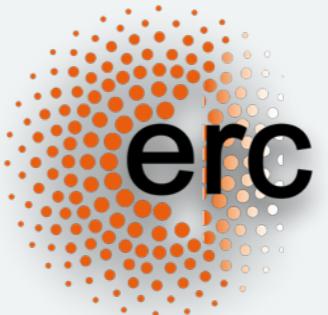


# Belief Propagation & Approximations

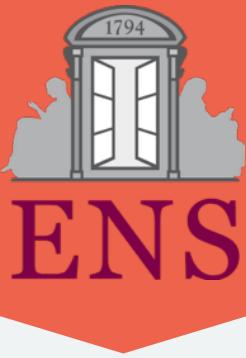
## Discrete Tomography

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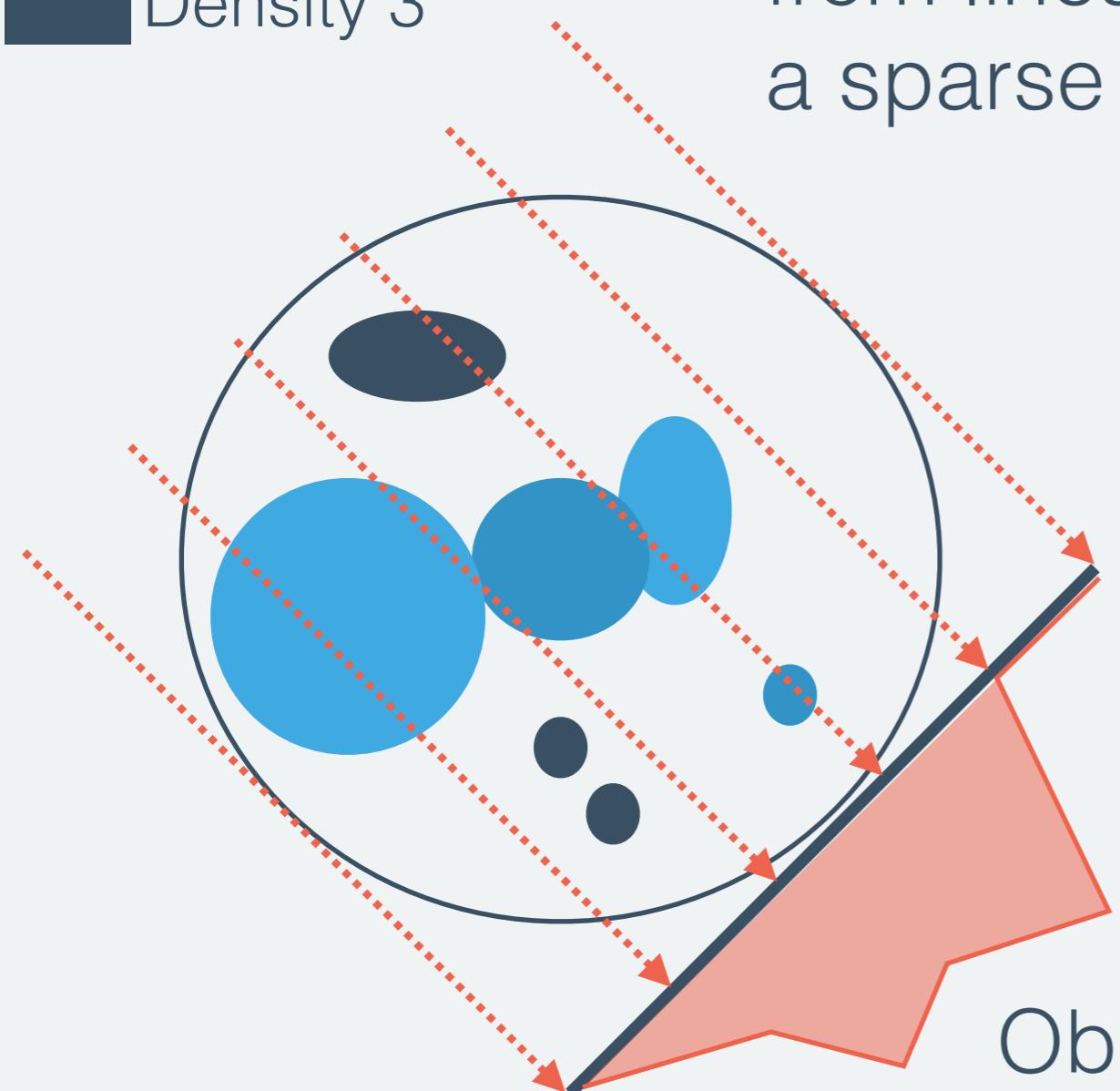
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# Discrete Tomography

- Density 1
- Density 2
- Density 3

**Tomography** Essentially a reconstruction from linear measurements obtained from a sparse set of projections.



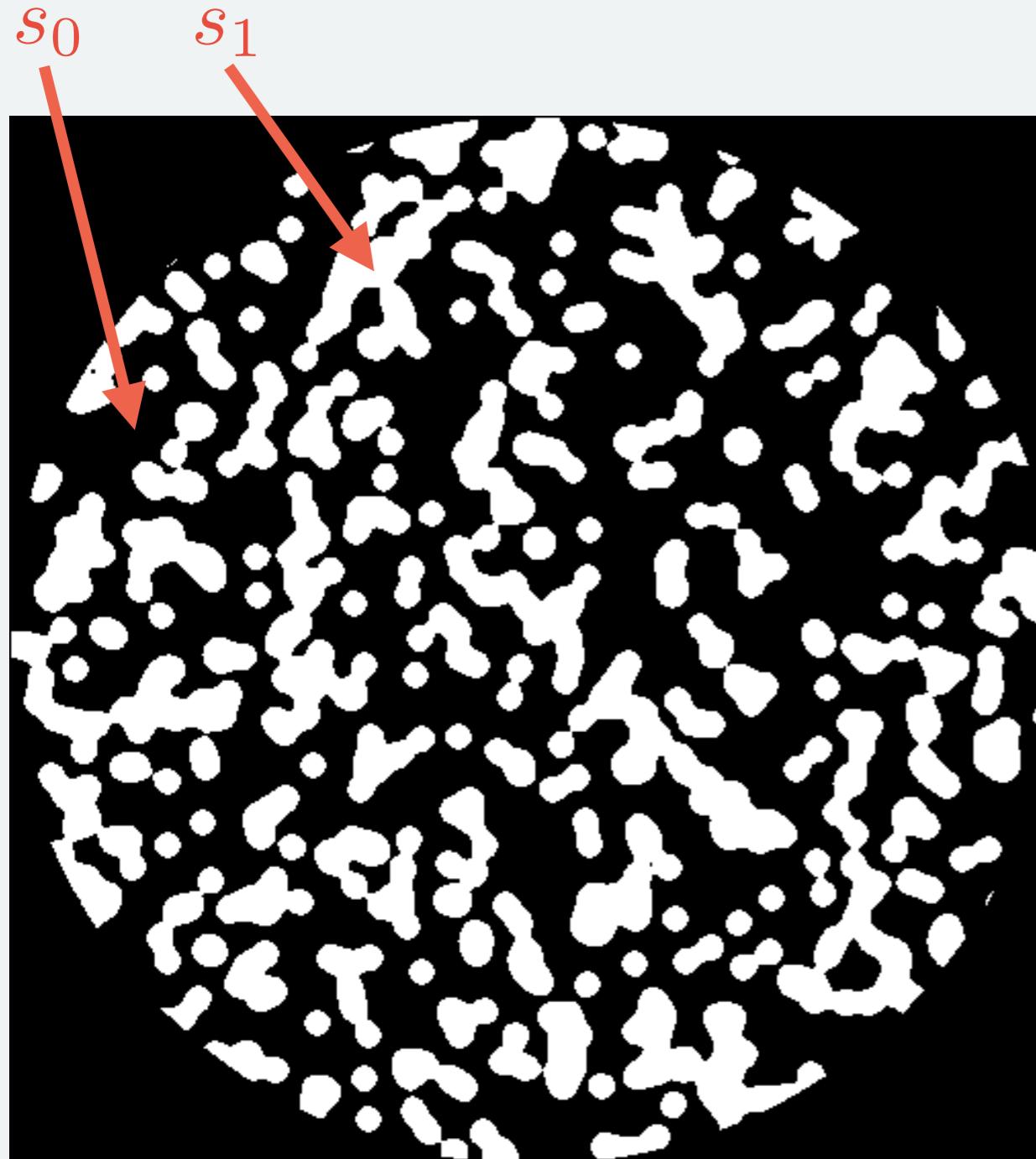
$$\mathbf{y} = F\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w} \quad \text{possible noise}$$

**Application**  
Material Sciences > Biology/Medic.

Observation at angle  $\theta$

$$\mathbf{y}_\theta = \langle F_\theta, \mathbf{x} \rangle$$

# Binary Tomography



(512x512) Binary Phantom

**Binary** Simplest case, two possible absorption levels,  
 $x_i \in \{s_0, s_1\}$   
 for ease, map signal to {0,1} and adjust measurements,

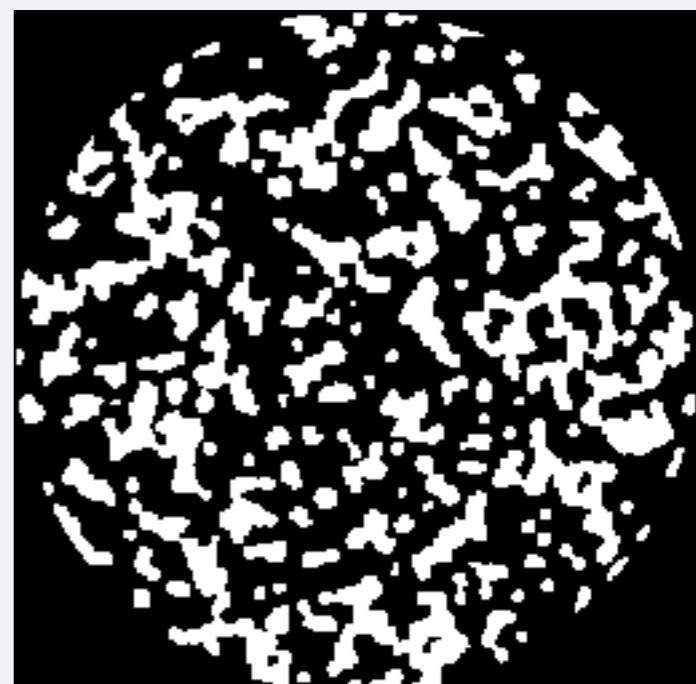
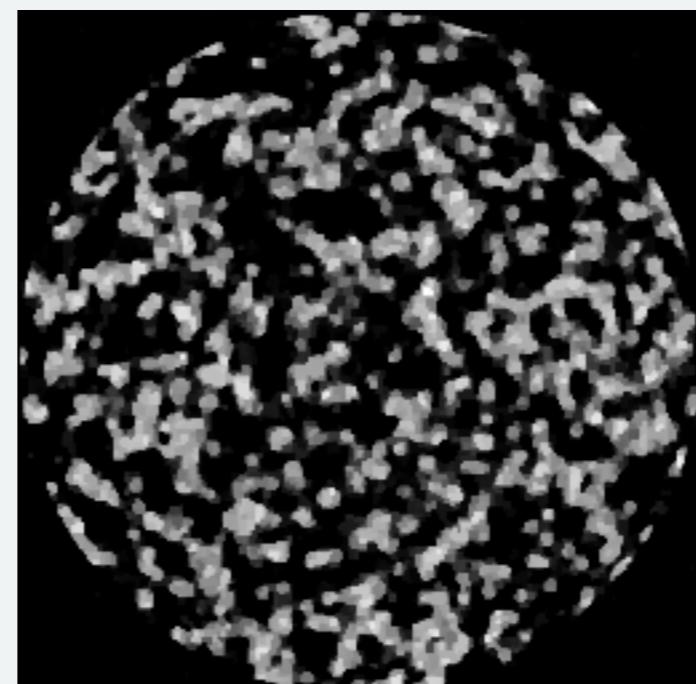
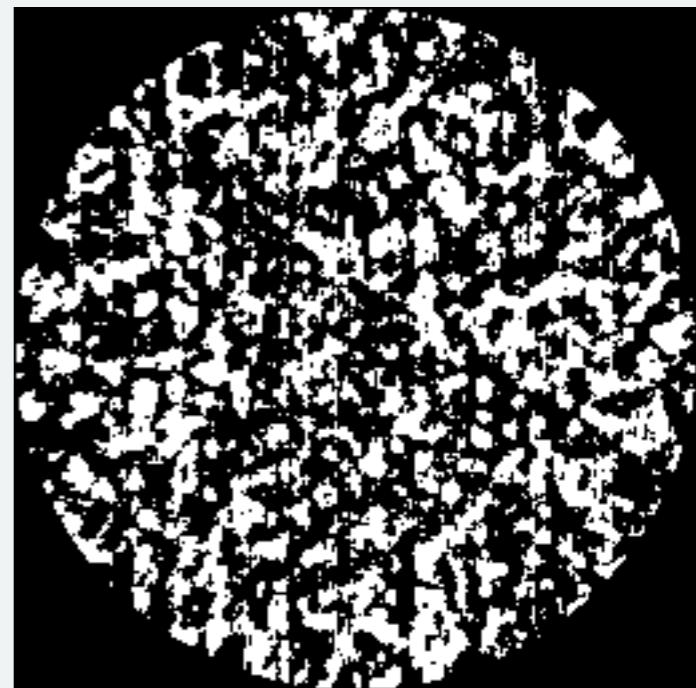
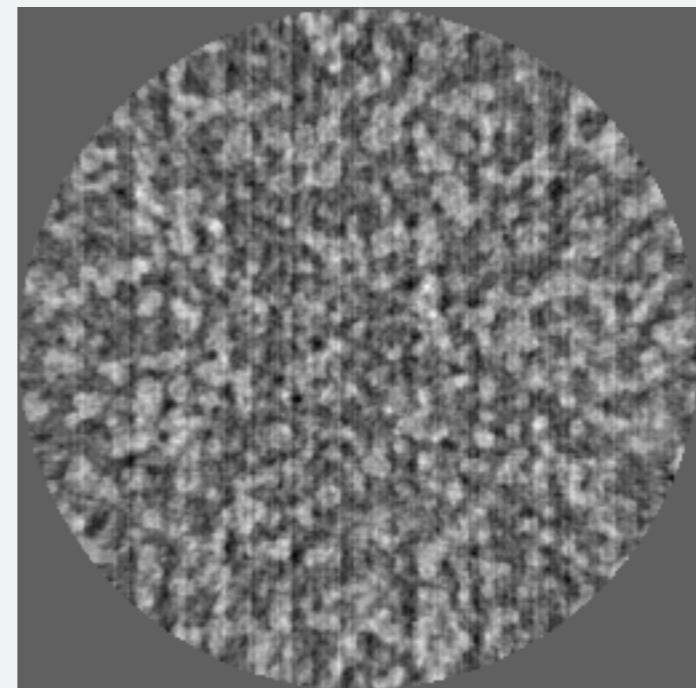
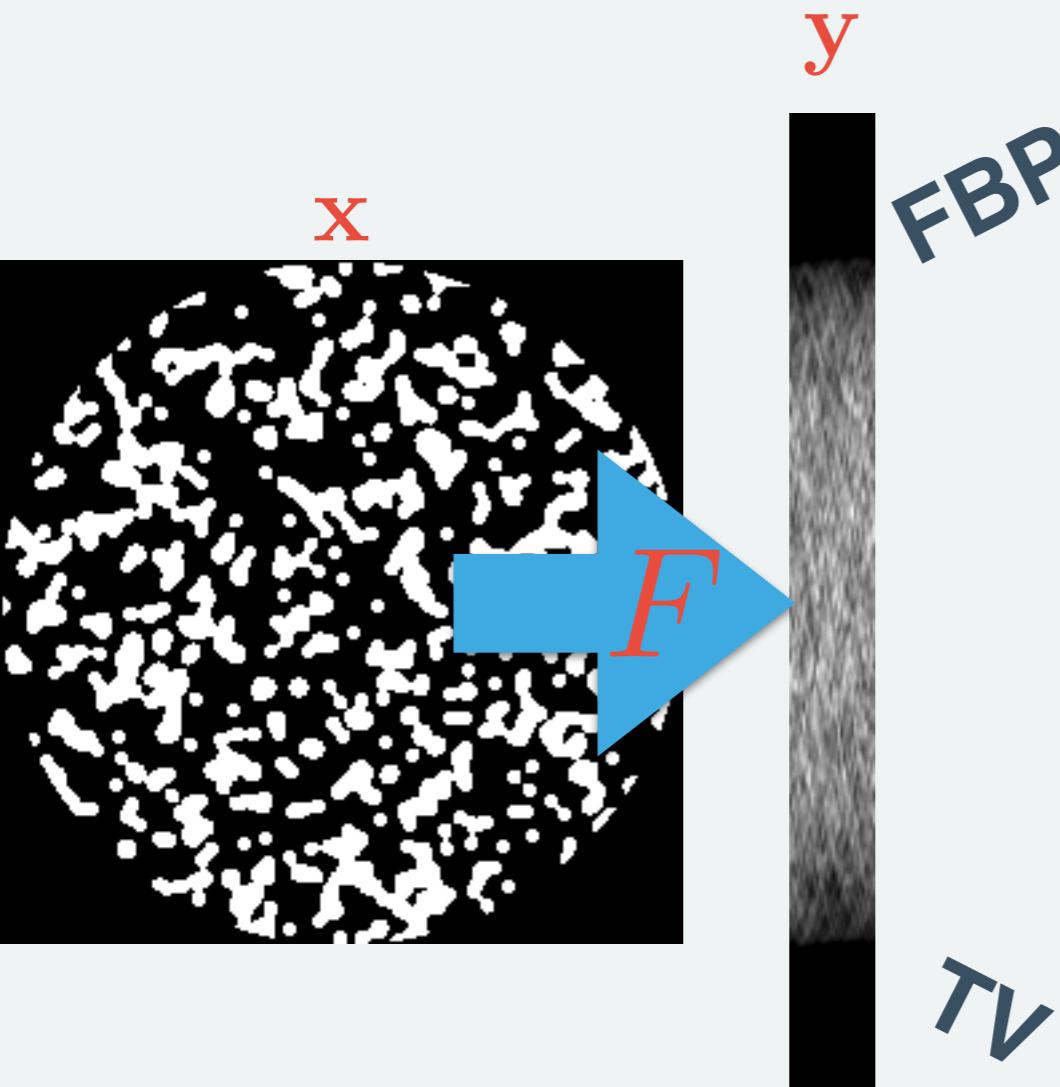
$$y_\mu = \sum_i F_{\mu i} x_i$$

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$$y_\mu^b = \frac{1}{s_1 - s_0} \left( y_\mu - s_0 \sum_i F_{\mu i} \right)$$

# Binary Tomography

## Reconstruction?



### Variational Advantage

Leveraging knowledge of image continuity.

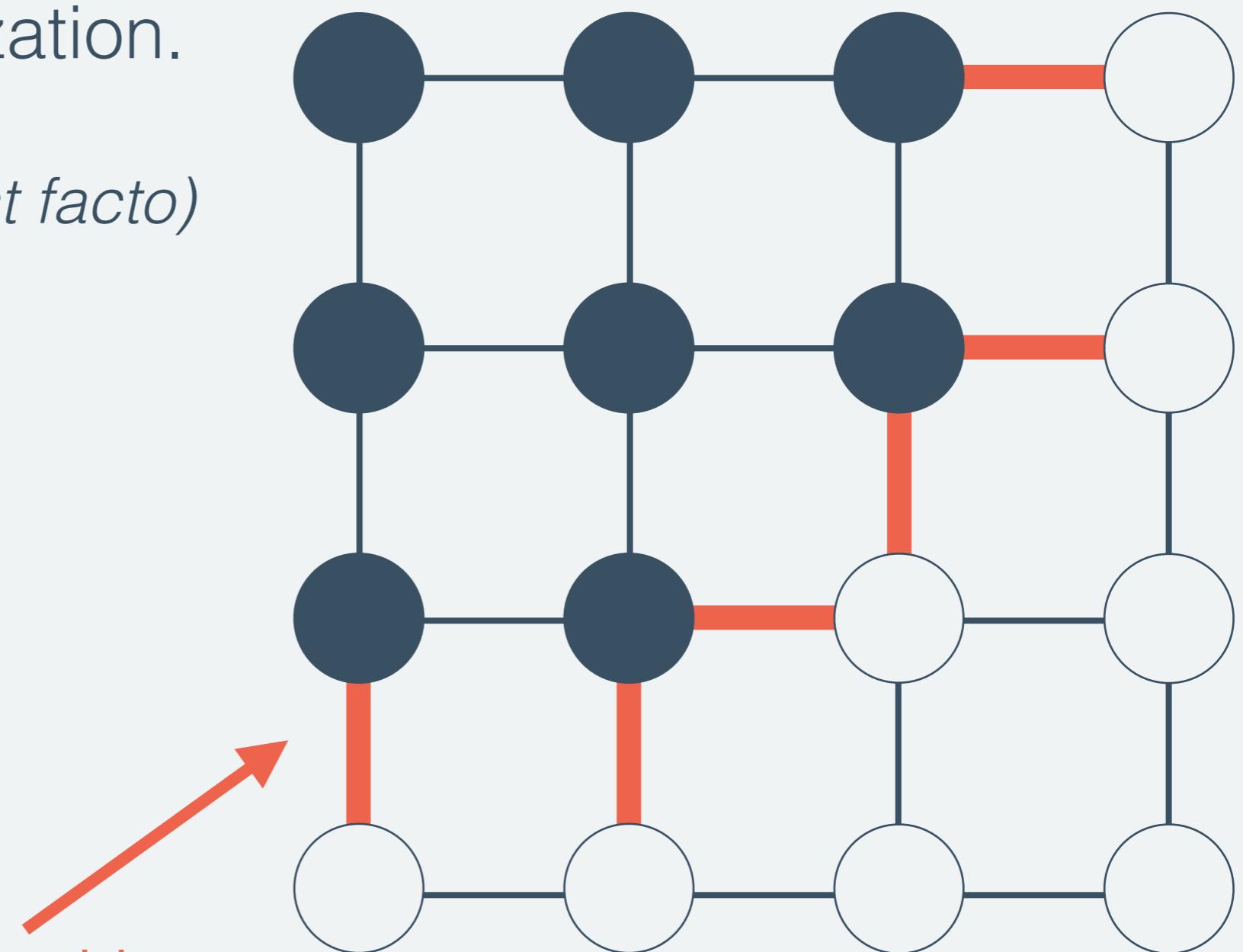
*Reconstruction*

*Thresholding*

# Variational Approach

**Goal** Enforce regularity naturally in the optimization.

(*Not bootstrapped ex post facto*)



e.g. penalize discontinuities in image.

# Variational Approach

## Total Variation

Convex approach, regularizing to promote a sparse gradient.

$$\text{TV}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i |\nabla x_i|$$

Solve...

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x}} \quad \|\mathbf{y} - F\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + \beta \text{TV}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathcal{I}_{[0,1]}(\mathbf{x})$$

Match observations...

...while penalizing discontinuities...

...ensuring proper bounds.

Ex. implementations: gen. forward-backward splitting, FISTA,  
augmented lagrangian/alternating minimization...

# Using Belief Prop.

## Probabilistic Construction (*Gouillart et al, 2013*)

We desire to estimate the posterior...

$$P(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}, F) = \frac{1}{Z} P(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}, F) P(\mathbf{x})$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{\mu} \left[ g \left( y_{\mu} - \sum_{i \in \mu} x_i \right) e^{J_{\mu} \sum_{(ij) \in \mu} \delta_{x_i, x_j}} \right]$$

For some intractable normalization...

...over the product of factors  
(measurements/lines)...

...and stochastic output function...

*AWGN*       $e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y_{\mu} - \sum_{i \in \mu} x_i)^2}$

*Noiseless*     $\delta \left( y_{\mu} - \sum_{i \in \mu} x_i \right)$

...promote regularity according to some constant.

# Using Belief Prop.

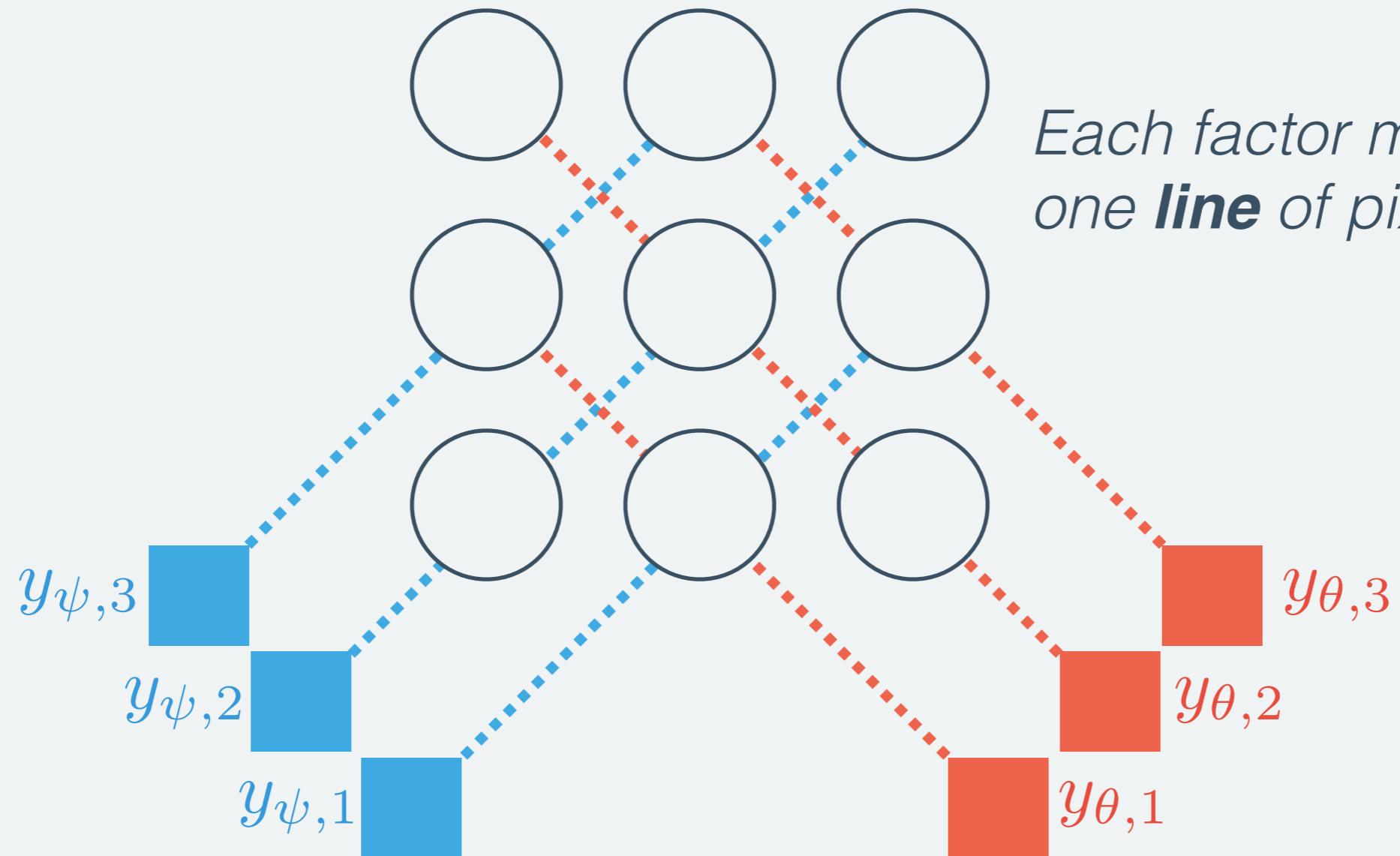
**Goal** A factorized approximation of the posterior allowing for either MAP or MMSE estimation of  $\mathbf{x}$ .

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^N q(x_i) \approx P(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}, F)$$

**Graphical Representation** Key to constructing a message passing to accomplish this factorization.

# Using Belief Prop.

## Variables (pixels)

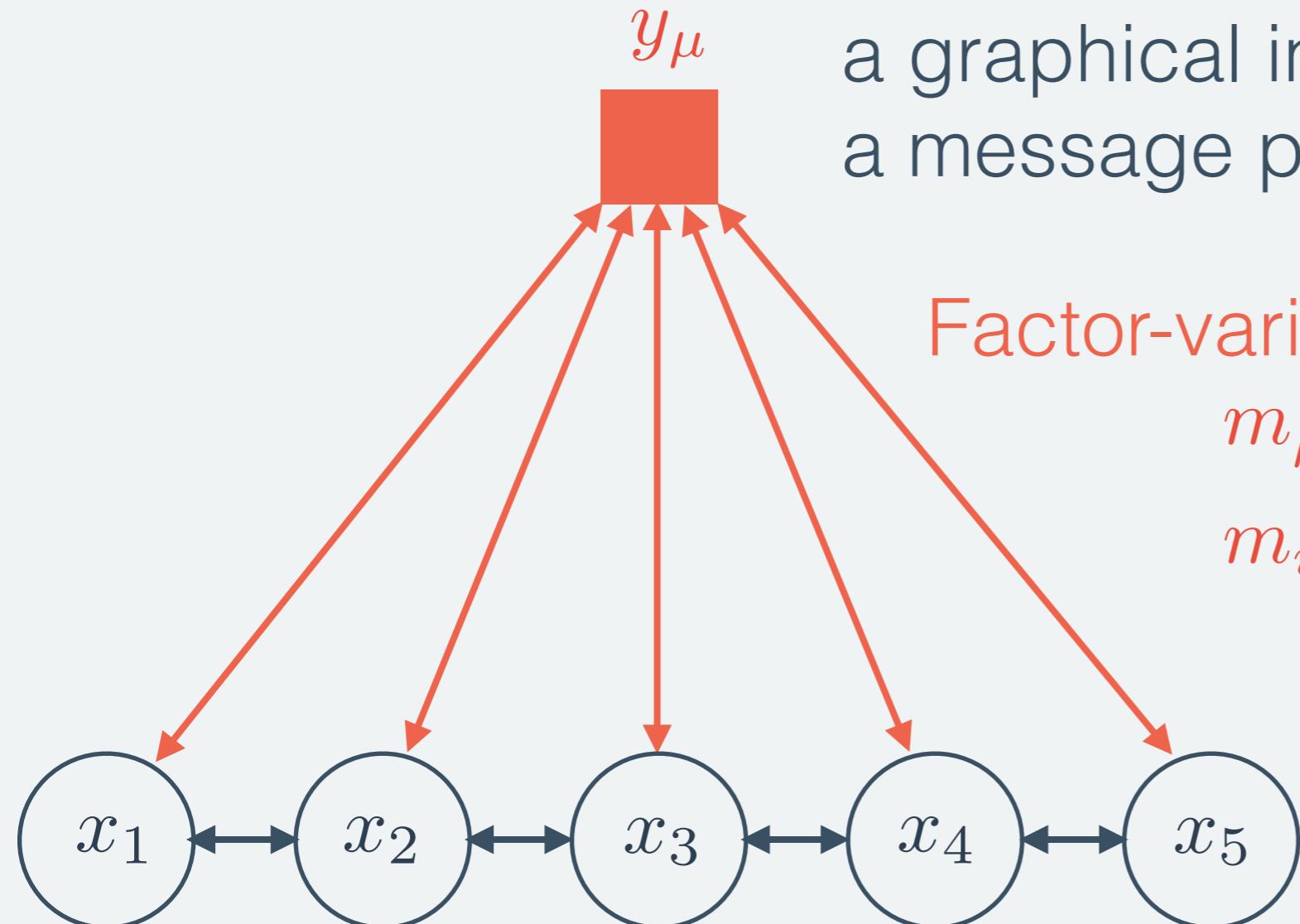


Factors along angle  $\psi$

Factors along angle  $\theta$

# Using Belief Prop.

**Estimate Posterior via BP** Use a graphical interpretation to construct a message passing.



$$\eta_{i \rightarrow i+1}^L(x_i)$$

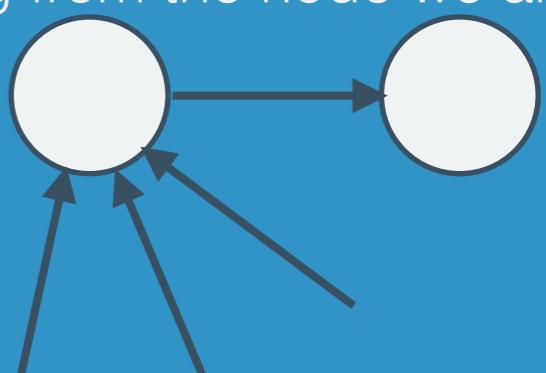
$$\eta_{i \rightarrow i-1}^R(x_i)$$

Factor-variable Messages

$$m_{\mu \rightarrow i}(x_i)$$

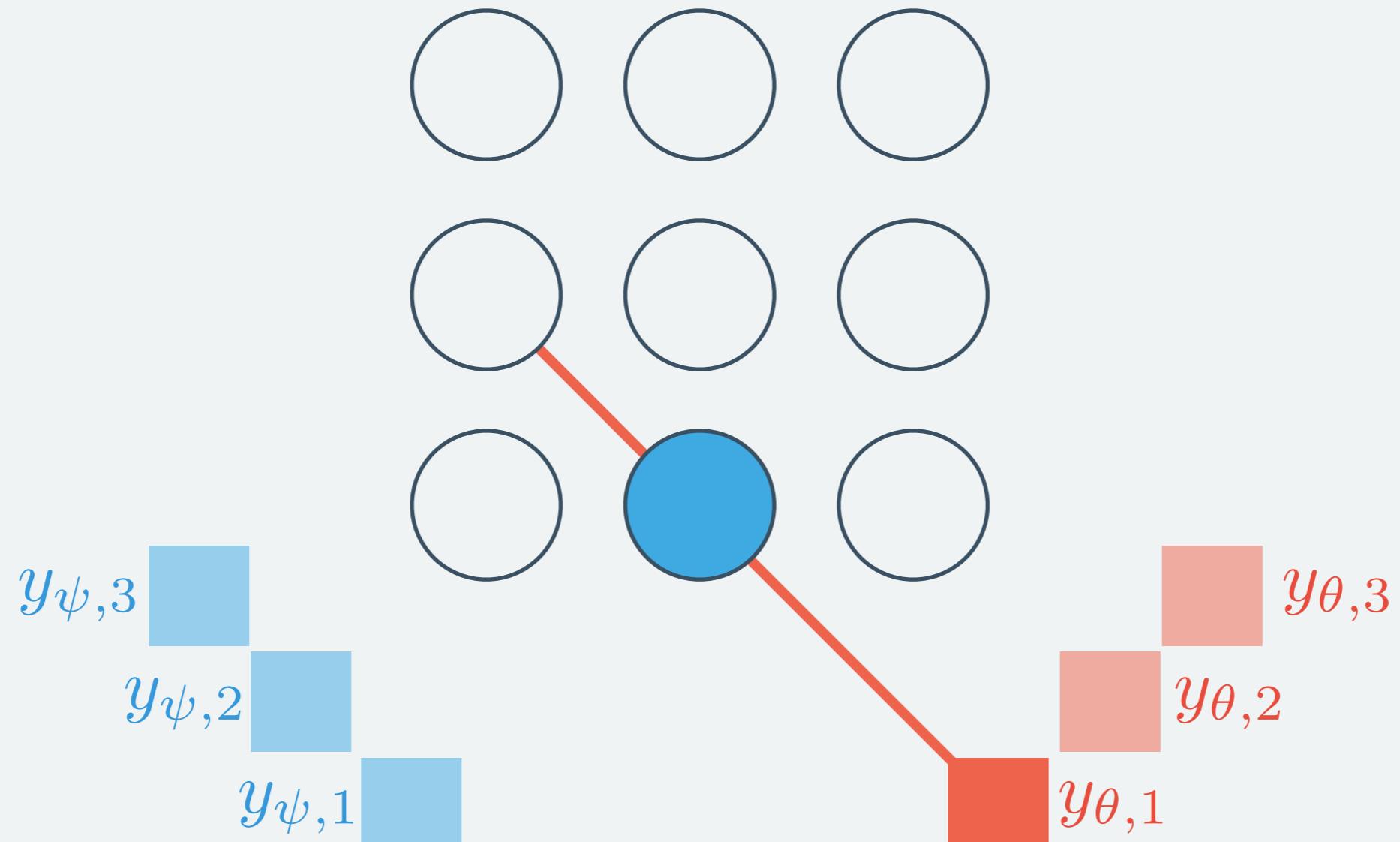
$$m_{i \rightarrow \mu}(x_i)$$

Outgoing messages calculated via **cavity**: product of all incoming **sans** the message coming from the node we are sending to.



# Using Belief Prop.

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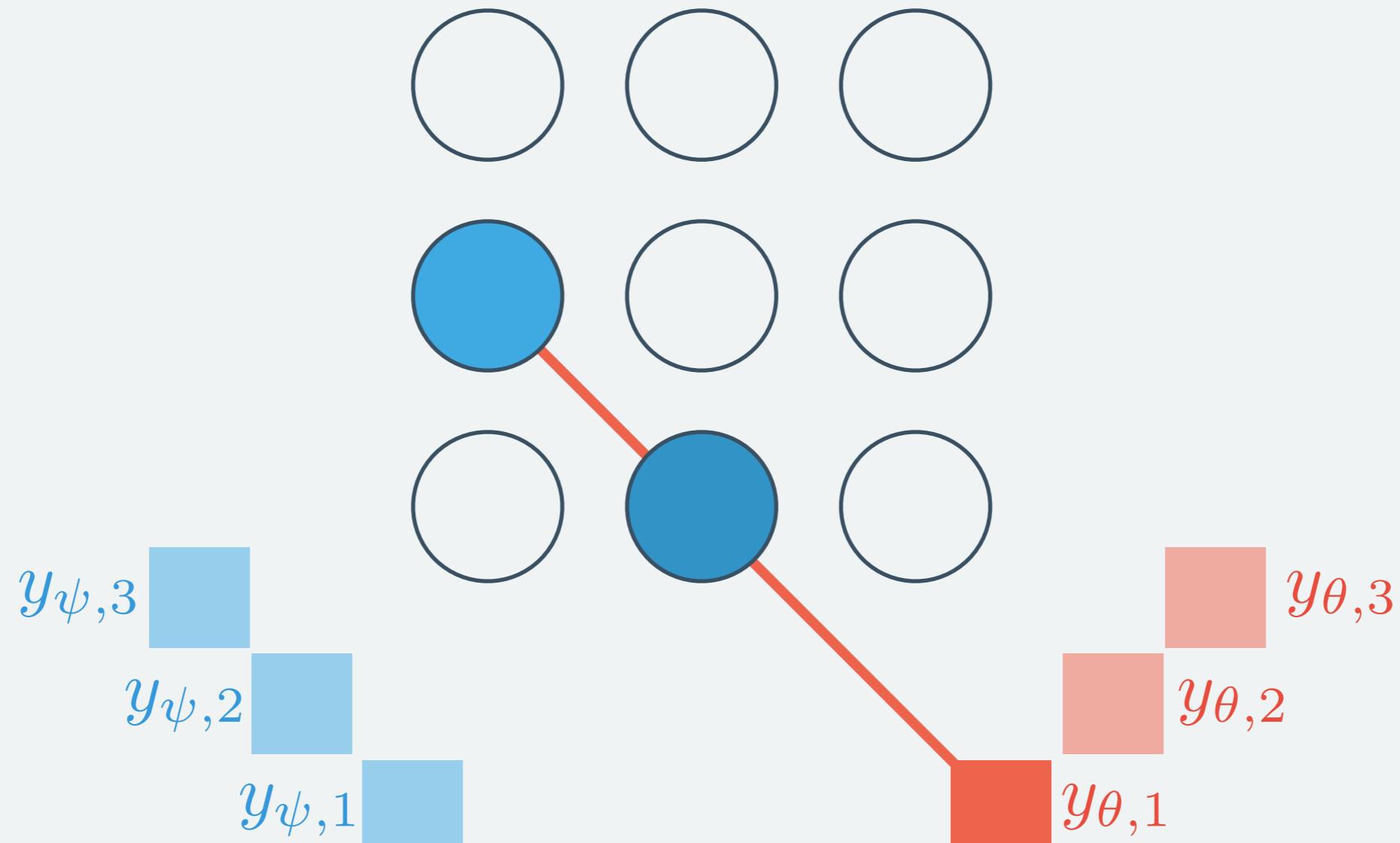


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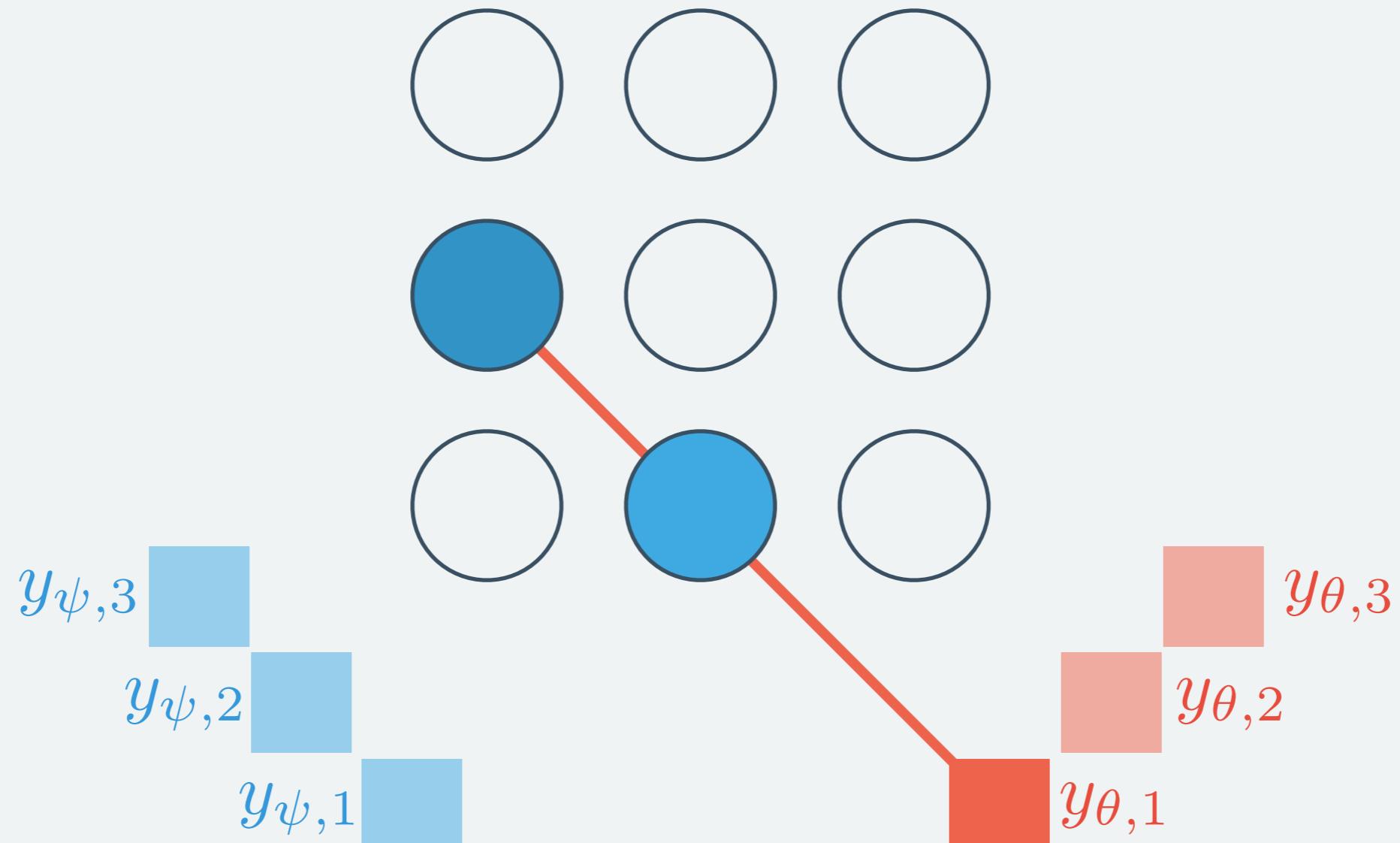


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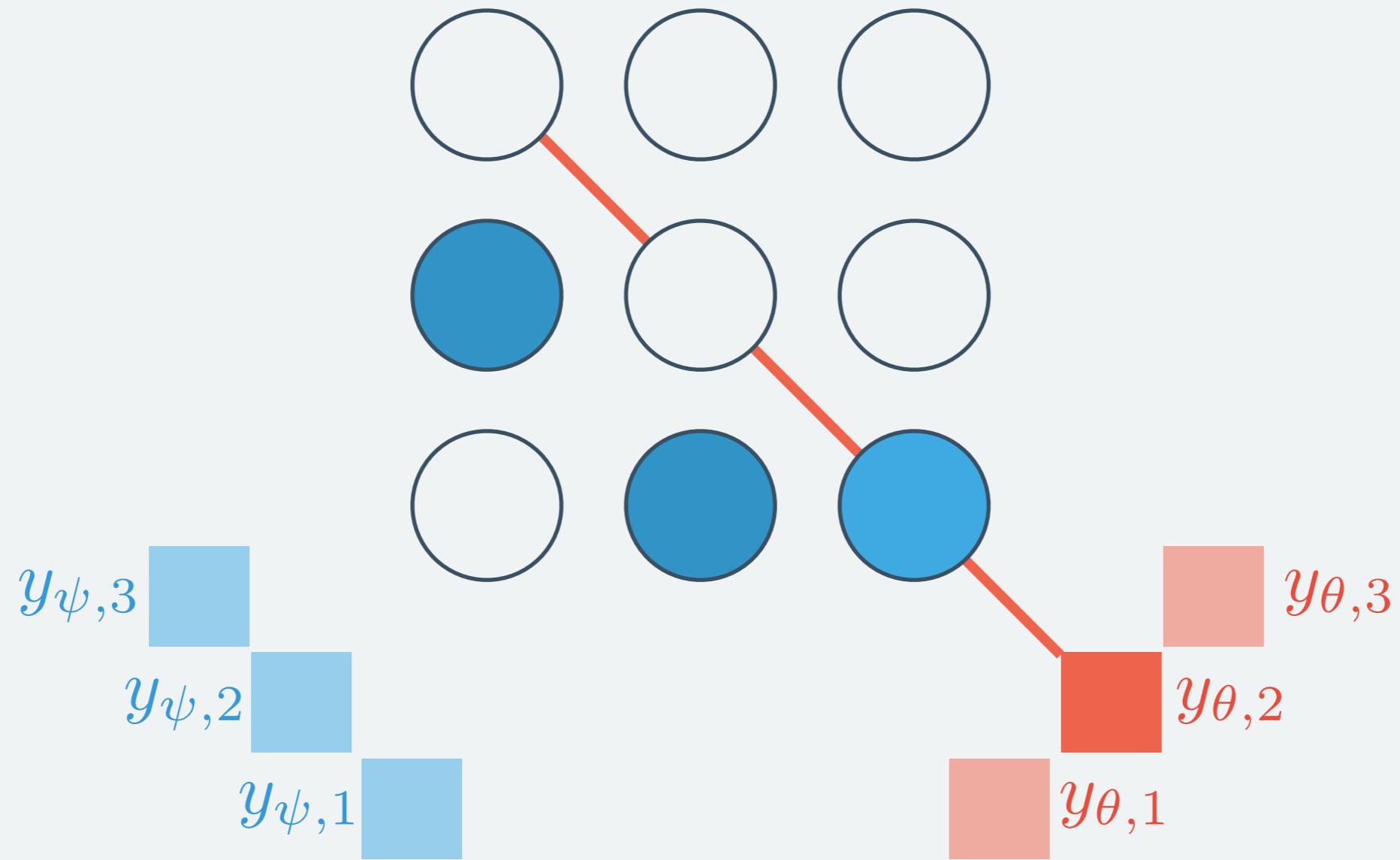


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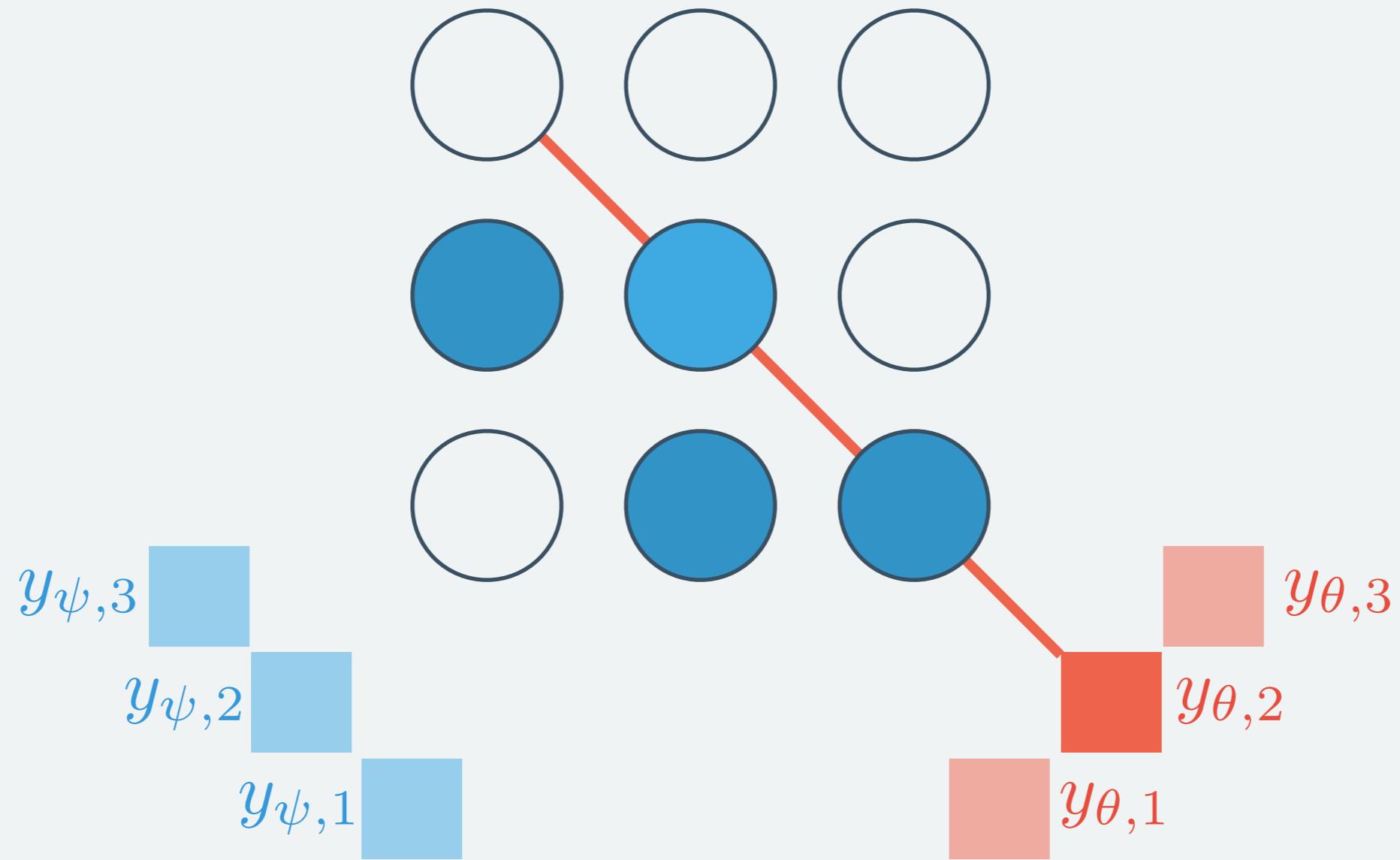


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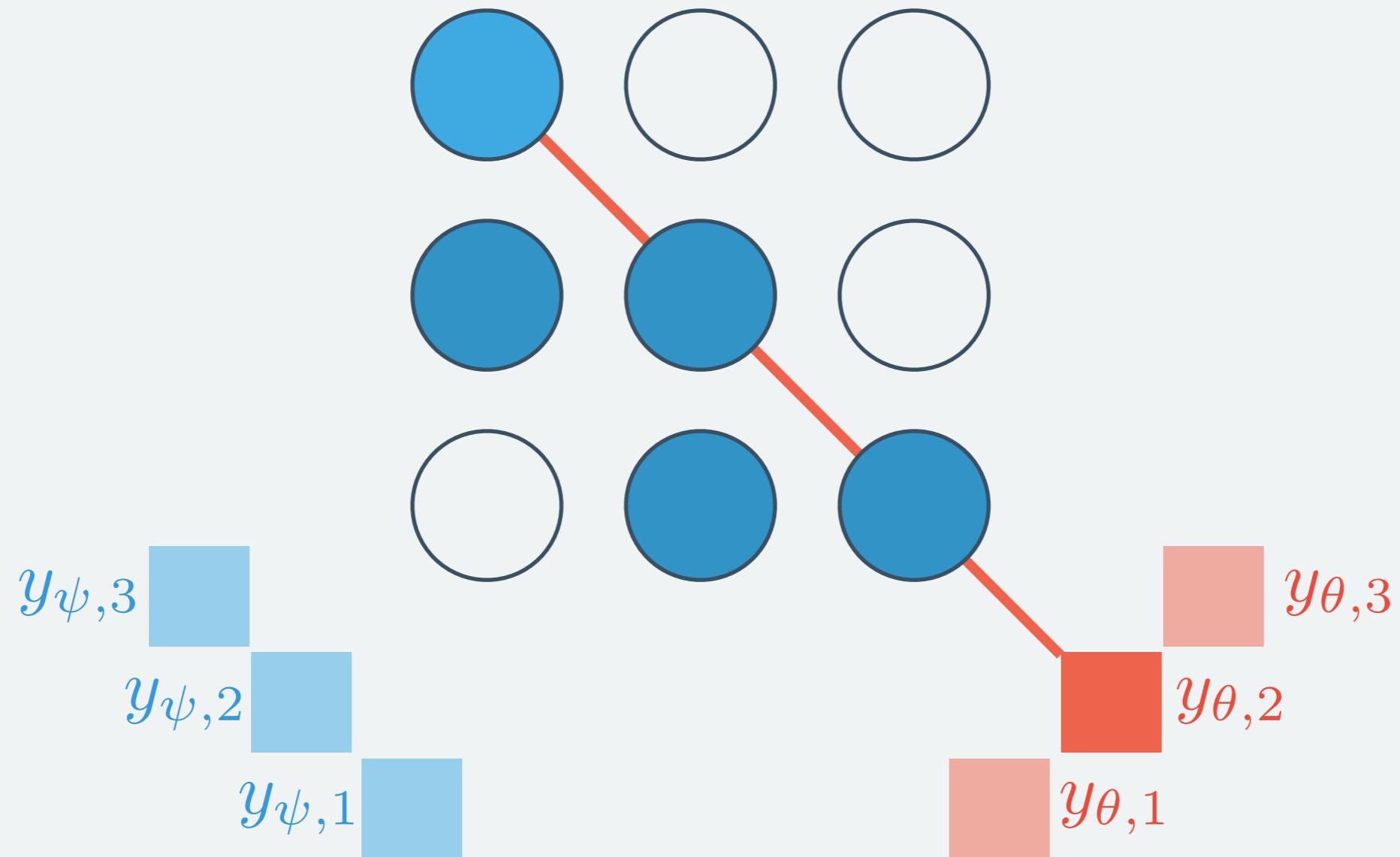


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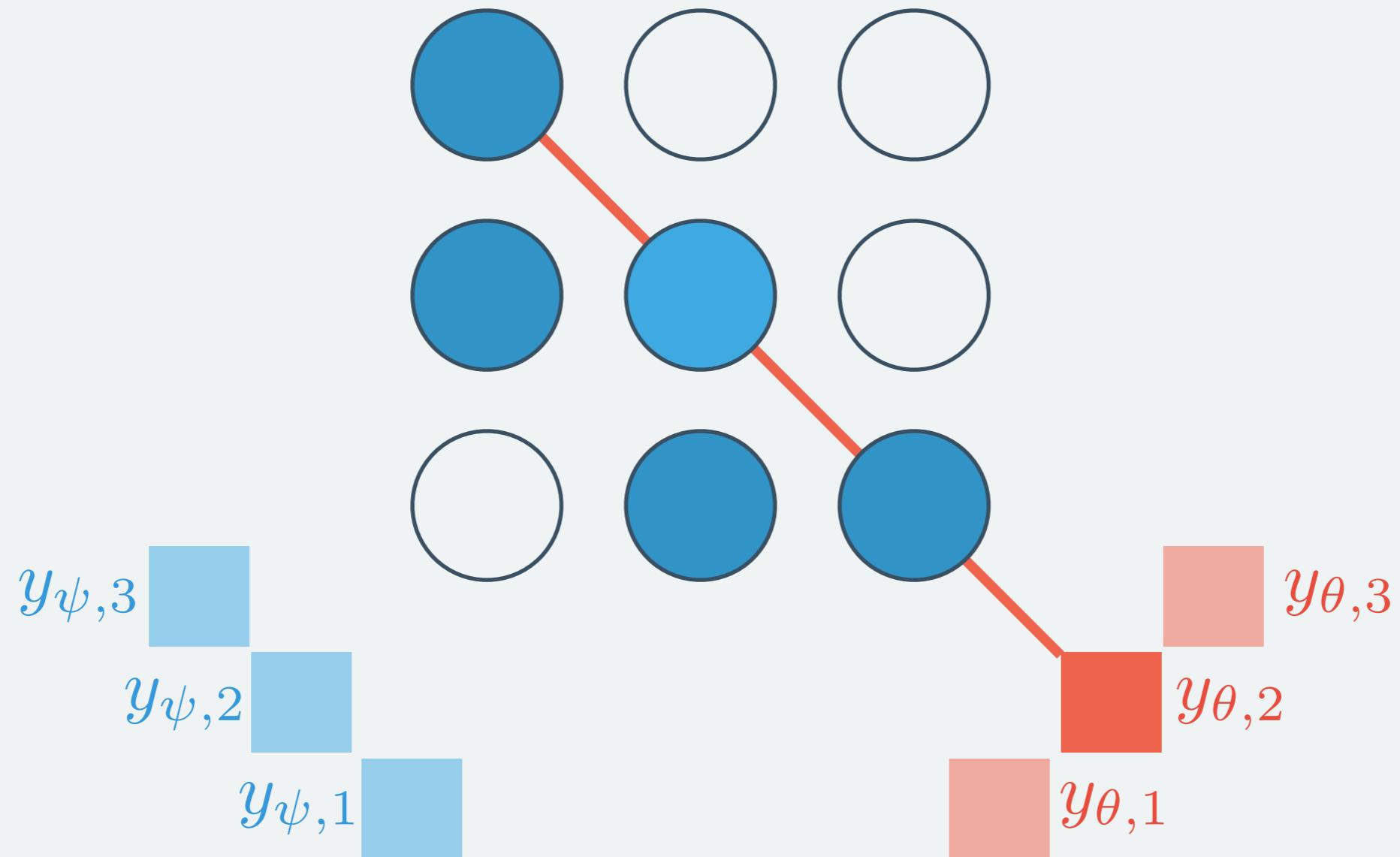


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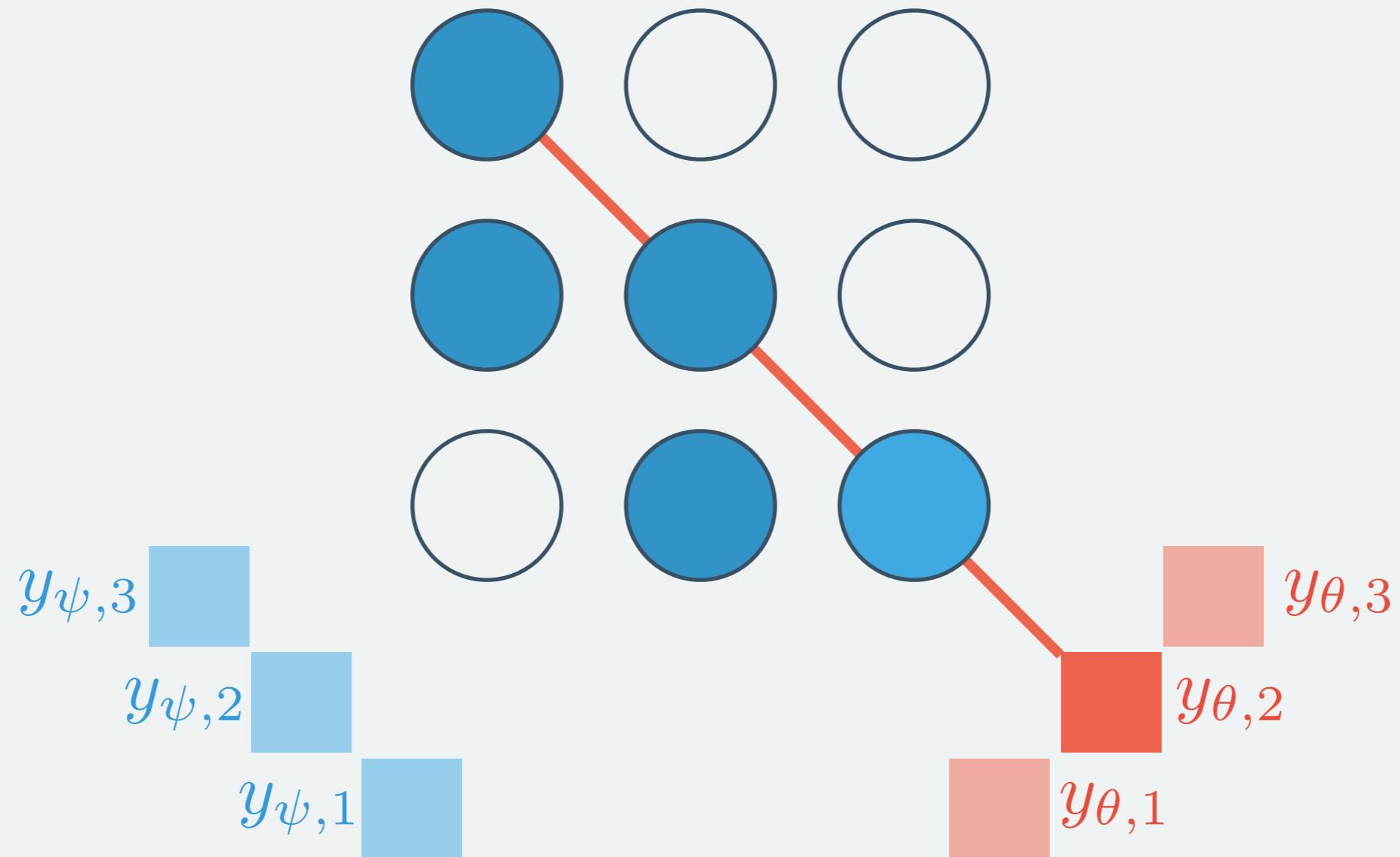


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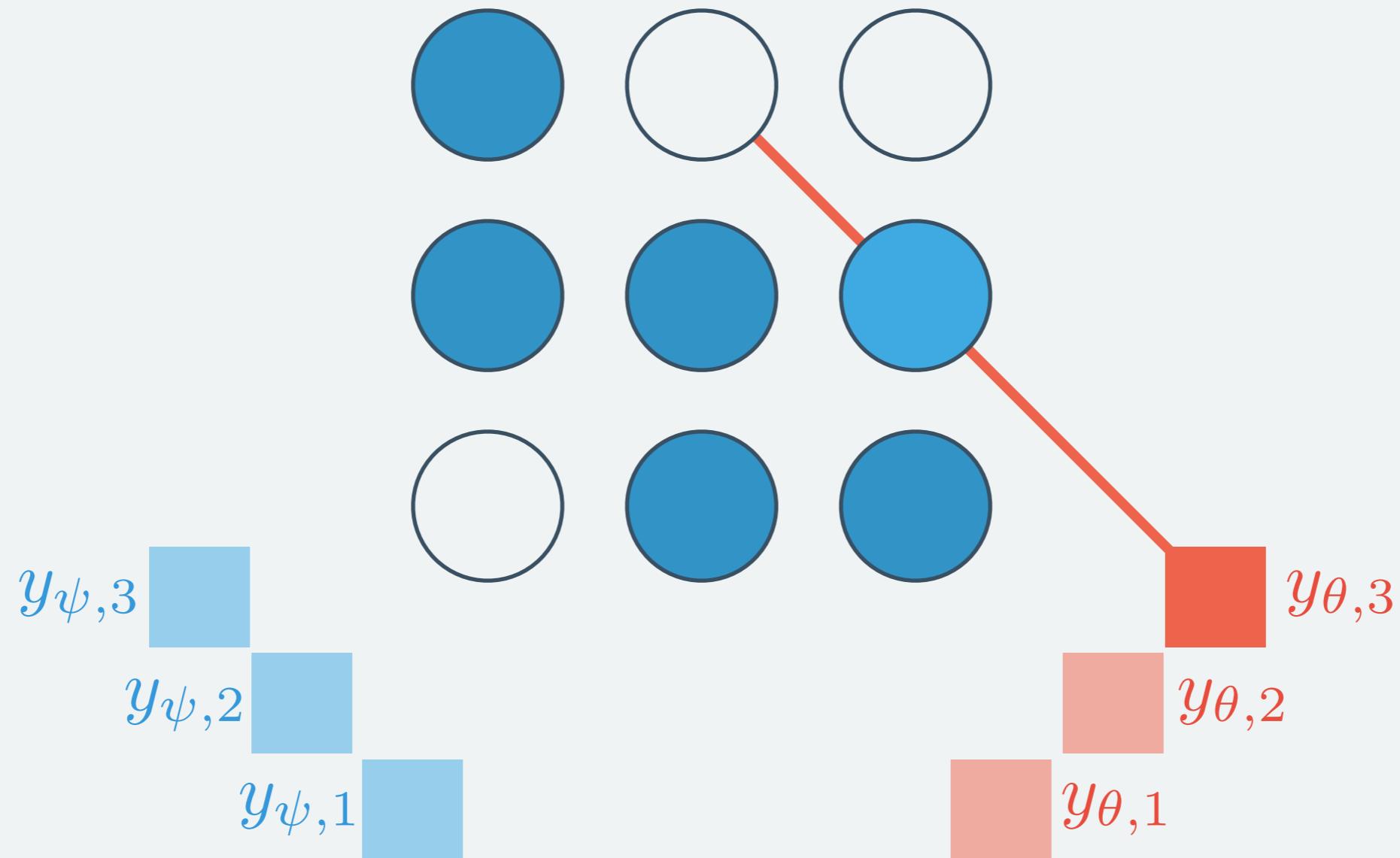


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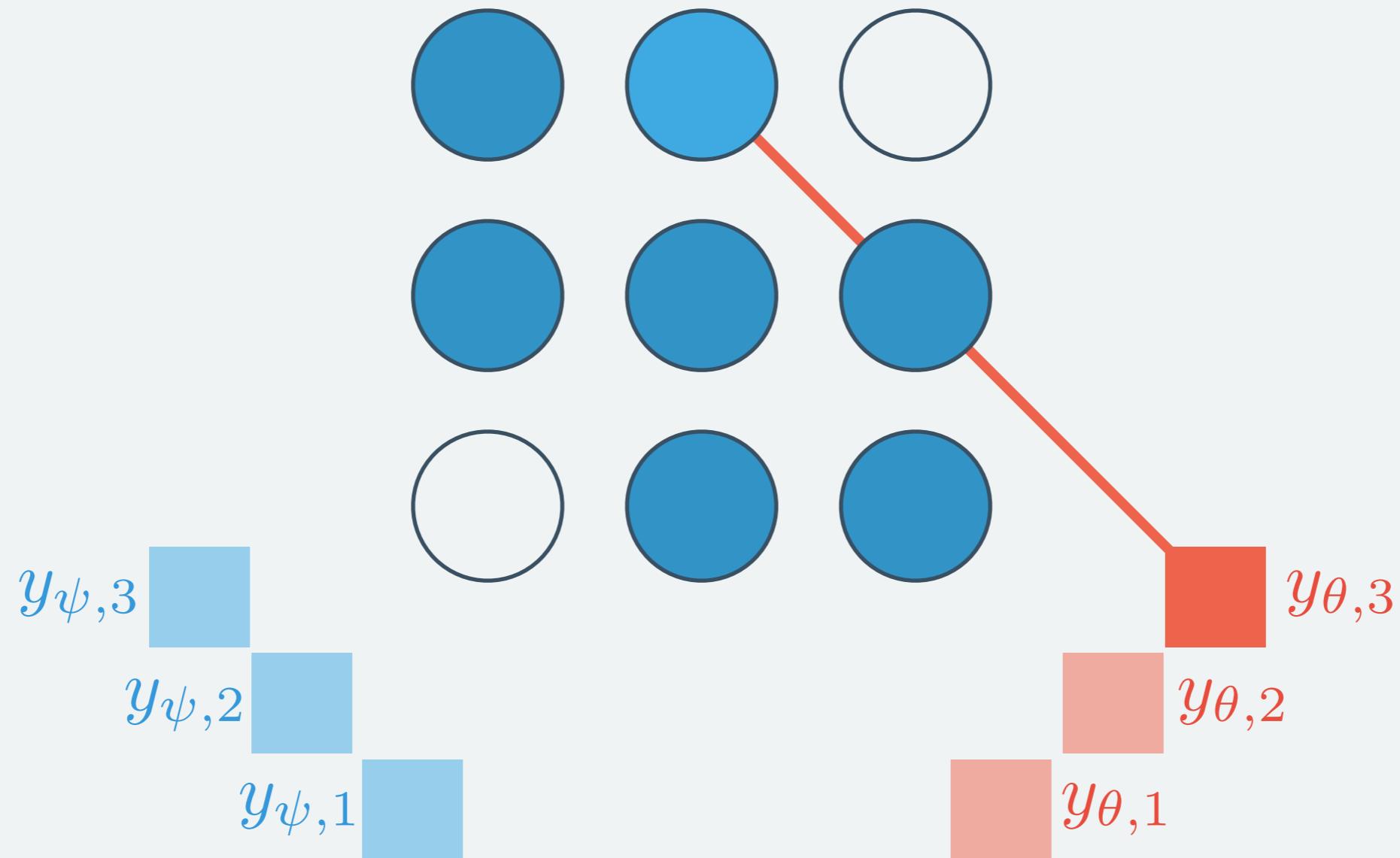


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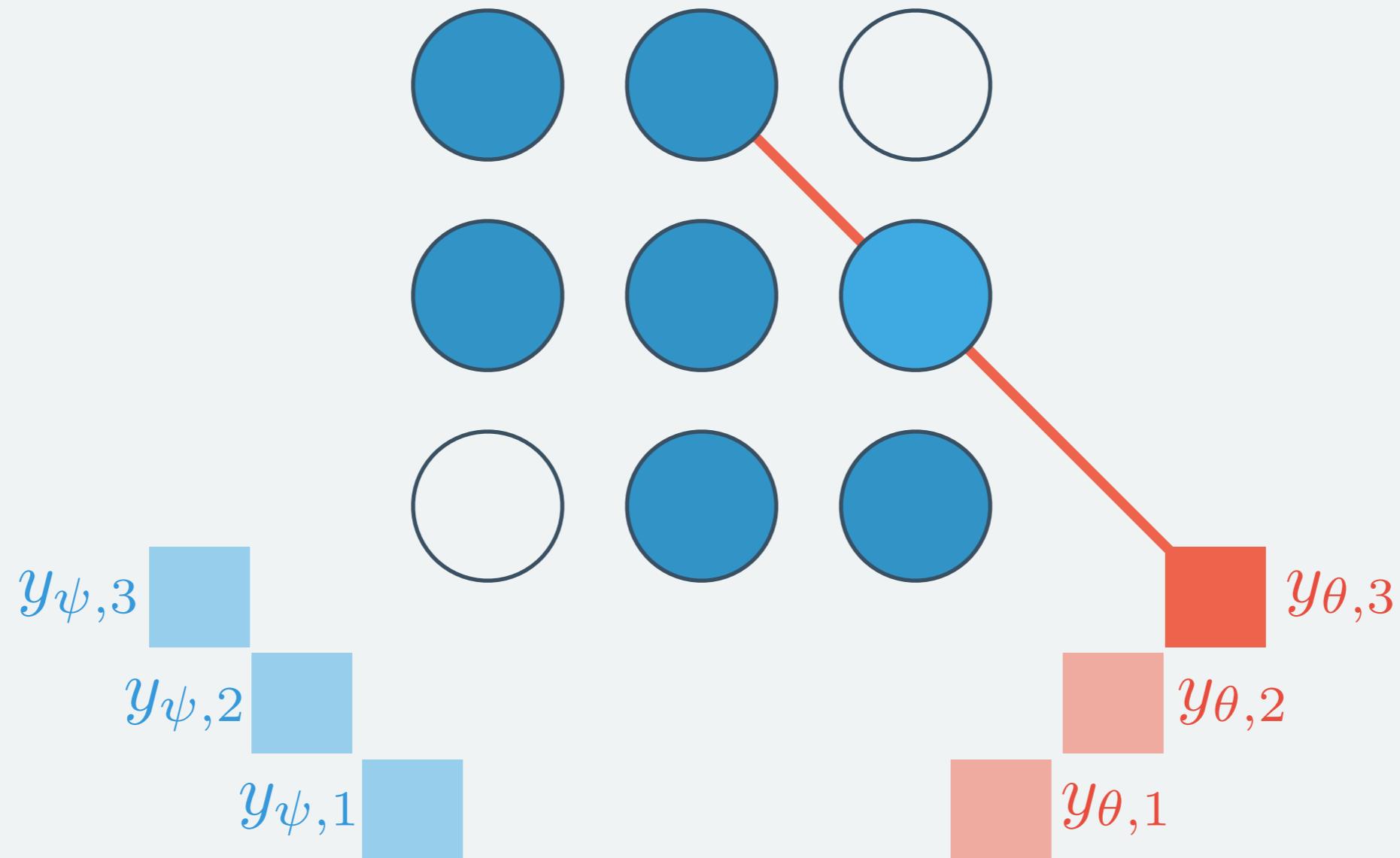


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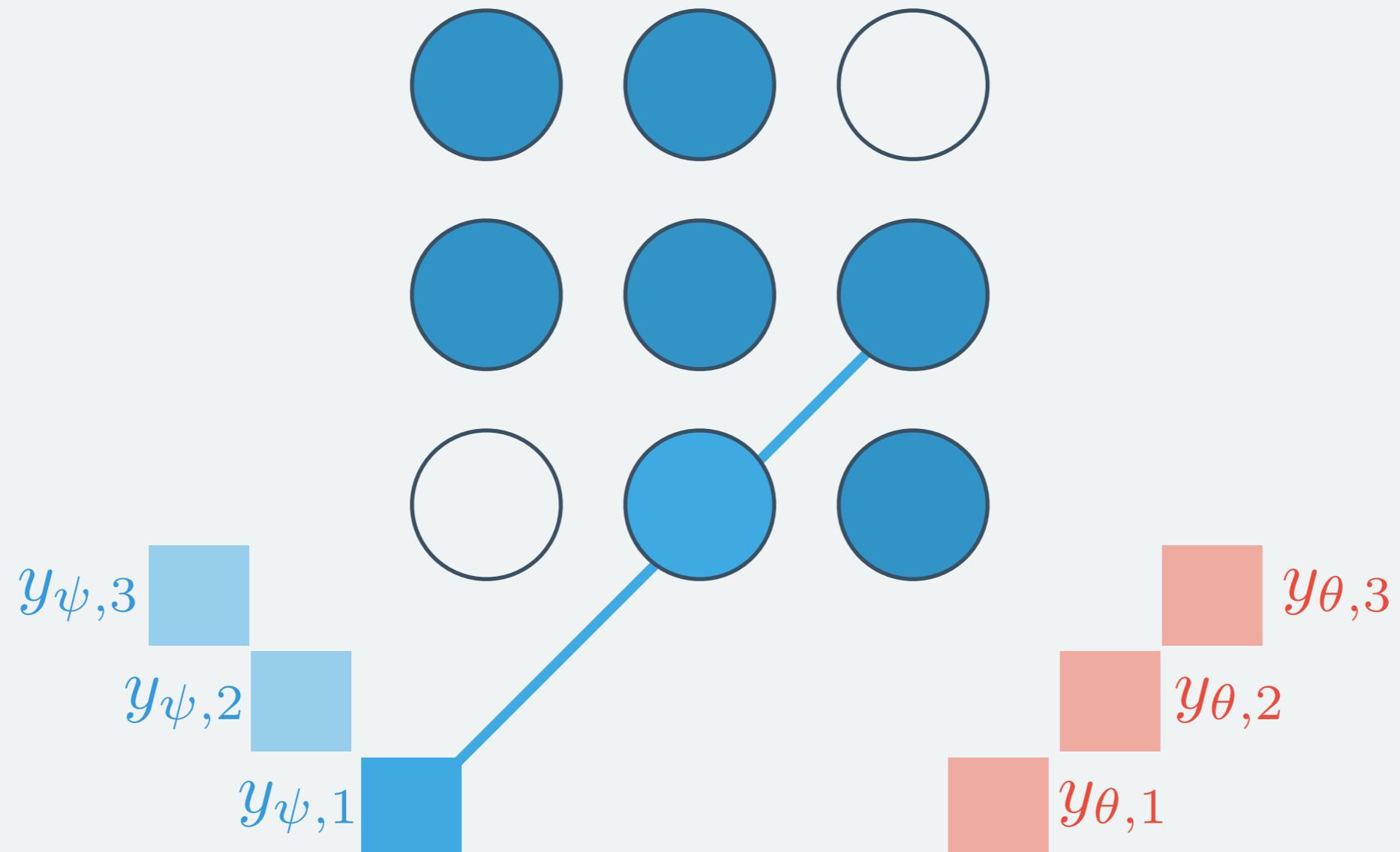


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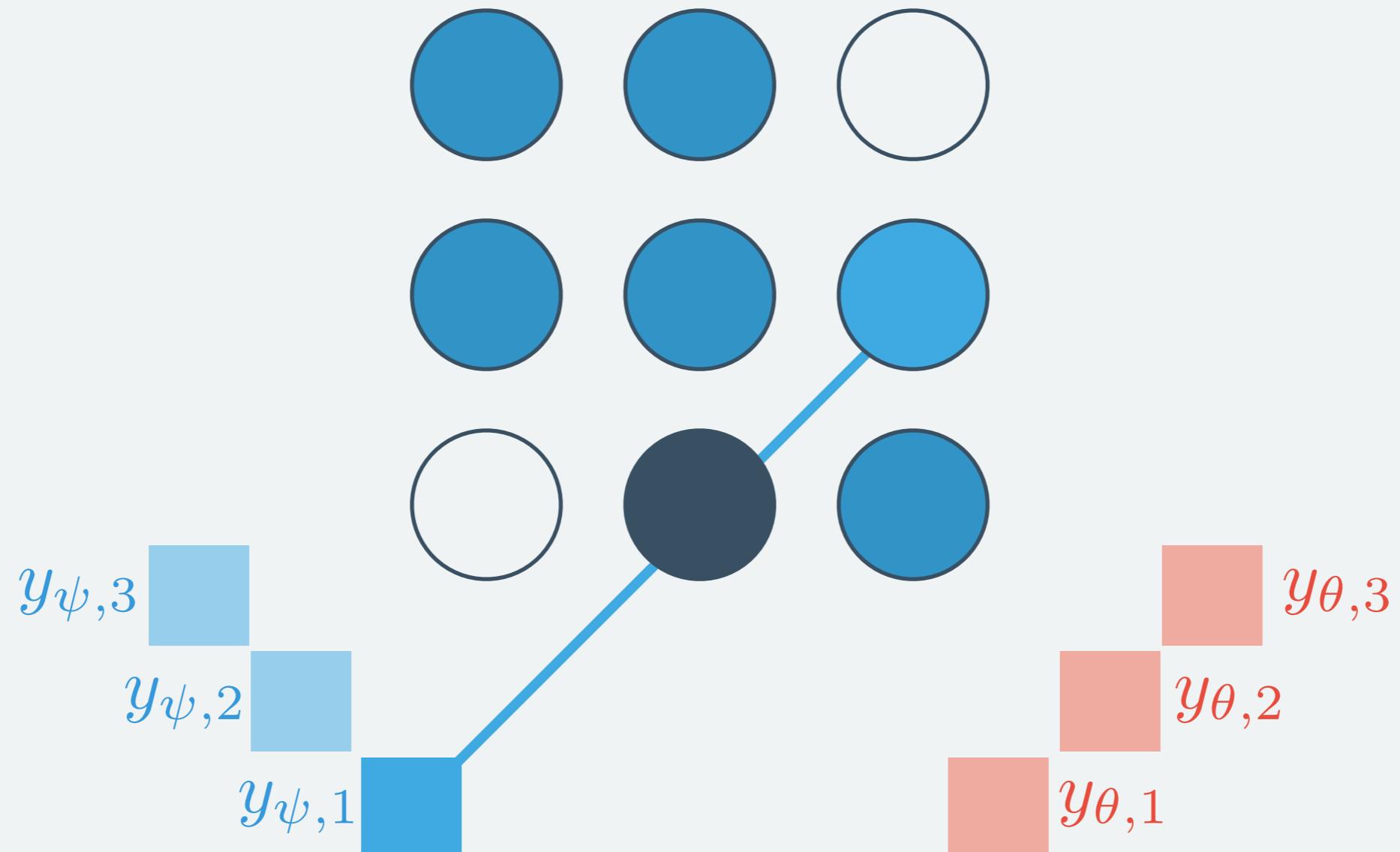


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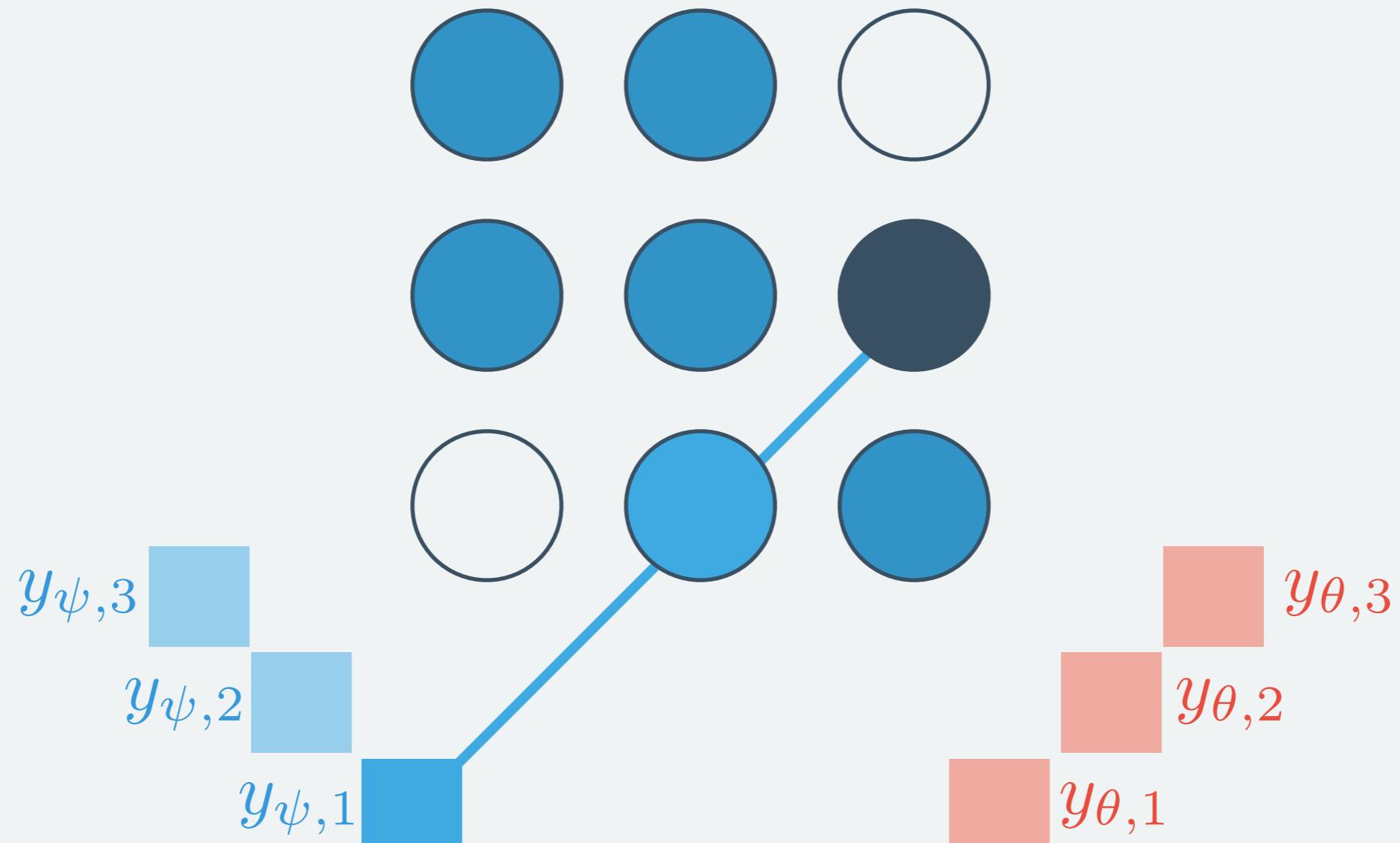


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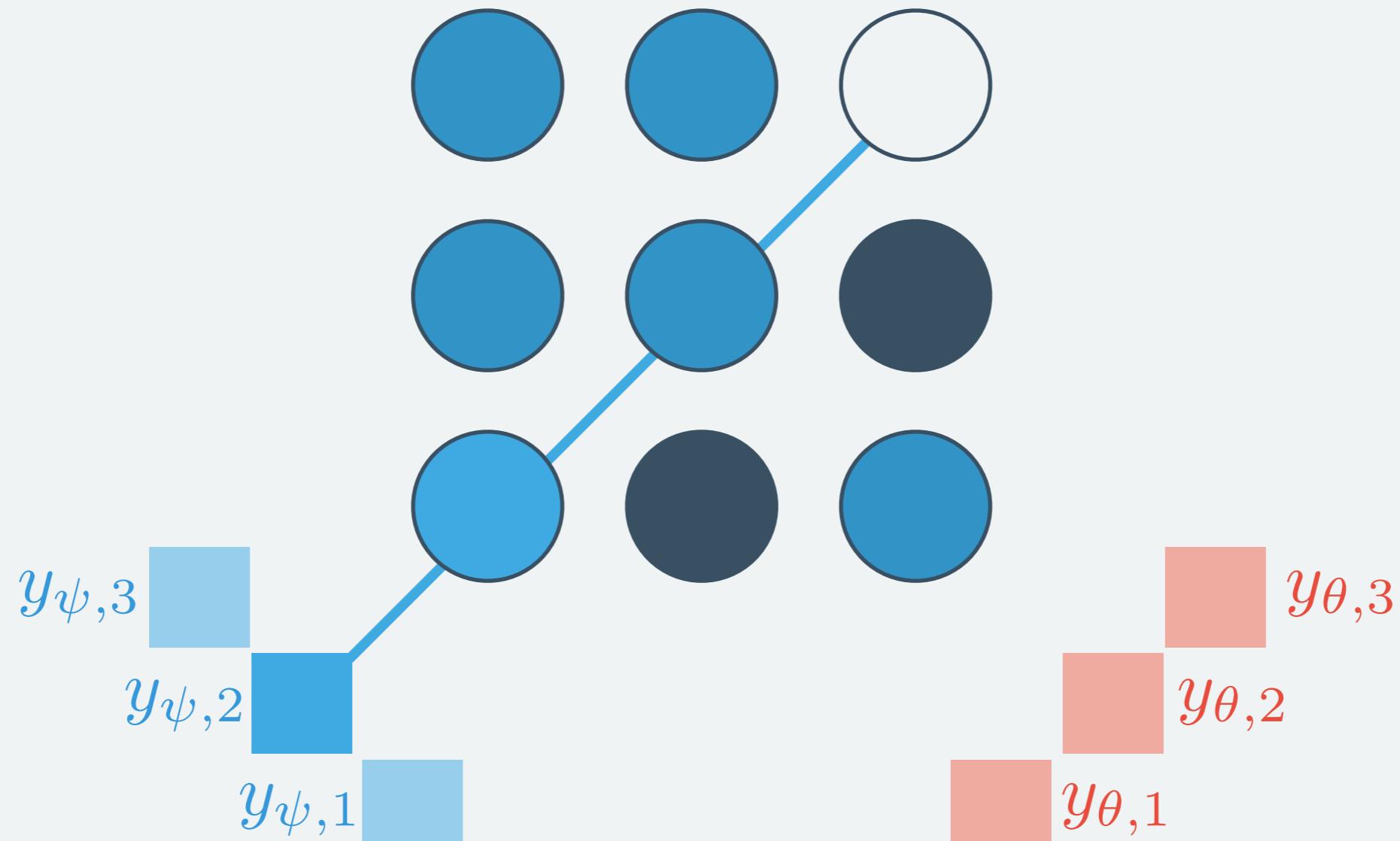


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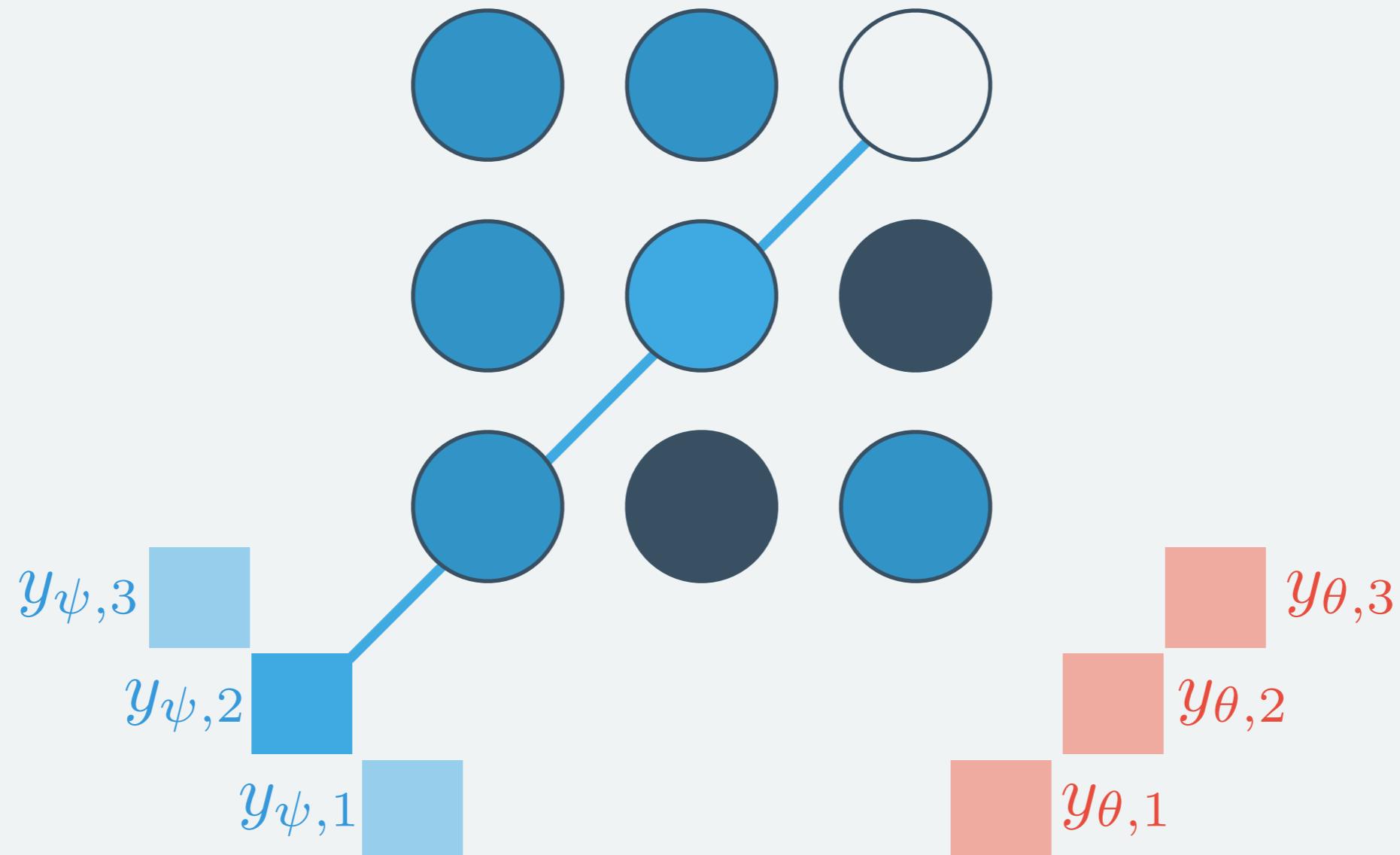


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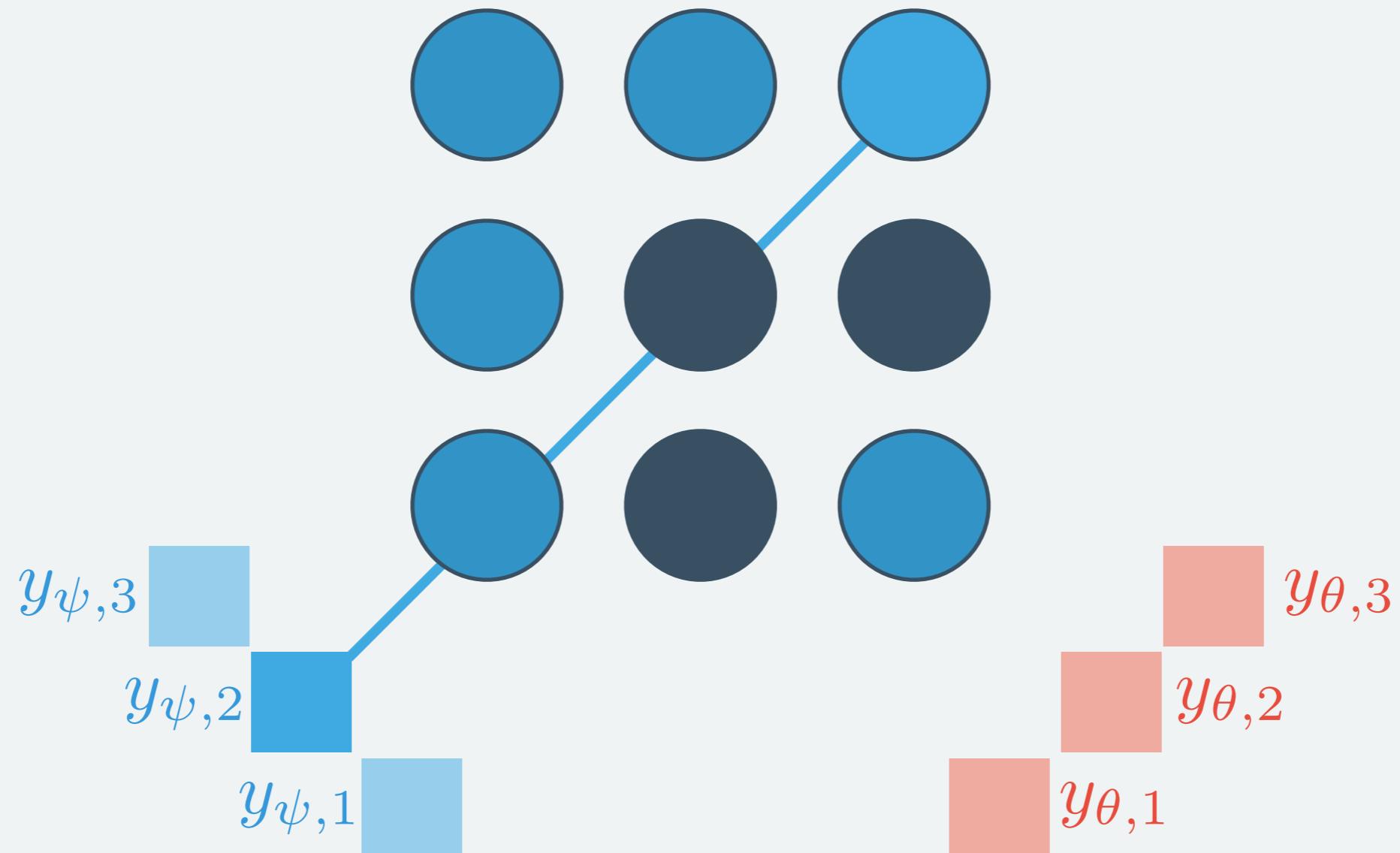


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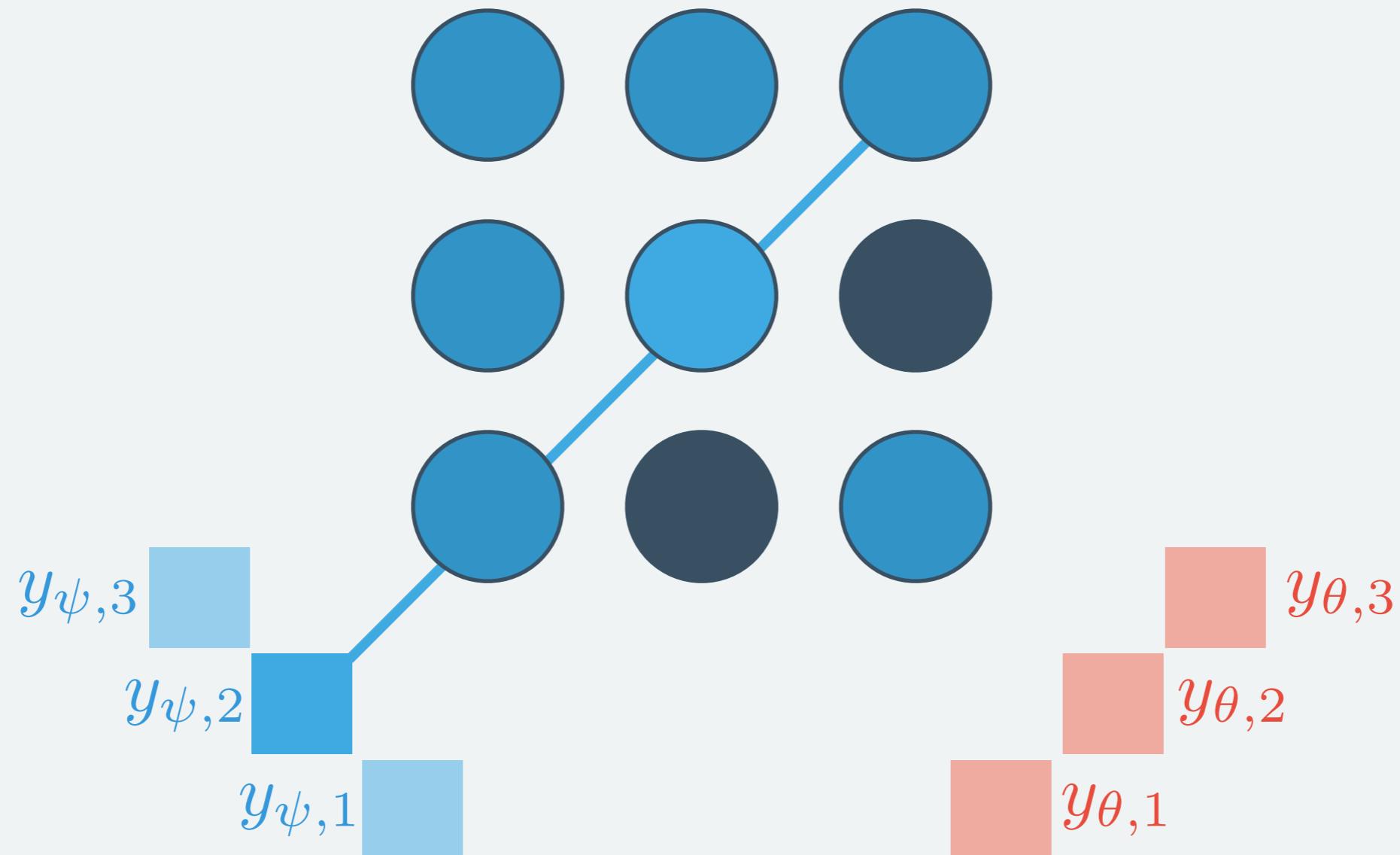


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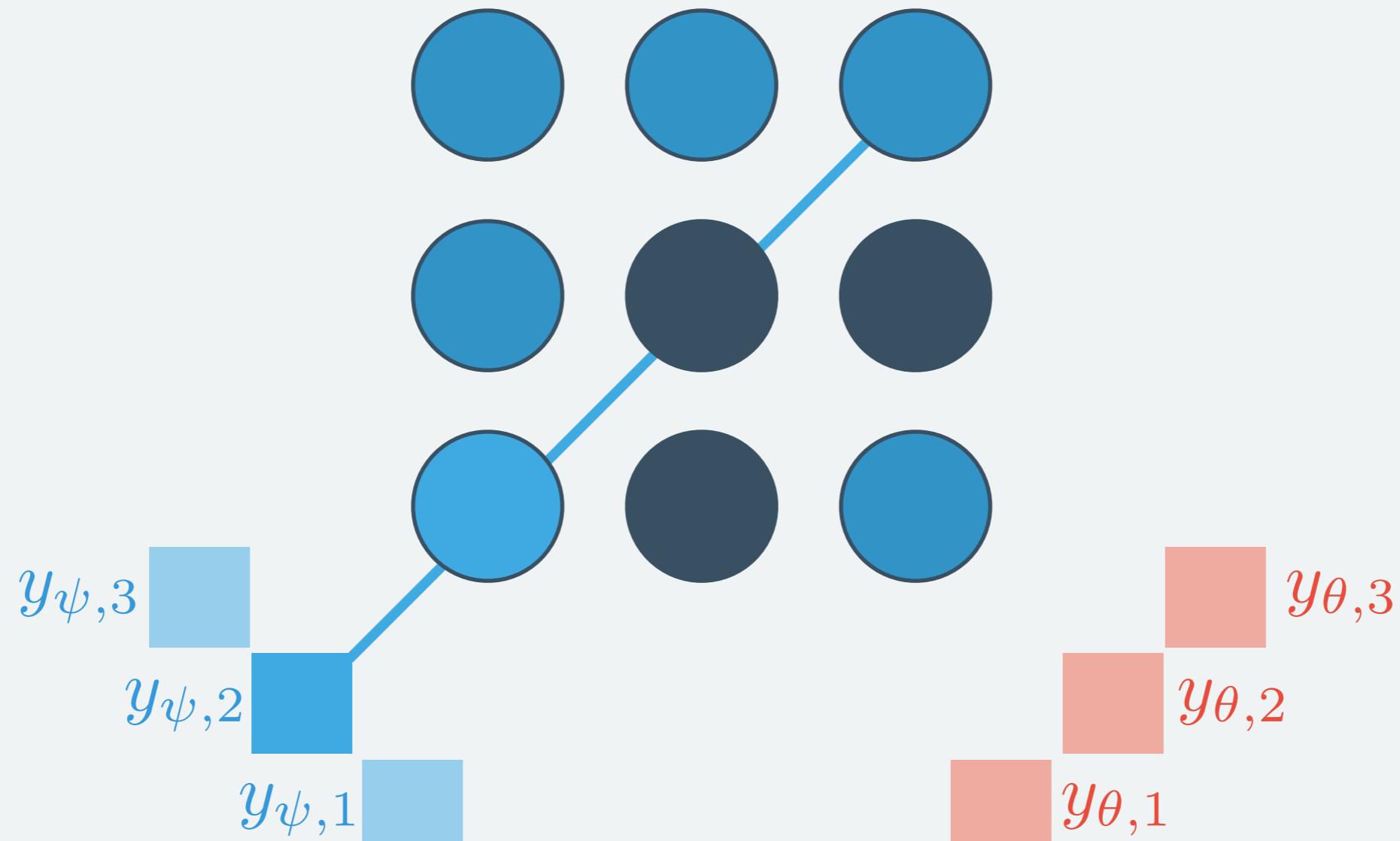


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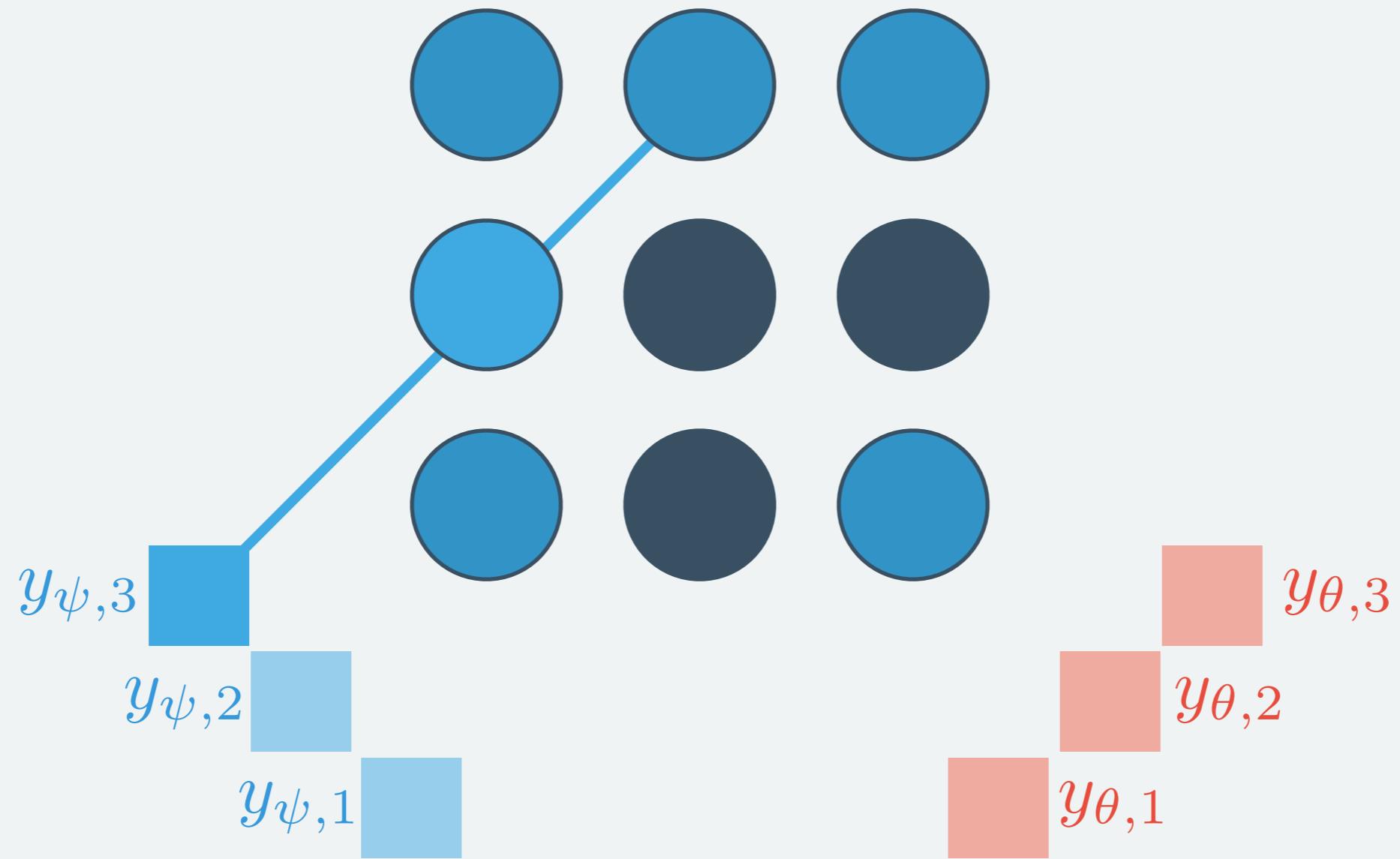


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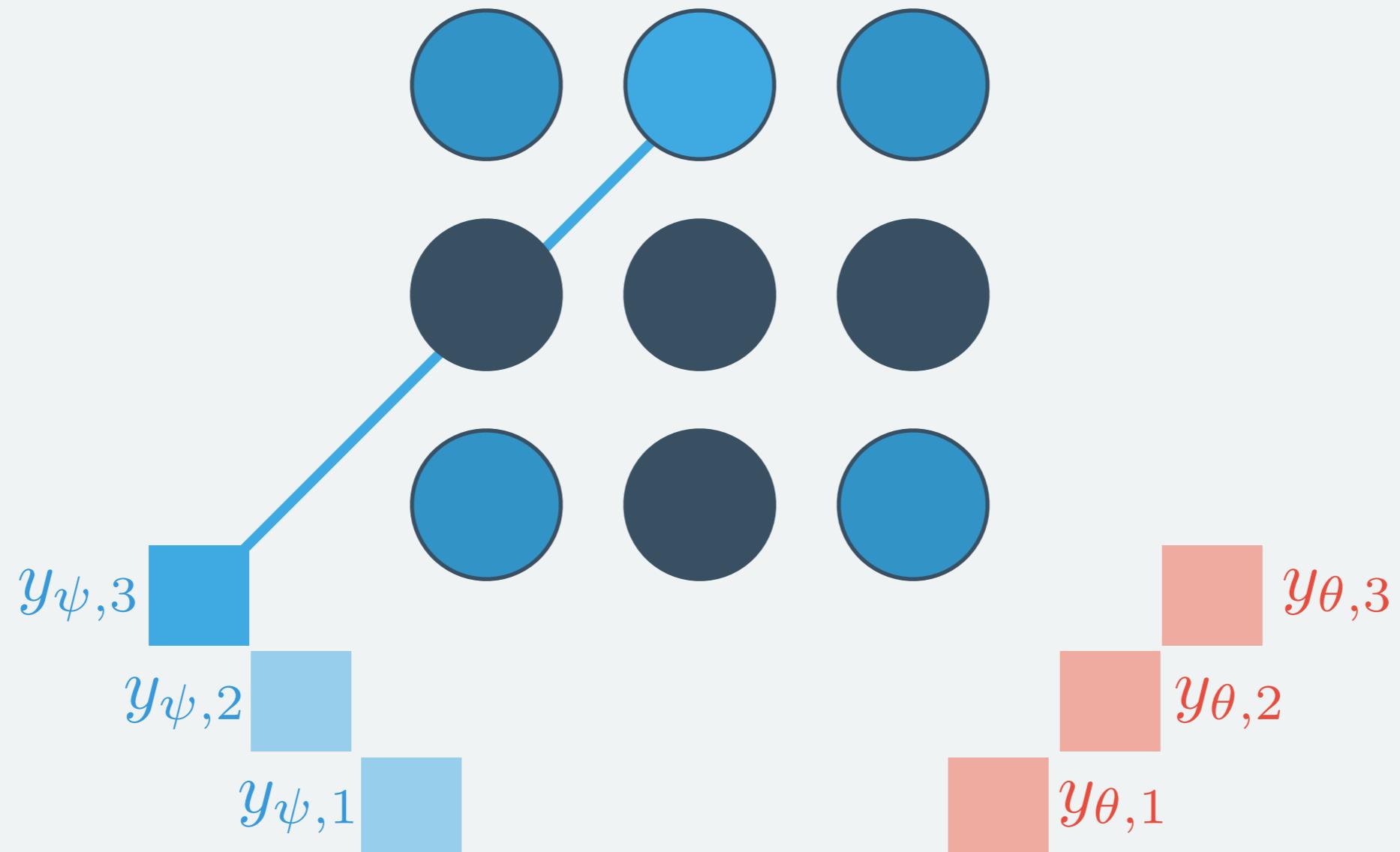


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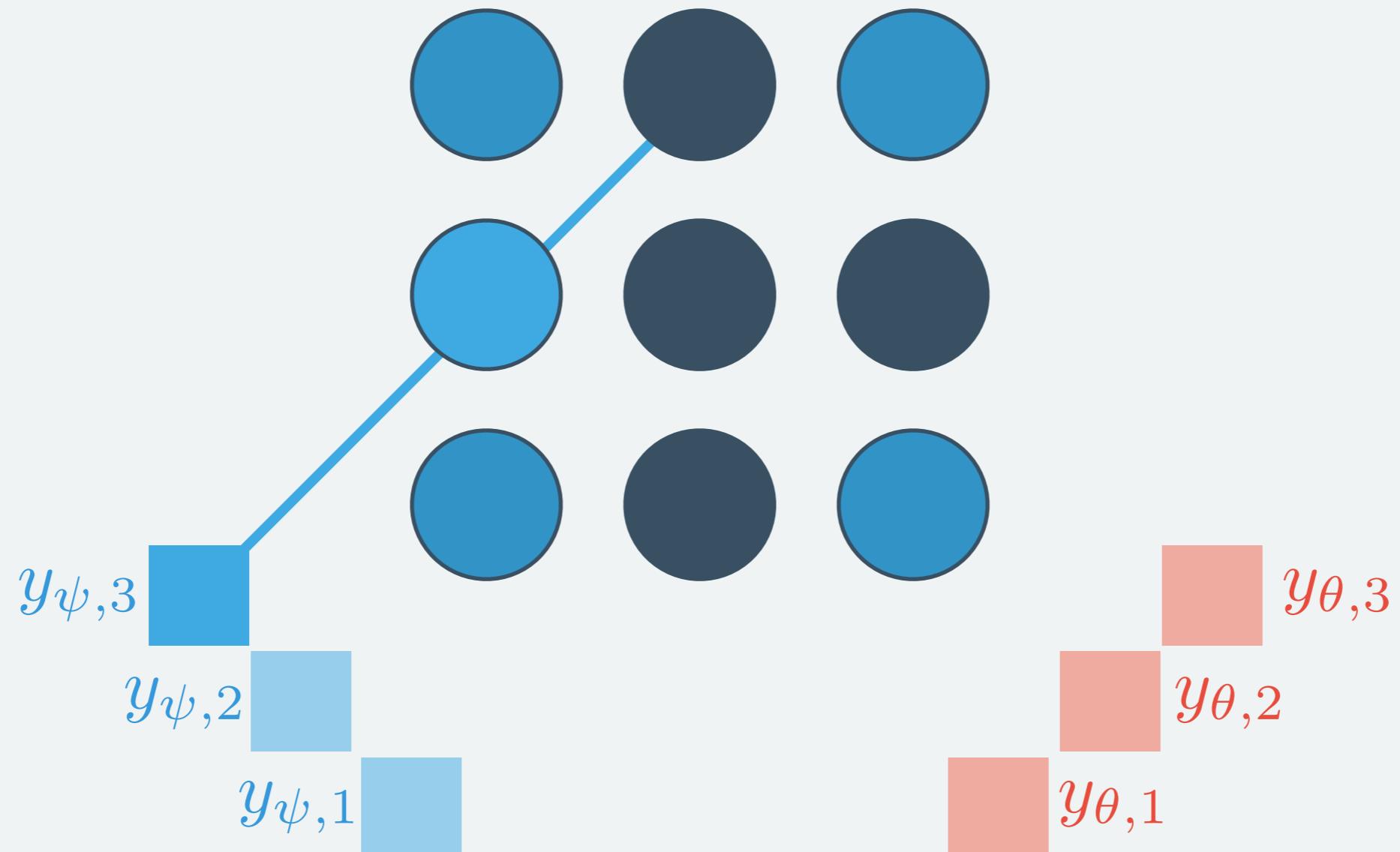


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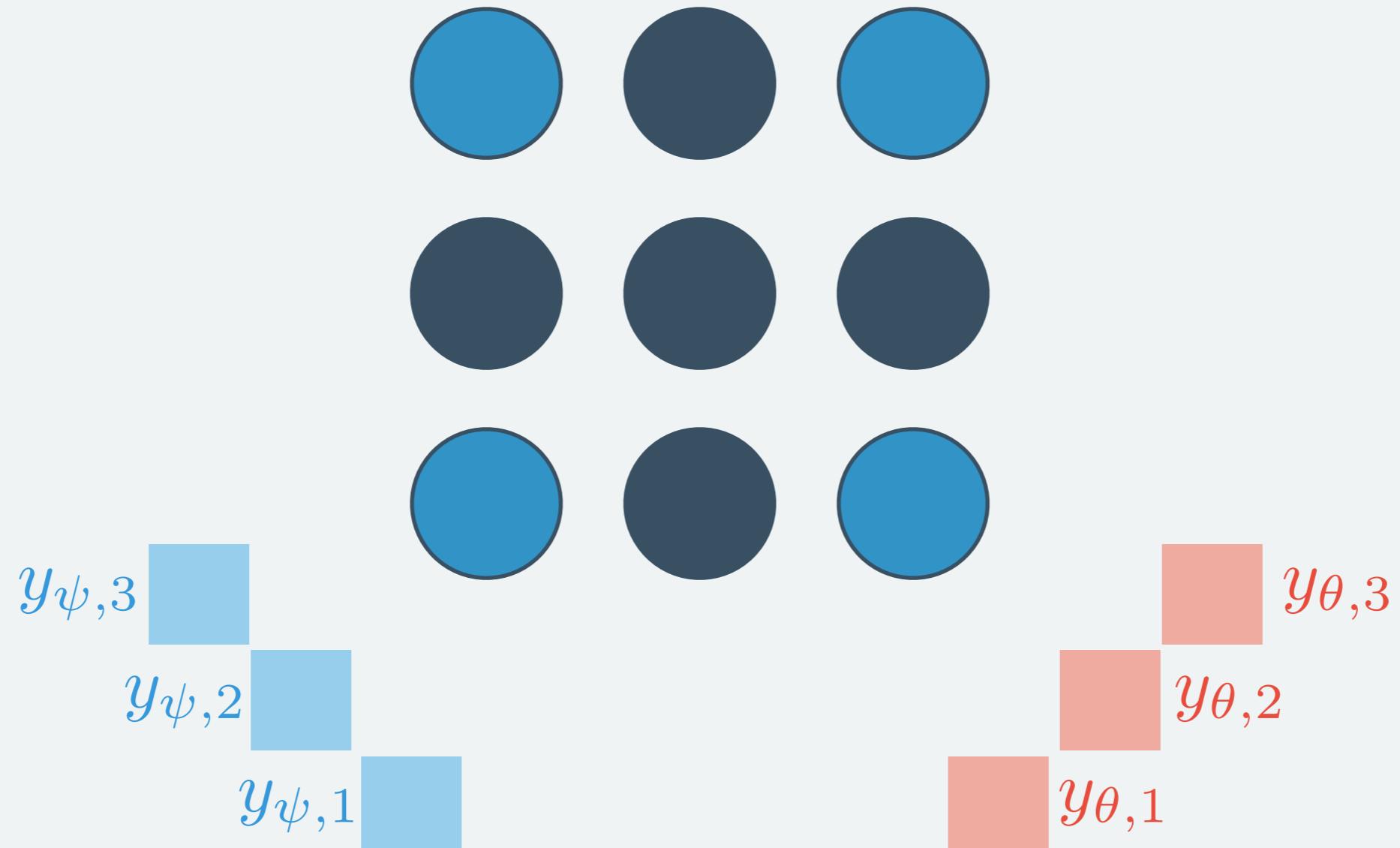


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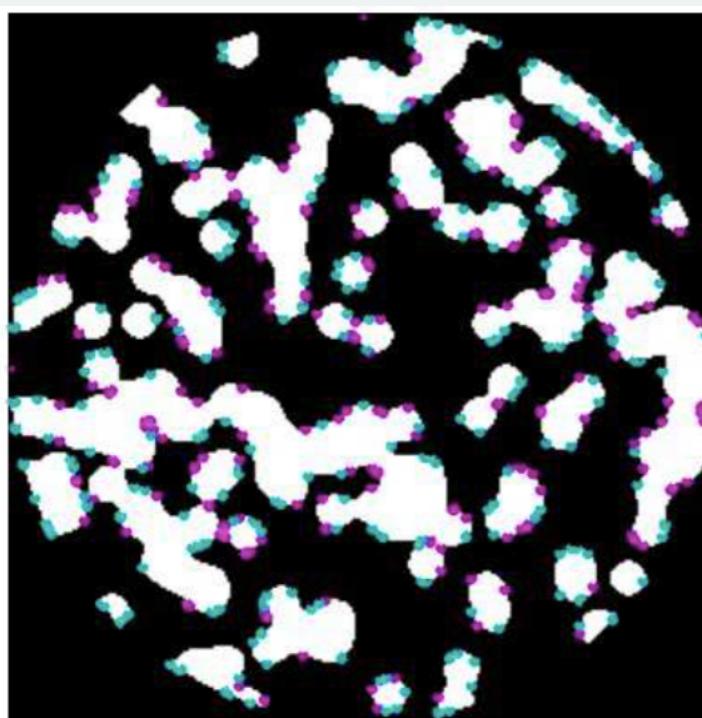
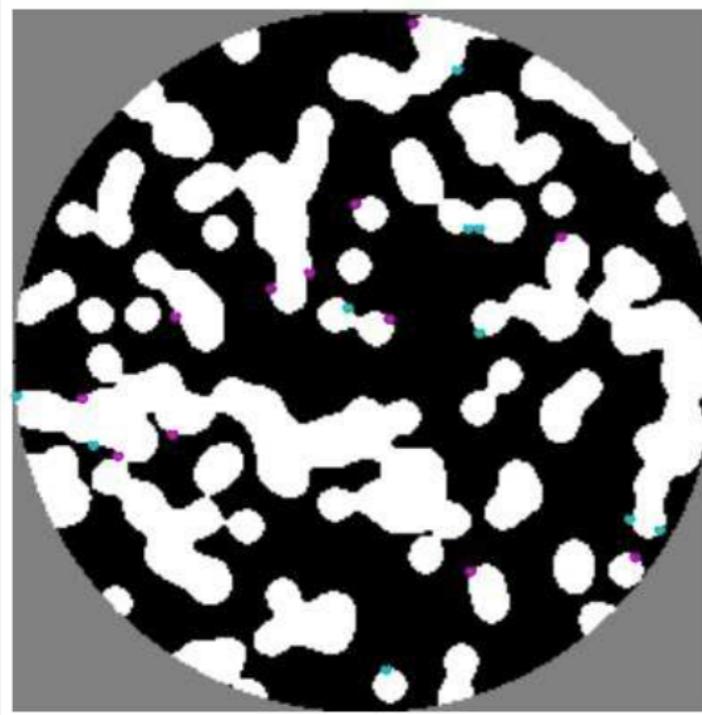


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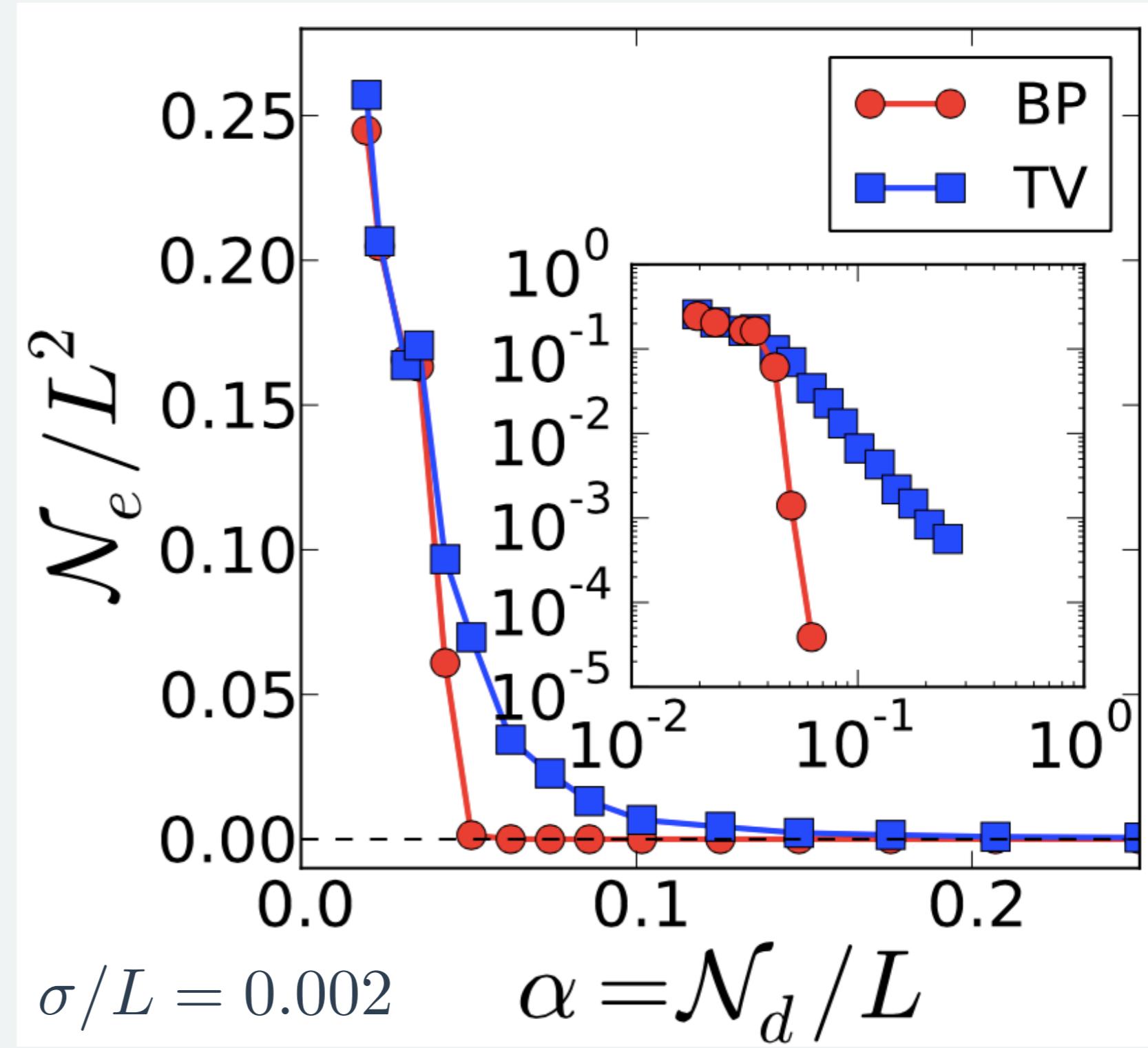
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$$\alpha = 1/10, \sigma/L = 0.006$$



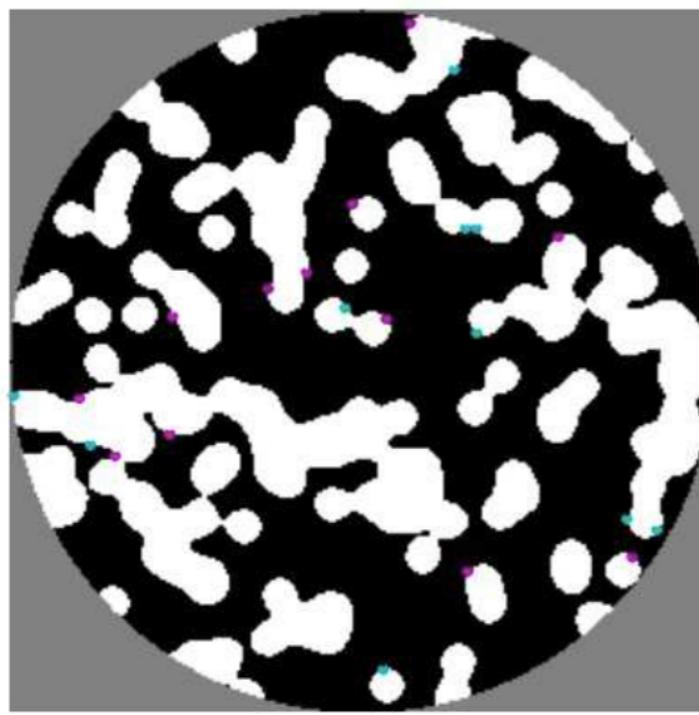
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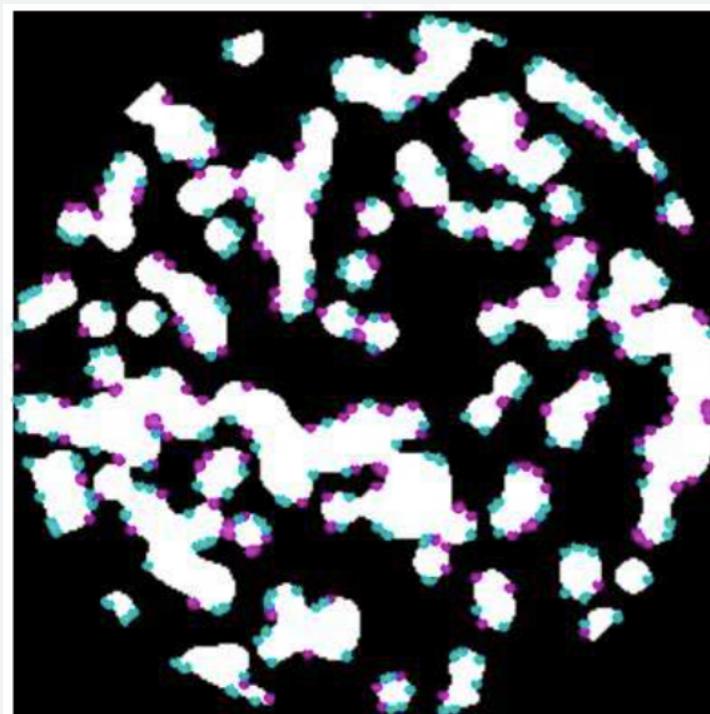
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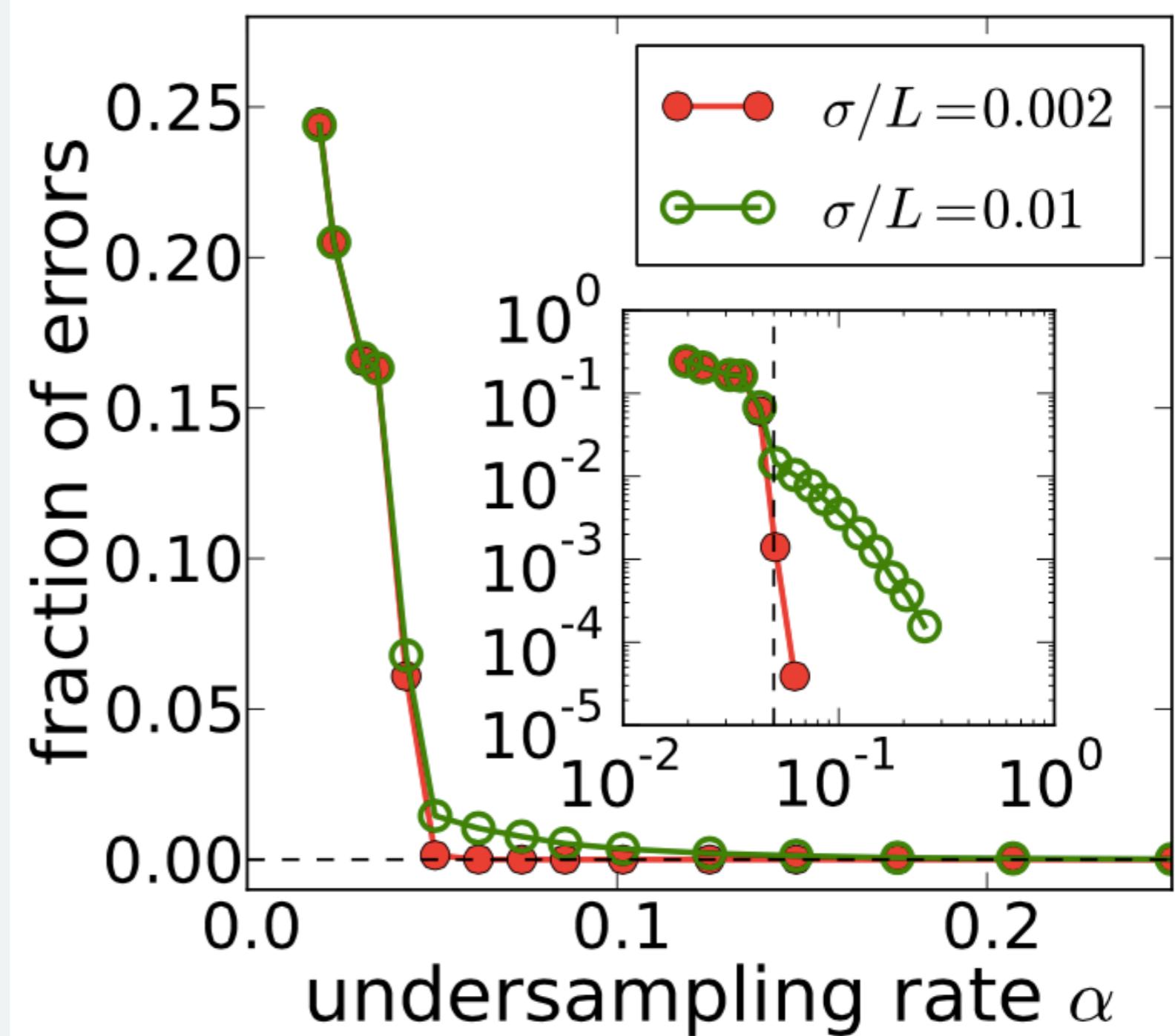


BP



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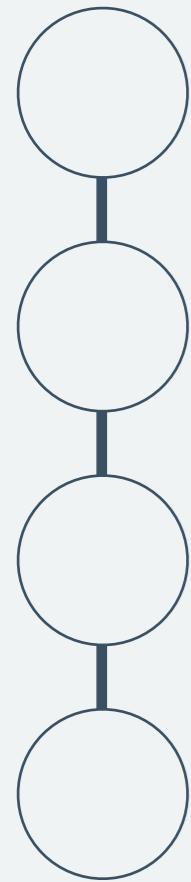
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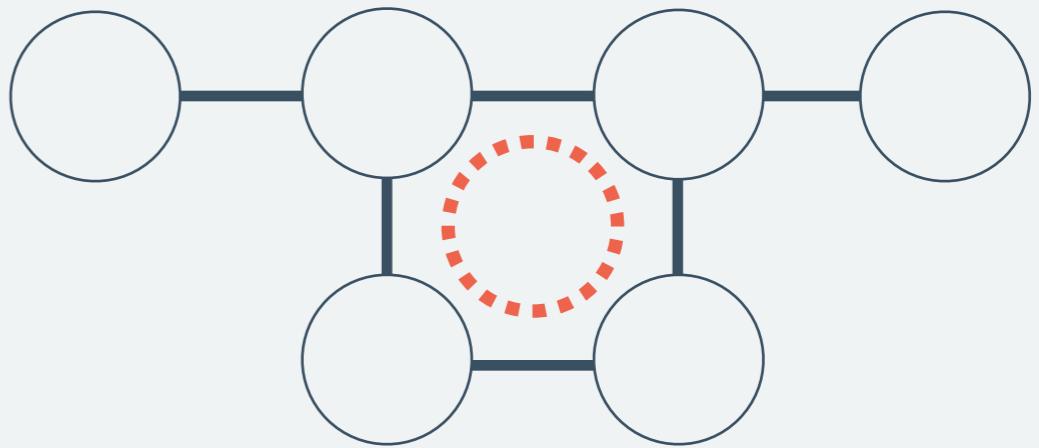
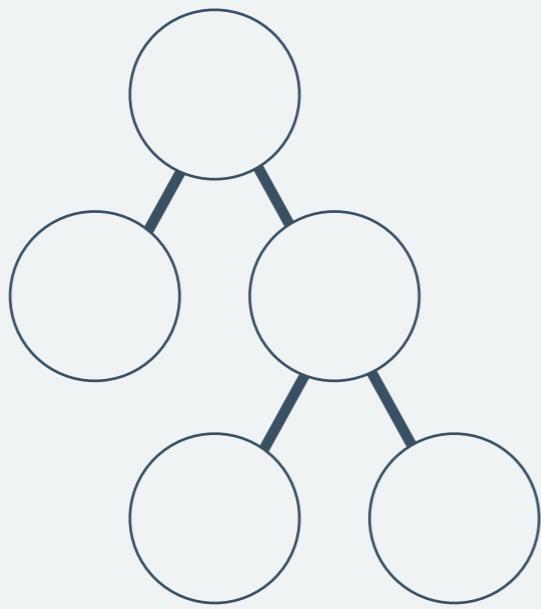
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# From Lines to Lattices...

**Why Lines?** BP known to be exact on trees. Nice properties!



**Exact**

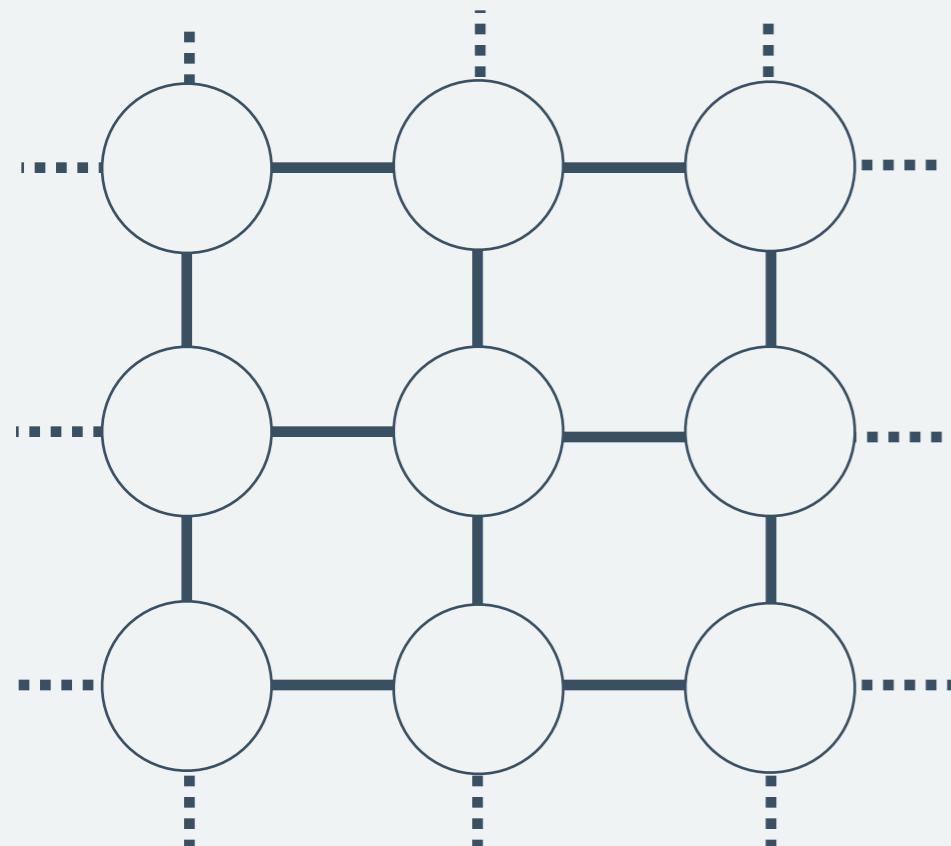


**Inexact**

**However** each line tied to a factor, resulting in many inner BP calculations and a sequential update.

# From Lines to Lattices...

**A Lattice?** A full model of the entire signal that incorporates local correlations. (*related: MRFs*)



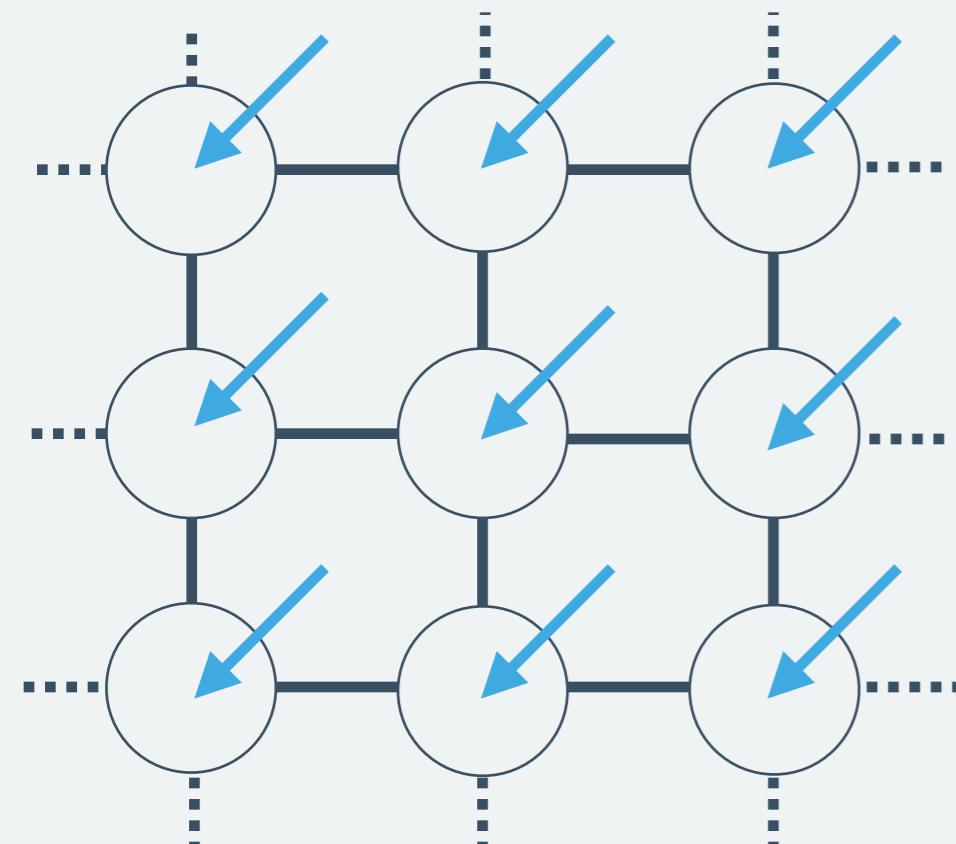
**Caution** Many tight loops, we cannot expect perfection.

## Advantages

- Prior model not tied to the sampling procedure
- Perhaps a more accurate image model
- Adaptable correlation model (edges & weights) that can possibly be trained to exemplars
- Known results from familiar models
- Potentially fewer messages than line model

# From Lines to Lattices...

**An Ising Model** For binary images, we can see that this prior is just a mapping of the square-lattice Ising Model.



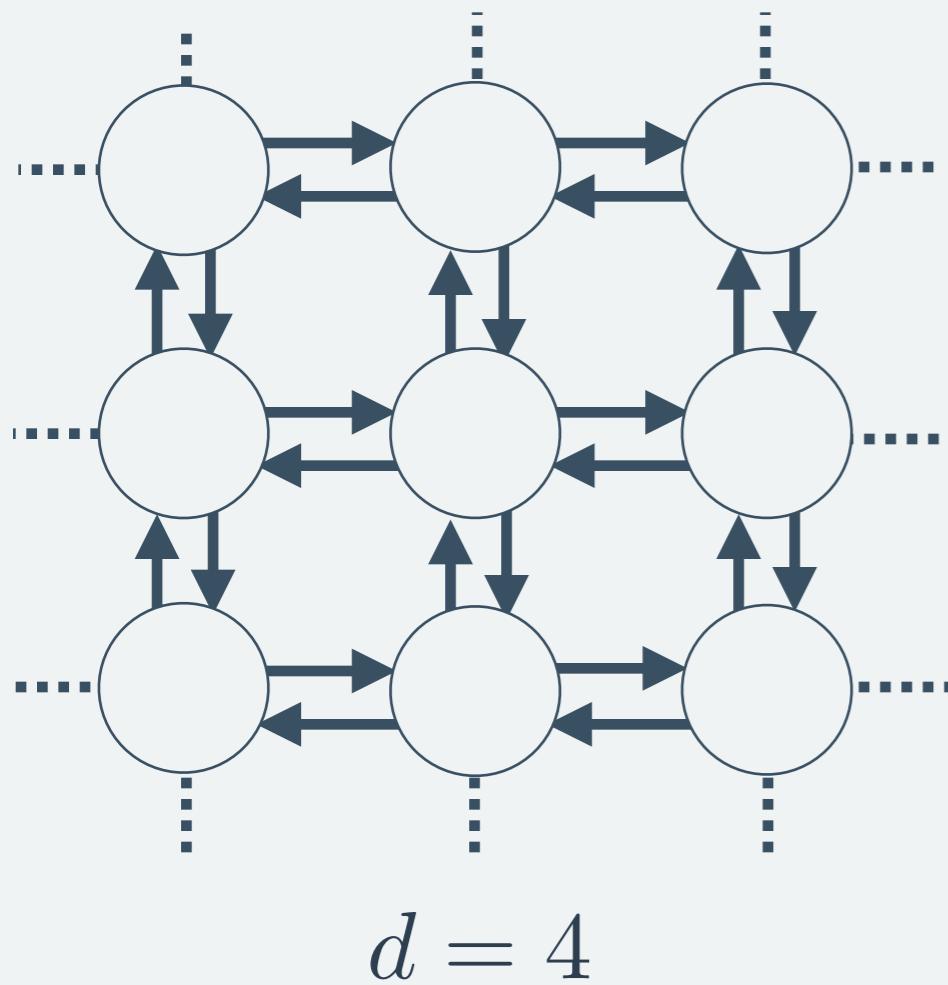
$$P(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{x})} \quad x_i \in \pm 1$$

$$-\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij} x_i x_j + \sum_i h_i x_i$$

↓                            ↓

Some local biasing                  Edges & correlation weights encoded in  $\mathbf{J}$ .

# ...and messages to marginals.



**Potential Efficiency** Lattice model involves fewer messages between pixels...

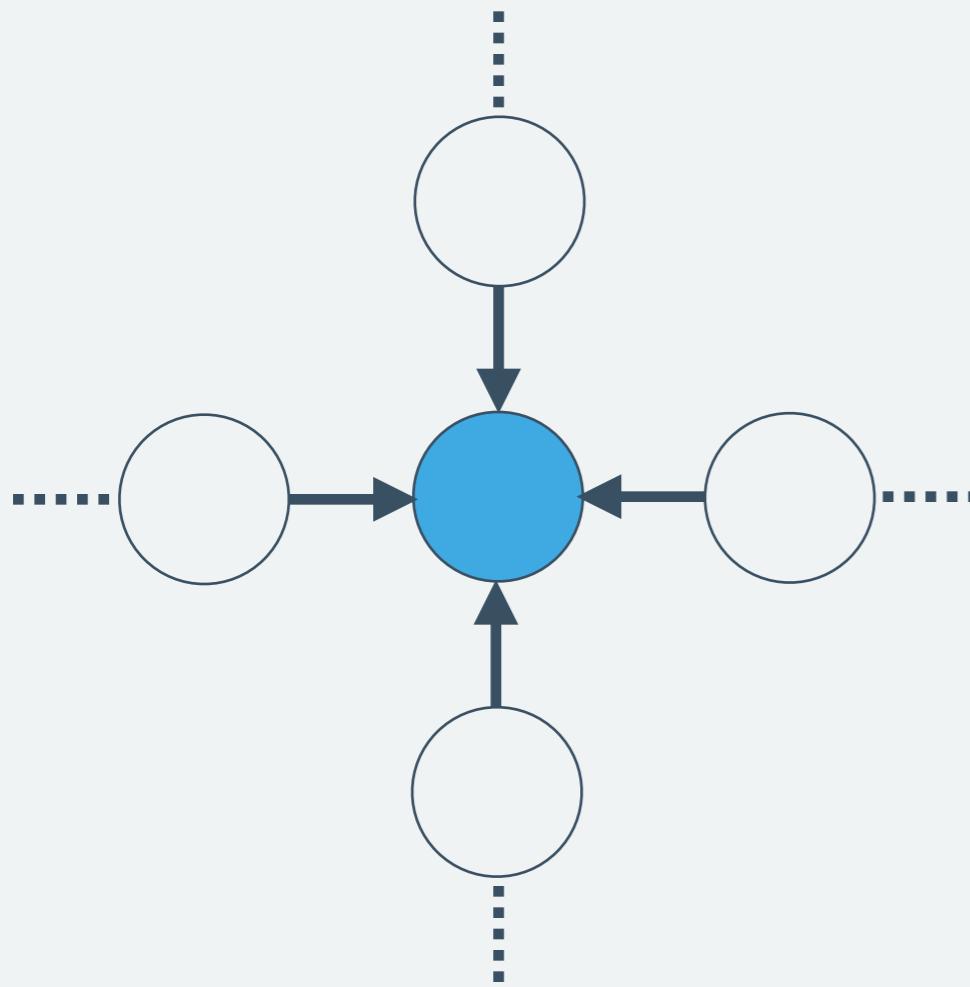
$$O(2dN) < O(4NN_\theta) \quad \text{for} \quad d < N_\theta$$

However, we cannot use the nice Transfer Matrix approach of the linear model.

**Already approximate (LBP), why not approximate more?**

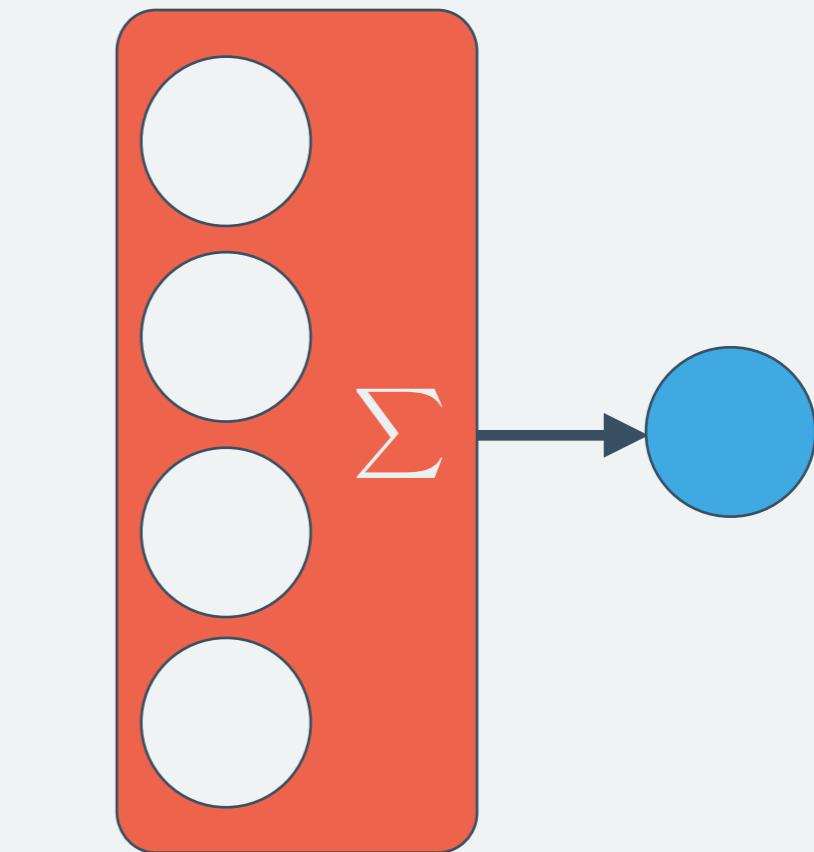
# ...and messages to marginals.

*Passing on Edges*



$$m_i(x_i) \propto \prod_{j \in \partial_i} m_{j \rightarrow i}(x_i)$$

**Mean-Field Approximation**



$$m_i(x_i) \propto \frac{1}{|\partial_i|} \sum_{j \in \partial_i} m_j(x_j)$$

# ...and messages to marginals.

## MFA as an approximation of Partition

When applying the MFA, we are approximating the intractable partition (via its *Free Energy*)...

$$\mathcal{F} = -\log \mathcal{Z} = \sum_{x_1 \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{x_2 \in \{0,1\}} \dots \sum_{x_N \in \{0,1\}} -\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{x})$$

...by minimizing

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}^{\text{nmf}} &= -\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{m}) - \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{m}) \\ &= \sum_i \{m_i \ln m_i + (1 - m_i) \ln(1 - m_i)\} + \sum_i h_i m_i + \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij} m_i m_j \end{aligned}$$




Promoting greater entropy  
(more general)

$m_i \triangleq \langle x_i \rangle_{m_i(x_i)}$

# ...and messages to marginals.

## Finding the Factorization

Factorize lattice by minimizing MFA Free Energy...  
... leading to a *fixed point iteration*.

$$m_i^{(t+1)} = \text{sigmoid}(h_i + \sum_j J_{ij} m_j^{(t)})$$

$$\therefore m_i^* = \text{sigmoid}(h_i + \sum_j J_{ij} m_j^*)$$

Well-known MFA result leaves much to be desired in terms of accuracy.

# ...and messages to marginals.

## More moments -> More Accurate

Can use the *Thouless-Anderson-Palmer* (TAP)-type approach, tracking variance, also. Via Pfleka expansion assuming small coupling...

$$\mathcal{F}^{\text{TAP}} = -\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{m}) + \sum_i h_i m_i + \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij} m_i m_j + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij}^2 v_i v_j$$

↓  
 $v_i = m_i - m_i^2$

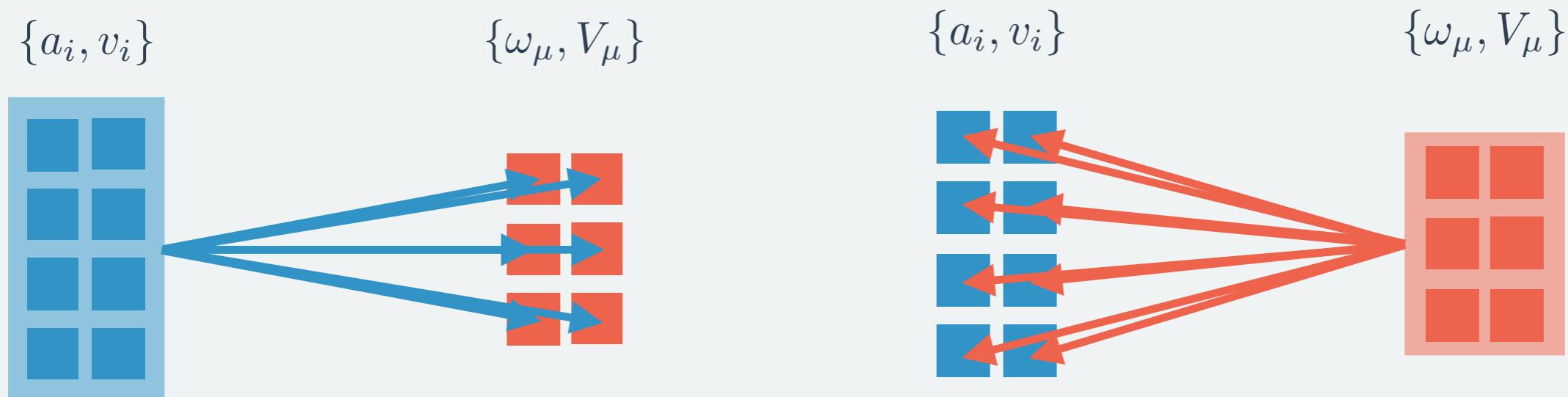
Which gives the FPI...

$$\therefore m_i^{(t+1)} = \text{sigmoid}(h_i + \sum_j J_{ij} m_j^{(t)} + (0.5 - m_i^{(t-1)}) \sum_j J_{ij}^2 v_i^{(t)})$$

# ...and messages to marginals.

## One Step Further

Can we compute the variable-factor messages on the marginals as well?



## Approximate Message Passing (AMP)

Used with great success for Compressed Sensing problems and general inference, as well.

- “Simple” FPI
- Direct application of same TAP approximations (but for real variables) to CS factor graph.

# TAP-BI + AMP

## Bringing it Together

The full iteration including the BI model factorization...

$$V_\mu^{t+1} = \sum_i F_{\mu i}^2 v_i^t$$

$$\omega_\mu^{t+1} = \sum_i F_{\mu i} a_i^t - \frac{V_\mu^{t+1}}{\Delta + V_\mu^t} (y_\mu - \omega_\mu^t)$$

$$(\Sigma_i^{t+1})^2 = \left[ \sum_\mu \frac{F_{\mu i}^2}{\Delta + V_\mu^{t+1}} \right]^{-1}$$

$$R_i^{t+1} = a_i^t + (\Sigma_i^{t+1})^2 \sum_\mu F_{\mu i} \frac{(y_\mu - \omega_\mu^{t+1})}{\Delta + V_\mu^{t+1}}$$

$$h_i^{t+1} = \frac{(R^{t+1} - 0.5)}{(\Sigma_i^{t+1})^2}$$

$$a_i^{t+1} = \text{sigmoid}(h_i^{t+1} + \sum_j J_{ij} a^t - (0.5 - a^{t-1}) \sum_j J_{ij}^2 v^t)$$

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

Standard AMP Iteration

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Calculate fields from AMP

# TAP-BI + AMP

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Binary Ising Factorization

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Repeat until some criterion met, like

- Uncertainty
- Residual
- Convergence of factorization

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**Some Nuance** One can update noise variance to improve convergence...

$$\Delta^t = \frac{1}{M} \|\mathbf{y} - F\mathbf{a}^t\|_2^2$$

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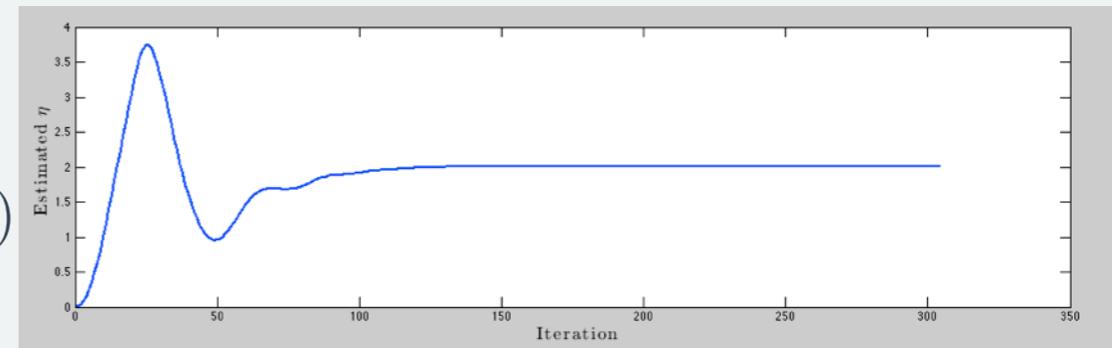
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**Some Nuance** Also, one can update the coupling strength...

$$J_{ij}^t \triangleq \eta^t E_{ij}$$

$$\eta^{t+1} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{i,j}^t a_i^t a_j^t$$



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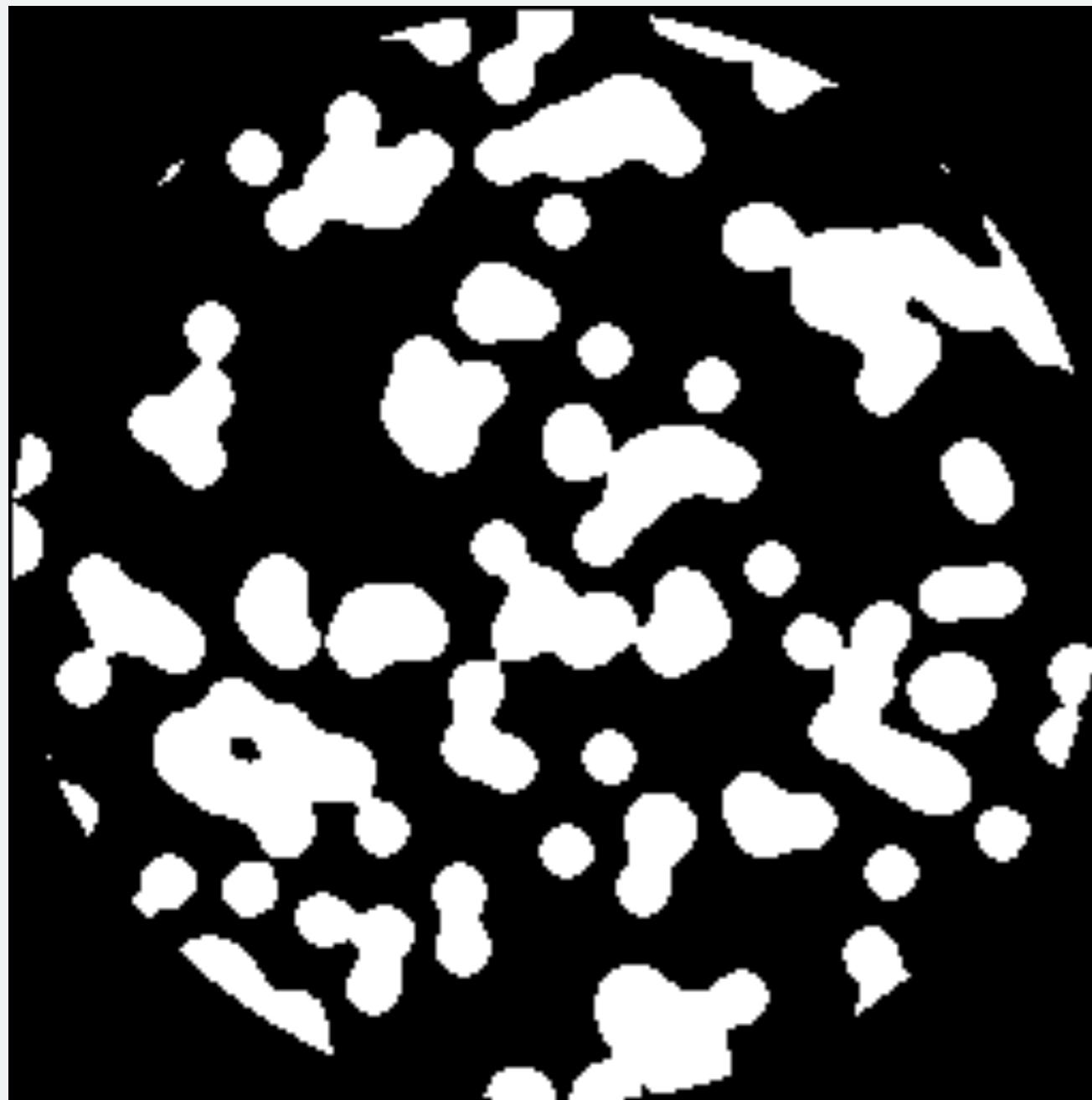
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**Some Nuance** Damping can be necessary...

$$a^{t+1} = \beta a^t + (1 - \beta) a^{t+1}$$

## A Small Experiment...

*Target Image*



256

## Parameters

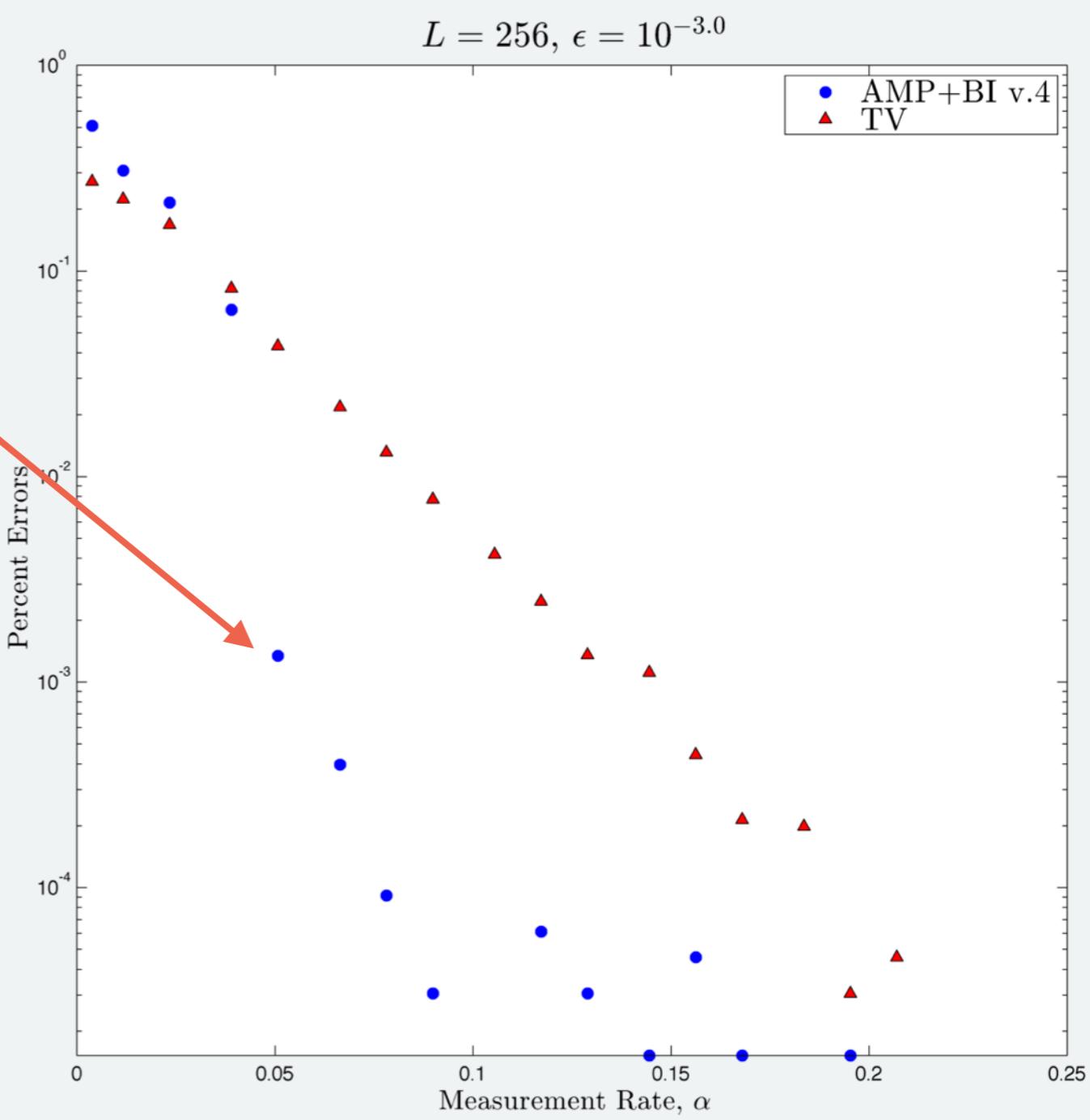
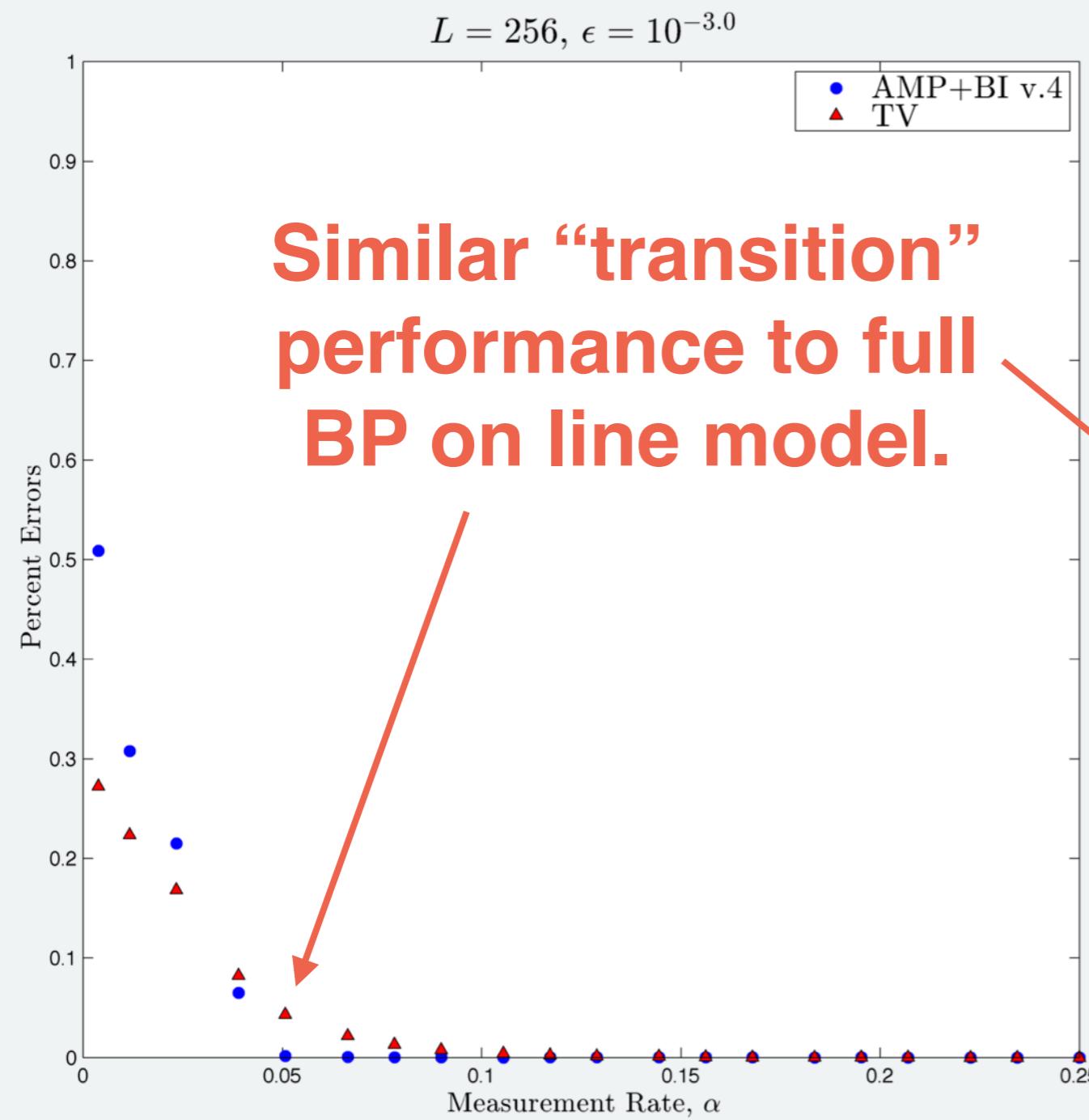
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$$\alpha = M/N = N_\theta/L \in (0, 0.25]$$

$$d = 8$$

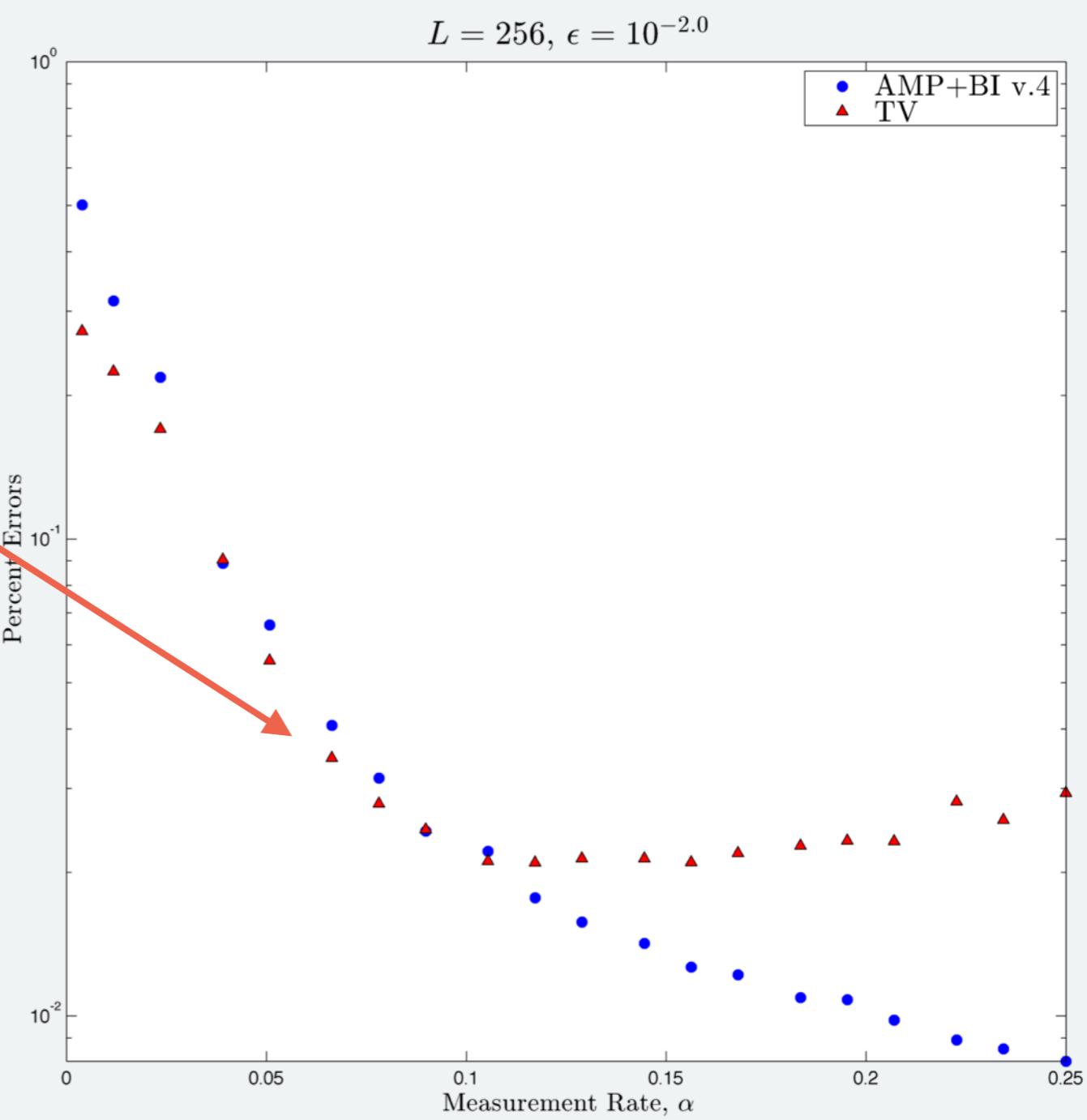
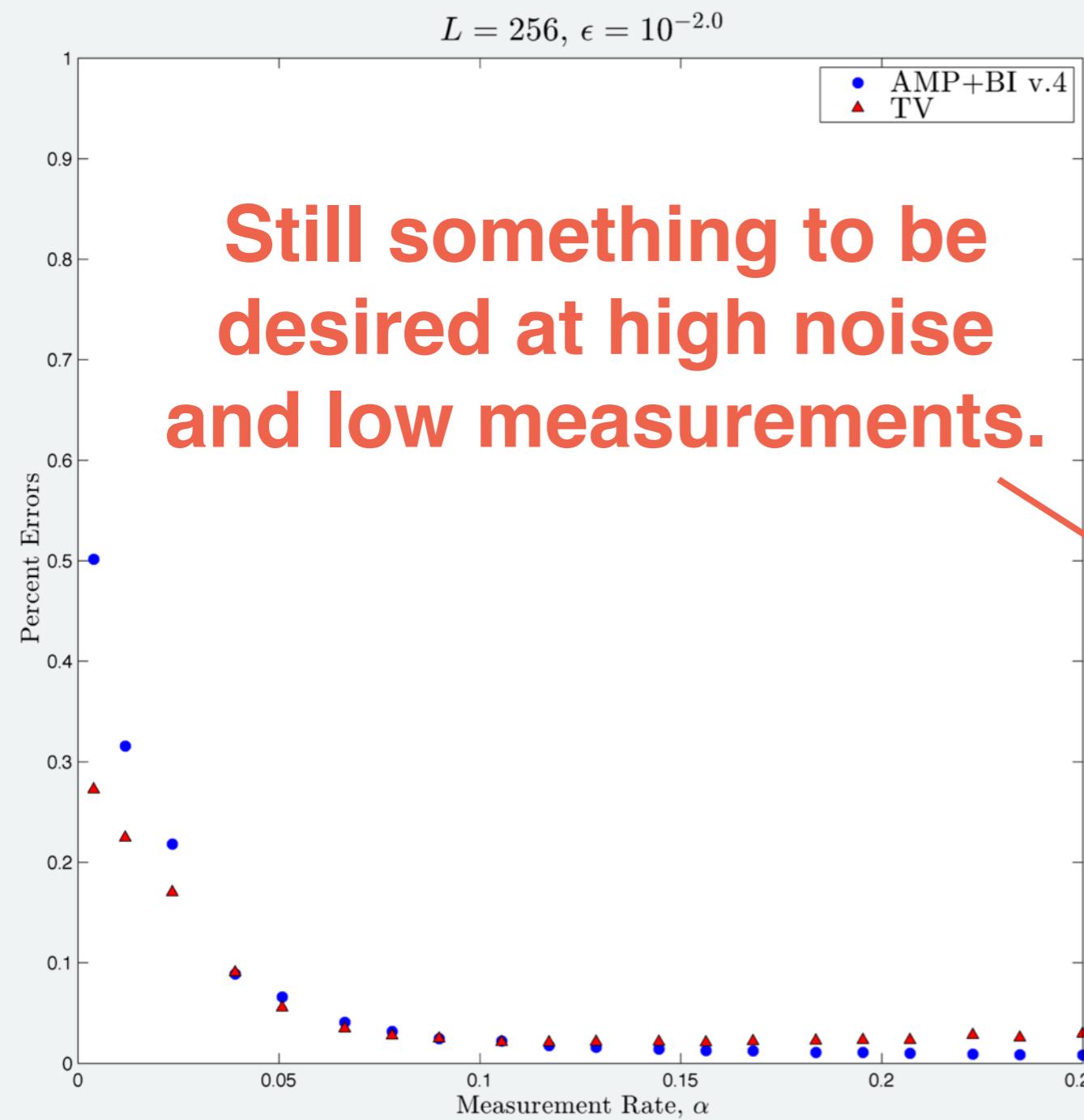
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## Small Noise Variance



# TAP-BI + AMP

## Large Noise Variance



# Looking Forward

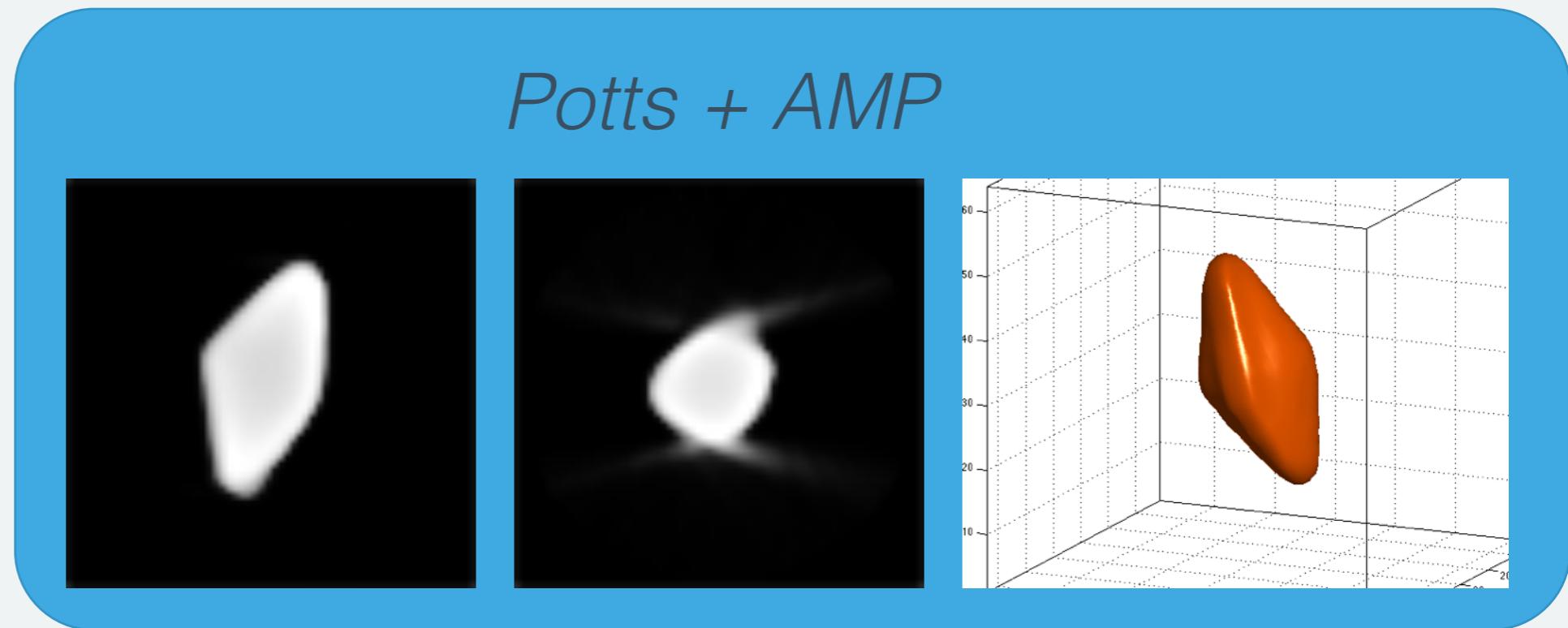
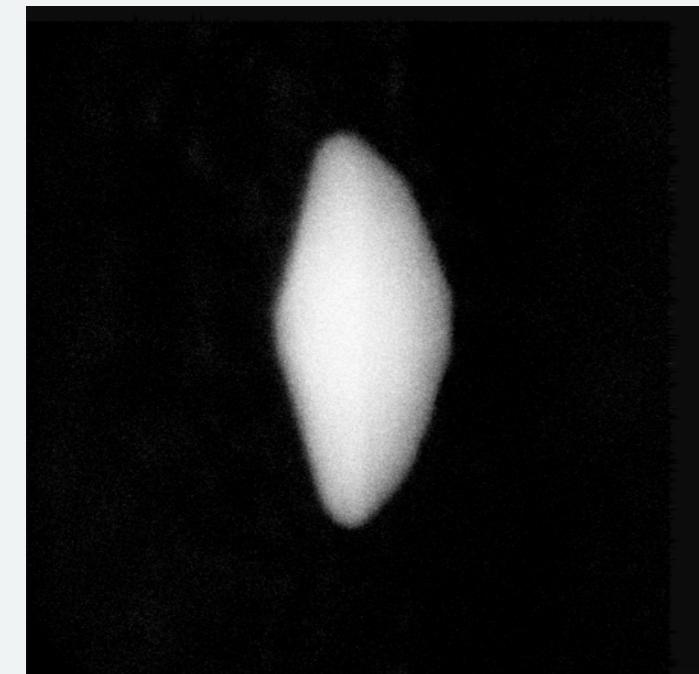
## Much work to do...

- What are the effects of learning free parameters?
  - Is there a better update scheme for these?
- Optimal stopping criterion?
- How to choose damping? Adaptive scheme based on free energy?
- Will these changes help high-noise performance?

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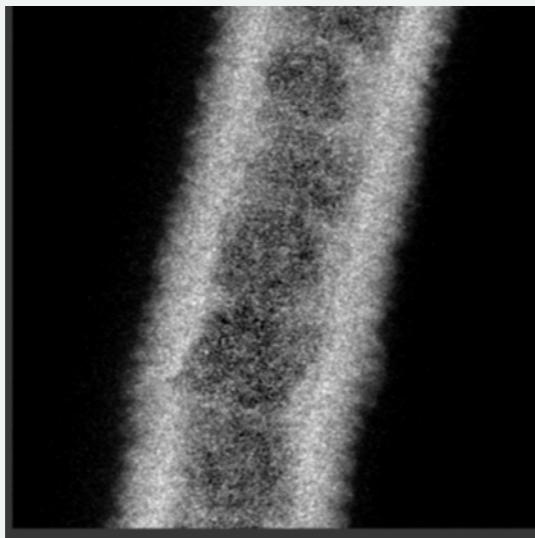
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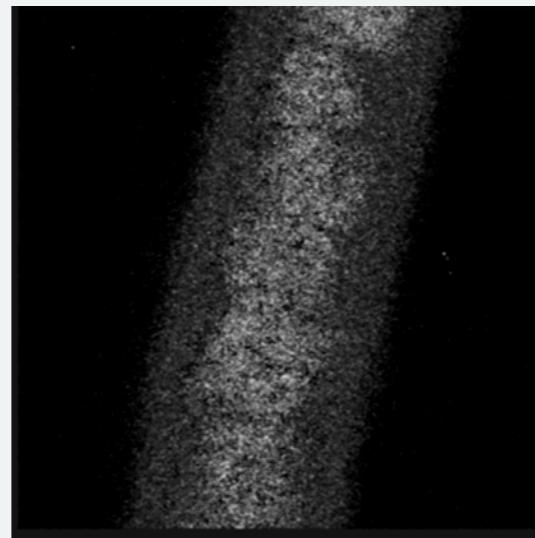
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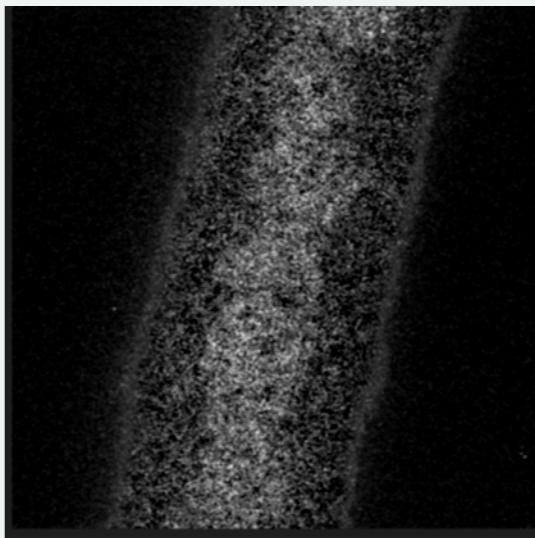
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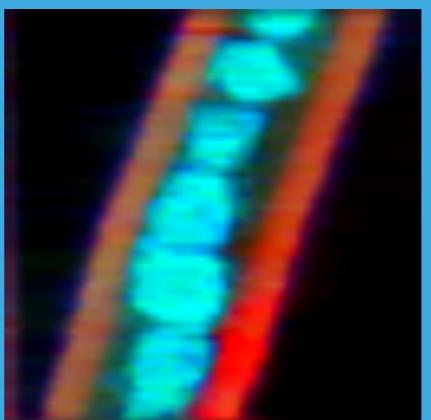
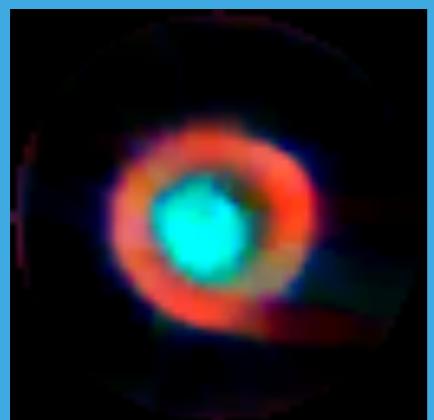
*Carbon*



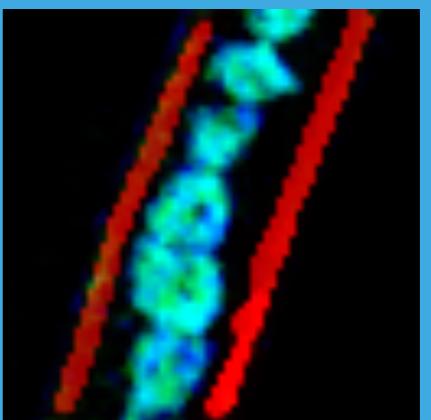
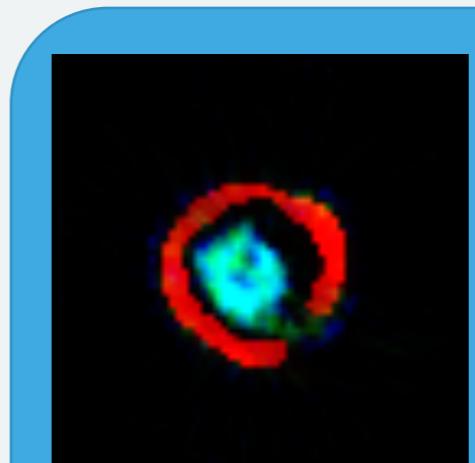
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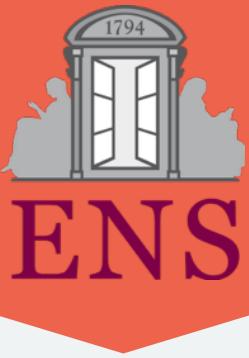


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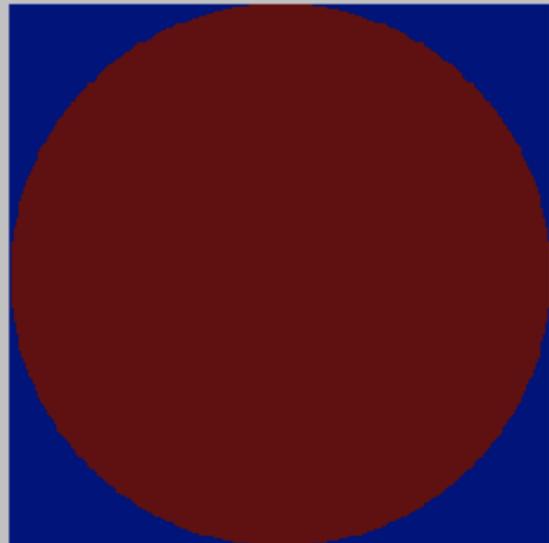
Questions?

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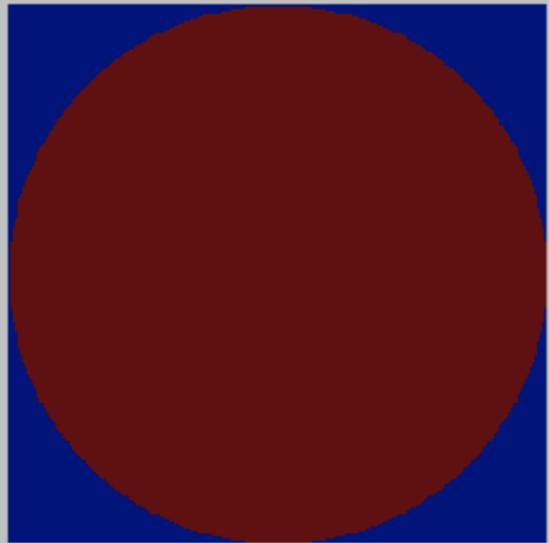
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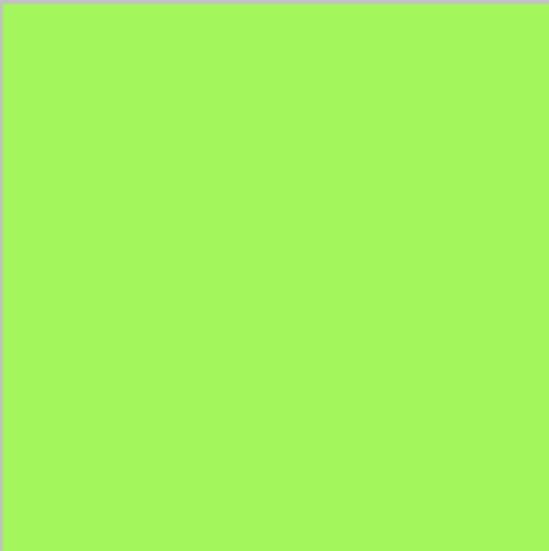
Means,  $a_i$



Variances,  $v_i$



MAP State



Percent Error: 27.40