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Rate

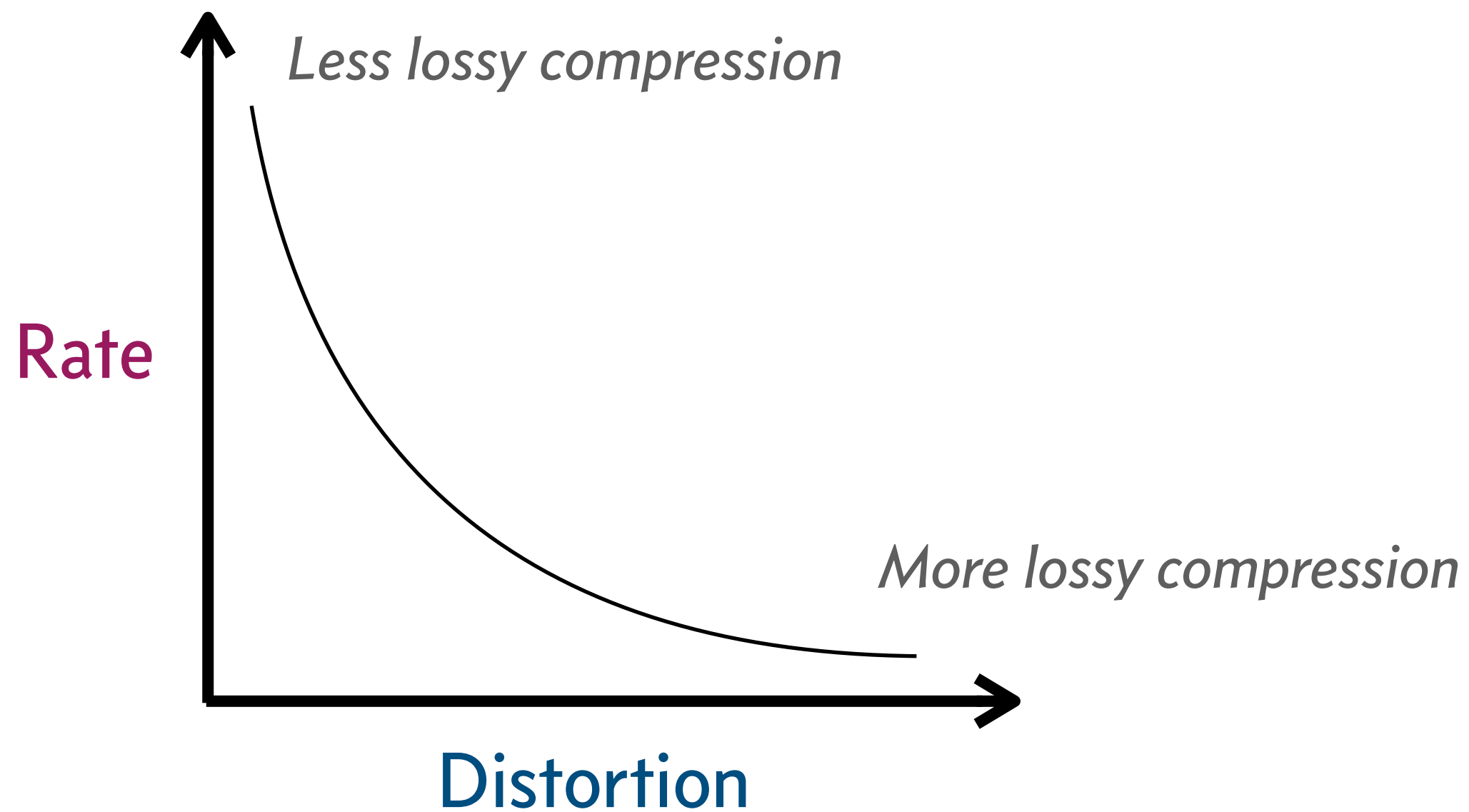
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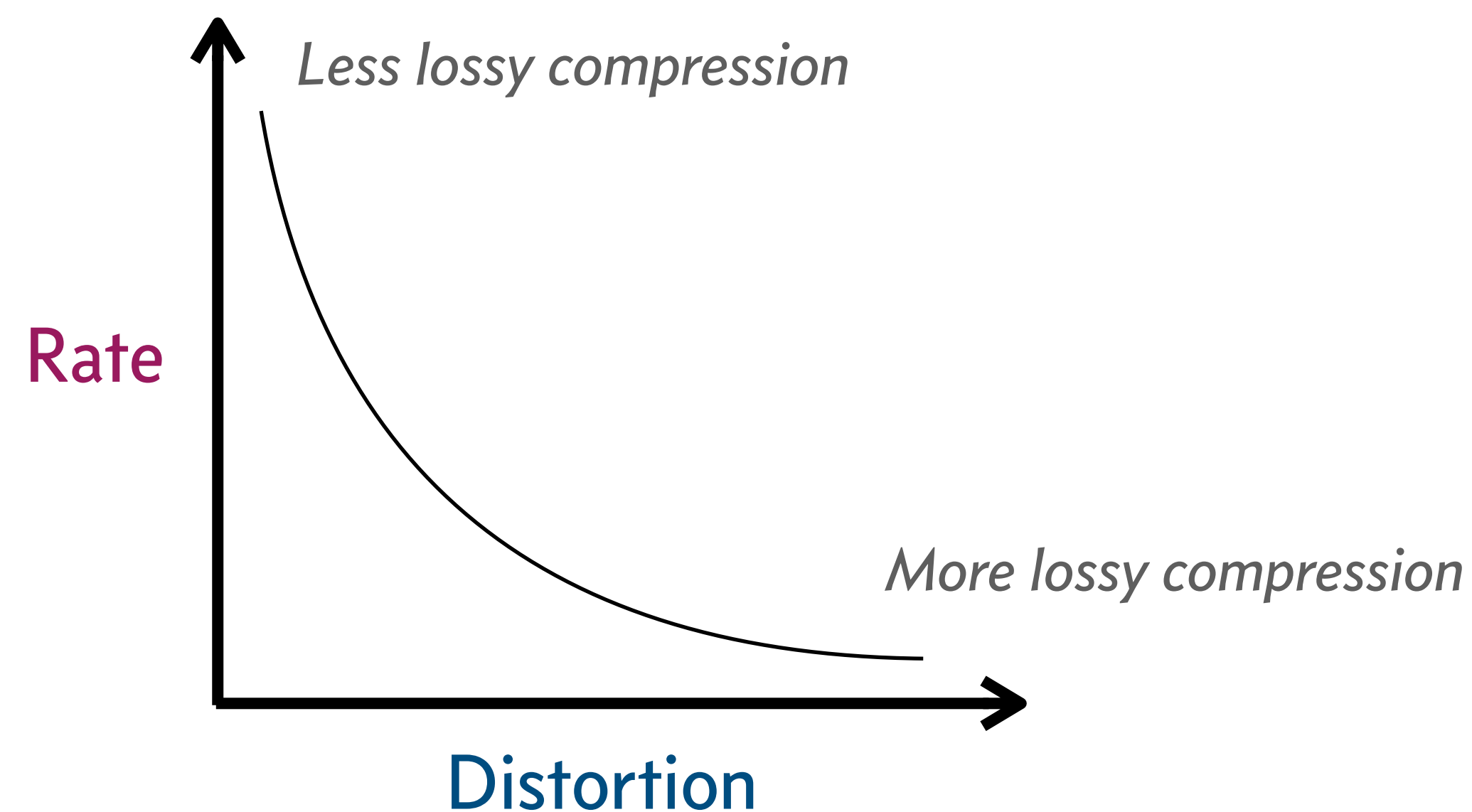
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Controlling compression and disentanglement: β -VAEs

$$\text{ELBO} = \underbrace{\left\langle \log p_{\vartheta}(x \mid z) \right\rangle_{q_{\varphi}}}_{\text{Distortion}} - \underbrace{\beta \cdot D_{\text{KL}} \left(q_{\varphi}(z \mid x) \parallel p(z) \right)}_{\text{Rate}}$$

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