

# AutoPlait: Automatic Mining of Co-evolving Time Sequences

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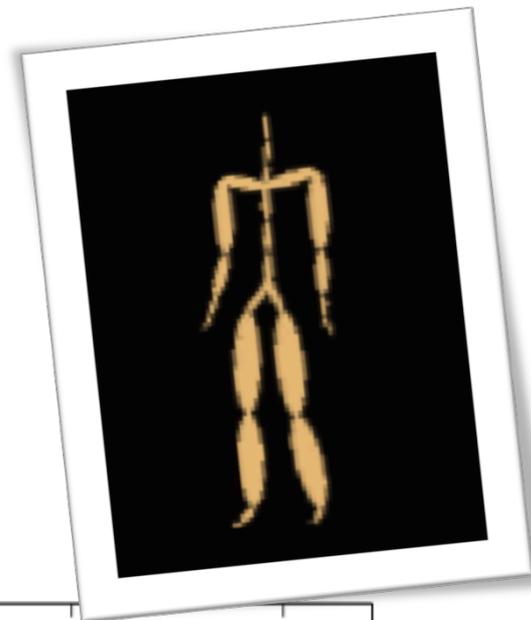
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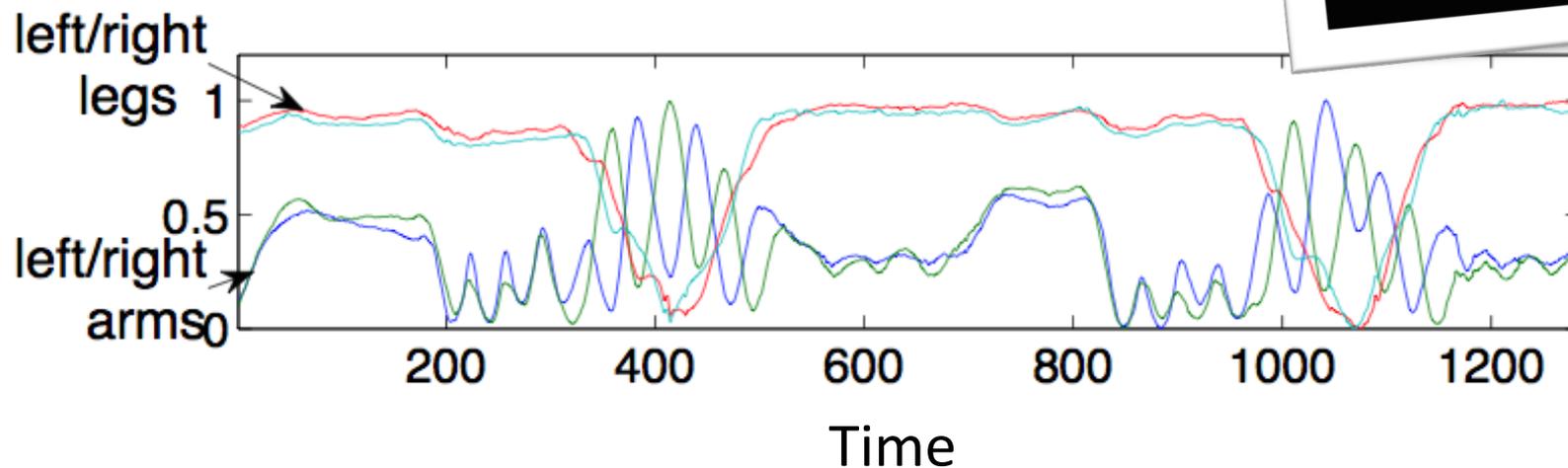


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– e.g., MoCap (leg/arm sensors)

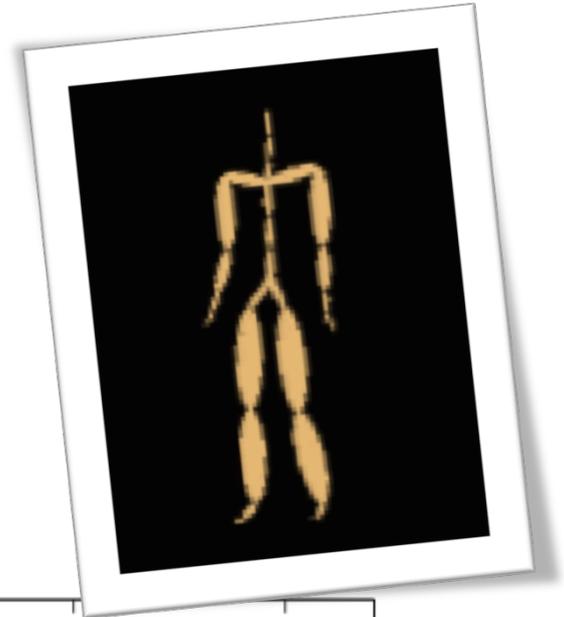


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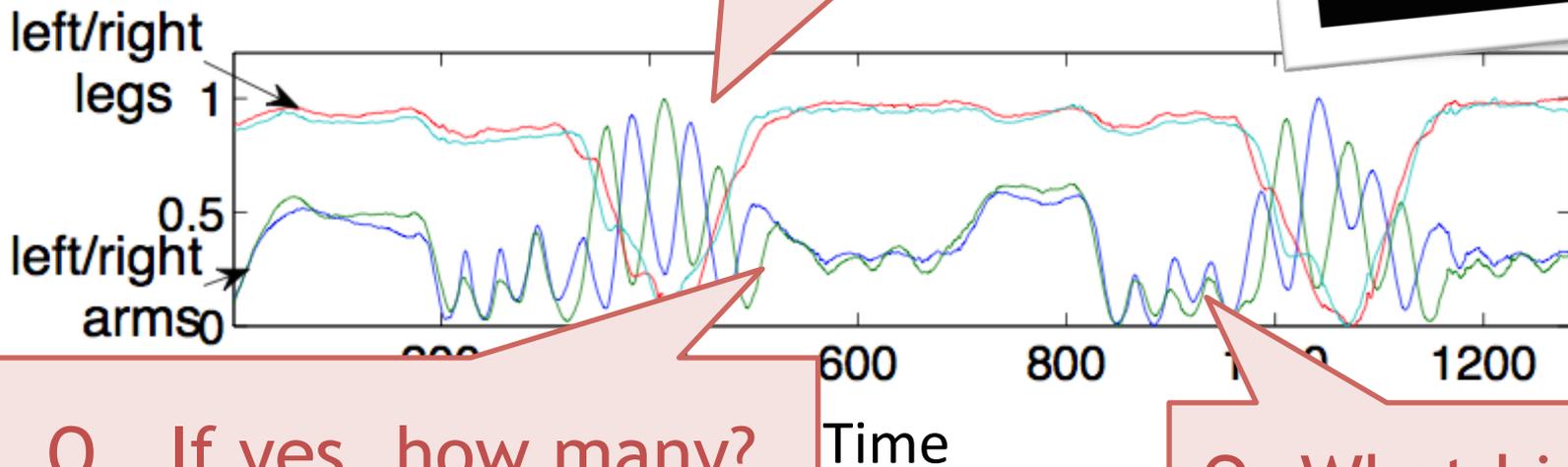
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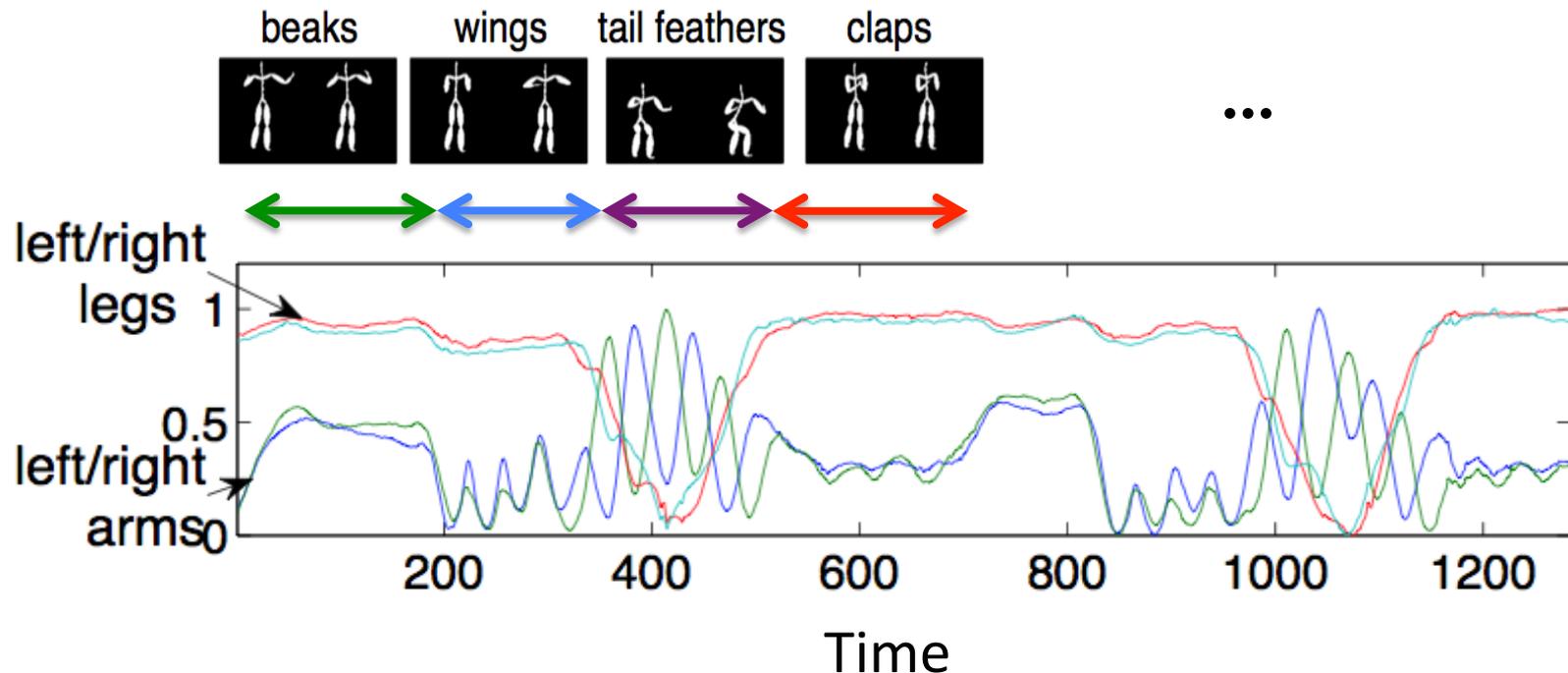
Q. If yes, how many?

Q. What kind?

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Challenges: co-evolving sequences

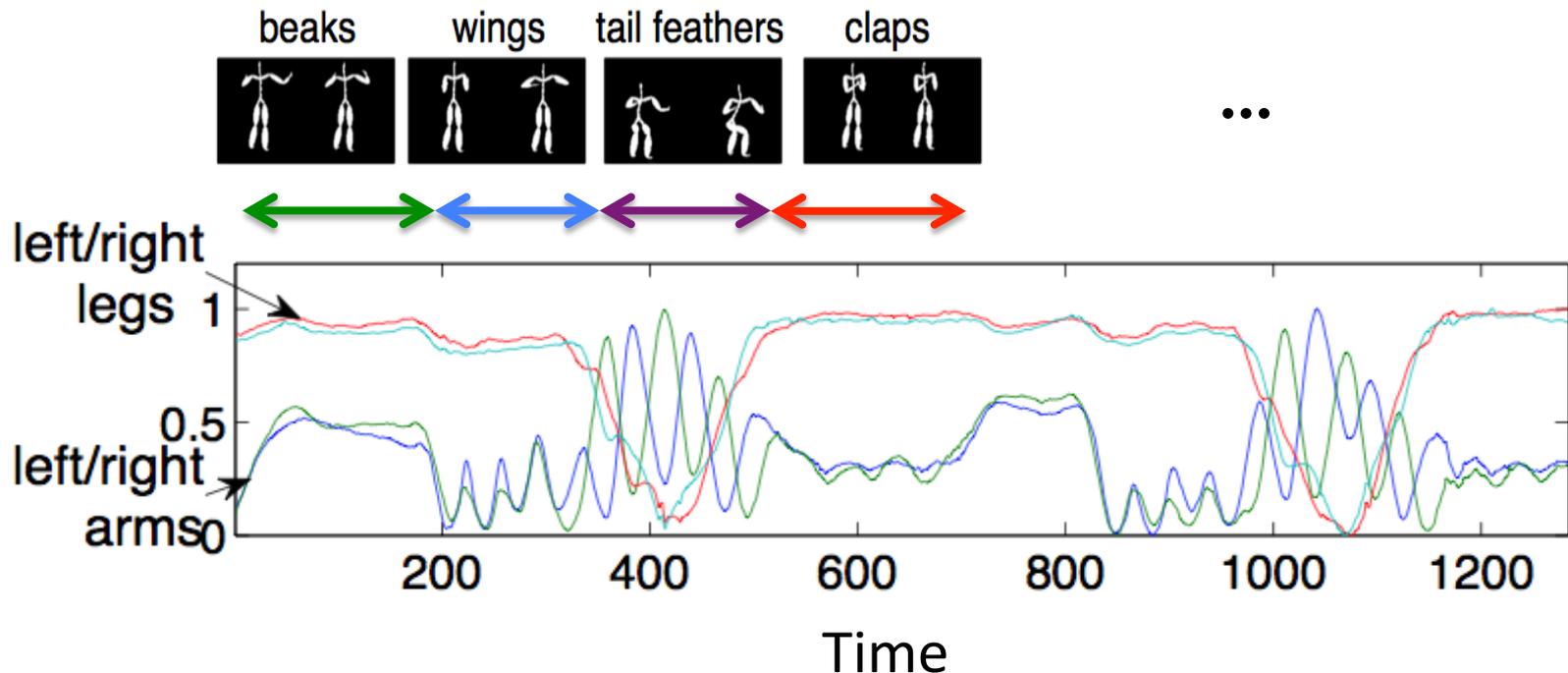
- Unknown # of patterns (e.g., beaks)
- Different durations



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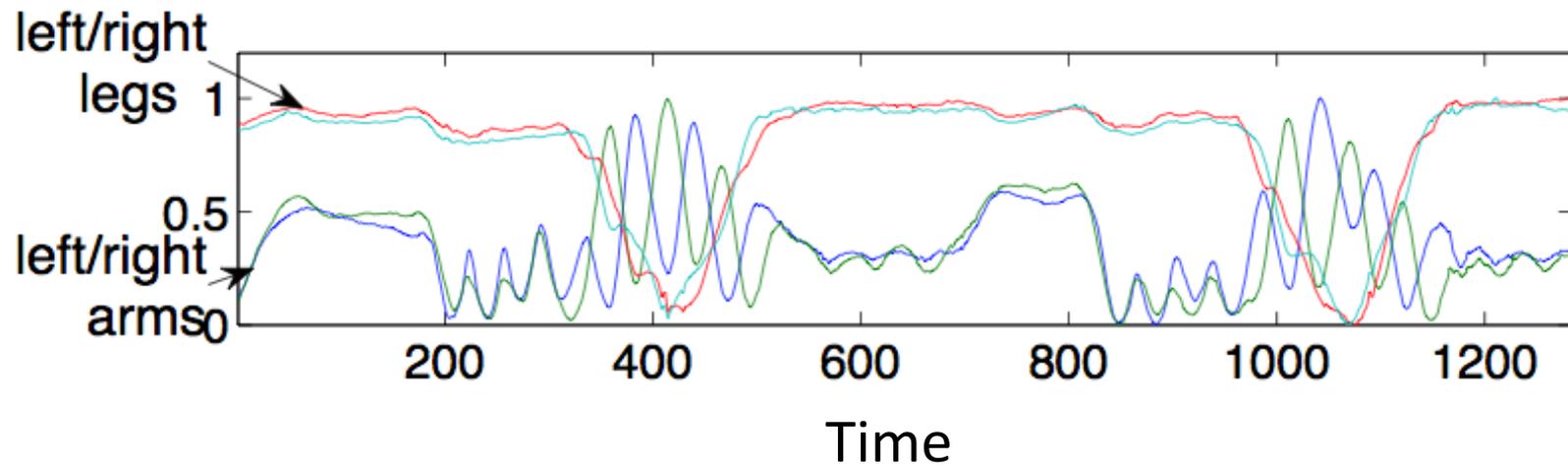
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Q. Can we summarize it automatically ?



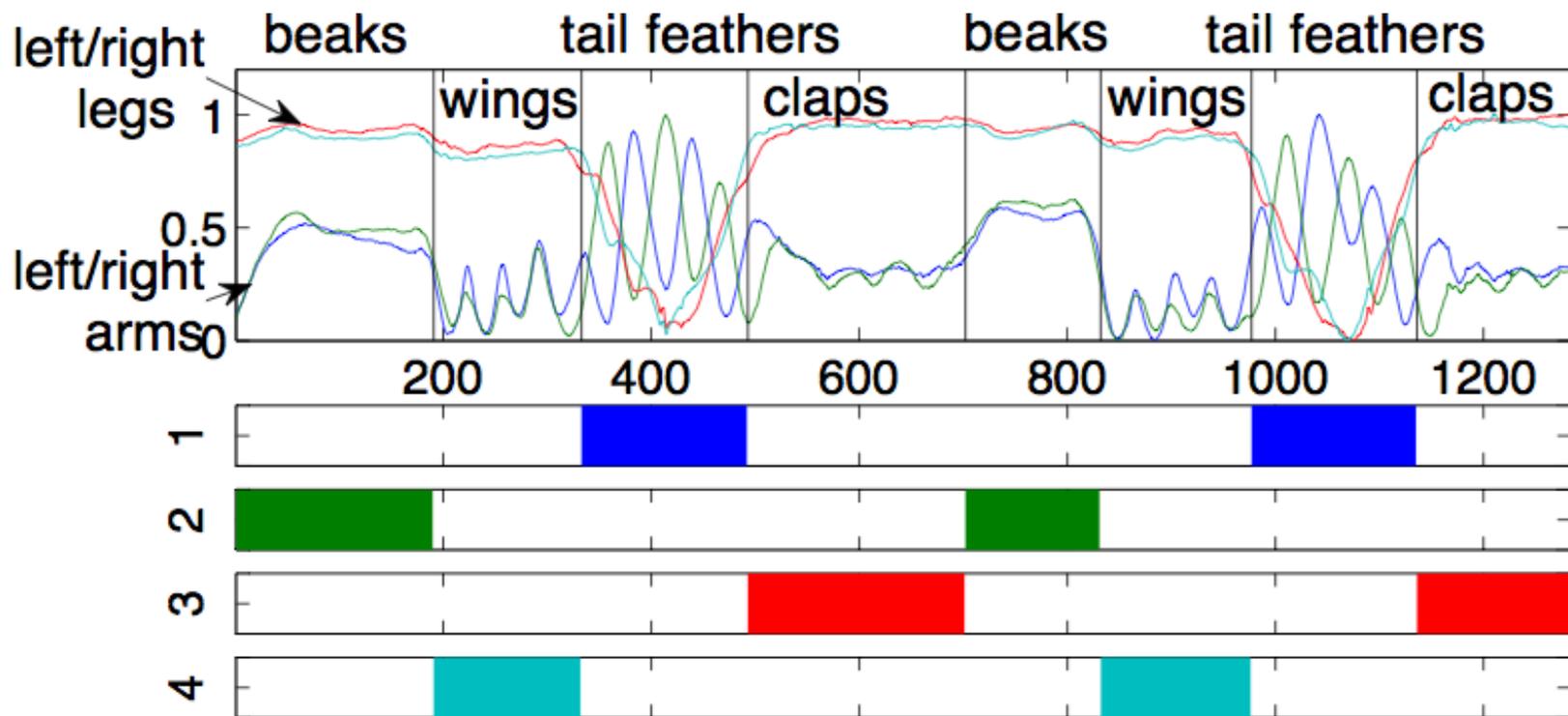
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**AutoPlait: “fully-automatic” mining algorithm**

# Importance of “fully-automatic”

No magic numbers! ... because,

## Manual

- sensitive to the parameter tuning
- long tuning steps (hours, days, ...)



## Automatic (no magic numbers)

- no expert tuning required

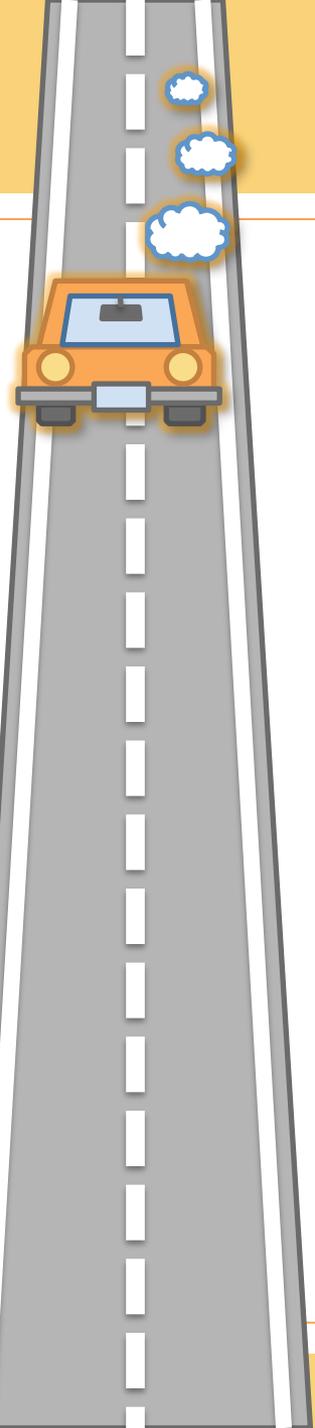


Big data mining:

-> we cannot afford human intervention!!

# Outline

- Motivation
- Problem definition
- Compression & summarization
- Algorithms
- Experiments
- AutoPlait at work
- Conclusions



# Problem definition

## Key concepts

- Bundle:  $X$  given
- Segment:  $S$  hidden
- Regime:  $\Theta$  hidden
- Segment-membership:  $F$  hidden

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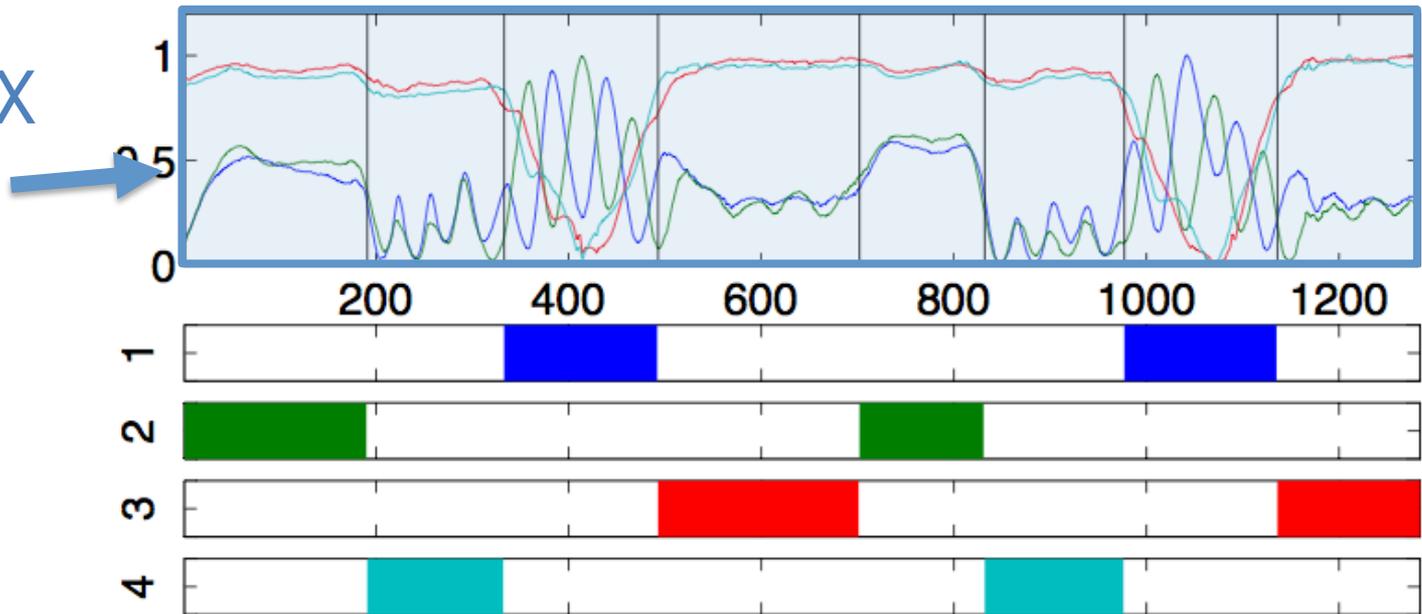
- **Bundle** : set of  $d$  co-evolving sequences

given

$$X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$

$d \times n$

Bundle X  
( $d=4$ )

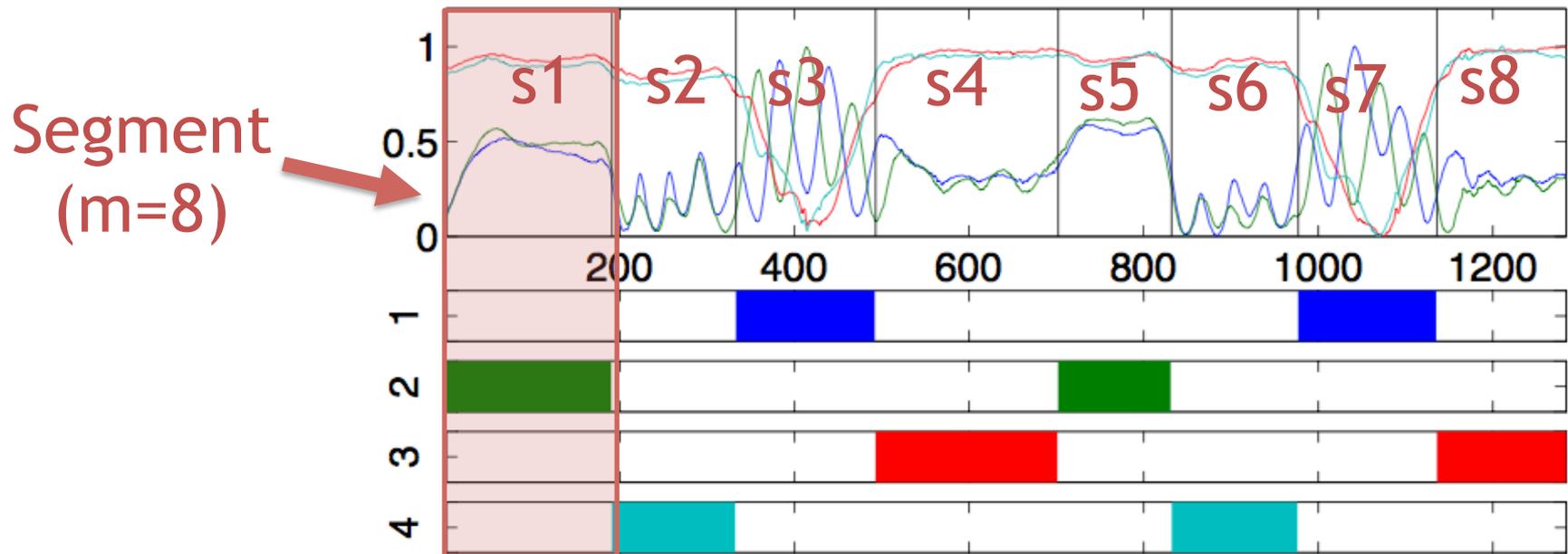


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- **Segment**: convert  $X \rightarrow m$  segments,  $S$

hidden

$$S = \{s_1, \dots, s_m\}$$



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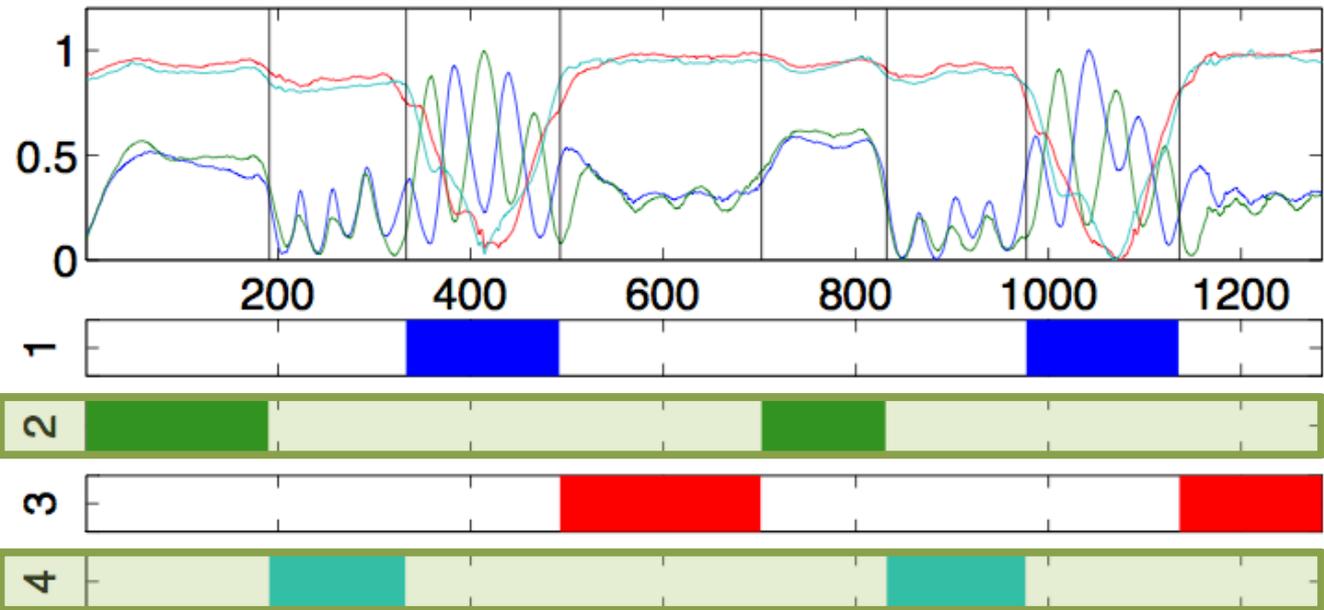
- Regime: segment groups:  $\Theta = \{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_r, \Delta_{r \times r}\}$

hidden

$\theta_r$  : model of regime r

Regimes  
(r=4)

beaks  $\rightarrow \theta_1$   
wings  $\rightarrow \theta_2$   
 $\theta_3$   
 $\theta_4$

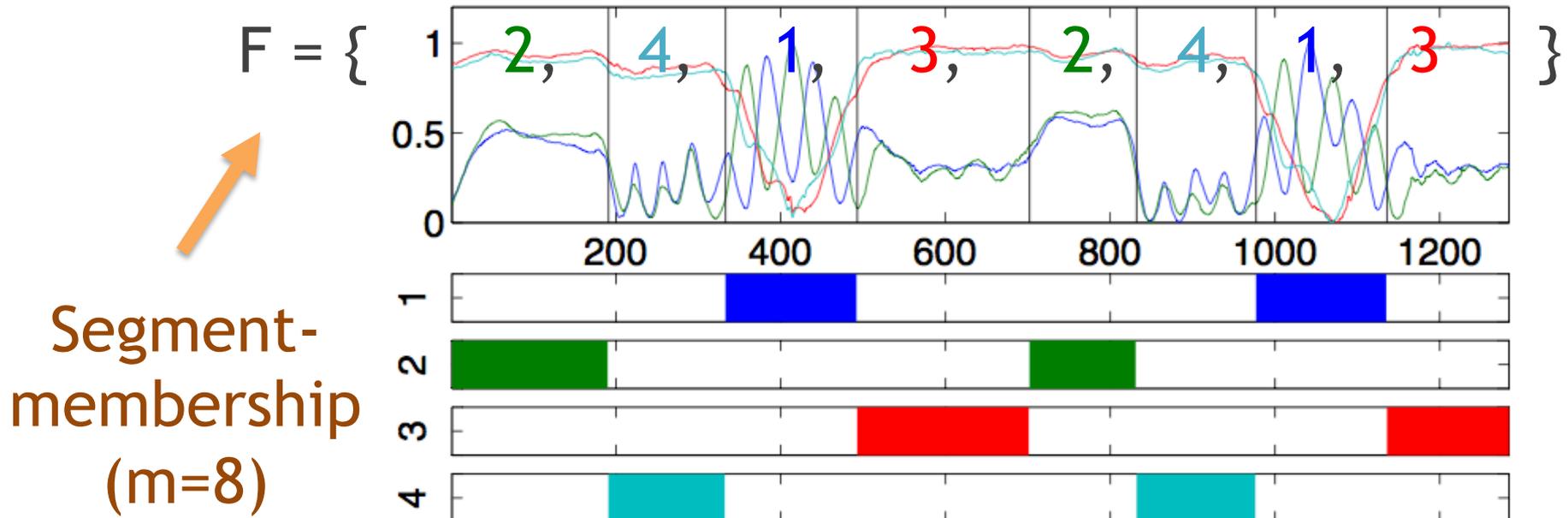


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- Segment-membership: assignment

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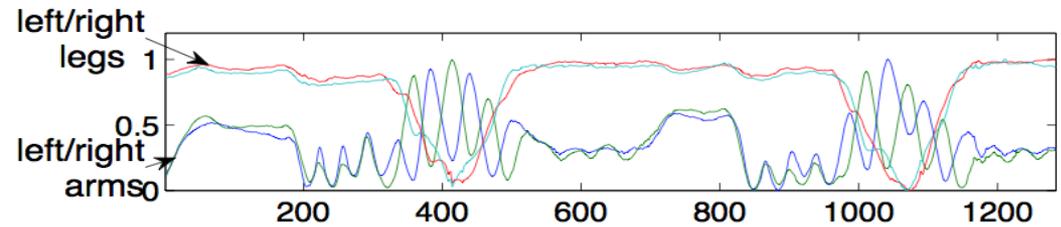
$$F = \{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$$



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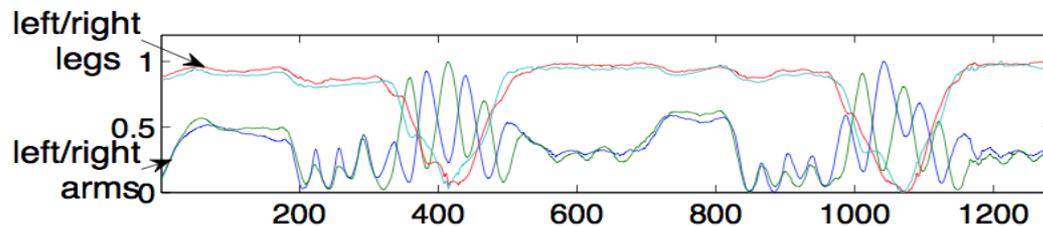
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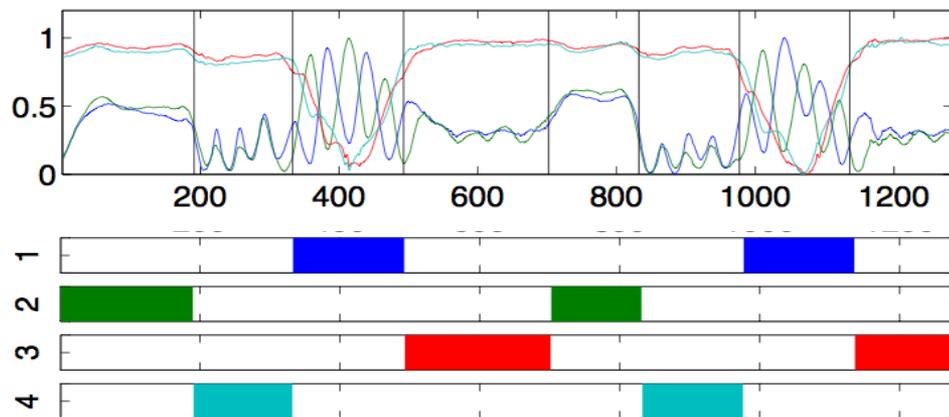
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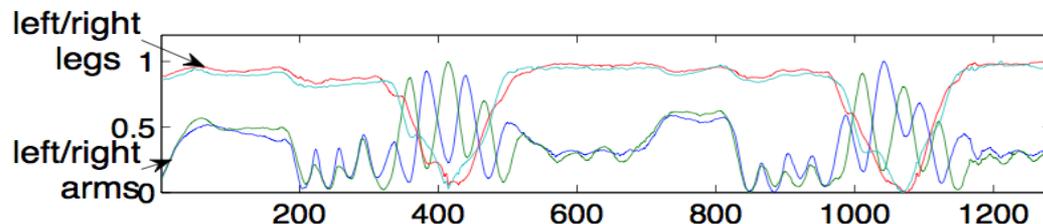
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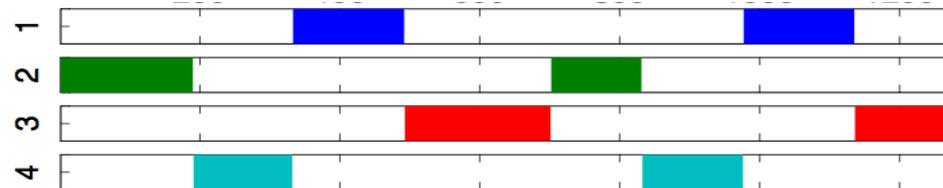
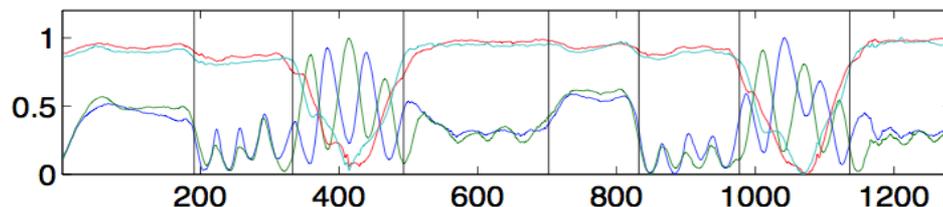


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$m$  segments

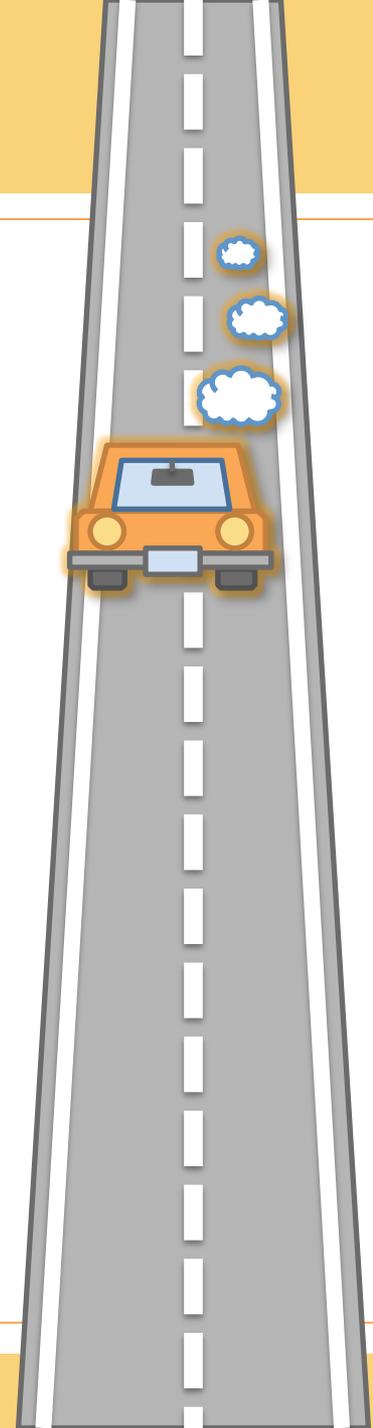
$r$  regimes



Segment-membership

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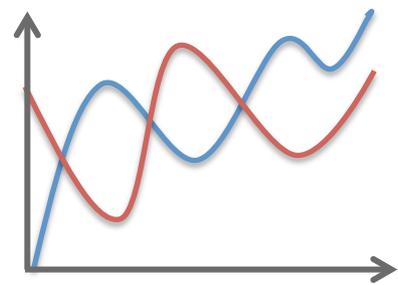
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Q2. How to decide # of regimes/segments ?

Idea (2): Model description cost

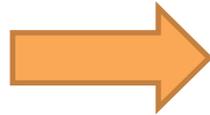
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Sequences

Model



beaks

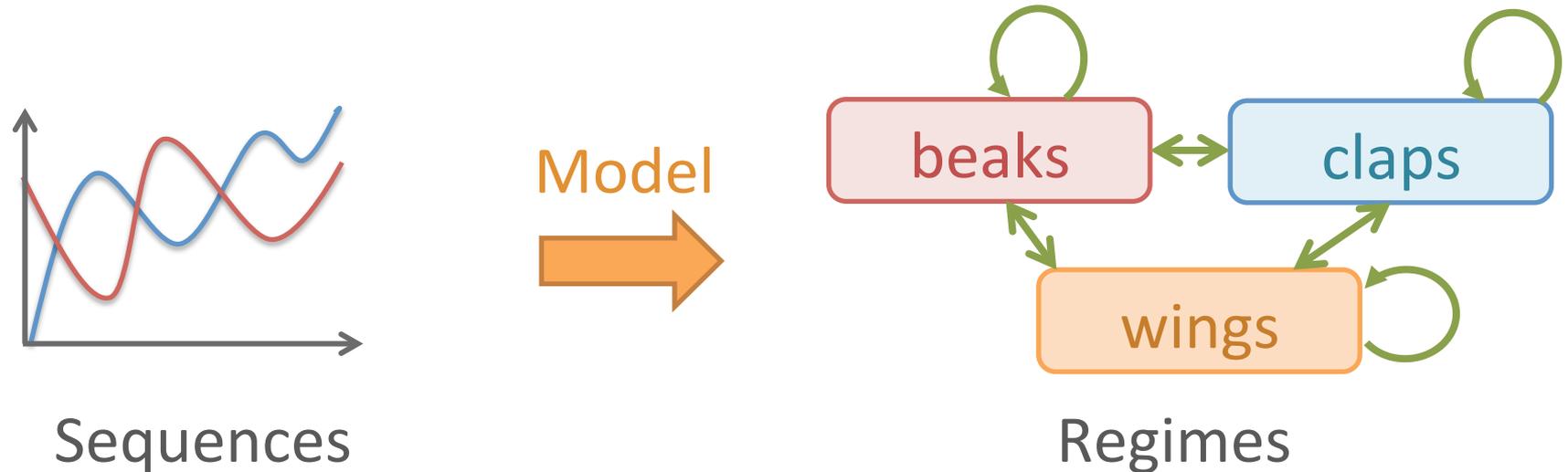
claps

wings

Regimes

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Idea (1): Multi-level chain model

- HMM-based probabilistic model
- with “**across-regime**” transitions

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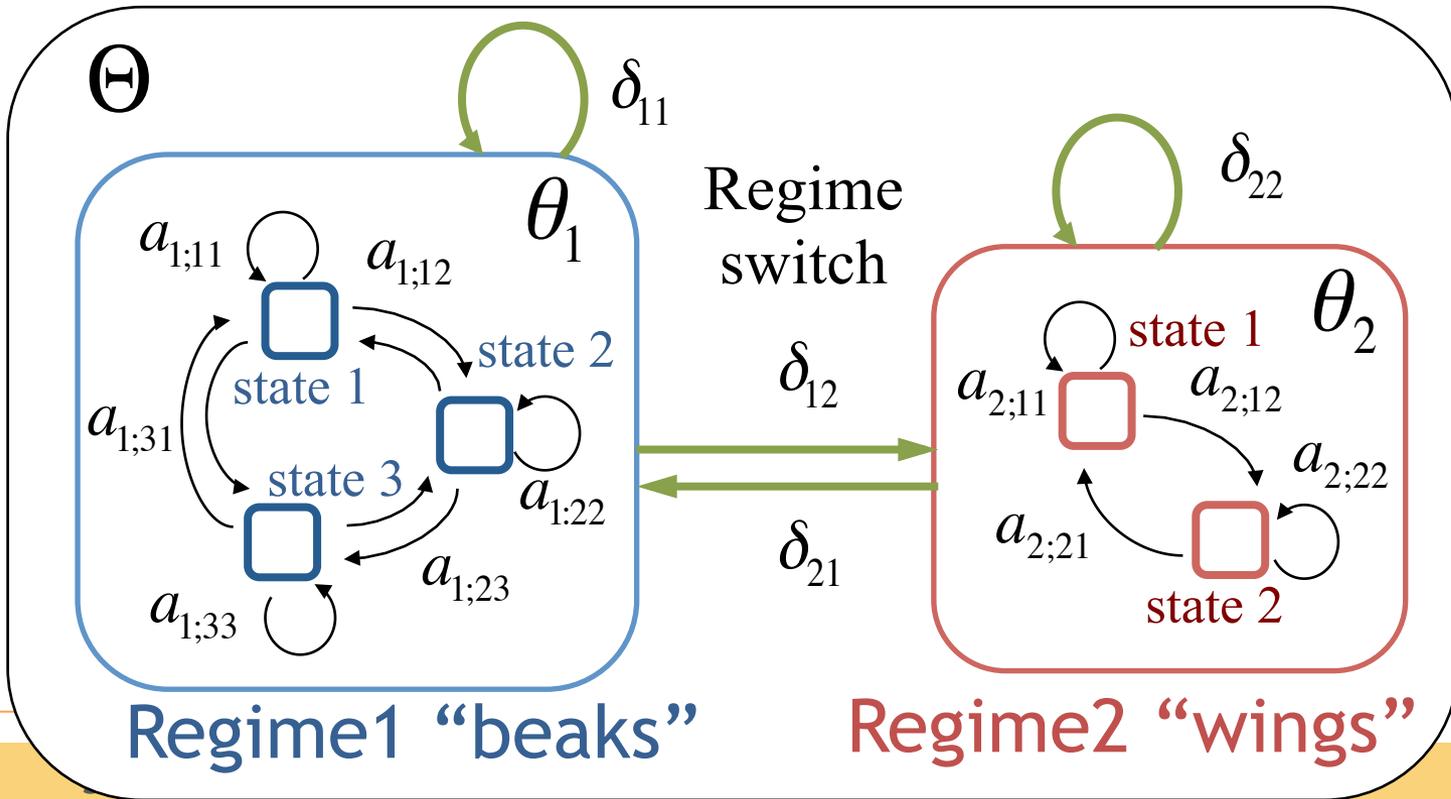
Details

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Regimes  
 $r=2$   
 Regime 1  
 ( $k=3$ )  
 Regime 2  
 ( $k=2$ )

# Idea (2): model description cost

Q2. How to decide # of regimes/segments ?

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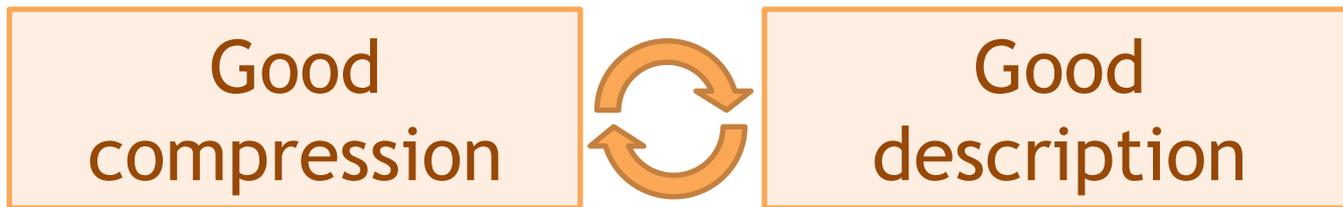
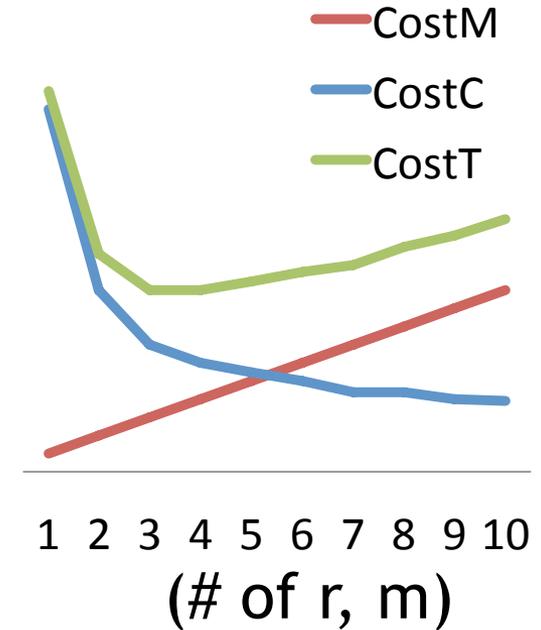
- Minimize coding cost
- find “optimal” # of segments/regimes

# Idea (2): model description cost

Idea: Minimize encoding cost!

$$\min \left( \boxed{\text{Cost}_M(M)} + \boxed{\text{Cost}_c(X|M)} \right)$$

Model cost                      Coding cost



# Idea (2): model description cost

Details

Total cost of bundle  $X$ , given  $C$

$$C = \{m, r, S, \Theta, F\}$$

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dimensions

# of segments/  
regimes

segment-  
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segment  
lengths

Model description  
cost of  $\Theta$

Coding cost  
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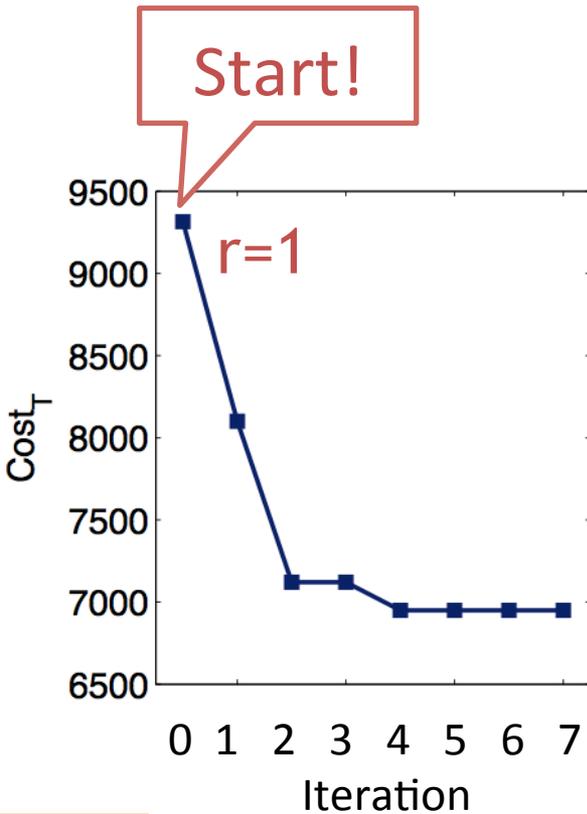
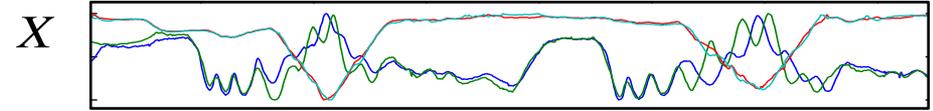
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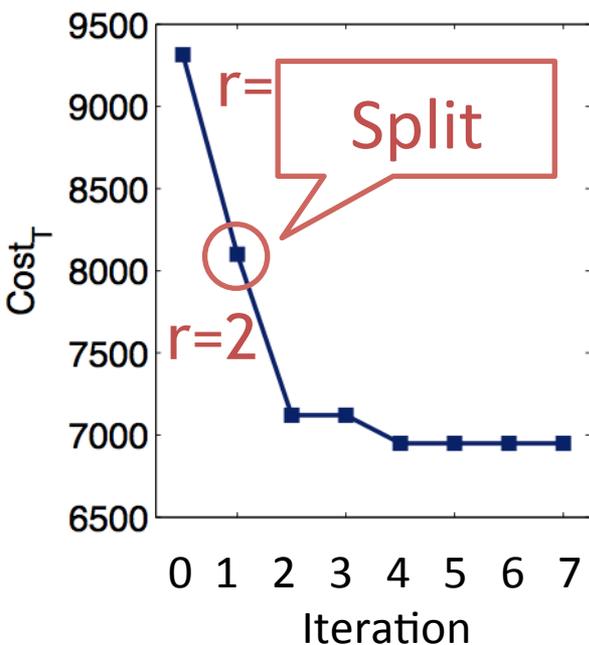
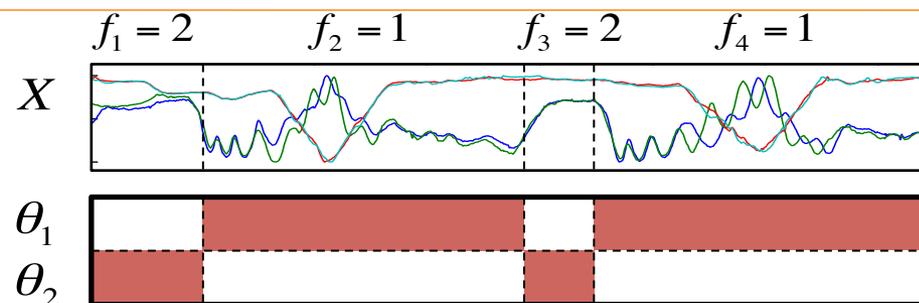
Iteration 0  
 $r=1, m=1$



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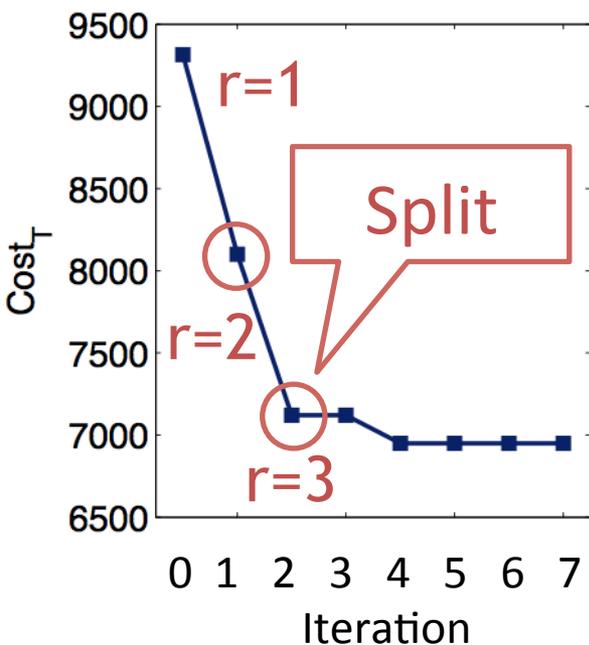
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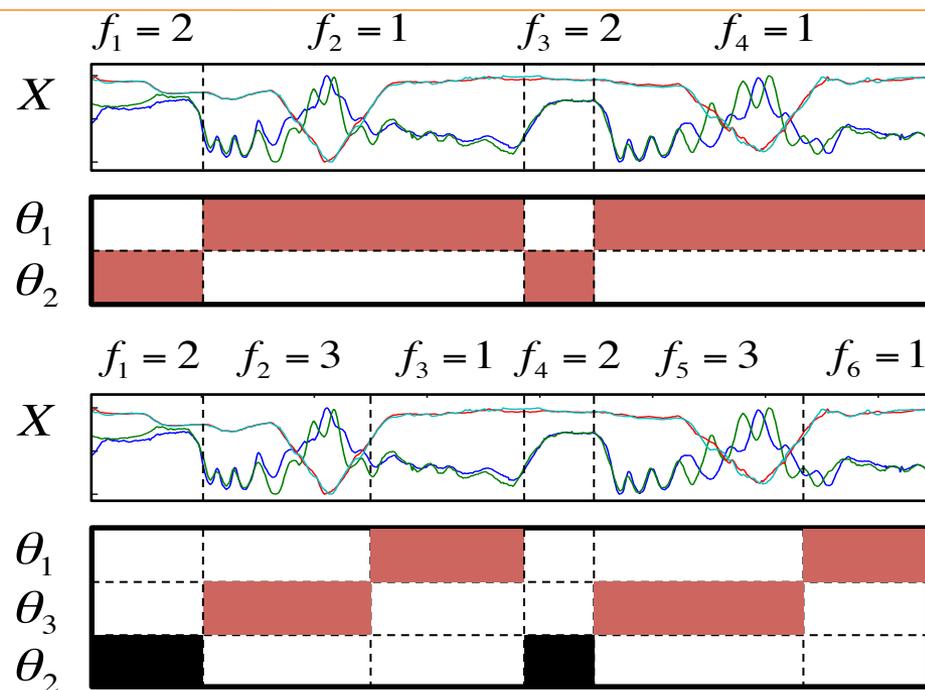
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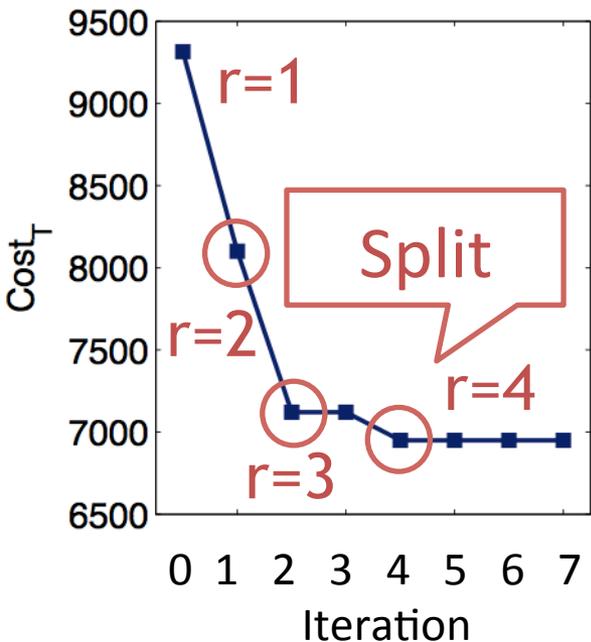


Iteration 2  
 $r=3, m=6$



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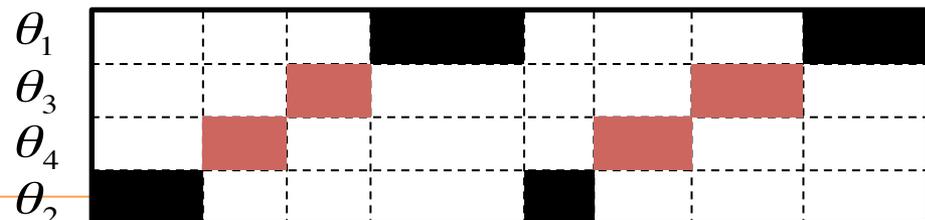
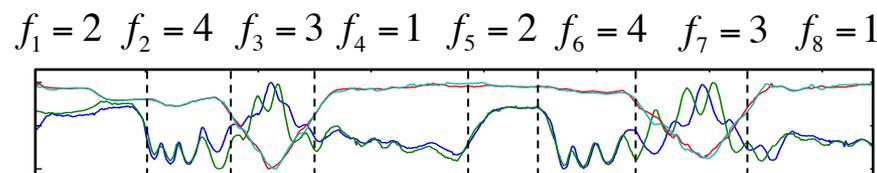
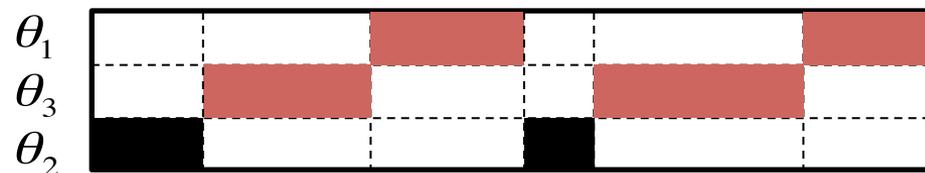
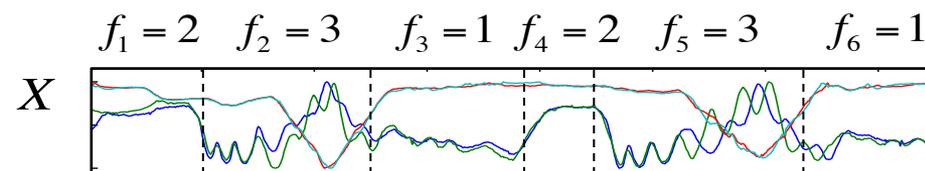
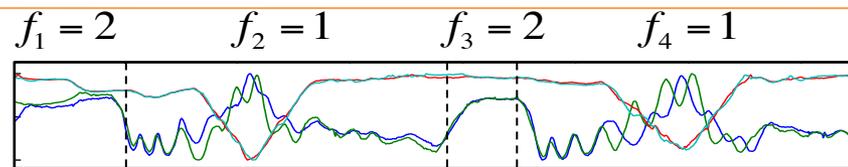
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 $r=2, m=4$



Iteration 2  
 $r=3, m=6$



Iteration 4  
 $r=4, m=8$



# AutoPlait

## Algorithms

### 1. CutPointSearch

Inner-most loop

Find good cut-points/segments

### 2. RegimeSplit

Inner loop

Estimate good regime parameters  $\Theta$

### 3. AutoPlait

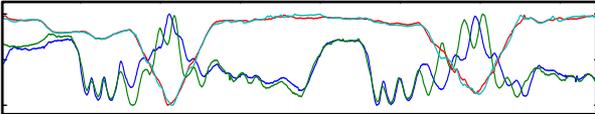
Outer loop

Search for the best number of regimes ( $r=2,3,4\dots$ )

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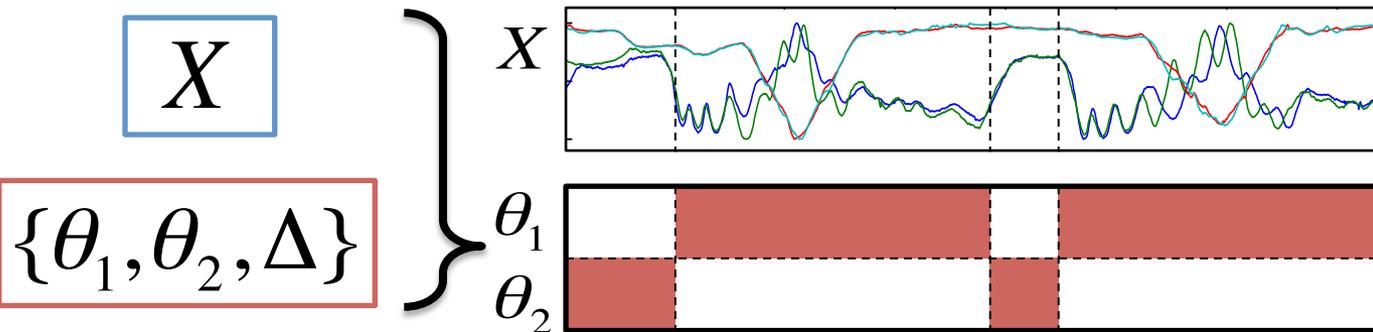
Inner-most loop

Given:

- bundle  $X$  
- parameters of two regimes  $\Theta = \{\theta_1, \theta_2, \Delta\}$

Find: **cut-points** of segment sets  $S_1, S_2$ ,

$$\{S_1, S_2\} = \underset{S_1, S_2}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(X \mid S_1, S_2, \Theta)$$



$$S_1 = \{s_2, s_4\}$$
$$S_2 = \{s_1, s_3\}$$

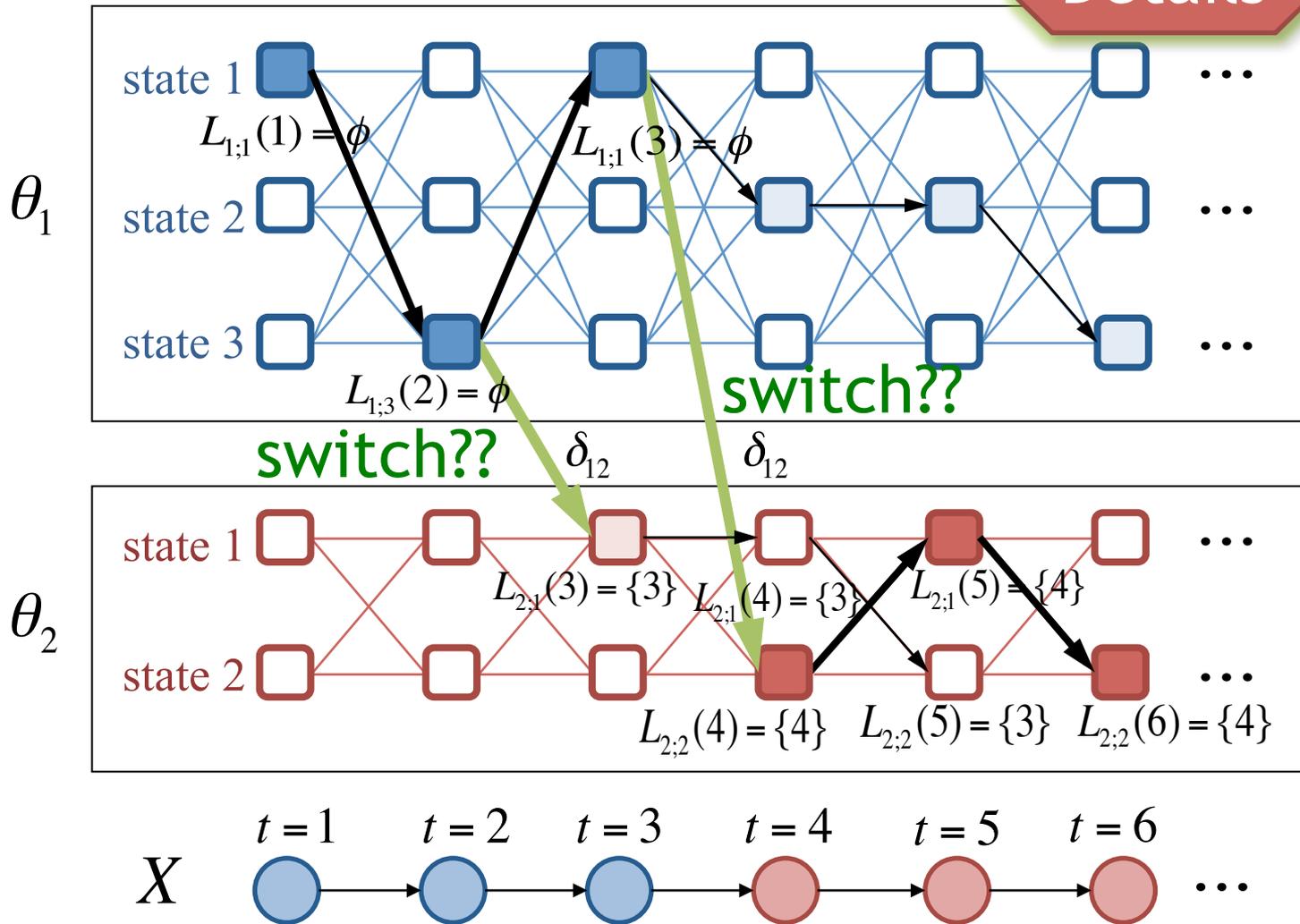
# 1. CutPointSearch

Inner-most loop

Details

DP algorithm to compute likelihood:

$$P(X | \Theta)$$



# 1. CutPointSearch

Inner-most loop

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Theoretical analysis

## Scalability

- It takes  $O(ndk^2)$  time (only single scan)
  - n: length of X
  - d: dimension of X
  - k: # of hidden states in regime

## Accuracy

It guarantees the optimal cut points

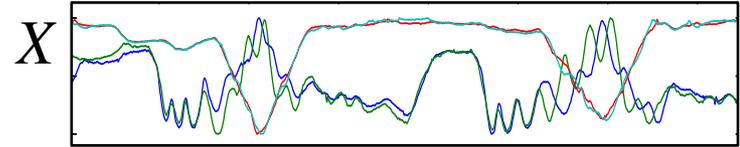
- (Details in paper)

# 2. RegimeSplit

## Inner loop

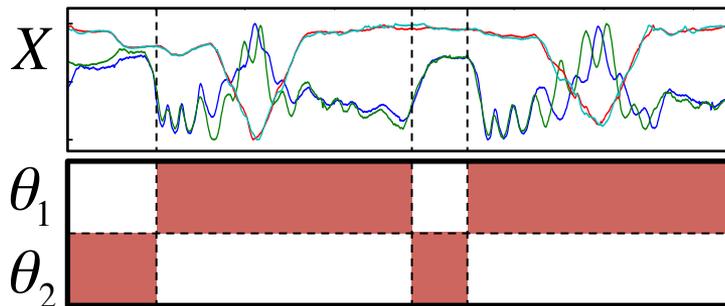
Given:

- bundle  $X$



Find: **two regimes**

1. find **cut-points** of segment sets:  $S_1, S_2$
2. estimate parameters of two regimes:



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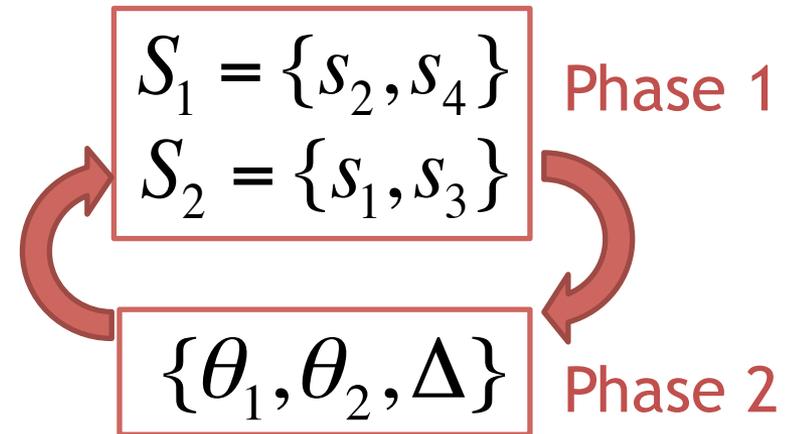
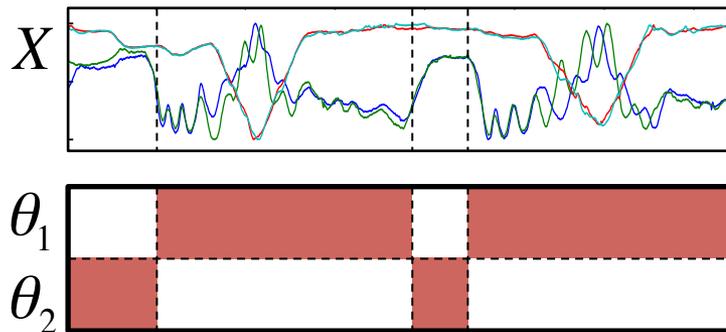
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Inner loop

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## Two-phase iterative approach

- **Phase 1:** (CutPointSearch)
  - Split segments into two groups :  $S_1, S_2$
- **Phase 2:** (BaumWelch)
  - Update model parameters:  $\Theta = \{\theta_1, \theta_2, \Delta\}$

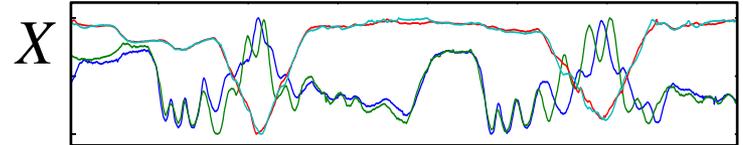


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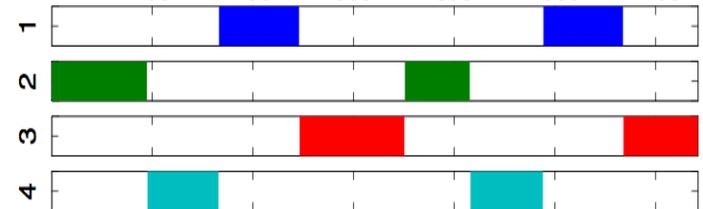
- bundle  $X$



Find:  $r$  regimes ( $r=2, 3, 4, \dots$ )

- i.e., find full parameter set

$$C = \{m, r, S, \Theta, F\}$$



# 3. AutoPlait

## Outer loop

Split regimes  $r=2,3,\dots$ , as long as cost keeps decreasing  
- Find appropriate # of regimes

$$r = \min_r \text{Cost}_T(X; m, r, S, \Theta, F)$$

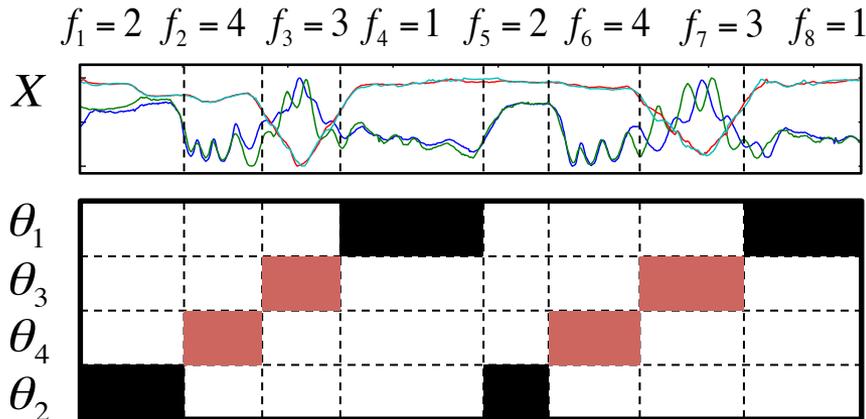
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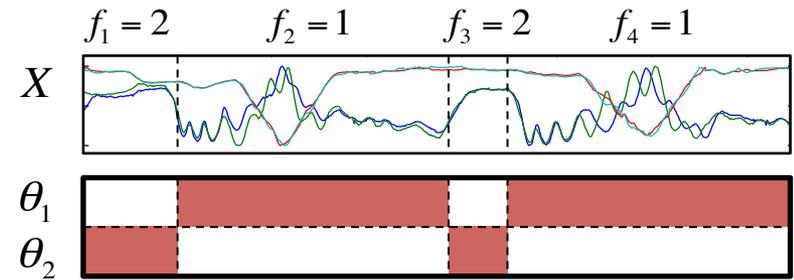
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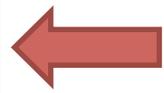
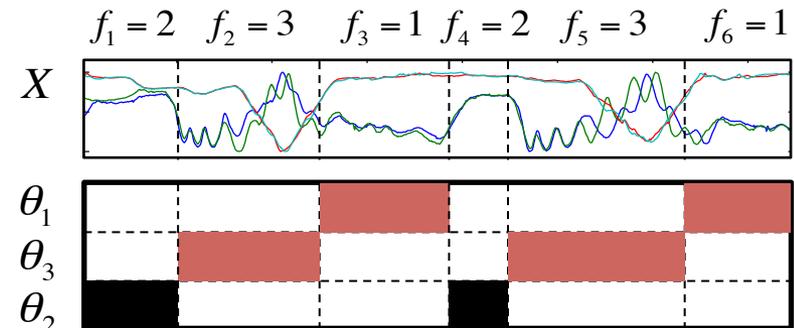
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# Experiments

We answer the following questions...

## Q1. Sense-making

Can it help us understand the given bundles?

## Q2. Accuracy

How well does it find cut-points and regimes?

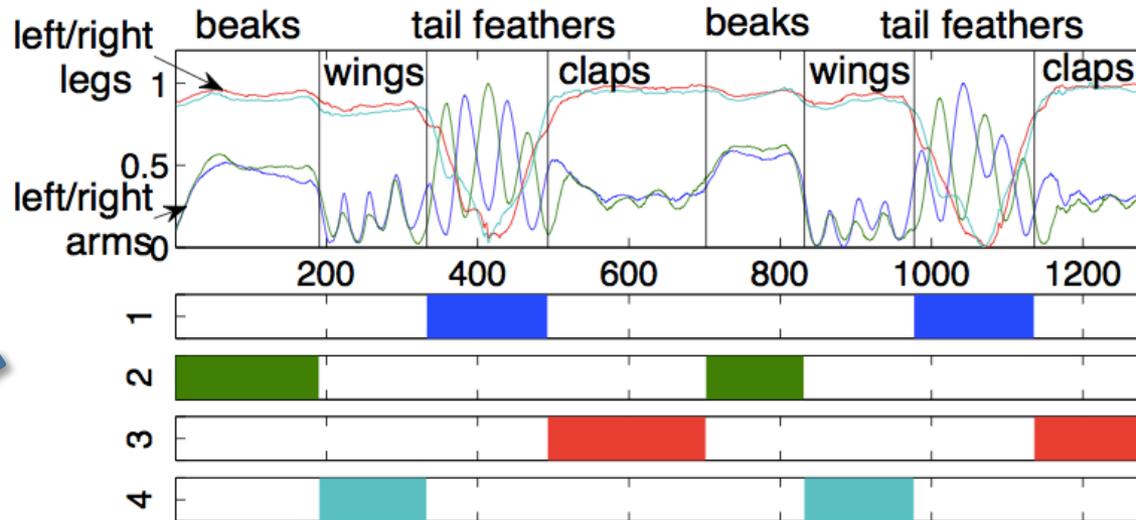
## Q3. Scalability

How does it scale in terms of computational time?

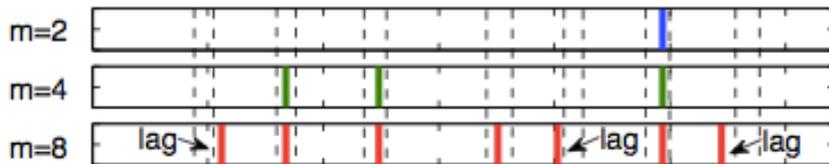
# Q1. Sense-making

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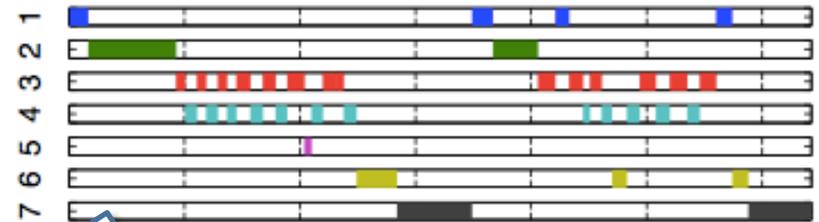
AutoPlait  
(NO magic numbers)



(a) AUTOPLAIT (no user defined parameters)



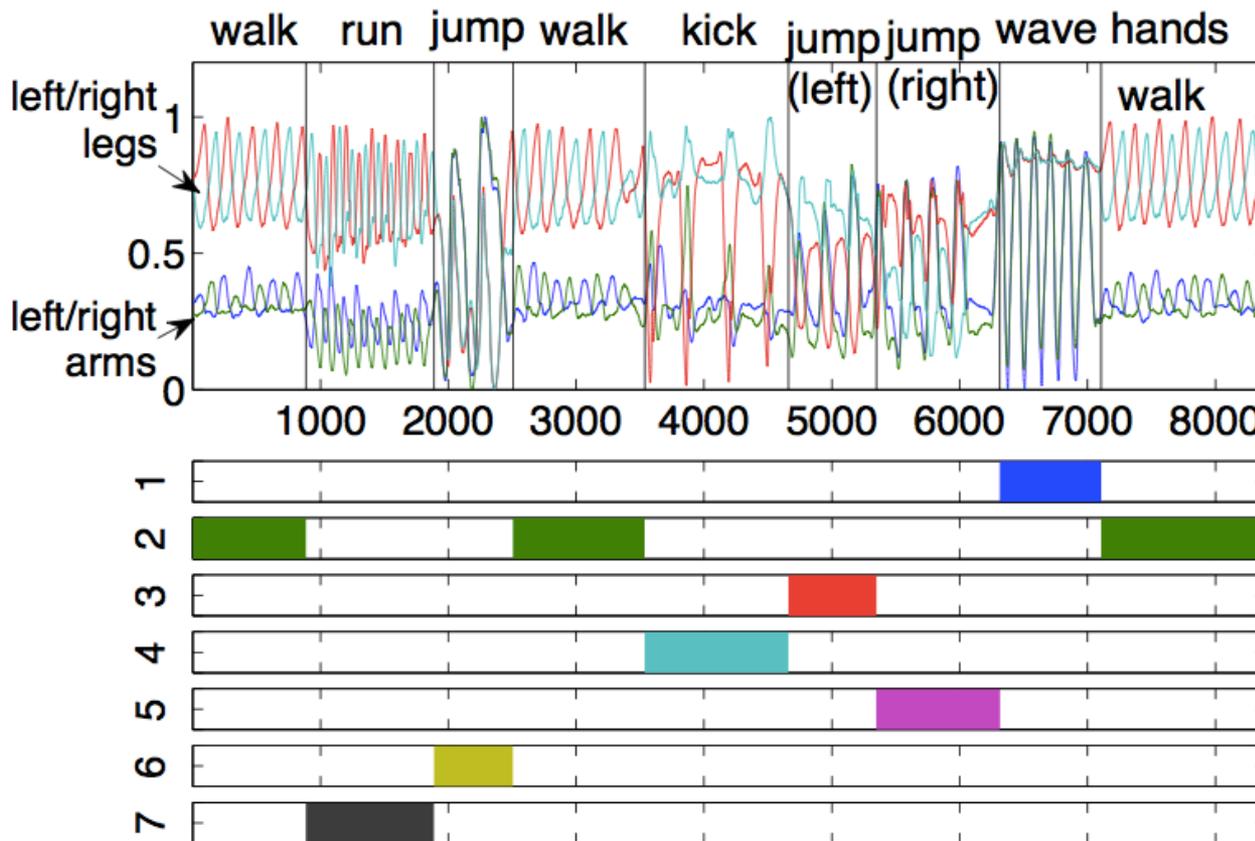
DynaMMo (Li et al., KDD'09)



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# Q1. Sense-making

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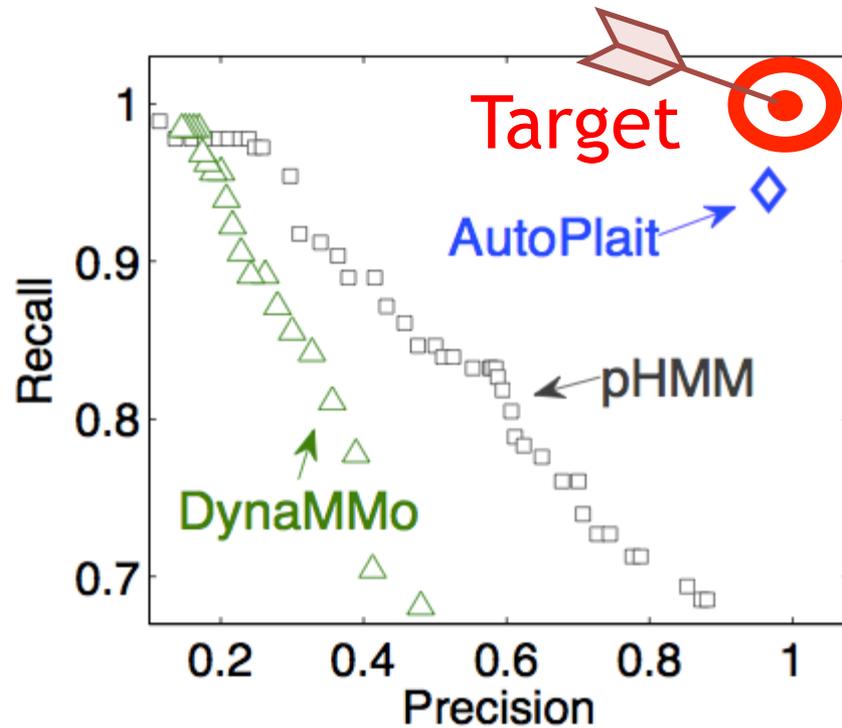


AutoPlait (NO magic numbers)

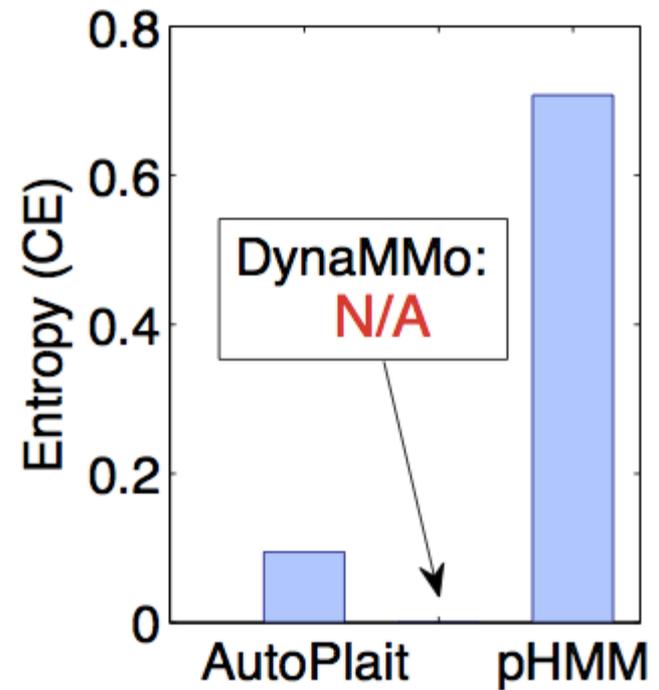


# Q2. Accuracy

(a) Segmentation



(b) Clustering



(a) Precision and recall (higher is better)

(b) CE score (lower is better)

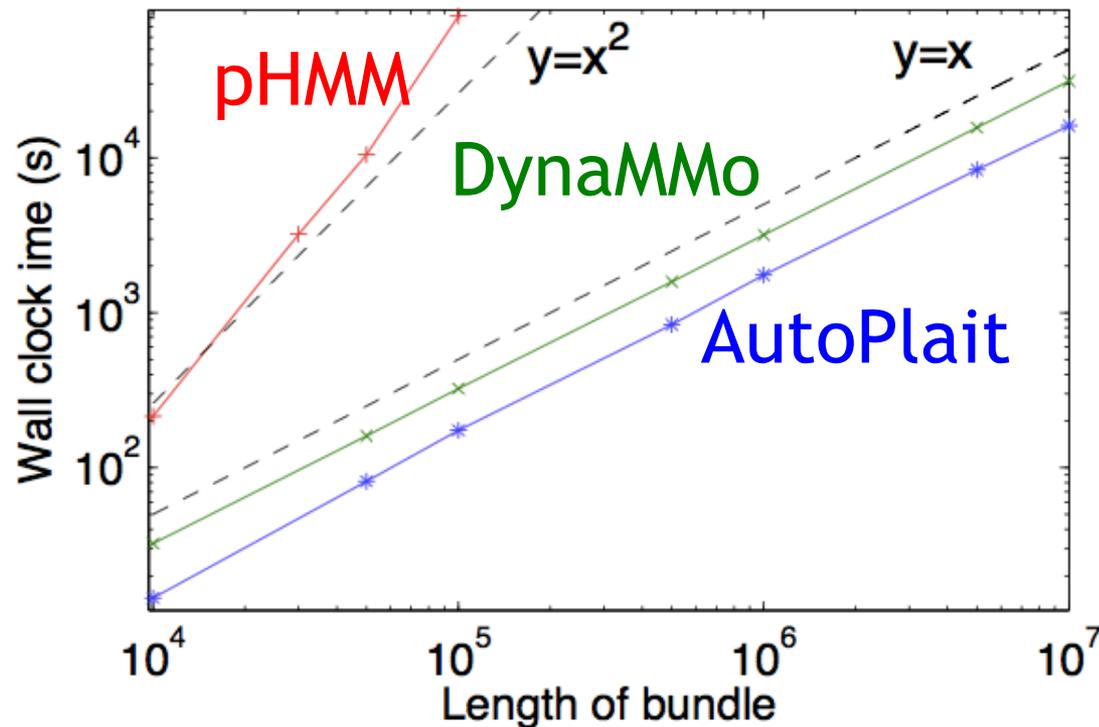
AutoPlait needs “no magic numbers”



# Q3. Scalability

Wall clock time vs. data size (length) :  $n$

AutoPlait scales linearly, i.e.,  $O(n)$



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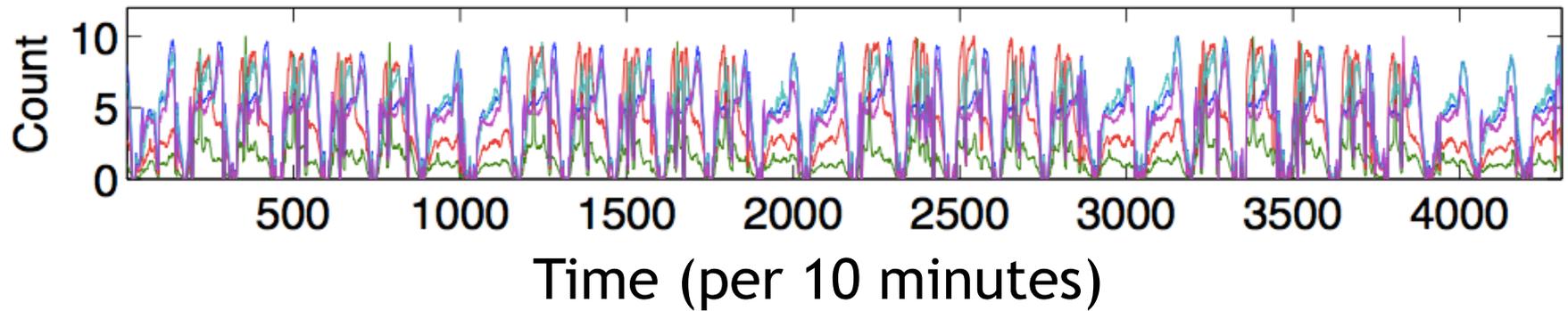
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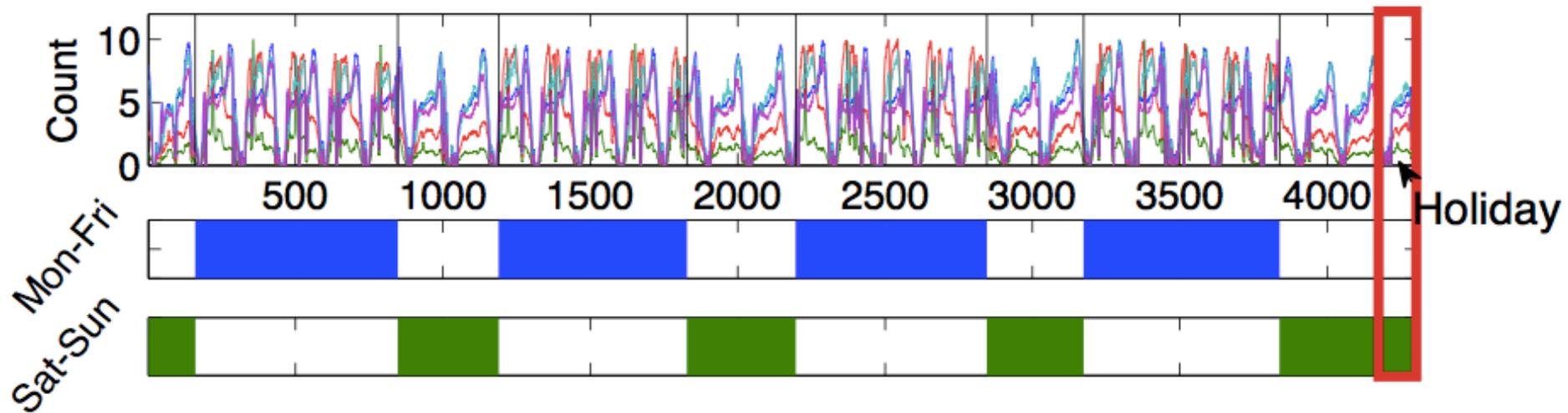
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- 5urls: **blog**, **news**, **dictionary**, **Q&A**, **mail**
- every 10 minutes

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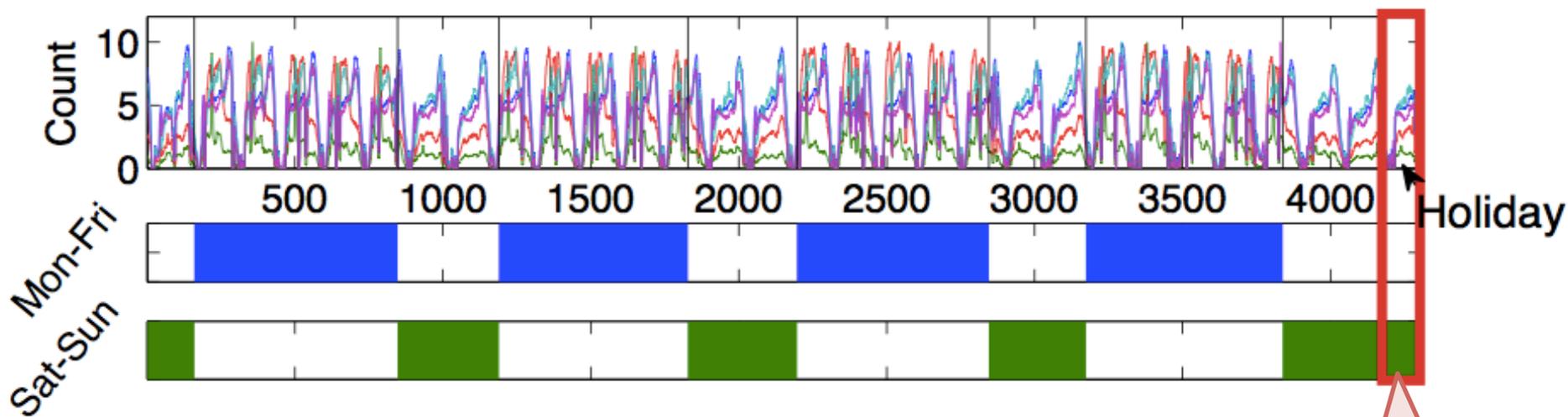
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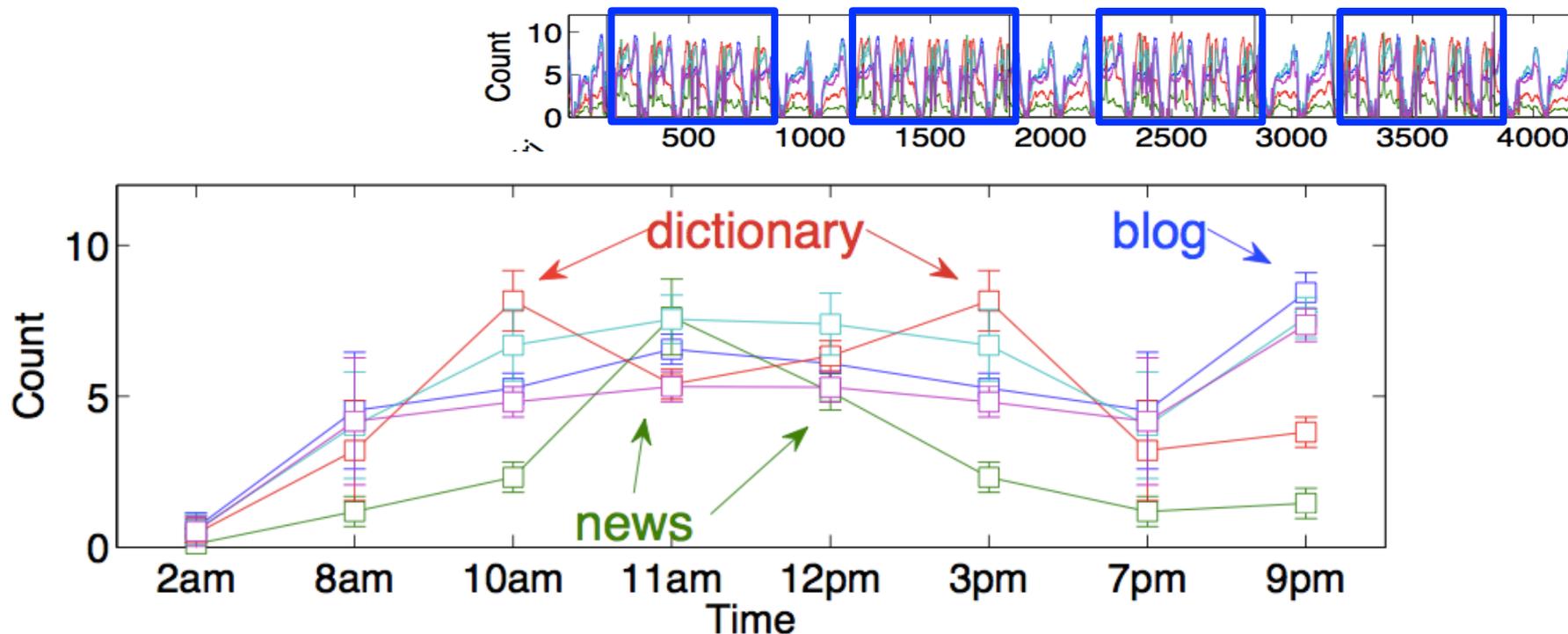
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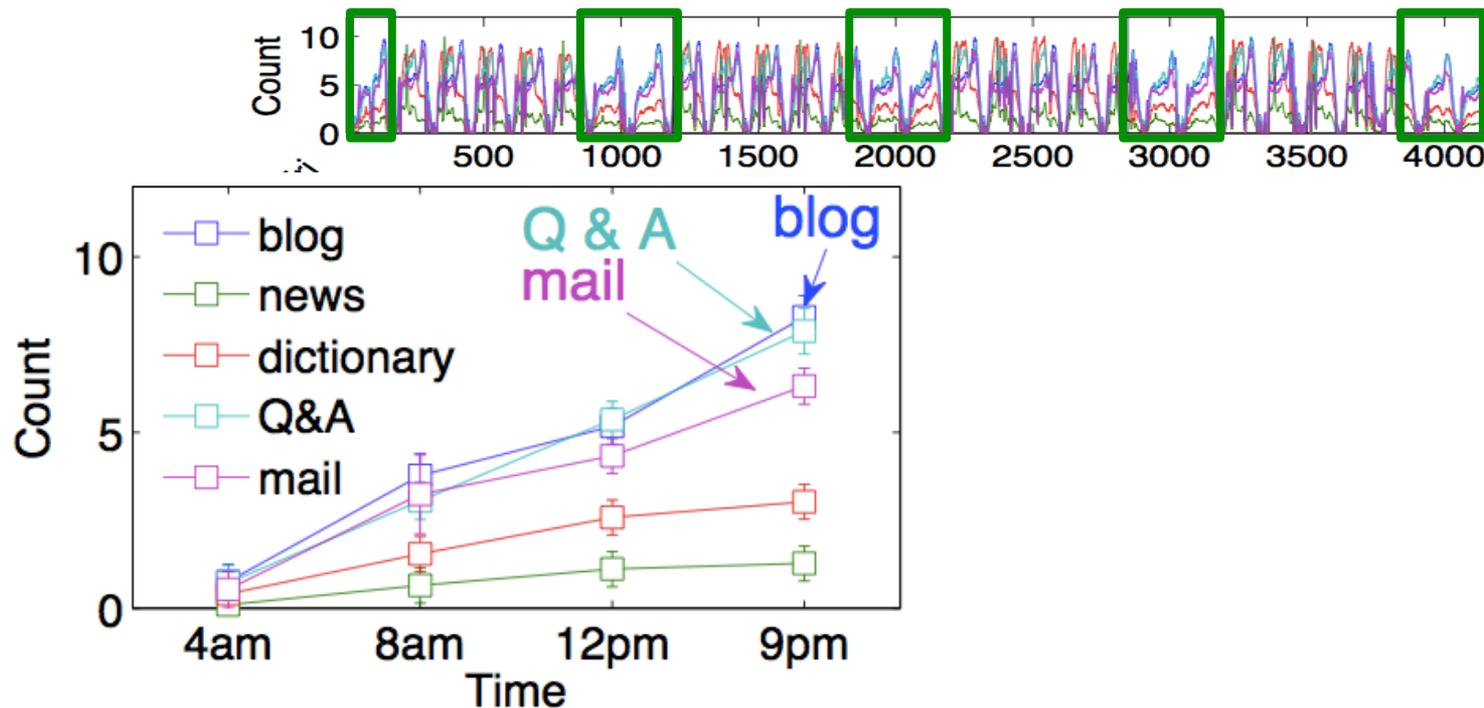


Observation: **Working hard** every **weekday**  
(i.e., using dictionary, news sites)

# App1. Model analysis (WebClick)

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## Pattern of weekend regime



Observation: **No more work on weekend** (i.e., blog, mail, Q&A for non-business purposes)

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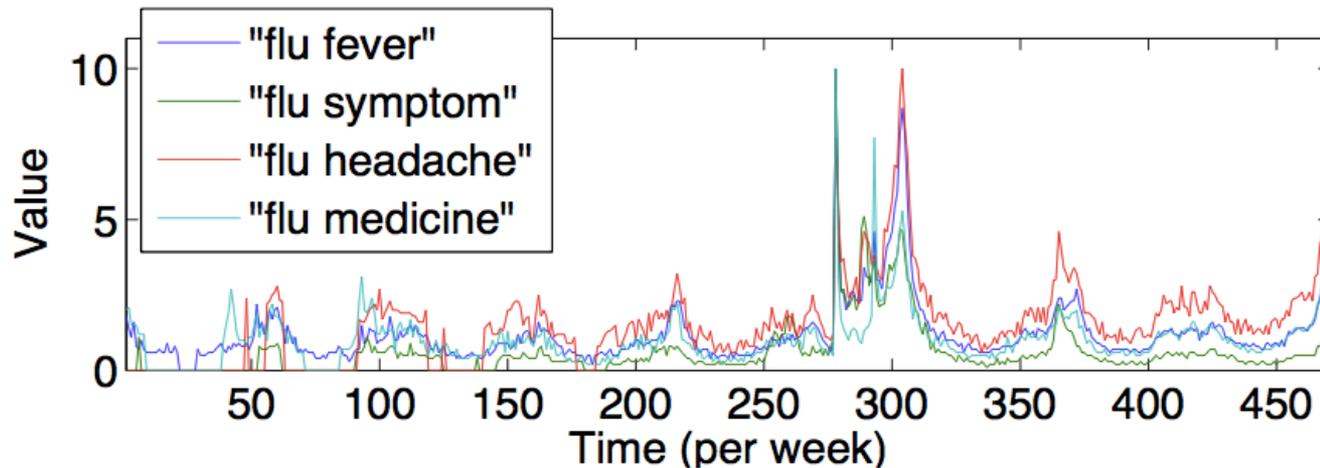
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- Google Trend data

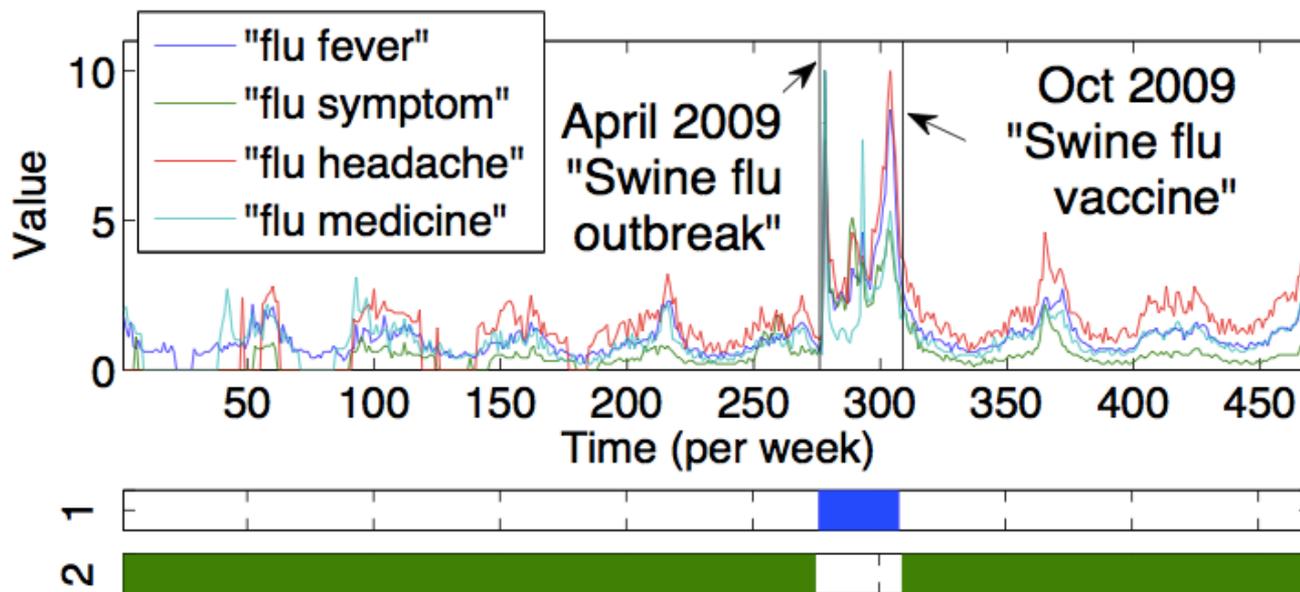
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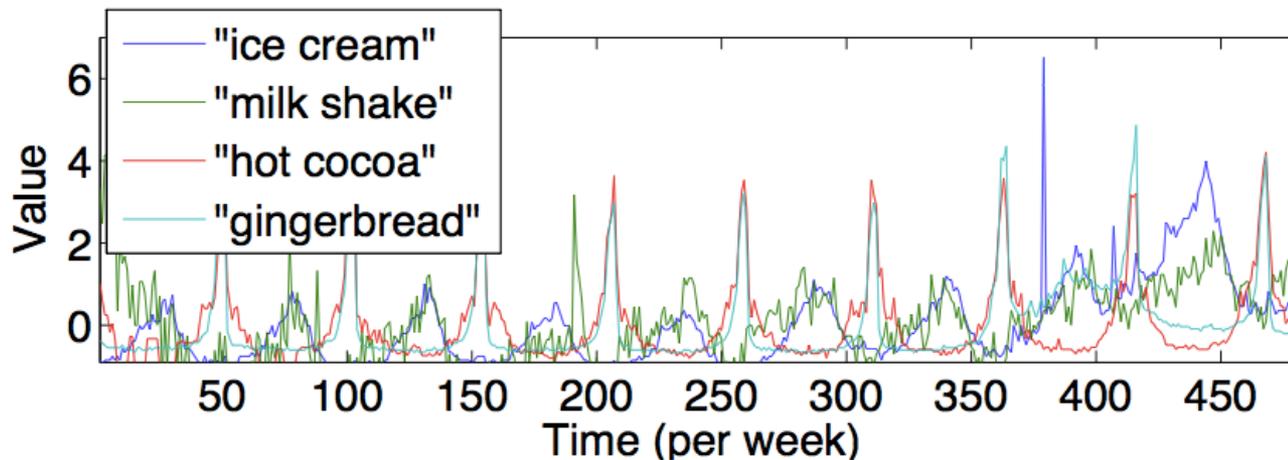


(a) Flu-related topics (regimes  $r = 2$ )

AutoPlait detects 1 unusual spike in 2009  
(i.e., **swine flu**)

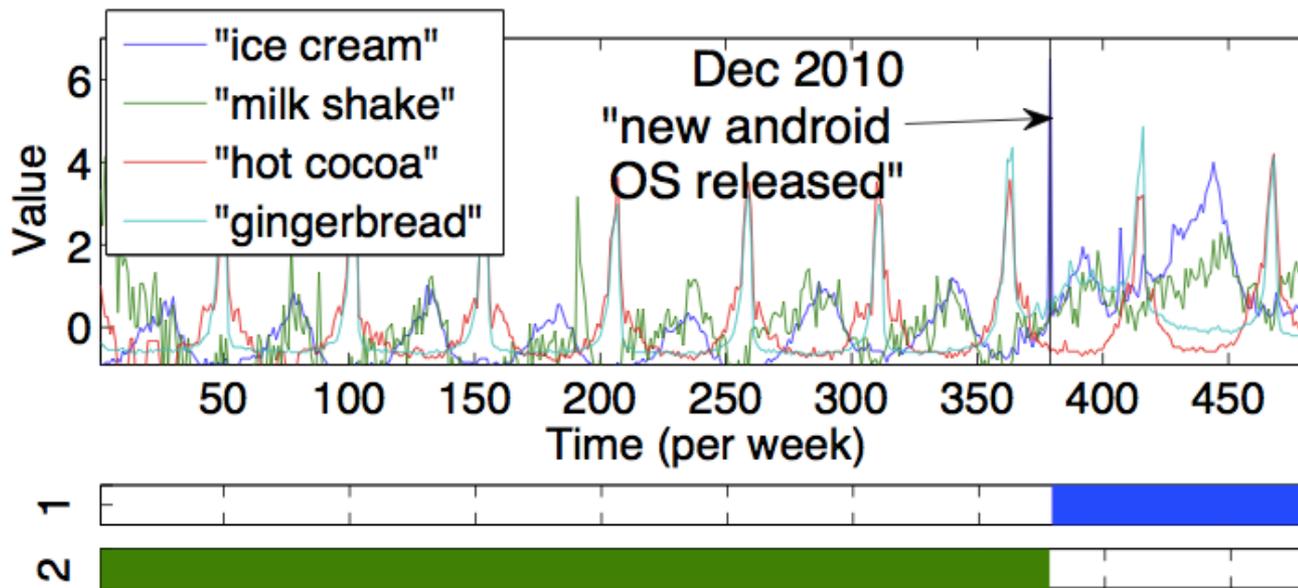
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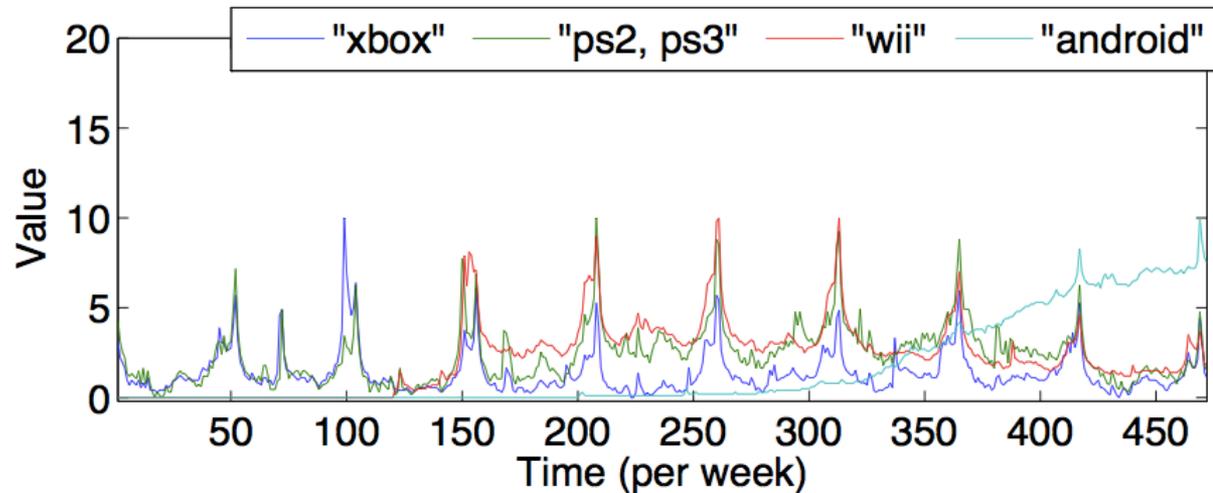


(b) Seasonal sweets topics (regimes  $r = 2$ )

Trend suddenly changed in 2010 (release of android OS “Ginger bread”, “Ice Cream Sandwich”)

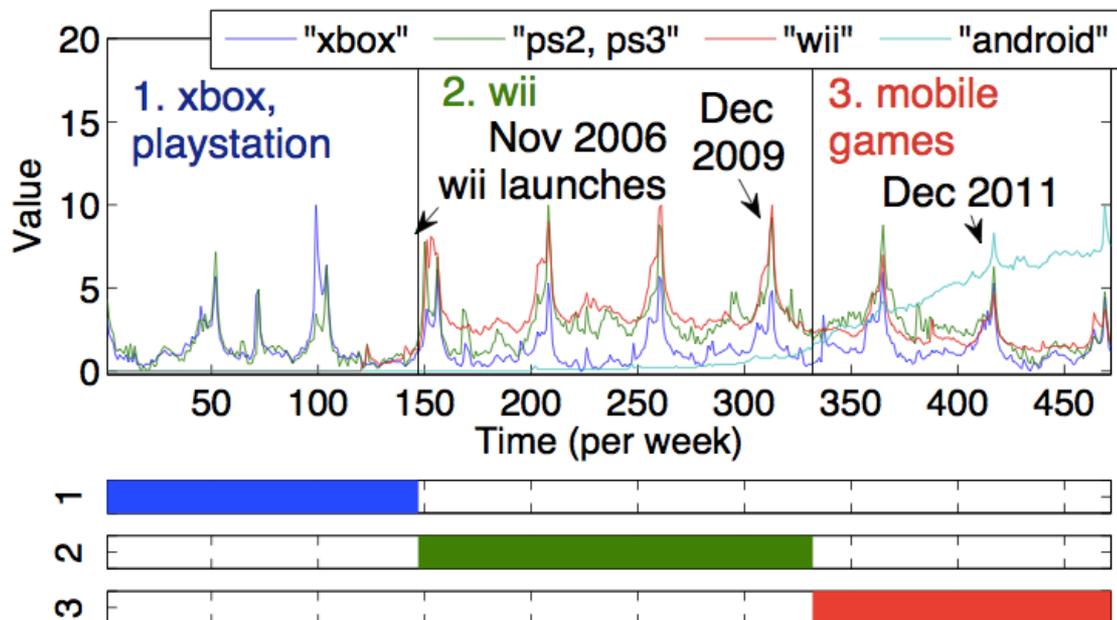
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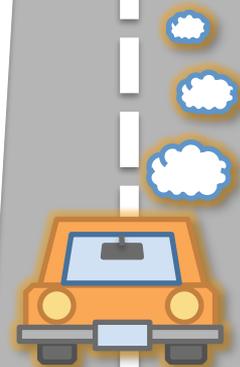


(c) Game-related topics (regimes  $r = 3$ )

It discovers 3 phases of “game console war”  
(Xbox&PlayStation/Wii/Mobile social games)

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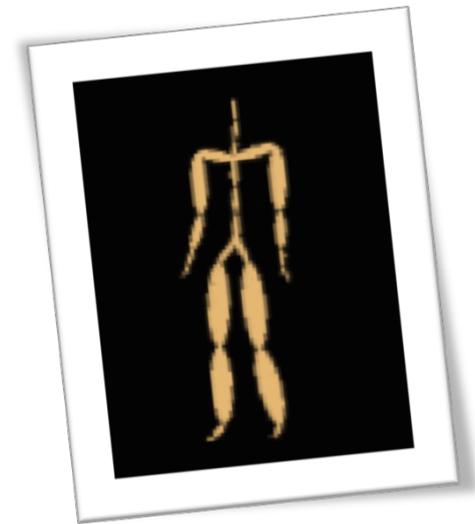
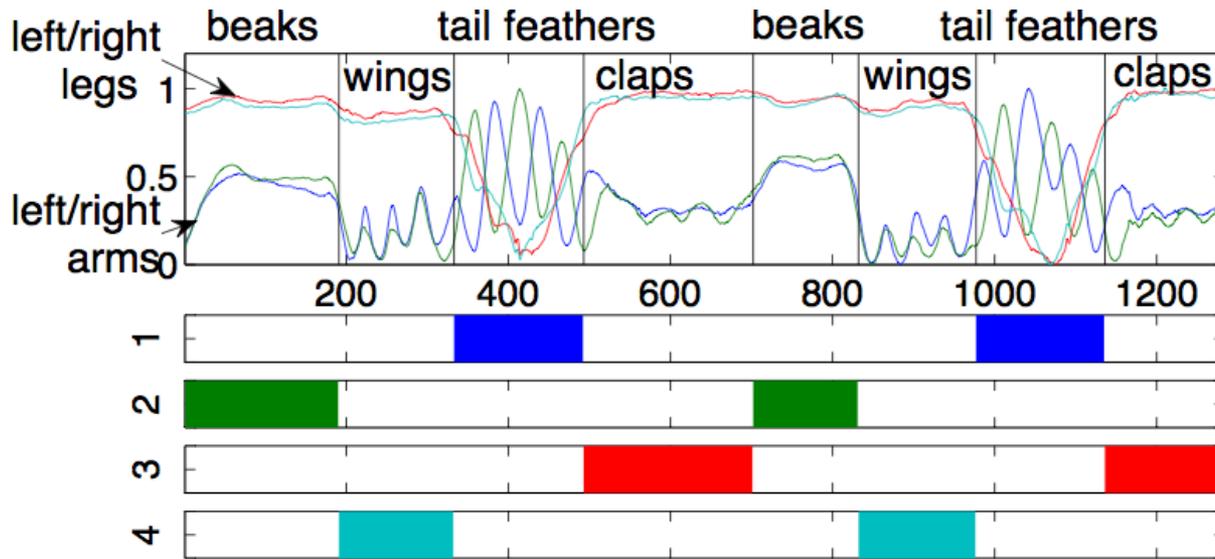


# Conclusions

AutoPlait has the following properties

- **Effective** ✓  
Find optimal segments/regimes
- **Sense-making** ✓  
Reasonable regimes
- **Fully-automatic** ✓  
No magic numbers
- **Scalable** ✓  
It scales linearly

# Thank you!



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