

1st Coding Class

COMP 388-002/488-002 Biometrics

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Today we will...

Inspect the
Implementation of metrics to compare
Biometric systems.

Today's Attendance

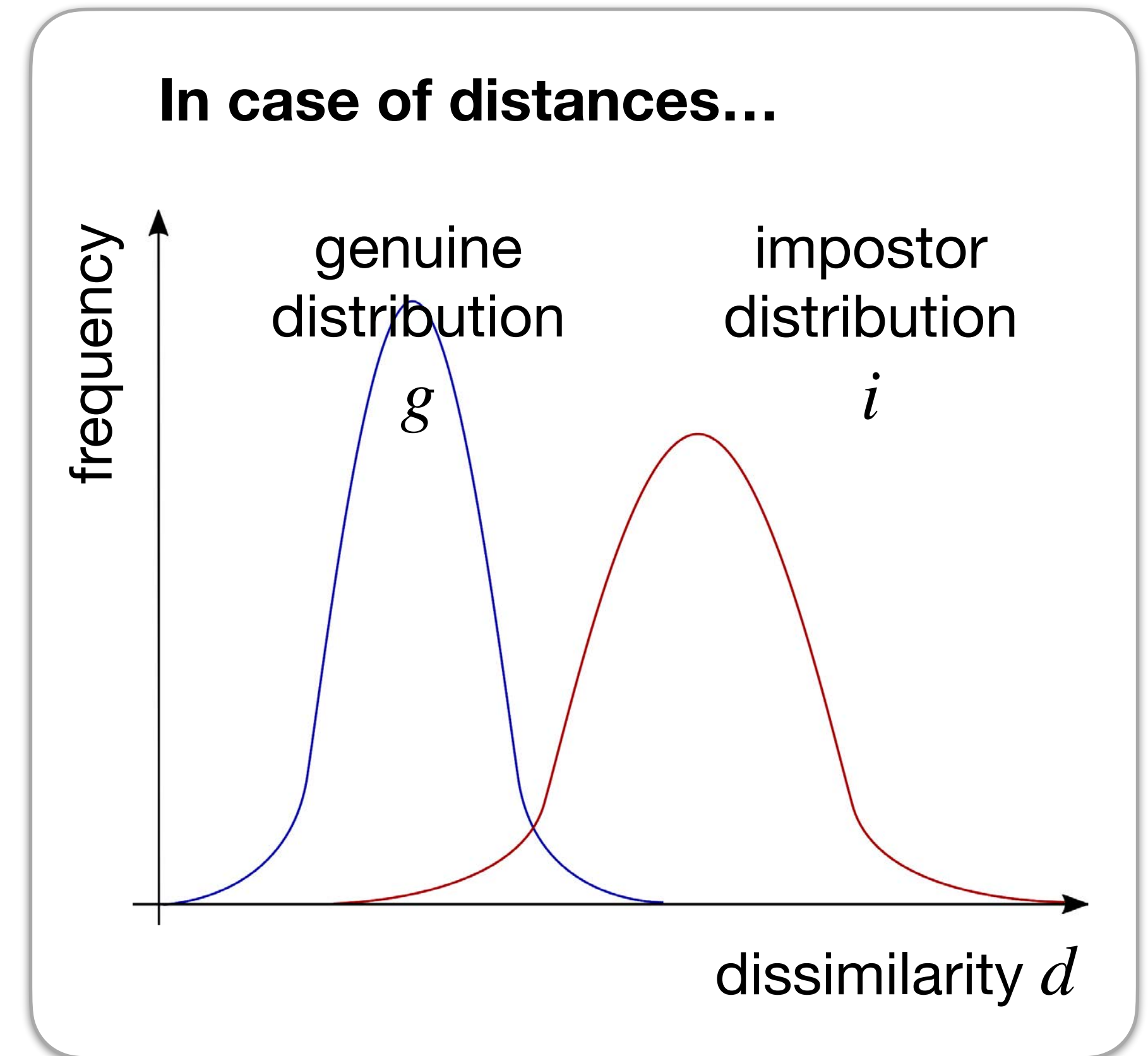
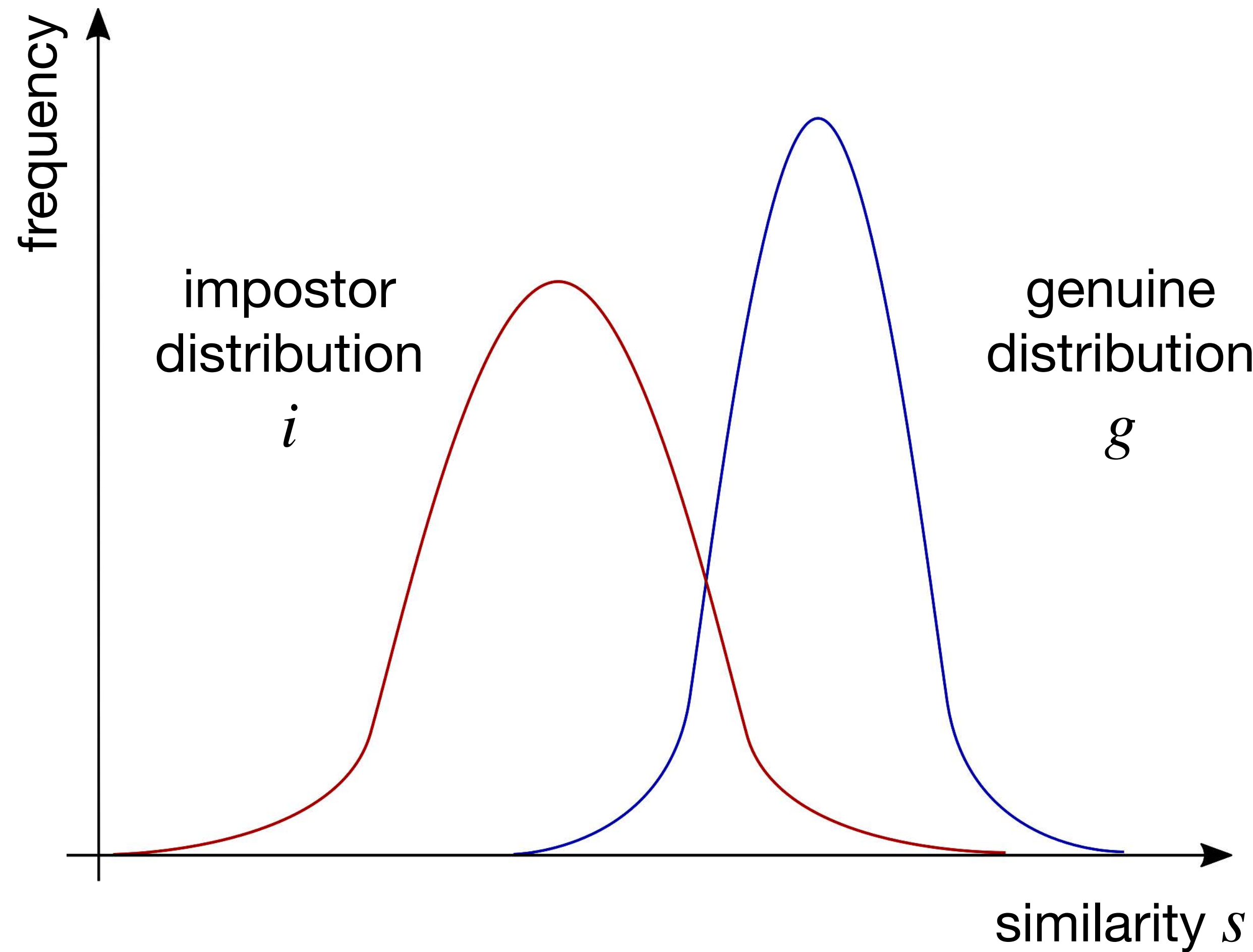
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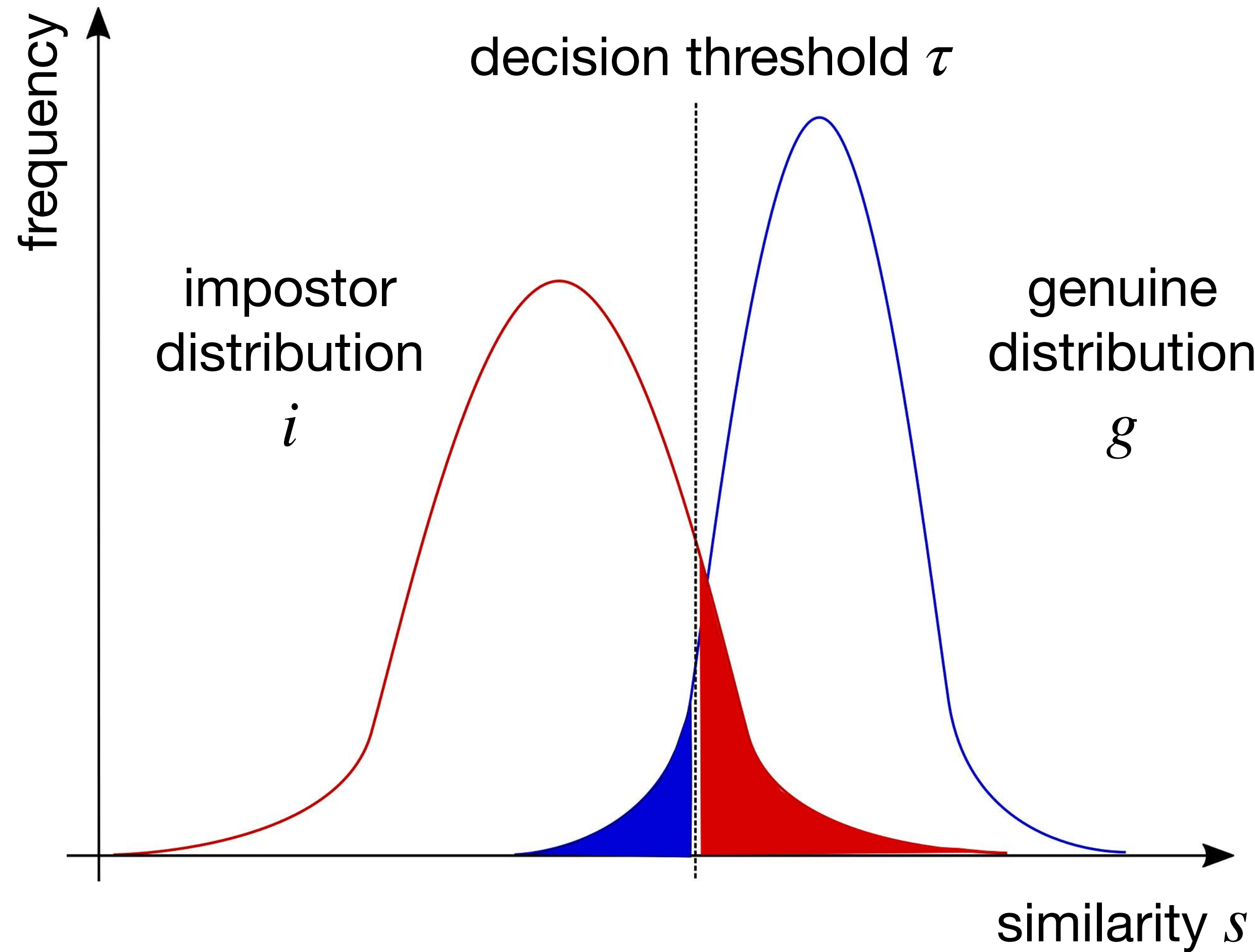
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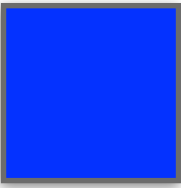
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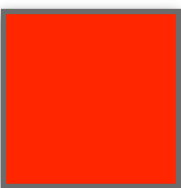


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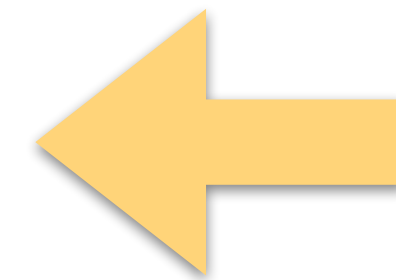
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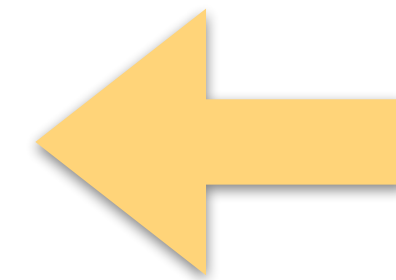
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$$\blacksquare FM(\tau) = \int_{\tau}^{\infty} i(s) \, ds$$

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In Practice

False Non-Match Rate (FNMR) and False Match Rate (FMR)

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How many of the genuine comparisons are wrongly computed by the system?

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How many of the impostor comparisons are wrongly computed by the system?

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In Practice

Interpretation of *R values.

Suppose a face recognition system with $\text{FMR}=0.1\%$

$\text{FMR}=0.001$, one error in every 1K comparisons.

Is it good?



Suppose the Newark airport

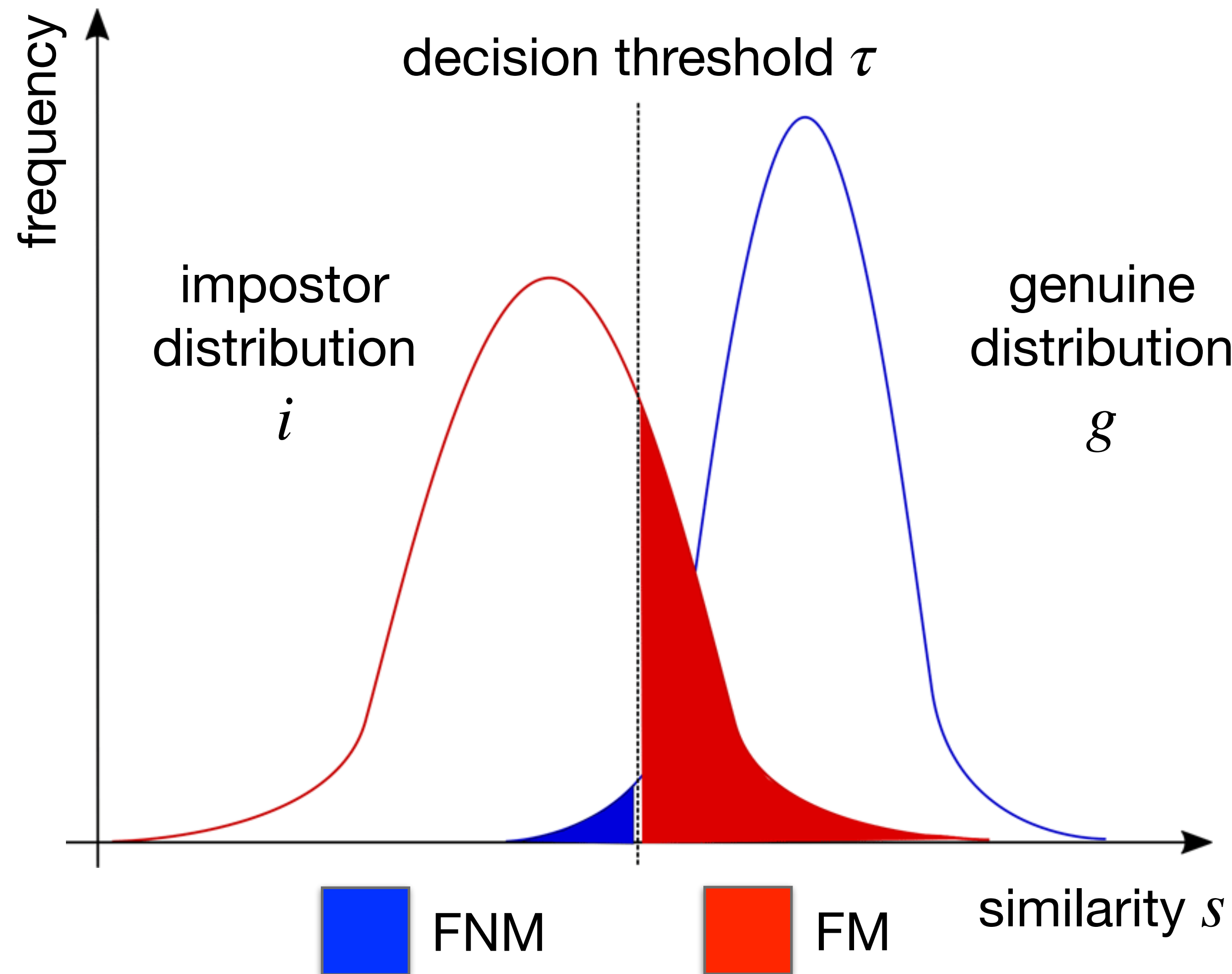
5K people per hour, 14h per day (70K people per day)

Suppose a suspect watch list with 100K people: 7 billion comparisons per day.

Average number of false matches per day: 7 million people to double check every day.

Terrorist watch list in 2016: 1,8 million people

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What is the impact of changing the decision threshold?

The larger the value of τ :
The larger the value of FNM;
The smaller the value of FM.

FNM and FM are inversely proportional.

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What to choose?

Small FNMR

Suitable to avoid denial of access and repudiation.

Increases intrusion probability, though.

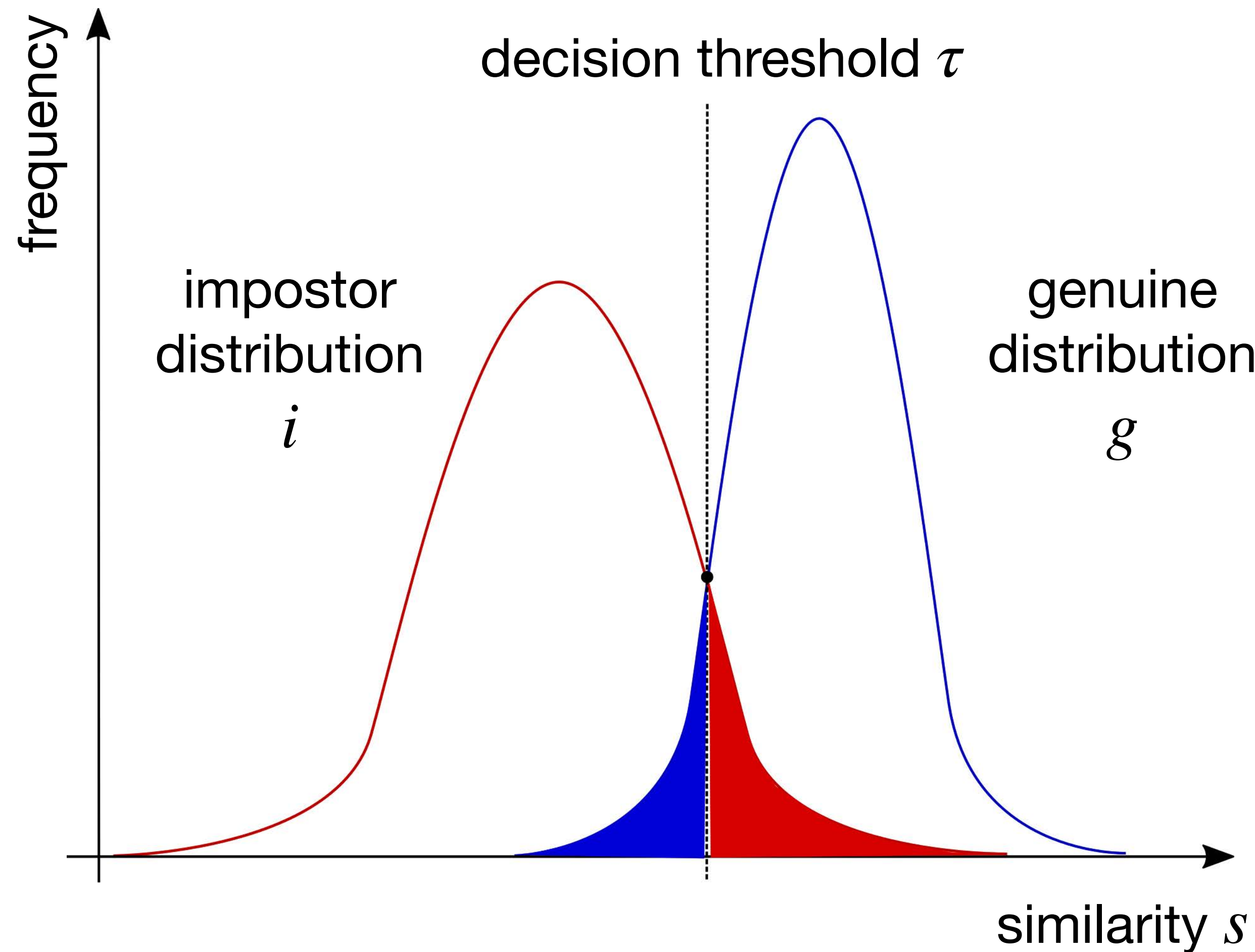
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What to choose?

Equal Error Rate (EER)

Common practice.

Pick the threshold where
 $\text{FNMR} = \text{FMR}$.

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Biometric systems *A* and *B*.

**Compare both systems' FNMR and FMR
at EER (1/3)**

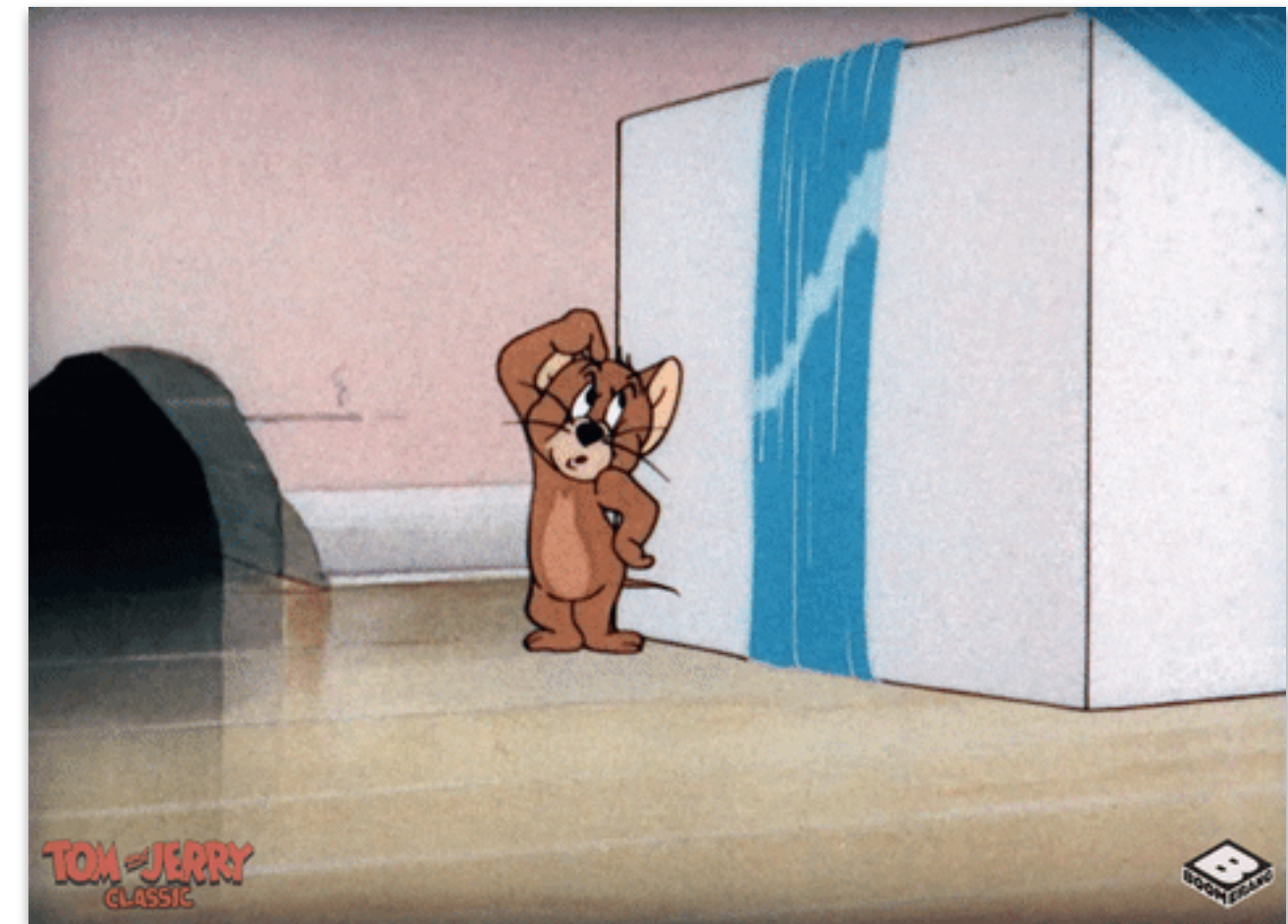
Take the one with smaller FNMR and FMR values.



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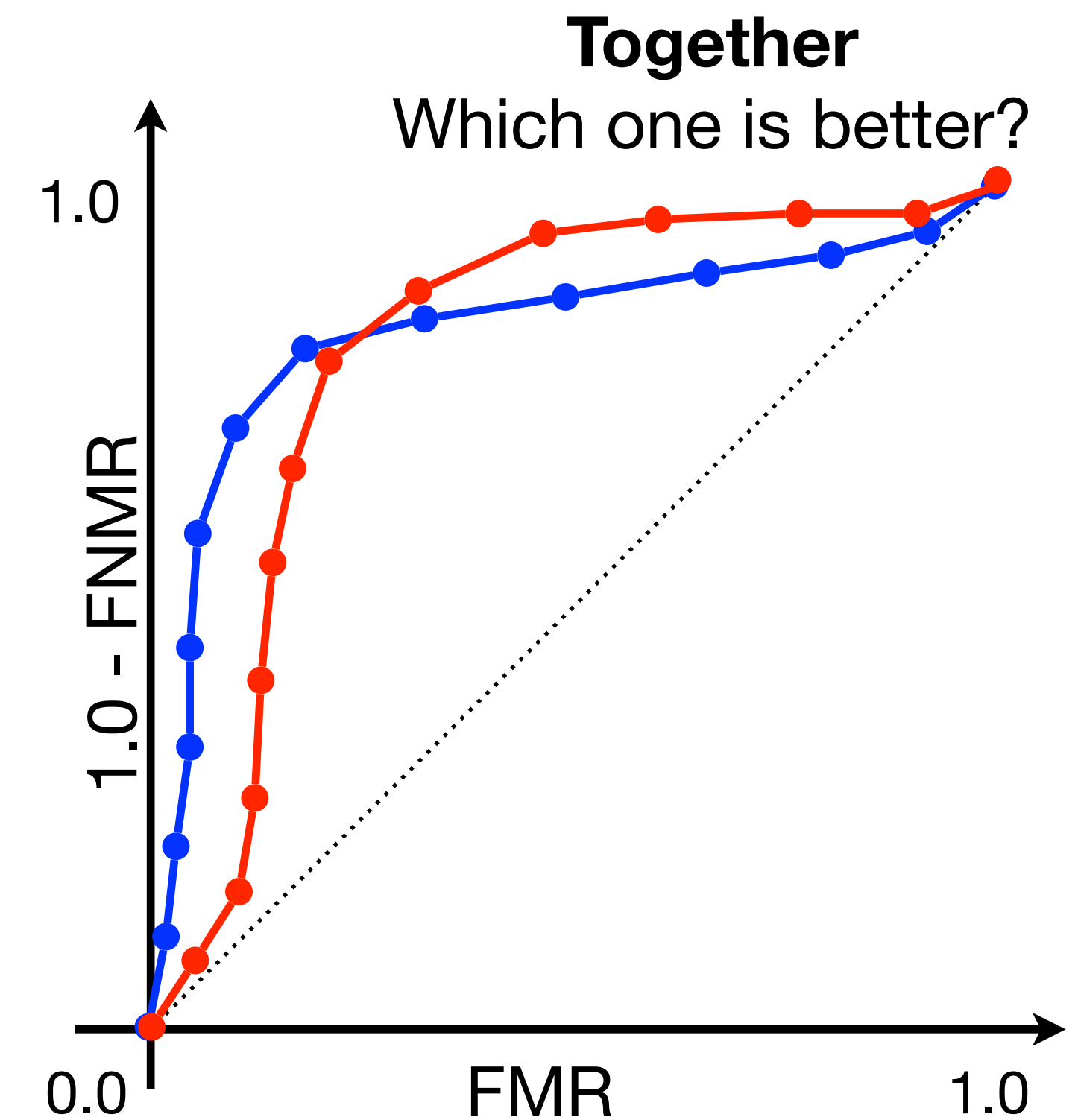
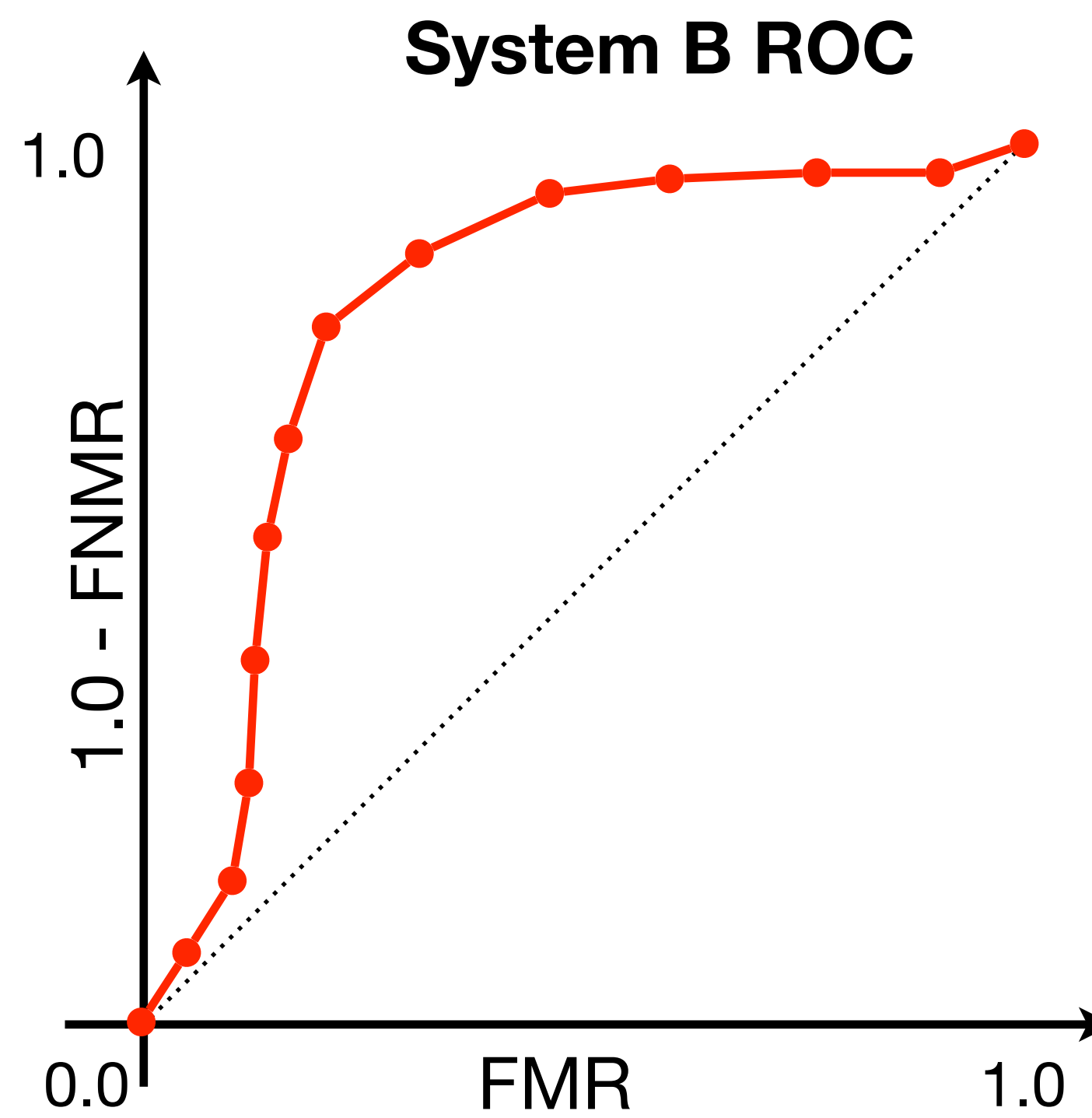
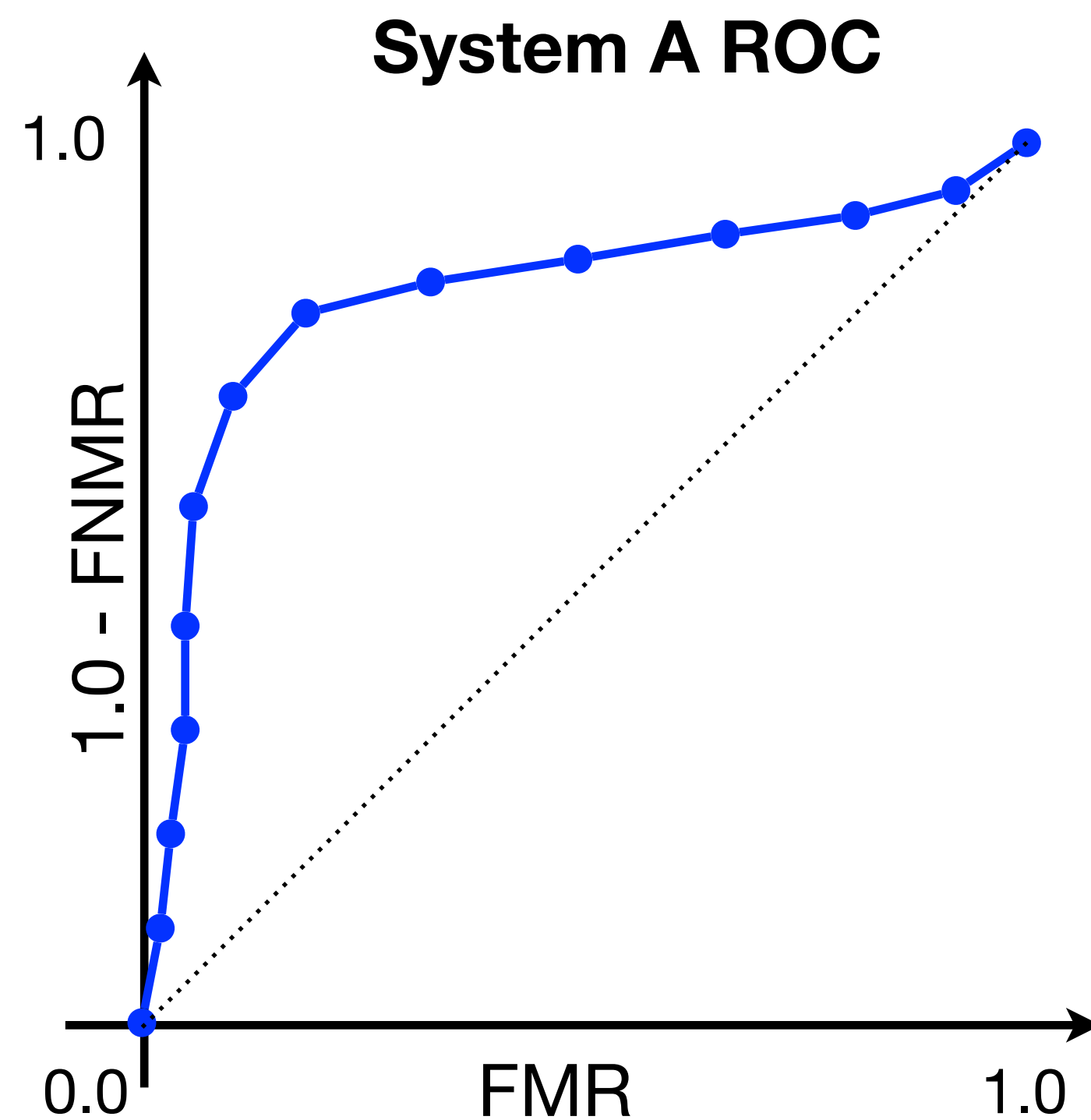
Use a Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve (2/3)



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How to compare two different systems?
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Compute FMR and FNMR for a variety of thresholds.

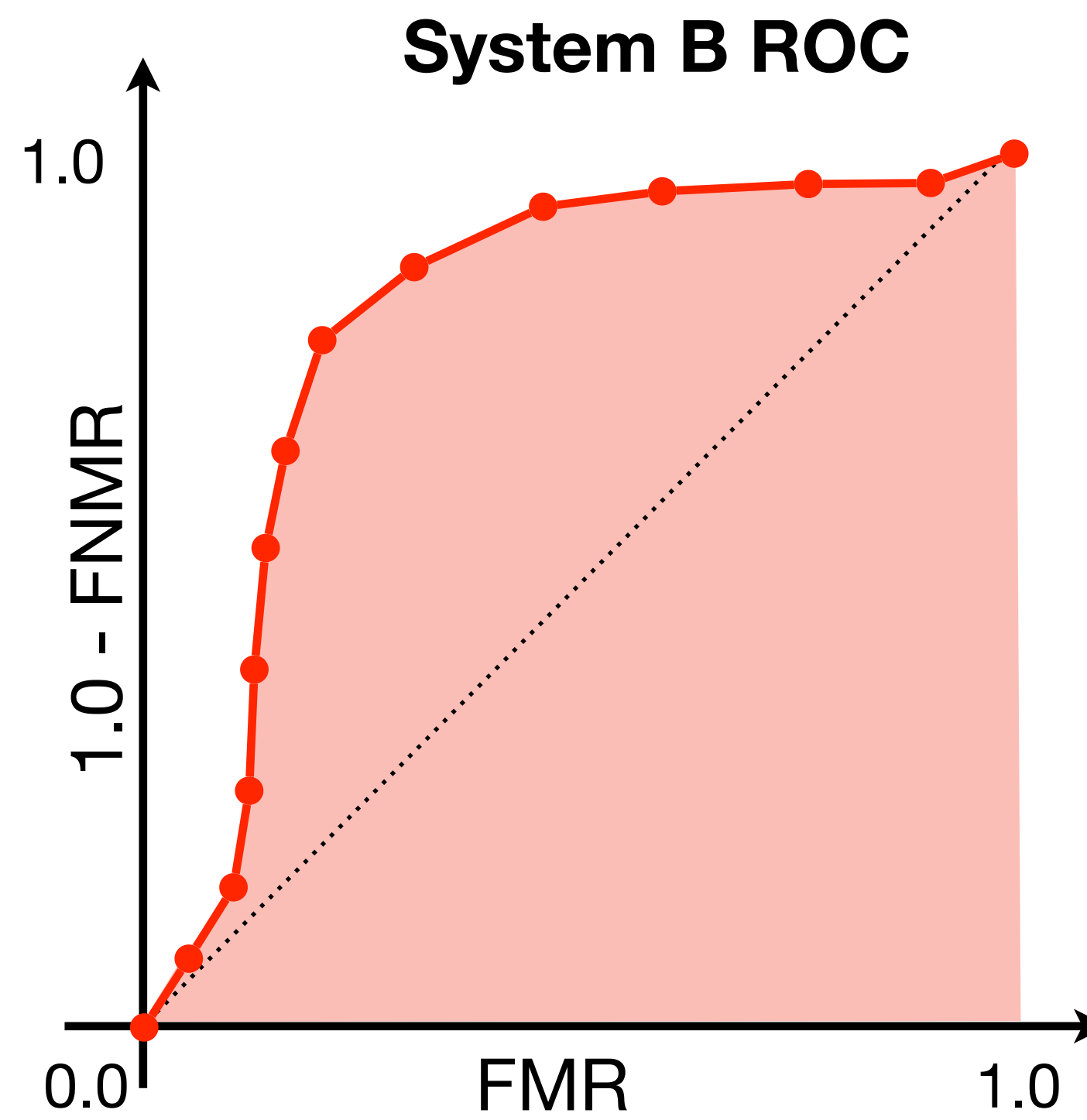
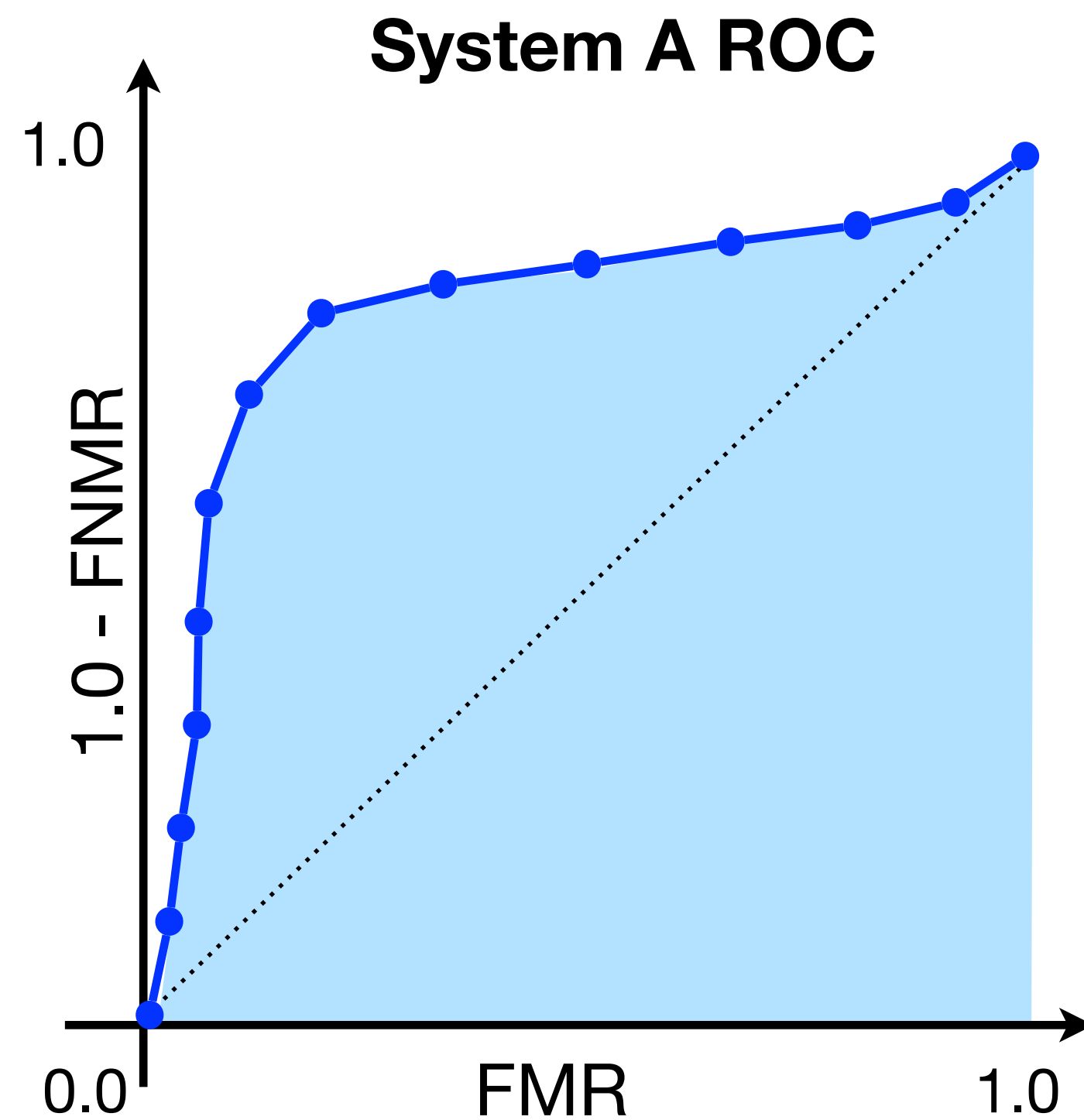


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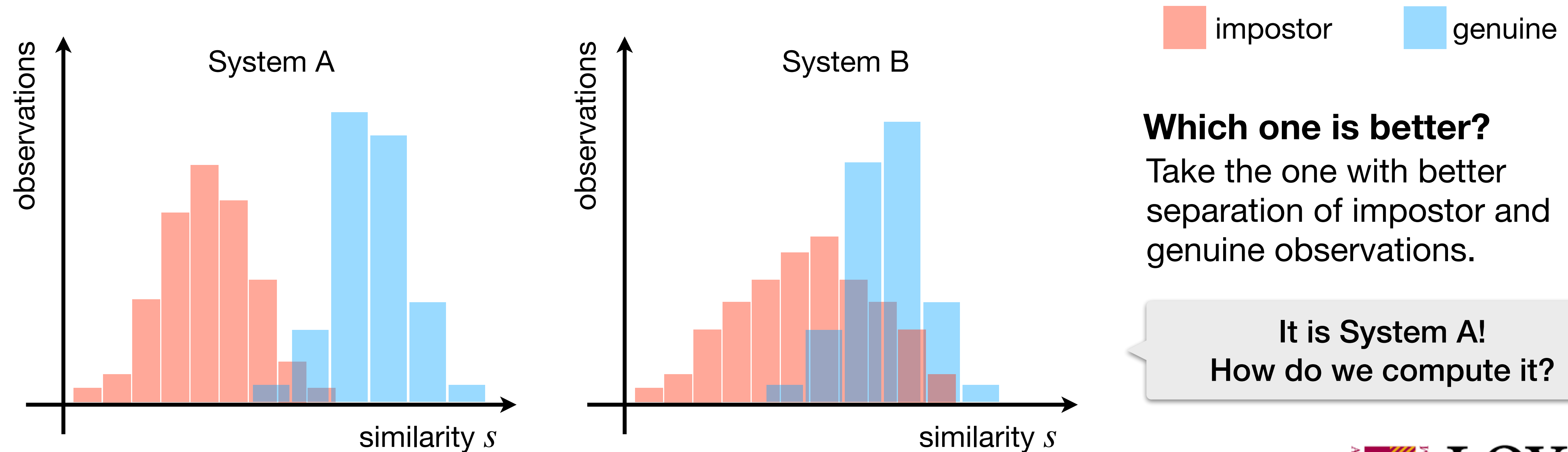
Which one is better?
Compute the
Area Under The Curve
(AUC).
The best solution
presents larger AUC.

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Which one is better?

Take the system with larger **d-prime**:

$$d' = \frac{\sqrt{2} \times |\mu_{genuine} - \mu_{impostor}|}{\sqrt{\sigma_{genuine}^2 + \sigma_{impostor}^2}}$$

Hypothesis: the distributions are Gaussians
(with mean μ and standard deviation σ).

The larger the separation between the distributions,
the larger the value of d-prime.

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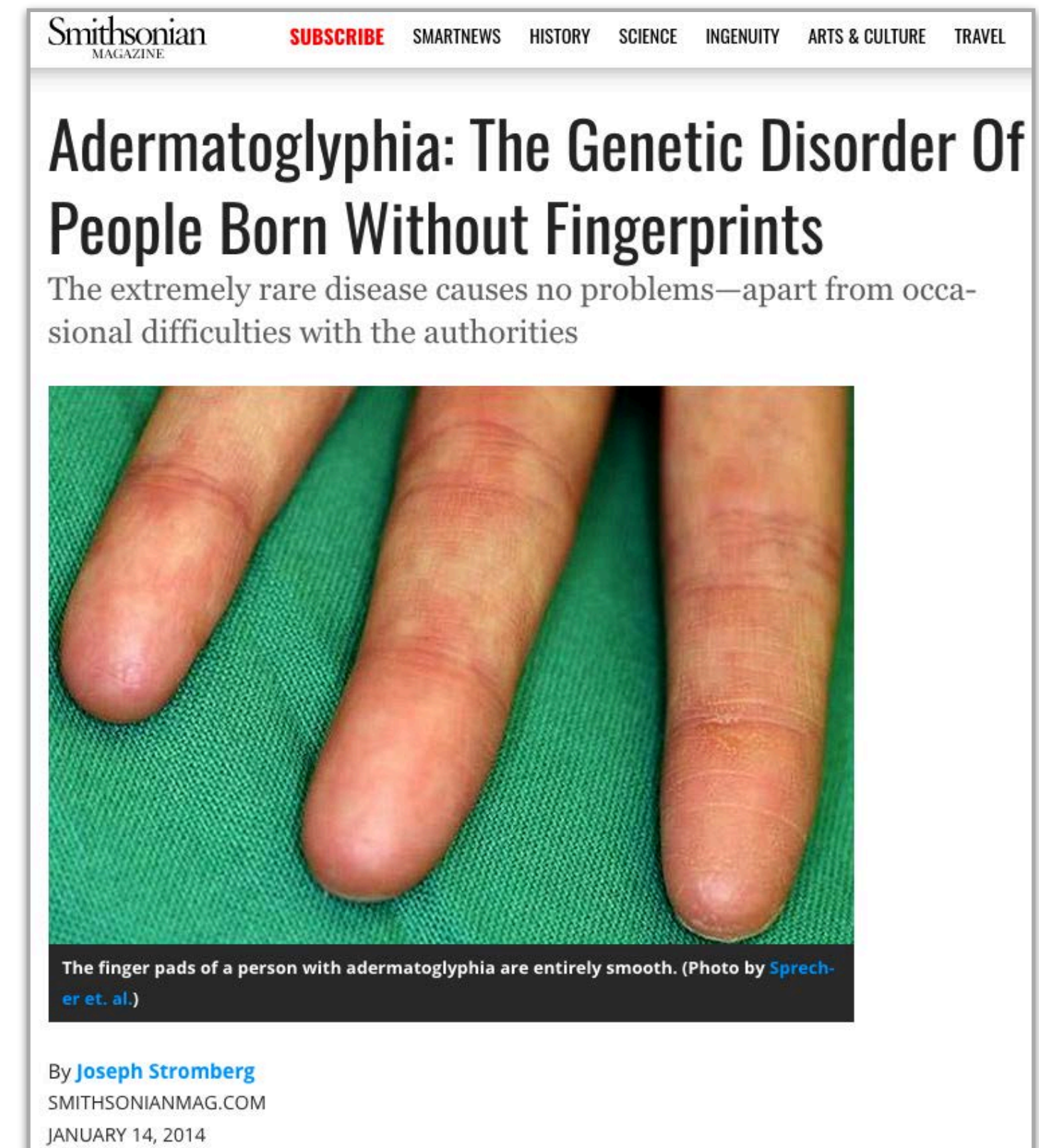
Other Metrics (1/4, 2/4)

Failure to Acquire (FTA)

Rate of falsely rejected biometric samples due to problems in acquisition.

Failure to Enroll (FTE)

The same as FTA, but during enrollment.



<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/adermatoglyphia-genetic-disorder-people-born-without-fingerprints-180949338/>

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Other Metrics (3/4, 4/4)

Positive Metrics

True Non-Match Rate (TNMR)

$$\text{TNMR} = 1.0 - \text{FMR}$$

True Match Rate (TMR)

$$\text{TMR} = 1.0 - \text{FNMR}$$

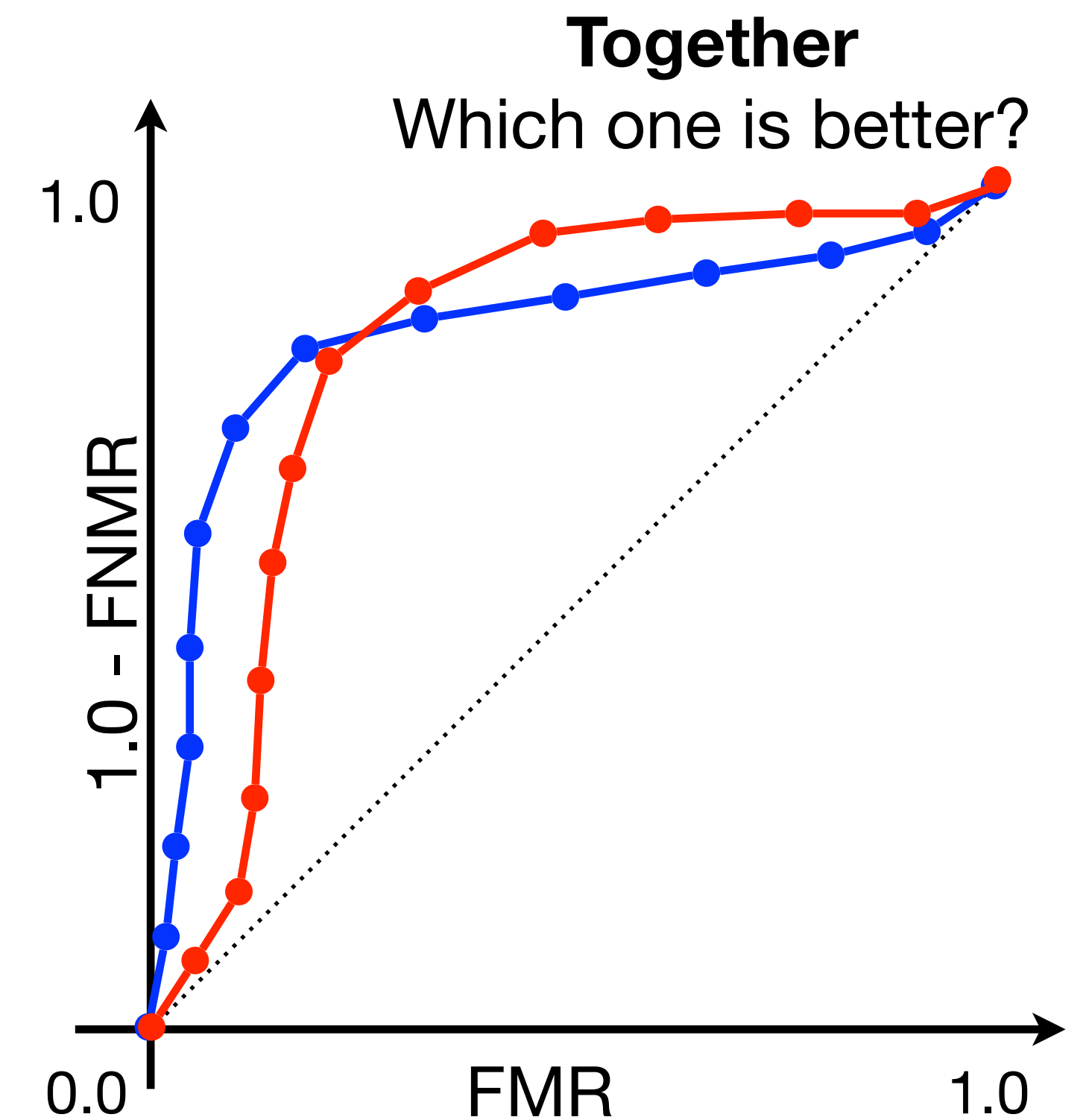
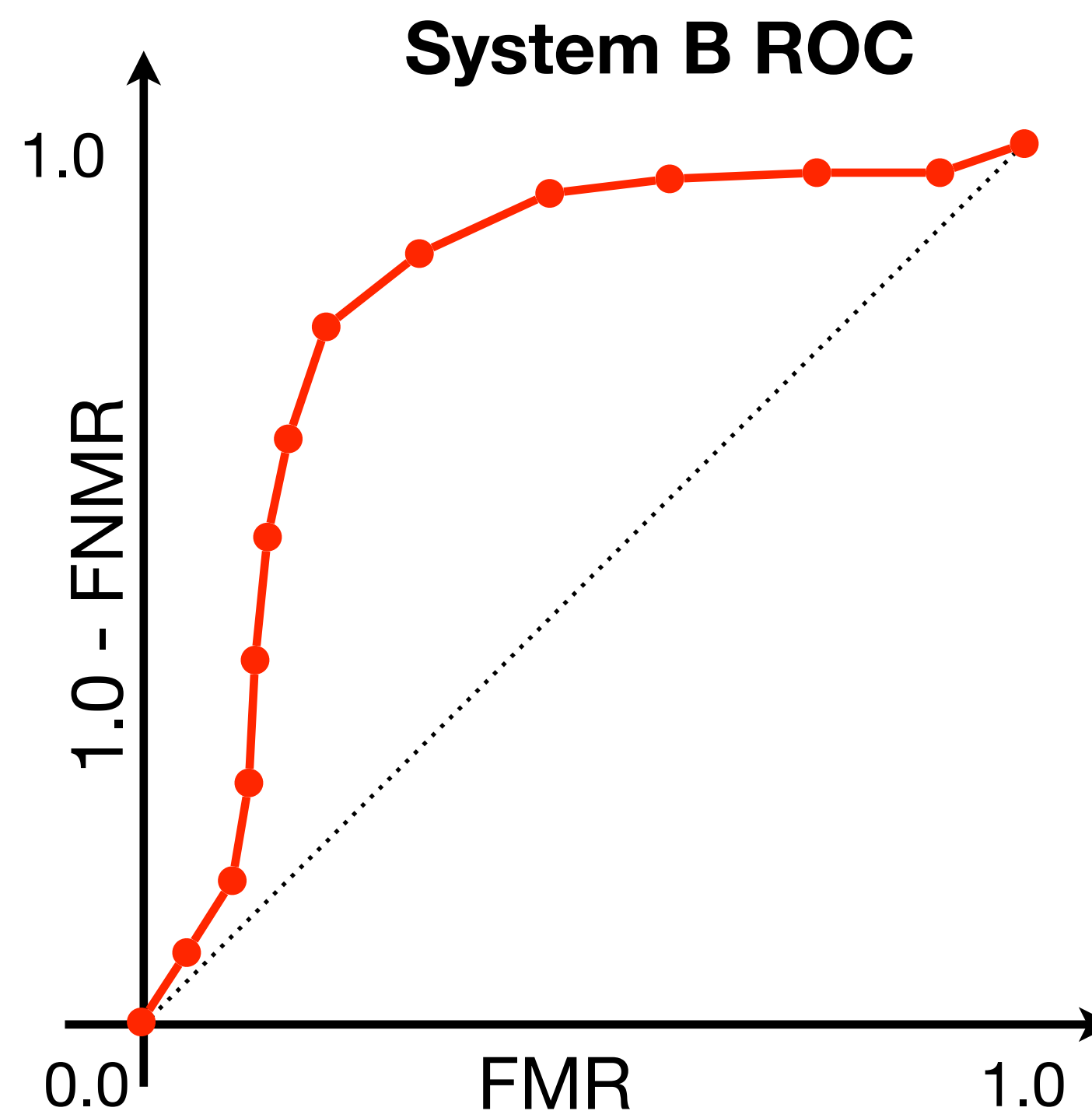
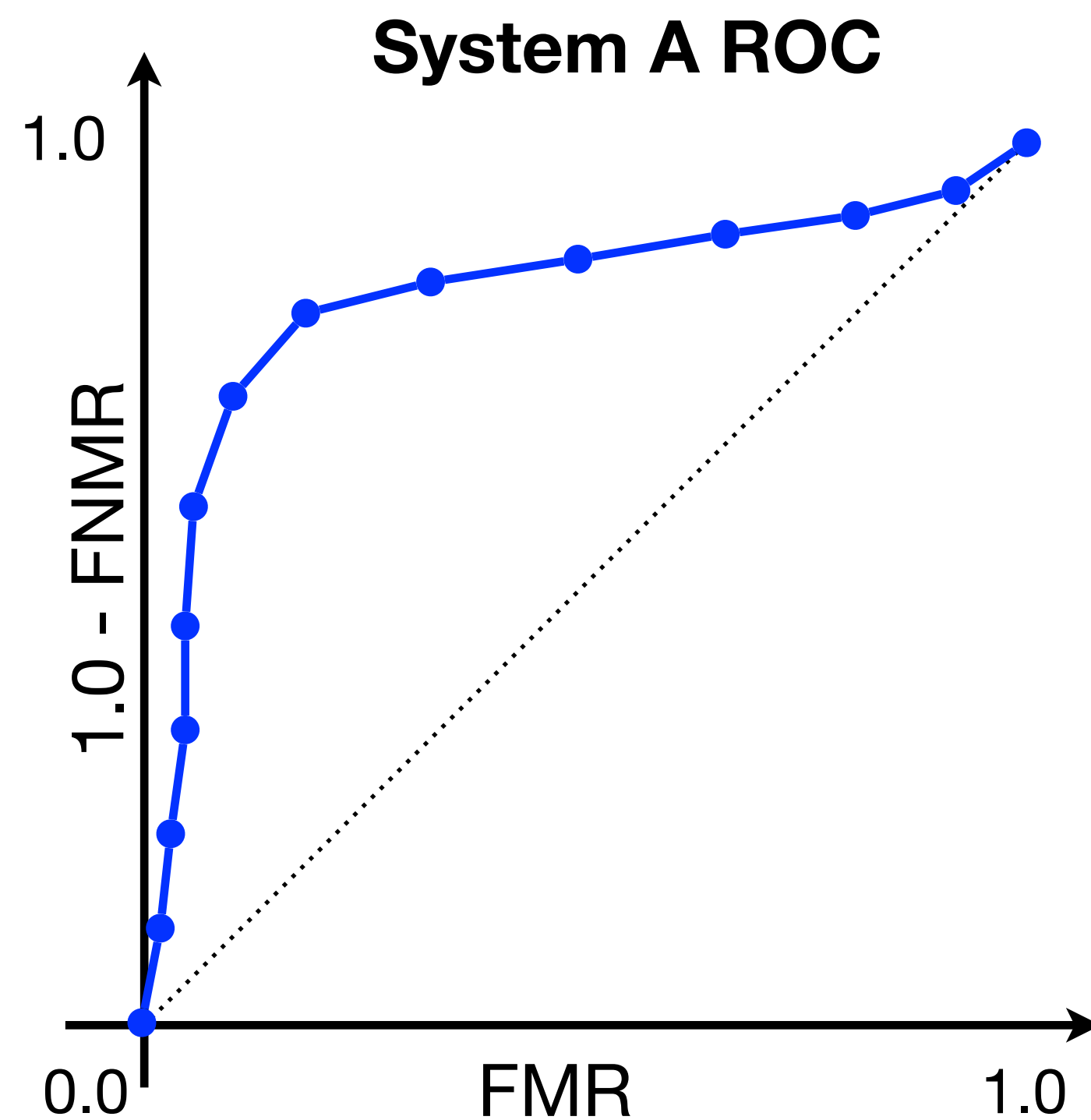
You want to maximize these instead of minimizing.



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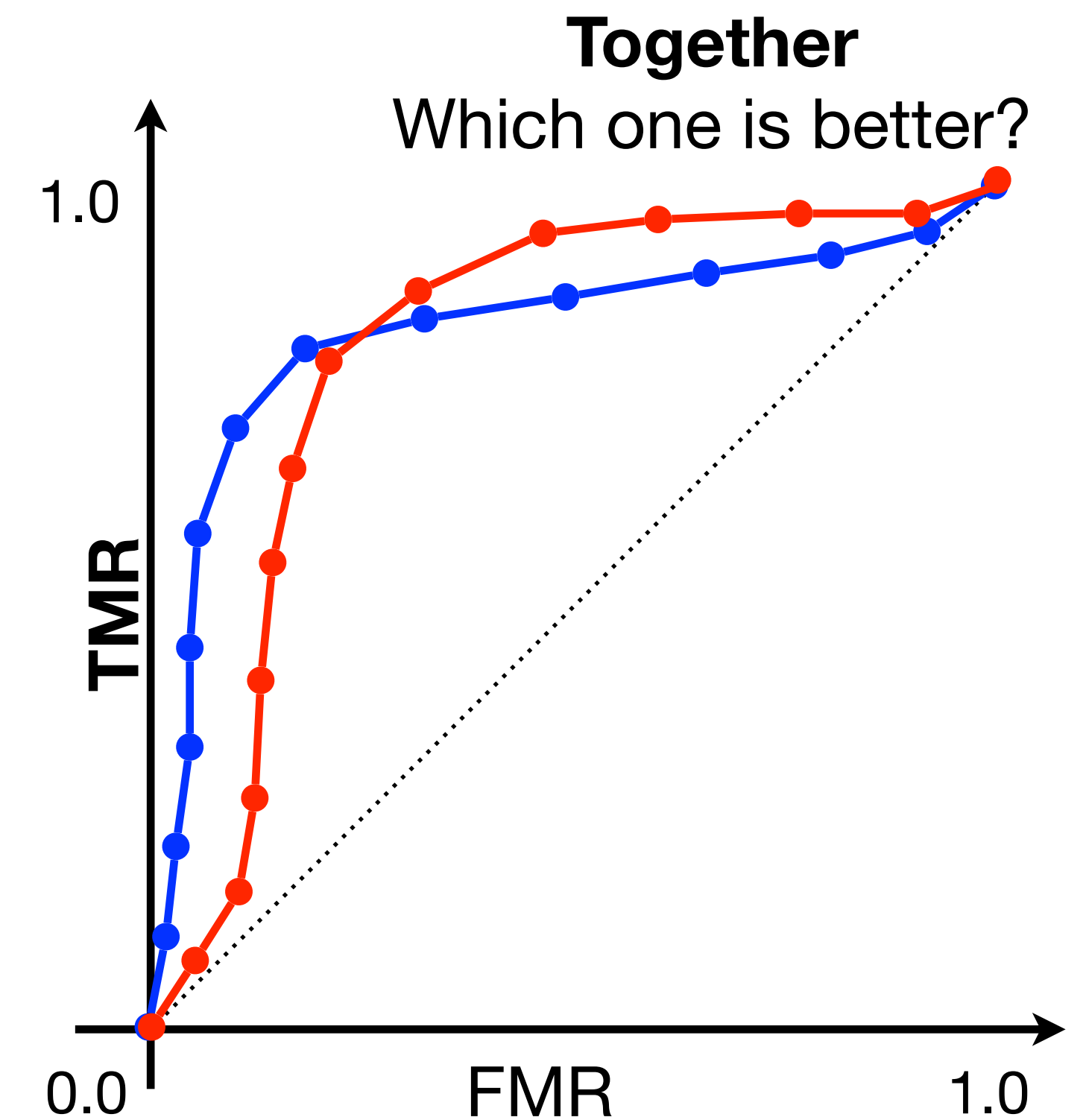
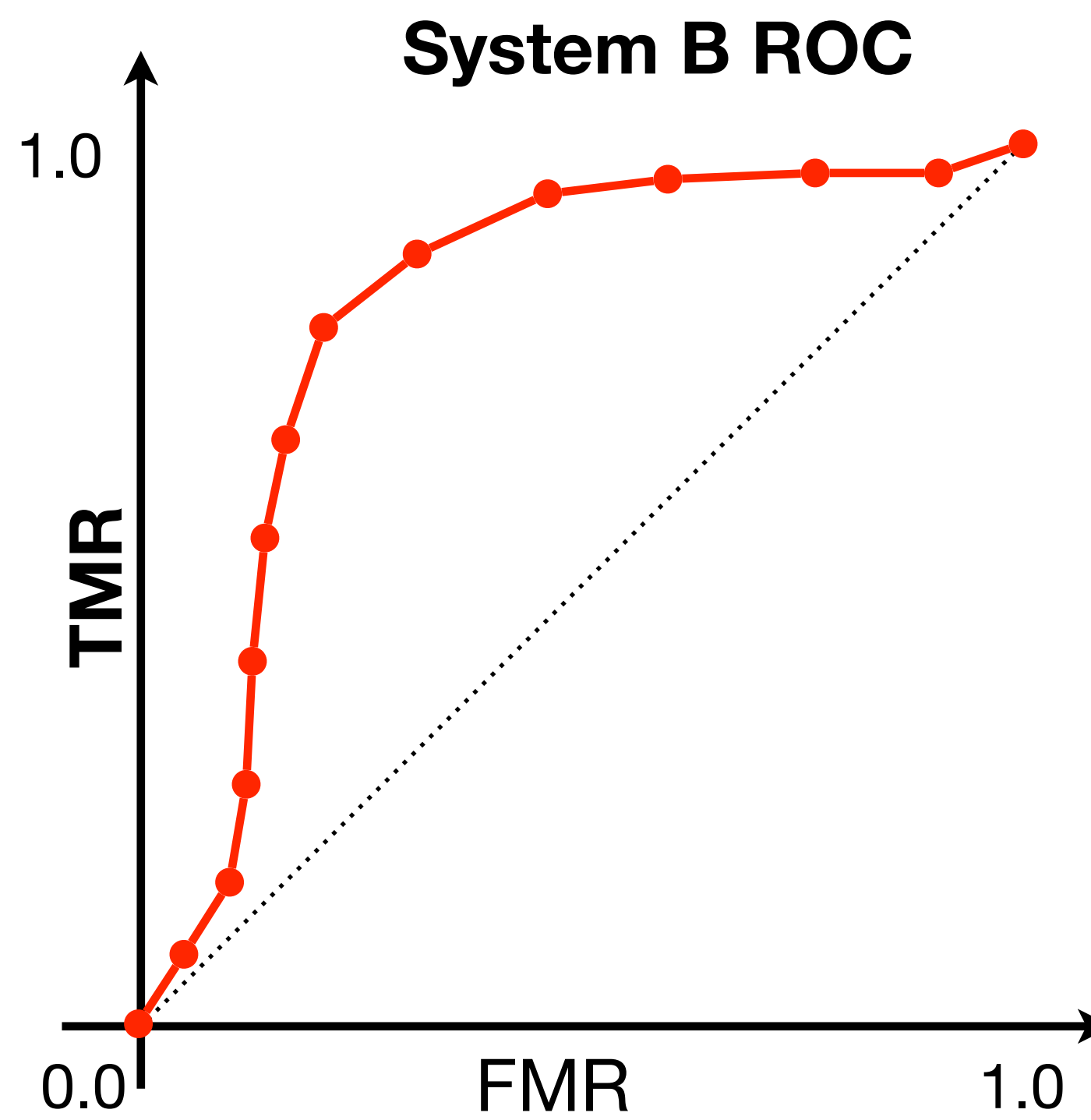
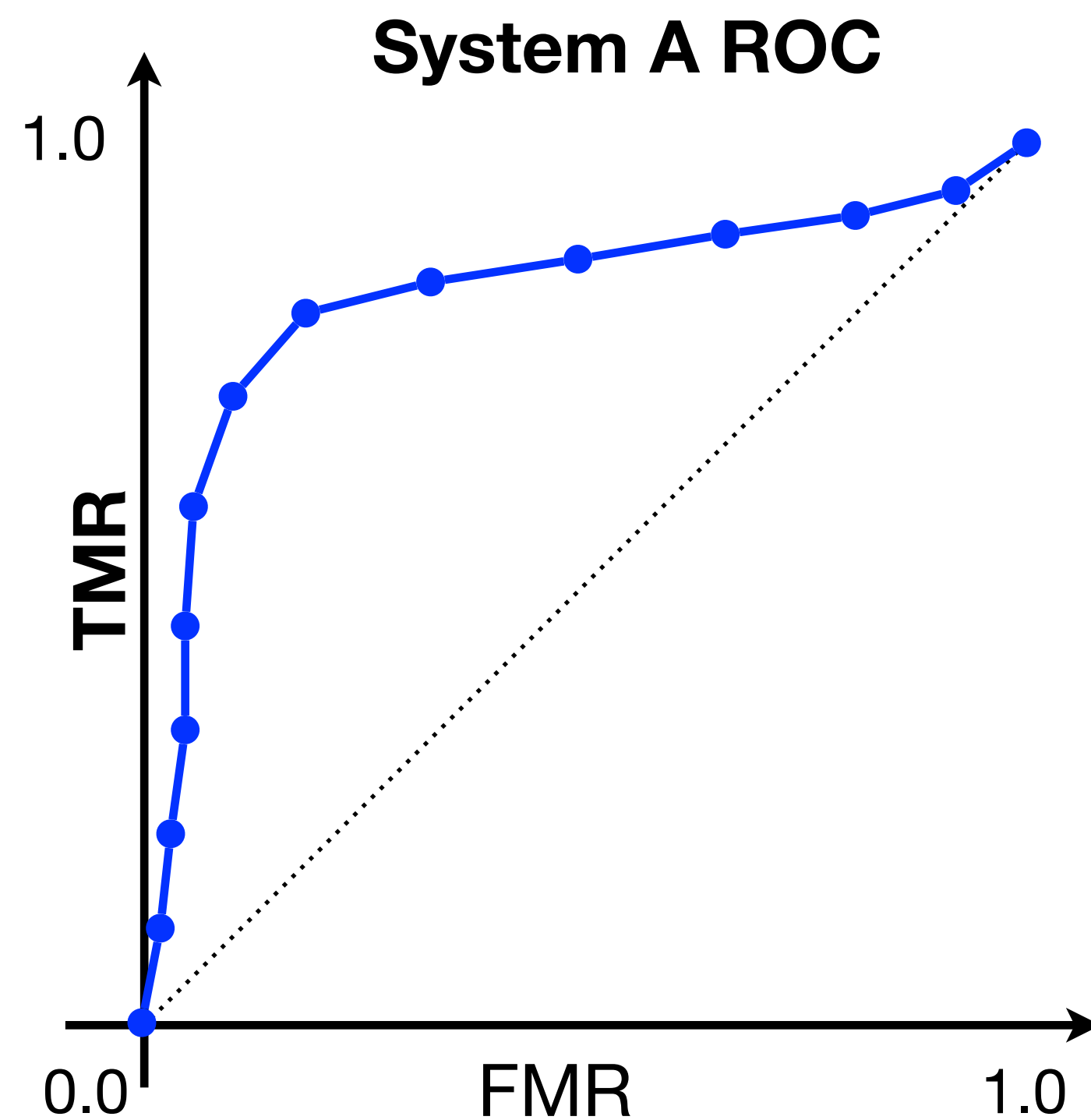
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Implementation

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What's Next?

Biometric System Attacks

Threat model and attack types.

Fingerprint Recognition

History and features.



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