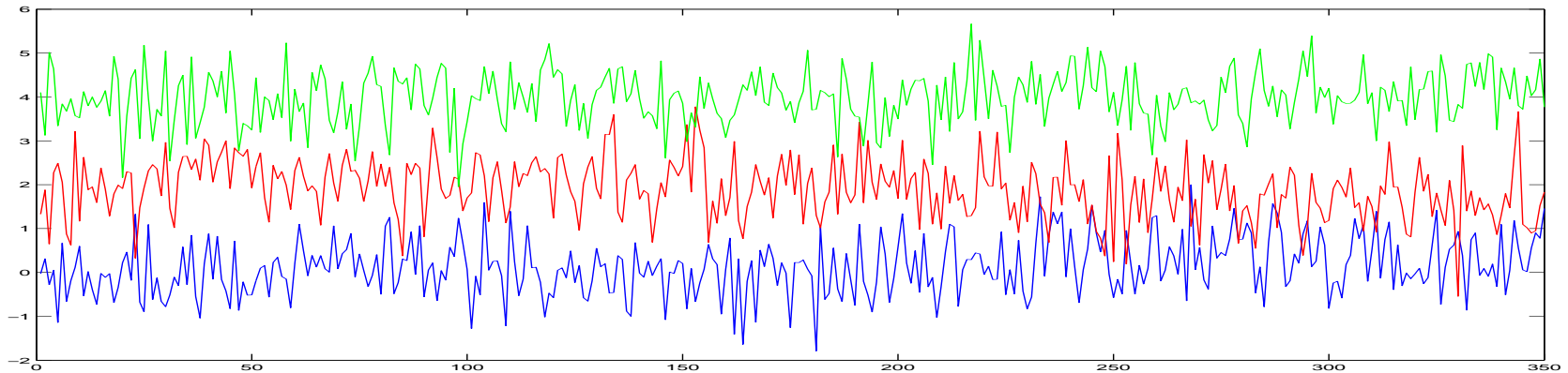


# *Bayesian and Asymptotically Optimal Change-Point Detection in Multivariate Time Series*



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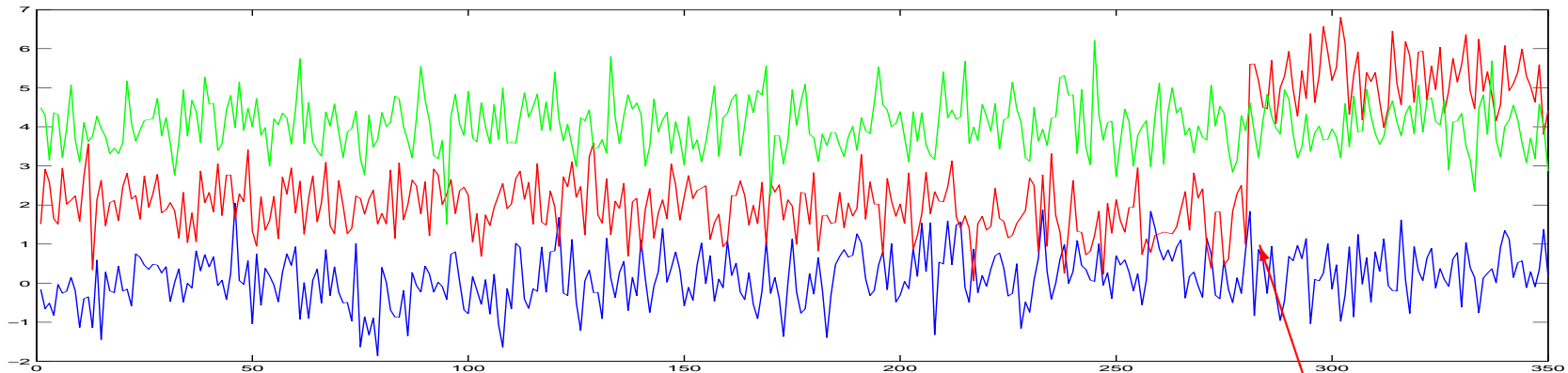
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# Objective

- Observe a multivariate time series sequentially



- A sudden change in one or several components may represent a threat, disorder, result of some event
- Use statistical methods to detect such changes in real time (sequentially)
- Use the supplementary information (prior)

Change-point  
(there may be  
a reason)

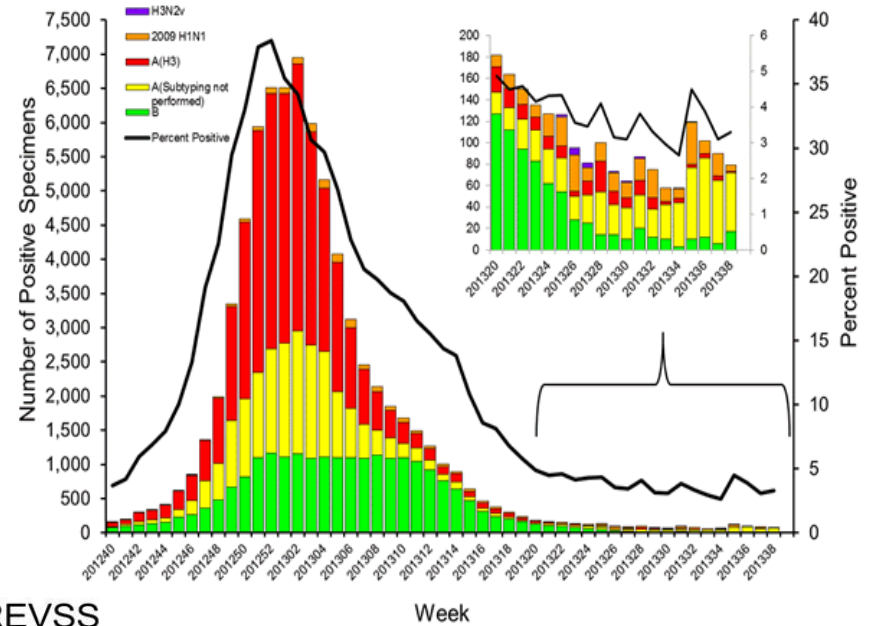
# Examples

## Example 1: Epidemics

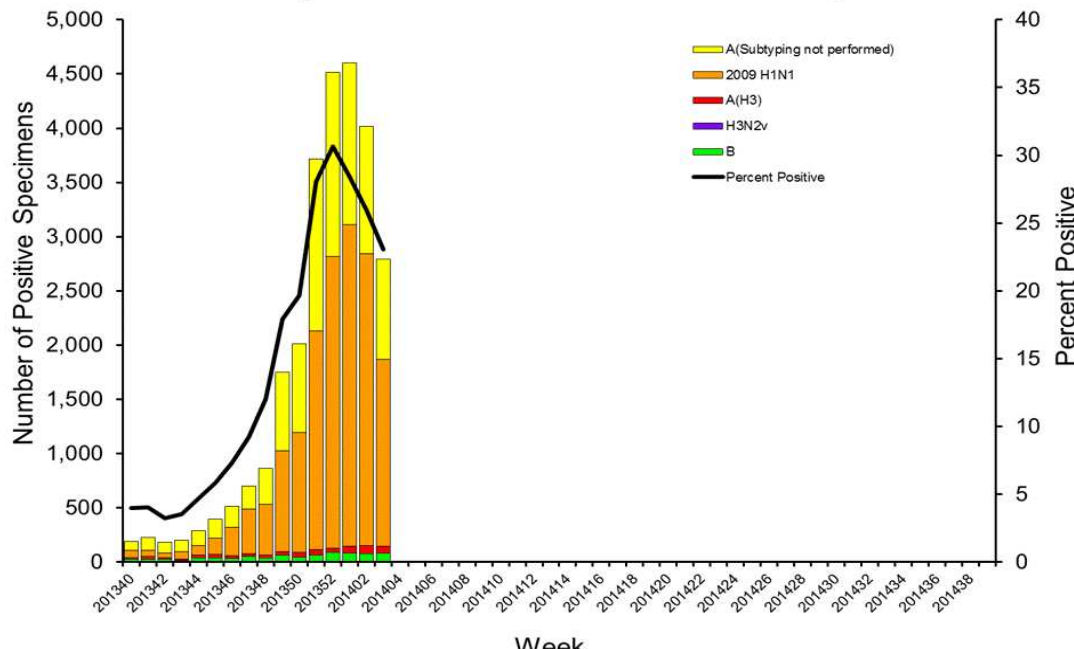
More morbidity and mortality in the U.S. than AIDS

*Each year:* 10,000 - 40,000 fatalities  
 200,000 hospitalizations  
 70 million work-loss days  
 associated cost of \$12 billion

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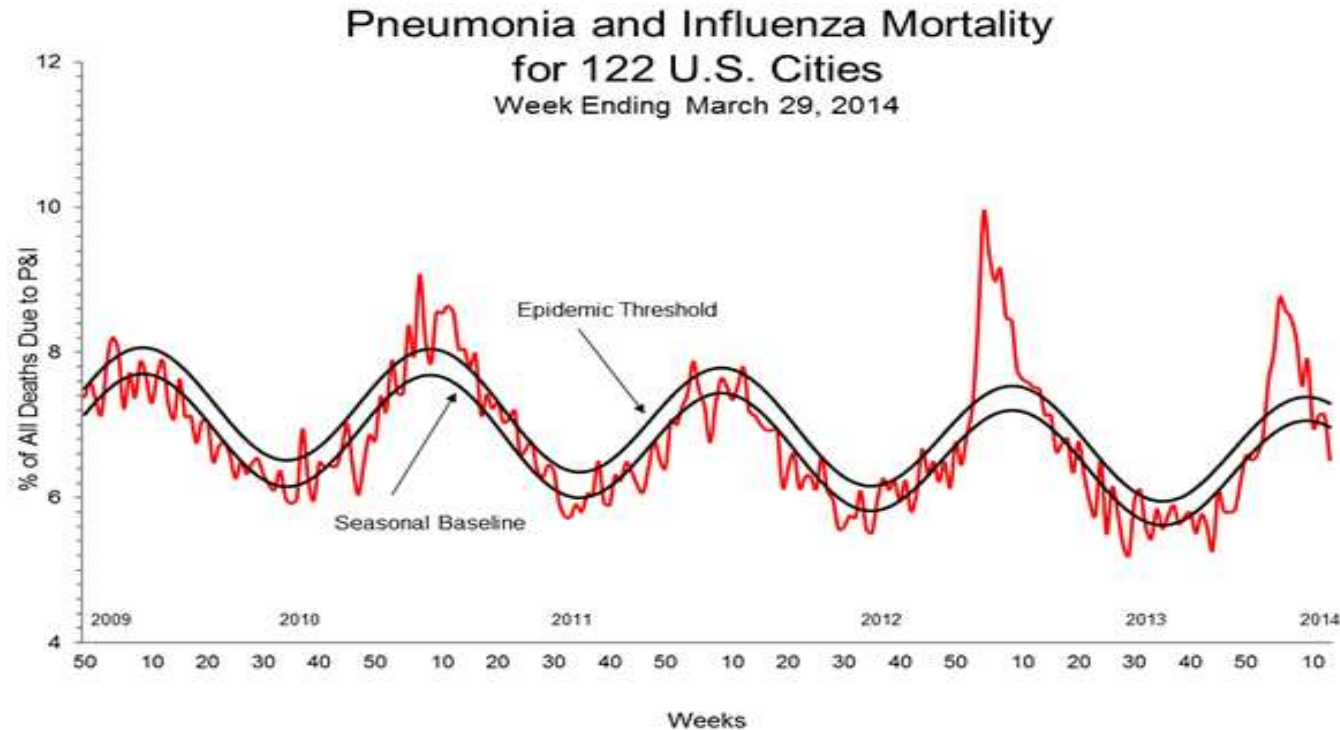
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*How early can we detect epidemics with 95% confidence?*

## Epidemics: detection and prevention

- Epidemics are official when the *epidemic threshold* is exceeded.
- Epidemic threshold = baseline + 1.645 SD



- Detect occurrence of a pre-epidemic trend
- Predict beginning of an epidemic

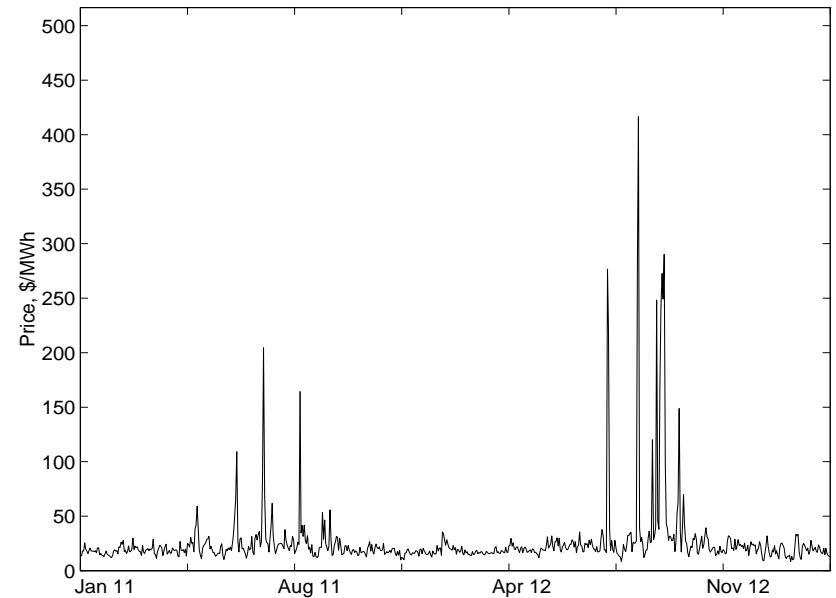
by solving the corresponding *change-point detection problem*

## Example 2. Price of Electricity

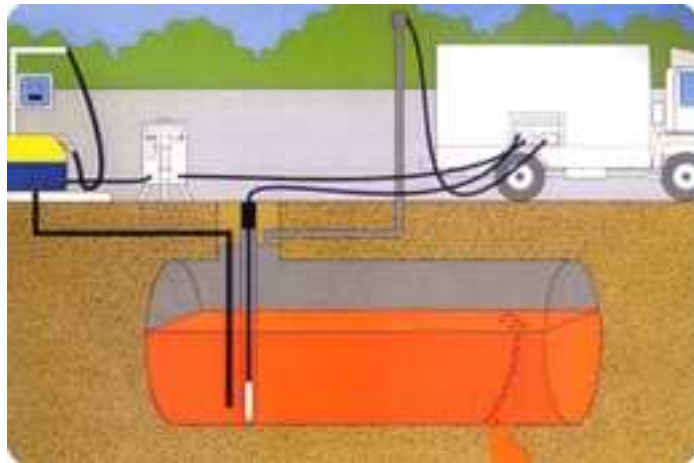
### Need:

(a) working stochastic model  
⇒ Monte Carlo simulation study  
⇒ valuation of energy derivatives

(b) forecast; predictive distribution  
of electricity prices for any given day



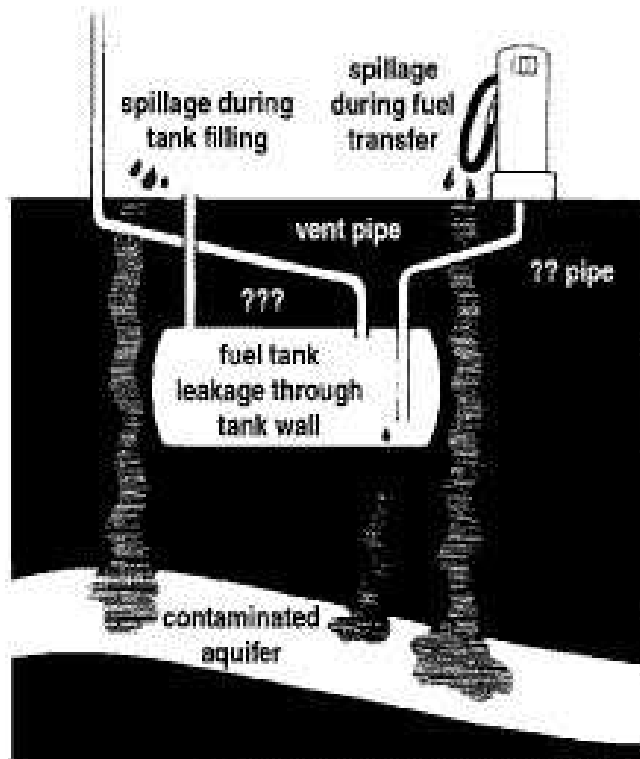
# Example 3. Leaking Underground Storage Tanks



Underground storage...



leaking...



into water...



water  
contamination

## Current EPA requirements:

1. Detect leaks of 0.2 gallons per hour, with probability 95%
2. Maintain the probability of a false alarm of 5% per month.

## Problems for a statistician:

- Efficient detection of leaks
- Estimation of the time leaking started
- Estimation of the leaking amount

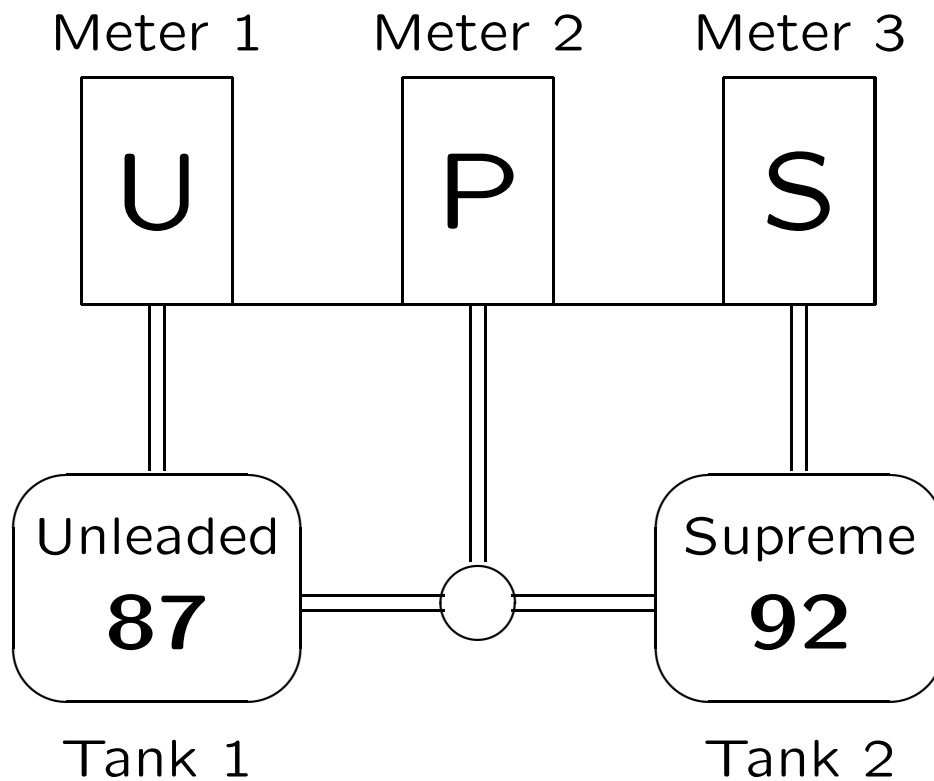


The Federal Register, 1988

## Blended UST Leak Regression Model

$$y_{1j} = \delta_1 + \beta_1 x_{1j} + \gamma \beta_2 x_{2j} + \epsilon_{1j}$$

$$y_{2j} = \delta_2 + (1 - \gamma) \beta_2 x_{2j} + \beta_3 x_{3j} + \epsilon_{2j}$$



$y_1$  = displaced from Tank 1

$y_2$  = displaced from Tank 2

$x_1$  = dispensed through Meter 1

$x_2$  = dispensed through Meter 2

$x_3$  = dispensed through Meter 3

Intercepts  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  = amount displaced from UST but not dispensed (leak rates)

Slopes  $\beta_i = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x_i}$  are changes in  $y = y_1 + y_2$  for a given change in  $x_i$



# General Model and Assumptions

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A multidimensional stochastic sequence  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , possibly a time series

(2d) families of joint distributions,  $\mathcal{F}_j$  and  $\mathcal{G}_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, d$

Before the change in channel  $j$ ,  $\text{dist}(\mathbf{X}_{j,1:\nu_j}) \in \mathcal{F}_j$

After the change,  $\text{dist}(\mathbf{X}_{j,\nu_j+1:t}) \in \mathcal{G}_j$

Equivalent model: *there are (2d) stochastic sequences*,  $F_{\theta_j}$  and  $G_{\eta_j}$

$$\{U_{tj}\} \sim F_{\theta_j} \in \mathcal{F}_j \quad \text{and} \quad \{V_{tj}\} \sim G_{\eta_j} \in \mathcal{G}_j,$$

and

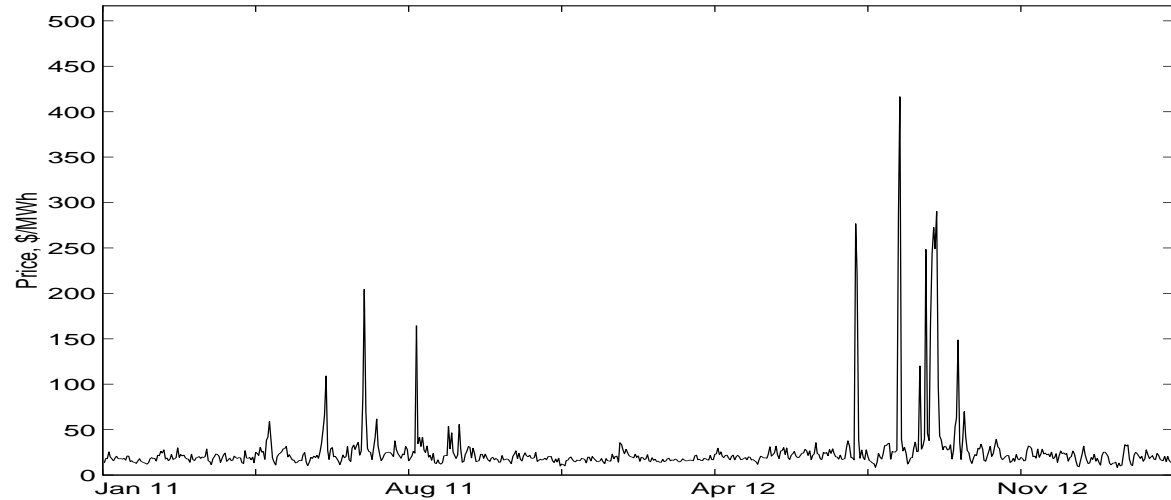
$$X_{tj} = \begin{cases} U_{tj} & \text{for } t \leq \nu_j \\ V_{tj} & \text{for } t > \nu_j \end{cases}; \quad \nu_j = \text{change-point in channel } j$$

**Prior distributions:**  $(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_d) \sim \pi_\nu$ ,  $\theta_j \sim \pi_\theta$ ,  $\eta_j \sim \pi_\eta$

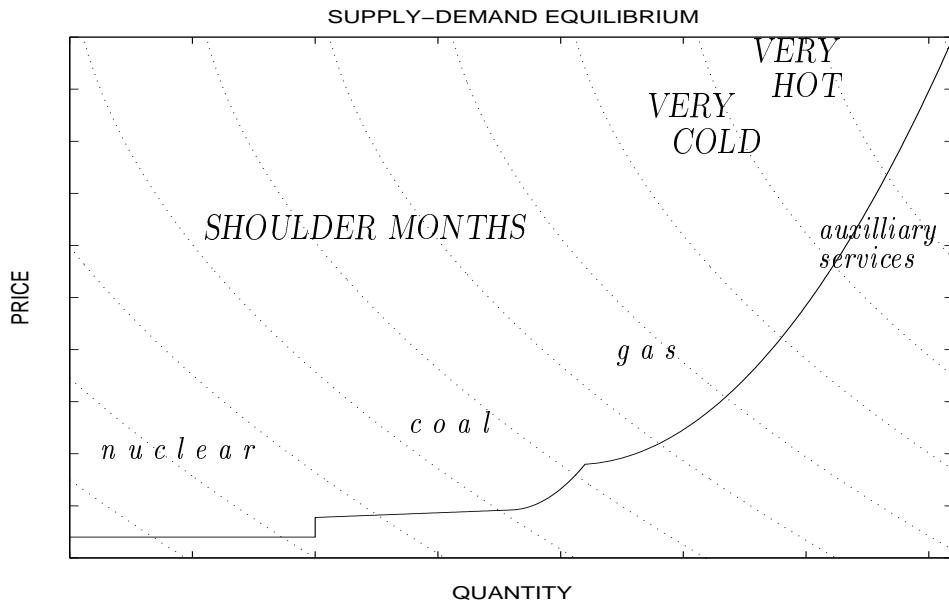
# Prior distribution

## Electricity prices

The data, spot prices of electricity, show multiple change-points



## *Reasons for change-points:*



## Spikes are likely to start:

- during a season of peak demand
- during a day
- during a weekday
- during unusually hot weather
- during closure or maintenance of a power plant

# Prior distribution

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## Influenza epidemics

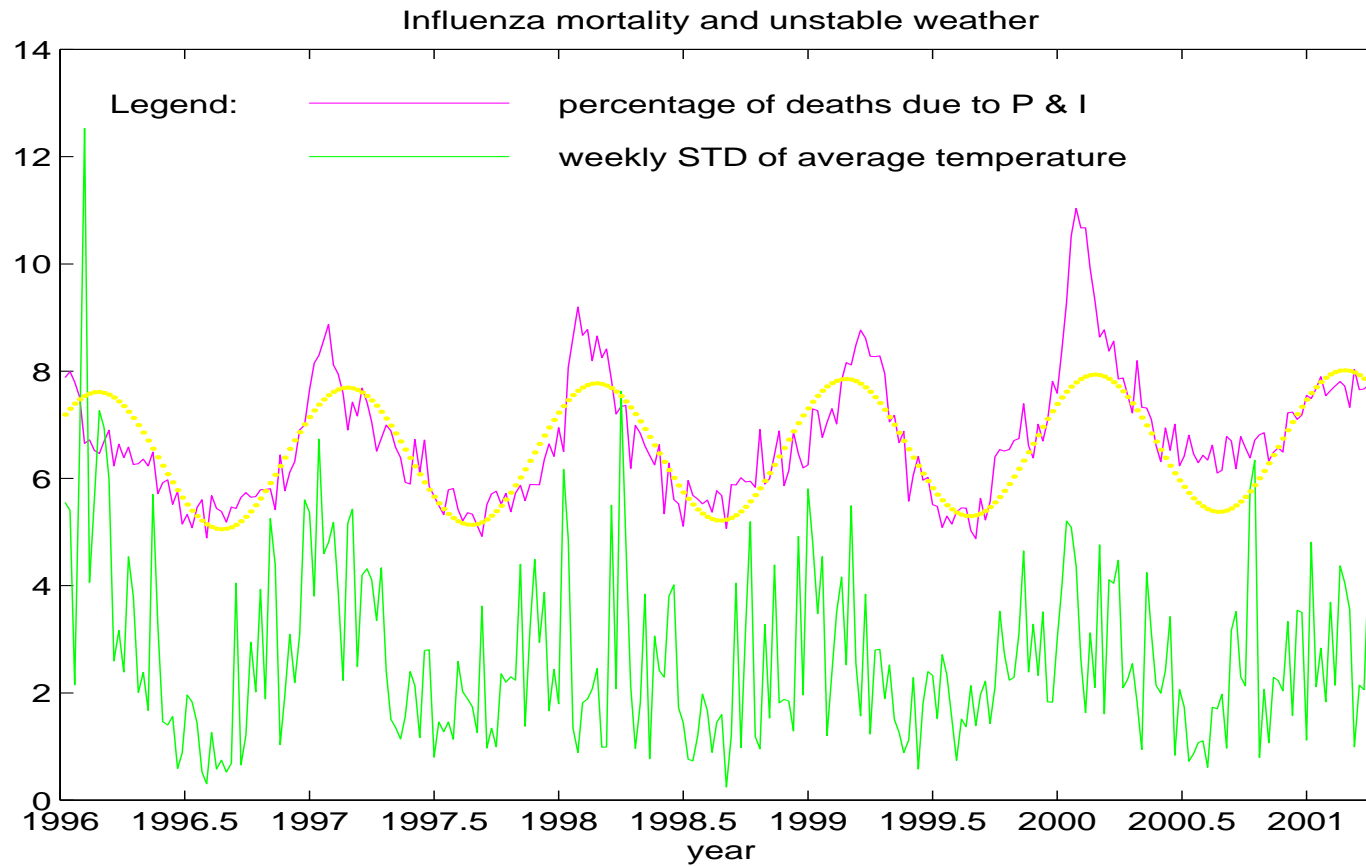
- Significant factors:*
- weather
  - air pollution
  - pollen
  - ozone level
  - others

### Examples

cold front  
followed by high pressure  
↓  
likelihood of epidemic ↑

high humidity,  
vigorous air movement  
↓  
virus dies rapidly  
↓  
likelihood of epidemic ↓

## *Influenza mortality and weather conditions*



# Bayes sequential change-point detection (theory)

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Shiryaev (1978)

Under the loss function  $L_1(T, \nu) = \lambda(T - \nu)^+ + I_{\{T < \nu\}}$   
and the *Geometric* prior  $\pi_n = \mathbf{P}\{\nu = n\} = pq^n$ ,

$$T^* = \inf \{n \geq 0 \mid \Pi_n \geq \pi^*\}$$

is *Bayes*, where

$$\Pi_n = \mathbf{P}\{\nu \leq n \mid X_1, \dots, X_n\},$$

$$\pi^* = \arg \min_{\pi} s(\pi),$$

and

$$s(\pi) = \sup_{\{T\}} \left( -\mathbf{E}^{\mathbf{X}, \nu} \{L_1(T, \nu) \mid \Pi_0 = \pi\} \right)$$

is *the payoff function*.

Ritov (1990)

*CUSUM* stopping rule  $T(h) = \inf \{n : W_n \geq h\}$ ,

$$W_n = \max_{k \in [0;n)} \log \frac{\mathcal{L}(X_1, \dots, X_n \mid \text{change at } \nu = k)}{\mathcal{L}(X_1, \dots, X_n \mid \text{no change so far})},$$

is *Bayes* under the loss function

$$L_2(T, \nu) = C_1 I_{\{T < \nu\}} + C_2 (T - \nu)^+ - C_3 \min \{T, \nu\}$$

and the prior

$$P \{\nu = n \mid \nu \geq n, X_1, \dots, X_n\} = p \left( 1 - \frac{f}{g}(X_n) e^{W_{n-1}} \right)^+$$

## Bayes stopping rules

<b>Classical assumptions</b>	<b>In practice</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="218 477 793 651">● IID observations before and after the change point</li><li data-bbox="218 727 930 901">● Known distributions, or known family, or use nonparametrics</li><li data-bbox="218 977 894 1086">● Geometric prior or some special prior</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1062 477 1755 651">● Observed time series, stochastic process of a known type</li><li data-bbox="1062 727 1728 836">● Always there are nuisance parameters</li><li data-bbox="1062 977 1887 1086">● Lots of prior information, side factors, complex prior</li></ul>

There is a need for weaker assumptions...

# Hierarchical Bayes stopping rules

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**Assumption:**  $\phi_n = P \{ \nu = n \mid \nu \geq n \}$  = homogeneous Markov chain  
(includes the cases of Shiryaev 1978 and Ritov 1990)

**Result (applying theory of optimal stopping):**

$\exists$  functions  $\eta(\cdot)$  and  $\zeta(\cdot)$  and a Markov sequence  $\{U_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ , with

$$E^{X,\nu} L(T, \nu) = E \left\{ \sum_{n < T} \eta(U_n) - \zeta(U_T) \right\},$$

then  $T^* = \inf \{n \mid s(U_n) = \zeta(U_n)\}$  is **Bayes**,

where  $s(u) = \sup_{\{T\}} (-Risk \mid U_0 = u) =$  payoff function

It solves the fixed-point equation

$$s(y) = \max \left\{ \zeta(u), E \left\{ s(U_{n+1}) \mid U_n = u \right\} - \eta(u) \right\}$$



# Implementation

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Numerical solution: define operators

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}w(u) &= \mathbf{E} \{w(U_{n+1}) \mid U_n = (u)\} \\ Qw(u) &= \max \{w(u), \mathcal{T}w(u) - \eta(u)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Compute

$$\begin{aligned} Q^1 \zeta(u) &= Q\zeta(u), \\ Q^2 \zeta(u) &= QQ\zeta(u), \\ Q^3 \zeta(u) &= QQQ\zeta(u), \\ Q^4 \zeta(u) &= QQQQ\zeta(u), \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ s(u) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} Q^N \zeta(u) \end{aligned}$$

Large number of iterations on a lattice  $\Rightarrow$  payoff  $s(u)$ .

Computing the critical probability:  $\pi^* = \arg \min s(u)$

Computing the stopping time:  $T^* = \inf \{n \geq 0 \mid \Pi_n \geq \pi^*\}$

## Bayes rules - energy pricing

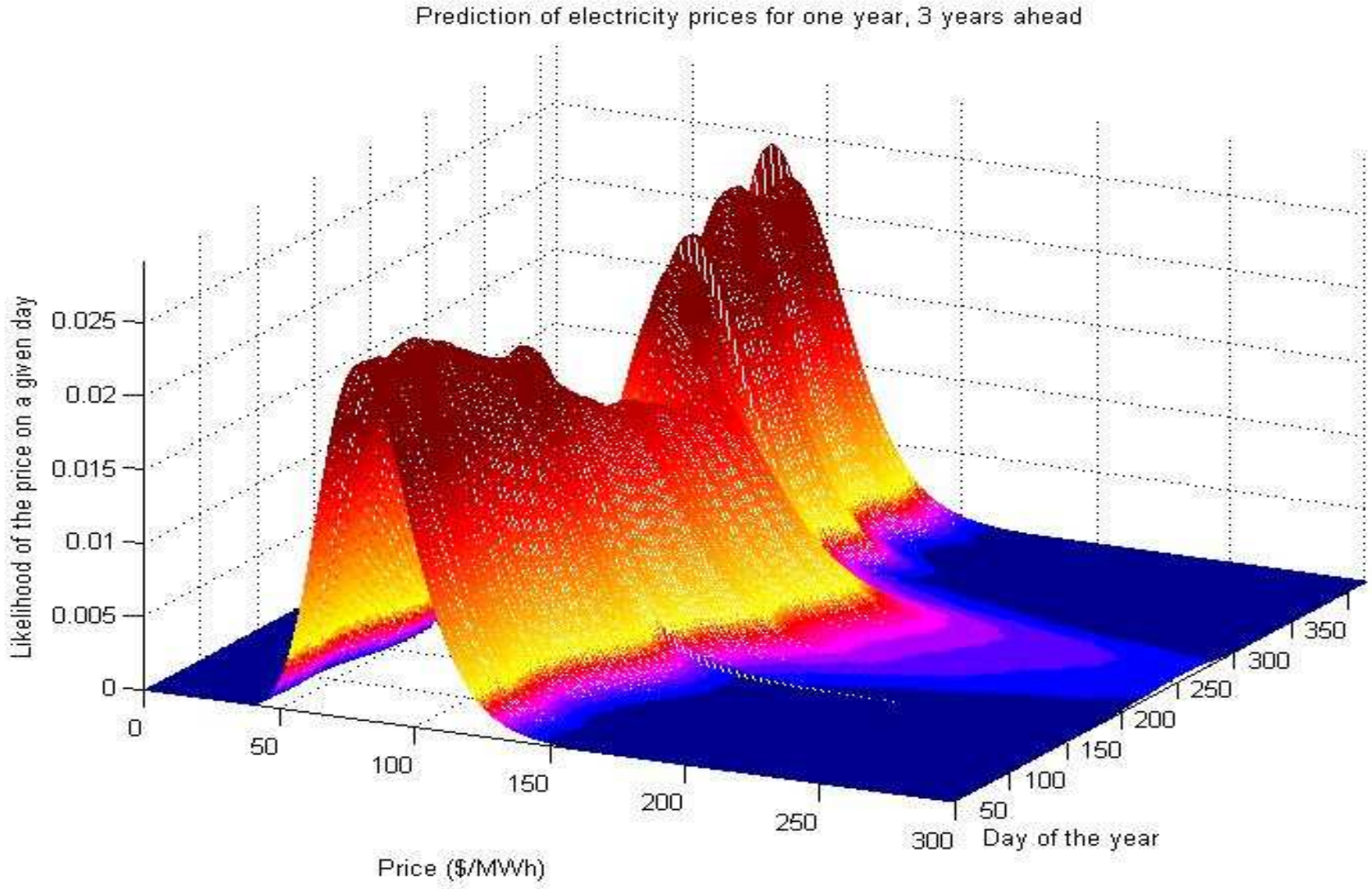
Trend  $\log(P_t) = \alpha + \beta t + \gamma(m_t) + \delta(w_t) + X_t$

Regular mode  $X_t = \phi X_{t-1} + \sigma \varepsilon_t$

Spikes  $X_t \sim N(\mu(\text{spike}), \tau)$ , where  $\mu \sim N(\theta, \eta)$

	Estimates
Mean spike duration ( $1/q$ )	2.3636
Mean interspike period (during the peak season)	18.7778
mean spike effect on log-prices $\theta$	1.5473
within-spike variance $\tau$	0.3730
between-spike variance $\eta$	0.0765
Transition probabilities	
$P_{\text{peak}} \{ \text{spike} \rightarrow \text{control} \}$	0.4231
$P_{\text{peak}} \{ \text{control} \rightarrow \text{spike} \}$	0.0533
$P_{\text{off-peak}} \{ \text{control} \rightarrow \text{control} \}$	1

# Prediction for one year (predictive densities for each day)



### Exact Bayes solution? Limitations of the method:

- Computation is complicated and slow.
- Practically, it is an approximate solution, by iterations
- No general algorithm of computing  $s(u)$  accurately.
- The prior  $\phi_t$  must form a *very simple* Markov chain
- Nuisance parameters are not allowed. We estimated them and “pretended” that they are true in the *naive empirical Bayes* way.

*What are the alternatives?*

Alternative 1:

## Sequential testing

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For  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$ , test  $H_0 : \begin{matrix} \nu > n \\ \text{(no change)} \end{matrix}$  vs  $H_A : \begin{matrix} \nu \leq n \\ \text{(\exists change)} \end{matrix}$

where  $T(\alpha) = \inf\{n : H_A \text{ is rejected}\}$

- Sequential probability ratio test  $\Rightarrow$  CUSUM

$$\begin{cases} W_n < h \Rightarrow \text{accept } H_0 \text{ and take } X_{n+1} \\ W_n \geq h \Rightarrow \text{reject } H_0 \text{ and stop sampling} \end{cases}$$

- Bayes test  $\Rightarrow ?$

- Bayes test  $\Rightarrow$

Reject  $H_0$  when  $\mathbf{P} \{ \nu > n \mid X_1, \dots, X_n \} \leq \alpha$ , i.e., when  $\Pi_n \geq 1 - \alpha$

$$T(\alpha) = \inf \left\{ n : \sum_{k < n} \frac{\phi_k \rho(k, n)}{\prod_k^n (1 - \phi_i)} > \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha} \right\}$$

*This is a level  $\alpha$  test for each  $n$ . But until  $T$ ,  $\mathbf{P} \{ \text{false alarm} \} > \alpha$ .*

The **Bayes stopping rule** has the same form:  $\inf \{ n : \Pi_n \geq \pi^* \}$  in all the solved cases, and it *minimizes the Bayes risk*.

## Alternative 2:

# Asymptotically pointwise optimal rules

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For the risk

$$R(T, \theta) = E \{L(T, \theta, \delta) + cT\} = E \{loss + cost\},$$

a stopping rule  $T$  is **APO** if

$$\limsup_{c \downarrow 0} \frac{\inf_{\delta} E \{L(T, \theta, \delta) \mid \mathbf{X}_{1:T}\} + cT}{\inf_{\delta} E \{L(U, \theta, \delta) \mid \mathbf{X}_{1:U}\} + cU} \leq 1$$

a.s. for any stopping rule  $U$ .

Bickel, Yahav 1967, 1968

Ghosh, Mukhopadhyay, Sen 1997 [sec. 5.4]

## Asymptotically pointwise optimal rules

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Theorem (Bickel, Yahav)

If  $N^\beta \mathbf{E} \{L(N, \theta, \delta) \mid \mathbf{X}_{1:N}\} \rightarrow V$  a.s. for some  $\beta, V > 0$ , then

$$T = \inf \left\{ n \mid \frac{\mathbf{E} \{L(n, \theta, \delta) \mid \mathbf{X}_{1:n}\}}{n} \leq \frac{c}{\beta} \right\}$$

is APO.



## Translating to multichannel change-point problems:

- Replace  $cT$  with the *delay term*  $\sum_{j=1}^d \lambda_j \mathbf{E}(T - \nu_j)^+$   
(penalty increases with each missed change-point)
- Add penalty for a *false alarm*  $\text{PFA} = \mathbf{P} \left\{ T < \min_j \nu_j \right\}$
- *Risk*  $R(T, \nu_1, \dots, \nu_d) = \sum_{j=1}^d \lambda_j \mathbf{E} \left\{ (T - \nu_j)^+ \mid \mathbf{X}_{1:t} \right\} - \log^{-1} S_X(T),$   
 $S_X(t) = \mathbf{P}^\pi \left\{ \bigcap_j (\nu_j > t) \mid \mathbf{X}_{1:t} \right\} =$  posterior survival function of  $\min \nu_j$

Call stopping time  $T$  **asymptotically pointwise optimal** if

$$\limsup_{\lambda \downarrow 0} \frac{R(T, \nu_1, \dots, \nu_d)}{R(U, \nu_1, \dots, \nu_d)} \leq 1 \text{ a.s., for any stopping rule } U.$$

Theorem (known distributions)

Let

$r_t = -\log^{-1} S_X(t)$ , “posterior expected loss”,

$\rho_{1j} = \frac{g_j(X_{1j})}{f_j(X_{1j})}$ ,  $\rho_{t+1,j} = \frac{g_j(X_{t+1,j}|\mathbf{X}_{1:t,j})}{f_j(X_{t+1,j}|\mathbf{X}_{1:t,j})}$ , log-likelihood ratios,

and assume a strong law of large numbers

$$t^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^t \log \rho_{kj} \rightarrow K_j > 0, \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty, \text{ } G\text{-a.s., for } j = 1, \dots, d$$

This condition holds for the IID case with  $K_j = K(G_j, F_j)$ , and also for finite-range dependent identically distributed variables, asymptotically quadrant independent or sub-independent sequences, invertible ARMA time series,  $L_p$ -mixingales,  $L_p$ -NED (near-epoch-dependent in  $L_p$  norm), strong mixing, quasi-stationary, or extended negatively dependent sequences, and other scenarios.

Then there exists an a.s. limit

$$(a) \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (tr_t) = \frac{1}{K} \quad \text{if } t^{-1} |\log S(t)| \rightarrow 0$$

$$(b) \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (tr_t) = \frac{1}{K + L} \quad \text{if } t^{-1} |\log S(t)| \rightarrow L > 0$$

$$(c) \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (t^\beta r_t) = \frac{1}{L} \quad \text{if } t^{-\beta} |\log S(t)| \rightarrow L > 0$$

for some  $\beta > 1$ , where  $S(t) = \mathbf{P} \left\{ \bigcap (\nu_j > t) \right\}$  is the prior survival function of the first change-point  $\min \nu_j$ .

Theorem (*the form of APO stopping rules*)

Under (a) or (b), the stopping rule

$$\tilde{T} = \inf \left\{ t \mid S_X(t) \leq \exp \left( -\frac{1}{t \sum \lambda_j} \right) \right\}$$

is *APO*. Under condition (c), the stopping rule

$$\tilde{T} = \inf \left\{ t \mid S_X(t) \leq \exp \left( -\frac{\beta}{t \sum \lambda_j} \right) \right\}$$

is *APO*.

## The case of nuisance parameters

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Assume  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d \in \Theta$  and  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_d \in H$ , unknown nuisance parameters, so that  $F_j = F_{\theta_j} \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $G_j = G_{\eta_j} \in \mathcal{G}$ ;

**Priors:**  $\theta_j \sim \pi_\theta$ ,  $\eta_j \sim \pi_\eta$ , independently of  $\nu$ .

Define marginal and conditional densities, free of nuisance parameters,

$$f_j^*(\mathbf{X}_{1:t,j}) = \int f_{\theta_j}(\mathbf{X}_{1:t,j} | \theta) d\pi_{\theta_j}(\theta), \quad f_j^*(X_{t+1,j} | \mathbf{X}_{1:t,j}) = \frac{f_j^*(\mathbf{X}_{1:t+1,j})}{f_j^*(\mathbf{X}_{1:t,j})},$$

$$g_j^*(\mathbf{X}_{1:t,j}) = \int g_{\eta_j}(\mathbf{X}_{1:t,j} | \eta) d\pi_{\eta_j}(\eta), \quad g_j^*(X_{t+1,j} | \mathbf{X}_{1:t,j}) = \frac{g_j^*(\mathbf{X}_{1:t+1,j})}{g_j^*(\mathbf{X}_{1:t,j})}.$$

**Now detect changes from  $F_j^*$  to  $G_j^*$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, d$**

Consider  $\rho_{1j}^* = \frac{g_j^*(X_{1j})}{f_j^*(X_{1j})}$ ,  $\rho_{t+1,j}^* = \frac{g_j^*(X_{t+1,j} | \mathbf{X}_{1:t,j})}{f_j^*(X_{t+1,j} | \mathbf{X}_{1:t,j})} =$  marginal likelihood ratios

Theorem (APO, under nuisance parameters)

Assume SLLN

$$t^{-1} \log \rho_{tj}^* \rightarrow K_j > 0, \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty, \text{ } G_\eta\text{-a.s., for all } \eta \in H.$$

Then

(1) the stopping rule  $\tilde{T}^* = \inf \{t \mid S_X^*(t) \leq \exp(-1/t \sum \lambda_j)\}$  is **APO** under conditions (a) or (b);

(2) the stopping rule  $\tilde{T}^* = \inf \{t \mid S_X^*(t) \leq \exp(-\beta/t \sum \lambda_j)\}$  is **APO** under condition (c),

where  $S_X^*(t) = \mathbf{P} \{ \min \nu_j > t \mid \mathbf{X}_{1:t} \}$  is the *marginal* (parameter-free) posterior survival function of the earliest change point.

# Multichannel change-point detection in multivariate time series with nuisance parameters

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Multivariate AR process

$$\mathbf{X}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu}_t = \Phi(\mathbf{X}_{t-1} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{t-1}) + \Sigma^{1/2} \mathbf{Z}_t, \quad \mathbf{Z}_t \sim N(\mathbf{0}, I) \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

The  $j$ th mean changes from  $\mu_0^{(j)}$  to  $\mu_0^{(j)} + \delta_j$  at time  $\nu_j$ .

Let  $\boldsymbol{\nu} = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_d)$  have a *Negative Multinomial*  $(k_0; p_0, \dots, p_d)$  prior distribution,

$$\pi_{\mathbf{k}} = P\{\nu_1 = k_1, \dots, \nu_d = k_d\} = \binom{\sum_{j=0}^d k_j - 1}{k_0 - 1, k_1, \dots, k_d} \prod_{j=0}^d p_j^{k_j}$$

## Verify assumptions of the Theorem

$$1. \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{\log S(t)}{t} \right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{\log P \{ \min \nu_j > t \}}{t} \right) = d \log \left( 1 + \frac{1}{d} \right)$$

(case  $p_0 = \dots = p_d$ )

$$2. \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \log \rho_{[e]}(t) \rightarrow \mathbf{E}_G \log \rho_{[e]}(t) = K_e, \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty,$$

with probability one, where

$$K_e = e' D (I - \Phi)' \Sigma^{-1} (I - \Phi) (\mu_0 + \delta) - \left( \mu_0 + \frac{1}{2} D e \right)' (I - \Phi)' \Sigma^{-1} (I - \Phi) D e.$$

$$D = \text{Diag}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_d), \quad e = (e_1, \dots, e_d), \quad e_j = 0 \text{ if } \mu^{(j)} = \mu_0, \quad e_j = 1 \text{ if } \mu^{(j)} = \mu_0 + \delta_j$$

Conditions are verified with  $\beta = 1$ . Then

$$T = \inf \left\{ t : S_X(t) \leq e^{-(t \sum \lambda_j)^{-1}} \right\}$$

is an APO stopping time for multichannel change-point detection.



## Nuisance parameters

Assume that the pre- and post-change location parameters of the observed time series  $\mathbf{X}_t$  are unknown, and its expected value  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_t$  has a **prior** distribution,

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_t \sim \text{Multivariate Normal} (\mathbf{M} + D\mathbf{e}(t), \Xi);$$

$D\mathbf{e}(t)$  is a vector shift by the time  $t$ . Under these conditions, the marginal (parameter-free) log-likelihood ratio is

$$\log \rho_{[e]}^* = \mathbf{y}'_e (I - \Phi B) \mathbf{X}_t - c_e,$$

where

$$\mathbf{y}_e = \left[ (I - \Phi) \Xi (I - \Phi)' + \Sigma \right]^{-1} (I - \Phi) D\mathbf{e}, \text{ and}$$

$$c_e = (\boldsymbol{\mu}_0 + D\mathbf{e}/2)' (I - \Phi)' \left[ (I - \Phi) \Xi (I - \Phi)' + \Sigma \right]^{-1} (I - \Phi) D\mathbf{e},$$

and  $\log \rho_{[e]}^*(t)$  is a stationary time series with mean

$$K_{e^*} = \mathbf{E}_{G^*} \log \rho_{[e]}^* = \mathbf{y}' (I - \Phi) (\mathbf{M} + \boldsymbol{\delta}) - c_e.$$

LLR  $\log \rho_{[e]}^*(t)$  satisfies the strong law of large numbers, and

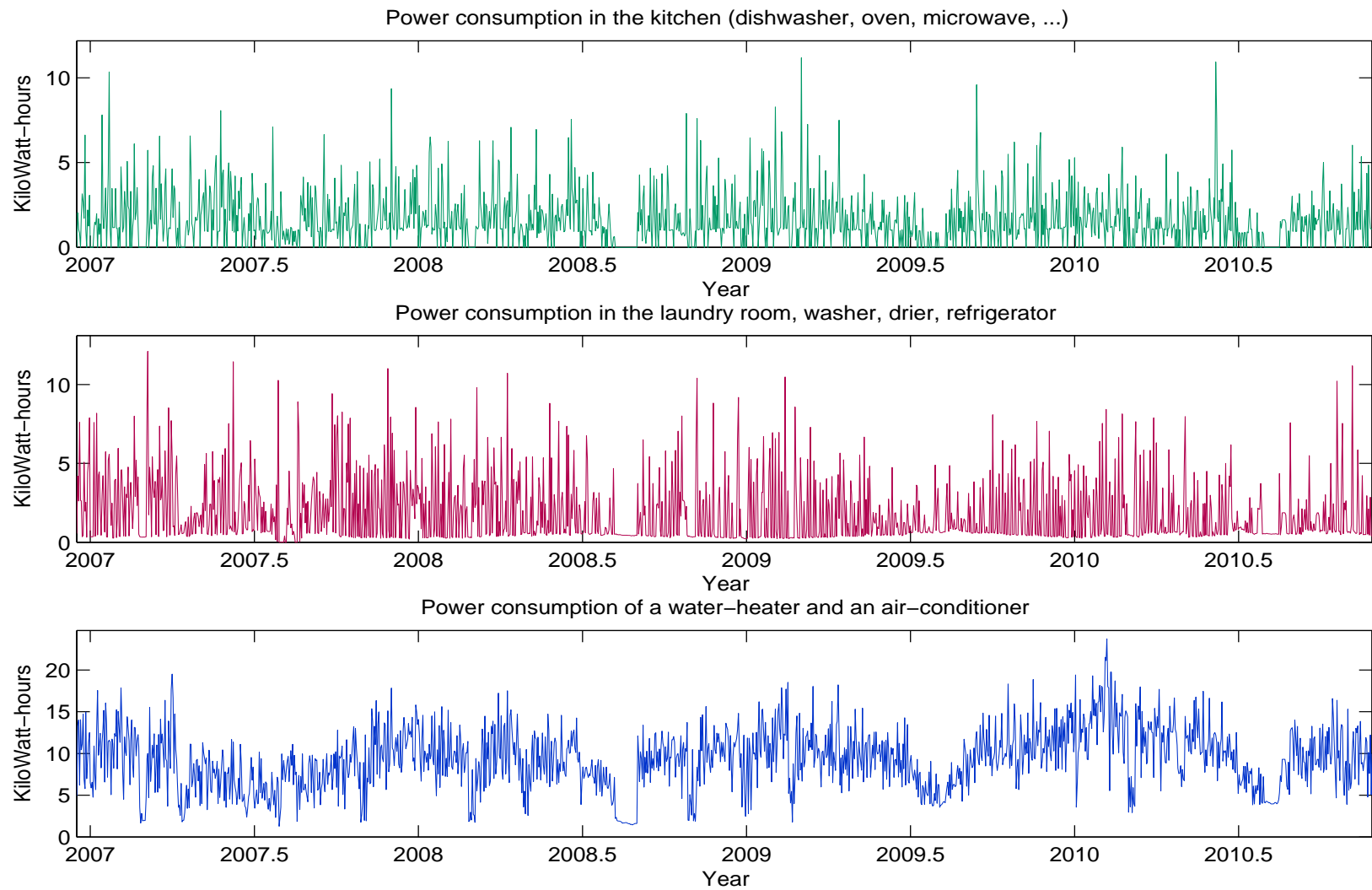
$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \log \rho_{[e]}^*(t) \rightarrow K_{e^*},$$

with probability one, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore,

$$T = \inf \left\{ t : S_X(t) \leq e^{-(t \sum \lambda_j)^{-1}} \right\}$$

is an **APO** stopping time.

# Example 4: Disaggregation of Power Consumption

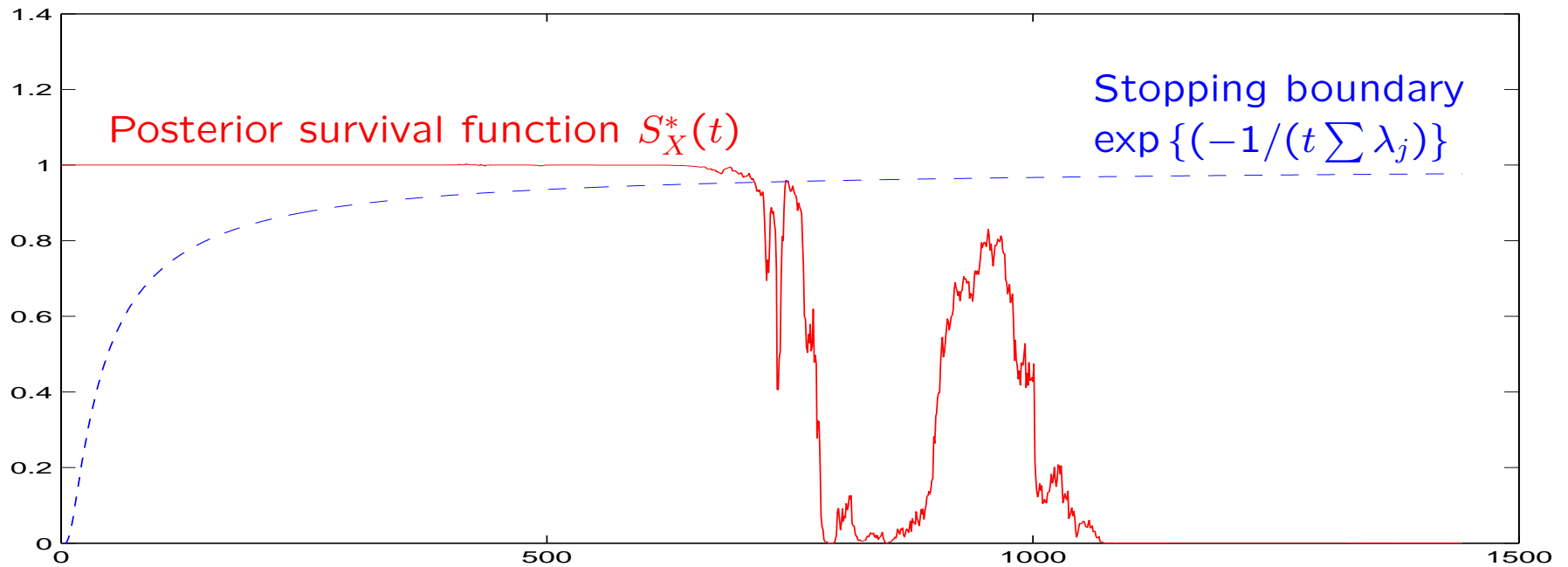


Energy Monitoring and Management Systems monitor and evaluate the long term **energy impact** on any changes in patterns due to renovations, aging appliances, or increasing use of **green energy sources**.

Reasons:

- Evaluate performance of electric appliances
- Identify energy saving opportunities

## APO change detection



Results: detected at  $T = 714$ , the actual change-point is estimated to have occurred on day  $\hat{\nu}_1 = 709$  (11/23/2008), and it was a 2.17 KWatt increase in the 3rd channel (0.77 standard deviations).

Further: another change-point on day  $\hat{\nu}_2 = 1291$  (06/28/2010), a 0.86 KWatt reduction, also in the 3rd channel (0.31 standard deviations).

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