



# **Anomaly Detection in the WIPER System using A Markov Modulated Poisson Distribution**

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# Outline

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- **Background**
- **WIPER**
- **MMPP framework**
- **Application**
- **Experimental Results**
- **Conclusions and Future work**



# Background

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- **Time Series**

- **A sequence of observations measured on a continuous time period at time intervals**
- **Example: economy (Stock, financial), weather, medical etc...**
- **Characteristics**
  - **Data are not independent**
  - **Displays underlying trends**



# **WIPER System**

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- **Wireless Phone-based Emergency Response System**
- **Functions**
  - **Detect possible emergencies**
  - **Improve situational awareness**
- **Cell phone call activities reflect human behavior**



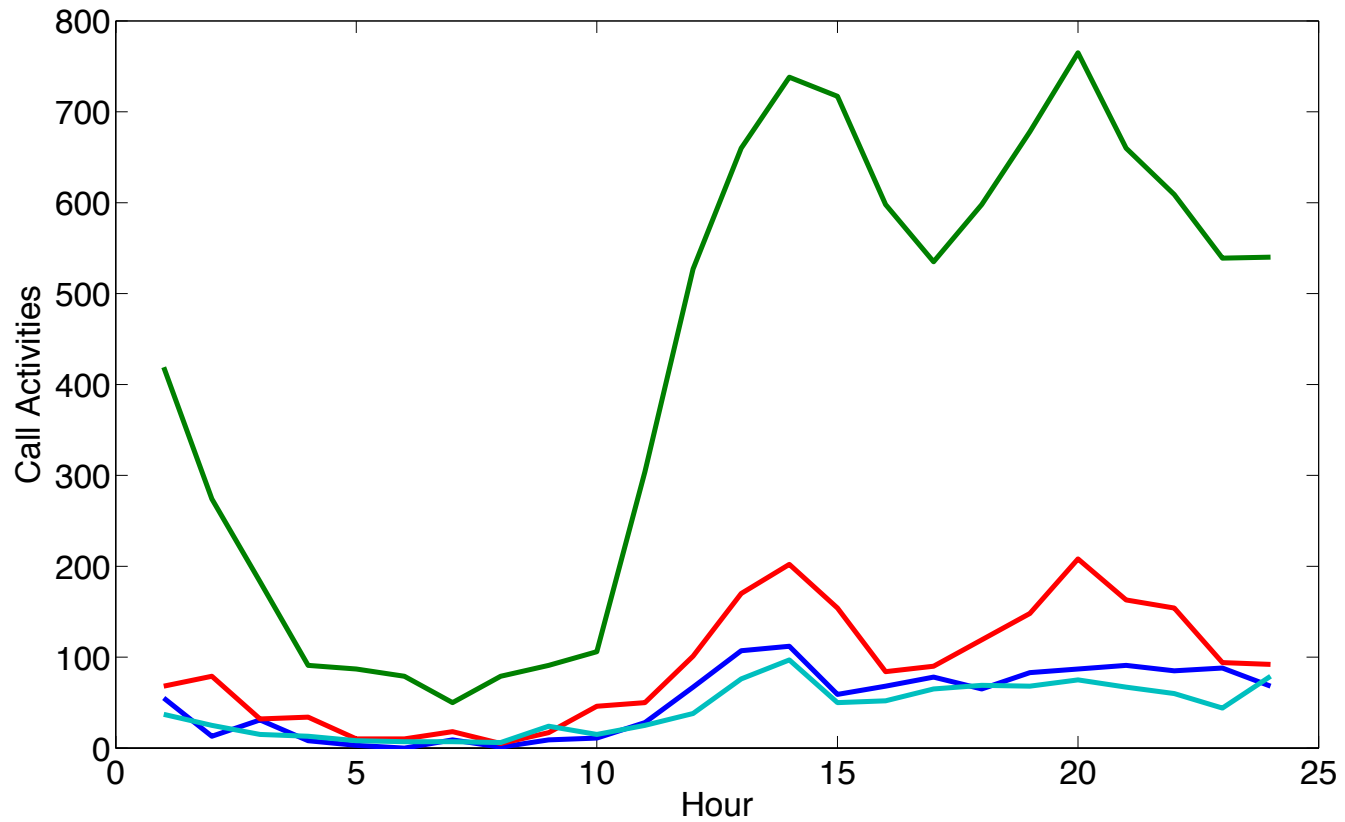
# Data Characteristics

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- **Two cities:**
  - **Small city A:**
    - Population – 20,000    Towers – 4
  - **Large city B:**
    - Population – 200,000    Towers – 31
- **Time Period**
  - Jan. 15 – Feb. 12, 2006



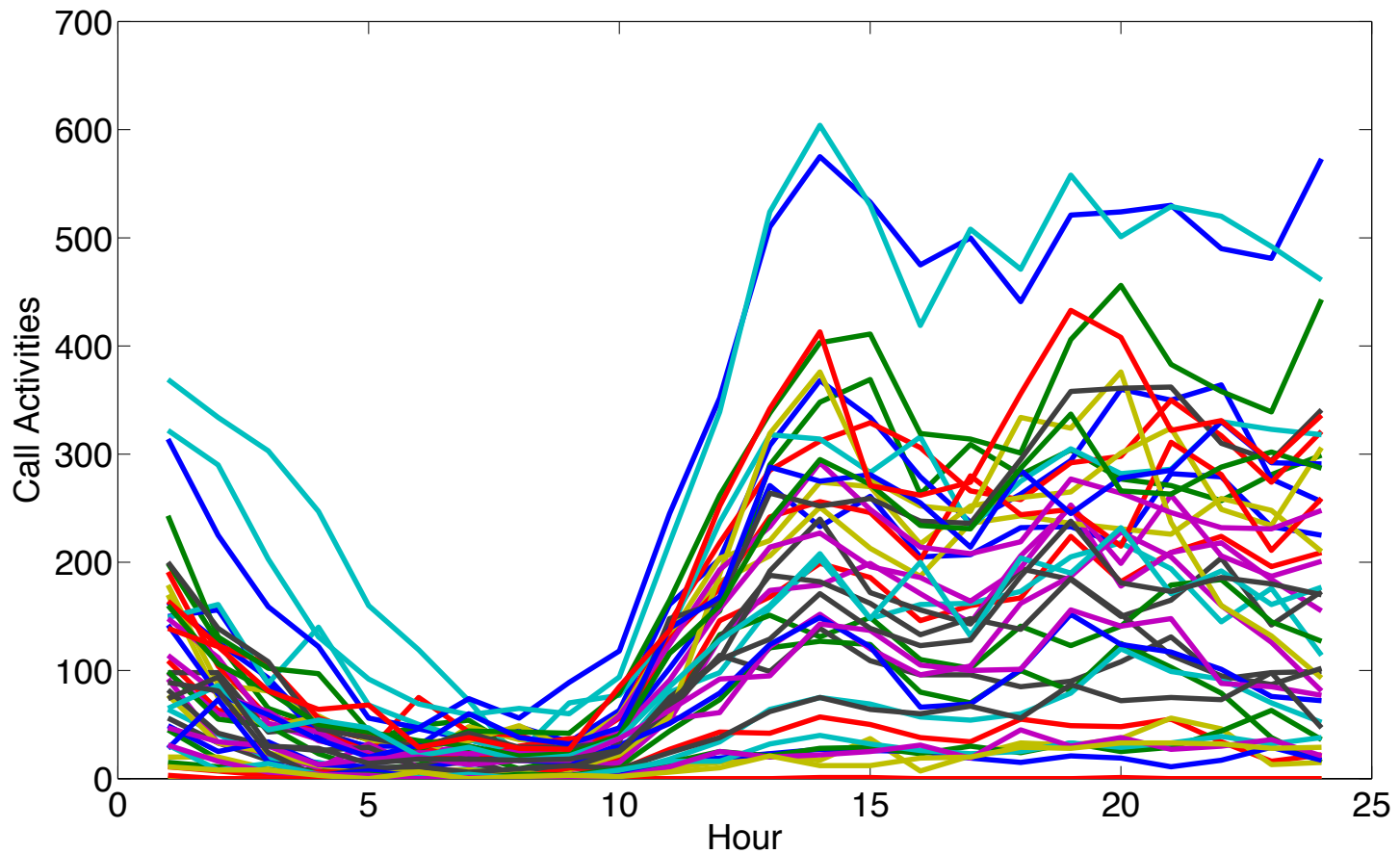
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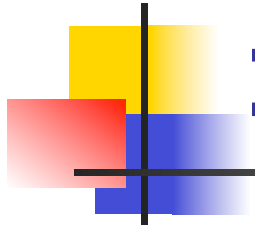
**Small City (4 Towers)**



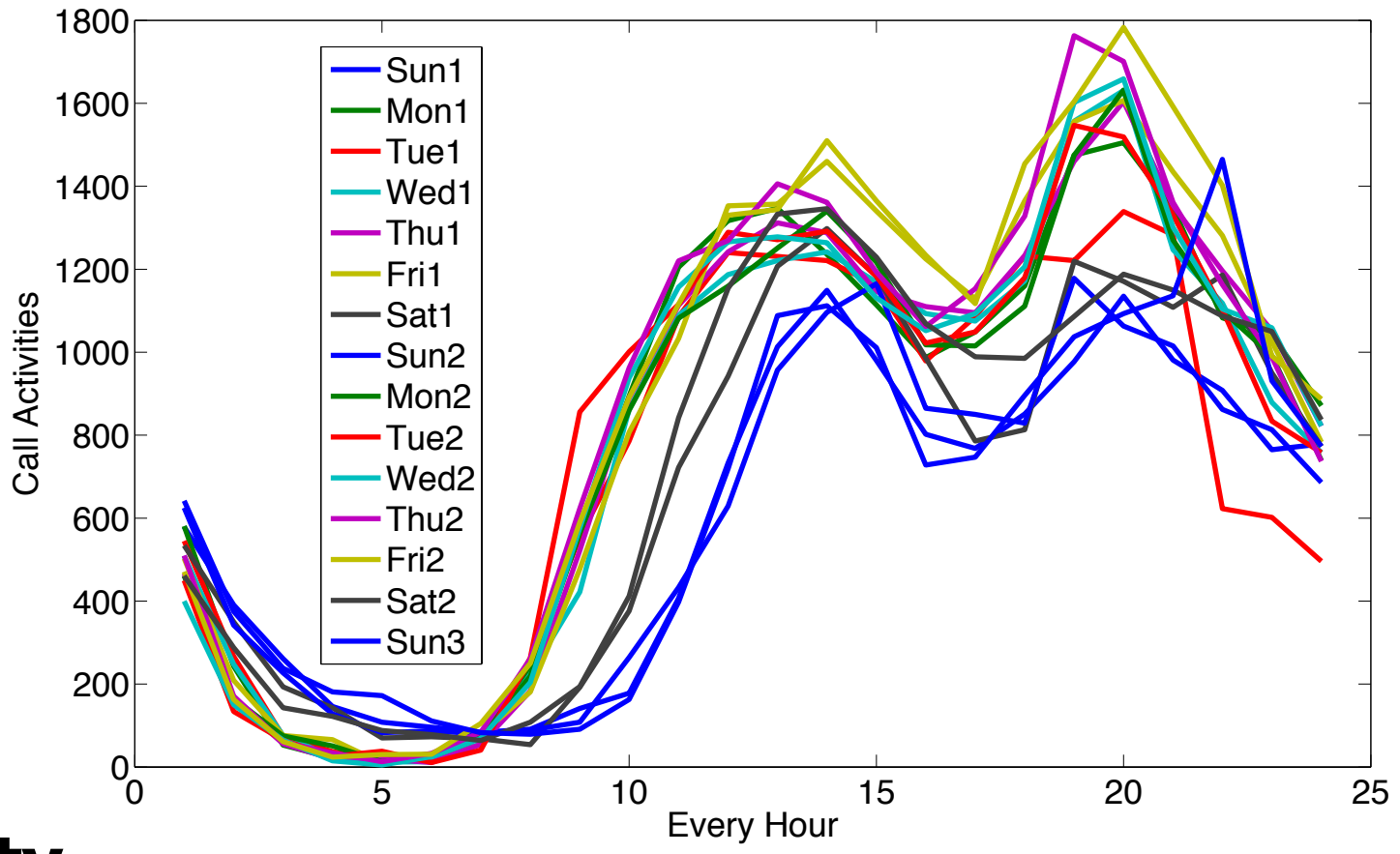
# Tower Activity



**Large City (31 Towers)**

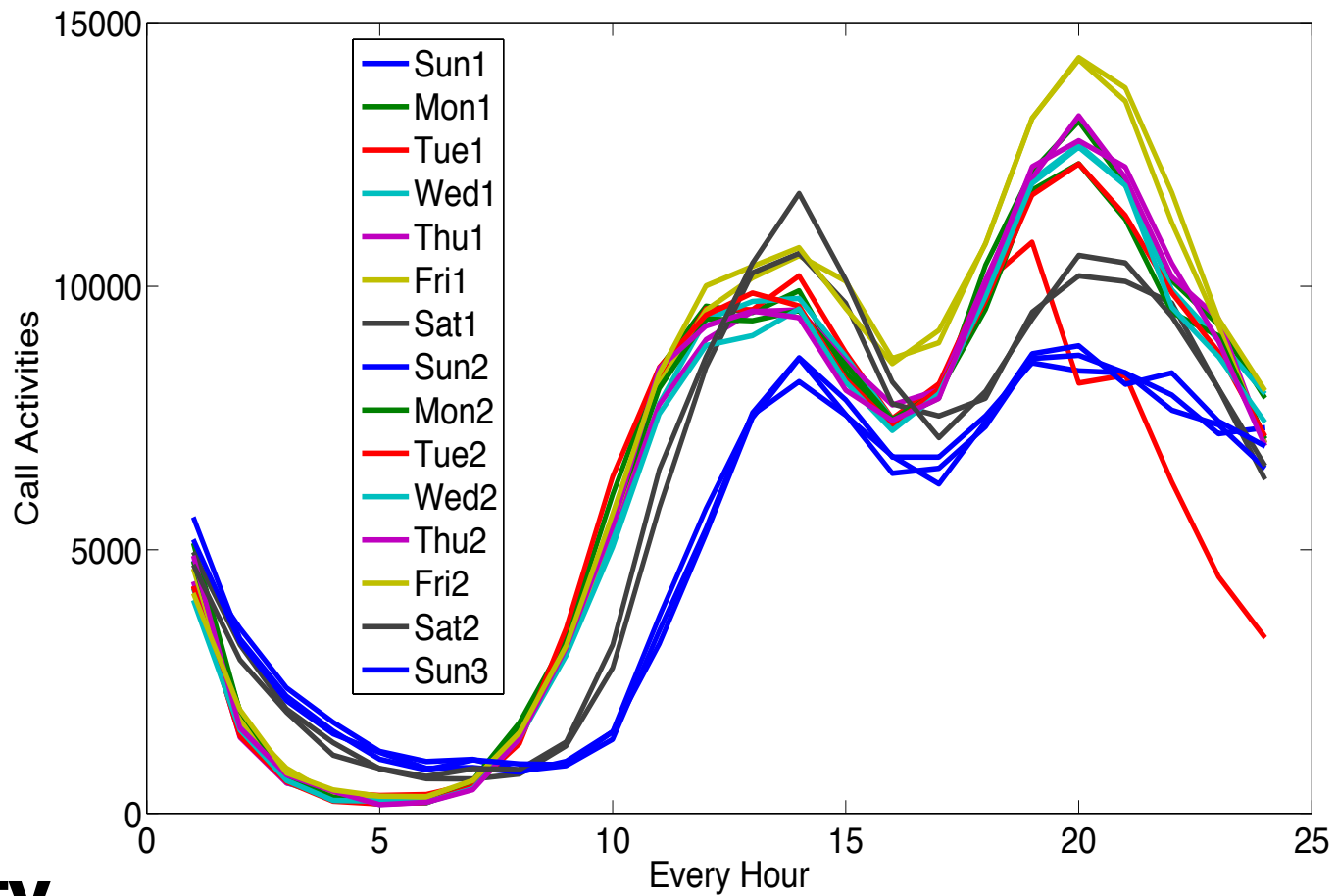


# 15-Day Time Period Data



**Small City**

# 15-Day Time Period Data



**Large City**



# Observations

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- **Overall call activity of a city are more uniform than a single tower**
- **Call activity for each day displays similar trend**
- **Call activity for each day of the week shares similar behavior**



# MMPP Modeling

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$$N(t) = N_0(t) + N_A(t)$$

$N(t)$  : **Observed Data**

$N_0(t)$  : **Unobserved Data with normal behavior**

$N_A(t)$  : **Unobserved Data with abnormal behavior**

**Both  $N_0(t)$  and  $N_A(t)$  can be modulated as a Poisson Process.**



# Modeling Normal Data

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- **Poisson distribution**

$$P(N; \lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^N}{N!} \quad N = 0, 1, \dots$$

- **Rate Parameter: a function of time**

$$\lambda \sim \lambda(t)$$



## Adding Day/hour effects

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$$\lambda(t) = \lambda_0 \delta_{d(t)} \eta_{d(t),h(t)}$$

$$d(t) \in [1, 2, \dots, 7]$$

**Associated with Monday, Tuesday ... Sunday**

**$h(t)$  : Time interval, such as minute,  
half hour, hour etc**

**$\lambda_0$  : Average rate of the Poisson process  
over one week**



# Requirements:

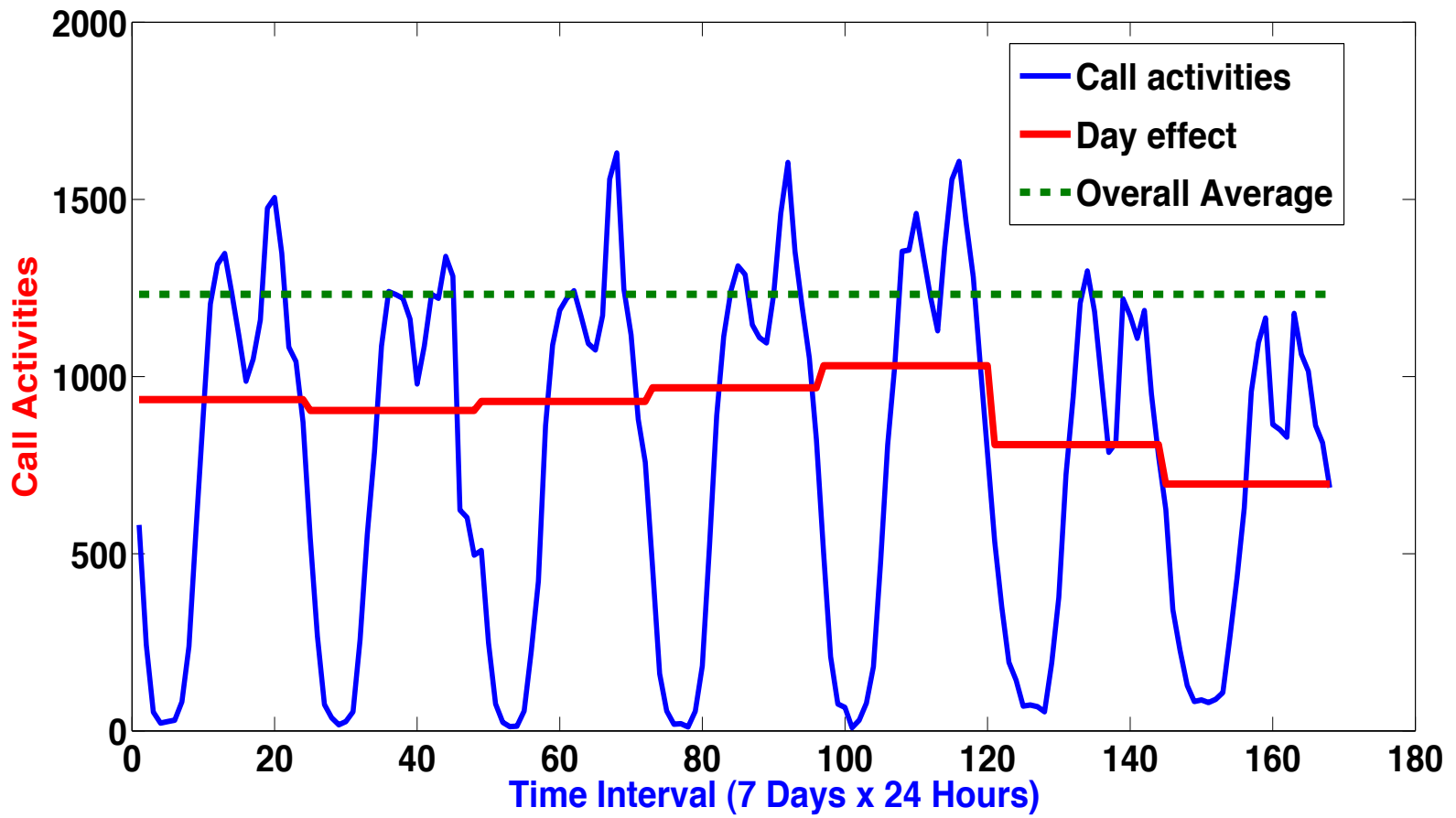
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$$\sum_{i=1}^7 \delta_i = 7 \quad \sum_{j=1}^D \eta_{i,j} = D, \quad \forall i$$

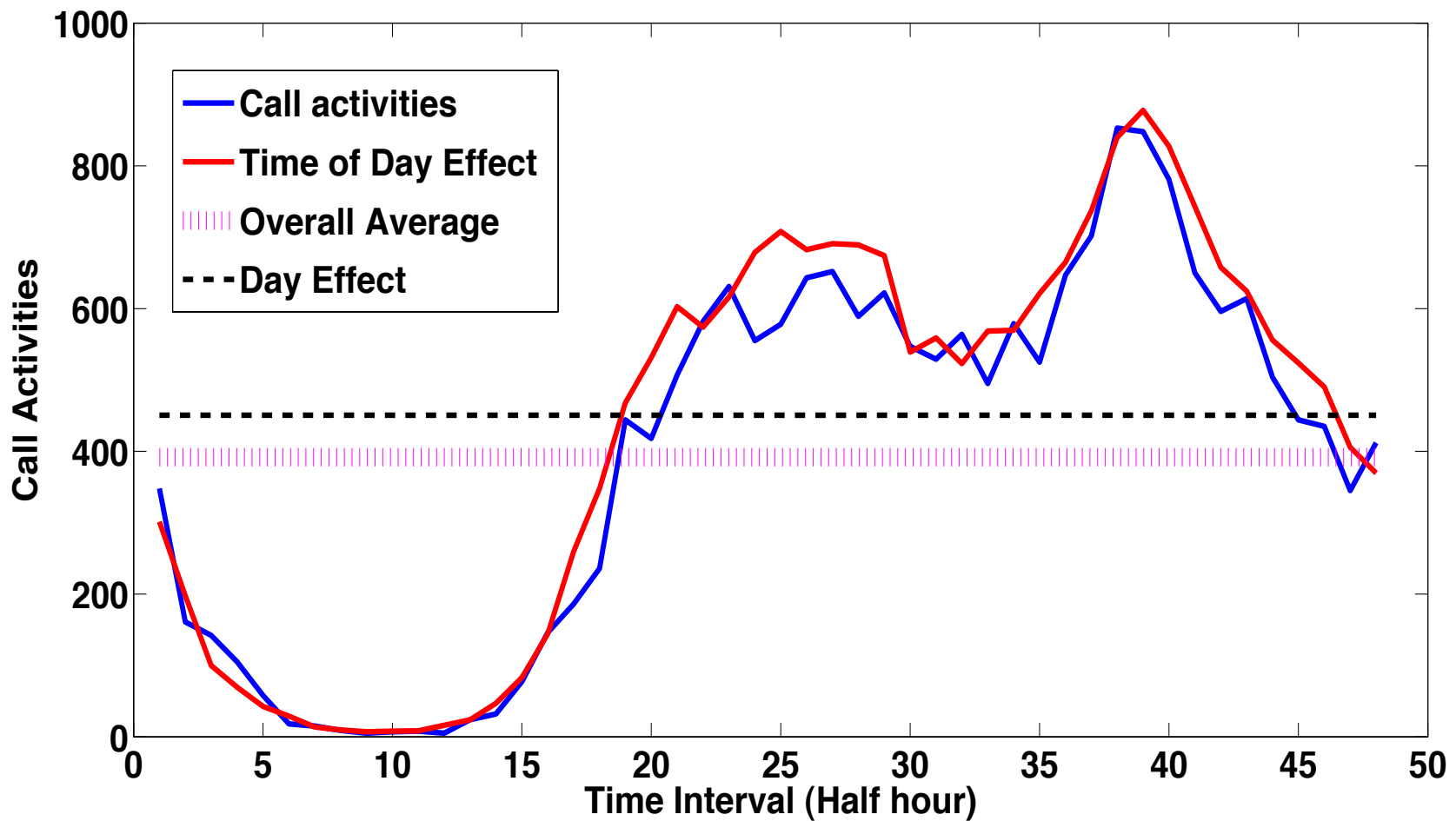
$\delta_i$  : **Day effect, indicates the changes over the day of the week**

$\eta_{i,j}$  : **Time of day effect, indicates the changes over the time period j on a given day of i**

# Day Effect



# Time of Day Effect





# Prior Distributions for Parameters

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$$\lambda_0 \sim \Gamma(\lambda; a^L, b^L) \quad \Gamma(.) \text{ is the Gamma distribution}$$

$$\frac{1}{7} [\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_7] \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha_1^d, \alpha_2^d, \dots, \alpha_7^d, )$$

$$\frac{1}{D} [\eta_{i,1}, \eta_{i,2}, \dots, \eta_{i,D}] \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha_1^h, \alpha_2^h, \dots, \alpha_D^d)$$

*Dir(.)* is a Dirichlet distribution



# Modeling Anomalous Data

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- $N_A(t)$  is also a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda_A(t)$
- Markov process  $A(t)$  is used to determine the existence of anomalous events at time  $t$

$$A(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{an event is occurring at time } t \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



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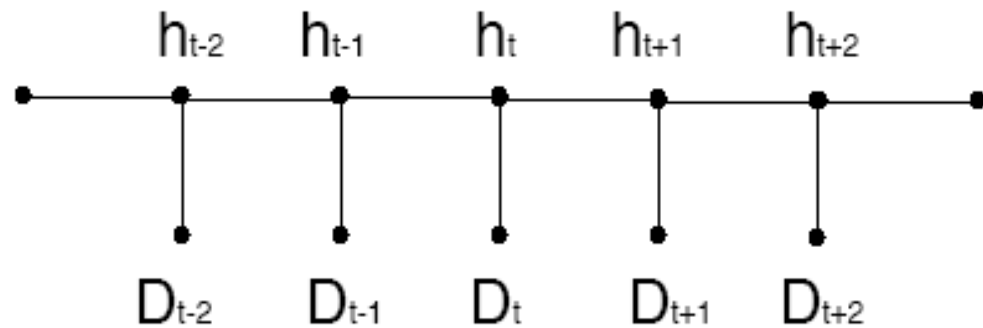
- **Transition probabilities matrix**

$$M_A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - A_0 & A_1 \\ A_0 & 1 - A_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} A_0 \sim \beta(A, a_0^A, b_0^A) \\ A_1 \sim \beta(A, a_1^A, b_1^A) \end{array}$$

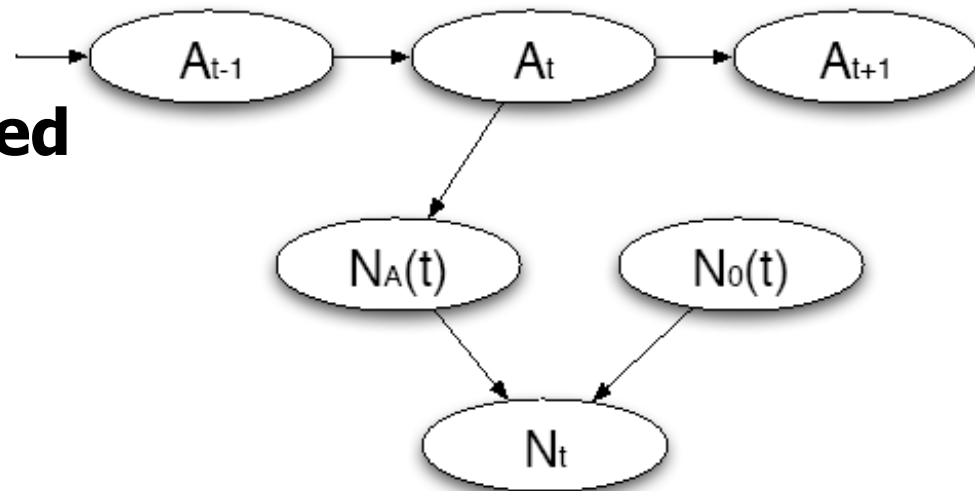
$$N_A(t) \sim \begin{cases} 0 & A(t) = 0 \\ P(N; \lambda_A(t)) & A(t) = 1 \end{cases}$$

# MMPP $\sim$ HMM

- **Typical HMM**  
(Hidden Markov Model)



- **MMPP**  
(Markov Modulated Poisson Process)





# Apply MCMC

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- **Forward Recursion**
  - Calculate conditional distribution of  $P( A(t) | N(t) )$
- **Backward Recursion**
  - Draw sample of  $N_A(t)$  and  $N_0(t)$
- **Draw Transition Matrix from Complete Data**

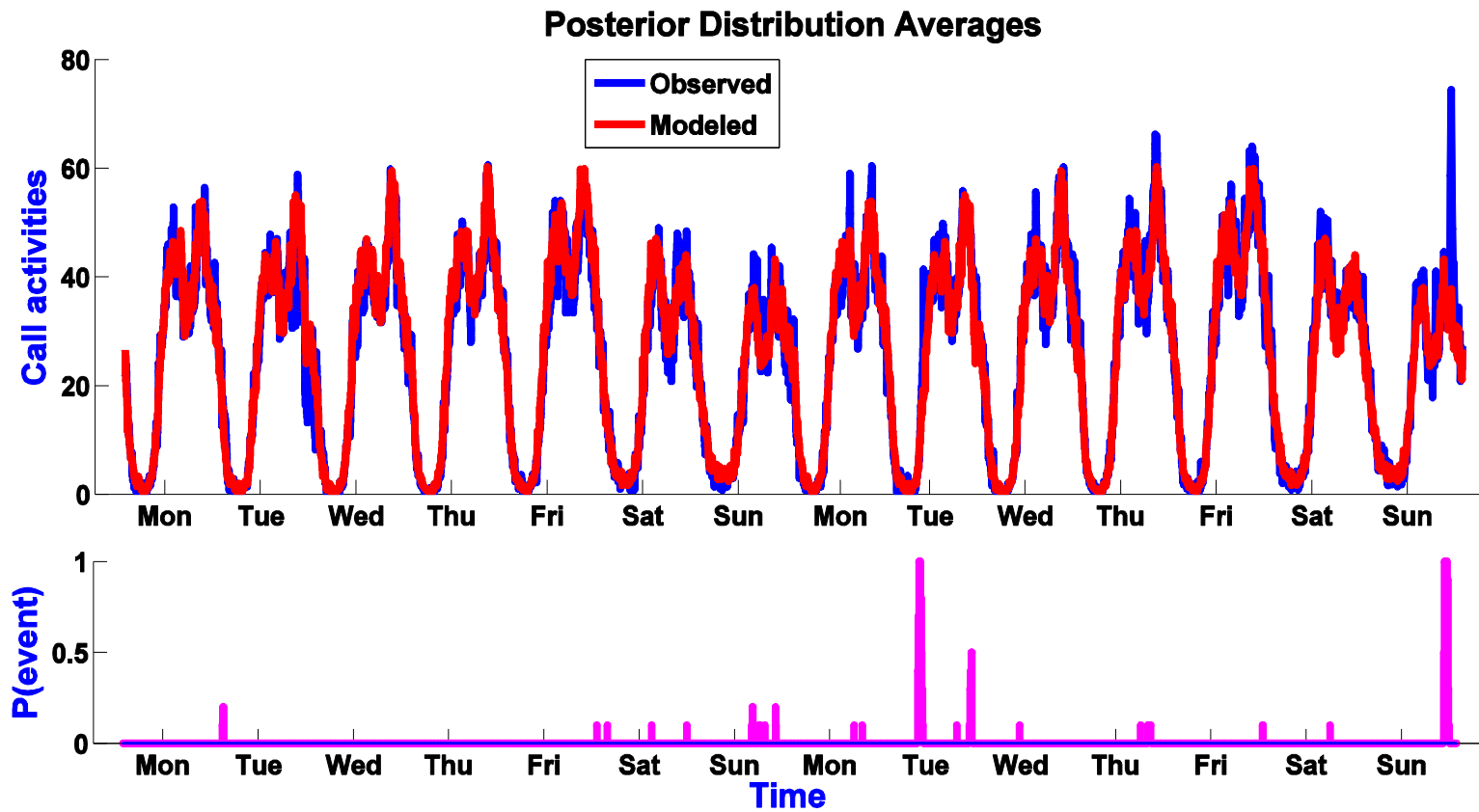


# Anomaly Detection

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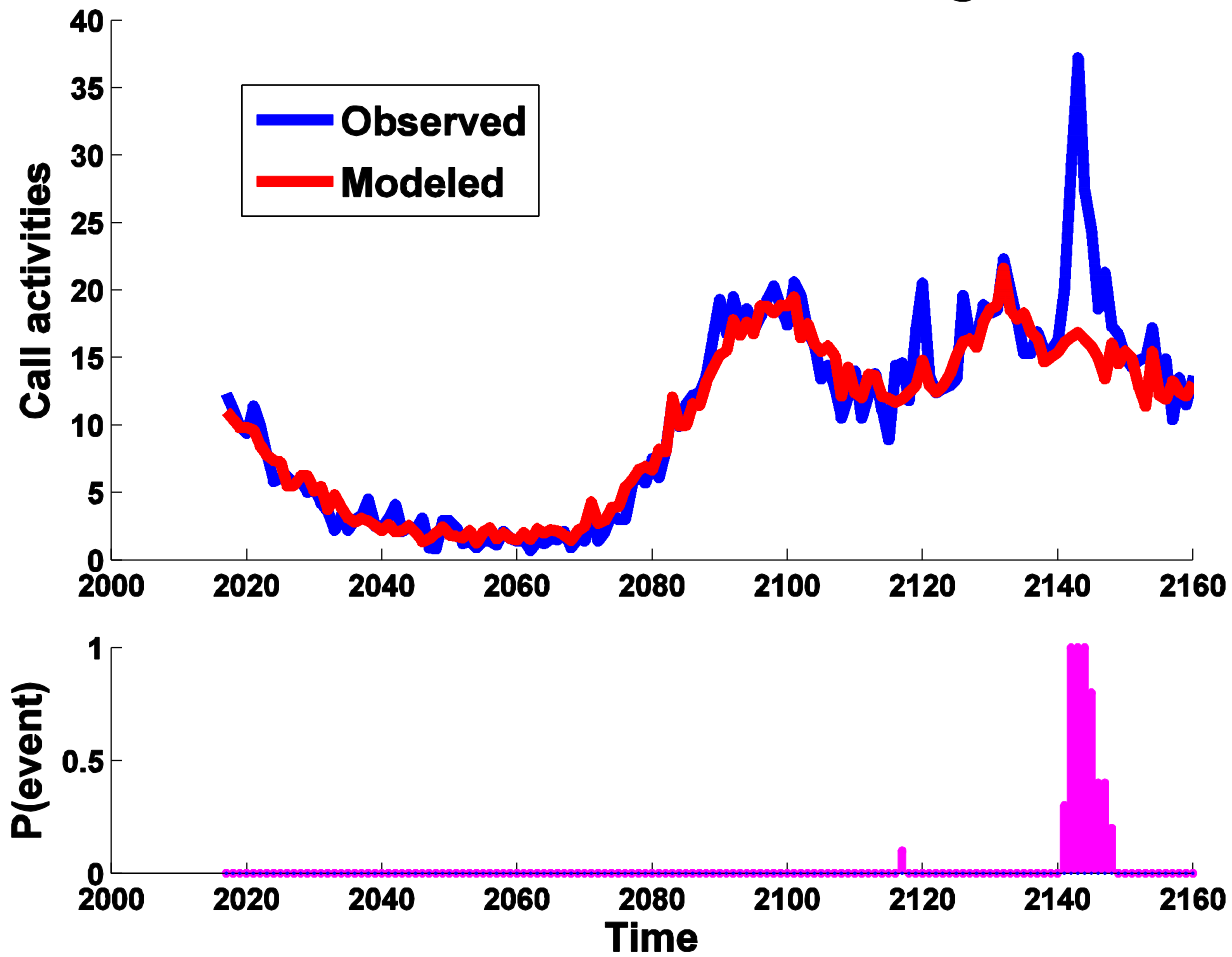
- **Posterior probability of  $A(t)$  at each time  $t$  is an indicator of anomalies**
- **Apply MCMC algorithm:**
  - **50 iterations**

# Results



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## Posterior Distribution Averages





# Conclusions

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- **Cell phone data reflects human activities on hourly, daily scale**
- **MMPP provides a method of modeling call activity, and detecting anomalous events**



# Future Work

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- **Apply on longer time period, and investigate monthly and seasonal behavior**
- **Implement MMPP model as part of real time system on streaming data**
- **Incorporate into WIPER system**