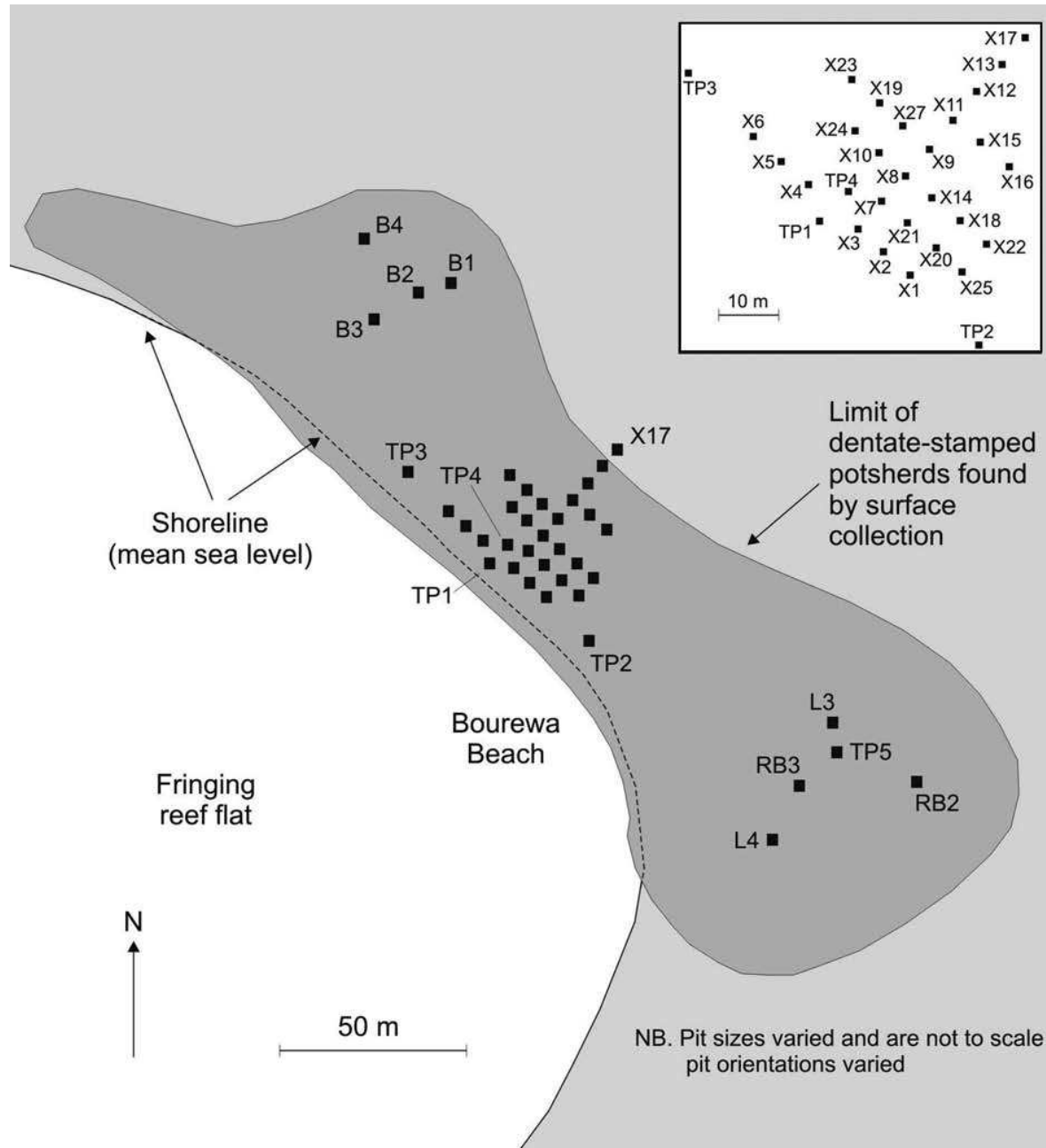
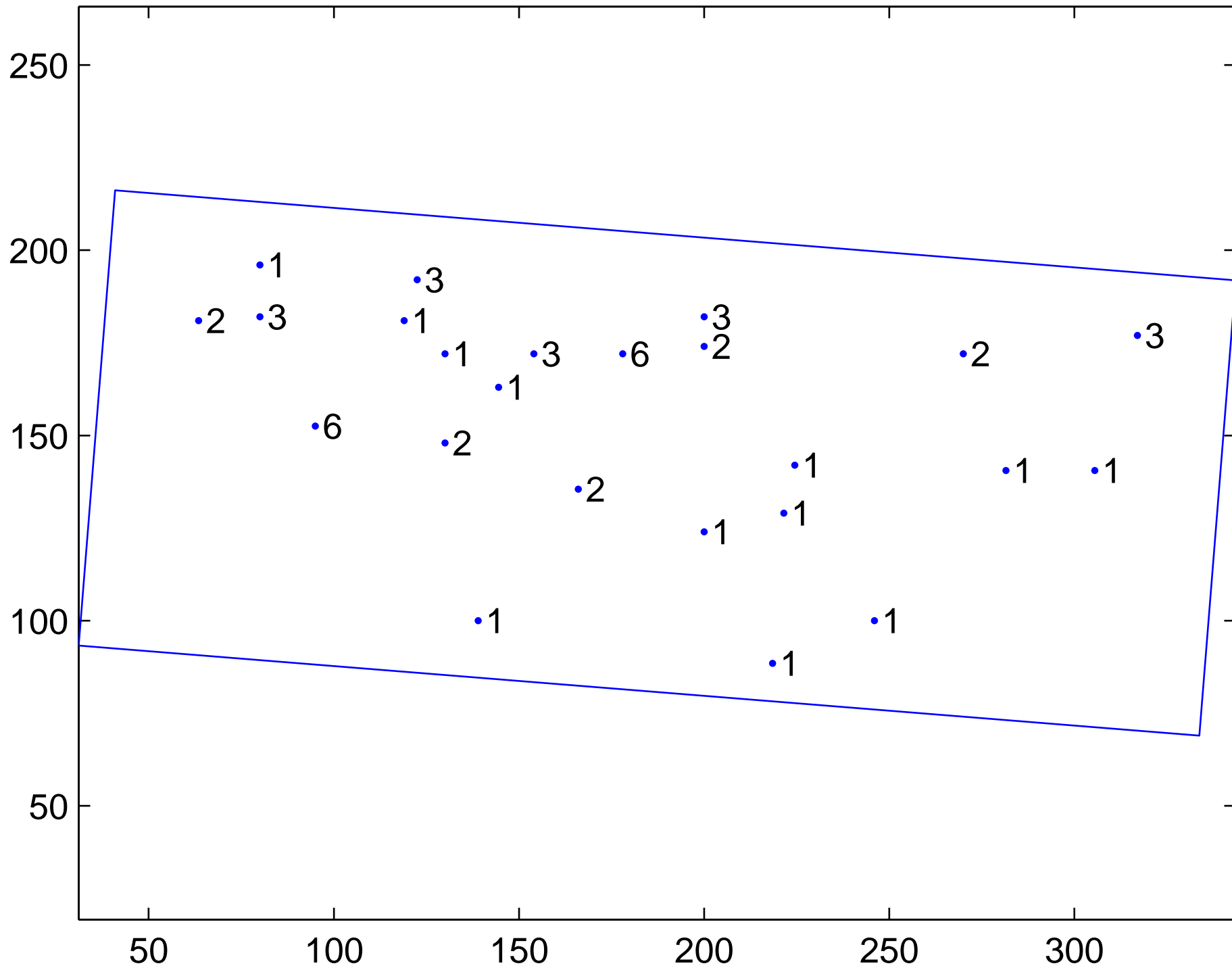


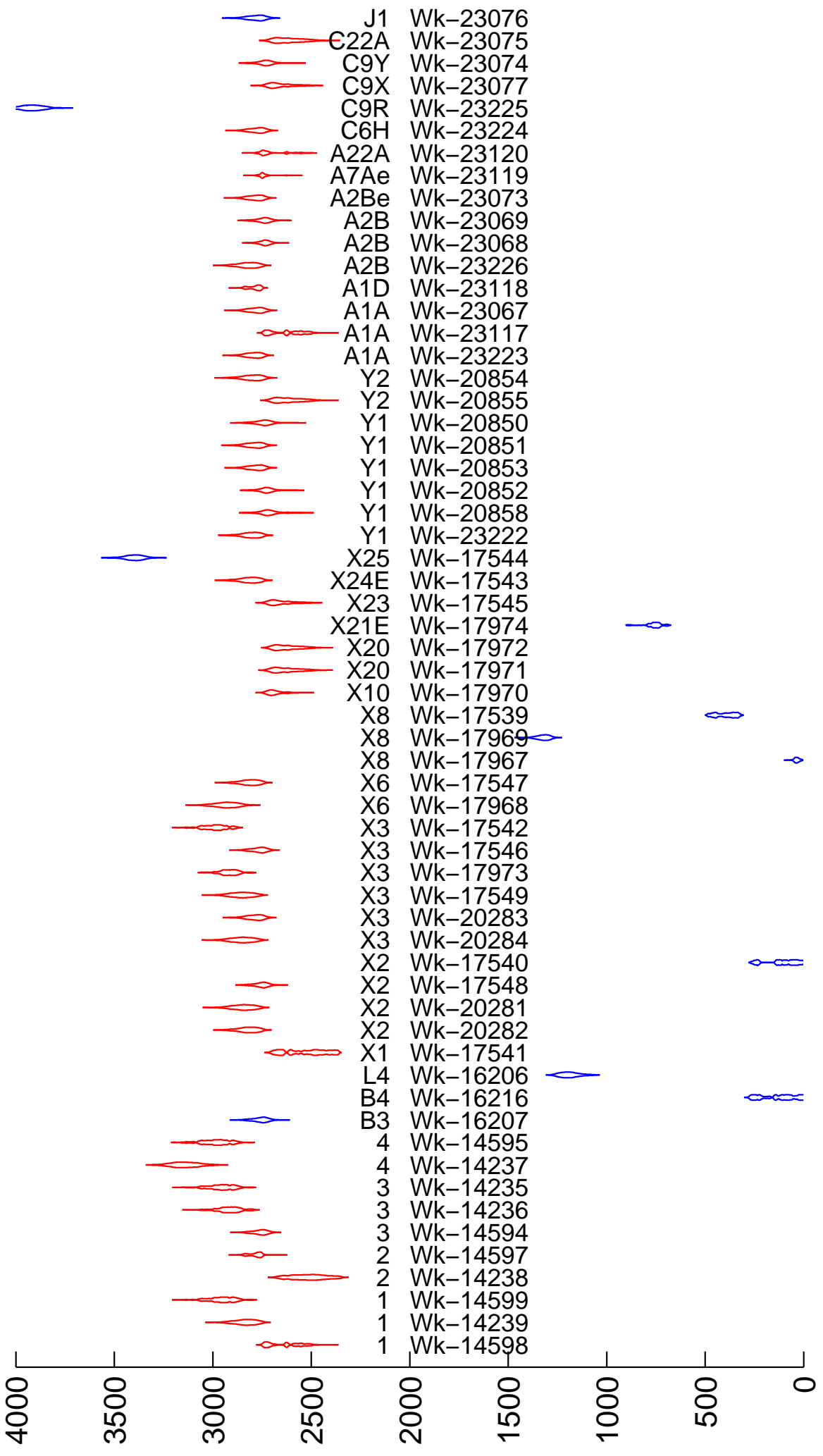
A spatiotemporal change-surface model
for the onset of deposition at Bourewa

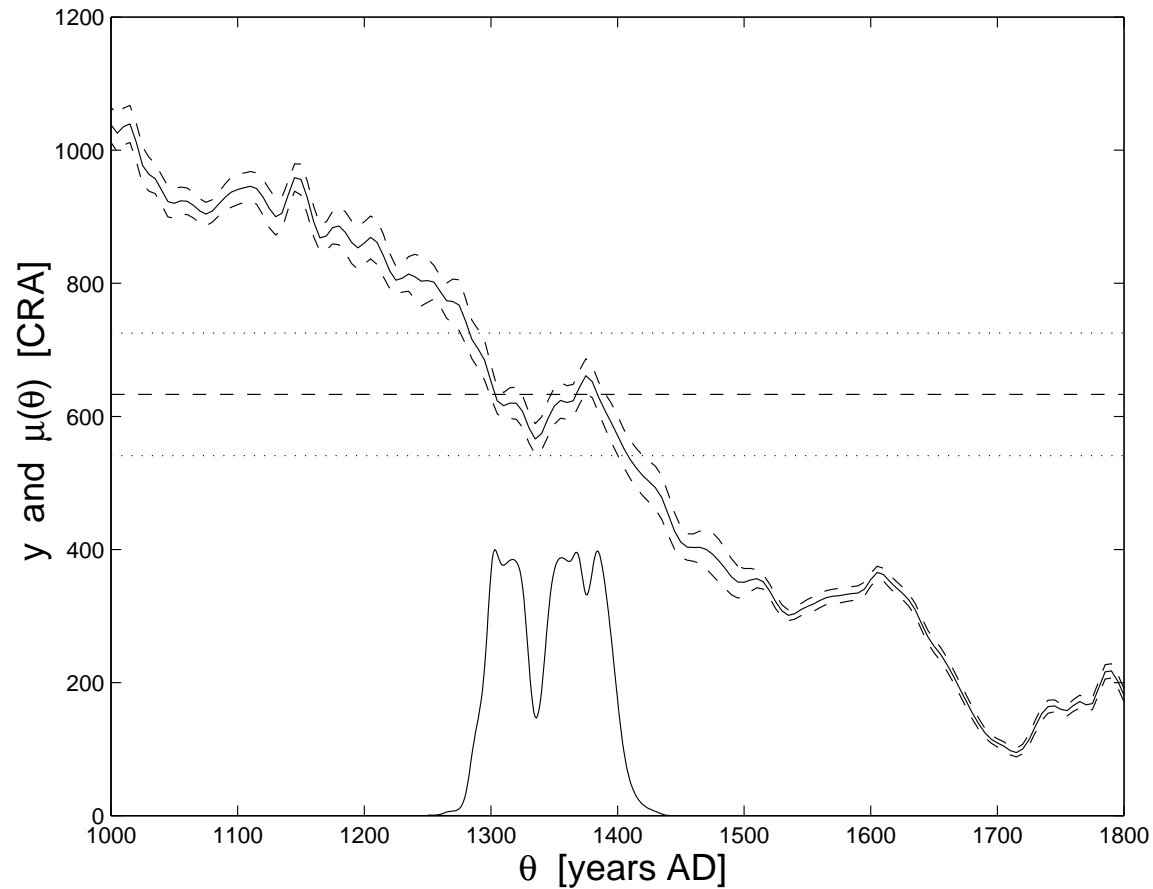
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Likelihood:

θ_i specimen age (cal),

y_i radiocarbon age (uncal),

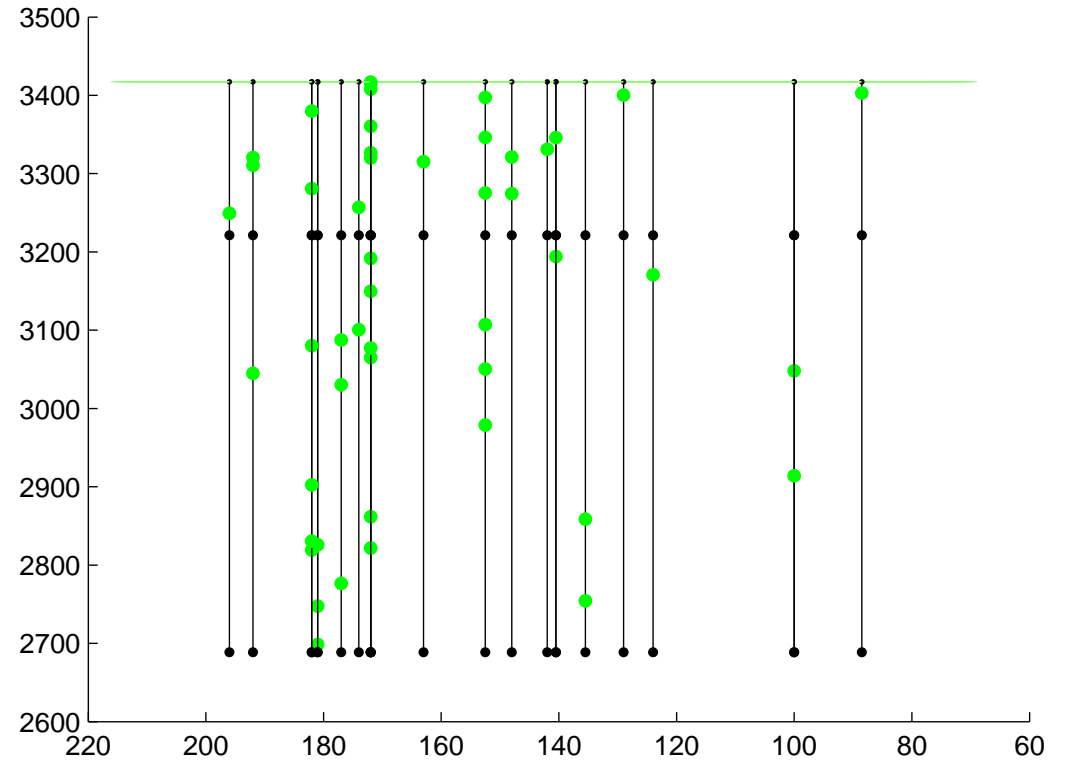
$\mu(\theta)$ and $\sigma(\theta)$ defined by
look-up table.

$$\ell(\theta; y) \propto \prod_{i=1}^K (\sigma_i^2 + \sigma(\theta_i)^2)^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{(\mu(\theta_i) - y_i)^2}{2(\sigma_i^2 + \sigma(\theta_i)^2)}\right)$$

McCormac et al. (2004).

SHCal04 Southern Hemisphere calibration 0 - 11.0 cal kyr bp.

Radiocarbon 46, 1087–1092.



Priors: M Phase boundaries,

$$\lambda(x, t) = \lambda_X(x) \lambda_{m(t)}$$

$\mathbf{m}(i)$ = known phase of the i 'th dated specimen, of K .

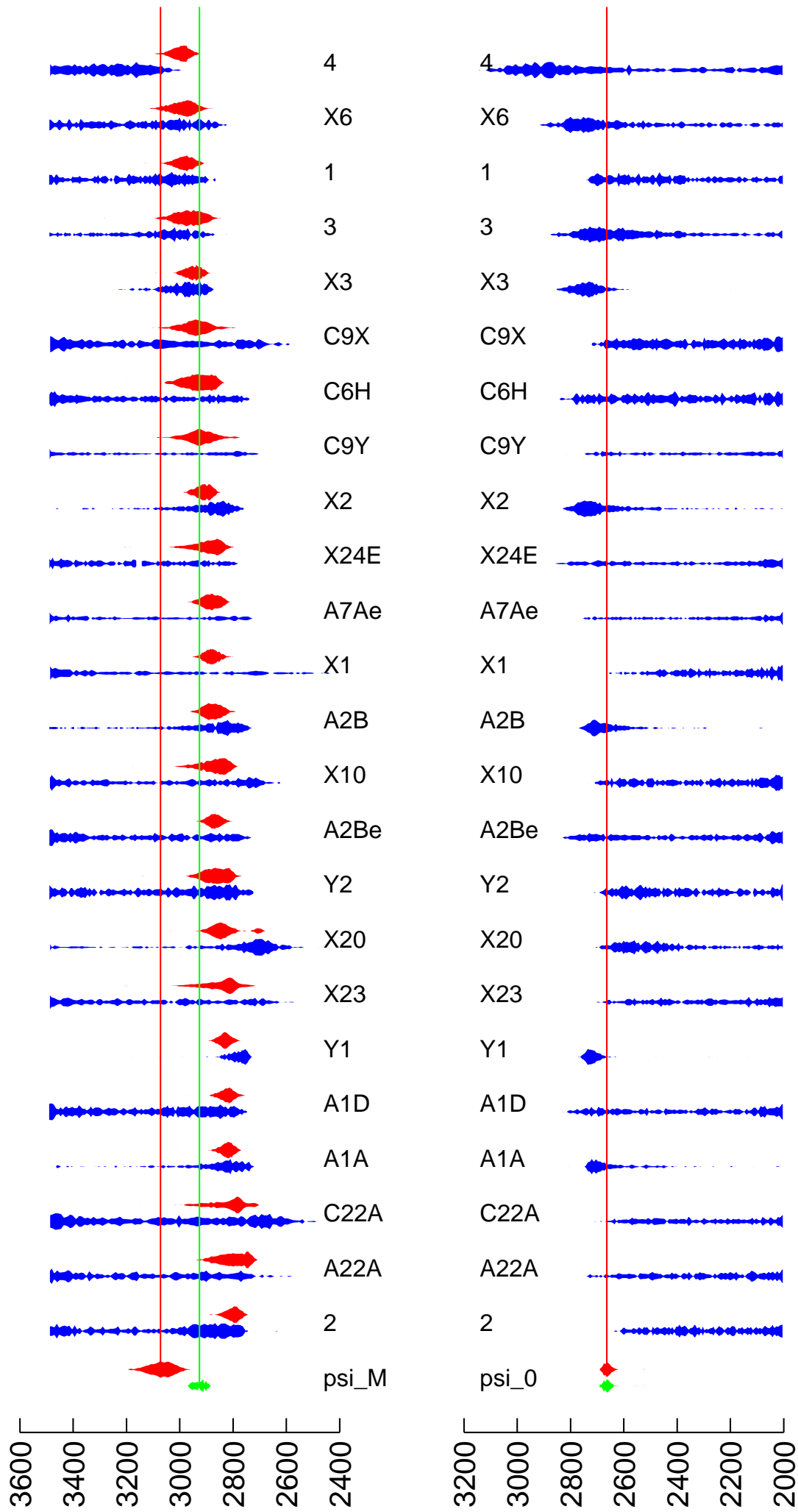
$$p(\psi, \theta | M, \mathbf{m}) = p(\psi | M) p(\theta | \psi, \mathbf{m})$$

$$= p_{0,M}(\psi_0, \psi_M) \frac{1}{(\psi_M - \psi_0)^{M-1}} \prod_{i=1}^K (\psi_{\mathbf{m}(i)-1} - \psi_{\mathbf{m}(i)})^{-1}$$

Posterior:

$$p(\psi, \theta | y, \mathbf{m}, M) = \ell(\theta; y) p(\psi, \theta | M, \mathbf{m}).$$

Shrinkage



Spatial onset-field

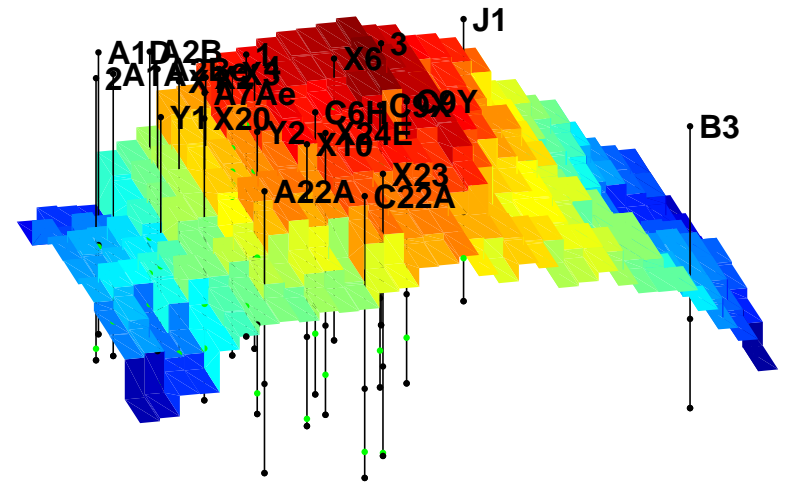
$\lambda(x, t)$ -estimation confounded by uneven post-depositional thinning.

Assume absence of dates is informative of zero deposition rate. A single well studied site - selectively acting erosion and haphazard excavation excluded.

Model and fit the onset-field - estimate for each location across the site the time at which deposition of datable specimen began.

Ammerman, A. and L. Cavalli-Sforza (1971). Measuring the rate of spread of early farming in Europe. *Man* 6, 674–688.

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Isotropy, Homogeneity, Waves, and Speed

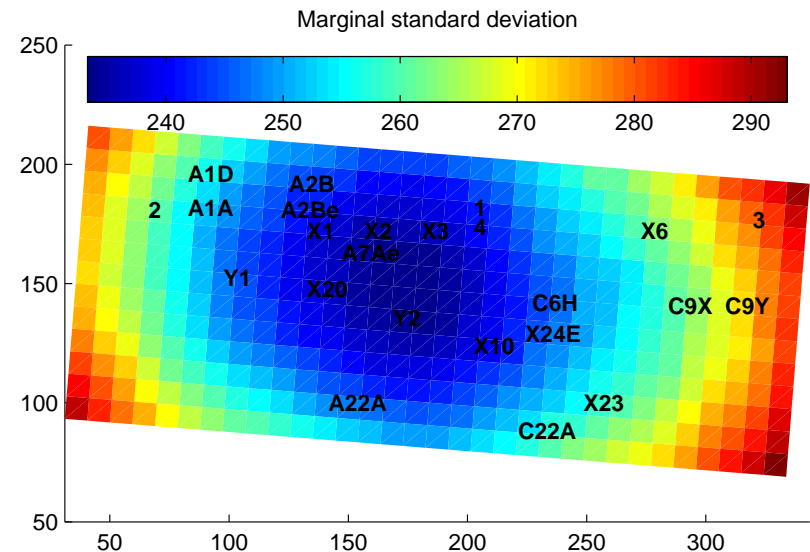
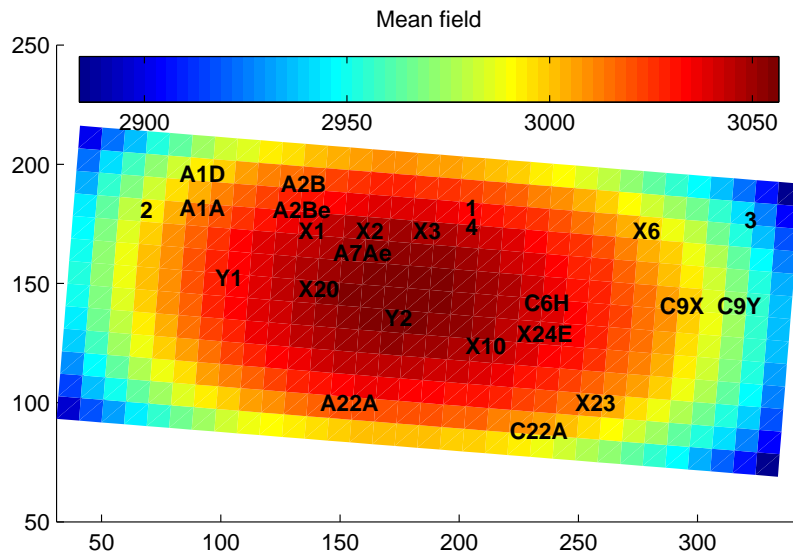
$\int_{(-\infty, \psi_M]^c} p(\phi | \alpha, \beta, \psi) d\phi = 1$ so

$$E(\psi_M - \phi_c) = E\left(\frac{1}{\alpha_c + \sum_{c' \in \mathcal{N}(c)} \beta_{c,c'} \mathbb{I}_{\phi_{c'} > \phi_c}}\right).$$

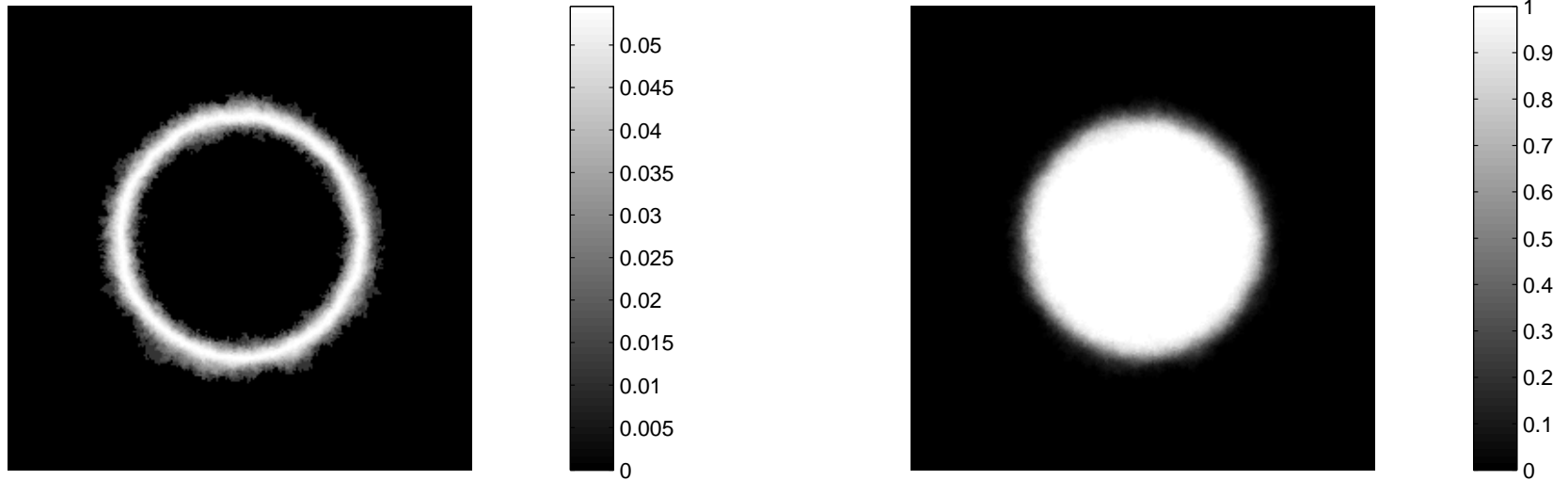
$$\text{cov}\left(\phi_c + \frac{1}{\rho(\phi_{\mathcal{N}^+(c)})}, \phi_{c'} + \frac{1}{\rho(\phi_{\mathcal{N}^+(c')})}\right) = 0$$

for cells $c' \neq c$ so $\phi_c + \rho(\phi_{\mathcal{N}^+(c)})^{-1}$ homogeneous and isotropic to 2nd order.

Edge effect $E(\Phi_c) < E(\Phi_{c'})$ for c, c' boundary, interior.



Isotropy of propagation (excluding boundary effect)



mf at 30, (tw-sim,tw-mf), std(1,30), pc at 30

“The Richardson model, introduced in Richardson (1973), describes growth on \mathbb{Z}^d . Sites are either healthy or infected, the dynamics being that a healthy site is infected at a rate proportional to the number of infected neighbors, and that once infected it remains so forever... the existence of an asymptotic shape has been established, but the nature of the shape so far remains unknown”.

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"COEXISTENCE IN A TWO-TYPE CONTINUUM GROWTH MODEL"

MARIA DEIJFEN, OLLE HAGGSTROM

Mean-field approximation (for $p_c(t) = \Pr(\phi_c > t)$)

Exactly:

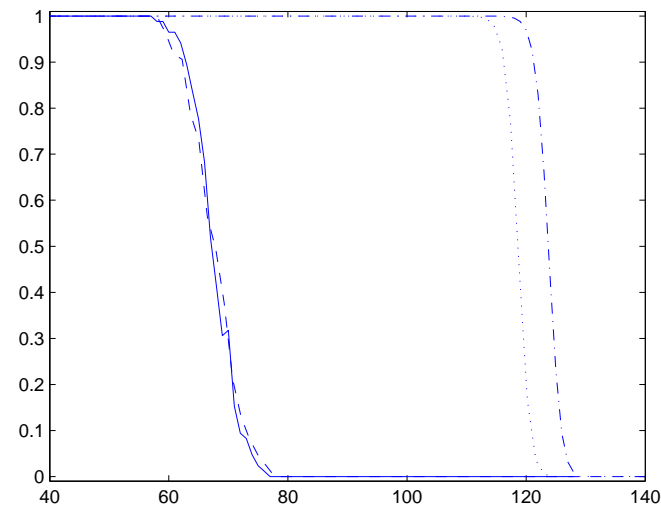
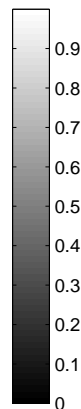
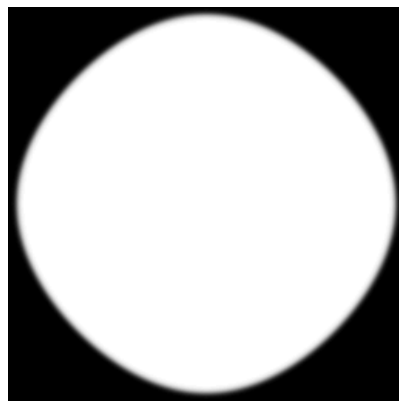
$$\frac{d}{dt}p_c(t) = \alpha(1 - p_c(t)) + \beta \sum_{c' \in \mathcal{N}(c)} \Pr(\Phi_c < t, \Phi_{c'} > t).$$

Approximately:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\tilde{p}_c(t) = \alpha(1 - \tilde{p}_c(t)) + \beta(1 - \tilde{p}_c(t)) \sum_{c' \in \mathcal{N}(c)} \tilde{p}_{c'}(t).$$

Naive continuum limit (cf Fisher Equation) at $\alpha = 0$ has traveling wave speed 4β :

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial t} = (1 - \tilde{p})(\alpha + 4\beta\tilde{p}) + \beta(1 - \tilde{p})\nabla^2\tilde{p}.$$



Propagation speed about 2 to 3β (also from $E(|\phi_c - \phi_{c'}|)$).

Onset field coupled to data

The onset field fixes the local change point from zero to non-zero rate for dated-specimen deposition:

$$\psi_{\mathbf{m}(i)-1} < \theta_i < \min(\phi_{\mathbf{c}(x_{\mathbf{h}(i)})}, \psi_{\mathbf{m}(i)}).$$

so new $p(\theta|\psi, \mathbf{m}, \dots)$ is

$$p(\theta|\phi, \psi, \mathbf{m}) = \prod_{i=1}^K \frac{1}{\min(\phi_{\mathbf{c}(x_{\mathbf{h}(i)})}, \psi_{\mathbf{m}(i)}) - \psi_{\mathbf{m}(i)-1}}.$$

Our prior for α and β is subjective.

For a handful of pure immigration events in $[L, U]$, we need $E(\alpha) \gtrsim 1/C(U - L)$.

The “speed” of expansion is about 2β [cells/year]. In order to cover the site in $[L, U]$ we need

$$E(\beta) \gtrsim \frac{\max(C_1, C_2)}{2(L - U)}.$$

Choice $A = 1$, $B = 10$ in

$$\alpha \sim \text{Exp}(A/N(U - L)), \quad \beta \sim \text{Exp}(B \max(C_1, C_2)/2(L - U)).$$

gave plausible range for temporal “roughness” and “peak to valley depth”.

Fitting the onset-field for a single phase

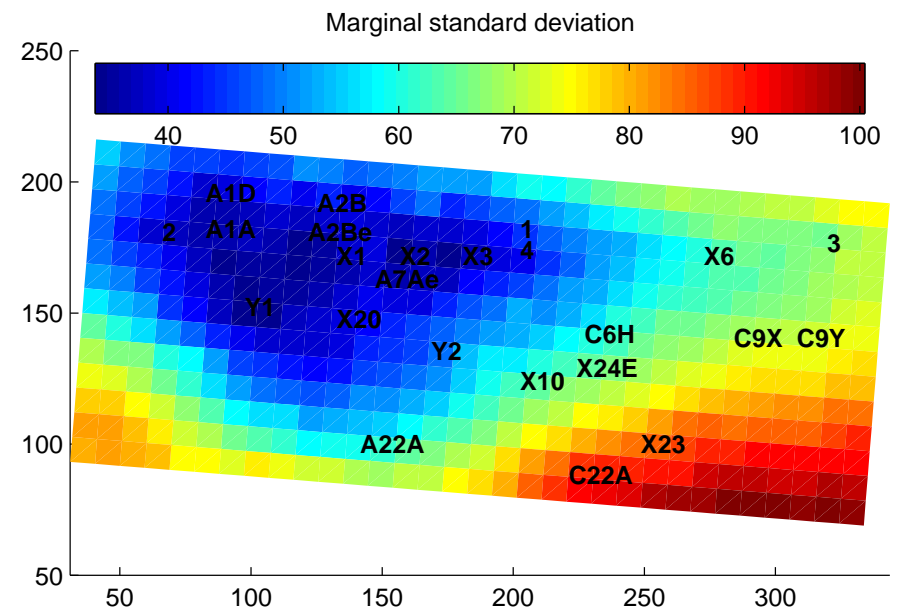
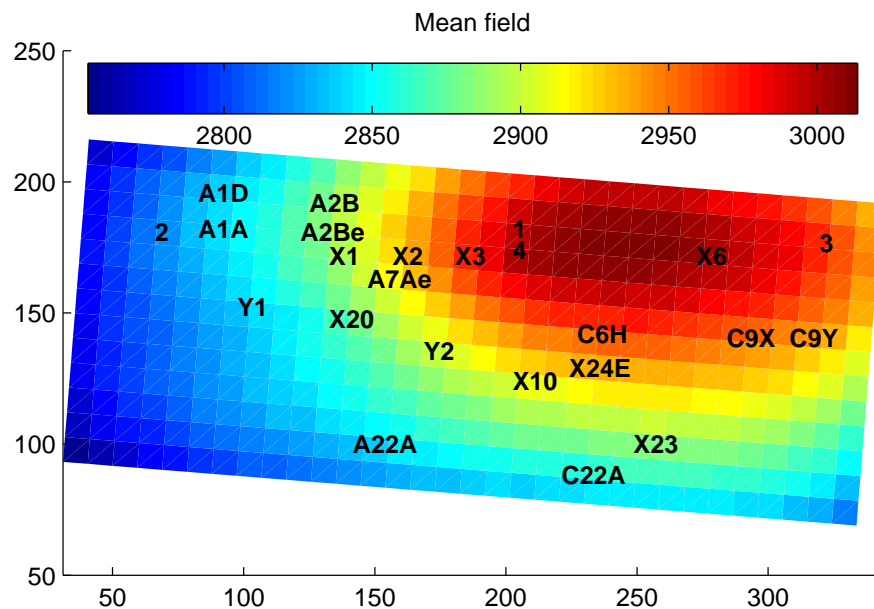
- 1) Dated-pit *location* informs ϕ . Condition $\psi_0 < \phi_c \leq \psi_M$ removes this.
- 2) Condition on the first onset-field event at ψ_M years BP.

$$p(\phi|\alpha, \beta, \psi, \max(\phi) = \psi_M) = \alpha^{-1}p(\phi|\alpha, \beta, \psi)$$

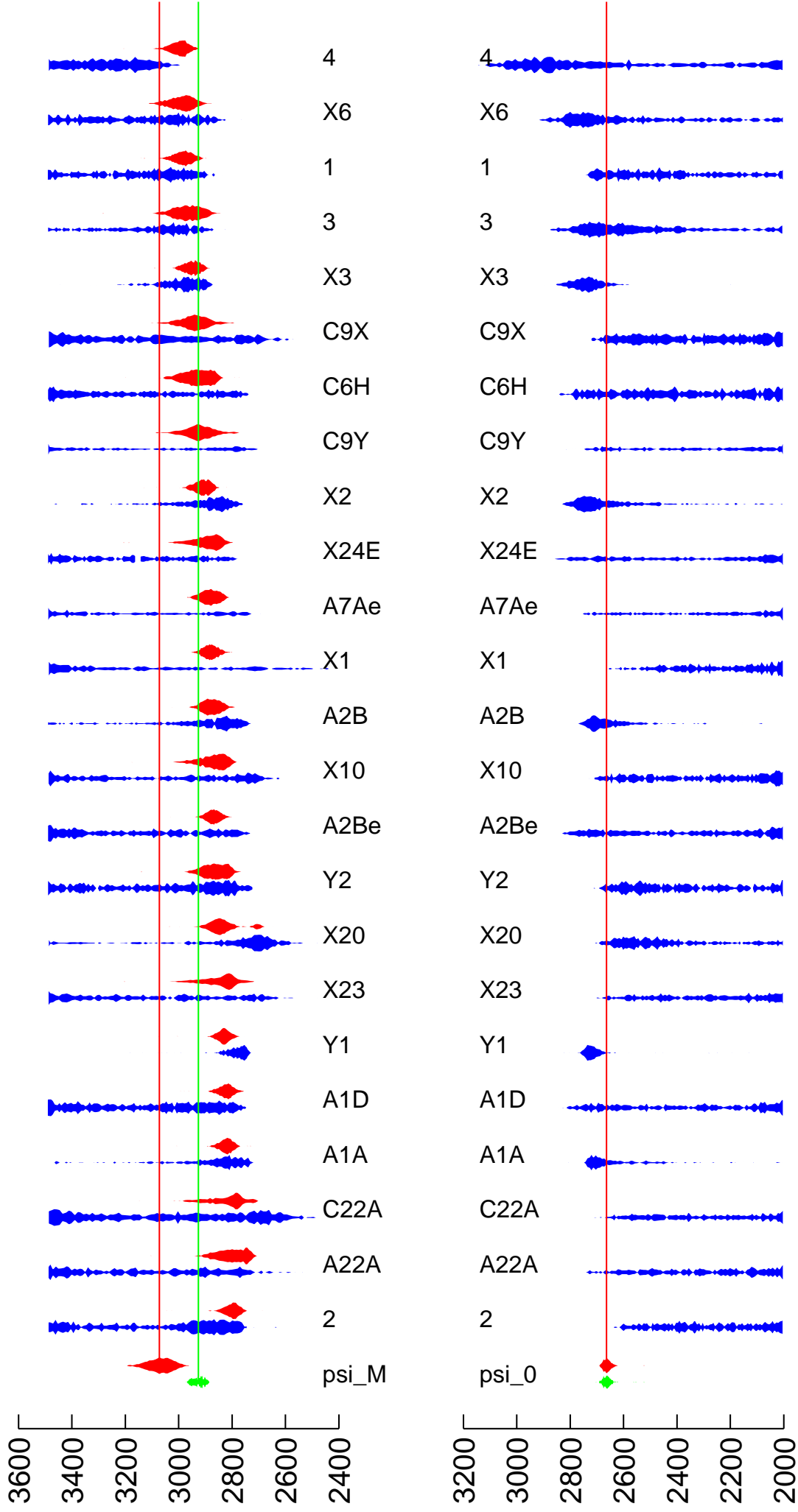
The posterior density, single phase ($M = 1$), onset-field $\phi \in [\psi_0, \psi_M]^C$

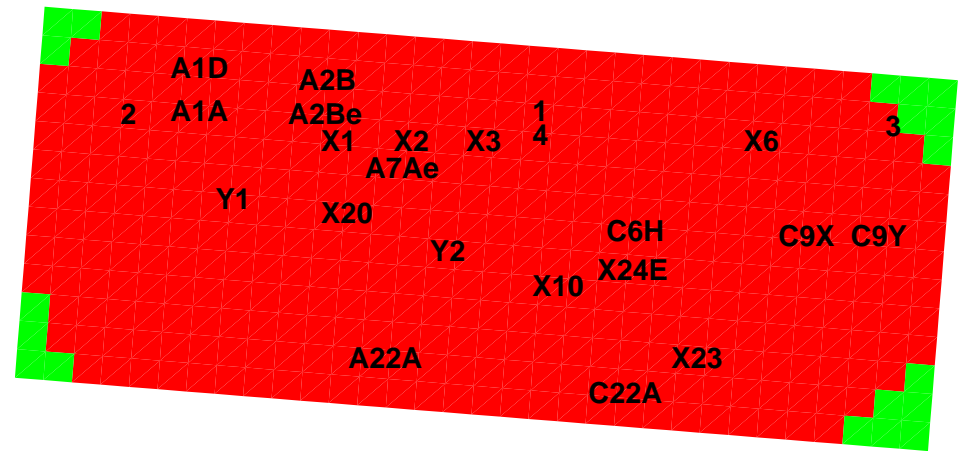
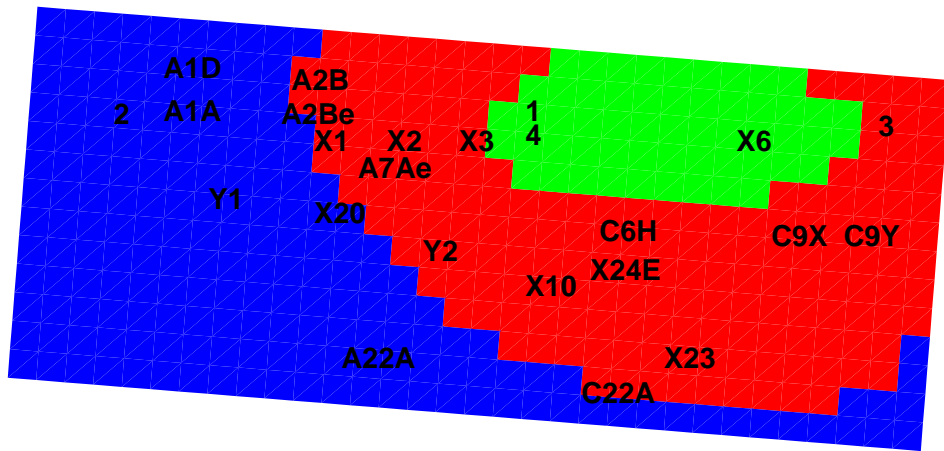
$$p(\alpha, \beta, \phi, \psi, \theta|y, \mathbf{m}, M) \propto \ell(\theta; y)p(\alpha, \beta, \phi, \psi, \theta|\mathbf{m}, M).$$

Prior $p(\alpha, \beta, \phi, \psi, \theta|\mathbf{m}, M)$. Fit via MCMC simulation.



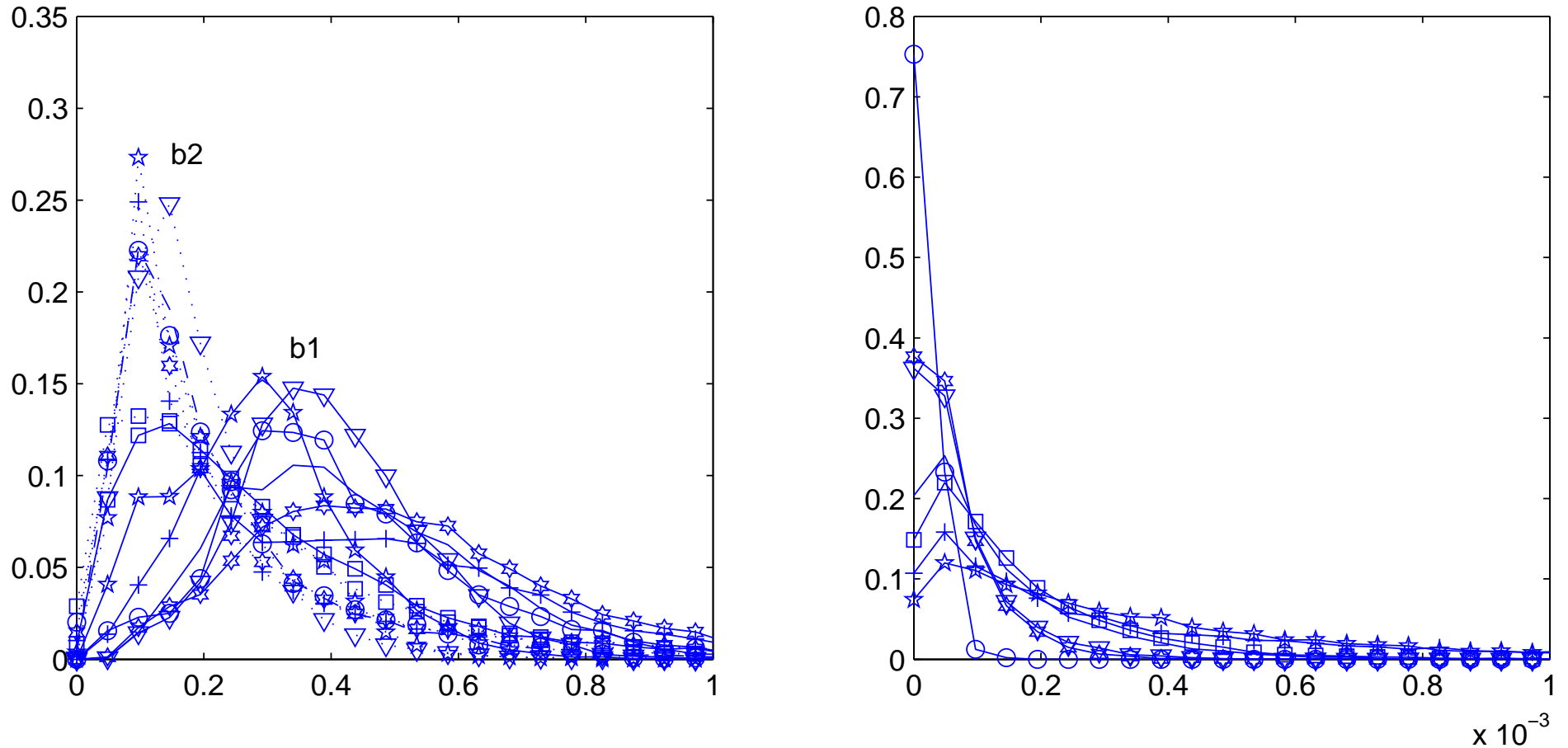
Smoothed calibrated dates (against 'saturated' model)





Support for spread: (left) the posterior probability that $\psi_M - \phi_c < 150$ (respectively, $\psi_M - \phi_c > 150$) is greater than 0.8 for cells c in the green (blue) region (right) prior.

Speed, and prior sensitivity



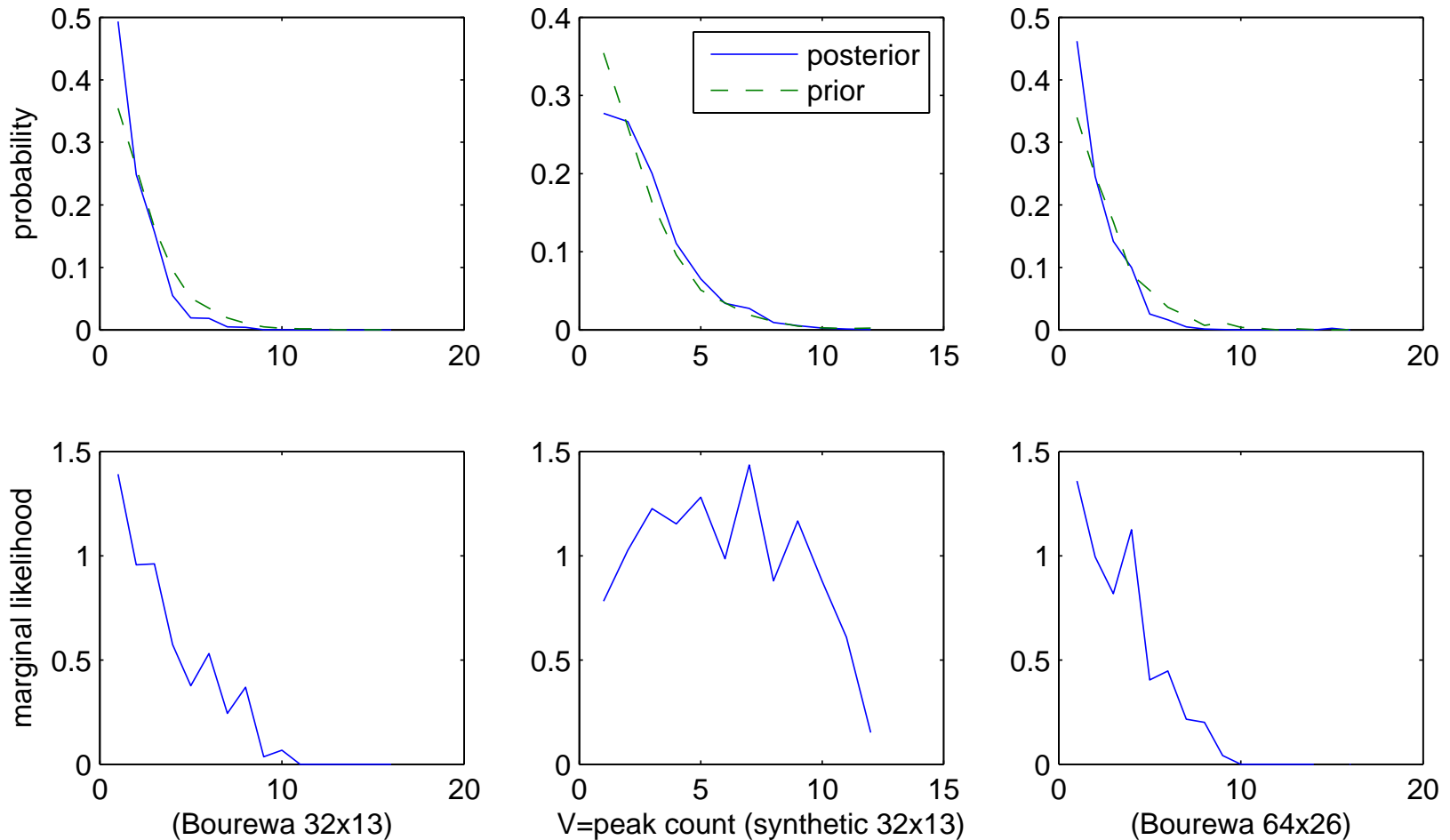
x -axis units metres/year. y -axis frequency.

(Left) the posterior β_1 (solid, 'b1') and β_2 (dashed, 'b2')

A and B hyperprior parameters equal $(A, B) = (10, 1), (20, 2), (5, 0.5), (20, 0.5), (5, 2)$ (no symbol, +, triangle, 5-star, 6-star), $(A, B) = (10, 1)$ on 64×25 (circle), prior $(A, B) = (10, 1)$ (square). (right) α .

Count the number of arrival-events: peak at cell c if $\phi_c > \phi_{c'} \forall c' \in \mathcal{N}(c)$

$$V(\phi) = \# \text{ peaks}$$



(left column) Bourewa data (middle column) Synthetic data, (right column) Bourewa data 64×25 .

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