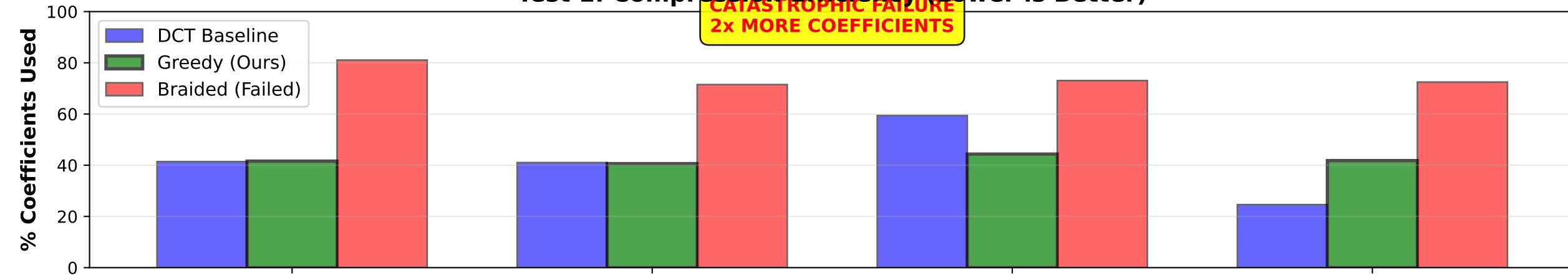
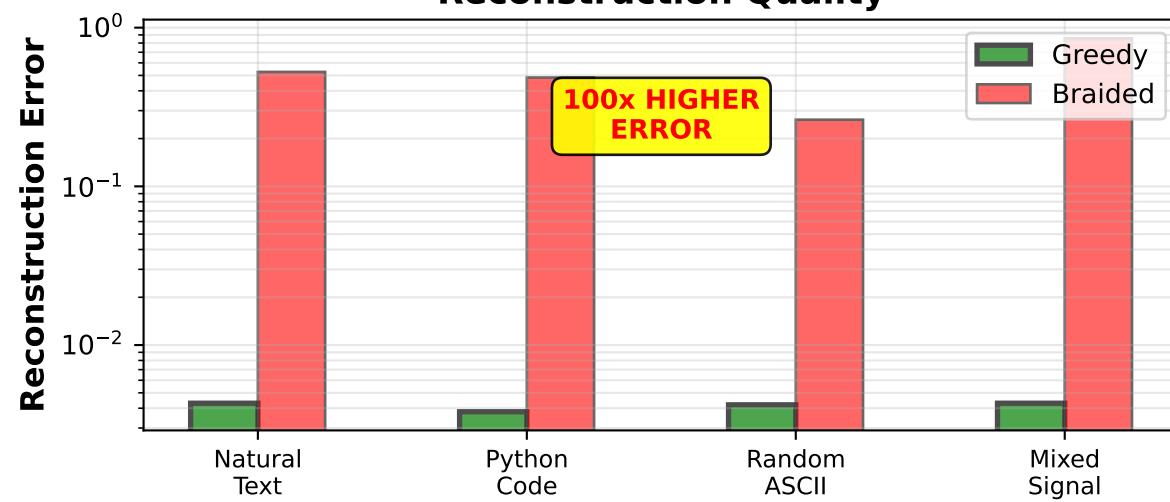


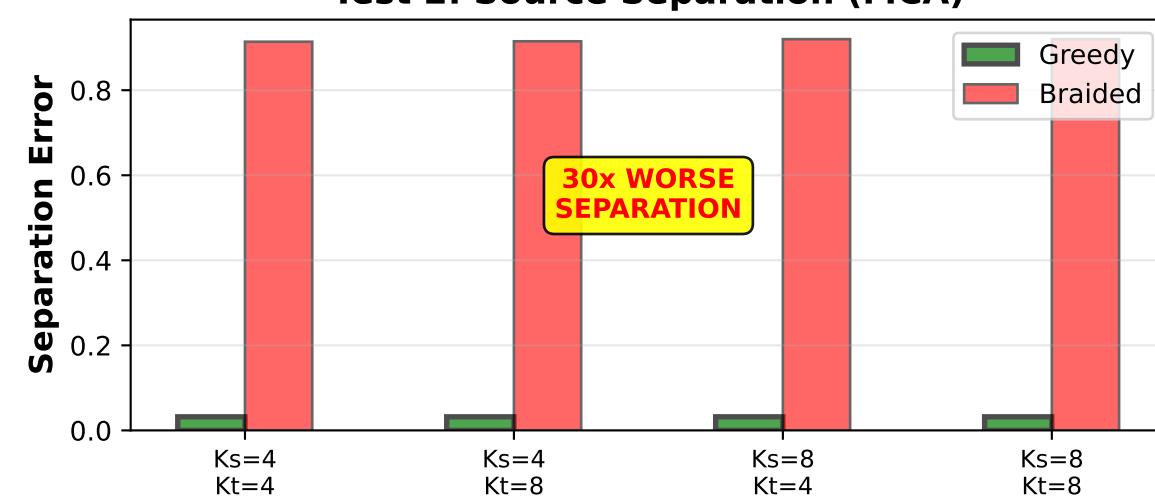
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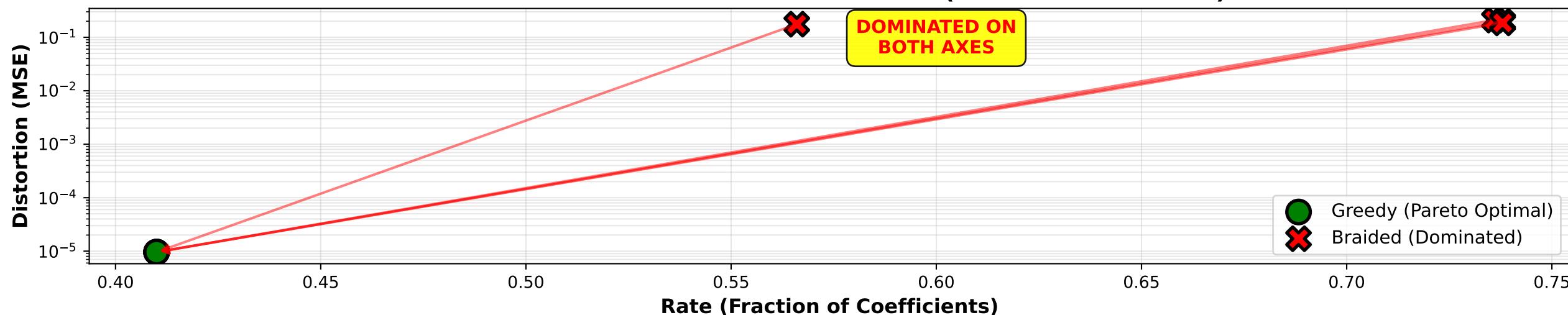
### Reconstruction Quality



### Test 2: Source Separation (MCA)



### Test 3: Rate-Distortion Pareto Frontier (Lower-Left is Better)



**VERDICT: Braided catastrophically worse on ALL metrics**