

# Longitudinal Probabilistic Clustering of Biomarker Trajectories for Scleroderma

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# Motivation

- Scleroderma is a chronic rare disease
- Clinicians hope to
  - discover systematic heterogeneous patterns in patients' multivariate biomarker trajectories due to unobserved factors
  - have real-time updated information on which pattern a new patient may belong to
  - account for patient heterogeneity

# Solution

- Latent mixture variable model
- Bayesian approach using a Kalman Filter way to recursively update BLUP for real-time clustering of trajectories
- Random effects to account for patient heterogeneity

# Model Specification

$$Y(t) = \beta_0^{(\ell)} + b_{i0}^{(\ell)} + s(t)\beta_2^{(\ell)} + X\beta_1 + Xs(t)\beta_3 + \epsilon$$

$$\ell = 1, 2, X = (Male, Ethnicity, Diffuse, Late\_onset)$$

$$\text{logit}[P(\text{cluster 1})] = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 Male + \alpha_2 Ethnicity + \alpha_3 Diffuse + \alpha_4 Late\_onset$$

Question being addressed: any unobserved factors are influencing  $Y$  over time besides  $X$ ?

# Real-time Update: BLUP in a Bayesian Paradigm

$$g_{it}(\alpha, \beta, G, R) = P(\text{cluster } 1 | Y_{i,0:t}; \beta, G, R)$$

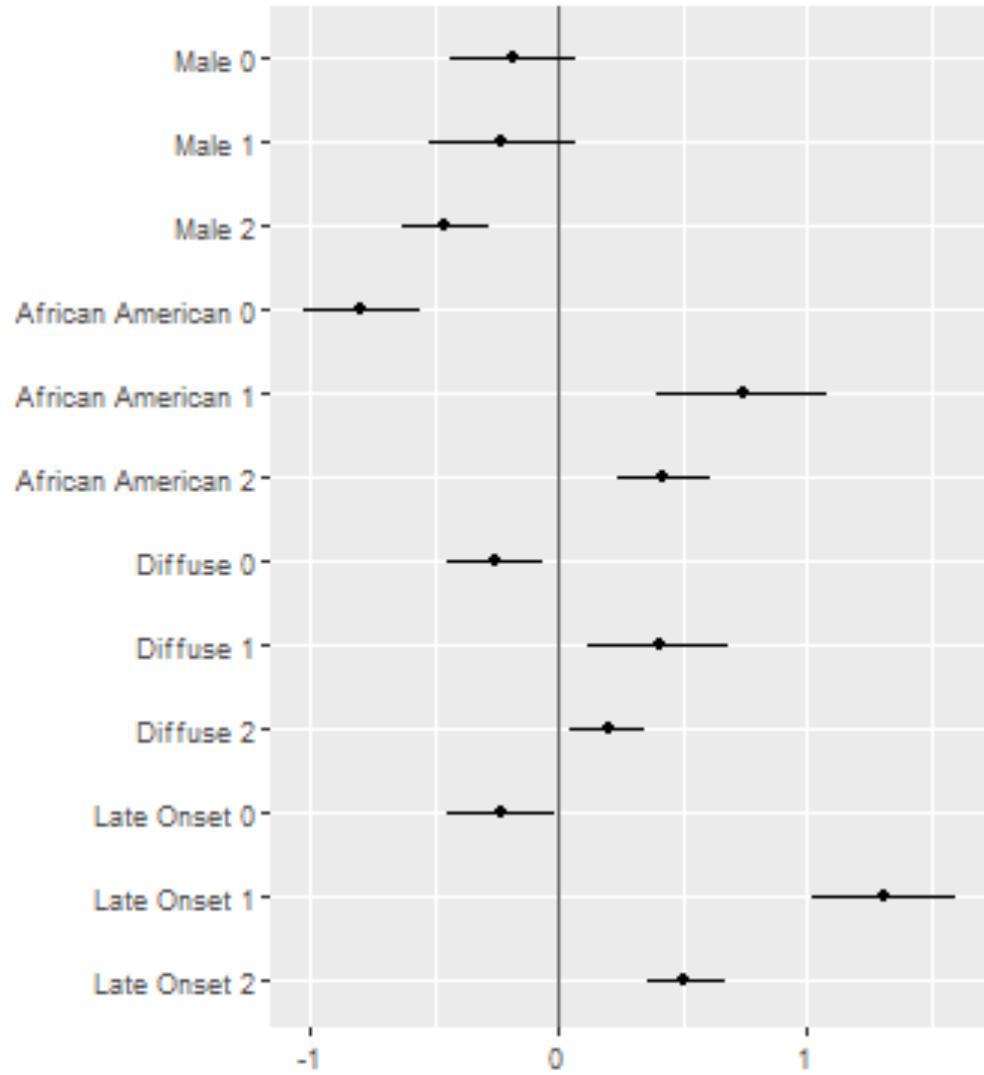
$$= \frac{P(Y_{i,0:t} | \text{cluster } 1; \beta, G, R) \times P(\text{cluster } 1; \alpha)}{\sum_{c \in \{1,2\}} P(Y_{i,0:t} | \text{cluster } c; \beta, G, R) \times P(\text{cluster } c; \alpha)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & P(Y_{i,0:t} | \text{cluster } \ell; \beta, G, R) \\ &= \prod_{k \in 1:t} \int f\left(Y_{it} \middle| \beta_0^{(\ell)} + b_{i0}^{(\ell)} + s(t)\beta_2^{(\ell)} + X\beta_1 + Xs(t)\beta_3, R\right) \color{red} f\left(b_{i0}^{(\ell)} | 0, G, Y_{i,0:t}\right) db_{i0}^{(\ell)} \end{aligned}$$

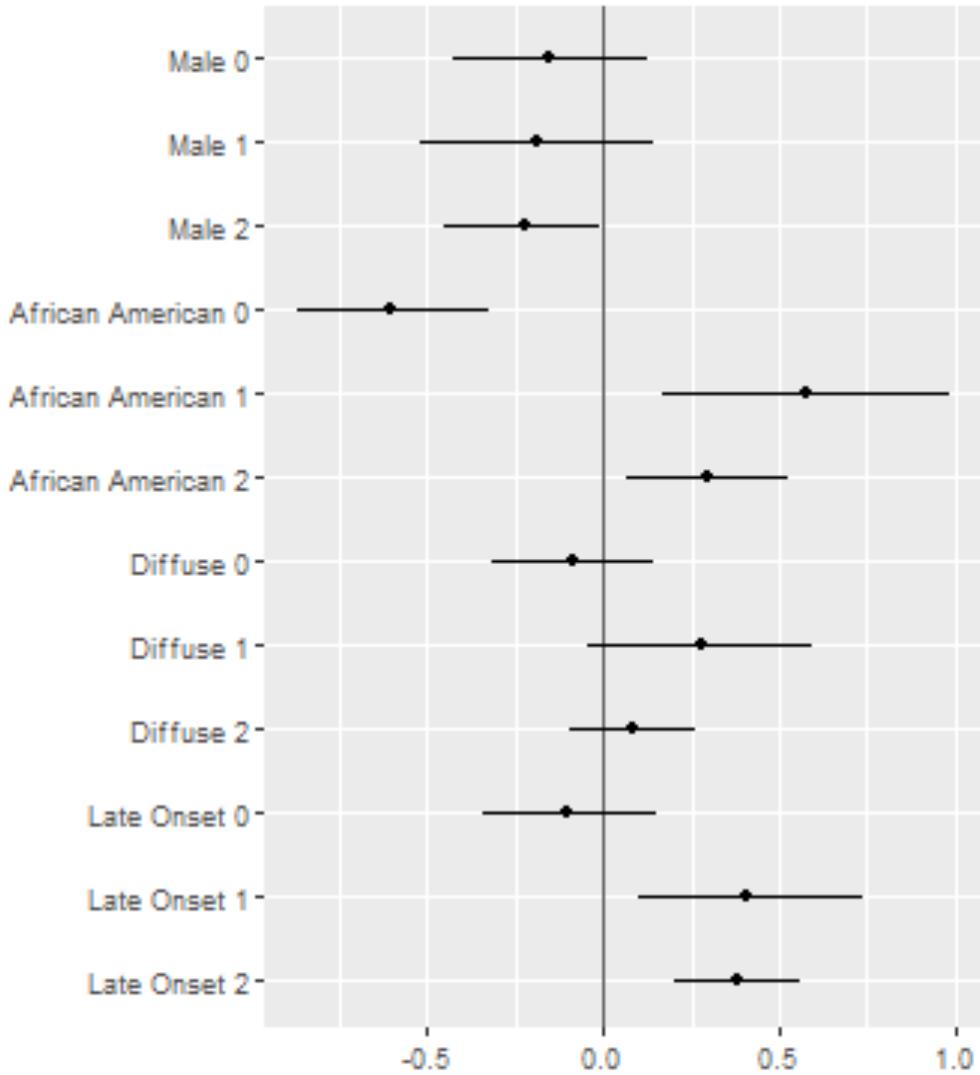
Both f's are gaussian distributed

# Model Estimation – Shared Effects

FVC



DLCO



# Model Estimation – Cluster Specific Effects

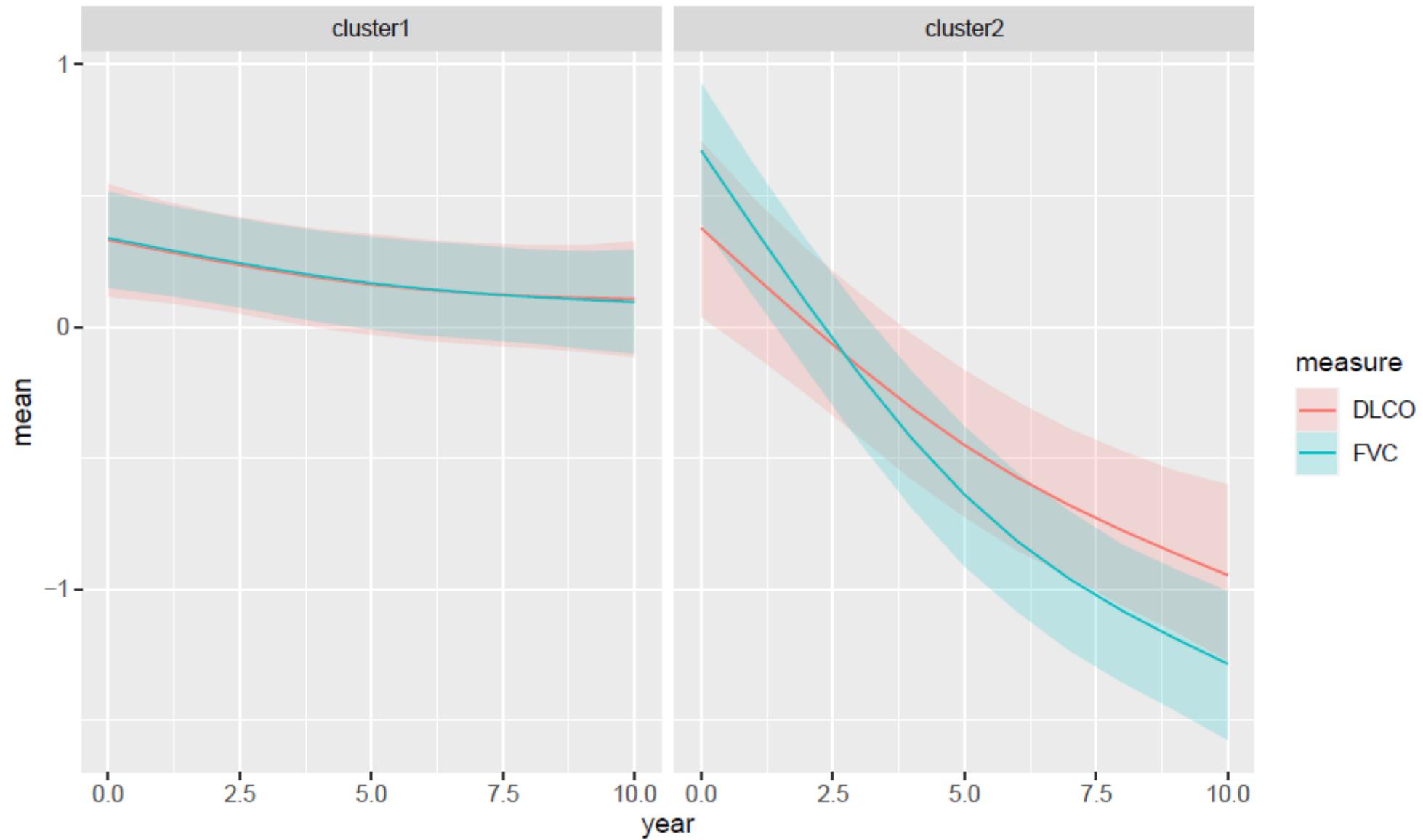


# Model Estimation – Heterogeneity and Stochasticity

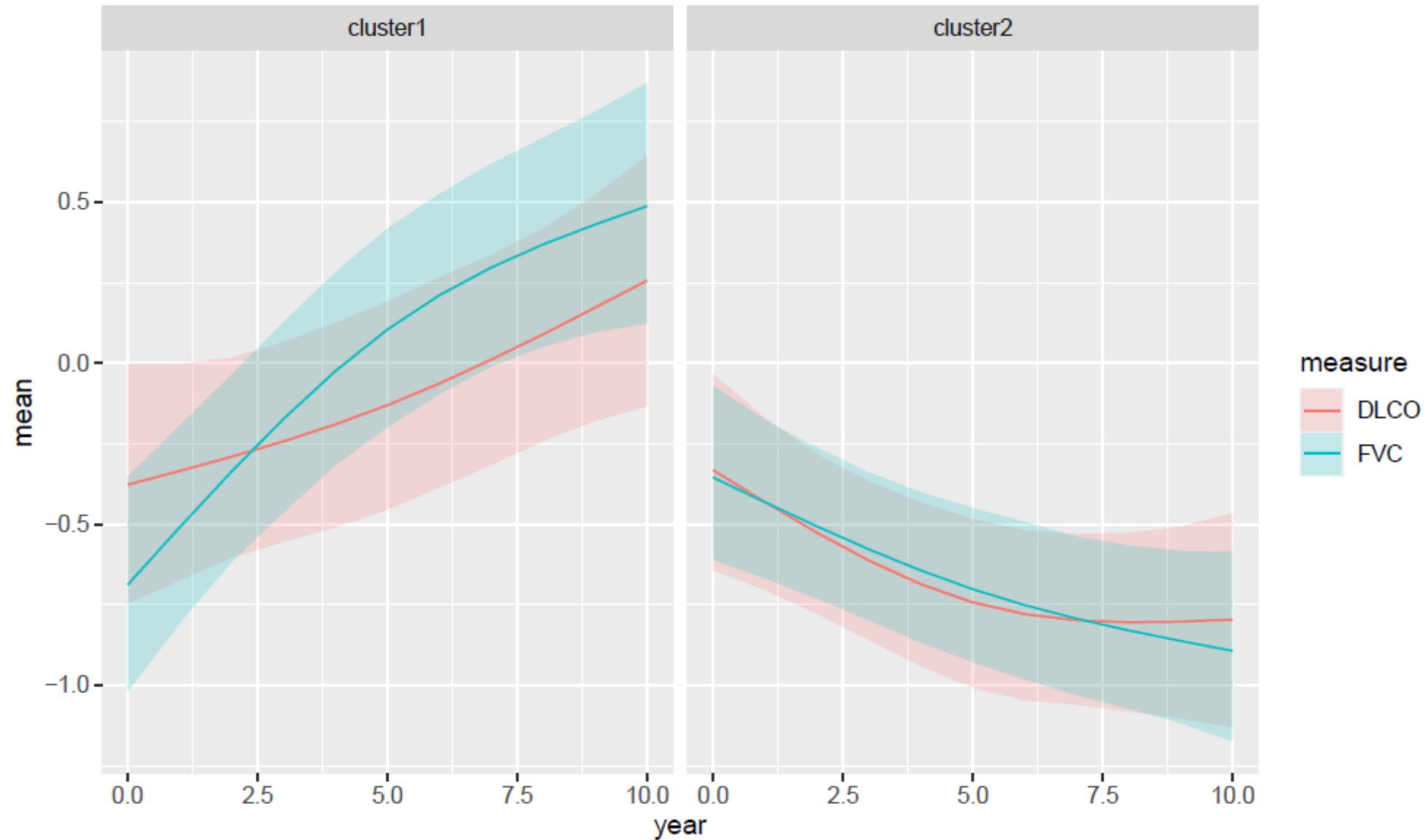
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> summ_mat(G1, 2, varname=c("FVC b0", "DLCO b0"), frontword = "cluster 1 G:"  
[1] cluster 1 G:  
      FVC b0          DLCO b0  
FVC b0  0.52 (0.42, 0.66) 0.33 (0.24, 0.45)  
DLCO b0 0.33 (0.24, 0.45) 0.55 (0.43, 0.7)  
> summ_mat(G2, 2, varname=c("FVC b0", "DLCO b0"), frontword = "cluster 2 G:"  
[1] cluster 2 G:  
      FVC b0          DLCO b0  
FVC b0  0.43 (0.33, 0.55) 0.3 (0.21, 0.41)  
DLCO b0 0.3 (0.21, 0.41) 0.52 (0.4, 0.66)  
> summ_mat(R, 2, varname=c("FVC", "DLCO"), frontword = "Shared R:")  
[1] shared R:  
      FVC          DLCO  
FVC  0.1 (0.09, 0.1)  0.05 (0.04, 0.05)  
DLCO 0.05 (0.04, 0.05) 0.19 (0.17, 0.2)
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# Cluster Patterns by Subgroup

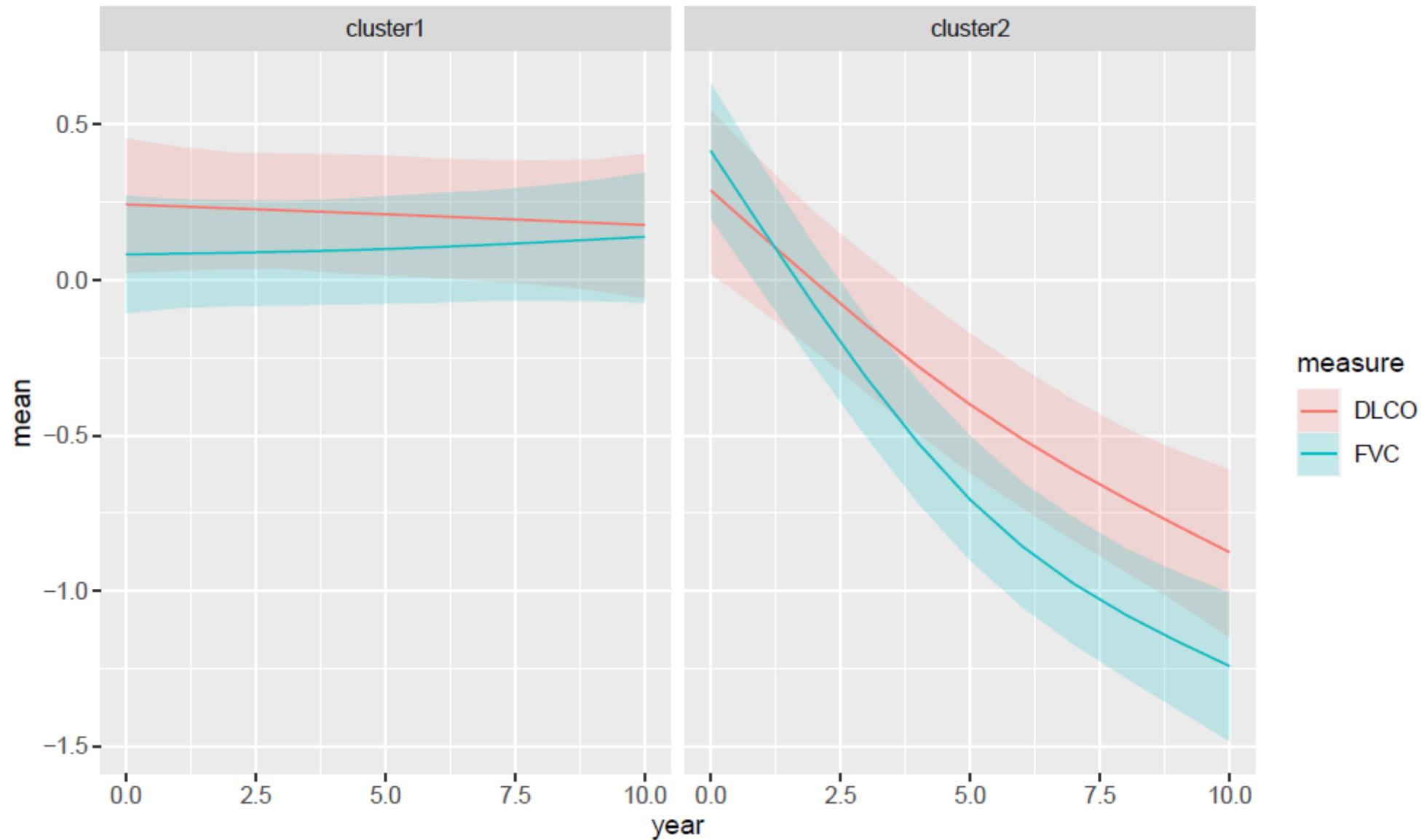
## Cluster-specific trajectories



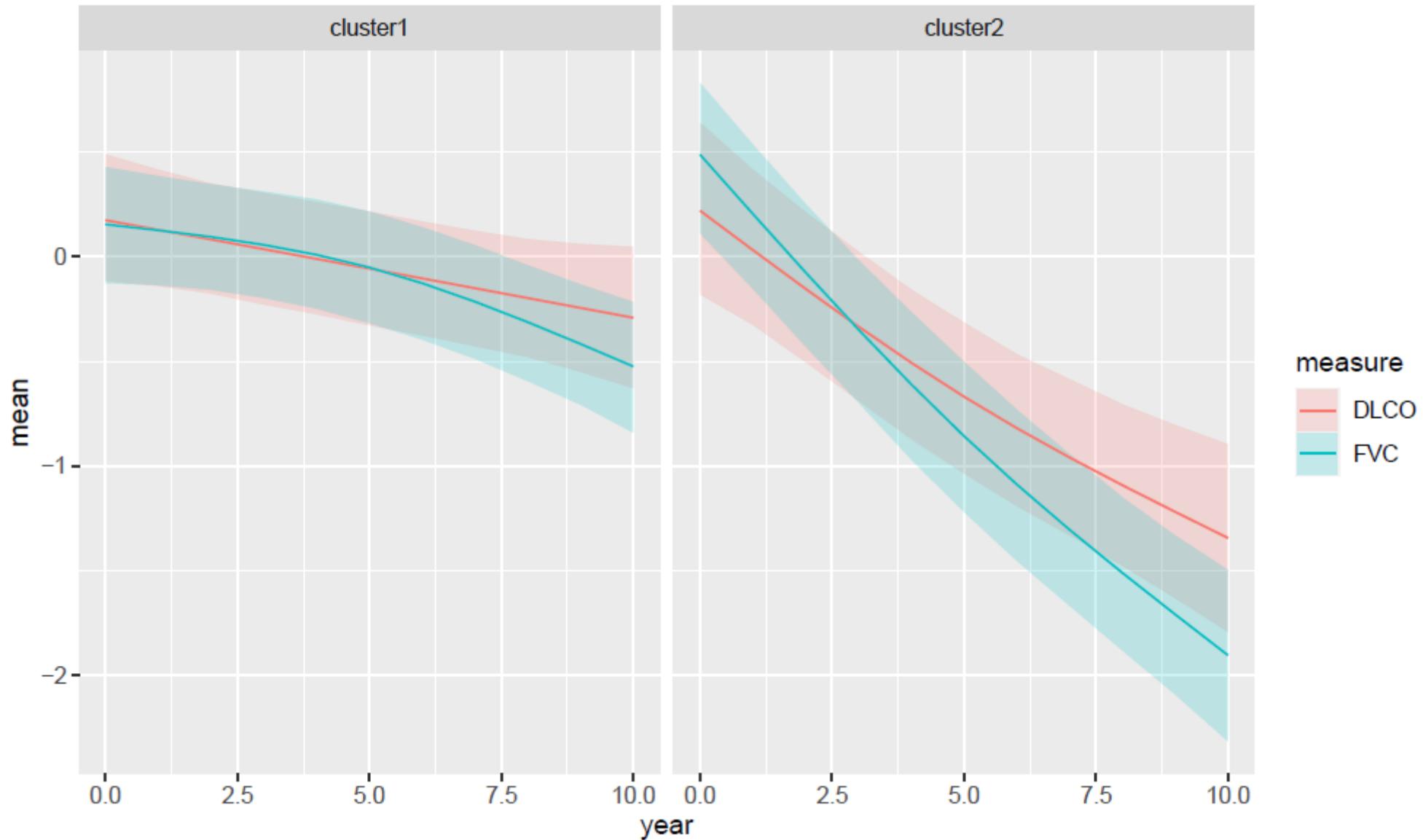
## AArace, late\_ageonset



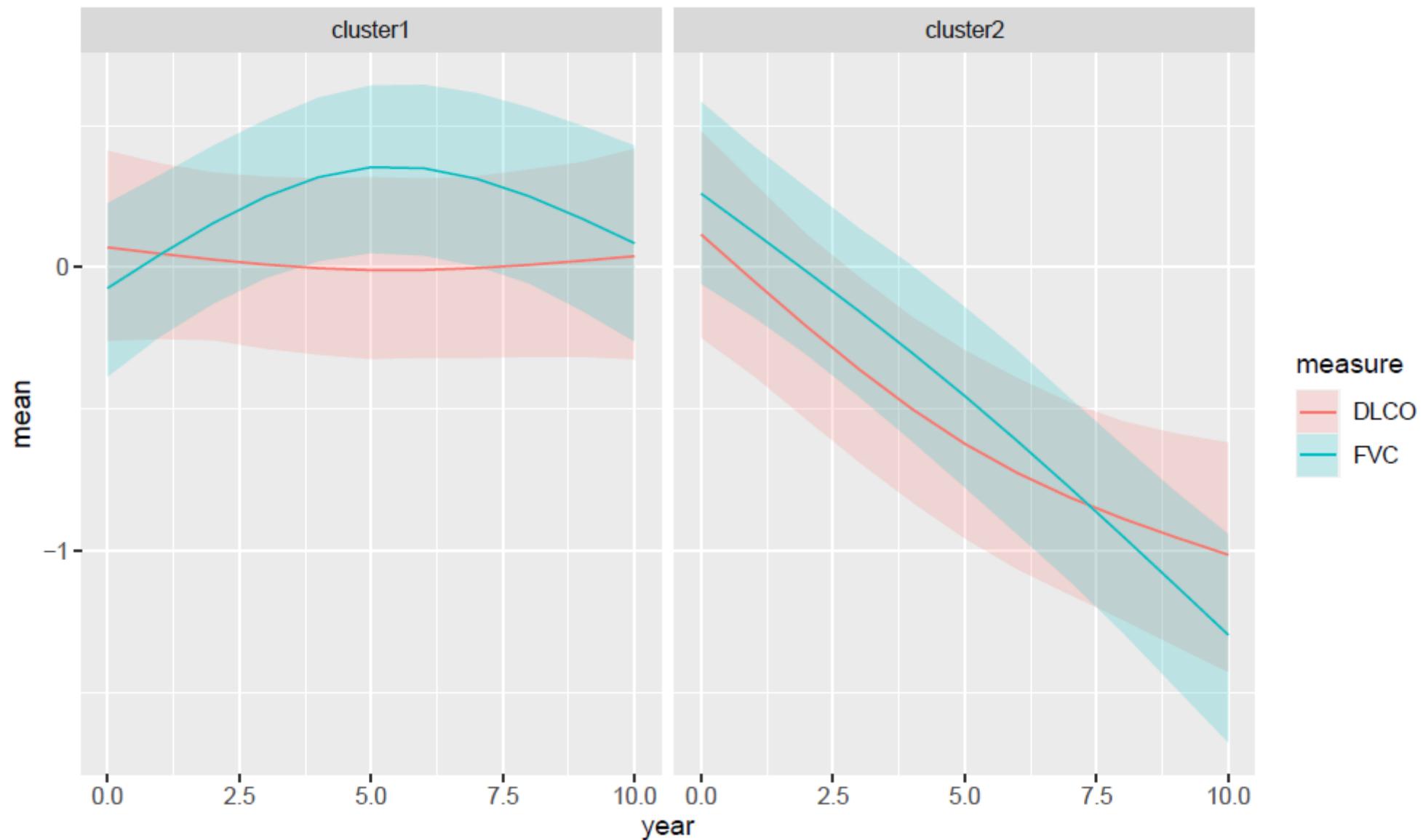
diffuse



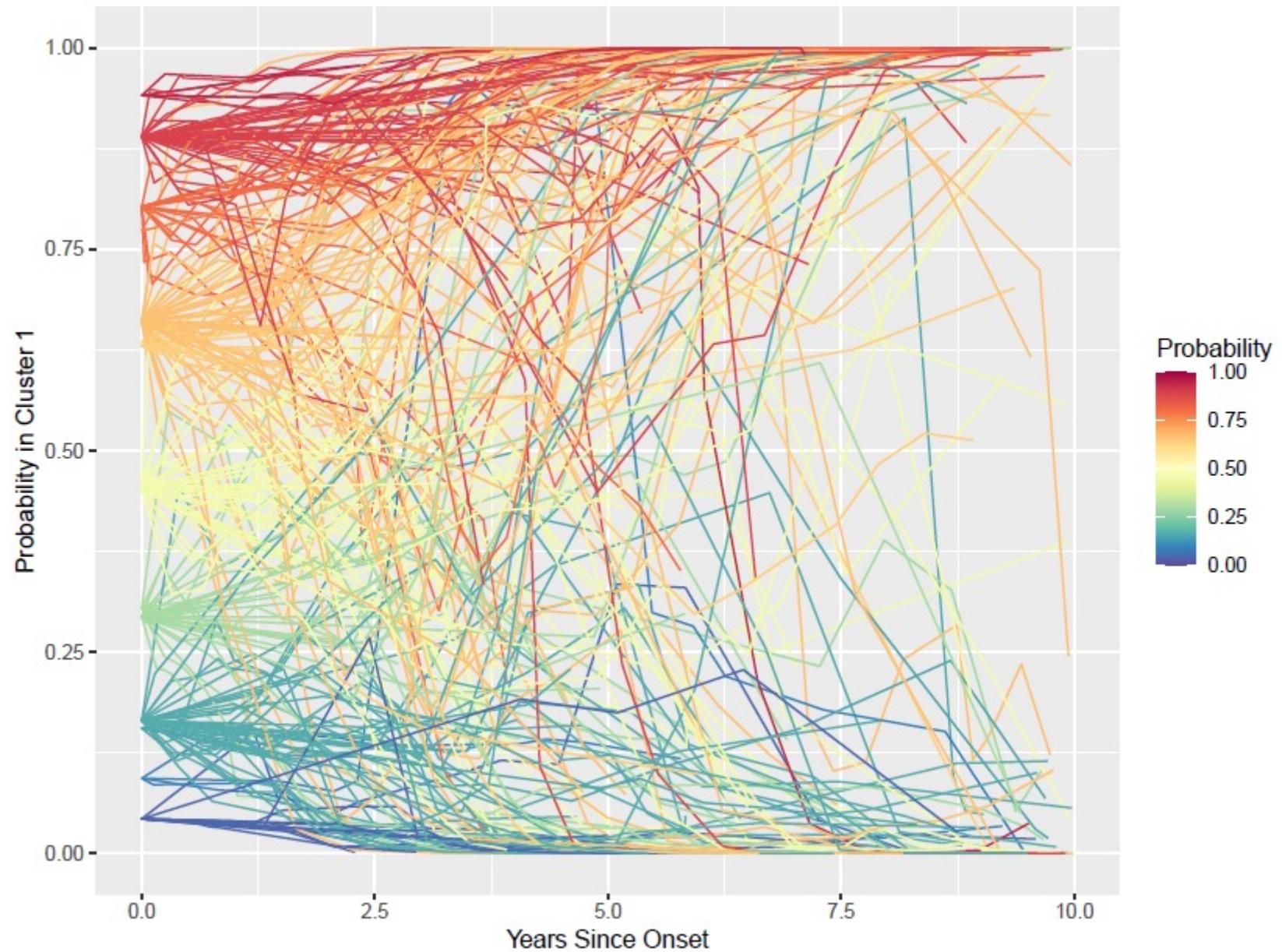
male



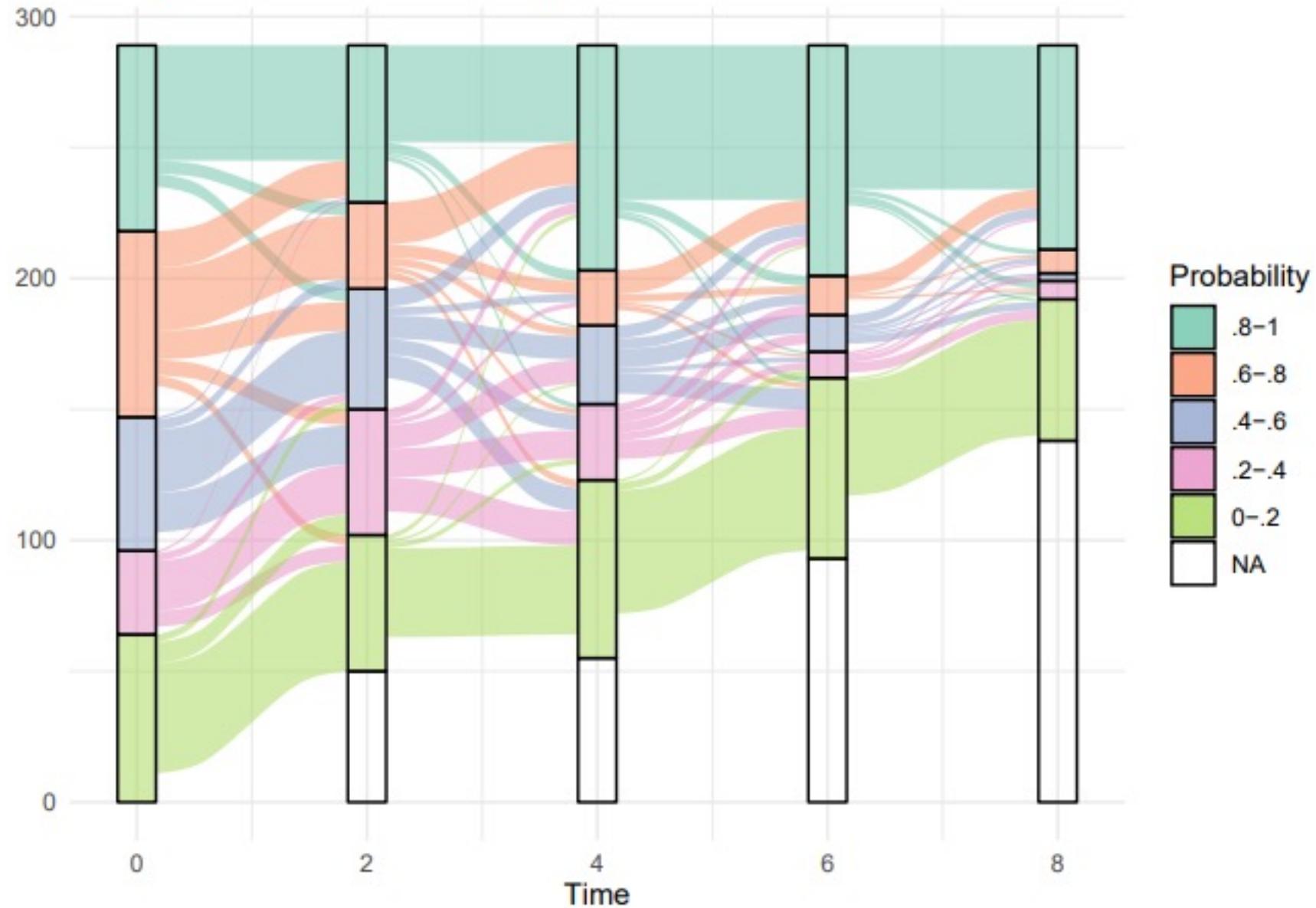
male, late\_ageonset



# Time-Varying Prediction of Cluster Membership



## Change in Cluster 1 Probability



# Model Choice

BIC: smaller the better

L: number of clusters

L=1	L=2	L=3
4478.411	4124.750	4136.595

# Other Ways of Updating Trajectory Prediction

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y_{0:t}|X, \text{splines}) &= \int P(Y_{0:t}|X, \text{splines}, b_i)P(b_i|X, \text{splines})db_i \\ &= \int P(Y_{0:t}|X, \text{splines}, b_i)P(b_i)db_i \\ &= \int \left[ P(Y_0|X, \text{splines}) \prod_{k \in \{1, \dots, t\}} P(Y_k|\bar{Y}_{k-1}, X, \text{splines}, b_i) \right] P(b_i)db_i \end{aligned}$$

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By model assumption,  $P(b_i|X, \text{splines}) = P(b_i) = N(0, G)$ ,  
While  $P(b_i|\bar{Y}_{k-1}, X, \text{splines}) = P(b_i|\bar{Y}_{k-1}, X, \text{splines}) \neq N(0, G)$

# Different Specifications of a Clustering Model

$$Y = \beta_0^\ell + X\beta_1^\ell + Xs(t)\beta_2^\ell + s(t)\beta_3^\ell + b_{i0}^\ell + \epsilon$$
$$\ell = 1,2$$

Question being addressed: any unobserved factors influencing the effect of  $X$  on  $Y$  over time? AND any unobserved factors STILL influencing the progression of  $Y$  after accounting for all of those effects?

$$Y(t) = \beta_0^{(\ell)} + b_{i0}^{(\ell)} + s(t)\beta_2^{(\ell)} + X\beta_1 + Xs(t)\beta_3 + \epsilon$$
$$\ell = 1,2$$

Question being addressed: any unobserved factors are influencing  $Y$  over time besides  $X$ ?

## Future extension

$$Y = \beta_0^\ell + \phi_X * X [\beta_1^\ell + s(t)\beta_2^\ell] + s(t)\beta_3^\ell + b_{i0}^\ell + \epsilon$$
$$\ell = 1, 2$$

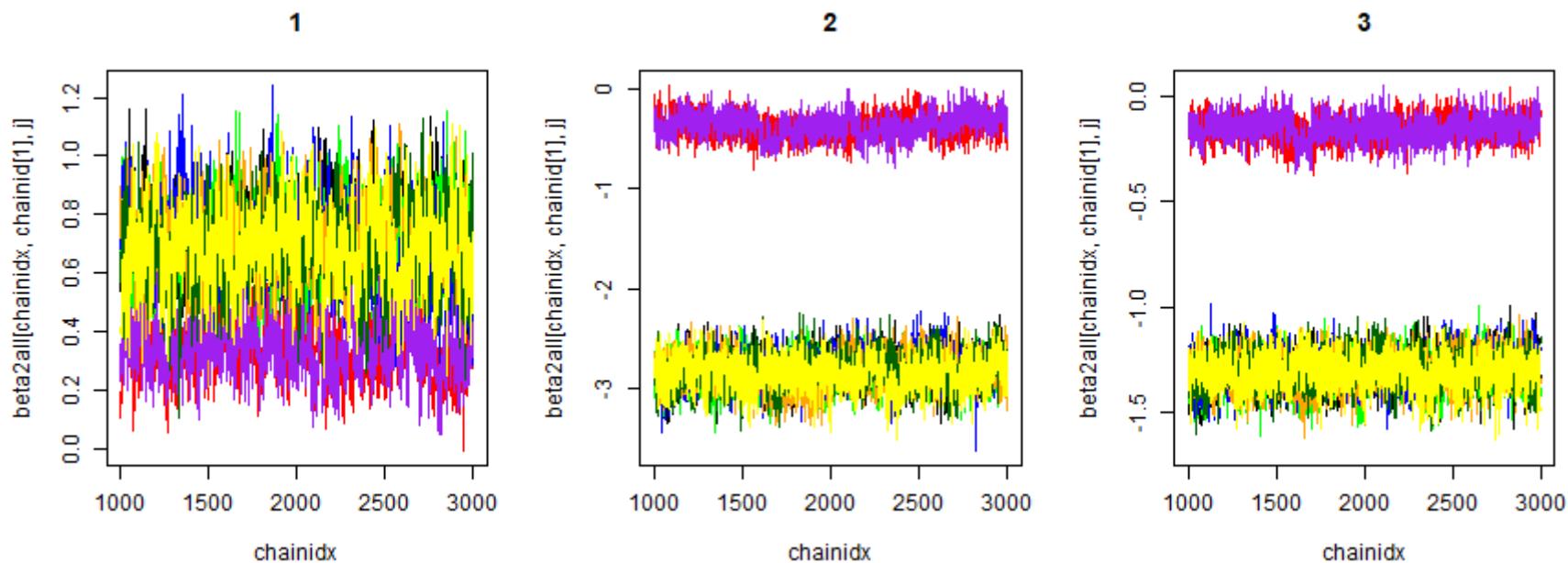
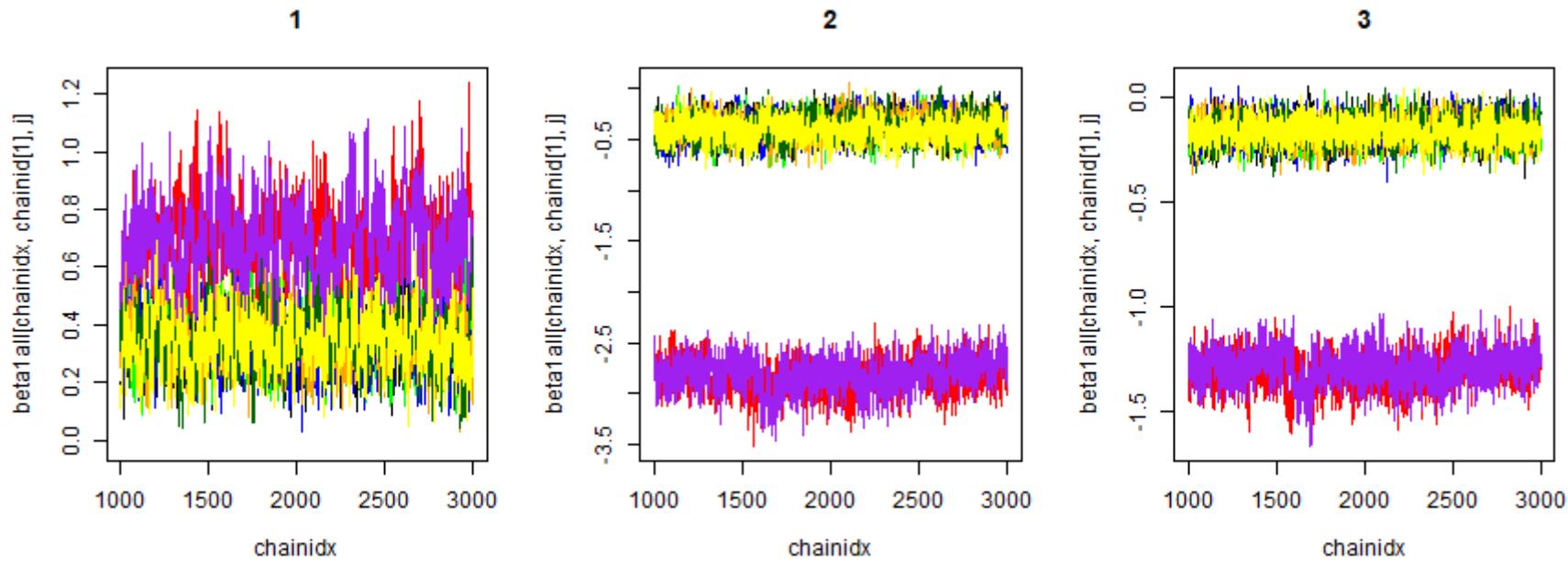
$\phi_X = 1\{is\;X\;cluster\;specific\}$

$\phi_X \sim binary$

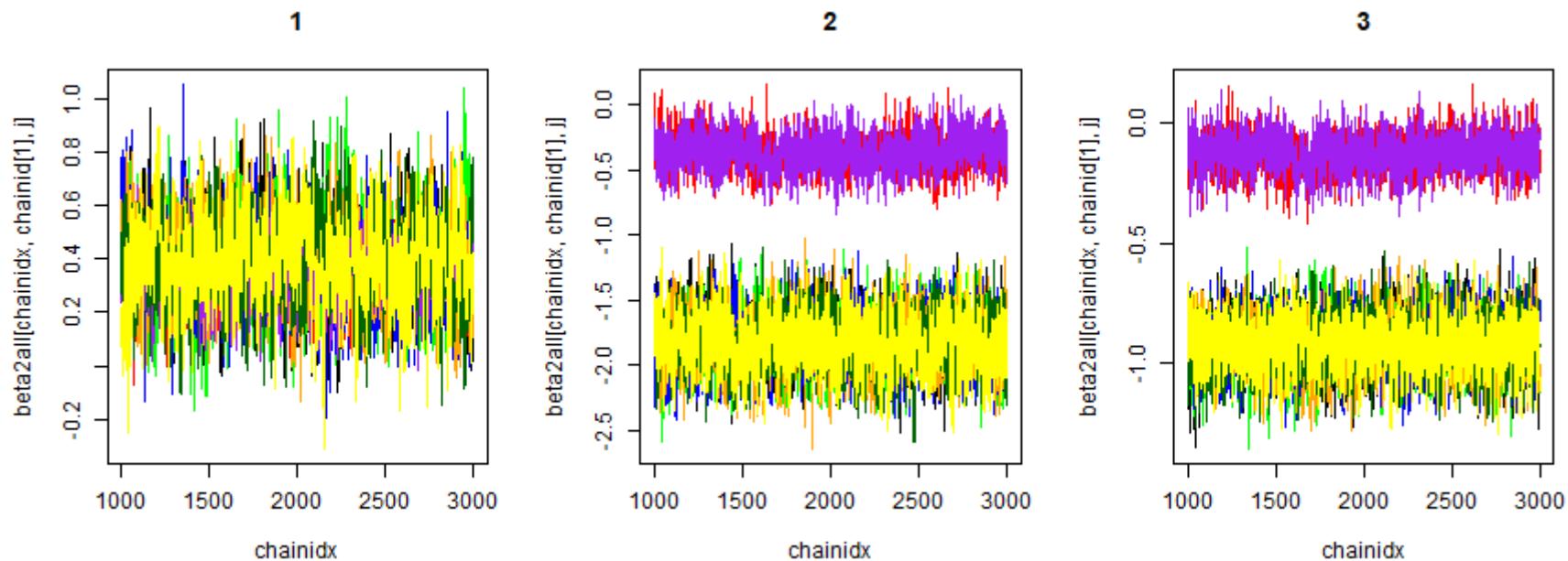
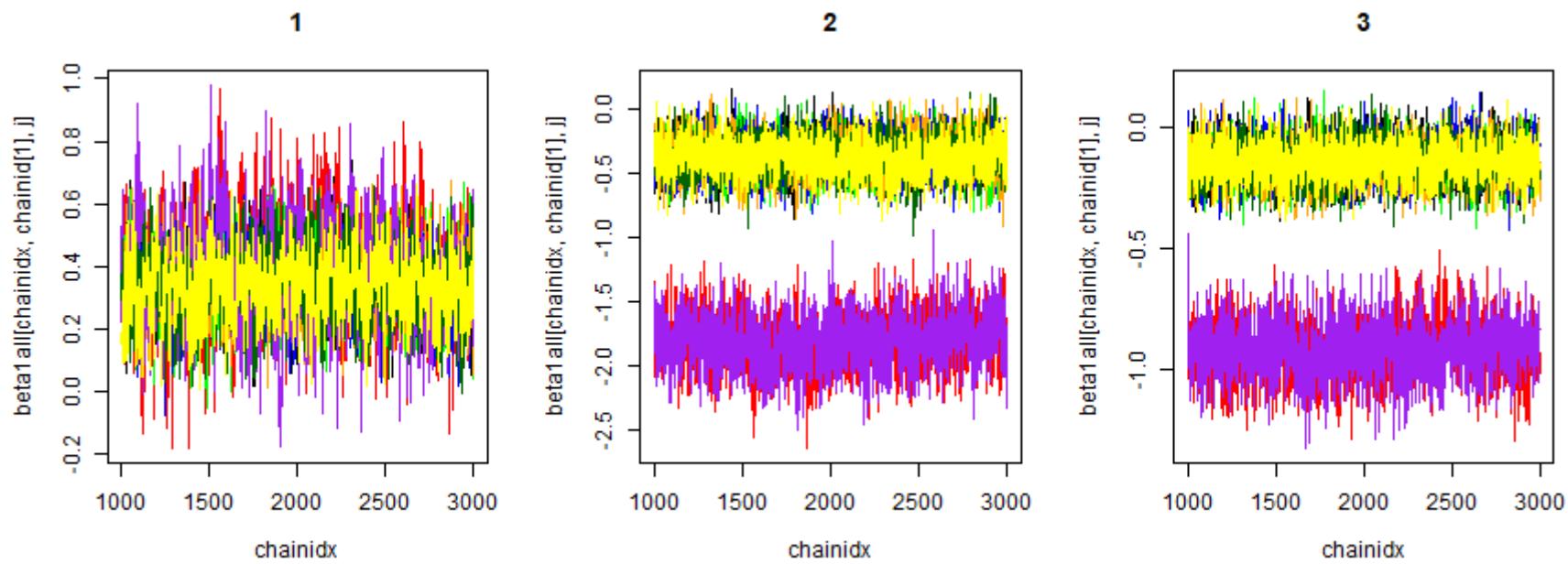
Spike and slab prior on  $\beta^{(2)}$  in sets (main effects and spline interactions)

# Label Switching

## FVC betas



## DLCO betas



# Alphas of Intercept male AArace diffuse late\_ageonset

