

# Preface

The 11th Abel Symposium on “Statistical Analysis for High-Dimensional Data” was held at Nyvågar Rorbuhotell, near the village of Kabelvåg, in the Lofoten archipelago, Norway, from Monday, May 5, to Friday, May 9, 2014. This Abel Symposium Proceedings contains a selection of papers within this field.

There were 53 participants, and participation was by invitation only. The scientific committee for the symposium consisted of the editors of this Abel Symposium volume: Peter Bühlmann, Arnoldo Frigessi, Ingrid K. Glad, Mette Langaas, Sylvia Richardson, and Marina Vannucci.

The symposium had 23 invited talks:

Yoav Benjamini	Addressing statistical woes affecting replicability
Peter J. Bickel	Asymptotic analysis of unlabeled networks and an application
Leonardo Bottolo	Bayesian hierarchical mixture models
Tony Cai	Sparse PCA: optimal rates, adaptive estimation, and computational challenges
Mathias Drton	Ising model selection with Bayesian information criteria
Edward I. George	Spike-and-slab variable selection
Jelle J. Goeman	A global $\times$ global test for association between two high-dimensional data sets
Chris Hans	From a conditional Lindley’s paradox to poly-hyper- $g$ priors in Bayesian regression
Trevor Hastie	Sparse models and coordinate descent
Nicolai Meinshausen	Maximin effects for heterogeneous large-scale data
Xiao-Li Meng	The potential and perils of preprocessing: building new foundations
Sach Mukherjee	High-dimensional approaches for investigating disease heterogeneity

Peter Müller	A Bayesian feature allocation model for tumor heterogeneity
Susan A. Murphy	Micro-randomized trials and off-policy reinforcement learning
Judith Rousseau	Asymptotic properties of empirical Bayes procedures in parametric and nonparametric models
Richard Samworth	Independent component analysis via nonparametric maximum likelihood estimation
Terence P. Speed	Removing unwanted variation for prediction
Sara van de Geer	Confidence sets for the graphical lasso
Martin J. Wainwright	Randomized sketches of high-dimensional convex programs: practical schemes and sharp rates
Mike West	Dynamic sparsity modeling
Bin Yu	Relating developmental transcription factors (TFs) based on <i>Drosophila</i> embryonic gene expression images

The participants not giving invited talks had the possibility to give a short presentation of their work. Contributed talks were given by Magne T. Aldrin, Bettina Kulle Andreassen, Elja Arjas, Lamiae Azizi, Linn Cecilie Bergersen, Peter Bühlmann, Jan Christoph Ernest, Arnaldo Frigessi, Ingrid K. Glad, Clara-Cecilie Günther, Kari K. Halle, Kristoffer H. Hellton, Eric B. Laber, Mette Langaas, Tonje G. Lien, Ole Christian Lingjærde, Keli Liu, Edgar A. Muro Jimenez, Christian M. Page, Andrea I. Riebler, Sylvia Richardson, Daniel P. Simpson, Nicolas Städler, Øystein Sørensen, Marina Vannucci, Valeria Vitelli, Verena Zuber, and Erik W. van Zwet.

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