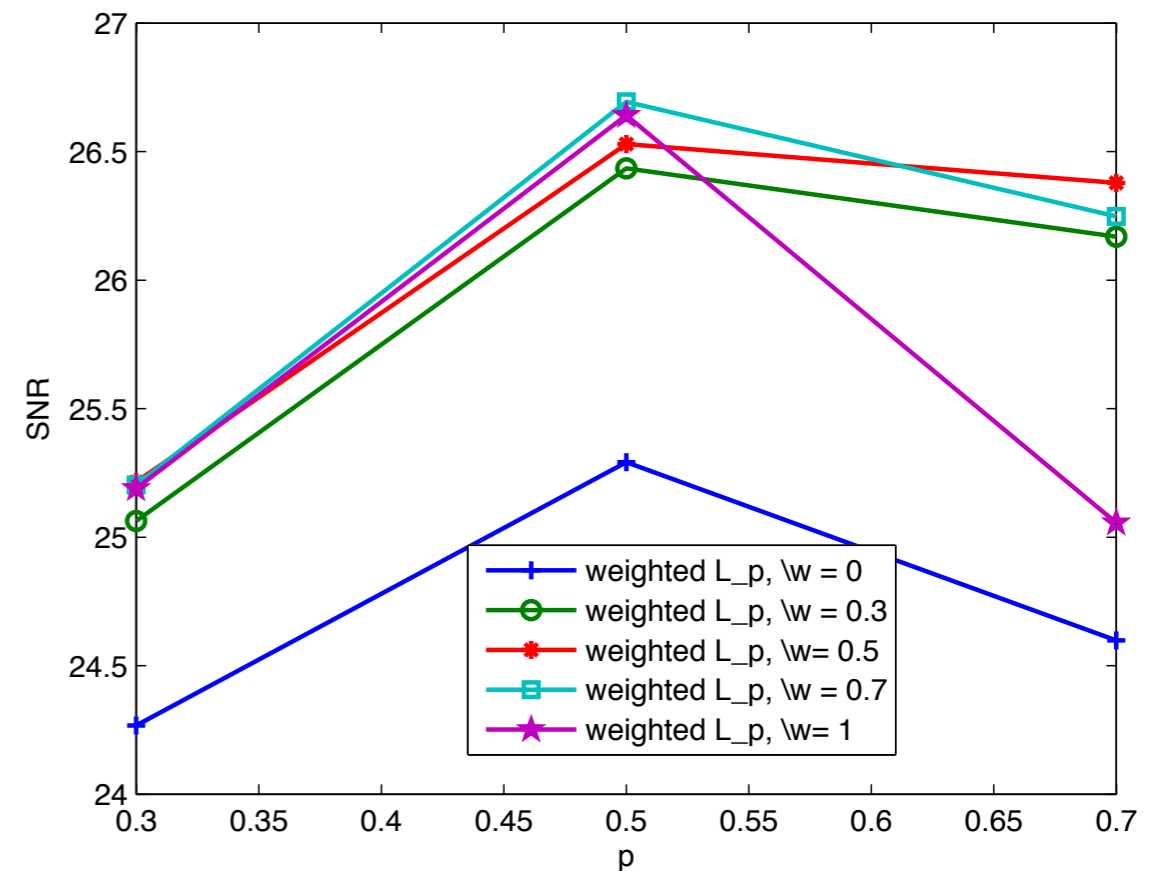
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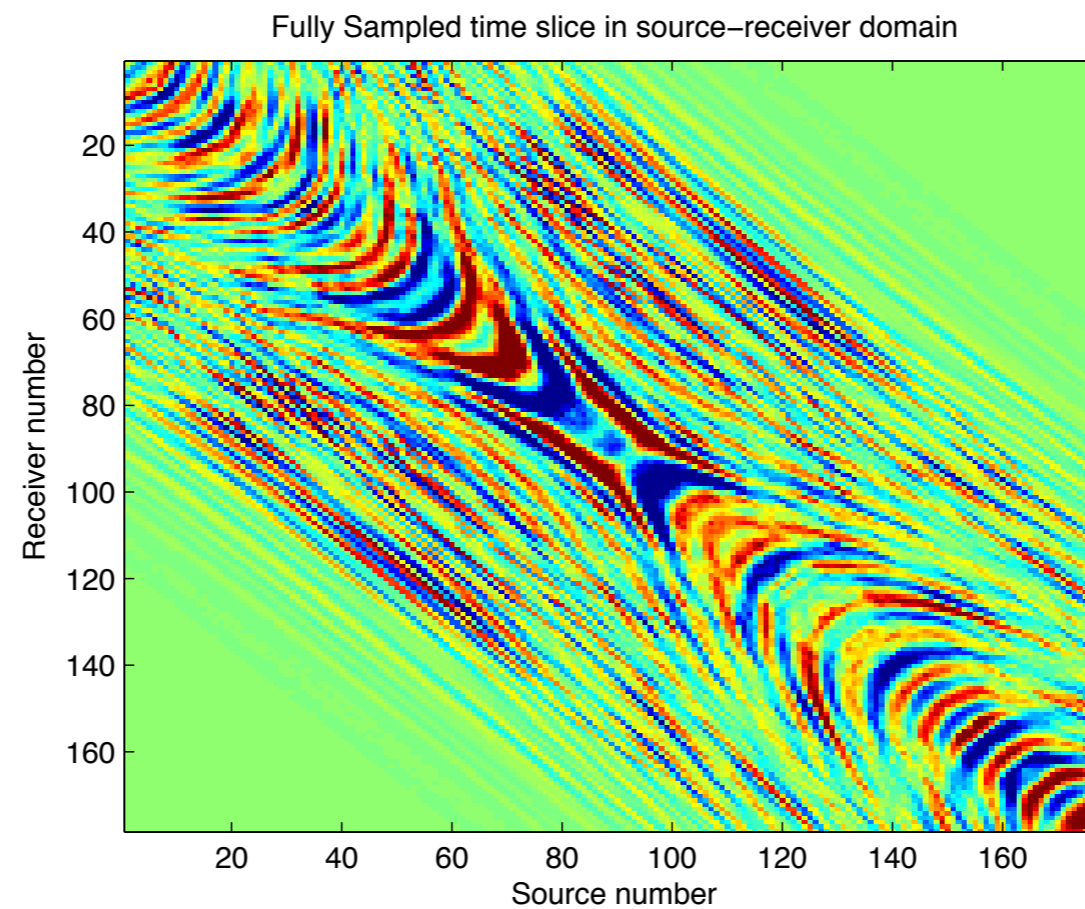
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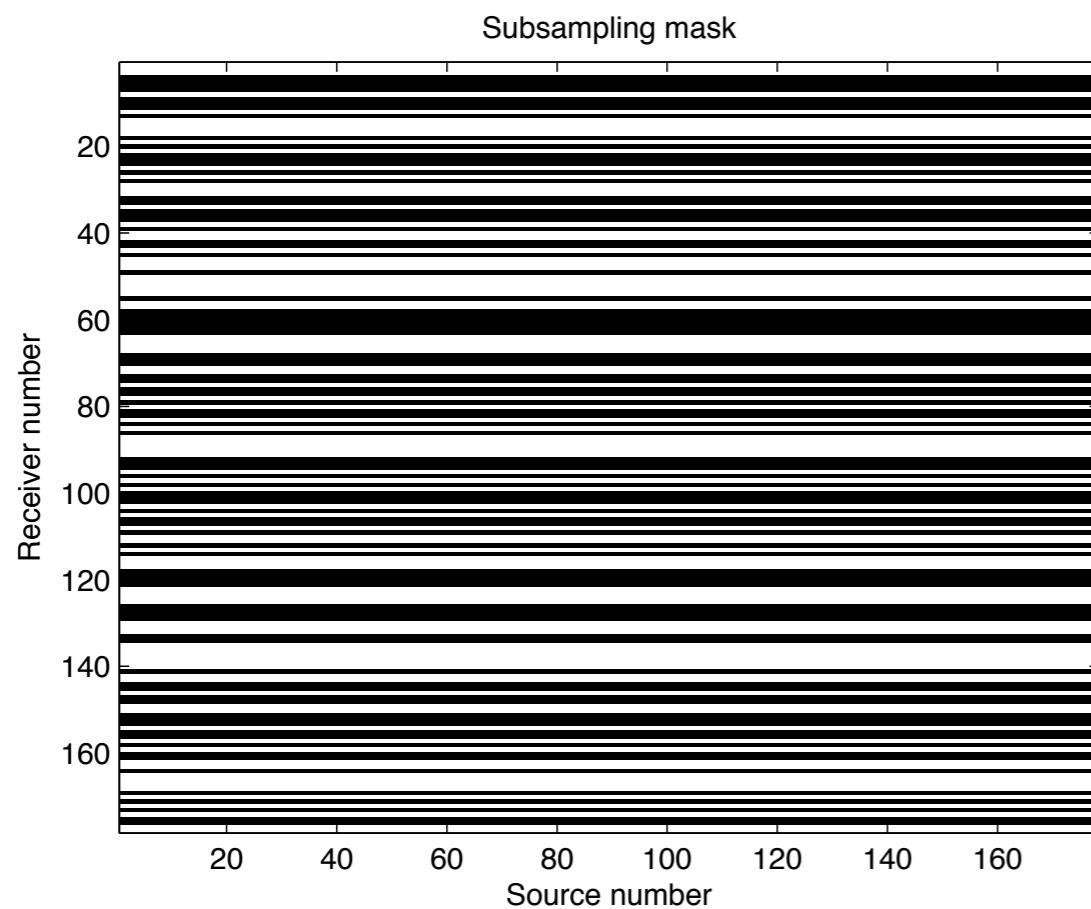
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Consider the following time slice in the source-receiver domain:

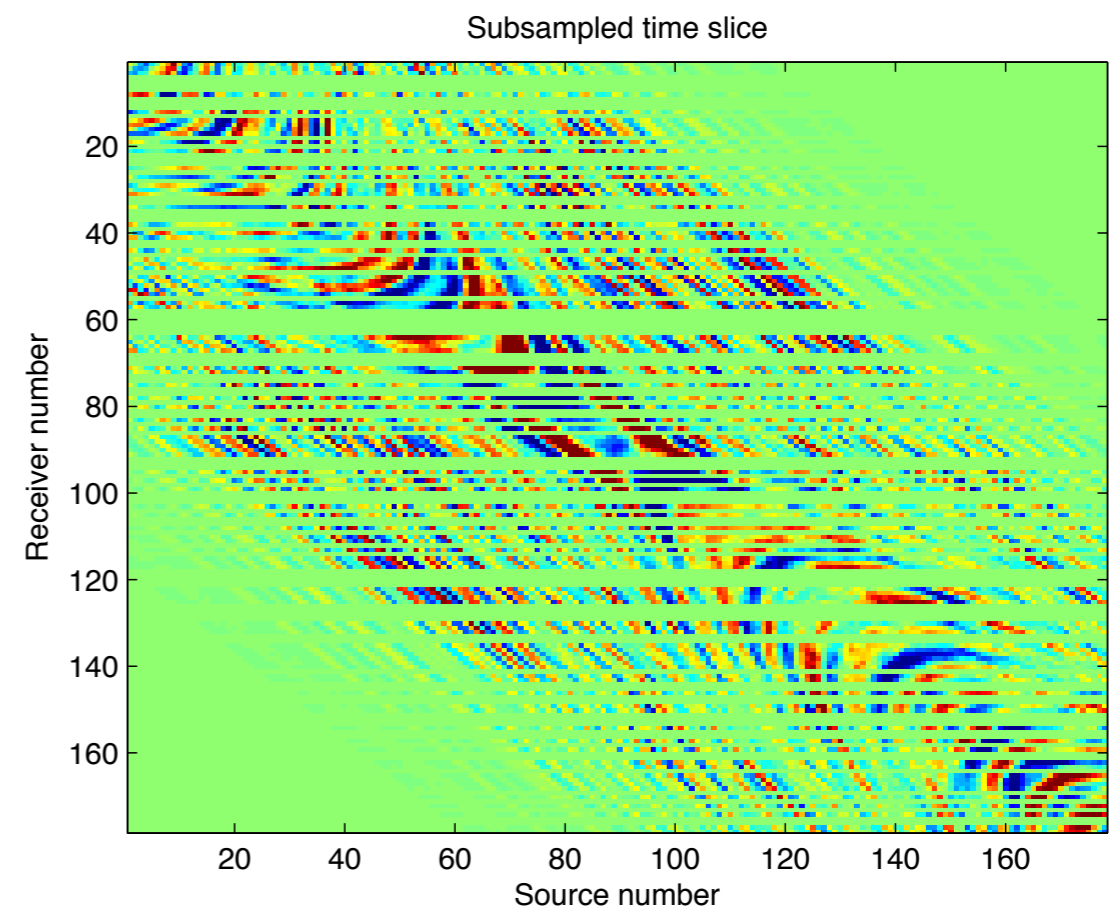


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We use the mask shown in the left to get the subsampled time slice in right. The subsampling ratio is 50%.



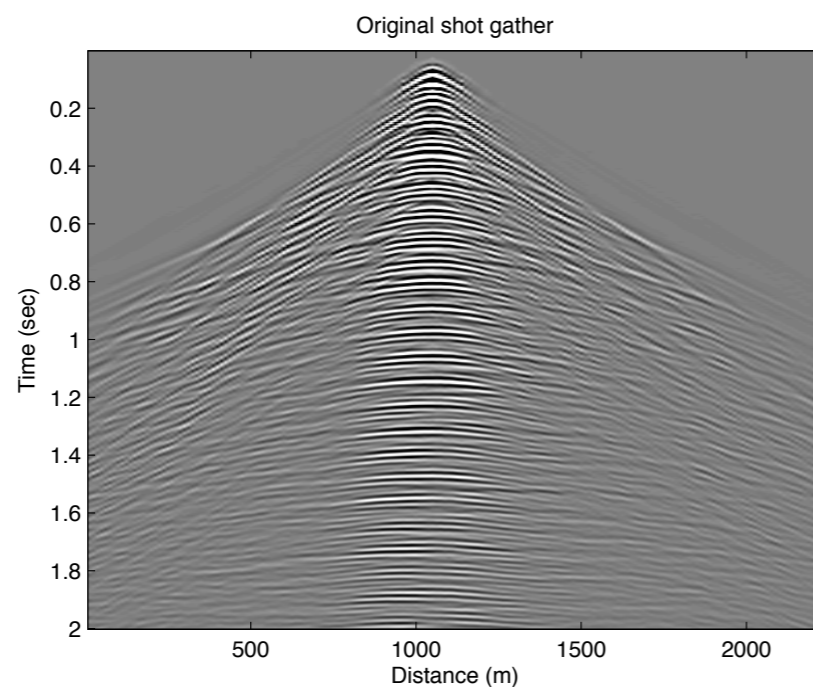
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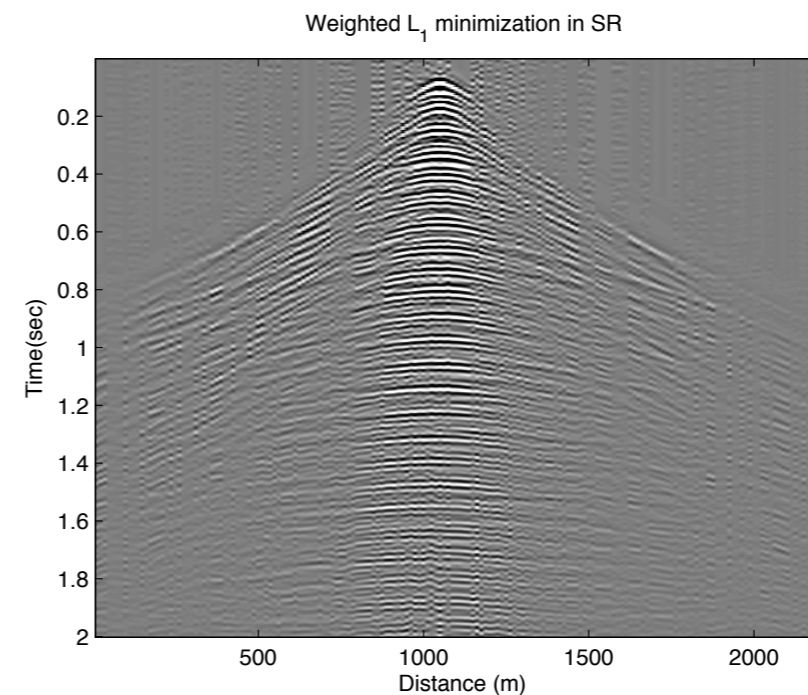
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# Results of partitioning in the time/frequency domain

We used weighted  $\ell_p$  minimization for recovering a seismic line from the Gulf of Suez with 50% randomly subsampled receivers using the mask shown above. The seismic line at full resolution has  $N_s = 178$  sources,  $N_r = 178$  receivers with a sample distance of 12.5 meters, and  $N_t = 500$  time samples acquired with a sampling interval of 4 milliseconds. Here the data are organized in the frequency-source-receiver domain.



(o) original shot gather



(p) weighted  $\ell_p$  minimization in source-receiver

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