

# **Semi-parametric estimates of the long-term background trend, periodicity, and clustering effect in crime data**

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# On stochastic reconstruction

- **Zhuang et al 2002, JASA --- ETAS model, application in earthquakes**
- **Zhuang et al 2004, JGR --- Stochastic reconstruction**
- **Zhuang, 2006, JRSSB --- Residual analysis**
- **Marsan et al 2006, Science**
- **Mohler et al, 2011, JASA, application to crime data**

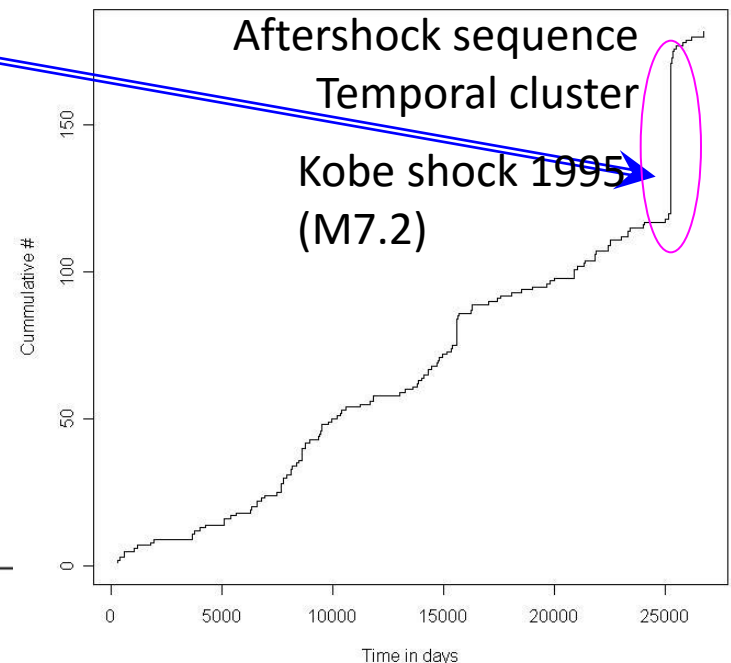
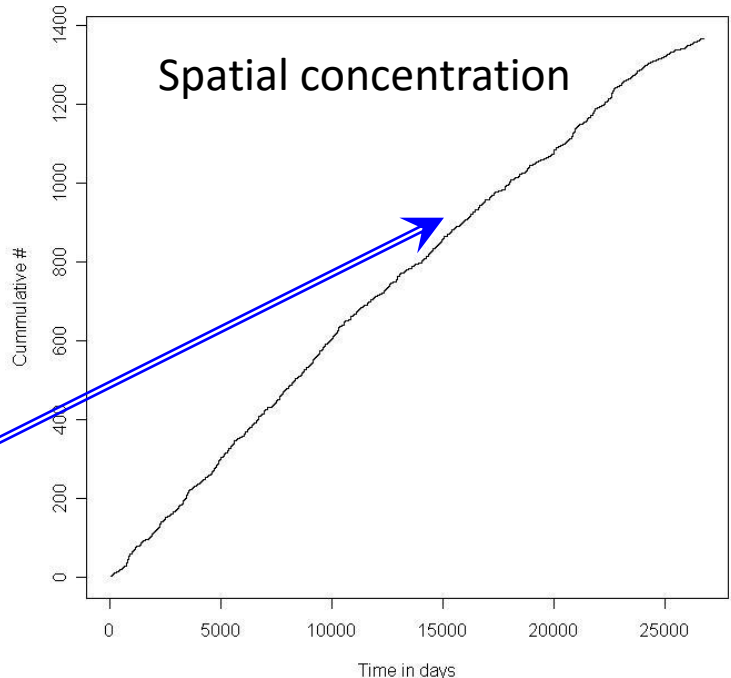
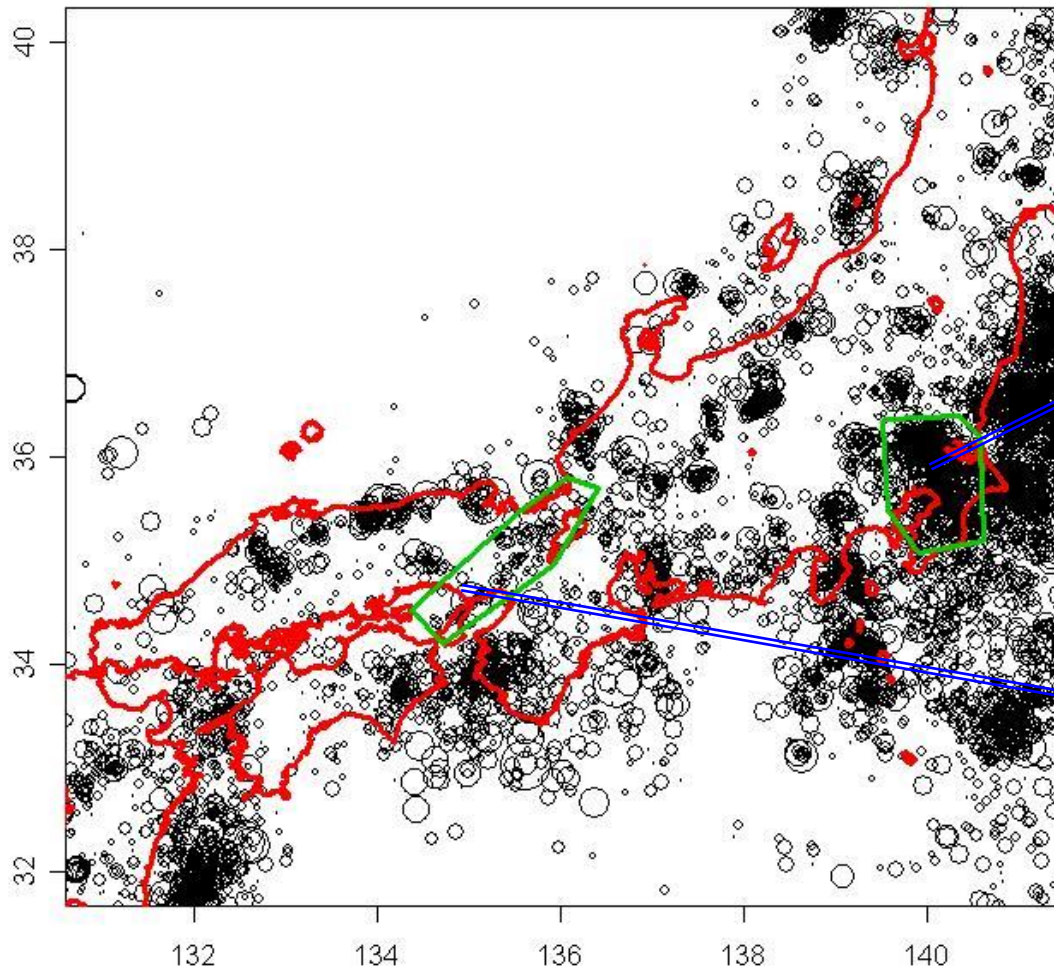
# Point process & Conditional intensity

A **point process**  $N$  is a random measure that  $\Pr\{N(B) < \infty\} = 1$  for any regular bounded  $B$ .

**Conditional intensity** for a space-time point process  $N$ :

$$\lambda(t, x) dt dx = N(dt \times dx | H_t)$$

where  $H_t = \sigma(N[(-\infty, t) \times B])$ ,  $B$  is a Borel set.



# Space-time ETAS model

- Time varying seismicity rate (conditional intensity or stochastic intensity)

$$\lambda(t, x, y) = \mu(x, y) + \sum_{i:t_i < t} \kappa(m_i) g(t - t_i) f(x - x_i, y - y_i, m_i)$$

Contribution from  
background seismicity

Contribution from  
the  $i$ -th event

Pr{event  $j$  is from background}

$$\phi_j = \frac{\mu(x_j, y_j)}{\lambda(t_j, x_j, y_j)}$$

Pr{event  $j$  is from  $i$ }

$$\rho_{ij} = \frac{g(t_j - t_i) f(x_j - x_i, y_j - y_i; m_i)}{\lambda(t_j, x_j, y_j)}$$

# Thinning method

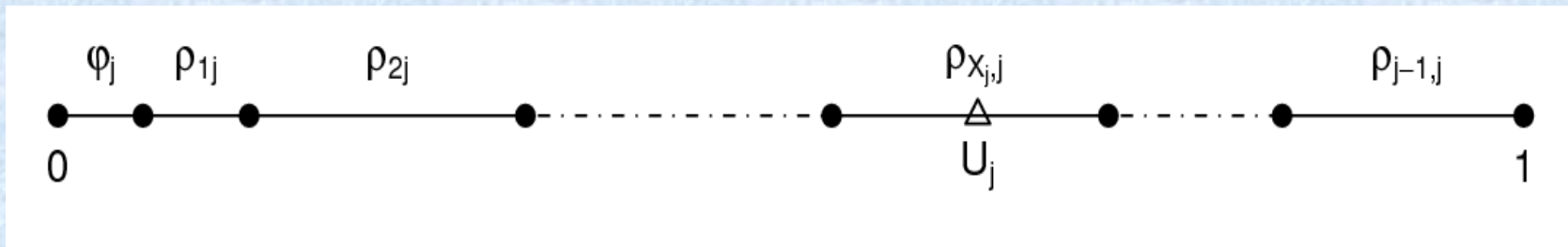
- For each event  $j$

$$\Pr\{\text{event } j \text{ is from background}\} \quad \varphi_j = \frac{s(m_j)\mu(x_j, y_j)}{\lambda(t_j, x_j, y_j, m_j)}$$

$$\Pr\{\text{event } j \text{ is from } i\} \quad \rho_{ij} = \frac{s(m_j)g(t_j - t_i)f(x_j - x_i, y_j - y_i)}{\lambda(t_j, x_j, y_j, m_j)}$$

Stochastic declustering: Set event  $j$  to be a background event or a child of event  $1, 2, \dots$ , according to probabilities  $\varphi_j$  or  $\rho_{1j}, \rho_{2j}, \dots, \rho_{j-1,j}$  respectively

# Stochastic declustering method



Algorithm: Generate a uniform random number  $U_j$  on  $[0, 1]$ , set  $K$  satisfy

$$\varphi_j + \sum_{i=1}^K \rho_{ij} \leq U_j < \varphi_j + \sum_{i=1}^{K+1} \rho_{ij}$$

# Estimation problems

- ETAS model – conditional intensity

(nonparametric part)

(parametric part)

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Maximum likelihood  
estimate if background  
seismicity  $\mu$  is known

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Kernel, spline, tessellation,  
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Kernel

Kernel with each event weighted by  $\varphi_j$

$$\hat{\mu}(x, y) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_j \varphi_j h(x - x_j, y - y_j; d)$$

$$\hat{\lambda}(x, y) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_i h(x - x_i, y - y_i; d)$$

# Solution—estimating parameters and background rate simultaneously

## Algorithm:

1. Assume an initial background rate.
2. Using MLE to estimate parameters in the clustering structures.
3. Using the assumed background and estimated clustering parameters to evaluate  $\varphi_j$ .
4. Using  $\varphi_j$  to get a better background rate.
5. Update the background rate by this better one.
6. Repeat Steps 2 to 5 until results converge.

$\varphi_j$ : Estimate of probability that event  $j$  is of background

# Uses of stochastic declustering

- To inverse clustering features (*Zhuang et al, 2004*)
- Empirical functions (histograms) of weighted samples
  - $\rho_{ij}$ :  $i$  triggers  $\rho_{ij}$  children, not 1 child
  - $\varphi_i$ : we get  $\varphi_i$  background events, not 1 background event

# Stochastic reconstruction: inverting clustering features

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Example

Empirical p.d.f. for offspring locations

$$\hat{f}_R(r) = \frac{\sum_{i,j} \rho_{ij} I(|r_{ij} - r| < \Delta r / 2)}{\Delta r \sum_{i,j} \rho_{ij}}$$

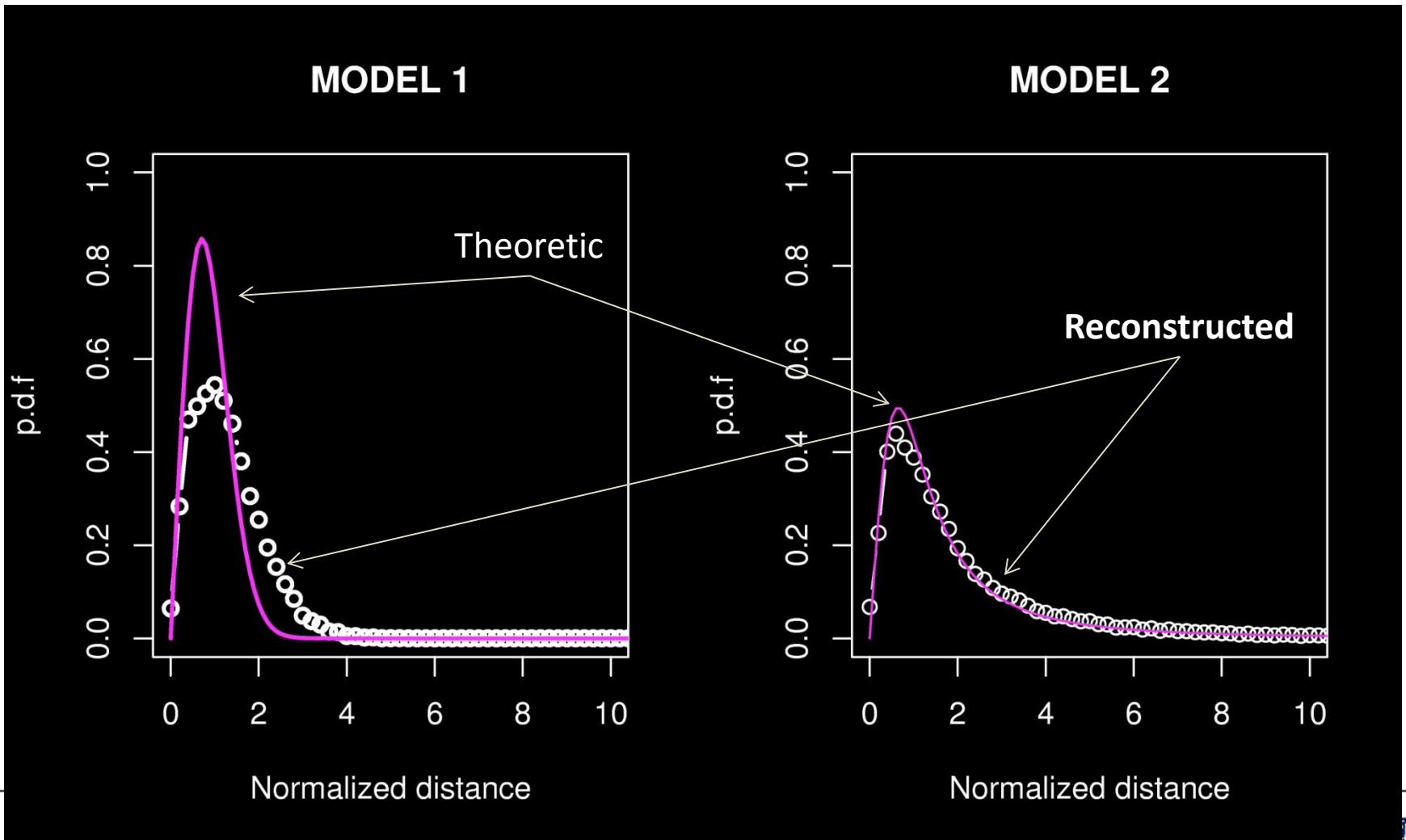
$r, r_{ij}$ : Standardized distance between a parent and its direct offspring.

Sample weight

## Results of location distributions for JMA earthquake catalog

Model 1: a short range decay (2-D gaussian => Rayleigh)

Model 2: a long range decay (inverse power =>  $Cr(1+r^2)^{-q}$ )



## ***Non-parametric estimation of both background rate and clustering structures***

- Algorithm
- 1. Assuming some initial guess of model formation, obtain  $\varphi_j$  and  $\rho_{ij}$
- 2. Estimate background rate and each component in the clustering part by using  $\varphi_j$  and  $\rho_{ij}$ .
- 3. Update  $\varphi_j$  and  $\rho_{ij}$ , and back to step 2 until convergence is reached.

*(Zhuang, 2006, JRSSB; Marsan and Lenglin, 2008)*



# Burglary data in Los Angeles

(*MOHLER et al, 2008, JASA*)

- Conditional intensity or stochastic intensity

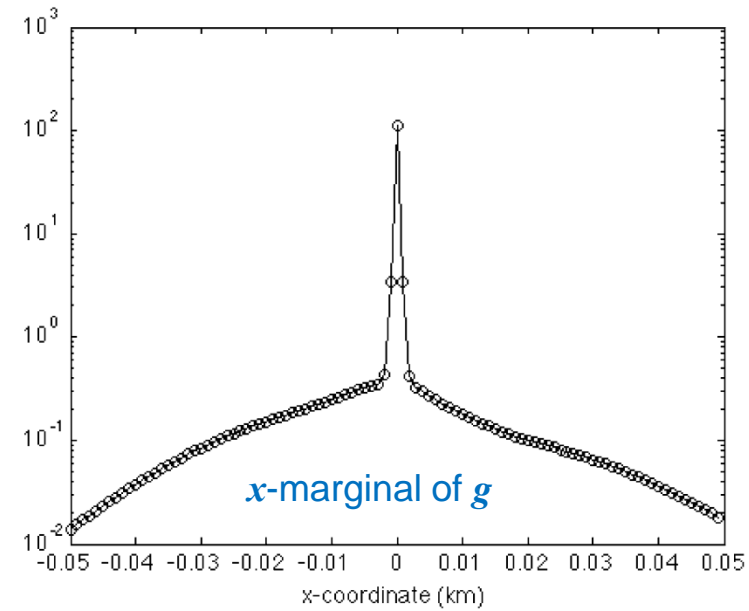
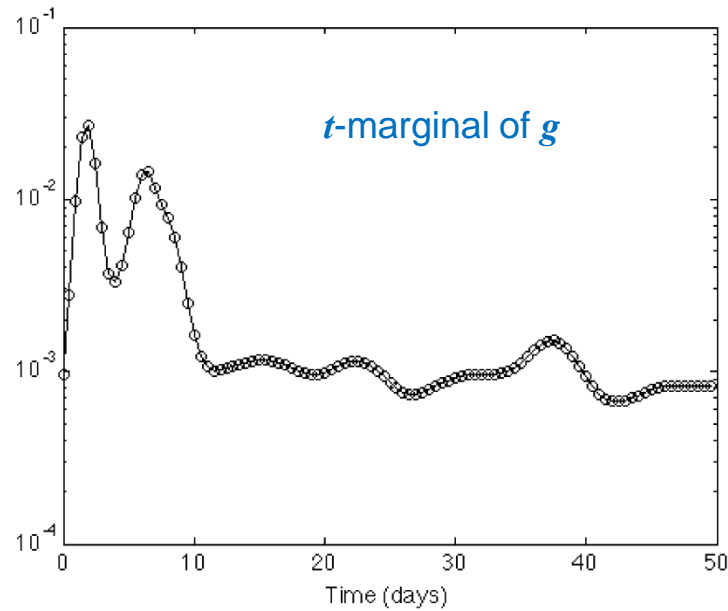
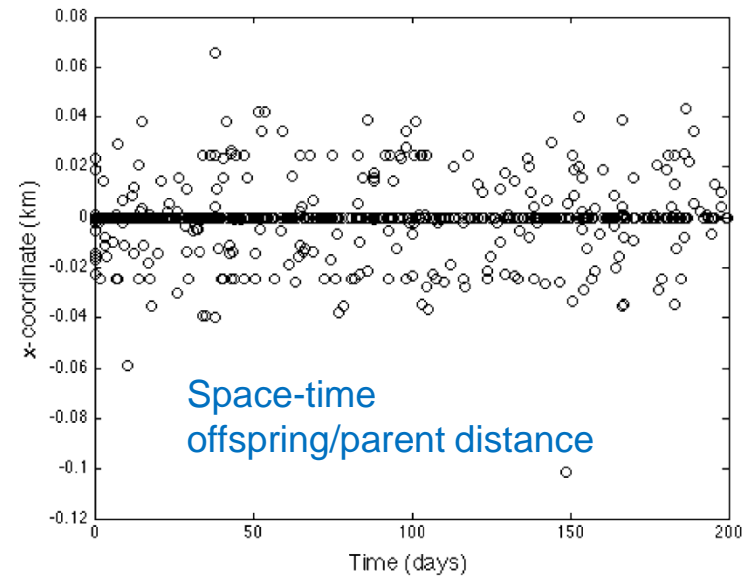
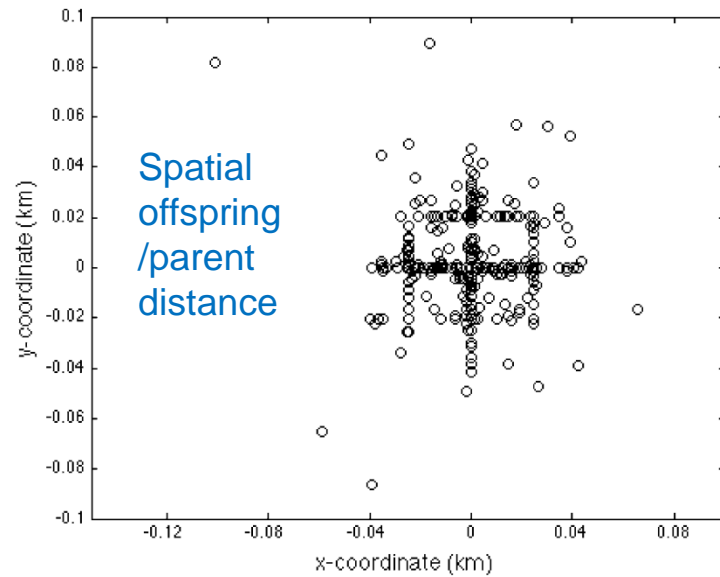
$$\lambda(t, x, y) = \nu(t)\mu(x, y) + \sum_{\{k:t_k < t\}} g(t - t_k, x - x_k, y - y_k).$$

- **Data** by the Los Angeles Police Department

5376 reported residential burglaries in an 18 km by 18 km region of the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles occurring during the years 2004 and 2005.

Each burglary is associated with a reported time window over which it could have occurred, often a few hour span (for instance, the time span over which a victim was at work), and we define the time of burglary to be the midpoint of each burglary window.

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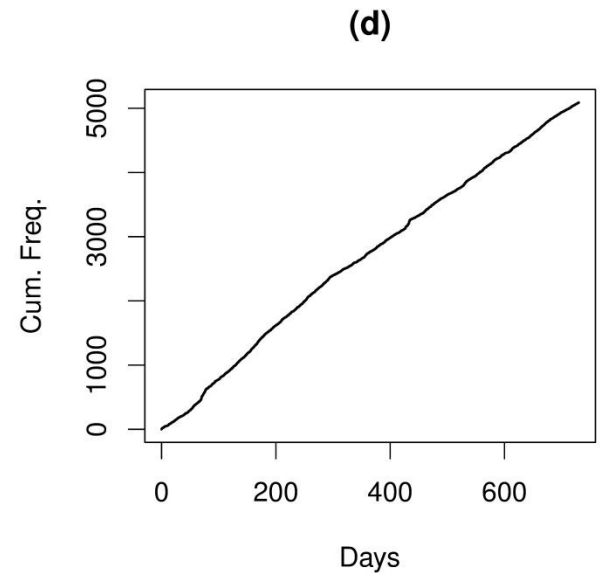
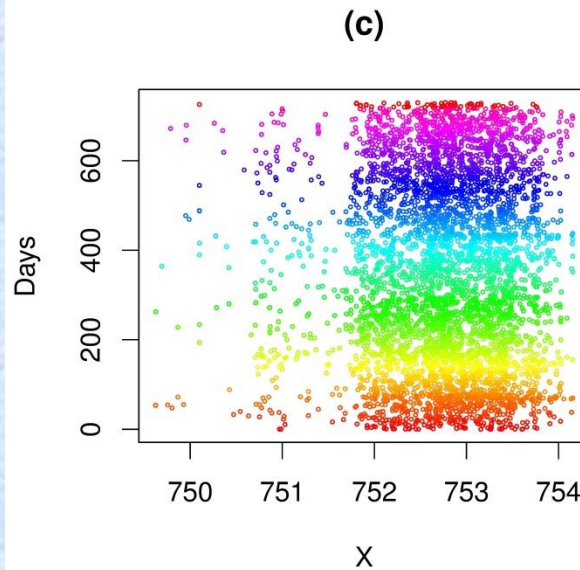
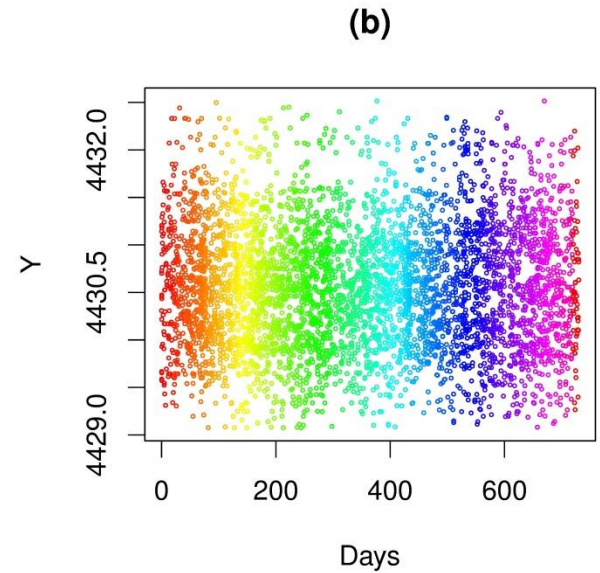
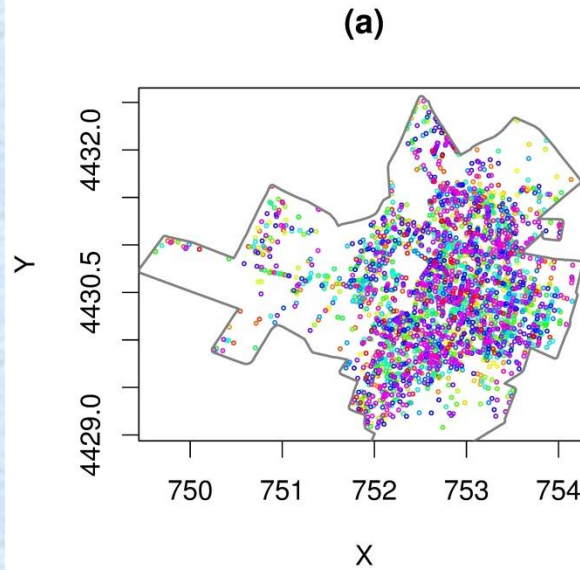


# **Estimating long-term background trend, periodicity, and clustering effect**

**Application to Robbery related violence in  
Castellon, Spain, 2013-2015**

# Dataset

Robbery  
related  
violence in  
Castellon,  
Spain, 2012-  
2013



# Model

$$\lambda(t, x, y) = \mu_0 \mu_t(t) \mu_d(t) \mu_w(t) \mu_b(x, y) + A \sum_{i:t_i < t} g(t - t_i) f(x - x_i, y - y_i)$$

$t$  (day): time                       $(x, y)$  (km): location

Background terms: all normalized to have average 1.

$\mu_t(t)$ : trend                       $\mu_d(t)$ : daily periodicity                       $\mu_w(t)$ : weekly periodicity

$\mu_b(x, y)$ : spatial inhomogeneity of background

Triggering terms: both normalized to be pdf

$g(t)$ : temporal triggering response

$f(x, y)$ : spatial triggering response.

$\mu_0$  and  $A$ : constants, relaxing coefficients

# Stochastic reconstruction

$$\hat{g}(t) \propto \sum_{ij} \rho_{ij} I(t_j - t_i \in [t - \Delta, t + \Delta]),$$

$$\hat{f}(x, y) \propto \sum_{ij} \rho_{ij} I(x_j - x_i \in [x - \Delta_x, x + \Delta_x]) I(y_j - y_i \in [y - \Delta_y, y + \Delta_y]),$$

$$\rho_{ij} = \frac{Ag(t_j - t_i)h(x_j - x_i, y_j - y_i)}{\lambda(t_j, x_j, y_j)}, \quad \text{for } j < i$$

We use kernel functions instead of simple histogram and correct the edge effects.

# Stochastic reconstruction

$$\hat{\mu}_t(t) \propto \sum_i w_i^{(t)} I(t_i \in [t - \Delta, t + \Delta]), \quad w_i^{(t)} = \frac{\mu_t(t_i) \mu_b(x_i, y_i)}{\lambda(t_i, x_i, y_i)}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_d(t) \propto \sum_i w_i^{(d)} I(t_i - \lfloor t_i \rfloor \in [t - \Delta, t + \Delta]), \quad w_i^{(d)} = \frac{\mu_d(t_i) \mu_b(x_i, y_i)}{\lambda(t_i, x_i, y_i)}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_w(t) \propto \sum_i w_i^{(w)} I\left(t_i - 14 \times \left\lfloor \frac{t_i}{14} \right\rfloor \in [t - \Delta, t + \Delta]\right) \quad w_i^{(w)} = \frac{\mu_w(t_i) \mu_b(x_i, y_i)}{\lambda(t_i, x_i, y_i)}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_b(x, y) \propto \sum_i \varphi_i I(x_i \in [x - \Delta_x, x + \Delta_x]) I(y_i \in [y - \Delta_y, x + \Delta_y])$$

$$\varphi_i = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_t(t_i) \mu_d(t_i) \mu_w(t_i) \mu_b(x_i, y_i)}{\lambda(t_i, x_i, y_i)}$$

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Given a spatiotemporal point process  $N$  equipped with a conditional intensity  $\lambda(t, x)$ , if  $h(t, x)$  is a predictable marked process, then for any fixed interval  $T$  and region

$S$ ,

$$E \left[ \sum_{(t_i, x_i) \in N \cap T \times S} h(t_i, x_i) \right] = E \left[ \int_S \int_T h(t, x) \lambda(t, x) dt dx \right]$$

providing that  $h$  is nonnegative or either sides of the above exists.



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$$h(t, x, y) = \frac{\mu_t(t) \mu_b(x, y)}{\lambda(t, x, y)}$$

$T = [t - \Delta, t + \Delta]$ ,  $S =$  whole area

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[ \sum_{(t_i, x_i, y_i) \in N \cap T \times S} h(t_i, x_i, y_i) \right] &= E \left[ \int_S \int_T h(t, x) \lambda(t, x) dt dx dy \right] \\ &= E \left[ \int_T \int_S \mu_t(t) \mu_b(x, y) dx dy dt \right] \\ &= \int_T \mu_t(t) dt \iint_S \mu_b(x, y) dx dy \\ &\propto \mu_t(t) \Delta \end{aligned}$$

# Estimation of relaxing coefficients

Update  $\mu_0$  and  $A$  through maximizing the likelihood function

$$\log L = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \lambda(t_i, x_i, y_i) - \int_0^T \iint_S \lambda(s, u, v) du dv ds$$

which reduces to

$$A^{(k+1)} = \frac{n - \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i^{(k)}}{G} \quad U = \int_0^T \iint_S \mu_t(t) \mu_d(t) \mu_w(t) \mu_b(x, y) dx dy dt$$

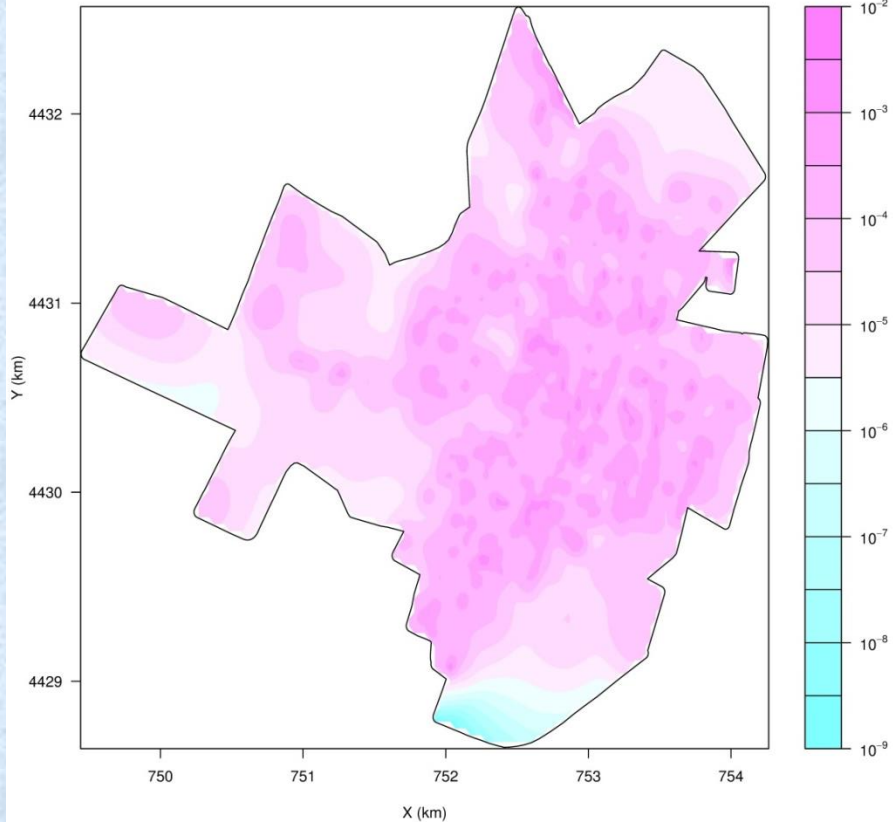
$$\mu_0^{(k+1)} = \frac{n - A^{(k+1)} G}{U} \quad G = \sum_i^n \int_0^T \iint_S g(t - t_i) f(x - x_i, y - y_i) dx dy dt$$

$$\varphi_i^{(k)} = \frac{\mu_0^{(k)} \mu_t(t_i) \mu_d(t_i) \mu_w(t_i) \mu_b(x_i, y_i)}{\mu_0^{(k)} \mu_t(t_i) \mu_d(t_i) \mu_w(t_i) \mu_b(x_i, y_i) + A^{(k)} \sum_{j: t_j < t_i} g(t_j - t_i) h(x_j - x_i, y_j - y_i)}$$

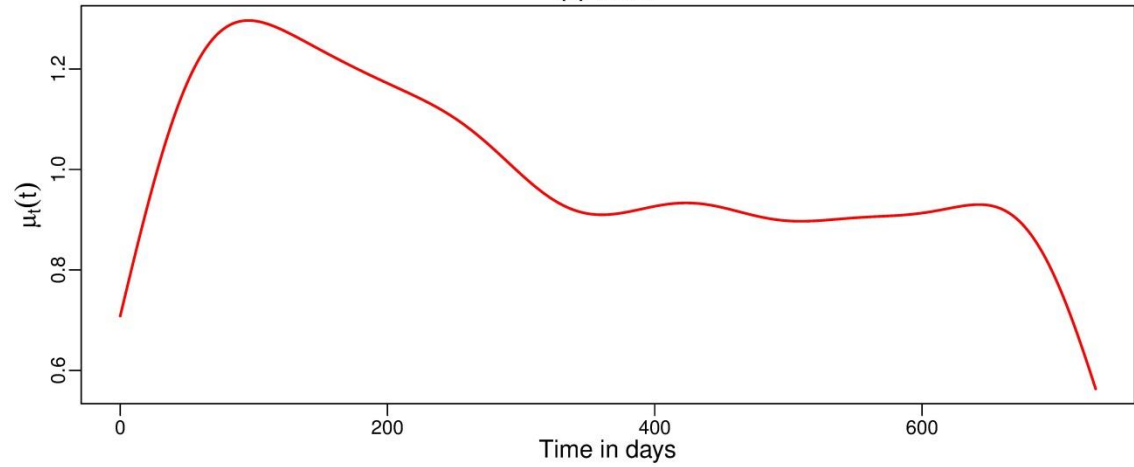
# Results

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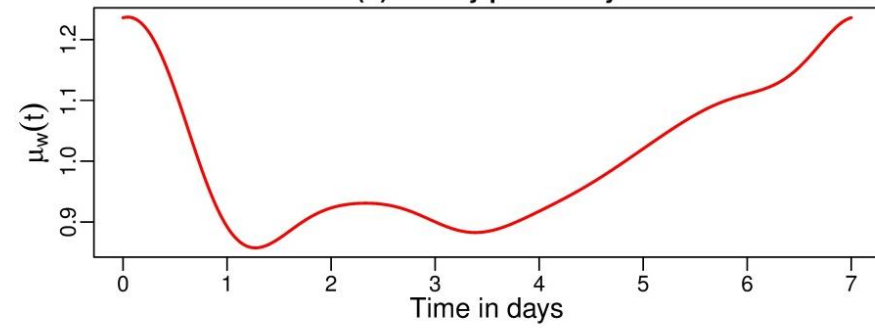
Background rate  $\mu_b(x, y)$



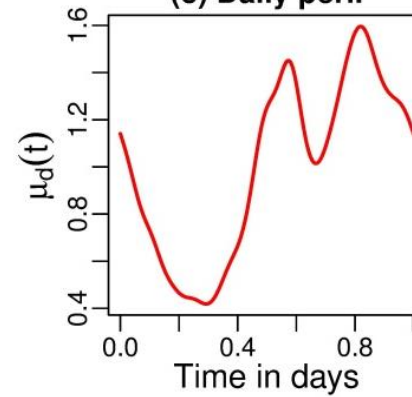
(a) Trend



(b) Weekly periodicity



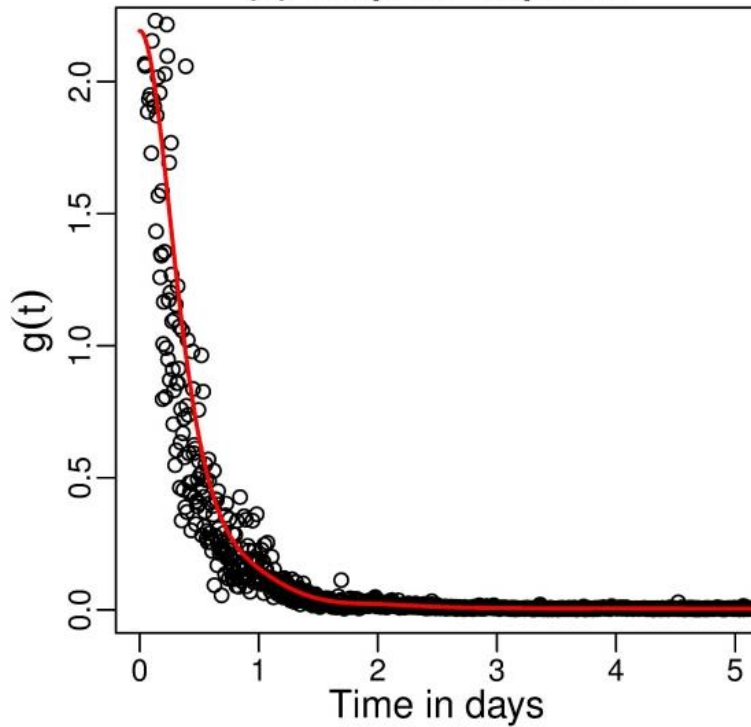
(c) Daily peri.



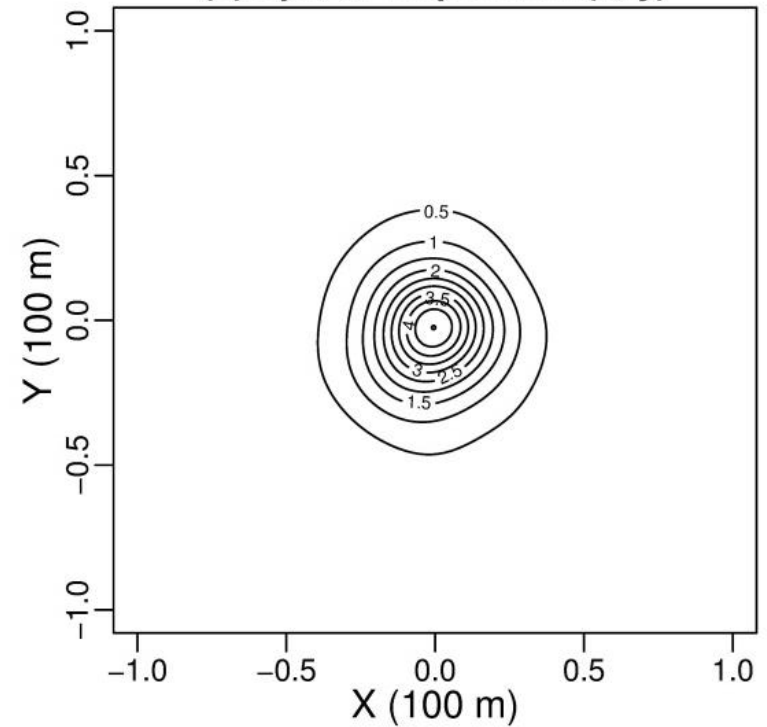
# Results

$$A = 0.029$$

(d) Temporal response



(e) Spatial response:  $h(x, y)$



# Conclusions

1. Stochastic reconstruction helps visualizing the structure of family trees in the observations of a branching process together with uncertainties.
2. Based on the theory of residual analysis, stochastic reconstruction provides us a non-parametric method for estimating each individual characteristic in a wide range of branching models.
3. New ingredients are added in the analysis: (a) periodicity in background and (b) relaxation coefficients.

