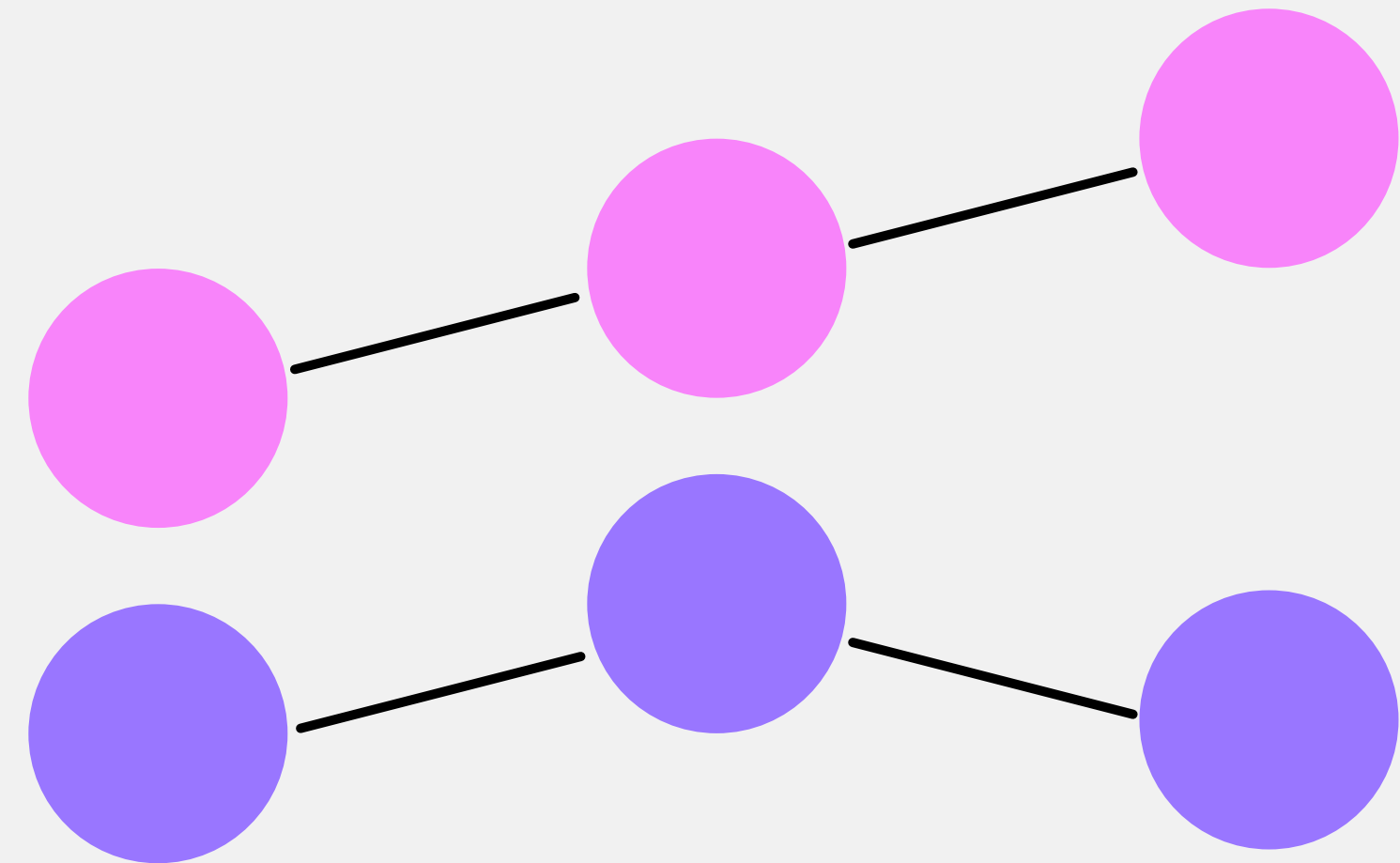


TA**G****S**: Time Adaptive Global State Model

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Motivation

Unsupervised state detection is a general challenge in healthcare data

- Don't have ground truth for underlying population structure
- Can be hard to compare across individuals

One approach: define physiological states based on signal correlations (Tozzo et al. 2021)

- Efficiently summarize high-dimensional relationships with sparse graphical structure
- Strong physiological grounding - relationship between features more important than the raw feature values
- Interpretable - state visitation can be directly compared within individuals

Problem Setting - Stress

- Wearables collect high-dimensional and high-resolution timeseries data
- Stress is latent and difficult to measure
 - We don't have good labels in the wild
 - We don't fully understand how it manifests



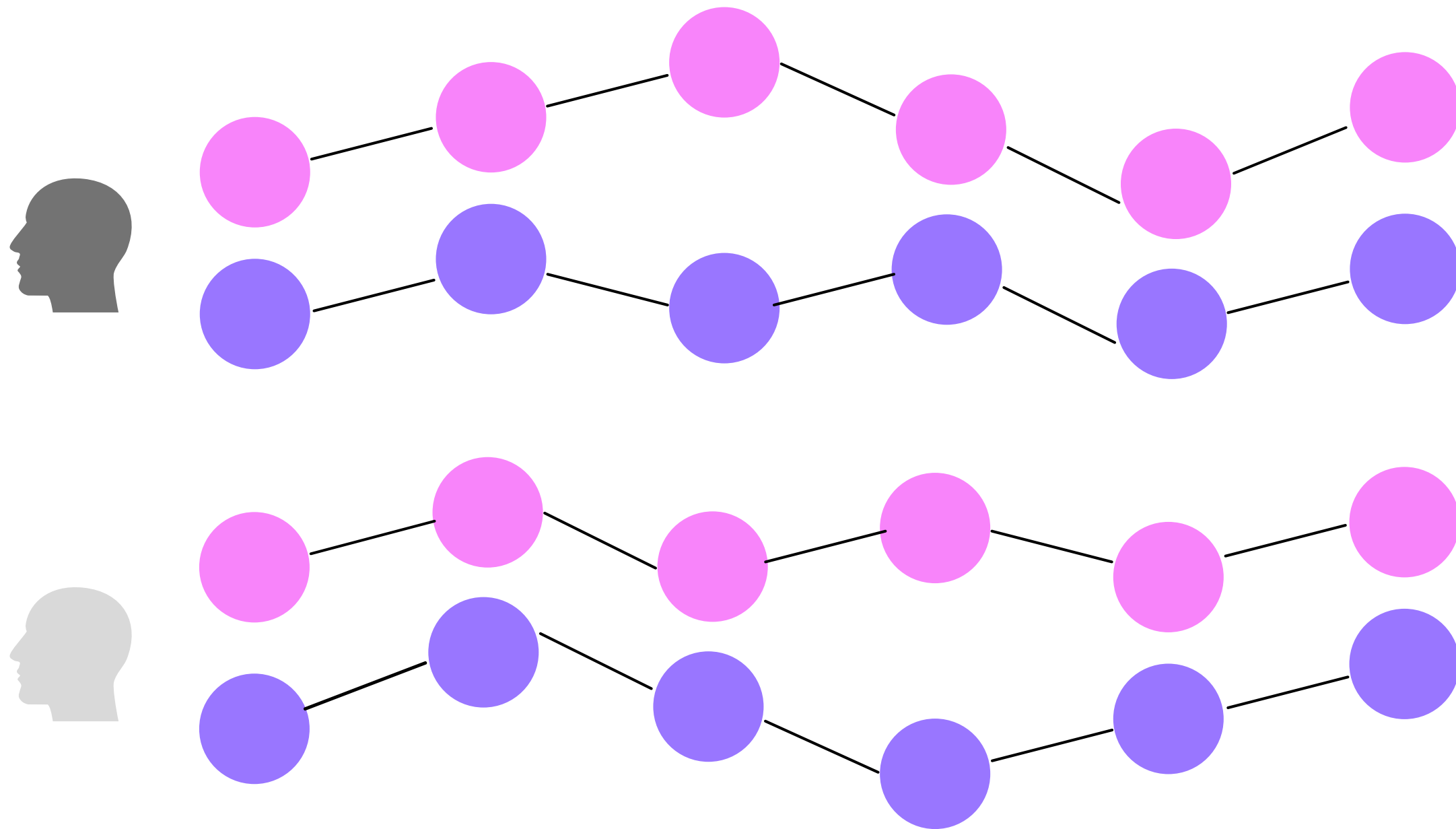
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- Wearables collect high-dimensional and high-resolution timeseries data
- Stress is latent and difficult to measure
 - We don't have good labels in the wild
 - We don't fully understand how it manifests
- Stress might look different for different people
 - Overarching question: are there subtypes (or archetypes) of stress
- State change can be volatile
- Stress is it's own disease process - but also may impact other diseases

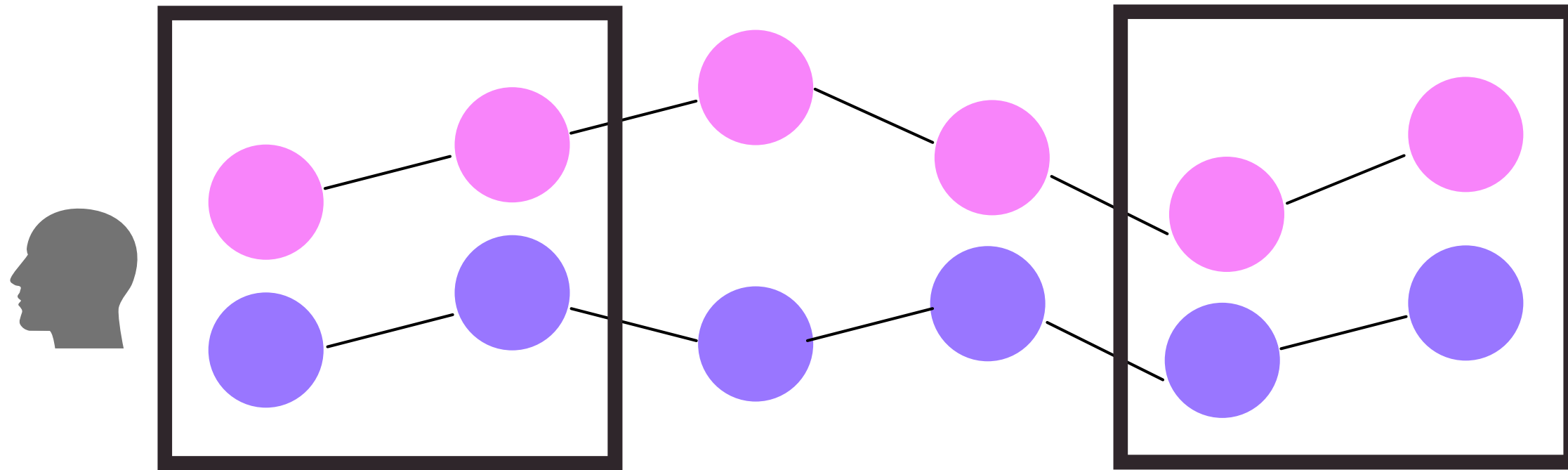


State Space Models for clustering are needed

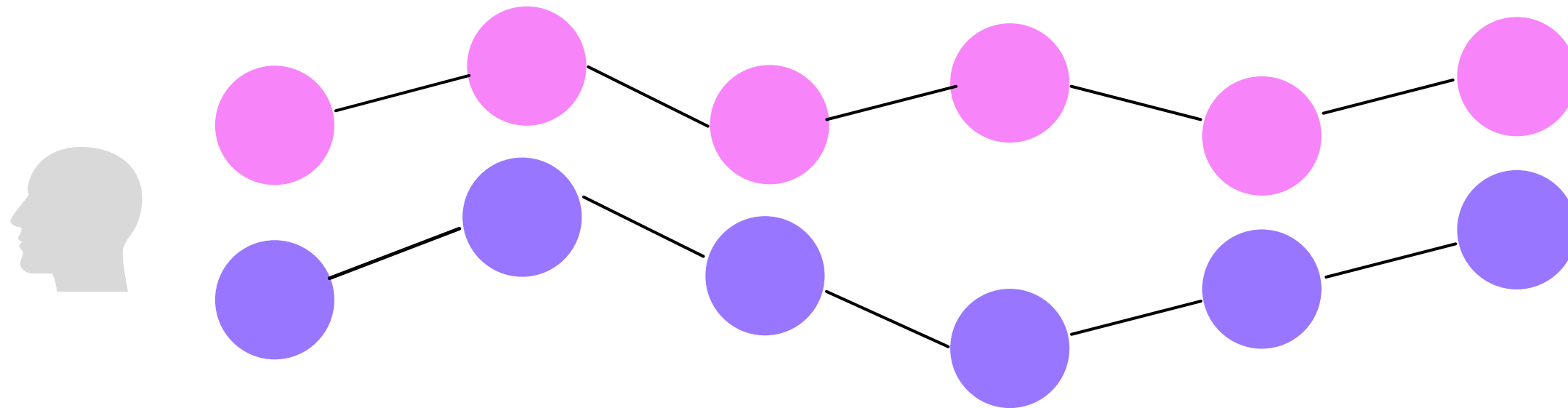
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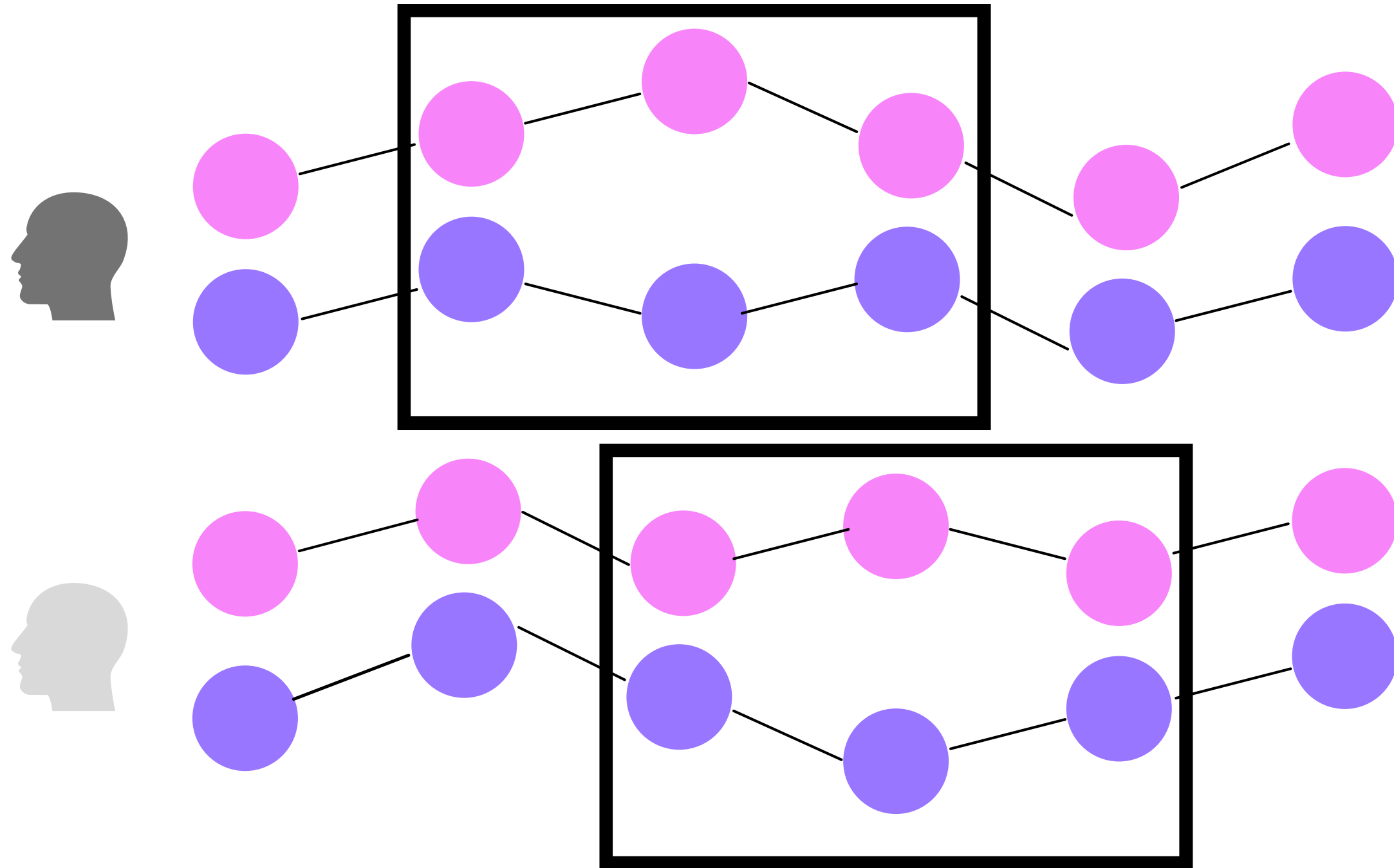
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Local States

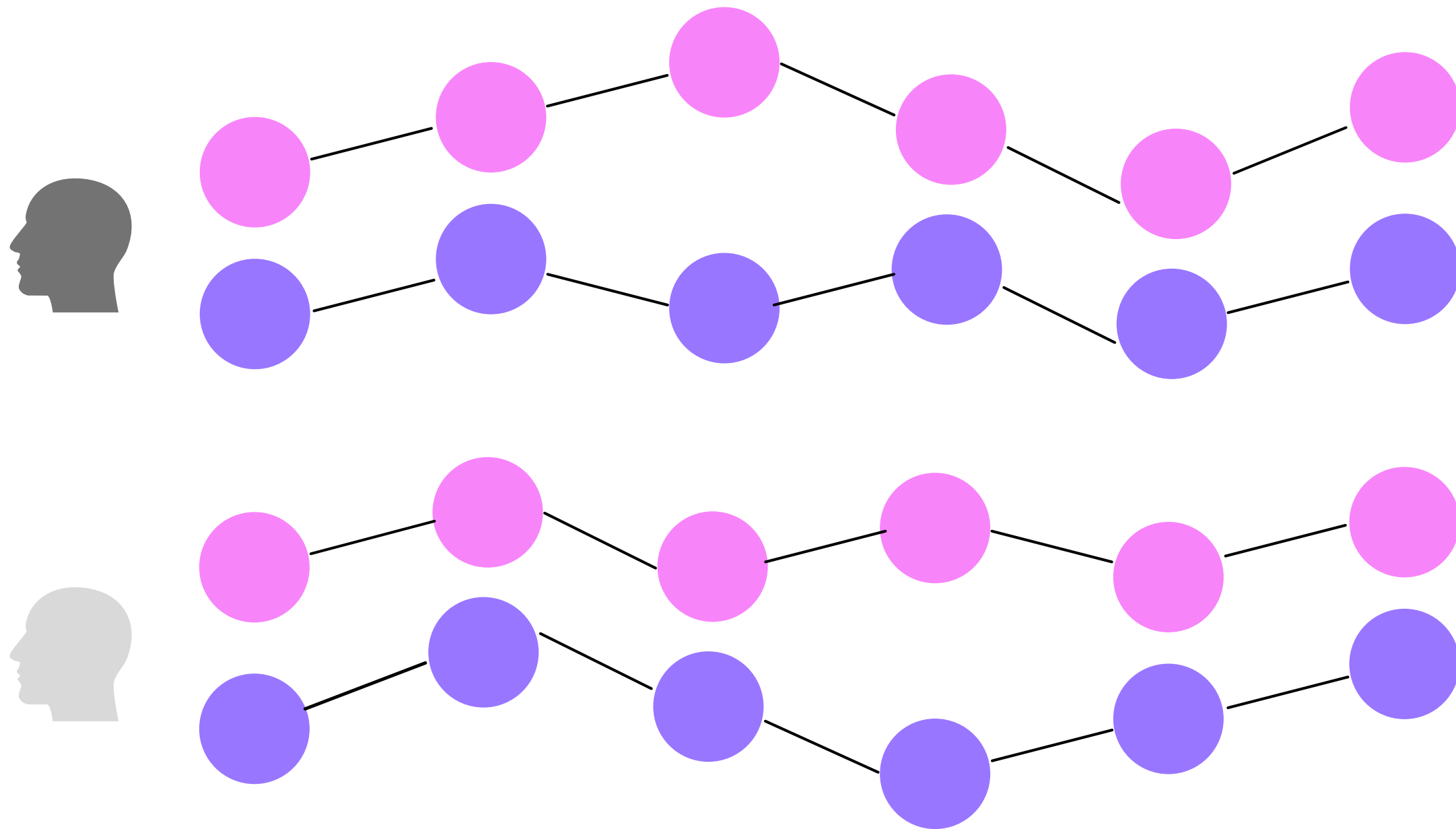


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Global States

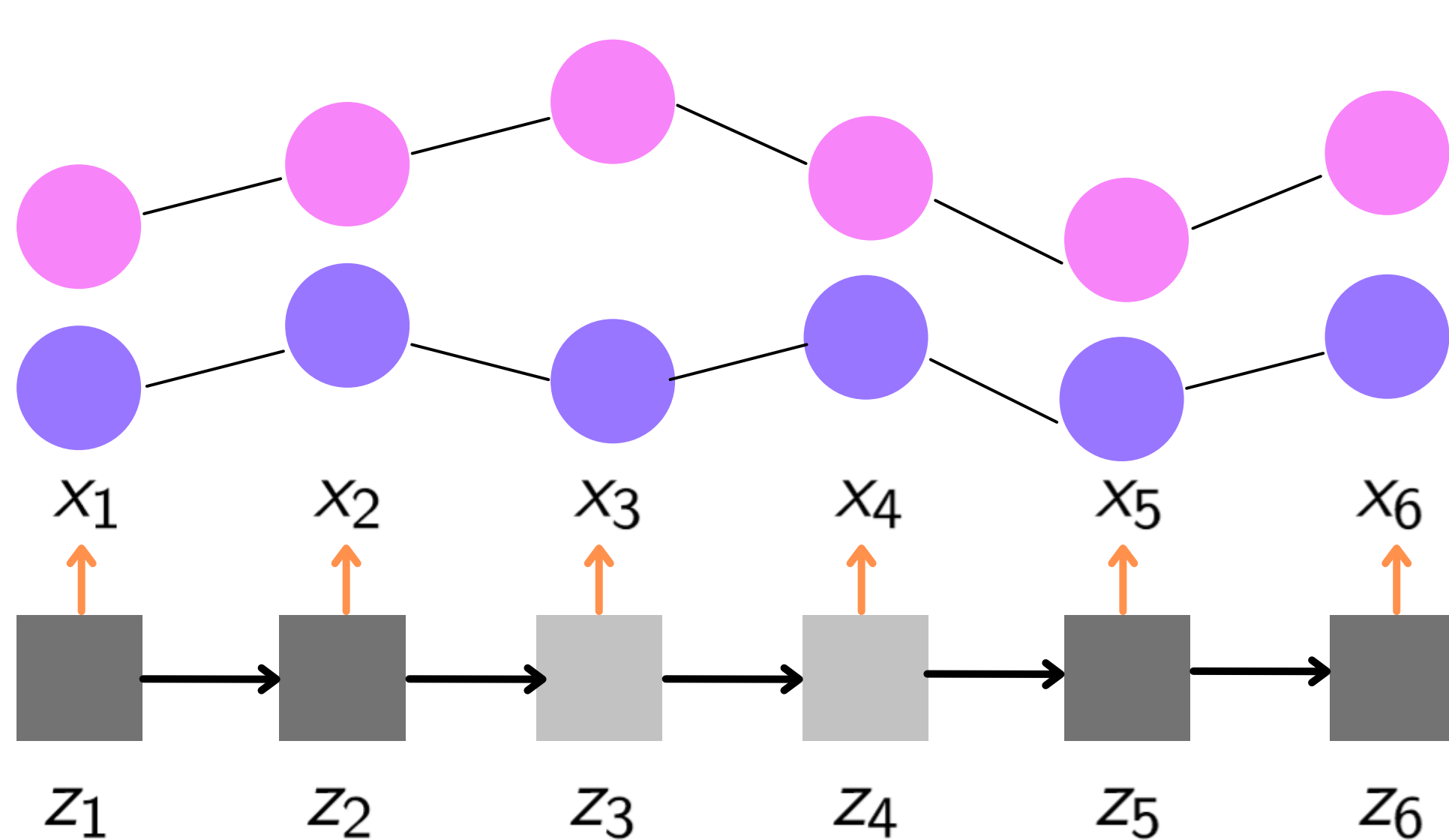
Motivating Example



Sharing **global information** about states **between individuals** may give us insight into population structure

- What states some or all individuals pass through?
- Are there sub-populations within characteristic state visitation behaviours?
- Is there heterogeneity within a given state across individuals?

Timeseries is modelled as HMM



→ Transition probability $p(z_{t+1}|z_t)$
↑ Emission probabilities $p(x_t|z_t)$

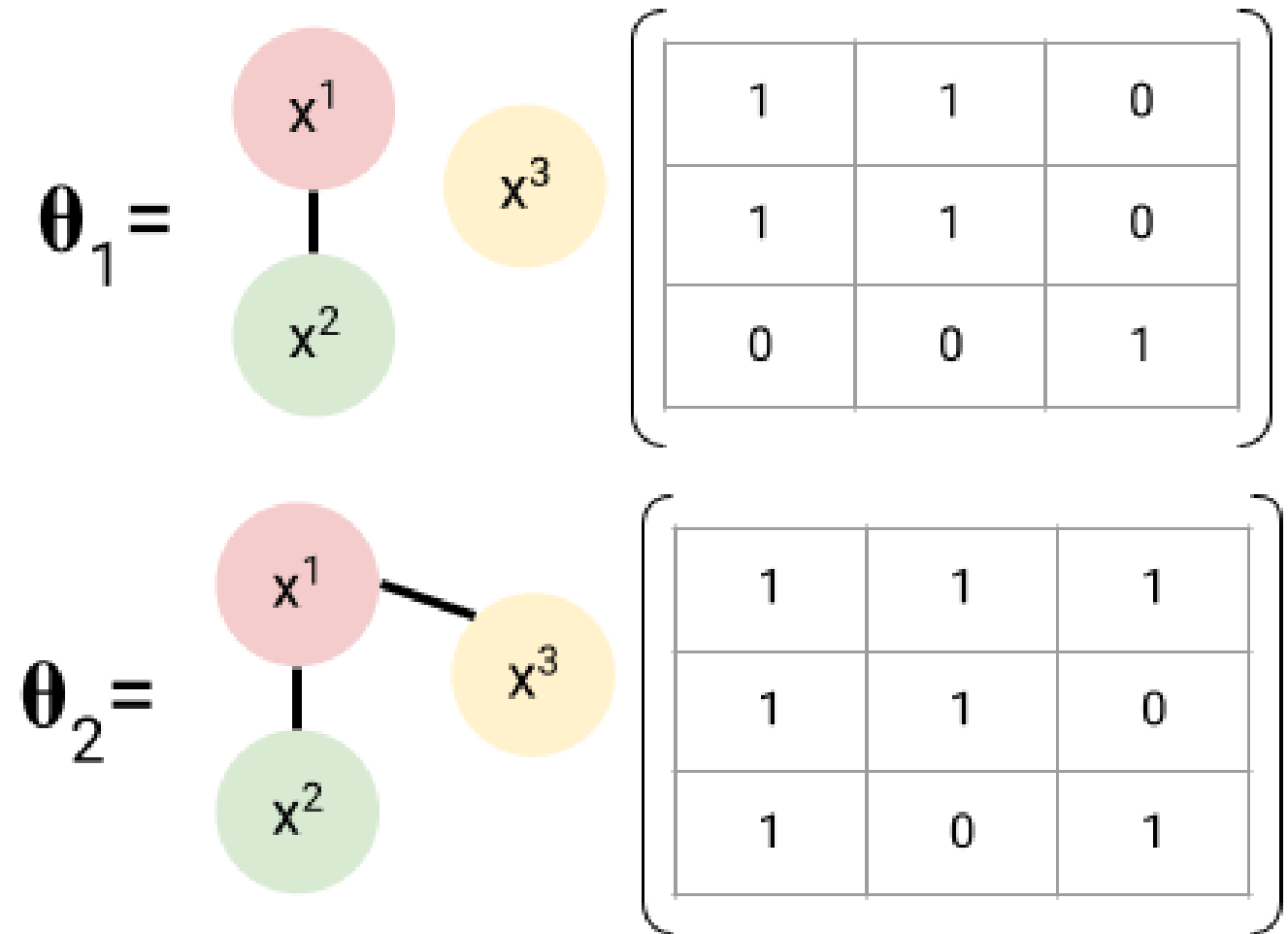
$$x_1, x_2, x_5, x_6 \sim N(\blacksquare)$$

$$x_3, x_4 \sim N(\square)$$

Features are modeled as multivariate normal, parameterized according to the state assignment

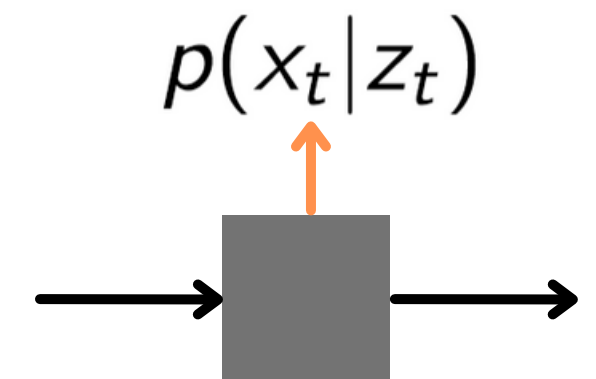
State Definitions

- Each state is defined by conditional dependencies between features
- Edge in graph corresponds to >0 covariance
- Physiological grounding - each patient may have their own baseline feature value



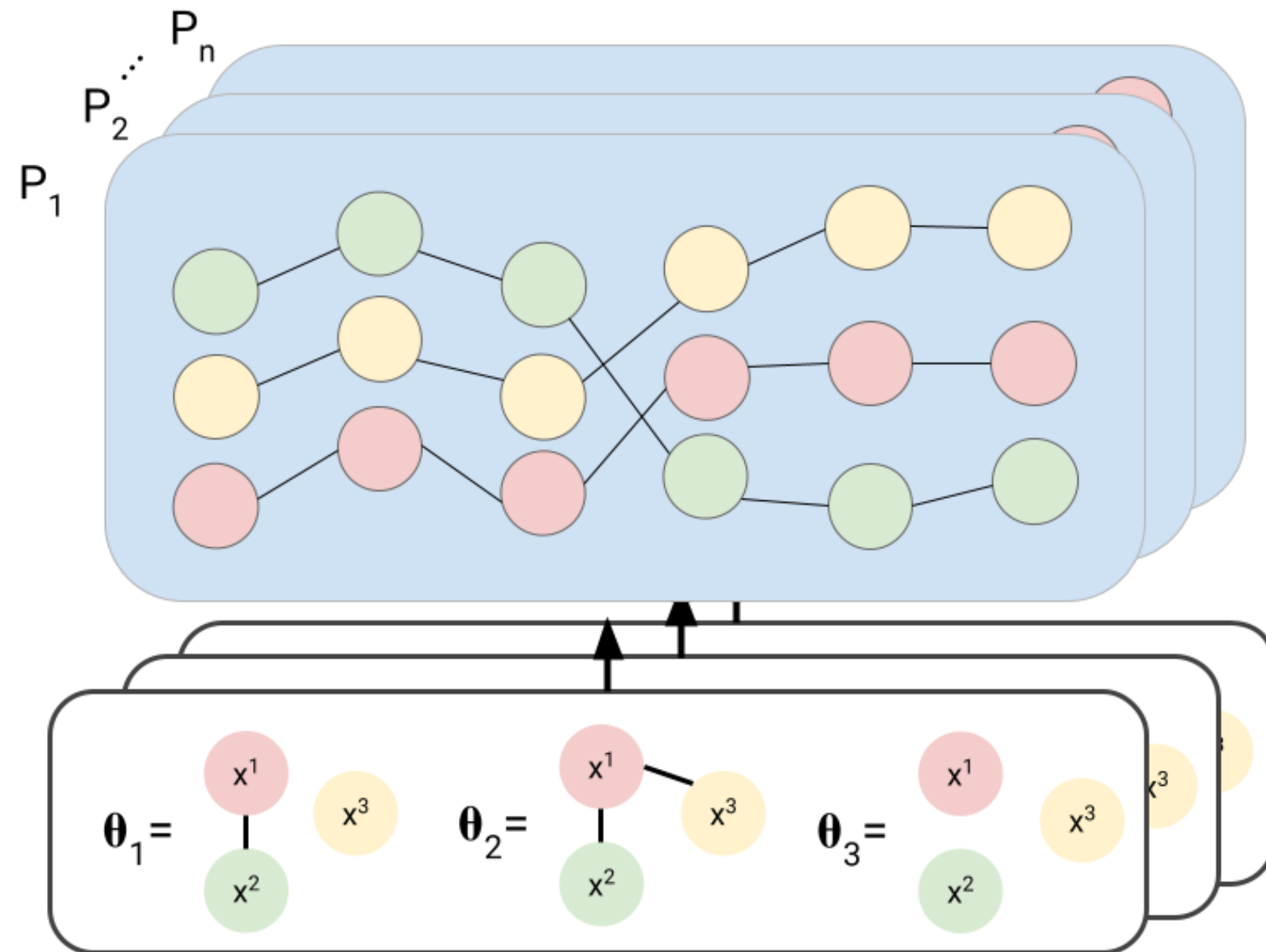
$$x_1, x_2, x_5, x_6 \sim N(\mu_p, \theta_1^{-1})$$

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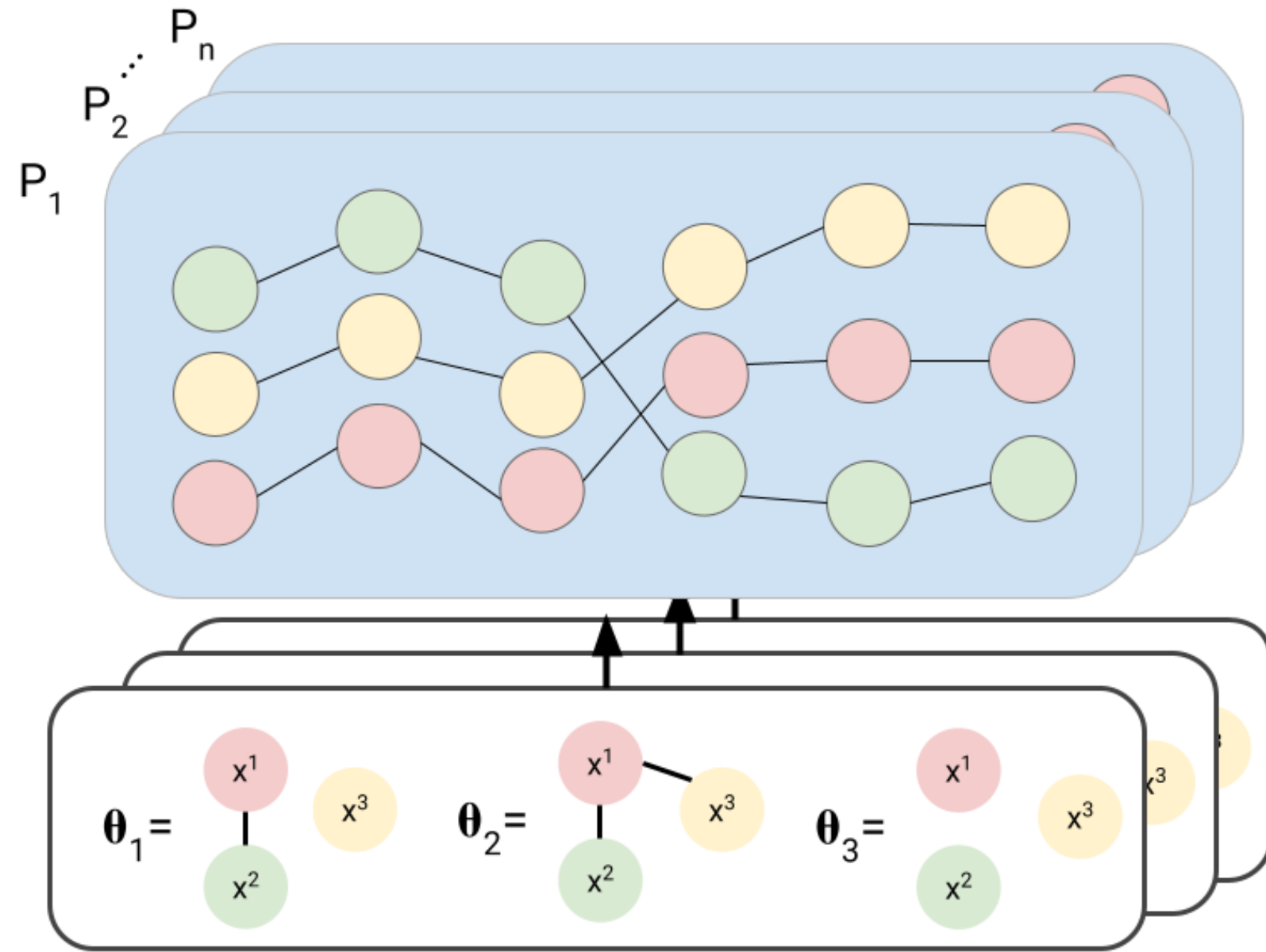
Model

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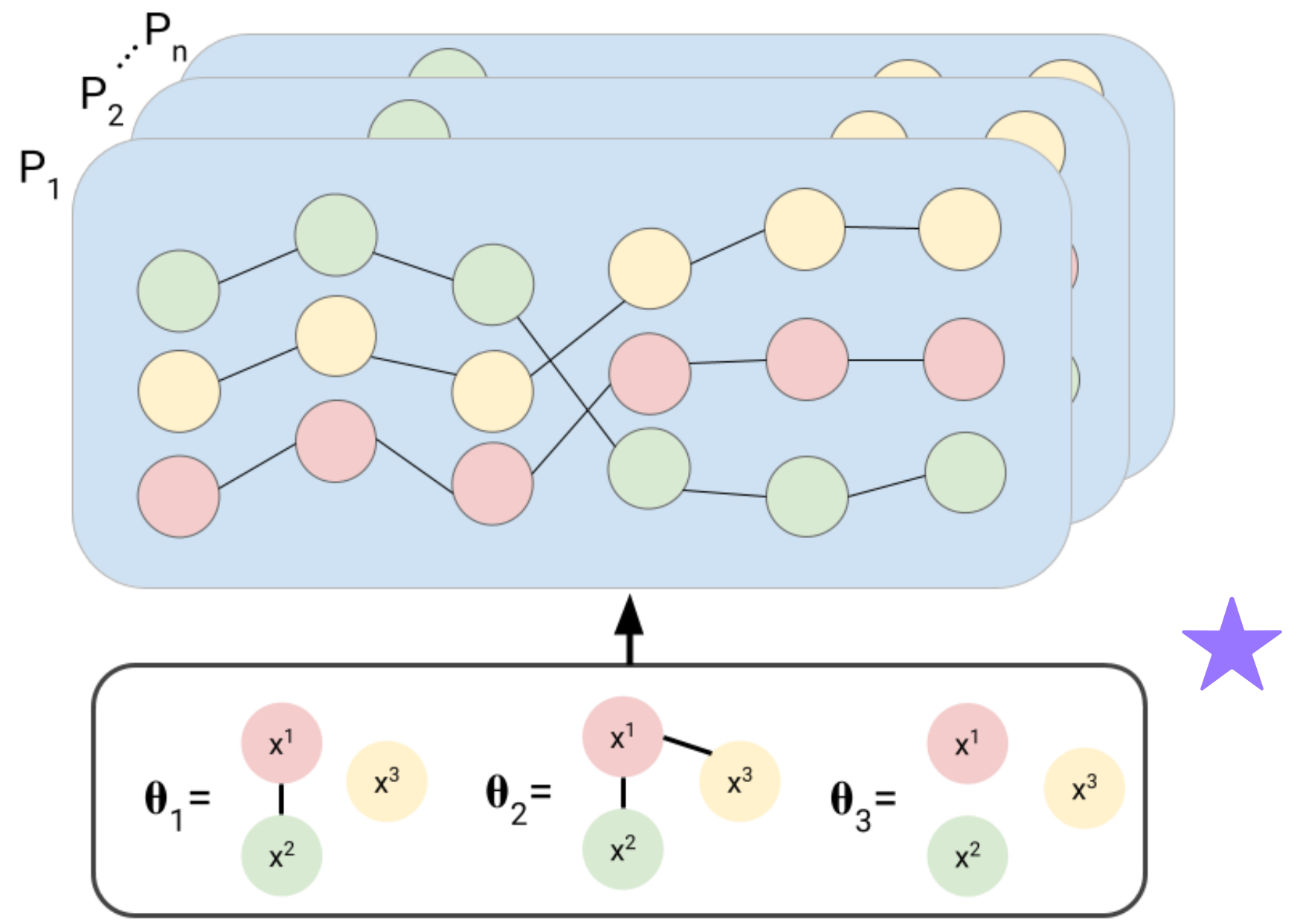


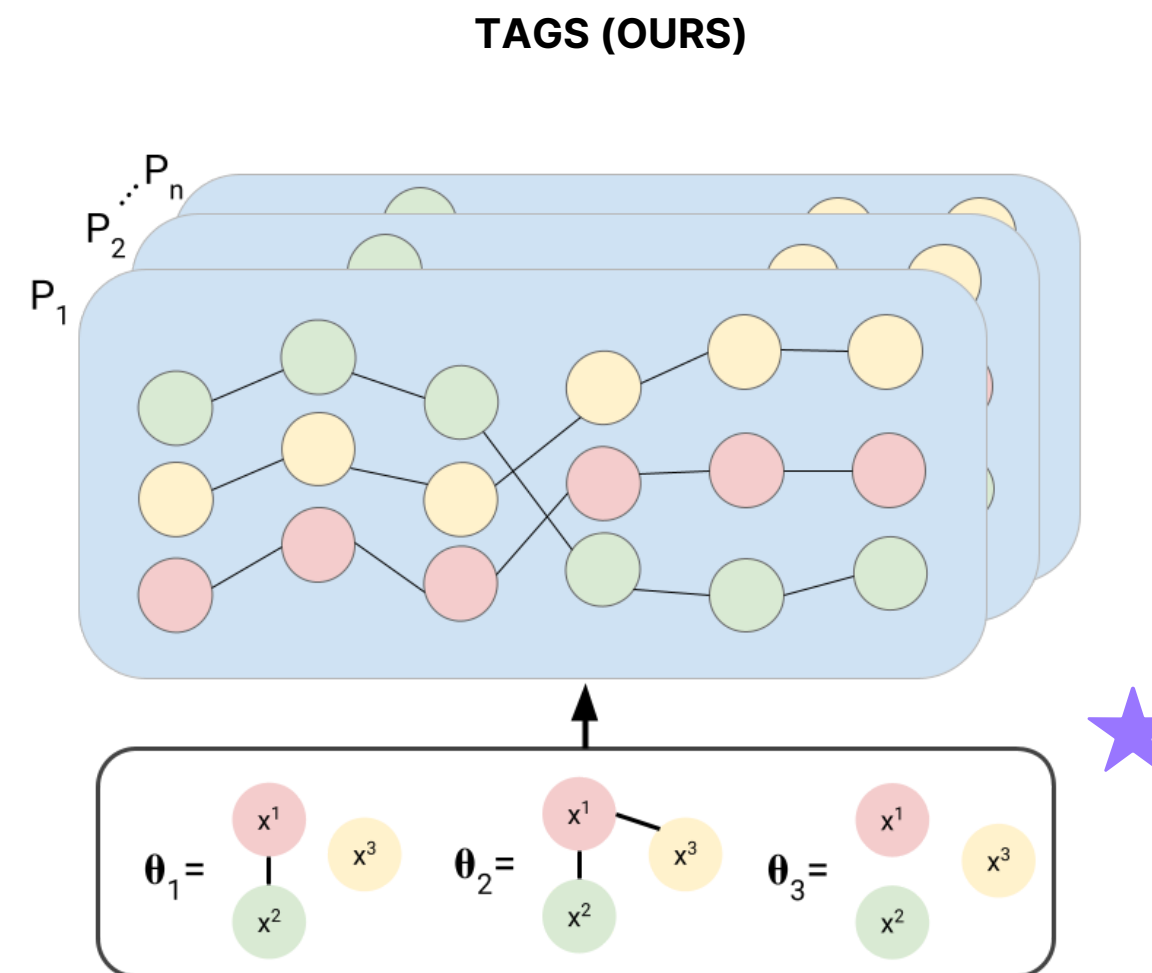
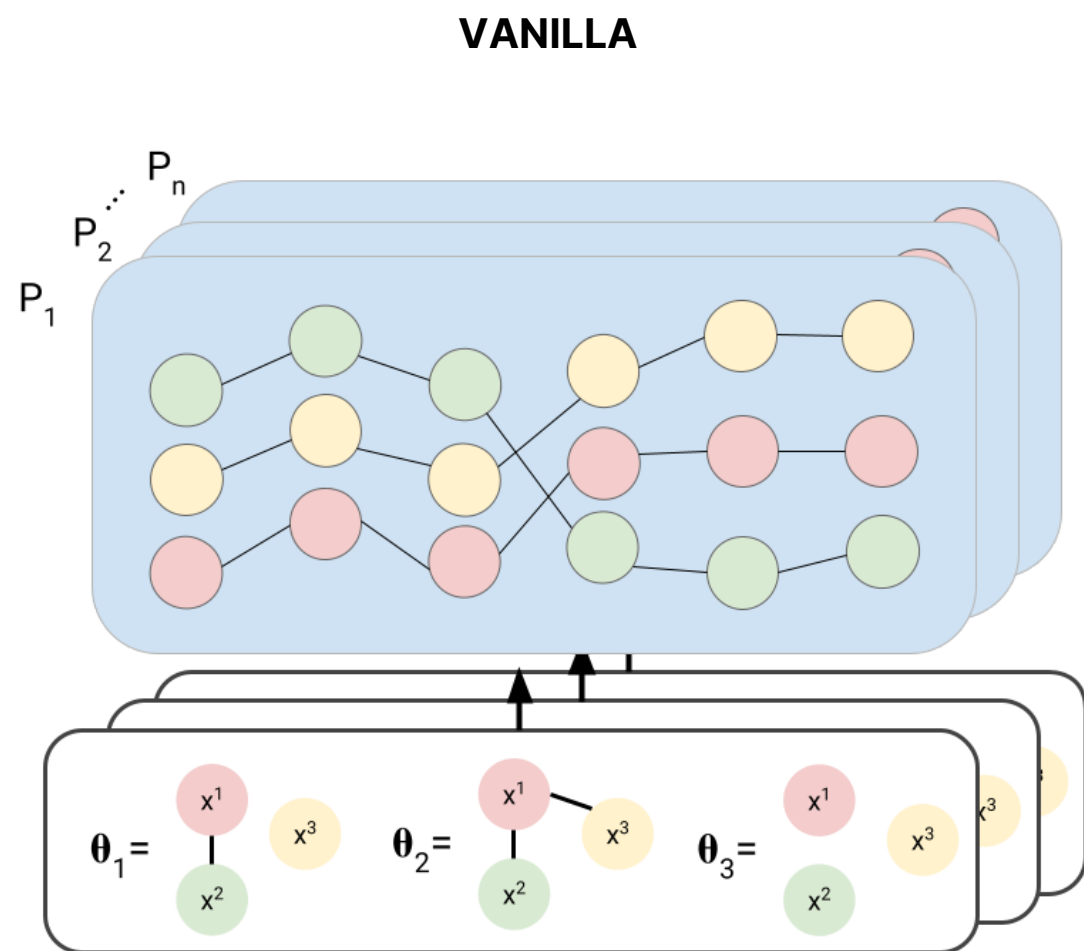
Model

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TAGS (OURS)





Vanilla

Fits one single time series

E-step Update state assignments for all timepoints
M-step Update individual $\mu_p, \pi_p, A_p, \theta_p$

TAGS

Fits several time series with state information shared between patients

E-step Update state assignments for all timepoints
M-step Update individual μ_p, π_p, A_p and global θ

EM for HMMs

Goal: Learn parameters

Shared parameters

$\theta, \mu_p, \pi_p, A_p, z_{pn}$

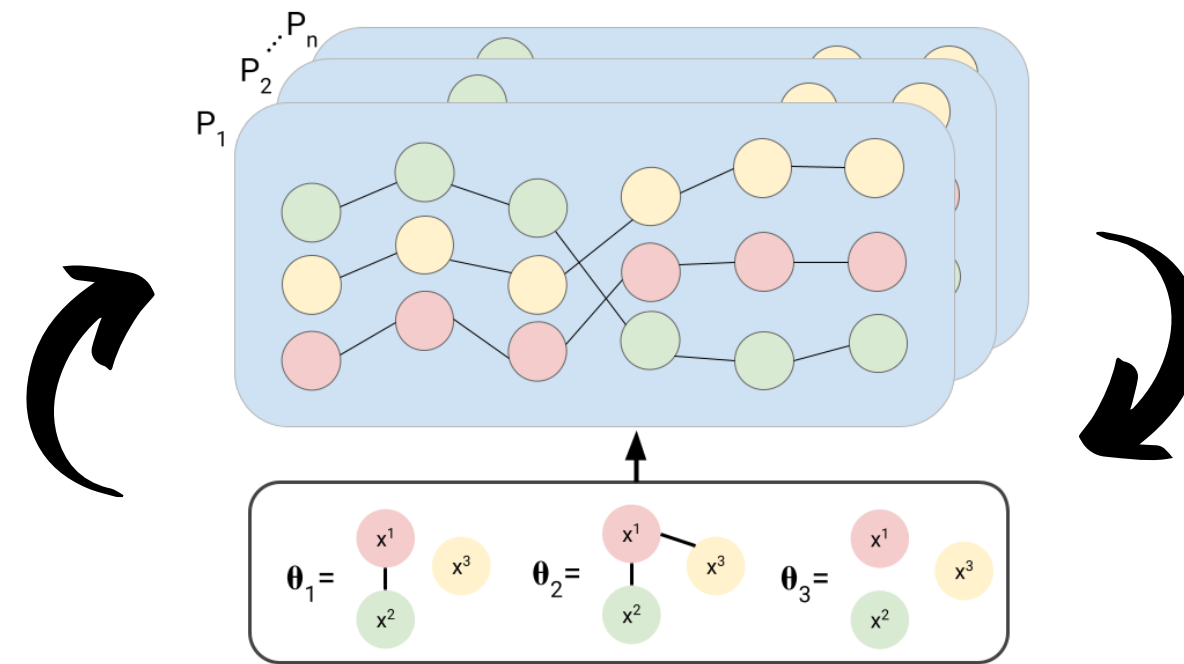
Individual parameters

state definitions
baseline mean
initial state probability
state transition matrix
state assignment of
timepoint n (one-hot)

Model posterior:

$$\prod_{p=1}^P \left(p(z_{p,1} | \pi_p) \prod_{n=2}^{N_p} [p(z_{pn} | z_{p,n-1}, A_p)] \prod_{n=1}^{N_p} \prod_{k=1}^K \mathcal{N}(x_{pn} | \mu_{pk}, \theta_k^{-1})^{z_{pnk}} \right)$$

EM for HMMs



E-step: Assign each timepoint to a state (via maximum likelihood)

M-step: Update how each state is defined (based on all the timepoints assigned to them)

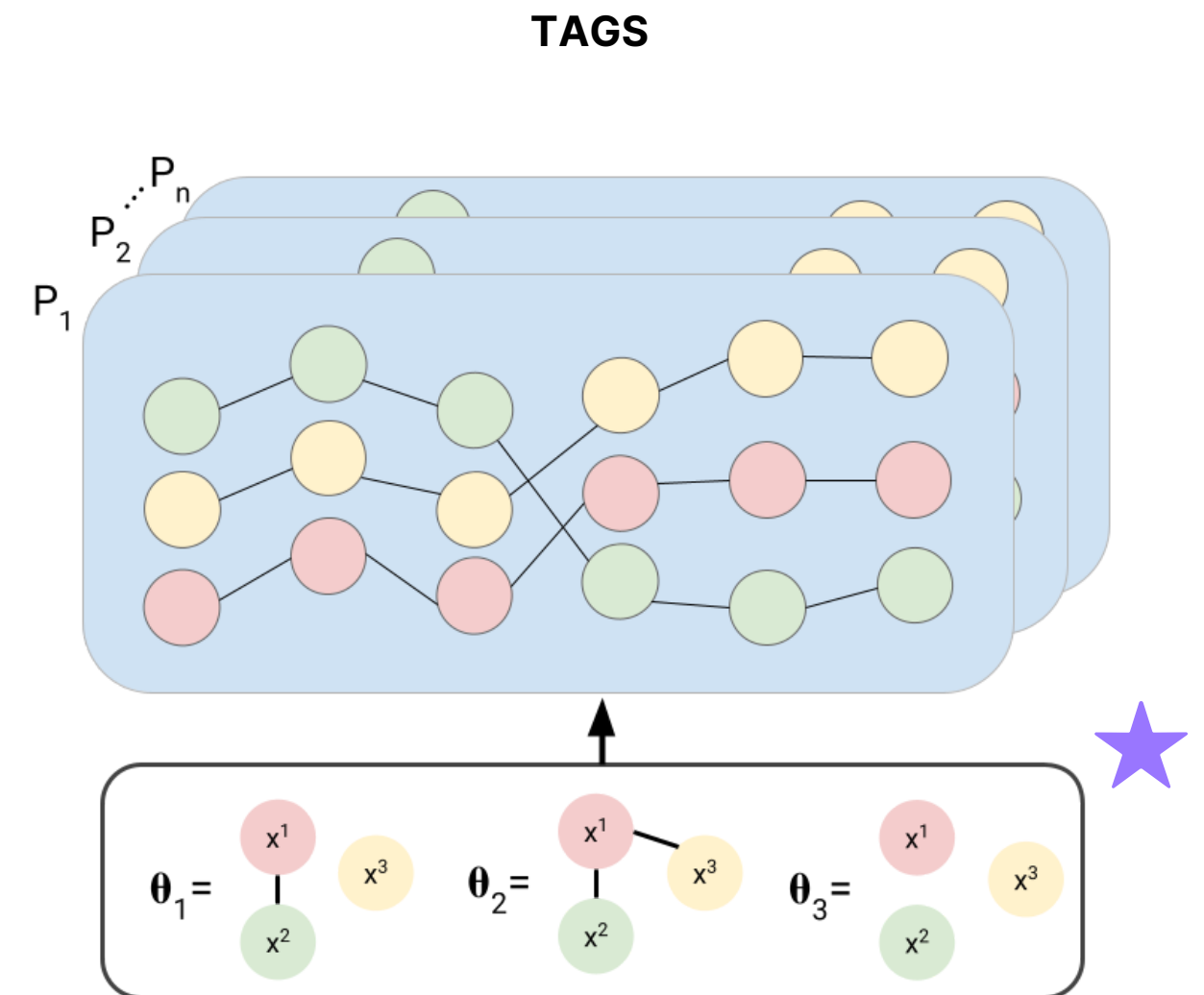
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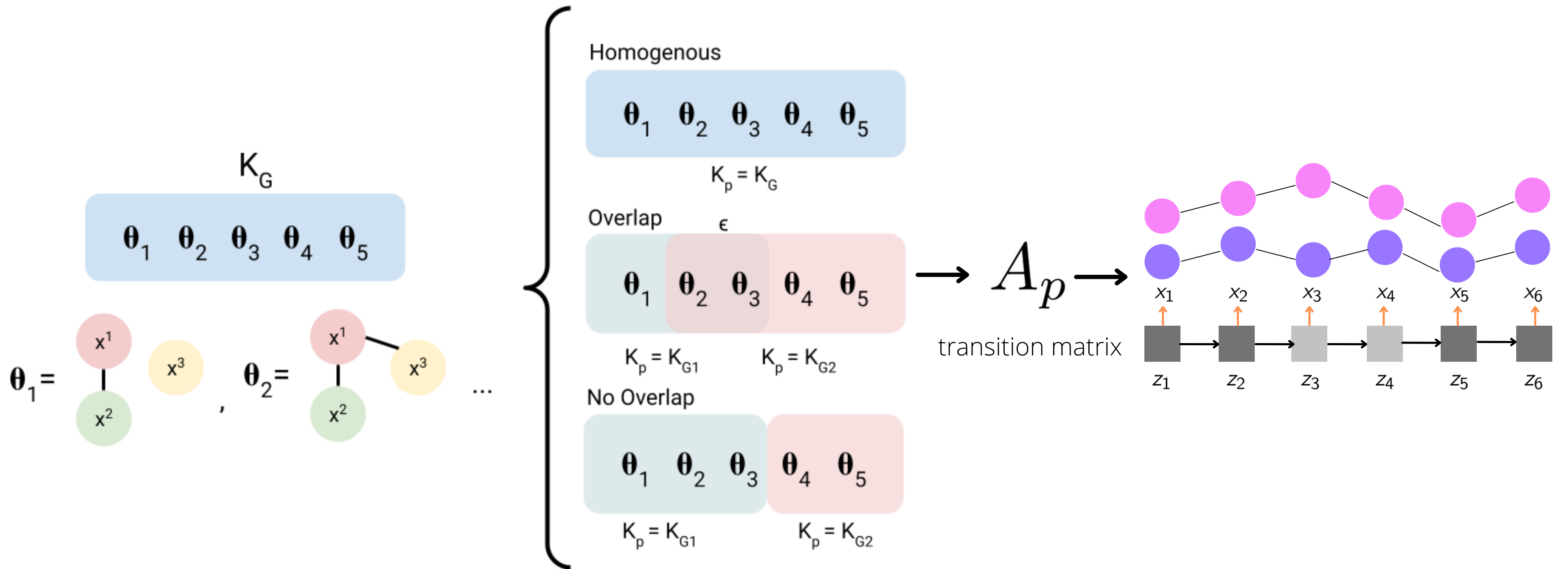
States are clustered during training

Our Contributions

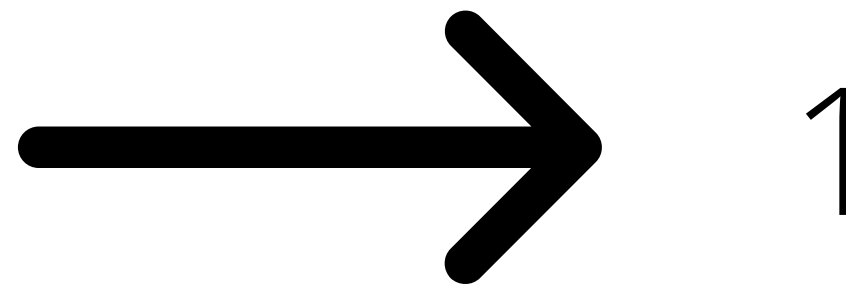
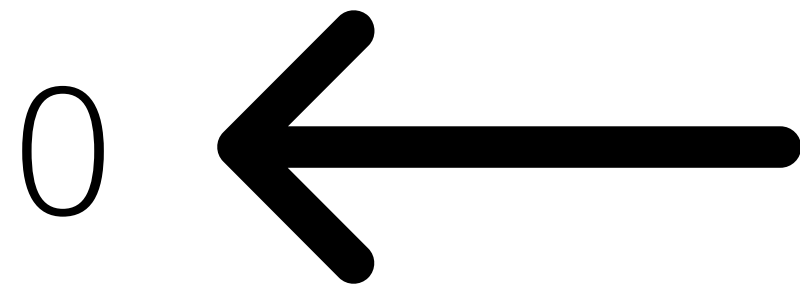
- ★ Shared set of global states for all time-series that is jointly optimized
- ★ States are interpretable with respect to underlying biological processes
- ★ State visitation can be comparable across patients



Dataset generation

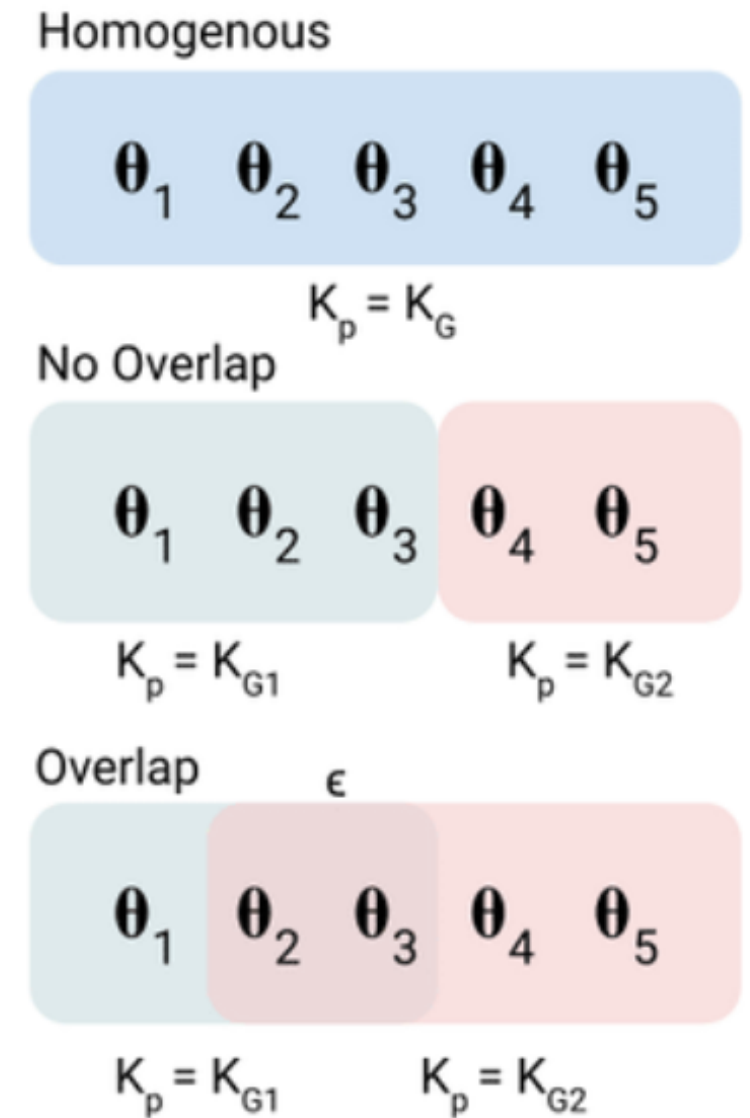


Overlap parameter epsilon



No overlap
Distinct sub-populations

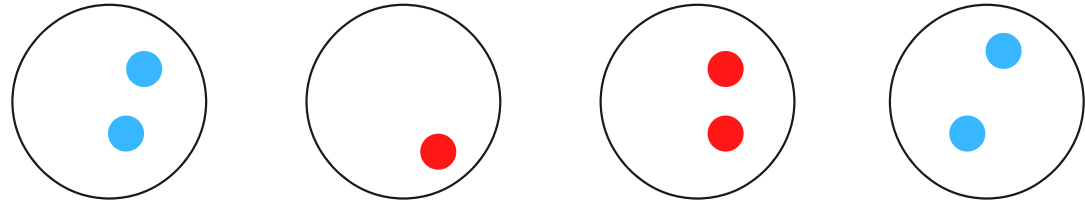
Homogenous
No sub-population structure



We tested our model's performance by simulating a variety of population structure settings: epsilon = [0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1]

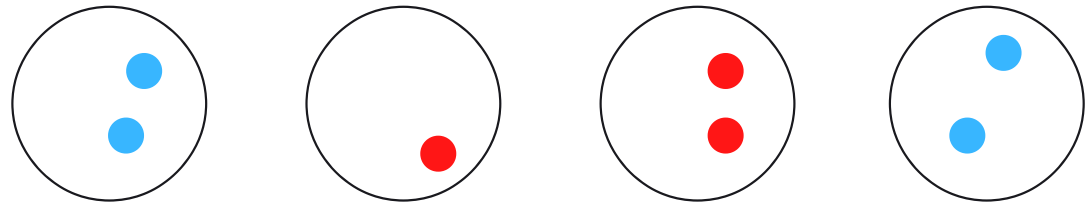
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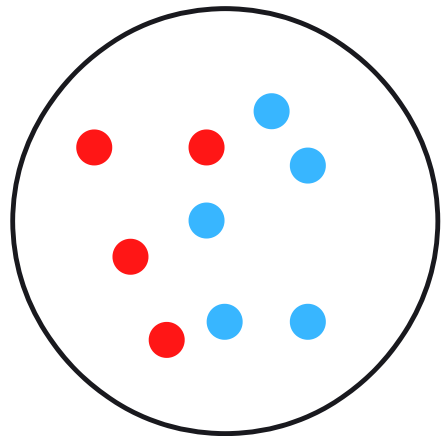


High Homogeneity, Low Completeness

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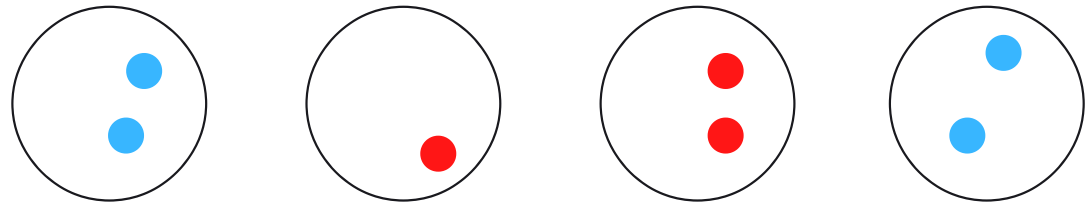


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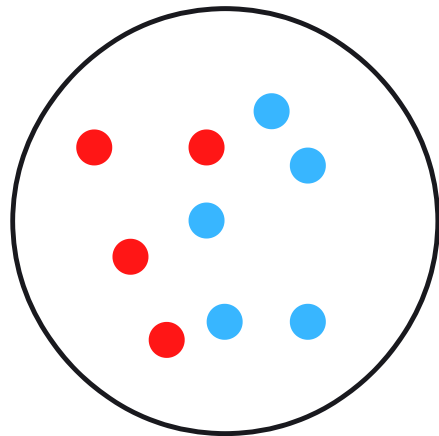


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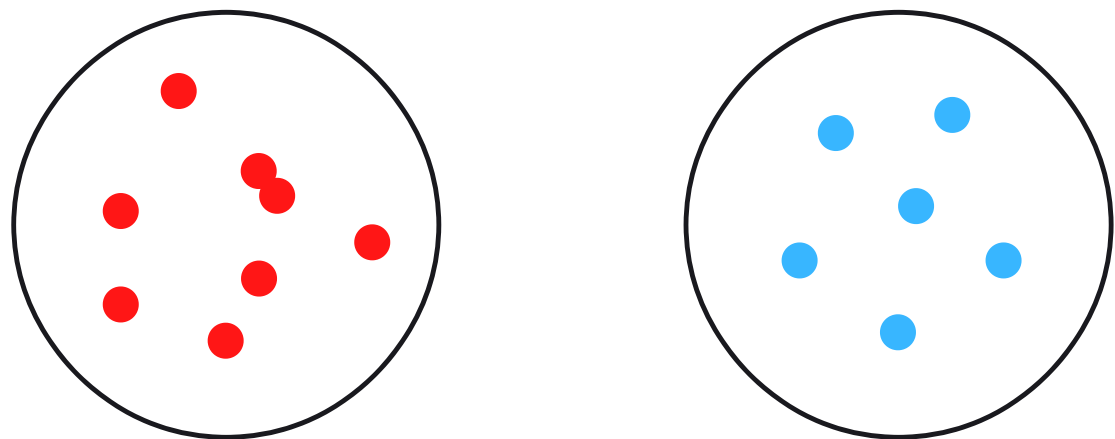
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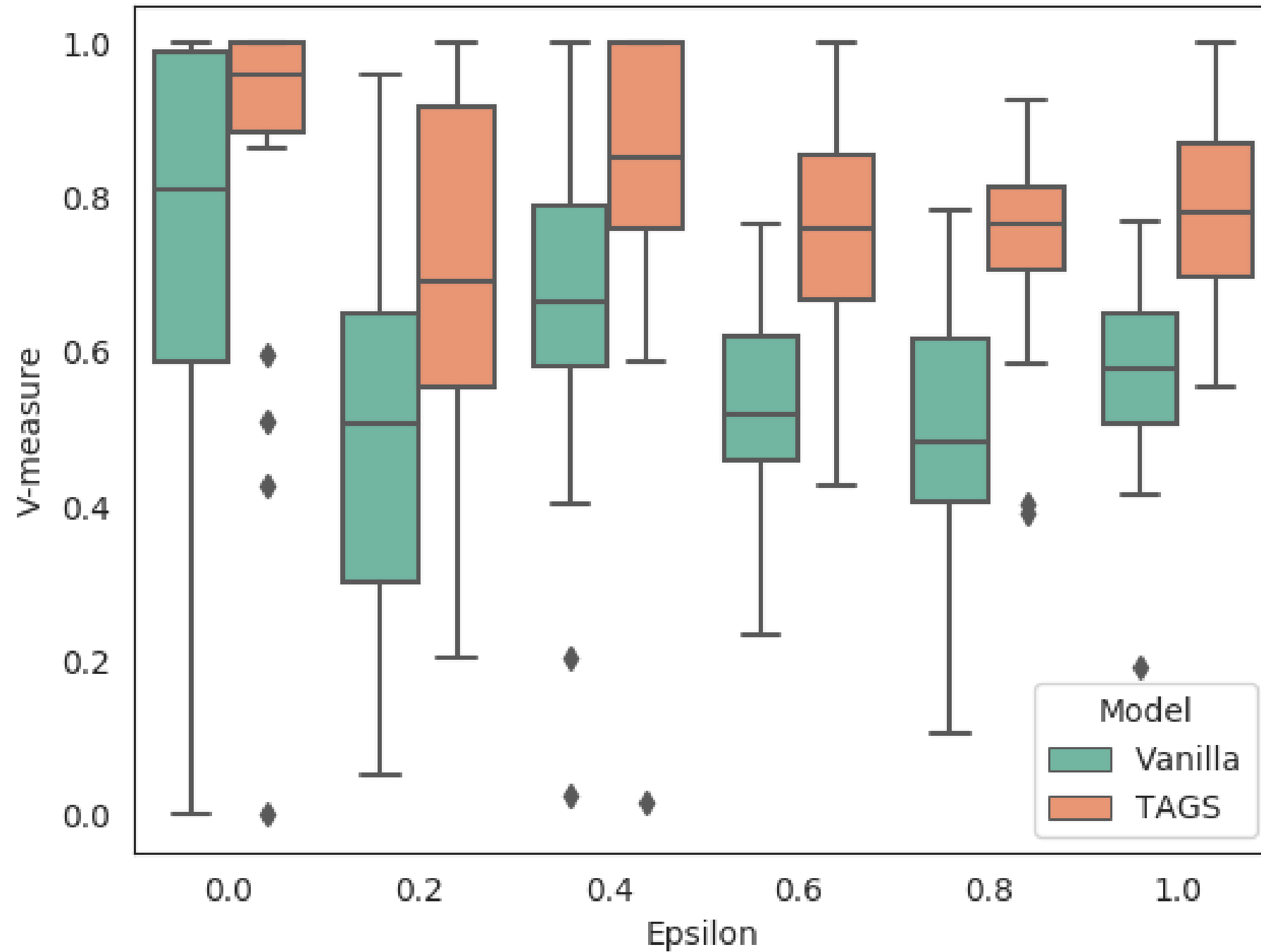


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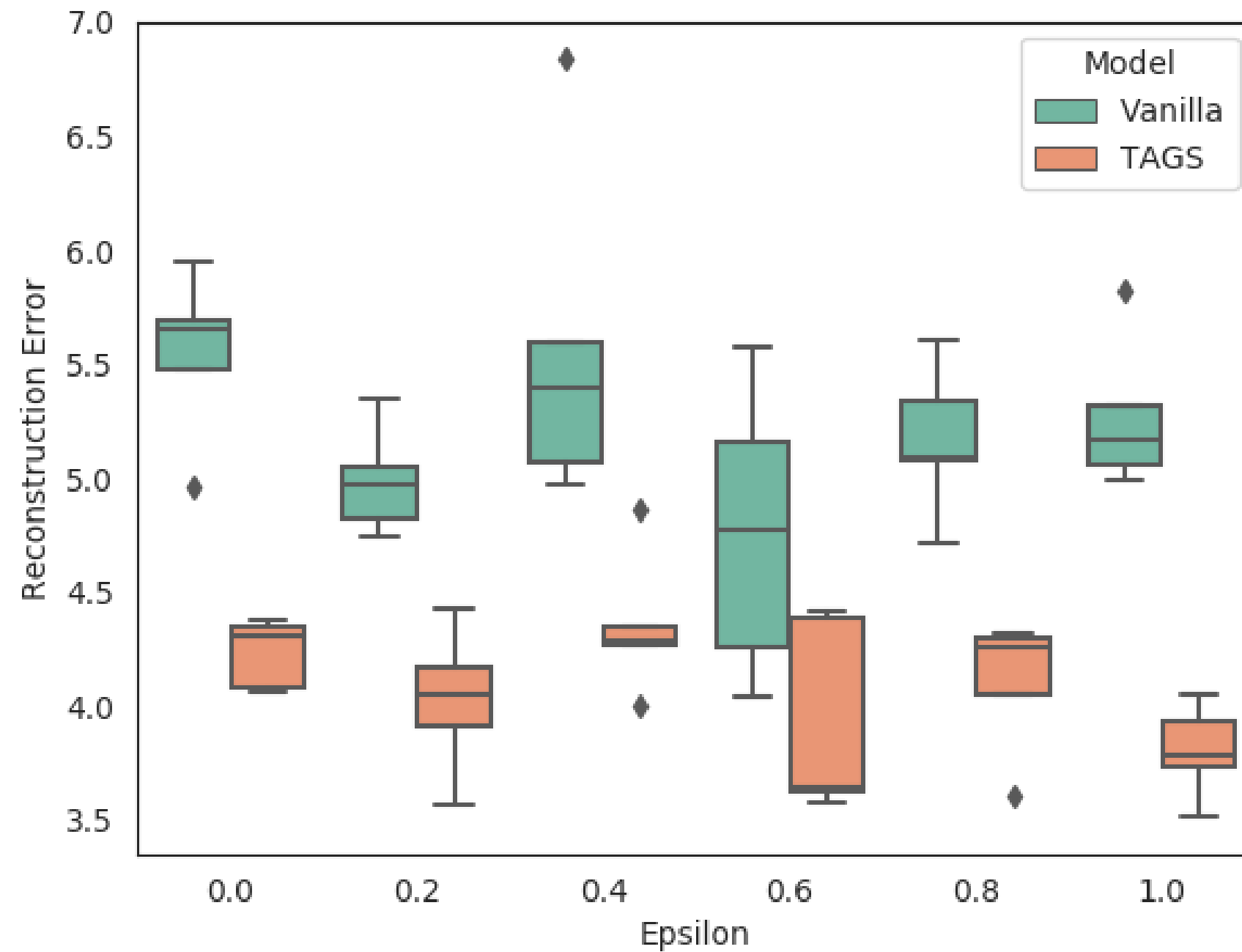
V-Measure: harmonic mean between completeness and homogeneity

State Clustering Performance



*Higher is better
1 = perfect clustering

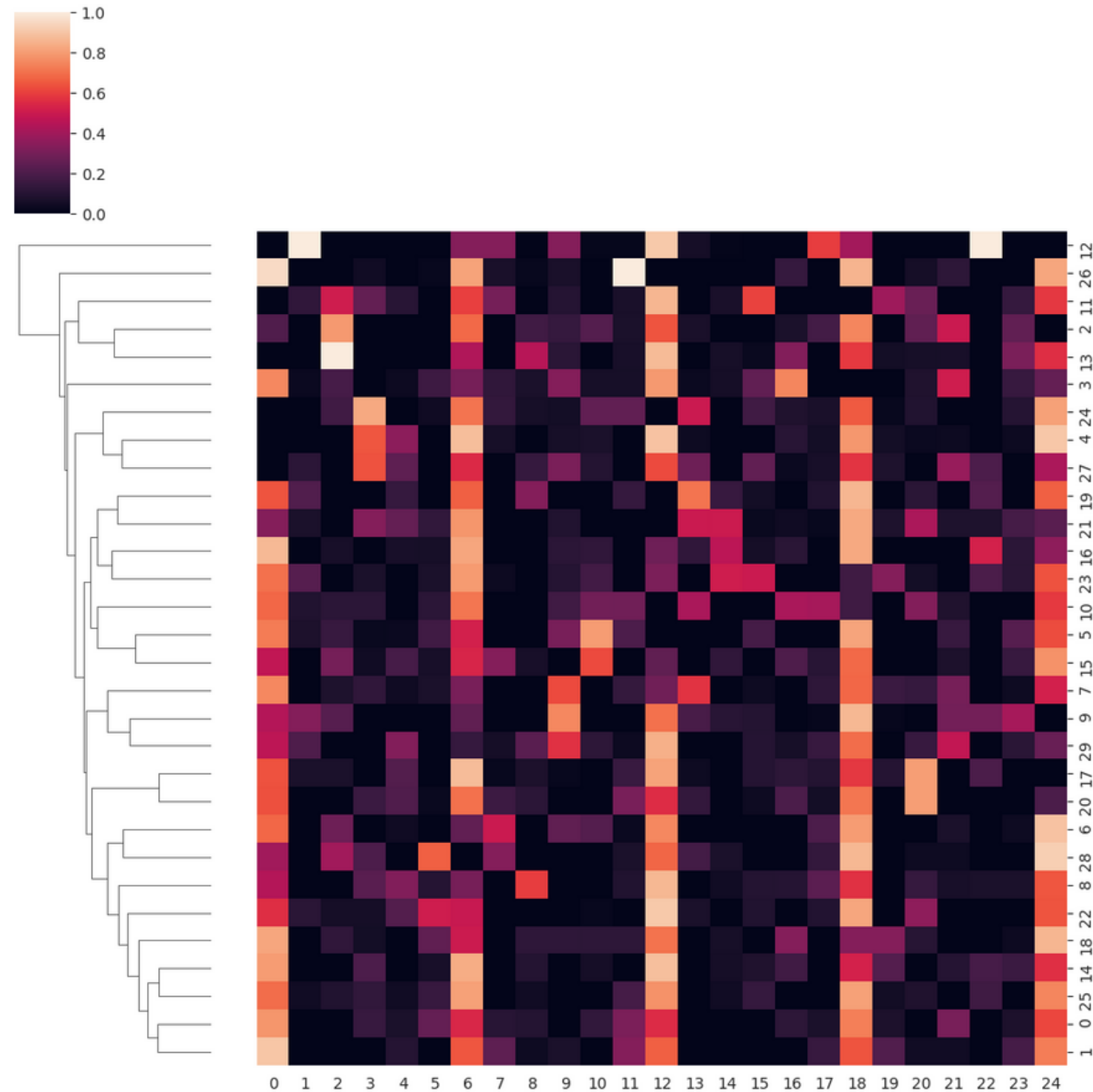
State Reconstruction



Reconstruction Error: Euclidean distance between predicted graph and true graph

*Lower is better

Transition Probability clustering




Our model makes it possible to compare state visitation across individuals (not possible without global state information)

Key Findings

★ TAGS has better clustering performance 

★ Improved state reconstructions 


★ Interpretable! 

★ Faster!

Limitations

- Feature missingness is not handled.
- We still have to specify the number of states locally and globally (hyperparameter).
 - Did not test robustness against a misspecified number of states.
 - Not flexible to unseen states (fixed K limits predictive power).
- Assumes that sharing state information across patients is useful. This may not be true in all settings.
 - The performance gain is probably higher in a large-population regime.

Next Steps

- Finish running on real-world data 
 - State detection from wearables - human activity recognition
- Recreating the global subgroups given the state assignments
- More complex graph clustering techniques
- Hierarchical state definitions (baseline global + individual variation)

Do you have any questions?

Modified Baum-Welch (Variant of EM algorithm for HMMs)

Goal: Learn parameters θ μ_p, π_p, A_p

Posterior:
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$$\gamma(\mathbf{z}_n) = p(\mathbf{z}_n | \mathbf{X}, \theta_{\text{old}})$$
$$\xi(\mathbf{z}_{n-1}, \mathbf{z}_n) = p(\mathbf{z}_{n-1}, \mathbf{z}_n | \mathbf{X}, \theta_{\text{old}})$$

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$$\mu_k = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{n,k}) \mathbf{x}_n}{\sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{n,k})}$$

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$$\Theta_k = \underset{\Theta > 0}{\operatorname{argmin}} \operatorname{tr}(\Theta S_k) - \log \det(\Theta) + \lambda \|\Theta\|_{1,od}$$



$$S_k = \frac{1}{\sum_{p=1}^P \sum_{n=1}^{N_p} z_{pnk}} \sum_{p=1}^P \sum_{n=1}^{N_p} z_{pnk} (x_{pn} - \hat{\mu}_k)(x_{pn} - \hat{\mu}_{pk})^T \quad \hat{\mu}_k = \frac{1}{\sum_{p=1}^P \sum_{n=1}^{N_p} z_{pnk}} \sum_{p=1}^P \sum_{n=1}^{N_p} z_{pnk} x_{pn}$$