

# Sample entropy for graph signals: An approach to nonlinear analysis of graph signals

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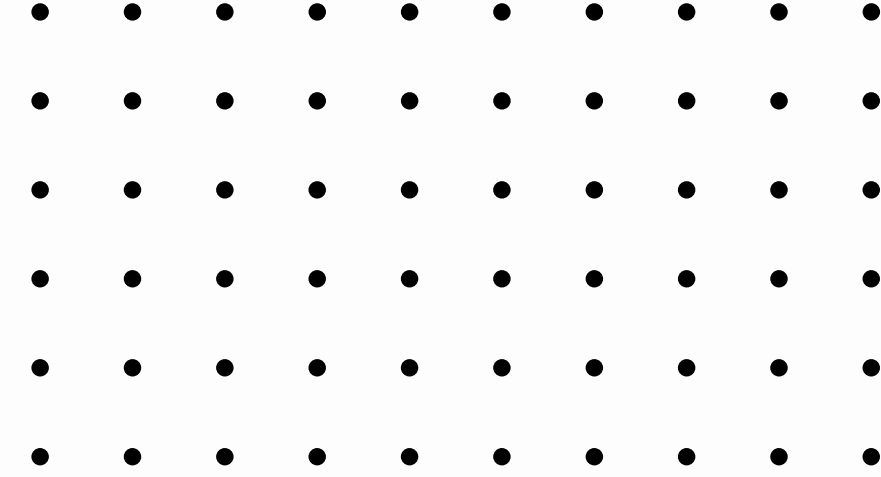
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# AGENDA

- Introduction
- Theoretical framework
- Validation in 1D, 2D, graph signals
- Real- world traffic dataset
- Conclusion



# INTRODUCTION

Real-world complex systems exhibit nonlinear dynamics.

- Brain networks
- Power grids
- Traffic network
- Social interactions



**Complexity & state transition  
characterisation in graph signals**

# SAMPLE ENTROPY

Since 2000  $\Rightarrow$  Canonical in time series

Applications:



Cardiology



Neuroscience



Engineering



Finance

> 6,100 citations

# GRAPH ENTROPY MEASURE

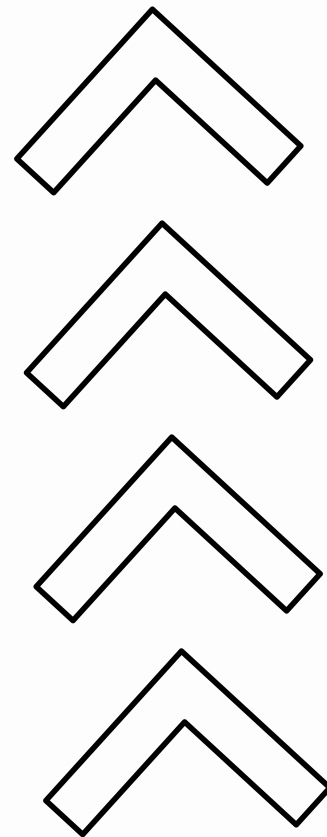
## Dispersion Entropy (DE)

measures distribution pattern  
of symbols (Shannon entropy).



Recently

⇒ Graph-based DE (DEG)

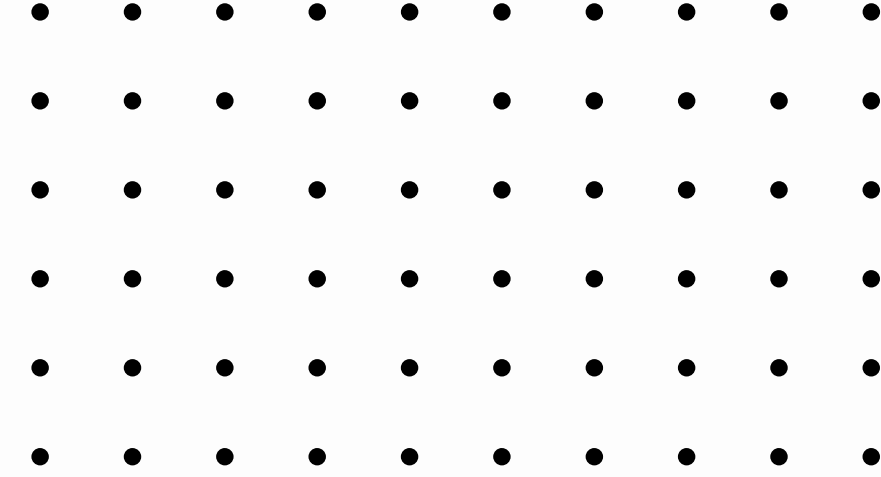


## Sample Entropy (Sa m p En)

conditional entropy - based metric  
measuring **irregularity** and  
**repetition** of signal patterns.



Can we define an analogous Sample  
Entropy measure for graph signals?



# METHODS



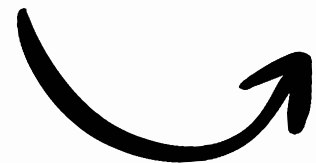
# CLASSICAL SAMPLE ENTROPY

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Create patterns of length  $m$

**m-length pattern**

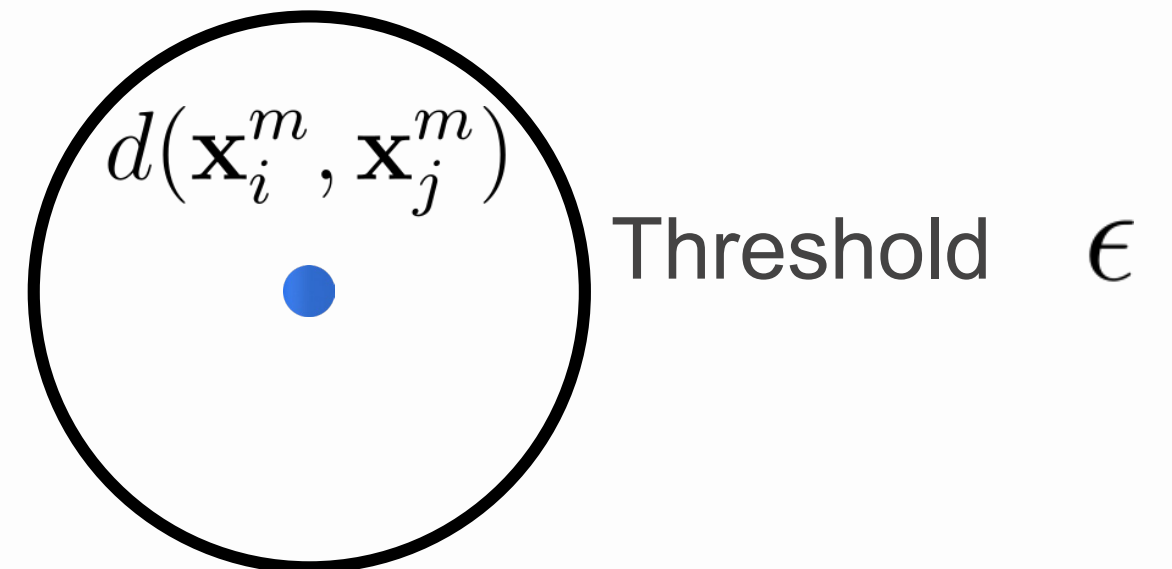
$x(1)$   $x(2)$   $x(3)$   $x(4)$   $x(5)$   $x(6)$   $x(7)$   $x(8)$   $x(9)$   $x(10)$



2

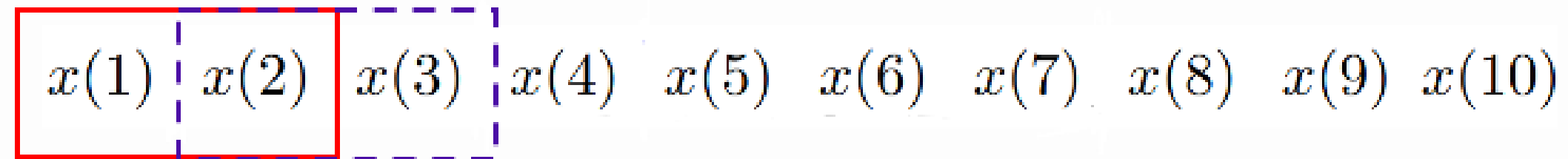
Compute pairwise Chebyshev distance between patterns

**Count similarity patterns (match)**  
if  $\leq$  threshold

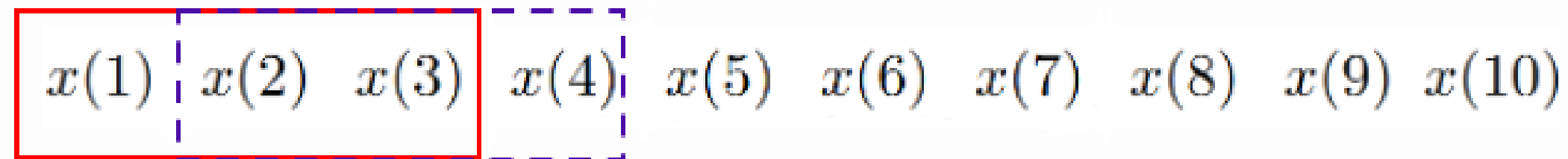


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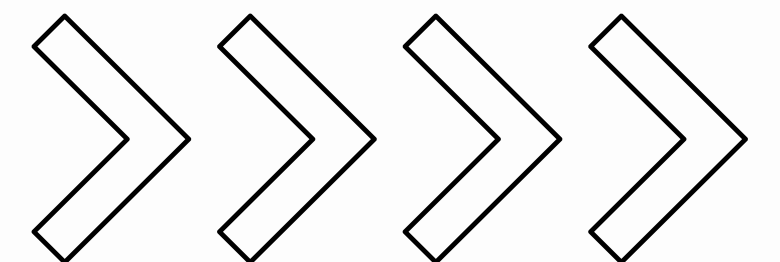


**(m+1)-length pattern**



$$-\ln \left( \frac{A^m}{B^m} \right)$$

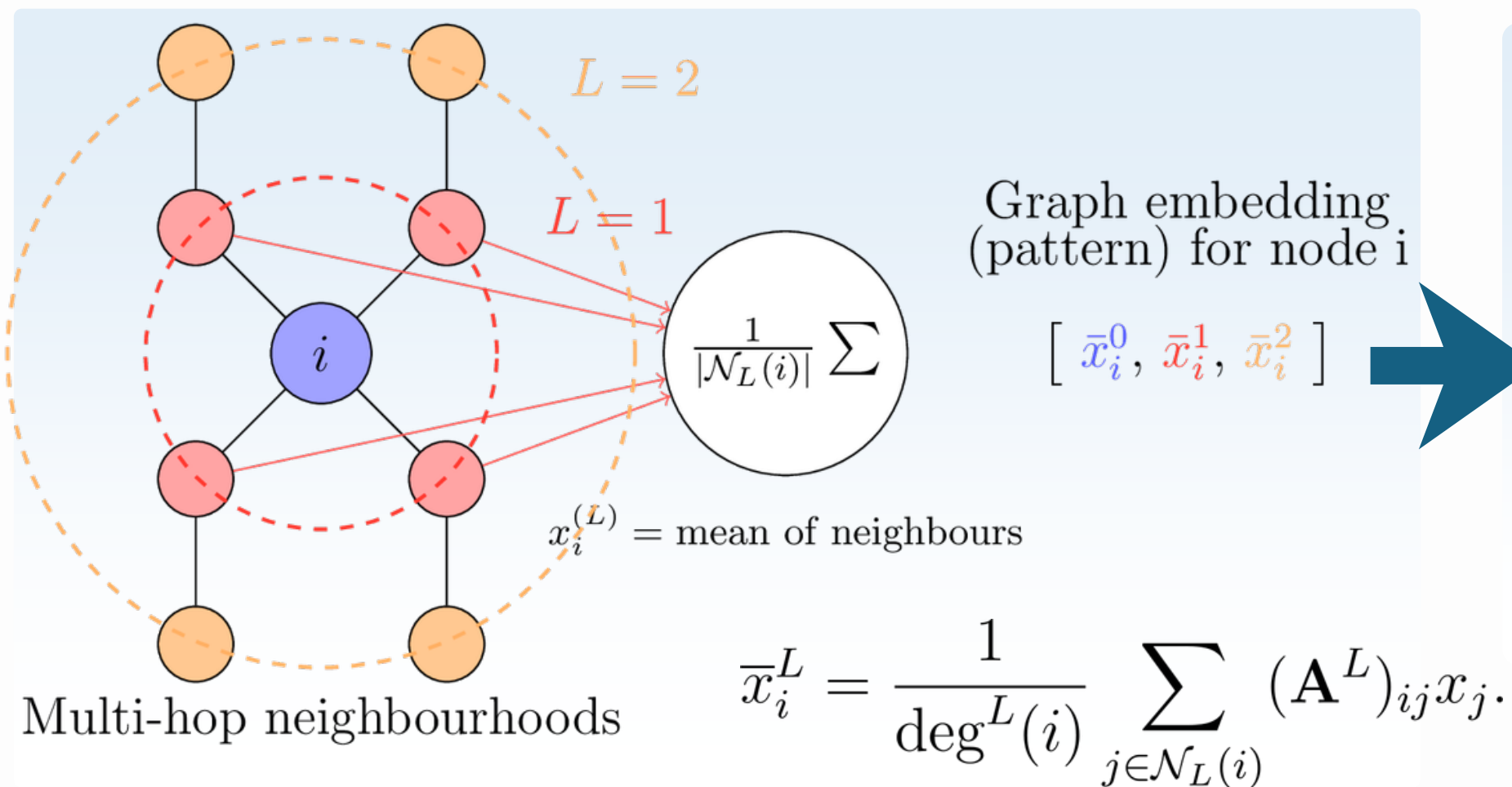
**How many of these matches retain?**



# GRAPHSIGNAL FRAMEWORK

## L-hop Neighbourhood aggregation

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}^m(i) = [\bar{x}_i^0, \bar{x}_i^1, \dots, \bar{x}_i^{m-1}]$$



## Measure similarity (against threshold)

$$d(\mathbf{x}_i^m, \mathbf{x}_j^m)$$

match ✓ if  $d \leq \epsilon$

$$\epsilon = r \cdot \text{SD}$$

## Compute entropy change

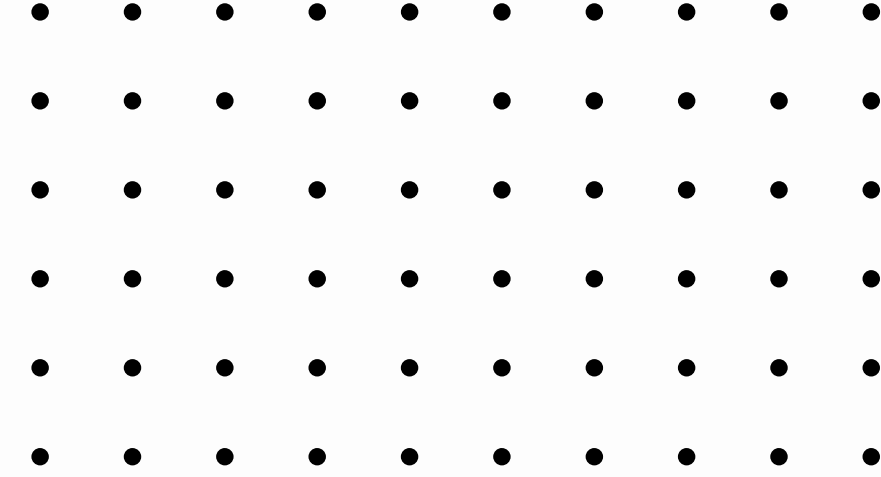
when  $m \rightarrow m + 1$

$$-\ln \left( \frac{A^m}{B^m} \right)$$

$B^m$  (matches at  $m$ )

$A^m$  (matches at  $m + 1$ )

Generalizes Sample Entropy. Continuous entropy metric on graph signals.

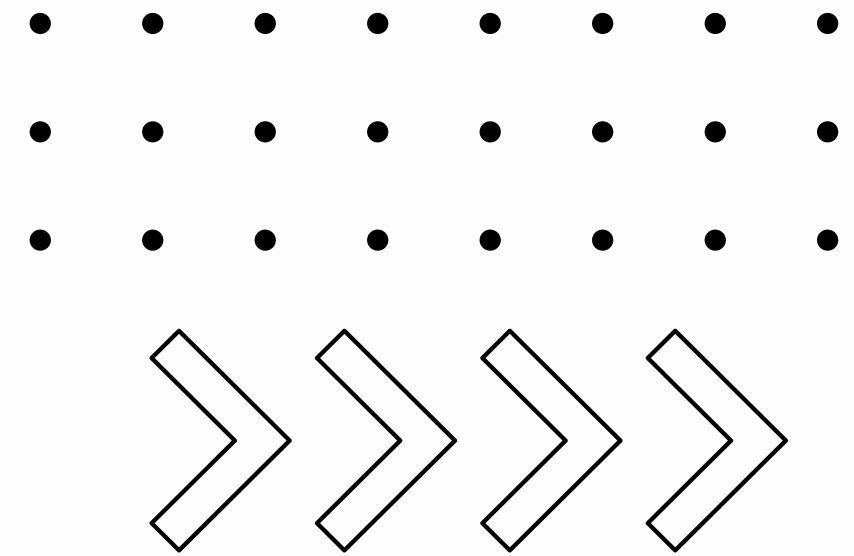


# EXPERIMENTS & RESULTS



# VALIDATION

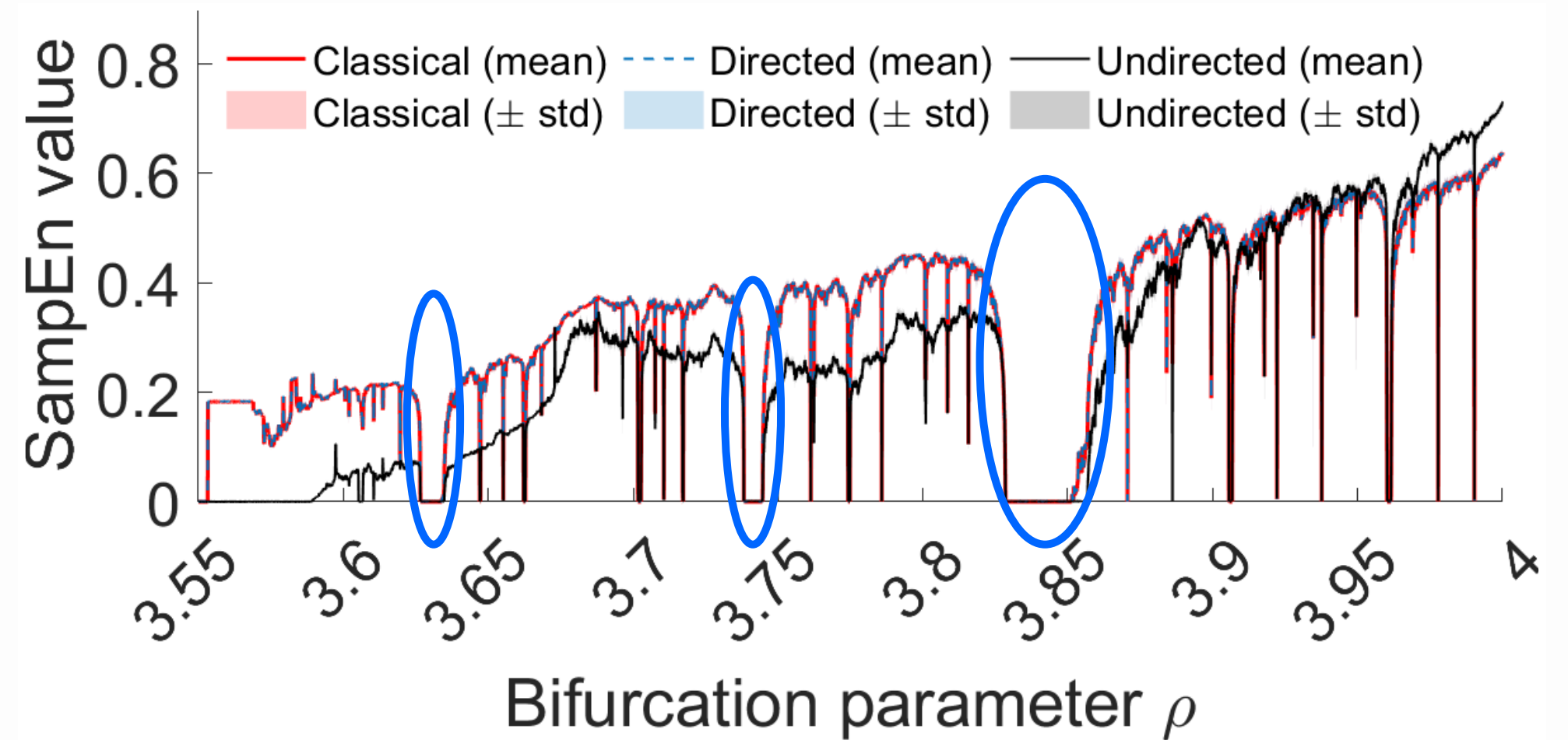
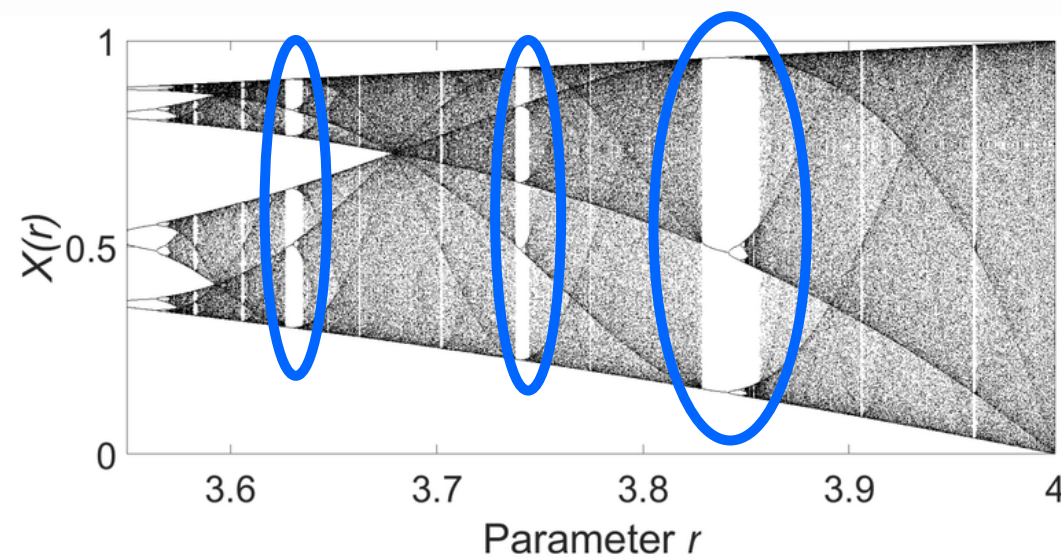
## Generalisability to 1D and 2D



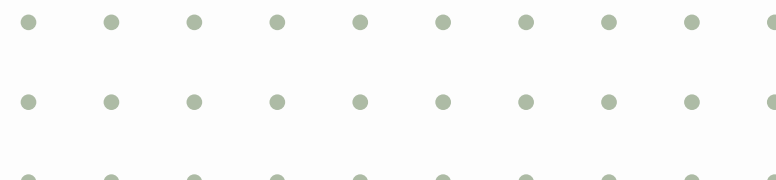
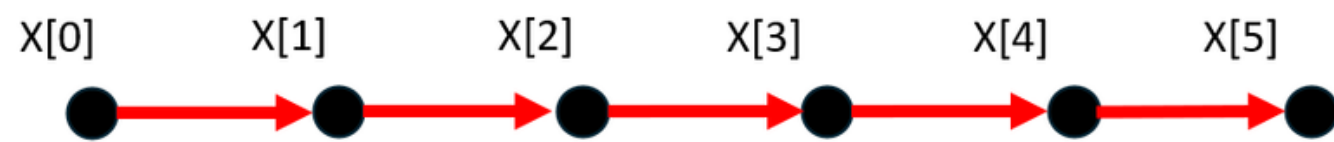
1D Logistic map

$$x_{n+1} = rx_n(1 - x_n)$$

Islands of stability



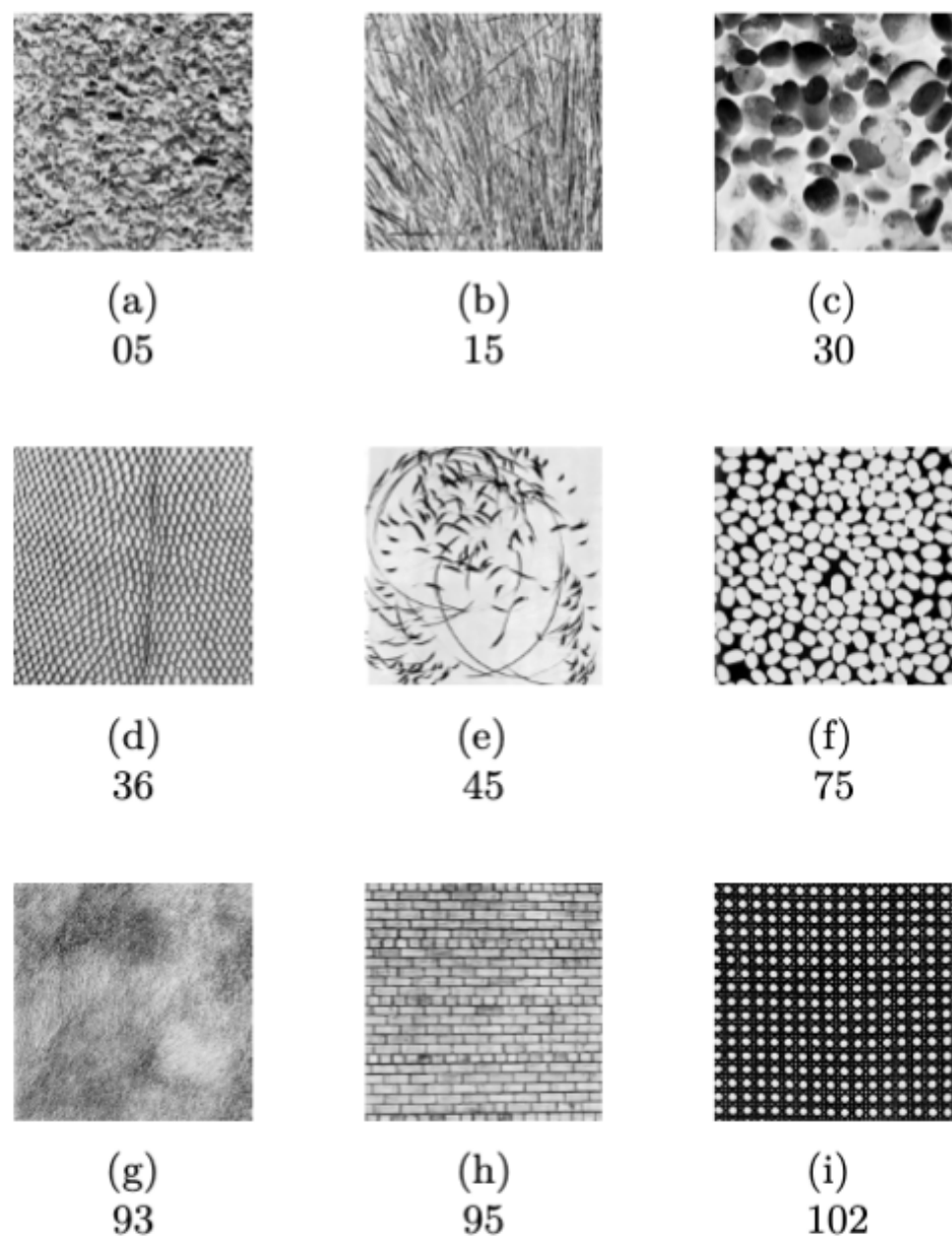
Directed path



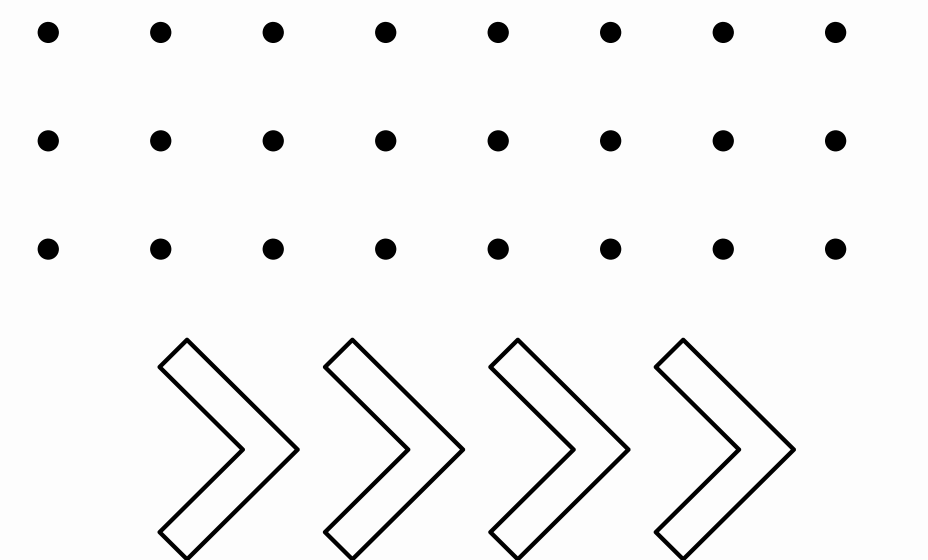
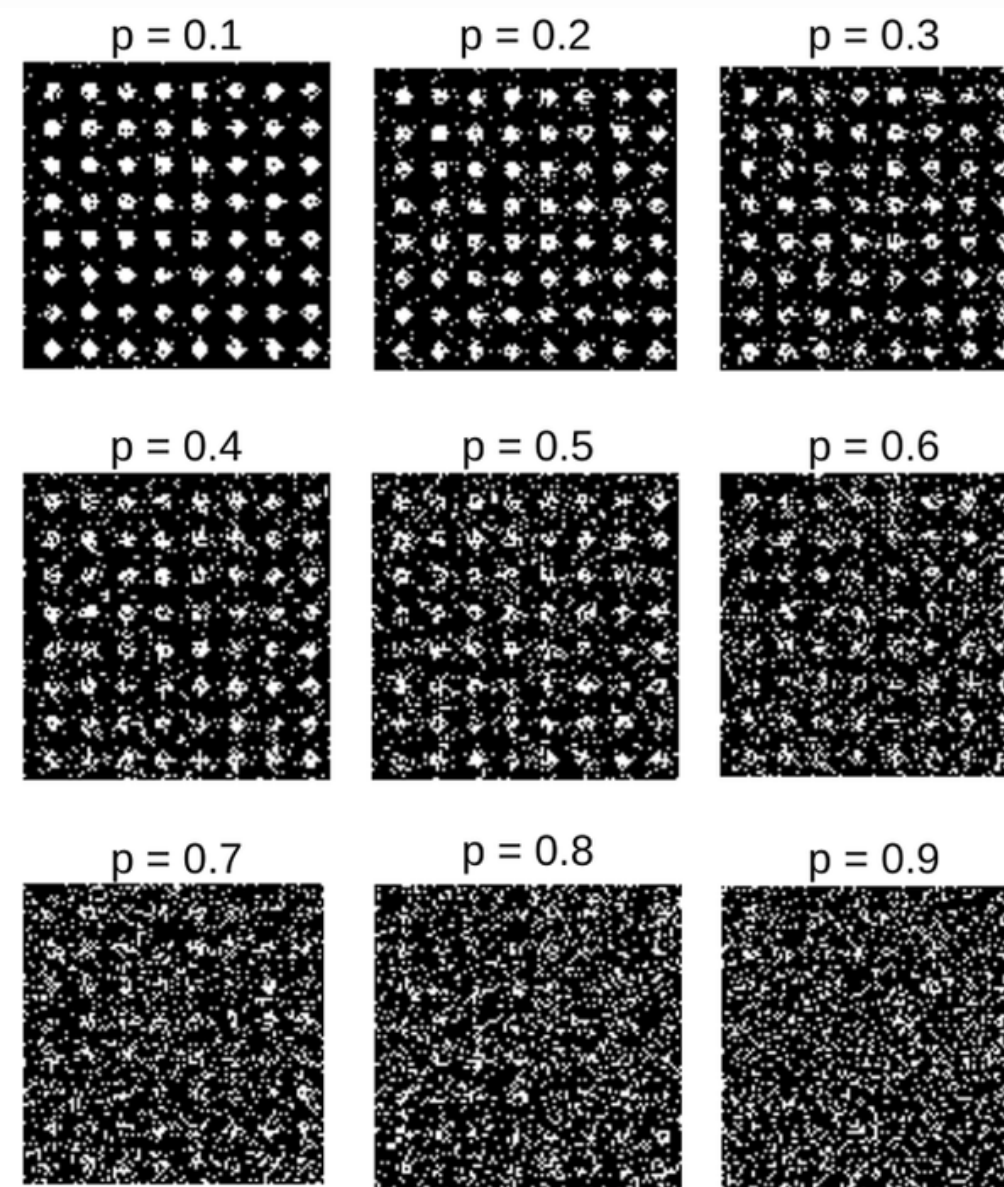
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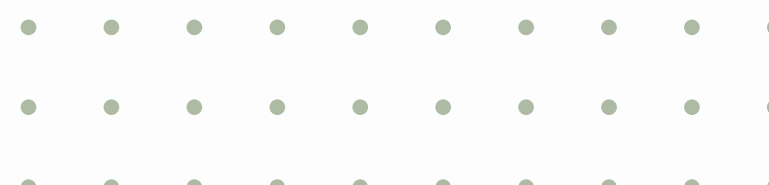
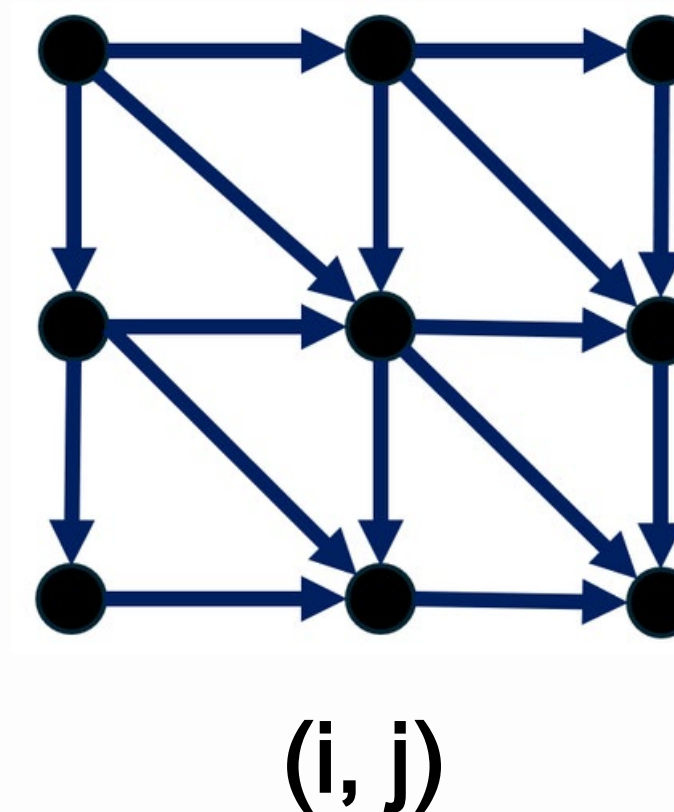
2D Brodatz dataset



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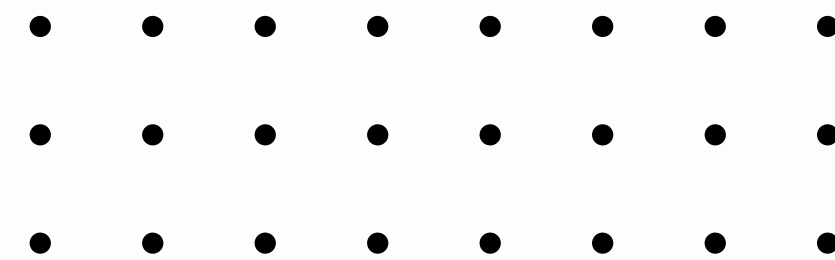


2D directed grids

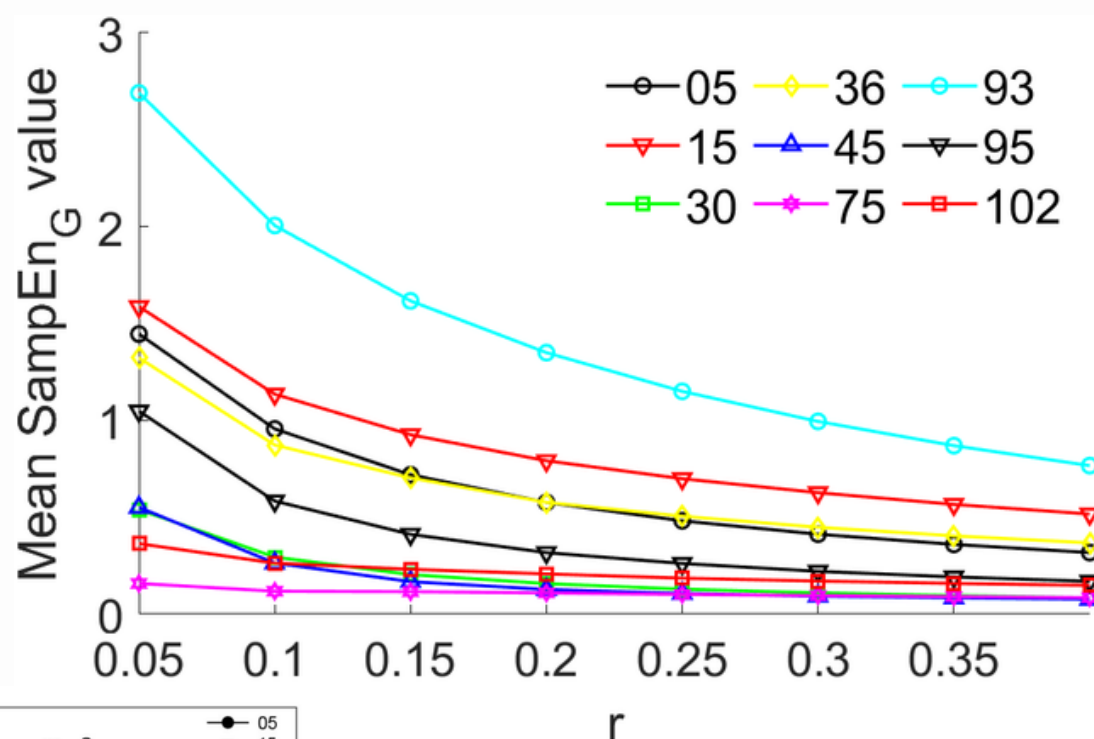


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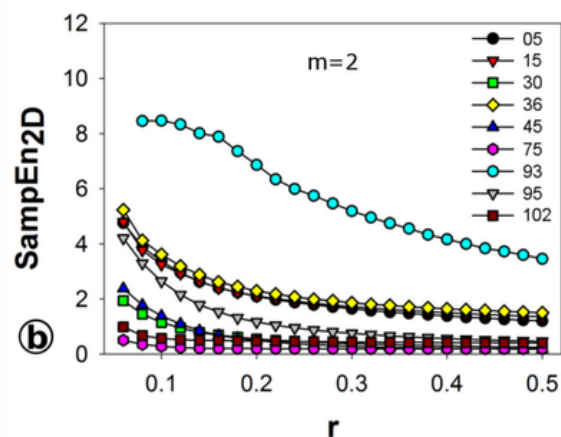
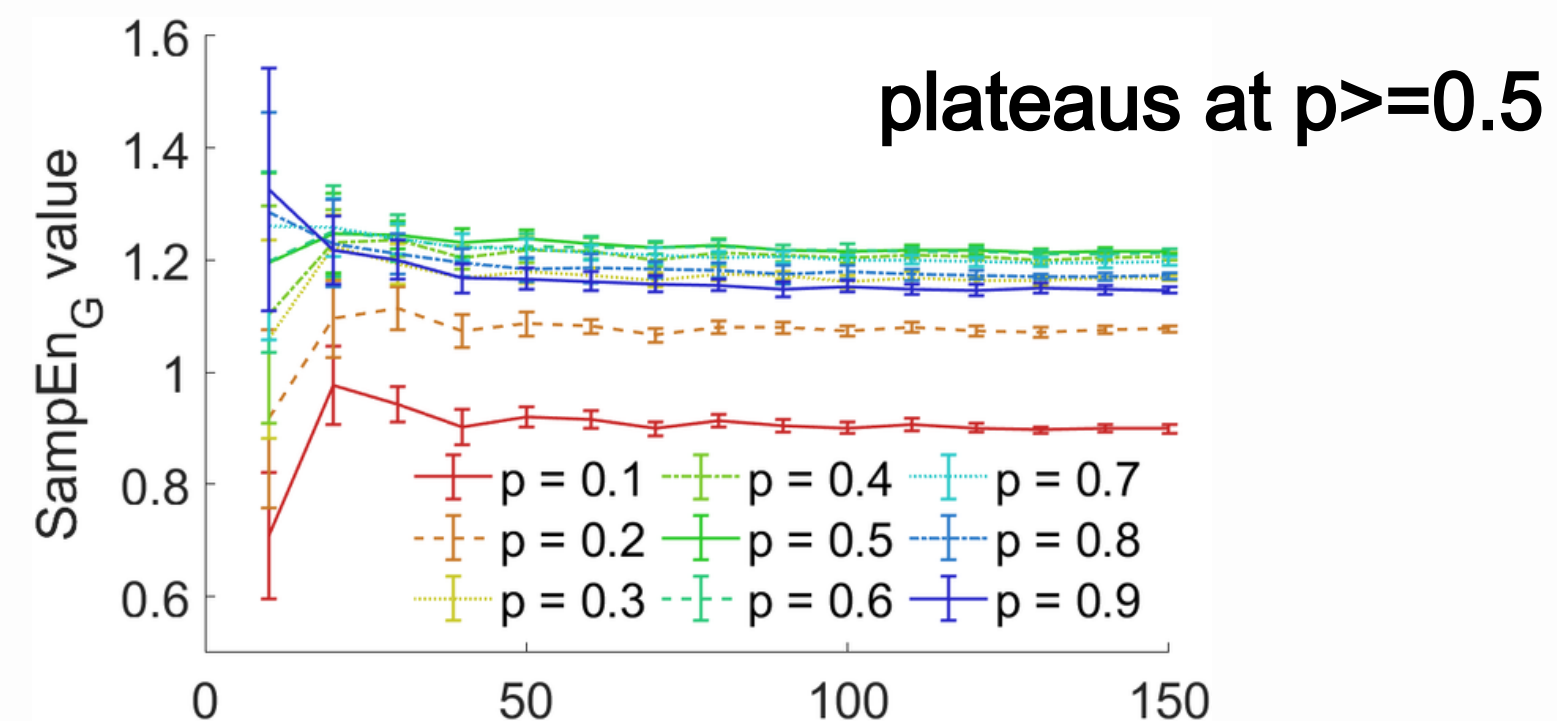
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### 2D Brodatz dataset



### MIX 2D



SampEn2D [1]

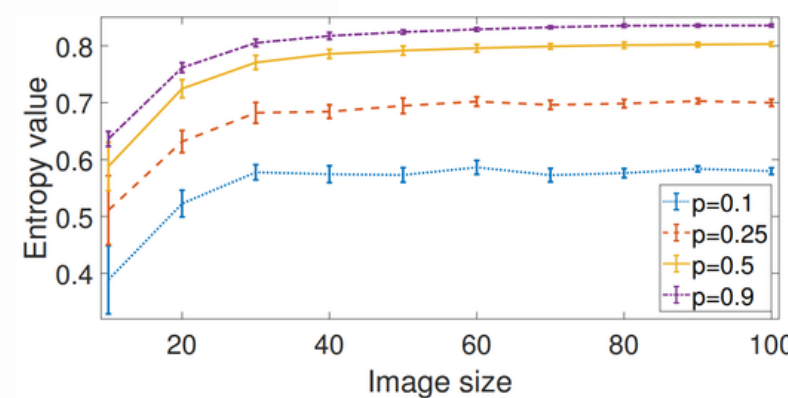


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Graph-based permutation entropy on MIX2D [2]

**Follows overall SampEn2D behaviour on grids.**

[1] L E V Silva et al 2016 Biomed. Phys. Eng. Express 2 045002

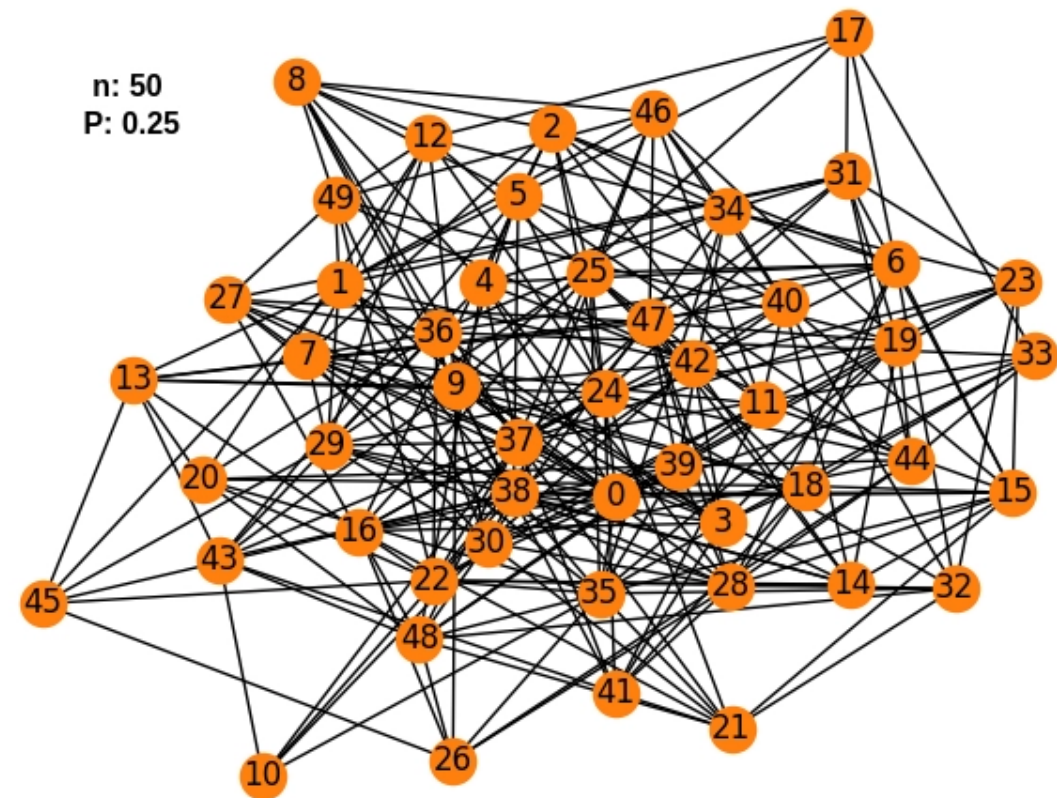
[2] Fabila Carrasco, JS, Tan, C & Escudero, J 2022, 'Permutation Entropy for Graph Signals', IEEE Transactions on Signal and Information Processing Over Networks, vol. 8, pp. 288-300

# ERDŐSRÉNYI MODEL

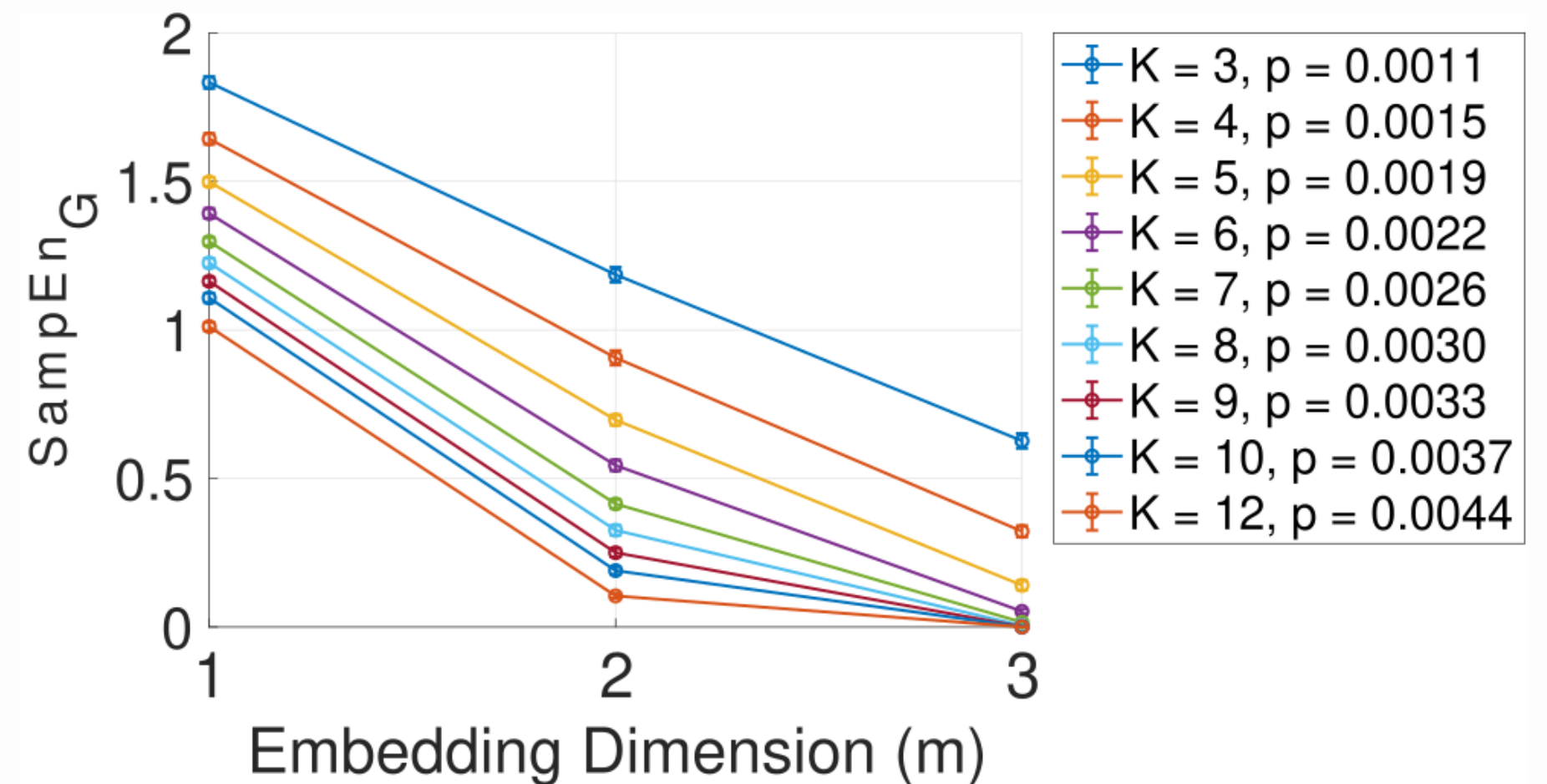
$$K \in \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12\}$$

Connectivity

$$p = \frac{K}{N - 1},$$



Random signal  $\in \{0.01, 0.1\}$



N=2700

# REAL-WORLD DATASET

FT-AED traffic sensor dataset [3]

196 traffic sensors, 30 seconds interval over 20 weekdays  
~3.76 million speed measurements



18-mile section, 4-lane freeway

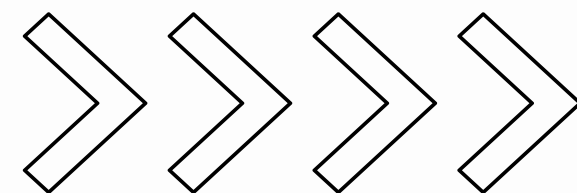
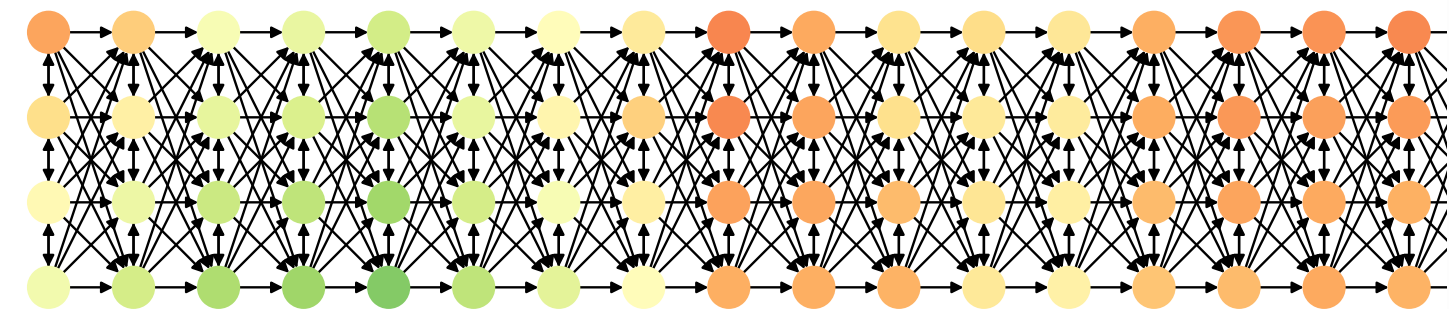
Following graph construction from [3]

Nodes: traffic sensors

Edges: spatial distance

Graph signal: speeds on nodes at

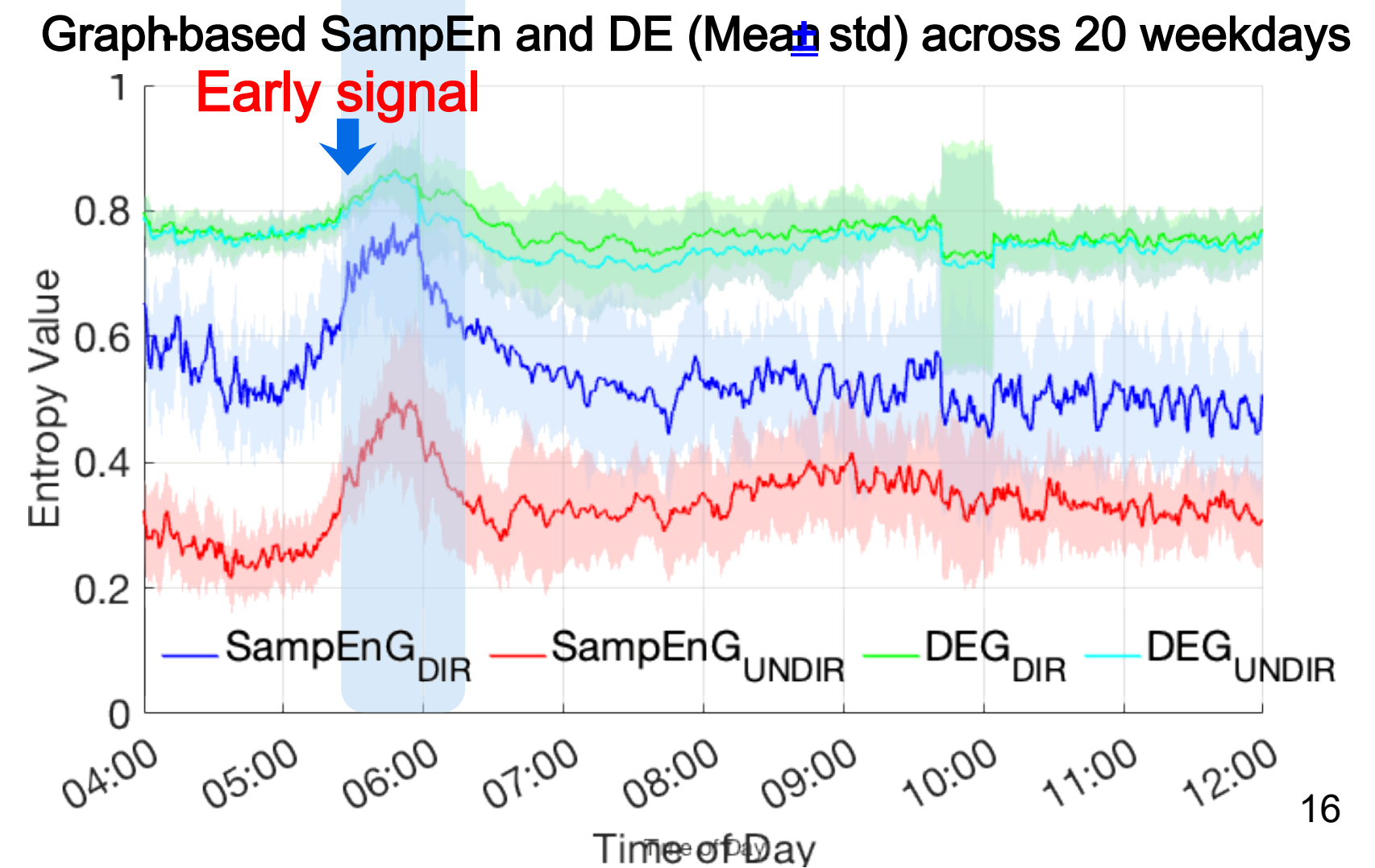
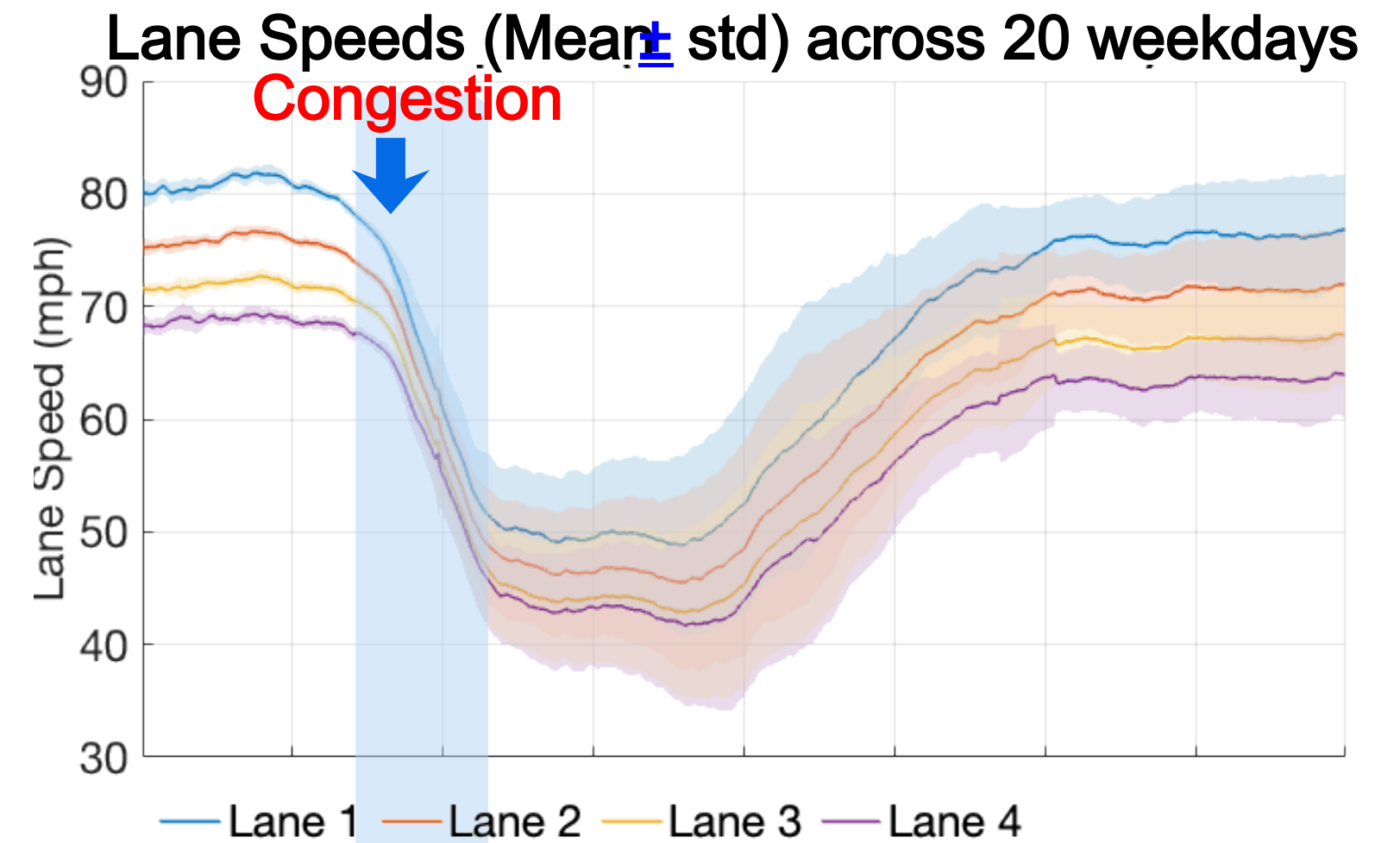
time  $t$   
**Key question**: Does the network pattern change before average traffic speed drops?



# Entropy on graph signals reveals early congestion dynamics

- Graph Dispersion Entropy (DE) (green & cyan)
- Graph Sample Entropy (SampEn) (blue & red-on undirected and directed graphs)

Graph-based SampEn & DE increases before traffic speed drops → state transition for congestion





# CONCLUSION

## Graph - based Sample entropy

- First measure of nonlinear activities for graph signals based on conditional entropy.
- Generalises 1D, 2D sample entropy.
- Detects state transition on networked system.

## Future work

- Application to other signal types, graph connections.
- Applications to other complex systems such as brain activity data.
- Extension to higher-order networks.

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