

Semi-discrete unbalanced optimal transport and quantization

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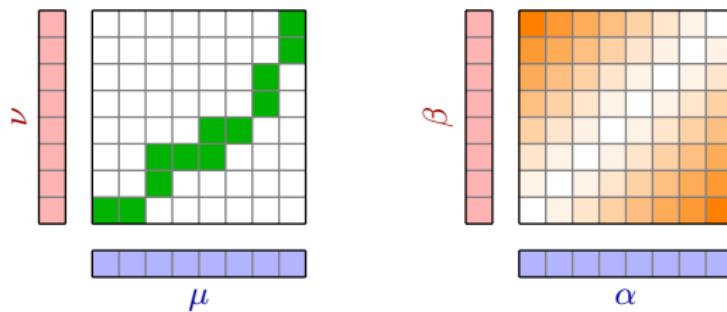
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Overview and notation



Optimal transport à la Kantorovich [Kantorovich, 1942]

■ **couplings:** $\Pi(\mu, \nu) := \{\pi \in \mathcal{M}_+(X \times X) \mid P_{1\sharp}\pi = \mu, P_{2\sharp}\pi = \nu\}$

■ **primal:** $\mathcal{C}_{\text{OT}}(\mu, \nu) := \inf \left\{ \int_{X \times X} c(x, y) d\pi(x, y) \middle| \pi \in \Pi(\mu, \nu) \right\}$

■ **dual:**

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{OT}}(\mu, \nu) = \sup \left\{ \int_X \alpha d\mu + \int_X \beta d\nu \middle| \alpha, \beta \in C(X), \alpha(x) + \beta(y) \leq c(x, y) \right\}$$

Wasserstein distance on probability measures $\mathcal{P}(X)$

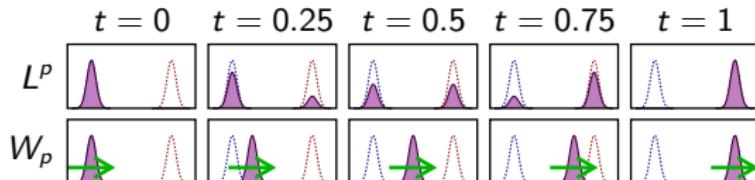
$$W_p(\mu, \nu) := (\mathcal{C}_{\text{OT}}(\mu, \nu))^{1/p} \text{ for } c(x, y) := d(x, y)^p, \quad p \in [1, \infty)$$

Today: $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ convex; ‘radial’ costs: $c(x, y) = \ell(d(x, y))$,

$\ell : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ strictly increasing, continuous on its domain, $\ell(0) = 0$

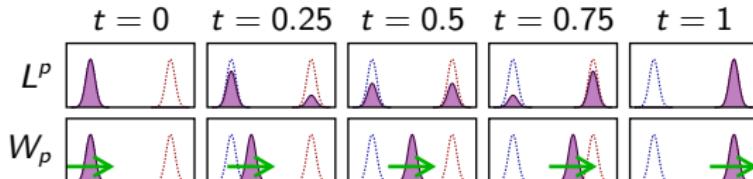
Wasserstein distances: displacement interpolation

- (X, d) length space $\Rightarrow (\mathcal{P}(X), W_p)$ is length space
- $d(x, y)$ is **length of shortest continuous path** between x and y



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Dynamic formulation: Benamou–Brenier formula (on $X = \mathbb{R}^d$)

- (weak) **continuity equation**: mass ρ , momentum $\omega = \rho \cdot v$

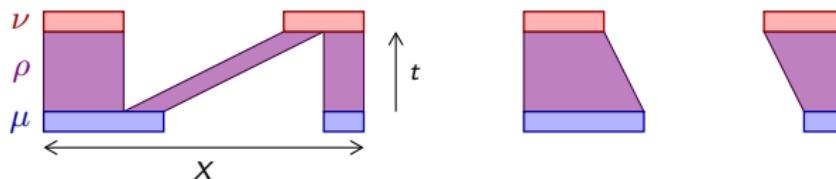
$$\mathcal{CE}(\mu, \nu) := \{(\rho, \omega) \in \mathcal{M}([0, 1] \times X)^{1+d} : \partial_t \rho + \nabla \omega = 0, \rho_0 = \mu, \rho_1 = \nu\}$$

- **least action principle**: minimize Lagrangian / kinetic energy

$$W_p(\mu, \nu)^p = \inf_{(\rho, \omega) \in \mathcal{CE}(\mu, \nu)} \int_{[0, 1] \times X} \frac{|\omega|^p}{\rho^{p-1}} dx dt$$

- $(\mathcal{P}(X = \mathbb{R}^d), W_2)$ ‘looks like’ **Riemannian manifold** [Otto, 2001]

Unbalanced transport: dynamic formulation



Unbalanced Benamou–Brenier formula

- **unbalanced continuity equation:** mass ρ , momentum ω , source ζ

$$\mathcal{CE}(\mu, \nu) = \left\{ (\rho, \omega, \zeta) \in \mathcal{M}([0, 1] \times X)^{1+d+1} : \partial_t \rho + \nabla \omega = \zeta, \rho_0 = \mu, \rho_1 = \nu \right\}$$

- **unbalanced action principle**

$$\mathcal{C}_{UB}(\mu, \nu) = \inf_{(\rho, \omega, \zeta) \in \mathcal{CE}(\mu, \nu)} \int_{[0, 1] \times X} \frac{\omega^2}{\rho} \Phi(\rho, \omega, \zeta) \, dx dt$$

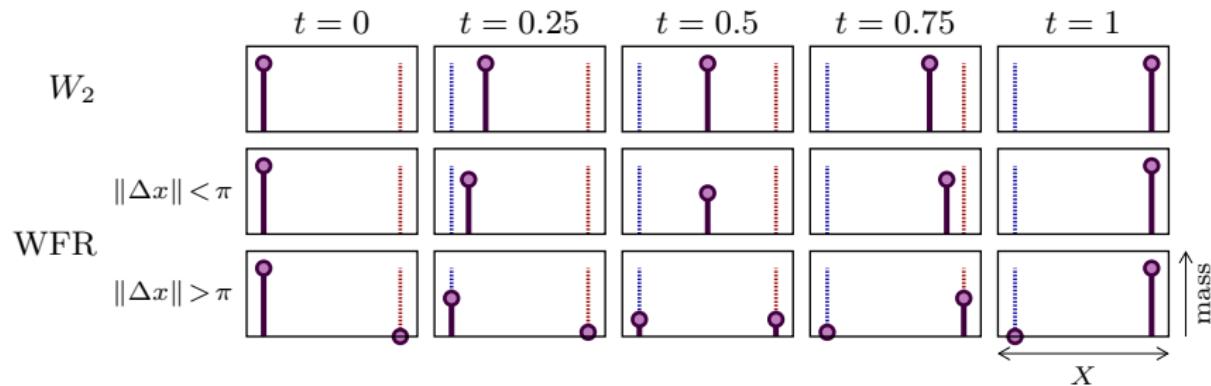
- [Dolbeault et al., 2009]
- [Piccoli and Rossi, 2016]: TV/ L_1 -type penalty
- [Maas et al., 2015, 2017]: L_2 and L_2 - L_1 -type penalty
- [Kondratyev et al., 2016; Chizat, Peyré, Schmitzer, and Vialard, 2018b; Liero et al., 2018]: Wasserstein–Fisher–Rao distance
- $\Phi(\rho, \omega, \zeta) := \frac{\omega^2 + \zeta^2}{\rho}$
- [Schmitzer and Wirth, 2017]: unbalanced W_1 -type transport

Wasserstein–Fisher–Rao distance: basic properties

[Chizat, Peyré, Schmitzer, and Vialard, 2018b,a]

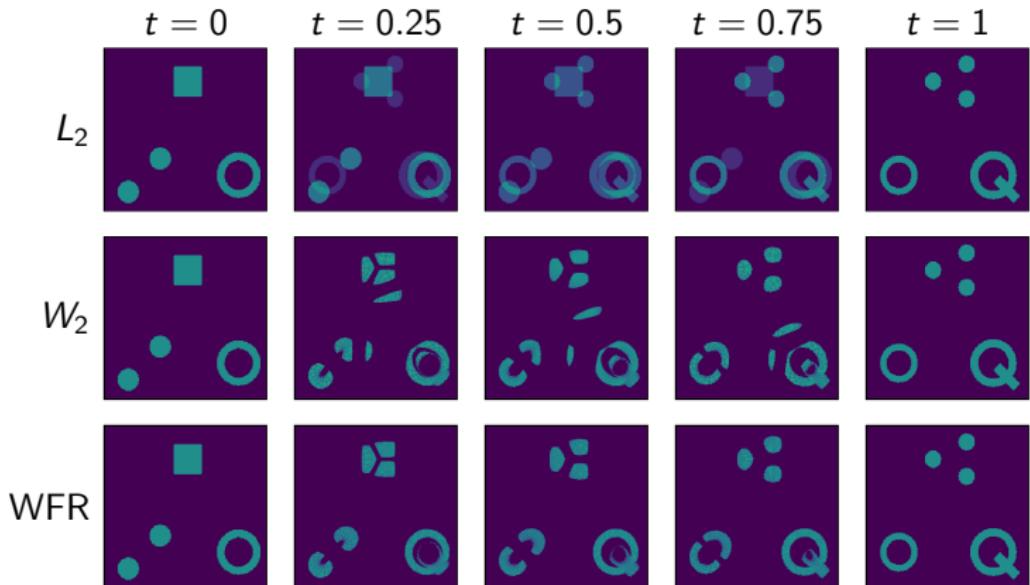
$$\text{WFR}(\mu, \nu)^2 := \inf_{(\rho, \omega, \zeta) \in \mathcal{CE}(\mu, \nu)} \int_{[0,1] \times X} \frac{\omega^2 + \zeta^2}{\rho} d\rho dt$$

- **Thm:** WFR is geodesic distance on **non-negative measures**.
- **Thm:** Geodesic between two Dirac measures is Dirac measure for intermediate times. Minimizing trajectories for $\text{WFR}(\delta_{x_0} m_0, \delta_{x_1} m_1)$:
 - $\|x_0 - x_1\| < \pi$: '**travelling Dirac**': $\rho_t = \delta_{x(t)} \cdot m(t)$
 - $\|x_0 - x_1\| > \pi$: '**teleportation**': $\rho_t = \delta_{x_0} \cdot m_0(t) + \delta_{x_1} \cdot m_1(t)$
 - $\|x_0 - x_1\| = \pi$: **cut locus**



- **Thm:** general geodesics = superpositions of Dirac geodesics

Wasserstein–Fisher–Rao distance: numerical example



- ✗ ‘fading’ with **Euclidean** distance L_2
- ‘artifacts’ with **Wasserstein-2** distance W_2
- ✓ no artifacts with **unbalanced transport** distance WFR

Unbalanced transport: Kantorovich-type formulations

[Liero, Mielke, and Savaré, 2018]

Optimal entropy transport problems

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{UB}}(\mu, \nu) := \inf \left\{ \int_{X \times X} c \, d\pi + \mathcal{F}(P_{1\#}\pi|\mu) + \mathcal{F}(P_{2\#}\pi|\nu) \middle| \pi \in \mathcal{M}_+(X \times X) \right\}$$

■ **marginal discrepancy** $\mathcal{F}(\rho|\mu) := \begin{cases} \int_X F\left(\frac{d\rho}{d\mu}\right) d\mu & \text{if } \rho \ll \mu, \\ +\infty & \text{else.} \end{cases}$

■ $F : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ convex, lower semi-continuous, super-linear

Dual problem

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{UB}}(\mu, \nu) = \sup \left\{ - \int_X F^*(-\alpha) d\mu - \int_X F^*(-\beta) d\nu \middle| \alpha, \beta \in C(X), \alpha \oplus \beta \leq c \right\}$$

- $z \mapsto -F^*(-z)$: increasing, concave
- recover balanced case for $F = \iota_{\{1\}}$, $-F^*(-s) = s$.

Example: Wasserstein–Fisher–Rao / Hellinger–Kantorovich distance

■ $\mathcal{F} = \text{KL}$, $c_{\text{WFR}}(x, y) = \begin{cases} -2 \log [\cos(d(x, y))] & \text{if } d(x, y) < \frac{\pi}{2}, \\ \infty & \text{else} \end{cases}$

Semi-discrete transport

- $\mu \ll \mathcal{L}$, $\nu = \sum_{i=1}^M m_i \delta_{x_i}$
- form of optimal coupling: $\pi = \sum_{i=1}^M \mu \llcorner C_i(w) \otimes \delta_{x_i}$
- $(C_i(w))_{i=1}^M$ **generalized Laguerre cells** for weight vector $w \in \mathbb{R}^m$:

$$C_i(w) = \{x \in X \mid c(x, \textcolor{blue}{x}_i) < \infty, \\ c(\textcolor{blue}{x}, \textcolor{red}{x}_i) - w_i \leq c(\textcolor{blue}{x}, \textcolor{red}{x}_j) - w_j \text{ for all } j \in \{1, \dots, M\}\}$$

and **residual** $R = \{x \in X \mid c(x, x_i) = \infty \text{ for all } i \in \{1, \dots, M\}\}$

Example: $(C_i(w))_{i=1}^M$ are **Voronoi cells** for $c(x, y) = d(x, y)$,
 $w = (0, \dots, 0)$

Tessellation formulation of semi-discrete transport

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{OT}}(\mu, \nu) = \sup \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^M \left[\int_{C_i(w)} [c(x, x_i) - w_i] d\mu(x) + w_i \cdot m_i \right] \middle| w \in \mathbb{R}^M \right\}$$

- **efficient numerical methods** [Aurenhammer, Hoffmann, and Aronov, 1998; Kitagawa, Mérigot, and Thibert, 2016; Lévy, 2015]

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Semi-discrete unbalanced transport

Dual tessellation formulation:

- form of optimal coupling: $\pi = \sum_{i=1}^M \rho \llcorner C_i(w) \otimes \delta_{x_i}$, in general $\rho \neq \mu$

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{UB}}(\mu, \nu) = \sup \left\{ - \sum_{i=1}^M \left[\int_{C_i(w)} F^*(-c(x, x_i) + w_i) d\mu(x) + F^*(-w_i) \cdot m_i \right] + F(0) \cdot \mu(R) \middle| w \in \mathbb{R}^M \right\}$$

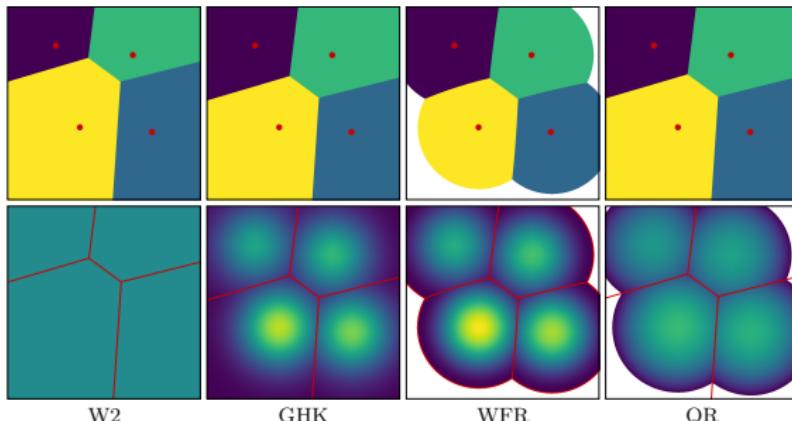
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Primal tessellation formulation:

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{UB}}(\mu, \nu) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^M \int_{C_i(w)} c(x, x_i) d\rho(x) + \mathcal{F}(\rho|\mu) + \sum_{i=1}^M F\left(\frac{\rho(C_i(w))}{m_i}\right) \cdot m_i \middle| w \in \mathbb{R}^M, \rho \in \mathcal{M}_+(\Omega), \rho(R) = 0 \right\}$$

Comparison of different models

- **Wasserstein-2 (W2):** $c = d^2$, $F = \iota_{\{1\}}$, $\mathcal{F}(\cdot | \mu) = \iota_{\{\mu\}}$
 - $C_i(w)$: weighted Laguerre cells, $R = \emptyset$; $\rho = \mu$,
- **Gaussian Hellinger–Kantorovich (GHK):** $c = d^2$, $\mathcal{F} = \text{KL}$
 - still $R = \emptyset$; $\rho \neq \mu$ but $\text{spt } \rho = \text{spt } \mu$ since $F'(0) = -\infty$
- **Wasserstein–Fisher–Rao (WFR):** $c = c_{\text{WFR}}$, $\mathcal{F} = \text{KL}$
 - $c_{\text{WFR}}(x, y) = \infty$ for $d(x, y) \geq \frac{\pi}{2}$, usually $R \neq \emptyset$; but $\text{spt } \rho = \text{spt } \mu \setminus R$
- **Quadratic regularization (QR):** $c = d^2$, $F(s) = (1 - s)^2$
 - $R = \emptyset$ but still usually $\text{spt } \rho \subsetneq \text{spt } \mu$ since $F'(0) > -\infty$



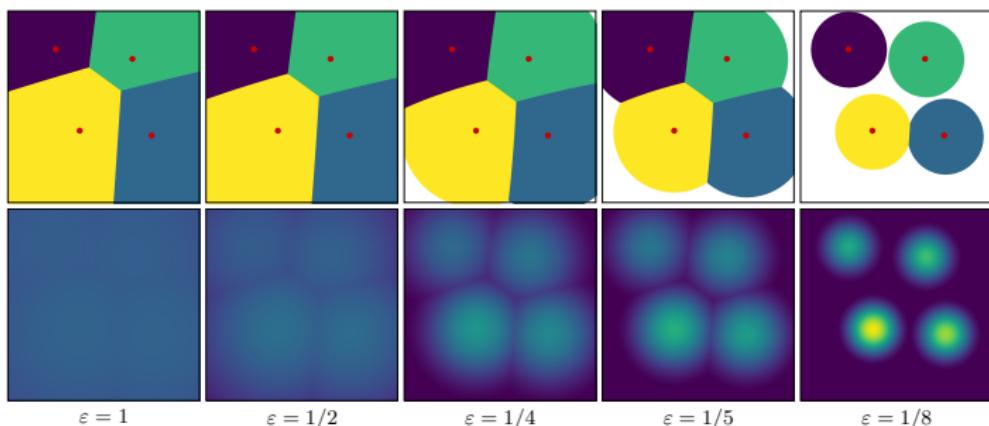
Length-scale in semi-discrete unbalanced transport

Trade-off: transport vs mass change

- **scaled cost:** $c_\varepsilon(x, y) = \ell\left(\frac{d(x, y)}{\varepsilon}\right)$ with $\varepsilon > 0$
- assume $F(1) = 0 \leq F(s)$,
⇒ **prefer to balance mass:** $\operatorname{argmin} \mathcal{F}(\cdot | \mu) \ni \mu$

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{UB}}^\varepsilon(\mu, \nu) := \inf \left\{ \int_{X \times X} c_\varepsilon \, d\pi + \mathcal{F}(P_{1\#}\pi | \mu) + \mathcal{F}(P_{2\#}\pi | \nu) \mid \pi \in \mathcal{M}_+(X \times X) \right\}$$

- $\varepsilon \rightarrow \infty$: transport very cheap, almost balanced
- $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$: transport prohibitive, almost pure mass change



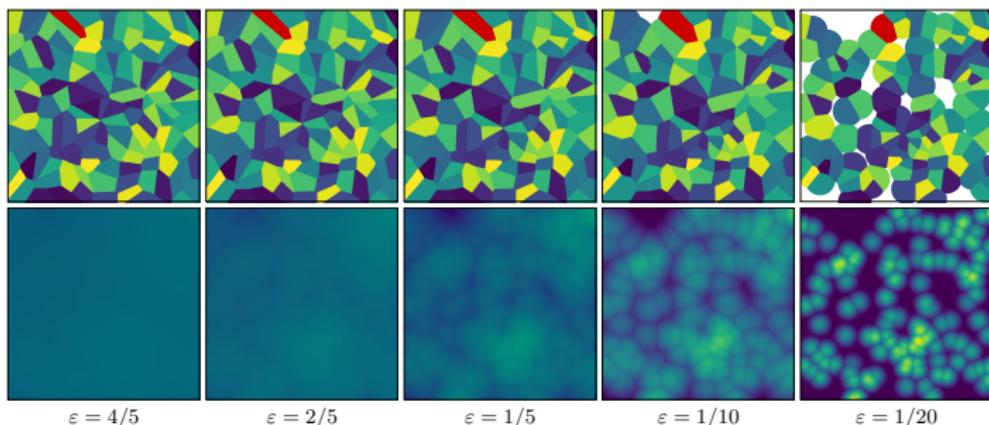
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Quantization

- approximate $\mu \ll \mathcal{L}$ by M Dirac masses in OT-sense

$$\min \left\{ \mathcal{C}_{\text{OT}}(\mu, \nu) \middle| \nu = \sum_{i=1}^M m_i \delta_{x_i}, x_1, \dots, x_M \in X, m_1, \dots, m_M \geq 0 \right\}$$

- applications: optimal location planning, discretization for particle methods, clustering, pattern formation...
- optimize over $(m_i)_{i=1}^M$:

$$= \min \{ J_M(x_1, \dots, x_M) | x_1, \dots, x_M \in X \}$$

- J_M ? mass of μ always goes to nearest x_i ($c = \ell \circ d$), set m_i accordingly

$$\pi = \sum_{i=1}^M \mu \llcorner V_i(x_1, \dots, x_M) \otimes \delta_{x_i}, \quad m_i = \mu(V_i), \quad V_i(\dots) : \text{Voronoi cells}$$

$$J_M(x_1, \dots, x_M) = \sum_{i=1}^M \int_{V_i} c(\cdot, x_i) \, d\mu$$

Unbalanced quantization

- approximate $\mu \ll \mathcal{L}$ by M Dirac masses in **unbalanced** OT-sense

$$\min \left\{ \mathcal{C}_{\text{UB}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) \middle| \boldsymbol{\nu} = \sum_{i=1}^M m_i \delta_{x_i}, x_1, \dots, x_M \in X, m_1, \dots, m_M \geq 0 \right\}$$

- assume $F(1) = 0 \leq F(s)$: prefer to balance mass
- optimize over $(m_i)_{i=1}^M$:

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$$\begin{aligned} J_M(x_1, \dots, x_M) &= \inf_{\rho} \sum_{i=1}^M \int_{V_i} c(\cdot, x_i) d\rho + \mathcal{F}(\rho|\mu) + \sum_{i=1}^M F\left(\frac{\rho(V_i)}{m_i}\right) \cdot m_i \\ &= \inf_{\rho \ll \mu} \sum_{i=1}^M \int_{V_i} \left[c(\cdot, x_i) \frac{d\rho}{d\mu} + F\left(\frac{d\rho}{d\mu}\right) \right] d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^M \int_{V_i} -F^*(-c(\cdot, x_i)) d\mu \end{aligned}$$

- optimal free marginal: $\frac{d\rho}{d\mu} \in \partial F^*(-c(\cdot, x_i))$ on V_i

(Unbalanced) quantization: Lloyd's algorithm

Balanced:

$$\pi^{(\ell)} = \sum_{i=1}^M \mu \llcorner V_i(x_1^{(\ell)}, \dots, x_M^{(\ell)}) \otimes \delta_{x_i^{(\ell)}} \quad (\text{optimize coupling})$$

$$x_i^{(\ell+1)} = \operatorname{argmin}_{z \in X} \int_{V_i^{(\ell)}} c(\cdot, z) d\mu \quad (\text{optimize locations})$$

- $x_i^{(\ell+1)}$: generalized center of mass of $V_i^{(\ell)}$
- [Sabin and Gray, 1986; Du et al., 1999; Emelianenko et al., 2008; Bourne and Roper, 2015]

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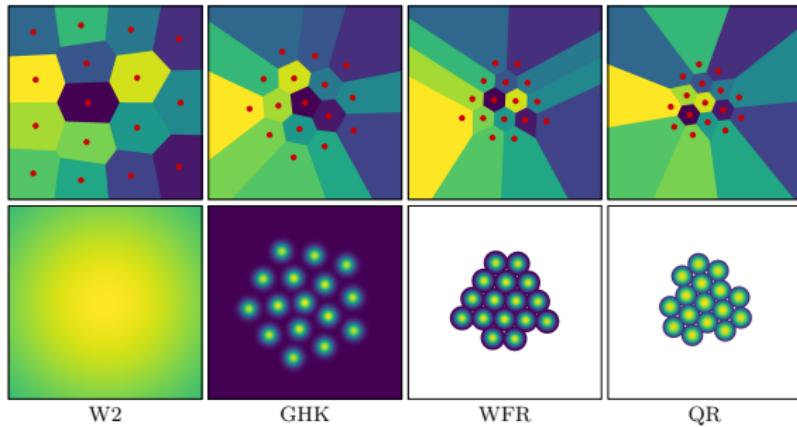
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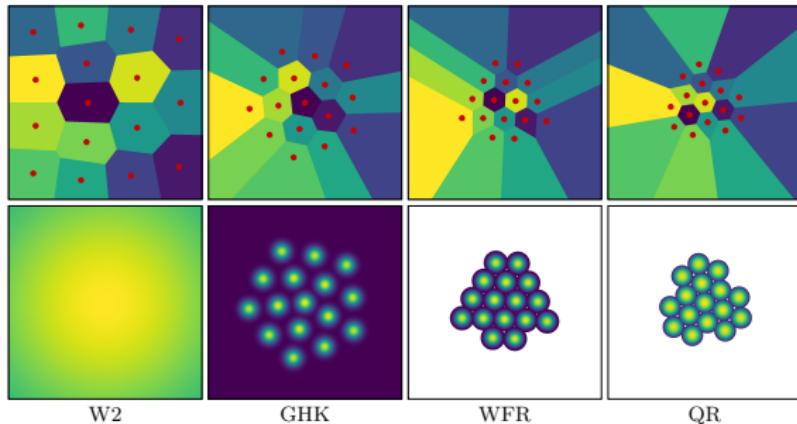
Unbalanced:

- replace $\mu \rightarrow \rho^{(\ell)}$ with $\frac{d\rho^{(\ell)}}{d\mu} \in \partial F^*(-c(\cdot, x_i^{(\ell)}))$ on $V_i^{(\ell)}$

Unbalanced quantization: numerical examples

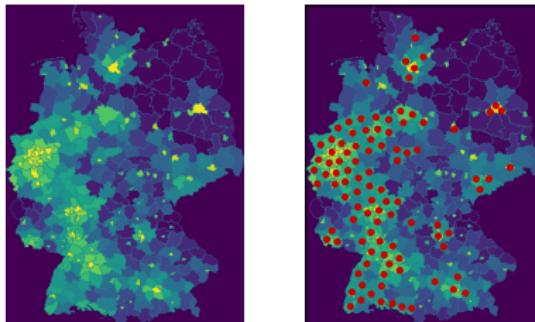


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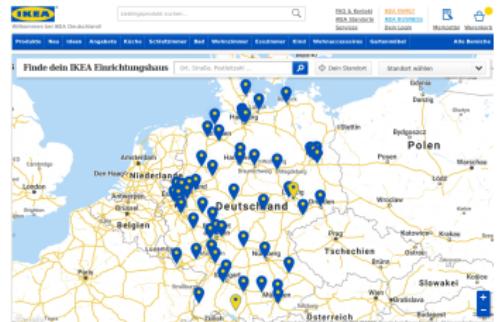


Example: unbalanced optimal location problem

population density μ discrete locations ν



IKEA in Germany



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Crystallization in 2D: Lebesgue measure

Balanced: $X \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, convex polygon, at most six sides; μ Lebesgue measure on X

$$J_{M,\varepsilon}(x_1, \dots, x_M) = \sum_{i=1}^M \int_{V_i} \ell\left(\frac{d(\cdot, x_i)}{\varepsilon}\right) d\mu$$

- L. Fejes Tóth's Theorem on Sums of Moments:

$$\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \min_{(x_1, \dots, x_M)} J_{M,\varepsilon_M}(x_1, \dots, x_M) = |X| \cdot B\left(\frac{\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} M \varepsilon_M^2}{|X|}\right)$$

with energy density of regular hexagonal tiling with point density z :

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- B is non-negative, decreasing, convex, continuous
 - $B(0) = F(0)$: pure mass change
 - $B(\infty) = 0$: pure transport, cost vanishes

Crystallization in 2D: varying density

Thm: $X \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ polygon with at most six sides; $\mu \ll \mathcal{L}$, $m := \frac{d\mu}{d\mathcal{L}}$ Lipschitz continuous

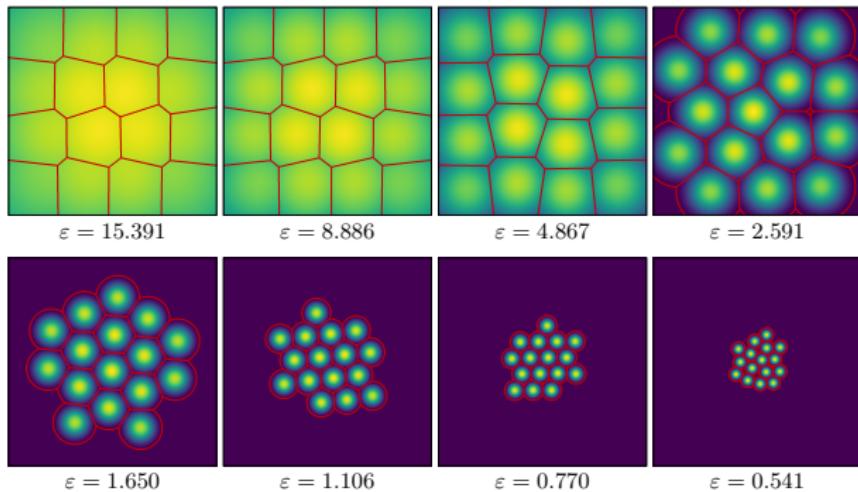
- $M \varepsilon_M^2 \rightarrow \infty$: pure transport, $\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \min_{(x_1, \dots, x_M)} J_{M, \varepsilon_M} = 0$
- $M \varepsilon_M^2 \rightarrow 0$: pure mass change
 $\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \min_{(x_1, \dots, x_M)} J_{M, \varepsilon_M} = \mu(X) \cdot F(0)$
- $M \varepsilon_M^2 \rightarrow P \in (0, \infty)$:

$$\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \min_{(x_1, \dots, x_M)} J_{M, \varepsilon_M} = \inf \left\{ \int_X B(D(x)) d\mu(x) \middle| D \in L_{1,+}(X), \int_X D(x) dx = P \right\}$$

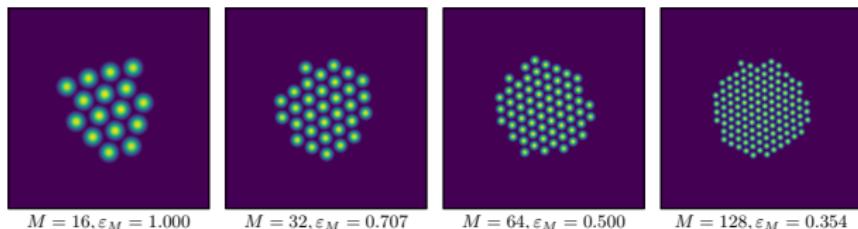
- Lebesgue: $D(x) = \frac{P}{|X|} = \text{const}$
- $D(x) \in \partial B^*(\lambda/m(x))$ for a.e. $x \in X$, λ : Lagrange multiplier
- W2: $D(x) \propto \sqrt{m(x)}$
- unbalanced: D may be zero on areas with $m > 0$

Crystallization in 2D: numerical examples I

Fixed M , decrease ε :



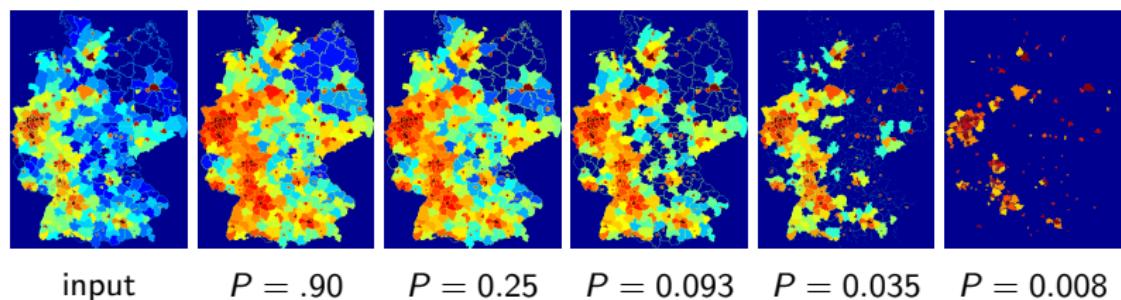
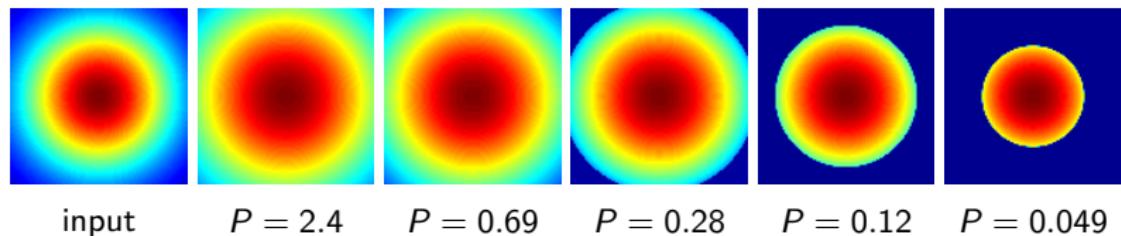
$M \rightarrow \infty$, fixed $M\varepsilon_M^2$:



Crystallization in 2D: numerical examples II

- $P = \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} M \varepsilon_M^2$: asymptotic average density
- $D(x)$: asymptotic local density

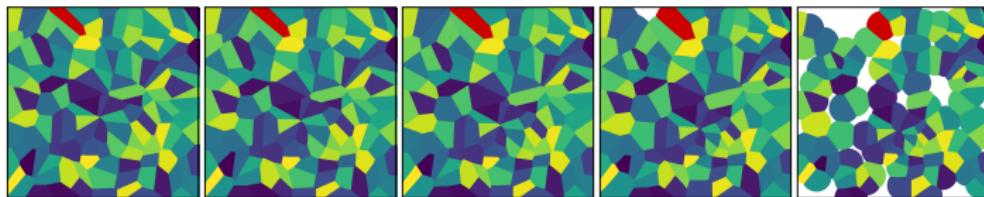
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Conclusion



Semi-discrete unbalanced transport

- tessellation formulation
- length scales: transport vs mass change

Quantization

- applications: optimal location planning, discretization, pattern formation...
- Lloyd's algorithm
- 'neglected' regions

Crystallization

- locally triangular grids
- non-trivial local point density

PhD position available: numerical optimal transport at TU München

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