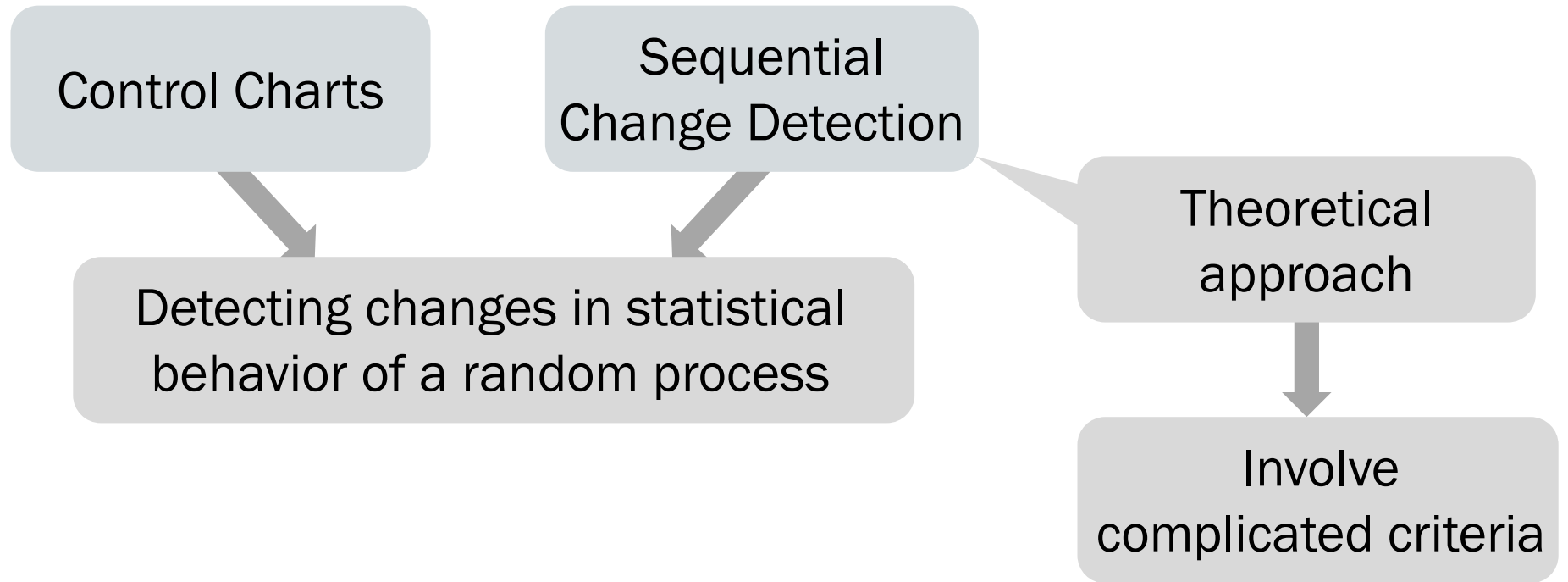


# Designing Optimum Tests for Sequential Detection of Changes

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# Preview



$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \mathbb{E}_1 [T - t \mid T > t] \quad (1983, \text{Pollak})$$

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \sup_{X_1, \dots, X_t} \mathbb{E}_1 [T - t \mid T > t, X_1, \dots, X_t] \quad (1971, \text{Lorden})$$

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- Lorden Criterion and the CUSUM Test

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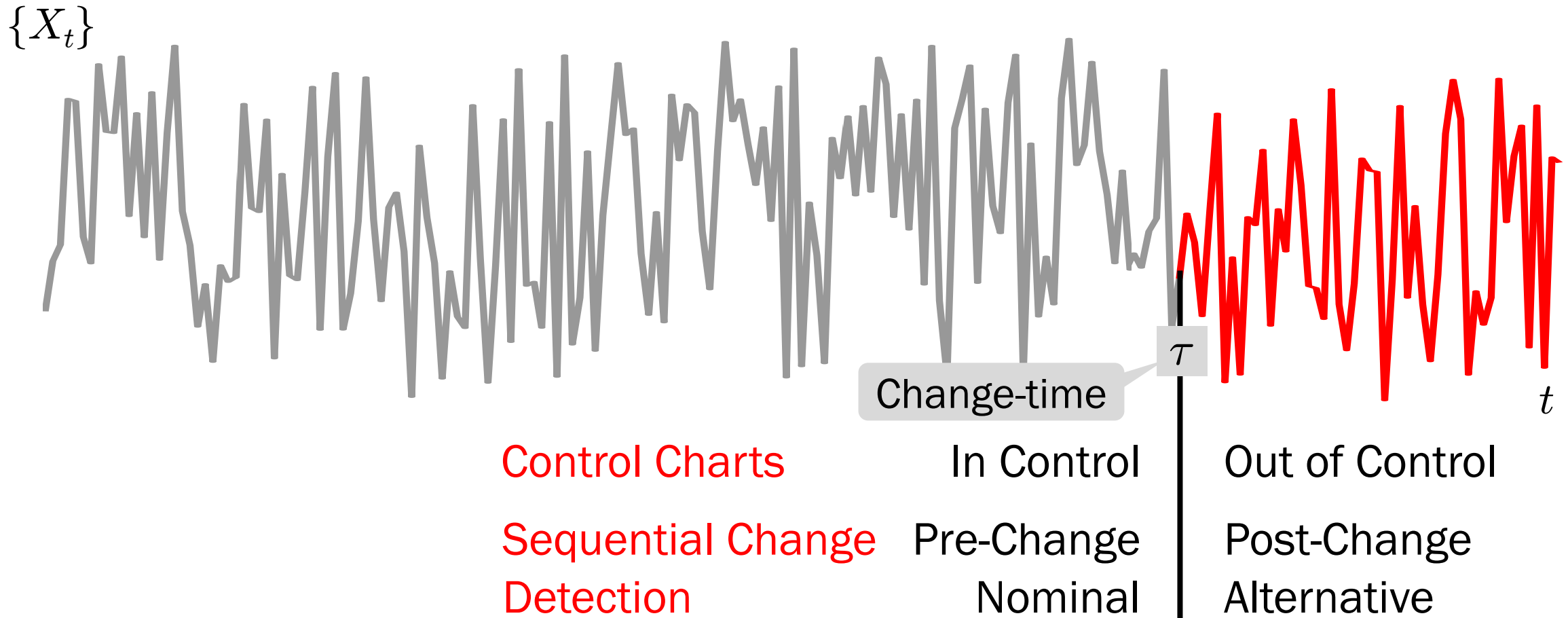
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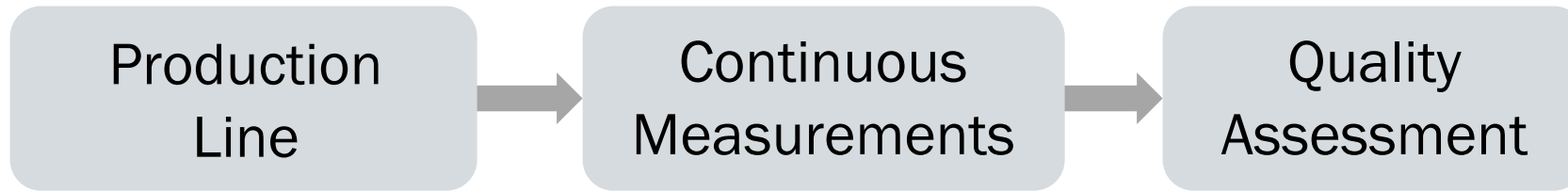
# Problem Definition

Observe sequentially a random process  $\{X_t\}$  evolving in time



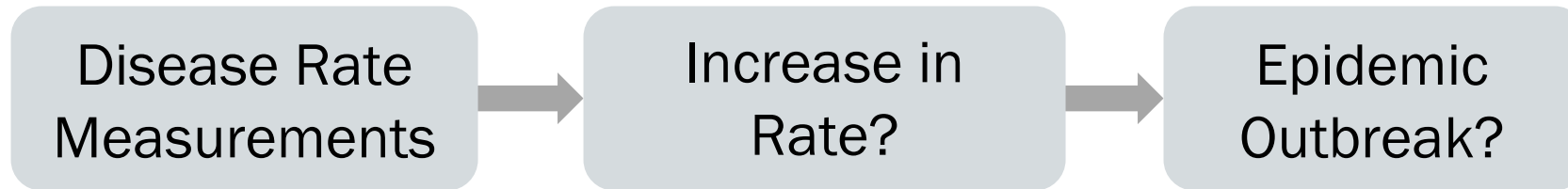
**Detect change in statistical behavior as soon as possible**

# Quality Monitoring of Manufacturing Process

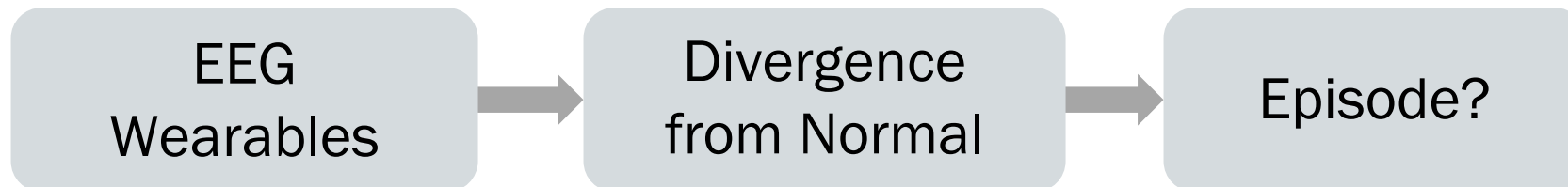


## Medical Applications

### Epidemic Detection



### Early Detection of Epilepsy Episode



# Financial Applications

Structural Change-detection in Exchange Rates

Portfolio Monitoring

Electronic Communications

Seismology

Speech & Image Processing (segmentation)

Vibration Monitoring (Structural health monitoring)

Security Monitoring (fraud detection)

Spectrum Monitoring

Scene Monitoring

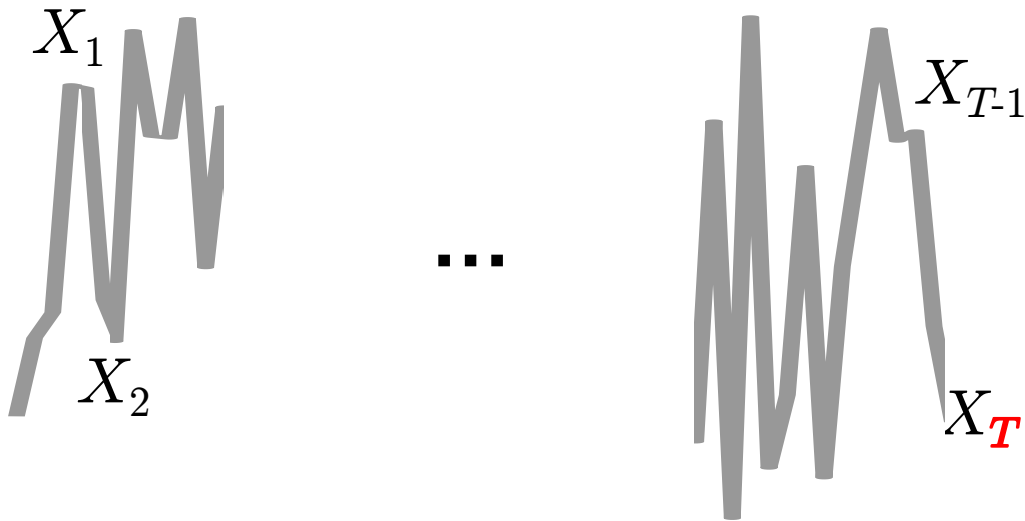
Network Monitoring (router failures, attack detection)

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# Detection Strategies

**Sequential Test:** At each time  $t$  use **available** observations  $\{X_1, \dots, X_t\}$  to decide whether a change has occurred at  $t$  or before (**no future information**)

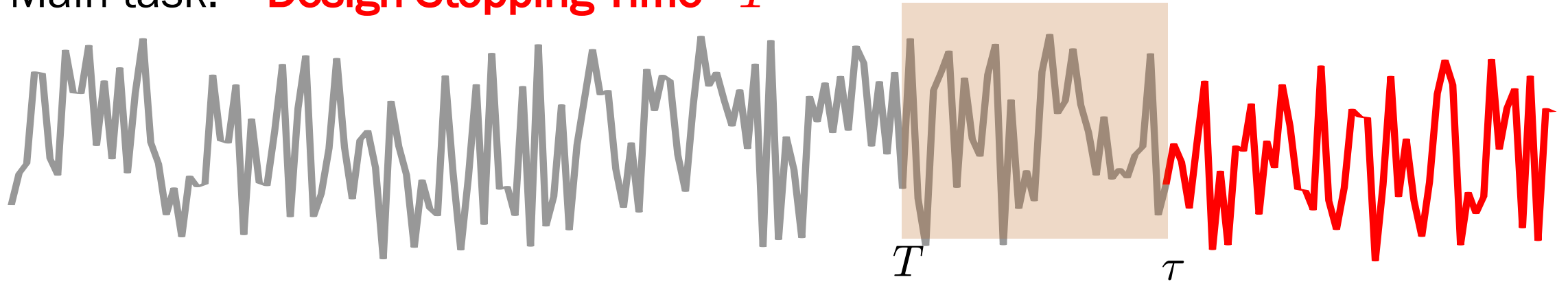
Common tests: Declare change if  $S_t(X_1, \dots, X_t) \geq \nu_t$



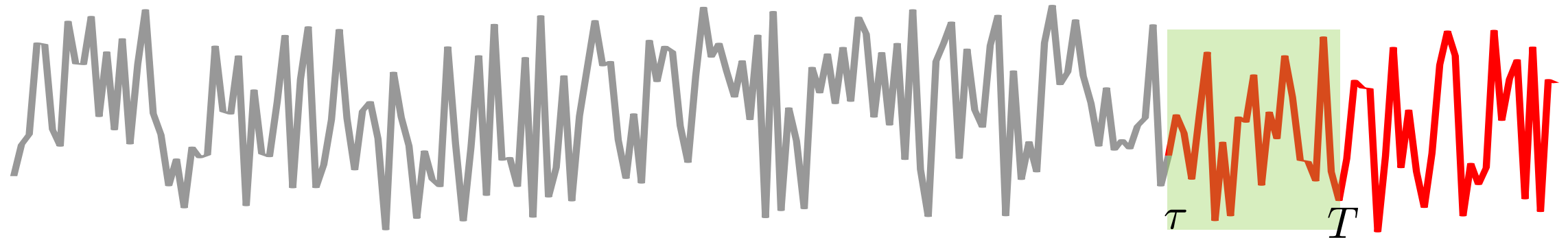
**Sequential Test**  
equivalent to  
**Stopping Time**

1	$X_1$	Was there a change? <b>No</b> ,	take one more sample
2	$X_1, X_2$	Was there a change? <b>No</b> ,	take one more sample
	$\vdots$		
$T-1$	$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{T-1}$	Was there a change? <b>No</b> ,	take one more sample
<b><math>T</math></b>	$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{\mathbf{T}}$	Was there a change? <b>Yes</b> ,	<b>Stop sampling</b> (stopping time)

Main task: **Design Stopping Time  $T$**

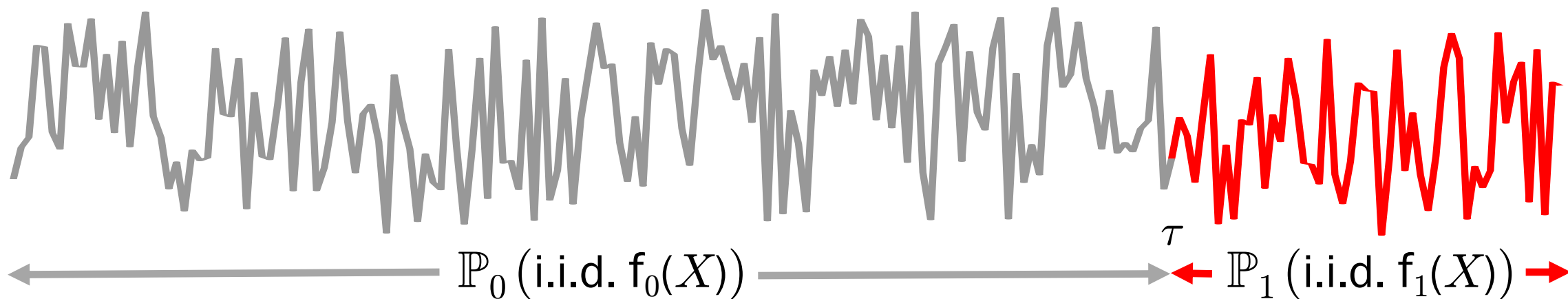


Premature Stopping  $\Rightarrow$  False Alarm (infrequent)

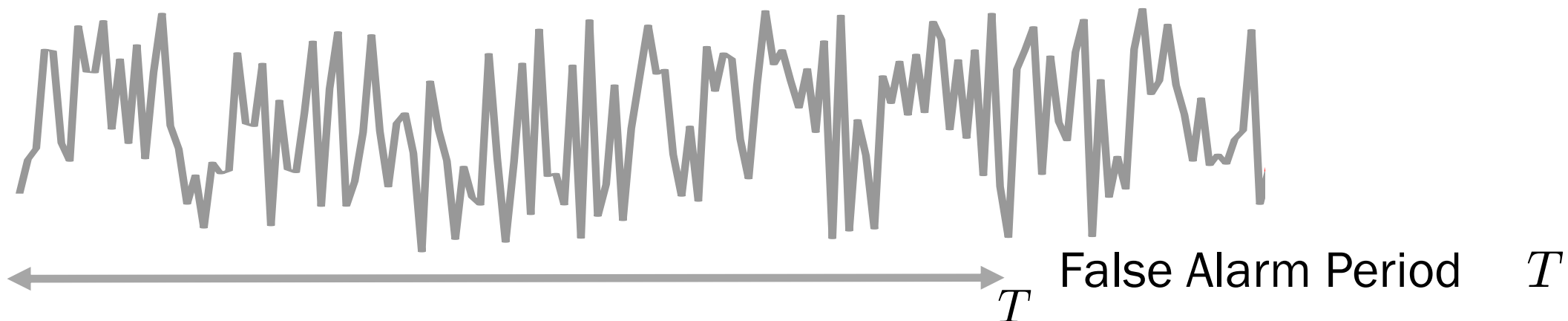


Successful Detection  $\Rightarrow T - \tau$  Detection Delay (short)

For the theoretical design of  $T$  need to quantify both



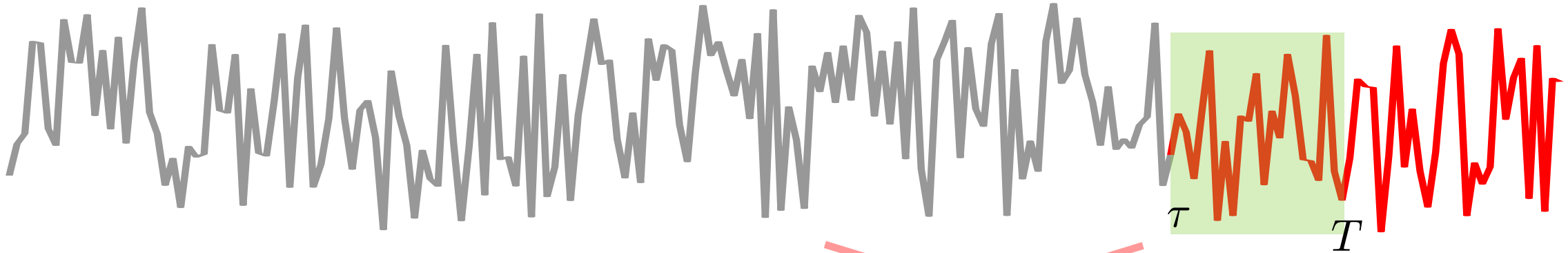
## False Alarm



Average False Alarm Period (large):  $\mathbb{E}_0[T] \geq \gamma$

Computable

# Detection Delay



Average Detection Delay:  ~~$\mathbb{E}_1[\max\{T - \tau, 0\}]$~~

Biased due to false alarms

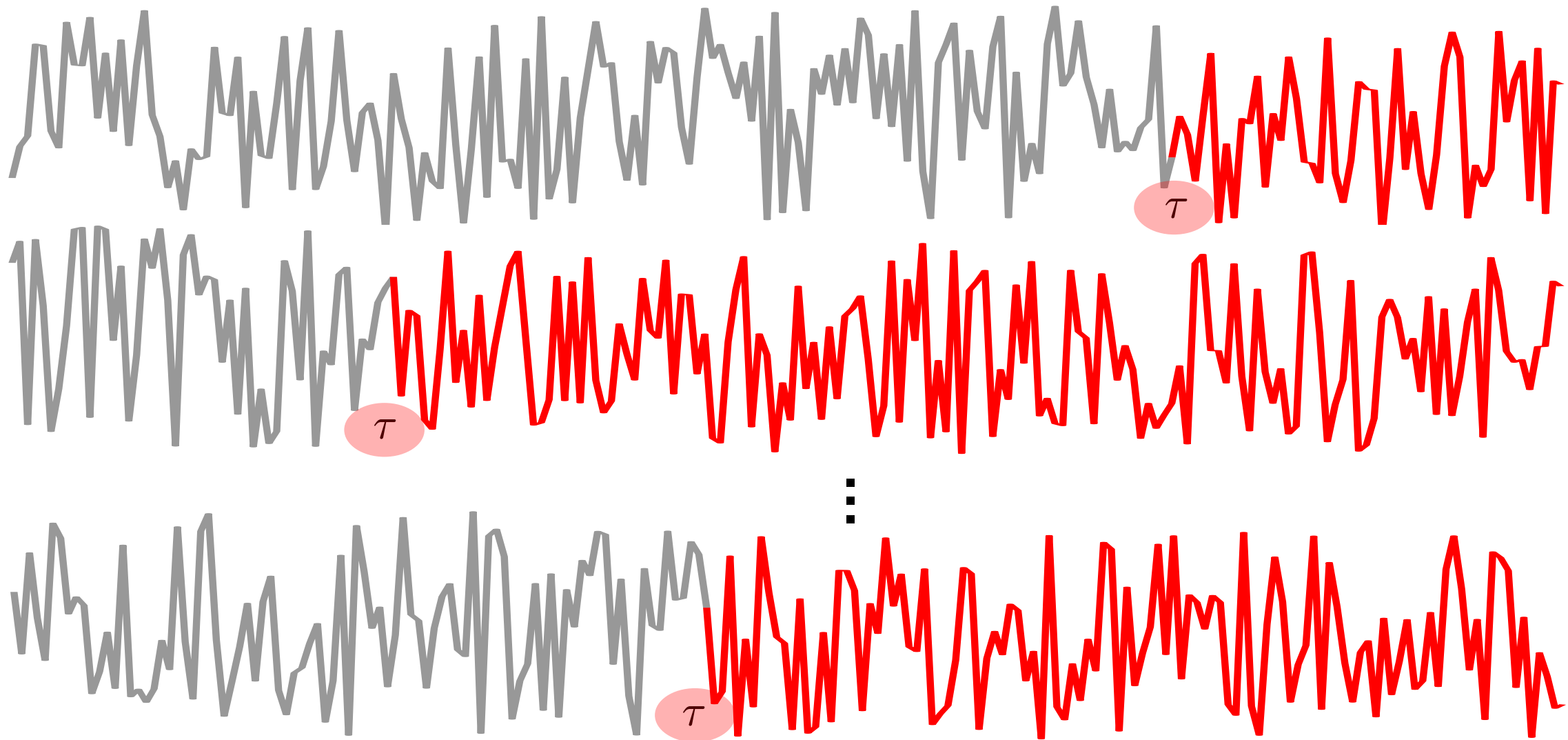
Extreme case:  $T = 0$

Conditional Average Detection Delay (small):  $\mathbb{E}_1[T - \tau \mid T > \tau]$

Computable ?

What is change-time  $\tau$  ?

# Understanding Changes



Change-time  $\tau$  **random !** Can this randomness be described by  $\mathbb{P}_0, \mathbb{P}_1$  ?



## Attack

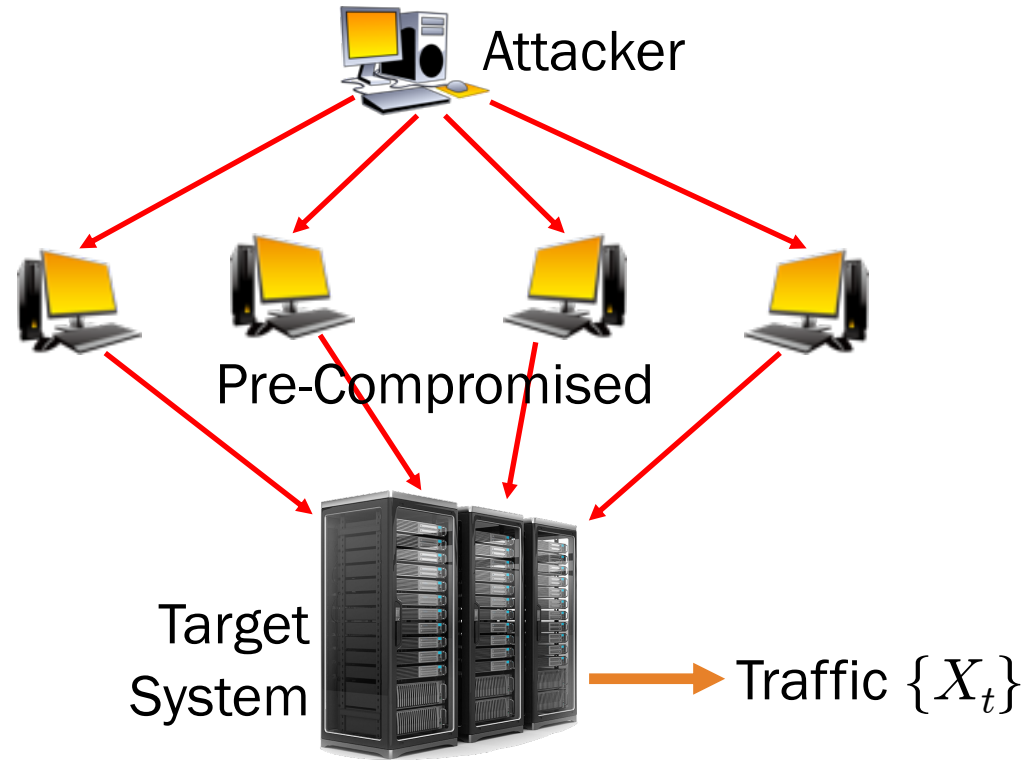


Vibration measurements  $\{X_t\}$  at sensors to detect structural changes

Change imposing mechanism does not use observations  $\{X_t\}$

Relies on **independent** data (coordinates of the ball in football game)!

# Attack



The system uses traffic measurements  $\{X_t\}$  to detect attacks

The attacker has no access to  $\{X_t\}$ , therefore time of attack is **independent** from observations



## Earthquake

Change imposing  
mechanism consults  
 $\{Z_t\}$  which **depend** on  
observations  $\{X_t\}$

Vibration measurements  $\{X_t\}$  at sensors to detect structural changes

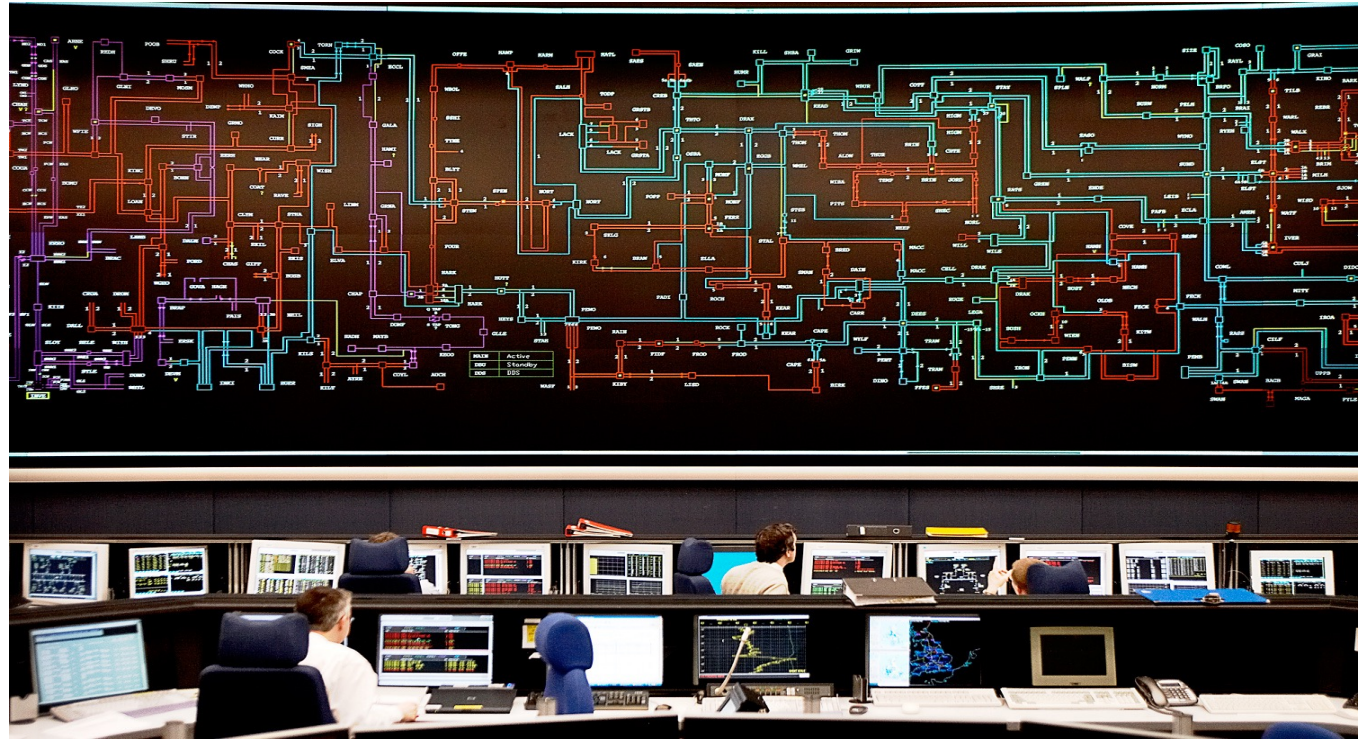
$X_t = AZ_t + W_t$ ,  $Z_t$  state of the whole structure

Change (crack) when  $\|Z_t\|^2 \geq \lambda$

In previous examples  
detection delay can be  
arbitrarily large

## Power Grid

$\{X_t\}$  measurements at  
major points



Change in statistical behavior must be detected between  $\tau$  and  $\tau + W$

After  $\tau + W$  change produces **blackout!**

Detection delay is **hard limited**:  $W \geq T - \tau > 0$

$\{X_t\}$  Observations collected sequentially to detect the change

## Change Imposing Mechanism

- Mechanism applies changes based on information independent from  $\{X_t\}$
- Mechanism applies changes based on information dependent on  $\{X_t\}$

## Delay Constraint

- No hard limit on detection delay
- Detection delay is hard limited

# **Performance Criteria and Optimum Tests**

# Change Imposing Mechanisms **Independent** from Observations (no hard limit)

$\mathbb{P}(\tau = t) = \pi_t$  sequence of numbers

If prior  $\{\pi_t\}$  known we can compute  $\mathbb{E}_1 [T - \tau \mid T > \tau]$

When  $\{\pi_t\}$  unknown follow a **worst-case analysis**

Pollak Criterion

$$J(T) = \sup_{\{\pi_t\}} \mathbb{E}_1 [T - \tau \mid T > \tau] = \sup_{t \geq 0} \mathbb{E}_1 [T - t \mid T > t]$$

Optimize  $T$  by solving constrained optimization (1983)

$$\inf_T J(T) = \inf_T \sup_{t \geq 0} \mathbb{E}_1 [T - t \mid T > t]$$

$$\text{subject to: } \mathbb{E}_0 [T] \geq \gamma$$

For i.i.d. observations before and after the change  
Pollak proposed the **Shiryaev-Roberts-Pollak (SRP) Test**

Specially design initial value  $S_0$

At each time  $t$  with new sample  $X_t$  update statistic  $S_t$

$$S_t = (1 + S_{t-1}) \frac{f_1(X_t)}{f_0(X_t)}$$

$$T_{\text{SRP}} = \inf \{t > 0 : S_t \geq \nu\}$$

Select  $\nu$  to satisfy false alarm constraint:  $\mathbb{E}_0[T_{\text{SRP}}] = \gamma$

(1983) Asymptotically optimum for  $\gamma$  large (tending to infinity)

Strongest sense of asymptotic optimality

**NOT exactly optimum** (2010 counterexample)

# Change Imposing Mechanisms **Dependent** on Observations (no hard limit)

$$\mathbb{P}(\tau = t) = \pi_t(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_t)$$

The probabilities depend on the realization

When  $\{\pi_t(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_t)\}$  unknown follow a **worst-case analysis**

$$J(T) = \sup_{\{\pi_t\}} \mathbb{E}_1 [T - \tau \mid T > \tau] = \sup_{t \geq 0} \sup_{X_1, \dots, X_t} \mathbb{E}_1 [T - t \mid T > t, X_1, \dots, X_t]$$

Lorden Criterion

Optimize  $T$  by solving constrained optimization (1971)

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$$\text{subject to: } \mathbb{E}_0 [T] \geq \gamma$$

For i.i.d. data before and after the change apply **CUSUM Test**

At each time  $t$  with new sample  $X_t$  update CUSUM statistic  $S_t$

$$S_t = \max \{S_{t-1}, 0\} + \log \left( \frac{f_1(X_t)}{f_0(X_t)} \right), \quad S_0 = 0$$

$$T_{\text{CUSUM}} = \inf\{t > 0 : S_t \geq \nu\}$$

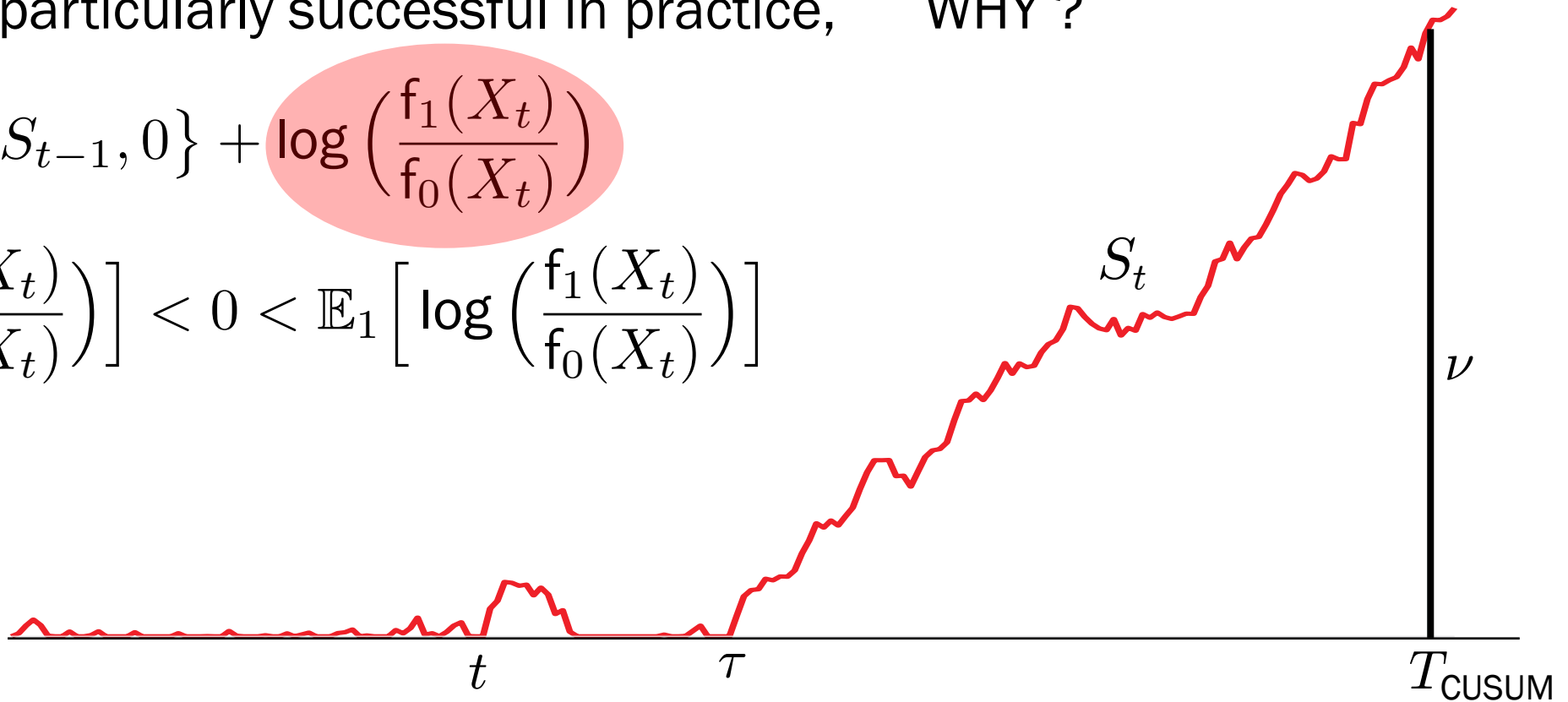
Select  $\nu$  to satisfy false alarm constraint:  $\mathbb{E}_0[T_{\text{CUSUM}}] = \gamma$

**Exact optimality (1986)**

CUSUM Test particularly successful in practice, WHY ?

$$S_t = \max \{S_{t-1}, 0\} + \log \left( \frac{f_1(X_t)}{f_0(X_t)} \right)$$

$$\mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \log \left( \frac{f_1(X_t)}{f_0(X_t)} \right) \right] < 0 < \mathbb{E}_1 \left[ \log \left( \frac{f_1(X_t)}{f_0(X_t)} \right) \right]$$



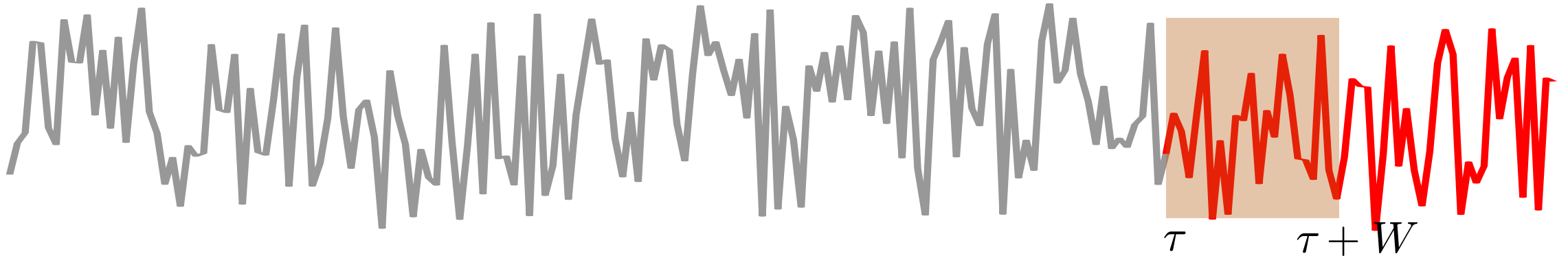
**Prototype** for other data models

$$S_t = \max \{S_{t-1}, 0\} + \log \left( \frac{f_1(X_t | X_{t-1}, \dots)}{f_0(X_t | X_{t-1}, \dots)} \right), \quad S_0 = 0$$

**No exact optimality**

Asymptotic optimality for false alarm values  $\gamma$  large (tending to infinity)

## Hard limited detection delay



In certain applications necessary to detected between  $\tau$  and  $\tau + W$   
Stopping after  $\tau + W$  is **no detection** (too late)

Interested in  $T$  such that  $\tau < T \leq \tau + W$

$$\mathbb{P}_1(\tau < T \leq \tau + W \mid T > \tau) = \mathbb{P}_1(T \leq \tau + W \mid T > \tau)$$

## Change mechanism independent from observations

Leads to  $J(T) = \inf_{t \geq 0} \mathbb{P}_1(T \leq t + W \mid T > t)$  Pollak-like Criterion

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$$\text{subject to: } \mathbb{E}_0[T] \geq \gamma$$

## Change mechanism dependent on observations

Leads to  $J(T) = \inf_{t \geq 0} \inf_{X_1, \dots, X_t} \mathbb{P}_1(T \leq t + W \mid T > t, X_1, \dots, X_t)$  Lorden-like Criterion

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$$\text{subject to: } \mathbb{E}_0[T] \geq \gamma$$

Solution for arbitrary  $W$ ? **NO**

Only for  $W = 1$ , Immediate detection with the first post-change sample

$$\sup_T \inf_{t \geq 0} \mathbb{P}_1(T = t + 1 \mid T > t)$$

or

$$\sup_T \inf_{t \geq 0} \inf_{X_1, \dots, X_t} \mathbb{P}_1(T = t + 1 \mid T > t, X_1, \dots, X_t)$$

$$\text{subject to: } \mathbb{E}_0[T] \geq \gamma$$

For i.i.d. data before and after the change optimum is the **Shewhart Test**

$$T_{\text{sh}} = \inf \left\{ t > 0 : \frac{f_1(X_t)}{f_0(X_t)} \geq \nu \right\}$$

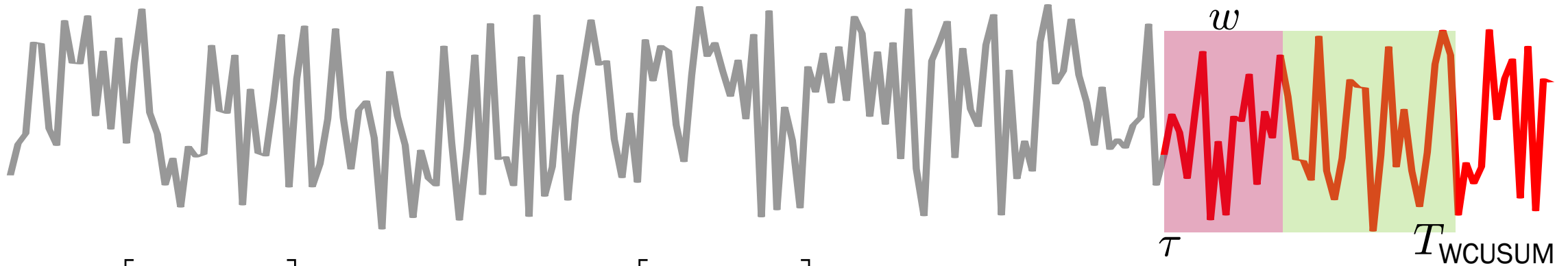
# **Advanced Versions**

# Unknown Parameters

For i.i.d. data before and after the change: Probability densities  $f_0(X)$ ,  $f_1(X, \theta)$

At every time  $t$  use sliding window of previous data  $X_{t-1}, \dots, X_{t-w}$  to estimate  $\theta$

$$S_t = \max\{S_{t-1}, 0\} + \log \left( \frac{f_1(X_t, \hat{\theta}_{t-1})}{f_0(X_t)} \right) \quad T_{\text{WCUSUM}} = \inf \{t > 0 : S_t \geq \nu\}$$



$$\mathbb{E}_0[T_{\text{CUSUM}}] = \gamma \rightarrow \infty, \quad \mathbb{E}_1[T_{\text{CUSUM}}] \sim \log \gamma \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{Optimum } w \sim \sqrt{\log \gamma}, \quad \mathbb{E}_1[T_{\text{WCUSUM}}] = \mathbb{E}_1[T_{\text{CUSUM}}] + O(\sqrt{\log \gamma})$$

## Data-Driven Version

Densities  $f_0(X_t|X_{t-1},\dots)$ ,  $f_1(X_t|X_{t-1},\dots)$  are completely unknown. Instead:

Training Data  $\{X_1^0, \dots, X_{n_0}^0\}$  sampled from  $f_0(X_t|X_{t-1}, \dots)$   
 $\{X_1^1, \dots, X_{n_1}^1\}$  sampled from  $f_1(X_t|X_{t-1}, \dots)$

**DO NOT** estimate individual densities  $f_0(X_t|X_{t-1},\dots)$ ,  $f_1(X_t|X_{t-1},\dots)$

Use Machine Learning techniques (neural networks) to estimate directly

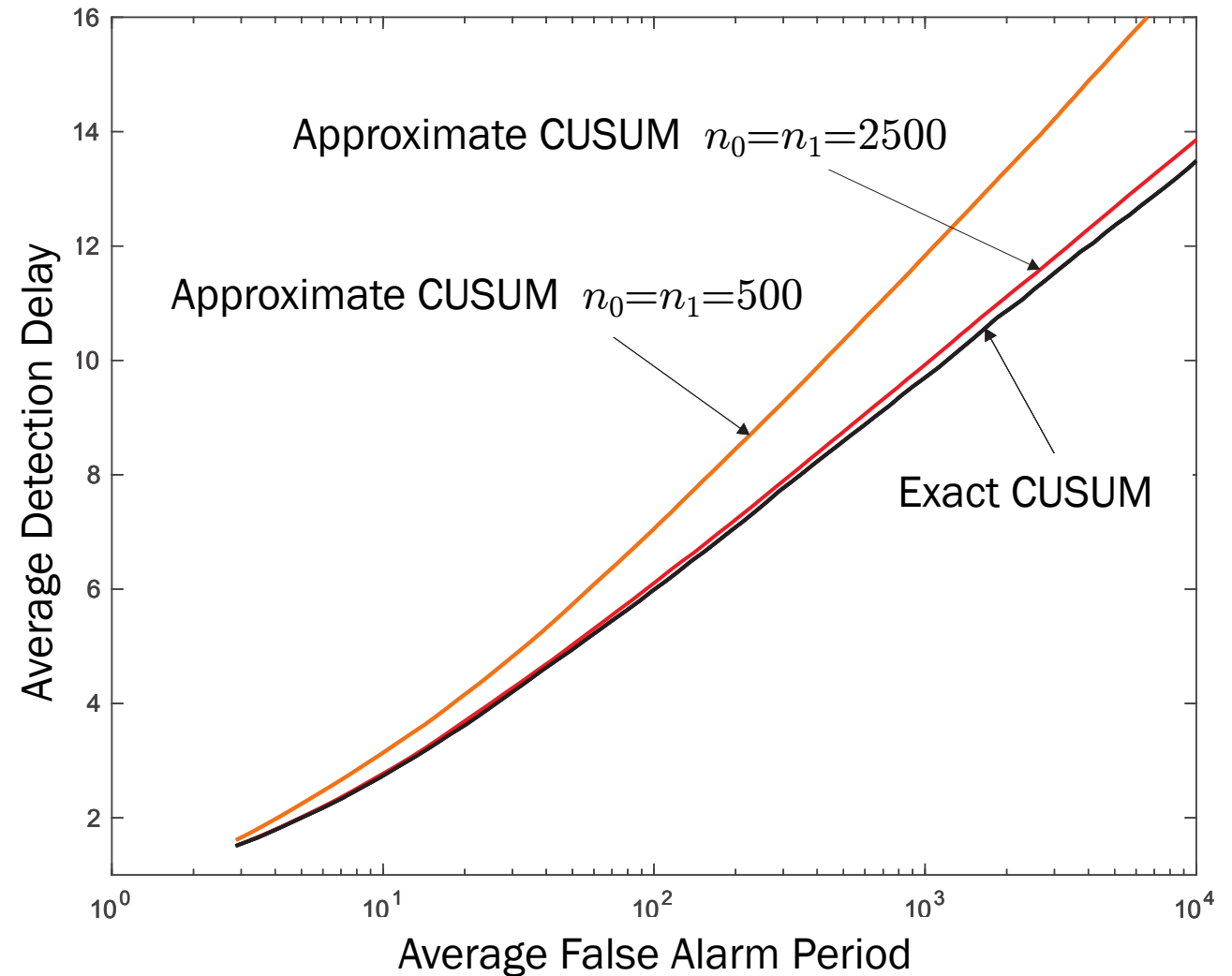
$$u(X_t, X_{t-1}, \dots) \approx \log \left( \frac{f_1(X_t|X_{t-1}, \dots)}{f_0(X_t|X_{t-1}, \dots)} \right)$$

Approximate CUSUM statistic:  $S_t = \max\{S_{t-1}, 0\} + u(X_t, X_{t-1}, \dots)$

Before and after change:  
Markovian process of  
unit memory

$$f_0(X_t | X_{t-1})$$

$$f_1(X_t | X_{t-1})$$



No claim of optimality of any type

Simulations suggest asymptotic optimality if  $n_0, n_1$  suitable functions of  $\gamma$