



MONTE CARLO RESPONSE-TIME ANALYSIS

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MAIN CONTRIBUTIONS

A new application of Monte Carlo technique in RTS

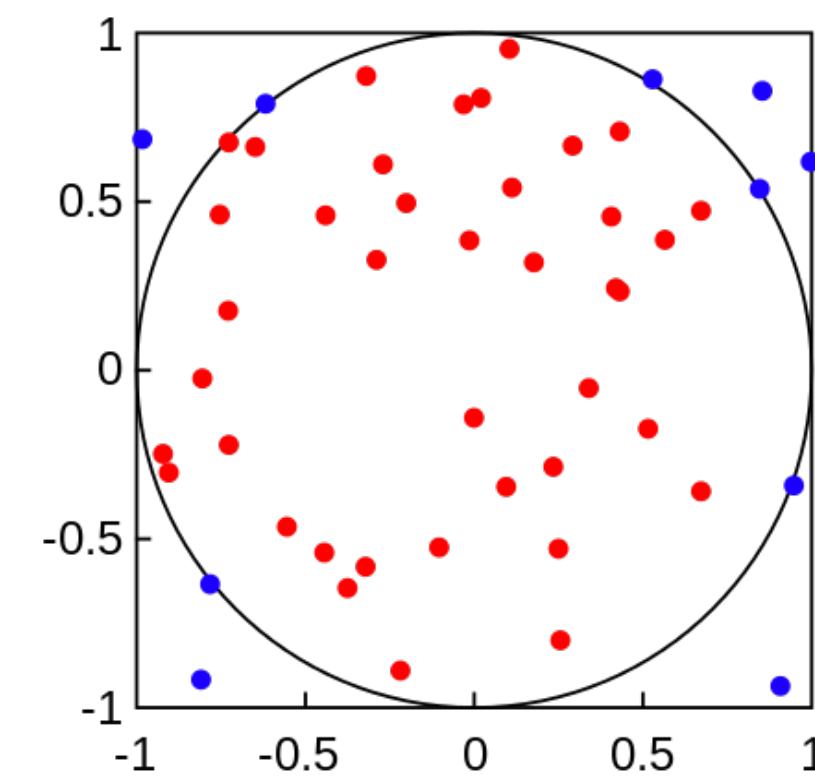
→ The first paper that applies Monte Carlo to probabilistic response-time analysis

A new algorithm for Worst-Case Deadline Failure Probability estimation

→ Less sensitive to input parameters than state-of-the-art

→ Easy parameter tuning

→ In most cases outperforms state-of-the-art approaches



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monte_Carlo_integration

A CASE FOR PROBABILISTIC RTA

SURVEY OF INDUSTRY PRACTICE IN RTS

Soft real-time systems are quite popular! [Akesson et. al, 2020]

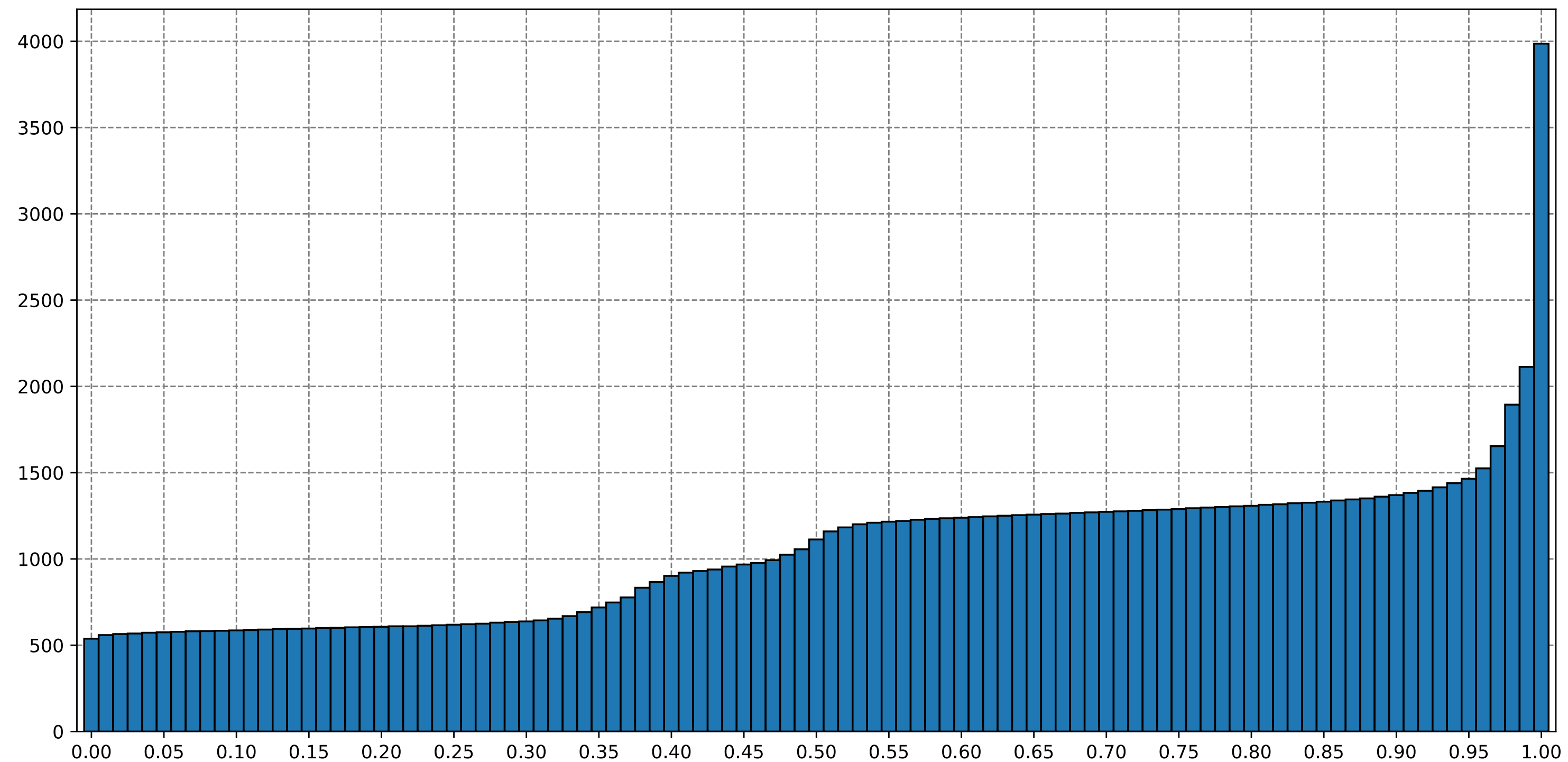
→ 62% of respondents: system includes soft or firm real-time components

→ 45% of respondents: the most critical function can miss some deadlines

True hard real-time systems are rare

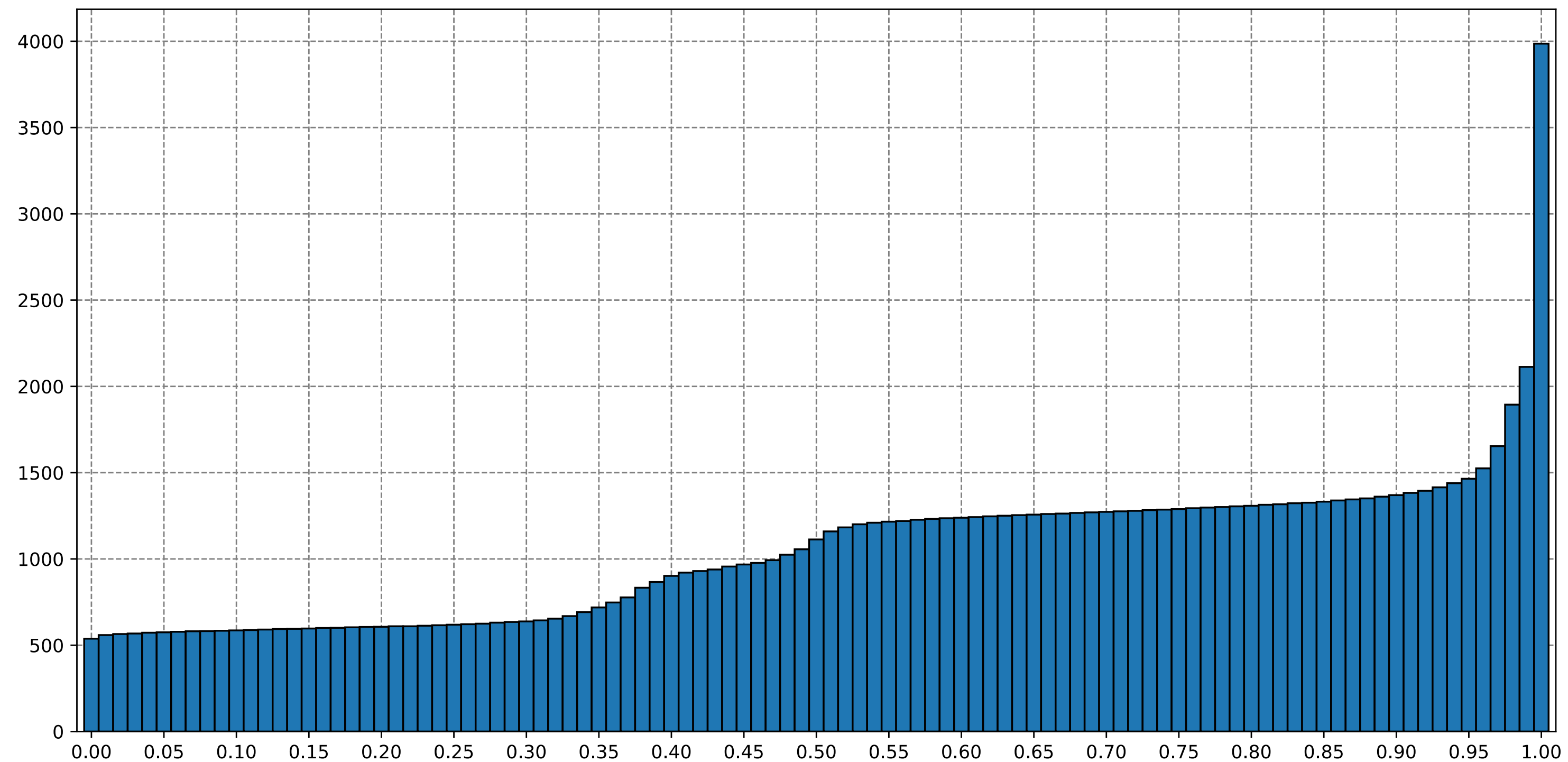
→ (Only) 15% of respondents: deadlines can never be missed

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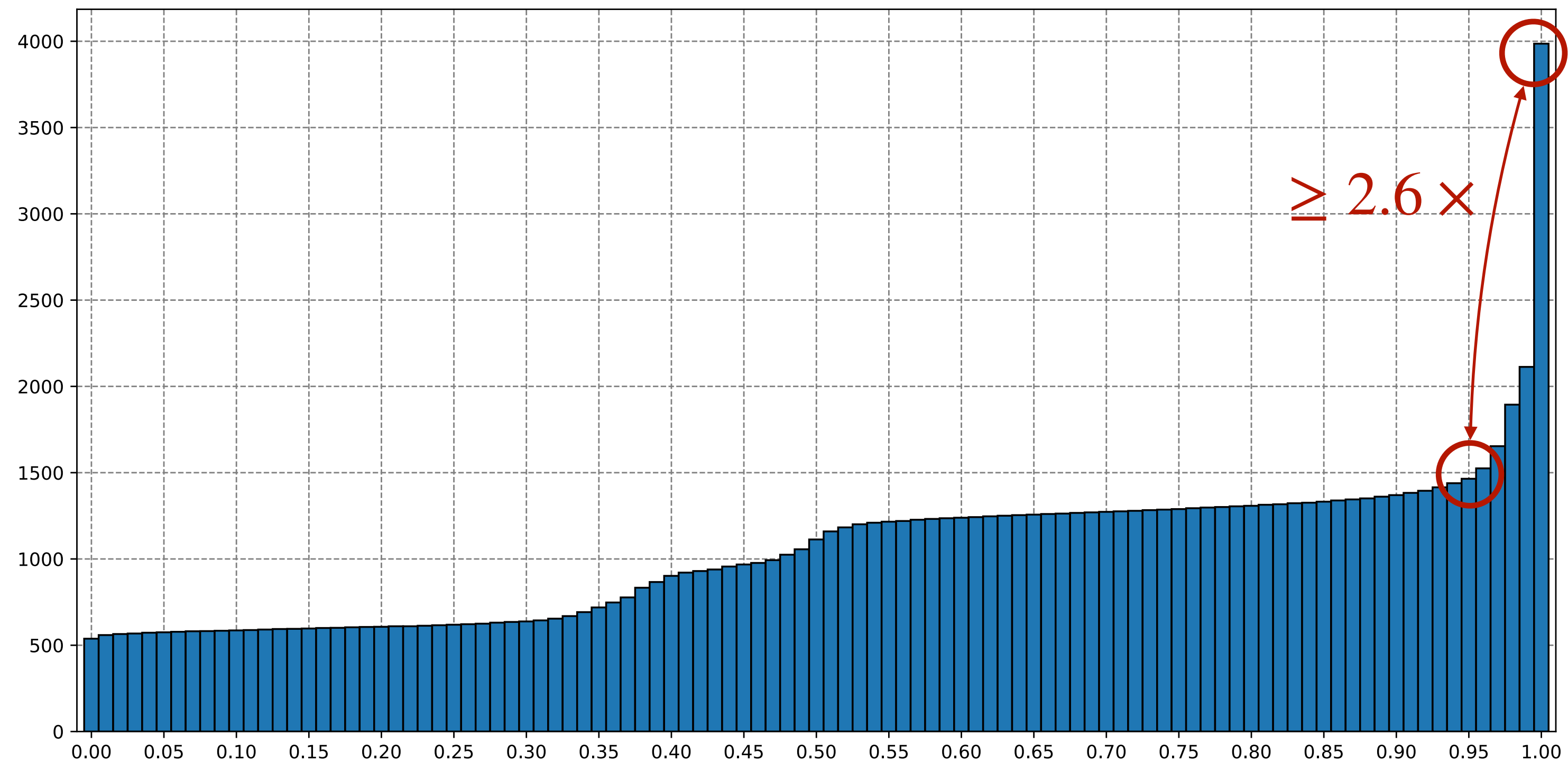
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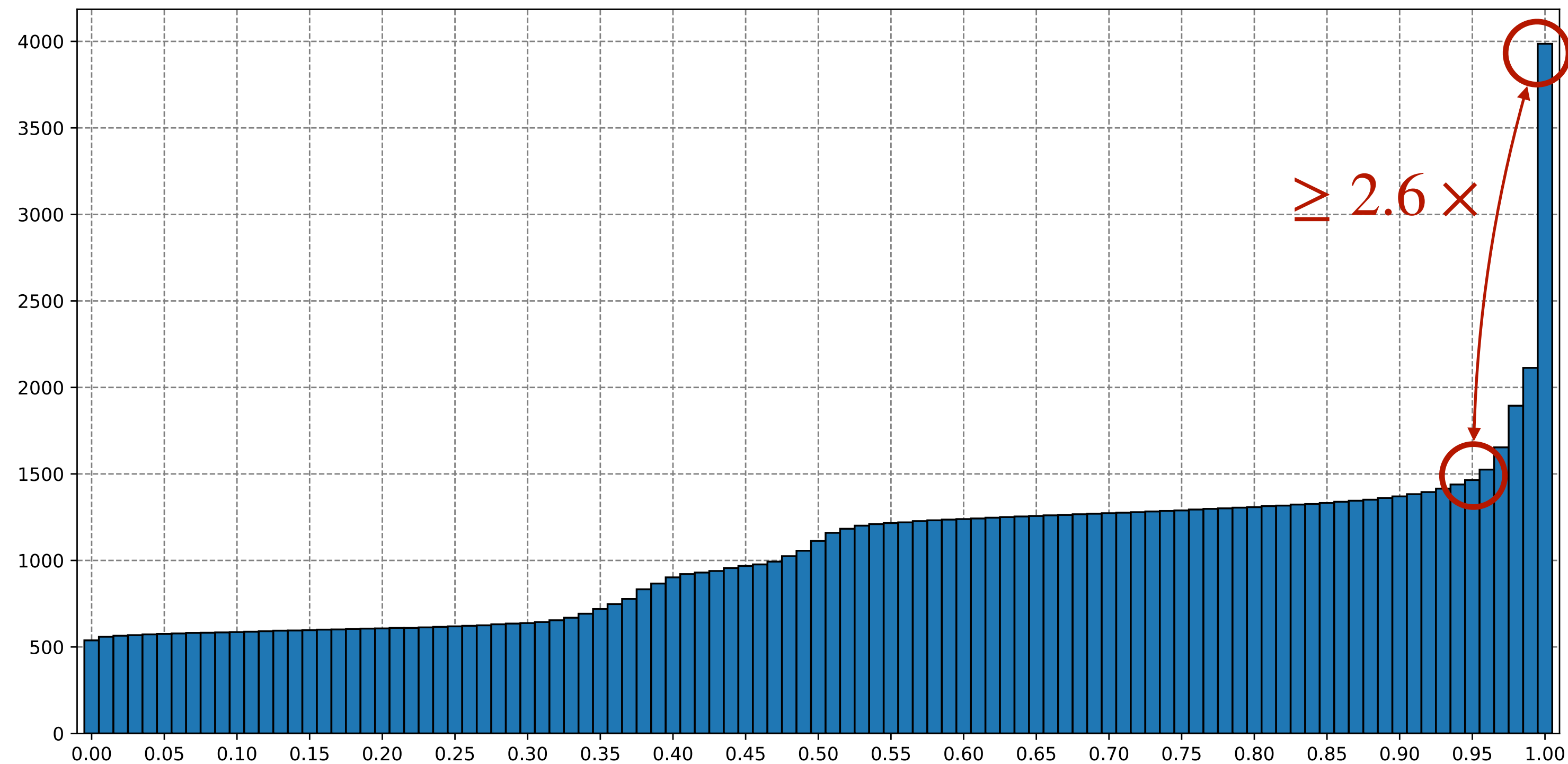
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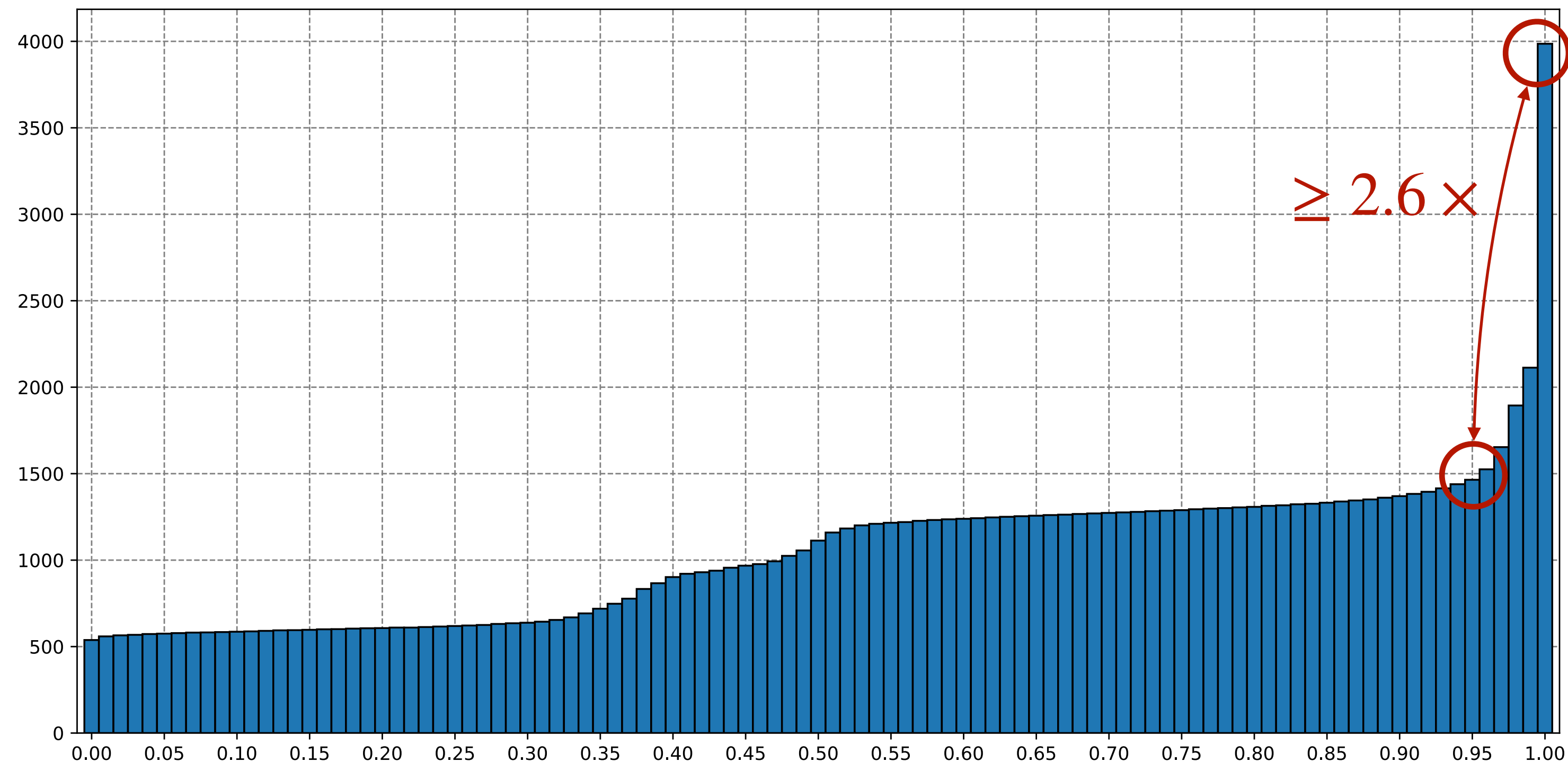
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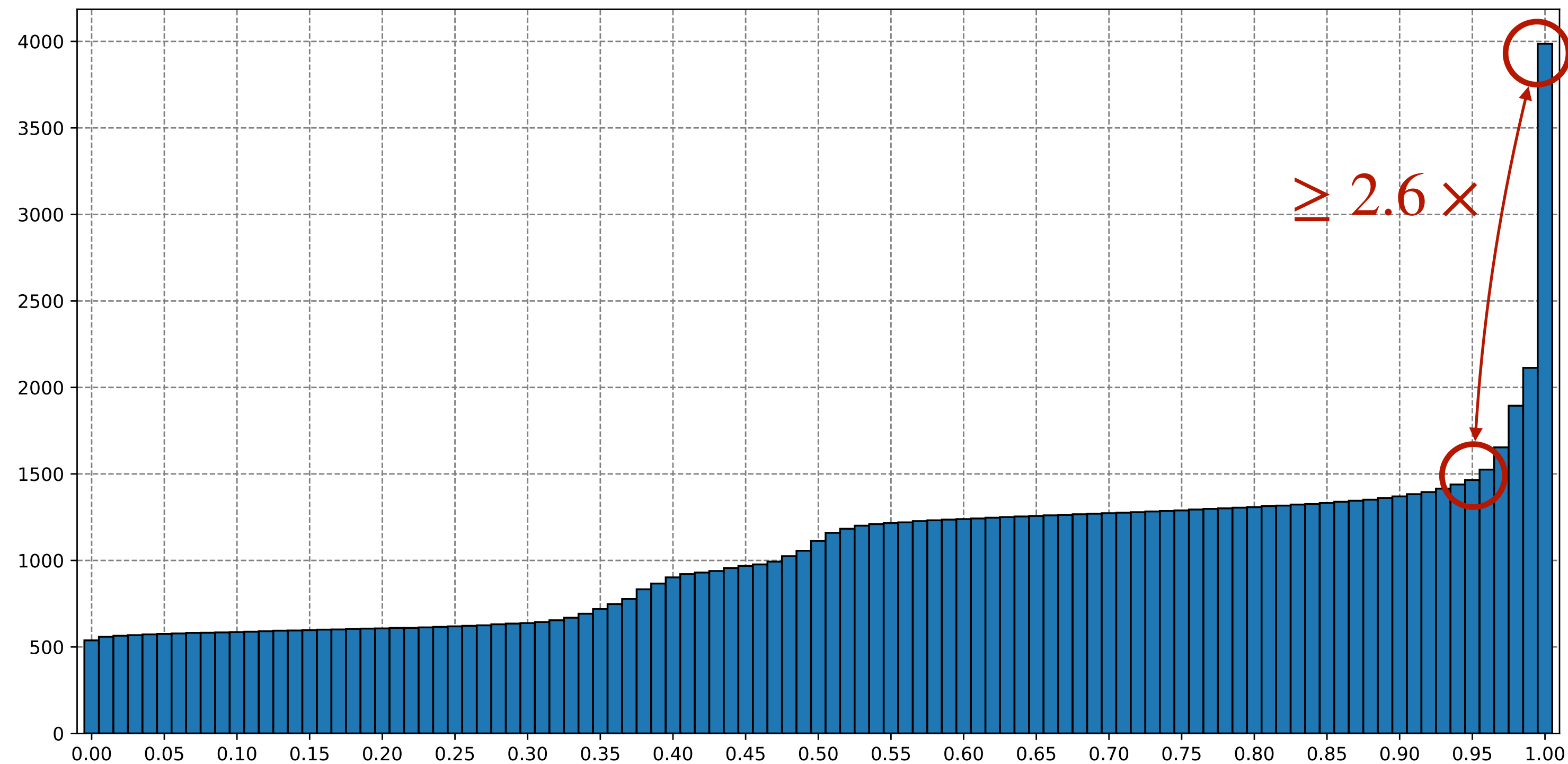
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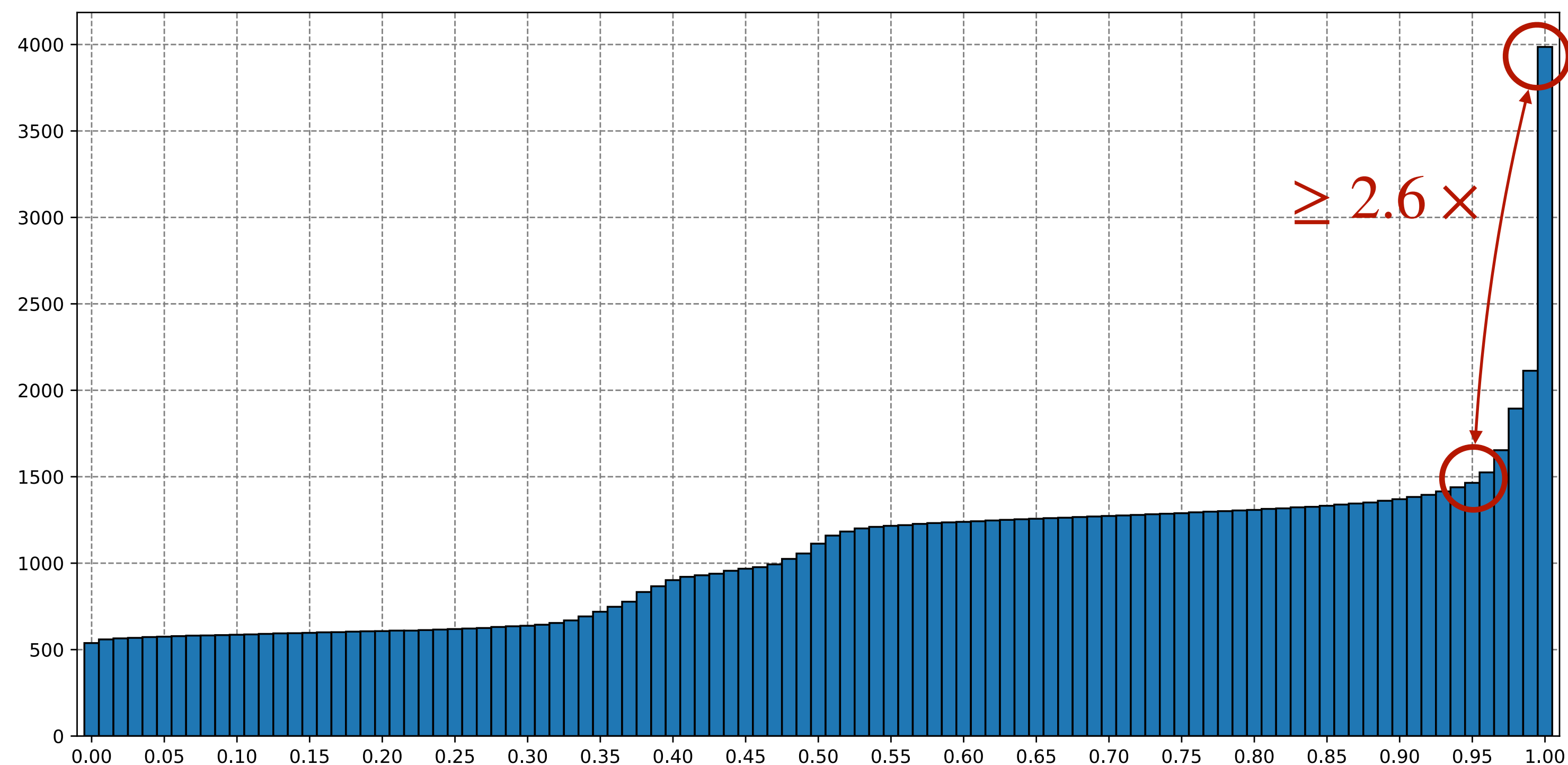
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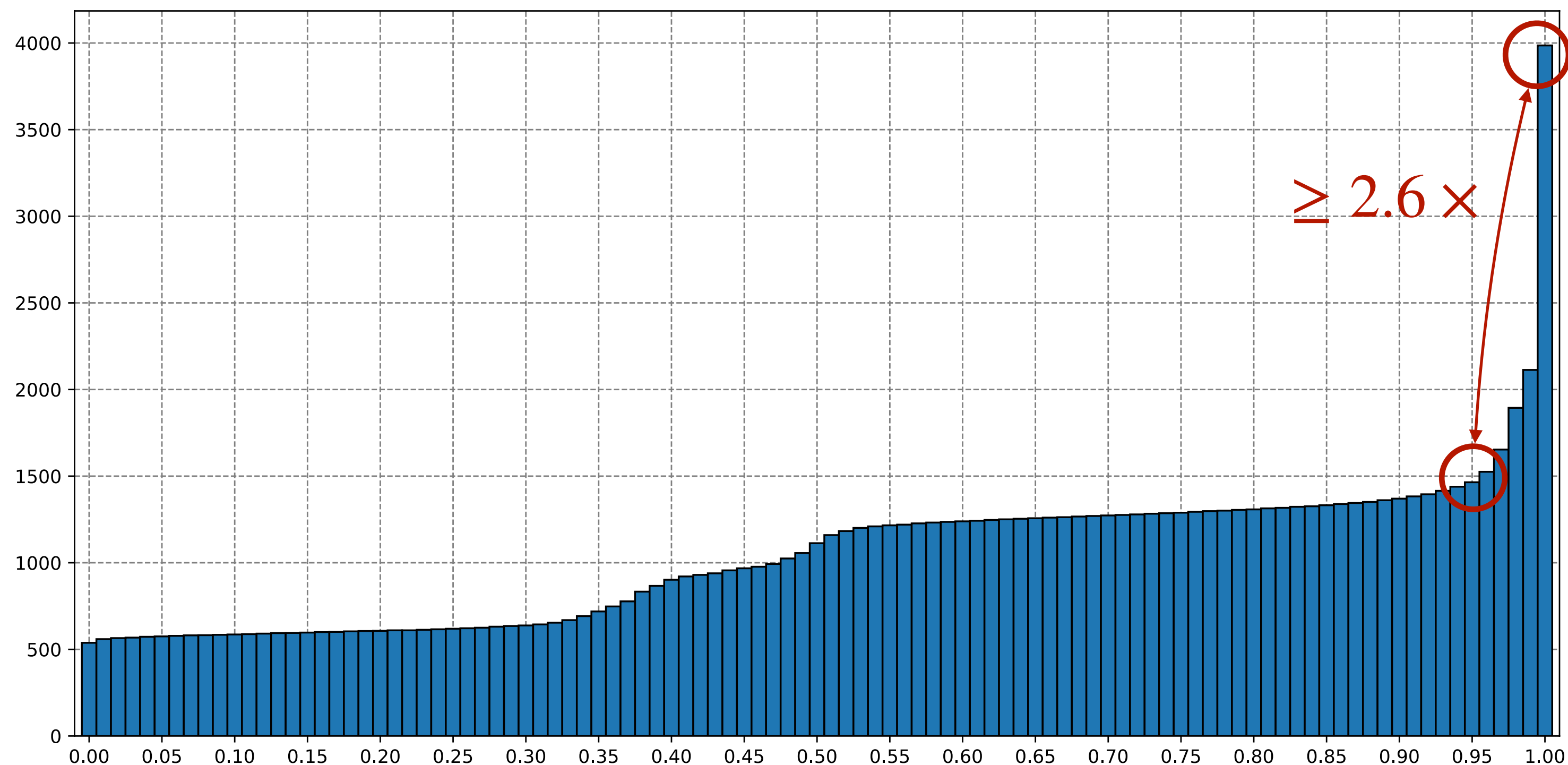


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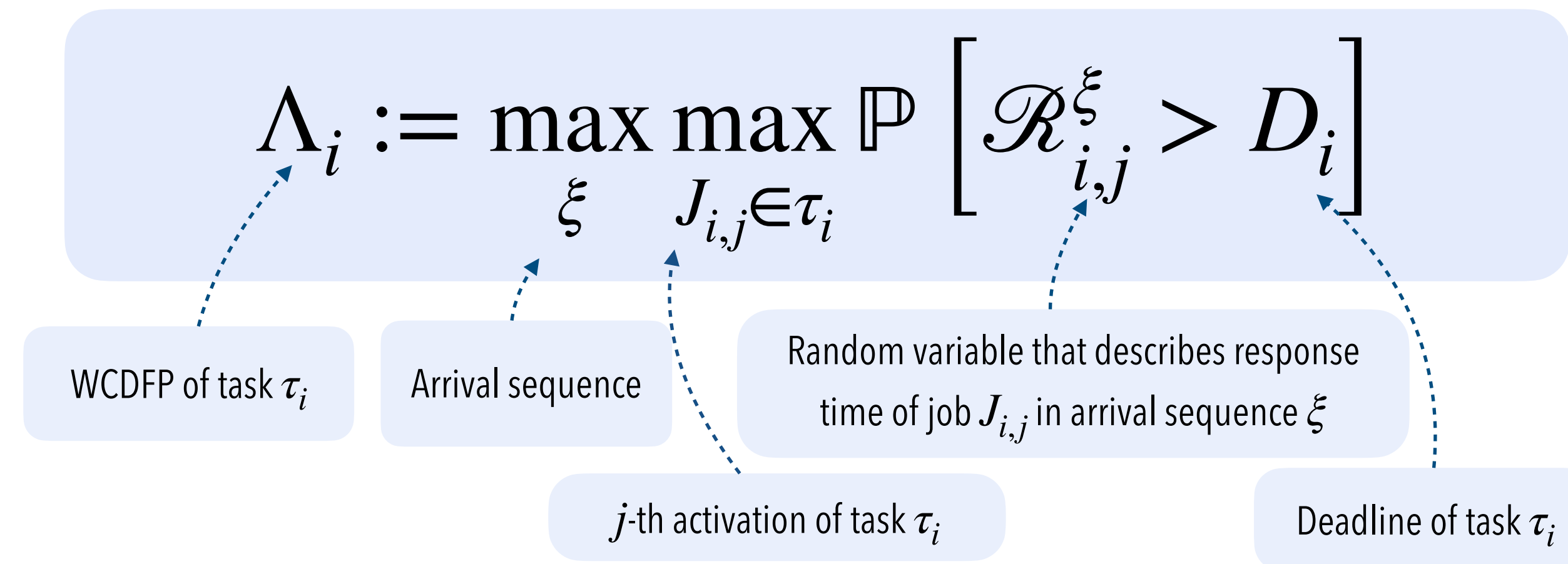
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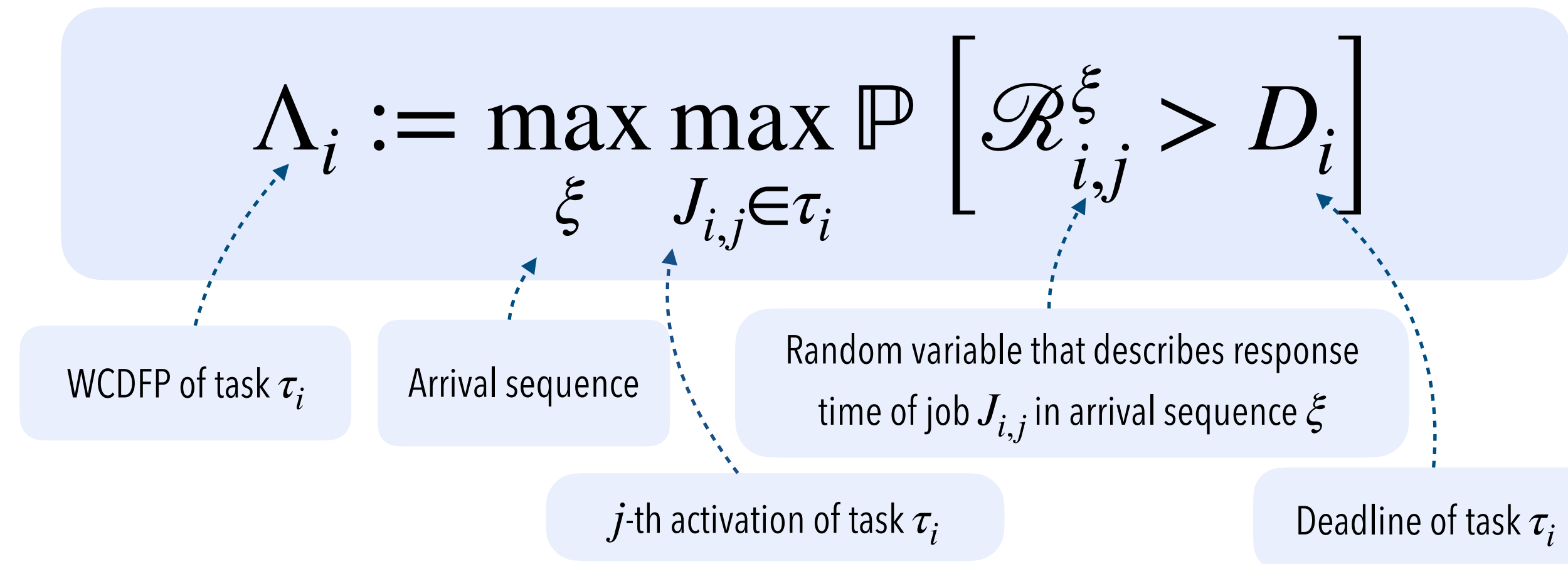
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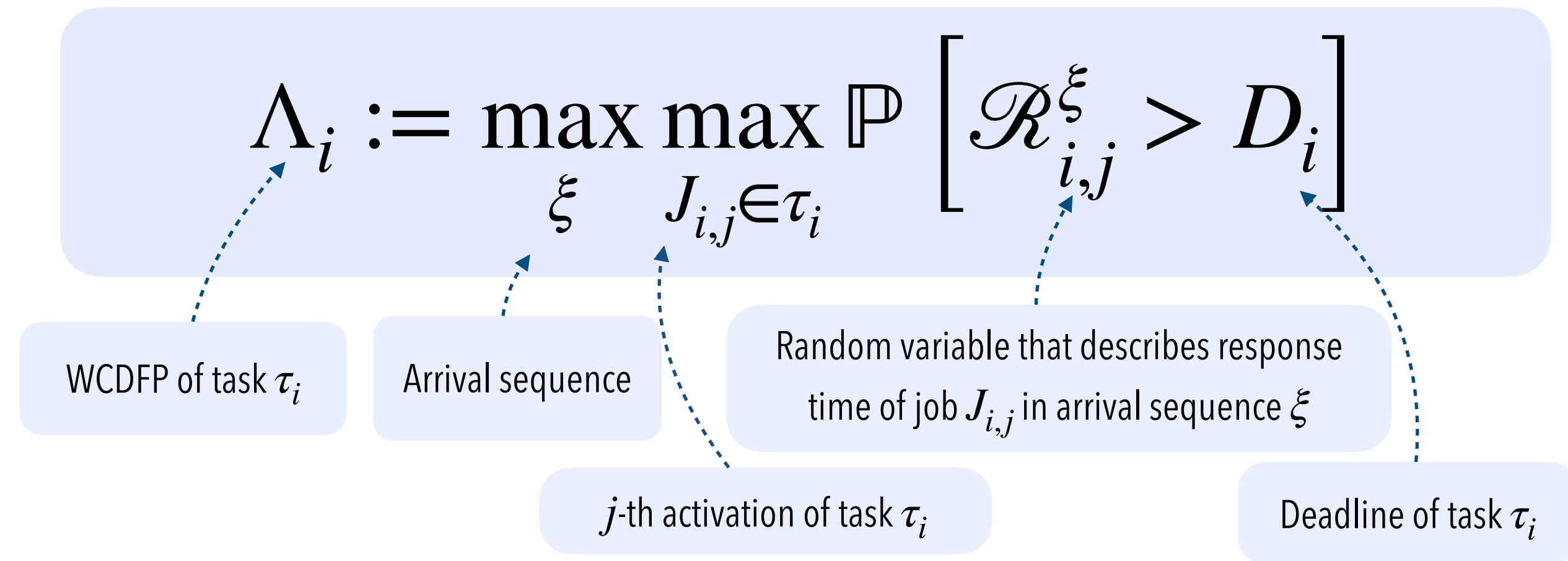


Pros:

- Bounds the expected time to failure of a system
- Needed to compute deadline-miss ratio
- Worst-case scenario for constrained-deadline tasks under static-priority scheduling: first job under critical-instant pattern

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Cons:

→ Computationally expensive

$$\mathcal{R}_{i,j}^{\xi} := \mathcal{C}_{i,1} + \mathcal{C}_{i,2} + \dots$$

Probabilistic execution time (pWCET)

n points in distribution
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 $\left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix}} \right\} \approx n \cdot m$ points in distribution of $\mathcal{C}_{i,1} + \mathcal{C}_{i,2}$

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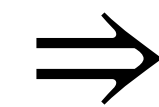
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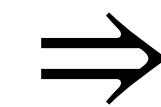
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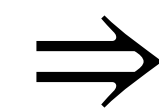


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Standard idea of Monte Carlo

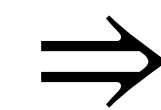
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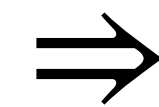
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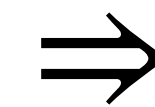
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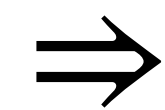
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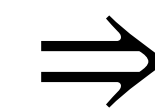
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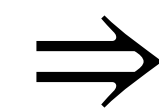
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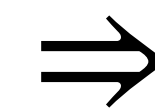
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Given k successes in s trials, one can estimate the ground truth p

THERE IS MORE

Introduce formal definition of probabilistic response-time $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}^{\xi}$

→ Can be used in future work

Correctness of the simulator

→ Detailed proof that interprets simulator as random variable

Correctness of statistical generalization

→ Reduction of the simulation to a Bernoulli trial

→ Application of binomial confidence interval

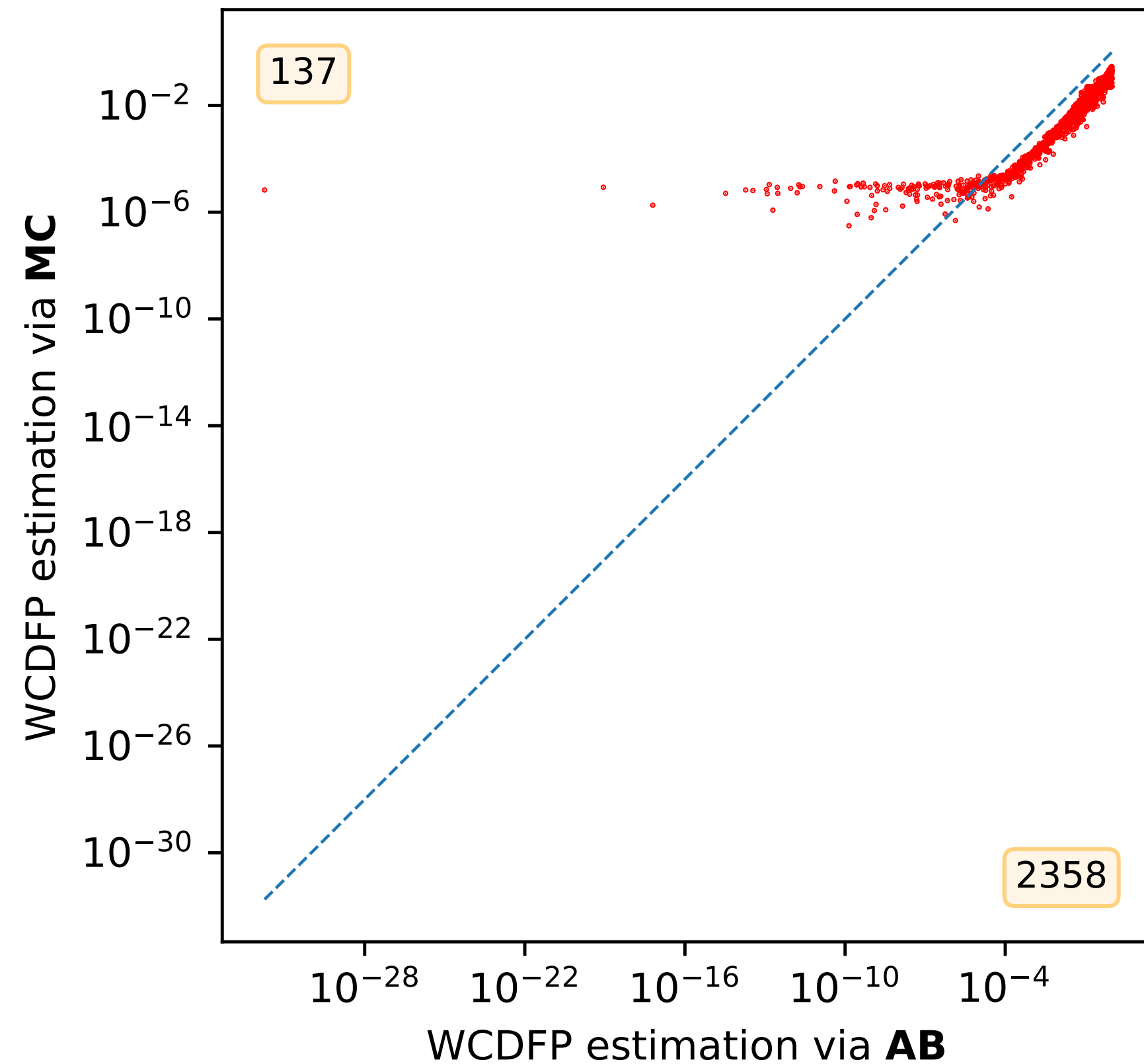
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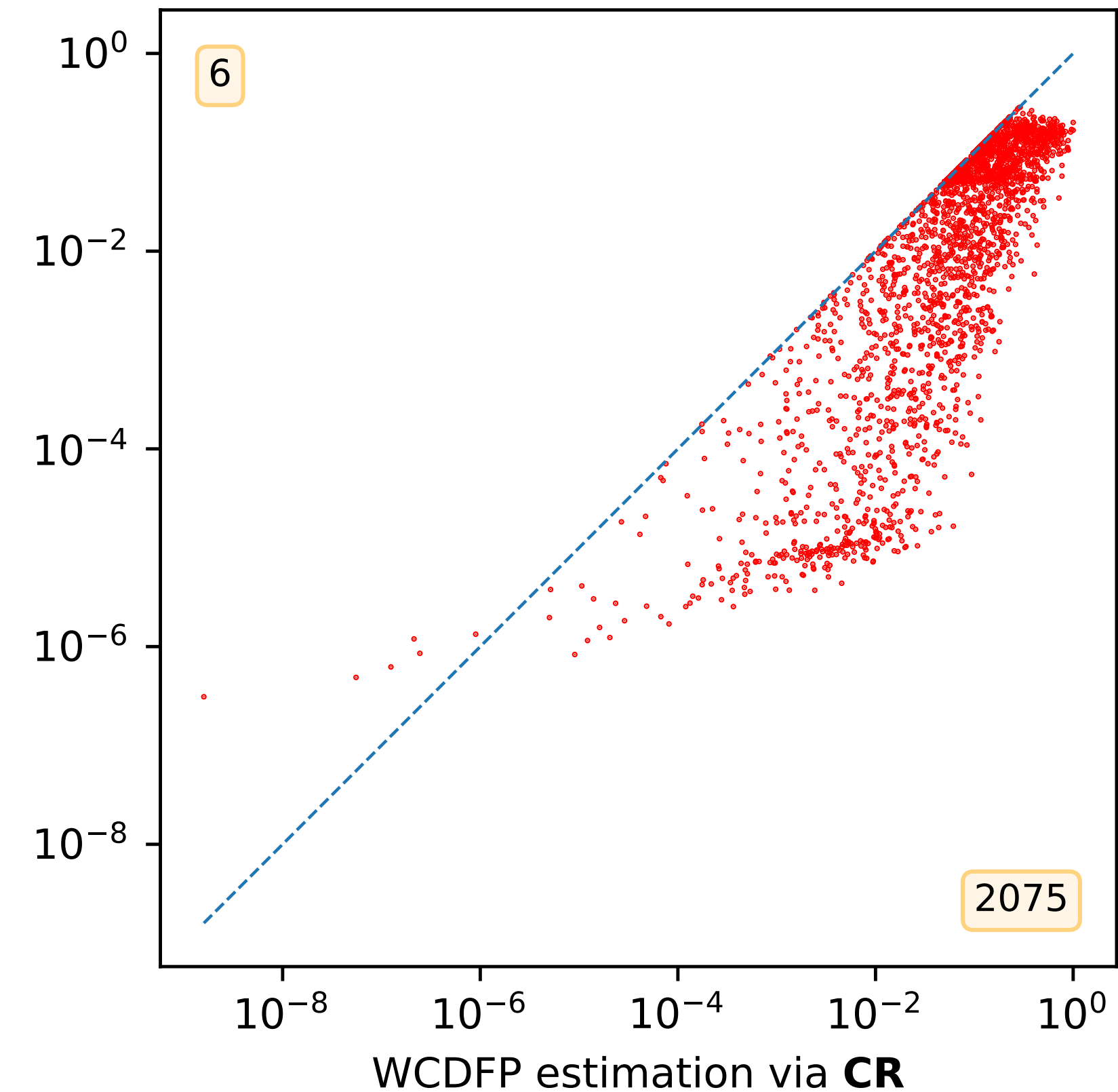
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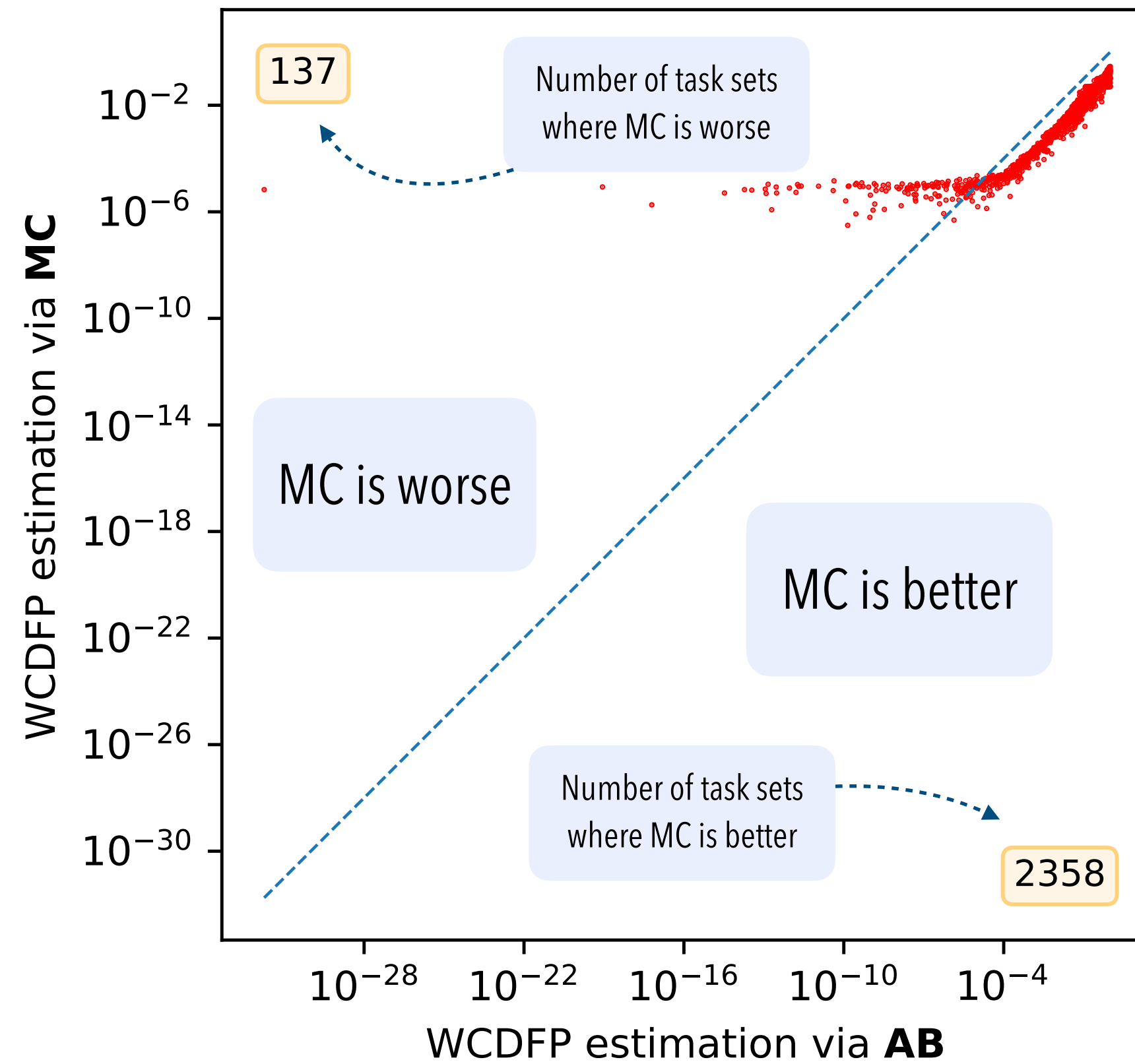
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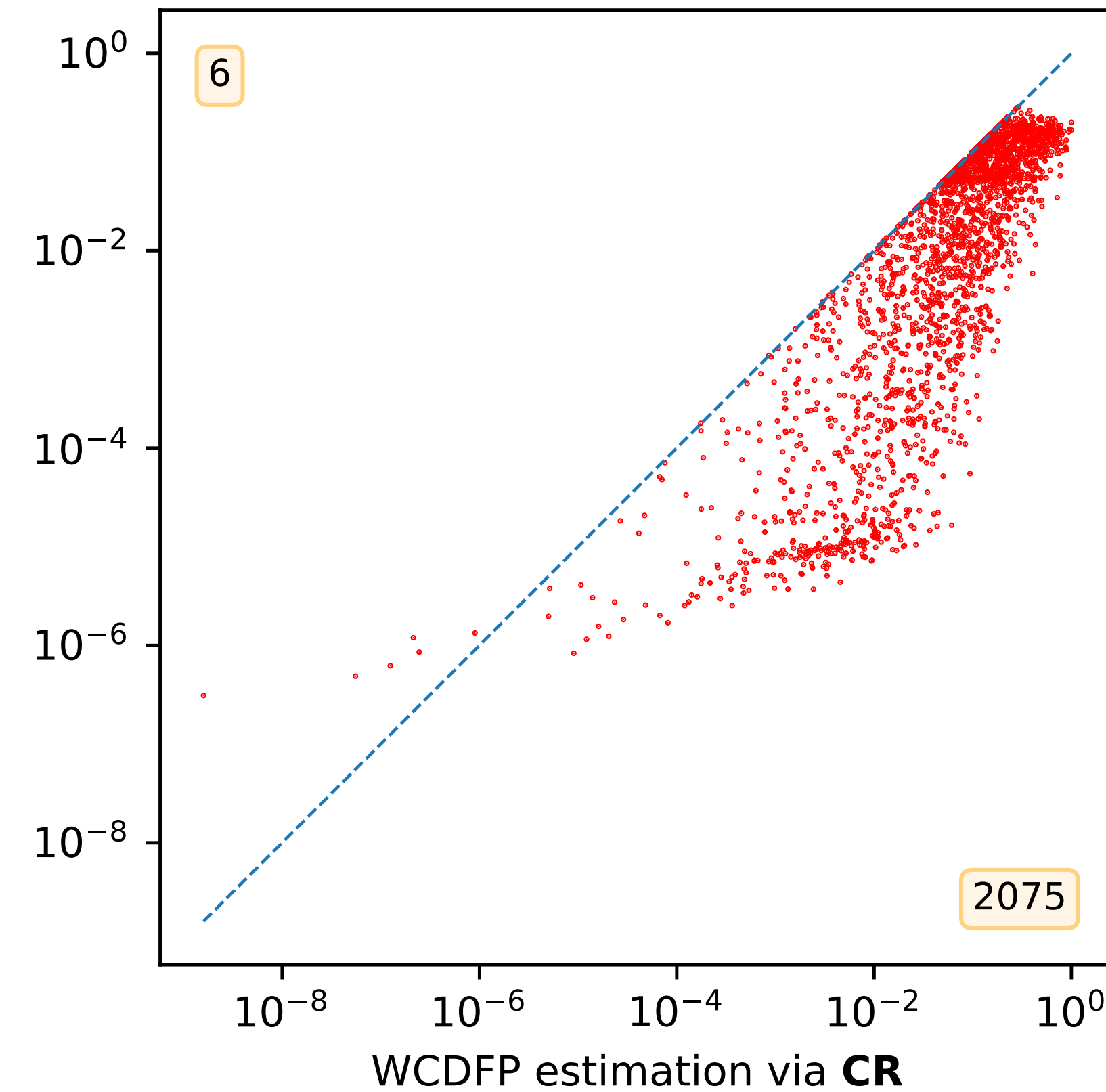
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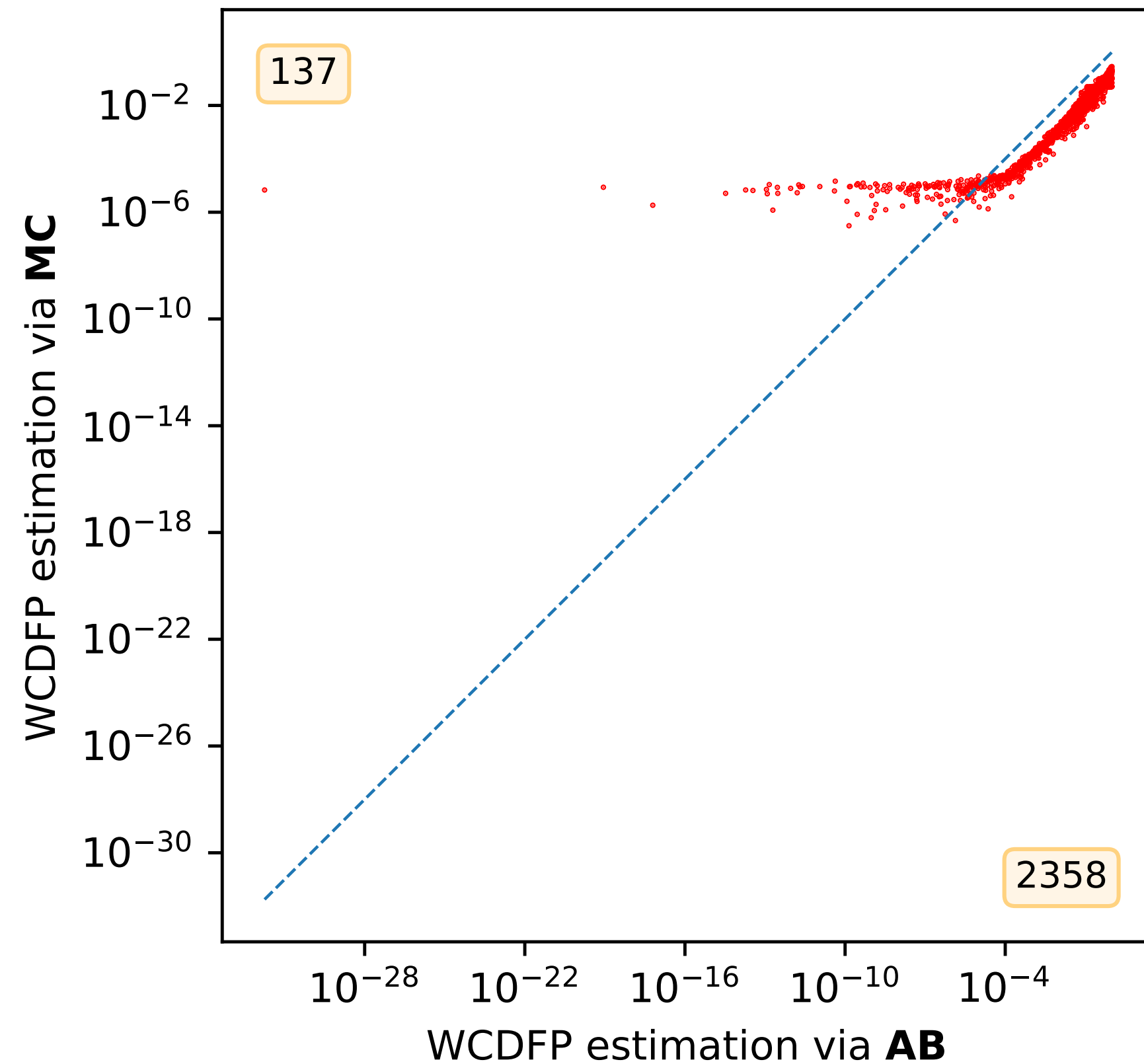
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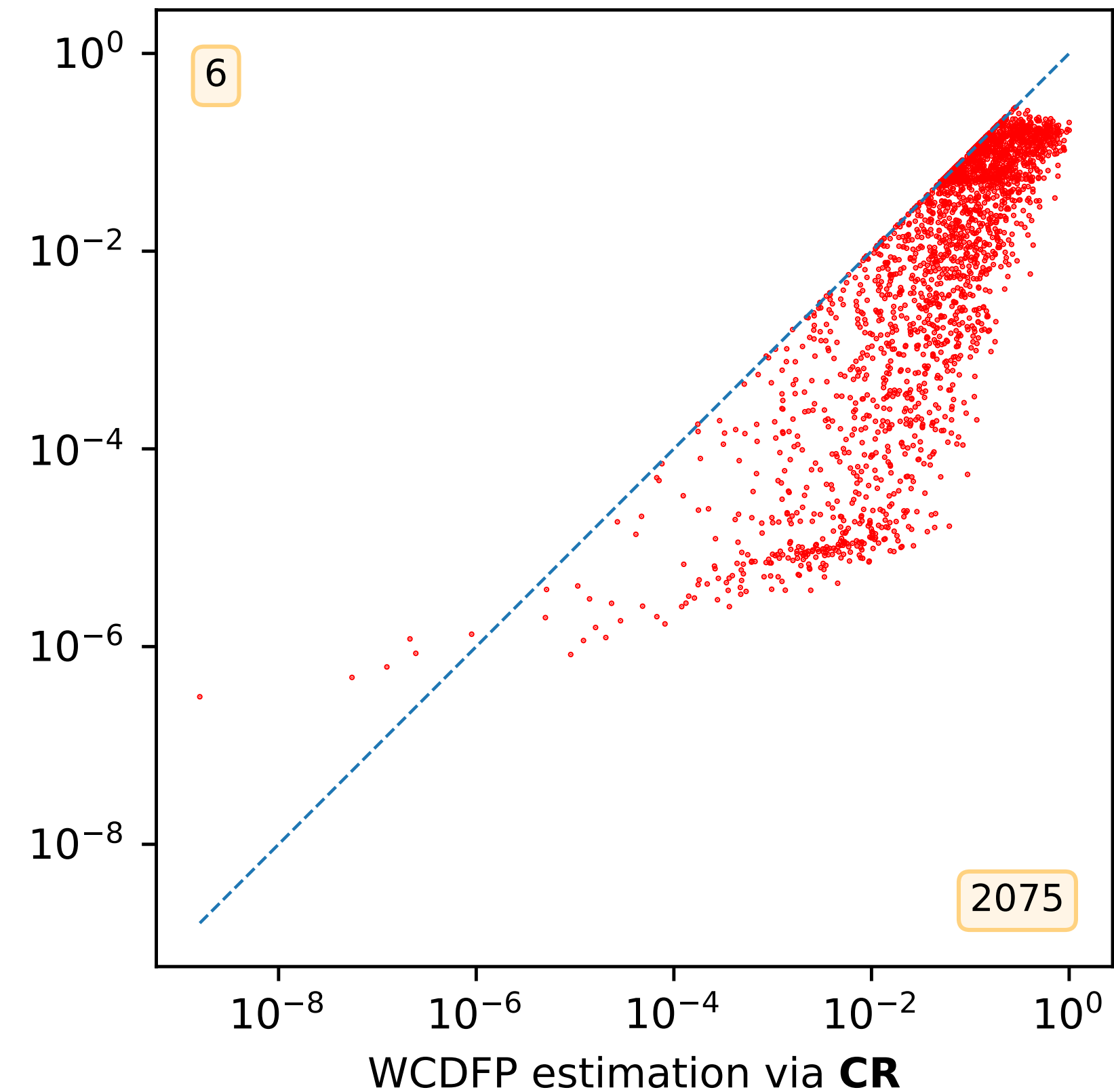
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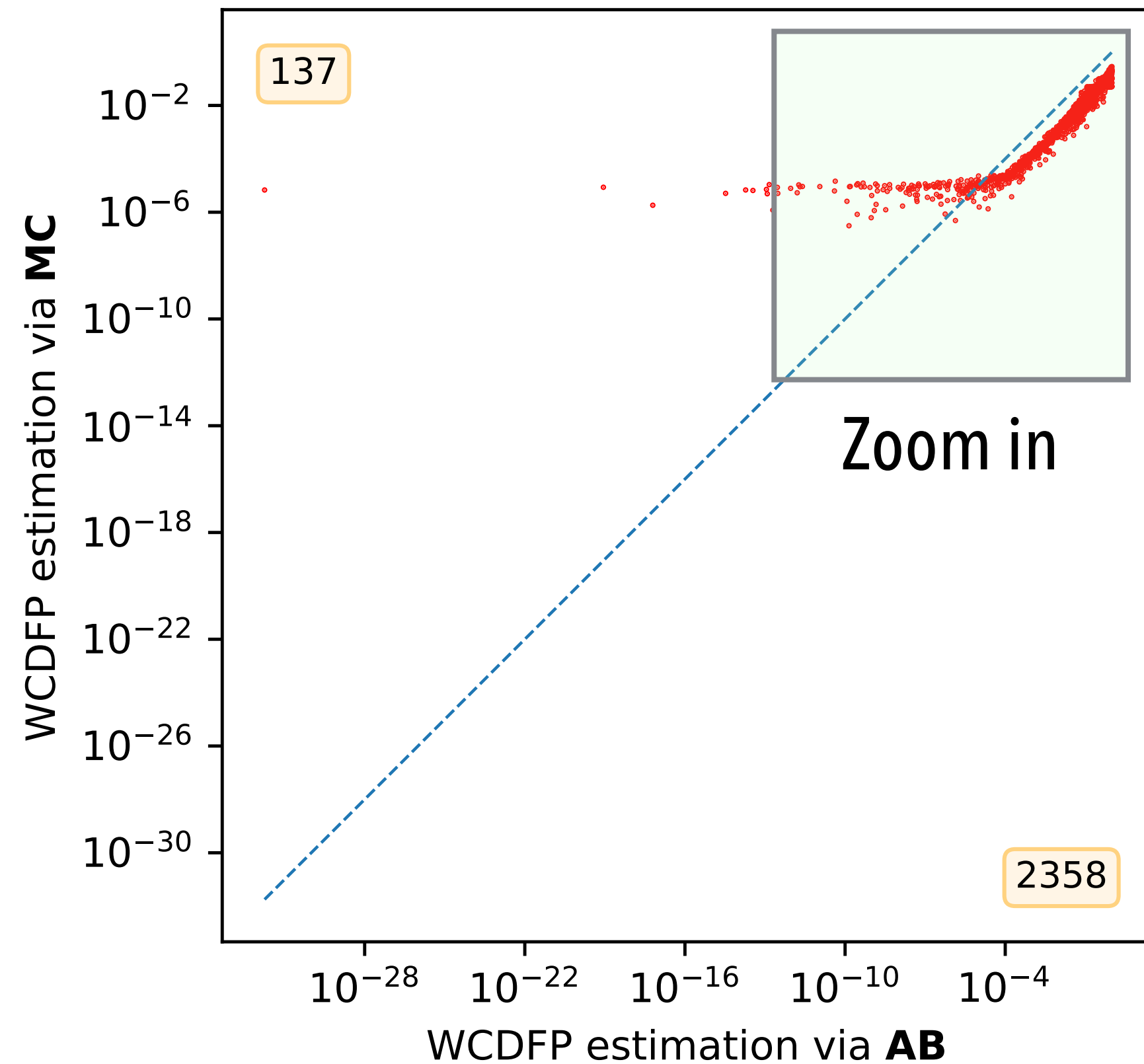
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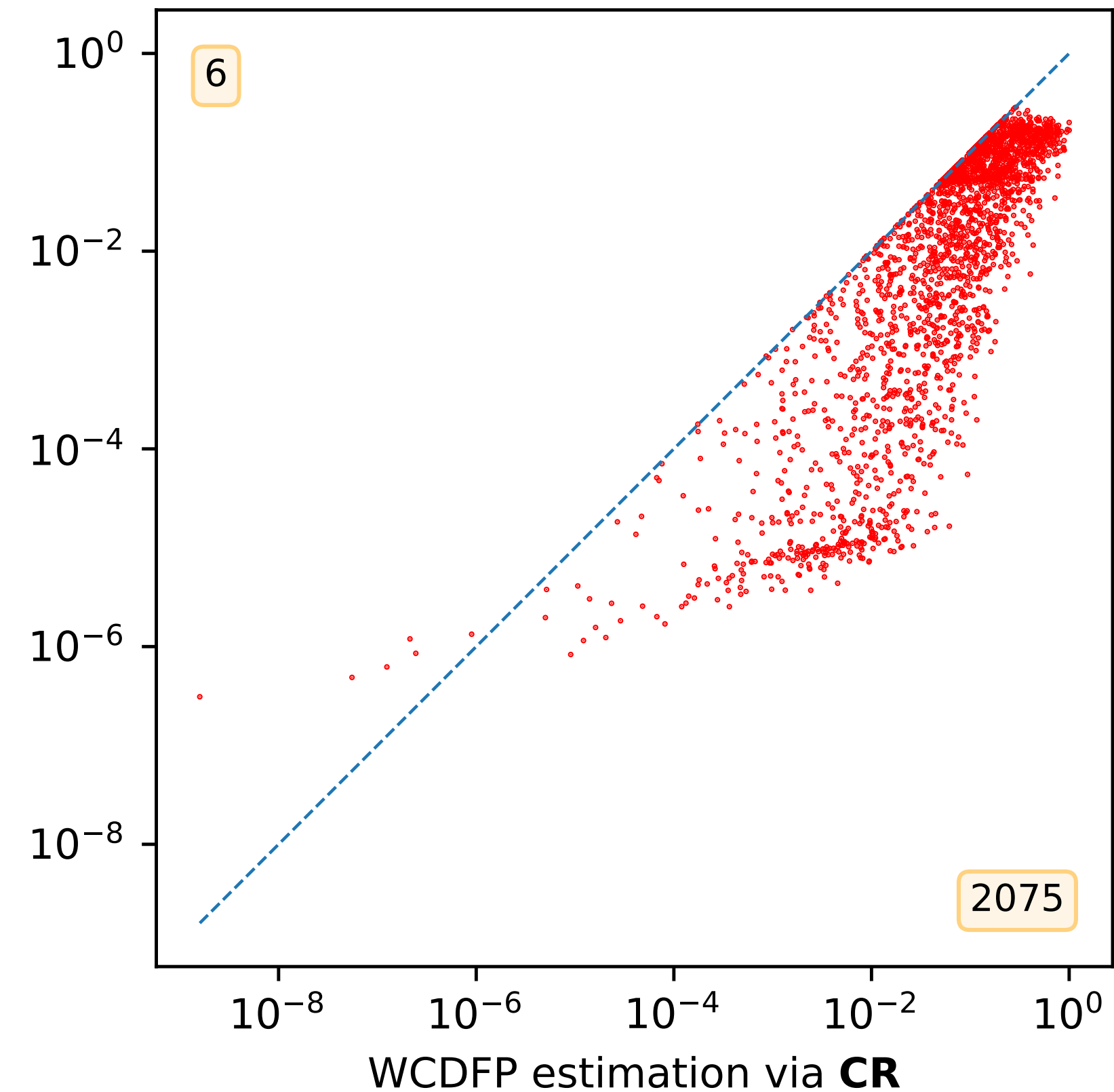


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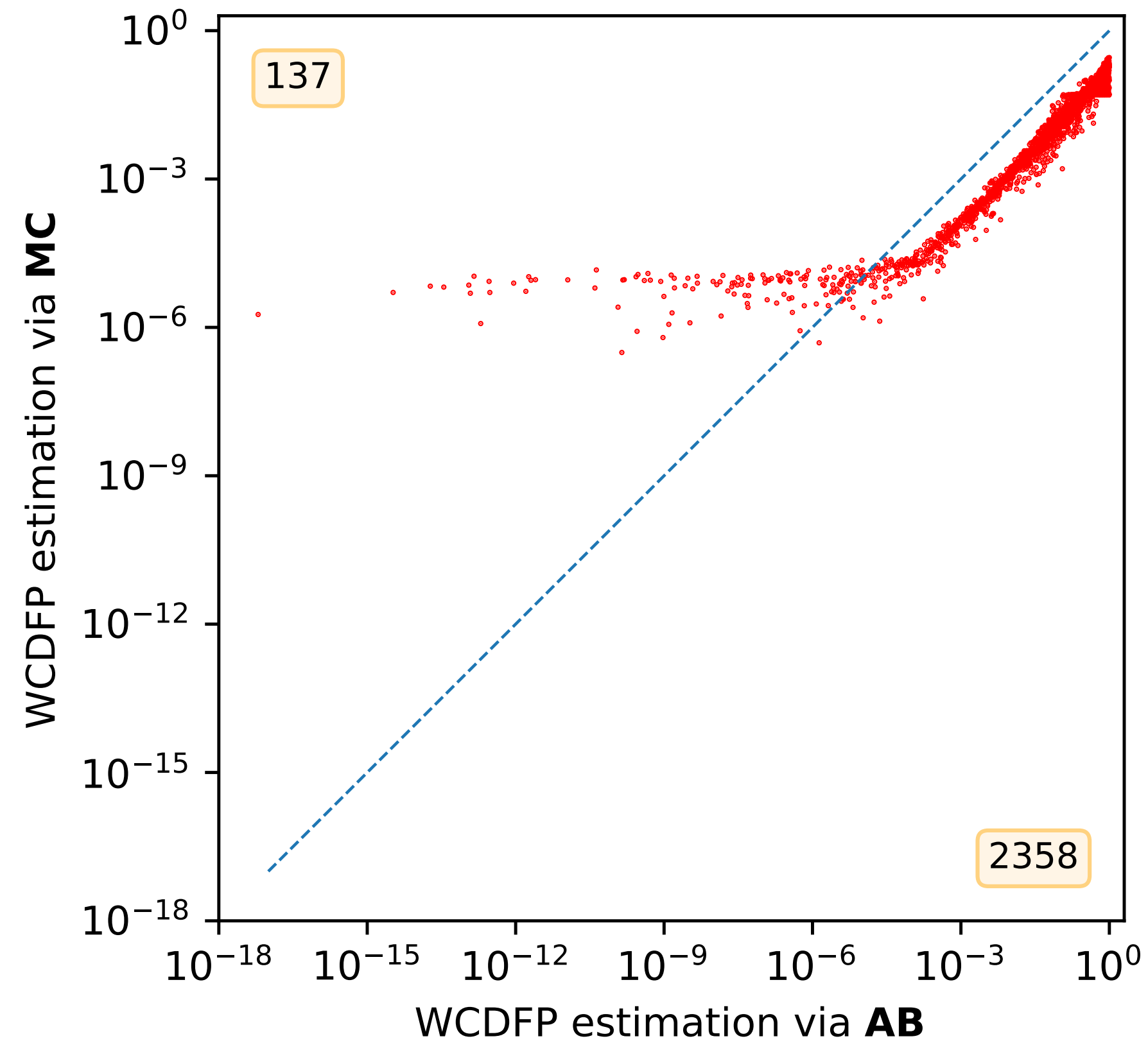


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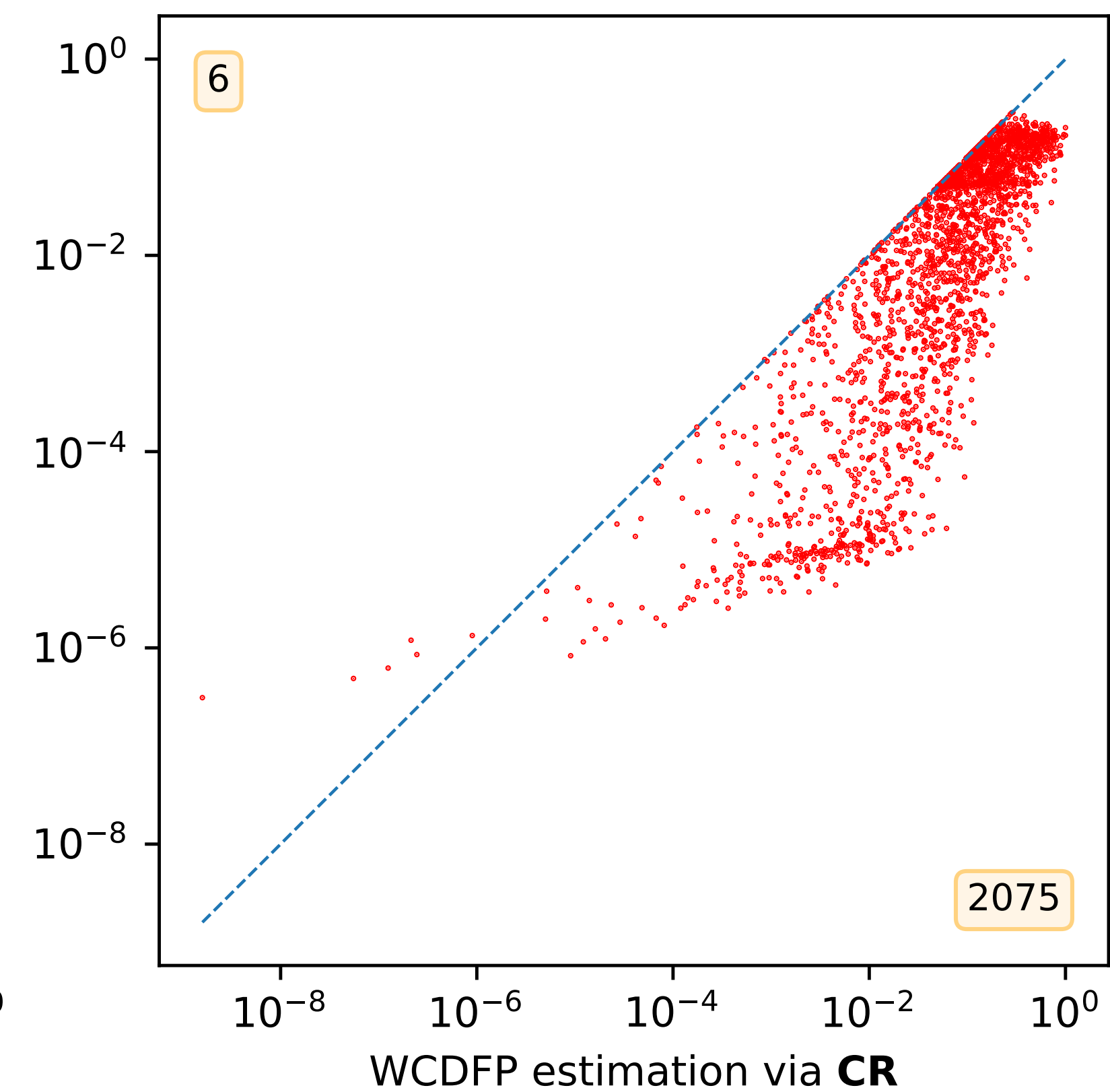
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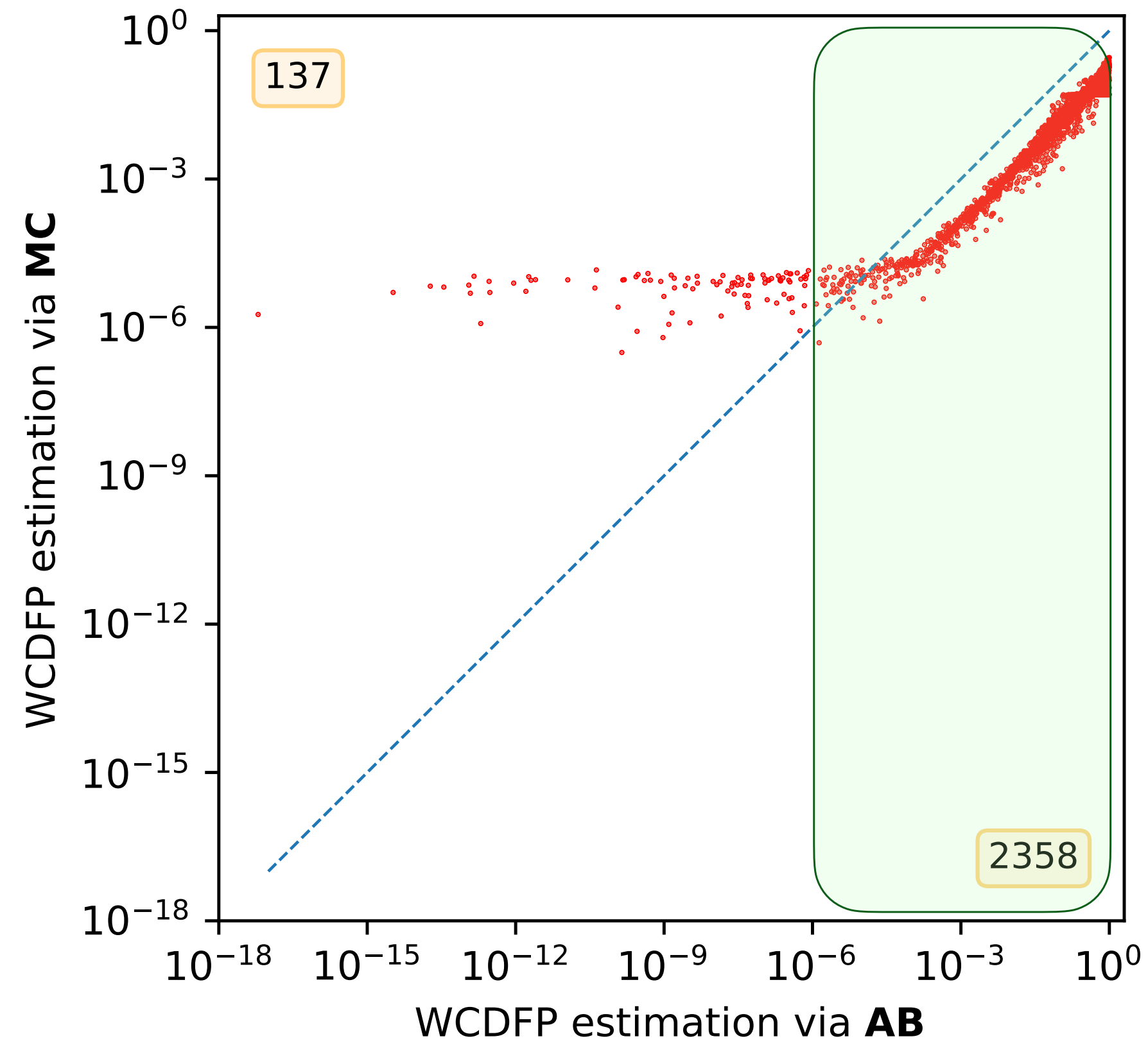
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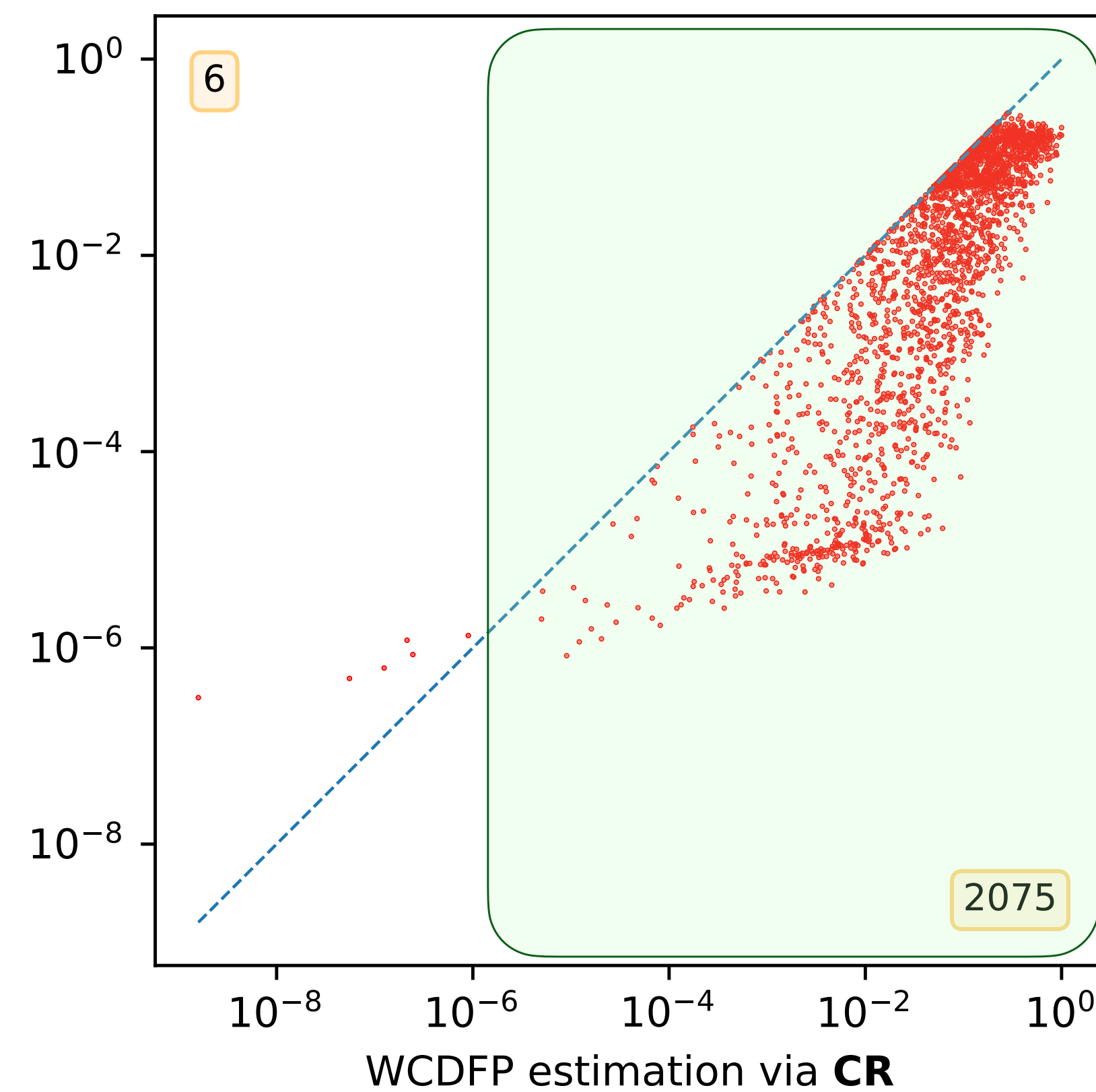
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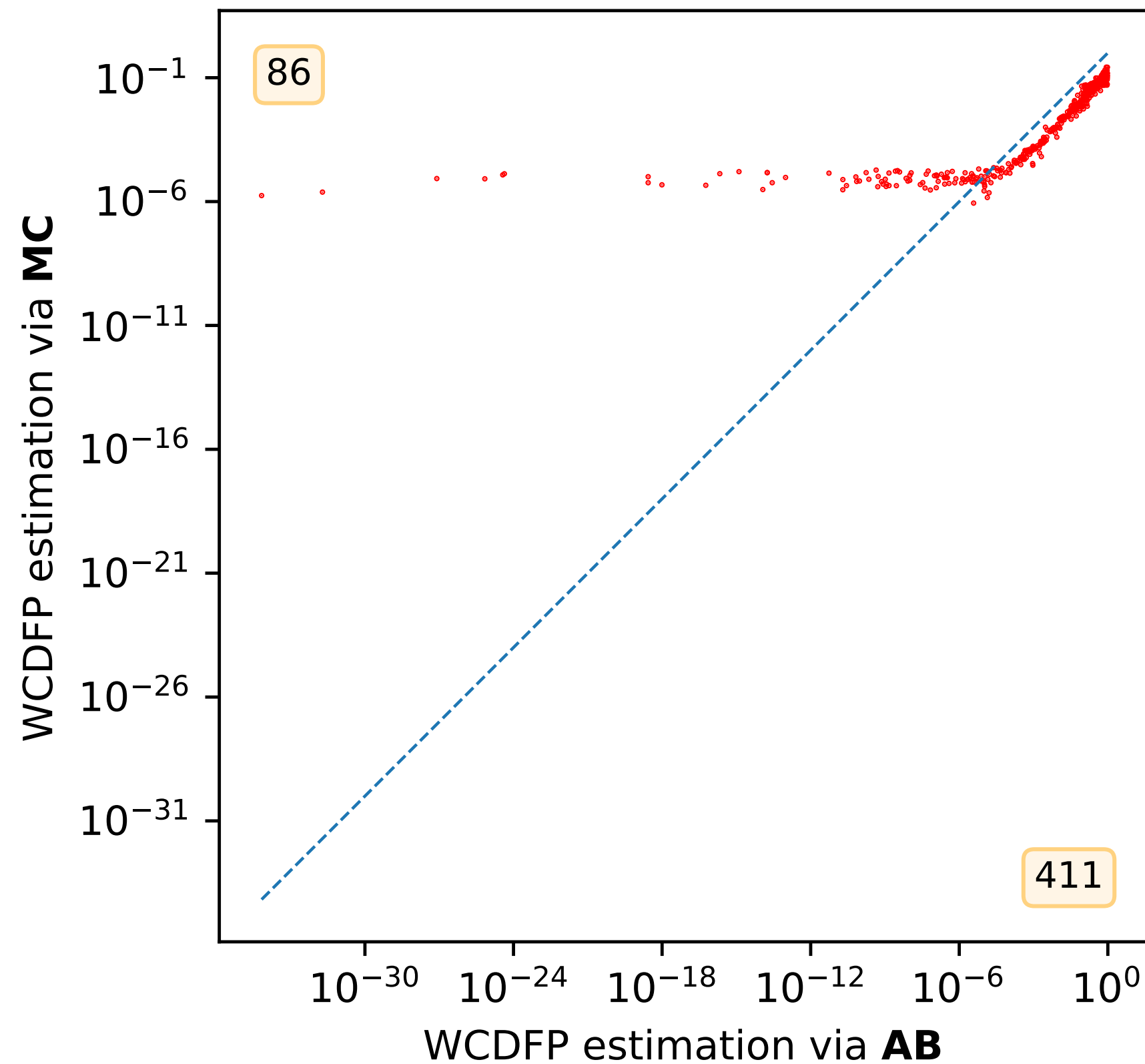
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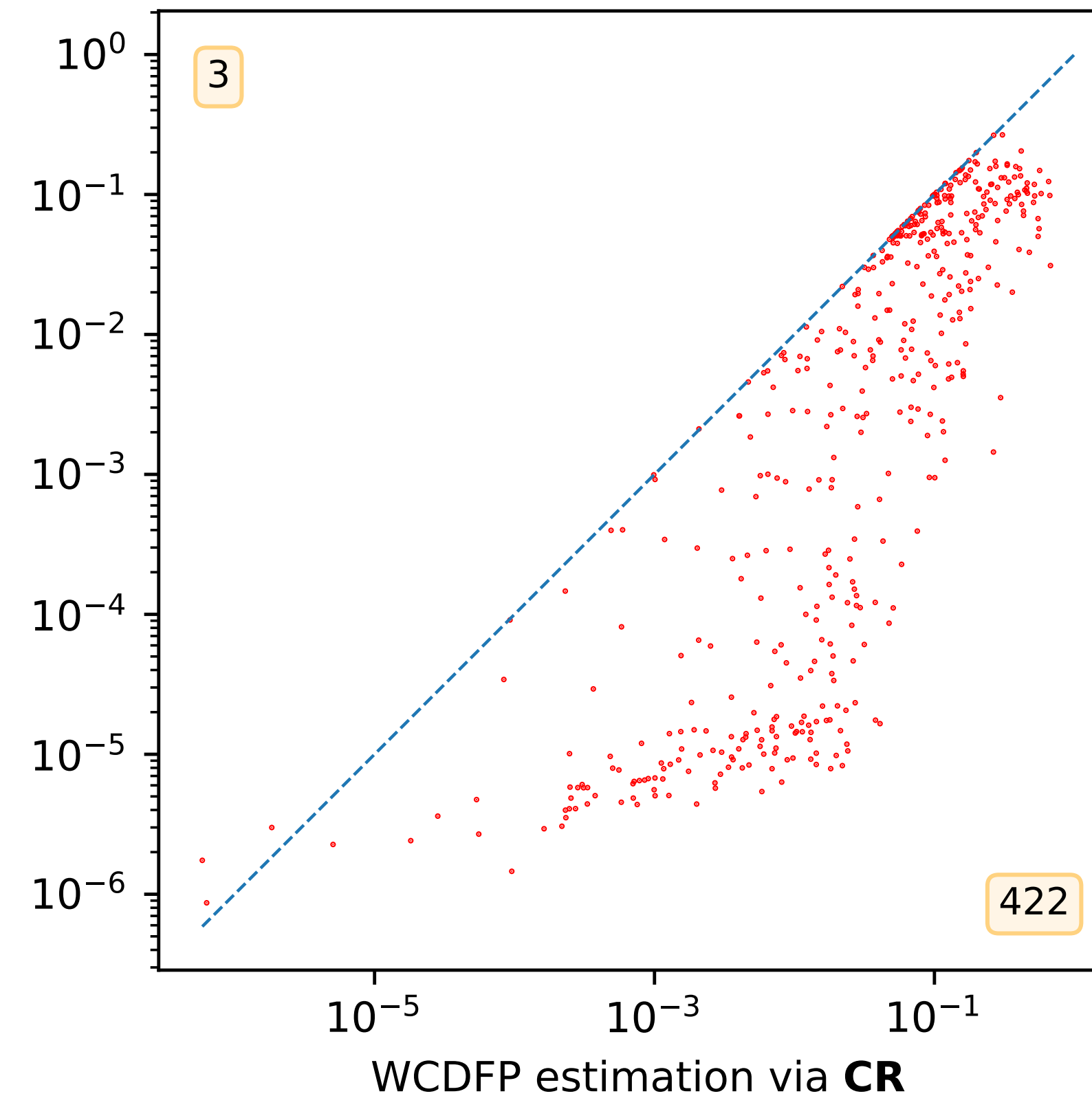
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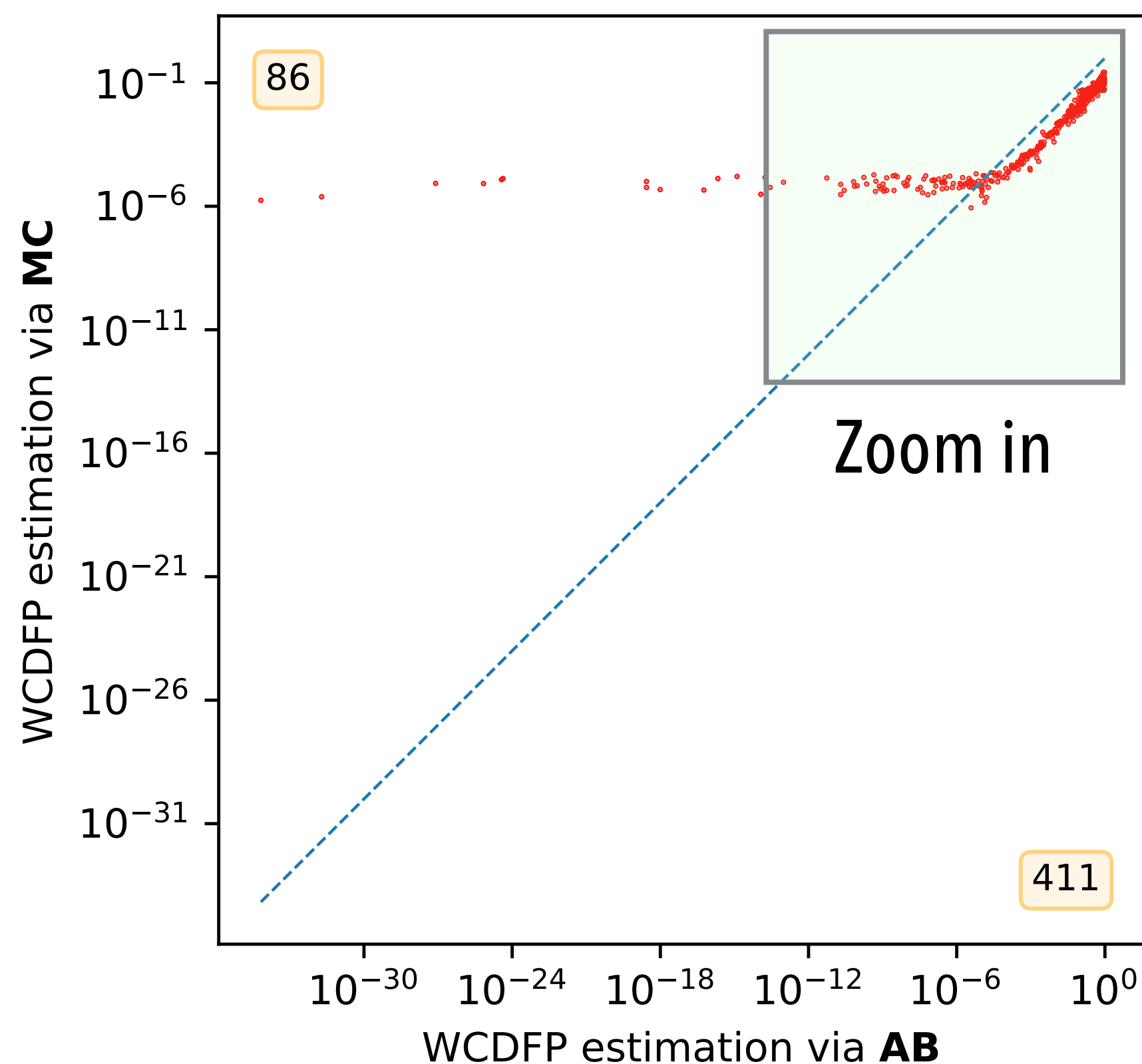
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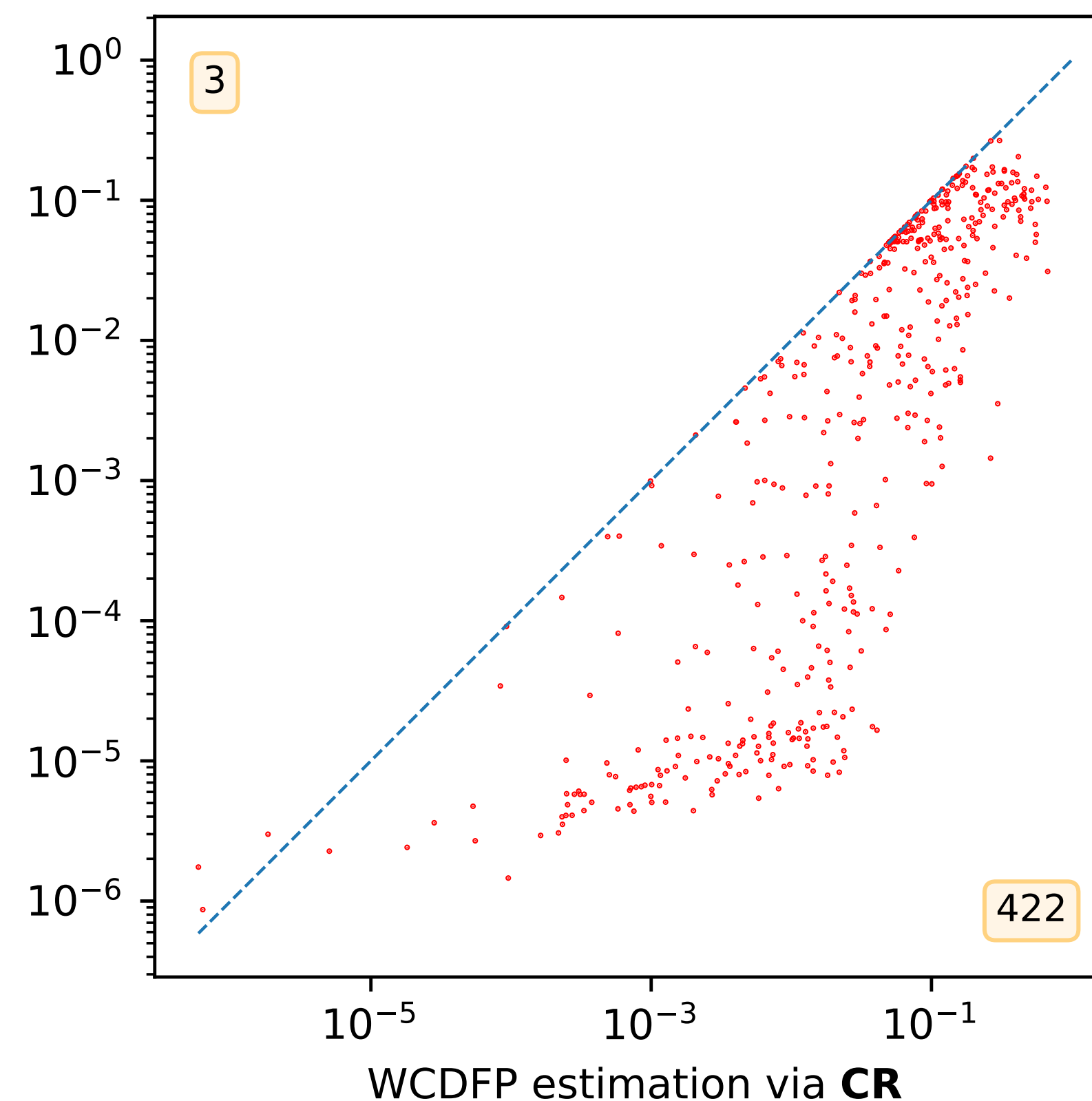
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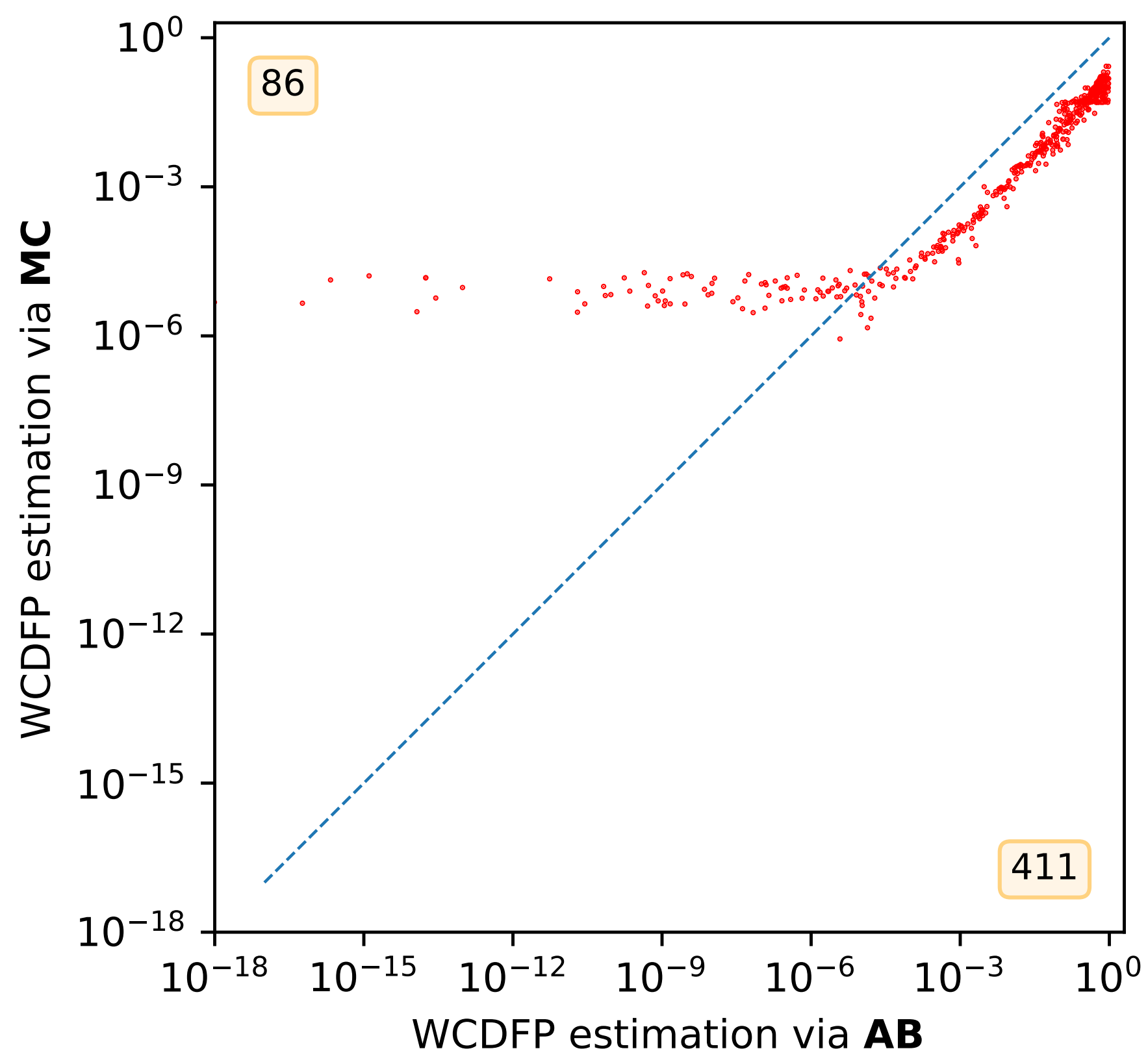
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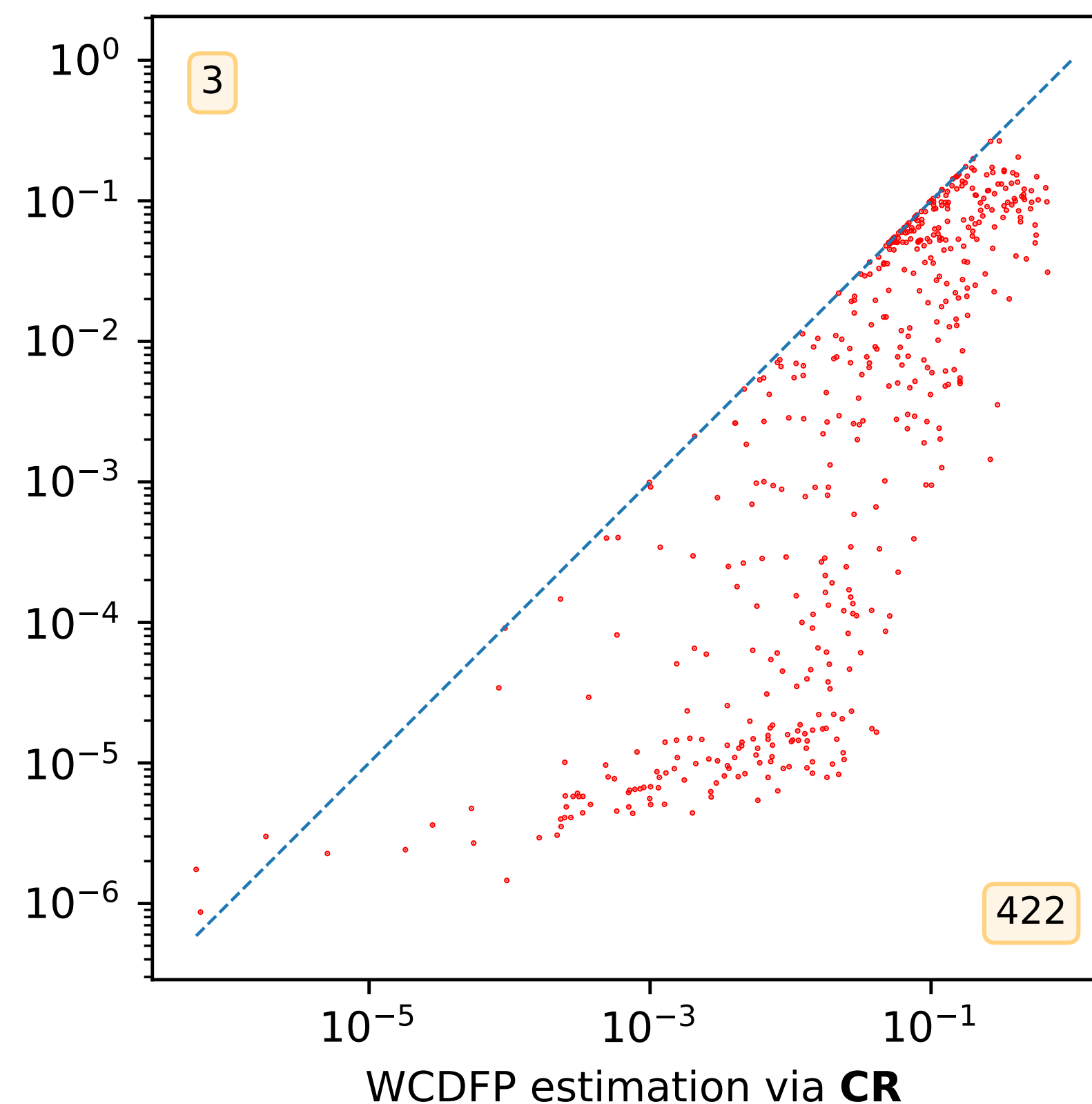
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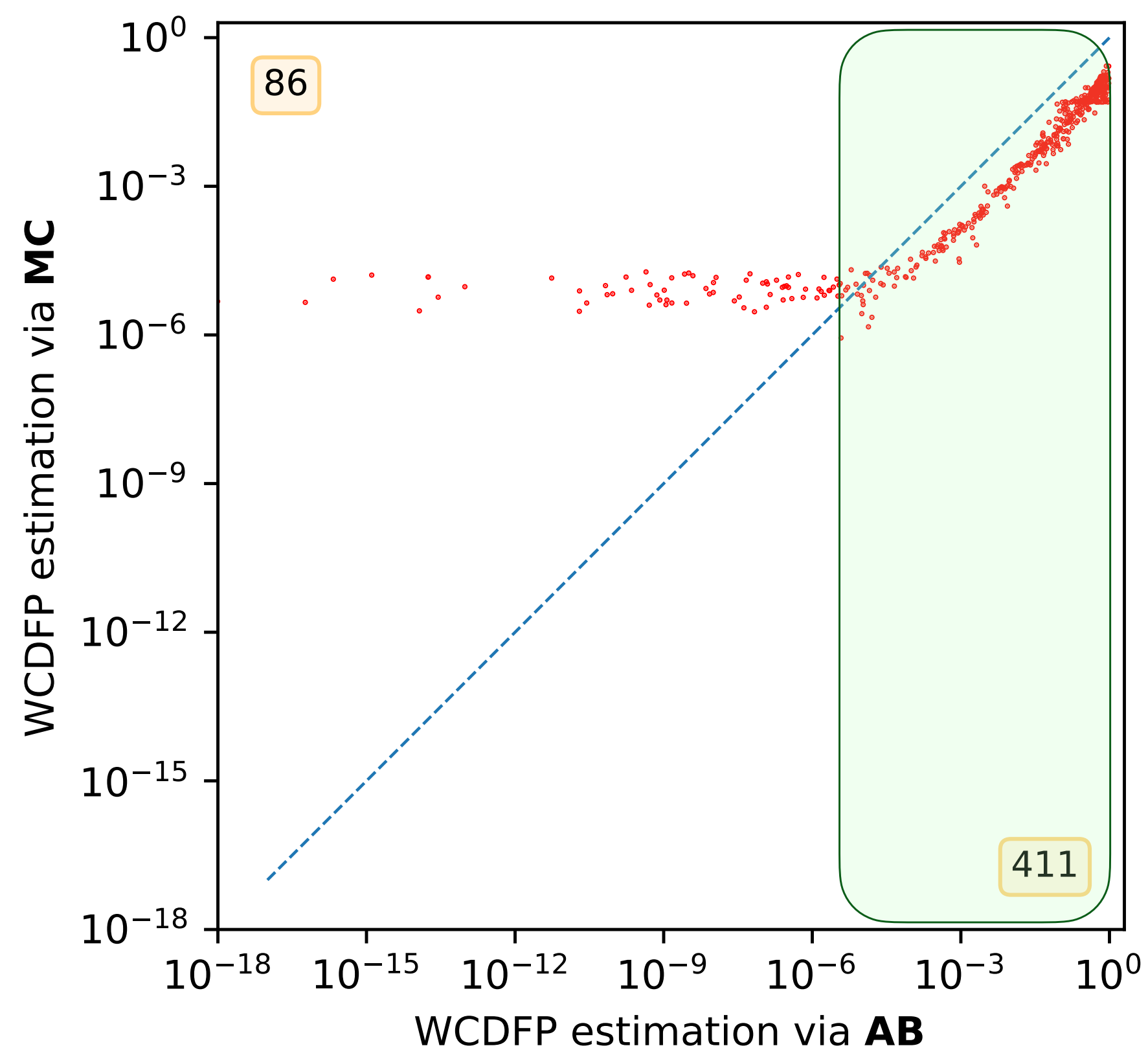
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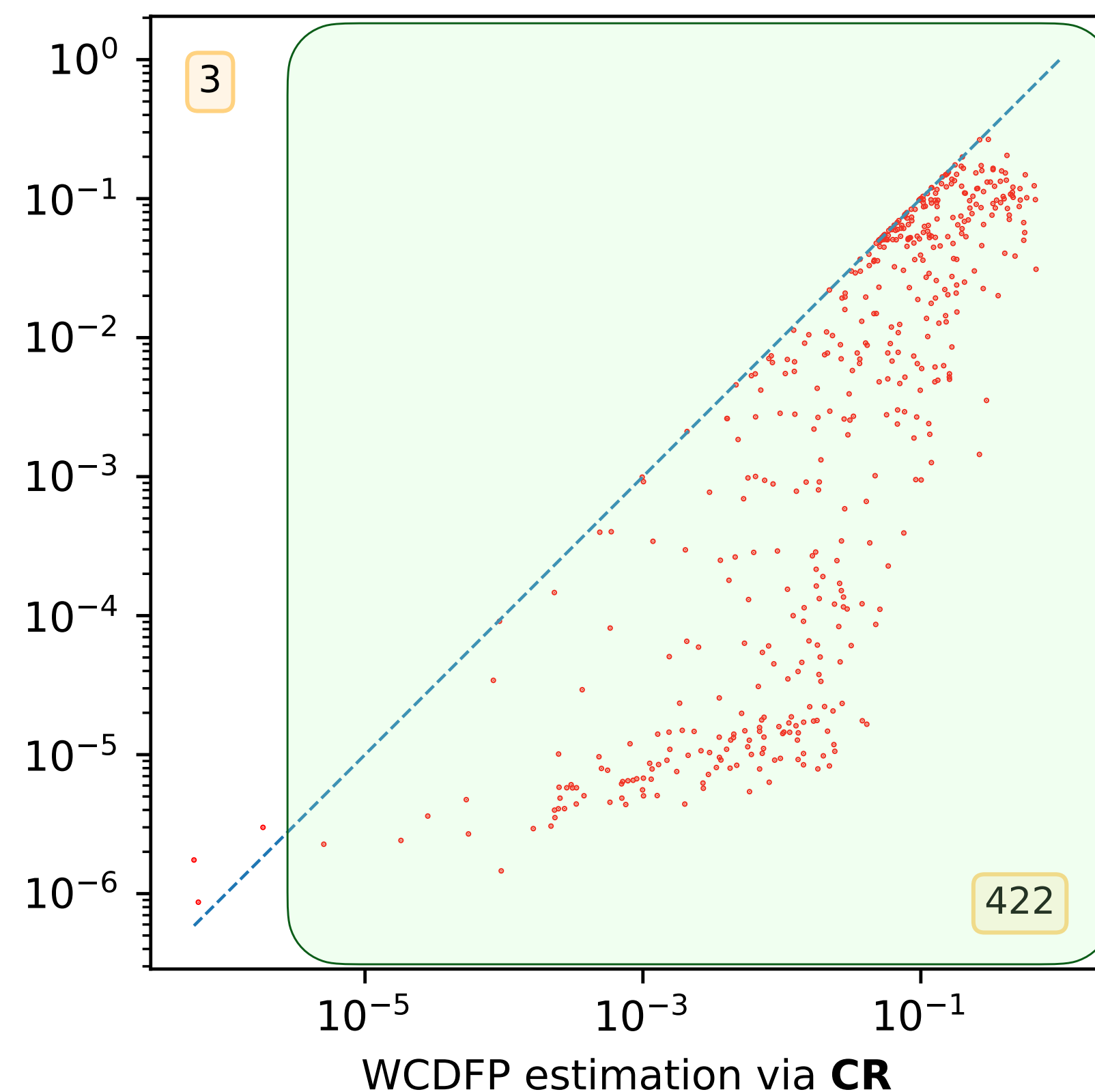
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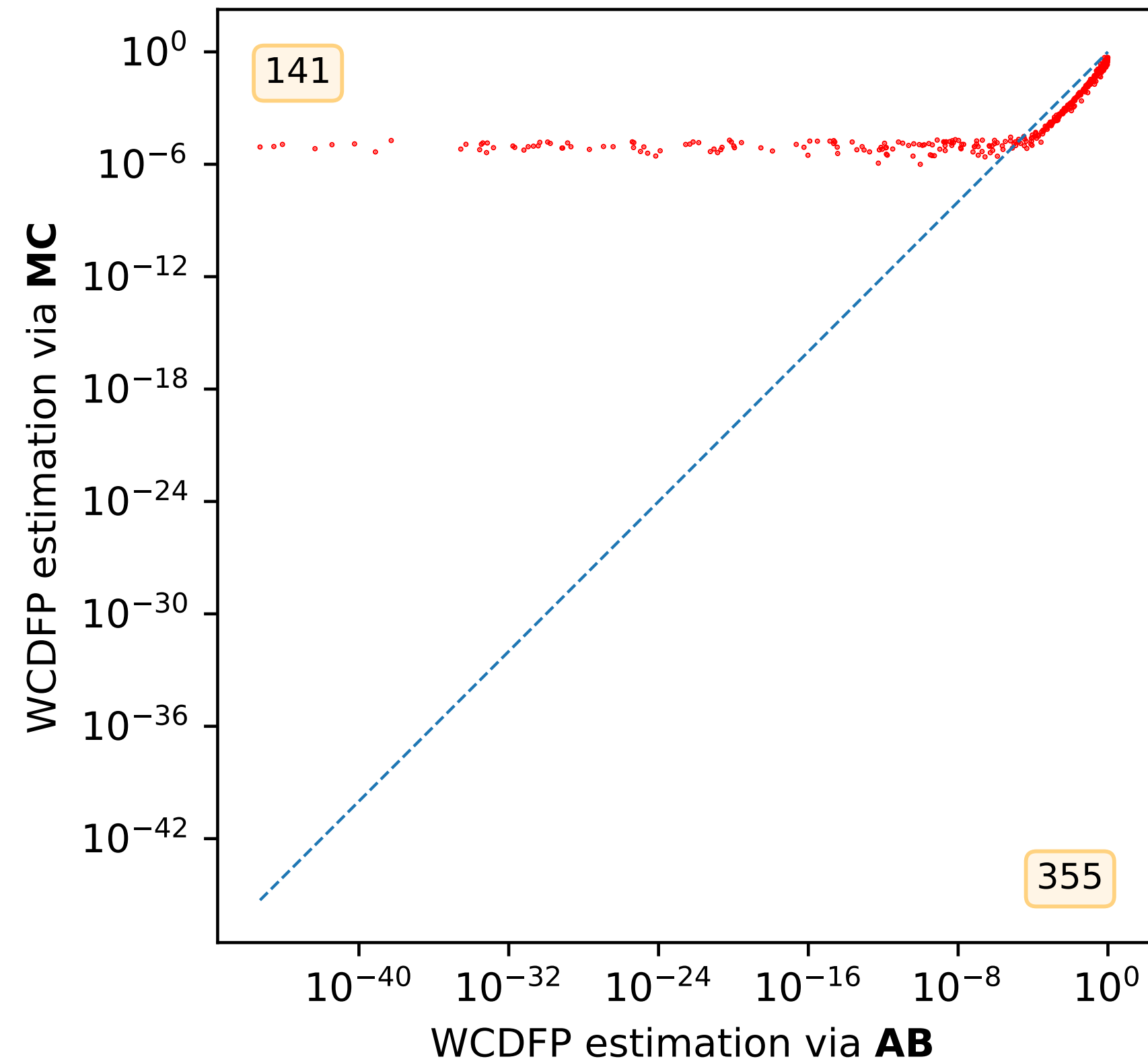
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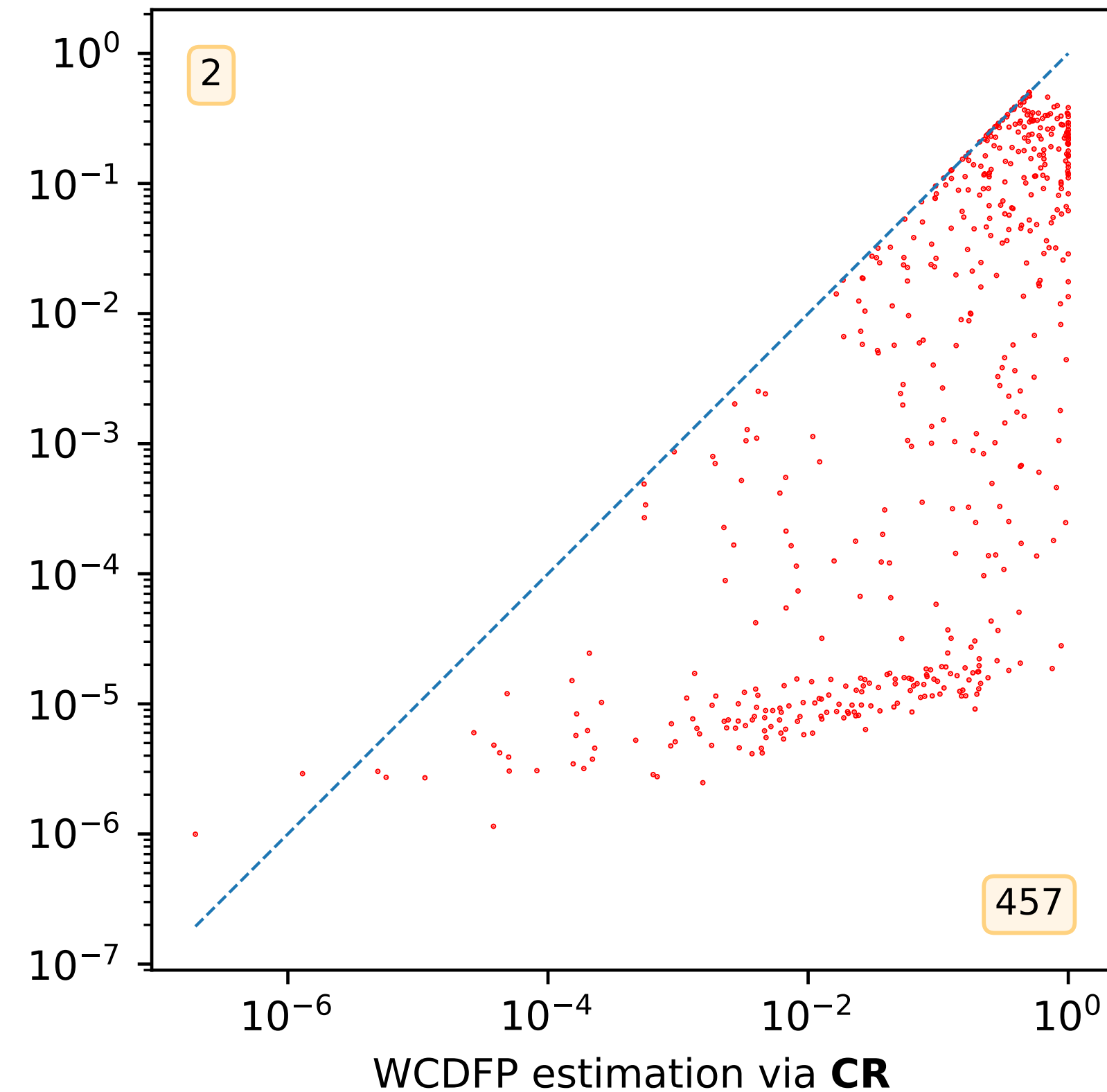
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Chernoff's inequality vs MC



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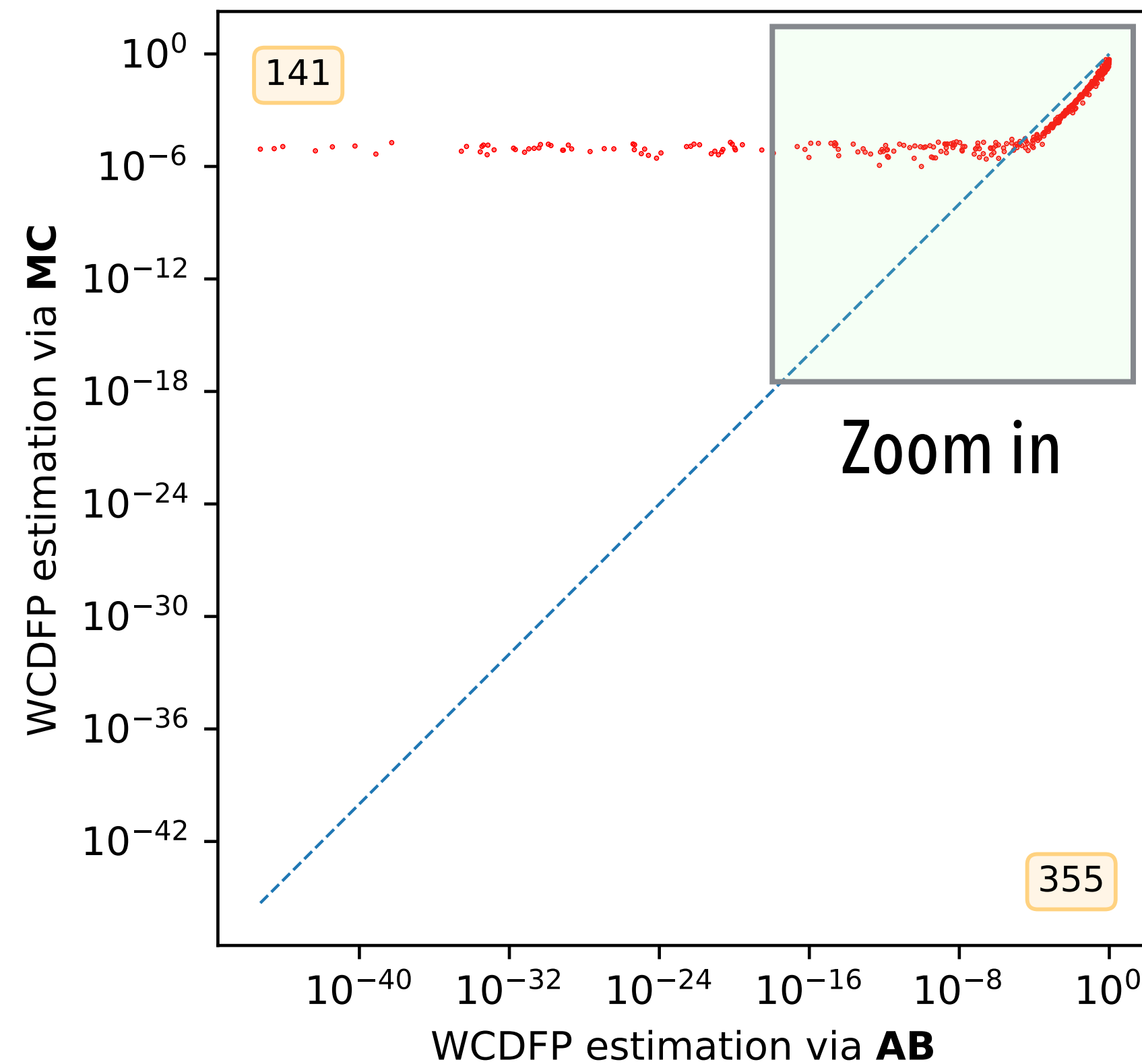
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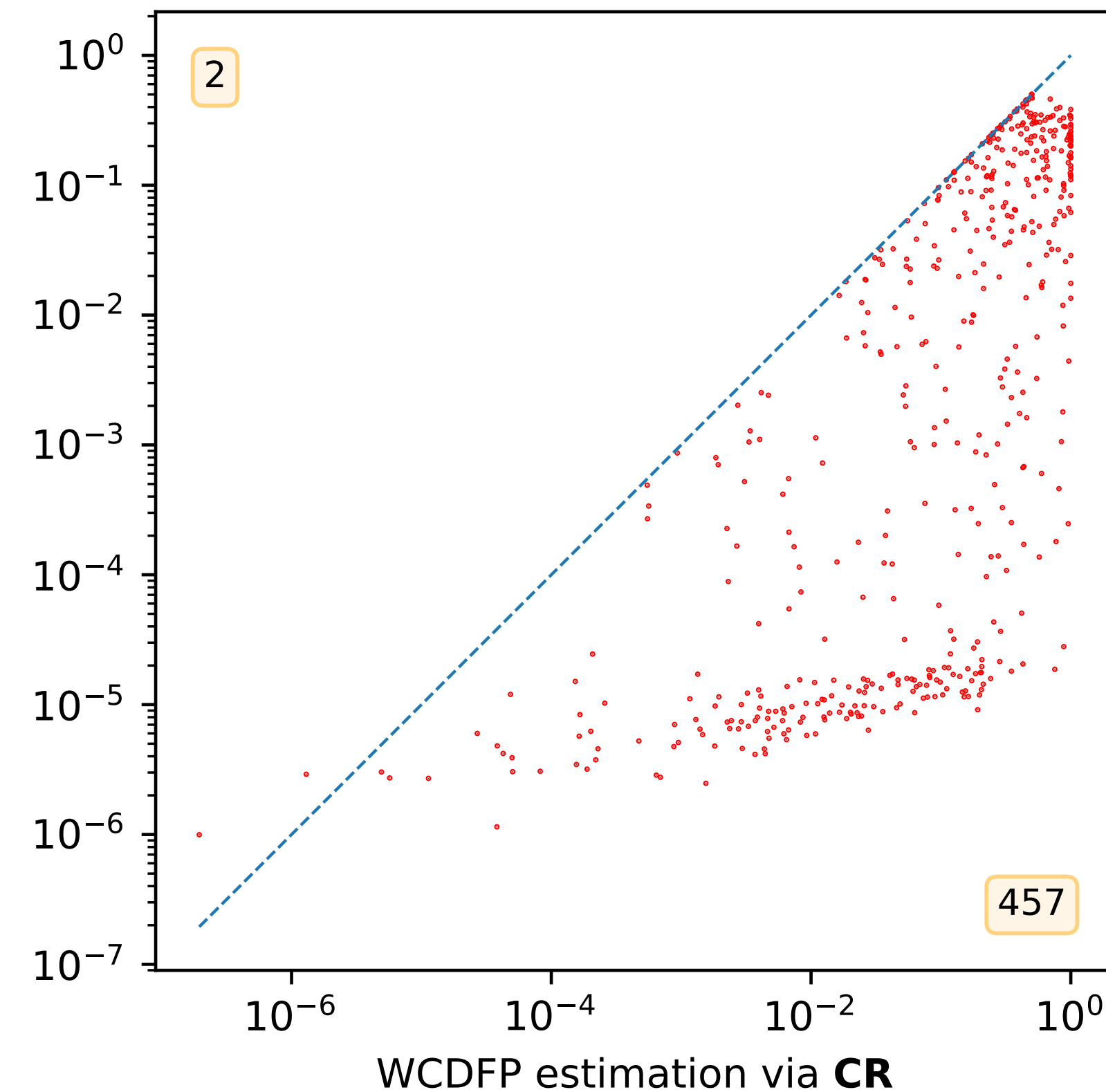
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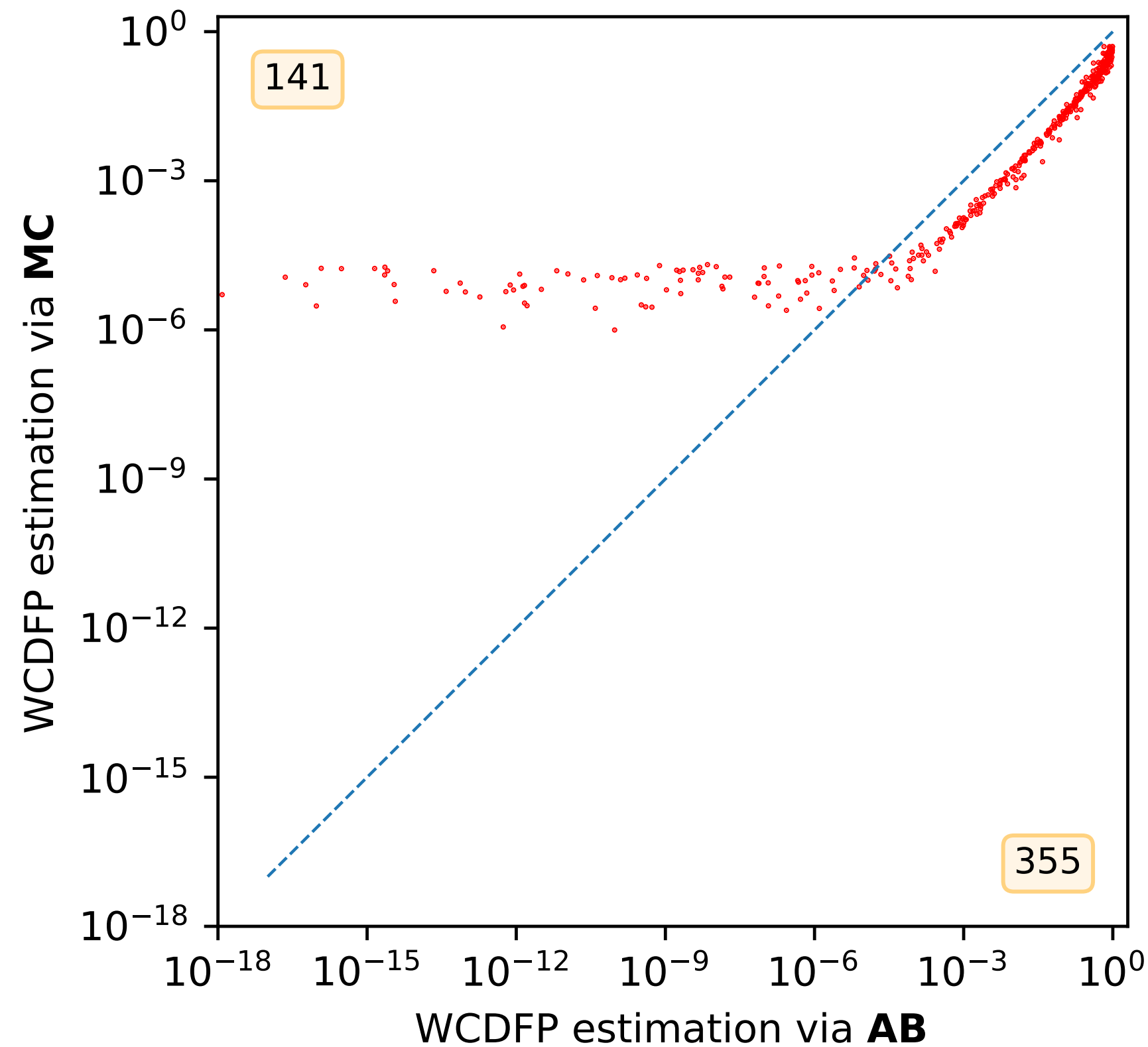
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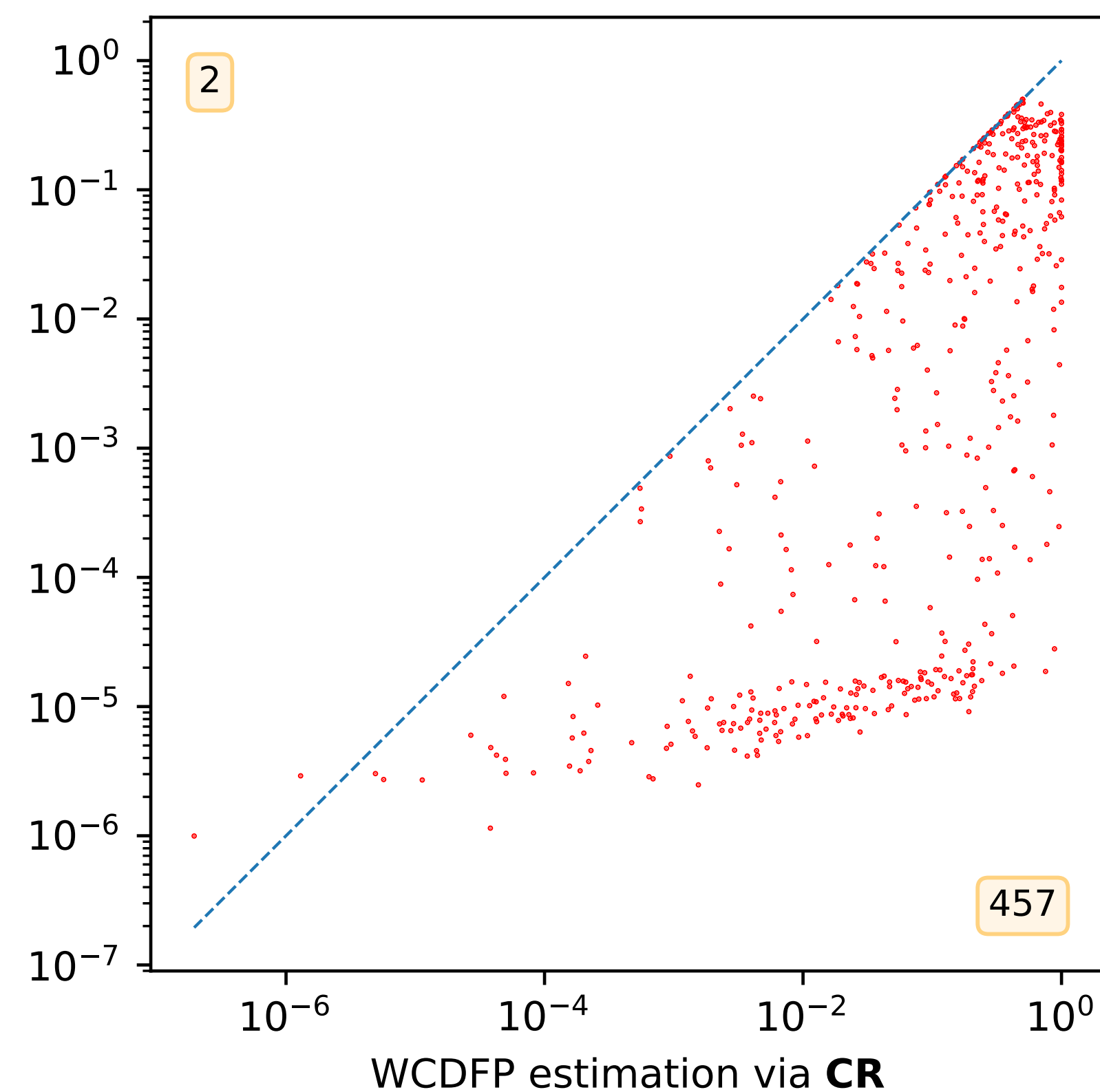
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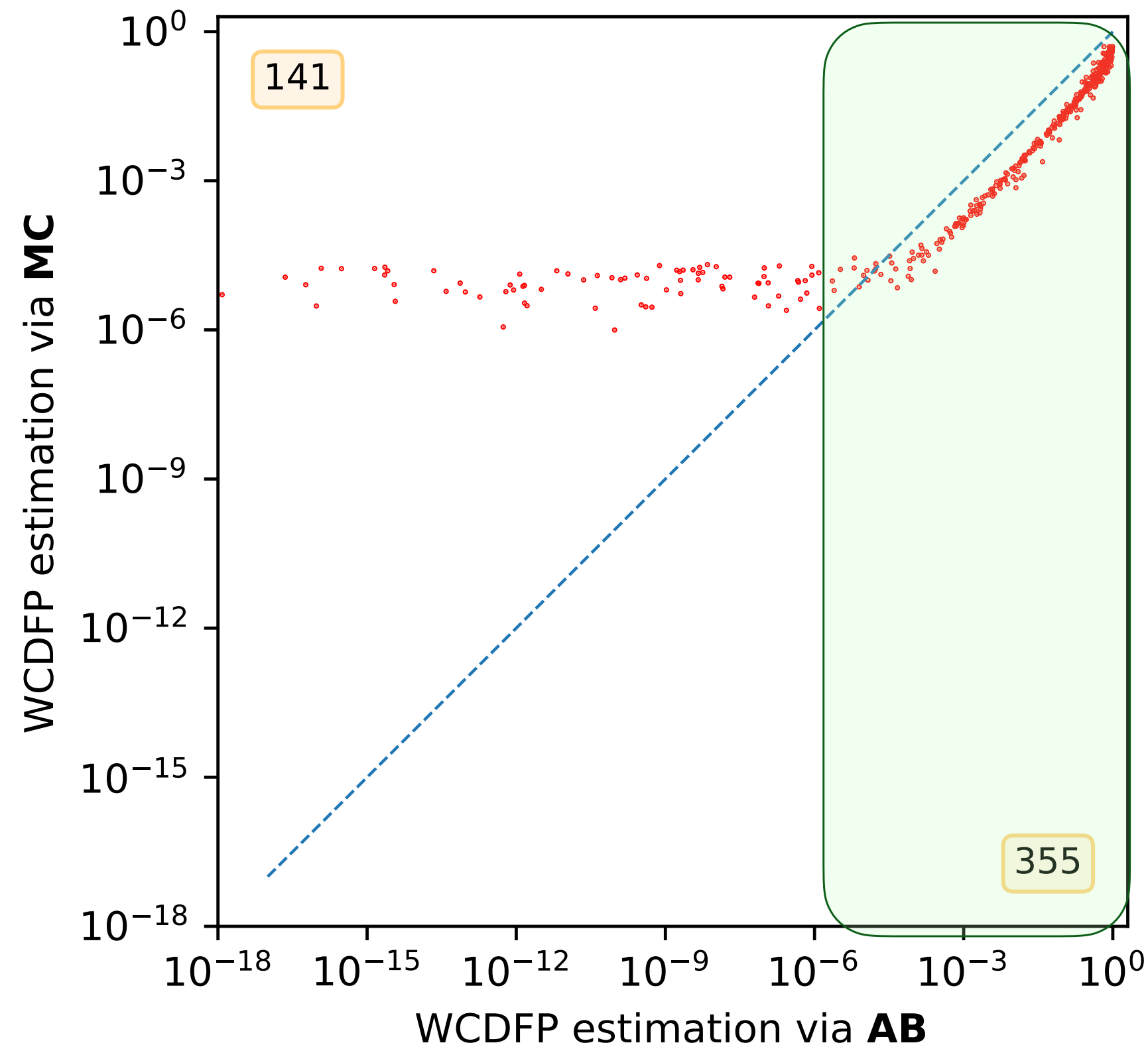
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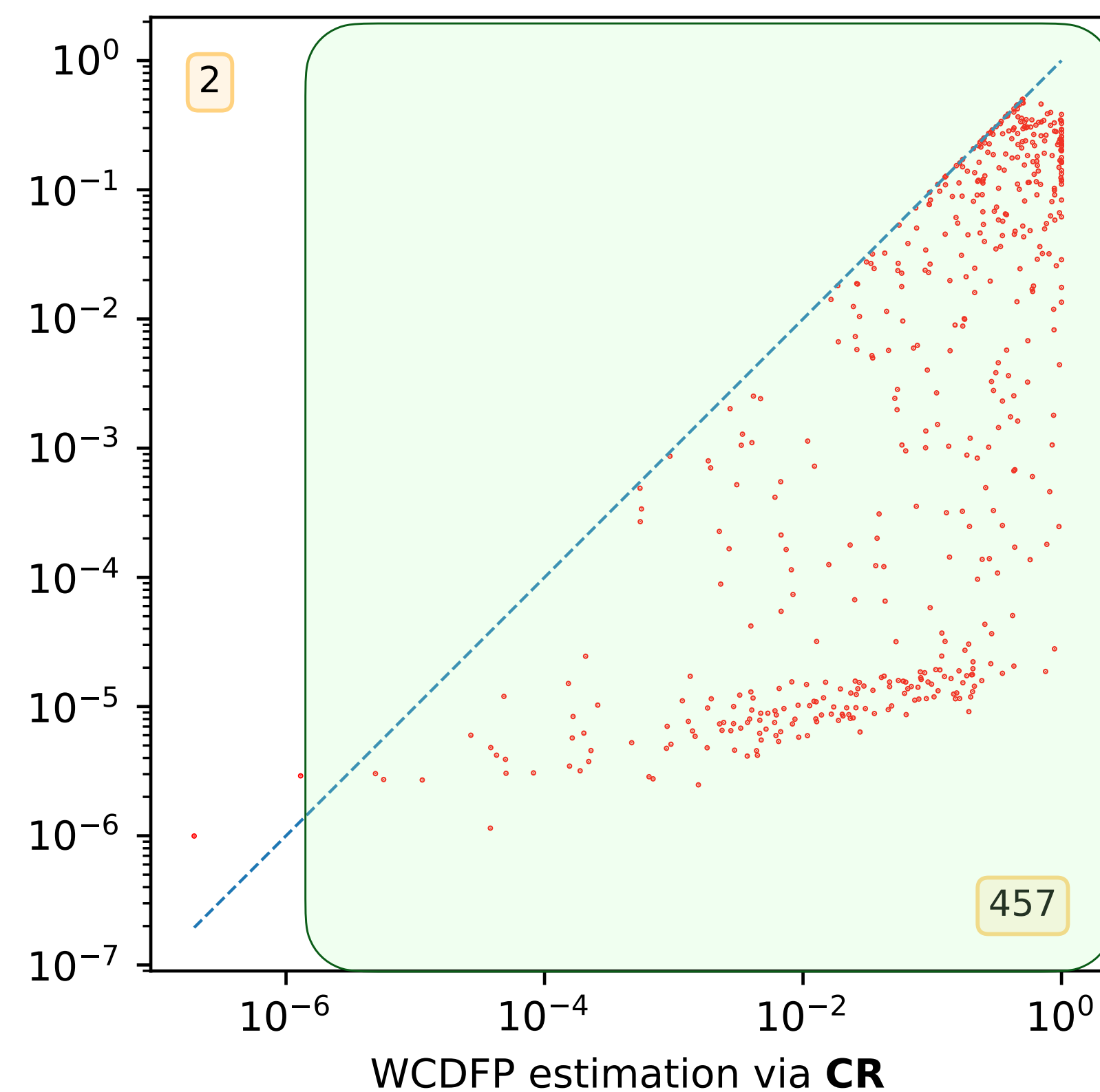
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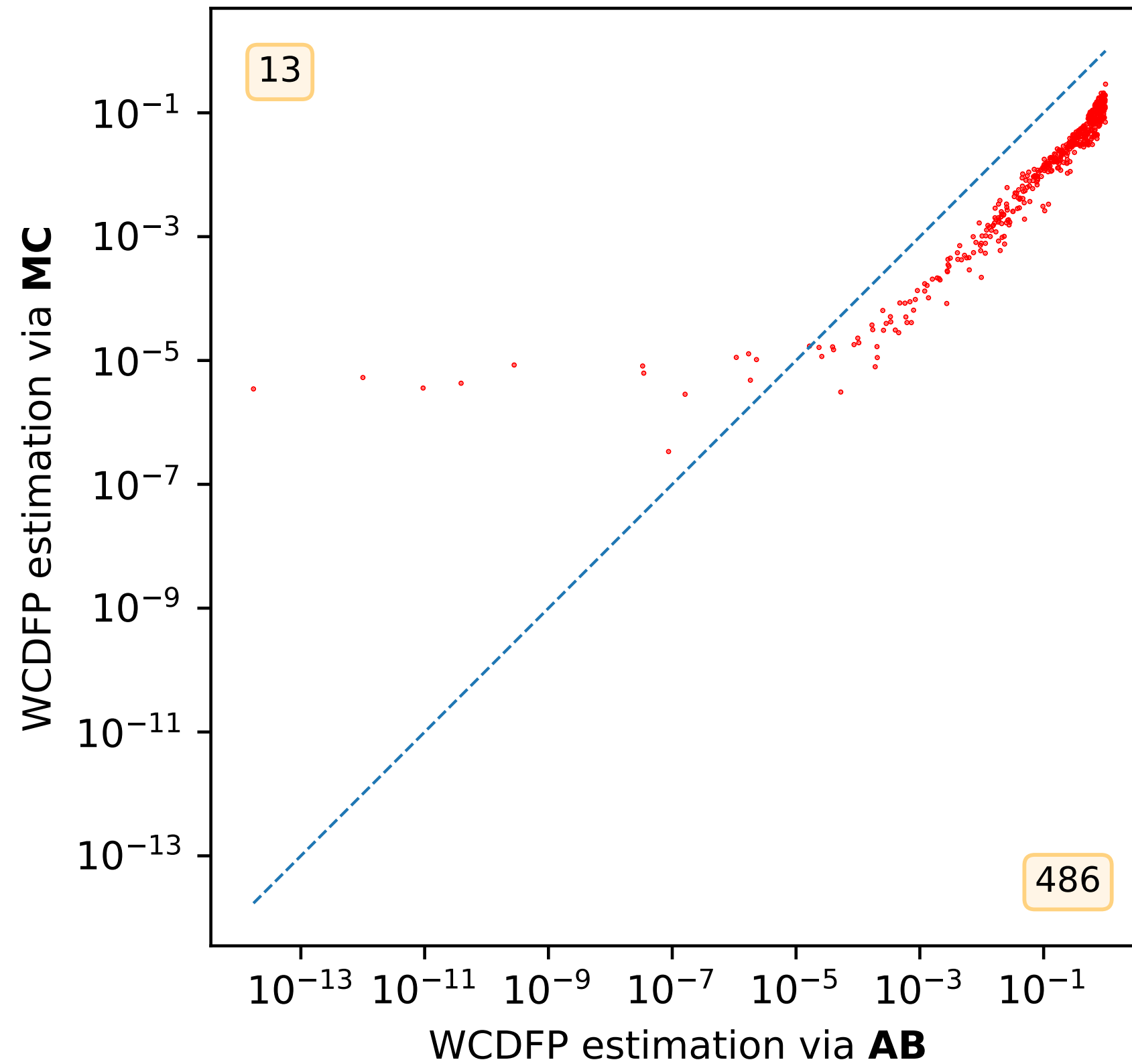
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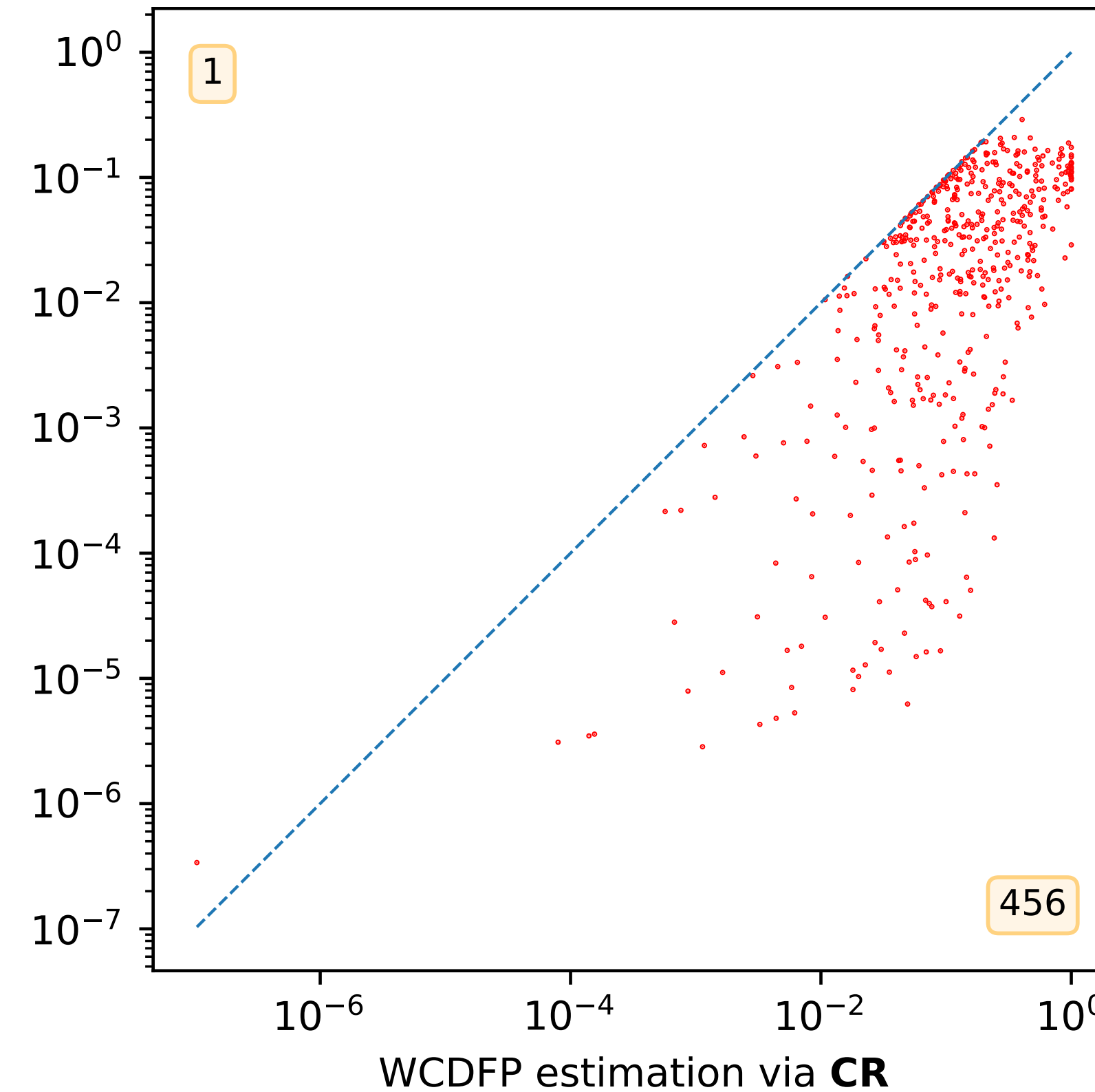
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Convolution with re-sampling vs MC



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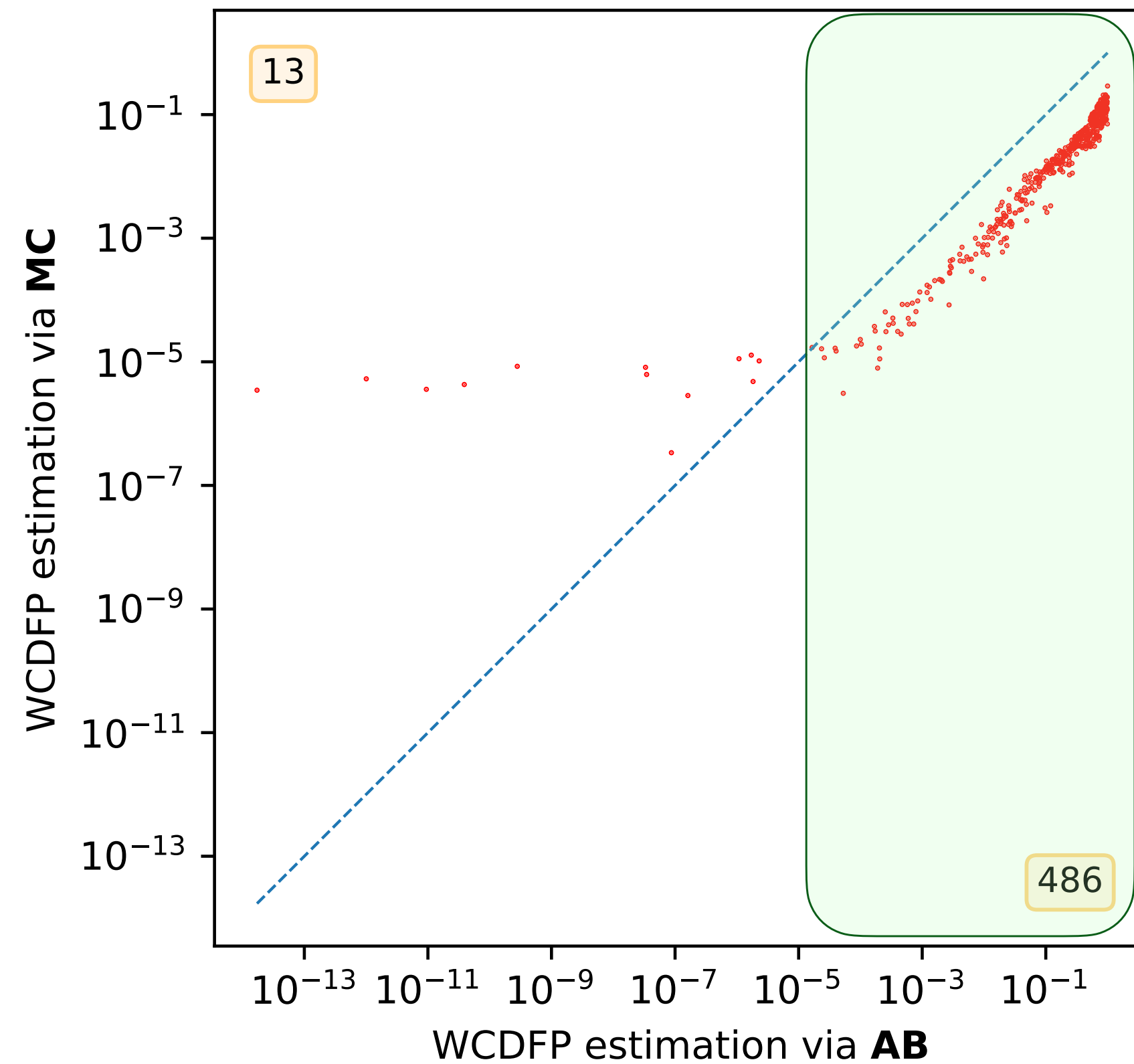
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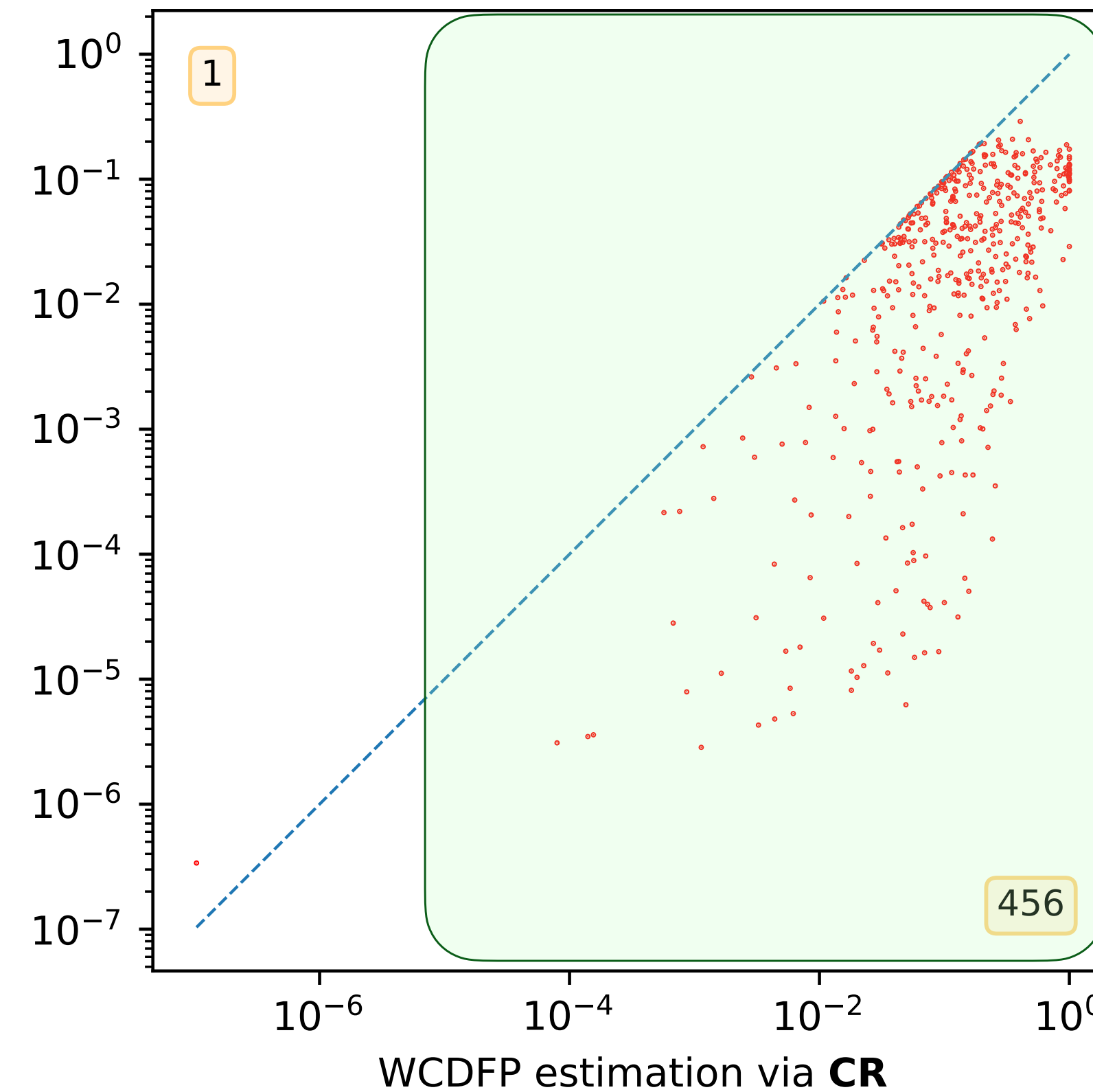
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CONCLUSION

Monte Carlo techniques can be used to great effect in RTS

→ Try to apply Monte Carlo techniques to your favourite (unsolved) problem

Application of Monte Carlo techniques for WCDFP estimation:

- Less sensitive to input parameters than state-of-the-art
- Easy parameter tuning
- In most cases outperforms state-of-the-art approaches

