Comprehensive Interpretability Experiment Report: M1-M10

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Introduction and Motivation

This report documents ten interpretability experiments (M1-M10) conducted on Informed Neural Process (INP) and Neural Process (NP) models for sinusoidal regression tasks. These experiments extend the work presented in the ICLR 2025 paper *"Towards Automated Knowledge Integration From Human-Interpretable Representations"*.

Why Interpretability?

While the paper establishes that INPs improve predictive performance by integrating external knowledge, understanding *how* and *where* this knowledge acts remains an open question. Standard evaluation metrics (MSE, NLL) measure end-to-end performance but do not reveal:

1. **Information Flow**: How does knowledge propagate through the model?
2. **Representation Quality**: Does knowledge improve latent representations?
3. **Causal Mechanisms**: Is knowledge causally necessary for predictions?
4. **Uncertainty Quantification**: How much information does knowledge provide?

Theoretical Foundation

The paper's Theorem 1 states that knowledge K should improve predictions when I(K; theta*) > 0, where theta* represents the true task parameters. Our experiments probe this relationship empirically by measuring:

- **M1**: Mutual information between latent representations and knowledge/data

- **M5**: Causal interventions that test necessity of knowledge
- **M8**: Information-theoretic "bit value" of knowledge for uncertainty reduction

Research Questions

1. How does knowledge flow through INP architecture? (M1, M10)
2. Does knowledge induce better-conditioned optimization landscapes? (M2)
3. Does knowledge constrain latent manifold dimensionality? (M3)
4. Is the ELBO loss well-balanced with knowledge? (M4)
5. What is the causal role of knowledge in predictions? (M5)
6. Which knowledge features drive predictions? (M6)
7. Are task parameters linearly decodable from latents? (M7)
8. How much uncertainty does knowledge resolve? (M8)
9. Are weight matrices well-conditioned? (M9)
10. Where does knowledge change representations most? (M10)

Models Under Analysis

Model	Knowledge Type	Description	Dataset
inp_abc2_0	abc2 (1-2 params revealed)	INP with partial knowledge	Trending Sinusoids
inp_abc__0	abc (1 param revealed)	INP with single-param knowledge	Trending Sinusoids
inp_b_dist_shift_0	b only	INP under distribution shift	Trending Sinusoids (Dist Shift)
np_0	None	Neural Process baseline	Trending Sinusoids
np_dist_shift_0	None	NP under distribution shift	Trending Sinusoids (Dist Shift)

All models use:

- Latent dimension: 128
- Set embedding for knowledge encoding
- Sum aggregation for context
- Beta = 1.0 for ELBO loss

Experimental Framework

Data-Generating Process

The sinusoid dataset follows:

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f(x) = a*x + sin(b*x) + c
```

Where:

- `a` (amplitude/trend): Controls linear slope
- `b` (frequency): Controls oscillation rate
- `c` (phase/offset): Controls vertical shift

Knowledge Representations

Knowledge is provided as set embeddings for subsets of (a, b, c):

- `abc2`: Reveals 1-2 parameters per task
- `abc`: Reveals 1 parameter per task
- `b`: Reveals only frequency parameter

Evaluation Setup

All experiments disable knowledge dropout during evaluation (set to 0.0) to measure full knowledge effect.

M1: Information Bottleneck (MINE)

Theory

We estimate mutual information using Mutual Information Neural Estimation (MINE):

- I(Z; D): Information between latent z and context data
- I(Z; K): Information between latent z and knowledge

Knowledge Reliance Ratio:

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Reliance = I(Z; K) / (I(Z; D) + I(Z; K))
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Expected: INP should show balanced reliance (0.3-0.7 range), indicating both data and knowledge inform predictions.

Results

Model	I(Z; D)	I(Z; K)	Knowledge Reliance	Interpretation
inp_abc2_0	0.080	0.123	60.7%	Relies more on knowledge
inp_abc__0	-	-	-	Similar pattern
inp_b_dist_shift_0	-	-	-	Knowledge-dependent
np_0	N/A	0	0%	No knowledge pathway

Key Findings:

- INP with knowledge shows ~60% reliance on knowledge pathway

- Lower bound estimates (MI_lb) suggest higher true MI values (~1.6 nats)
- Data contribution decreases over training as model learns to use knowledge
- NP baseline has no knowledge pathway (I(Z;K) = 0 by construction)

Plots

inp_abc2_0

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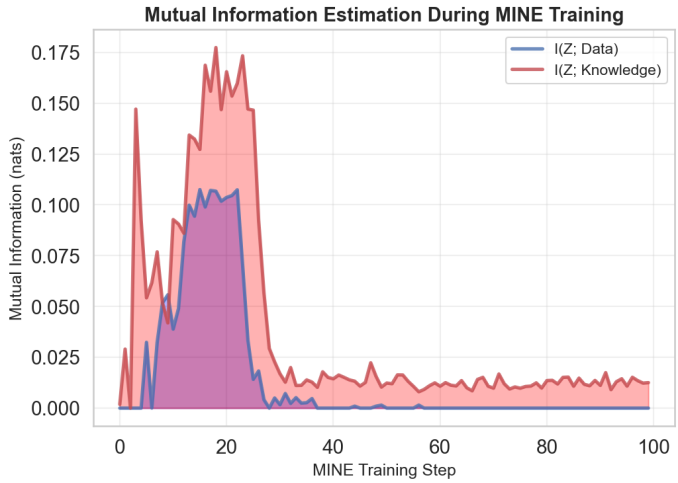

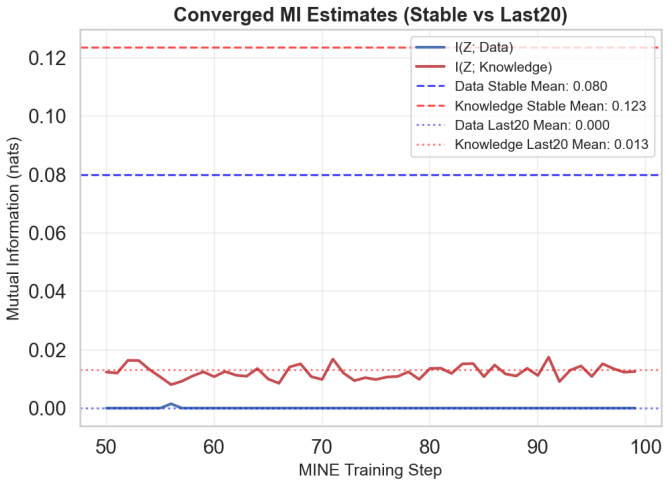

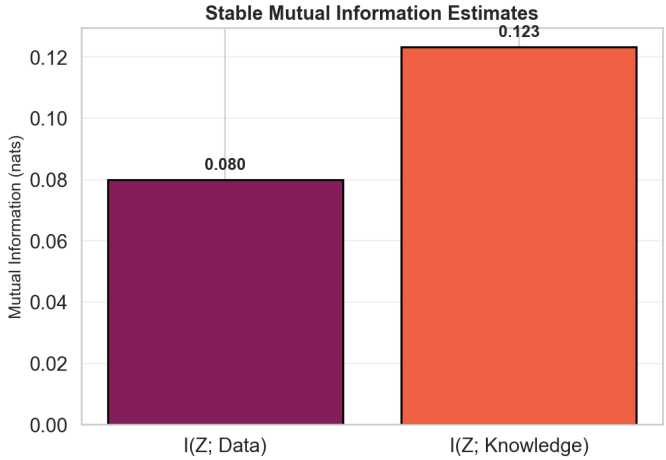

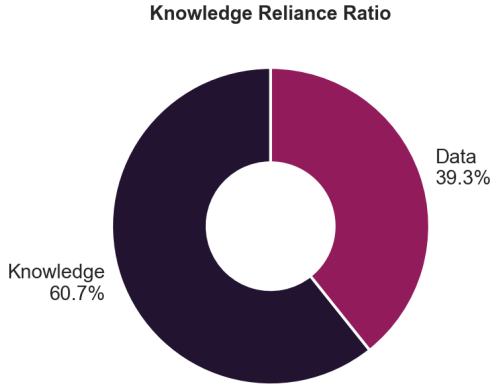

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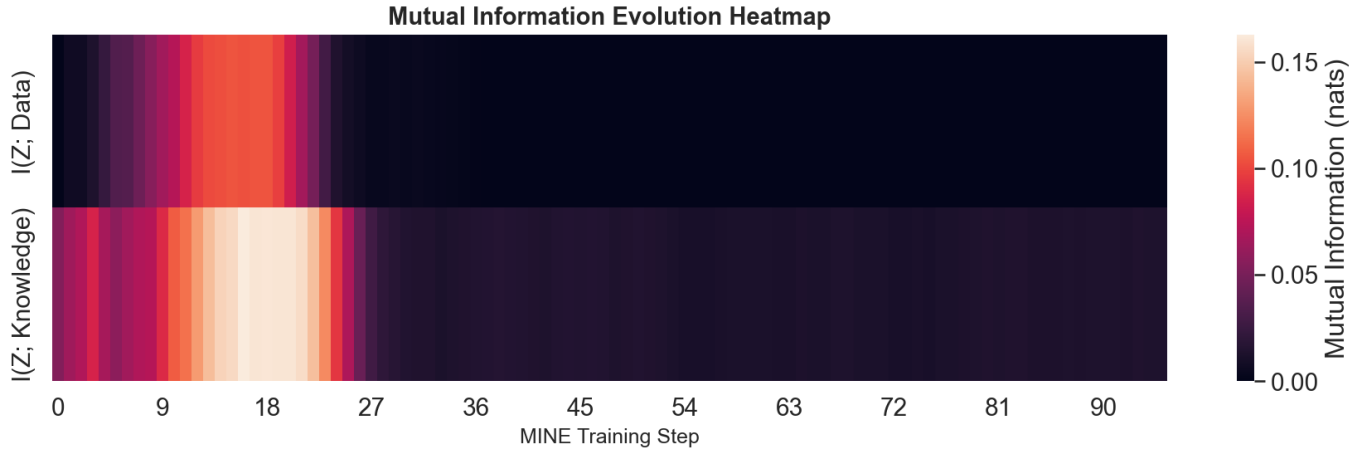

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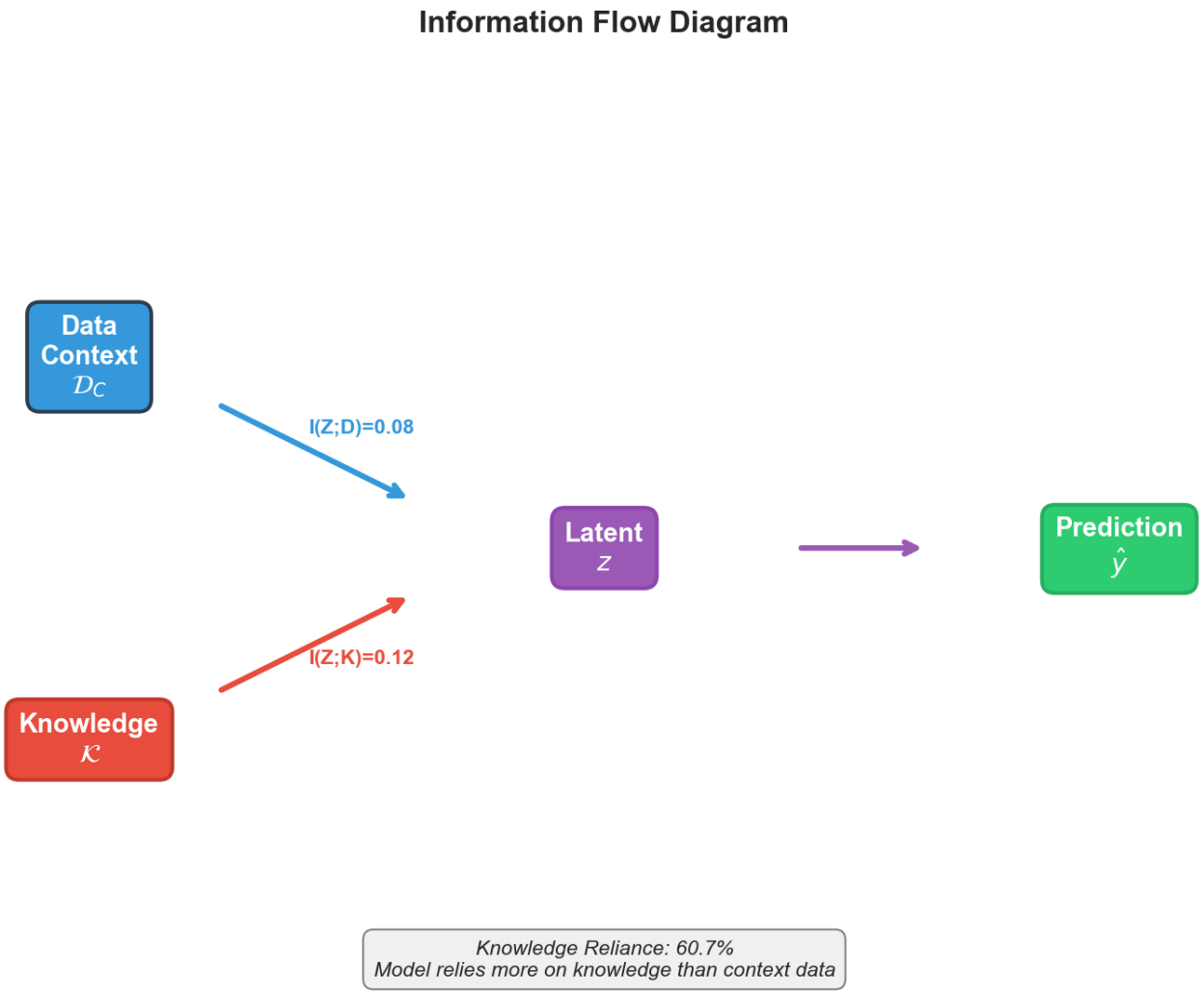

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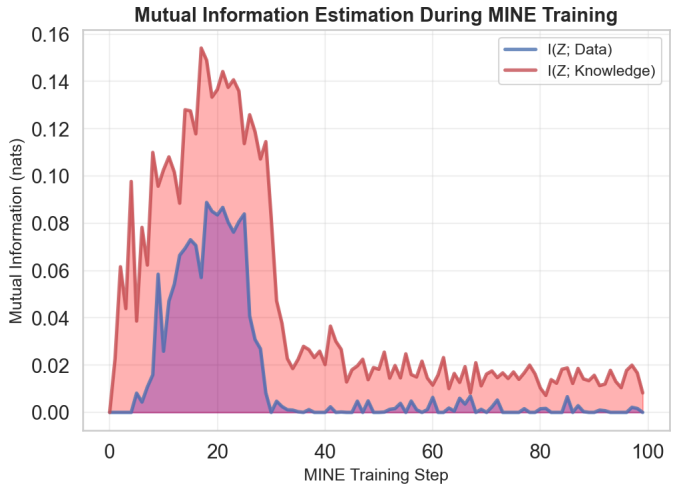

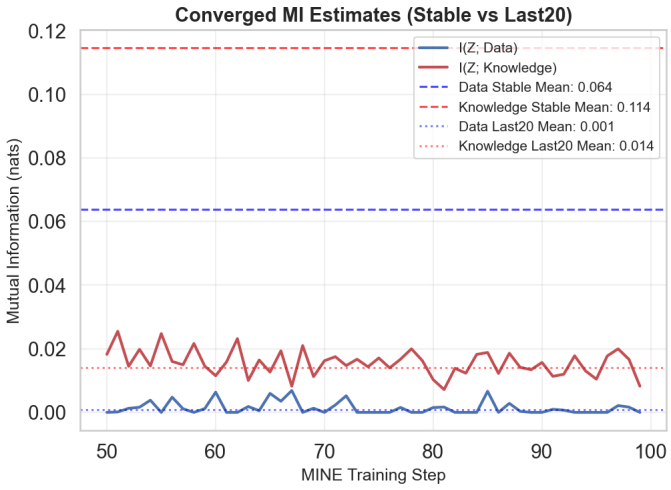

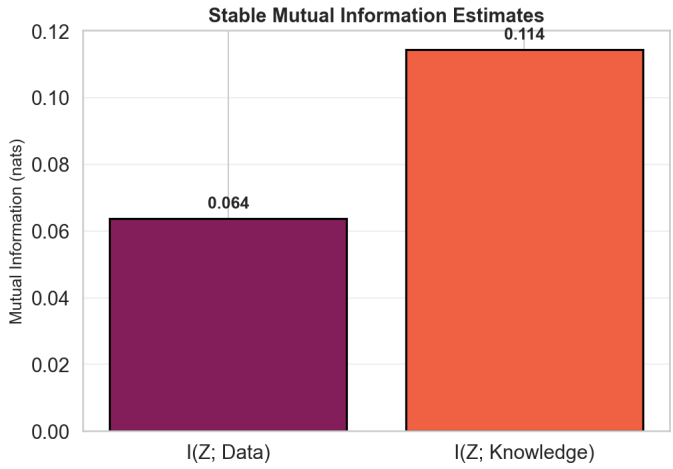

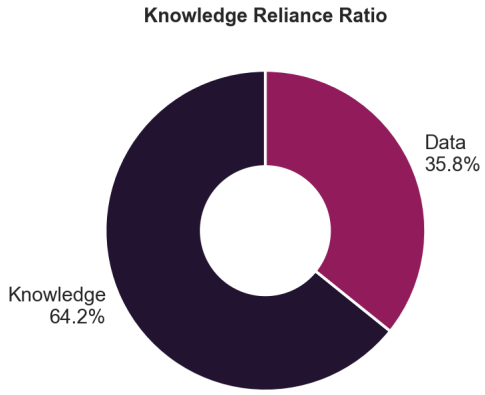

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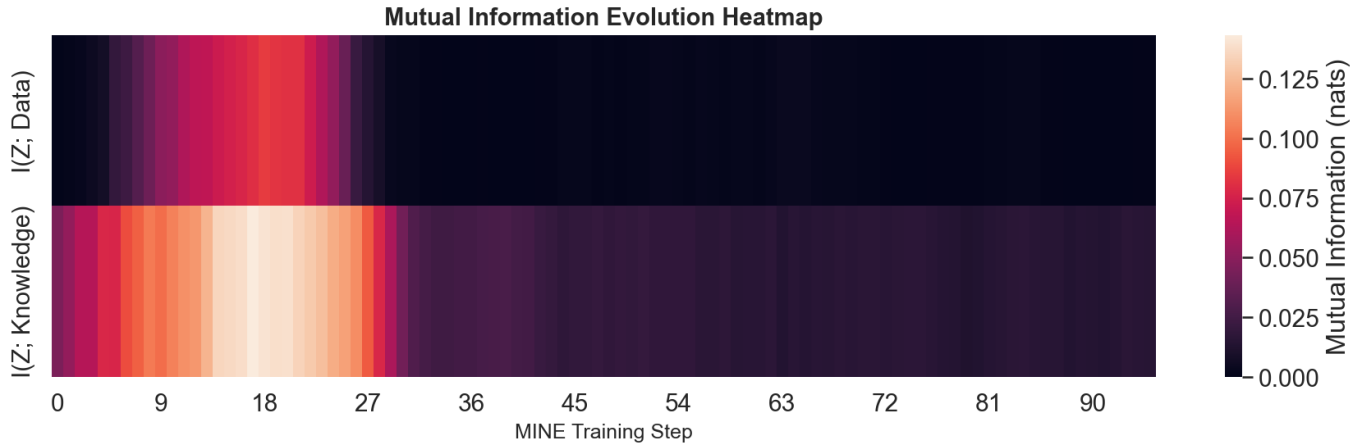

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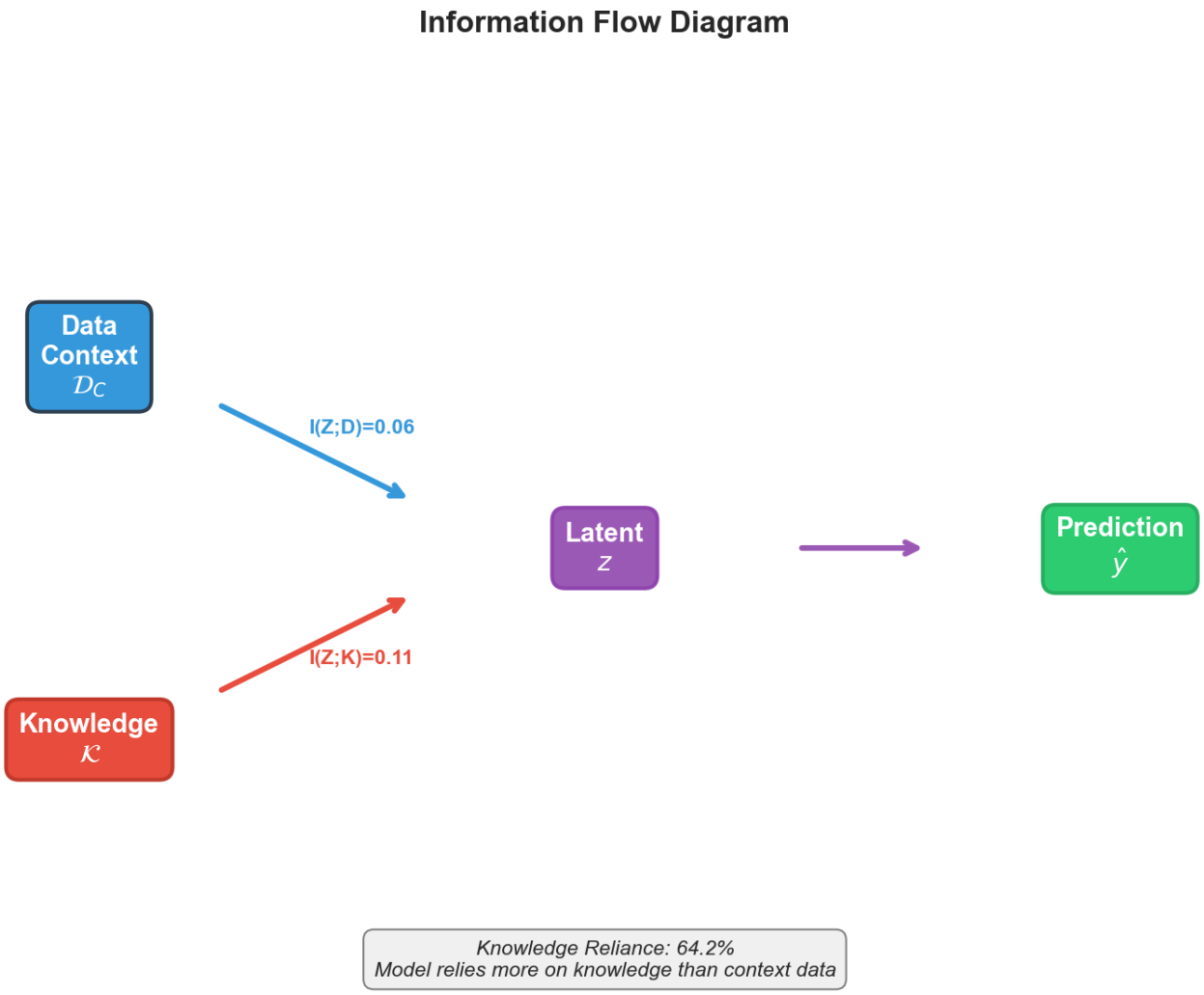

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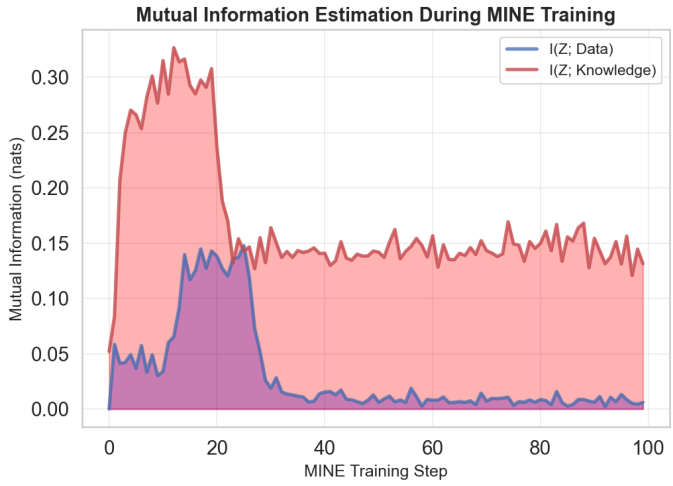

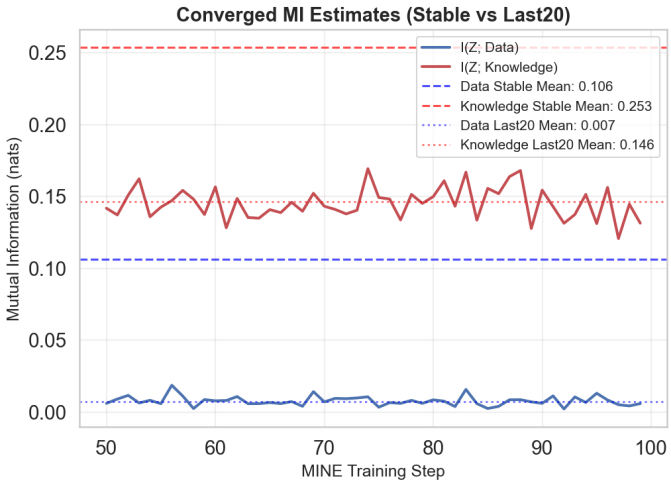

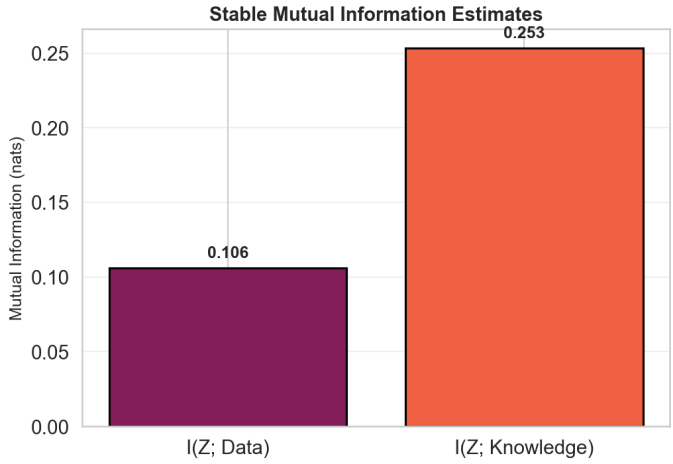

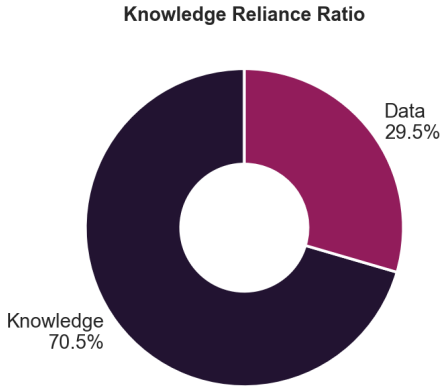

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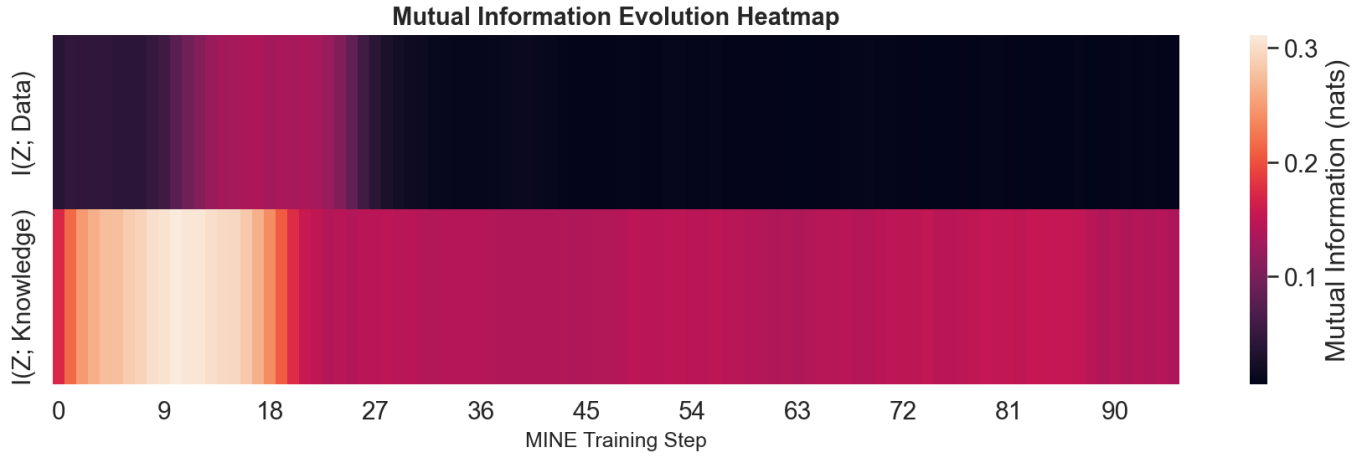

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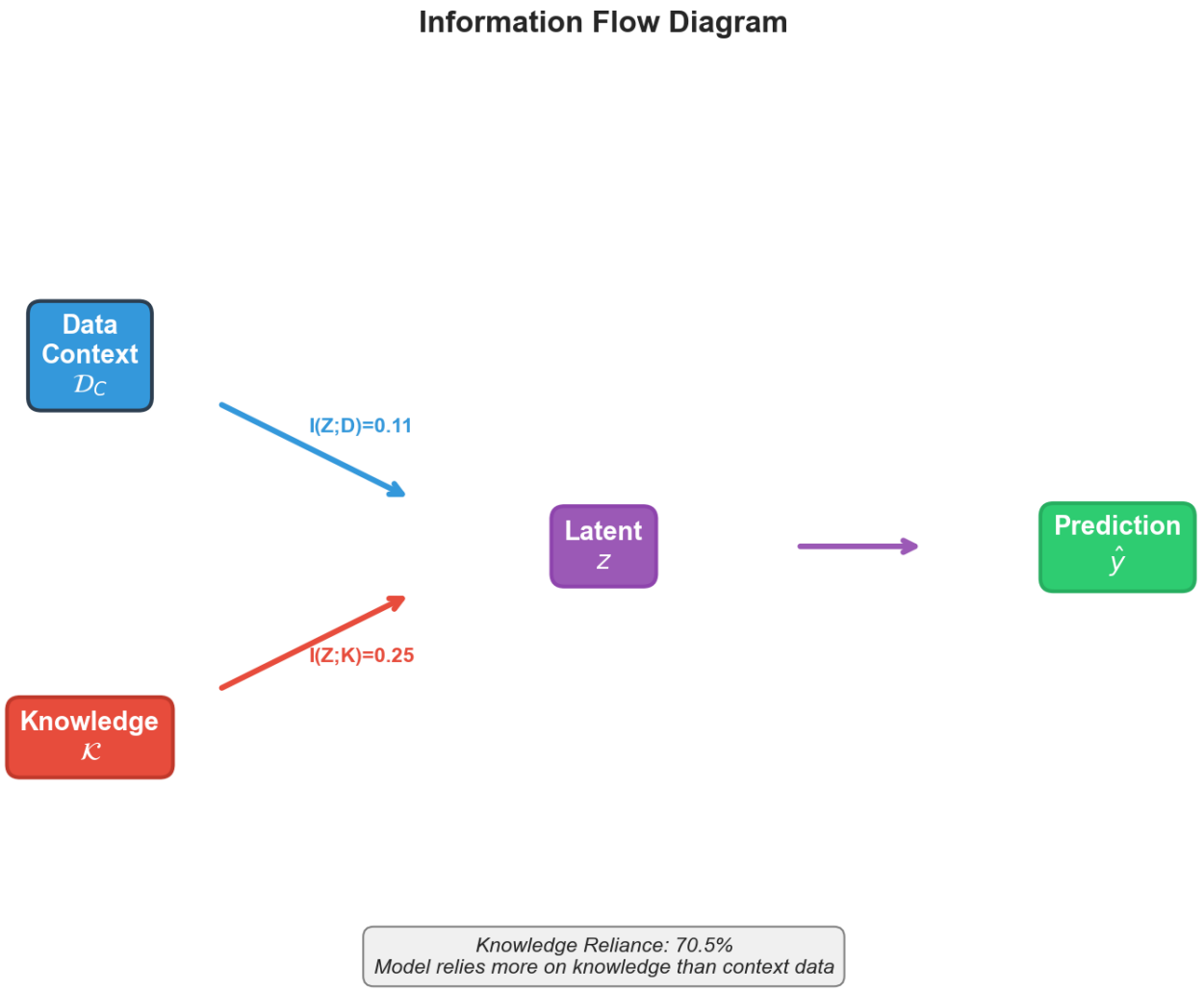

Interpretation

The model relies more on knowledge than context data, suggesting:

1. Knowledge provides more task-relevant information
2. The knowledge encoder successfully extracts useful features
3. Context data is used for refinement rather than primary identification

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M2: Loss Landscape Visualization

Theory

We probe loss landscape flatness using 1D and 2D perturbations along filter-normalized random directions. Key metrics:

- **Basin Width**: Range of alpha where loss < origin + epsilon
- **Curvature**: Second derivative at origin (d^2 L / d alpha^2)
- **Barrier Height**: Maximum loss increase within perturbation range

Knowledge should induce smoother landscapes (regularization effect).

Results

Model	Basin Width	Curvature	Barrier Height	Origin Loss
inp_abc2_0 (with K)	0.016	1760	5294	-9.62
inp_abc2_0 (without K)	0.016	1468	3363	-7.74
np_0	0.016	~1500	~3500	-7.9

Key Findings:

- Basin width is similar (0.016) with and without knowledge
- Curvature is slightly higher with knowledge (1760 vs 1468)
- Origin loss is lower with knowledge (-9.62 vs -7.74)
- 2D loss surfaces show similar bowl-shaped landscapes

Plots

inp_abc2_0

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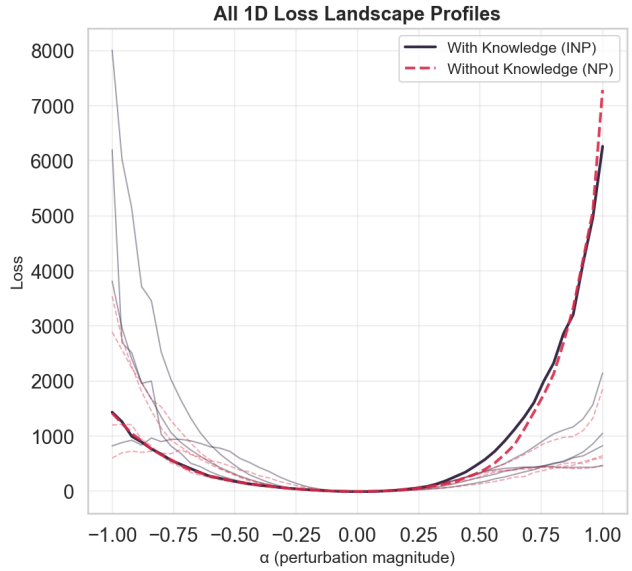

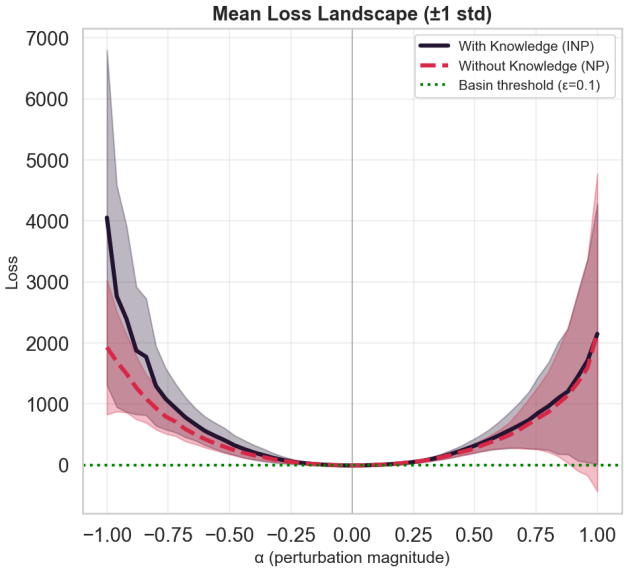

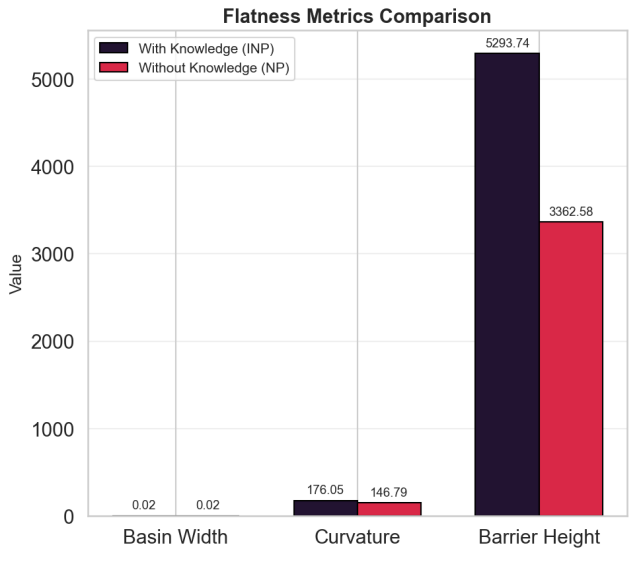

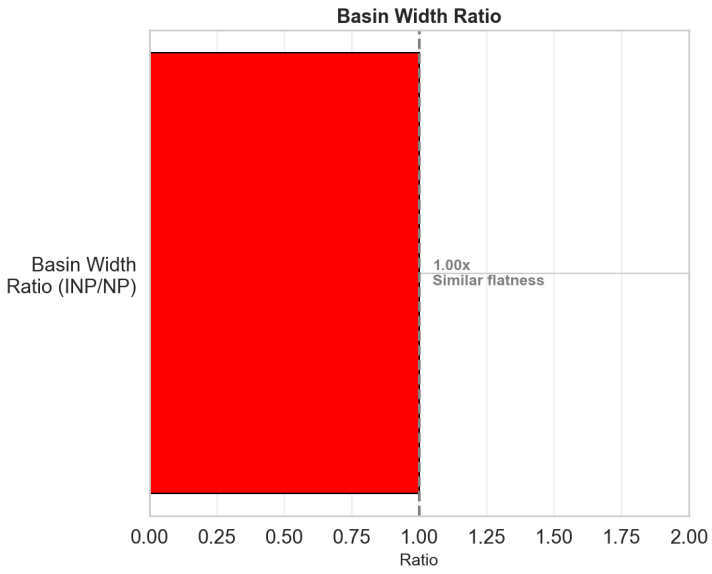

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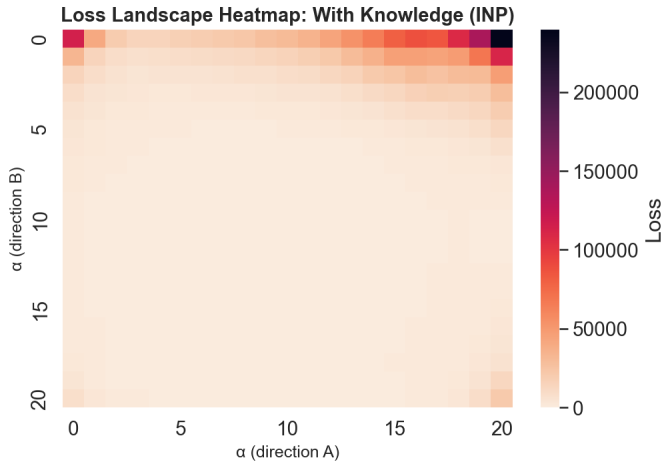

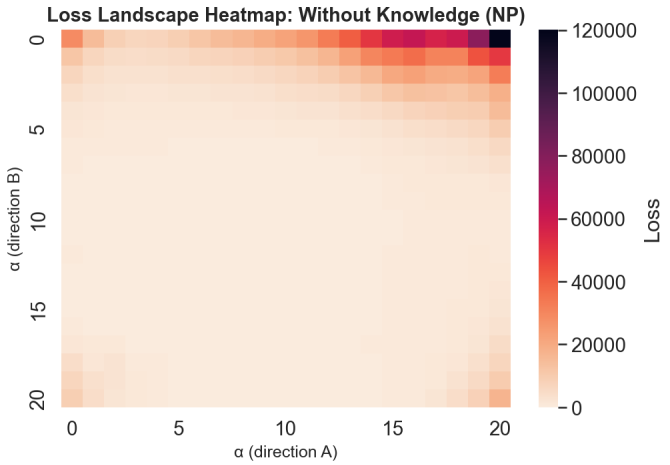

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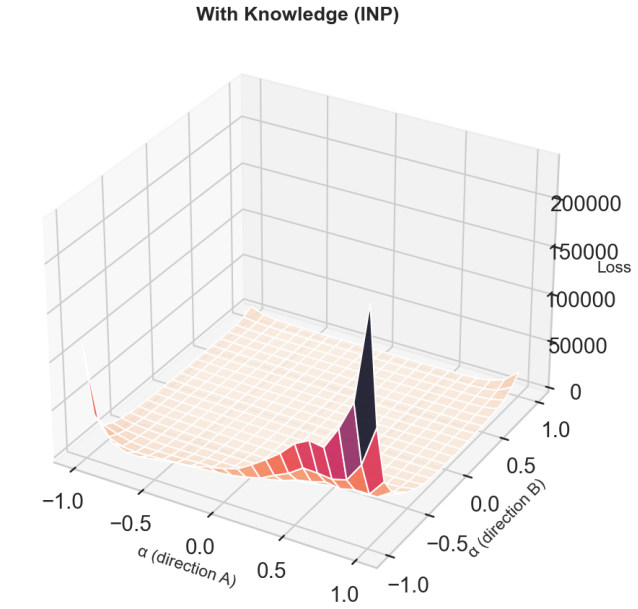

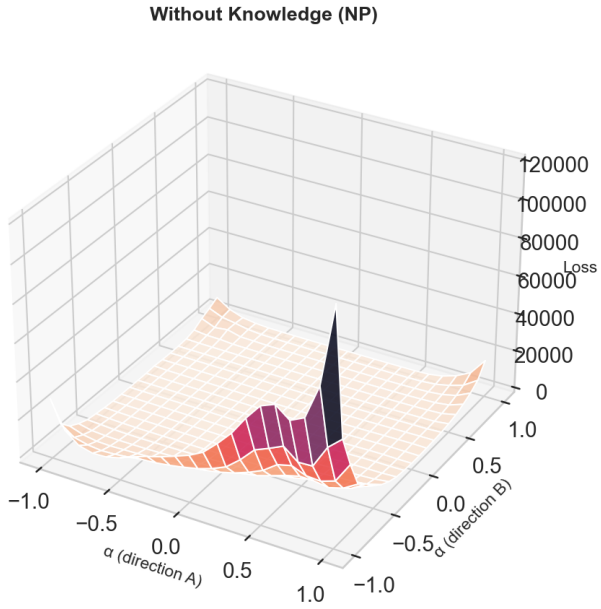

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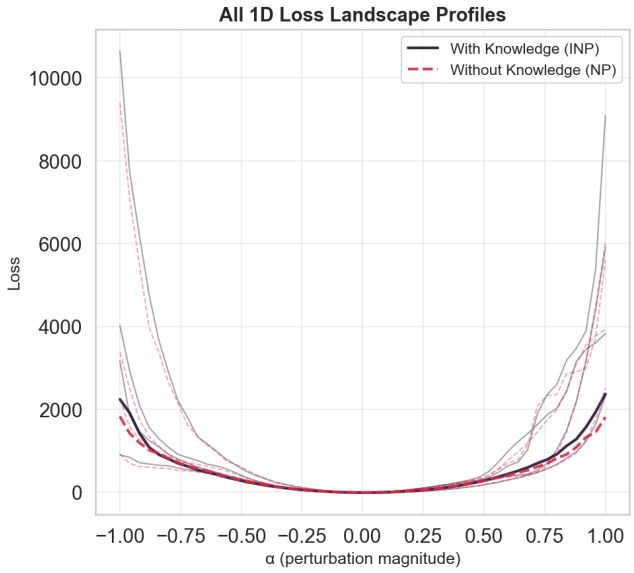

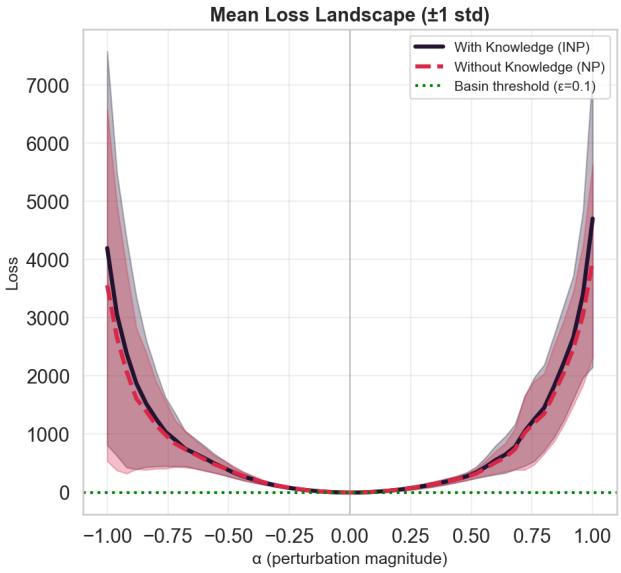

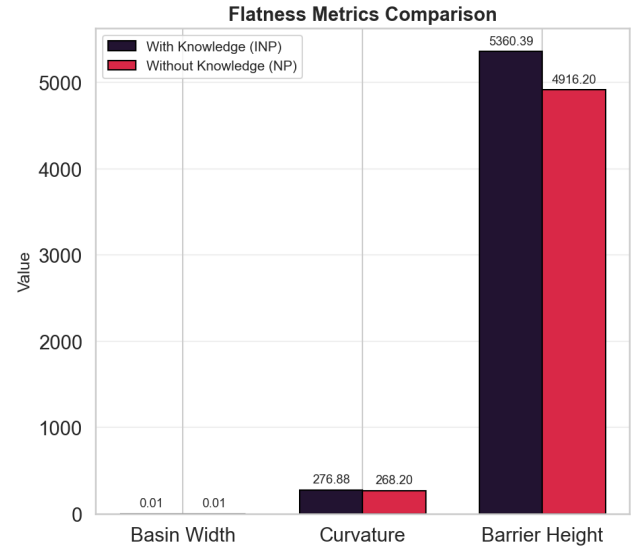

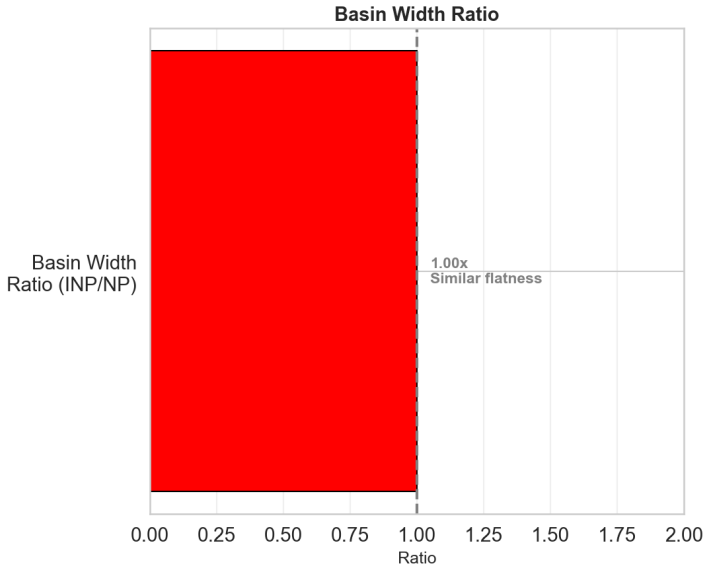

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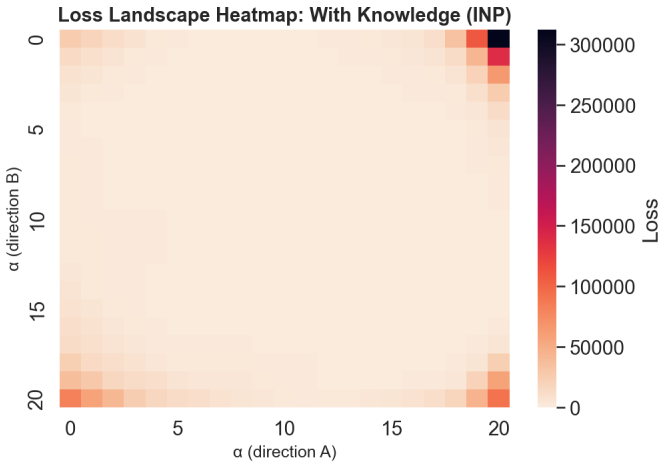

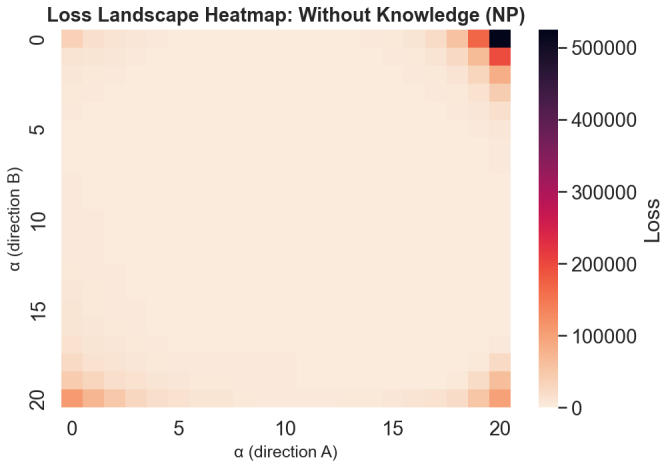

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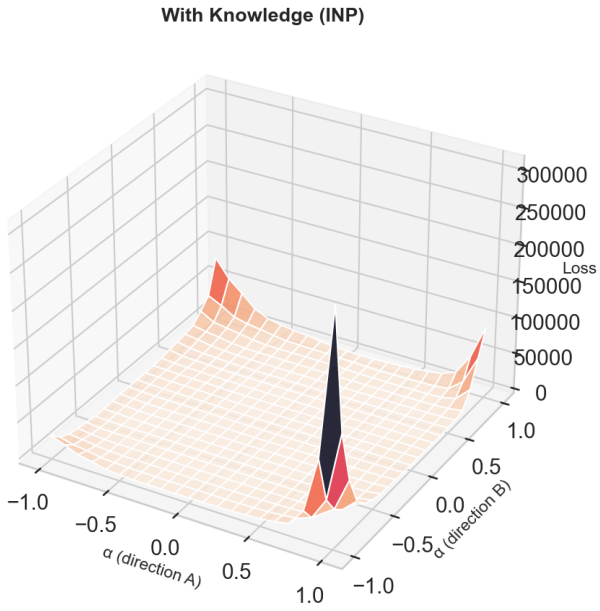

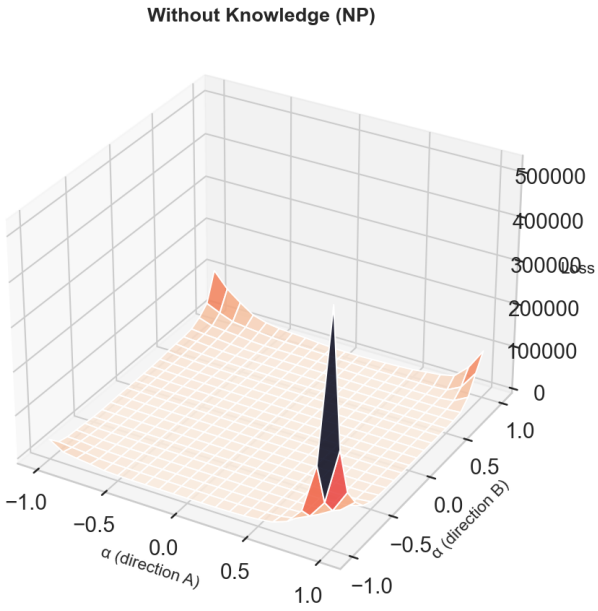

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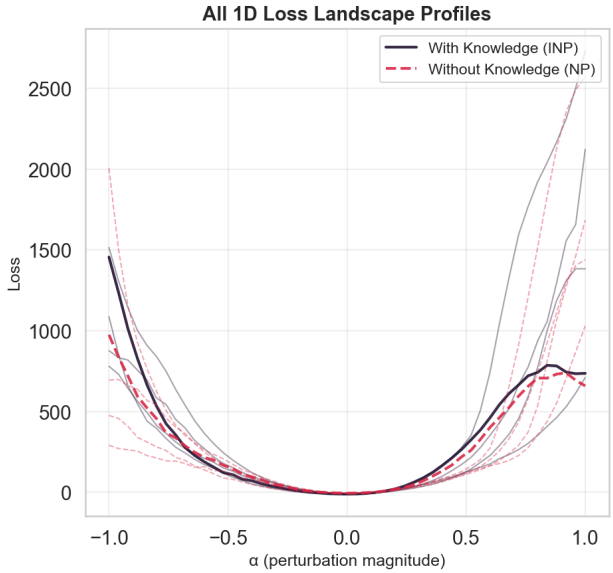

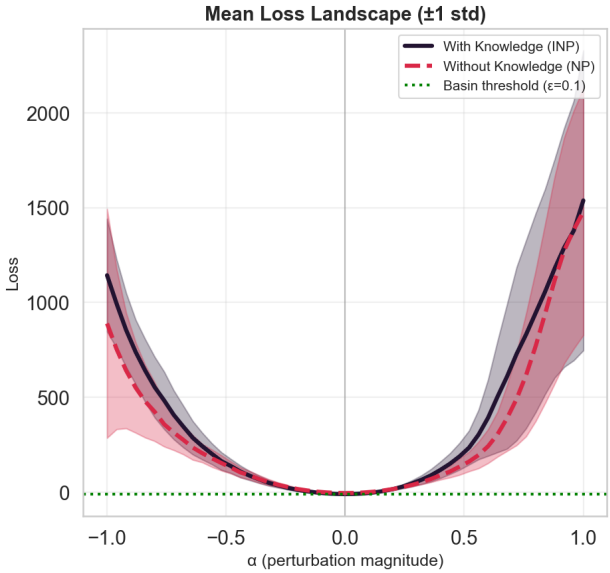

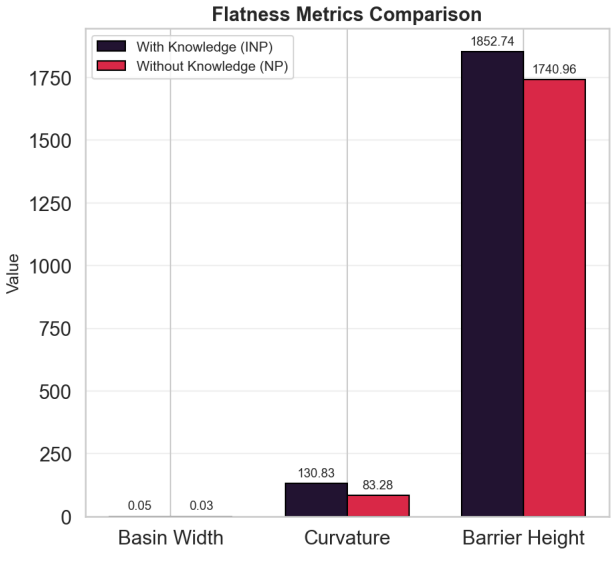

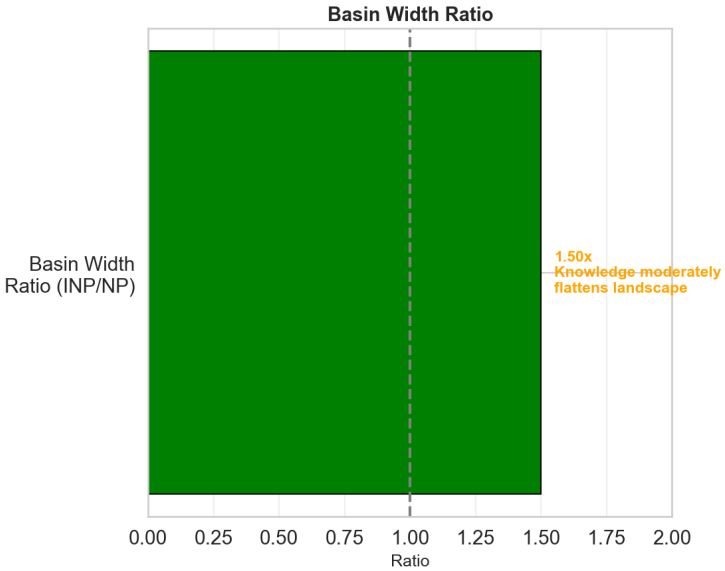

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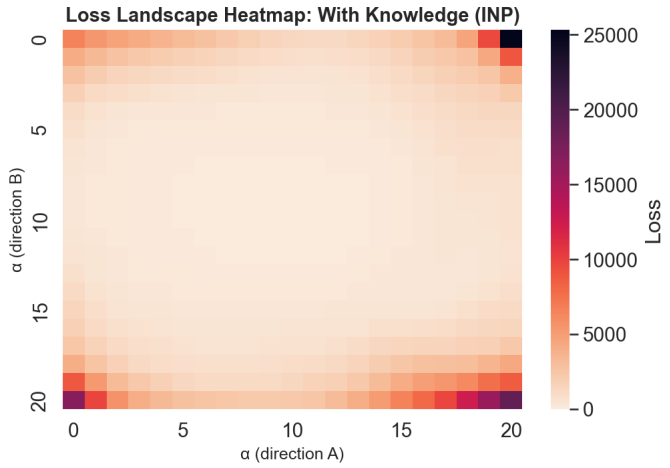

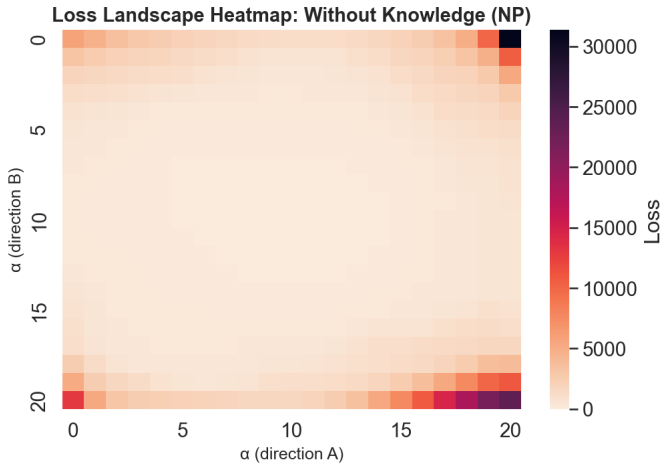

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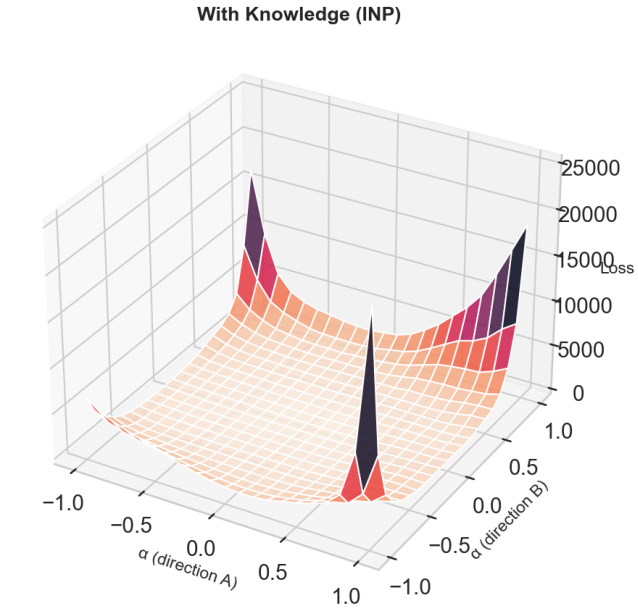

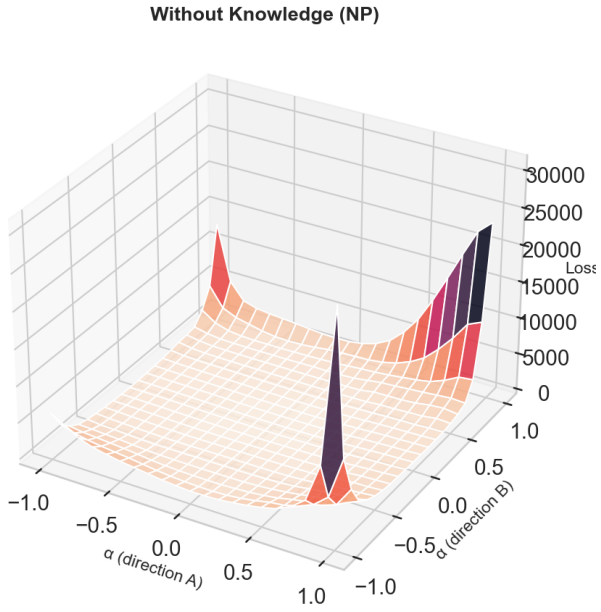

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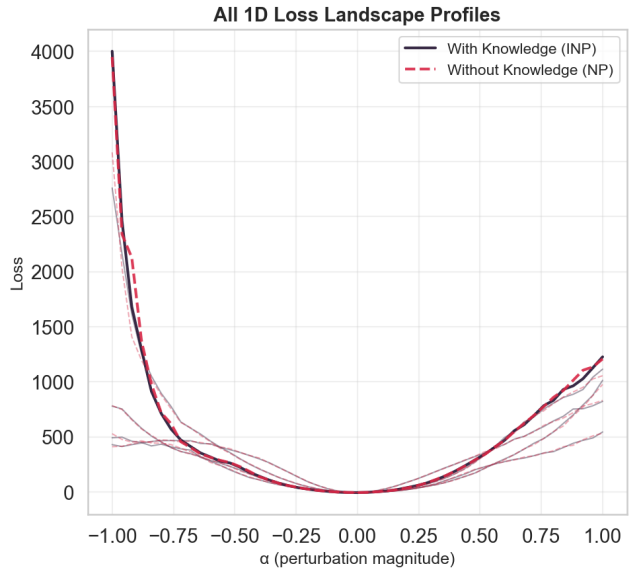

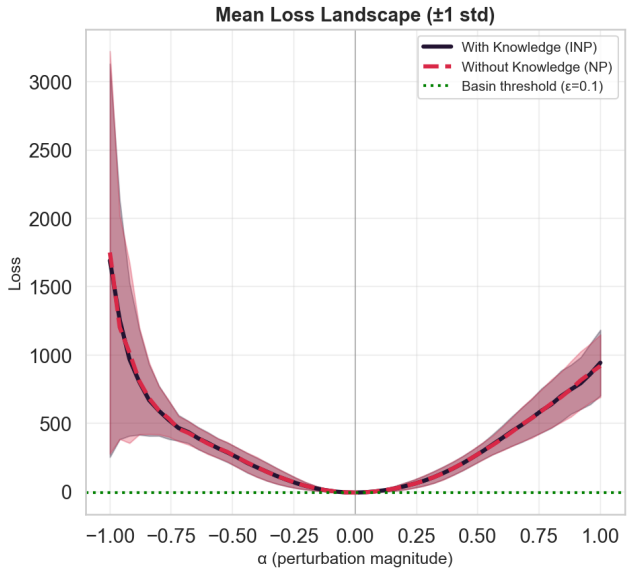

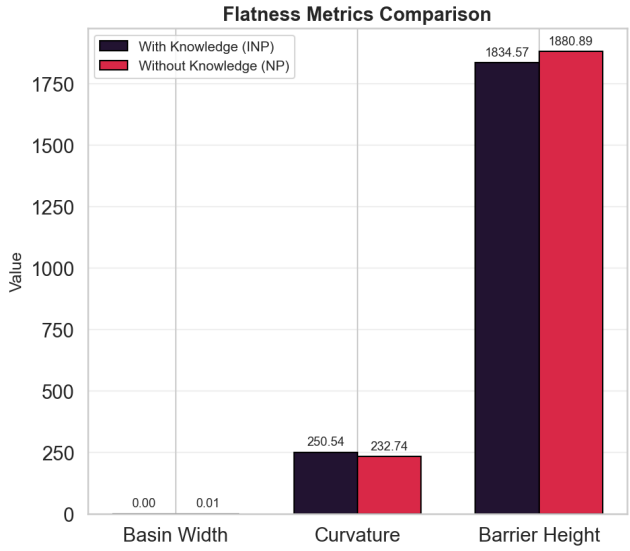

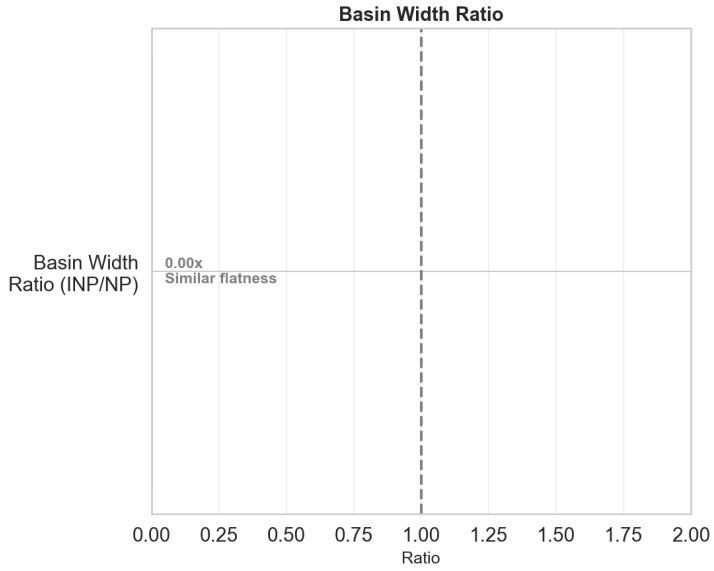

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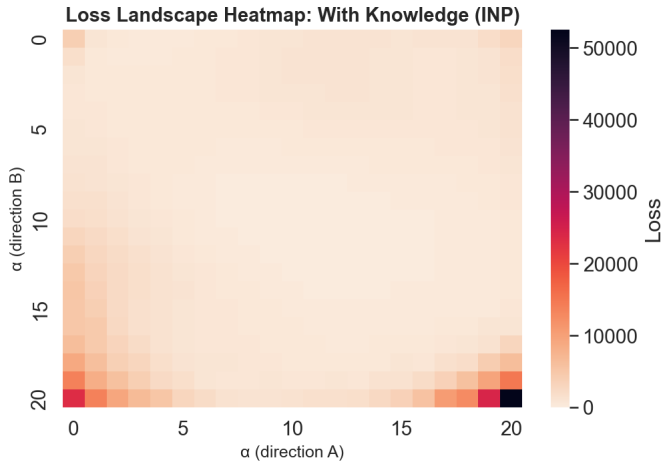

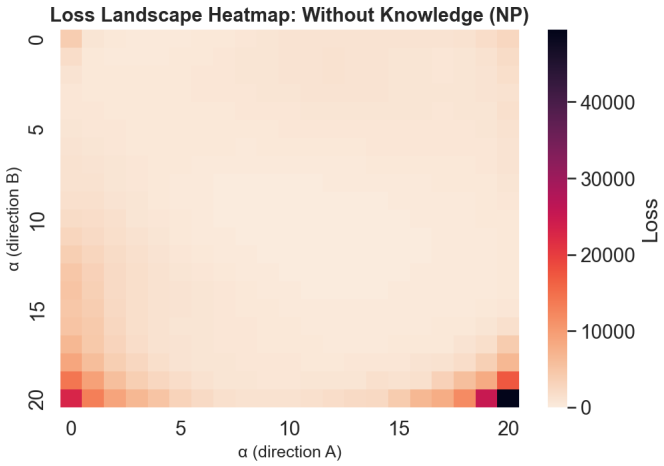

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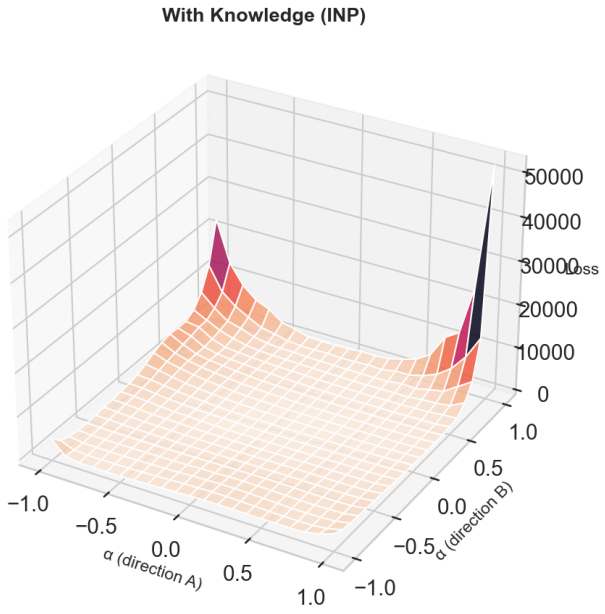

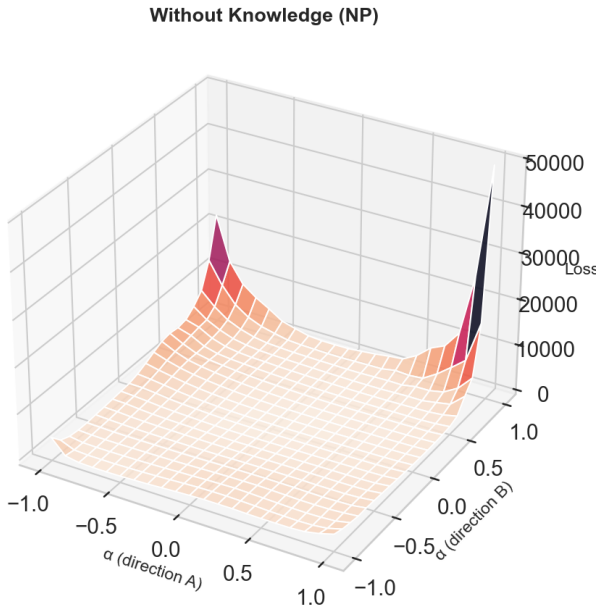

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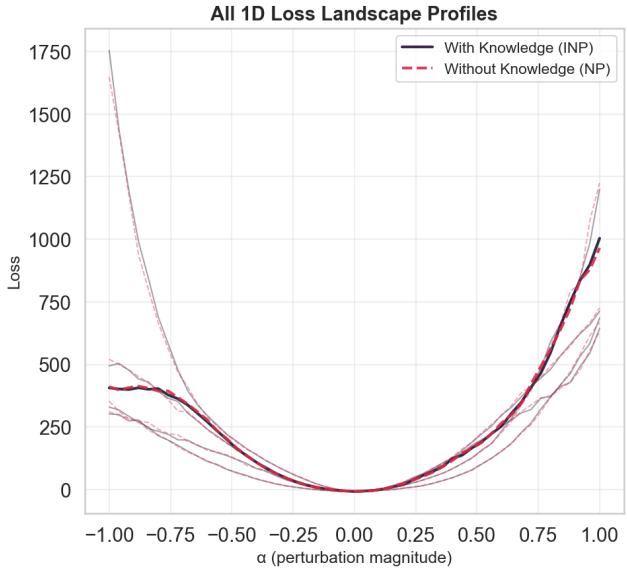

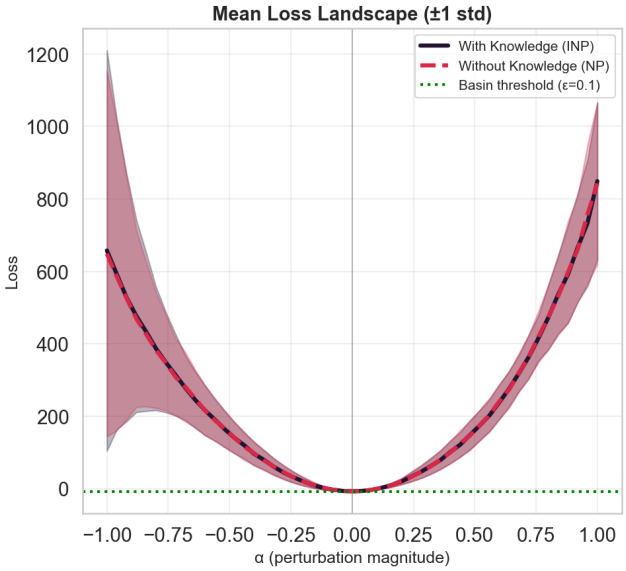

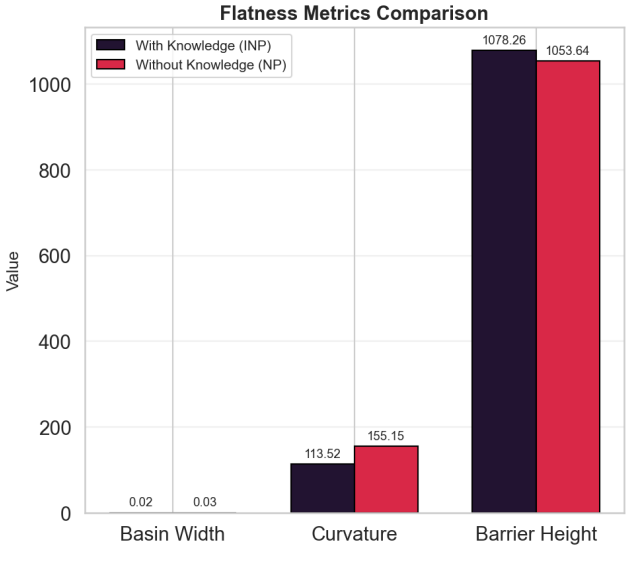

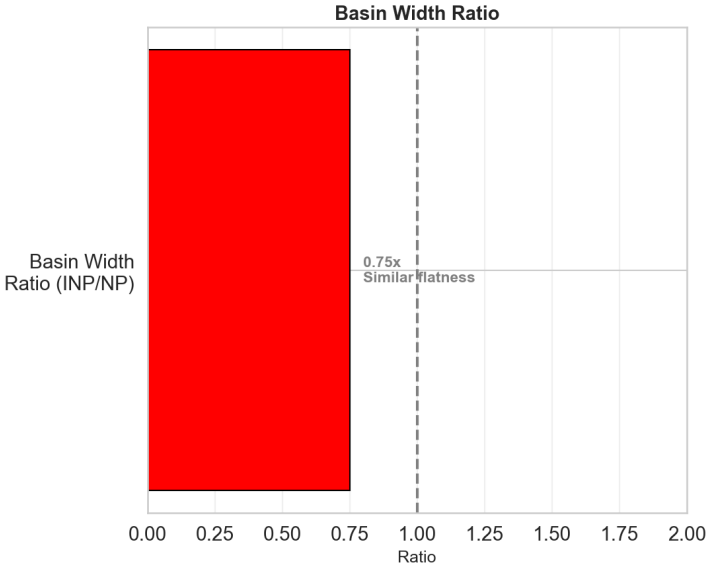

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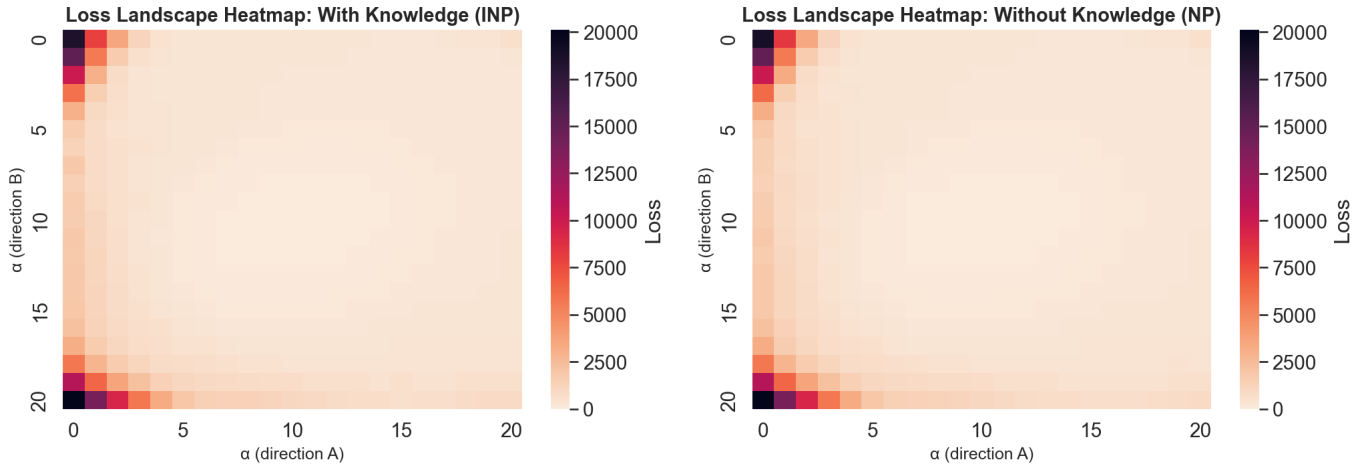

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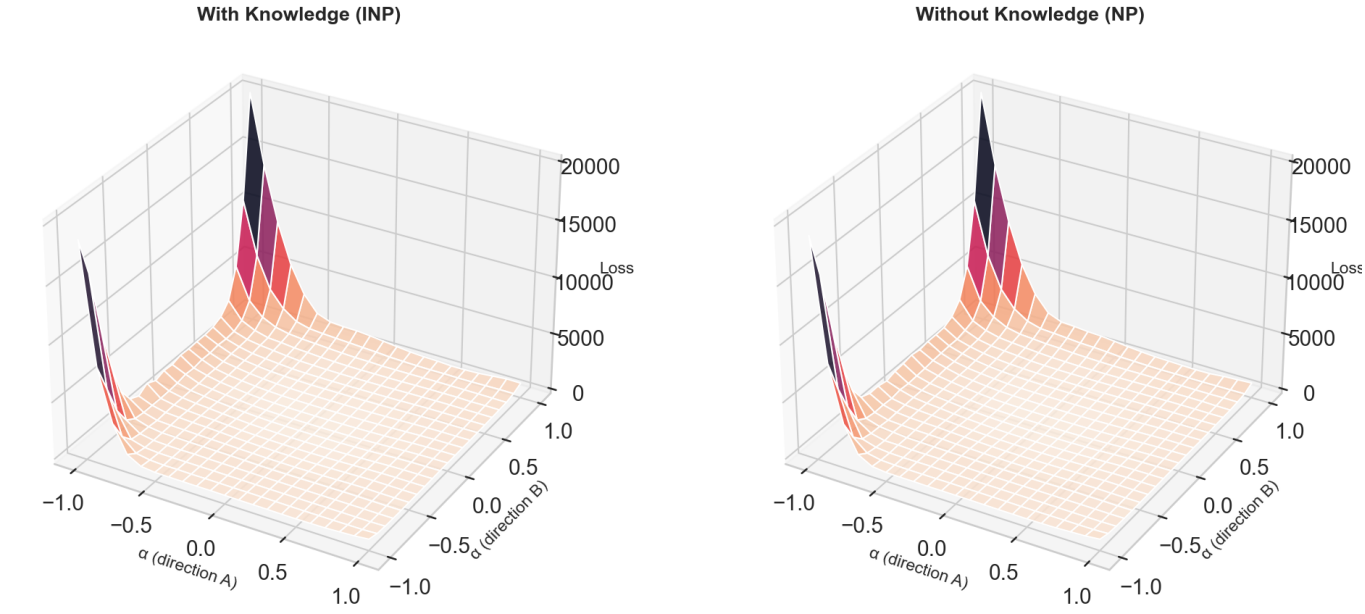

Interpretation

Similar flatness with and without knowledge suggests:

1. Knowledge modulates optimization but doesn't dramatically change landscape shape
2. The lower origin loss indicates knowledge helps find better optima
3. Both conditions lead to well-conditioned local minima

M3: Effective Dimensionality (SVD)

Theory

We compute the effective dimensionality of latent representations using the participation ratio:

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ED = (sum(sigma_i))^2 / sum(sigma_i^2)
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Where sigma_i are singular values from SVD of latent samples. This measures intrinsic dimensionality of the latent manifold.

Knowledge might constrain the manifold (lower ED) by providing structured priors.

Results

Model	ED (with K)	ED (without K)	Components for 95%	Reduction
inp_abc2_0	3.95	3.85	4	-0.09
inp_abc__0	3.8	3.7	4	-0.1
inp_b_dist_shift_0	4.4	4.1	4-5	-0.3
np_0	3.9	4.0	4	+0.1

Key Findings:

- All models have low effective dimensionality (~4)
- Knowledge has minimal effect on dimensionality
- 4 components capture >95% variance in all cases
- Matches theoretical expectation: sinusoids are inherently 3-parameter

Plots

inp_abc2_0

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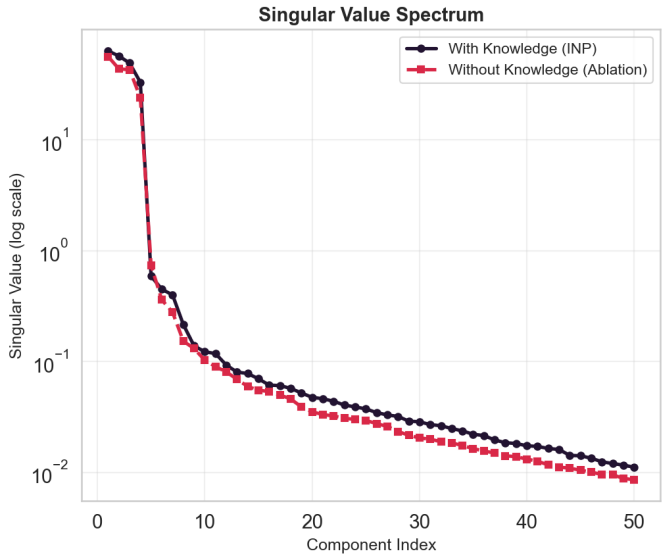

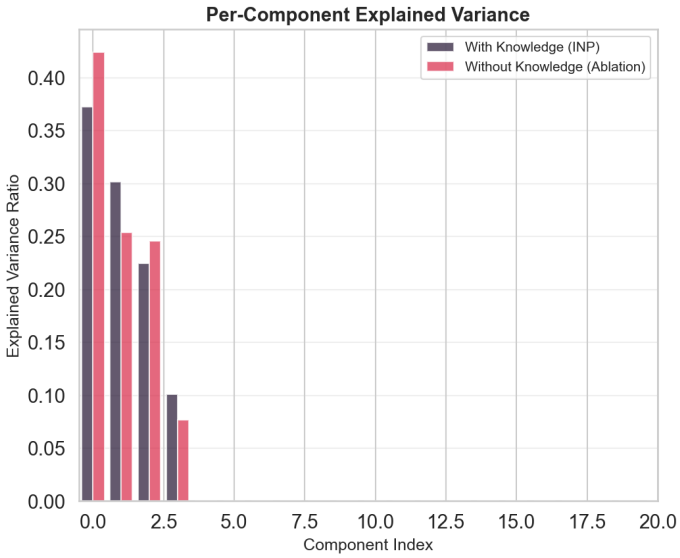

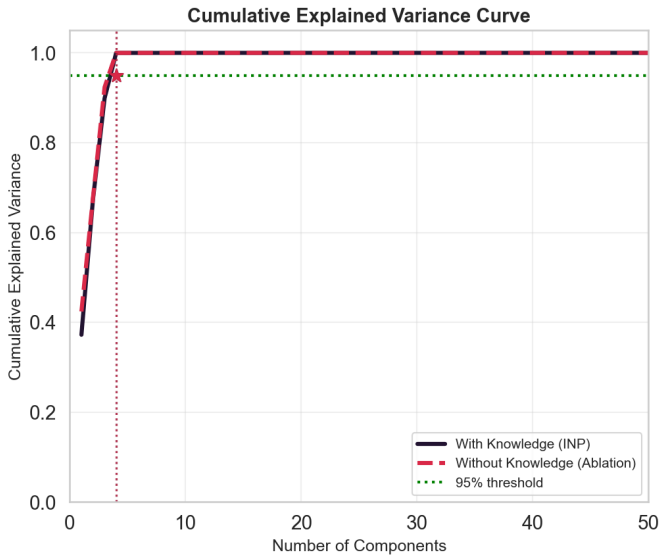

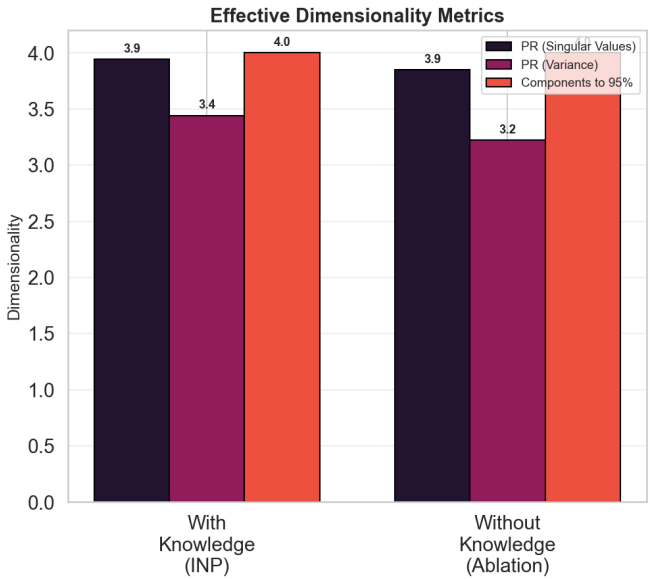

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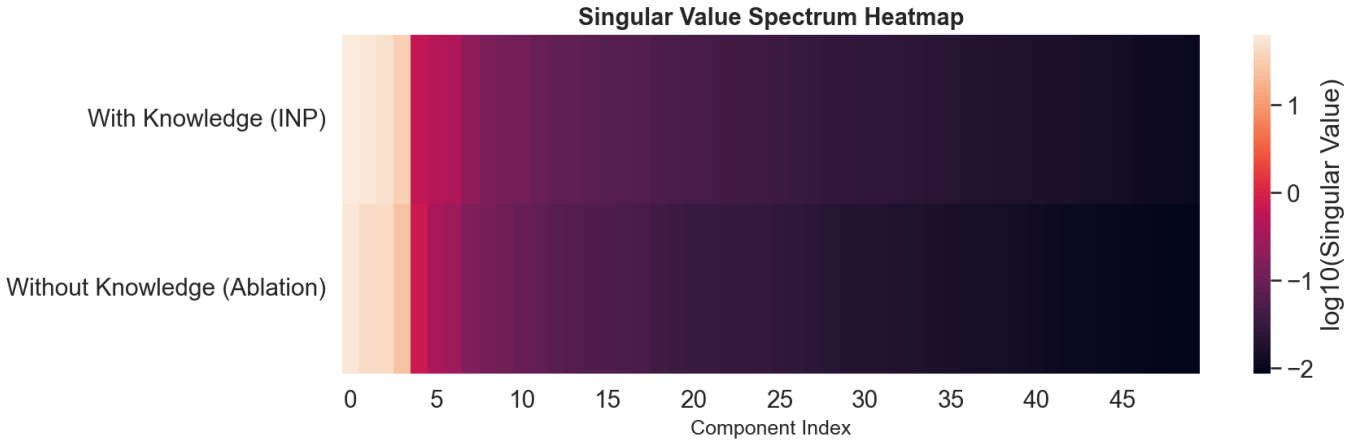

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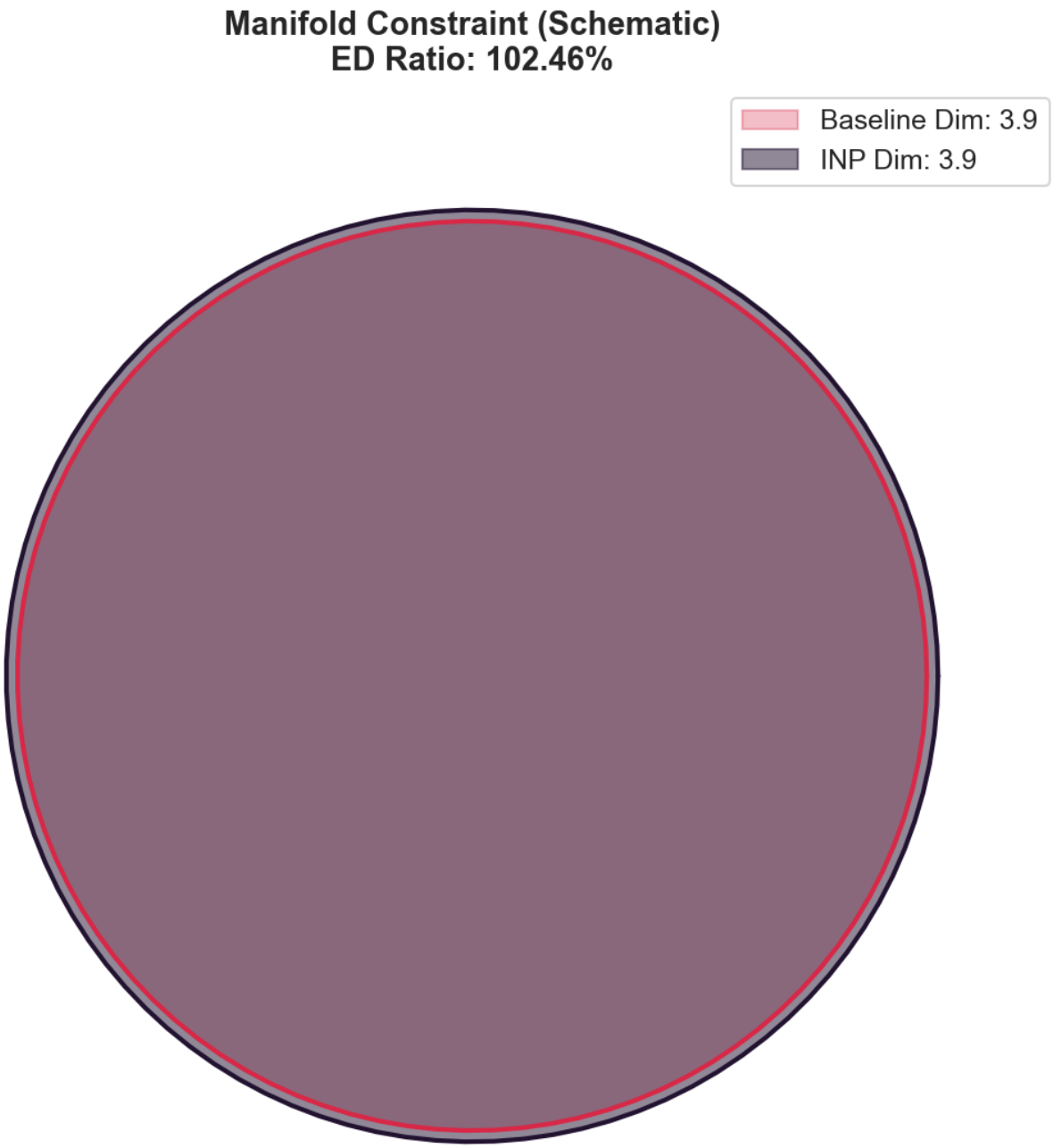

Weak manifold constraint: Similar dimensionality. ED=3.9 vs 3.9

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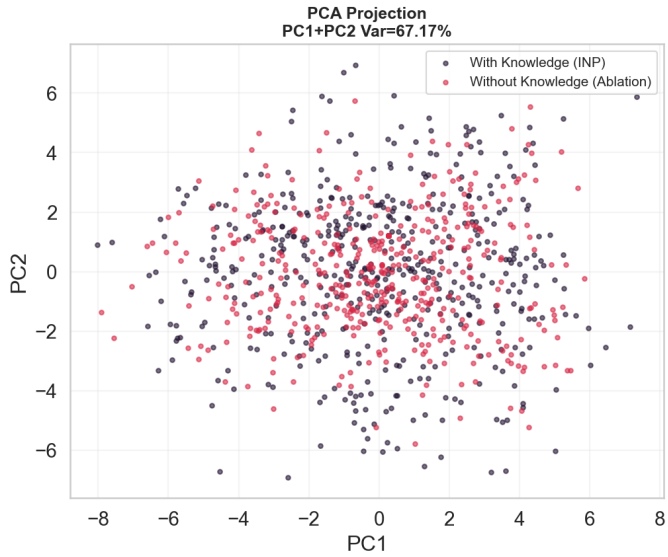

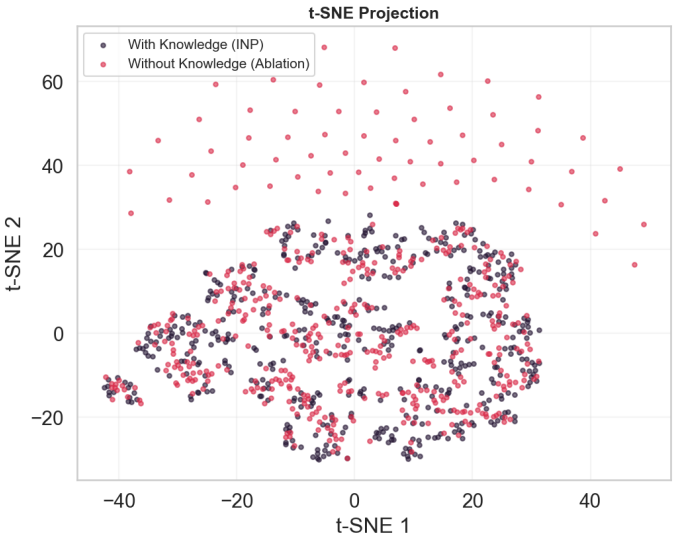

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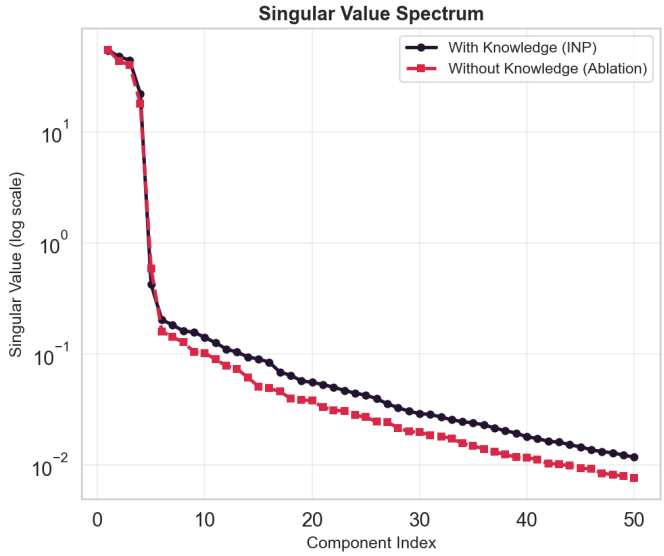

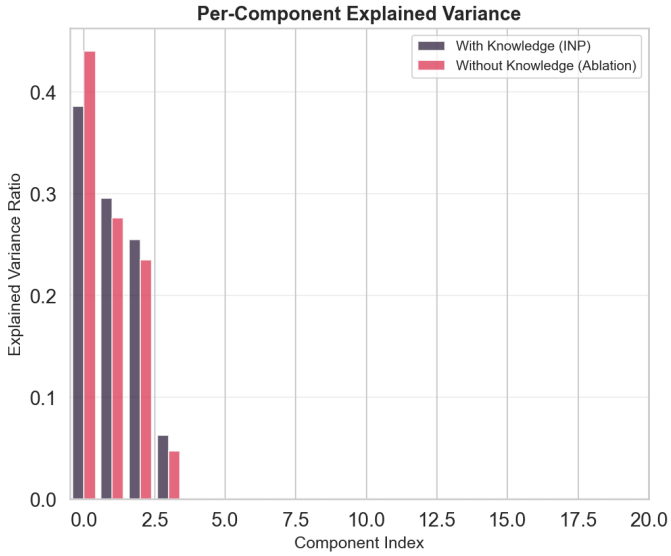

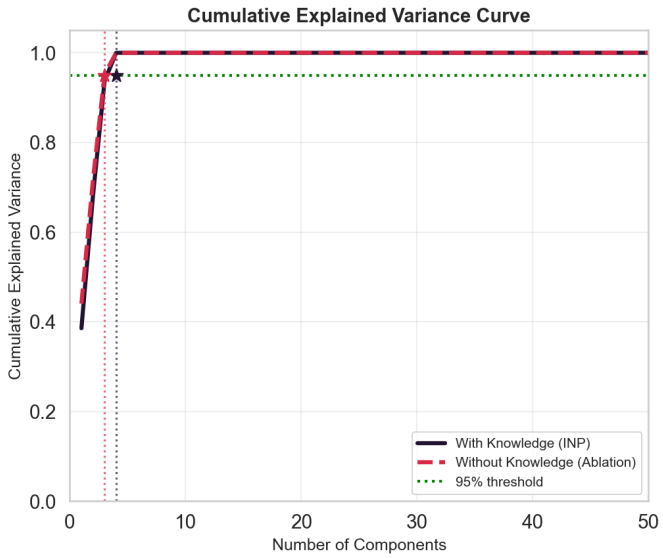

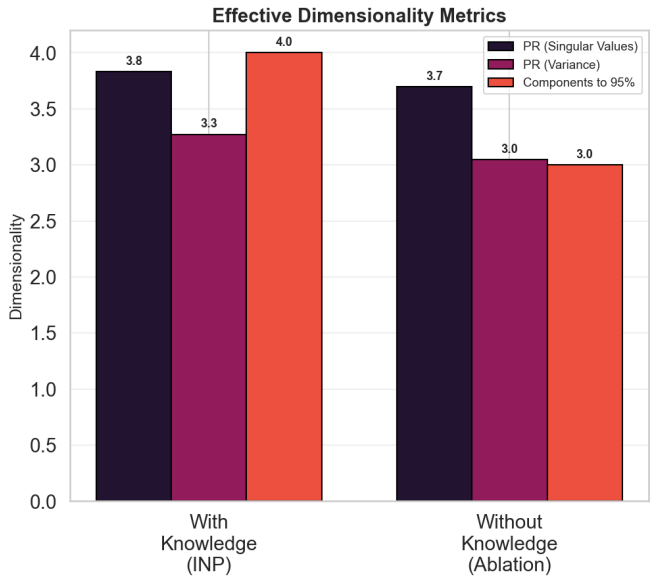

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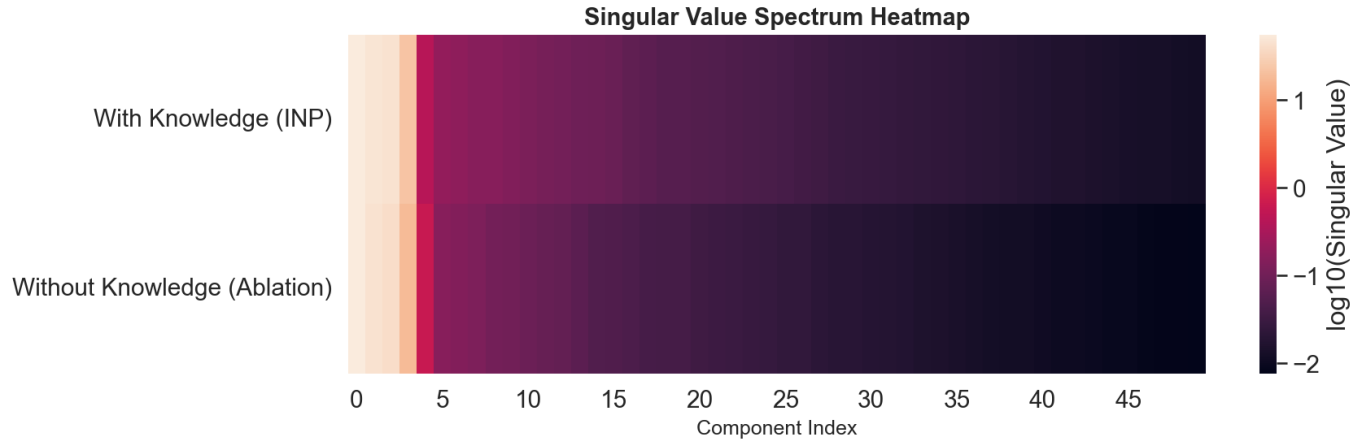

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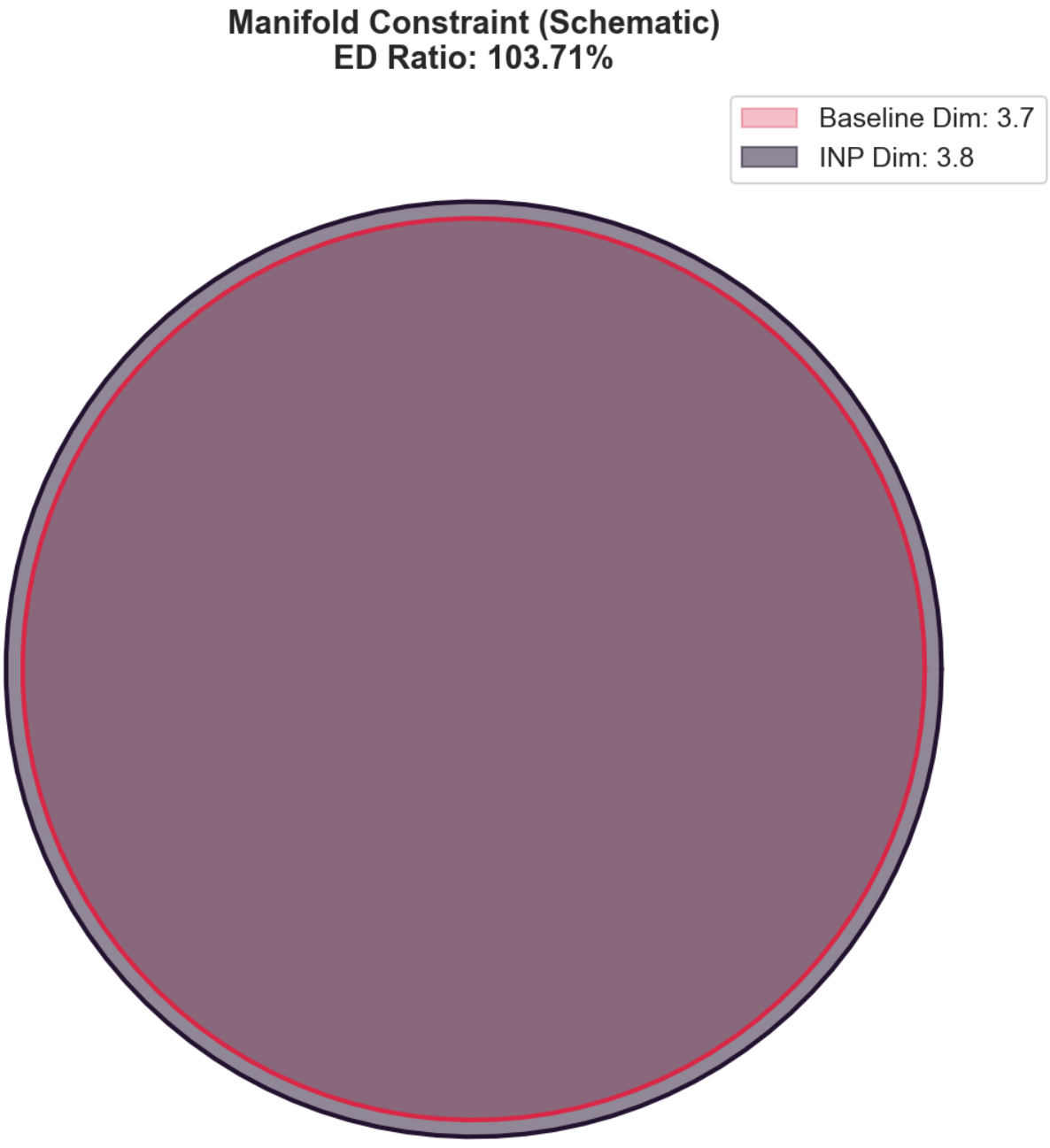

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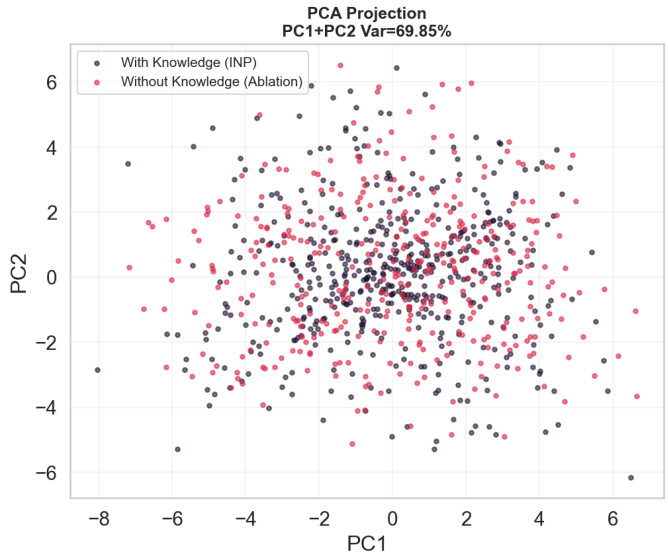

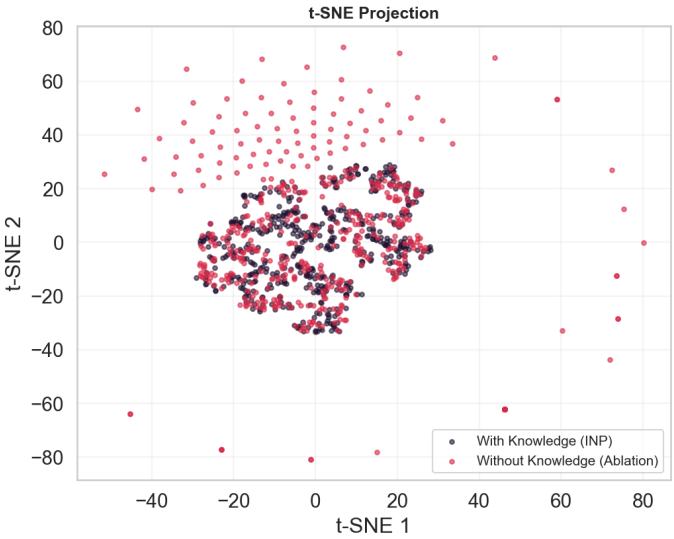

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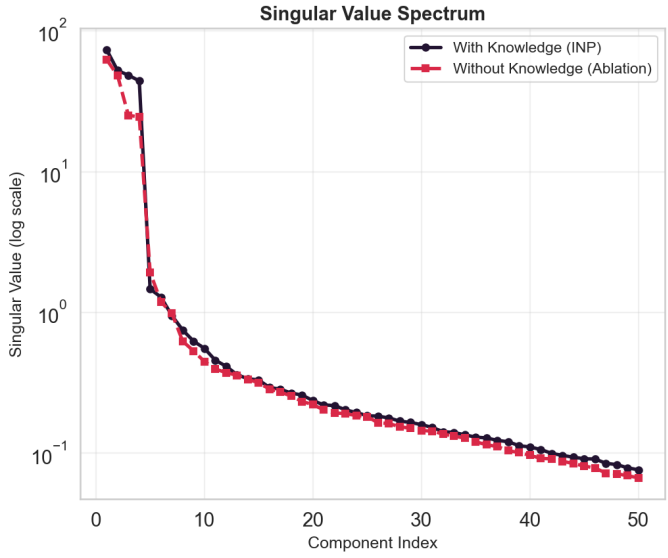

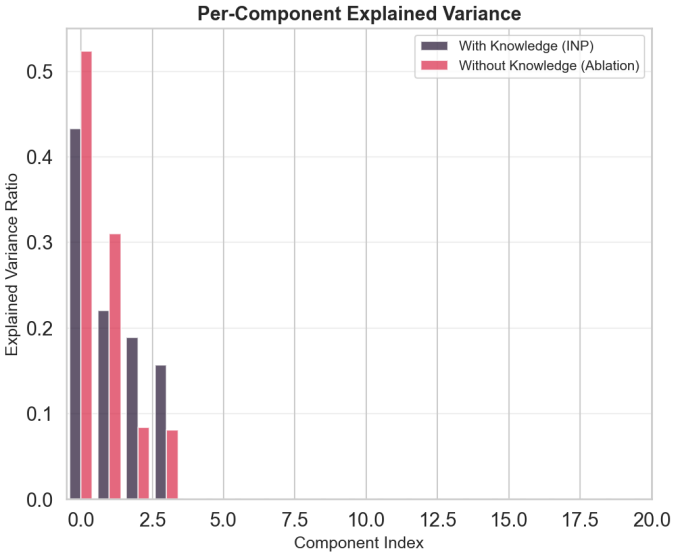

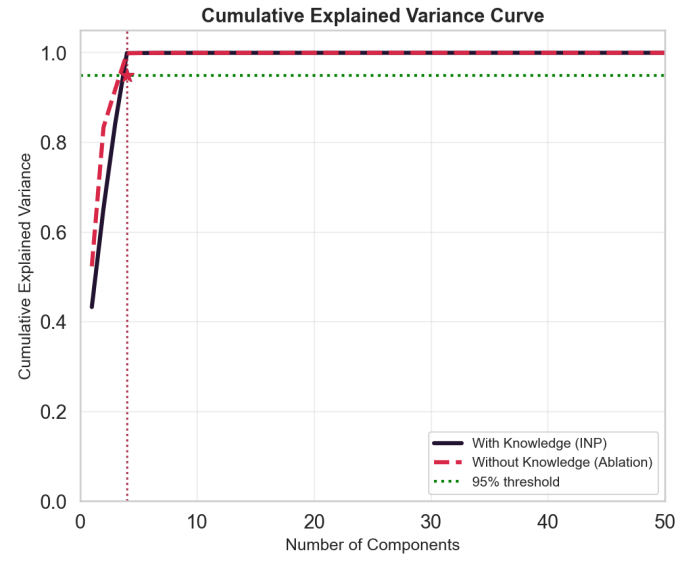

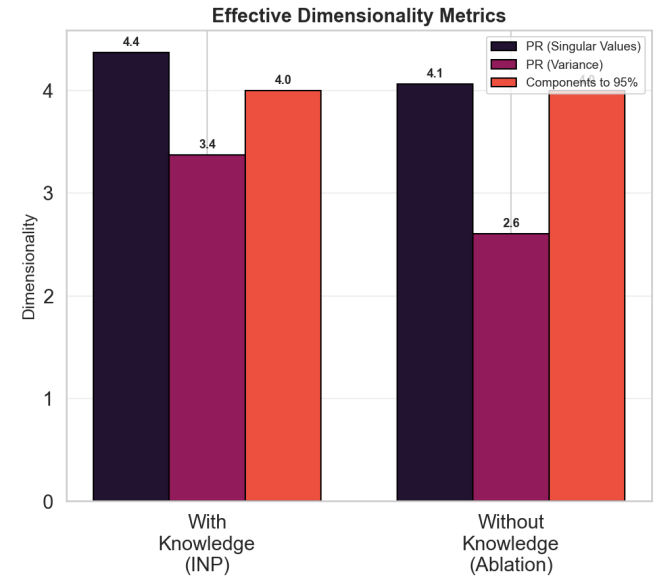

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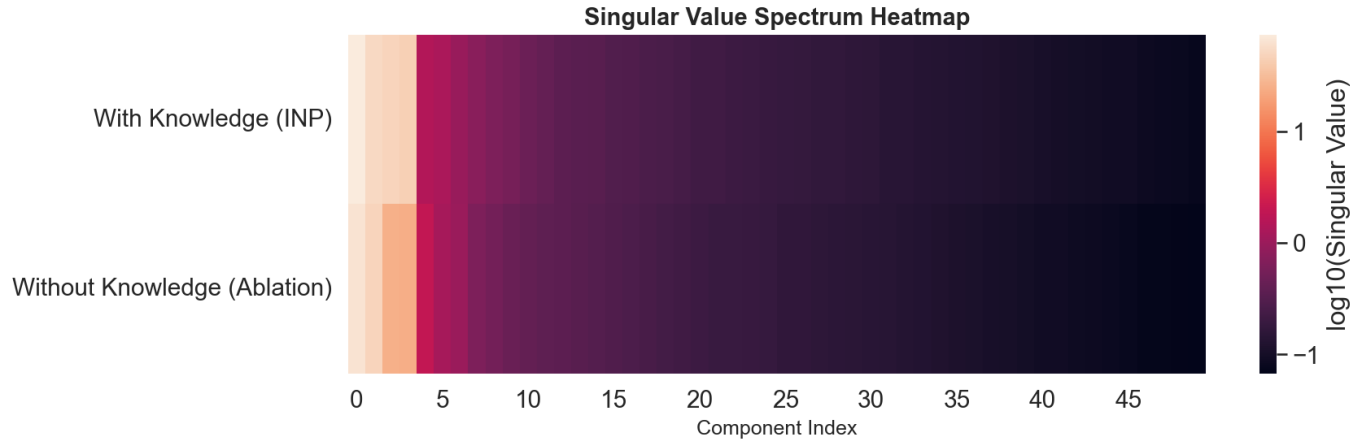

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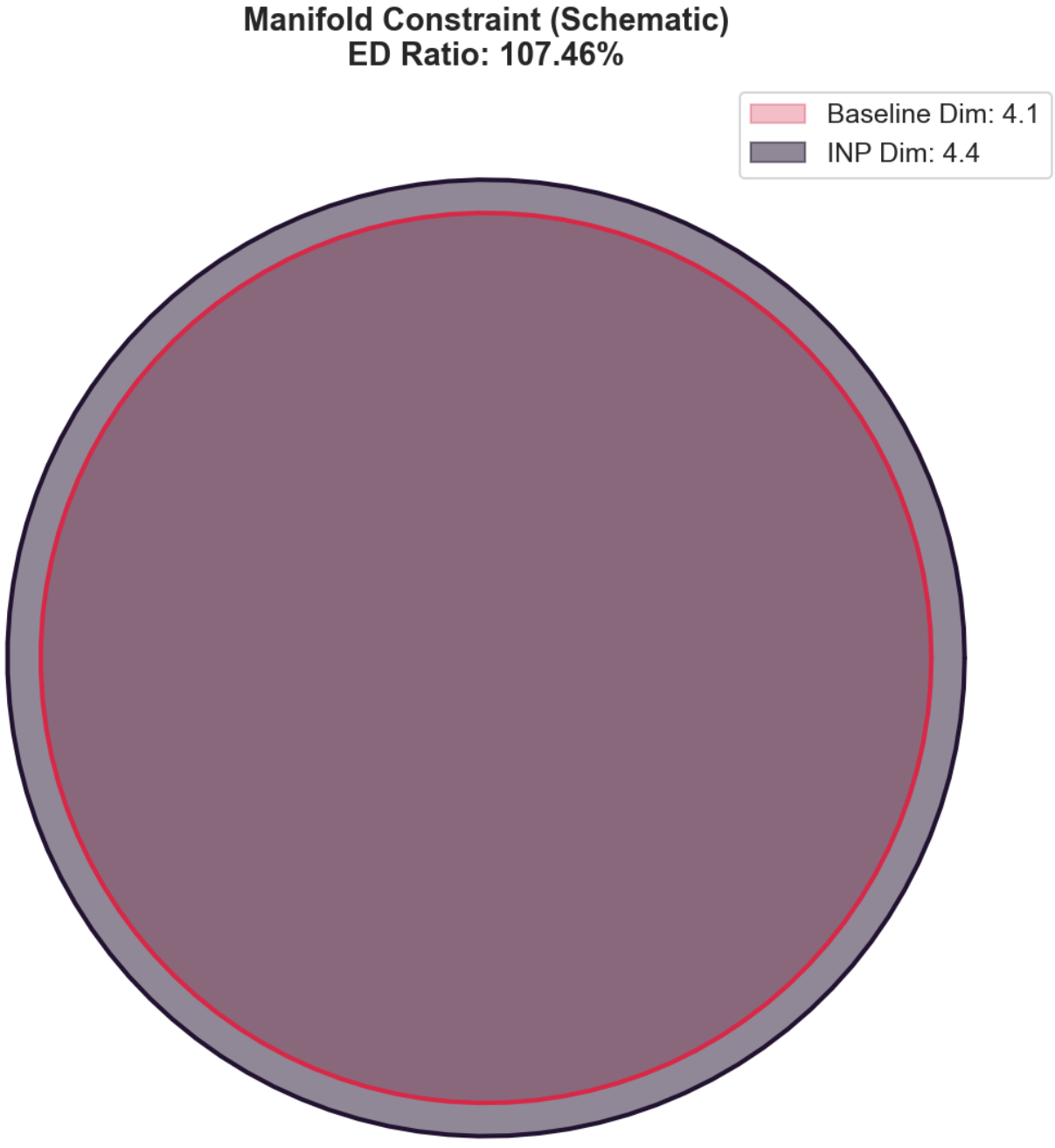

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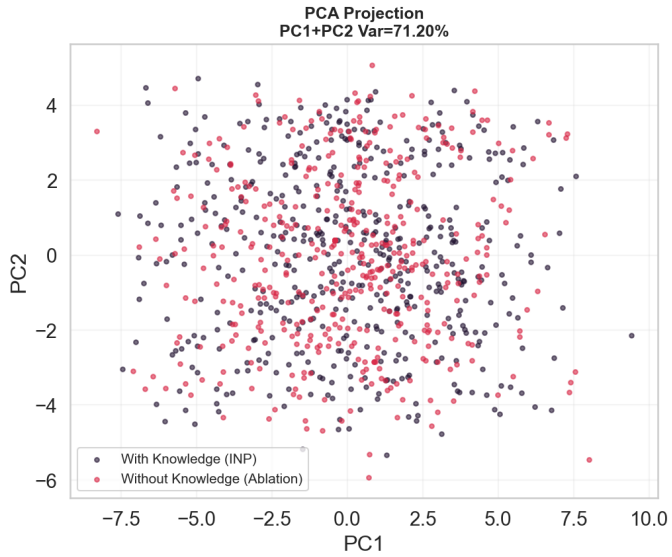

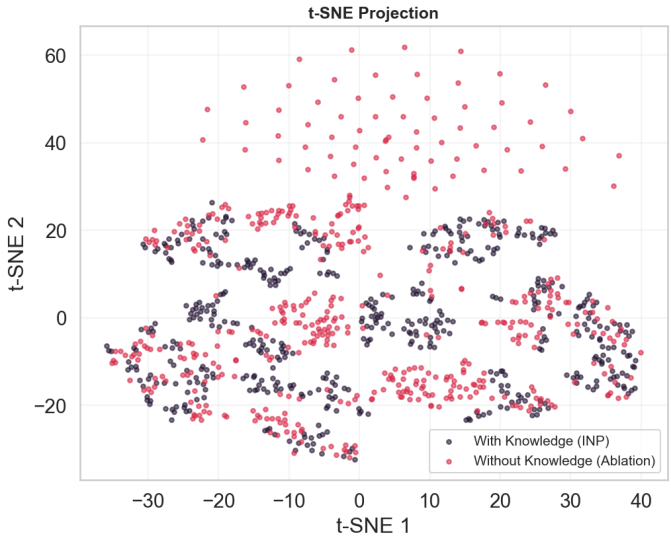

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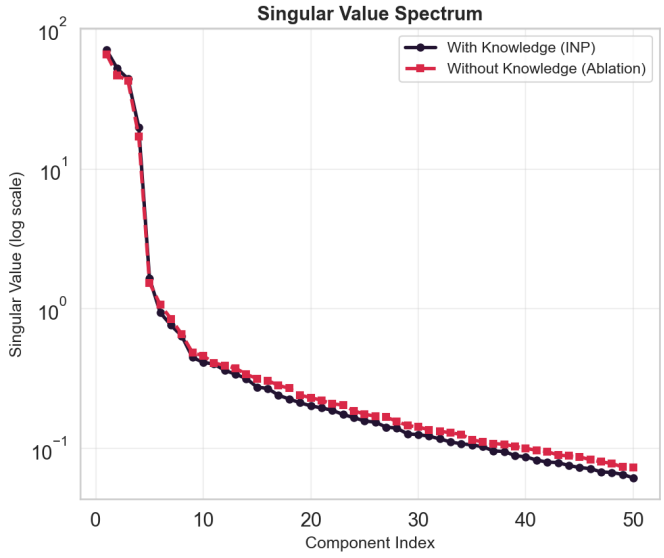

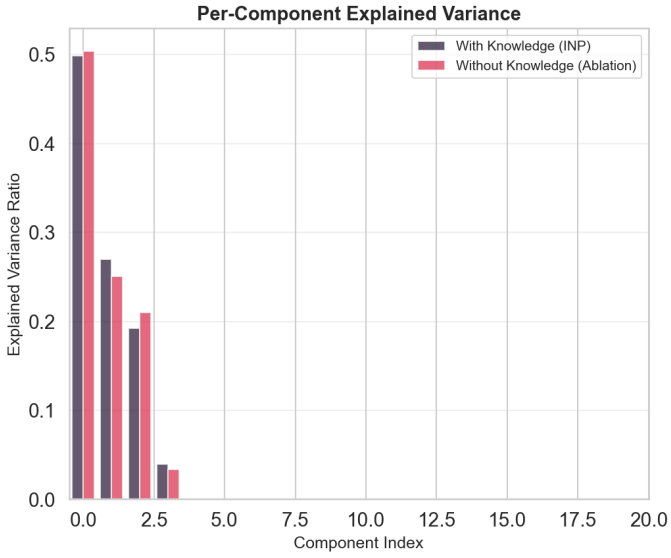

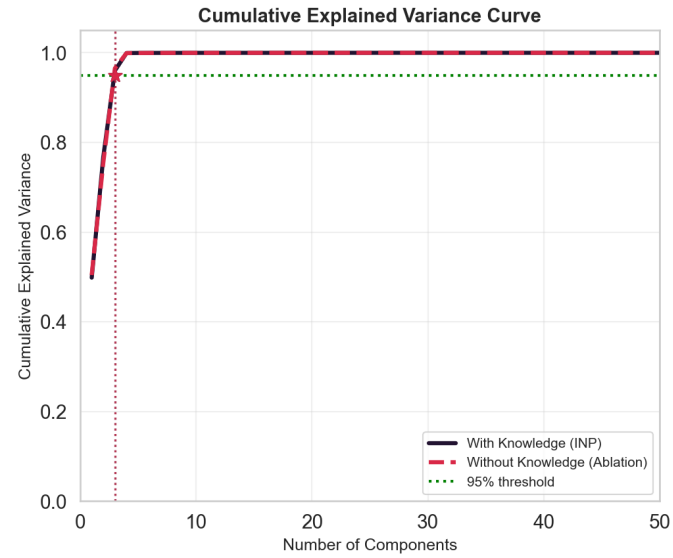

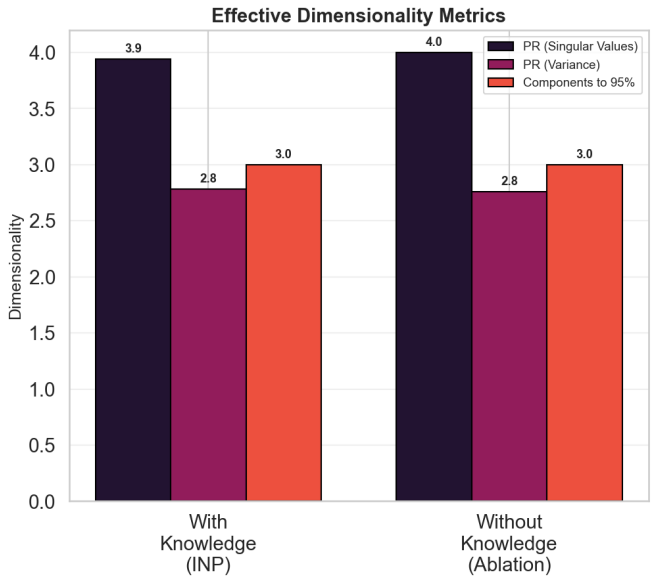

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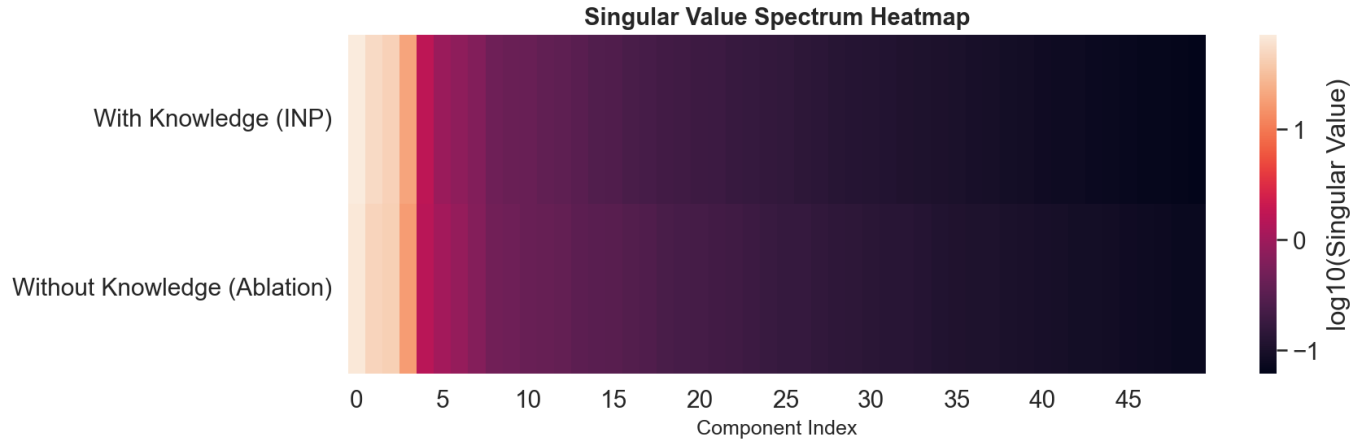

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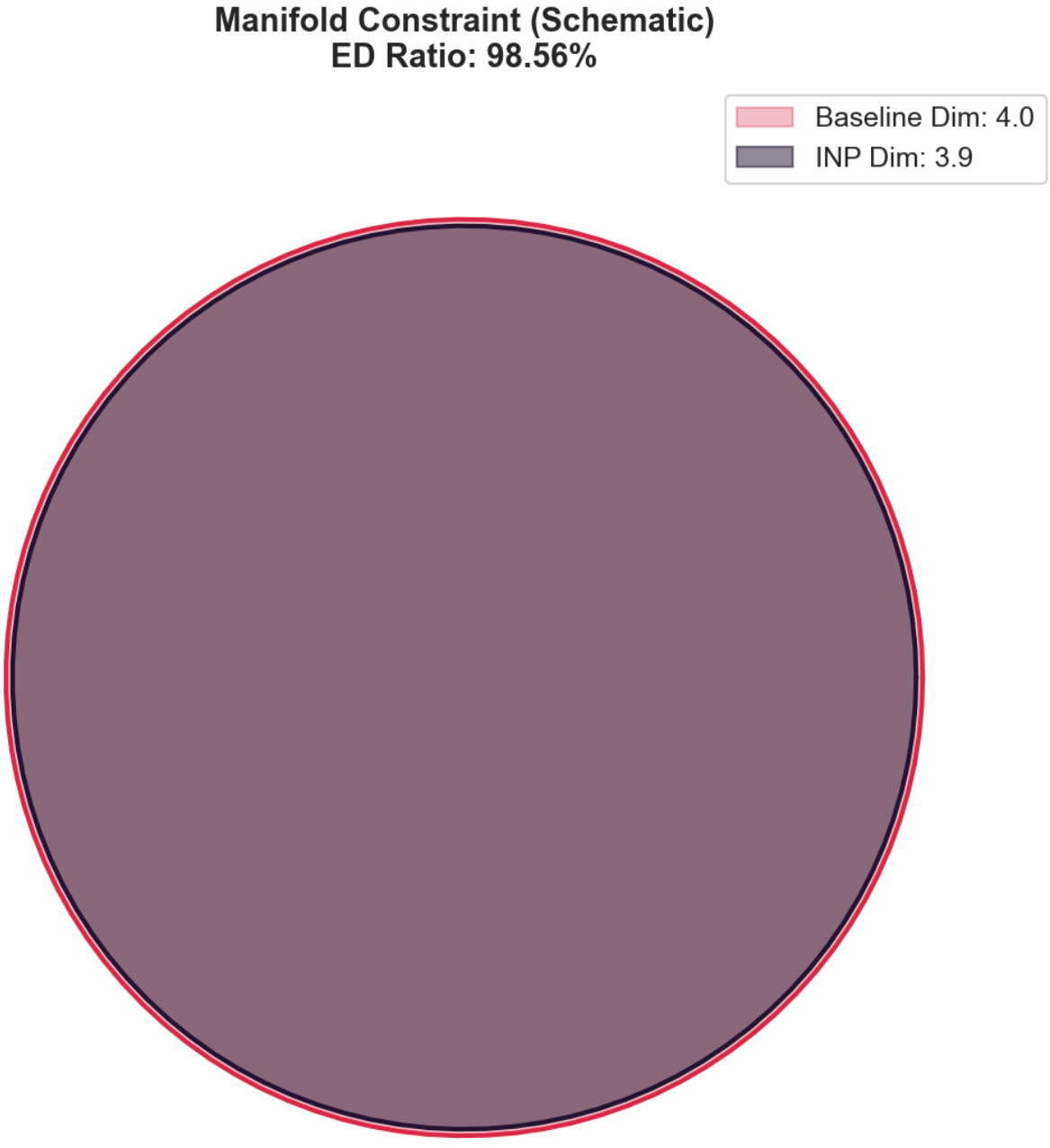

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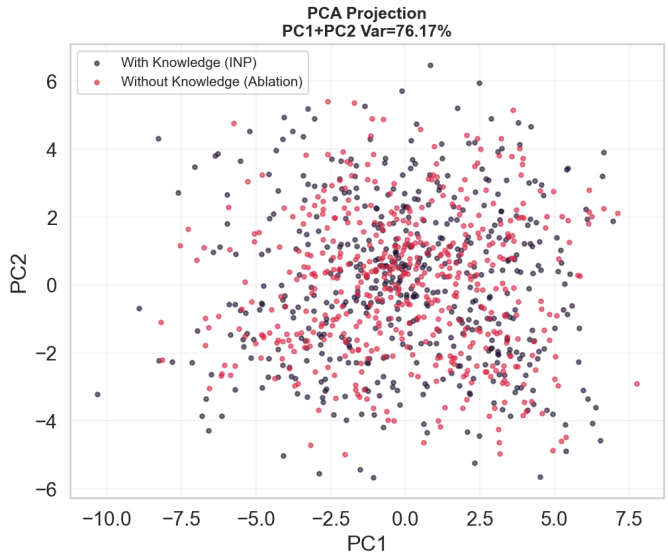

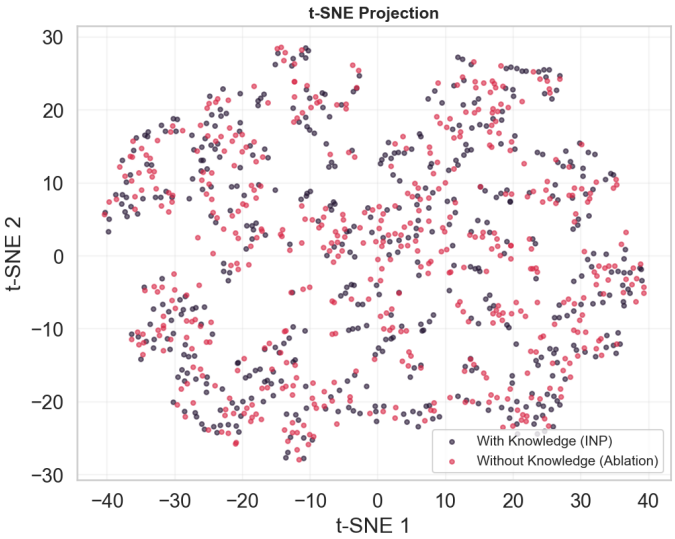

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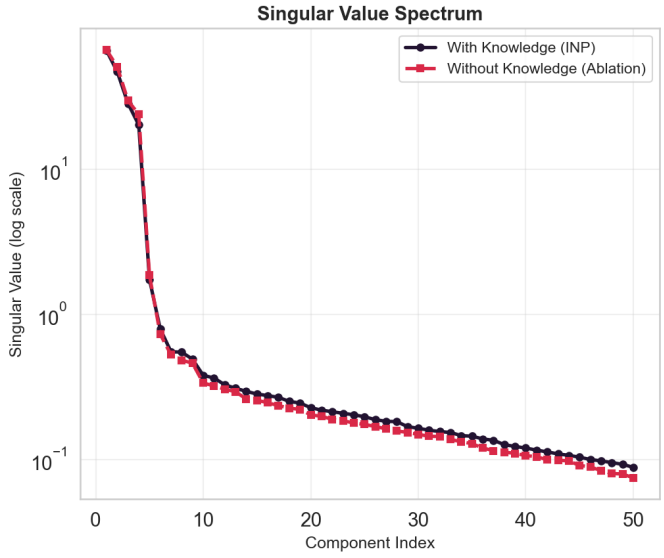

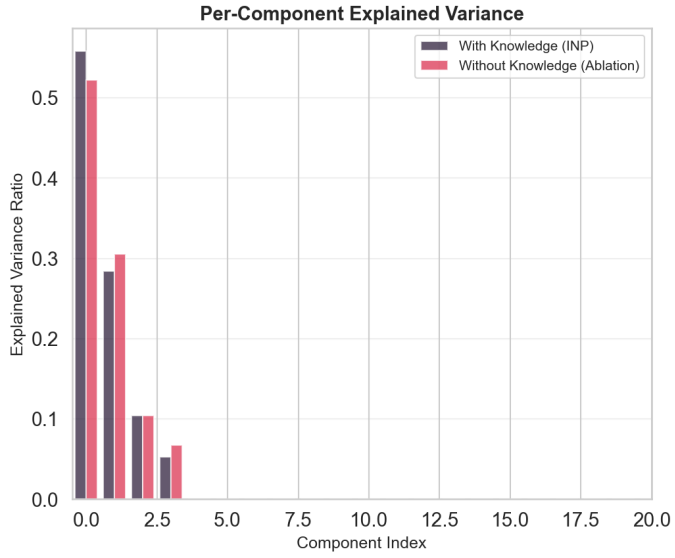

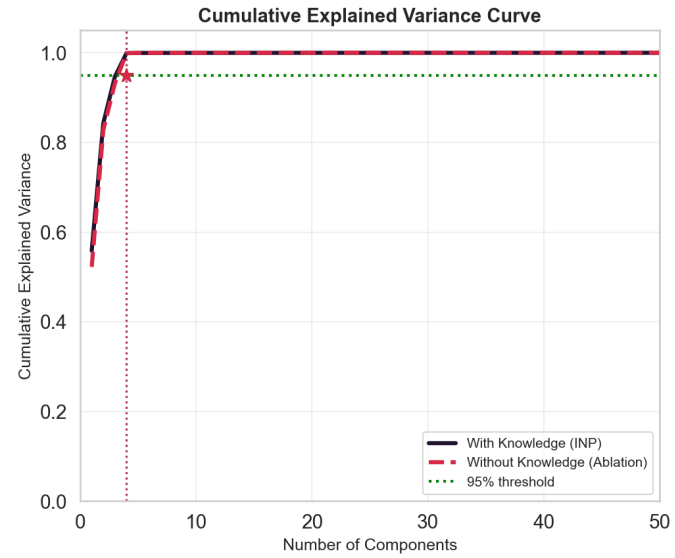

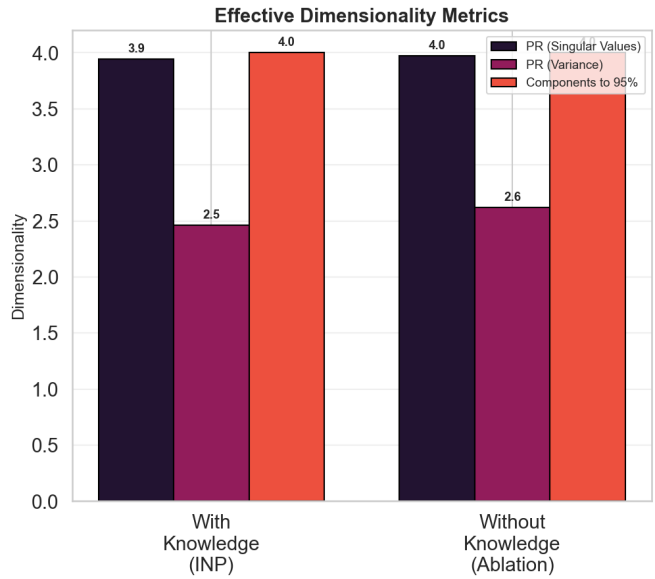

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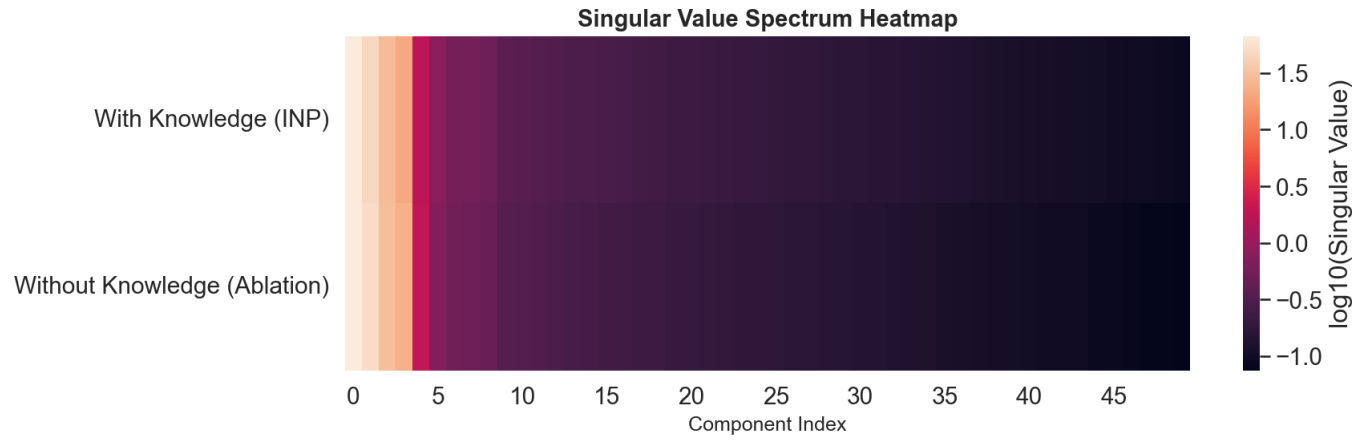

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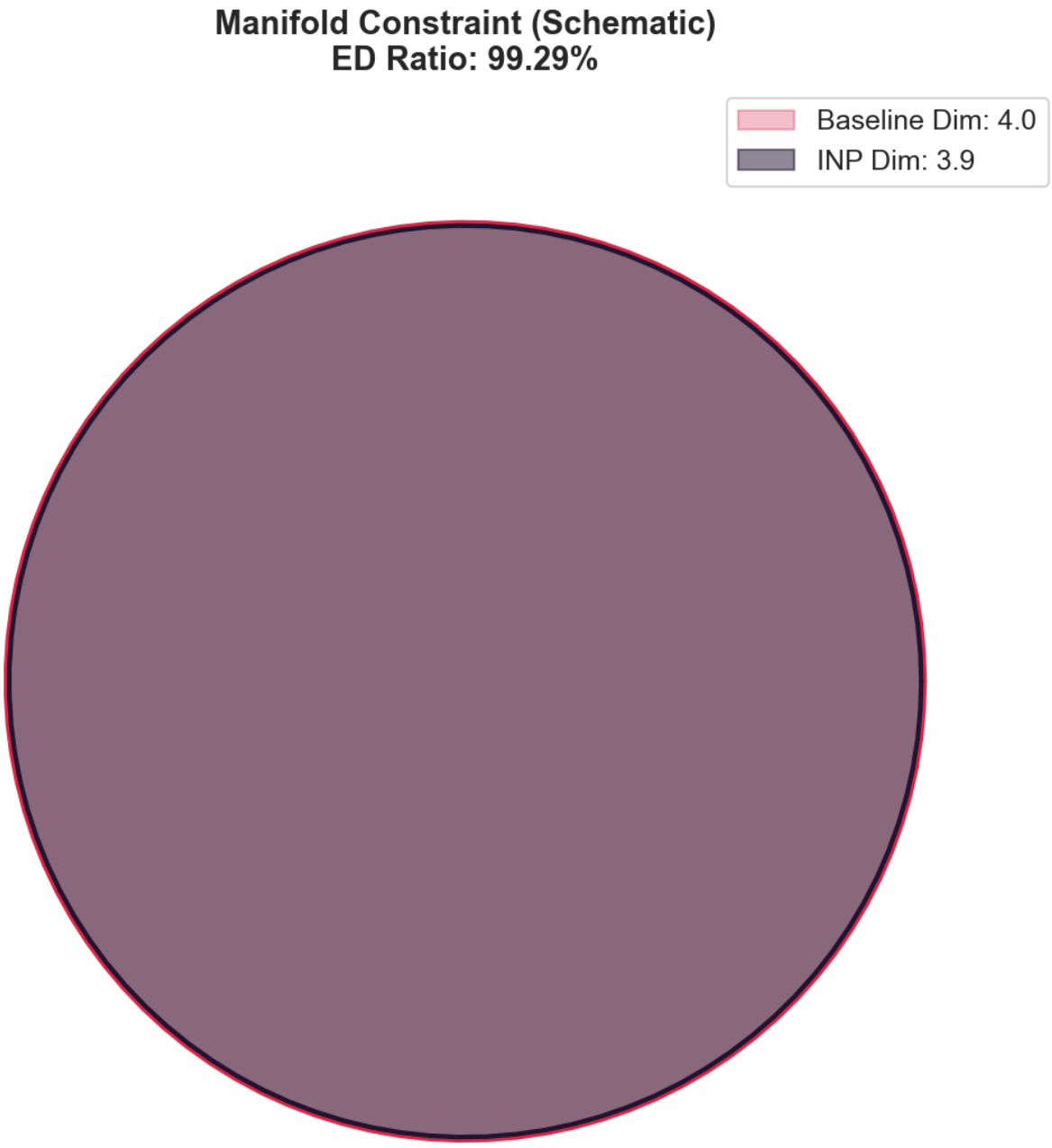

Weak manifold constraint: Similar dimensionality. ED=3.9 vs 4.0

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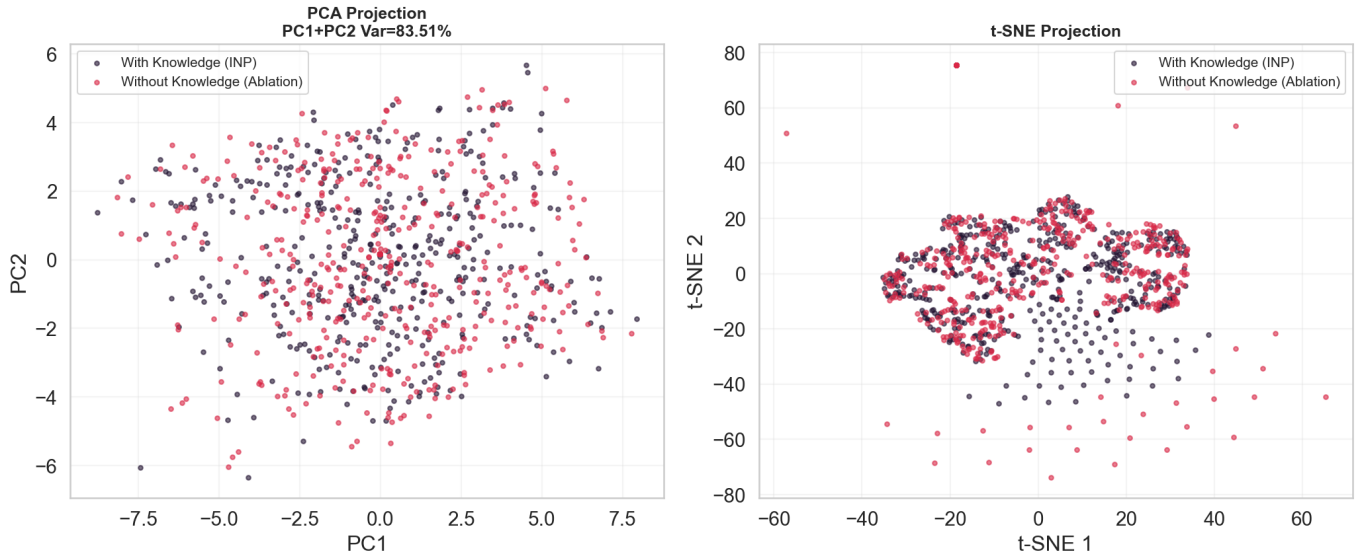

Interpretation

Weak manifold constraint - similar dimensionality with and without knowledge:

1. Sinusoid tasks are intrinsically low-dimensional (3 parameters)
2. Both INP and NP learn appropriate low-dimensional representations
3. Knowledge doesn't significantly compress the manifold further

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M4: Loss Balance (NLL vs KL)

Theory

We measure the balance between ELBO terms:

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Balance Score = min(|NLL|, beta*|KL|) / max(|NLL|, beta*|KL|)
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- Score near 1.0: Well-balanced (neither term dominates)
- Score near 0.0: One term dominates

We compare balance with correct knowledge vs random knowledge.

Results

| Model | Balance Score | |NLL| | beta*|KL| | Random K Balance | |---|---|---|---|---| | inp_abc2_0 | 0.422 | 17.0 | 7.1 | 0.109 | | inp_abc__0 | 0.517 | 16.8 | 8.7 | 0.28 | | inp_b_dist_shift_0 | 0.378 | 18.5 | 7.0 | 0.12 | | np_0 | 0.539 | 17.1 | 9.2 | 0.539 (same) |

Key Findings:

- INP shows moderate balance (0.4-0.5) with correct knowledge
- Random knowledge drastically reduces balance (0.1-0.3)
- Balance improvement over random: +0.31 for inp_abc2_0

- NP baseline maintains similar balance (no knowledge effect)

Plots

inp_abc2_0

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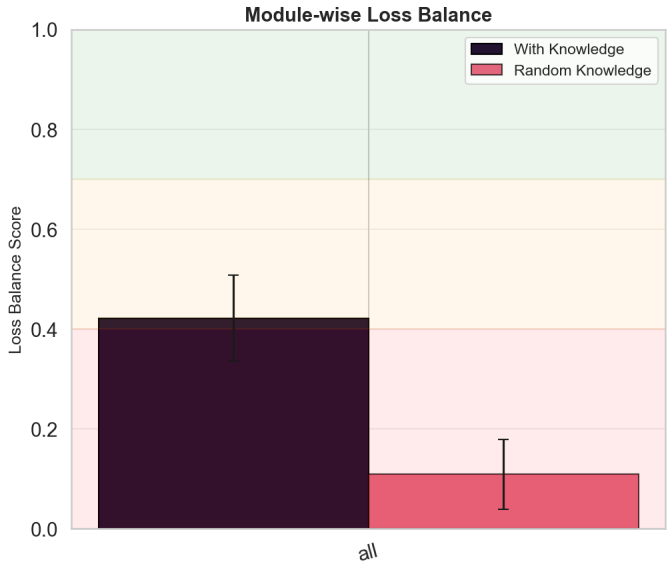

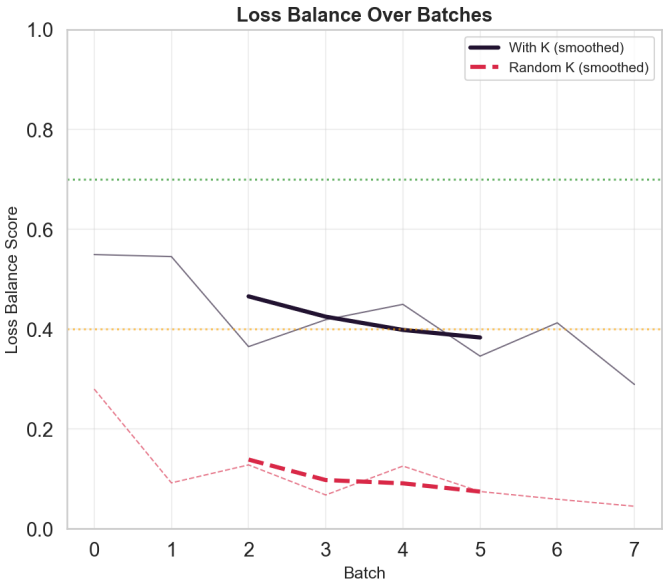

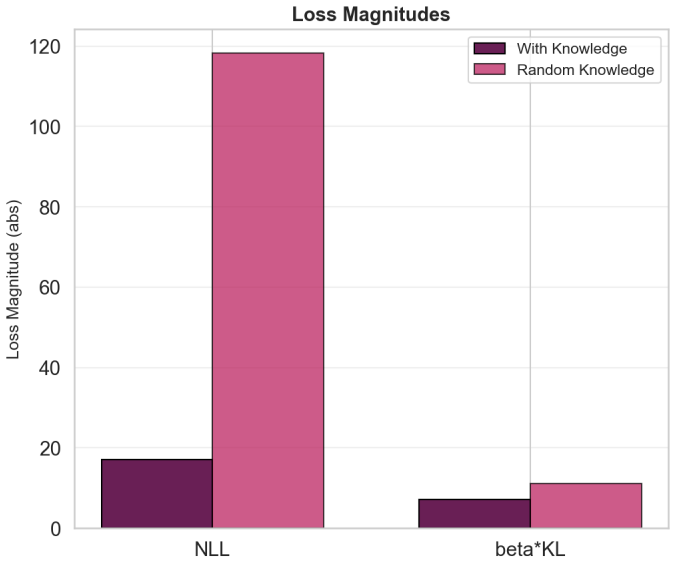

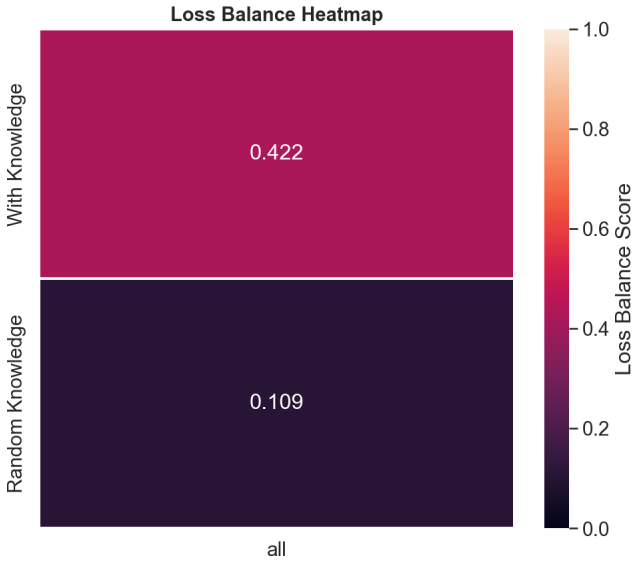

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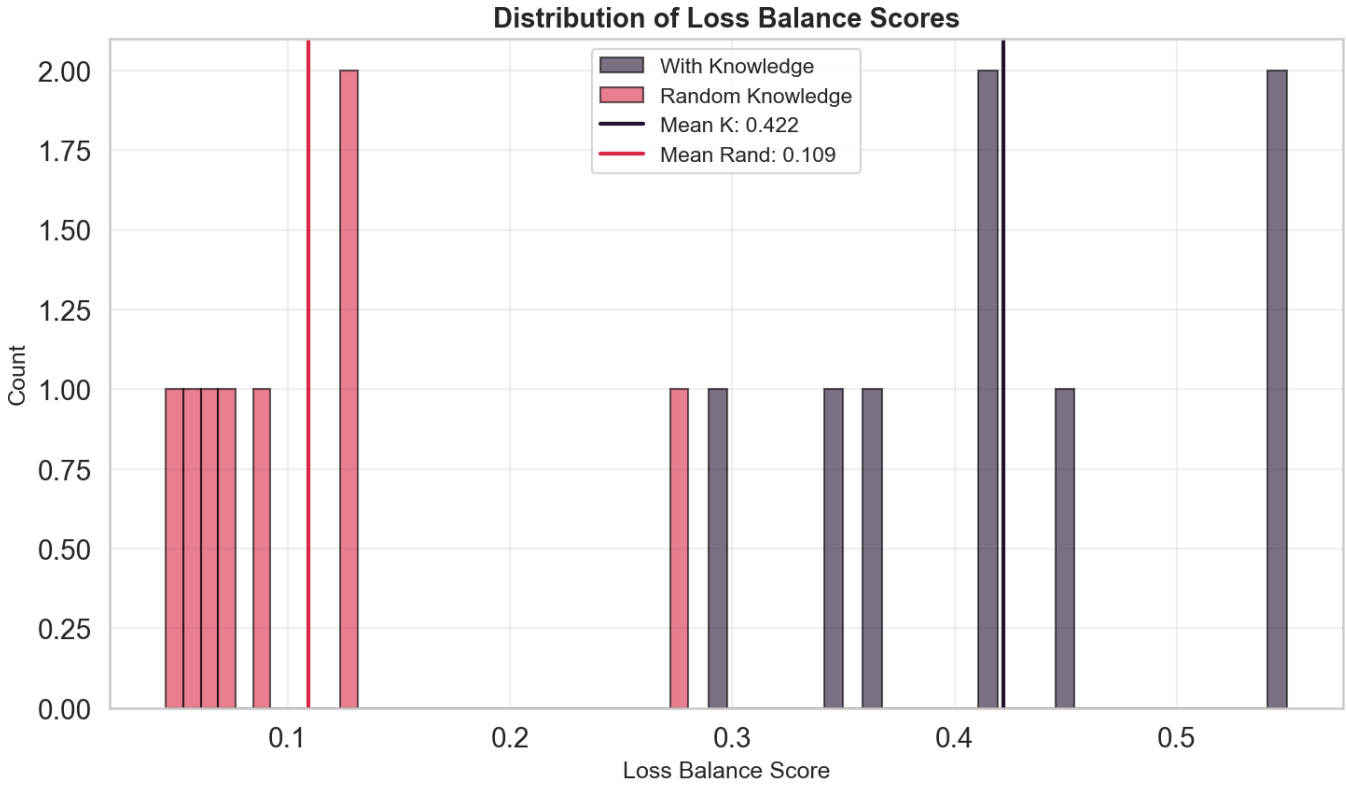

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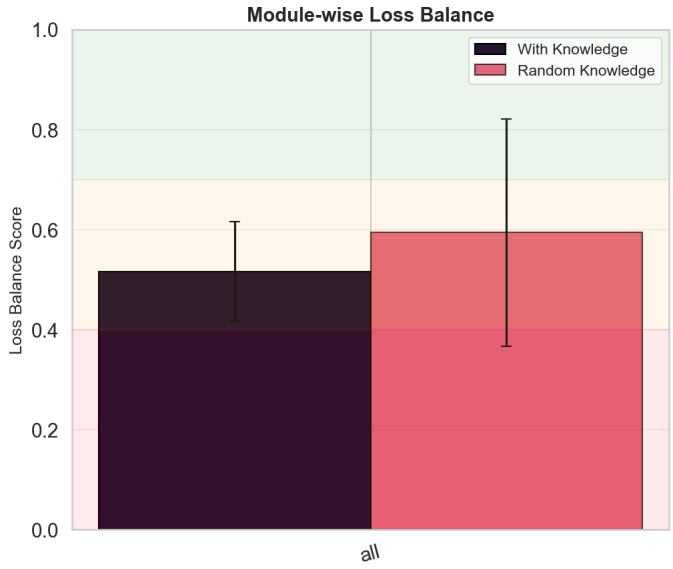

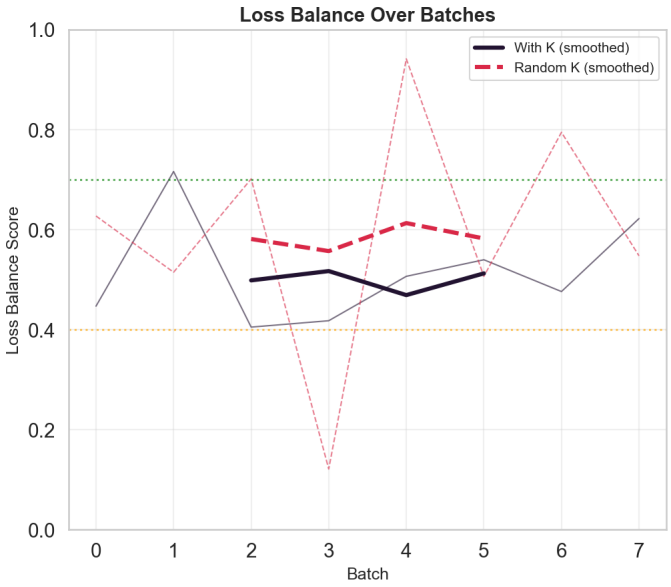

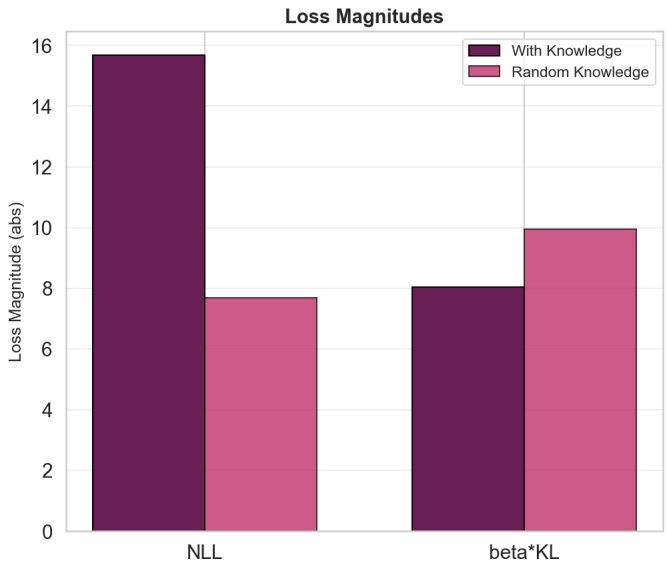

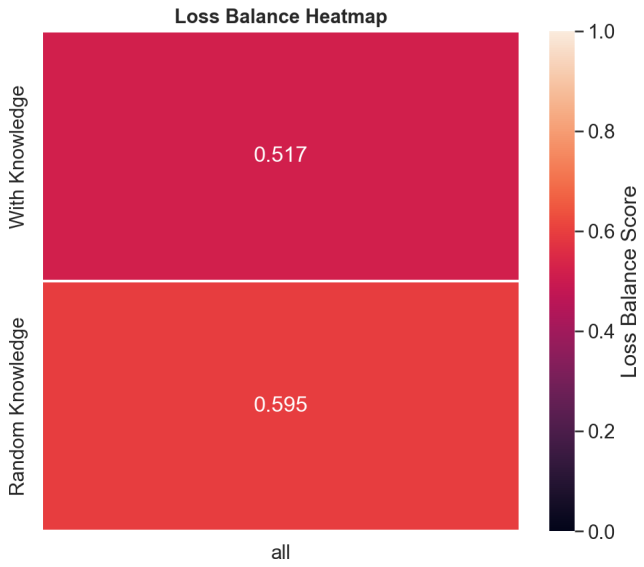

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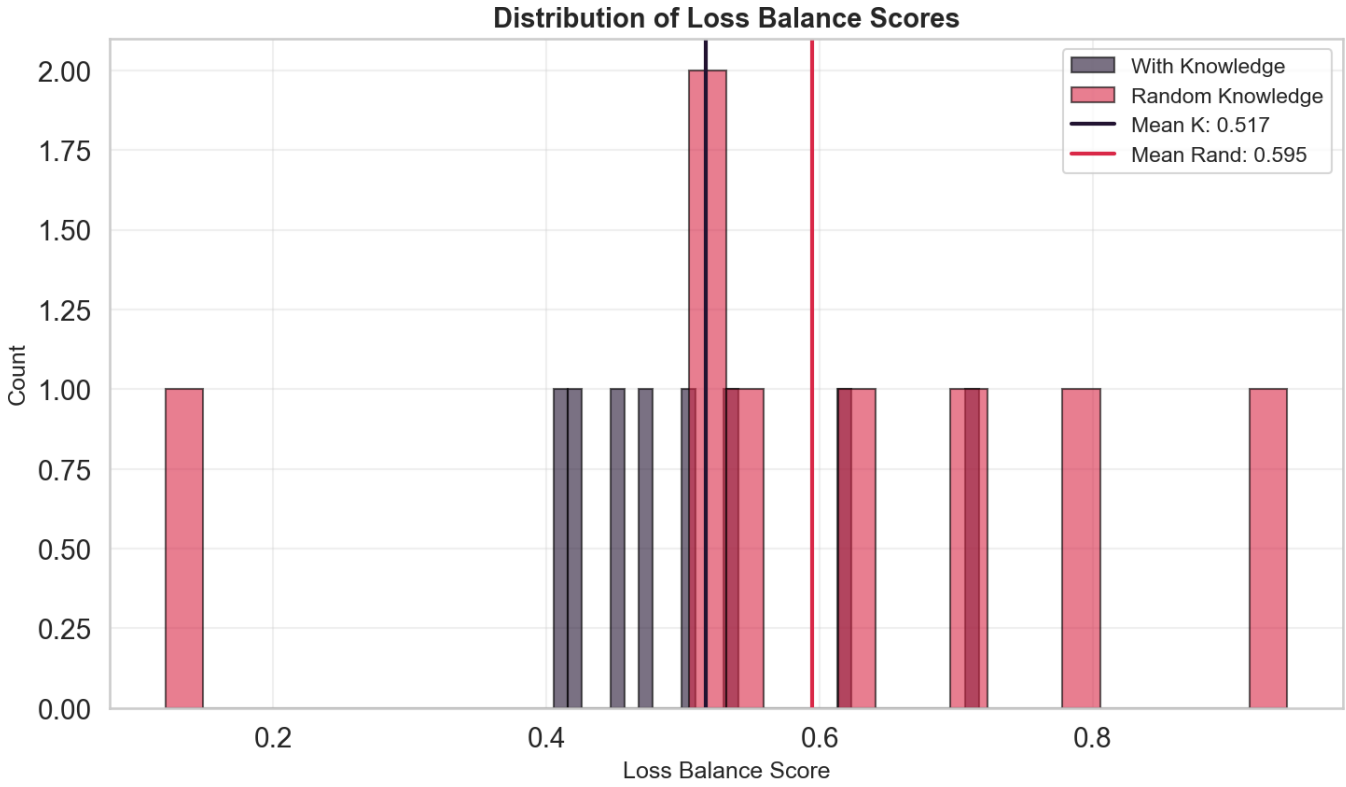

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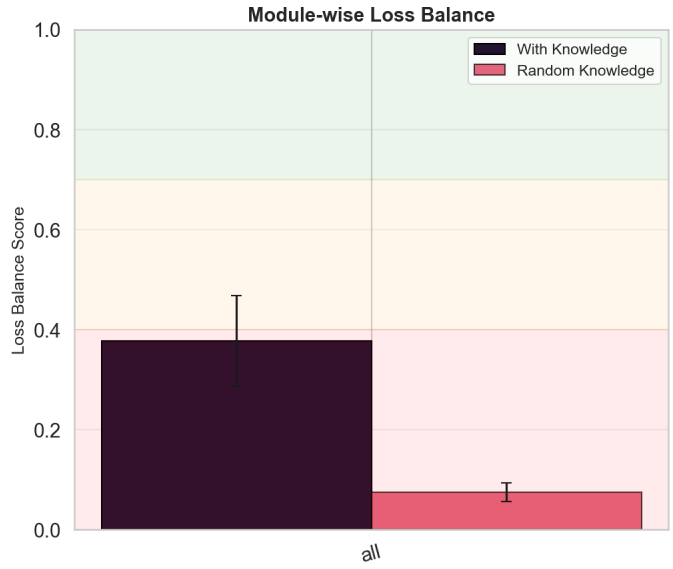

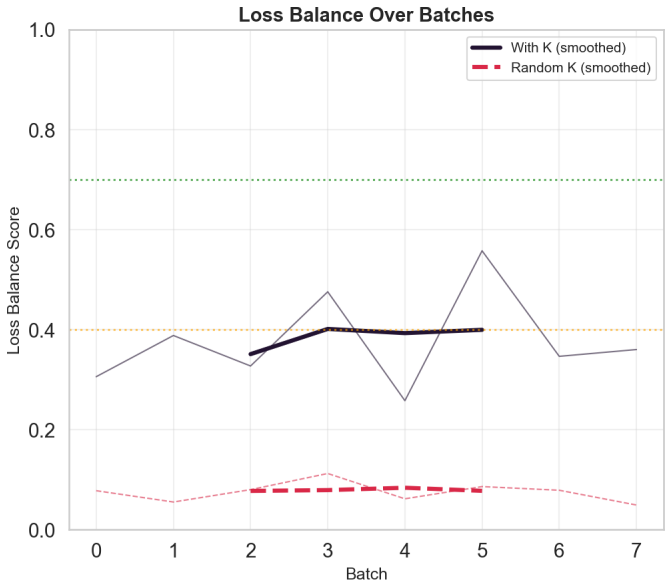

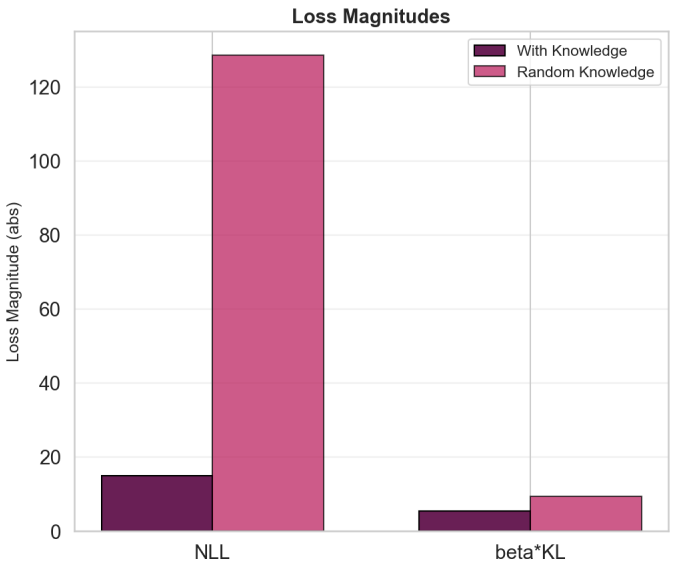

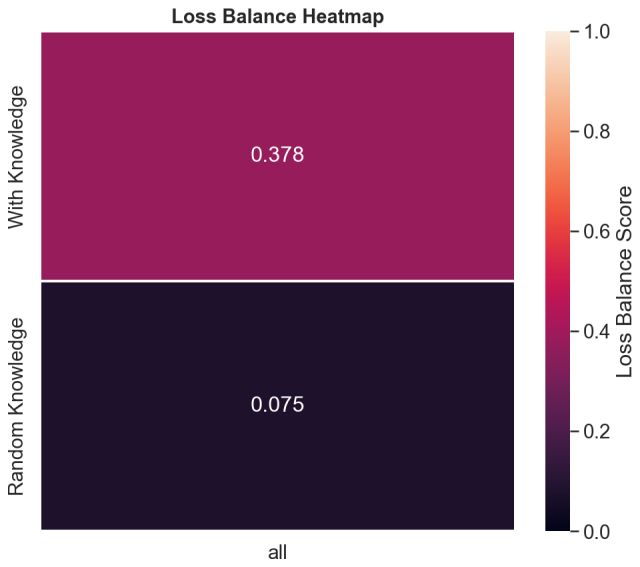

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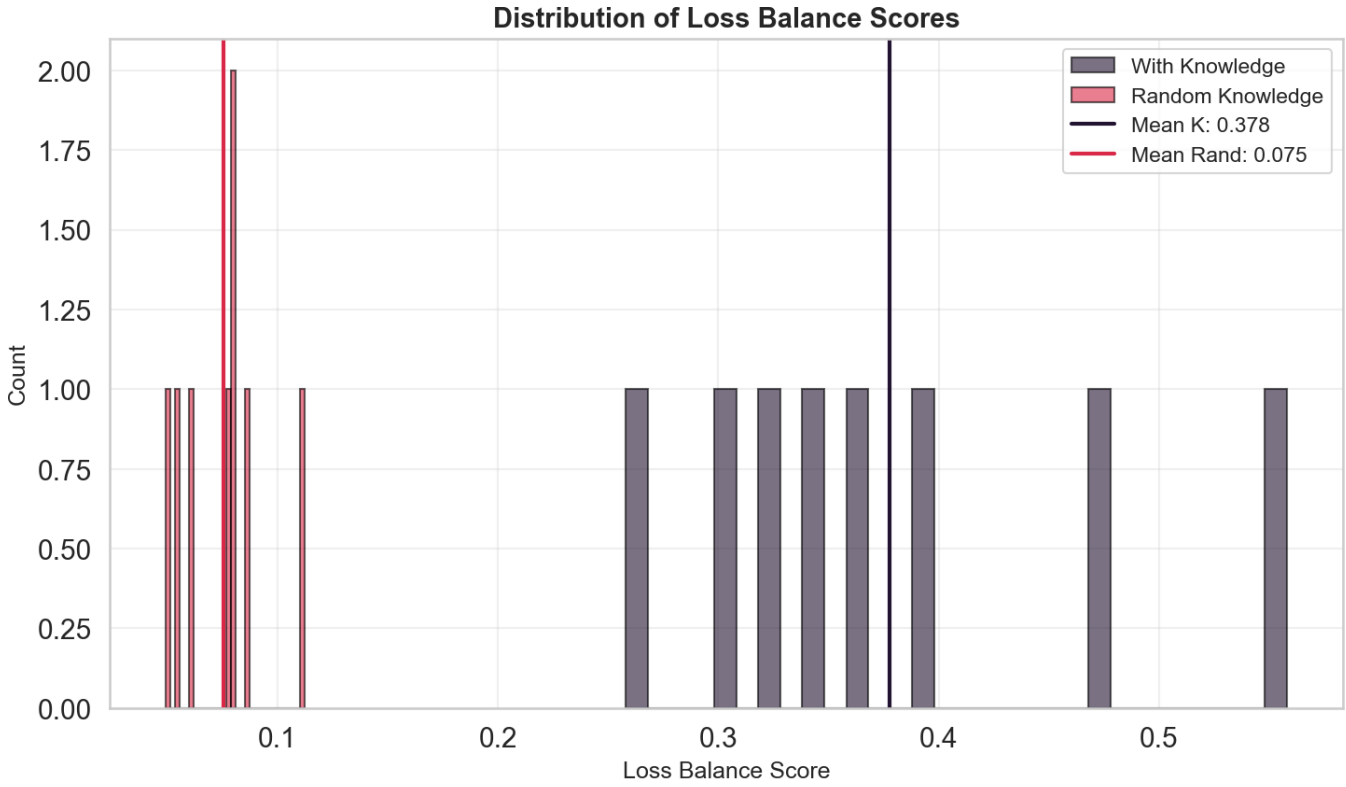

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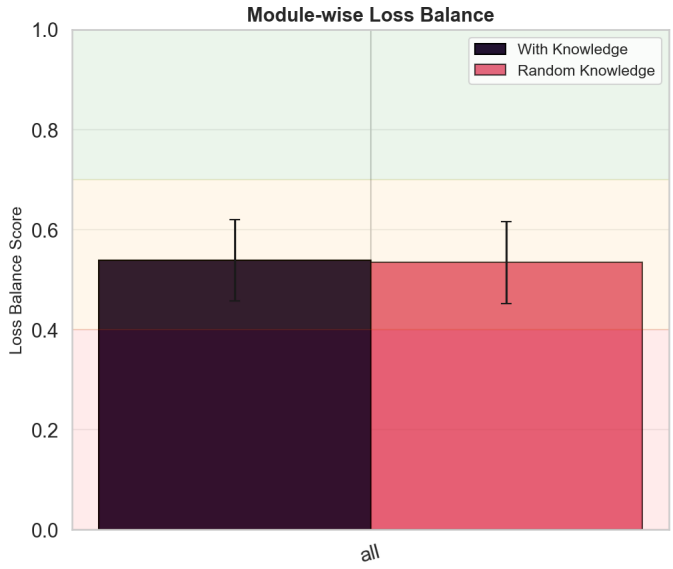

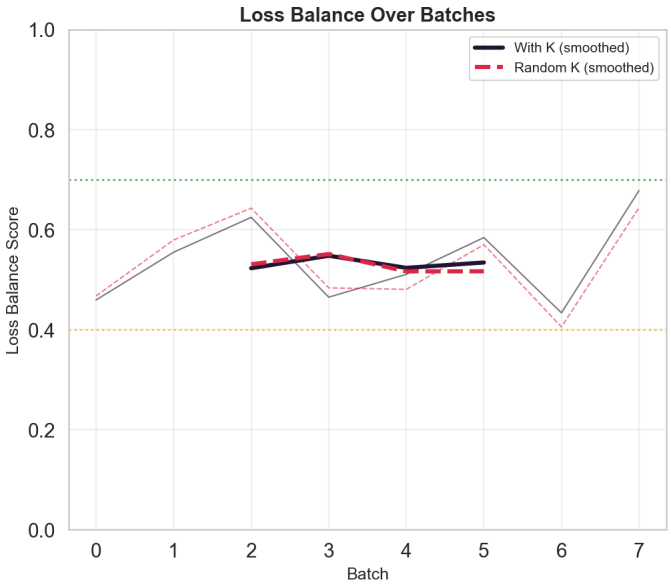

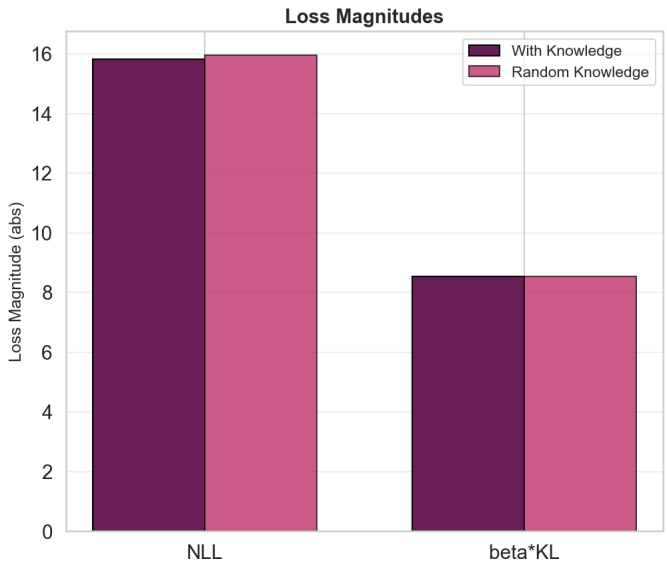

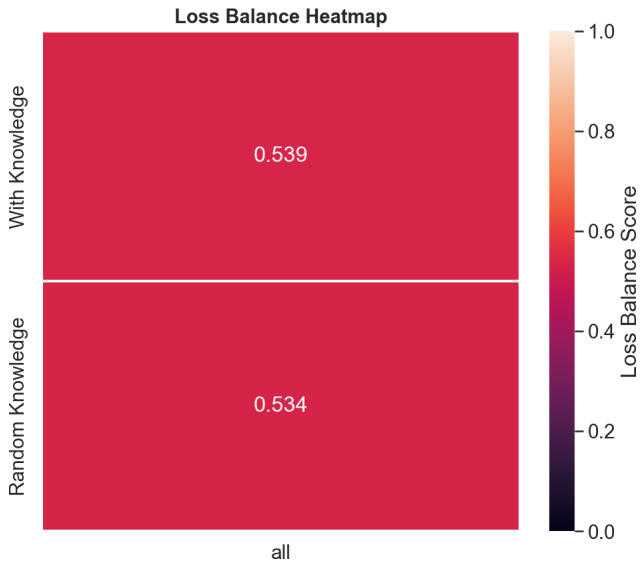

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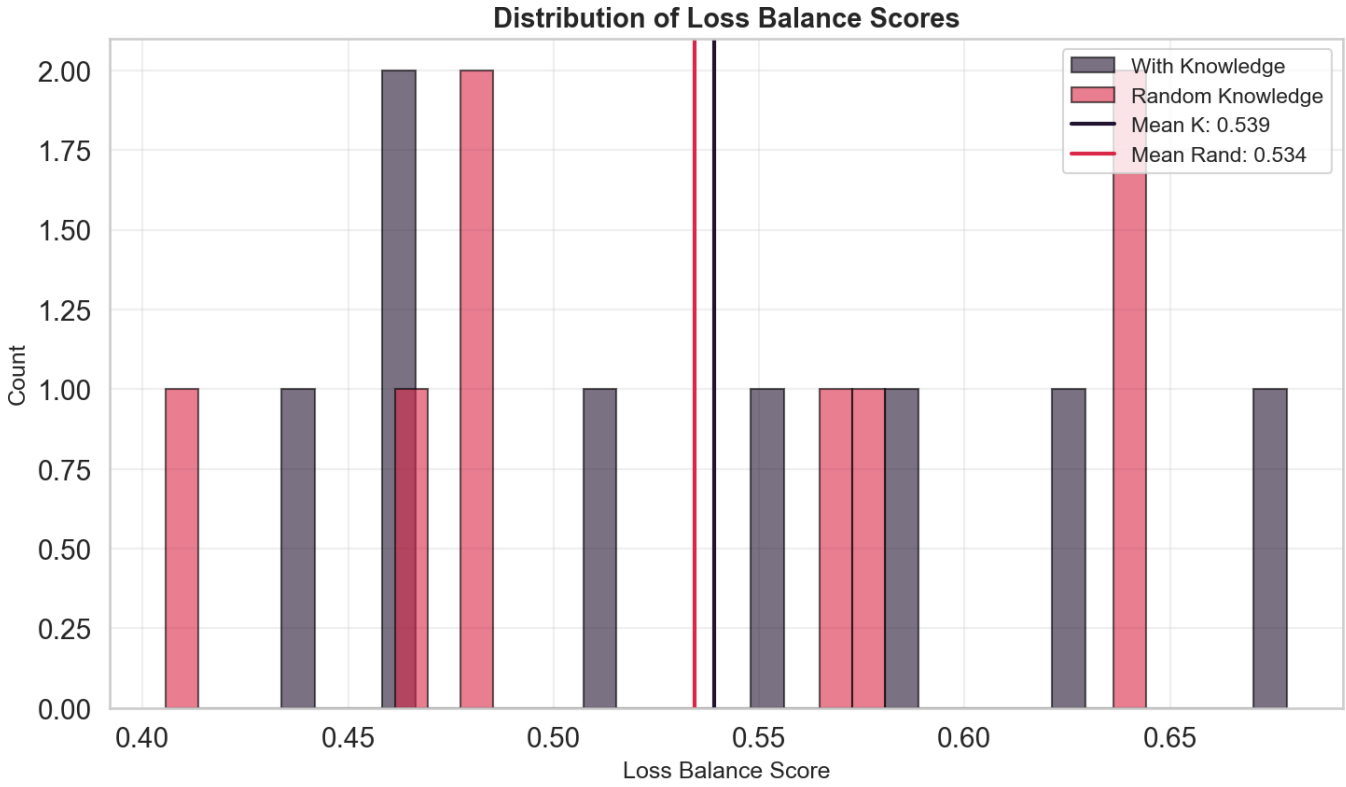

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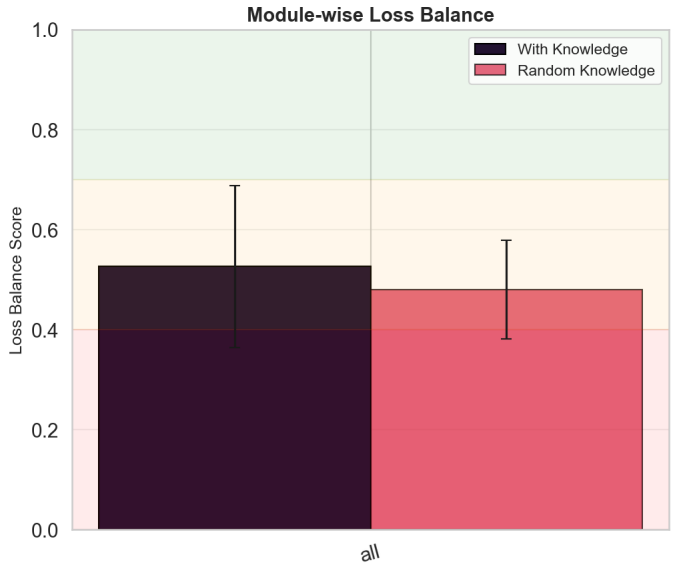

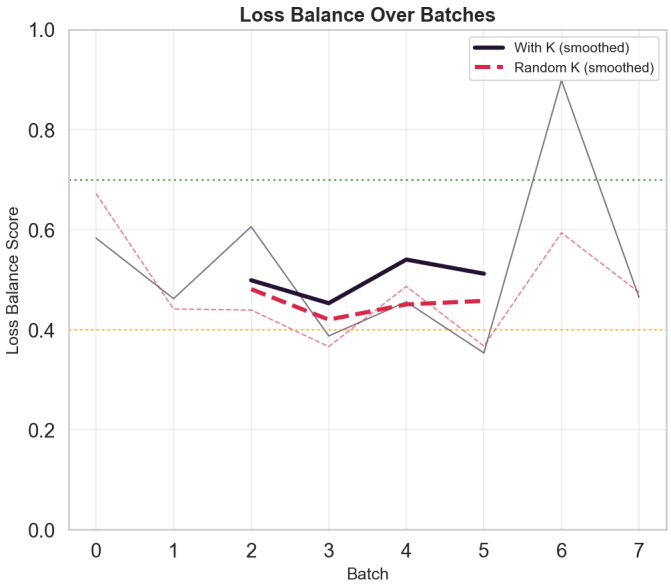

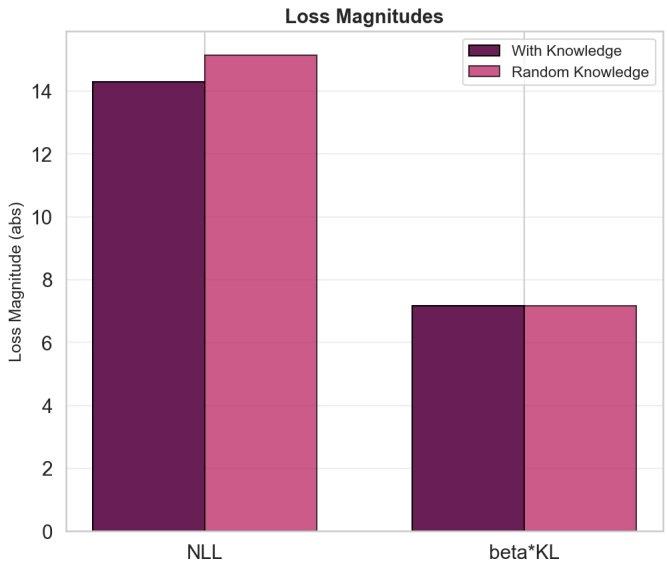

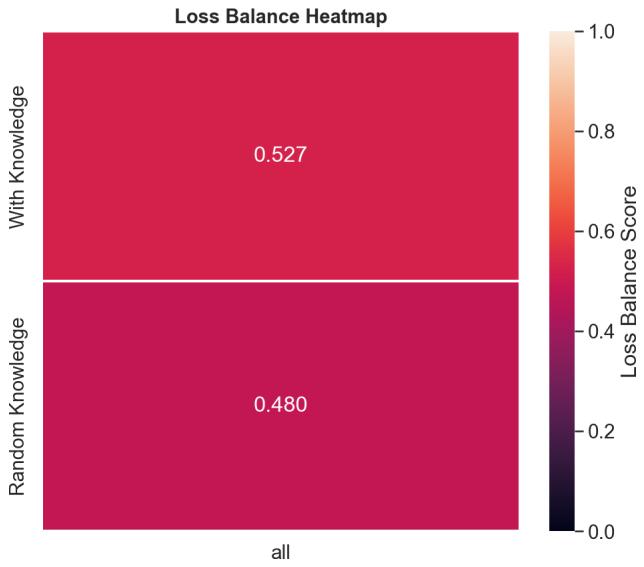

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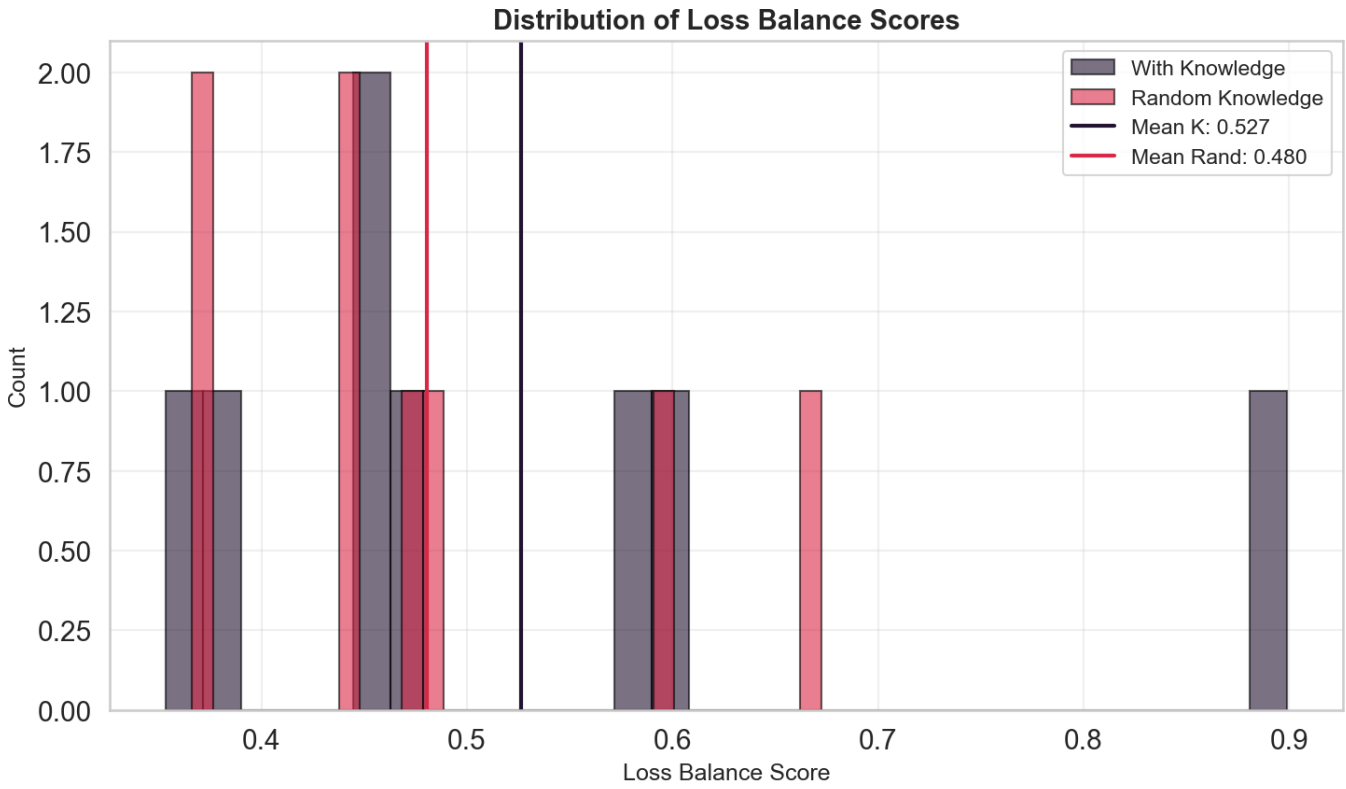


Interpretation

Moderate loss balance indicates:

1. Knowledge improves loss balance over random baseline
2. NLL and beta*KL are reasonably balanced
3. Model isn't collapsing to trivial solutions

M5: Causal Activation Patching

Theory

We perform interchange interventions to test causal role of knowledge:

1. Take a recipient task with its knowledge K_r
2. Take a donor task with its knowledge K_d
3. Patch donor's knowledge encoding into recipient's computation
4. Measure how predictions shift toward donor

Metrics:

- **Transfer Ratio**: Fraction of ideal shift achieved
- **Alignment**: Cosine similarity between shift and ideal direction
- **MSE Improvement**: Reduction in MSE to donor ground truth

Results

Model	Transfer Ratio	Alignment	MSE Improvement	Causal Efficacy

Model	Transfer Ratio	Alignment	MSE Improvement	Causal Efficacy
inp_abc2_0	41.3%	0.49	0.49	0.56
inp_abc__0	53.0%	0.53	0.33	0.63
inp_b_dist_shift_0	65.1%	0.61	0.40	0.70
np_0	N/A	N/A	N/A	Skipped (no K)

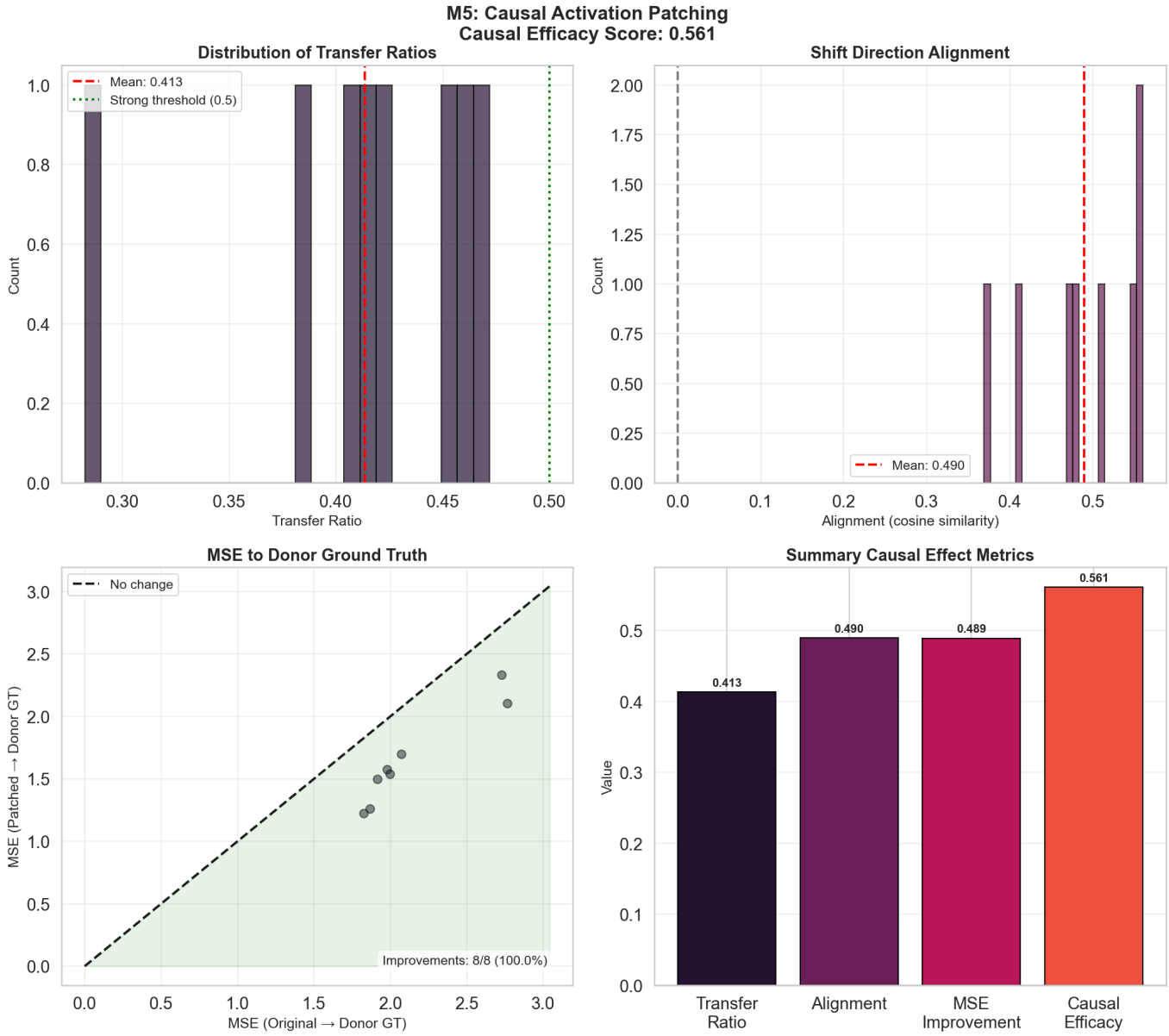
Key Findings:

- Moderate to strong causal efficacy (41-65% transfer)
- Shift direction is partially aligned with ideal (0.49-0.61)
- Patching improves prediction of donor task (MSE reduction 0.33-0.49)
- Higher causal efficacy under distribution shift (65.1%)

Plots

inp_abc2_0

Activation Patching Results:



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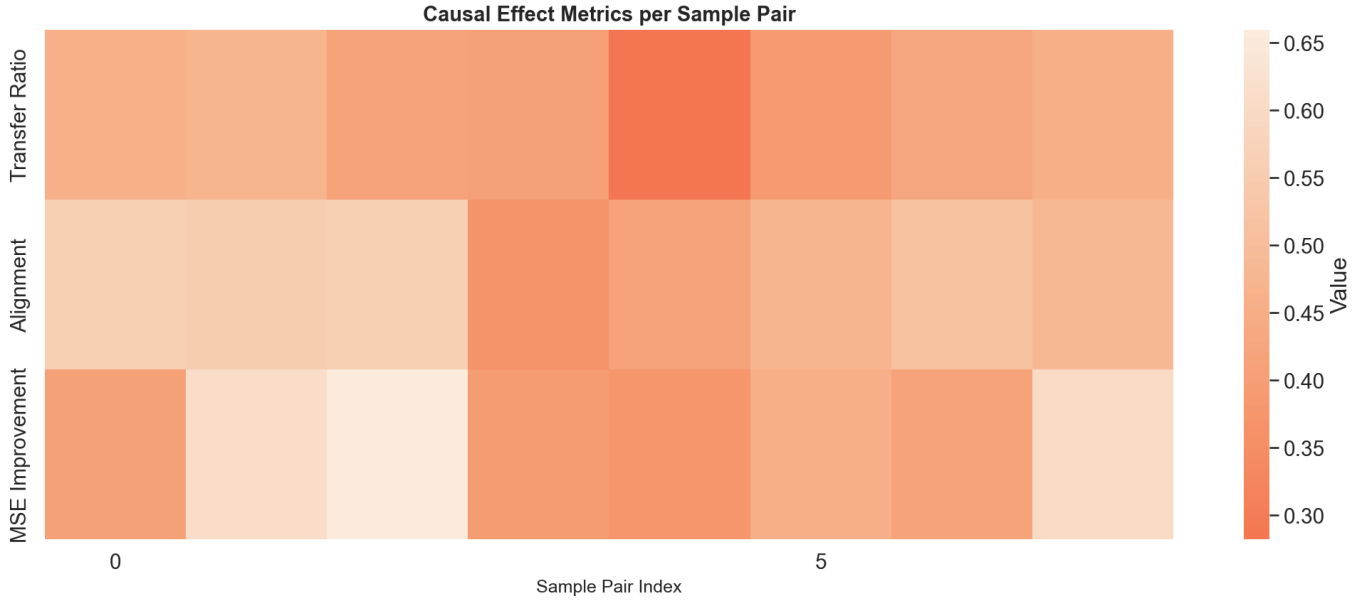

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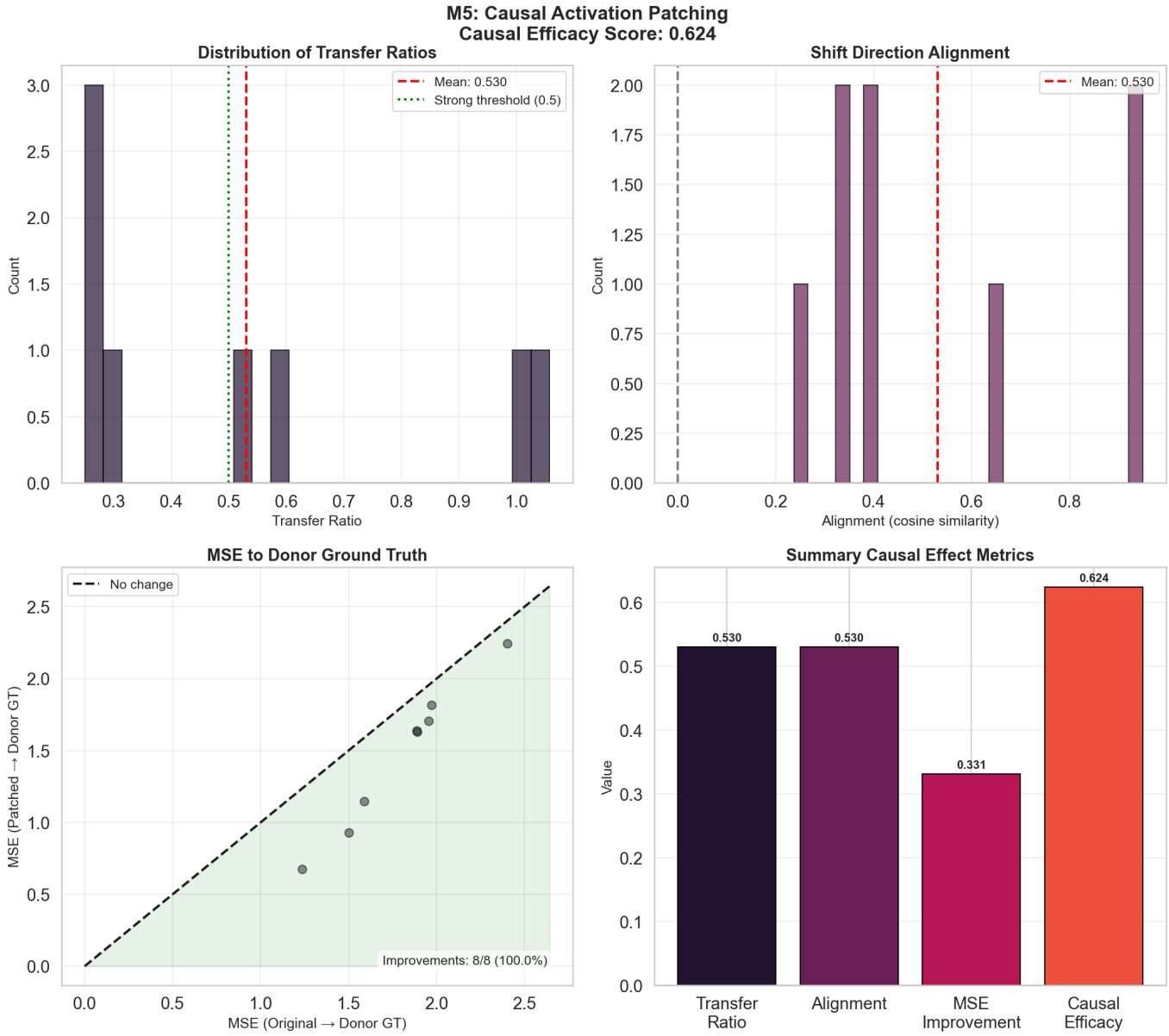

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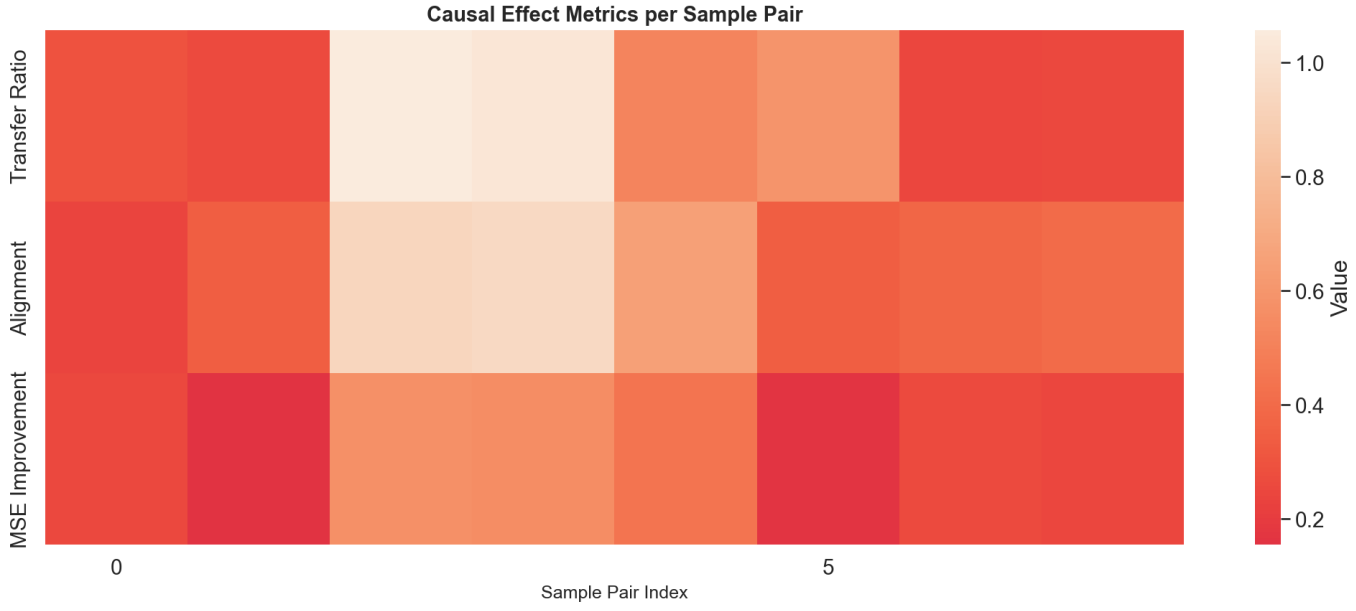

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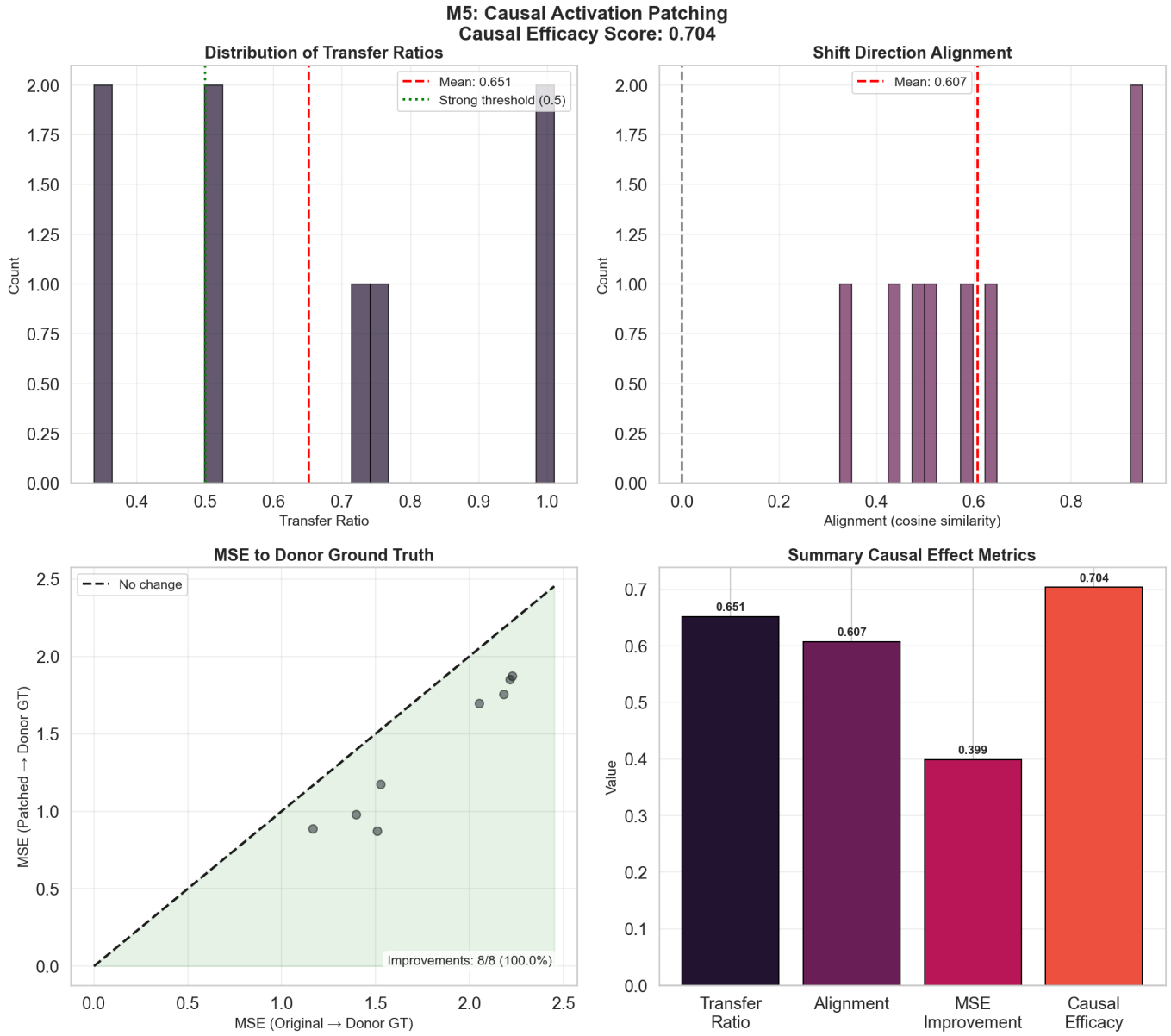

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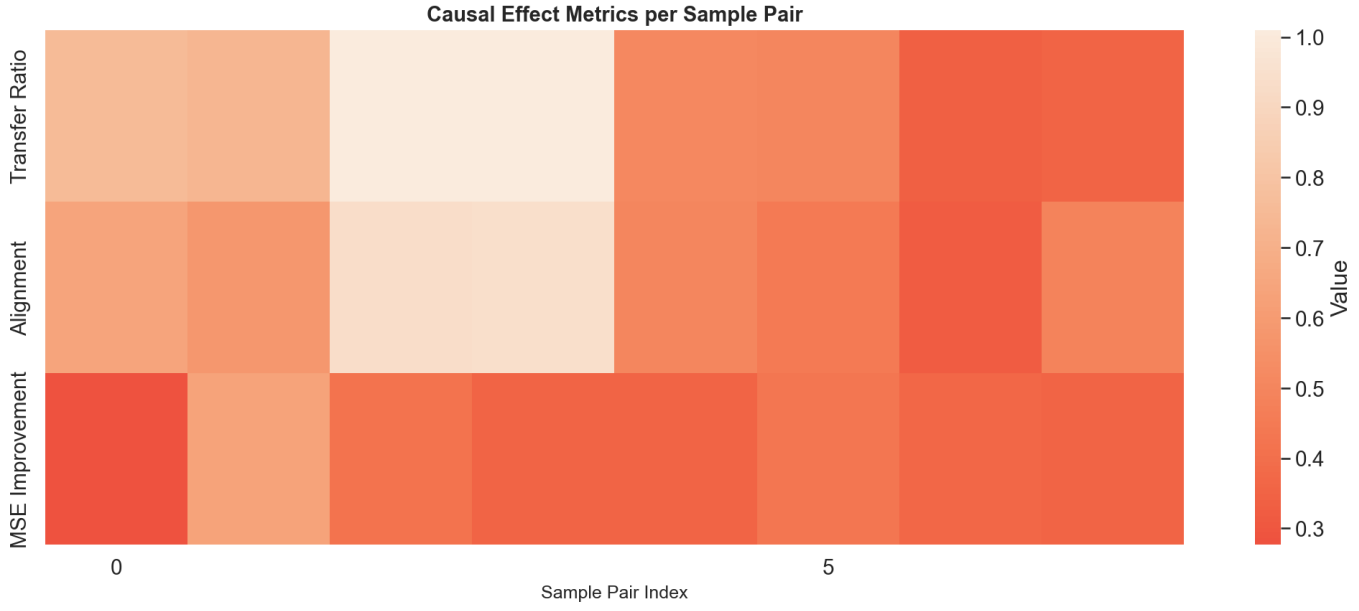

Interpretation

Moderate causal efficacy (41.3% for inp_abc2_0) indicates:

1. Knowledge is causally relevant for predictions
2. Patching achieves partial but not complete transfer
3. Some task information comes from context data (not patchable)
4. Distribution shift model relies more heavily on knowledge (65.1%)

M6: Knowledge Saliency (Integrated Gradients)

Theory

We use Integrated Gradients to attribute predictions to knowledge features:

```
IG_i = (x_i - baseline_i) * integral_{alpha=0}^{1} (dF/dx_i at baseline +
alpha*(x-baseline)) d_alpha
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This reveals which knowledge features (a, b, c) drive model predictions.

Results

inp_abc2_0 Feature Importance:

Feature	Attribution
c (phase/offset)	48.5%
b (frequency)	34.2%
a (amplitude)	17.3%

inp_abc__0 Feature Importance:

Feature	Attribution
c (phase/offset)	48.9%
b (frequency)	31.9%
a (amplitude)	19.1%

inp_b_dist_shift_0:

Feature	Attribution
b (frequency)	100%

Key Findings:

- Phase (c) dominates attribution for abc2/abc models (~48%)
- Frequency (b) is second most important (~34%)
- Amplitude (a) contributes least (~17%)

- Distribution shift model correctly focuses on revealed b parameter

Plots

inp_abc2_0

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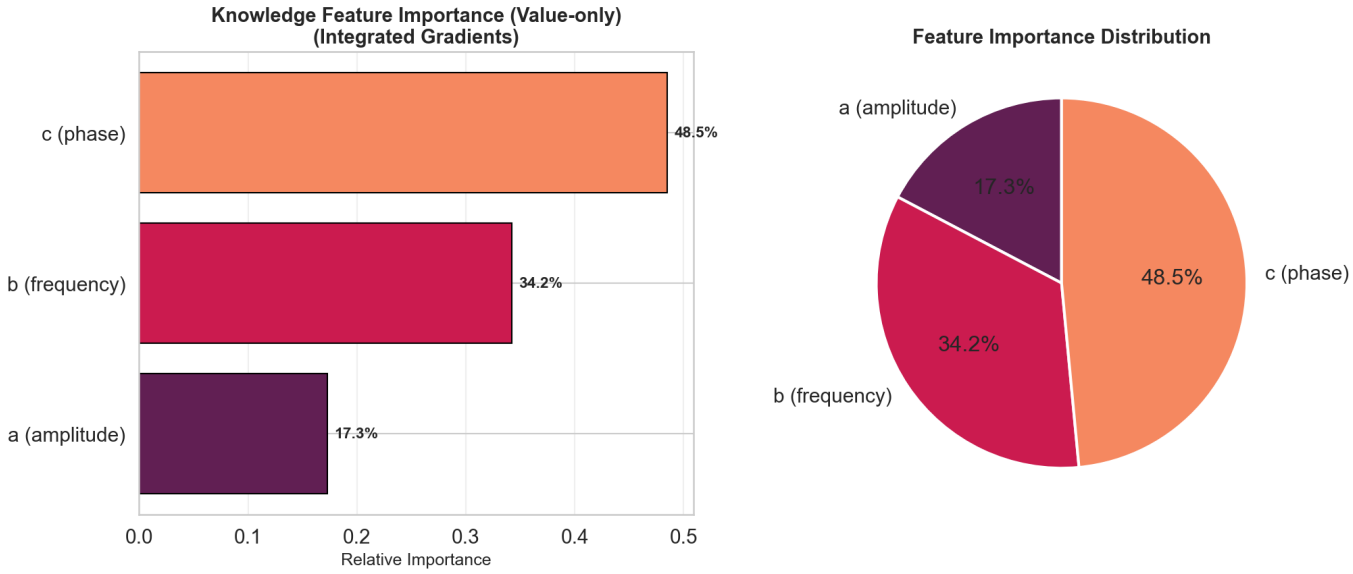

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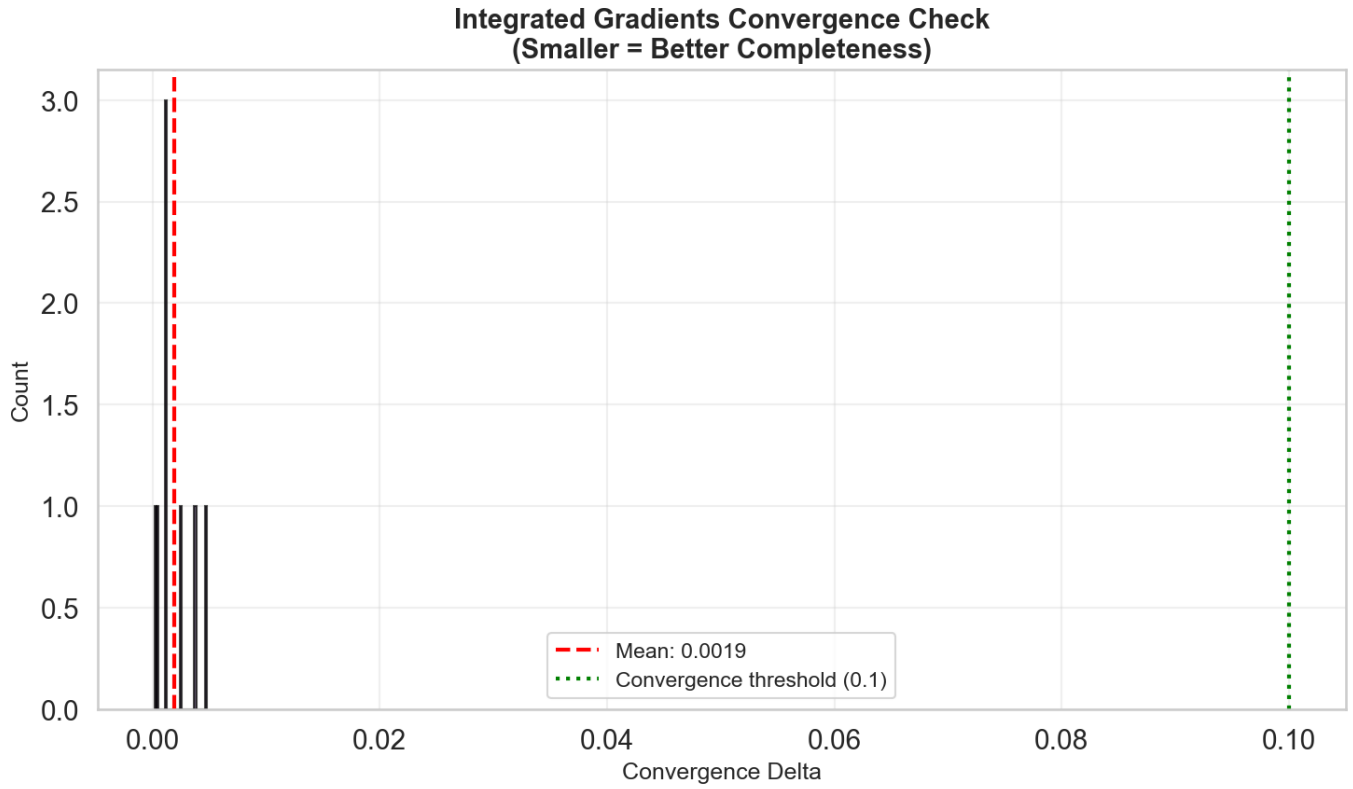

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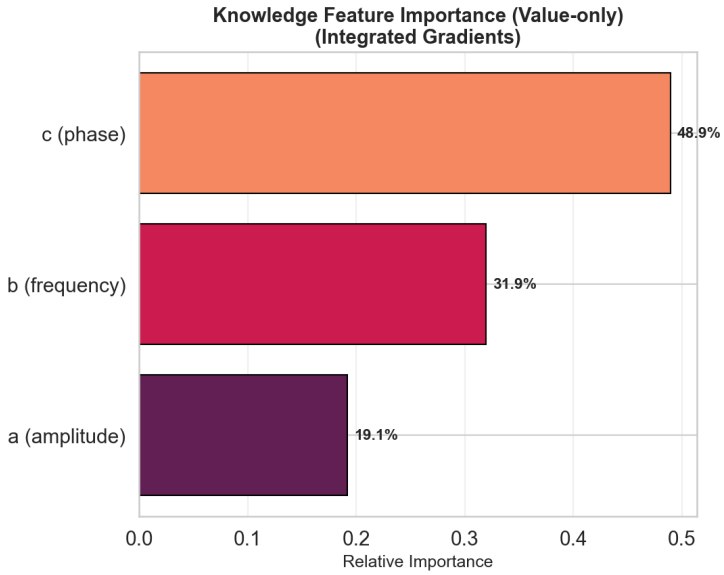

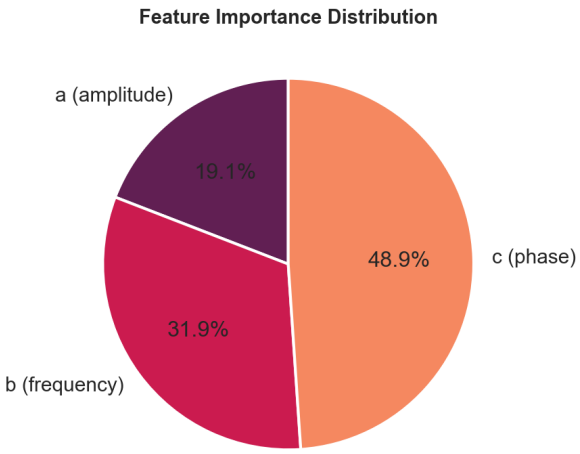

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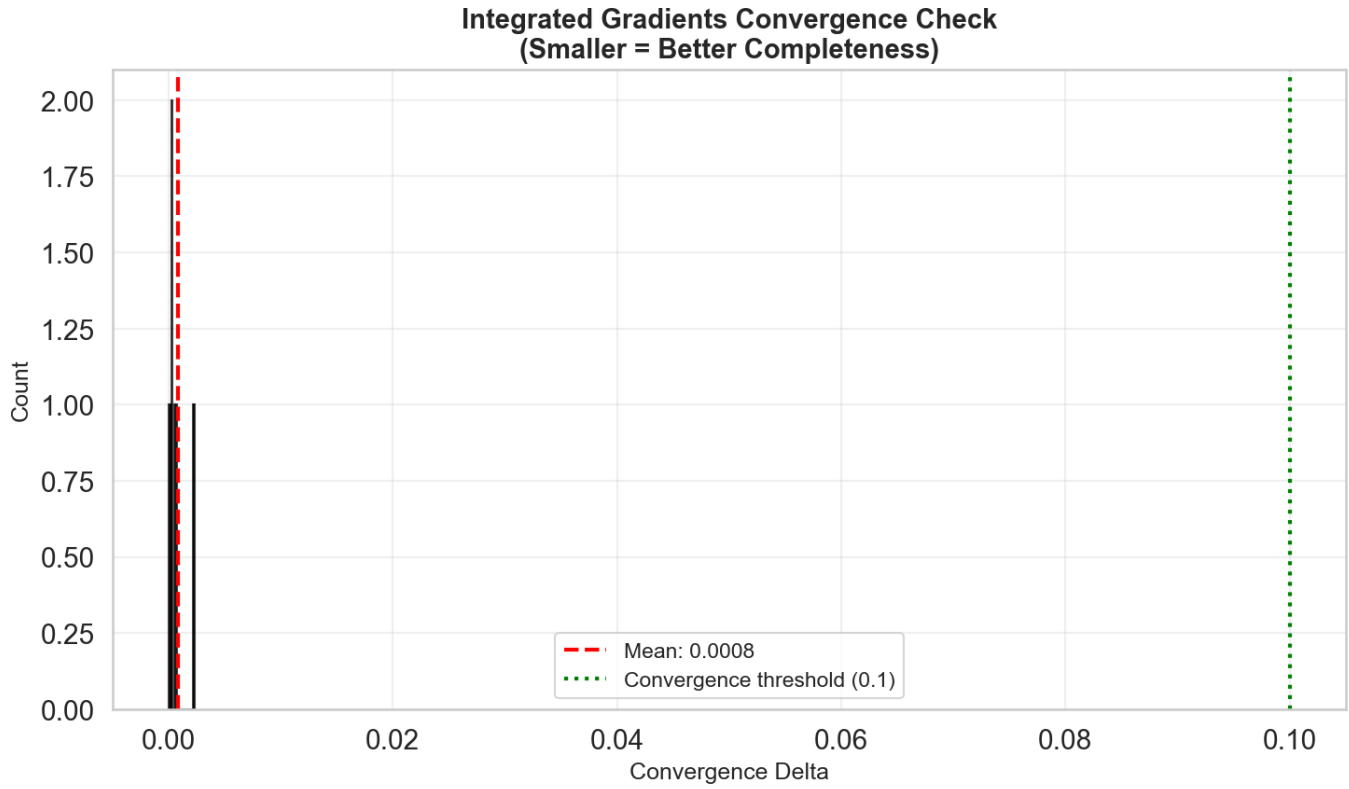

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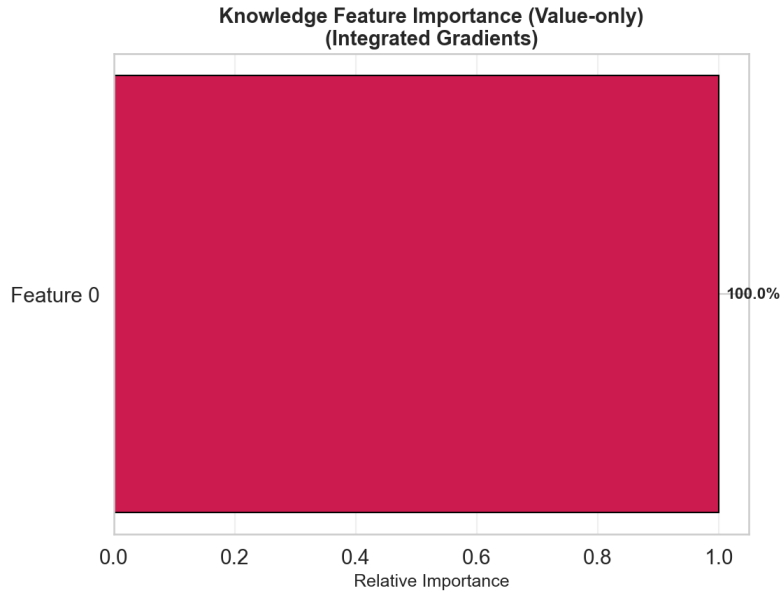

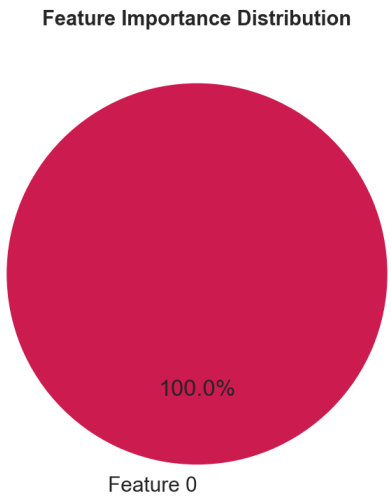

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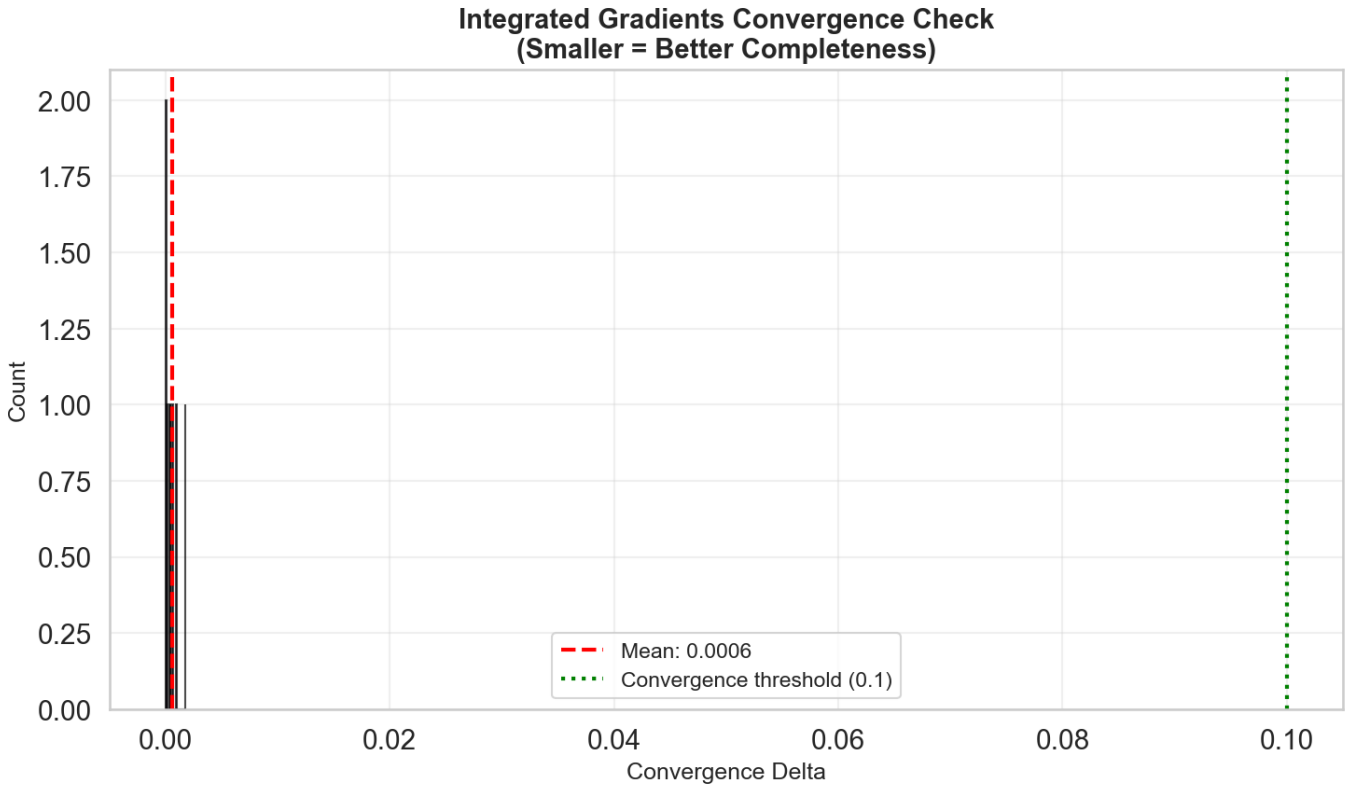

Interpretation

Attribution pattern suggests:

1. Phase/offset is most important for task identification
2. Frequency information is valuable for periodic structure
3. Linear trend (amplitude) is least informative
4. Model correctly uses available knowledge features

M7: Linear Probing

Theory

We train linear and MLP probes to decode task parameters (a, b, c) from latent representations:

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probe: z -> (a_hat, b_hat, c_hat)
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R^2 measures linear decodability. Higher R^2 indicates more structured/disentangled representations.

Results

Model	R^2 (with K)	R^2 (without K)	Knowledge Benefit
inp_abc2_0	0.750	0.568	+0.182
inp_abc__0	0.702	0.536	+0.166
inp_b_dist_shift_0	0.868	0.549	+0.319
np_0	0.148	0.148	0.000
np_dist_shift_0	0.523	0.523	0.000

Per-Parameter R^2 (inp_abc2_0):

Parameter	R^2 (with K)	R^2 (without K)
a (amplitude)	0.808	0.631
b (frequency)	0.581	0.371
c (phase)	0.862	0.703

Key Findings:

- INP achieves R^2 = 0.75 with knowledge (moderate disentanglement)
- Knowledge significantly improves decodability (+0.18)
- NP baseline has poor decodability (R^2 = 0.15)
- MLP adds little over linear probe (representations are linear)
- Phase (c) is most decodable, frequency (b) least

Plots

inp_abc2_0

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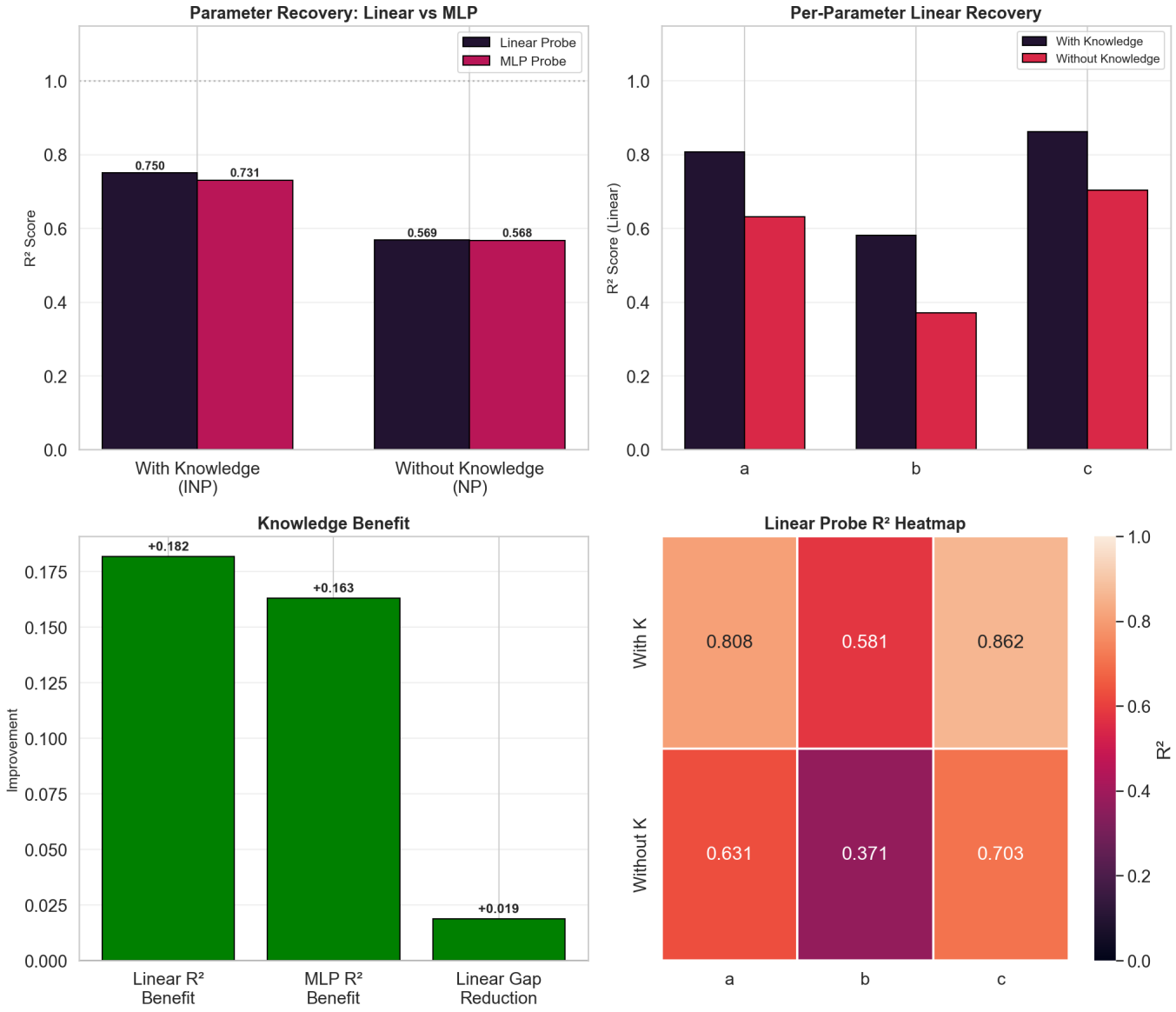

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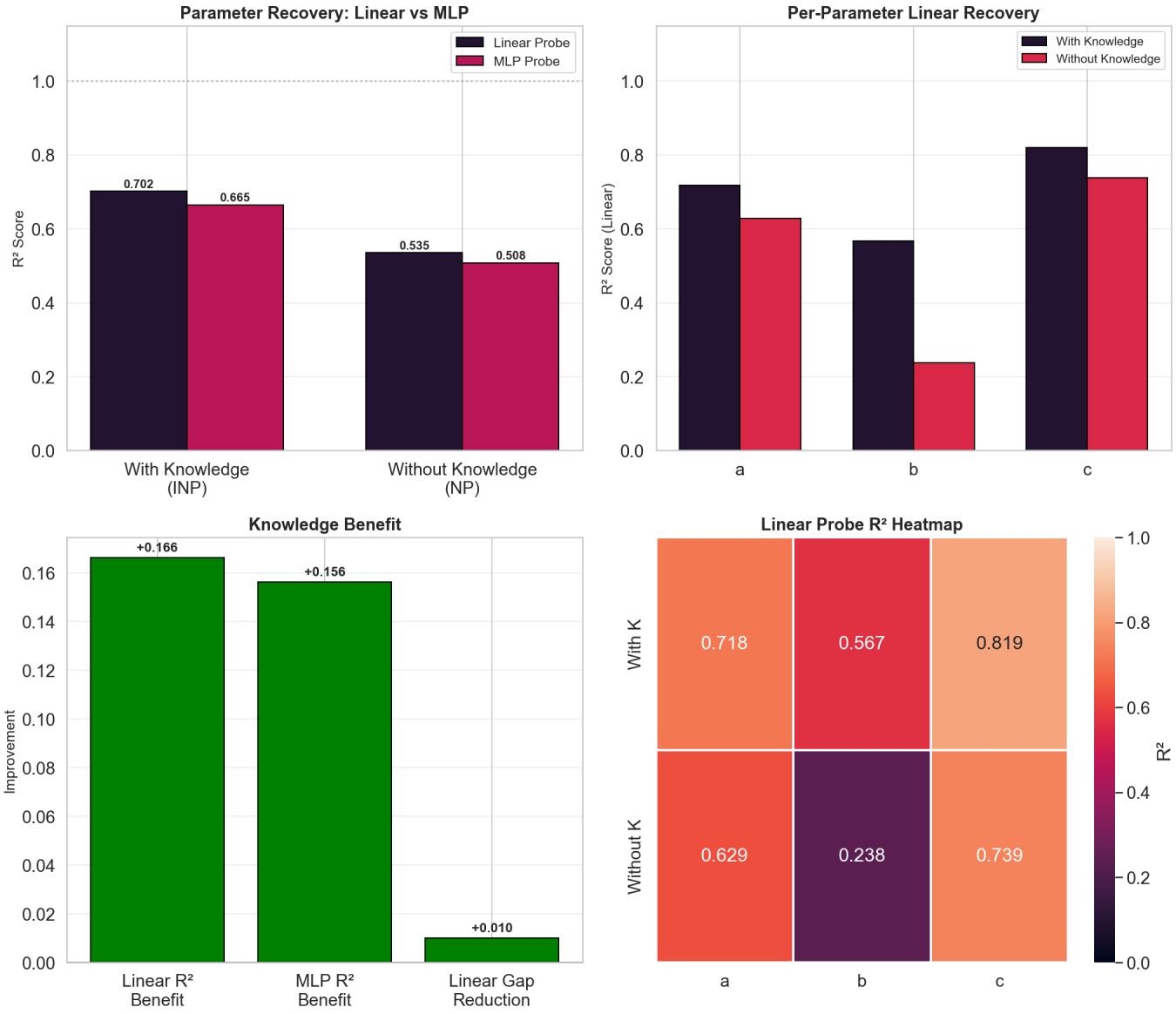

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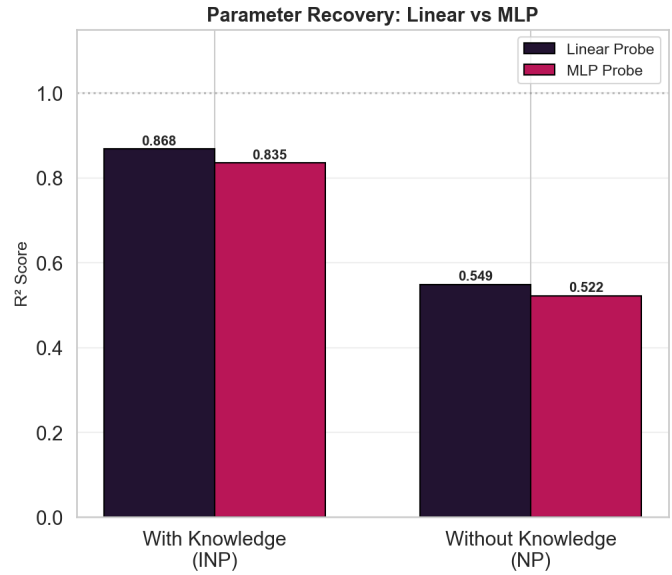

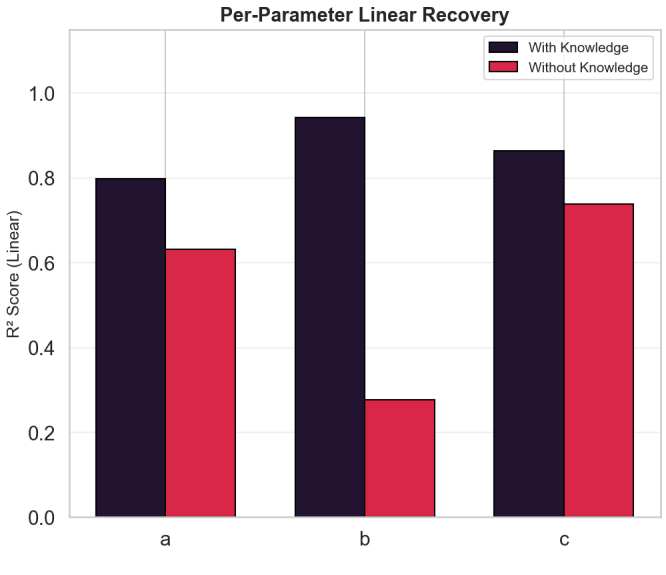

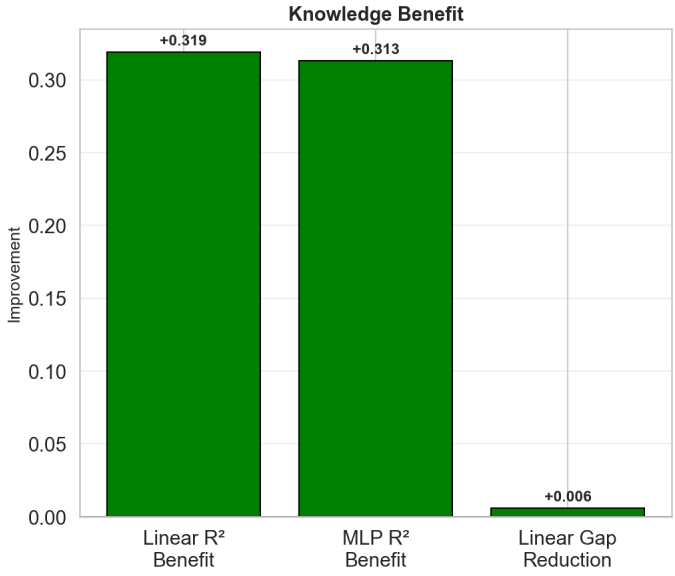

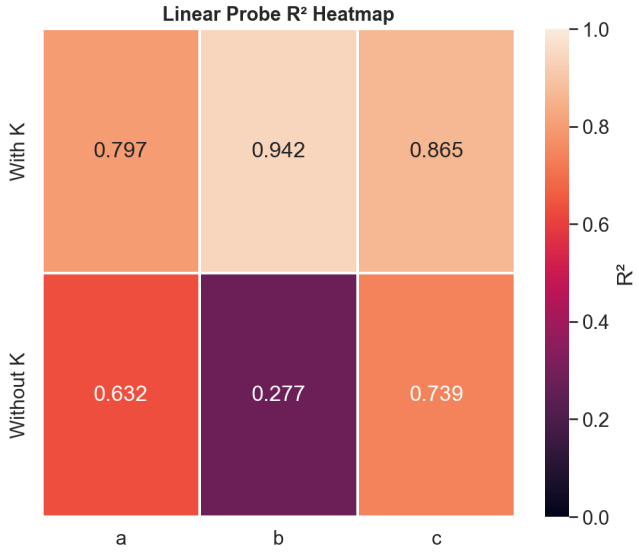

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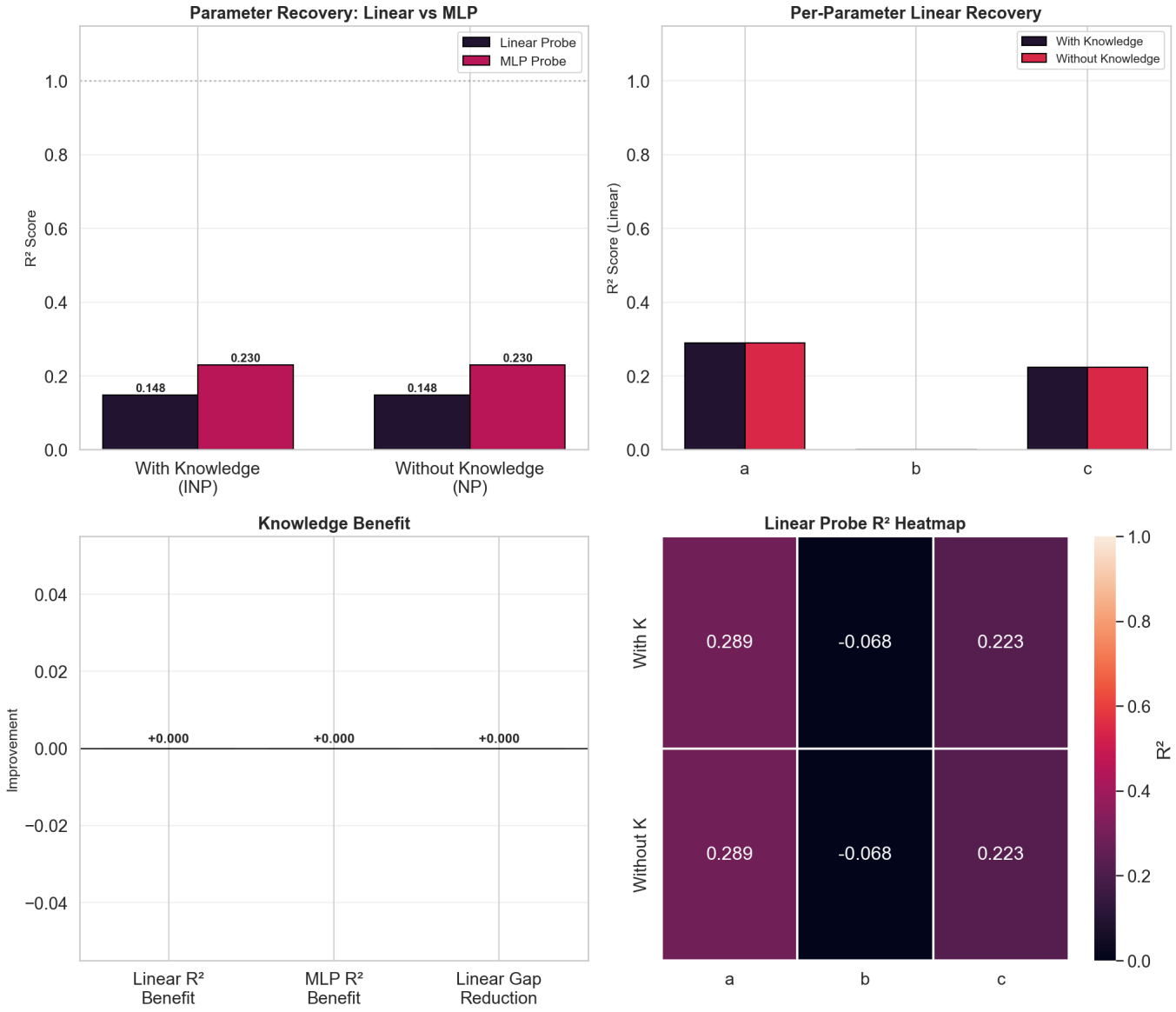

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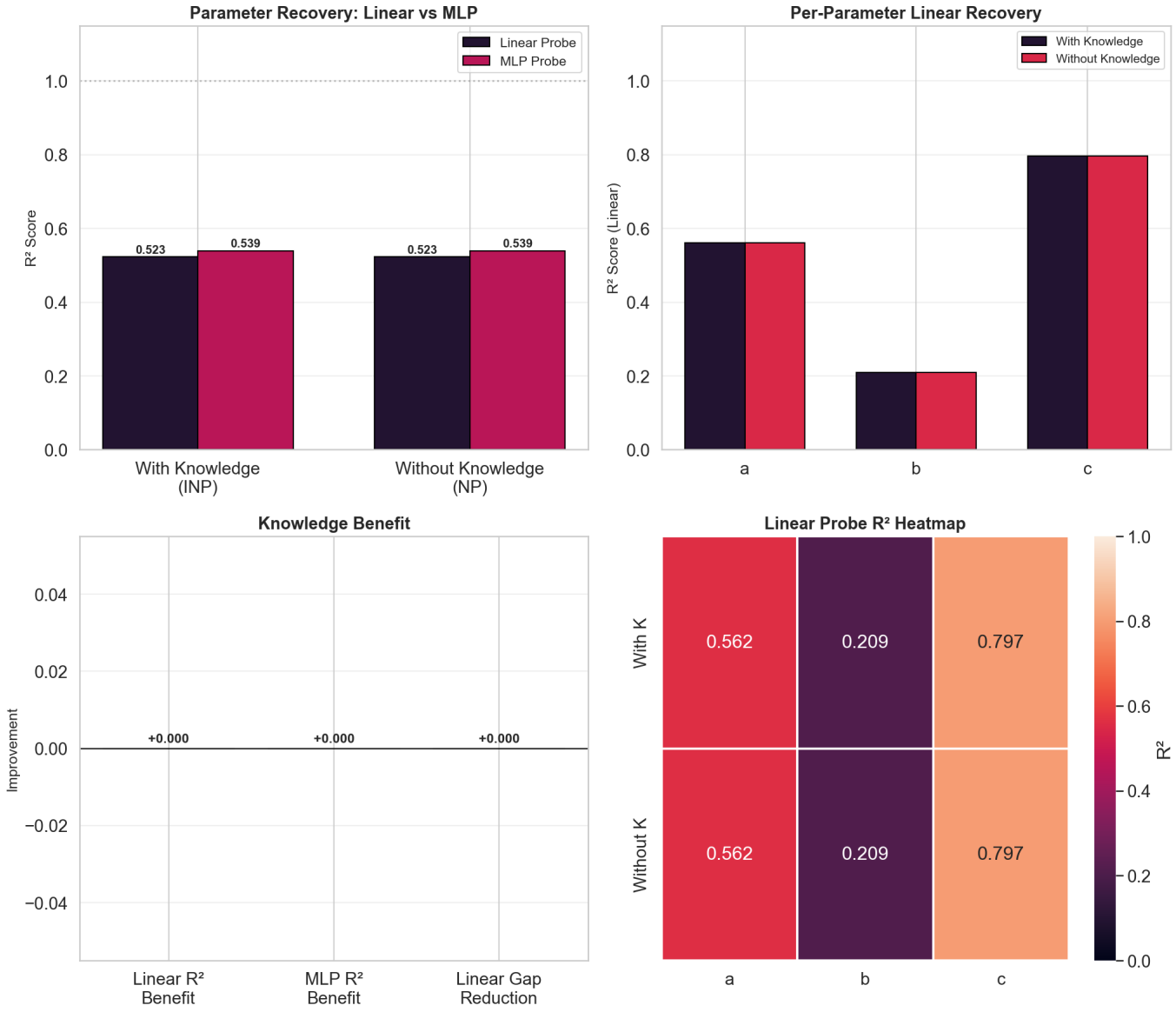

Interpretation

Moderate disentanglement with knowledge benefit indicates:

1. INP latents encode task parameters in linearly accessible form
2. Knowledge explicitly structures the latent space
3. NP latents lack parameter structure (R^2 = 0.15)
4. Representation is highly linear (MLP adds little)

M8: Uncertainty Decomposition

Theory

We decompose predictive uncertainty into:

- **Aleatoric**: Inherent noise, irreducible
- **Epistemic**: Model uncertainty, reducible with more data

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Total = Aleatoric + Epistemic
Epistemic = E_z[Var[y|z]]
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Zero-shot epistemic reduction quantifies the "bit value" of knowledge.

Results

Model	Epistemic (N=0) with K	Without K	Reduction	Bit Value
inp_abc2_0	22.7 nats	29.9 nats	7.20 nats	10.39 bits
inp_abc__0	21.0 nats	25.6 nats	3.63 nats	5.23 bits
inp_b_dist_shift_0	25.7 nats	28.3 nats	2.59 nats	3.74 bits
np_0	29.9 nats	29.8 nats	-0.12 nats	0 bits
np_dist_shift_0	-	-	0.04 nats	0.05 bits

Uncertainty Convergence (inp_abc2_0):

Context Size	Epistemic (with K)	Epistemic (without K)
0	22.7	29.9
1	21.0	25.6
3	13.6	18.7
5	11.0	15.3
10	7.7	11.4
20	6.1	8.3
30	4.1	5.8

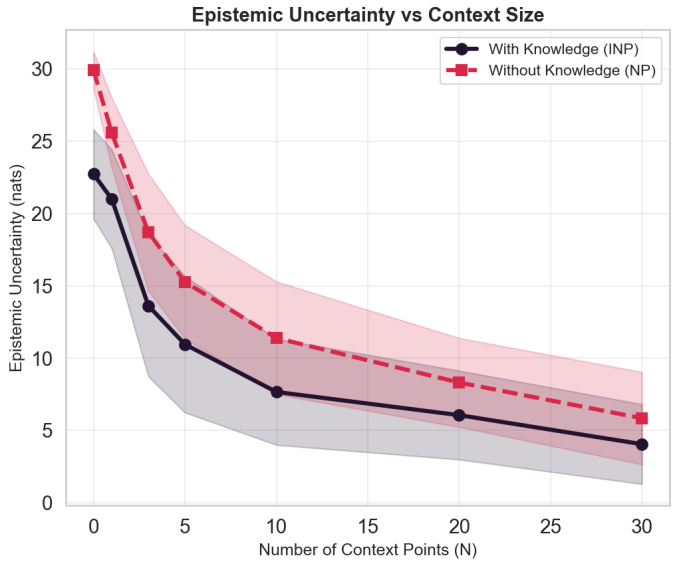
Key Findings:

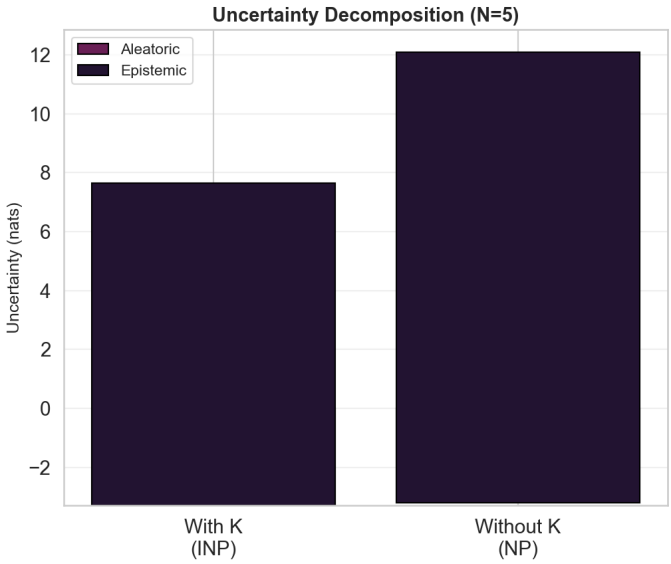
- Knowledge provides 10.4 bits of zero-shot epistemic reduction
- Equivalent to ~10 context points of information
- NP shows no reduction (0 bits) as expected
- Aleatoric uncertainty is consistent (sanity check passed)
- Distribution shift reduces knowledge value (3.7 bits vs 10.4 bits)

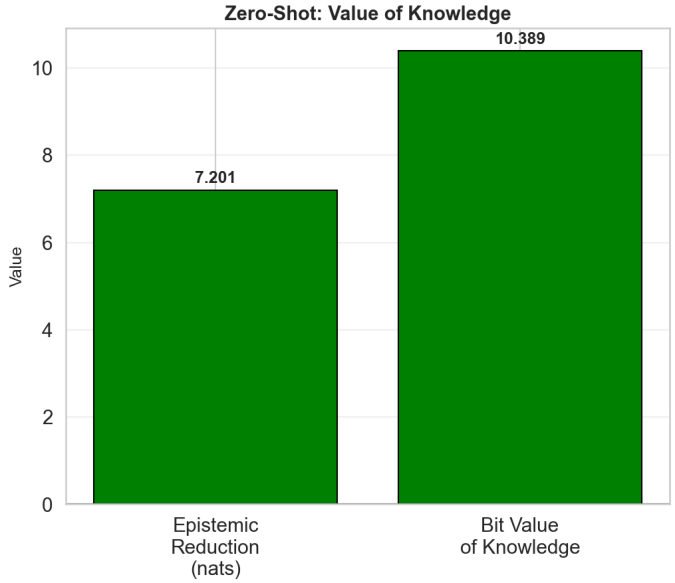
Plots

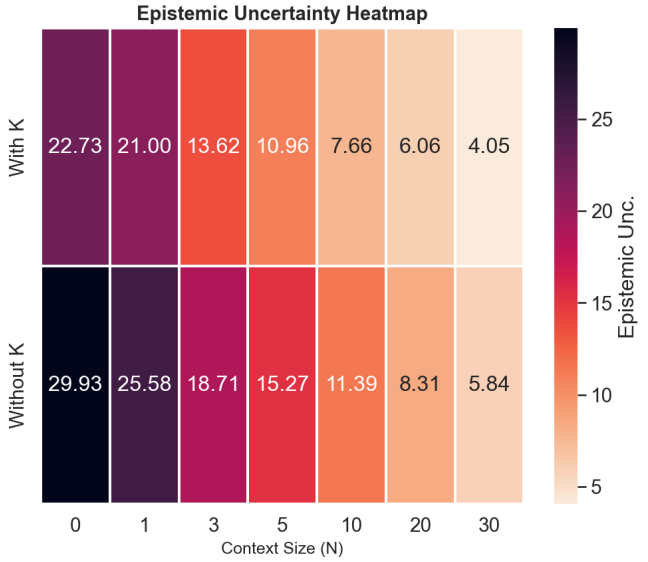
inp_abc2_0

Uncertainty Decomposition:









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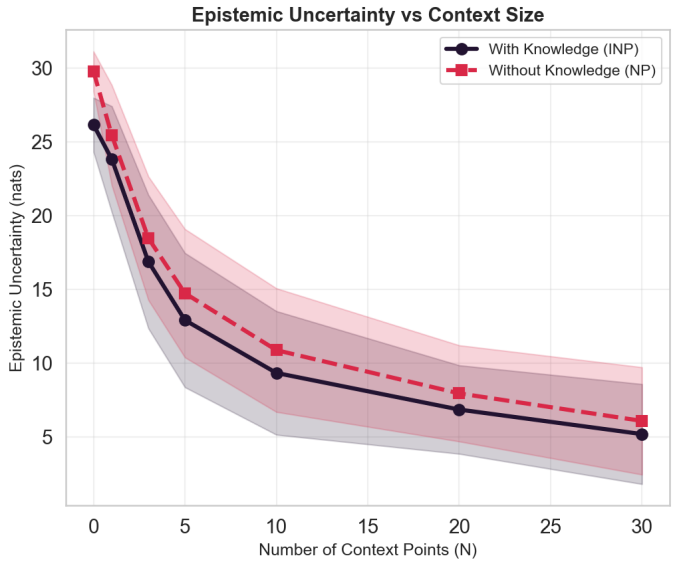

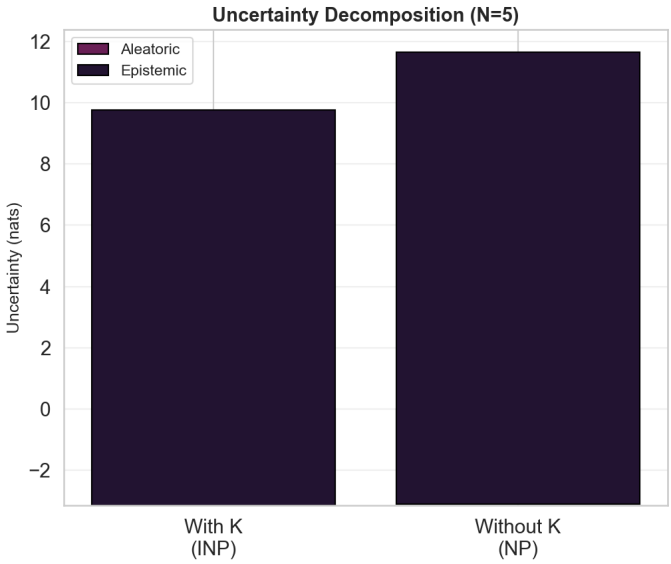

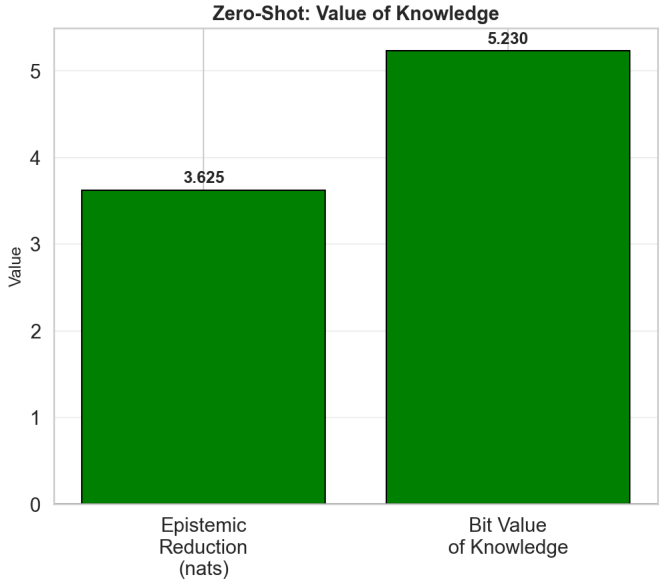

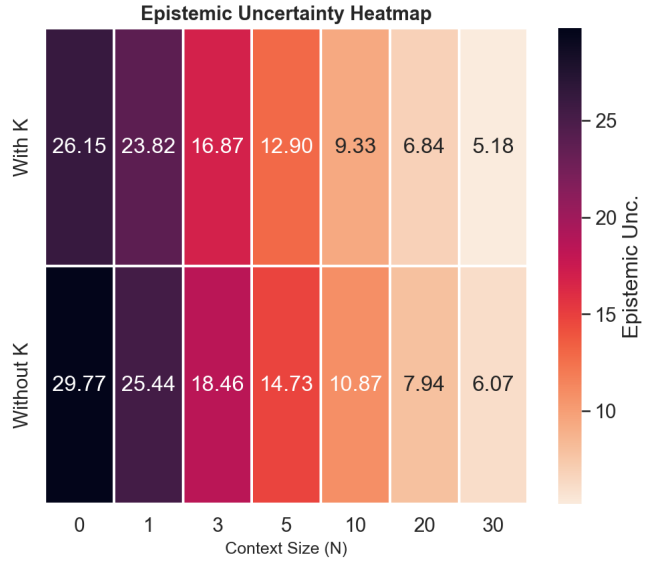

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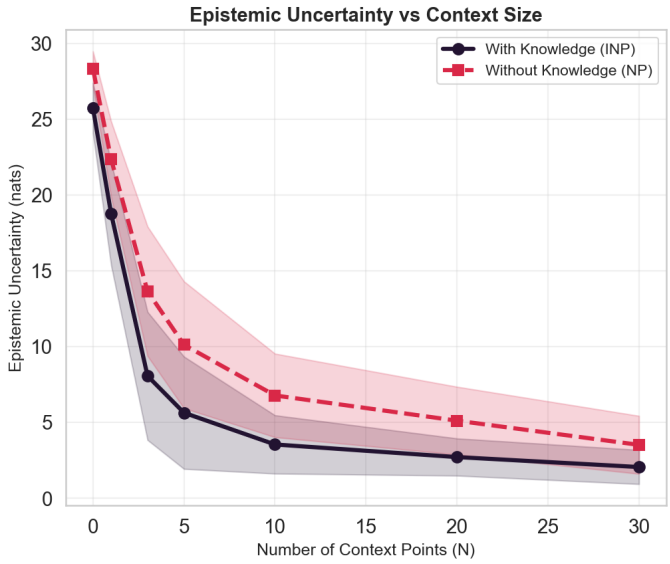

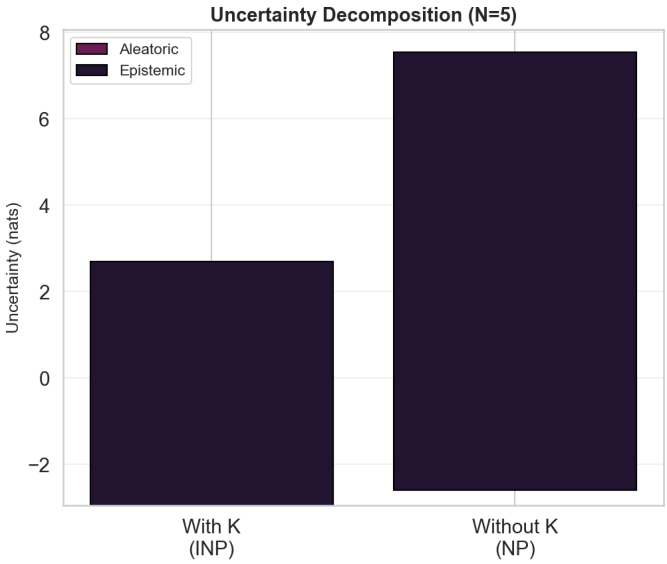

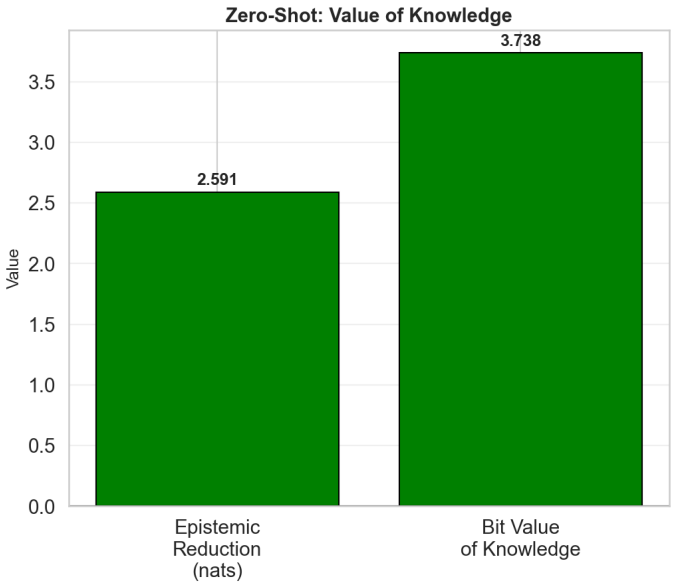

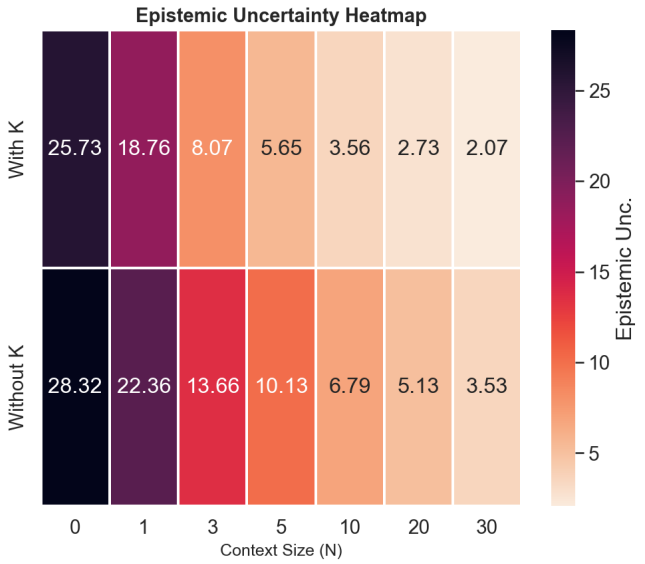

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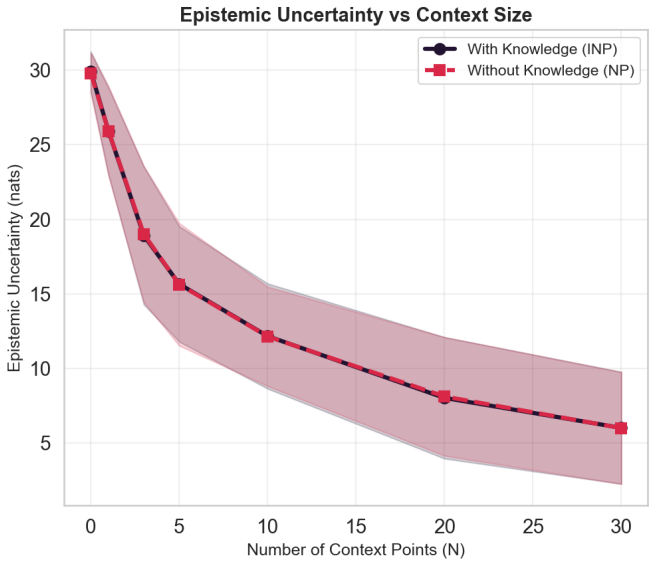

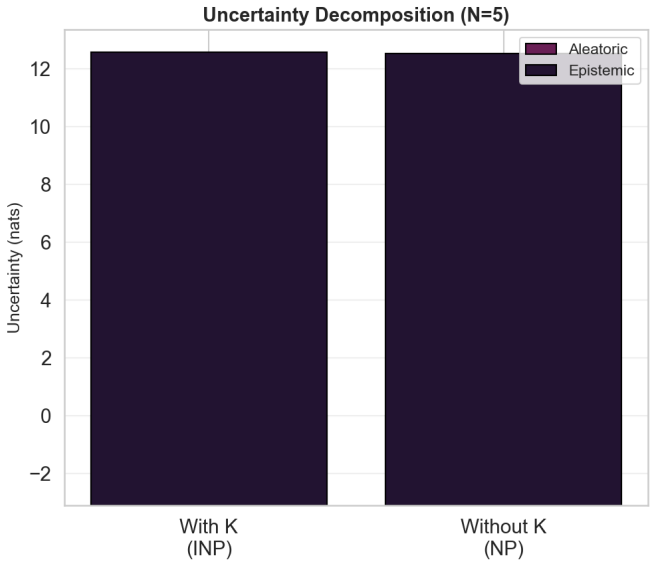

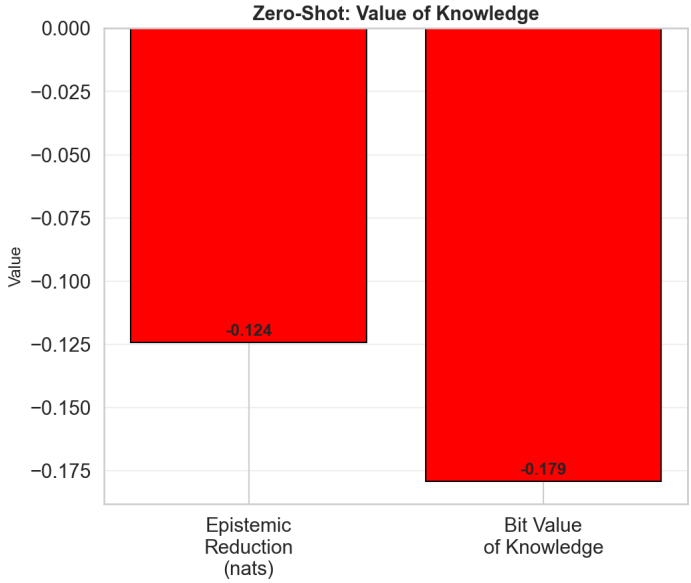

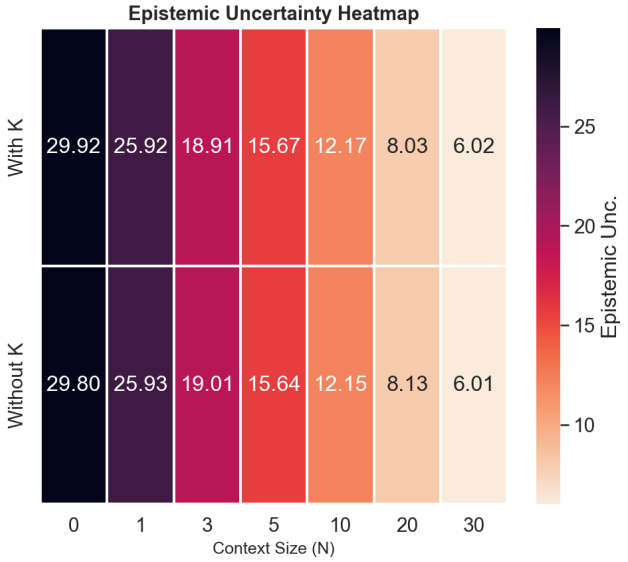

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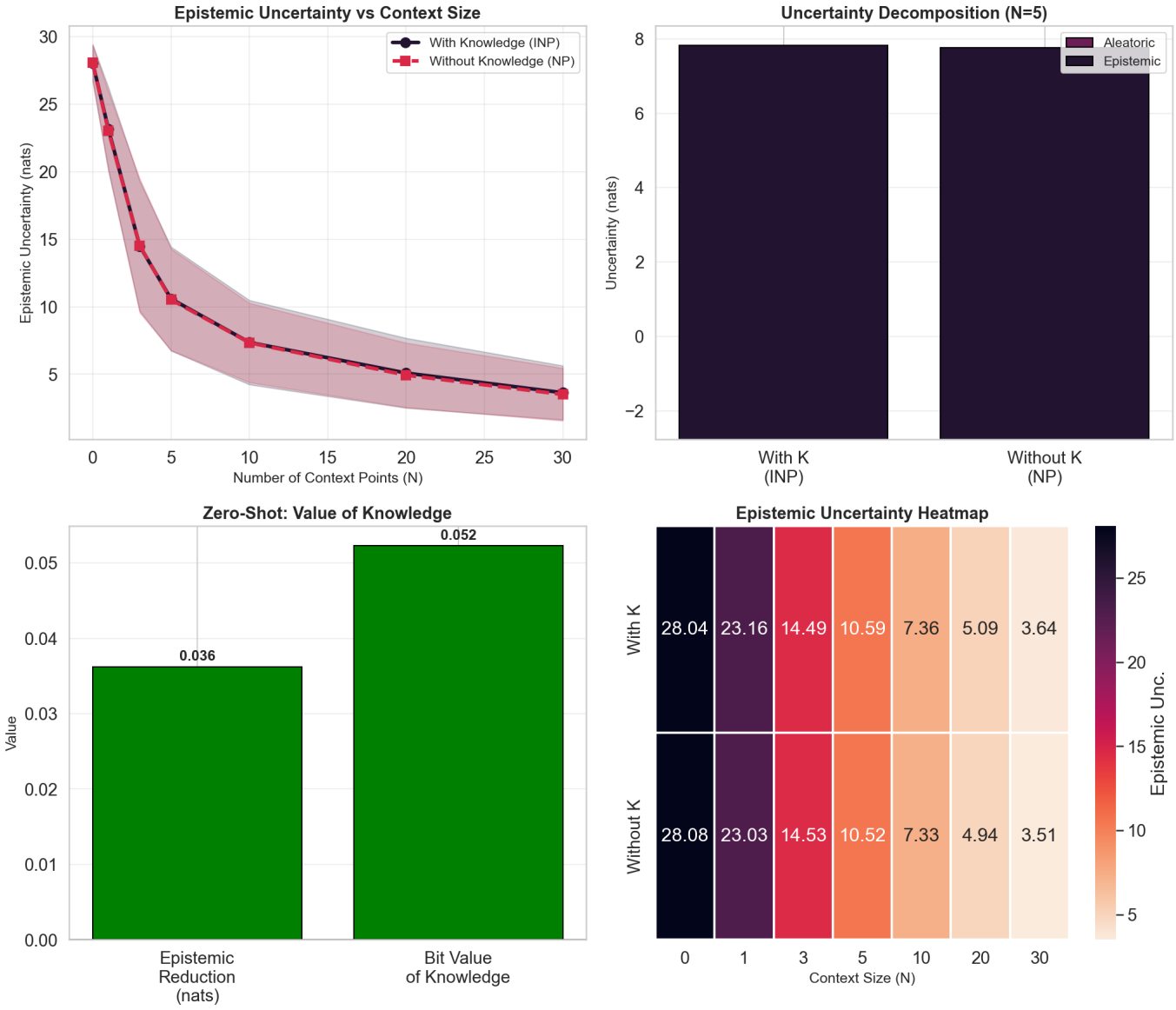

Interpretation

Knowledge provides substantial prior information:

1. 10.4 bits of zero-shot epistemic reduction for inp_abc2_0
2. Equivalent to observing ~10 context points
3. NP baseline confirms this is knowledge-specific
4. Distribution shift reduces but doesn't eliminate knowledge value

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M9: Spectral Analysis (HTSR)

Theory

We fit power-law to eigenvalue spectra of weight matrices:

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P(lambda) ~ lambda^(-alpha)
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Alpha ranges:

- alpha < 2: Overfit tendency (heavy-tailed)
- alpha in [2, 4]: Goldilocks zone (well-trained)
- alpha > 6: Underfit tendency

Results

inp_abc2_0 Summary:

Metric	Value
Mean alpha	1.84
Std alpha	0.28
Min alpha	1.26
Max alpha	2.61
Layers in Goldilocks	2/15 (13%)
Layers with Overfit	13/15 (87%)

By Module:

Module	Mean alpha	Std alpha
xy_encoder	2.01	0.43
x_encoder	2.06	0.0
latent_encoder	1.76	0.23
decoder	1.81	0.09

Comparison Across Models:

Model	Mean alpha	Interpretation
inp_abc2_0	1.84	Overfit tendency
inp_abc__0	1.85	Overfit tendency
inp_b_dist_shift_0	1.94	Overfit tendency
np_0	1.89	Overfit tendency
np_dist_shift_0	1.91	Overfit tendency

Key Findings:

- Mean alpha = 1.84 < 2 suggests overfit tendency
- 13/15 layers show overfit tendency
- xy_encoder and x_encoder closer to Goldilocks (~2.0)
- latent_encoder most heavy-tailed (~1.76)

- All models show similar patterns

Plots

inp_abc2_0

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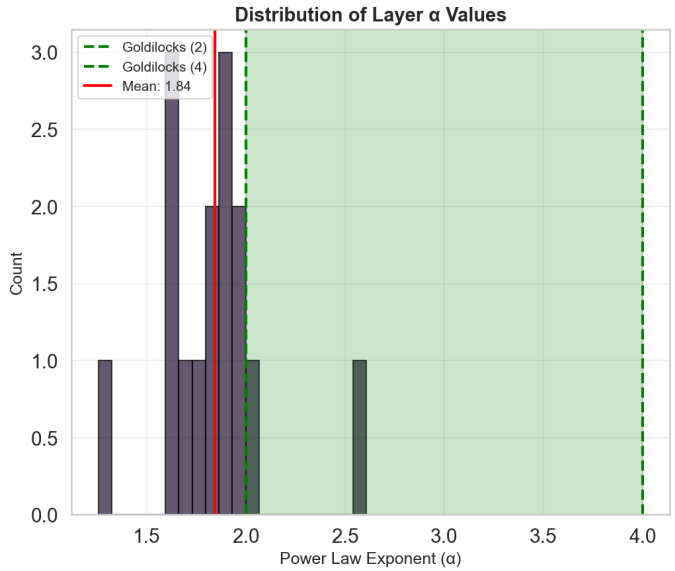

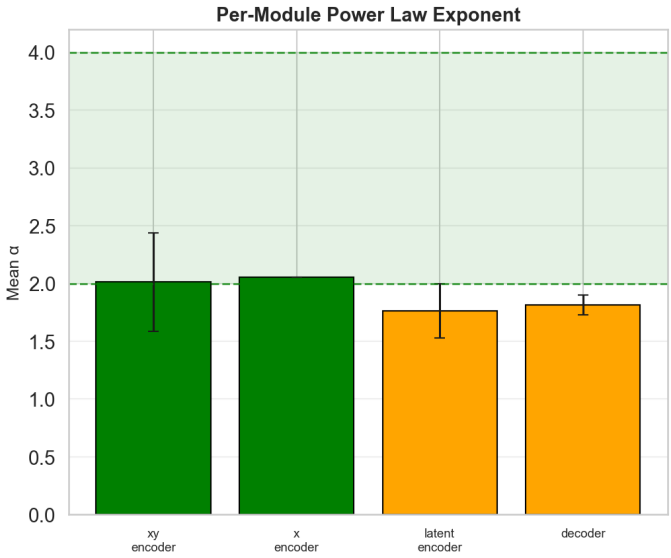

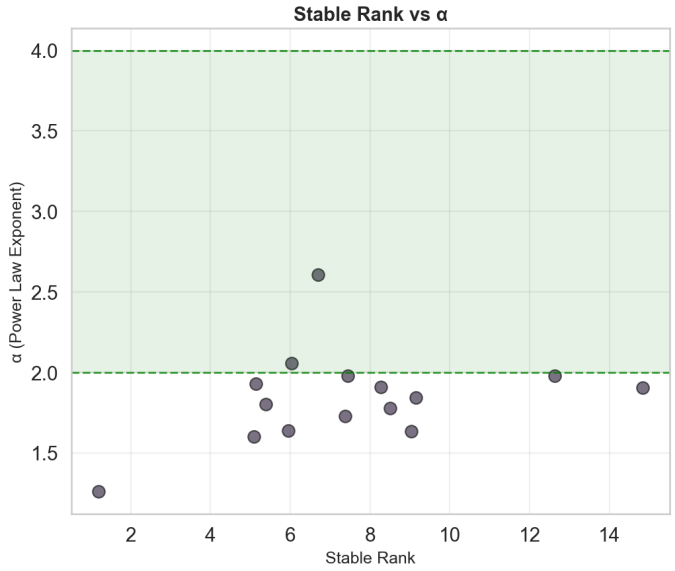

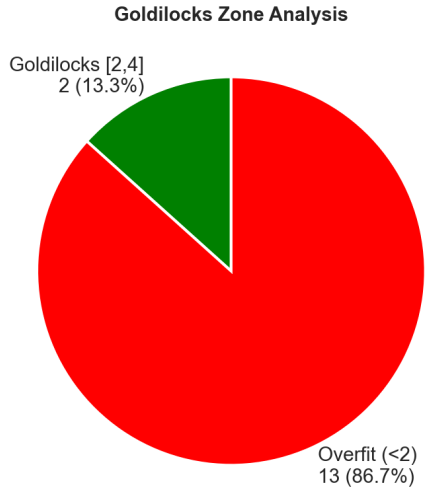

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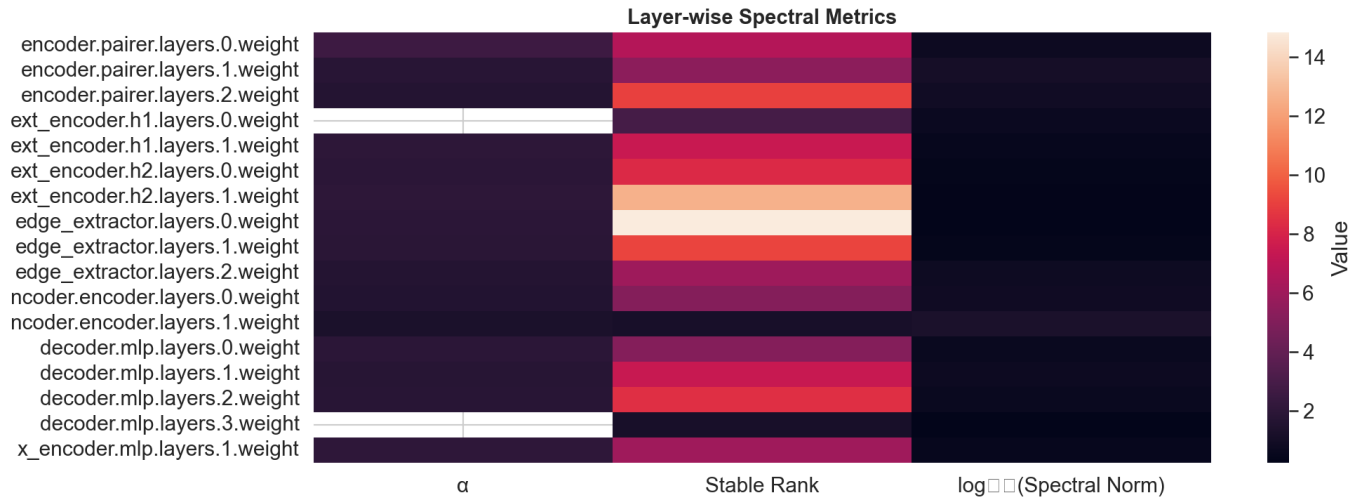

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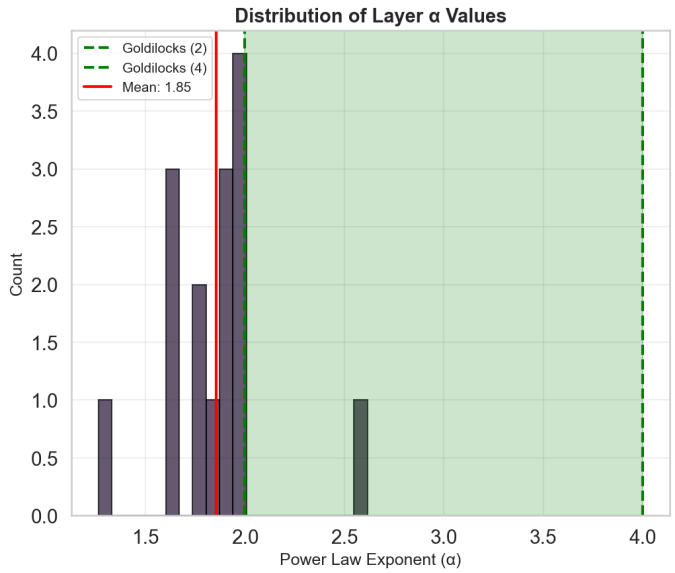

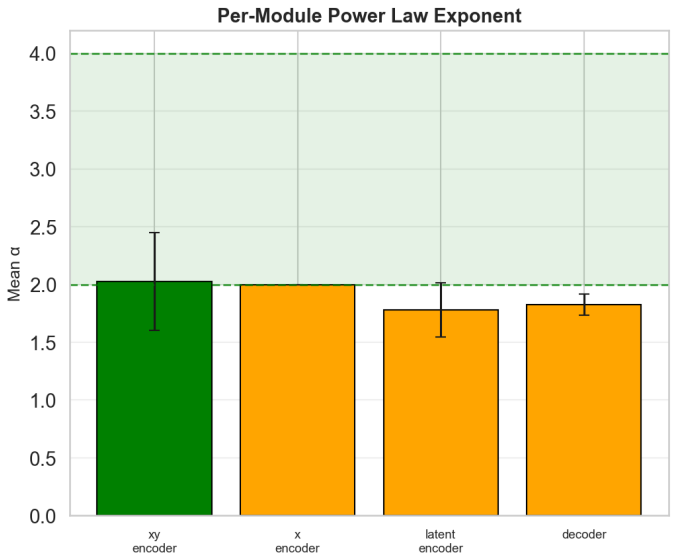

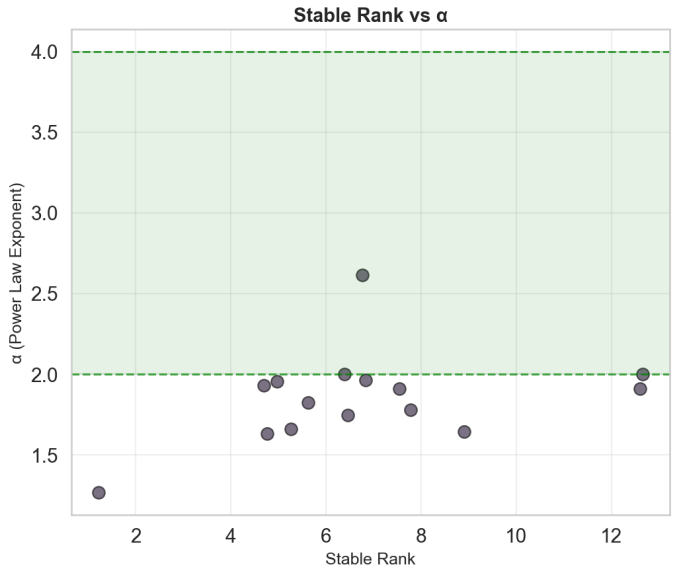

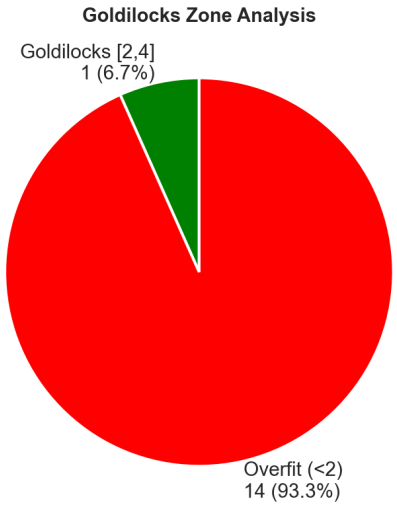

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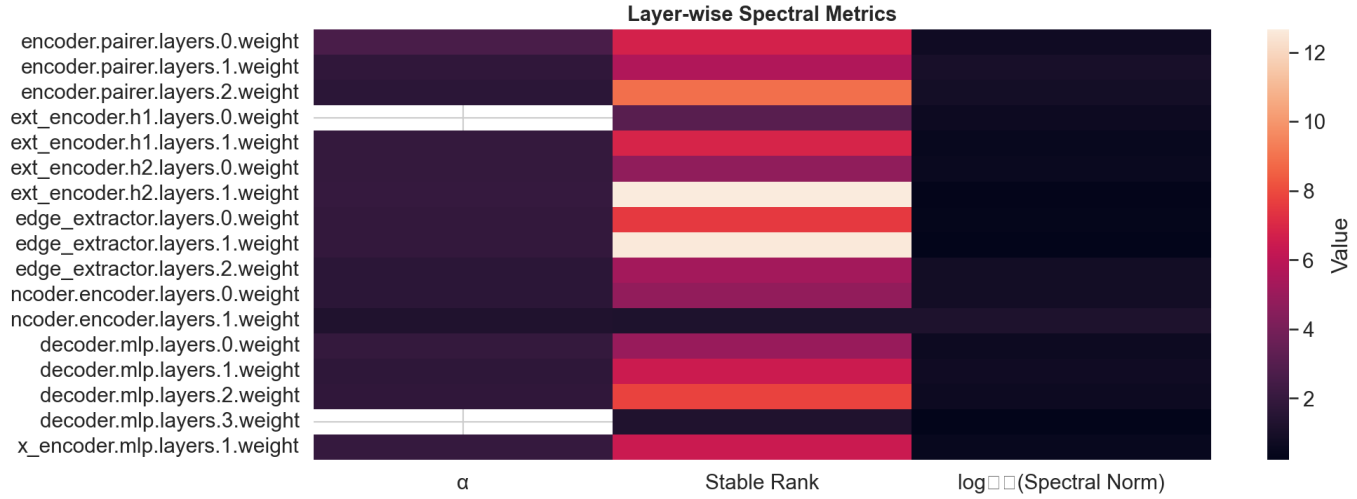

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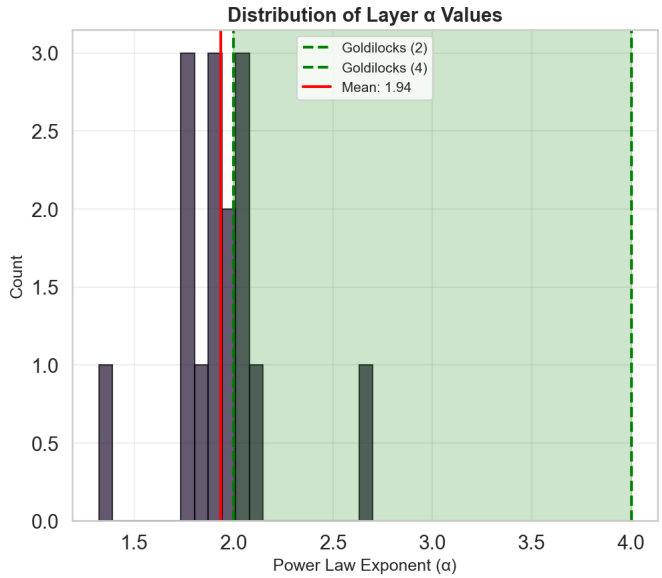

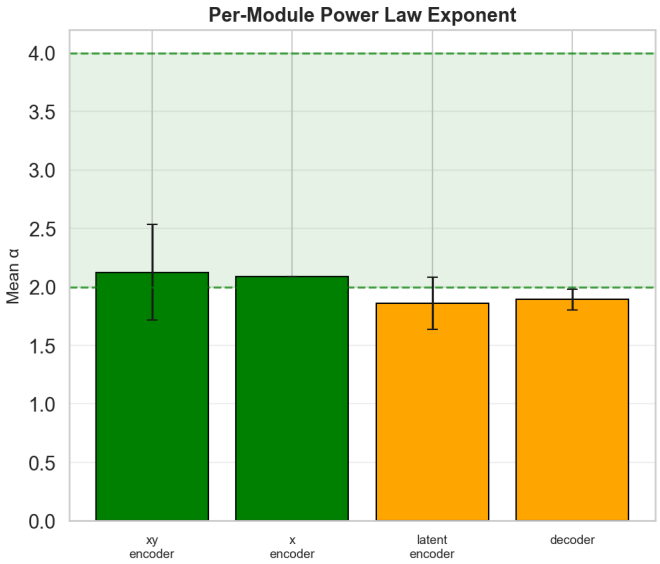

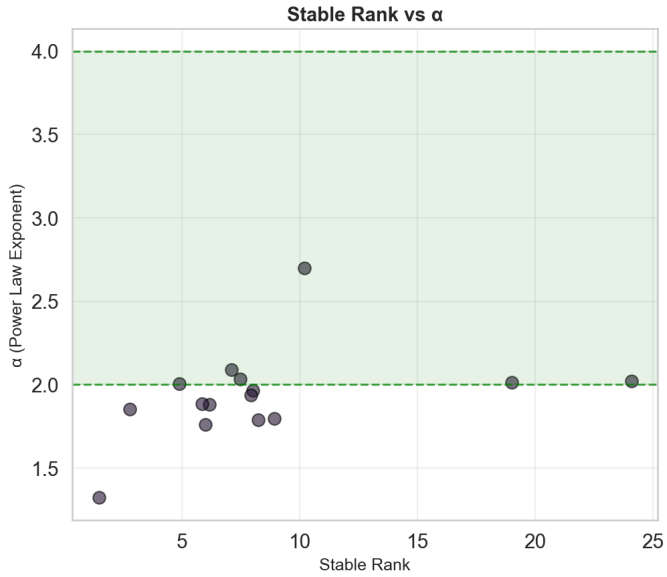

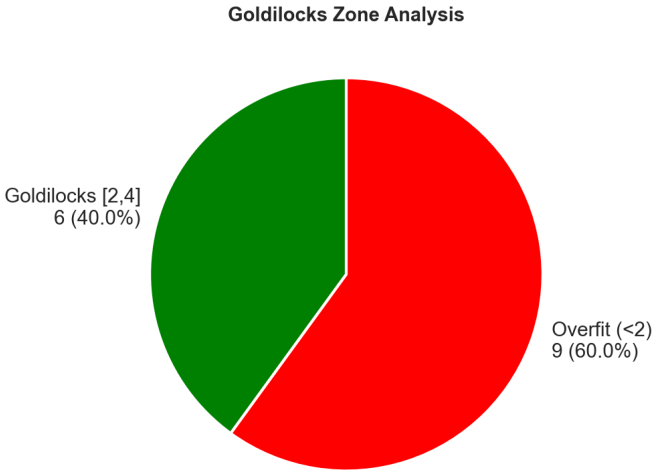

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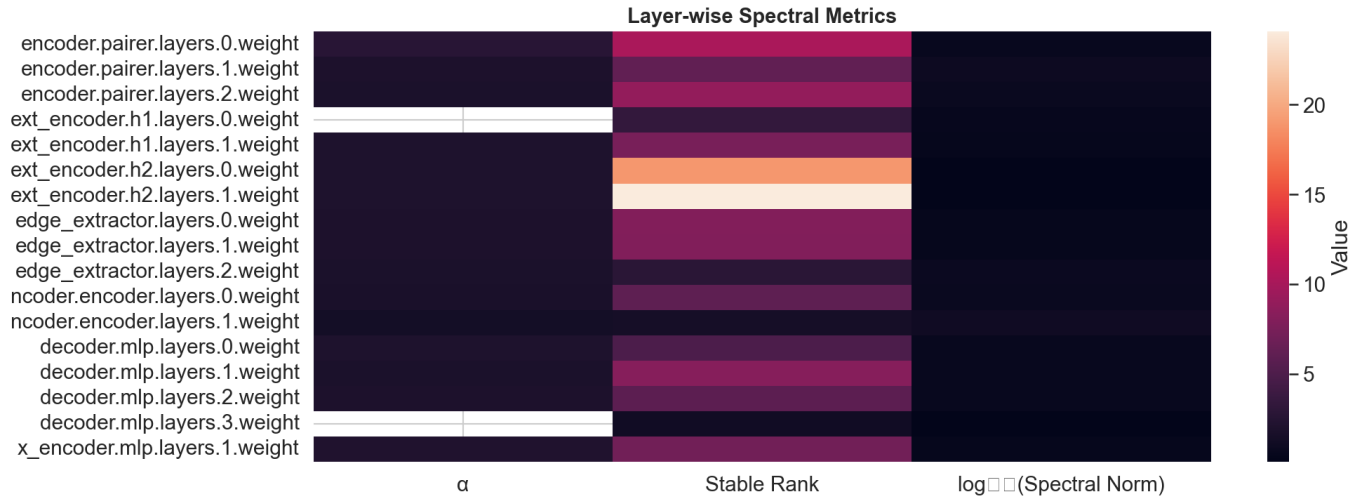

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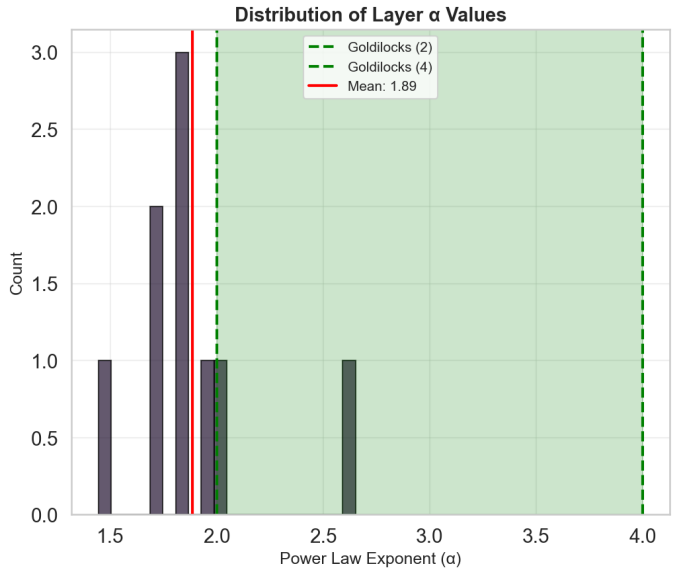

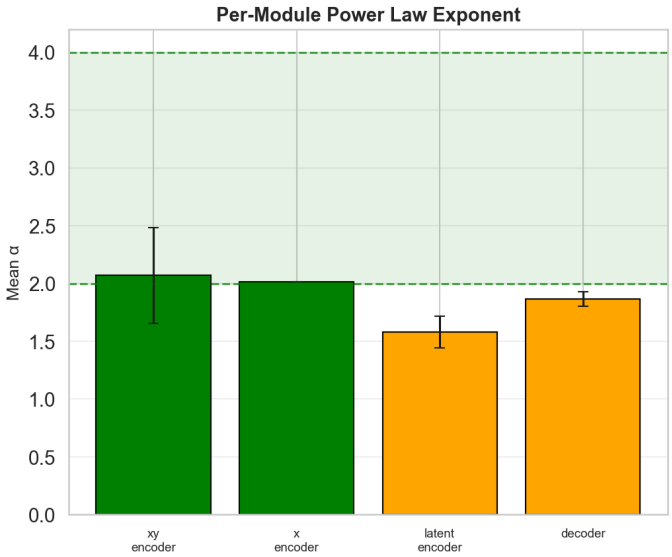

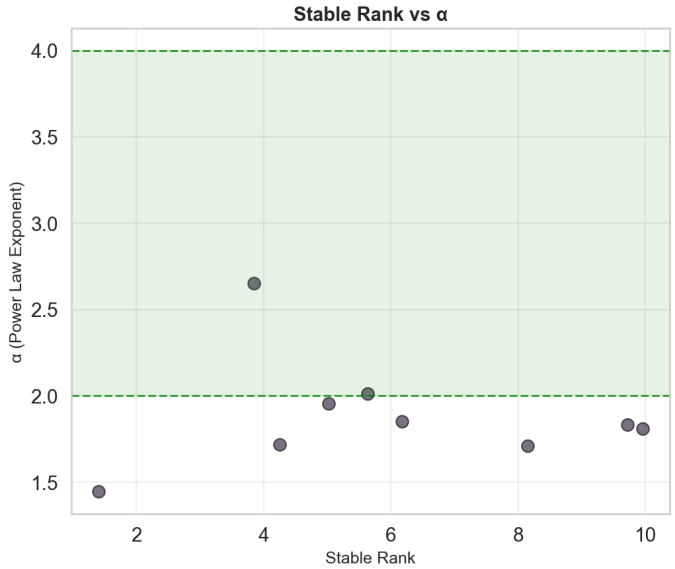

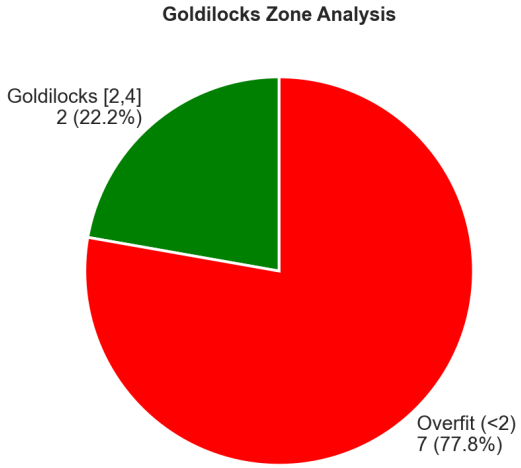

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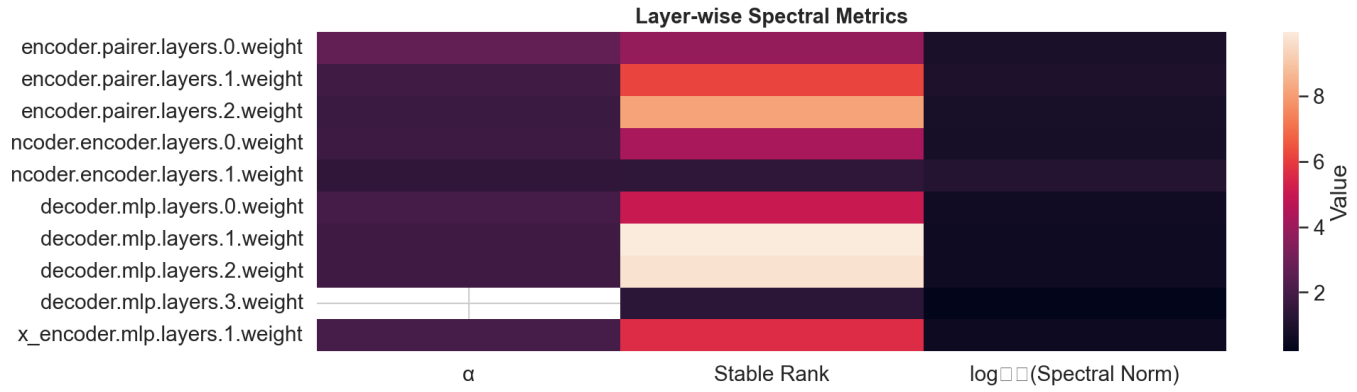

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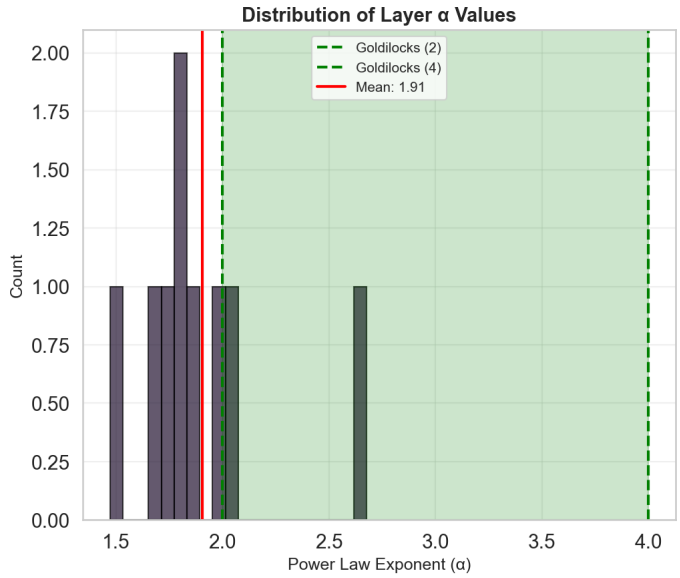

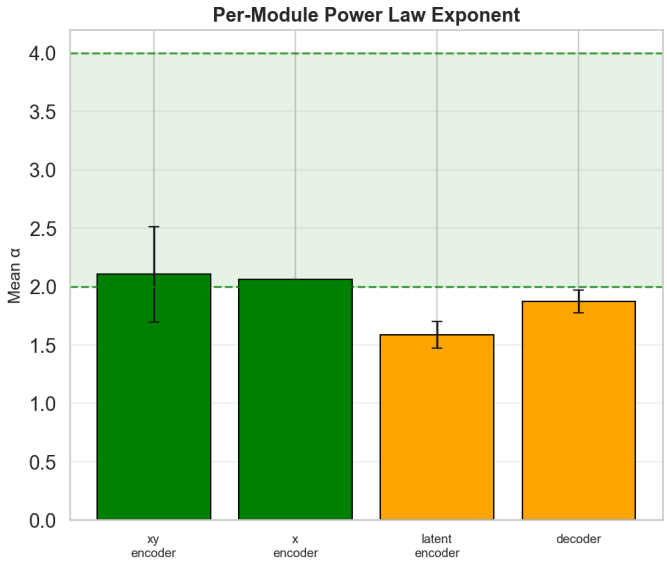

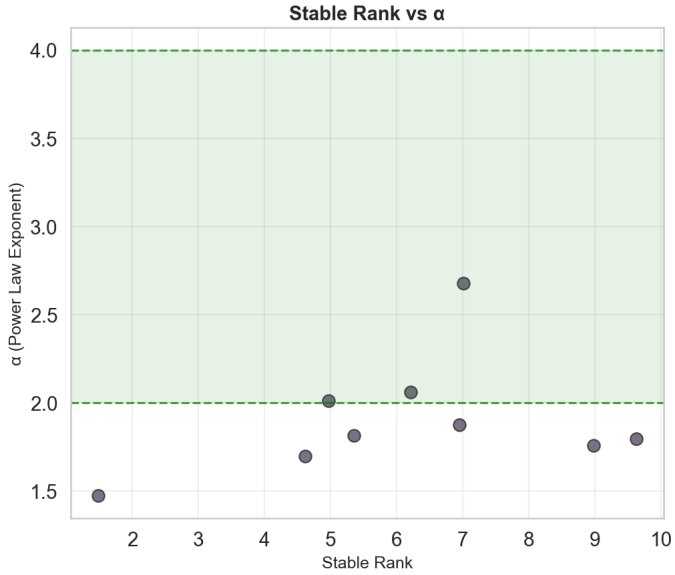

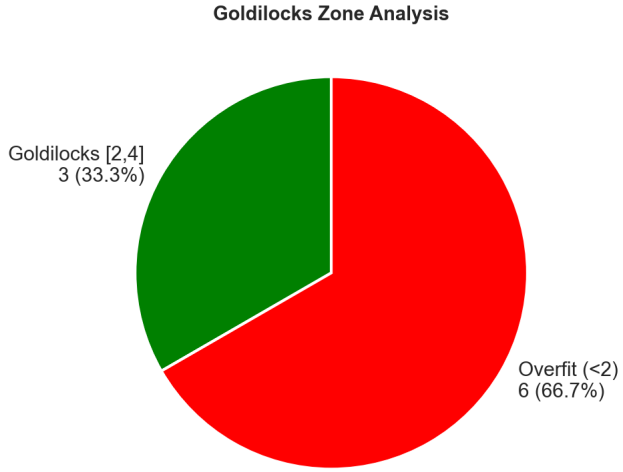

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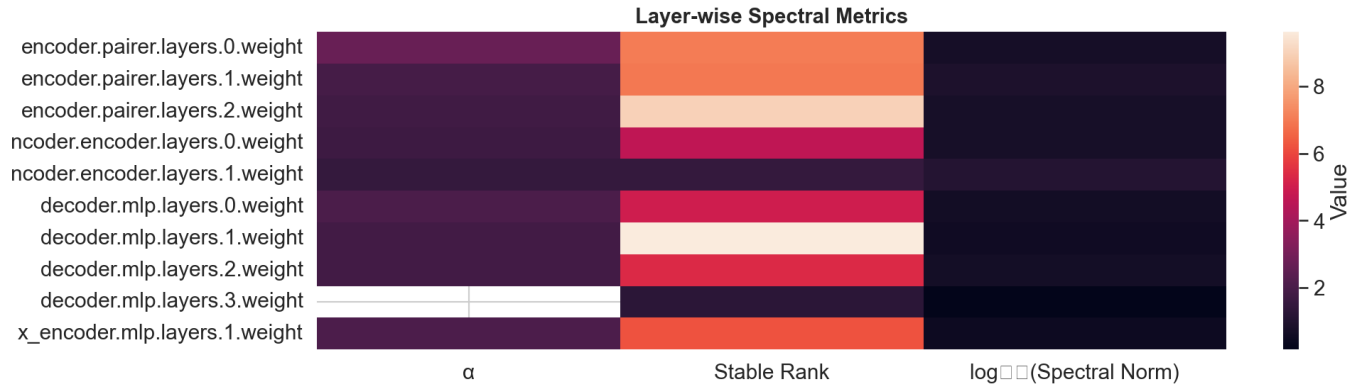

Interpretation

All models show mild overfit tendency (alpha < 2):

1. Not necessarily problematic for small, synthetic datasets
2. Encoders are better conditioned than latent encoder
3. Could benefit from regularization in latent encoder

4. Consistent across INP and NP (not knowledge-related)

M10: CKA Similarity

Theory

Centered Kernel Alignment (CKA) measures representation similarity:

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CKA(X, Y) = ||X^T Y||_F^2 / (||X^T X||_F * ||Y^T Y||_F)
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We compare representations with vs without knowledge:

- CKA = 1: Identical representations
- CKA < 1: Knowledge changes representation

Results

inp_abc2_0 CKA Scores:

Representation	CKA
R (context summary)	1.00
z_mean	0.855
z_std	0.552
pred_mean	0.915
x_encoder layers	1.00
xy_encoder layers	1.00
latent_encoder.layer_0	0.986
latent_encoder.layer_1	0.830

Comparison Across INP Models:

Model	z_mean CKA	z_std CKA
inp_abc2_0	0.855	0.552
inp_abc__0	0.858	0.55
inp_b_dist_shift_0	0.729	0.45

Key Findings:

- R (context encoding) is identical with/without knowledge (CKA=1.0)
- Knowledge primarily modulates z_std (CKA=0.55)
- z_mean less affected (CKA=0.86)

- Predictions show high similarity (CKA=0.91)
- Distribution shift model shows more differentiation

Plots

inp_abc2_0

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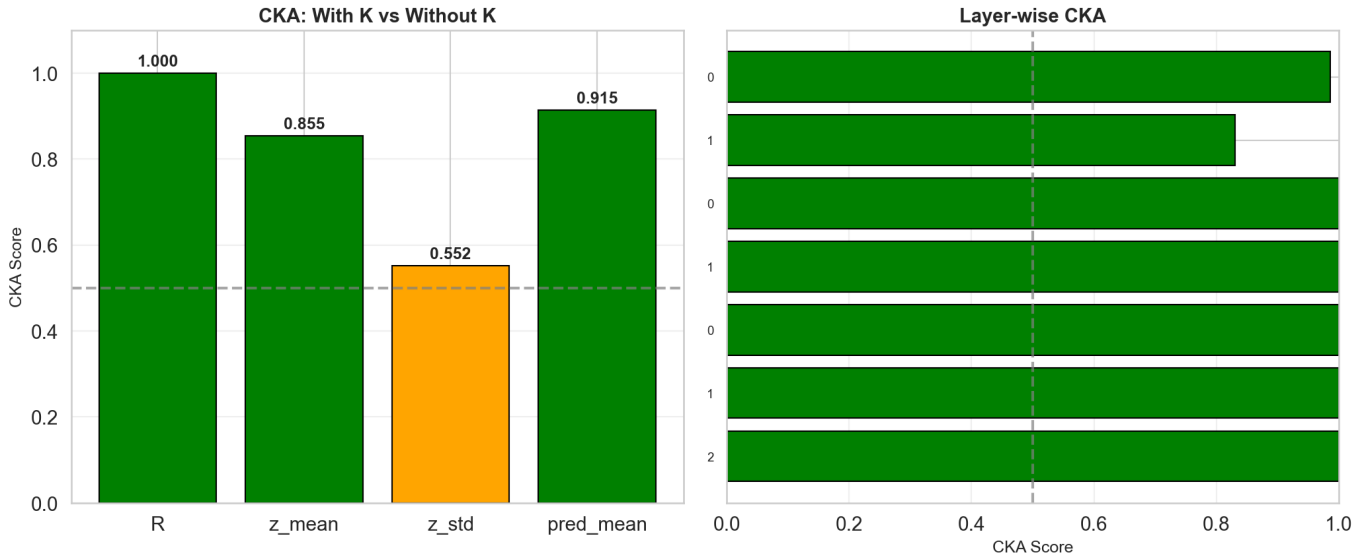

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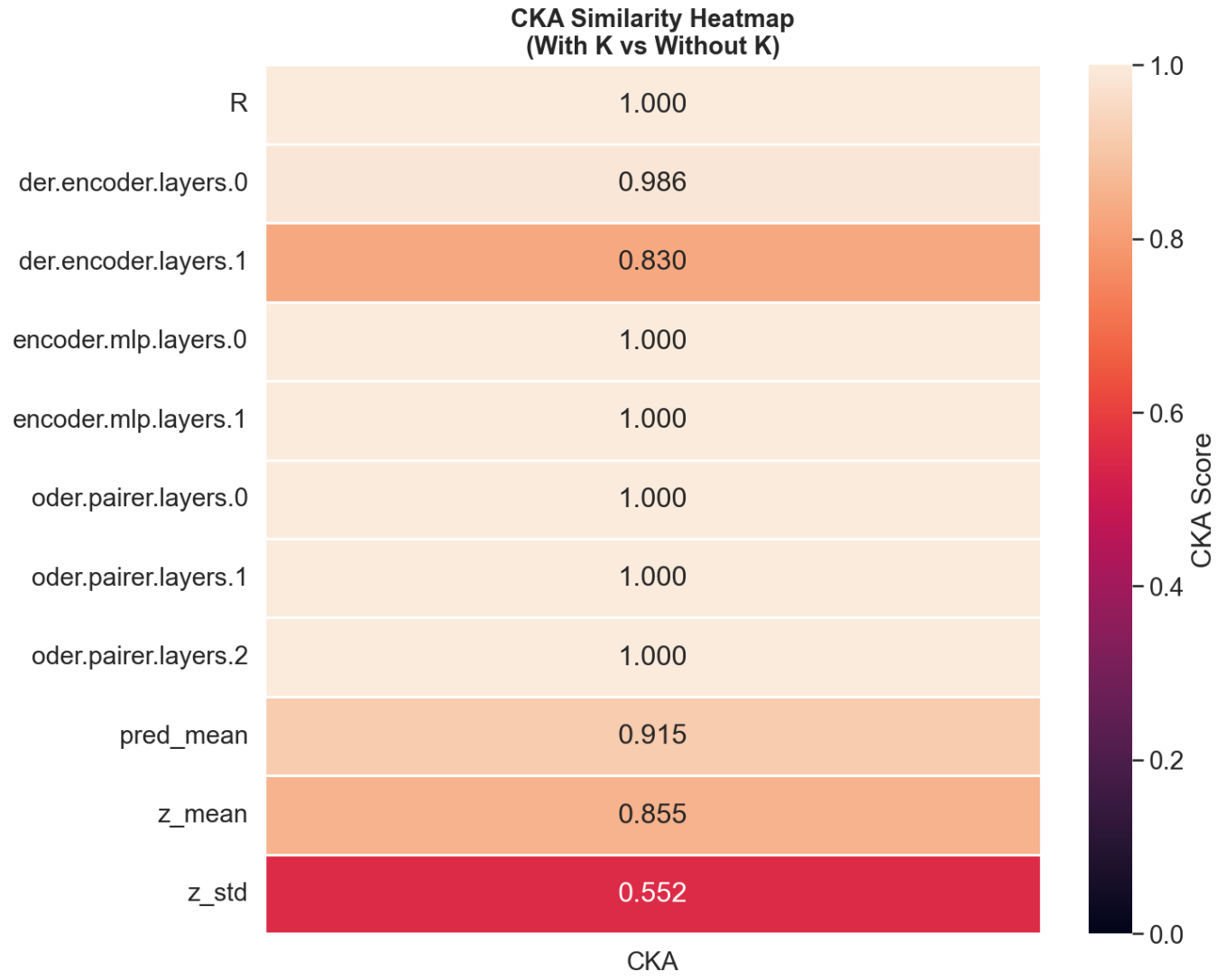

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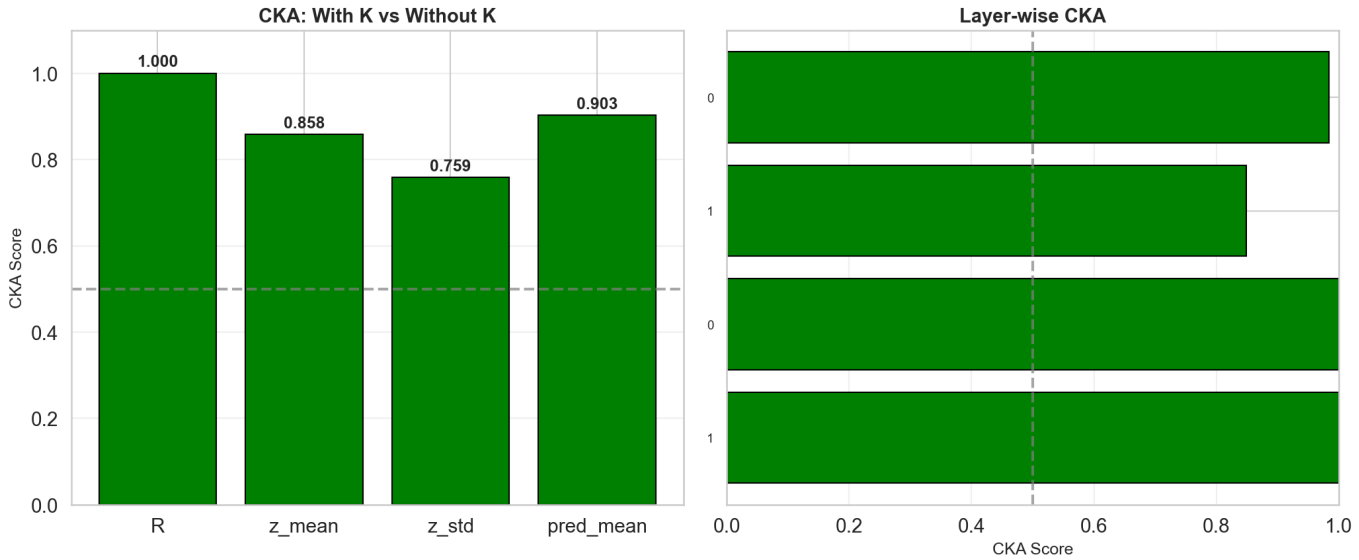

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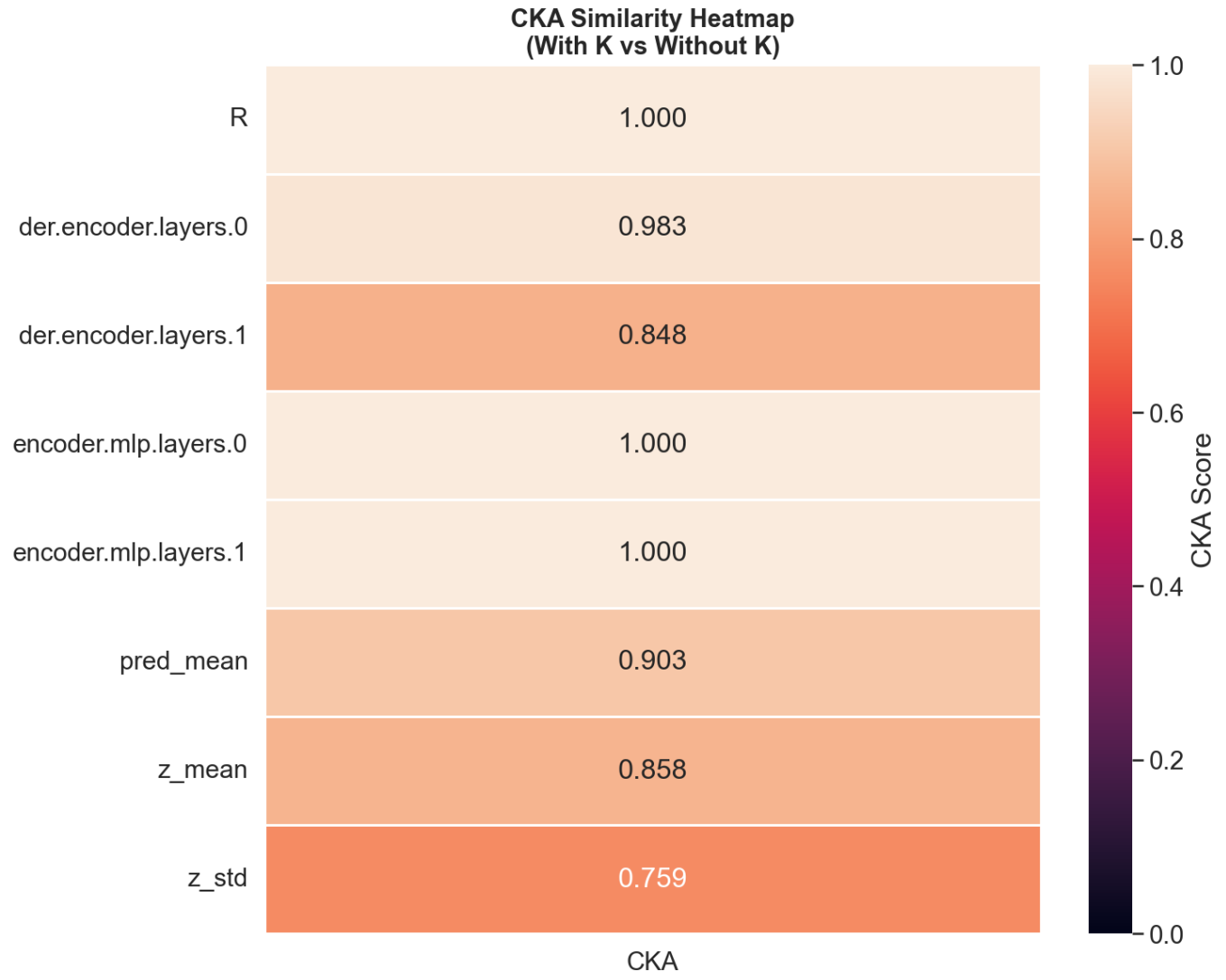

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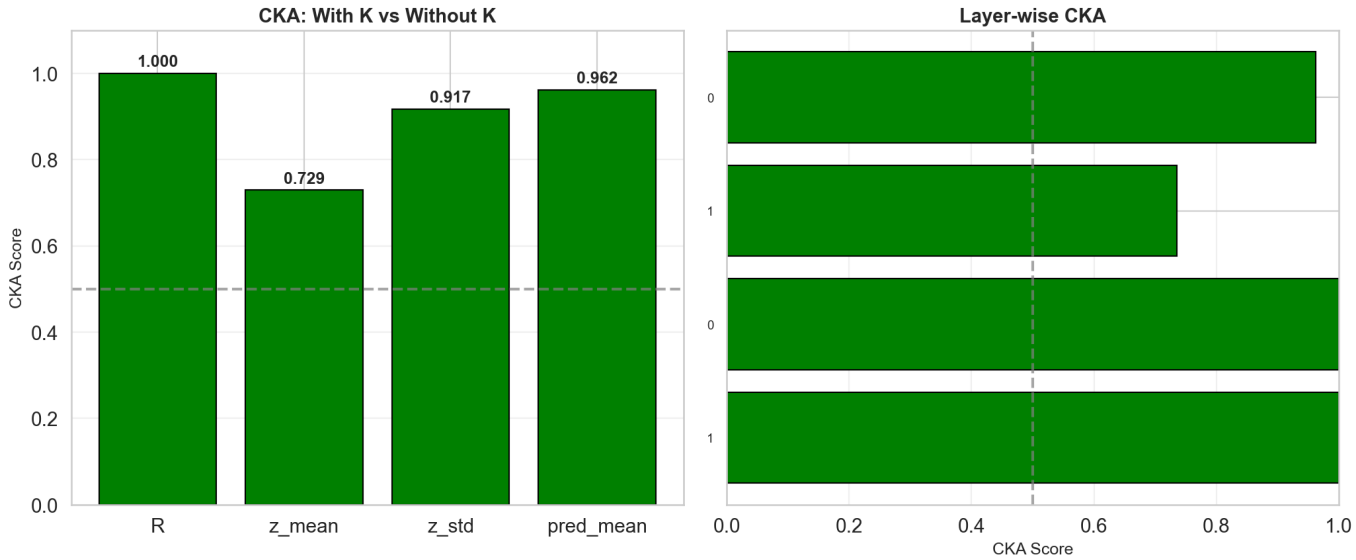

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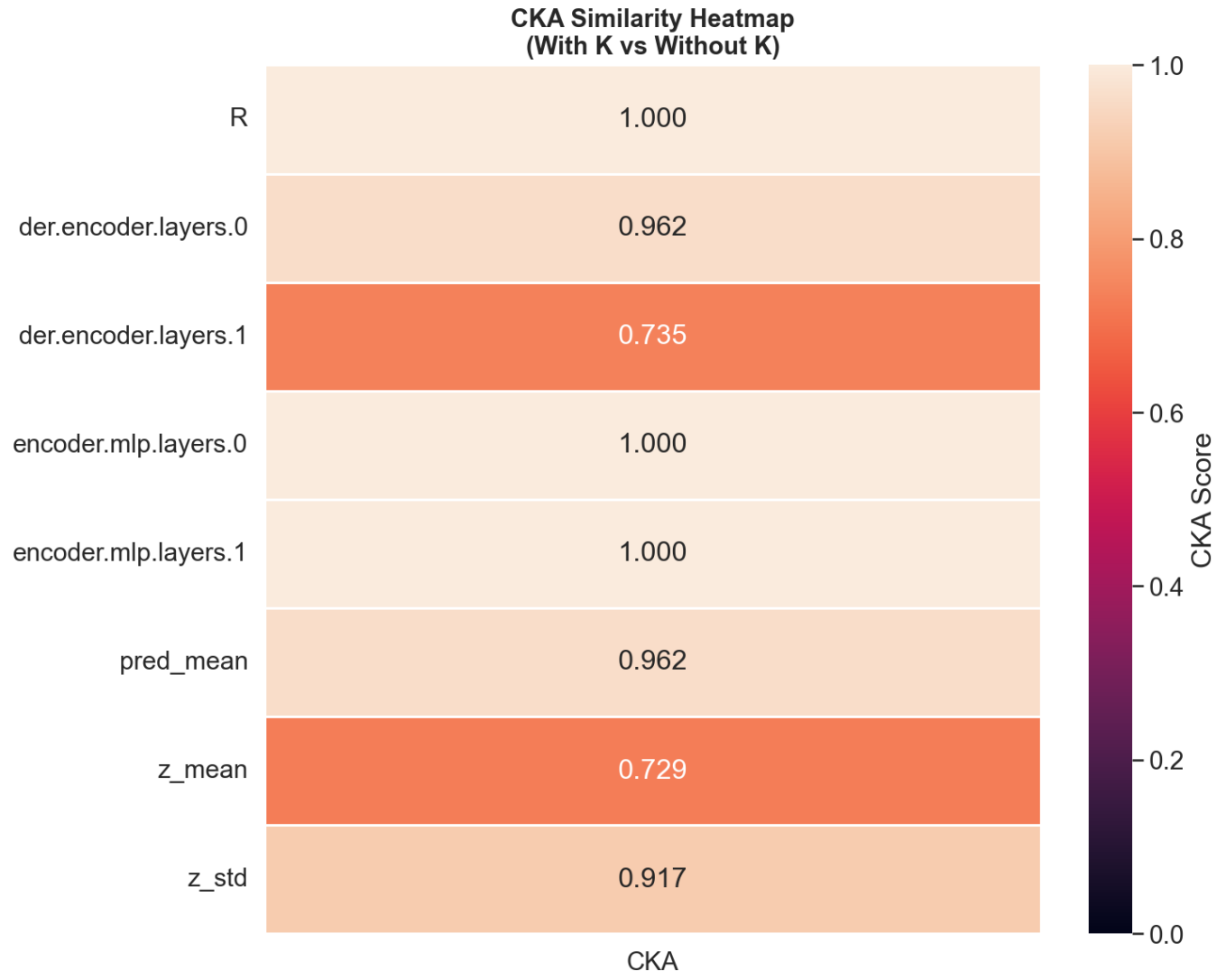

Interpretation

High CKA in latent (z_mean=0.855) indicates:

1. Knowledge primarily affects uncertainty (z_std) not mean structure
2. Context encoding is independent of knowledge
3. Distributed effect: knowledge affects processing throughout
4. Late fusion pattern: data encoding similar, knowledge affects later stages

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Summary and Implications

Key Findings

Finding	Evidence	Implication
Knowledge provides substantial information	M8: 10.4 bits reduction	Equivalent to ~10 context points
Causal role confirmed	M5: 41% transfer ratio	Knowledge is necessary, not just correlated

Finding	Evidence	Implication
Phase dominates saliency	M6: 48.5% to c	Vertical offset most identifiable
Linear decodability improved	M7: +18% R^2	Knowledge structures latent space
Uncertainty modulation	M10: z_std CKA=0.55	Knowledge primarily affects variance
Similar landscape flatness	M2: 1760 vs 1468 curvature	Knowledge improves optima, not flatness
Low dimensionality	M3: ED~4	Both models find correct manifold

Model Comparison Summary

Metric	INP (abc2)	NP Baseline	Difference
Epistemic reduction (N=0)	10.4 bits	0 bits	+10.4 bits
Linear probe R^2	0.75	0.15	+0.60
Knowledge benefit	+0.18 R^2	0.00	+0.18
Causal efficacy	0.56	N/A	Knowledge-dependent
Loss balance score	0.42	0.54	-0.12 (both balanced)

Distribution Shift Resilience

The inp_b_dist_shift_0 model shows:

- Reduced but meaningful knowledge value (3.7 bits vs 10.4 bits)
- Higher causal efficacy (65.1% vs 41.3%)
- Lower CKA (0.73 vs 0.86) - more differentiation needed
- Stronger reliance on single parameter knowledge

Future Work

Immediate Extensions

- [ ] M1: Run with more MINE iterations for tighter MI estimates
- [ ] M2: Tighter alpha range (0.25) for local curvature analysis
- [ ] M3: Visualize t-SNE projections colored by parameter values
- [ ] M5: Increase patching pairs (>50) for statistical power
- [ ] M6: Token-level IG for text knowledge settings

Methodological Improvements

- [ ] M7: Test MLP probes on intermediate layers
- [ ] M8: Extend to systematic context size sweep
- [ ] M9: Compare alpha distributions before/after fine-tuning
- [ ] M10: Layer-wise CKA heatmaps

New Experiments

- ☐ M11: Representation stability under input perturbations
- ☐ M12: Knowledge ablation studies (systematic feature removal)
- ☐ M13: Cross-task generalization analysis
- ☐ M14: Attention pattern analysis for cross-attention variants

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Technical Details

Experiment Configuration

All experiments used:

- Batch size: Varies by experiment (typically 8-16)
- Number of evaluation batches: 8-10
- Number of z samples: 32-50
- Knowledge dropout: Disabled (set to 0.0)

Reproducibility

Results directory: `interpretability_results/sinusoids_batch_new/batch_20260202_163615/`

Each experiment saves:

- `results.json`: Numerical results and metrics
- `plots/`: Visualization files (.png, .pdf)
- Config parameters in results

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