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Developer	Short	Seq.	Validation	Config[1]	Template		GPU	Comparison Time (ns)[3]		FTE[4]	
Name	Name	Num.	Date	Data (KB)	Size (B)	Time (ms)[2]		Genuine	Impostor	Visa	Mugshot
3DiVi	3divi	000	2017-03-16	169360	[3]511 ± 16	[10]292 ± 56	Yes	[1]380 ± 17	[1]377 ± 76	0.0008	0.0019
Dermalog	dermalog	001	2017-02-22	0	[4]1040 ± 46	[4]107 ± 4	No	[6]22299 ± 581	[8]22172 ± 1558	0.0013	0.0045
Dermalog	dermalog	002	2017-02-22	0	[5]1040 ± 46	[3]83 ± 8	No	[7]22320 ± 562	[9]22479 ± 1705	0.0013	0.0045
Neurotechnology	neurotech	000	2017-03-22	62129	[13]7148 ± 0	[12]616 ± 48	No	[12]74576 ± 2072	[13]73767 ± 2568	0.0000	0.0000
N-Tech Lab	ntech	000	2017-03-13	191530	[8]2906 ± 1	[8]280 ± 14	No	[8]31092 ± 939	[10]30982 ± 1204	0.0016	0.0015
N-Tech Lab	ntech	001	2017-05-10	691296	[12]6743 ± 2	[11]590 ± 14	No	[11]70469 ± 3695	[12]70357 ± 12707	0.0005	0.0009
Rank One Computing	rankone	000	2017-03-21	0	[1]144 ± 0	[2]83 ± 10	No	[9]40045 ± 980	[4]9377 ± 4353	0.0003	0.0005
Rank One Computing	rankone	001	2017-04-12	0	[2]208 ± 0	[1]57 ± 5	No	[13]81473 ± 16605	[2]434 ± 2537	0.0000	0.0001
Samtech InfoNet Limited	samtech	000	2017-05-02	109774	[7]2056 ± 0	[6]264 ± 7	No	[2]4588 ± 205	[3]4561 ± 217	0.0042	0.0052
TongYi Transportation Technology	tongyi	001	2017-04-01	625339	[6]2047 ± 145	[9]284 ± 41	No	[5]18055 ± 778	[7]17984 ± 2102	0.0040	0.0068
Tupel	tupel	001	2017-05-05	6347	[10]4142 ± 0	[7]274 ± 4	No	[10]56731 ± 2133	[11]59388 ± 1346	0.0018	0.0030
VCognition	vcog	001	2017-03-28	86103	[9]4126 ± 0	[5]111 ± 20	Yes	[3]16627 ± 1266	[6]16800 ± 3322	0.0018	-
Vigilant Solutions	vigilant	000	2017-03-30	352218	[14]31540 ± 0	[13]861 ± 95	No	[4]17251 ± 2115	[5]13738 ± 2295	0.0007	0.0018
Vocord	vocord	001	2017-04-21	616989	[11]6107 ± 728	[14]905 ± 85	No	[14]1110391 ± 78720	[14]1100762 ± 167149	0.0038	0.0158

Notes	
1	The size of configuration data does not capture static data included in the libraries. We do not include the size of the libraries because some algorithms include common ancilliary libraries for image processing (e.g. openCV) or numerical computation (e.g. blas).
2	The template creation times are measured on Intel®Xeon®CPU E5-2630 v4 @ 2.20GHz processors or, in the case of GPU-enabled implementations, NVidia Tesla K40.
3	The comparison durations, in nanoseconds, are estimated using std::chrono::high_resolution_clock which on the machine in (2) counts clock ticks of duration 1ns. Precision is somewhat worse that that however. The ± value is one standard deviation, not a standard error.
4	FTE is the proportion of template generation function calls that give non-zero error code OR that give a small template, i.e. one whose size is less than 0.3 times the median template size. This second rule is needed because some algorithms do not return a non-zero error code when template generation fails. The effects of FTE are included in the accuracy results later in this report by regarding any template comparison that involves an failed template is taken to produce a low similarity score.

Table 1: Summary of algorithms and properties included in this report. The red superscripts give ranking for the quantity in that column.

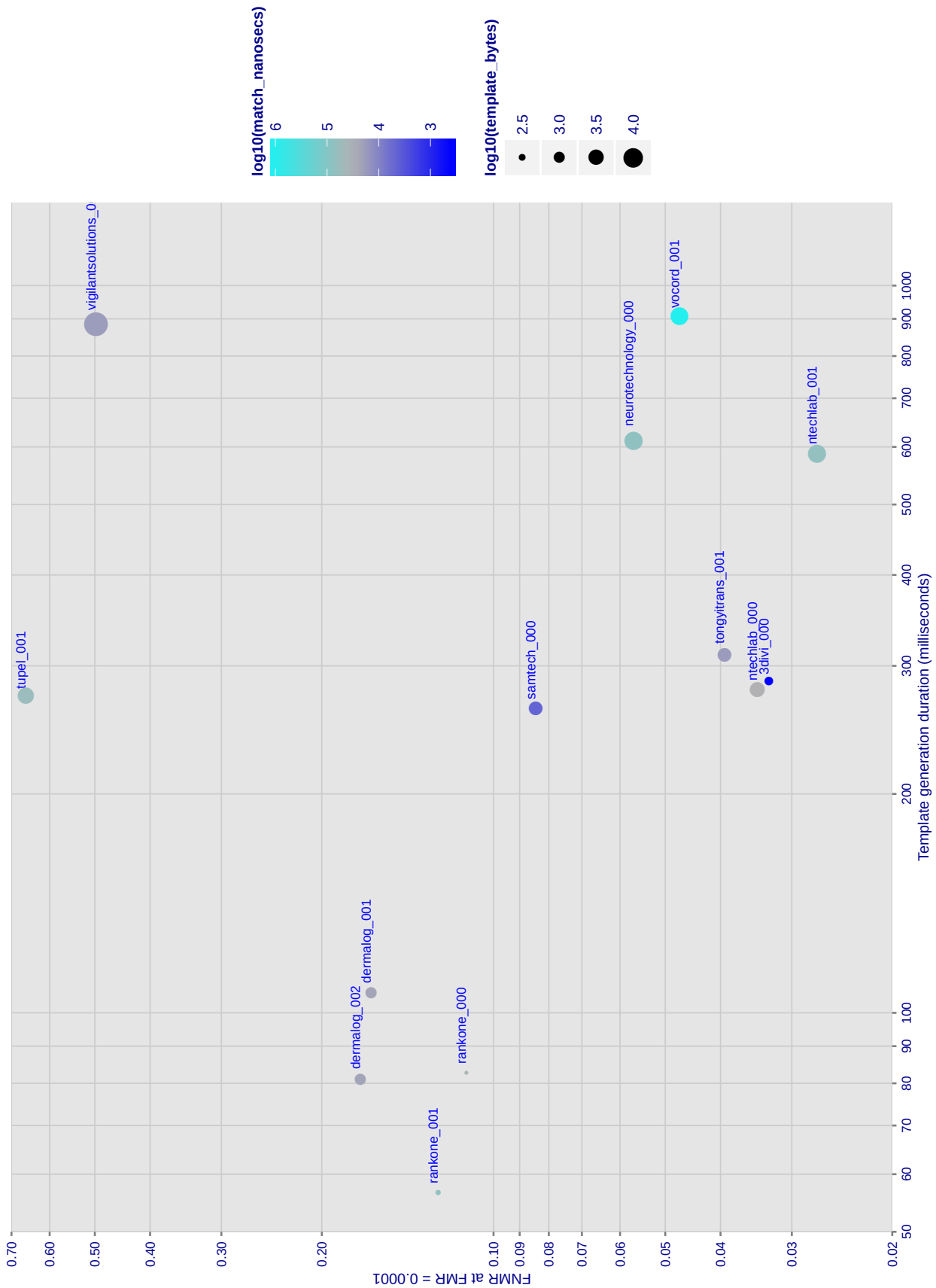

Figure 1: The points show false non-match rates (FNMR) versus the duration of the template generation operation. FNMR is the geometric mean of FNMR values for visa and mugshot images (from Figs. 2 and 3) at a false match rate (FMR) of 0.0001. Template generation time is a median estimated over 640 x 480 pixel portraits. The size of the points encodes template size - which span two orders of magnitude. The color of the points encodes one-to-one template comparison duration - which span three orders of magnitude.

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1 Metrics

1.1 Core accuracy

Given a vector of N genuine scores, u, the false non-match rate (FNMR) is computed as the proportion below some threshold, T:

$$\text{FNMR}(T) = 1 - \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i}^{N} H(u_i - T) \tag{1}$$

where $H(x)$ is the unit step function, and $H(0)$ taken to be 1.

Similarly, given a vector of N impostor scores, v, the false match rate (FMR) is computed as the proportion above T:

$$\text{FMR}(T) = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i}^{N} H(v_i - T) \tag{2}$$

The threshold, T, can take on any value. We typically generate a set of thresholds from quantiles of the observed impostor scores, v, as follows. Given some interesting false match rate range, $[\text{FMR}_L, \text{FMR}_U]$, we form a vector of K thresholds corresponding to FMR measurements evenly spaced on a logarithmic scale

$$T_k = Q_v(1 - \text{FMR}_k) \tag{3}$$

where Q is the quantile function, and FMR_k comes from

$$\log_{10}\text{FMR}_k = \log_{10}\text{FMR}_L + \frac{k}{K}\,[\log_{10}\text{FMR}_U - \log_{10}\text{FMR}_L] \tag{4}$$

Error tradeoff characteristics are plots of FNMR(T) vs. FMR(T). These are plotted with $\text{FMR}_U \rightarrow 1$ and FMR_L as low as is sustained by the number of impostor comparisons, N. This is somewhat higher than the "rule of three" limit $3/N$ because samples are not independent, due to re-use of images.

1.2 Cross age impostor distribution stability

In later sections this report documents how FMR varies with individuals age and place of birth. Such variation is often unwelcome because certain low FMR values are targeted by system owners. For example, an eGate might be set up to target FMR of 0.001.

To summarize an algorithm's sensitivity to age we define a new metric as follows. Given a N x N matrix of false match rates, FMR, where element FMR_{ij} is the FMR measured when comparing samples from age groups i and j the age sensitivity metric, β_a is taken to be the standard deviation of the on-diagonal within-age-group FMR

$$\beta_a^2 = \frac{1}{N-1}\sum_{i}^{N}(\text{FMR}_{ii} - f)^2 \tag{5}$$

where mean FMR is $f = (1/N)\sum \text{FMR}_{ii}$. This is one measure of how unstable FMR is with age. In an immigration context, it models the case where impostors attempt to use the passport of someone of the same approximate age. Readers might suggest an improved metric.

1.3 Cross birth country impostor distribution stability

Similarly for sensitivity to national origin, FMR varies with the birth places of the subjects in the two images.

Given the N x N matrix of false match rates, FMR, where element FMR_{ij} is the FMR measured when comparing samples from countries (or regions) C_i and C_j the birth place sensitivity metric, β_c is taken to be the standard deviation of the on-diagonal within-country FMR

$$\beta_c^2 = \frac{1}{N-1}\sum_i^N (\text{FMR}_{ii} - f)^2 \tag{6}$$

where mean FMR is $f = (1/N)\sum \text{FMR}_{ii}$. This is one measure of how unstable FMR is with country of birth. In an immigration context, it models the case where impostors attempt to use the passport of someone from the same country. Readers might suggest an improved metric.

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2 Datasets

2.1 Visa images

- The number of images is O(10^5).
- The number of subjects is O(10^5).
- The number of subjects with two images O(10^4).
- The images have geometry in reasonable conformance with the ISO/IEC 19794-5 Full Frontal image type. Pose is generally excellent.
- The images are of size 252x300 pixels. The mean interocular distance (IOD) is 69 pixels.
- The images are of subjects from greater than 100 countries, with significant imbalance due to visa issuance patterns.
- The images are of subjects of all ages, including children, again with imbalance due to visa issuance demand.
- Many of the images are live capture. A substantial number of the images are photographs of paper photographs.
- When these images are input to the algorithm, they are labelled as being of type "ISO" - see Table 4 of the FRVT API.

2.2 Mugshot images

- The number of images is O(10^6).
- The number of subjects is O(10^5).
- The number of subjects with two images O(10^5).
- The images have geometry in reasonable conformance with the ISO/IEC 19794-5 Full Frontal image type.
- The images are of variable sizes. The median IOD is 104 pixels. The mean IOD is 123 pixels.
- The images are of subjects from the United States.
- The images are of adults.
- The images are all live capture.
- When these images are input to the algorithm, they are labelled as being of type "mugshot" - see Table 4 of the FRVT API.

2.3 Selfie images

- The number of images is below 500.
- The number of subjects is below 500.
- All subjects have a selfie image, and a portrait image.
- The portrait images are in reasonable conformance with the ISO/IEC 19794-5 Full Frontal image type.
- The selfie images vary: taken with camera above and below eye level, with one hand or two hands. Pitch angles vary more than yaw angles, which are frontal. Some perspective distortion is evident.

- ▷ The images have mean IOD of 140 pixels.
- ▷ The images are of subjects from the United States.
- ▷ The images are of adults.
- ▷ The images are all live capture.
- ▷ When these images are input to the algorithm, they are labelled as being of type "wild" - see Table 4 of the FRVT API.

2.4 Webcam images

- ▷ The number of images is below 1500.
- ▷ The number of subjects is below 1500.
- ▷ All subjects have a webcam image, and a portrait image.
- ▷ The portrait images are in reasonable conformance with the ISO/IEC 19794-5 Full Frontal image type.
- ▷ The webcam images are taken with camera at a typical head height, with mild pitch angles, low yaw angles, but some variation in range, such that low perspective distortion is sometimes evident.
- ▷ The images have mean IOD of 68 pixels (sd=12).
- ▷ The images are of subjects from the United States.
- ▷ The images are of adults.
- ▷ The images are all live capture.
- ▷ When these images are input to the algorithm, they are labelled as being of type "wild" - see Table 4 of the FRVT API.

3 Results

3.1 Overall accuracy

Goals:

- ▷ To state overall accuracy.
- ▷ To compare algorithms.

Method: For visa images:

- ▷ The comparisons are of visa photos against visa photos.
- ▷ The number of genuine comparisons is O(10^4).
- ▷ The number of impostor comparisons is O(10^{10}).
- ▷ The comparisons are fully zero-effort, meaning impostors are paired without attention to sex, age or other covariates. However, later analysis is conducted on subsets.
- ▷ The number of persons is O(10^5).

- ▷ The number of images used to make 1 template is 1.
- ▷ The number of templates used to make each comparison score is two corresponding to simple one-to-one verification.

For mugshot images:

- ▷ The comparisons are of mugshot photos against mugshot photos.
- ▷ The number of genuine comparisons is O(10^5).
- ▷ The number of impostor comparisons is O(10^7).
- ▷ The comparisons are fully zero-effort, meaning impostors are paired without attention to sex, age or other covariates.
- ▷ The number of persons is O(10^6).
- ▷ The number of images used to make 1 template is 1.
- ▷ The number of templates used to make each comparison score is two corresponding to simple one-to-one verification.

For selfie images:

- ▷ The comparisons are of selfie photos against portrait photos.
- ▷ The number of genuine comparisons is O(10^2).
- ▷ The number of impostor comparisons is O(10^8) selfies are compared with portraits of O(10^6) other subjects.
- ▷ The comparisons are fully zero-effort, meaning impostors are paired without attention to sex, age or other covariates.
- ▷ The number of persons is O(10^6).
- ▷ The number of images used to make 1 template is 1.
- ▷ The number of templates used to make each comparison score is two corresponding to simple one-to-one verification.

For webcam images:

- ▷ The comparisons are of webcam photos against portrait photos.
- ▷ The number of genuine comparisons is O(10^3).
- ▷ The number of impostor comparisons is O(10^9) webcams are compared with portraits of O(10^6) other subjects.
- ▷ The comparisons are fully zero-effort, meaning impostors are paired without attention to sex, age or other covariates.
- ▷ The number of persons is O(10^6).
- ▷ The number of images used to make 1 template is 1.
- ▷ The number of templates used to make each comparison score is two corresponding to simple one-to-one verification.

Summary: Core algorithm accuracy is stated via the error tradeoff characteristics of Figures 2 and 3.

Figure 6 shows dependence of false match rate on algorithm score threshold. This allows a deployer to set a threshold to target a particular false match rate appropriate to the security objectives of the application.

Figure 7 likewise shows FMR(T) but for mugshots, and specially four subsets of the population.

Figures 4 and 5 show error tradeoff characteristics for, respectively, selfie-portrait and webcam-portrait comparisons.

Note that in both the mugshot and visa sets false match rates vary with the ethnicity, age, and sex, of the enrollee and impostor - see section 3.3.

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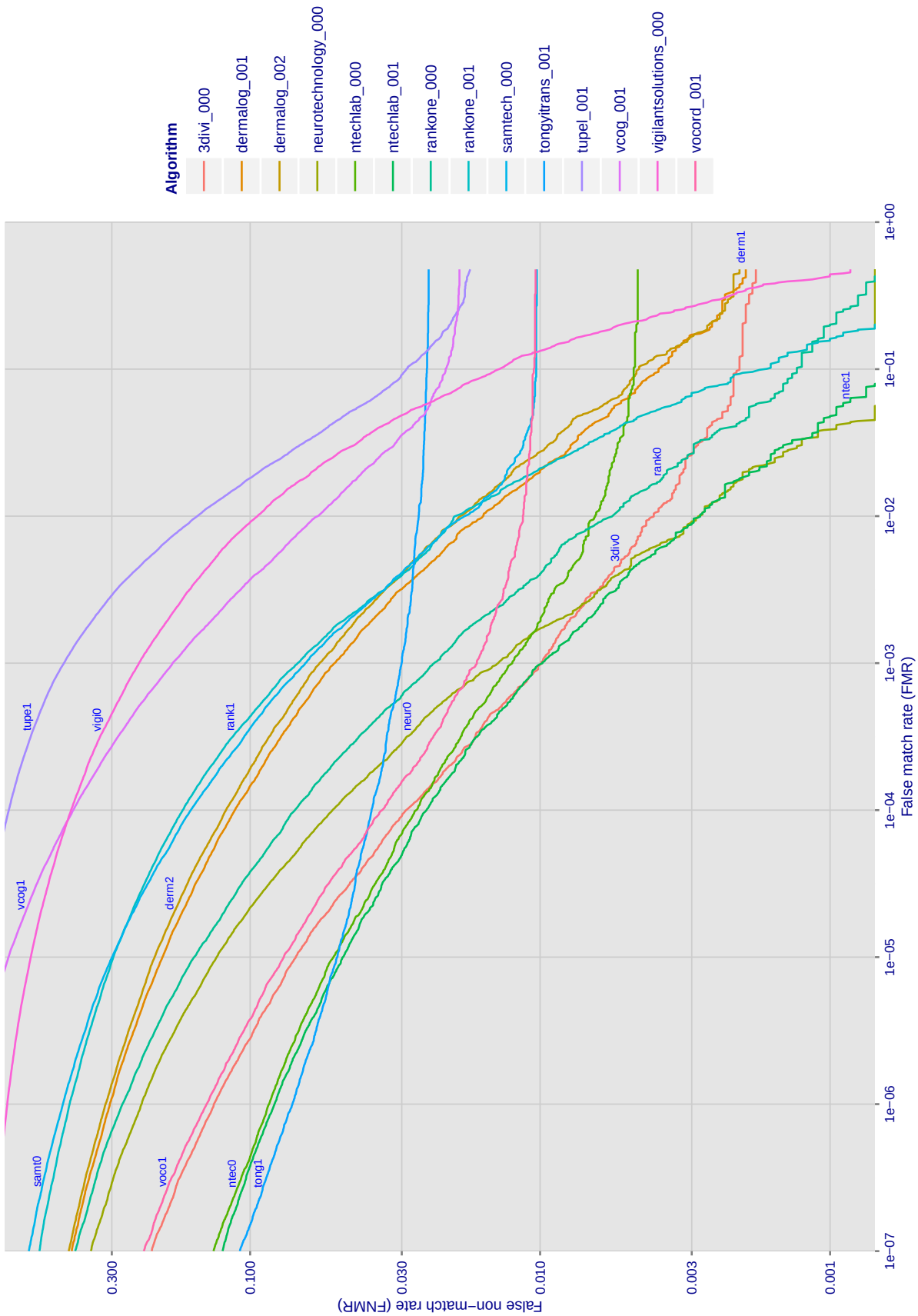

Figure 2: For the visa images, detection error tradeoff (DET) characteristics showing false non-match rate vs. false match rate plotted paratemetrically on threshold, T. The scales are logarithmic in order to show many decades of FMR.

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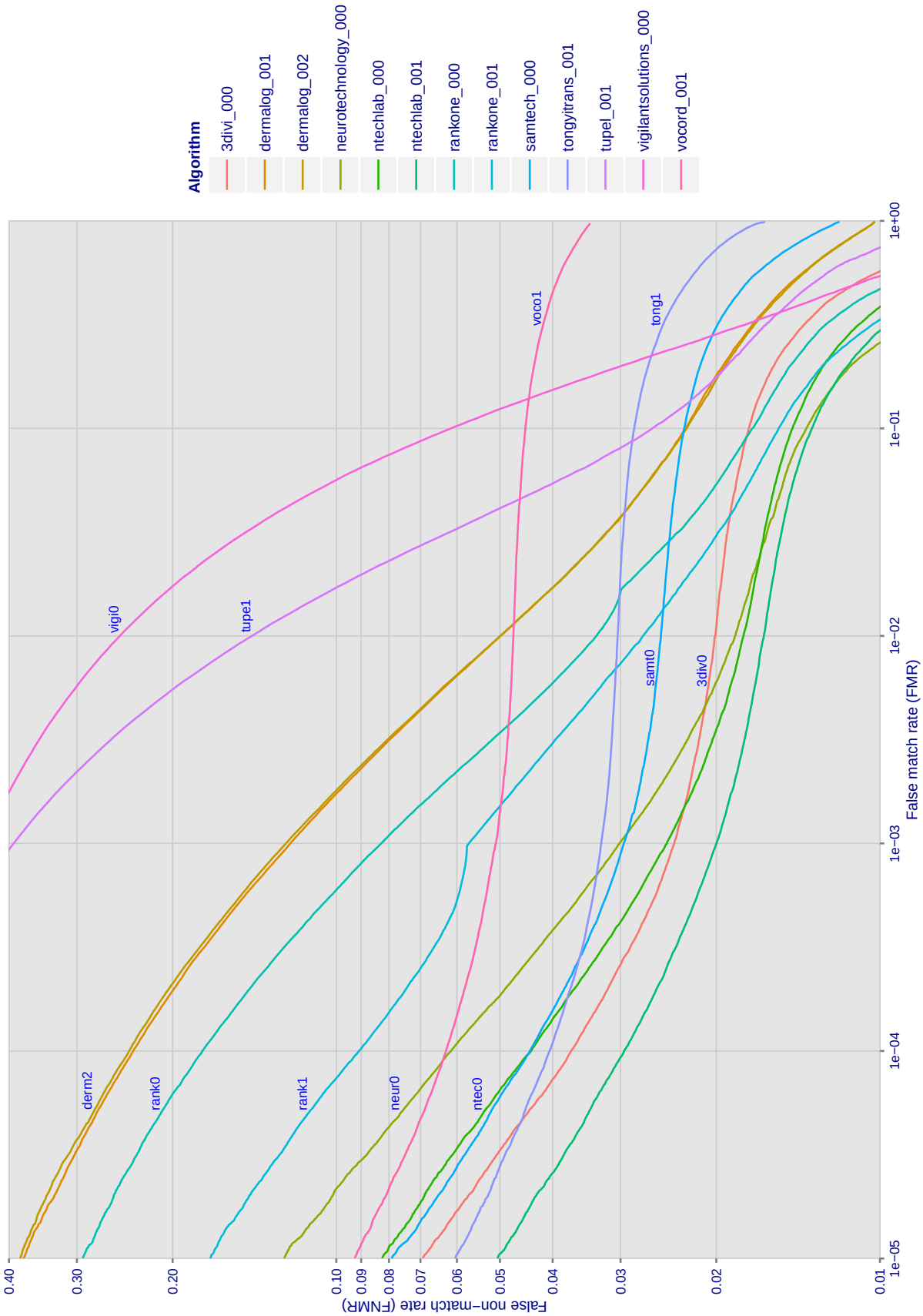

Figure 3: For the mugshot images, detection error tradeoff (DET) *characteristics showing false non-match rate vs. false match rate plotted paratemetrically on threshold, T. The scales are logarithmic in order to show decades of* FMR.

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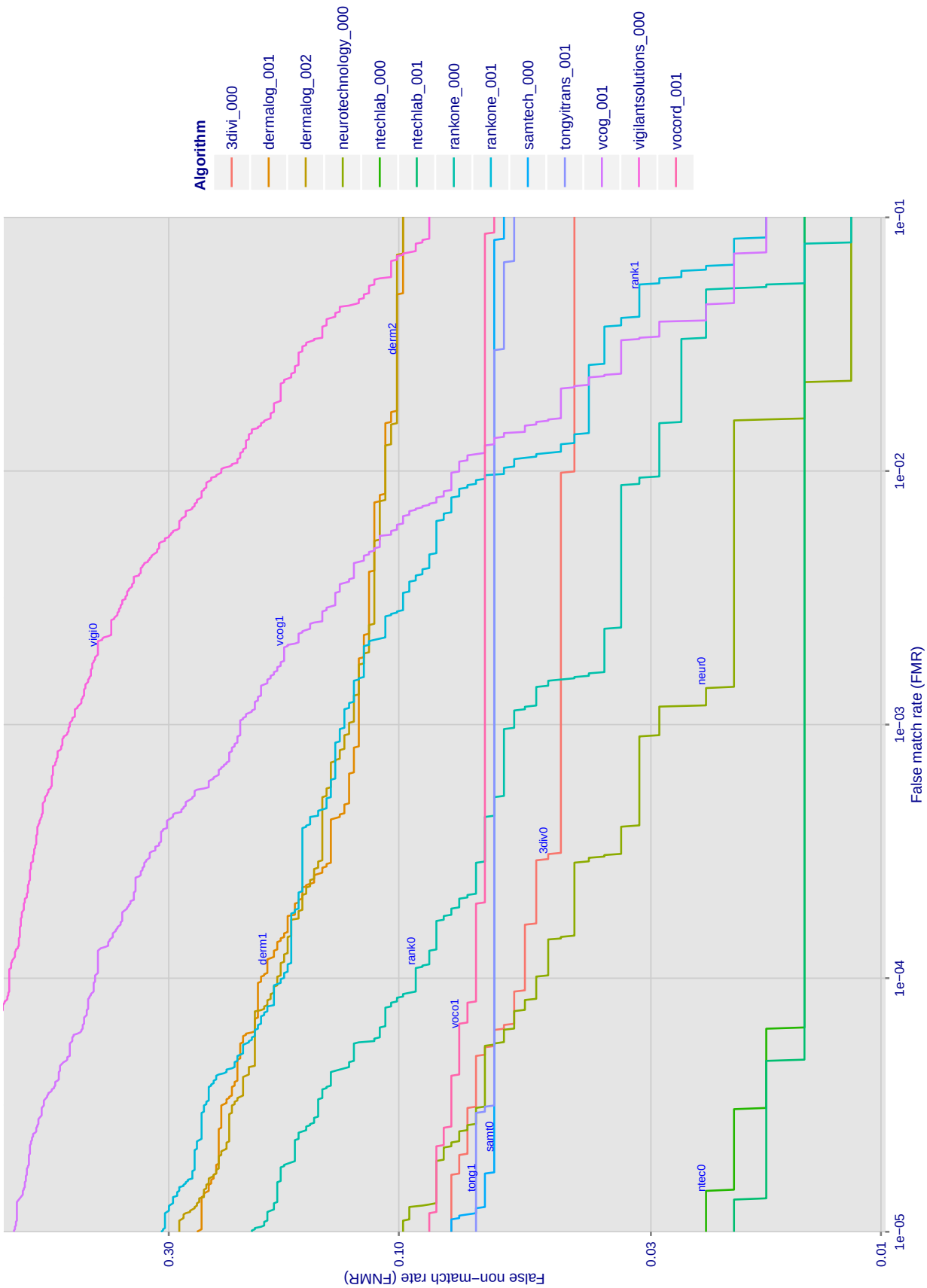

Figure 4: For the selfie-to-portrait comparisons, detection error tradeoff (DET) characteristics showing false non-match rate vs. false match rate plotted paratemetrically on threshold, T. The scales are logarithmic in order to show several decades of FMR. Caution: The FNMR values here are optimistic statements of accuracy because the image pairs were collected on the same day. This is known across biometrics to give better accuracy, and is operationally relevant only in special cases.

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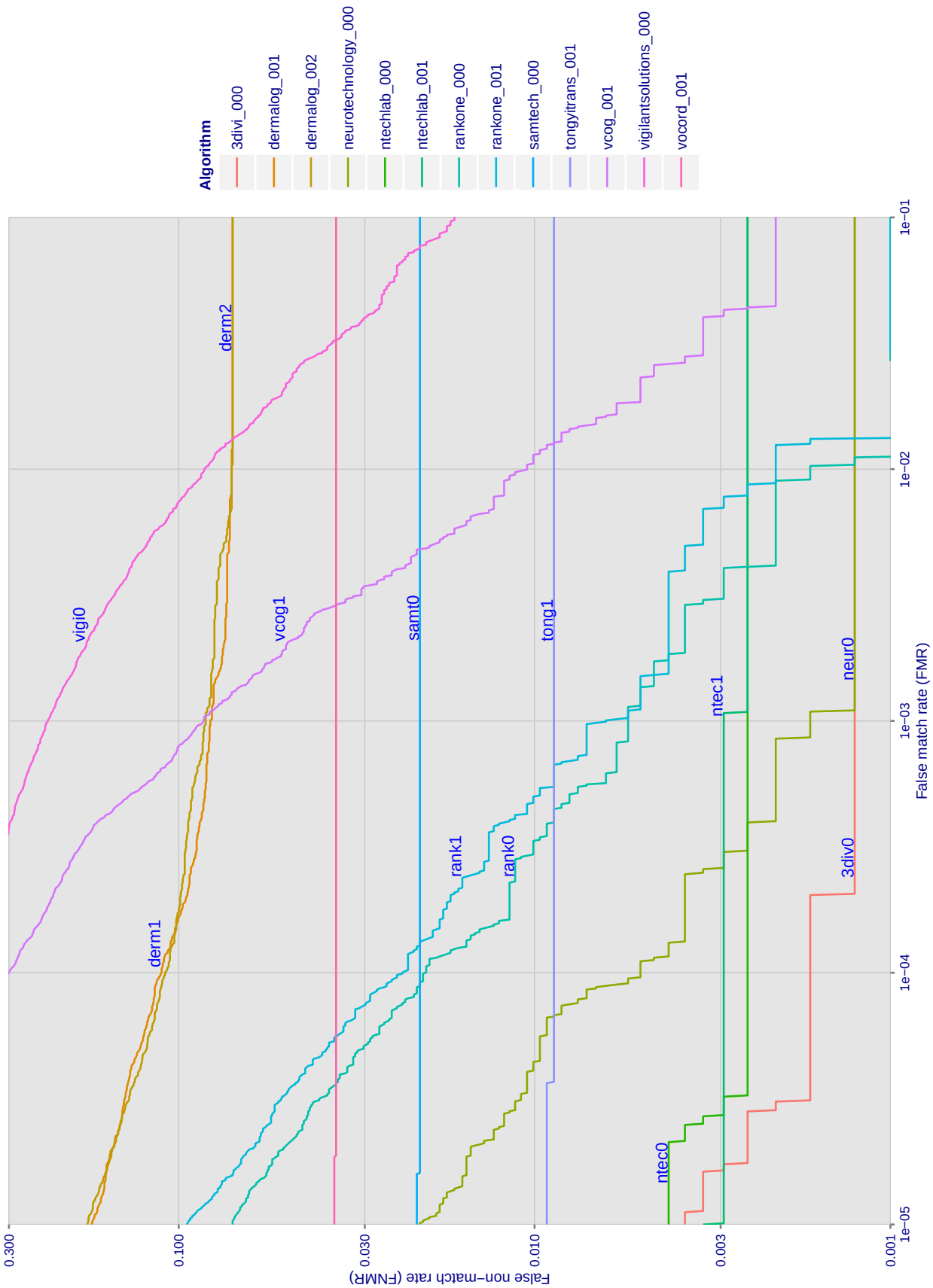

Figure 5: For the webcam-to-portrait comparisons, detection error tradeoff (DET) characteristics showing false non-match rate vs. false match rate plotted paratemetrically on threshold, T. The scales are logarithmic in order to show several decades of FMR. Caution: The FNMR values here are optimistic statements of accuracy because the image pairs were collected on the same day. This is known across biometrics to give better accuracy, and is operationally relevant only in special cases.

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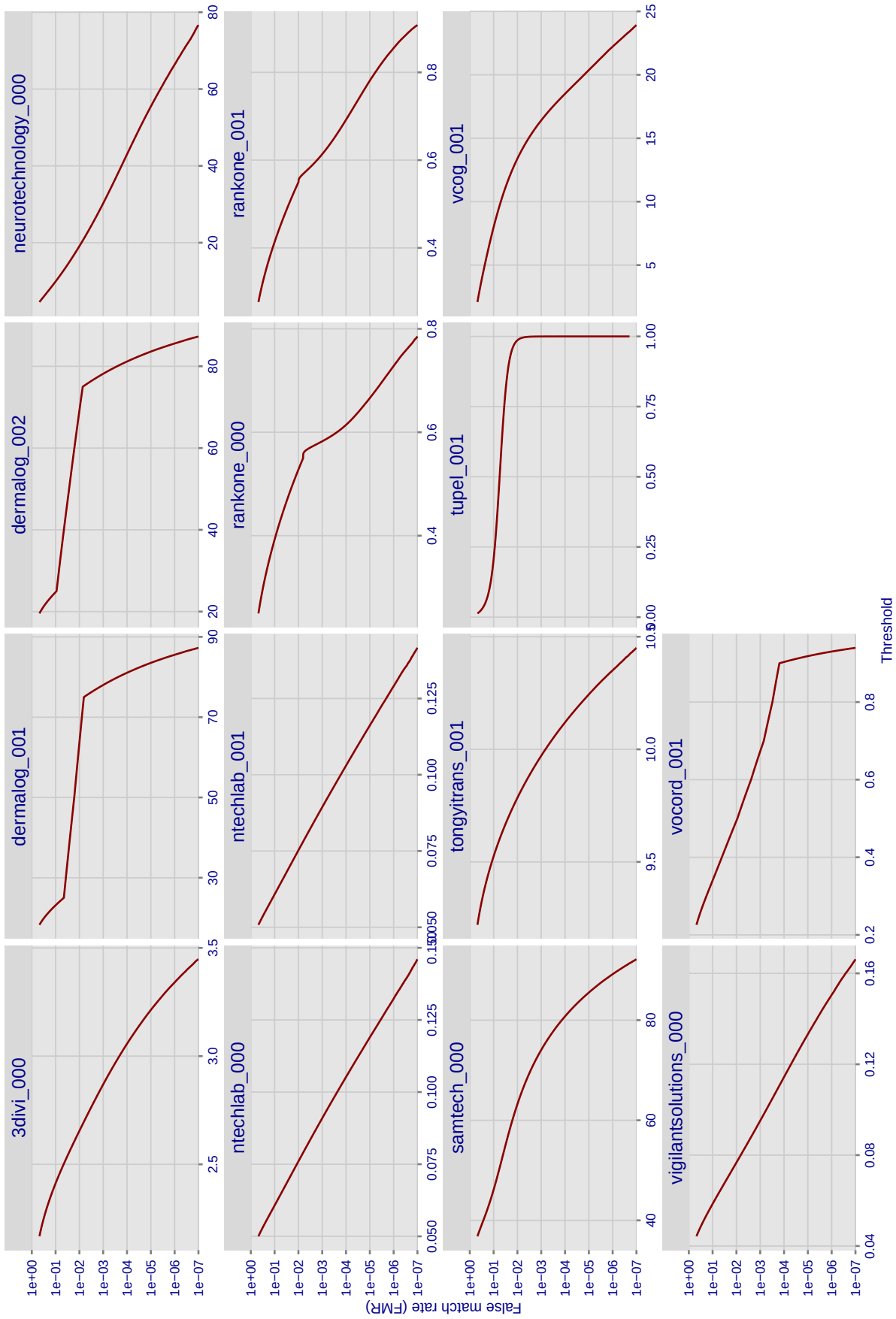

Figure 6: For the visa images, the false match calibration curves show false match rate vs. threshold. These curves apply to zero-effort impostors. As shown later (sec. 3.3), FMR is higher for demographic-matched impostors.

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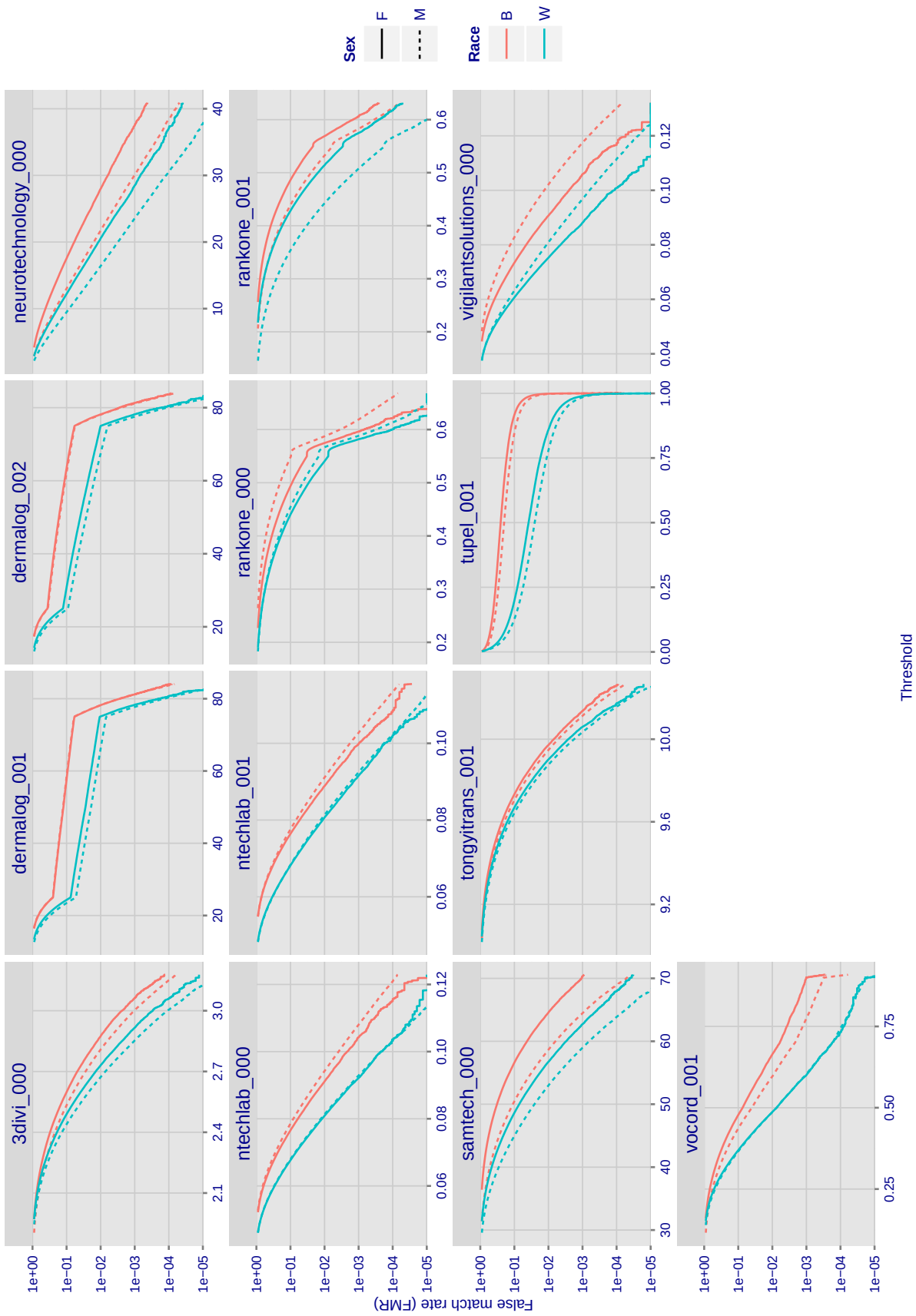

Figure 7: For the mugshot images, the false match calibration curves show false match rate vs. threshold. Separate curves appear for white females, black females, black males and white males.

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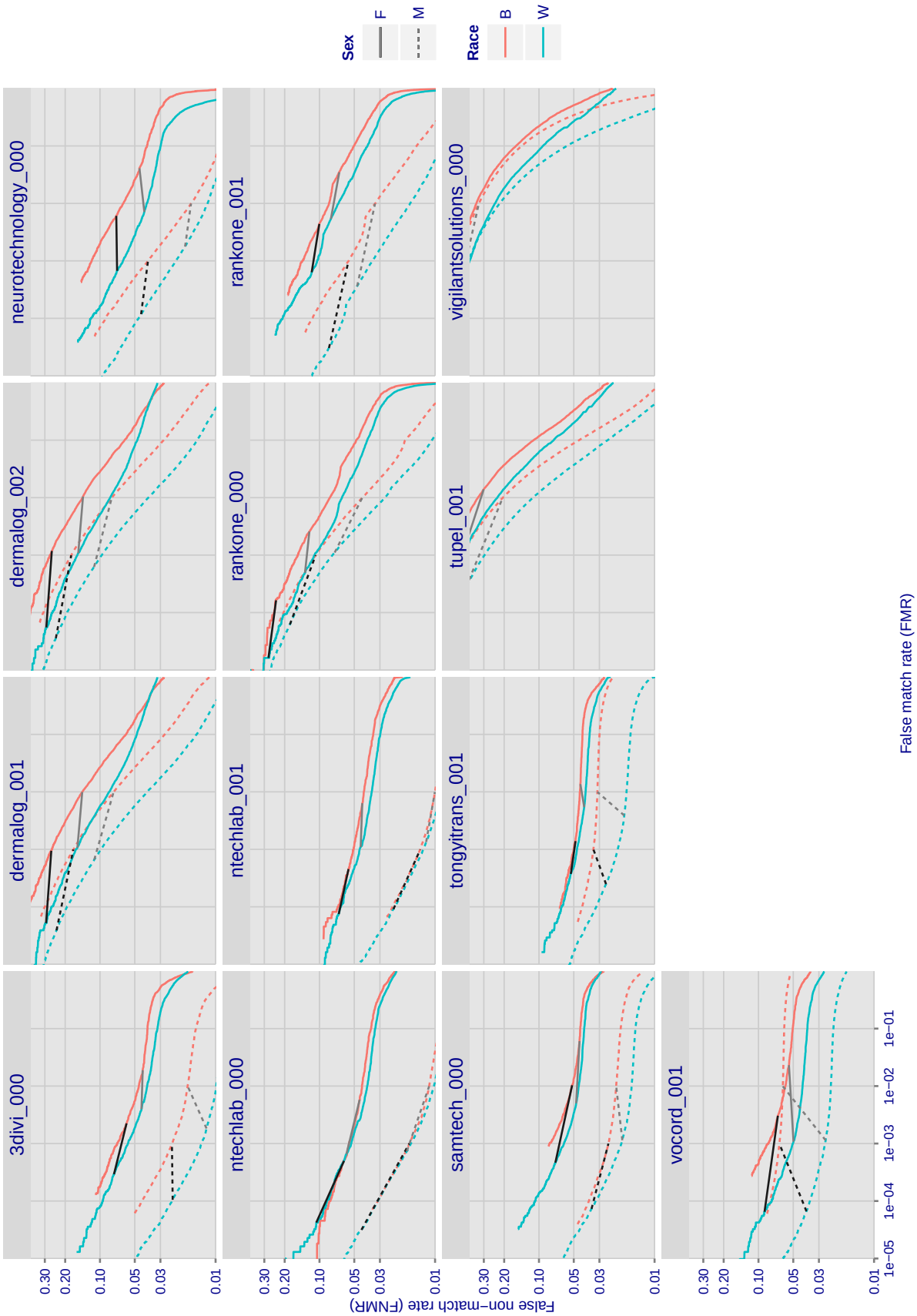

Figure 8. For the mugshot images, error tradeoff characteristics for white females, black females, black males and white males. The grey lines correspond to fixed thresholds, showing how both FNMR and FMR vary at one operating threshold. Important: Many of the plots will naively be read as saying whites gives lower error rates than blacks because the blue traces lie beneath the red ones. However, this is misleading and incomplete: The grey lines show the traces are generally shifted horizontally. Thus for the dermalog-001 algorithm FNMR for whites is higher than for blacks at a fixed threshold but, at the same time, FMR is higher for blacks - see Figure 7. As access control systems almost always operate at a fixed threshold, the naive interpretation is incorrect.

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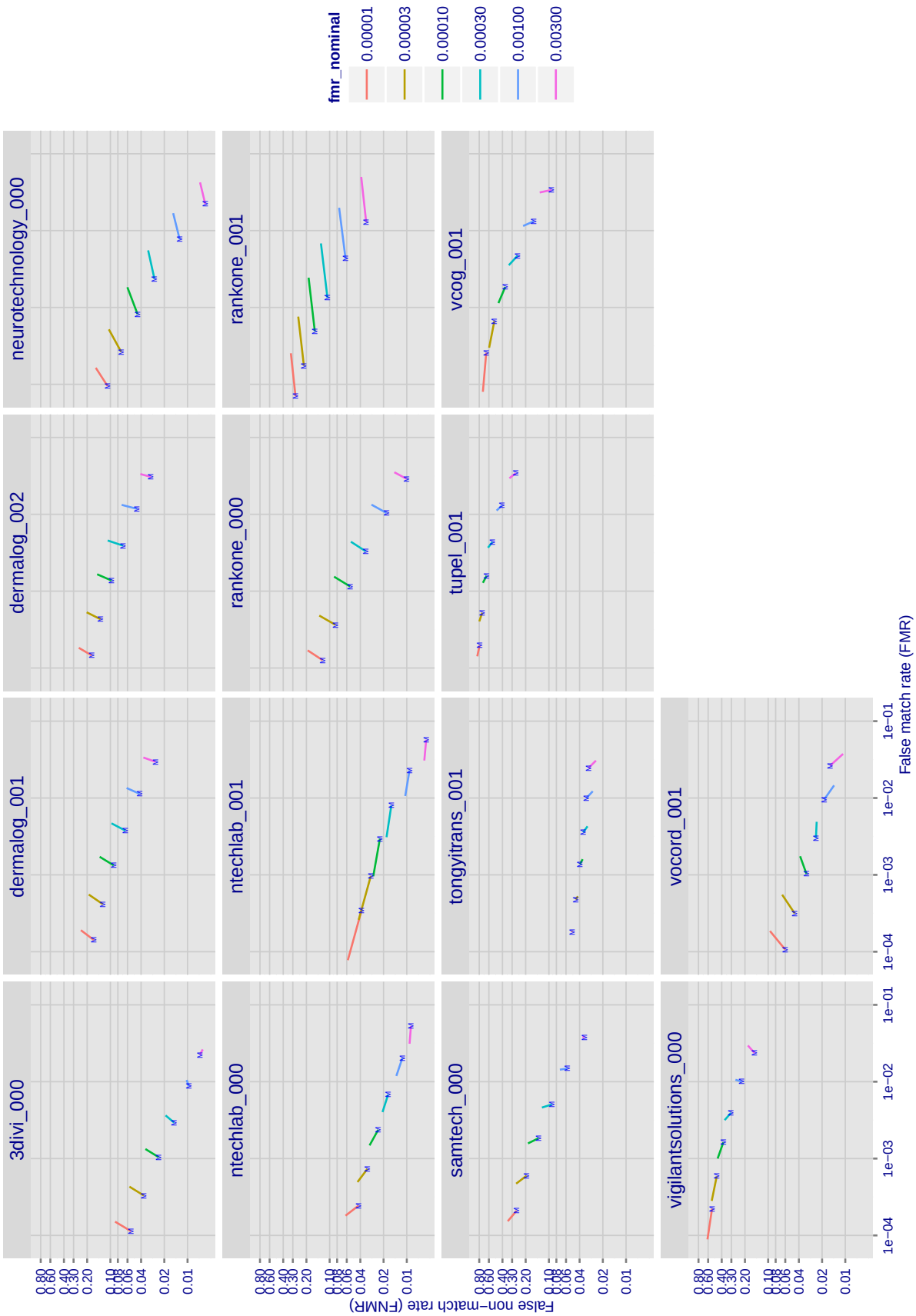

Figure 9: For the visa images, FNMR and FMR at six operating points along the DET characteristic. At each point a line is drawn between $(FMR,FNMR)_{\text{MALE}}$ *and* $(FMR,FNMR)_{\text{FEMALE}}$ *showing how which sex has lower FMR and/or FNMR. The "M" label denotes male, the other end of the line corresponds to female. The six operating thresholds are selected to give the nominal false match rates given in the legend, and are computed over all impostor pairs regardless of age, sex, and place of birth. The plotted FMR values are broadly an order of magnitude larger than the nominal rates because FMR is computed over demographically-matched impostor pairs i.e individuals of the same sex, from the same geographic region (see section 3.3.1), and the same age group (see section 3.3.2).*

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3.2 Genuine distribution stability

3.2.1 Effect of birth place on the genuine distribution

Background: Both skin tone and bone structure vary geographically. Prior studies have reported variations in FNMR and FMR.

Goal: To measure false non-match rate (FNMR) variation with country of birth.

Methods: Thresholds are determined that give FMR = $\{0.001, 0.0001\}$ over the entire impostor set. Then FNMR is measured over 1000 bootstrap replications of the genuine scores. Only those countries with at least 140 individuals are included in the analysis.

Results: Figure 10 shows FNMR by country of birth for the two thresholds.

Caveats: The results may not relate to subject-specific properties. Instead they could reflect image-specific quality differences, which could occur due to collection protocol or software processing variations.

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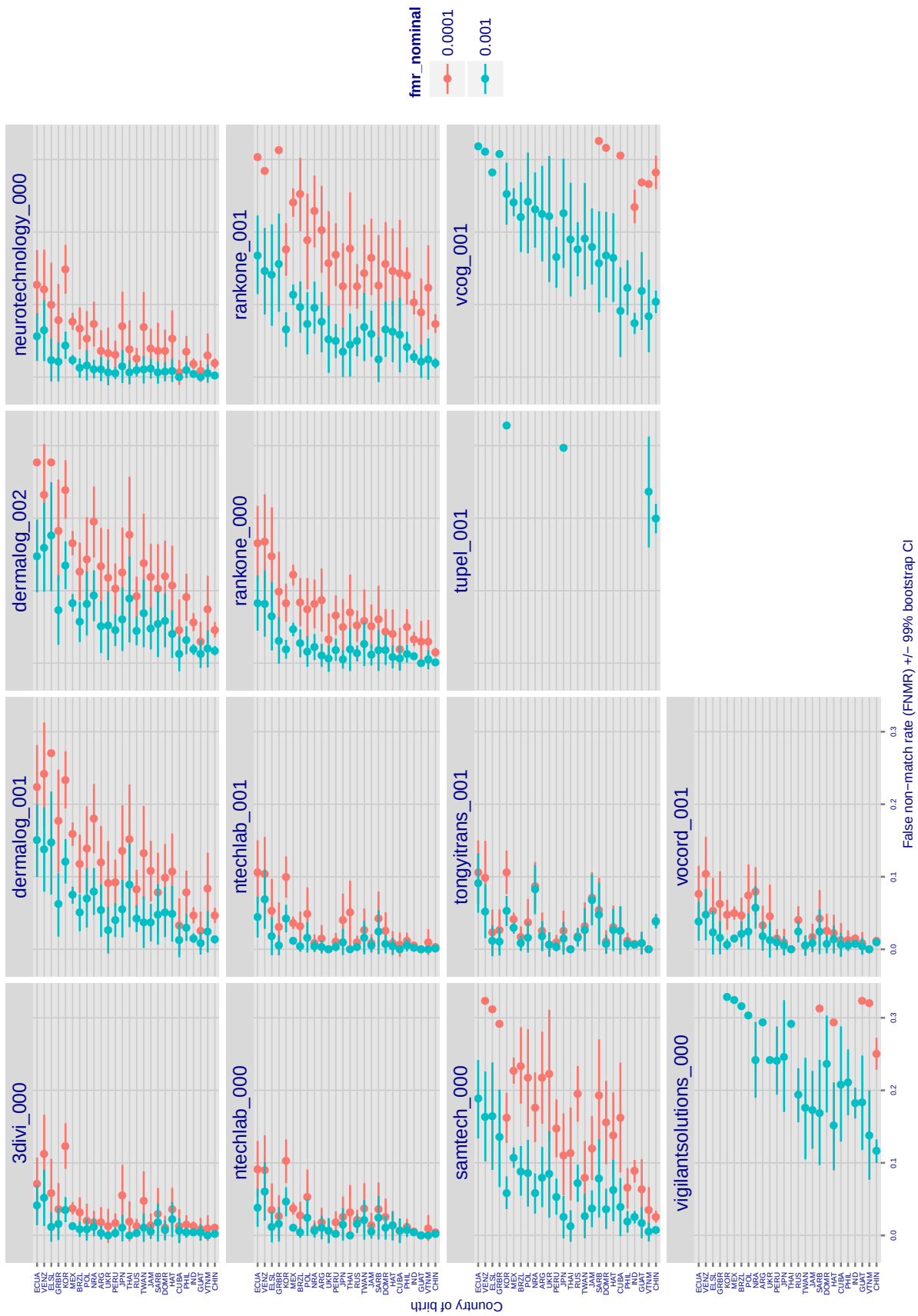

Figure 10: For the visa images, the dots show FNMR by country of birth for two operating thresholds corresponding to FMR = $\{0.001, 0.0001\}$ computed over all $O(10^{10})$ impostor scores. The figures shows an order of magnitude variation in FNMR across country of birth, these effects are due to quality variations. The least accurate countries vary by algorithm.

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3.2.2 Effect of age on genuine subjects

Background: Faces change appearance throughout life. Face recognition algorithms have previously beeen reported to give better accuracy on older individuals (See NIST IR 8009).

Goal: To quantify false non-match rates (FNMR) as a function of age. We do not aim to quantify ageing effects here as the separation between two samples is limited to just a few years.

Methods: Using the visa images, thresholds are determined that give FMR = 0.001 and 0.0001 over the entire impostor set. Then FNMR is measured over 1000 bootstrap replications of the genuine scores. Only those countries with at least 30 individuals are included in the analysis.

Results: For the visa images, Figure 11 shows how false non-match rates for genuine users, as a function of age group.

The notable aspects are:

- ▷ Younger subjects give considerably higher FNMR. This is likely due rapid growth and change in facial appearance.
- ▷ FNMR trends down throughout life. The last bin, AGE $>$ 72, contains fewer than 140 mated pairs, and may be affected by small sample size.

Caveats: None.

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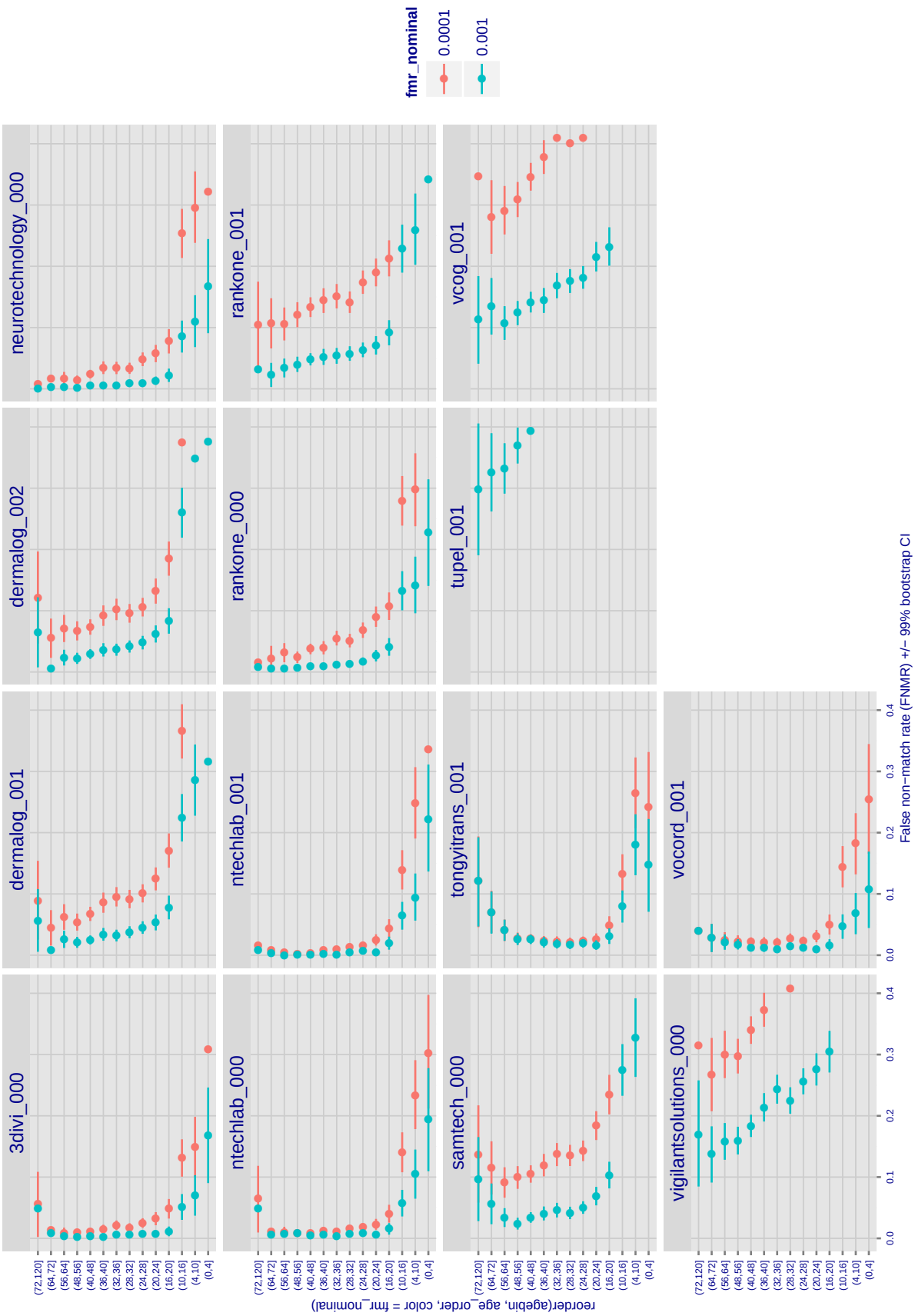

Figure 11: For the visa images, the dots show FNMR by age group for two operating thresholds corresponding to FMR = $\{0.001, 0.0001\}$ computed over all $O(10^{10})$ impostor scores. Given a pair of face images taken at different times, we assign a false non-match to the bin that is the arithmetic average of the subject's ages. This plot shows only the effect of age, not ageing. The number of comparisons in each bin is generally in the thousands. However the FNMR for the first and last bins are each computed over fewer than 150 comparisons.

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3.3 Impostor distribution stability

3.3.1 Effect of birth place on the impostor distribution

Background: Facial appearance varies geographically, both in terms of skin tone, cranio-facial structure and size. This section addresses whether false match rates vary intra- and inter-regionally.

Goals:

- ▷ To show the effect of birth region of the impostor and enrollee on false match rates.
- ▷ To determine whether some algorithms give better impostor distribution stability.

Methods:

- ▷ For the visa images, NIST defined 10 regions: Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, Polynesia, North Africa, Middle East, Europe, East Asia, Central and South America, Central Asia, and the Caribbean.
- ▷ For the visa images, NIST mapped each country of birth to a region. There is some arbitrariness to this. For example, Egypt could reasonably be assigned to the Middle East instead of North Africa. An alternative methodology could, for example, assign the Philippines to *both* Polynesia and East Asia.
- ▷ FMR is computed for cases where all face images of impostors born in region r_2 are compared with enrolled face images of persons born in region r_1.

$$\text{FMR}(r_1, r_2, T) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{r_1,r_2}} H(s_i - T)}{N_{r_1,r_2}} \tag{7}$$

  where the same threshold, T, is used in all cells, and H is the unit step function. The threshold is set to give FMR(T) = 0.001 over the entire set of visa image impostor comparisons.
- ▷ This analysis is then repeated by country-pair, but only for those country pairs where both have at least 1000 images available. The countries[1] appear in the axes of graphs that follow.
- ▷ The mean number of impostor scores in any cross-region bin is 33 million. The smallest number of impostor scores in any bin is 135000, for Central Asia - North Africa. While these counts are large enough to support reasonable significance, the number of individual faces is much smaller, O($N^{0.5}$).
- ▷ The numbers of impostor scores in any cross-country bin is shown in Figure 40.

Results: Subsequent figures show heatmaps that use color to represent the base-10 logarithm of the false match rate. Red colors indicate high (bad) false match rates. Dark colors indicate benign false match rates. There are two series of graphs corresponding to aggregated geographical regions, and to countries. The notable observations are:

- ▷ The on-diagonal elements correspond to within-region impostors. FMR is generally above the nominal value of FMR = 0.001. Particularly there is usually higher FMR in, Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and the Caribbean. Europe and Central Asia, on the other hand, usually give FMR closer to the nominal value.
- ▷ The off-diagonal elements correspond to across-region impostors. The highest FMR is produced between the Caribbean and Sub-Saharan Africa.
- ▷ Algorithms vary.

[1] These are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Germany, Ghana, Great Britain, Greece, Guatamala, Haiti, Hong Kong, Honduras, Indonesia, India, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Lebanon, Mexico, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Trinidad, Turkey, Taiwan, Ukraine, Venezuela, and Vietnam.

- We computed the same quantities for a global FMR = 0.0001. The effects are similar.

Caveats:

- The effects of variable impostor rates on one-to-many identification systems may well differ from what's implied by these one-to-one verification results. Two reasons for this are a) the enrollment galleries are usually imbalanced across countries of birth, age and sex; b) one-to-many identification algorithms often implement techniques aimed at stabilizing the impostor distribution. Further research is necessary.
- In principle, the effects seen in this subsection could be due to differences in the image capture process. We consider this unlikely since the effects are maintained across geography - e.g. Caribbean vs. Africa, or Japan vs. China.

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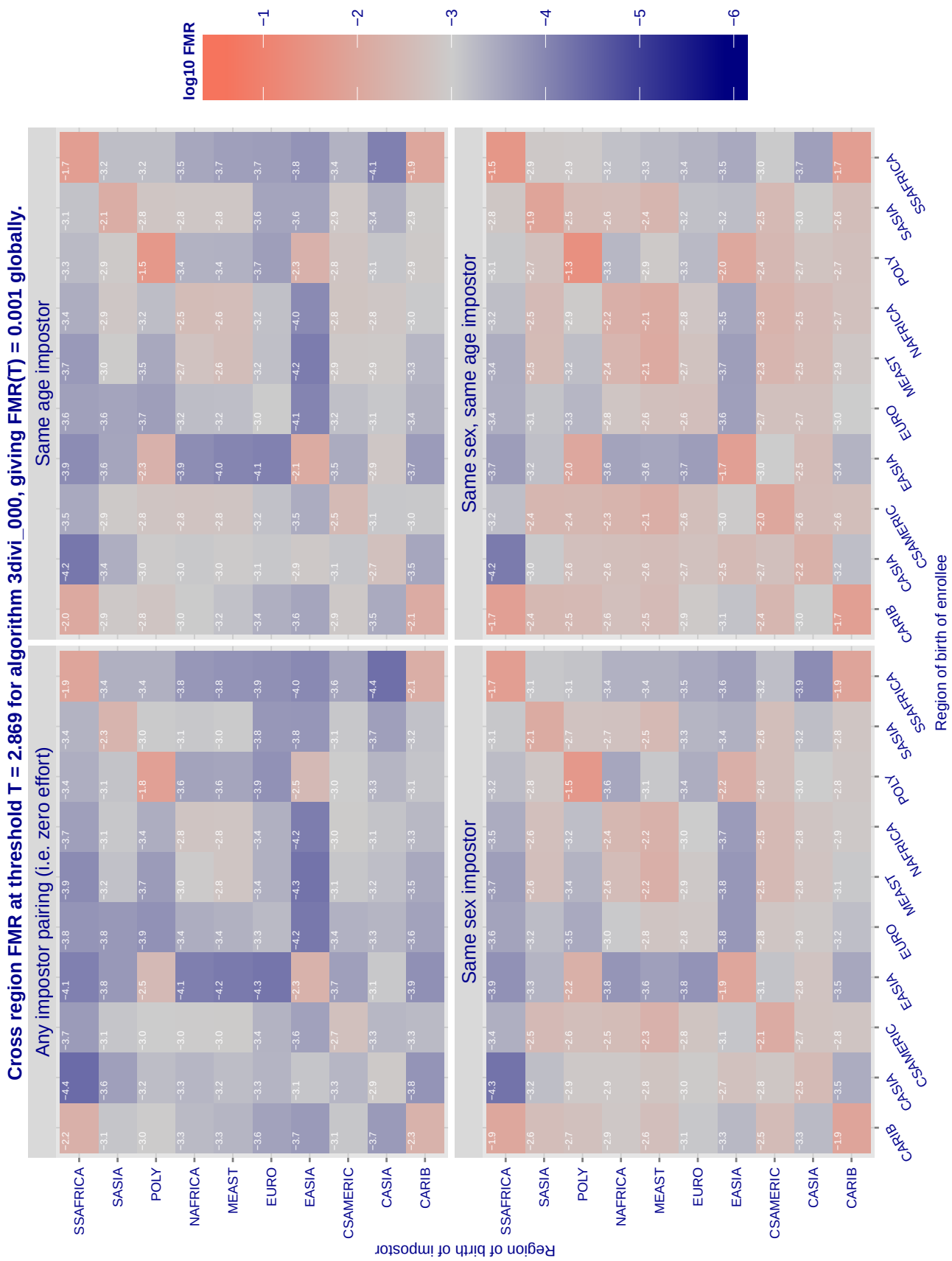

Figure 12: For algorithm 3divi-000 operating on visa images, the heatmap shows false match rates observed over impostor comparisons of faces from different individuals who were born in the given region pair. False matches are counted against a recognition threshold fixed globally to give FMR = 0.001 over all $O(10^{10})$ impostor comparisons. If text appears in each box it give the same quantity as that coded by the color. Grey indicates FMR is at the intended 0.001 level. Light red colors, FMR > 0.001, present a security vulnerability to, for example, a passport gate. Each +1 increase in log10 FMR corresponds to a factor of 10 increase in FMR.

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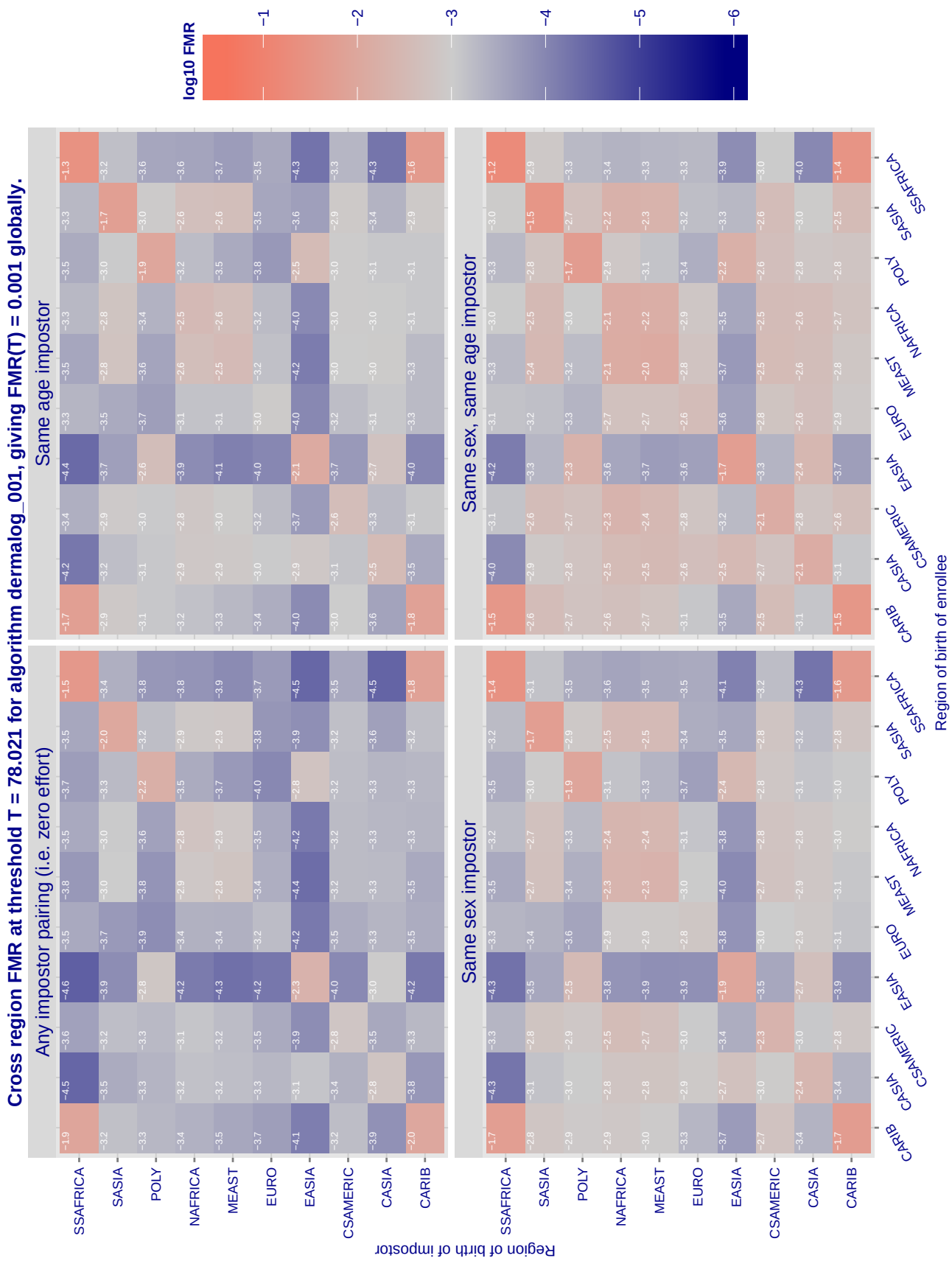

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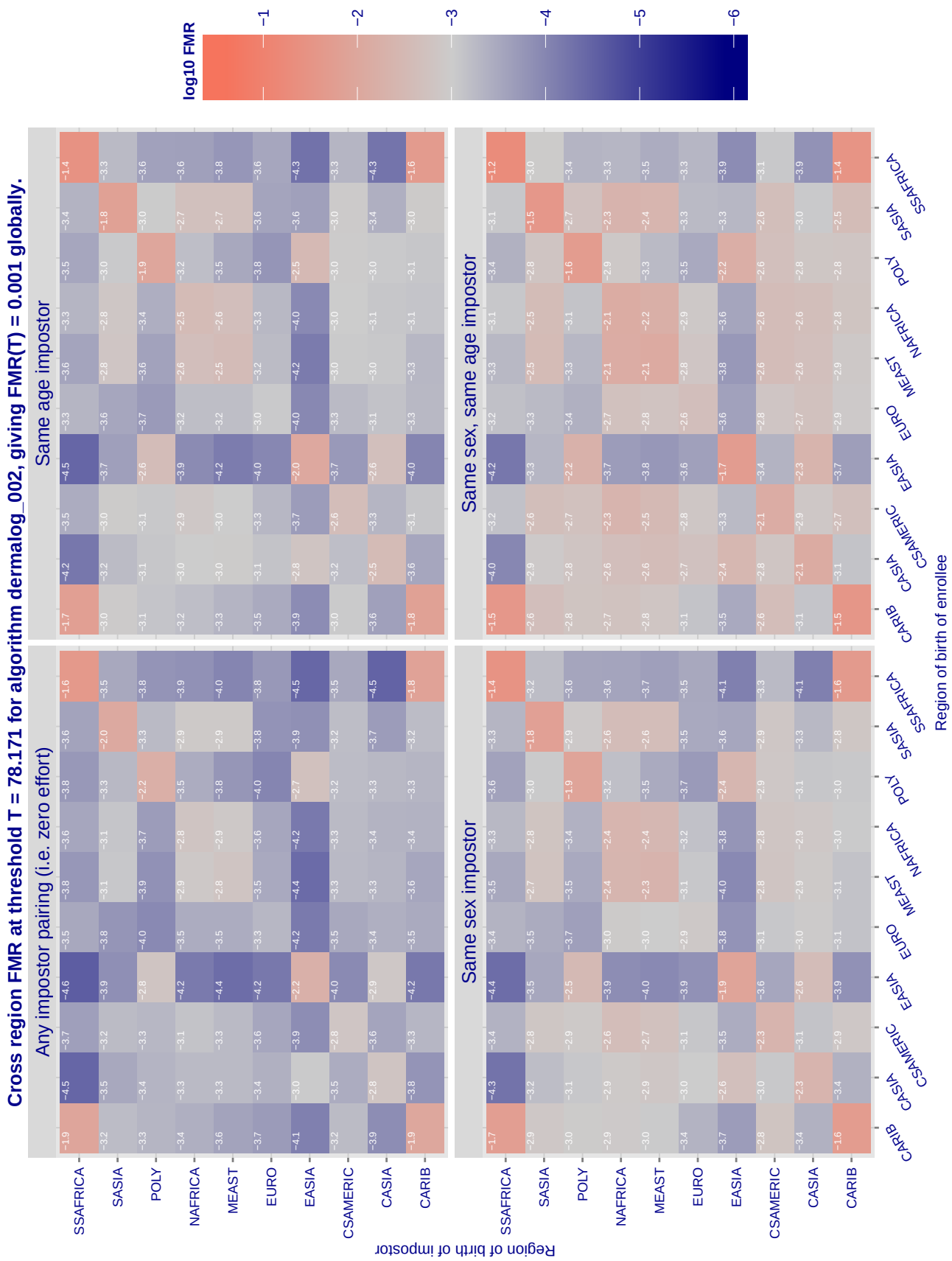

Figure 14: For algorithm dermalog-002 operating on visa images, the heatmap shows false match rates observed over impostor comparisons of faces from different individuals who were born in the given region pair. False matches are counted against a recognition threshold fixed globally to give FMR = 0.001 over all $O(10^{10})$ impostor comparisons. If text appears in each box it give the same quantity as that coded by the color. Grey indicates FMR is at the intended 0.001 level. Light red colors, FMR > 0.001, present a security vulnerability to, for example, a passport gate. Each +1 increase in log10 FMR corresponds to a factor of 10 increase in FMR.

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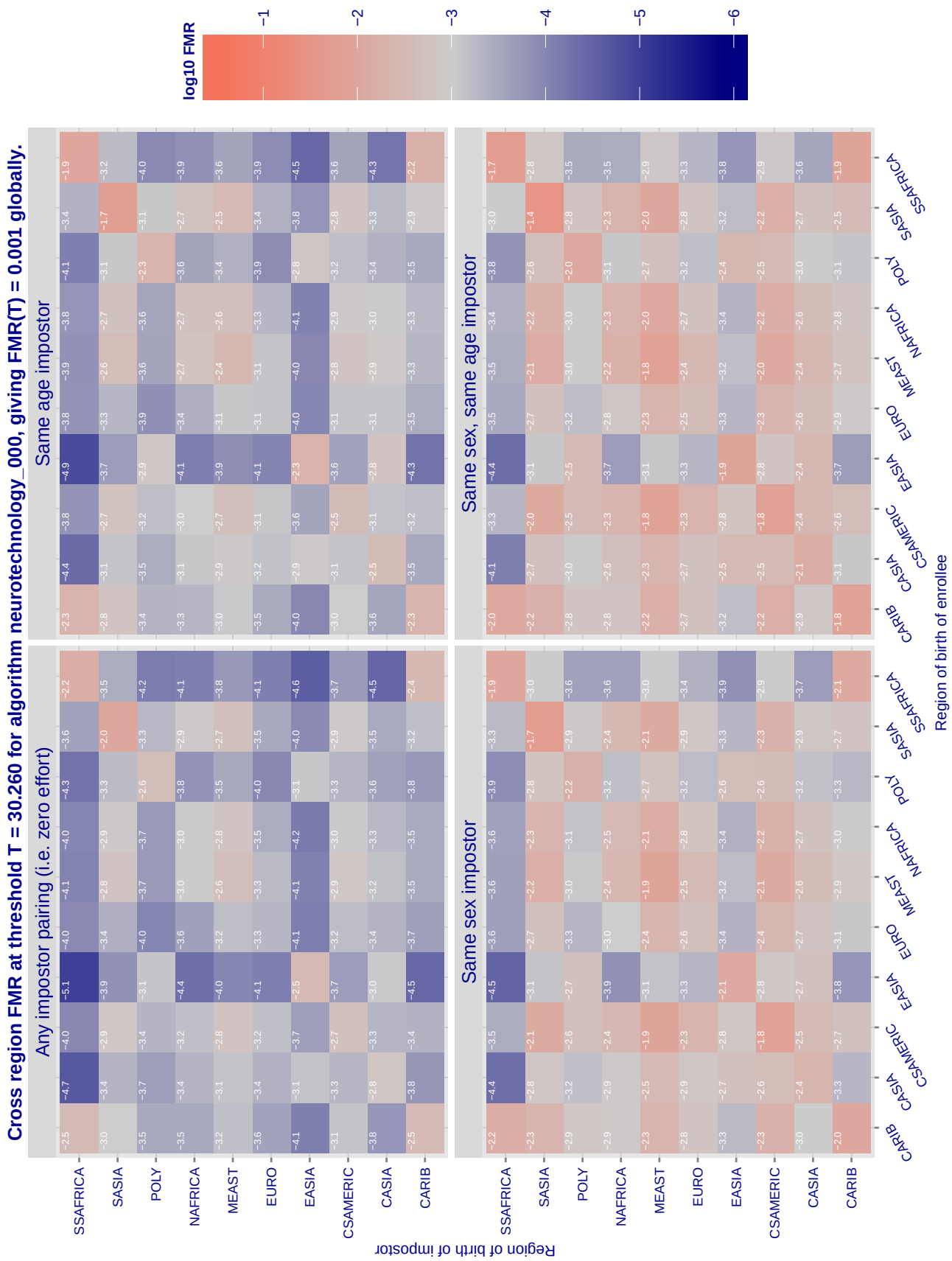

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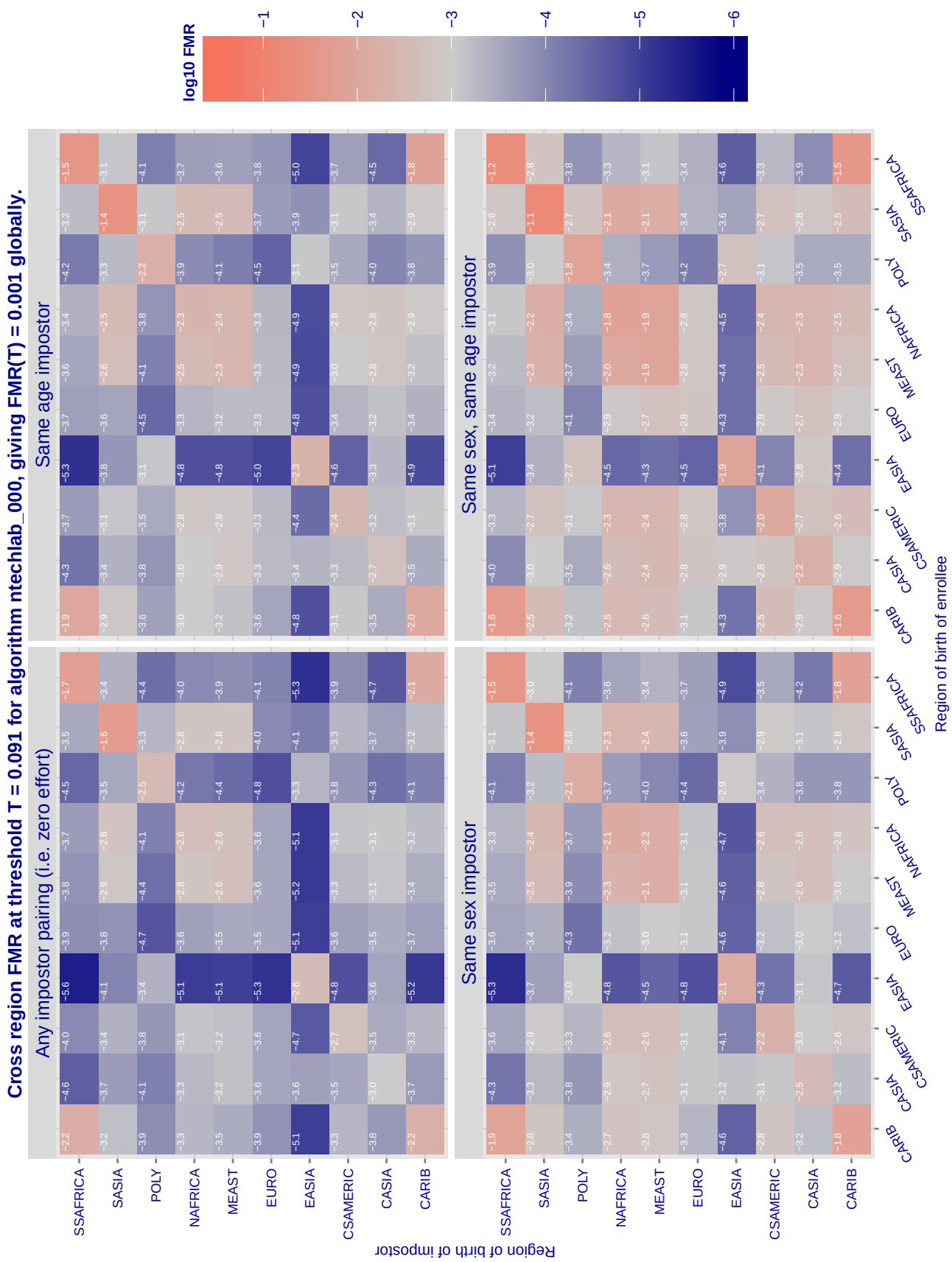

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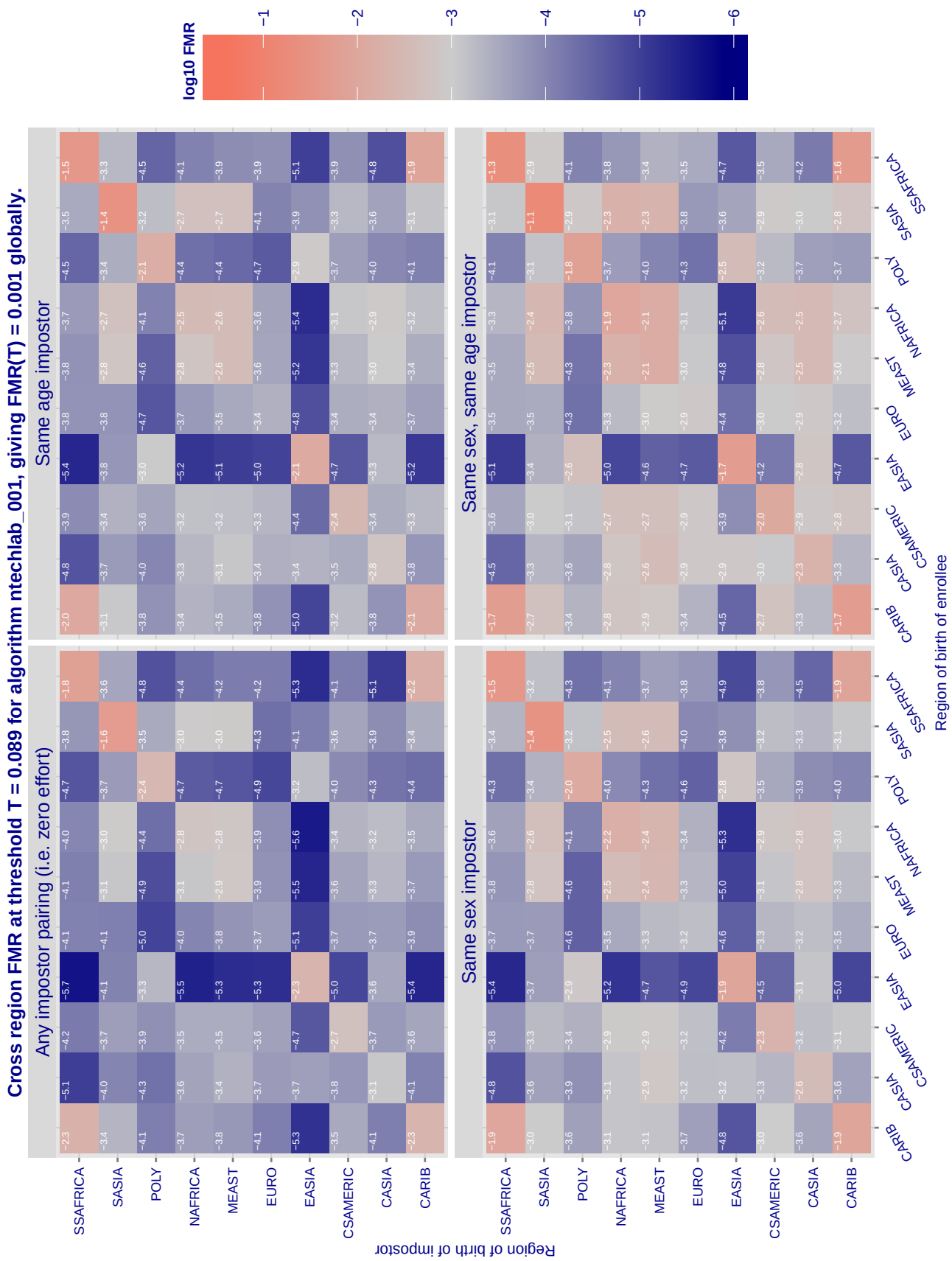

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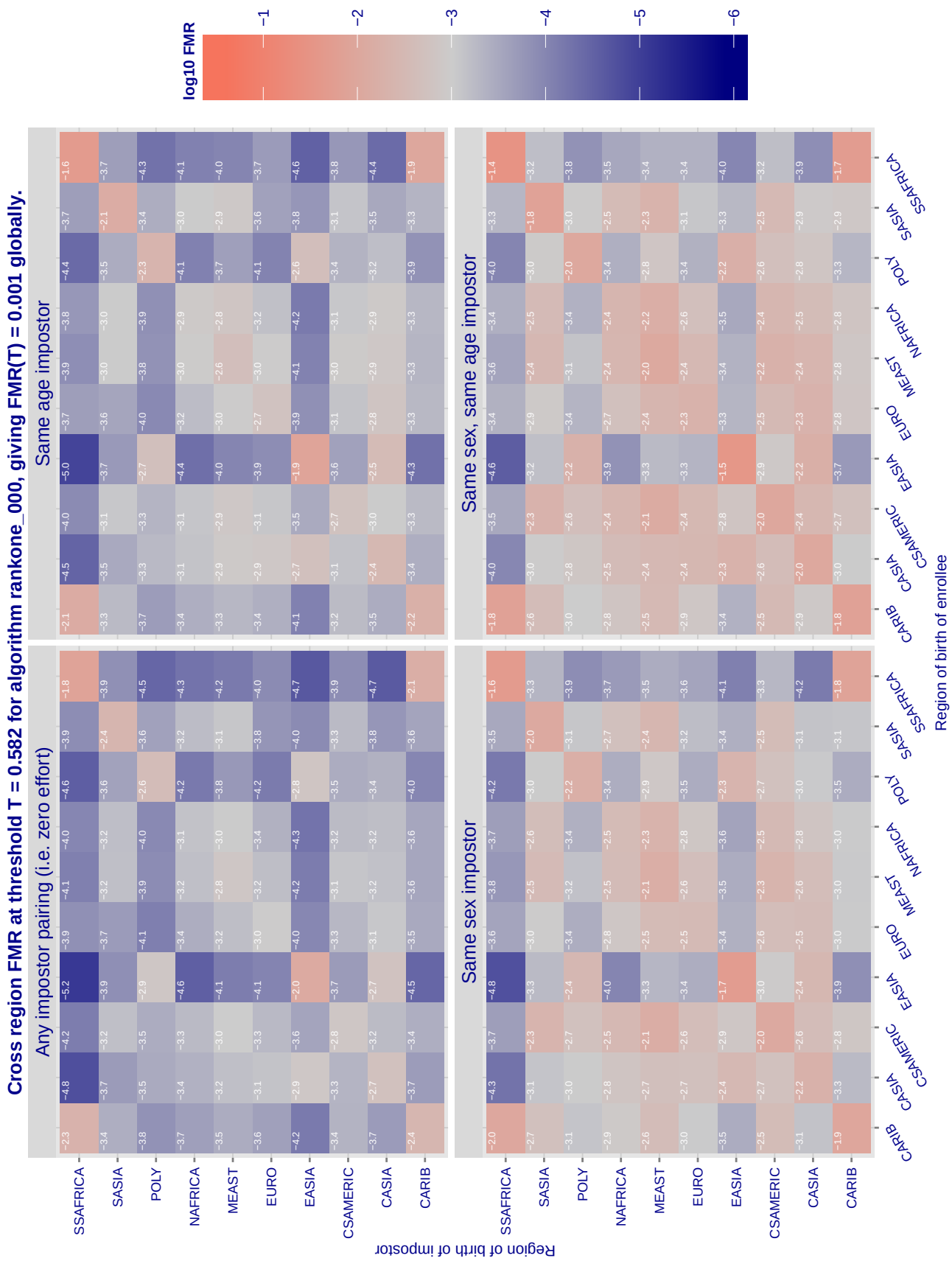

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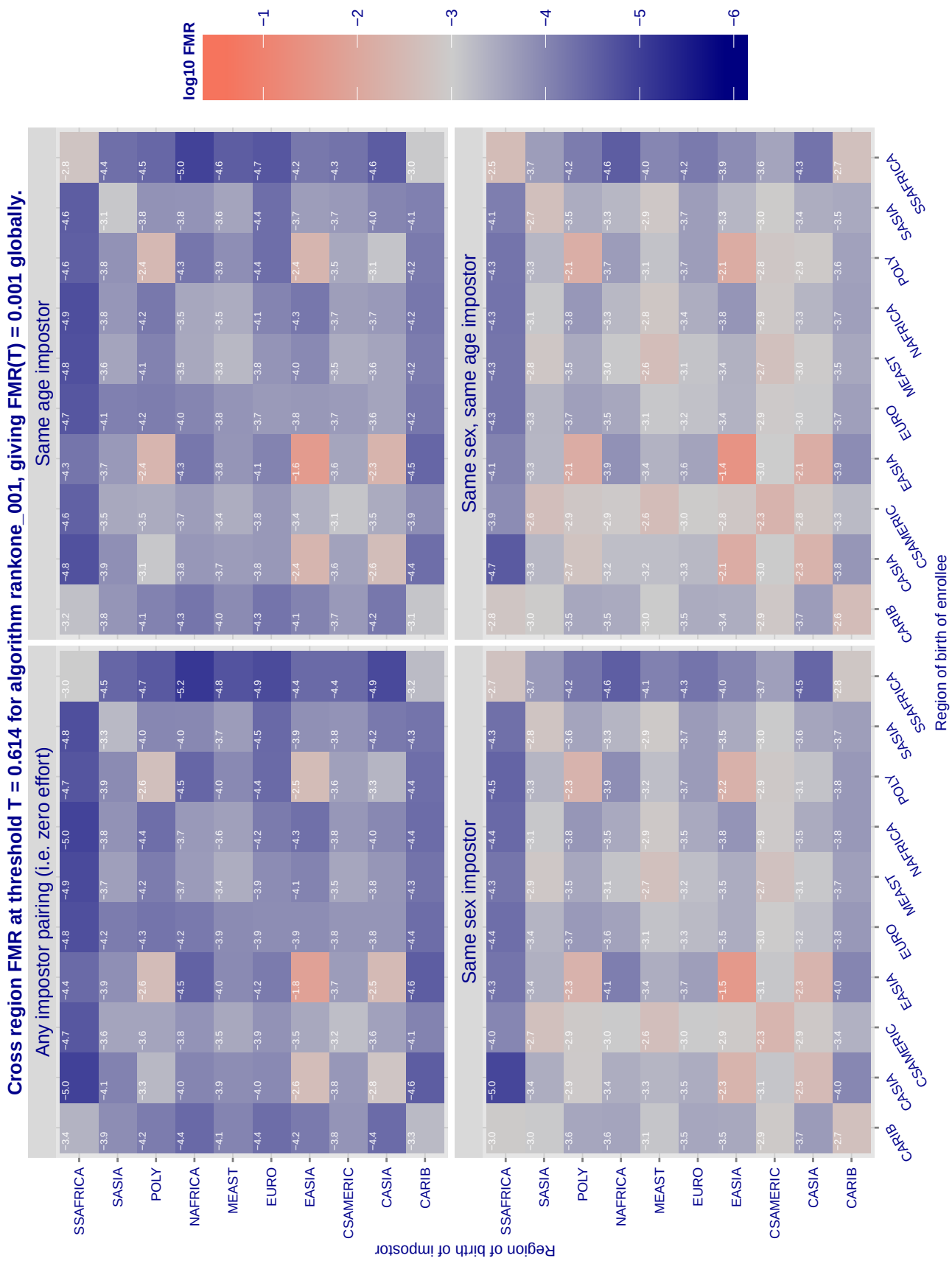

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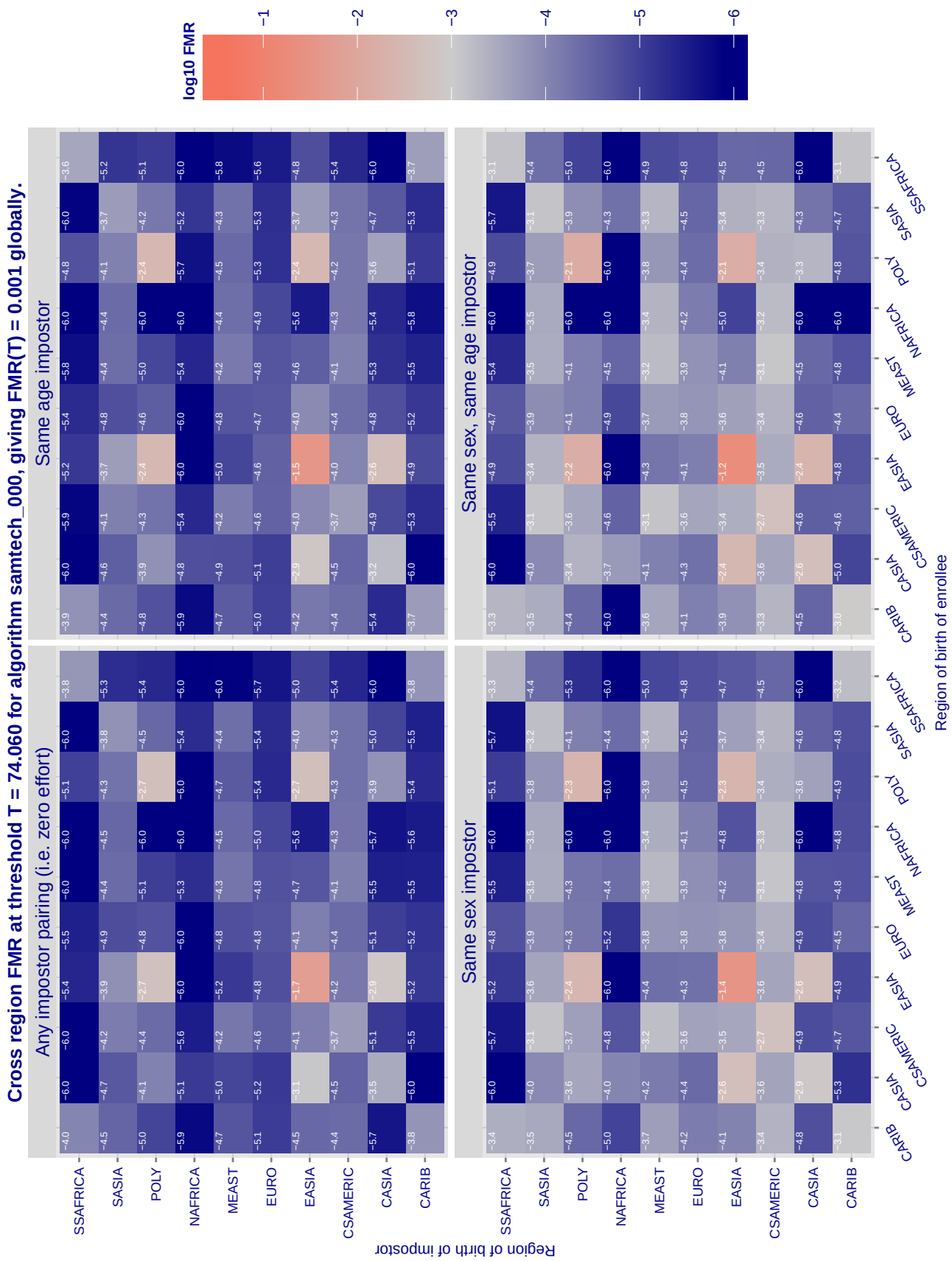

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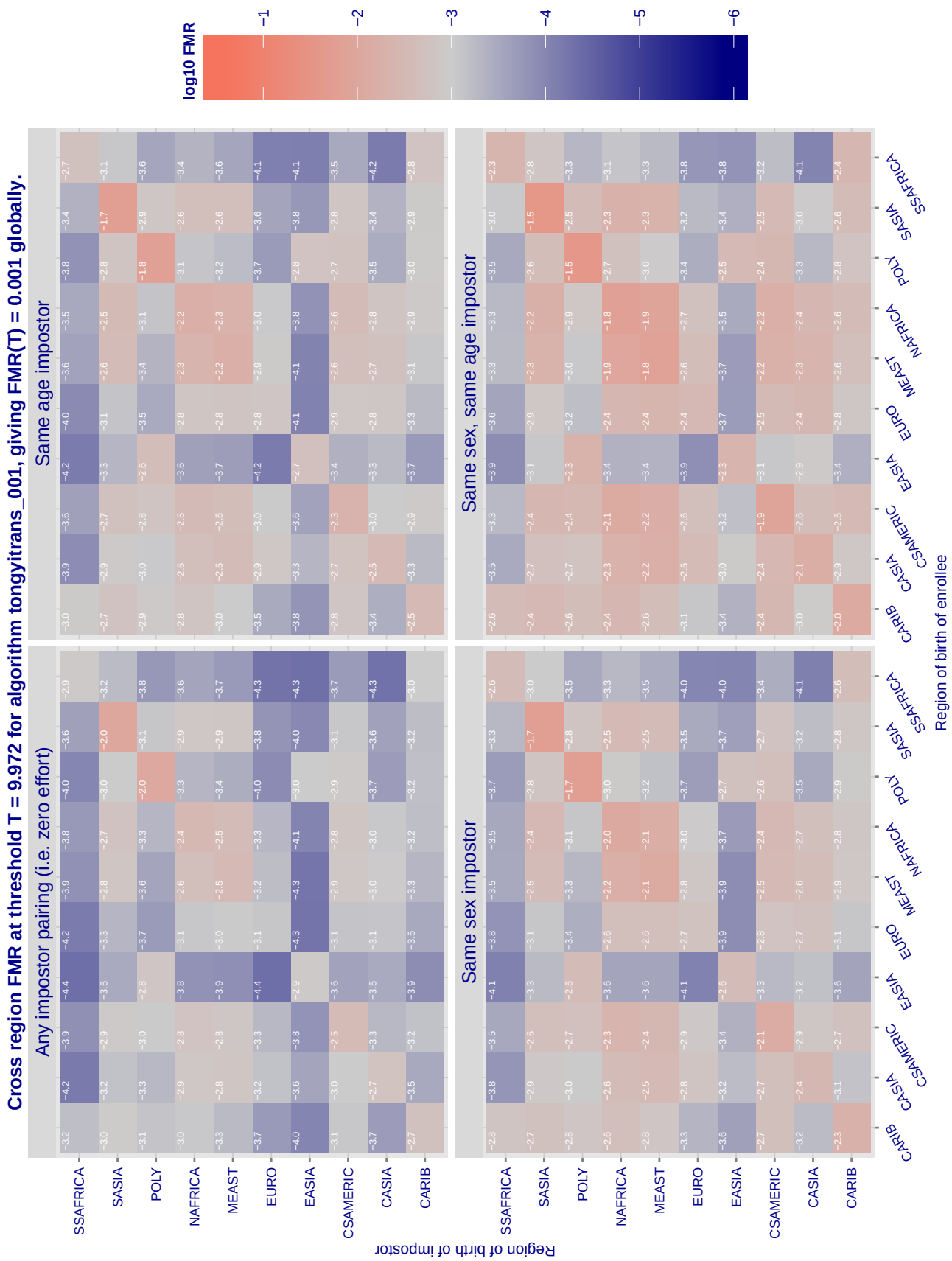

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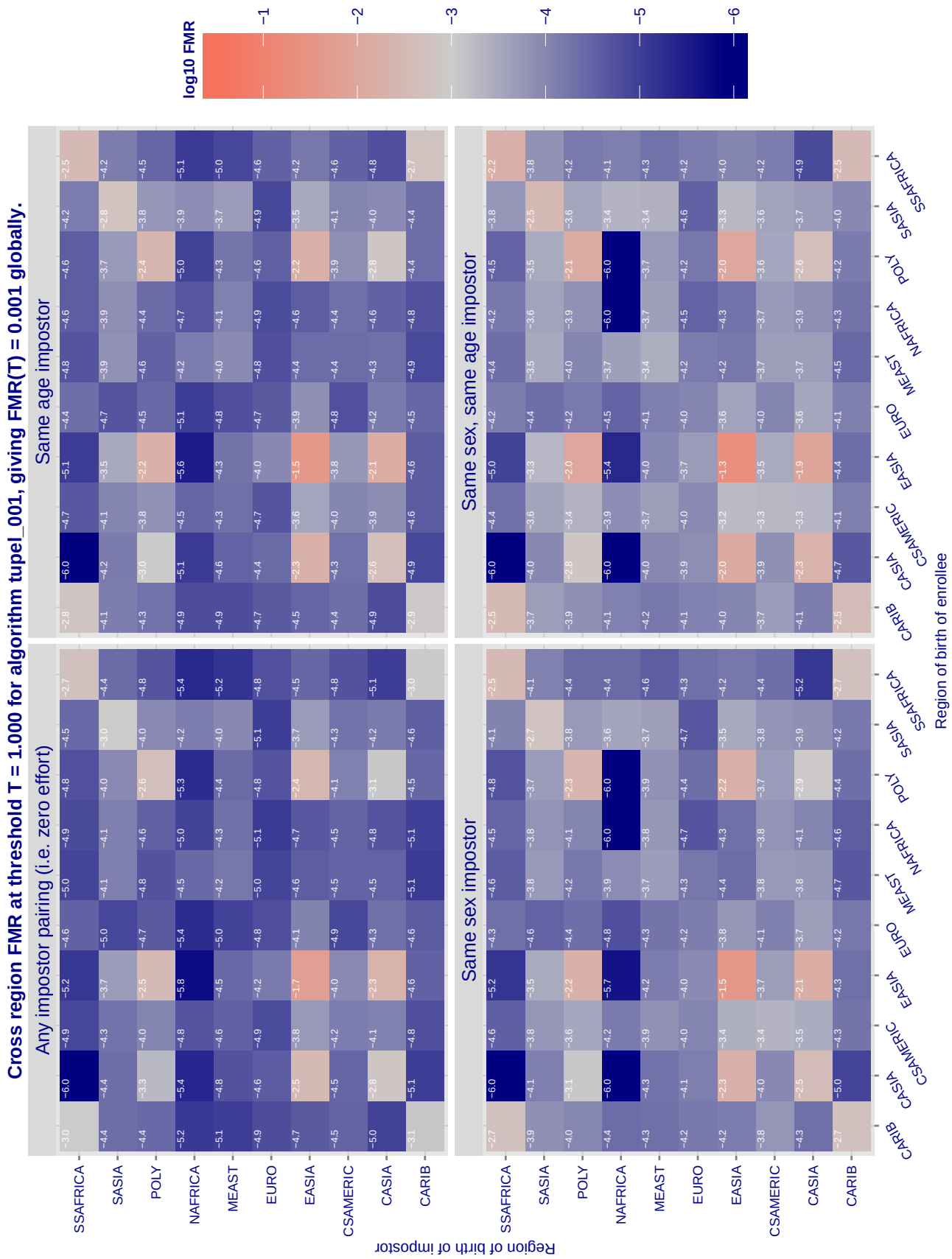

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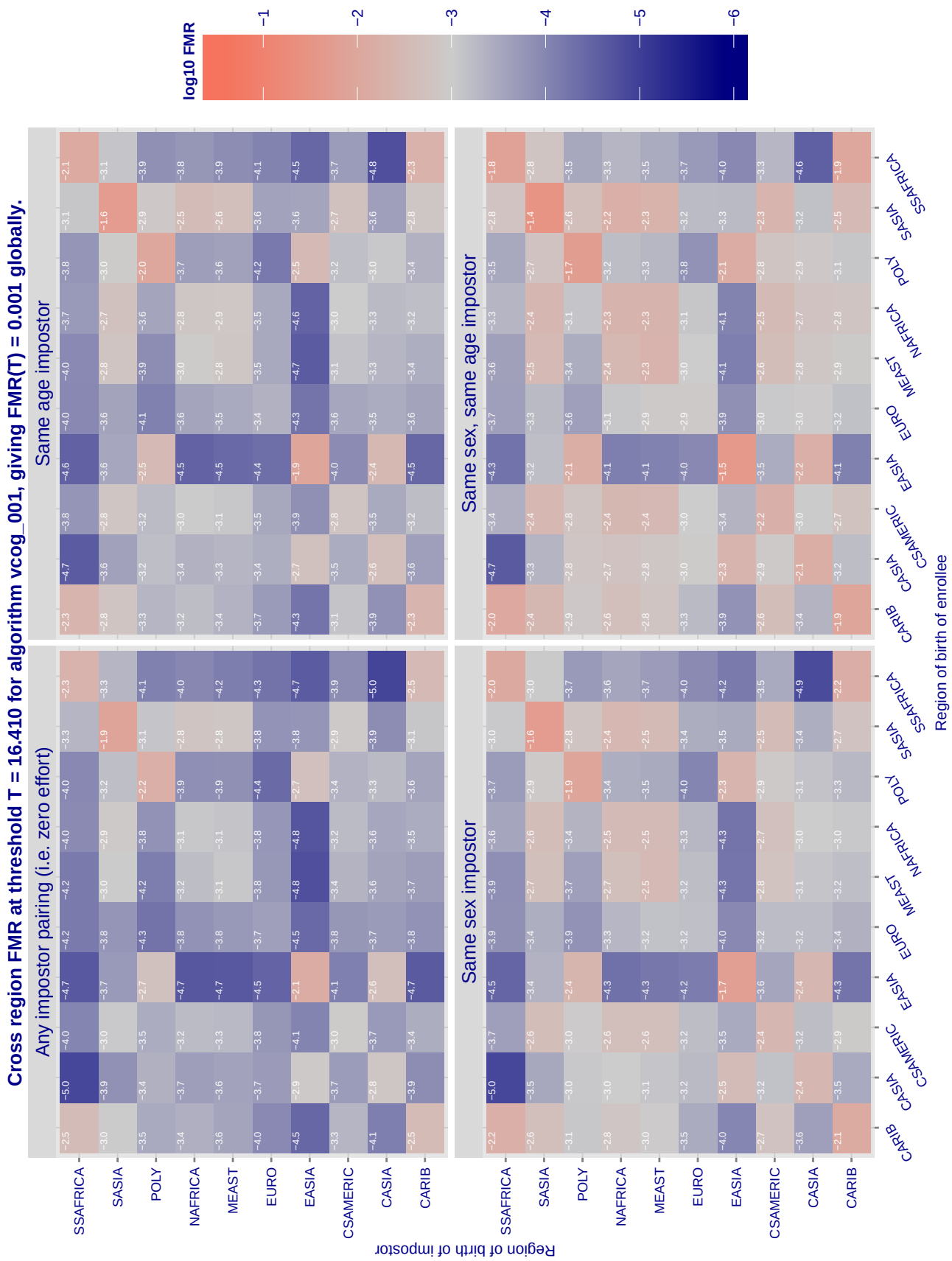

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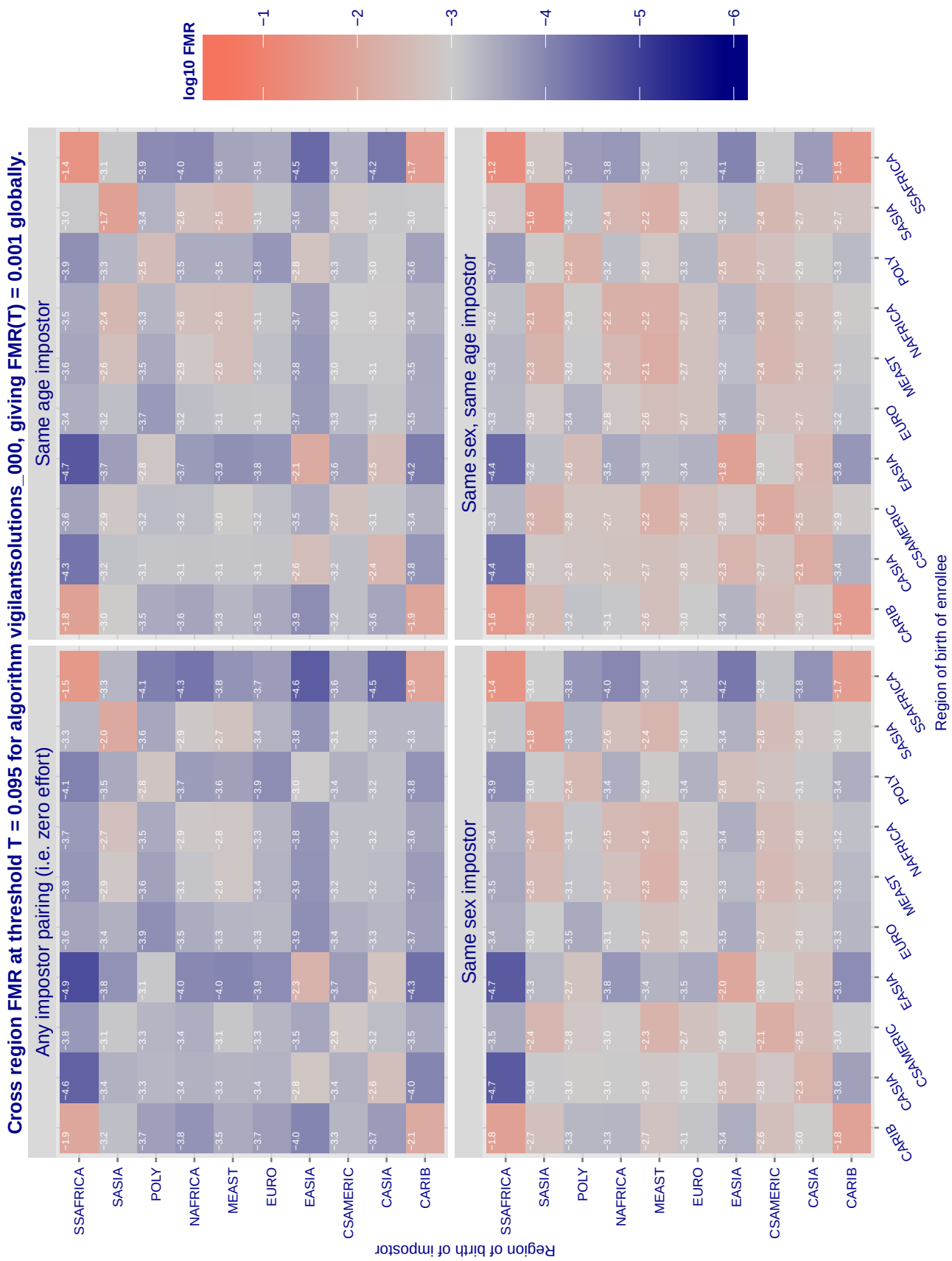

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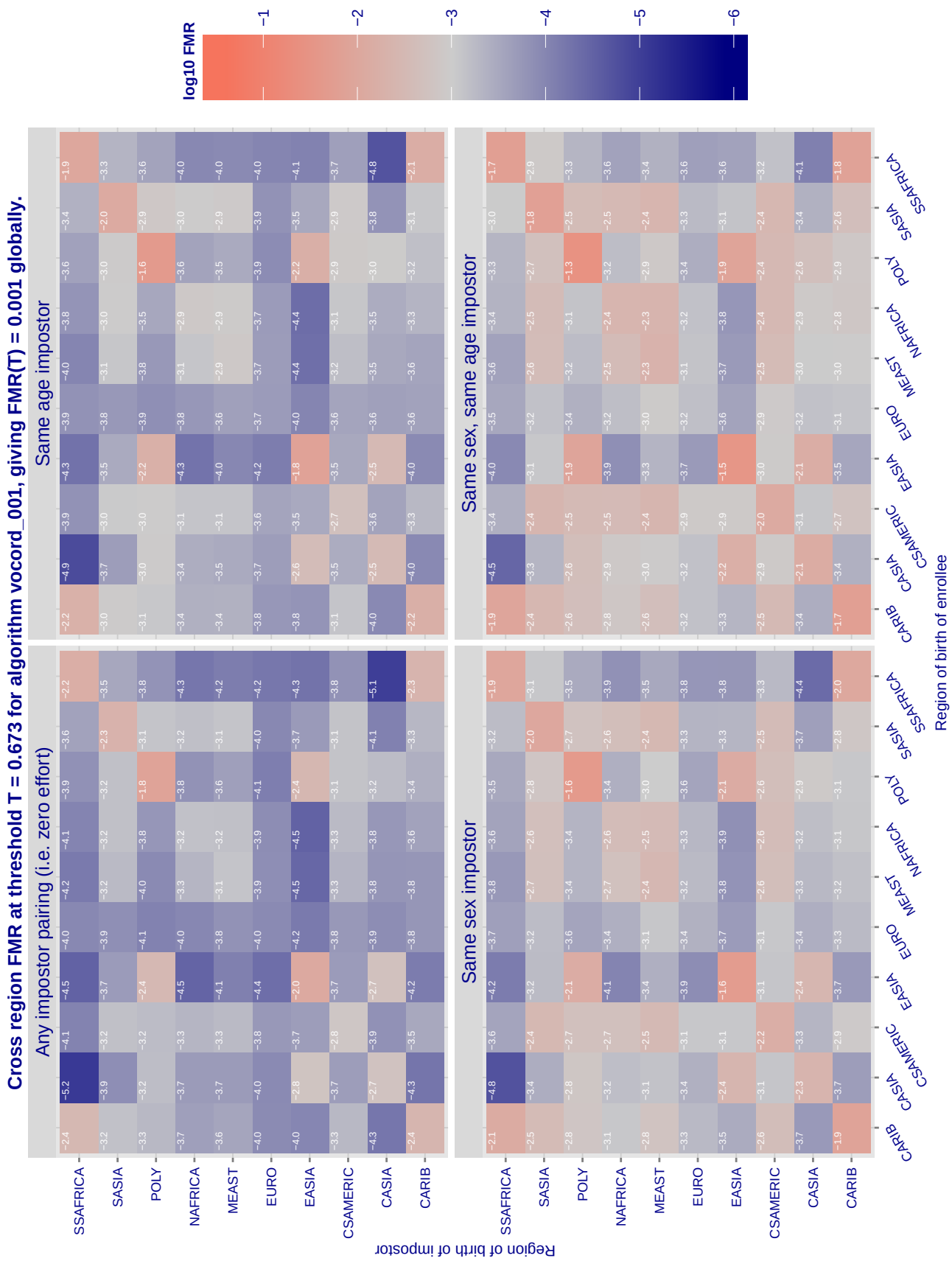

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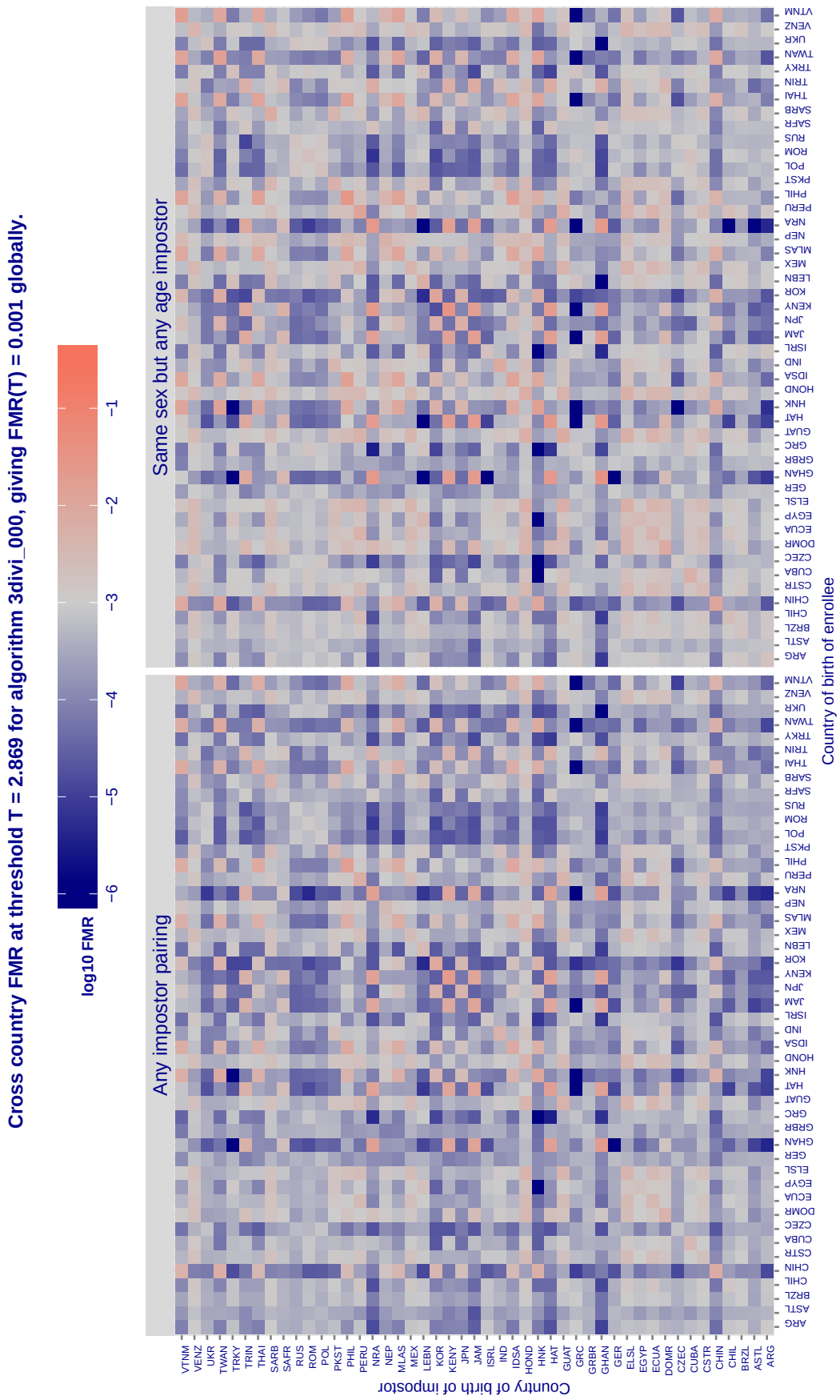

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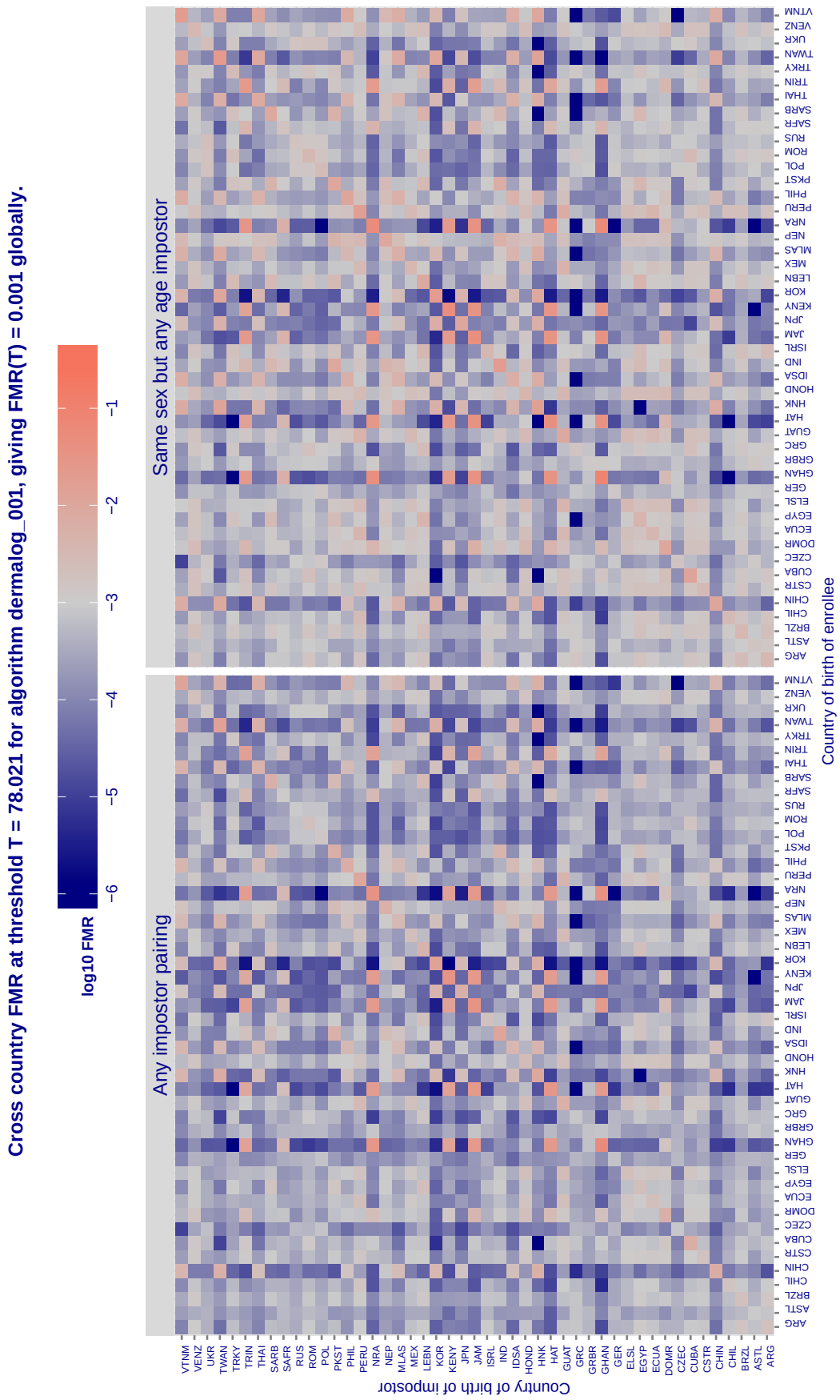

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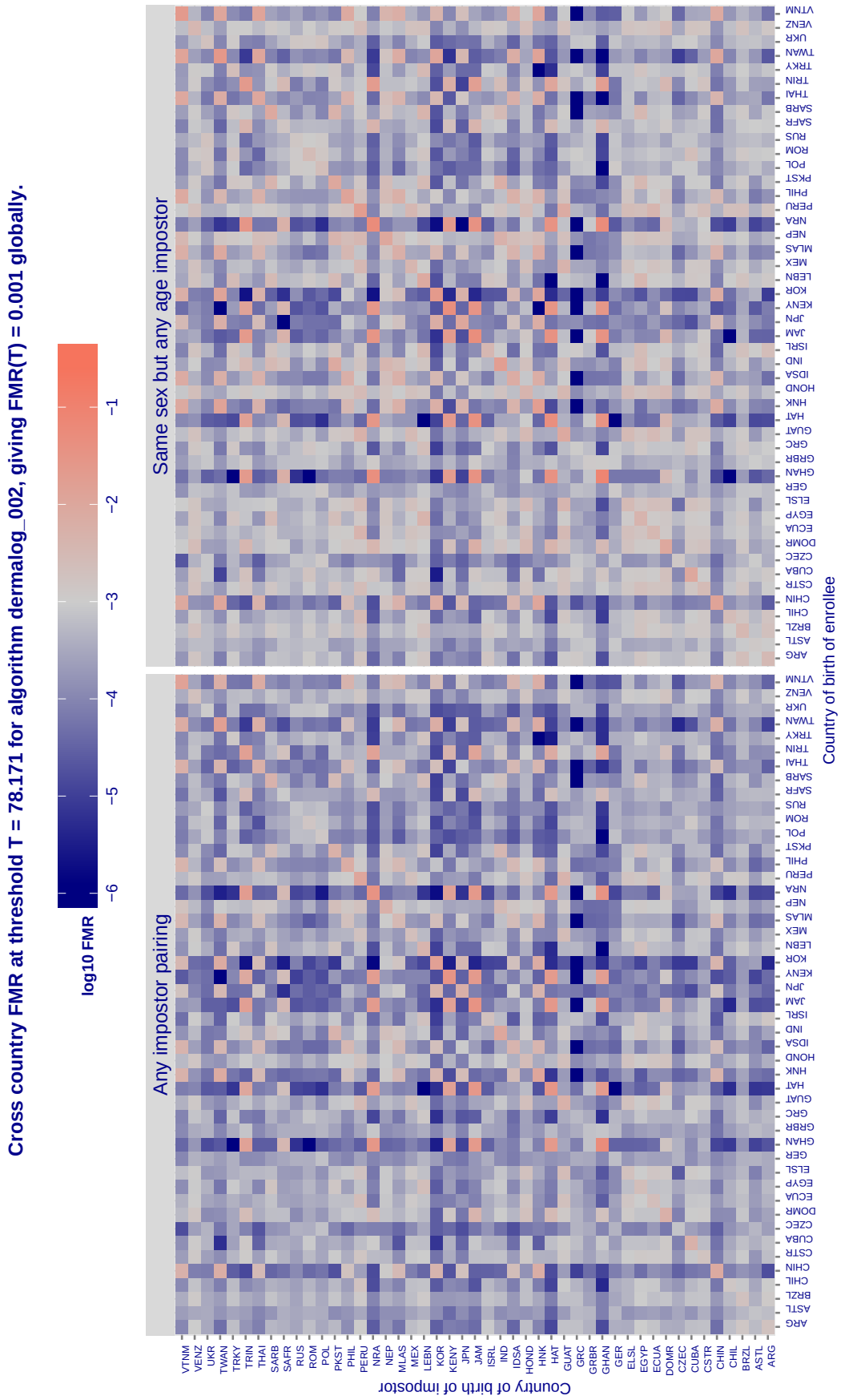

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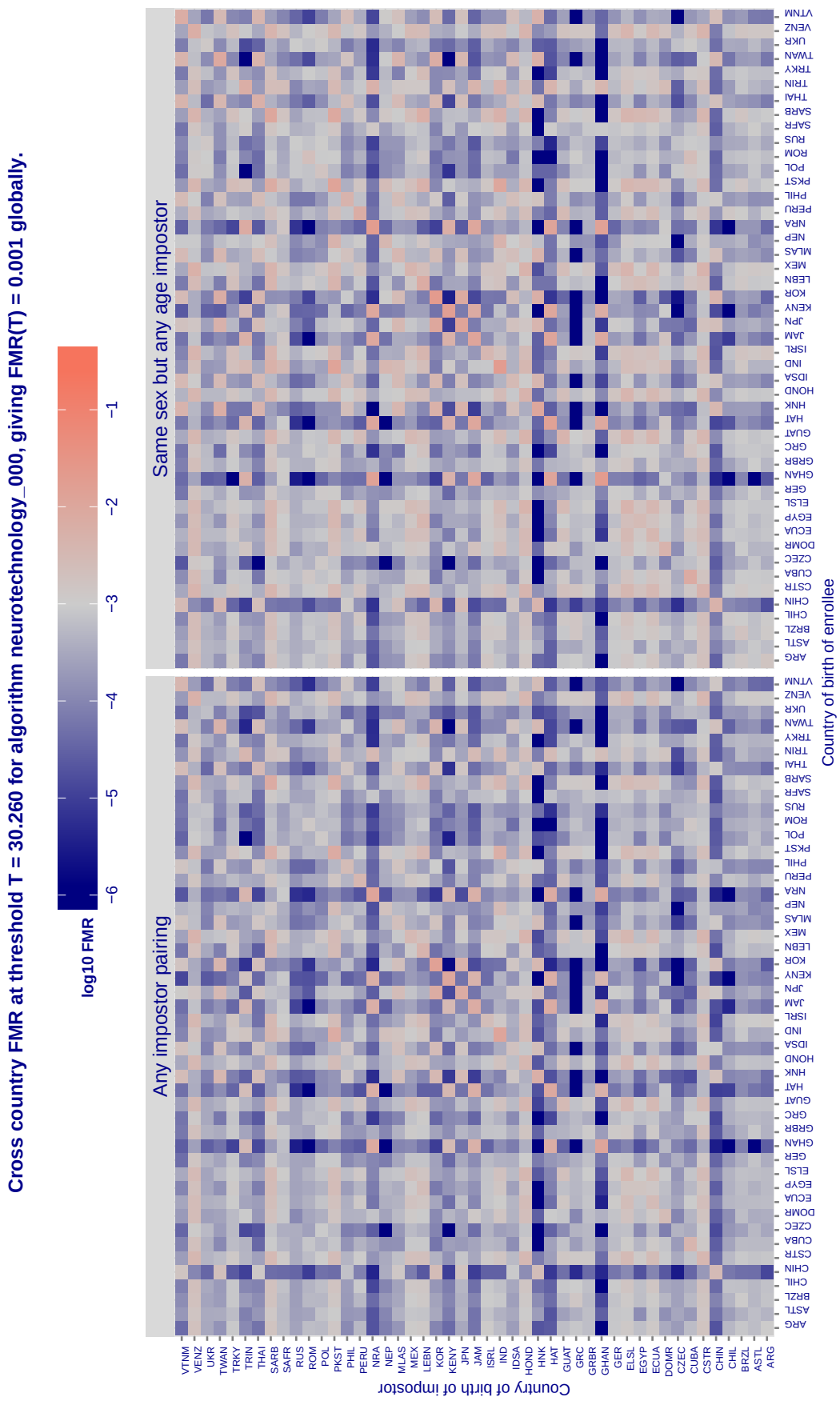

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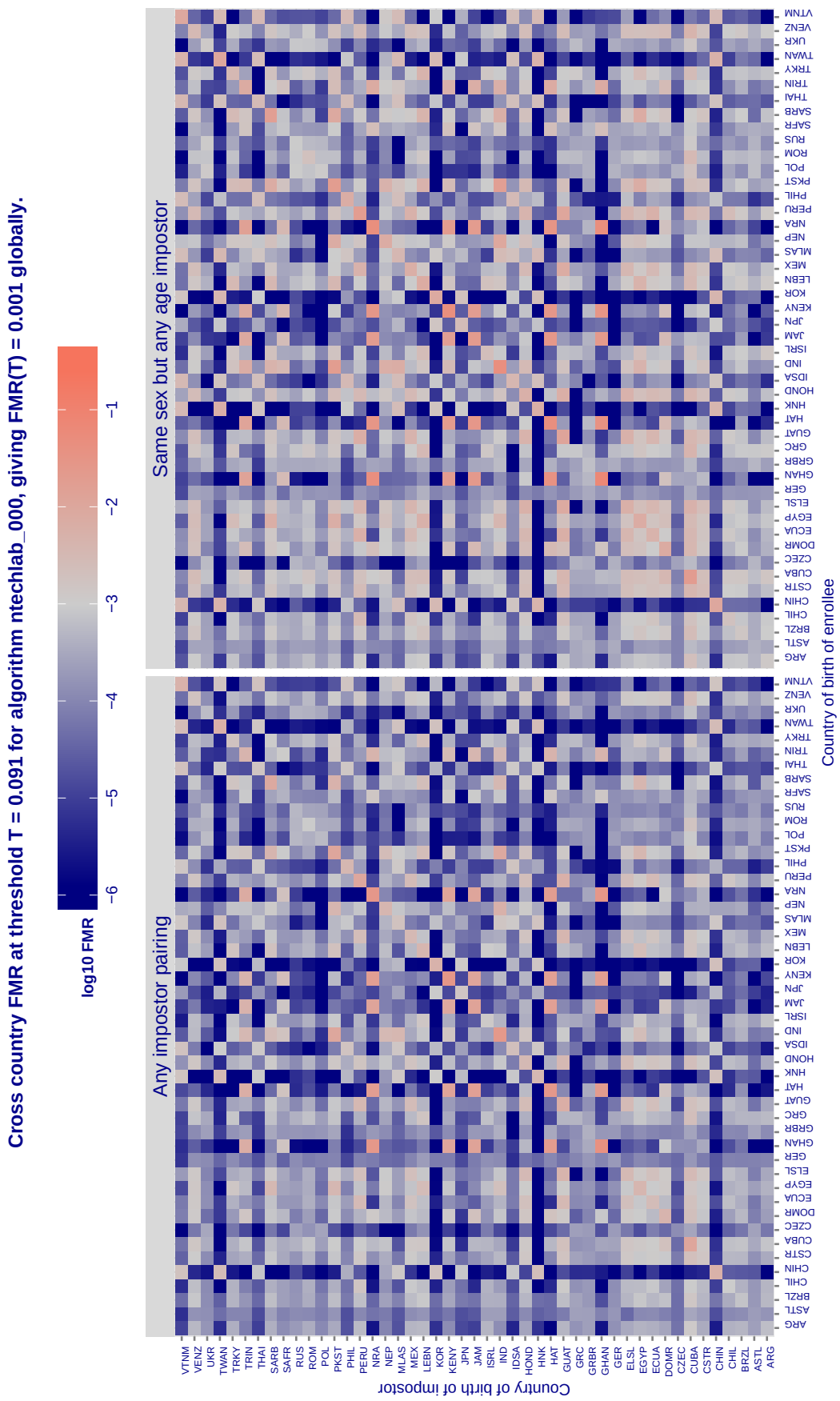

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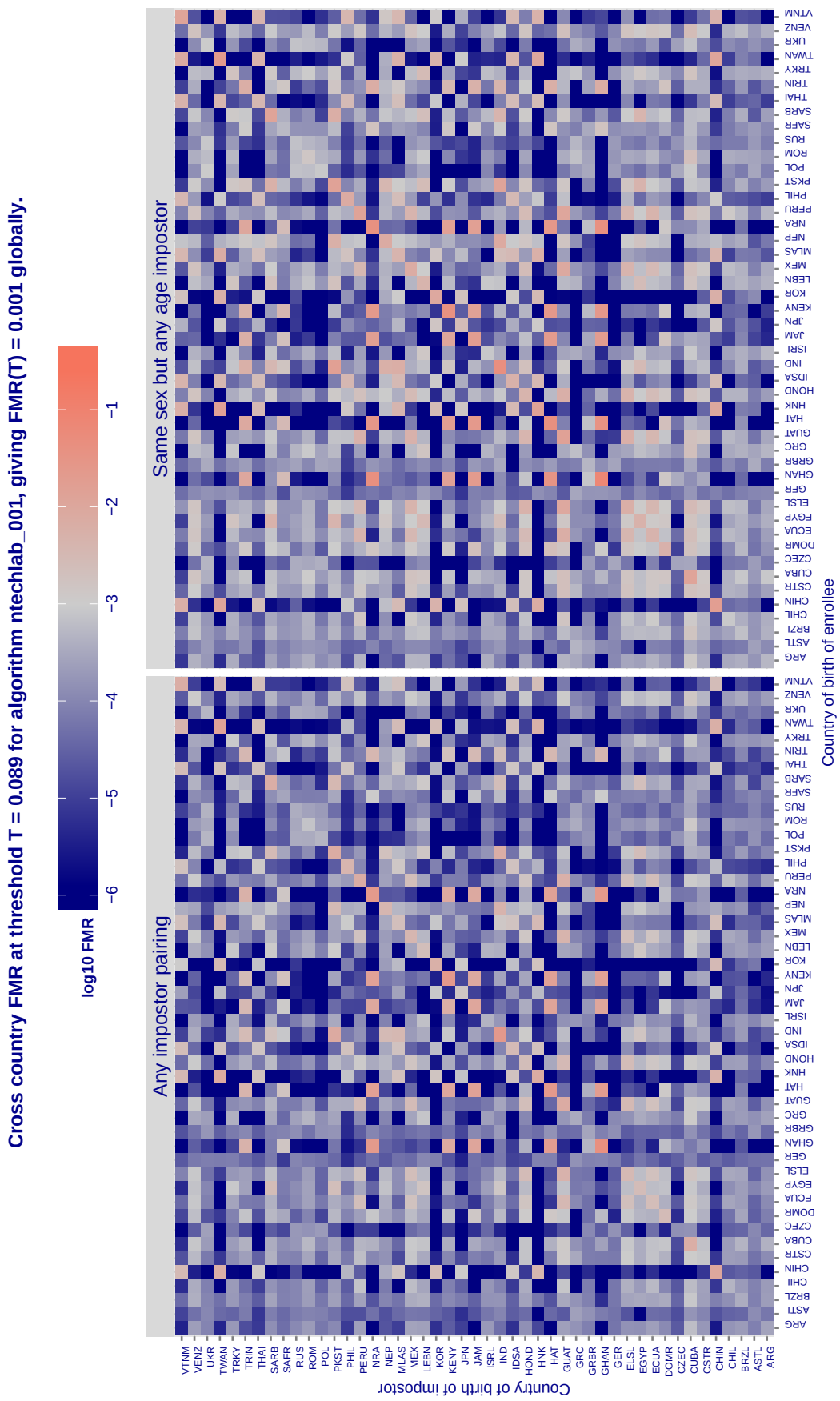

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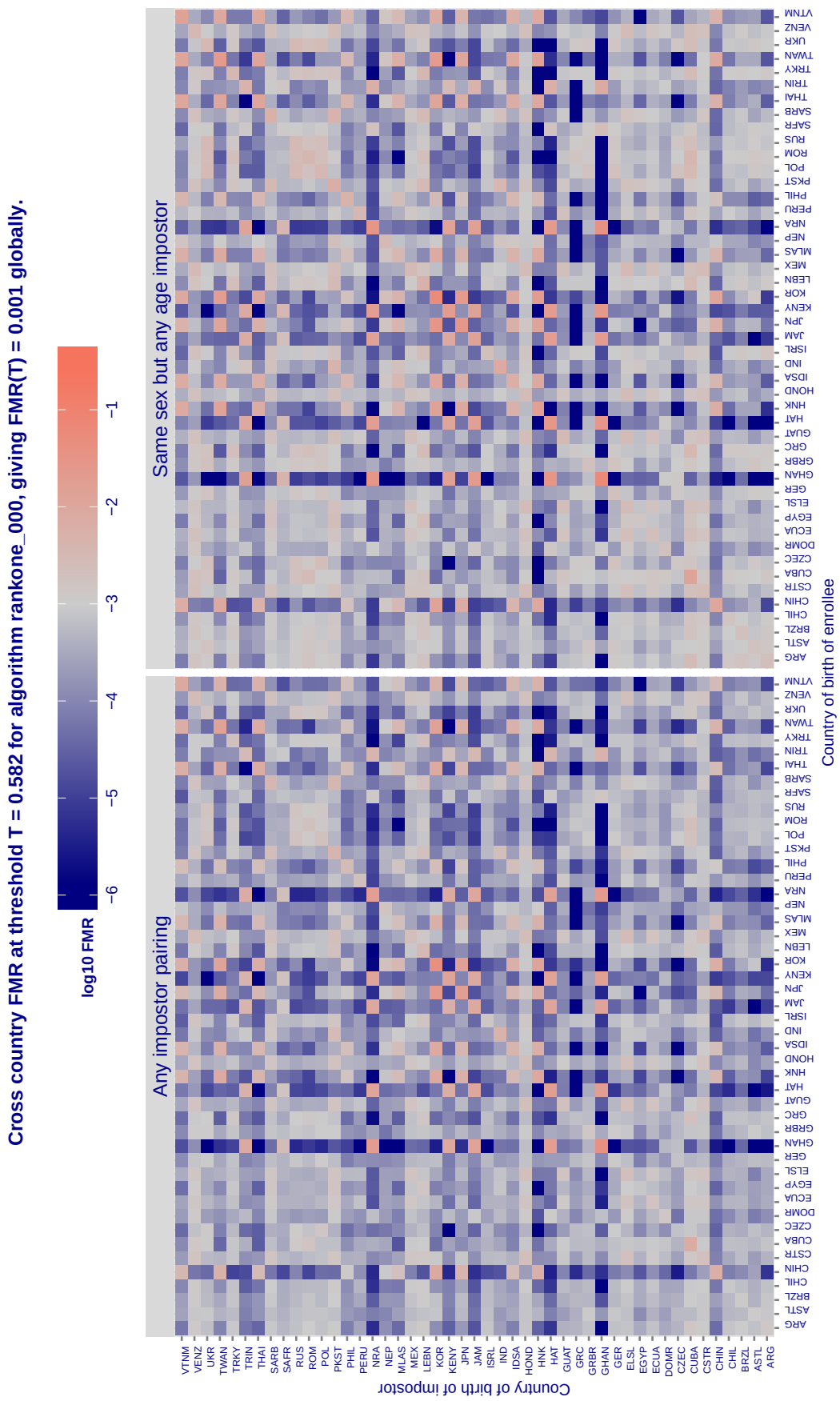

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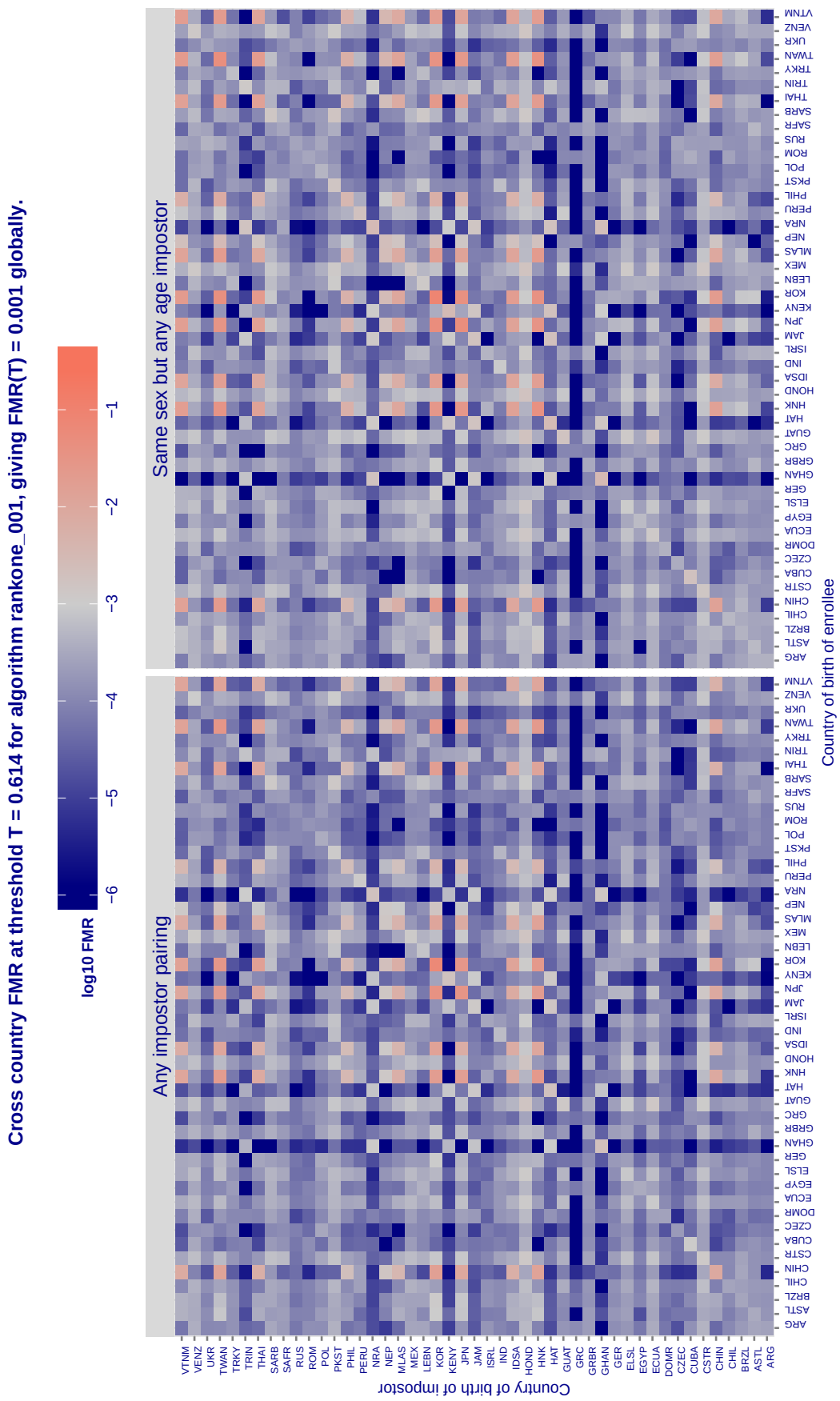

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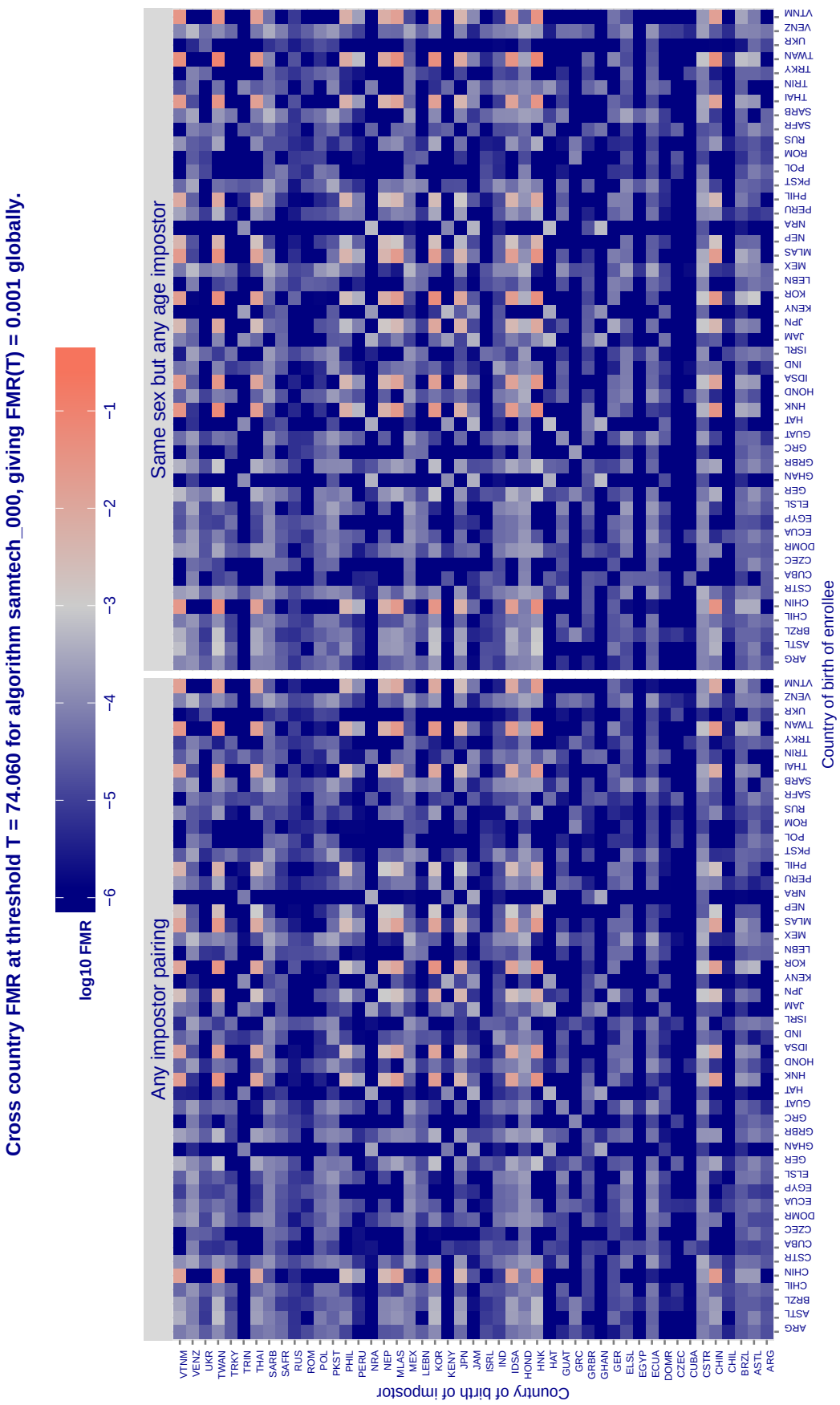

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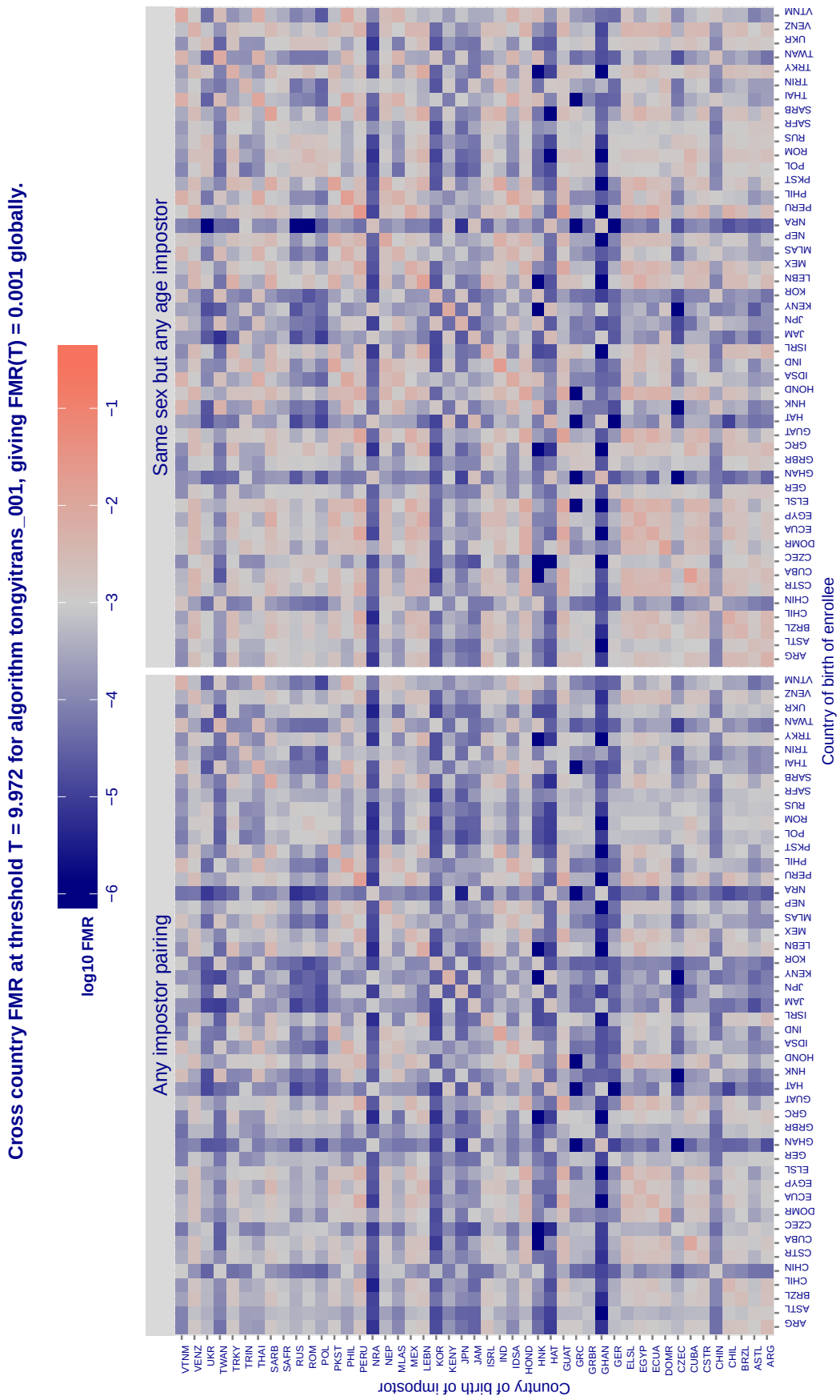

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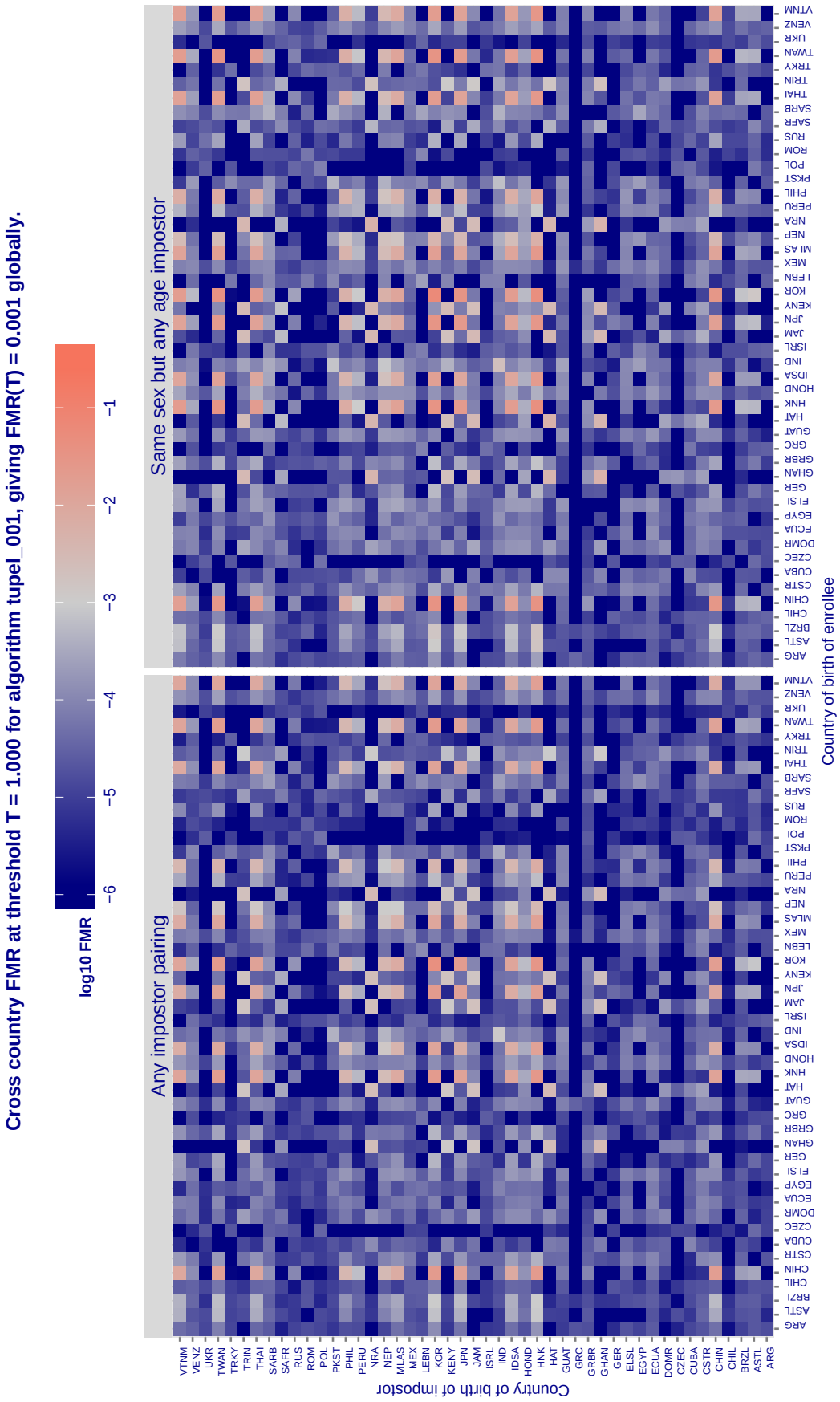

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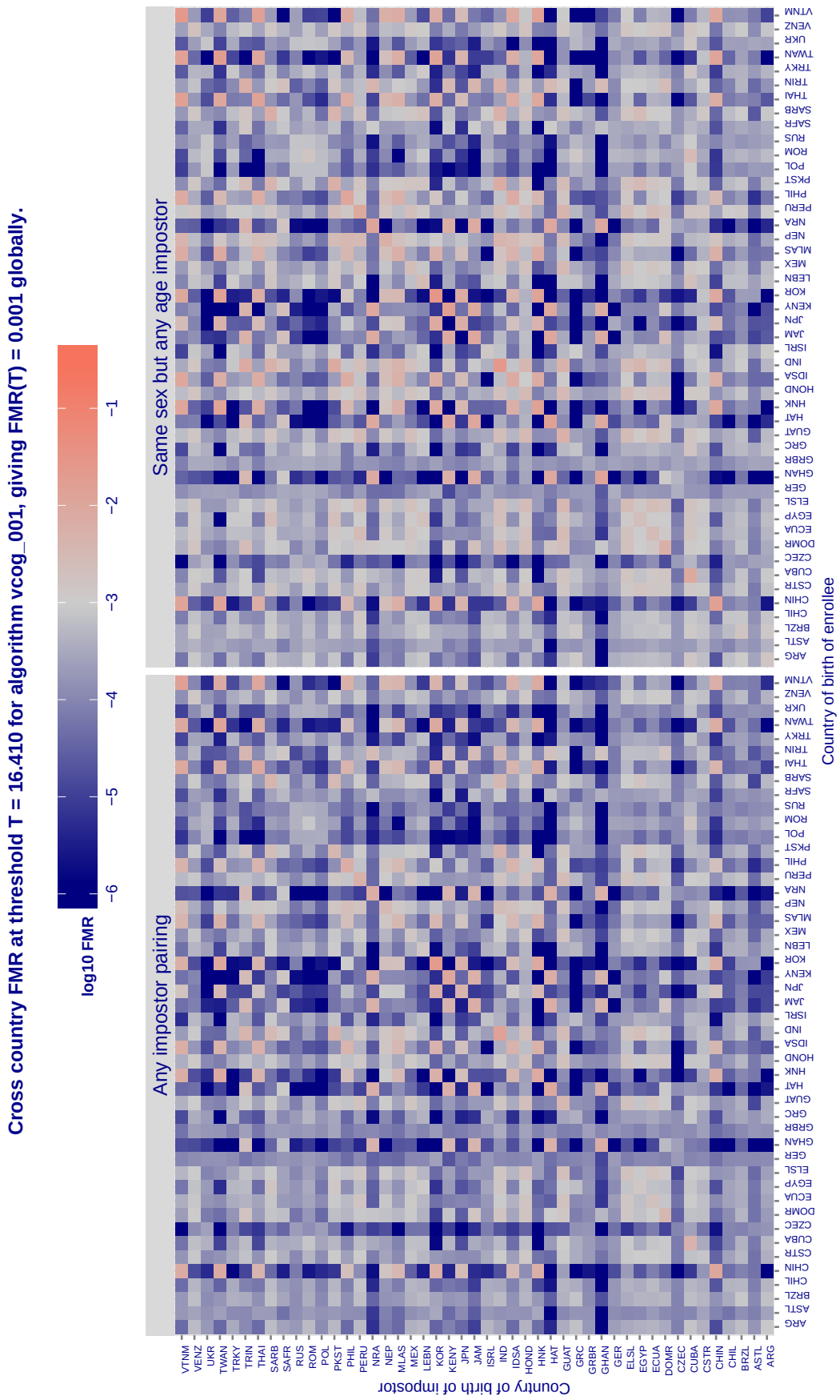

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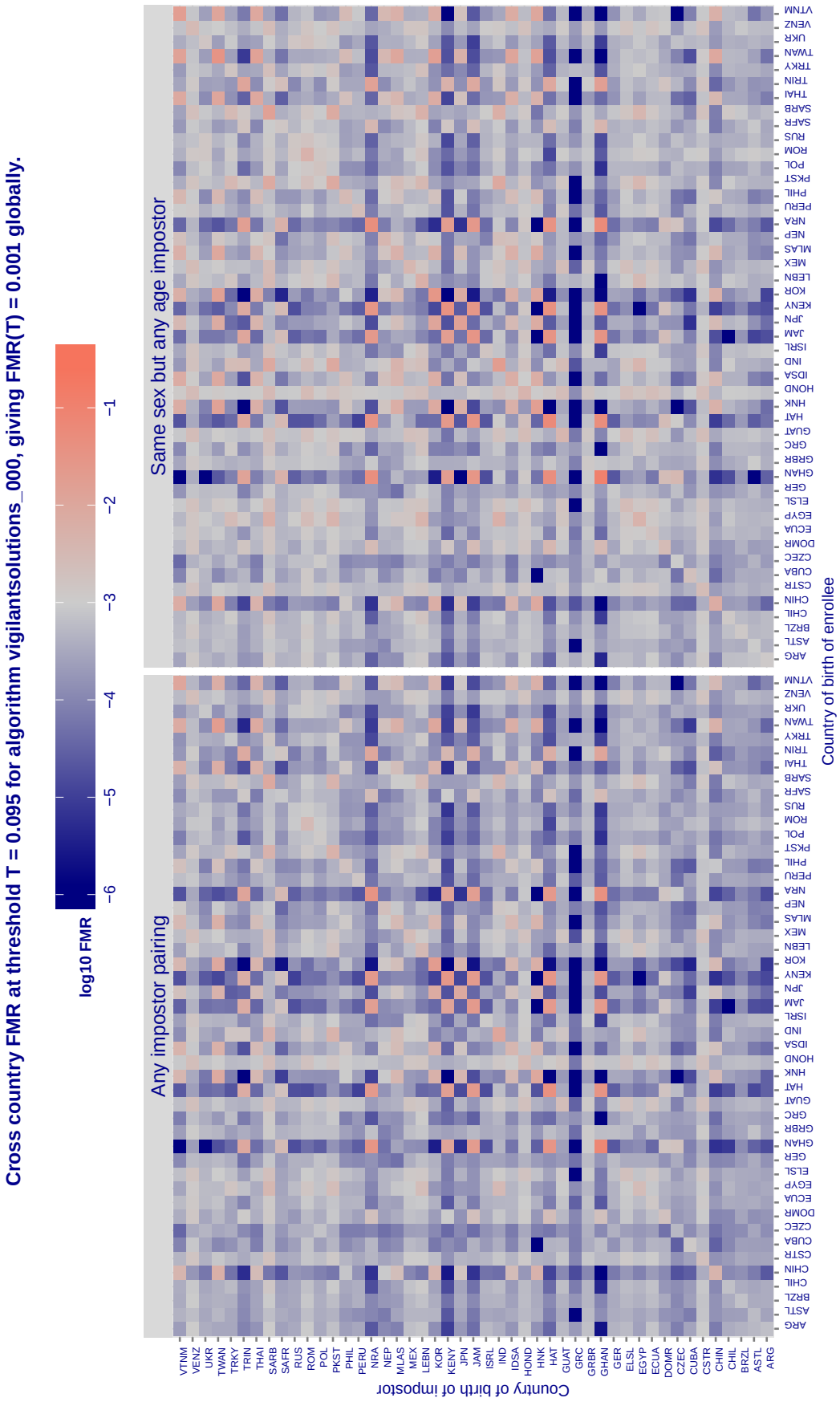

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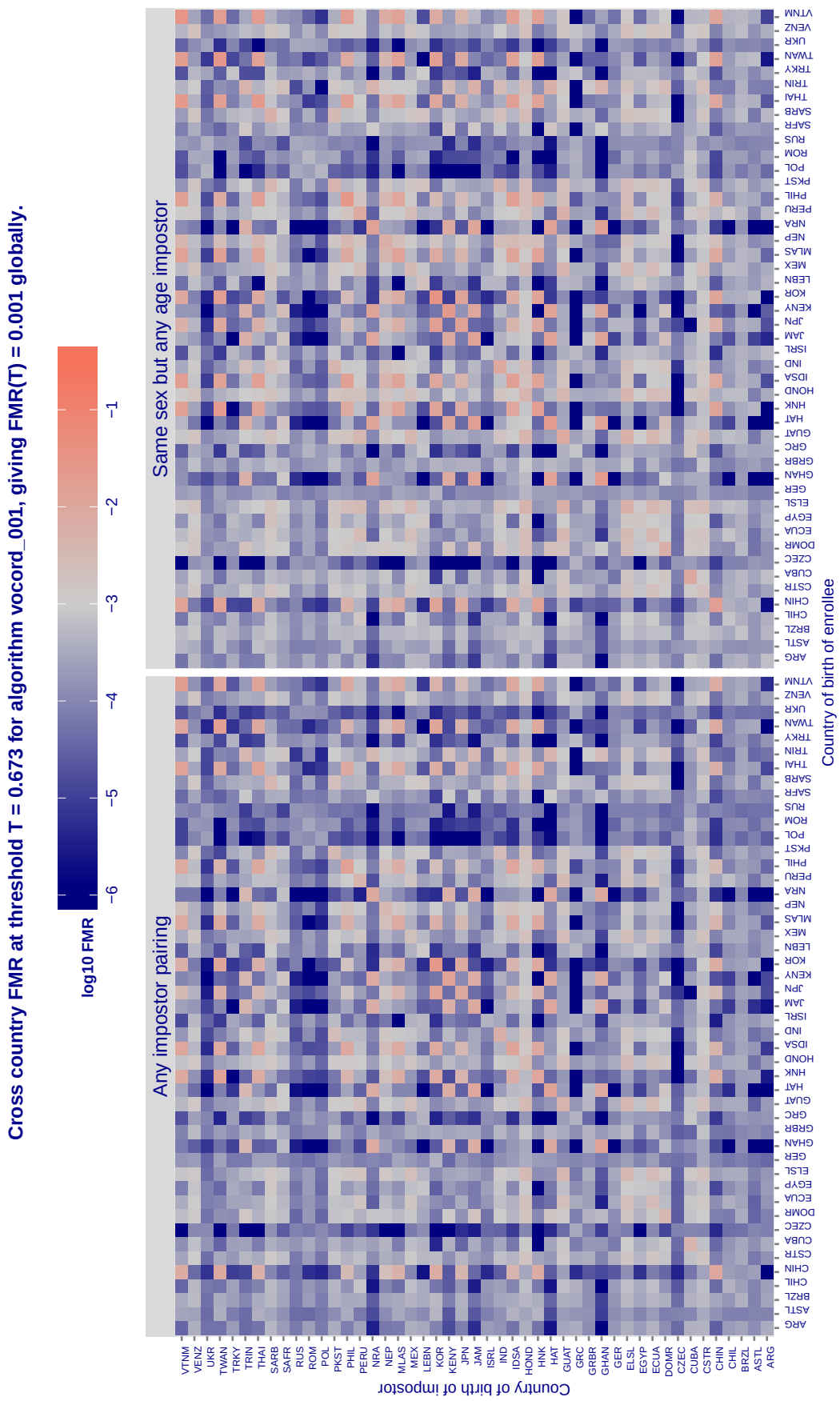

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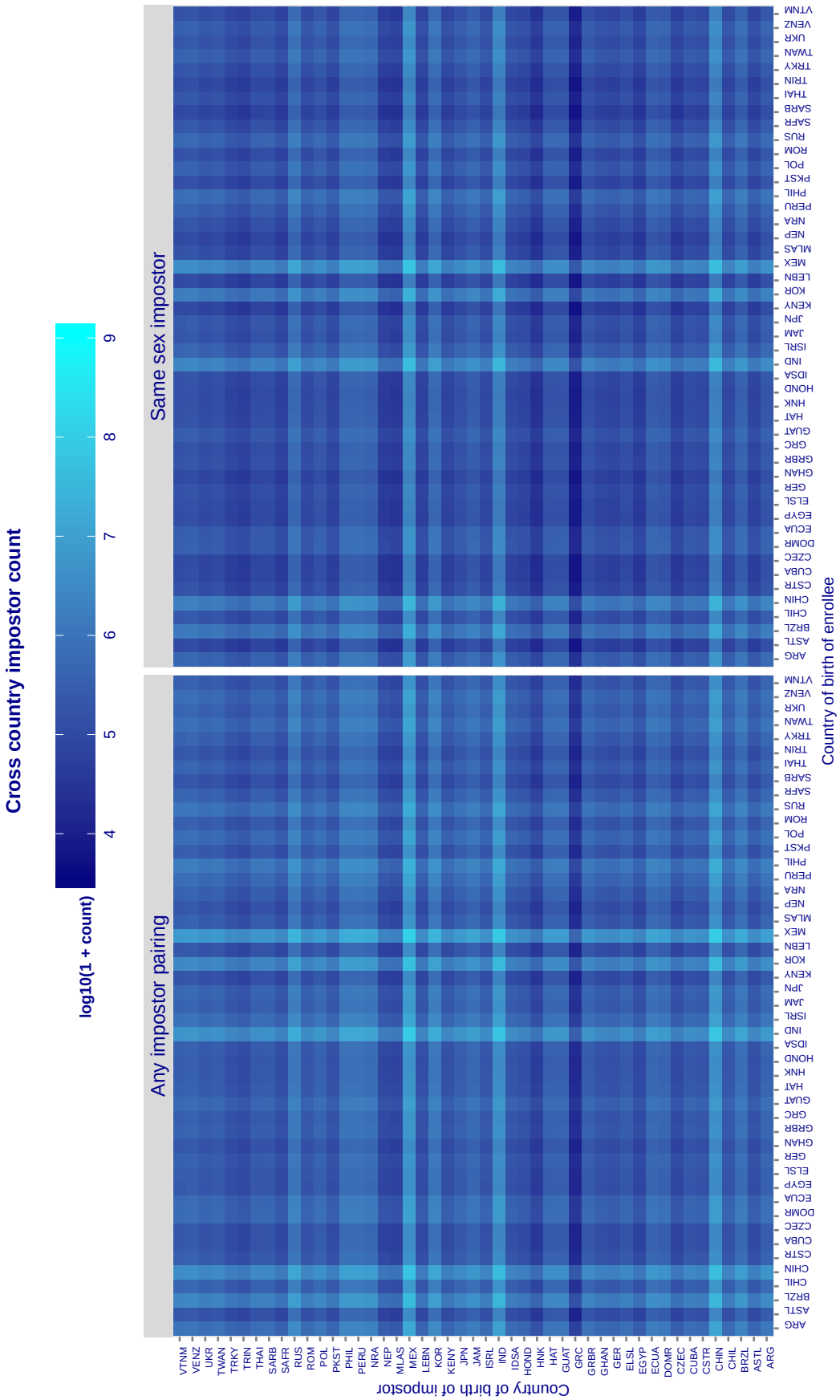


Figure 40: For visa images, the heatmap shows The count of impostor comparisons of faces from different individuals who were born in the given country pair.

3.3.2 Effect of age on impostors

Background: This section shows the effect of age on the impostor distribution. The ideal behaviour is that the age of the enrollee and the impostor would not affect impostor scores. This would support FMR stability over sub-populations.

Goals:

- ▷ To show the effect of relative ages of the impostor and enrollee on false match rates.
- ▷ To determine whether some algorithms have better impostor distribution stability.

Methods:

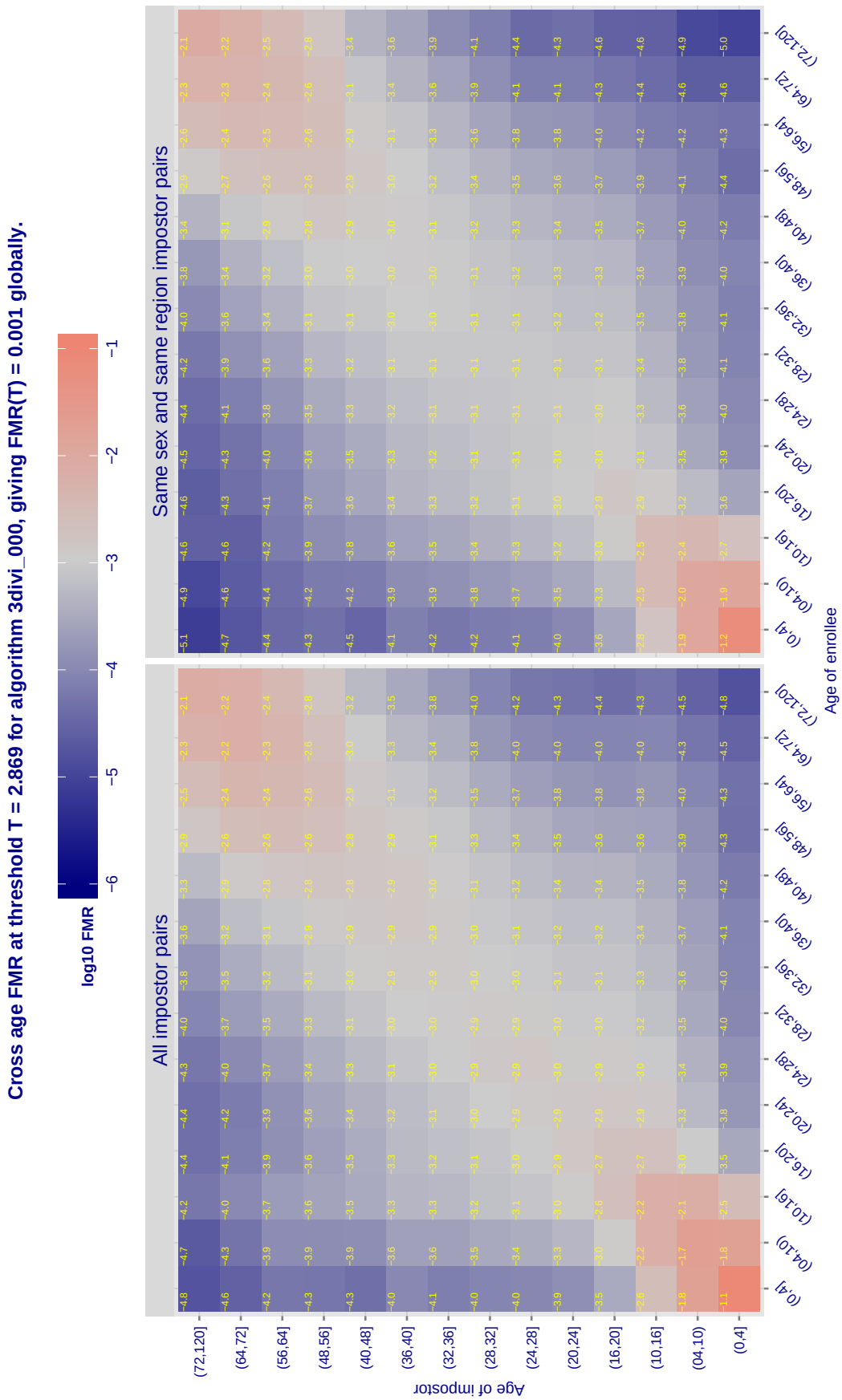
- ▷ Define 14 age group bins, spanning 0 to over 100 years old.
- ▷ Compute FMR over all impostor comparisons for which the subjects in the enrollee and impostor images have ages in two bins.
- ▷ Compute FMR over all impostor comparisons for which the subjects are additionally of the same sex, and born in the same geographic region.

Results:

The notable aspects are:

- ▷ Diagonal dominance: Impostors are more likely to be matched against their same age group.
- ▷ Same sex and same region impostors are more successful. On the diagonal, an impostor is more likely to succeed by posing as someone of the same sex. If $\Delta \log_{10} \text{FMR} = 0.2$, then same-sex same-region FMR exceeds the all-pairs FMR by factor of $10^{0.2} = 1.6$.
- ▷ Young children impostors give elevated FMR against young children. Older adult impostor give elevated FMR against older adults. These effects are quite large, for example if $\Delta \log_{10} \text{FMR} = 1.0$ larger than a 32 year old, then these groups have higher FMR by a factor of $10^1 = 10$. This would imply an FMR above 0.01 for a nominal (global) FMR = 0.001.
- ▷ Algorithms vary.
- ▷ We computed the same quantities for a global FMR = 0.0001. The effects are similar.

Note the calculations in this section include impostors paired across all countries of birth.



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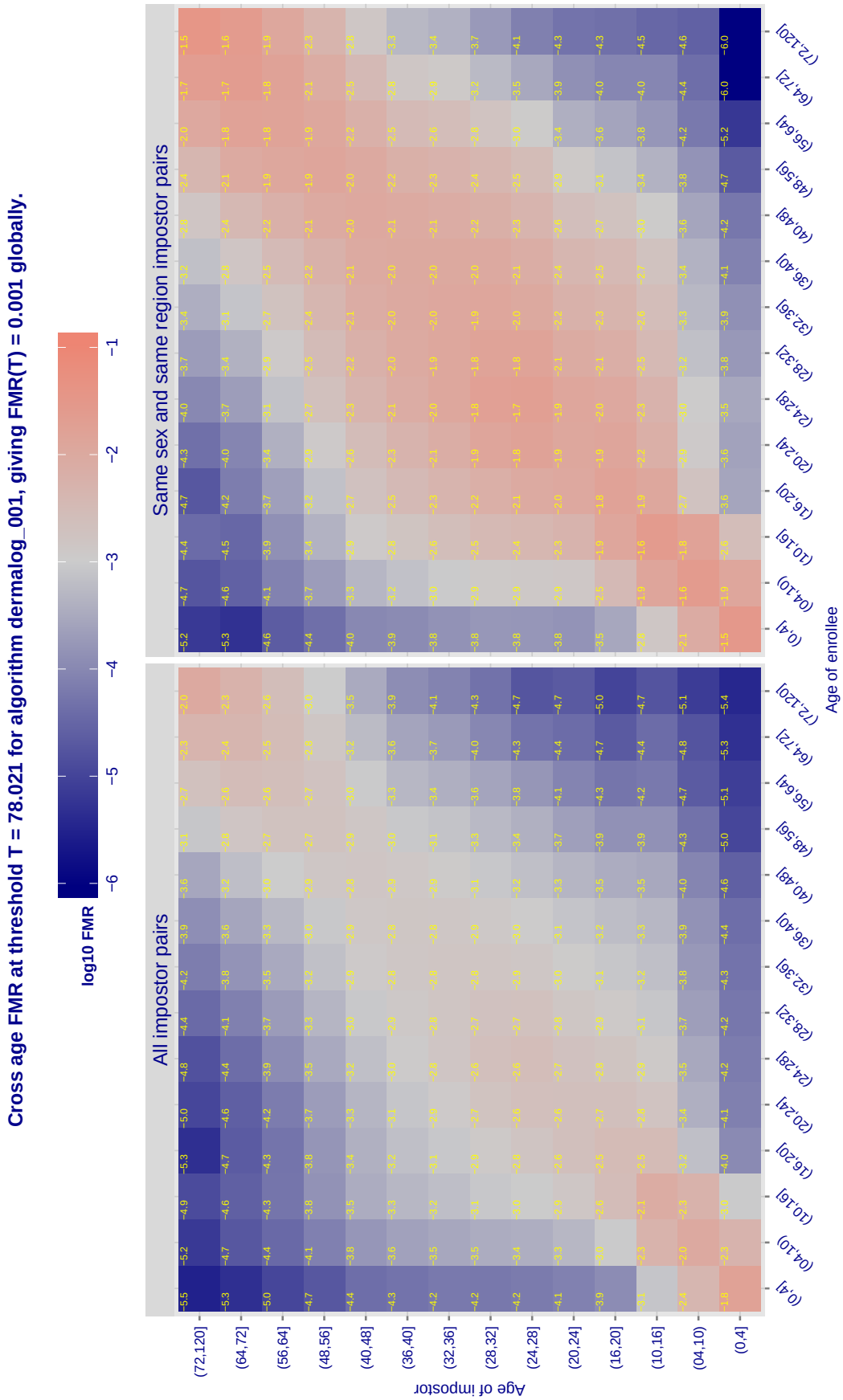

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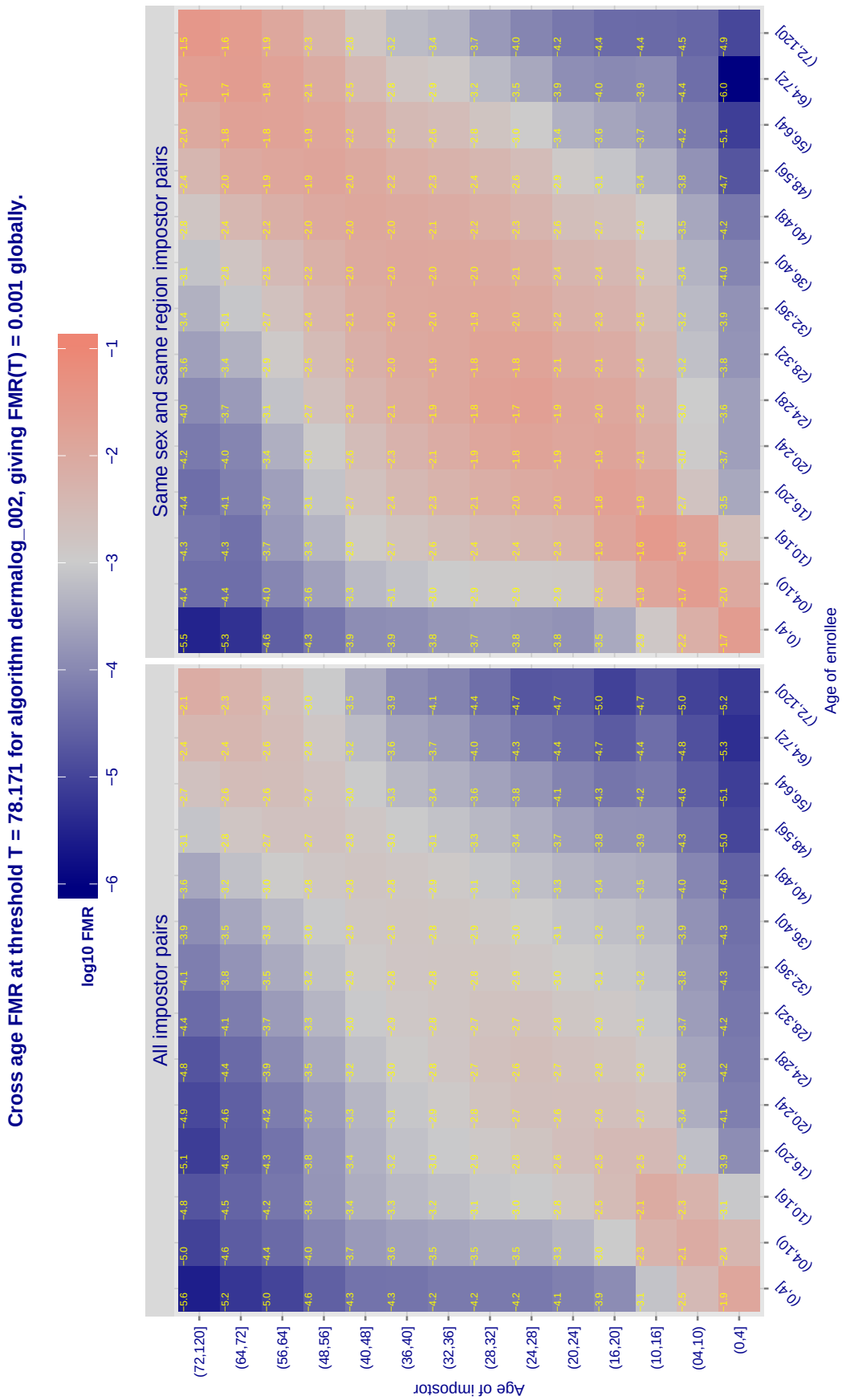

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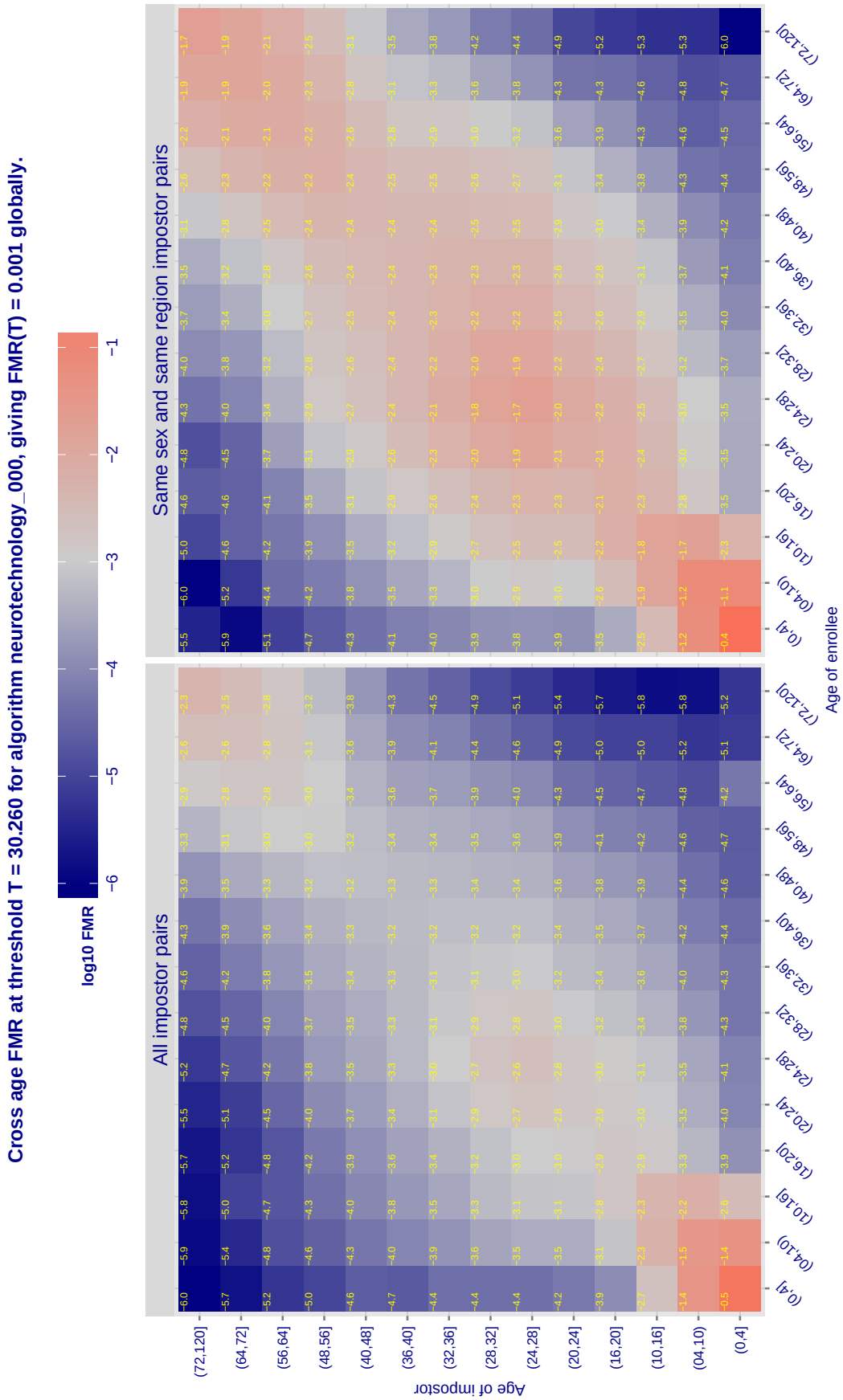

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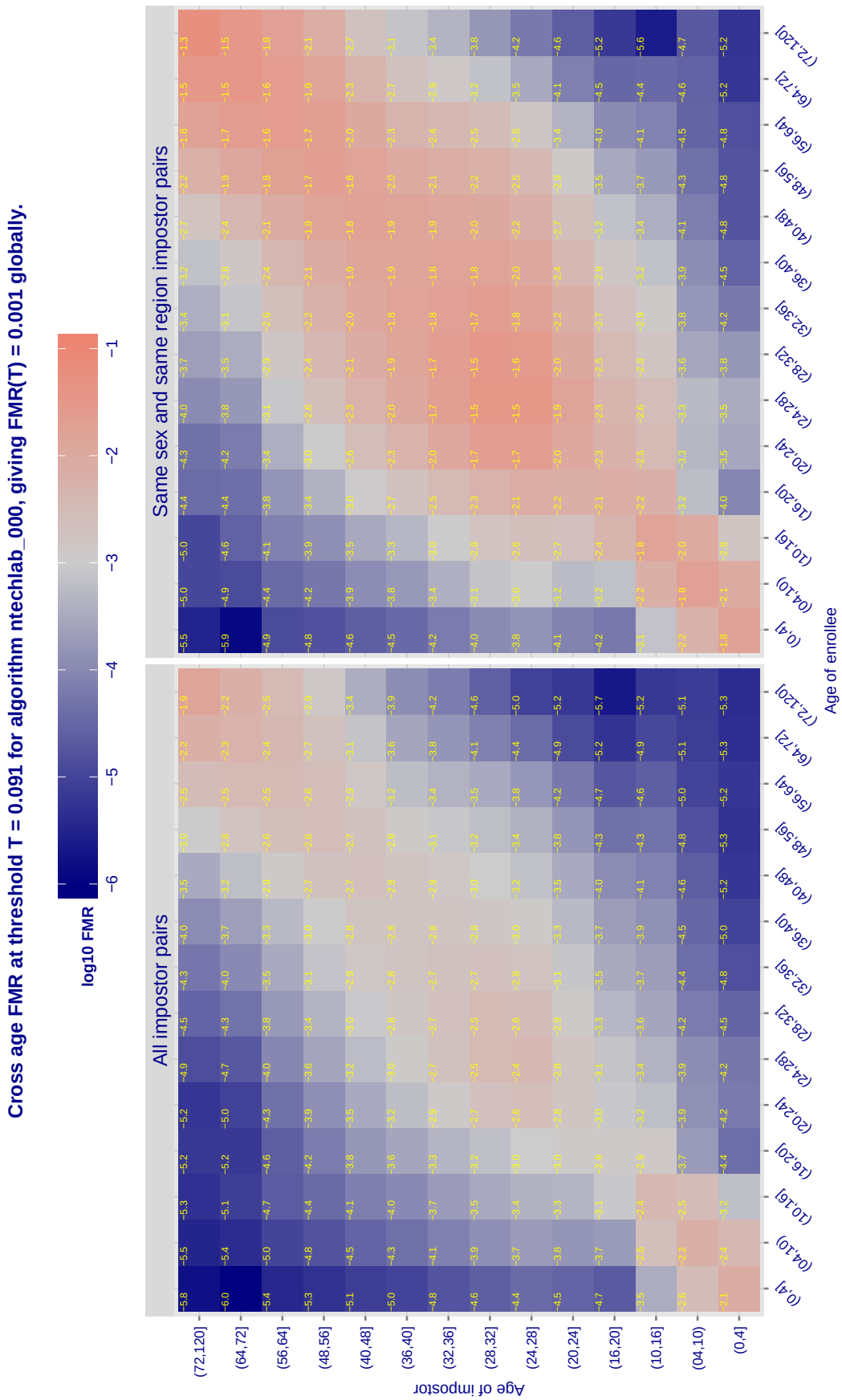

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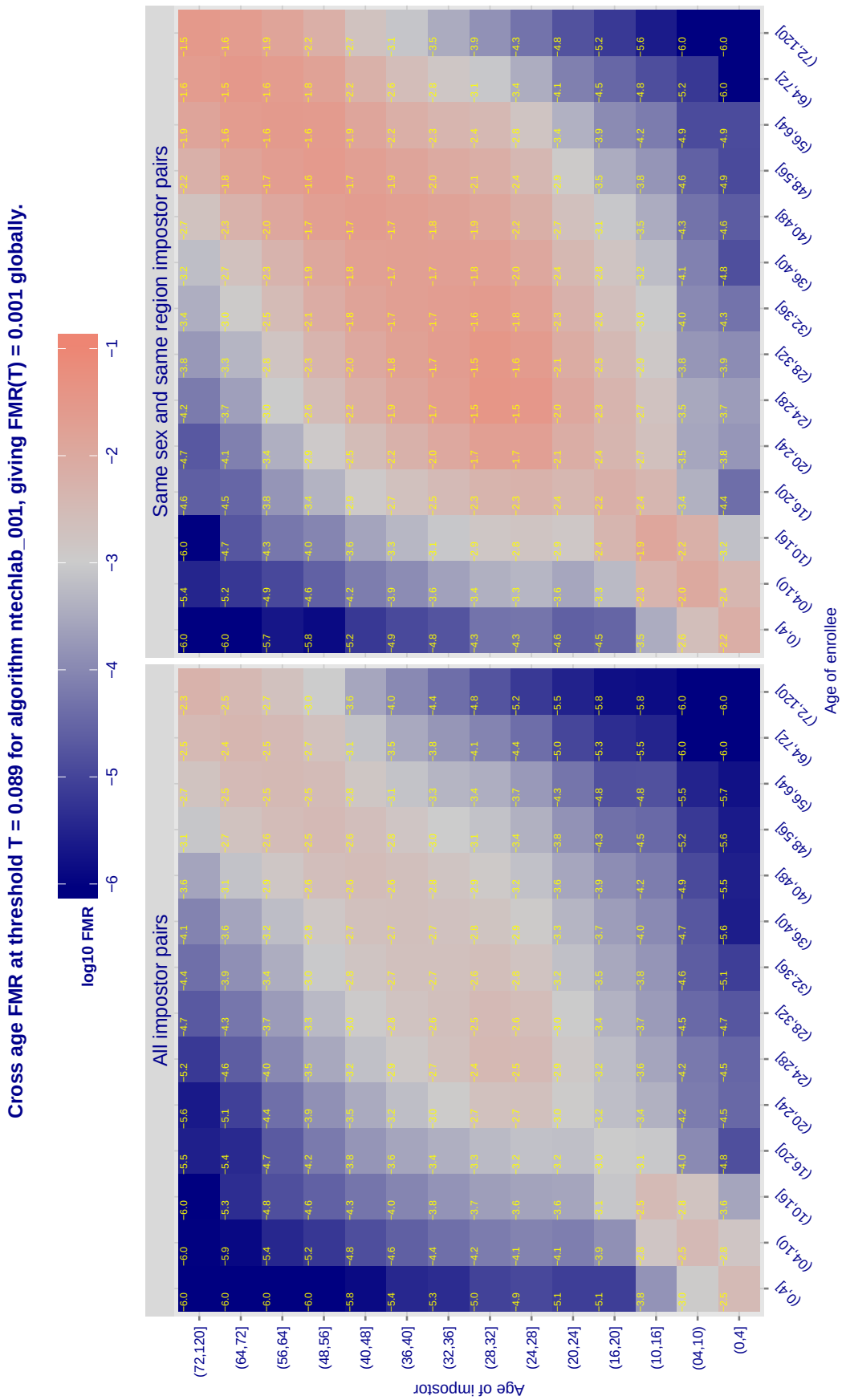

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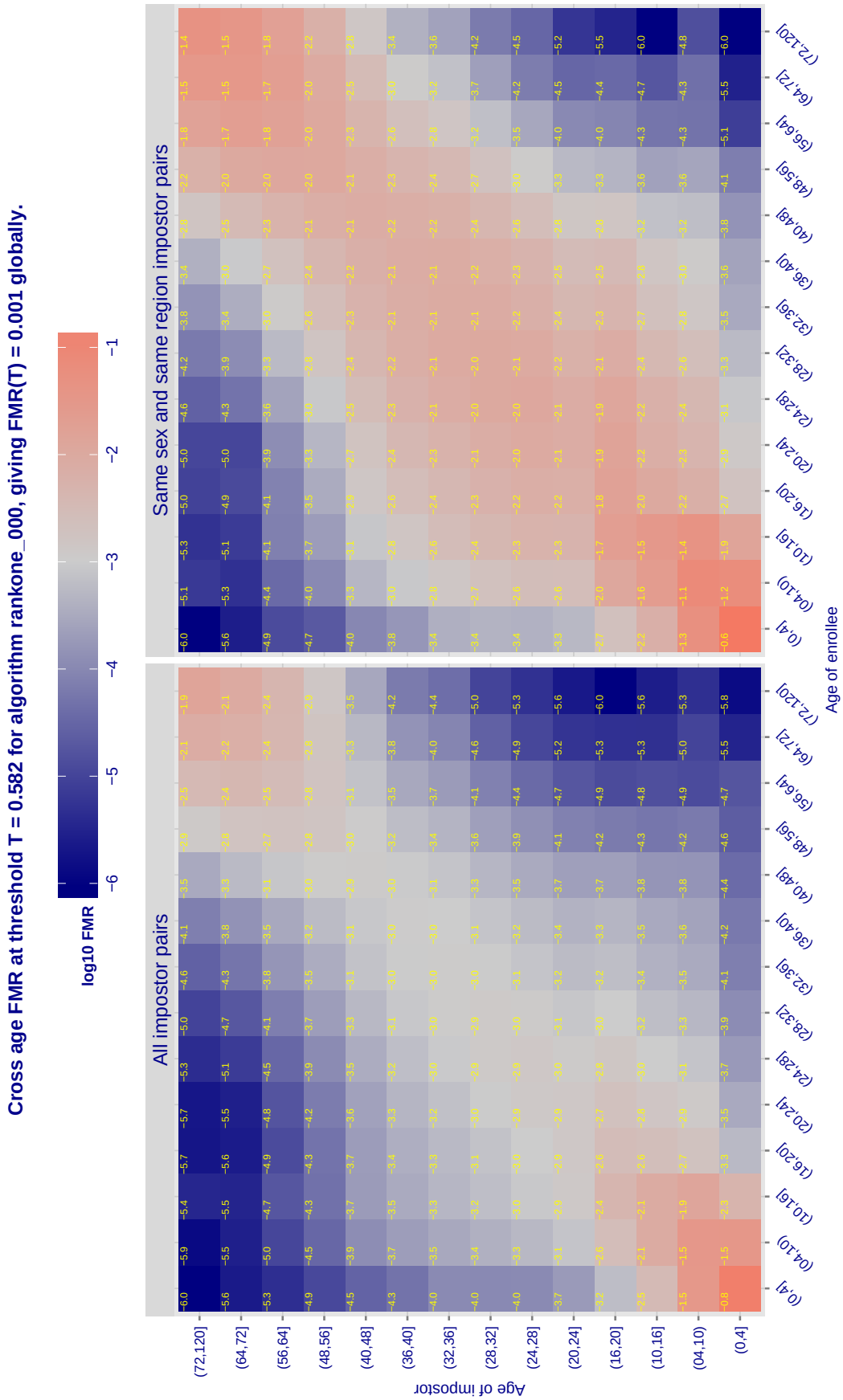

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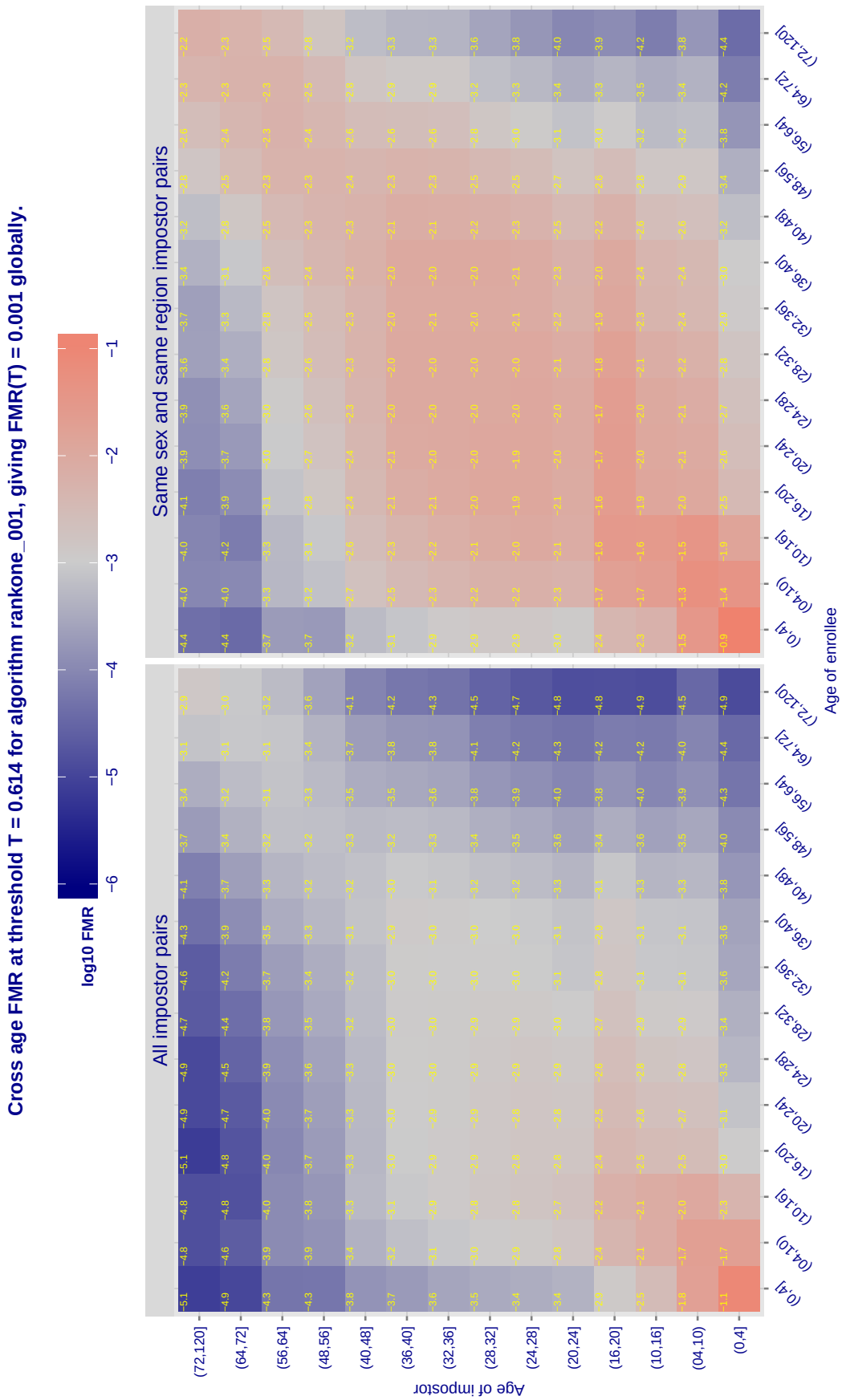

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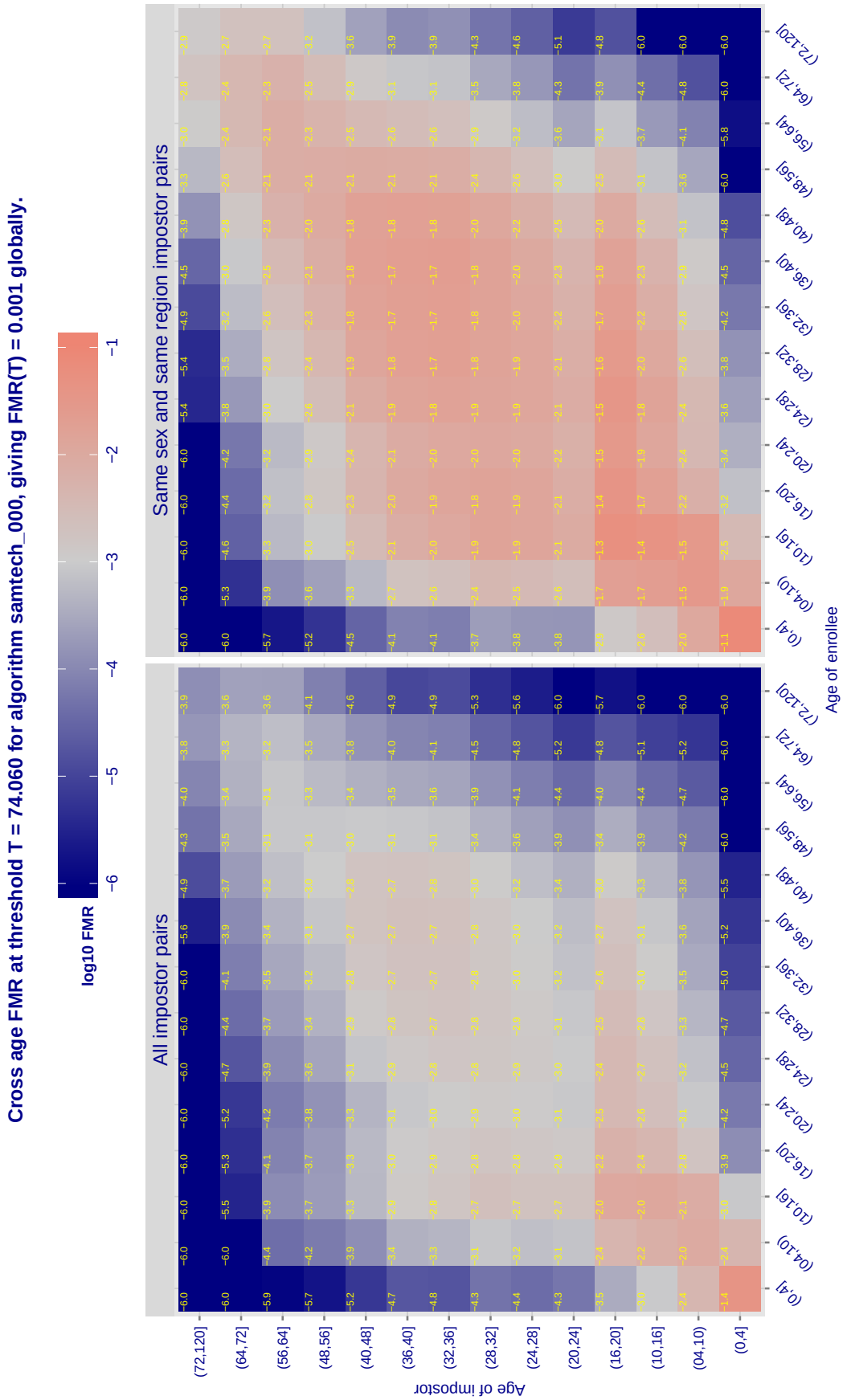

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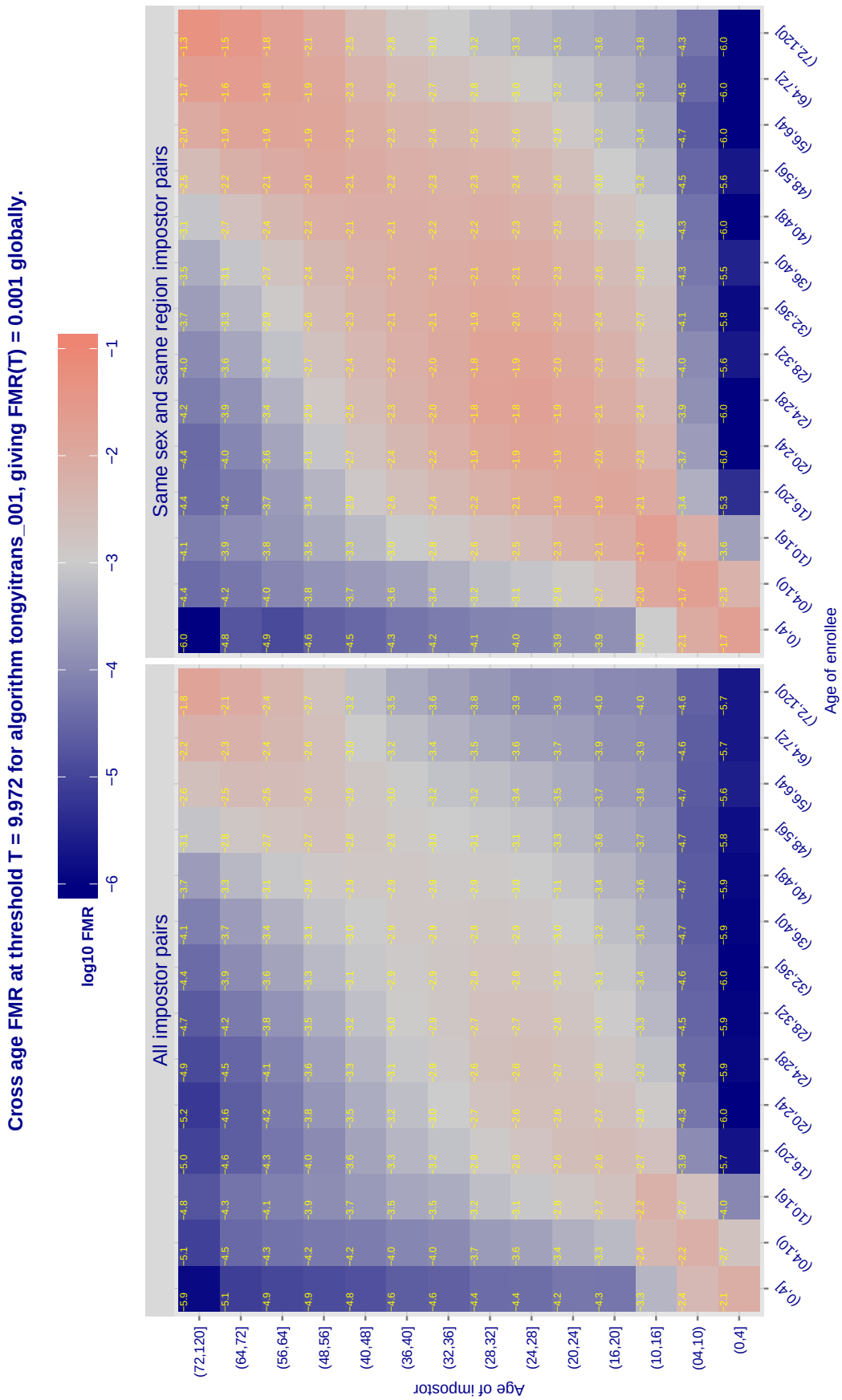

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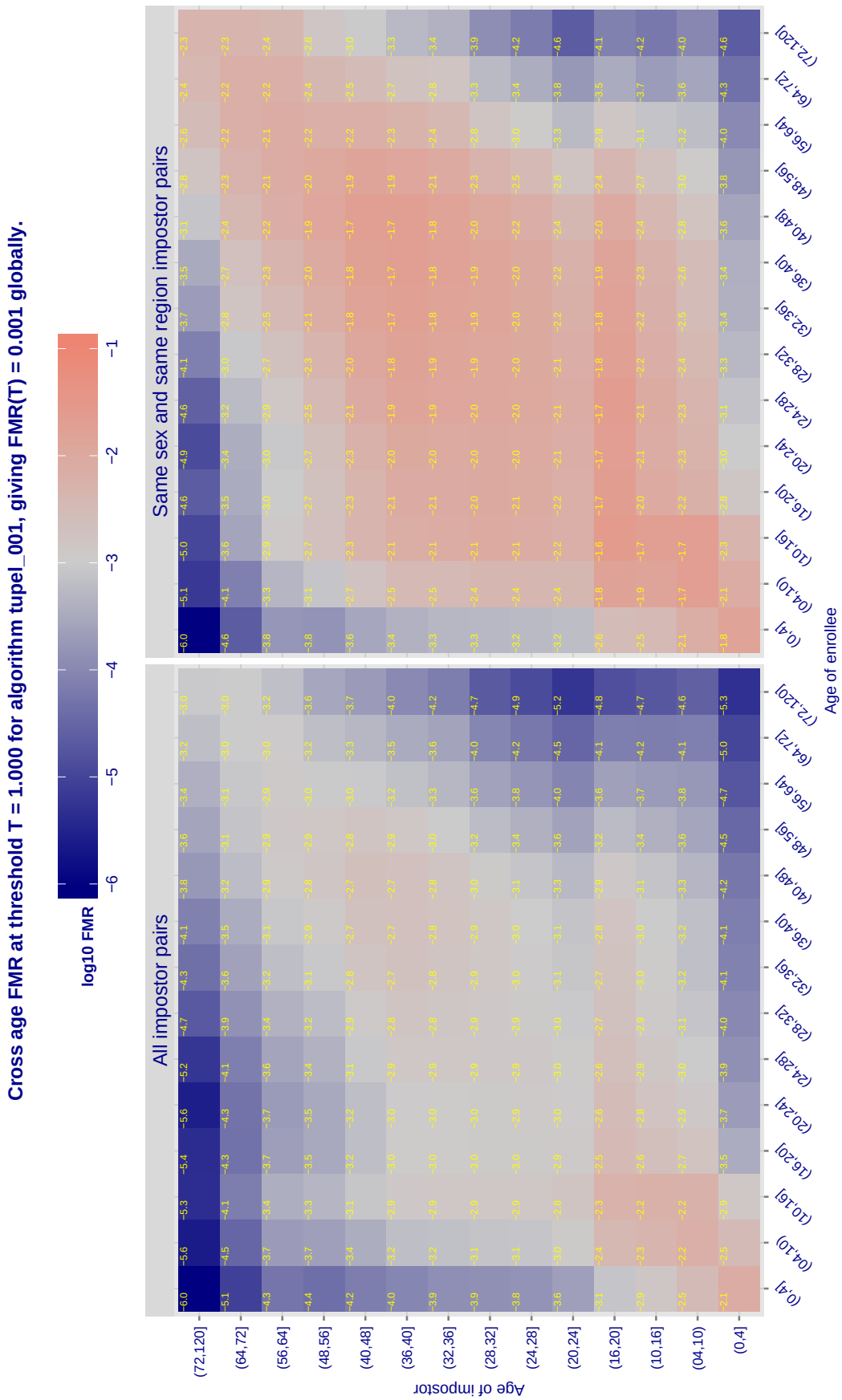

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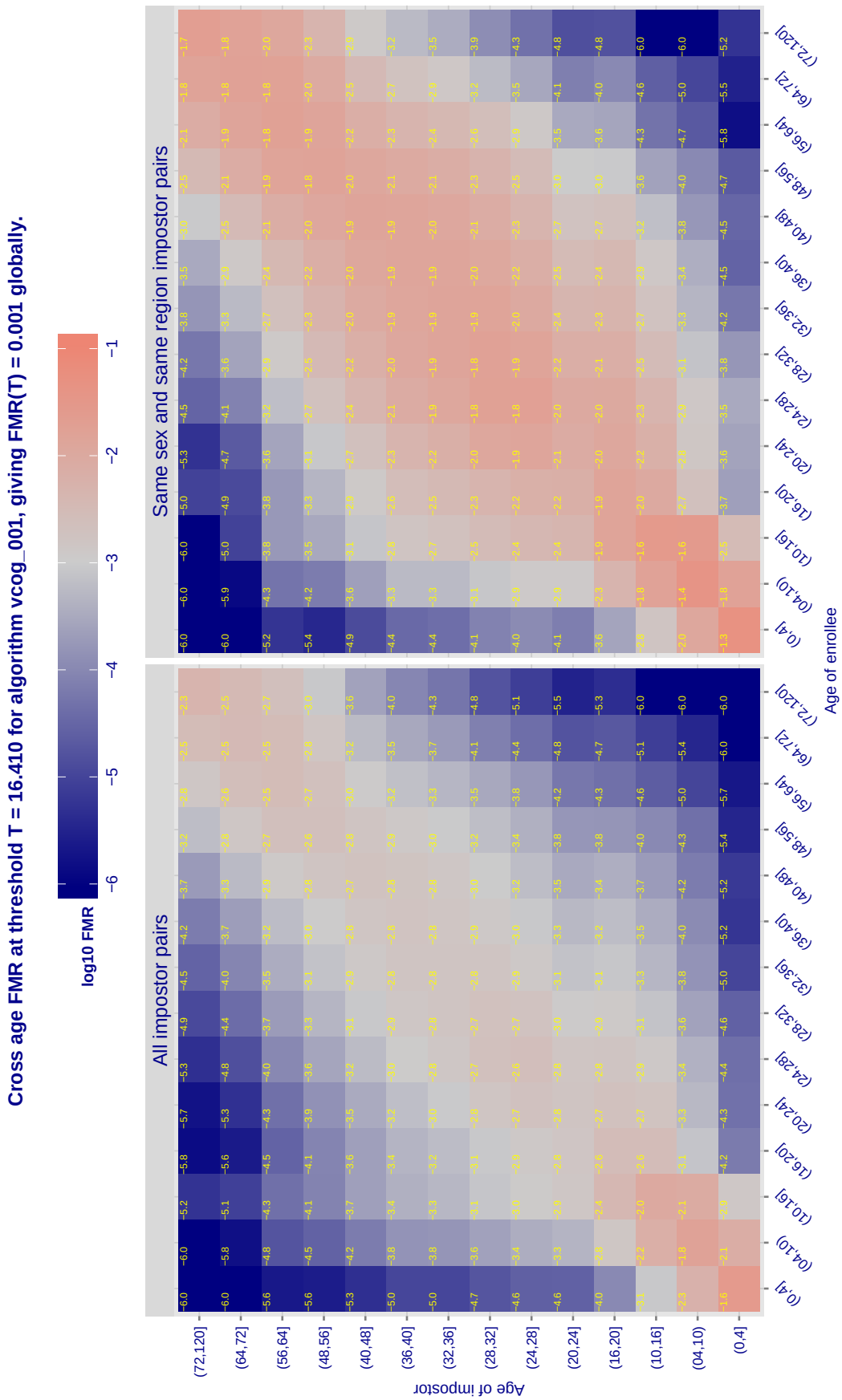

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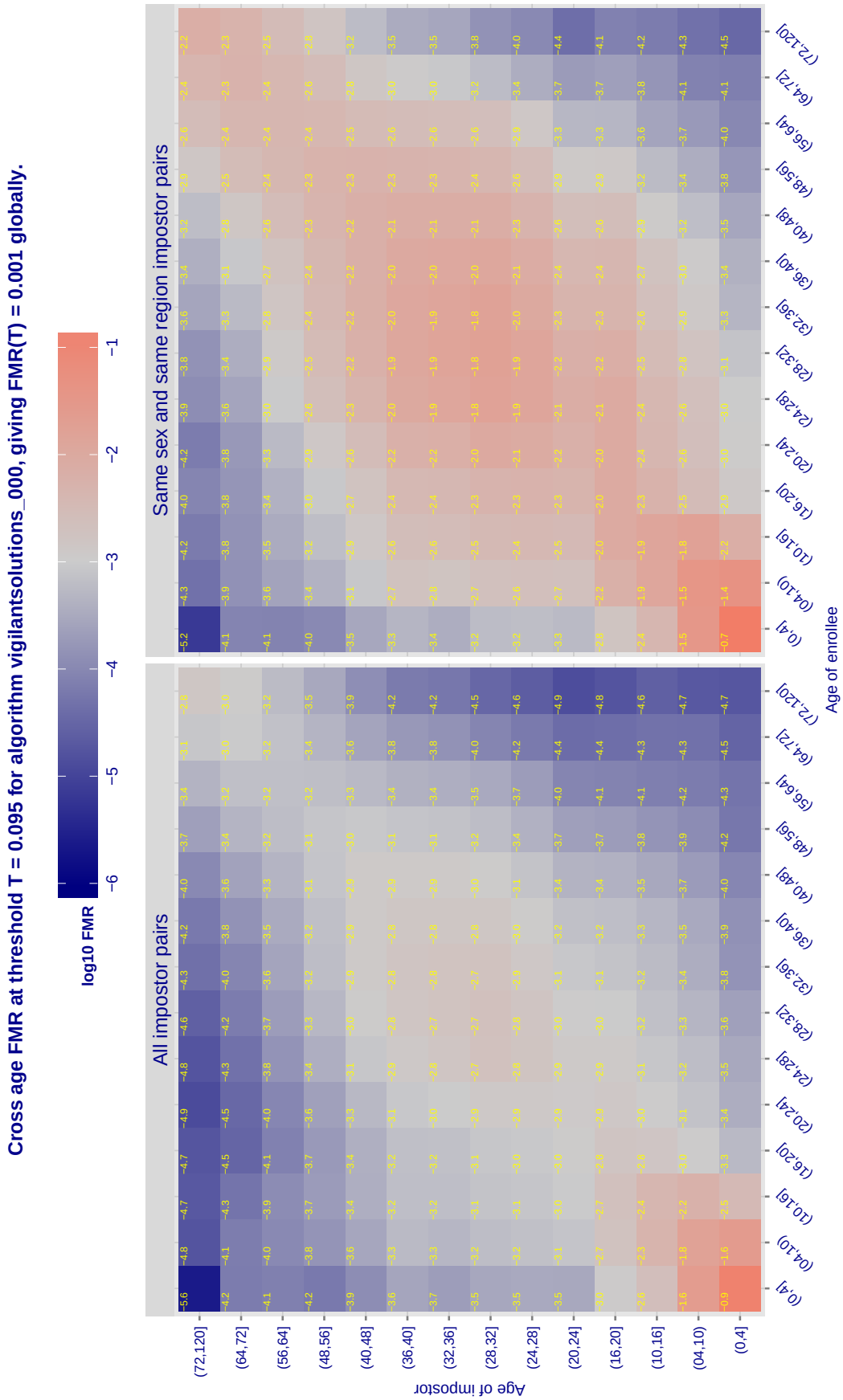

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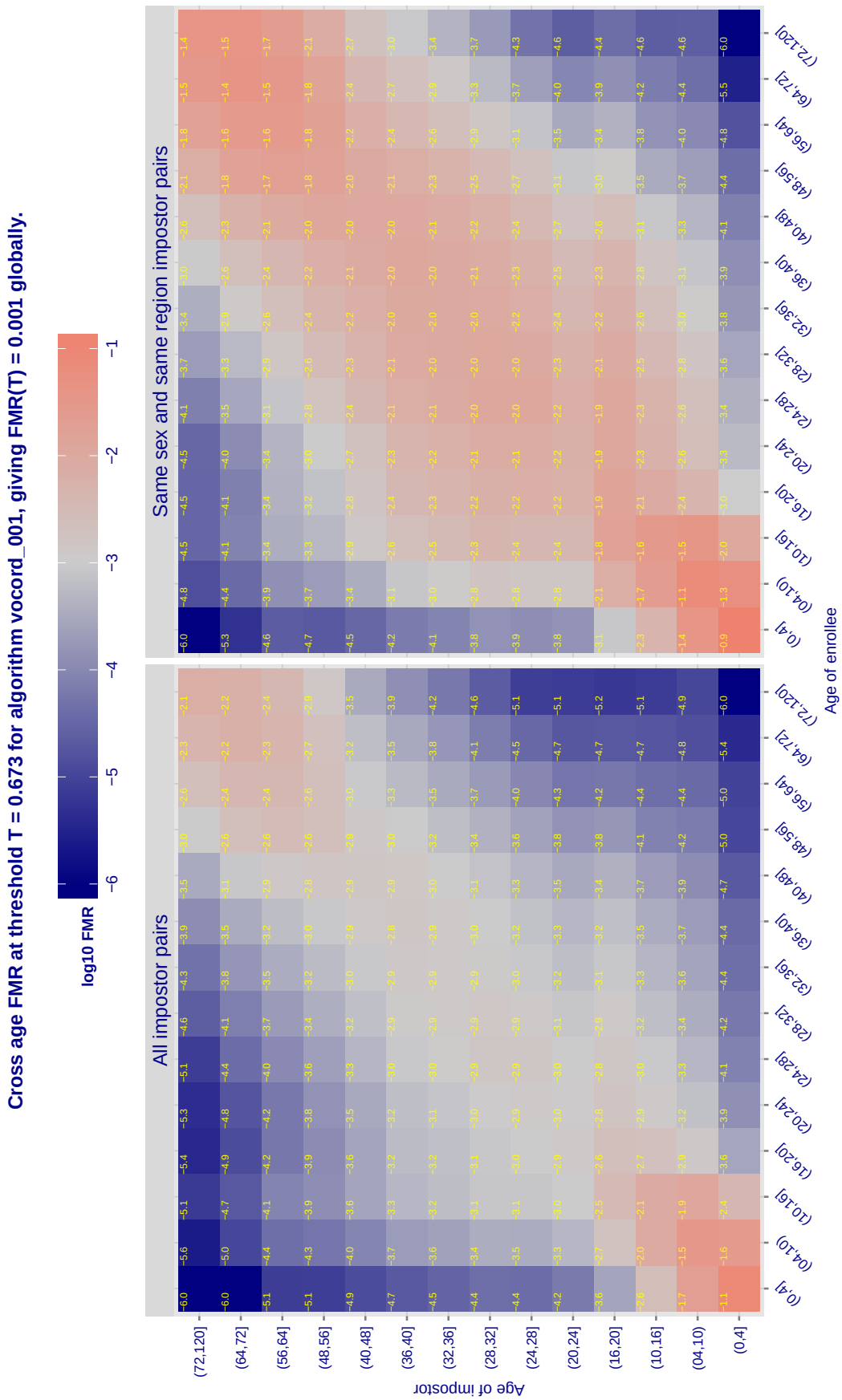

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Accuracy Terms + Definitions

In biometrics, Type II errors occur when two samples of one person do not match – this is called a **false negative**. Correspondingly, Type I errors occur when samples from two persons do match – this is called a **false positive**. Matches are declared by a biometric system when the native comparison score from the recognition algorithm meets some **threshold**. Comparison scores can be either **similarity scores**, in which case higher values indicate that the samples are more likely to come from the same person, or **dissimilarity scores**, in which case higher values indicate different people. Similarity scores are traditionally computed by **fingerprint** and **face** recognition algorithms, while dissimilarities are used in **iris recognition**. In some cases, the dissimilarity score is a distance; this applies only when **metric** properties are obeyed. In any case, scores can be either **mate** scores, coming from a comparison of one person's samples, or **nonmate** scores, coming from comparison of different persons' samples. The words **genuine** or **authentic** are synonyms for mate, and the word **impostor** is used a synonym for nonmate. The words mate and nonmate are traditionally used in identification applications (such as law enforcement search, or background checks) while genuine and impostor are used in verification applications (such as access control).

A **error tradeoff** characteristic represents the tradeoff between Type II and Type I classification errors. For verification this plots false non-match rate (FNMR) vs. false match rate (FMR) parametrically with T.

The error tradeoff plots are often called **detection error tradeoff (DET)** characteristics or **receiver operating characteristic** (ROC). These serve the same function but differ, for example, in plotting the complement of an error rate (e.g. TMR = 1 – FNMR) and in transforming the axes most commonly using logarithms, to show multiple decades of FMR. More rarely, the function might be the inverse Gaussian function.

More detail and generality is provided in formal biometrics testing standards, see the various parts of ISO/IEC 19795 Biometrics Testing and Reporting. More terms, including and beyond those to do with accuracy, see ISO/IEC 2382-37 Information technology -- Vocabulary -- Part 37: Harmonized biometric vocabulary

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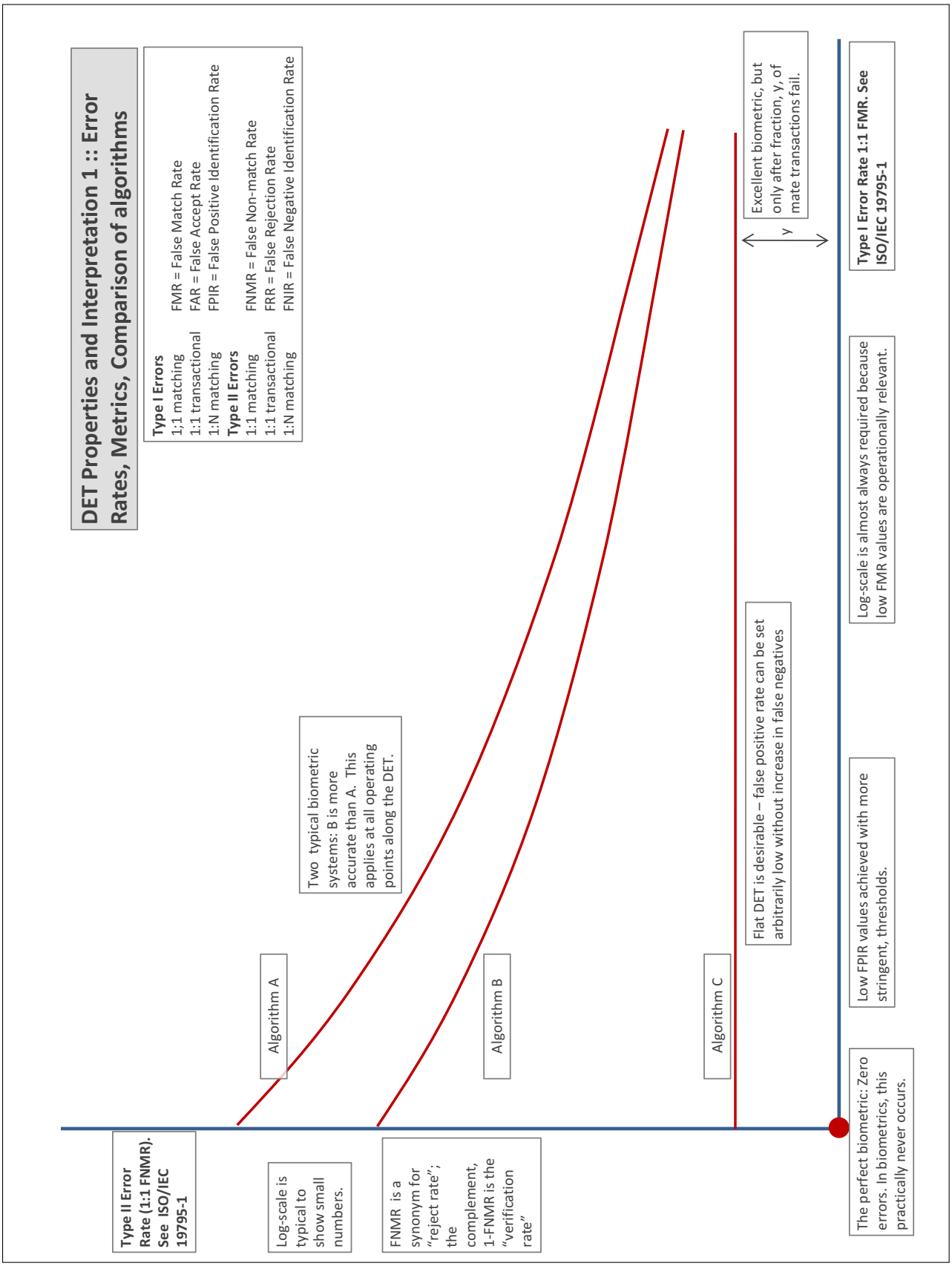

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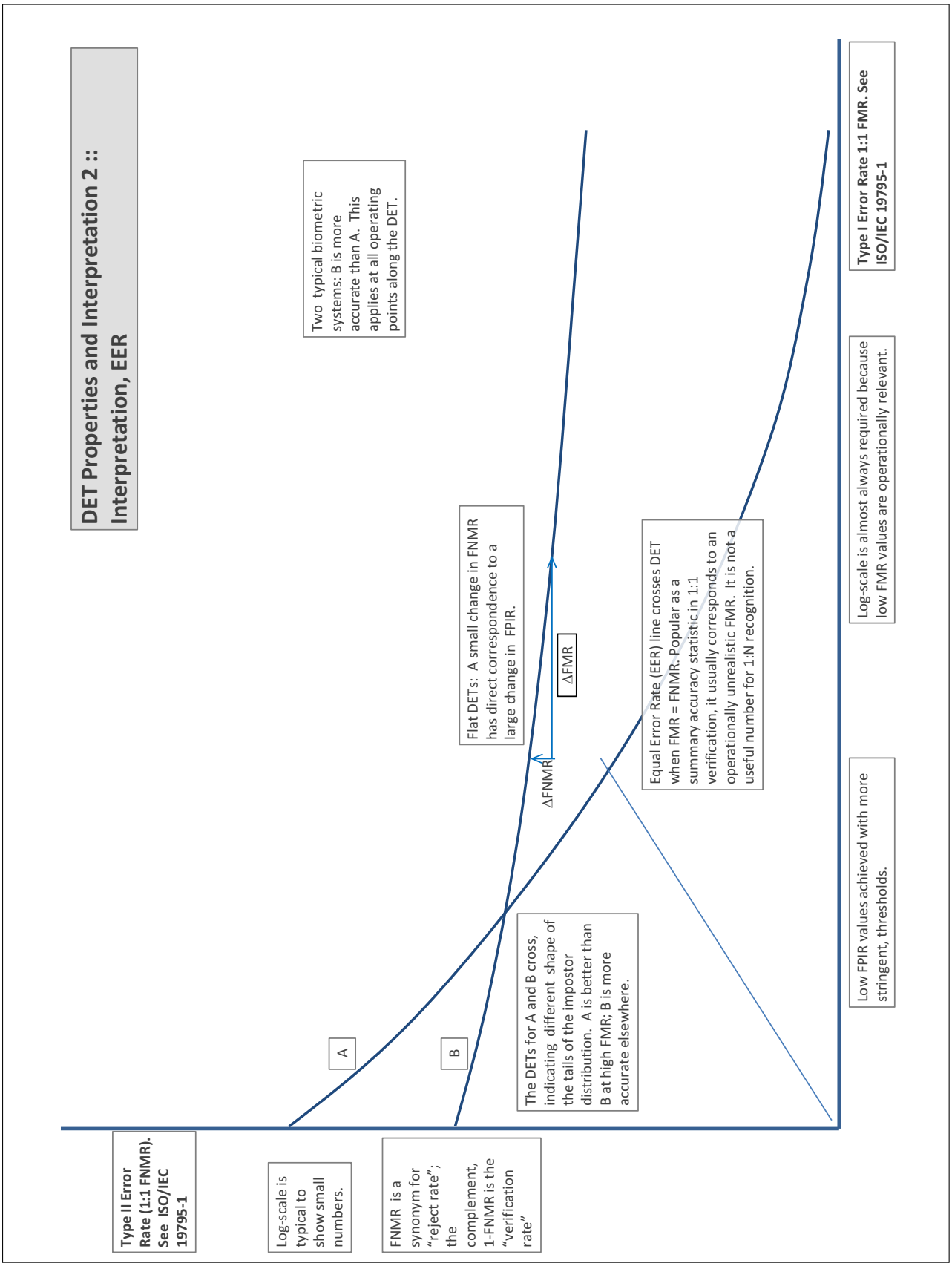

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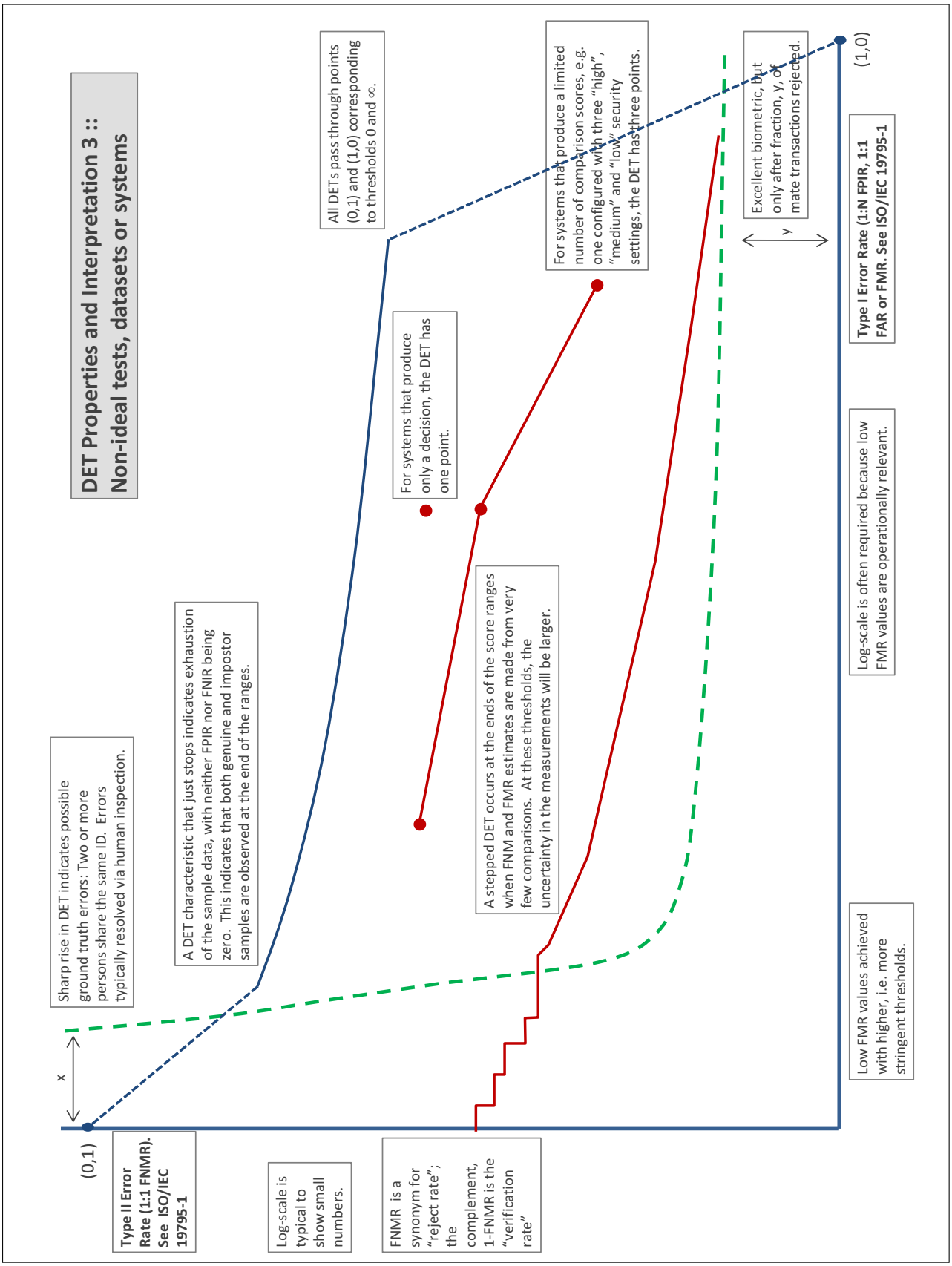

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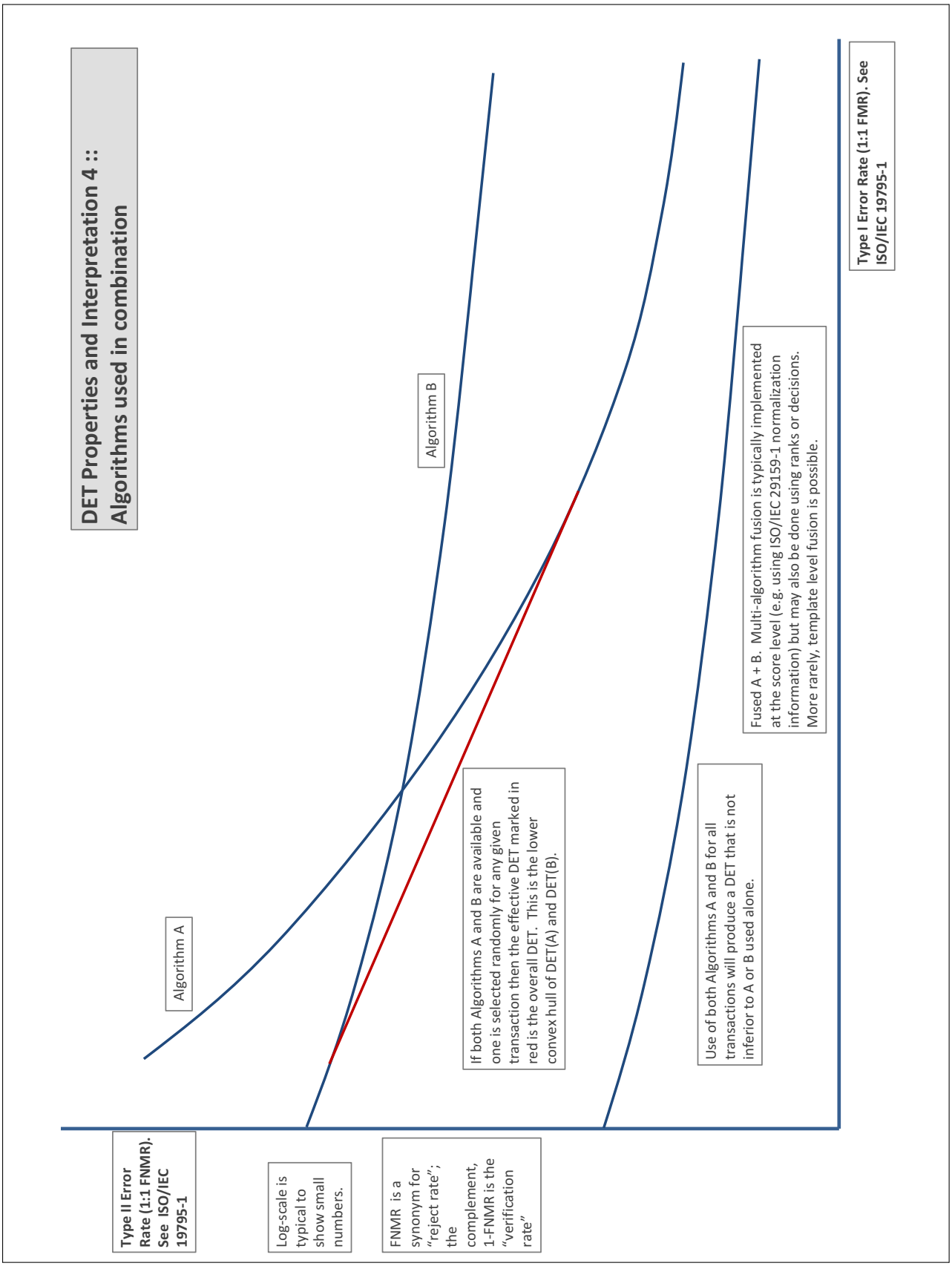

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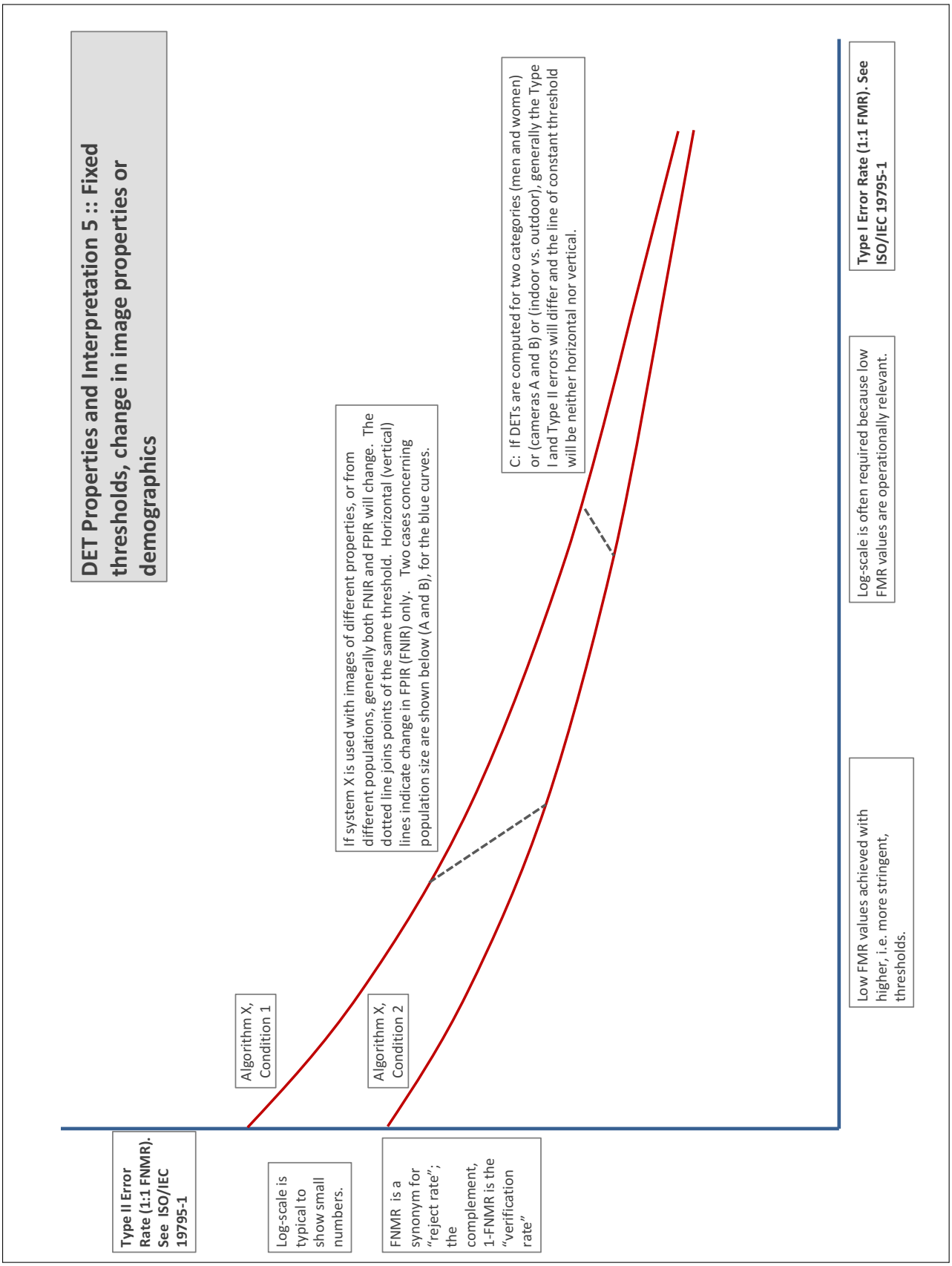

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