
Entropy/IP: Uncovering Structure in IPv6 Addresses

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What's Entropy/IP?

A **system** that automatically learns structures in Internet addresses known to be active

Combines Entropy, Machine Learning,
and Probabilistic Graphical Models

Goal: **insight** into addressing plans of IPv6 networks

Application: IPv6 **scanning vulnerability**

Background: IPv6 addressing

- Is IPv6 *addressing* just “more addresses”?
- Quantitative change: $2^{32} \rightarrow 2^{128}$
- But... qualitative implications
- **IPv6 made the addressing space *sparse***

More freedom in address assignment

Background: IPv6 examples

- How to assign an IPv6 address? (in general)

[network ID (64 bits)] + [interface ID (64 bits)]

2001:db8:0010:0001::103 fixed

2001:db8:0167:1109::10:901 structured

2001:db8:0000:1cdf:21e:c2ff:fec0:11db EUI-64

2001:db8:4137:9e76:3031:f3fd:bbdd:2c2a ephemeral

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[network ID (64 bits)] + [interface ID (64 bits)]

- Interface Identifier (IID):
 - Stateless Address Autoconfiguration (SLAAC) e.g. RFC 4862
 - **Static / Other**
- Network Identifier:
 - Routing prefixes (e.g. BGP)
 - **Static / Other**

IPv6 networks adopt their own addressing schemes

Background: motivations for Entropy/IP

- Remotely glean IPv6 addressing scheme:
 - Which bits are used / unused ?
 - What are the most common values ?
 - What is the syntax ?
- Provide supportive information for:
 - Classifying addresses (e.g. host reputation)
 - Scanning / defending IPv6 scanning
 - Measuring the growth of IPv6 networks

IPv6 users:

World	>12%
USA	>29%
Belgium	>48%

Why?



Entropy/IP: operation overview

1. Entropy Analysis
2. Address Segmentation
3. Segment Mining
4. Bayesian Modeling



1. Entropy Analysis: input

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2001:0db8:0010:0013:0000:0000:0000:07fe
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2001:0db8:0010:0003:0000:0000:0000:0fb5
2001:0db8:0020:d05f:882f:6082:f768:710d
2001:0db8:0010:0004:0000:0000:0000:04dc
2001:0db8:0010:0003:0000:0000:0000:03ce
2001:0db8:0010:0008:0000:0000:0000:0794
2001:0db8:0010:000a:0000:0000:0000:0923
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2001:0db8:0010:0012:0000:0000:0000:0c7b
2001:0db8:0022:10c0:5100:ac7d:96f5:5851
2001:0db8:0010:0002:0000:0000:0000:0de8
2001:0db8:0010:0008:0000:0000:0000:0506
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2001:0db8:0010:000a:0000:0000:0000:0923
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2001:0db8:0010:0012:0000:0000:0000:0c7b
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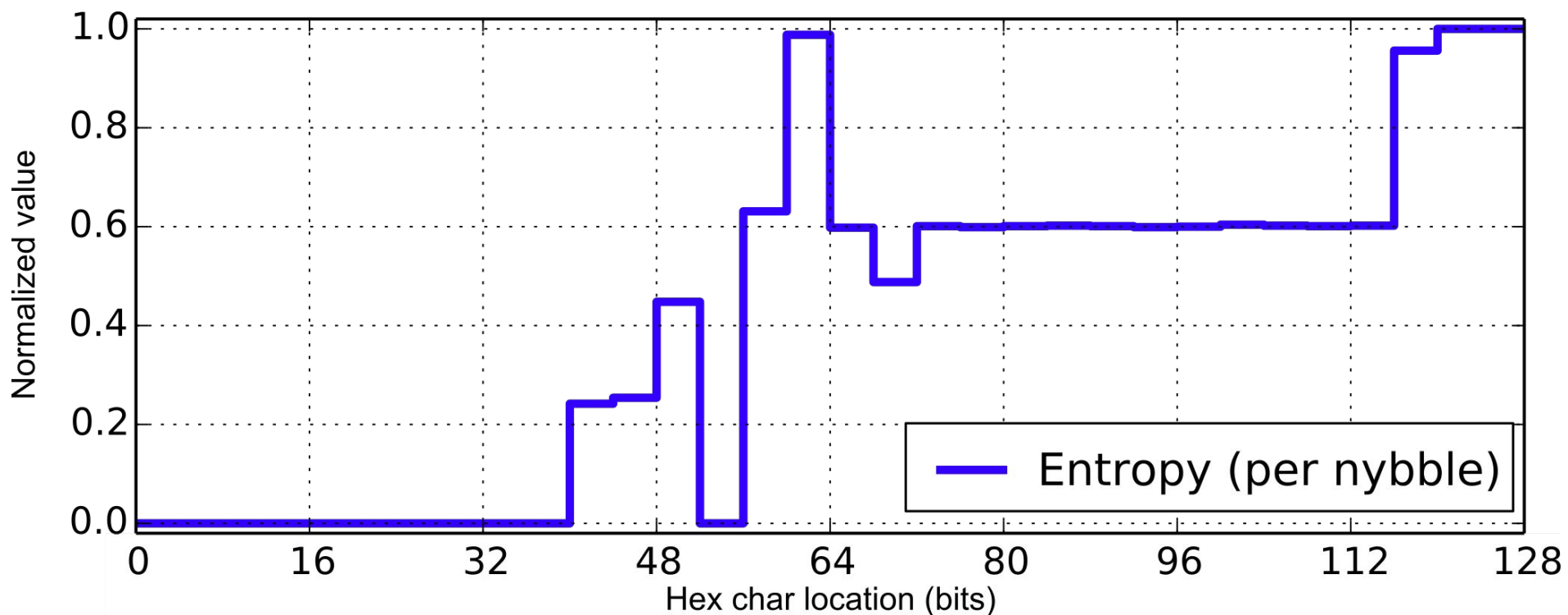
For a discrete random variable X :

$$H(X) = - \sum_{i=1}^k P(x_i) \log P(x_i)$$

$$H(X_{16}) = 3.8 / 4$$

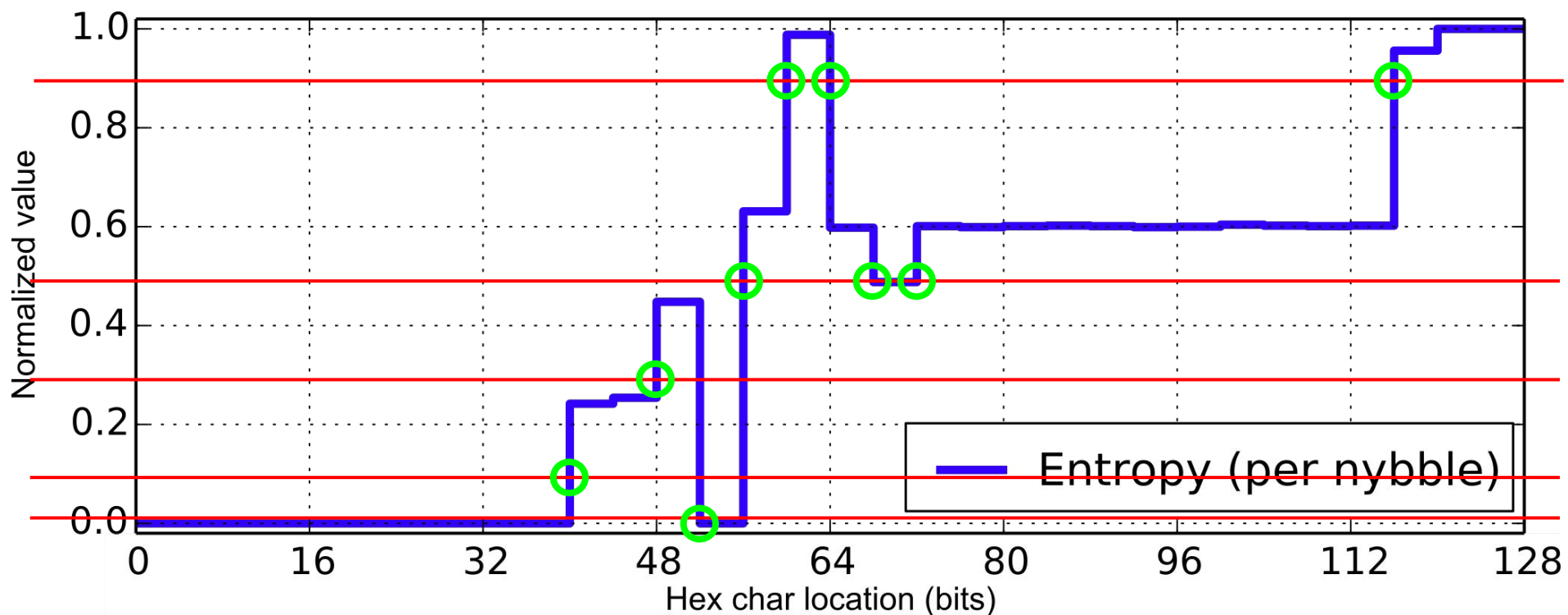
$$H(X_{18}) = 2.2 / 4$$

1. Entropy Analysis: hex character variability



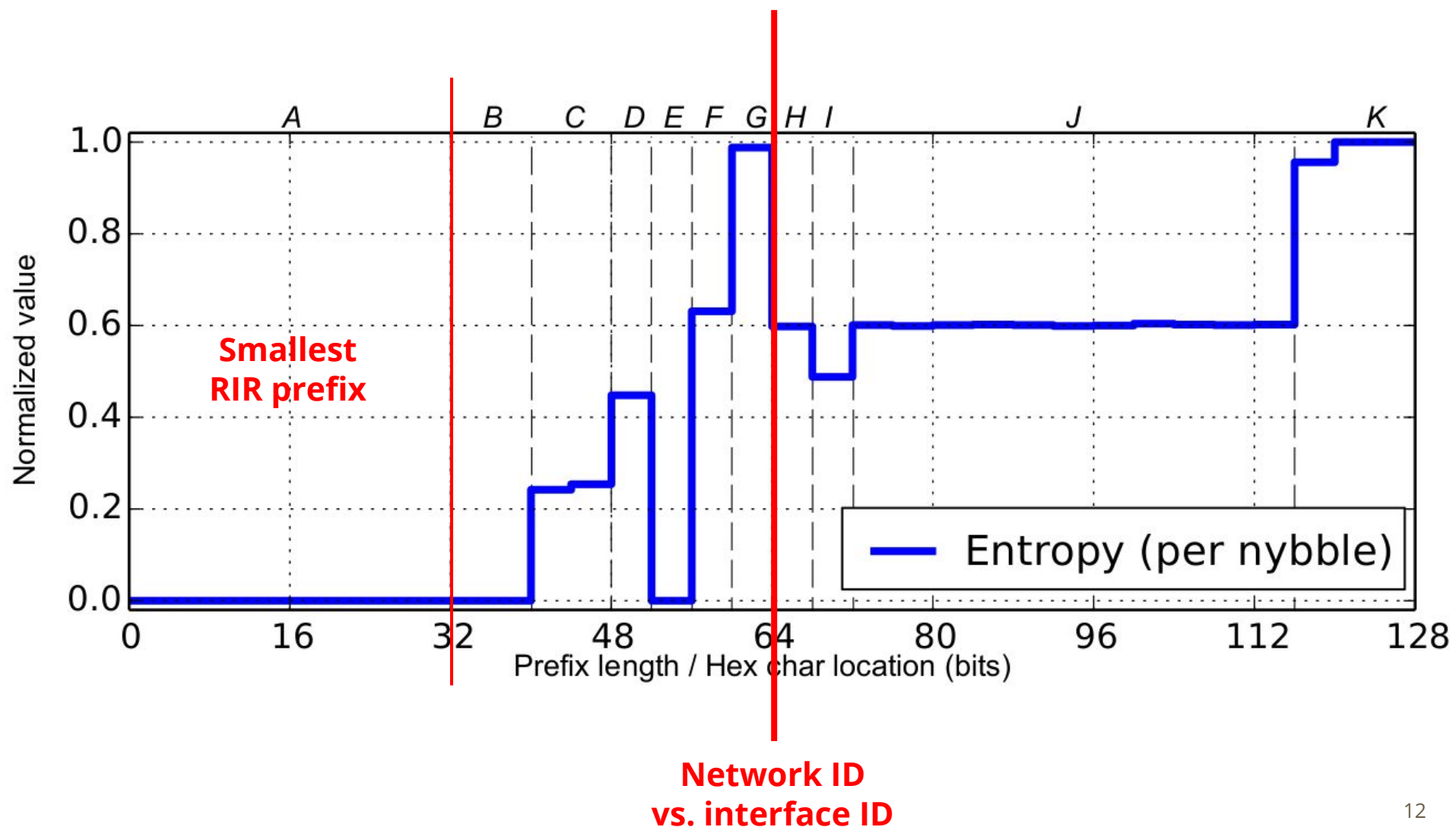
2. Address Segmentation: group by similar entropy

$$T = \{0.025, 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.9\}$$



$$|\hat{H}(X_i) - \hat{H}(X_{i-1})| > T_h \quad (T_h = 0.05)$$

2. Address Segmentation: list of bit ranges



3. Segment Mining: what's inside?

Extract **all values** D_k from given **segment** k , and find:

- a) Most popular values $> Q_3 + 1.5 \times IQR$
 - e.g. find constants, enumerations, etc.
- b) Densely packed *ranges* of values DBSCAN(values)
 - e.g. find adjacent subnets
- c) Uniform distributions DBSCAN(histogram)
 - e.g. find counters, randoms
- d) Summarize what's left $[\underline{\min}(D_k), \underline{\max}(D_k)]$

3. Segment Mining: output & encoding

	Code	Value	Frequency
	C1	00	67.02%
	C2	01	11.13%
	C3	c2	0.67%
C (40-48)	C4	fe	0.41%
	C5	ff	0.41%
	C6	02-5b	11.94%
	C7	5c-fd	8.42%

2001:0db8:0841:2500:0000:d9a0:5345:0012



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(A1, B2, C6, D4, E5, F1, G12, H1, I2, J3)

4. Bayesian Network: segment inter-dependencies

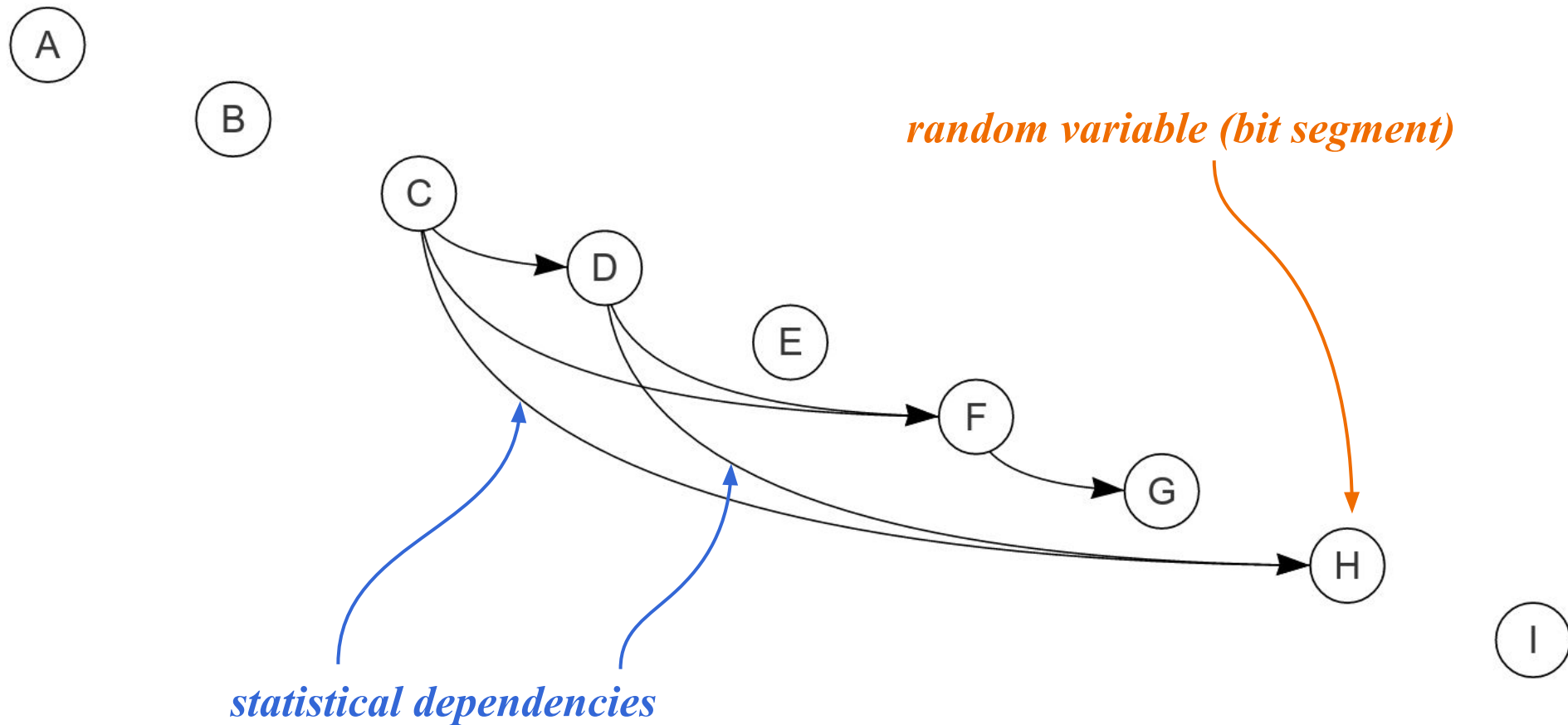
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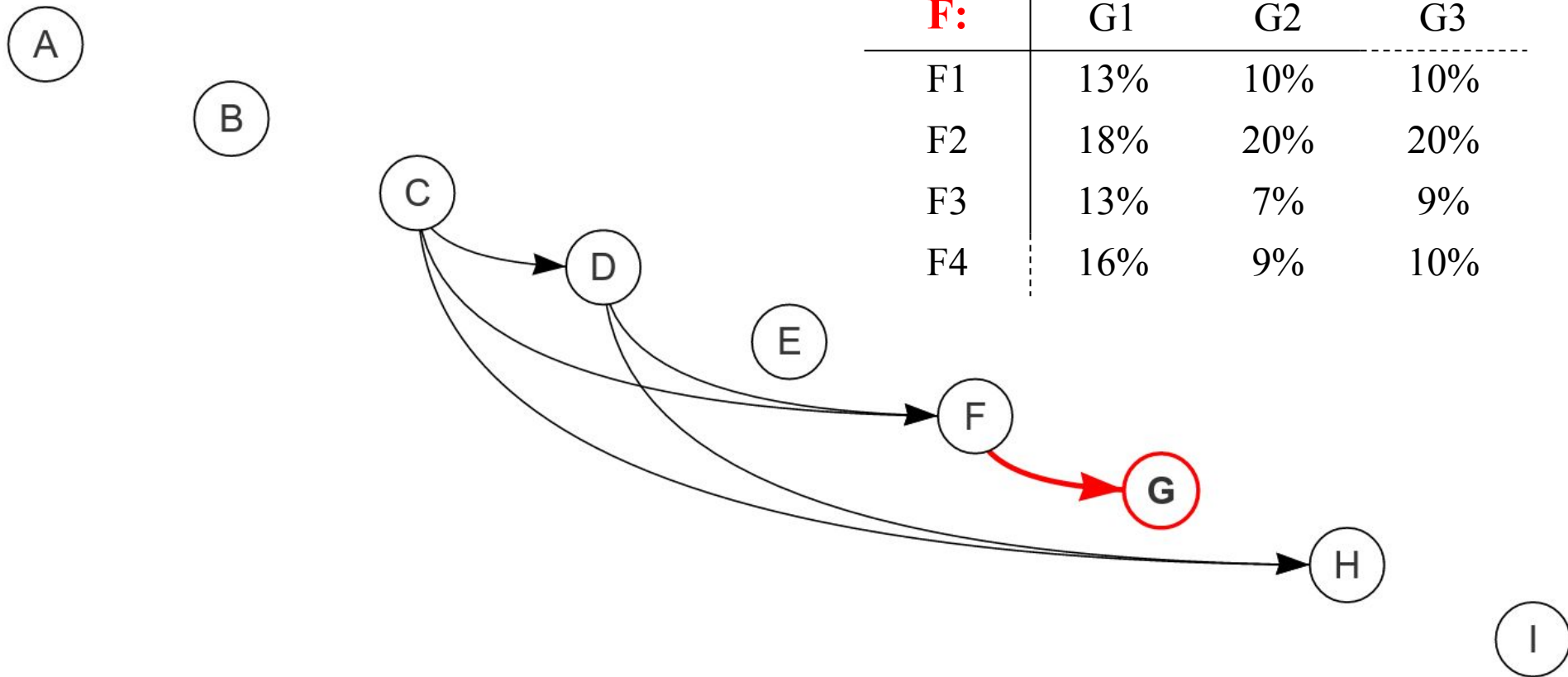
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4. Bayesian Network: dependency graph



4. Bayesian Network: conditional probabilities

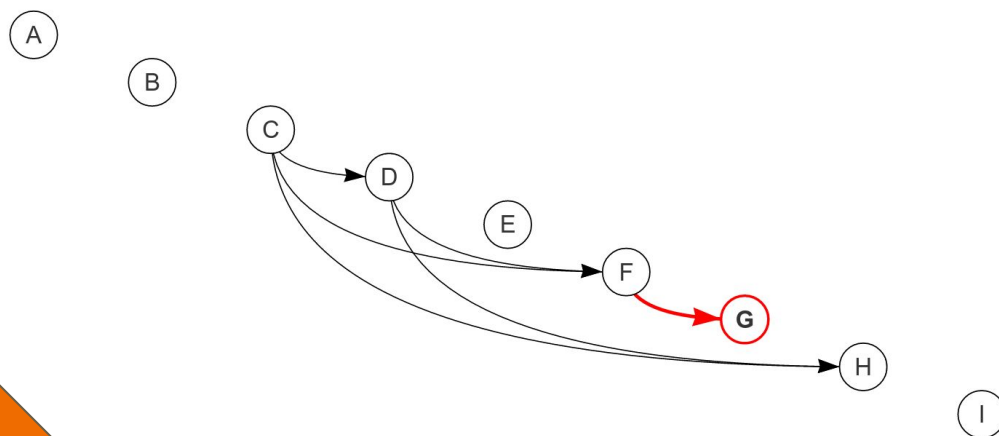


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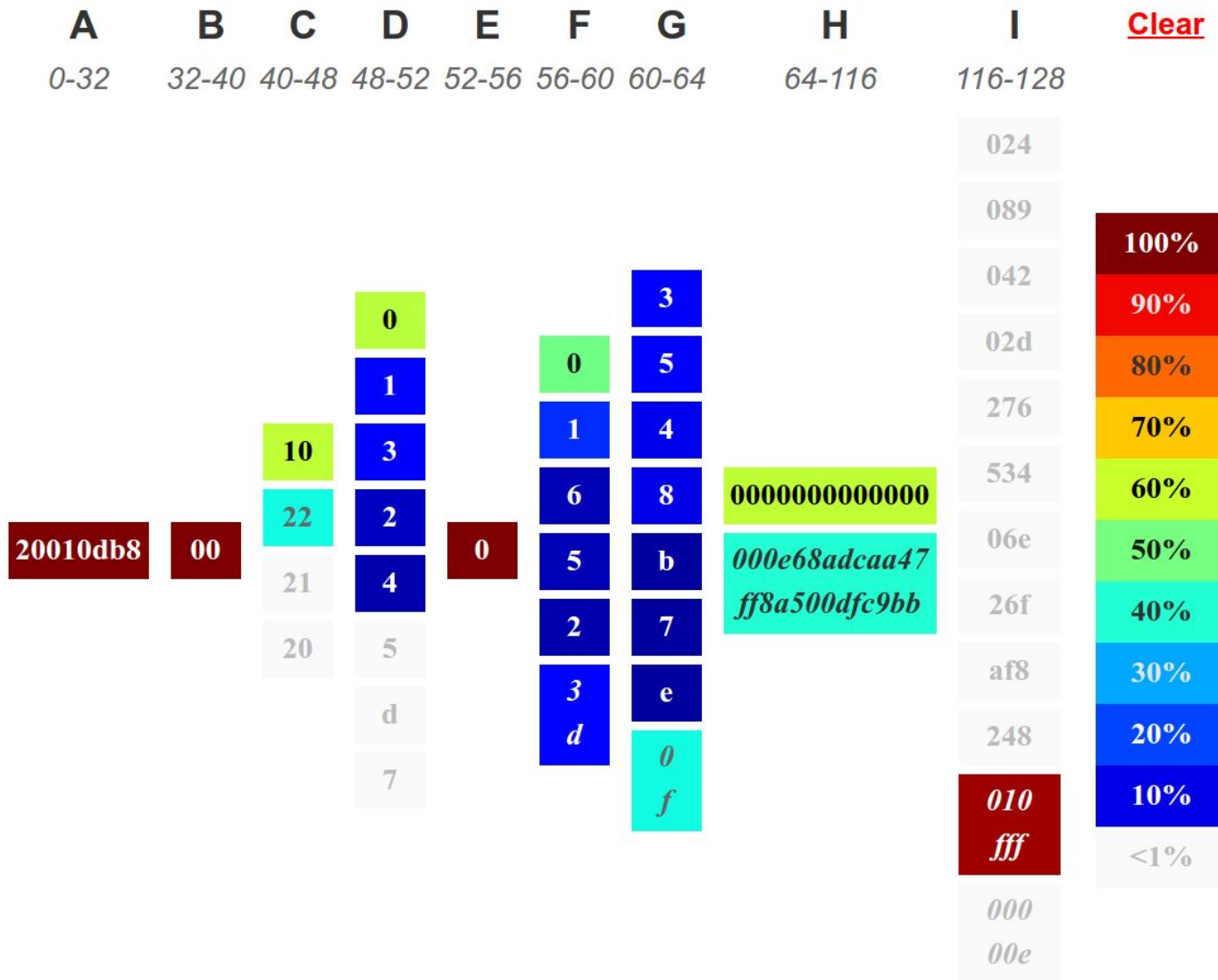
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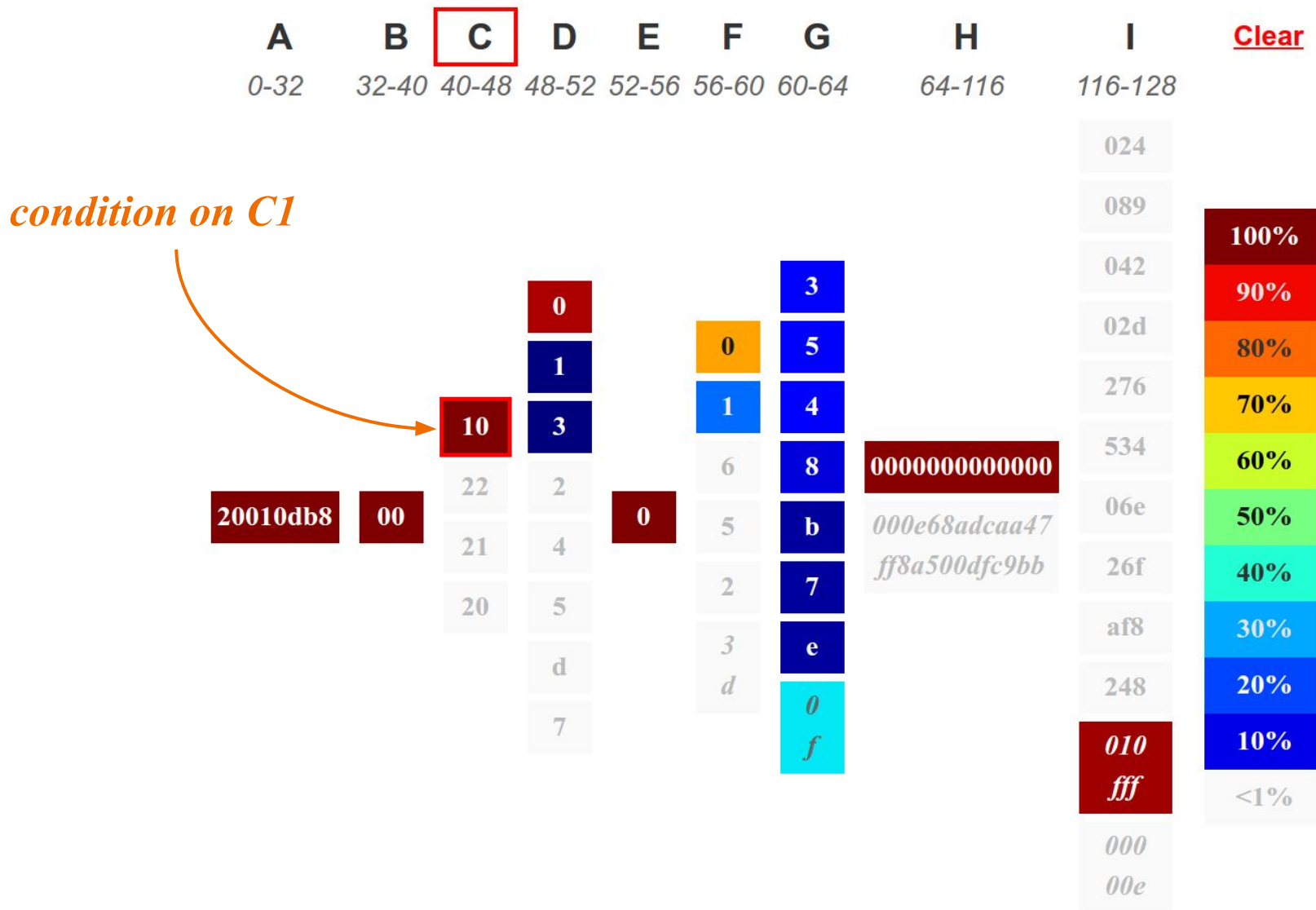


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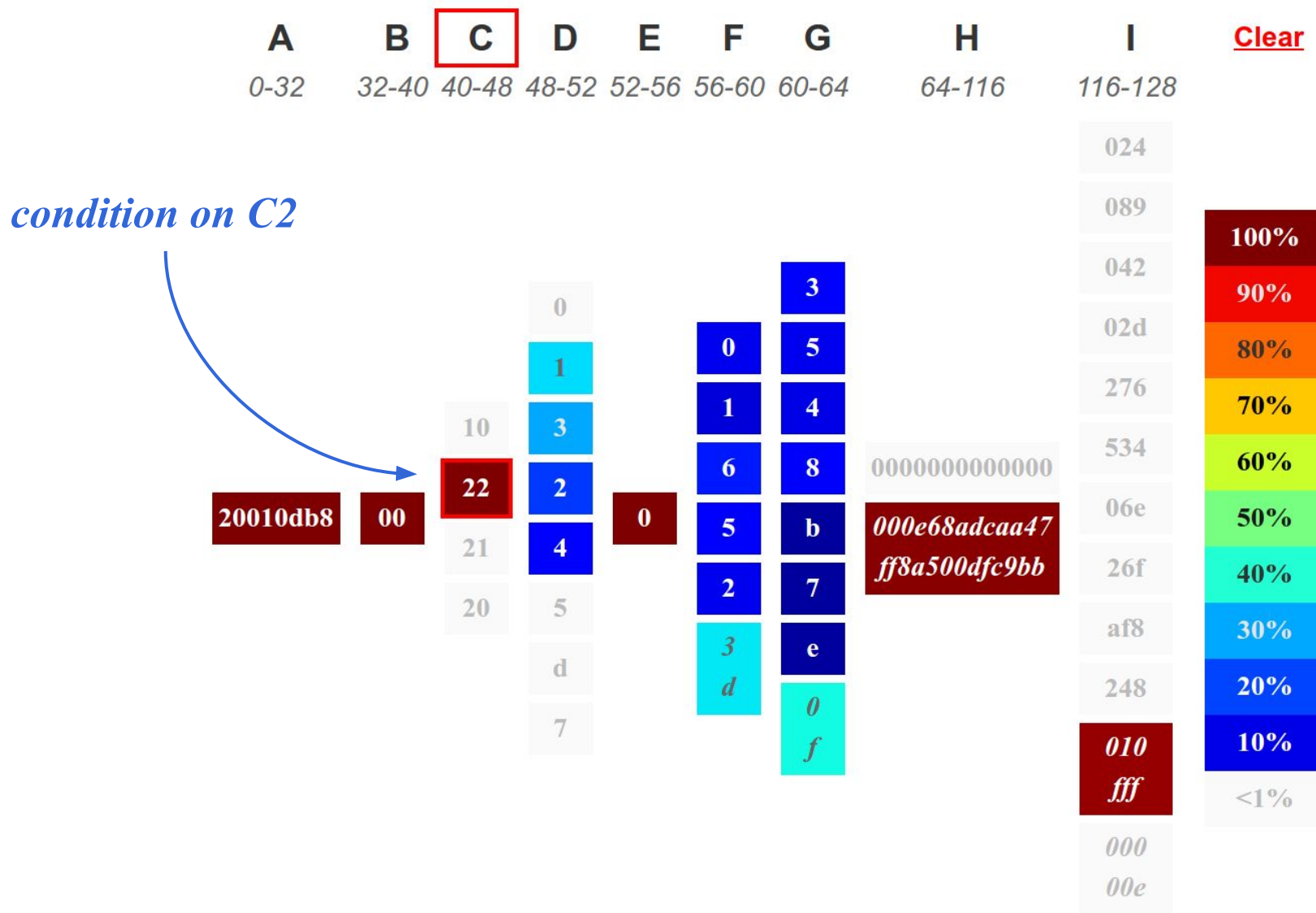
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4. Bayesian Network: visualization (2)



4. Bayesian Network: visualization (3)



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- CDN logs

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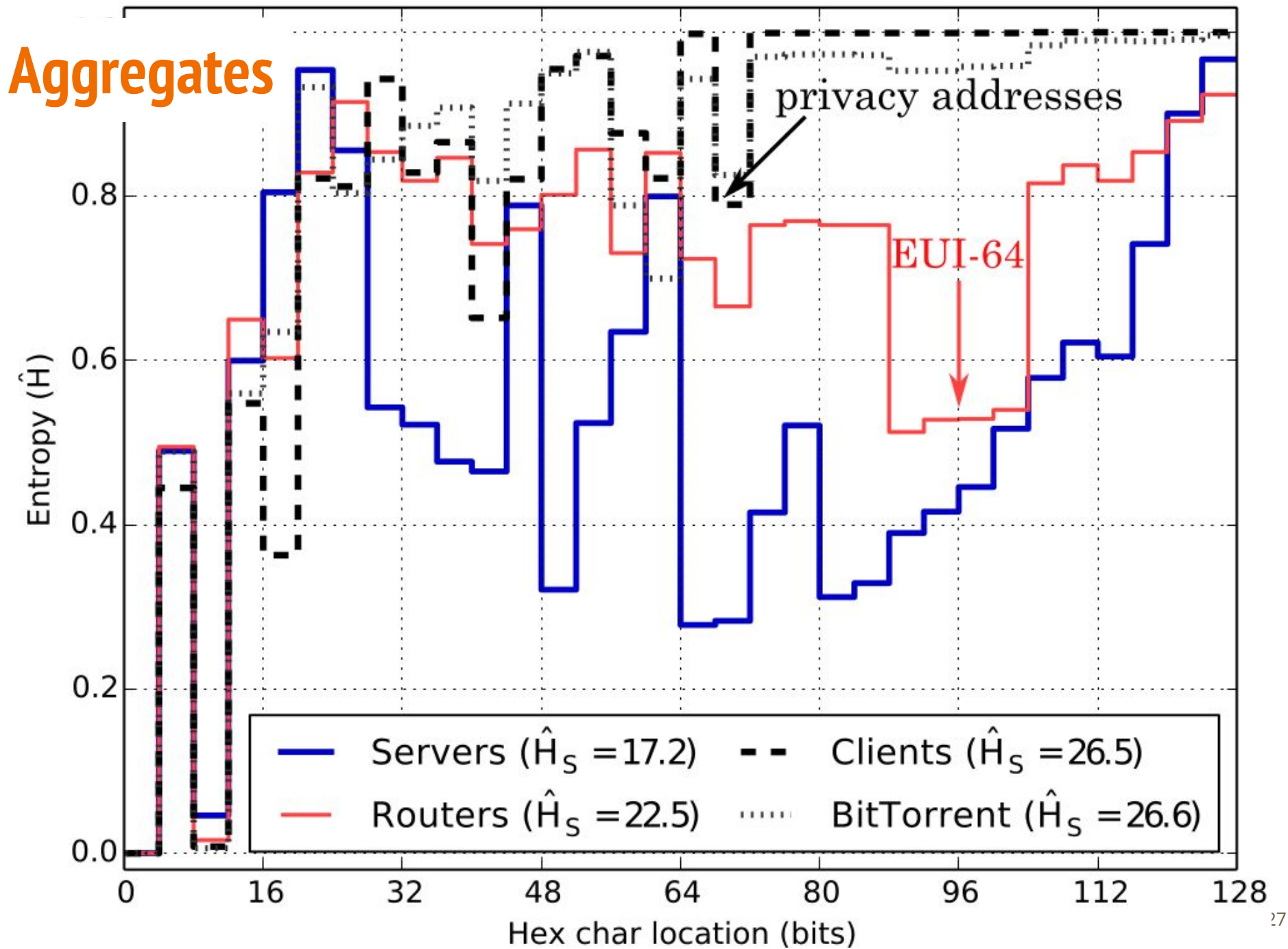
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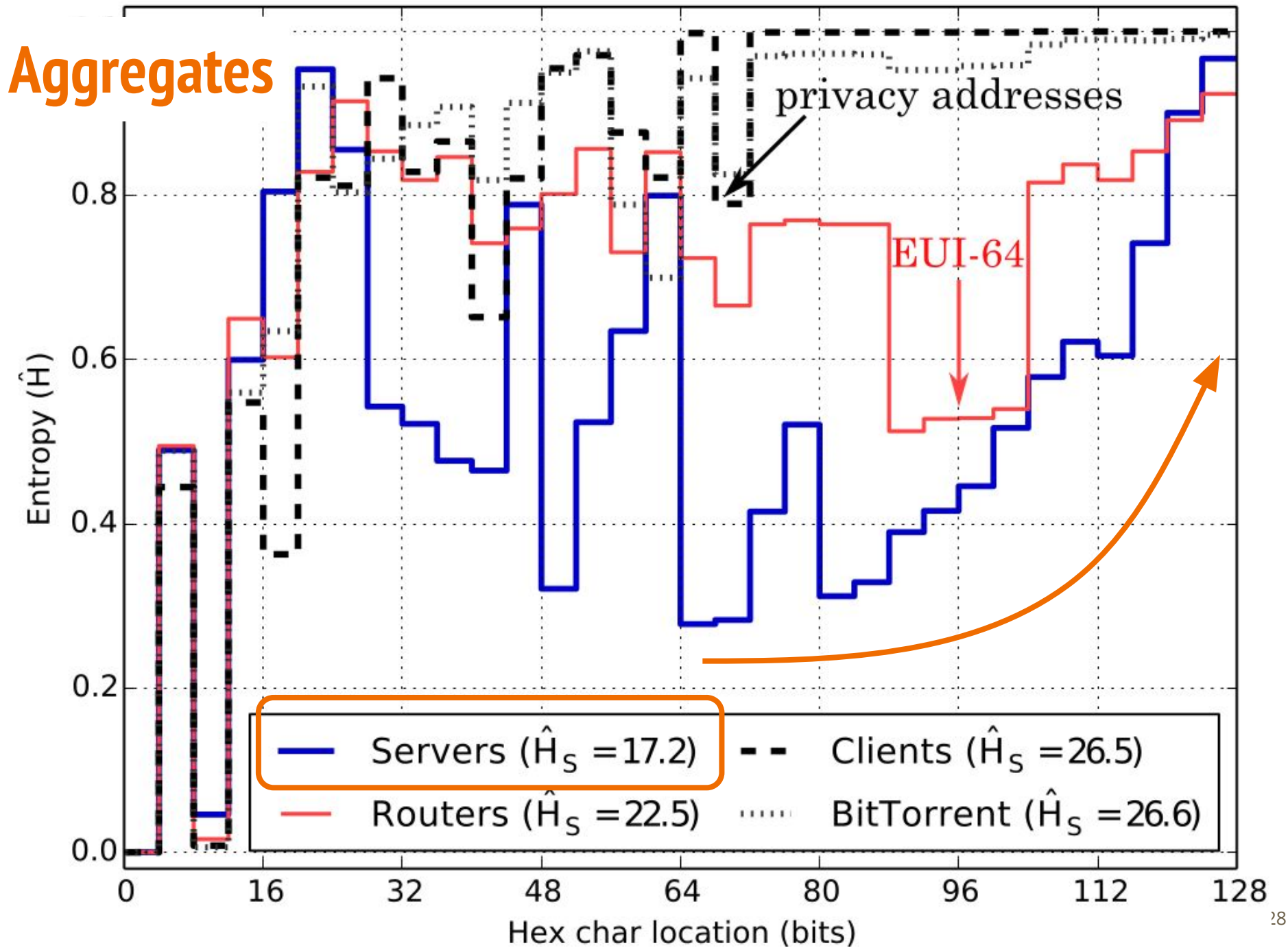
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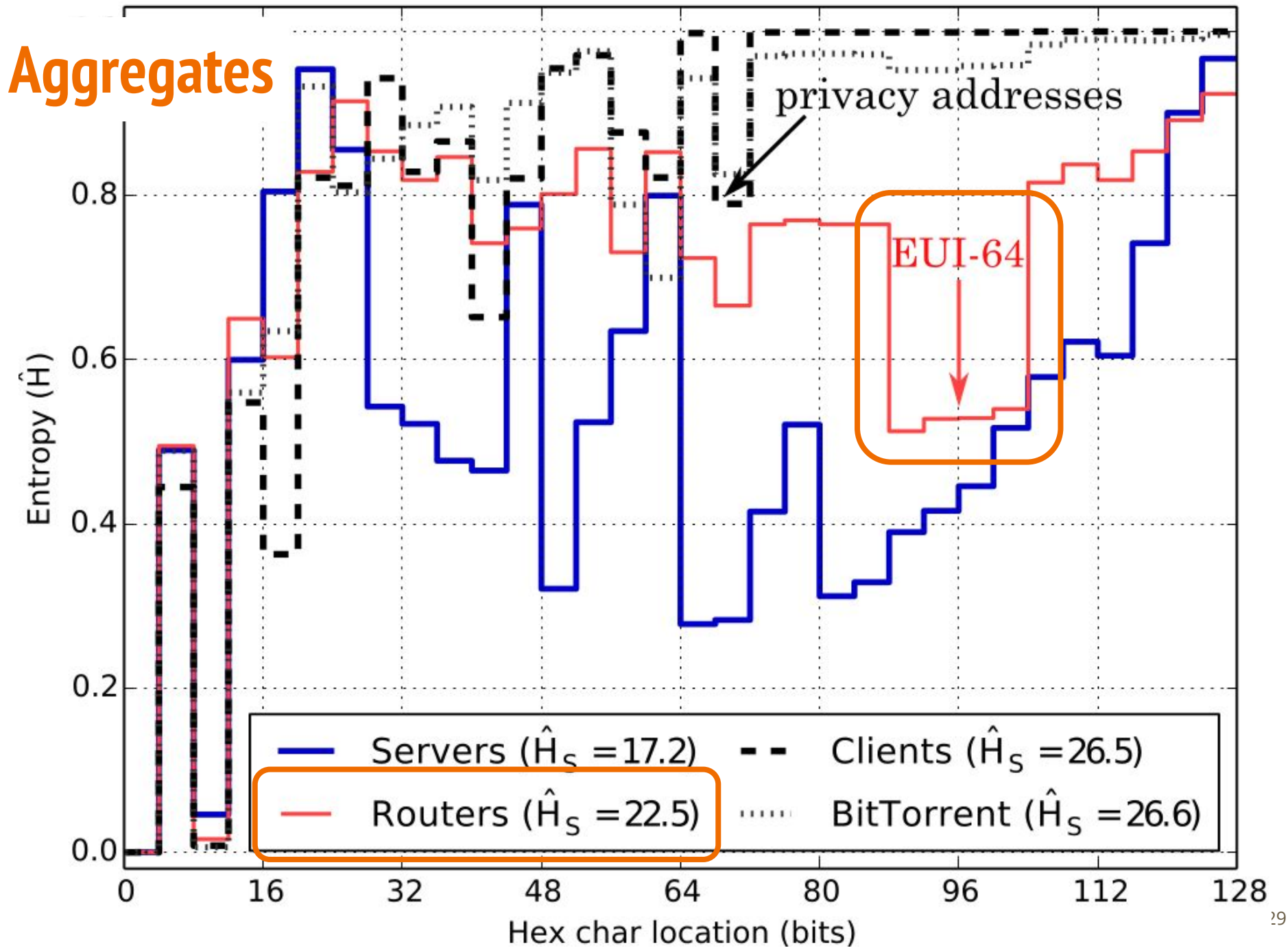
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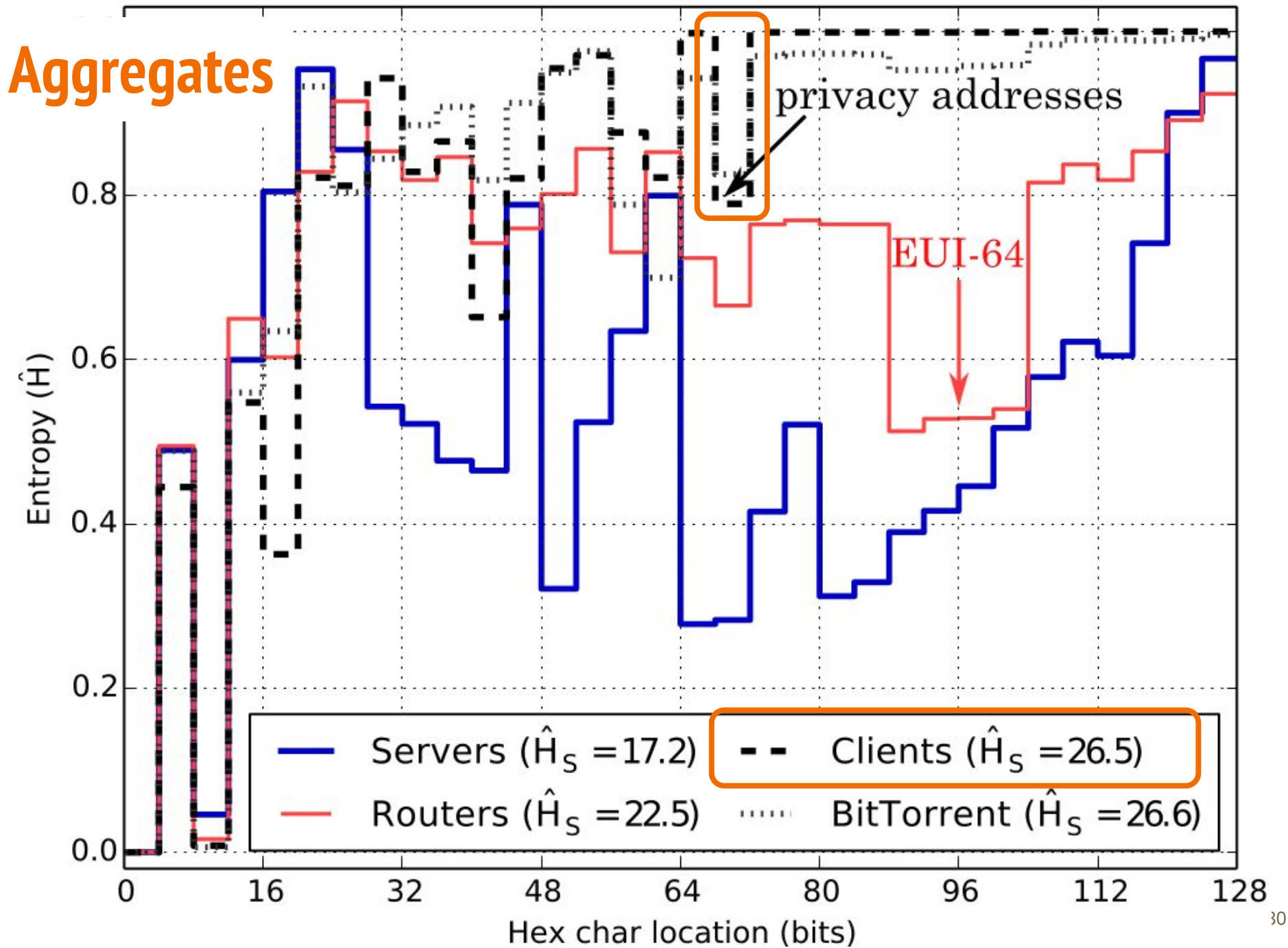
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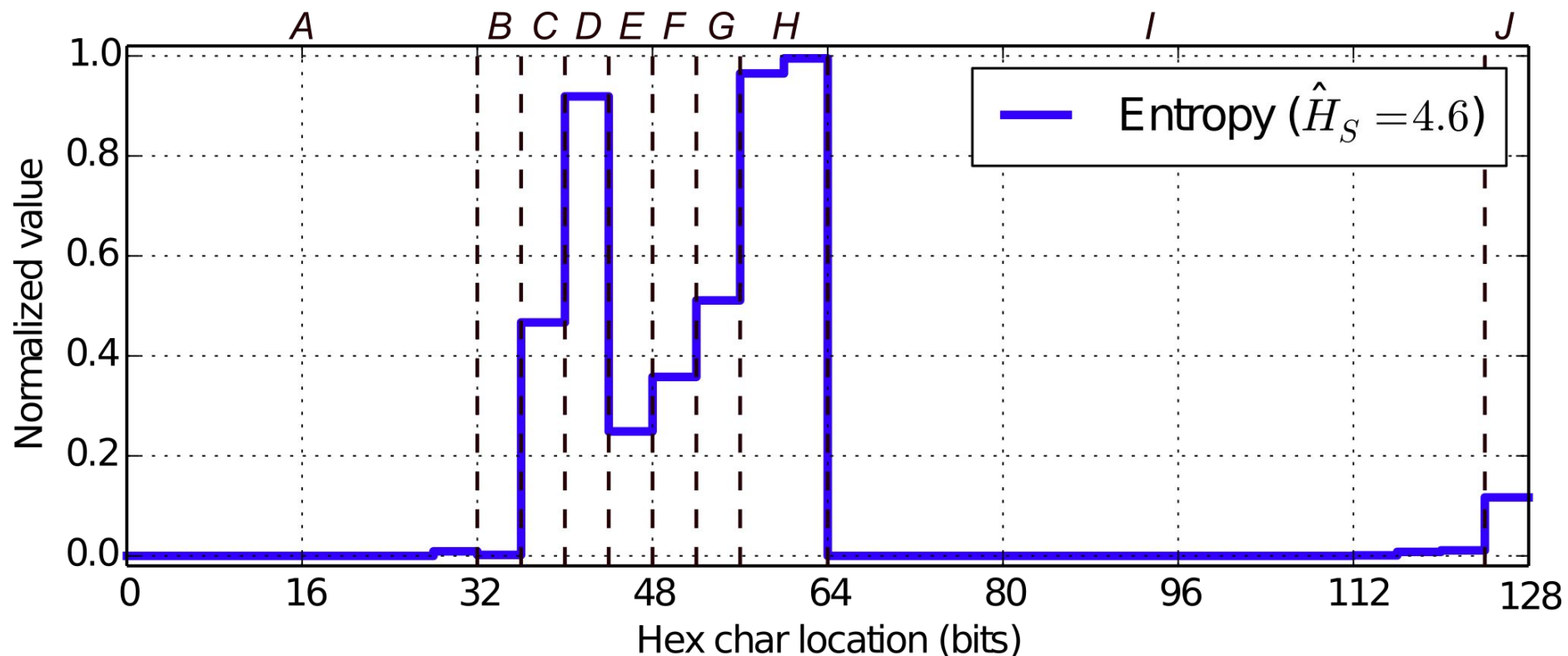
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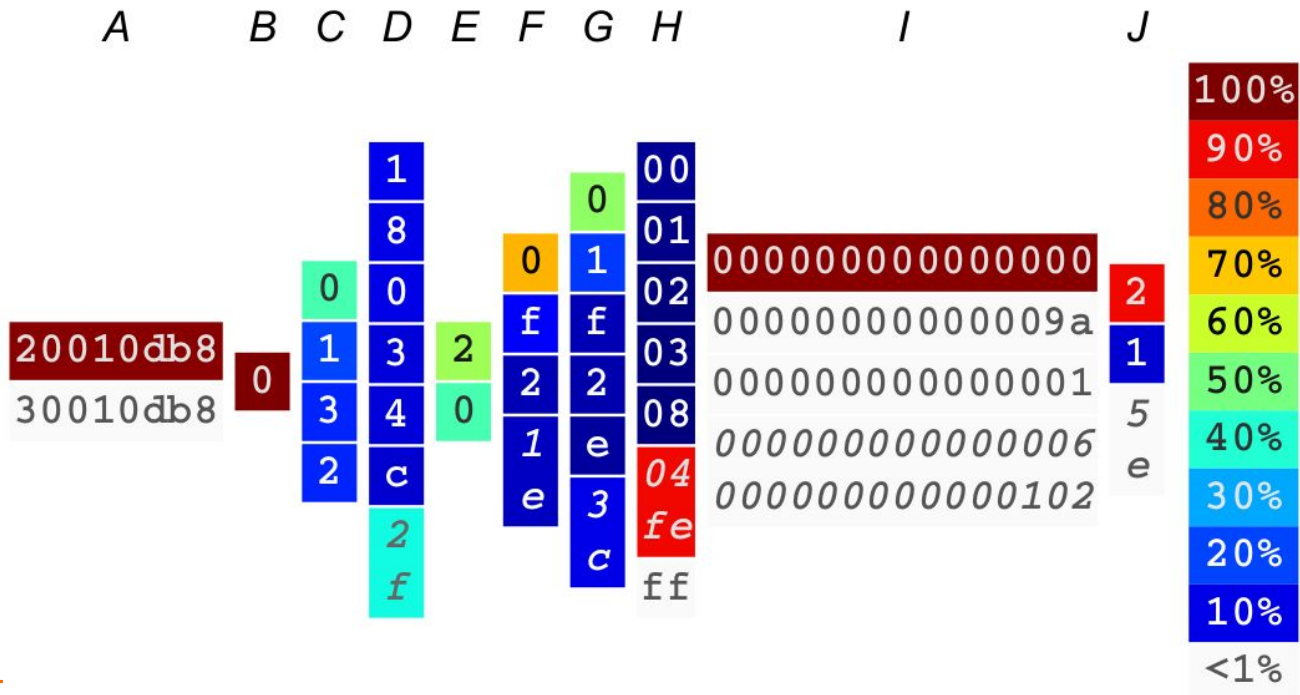
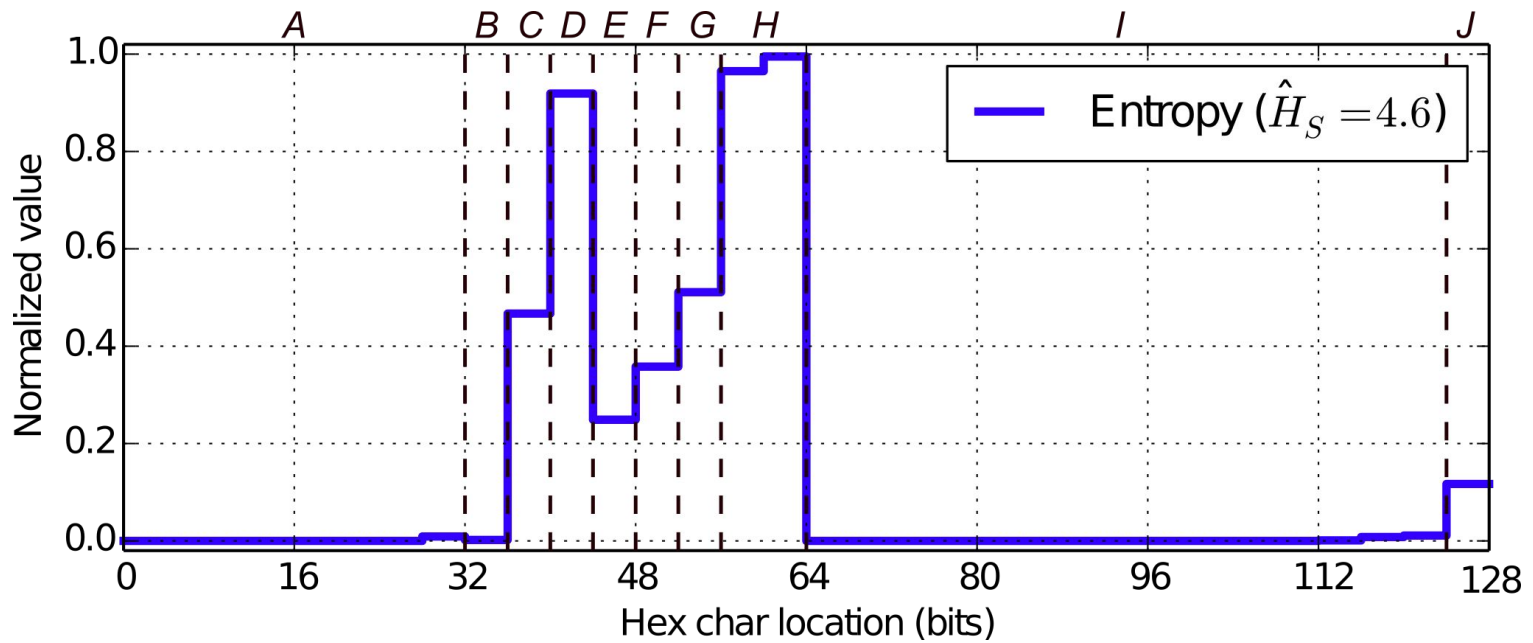


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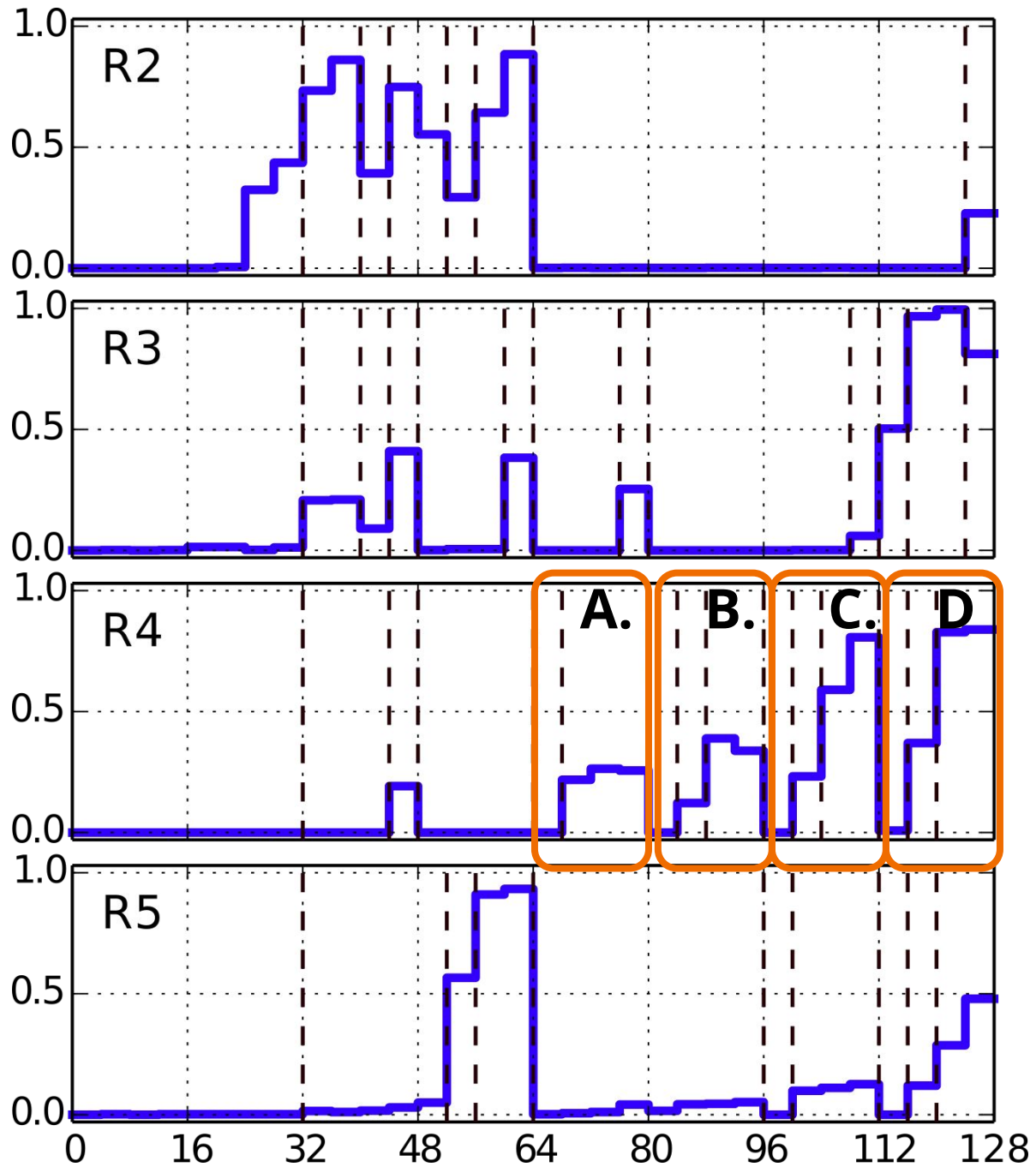


Evaluation: R1 (routers, global Internet carrier)



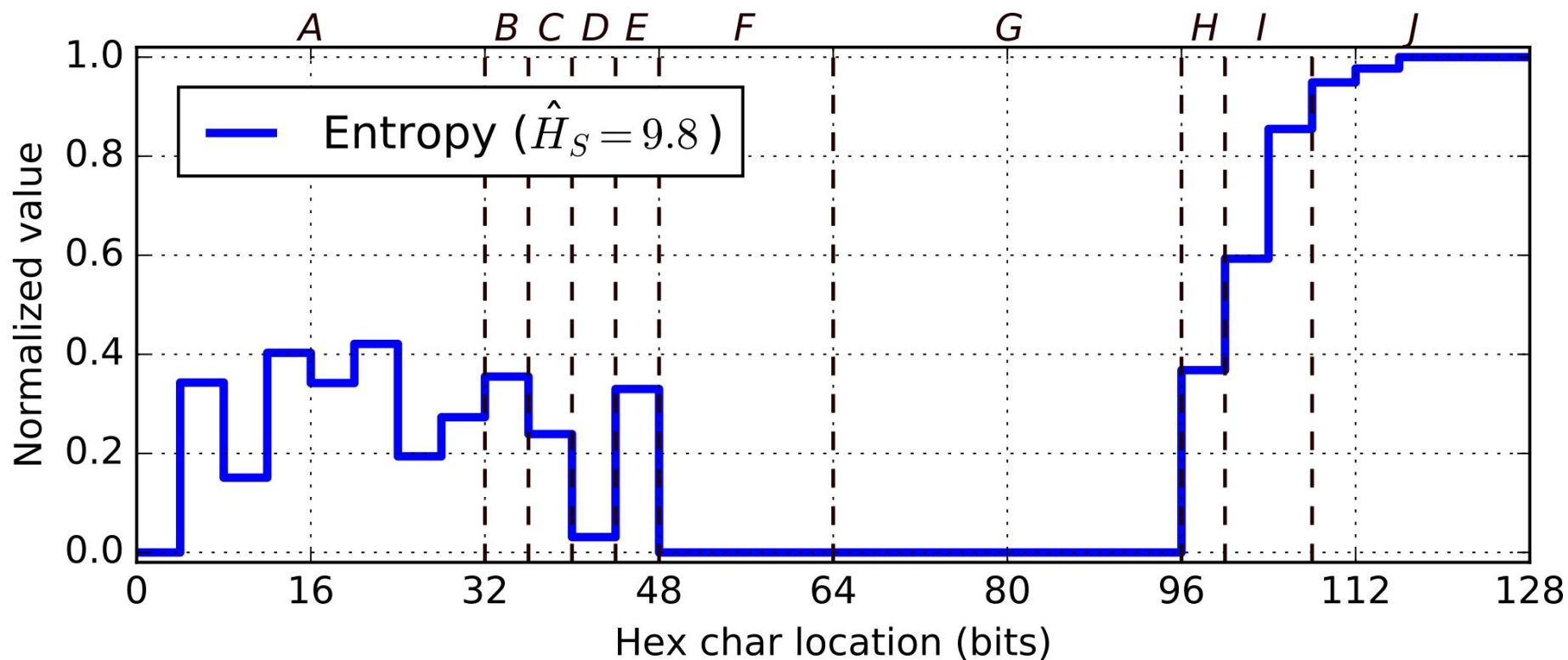


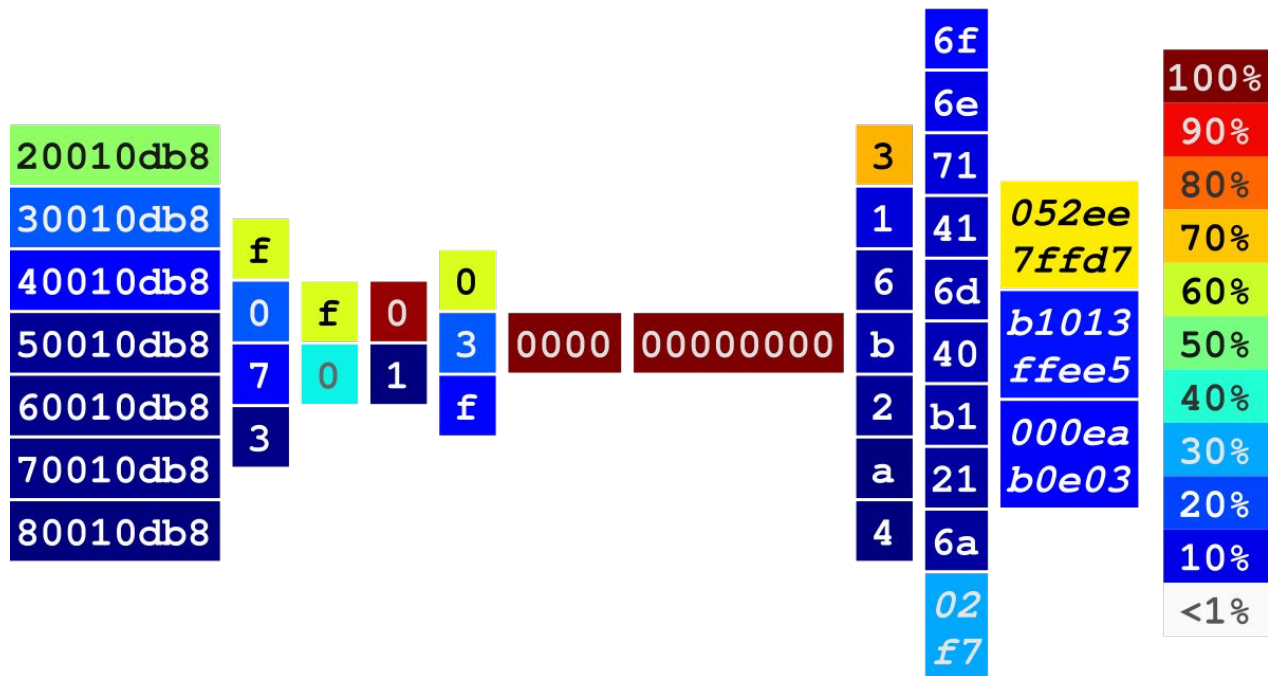
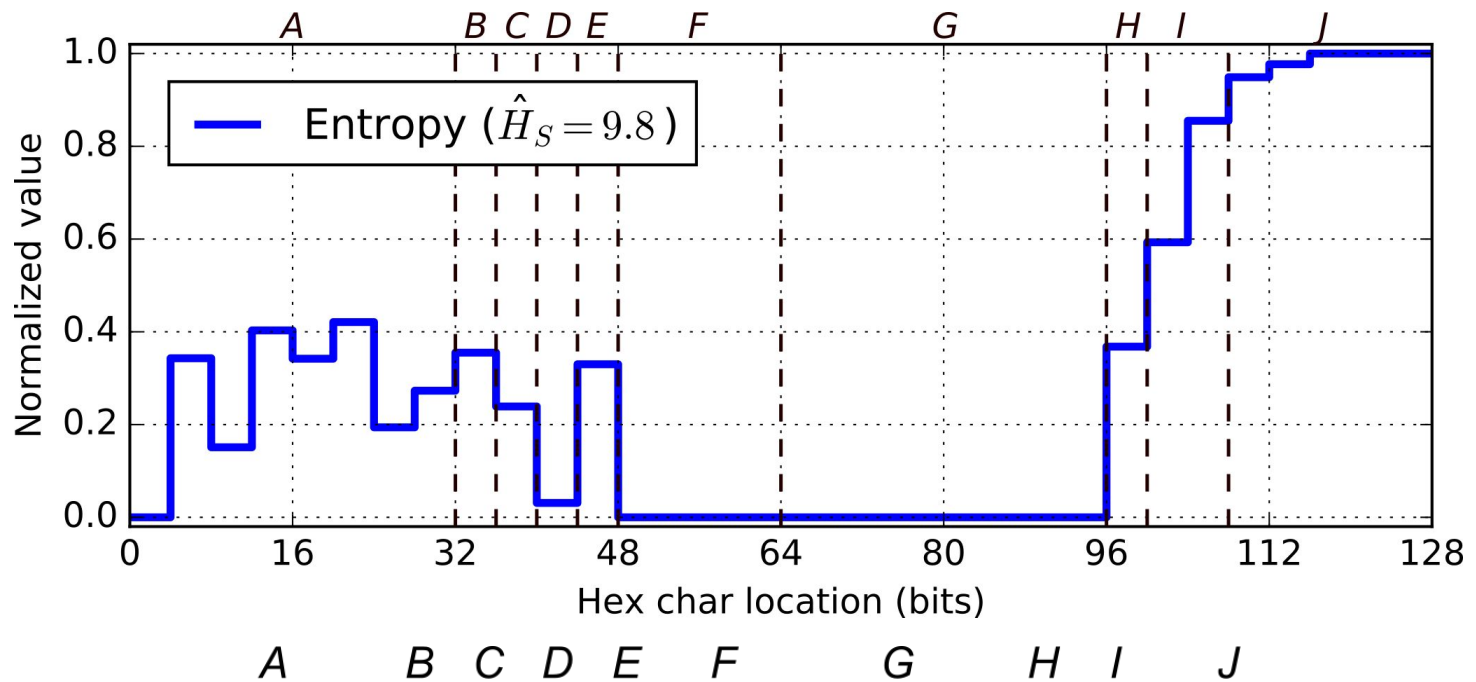
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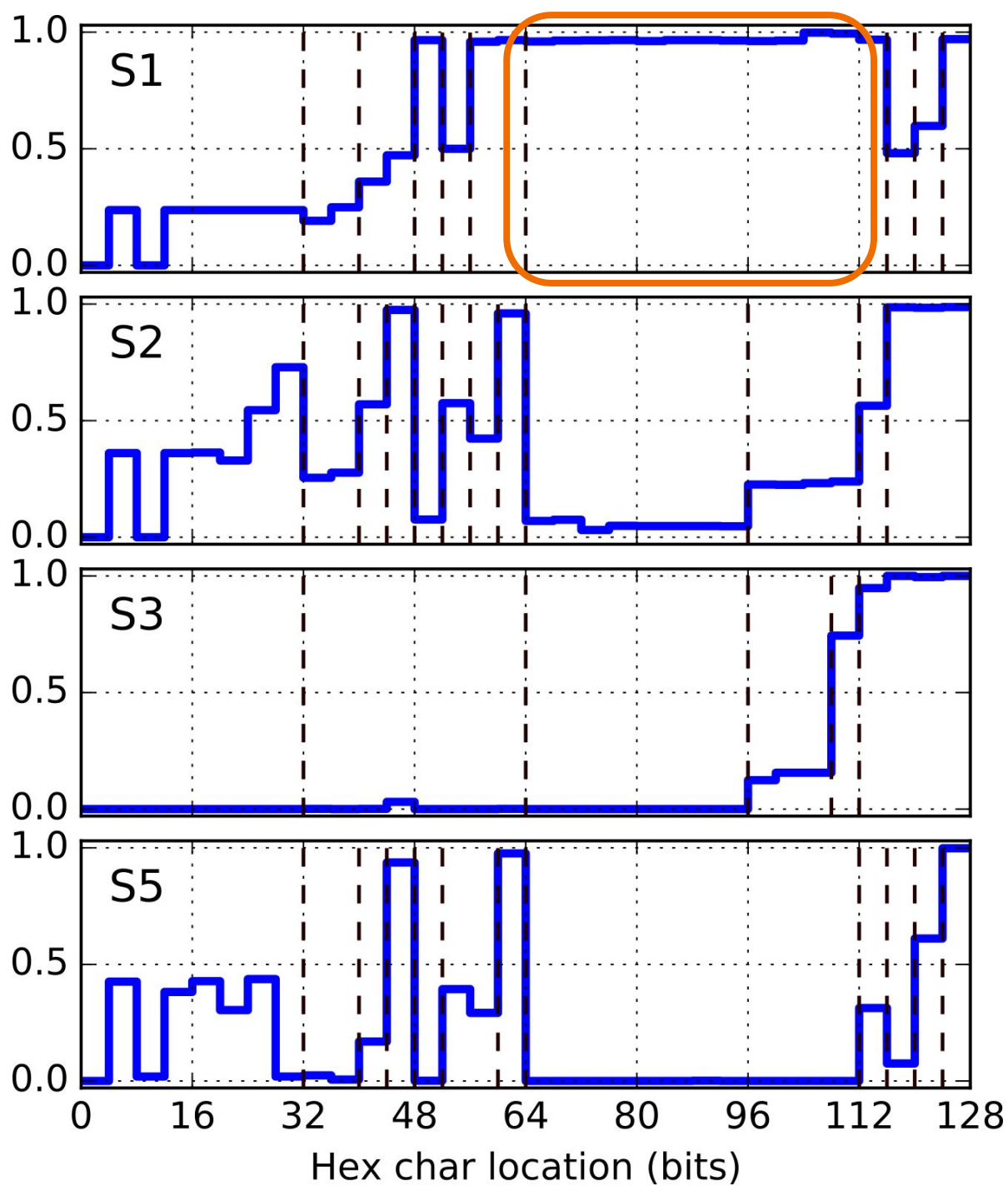
Routers (brief)

Evaluation: S4 (servers, leading cloud operator)



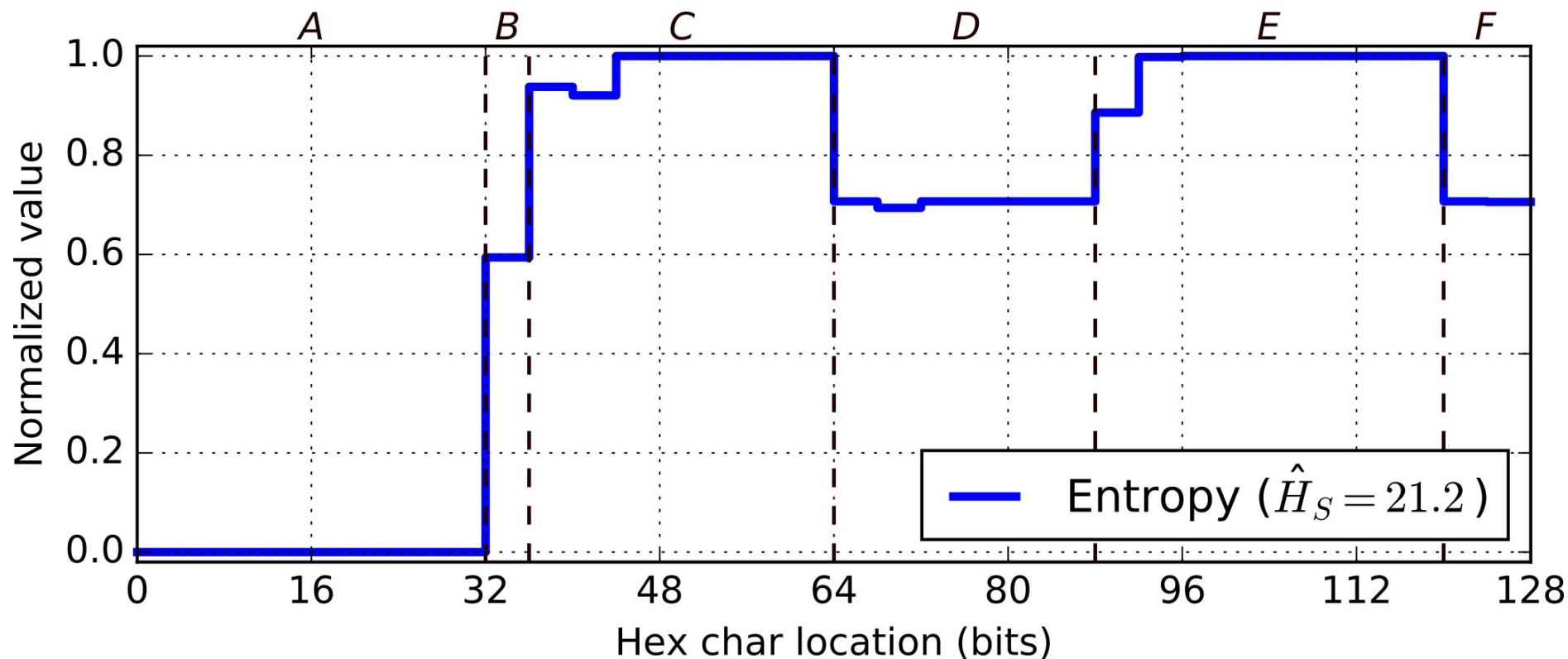


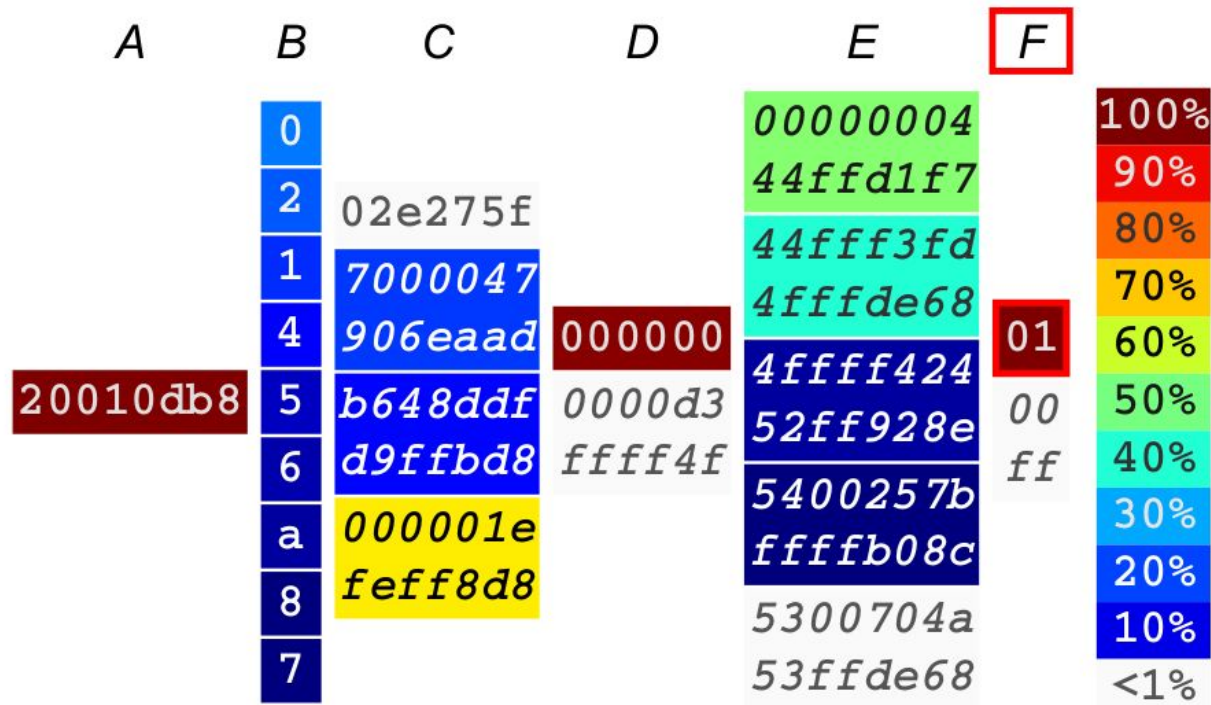
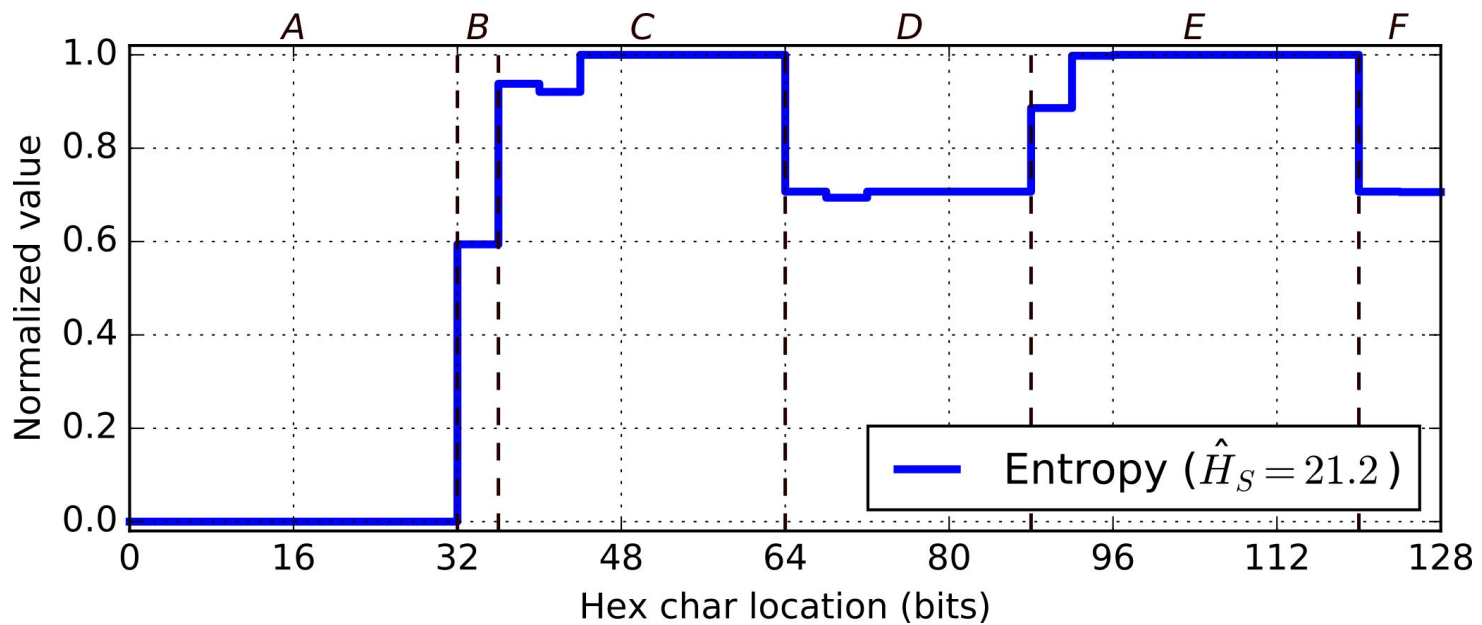
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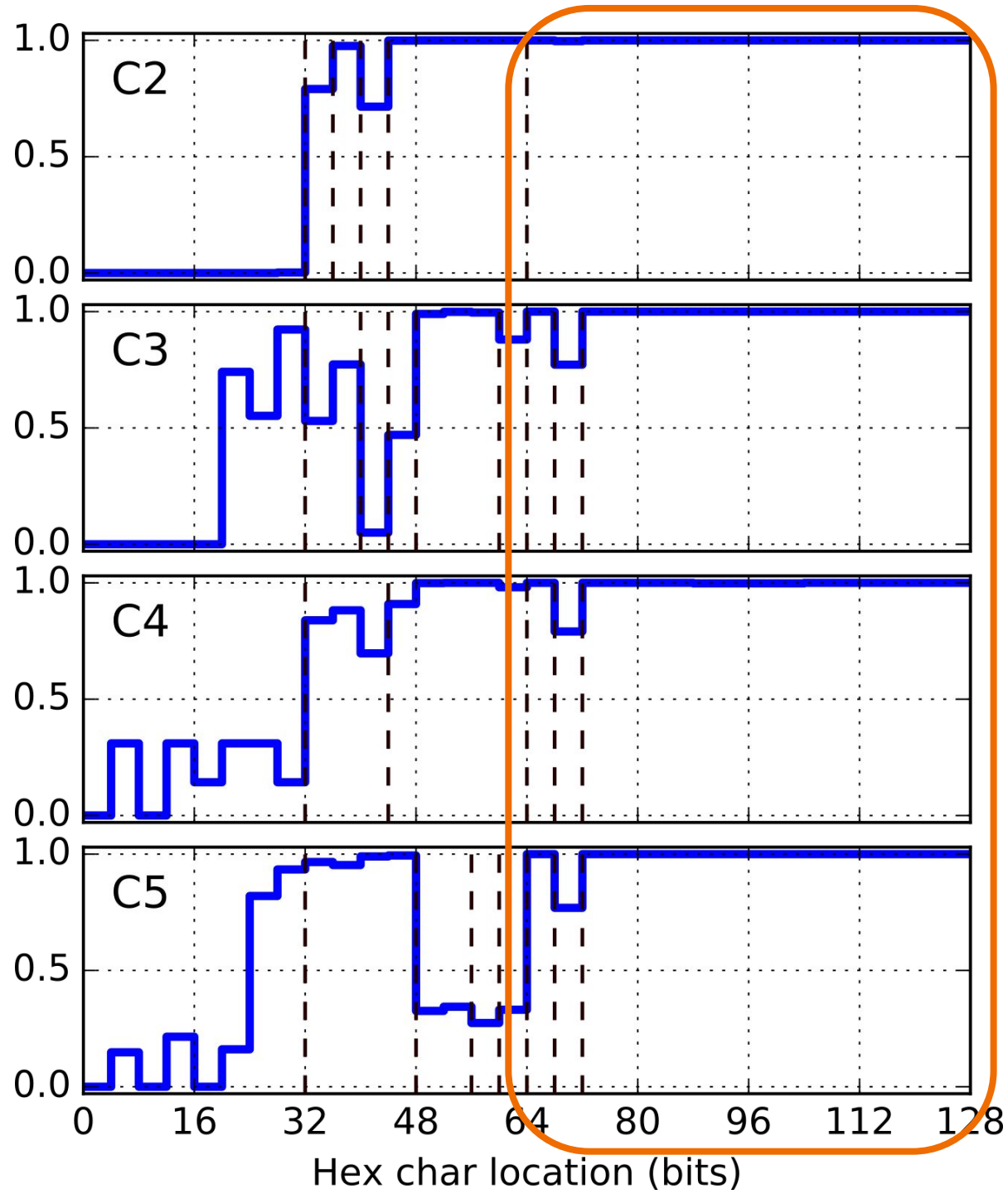
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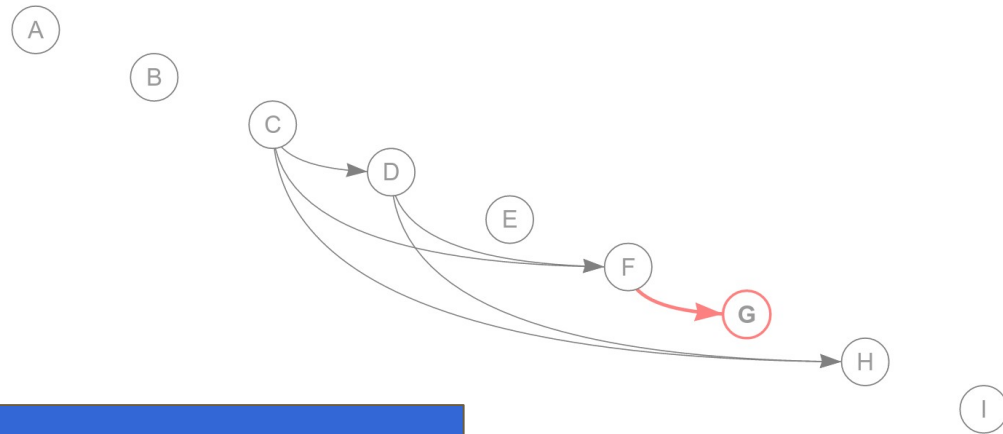
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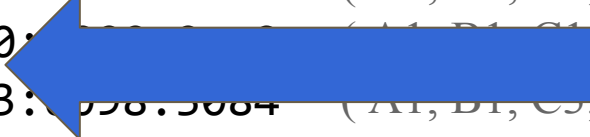
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2001:0db8:0010:0005:0000:0000:0000:03ca	(A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, F1, G2, H1, I11)
2001:0db8:0010:0015:0000:0000:0000:03cc	(A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, F2, G2, H1, I11)
2001:0db8:0021:0056:8032:6eb3:0580:5084	(A1, B1, C3, D1, E1, F4, G8, H2, I11)
2001:0db8:0010:0003:0000:0000:0000:018b	(A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, F1, G1, H1, I11)
2001:0db8:0010:0002:0000:0000:0000:0424	(A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, F1, G8, H1, I11)
2001:0db8:0010:0013:0000:0000:0000:0e2f	(A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, F2, G1, H1, I11)
2001:0db8:0022:20a4:3eb9:5fca:3ccb:2aae	(A1, B1, C2, D4, E1, F6, G3, H2, I11)
2001:0db8:0021:0014:3326:6434:74c9:aad6	(A1, B1, C3, D1, E1, F2, G3, H2, I11)
2001:0db8:0010:000f:0000:0000:0000:07bd	(A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, F1, G8, H1, I11)
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Scanning: experiment

1. Train on **1K samples**
2. Evaluate **on 1M generated candidates**
3. Check number of **valid** addresses in:
 - Testing set
 - Ping requests
 - Reverse DNS

Scanning: Servers and Routers (1K sample)

Dataset	Found IPv6 addresses				Success rate	New /64s
	Test set	Ping	rDNS	Overall		
S1	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
S2	6.4 K	160 K	29	160 K	16%	12 K
S3	62 K	430 K	0	430 K	43%	0
S4	480	23 K	0	23 K	2.3%	0
S5	44 K	53 K	18 K	66 K	6.6%	1.2 K
R1	20 K	33 K	37 K	44 K	4.4%	24 K
R2	14 K	9.7 K	22	19 K	1.9%	8.2 K
R3	11 K	10 K	16 K	19 K	1.9%	70
R4	1.6 K	400	1.7 K	1.7 K	1.7%	0
R5	4.3 K	3.3 K	2.3 K	5.5 K	0.55%	380
	160 K	720 K	75 K	770 K		46 K

Discovering structure even in client networks

Dataset	Predicted /64s		Success rate (7-day)
	Mar 17	Mar 17-23	
C1	12 K	54 K	5.4%
C2	2.0 K	11 K	1.1%
C3	7.5 K	8.3 K	0.83%
C4	37 K	120 K	12%
C5	150 K	200 K	20%
	210 K	390 K	

Conclusions

- **IPv6 networks *are* scannable:**
 - For most Server & Router networks we tried
 - For Clients, network IDs are predictable
 - But... only to some degree (% success rate)
- **IPv6 addresses *are* structured**
 - Can build probabilistic models for them (BNs)
 - Entropy uncovers semantically separate segments
- **Entropy/IP automatically learns these structures**
 - Interactive browser
 - Can generate targets for scanning
 - Can help in securing against scanning

Entropy/IP: Uncovering Structure in IPv6 Addresses

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This website is a Live Demo of Entropy/IP, our analysis system for sets of IPv6 addresses. The system employs [Shannon's Entropy](#), [Machine Learning](#), and [Bayesian Networks](#) to automatically discover, describe, and visualize structures in IPv6 addresses of Servers, Routers, and Web Clients. In addition, the system uses its models to generate candidate target addresses for scanning portions of the IPv6 Internet.

[See the Sample Report >](#)[Read the Paper \(PDF\) >](#)[Run it! >](#)

Our paper has been accepted to appear in the [ACM Internet Measurement Conference 2016 \(IMC 2016\)](#)

Reports for Servers

[Dataset S1](#) (Web Hosting)

[Dataset S2](#) (Content Delivery Network)

[Dataset S3](#) (Content Delivery Network)

[Dataset S4](#) (Cloud Network)

[Dataset S5](#) (many services)

Reports for Routers

[Dataset R1](#)

[Dataset R2](#)

[Dataset R3](#)

[Dataset R4](#)

[Dataset R5](#)

Reports for Clients

[Dataset C1](#) (a Mobile Operator)

[Dataset C2](#) (a Mobile Operator)

[Dataset C3](#)

[Dataset C4](#)

[Dataset C5](#)

The above are reports for *anonymized* IPv6 addresses, collected from DNS, [traceroute](#), and logs of a CDN.

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Thank You!

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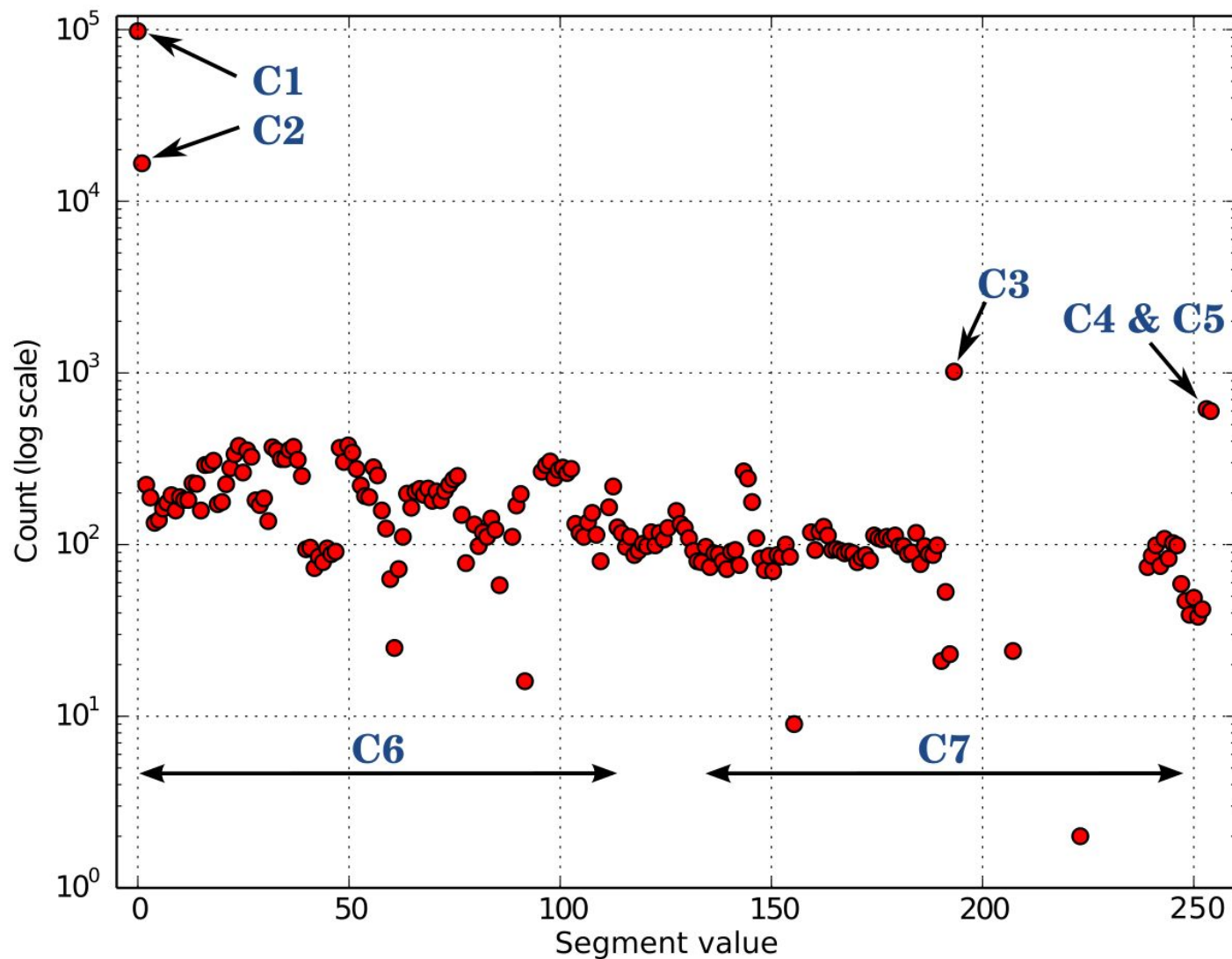
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Scanning: Sample size vs. success rate

Dataset	Training sample size				
	100	1 K	10 K	100 K	1 M
S5	5.2%	6.7%	7.0%	2.9%	-
R1	4.1%	4.4%	4.4%	-	-
C5	16%	20%	21%	20%	14%

3. Segment Mining: example



1. Entropy Analysis: variability

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2001:0db8:0010:0013:0000:0000:0
2001:0db8:0010:0000:0000:0000:0
2001:0db8:0010:0003:0000:0000:0
2001:0db8:0020:d05f:882f:6082:f
2001:0db8:0010:0004:0000:0000:0
2001:0db8:0010:0003:0000:0000:0
2001:0db8:0010:0008:0000:0000:0
2001:0db8:0010:000a:0000:0000:0
2001:0db8:0010:0006:0000:0000:0
2001:0db8:0022:1014:aef6:60af:d
2001:0db8:0010:0012:0000:0000:0
2001:0db8:0022:10c0:5100:ac7d:9
2001:0db8:0010:0002:0000:0000:0
2001:0db8:0010:0008:0000:0000:0
2001:0db8:0022:2053:4e6a:a11a:d
(...)
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