

# Study of Common Online Change-point Detection Algorithms

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# Background

# Motivation

- A system or structure under normal conditions may suddenly shift to a state of shock
- Examples of unexpected shock:
  - A car driving down the street
  - A projectile impacting a structure
  - A structure in an earthquake
- It's important to know when a structure is in shock
  - Earlier detection means faster response
  - Responding too late could mean permanent structural damage
  - Responding too early can also be detrimental



Plane launching projectiles [1]



Collapsed building [2]

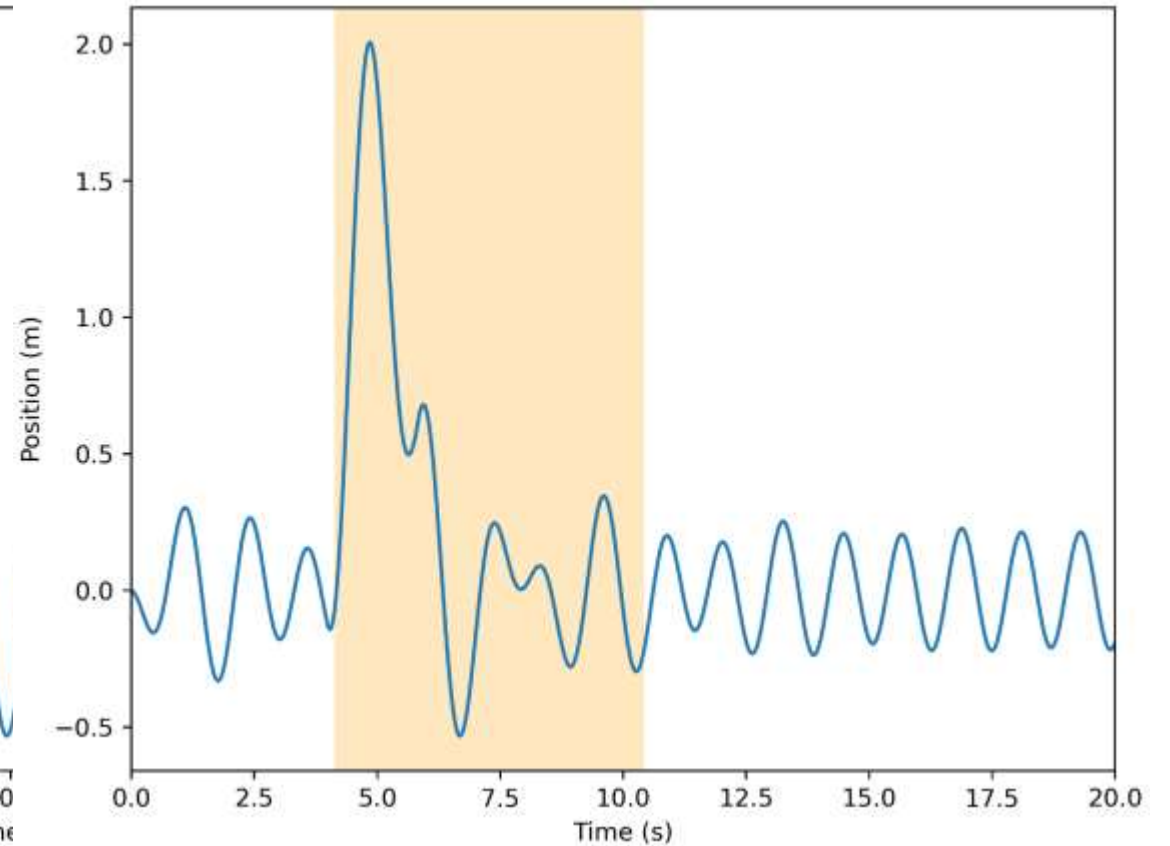
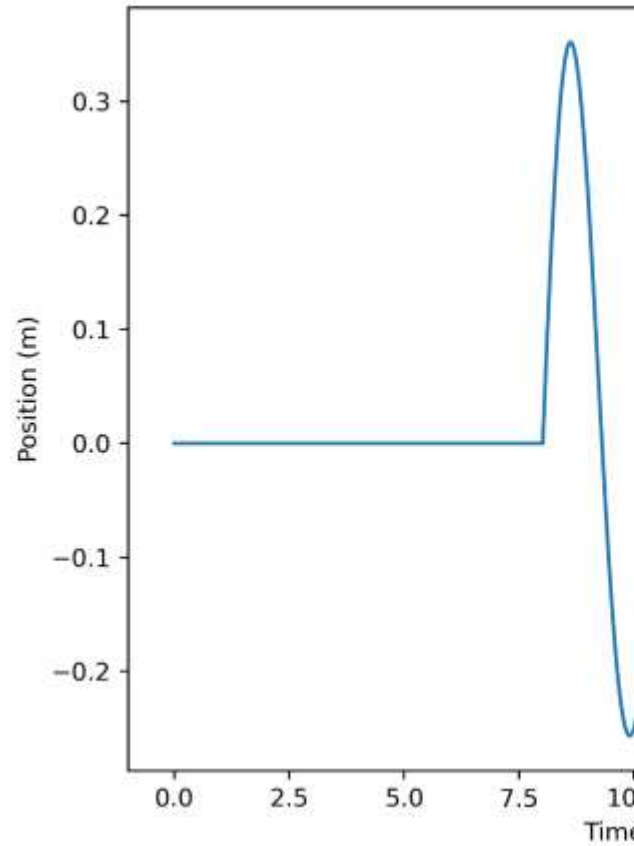


Damaged road [3]

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# What do we mean by shock?

- Shock is a sudden departure from the expected



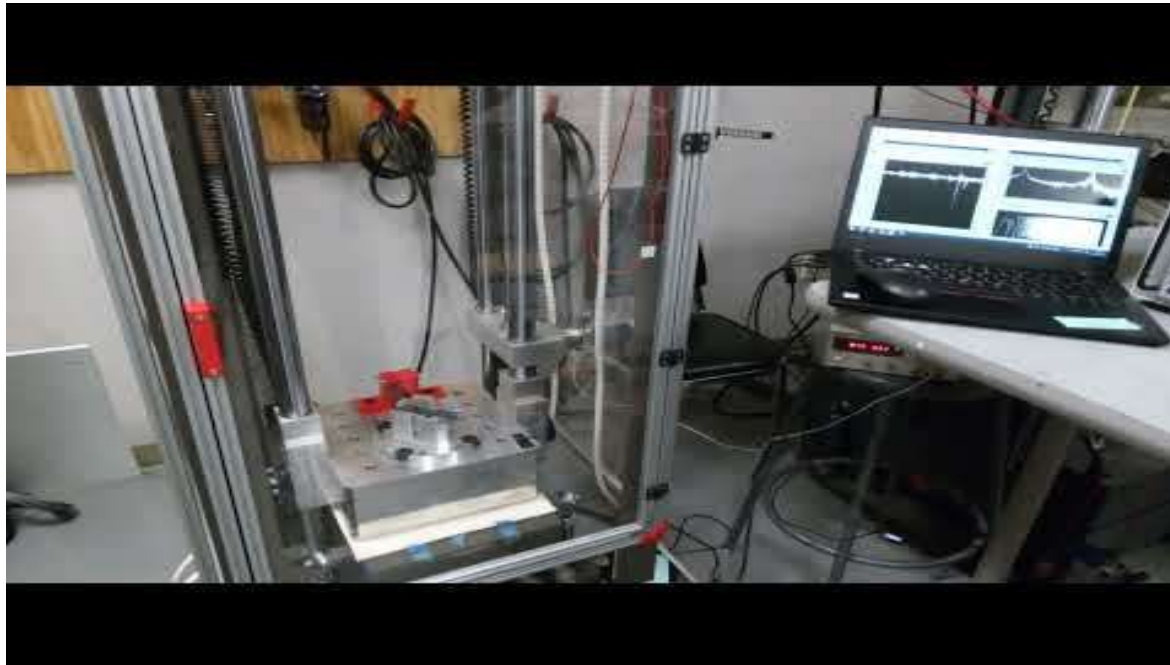
# Change Point Detection

- **Definition:** Change point Detection - “The identification of abrupt changes in the generative parameters of sequential data”
- Change point detection involves identifying when a point signifies a change in the features of a sequence of data
- We considered an event a ‘change point’ when a change is beyond our expectations of the assumed underlying distribution
- Examples:
  - Change in mean level
  - Shift in amplitude

# Experimental Setup

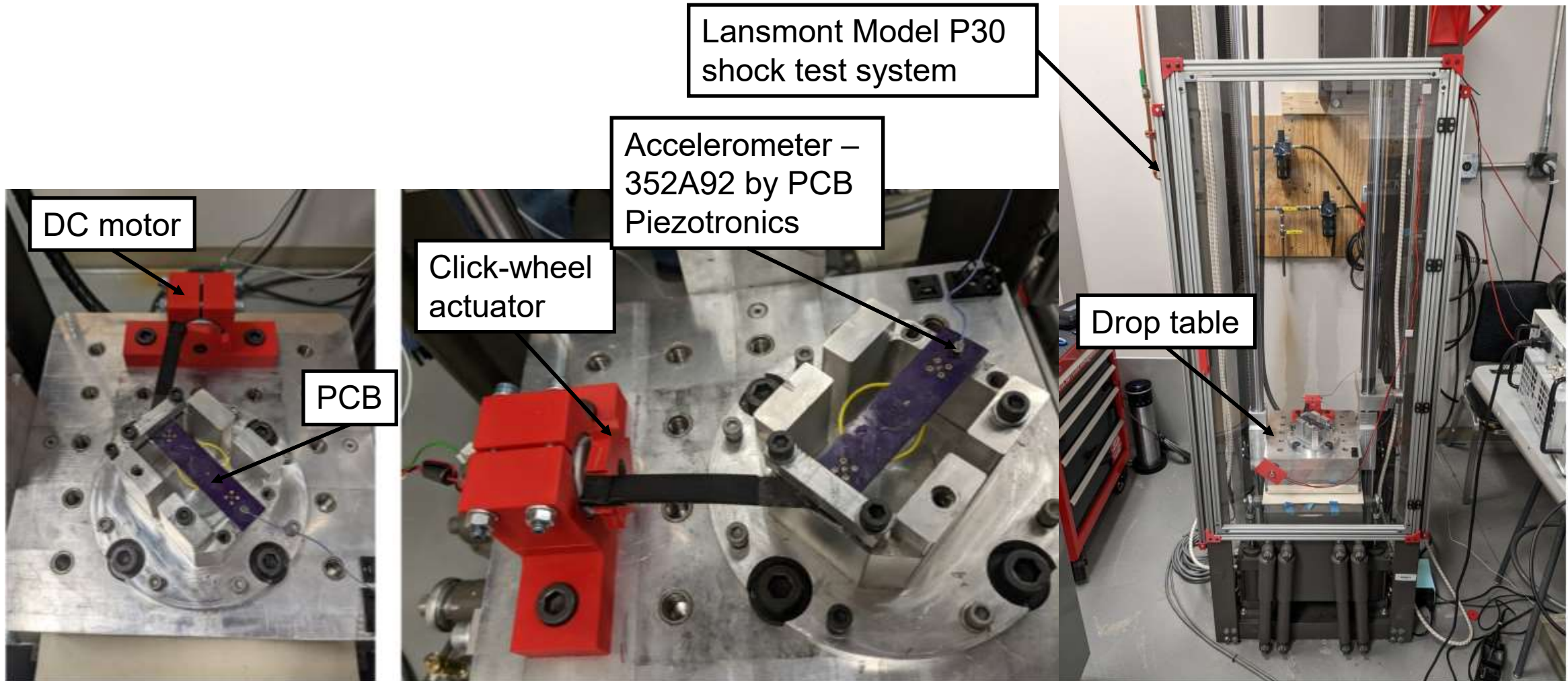
# Purpose

- Change point detection used in aberration detection
- Our goal was to measure likelihood of system being in a state of shock
  - Given a set of acceleration data, when do we think the response is abnormal
  - Abnormal response could mean a damage-inducing event for the electronic system





# Experiment Setup



# Online vs Offline Detection

## Online Detection

- Computes over successive points in a sequence
- Typically lower computation cost
- Faster
- Less accurate
- Change points identified as algorithm runs

## Offline Detection

- Computes over complete sequence
- Typically more computationally expensive
- Slower
- More accurate
- Number of change points can be given or guessed

# Online Algorithms

- **Bayesian Online Changepoint Detection (BOCPD) [1]**
  - Uses Bayesian statistics to model data over various run lengths
  - Decides if run length is likely to have reset since last change point
- **Expectation Maximization (EM) [2]**
  - Fits Gaussian models to known groups of data
  - Decides which model a given point best fits
- **Grey Systems Modeling (GM) [3]**
  - Transforms window of data two scalar describing behavior
  - Determines if behavior is sufficiently different
- **Cumulative Summation (CUSUM) [4]**
  - “Detects shifts in mean level of sequential data”
  - Determines if a significant shift has occurred in current mean from prior process mean

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algorithm	movement	compares	decision criterion
BOCPD	Point-by-point	Highest probability of current run length	Most likely run length has decreased
EM	Point-by-point	Point-of-interest to distribution of safe data and distribution of unsafe data	Probability that point is not safe exceeds boundary
GM	Sliding window	Window to reference window	Difference between sequence behaviors exceeds threshold
CUSUM	Point-by-point	Current mean estimate to process mean	Current mean estimate deviates from process mean by more than threshold

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algorithm	prediction function	algorithmic time complexity
BOCPD	$\operatorname{argmax}_{i-1}(p(r_{i-1}, X_{1:i-1})) > \operatorname{argmax}_i(p(r_i, X_{1:i}))$	$O(mn)$ , $m \leq n$
EM	$\operatorname{normpdf}(x, \mu_2, \sigma_2^2) > 0.01$	$O(mkn)$ , $m$ = set size, $k$ = number of iterations
GM	$\epsilon_{ij} \leq 0.5 \cup \epsilon_{r,ij} \leq 0.5$ , where $\epsilon$ & $\epsilon_r$ are thresholds	$O(nw)$ , $w$ = window size
CUSUM	$(C_i^+ > H \cup C_i^- > H)$ , where $H$ is a threshold	$O(n)$

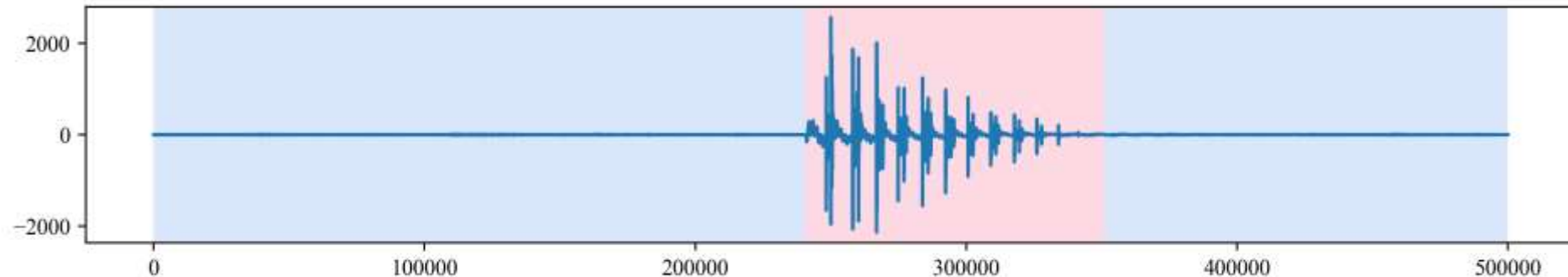
# Hyperparameters vs Parameters

- Hyperparameters
  - Initial values chosen by the user
  - Indirectly affect the overall performance of the model
  - Constant throughout model performance
- Parameters
  - Variables modified by the model itself
  - Describe the model's assumptions of the underlying data
  - Updated by the model

# Model Theory and Results

# Evaluation - Baseline

- Used an offline method as ground-truth for state of system
  - Python ruptures library
  - Binary segmentation
  - Rank cost function
- This estimate matches our expectations of where shock starts and ends





# Evaluation - Metrics

- Confusion Matrix
- Accuracy - Total proportion of correctly guessed values
- Precision – Proportion of positive predictions that were actually positive
- Recall – Proportion of positive values that were correctly predicted
- F1 score – Harmonic mean of precision and recall
- Earliest correct – Earliest correctly predicted positive detection

Confusion Matrix		
	Predicted Negative	Predicted Positive
Actually Negative	TN	FP
Actually Positive	FN	TP

Metric	Equation
Accuracy	$\frac{TP + TN}{(TN + FN + FP + TP)}$
Precision	$\frac{TP}{(TP + FP)}$
Recall	$\frac{TP}{(TP + FN)}$
F1 score	$TP + \frac{FN + FP}{2}$

# Bayesian Online Changepoint Detection (BOCPD): Theory (pt. 1)

- **Definition:** run length – the length of a sequence between two change points
- Run length can only increase by 1 or reset to 0
  - Calculation of future run lengths can be performed recursively
- Computes and tracks distribution of run-length probabilities
- If distribution shifts, then a change point must have occurred

Hyperparameter	interpretation
$\mu$	Prior mean of data
$\kappa$	Degrees of freedom
$\alpha$	Half of degrees of freedom
$\beta$	Prior scaling value for the data
lambda	Number of time steps until change point anticipated

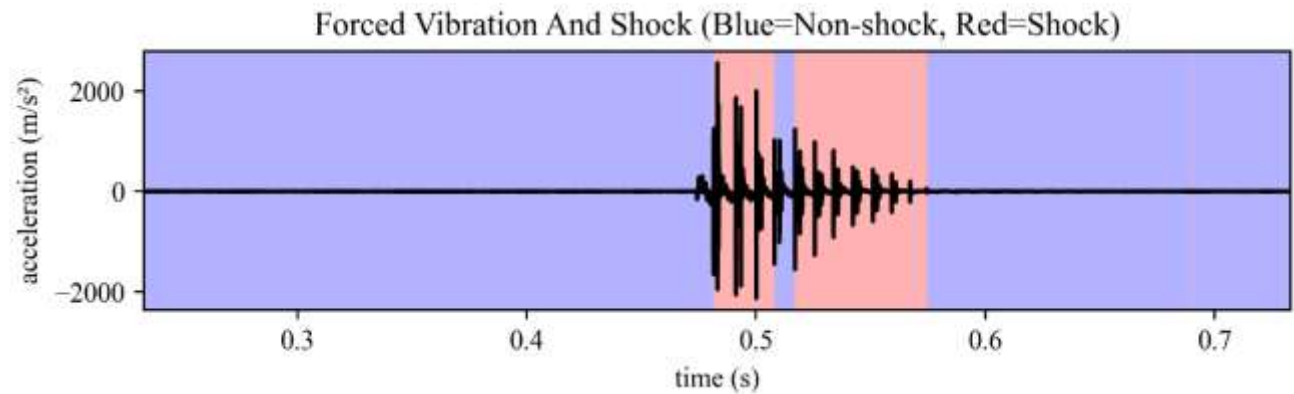
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parameter	symbol	update equation
Mean – (prior mean)	$\mu$	$[\mu_0, \dots, \mu_{t-1}] \rightarrow [\mu, \frac{\kappa_0 \cdot \mu_0 + x_i}{\kappa_0 + 1}, \dots, \frac{\kappa_{t-1} \cdot \mu_{t-1} + x_i}{\kappa_{t-1} + 1}]$
Kappa – (degrees of freedom)	$\kappa$	$[\kappa_0, \dots, \kappa_{t-1}] \rightarrow [\kappa, \kappa_0 + 1, \dots, \kappa_{t-1} + 1]$
Alpha – (1/2 degrees of freedom)	$\alpha$	$[\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{t-1}] \rightarrow [\alpha, \alpha_0 + \frac{1}{2}, \dots, \alpha_{t-1} + \frac{1}{2}]$
Beta – (average deviation from mean)	$\beta$	$[\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{t-1}] \rightarrow [\beta, \beta_0 + \frac{\kappa_0 * (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{2 * (\kappa_0 + 1)}, \dots, \beta_{t-1} + \frac{\kappa_{t-1} * (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{2 * (\kappa_{t-1} + 1)}]$

# Bayesian Online Changepoint Detection (BOCPD): Performance

- Very high precision, high recall
- Great accuracy
- F1 score suggests good balance
- Results highly dependent on hyperparameters



Hyperparameter	value
$\mu$	Mean([0:50])
$\kappa$	50
$\alpha$	25
$\beta$	50 / var([0:50])
lambda	100

	Predicted False	Predicted True
Actually False	77.9%	0.0%
Actually True	12.2%	9.9%

Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 score	Earliest Correct (ms)
0.944	0.985	0.758	0.857	473.784

# Expectation Maximization (EM): Theory (pt. 1)

- The EM algorithm has two steps:
  1. **Expectation step** - calculate probability of each item in set belonging to unsafe group
  2. **Maximization step** - update means, variances, and probability for each group
- The algorithm iterates over these two steps until parameters converge to stable values

Hyperparameter	interpretation
$\mu_1$	Prior mean of safe data
$\mu_2$	Prior mean of unsafe data
$\sigma_1$	Prior standard deviation of safe data
$\sigma_2$	Prior standard deviation of unsafe data
$\pi$	Probability of data point being unsafe

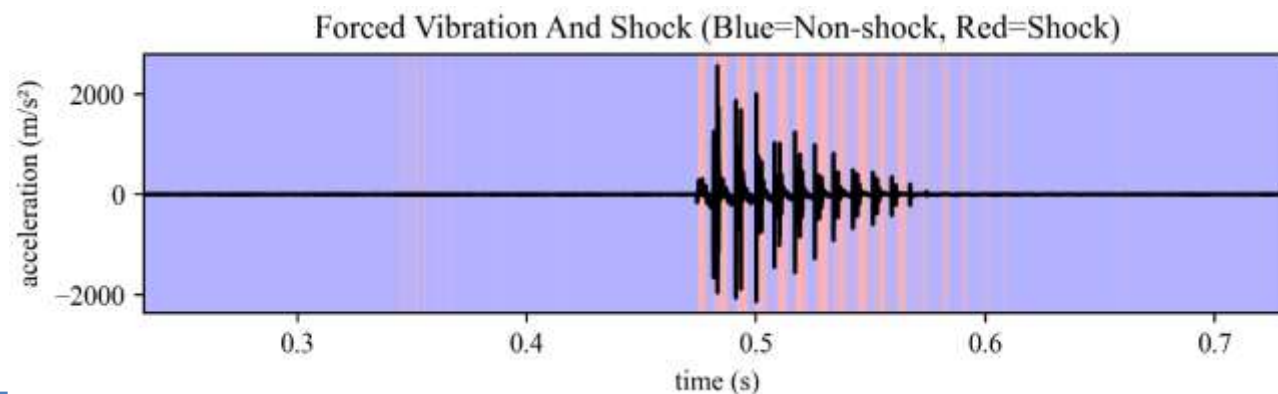
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parameter	symbol	update equation
Safe mean	$\mu_1$	$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (1 - (p(Y_i \sim N(\hat{\mu}_2, \hat{\sigma}_2^2))) \cdot Y_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^N (1 - p(Y_i \sim N(\hat{\mu}_2, \hat{\sigma}_2^2)))}$
Change mean	$\mu_1$	$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (p(Y_i \sim N(\hat{\mu}_2, \hat{\sigma}_2^2)) \cdot Y_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^N (p(Y_i \sim N(\hat{\mu}_2, \hat{\sigma}_2^2)))}$
Safe variance	$\sigma_2$	$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (1 - (p(Y_i \sim N(\hat{\mu}_2, \hat{\sigma}_2^2))) \cdot (Y_i - \hat{\mu}_2)^2)}{\sum_{i=1}^N (1 - p(Y_i \sim N(\hat{\mu}_2, \hat{\sigma}_2^2)))}$
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Attack probability	$\pi$	$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (p(Y_i \sim N(\hat{\mu}_2, \hat{\sigma}_2^2)) \cdot Y_i)$

# Expectation Maximization (EM): Performance

- Very high precision, low recall



hyperparameter	value
$\mu_1$	Mean([0:100,000])
$\mu_2$	20.0
$\sigma_1$	Std([0:100,000])
$\sigma_2$	Sqrt(10)
$\pi$	0.30

	Predicted False	Predicted True
Actually False	76.8%	1.12%
Actually True	12.7%	9.4%

Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 score	Earliest Correct (ms)
0.862	0.880	0.434	0.582	474.623

# Grey Systems Modeling (GM): Theory (pt. 1)

- Based around the idea of extrapolating information from observed data
- Data must be nonnegative, smooth, discrete
- Compares behavior of reference window of observations to window of interest

hyperparameter	interpretation
n	Number of points in window
c	Threshold for difference in behavior
c	Threshold for ratio of behavior



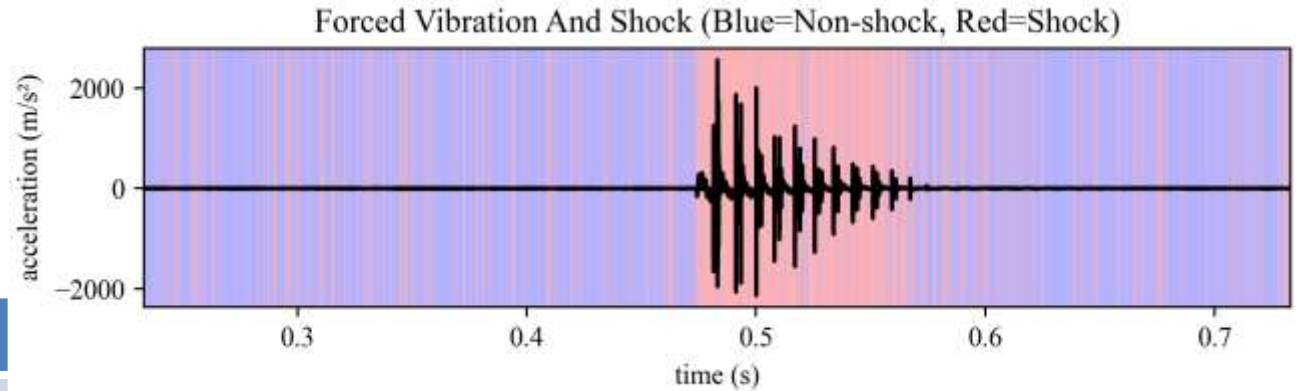
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parameter	symbol	update equation
$X^{(0)}$ – (sequence of observations)	$X^{(0)}$	$X^{(0)} = X[k:k + n]$
$X^{(1)}$ – (cumulative sum of sequence)	$X^{(1)}$	$X^{(1)} = [X^{(0)}(0), \dots, \sum_{i=1}^k X^{(0)}(i), \dots, \sum X^{(0)}]$
$Z^{(1)}$ – (running mean of sequence)	$Z^{(1)}$	$Z^{(1)} = [X^{(1)}(0), \dots, \frac{X^{(1)}(k-1)+X^{(1)}(k)}{2}, \dots, \frac{X^{(1)}(n-1)+X^{(1)}(n)}{2}]$
$S_i$ – (behavioral sequence of sequence)	$S_i$	$s_i = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{X_i^{(0)}(k) - X_i^{(0)}(1)}{2} \right) + \frac{X_i^{(0)}(n) - X_i^{(0)}(1)}{2}$
$\epsilon_{ij}$ – (absolute degree of grey incidence)	$\epsilon_{ij}$	$\epsilon_{ij} = \frac{1 +  s_i  +  s_j }{1 +  s_i  +  s_j  + c \cdot  s_i - s_j }$

# Grey Systems Modeling (GM): Performance

- Recall better than precision



hyperparameter	value
n	100
c	3.0
C_ratio	0.01

	Predicted False	Predicted True
Actually False	63.1%	14.8%
Actually True	4.85%	17.2%

Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 score	Earliest Correct (ms)
0.803	0.538	0.780	0.637	473.858

# Cumulative Summation (CUSUM): Theory (pt. 1)

- Detects shifts in mean level
- Assumptions:
  - Process follows normal distribution
  - Mean and standard deviation of process is known
- Change point detected if either deviation exceeds threshold

Hyperparameter	interpretation
$\mu$	Assumed mean of the process
$\alpha$	Weight parameter

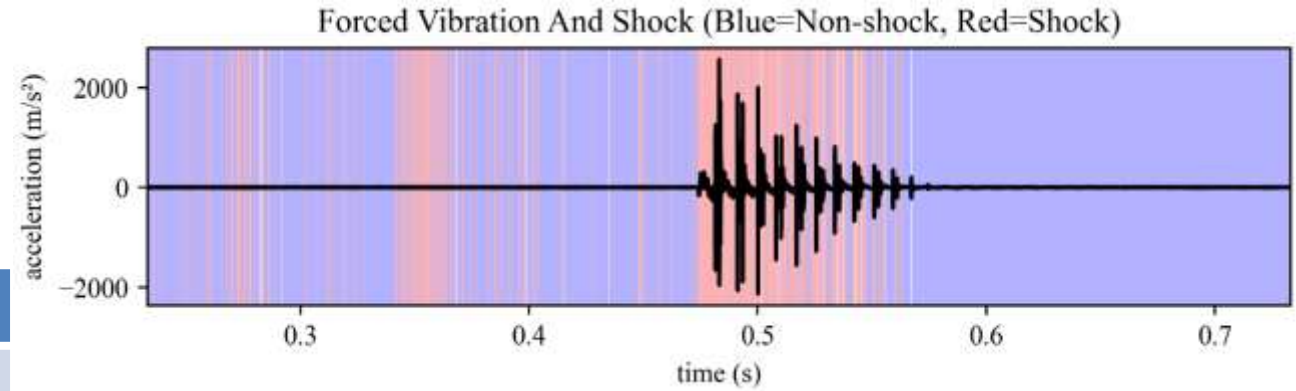
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parameter	symbol	update equation
$C_i^+$ - (positive deviation from target)	$C_i^+$	$C_i^+ \rightarrow \max(0, C_{i-1}^+ + \frac{\alpha \cdot D_i}{\sigma^2} (Y_i - D_i - \frac{\alpha \cdot D_i}{2}))$
$C_i^-$ - (negative deviation from target)	$C_i^-$	$C_i^- \rightarrow \max(0, C_{i-1}^- + \frac{\alpha \cdot D_i}{\sigma^2} (Y_i - D_i - \frac{\alpha \cdot D_i}{2}))$
$D_i$ - (difference between weighted average and process mean)	$D_i$	$D_i \rightarrow \mu_{i-1} - \mu$
$\mu_i$ - (weighted average of value and previous average)	$\mu_i$	$\mu_i \rightarrow \alpha \cdot \mu_{i-1} + (1 - \alpha) \cdot X_i$

# Cumulative Summation (CUSUM): Performance

- Performed well overall
- Approximately equal false positive



Hyperparameter	Value
$\mu$	Sample mean
$\alpha$	0.5

	Predicted False	Predicted True
Actually False	68.7%	9.2%
Actually True	9.7%	12.4%

Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 score	Earliest Correct (ms)
0.811	0.573	0.562	0.567	473.772

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# Comparison of Online-CPD Algorithms

- Bayesian Online Changepoint Detection had the best accuracy, precision, and F1 score overall
- CUSUM detected the shock state earliest
- Grey Model has the best recall

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- This paper demonstrates that each algorithm can classify whether a system is in shock
- A proper data transformation can significantly improve model performance
- Model selection is highly dependent on:
  - Process assumptions (what data can be collected)
  - Desired level of performance
  - Acceptable amount of error tolerance
- Propose using a combination of models:
  - A fast model with low false negative rate
  - A more robust model to verify prediction
- Future work:
  - Selecting appropriate transformations to improve algorithm performance
  - Implementing algorithms in hardware-setting



Dataset 7



Code Repository



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