

# Forecasting intraday-load curve using sparse learning methods

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Numerical methods for high dimensional problems

# Pre-big data- framework, towards streaming machine learning

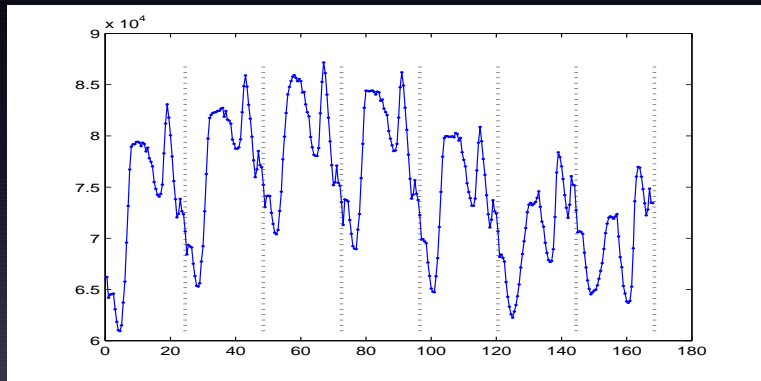
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  - methods allowing increasing volume of data
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  - multidimensional functional data
- Velocity -small

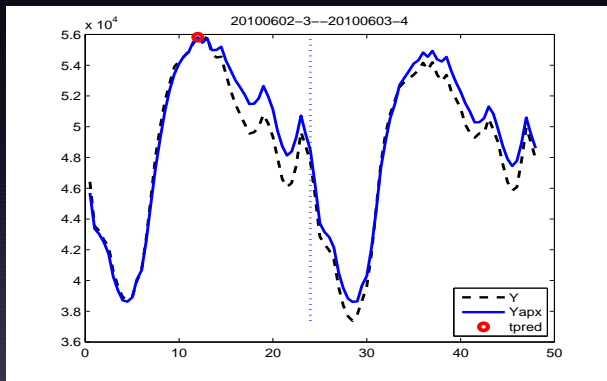
We describe a forecasting pipeline i.e. chain of learning algorithms to achieve a final functional prediction.

# Description of the problem

# Intraday load curve during a week Monday January 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday January 31<sup>th</sup>



# Intraday load curve forecasting -here 48h-



- ① Construction of a 'smart encyclopedia' of past scenarios out of a data basis using different learning algorithms.
- ② Build a set of prediction experts consulting the encyclopedia.
- ③ Aggregate the prediction experts



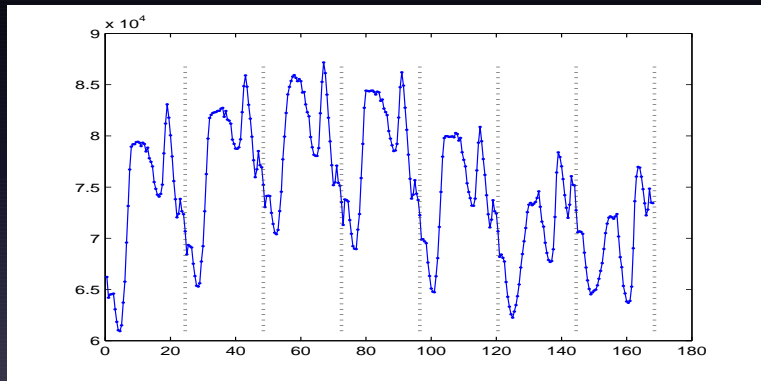
## The past data basis

- Electrical consumption of the past
- Other 'shape variables': calendar data, functional bases
- Meteorological input

## Electrical consumptions of the past

- Recorded every half hour from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 to August 31<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- For this period of time, the global consumption signal is split into  $N = 2800$  sub signals  $(Y_1, \dots, Y_t, \dots, Y_N)$ .  
 $Y_t \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , defines the intra day load curve for the  $t^{\text{th}}$  day of size  $n = 48$ .

# Intraday load curve for seven days Monday January 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday January 31<sup>th</sup>



## Shape and seasonal effects

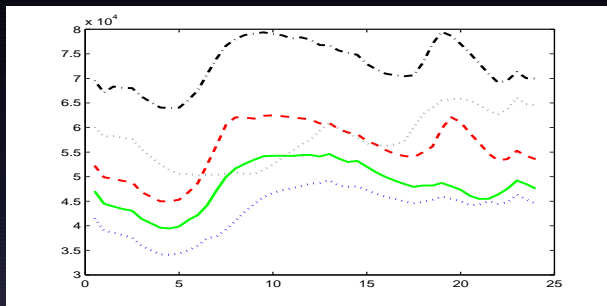


Figure : Intraday load curves for various days. 2010-02-03 winter: black dashed dot line, 2010-05-21 spring: red dashed line, 2009-10-23 autumn: green solid line, 2010-08-19 summer: blue dot line, 2010-01-01 public day: gray dot line.

# Calendar and functional effects (endogenous)

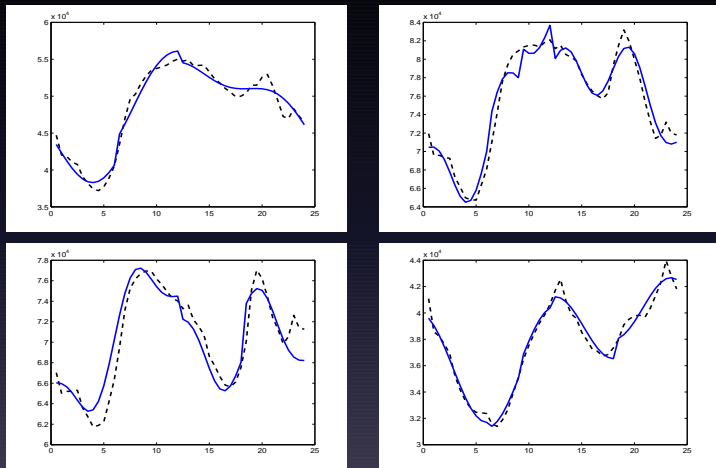


Figure : autumn, winter, spring and summer

## Calendar and functional effects (shape description)

- Consumption on day  $T$  can be explained by consumption of days  $t' < T$  of the past.
- can be explained by calendar values of the day  $T$  (monday,..., sunday, months, seasons,...)
- Is a function of time and can be expressed in a standard dictionary of functions (wavelets, Fourier,..)

## Functional aspect : dictionary

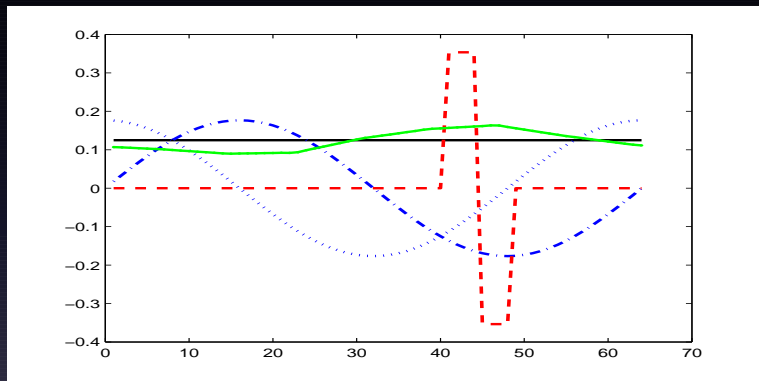


Figure : Functions of the dictionary. Constant (black-solid line), cosine (blue-dotted line), sine (blue-dashdot line), Haar (red-dashed line) and temperature (green-solid line with points) functions.

## Meteorological inputs: Exogeneous variables

- A total of 371 ( $=2 \times 39 + 293$ ) meteorological variables
- recorded each day half-hourly over the 2800 days of the same period of time.

Temperature:

$T^k$  for  $k = 1, \dots, 39$  measured in 39 weather stations scattered all over the French territory.

Cloud Cover:

$N^k$  for  $k = 1, \dots, 39$  measured in the same 39 weather stations.

Wind:

$W^{k'}$  for  $k' = 1, \dots, 293$  available at 293 network points scattered all over the territory.



# Weather stations

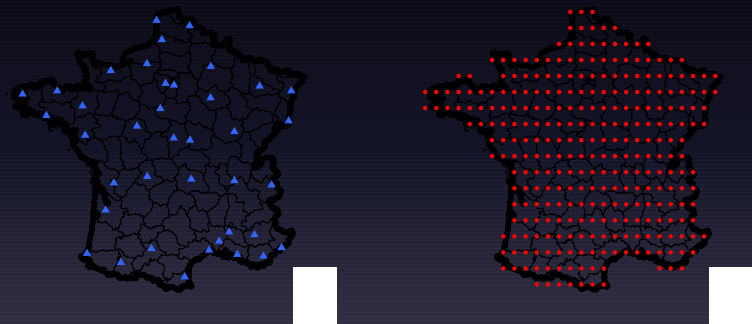
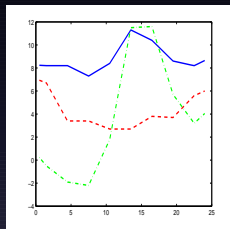
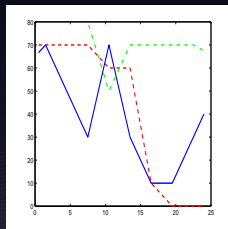


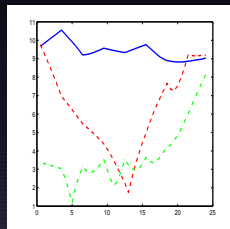
Figure : Temperature and Cloud covering measurement stations. Wind stations



(a) T



(b) CC



(c) W

Figure : Brest (blue line), Lille (red line) and Marseille (green).

- ① Large dimension
- ② Prediction requires to explain with a **small** number of predictable parameters
- ③ Most of the potentially explanatory variables (load curve, meteo, functions of the dictionary) are highly correlated

## Reduced set of explanatory variables

For each  $t$  index of the day of interest, we register the daily electrical consumption signal  $Y_t$  and

$$Z_t = [[C]_t [M]_t]$$

$[C]_t$  is the concatenation of the "calendar, functional, past-consumptions" variables and  $[M]_t$  "meteo variables".

## Sparse approximation on the learning set

Sparse Approximation of each consumption day on a learning set of days (2003-2010), using the set of potentially explanatory variables.

- For each day  $t$  of the learning set, we build an approximation  $\hat{Y}_t$  of the (observed) signal  $Y_t$  with the help of the set of explanatory variables ( $Z_t$ ):
- $\hat{Y}_t = G_t(Z_t)$

$$G_t(Z_t) = Z_t \hat{\beta}_t$$

(\*) Sparse Approximation and Knowledge Extraction for Electrical Consumption Signals, 2012,  
M. Mougeot, D. P., K. Tribouley & V. Lefieux, L. Teyssier-Maillard

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon$$

$\beta \in \mathbb{R}^k$  is the unknown parameter (to be estimated)

- $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n)^*$  is a (non observed) vector of random errors. It is assumed to be variables i.i.d.  $N(0, \sigma^2)$
- $X$  is a known matrix  $n \times k$ .

High dimension :  $k \gg n^t$

## Forecasting using the encyclopedia

- Construction of a set of forecasting experts.
- Aggregation of the experts.

## Forecasting experts

- Strategy :  $\mathcal{M}$  a function, data dependent or not, from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{N}$  such that for any  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}(d) < d$  (purely non anticipative).
- Plug-in To the strategy  $\mathcal{M}$  we associate the expert  $\tilde{Y}_t^{\mathcal{M}}$ : the prediction of the signal of day  $t$  using forecasting strategy  $\mathcal{M}$ ,

$$\tilde{Y}_t^{\mathcal{M}} = G_{\mathcal{M}(t)}(Z_t) = Z_t \hat{\beta}_{\mathcal{M}(t)}$$



## Examples of strategies : time depending

tm1: Refer to the day before: (The coefficients used for prediction are those calculated the previous day)

$$\mathcal{M}(d) = d - 1$$

$$\tilde{Y}_t^{\text{tm1}} = Z_t \hat{\beta}_{t-1}$$

tm7: Refer to one week before:

$$\mathcal{M}(d) = d - 7$$

$$\tilde{Y}_t^{\text{tm7}} = Z_t \hat{\beta}_{t-7}$$

- $T$ : Find the day having the closest temperature indicators, regarding the sup distance (over the days, and over the indicators):

$$\mathcal{M}(d) = \text{ArgMin}_t \sup_{k \in \{1, \dots, 6\}, i \in \{1, \dots, 48\}} |T_d^k(i) - T_t^k(i)|$$

- $T_m$ : Find the day having the closest median temperature with the sup distance (over the days):

$$\mathcal{M}(d) = \text{ArgMin}_t \sup_{i \in \{1, \dots, 48\}} |T_d^3(i) - T_t^3(i)|$$

For day  $t$ , the prediction MAPE error over the interval  $[0, T]$  is defined by:

$$\text{MAPE}(Y, \tilde{Y}_t^{\mathcal{M}})(T) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^T \frac{|\tilde{Y}_t^{\mathcal{M}}(i) - Y_t(i)|}{Y_t(i)}$$
$$\text{MISE}(Y, \tilde{Y}_t^{\mathcal{M}})(T) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^T |\tilde{Y}_t^{\mathcal{M}}(i) - Y_t(i)|^2$$

## Prediction evaluation

M	mean	med	min	max
Naive	0.0634	0.0415	0.0046	0.1982
<b>Apx</b>	<b>0.0129</b>	<b>0.0104</b>	<b>0.0023</b>	<b>0.0786</b>
tm1	0.0340	0.0281	0.0063	0.1490
tm7	0.0327	0.0258	0.0054	0.2297
T	0.0306	0.0263	0.0058	<b>0.1085</b>
Tm	0.0329	0.0275	0.0047	0.2020
T/N	0.0347	0.0293	0.0056	0.1916
Tm/N	0.0358	0.0300	0.0054	0.2156
T/G	0.0323	0.0271	0.0050	0.1916
T/d	0.0351	0.0278	0.0053	0.1916
T/c	0.0340	0.0259	0.0053	0.1937
Ns/G	0.0322	0.0251	0.0049	0.2078
N/d	<b>0.0305</b>	0.0239	<b>0.0042</b>	0.1449
N/c	0.0307	<b>0.0237</b>	<b>0.0042</b>	0.1990

## Prediction evaluation-Comparing experts

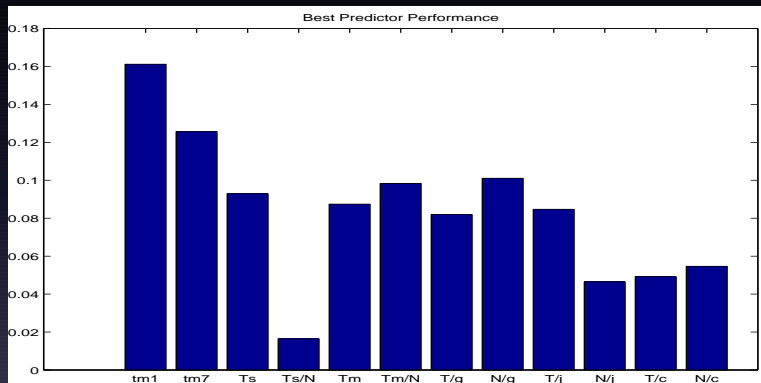


Figure : Percentage of best predictor

## Prediction evaluation-Comparing experts on days

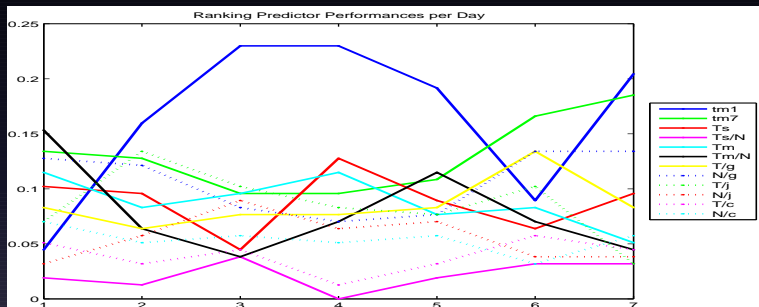


Figure : Percentage of best predictor among days (1:monday, ... 7:sunday)

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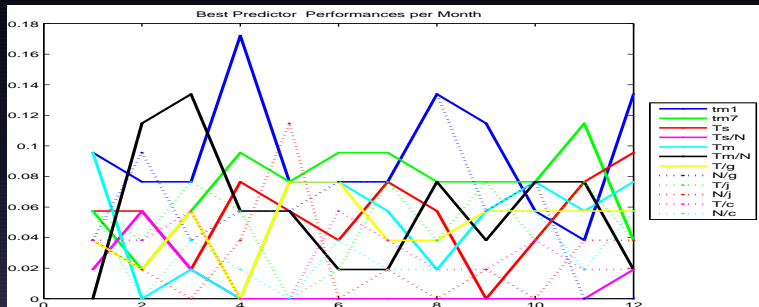


Figure : Percentage of best predictor among month

## Aggregation of predictors: Exponential weights

(inspired by various theoretical results -see Lecue, Rigollet, Stolz, Tsybakov,...-)

$$\tilde{Y}_d^{\text{wgt}*} = \frac{\sum_{m=1}^M w_d^m \tilde{Y}_d^m}{\sum_{m=1}^M w_d^m}$$

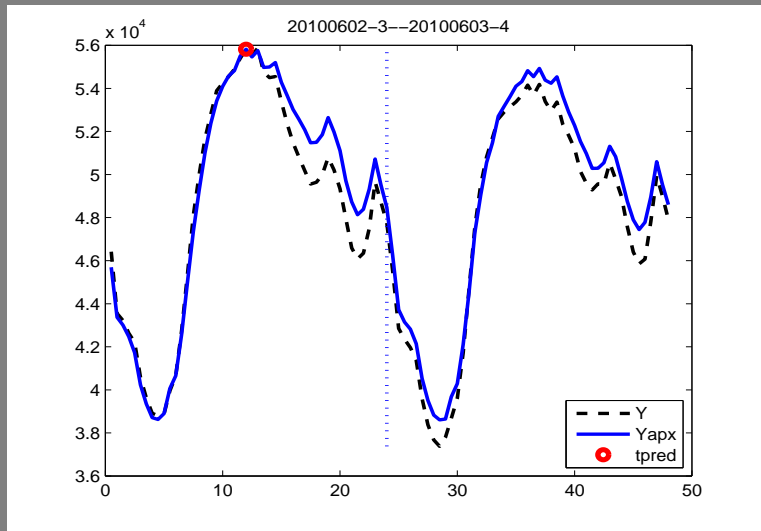
with

$$w_d^M = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{T\theta} \sum_{i=1}^T |\tilde{Y}_d^M(i) - Y_t(i)|^2\right)$$

$\theta$  is a parameter, (often called temperature in physics applications, see the discussion below)  $T = T_{\text{pred}}$ .

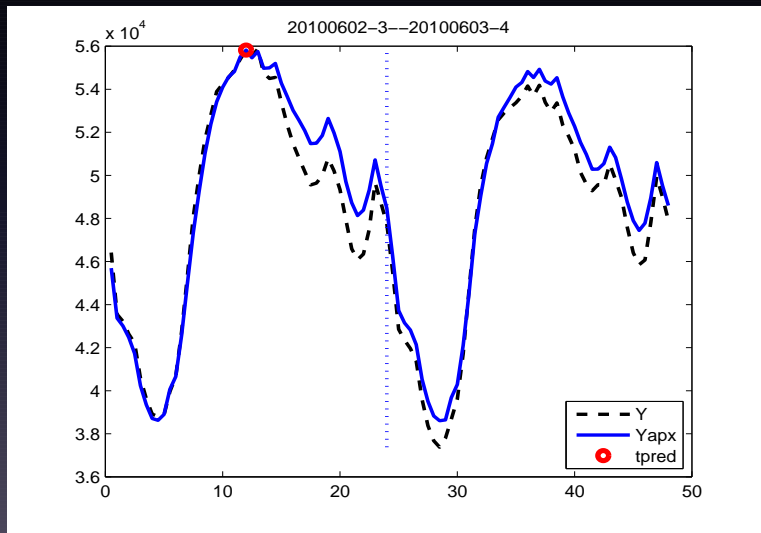


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# Forecasting

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## Winter forecast

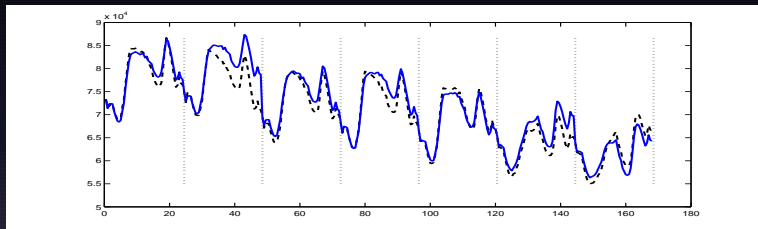


Figure : Forecast (solid blue line) and observed (dashed dark line) electrical consumption for a winter week from Monday February 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2010.

## Spring forecast

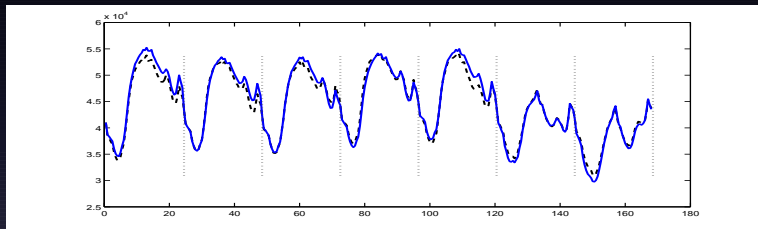


Figure : Forecast (solid blue line) and observed (dashed dark line) electrical consumption for a spring week from Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 21<sup>th</sup> 2010.

# Sparse methods- collinearity- structure

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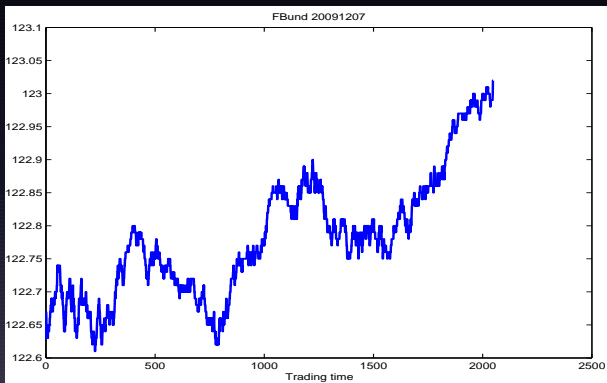
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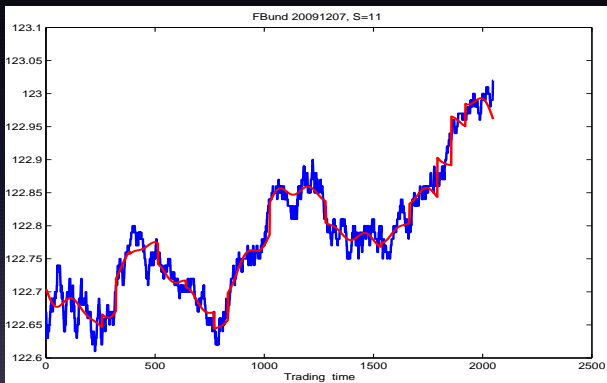
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# FBUND sparse reconstruction



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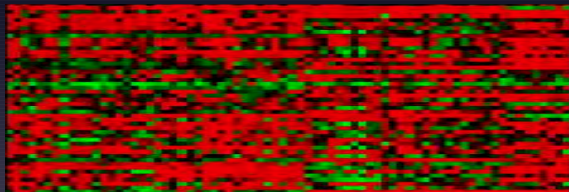
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## Genomic example

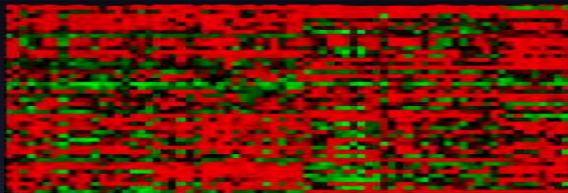
$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

X =



## The matrix $X$ : genomic

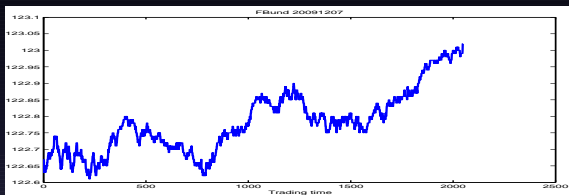
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- $X$  : expression of different genes  
behaves like  $n \times p$  random variables i.i.d.  $N(0, 1)$ . (large random matrices)

# Signal denoising

$Y =$



What is  $X$  in this case ?

- Statistical learning, regression estimation

$$Y_i = f(t_i) + \epsilon_i + u_i, \quad i = 1 \dots n$$

- $\epsilon_i$ 's are i.i.d.  $N(0, 1)$ .
- $u_i$ 's possibly random, not necessarily random nor iid but 'small'.
- $t_i$  are observation times ( $t_i = \frac{i}{n}$ ).
- $f$  is the parameter to be estimated.

To estimate  $f$ , we consider a dictionary  $\mathcal{D}$  of size  $\#\mathcal{D} = p$

$$\mathcal{D} = \{g_1, \dots, g_p\}$$

and assume that  $f$  can be well fitted by this dictionary.

$$f = \sum_{\ell=1}^p \beta_{\ell} g_{\ell} + h \quad (1)$$

where hopefully  $h$  is a 'small' function (in absolute value).

Which coincide with the following model:

$$Y = X\beta + u + \epsilon$$

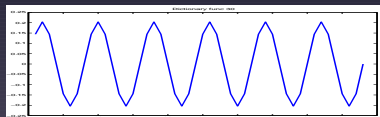
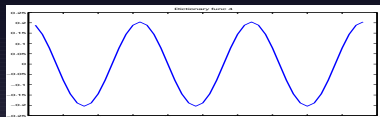
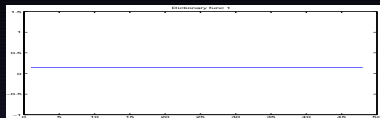
if we put  $u_i = h(t_i)$  and

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} g_1(t_1) & \cdots & g_p(t_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ g_1(t_n) & \cdots & g_p(t_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

Of course sparsity is linked with the dictionary.

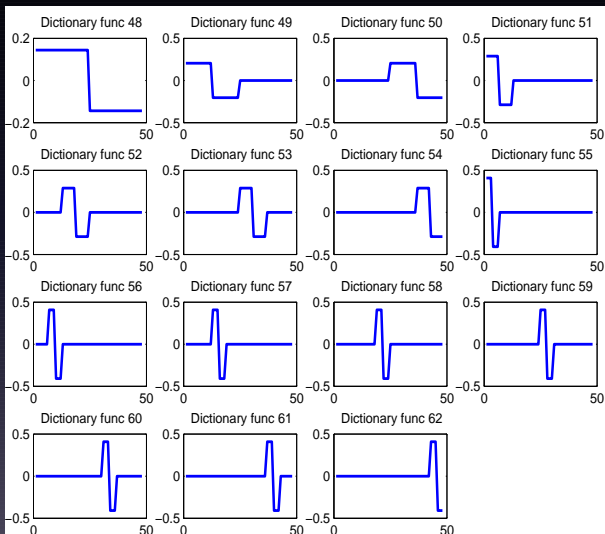
- Fourier Basis
- Wavelet basis
- Needlets
- Combination of 'bases'

# Fourier basis





# Haar wavelets



## Conditions generally required to solve the problem

- 'Sparsity'. conditions on the vector  $\beta$
- Conditions on the matrix  $X$  (not too high collinearities, RIP...)

## Restricted identity property

For  $\mathcal{C} \subset \{1, \dots, p\}$ , denote  $X_{\mathcal{C}}$  the matrix  $X$  restricted to the rows which are in  $\mathcal{C}$  and the associated Gram-matrix

$$M(\mathcal{C}) := \frac{1}{n} X_{\mathcal{C}}^t X_{\mathcal{C}}$$

Restricted identity property. means that  $M(\mathcal{C})$  is almost the identity matrix for any  $\mathcal{C}$  small enough.

## Example 1: RIP

RIP( $m_0, \nu$ ) assumes that

There exist  $0 \leq \nu < 1$  and  $m_0 \geq 1$  such that :

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^m, \quad \|\mathbf{x}\|_{l_2(m)}^2(1 - \nu) \leq \mathbf{x}^t \mathbf{M}(\mathcal{C}) \mathbf{x} \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_{l_2(m)}^2(1 + \nu),$$

## Example 2: Coherence condition

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$$M := \frac{1}{n} X^t X.$$

- $M_{jj} = 1$  for all  $j$ .
- Coherence.

$$\tau_n = \sup_{\ell \neq m} |M_{\ell m}| = \sup_{\ell \neq m} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i\ell} X_{im} \right|$$

Coherence  $\implies$  RIP( $\lfloor \nu/\tau_n \rfloor, \nu$ )

# Sparsity conditions



$$\#\{\ell \in \{1, \dots, k\}, |\beta_\ell| \neq 0\} \leq S$$

$$\sum_{\ell} |\beta_\ell|^q \leq M, \quad 0 < q < 1 \quad (B_q(M))$$

**SMALL NUMBER OF BIG COEFFICIENTS**

Many penalizations introduced historically in the regression framework (to put identification constraints on  $\beta$ )

- **Ridge:**  $E(\beta, \lambda) = \|Y - X\beta\|^2 + \lambda \sum_j \beta_j^2$
- **Lasso:**  $E(\beta, \lambda) = \|Y - X\beta\|^2 + \lambda \sum_j |\beta_j|$
- **Scad:**  $E(\beta, \lambda) = \|Y - X\beta\|^2 + \lambda \sum_j w_j g(\beta_j)$

Solutions based on:

→ Convex Optimization for  $l_2$ ,  $l_1$ , non convex Opti. for Scad  
Candes & Tao (2007), Fan & Lv (2008, 2010), ...

Many others...



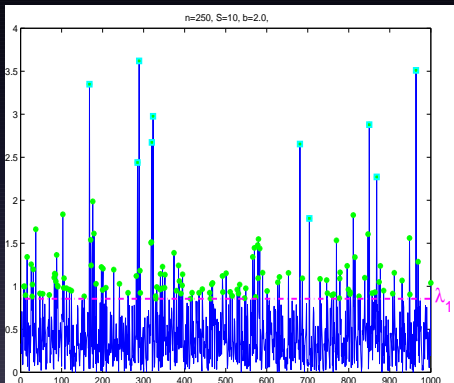
## Fast greedy methods : 2-step thresholding procedures

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon \quad Y (n \times 1), X (n \times k)$$

steps		compute	size
Step 1=pre-selection	Find $b$ Leaders $b < n \ll k$	$X_b$	$(n, b)$
Least squares	on Leaders	$\tilde{\beta} = (X_b^* X_b)^{-1} X_b^* Y$	$(1, b)$
Step 2=denoising	the coefficients	$\hat{\beta}$	$(1, \hat{S})$

## LOL : coefficient-wise : Step1

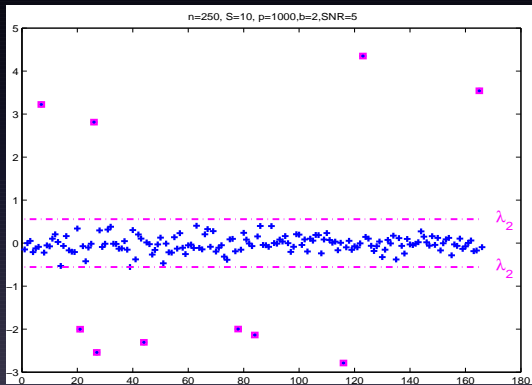
$$B = \{l, \mathcal{K}_l \geq \lambda_1\}, \quad \mathcal{K}_l = \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N X_{il} Y_i \right|$$



$n = 250, p = 1000, X$  i.i.d.  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1), S = 10$

$\text{card}(B) = 170 \gg S$

# LOL: step 3



$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon, \quad X : N \times k$$

We decide to re-arrange the  $k$  predictors into  $p$  ( $p \leq k$ ) groups of variables

$$X = [X_{\mathcal{G}_1}, \dots, X_{\mathcal{G}_p}]$$

where  $\mathcal{G}_1, \dots, \mathcal{G}_p$  is a partition of  $\{1, \dots, k\}$ .

$$X_\ell = X_{(j,t)}, \quad X_{\mathcal{G}_j} = [X_{(j,1)}, \dots, X_{(j,|\mathcal{G}_j|)}]$$

- $j \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  is the index of the group  $\mathcal{G}_j$
- $t$  is the altitude (height) of  $\ell$  inside the group  $\mathcal{G}_j$ .

- Structured Sparsity

$$\sum_{j=1}^p w_j \|\beta\|_{\mathcal{G}_j, r}^q = \sum_{j=1}^p w_j \left[ \sum_{t=1}^T |\beta_{(j,t)}|^r \right]^{q/r} \leq (M)^q.$$

$$\text{if } w_j = 1, r \geq q, \sum_{j=1}^p \|\beta\|_{\mathcal{G}_j, r}^q = \sum_{j=1}^p \left[ \sum_{t=1}^T |\beta_{(j,t)}|^r \right]^{q/r} \leq \sum_{j,t} |\beta_{(j,t)}|^q$$

- Structured sparsity generally less stringent than ordinary one
- Means we require a small number of 'big' groups

## Example of structure: Wavelet-grouping

- Block thresholding (global blocks)

$$\beta = (\beta_{jk})$$

$$\mathcal{G}_j = \{(j, k), 0 \leq k \leq 2^j\}, 0 \leq j \leq p$$

Size of  $\mathcal{G}_j = 2^j$ ,

Sparsity = Besov(s, r, q)(M)

The columns of  $X$  are again normalized

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N X_{i(j,t)}^2 = 1, \quad \forall (j, t).$$

"grouped correlation" search and thresholding:

$$\mathcal{K}_{(j,t)} = \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N X_{i(j,t)} Y_i \right| \quad \forall (j, t), \quad 1 \leq j \leq p, \quad 1 \leq t \leq T$$

$$\rho_j^2 = \sum_{t=1, \dots, T} \mathcal{K}_{(j,t)}^2, \quad T = \max_j |\mathcal{G}_j|$$

- $\lambda(1)$  is tuning parameter
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$$\mathcal{B} = \{j = 1, \dots, p, \rho_j^2 \geq \lambda(1)^2\} \quad (2)$$

- $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{B}} = \cup_{j \in \mathcal{B}} \mathcal{G}_j$ .



OLS on the block-leaders by considering the new pseudo-linear model

$$Y = X_{\mathcal{G}_B} \beta_{\mathcal{G}_B} + \text{error}.$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{\mathcal{G}_B} = \hat{\beta}(\mathcal{B}) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\beta}_{\mathcal{G}_B^c} = 0$$

where

$$\hat{\beta}(\mathcal{B}) = [X_{\mathcal{G}_B}^t X_{\mathcal{G}_B}]^{-1} X_{\mathcal{G}_B} Y.$$

- $\lambda(2)$  is another tuning parameter.
- We apply the second threshold on the estimated coefficients

$$\forall \ell = (j, t) \in \{1, \dots, k\}, \quad \hat{\beta}_\ell^* = \hat{\beta}_\ell \mathbb{I}\{ \|\hat{\beta}\|_{\mathcal{G}_j, 2} \geq \lambda(2) \}$$

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$$\|\hat{\beta}\|_{\mathcal{G}_j, 2}^2 := \sum_{0 \leq t \leq T} \hat{\beta}_{(j, t)}^2.$$

## Boosting the convergence by grouping

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon \quad Y (N \times 1), X (N \times k) \quad p \text{ groups}$$

- Calculate the (**internal**) correlations of the columns of the matrix  $X$  as well as their (**external**) correlation with the target  $Y$ .
- Put columns which are highly correlated (**internal** correlation) in different groups
- Gather the columns with typically close correlation to the target (**external** correlation)
- Make  $T$  (number of groups) as small as possible

## Boosting the rates : cut off

- Divide the columns of  $X$  into two sets :  $S_1$  : highly correlated,  $S_2$  : weakly correlated.
- Put  $S_1$  as 'group beginners' (each of them has smallest altitude in its group) to separate them.
- Choose the cut off between  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ .
- Fill the groups with affinity with the delegate in terms of  $\mathcal{K}_1 = \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N X_{i1} Y_i \right|$  : Gathering the columns with typically close correlation with the target

## Back to electrical consumption

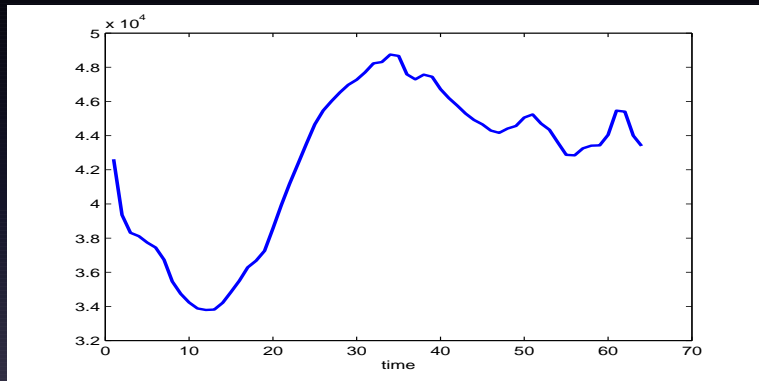


Figure : French consumption

# Temperatures

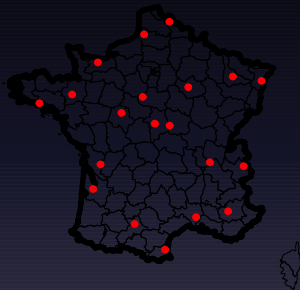


Figure : Temperature spots

# Dictionary

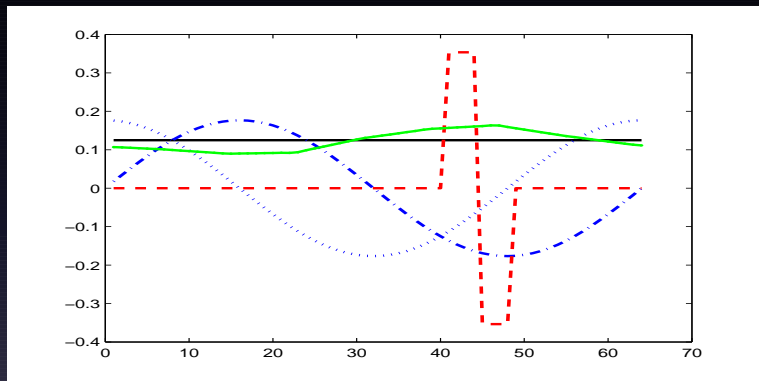


Figure : Functions of the dictionary. Constant (black-solid line), cosine (blue-dotted line), sine (blue-dashdot line), Haar (red-dashed line) and temperature (green-solid line with points) functions.

# Delegates

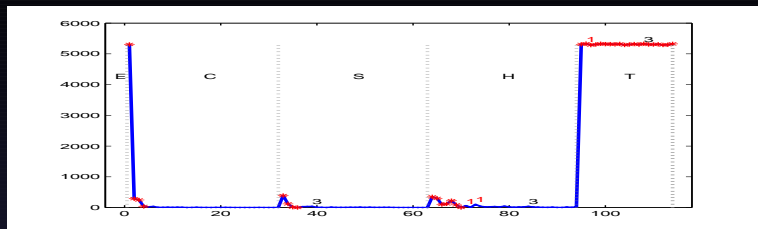


Figure : "Correlation" between the consumption signal and the various dictionary functions. The chosen delegates are tagged with a red star.

- For LOL,  $E = 1.86\%$  ( $\times 24$ ) selected functions:  
T-T-C-T-H-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-S-C and are meaningful functions (20 : T), (2 : C), (1 : S), (1 : H) .
- Group LOL:  $E = 0.75\%$ , 24 regressors / 8 groups  
THS-THH-THH-TCS-TCST-HHTC-STSH.  
meaningful functions (8 : T); (3 : C); (5 : S); (8 : H).



# Approximation

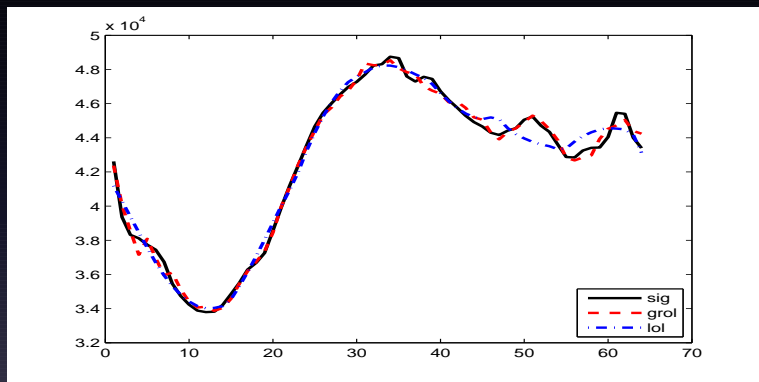


Figure : Model of the consumption signal (black-solid line) using GROL (red-dashed line) and LOL (blue dot dashed line).

# Pre-processing the explanatory variables

## Reduced dictionary : endogeneous variables : patterns

- Represent sparsely each day on the dictionary (H, S, C).
- Use K-means algorithm to cluster this representation : 8 groups
- Define these groups into calendar boolean variables
- Define in each group the consumption 'pattern' of the group (simply the mean)  $\text{mean}_{G(t)}$
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$$Z_t = [[C]_t [M]_t]$$

- Put  $[C]_t = [\text{mean}_{G(t)}, Y_{t-7}]$

## Reduced dictionary, groups of patterns

Table : Groups, 1...8, are defined using a calendar interpretation of clusters from Monday (day 1) to Sunday (day 7) and from January (month 1) to December (month 12) computed from January 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>th</sup> [?].

	Months											
Days	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	7	8	5	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	5	7
2	7	8	5	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	5	7
3	7	8	5	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	5	7
4	7	8	5	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	5	7
5	7	8	5	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	5	7
6	6	8	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	6
7	6	6	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	6

# K-means algorithm

- ① Place  $K$  points into the space represented by the objects that are being clustered. These points represent initial group centroids.
- ② Assign each object to the group that has the closest centroid.
- ③ When all objects have been assigned, recalculate the positions of the  $K$  centroids.
- ④ Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until the centroids no longer move.

# Important features

- ① Number of clusters
- ② Stability of the algorithm

- Linear summary of the variables PCA 90% of the variance.  
Each variable separately.
- Non-linear summary : for each variable,  
(Max, Min, Med, Variance)

# Convergence results





## 2-thresholding-step Procedures

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon \quad Y \text{ (} n \times 1 \text{), } X \text{ (} n \times p \text{)}$$

steps		compute	size
Step 1=preselection	Find $b$ Leaders $b < n \ll p$	$X_b$	$(n, b)$
least squares	on Leaders	$\tilde{\beta} = (X_b^* X_b)^{-1} X_b^* Y$	$(1, b)$
Step 2=denoising	the coefficients	$\hat{\beta}$	$(1, \hat{S})$

The columns of  $X$  are normalized

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N X_{i(j,t)}^2 = 1, \quad \forall (j, t).$$

"grouped correlation" search and thresholding:

$$\mathcal{K}_{(j,t)} = \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N X_{i(j,t)} Y_i \right| \quad \forall (j, t), \quad 1 \leq j \leq p, \quad 1 \leq t \leq T$$

$$\rho_j^2 = \sum_{t=1, \dots, T} \mathcal{K}_{(j,t)}^2, \quad T = \max_j |\mathcal{G}_j|$$

- $\lambda(1)$  is tuning parameter
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$$\mathcal{B} = \{j = 1, \dots, p, \rho_j^2 \geq \lambda(1)^2\} \quad (3)$$

- $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{B}} = \cup_{j \in \mathcal{B}} \mathcal{G}_j$ .

OLS on the block-leaders by considering the new pseudo-linear model

$$Y = X_{\mathcal{G}_B} \beta_{\mathcal{G}_B} + \text{error}.$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{\mathcal{G}_B} = \hat{\beta}(\mathcal{B}) \quad (\text{hence} \quad \hat{\beta}_{\mathcal{G}_B^c} = 0)$$

where

$$\hat{\beta}(\mathcal{B}) = [X_{\mathcal{G}_B}^t X_{\mathcal{G}_B}]^{-1} X_{\mathcal{G}_B} Y.$$

- $\lambda(2)$  is another tuning parameter.
- We apply the second threshold on the estimated coefficients

$$\forall \ell = (j, t) \in \{1, \dots, k\}, \quad \hat{\beta}_\ell^* = \hat{\beta}_\ell \mathbb{I}\{ \|\hat{\beta}\|_{\mathcal{G}_j, 2} \geq \lambda(2) \}$$

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$$\|\hat{\beta}\|_{\mathcal{G}_j, 2}^2 := \sum_{0 \leq t \leq T} \hat{\beta}_{(j, t)}^2.$$

## GR-LOL - Tuning thresholds

Choose:

- **Threshold  $\lambda_1$**  such that

$$\text{GRLOL } \lambda(1) = \kappa_1 \left[ \sqrt{\frac{T \vee \log p}{n}} \vee \tau^* \right]$$

$$\text{LOL } \lambda_1 = \kappa_1 \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n}} \vee \tau^* \right]$$

- **Threshold  $\lambda_2$**  such that

$$\text{GRLOL } \lambda(2) = \kappa_2 \left[ \sqrt{\frac{T \vee \log p}{n}} \vee \tau^* \right]$$

$$\text{LOL } \lambda_2 = \kappa_2 \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n}} \vee \tau^* \right]$$

$$T := \max_j |\mathcal{G}_j|$$

## Loss Function

$$d(\hat{\beta}^*, \beta)^2 = \sum_{l=1}^k (\hat{\beta}_l - \beta_l)^2$$

## Assumptions

- Sparsity:

$$\sum_{j=1}^p \|\beta\|_{\mathcal{G}_{j,1}}^q = \sum_{j=1}^p \left[ \sum_{t=1}^T |\beta_{(j,t)}| \right]^q \leq (M)^q.$$
$$(\beta \in B_{1,q}(M))$$

- Dimension:  $p \leq \exp(c'n)$ , ( $c'$  constant)

$$\sup_{B_{1,q}(M)} \mathbb{E}d(\hat{\beta}^*, \beta)^2 \leq D \left[ \sqrt{\frac{T \vee \log p}{n}} \vee \tau^* \right]^{(2-q)}$$

$$\sup_{B_{1,0}(S)} \mathbb{E}d(\hat{\beta}^*, \beta)^2 \leq DS \left[ \sqrt{\frac{T \vee \log p}{n}} \vee \tau^* \right]^2$$

for some positive constant  $D$

What is  $\tau^*$  ?



- Let  $M$  be the  $k \times k$  Gram matrix :

$$M := \frac{1}{n} X^* X.$$

- and the **Coherence**

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_n &= \sup_{\ell \neq m} |M_{\ell m}| = \sup_{\ell \neq m} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N X_{i\ell} X_{im} \right| \\ &= \sup_{(j,t) \neq (j',t')} |M_{(j,t)(j',t')}| = \sup_{(j,t) \neq (j',t')} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N X_{i(j,t)} X_{i(j',t')} \right| \end{aligned}$$

## Splitting the coherence : multitask inspiration

We split the coherence  $\tau_n$  into  $\gamma_{BG}$  and  $\gamma_{BA}$  where

$$\gamma_{BG} := \sup_t \sup_{j \neq j'} |M_{(j,t)(j',t)}|.$$

between groups-given altitude, sup over altitude

$$\gamma_{BA} := \sup_{j,j'} \sup_{t \neq t'} |M_{(j,t)(j',t')}| \quad (\text{small})$$

different altitudes, no matter which groups

Let us define :

$$\tau^* = T \gamma_{BA} + \gamma_{BG}$$

where  $T = \max_{j=1, \dots, p} \#\{\mathcal{G}_j\}$ .

## Example

ST coefficients, all equal to  $\gamma$ .

$$\gamma_{BA} = 0, \gamma_{BG} = \gamma \geq \sqrt{\frac{\log k}{n}}$$

	LOL	GRLOL (opt)	GRLOL (worse)
RATES	$ST[\gamma^2 + \frac{\log k}{n}]$	$S[\gamma^2 + \frac{T}{n} + \frac{\log k/T}{n}]$	$ST[\gamma^2 + \frac{T}{n} + \frac{\log k/T}{n}]$

## Boosting the rates : strategies for grouping

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon \quad Y (N \times 1), X (N \times k)$$

Question : how to group to obtain better rates, when possible ?

$\left[ \sum_{j=1}^p \left[ \sum_{t=1}^T  \beta_{(j,t)}  \right]^q \right]$	$\left[ \sqrt{\frac{T \vee \log p}{n}} \vee \{T \gamma_{BA} + \gamma_{BG}\} \right]$
↓	↓
GATHERING	WORKING on $T \gamma_{BA} + \gamma_{BG}$

## Boosting the rates

- Divide the columns of  $X$  into two sets :  $S_1$  : highly correlated,  $S_2$  : weakly correlated.
- Put  $S_1$  as 'group beginners' (each of them has smallest altitude in its group)  $\rightarrow \gamma_{BA} \ll \gamma_{BG} = \gamma_{\max}$
- Realize a 'good cut off  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , ensuring :

$$T\gamma_{BA} \leq \gamma_{BG}, \quad \log p/n \leq \gamma_{BG}^2, \quad T/n \leq \gamma_{BG}^2$$

- Fill the groups with affinity with the delegate in terms of  $\mathcal{K}_1 = \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N X_{i1} Y_i \right|$  : indication of  $\sum_{j=1}^p \left[ \sum_{t=1}^T |\beta_{(j,t)}| \right]^q$  as small as possible