

PLSR-DA with **unbalanced data**

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→ **BHB** (beta-hydroxybutyrate) dataset

- Biomarker of ketosis in milking cows

BHB concentration in blood



Usual
Blood sampling

2 classes

Low ≤ 1.2 mmol/L

High > 1.2 mmol/L \Rightarrow Disease

Possible alternative?

MIR spectrometry
on milk samples

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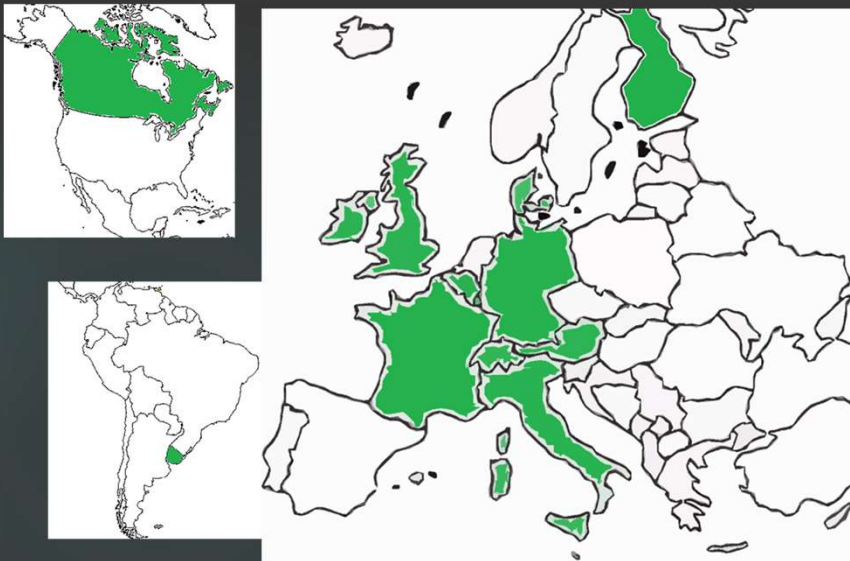
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64 herds N = 4,220 milk samples

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Milk samples have been analyzed with 34 spectrometers, in particular FT2, FT6000, FT+, and FT7 (Foss, Hillerød, Denmark), and standard lactoscopes FT-MIR automatic (Delta Instruments, Drachten, the Netherlands).

The MIR spectra from the different instruments were standardized to be merged into a common dataset

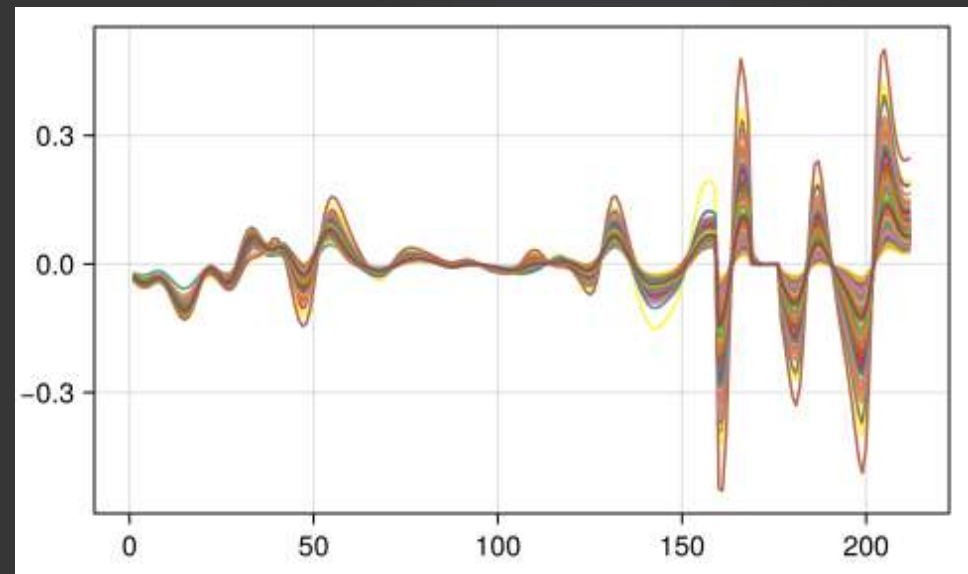
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The selected spectral area consisted of 212 wavelengths

- 968.1 – 1,577.5 cm^{-1}
- 1,731.8 – 1,762.6 cm^{-1}
- 1,781.9 – 1,808.9 cm^{-1}
- 2,831.0 – 2,966.0 cm^{-1}

to exclude areas not reproducible between instruments.

The spectra were pretreated by a first derivative



N = 4,220 samples

	BHB		
	Low	High	
Training (3/4)	2,939	256	48 herds
Test (1/4)	953	72	16 herds



~7-8%

→ Unbalanced classes

Theoretical aspects

Usual PLSDA (simpler)

= PLSR-DA

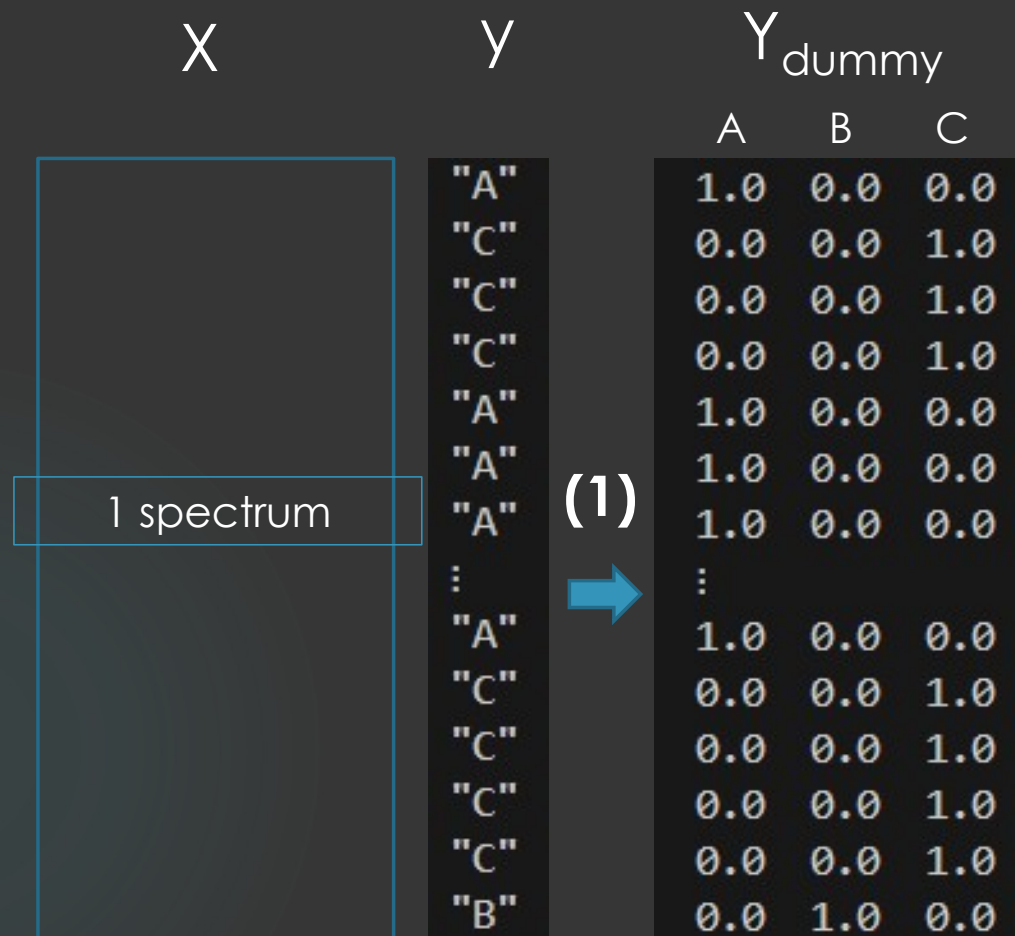
= PLS-MLR-DA

Other methods not considered here

- PLS-LDA
- PLS-QDA
- PLS-KDEDA
- etc.

3 steps

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X

1 spectrum

 Y_{dummy}

A B C

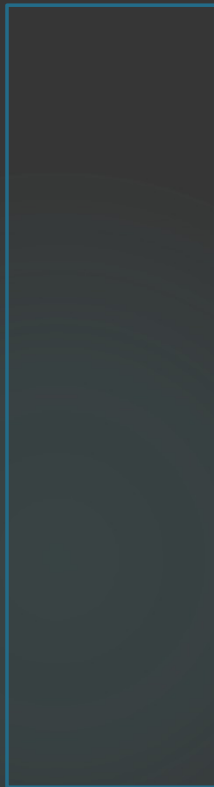
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(2)
PLS2

Dimension
reduction

PLS
scores
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Y_{dummy}

A	B	C
1.0	0.0	0.0
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(3)
MLR



Regression
model

$$(2) + (3) = \text{PLSR2} \{ X, Y_{\text{dummy}} \}$$

Prediction


$$\hat{Y}_{\text{dummy}, \text{new}}$$

$$\hat{y}_{\text{new}}$$

X_{new} → Fitted PLSR2
model
{X, Ydummy }

A	B	C
0.468518	0.316516	0.214966
0.420873	0.277312	0.301815
0.285408	0.429812	0.28478
0.378064	0.405632	0.216304
0.301464	0.337026	0.361509
0.322369	0.381457	0.296174
0.443234	0.266208	0.290558
⋮		

A
A
B
B
C
...

- **(2)**: PLS2 { X , Y_{dummy} } \rightarrow T
 - **(3)**: MLR { T , Y_{dummy} } \rightarrow \hat{y}
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Bias if classes unbalanced

Dominant class is favored in the predictions

Simple approach to decrease the bias

- **Weighting** the PLS

Usual PLSRWeighted PLSR

Means

$$\mathbf{1}'\mathbf{X}$$

$$\mathbf{1}'\mathbf{D}\mathbf{X}$$

Covariances

$$\mathbf{T}'\mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{T}'\mathbf{D}\mathbf{y}$$

MLR $\hat{\beta}$

$$(\mathbf{T}'\mathbf{T})^{-1}\mathbf{T}'\mathbf{y}$$

$$(\mathbf{T}'\mathbf{D}\mathbf{T})^{-1}\mathbf{T}'\mathbf{D}\mathbf{y}$$

$$\underset{n \times n}{\mathbf{D}} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & w_n \end{bmatrix}$$

such as $\underbrace{\sum_i w_{i,A}}_{\text{weight class A}} = \underbrace{\sum_i w_{i,B}}_{\text{weight class B}} = \underbrace{\sum_i w_{i,C}}_{\text{weight class C}} = 1/3$

BHB dataset

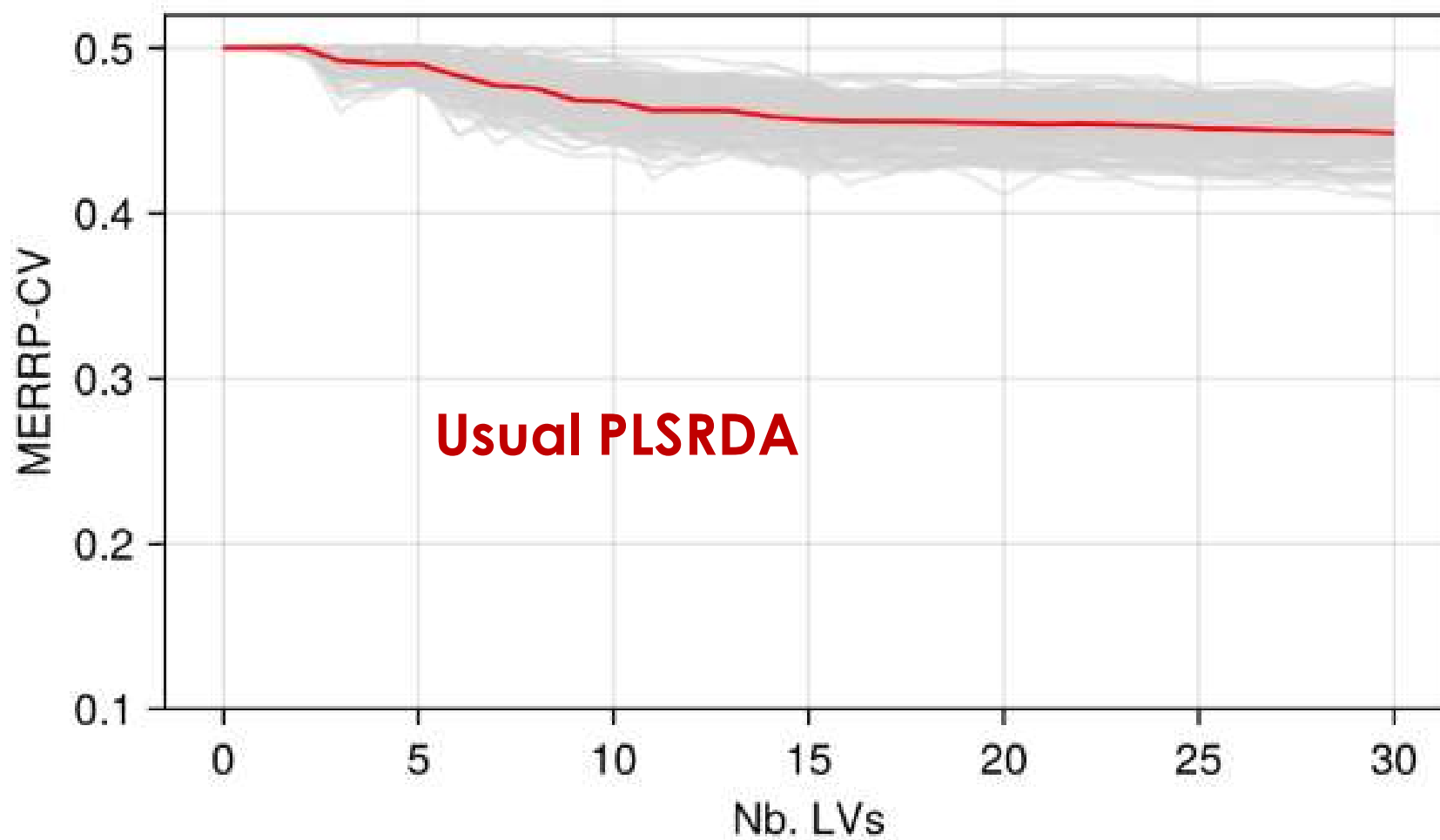
		BHB	
		Low	High
Replicated K-Fold CV K = 3, nrep = 50	→ Training (3/4)	2,939	256
Generalization error	→ Test (1/4)	953	72

When **validation / test sets** are unbalanced

$$\text{Mean ERRP} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^G \text{ERR}_i}{G}$$

Nb. classes



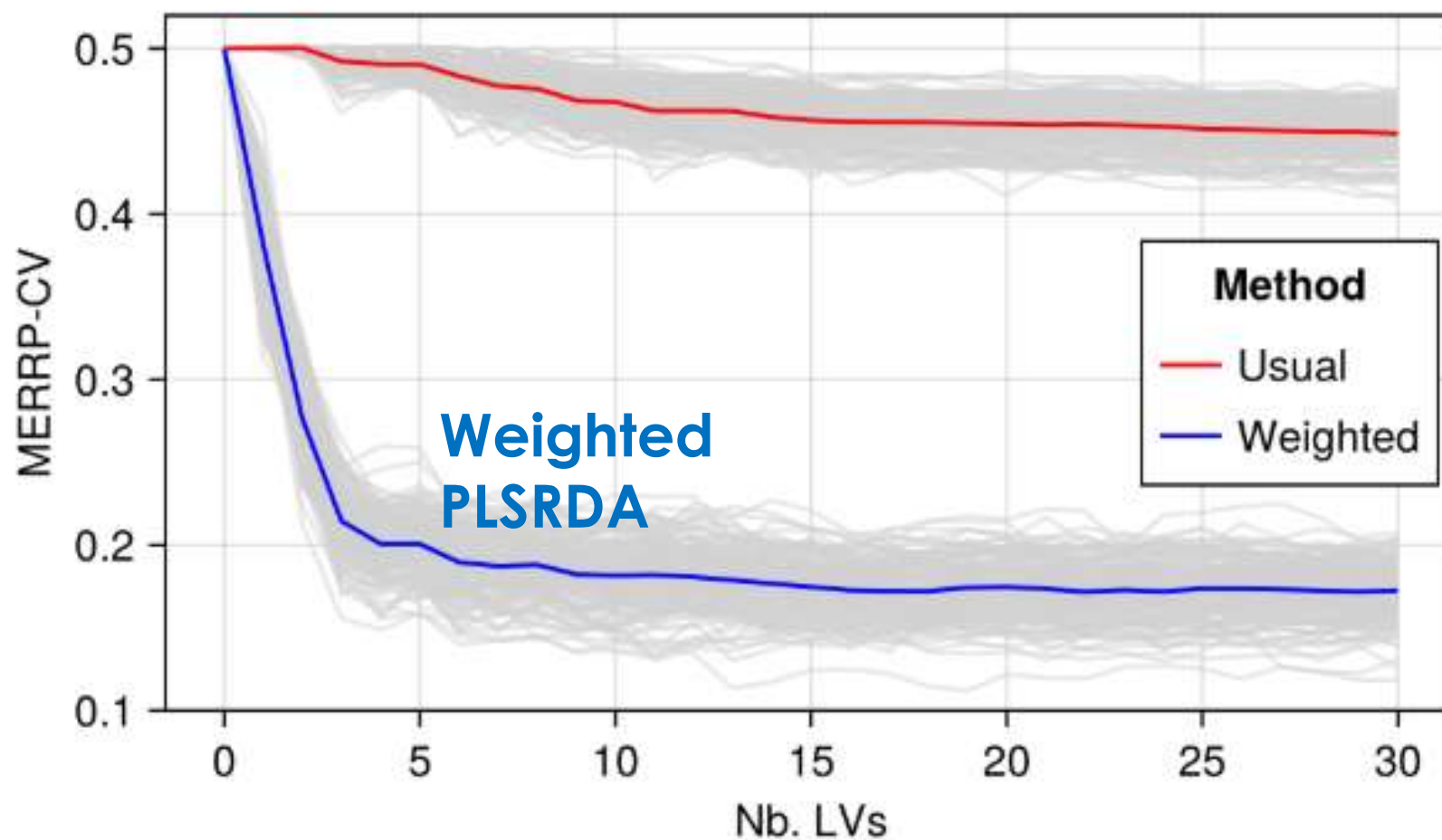


Test set results

Usual PLSRDA with 15 LVs

<u>Observed</u>	<u>Predictions</u>		
	Low	High	
Low	100	0	Row %
High	92	8	Row %

Mean ERRP = 46%



Test set results

Weighted PLSDA with 15 LVs

<u>Predictions</u>			
	Low	High	
<u>Observed</u>			
Low	87	13	Row %
High	18	82	Row %

Mean ERRP = 16%

Conclusions

- PLSRDA: simple, very fast (can manage very large DB)
 - But only recommended when few classes (2-3)
 - And highly biased when unbalanced classes
- Easy solutions to remove the bias
 - Weighting: very performant (should be the default)
 - Sub-sampling the classes to balance the training (but loss of information)
- Other PLSDA methods (e.g. probabilistic) less sensitive but can also be weighted
- Weighted PLSRDA in practice, see next slides

Jchemo.jl

Chemometrics and machine learning on high-dimensional data with Julia

docs stable docs dev CI passing repo status Active



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```
model = plsrd(nlv = 20, prior = :unif) ← Weighting
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```
fit!(model, Xtrain, ytrain)  
pred = predict(model, Xtest).pred
```




Also possible with package **rchemo**

Brandolini-Bunlon M. et al.

<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/rchemo>

(But: a weight vector has to be specified **manually** before the model fitting)

Thank you!



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