

A statistical learning method for simultaneous copy number estimation and subclone clustering with single-cell sequencing data

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Supplemental Methods

Parameter estimation using expectation–maximization algorithm

In FLCNA, the parameter set $\boldsymbol{\Theta} = \{\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \pi_k\}_{k=1}^K$ are estimated using an expectation–maximization (EM) algorithm. let $\Delta_{j,k}$ be an indicator function of the hidden cluster information for \mathbf{x}_j , $\Delta_{j,k} = 1$ if \mathbf{x}_j is from the k -th cluster, and $\Delta_{j,k} = 0$ otherwise. Assuming $\Delta_{j,k}$ is unobserved, the penalized log-likelihood function for the complete data will be given by

$$Q_P(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) = \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \Delta_{j,k} \{ \log(\pi_k) + \log f_k(\mathbf{x}_j; \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \} - \lambda \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^{P-1} \tau_{i, i+1}^{(k)} |\mu_{i,k} - \mu_{i+1,k}|. \quad (1)$$

With Eq. (1), the parameter set $\boldsymbol{\Theta} = \{\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \pi_k\}_{k=1}^K$ can be estimated with the EM algorithm by the following iterative procedure. The EM algorithm iterates between E-step and M-step, and produces a sequence of estimates $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}^{(t)}$, $t = 0, 1, 2, \dots$.

1) Initialization: We first estimate the starting values $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}^{(0)} = \{\widehat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_k^{(0)}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}^{(0)}, \widehat{\pi}_k^{(0)}\}_{k=1}^K$ using model without penalty ($\lambda=0$).

2) Iteration:

E-step:

We start with the E-step given the current parameter estimates $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}^{(t)}$. In this step, we calculate the probability for sample j belongs to k -th cluster with

$$\widehat{\Delta}_{j,k}^{(t+1)} = E(\Delta_{j,k} | \mathbf{X}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}^{(t)}) = \Pr(\Delta_{j,k} = 1 | \mathbf{X}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}^{(t)}) = \frac{\widehat{\pi}_k^{(t)} f_k(\mathbf{x}_j; \widehat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_k^{(t)}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}^{(t)})}{\sum_{k'=1}^K \widehat{\pi}_{k'}^{(t)} f_k(\mathbf{x}_j; \widehat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{k'}^{(t)}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}^{(t)})}, \quad (2)$$

where the numerator is the density for j -th sample to be clustered into k -th cluster, and the denominator is the sum of densities for j -th sample to be clustered into K different clusters. Then

Eq. (2) will be plugged it into the Eq. (1) about $Q_P(\boldsymbol{\Theta})$ to estimate other parameters, including the cluster “weight” π_k , the variance for i -th marker σ_i^2 and cluster mean $\boldsymbol{\mu}$.

M-Step:

Given $\hat{\Delta}_{j,k}^{(t+1)}$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}^{(t)}$, the goal of M-step is to update parameter set $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}^{(t+1)}$ by maximizing the log-likelihood function $Q_P(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}^{(t)})$. Specifically, the estimate of “weights” π_k ’s can be easily updated by taking the first derivative of $Q_P(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}^{(t)})$ w.r.t. π_k with

$$\frac{\partial Q_P}{\partial \pi_k} = 0 \rightarrow \hat{\pi}_k^{(t+1)} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \hat{\Delta}_{j,k}^{(t+1)}. \quad (3)$$

Given $\hat{\Delta}_{j,k}^{(t+1)}$, $\hat{\pi}_k^{(t+1)}$ and $\hat{\mu}_{i,k}^{(t)}$, we can update the estimate of variance for i -th marker σ_i^2 by taking the first derivative of $Q_P(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}^{(t)})$ w.r.t. σ_i^2 with

$$\frac{\partial Q_P}{\partial \sigma_i^2} = 0 \rightarrow \left(\hat{\sigma}_i^{(t+1)} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \hat{\Delta}_{j,k}^{(t+1)} \left(x_{i,j} - \hat{\mu}_{i,k}^{(t)} \right)^2, 1 \leq j \leq p. \quad (4)$$

Given $\hat{\Delta}_{j,k}^{(t+1)}$, $\hat{\pi}_k^{(t+1)}$ and $\hat{\sigma}_i^{(t+1)}$, according to Eq. (1), after some transformation, we can update the estimates of mean values $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}^{(t+1)}$ with

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}^{(t+1)} = \underset{\boldsymbol{\mu}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \left\{ \hat{\Delta}_{j,k}^{(t+1)} \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\left(x_{i,j} - \mu_{i,k} \right)^2}{\left(\hat{\sigma}_i^{(t)} \right)^2} \right\} + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \tau_{i,i+1}^{(k)} |\mu_{i,k} - \mu_{i+1,k}|. \quad (5)$$

Eq. (5) cannot be solved directly with close form, but $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}^{(t+1)}$ can be estimated using a local quadratic approximation (LQA) algorithm, which will be discussed in detail next.

Estimation of $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}^{(t+1)}$ using local quadratic approximation

According to LQA, we can approximate

$$\left| \mu_{i,k}^{(s+1)} - \mu_{i+1,k}^{(s+1)} \right| \approx \frac{\left(\mu_{i,k}^{(s+1)} - \mu_{i+1,k}^{(s+1)} \right)^2}{2 \left| \hat{\mu}_{i,k}^{(s)} - \hat{\mu}_{i+1,k}^{(s)} \right|} + \frac{1}{2} \left| \hat{\mu}_{i,k}^{(s)} - \hat{\mu}_{i+1,k}^{(s)} \right|, \quad (6)$$

where s is the iteration index used to denote iterations of the LQA within the M-step (different from iteration index t in the EM algorithm), and $\hat{\mu}^{(s)}$ are the estimates from the previous iteration. Thus, the minimization problem in Eq. (5) has been converted into a generalized quadratic problem which has close form solution. Notably, Eq. (5) can be decomposed into K separate minimization problems. For example, for each k , we can solve (iteratively over s)

$$\min_{\mu_k^{(s+1)}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \left\{ \hat{\Delta}_{j,k}^{(t+1)} \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\left(x_{i,j} - \hat{\mu}_{i,k}^{(s+1)} \right)^2}{\left(\hat{\sigma}_i^{(t)} \right)^2} \right\} + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \tau_{i,i+1}^{(k)} \frac{\left(\mu_{i,k}^{(s+1)} - \mu_{i+1,k}^{(s+1)} \right)^2}{2 \left| \hat{\mu}_{i,k}^{(s)} - \hat{\mu}_{i+1,k}^{(s)} \right|}, \quad (7)$$

with close form. To solve Eq. (7), we need to transfer it into matrix form first. Let

- $\hat{\Delta}_k^{(t+1)} = \left(\hat{\Delta}_{1,k}^{(t+1)}, \dots, \hat{\Delta}_{N,k}^{(t+1)} \right)^T$ be the estimated latent variable for the k -cluster from E-step in the EM algorithm.
- $J_{N \times 1} = (1, \dots, 1)^T$ is a matrix with all elements to be 1.
- $\tilde{\mu}_k = \left(\tilde{\mu}_{1,k}, \dots, \tilde{\mu}_{p,k} \right)^T$ is the pre-defined mean vector for the k -th cluster where $\tilde{\mu}_{i,k}$ is estimated from the model without any penalization ($\lambda = 0$).
- $\hat{\mu}_k^{(s)} = \left(\hat{\mu}_{1,k}^{(s)}, \dots, \hat{\mu}_{p,k}^{(s)} \right)^T$ is the estimate of mean vector for the k -th cluster from previous iteration in the EM algorithm.
- $\hat{\mu}_k^{(s+1)} = \left(\mu_{1,k}^{(s+1)}, \dots, \mu_{p,k}^{(s+1)} \right)^T$ is the estimate of our interest which is the mean vector for the k -th cluster.

- $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{(P-1) \times P}$ is a matrix introduced to calculate the

difference of mean values for each pair of consecutive markers in a cluster.

Then Eq. (1) can also be given with

$$\mathbf{G}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{(s+1)}) = (\hat{\Delta}_k^{(t+1)})^T (\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{(s+1)} \mathbf{J}^T)^2 \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{J} + \lambda \mathbf{D}^T (\text{diag}(\mathbf{C}))^2 \mathbf{D} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{(s+1)})^2, \quad (8)$$

where $\mathbf{C} = [\text{abs}(\mathbf{D}\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_k) \odot \text{abs}(\mathbf{D}\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_k^{(s)})]^{-1/2}$.

Thus, we can easily find the solution for the quadratic equation of $\mathbf{G}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{(s+1)})$ with respect to $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{(s+1)}$,

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_k^{(s+1)} = \text{argmin}(\mathbf{G}) = (\hat{\Delta}_k^{(t+1)})^T \mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \left[(\hat{\Delta}_k^{(t+1)})^T \mathbf{J} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} + \lambda \mathbf{D}^T (\text{diag}(\mathbf{C}))^2 \mathbf{D} \right]^{-1}.$$

Model selection

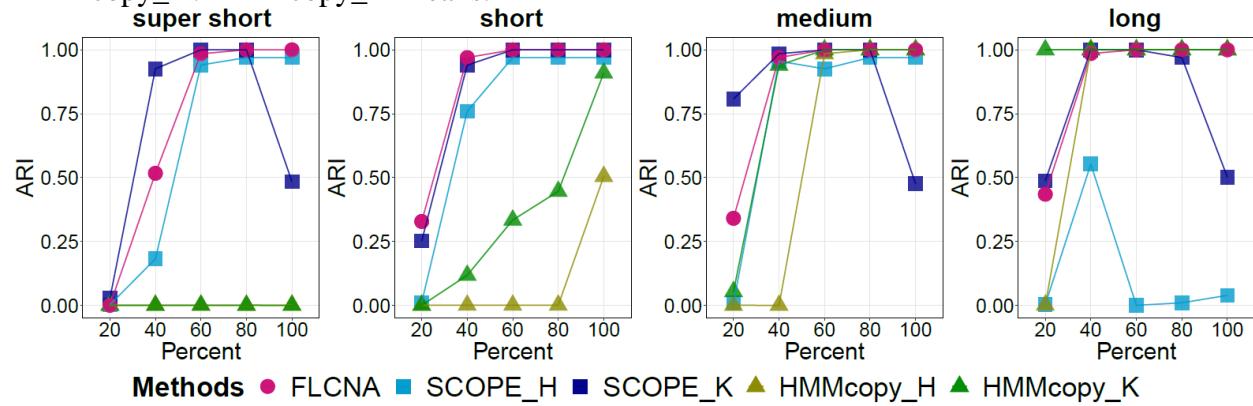
There are two hyperparameters to be pre-defined in the FLCNA method, including the number of clusters K and the tuning parameter λ . To find the optimal values of K and λ , we use a Bayesian information criterion (BIC), defined by

$$\text{BIC}(K, \lambda) = -2 \sum_{j=1}^N \log \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K \hat{\pi}_k f_k(\mathbf{x}_j; \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_k, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}) \right\} + d \log N. \quad (9)$$

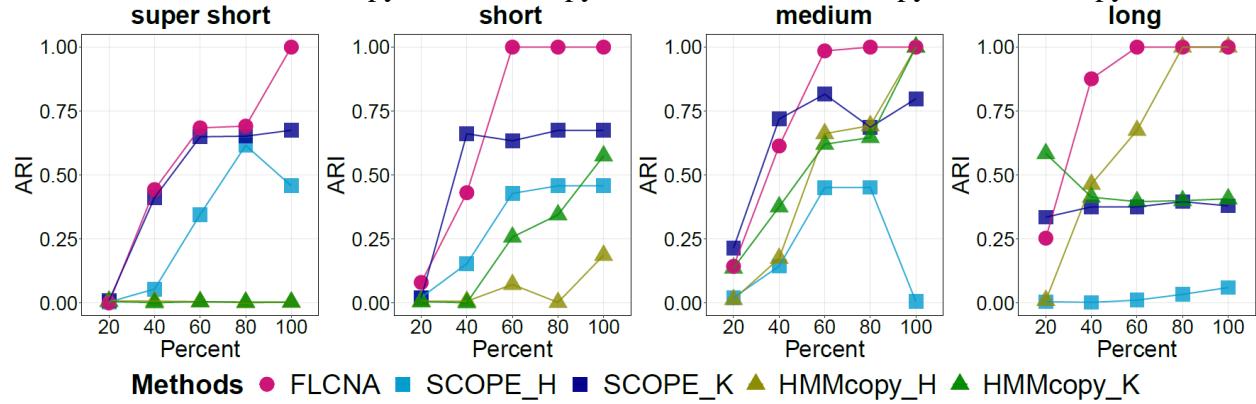
The degrees of freedom $d = K - 1 + P + e(\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})$, where $e(\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})$ is the number of distinct nonzero elements in $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$, and was used to adjust the number of breakpoints in degree of freedom. For each pair of parameter values (K, λ) , the clustering model with smallest BIC value is selected as the optimal model and the corresponding parameters are estimated.

Supplemental Figures

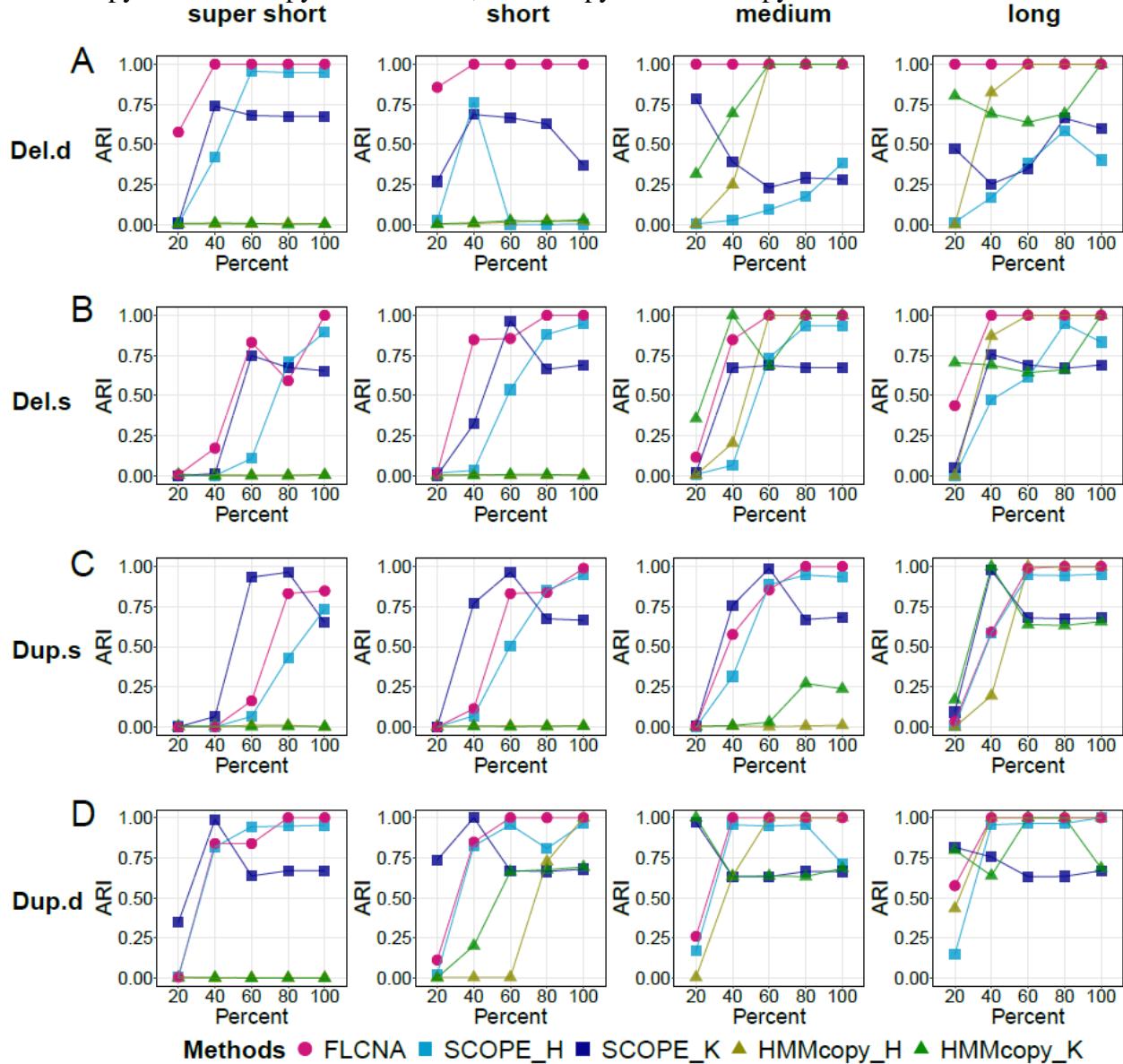
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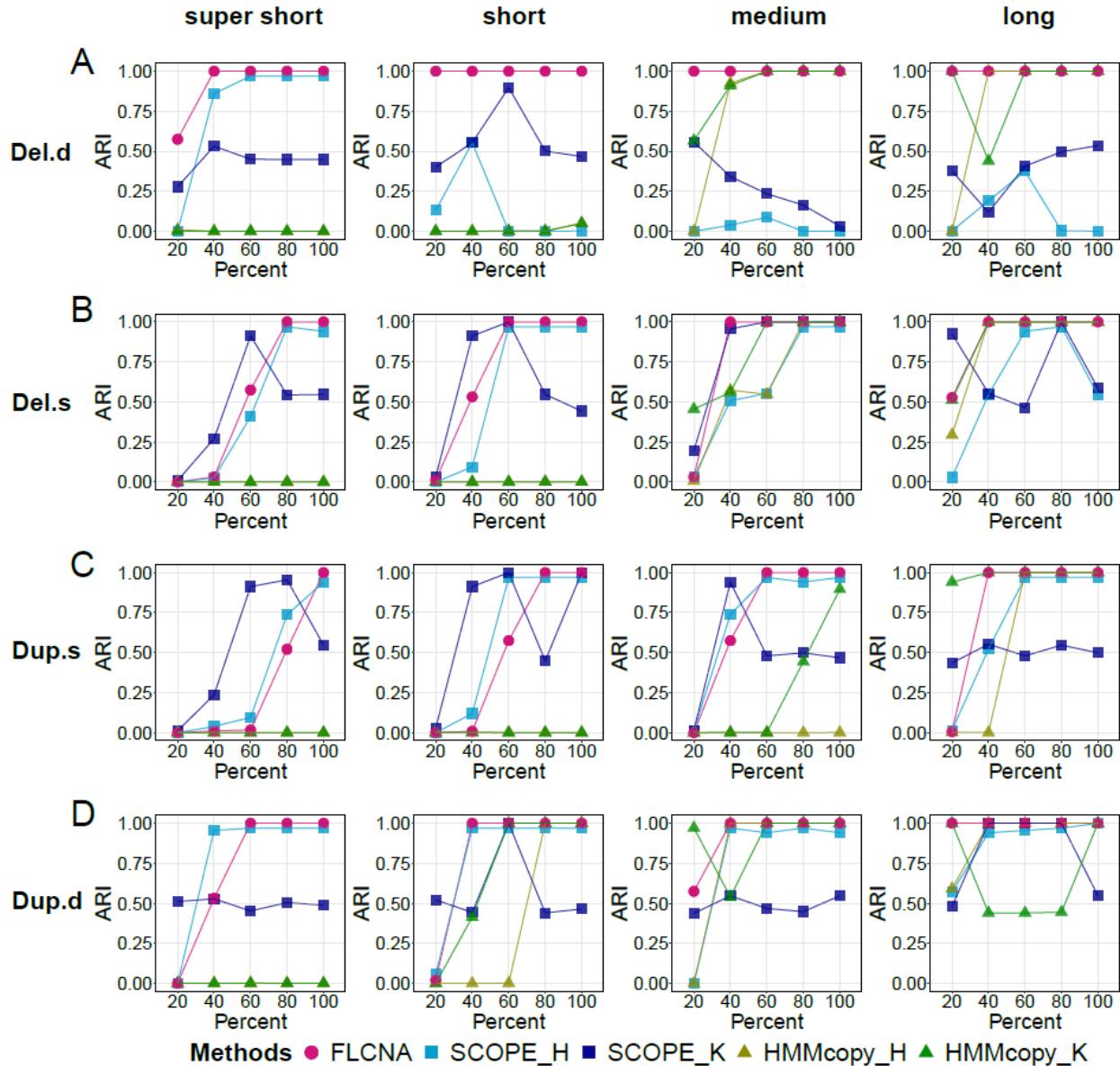
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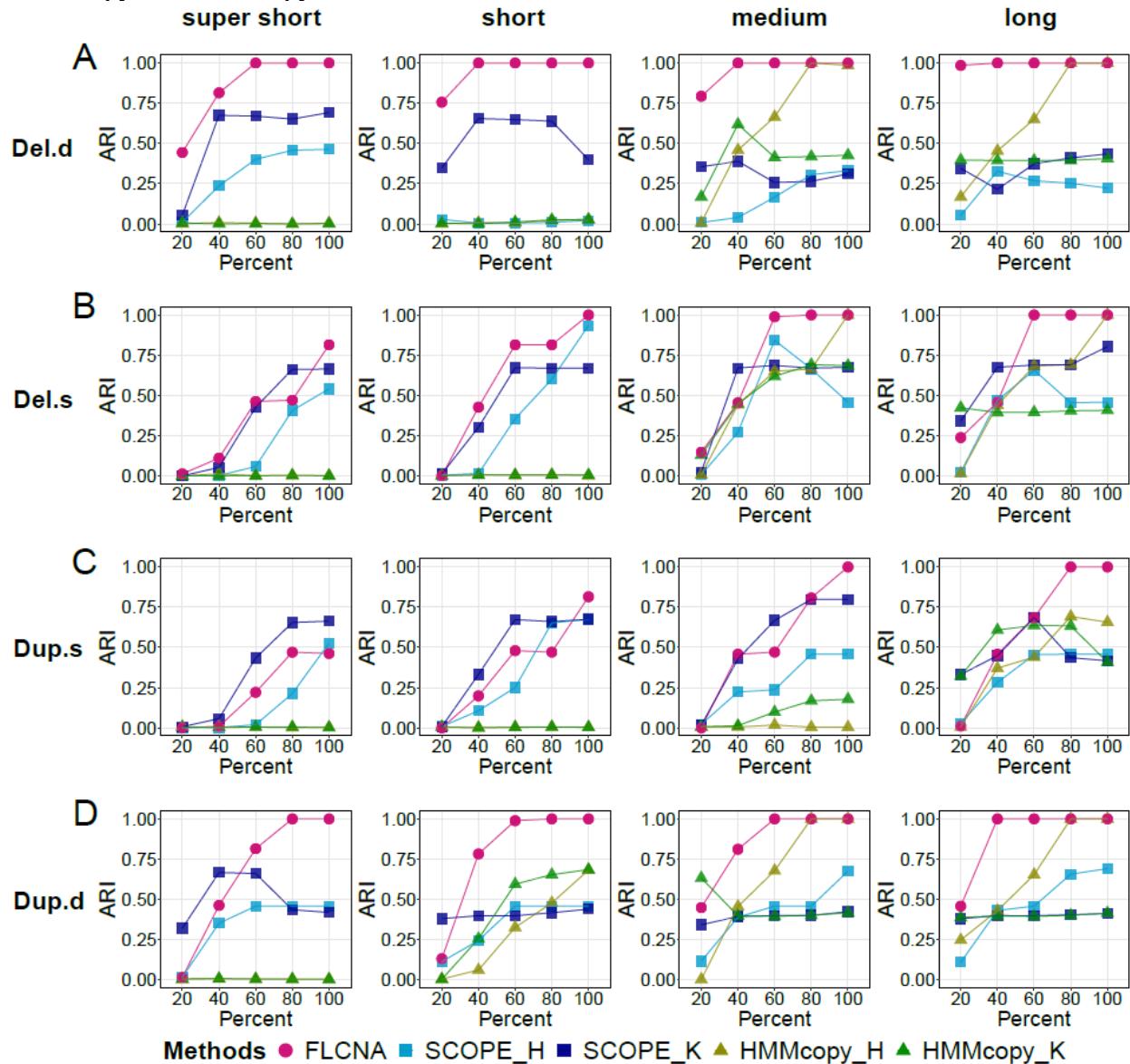
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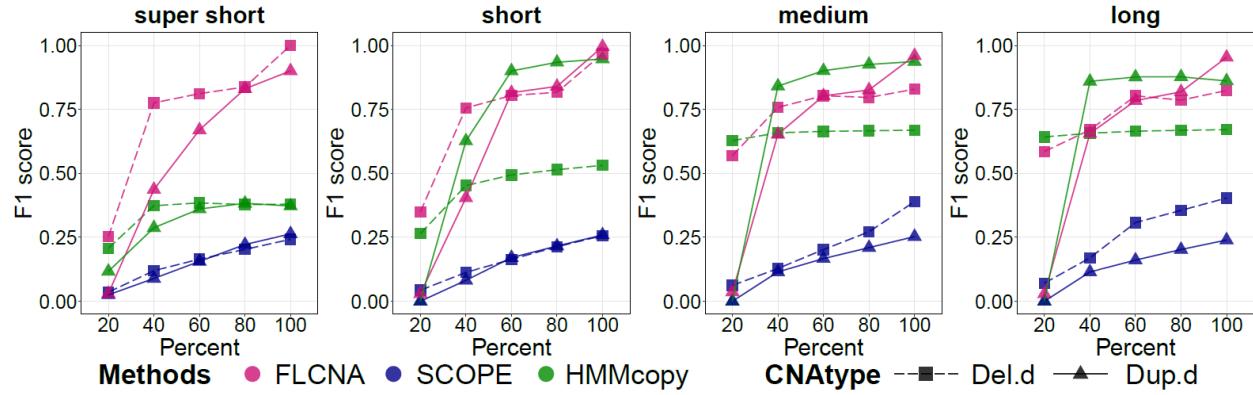
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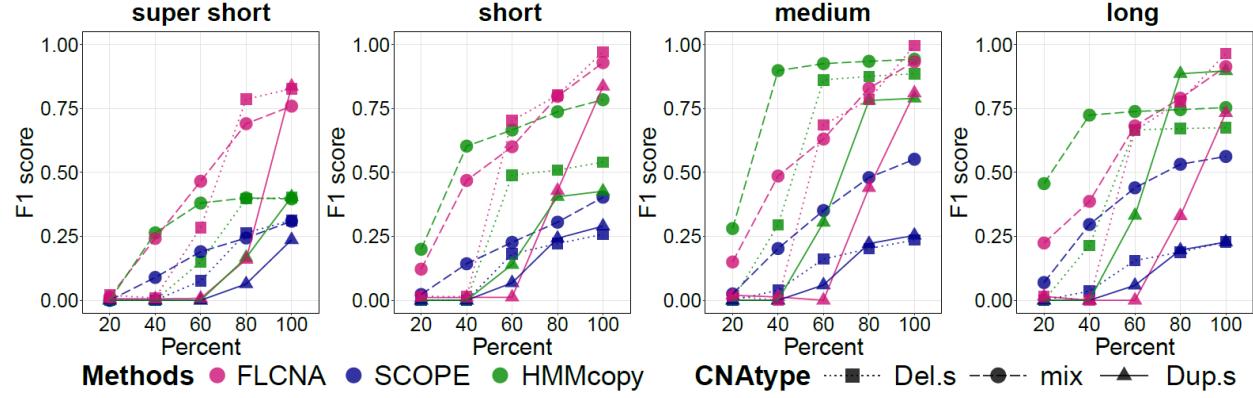
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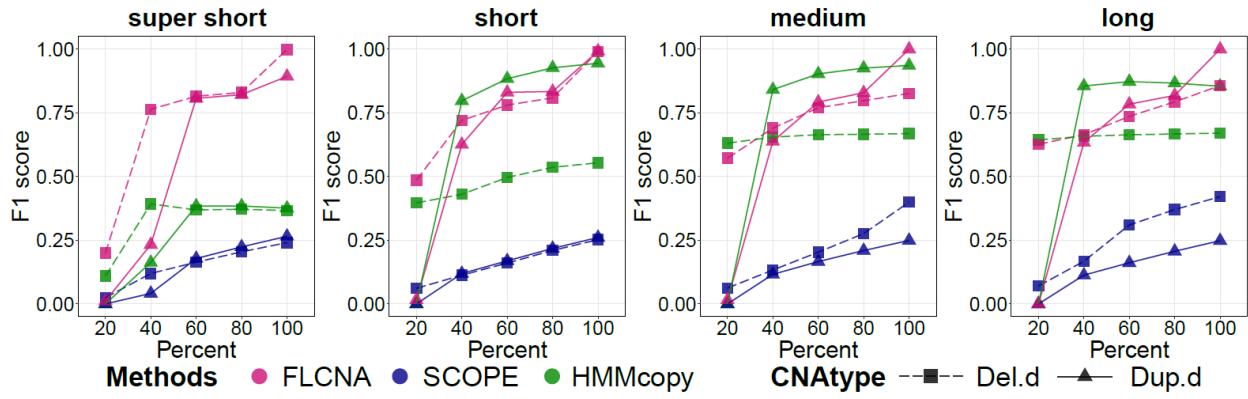
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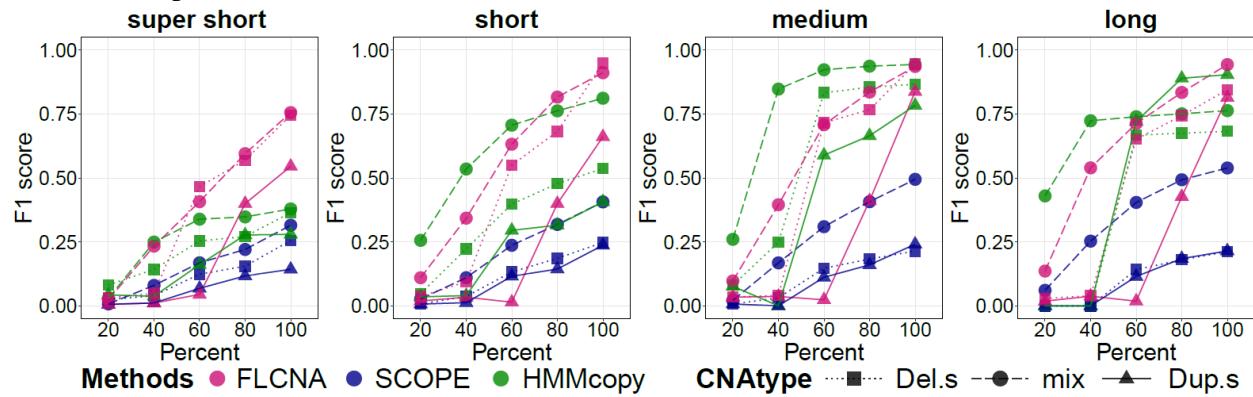
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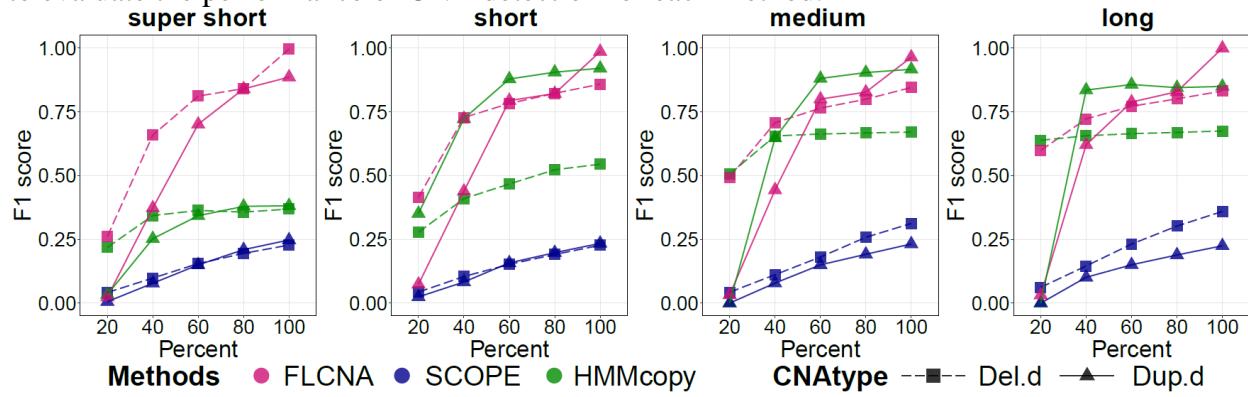
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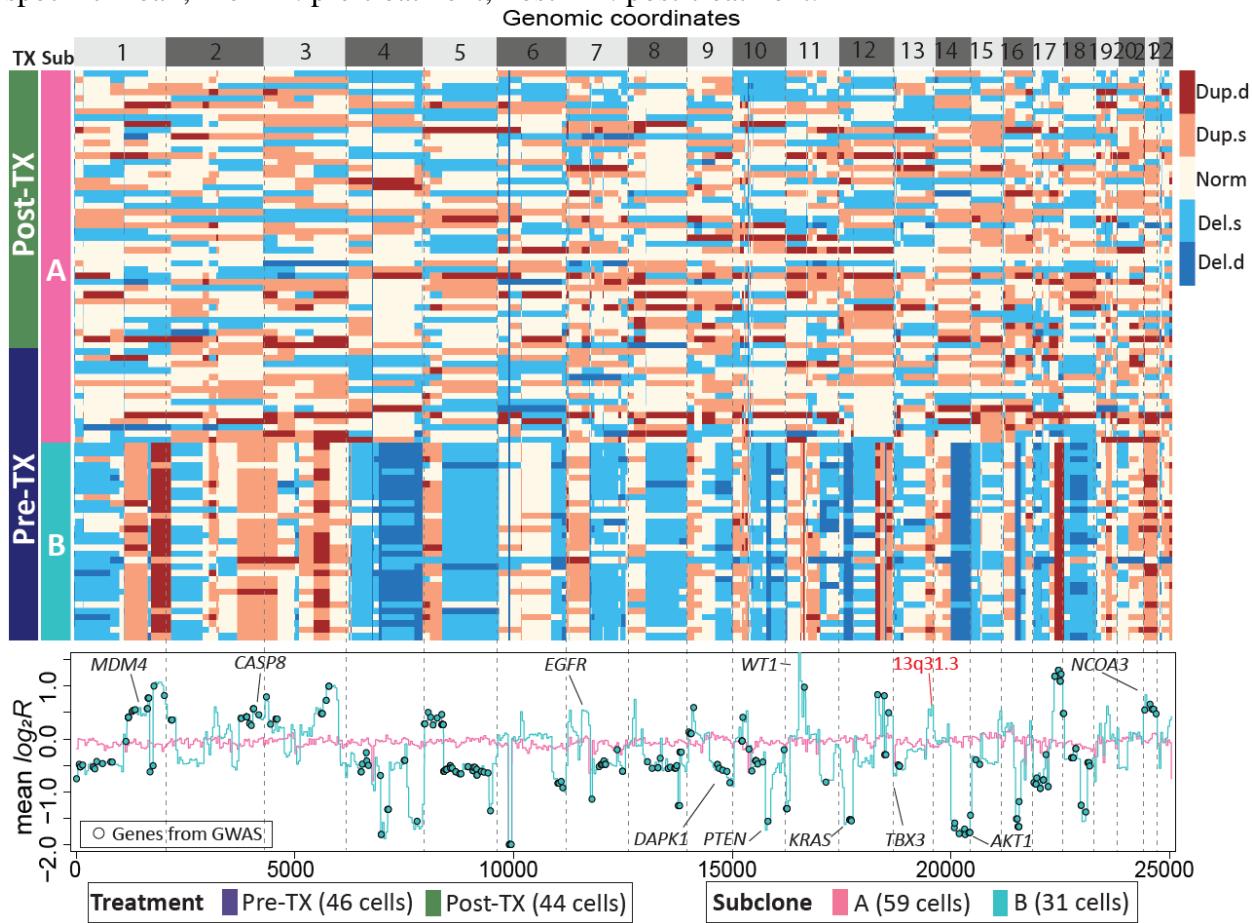
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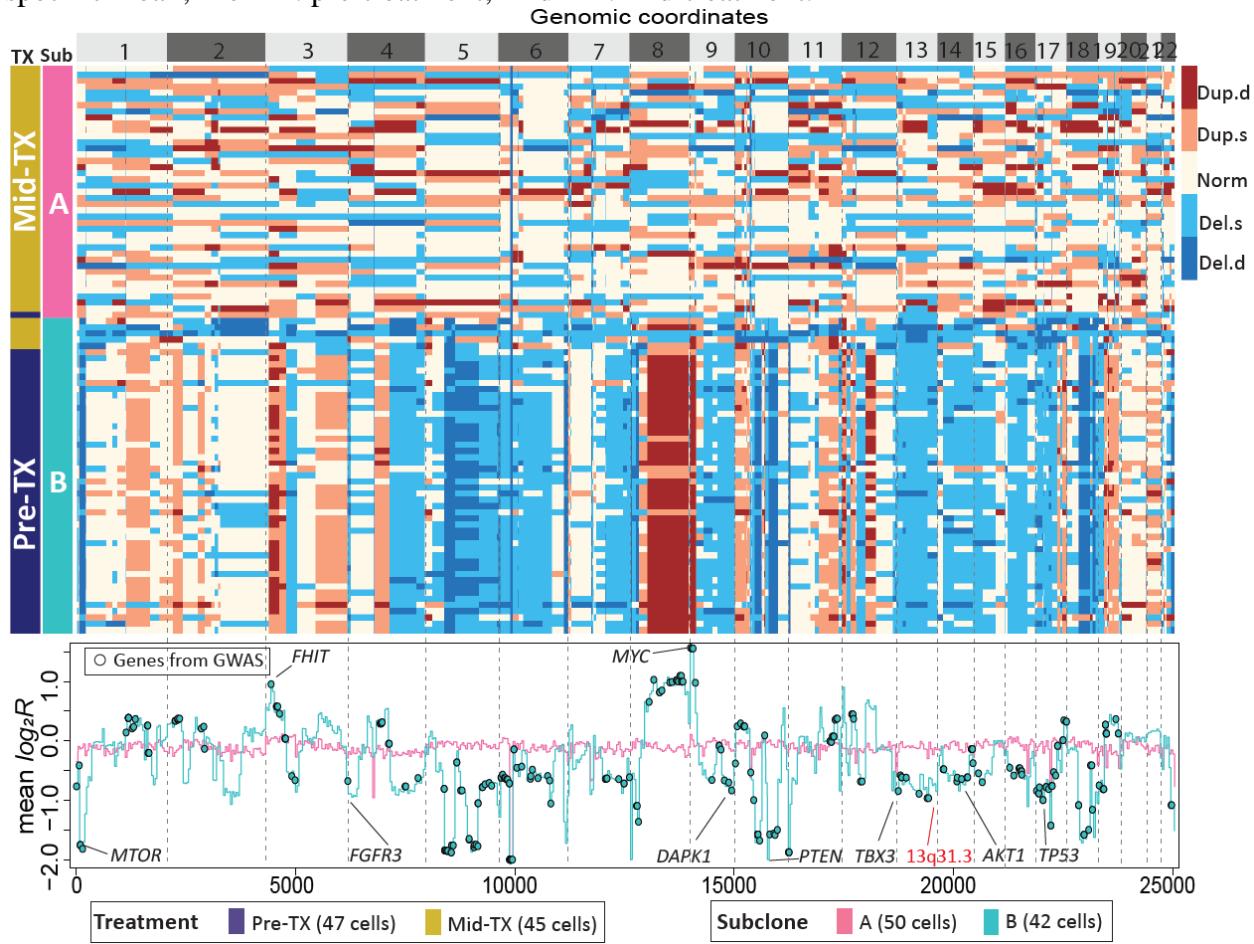
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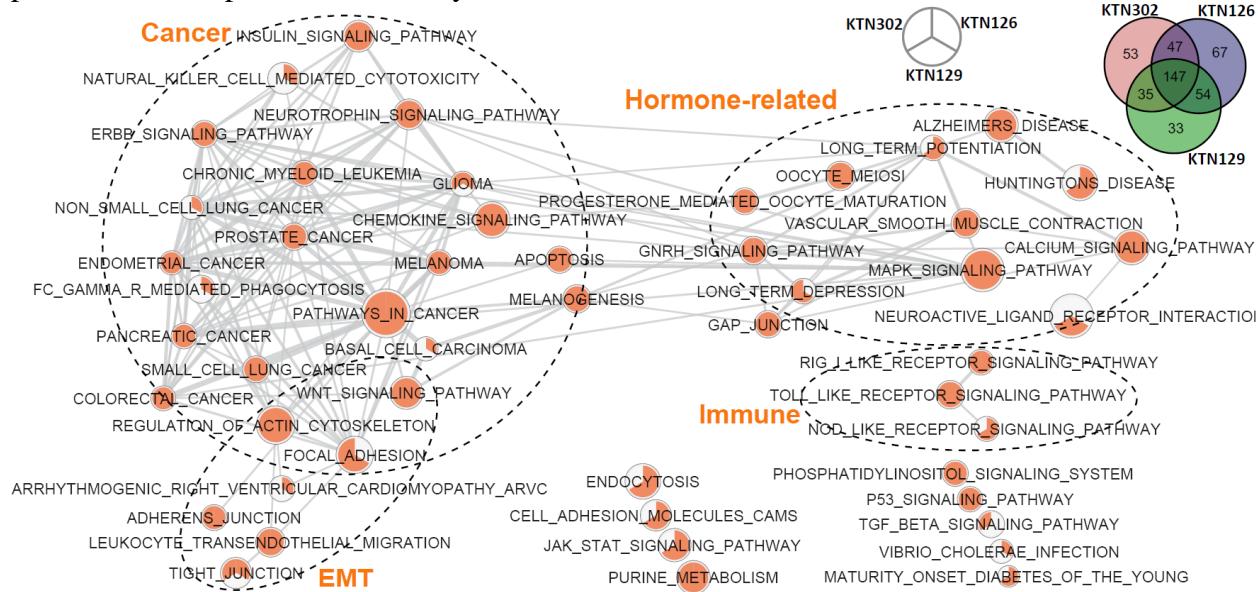
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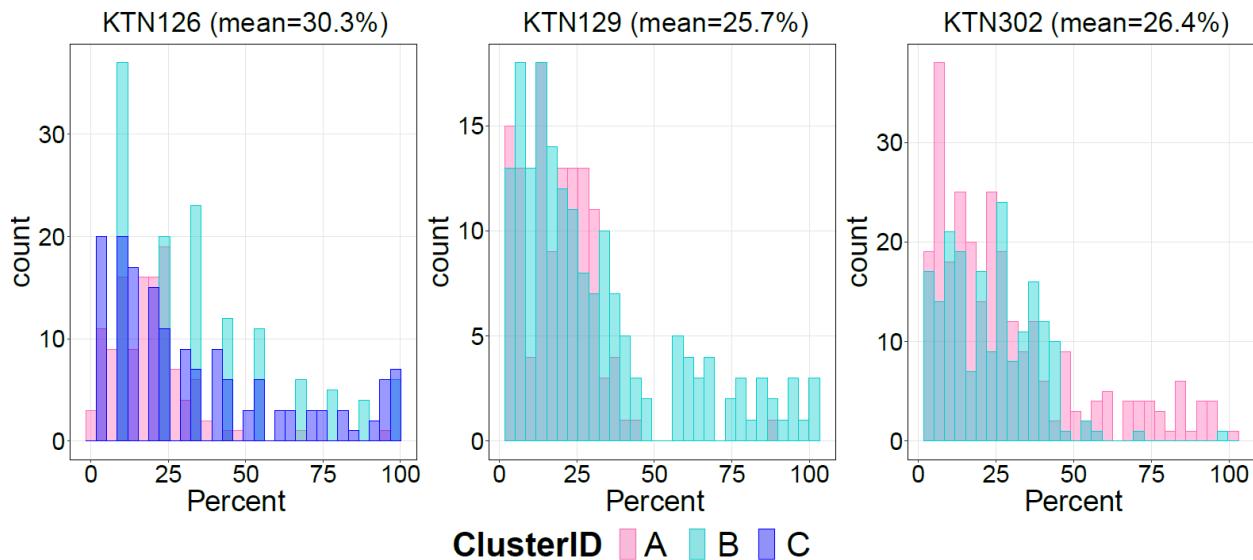
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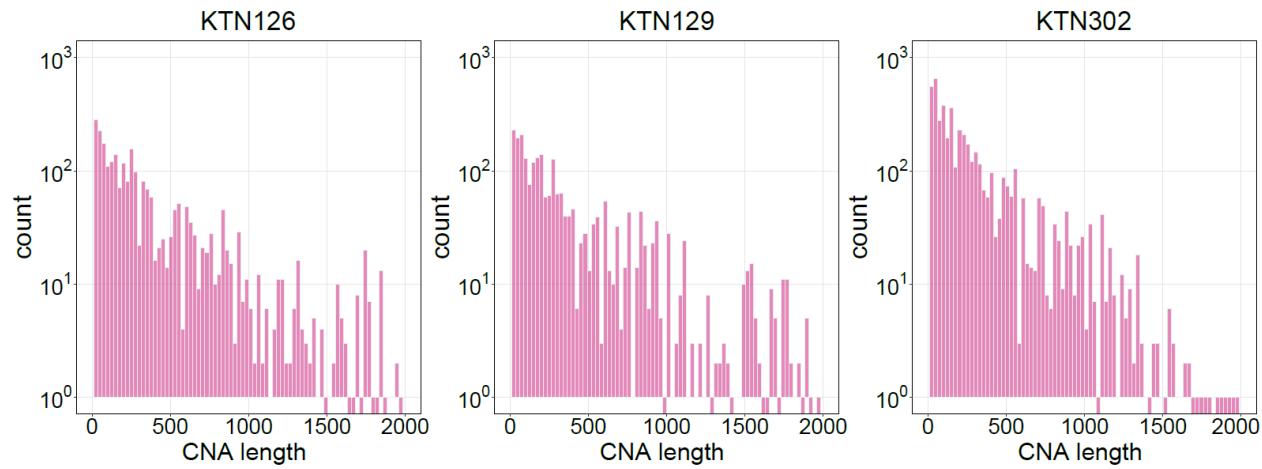
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Supplemental Figure S14. Distribution of shared percentage for CNAs detected using FLCNA in the TNBC dataset. CNAs were identified from the TNBC dataset with three patients (KTN126, KTN129, KTN302) using the FLCNA method.



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Supplemental Tables

Supplemental Table S4. Assessment of FLCNA to cluster cells using simulation data with a single cluster and mixed CNA states. Clustering purity was utilized to evaluate the clustering performance of FLCNA by dividing the number of accurately assigned cells with the total number of cells. We added signals of 50 CNA segments to the background signals with varied lengths (super short: 2~5 markers, short: 5~10 markers, medium: 10~20 markers, and long: 20~35 markers) and varied CNA proportions (20%, 40%, 60%, 80%, 100%), respectively.

Shared CNA proportion	super short	short	medium	long
20	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
40	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
60	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
80	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.795
100	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.795

Supplemental Table S8. Proportion of CNAs with sharing percentage > 60% within clusters.
CNAs were identified from the TNBC dataset with three patients (KTN126, KTN129, KTN302) using the FLCNA method.

	Cluster A (%)	Cluster B (%)	Cluster C (%)
KTN126	1.64	16.94	18.18
KTN129	0.84	17.05	
KTN302	12.77	1.05	

Supplemental Table S9. Computational time of different CNA detection methods with scDNA-seq data. A high-performance cluster with 8 cores and 12GB RAM was used for CNA detection with KTN126 patient in the THBC dataset.

Methods	Time (hours)
FLCNA	1.20
SCOPE	10.5
HMMcopy	0.15