

# Consistent change-point detection with kernels

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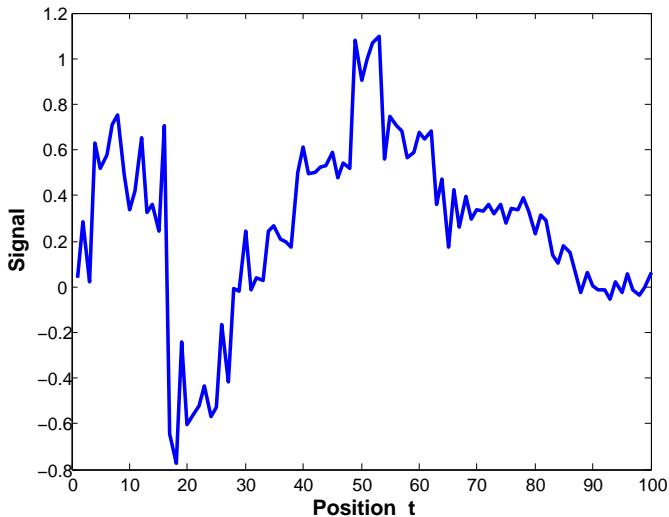
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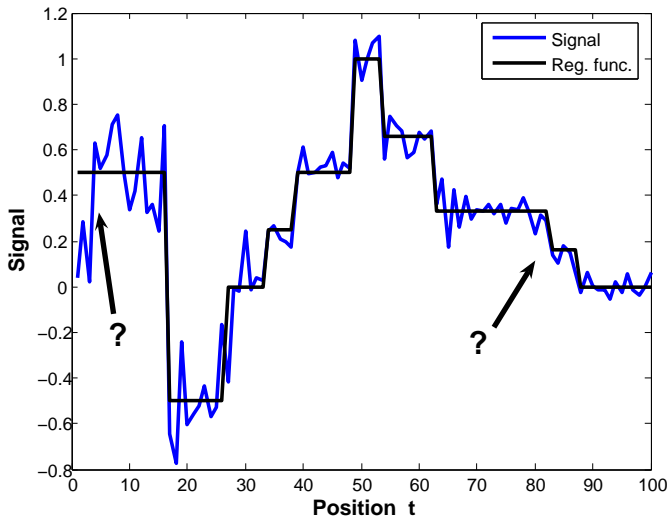
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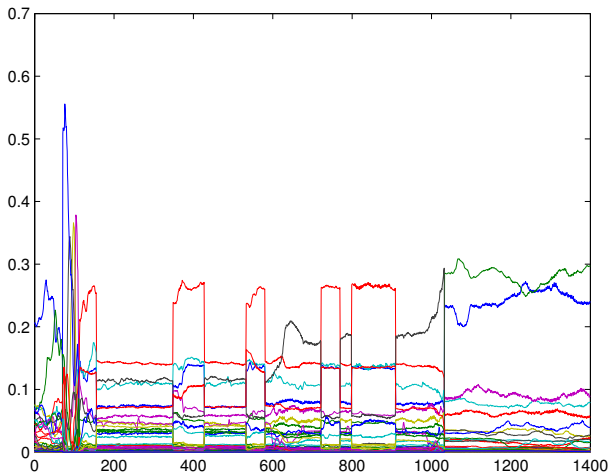
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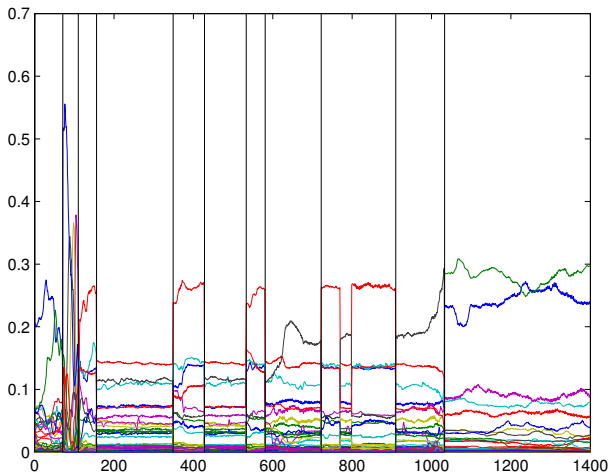
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# The change-point problem

- **Observation:**  $X_1, \dots, X_n \in \mathcal{X}$  independent random variables ( $\mathcal{X}$ : arbitrary measurable set).
  - $P_{X_i}$ : distribution of  $X_i$ .
- ⇒ find where are the **abrupt changes in the sequence**  
 $P_{X_1}, \dots, P_{X_n}$ ?

Notation:

$$\tau \in \mathcal{T}_n^D := \{(\tau_0, \dots, \tau_D) \in \mathbb{N}^{D+1}, 0 = \tau_0 < \tau_1 < \dots < \tau_D = n\}$$

segmentation (of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ ) into  $D_{\tau} = D \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  segments.

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# Kernels: a quick reminder

- $k : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  measurable is a **positive semidefinite kernel** if  $\forall x_1, \dots, x_m \in \mathcal{X}$ , the matrix  $(k(x_i, x_j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}$  is **positive semidefinite**.
- Examples:
  - **linear** kernel:  $k(x, y) = \langle x, y \rangle$ ,
  - **polynomial** kernel:  $k(x, y) = (1 + \langle x, y \rangle)^p$ ,
  - **Gaussian** kernel:  $k(x, y) = \exp(-\|x - y\|^2 / (2h^2))$ ,
  - $\chi^2$  kernel on  $\Delta^d$ :  $k(x, y) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{h \cdot d} \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{(x_i - y_i)^2}{x_i + y_i}\right)$
  - ...

# The kernel least-squares criterion

- **Least-squares criterion** (when  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}$ ):  $\forall \tau \in \mathcal{T}_n := \bigcup_{D \geq 1} \mathcal{T}_n^D$ ,

$$\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_n(\tau) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\ell=1}^D \sum_{i=\tau_{\ell-1}+1}^{\tau_{\ell}} (X_i - \bar{X}_{\tau_{\ell-1}+1, \tau_{\ell}})^2.$$

- **Kernel least-squares criterion:**

$$\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_n(\tau) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n k(X_i, X_i) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\ell=1}^D \left[ \frac{1}{\tau_{\ell} - \tau_{\ell-1}} \sum_{i=\tau_{\ell-1}+1}^{\tau_{\ell}} \sum_{j=\tau_{\ell-1}+1}^{\tau_{\ell}} k(X_i, X_j) \right].$$

- The two definitions coincide when  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}$  and  $k(x, y) = xy$ .

# Kernel change-point detection (KCP)

$$\hat{\tau} \in \underset{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_n}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ \underbrace{\hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(\tau)}_{\substack{\text{kernel} \\ \text{least-squares} \\ \text{criterion}}} + \underbrace{\operatorname{pen}(\tau)}_{\substack{\text{penalty} \\ \text{function}}} \right\} \quad (\text{A., Celisse \& Harchaoui, 2012–19})$$

where  $\operatorname{pen}$  is a function increasing with  $D_{\tau}$ , such as:

$$\operatorname{pen}(\tau) = \frac{1}{n} \left[ c_1 \log \left( \frac{n-1}{D_{\tau}-1} \right) + c_2 D_{\tau} \right]$$

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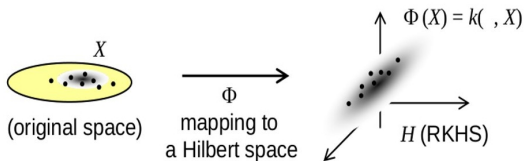
For  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}$ , linear kernel, Birgé & Massart (2001) and Lebarbier (2005) take  $\operatorname{pen}(\tau) = \frac{\sigma^2 D_{\tau}}{n} \left[ c_1 \log \left( \frac{n}{D_{\tau}} \right) + c_2 \right]$ .

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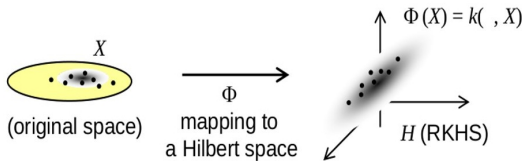
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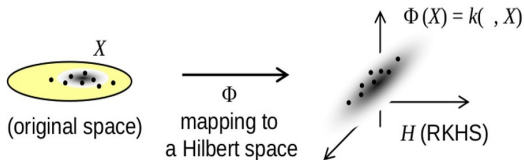
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- Remark: if  $k$  is characteristic (eg, Gaussian kernel),  $\mu_i^*$  characterizes  $P_{X_i}$ .



# KCP for fixed $D$ (Harchaoui & Cappé, 2007)

$$\hat{\tau}(D) \in \operatorname{argmin}_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_n^D} \{\hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(\tau)\}$$

- Dynamic programming algorithm
- **No computation in  $\mathcal{H}$** , only needs to compute the  $k(X_i, X_j)$  (cost  $\mathcal{C}_k$ )
- Complexity of computing  $(\hat{\tau}(D))_{1 \leq D \leq D_{\max}}$  :

time  $\mathcal{O}((\mathcal{C}_k + D_{\max})n^2)$       and      space  $\mathcal{O}(D_{\max}n)$

(Celisse et al., 2018).

# Main assumptions

- $\mathcal{H}$  separable
- Bounded kernel/data:

$$\exists M < +\infty, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \quad k(X_i, X_i) \leq M^2 \text{ a.s.} \quad (\text{Db})$$

⇒ always satisfied for Gaussian and  $\chi^2$  kernel.

$D = D_{\tau^*}$  known: notations

- True segmentation  $\tau^*$ :

$$\mu_1^* = \dots = \mu_{\tau_1^*}^* \neq \mu_{\tau_1^*+1}^* = \dots = \mu_{\tau_2^*}^* \neq \dots \neq \mu_{\tau_{D_{\tau^*}-1}^*+1}^* = \dots = \mu_n^*.$$

- Smallest jump size:  $\underline{\Delta} := \min_{i / \mu_i^* \neq \mu_{i+1}^*} \|\mu_i^* - \mu_{i+1}^*\|_{\mathcal{H}}$   
(MMD, Gretton et al. 2006).
- Smallest segment length:  $\underline{\Lambda}_{\tau} := \frac{1}{n} \min_{1 \leq \ell \leq D_{\tau}} |\tau_{\ell} - \tau_{\ell-1}|$ .
- Loss between segmentations  $\tau^1, \tau^2 \in \mathcal{T}_n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\infty, n}(\tau^1, \tau^2) &:= \frac{1}{n} \max_{1 \leq i \leq D_{\tau^1}-1} \left\{ \min_{1 \leq j \leq D_{\tau^2}-1} \left| \tau_i^1 - \tau_j^2 \right| \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \max_{1 \leq i \leq D_{\tau^1}-1} \left| \tau_i^1 - \tau_i^2 \right| \quad \text{if } D_{\tau^1} = D_{\tau^2} \text{ and } \tau^1, \tau^2 \text{ "close"} \end{aligned}$$

$D = D_{\tau^*}$  known: estimation of change-points locations

## Theorem (A. &amp; Garreau, 2018)

Assume:  $\mathcal{H}$  separable, **(Db)**,  $y > 0$  and

$$\underline{\Delta}_{\tau^*} > v_n(y) := \frac{148 D_{\tau^*} M^2}{\underline{\Delta}^2} \cdot \frac{y + \log n + 1}{n}.$$

Then, with probability  $1 - e^{-y}$ ,

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Corollary (A. &amp; Garreau, 2018, simplified result)

Assume:  $\mathcal{H}$  separable, **(Db)** and  $\frac{\Delta^2}{M^2} \gtrsim \frac{D_{\tau^*}}{\underline{\Delta}_{\tau^*}} \cdot \frac{\log n}{n}$ .

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- $\frac{\Delta^2}{M^2} \approx$  signal-to-noise ratio.
- Matches **minimax lower bound**  $\log(n)/n$  (Brunel, 2014).
- Remark:  $\log(n)$  factor not necessary in the standard “asymptotic” setting (Korostelev & Tsybakov, 2012).

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- **Quadratic risk** of  $\mu \in \mathcal{H}^n$ :

$$\mathcal{R}(\mu) = \frac{1}{n} \|\mu - \mu^*\|^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\mu_i - \mu_i^*\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 .$$

- Usual approach for **model selection**: take a penalty such that

$$\forall \tau \in \mathcal{T}_n, \quad \text{pen}(\tau) \geq \text{pen}_{\text{id}}(\tau) := \mathcal{R}(\hat{\mu}_\tau) - \hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(\tau) + \text{cst} .$$

# Oracle inequality for KCP

Theorem (A., Celisse & Harchaoui, 2012–19)

Assume:  $\mathcal{H}$  separable,  $(\mathbf{D}\mathbf{b})$ ,  $y > 0$ ,  $C \geq 119$  and

$$\forall \tau \in \mathcal{T}_n, \quad \text{pen}(\tau) \geq \frac{CM^2}{n} \left[ \log \binom{n-1}{D_\tau-1} + D_\tau \right].$$

Then, with probability  $1 - e^{-y}$ ,

$$\forall \hat{\tau} \in \operatorname{argmin}_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_n} \left\{ \hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(\tau) + \text{pen}(\tau) \right\},$$

$$\mathcal{R}(\hat{\mu}_{\hat{\tau}}) \leq 2 \inf_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_n} \left\{ \mathcal{R}(\hat{\mu}_\tau) + \text{pen}(\tau) \right\} + \frac{83yM^2}{n}.$$

- applies to  $\text{pen}(\tau) = \frac{CM^2 D_\tau}{n}$  if  $C \geq 465 \log(n)$ .
- $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}$ , linear kernel: Birgé & Massart (2001), Lebarbier (2005).



# Change-point estimation performance of KCP

## Theorem (A. & Garreau, 2018)

Assume:  $\mathcal{H}$  separable,  $(\mathbf{Db})$ ,  $y > 0$  and

$$C_{\min} := \frac{74}{3}(D_{\tau^*} + 1)(y + \log n + 1) < C < C_{\max} := \frac{\Delta^2}{M^2} \frac{\Lambda_{\tau^*}}{6D_{\tau^*}} n.$$

Then, with probability  $1 - e^{-y}$ ,

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Previous works (Lavielle & Moulines, 2000, among many others):  
real case ( $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{R}$ ) only (with dependent data).

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Assume:  $\mathcal{H}$  separable, **(Db)** and

$$D_{\tau^*} \log n \lesssim C \lesssim \frac{\underline{\Delta}^2}{M^2} \frac{\Lambda_{\tau^*}}{D_{\tau^*}} n.$$

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- $\frac{\underline{\Delta}^2}{M^2} \approx$  signal-to-noise ratio.
- Lower bound on  $C$ :  $\log(n)$  necessary (Birgé & Massart, 2007).

# Oracle inequality: proof ideas

- Notation:  $\varepsilon = Y - \mu^* \in \mathcal{H}^n$
- **Ideal penalty:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pen}_{\text{id}}(\tau) &:= \mathcal{R}(\widehat{\mu}_\tau) - \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_n(\tau) + \frac{1}{n} \|\varepsilon\|^2 \\ &= \frac{2}{n} \underbrace{\langle \Pi_\tau \mu^* - \mu^*, \varepsilon \rangle}_{=-L_\tau \text{ (linear term)}} + \frac{2}{n} \underbrace{\|\Pi_\tau \varepsilon\|^2}_{=Q_\tau \text{ (quadratic term)}} \end{aligned}$$

- **Concentration** for  $L_\tau$  and  $Q_\tau$  around their expectations
- ⇒ show that  **$\text{pen}(\tau) \geq \text{pen}_{\text{id}}(\tau)$  simultaneously for all  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}_n$** , with probability  $\geq 1 - e^{-y}$ .
- Previous work (Birgé & Massart, 2001): Gaussian assumption + real-valued functions ⇒ does not apply to RKHS case.

# Concentration of the quadratic term

Proposition (A., Celisse & Harchaoui, 2012–19)

Assume:  $\mathcal{H}$  separable and **(Db)**. Then, for every  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}_n$ ,  $x > 0$ :

$$\|\Pi_{\tau}\varepsilon\|^2 - \mathbb{E} \left[ \|\Pi_{\tau}\varepsilon\|^2 \right] \leq \frac{14M^2}{3} (x + 2\sqrt{2x}D_{\tau}) ,$$

with probability at least  $1 - e^{-x}$ .

Proof ideas:

- Pinelis-Sakhanenko's inequality ( $\|\sum_{i \in \lambda} \varepsilon_i\|_{\mathcal{H}}$ ).
- Bernstein's inequality (upper bounding moments).

# Concentration of the linear term

## Proposition

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$$|\langle \Pi_{\tau} \mu^* - \mu^*, \varepsilon \rangle| \leq \theta \|\Pi_{\tau} \mu^* - \mu^*\|^2 + \left( \frac{1}{2\theta} + \frac{4}{3} \right) M^2 x,$$

for every  $\theta > 0$ .

Proof: Bernstein's inequality.

# Identification of change-points: proof ideas

$$\widehat{\tau} \in \operatorname{argmin}_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_n} \{ \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_n(\tau) + \operatorname{pen}(\tau) \}$$

- Empirical risk:

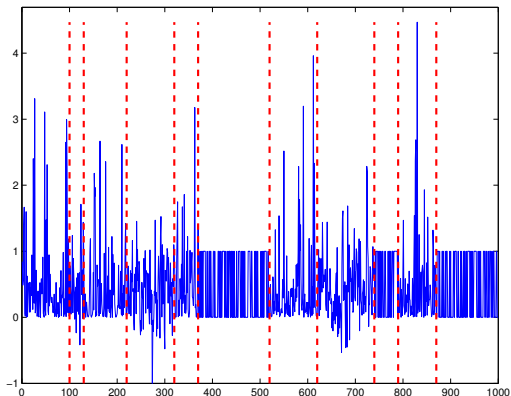
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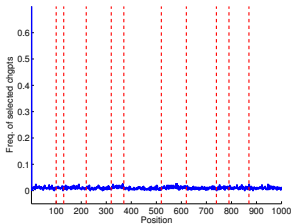
- Previous concentration inequalities for  $L_{\tau}$ ,  $Q_{\tau}$ .
- Deterministic bounds on  $A_{\tau}$ :
 
$$D_{\tau} < D_{\tau^*} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} A_{\tau} \geq \frac{1}{2} \underline{\Lambda}_{\tau^*} \underline{\Delta}^2 \quad (\text{for showing } D_{\widehat{\tau}} \geq D_{\tau^*})$$

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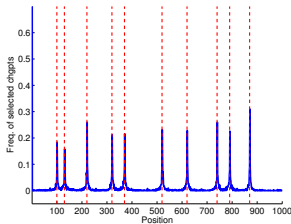
# Constant mean and variance: synthetic data

Constant mean and variance: the distribution of  $X_i$  is chosen among  $\mathcal{B}(0.5)$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(0.5, 0.25)$  and  $\mathcal{E}(0.5)$ .

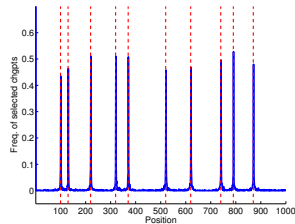


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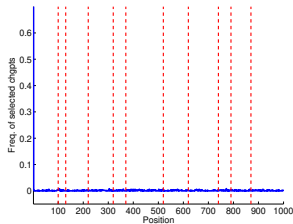
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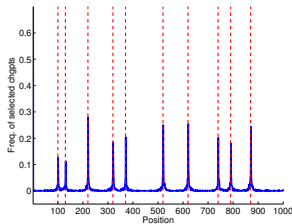
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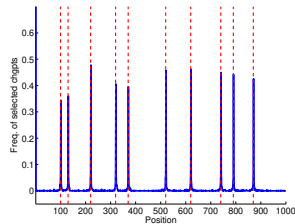


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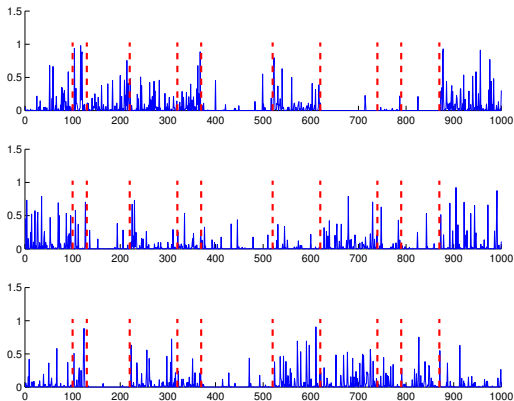


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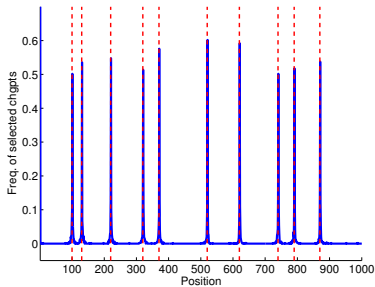
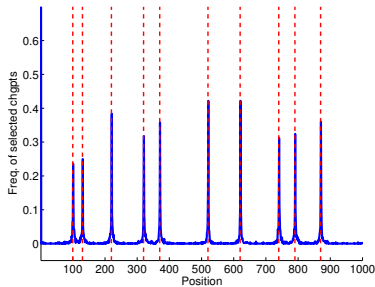
Gaussian kernel; KCP with  $\hat{D}$  data-driven.

# Histogram-valued synthetic data

$X_i \in d$ -dimensional simplex, Dirichlet distribution  $(p_1^\ell, \dots, p_d^\ell)$  on the  $\ell$ -th segment, with  $p_i^\ell$  independent  $\sim \mathcal{U}([0, 0.2])$ .

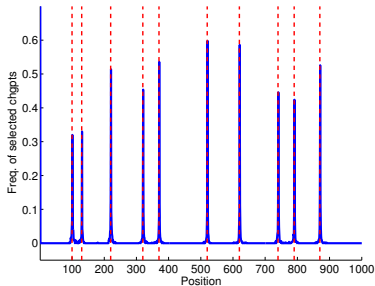
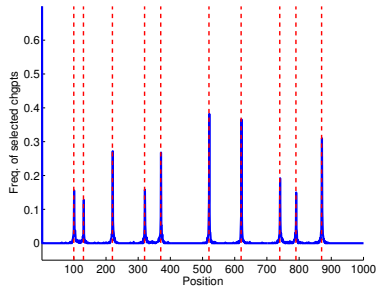


(first three coordinates)

Histogram-valued synthetic data: results ( $D_{\mathcal{T}^*}$ ) $\chi^2$  kernel

Gaussian kernel

KCP with  $D_{\mathcal{T}^*}$  known.

Histogram-valued synthetic data: results ( $\hat{D}$ ) $\chi^2$  kernel

Gaussian kernel

KCP with  $\hat{D}$  data-driven.

# Real data experiments with KCP

- **wave heights** (A., Celisse & Harchaoui, 2012–19): distribution changes,  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}$
- **composite biological data**, DNA copy number and allele B frequencies (Celisse et al., 2018):  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^2$
- human activity recognition using smartphones data set (Garreau & A. 2018):  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^{30}$  (sliding **frequency-domain representation**)
- **correlation changes** in a multivariate time series (Cabrieto et al. 2017), application to behavioral sciences
- **covariance structure** changes (Cabrieto et al., 2018) with KCP on running empirical correlations, application to psychology
- **autocorrelation structure** changes (Cabrieto et al., 2018) with KCP on running empirical autocorrelations, application to psychology

# Conclusion

## Take-home message:

- Kernelized version of penalized least-squares change-point detection (eg, Lebarbier, 2005).
- Detection of **changes in the distribution**, not only the first moments.
- Can deal with **structured data**.
- Under reasonable assumptions and for a class of penalty functions:
  - **oracle inequality**;
  - identifies the correct **number of change-points**;
  - estimates at the correct rate the **change-points locations**.

## Open problems:

- Unbounded data/kernel.
- Dependent data?
- Learn how to choose the kernel.