

A Bayesian framework for change-point detection with uncertainty quantification

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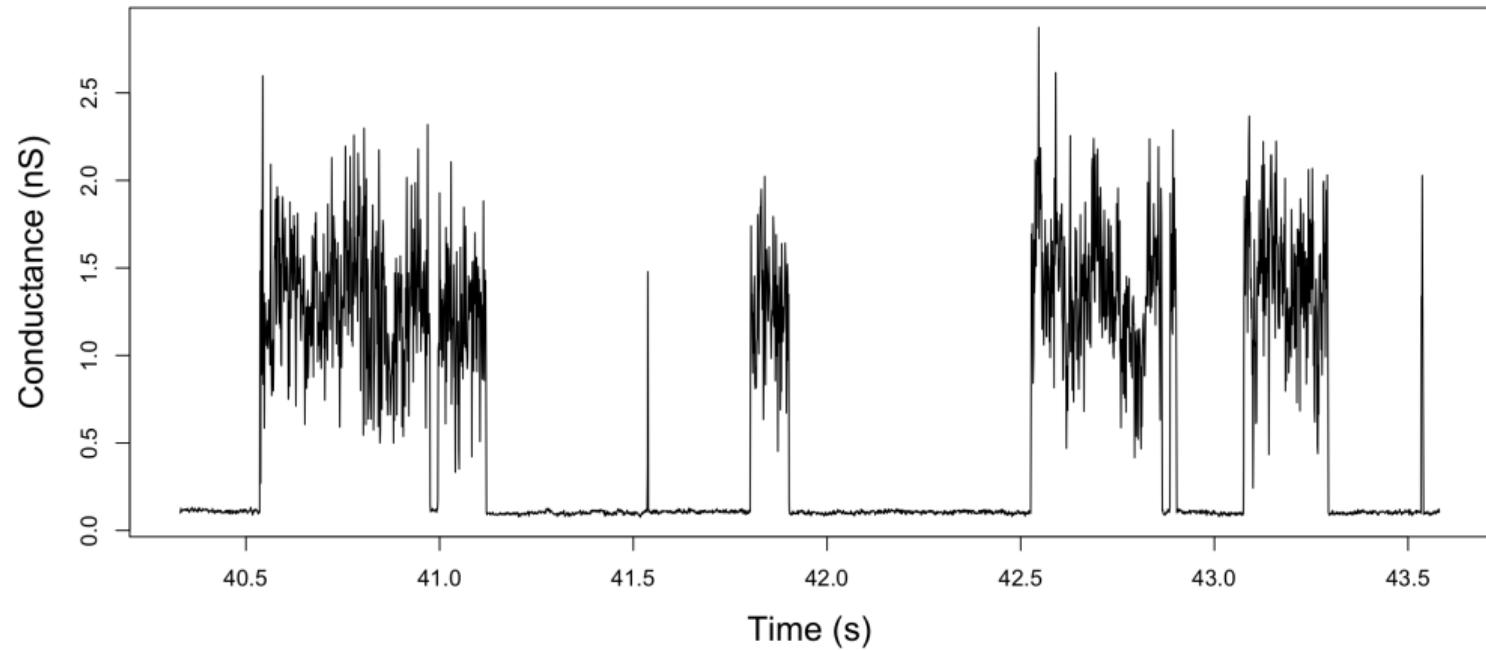
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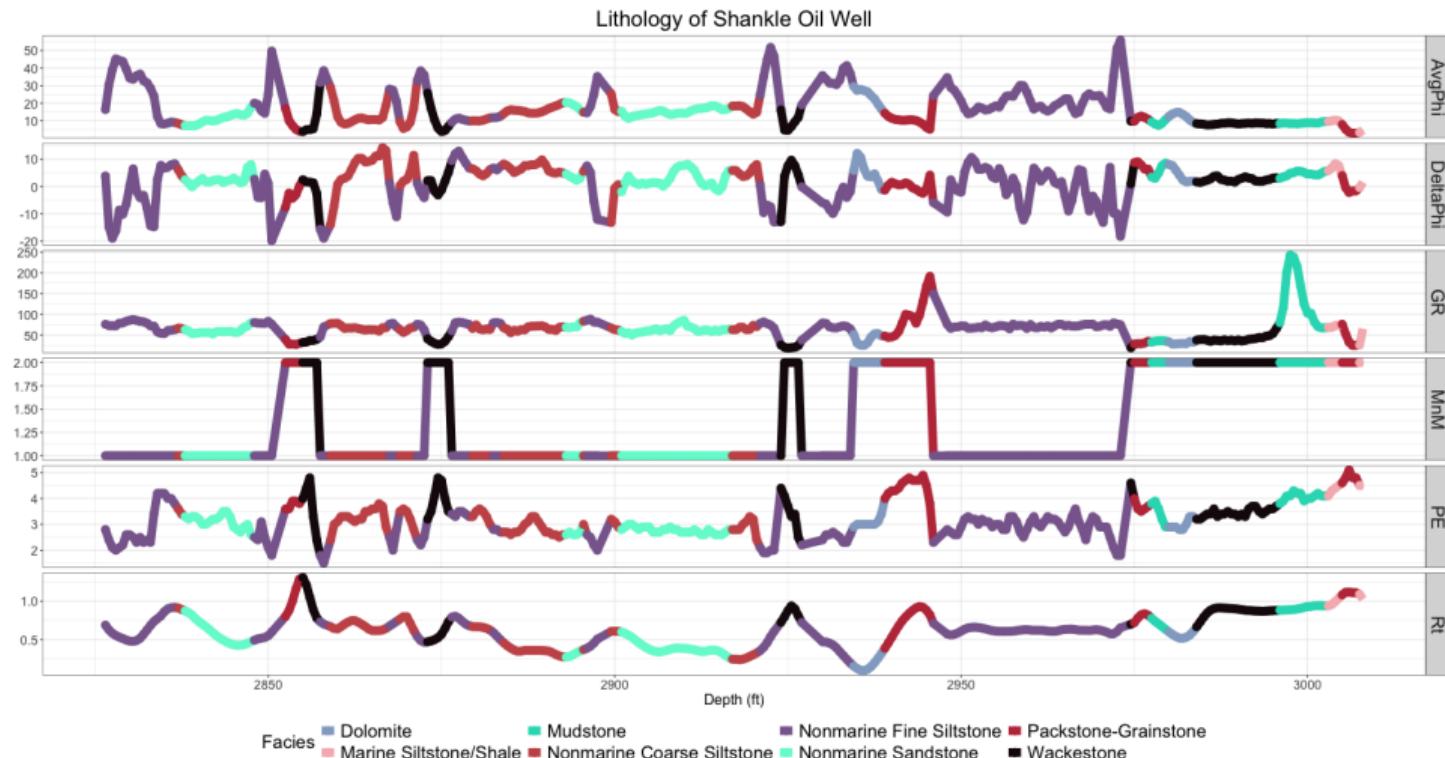
Change-Point Detection

- Change-Point Detection (CPD) is a classical problem in statistical inference (Page, 1954).
- Problem set-up:
 - ▷ T Observations: $\mathbf{y}_{1:T} := \{\mathbf{y}_t\}_{t=1}^T$ where $\mathbf{y}_t \in \mathbb{R}^d$
 - ▷ L Change-Points: $\tau_{1:L} \subset \{1, \dots, T\}$, with $\tau_0 := 1 < \tau_1 < \dots < \tau_L < \tau_{L+1} := T + 1$, and collection of $L + 1$ distributions $\{F_\ell\}_{\ell=0}^L$ with $F_\ell \neq F_{\ell+1}$ such that:
- $$\mathbf{y}_t \sim F_\ell, \quad \forall t \in [\tau_\ell, \tau_{\ell+1}).$$
- ▷ Goal: consistently estimate and perform inference on $\{L, \tau_{1:L}\}$.
- Mean and variance change-points:
 - ▷ Univariate: changes in piece-wise constant mean $\mu_{1:T} := \{\mathbb{E}[y_t]\}_{t=1}^T$ and precision $\lambda_{1:T} := \{\text{Var}(y_t)^{-1}\}_{t=1}^T$ signals.
 - ▷ Multivariate: changes in piece-wise constant mean signal $\mu_{1:T}$.

Ion Channel (Hotz et al., 2013)

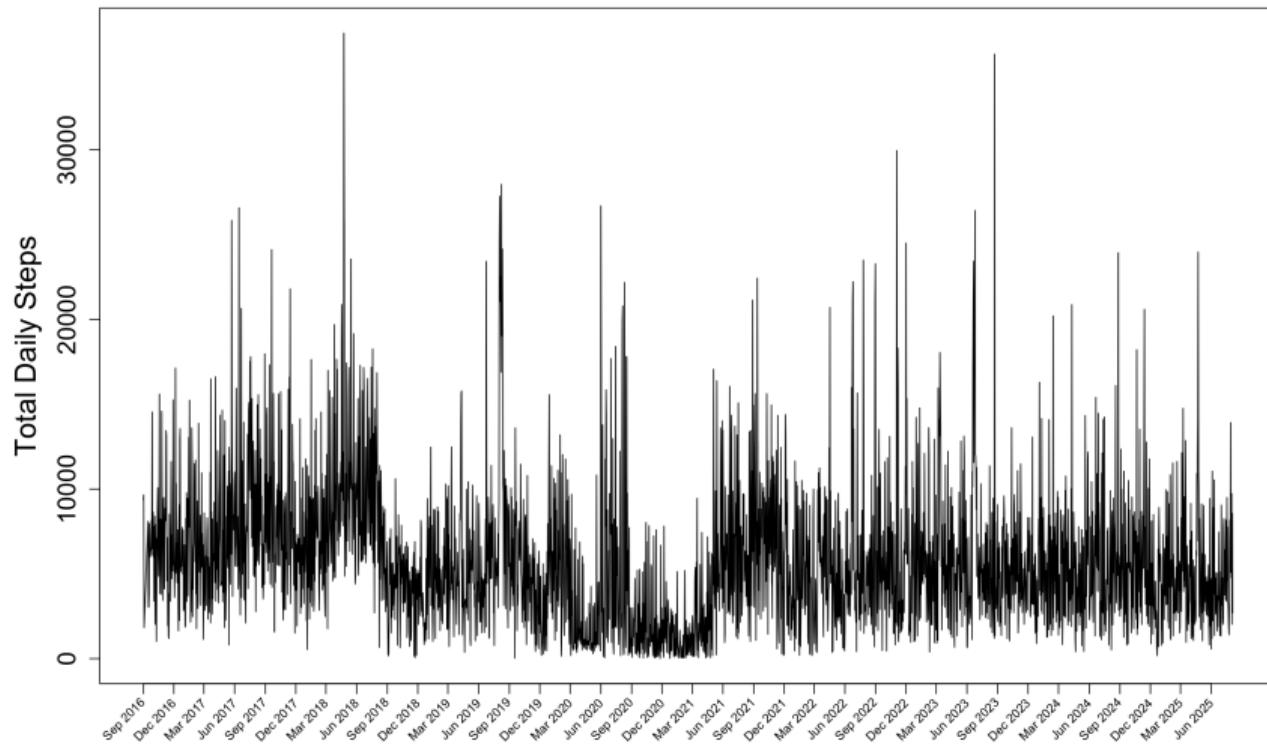


Oil Well Lithology (Bohling and Dubois, 2003)



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Uncertainty Quantification

- We would like to quantify the uncertainty around estimates $\hat{\tau}_{1:\hat{L}}$.
- Early attempts limited to a single mean change (Siegmund, 1986; Worsley, 1986; Jirak, 2015; Horváth et al., 2017), required knowledge of L (Bai and Perron, 2003), or only produced approximate sets from some limiting distribution (Bai, 2010).
- SMUCE (Frick et al., 2014) advanced the state-of-the-art, but returns CIs that can be overly conservative with undesirable coverage properties as α decreases (Fryzlewicz, 2024).
- Methods for multivariate data and variance changes remain underdeveloped.

- Issues with existing Bayesian CPD methods:
 - ▷ Do not scale beyond small T .
 - ▷ Generally lack theoretical guarantees for $\hat{\tau}_{1:L}$.
 - ▷ Posterior distributions can be difficult to interpret.
- Proposal:
 - ▷ Introduce Bayesian single change-point (SCP) models with optimal localization properties.
 - ▷ Modularly combine SCP models and approximate posterior distribution using variational Bayes.

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Single Change-Point Model

- Change-point $\tau \in \{1, \dots, T\}$ with $\mathbb{P}(\tau = t) = \pi_t$
- Posterior: $\mathbb{P}(\tau = t \mid \mathbf{y}_{1:T}) := \bar{\pi}_t \propto \pi_t p(\mathbf{y}_{1:T} \mid \tau = t)$.
- MAP Estimator: $\hat{\tau}_{\text{MAP}} := \arg \max_{1 \leq t \leq T} \bar{\pi}_t$.
- α -Level Credible Sets:

$$\mathcal{CS}(\alpha, \bar{\pi}_{1:T}) := \arg \min_{S \subseteq [T]} |S| \text{ s.t. } \sum_{t \in S} \bar{\pi}_t \geq 1 - \alpha.$$

Single Change-Point Models

- Three Bayesian models for a single change-point in $\mathbf{y}_{1:T}$:
 - ▷ Change in mean ($d \geq 1$).
 - ▷ Change in variance ($d = 1$).
 - ▷ Change in mean and variance ($d = 1$).

Multivariate Mean Single Change-Point (Mean-SCP) Model

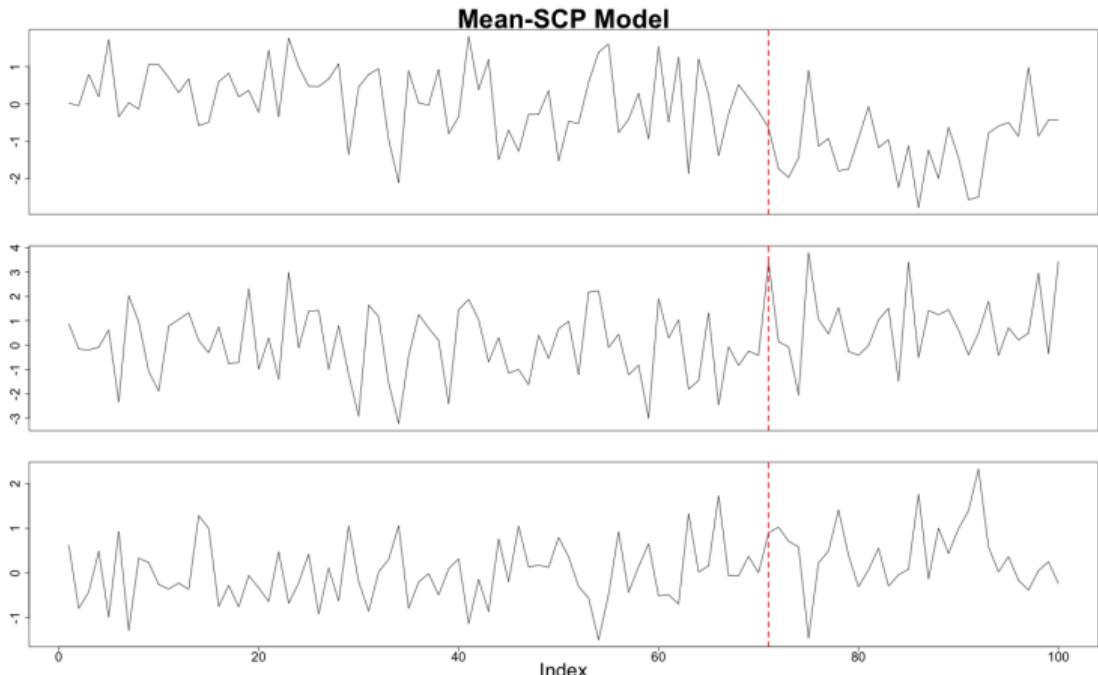
$$\mathbf{y}_t | \boldsymbol{\mu}_t, \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_t \stackrel{\text{ind.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}_d(\boldsymbol{\mu}_t, \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_t^{-1})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_t = \mathbf{b} \mathbb{1}\{t \geq \tau\}$$

$$\mathbf{b} \sim \mathcal{N}_d(\mathbf{0}, \omega_0^{-1} \mathbf{I}_d)$$

$$\tau \sim \text{Categorical}(\boldsymbol{\pi}_{1:\tau})$$

$$\mathbf{b} \perp \!\!\! \perp \tau$$



Mean-SCP Posterior

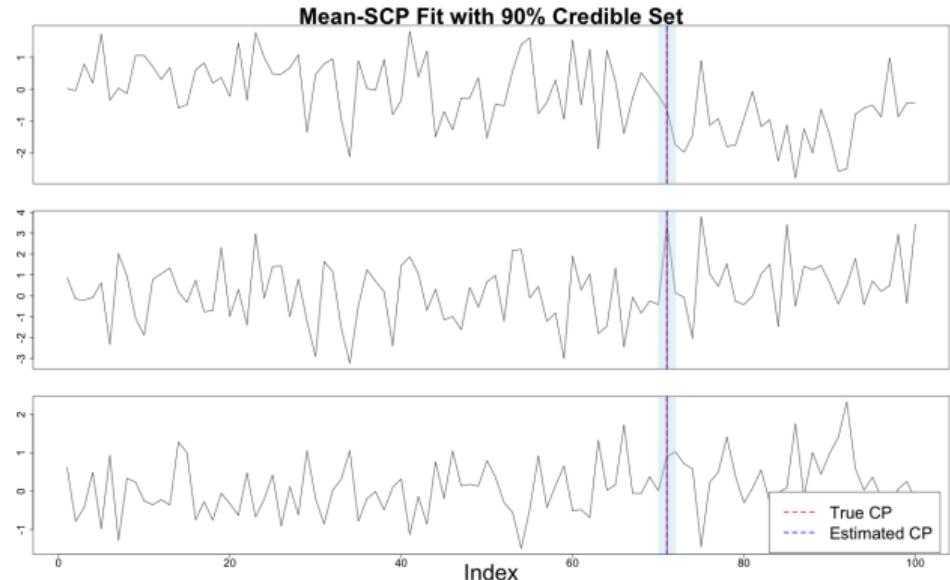
$$\mathbf{b} | \tau = t, \mathbf{y}_{1:T} \sim \mathcal{N}_d \left(\bar{\mathbf{b}}_t, \bar{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_t^{-1} \right)$$

$$\tau | \mathbf{y}_{1:T} \sim \text{Categorical}(\bar{\pi}_{1:T})$$

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_t = \omega_0 \mathbf{I}_d + \sum_{t'=t}^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{t'}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{b}}_t = \bar{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_t^{-1} \sum_{t'=t}^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{t'} \mathbf{y}_{t'}$$

$$\bar{\pi}_t \propto \pi_t |\bar{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_t|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[\frac{\|\bar{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_t^{\frac{1}{2}} \bar{\mathbf{b}}_t\|_2^2}{2} \right]$$



Variance Single Change-Point (Var-SCP) Model

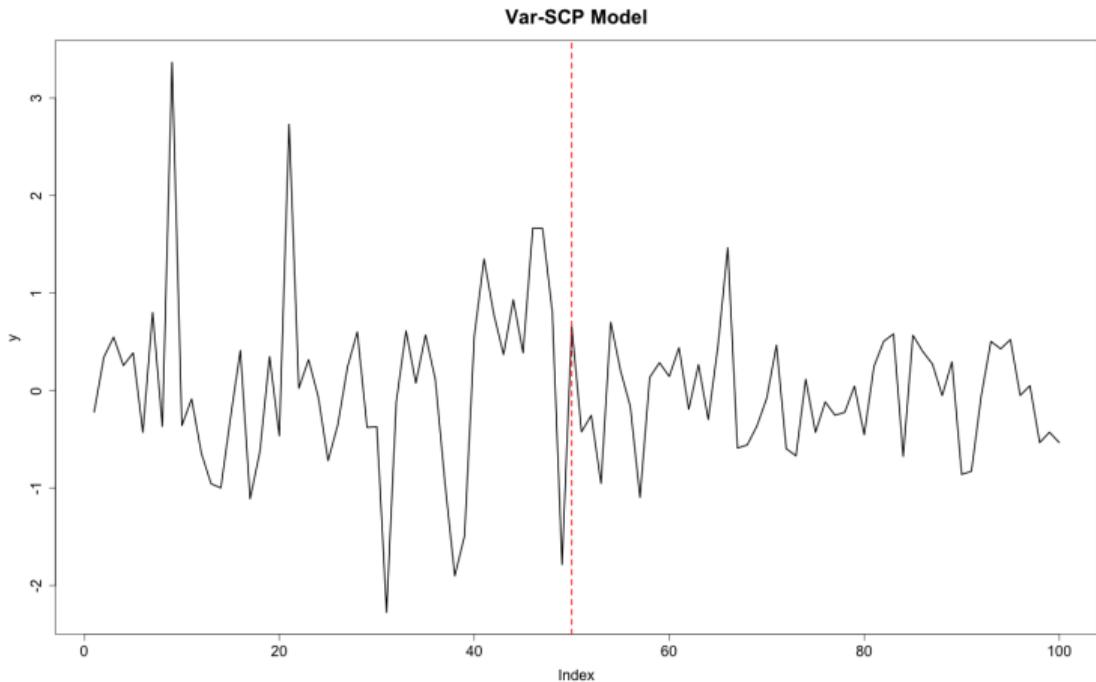
$$y_t \mid \lambda_t \stackrel{\text{ind.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \lambda_t^{-1})$$

$$\lambda_t = \omega_t s^{\mathbb{1}\{t \geq \tau\}}$$

$$s \sim \text{Gamma}(u_0, v_0)$$

$$\tau \sim \text{Categorical}(\pi_{1:T})$$

$$s \perp\!\!\!\perp \tau$$



Var-SCP Posterior

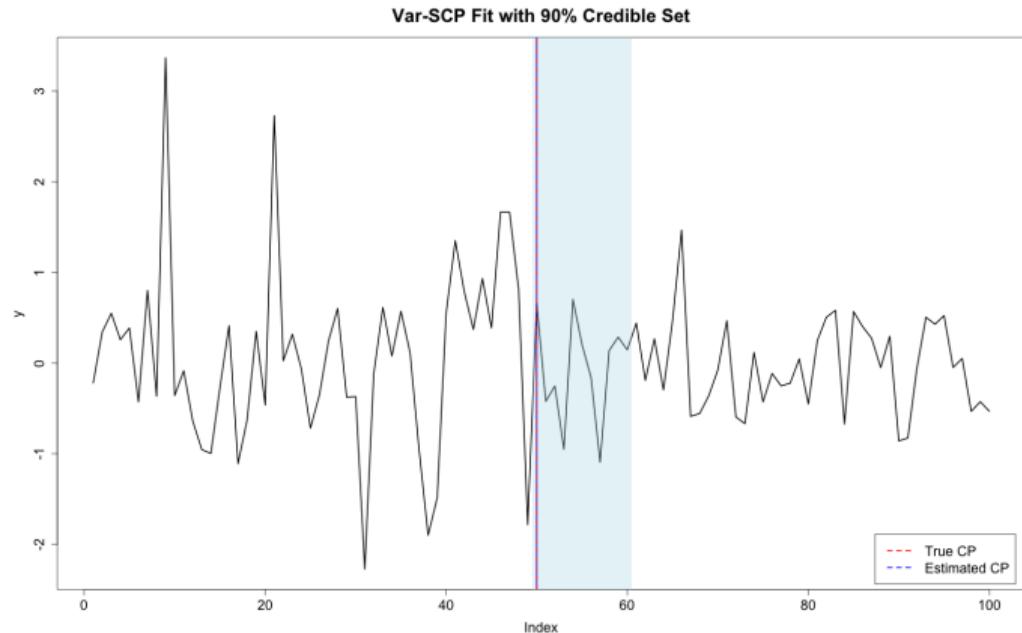
$s \mid \tau = t, \mathbf{y}_{1:T} \sim \text{Gamma}(\bar{u}_t, \bar{v}_t)$

$\tau \mid \mathbf{y}_{1:T} \sim \text{Categorical}(\bar{\pi}_{1:T})$

$$\bar{u}_t = u_0 + \frac{T - t + 1}{2}$$

$$\bar{v}_t = v_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t'=t}^T \omega_{t'} y_{t'}^2$$

$$\bar{\pi}_t \propto \frac{\pi_t \Gamma(\bar{u}_t)}{\bar{v}_t^{\bar{u}_t}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{t'=1}^{t-1} \omega_{t'} y_{t'}^2 \right)$$



Mean-Variance Single Change-Point (MeanVar-SCP) Model

$$y_t | \mu_t, \lambda_t \stackrel{\text{ind.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu_t, \lambda_t^{-1})$$

$$\mu_t = b \mathbb{1}\{t \geq \tau\}$$

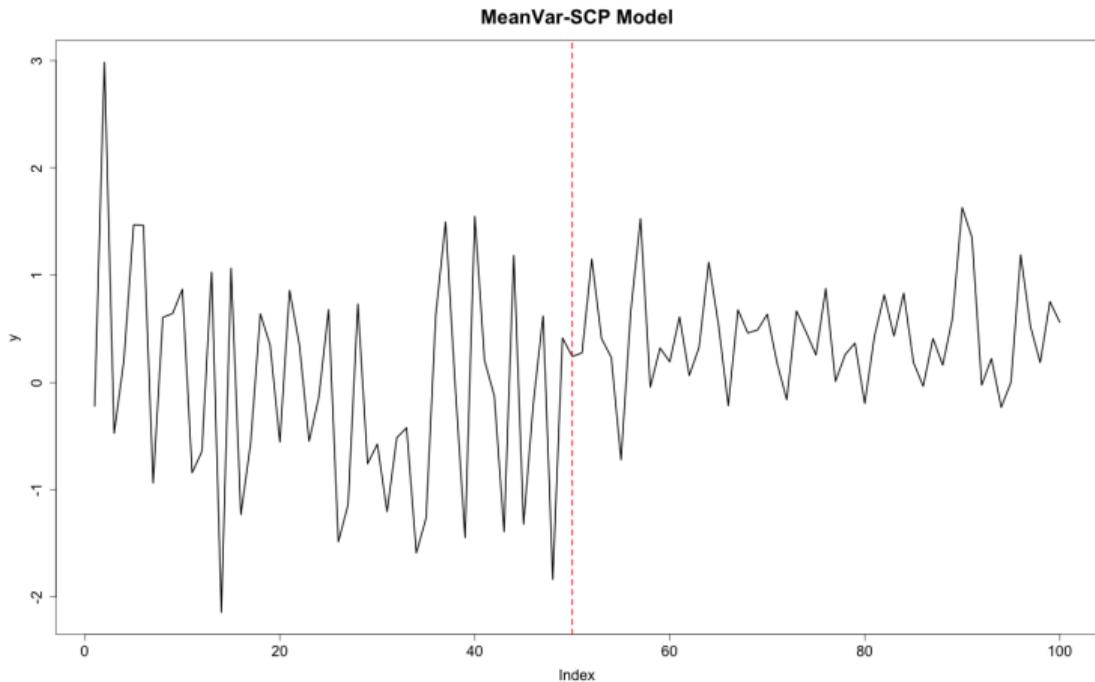
$$\lambda_t = \omega_t s^{\mathbb{1}\{t \geq \tau\}}$$

$$b | s \sim \text{Normal}(0, (\omega_0 s)^{-1})$$

$$s \sim \text{Gamma}(u_0, v_0)$$

$$\tau \sim \text{Categorical}(\pi_{1:T})$$

$$\{b, s\} \perp\!\!\!\perp \tau$$



MeanVar-SCP Posterior

$$b | s, \tau = t, \mathbf{y}_{1:T} \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{b}_t, (\bar{\omega}_t s)^{-1})$$

$$s | \tau = t, \mathbf{y}_{1:T} \sim \text{Gamma}(\bar{u}_t, \bar{v}_t)$$

$$\tau | \mathbf{y}_{1:T} \sim \text{Categorical}(\bar{\pi}_{1:T})$$

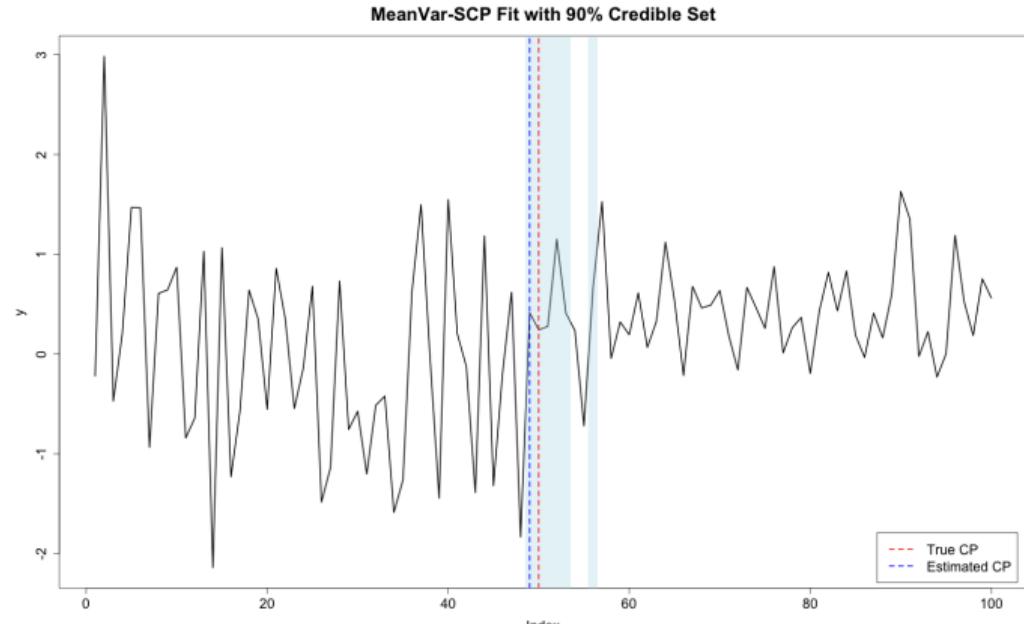
$$\bar{\omega}_t = \omega_0 + \sum_{t'=t}^T \omega_{t'}$$

$$\bar{b}_t = \sum_{t'=t}^T \frac{\omega_{t'} y_{t'}}{\bar{\omega}_t}$$

$$\bar{u}_t = u_0 + \frac{T - t + 1}{2}$$

$$\bar{v}_t = v_0 - \frac{\bar{\omega}_t \bar{b}_t^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t'=t}^T \omega_{t'} y_{t'}^2$$

$$\bar{\pi}_t \propto \frac{\pi_t \Gamma(\bar{u}_t)}{\bar{v}_t^{\bar{u}_t} \bar{\omega}_t^{1/2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{t'=1}^{t-1} \omega_{t'} y_{t'}^2 \right)$$



Localization Theory

- True change-point: $t_0 \in \{1, \dots, T\}$.
- Minimum spacing condition: $\Delta_T := \min\{t_0, T - t_0 + 1\} \gtrsim \log T$.
- Consistency: $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(|\hat{\tau}_{\text{MAP}} - t_0| \leq \epsilon_T) = 1$ and $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\epsilon_T}{\Delta_T} = 0$. (Yu, 2020)

Detectable Mean and Scale Change

Assumption 1 (Detectable Mean Change)

Suppose $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}_t] = \mathbf{b}_0 \mathbb{1}_{\{t \geq t_0\}}$ for some $t_0 \in [T]$ and $\mathbf{b}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\text{Var}(\mathbf{y}_t) = \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_t^{-1}$. Assume that $\Delta_T \gtrsim \log T$ and $\Delta_T \min_{1 \leq t \leq T} \|\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_t^{1/2} \mathbf{b}_0\|_2^2 \gg d \log T$.

Assumption 2 (Detectable Scale Change)

Suppose $\text{Var}(y_t) = (s_0^2)^{\mathbb{1}\{t \geq t_0\}}$ for some $t_0 \in [T]$ and $0 < \underline{s} < s_0 < \bar{s} < \infty$. Assume that $\Delta_T \gtrsim \log T$ and $\Delta_T (s_0^2 - 1)^2 \gg \log T$.

- Necessary: consistent localization not possible when $\Delta_T \|\mathbf{b}_0\|_2^2 \lesssim \log T$ (Wang et al., 2020)
- Non-Sparse: suppose $\|\mathbf{b}_0\|_\infty = \mathcal{O}(1)$ and $\Delta_T \geq \log^{1+\varepsilon} T$. Assumption 1 not met if $\|\mathbf{b}_0\|_0 \leq d_0 \lesssim d \log^{-\varepsilon} T$:

$$\Delta_T \|\mathbf{b}_0\|_2^2 \lesssim d_0 \log^{1+\varepsilon} T \lesssim d \log T.$$

Similar assumptions appear in Bai (2010); ?); Li et al. (2023).

SCP Localization Rates

Theorem 1

Let $\mathbf{y}_{1:T}$ be a sequence of independent, sub-Gaussian observations with $\|\mathbf{y}_t\|_{\psi_2} = \mathcal{O}(1)$ and assume that $\max_{t \in [T]} |\log \pi_t| \leq C_\pi \log T$ for some C_π . For each SCP model, the following table summarizes the minimum spacing Δ_T and signal strength $\kappa(b_0, s_0^2)$ conditions under which

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(|\hat{\tau}_{MAP} - t_0| \leq \epsilon_T) = 1, \text{ where } \epsilon_T = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\log T}{\kappa(b_0, s_0^2)}\right):$$

Model	Assumptions	$\kappa(b_0, s_0^2)$
Mean-SCP	Assumption 1, $\text{Var}(\mathbf{y}_t) = \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1}$	$\ \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{1/2} \mathbf{b}_0\ _2^2$
Var-SCP	Assumption 2, $\mathbb{E}[y_t] = 0$	$(s_0^2 - 1)^2$
MeanVar-SCP	Assumption 1 or 2	$\max\{\min\{b_0^2, b_0^2/s_0^2\}, (s_0^2 - 1)^2\}$

We also show that when $\mathbf{y}_{1:T}$ is an α -mixing process, then under mild regularity conditions

$$\mathbb{P}(|\hat{\tau}_{MAP} - t_0| \leq \tilde{\epsilon}_T) = 1 \text{ where } \tilde{\epsilon}_T \propto \epsilon_T \log T.$$

Results of Wang and Samworth (2017), Wang et al. (2020), and Wang et al. (2021) show that the minimax optimal localization rate is proportional to $[\Delta_T \kappa(b_0, s_0^2)]^{-1}$.

Corollary 2

Let ϵ_T be the localization error corresponding to one of SCP models, then for any $\alpha > 0$, $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(|\mathcal{CS}(\alpha, \bar{\pi}_{1:T})| \leq 2\epsilon_T) = 1$.

- Detect change-point if $|\mathcal{CS}(\alpha, \bar{\pi}_{1:T})| \leq \log^{1+\delta} T$ for some small $\delta > 0$.

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Multiple Independent CHange-point (MICH) Model

We can modularly combine SCP models to incorporate multiple change-points in $\mu_{1:T}$ and/or $\lambda_{1:T}$:

$$y_t | \mu_t, \lambda_t \stackrel{\text{ind.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu_t, \lambda_t^{-1}), \quad 1 \leq t \leq T,$$

$$\mu_t := \mu_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{J+L} \mu_{it} := \sum_{j=1}^J b_j \mathbb{1}_{\{t \geq \tau_j\}} + \sum_{\ell=J+1}^{J+L} b_\ell \mathbb{1}_{\{t \geq \tau_\ell\}},$$

$$\lambda_t := \lambda_0 \prod_{i=1}^{J+K} \lambda_{it} := \prod_{j=1}^J s_j^{\mathbb{1}_{\{t \geq \tau_j\}}} \prod_{k=J+L+1}^{J+L+K} s_k^{\mathbb{1}_{\{t \geq \tau_k\}}},$$

$$\tau_i \stackrel{\text{ind.}}{\sim} \text{Categorical}(\pi_{i,1:T}), \quad 1 \leq i \leq J+L+K,$$

$$\{b_j, s_j\} \stackrel{\text{ind.}}{\sim} \text{Normal-Gamma}(0, \omega_0, u_0, v_0), \quad 1 \leq j \leq J,$$

$$b_\ell \stackrel{\text{ind.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \omega_0^{-1}), \quad J < \ell \leq J+L,$$

$$s_k \stackrel{\text{ind.}}{\sim} \text{Gamma}(u_0, v_0), \quad J+L < k \leq J+L+K.$$

Variational Bayes Approximation to MICH

- Could fit MICH with Gibbs sampler, but the discrete, highly correlated, high-dimensional parameters lead to poor mixing.
- Following the example set in Wang et al. (2020), we use Mean-Field Variational Bayes to find a $q \in \mathcal{Q}_{\text{MF}}$ that approximates true posterior of MICH:

$$\mathcal{Q}_{\text{MF}} := \left\{ q : q = \prod_{j=1}^J q_j(b_j, s_j, \tau_j) \prod_{\ell=J+1}^{J+L} q_\ell(b_\ell, \tau_\ell) \prod_{k=J+L+1}^{J+L+K} q_k(s_k, \tau_k) \right\}.$$

- Finding $q \in \mathcal{Q}_{\text{MF}}$ that minimizes the KL divergence with the true posterior equivalent to maximizing ELBO:

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta &:= \{\{b_j, s_j, \tau_j\}_{j=1}^J, \{b_\ell, \tau_\ell\}_{\ell=J+1}^{J+L}, \{s_k, \tau_k\}_{k=J+L+1}^{J+L+K}\} \\ \text{ELBO}(q) &:= \int q(\Theta) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{y}_{1:T}, \Theta)}{q(\Theta)} d\Theta \\ &= \log p(\mathbf{y}_{1:T}) - \text{KL}(q \parallel p).\end{aligned}$$

Fitting MICH with VB

- Computationally efficient backfitting procedure to find q :

Algorithm 1 MICH Variational Approximation

Initialize Posterior Parameters.

repeat

For $\ell \in \{1, \dots, L\}$: Subtract out ℓ^{th} mean component from $\mu_{1:T}$ and update q_ℓ by fitting Mean-SCP model to partial residual.

For $k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$: Divide out k^{th} scale component from $\lambda_{1:T}$ and update q_k by fitting fit Var-SCP model to partial residual.

For $j \in \{1, \dots, J\}$ Partial out j^{th} mean and scale component from $\mu_{1:T}$ and $\lambda_{1:T}$ and update q_j by fitting MeanVar-SCP model to partial residuals.

until Convergence

- Algorithm 1 is equivalent to maximizing the ELBO via coordinate ascent, guaranteeing convergence. Each outer loop of Algorithm 1 is $\mathcal{O}(T(J + L + K))$.
- Can use value of ELBO to automatically select J , L , and K (MICH-Auto).

Multivariate Simulation Study

Generate 5,000 replicates of following simulation with $T = 250$, $\Delta_T = 10$, and $C = \sqrt{10}$, $d \in \{10, 50, 100\}$, $L^* \in \{5, 10, 20\}$, and $p \in \{0.1, 0.5, 1\}$:

- i. Draw $\tau_{1:L^*}$ uniformly from $[T]$ subject to the minimum spacing condition $|\tau_{\ell+1} - \tau_\ell| \geq \Delta_T$ with $\tau_0 = 1$ and $\tau_{L^*+1} = T + 1$.
- ii. Draw $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^d \sim \text{Uniform}(-2, 2)$ and set $s_i := 2^{U_i}$.
- iii. Let A be a set of $d_0 := \lfloor pd \rfloor$ active coordinates drawn uniformly at random from $[d]$.
- iv. Set $\mu_0 := 0$, and for each $i \in [d]$ draw $\xi_{\ell,i} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(0.5)$ and set:

$$\mu_{\ell,i} := \mu_{\ell-1,i} + \frac{C(1 - 2\xi_{\ell,i})s_i \mathbb{1}_{\{i \in A\}}}{\sqrt{\min\{\tau_{\ell+1} - \tau_\ell, \tau_\ell - \tau_{\ell-1}\}}}.$$

- v. Draw $\mathbf{y}_t \stackrel{\text{ind.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}_d \left(\sum_{j=0}^{L^*} \mu_\ell \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau_\ell \leq t < \tau_{\ell+1}\}}, \text{diag}(\mathbf{s}_{1:d}) \right)$.

Multivariate Simulation Study

- Calculate bias $|L^* - L|$ and measure accuracy of $\hat{\tau}_{1:\hat{L}}$ with FPSLE and FNSLE statistics:

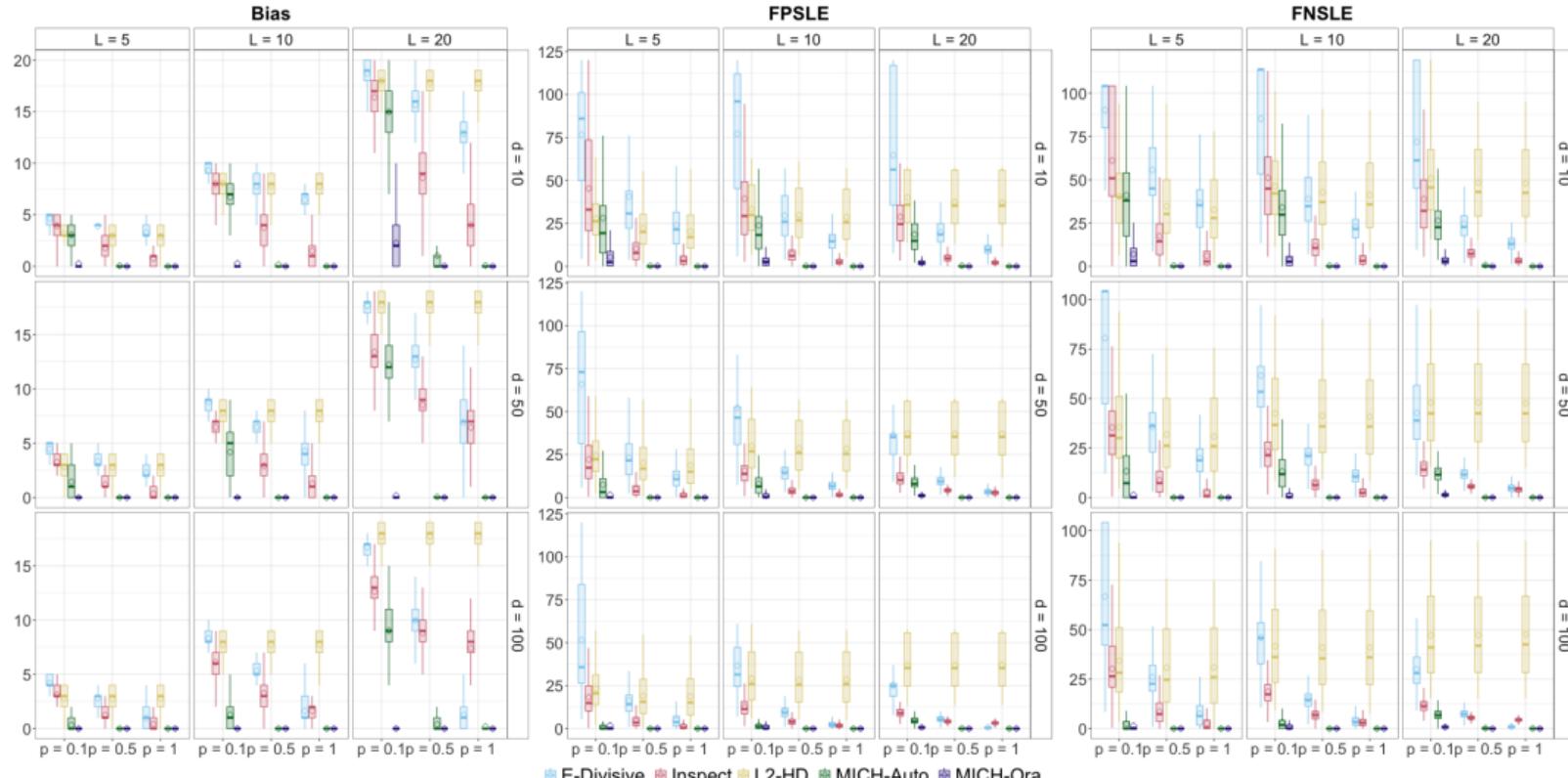
$$d_{\text{FPSLE}}(\hat{\tau}_{1:\hat{L}} \|\boldsymbol{\tau}_{1:L}) := \frac{1}{2(\hat{L}+1)} \sum_{\ell=1}^{\hat{L}+1} |\hat{\tau}_{\ell-1} - \tau_{i_\ell-1}| + |\hat{\tau}_\ell - \tau_{i_\ell}|,$$

$$\{i_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^{L+1} := \{i \in [L+1] : \tau_{i_\ell-1} < (\hat{\tau}_{\ell-1} + \hat{\tau}_\ell)/2 \leq \tau_{i_\ell} \forall \ell \in [L+1]\}$$

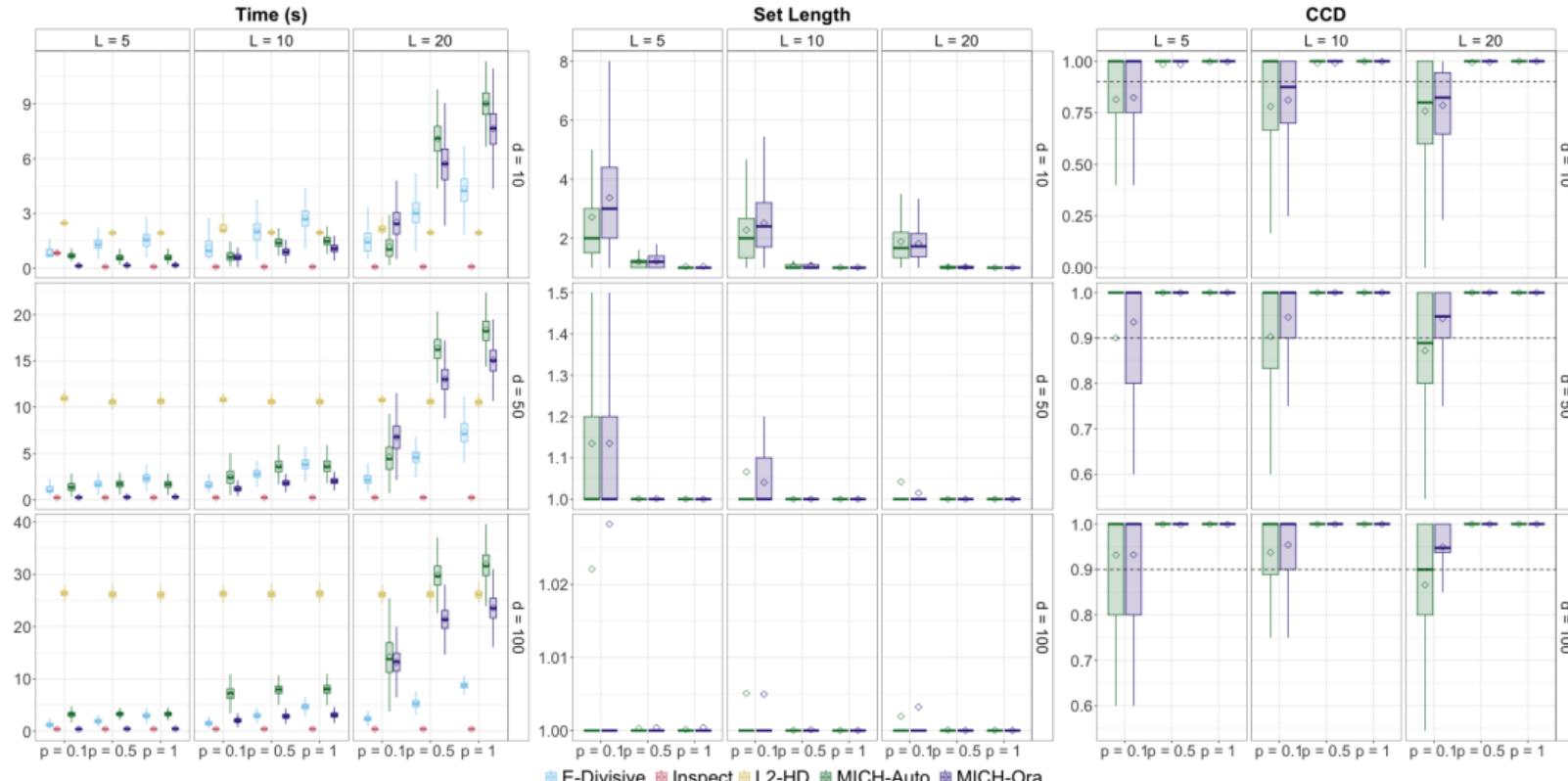
$$d_{\text{FNSLE}}(\hat{\tau}_{1:\hat{L}} \|\boldsymbol{\tau}_{1:L}) := d_{\text{FPSLE}}(\boldsymbol{\tau}_{1:L} \|\hat{\tau}_{1:L})$$

- Fit MICH with L set to true value (Ora-MICH) and selected from the ELBO (Auto-MICH) and return 90% credible sets.
- Compare to the E-Divisive method of James and Matteson (2015), the Two-Way MOSUM (ℓ^2 -HD) method of Li et al. (2023), and the informative sparse projection (Inspect) method of Wang and Samworth (2017).

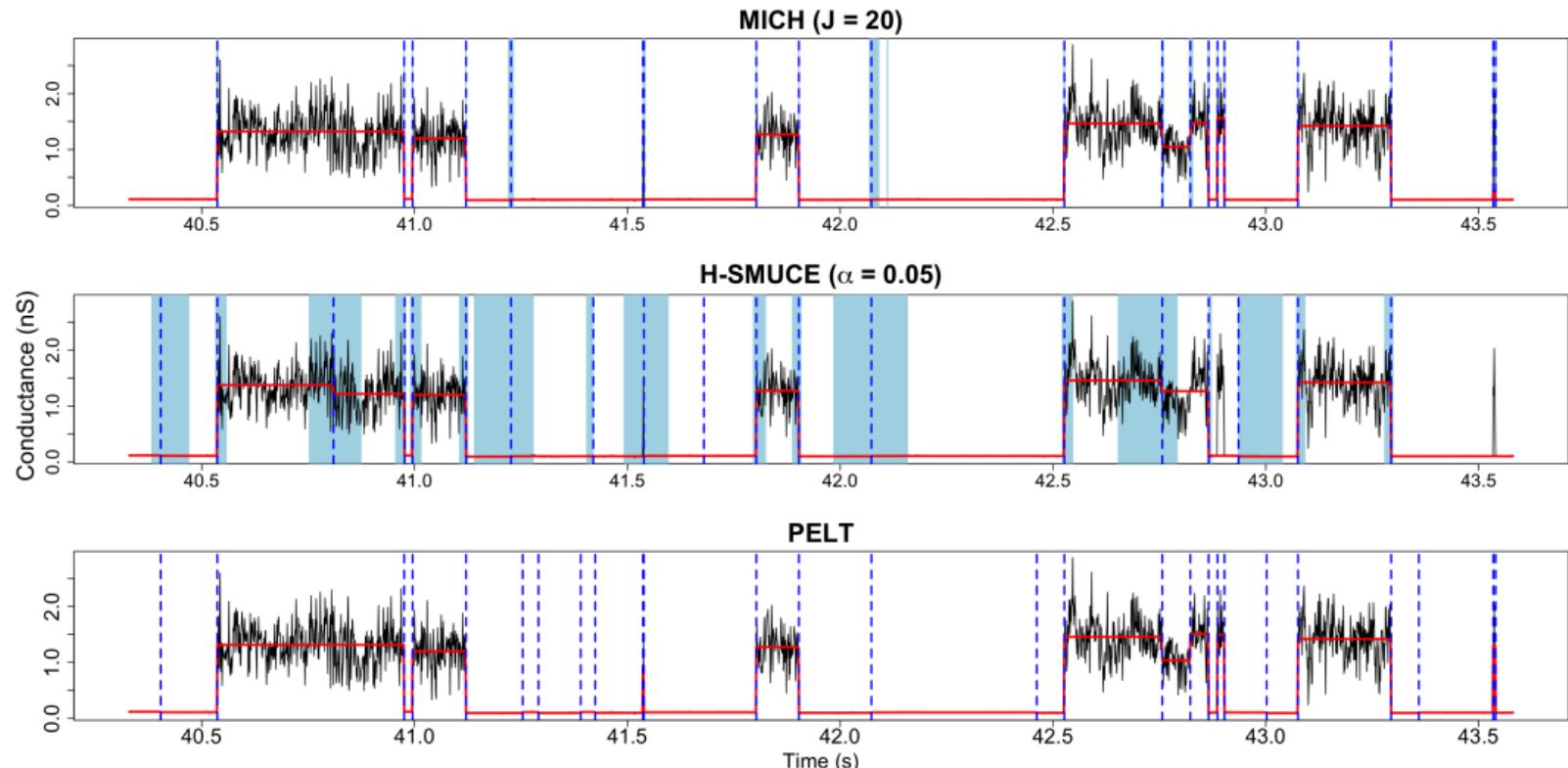
Multivariate Simulation Results



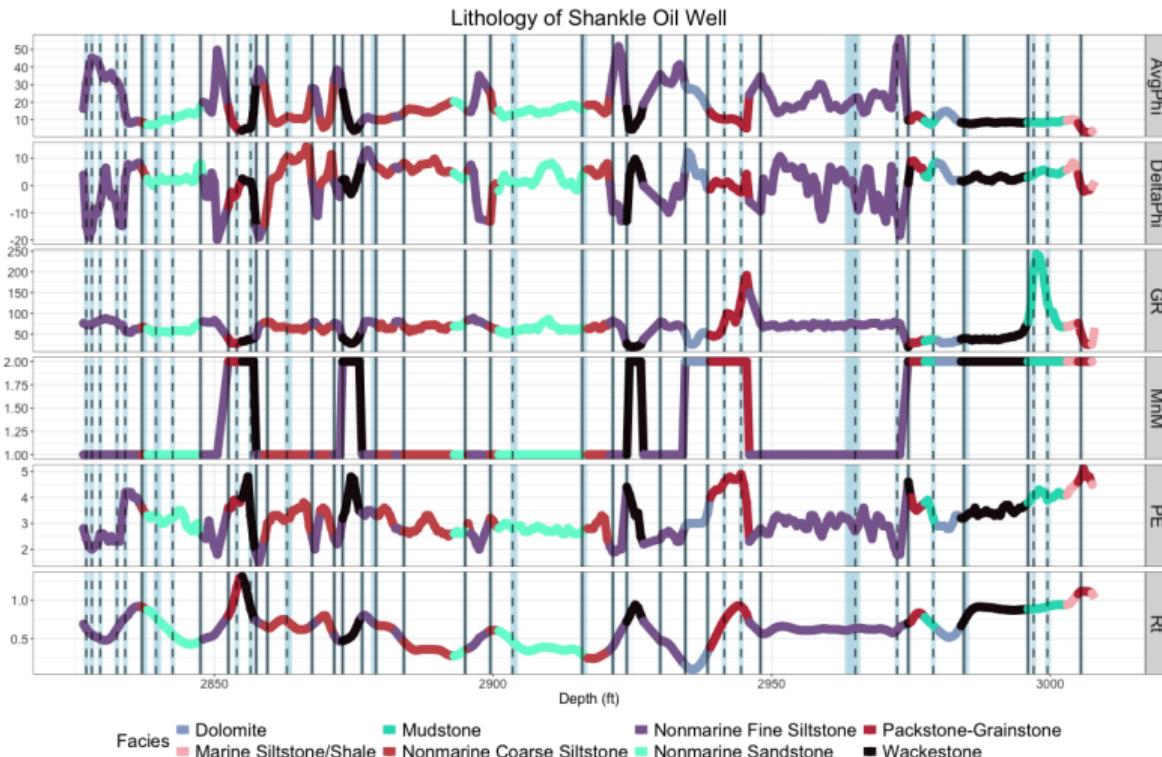
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MICH fit of Ion Channel (Hotz et al., 2013)

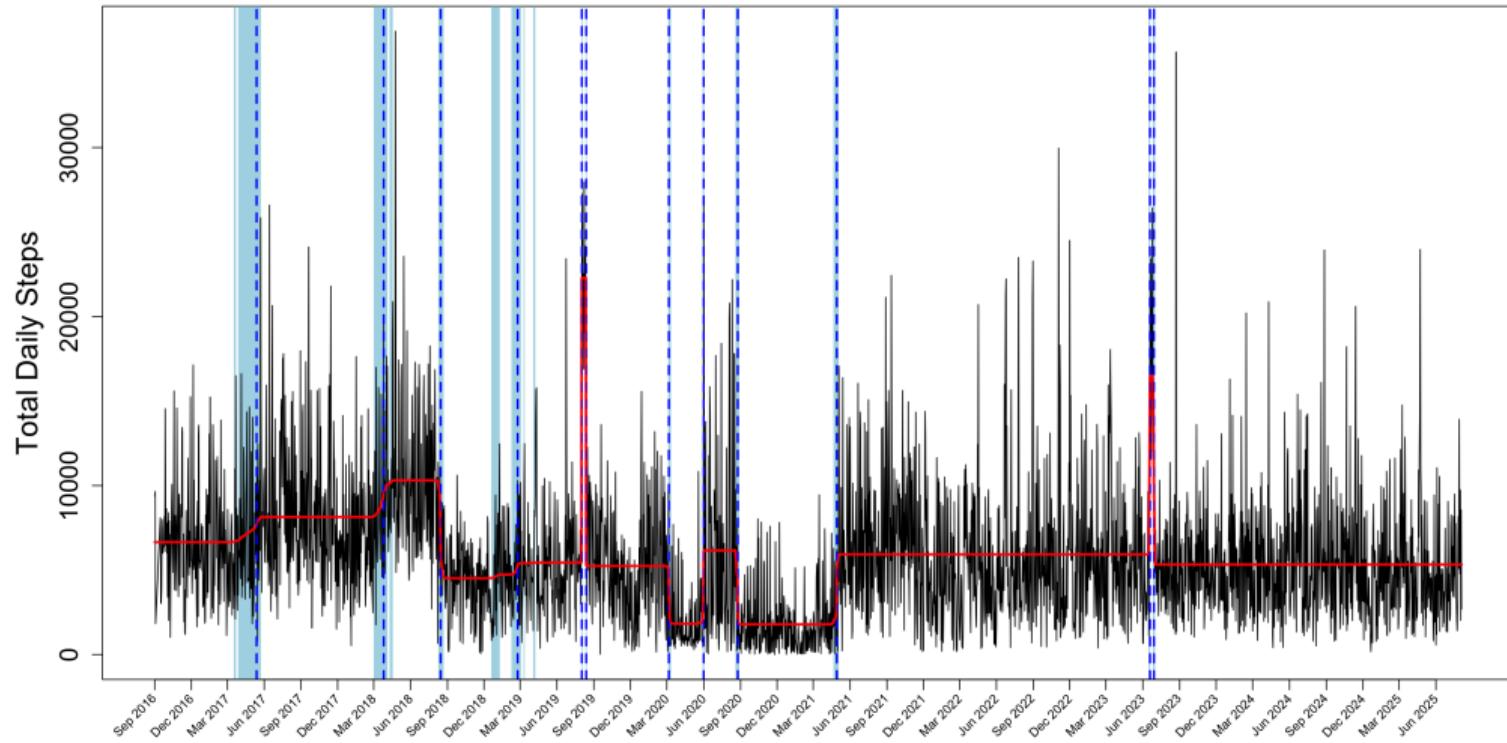


MICH Fit of Oil Well (Bohling and Dubois, 2003)



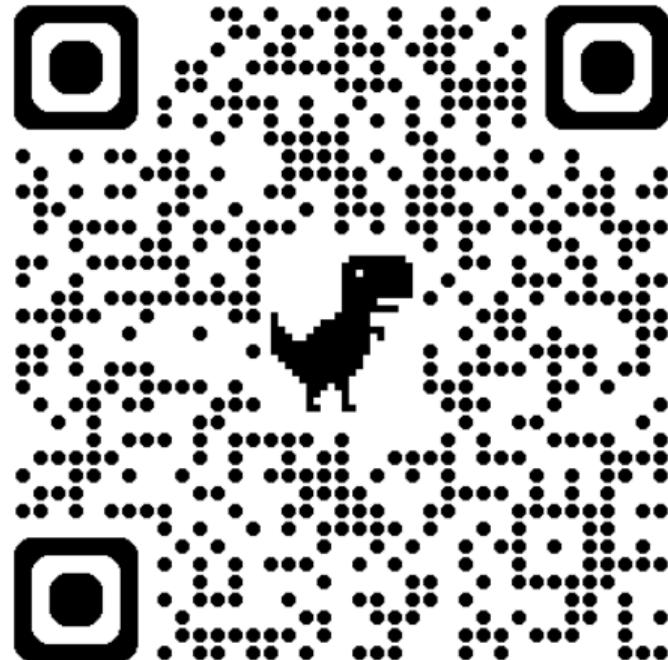
MICH Fit of Daily Steps

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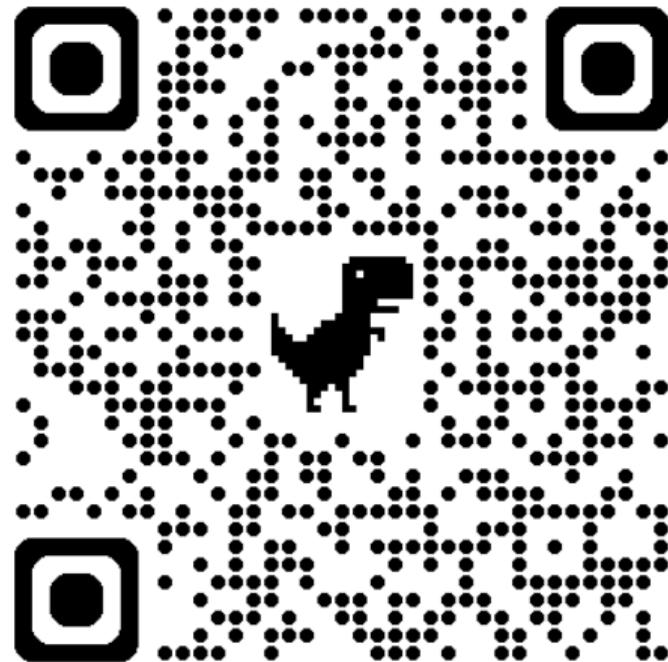


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Mean-Variance Simulation Study

- Recreate simulation study for mean and variance jumps introduced in Pein et al. (2017). 5,000 replicates for $T \in \{100, 500, 1000\}$ and $J^* \in \{2, 5, 10\}$.
- Calculate bias $|J^* - J|$ and measure accuracy of $\hat{\tau}_{1:\hat{J}}$ with FPSLE and FNSLE statistics:

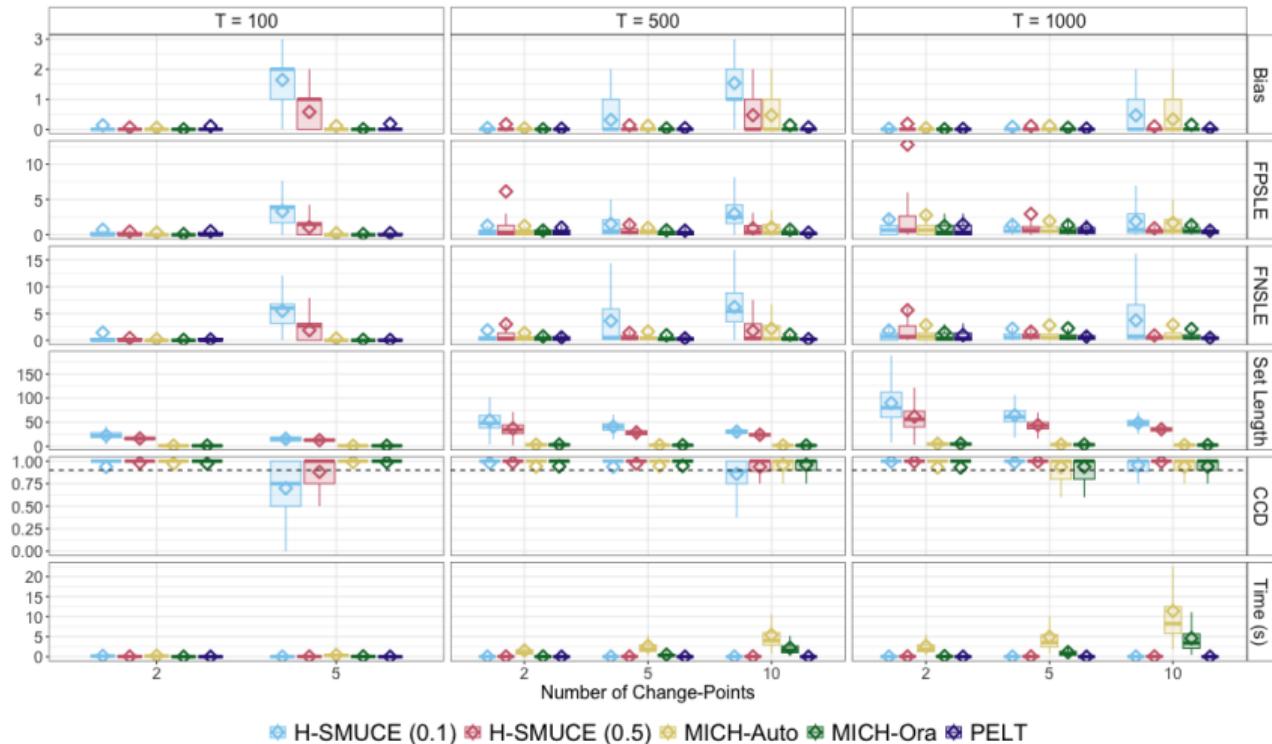
$$d_{\text{FPSLE}}(\hat{\tau}_{1:\hat{J}} \|\boldsymbol{\tau}_{1:J}) := \frac{1}{2(\hat{J}+1)} \sum_{j=1}^{\hat{J}+1} |\hat{\tau}_{j-1} - \tau_{i_j-1}| + |\hat{\tau}_j - \tau_{i_j}|,$$

$$\{i_j\}_{j=1}^{J+1} := \{i \in [J+1] : \tau_{i_j-1} < (\hat{\tau}_{j-1} + \hat{\tau}_j)/2 \leq \tau_{i_j} \quad \forall j \in [J+1]\}$$

$$d_{\text{FNSLE}}(\hat{\tau}_{1:\hat{J}} \|\boldsymbol{\tau}_{1:J}) := d_{\text{FPSLE}}(\boldsymbol{\tau}_{1:J} \|\hat{\tau}_{1:J})$$

- Fit MICH with J set to true value (Ora-MICH) and selected from the ELBO (Auto-MICH) and return 90% credible sets.
- Compare to H-SMUCE (Pein et al., 2017) with $\alpha \in \{0.1, 0.5\}$ and PELT (Killick et al., 2012).

Mean-Variance Simulation Results



❖ H-SMUCE (0.1) ❖ H-SMUCE (0.5) ❖ MICH-Auto ❖ MICH-Ora ❖ PELT

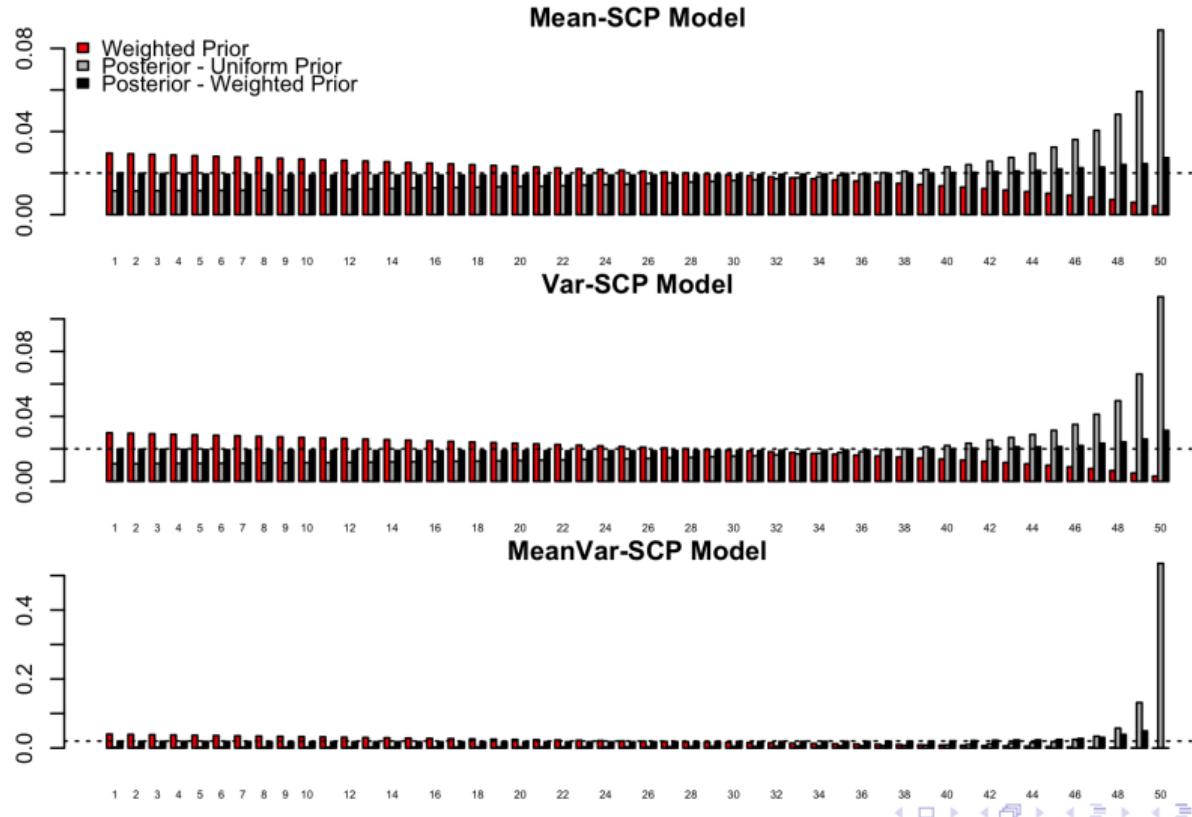
Choice of π_t

- Localization results valid when $\pi_t = T^{-1}$ for each t .
- Uniform prior may reduce power and result in false negatives in small samples.
- Choosing $\pi_{1:T}$ so that:

$$\mathbb{E} [\log \bar{\pi}_t - \log \bar{\pi}_{t+1}] = 0$$

leads to closed form recursions.

$\mathbb{E}[\pi_{1:T} \mid \mathbf{y}_{1:T}]$ under Null Model



VB Details

- Finding best $q \in \mathcal{Q}_{\text{MF}}$ is equivalent to simple back-fitting procedure.
- Given initial guess of q , define residual mean, precision, and variance correction terms:

$$\tilde{r}_t := y_t - \sum_{j=1}^J \frac{\mathbb{E}_{q_j}[\lambda_{jt}\mu_{jt}]}{\mathbb{E}_{q_j}[\lambda_{jt}]} - \sum_{\ell=J+1}^{J+L} \mathbb{E}_{q_\ell}[\mu_{\ell t}]$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_t := \prod_{j=1}^J \mathbb{E}_{q_j}[\lambda_{jt}] \prod_{k=J+L+1}^N \mathbb{E}_{q_k}[\lambda_{kt}]$$

$$\delta_t := \sum_{j=1}^J \left(\frac{\mathbb{E}_{q_j}[\lambda_{jt}\mu_{jt}^2]}{\mathbb{E}_{q_j}[\lambda_{jt}]} - \frac{\mathbb{E}_{q_j}[\lambda_{jt}\mu_{jt}]^2}{\mathbb{E}_{q_j}[\lambda_{jt}]^2} \right) + \sum_{\ell=J+1}^{J+L} \text{Var}_{q_\ell}(\mu_{\ell t})$$

VB Residuals

- Iteratively partial out components and fit single change-point model (modulo correction term δ_t):

- Mean-SCP to $\tilde{r}_{-\ell t}$ with precision parameters $\bar{\lambda}_t$

$$\tilde{r}_{-\ell t} := \tilde{r}_t + \mathbb{E}_{q_\ell}[\mu_{\ell t}]$$

- Var-SCP to \tilde{r}_t with precision parameters $\bar{\lambda}_{-kt}$

$$\bar{\lambda}_{-kt} := \mathbb{E}_{q_k}[\lambda_{kt}]^{-1} \bar{\lambda}_t$$

- MeanVar-SCP to \tilde{r}_{-jt} with scale parameters $\bar{\lambda}_{-jt}$

$$\tilde{r}_{-jt} := \tilde{r}_t + \frac{\mathbb{E}_{q_j}[\lambda_{jt}\mu_{jt}]}{\mathbb{E}_{q_j}[\lambda_{jt}]}$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_{-jt} := \mathbb{E}_{q_j}[\lambda_{jt}]^{-1} \bar{\lambda}_t$$

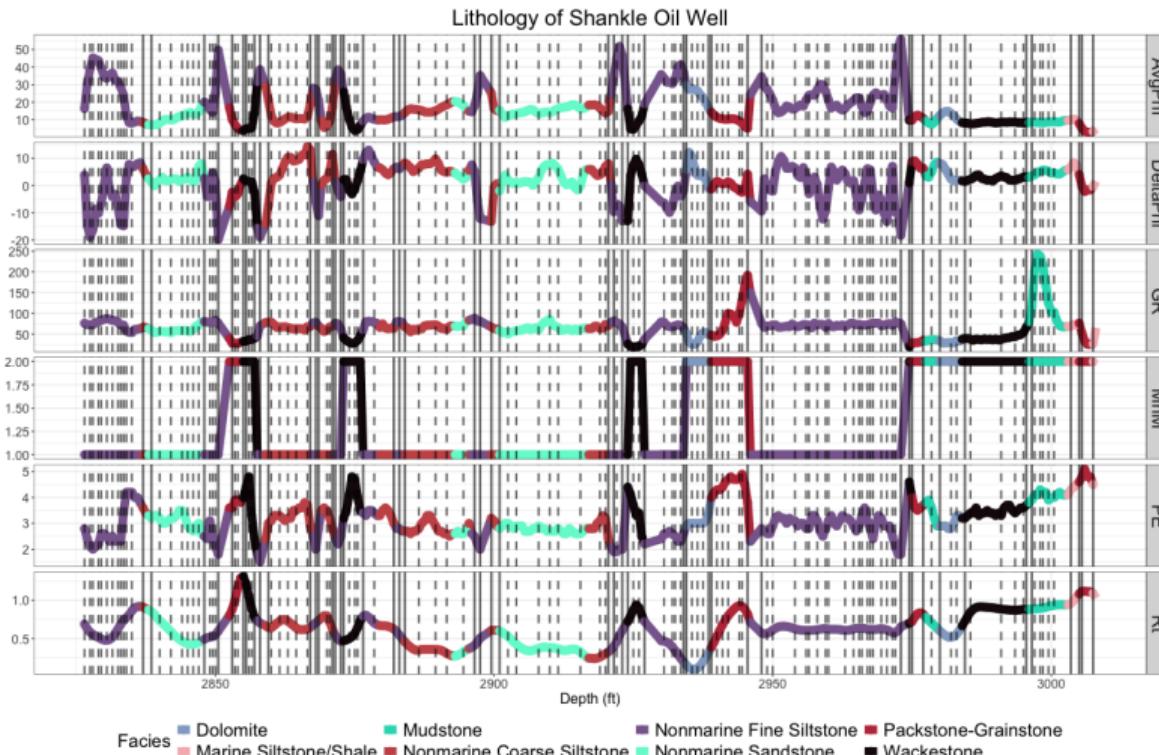
Simulation Details

- Fixing the number of observations T , the number of change-points J , the minimum spacing condition Δ_T , and a constant $C > 0$.
- Drawing $\tau_{1:J^*}$ uniformly from $[T]$ subject to the minimum spacing condition $|\tau_{j+1} - \tau_j| \geq \Delta_T$ with $\tau_0 = 1$ and $\tau_{J+1} = T + 1$.
- Picking standard deviations such that $s_0 := 1$ and $s_j := 2^{U_j}$ where $\{U_j\}_{j=1}^J \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \text{Uniform}(-2, 2)$.
- Letting $\mu_0 := 0$, drawing J^* independent Rademacher variables ξ_j , and setting:

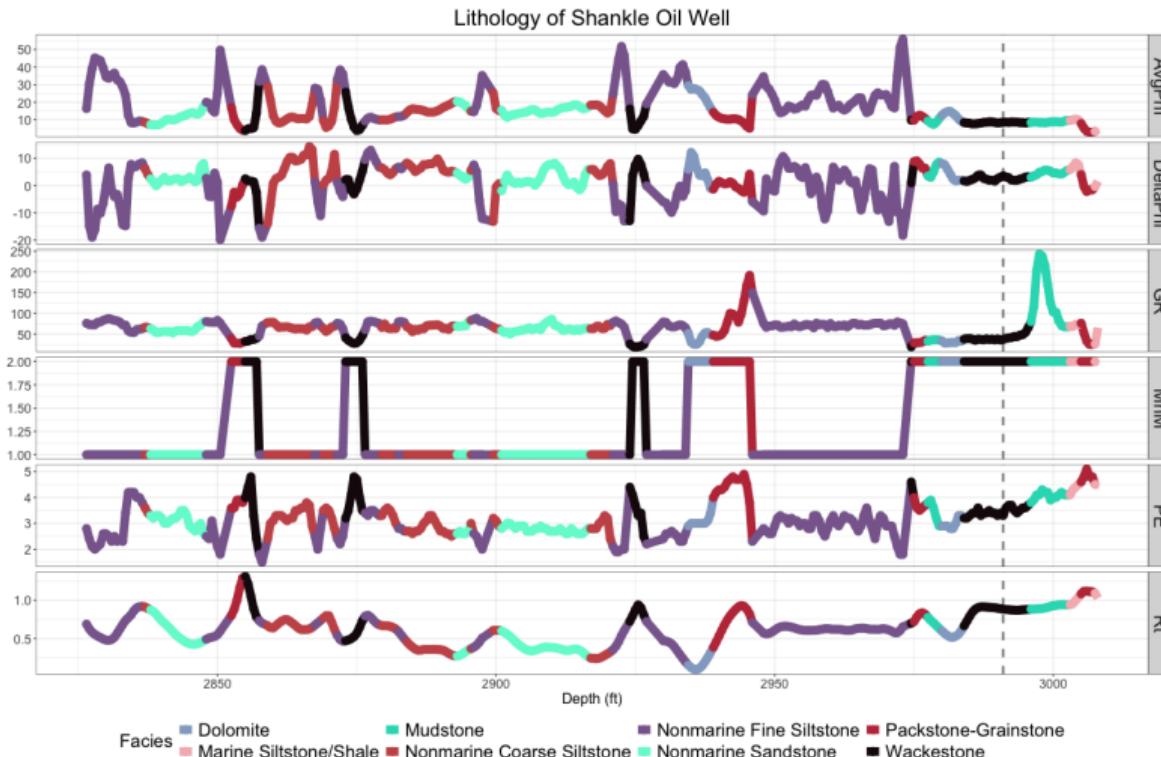
$$\mu_j := \mu_{j-1} + \xi_j C \left(\min\{s_j^{-1} \sqrt{\tau_{j+1} - \tau_j}, s_{j-1}^{-1} \sqrt{\tau_j - \tau_{j-1}}\} \right)^{-1}.$$

- Drawing $y_t \stackrel{\text{ind.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N} \left(\sum_{j=0}^J \mu_j \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau_j \leq t < \tau_{j+1}\}}, \sum_{j=0}^J \sigma_j \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau_j \leq t < \tau_{j+1}\}} \right)$.

InspectChangepoint Fit of Oil Well (Bohling and Dubois, 2003)



L2hdchange Fit of Oil Well (Bohling and Dubois, 2003)



Assumption 3

Given the stochastic process $\{y_t\}_{t \geq 1}$, assume that for any $t_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, and some distributions F_0 and F_1 , there are stochastic processes $\{y_{0,t}\}_{t \geq 1}$ and $\{y_{1,t}\}_{t \geq 1}$ such that $y_{0,t} \sim F_0$, and $y_{1,t} \sim F_1$, and $y_t := y_{0,t} \mathbb{1}_{\{t < t_0\}} + y_{1,t} \mathbb{1}_{\{t \geq t_0\}}$. Additionally, assume that:

- (i) $\{y_{0,t}\}_{t \geq 1}$ and $\{y_{1,t}\}_{t \geq 1}$ are α -mixing processes with respective coefficients $\{\alpha_{0,k}\}_{k \geq 1}$ and $\{\alpha_{1,k}\}_{k \geq 1}$ that satisfy $\max\{\alpha_{0,k}, \alpha_{1,k}\} \leq e^{-Ck}$ for some $C > 0$.
- (ii) There exist constants $\delta_1, D_1 > 0$ such that
$$\sup_{t \geq 1} \max\{\mathbb{E}[|y_{0,t}|^{4+\delta_1}], \mathbb{E}[|y_{1,t}|^{4+\delta_1}]\} \leq D_1.$$