

Template Attacks on Different Devices

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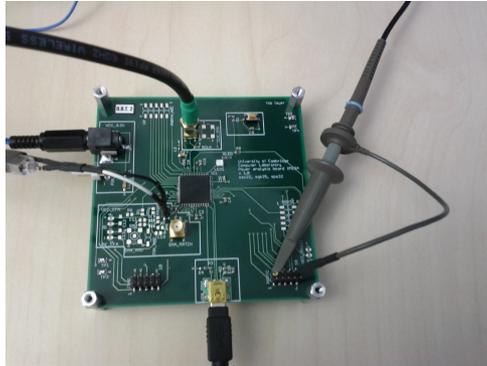
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Template Attacks on DPA contest v4

Participant	Submission date	Key found	Max PGE < 10	Key found (stable)	Max PGE stable < 10	Time/Trace (ms)	Attack type
Liran Lerman Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium	19/09/2013	22	13	22	13	24 ms	Profiling
Amir Moradi RUB, Germany	02/10/2013	174	148	174	148	305 ms	Non Profiling
Tang Ming Wuhan University, China	03/11/2013	763	465	990	482	271 ms	Non Profiling
Frank Schuhmacher Segrids, Germany	26/02/2014	1	1	1	1	5 ms	Profiling
Hideo Shimizu Toshiba Corporation Corporate Research & Development Center, Japan	28/02/2014	1	1	1	1	30 ms	Profiling
Xavier Bodart, Liran Lerman Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgique	06/03/2014	21	17	21	17	400 ms	Profiling

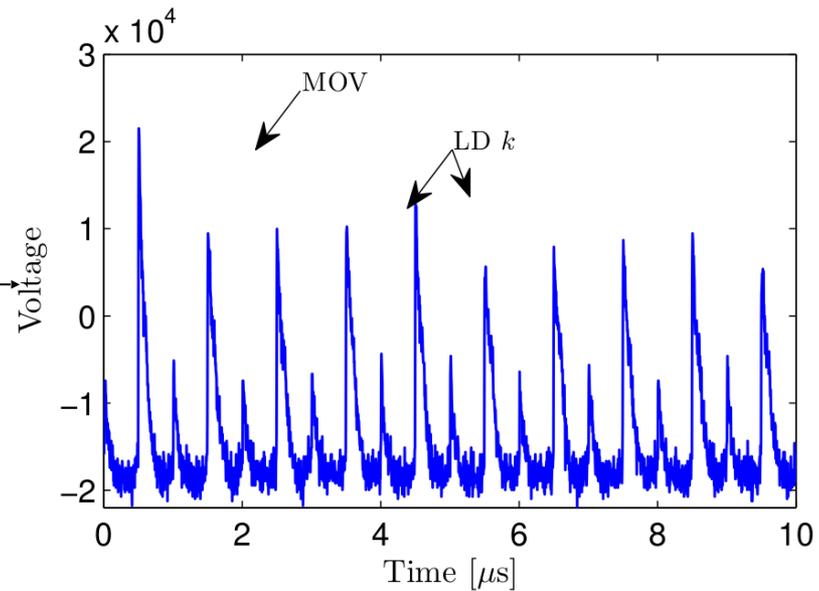
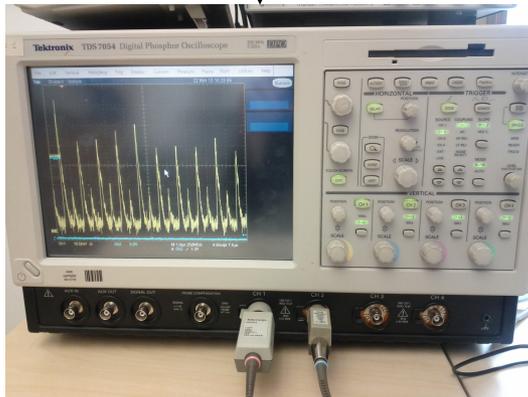
- **Key found:** Number of traces needed to find the correct key
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- **Time/Trace:** Mean time per trace

Template Attacks – Setup



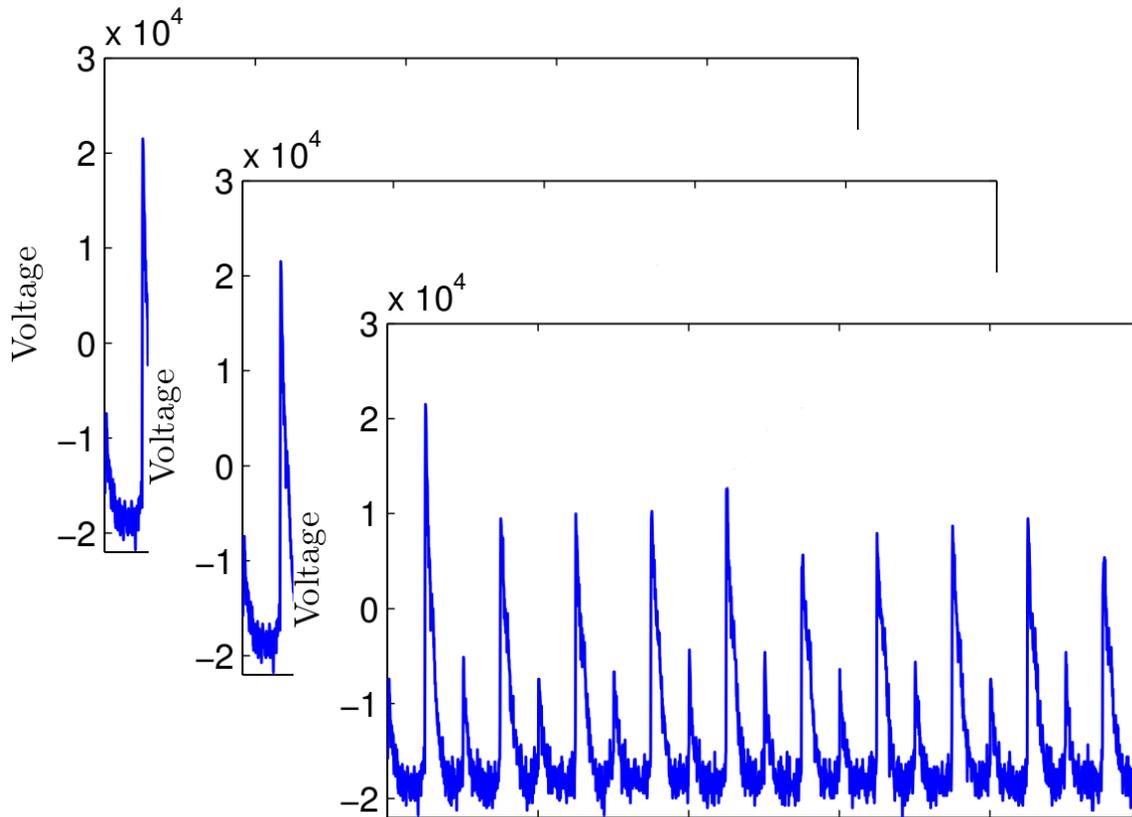
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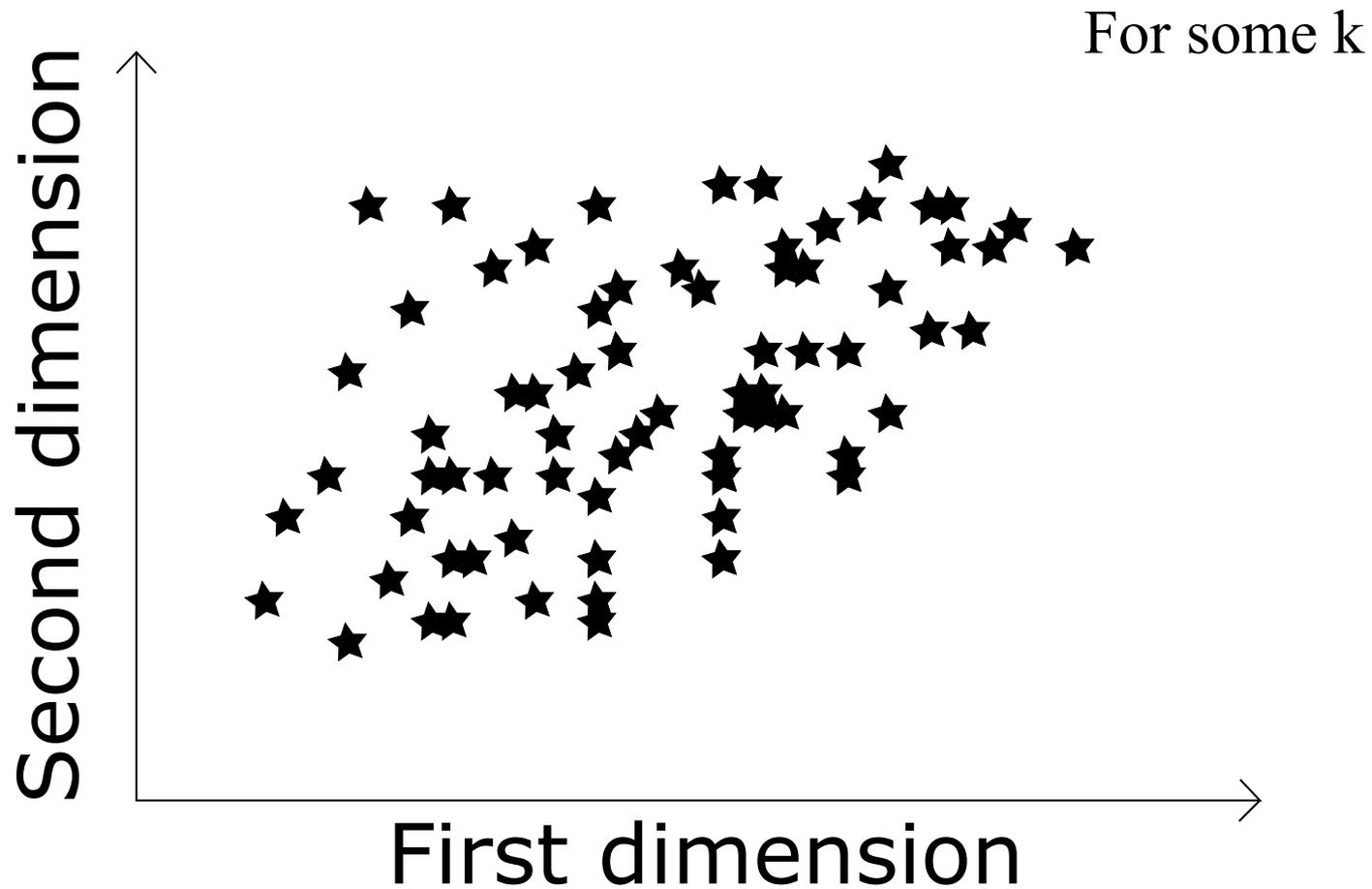


$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 255$

$n_p = 1000$ profiling traces per k

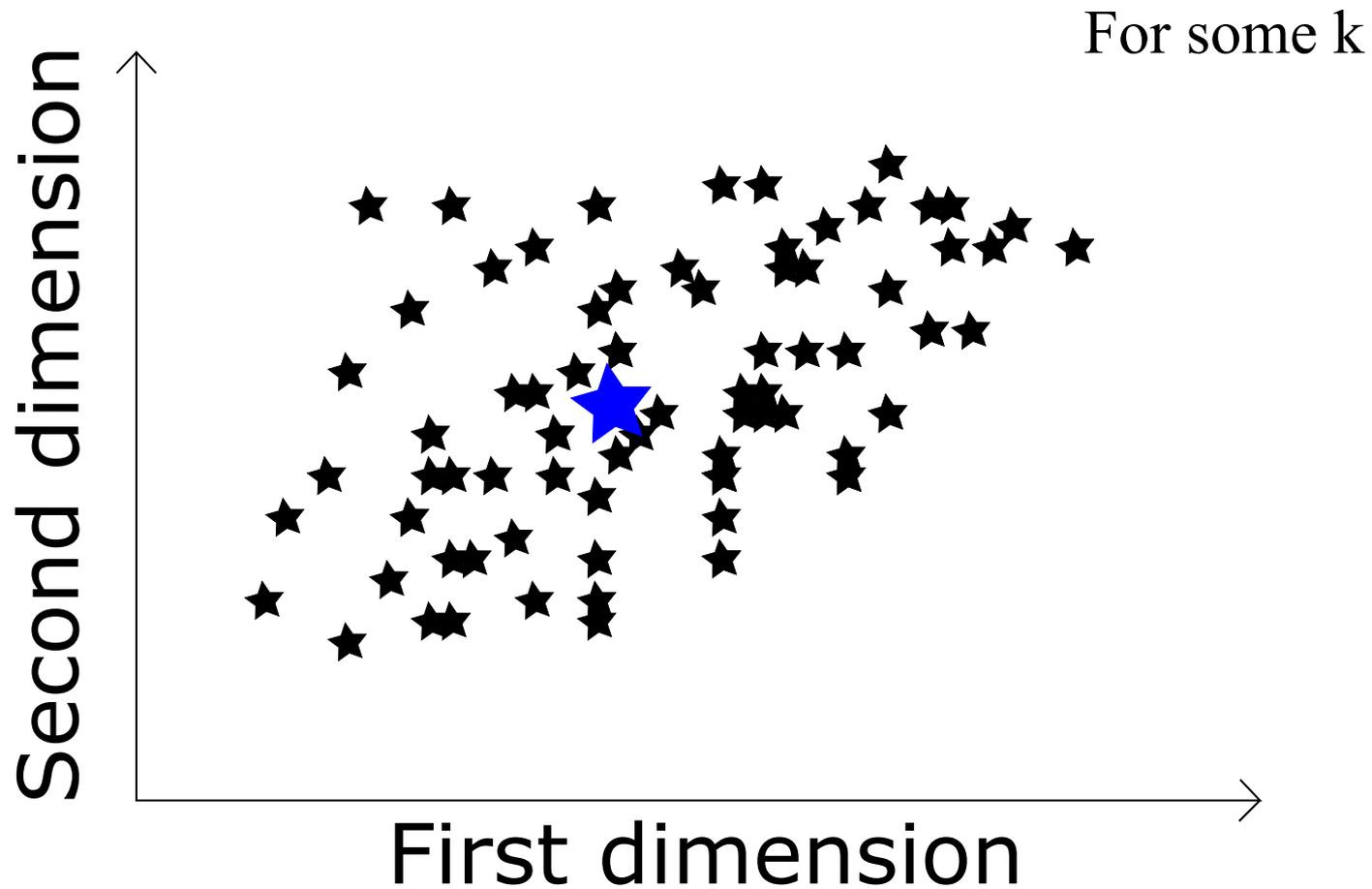
$m = 2500$ samples per trace

Data space



★ = trace

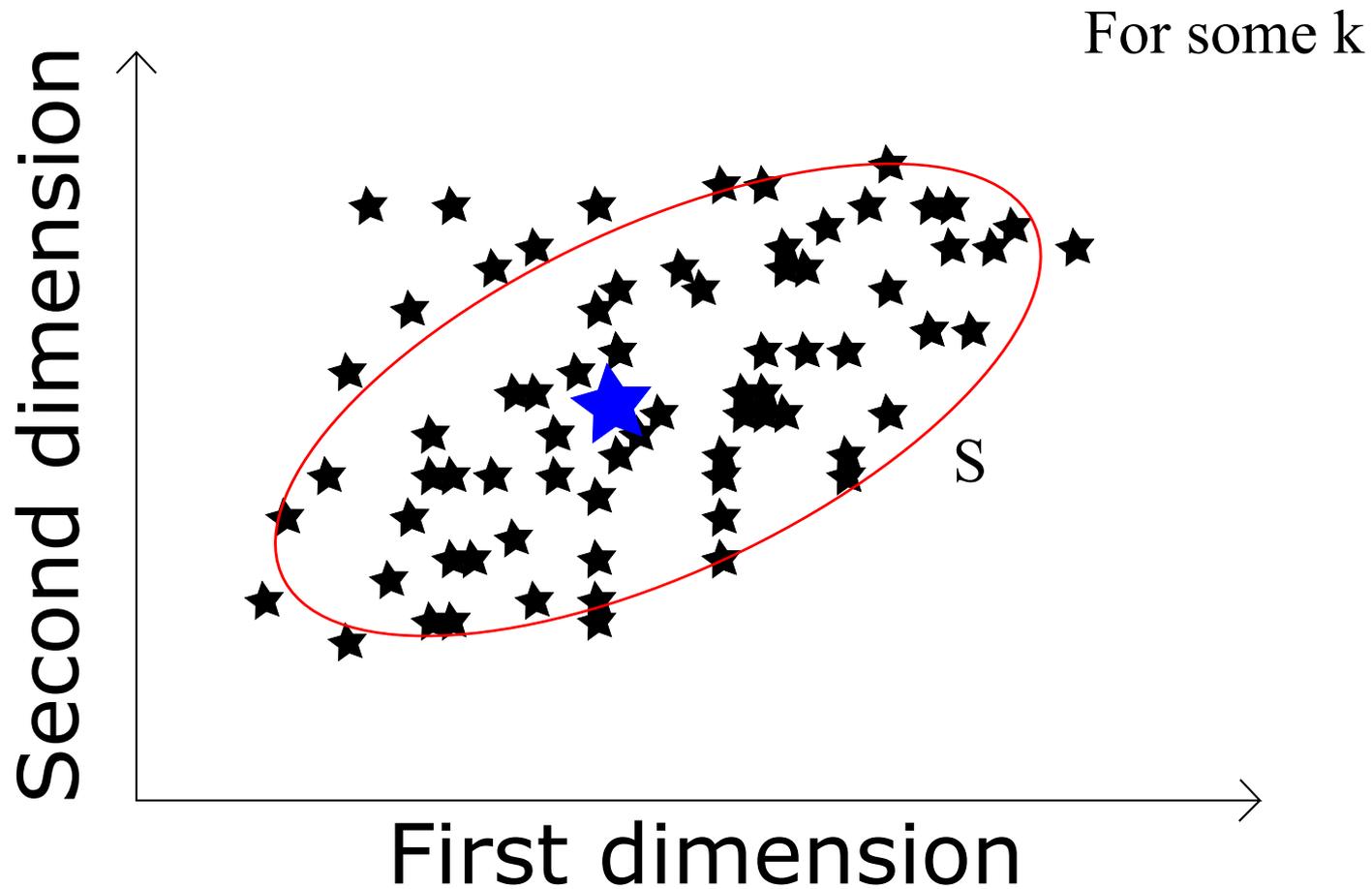
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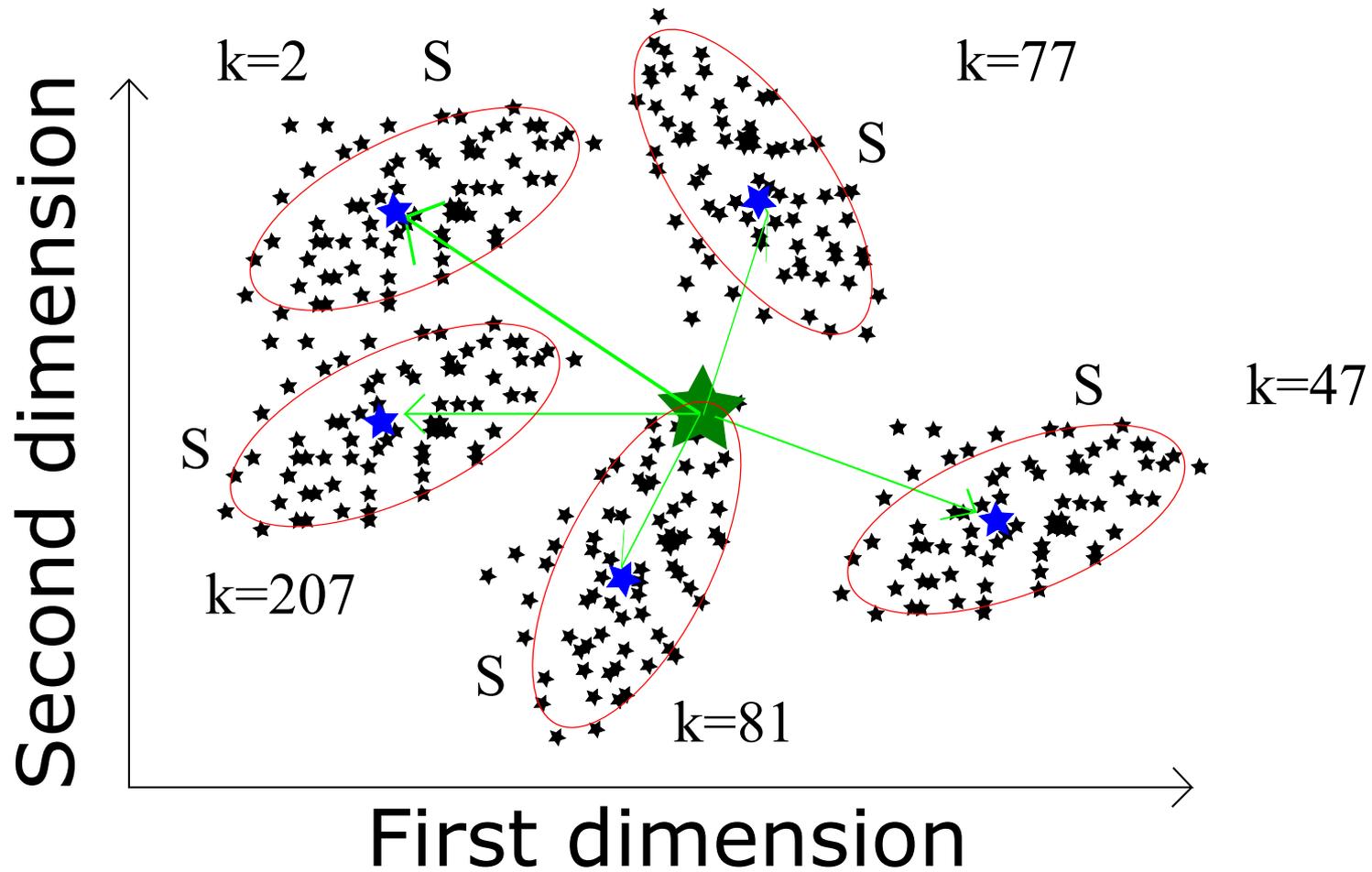
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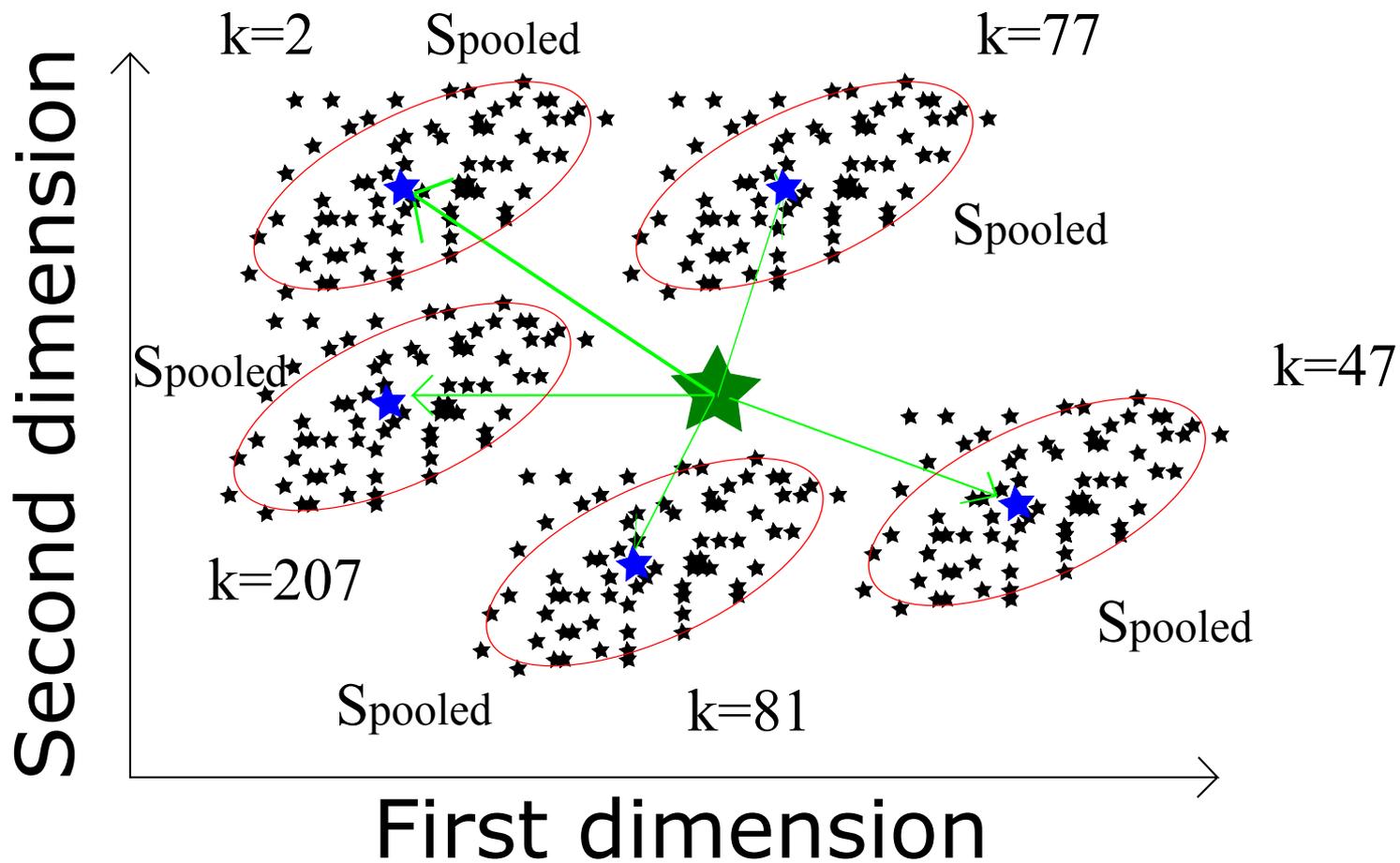
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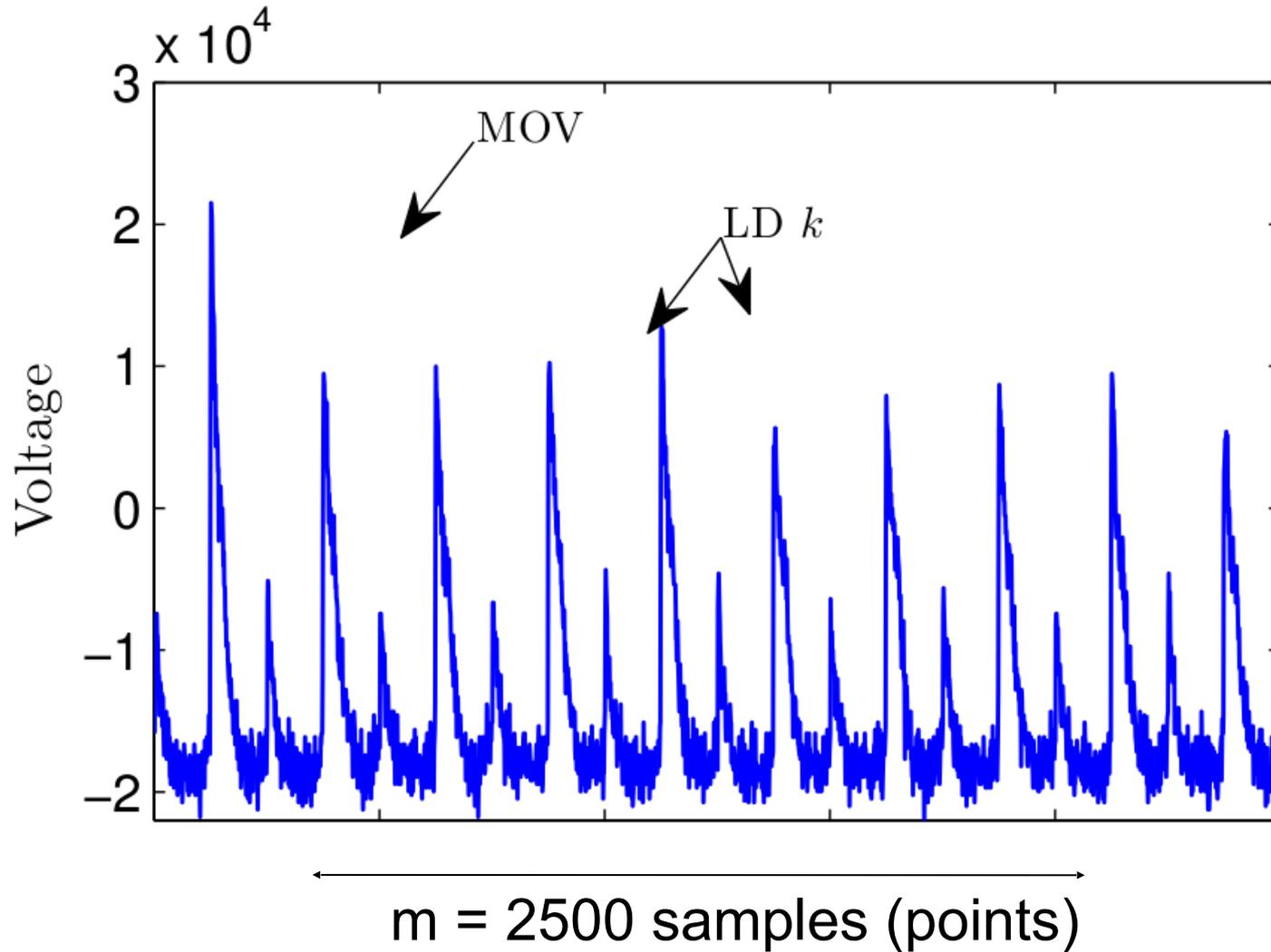
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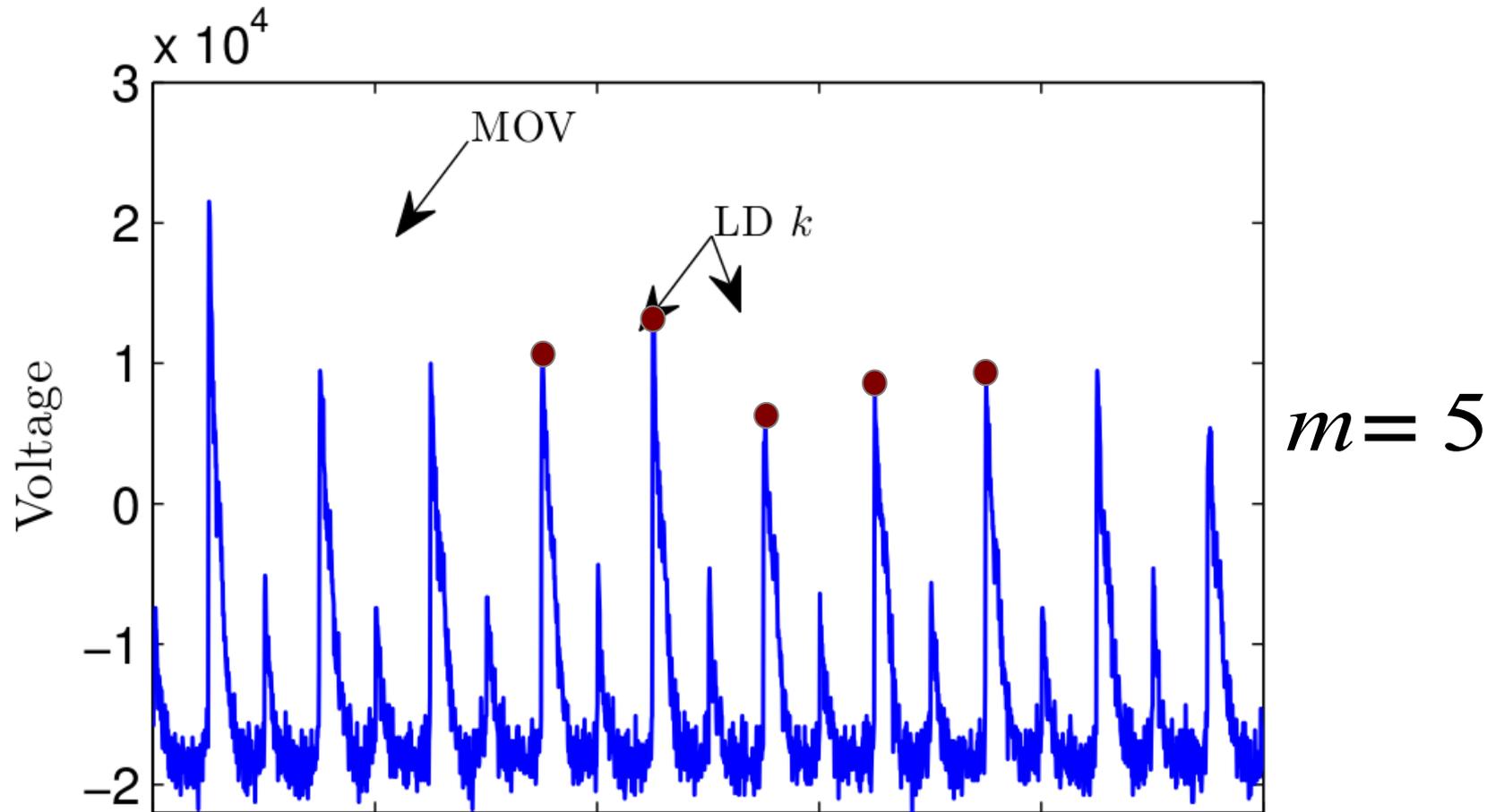
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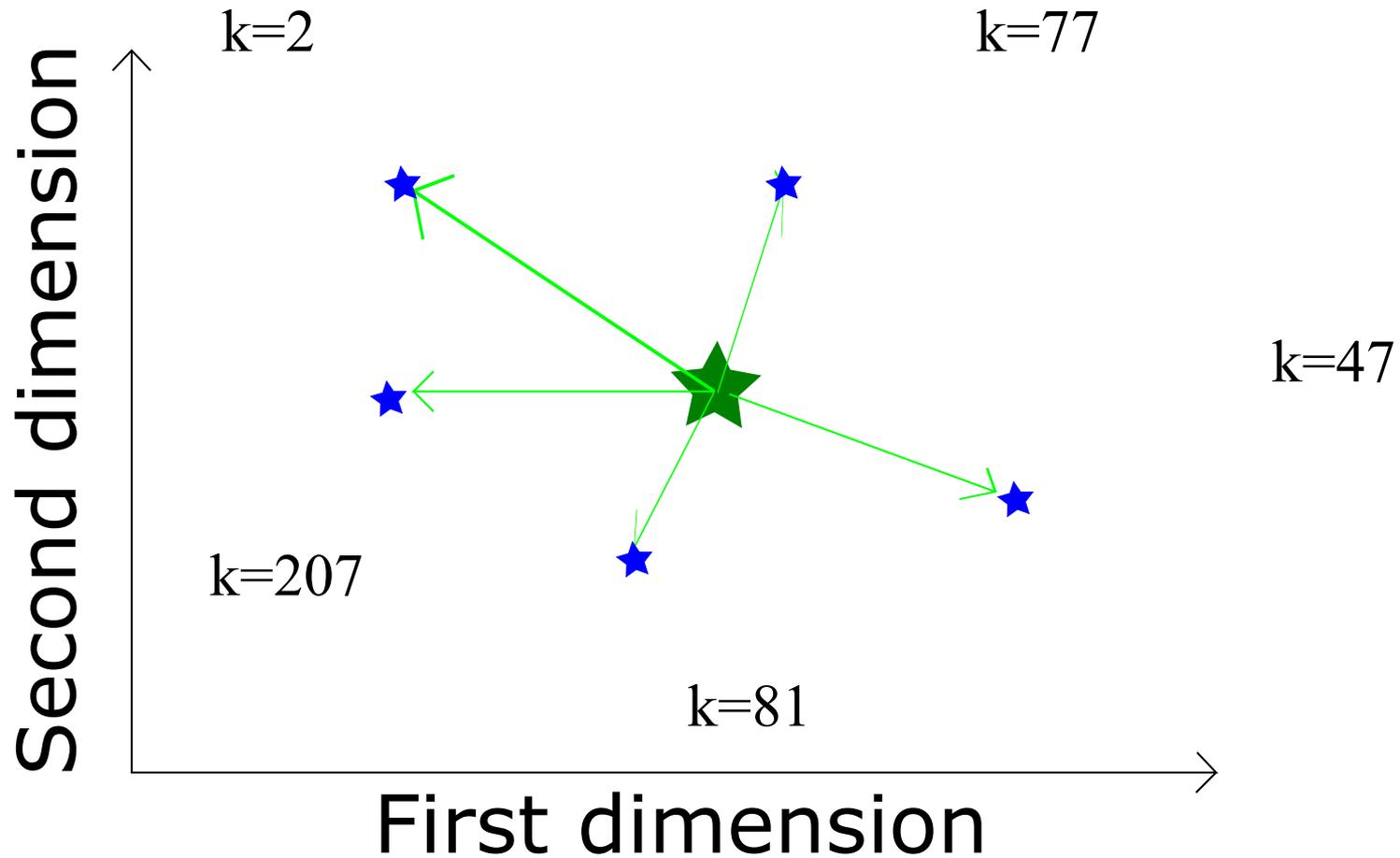
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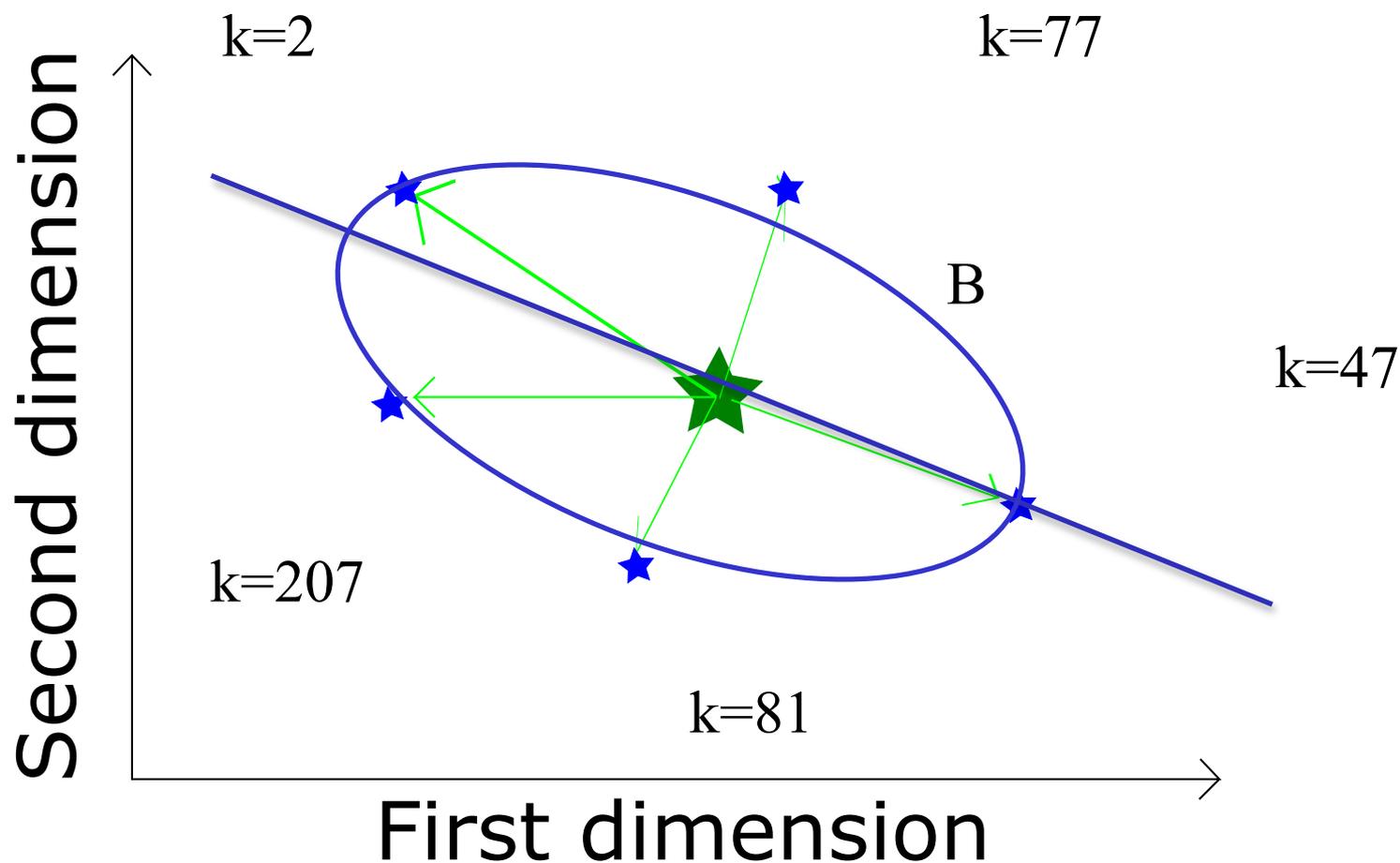
Select samples



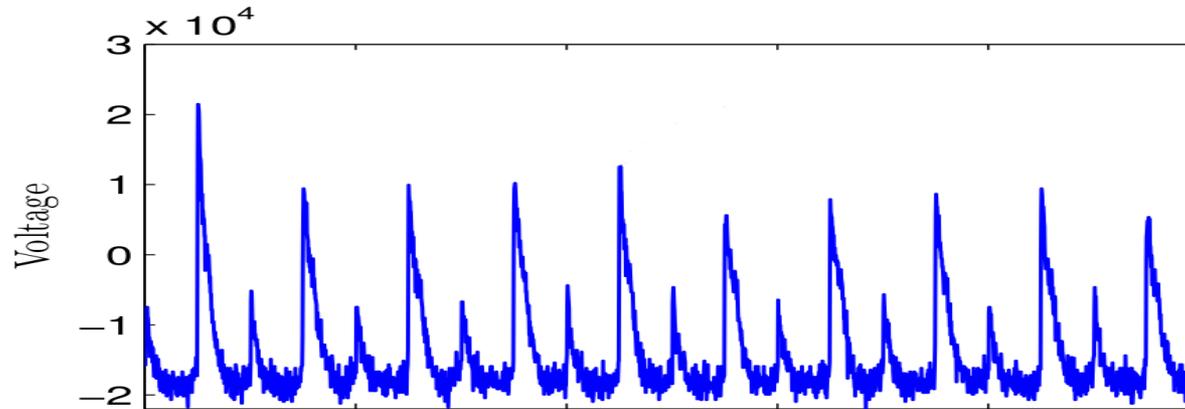
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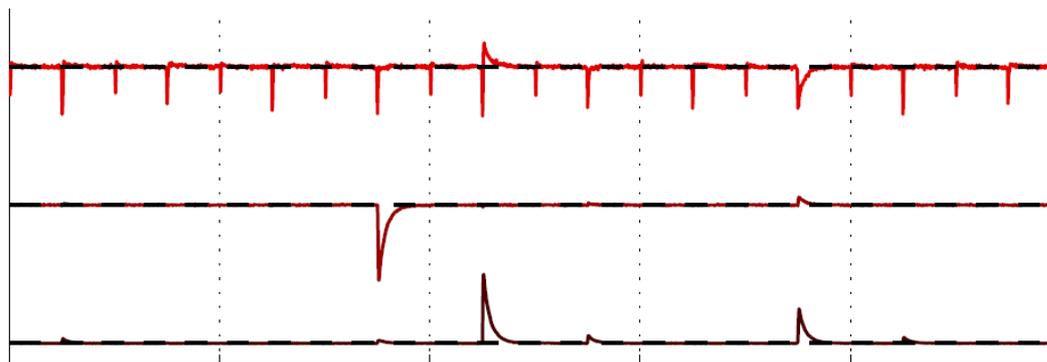
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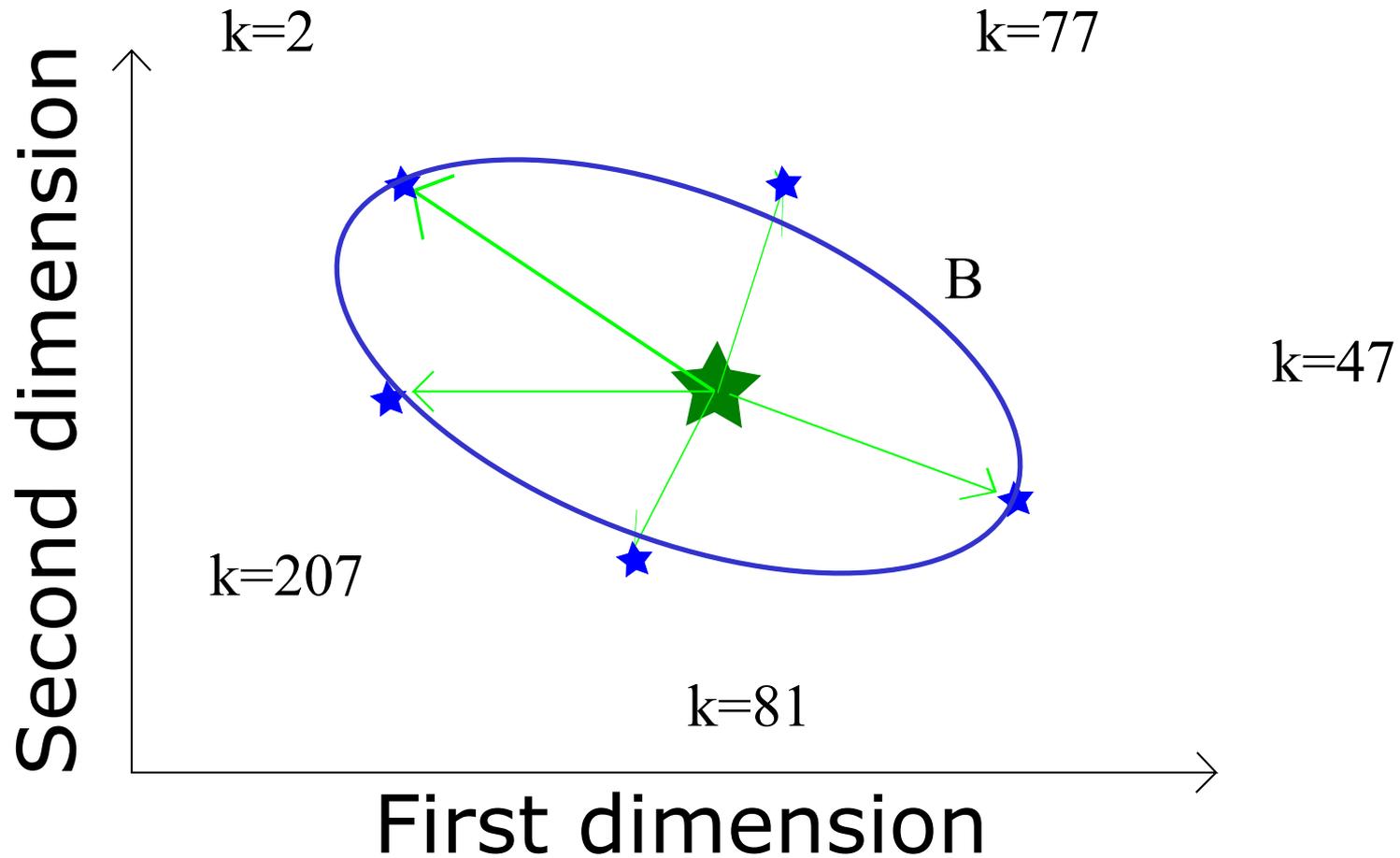
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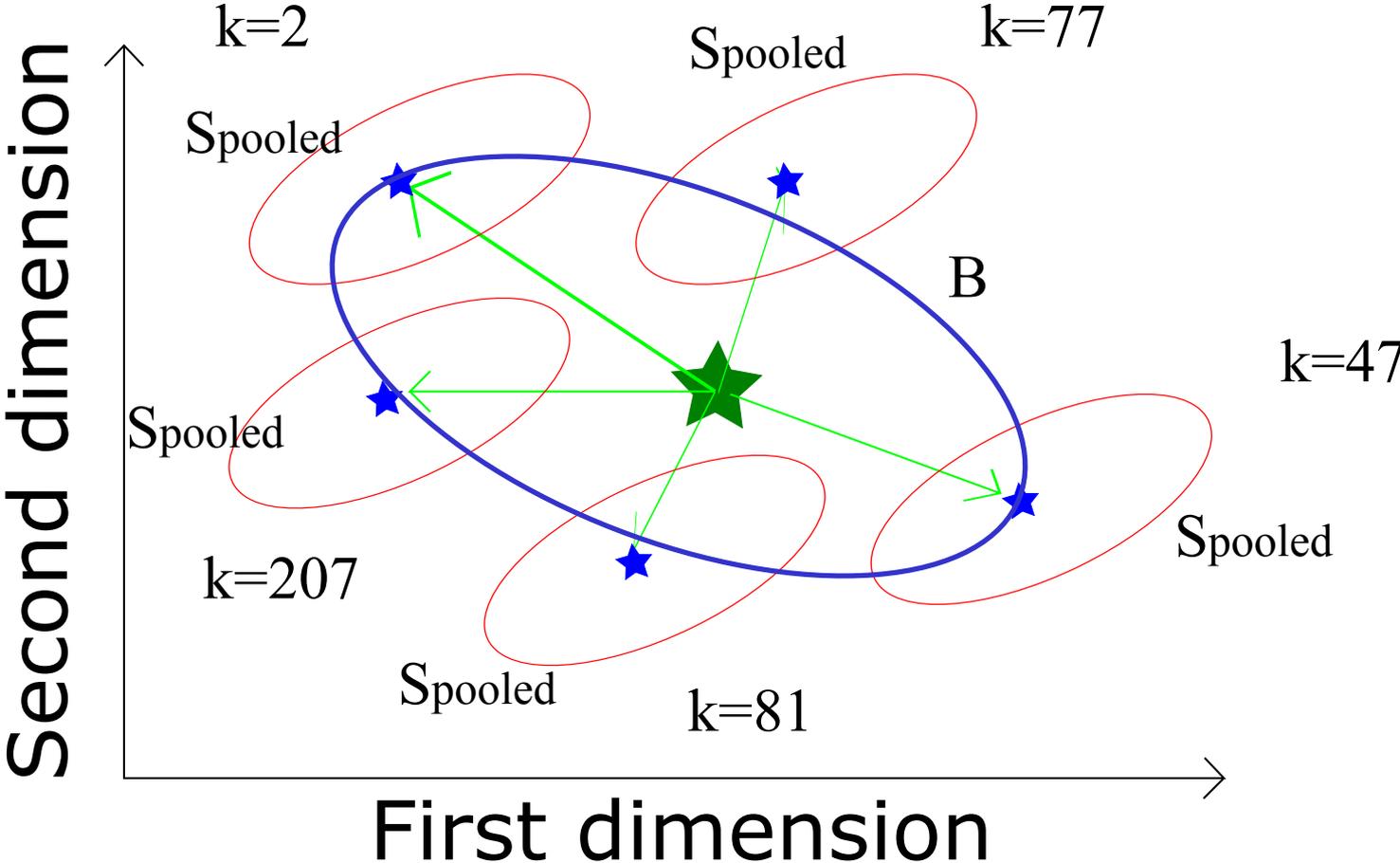
$U = \text{SVD}(B)$

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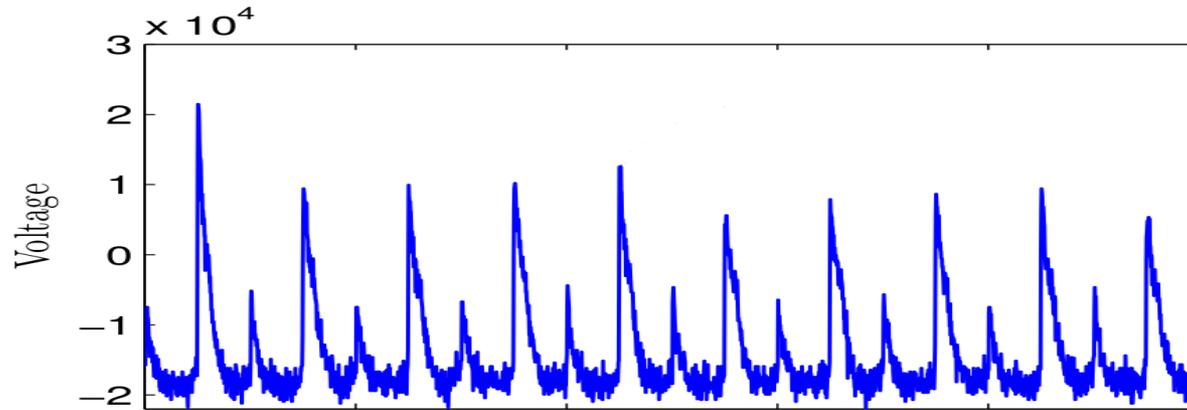
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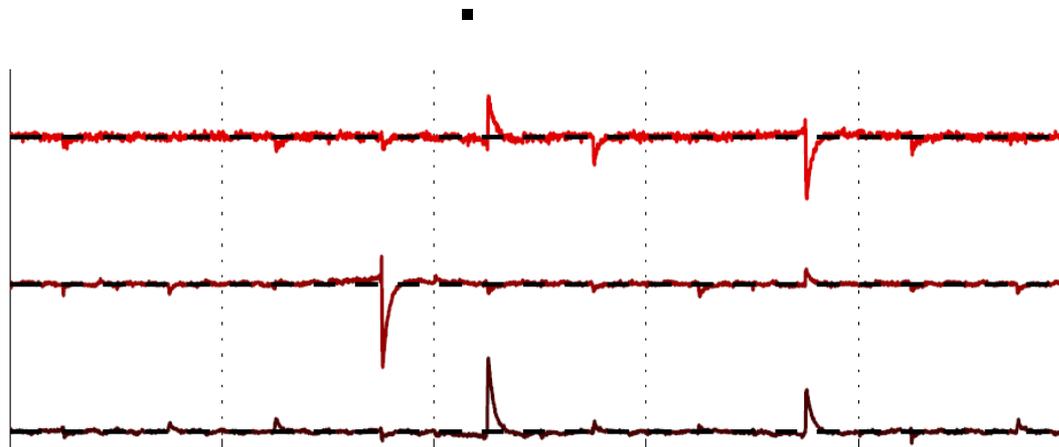
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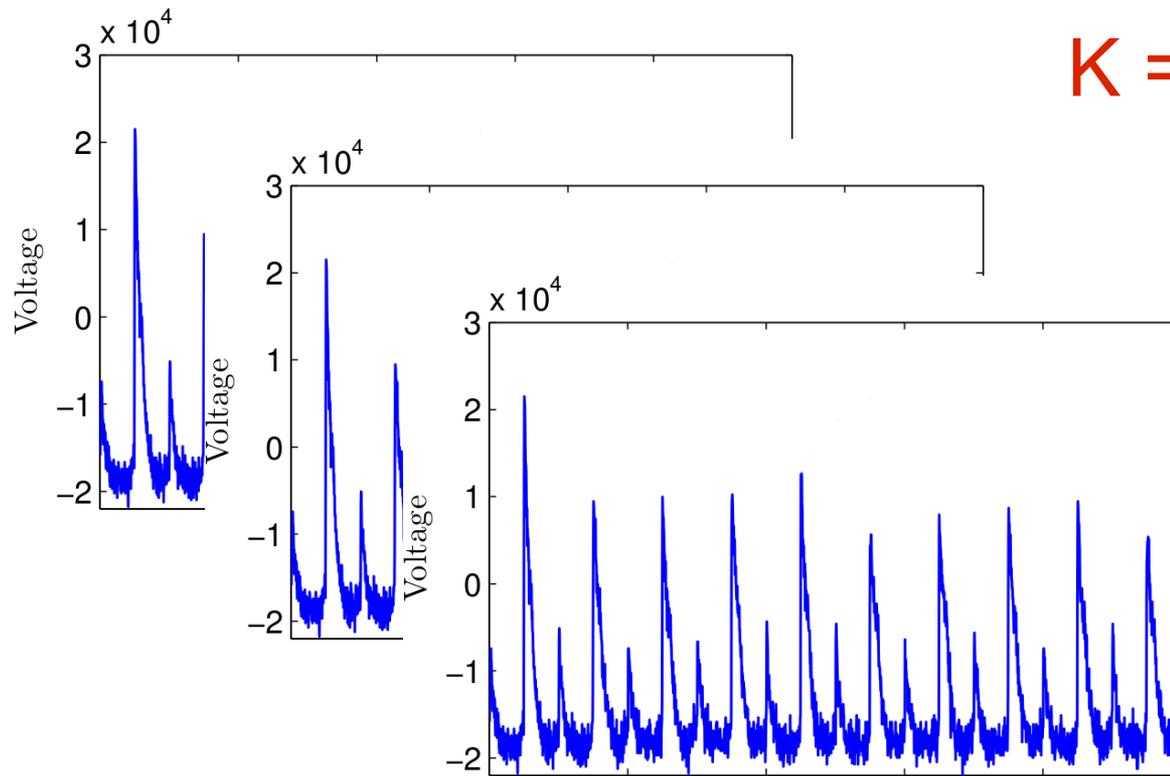
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$$1 \leq n_a \leq 1000$$

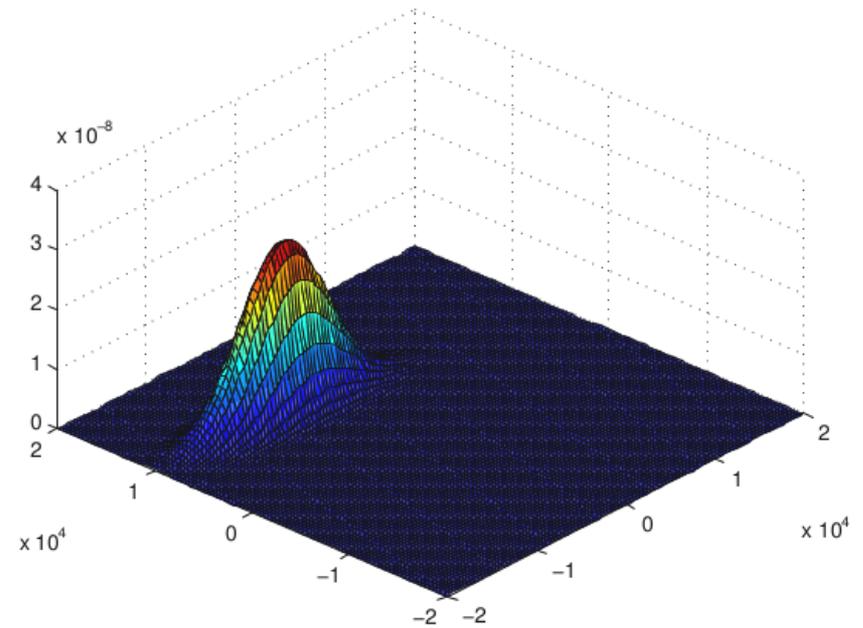
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Option 1: Multivariate Gaussian Distribution
[Chari et al., CHES '02]

$$\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{n_a}\}$$

$$d(k | \mathbf{X}) = \prod_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^m |\mathbf{S}|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k)' \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k)\right)$$



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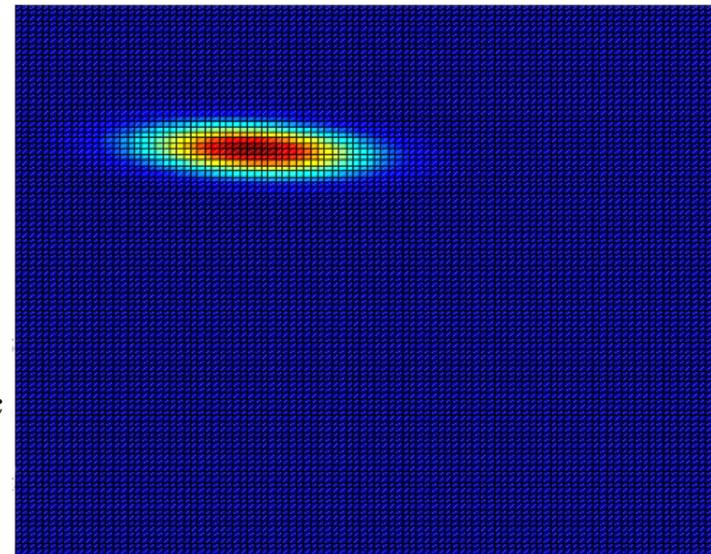
Option 2: Mahalanobis Distance or Linear Discriminant
[Choudary and Kuhn, CARDIS '13]

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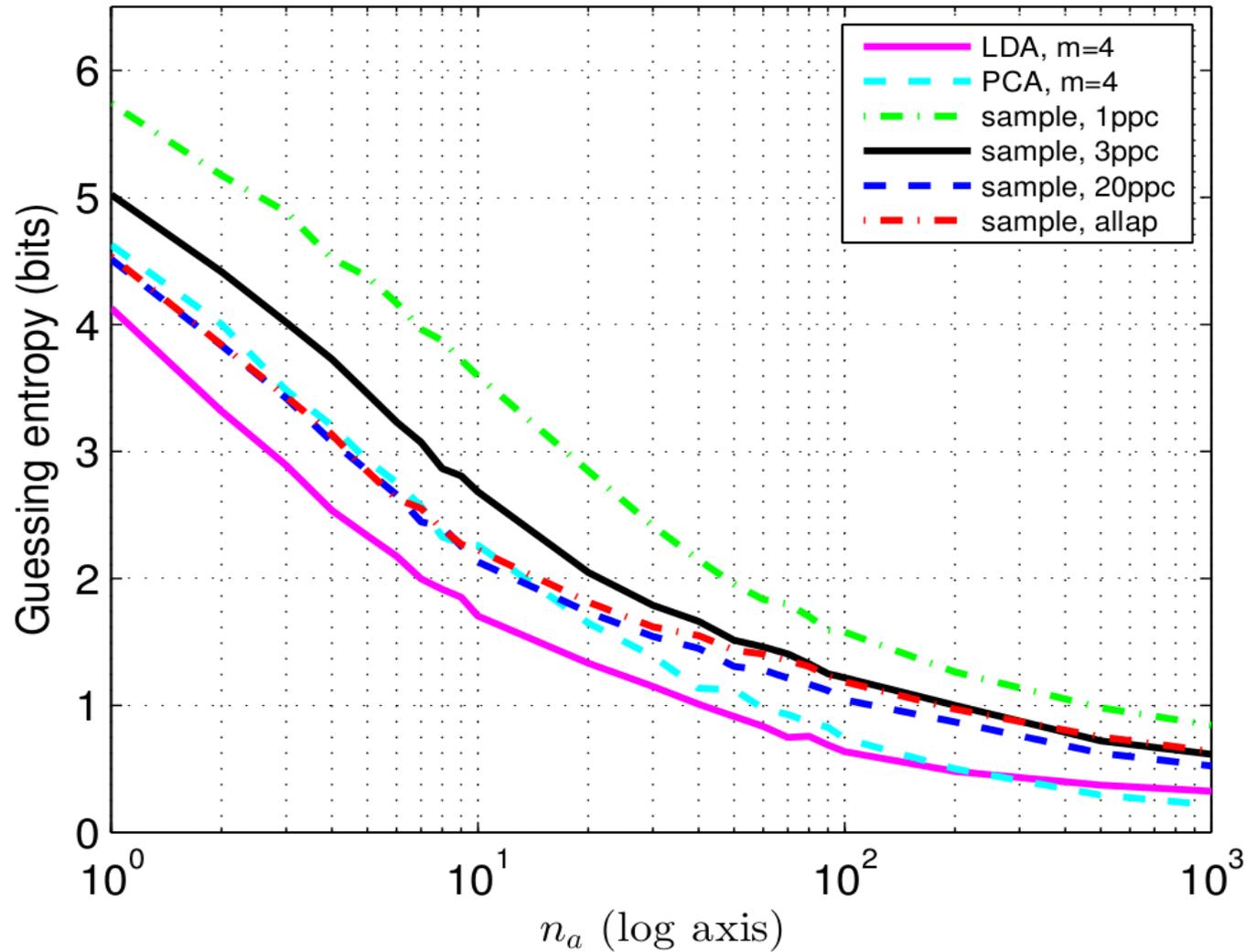
$$d_{\text{MD}}(k | \mathbf{X}) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k)' \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k)$$

$$d_{\text{Linear}}(k | \mathbf{X}) = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k' \mathbf{S}^{-1} \left(\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}_{k^*}} \mathbf{x} \right) - \frac{n_a}{2} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k' \mathbf{S}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k$$

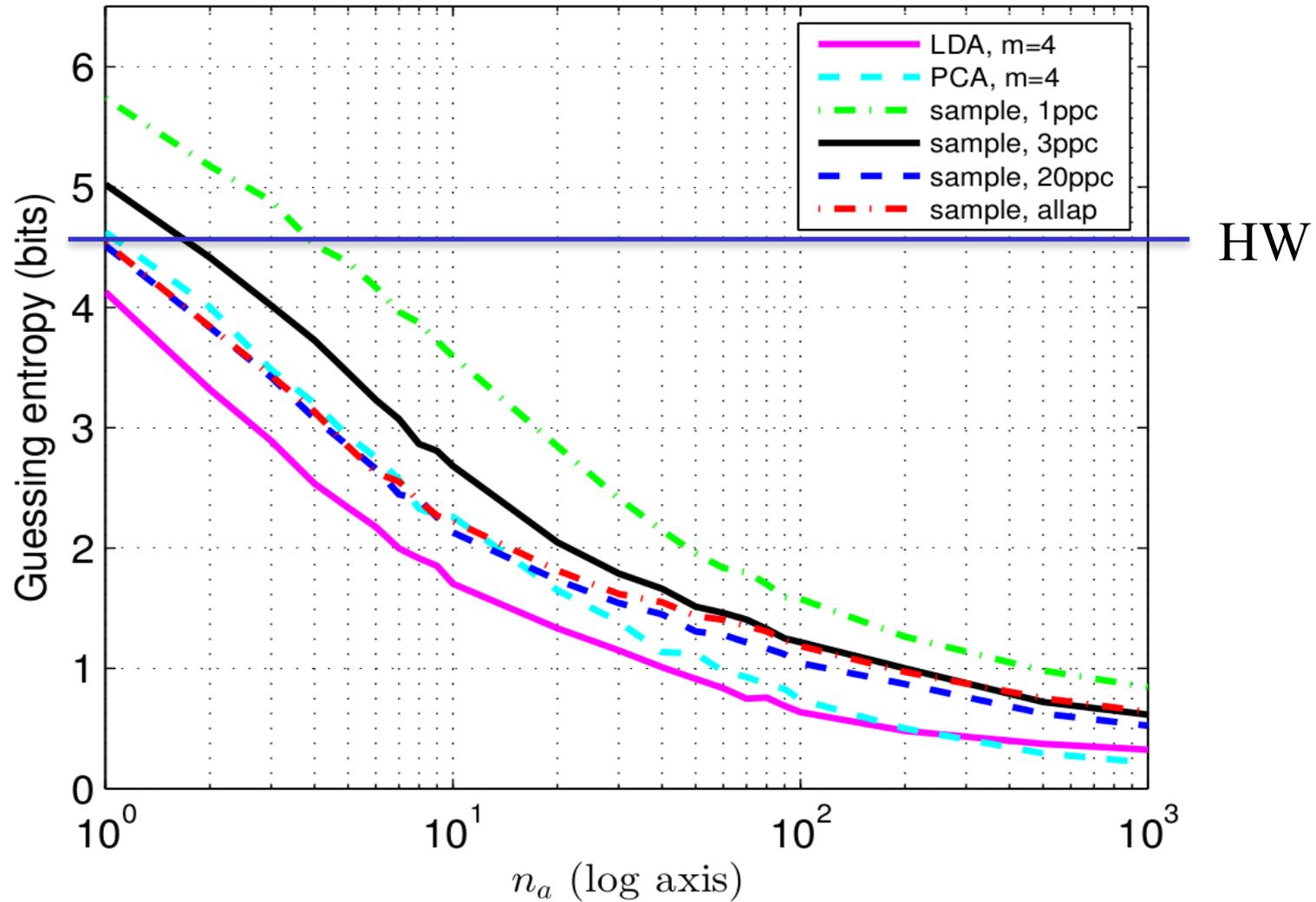
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TA on same campaign [CARDIS '13]



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TA on different devices

- [Renauld et al., Eurocrypt '11]
 - Bad results across different ASIC devices
 - Used 20 different devices
 - Sample selection with 1 to 3 samples
- [Elaabid et al., Journal Crypto Engineering '12]
 - Bad results on same device but different campaigns
 - PCA with 1 principal component

Our evaluation

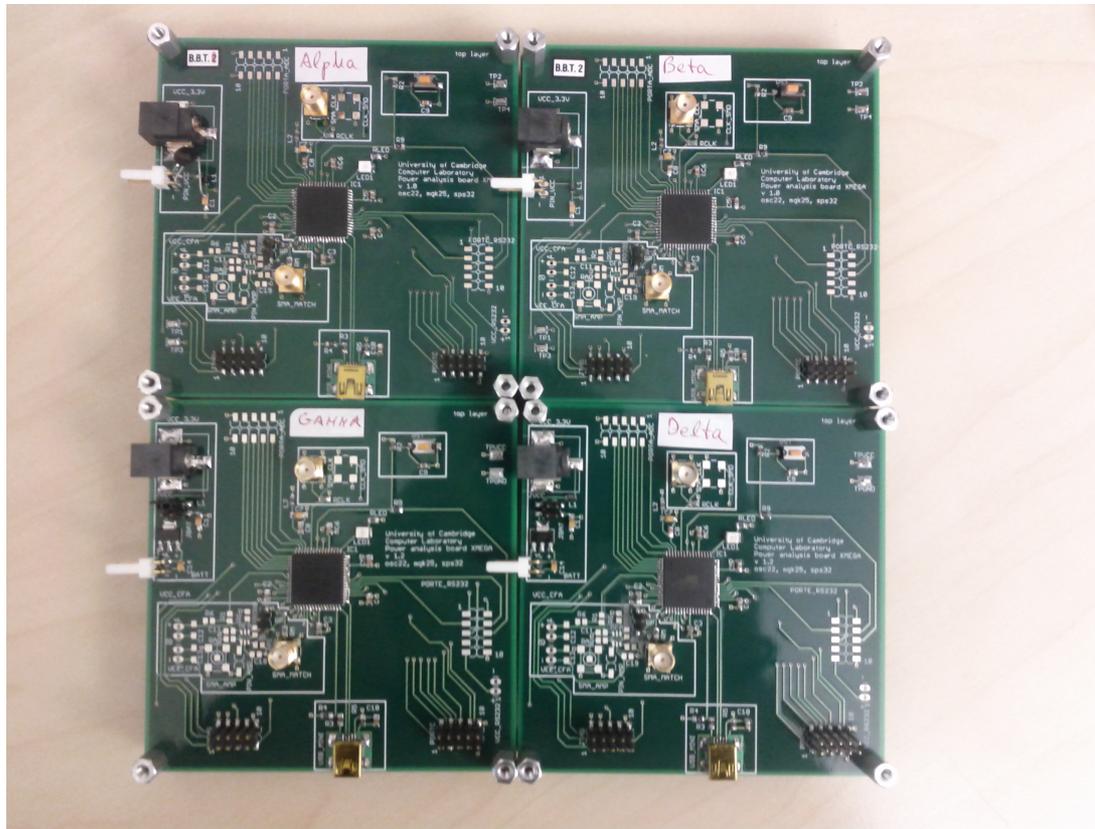
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Beta

Gamma

Delta



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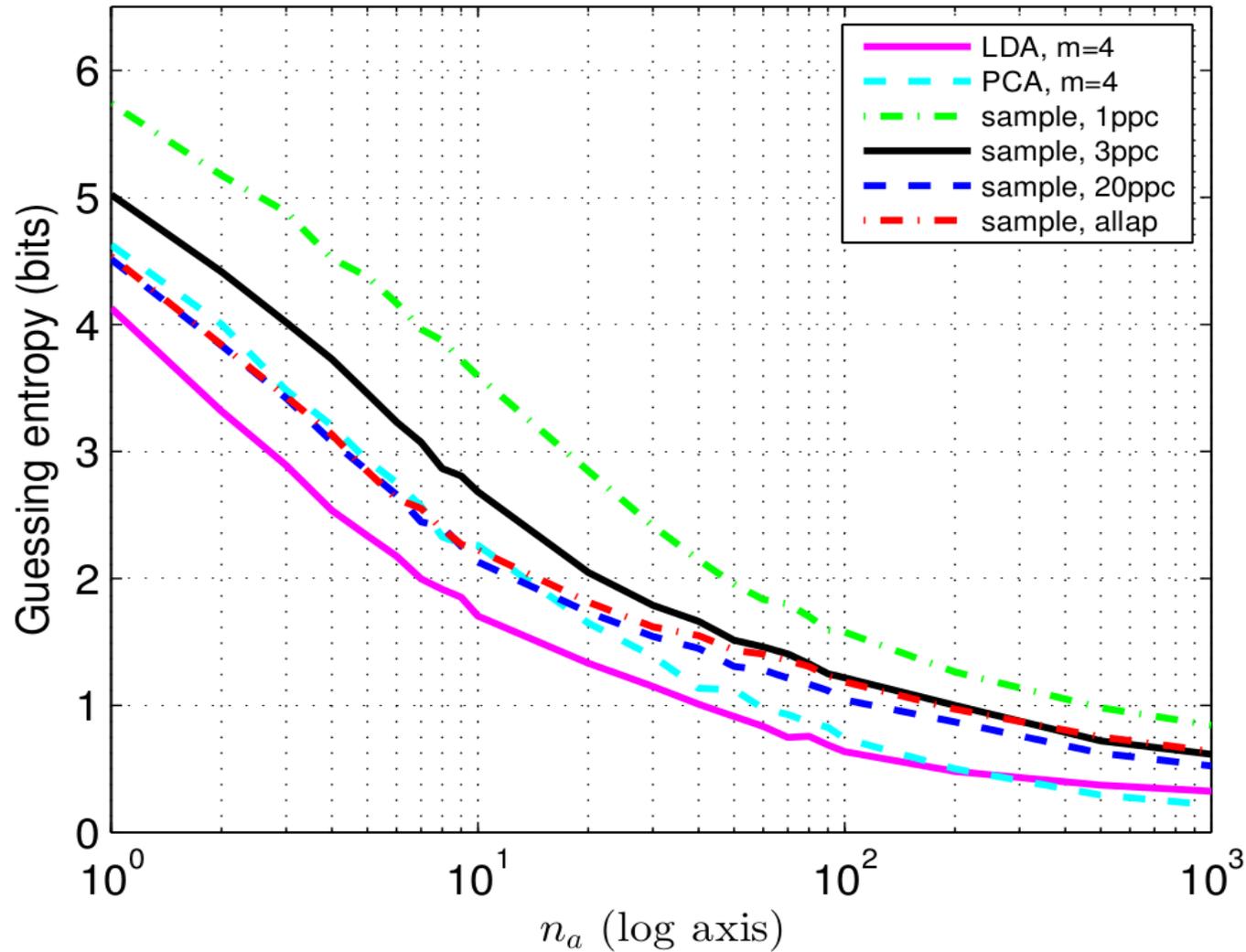
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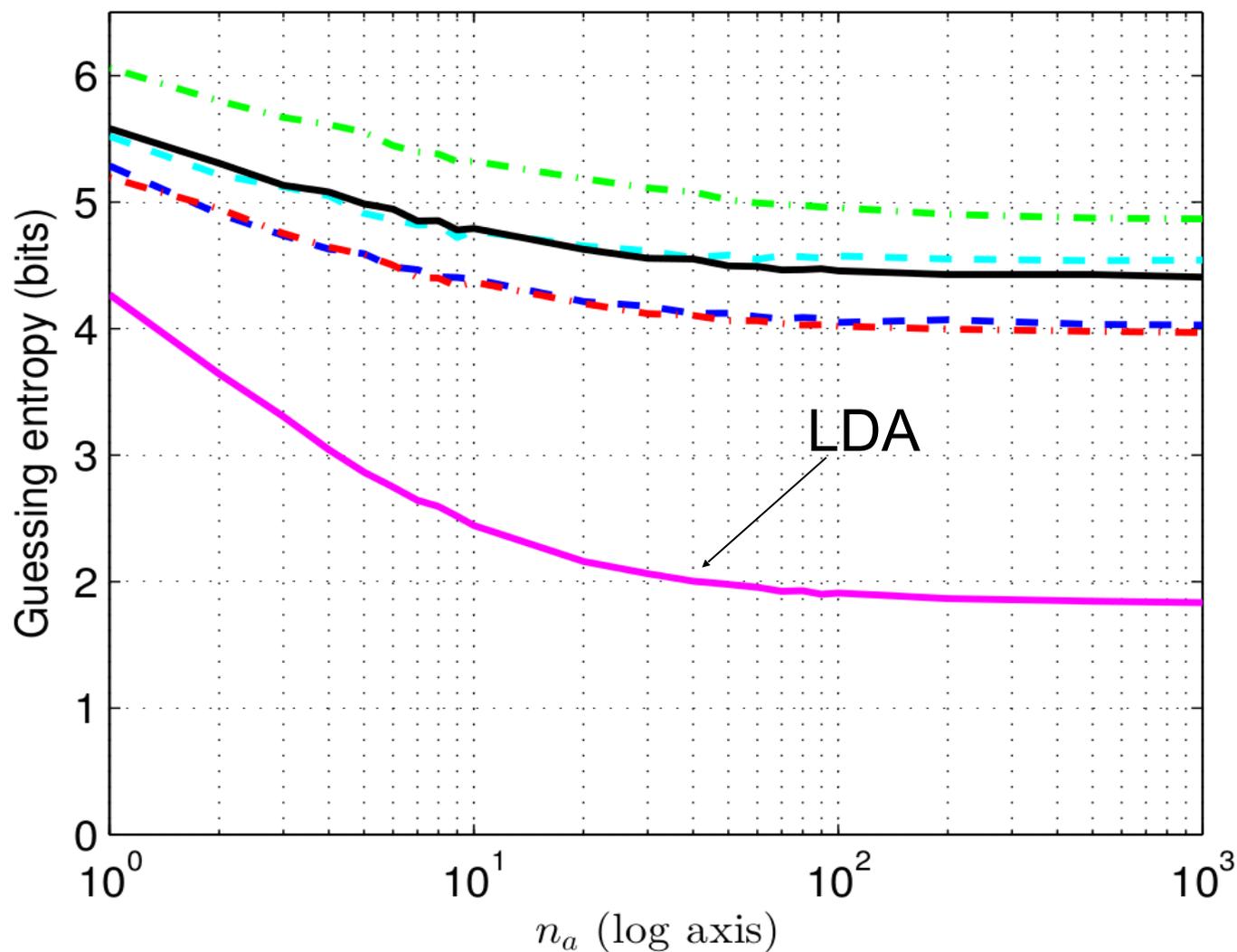
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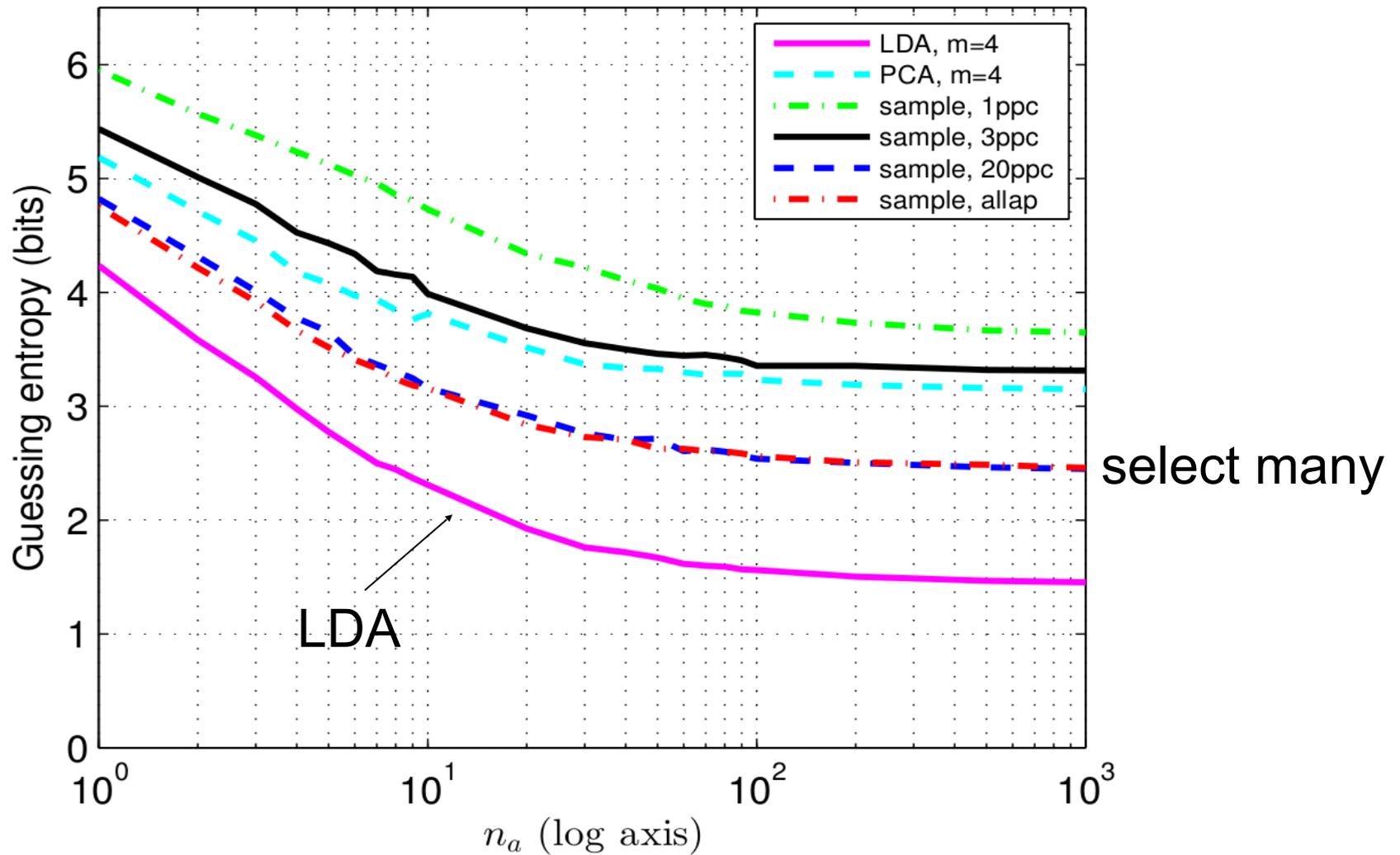
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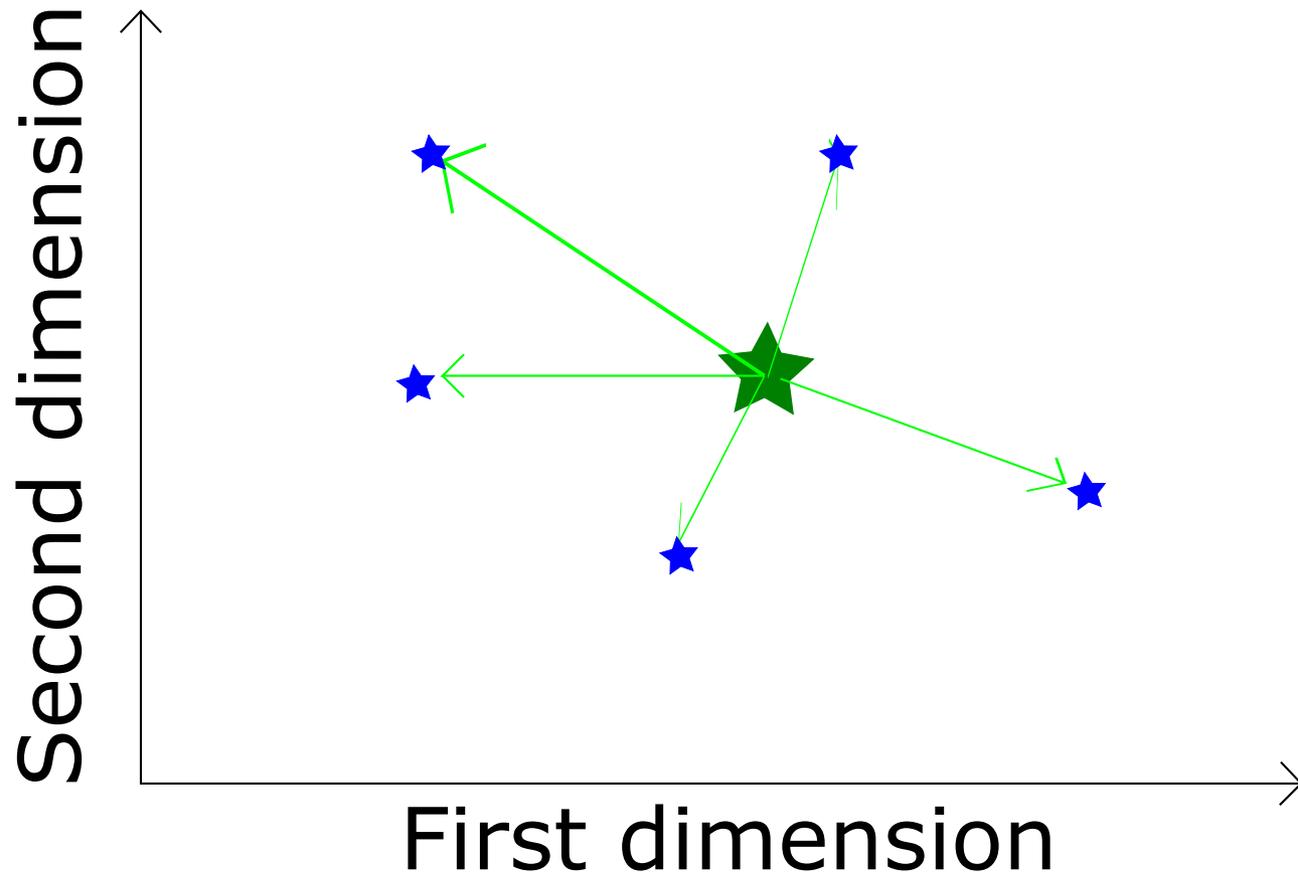
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Profiling on 3 devices (Met. 2)



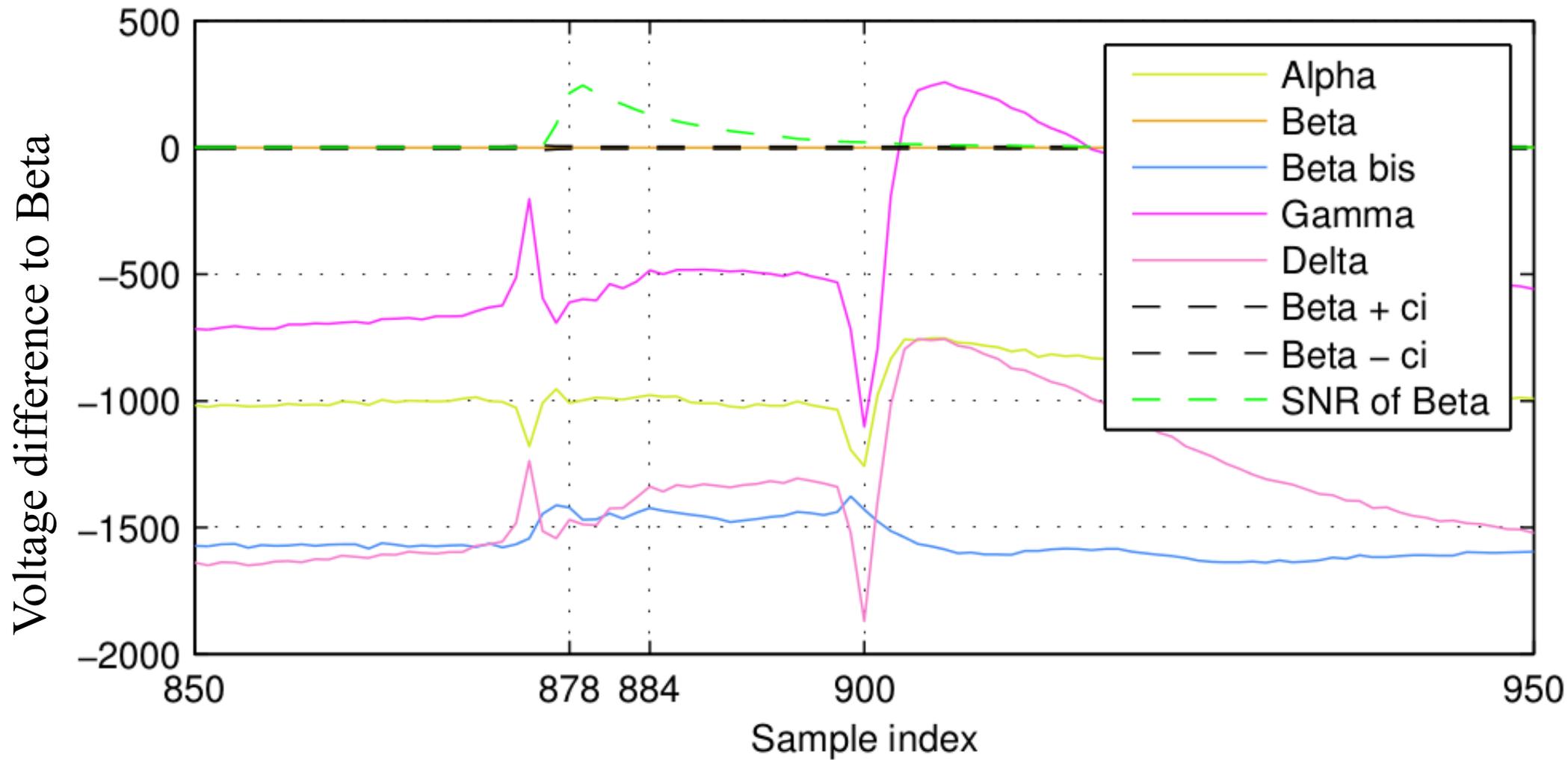
Analysis of overall mean vectors



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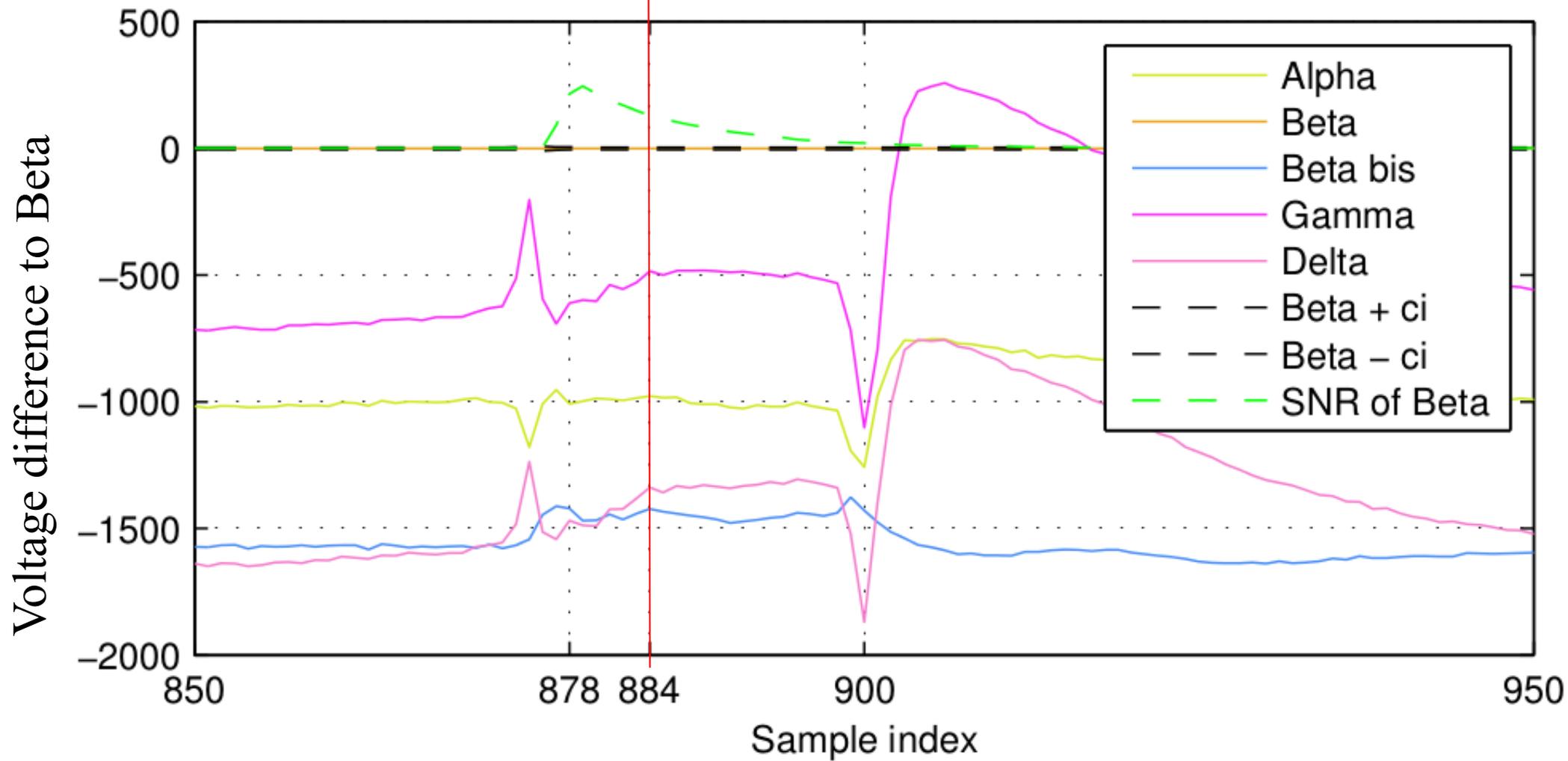
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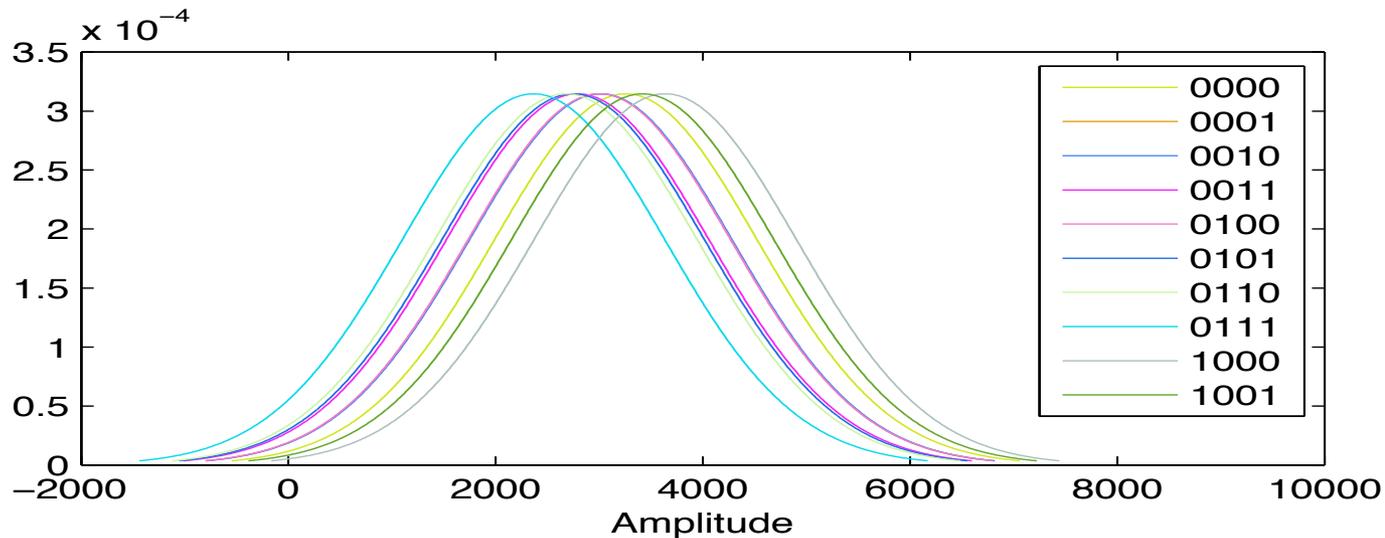
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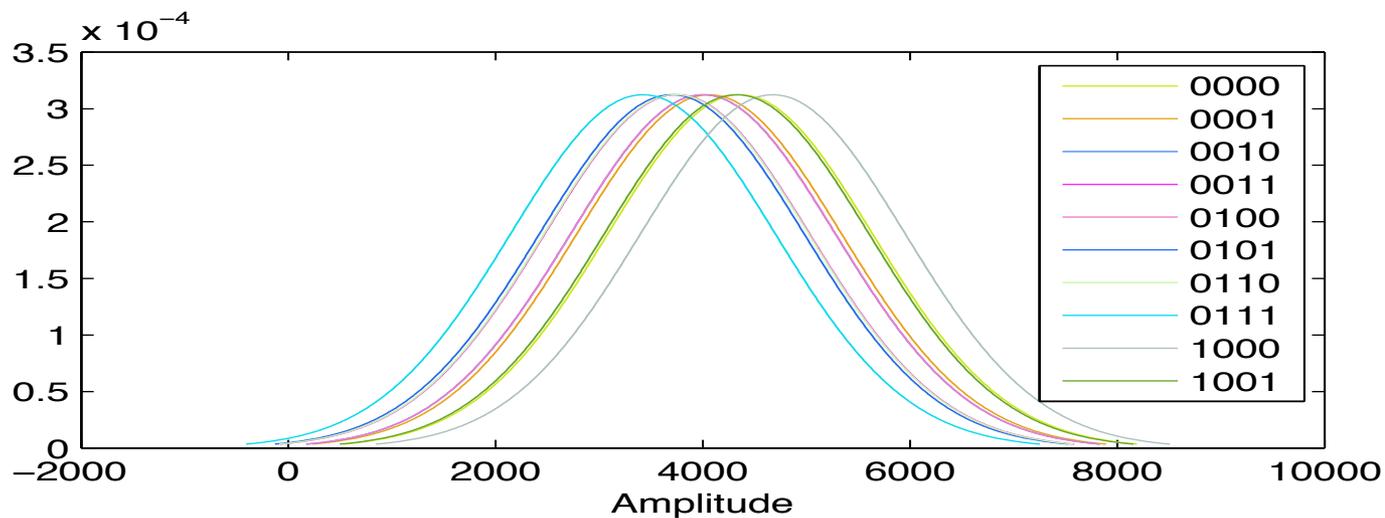
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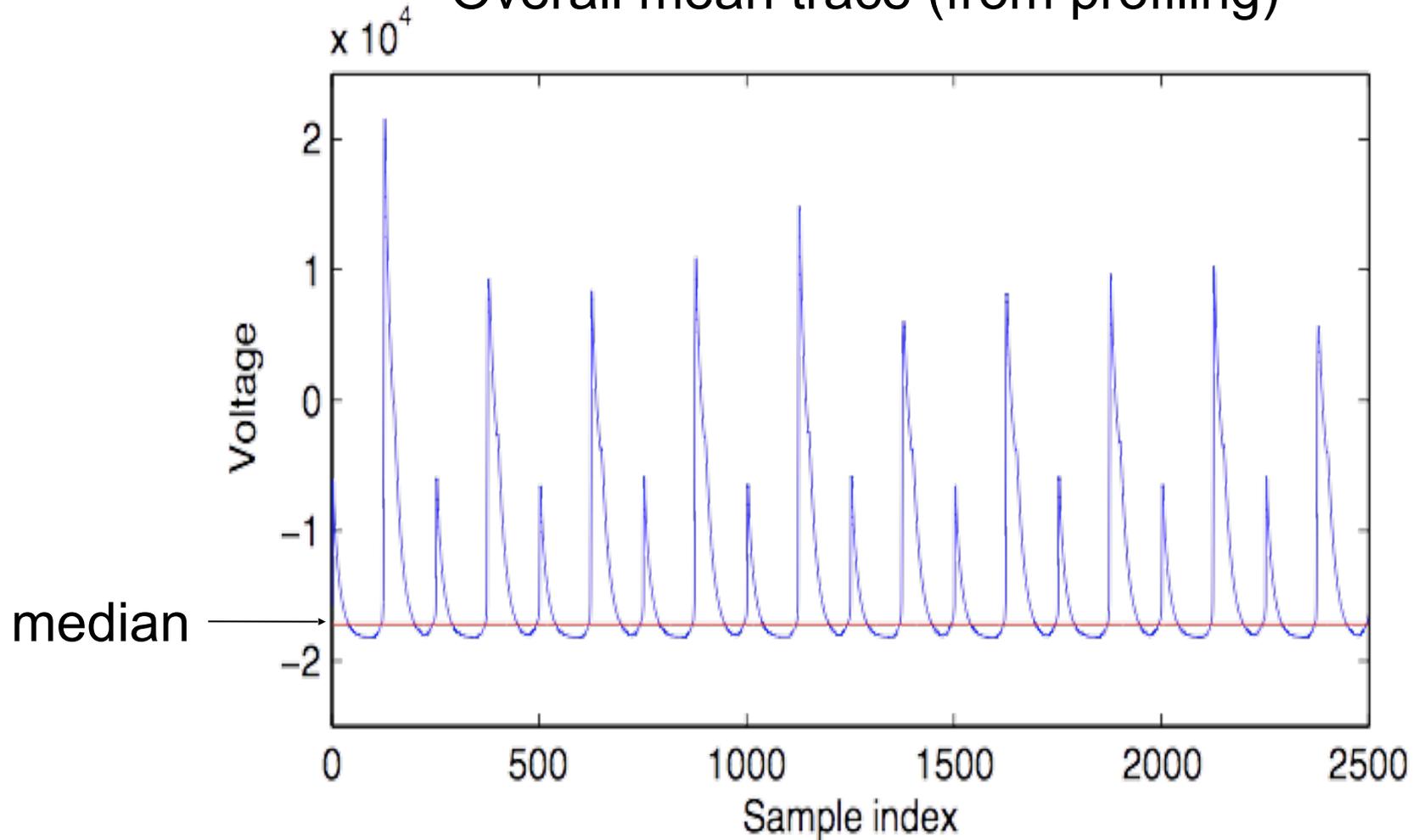
Sample $j=884$



Beta

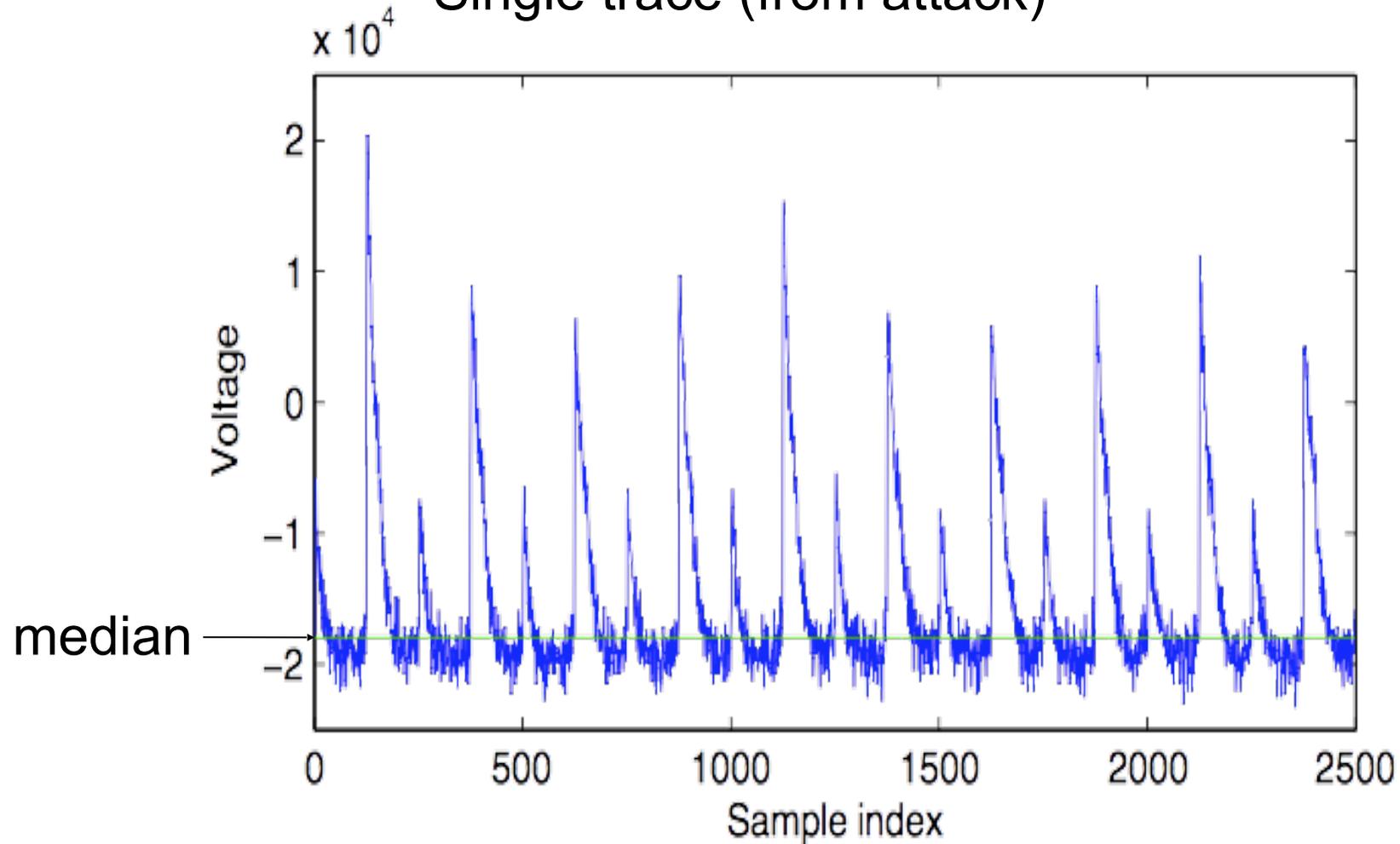
Adapt for the offset (Met. 3)

Overall mean trace (from profiling)

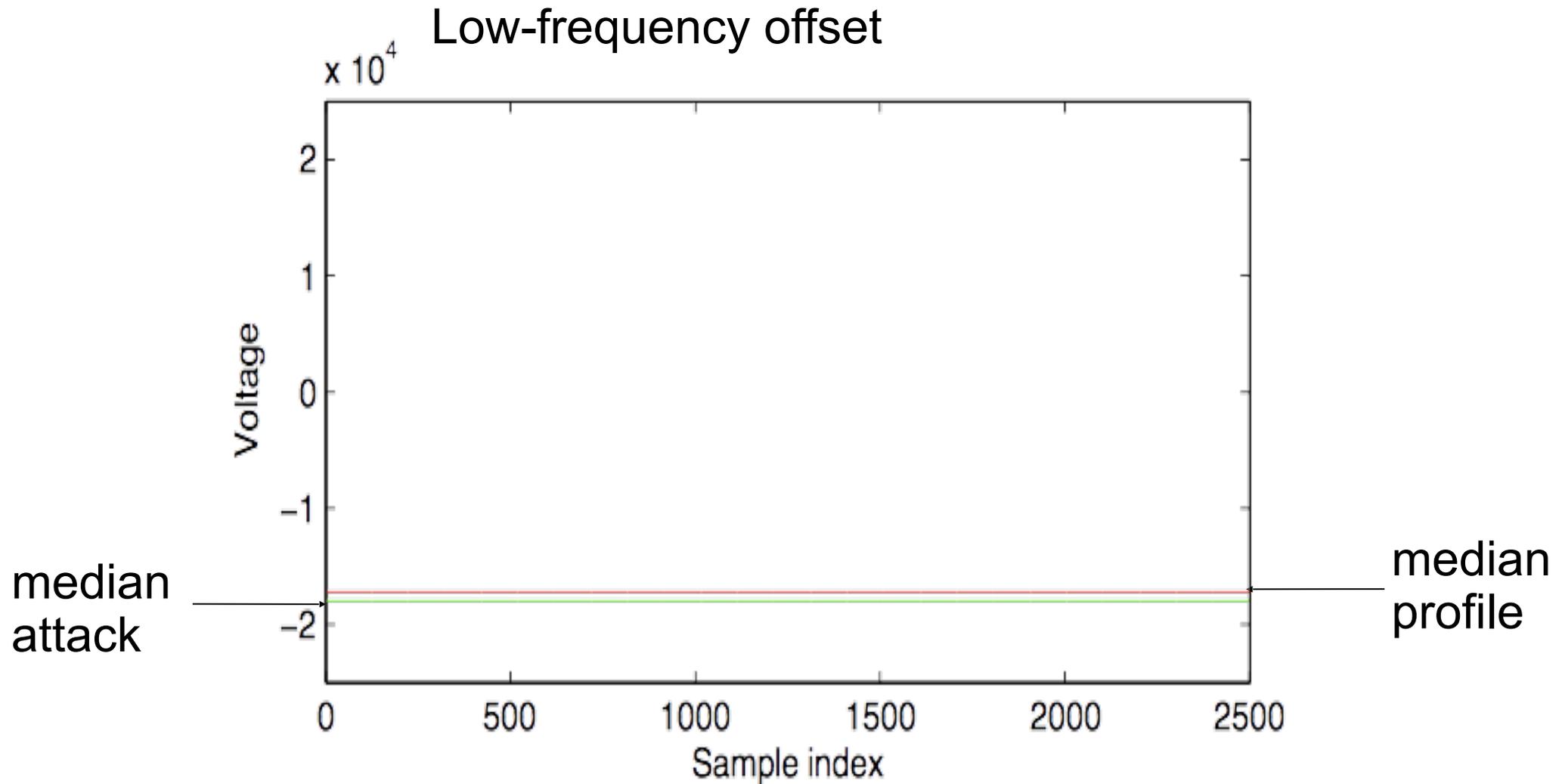


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Single trace (from attack)

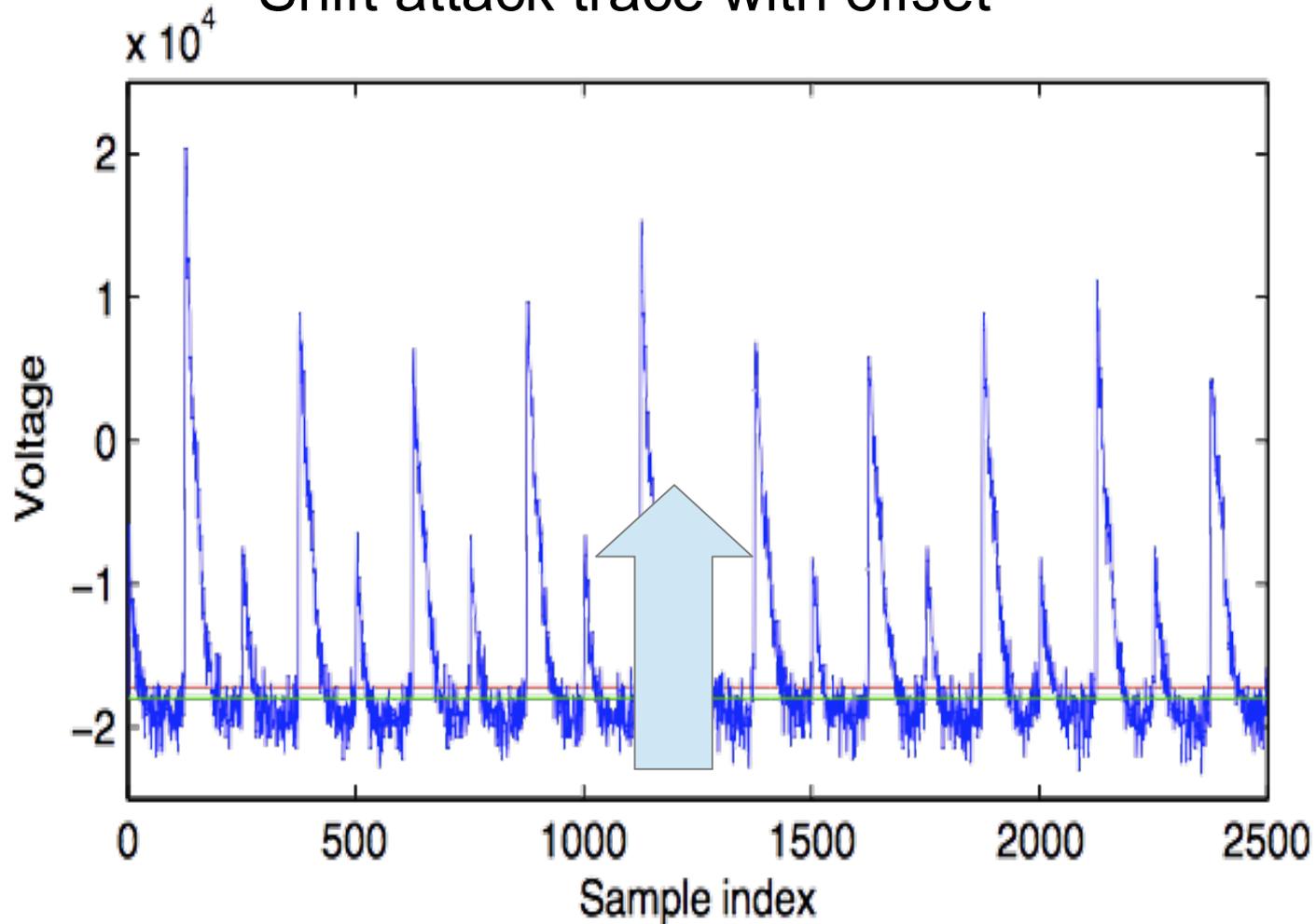


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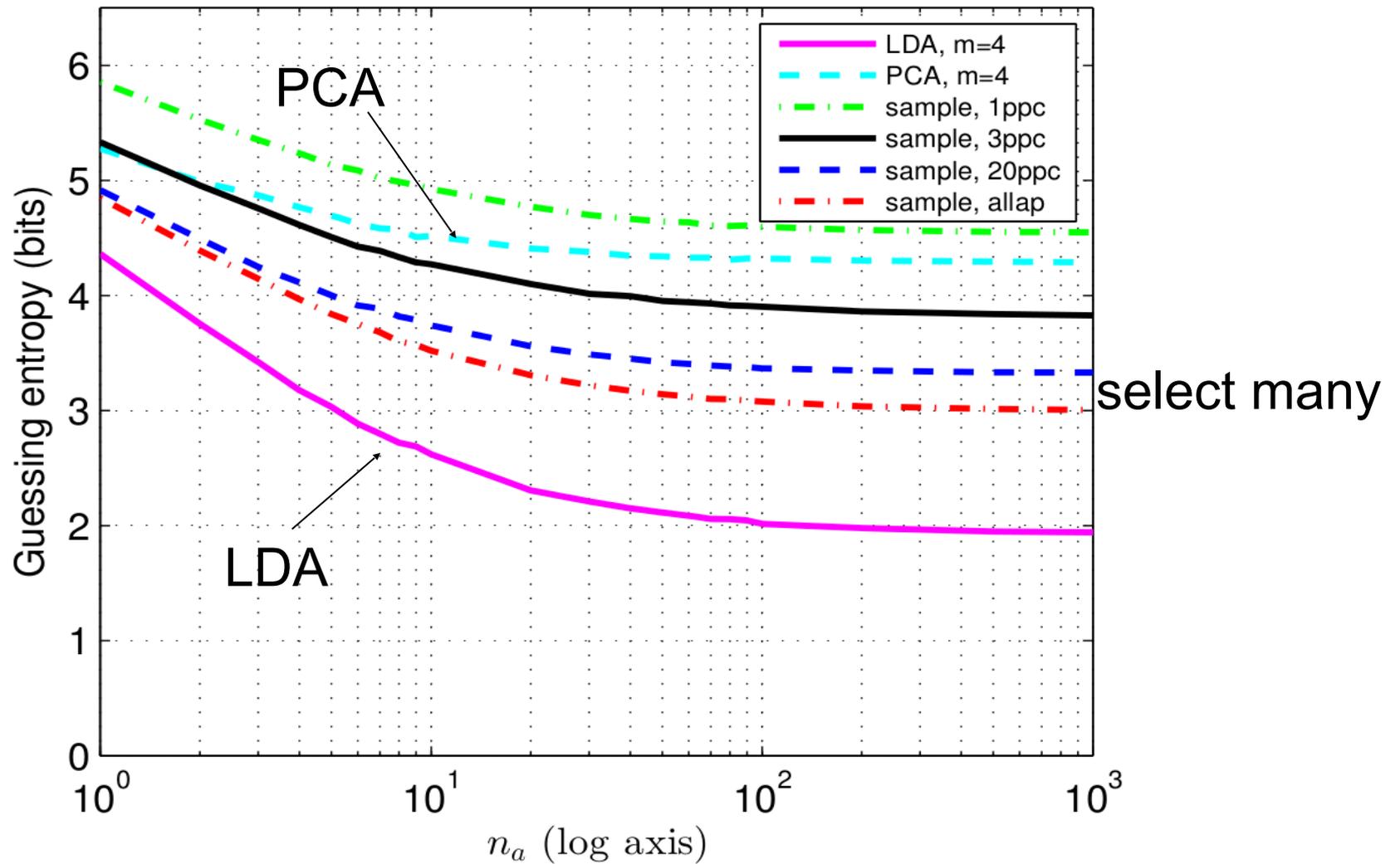


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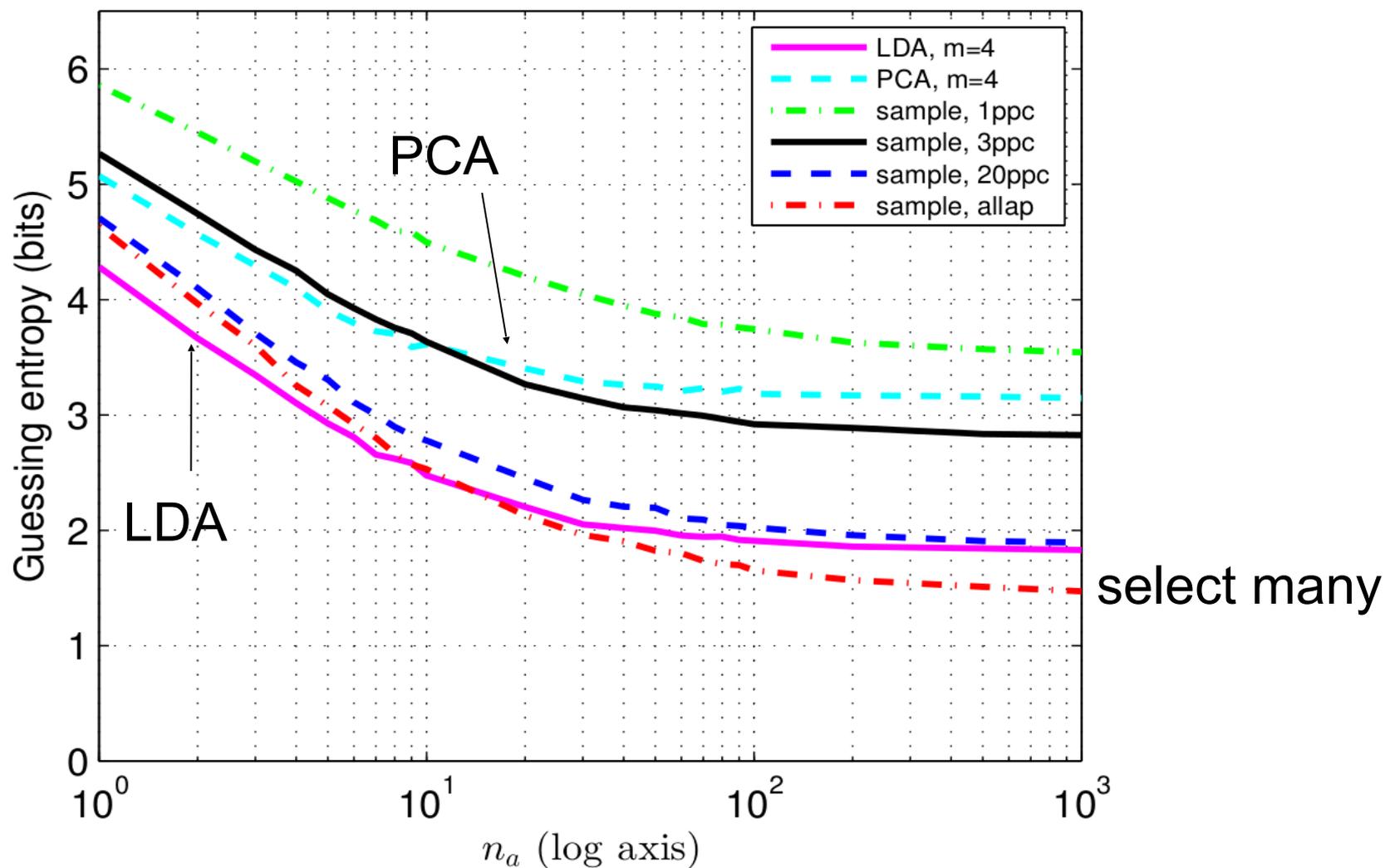
Shift attack trace with offset



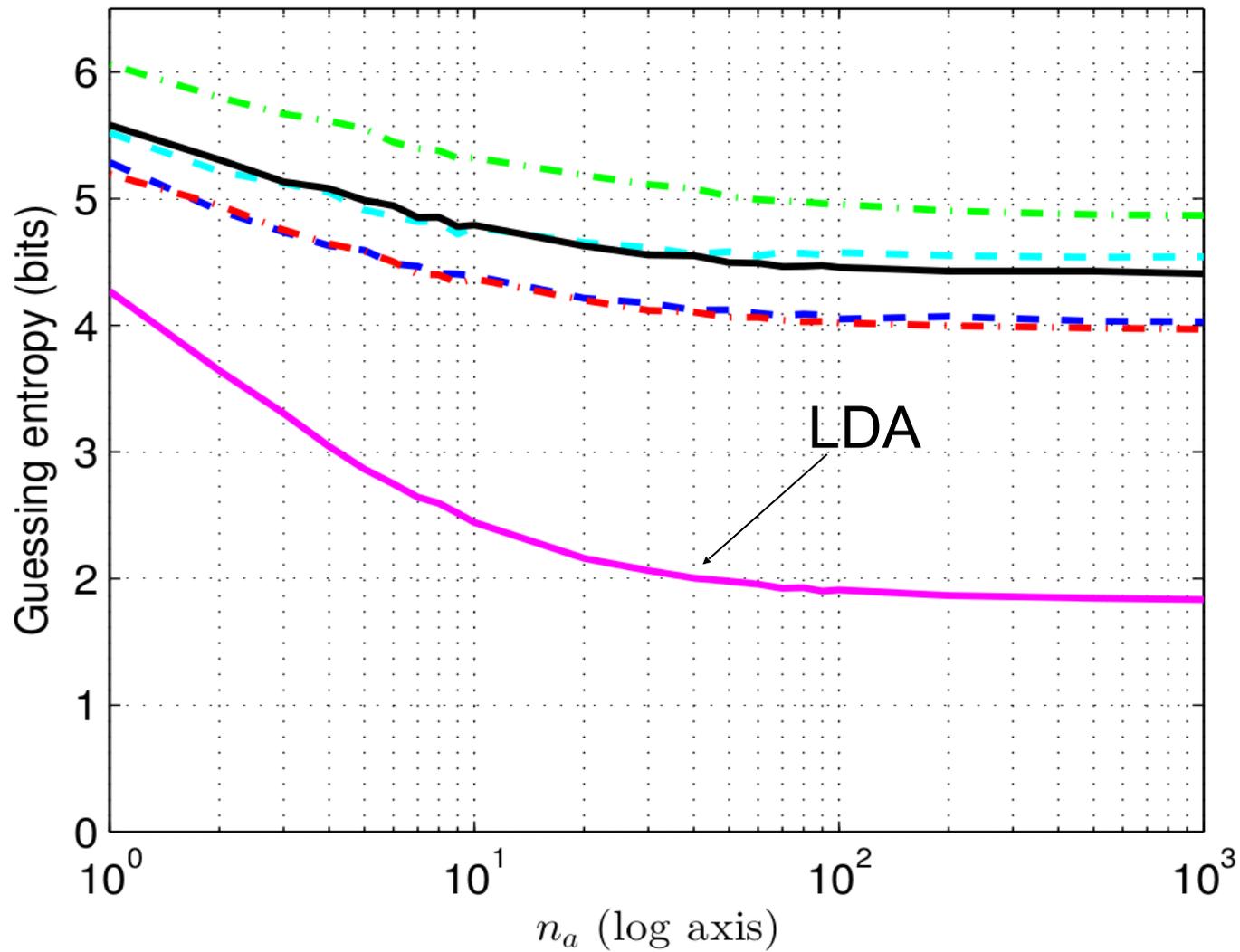
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Profile on 3 devices & adapt offset (Met. 4)



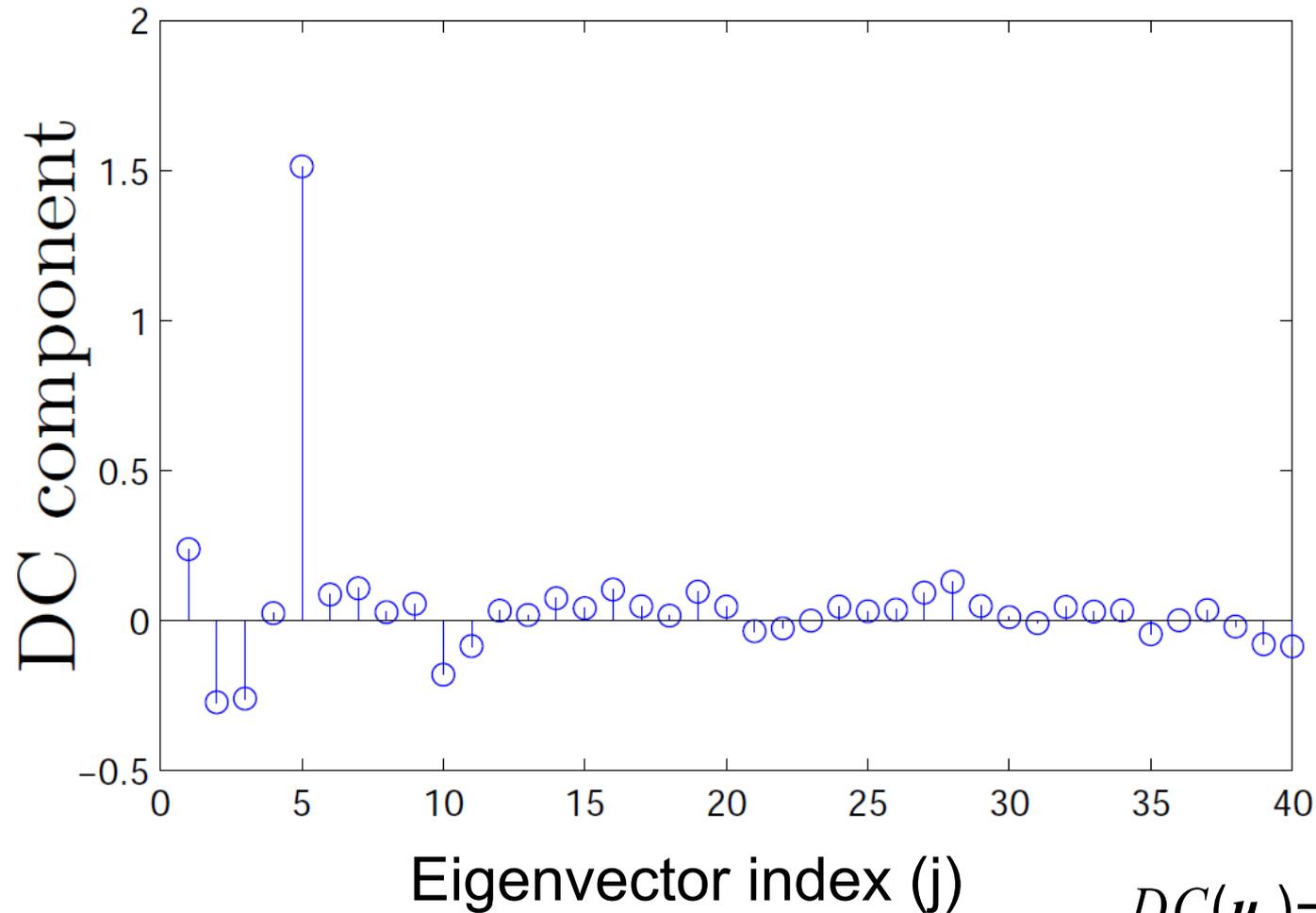
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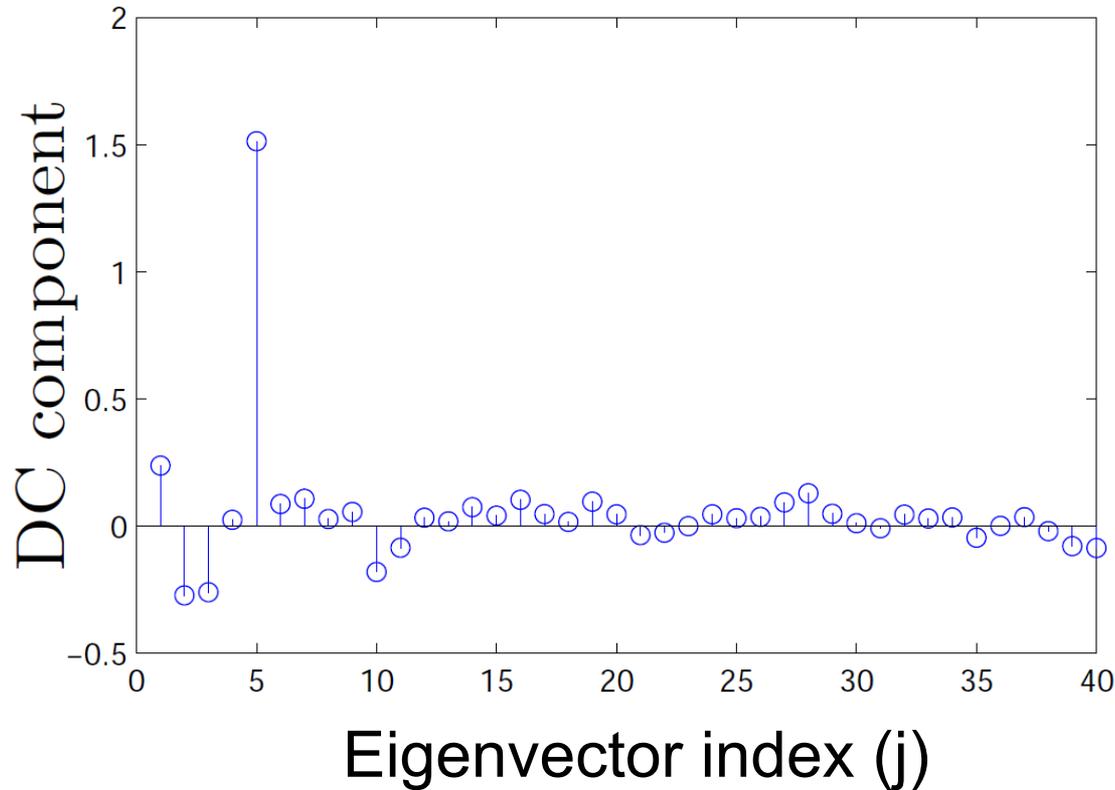
- LDA uses common covariance matrix S_{pooled} in computation of eigenvectors
- S_{pooled} captures noise factors, such as temperature variations
 - Our acquisition campaigns took several hours to complete
- If variation due to noise is similar across campaigns then LDA can be useful

How to select LDA eigenvectors (1)



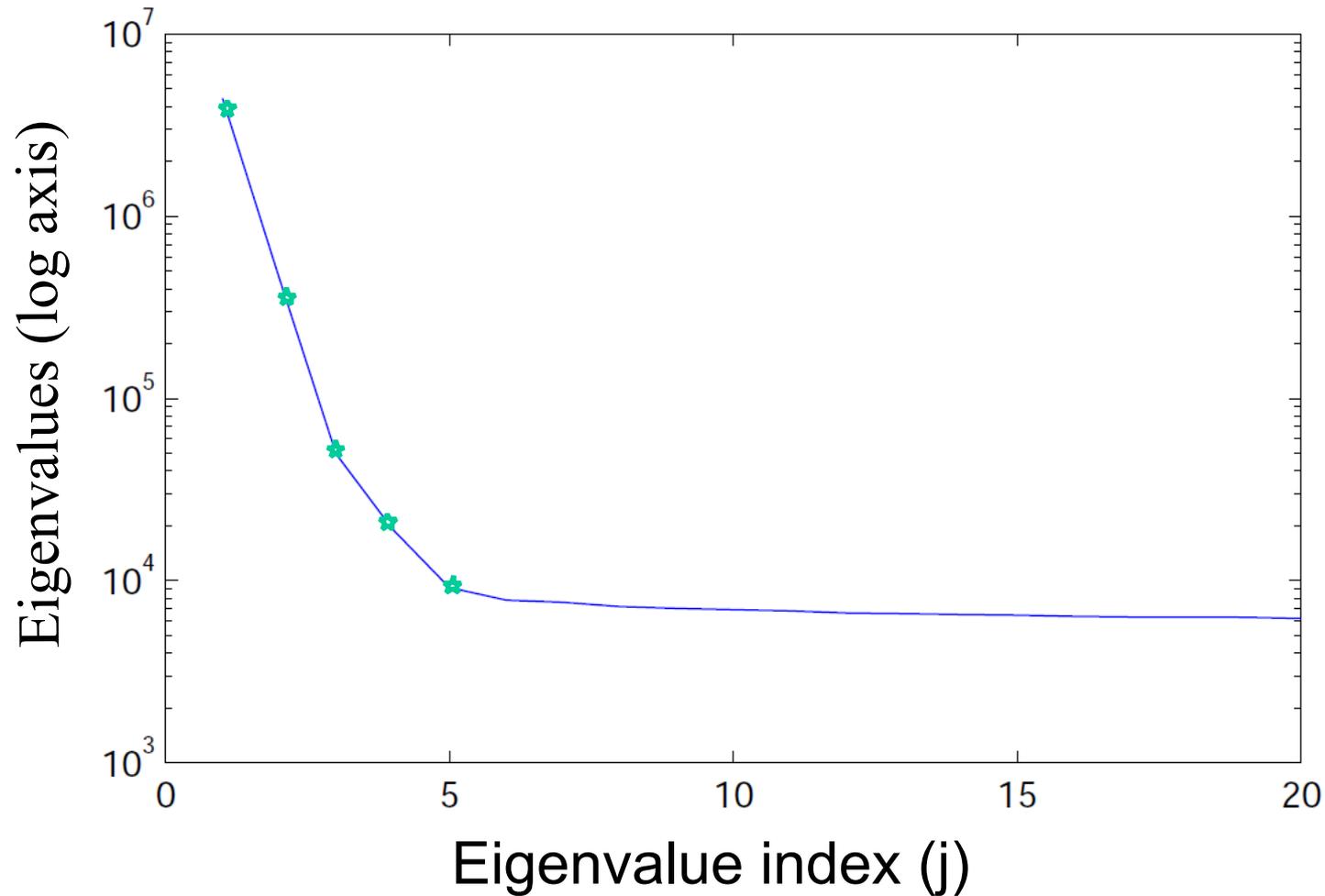
$$DC(\mathbf{u}_j) = u_j^1 + \dots + u_j^m$$

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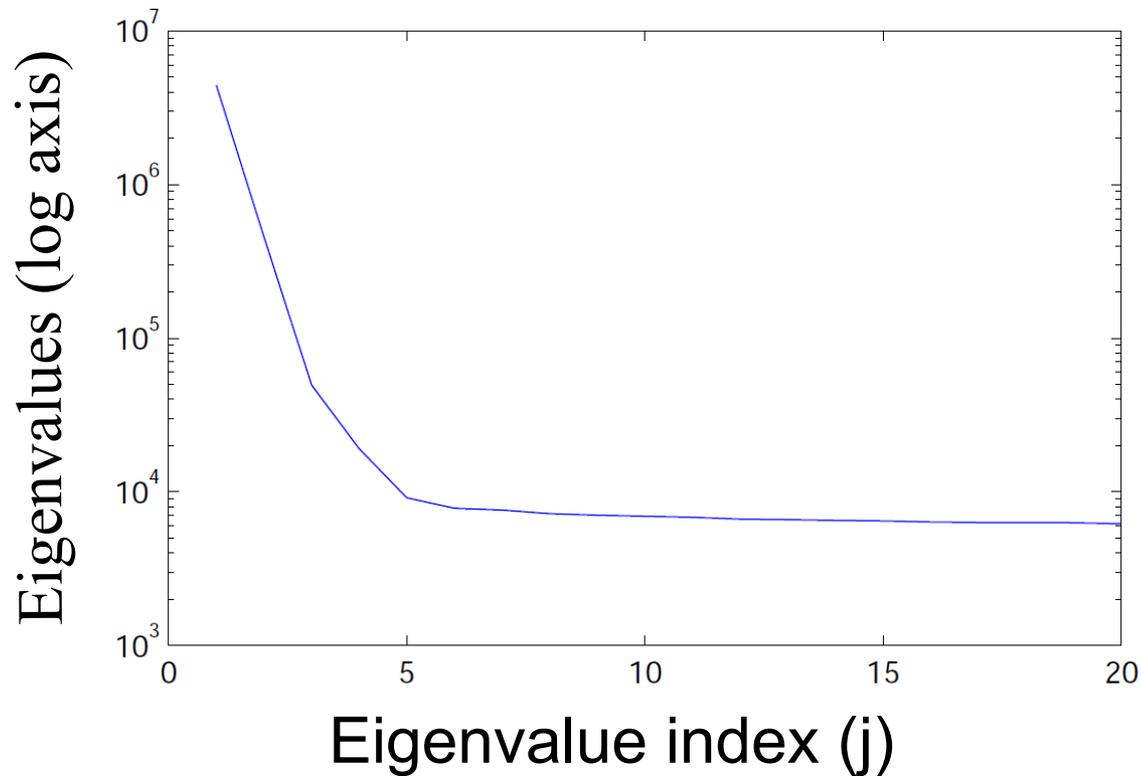


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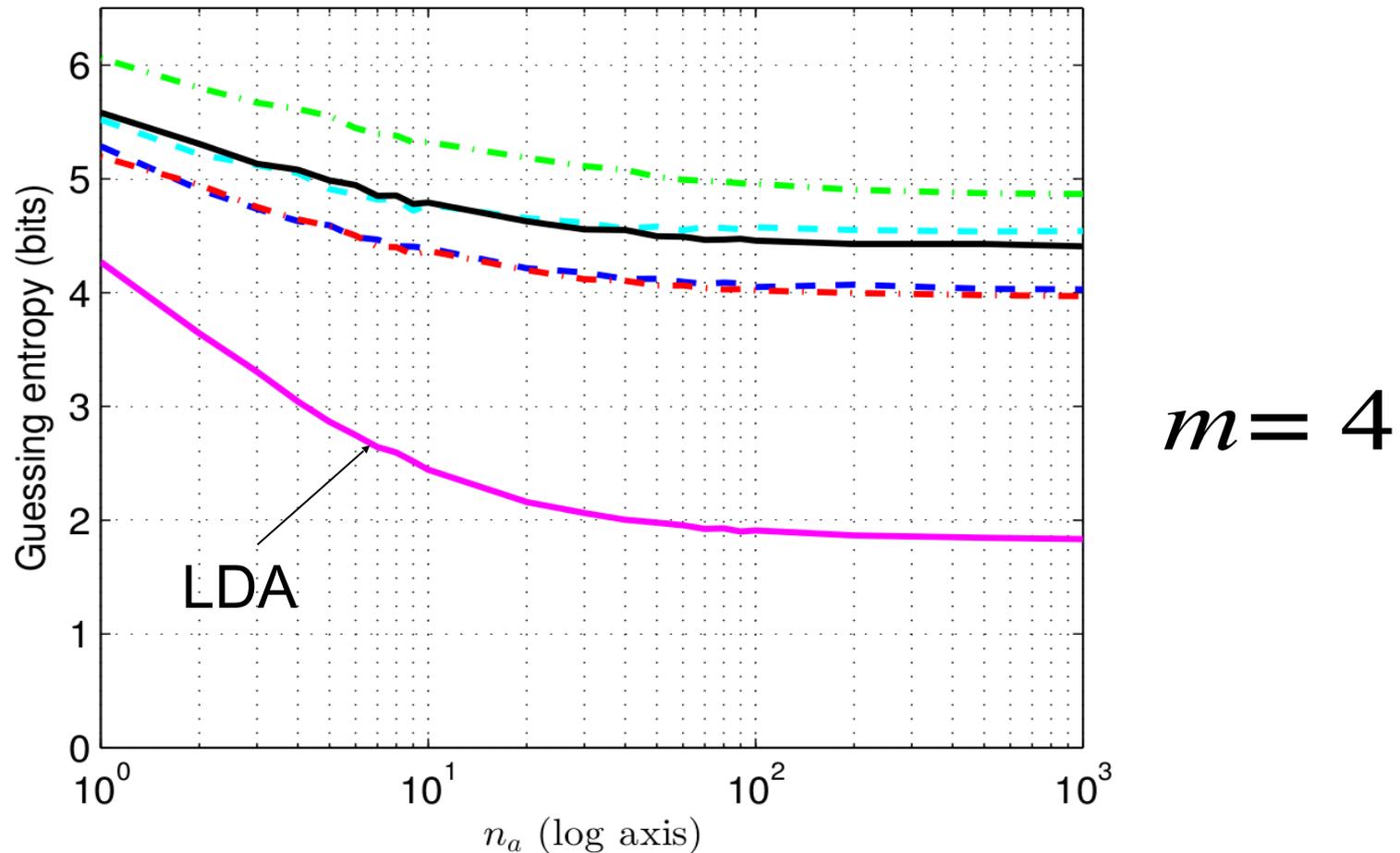


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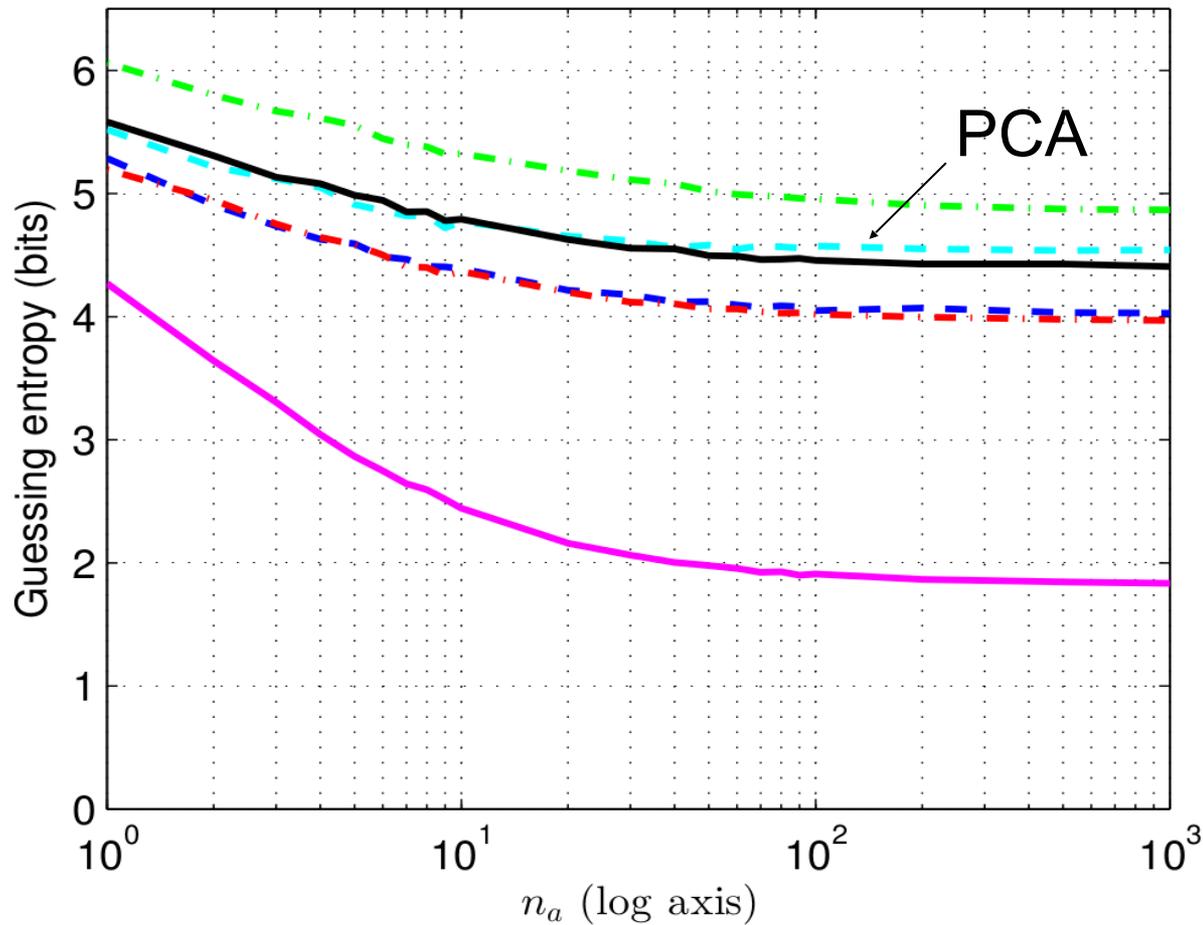
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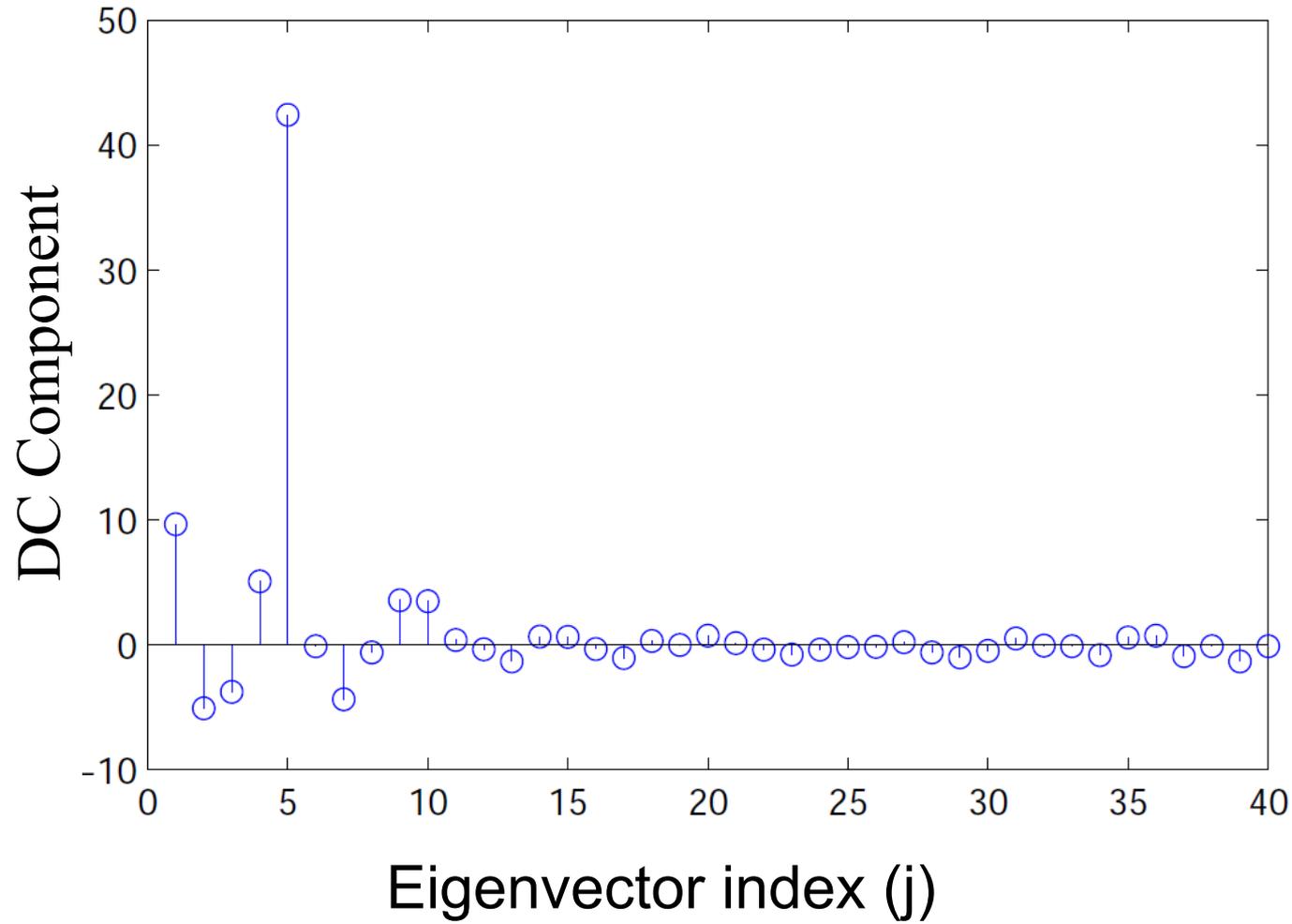
We should look at DC component of eigenvectors

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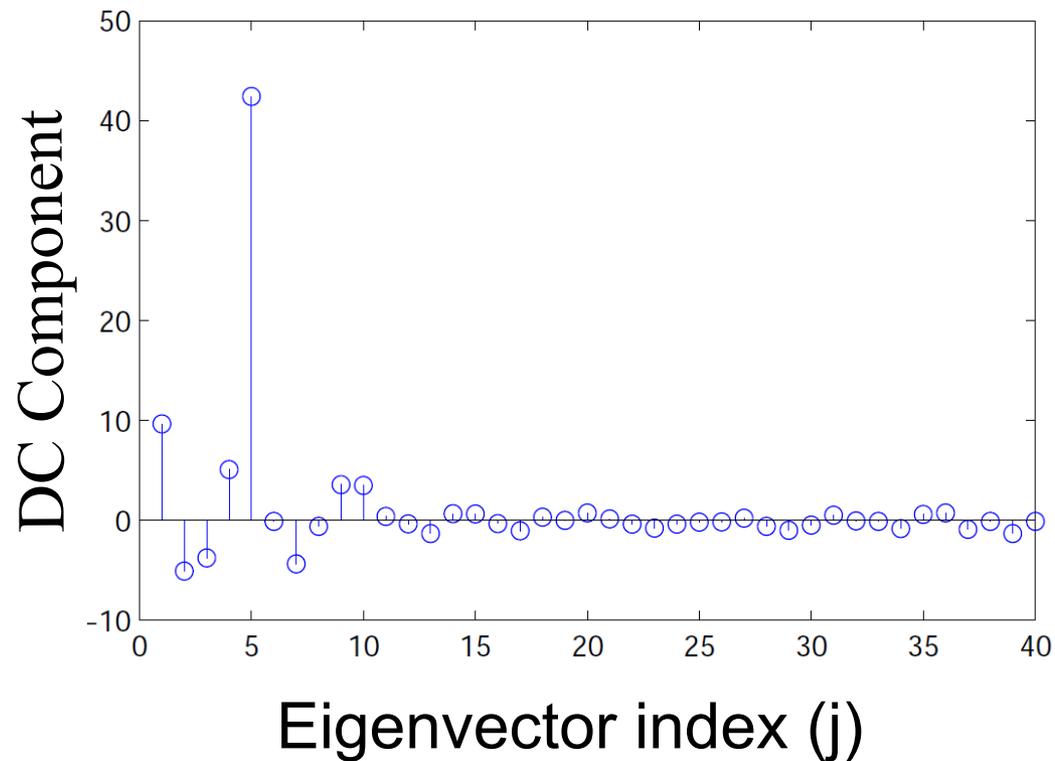
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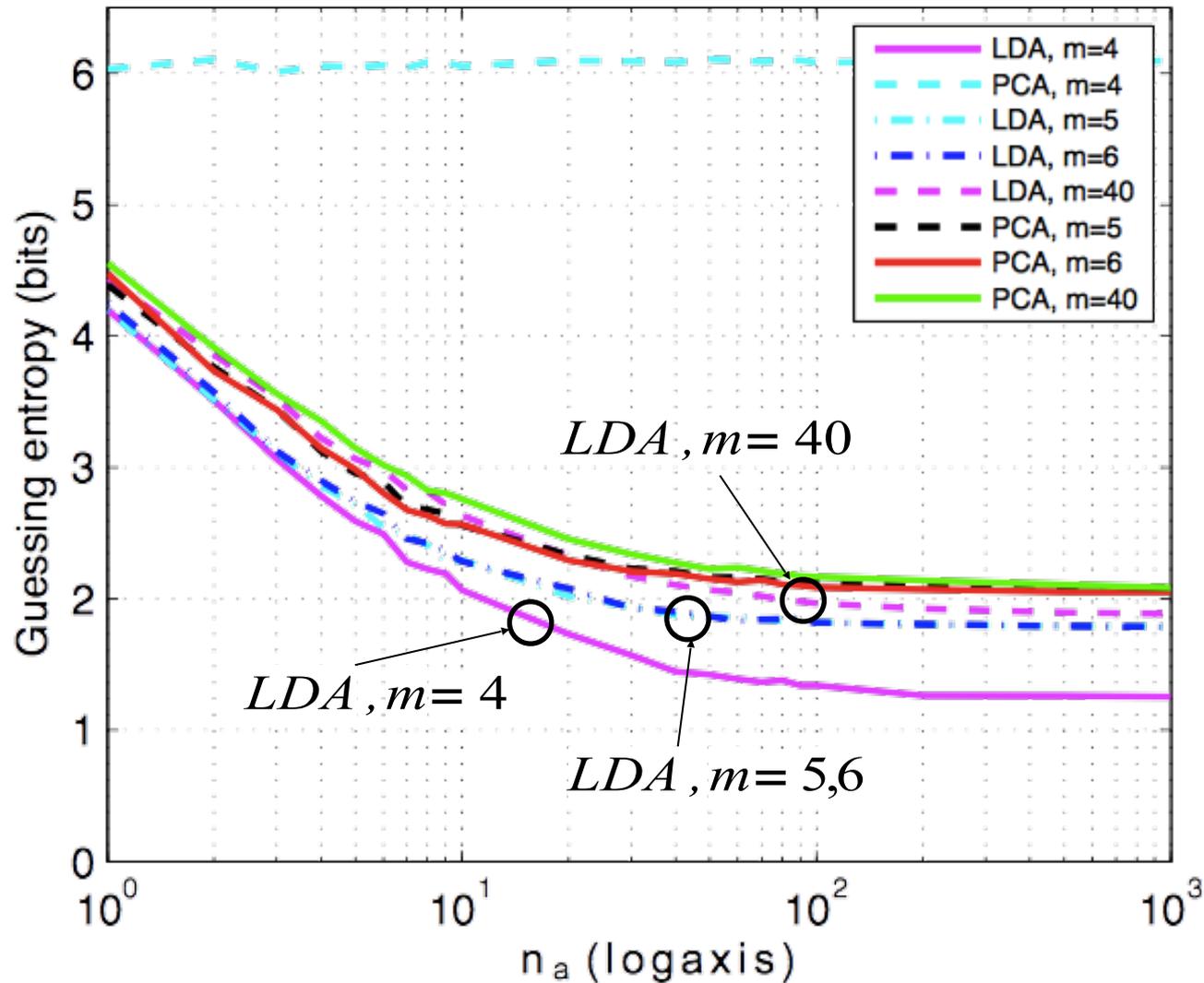
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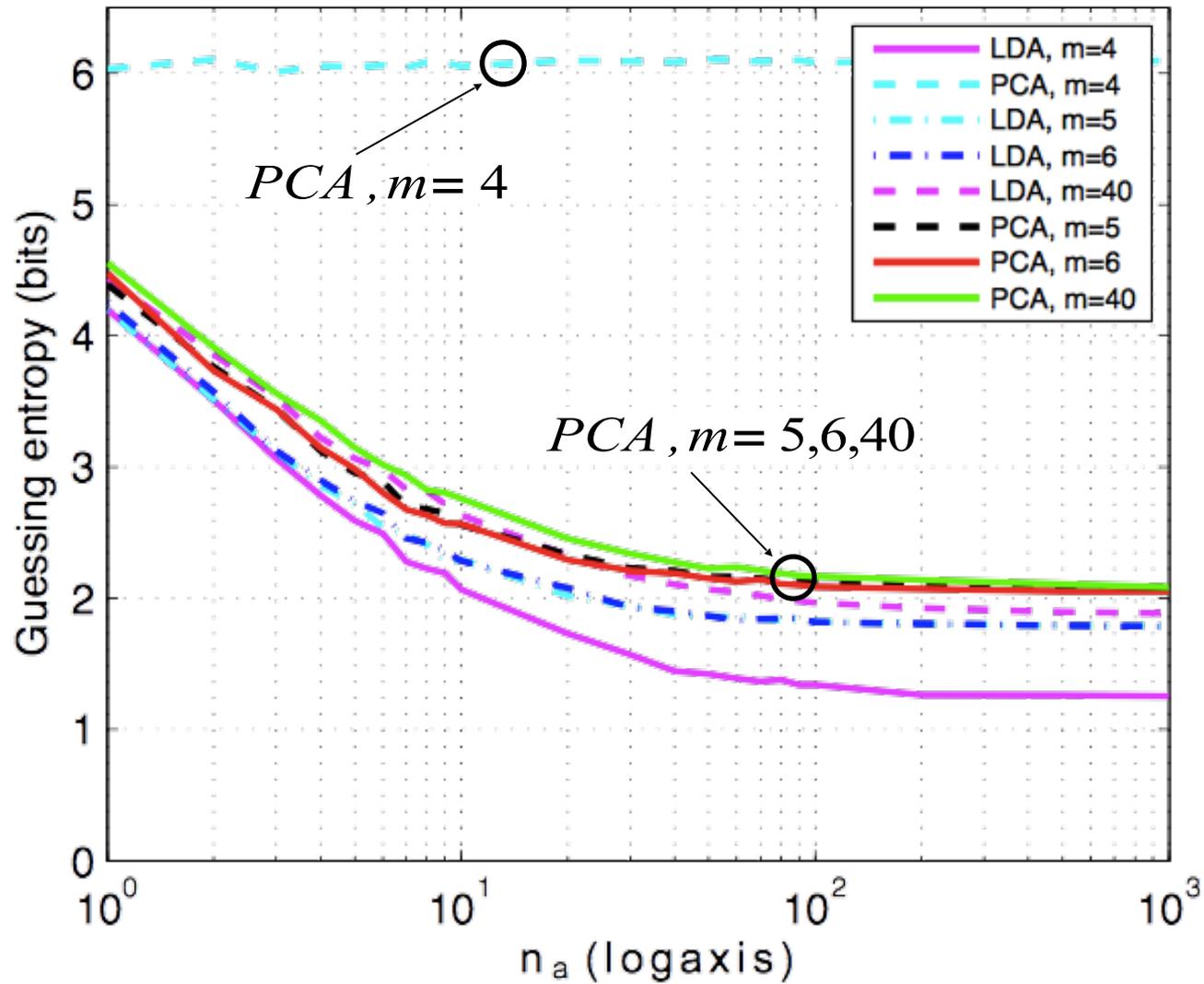


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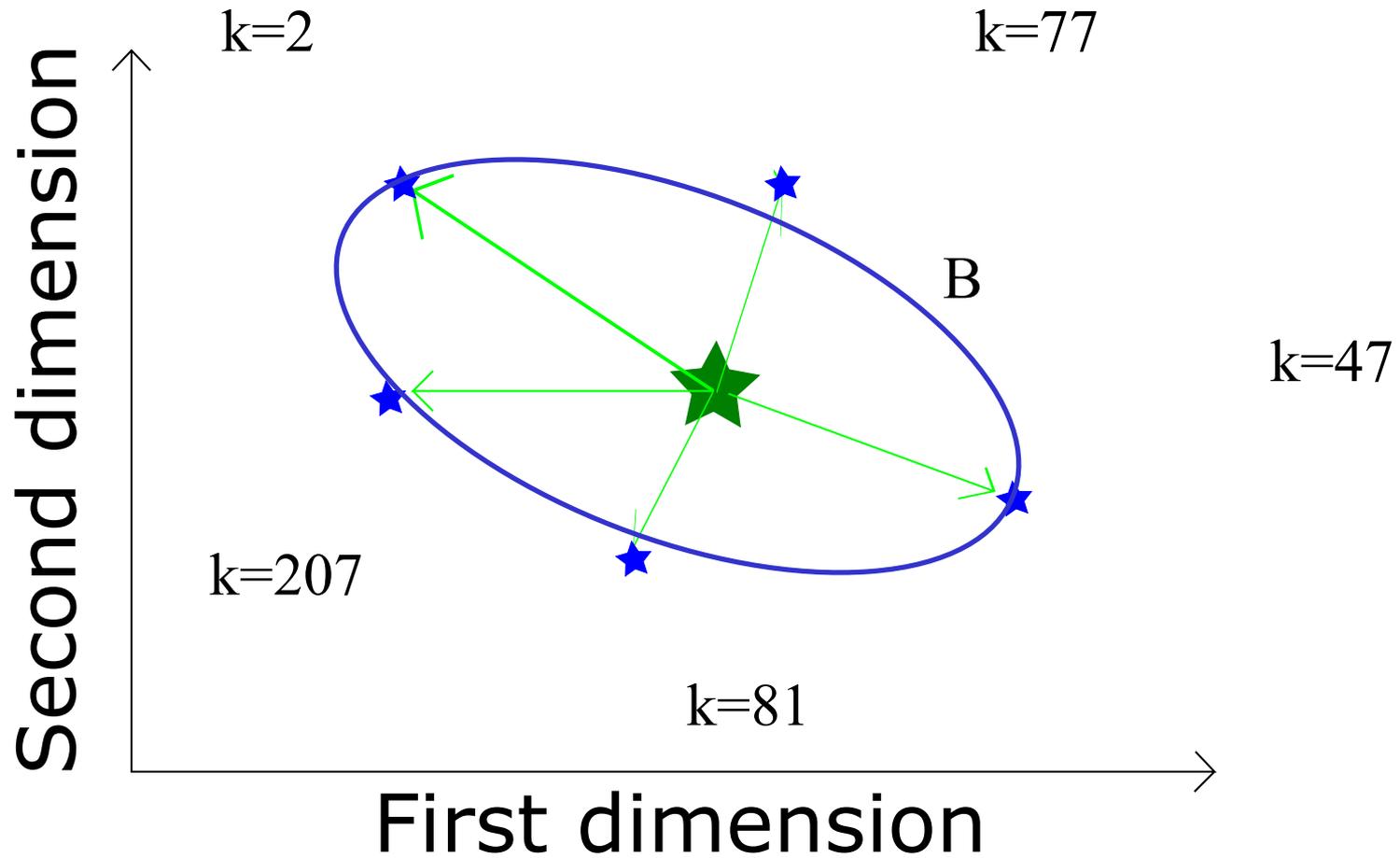
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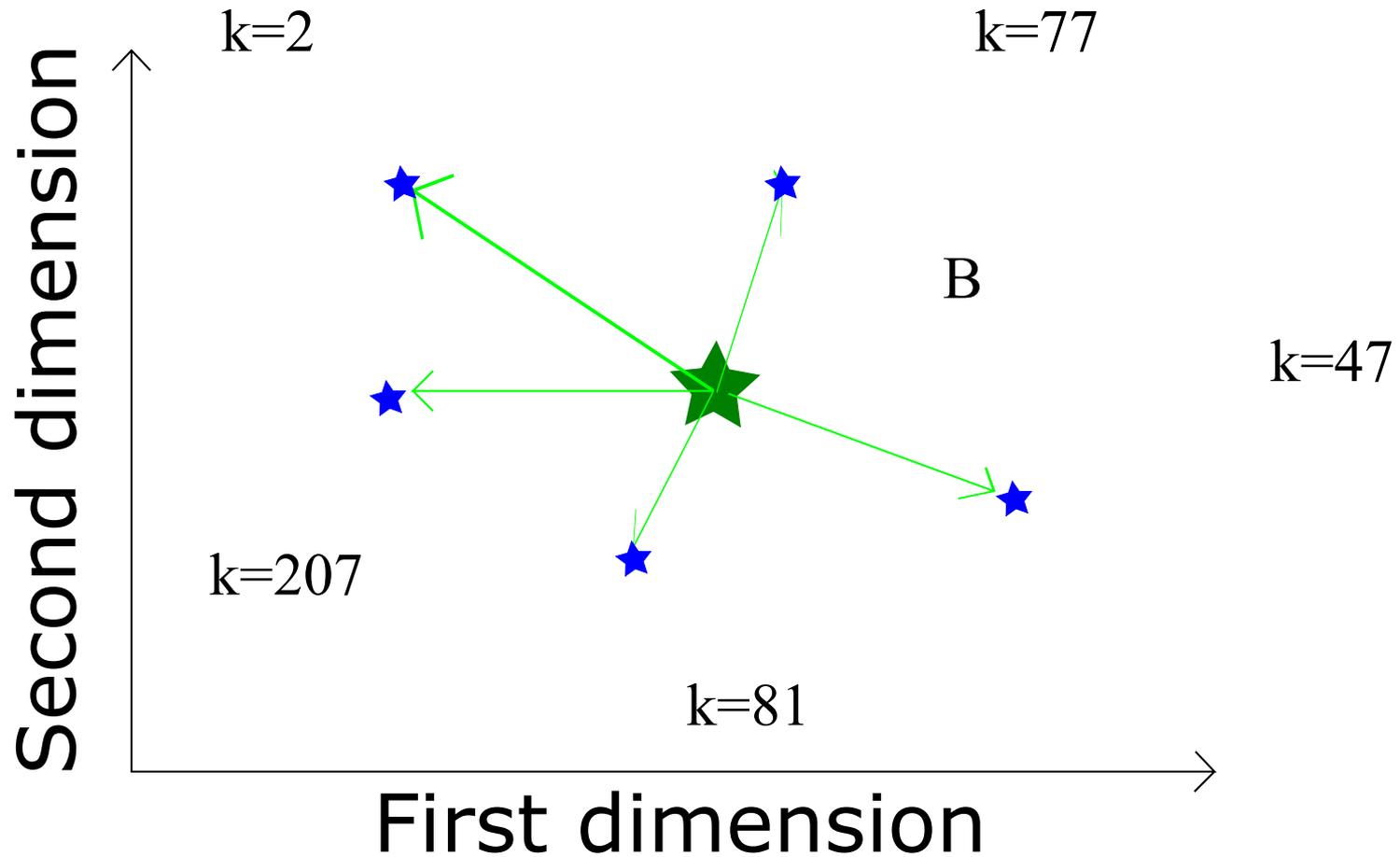
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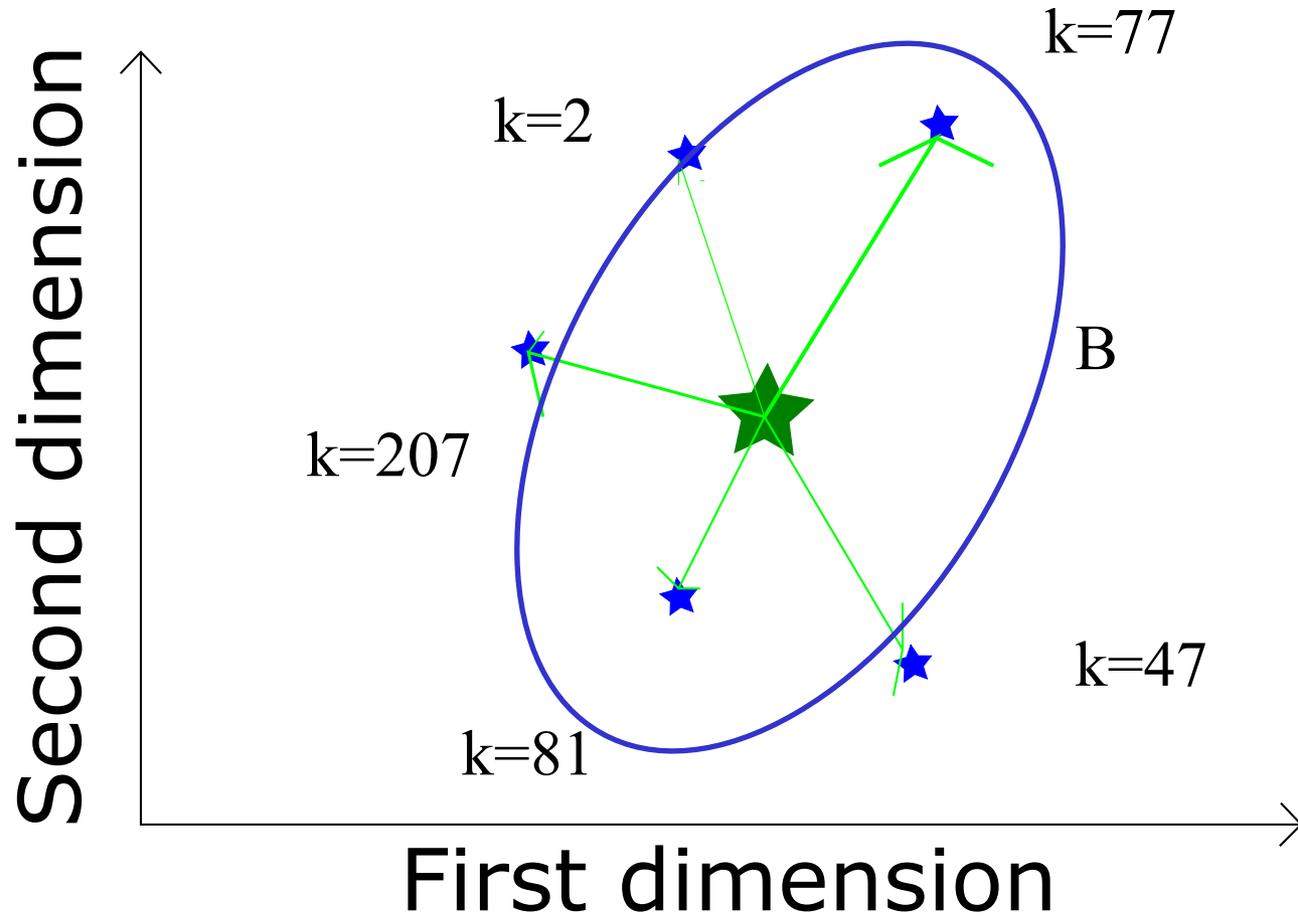
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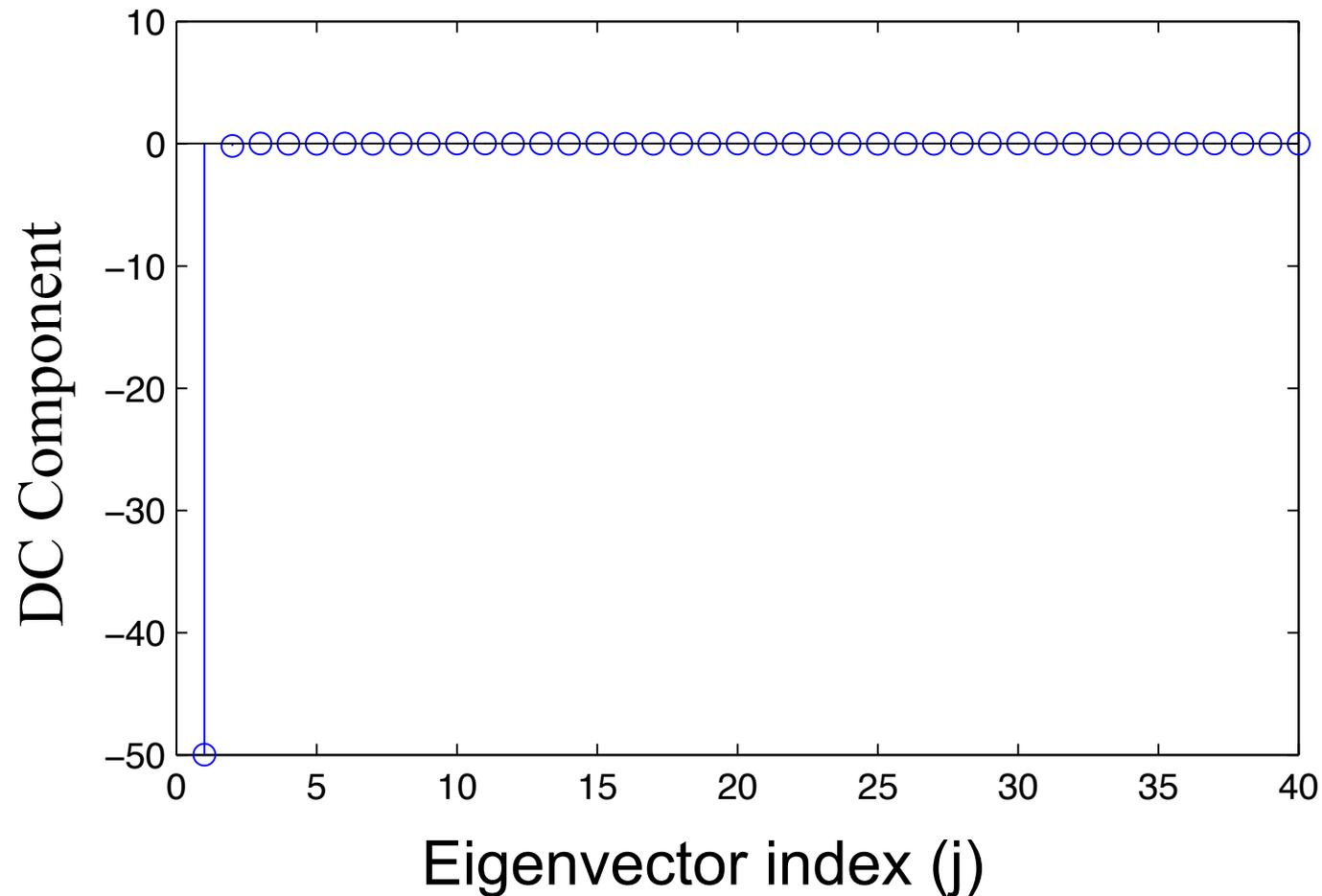
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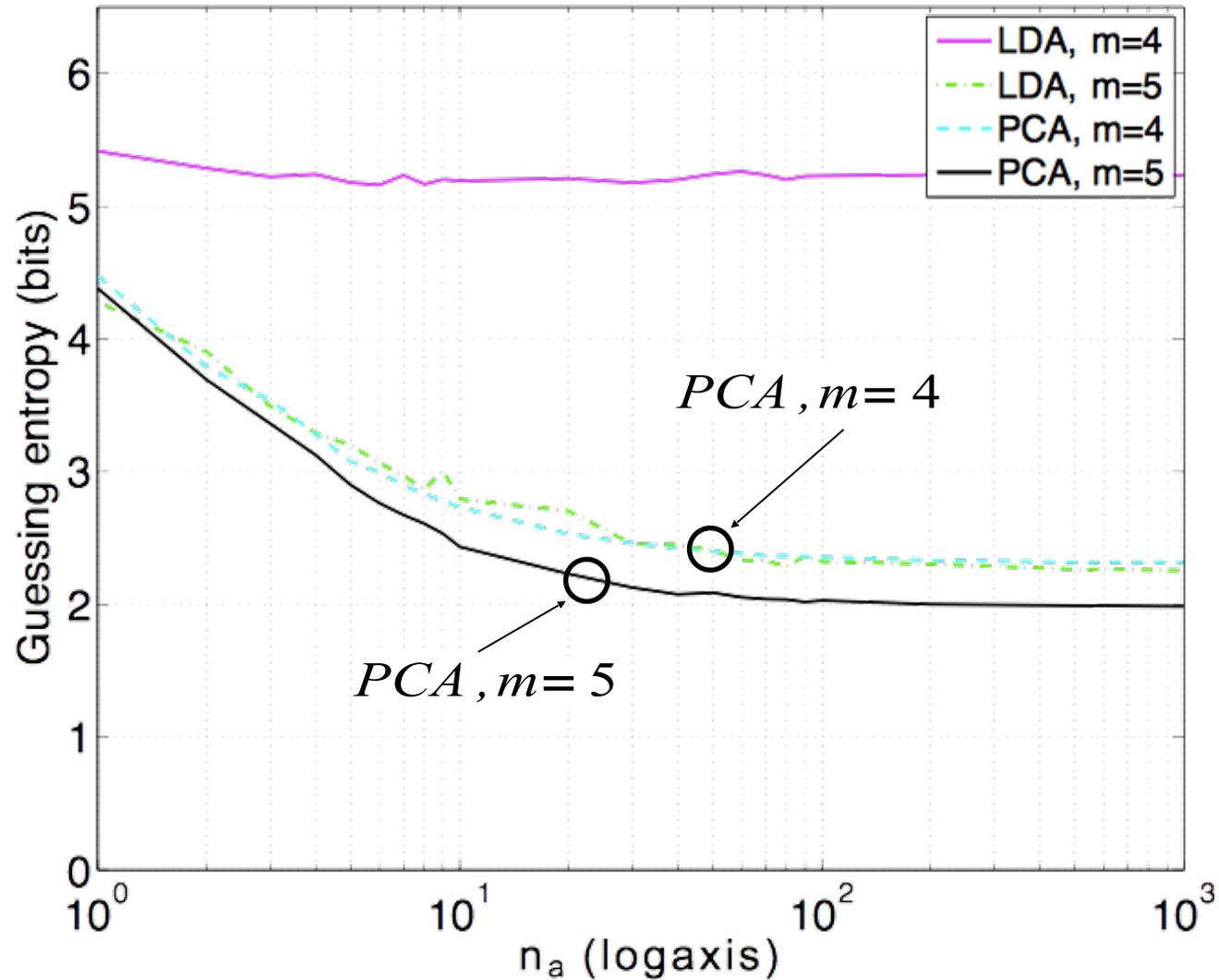
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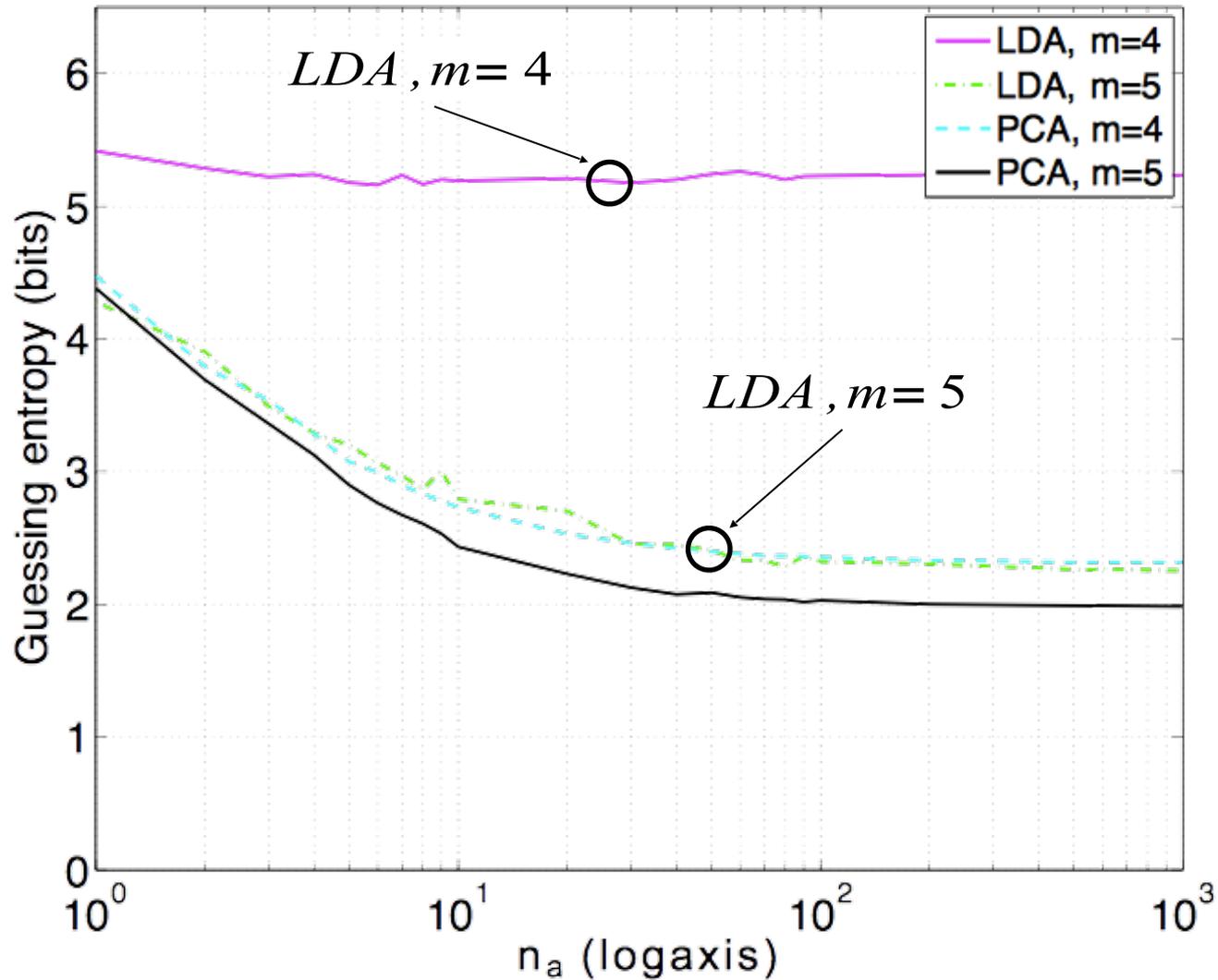
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