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Bespoke Changepoint Modelling in PyMC



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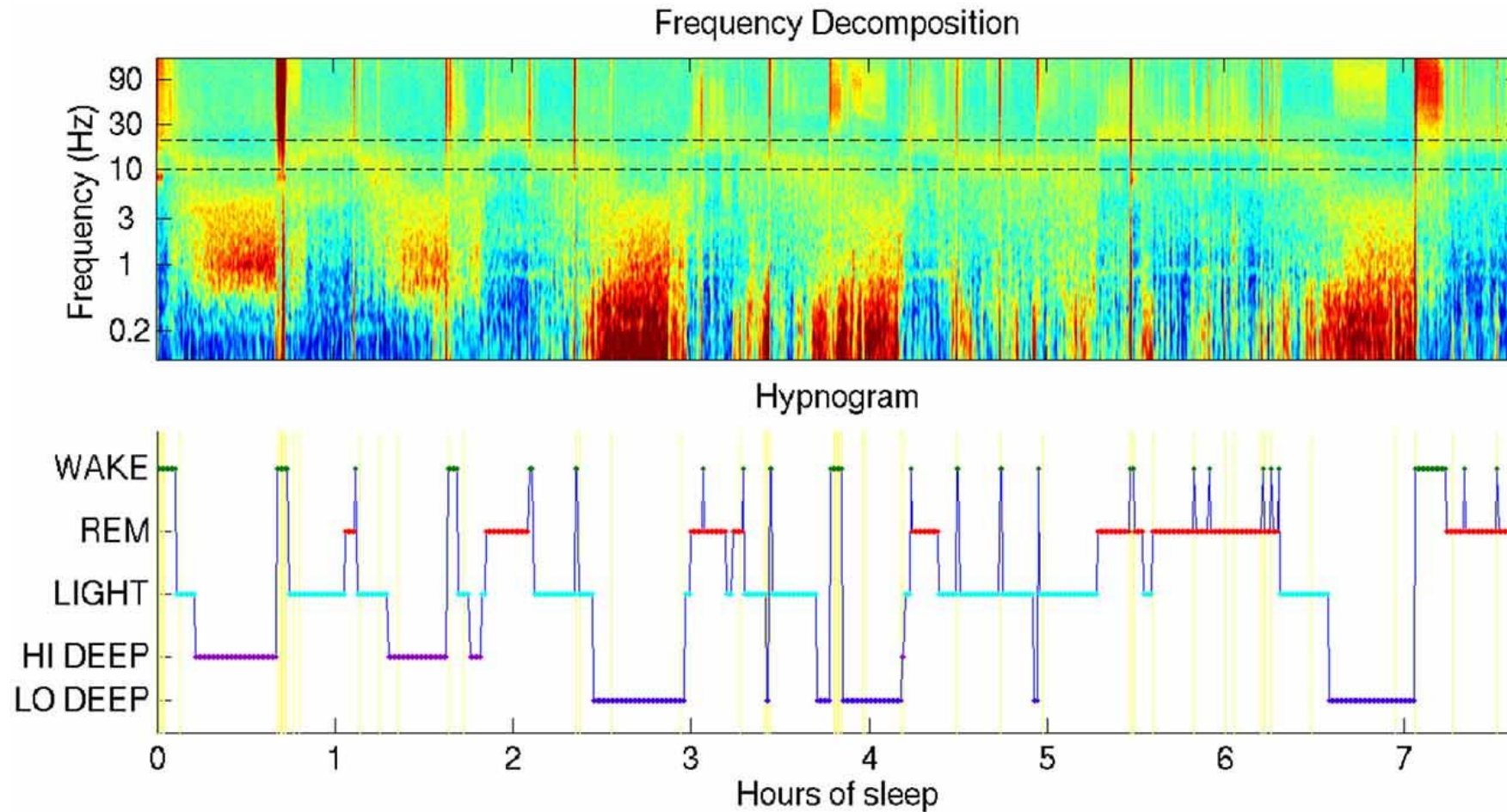


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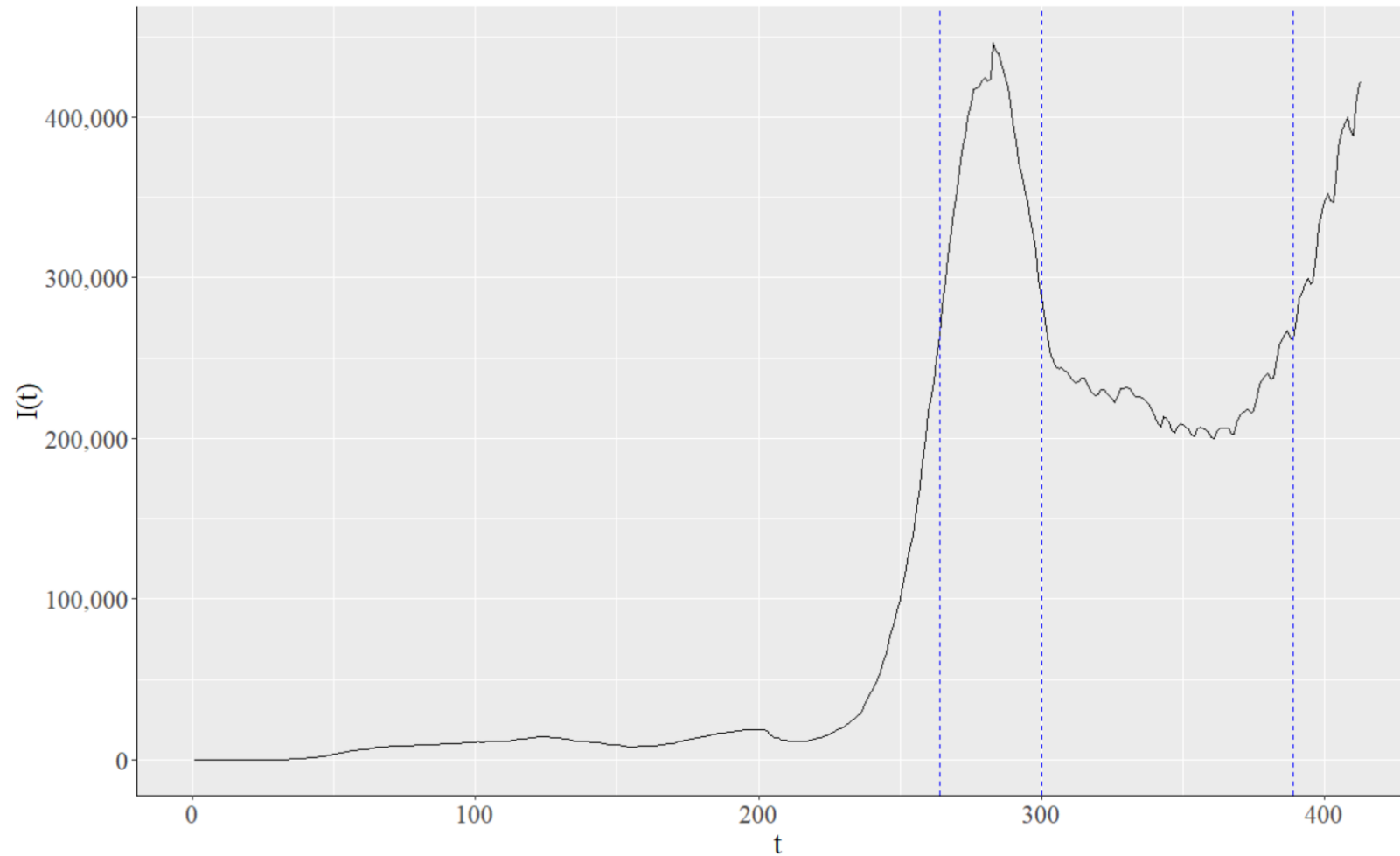
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 - Not going into detail on model construction

Offline example: Sleep-state segmentation from EEG



Offline example: Changes in number of COVID cases



Offline example: Detecting changes in forest cover

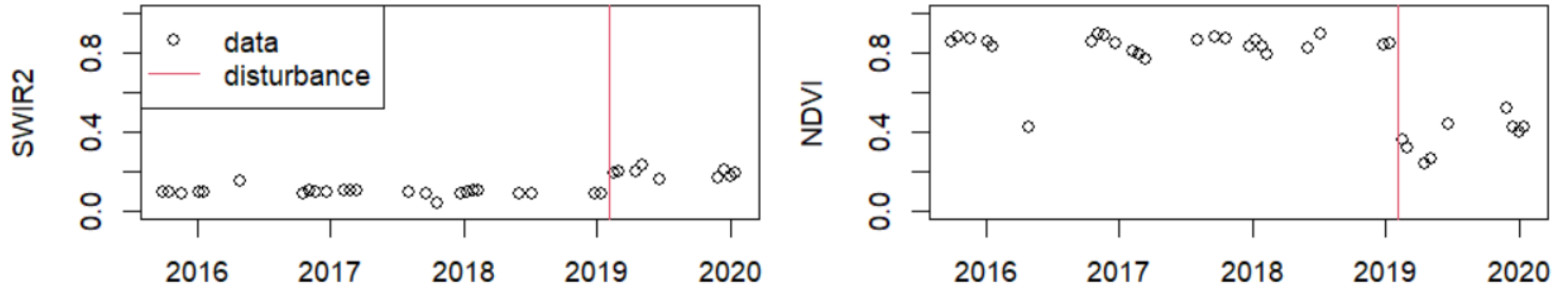
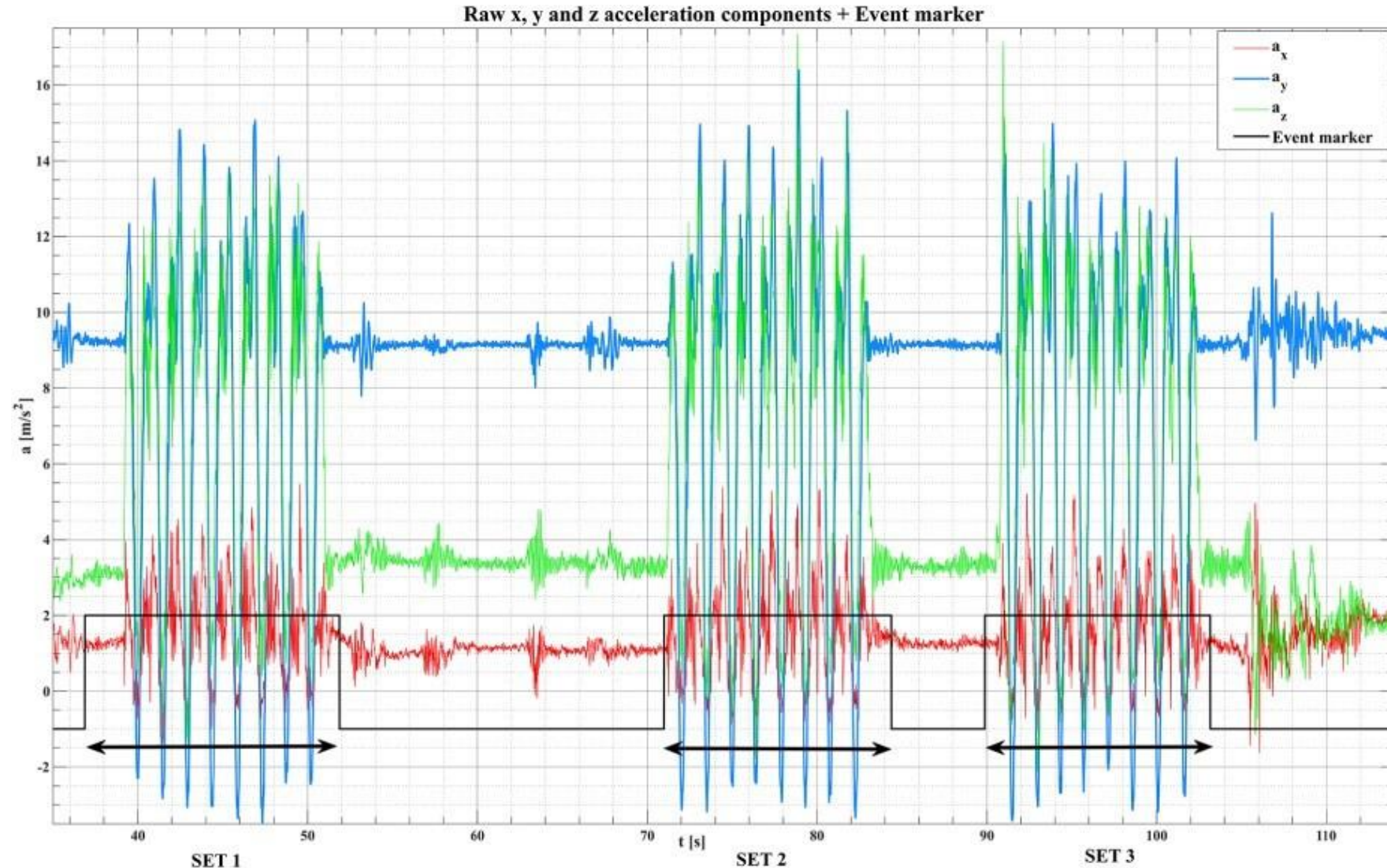


Figure 2: Observed SWIR2 and NDVI measurements of a $30 \times 30\text{m}$ location in Myanmar with a deforestation event identified on Feb 2, 2019.

Online example: Detecting bouts of activity from accelerometer data



Online example: Detecting network attacks

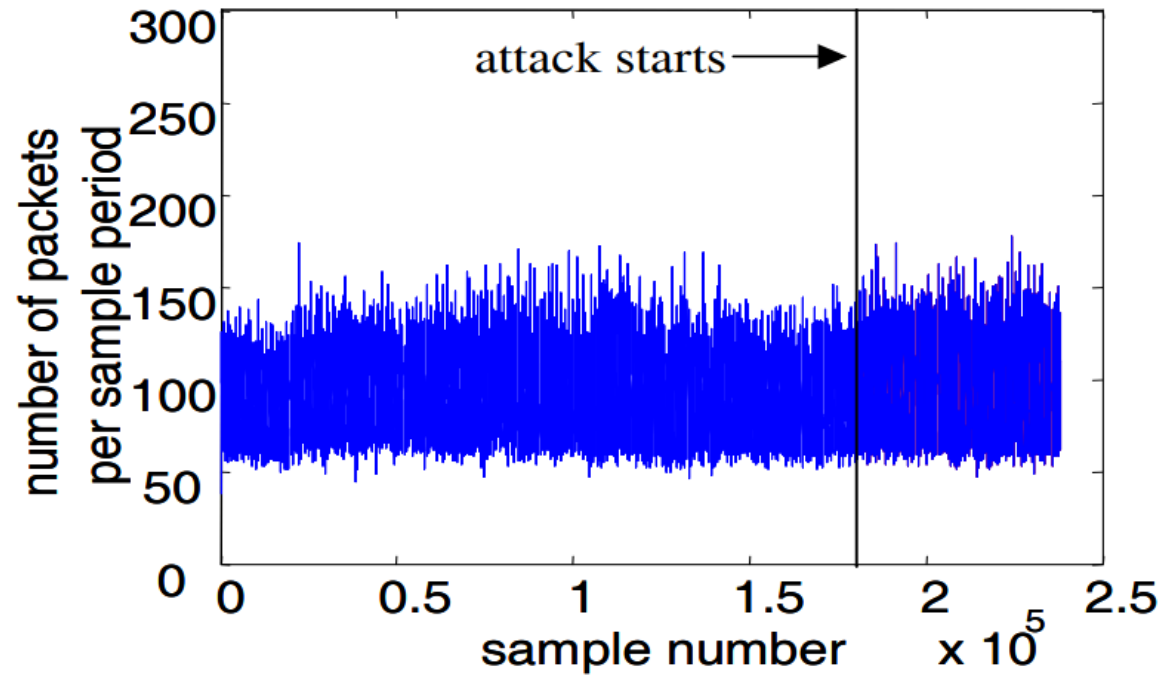
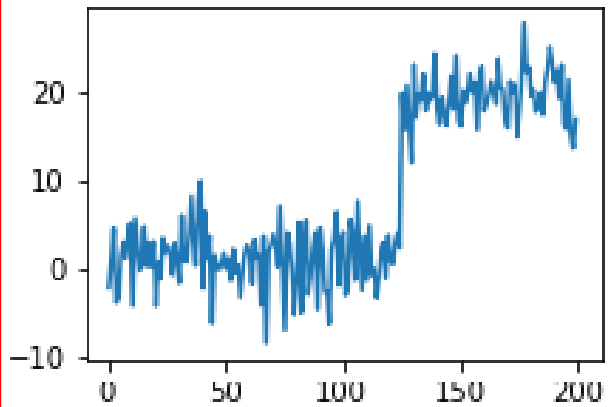


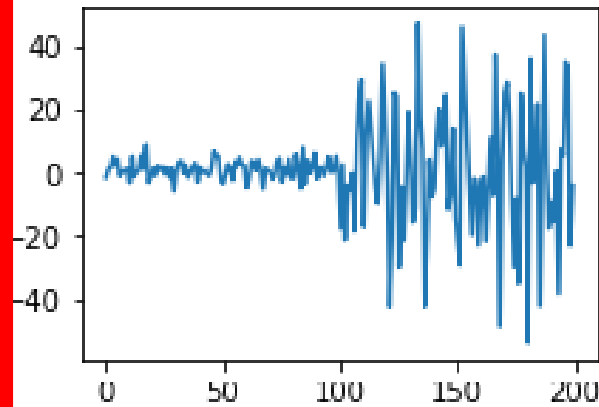
Figure 1: Number of packets in a sample period vs. time.
Observe that the attack is not visible to the naked-eye.

Types of Changepoints

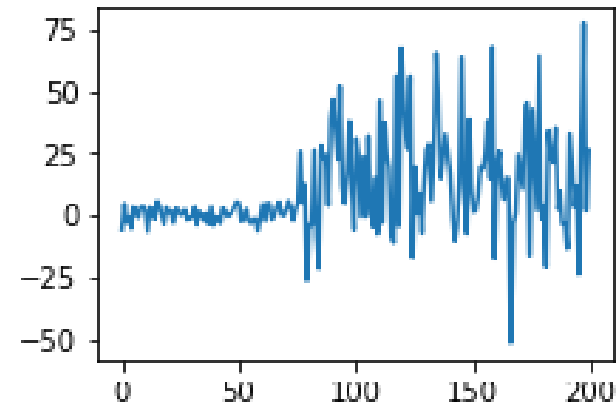
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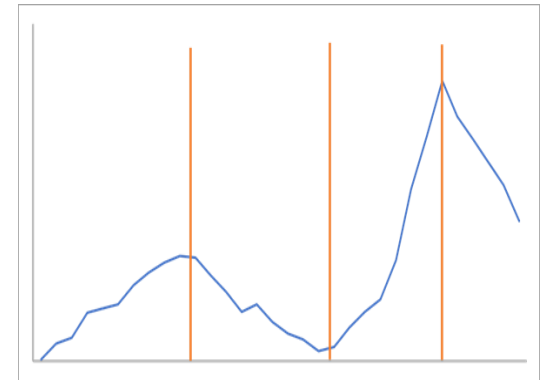
Variance



Mean + Variance



Slope

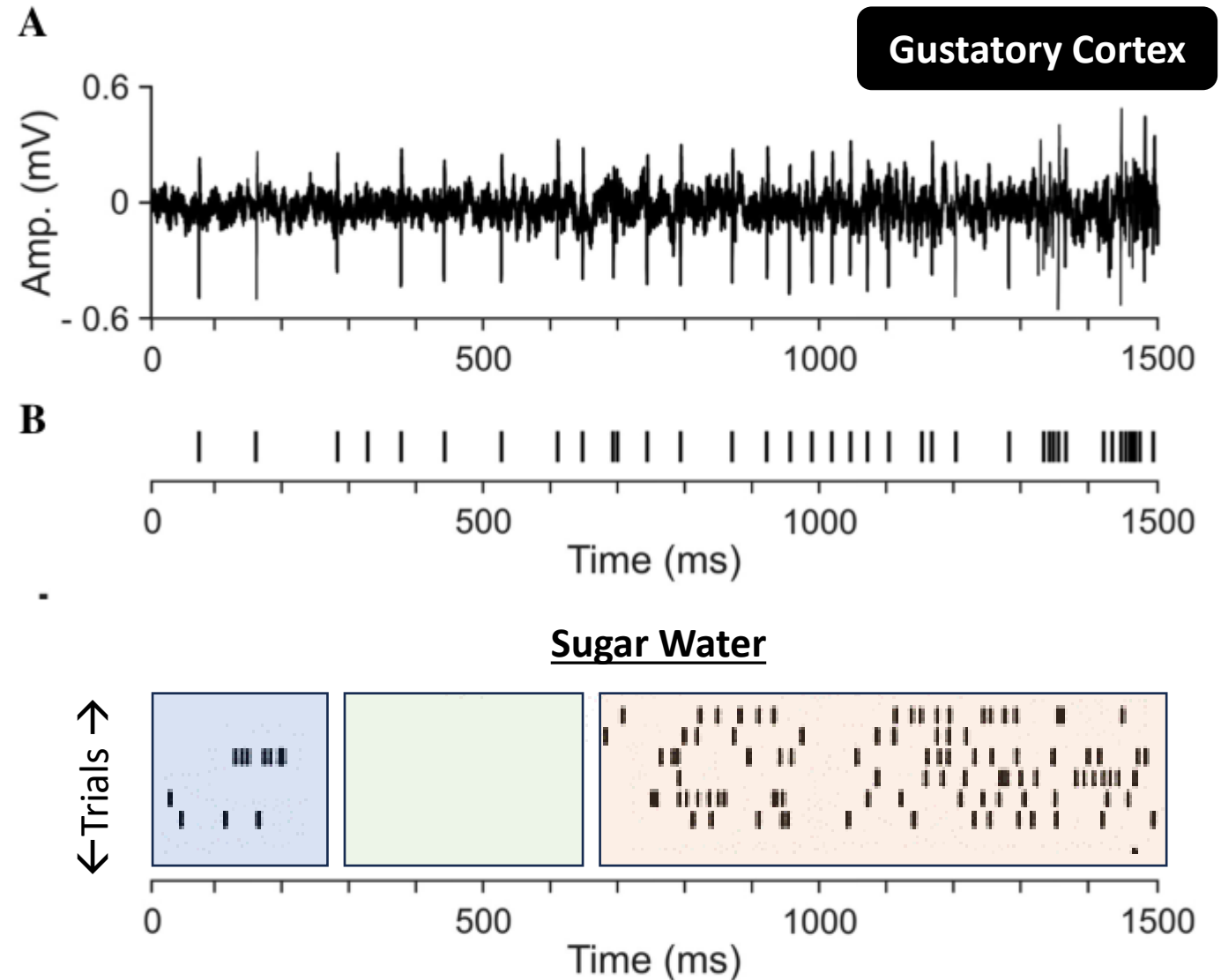


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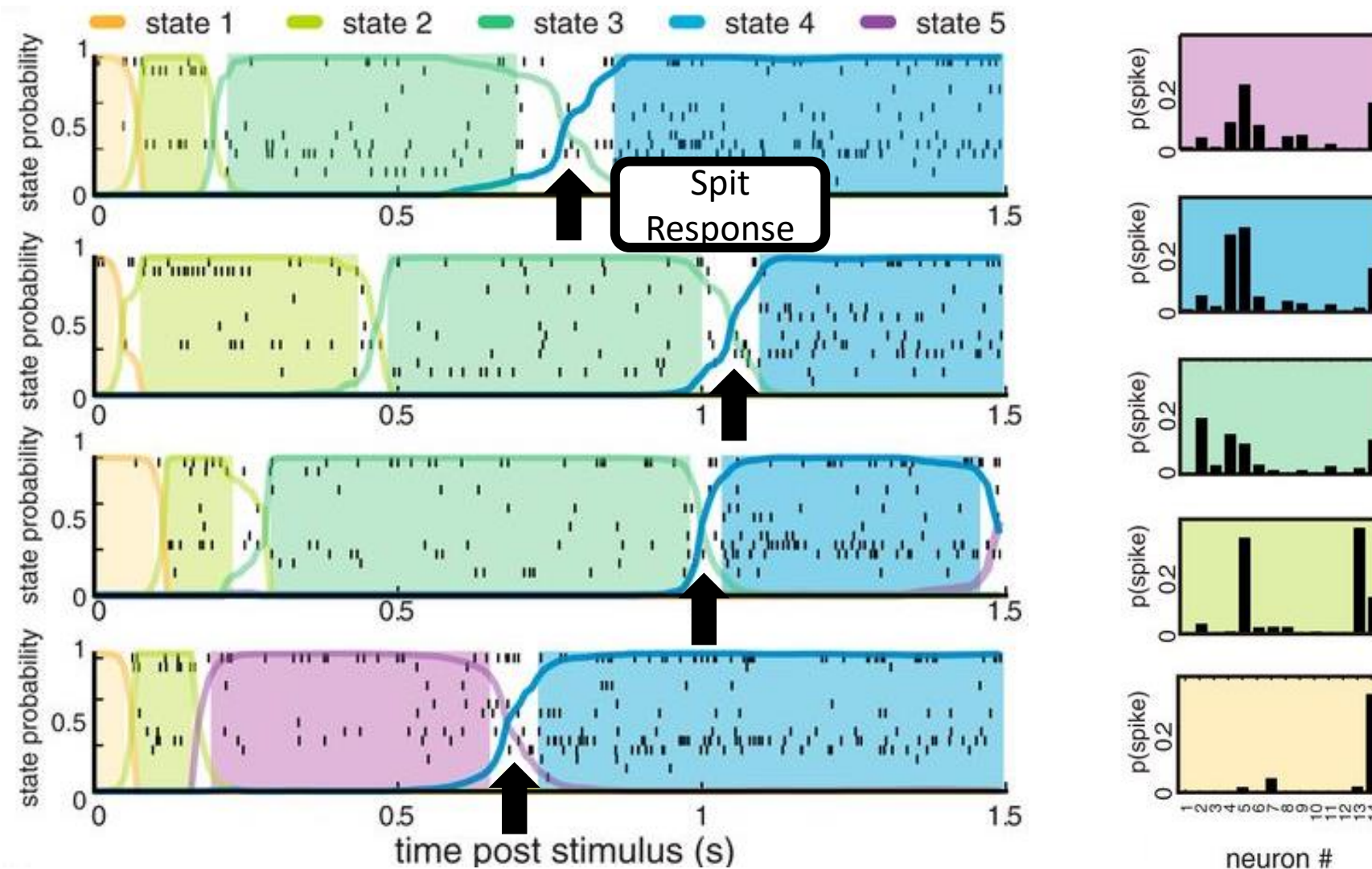
Abuzar Mahmood (2022) Teachables [Source Code] <https://github.com/abuzarmahmood/teachables/tree/main>

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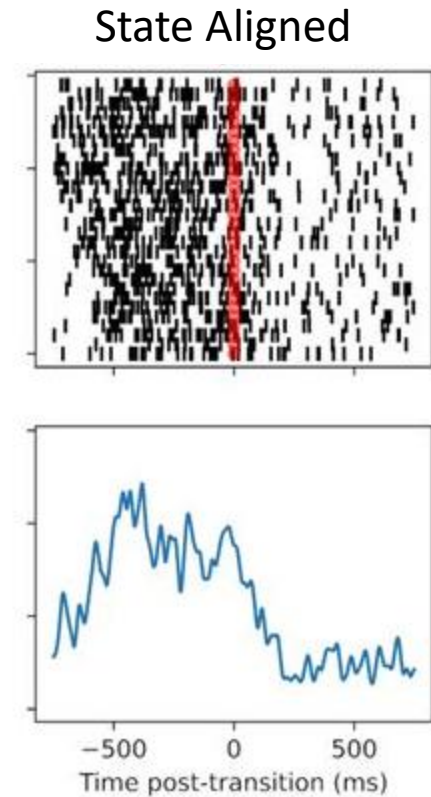
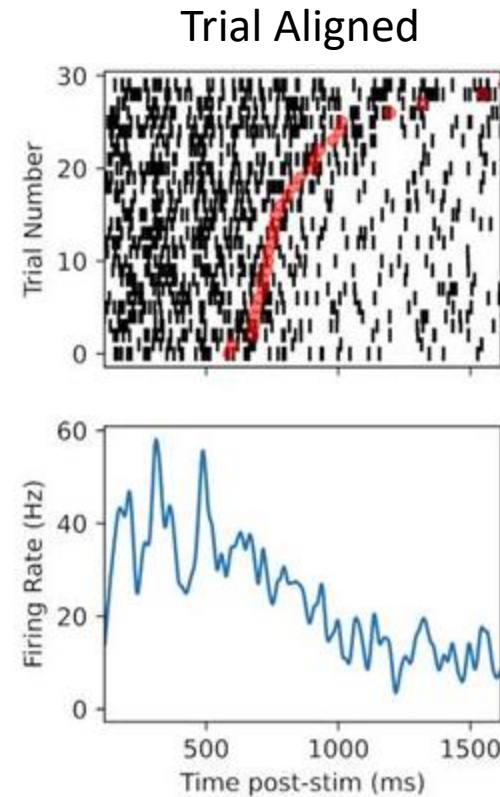
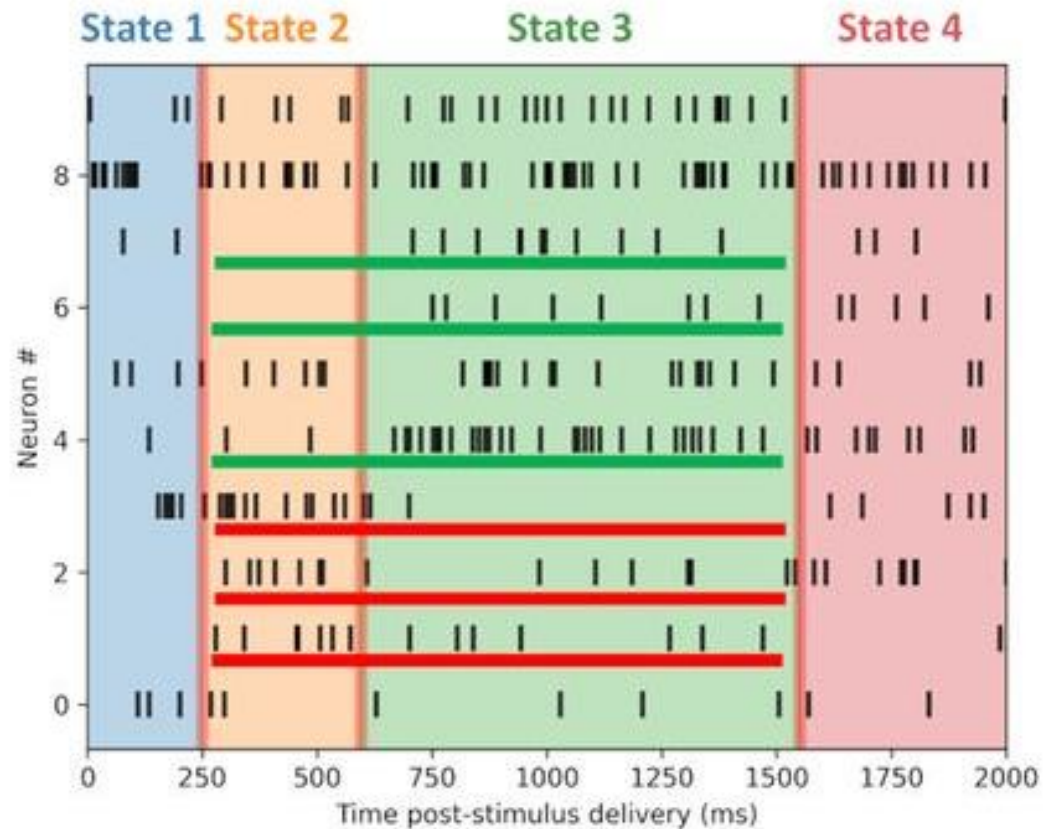


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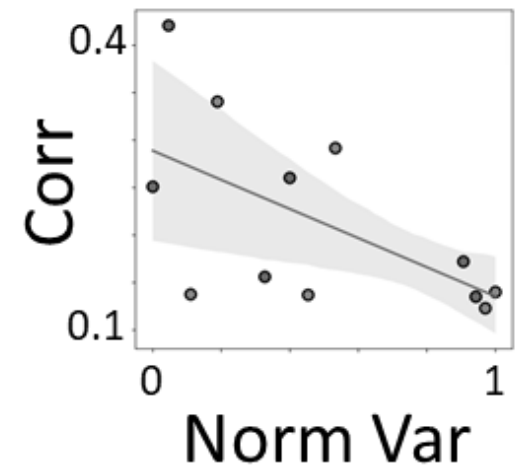
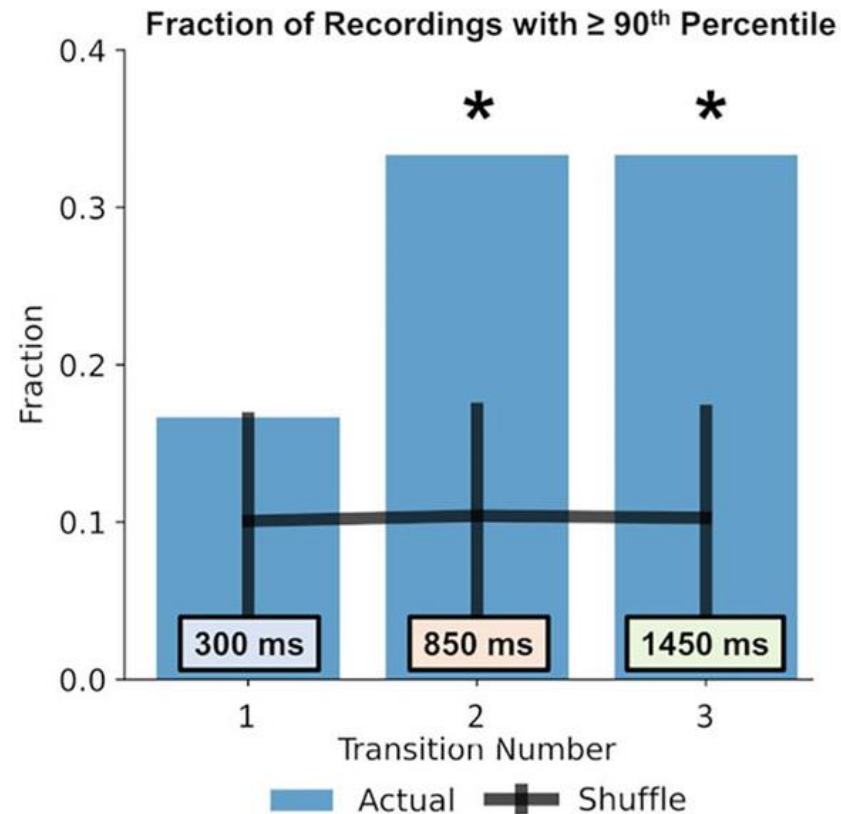
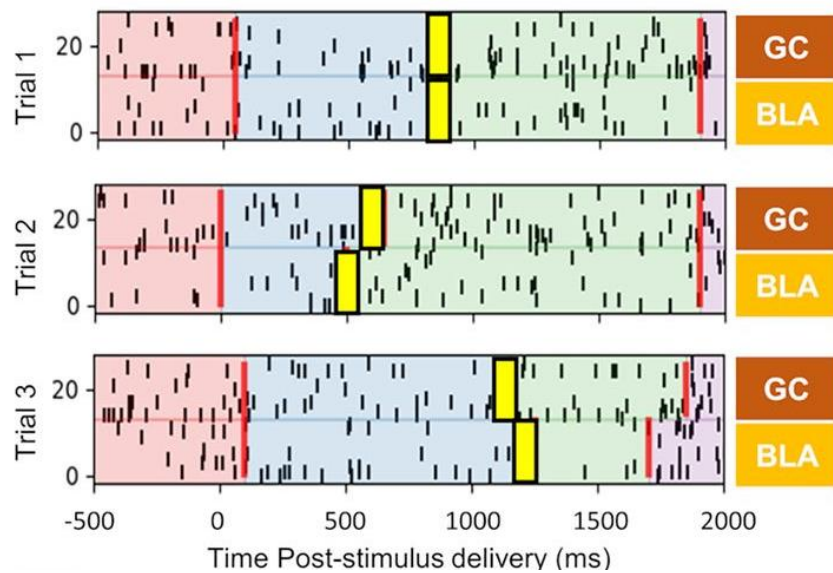
- Why use changepoint models:
 - Inspire and constrain theoretical models of processing in the brain.
 - Measure strength of coordination between brain regions over time.
- Why Bayesian?
 - Because we like uncertainty estimates.
- Why PyMC?
 - Rapid iteration for model-building
 - Easy extension of models for specific use-cases/needs
 - Powerful inference

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Basolateral Amygdala (BLA) Responses



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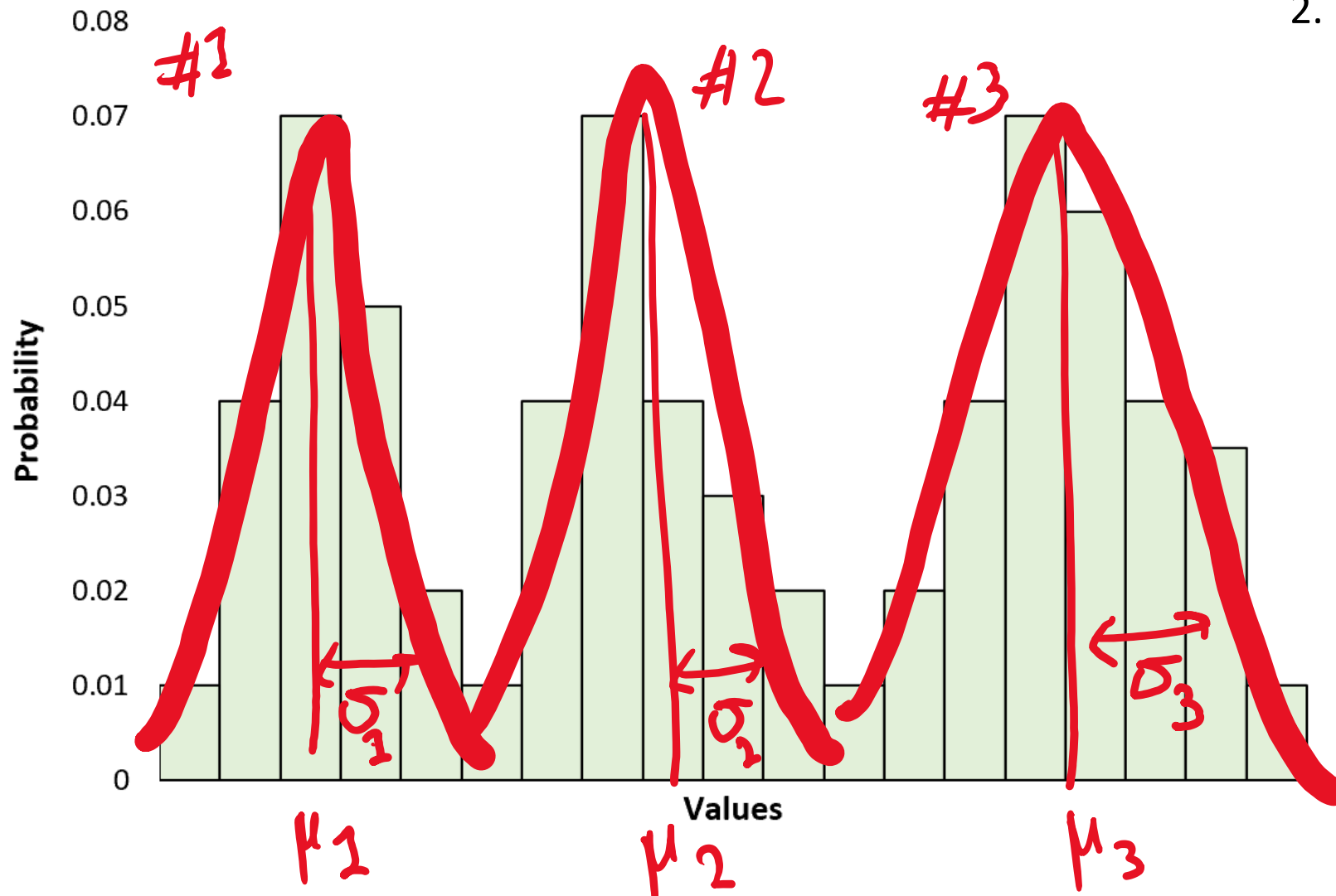


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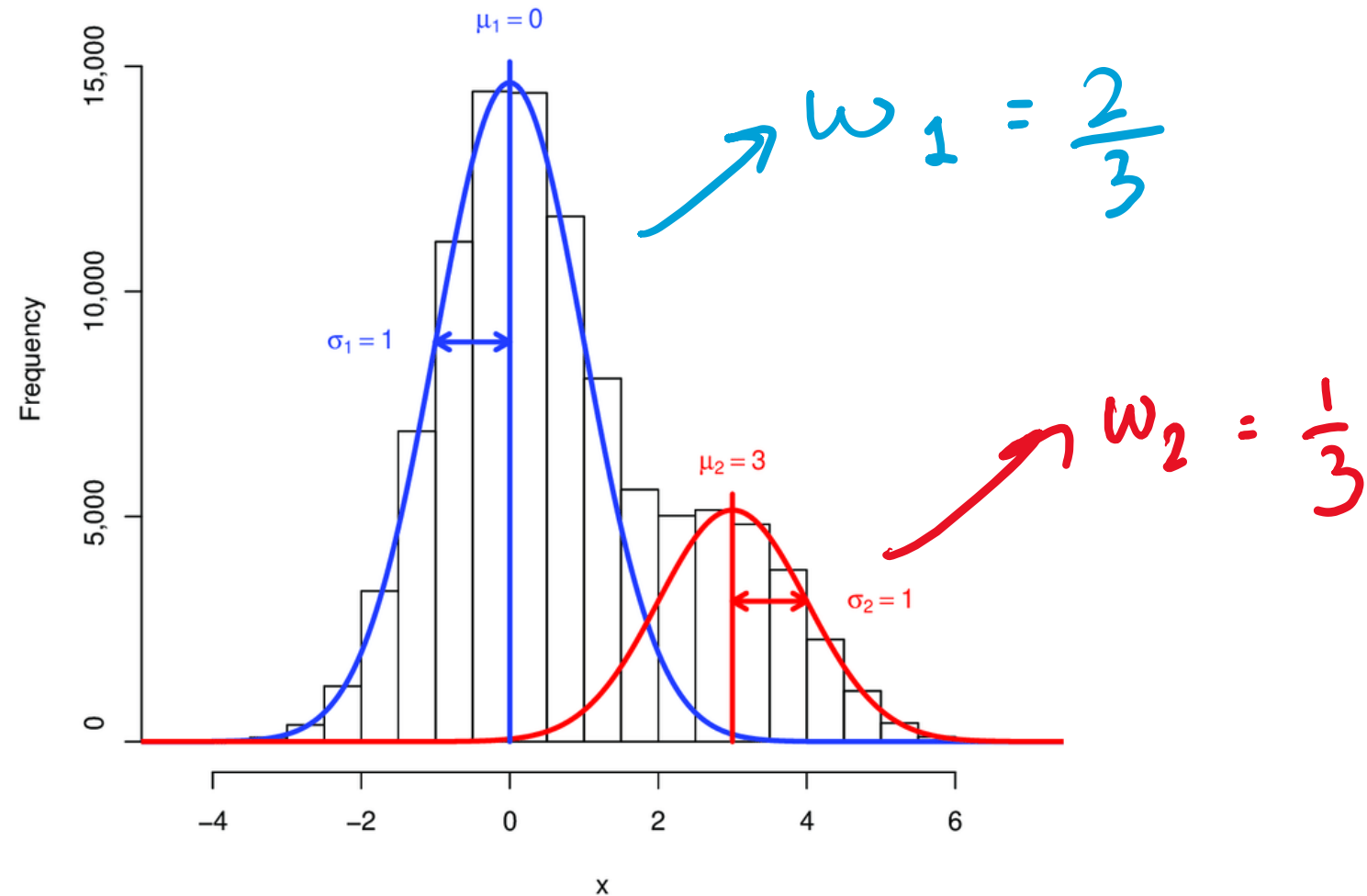
Multimodal Distribution



1. Clustering
2. Analytically describe the distribution

$$p \sim w_1 N(\mu_1, \sigma_1) + w_2 N(\mu_2, \sigma_2) + w_3 N(\mu_3, \sigma_3)$$
$$w = [\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}]$$

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Finite Mixture Models : Model Structure

Mixture Weight Parameters

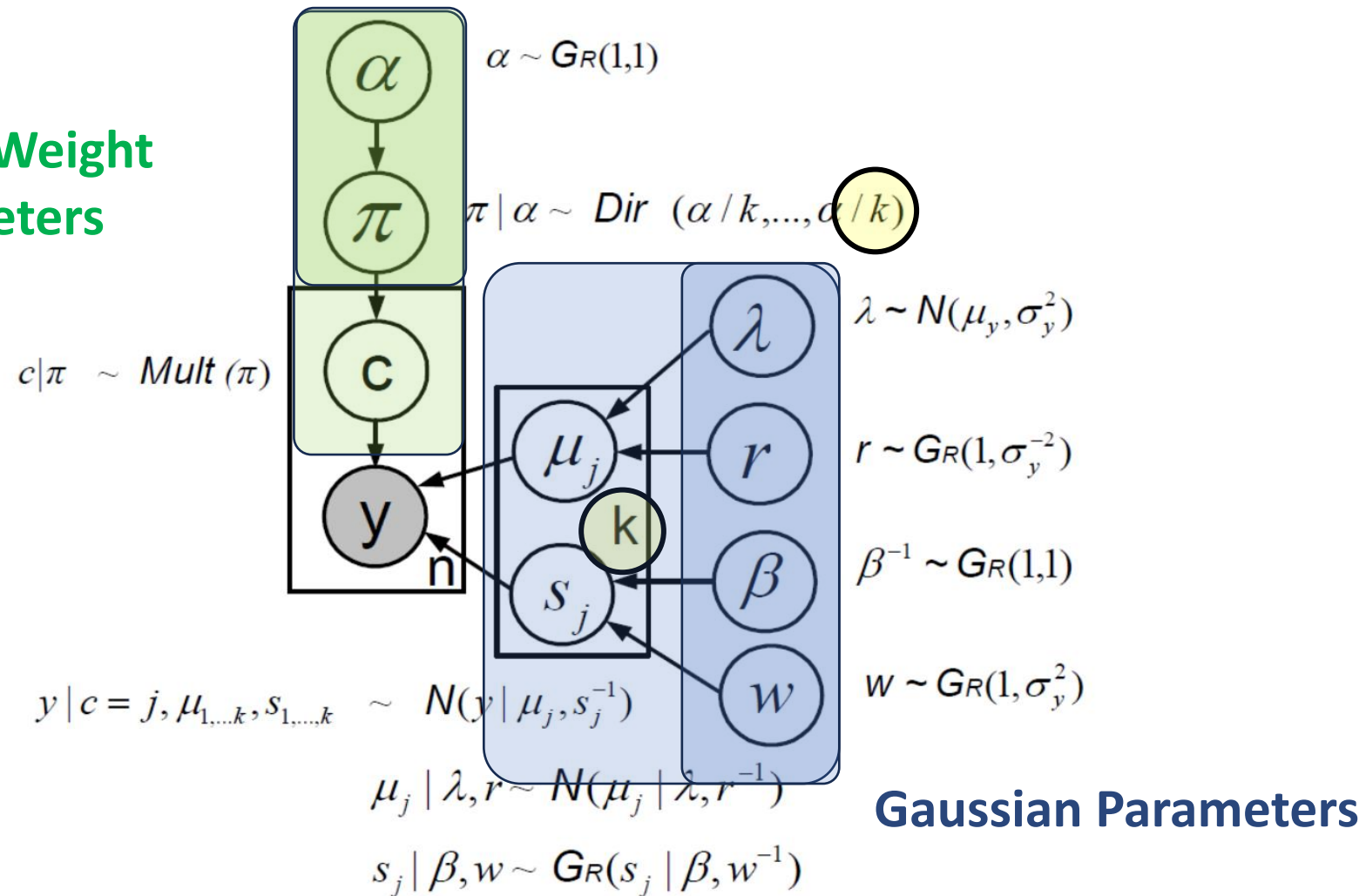
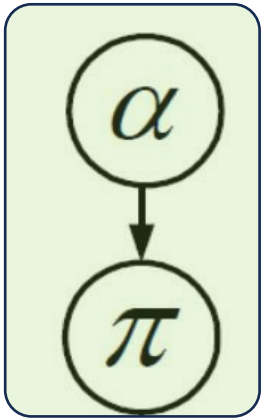


Figure 1: The graphical presentation of FGMM

Finite Mixture Models : Mixture Weight Parameters

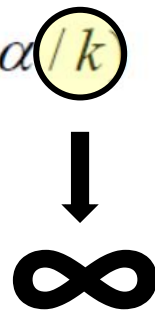


Concentration parameter

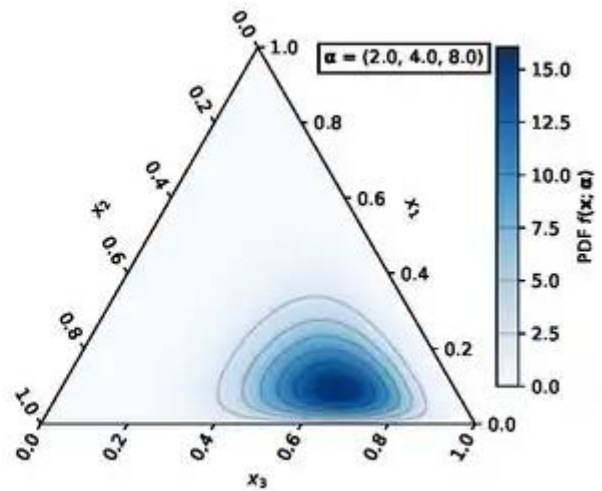
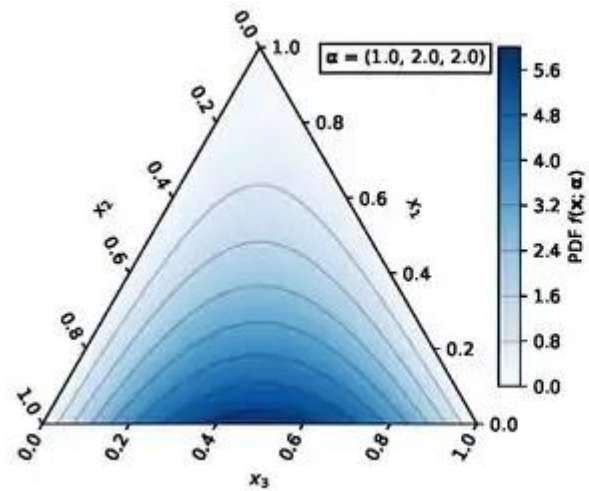
$$\alpha \sim \mathcal{GR}(1,1)$$

$$\pi | \alpha \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha/k, \dots, \alpha/k)$$

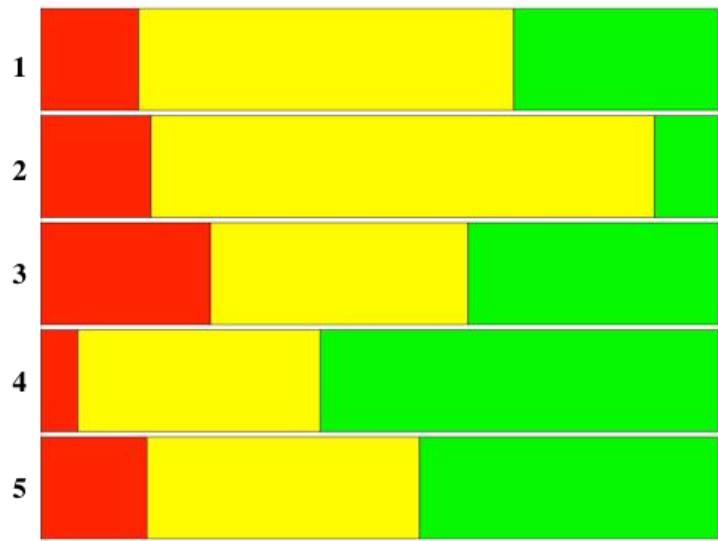
Mixture Weights



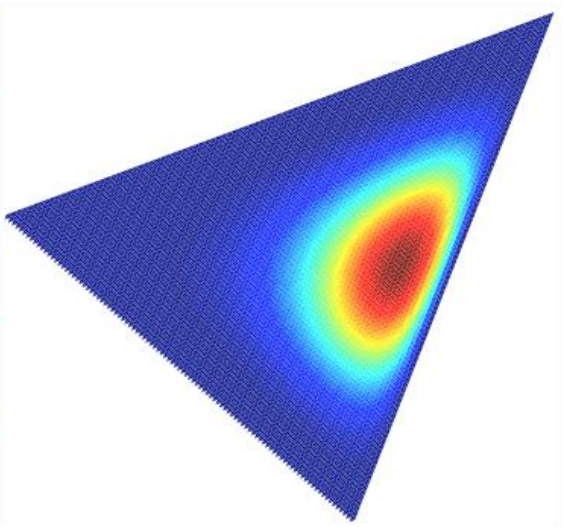
Dirichlet Distribution



Five draws from the Dirichlet(2,5,5)



Visualisation of the Dirichlet(2,5,5)



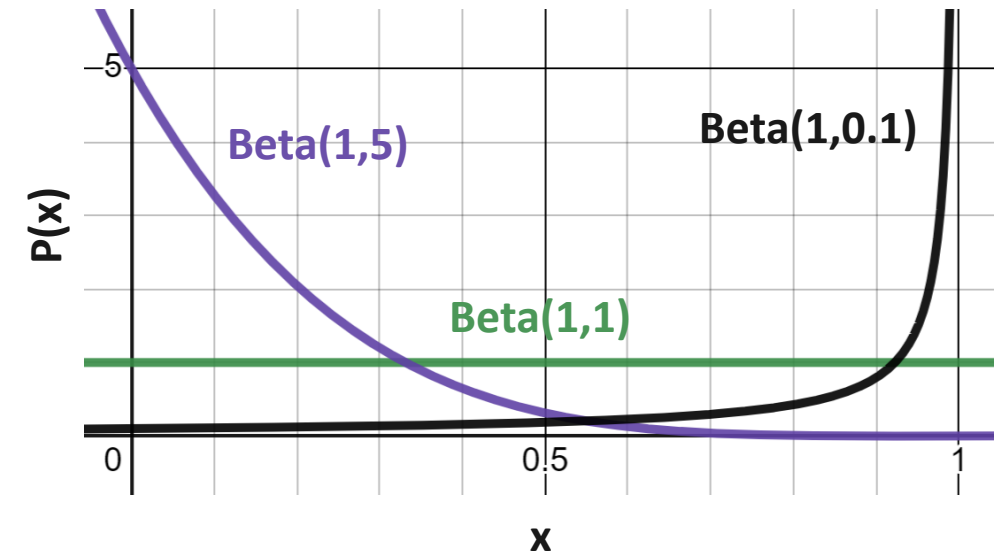
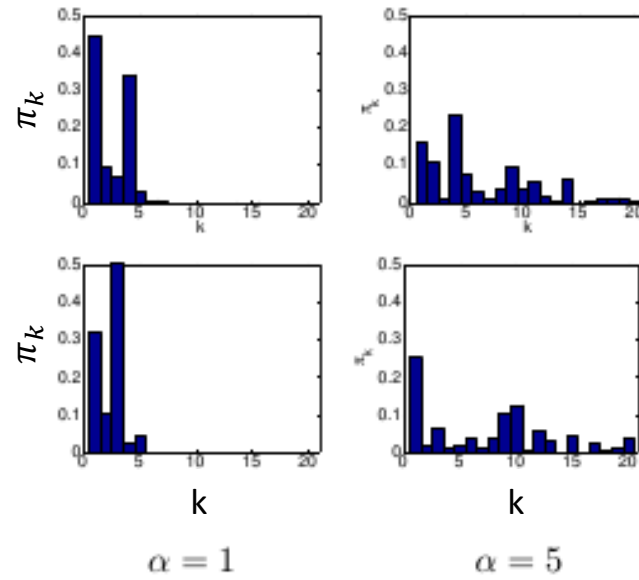
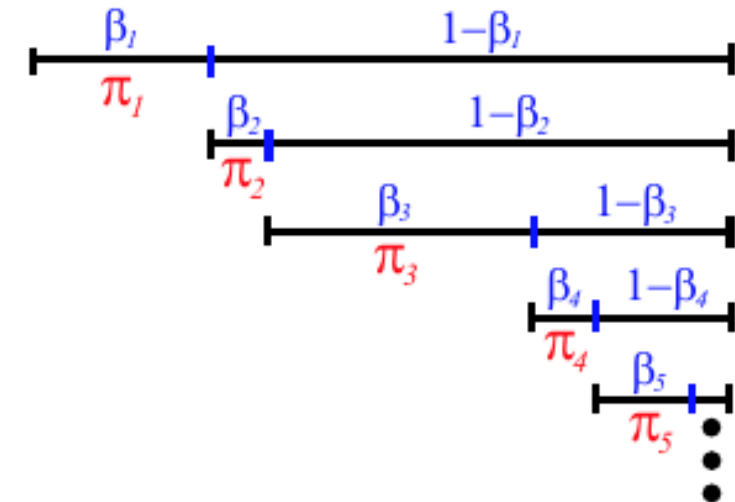
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Infinite Mixture Models : Mixture Weight parameters

Dirichlet Process

$$\pi_k = \beta_k \prod_{l=1}^{k-1} (1 - \beta_l) \quad \beta_k \sim \text{Beta}(1, \alpha)$$



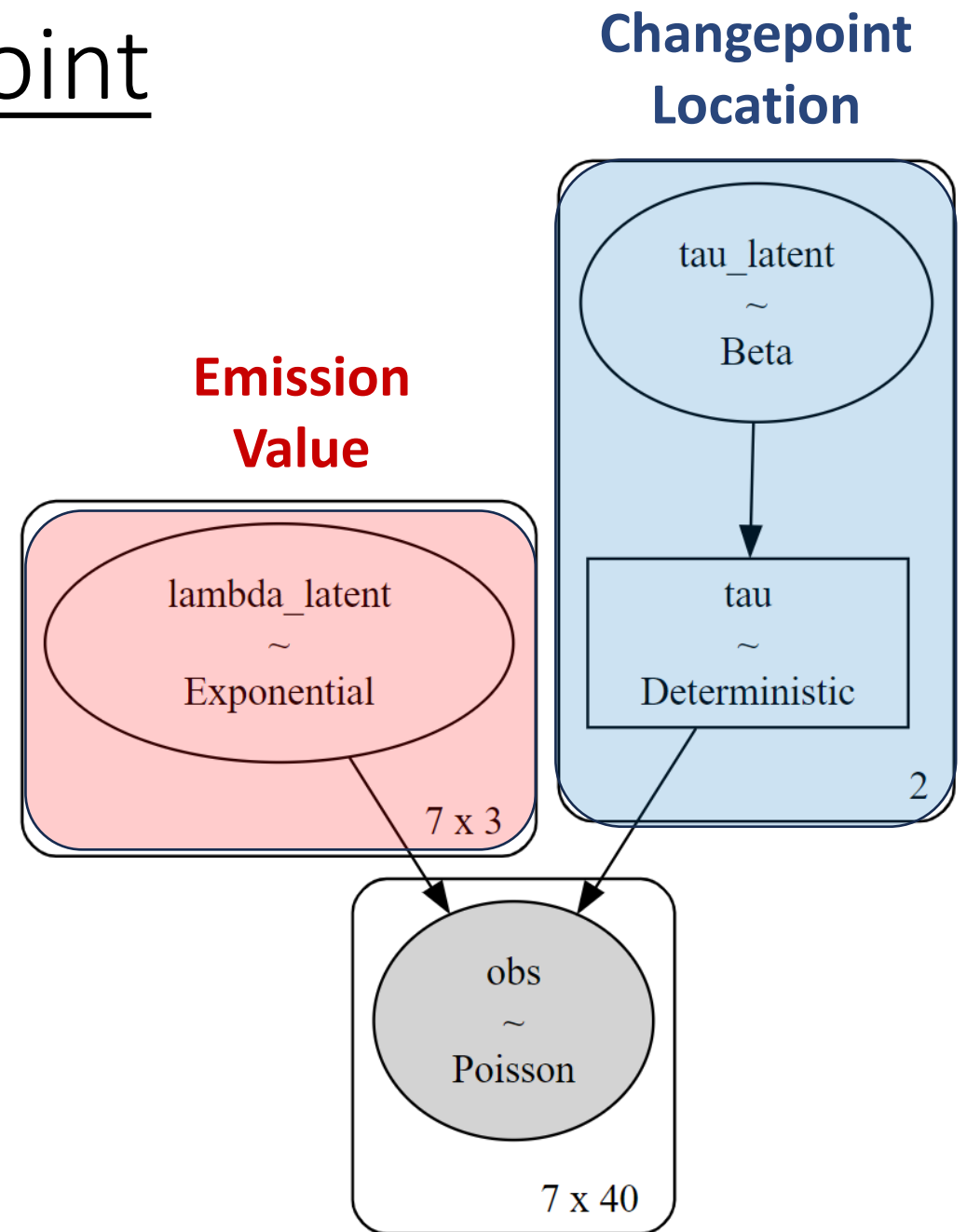
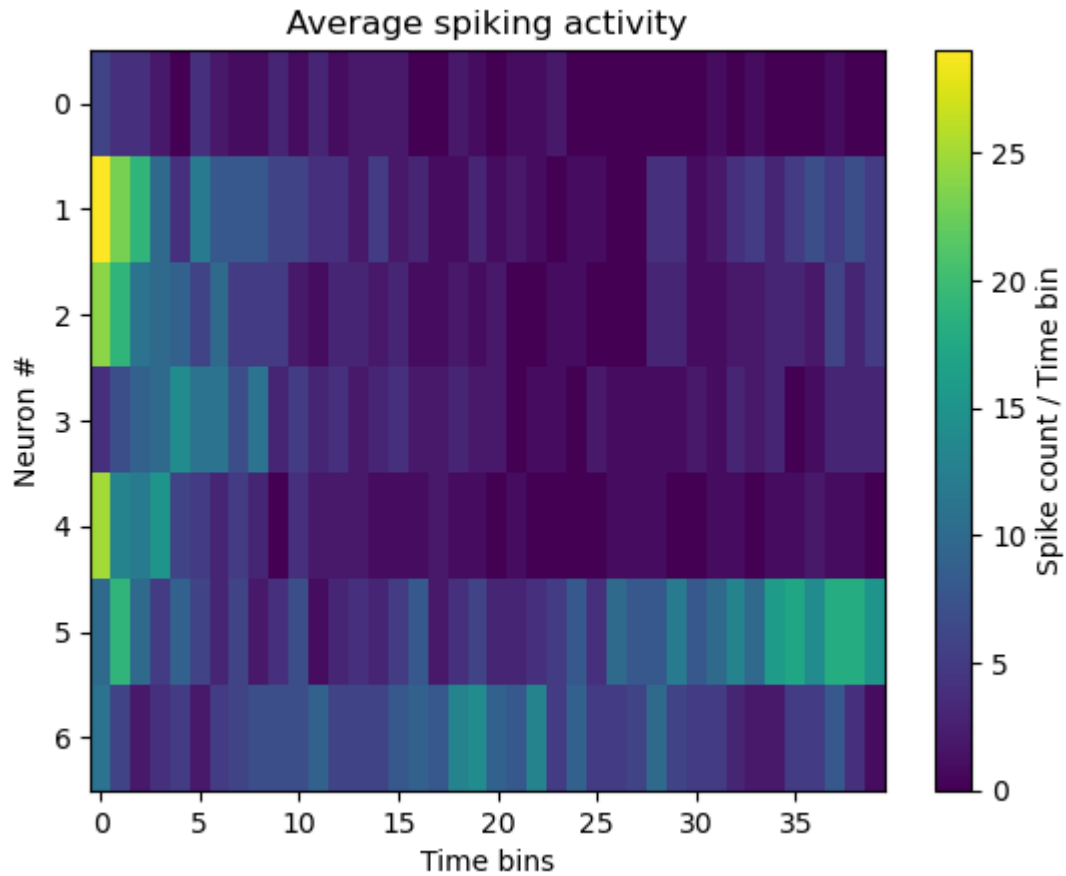
Clarifications:

- One model uses a finite mixture
- The other uses a Dirichlet Process (but not for an infinite mixture)

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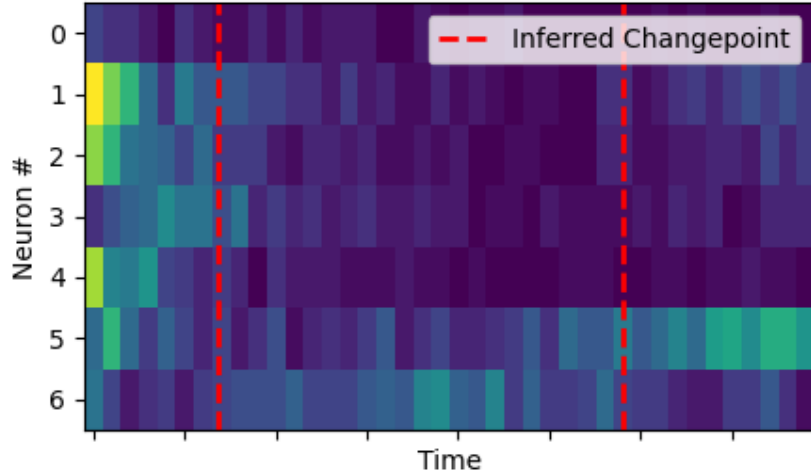
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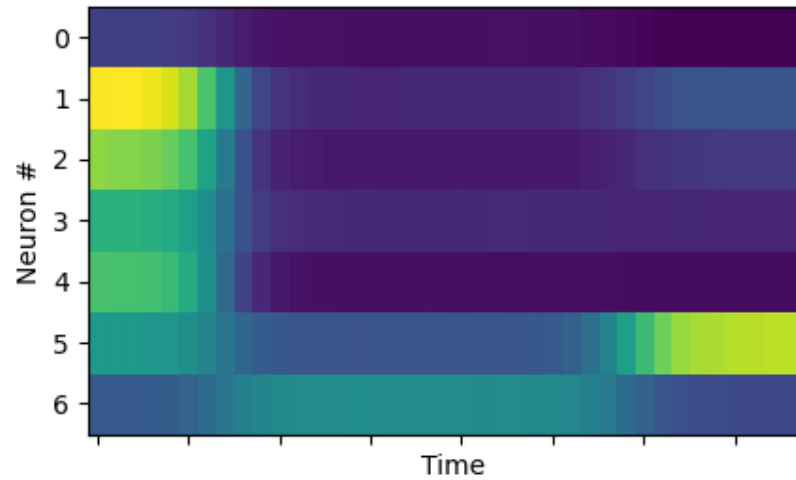


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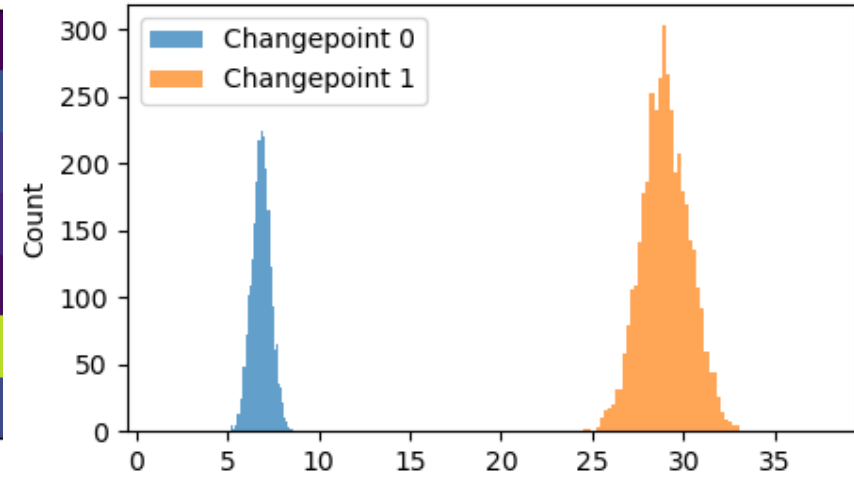
Data with changepoints



Mean Posterior Predictive



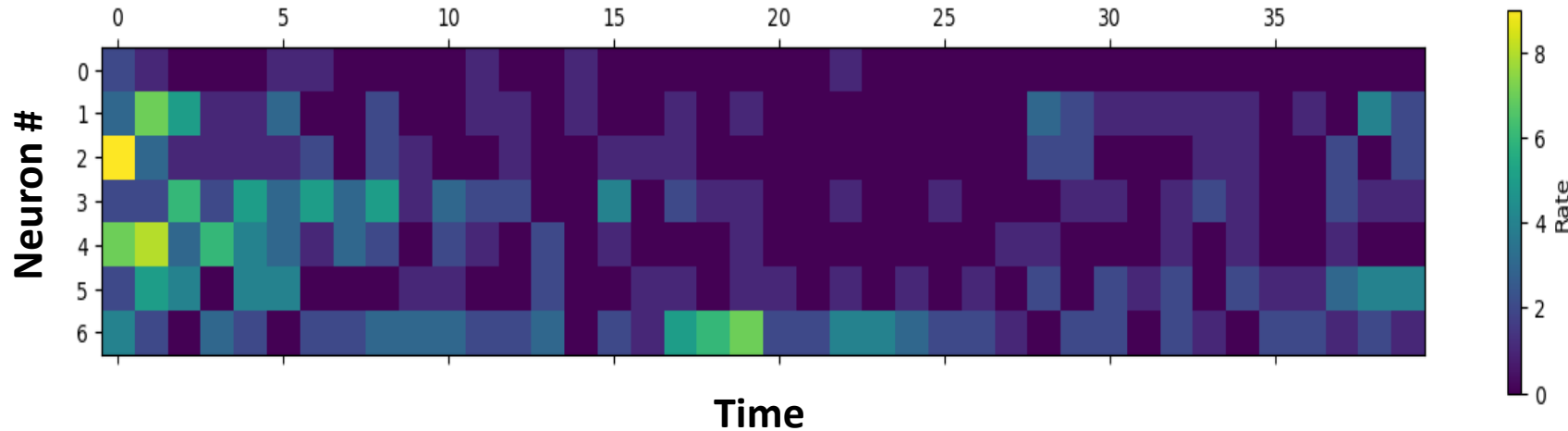
Inferred Changepoint Distributions



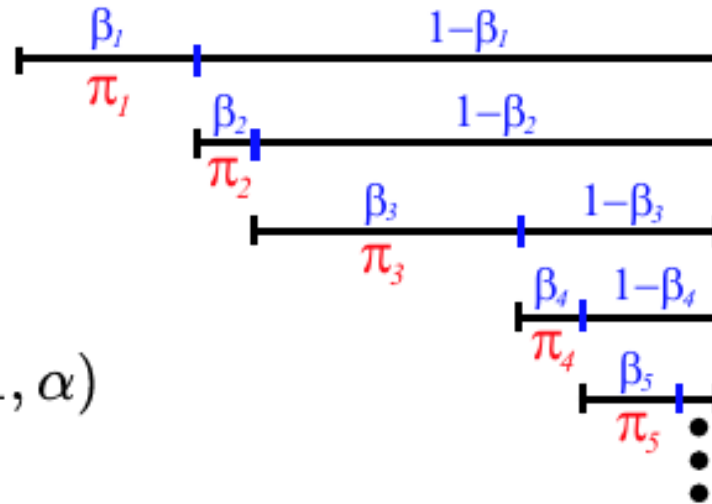
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Dirichlet Process Changepoint



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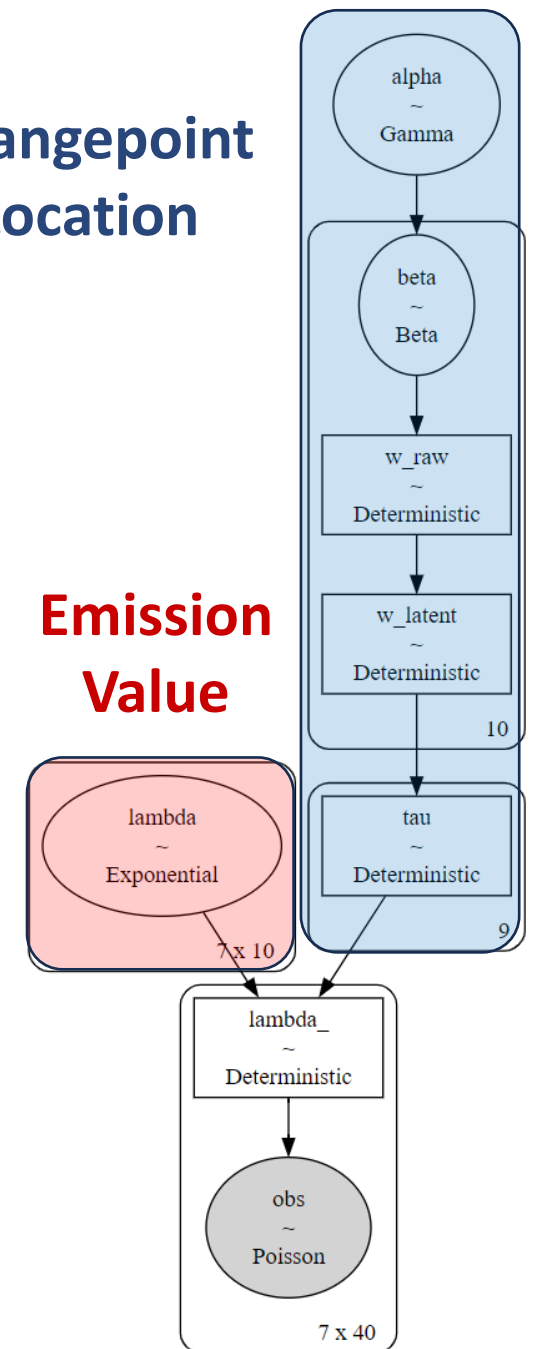


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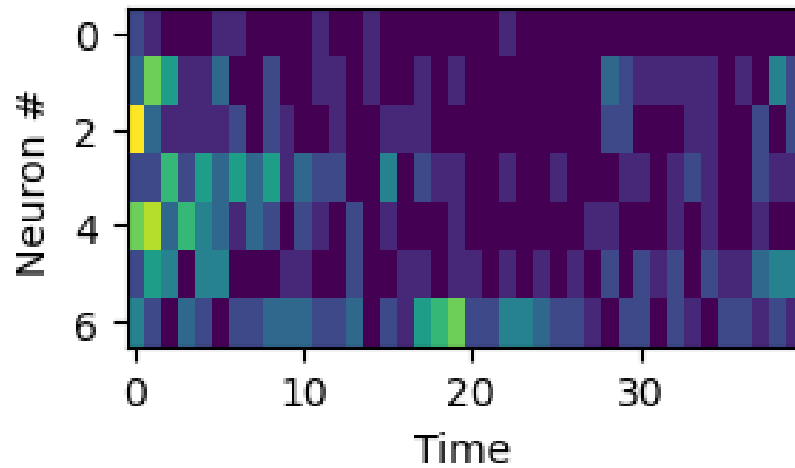
Changepoint Location

Emission Value

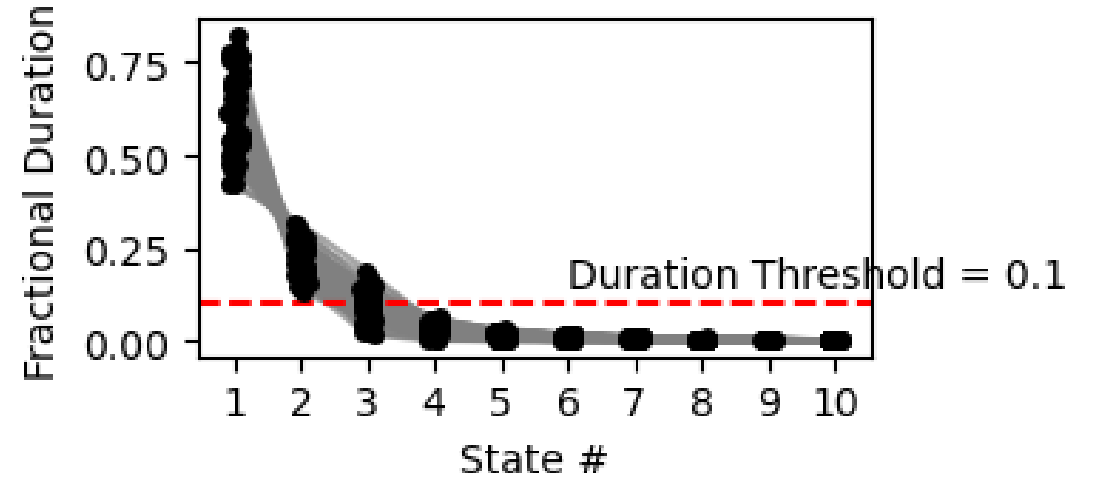


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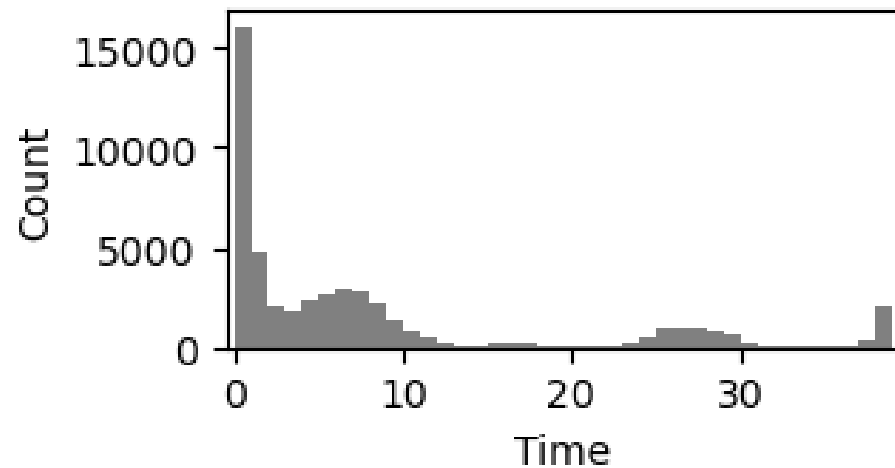
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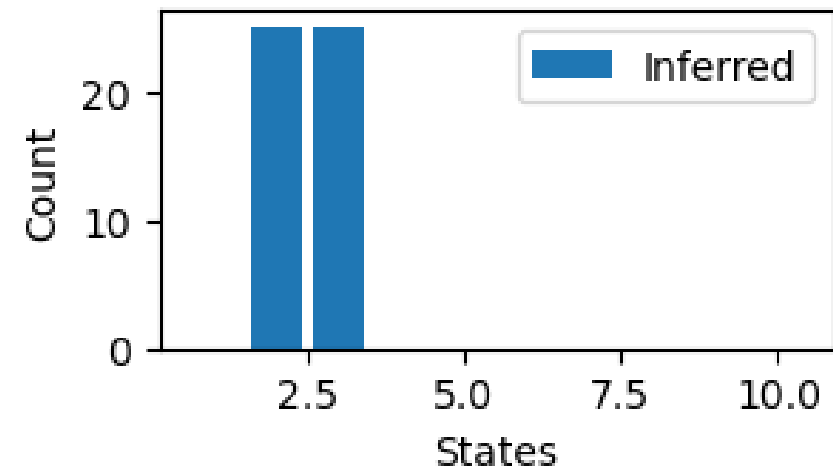
Inferred Durations of States



Tau samples

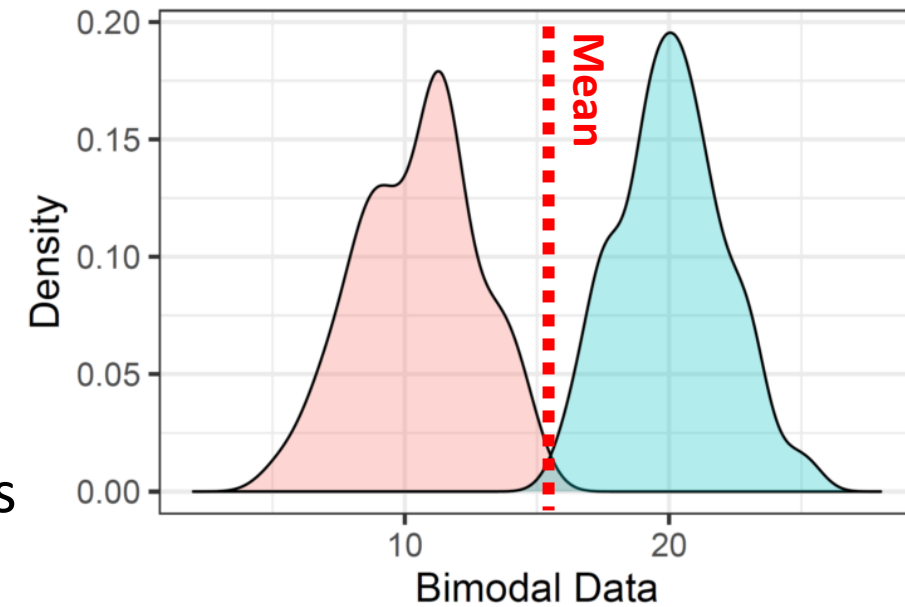


Number of states



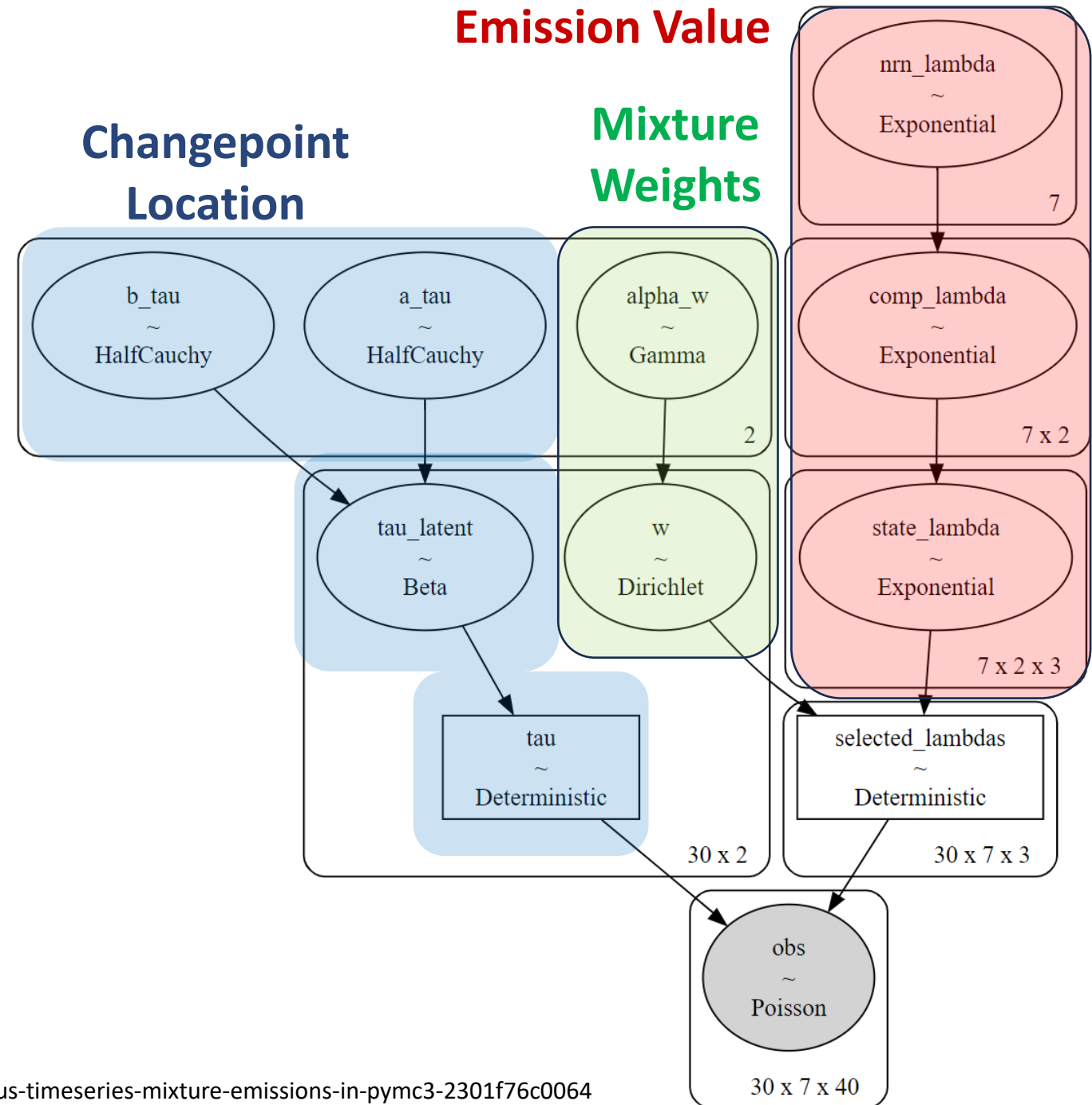
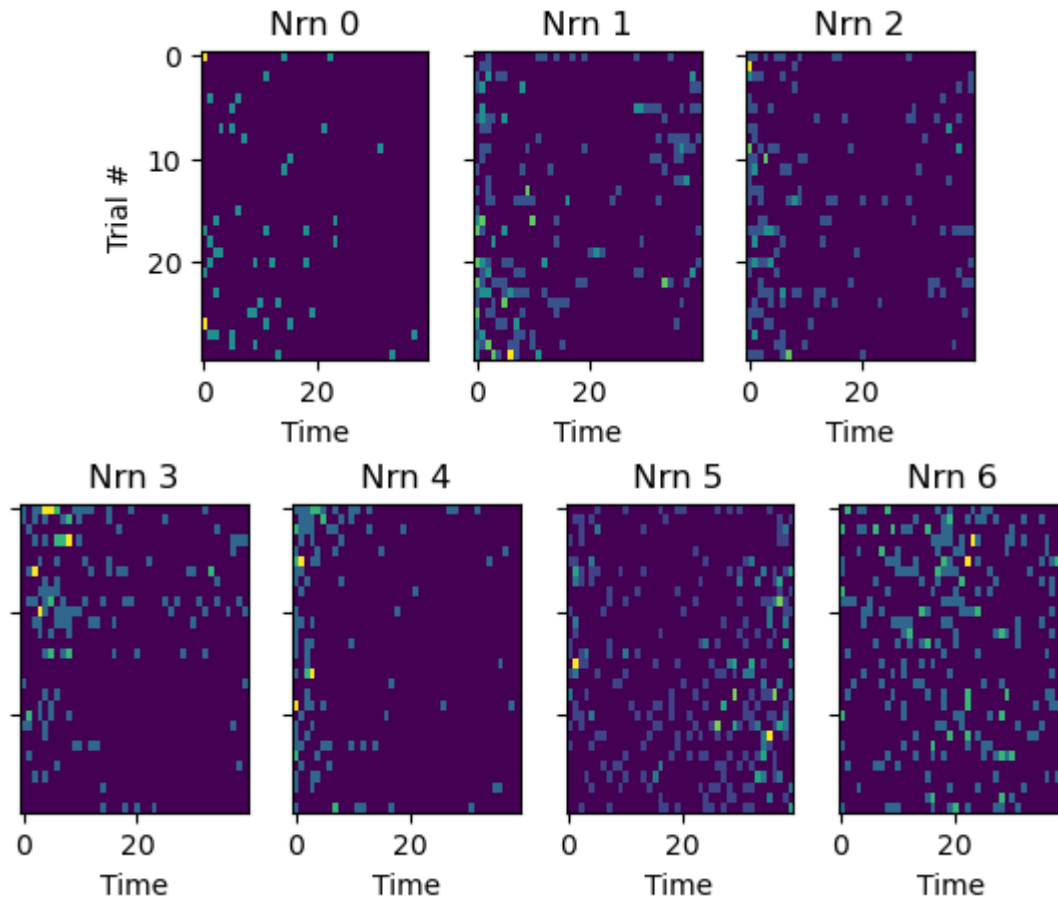
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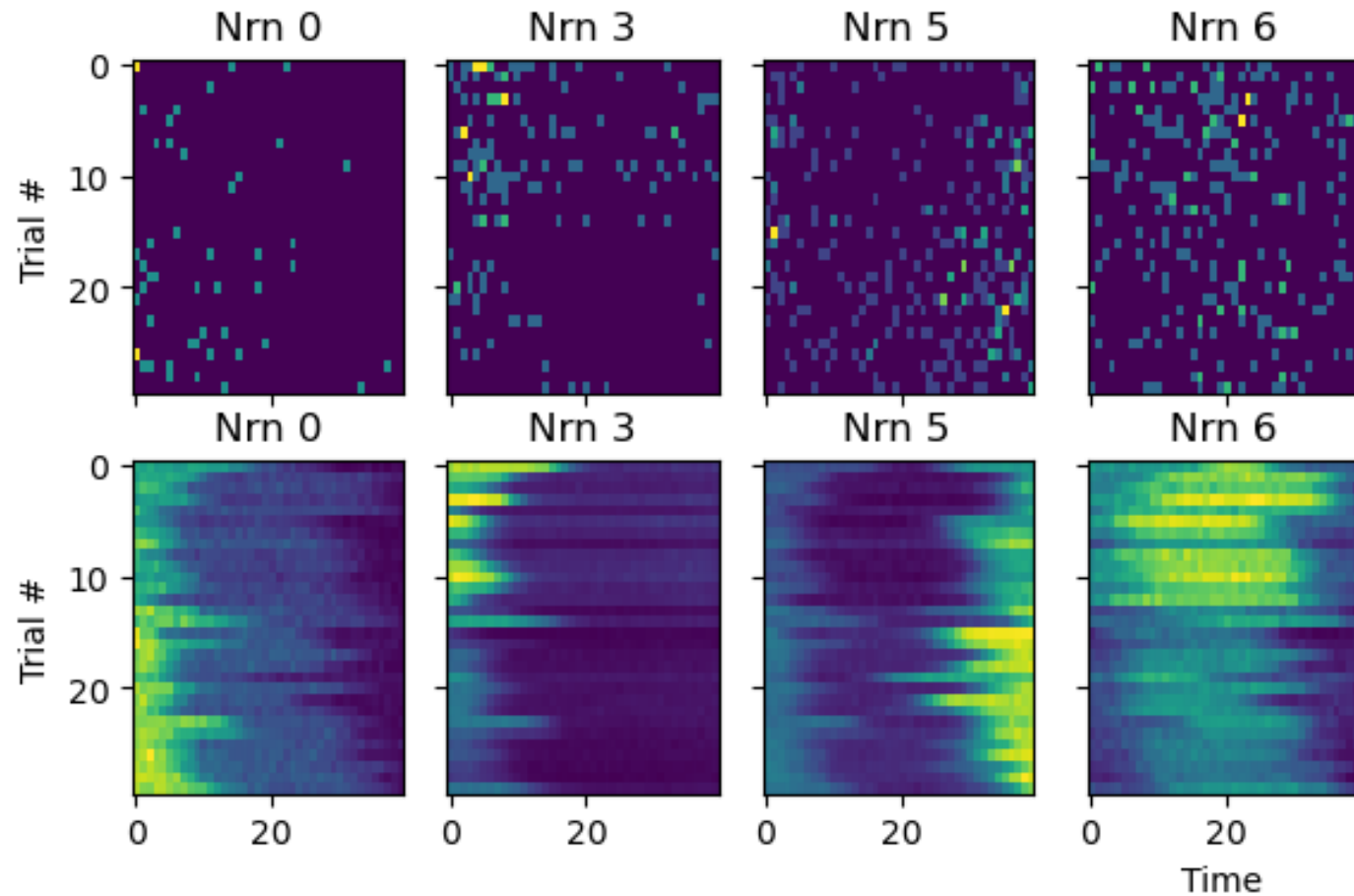
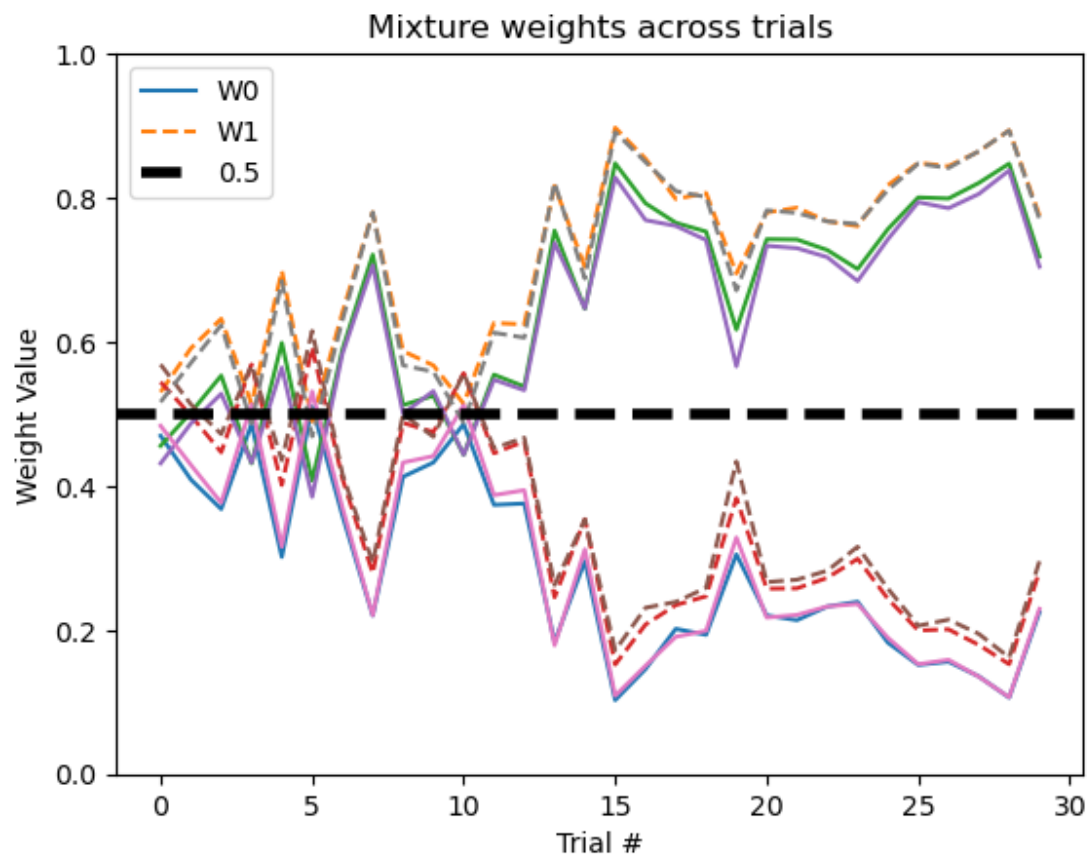


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Mixture Changepoint



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Wrap-up

1. Why changepoint models are useful
2. How they are used in the world
3. How PyMC allows easy iterative development of bespoke Bayesian models

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