

# Large scale graph learning from smooth signals

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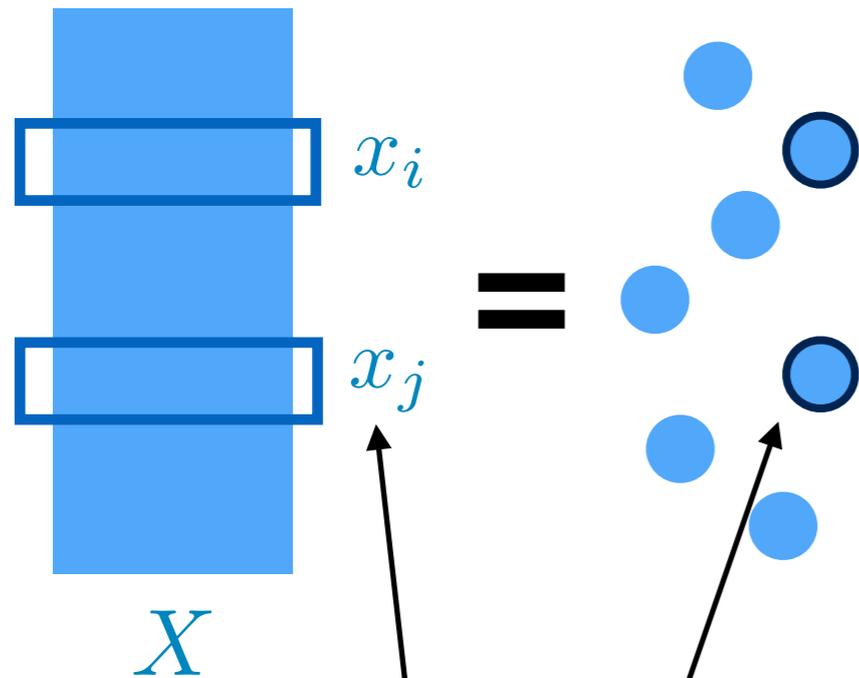


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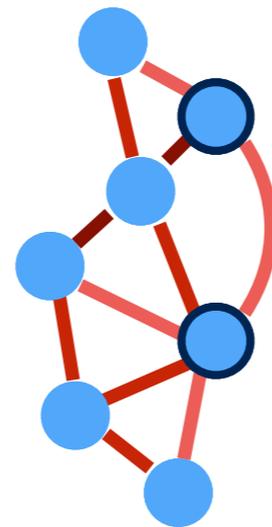


# Graph learning

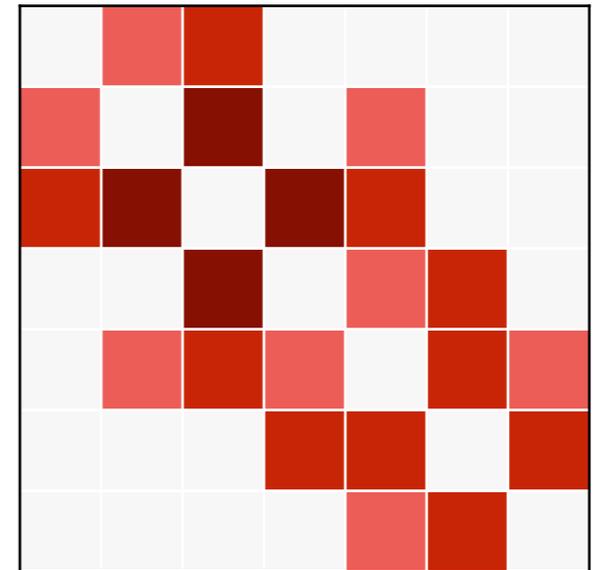
Given  
matrix  $X$



learn  
graph  $G$



$W$



weighted  
adjacency  
matrix

# Dimensionality - manifolds

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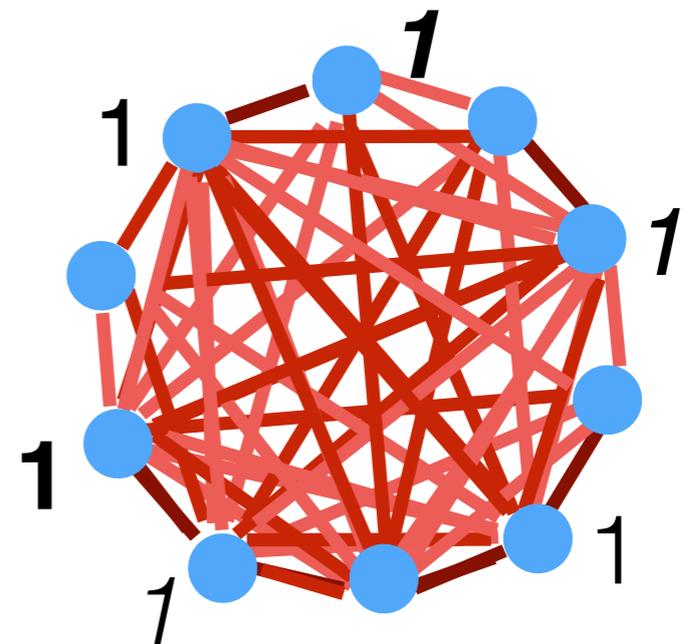
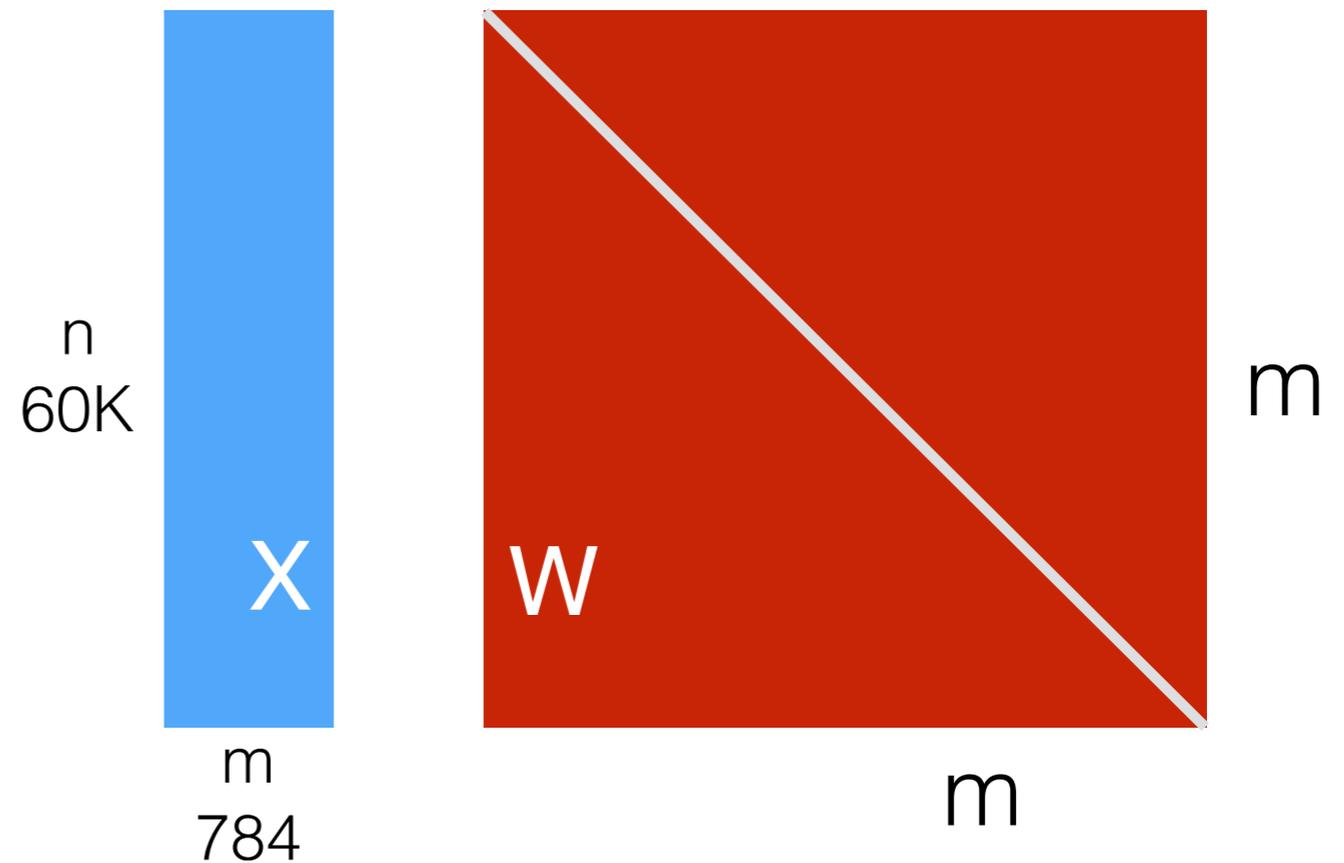
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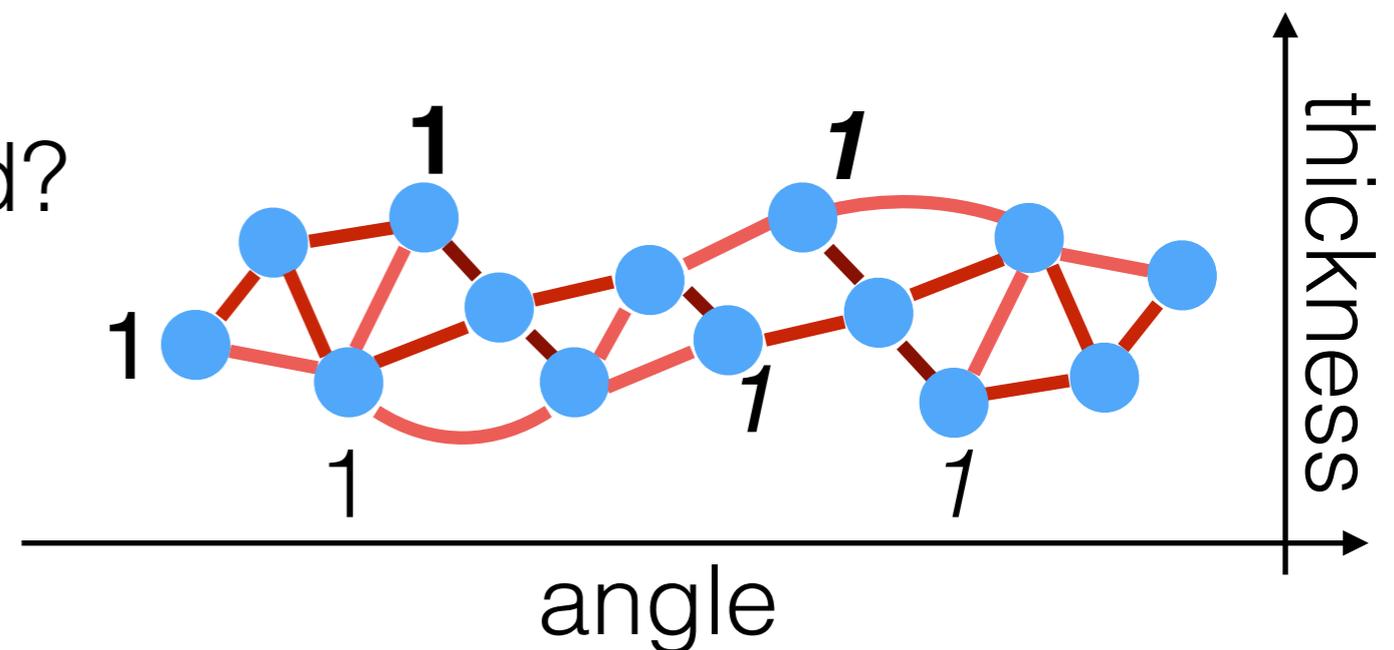
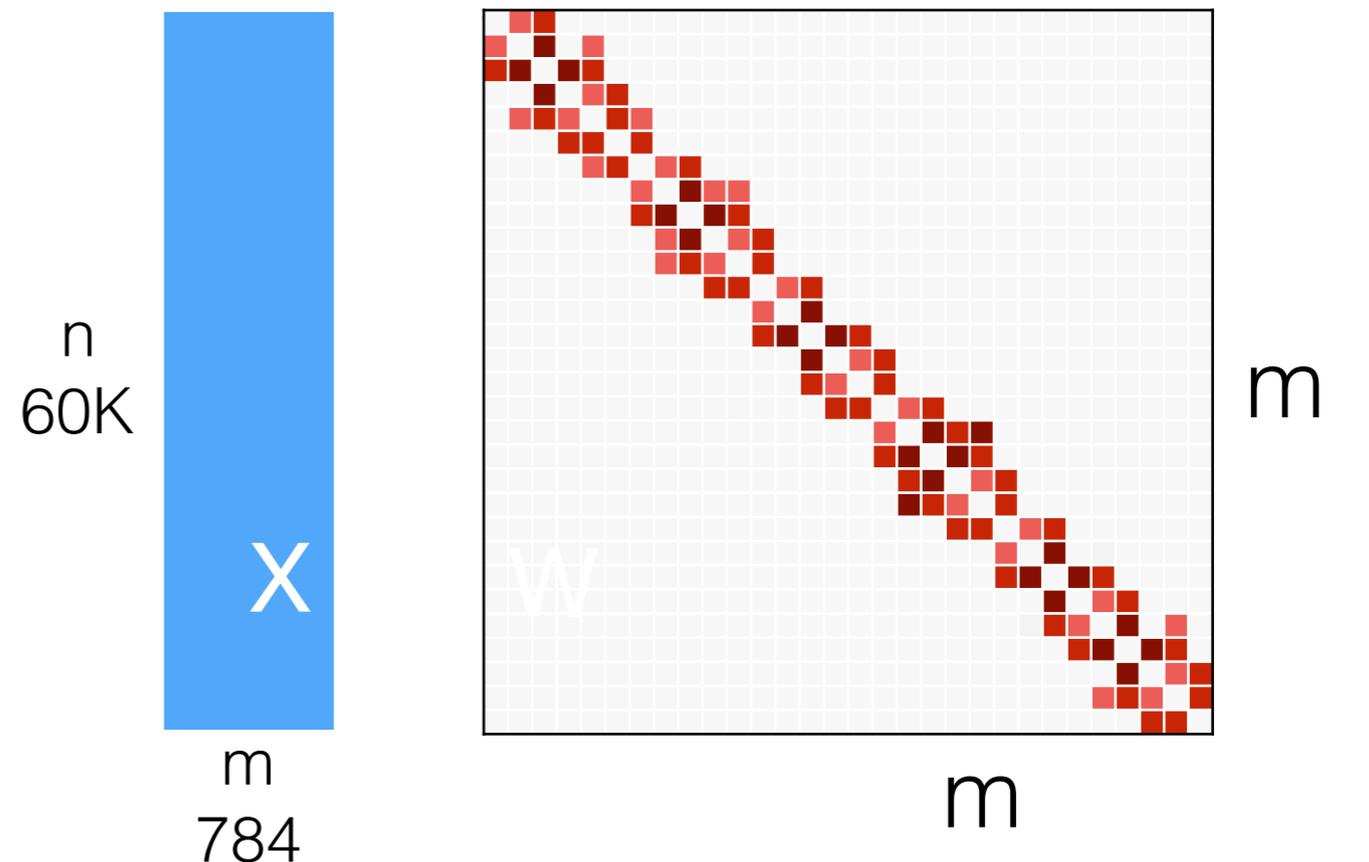
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Low-dimensional manifold?

$\Rightarrow$  Local dependencies

$\checkmark$  Sparse  $W$



# Smoothness

**Data** is **smooth** on **graph**

Data lives on a low-dimensional manifold

**Dirichlet energy** is small:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla_G X\|_F^2 &= \text{tr} \left( X^\top \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \nabla_G^\top \nabla_G \\ D - W}}{L} X \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} W_{i,j} \|x_i - x_j\|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|W \circ Z\|_{1,1} \end{aligned}$$

$Z_{ij} = \|x_i - x_j\|^2$

data smoothness  $\Rightarrow$  graph sparsity

# Graphs from smooth signals

$$\min \operatorname{tr} \|LX\|_F^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad W\mathbf{1} \geq \mathbf{1} \quad [\text{Daitch etal 2009}]$$

$$\min \operatorname{tr} \|LX\|_F^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{1}^\top \max(\mathbf{0}, W\mathbf{1})^2 \leq \alpha n \quad [\text{Daitch etal 2009}]$$

$$\min \operatorname{tr}(X^\top LX) - \log |L + \alpha I| + \beta \|W\|_{1,1} \quad [\text{Lake \& Tenenbaum 2010}]$$

$$\min \operatorname{tr}(X^\top LX) + \alpha \|L\|_F^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \operatorname{tr}(L) = n \quad [\text{Hu etal 2015, Dong etal 2016}]$$

$$\min \operatorname{tr}(X^\top LX) - \alpha \mathbf{1}^\top \log(W\mathbf{1}) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|W\|_F^2 \quad [\text{Kalofolias 2016}]$$

# The log-degrees model

$$\min_{W \in \mathcal{W}_m} \|W \circ Z\|_{1,1} - \alpha \mathbf{1}^\top \log(W \mathbf{1}) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|W\|_F^2$$

- First algorithm of  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$
- Best results among “scalable” models

Goal: scale it further!

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## Sketch of algorithm:

*Approximately* minimize each function

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1. Shrink edges according to distance  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$
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$$\min_{W \in \mathcal{W}_m} \|M \circ W \circ Z\|_{1,1} - \alpha \mathbf{1}^\top \log((M \circ W)\mathbf{1}) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|M \circ W\|_F^2$$

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# Reducing allowed edge set

## How do we choose a restricted edge set?

- Prior: structure imposed by application  
e.g. geometric constraints

## What if no structure known?

- Approximate Nearest Neighbours (ANN)

# Using ANN to reduce cost

*"I want a graph with 10 edges per node on average"*

$$k = 10$$

*Compute approximate 30 NN graph (binary)*

$$\mathcal{O}(n \log(n)m)$$

$$|\mathcal{E}^{\text{allowed}}| \approx 3kn = 30n$$

*Learn weights for allowed edges*

$$\mathcal{O}(nk)$$

*Some of them are deleted! ( $W_{ij}=0$ )*

*Final 10 NN graph*

**Cost?**

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2. **Eliminate grid search: automatic parameter selection**

# Change of parameters

*“I want a graph with 20 edges per node on average”*

Grid search? **✗**

$$W^*(Z, \alpha, \beta) = \arg \min_{W \in \mathcal{W}_m} \|W \circ Z\|_{1,1} - \alpha \mathbf{1}^\top \log(W \mathbf{1}) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|W\|_F^2$$

$$= \delta \arg \min_{W \in \mathcal{W}_m} \|W \circ \theta Z\|_{1,1} - \mathbf{1}^\top \log(W \mathbf{1}) + \frac{1}{2} \|W\|_F^2$$

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}} \quad \theta = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha\beta}}$$

$$= \delta W^*(\theta Z, 1, 1)$$

$$\leq \delta$$

**Only  $\theta$**  changes sparsity

**$\delta$**  only changes the scale

# Sparsity of one node

So  $\delta$  is not important. How do we find  $\theta$ ?

$$\min_{W \in \mathcal{W}_m} \|W \circ \theta Z\|_{1,1} - \mathbf{1}^\top \log(W \mathbf{1}) + \frac{1}{2} \|W\|_F^2$$

Take  $\mathbf{1}$  node:

$$\min_{w \geq 0} \theta w^\top z - \log(w^\top \mathbf{1}) + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2.$$

ignore  
symmetricity

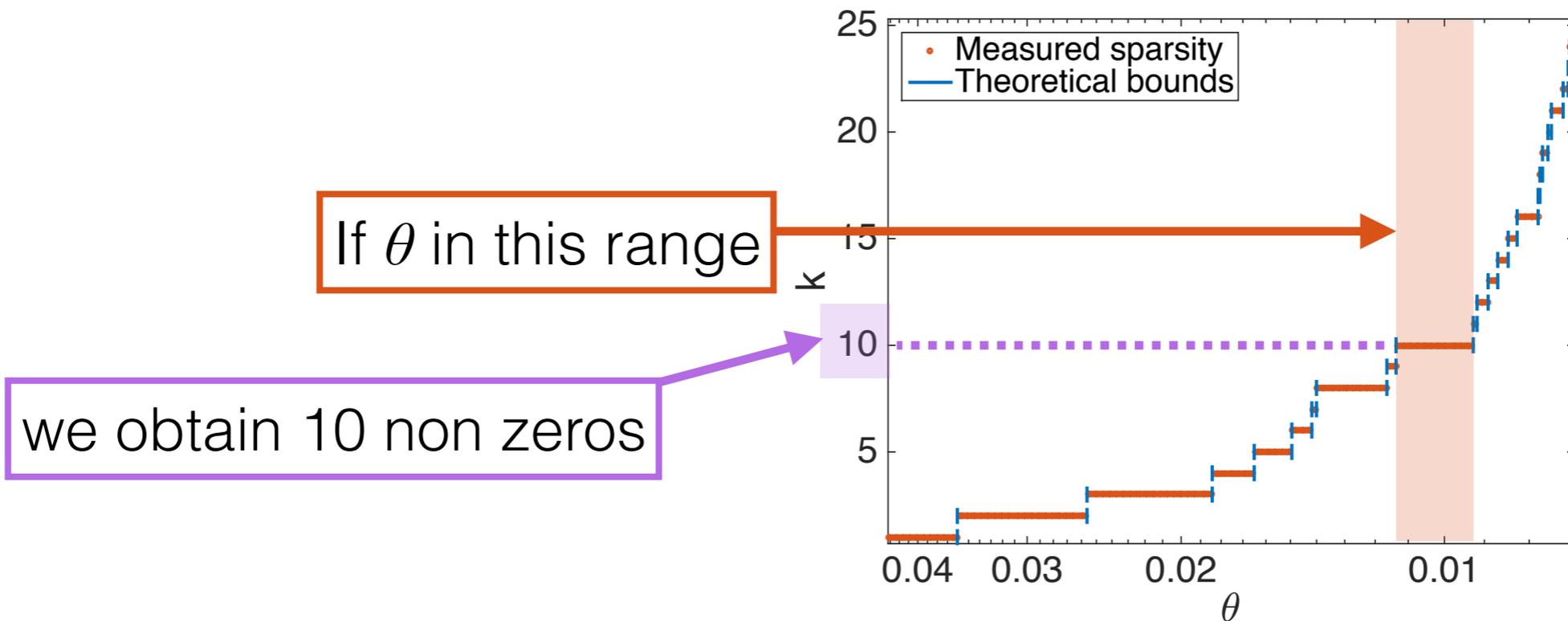
1 column  
of  $W$

**Analyse role of  $\theta$  on simpler problem!**

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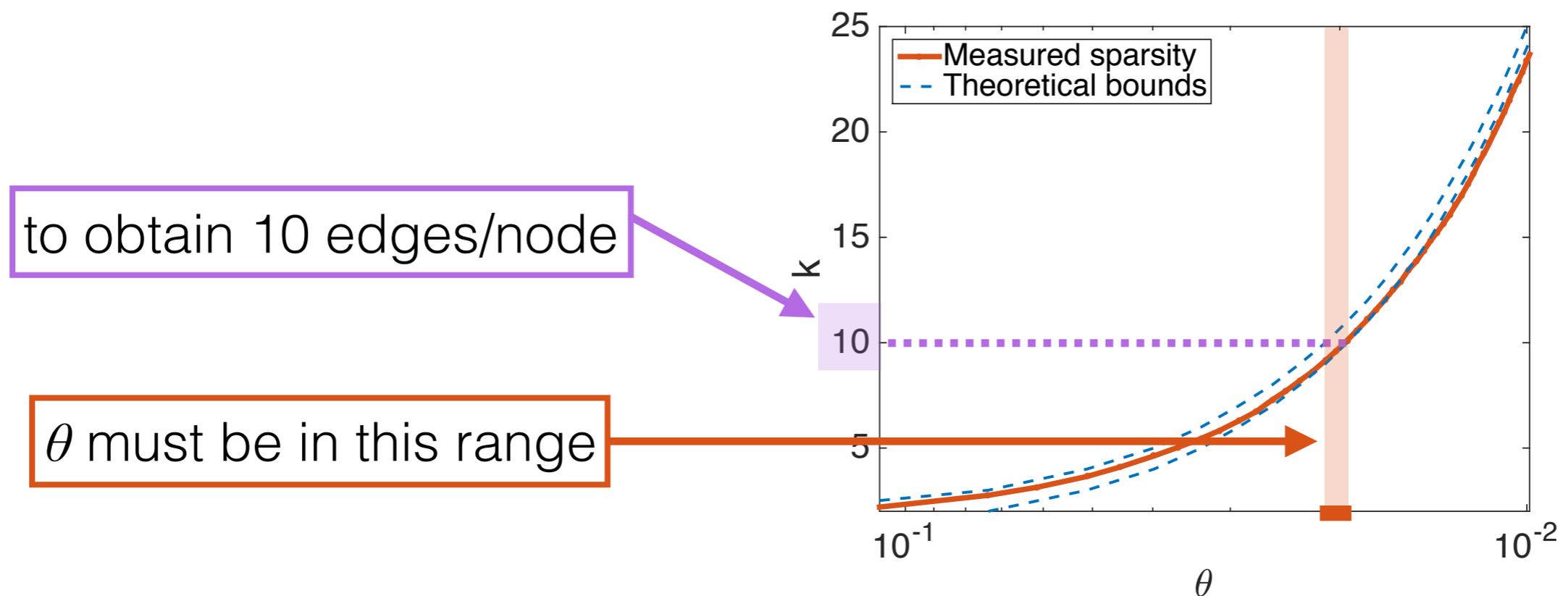
Theorem:

By setting  $\theta$  in the range  $\left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{kz_{k+1}^2 - b_k z_{k+1}}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{kz_k^2 - b_k z_k}} \right]$ ,  $w^*$  has exactly  $k$  non-zero elements.

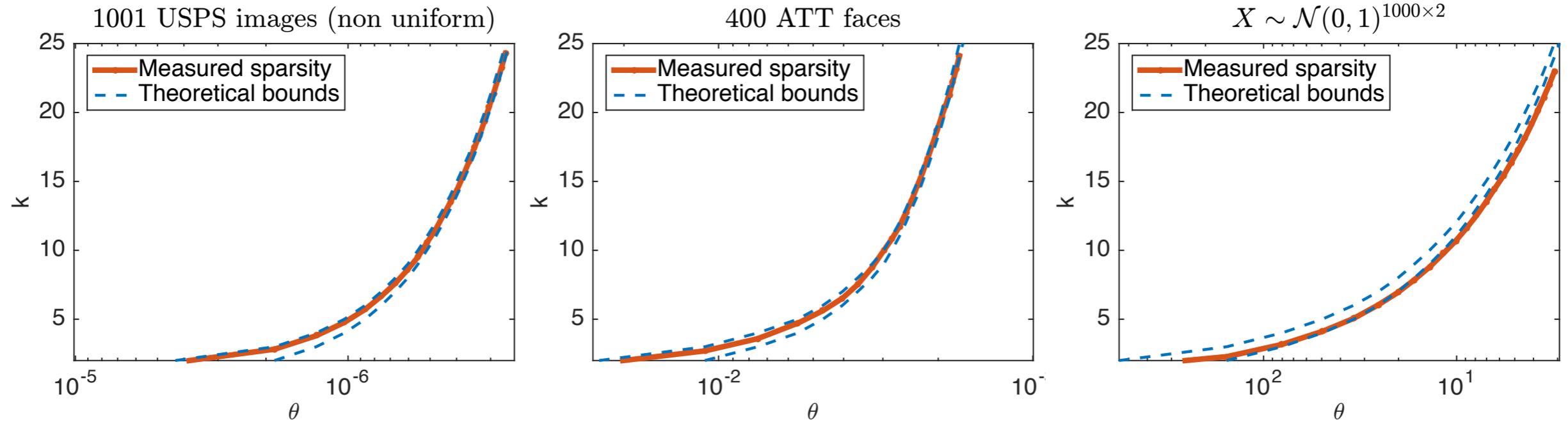


# Sparsity of entire graph

Use **average** over all nodes

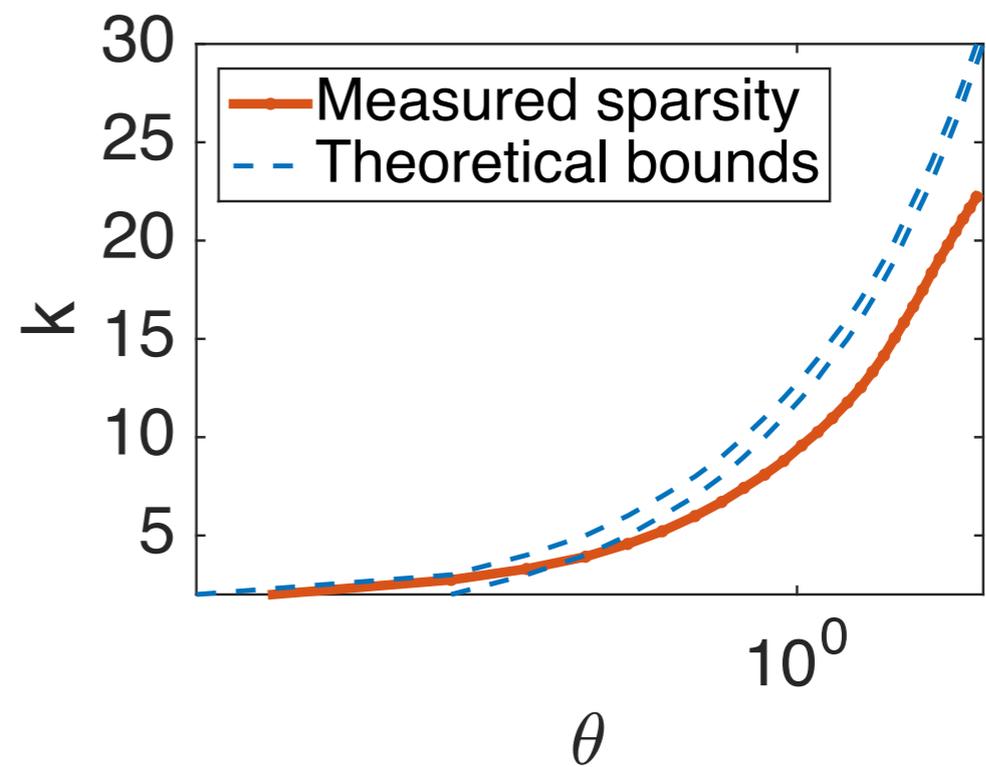


# More examples



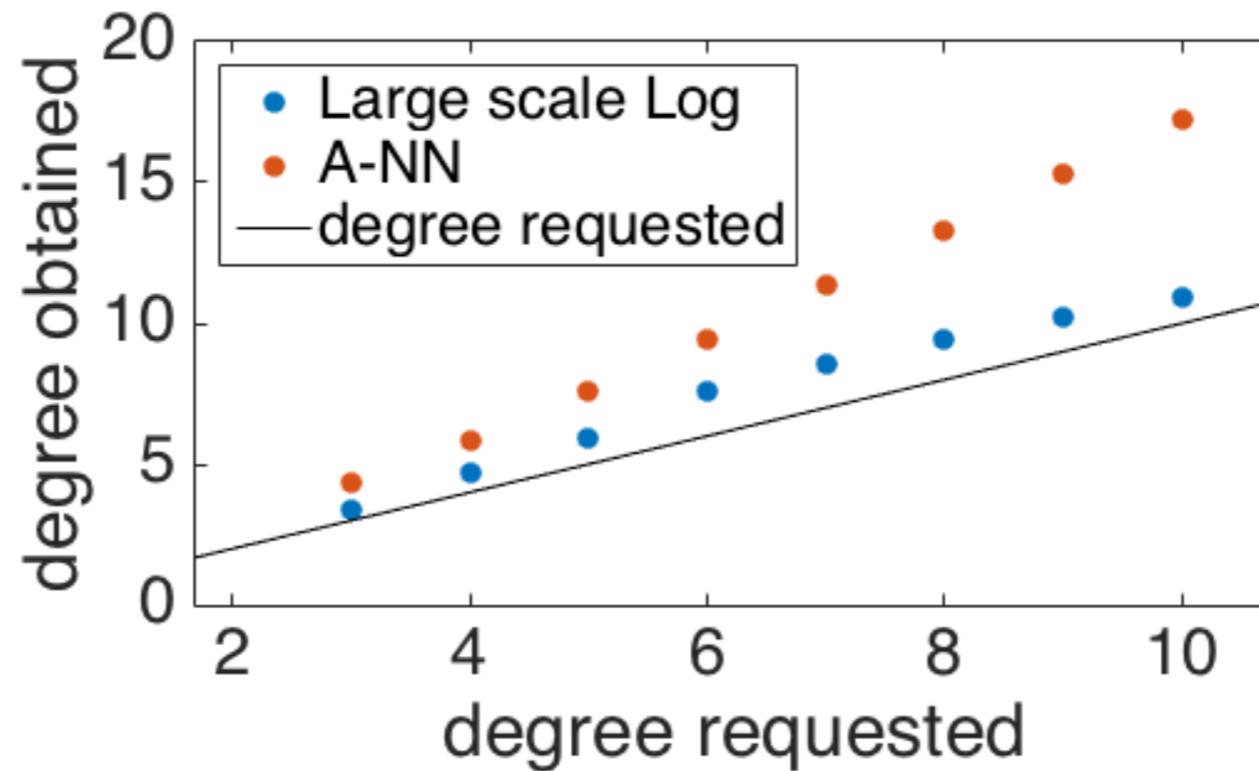
“Failing” case:

- COIL20,  $n = 1440$



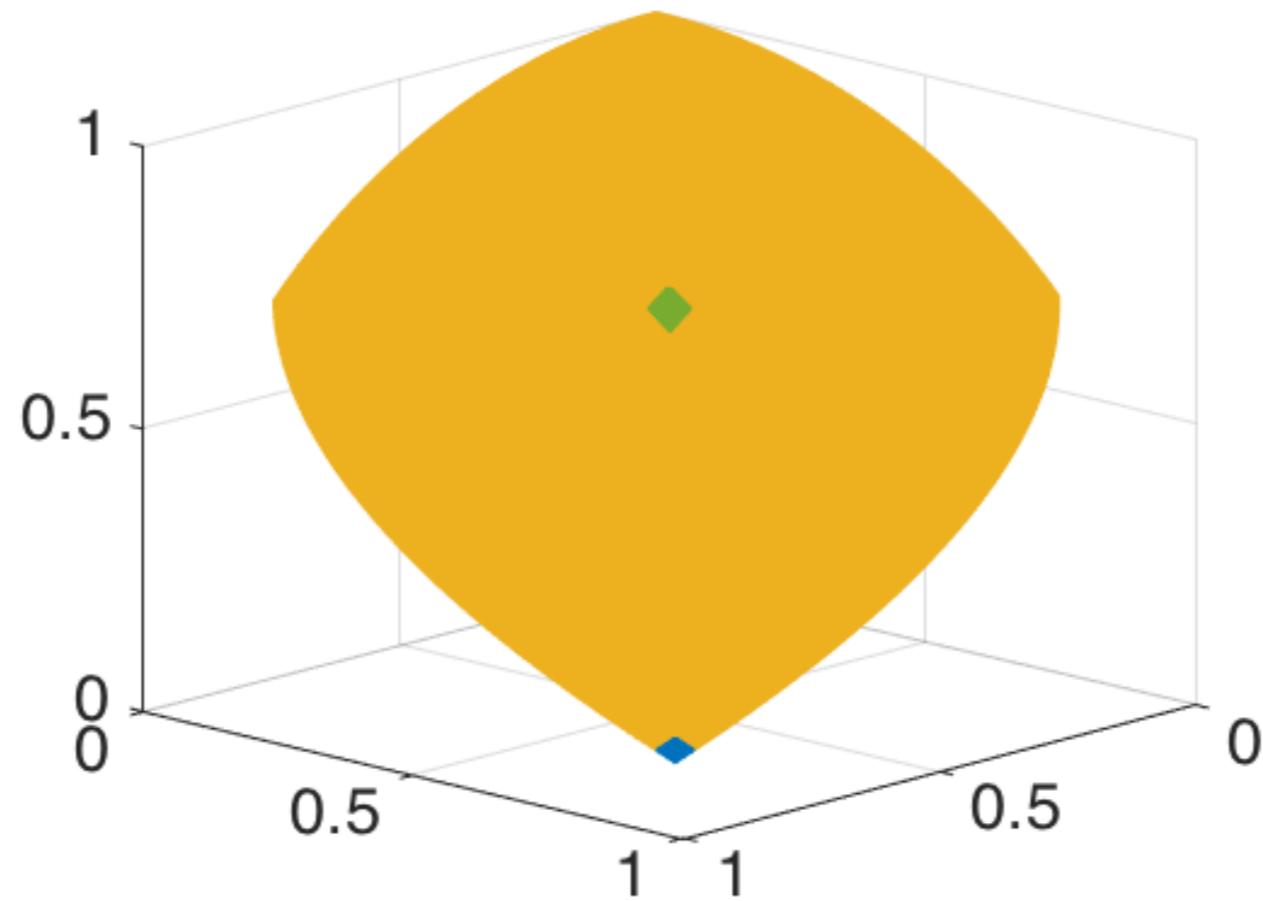
# Obtained degrees

“spherical” data (n = 260K)



# Manifold recovery

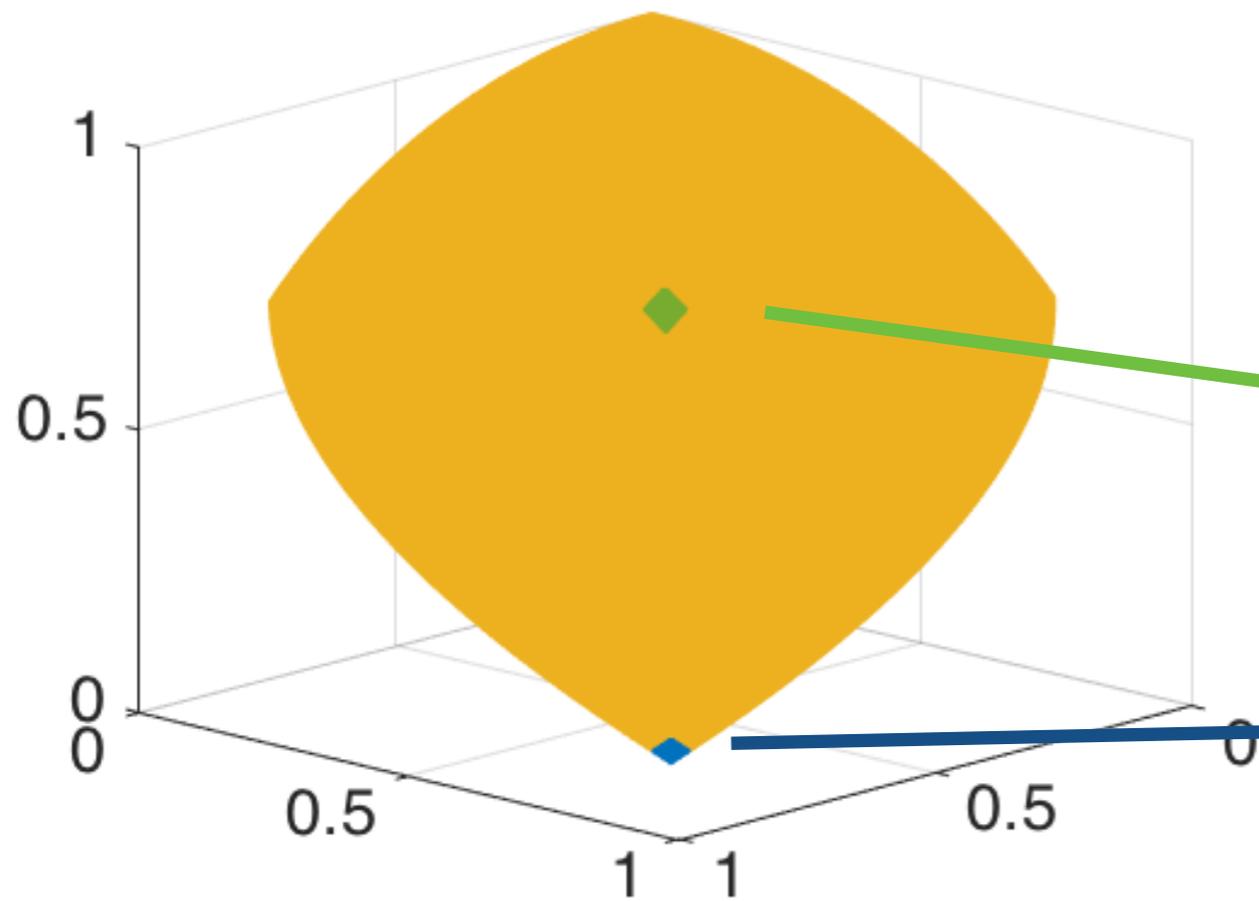
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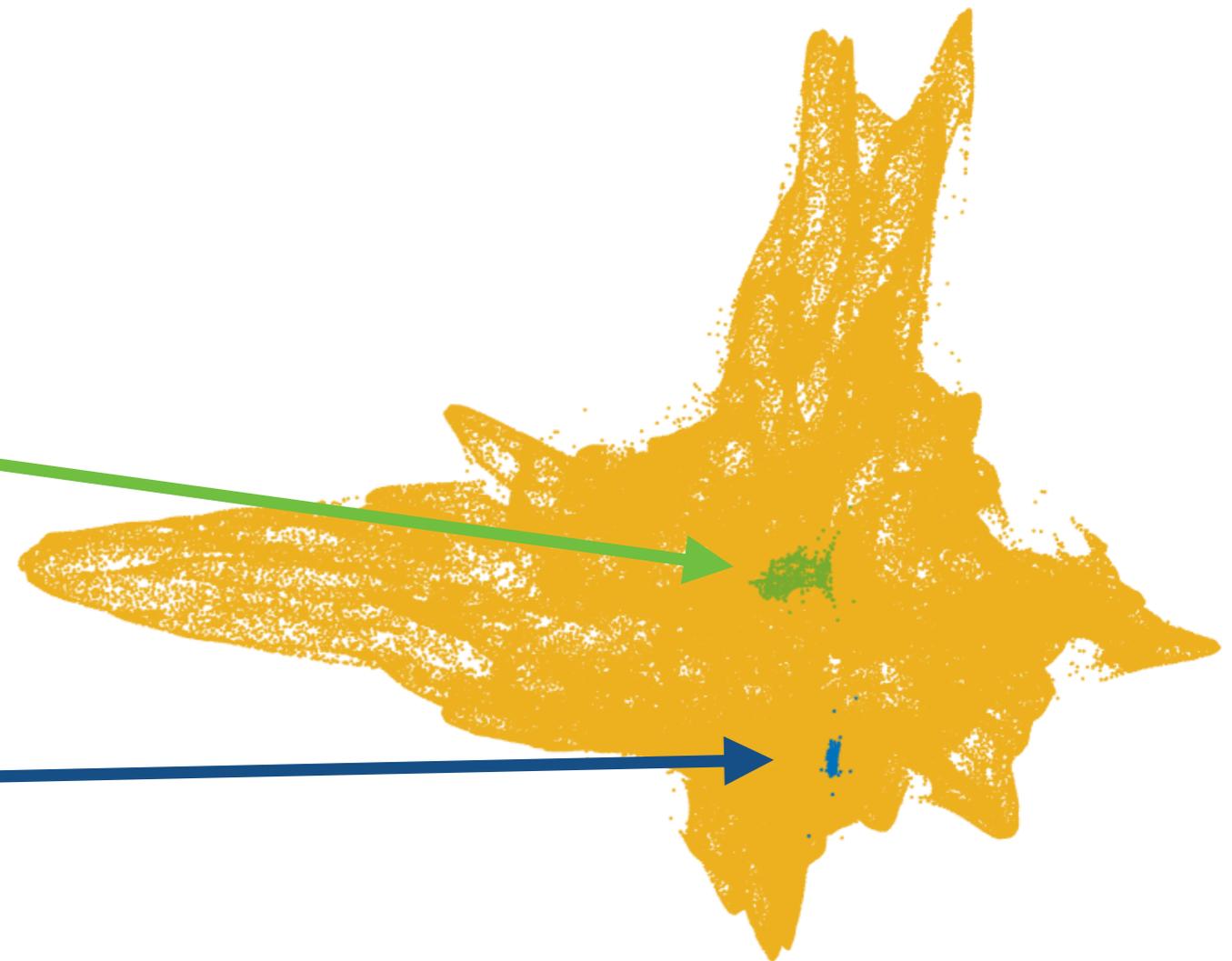
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Original 2-D manifold



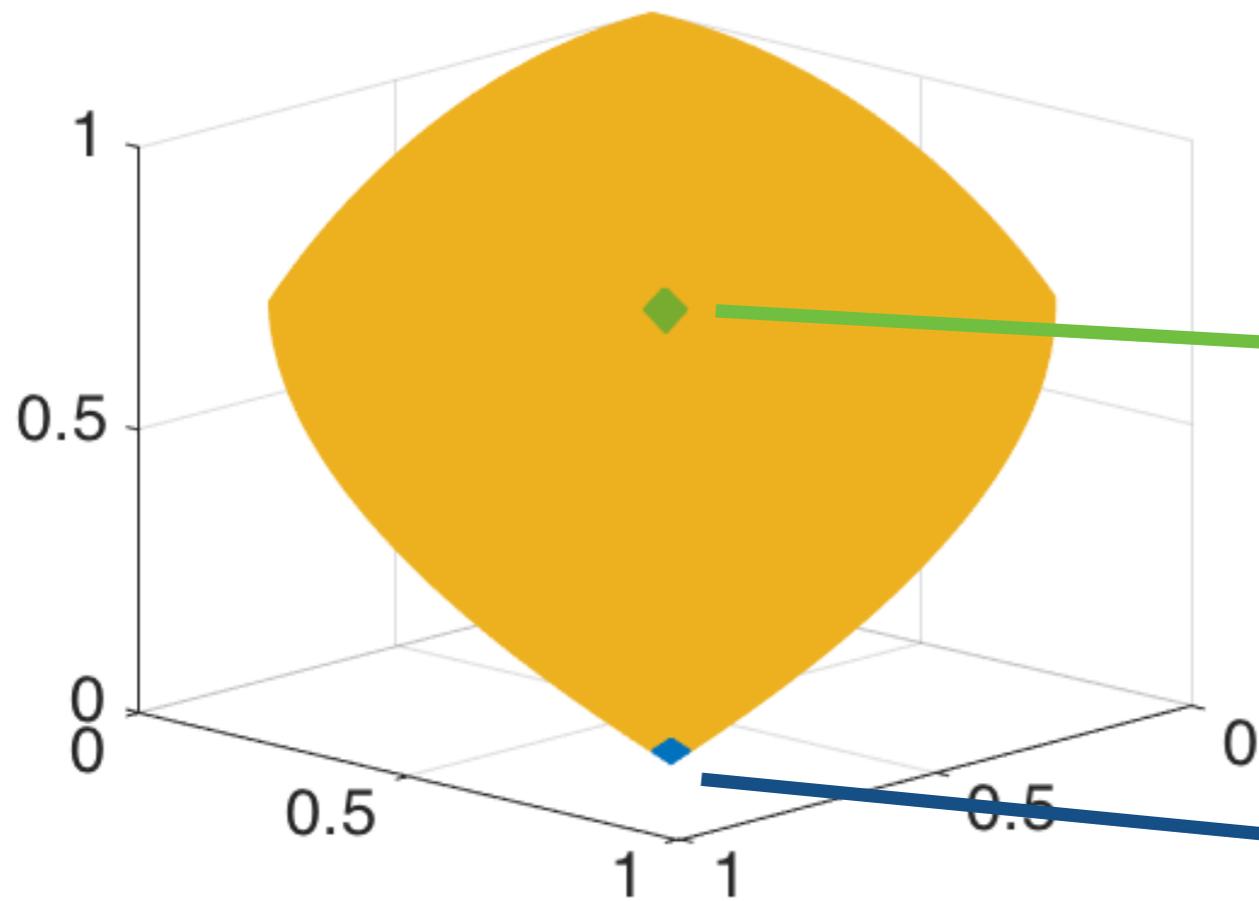
Recovered with ANN



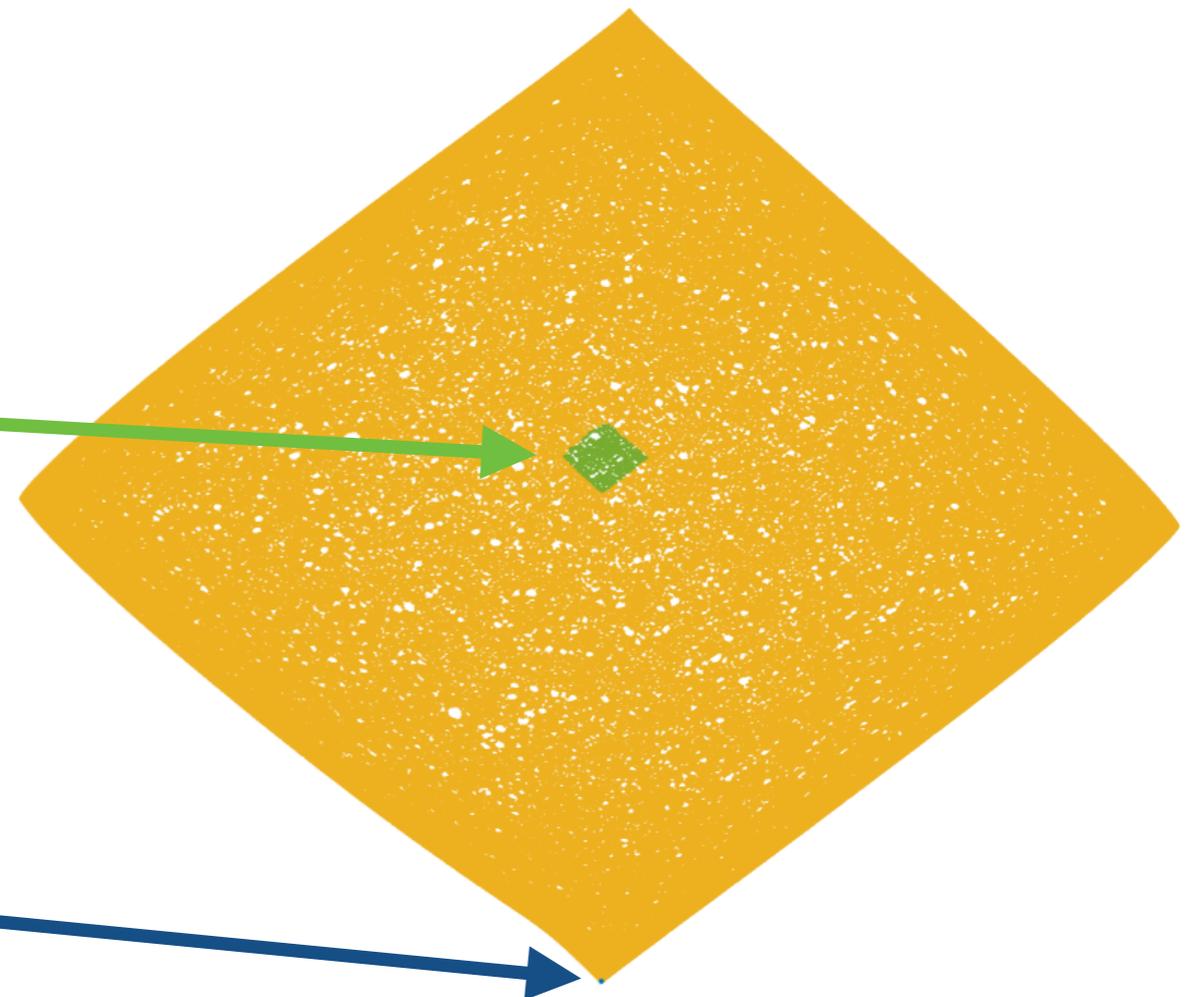
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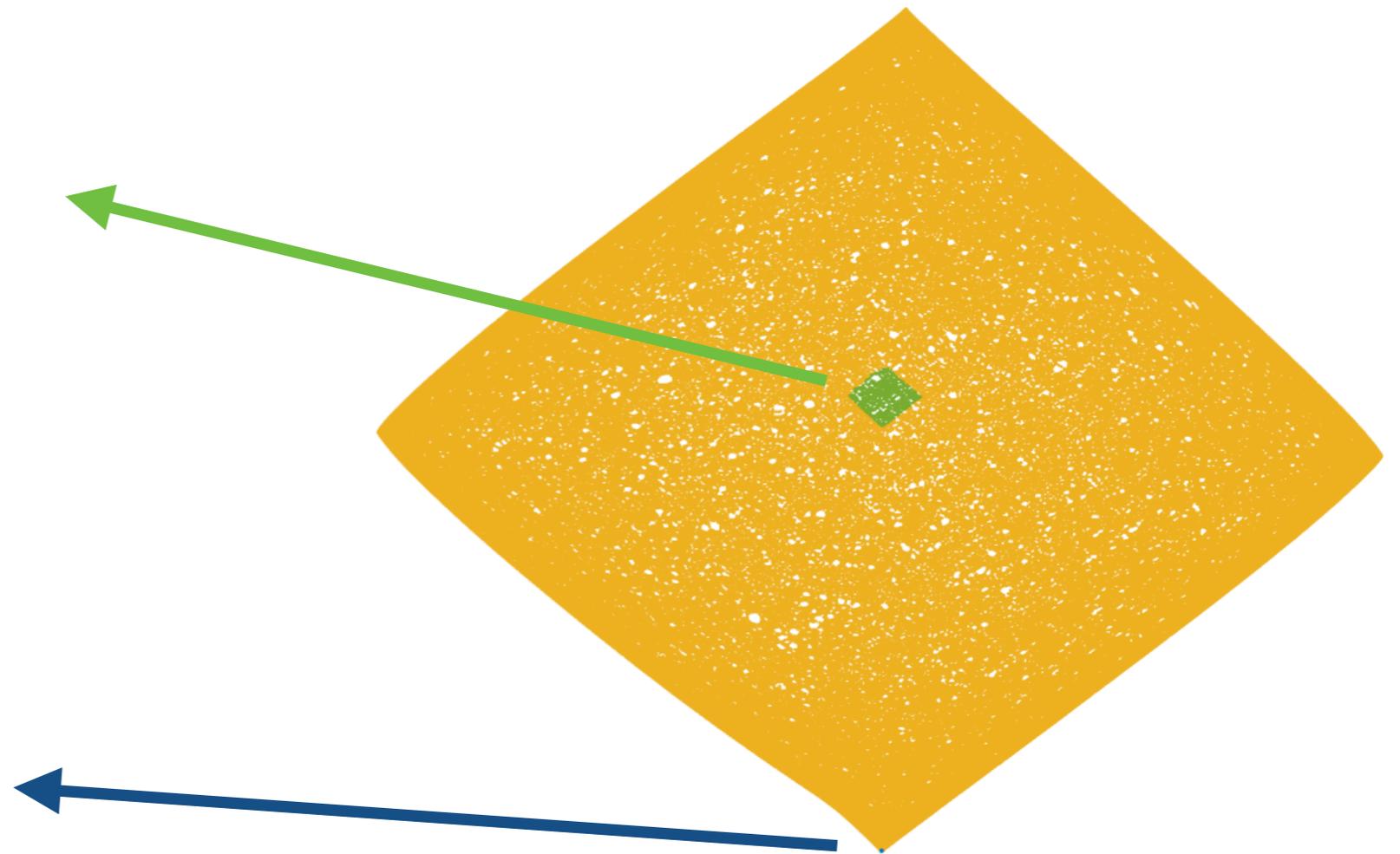
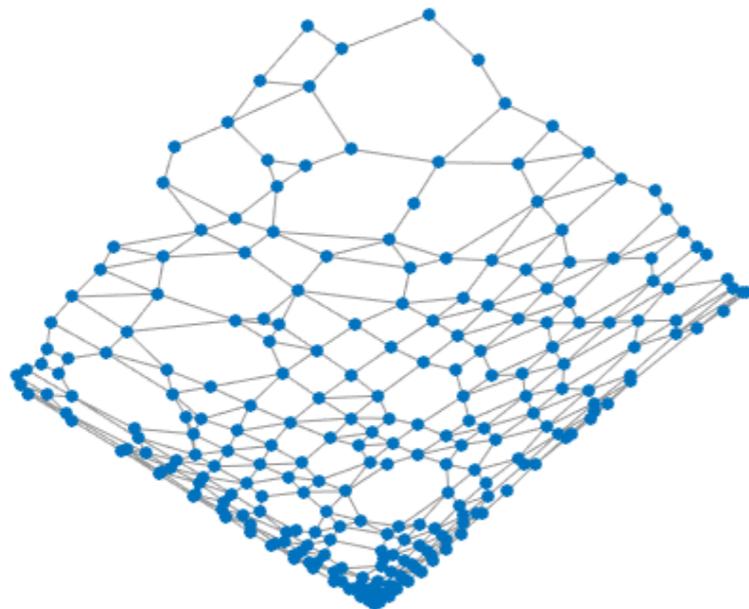
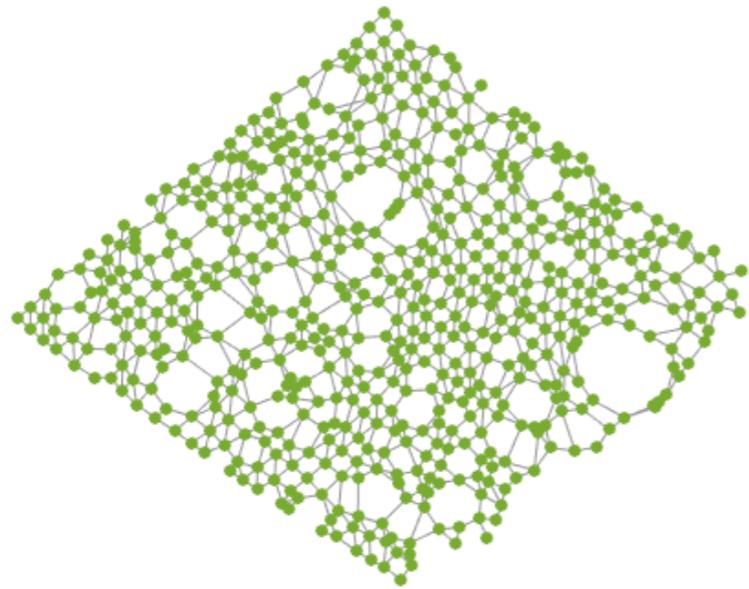
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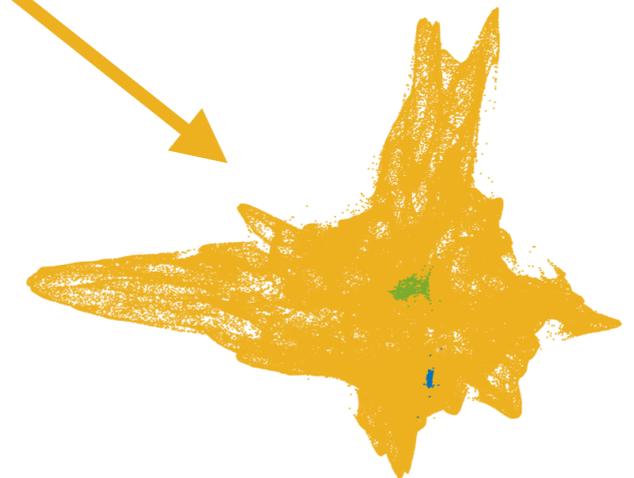
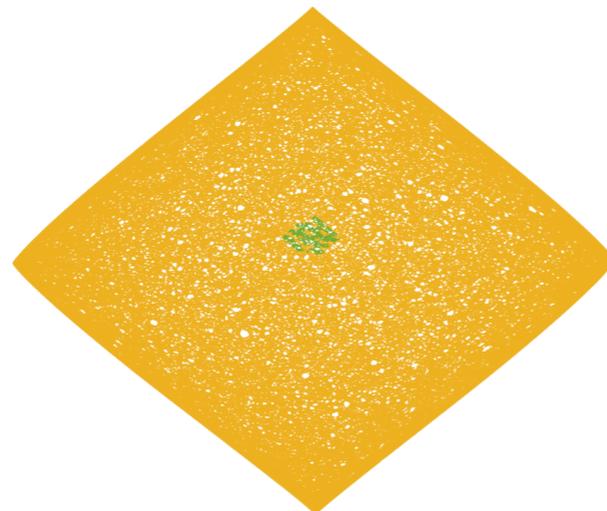
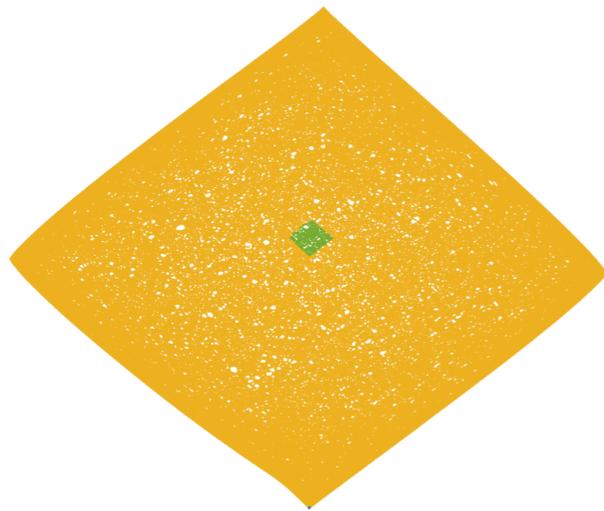
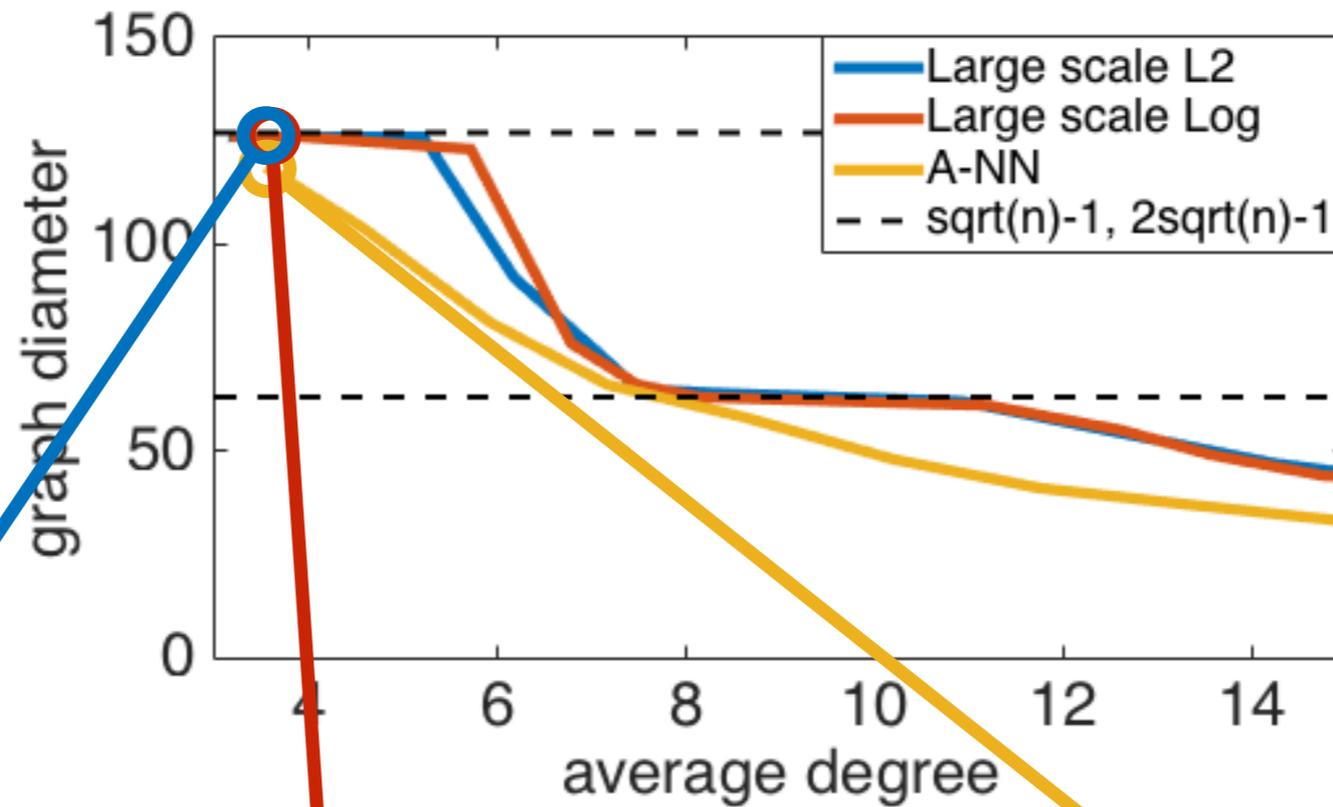
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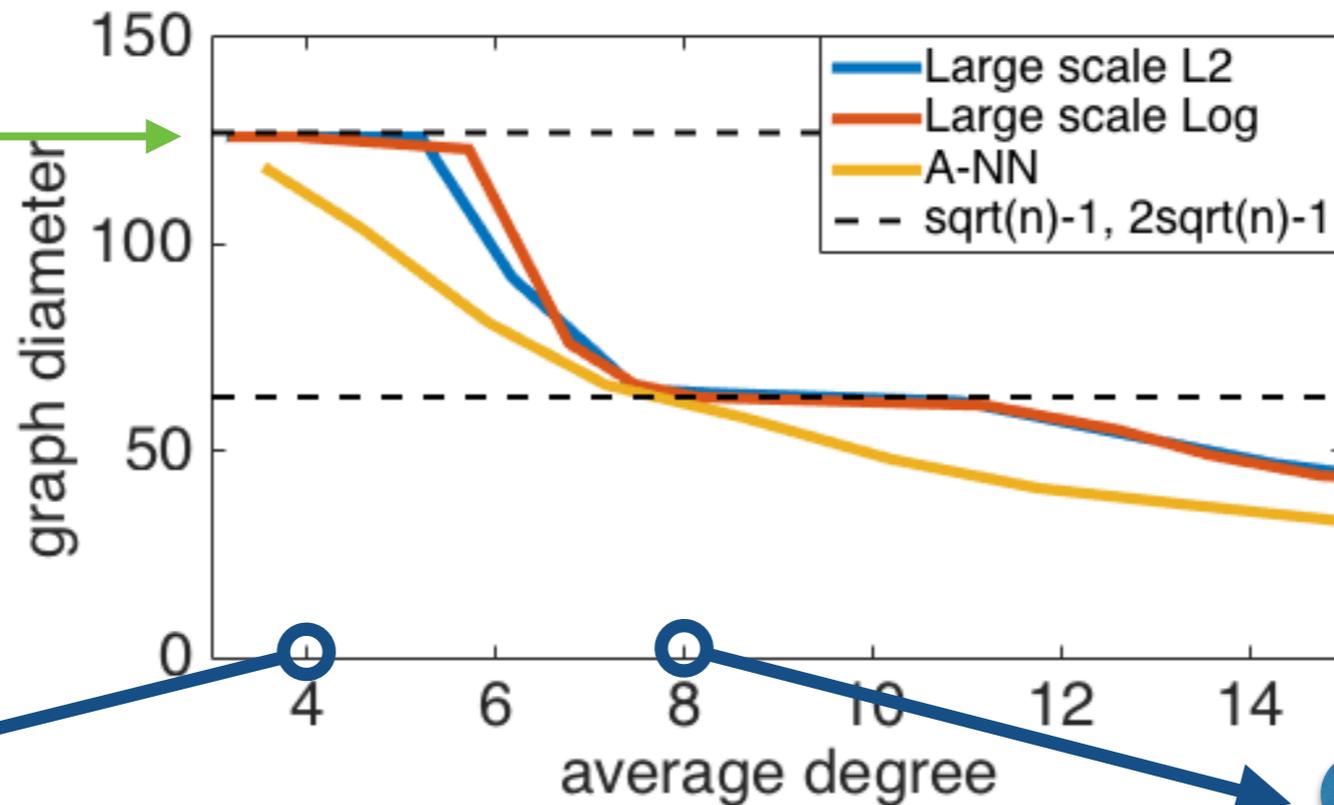
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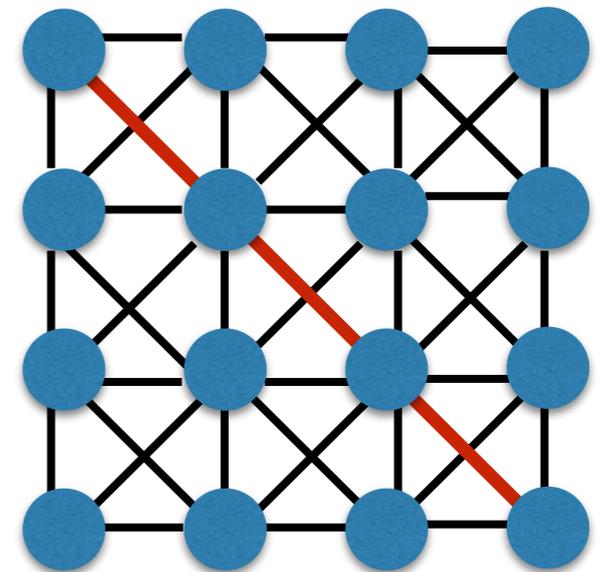
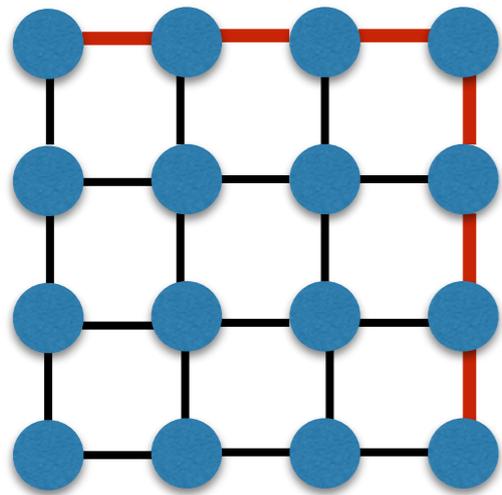
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diameter =  
 $2(\sqrt{n} - 1)$



diameter  
 $= \sqrt{n} - 1$

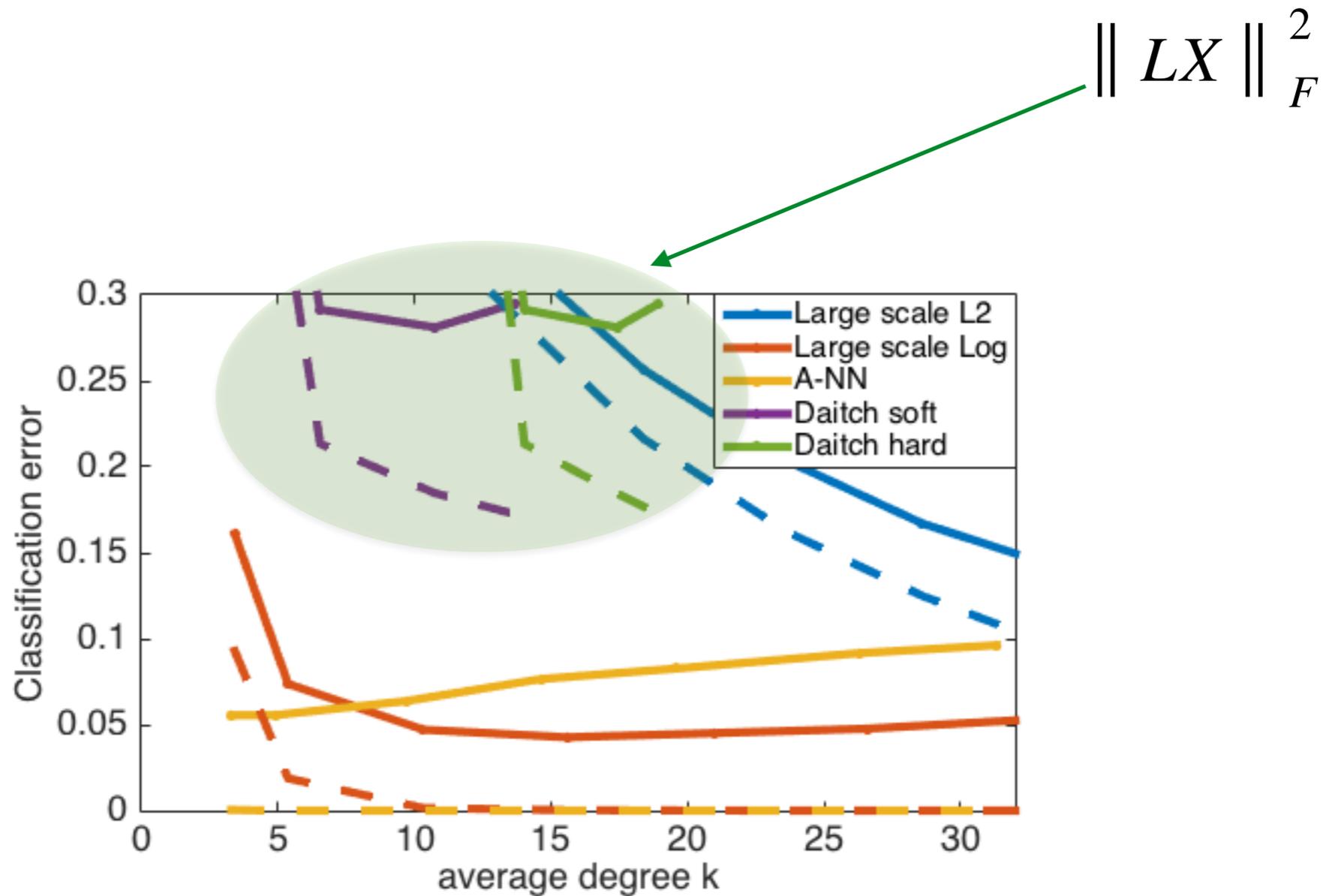




# Label propagation

MNIST (n = 60K)

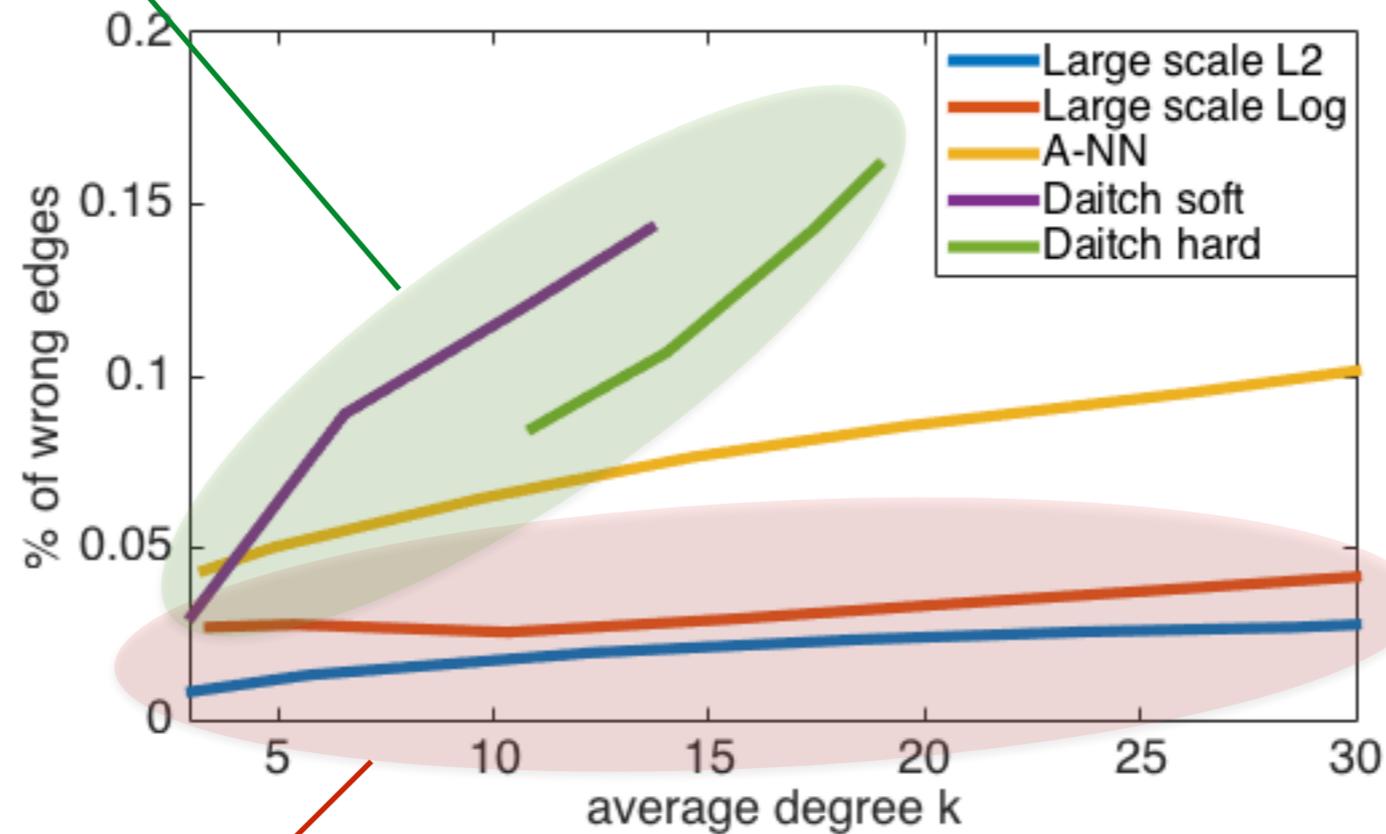
Label propagation (1% known labels)



# Edge accuracy

MNIST (n = 60K)

$$\| LX \|_F^2$$



$$\text{tr}(X^T LX) = \| WZ \|_{1,1}$$

# Summary

1. Good manifold recovery
2. Scalable!
  - ✓  $\mathcal{O}(nk)$  per iteration  $\ll \mathcal{O}(n^2)$
  - ✓  $\mathcal{O}(n \log(n)m)$  (one time)
3. No need for parameter tuning
  - ✓ Automatic parameter selection for desired sparsity

Code: Matlab & Python (GSP box, pyGSP)

Thank you!