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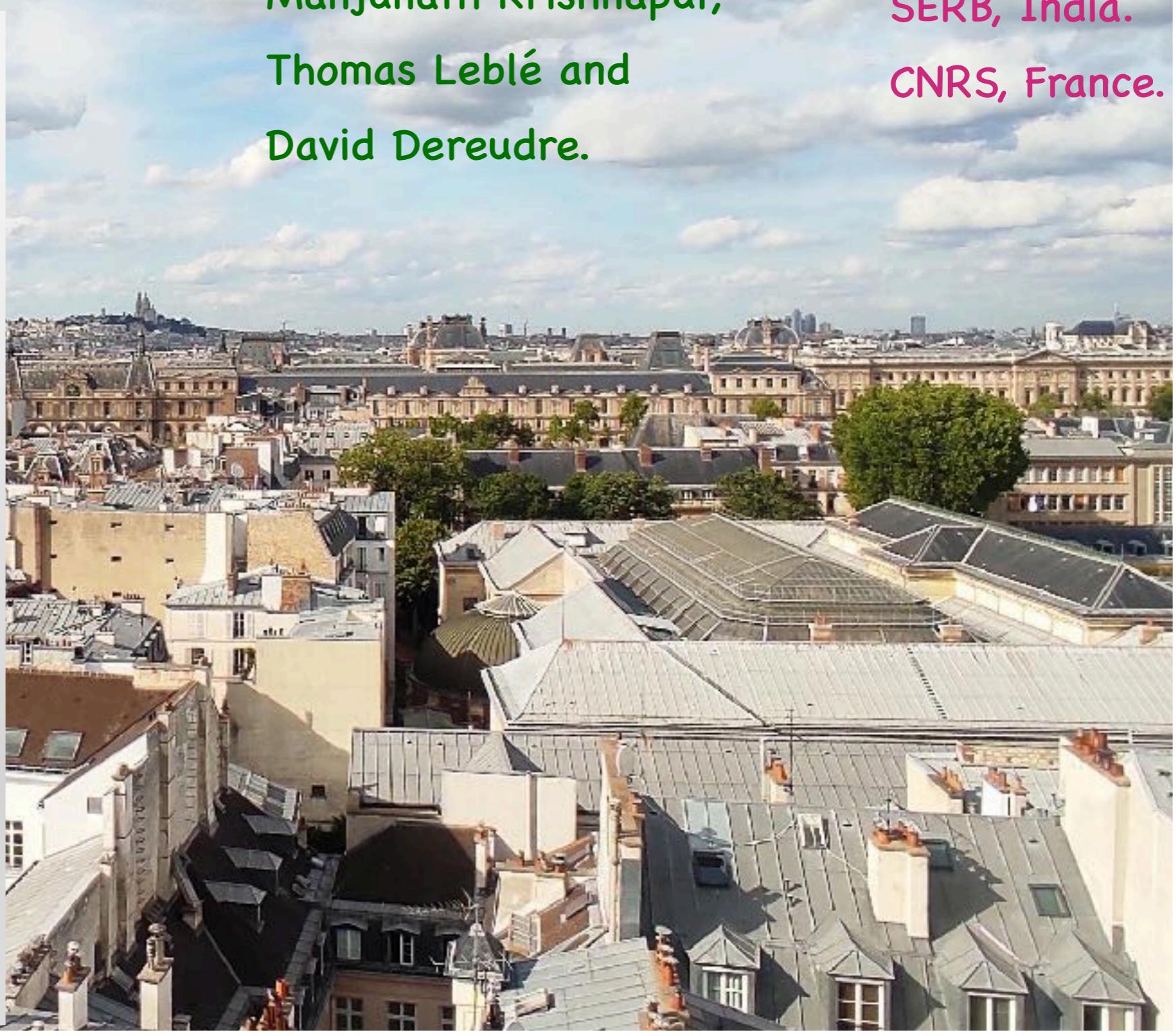
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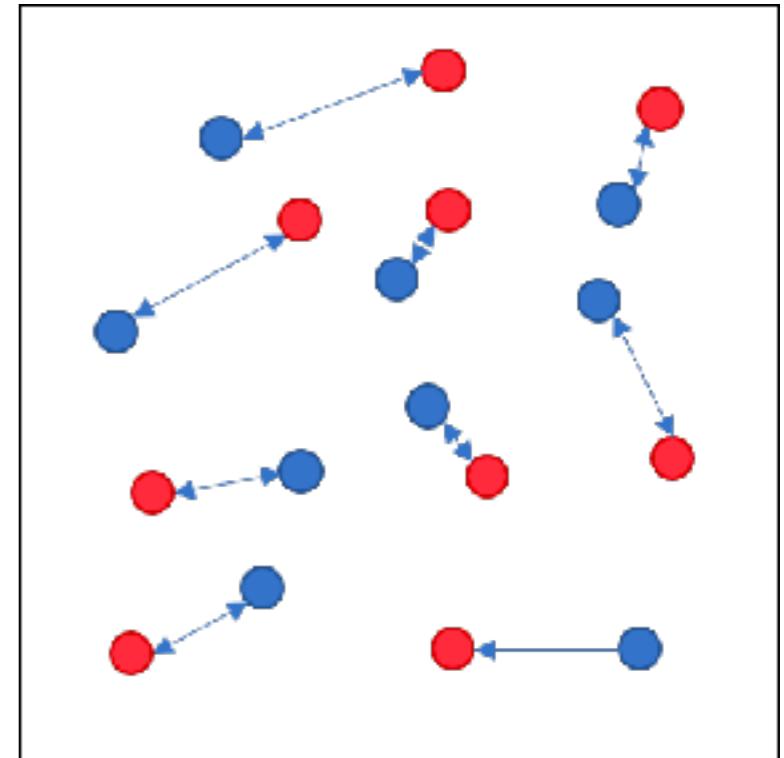
Optimal Matchings of i.i.d. points

$X_1, \dots, X_n, Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ i.i.d. points in $W_n := [0, n^{1/d}]^d$

Empirical measures: $\mu_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \delta_{X_i}$; $\nu_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \delta_{Y_i}$

Matching Cost: $W_2^2(\mu_n, \nu_n) := \frac{1}{n} \min_{T: [n] \rightarrow [n]} \sum_i |X_i - Y_{T(i)}|^2$

Motivation - CS, comb. optimization, statistics, probability,
Statistical Physics, ergodic theory, Optimal transport + PDE.



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Typical matching distances - $\sqrt{n}, d = 1 ; \sqrt{\ln n}, d = 2, ; \sqrt{C_d}, d \geq 3.$

$\mathbb{P}(\nu_n \cap B_{X_1}(1) = \emptyset) = (1 - \frac{\theta_d}{n})^n \approx e^{-\theta_d}$ implies that $\mathbb{E}W_2^2(\mu_n, \nu_n) \geq C_d$

Original proof via a transportation algorithm; later Majorizing measures (Talagrand...),
Optimal Transport + PDE (Ambrosio, Stra & Trevisan, 2018) ;
'Magically simple' Fourier-analytic proof (Bobkov & Ledoux, 2019)

Optimal Matchings - Beyond AKT

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MUCH MORE - Grid-matching, transport to Lebesgue, p-matching costs, large deviations, exact constants, mixing sequences....

Caraciolo, Lucibello, Parisi & Sicuro (2014) ; Ambrosio, Stra & Trevisan (2018)

$$d = 2; \mathbb{E} W_2^2(\mu_n, \nu_n) \sim \frac{\ln n}{2\pi} + \text{"tight seq."}$$

Ajtai, Komlós & Tusnády (1984) ; Shor & Yukich (1991) ; Talagrand (1990s) ;

Caracciolo, Lucibello, Parisi, & Sicuro (2014) ; Guillin & Fournier (2015) ;

Ambrosio, Stra & Trevisan (2019) ; Goldman, Huesmann & Otto (2023) ;

Optimal Matchings of Poisson processes

Poisson process - $\mu = \sum_x \delta_x$ in \mathbb{R}^d ; unit intensity.

Lattice Matching - $T : \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow \mu$, translation-invariant bijection. Matching cost- ???

Typical matching cost - $X := |T(0)|$ also

$$\mathbb{P}(X > r) = (2k+1)^{-d} \mathbb{E} \sum_{z \in \mathbb{Z}^d \cap [-k,k]^d} \mathbf{1}[|z - T(z)| > r]$$

- Can be defined for matching between stationary point processes μ and ν .

THEOREM (HPPS, 2009) There exists a matching T such that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{X^{d/2}}{\log(X)^{d/2}} \right] < \infty \quad \text{for } d = 1, 2 \text{ and for some } c, \mathbb{E}[e^{cX}] < \infty \text{ for } d \geq 3.$$

- Infinite version of AKT theorem - AKT + relative compactness. Bounds are tight.
- SD of $\mu \cap B(r) \approx r^{d/2}$ ('excess points') vs μ -points near the boundary $\approx r^{d-1}$

Hoffman, Holroyd & Peres (2006) ; Holroyd, Pemantle, Peres & Schramm (2009) ; Huesmann & Sturm (2013).

ARE THERE POINT PROCESSES THAT DO BETTER OR WORSE ?

Do not listen to the prophets of doom who preach that every point process will eventually be found out to be a Poisson process in disguise!

- Gian-Carlo Rota.

Greedy matching idea of HPPS

- Tile \mathbb{R}^d by dyadic cubes $W_k = [-2^{k-1}, 2^{k-1}]^d, k \geq 1$ shifted randomly
- Keep matching greedily within each cube W_k and move onto the next scale W_{k+1} .
- Set $r = 2^k$. $\mathbb{P}(X > r) \leq r^{-d} \mathbb{E}(|\#\mu \cap W_r - \#\nu \cap W_r|) \leq r^{-d} SD(\mu \cap W_r)$
- $\Omega(r^{d-1}) = VAR(\mu \cap W_r) = o(r^{2d})$
- TYPICAL μ , $VAR(\mu \cap W_r) = O(r^d)$, volume-order variance decay; 'Weak mixing'
- TYPICAL $\mu \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(X > r) \leq Cr^{-d/2}$ gives that
$$\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{X^{d/2}}{\log(X)^{d/2}} \right] < \infty$$
- Good in $d = 1, 2$ and $d > 4$ but no finite second moments in $d = 3, 4$.

Some point process notions

- $\mu = \sum_{i \geq 1} \delta_{x_i}$ - Stationary point process in \mathbb{R}^d , ($d \geq 1$) with unit intensity; $\mathbb{E}\mu(A) = |A|$.

- Reduced Pair Correlation Measure (RPCM)

Heuristically, $\beta(dx) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(dx \in \mu \mid 0 \in \mu)}{dx} - 1$ ($\beta \equiv 0$ for Poisson process)

Formally, for compactly supported φ

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{x \neq y \in \mu} \varphi(x) \psi(y) \right] = \int \varphi(x) \psi(y) dx dy + \int \varphi(x) \psi(x+z) dx \beta(dz)$$

- Variance formula - If β is integrable, $\text{VAR}(\mu(\Lambda_n)) = n(1 + \beta(\mathbb{R}^d)) + o(n)$; $|\Lambda_n| = n$.

- Structure Factor - $S(k) = 1 + \int e^{-ik \cdot x} \beta(dx)$, $k \in \mathbb{R}^d$; well-defined if β is integrable.

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'Large-scale suppression of fluctuations' or 'local disorder and hidden long-range order'

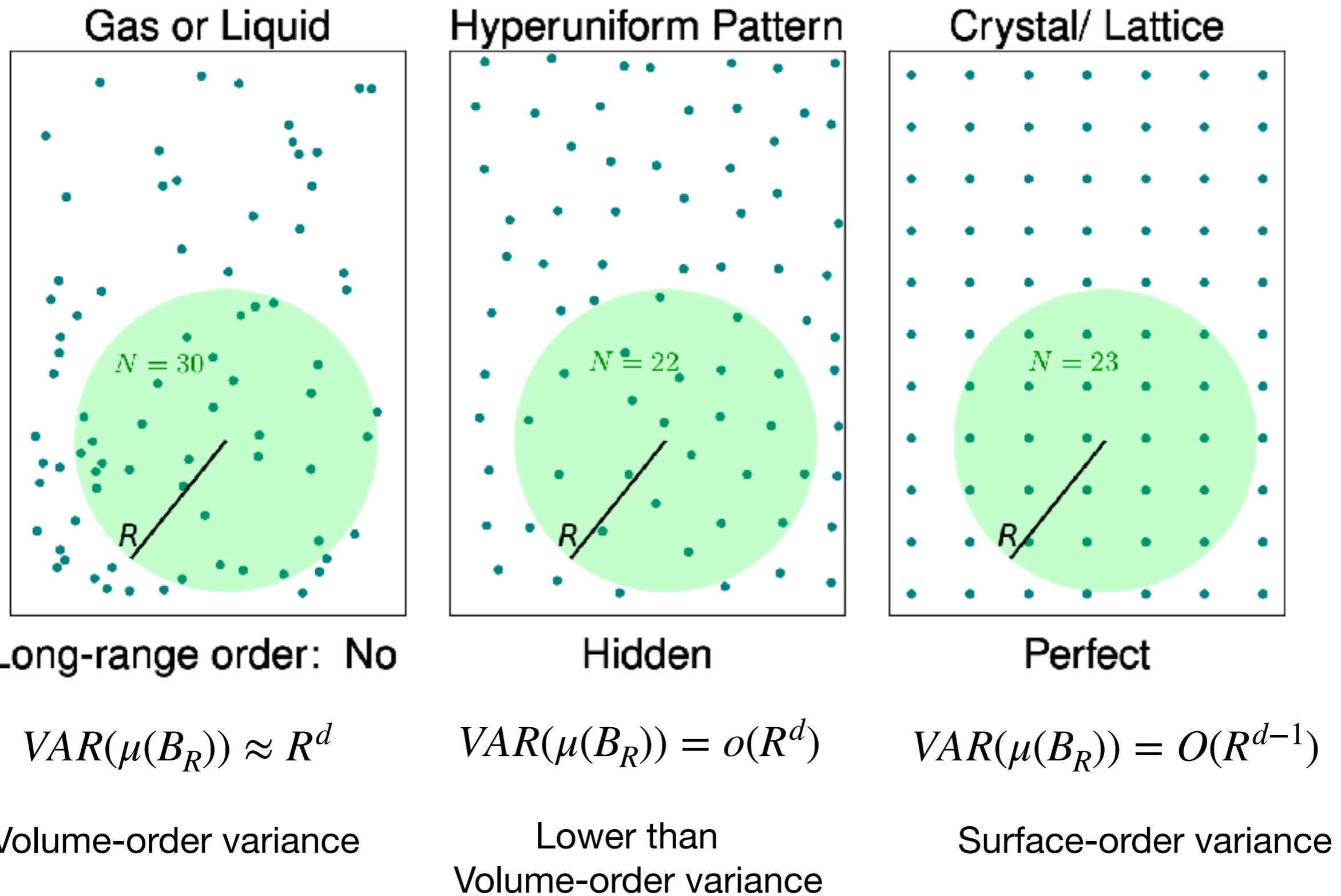


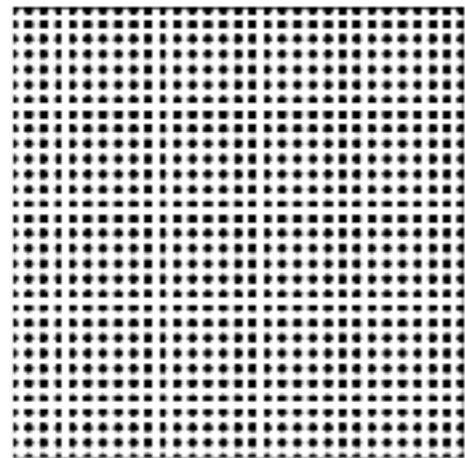
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Point processes and Empirical Structure Factors

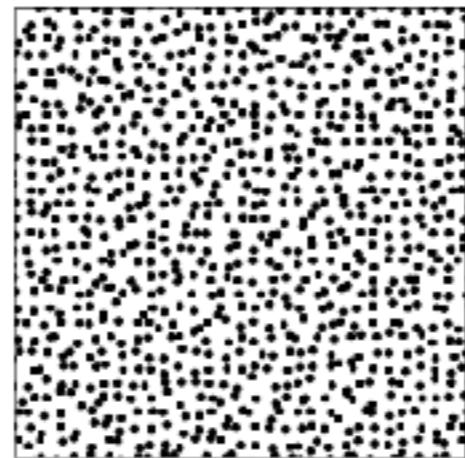
Empirical approximation of $S + \delta_0$



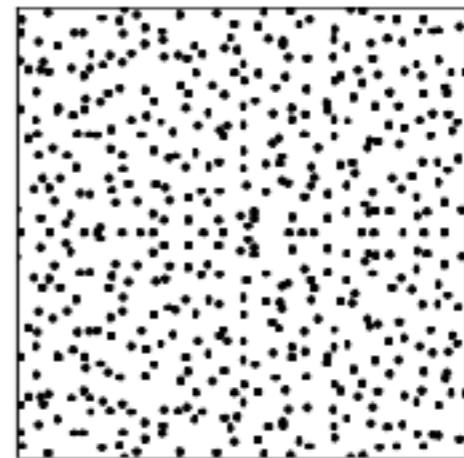
Poisson



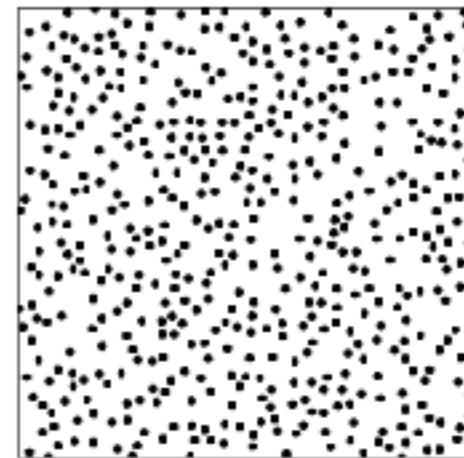
Grid



Perturbed grid



Ginibre



Matern-II

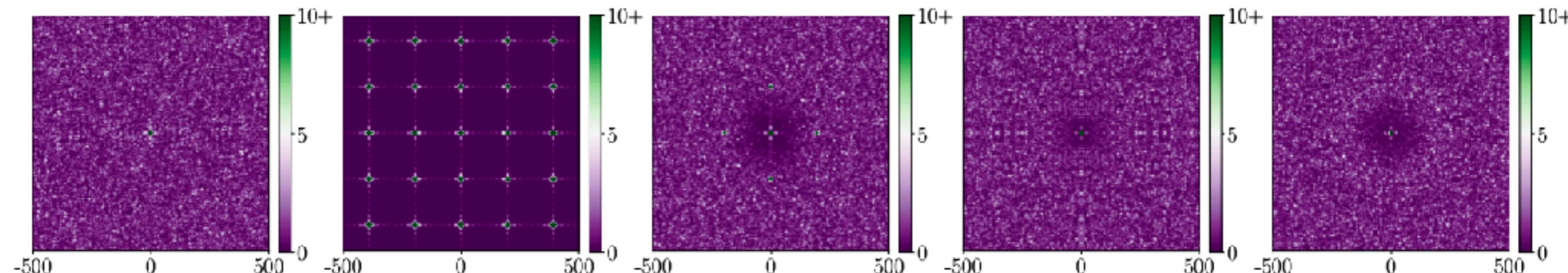


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**CAN TYPICAL POINT PROCESSES DO WORSE THAN
POISSON ?**

YES

**CAN PLANAR HU POINT PROCESSES DO BETTER
THAN POISSON ?**

NO

Optimal Matchings of point processes

μ - Unit intensity stationary point process with integrable RPCM β

$T : \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow \mu$, a matching ; $X = |T(0)|$ – Typical transport/matching cost.

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Integrable β – weaker than many mixing conditions typically assumed.

From the proof of Holroyd, Pemantle, Peres and Schramm (2009)

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{X^{d/2}}{\log(X)^{d/2}} \right] < \infty \quad \text{for all } d.$$

Equals our bounds in $d = 1, 2$; Worse than ours in $d = 3, 4$
and Better than ours in $d > 4$.

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HU+ processes - Ginibre process, Zeros of Gaussian analytic functions... 'Almost all' stationary HU processes.

I.I.D. Perturbed lattices - Not HU+ but have L^2 matching if perturbations are L^2 !!!

Huesmann, Leblé (2024) - Example of HU process with ∞L^2 matching !!!

RELATED WORKS

Prod'Homme (2021) - L^2 -Matching for Ginibre process.

Sodin, Tsirelson (2006) - Exponential Matching for Zeros of Gaussian analytic functions.

Butez, Dallaporta, García-Zelada (2024) - Bounds on $\mathbb{E}[X^p]$ assuming more on μ .

Huesmann, Leblé (2024) - Approach via finiteness of Coulomb energy.

Koivusalo, Lagace, ++ (2024) - Finite BL distance to lattice if $\text{Disc} = o\left(\frac{n}{\log n}\right)$

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Dereudre, Flimmel, Huesmann, Leblé (2024) - Stationary L^2 -perturbed lattices are HU.

COROLLARY $\sum_{x \in \mu} \delta_{x+Y(x)}$ is HU if $Y(x)$ is stationary with finite second moments.

HU process constructions - Matchings of lattice / Transport of Lebesgue measure

Peres, Sly (2014); Kim, Torquato (2019); Klatt, Last & Y. (2020);
Klatt, Last, Lotz & Y. (2024+)

Proof Sketch

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THEOREM There exists a matching $T: \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mu$ such that $\mathbb{E}[X^2] < \infty$.

- Rescale $\mu \cap n^{1/d} \Lambda$ to a prob. measure μ_n on $\Lambda = [-\pi, \pi]^d$ and same to Lebesgue - \mathcal{L}_1 .
- Show that $\tilde{W}_2^2(\mu_n, \mathcal{L}_1) \leq c n^{-1}$ under Toroidal metric on Λ and then tile space with matchings in boxes $n^{1/d} \Lambda$.
- Match equi-spaced points to \mathcal{L}_1 and use triangle inequality + Birkhoff-von Neumann + relative compactness to get infinite matching.
- Upper bound $\tilde{W}_2^2(\mu_n, \mathcal{L}_1)$ using the Bobkov-Ledoux (2021) Fourier-analytic method.
- Quantify approximation of empirical structure factor $S_n(k)$ to structure factor $S(k)$ at small frequencies $k \approx n^{-1/d}$.
- HU $\Leftrightarrow S(0) = 0$. Our challenge - Quantify convergence at 'small frequencies'.

Bobkov-Ledoux Fourier-analytic method

- P – prob measure on Λ , \mathcal{L}_1 – Unif. Measure. $f_P(\cdot)$ – Fourier transform of P ; $f_{\mathcal{L}_1} = \delta_0$

- $\tilde{W}_2^2(P, \mathcal{L}_1) \lesssim \sum_{0 < |m| < T} |m|^{-2} |f_P(m)|^2 + T^{-2}, m \in \mathbb{Z}^d$; 2nd term is smoothing error.

- $\mu_n(\cdot) = N^{-1} \mu(1_{\Lambda_n} n^{1/d} \cdot)$; $N = \mu(\Lambda_n)$. $\Lambda_n = [-\pi n^{1/d}, \pi n^{1/d}]^d$.

- i.i.d. / mixing case - Use $\mathbb{E} |f_{\mu_n}(m)|^2 < cn^{-1}$ with $T = n^{1/d}$ and so

$$\mathbb{E} \tilde{W}_2^2(P, \mathcal{L}_1) \leq cn^{-1} \sum_{0 < |m| < n^{1/d}} |m|^{-2} + cn^{-2/d} \leq cn^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n^{1/d}} k^{d-1-2} + cn^{-2/d}$$

- **PP View:** $|f_{\mu_n - \mathcal{L}_1}(m)|^2 = |f_{\mu_n}(m)|^2 = N^{-1} S_n(mn^{-1/d}), m \in \mathbb{Z}^d$;

- **KEY ESTIMATE:** if $0 < k = mn^{-1/d} \leq c_0$, $\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{S_n(k)}{N}\right] = \frac{S(k)}{n} + \frac{\mathbb{V}AR(N)}{n^2} + O_\beta(\dots)$

What Else ?

- Results extend to random measures with matching replaced by transport.
- Proofs also give AKT type finite-volume bounds.
- Finite-volume bounds also hold for point processes with non-integrable RPCM β
- Other proof approaches - Whitney-type decomposition, sub-additivity and error estimation via potential-theoretic or PDE techniques.