

First-order optimality of Subspace-CUSUM

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Overview

- Consider sequential change-point detection for detecting covariance changes characterized by the subspace.
- Propose the Subspace-CUSUM procedure, which is first-order asymptotic optimal.
- Develop an analytical methodology that includes proper parameter optimizations for the proposed detection scheme.

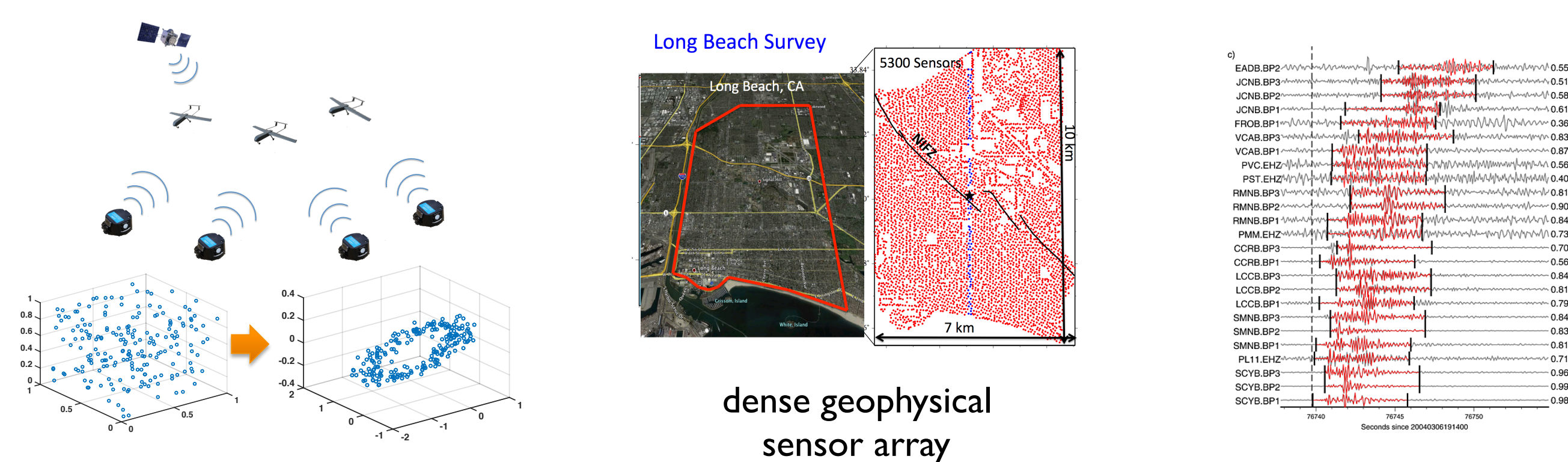
Introduction

- Given a sequence of samples

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t, \dots,$$

there may be a change-point time τ where the distribution of the data stream changes.

- Goal:** Detect the change as quickly as possible from sequential data.
- Applications:** swarm behavior monitoring, seismic signal detection, power network anomaly detection, etc.

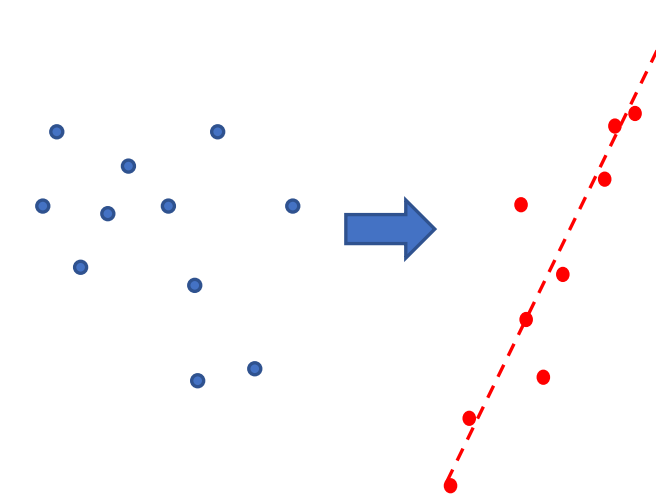


Problem setup

- The *emerging subspace* problem:

$$x_t \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_k), \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, \tau,$$

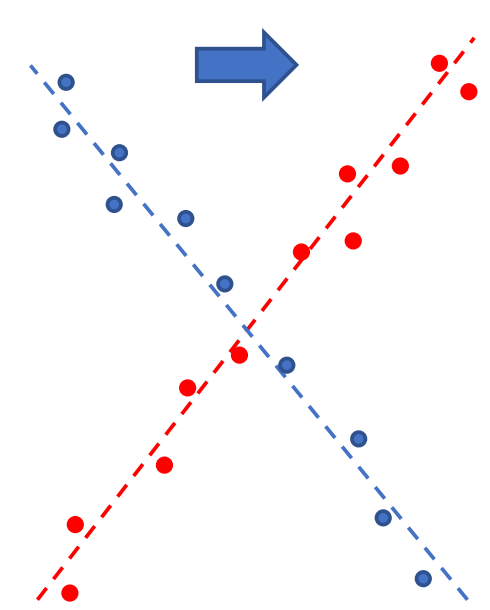
$$x_t \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_k + \theta u u^\top), \quad t = \tau + 1, \tau + 2, \dots$$



- The *switching subspace* problem:

$$x_t \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_k + \theta u_1 u_1^\top), \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, \tau,$$

$$x_t \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_k + \theta u_2 u_2^\top), \quad t = \tau + 1, \tau + 2, \dots$$



- Equivalence: $\exists Q \in \mathbb{R}^{(k-1) \times k}$ s.t. $Q u_1 = 0$ and $Q Q^\top = I_{k-1}$.

$$y_t = Q x_t \implies y_t \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_{k-1}), \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, \tau,$$

$$y_t \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_{k-1} + \tilde{\theta} \tilde{u} \tilde{u}^\top), \quad t = \tau + 1, \tau + 2, \dots$$

Detection procedure: Subspace CUSUM

- Log-likelihood ratio:

$$\log \frac{f_1(x_t)}{f_0(x_t)} = (u^\top x_t)^2 - \underbrace{\sigma^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\rho}\right)}_{\text{drift}} \log(1 + \rho),$$

$$\text{SNR } \rho := \theta / \sigma^2.$$

Subspace-CUSUM detection scheme

- At each time t , form the sample covariance matrix using a sliding window of size w :

$$\Sigma_t = \sum_{i=t-w+1}^t x_i x_i^\top,$$

\hat{u}_t is the unit-norm eigenvector corresponding to the largest eigenvalue of Σ_t .

- Update the detection statistic:

$$\mathcal{S}_t = (\mathcal{S}_{t-1})^+ + (\hat{u}_t^\top x_t)^2 - d.$$

- The stopping time:

$$\mathcal{T}_C = \inf\{t > 0 : \mathcal{S}_t \geq b\}.$$

- Quantity d is a constant satisfying

$$\mathbb{E}_\infty[(\hat{u}_t^\top x_t)^2] < d < \mathbb{E}_0[(\hat{u}_t^\top x_t)^2].$$

- Leveraging the independence between \hat{u}_t and x_t , we have

$$\mathbb{E}_\infty[(\hat{u}_t^\top x_t)^2] = \sigma^2, \quad \mathbb{E}_0[(\hat{u}_t^\top x_t)^2] = \sigma^2(1 + \rho) \left[1 - \frac{k-1}{w\rho}\right]$$

$$\implies \sigma^2 < d < \sigma^2(1 + \rho) \left(1 - \frac{k-1}{w\rho}\right)$$

Performance metrics

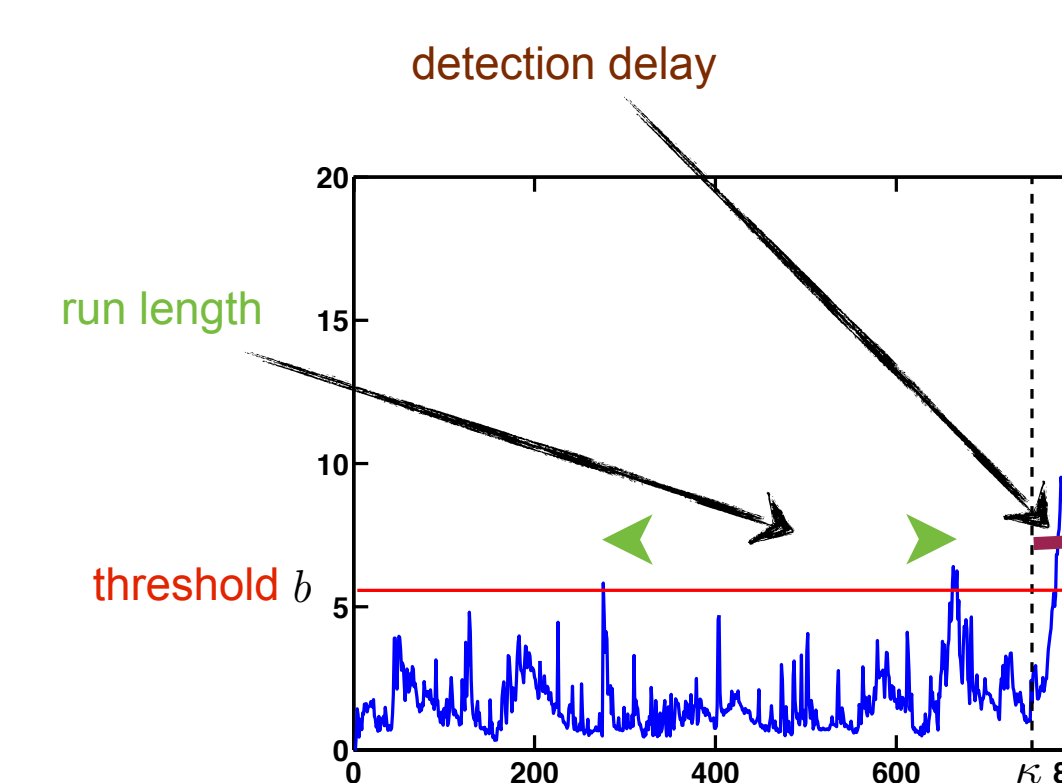
- average run length (ARL):

$$\mathbb{E}_\infty(\mathcal{T}_C)$$

- worst-case expected detection delay (EDD) (Lorden, 1971):

$$\sup_{\tau \geq 0} \text{ess sup } \mathbb{E}_\tau[(T - \tau)^+ | T > \tau, x_1, \dots, x_\tau].$$

- Approximation: $\text{EDD} = \mathbb{E}_0(\mathcal{T}_C)$.



Asymptotic analysis

Optimality

The Subspace-CUSUM is asymptotically first-order optimal.

Proof Sketch

- Equalizer trick:** Introducing an “equalizer” δ_∞ satisfying $\mathbb{E}_\infty[e^{\delta_\infty[(\hat{u}_t^\top x_t)^2 - d]}] = 1$, $\left(d = -\frac{1}{2\delta_\infty} \log(1 - 2\sigma^2 \delta_\infty)\right)$

after equalizing, $(\hat{u}_t^\top x_t)^2 - d \approx$ a log-likelihood ratio;

- Set constant $\text{ARL} = \gamma$;
- $\forall w$, the optimal drift d which minimizes the EDD is $d^* = \frac{\sigma^2(1+\rho)(1-\frac{k-1}{w\rho})}{(1+\rho)(1-\frac{k-1}{w\rho})-1} \log\left[(1+\rho)\left(1-\frac{k-1}{w\rho}\right)\right]$.
- Substitute d^* and derive the optimal w which minimizes the EDD:

$$w^* = \sqrt{\log \gamma} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2(k-1)}}{\rho - \log(1+\rho)} (1 + o(1)).$$

Numerical examples

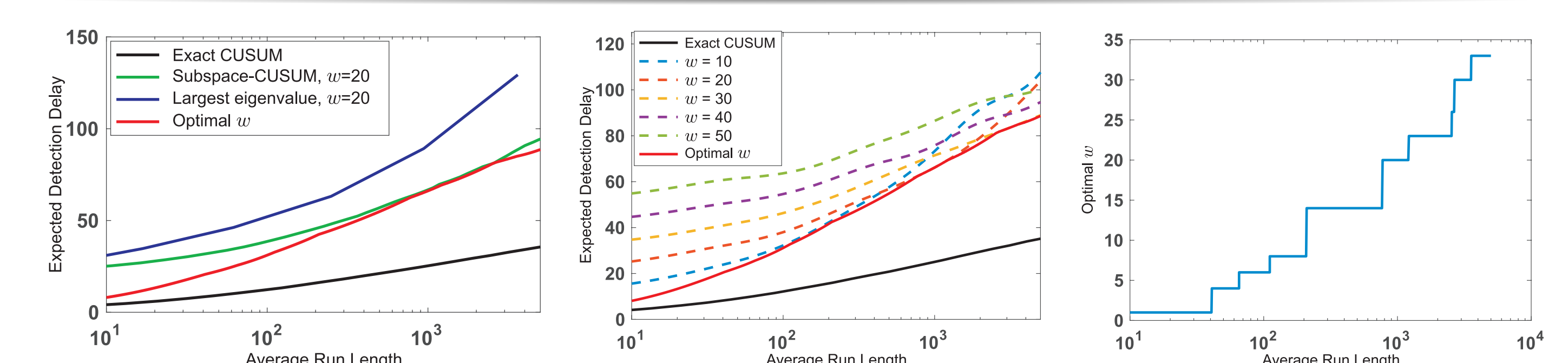


Figure 1: Left: Minimal EDD (red) among window sizes w from 1 to 50; Middle: Various EDD for different window sizes; Right: Corresponding optimal window size w .

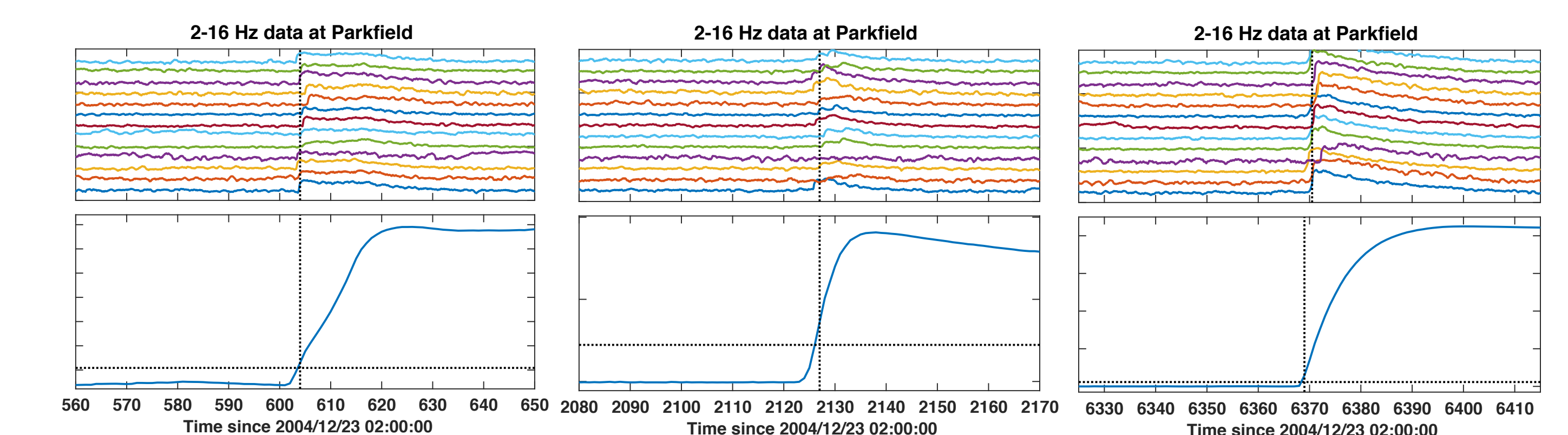


Figure 2: Real seismic data example: left, middle, and right figures correspond to the seismic event at time 605, 2127, and 6370 respectively.

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