

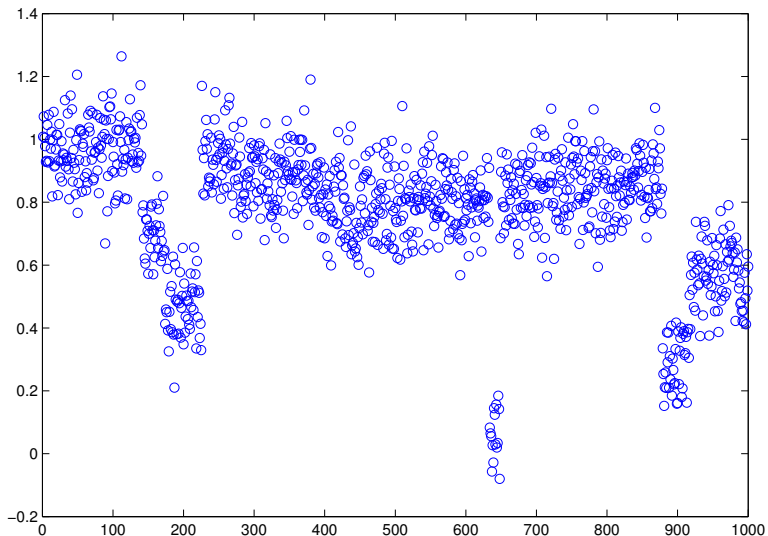
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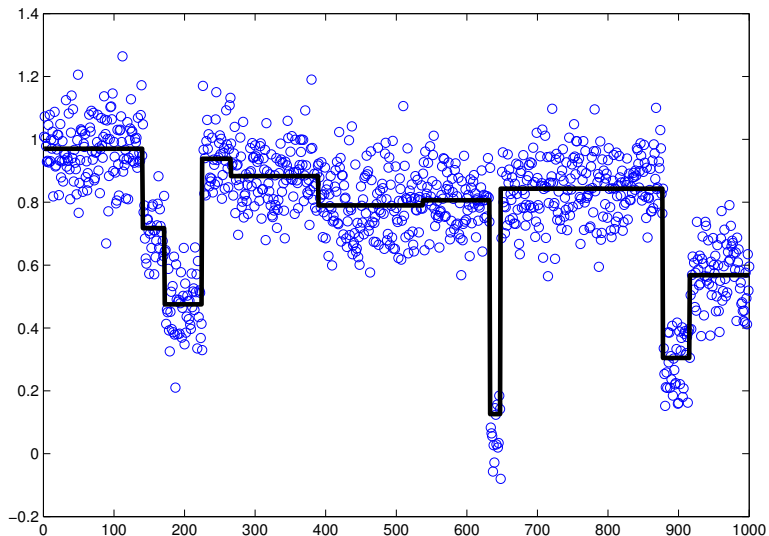
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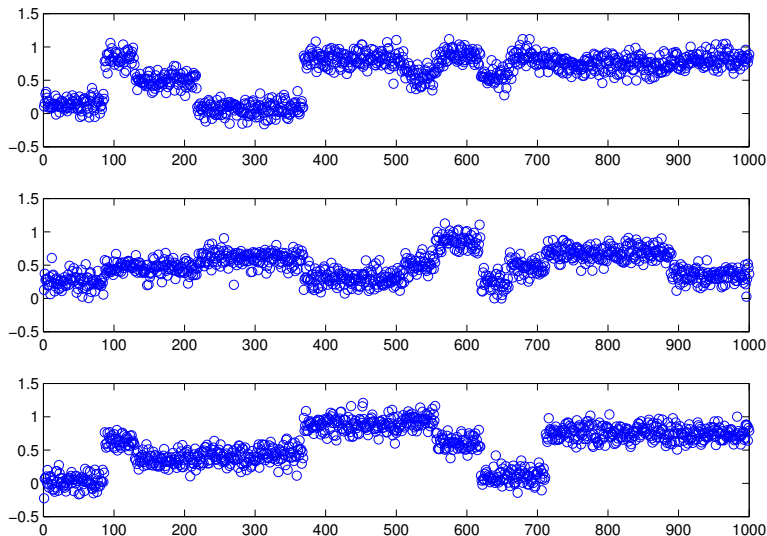
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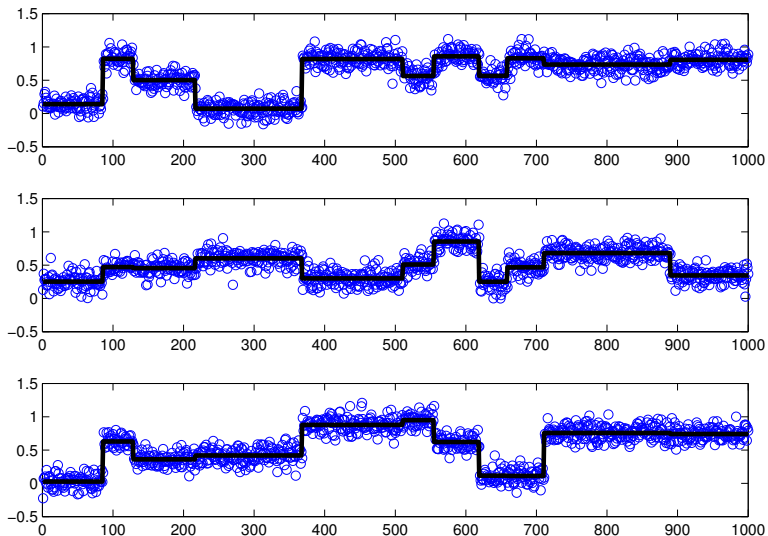
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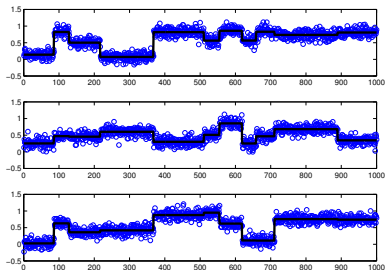
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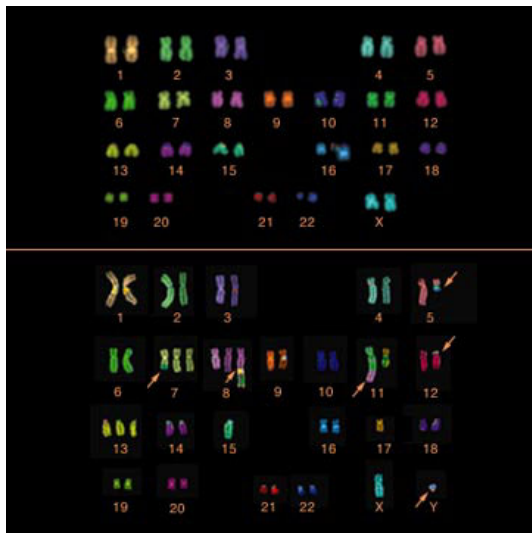
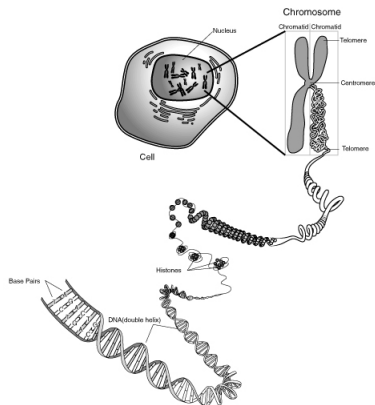


# Why we care?

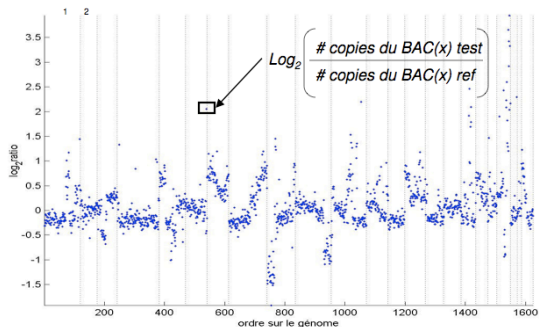


- Joint segmentation should increase the statistical power
- Applications:
  - multi-dimensional signals (multimedia, sensors...)
  - **genomic profiles**

# Chromosomal aberrations in cancer



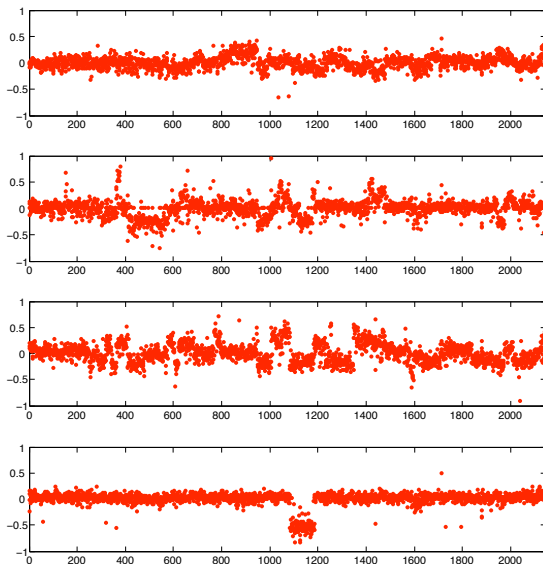
# Comparative Genomic Hybridization (CGH)



Jain et al. Genome research 2002 12:325-332

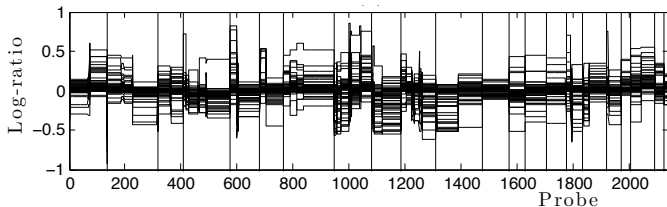


# A collection of bladder tumours

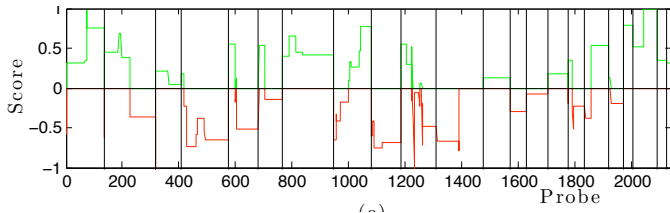


# Typical applications

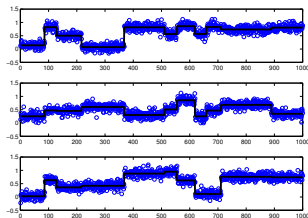
- Find **frequent breakpoints** in a collection of tumours (fusion genes...)
- **Low-dimensional summary and visualization** of the set of profiles



- Detection of **frequently altered regions**



# What we want



- 1 An algorithm that **scales** in time and memory to
  - Profiles length:  $n = 10^6 \sim 10^9$
  - Number of profiles (dimension):  $p = 10^2 \sim 10^3$
  - Number of change-points:  $k = 10^2 \sim 10^3$
- 2 A method with good statistical properties when  $p$  **increases** for  $n$  **fixed** (opposite to most existing literature).

# Segmentation by dynamic programming

- $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$  the signals
- Define a piecewise constant approximation  $\hat{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$  of  $Y$  with  $k$  change-points as the solution of

$$\min_{U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \|Y - U\|^2 \quad \text{such that} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \mathbf{1}(U_{i+1, \bullet} \neq U_{i, \bullet}) \leq k$$

- DP finds the solution in  $O(n^2 kp)$  in time and  $O(n^2)$  in memory
- Does not scale to  $n = 10^6 \sim 10^9 \dots$

# TV approximator for a single signal ( $\rho = 1$ )

- Replace

$$\min_{U \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|Y - U\|^2 \quad \text{such that} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \mathbf{1}(U_{i+1} \neq U_i) \leq k$$

by

$$\min_{U \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|Y - U\|^2 \quad \text{such that} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |U_{i+1} - U_i| \leq \mu$$

- An instance of total variation penalty (Rudin et al., 1992)
- Convex problem, **fast implementations** in  $O(nK)$  or  $O(n \log n)$  (Friedman et al., 2007; Harchaoui and Levy-Leduc, 2008; Hoefling, 2009)

# TV approximator for many signals

- Replace

$$\min_{U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \|Y - U\|^2 \quad \text{such that} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \mathbf{1}(U_{i+1, \bullet} \neq U_{i, \bullet}) \leq k$$

by

$$\min_{U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \|Y - U\|^2 \quad \text{such that} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} w_i \|U_{i+1, \bullet} - U_{i, \bullet}\| \leq \mu$$

## Questions

- Practice: can we solve it efficiently?
- Theory: does it benefit from increasing  $p$  (for  $n$  fixed)?

# TV approximator as a group Lasso problem

- Make the change of variables:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma &= U_{1,\bullet}, \\ \beta_{i,\bullet} &= w_i (U_{i+1,\bullet} - U_{i,\bullet}) \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n-1.\end{aligned}$$

- TV approximator is then equivalent to the following group Lasso problem (Yuan and Lin, 2006):

$$\min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-1) \times p}} \|\bar{Y} - \bar{X}\beta\|^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|\beta_{i,\bullet}\|,$$

where  $\bar{Y}$  is the centered signal matrix and  $\bar{X}$  is a particular  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  design matrix.

$$\min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-1) \times p}} \|\bar{Y} - \bar{X}\beta\|^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|\beta_{i,\bullet}\|,$$

## Theorem

The TV approximator can be solved efficiently:

- **approximately** with the group LARS in  $O(npk)$  in time and  $O(np)$  in memory
- **exactly** with a block coordinate descent + active set method in  $O(np)$  in memory



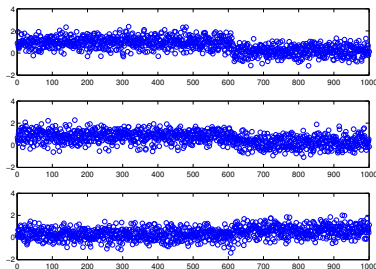
Although  $\bar{X}$  is  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ :

- For any  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ , we can compute  $C = \bar{X}^\top R$  in  $O(np)$  operations and memory
- For any two subset of indices  $A = (a_1, \dots, a_{|A|})$  and  $B = (b_1, \dots, b_{|B|})$  in  $[1, n-1]$ , we can compute  $\bar{X}_{\bullet, A}^\top \bar{X}_{\bullet, B}$  in  $O(|A||B|)$  in time and memory
- For any  $A = (a_1, \dots, a_{|A|})$ , set of distinct indices with  $1 \leq a_1 < \dots < a_{|A|} \leq n-1$ , and for any  $|A| \times p$  matrix  $R$ , we can compute  $C = \left( \bar{X}_{\bullet, A}^\top \bar{X}_{\bullet, A} \right)^{-1} R$  in  $O(|A|p)$  in time and memory

# Consistency for a single change-point

Suppose a single change-point:

- at position  $u = \alpha n$
- with increments  $(\beta_i)_{i=1,\dots,p}$  s.t.  $\bar{\beta}^2 = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i^2$
- corrupted by i.i.d. Gaussian noise of variance  $\sigma^2$



Does the TV approximator correctly estimate the first change-point as  $p$  increases?

# Consistency of the unweighted TV approximator

$$\min_{U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \|Y - U\|^2 \quad \text{such that} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|U_{i+1, \bullet} - U_{i, \bullet}\| \leq \mu$$

## Theorem

The unweighted TV approximator finds the correct change-point with probability tending to 1 (resp. 0) as  $p \rightarrow +\infty$  if  $\sigma^2 < \tilde{\sigma}_\alpha^2$  (resp.  $\sigma^2 > \tilde{\sigma}_\alpha^2$ ), where

$$\tilde{\sigma}_\alpha^2 = n\bar{\beta}^2 \frac{(1 - \alpha)^2 (\alpha - \frac{1}{2n})}{\alpha - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2n}}.$$

- correct estimation on  $[n\epsilon, n(1 - \epsilon)]$  with  $\epsilon = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{2n\bar{\beta}^2}} + o(n^{-1/2})$ .
- wrong estimation near the boundaries

# Consistency of the weighted TV approximator

$$\min_{U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \|Y - U\|^2 \quad \text{such that} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} w_i \|U_{i+1, \bullet} - U_{i, \bullet}\| \leq \mu$$

## Theorem

*The weighted TV approximator with weights*

$$\forall i \in [1, n-1], \quad w_i = \sqrt{\frac{i(n-i)}{n}}$$

*correctly finds the first change-point with probability tending to 1 as  $p \rightarrow +\infty$ .*

- we see the benefit of increasing  $p$
- we see the benefit of adding weights to the TV penalty

- The first change-point  $\hat{i}$  found by TV approximator maximizes  $F_i = \|\hat{c}_{i,\bullet}\|^2$ , where

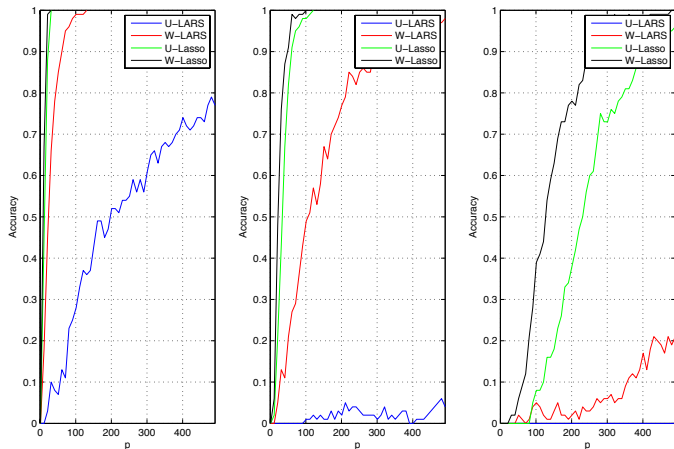
$$\hat{c} = \bar{X}^\top \bar{Y} = \bar{X}^\top \bar{X} \beta^* + \bar{X}^\top W.$$

- $\hat{c}$  is Gaussian, and  $F_i$  follows a non-central  $\chi^2$  distribution with

$$G_i = \frac{EF_i}{p} = \frac{i(n-i)}{nw_i^2} \sigma^2 + \frac{\bar{\beta}^2}{w_i^2 w_u^2 n^2} \times \begin{cases} i^2 (n-u)^2 & \text{if } i \leq u, \\ u^2 (n-i)^2 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- We then just check when  $G_u = \max_i G_i$

# Consistent estimation of more change-points?



$$n = 100, k = 10, \bar{\beta}^2 = 1, \sigma^2 \in \{0.05; 0.2; 1\}$$

- A new convex formulation for multiple change-point detection in multiple signals
- Better estimation with more signals
- Importance of weights
- Efficient approximate (gLARS) and exact (gLASSO) implementations; GLASSO more expensive but more accurate
- Consistency for the first  $K > 1$  change-points observed experimentally but technically tricky to prove.