



# SPATIO-TEMPORAL EVENT MODELING

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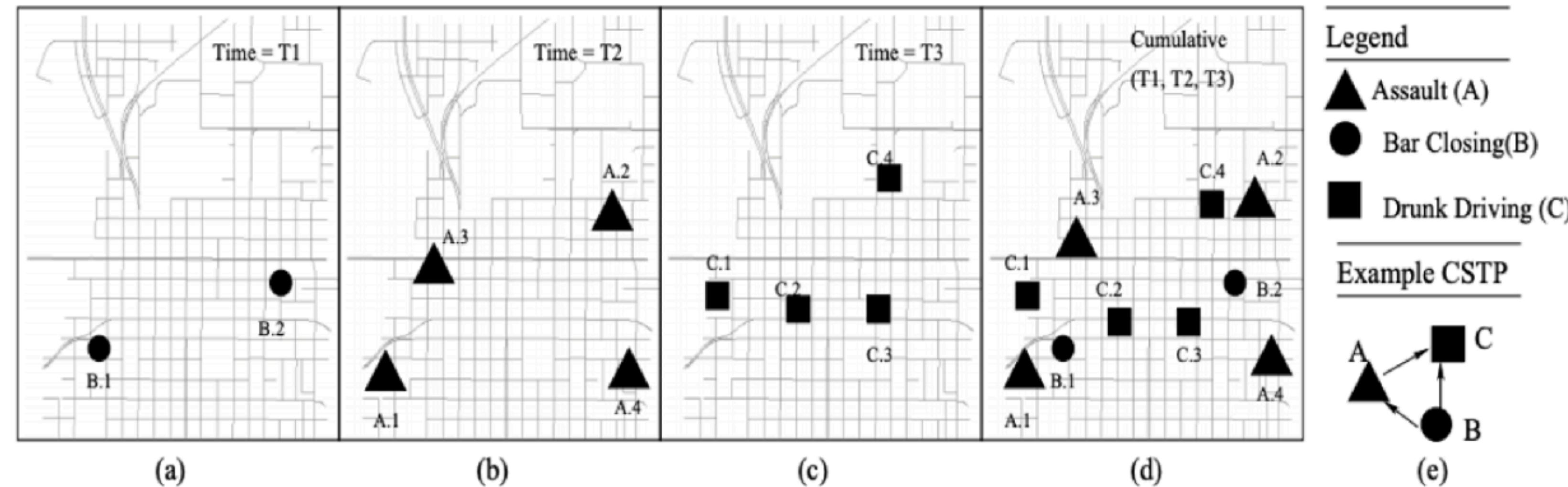
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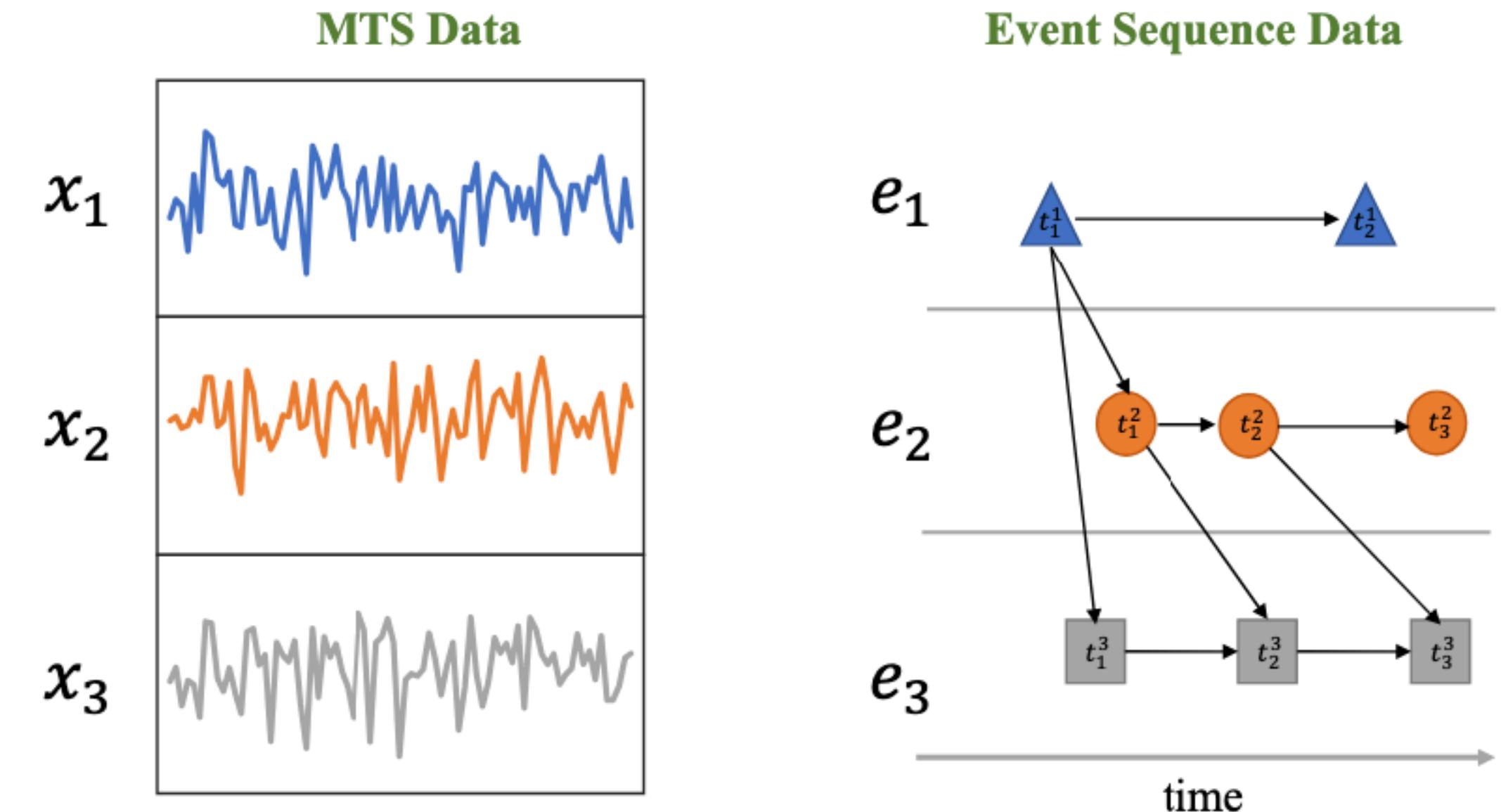
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[github.com/gerritgr/spatio-temporal-lecture](https://github.com/gerritgr/spatio-temporal-lecture)

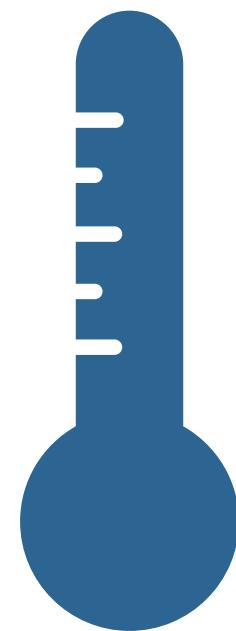
# Space and Time



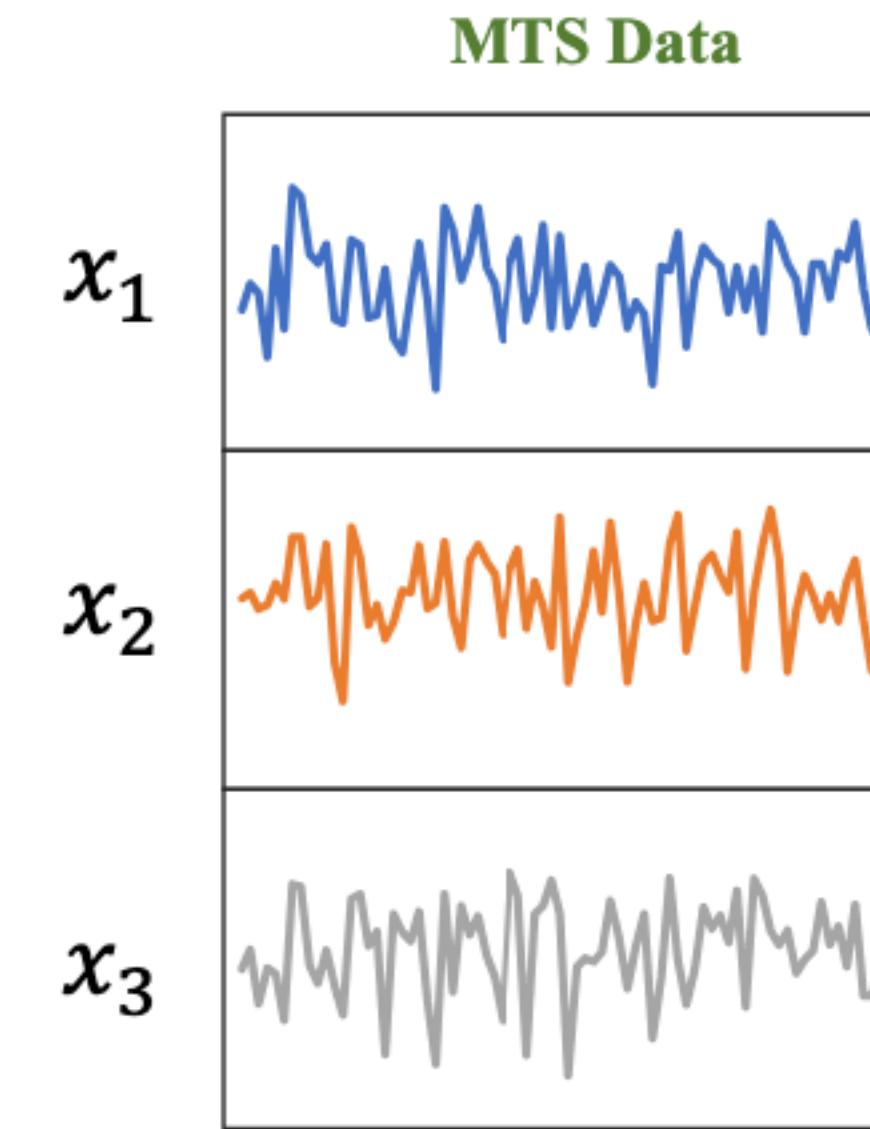
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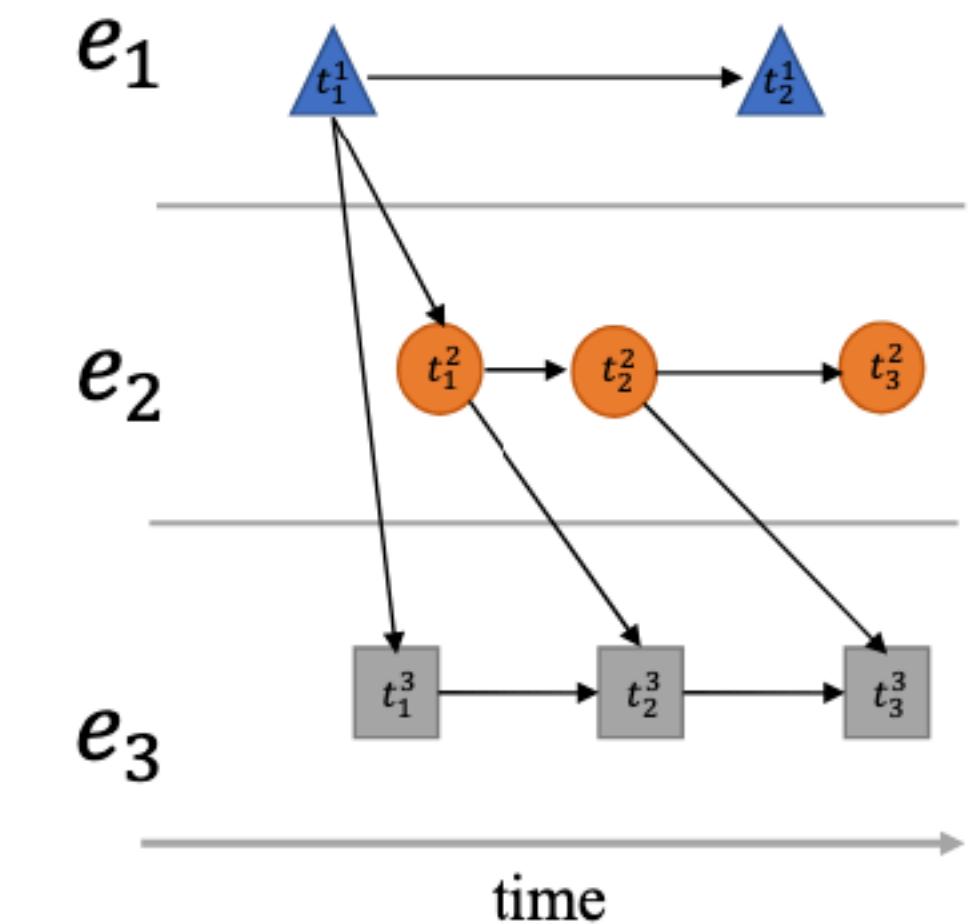
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Temperature can be **continuously** monitored at various weather stations.

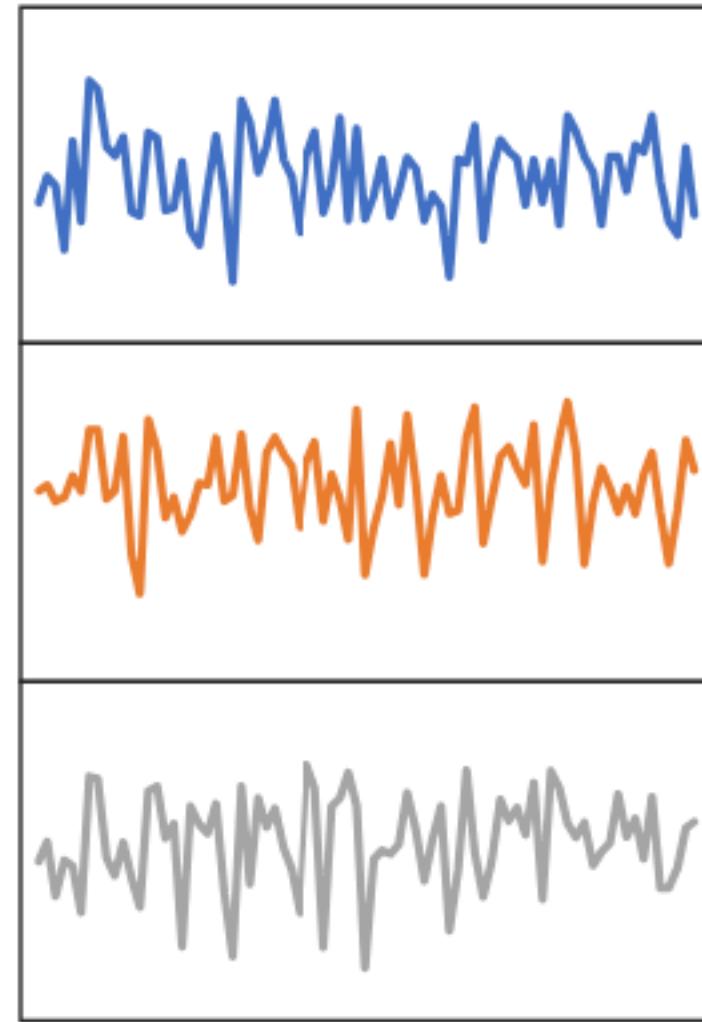


**Event Sequence Data**



Lightning strike are **events** with specific times and locations.

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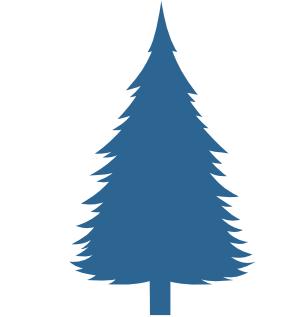
vehicle counts  
traffic density



energy consumption  
noise



air quality  
soil moisture



stock prices  
trading volume

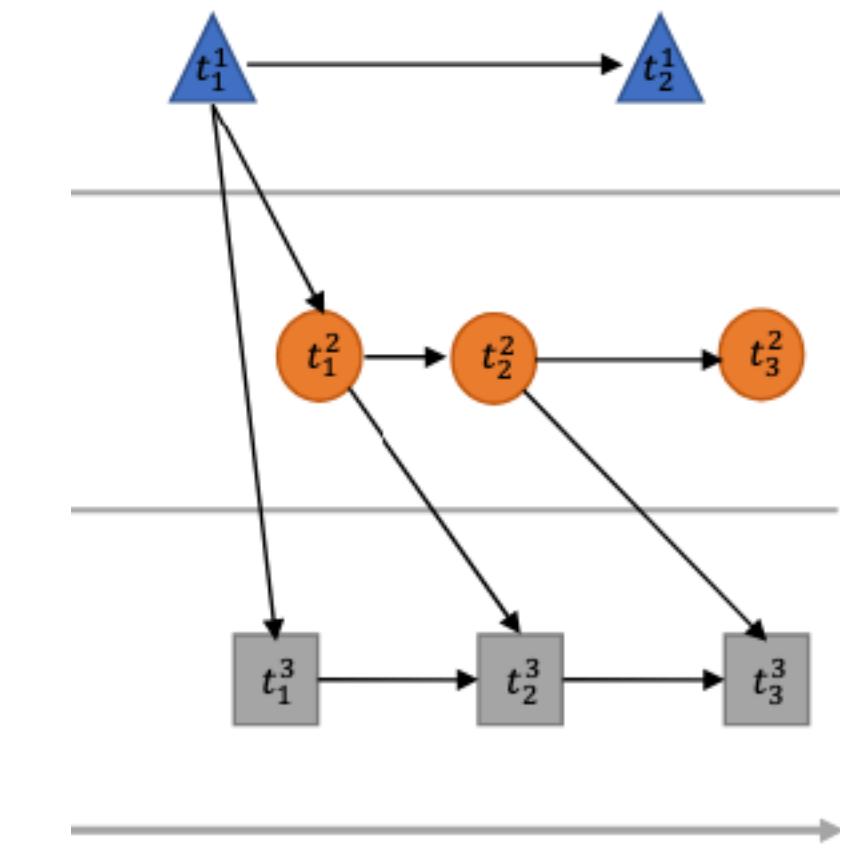


accidents  
traffic jams

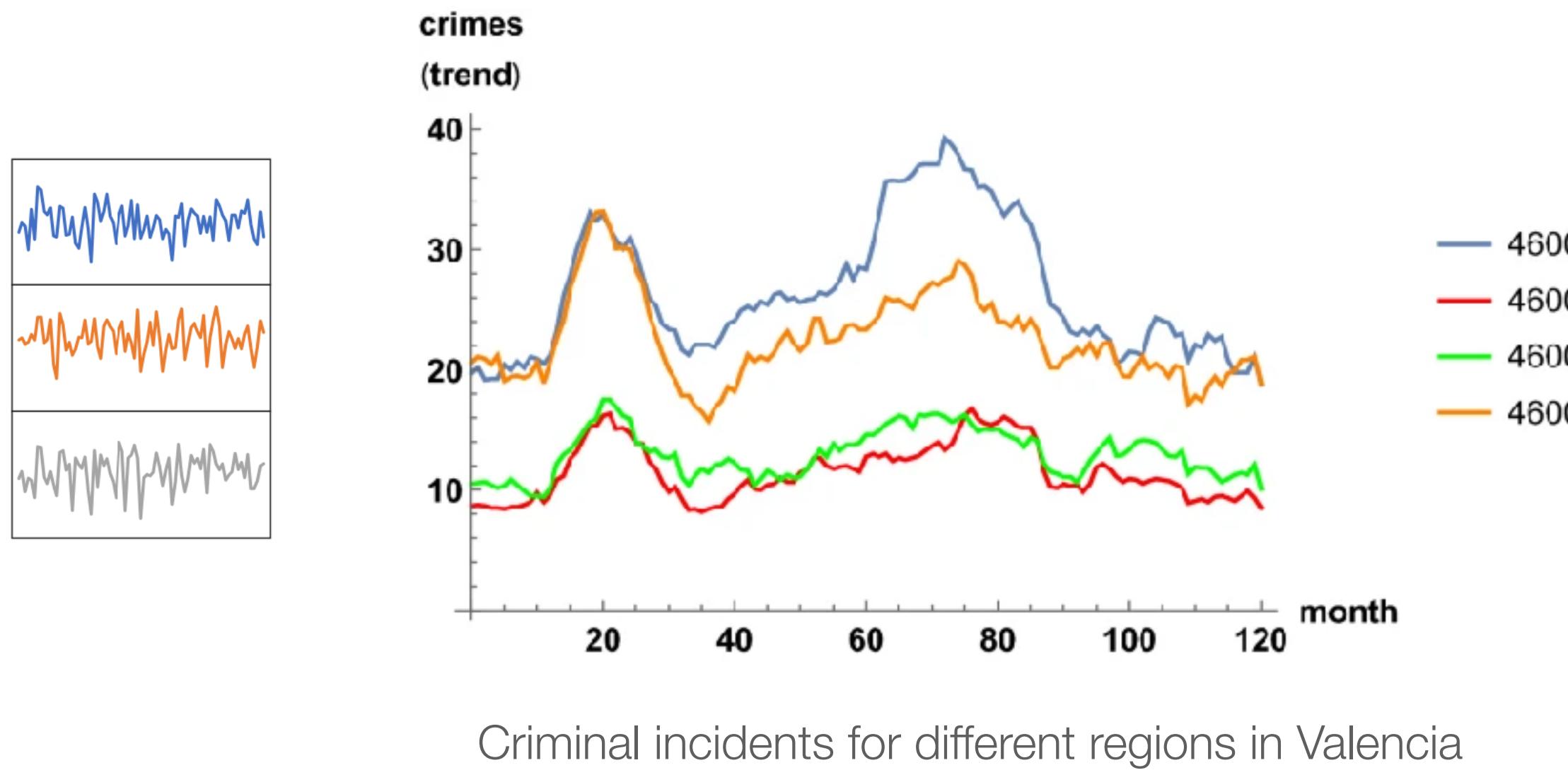
public gathering  
infrastructure failure

forest fire  
oil spills

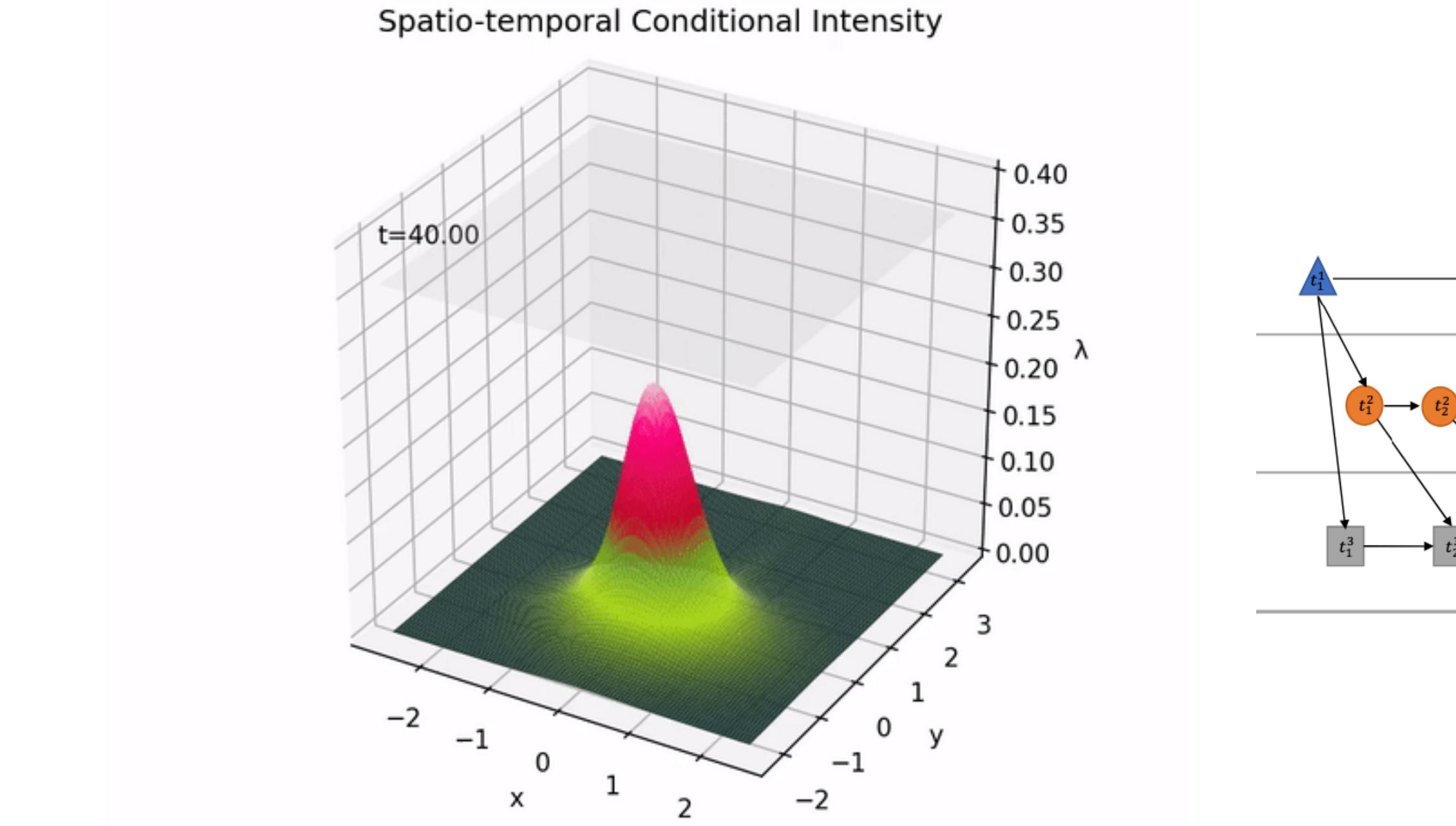
large trades  
market crashes



# Models

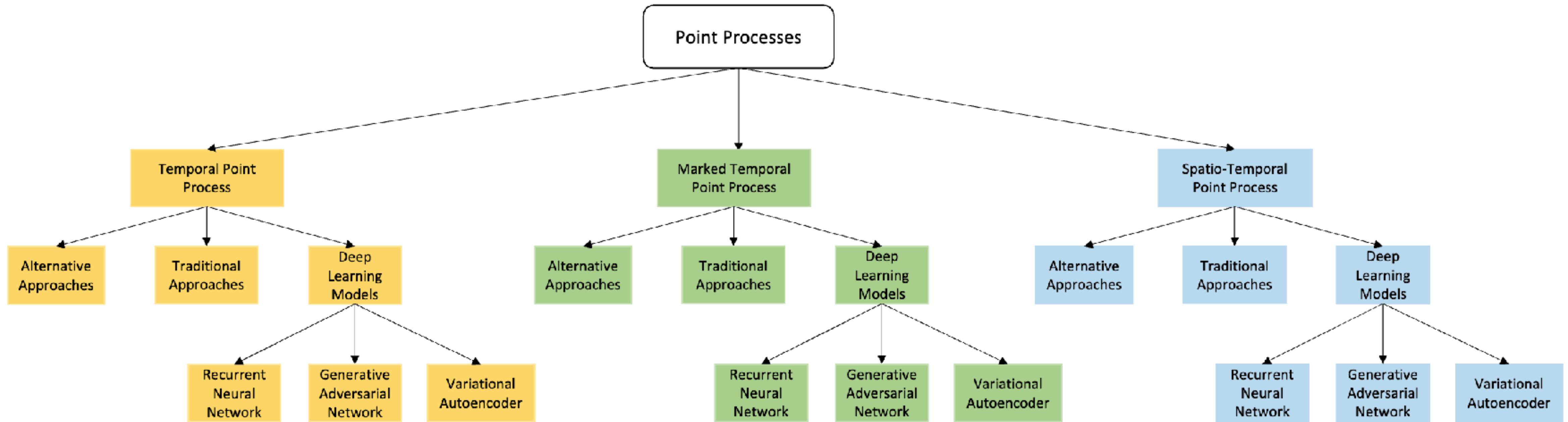


(Stochastic/Partial) **Differential Equations**  
Gaussian Processes

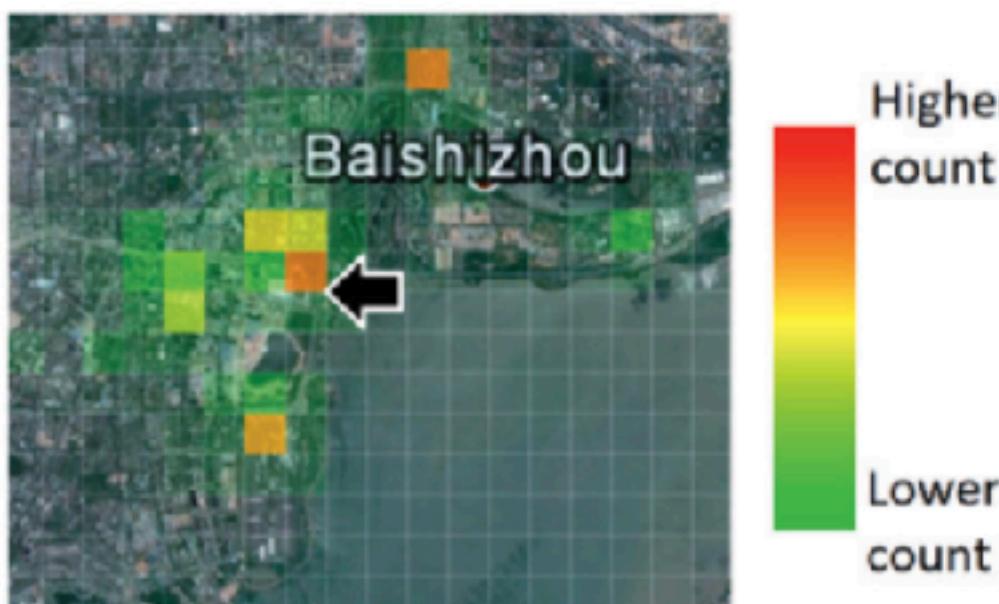


(Marked) (Spatio-) **Temporal Point Processes**

# Predictions on Graphs



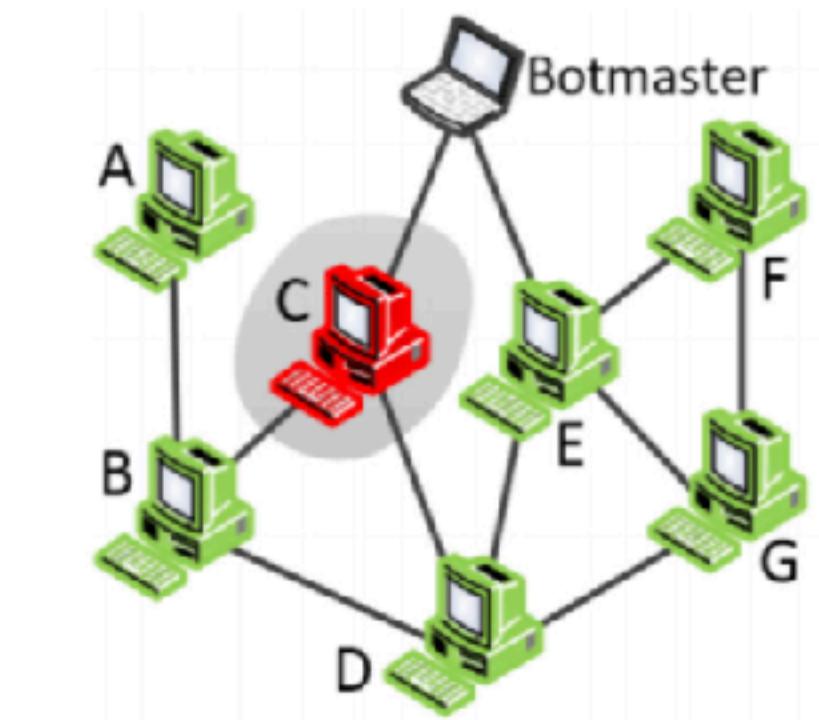
# Notions of Space



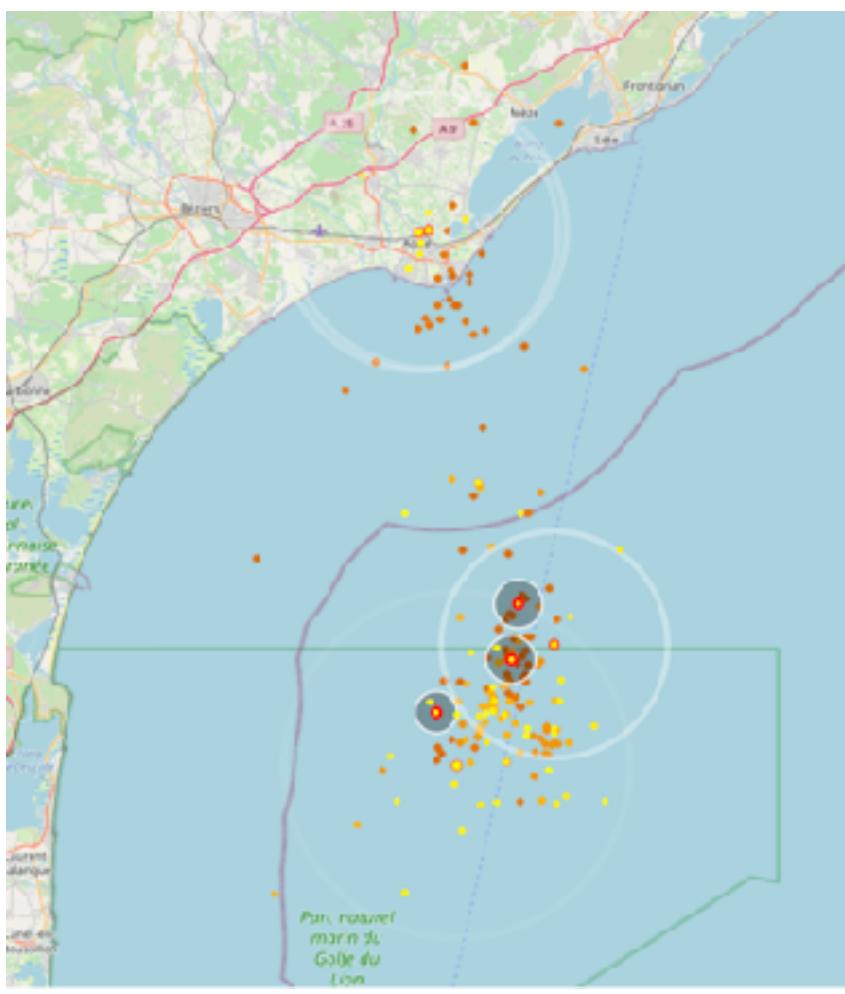
(a) Raster-based event prediction



(b) Point-based event prediction in Euclidean and non-Euclidean spaces

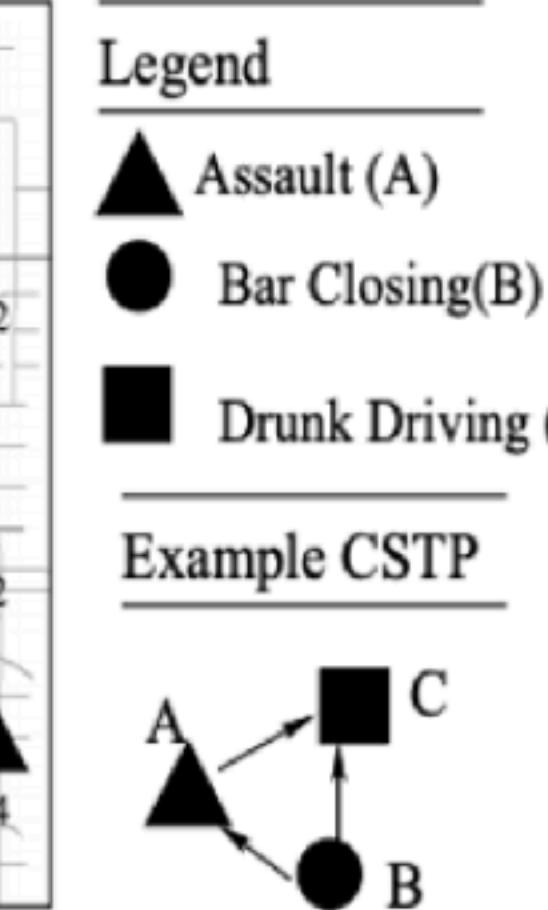
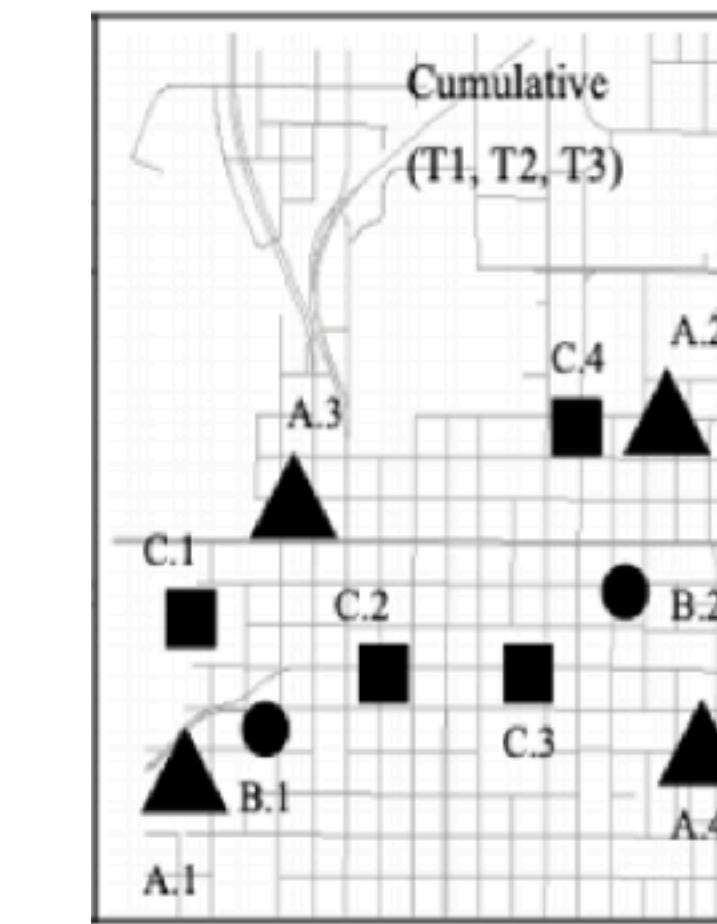


# What makes spatio-temporal data special?



[lightningmaps.org](http://lightningmaps.org)

Not i.i.d.



Arrow of time (temporal priority principle)

"A cause must precede its effect"

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**Caution:** Depends on abstraction



Event A: **rooster crows**

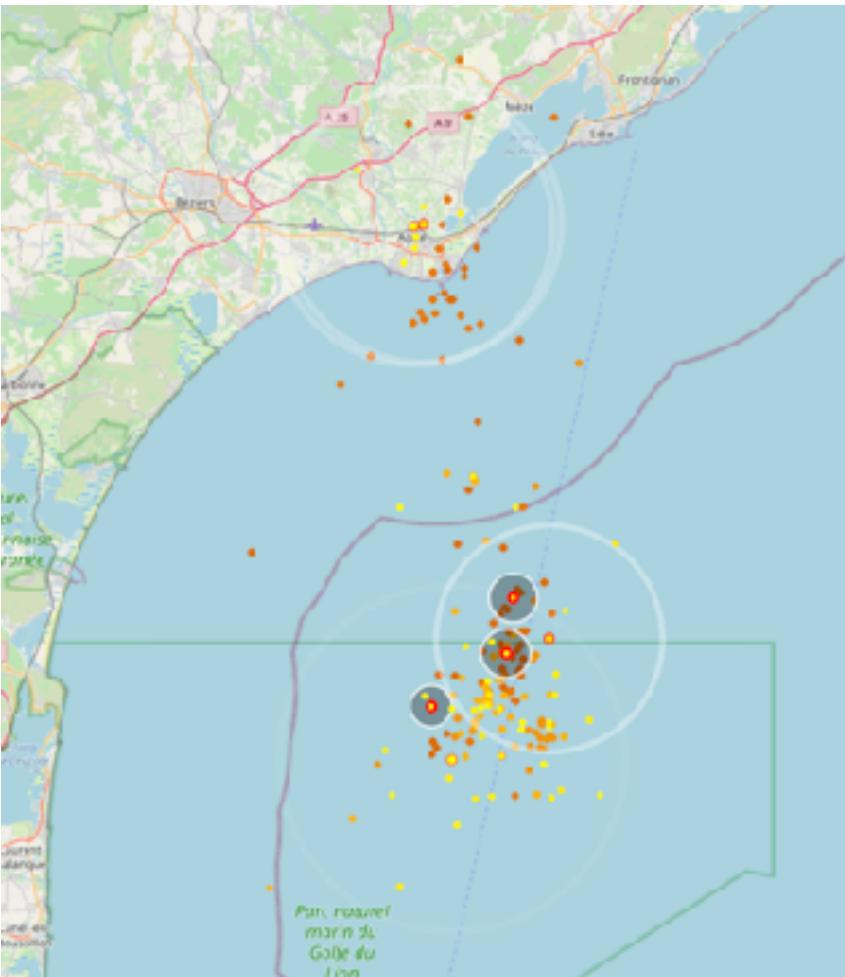


precedes (causes?)

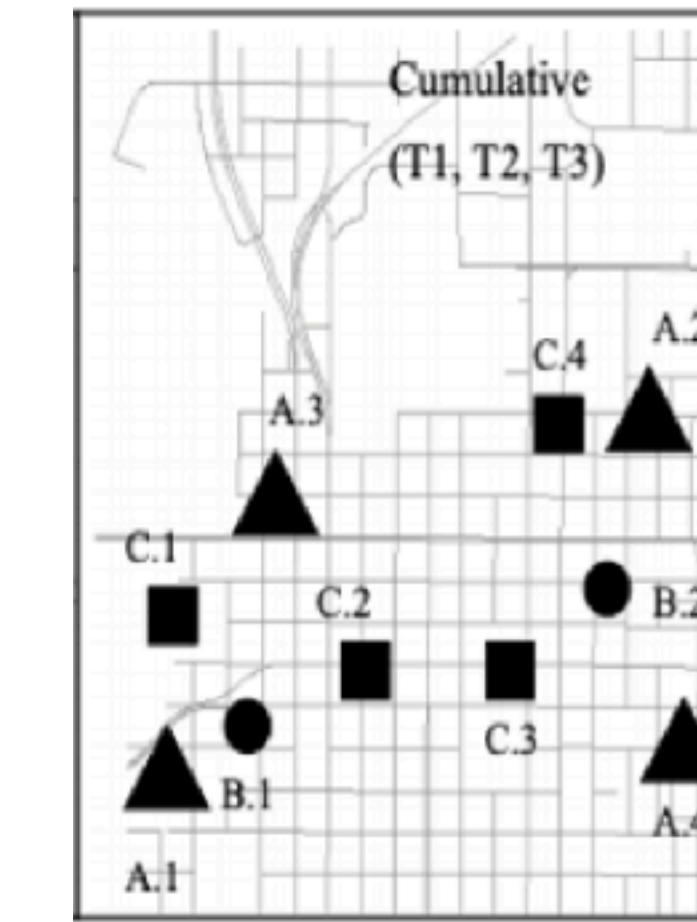
Event B: **sun rises**

**Fix:** Consider morning light (caused by the sun rising) as an additional event.

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- Clustering:** Positive correlation in space
- Self-Excitement:** Positive correlation in time
- Self-Correction:** negative correlation in time

- (positive feedback mechanisms, latent cause)
- (resource is depleted, environment adapts)

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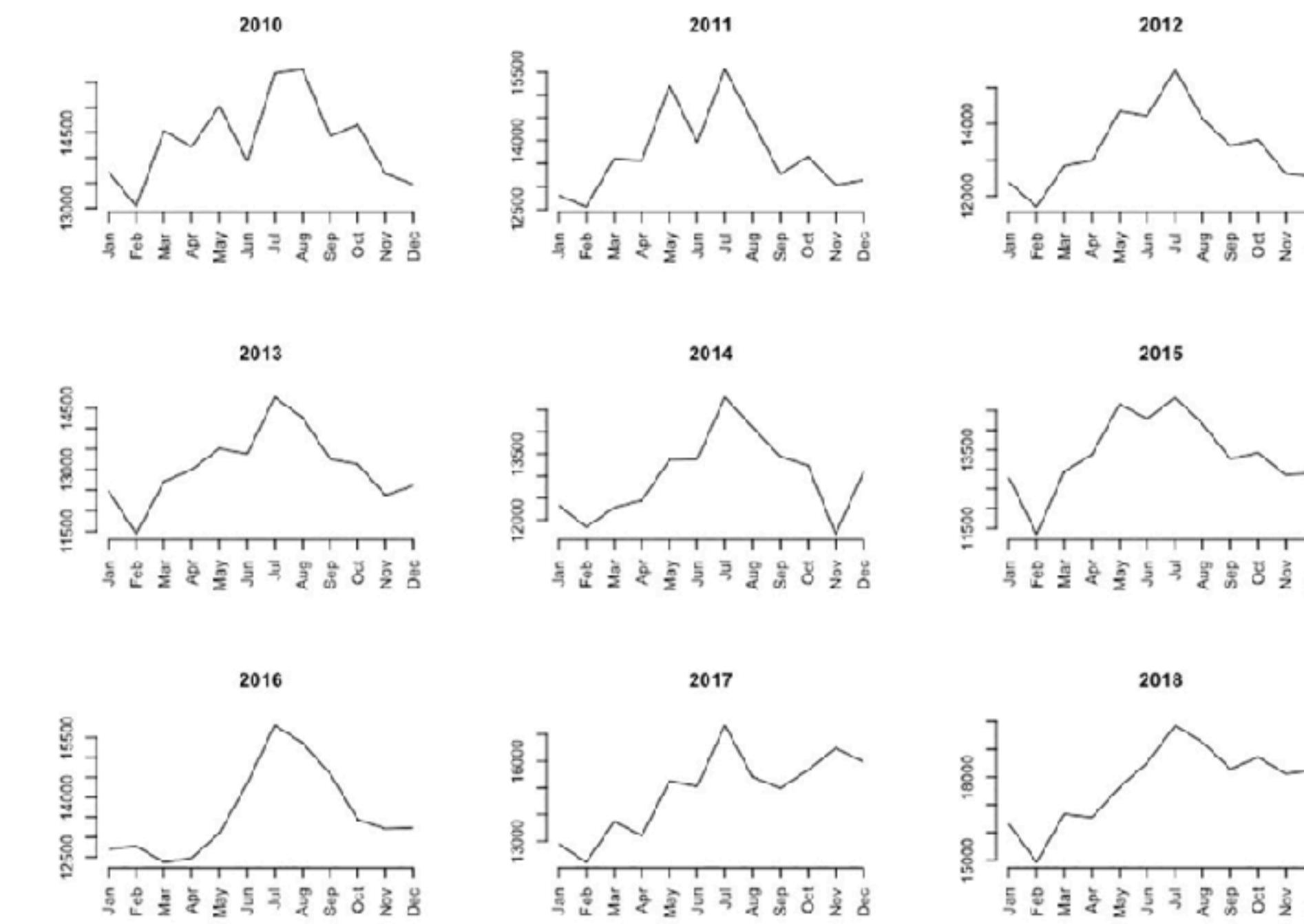
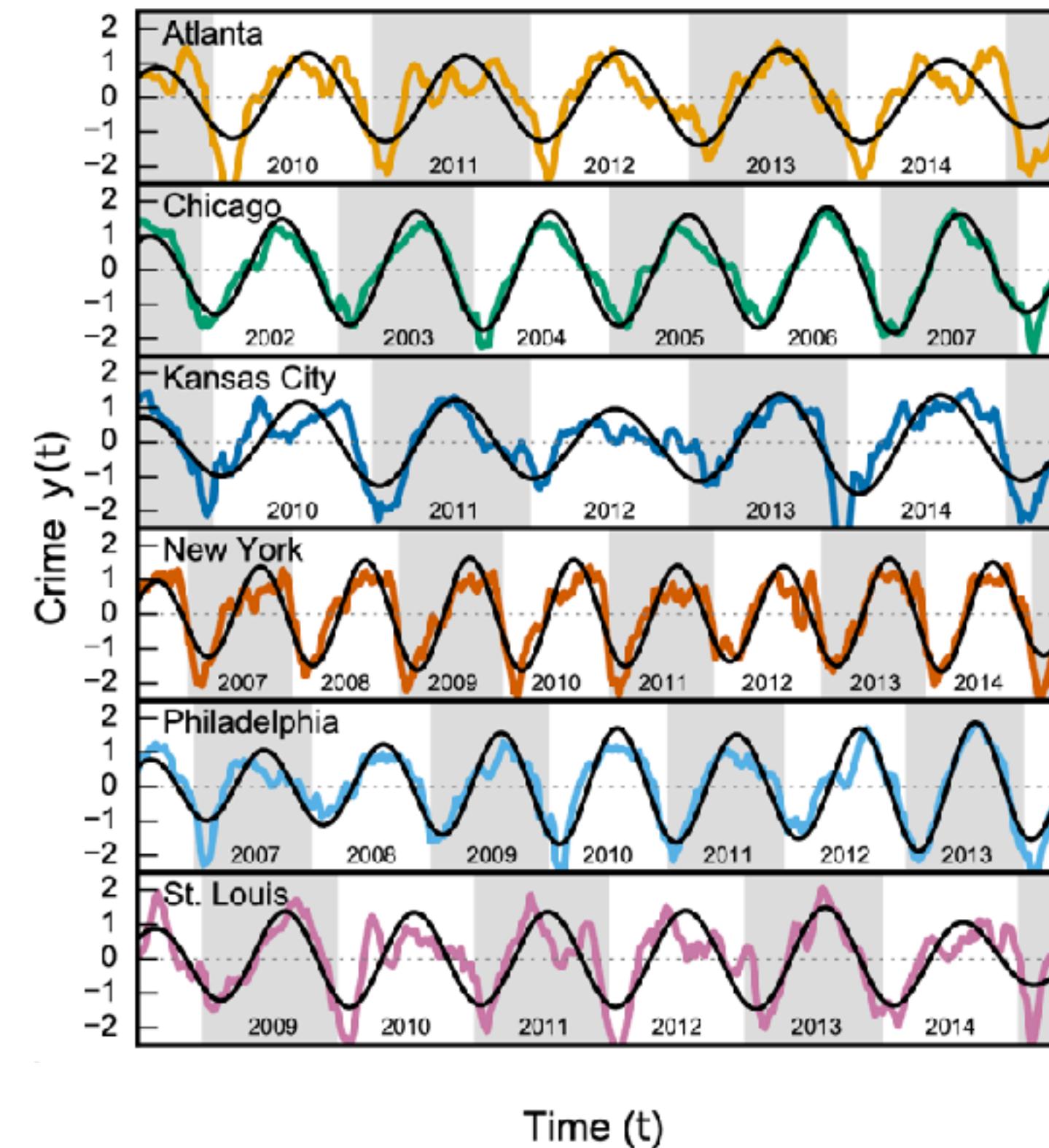


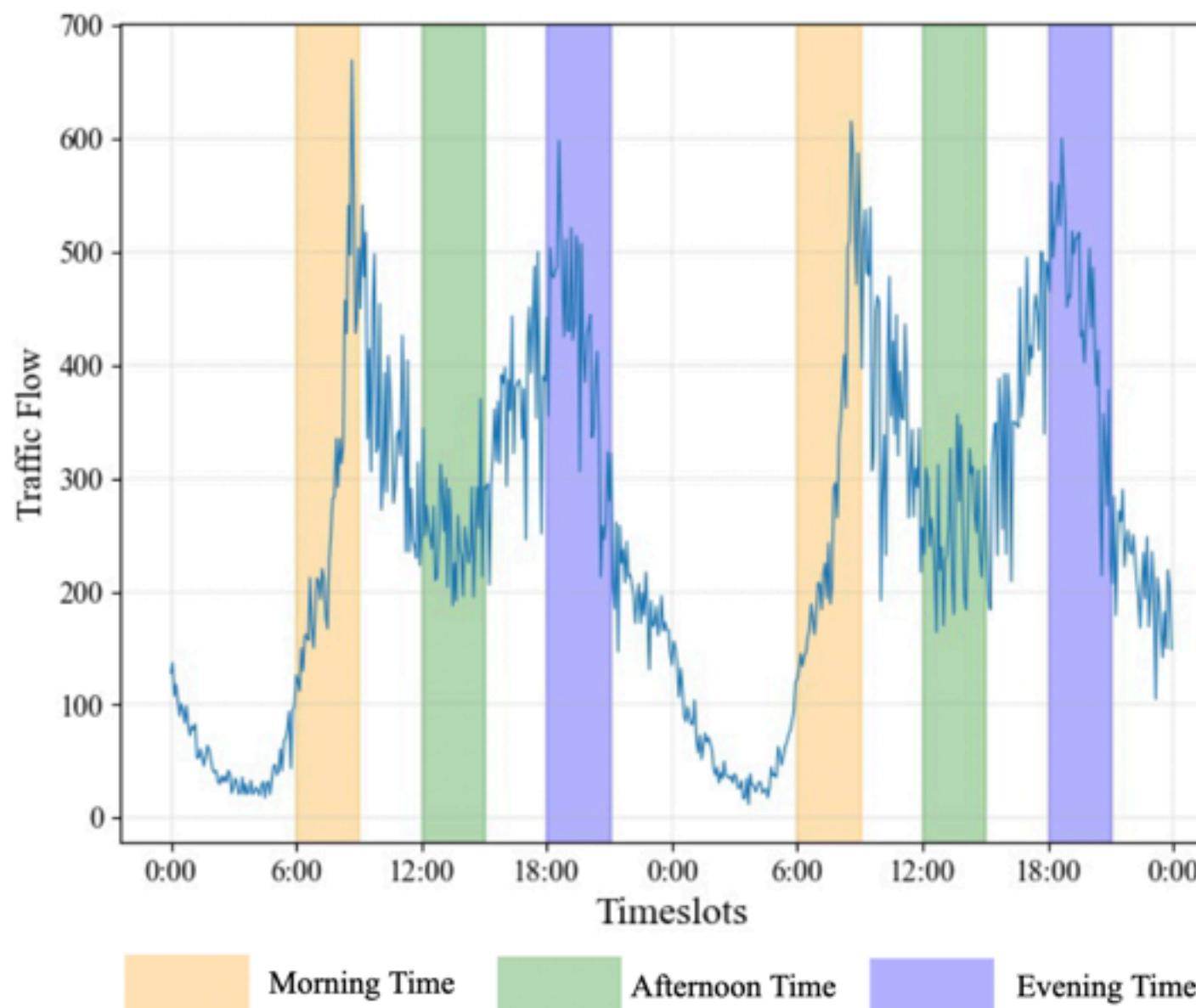
Fig 6. Seasonal trend from January to December of the monthly total of crimes in Barcelona, by year.

Spatio-temporal variations in the urban rhythm: the travelling waves of crime (Oliveira et al.)

The effect of seasonality in predicting the level of crime. A spatial perspective (Delgado et al.)

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Periodicity and Seasonality:



STG4Traffic: A Survey and Benchmark of Spatial-Temporal Graph Neural Networks for Traffic Prediction (Luo et al.)

# Self-Exciting

Does a robbery make it more or less likely that another robbery will occur the next day?

- Signal to criminals
- Acts of retaliation

# Self-Correcting

- Vigilance
- Police presence
- Community engagement



<https://comic-denkblase.de/70-jahre-panzerknacker>

# Self-Exciting

# Self-Correcting

The flashing of a firefly

Suicide

Crime

Earthquake

A goal in a soccer match

Terrorist attack

Large jump in the stock price of a company

Neuron firing

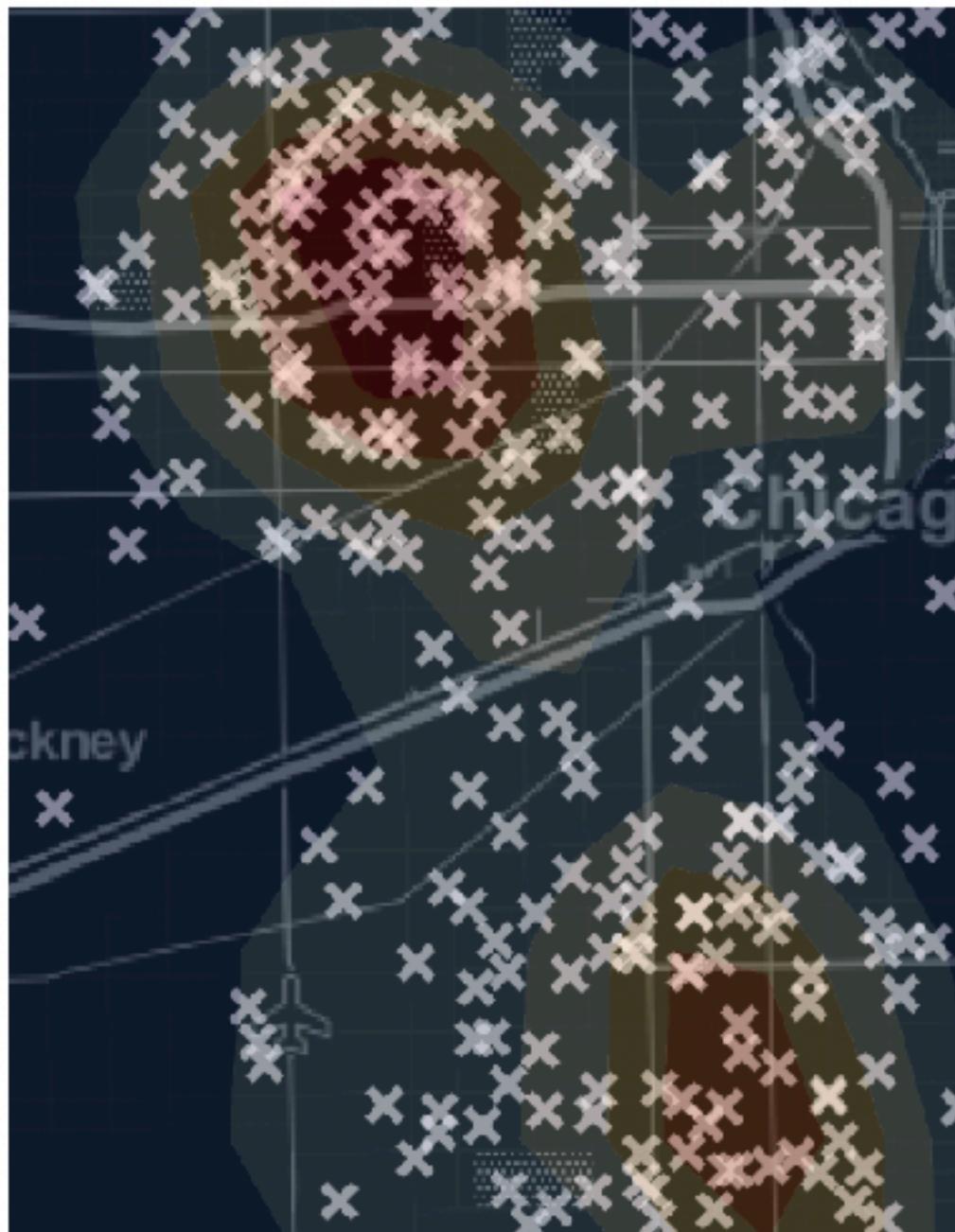
A person coughs

Rainfall

Traffic congestion

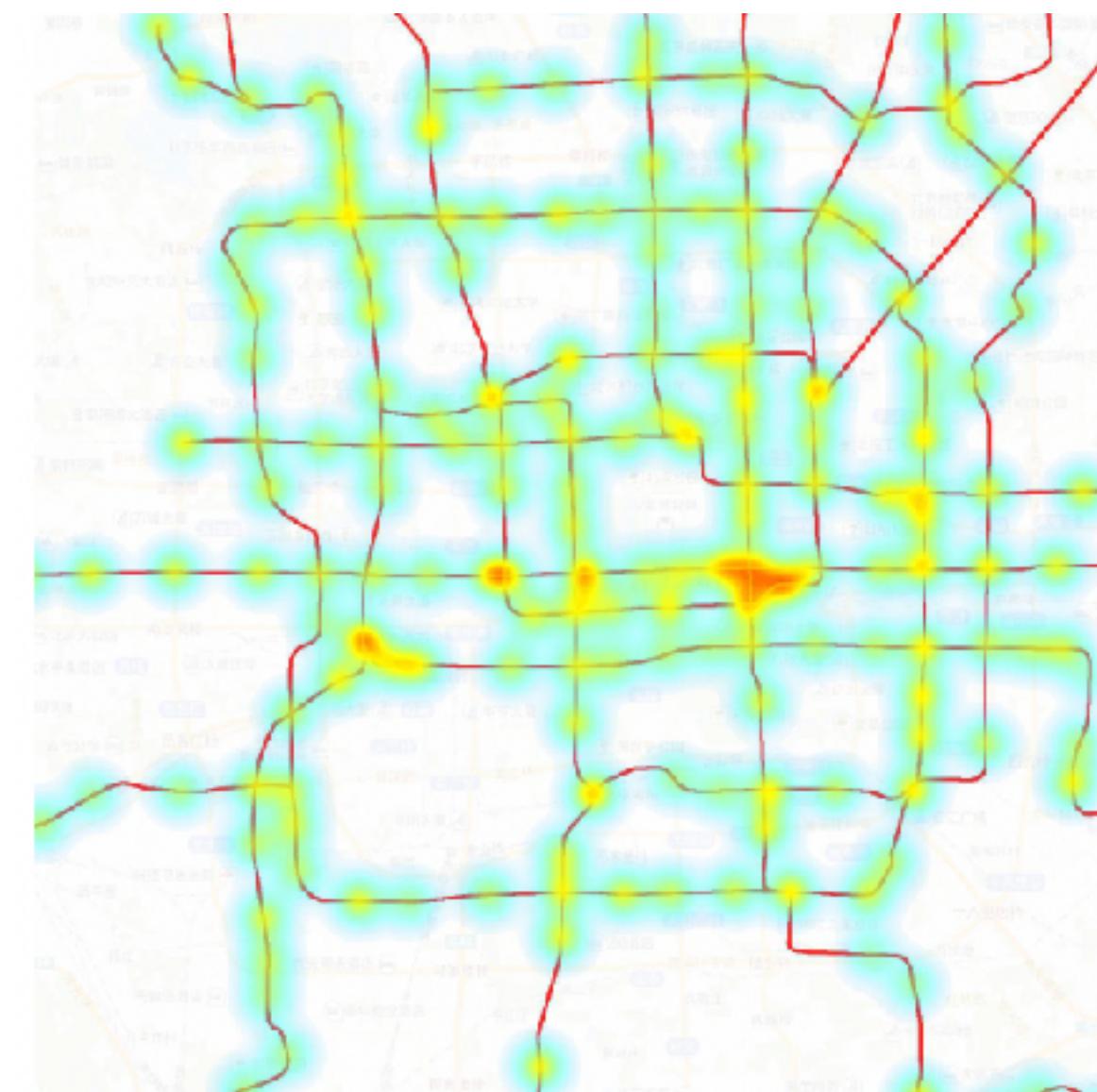
# Applications

## Prediction:



Crime

Deep Mixture Point Processes: Spatio-temporal Event Prediction with Rich Contextual Information (Okawa et al.)



Traffic

GSTNet: Global Spatial-Temporal Network for Traffic Flow Prediction (Fang et al.)

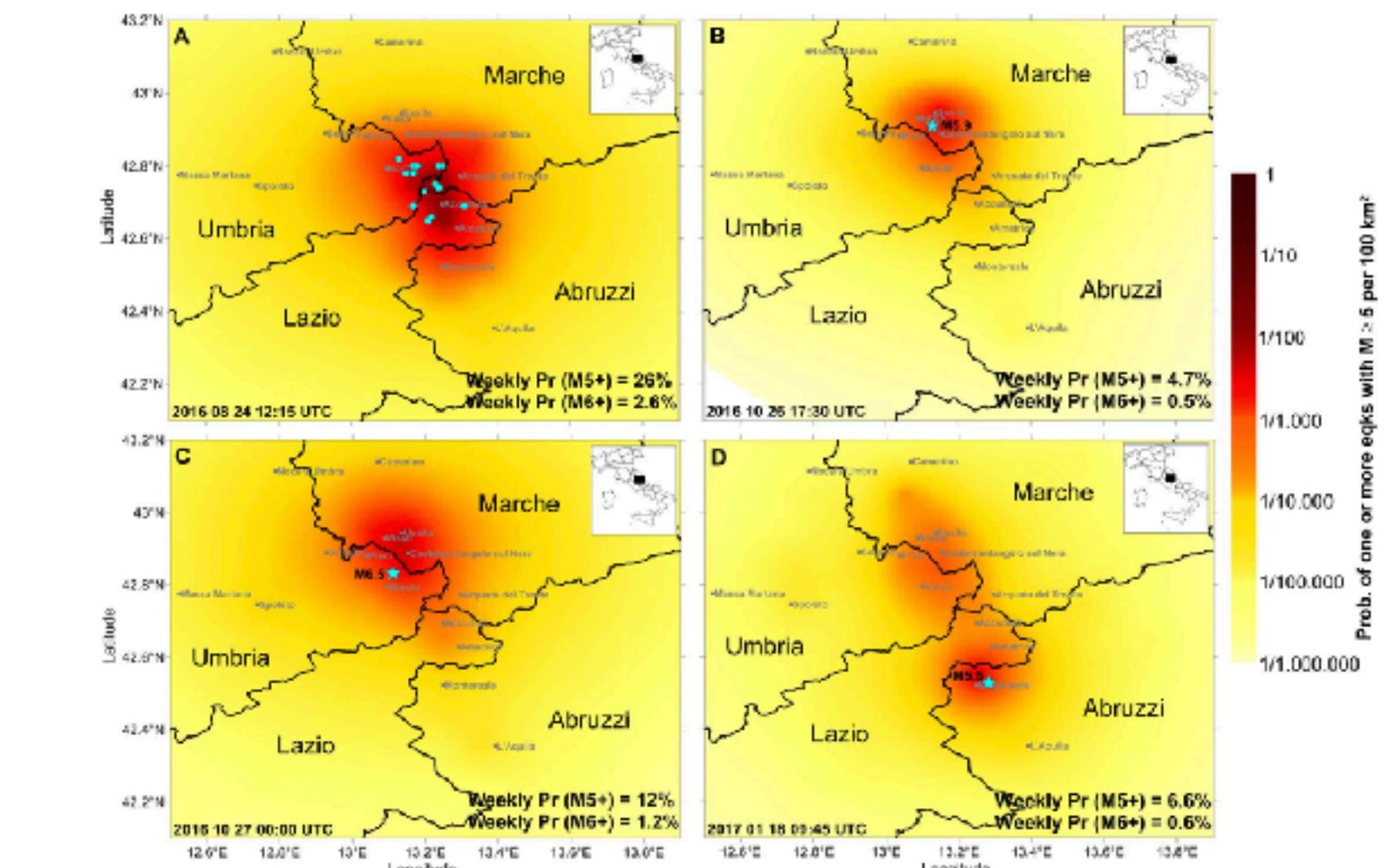


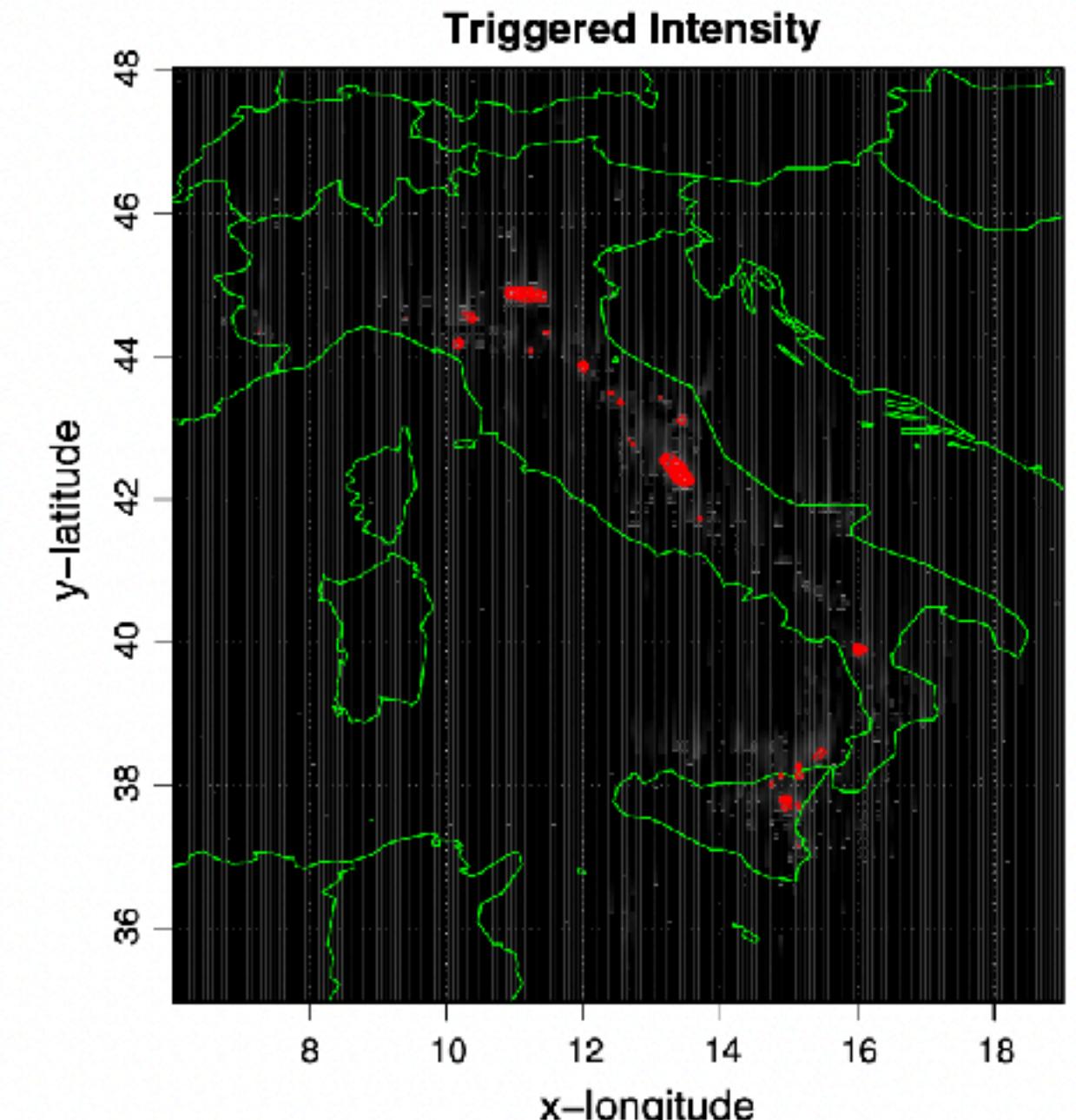
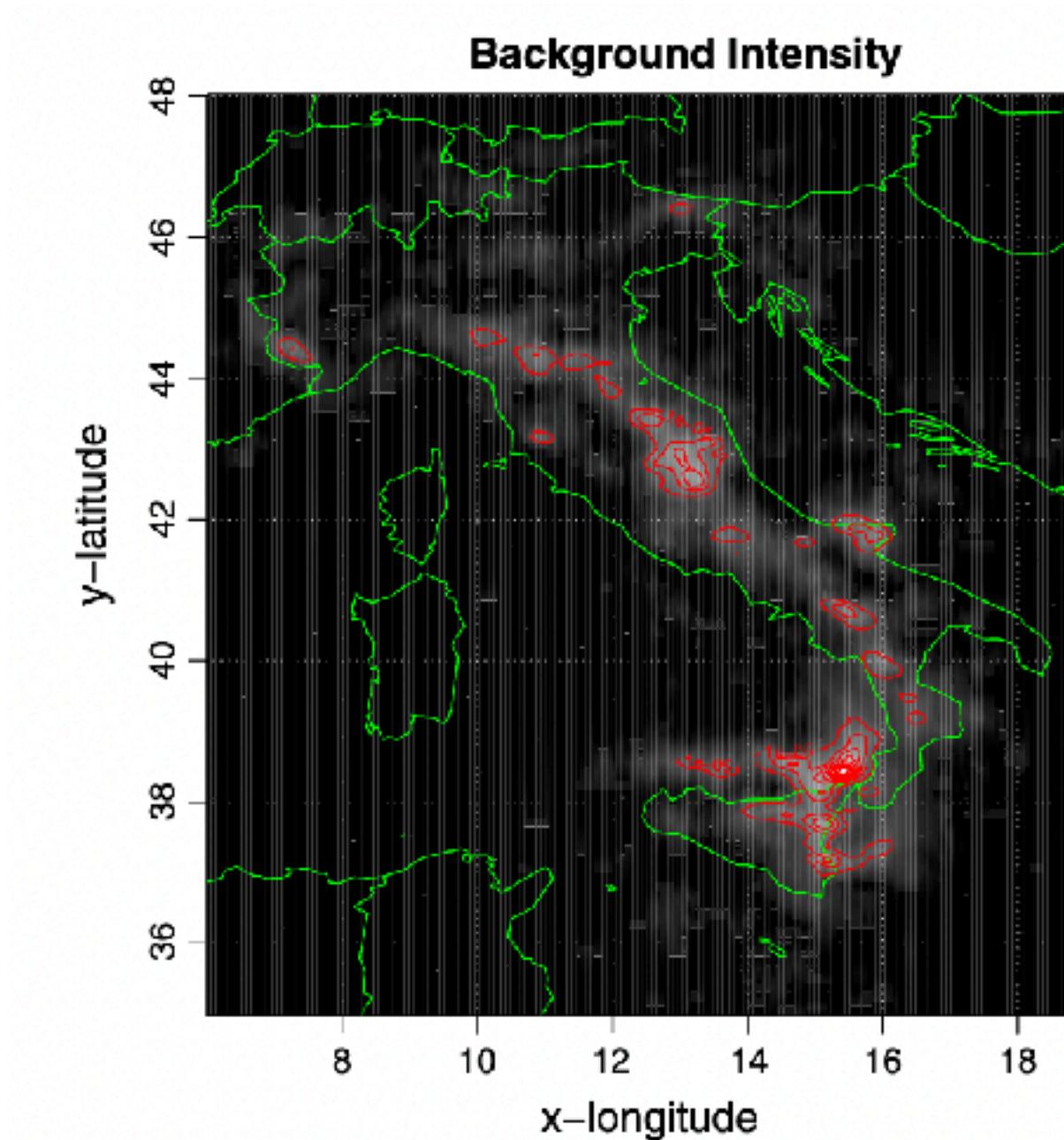
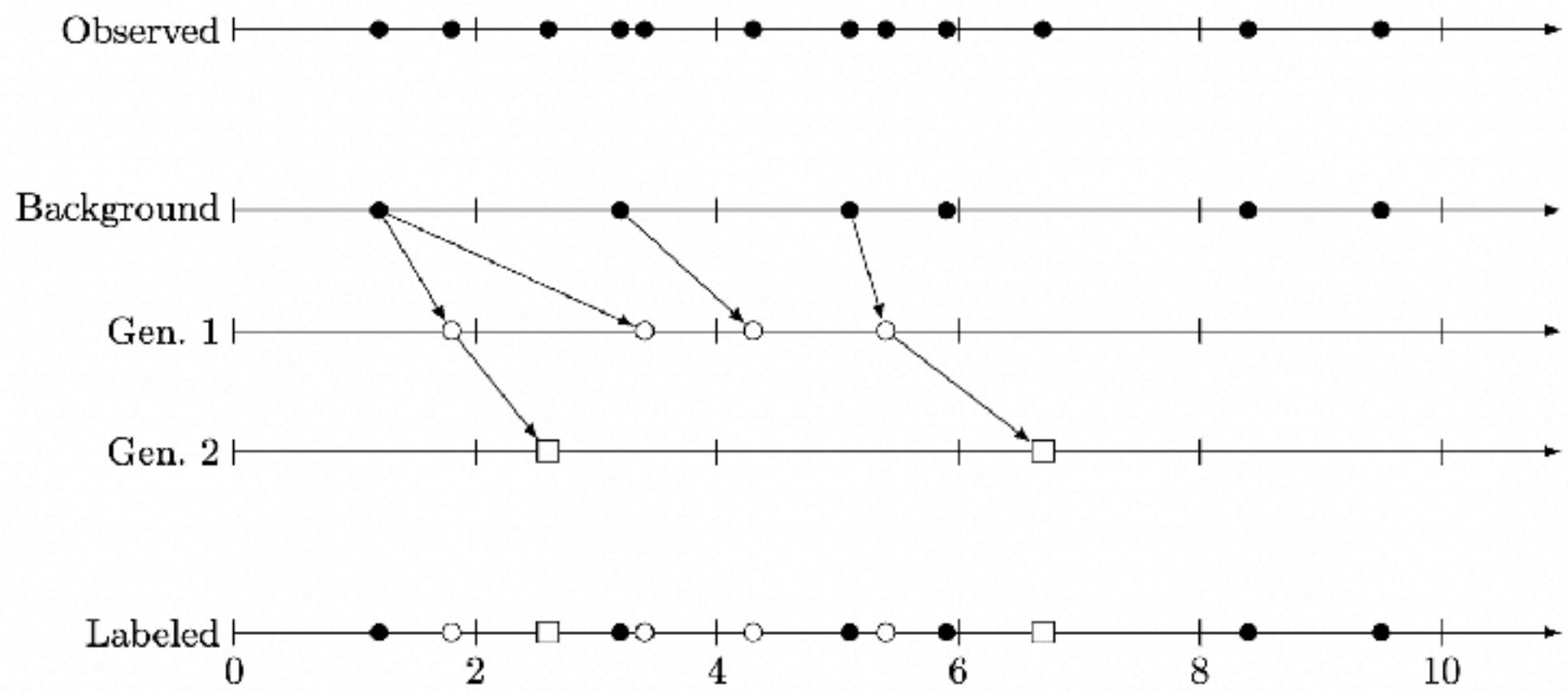
Fig. 2. Some examples of weekly forecasts (the number of the forecasts are reported on Table 1). (A) Forecast number 3, a few hours after the Amatrice earthquake and the M3.51 earthquake (blue-green circles) that occurred in the forecasting time window. (B) Forecast number 15, before the M5.9 earthquake (blue-green star) that occurred on October 26. (C) Forecast number 18, before the Norcia M6.5 earthquake (blue-green star) that occurred on October 30. (D) Forecast number 35, before the Campotosto M5.5 earthquake (blue-green star) that occurred on January 18.

Earthquakes

Earthquake forecasting during the complex Amatrice-Norcia seismic sequence (Marzocchi et al.)

# Applications

## De-clustering:

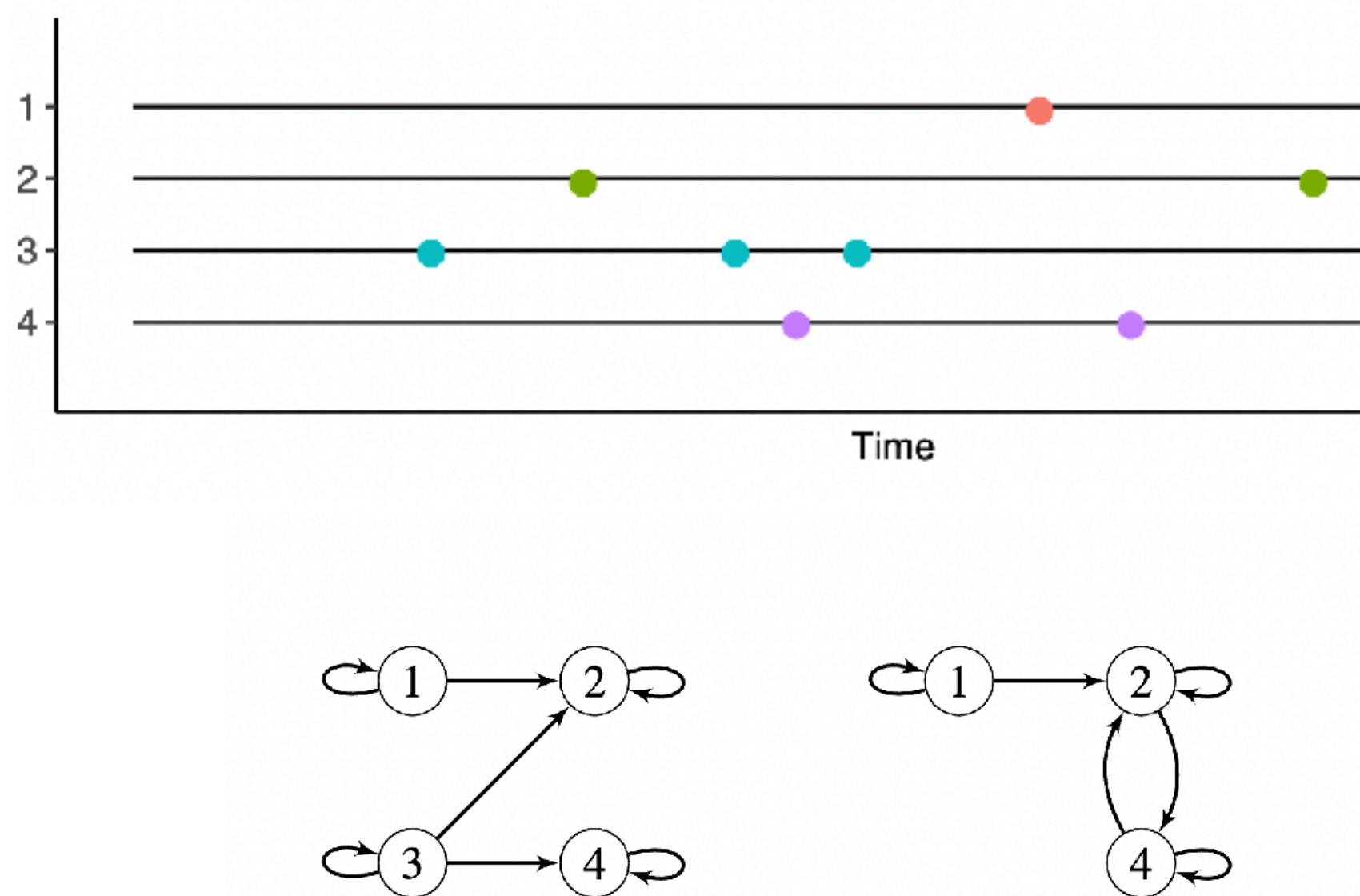


A Review of Self-Exciting Spatio-Temporal Point Processes and Their Applications (Reinhart)

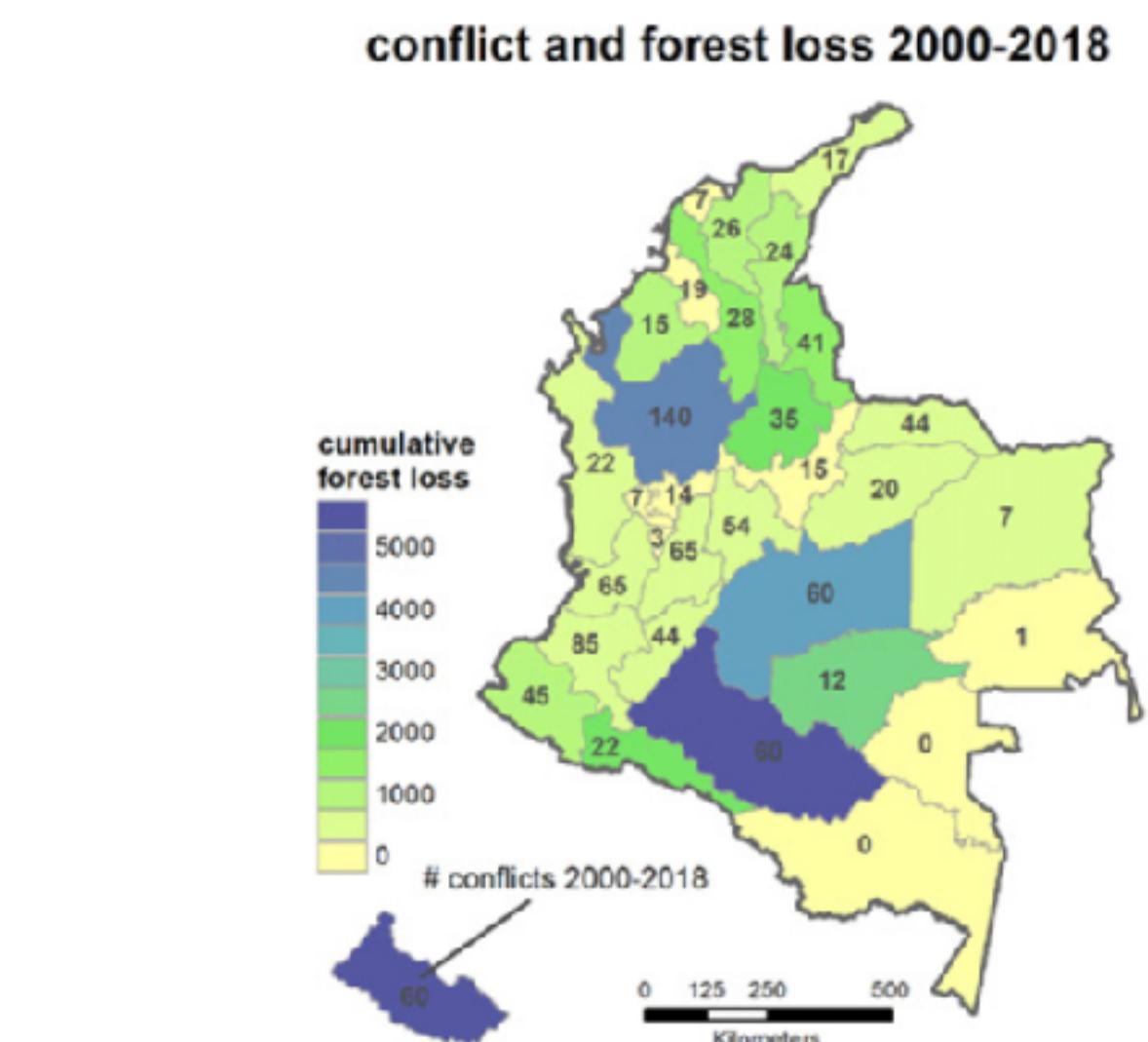
Alternated estimation in semi-parametric space-time branching-type point processes with application to seismic catalogs (Adelfio et al.)

# Applications

## Causal Discovery:



Causal screening in dynamical systems (Mogensen)



Toward Causal Inference for Spatio-Temporal Data:  
Conflict and Forest Loss in Colombia (Christiansen et al.)

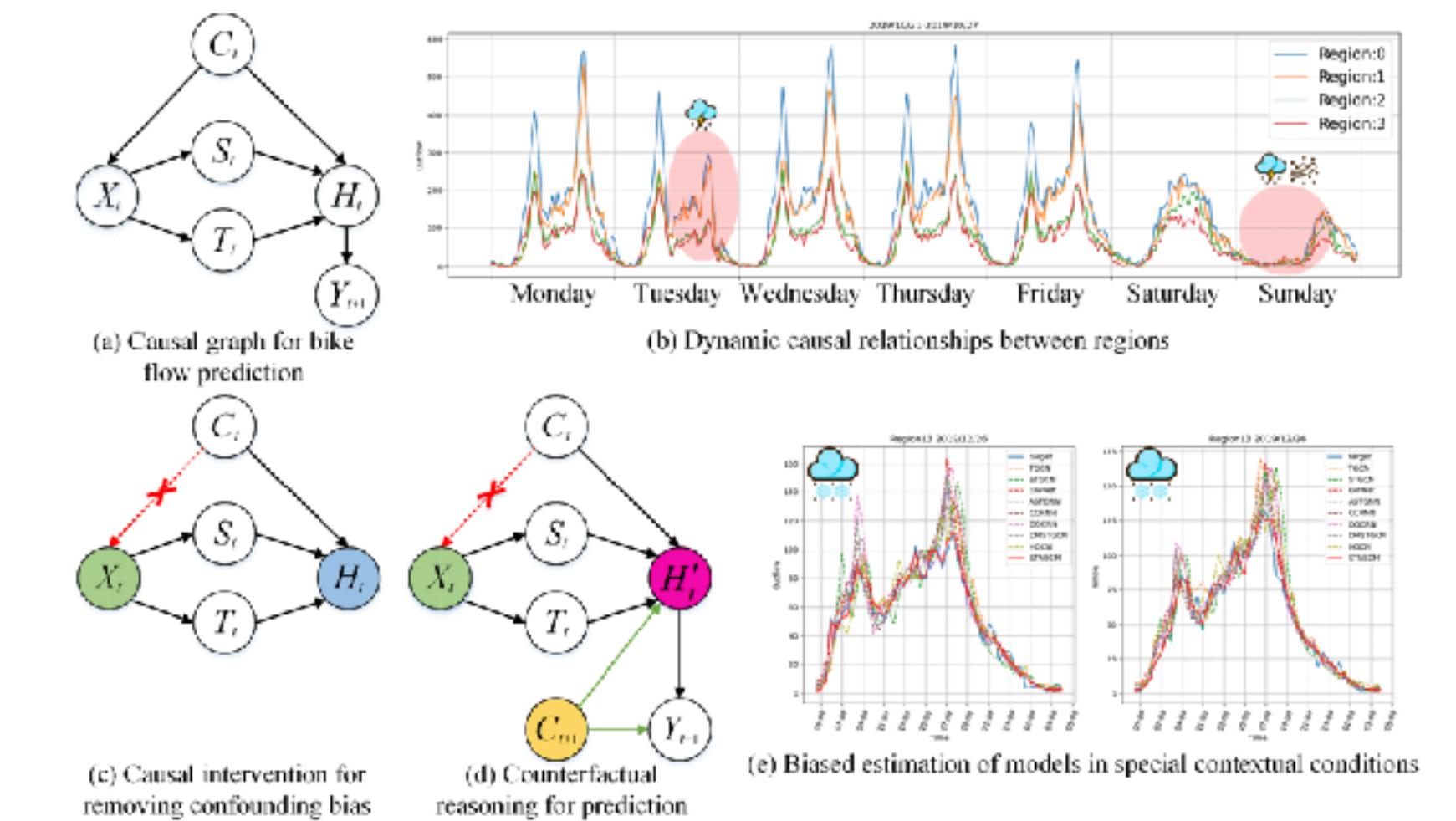


Figure 1: The change process of bike flow from the perspective of causality.

Spatio-temporal Neural Structural Causal Models  
for Bike Flow Prediction (Deng et al.)

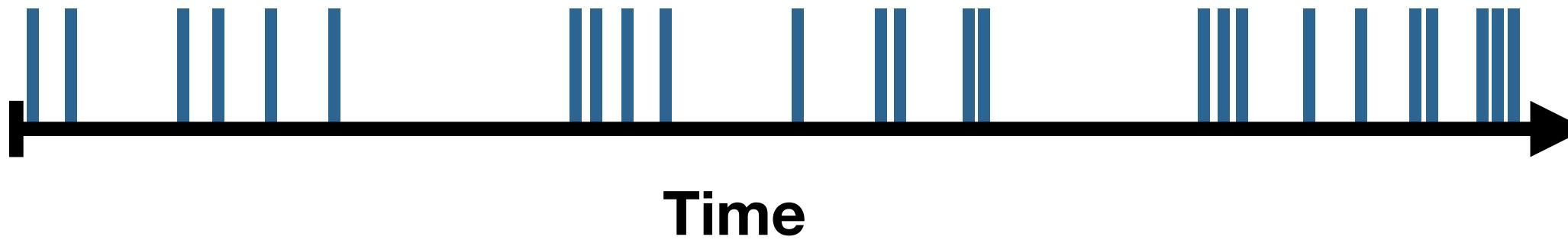


# TEMPORAL POINT PROCESSES

Part I

# Models of TPPs

Spike train of a single neuron



<https://mark-kramer.github.io/Case-Studies-Python/08.html>

Event sequence:  $H = [t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n]$  ( $t_i < t_{i+1}$  and  $t_i \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ ).

E.g.,  $H = [0.1, 0.5, 3.4, 4.2]$

$t_i$  is called the event time, timestamp, or spike time

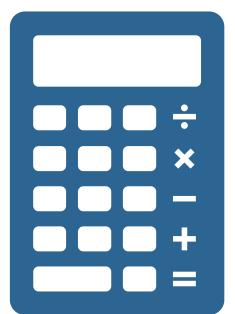
Inter-event time or waiting time:  $t_{i+1} - t_i$

$H_t$  is the sequence up to a time horizon  $t$ .

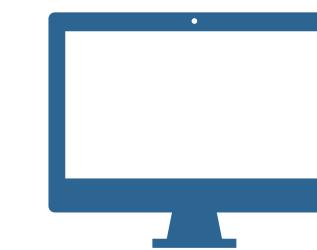
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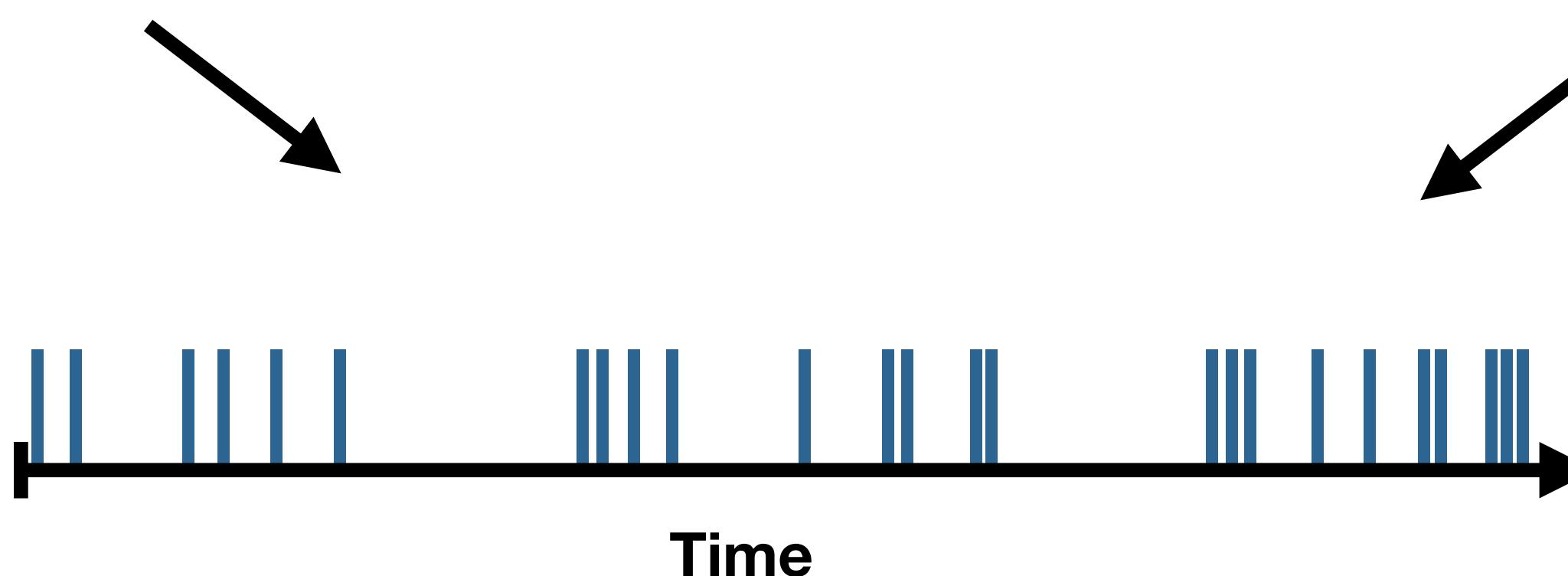
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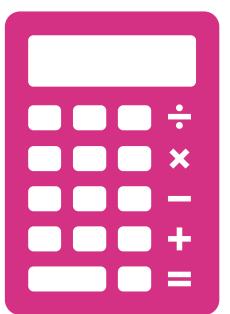


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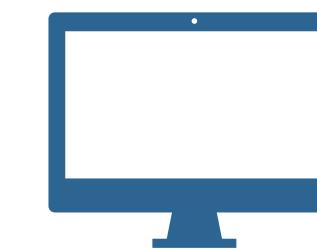


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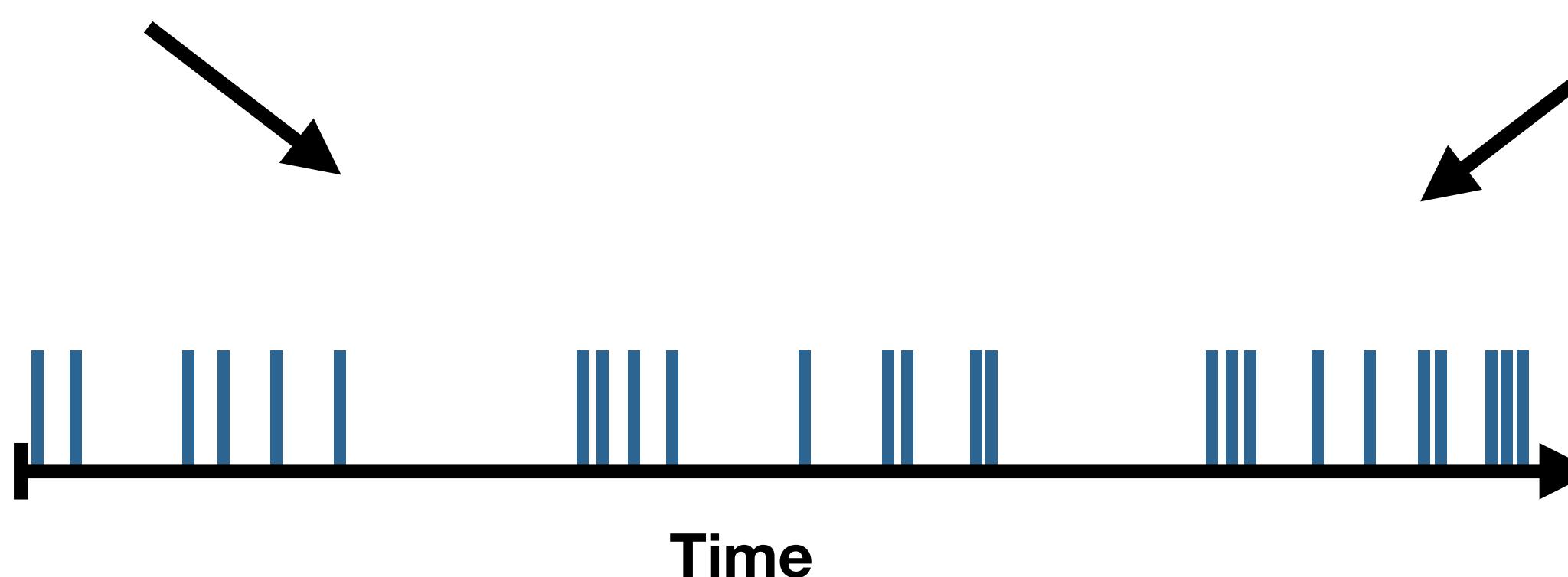
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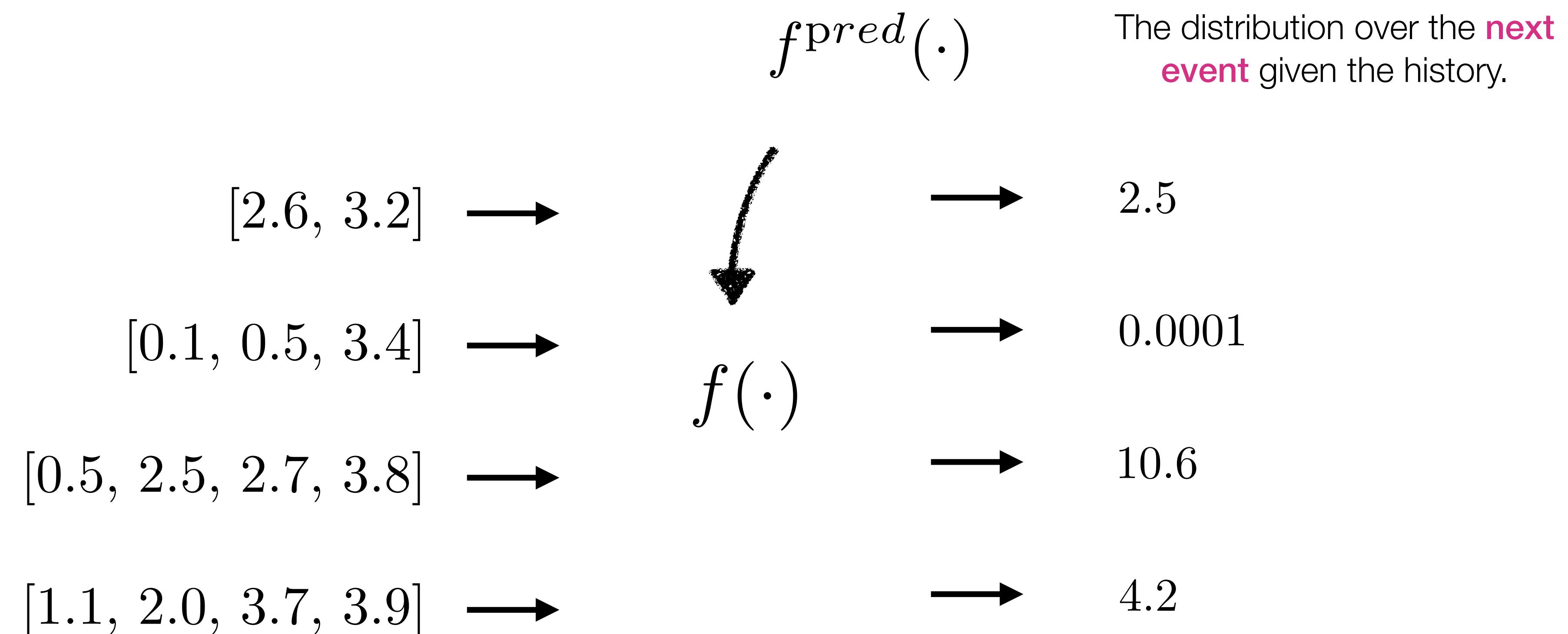
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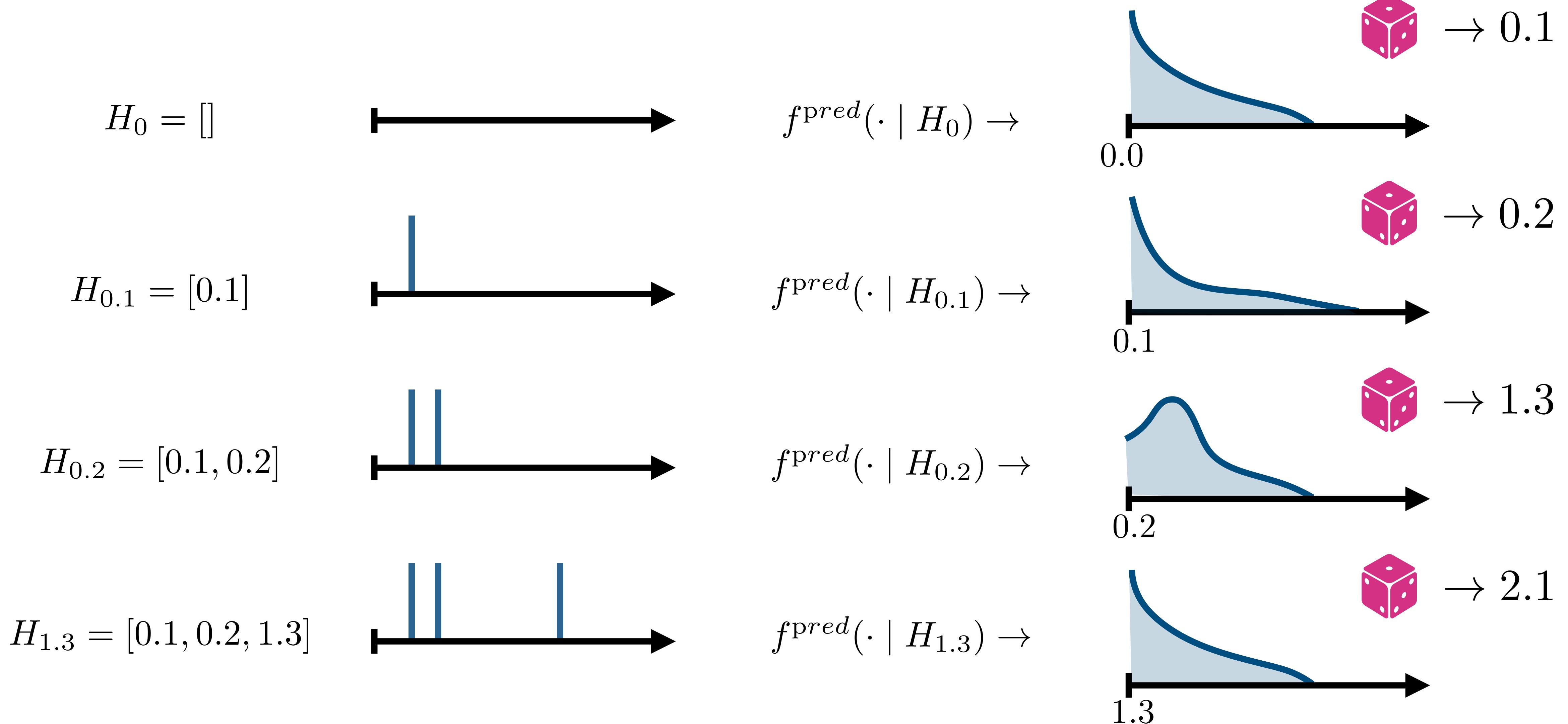
Use **statistical model** or **neural network** to specify.

Build likelihood function for all (finite) sequences of fixed horizon:

$f(\cdot)$  integrates to 1 over the space of all sequences.

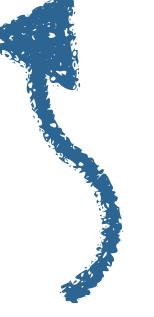


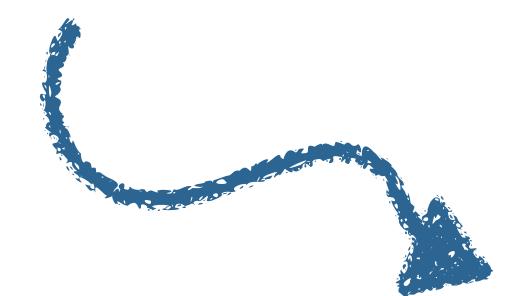
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Likelihood of event sequence  $H$ .


$$f(H) = \left( \prod_{i=1}^n f^{\text{pred}}(t_{i+1} \mid H_{t_i}) \right)$$



represents the probability density of the next event occurring at time  $t_{i+1}$  given the history of all previous events up to time  $t_i$ .

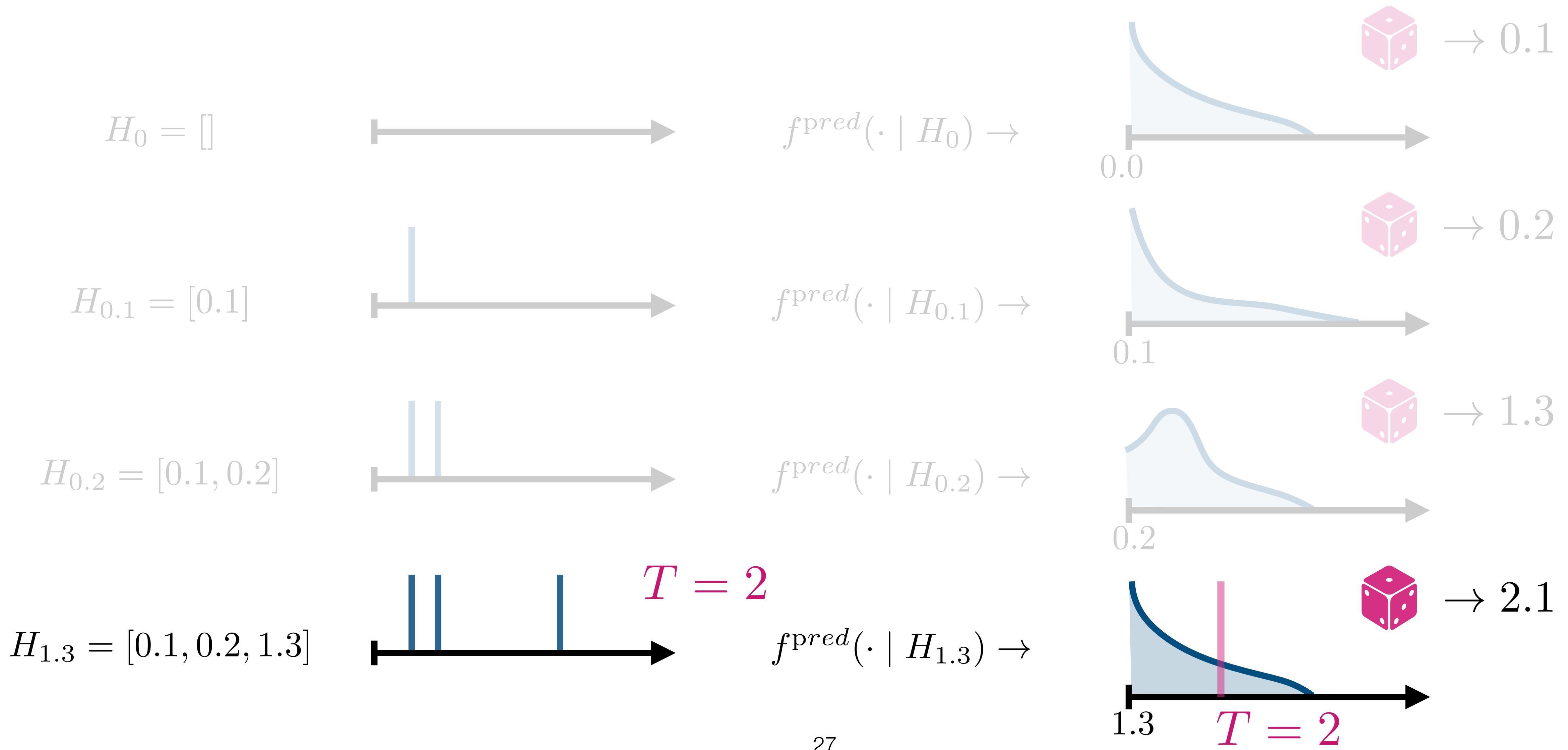
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Likelihood of event sequence  $H$ .

represents the probability that no events occur from the last observed event time  $t_n$  up to the time horizon  $T$ .

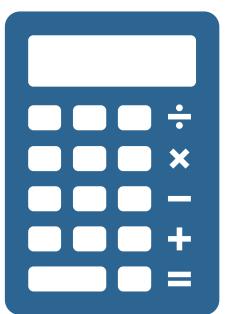
$$f(H) = \left( \prod_{i=1}^n f^{\text{pred}}(t_{i+1} \mid H_{t_i}) \right) (1 - F^{\text{pred}}(T \mid H_{t_n})) .$$

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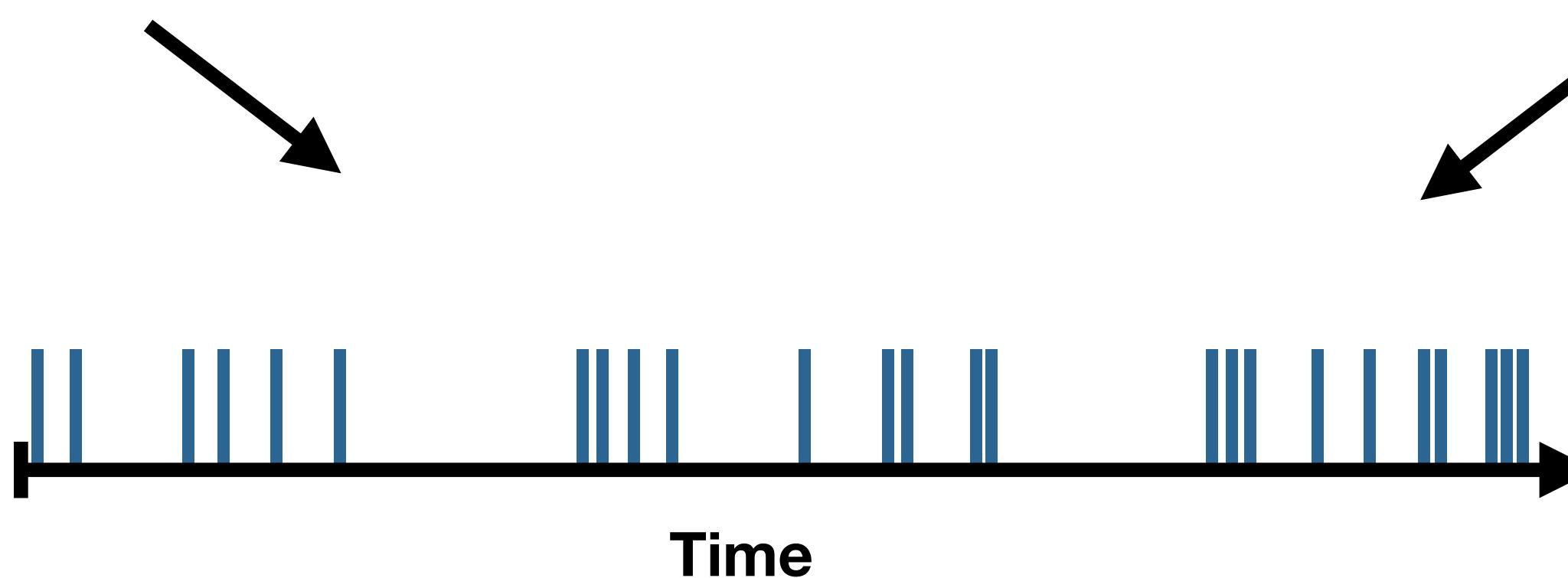
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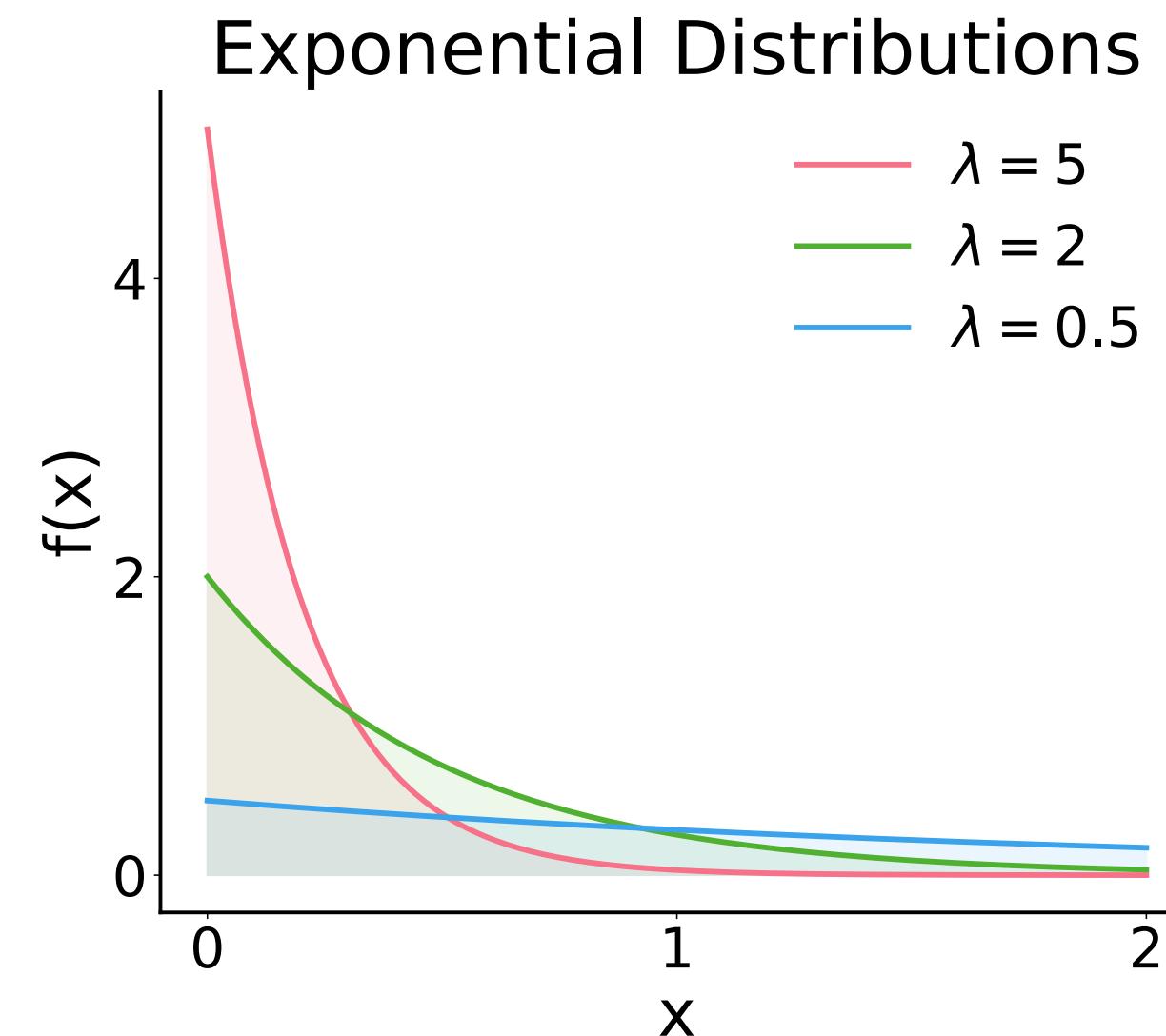


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**Homogenous** TPP: Inter-event times follow **exponential** distribution

**Inhomogenous** TPP: Inter-event times follow **arbitrary** distribution

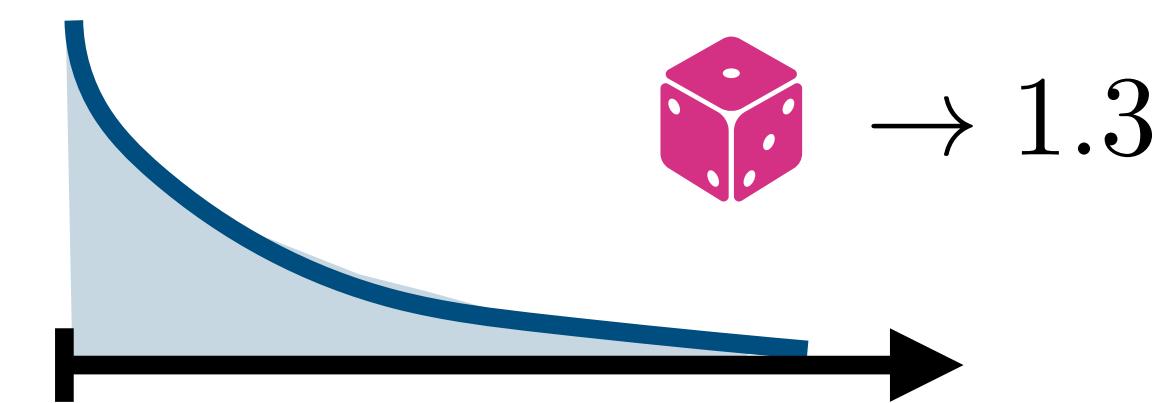
$$f(x; \lambda) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0, \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$H_{0.2} = [0.1, 0.2]$$

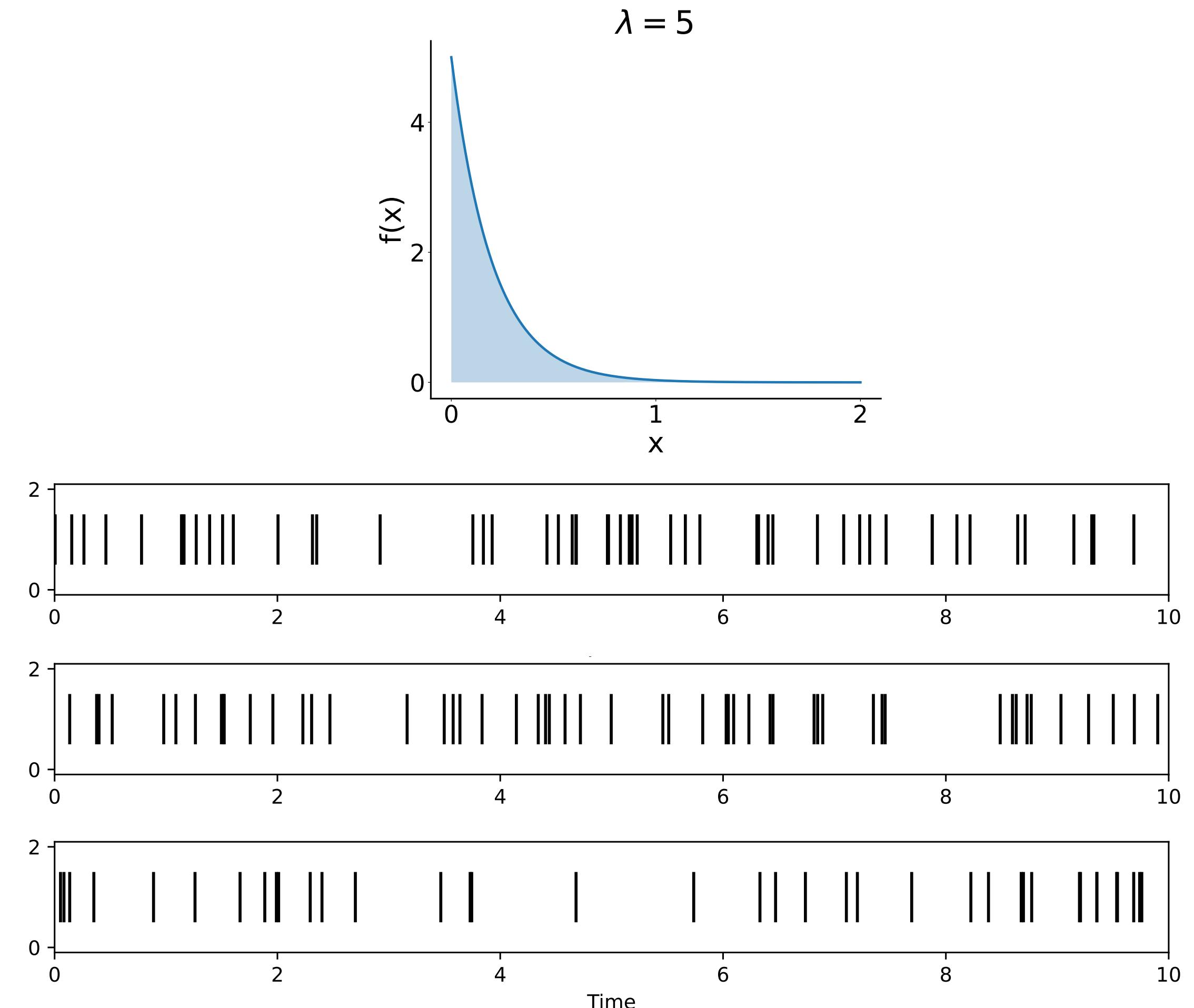
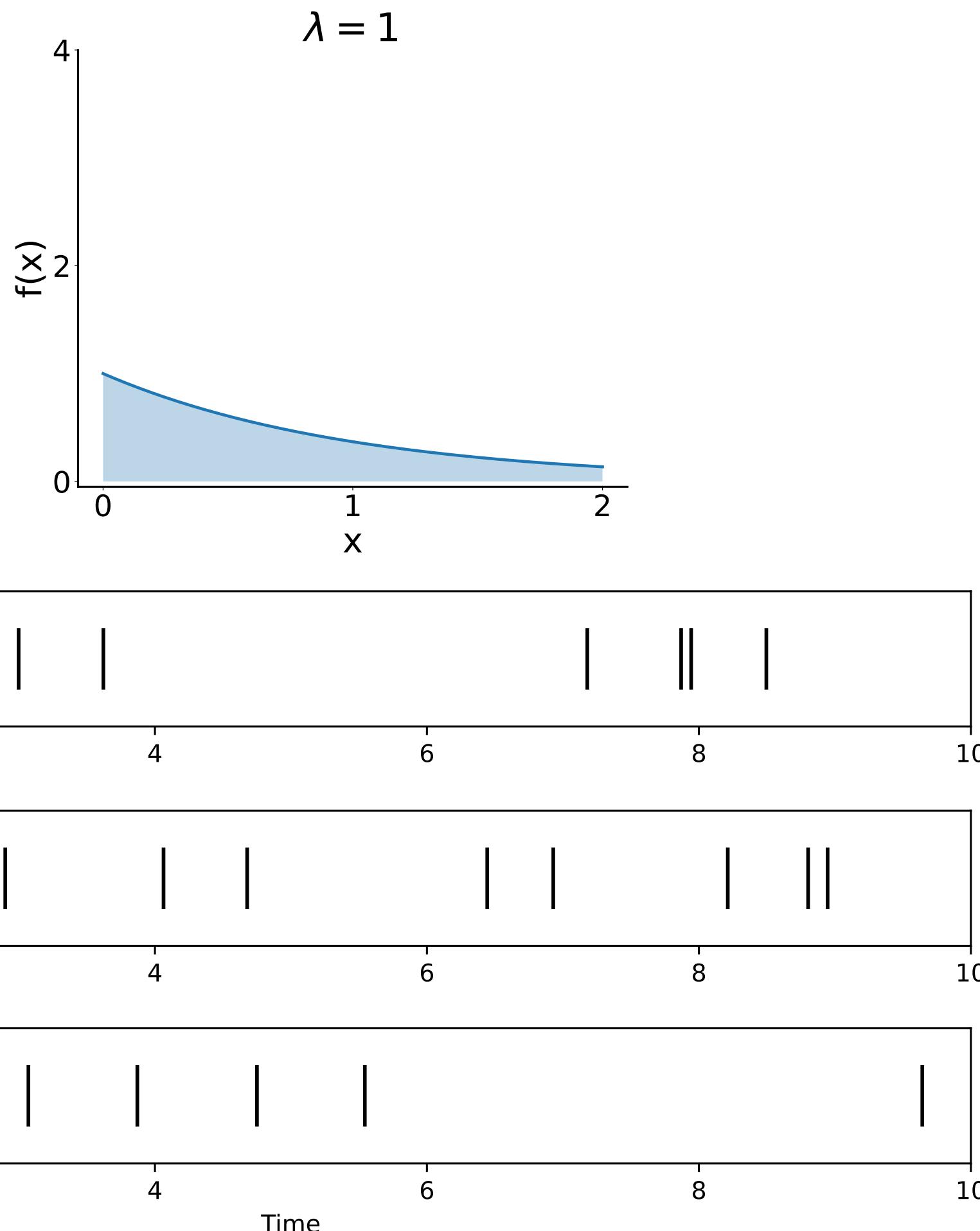


$$f^{\text{pred}}(\cdot \mid H_{0.2}) \rightarrow$$



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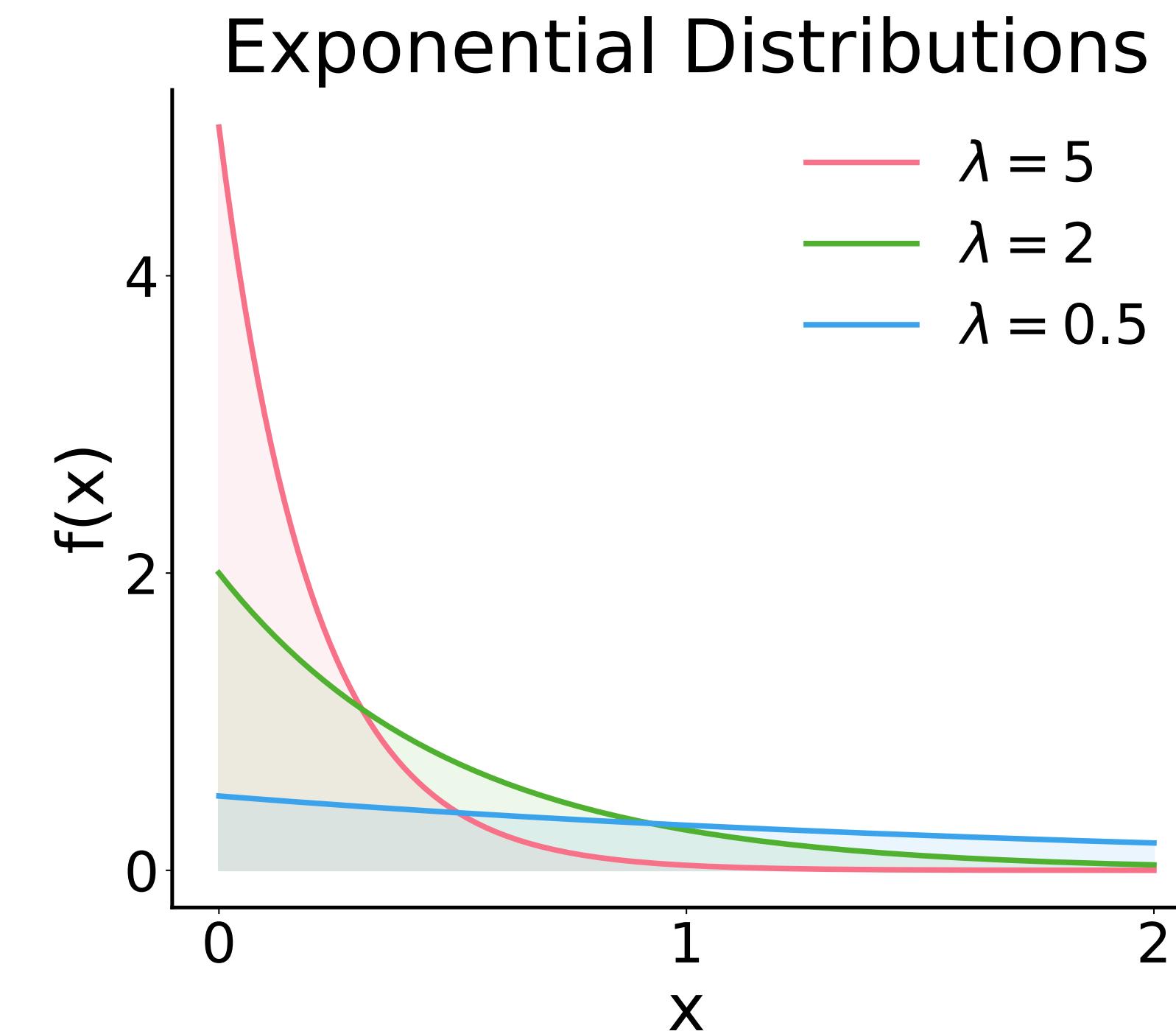
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- Use our favorite library
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$$X = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln(U)$$

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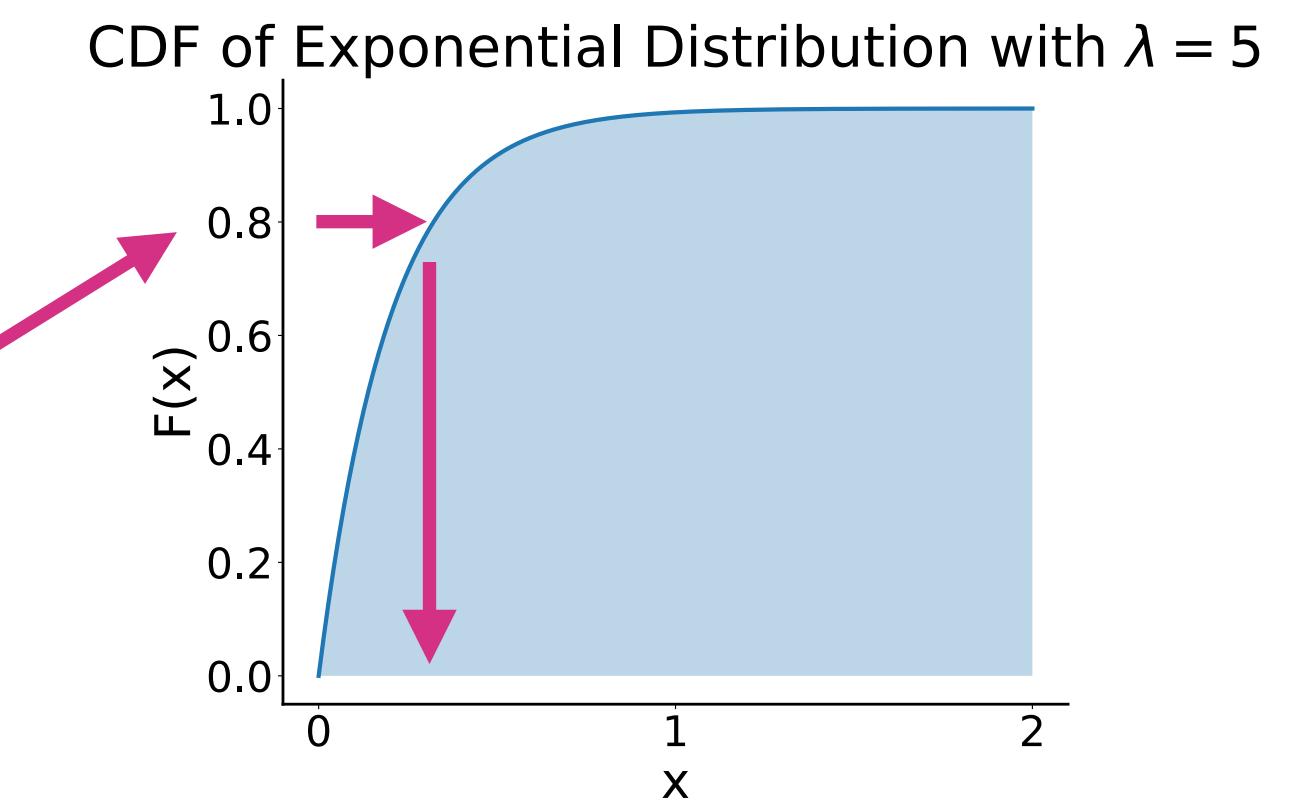
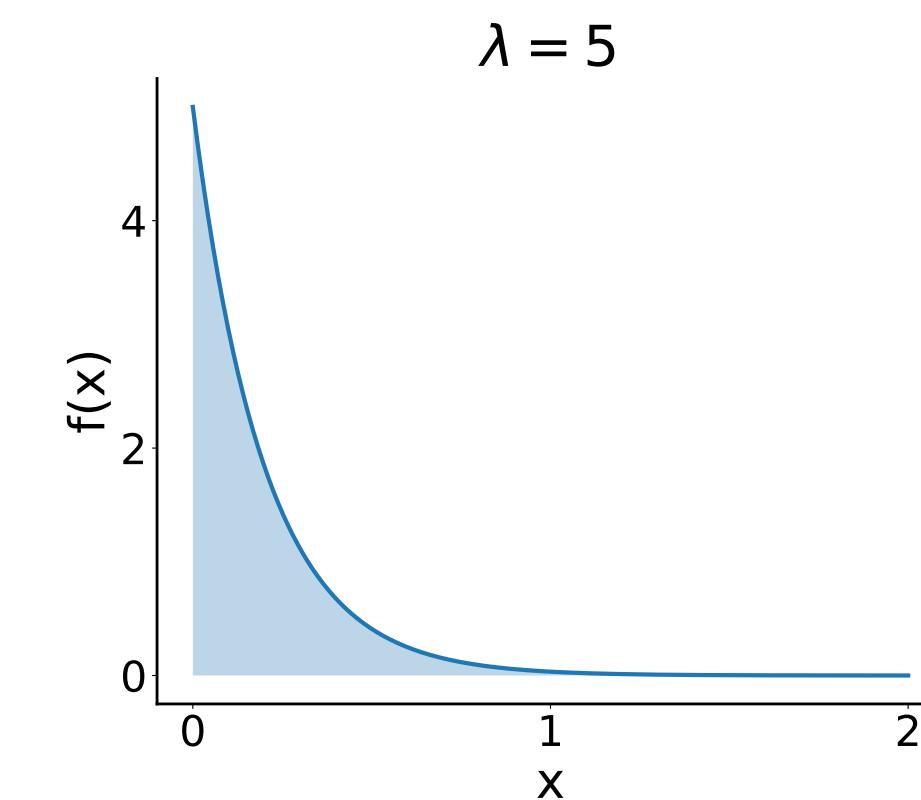
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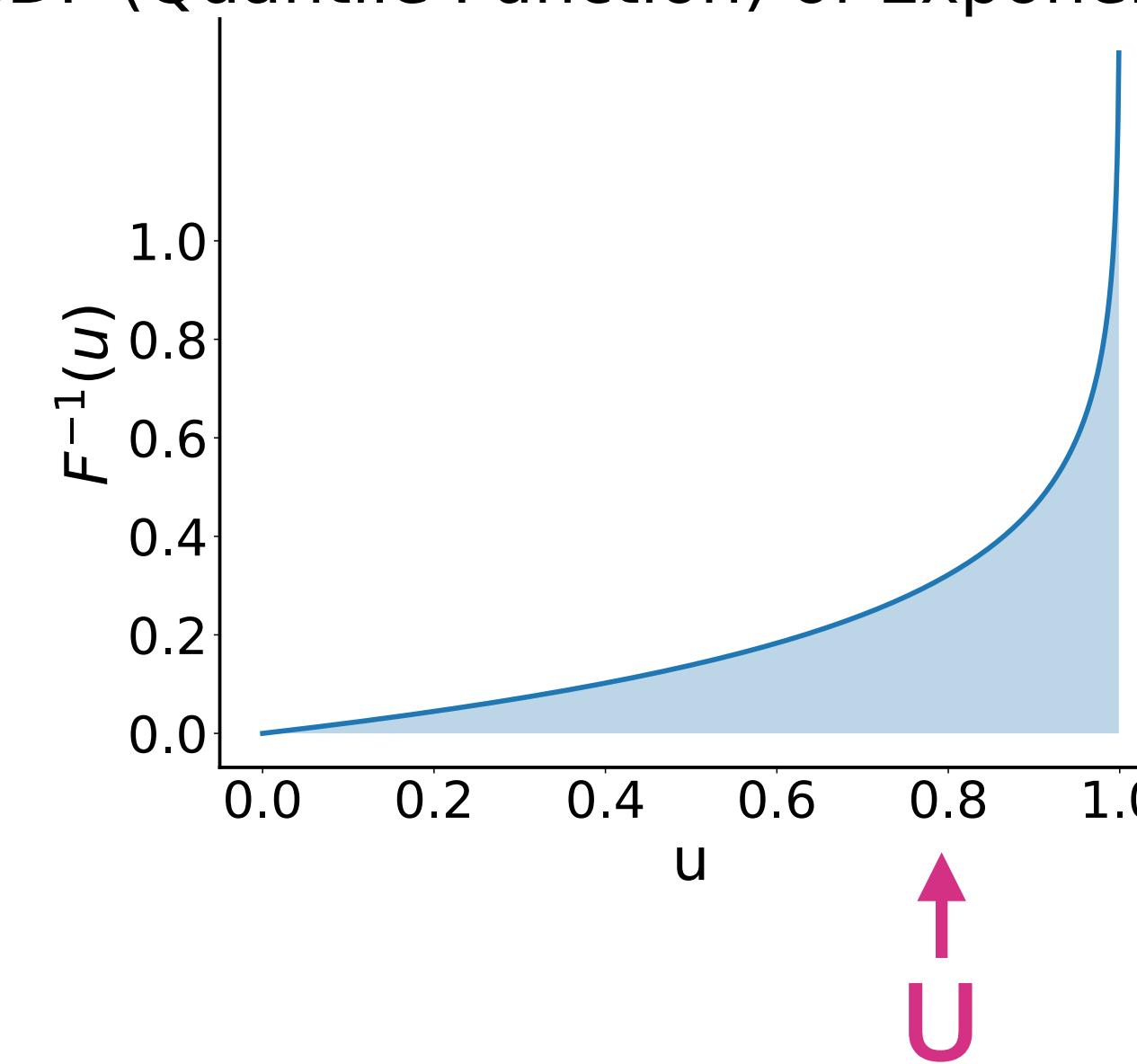
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Inverse CDF (Quantile Function) of Exponential Distribution



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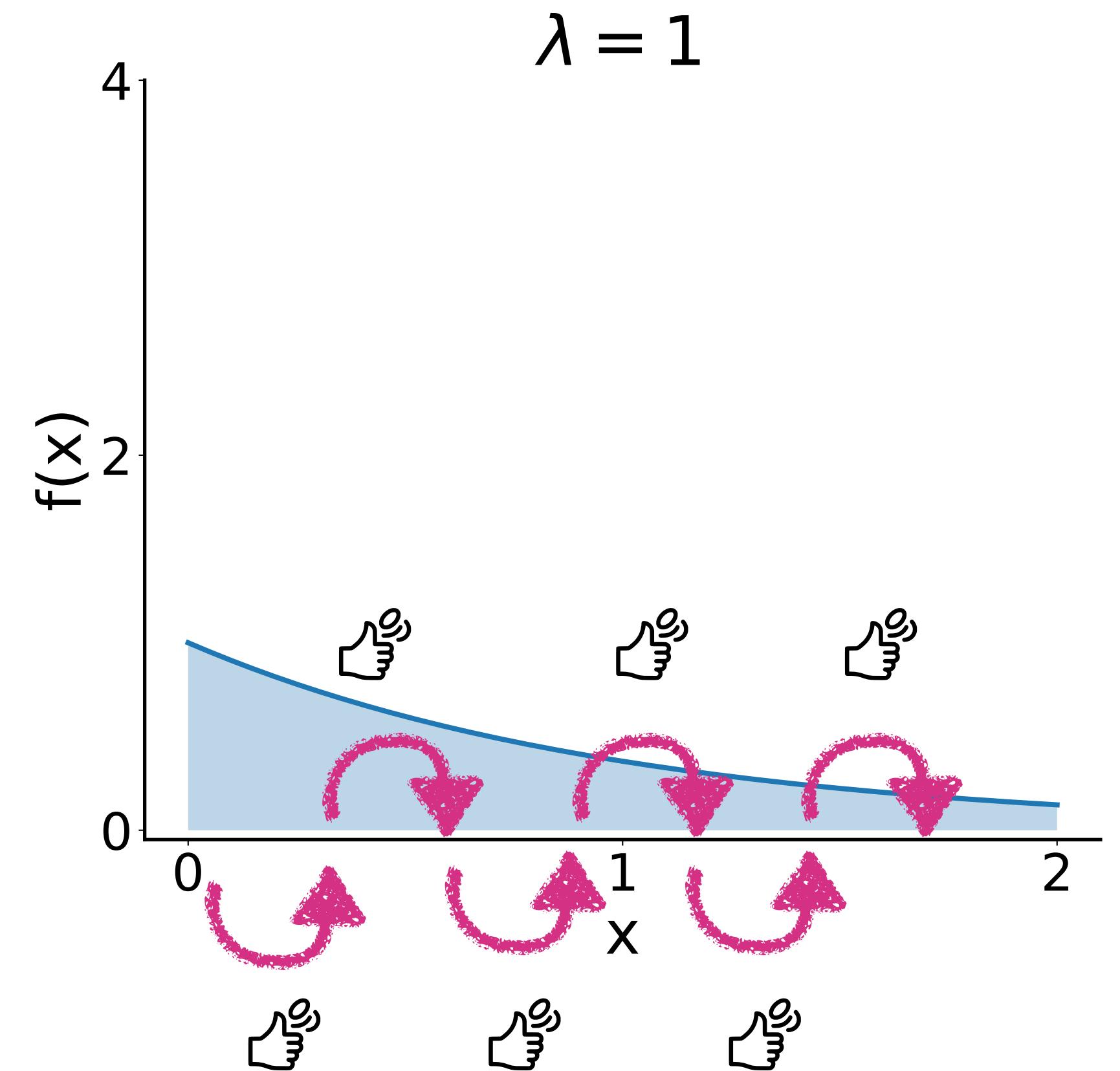
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# The Exponential Distribution

1. **Discretize Time:** Choose a small time step  $\Delta t$ .
2. **Biased Coin:** At each time step, use a biased coin to decide whether an event occurs. The probability  $p$  of the event occurring in each time step is  $p = \lambda\Delta t$ .
3. **Simulate Until Event:** Continue this process until the event occurs.

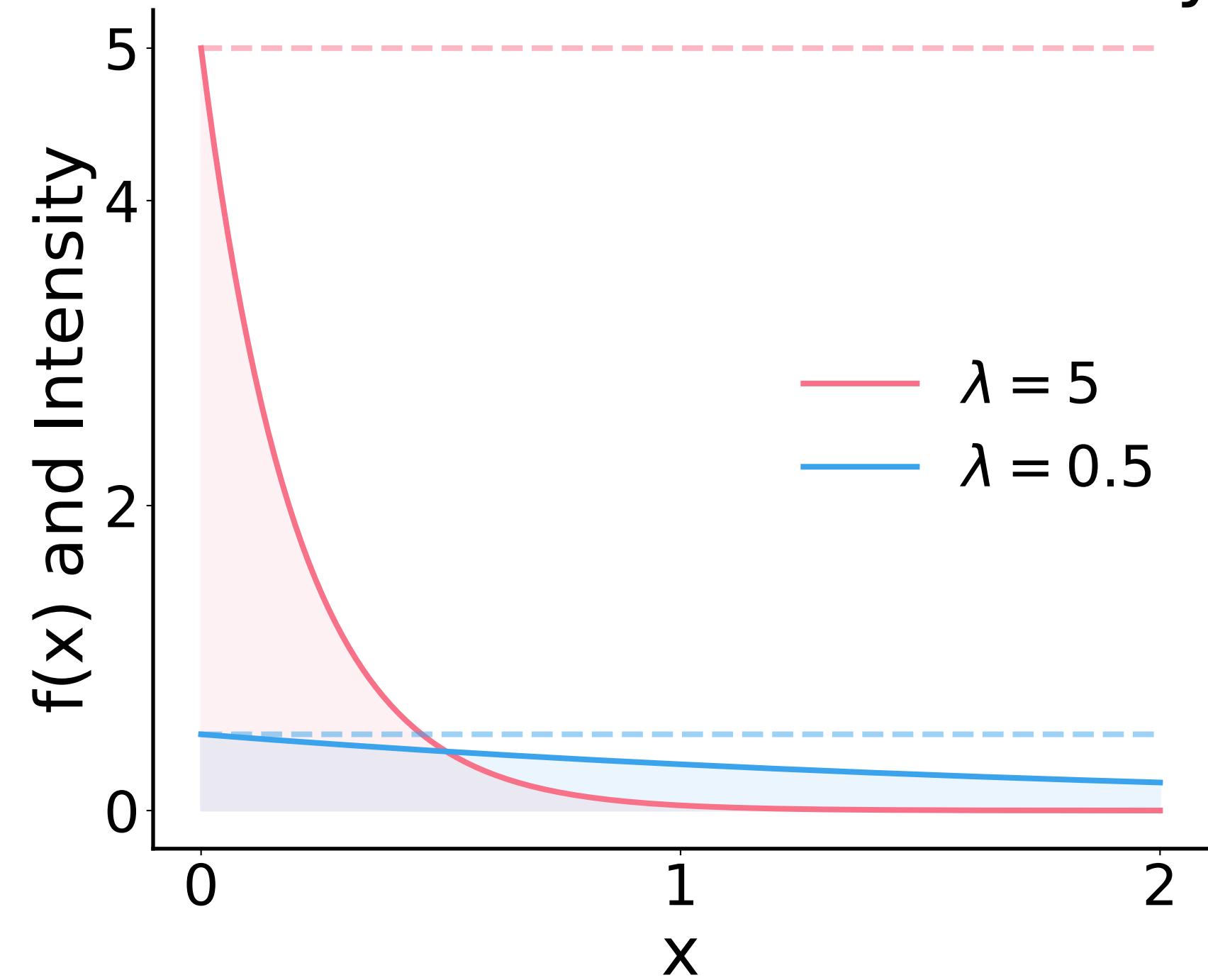
The **intensity** (in a homogeneous TPP) is constant

$$\lambda = \lambda(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(\text{Event in } [t, t + \Delta t))}{\Delta t}$$

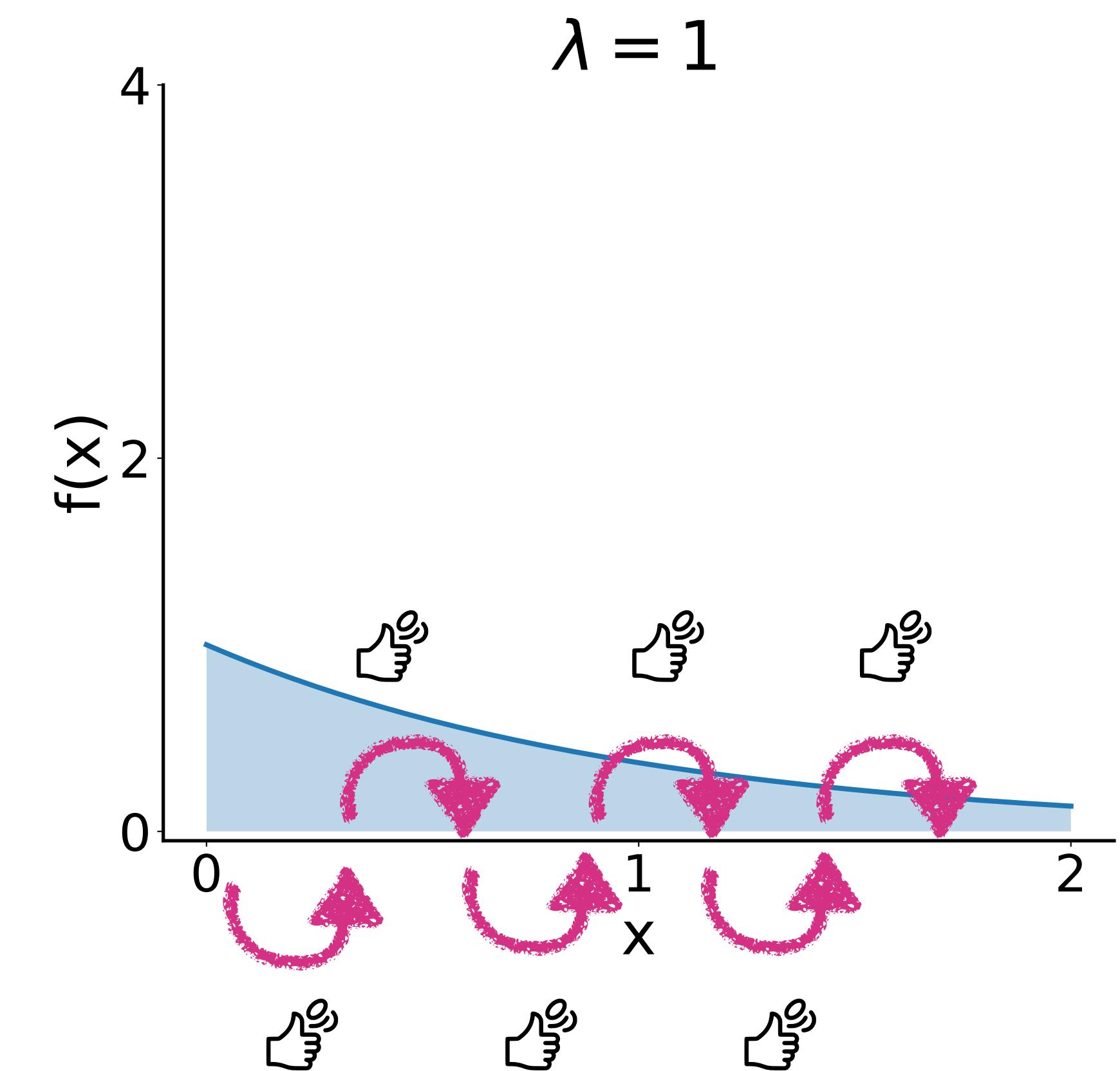


# The Exponential Distribution

Exponential Distributions and Intensity Functions



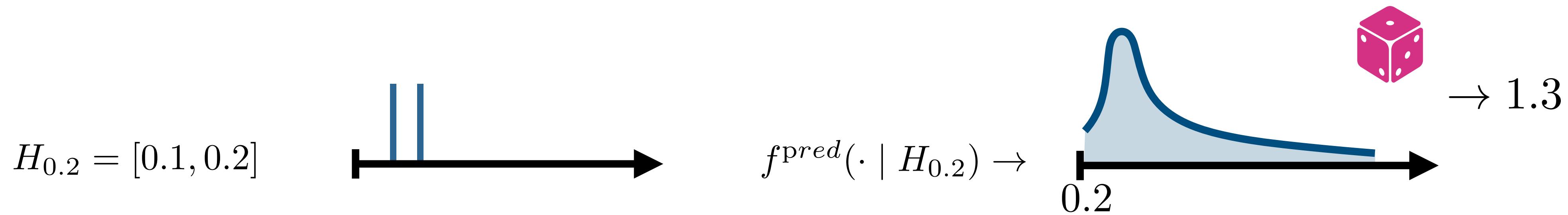
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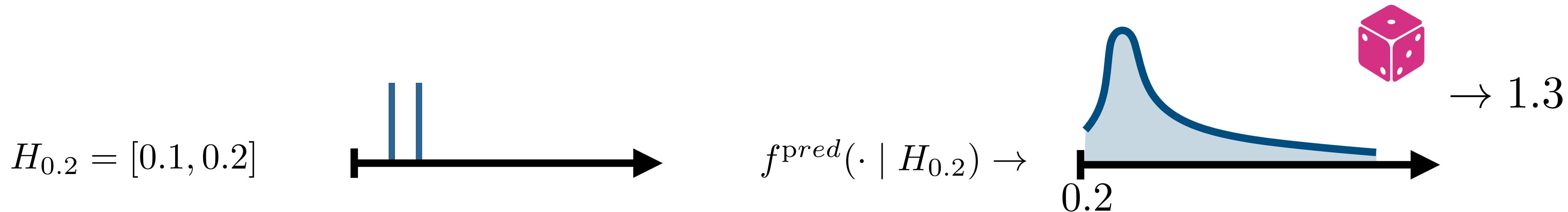
**Heterogeneous** TPP: Inter-event times follow **arbitrary** distribution



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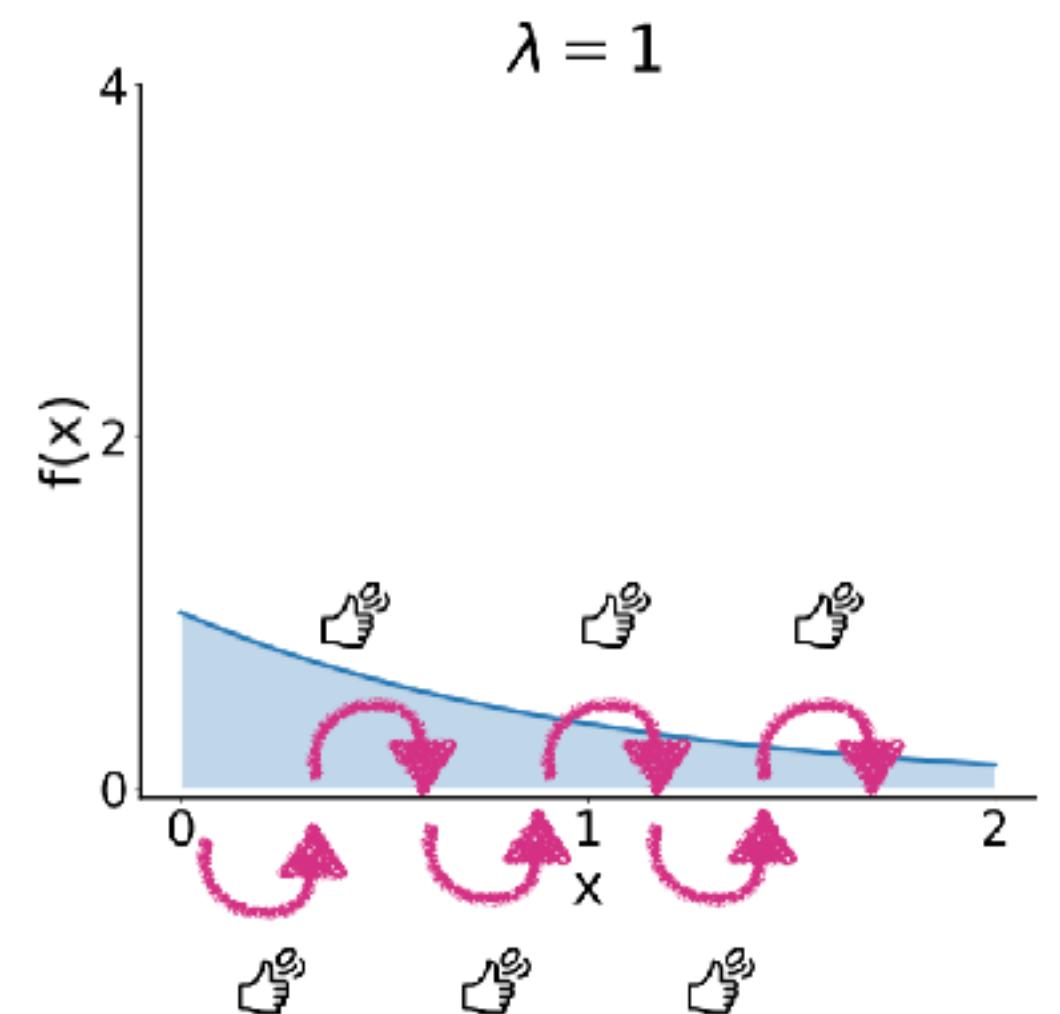
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Construct a time and history dependent intensity function:

$$\lambda : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

## Method:

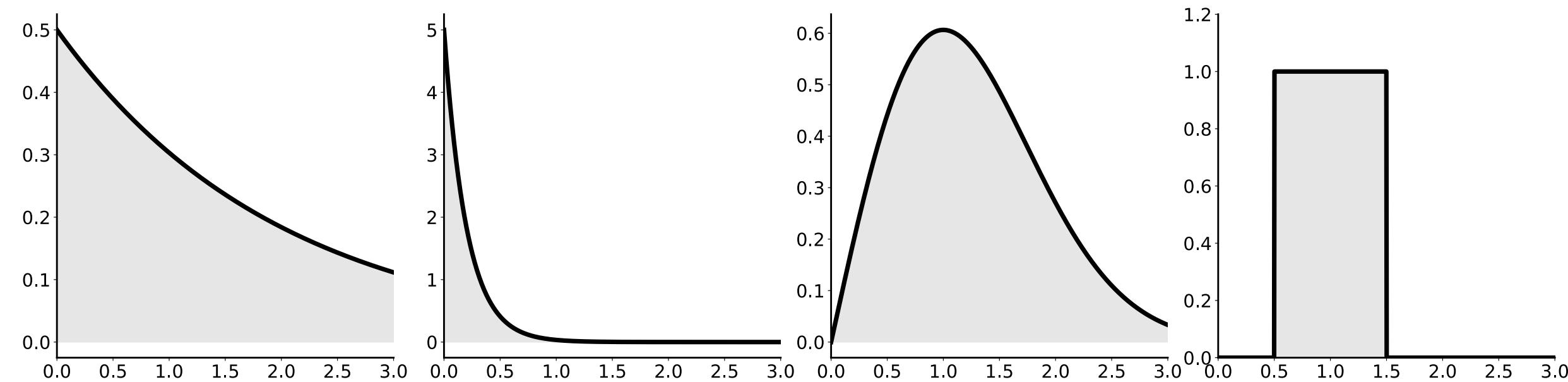
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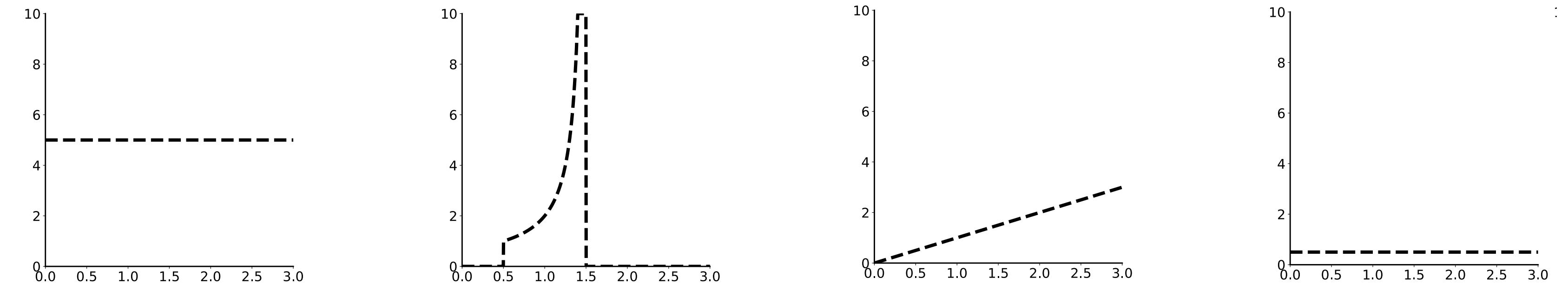
**The probability of an event happening changes over time**

# Intensity Function

**Predictive distribution:**  
PDF over inter-event times.



**Intensity Function:**  
Instantaneous rate of  
event happening at  $t$ .

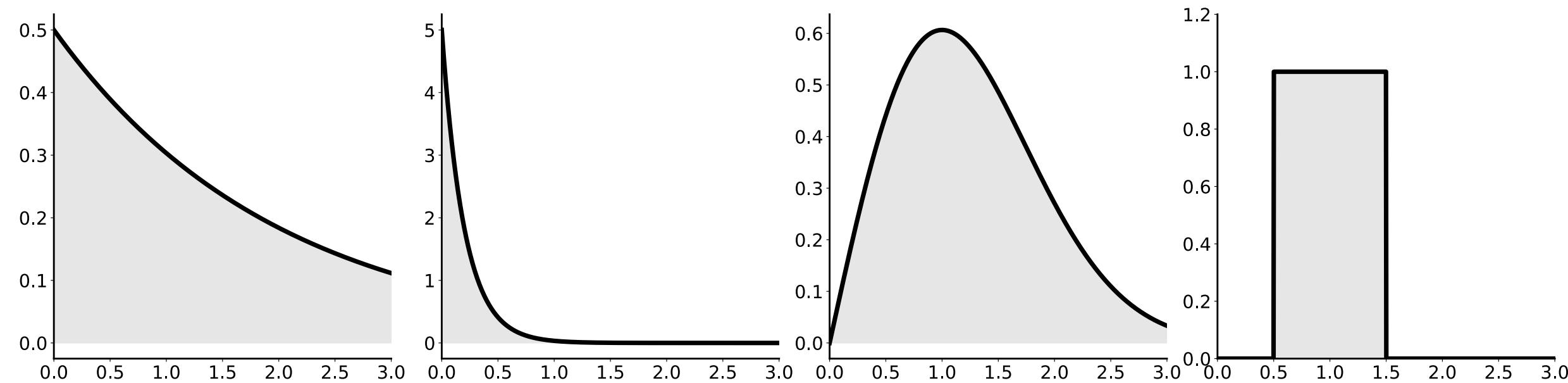


**Questions:**  
Which PDF corresponds to each intensity function  
Which PDF corresponds to which intensity function?  
How can we convert them into each other?

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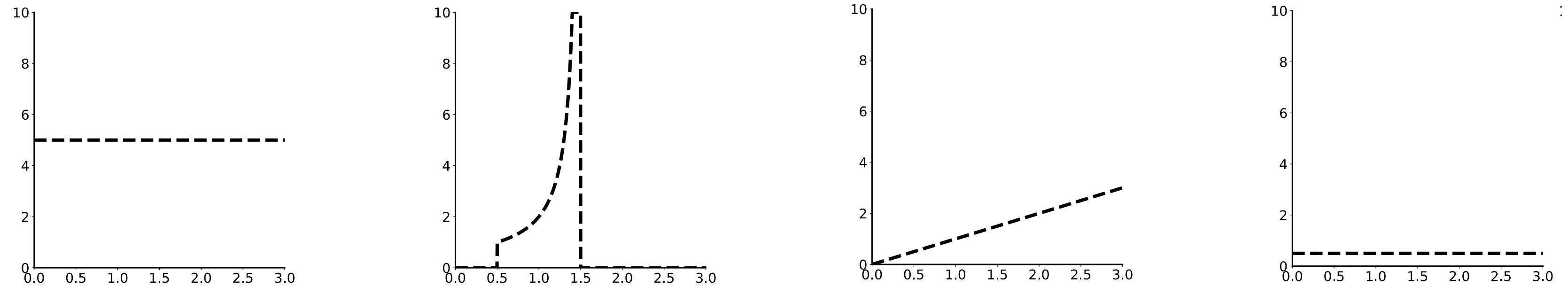
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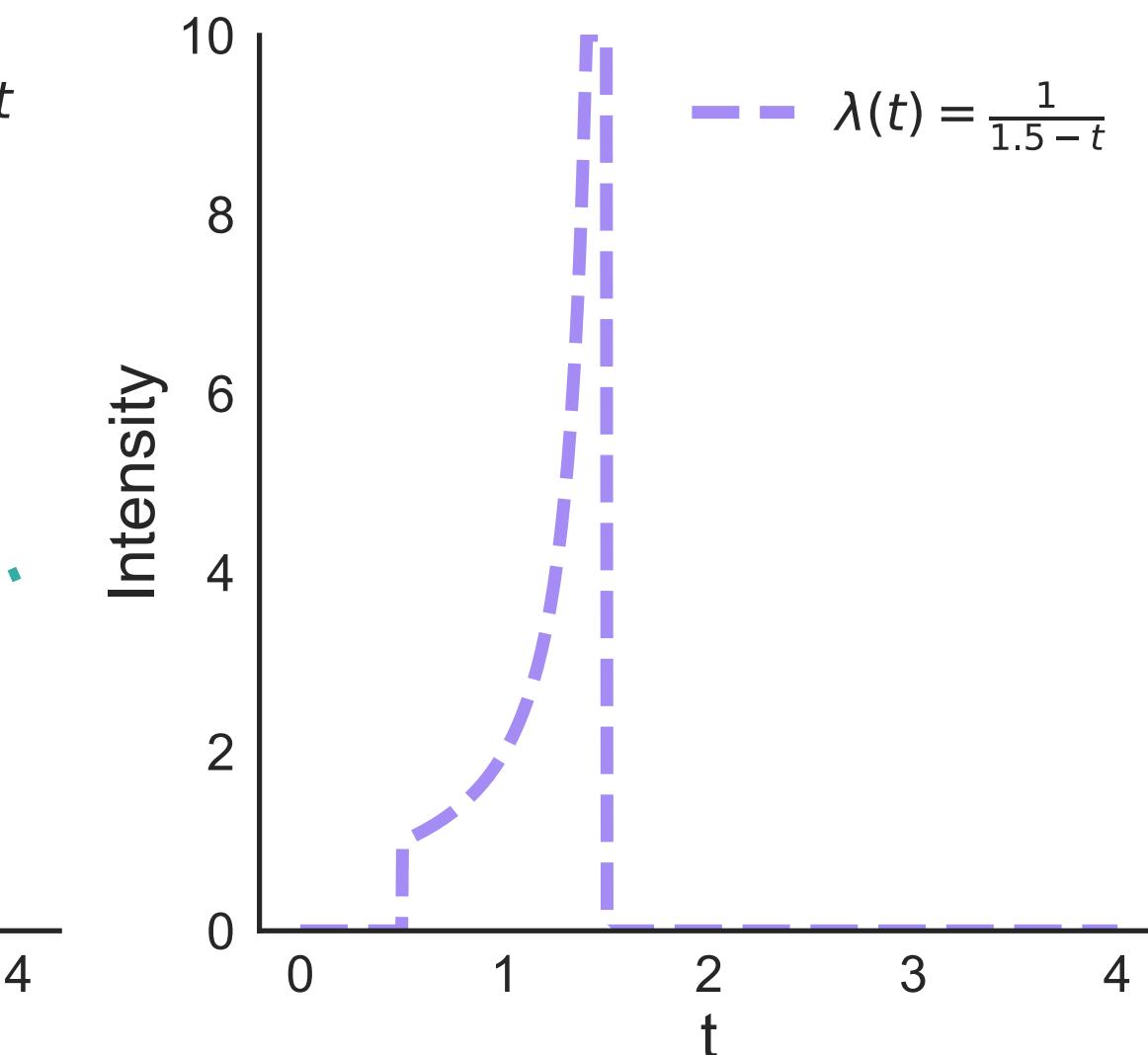
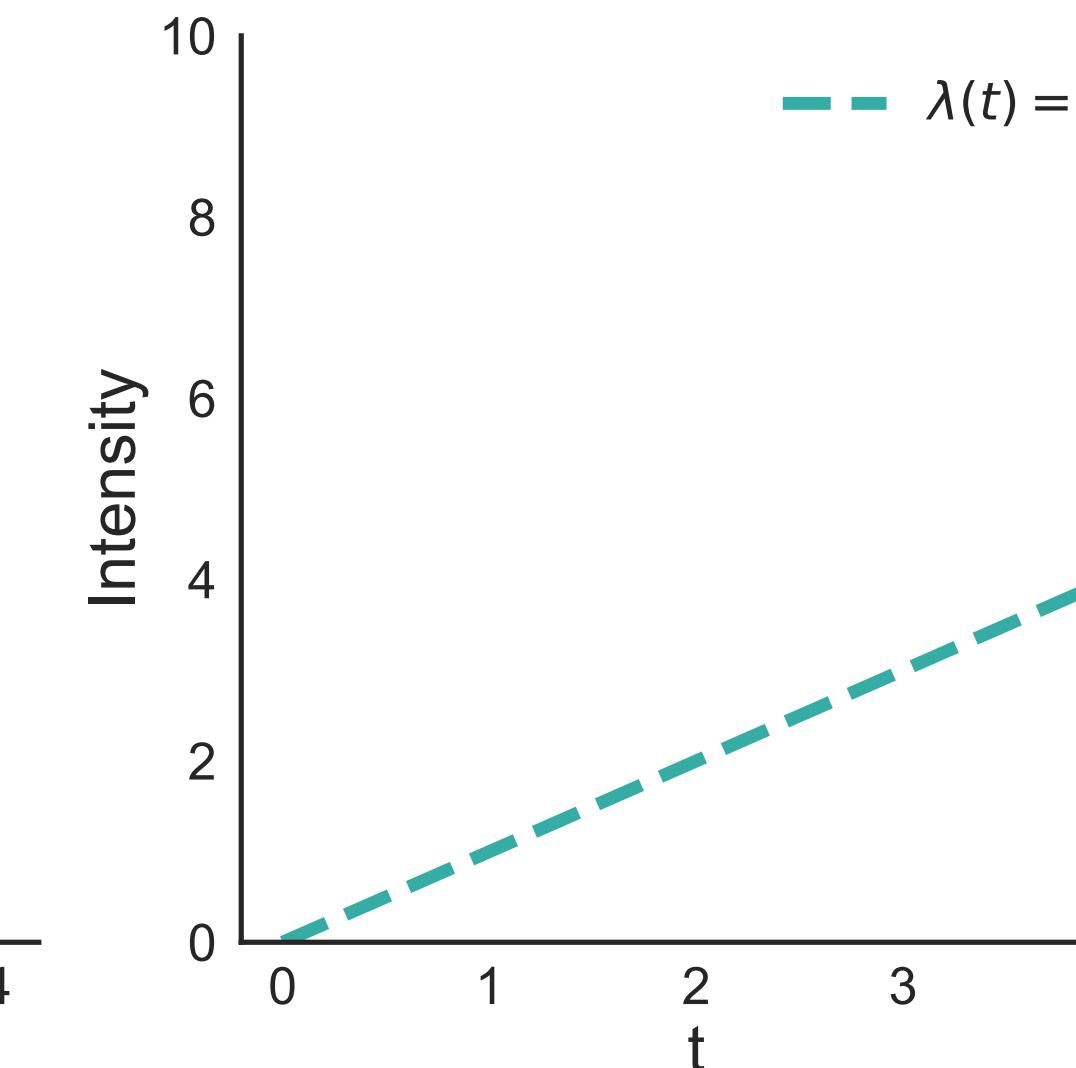
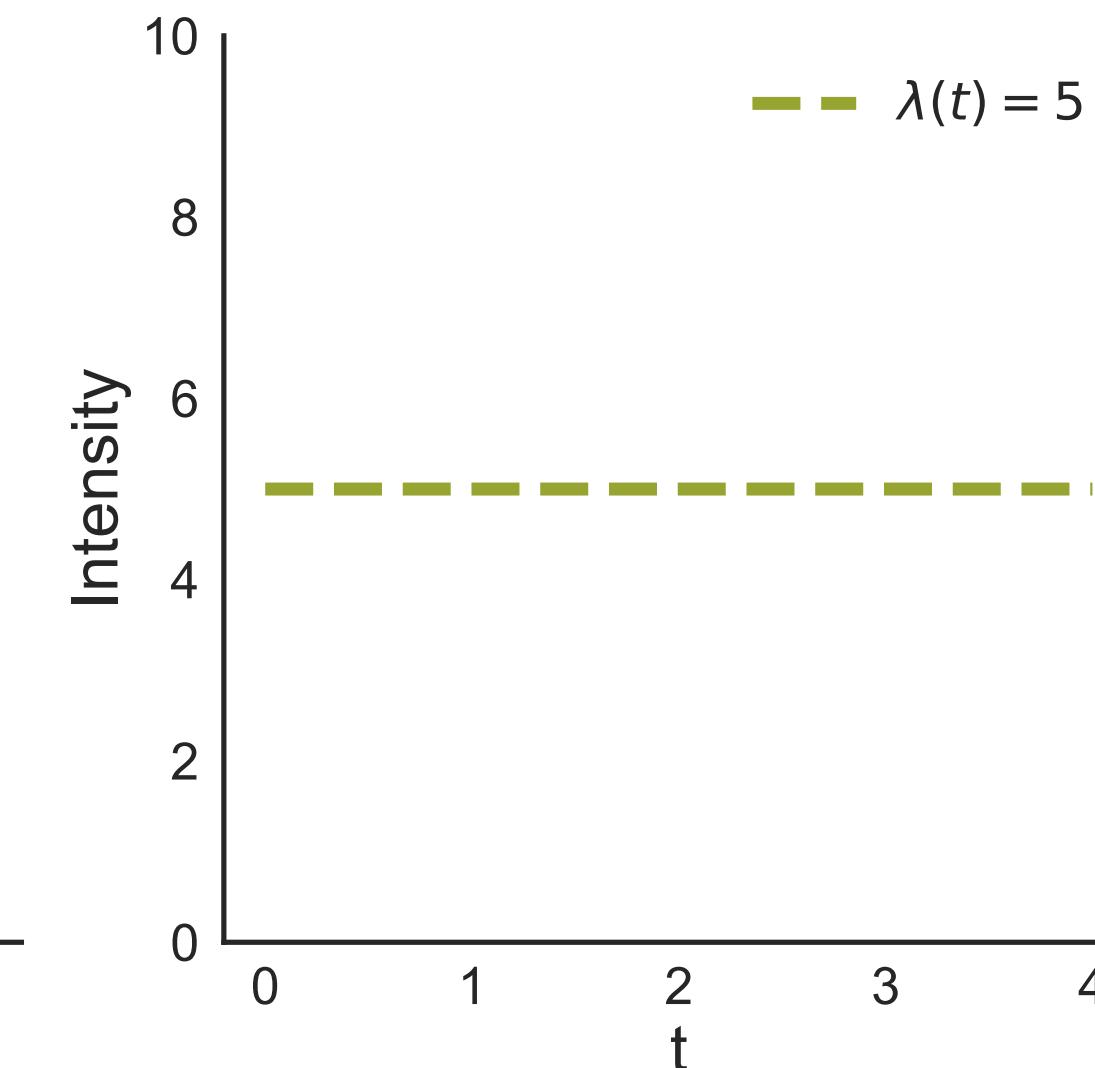
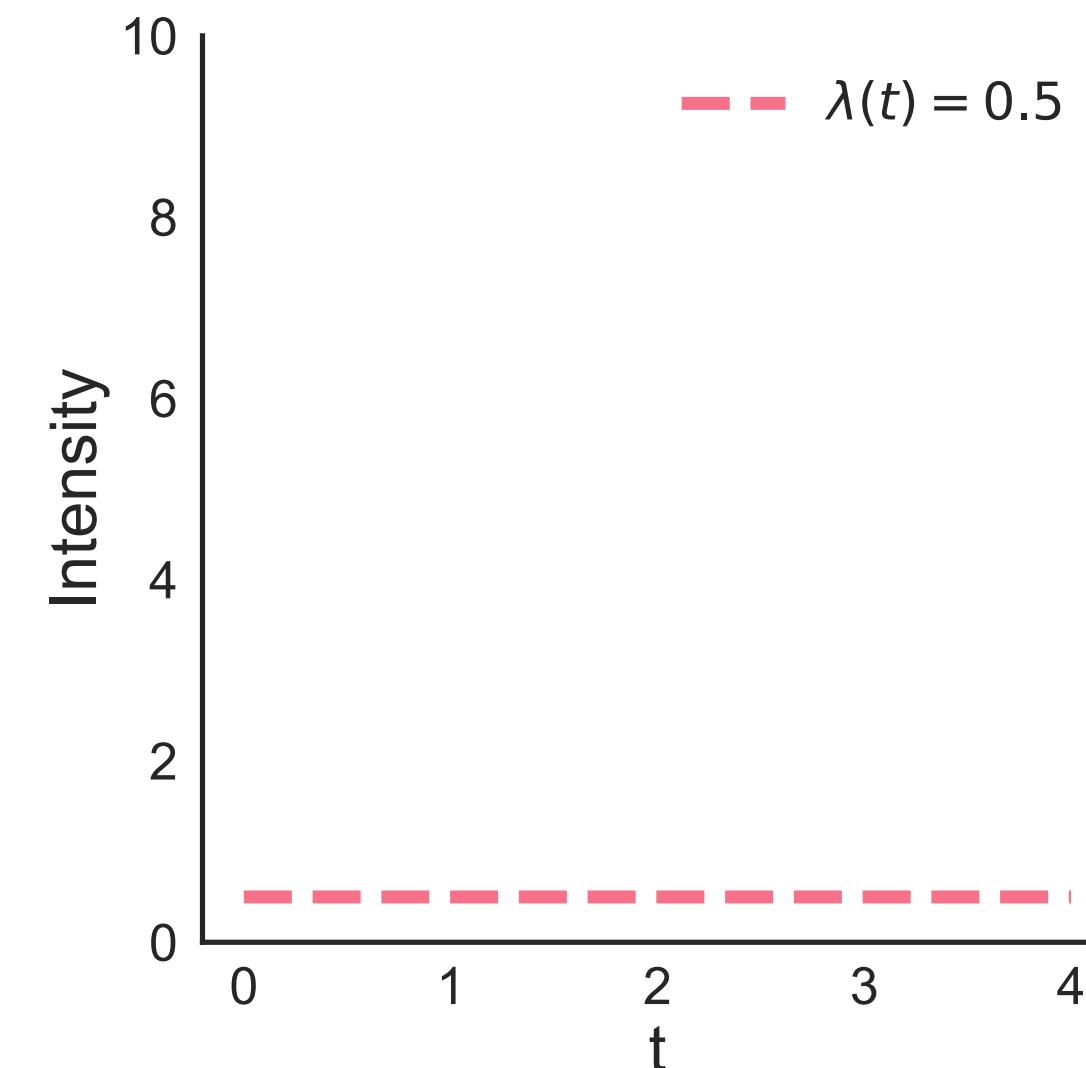
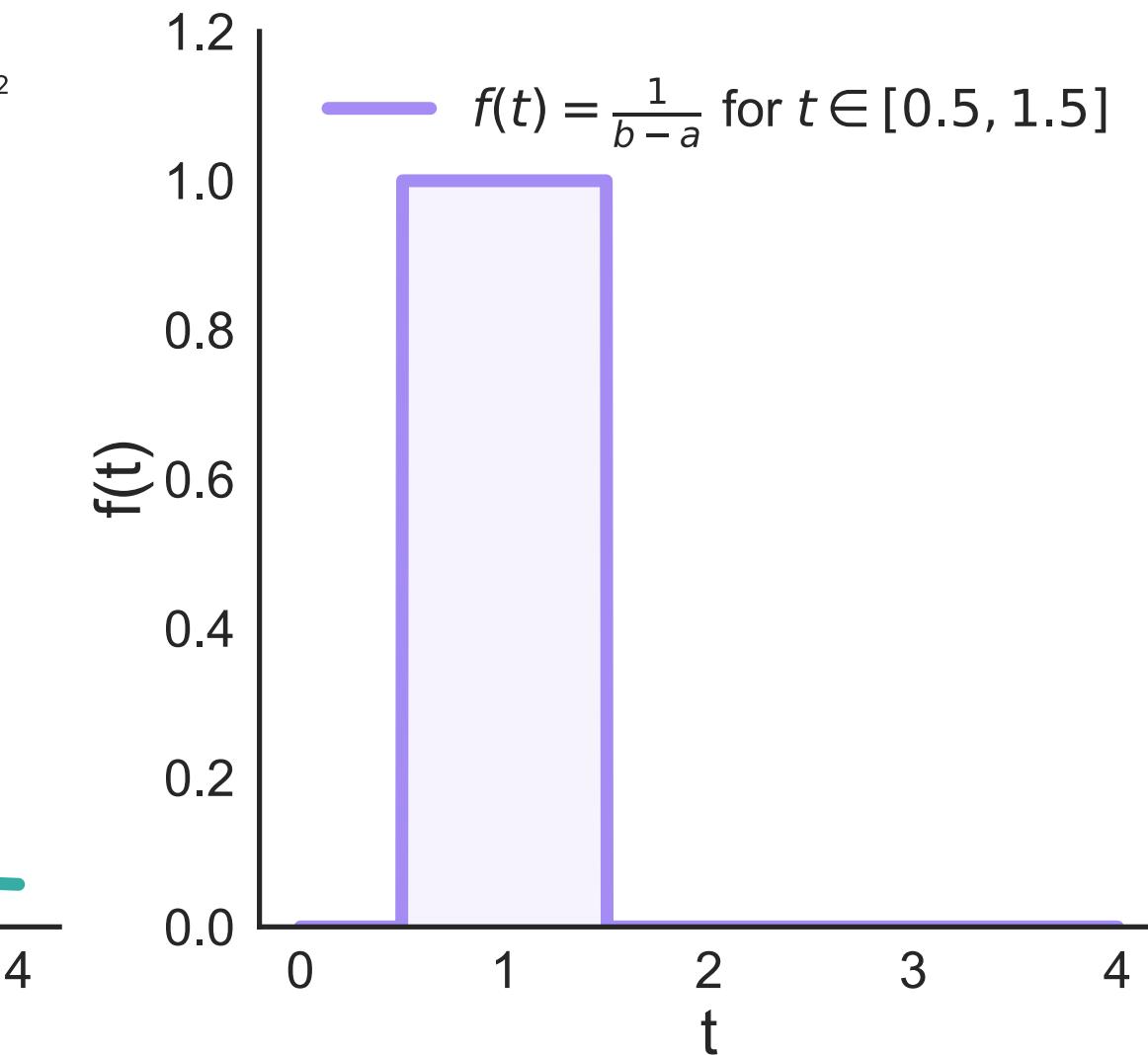
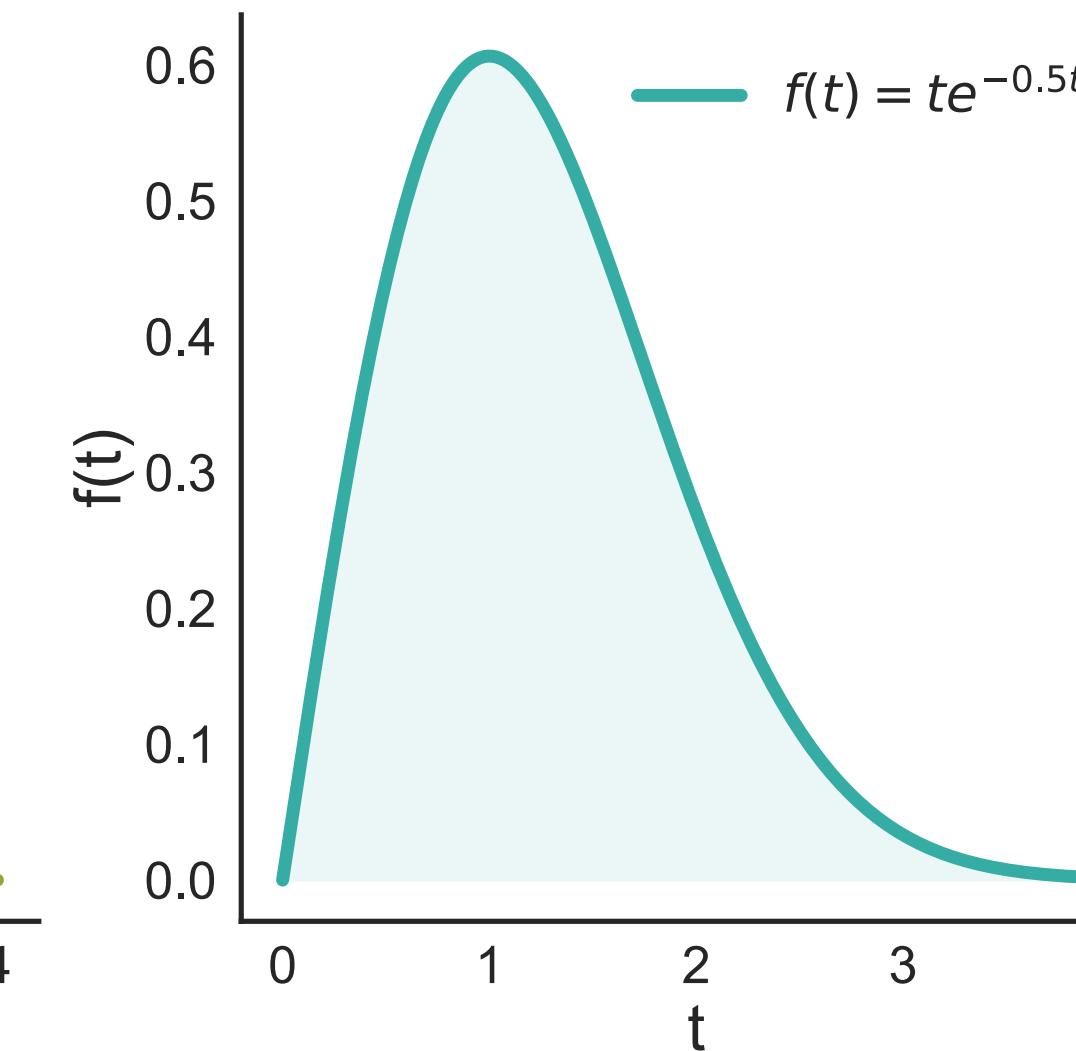
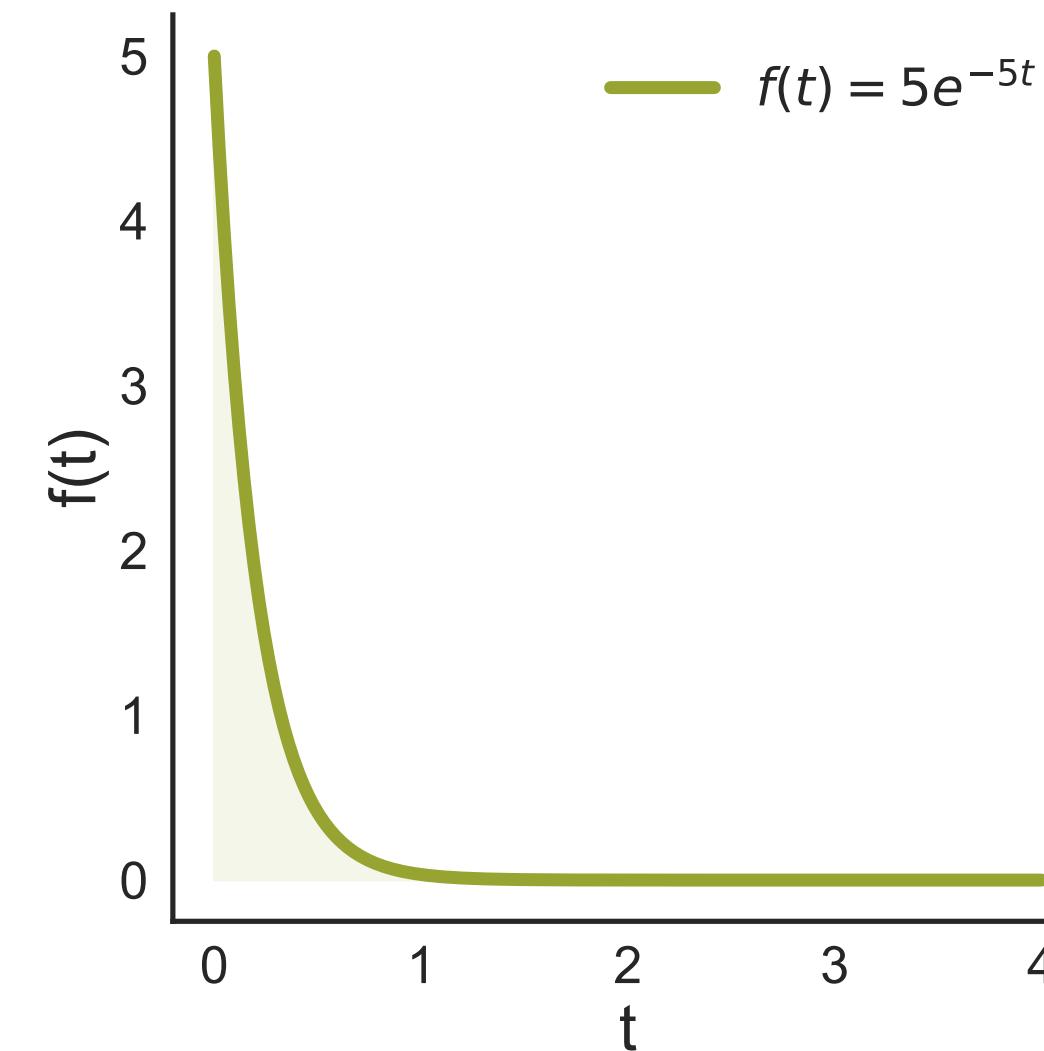
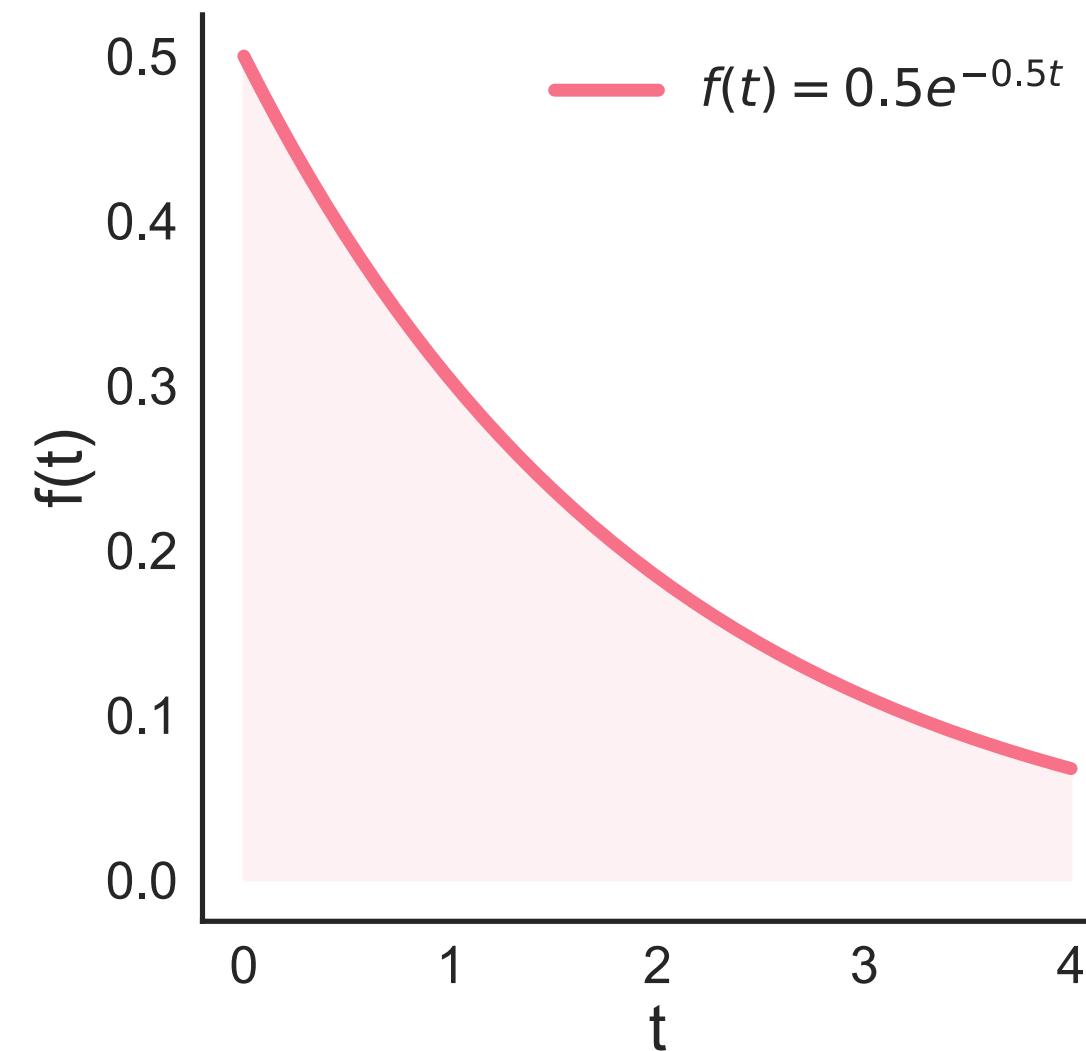
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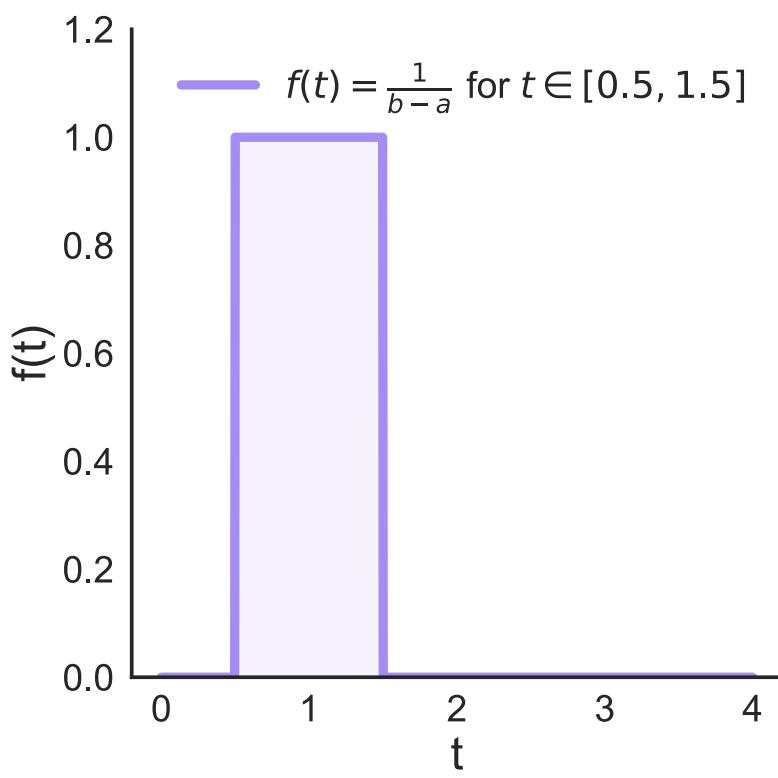
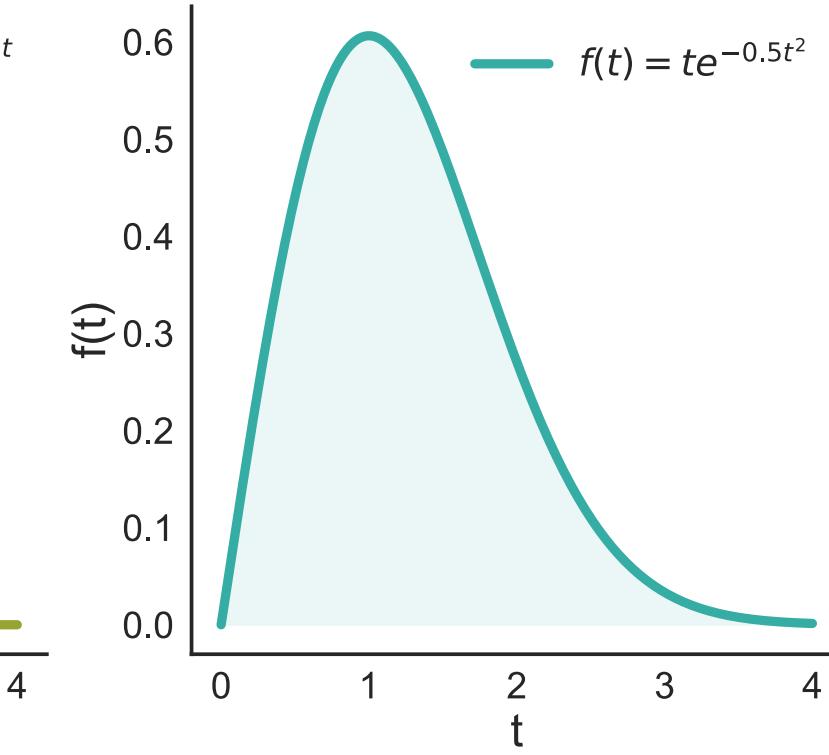
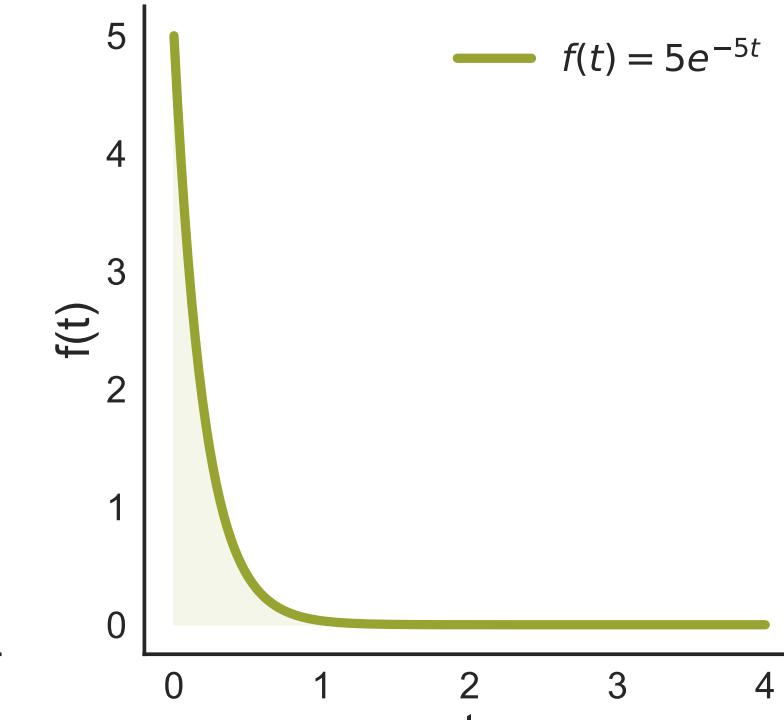
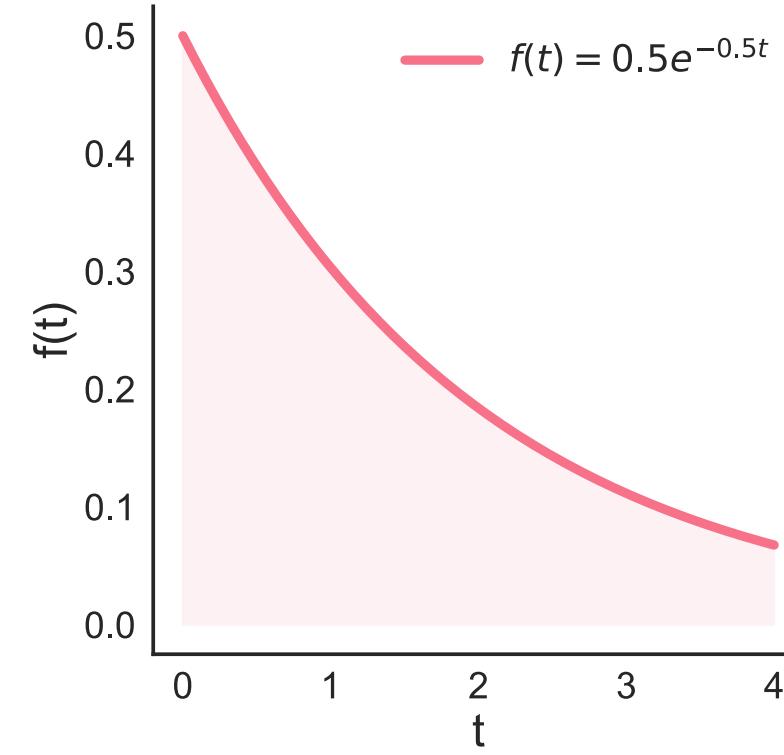
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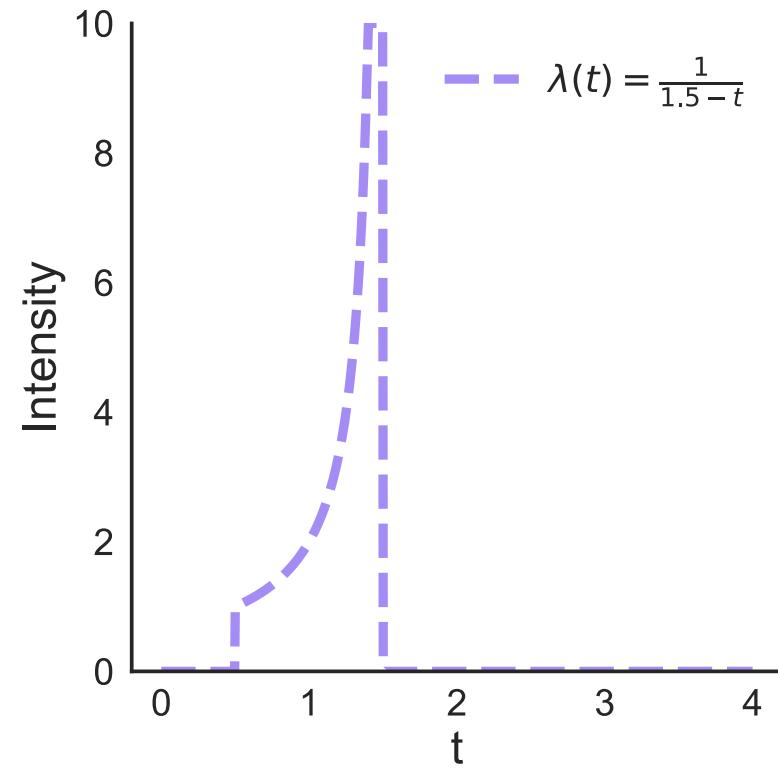
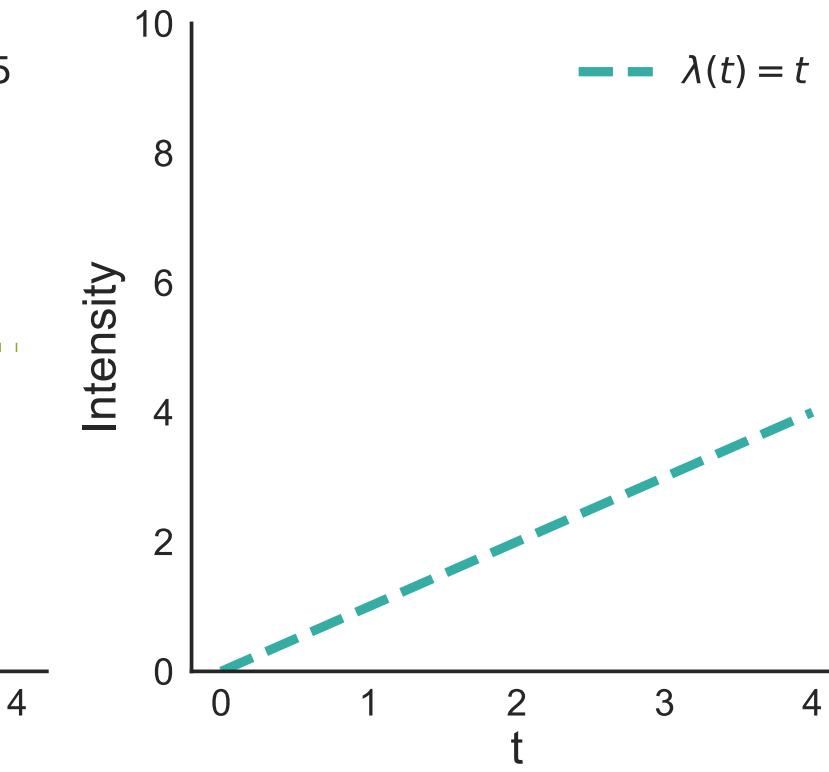
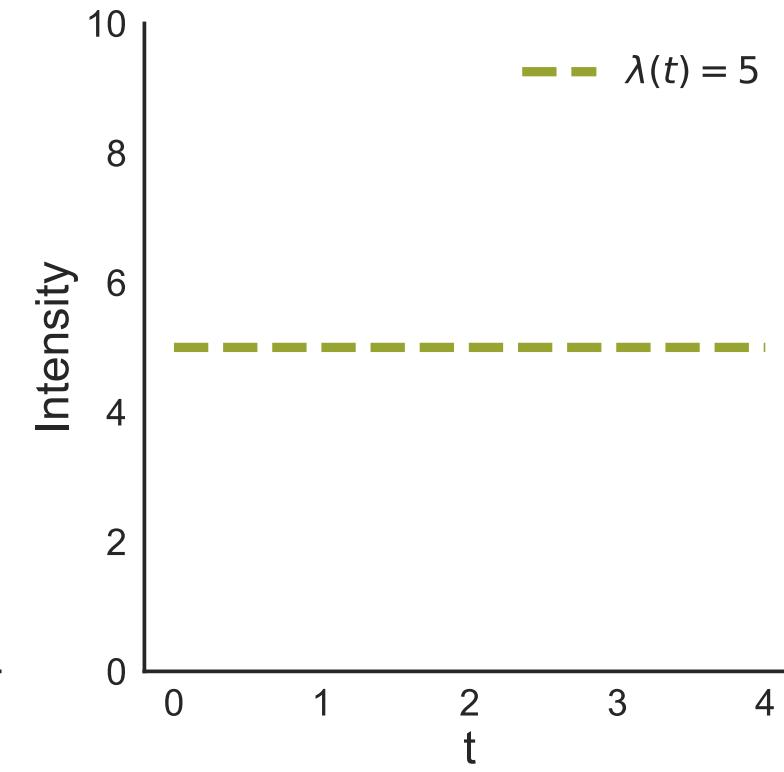
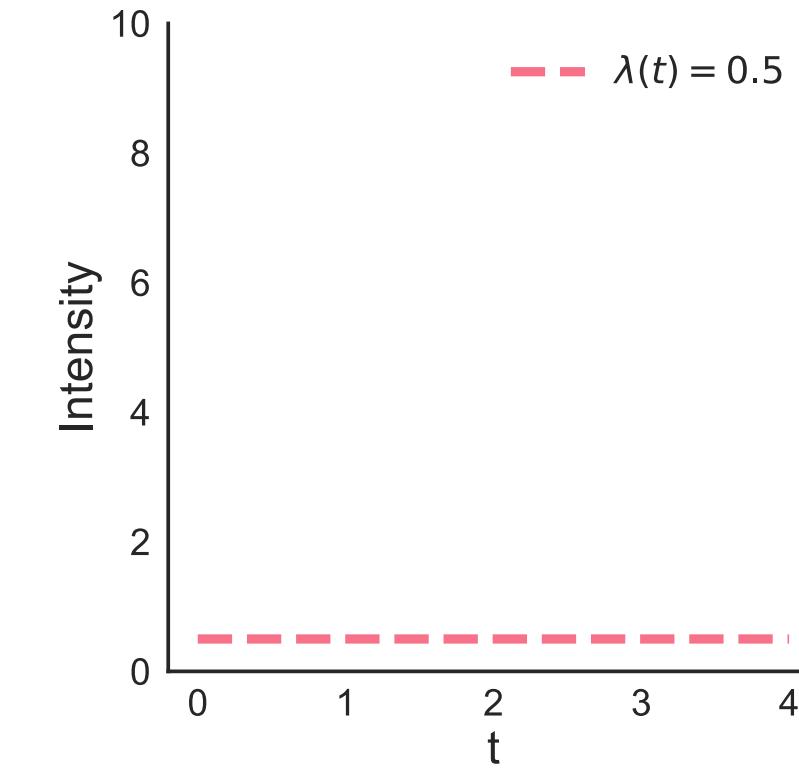
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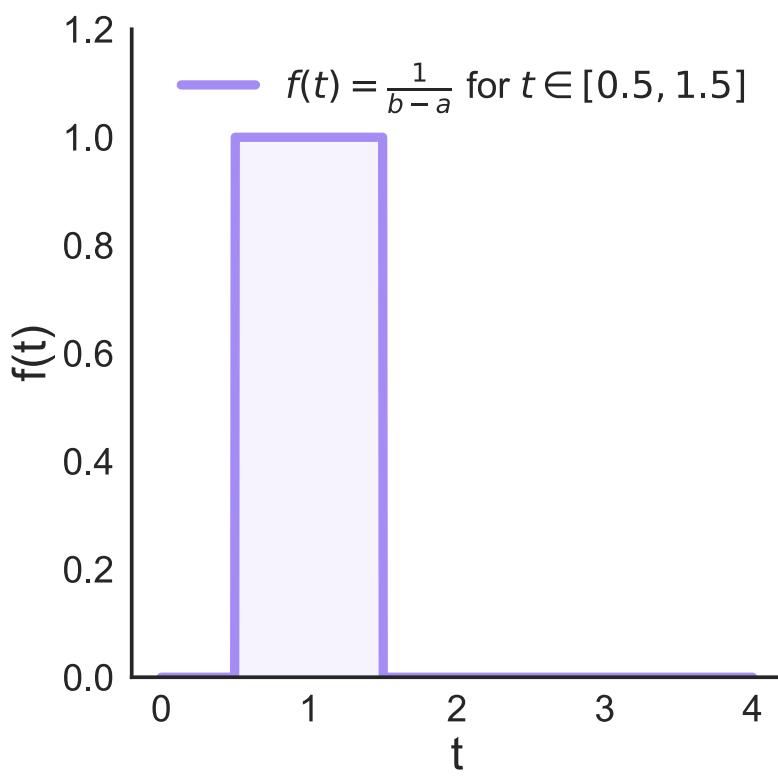
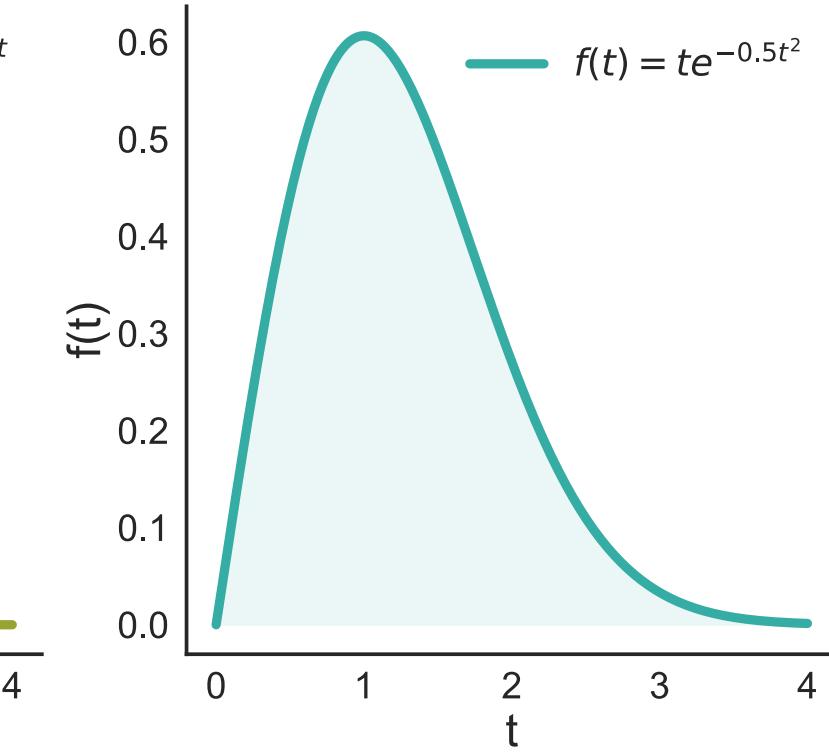
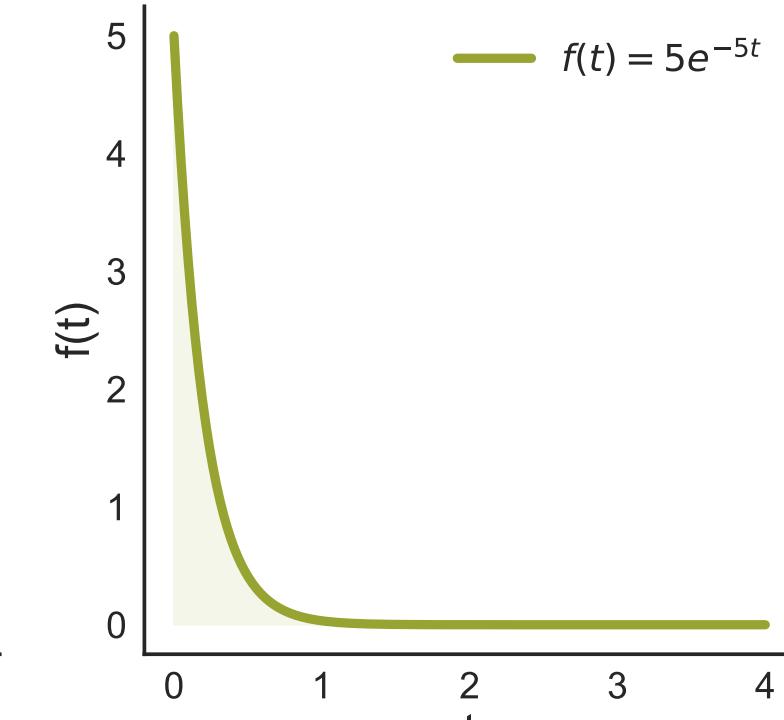
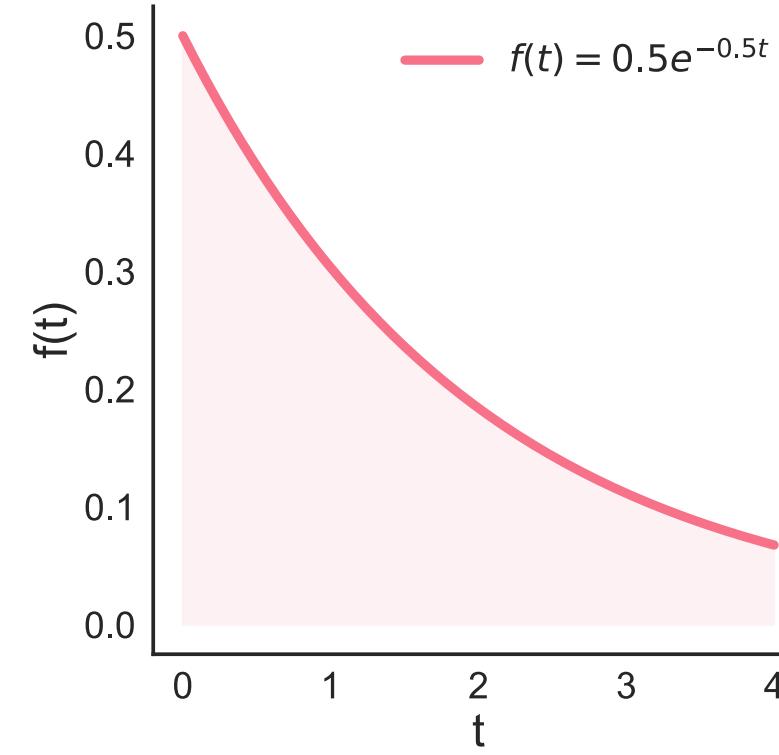
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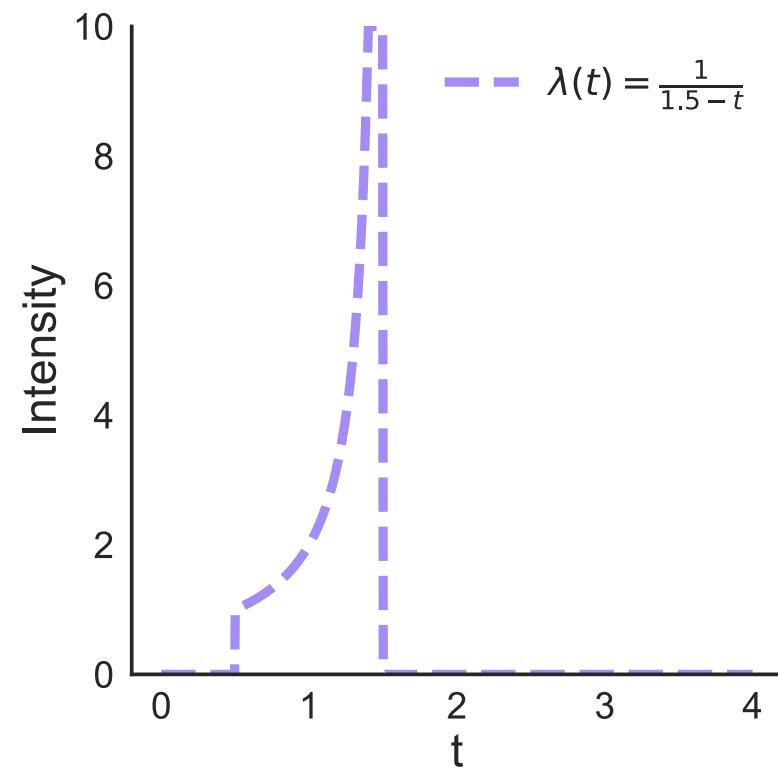
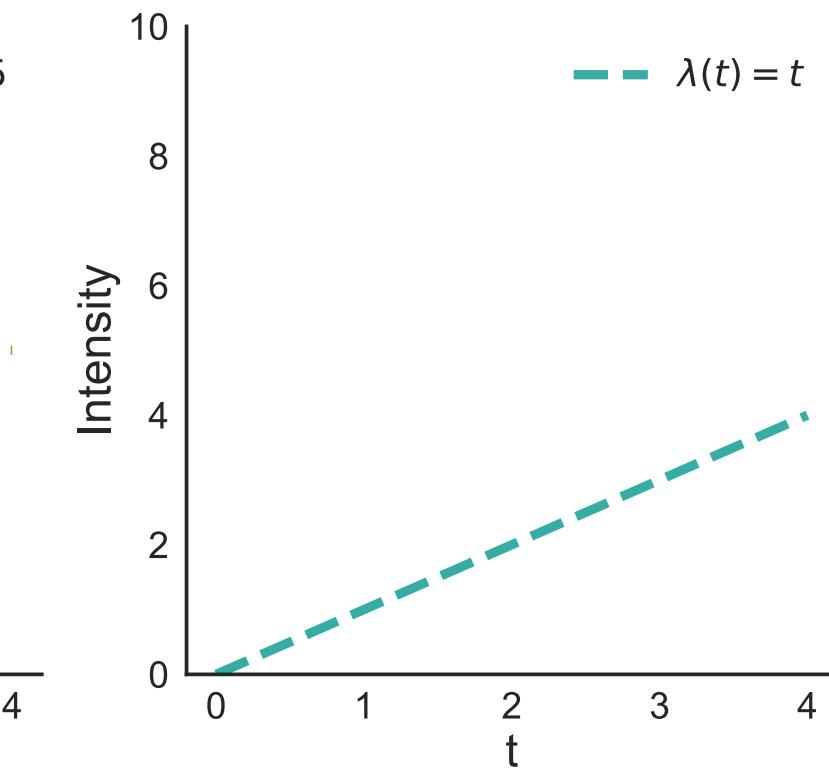
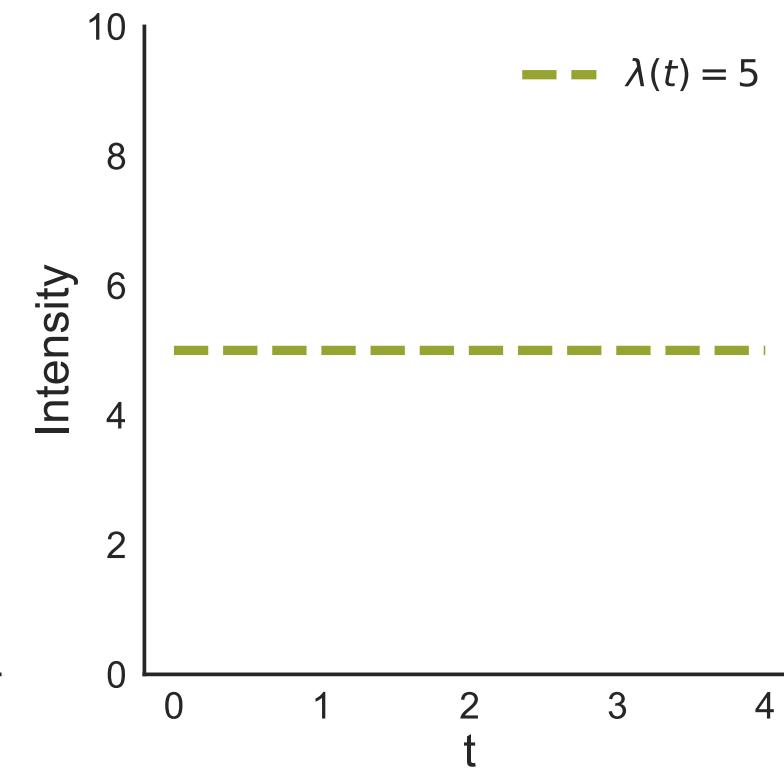
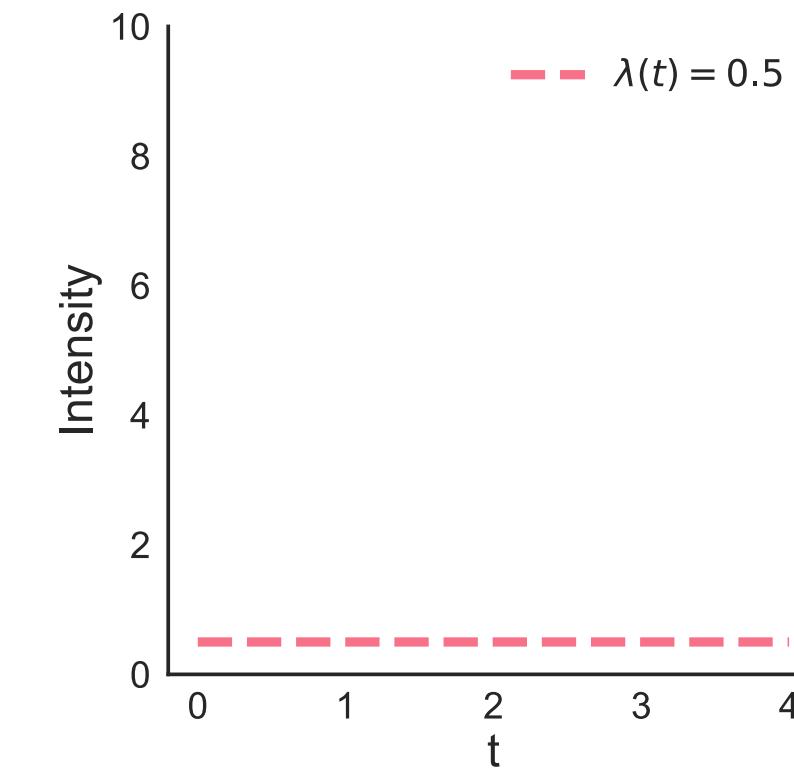
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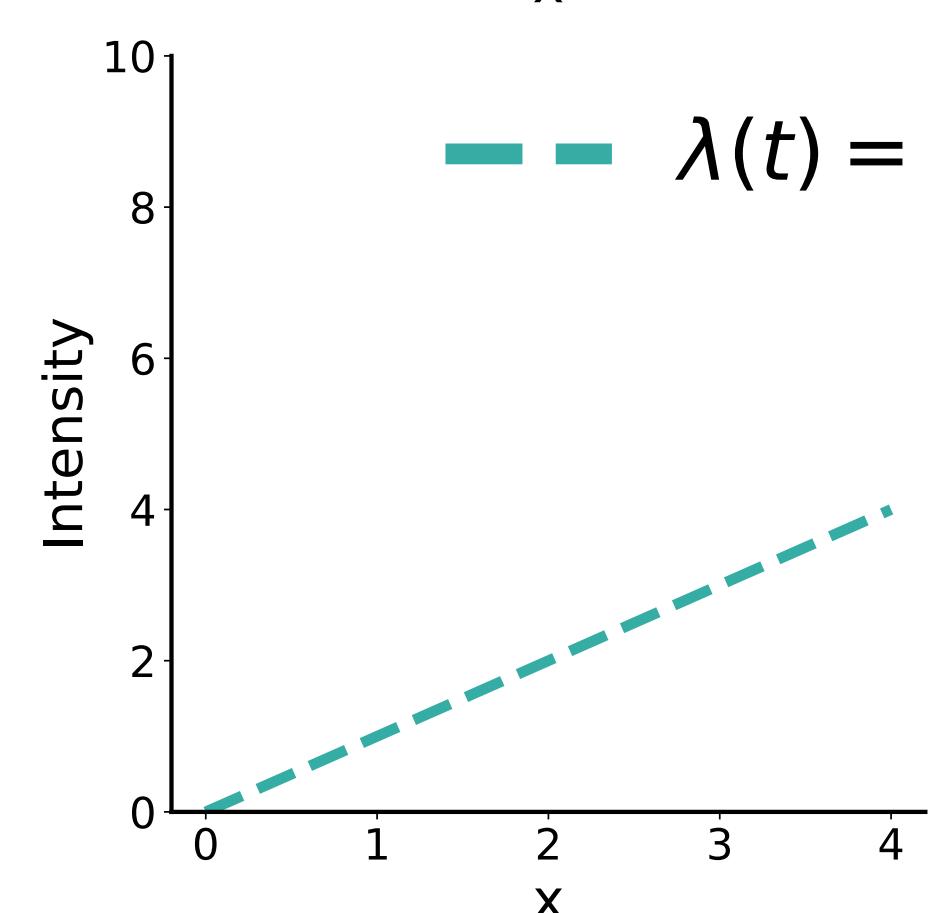
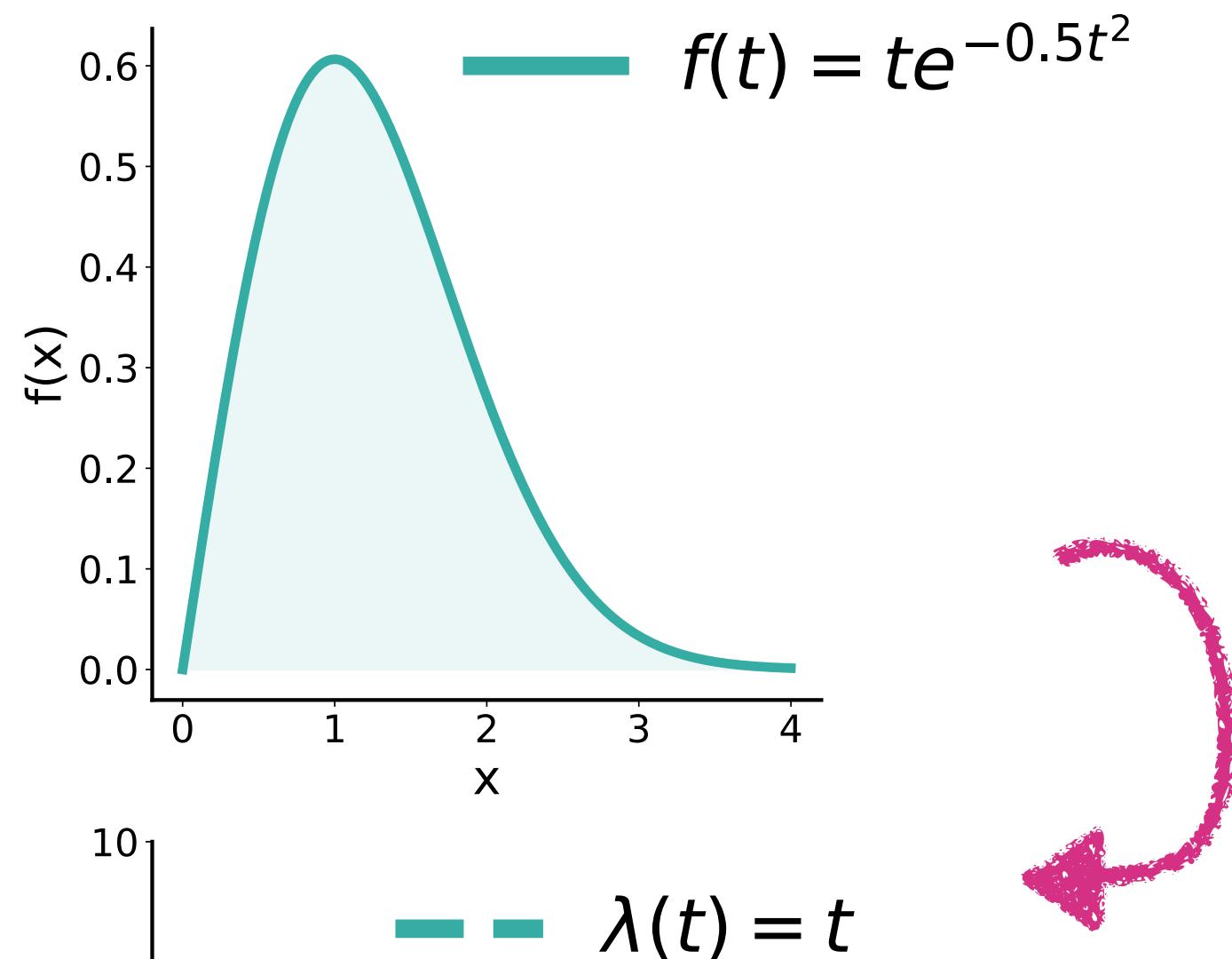
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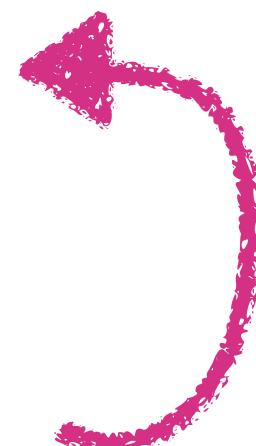
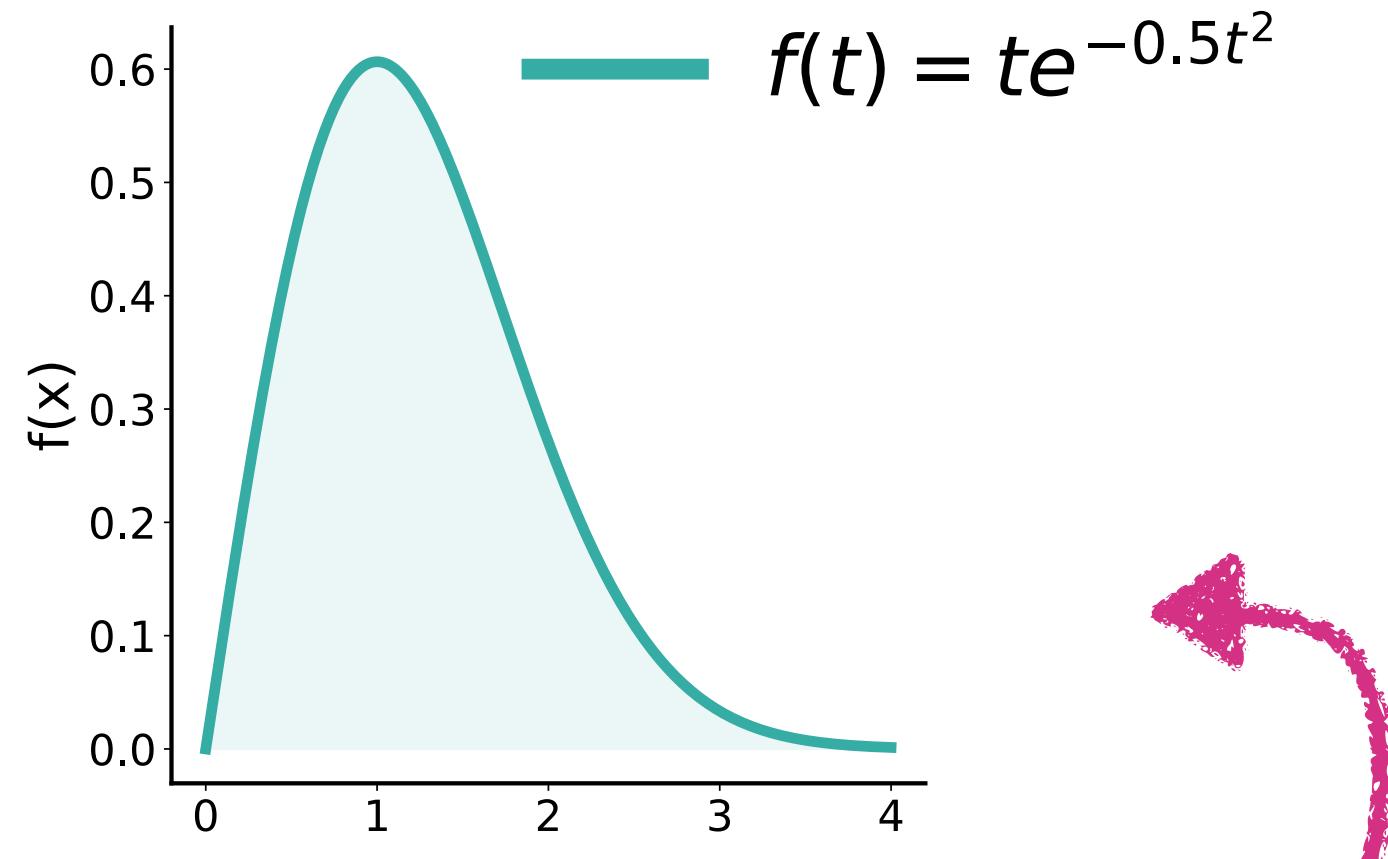
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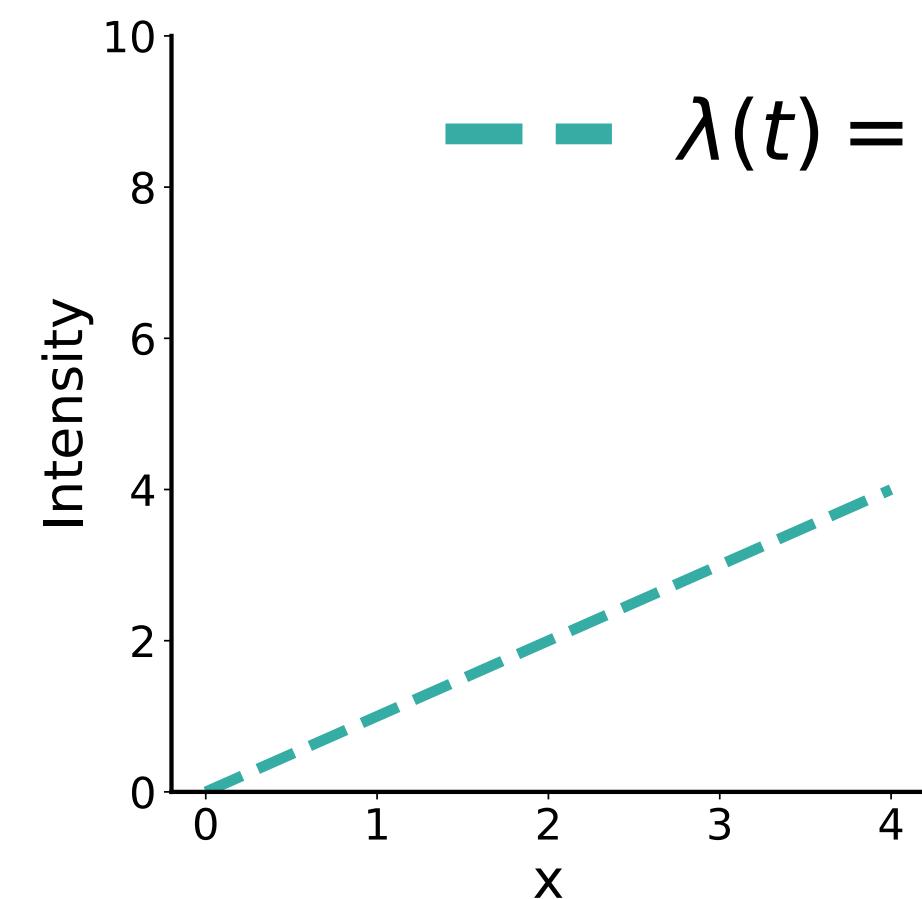
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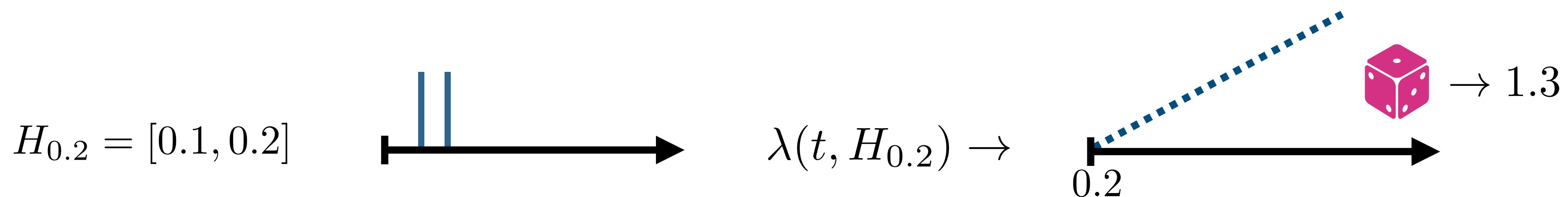
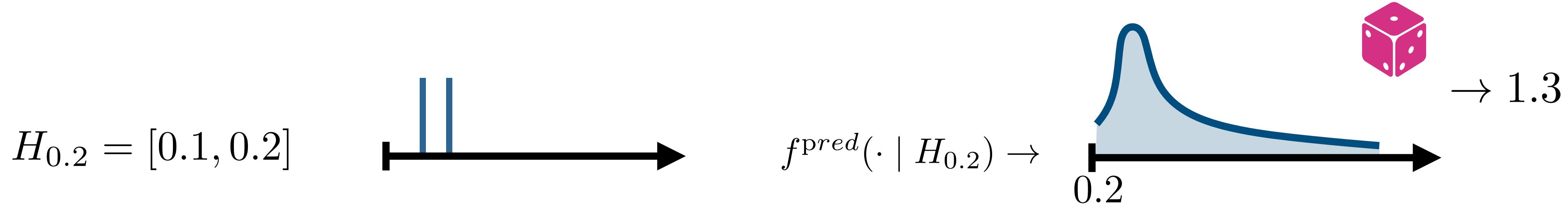
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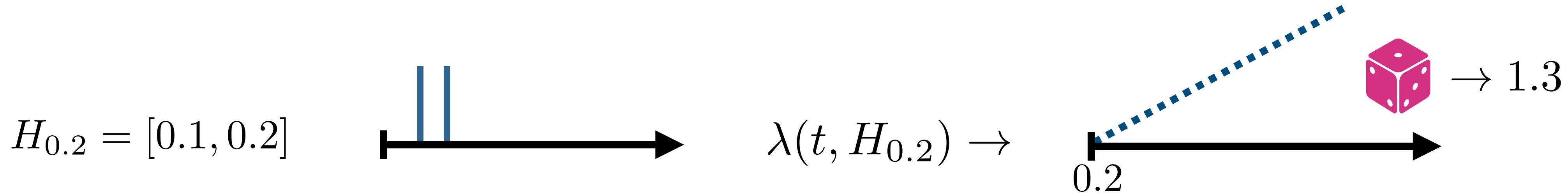
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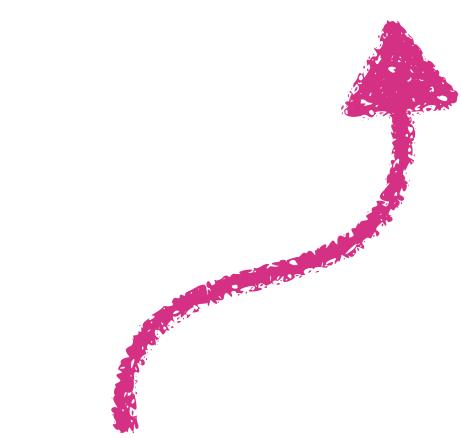


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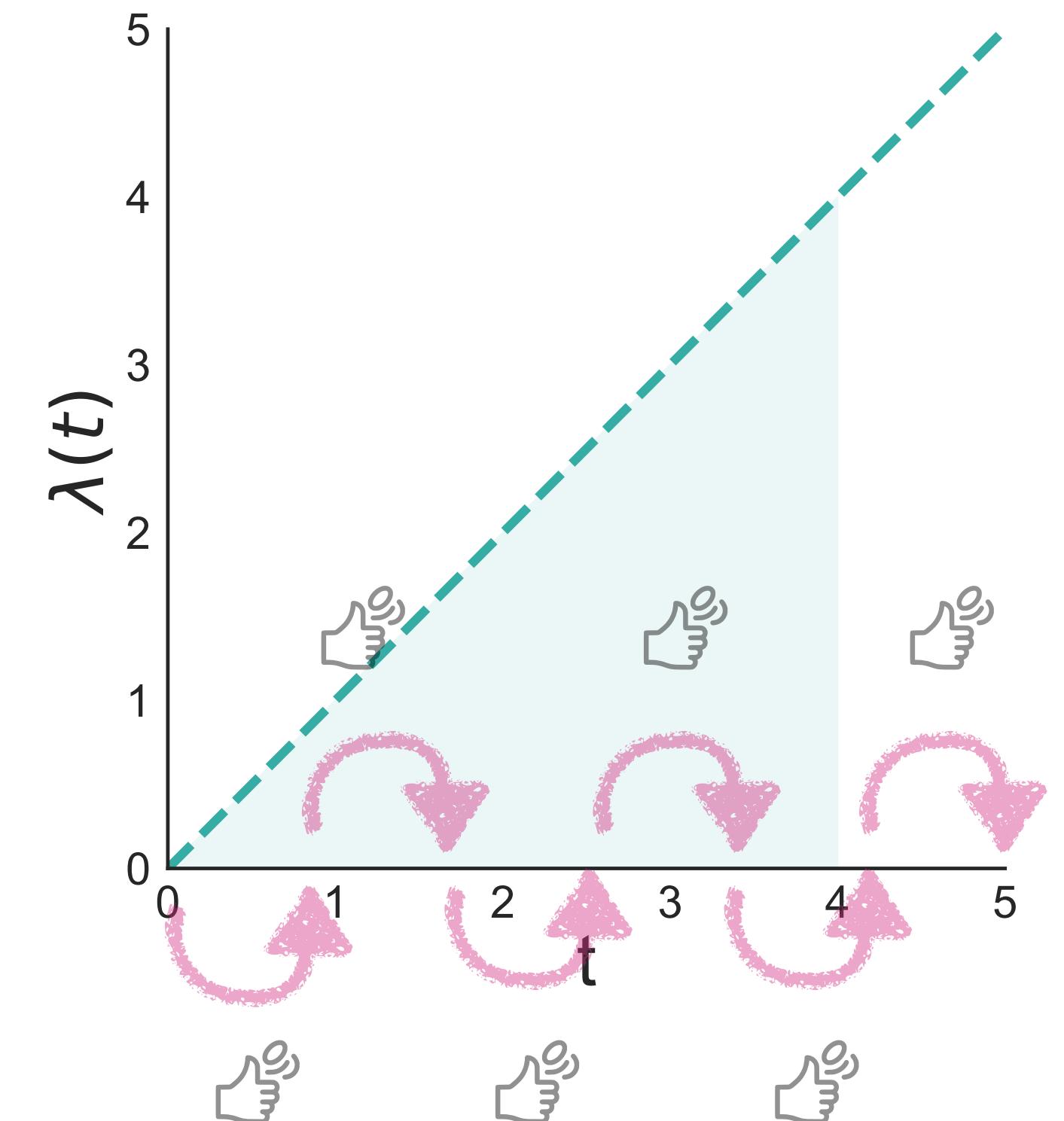
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1. **Discretize Time:** Choose a small time step  $\Delta t$ .
2. **Biased Coin:** At each time step  $t$ , use a biased coin to decide whether an event occurs. The probability  $p_t$  of the event occurring in each time step is given by  $p_t = \lambda(t)\Delta t$ .
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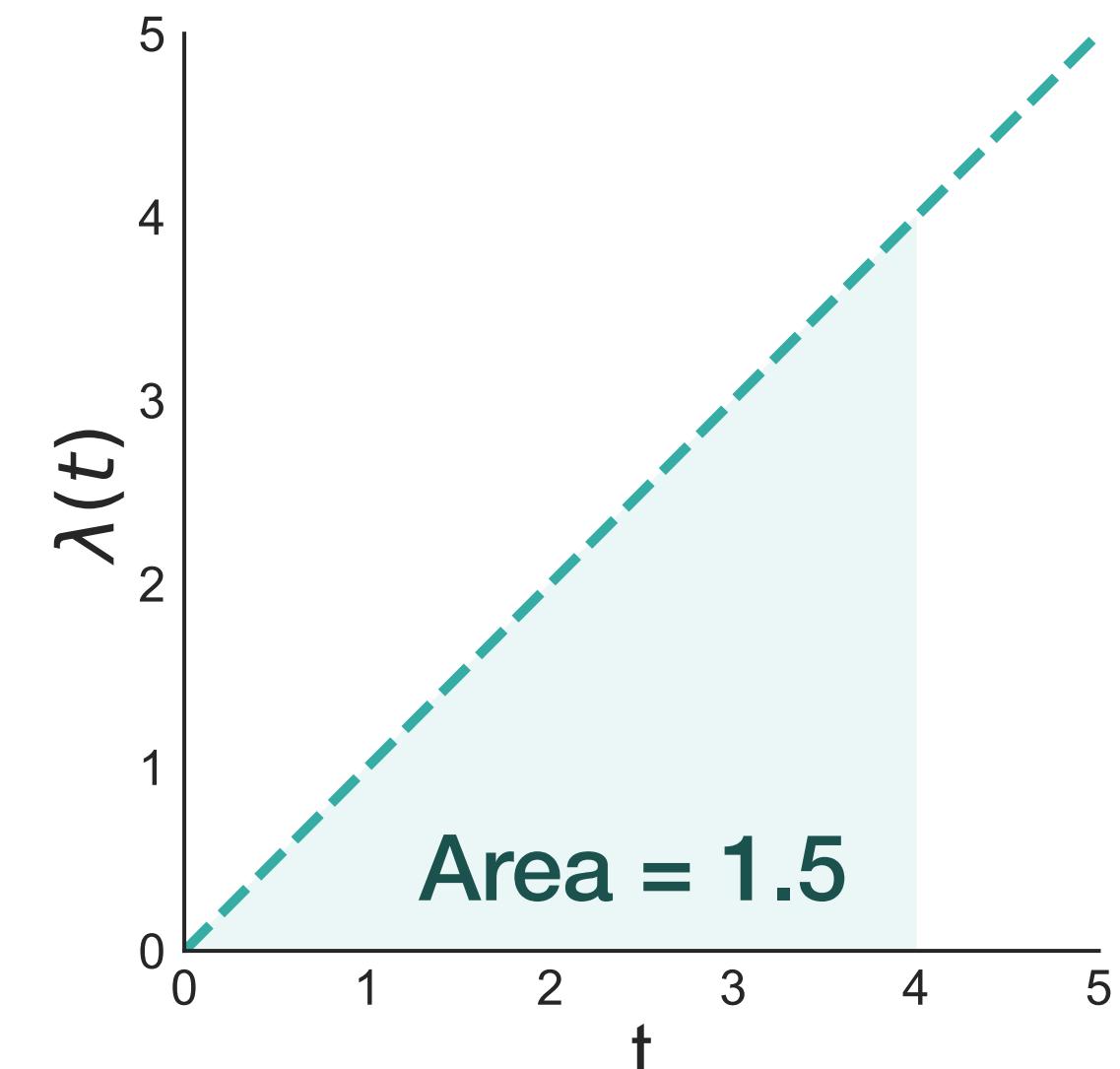
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$$\int_0^T \lambda(t) dt = E.$$

4. **Event Occurrence:** The time  $T$  at which this condition is first met is the time at which the event occurs.



$$E = 1.5 \implies T = 3$$

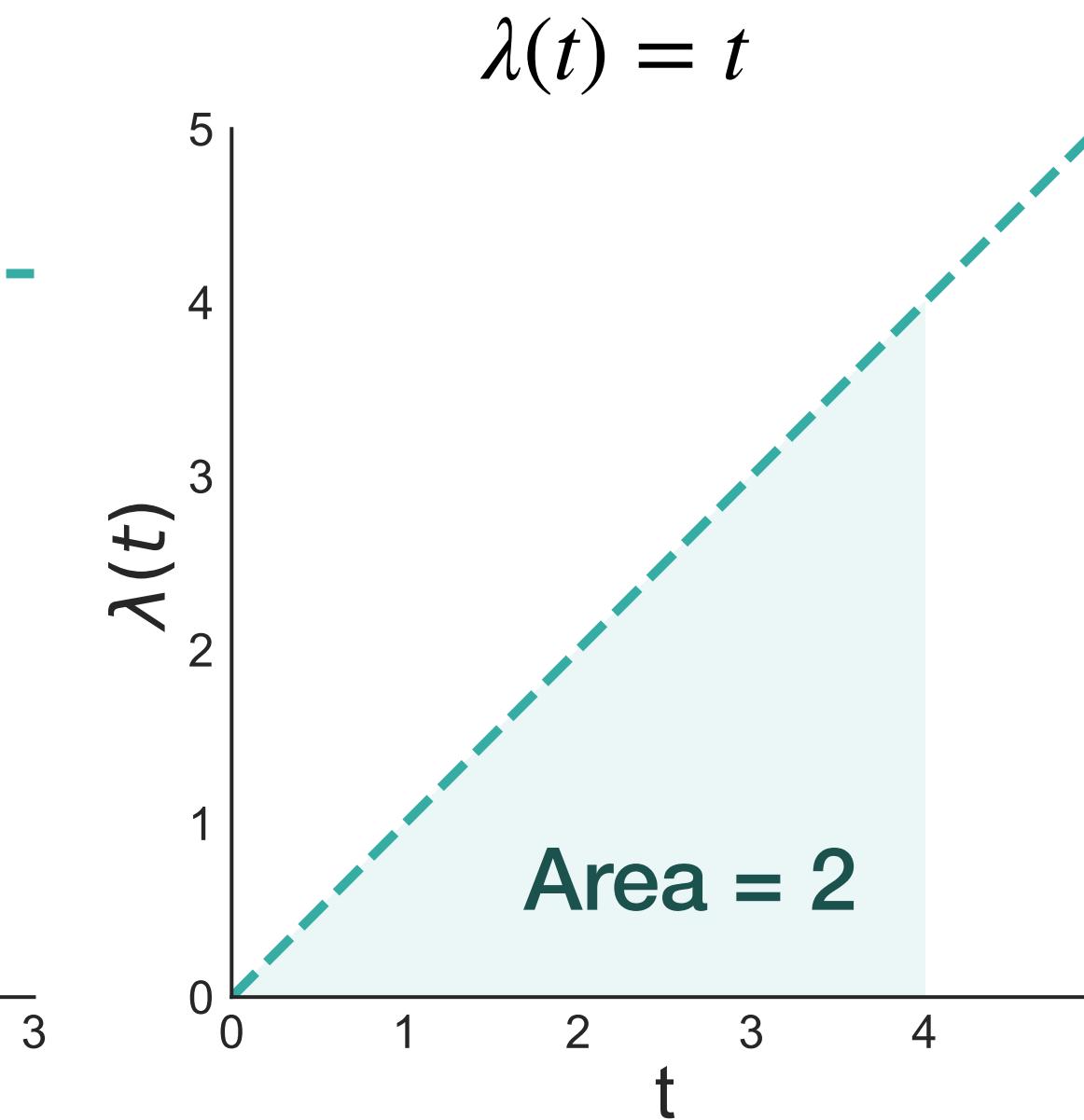
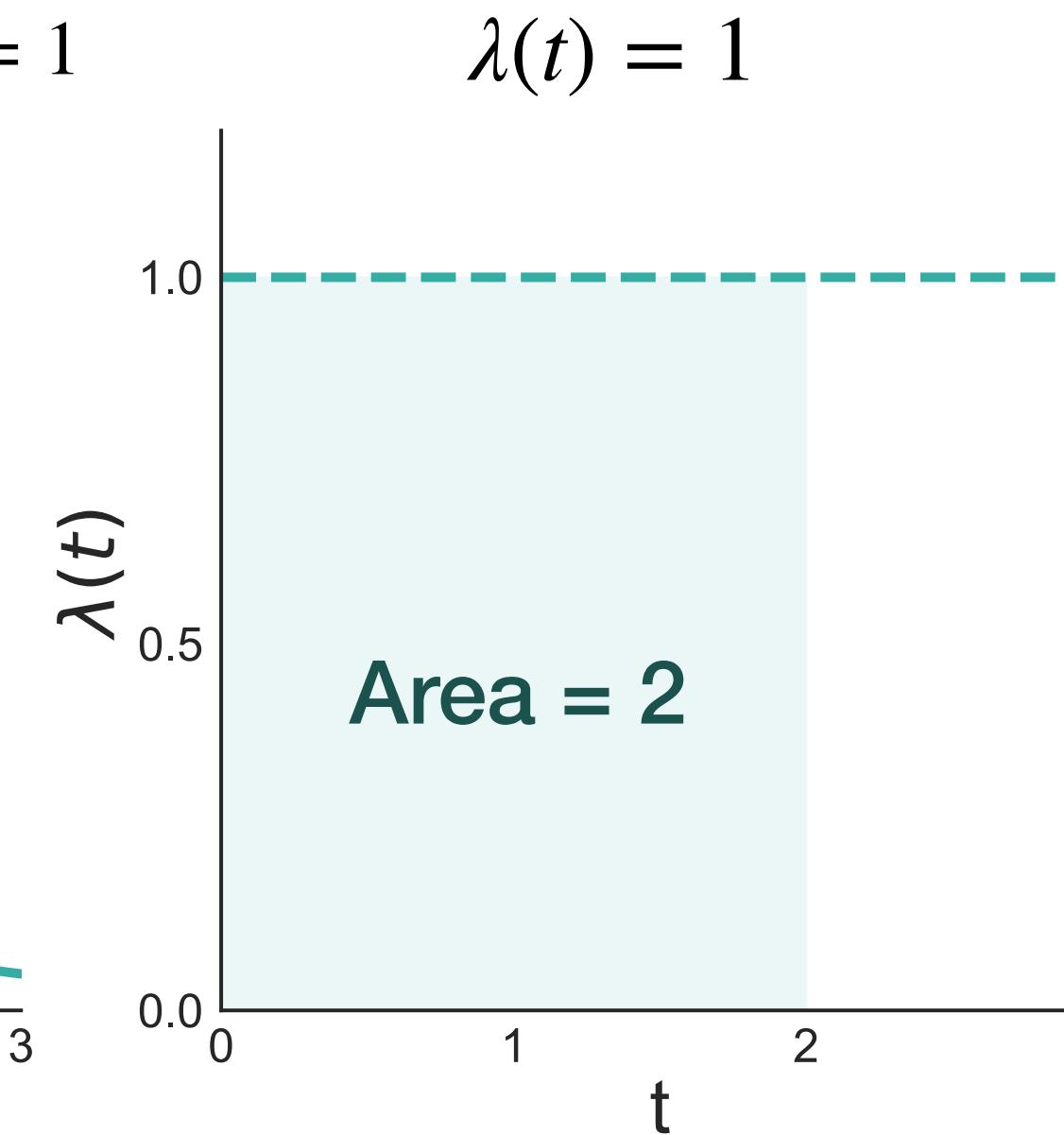
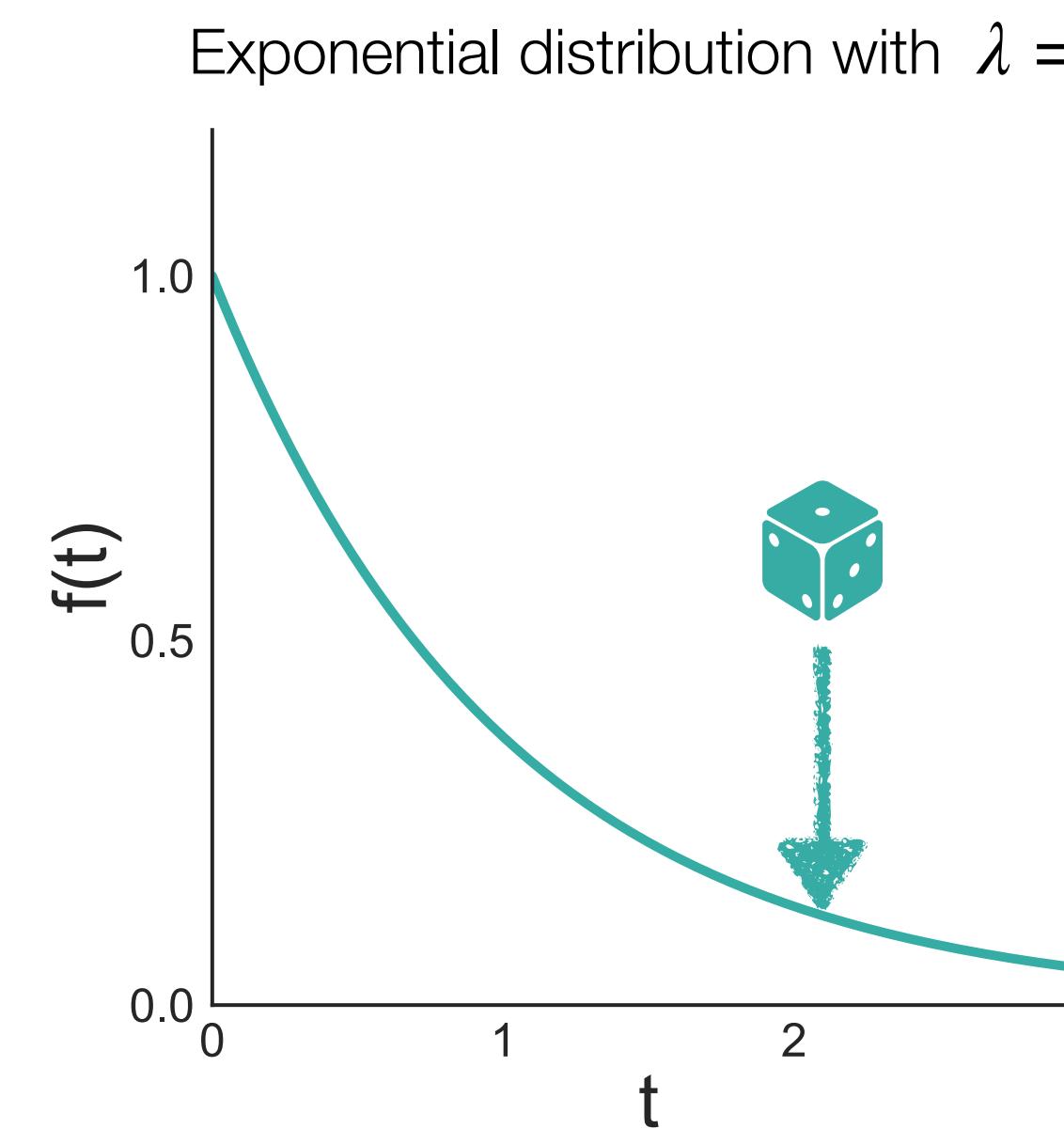
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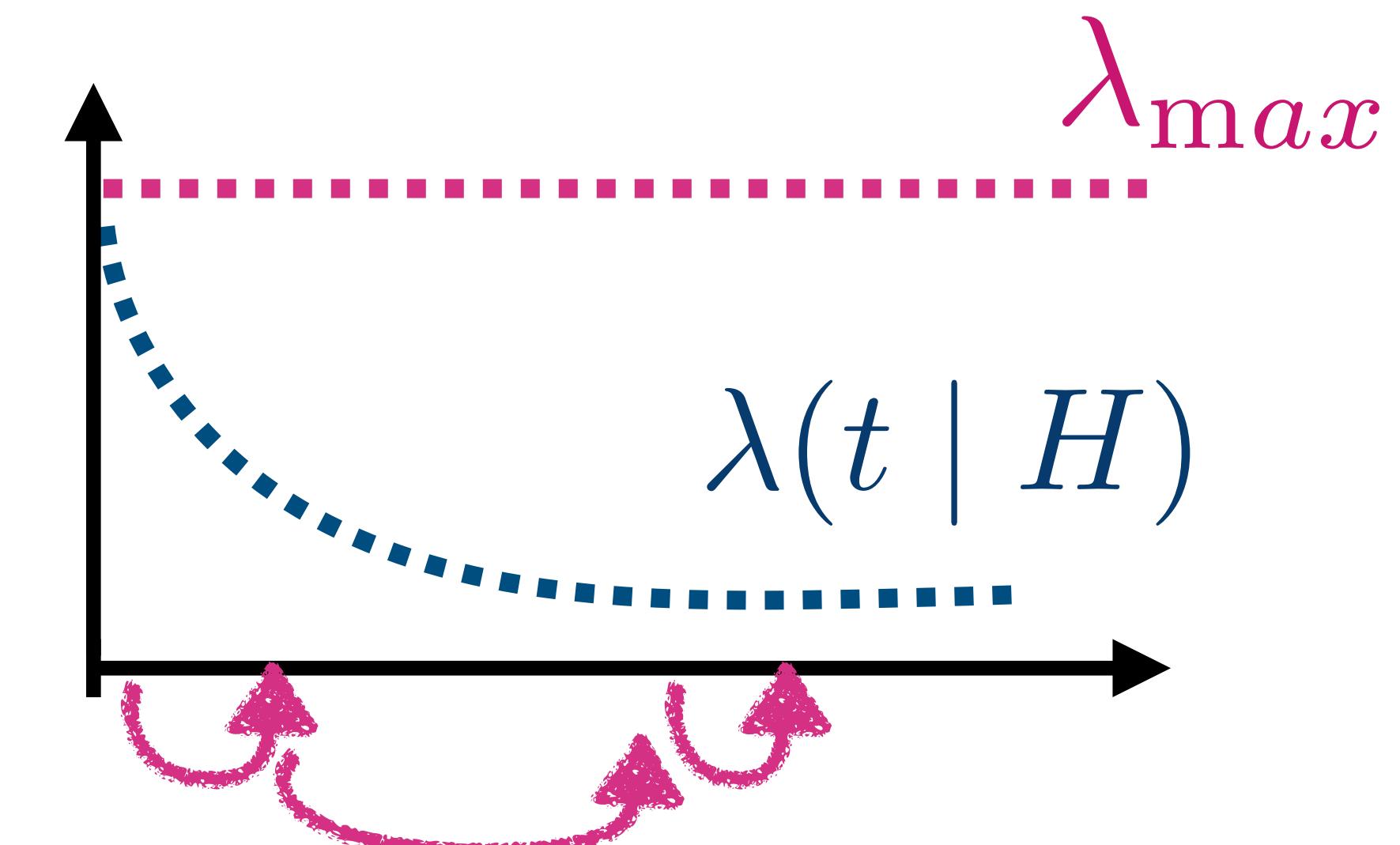
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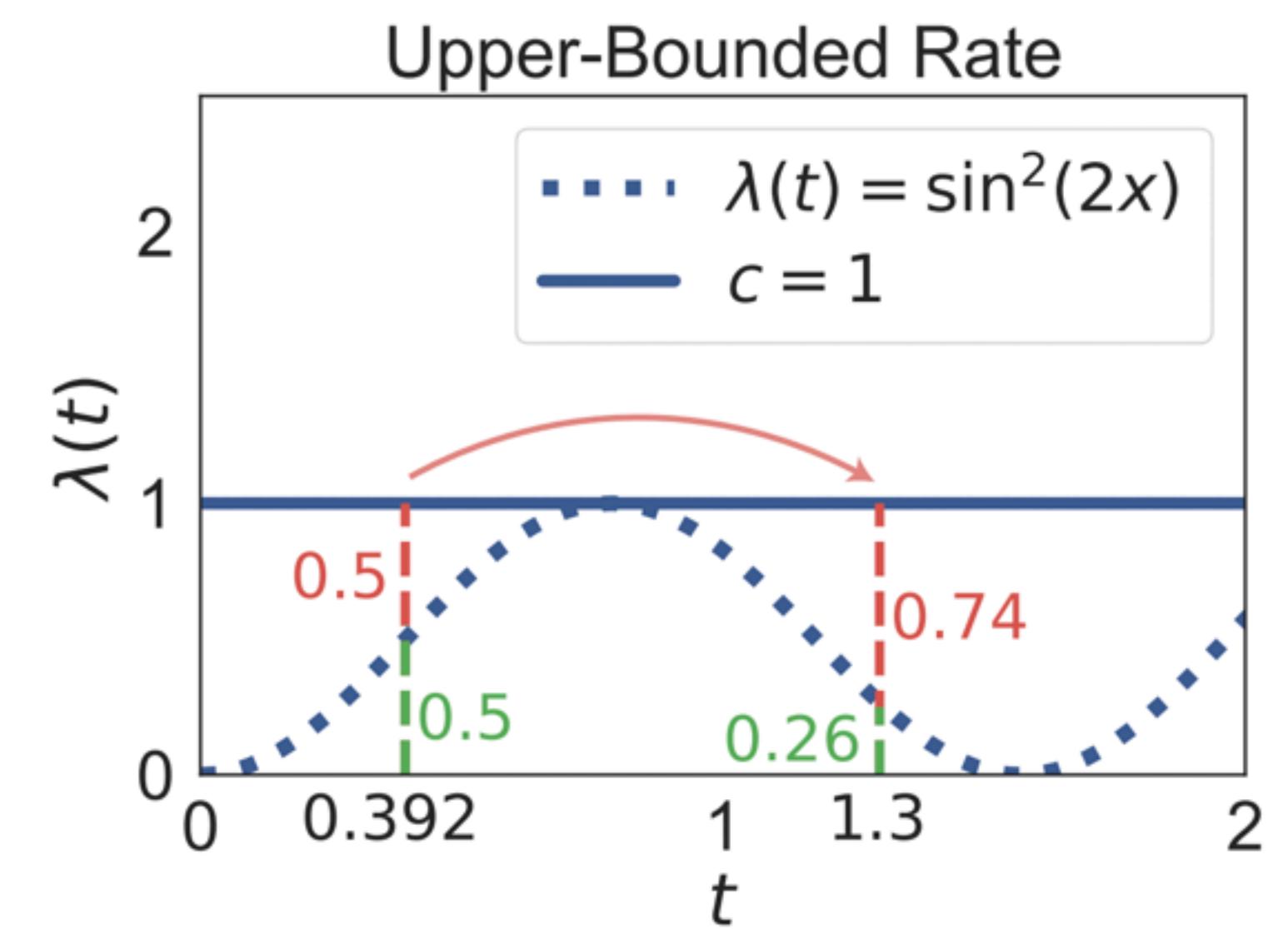
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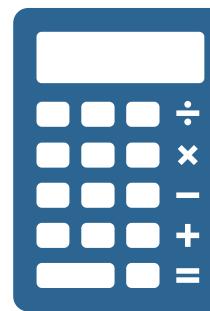
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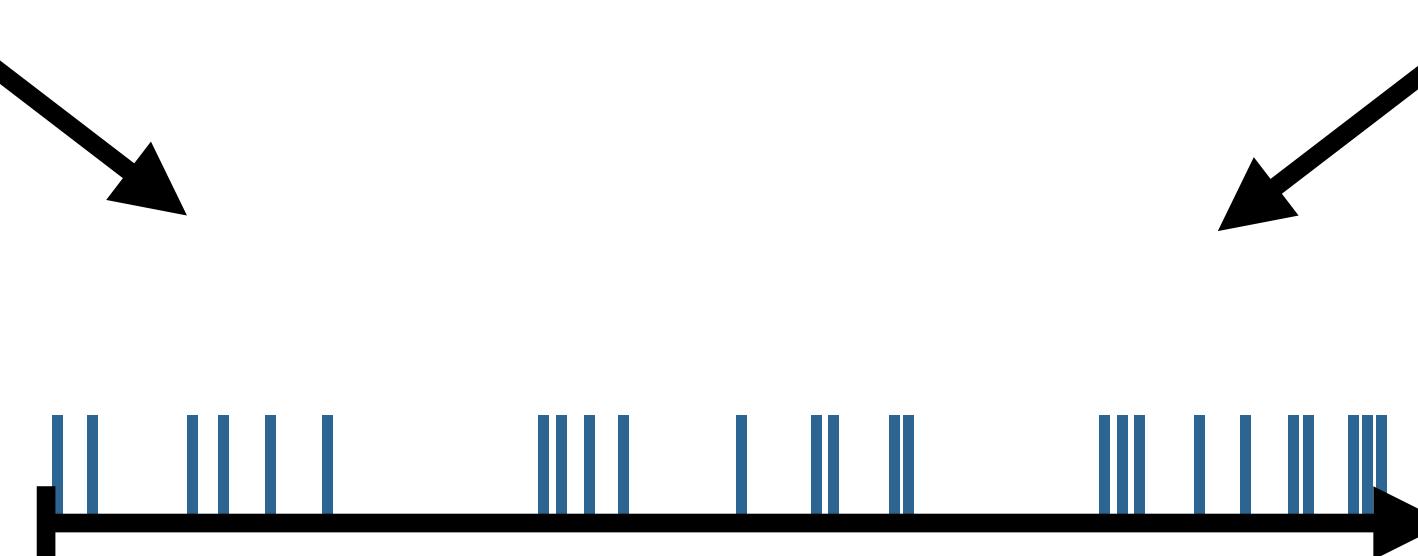
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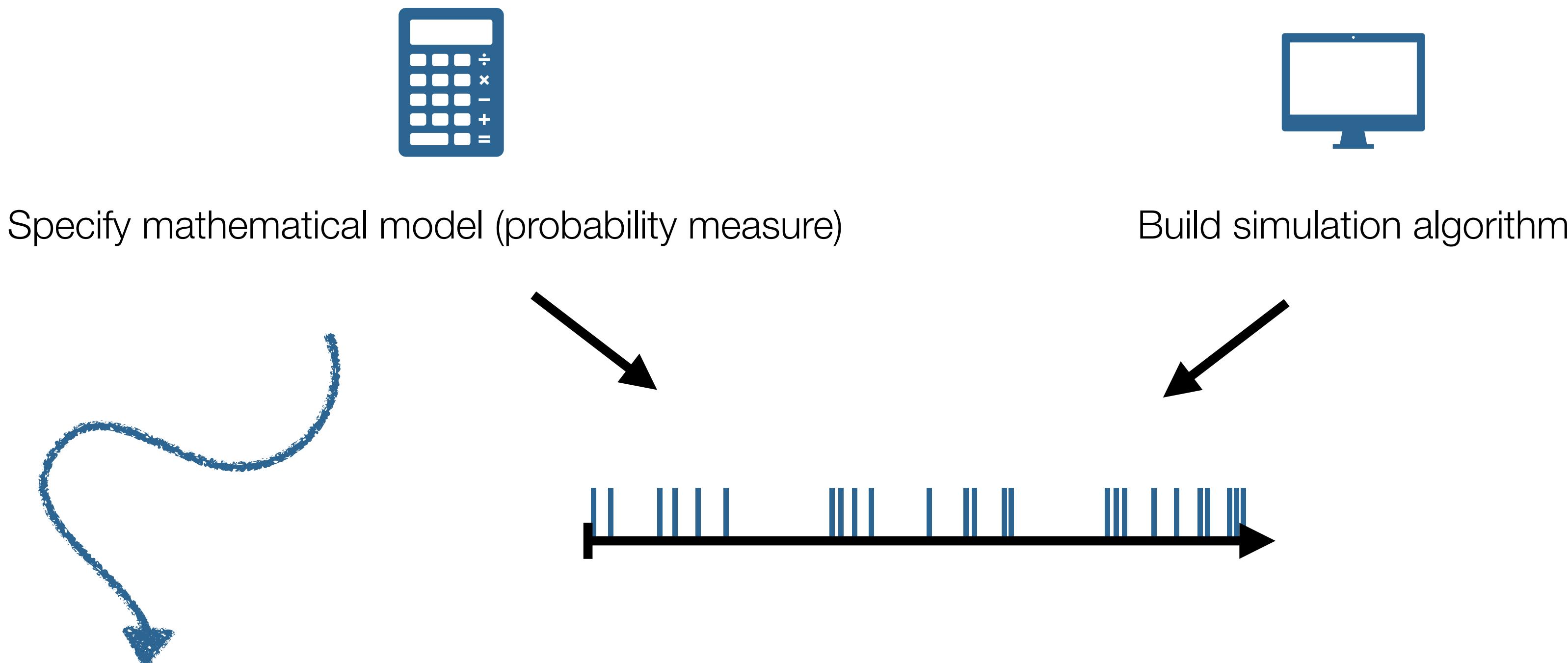


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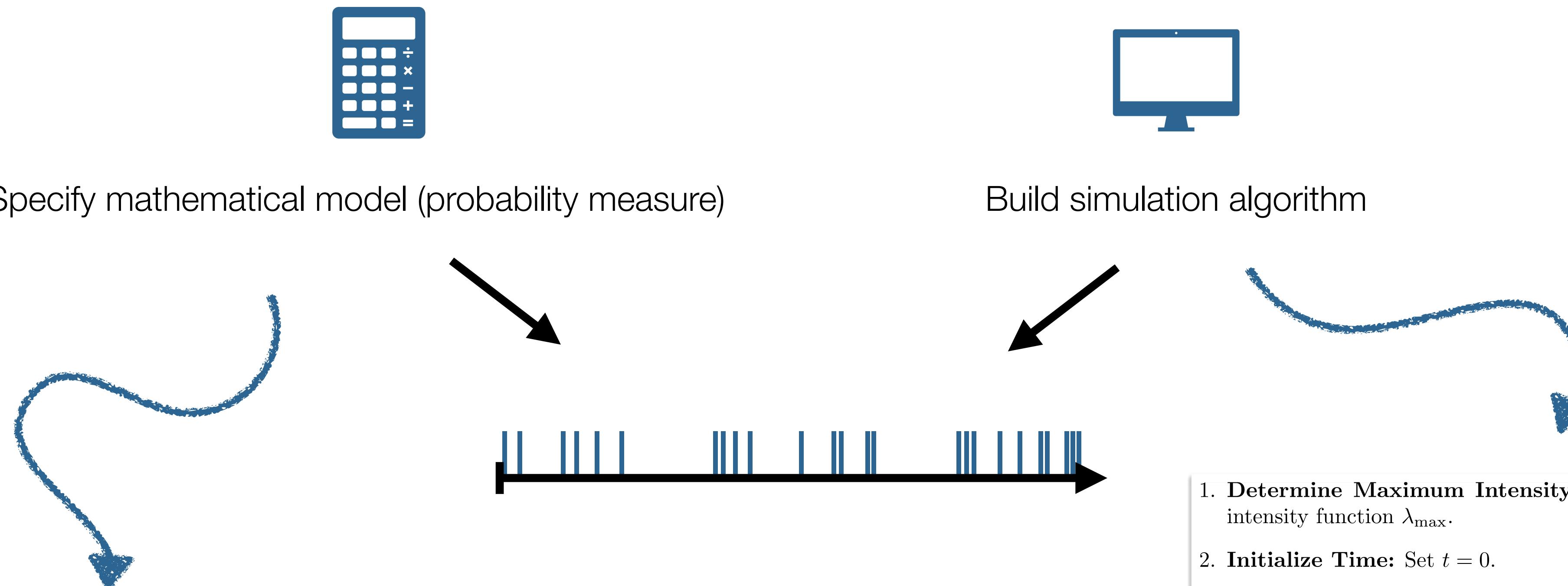
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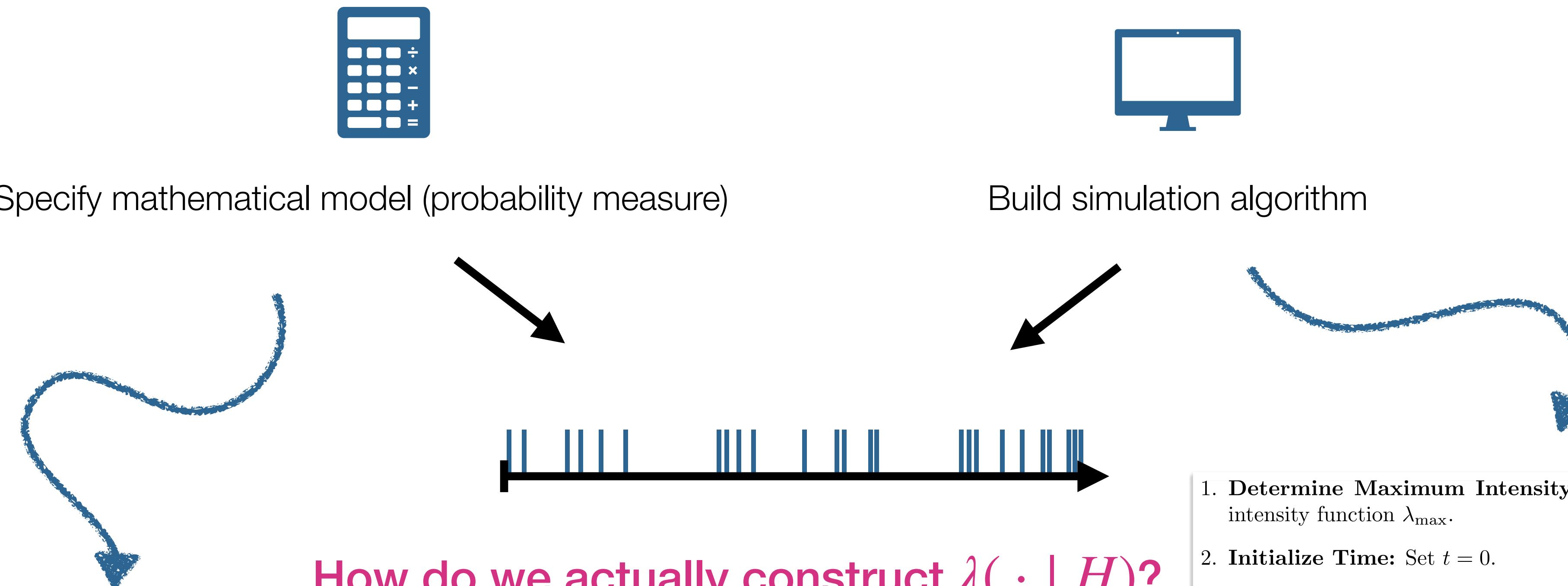


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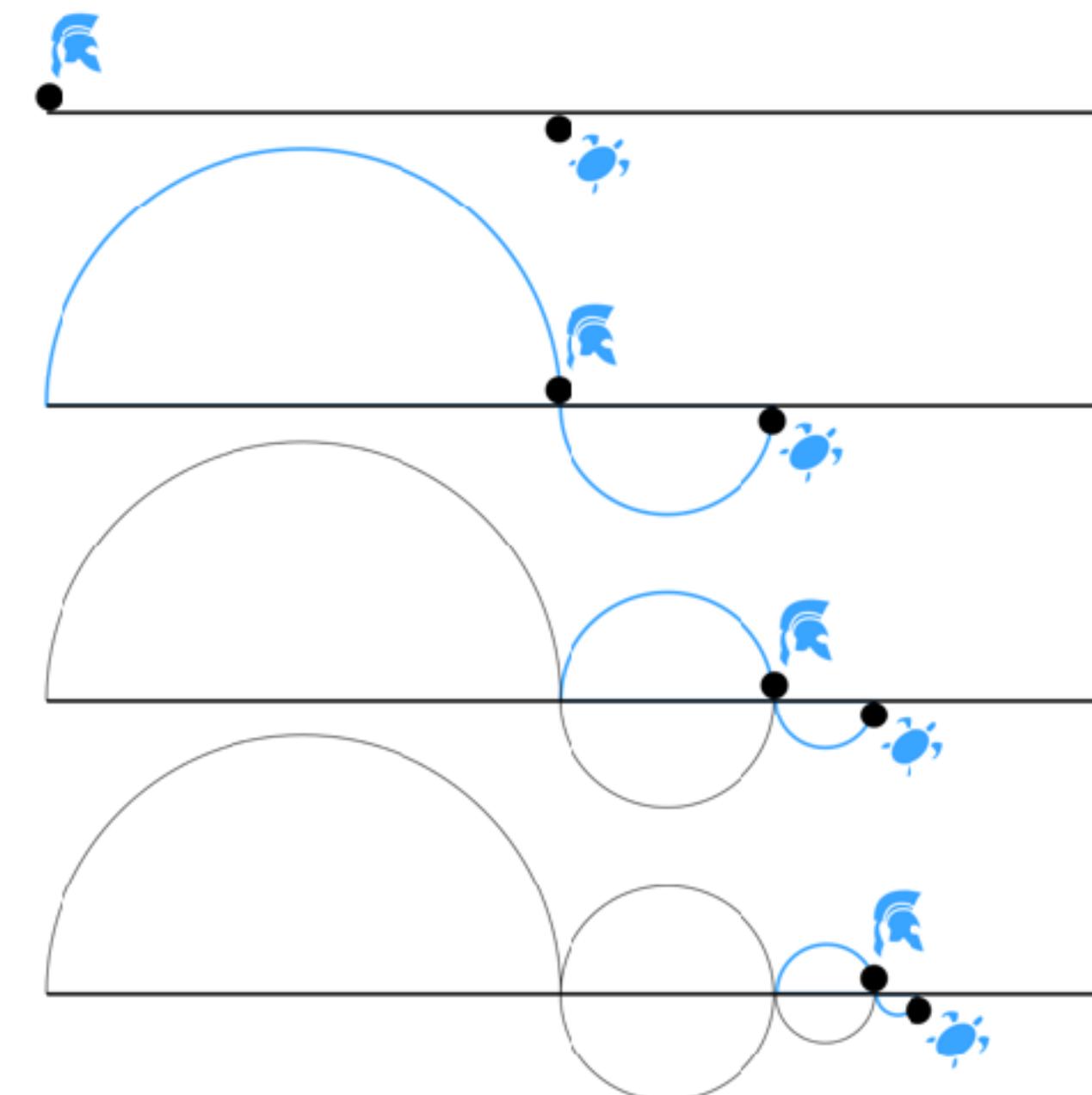
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Can you specify a  $\lambda(\cdot | H)$  such that the number of events converges to infinity in a finite amount of time?

- If  $H_t$  is empty: Converge to infinity within  $[0, 0.5]$ .
- If  $H_t$  is non-empty:
  - Define  $t_{\max}$  to be the maximum of  $H_t$  (the most recent event).
  - Let the intensity function convert to infinity within  $(H_t - t_{\max})/2$ .

**Zeno behavior** (Zeno of Elea) refers to the paradoxical situation where an infinite number of events occur in a finite amount of time.



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**Background rate:**  
responsible for spontaneous events

**Kernel:**  
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Sum over all past events  $H_t$

$\phi(t - t_i)$

$(t - t_i)$

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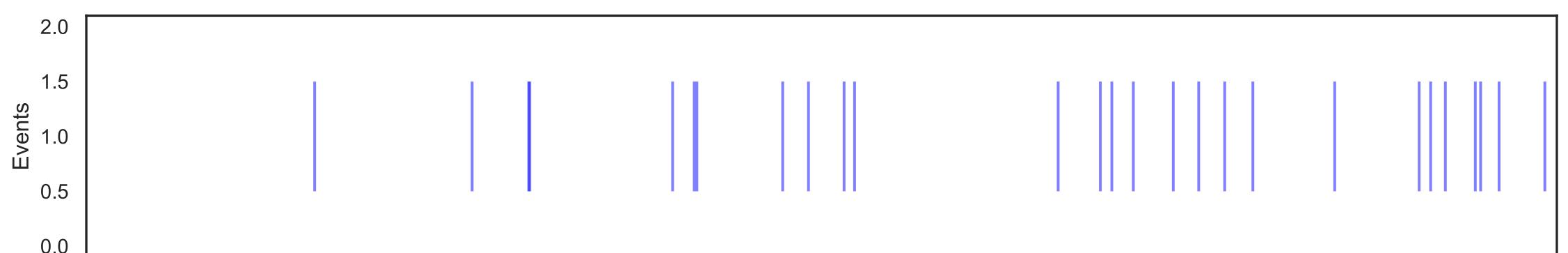
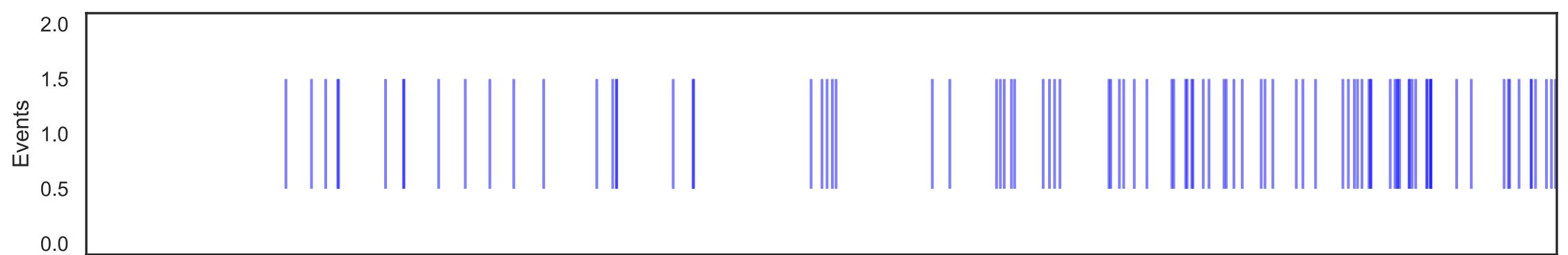
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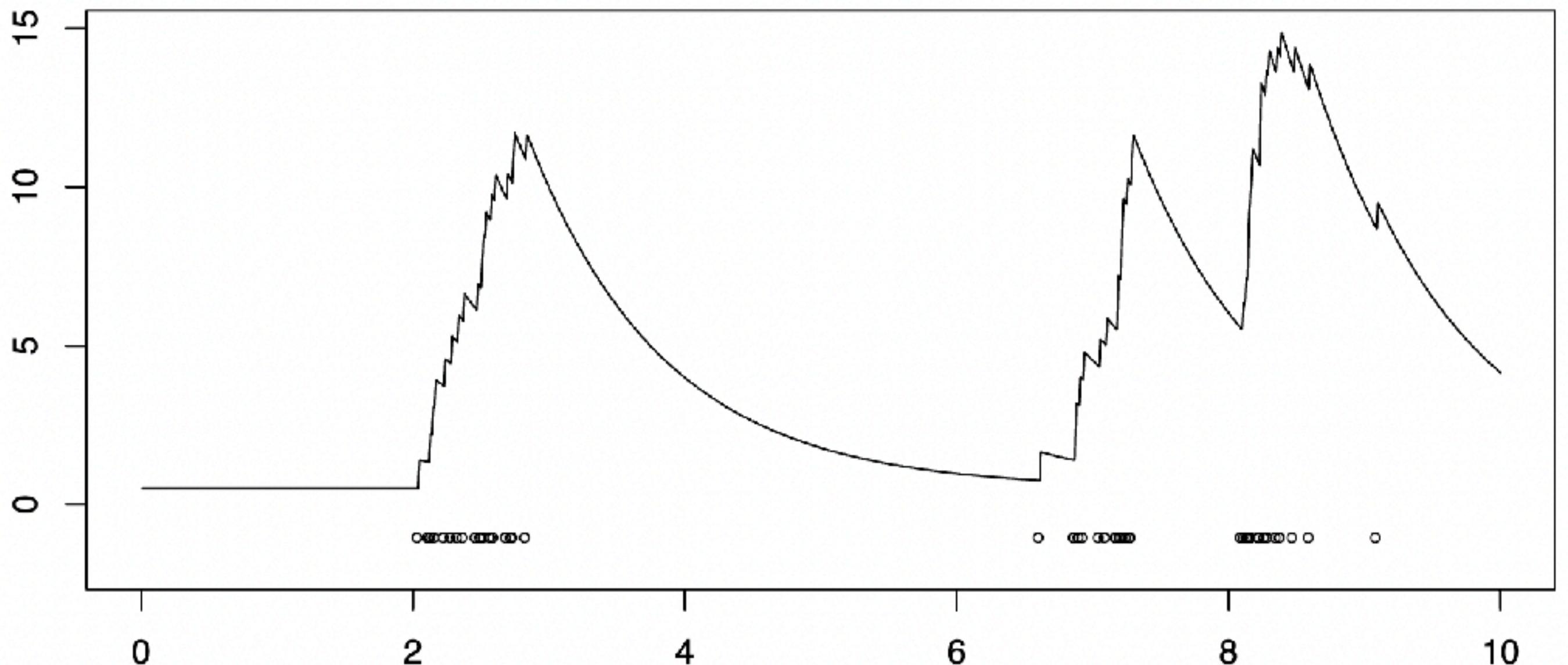
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Lecture Notes: Temporal Point Processes and the Conditional Intensity Function (Rasmussen et al.)

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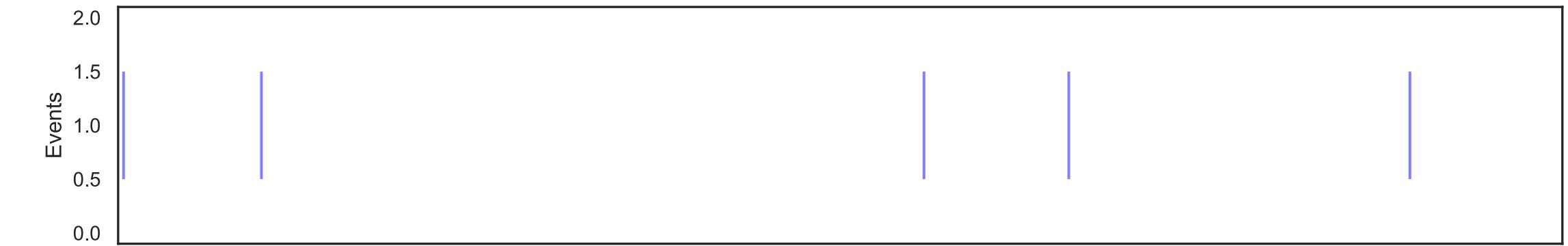
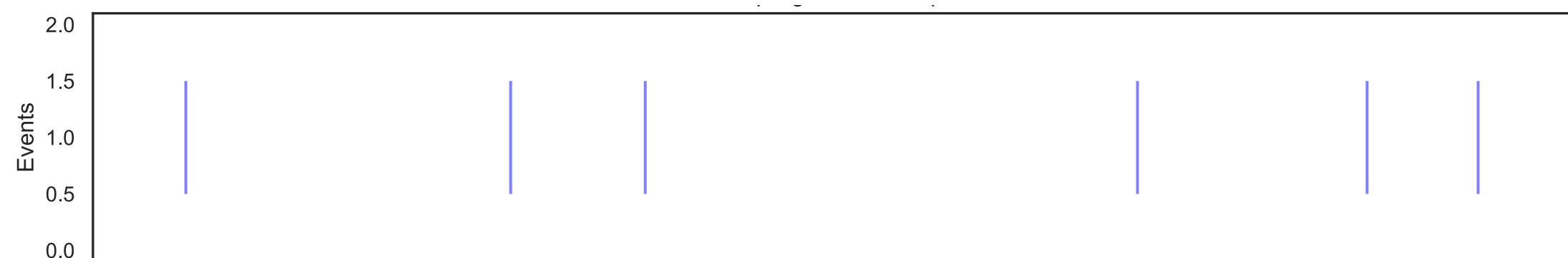
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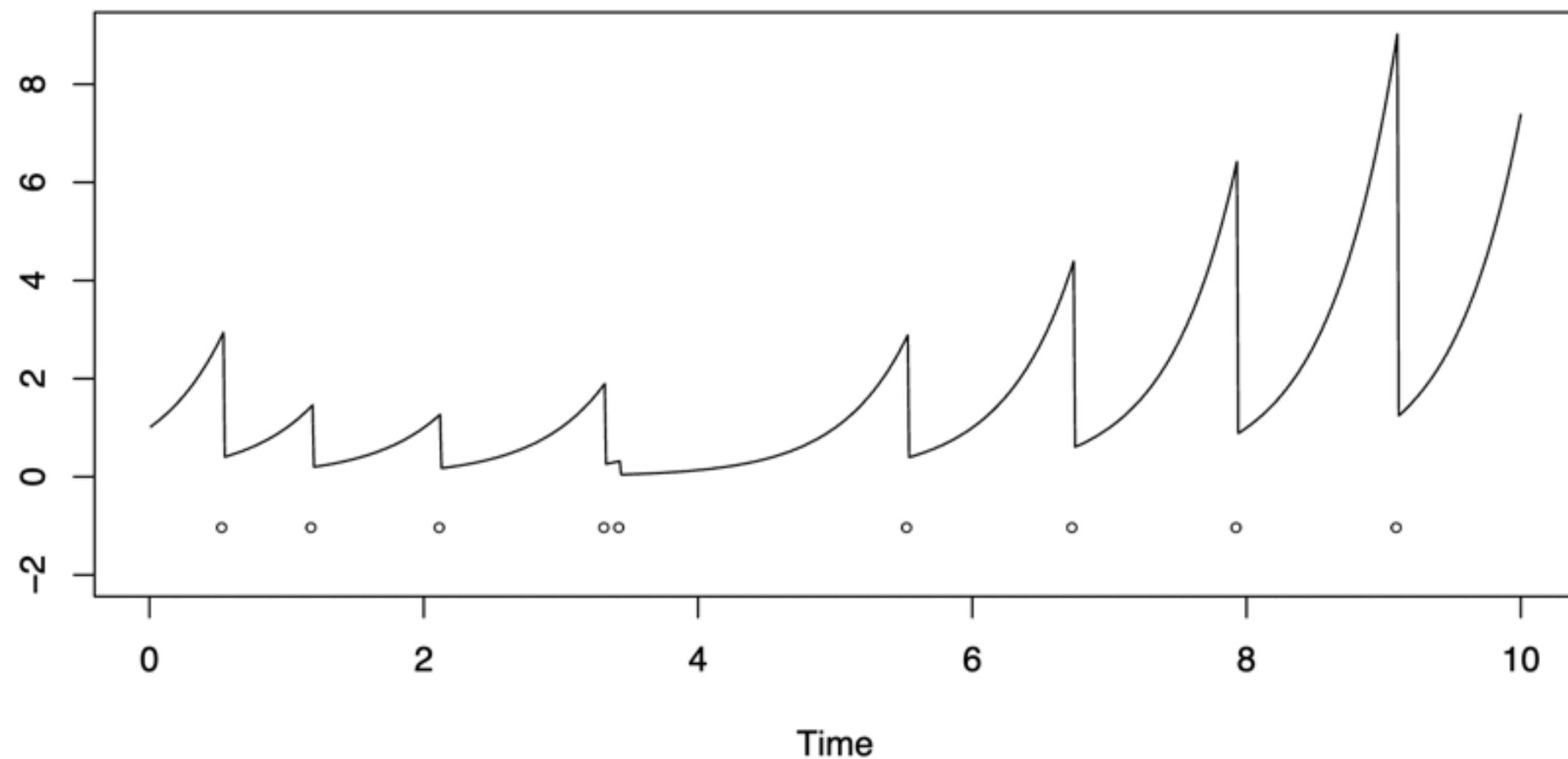
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**Damping:**

Decreases intensity after each event.



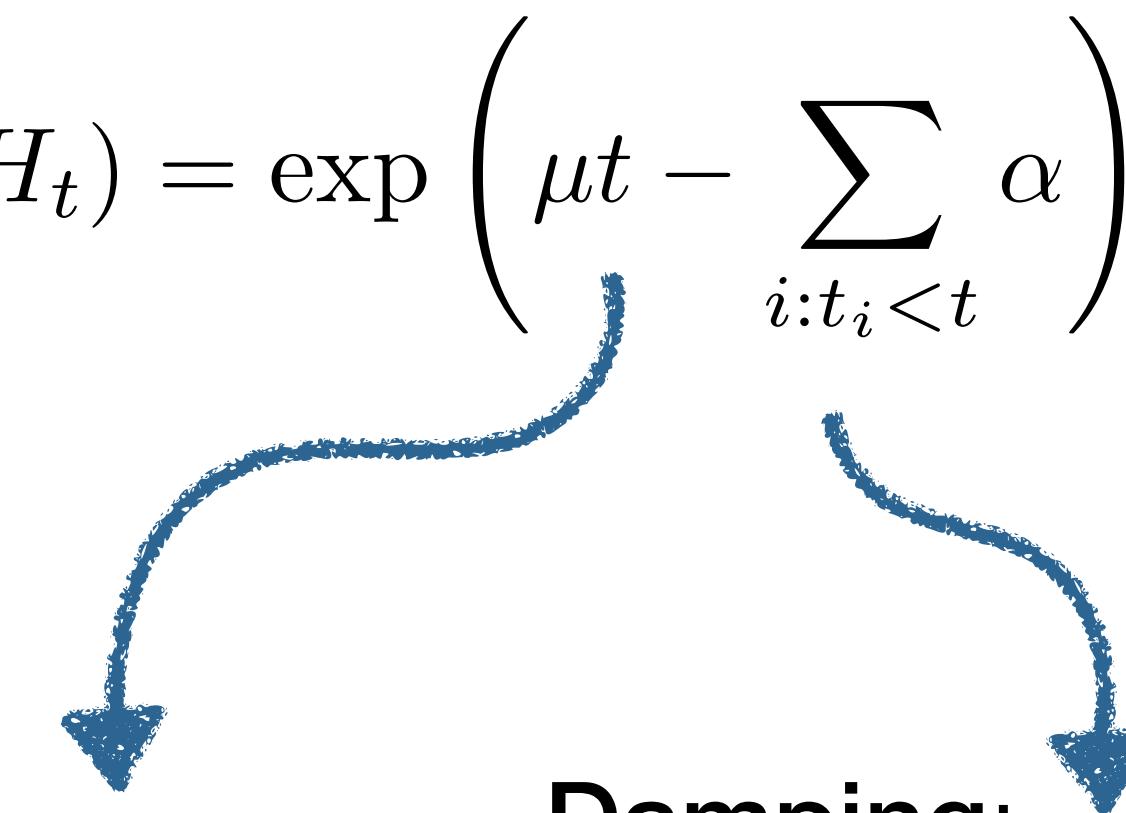
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**Background rate:**  
Increases constantly.



**Damping:**  
Decreases intensity after each event.

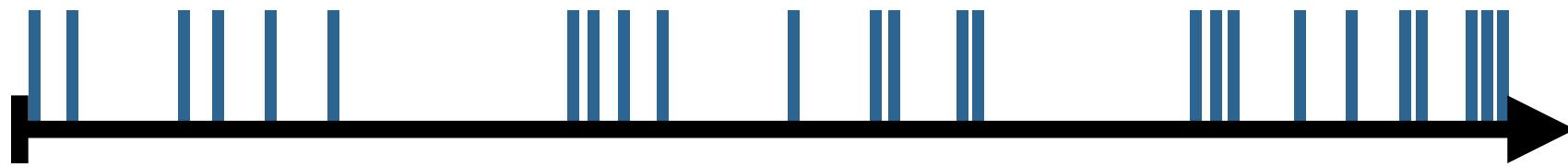
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Assume you have a given event sequence and  
want to infer  $\mu, \alpha, \beta$ , etc.

Closed form solution for homogeneous TPPs:  $L(\lambda \mid H) = \lambda^n \exp(-\lambda T) \implies \hat{\lambda} = \frac{n}{T}$

The general likelihood can only be solved numerically:  $L(\lambda(\cdot) \mid H) = (\prod_{i=1}^n \lambda(t_i \mid H_{t_i})) \exp \left( - \int_0^T \lambda(t \mid H_t) dt \right)$



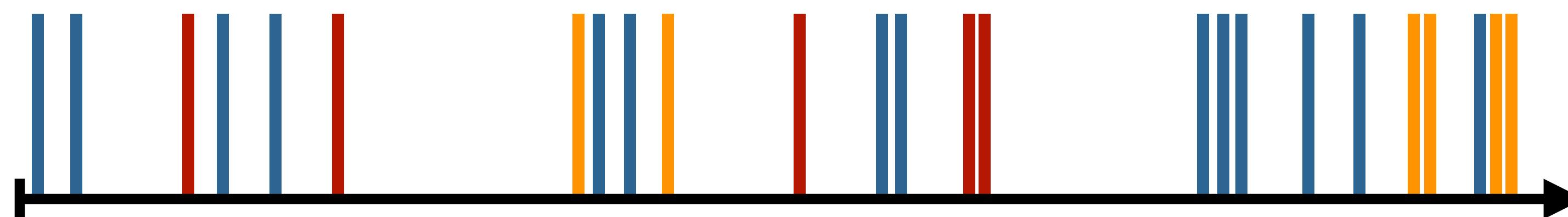
Part II

# MARKED TEMPORAL POINT PROCESSES

# Marked TPPs

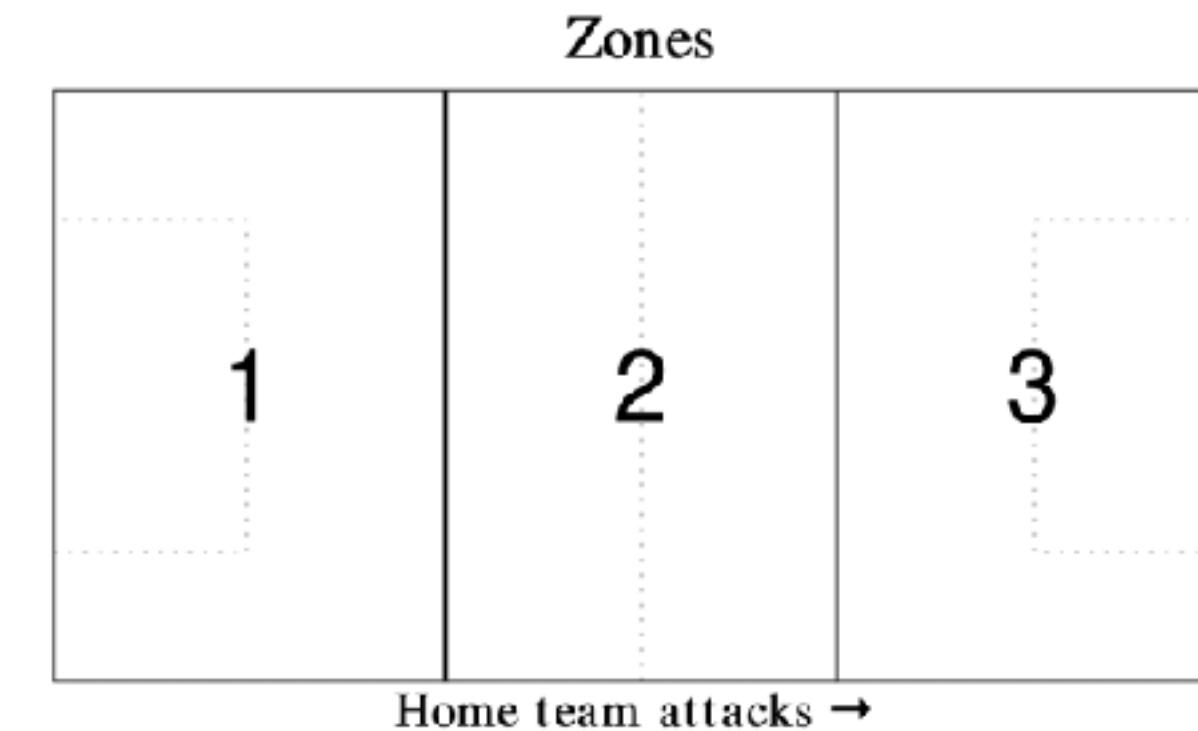
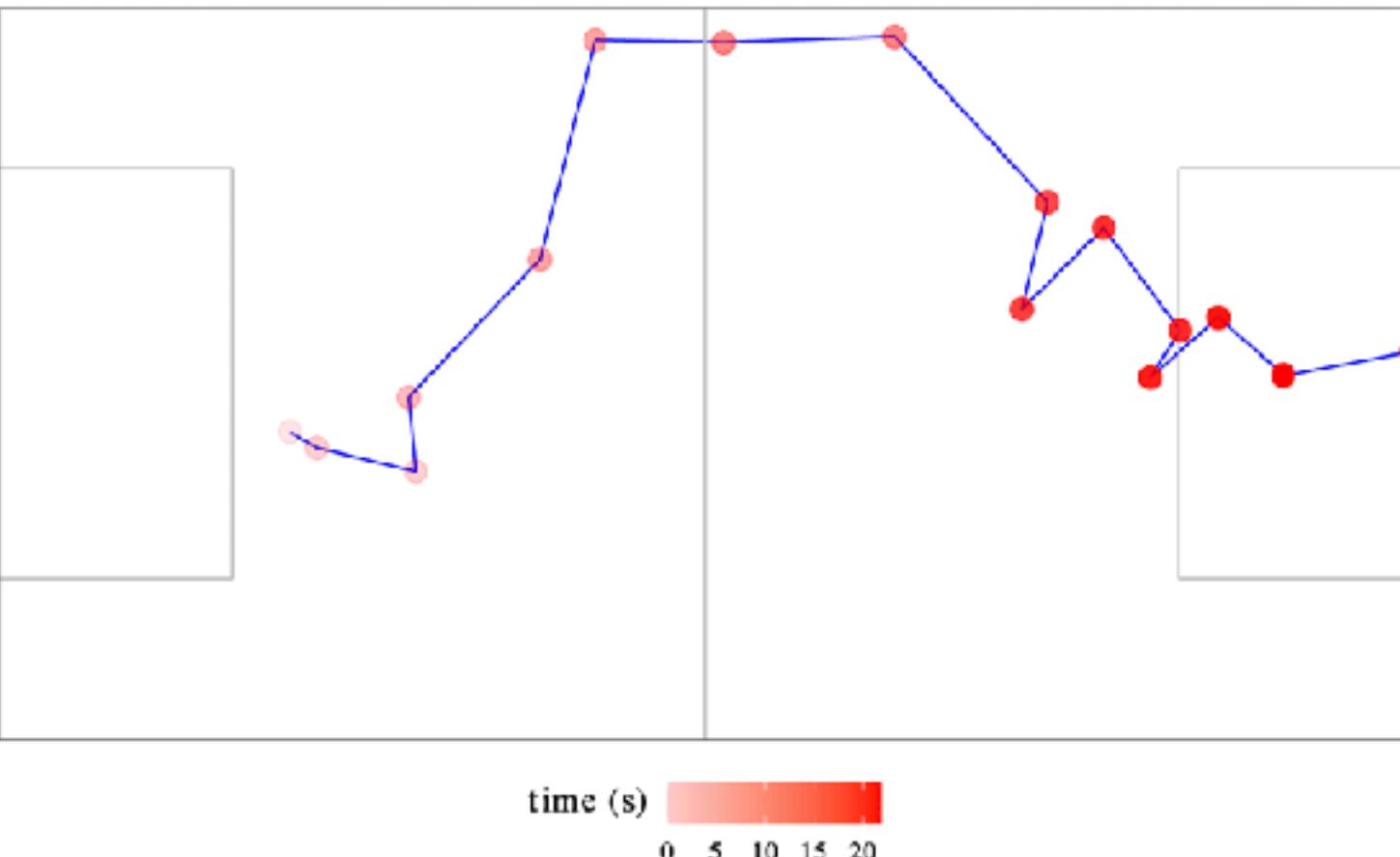
- Each event time  $t_i$  is associated with a mark  $m_i \in \mathcal{M}$ .
- Event sequence:  $H = [(t_0, m_0), (t_1, m_1), \dots, (t_n, m_n)]$ .
- Intensity functions:  $\{\lambda_m(t, H_t)\}_{m \in \mathcal{M}}$ , where  $\lambda_m(t, H_t)$  is the intensity for events with mark  $m$ , given history  $H_t$ .
- All intensity functions run in parallel to generate a sequence.

Three marks: **blue**, **red**, **yellow**:



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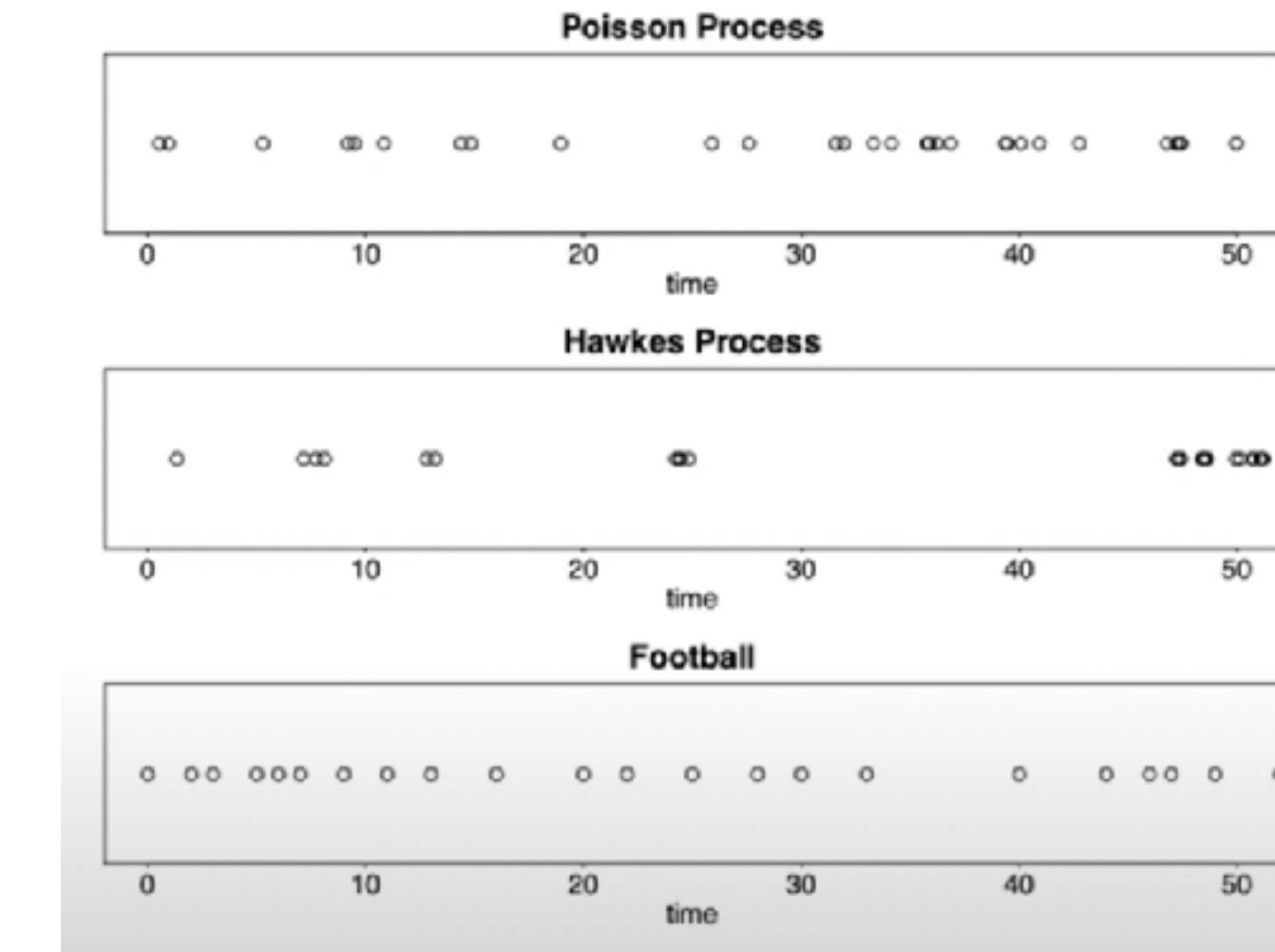
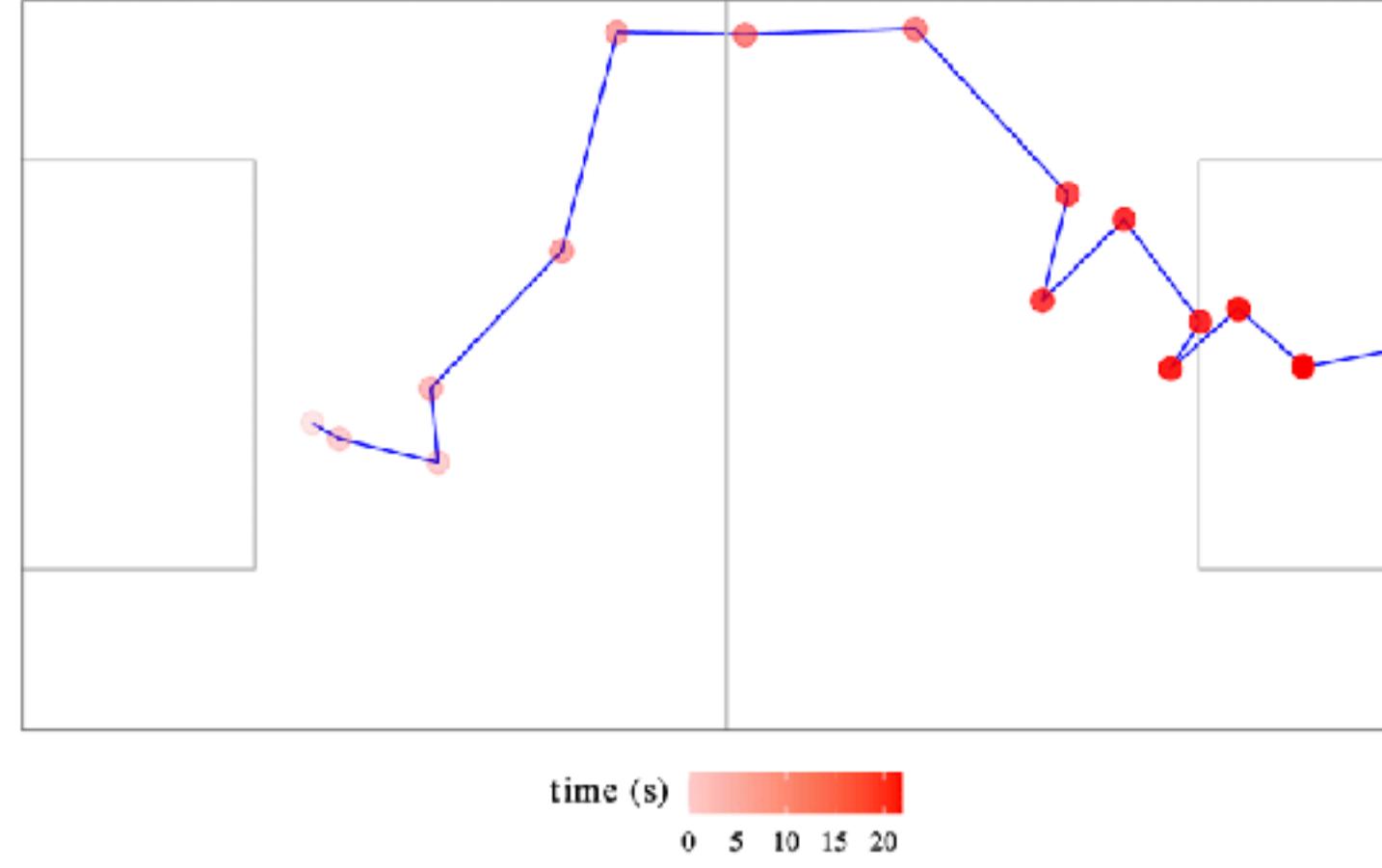
event type	frequency	event type	frequency
Pass	376924	SavedShot	4971
BallRecovery	36908	Save	4910
Clearance	25462	CornerAwarded	4100
Tackle	14581	MissedShots	4076
TakeOn	13607	OffsidePass	1582
BallTouch	13517	Claim	1181
Aerial	12871	Goal	1052
Interception	10422	Punch	380
Dispossessed	8897	ShotOnPost	187
Foul	8238	Smother	122
KeeperPickup	5208	CrossNotClaimed	81



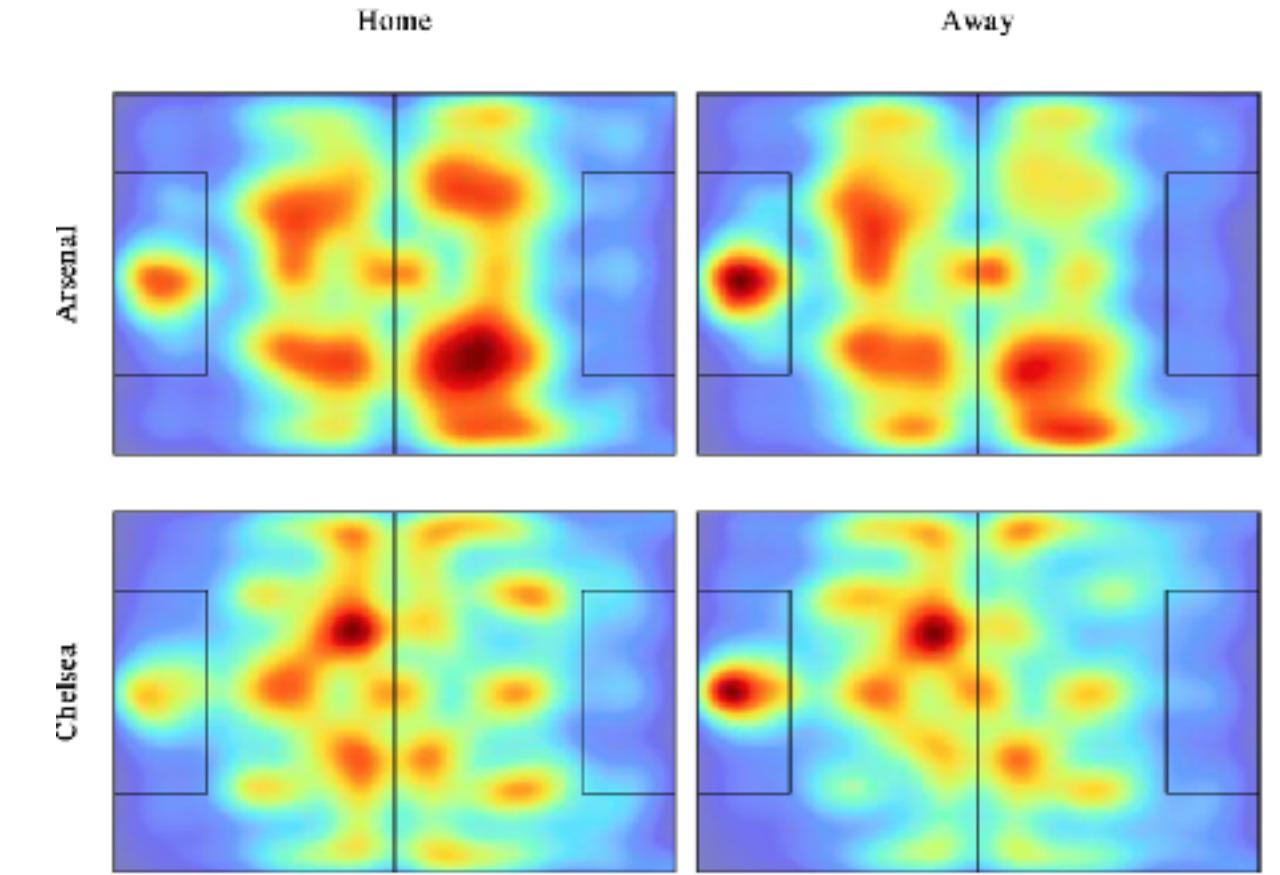
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3	101	1	2	3	1	8
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Flexible marked spatio-temporal point processes with applications to event sequences from association football (Narayanan)

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Density of ball-touches is shifted to the right in their home games

- identify player and team strength
- predict event probabilities
- contribution of background process
- identify home advantage
- explore strategies

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Part III

# NEURAL TEMPORAL POINT PROCESSES

# Neural Temporal Point Processes

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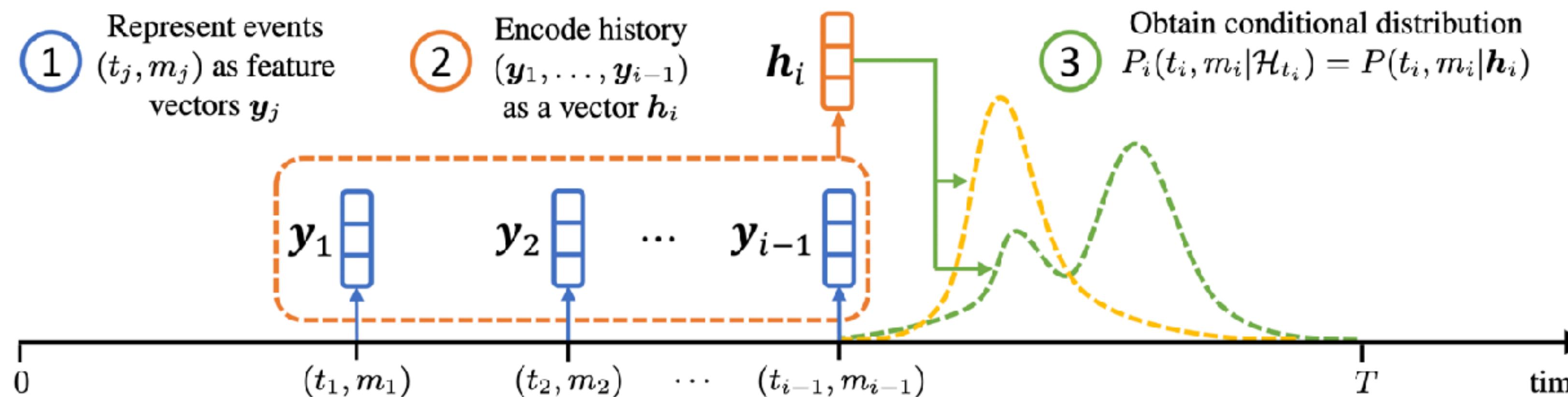
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Neural Temporal Point Processes: A Review (Shchur et al.)

1. Use **MLP** to map event  $(t_i, m_i)$  to feature.
2. Use **RNN** to aggregate all event features into single history feature  $\mathbf{h}_i$ .
3. Use **MLP** to map  $\mathbf{h}_i$  to parameters  $\theta$  of a parametric PDF  $f_\theta(t)$ .
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  - Predict  $\alpha, d, p$  of a generalized gamma distribution

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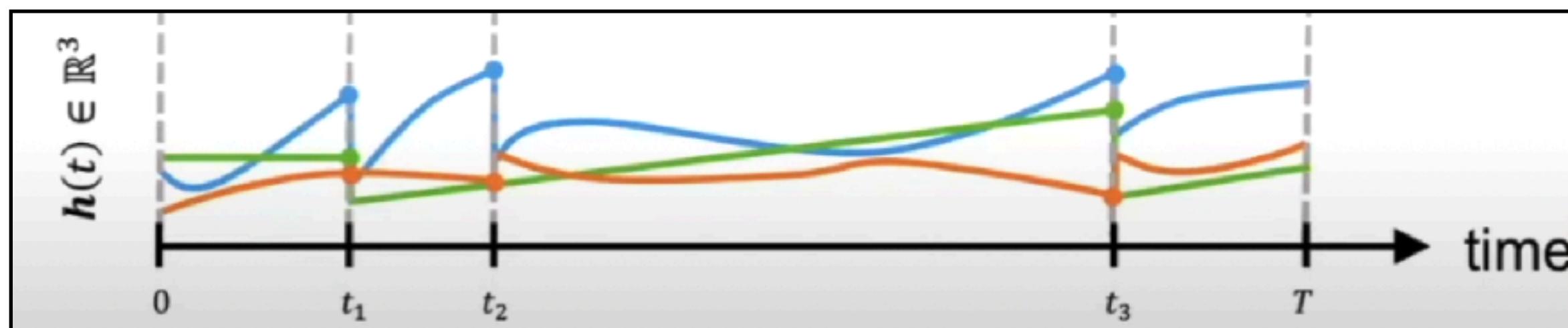
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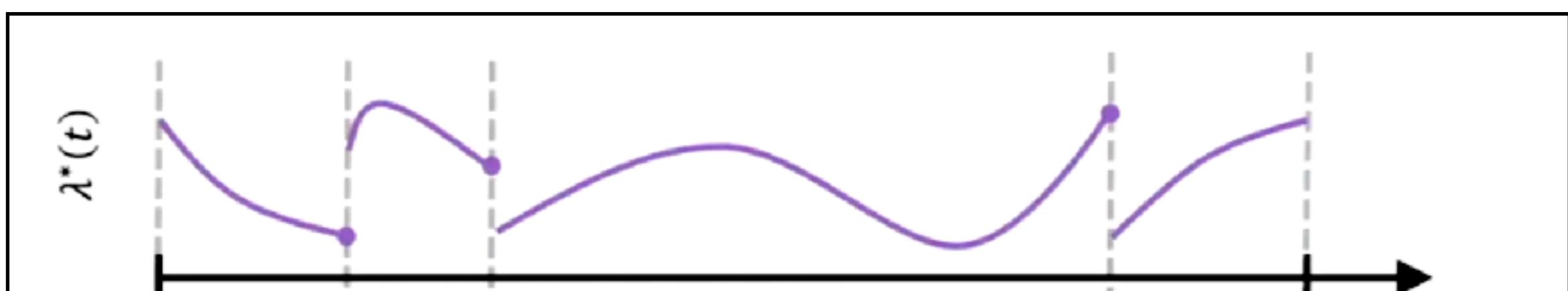
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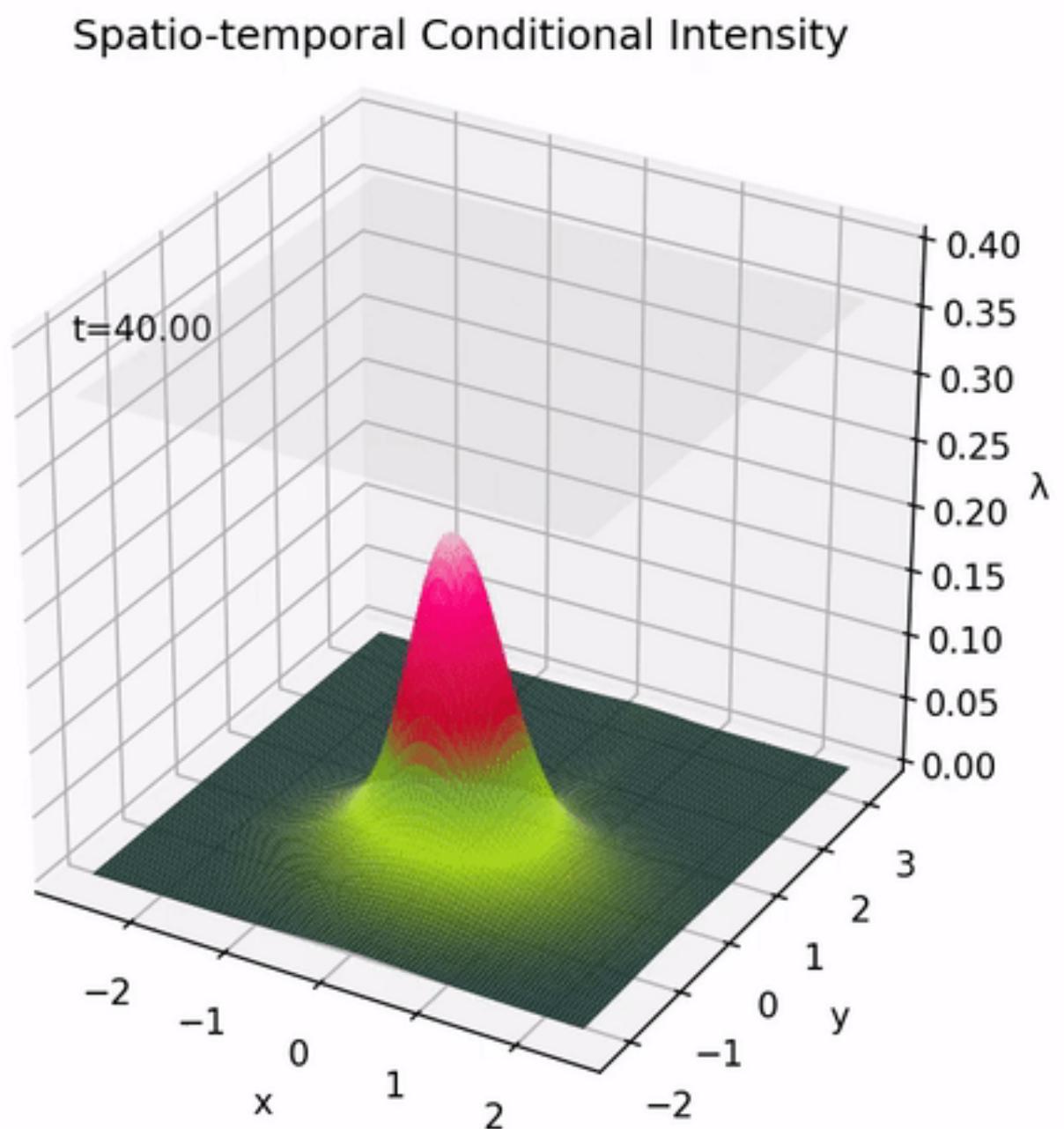
1. Learn the latent feature  $h(t)$  for each point in time.  
Here:  $h(t) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .
2. An **ODE** specifies how  $h(t)$  evolves when no event is happening.
3. An **MLP** specifies how  $h(t)$  jumps when an event occurs.
4. Another **MLP** converts  $h(t)$  to the intensity value  $\lambda(t, H_t)$ .



Part IV

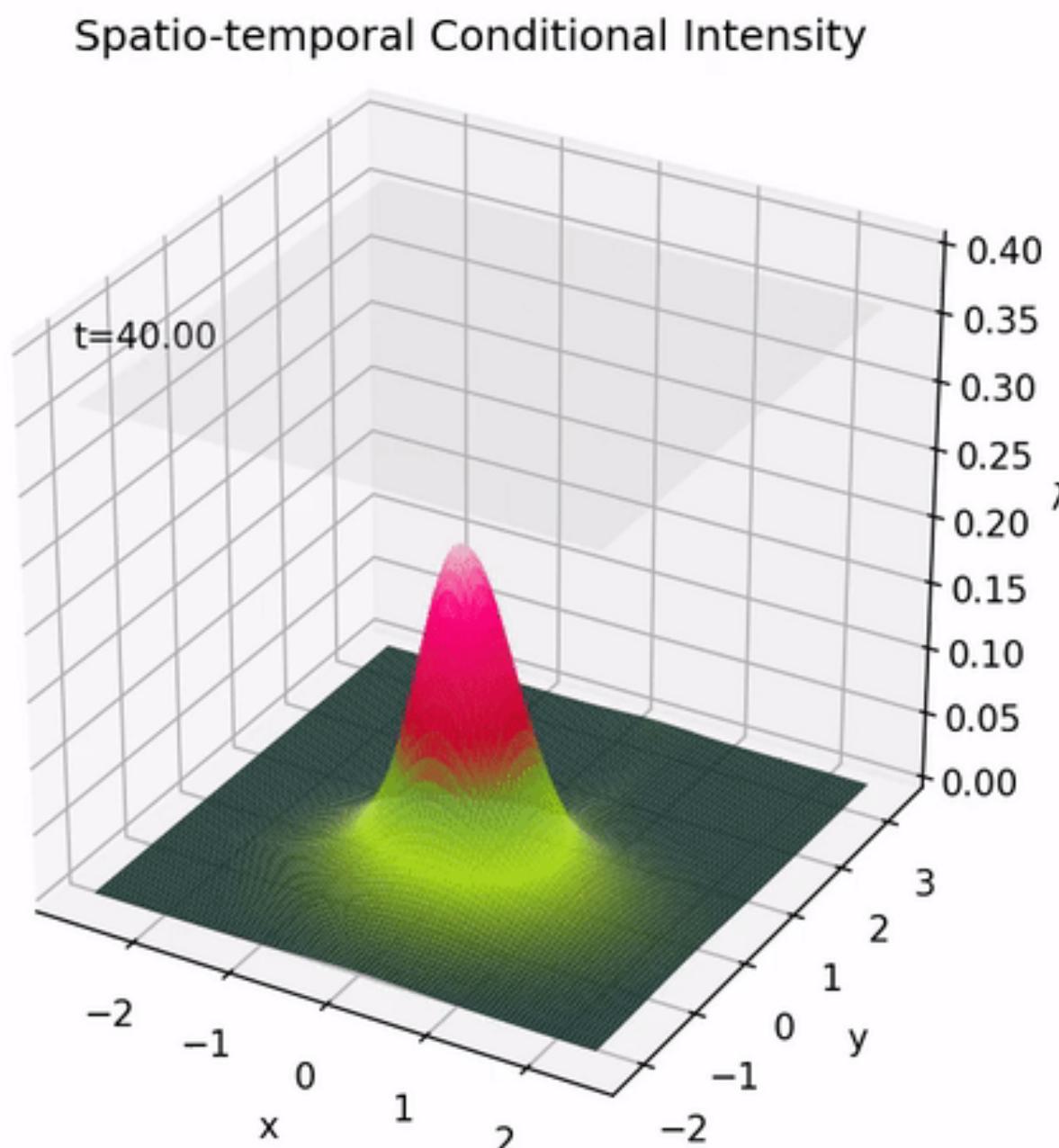
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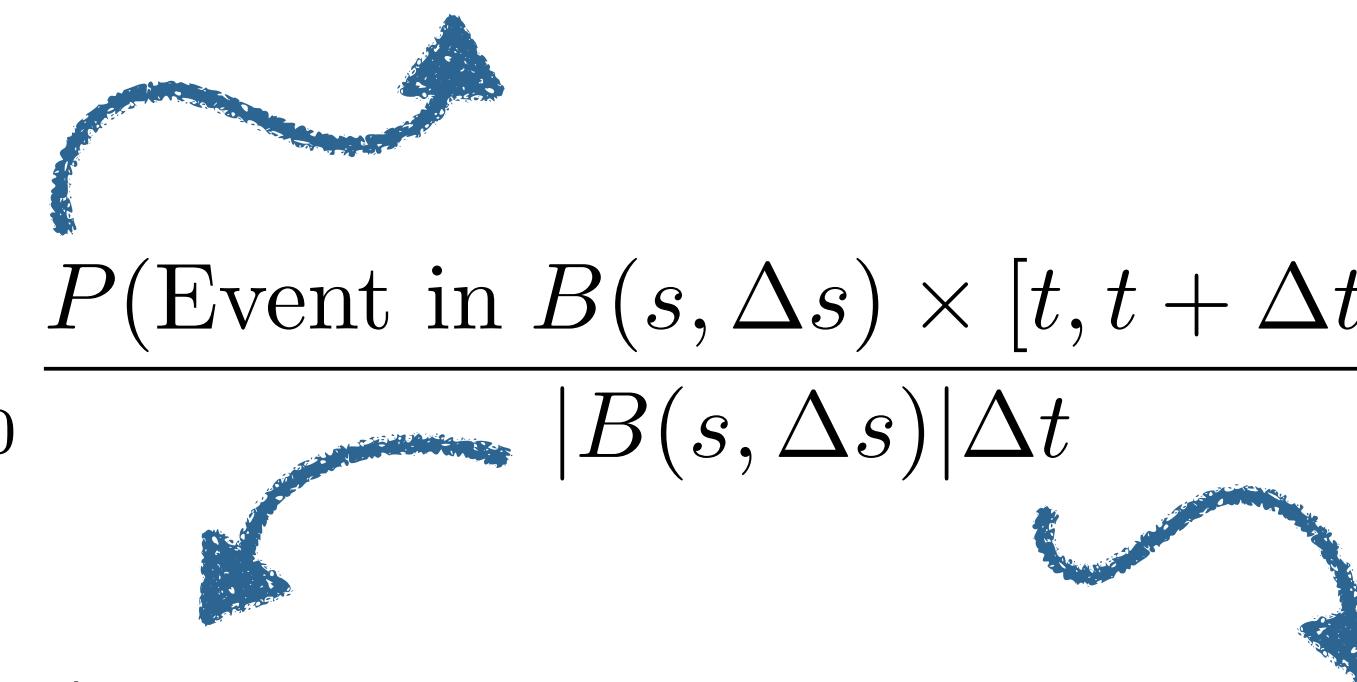
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Probability of an event in a very small unit of space and time

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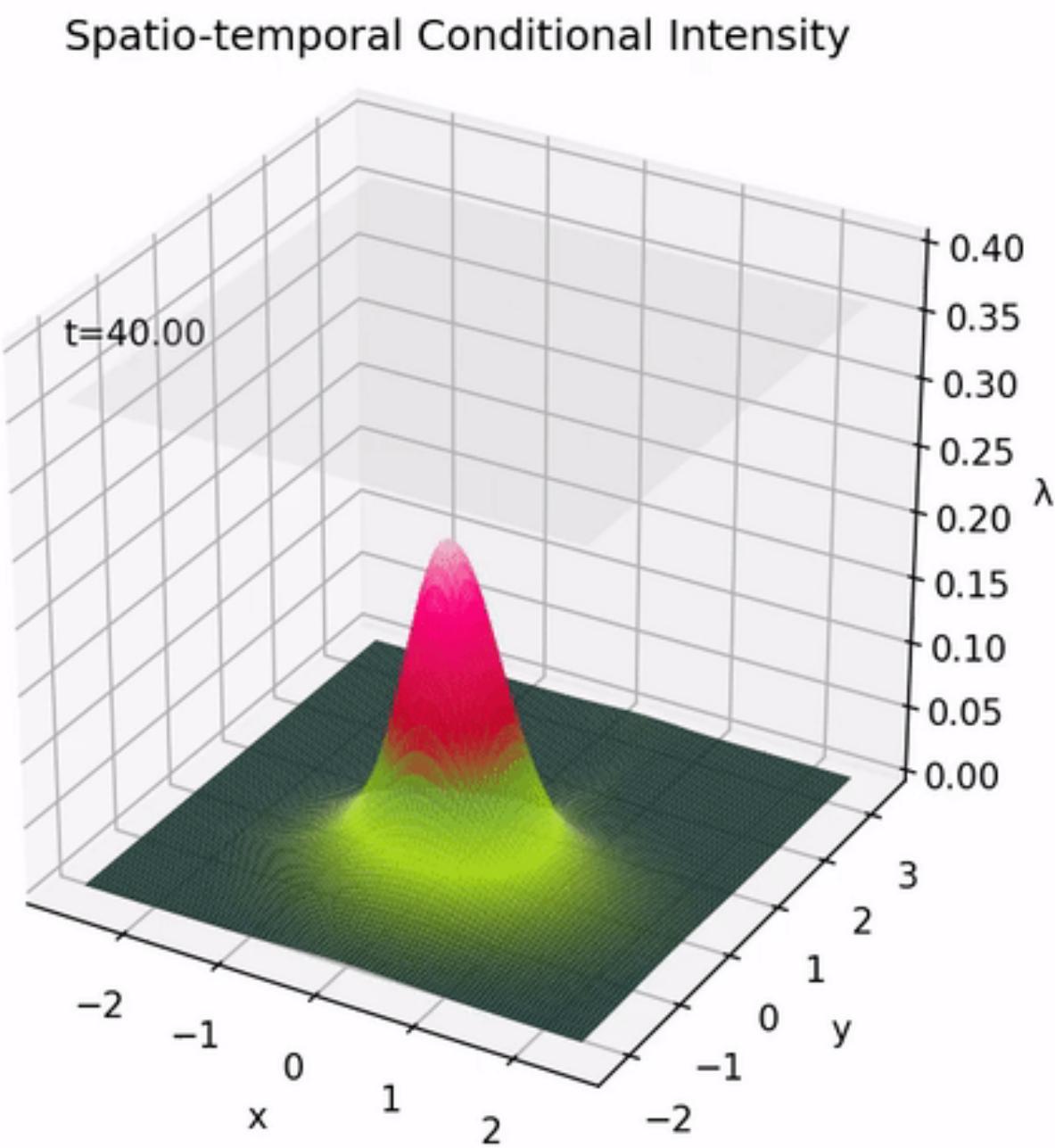
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A 2D-ball (disk) around  $s$  with radius  $\Delta s$

Very small time interval

# STPP



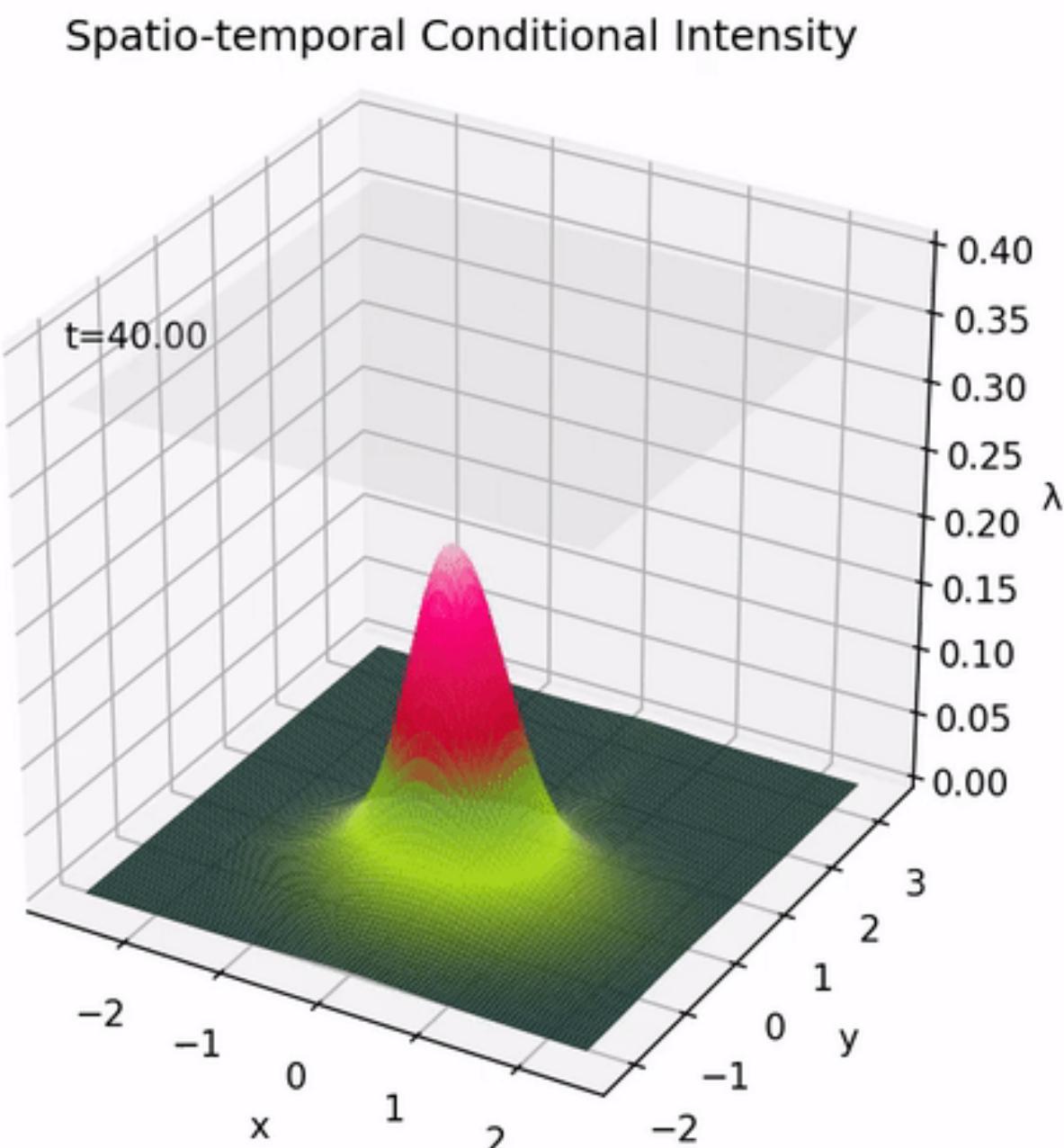
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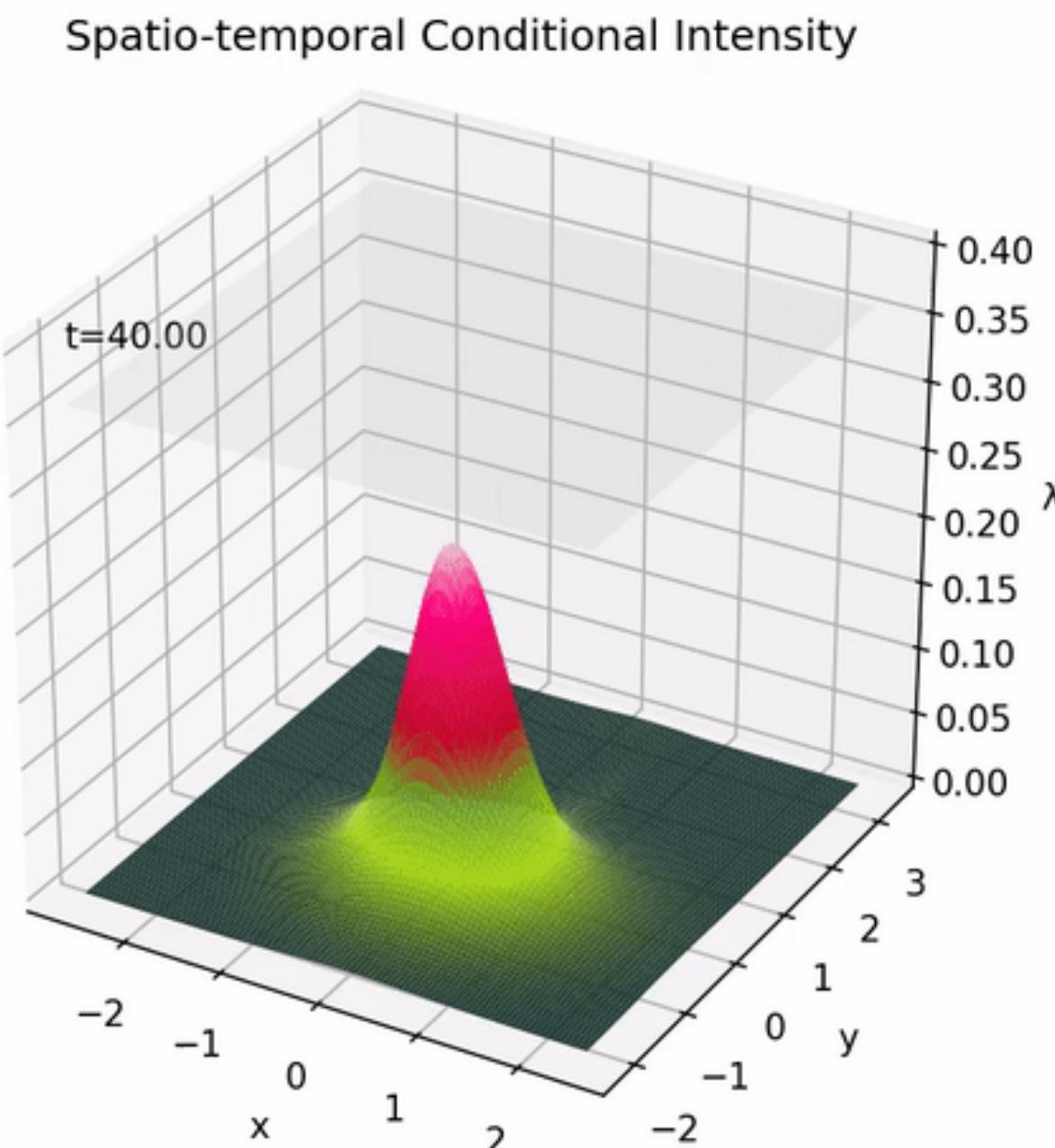
with

$$g_1(t, t_i) = \alpha \exp(-\beta(t - t_i))$$

and

$g_2(s, s_i)$  being a Normal distribution.

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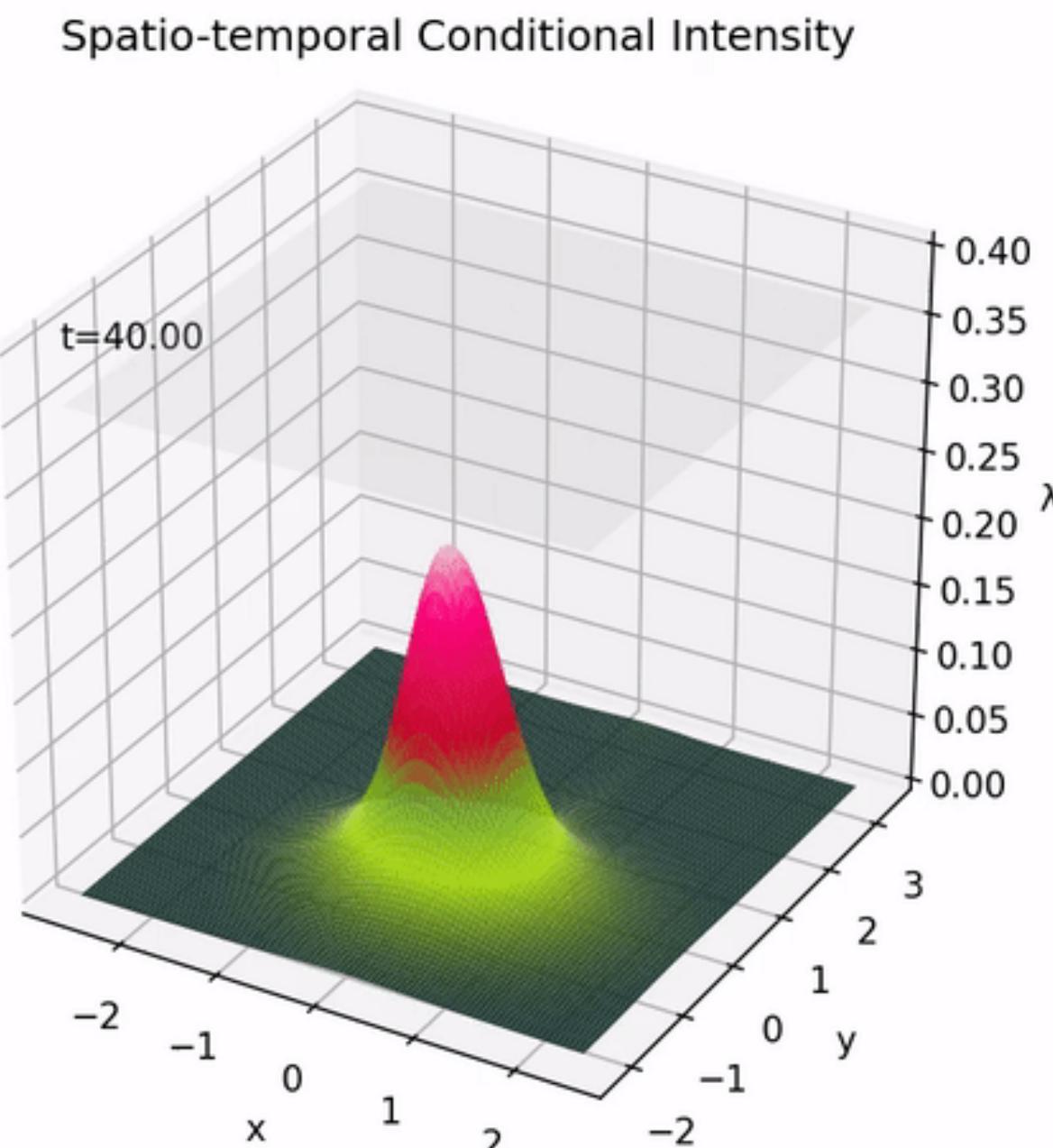
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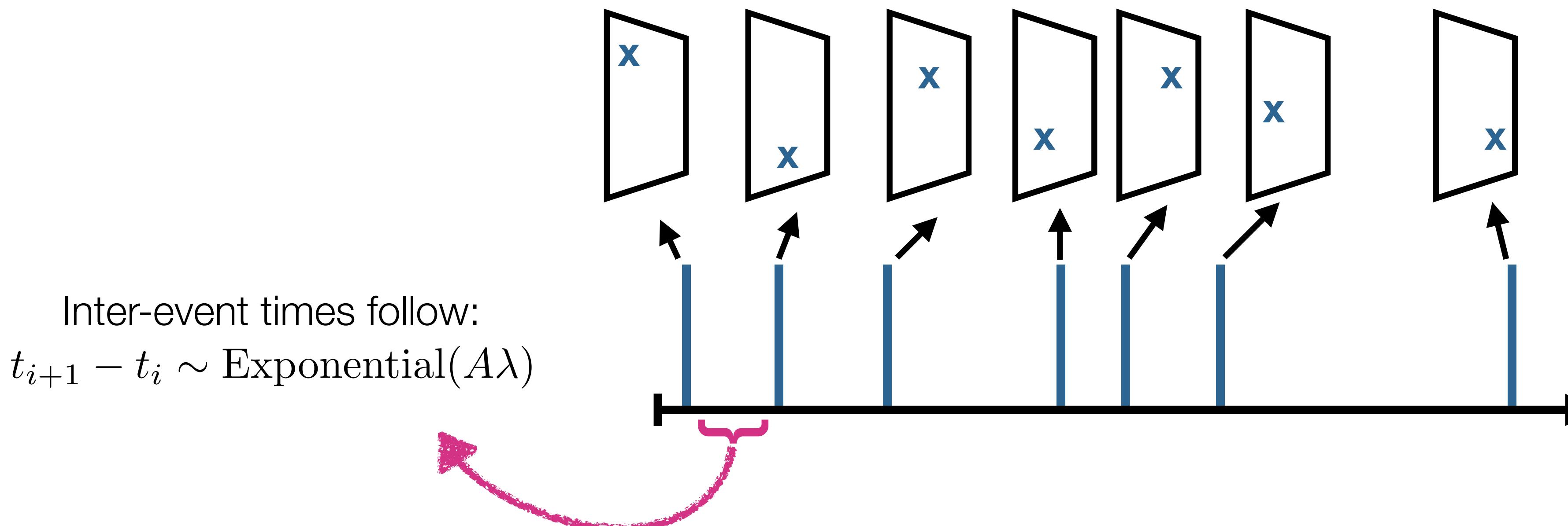
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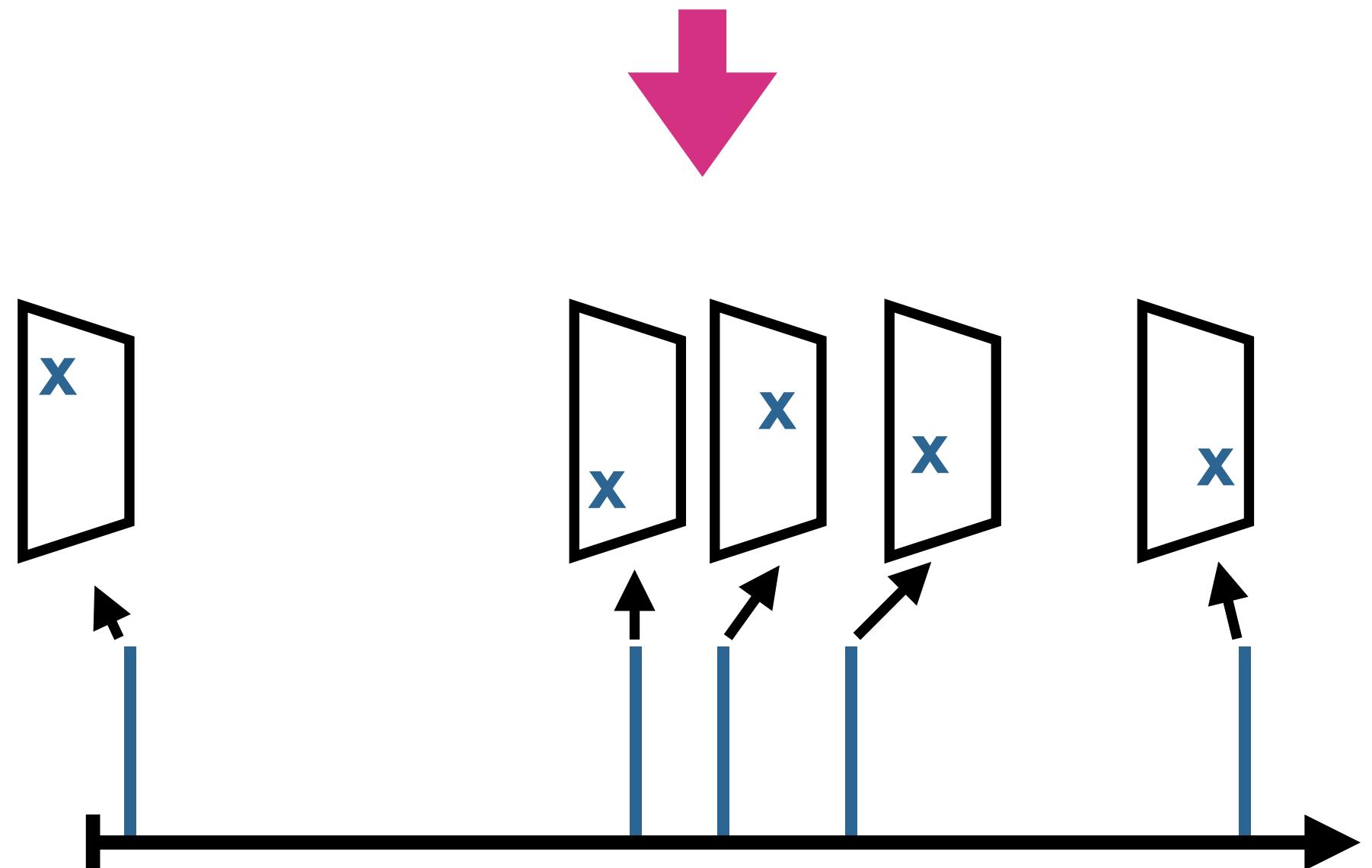
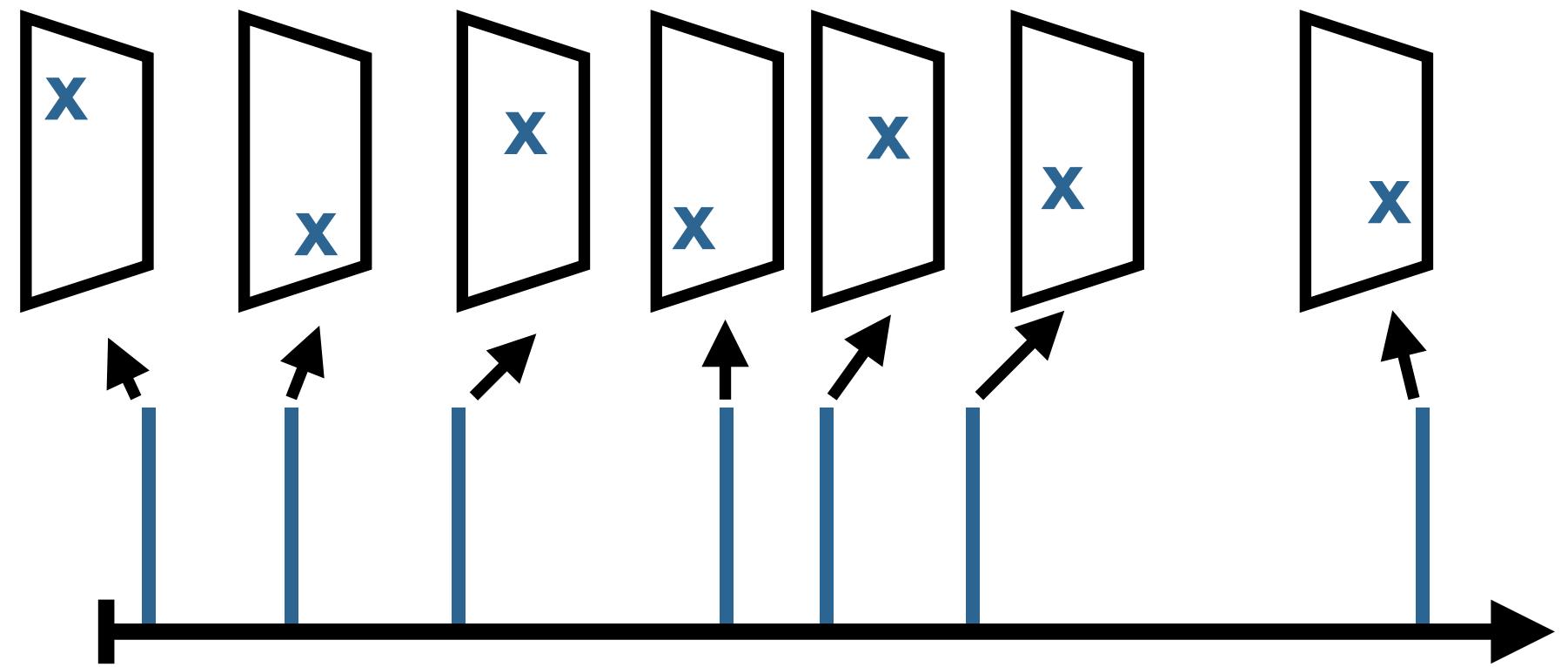
**Homogeneous STPP** Assume we want to simulate on a space  $S = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  with area  $A = 1$  from time  $t = 0$  to 1

1. Simulate event times with rate  $\lambda \cdot A$ , where  $\lambda$  is the rate and  $A$  is the area of the space (typically also 1).
2. For each event time, place the event uniformly over the space.

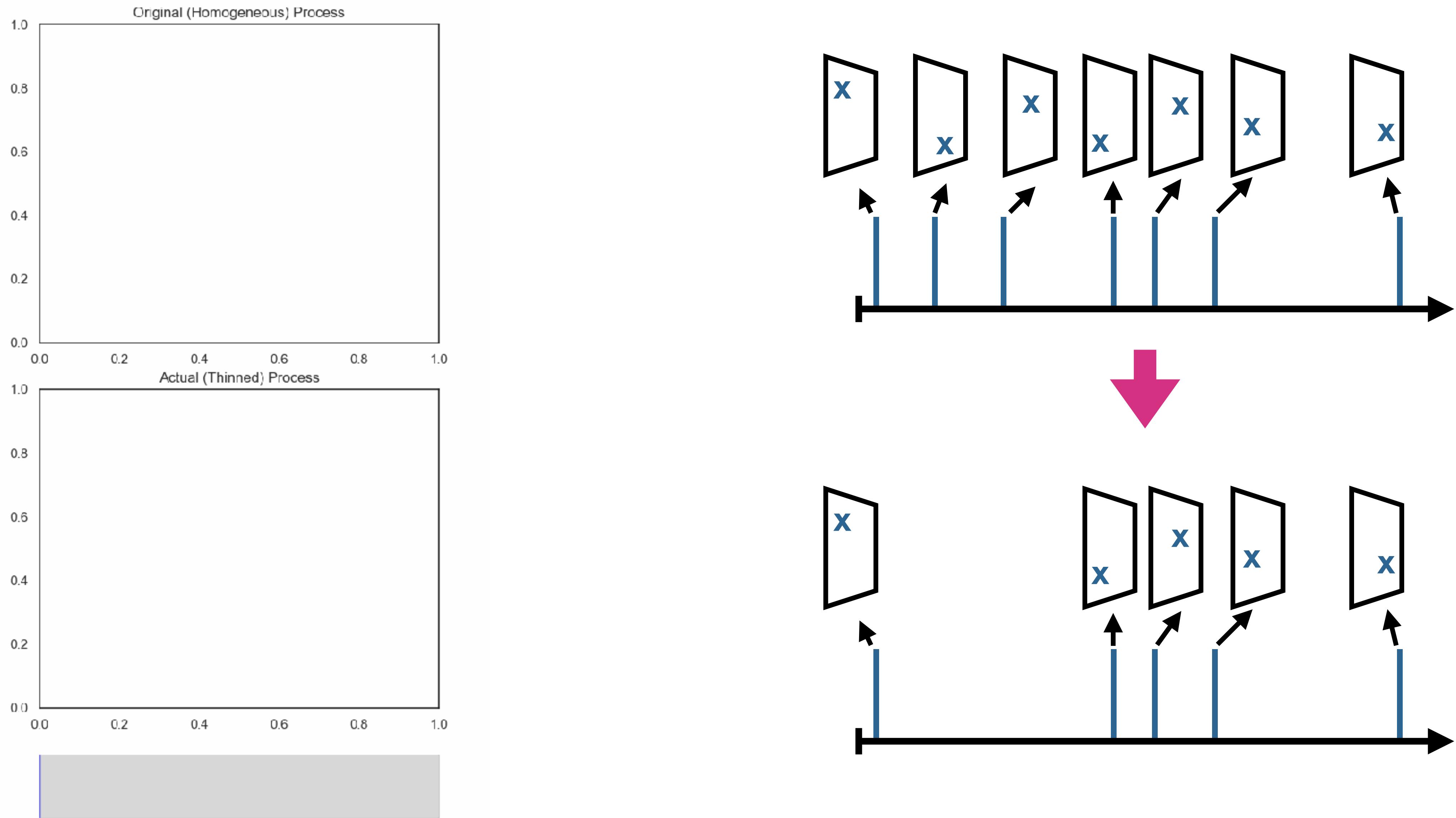


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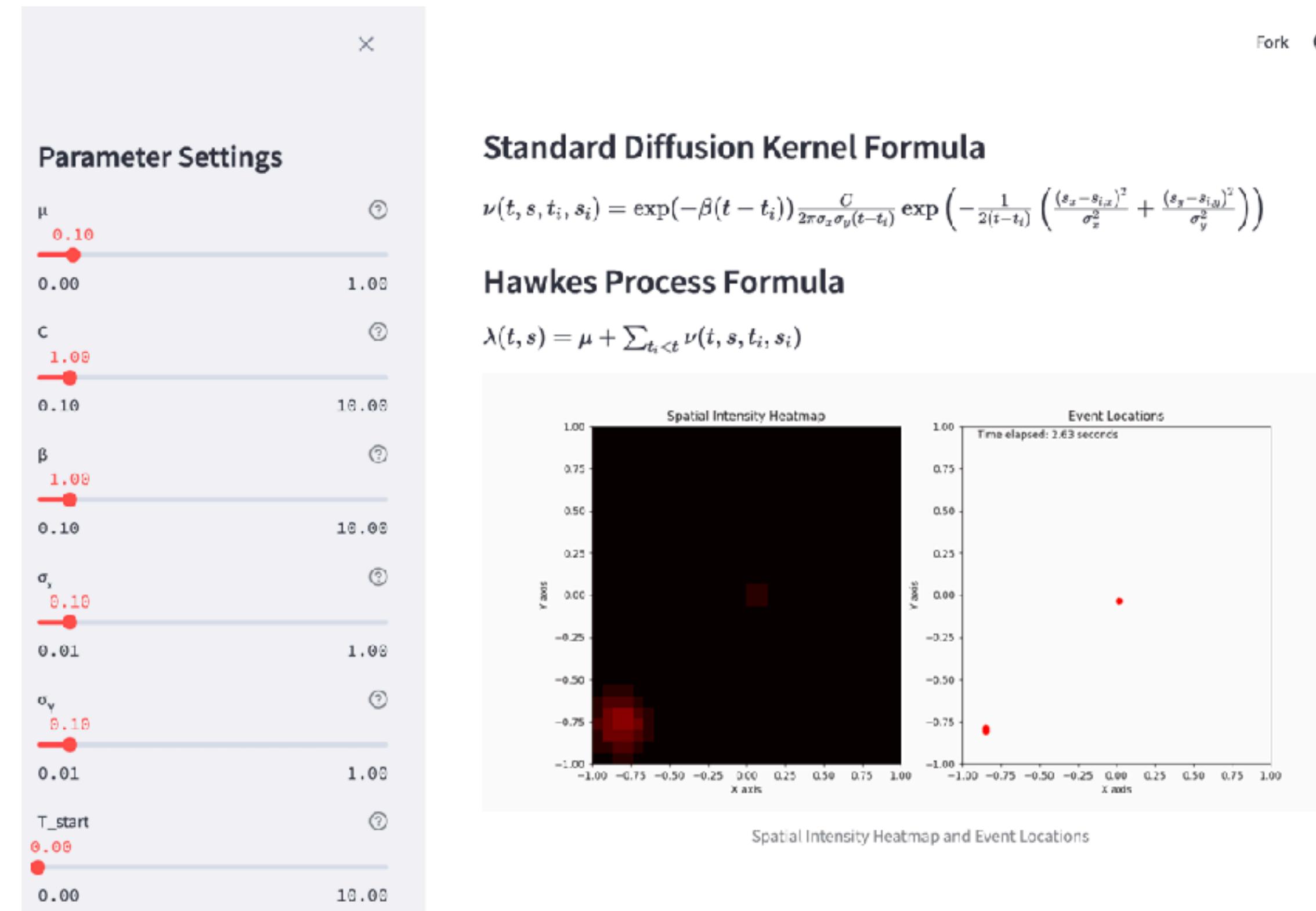
1. Generate a homogeneous STPP with a rate  $\lambda_{\max}$  that upper bounds the actual rate.
2. For each event (from left to right):
  - (a) Compute the actual intensity  $\lambda(s, t | H_t)$ .
  - (b) Reject the event with probability  $1 - \frac{\lambda(s, t | H_t)}{\lambda_{\max}}$ .



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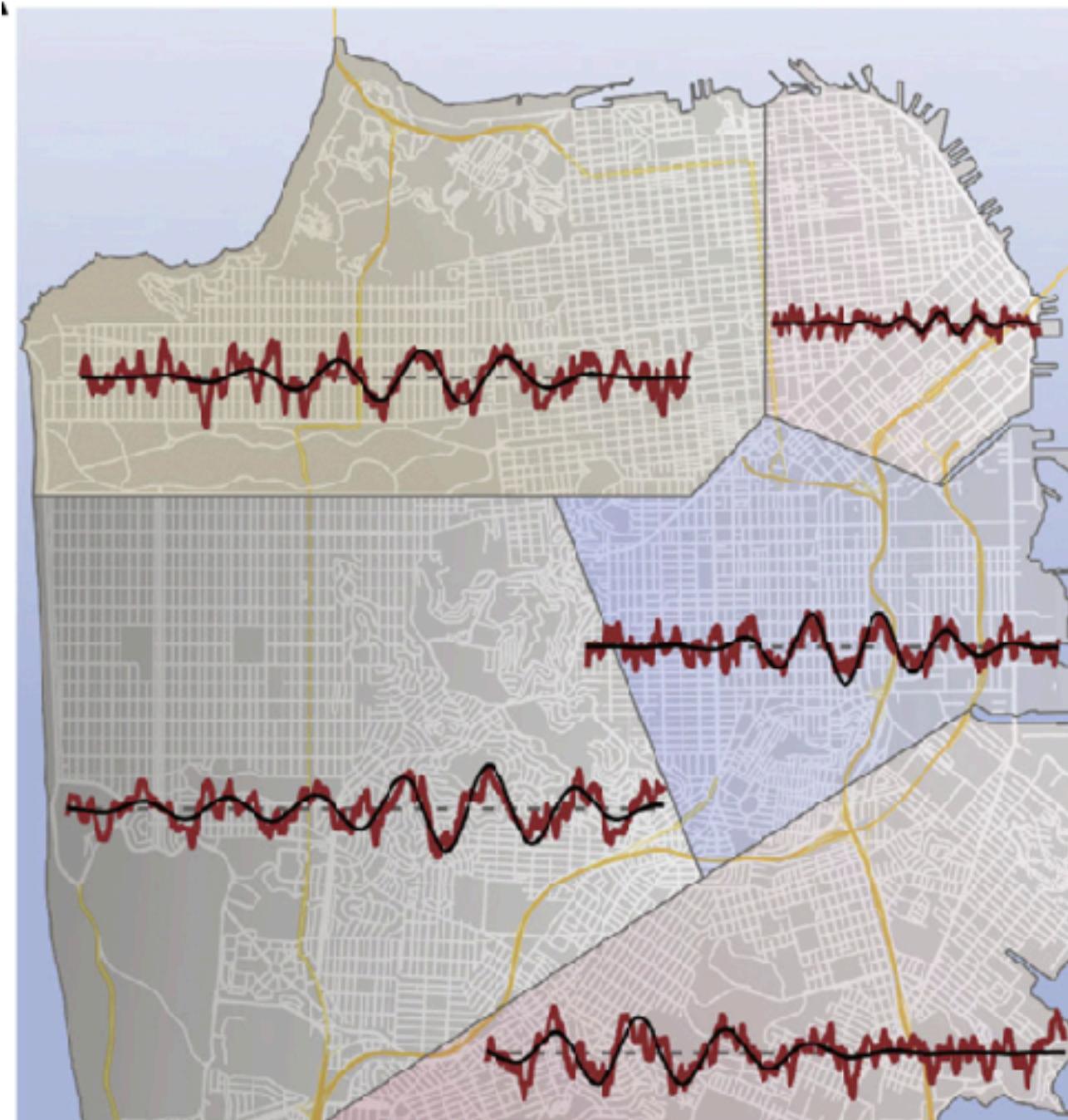


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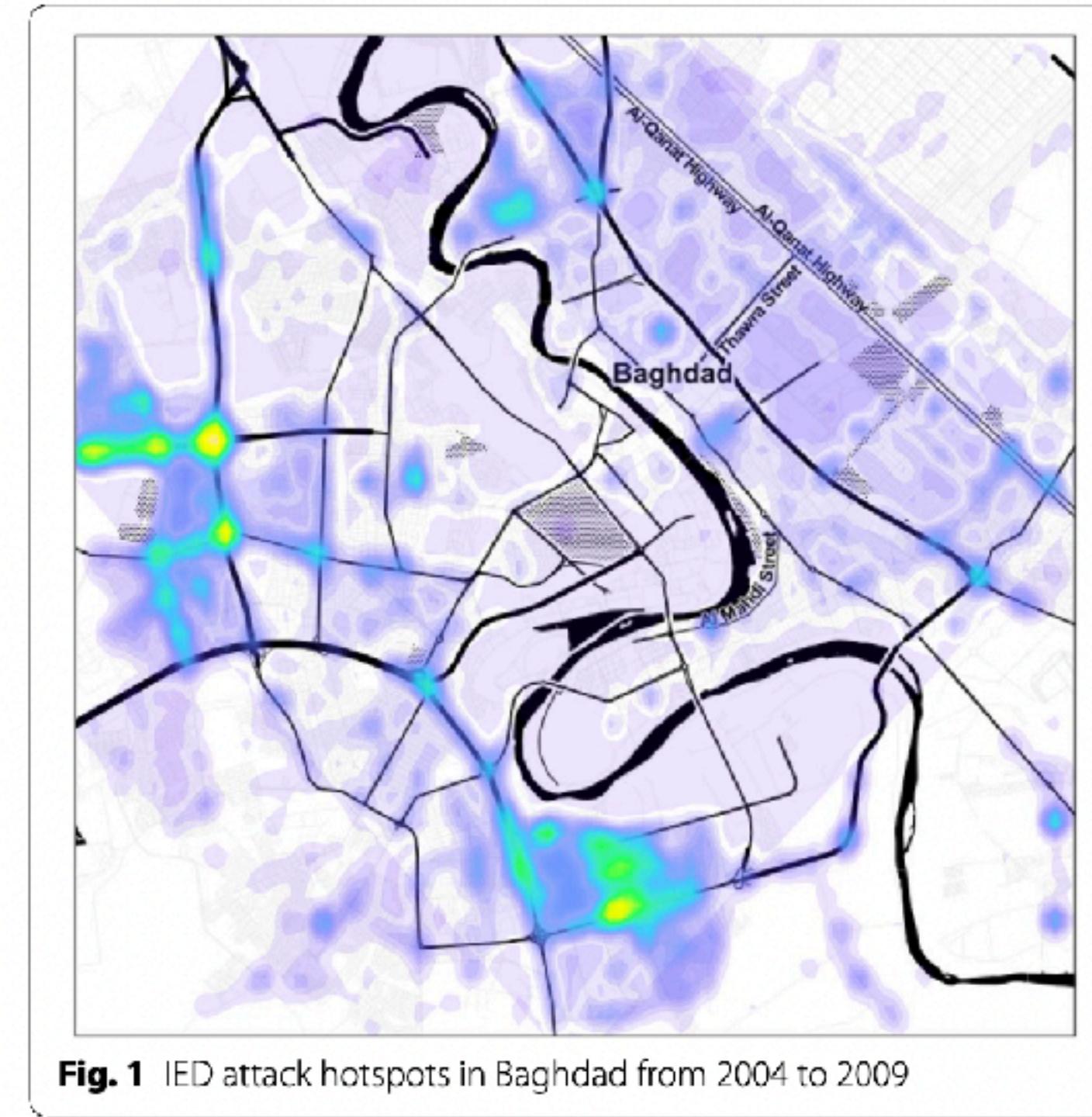


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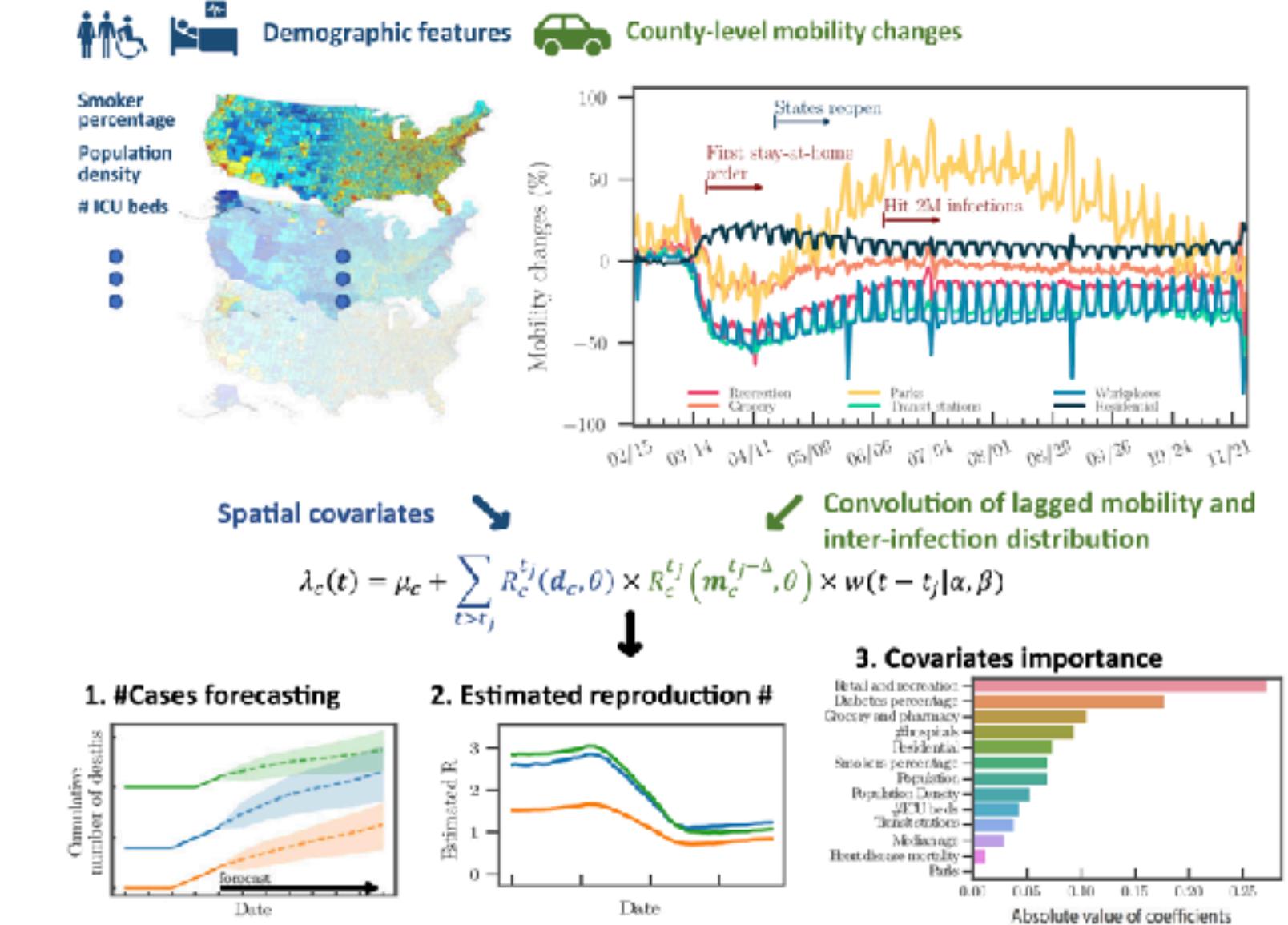
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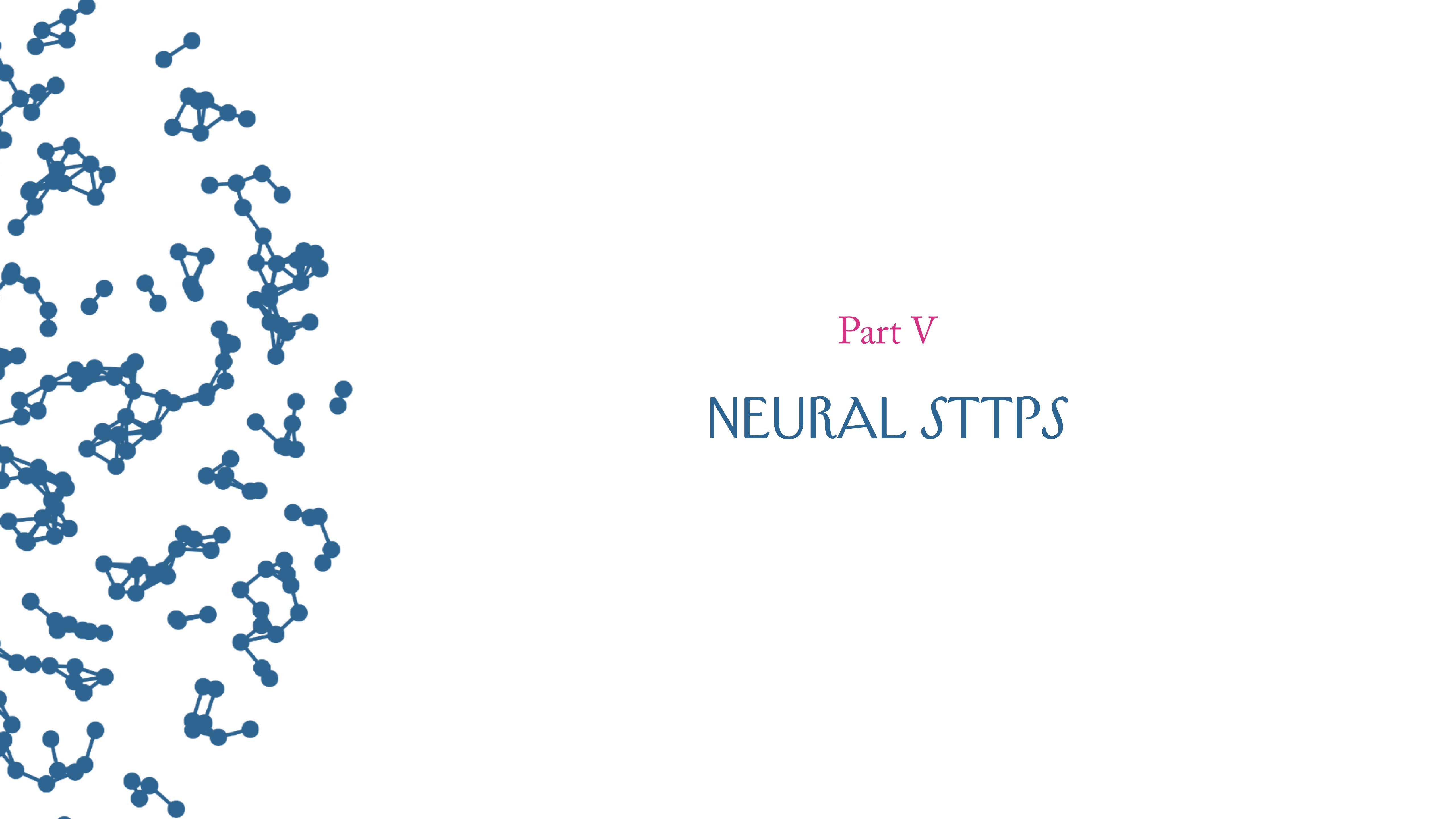
Spatio-temporal variations in the urban rhythm: the travelling waves of crime (Oliveira)



Learning to rank spatio-temporal event hotspots (Mohler et al.)



Hawkes process modeling of COVID-19 with mobility leading indicators and spatial covariates (Chiang et al.)



Part V

# NEURAL STTPS

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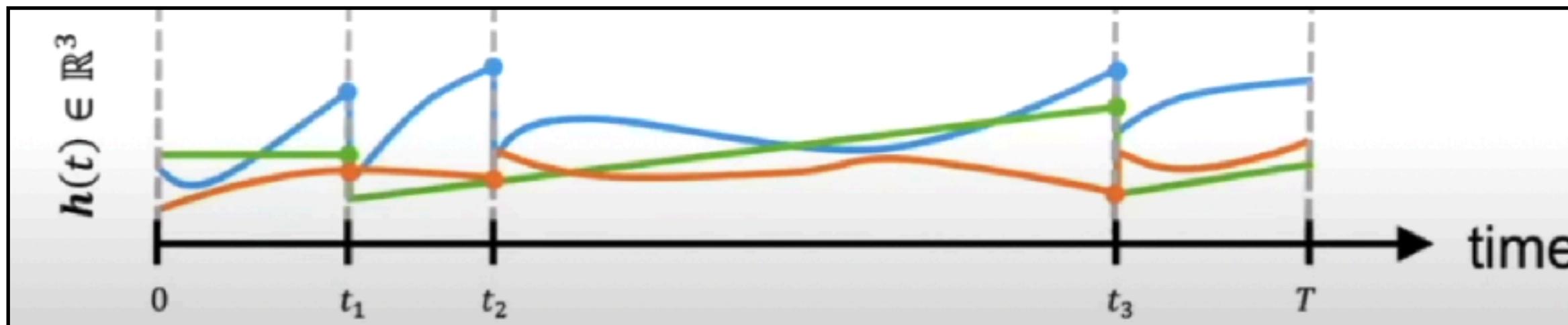
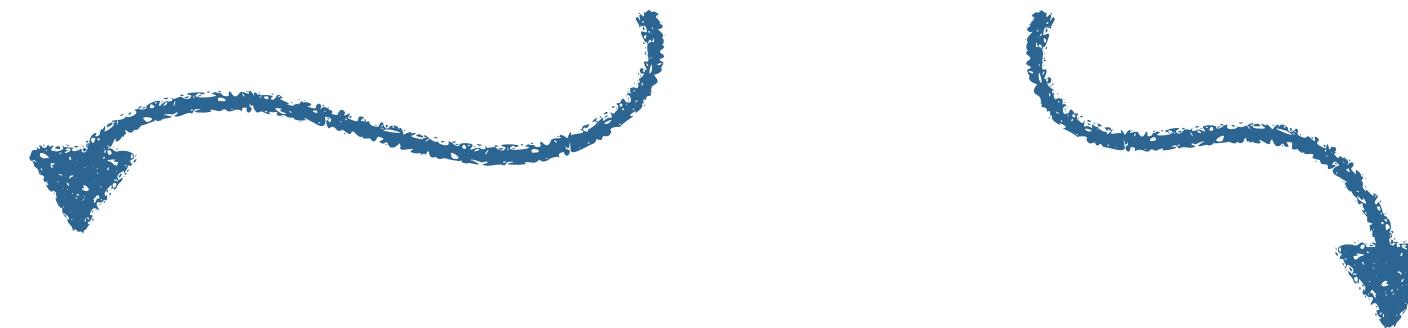
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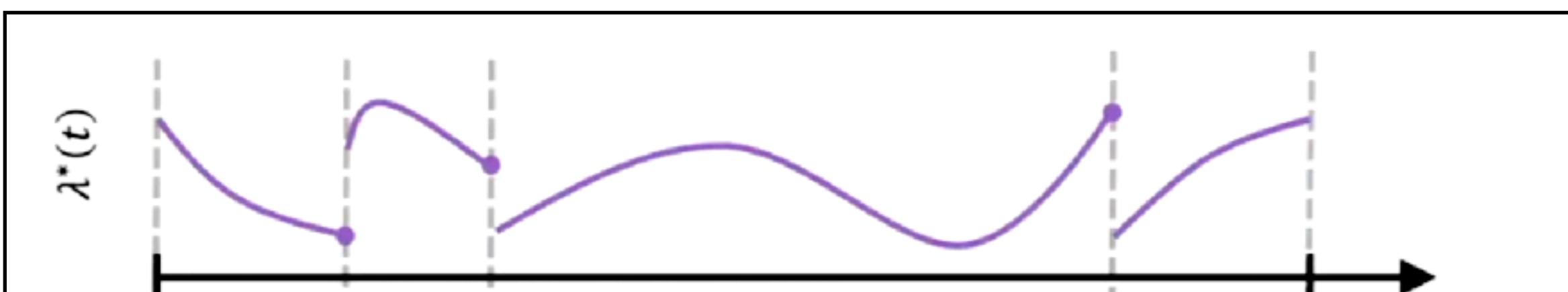
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Specify **ODE** that moves current position

$$\mathbf{x}_0 \sim p(\mathbf{x}_0)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_t}{dt} = f_x(t, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{h}_t)$$

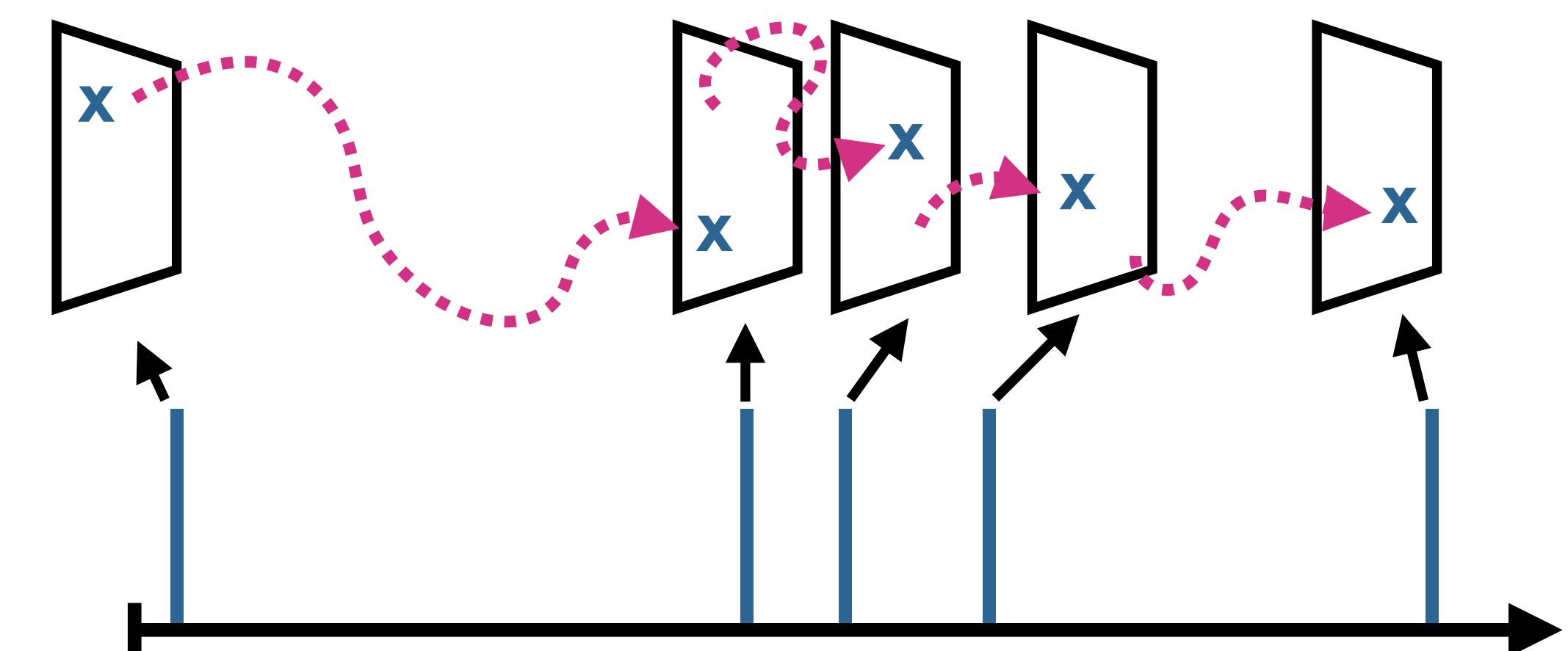
$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathbf{x}_{t_i + \varepsilon} = g_x(t_i, \mathbf{x}_{t_i}, \mathbf{h}_{t_i})$$



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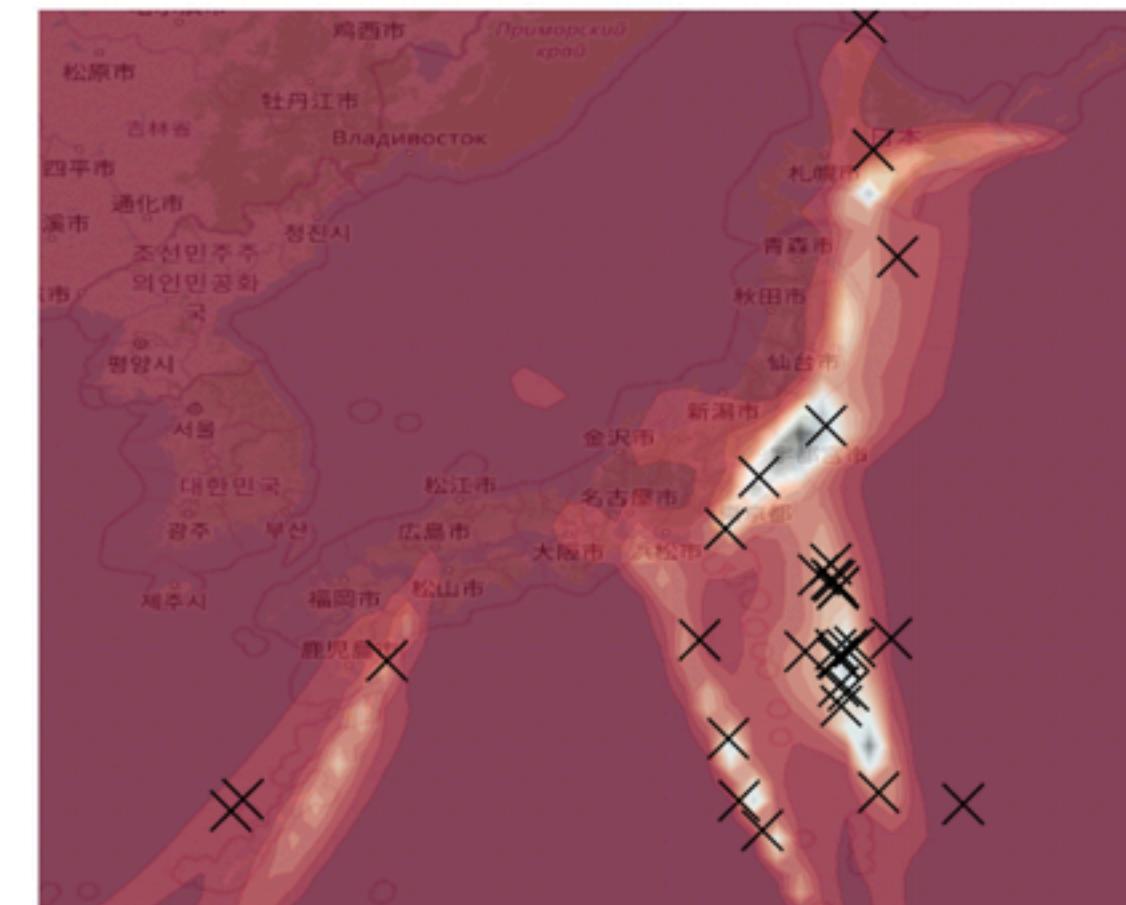
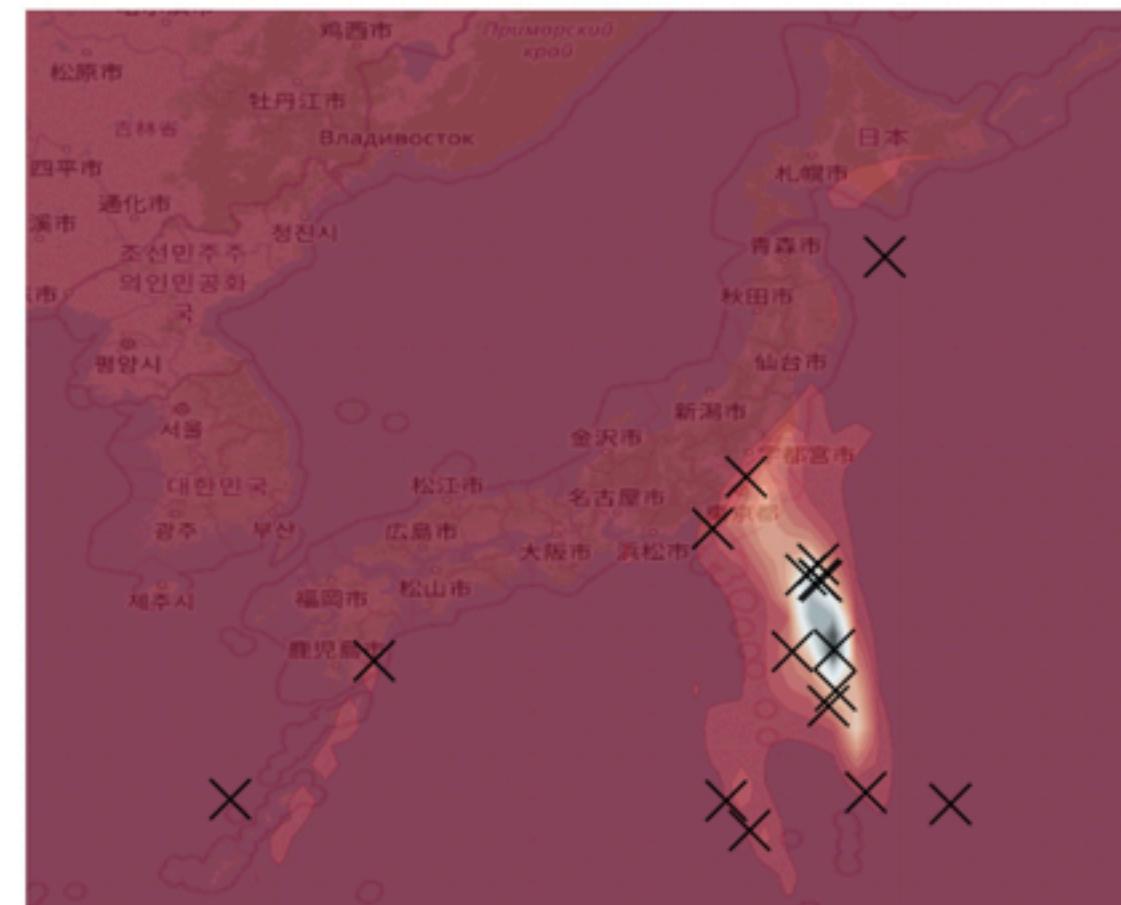
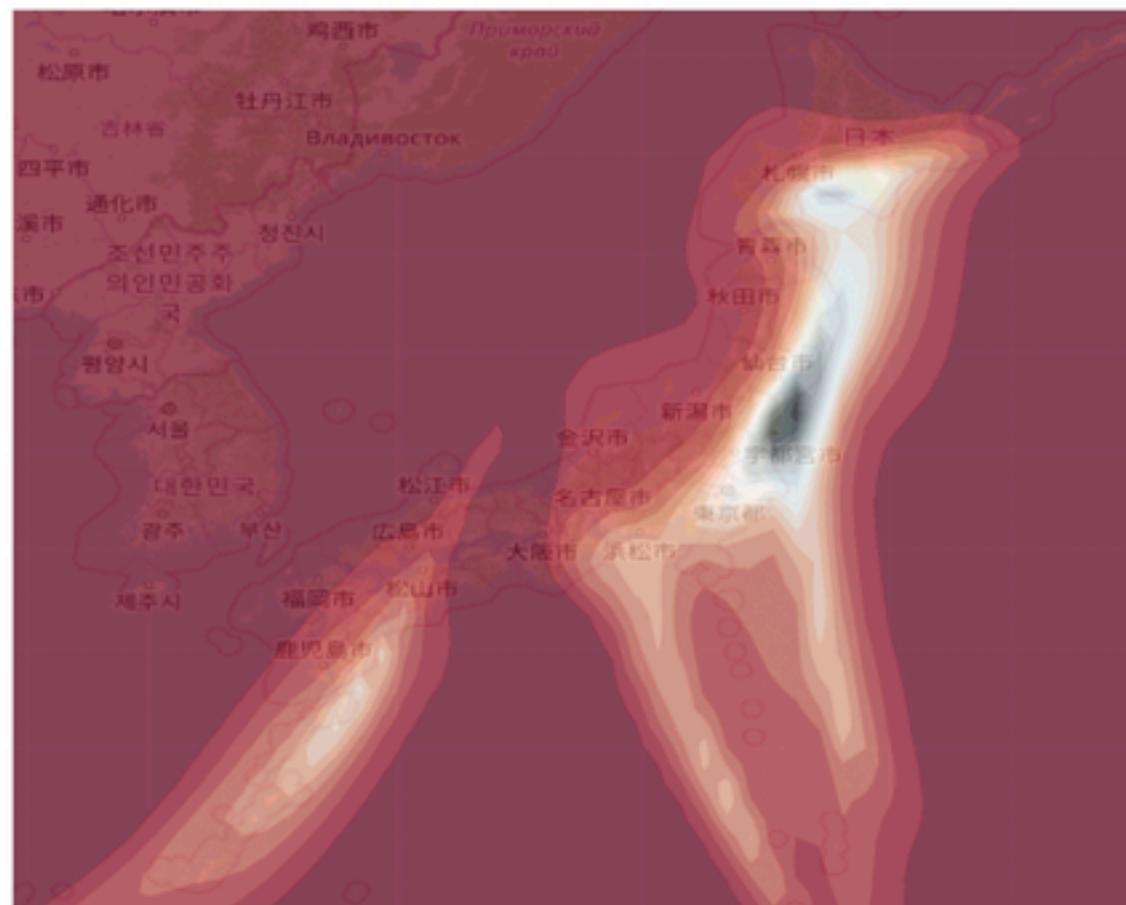


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# Neural STTPs

How do we generalize this towards STPPs?

Model **intensity** function with neural network:

$$\lambda(t, H_t) = \text{NN}(t, H_t)$$

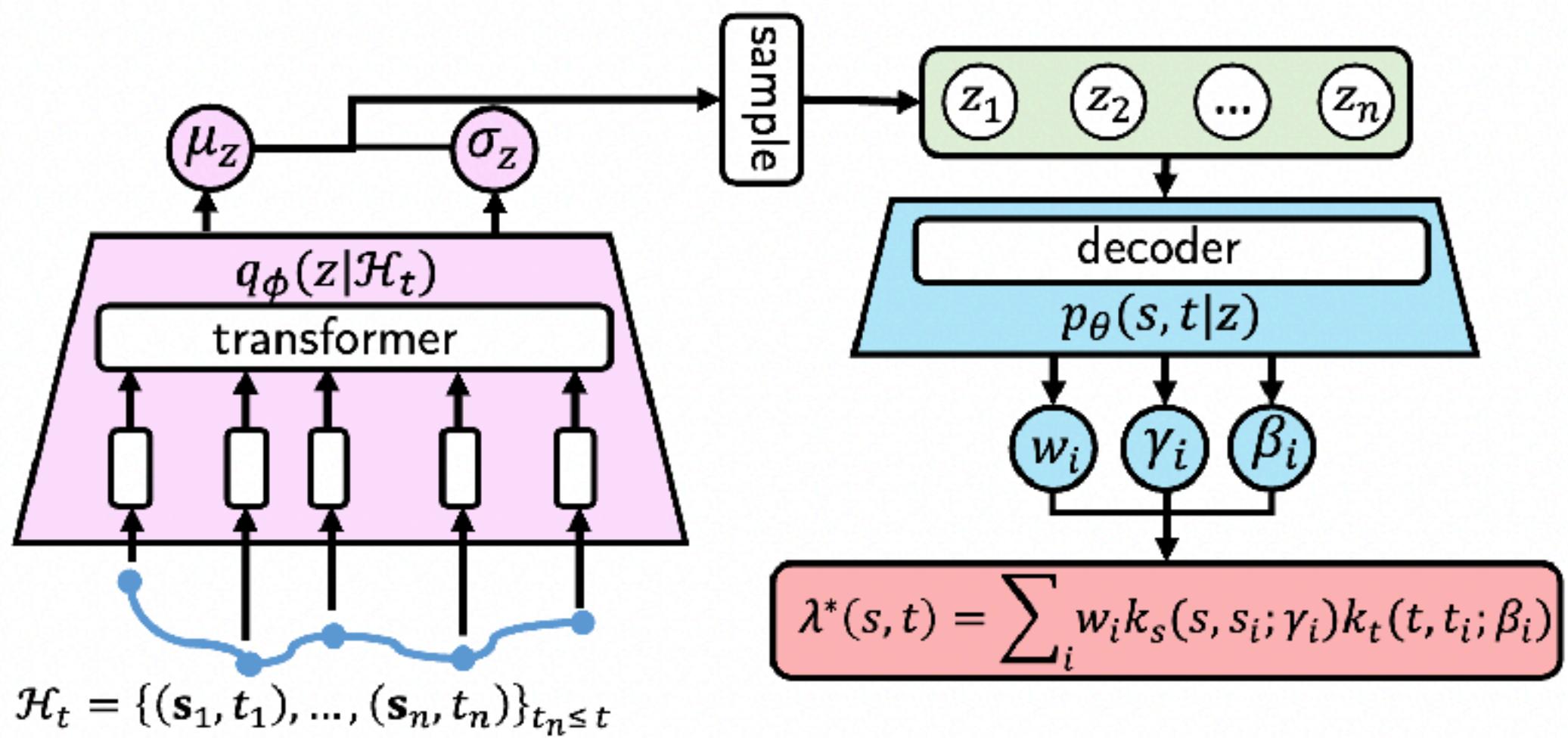
- Numerical integration is expensive
- NN architecture needs to process event sequence of arbitrary length.

Model **predictive distribution** with neural network:

$$f^{\text{pred}}(t, H_t) = \text{NN}(t, H_t)$$

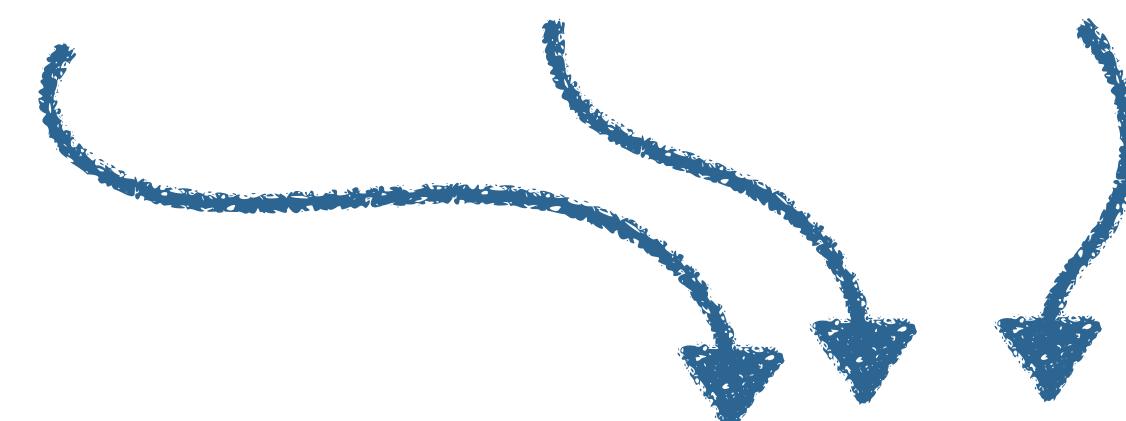
- Predict valid PDF
- PDF representation must support both efficient sampling and evaluation.
- NN architecture needs to process event sequence of arbitrary length.

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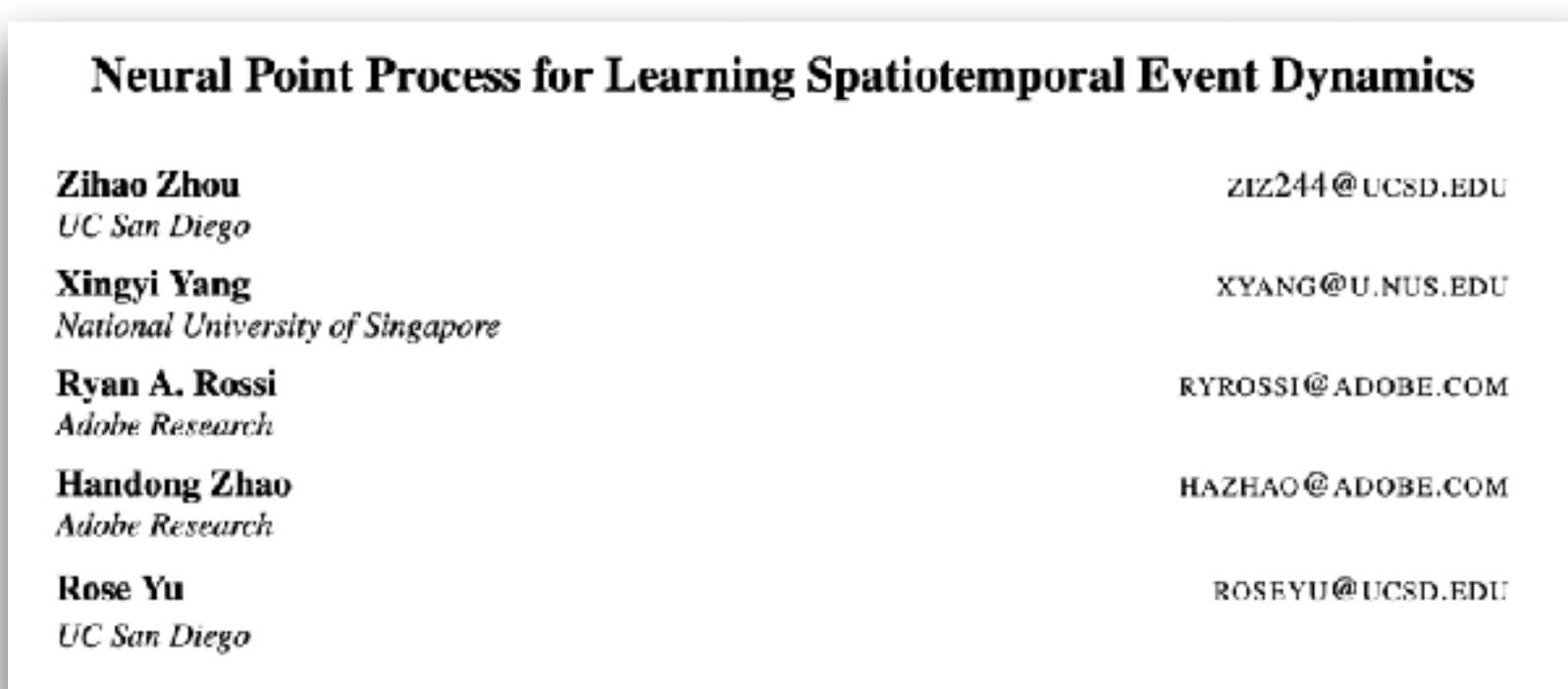


Find parametric form of the intensity function:

$$\lambda(s, t | \mathcal{H}_t) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i k_s(s, s_i; \gamma_i) k_t(t, t_i; \beta_i)$$



For each event  $i$  in  $\mathcal{H}_t$  we learn  $w_i, \gamma_i, \beta_i$

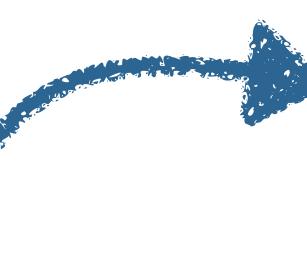


Define kernels:

$$k_s(s, s_i) = \alpha^{-1} \exp(-\gamma_i \|s - s_i\|)$$

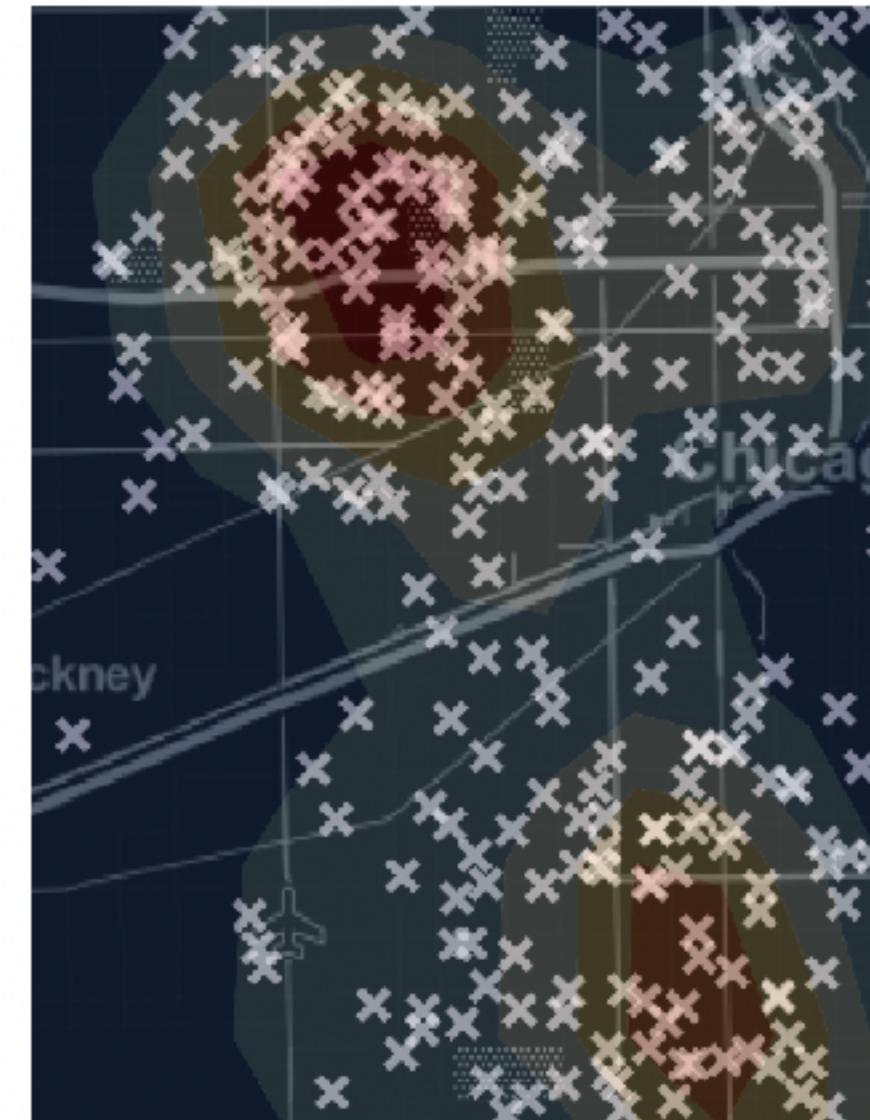
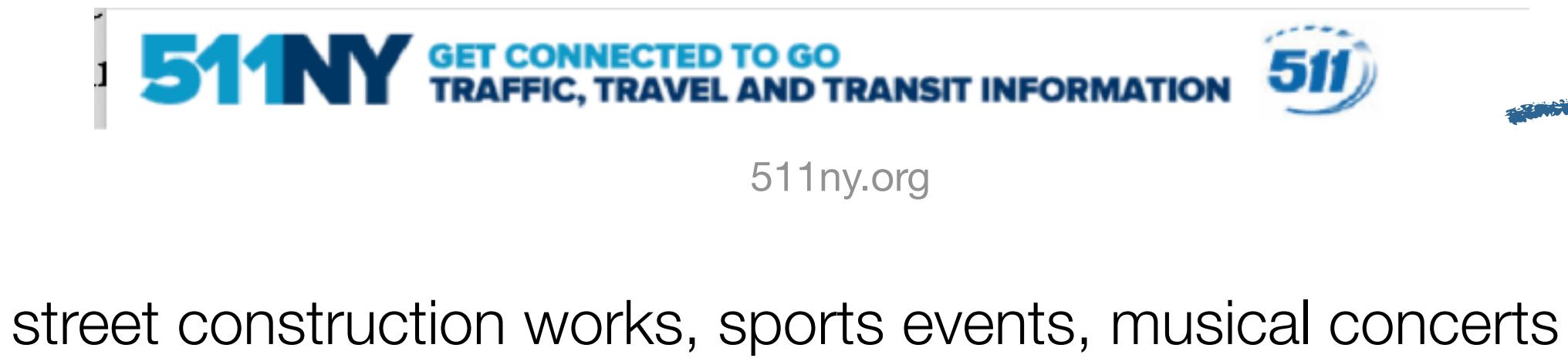
$$k_t(t, t_i) = \exp(-\beta_i \|t - t_i\|)$$

normalization constant



# Neural STTPs with Context

"Human activities are largely influenced by **environmental features**, i.e., weather, geographical characteristics and traffic conditions. These features must be considered to accurately predict future events."

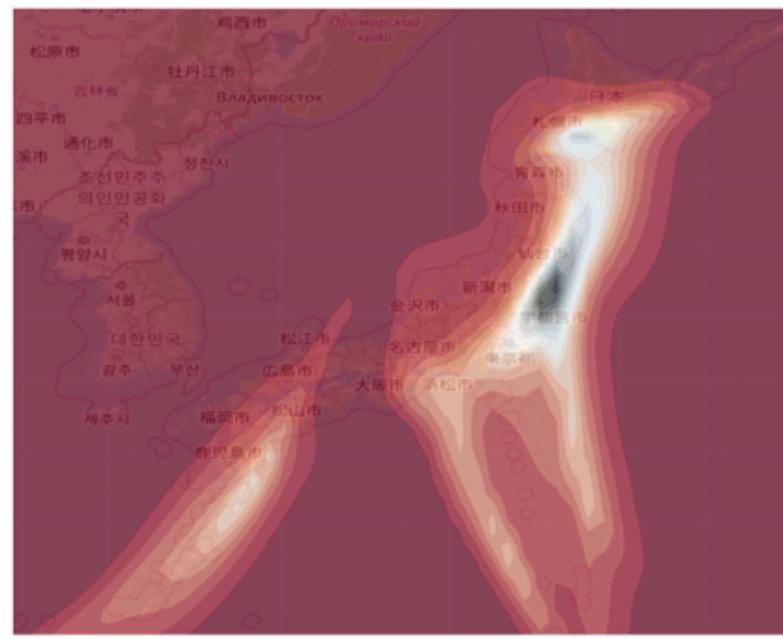


Deep Mixture Point Processes: Spatio-temporal Event Prediction with Rich Contextual Information

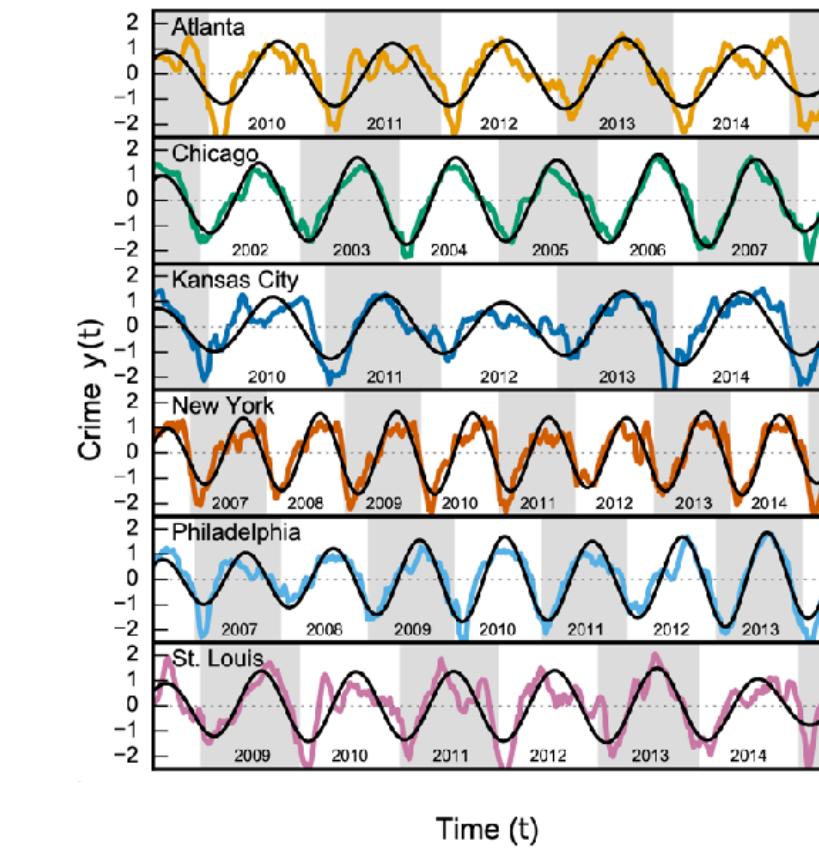
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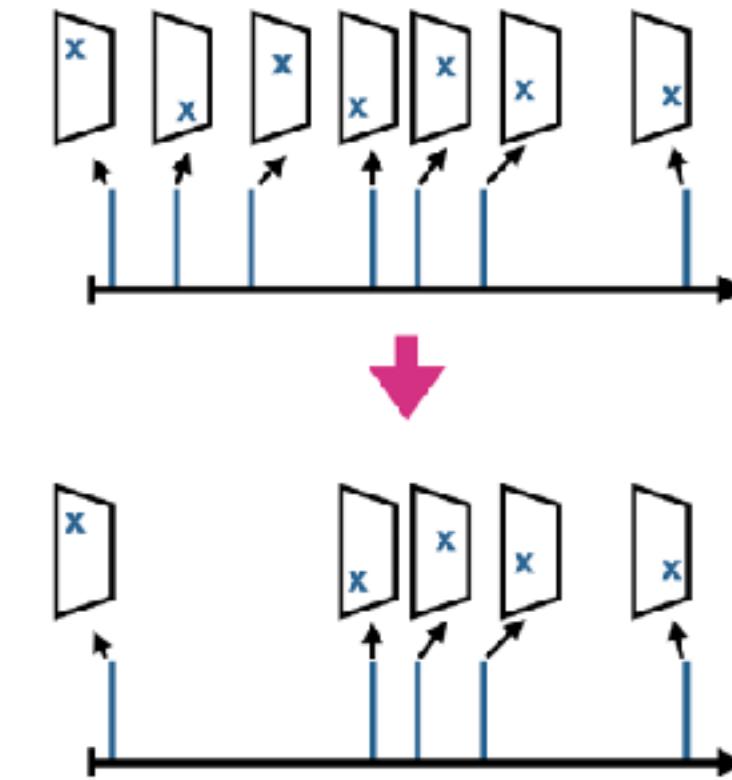
# Recap



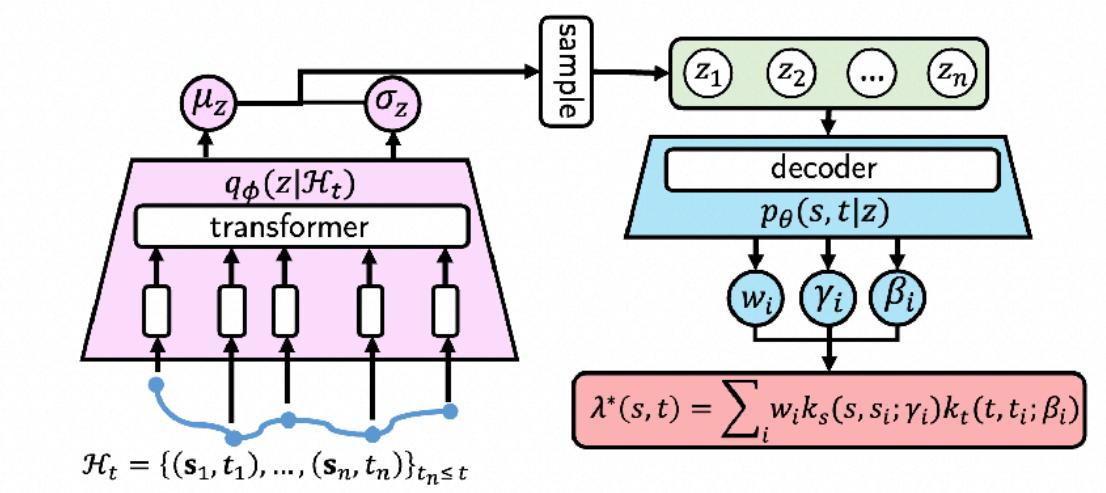
Spatio-temporal data is everywhere.



Statistical models capture patterns like bustiness, self-excitation, and self-correction



Simulation with the thinning method is easy and fast.



Neural models capture arbitrary dynamics and include contextual information.

Slides, code, and lecture notes available at [github.com/gerritgr/spatio-temporal-lecture](https://github.com/gerritgr/spatio-temporal-lecture)

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