

Greater Data Science Cooperative (GDSC)

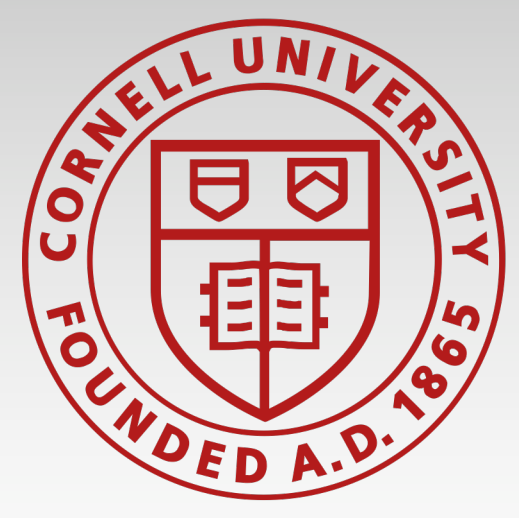
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- Topological Data Analysis
- Data Representation
- Network & Graph Learning
- Decisions, Control & Dynamic Learning
- Diverse & Complex Modalities
- *COVID-19 working group*
- Research Studios and Workshops
- Machine Learning in Medicine (Virtual) Seminars
- Machine Learning in Medicine 2020 Symposium
- Rochester (Area) Data Science Consortium
- Healthcare Data Science Modules
- Research Experiences for Undergraduates (virtual)
- New Journal: [Data Science in Science](#)
- Collaboration with other HDR institutes
 - PRISM for Transdisciplinary Systemic Risk (sites.google.com/view/prism-prj)
 - Atomic Level Structural Dynamics in Catalysts (alsdcgroup.wordpress.com)

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Research Focus

(i) Topological Data Analysis. The challenges that high-dimensional, incomplete, and noisy data present are great, but in many applications, exploiting the topological nature of the problem is possible. GDSC aims to develop new fundamental methods and theory to rigorously explore the promise of this unique approach.

(ii) Data Representation. Data compression, embeddings, and dimension reduction play a fundamental role in data science. Inspired by new core challenges in biomedical imaging, genomics, and neural-spike training data, GDSC aims to develop novel source models and distortion measures, and ultimately seek a unifying theoretical framework across domains and disciplines.

(iii) Network & Graph Learning. Many of the fundamental challenges in applying data science to non-homogeneous populations are best explored through a network or graph structure. GDSC aims to develop new techniques for parameter-dependent eigenvalue problems in spectral community detection, density-estimation methods on networks, and a theoretical framework for time-varying graphical models to study dynamic variable relations in time-evolving networks.

(iv) Decisions, Control & Dynamic Learning. Sequential decisions are high-stakes in medicine. GDSC aims to utilize systems and control-engineering methods to improve health and disease management and develop new foundational theories and methods for label-efficient active learning and dynamic treatment regimes.

(v) Diverse & Complex Modalities. Big data is complex data, and major new innovations are needed. GDSC aims to develop theoretical frameworks for inference under computational and privacy constraints and for high-dimensional data without parametric model assumptions. Text, image, and audio data present further challenges. To address such challenges, GDSC aims to explore transition systems for graph parsing of natural language and new fusion approaches for fully multimodal analysis.

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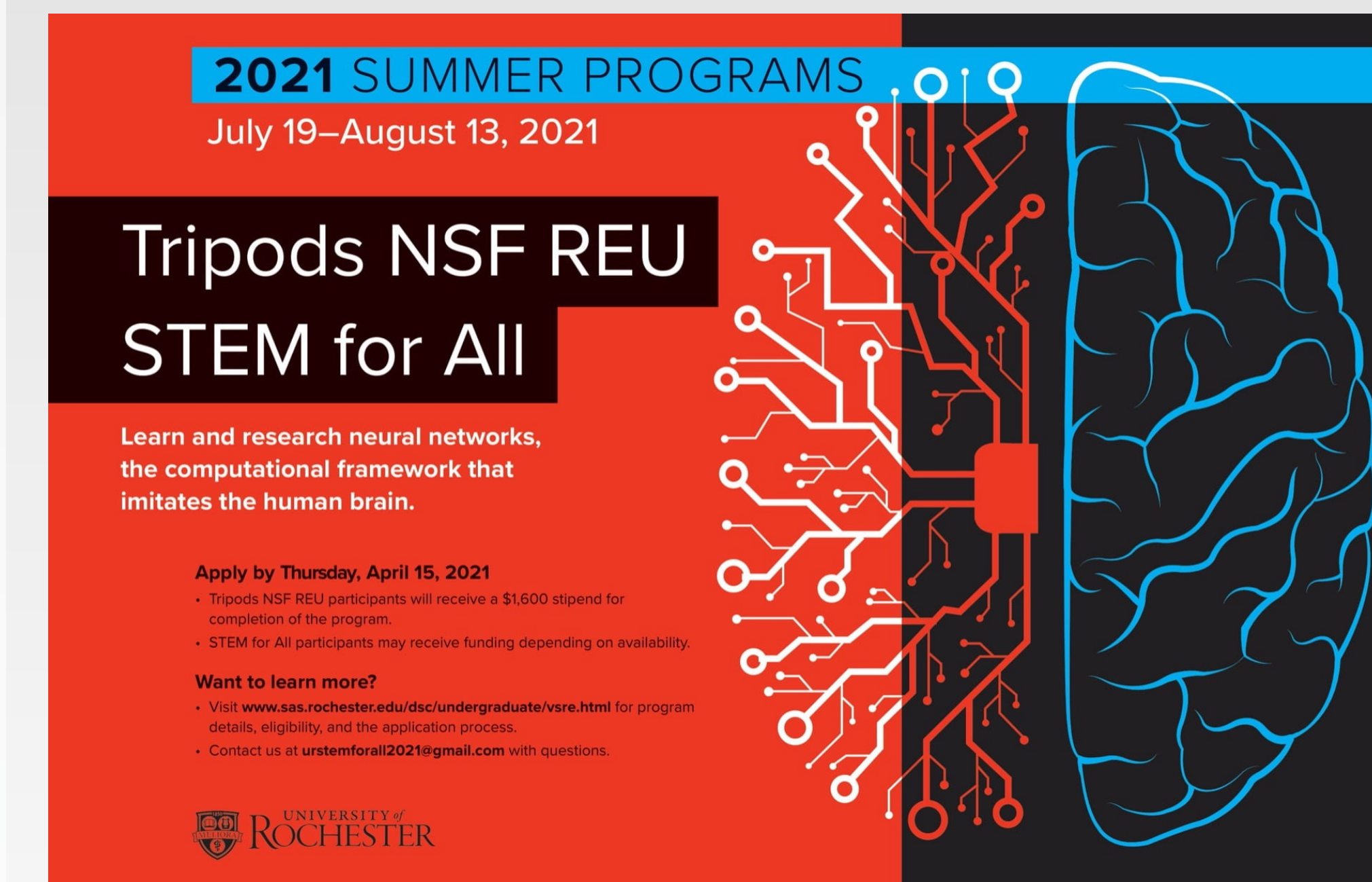
GDSC: Machine Learning in Medicine

- Machine Learning in Medicine (Virtual) Seminars
 - Monthly Series
 - Recruiting Speakers



- Machine Learning in Medicine 2021 Symposia:
 - Virtual symposium in January 2021
 - In-person symposium in Oct/Nov 2021 @ Weill Cornell Medicine

GDSC: Grad for All 2020 & 2021



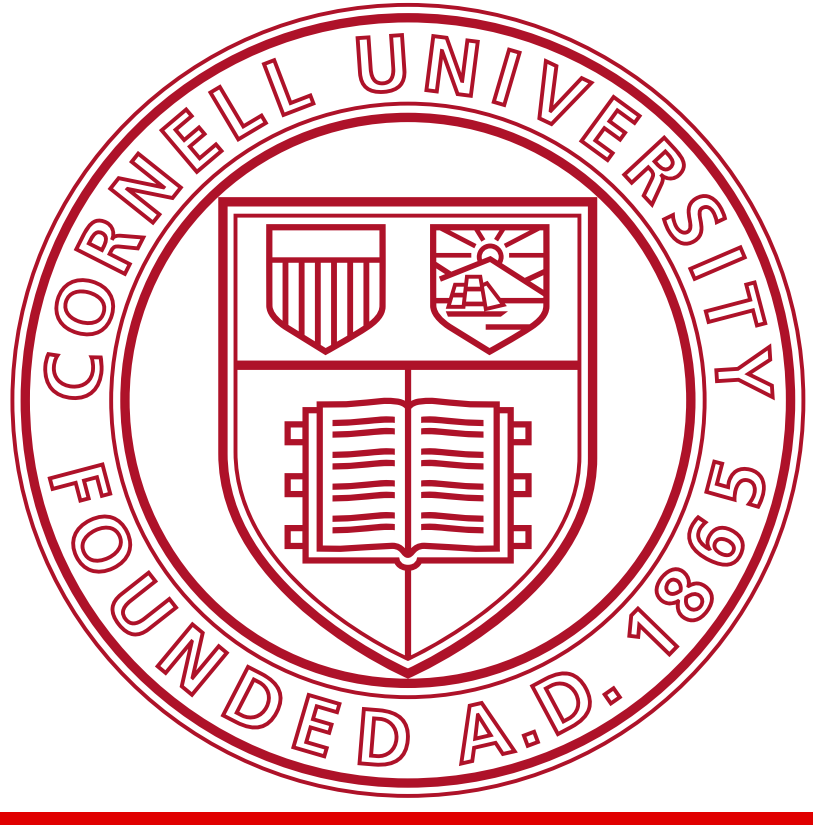
- Empower & inspire all interested students from Western New York area to pursue advanced degrees.
- Targeting traditionally under-represented STEM groups.
- Advising, information, skills and training needed to succeed in graduate school, academic careers, and industry.
- Coursework, Research and Mentoring.
- Year 1 program simplified demographic breakdown: *8 Women, 2 Hispanics, 1 African-American, 7 Cornell, 6 UR, 1 Geneseo CC, 1 Rochester Institute of Technology.*
- <https://web.math.rochester.edu/people/faculty/iosevich/stemforall2020.html>

Additional GDSC Activities

- Postdoctoral Researchers and Graduate Students
- Research Workshops
 - Annual research conferences (SciML in 2021)
 - Annual GDSC research “studio”
 - MLIM++
- REU: Grad for All (Summers)
- Rochester (Area) Data Science Consortium
- Healthcare Data Science Modules
- Teach-the-Teacher: High School Data Science Outreach
- Rotating Research Short Course
- CAMSAP’19 tutorial: Connecting The Dots: Identifying Network Structure Of Complex Data Via Graph Signal Processing
- University Rochester Goergen Institute for Data Science
- Cornell Center for Data Science for Enterprise & Society.

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Drift vs Shift: Decoupling Trends & Changepoint Analysis

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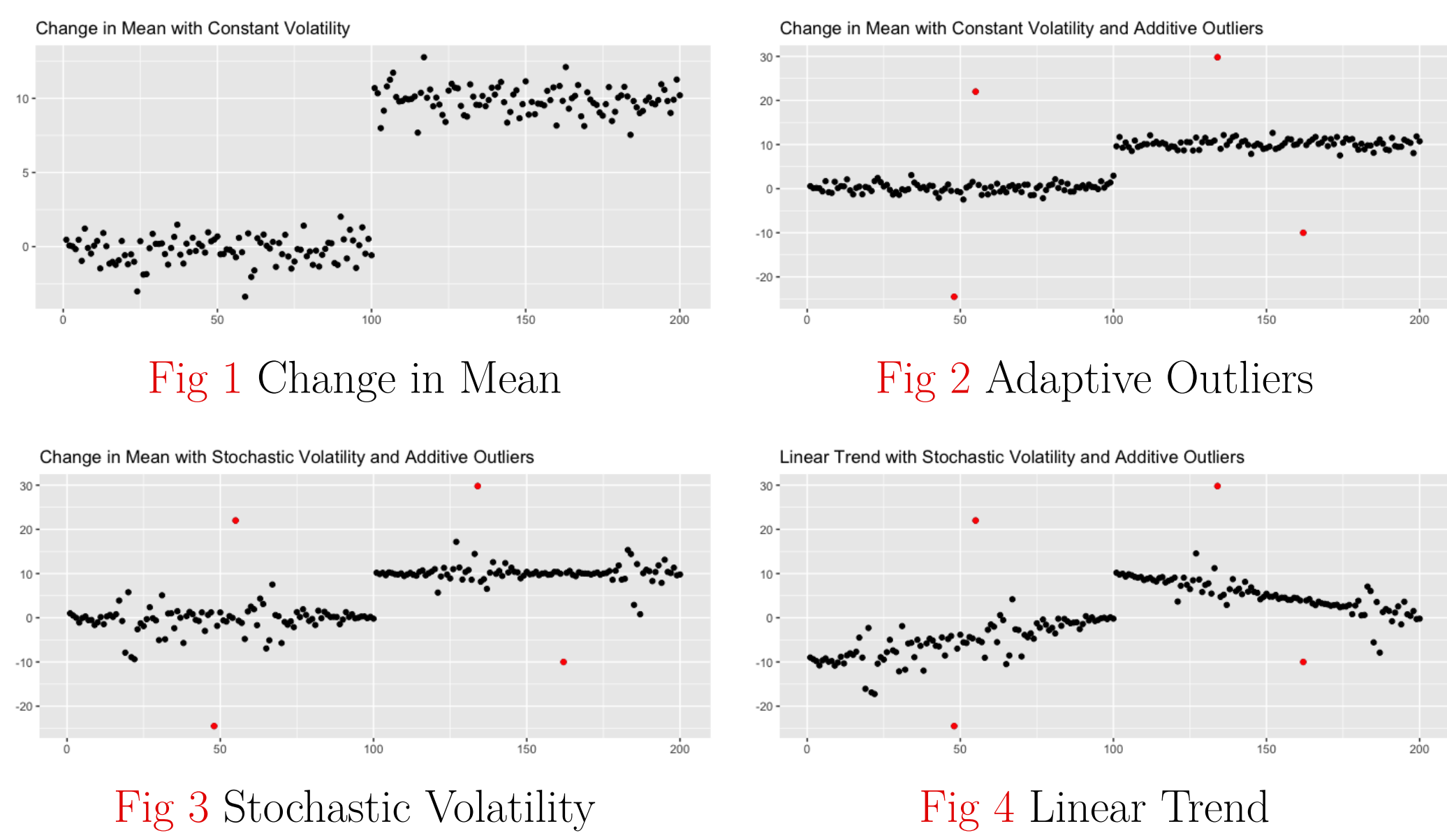
Introduction

- Goal:** Distinguish global/macro patterns from local/micro fluctuations
- 'Drift' describes the micro-level evolution of a process. This may appear as variation about gradual trends.
- 'Shifts' refer to discontinuities, rapid changes, or major breaks in trend. These represent macro-level changes in a process.
- Both might be mechanically or stochastically generated and/or modeled. However, causes of shifts are typically different from those of drift.
- While understanding such differences is a prime objective, this first requires distinguishing: **Drift vs Shift**.

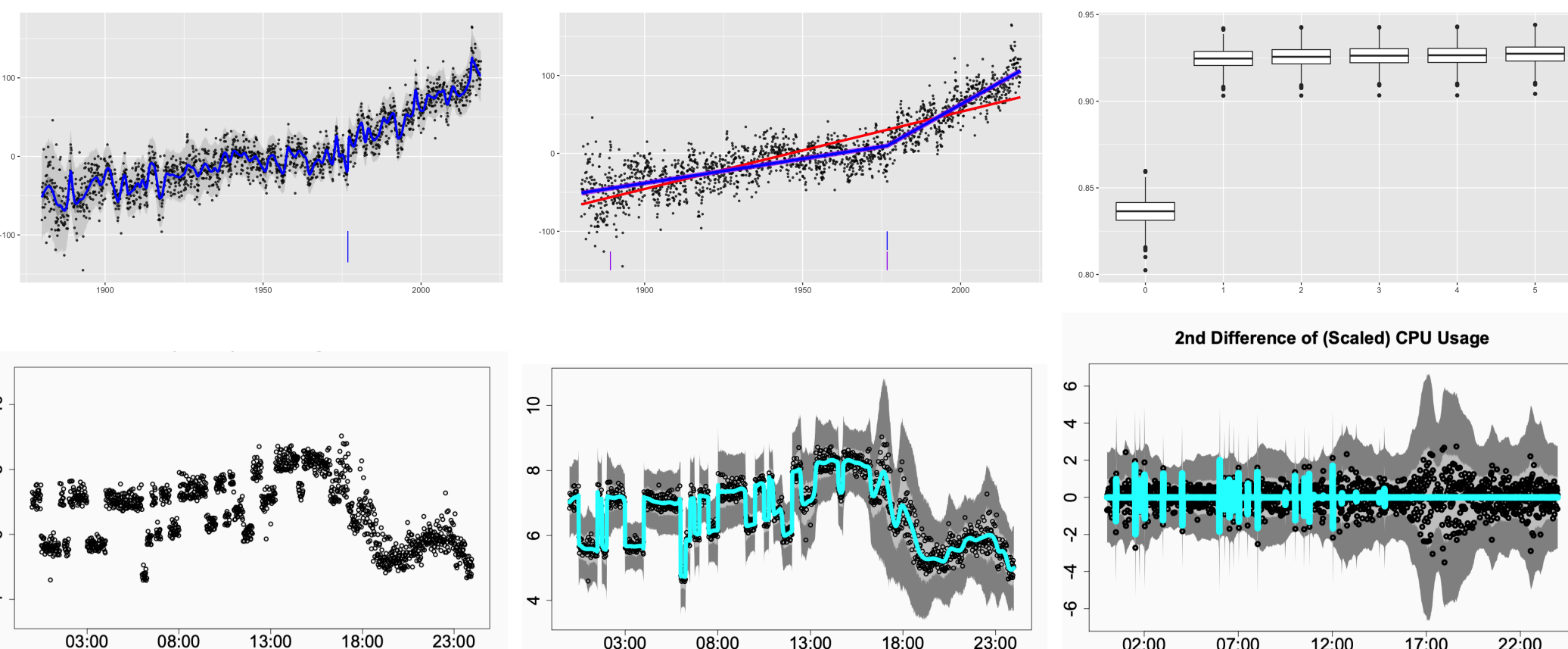
Tools include:

- Trend Filtering
- Stochastic Volatility
- Outlier Detection
- Dynamic/Adaptive Shrinkage
- Dynamic Linear Models (DLM)
- Change Point Analysis
- Bayesian (Time Series) Analysis
- Machine Learning (Regularization)

Challenges



- Outliers** violate common Gaussian noise assumptions.
- Heterogeneity** leads to over-prediction of changepoints.



- Real world data has complex patterns and trends.
- Outliers and heterogeneity are the norm.
- Nature of changepoints ambiguous.

Solutions

- Model based **ABCO**: Adaptive Bayesian Changepoints w/ Outliers[1].
- A two-step Bayesian 'decoupling' method developed via DLM[2].

ABCO Model

Given a time series $\{y_t\}$, ABCO supposes the decomposition:

$$y_t = \underbrace{\beta_t}_{\text{mean signal}} + \underbrace{\zeta_t}_{\text{additive outlier}} + \underbrace{\epsilon_t}_{\text{heteroskedastic noise}}$$

Trend Signal $\{\beta_t\}$

Ref 'Dynamic Shrinkage Process' [3], ABCO uses **global-local shrinkage priors** on the D th order difference (Δ^D , $D = 1, 2$) on the state variable $\{\beta_t\}$:

$$\Delta^D \beta_t = \omega_t, \quad \omega_t \sim N(0, \tau_\omega^2 \lambda_{\omega,t}^2 = e^{h_t}),$$

$$h_{t+1} = \mu + (\phi_1 + \phi_2 s_t)(h_t - \mu) + \eta_{t+1}, \quad \eta_{t+1} \sim Z(\alpha, \beta, 0, 1).$$

Z-distribution: log inverted Beta; heavy left-tail

- **Changepoint:** threshold γ & indicator $s_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \log(\omega_t^2) > \gamma \\ 0 & \text{if } \log(\omega_t^2) \leq \gamma \end{cases}$

Additive Outlier $\{\zeta_t\}$

The outlier term $\{\zeta_t\}$ follows a 'horseshoe+' shrinkage prior:

$$\zeta_t | \sigma_{\zeta,t} \sim N(0, \sigma_{\zeta,t}^2)$$

$$(\sigma_{\zeta,t} | \tau_\zeta, \eta_{\zeta,t}) \sim C^+(0, \tau_\zeta \eta_{\zeta,t})$$

$$\tau_\zeta \sim C^+(0, \sigma_{\tau,\zeta})$$

$$\eta_{\zeta,t} \sim C^+(0, \sigma_{\eta,\zeta})$$

with half-Cauchy $C^+(\cdot)$ and prior shrinkage hyper-parameters $\sigma_{\tau,\zeta}, \sigma_{\eta,\zeta}$.

- **Outlier:** custom cutoff & locally adaptive score $o_t := \tilde{E} \left(\frac{\sigma_{\zeta,t}^2}{\sigma_{\zeta,t}^2 + \sigma_{\epsilon,t}^2} \right)$

Heteroskedastic Noise $\{\epsilon_t, \sigma_{\epsilon,t}^2\}$

The noise $\{\sigma_{\epsilon,t}^2\}$ follows a stochastic volatility model of order 1.

$$y_t = \beta_t + \zeta_t + \epsilon_t, \quad \epsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma_{\epsilon,t}^2),$$

$$\log(\sigma_{\epsilon,t}^2) = \mu_\epsilon + \phi_\epsilon (\log(\sigma_{\epsilon,t-1}^2) - \mu_\epsilon) + \xi_{\epsilon,t}, \quad \xi_{\epsilon,t} \sim N(0, \sigma_\xi^2).$$

Dynamic Regression Generalizations

Set $\mathbf{x}_t = (x_{1,t}, \dots, x_{p,t})'$ as p predictors at time t , and $\omega, \mathbf{h}, \mu, \phi, \eta$ analogously.

$$y_t = \mathbf{x}_t' \beta_t + \zeta_t + \epsilon_t \quad \Delta^D \beta_{t+1} = \omega_t$$

$$\omega_{j,t} \sim N(0, \tau_{\omega,j}^2 \omega_{\omega,j,t}^2 = e^{h_{j,t}}) \quad \mathbf{h}_{t+1} = \mu + (\phi_1 + \phi_2 \mathbf{s}_t)(\mathbf{h}_t - \mu) + \eta_{t+1}$$

ABCO Simulations

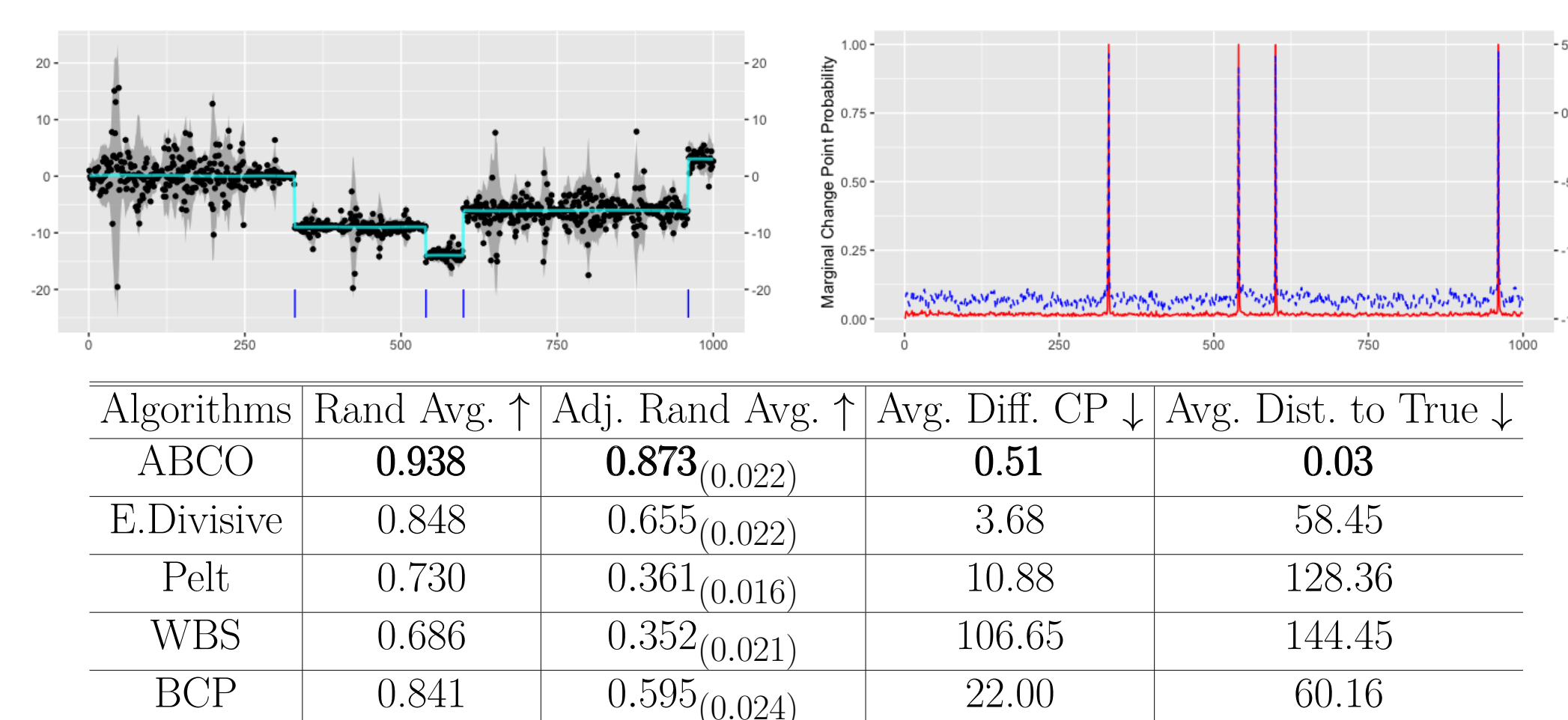
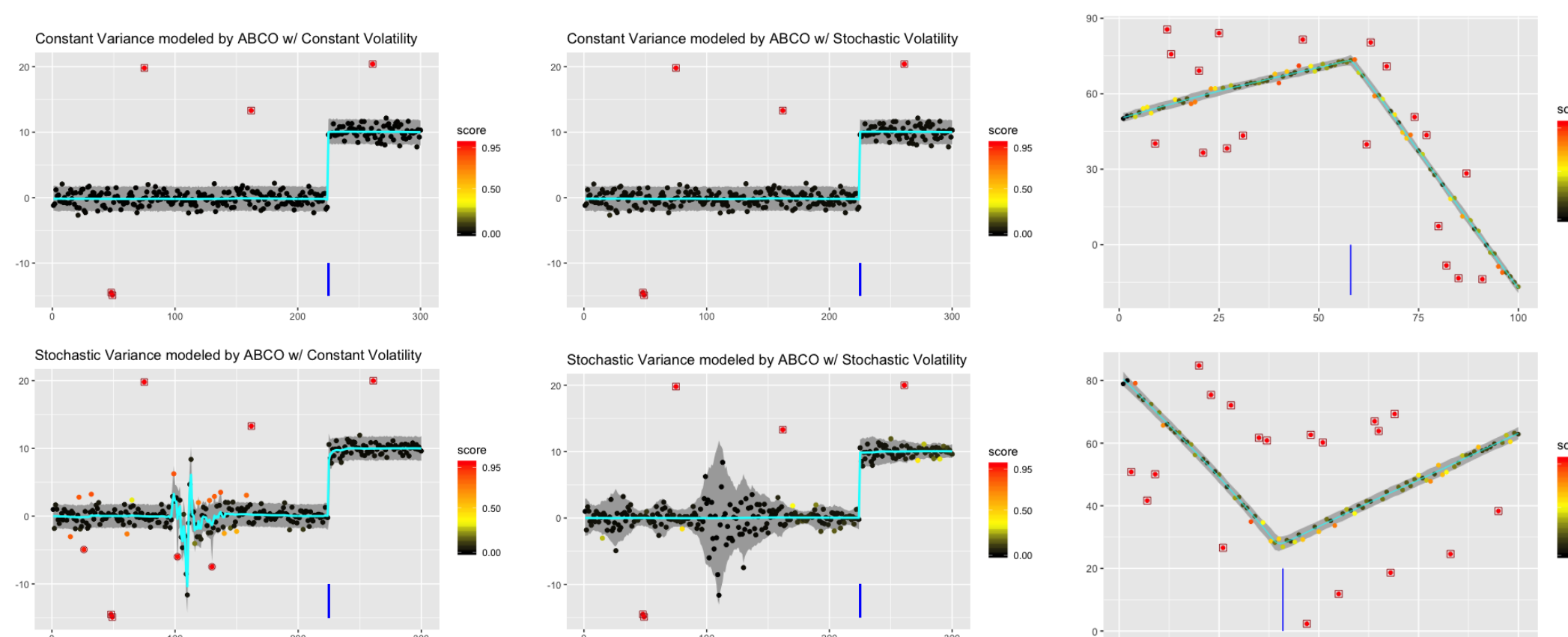


Fig 6 Length-1000 time series with shift and SV(1) variance model $\log(\sigma_{\epsilon,t}^2) = \phi_\epsilon \log(\sigma_{\epsilon,t-1}^2) + \alpha_t$, $\alpha_t \sim N(0, \sigma_\alpha^2)$, $\phi_\epsilon = 0.9$, $\sigma_\alpha = 0.4$.



ABCO Applications

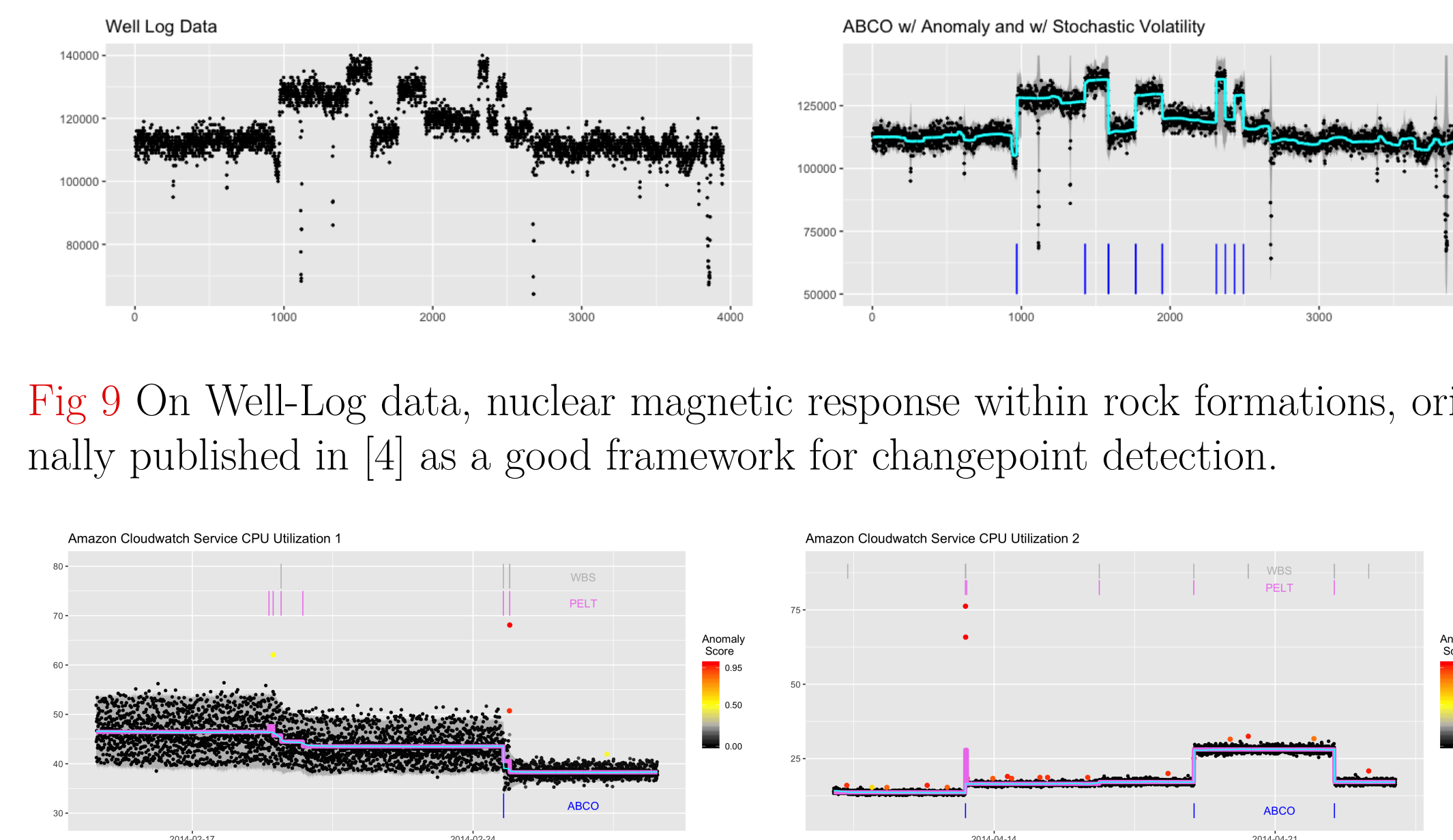


Fig 10 On Amazon Cloudwatch Service CPU Utilization data.

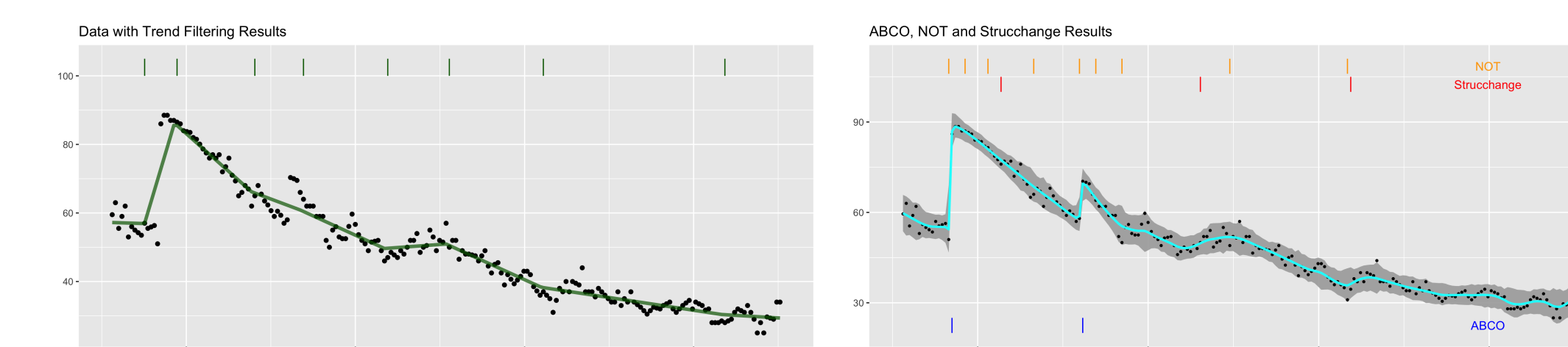


Fig 11 On George W. Bush Approval Rating data.

Decoupling Approach

Dynamic Linear Models (DLM)

Given a time series $\mathbf{Y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)'$, a predictor series $\mathbf{X} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)'$,

$$y_t = x_t' \beta_t + \epsilon_t, \quad \epsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma_{\epsilon,t}^2),$$

$$\Delta^D \beta_t = \omega_t, \quad \omega_t \sim N(0, \sigma_\omega^2).$$

Decoupled Regularized Loss

Denote $\tilde{\beta}$ as the posterior mean of k MCMC draws $\{\beta^{(i)}, i = 1, \dots, k\}$ of $\{\beta_t\}$.

Decoupled loss: $L_\lambda(\tilde{\beta}) = \|\mathbf{W}^{1/2}(\mathbf{X} \circ \tilde{\beta} - \mathbf{X} \circ \tilde{\beta})\|_2^2 + q_\lambda(\tilde{\beta})$.

- $\mathbf{W} = \text{diag}(w_1, \dots, w_n)$ is diagonal with weights for each measurement being $w_i = 1/\sigma_{\epsilon,i}^2$, for $i = 1, \dots, n$.
- Penalty function $q_\lambda(\cdot)$ induces sparsity into $\tilde{\beta}$ with form

$$q_\lambda(\tilde{\beta}) = \lambda \sum_t \frac{1}{|\psi_t|} |\Delta^D \tilde{\beta}_t|,$$

where $\psi_t = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \Delta^D \beta_t^{(i)}$ and $D = 1, 2$ controls the type of change.

Changepoint Selection

Given λ , denote η_λ as the time indices which $\{\Delta^D \tilde{\beta}_t \neq 0\}$.

$$\text{Diagnostic tool: } R_\lambda^2 = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\|\beta^{(i)} - \tilde{\beta}\|_2^2}{\|\beta^{(i)} - \tilde{\beta}^{(i)}\|_2^2}$$

where $\tilde{\beta}^{(i)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \beta_t^{(i)}$, and the optimal λ determined by least changepoints given $E[R_\lambda^2]$ exceeds a certain threshold.

* Multiple Predictors & Covariates

Set predictors $\mathbf{X} = \text{blockdiag}(\mathbf{x}_1', \dots, \mathbf{x}_n')$ with $\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{i,1}, \dots, x_{i,p})'$, and

covariates $\mathbf{Z} = (\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_n)$ with $\mathbf{z}_i = (z_{i,1}, \dots, z_{i,l})'$.

$y_t = \mathbf{x}_t' \beta_t + \alpha' \mathbf{z}_t + \epsilon_t$, $\epsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma_{\epsilon,t}^2)$, $\Delta^D \beta_t = \omega_t$, $\omega_t \sim N(0, \Sigma_{\omega,t})$.

Extend the model with the decoupled loss:

$$L_\lambda(\tilde{\beta}, \tilde{\alpha}) = \|\mathbf{W}^{1/2}(\mathbf{X} \tilde{\beta} + \mathbf{Z} \tilde{\alpha} - \mathbf{X} \tilde{\beta} - \mathbf{Z} \tilde{\alpha})\|_2^2 + q_\lambda(\tilde{\beta}),$$

$$q_\lambda(\tilde{\beta}) = \lambda \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{g=1}^G \frac{1}{|\psi_{g,t}|} |\Delta^D \beta_{g,t}|.$$

Decoupling Simulations

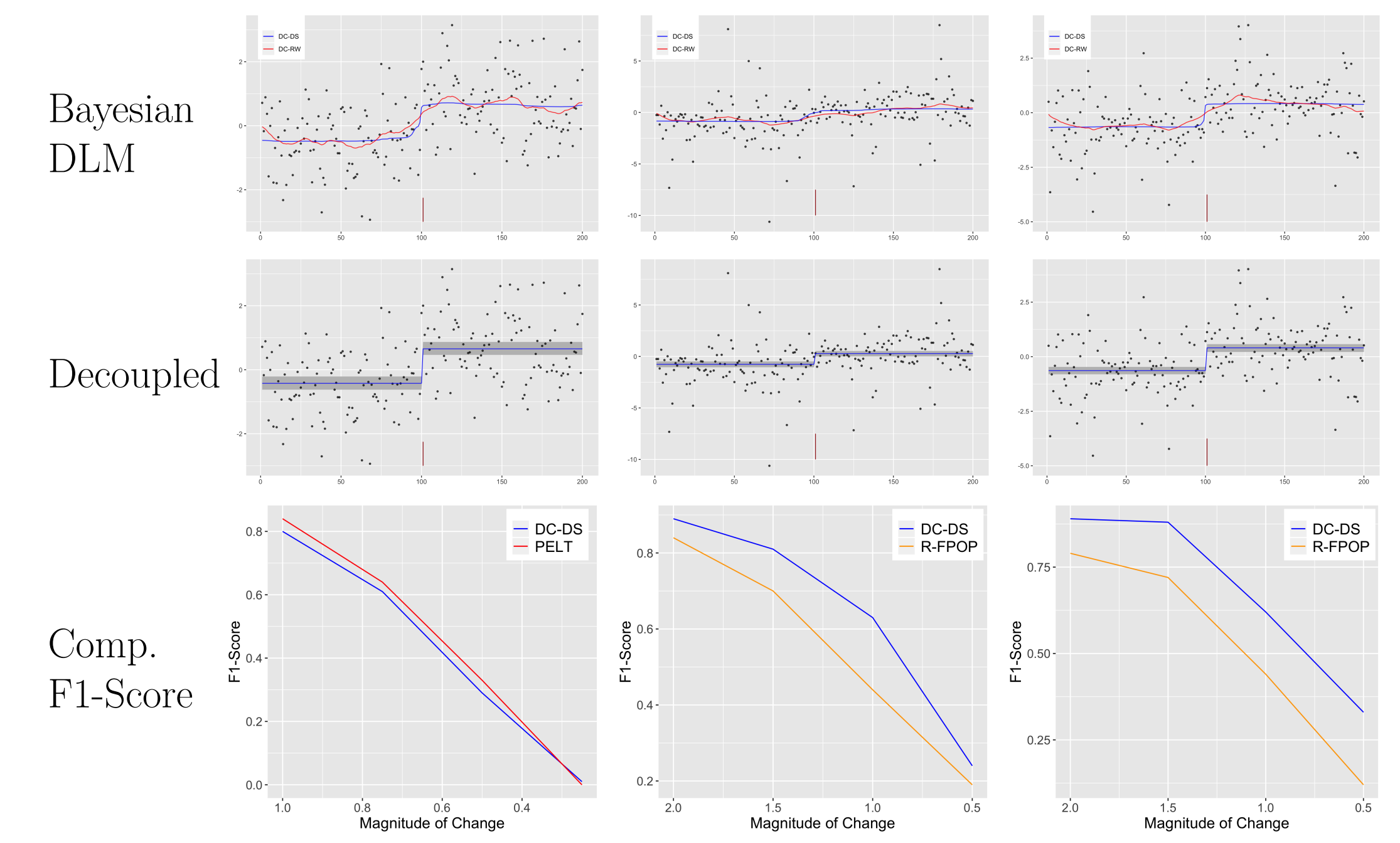


Fig 12 Gaussian Noise (left); Outliers (middle); Stochastic Volatility (right).
DC-DS: decoupled results with shrinkage. DC-RW: decoupled with random walk.

Decoupling Applications

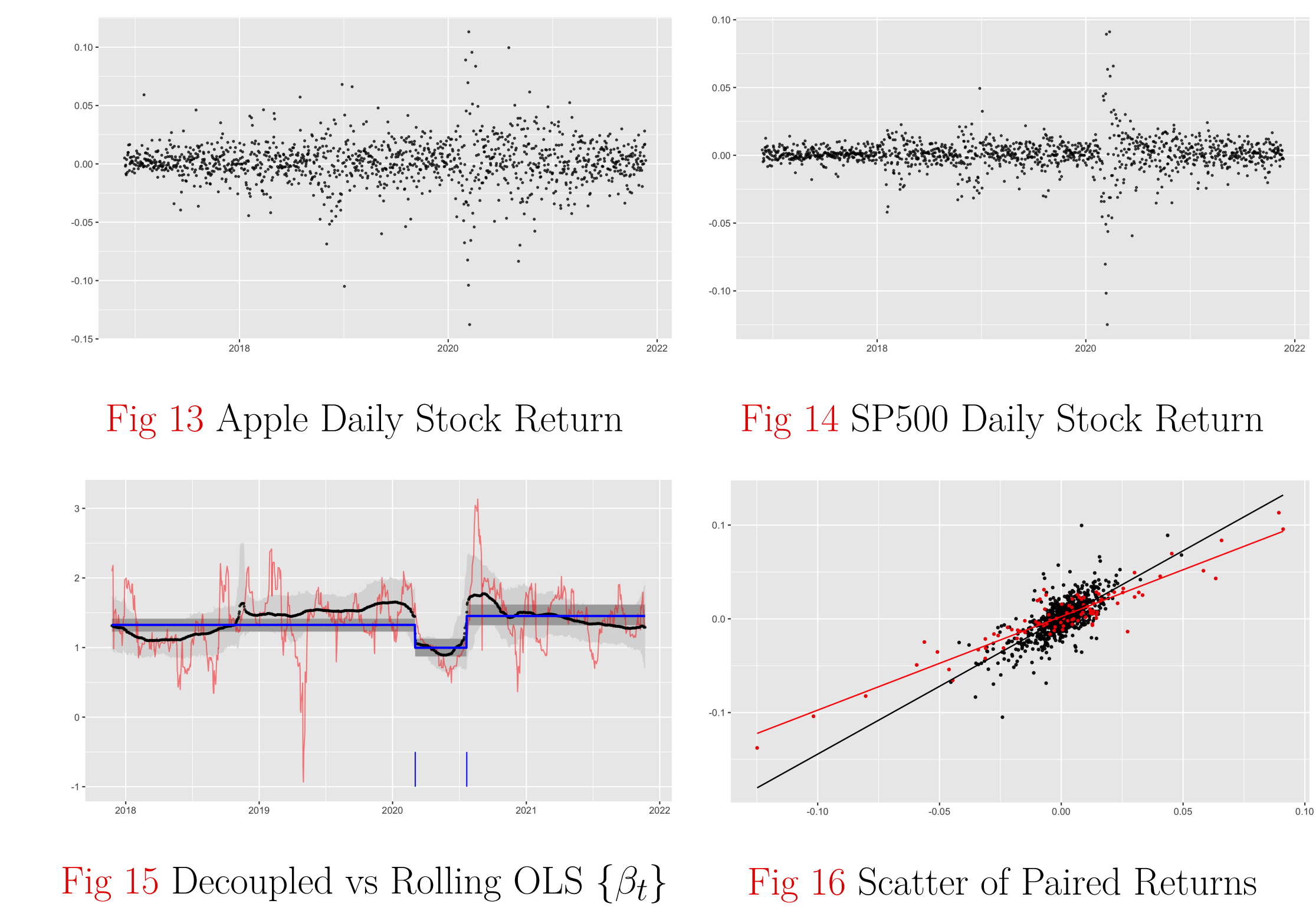


Fig 15 Decoupled vs Rolling OLS $\{\beta_t\}$

Fig 16 Scatter of Paired Returns

Conclusions

- A framework for inferring changepoints from posteriors produced by Bayesian time-varying parameter models.
- By decoupling trend modeling and changepoint analysis, we allow fitting an arbitrarily complex model to deal with intricacies inherent in data.
- Extensions: higher order trend changes, regression coefficients, multivariate.

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