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Power Bundle Adjustment for Large-Scale 3D Reconstruction

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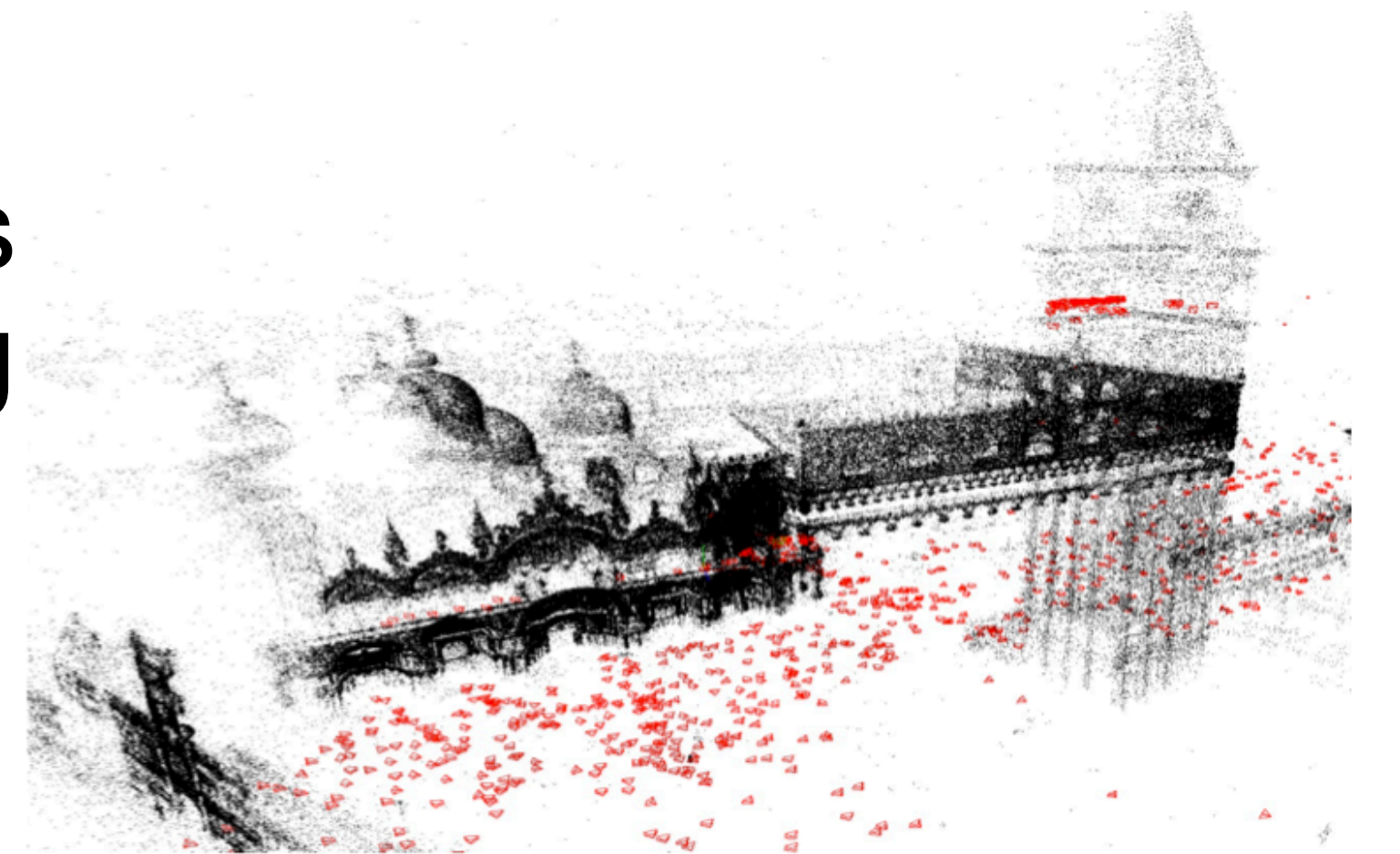
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Context

- The BA problem refers to the **joint estimation** of camera parameters and 3D landmark positions.
- It is the core component in **many 3D reconstruction and Structure from Motion applications**.
- Building accurate city-scale maps for applications such as augmented reality or autonomous driving brings current BA approaches to their limits.



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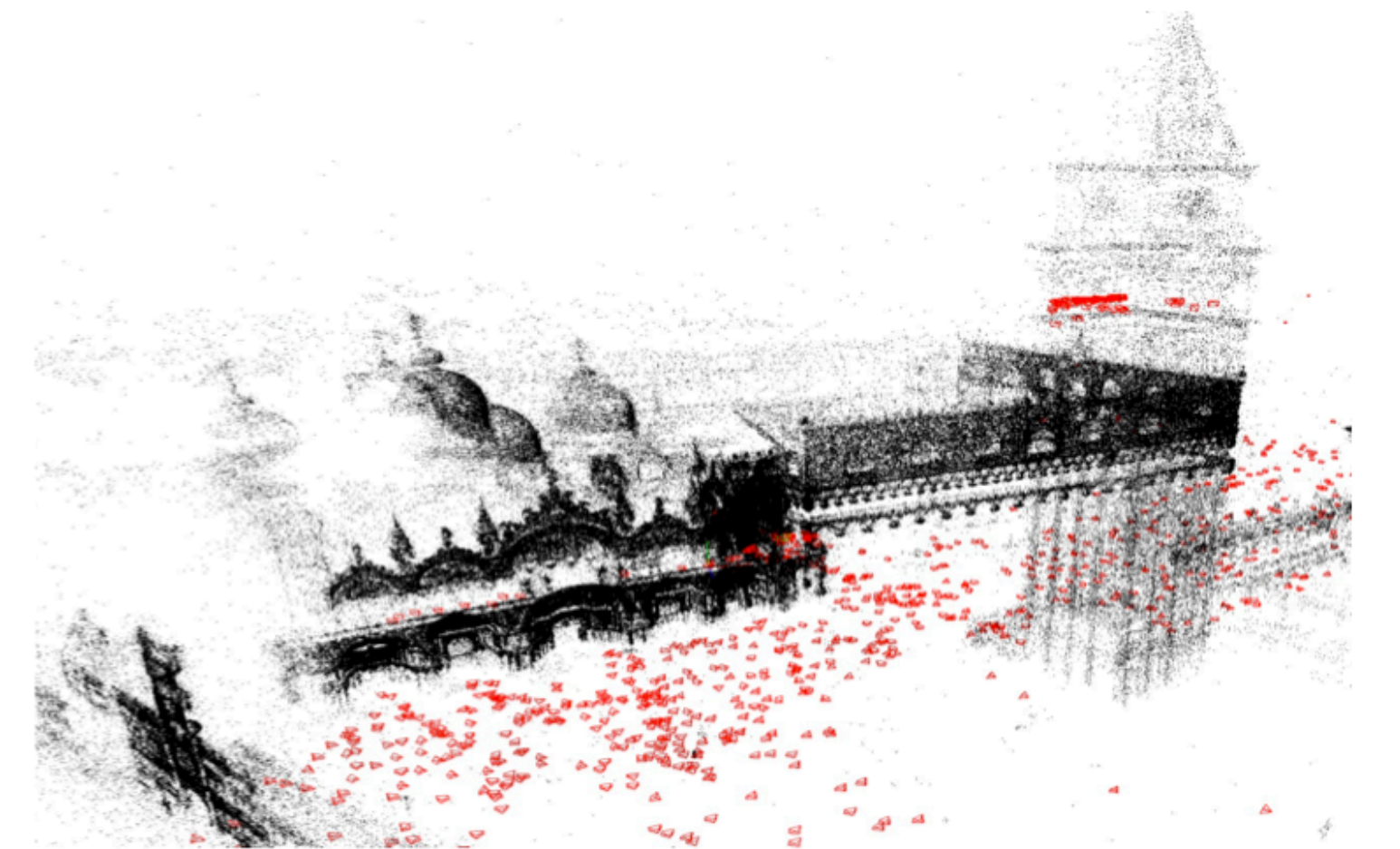
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Highlights

- We propose to solve **large-scale bundle adjustment** problem with a **power series** expansion of the Schur complement.
- We **theoretically prove** the convergence of our approach.
- We **experimentally** show that PoBA **significantly accelerates** the solution of the normal equation compared to state-of-the-art iterative methods, **even for very high accuracy**.



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$$(I - M)^{-1} = \sum_{i=0}^m M^i + R. \quad R = \sum_{i=m+1}^{\infty} M^i$$

$$\text{where } \|R\| \leq \frac{\|M\|^{m+1}}{1 - \|M\|}.$$

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residual

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$$r(x) \approx r^0 + J\Delta x$$

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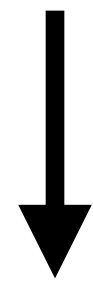
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Consequence:

Proposition 1 can be applied to the matrix $U_\lambda^{-1} W V_\lambda^{-1} W^\top$.

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$$\tilde{S}_{-1}(m) = \sum_{i=0}^m (U_\lambda^{-1} W V_\lambda^{-1} W^\top)^i U_\lambda^{-1}.$$

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- an approximation of Δx_p is directly obtained by applying $\tilde{S}_{-1}(m)$ to the right hand side of $S\Delta x_p = -\tilde{b}$;
- the accuracy of this approximation only depends on the order m and can be as good as possible.

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We set a **stop criterion**:

$$(i + 1) \frac{\|x(i) - x(i - 1)\|_2}{\|x(i)\|_2} < \epsilon .$$

Experiments

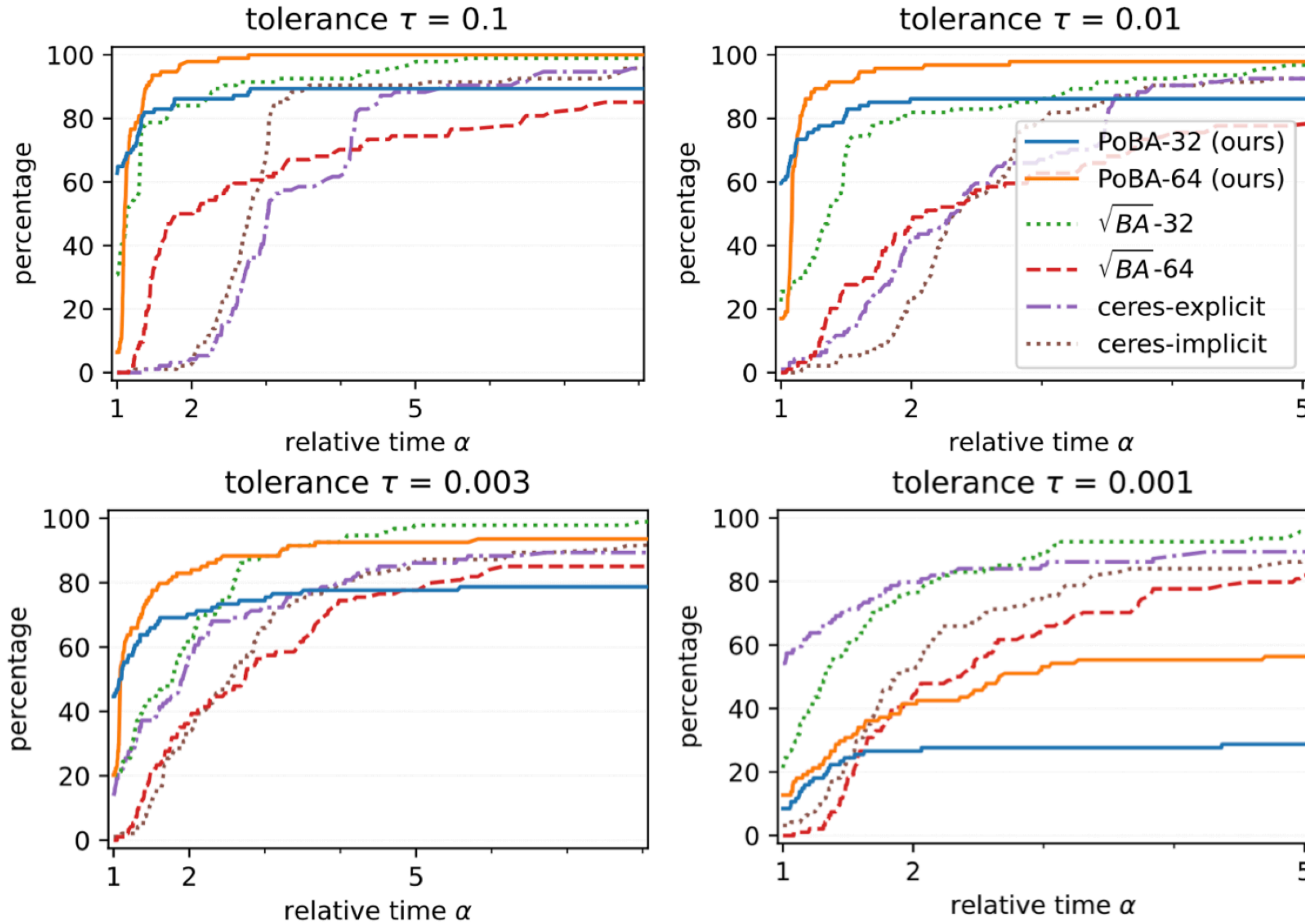
- BAL [1] dataset.
- Two kinds of experiments:
 1. Comparison with competitive iterative solvers \sqrt{BA} [2] and Ceres.
 2. Extension of the distributed stochastic framework *STBA* [3].

[1] Agarwal et al., *Bundle Adjustment in the Large*, ECCV10.

[2] Demmel et al., *Square Root Bundle Adjustment for Large-Scale Reconstruction*, CVPR21.

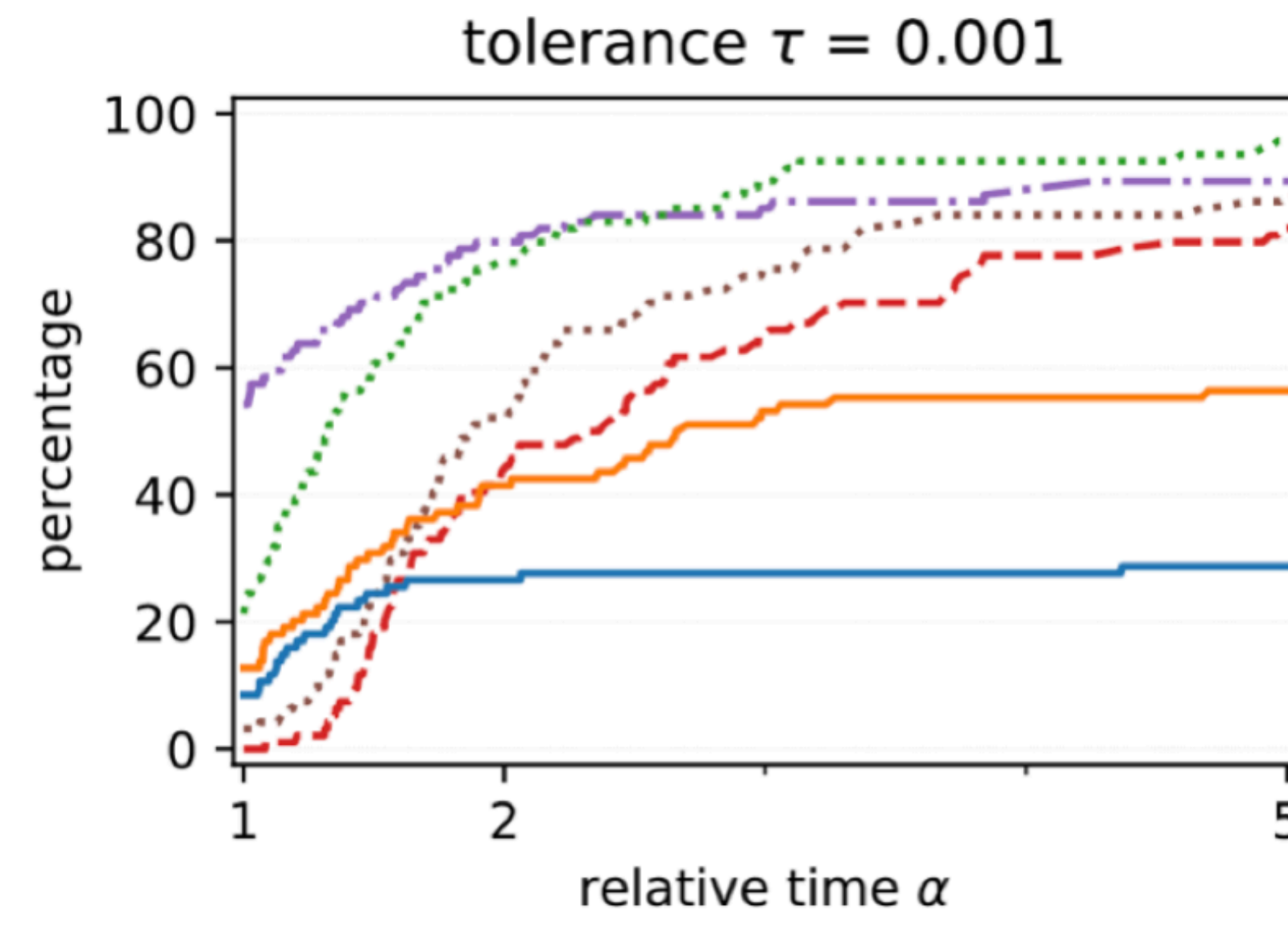
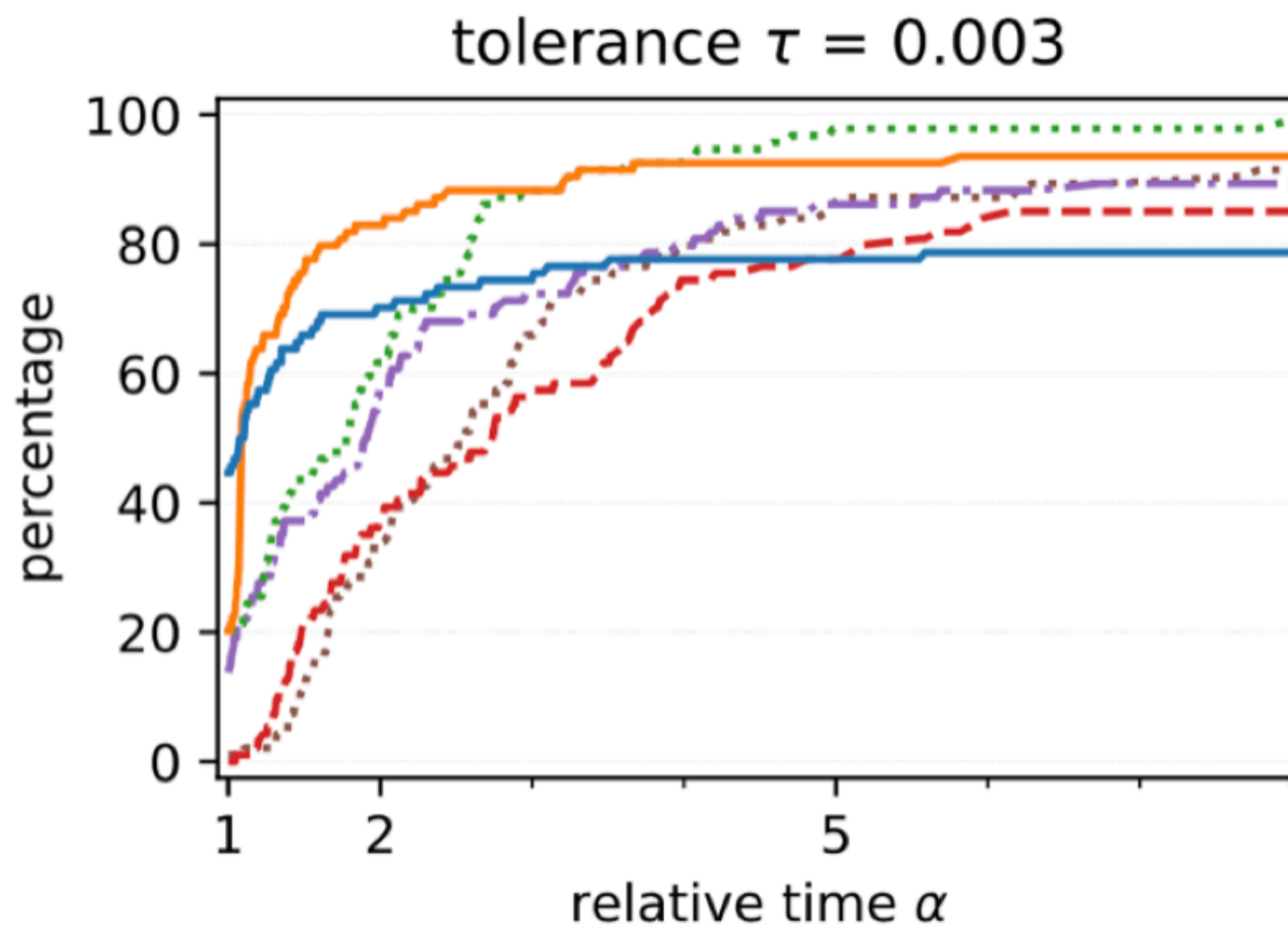
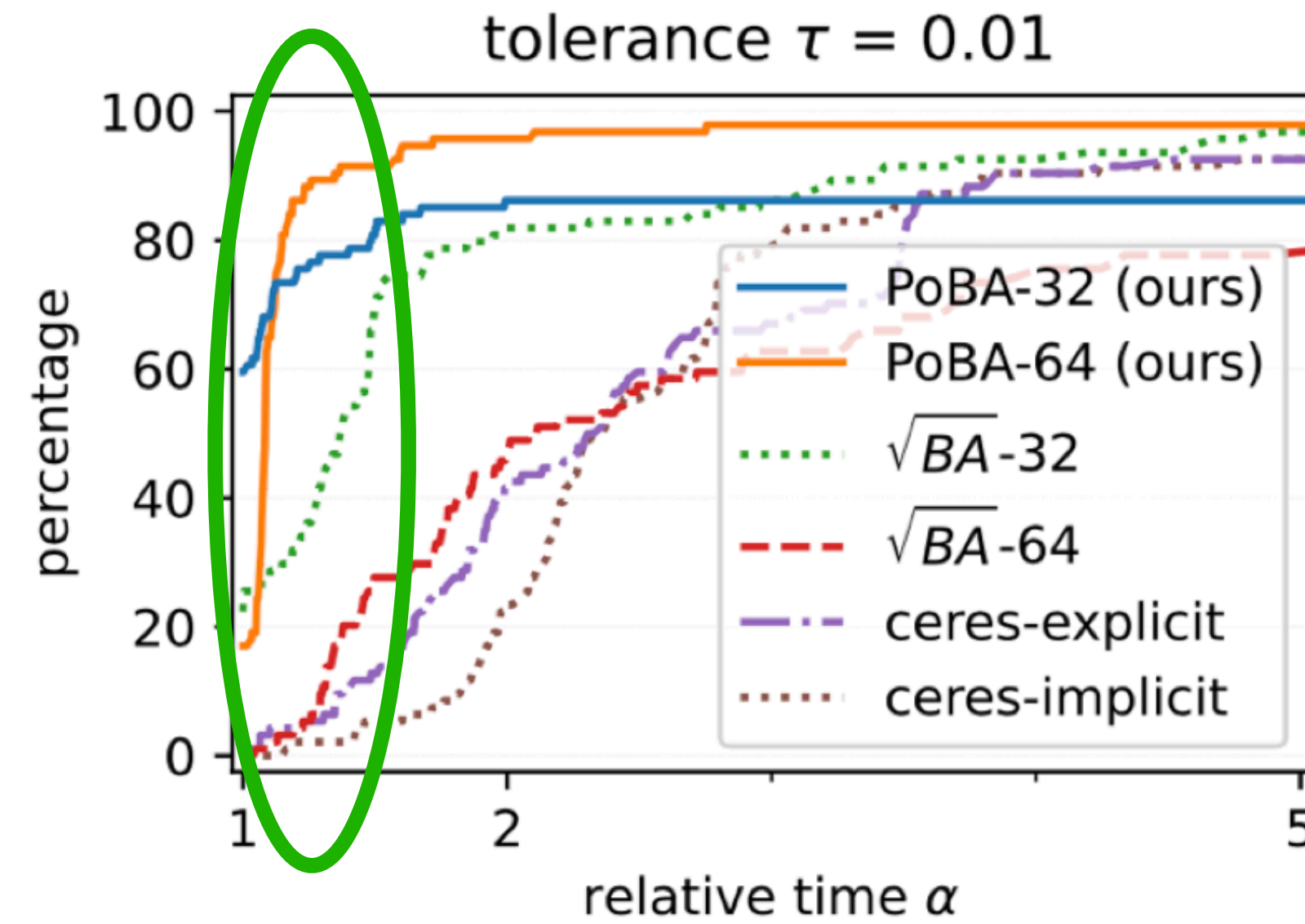
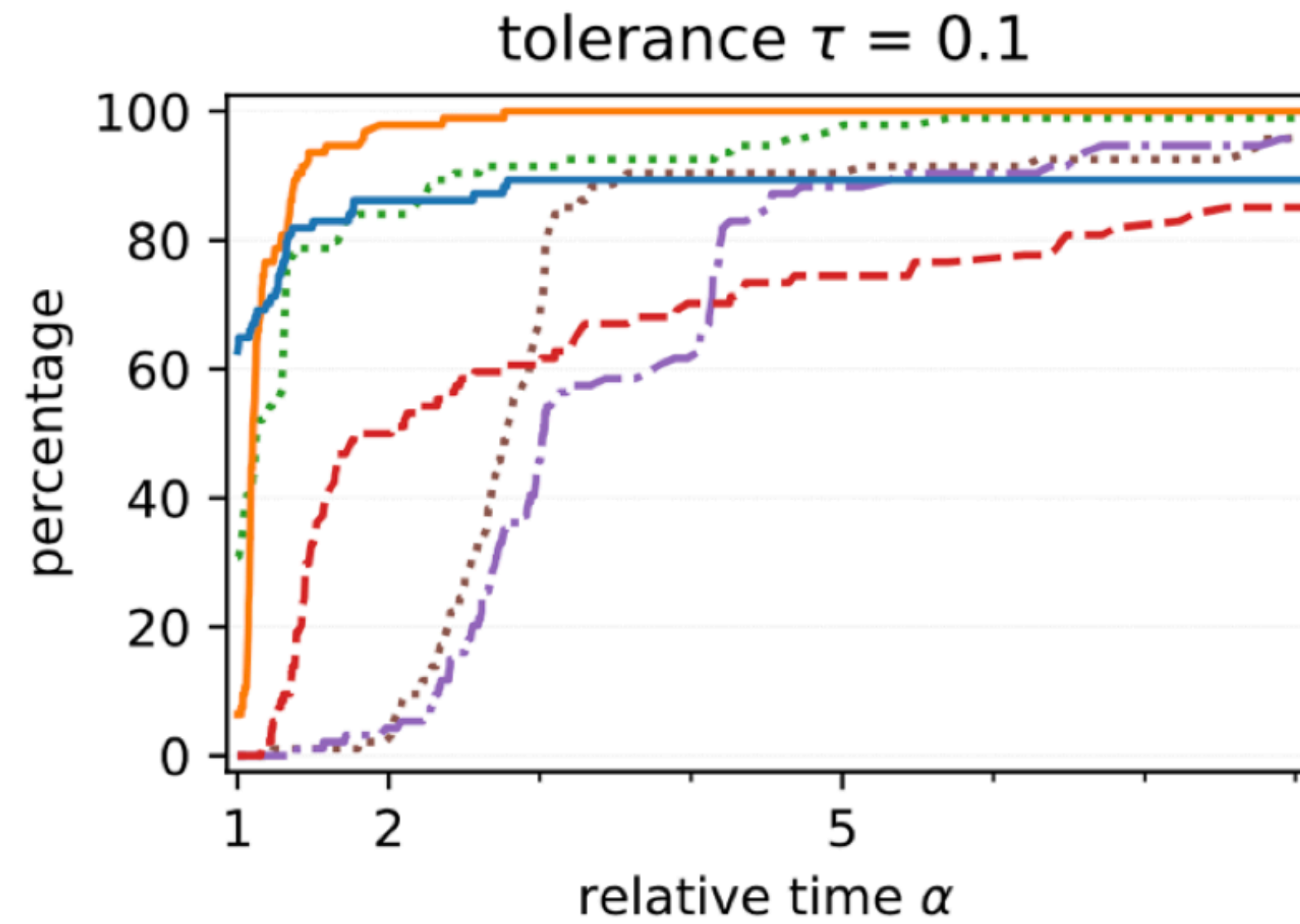
[3] Zhou et al., *Stochastic Bundle Adjustment for Efficient and Scalable 3D Reconstruction*, ECCV20.

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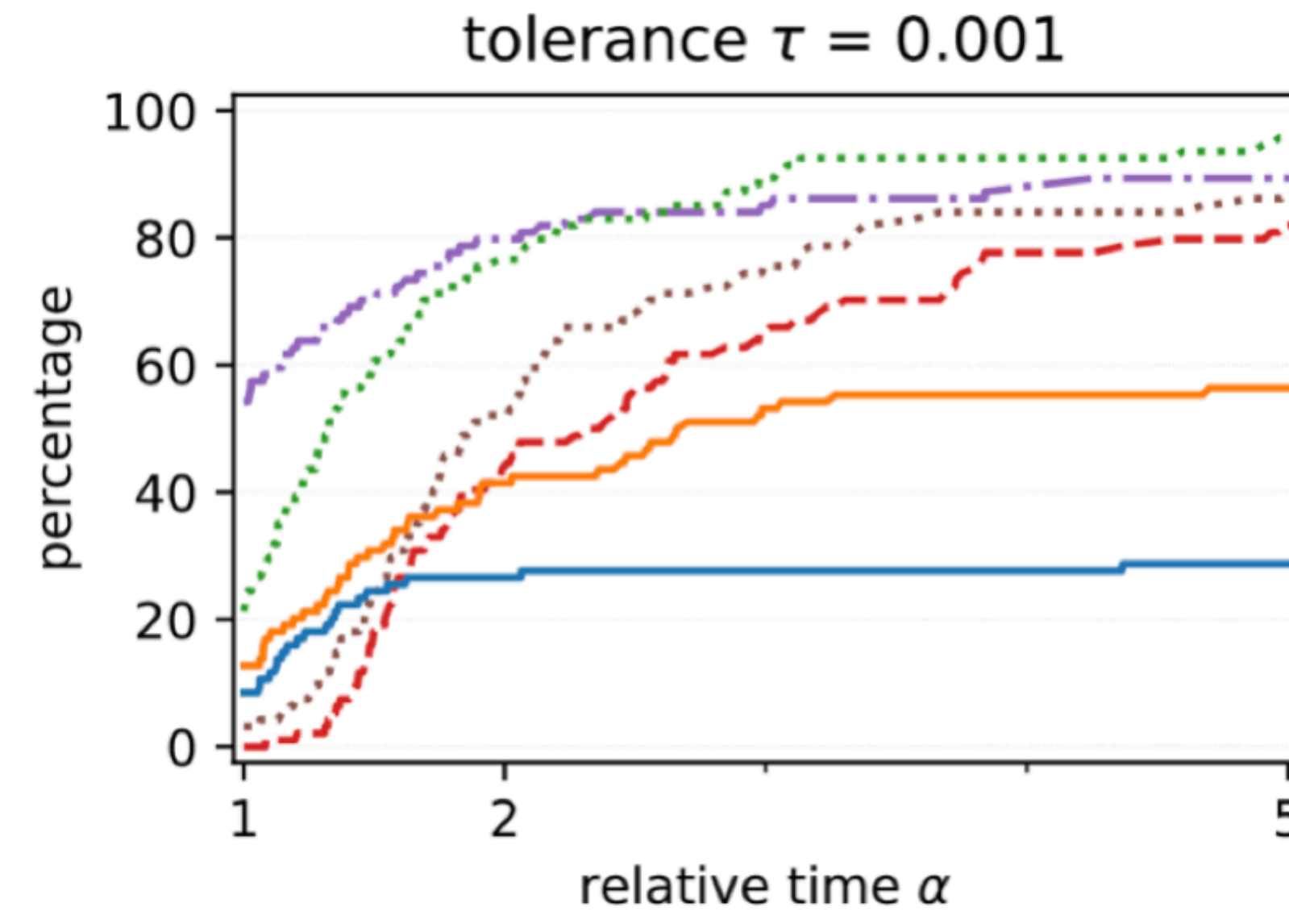
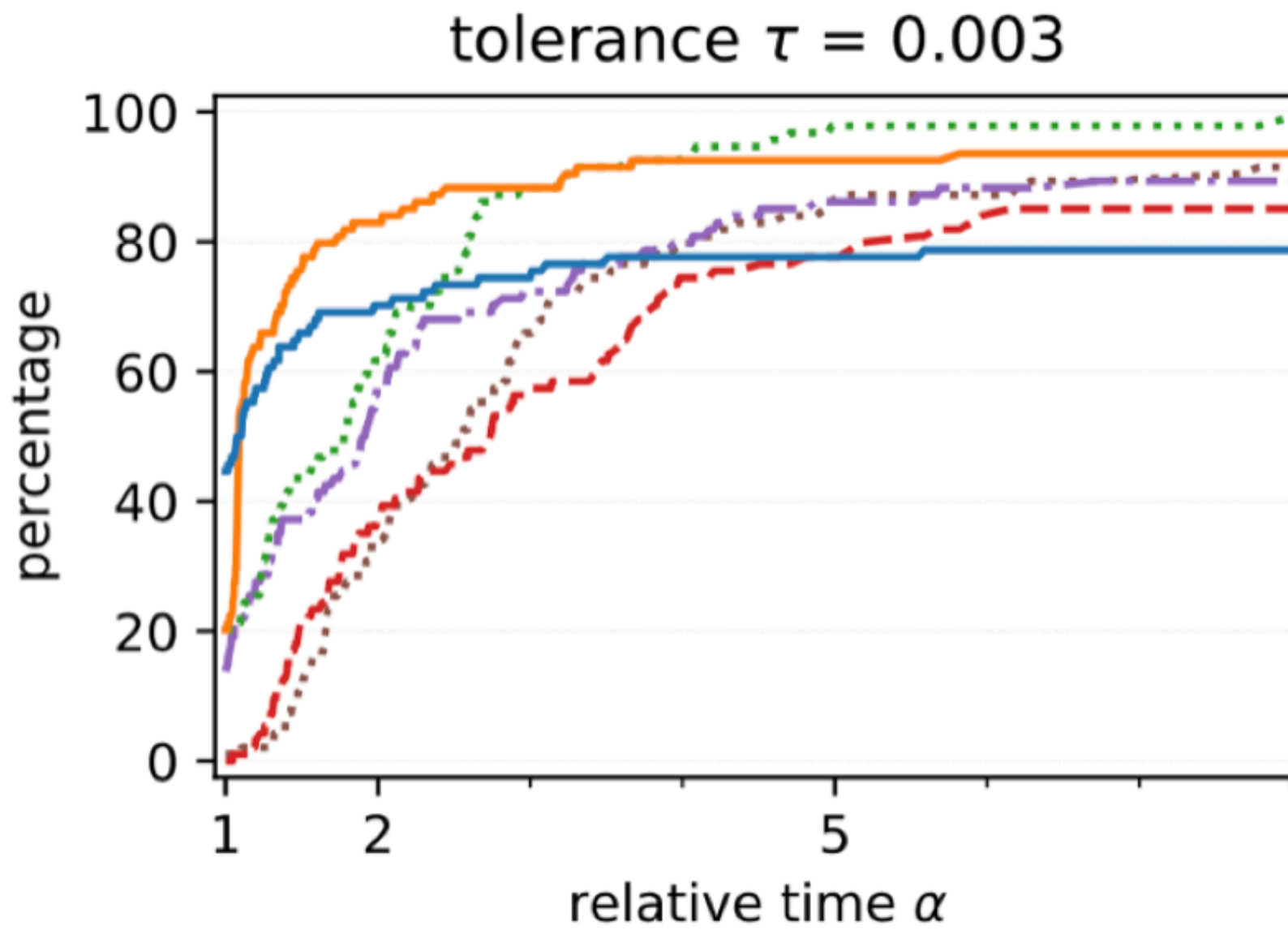
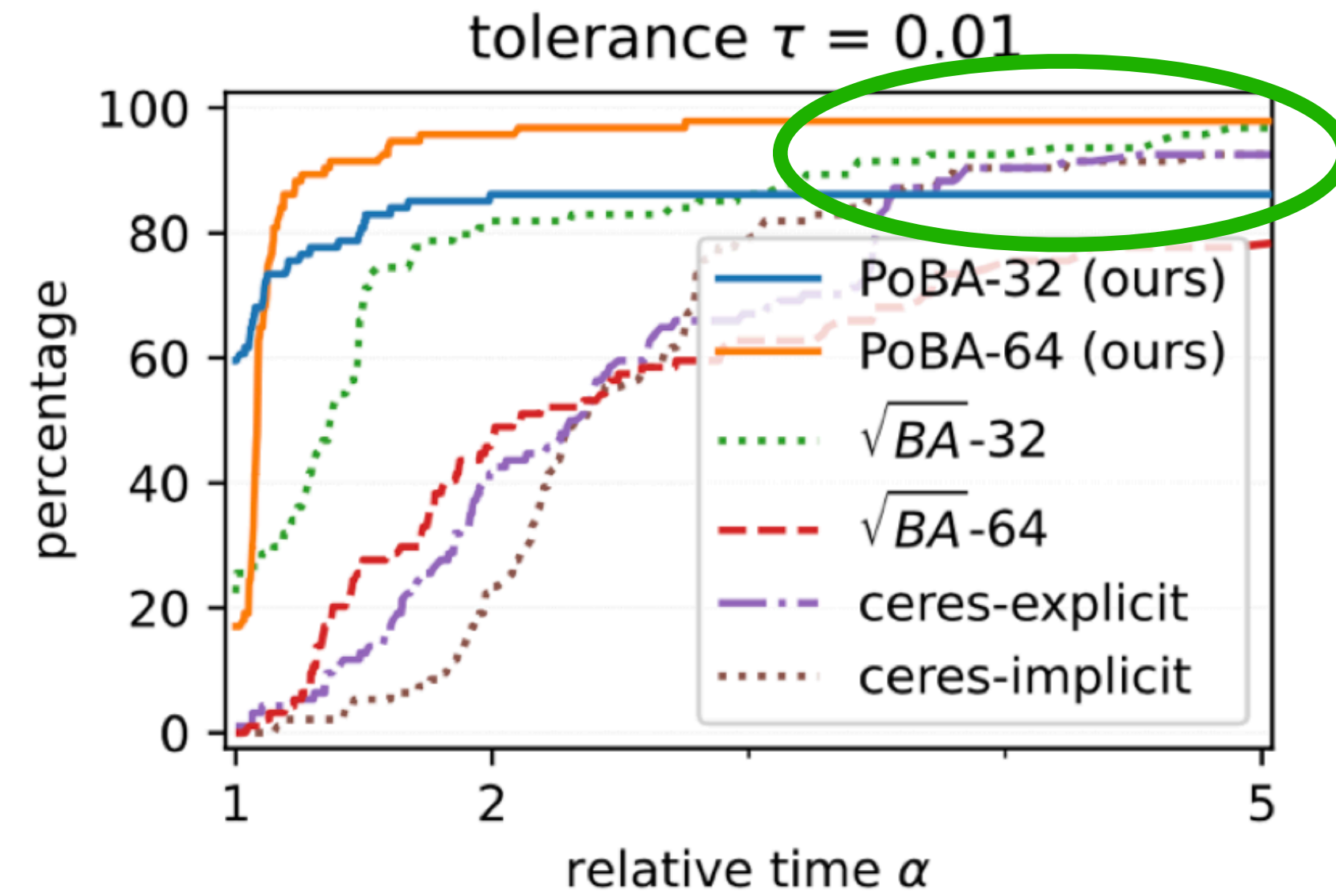
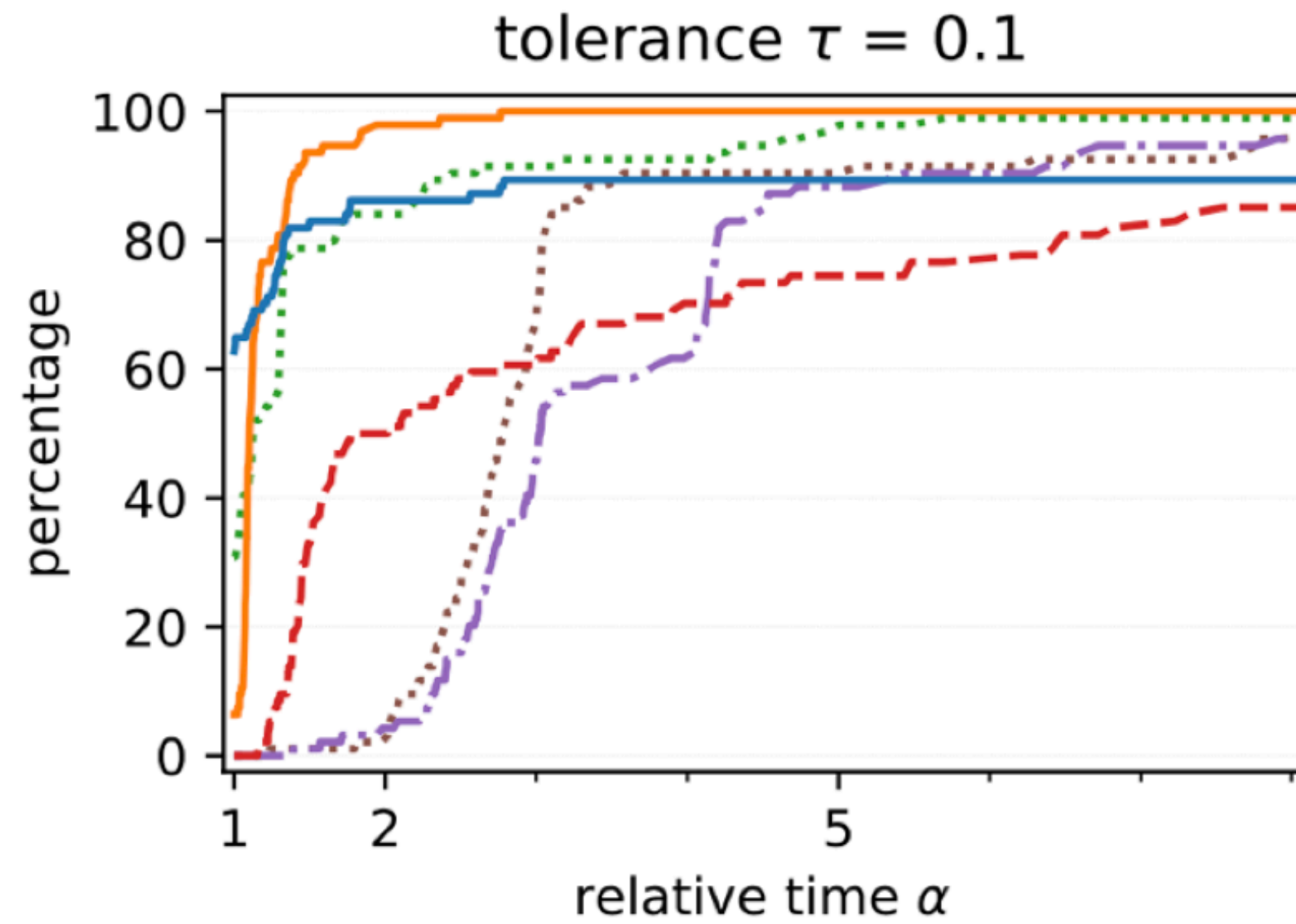
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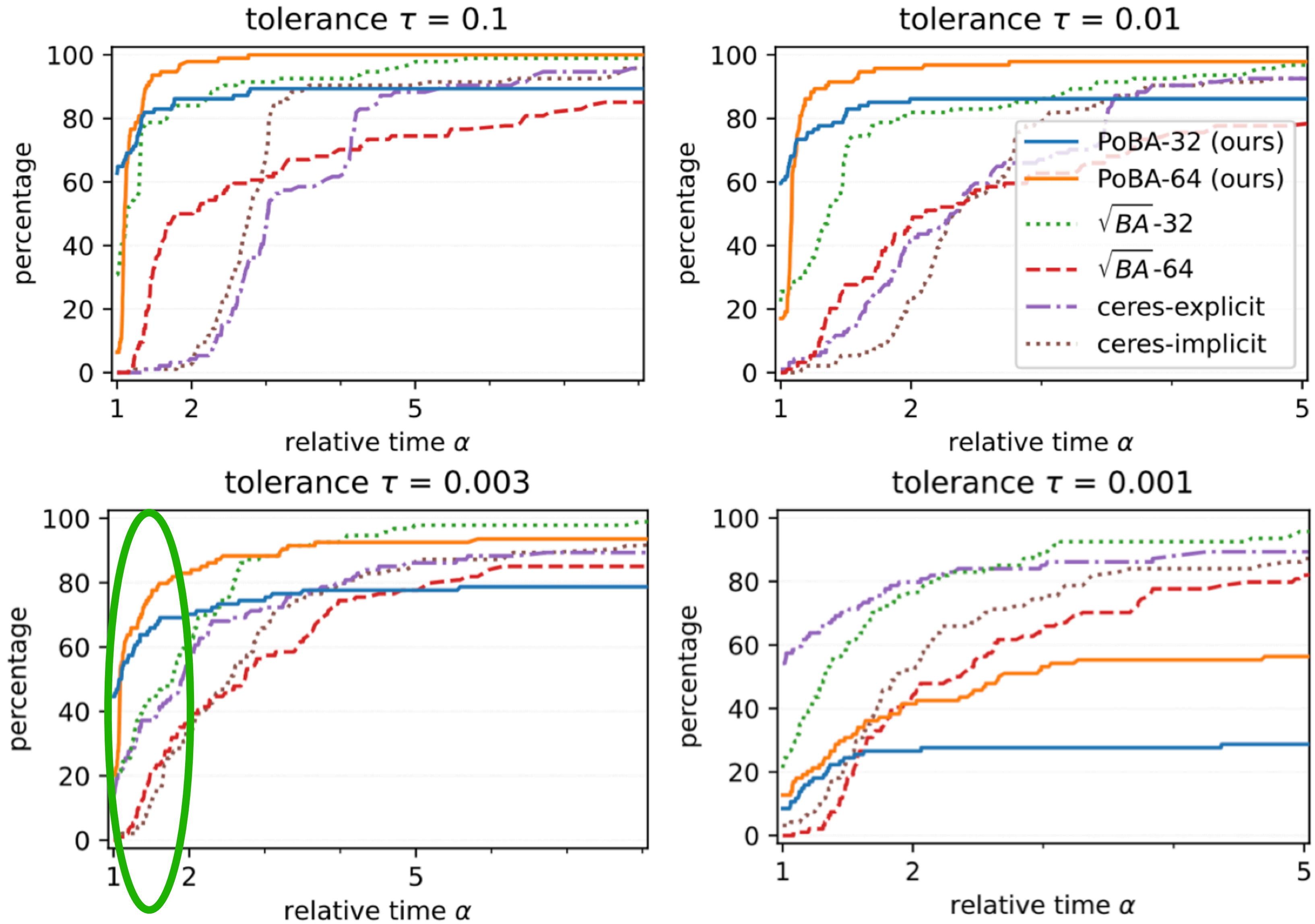
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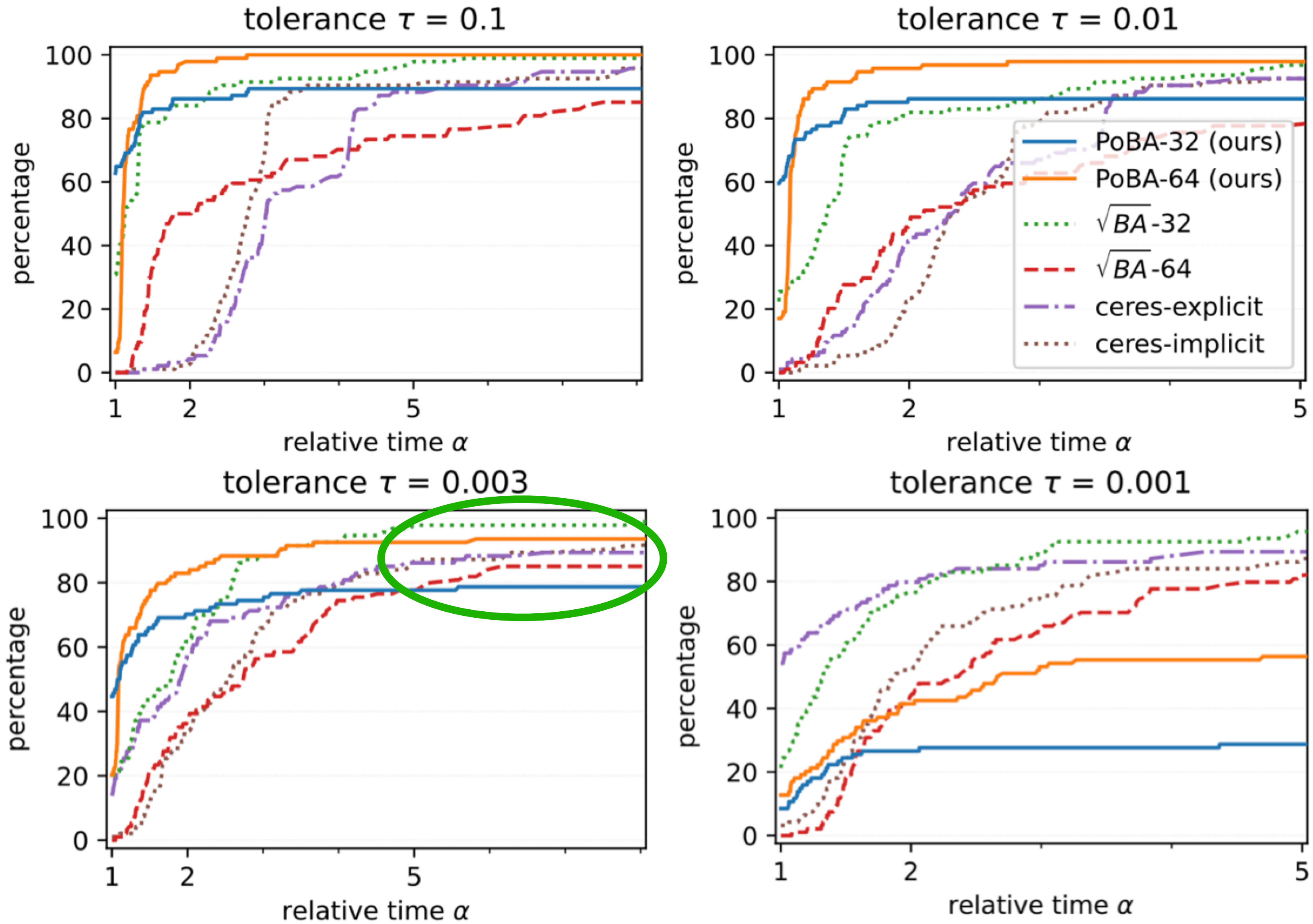
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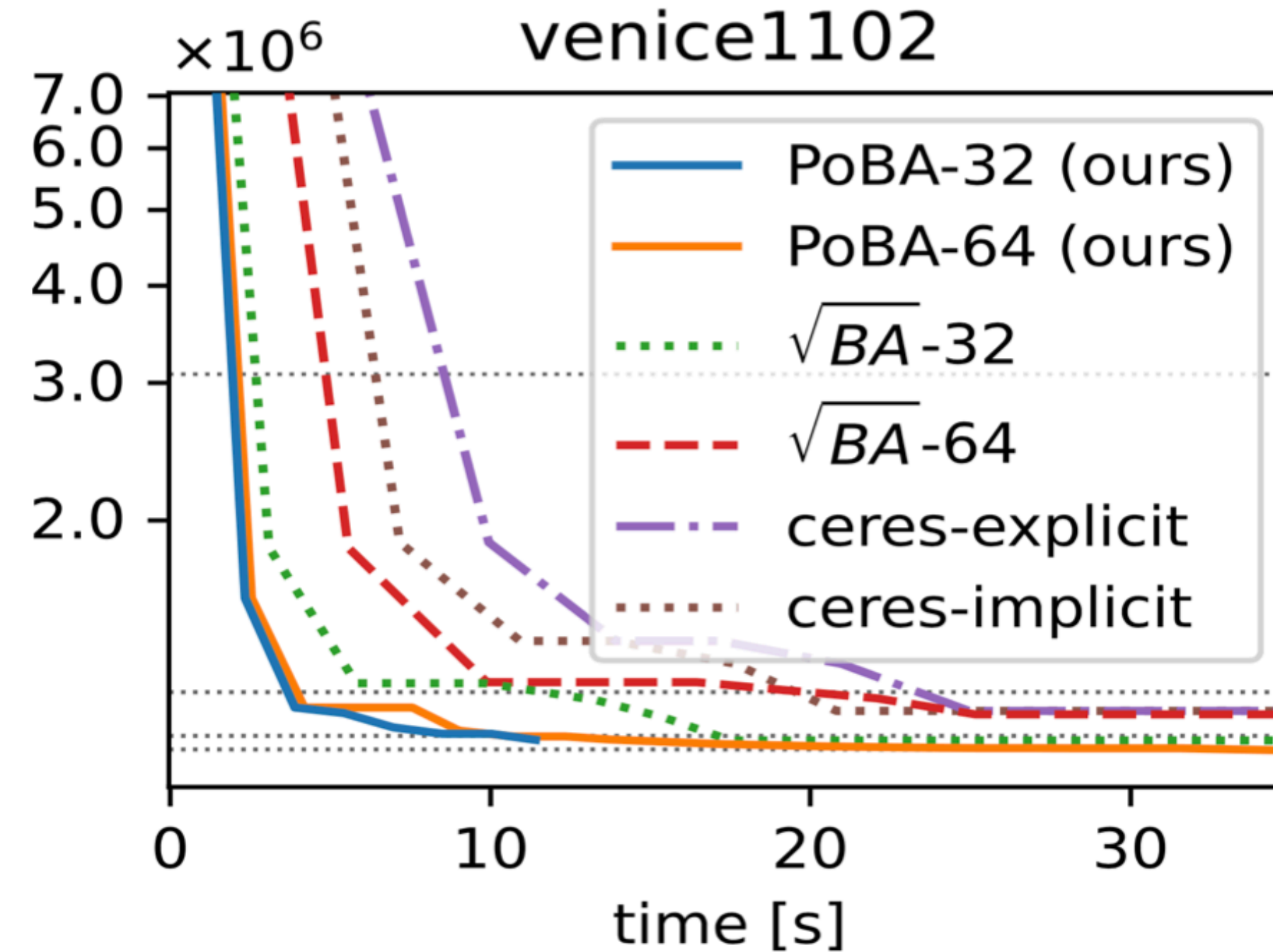
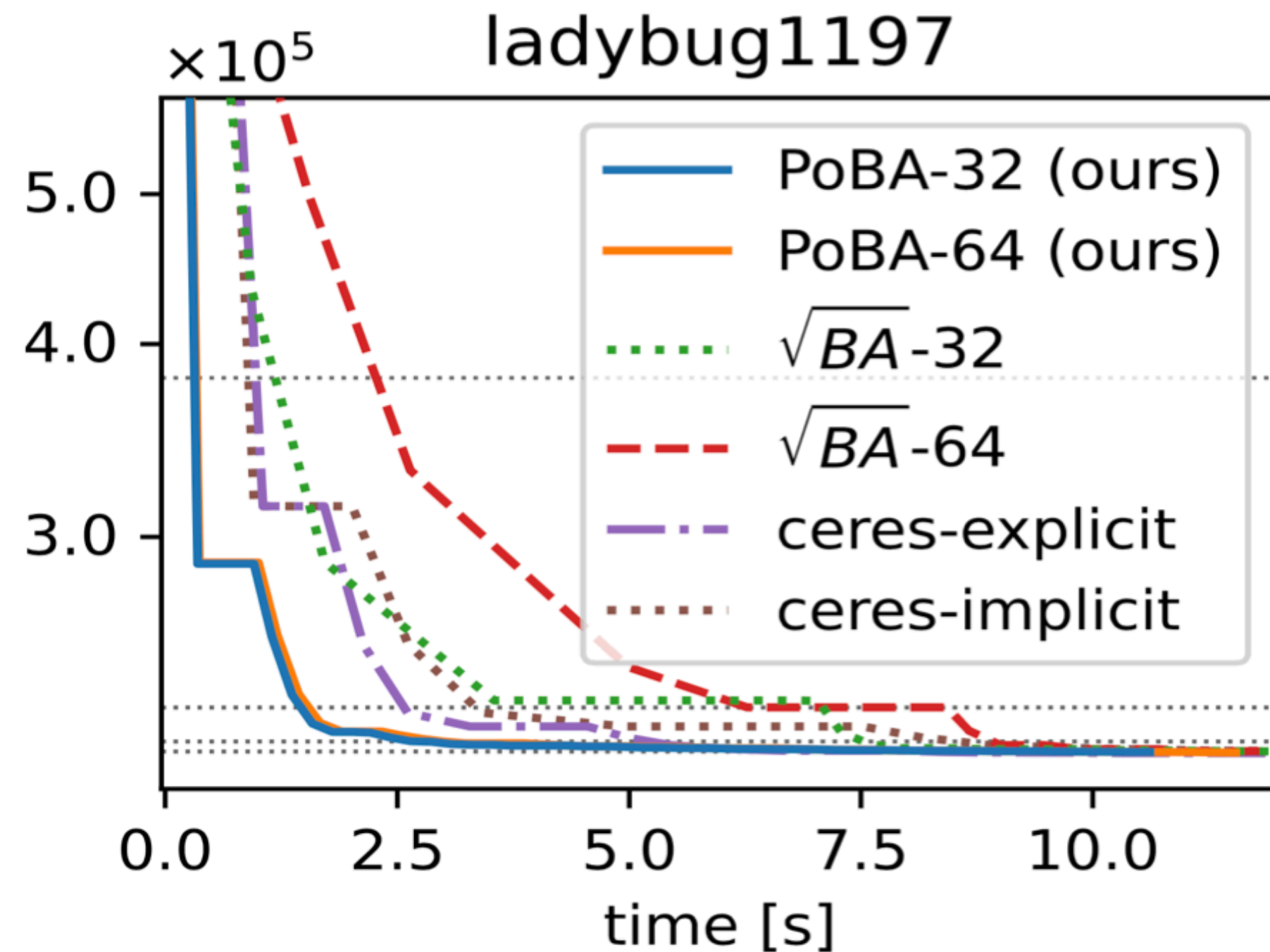
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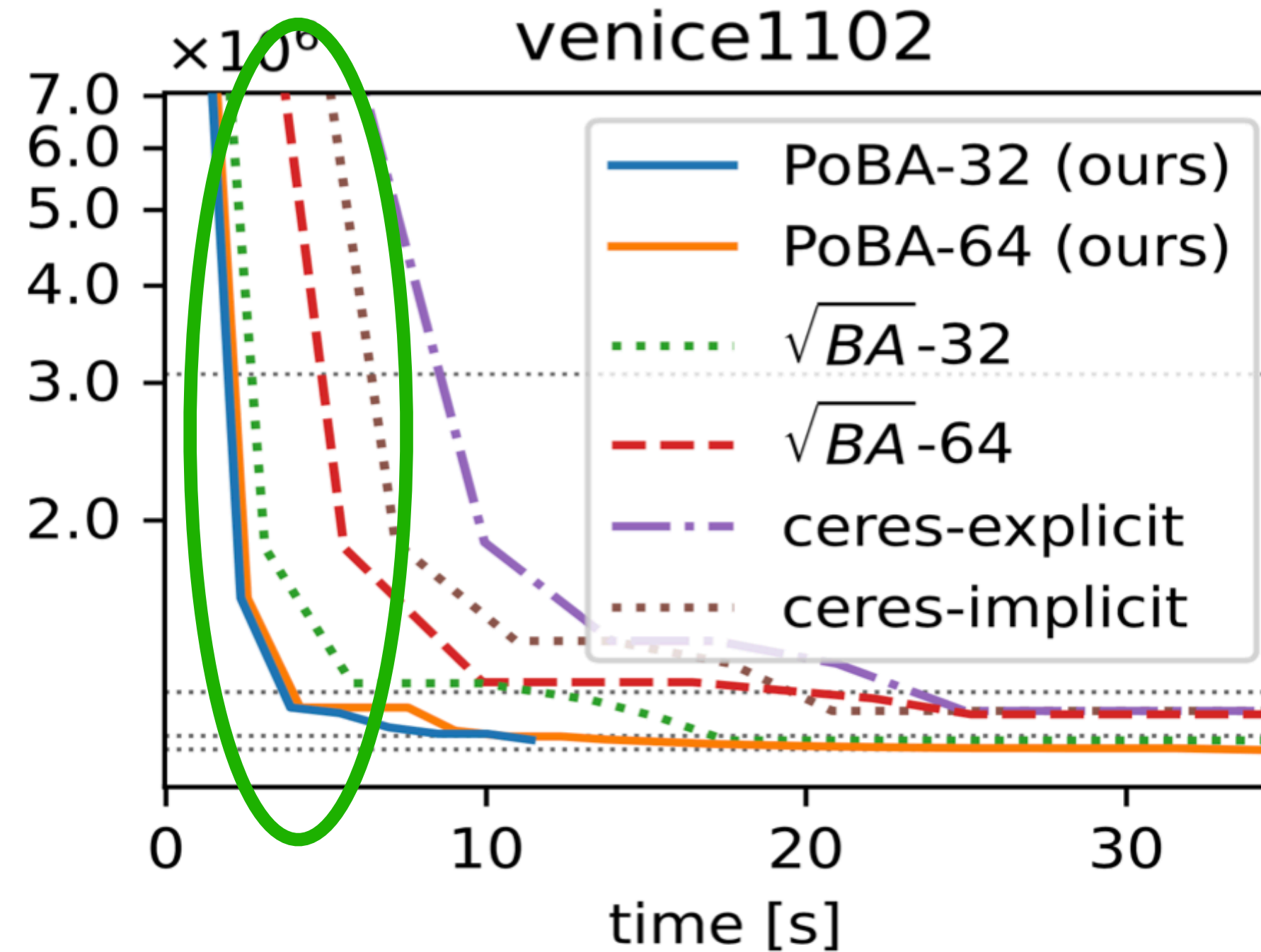
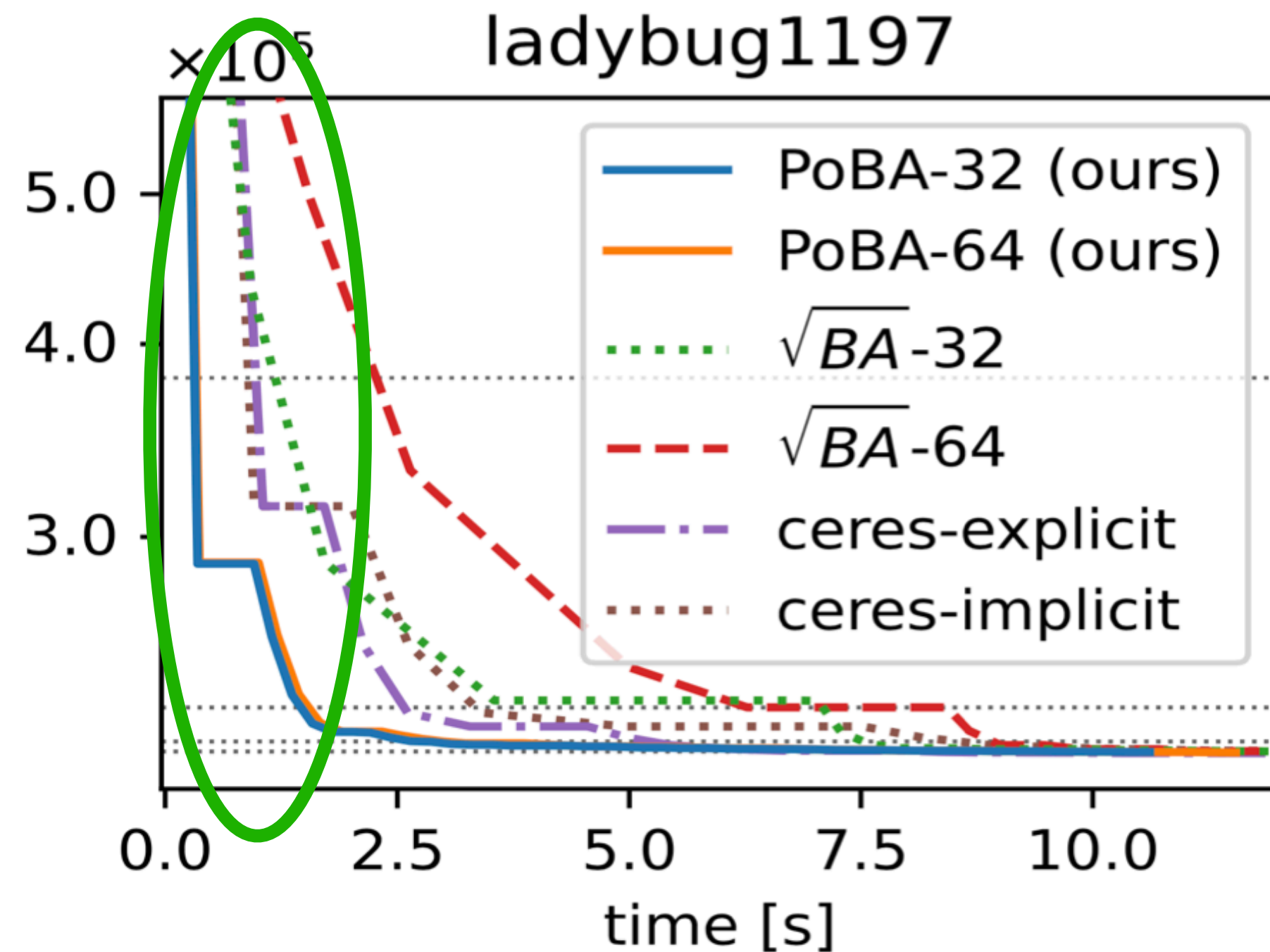
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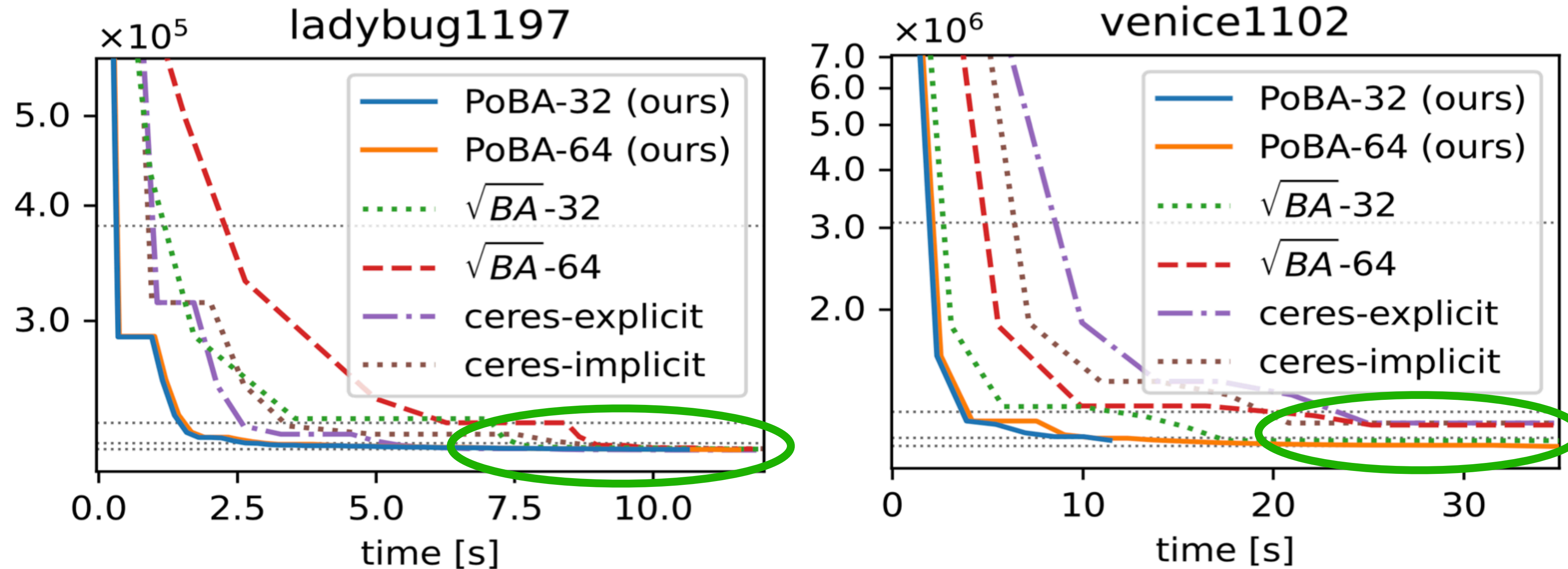
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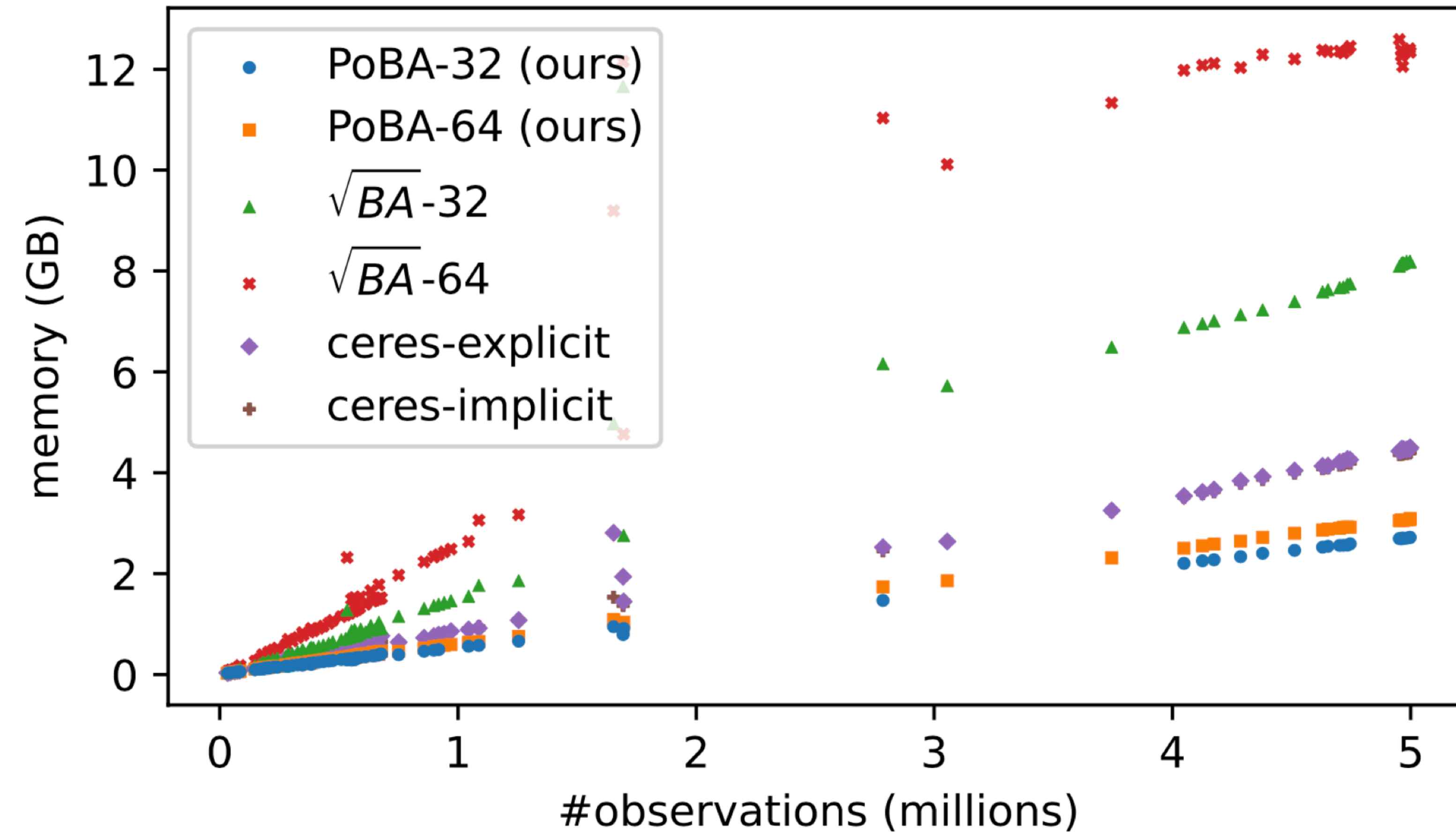
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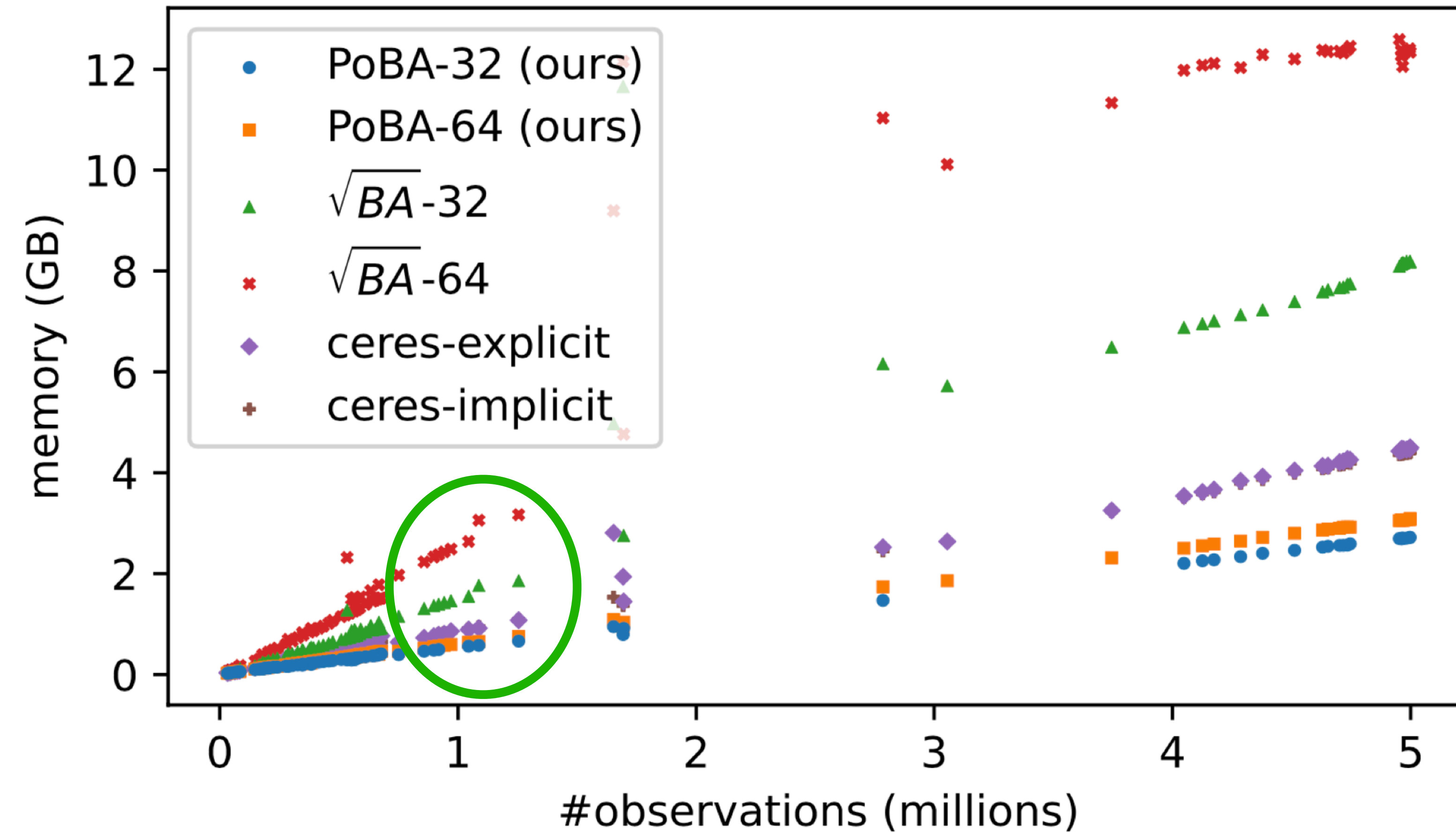
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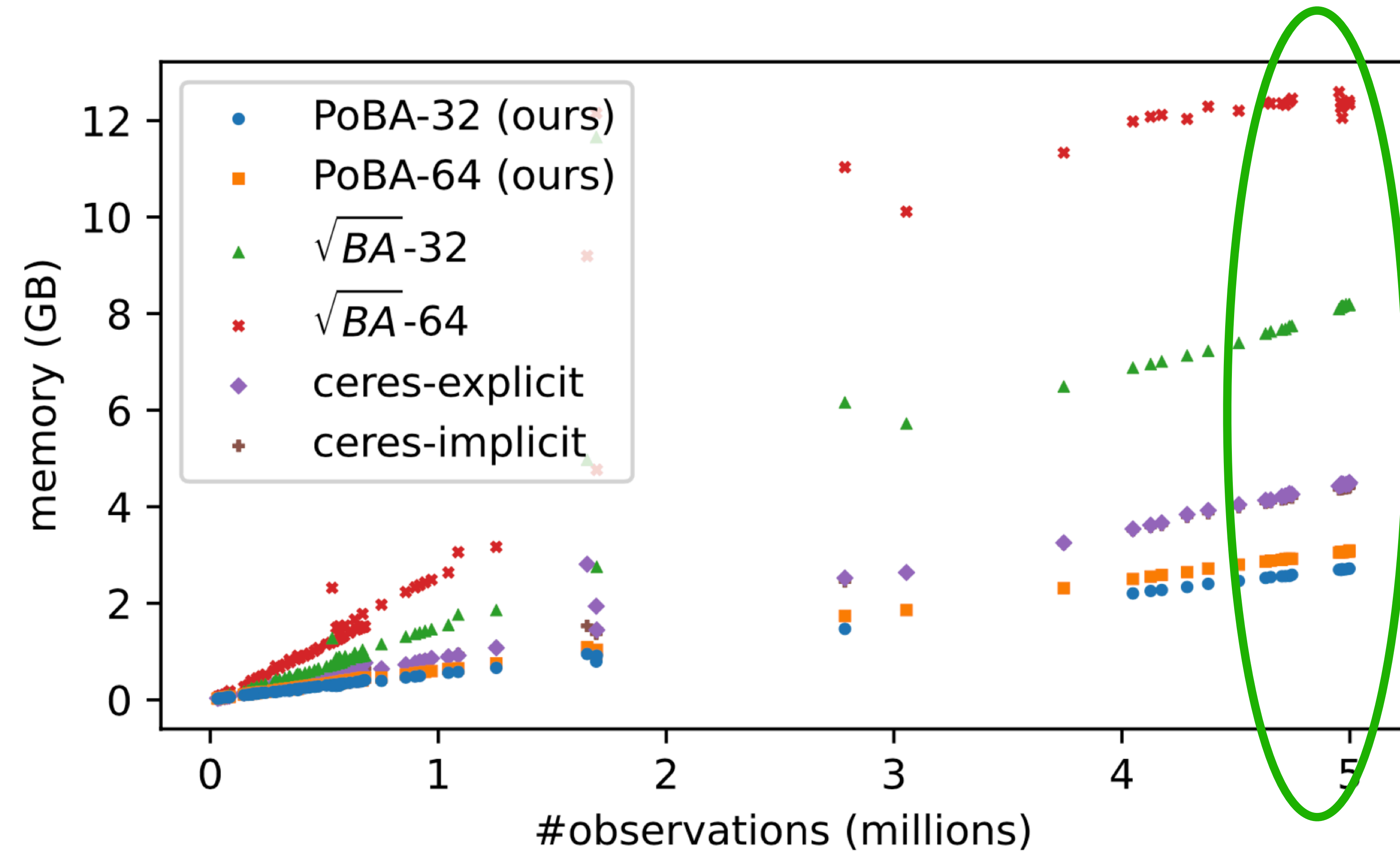
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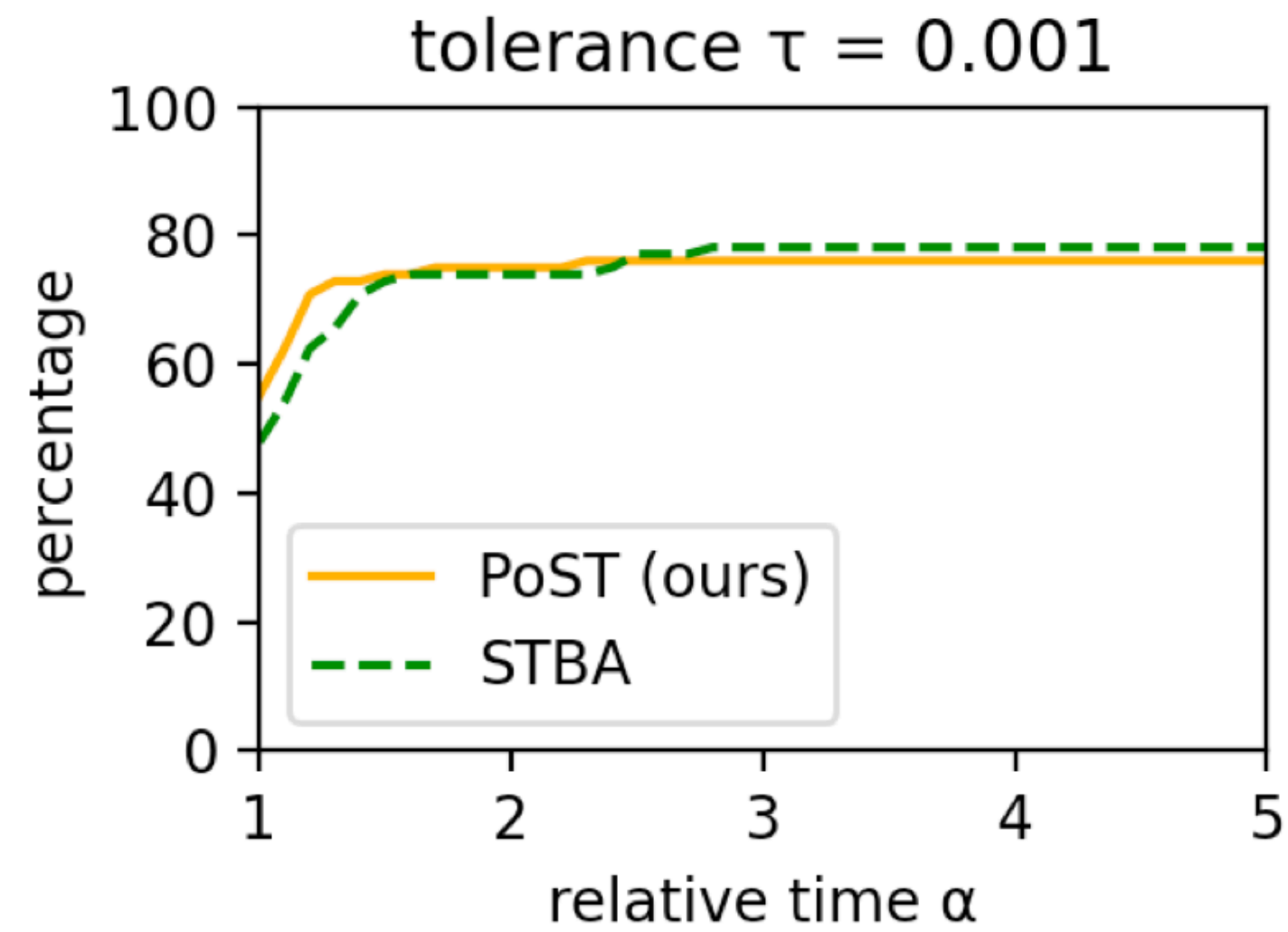
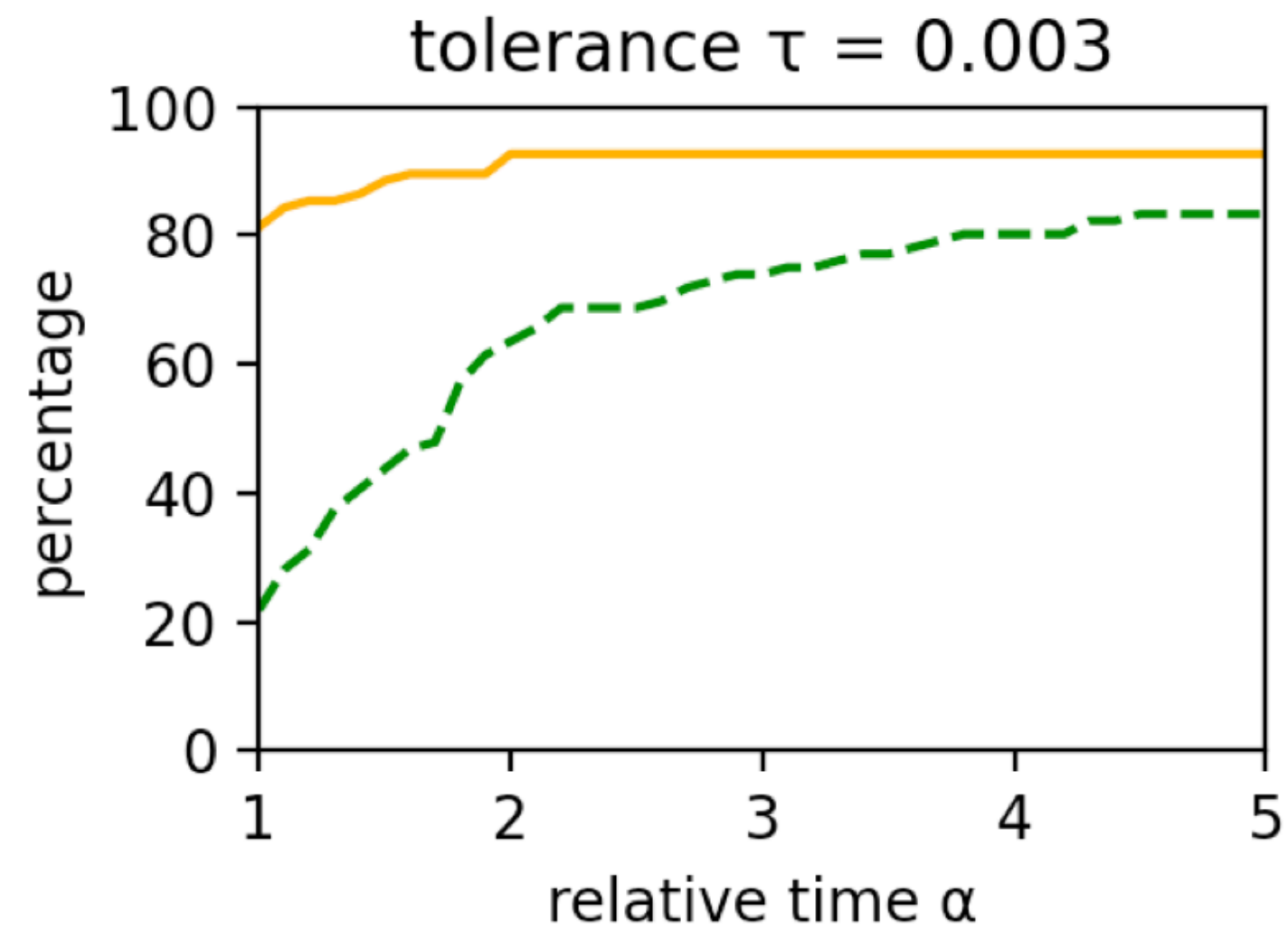
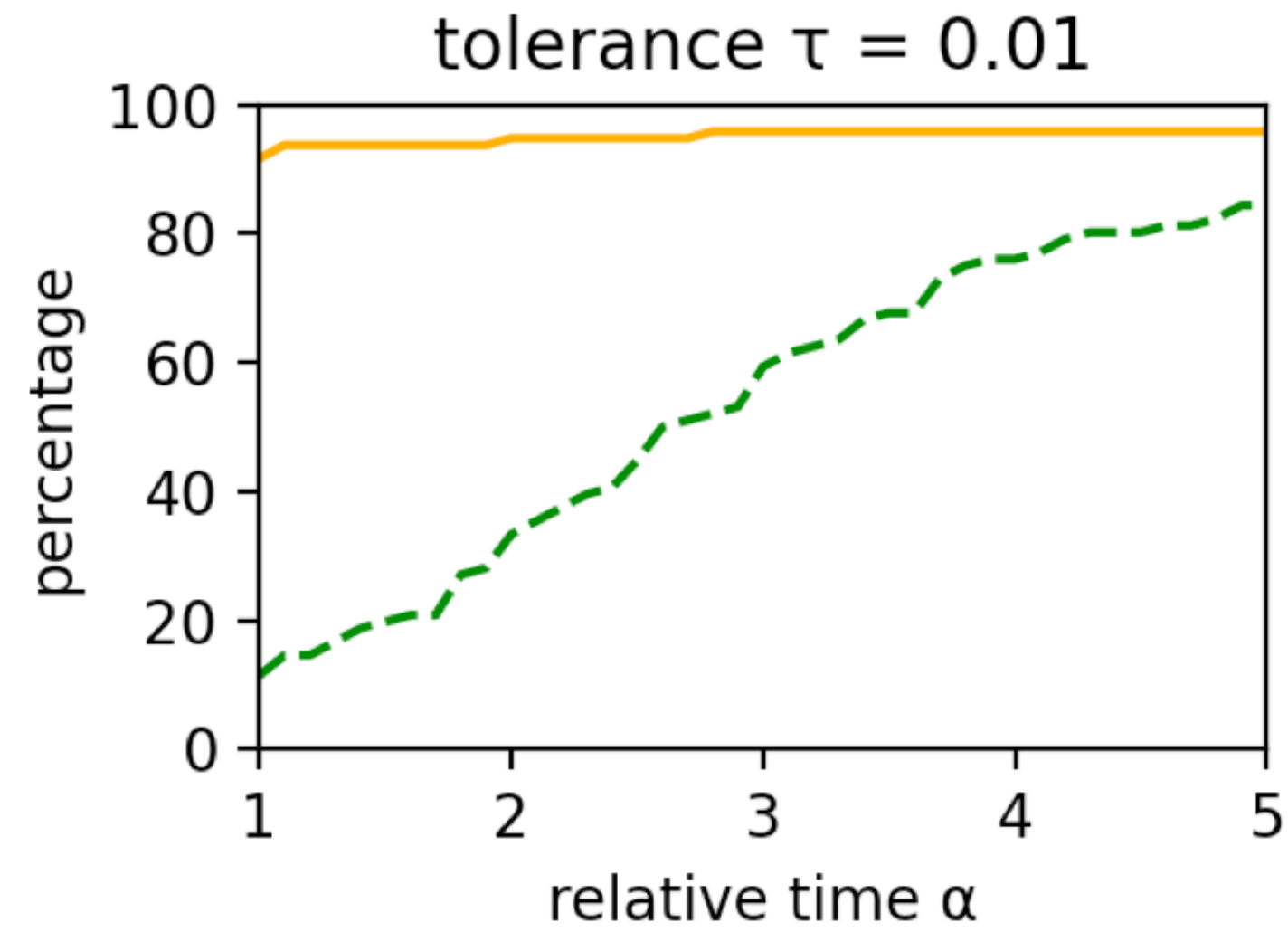
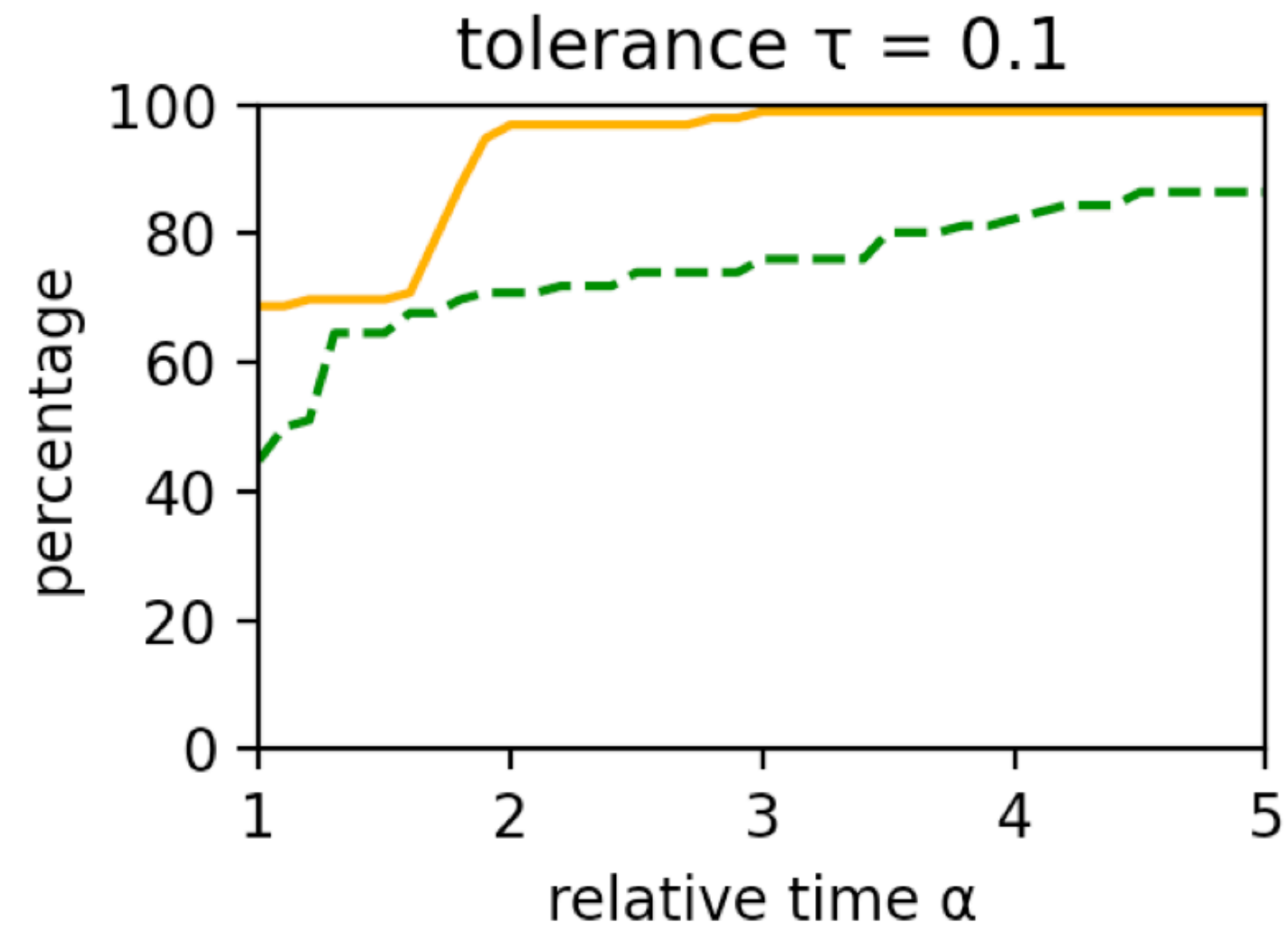
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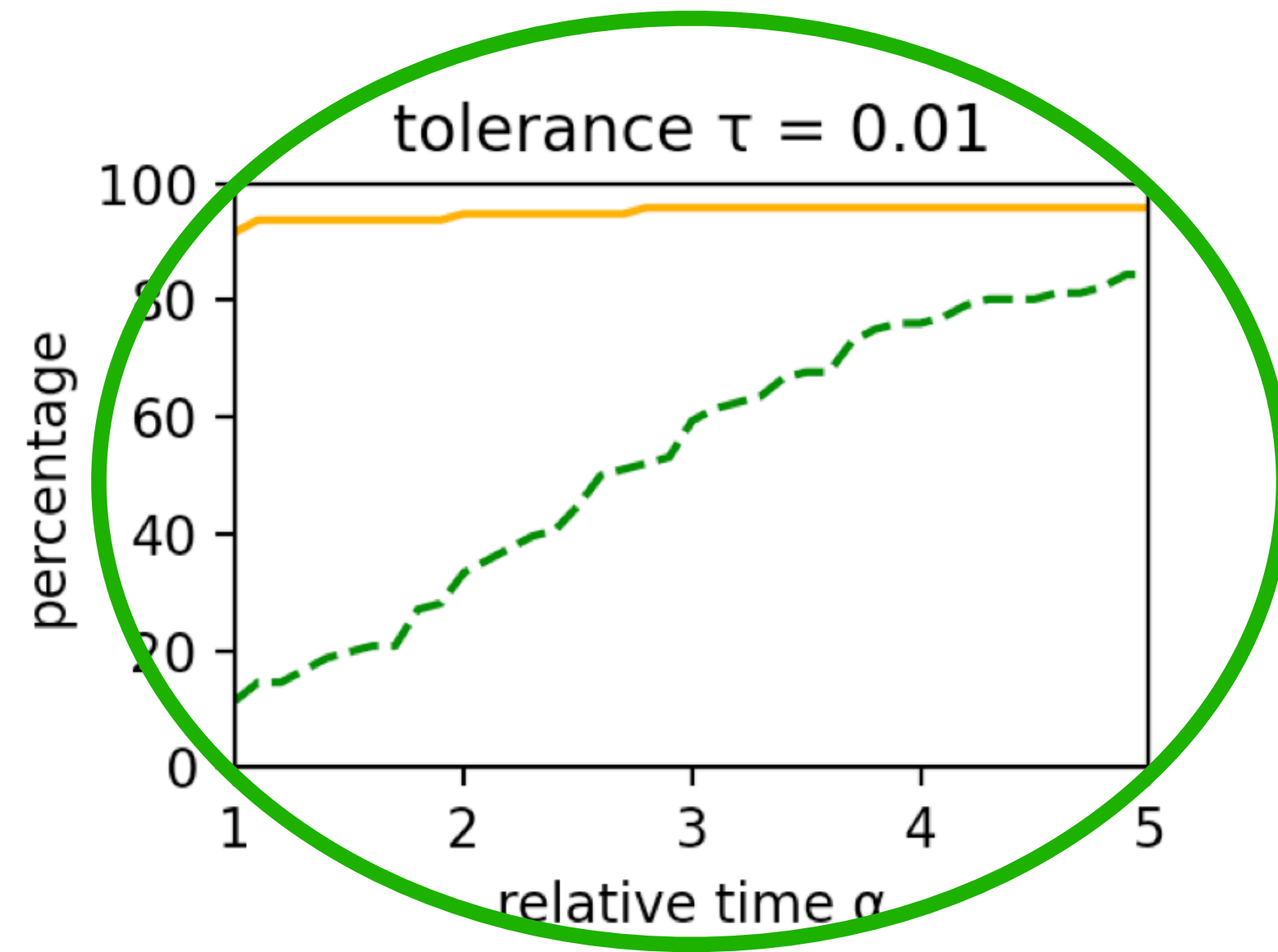
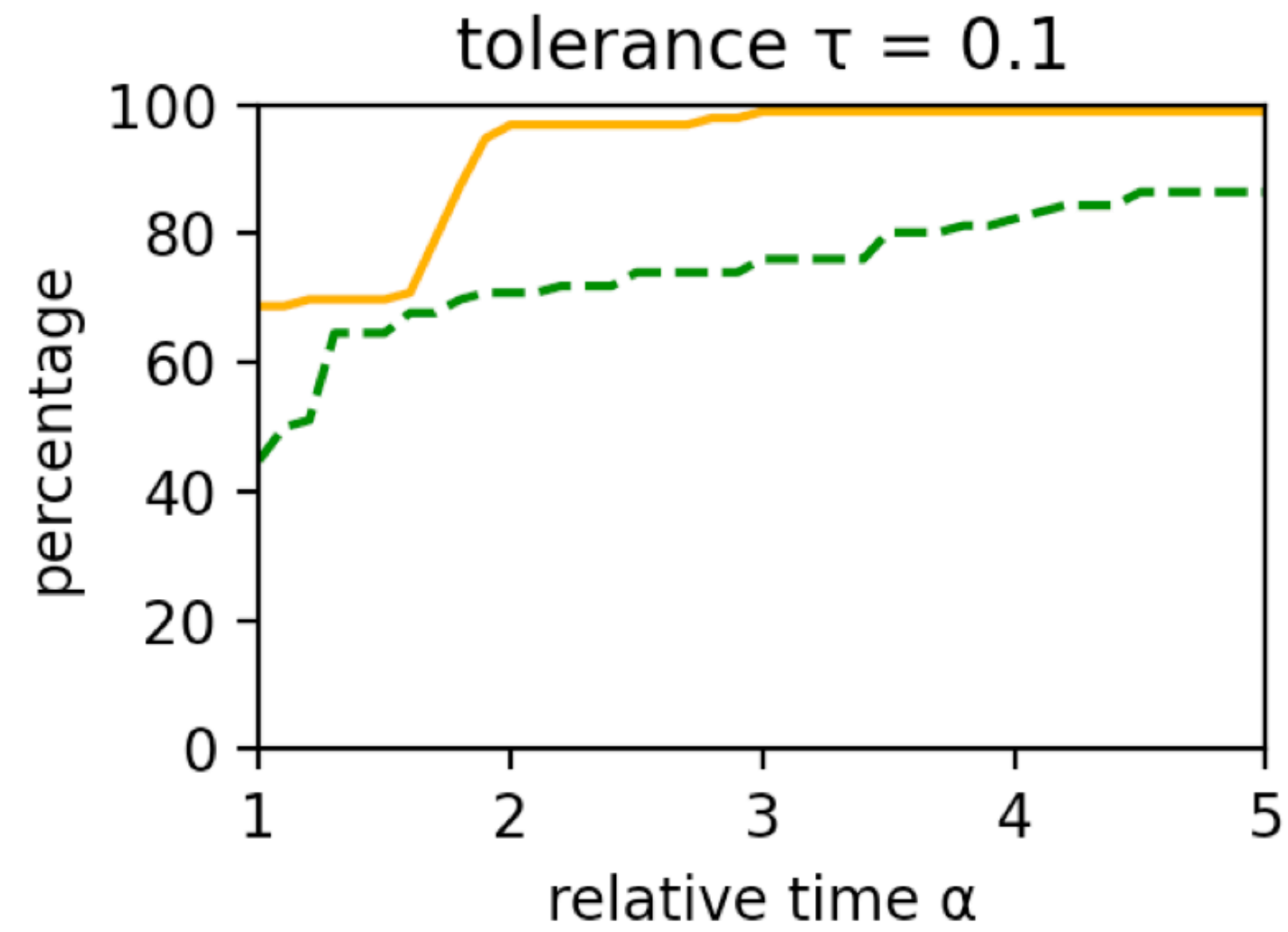
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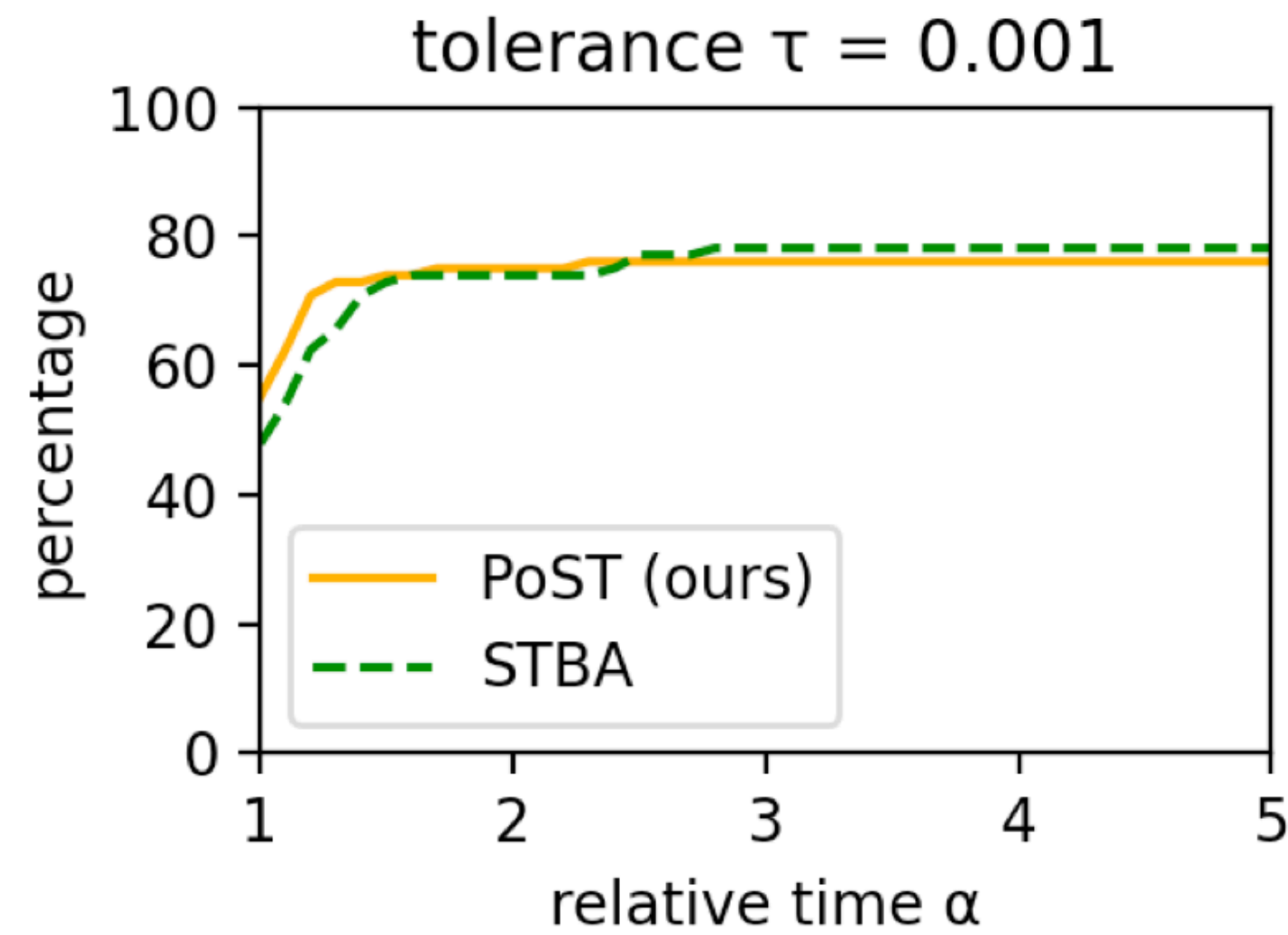
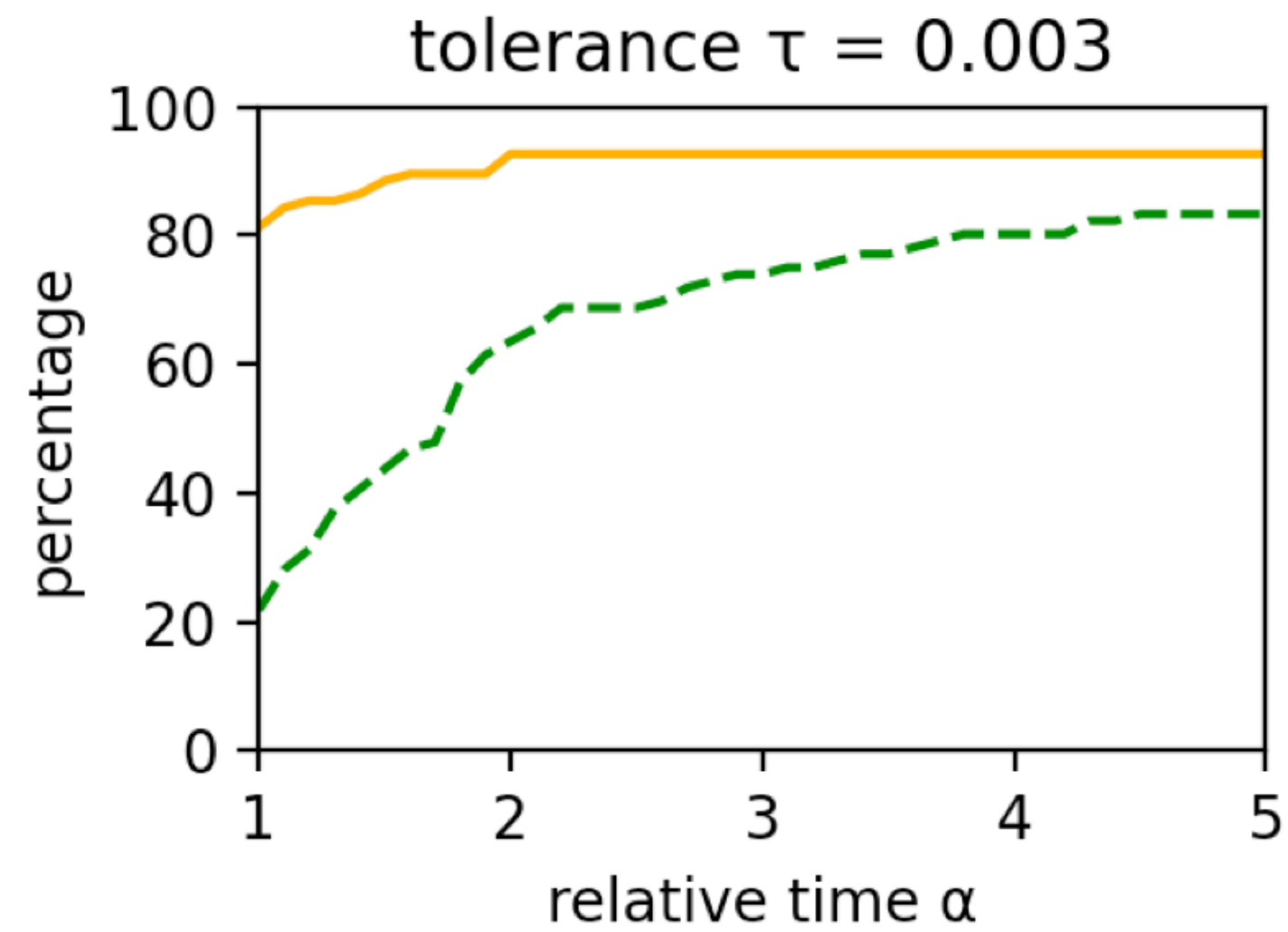


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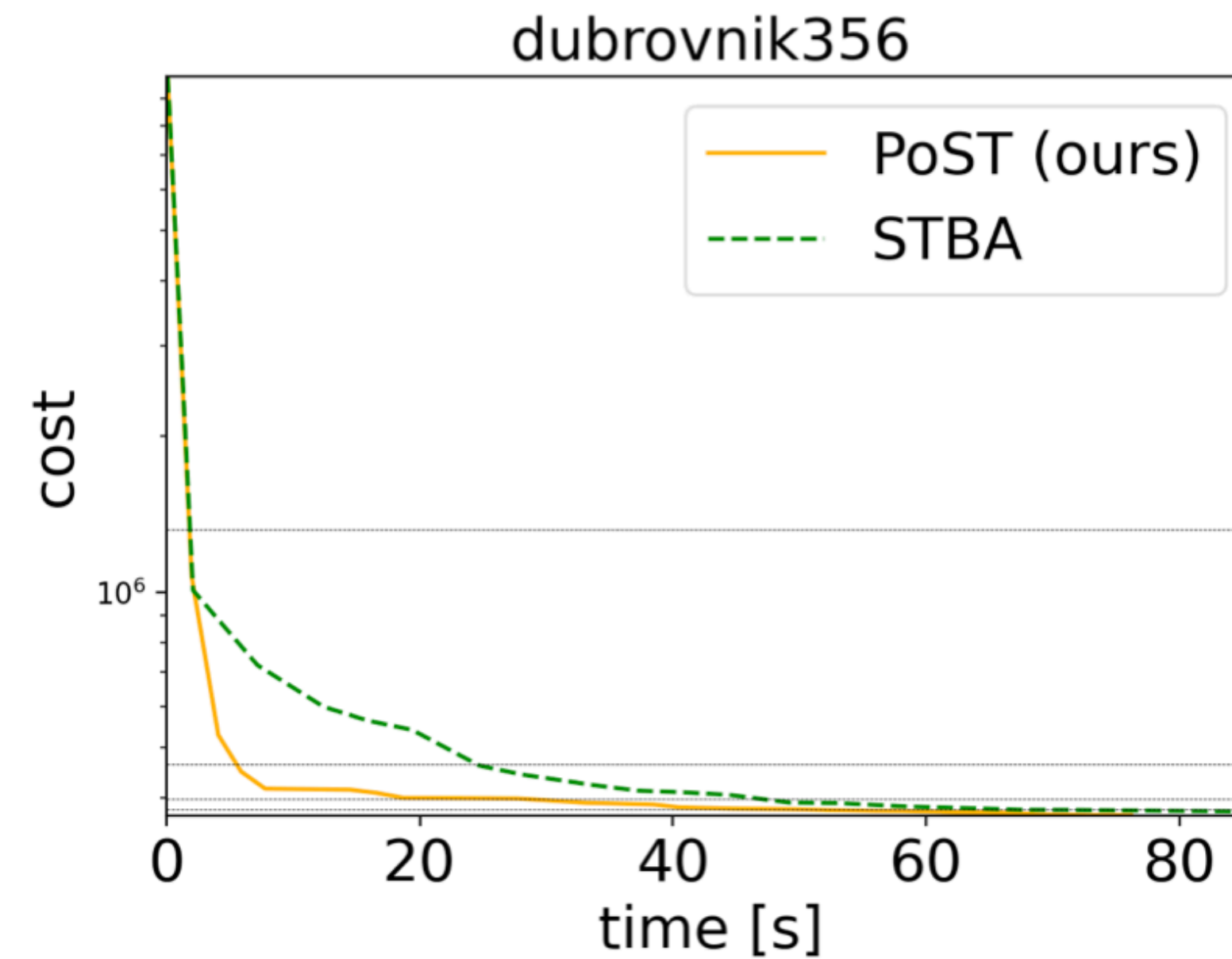
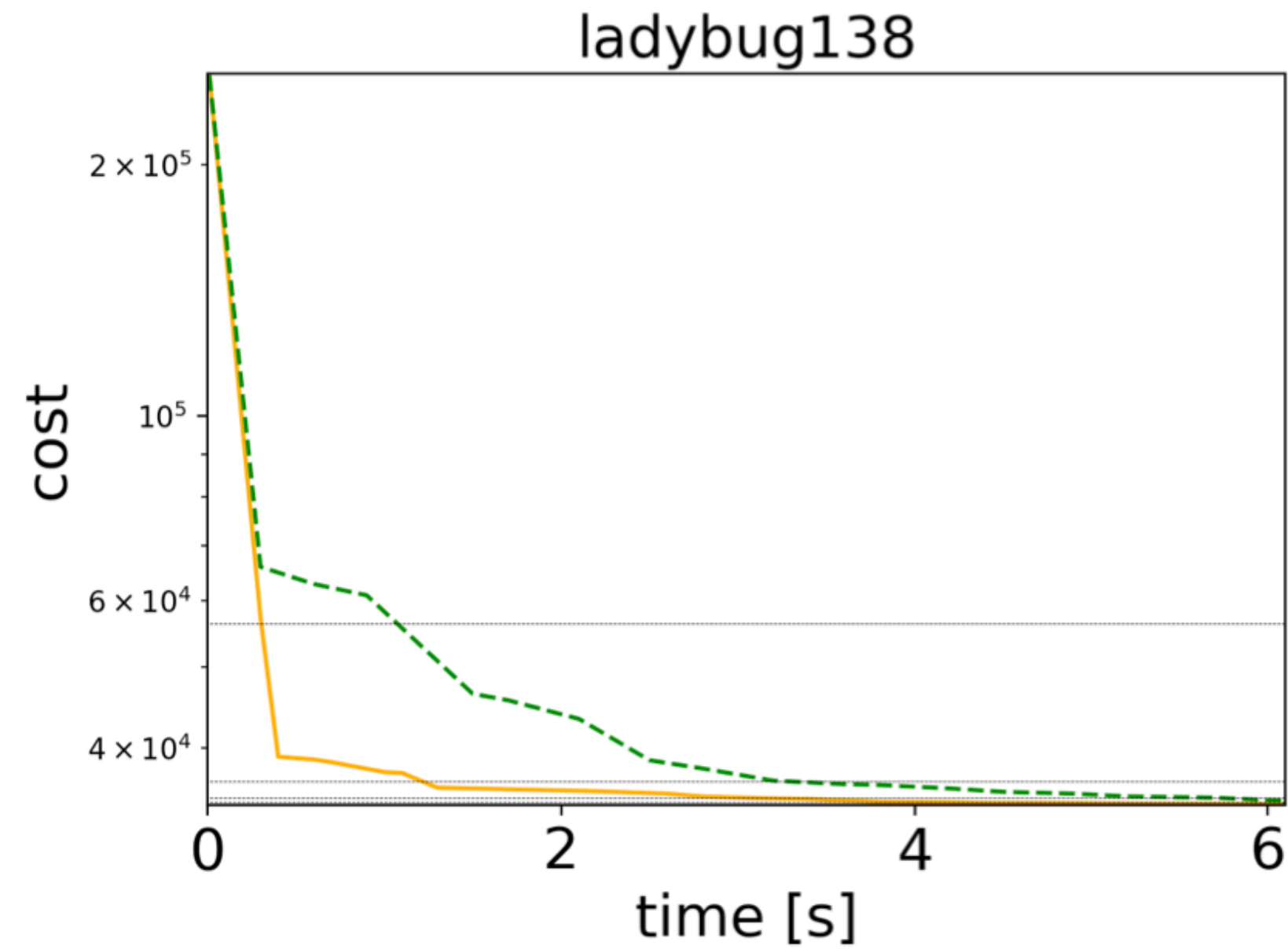
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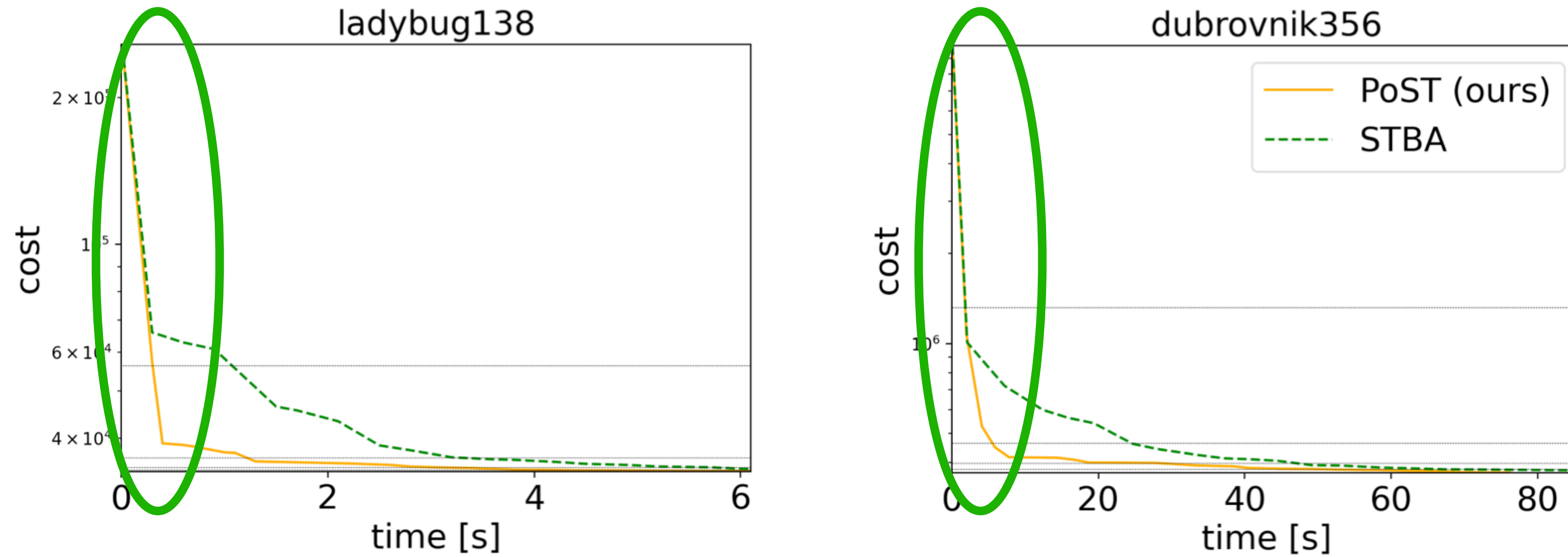


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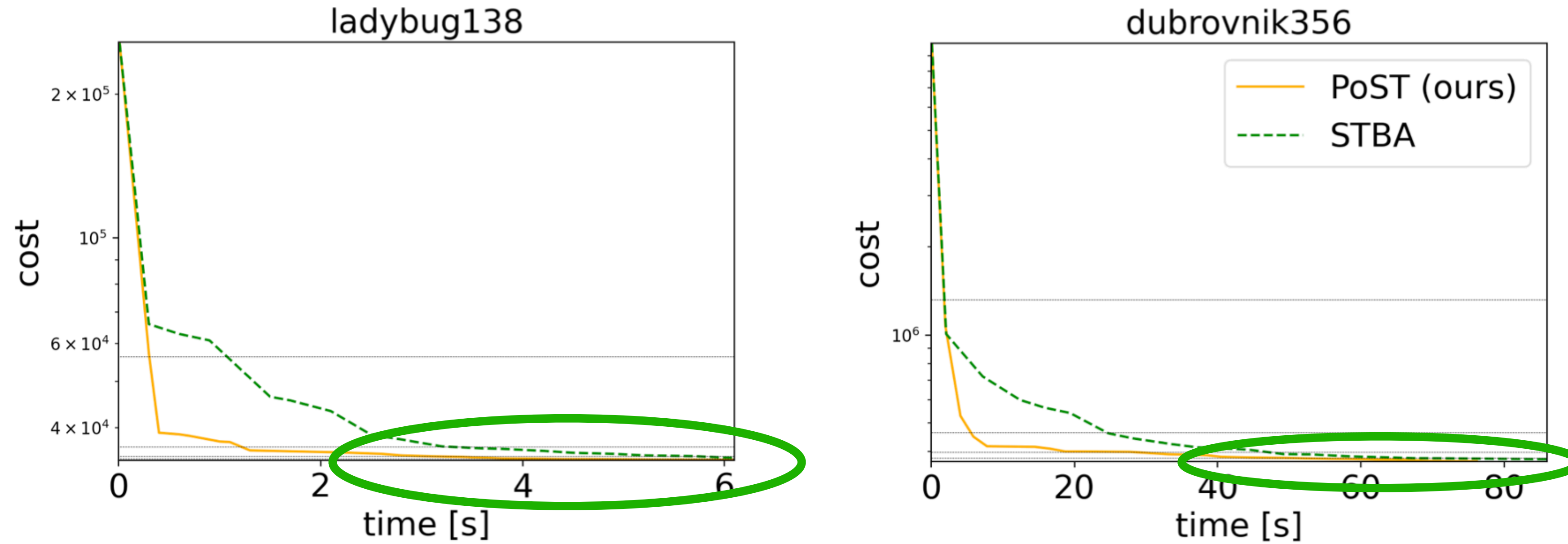
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Conclusion

- Introduce a **new class of large-scale BA solvers** built on a **power expansion** of the inverse Schur complement.
- Prove the **theoretical validity** and the **convergence** of PoBA.
- Experimentally show that PoBA outperforms competitive iterative solvers in terms of **speed**, **accuracy**, and **memory-consumption**.



Open-source implementation:

<https://github.com/simonwebertum/poba>

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