

# Network inference with **qpgraph** *recent developments and future challenges*

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# Purpose

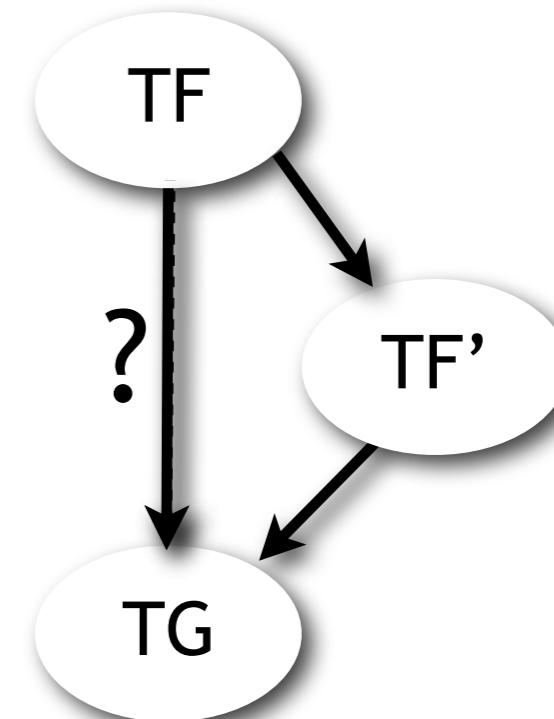
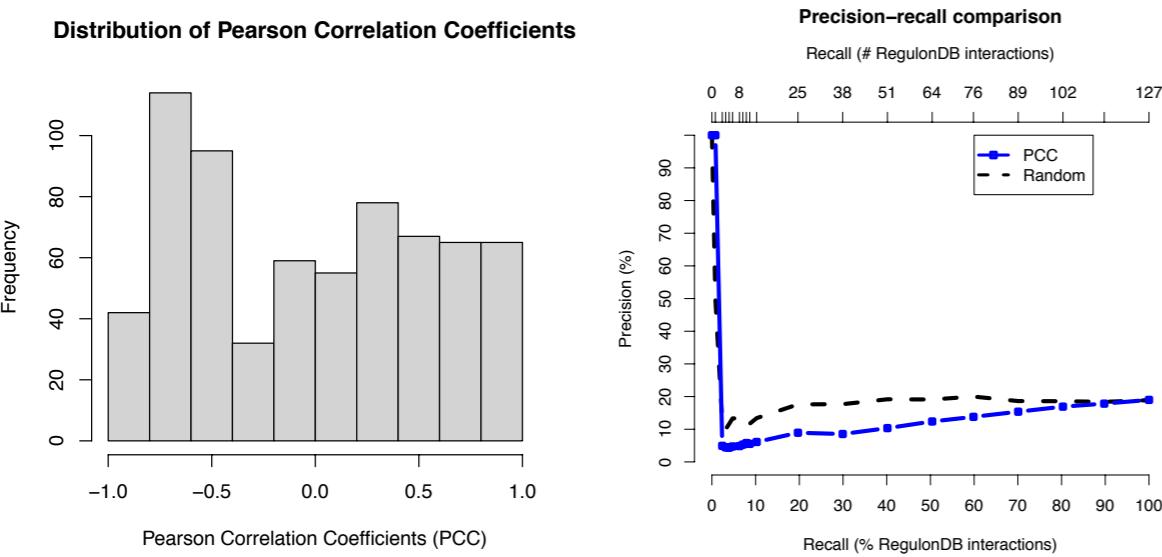
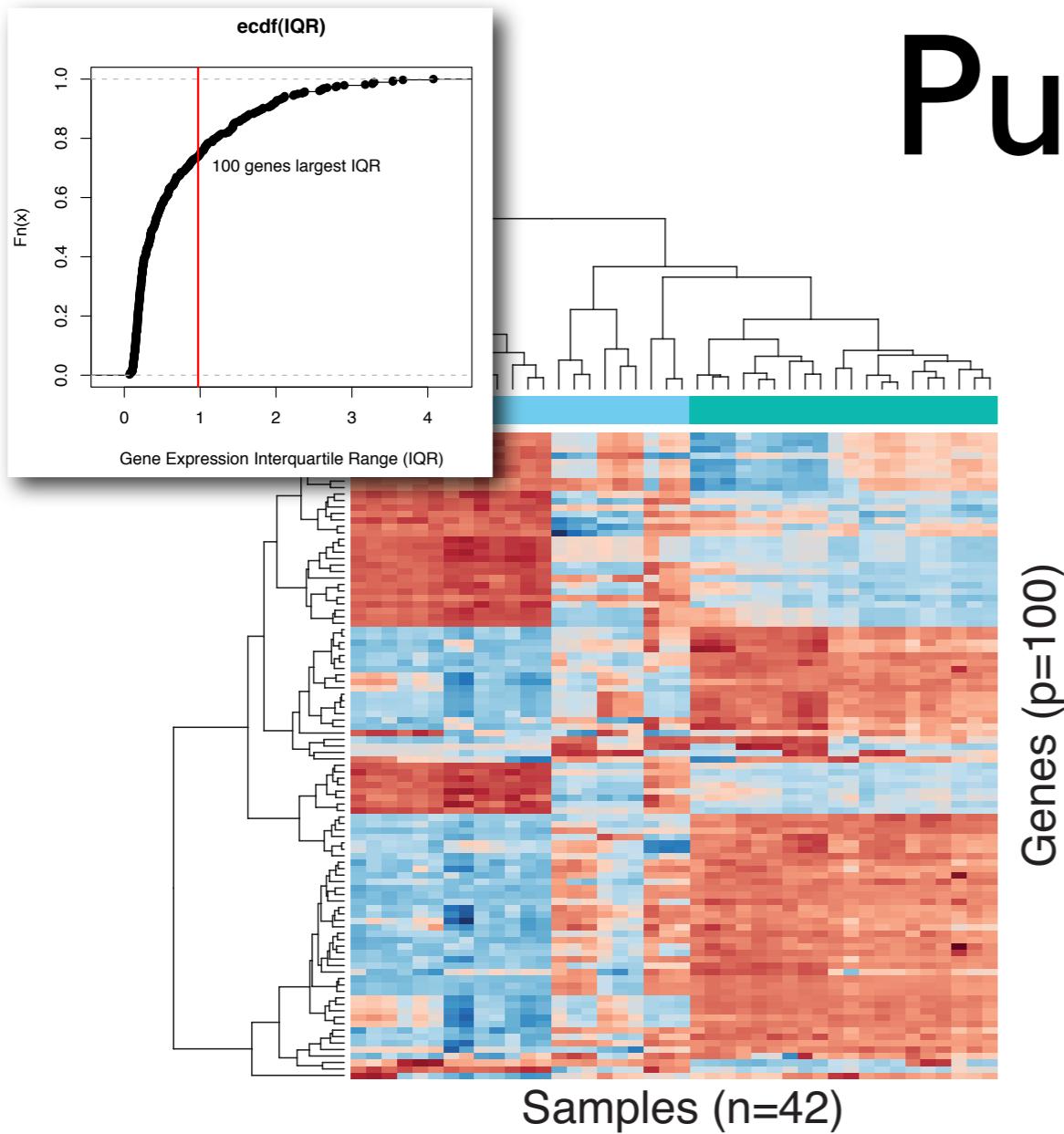
to infer molecular regulatory networks  
from microarray data using  
**q-order partial correlation graphs**  
“qp-graphs”

(entered the BioC release cycle on april 2009)

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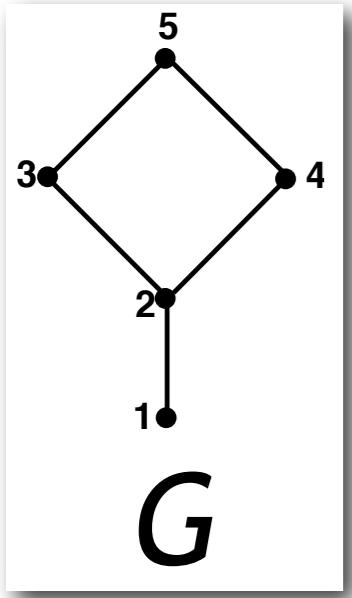
# Purpose



distinguish between direct  
and indirect interactions in  
the context of a microarray  
data set where  $p \gg n$

# Partial correlations

$$V = \{1, 2, \dots, p\} \quad X_V \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$$



$$\Sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_{11} & \kappa_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \kappa_{21} & \kappa_{22} & \kappa_{23} & \kappa_{24} & 0 \\ 0 & \kappa_{32} & \kappa_{33} & 0 & \kappa_{35} \\ 0 & \kappa_{42} & 0 & \kappa_{44} & \kappa_{45} \\ 0 & 0 & \kappa_{53} & \kappa_{54} & \kappa_{55} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Gaussian  
graphical  
model**

$$R = V \setminus \{i, j\}$$

$$\rho_{ij.R} = \frac{-\kappa_{ij}}{\sqrt{\kappa_{ii}\kappa_{jj}}}$$

**full-order partial correlation**

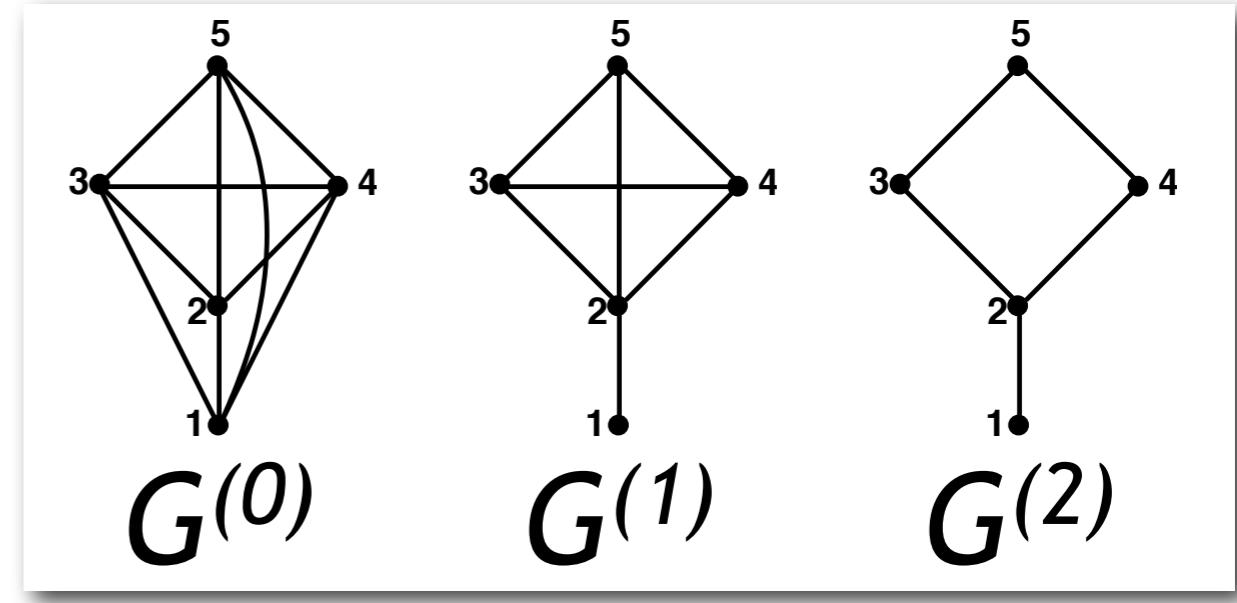
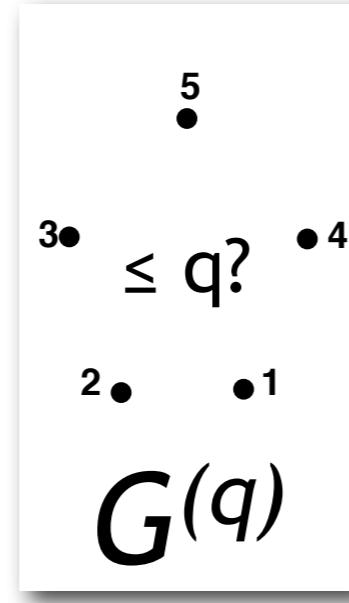
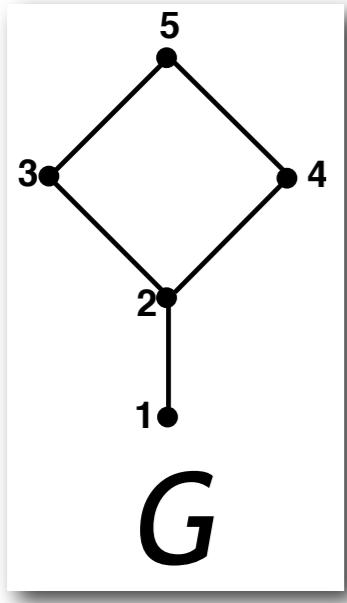
$$\rho_{ij.R} = 0 \iff \kappa_{ij} = 0 \iff X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_j | R$$

# q-order partial correlations

$$Q \subseteq R = V \setminus \{i, j\}, \quad |Q| = q, \quad q < (n - 2)$$

which will allow us to test  $H_0 : \rho_{ij.Q} = 0$  with standard techniques where  $\rho_{ij.Q} = 0 \iff X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_j | X_Q$  and we expect then to identify the missing edges of the graph  $G$  using  $\rho_{ij.Q}$

# q-order partial correlation graphs



associated with  
the multivariate  
distribution  $P(X_V)$   
of dimension p

associated with all  
marginal multivariate  
distributions  $P_Q(X_V)$   
of dimension  $q+2$

	$g_1$	$g_2$	$g_3$	$g_4$	$g_5$
e1	black	red	black	black	red
e2	green	black	black	black	red
e3	green	black	green	black	red

$p=5 > n=3$  but  $q=2 < n=3$  !!

Learning with the non-rejection rate, implemented in `qpNrr()`:

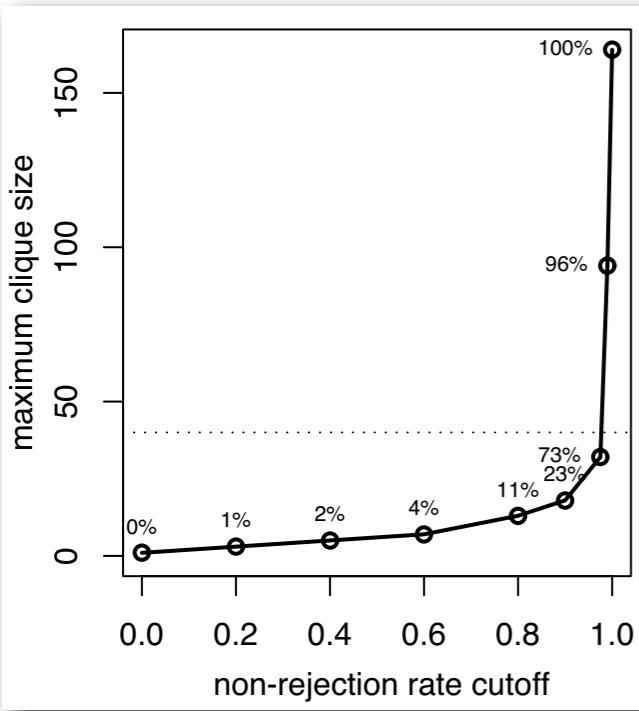
$$\text{NRR}(i, j|q, D) := \beta_{ij}^q (1 - \pi_{ij}^q) + (1 - \alpha) \pi_{ij}^q$$

mean value Type-II errors  $\beta_{ij.Q}$

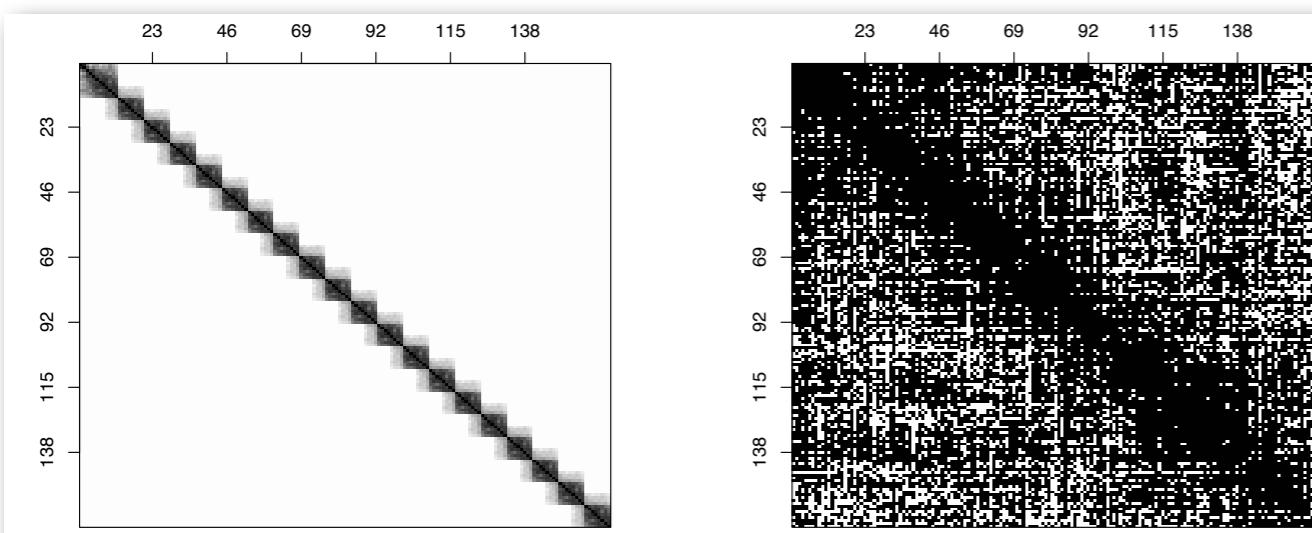
Pr. Type-I error

fraction of subsets Q  
that separate (i,j) in G

# The non-rejection rate



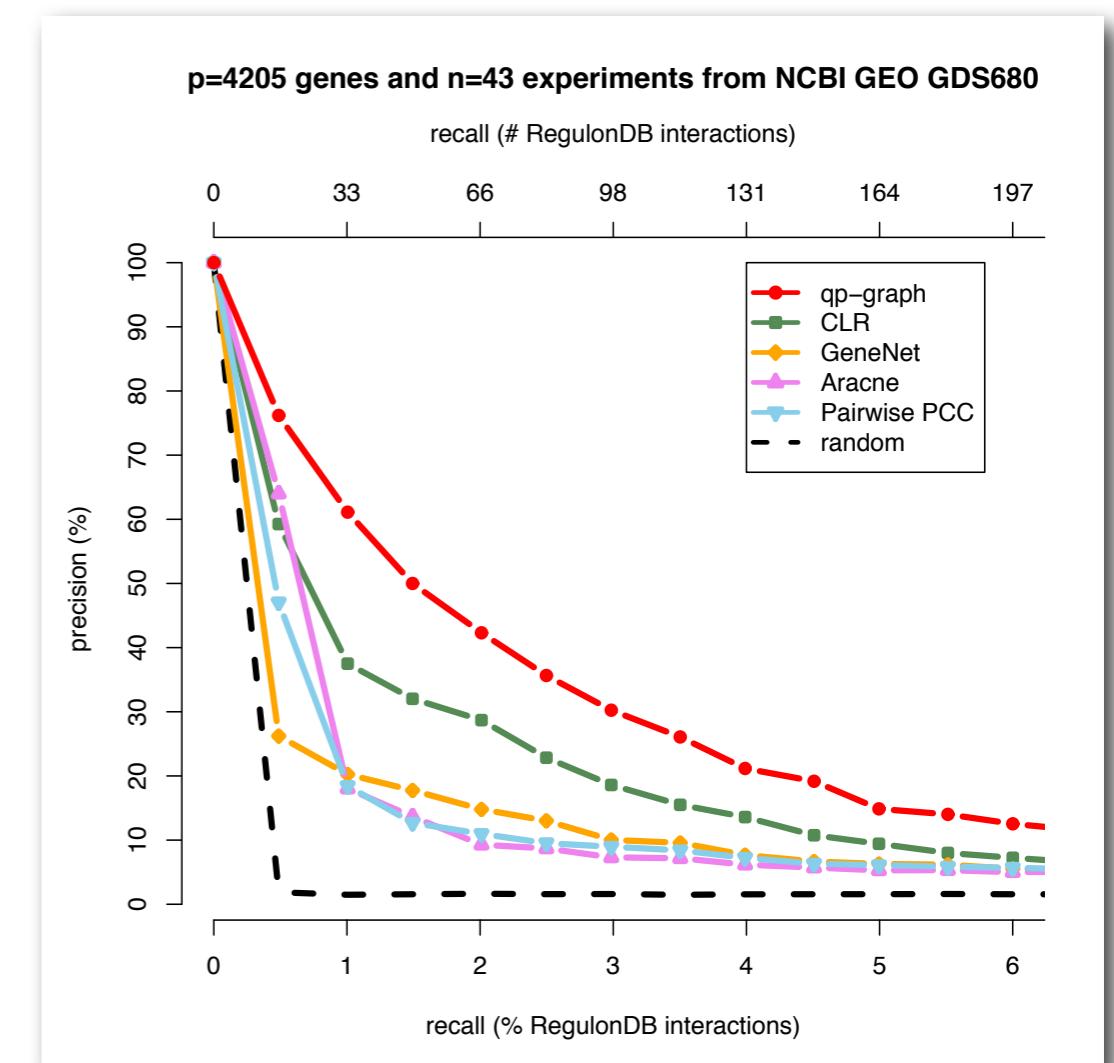
statistical model-based approach  
using conservative cutoffs



$\Sigma^{-1}$

$\hat{S}^{-1}$

machine learning approach  
using stringent cutoffs



# Computational aspects

- non-rejection rate: Monte Carlo method performing  $\sim 100$  hypothesis tests for each of the  $p(p-1)/2$  pairs of genes involving sum, multiplication and inversion of matrices of size  $q$  (needs sample covariance  $p \times p$  matrix)
- all matrices are symmetric, some dense, some sparse
- required graph calculations like clique enumeration or maximum clique size are provided via the cliquer library (Ostergard, 2002):

<http://users.tkk.fi/pat/cliquer.html>

# Recent developments

- efficient storage and manipulation of matrices via Matrix

- parallel support via snow and argument clusterSize=n:

```
qpNrr(x, q=10, clusterSize=8)
```

- wall-time estimation for production clusters:

```
qpNrr(x, q=10, clusterSize=8, estimateTime=TRUE)
```

- cluster computation progress monitoring:

```
qpNrr(x, q=10, clusterSize=8, verbose=TRUE)
```

# Matrix incomplete functionality

- arithmetic operations on a symmetric matrix

```
> m <- new("dspMatrix", Dim=c(500L,500L), x=rnorm(500+choose(500,2)))
> m2 <- m + m
> class(m2)
[1] "dgeMatrix"
attr(,"package")
[1] "Matrix"
> print(object.size(m), units="Mb")
1 Mb
> print(object.size(m2), units="Mb")
1.9 Mb
```

- operations involving adjacency matrices (lgc, sym, sparse)

```
> A <- Diagonal(500, TRUE)
> m[A] <- 0
Error in .local(x, i, j, ..., value) :
  not-yet-implemented 'Matrix[<- ' method
```

- cov( ) does not return yet a dspMatrix  $\Rightarrow$  qpCov( )

# Future challenges

- integration with R & BioC visualization and analysis tools for networks
- encapsulate resulting network and its parameters into a proper object class (graphSet? sbml?)