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# Robust Spatio-Temporal Bayesian On-line Changepoint Detection and Model Selection

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[**Standard** BOCPD presented as in Adams and MacKay (2007);  
**Extensions I** and **II** in Knoblauch and Damoulas (2018);  
**Extension III** in Knoblauch et al. (2018)]

# Motivation: Features of Air Pollution in London



- (1) **Spatio-temporal** data stream
- (2) Want to do principled probabilistic (= **Bayesian**) forecasting
- (3) Observation frequency high  $\Rightarrow$  **on-line** treatment essential
- (4) Abrupt changes (congestion charge)  $\Rightarrow$  **Changepoint Detection**

$\Rightarrow$  **Spatio-temporal Bayesian On-line Changepoint Detection**

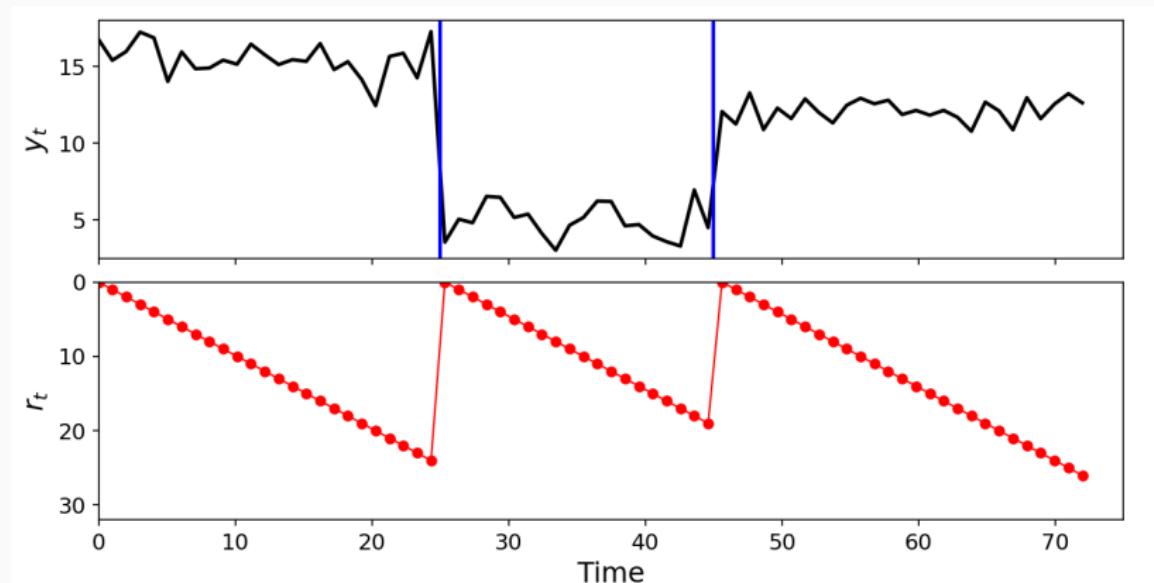
Extension I

Adams and MacKay (2007)

# Standard Bayesian On-line Changepoint (CP) Detection

Idea due to Adams and MacKay (2007) and Fearnhead and Liu (2007):

- (1) Define **Run-length at**  $t = r_t \iff$  there was a CP at time  $t - r_t$ .
- (2) **Inference on last CP** via  $p(r_t | y_{1:t})$  rather than on *all* CPs
- (3) Resulting complexity:  $\mathcal{O}(t)$  **rather than**  $\mathcal{O}(\prod_{i=1}^t i)$ .



# Standard BOCPD: Probabilistic model & Inference

$$r_t | r_{t-1} \sim H(r_t, r_{t-1}) \quad [\text{conditional CP prior}] \quad (1a)$$

$$\theta \sim \pi(\theta) \quad [\text{parameter prior}] \quad (1b)$$

$$y_t | \theta \sim f(y_t | \theta) \quad [\text{observation density prior}] \quad (1c)$$

implicitly, a requirement of  $(f, \pi)$  is that the posterior predictives

$$f(y_t | y_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}) = \int_{\Theta} f(y_t | \theta) \pi(\theta | y_{(t-r_{t-1}): (t-1)}) d\theta \quad (2)$$

are efficiently computable. Inference then proceeds via the recursion

$$p(y_1, r_1 = 0) = \int_{\Theta} f(y_1 | \theta) \pi(\theta) d\theta = f(y_1 | y_0), \quad (3)$$

$$p(y_{1:t}, r_t) = \sum_{r_{t-1}} \left\{ f(y_t | y_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}) H(r_t, r_{t-1}) p(y_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}) \right\}. \quad (4)$$

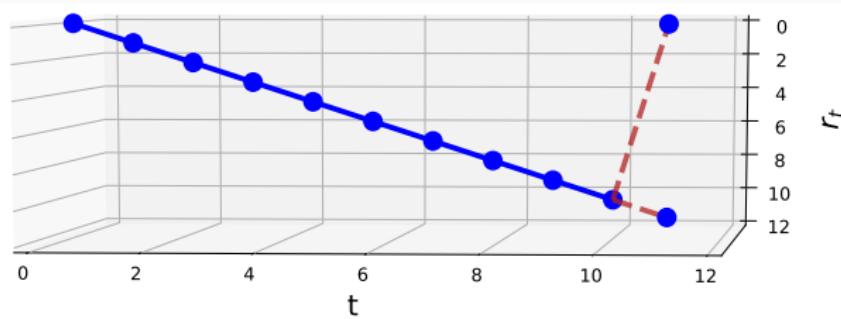
## Observations:

- (1) Assumes that the same model  $(f, \pi)$  holds in each segment
- (2) CPs are shifts in the parameterization  $\theta$  of that model

# Standard BOCPD: Inference

$$p(\mathbf{y}_1, r_1 = 0) = \int_{\Theta} f(\mathbf{y}_1 | \theta) \pi(\theta) d\theta = f(\mathbf{y}_1 | \mathbf{y}_0),$$

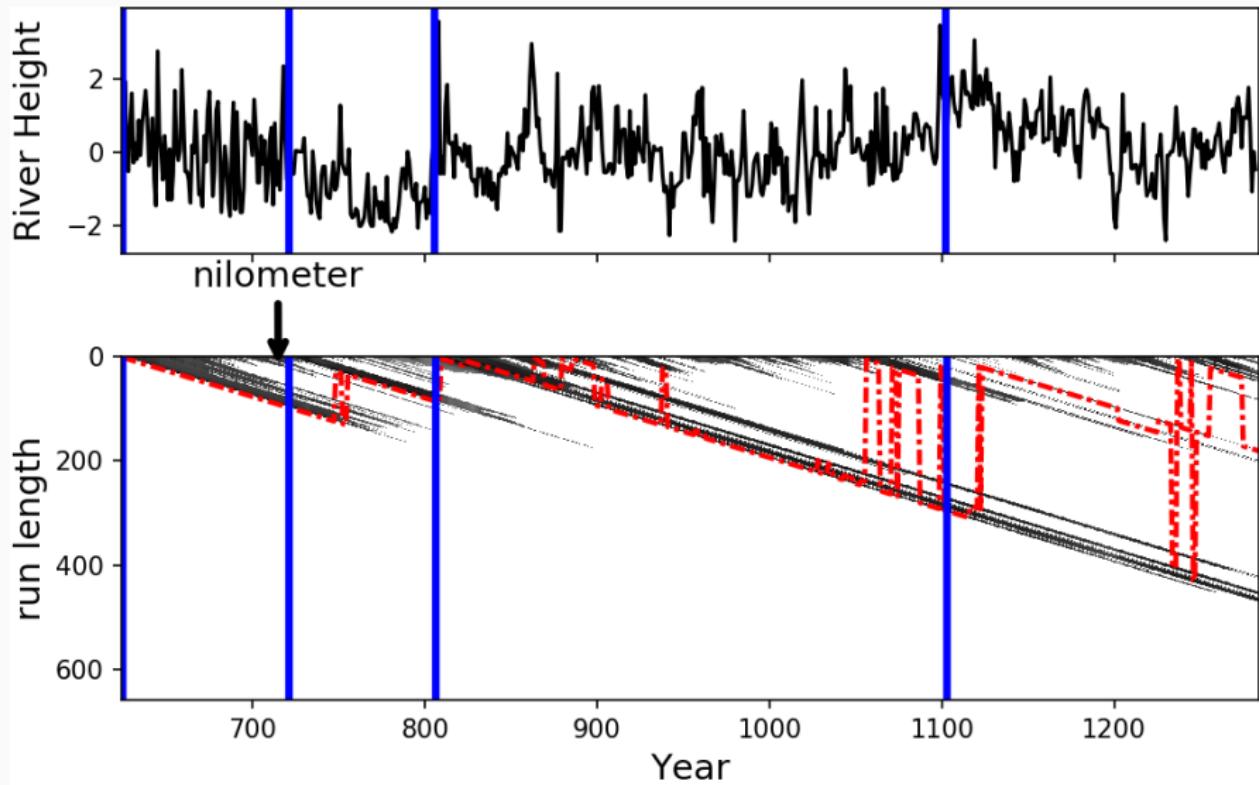
$$p(\mathbf{y}_{1:t}, r_t) = \sum_{r_{t-1}} \left\{ f(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}) H(r_t, r_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}) \right\}.$$



## Inference:

- (1) **Evidence:**  $p(\mathbf{y}_{1:t}) = \sum_{r_t} p(\mathbf{y}_{1:t}, r_t)$
- (2) **CP (run-length) posterior:**  $p(r_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t}) = p(\mathbf{y}_{1:t}, r_t) / p(\mathbf{y}_{1:t})$ .
- (3) **Prediction:**  $p(\mathbf{y}_{t+1} | \mathbf{y}_{1:t}) = \sum_{r_t} f(\mathbf{y}_{t+1} | \mathbf{y}_{1:t}, r_t) p(r_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t})$
- (4) **MAP segmentation:**  $MAP_t = \max_r \{ MAP_{t-r-1} p(r_t = r | \mathbf{y}_{1:t}) \}$

# Standard BOCPD: Illustration using AR(1) on Nile data





# Standard BOCPD: Limitations

## Limitations:

- So far: inherently **univariate** method
- Each segment described by the **same model**  $m = (f, \pi)$
- non-robust** to outliers and misspecification

## Contributions:

- Construct inherently **multivariate** models  $m$
- Allow **multiple models**  $\{(f_1, \pi_1), \dots, (f_K, \pi_K)\}$  for the segments
- Update your posteriors with **robust** divergences



# Extension I: Multivariate/Spatio-Temporal models

## Ingredient 1: Standard Bayesian VAR model

$$\sigma^2 \sim \text{IG}(a, b) \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \boldsymbol{\Omega}) \quad (5a)$$

$$\text{vec}([\alpha, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{A}_{1:L}]) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{V}_c) \quad \mathbf{Y}_t = \alpha + \mathbf{BZ}_t + \sum_{l=1}^L \mathbf{A}_l \mathbf{Y}_{t-l} + \varepsilon_t \quad (5b)$$

**Ingredient 2: Neighbourhoods** – Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be all locations and  $N(s) \subseteq \mathcal{S}$  the neighbourhood of  $s$ . (E.g., stations  $> 10\text{km}$  &  $> 20\text{km}$  away)



**Figure 1** – Neighbourhood graphs using road distances. **Left:** Complete graph. **Center:** stations  $< 10\text{km}$  apart. **Right:** Stations  $< 10\text{km}$  and  $< 20\text{km}$  apart.



## Extension I: Multivariate/Spatio-Temporal models

$$\mathbf{Y}_t = \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \mathbf{BZ}_t + \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{Y}_{t-1} + \mathbf{A}_2 \mathbf{Y}_{t-2} + \mathbf{A}_3 \mathbf{Y}_{t-3} + \varepsilon_t$$



### Advantages:

- (1) **Sparse** and **interpretable** coefficient matrices  $\mathbf{A}_i$
- (2) Theoretical guarantees for large class of stationary processes (Inoue et al., 2018, e.g.)
- (3) Allows fast on-line computation & **incremental updates**  
 $[\mathcal{O}(\min\{p^3, S^3\})]$  for  $p$  regressors and spatial dimension  $S$



Neighbourhoods set a priori  $\implies$  different nbhs via  $\{m_1, \dots, m_K\}$



## Extension II: Model Selection

**Idea:** We allow a change of models at CP locations

**New Random Variable:**  $m_t$ , the model at time  $t$

$$r_t | r_{t-1} \sim H(r_t, r_{t-1}) \quad [\text{conditional CP prior}] \quad (6a)$$

$$m_t | m_{t-1}, r_t \sim q(m_t | m_{t-1}, r_t) \quad [\text{conditional model prior}] \quad (6b)$$

$$\theta_{m_t} | m_t \sim \pi_{m_t}(\theta_{m_t}) \quad [\text{parameter prior}] \quad (6c)$$

$$\mathbf{y}_t | m_t, \theta_{m_t} \sim f_{m_t}(\mathbf{y}_t | \theta_{m_t}) \quad [\text{observation density prior}] \quad (6d)$$

where  $q(m_t | m_{t-1}, r_t) = \mathbb{1}_{\{r_t > 0\}} \delta(m_{t-1}) + \mathbb{1}_{\{r_t = 0\}} q(m_t)$ .

**New Recursion:**

$$p(\mathbf{y}_1, r_1 = 0, m_1) = q(m_1) \int_{\Theta_{m_1}} f_{m_1}(\mathbf{y}_1 | \theta_{m_1}) \pi_{m_1}(\theta_{m_1}) d\theta_{m_1} = q(m_1) f_{m_1}(\mathbf{y}_1 | \mathbf{y}_0)$$

$$p(\mathbf{y}_{1:t}, r_t, m_t) = \sum_{m_{t-1}, r_{t-1}} \left\{ f_{m_t}(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}) q(m_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}, m_{t-1}) \right. \\ \left. H(r_t, r_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}, m_{t-1}) \right\}$$



## Extension II: Model Selection

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For the new term involving  $m_t$ , we have that

$$q(m_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}, m_{t-1}) = \begin{cases} q(m_t) & \text{if } r_{t-1} = 0, \\ q(m_{t-1} | \mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}) & \text{if } r_{t-1} > 0. \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

with

$$q(m_{t-1} | \mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}, m_{t-1})}{\sum_{m_{t-1}} p(\mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}, m_{t-1})}. \quad (9)$$

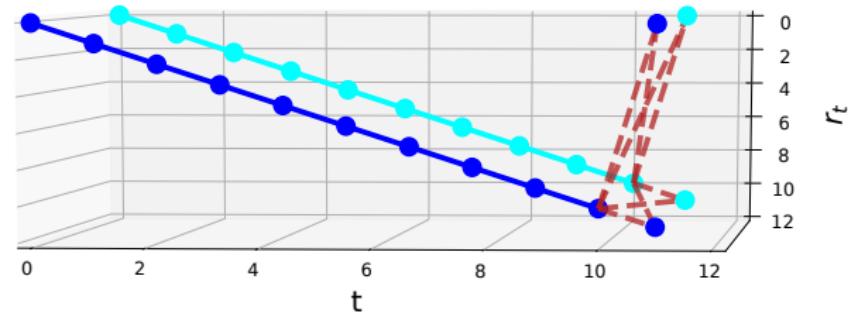
**Interpretation:** model posterior at time  $t - 1$  becomes prior at  $t$ !



## Extension II: Model Selection

$$p(\mathbf{y}_1, r_1 = 0, m_1) = q(m_1) \int_{\Theta_{m_1}} f_{m_1}(\mathbf{y}_1 | \boldsymbol{\theta}_{m_1}) \pi_{m_1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{m_1}) d\boldsymbol{\theta}_{m_1} = q(m_1) f_{m_1}(\mathbf{y}_1 | \mathbf{y}_0)$$

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### Observations:

- (1) Each segment can now be described by a different model ( $f_m, \pi_m$ )
- (2) CPs are shifts in models  $m$  and/or their parameterizations  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_m$
- (3) model prior at  $t = 0$  is posterior at  $t - 1 = q(m_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}, m_{t-1})$



## Extension II: Model Selection

$$p(\mathbf{y}_{1:t}, r_t, m_t) = \sum_{m_{t-1}, r_{t-1}} \left\{ f_{m_t}(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}) q(m_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}, m_{t-1}) H(r_t, r_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}, m_{t-1}) \right\}$$

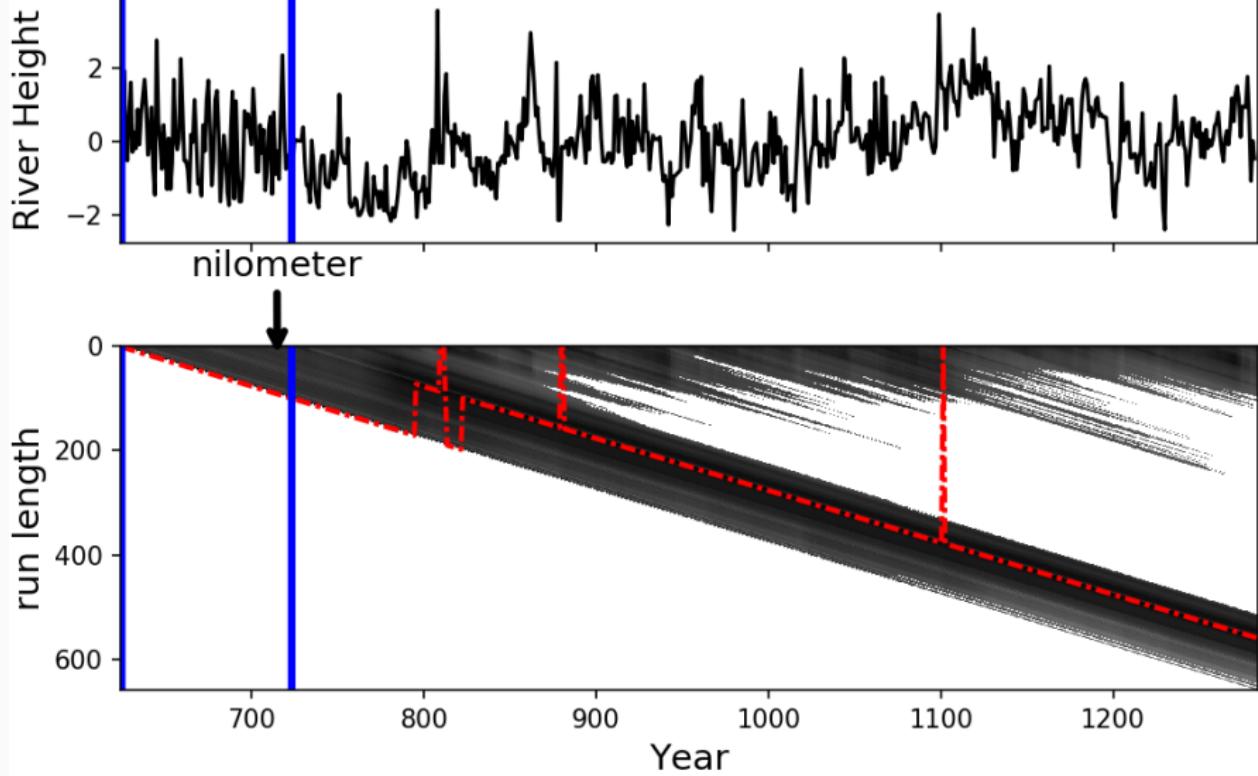
**Inference:**

- (1) Evidence:  $p(\mathbf{y}_{1:t}) = \sum_{r_t, m_t} p(\mathbf{y}_{1:t}, r_t, m_t)$
- (2) run-length & model posterior:  $p(r_t, m_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t}) = p(\mathbf{y}_{1:t}, r_t, m_t) / p(\mathbf{y}_{1:t})$
- (3) Prediction:  $p(\mathbf{y}_{t+1} | \mathbf{y}_{1:t}) = \sum_{r_t, m_t} f_{m_t}(\mathbf{y}_{t+1} | \mathbf{y}_{1:t}, r_t) p(r_t, m_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t})$
- (4) Run-length marginal posterior:  $p(r_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t}) = \sum_{m_t} p(r_t, m_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t})$
- (5) Model marginal posterior:  $p(m_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t}) = \sum_{r_t} p(r_t, m_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t}).$
- (6) MAP segmentation:

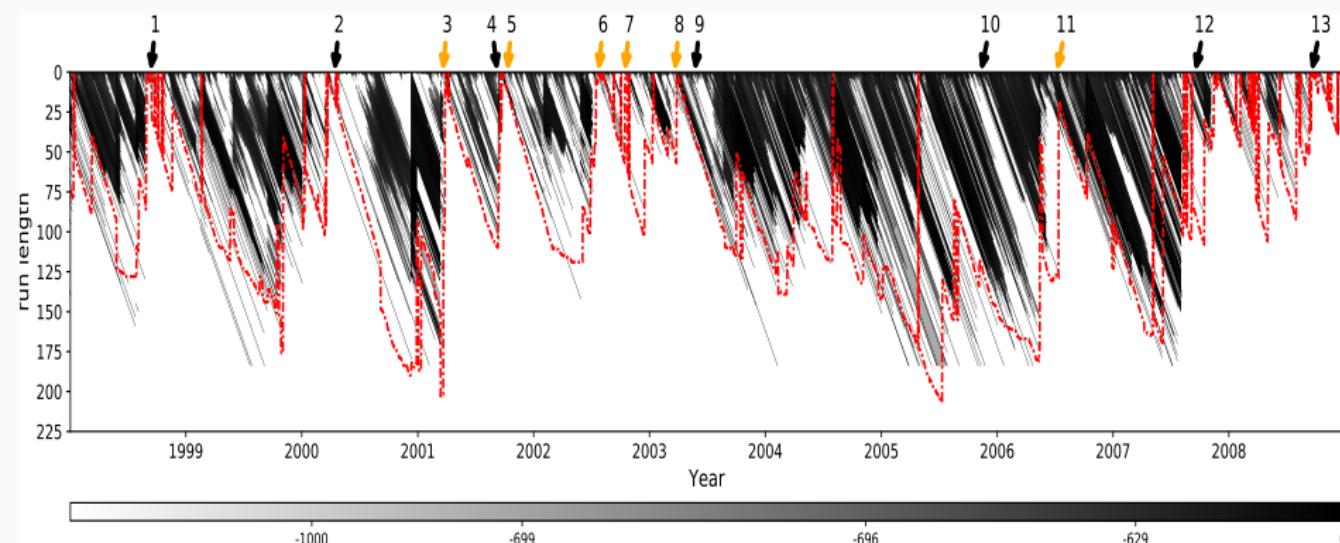
$$MAP_t = \max_{r_t, t} \{ MAP_{t-r-1} \cdot p(r_t = r, m_t = m | \mathbf{y}_{1:t}) \}$$



## Improved CP detection [on Nile data]



## ✓ Improved CP detection [on 30 Portfolio return data]

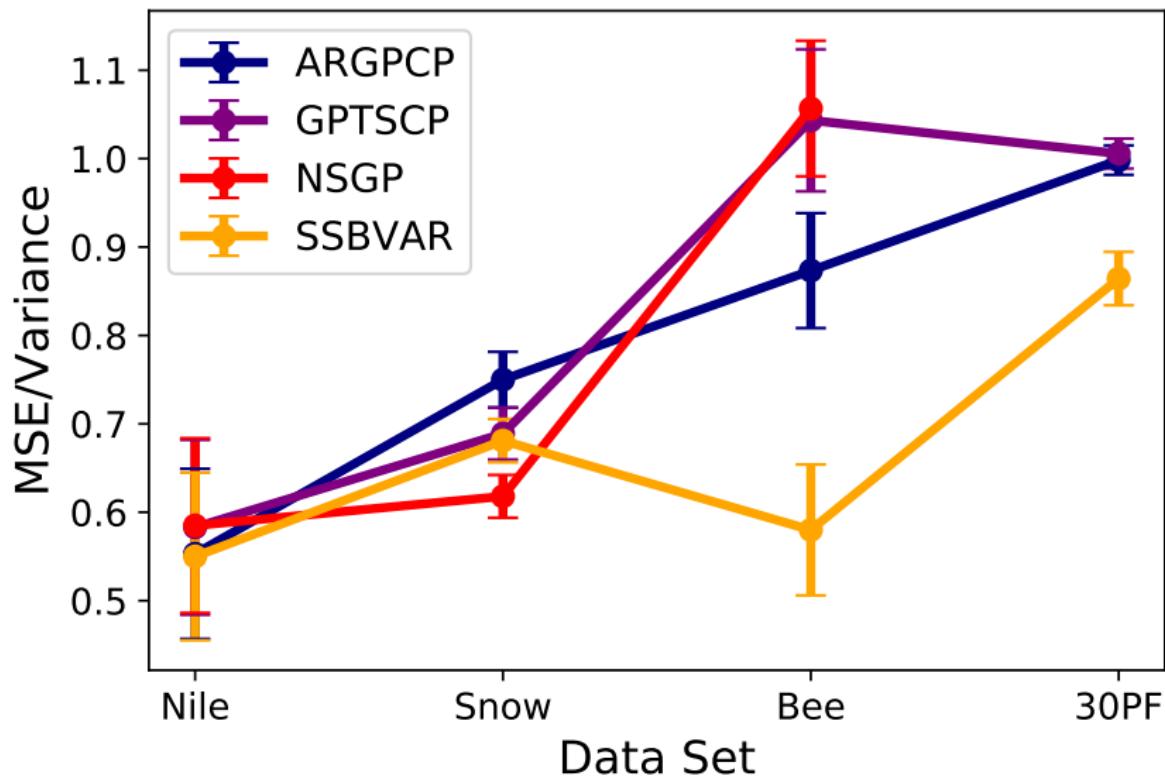


30 Portfolio return data, 01/01/1998–31/12/2008. CPs found with GPs by Saatci et al. (2010) in **black**, some **new CPs** found by BOCPDMS are:

- (3) OPEC cuts output by 4%,
- (8) Iraq war,
- (11) Iran announces successful enrichment of Uranium,

# ✓ Improved Prediction of multiple VARs vs single GP models

[MSE values for GP changepoint models as in Saatçi et al. (2010)]





## Fast computation: E.g., much faster than GP CP-models

### Theory:

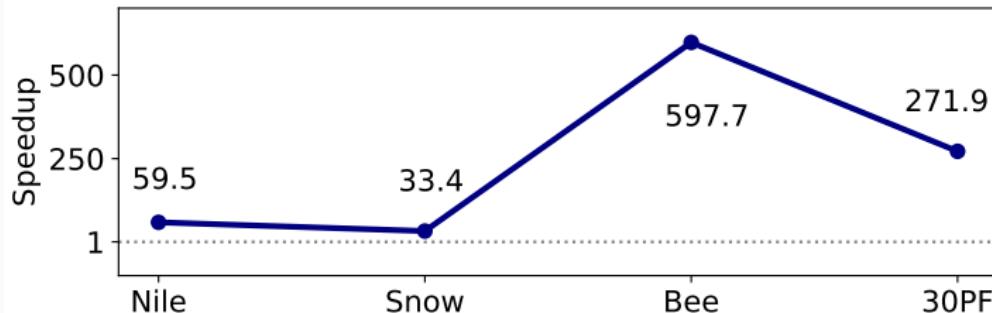
Processing  $y_{1:T} \in \mathcal{R}^{T \times d}$  using a VAR, tracking  $K$  most likely  $(r_t, m_t)$ :

**BOCPDMS:**  $\mathcal{O}\left(\sum_{t=1}^T K \cdot C_{p,d}\right) = \mathcal{O}(TKC_{p,d}) = \mathcal{O}(TK)$

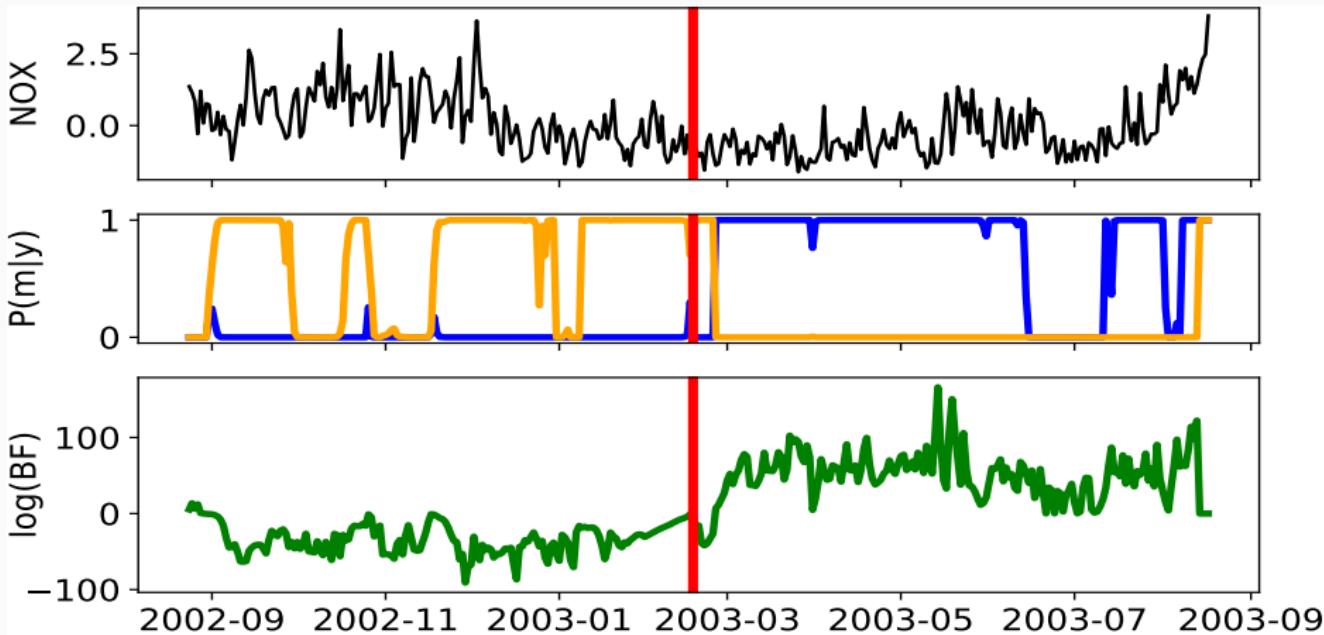
**Previous GP CP models:**  $\mathcal{O}(TK^3)$

⇒ BOCPDMS using VARs is faster by a factor of  $K^2$ .

### Practice:



✓ New capability: Model Selection on shifting multivariate dynamics



**Panel 1:** NOX levels in London with **congestion charge introduction**

**Panel 2:** Model posteriors for the two VAR models

**Panel 3:** Corresponding log Bayes Factors

# Summary: Novelty & Implications so far

## Novel Features added to BOCPD:

-  Multivariate modelling of dependencies between data streams
-  Generalizing BOCPD to model selection

## Practical Implications:

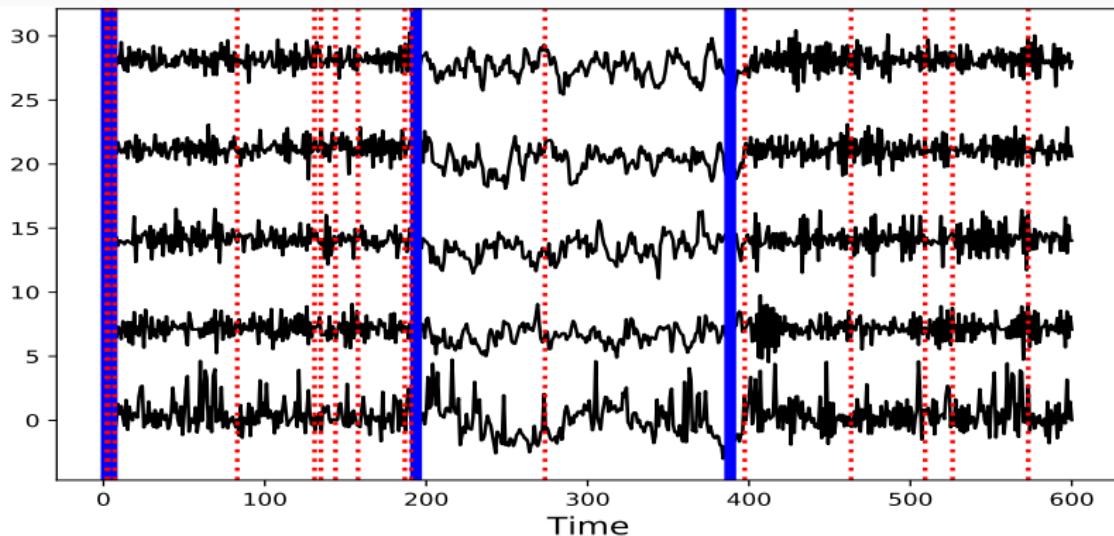
-  Improved CP detection
-  Improved Prediction, especially in multivariate data
-  New capability: Inference on shifting multivariate dynamics

## Unresolved Limitation:

-  **non-robust** to outliers
-  **non-robust** to model misspecification



## Limitation: BOCPD is not robust to outliers/misspecification



**Figure 2 – E.g., 5-dimensional AR(1) with outliers in bottom-most series.**

**Segmentation we want** and **segmentation we get** using BOCPD with AR(1).



# Limitation: BOCPD is not robust to outliers/misspecification

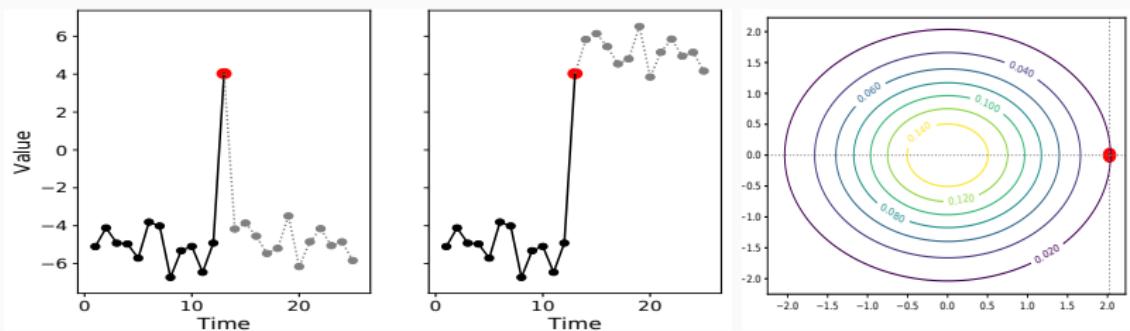
How is it non-robust? (Superficial reasons)



On-line processing



Moderate/high dimensions for  $y_t$



**Figure 3 – Left, Center:** Price for on-line processing is that outliers are confused with changepoints. **Right:** Multivariate densities become very small even if outliers occur only in a single dimension.

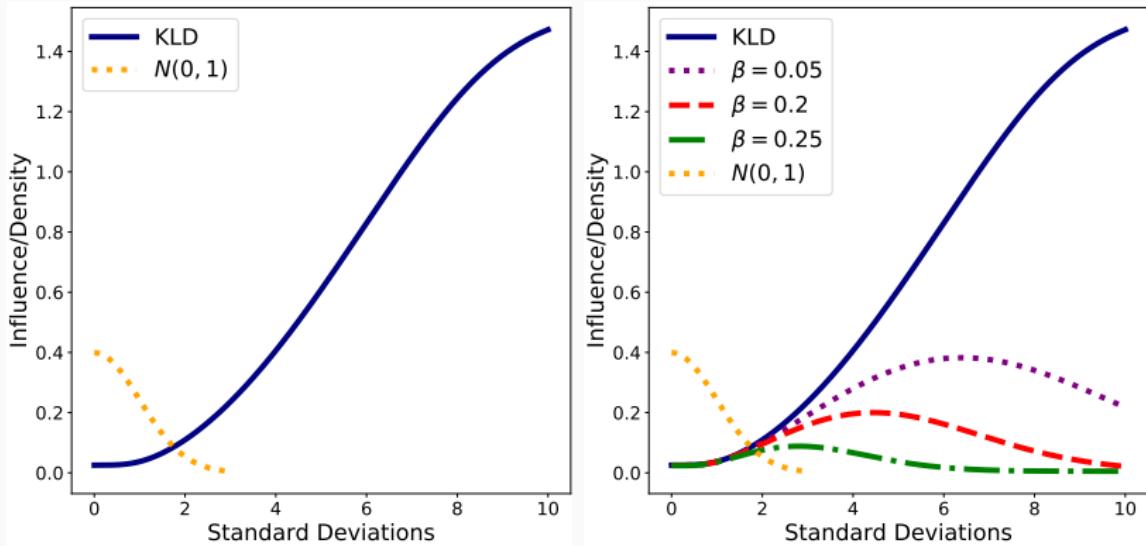


# Limitation: BOCPD is not robust to outliers/misspecification

Why is it non-robust? (Fundamental reason for ⚡ )

⚠ Influence function associated with (standard) Bayesian inference!

🔍 Generalized Bayesian Inference with robust divergences!



**Figure 4 – Left:** standard Bayes influence (Kullback-Leibler Divergence (KLD)) and standard normal density. **Right:** Robust  $\beta$ -Divergence ( $\beta$ -D) family.



## Extension III: Robustification

We propose Generalized Bayesian Inference (GBI) Bissiri et al. (2016) to make BOCPD **doubly robust** for inference on  $\theta_m$  and on  $(r_t, m_t)$ .

**Idea** of GBI: Bayesian belief updates about the parameter  $\theta_m$  driven by arbitrary loss functions  $\ell(\theta_m | \mathbf{y}_i)$ :

$$\pi_m^{\text{GBI}}(\theta_m | \mathbf{y}_{(t-r_t):t}) \propto \pi_m(\theta) \exp \left\{ -\sum_{i=t-r_t}^t \ell(\theta_m | \mathbf{y}_i) \right\} \quad (11)$$

**Problem:** This is great if you want to do something like inference on the median (choose  $\ell(\theta_m | \mathbf{y}_i) = \|\theta_m - \mathbf{y}_i\|_1$ ), but can you use this to do inference for dynamic probabilistic models ?

**Solution:** Work of Jewson et al. (2018) uses 1:1 correspondence between divergences and losses to propose generalized divergence-based GBI for a given probabilistic model.  $\implies$  Allows you to do robust Bayesian inference on arbitrary models



## Extension III: Robustification

We propose  $\beta$ -D-based Generalized Bayesian Inference (GBI) to make BOCPD **doubly robust**: For the inference on  $\theta_m$  and on  $(r_t, m_t)$ .

**Parameter Layer** robustified via  $\beta_p$ :

$$\pi_m^\beta(\theta_m | \mathbf{y}_{(t-r_t):t}) \propto \pi_m(\theta) \exp \left\{ -\sum_{i=t-r_t}^t \ell^\beta(\theta_m | \mathbf{y}_i) \right\}, \quad (12)$$

$$\ell^\beta(\theta_m | \mathbf{y}_t) = - \left( \frac{1}{\beta_p} f_m(\mathbf{y}_t | \theta_m)^{\beta_p} - \frac{1}{1 + \beta_p} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} f_m(\mathbf{z} | \theta_m)^{1 + \beta_p} d\mathbf{z} \right). \quad (13)$$

We then ensure that

$$f_m(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}) = \int_{\Theta_m} f_m(\mathbf{y}_t | \theta_m) \pi_m^\beta(\theta_m | \mathbf{y}_{(t-r_{t-1}): (t-1)}) d\theta_m$$

is again available in closed form by forcing  $\pi_m^\beta(\theta_m | \mathbf{y}_{(t-r_t):t})$  into conjugate form with  $f_m(\mathbf{y}_t | \theta_m)$  via Structural Variational Inference.



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We propose  $\beta$ -D-based Generalized Bayesian Inference (GBI) to make BOCPD **doubly robust**: For the inference on  $\theta_m$  and on  $(r_t, m_t)$ .

**Run-length and Model Layer** robustified via  $\beta_{rlm}$ :

$$\tilde{f}_m(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}) = \underbrace{e^{-\left(\frac{1}{\beta_{rlm}} f_m(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1})^{\beta_{rlm}} - \frac{1}{1+\beta_{rlm}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} f_m(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1})^{1+\beta_{rlm}} d\mathbf{z}\right)}}_{\text{=Same loss function } \ell^\beta, \text{ but this time for } (r_t, m_t)}$$

**New Inference/Recursion:**

$$p^\beta(\mathbf{y}_{1:t}, r_t, m_t) \propto \sum_{m_{t-1}, r_{t-1}} \left\{ \tilde{f}_{m_t}(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}) q(m_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}, m_{t-1}) H(r_t, r_{t-1}) p^\beta(\mathbf{y}_{1:(t-1)}, r_{t-1}, m_{t-1}) \right\}$$

**Note:** Nothing further needed to use this for inference exactly as before!



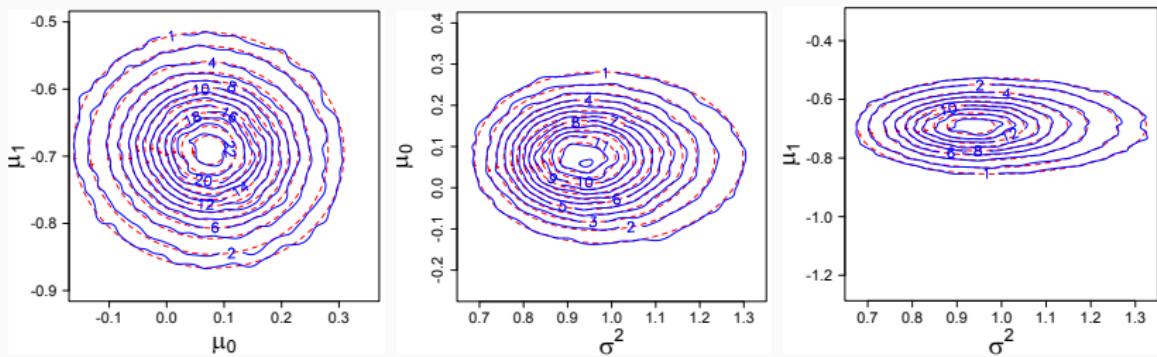
## Extension III: Robustification

🔒  $\beta$ -D posterior not scalable  $\Rightarrow$  🔑 Structural Variational Inference

**Observation I:** As  $\beta \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\beta$ -D  $\rightarrow$  KLD!  $\Rightarrow \pi_m^{\text{KLD}} \approx \pi_m^\beta$  for small  $\beta$ !

**Observation II:** In fact, we prove that for most conjugate exponential family models, we get a closed-form ELBO objective approximating

$$\hat{\pi}_m^{\beta_p}(\theta_m) = \underset{\pi_m^{\text{KLD}}(\theta_m)}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ \text{KL} \left( \pi_m^{\text{KLD}}(\theta_m) \middle\| \pi_m^{\beta_p}(\theta_m | \mathbf{y}_{(t-r_t):t}) \right) \right\}. \quad (14)$$

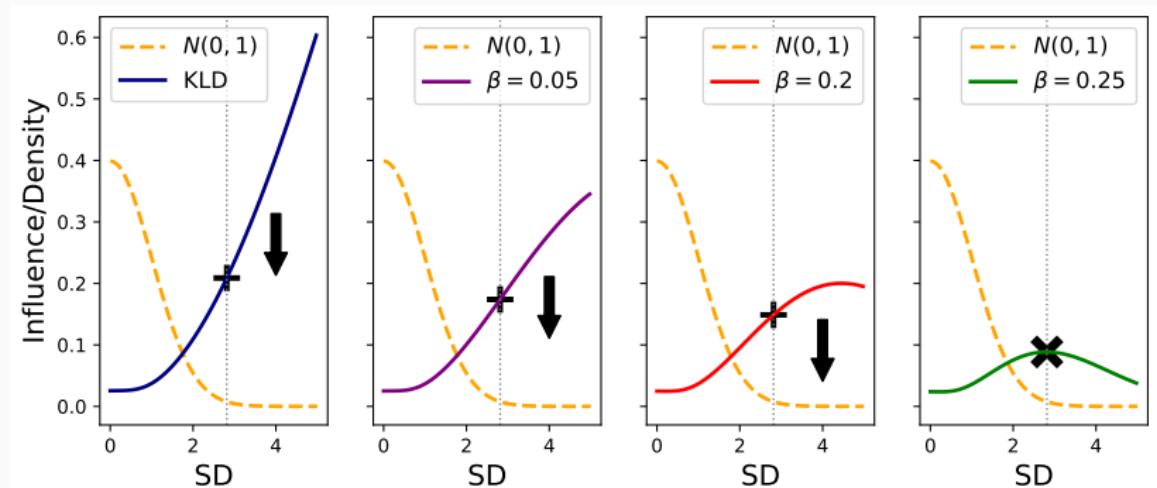


**Figure 5 –** Contour plots of bivariate marginals of approximation  $\hat{\pi}_m^{\beta_p}(\theta_m)$  (dashed) and the target  $\pi_m^{\beta_p}(\theta_m | \mathbf{y}_{(t-r_t):t})$  (solid) estimated from 95,000 Hamiltonian Monte Carlo samples for BLR ( $d = 1$ , two regressors,  $\beta_p = 0.25$ ).



## Extension III: Robustification

🔒 Choice of  $\beta \implies$  🔑 Initialization.



**Figure 6 – Initialization** procedure visualized for a (standard) normal prior on  $y_t \in \mathbb{R}$  and if we want to have maximum influence of an observation 2.75 standard deviation units from the expected value under the current belief.



## Extension III: Robustification

 Bad initialization of  $\beta \implies$   On-line optimization using SGD

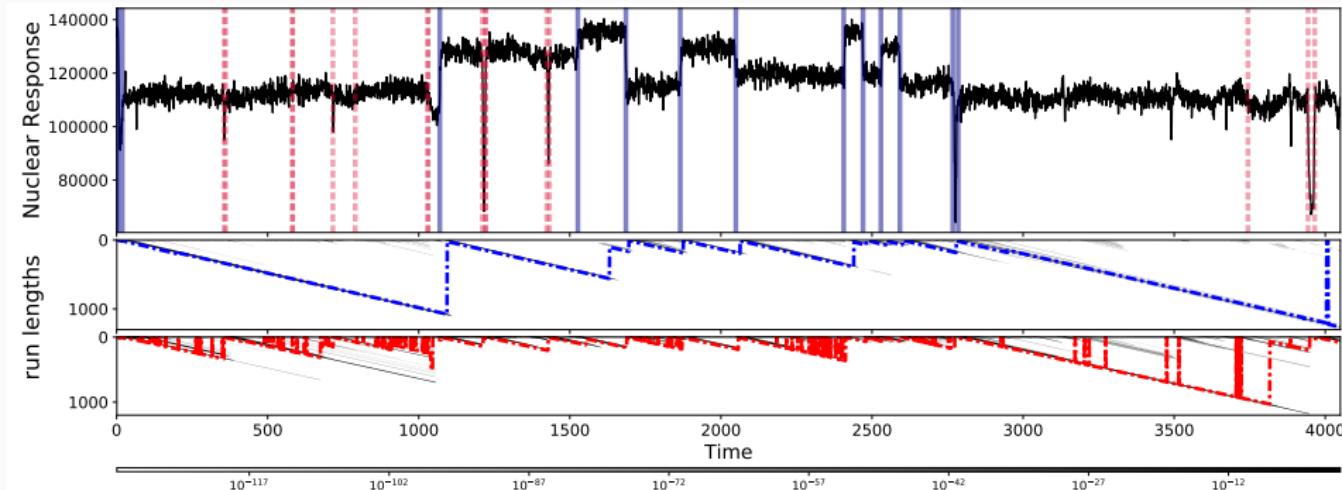
**Idea:** For a predictive loss function  $L$ , and prediction  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_t(\beta)$ , apply SGD to  $L(\mathbf{y}_t - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_t(\beta))$  w.r.t.  $\beta$

[For  $p^{\beta_{\text{rlm}}}(\mathbf{y}_{1:t}, r_t, m_t)$ : closed form gradients available; For  $\hat{\pi}_m^{\beta_p}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_m)$ : Numerical gradient approximations used]

One can then minimize  $L$  on-line via

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}_t = \boldsymbol{\beta}_{t-1} - \eta \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_{\beta_{\text{rlm}, t}} L \left( \varepsilon_t(\boldsymbol{\beta}_{1:(t-1)}) \right) \\ \nabla_{\beta_{p, t}} L \left( \varepsilon_t(\boldsymbol{\beta}_{1:(t-1)}) \right) \end{bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

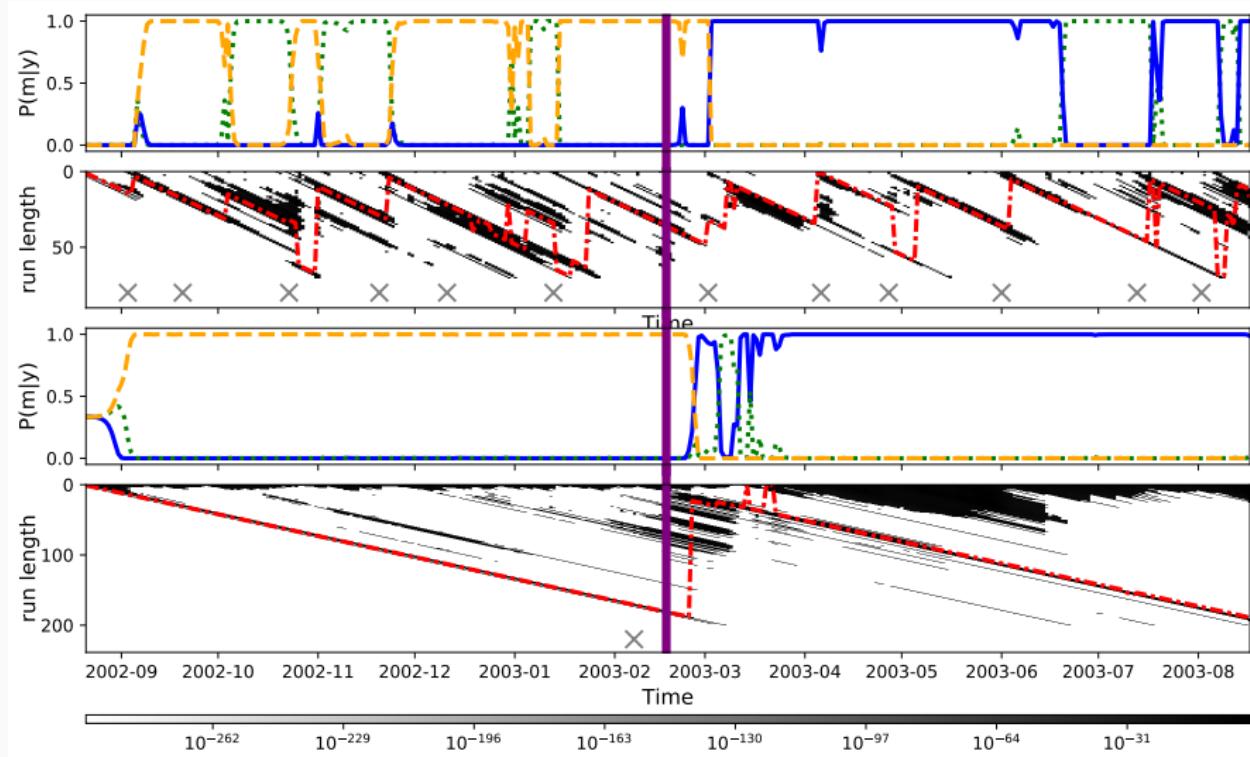
# New capability: CP detection in outlier-prone data streams



**Figure 7 – Robust segmentation and run-length distribution and additionally found CPs with non-robust run-length distribution**

[FDR:  $> 99\% \implies 8\%$  and reduction in MSE (MAE) by 10% (6%)]

# Better Model Selection on shifting multivariate dynamics



**Figure 8 – Top & bottom two panels: standard & robust BOCPD.**

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