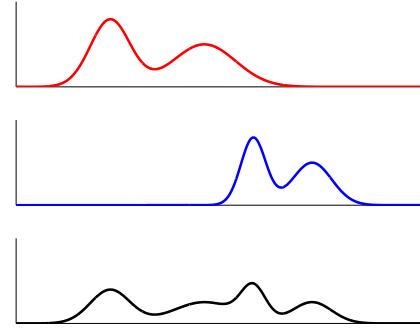


# Optimal Mass Transport and (matrix) density flows

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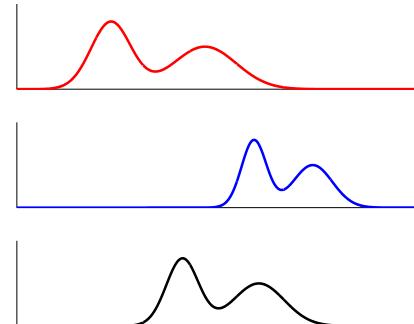
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## Motivation interpolation of densities

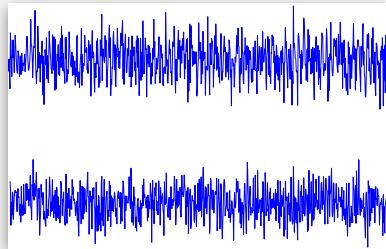
### Arithmetic mean



- push/pop?
- artifacts?
- etc

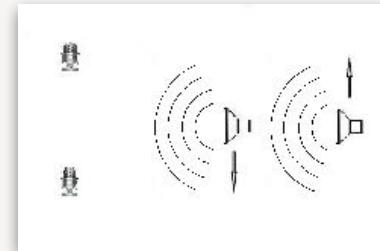
### Transportation mean

## Time-series

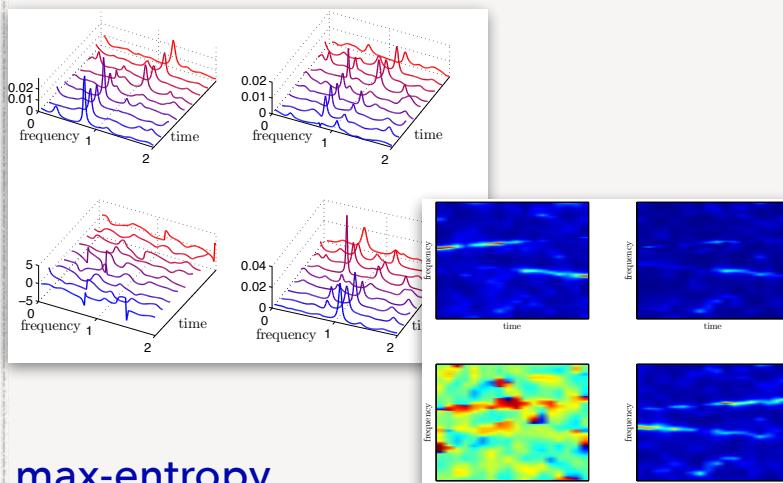


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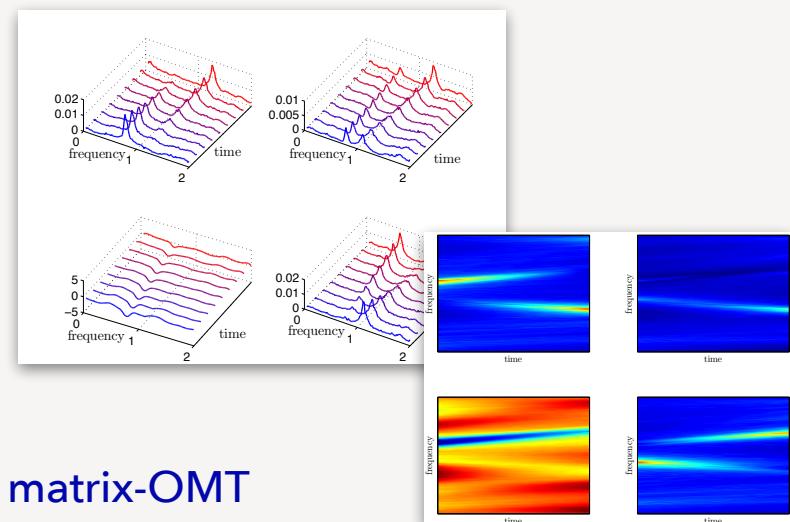
## Physical arrangement



## Matrix-valued power spectra

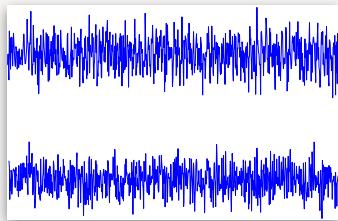


max-entropy  
matrix-valued spectra

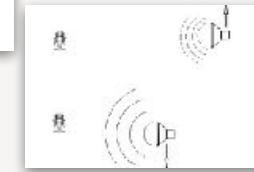
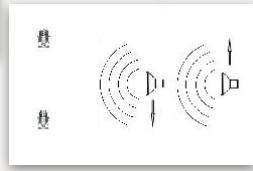


matrix-OMT  
power spectral flow

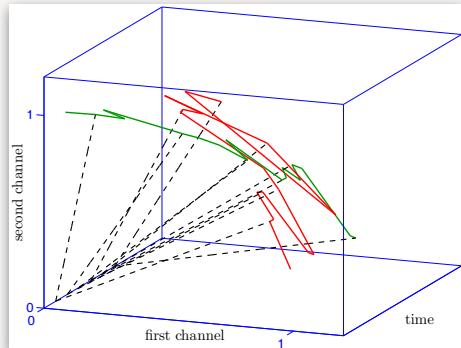
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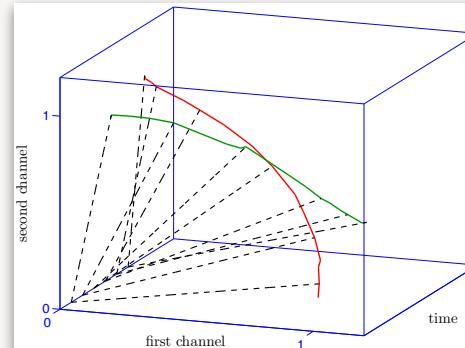


## Time-flow of dominant eigen/singular vectors



positioning  
via  
relative intensity  
& doppler shift

eigenvectors of  
max-entropy matrix-valued spectra



eigenvectors of  
matrix-OMT-like flow

Kantorovich-like formulation in product-space:

Ning, Georgiou, Tannenbaum, On matrix-valued Monge-Kantorovich OMT, 2015

# OMT in quantum theory

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“An Analog of the 2-Wasserstein Metric..Fermionic Fokker-Planck..  
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# Our goal

- extend the **Benamou-Brenier** framework to transport of
  - Hermitian matrices (Quantum density matrices)
  - matrix-valued distributions

I.e., formulate for matrices...

$$\inf \int \int_0^1 \rho(t, x) \|v(t, x)\|^2 dt dx$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho v) = 0,$$

$$\rho(0, \cdot) = \rho_0, \quad \rho(1, \cdot) = \rho_1$$

# Quantum continuity equation

Starting point: Lindblad equation (in “diagonal form”  $L_k = L_k^*$ )

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\rho} &= -[iH, \rho] \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^N (L_k \rho L_k - \frac{1}{2} \rho L_k L_k - \frac{1}{2} L_k L_k \rho),\end{aligned}$$

Notation:

$\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  the set of  $n \times n$  Hermitian and skew-Hermitian matrices

$\mathcal{H}_+$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{++}$  nonnegative and positive-definite matrices

$\mathcal{D}_+ := \{\rho \in \mathcal{H}_{++} \mid \text{tr}(\rho) = 1\}$  “density matrices”

$\mathcal{S}^N, \mathcal{H}^N$  block-column vectors with matrix-entries

## Notation

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = \text{tr}(X^*Y), \quad X, Y \in \mathcal{H} \text{ (or } \mathcal{S})$$

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^N \text{tr}(X_k^*Y_k) \text{ for } X, Y \in \mathcal{H}^N \text{ (or } \mathcal{S}^N)$$

For  $X \in \mathcal{H}^N$  (or  $\mathcal{S}^N$ ),  $Y \in \mathcal{H}$  (or  $\mathcal{S}$ ),

$$XY = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_N \end{bmatrix} Y := \begin{bmatrix} X_1 Y \\ \vdots \\ X_N Y \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$YX = Y \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_N \end{bmatrix} := \begin{bmatrix} YX_1 \\ \vdots \\ YX_N \end{bmatrix}.$$

## Some calculus

Note for functions:

$$f(x) : g(x) \mapsto f(x)g(x)$$

$$\partial_x : g(x) \mapsto \partial_x g(x)$$

$$[\partial_x, f(x)] : g(x) \mapsto \partial_x f(x)g(x) - f(x)\partial_x g(x) = (\partial_x f(x))g(x)$$

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For matrices:

$$\partial_{L_i} X = [L_i, X] = [L_i X - X L_i]$$

define the *gradient operator* for  $L \in \mathcal{H}^N$

$$\nabla_L : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}^N, \quad X \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} L_1 X - X L_1 \\ \vdots \\ L_N X - X L_N \end{bmatrix}$$

## Some calculus

$\nabla_L$  is a derivation

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_L(XY + YX) &= (\nabla_L X)Y + X(\nabla_L Y) \\ &\quad + (\nabla_L Y)X + Y(\nabla_L X), \quad \forall X, Y \in \mathcal{H}.\end{aligned}$$

dual is an analogue of the (negative) *divergence operator*:

$$\nabla_L^* : \mathcal{S}^N \rightarrow \mathcal{H}, \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ \vdots \\ Y_N \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \sum_k^N L_k Y_k - Y_k L_k.$$

$$\langle \nabla_L X, Y \rangle = \langle X, \nabla_L^* Y \rangle$$

## Lindblad term

*Laplacian:*

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_L X &:= -\nabla_L^* \nabla_L X \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^N (2L_k X L_k - X L_k L_k - L_k L_k X), \quad X \in \mathcal{H},\end{aligned}$$

Lindblad's equation:

$$\dot{\rho} + [iH, \rho] = \sum_{k=1}^N (L_k \rho L_k - \frac{1}{2} \rho L_k L_k - \frac{1}{2} L_k L_k \rho),$$

becomes

$$\dot{\rho} + \nabla_{iH} \rho = \frac{1}{2} \Delta_L \rho.$$

## Continuity equation

$$\dot{\rho} = \nabla_L^* M_\rho(v),$$

with  $M_\rho(v)$  a “multiplication” between  $\rho$  and  $v$  momentum field “ $\rho v$ ” =  $M_\rho(v) \in \mathcal{S}^N$ .

choices of non-commutative multiplication:

i)  $\frac{1}{2}(\rho v + v\rho)$  (“anti-commutator” )

ii)  $\int_0^1 \rho^s v \rho^{1-s} ds$  (Kubo-Mori)

iii)  $\rho^{1/2} v \rho^{1/2}$

## Case i) “anti-commutator”

Problem i):

$$\begin{aligned} W_{2,a}(\rho_0, \rho_1)^2 &:= \min_{\rho \in \mathcal{D}_+, v \in \mathcal{S}^N} \int_0^1 \text{tr}(\rho v^* v) dt, \\ \dot{\rho} &= \frac{1}{2} \nabla_L^* (\rho v + v \rho), \\ \rho(0) &= \rho_0, \quad \rho(1) = \rho_1, \end{aligned}$$

Note:  $v^* v = \sum_{k=1}^N v_k^* v_k$  and  $v \in \mathcal{S}^N$ .

## Duality

$\lambda(\cdot) \in \mathcal{H}$  Lagrangian multiplier

$$\mathcal{L}(\rho, v, \lambda) = \int_0^1 \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}(\rho v^* v) - \operatorname{tr}\left(\lambda\left(\dot{\rho} - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_L^*(\rho v + v \rho)\right)\right) \right\} dt$$

Point-wise minimization  $\Rightarrow$

$$v_{opt}(t) = -\nabla_L \lambda(t).$$

## Duality

If  $\lambda(\cdot) \in \mathcal{H}$ :

$$\dot{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla_L \lambda)^*(\nabla_L \lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N (\nabla_L \lambda)_k^* (\nabla_L \lambda)_k$$

and

$$\dot{\rho} = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_L^* (\rho \nabla_L \lambda + \nabla_L \lambda \rho)$$

matches the marginals  $\rho(0) = \rho_0, \rho(1) = \rho_1$ ,

then  $(\rho, v)$  with  $v = -\nabla_L \lambda$  solves Problem i)

# Riemannian structure

$$\delta_j \in \text{TangentSpace}_\rho = \{\delta \in \mathcal{H} \mid \text{tr}(\delta) = 0\}, \text{ for } j = 1, 2$$

“Poisson” equation:  $\delta$ 's  $\Leftrightarrow$   $\lambda$ 's

$$\delta_j = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_L^*(\rho \nabla_L \lambda_j + \nabla_L \lambda_j \rho)$$

and

$$\langle \delta_1, \delta_2 \rangle_\rho = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\rho \nabla \lambda_1^* \nabla \lambda_2 + \rho \nabla \lambda_2^* \nabla \lambda_1)$$

**Note:** given  $\delta$ , then  $-\nabla_L \lambda$  is the unique minimizer of  $\text{tr}(\rho v^* v)$  over  $v \in \mathcal{S}^N$  satisfying

$$\delta = \frac{1}{2} \nabla_L^*(\rho v + v \rho).$$

## Riemannian metric

$W_{2,a}(\cdot, \cdot)$  is a metric on  $\mathcal{D}_+$

$$W_{2,a}(\rho_0, \rho_1) = \min_{\rho} \int_0^1 \sqrt{\langle \dot{\rho}(t), \dot{\rho}(t) \rangle_{\rho(t)}} dt,$$

over piecewise smooth path on  $\mathcal{D}_+$

## Computation – convex problem

momentum field  $\mathbf{u} = \rho \mathbf{v}$ , i.e.  $u_i = \rho v_i$

$$\mathrm{tr}(\rho \mathbf{v}^* \mathbf{v}) = \sum_{k=1}^N \mathrm{tr}(\rho v_k^* v_k) = \mathrm{tr}(u^* \rho^{-1} u),$$

define  $\mathbf{u}_* := [u_1, \dots, u_N]^*$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} W_{2,a}(\rho_0, \rho_1)^2 &= \min_{\rho, u} \int_0^1 \mathrm{tr}(u^* \rho^{-1} u) dt, \\ \dot{\rho} &= \frac{1}{2} \nabla_L^* (u - u_*), \\ \rho(0) &= \rho_0, \quad \rho(1) = \rho_1 \end{aligned}$$

**Note:** optimal  $\mathbf{u}$  automatically satisfies  $\mathbf{u} = \rho \mathbf{v}$  for some  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{S}^N$   
no need for a constraint

# Matrix transport with added spatial component

$$\mathcal{D} = \{\rho(\cdot) \mid \rho(x) \in \mathcal{H}_+ \text{ such that } \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} \text{tr}(\rho(x)) dx = 1\}.$$

Continuity equation:  $w \in \mathcal{H}$  along space dimension

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \nabla_x \cdot (\rho w + w \rho) - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_L^* (\rho v + v \rho) = 0.$$

Metric:

$$W_{2,a}(\rho_0, \rho_1)^2 := \min \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} \{ \text{tr}(\rho w^* w) + \gamma \text{tr}(\rho v^* v) \} dx dt,$$
$$\rho \in \mathcal{D}_+, w \in \mathcal{H}^m, v \in \mathcal{S}^N$$
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \nabla_x \cdot (\rho w + w \rho) - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_L^* (\rho v + v \rho) = 0,$$
$$\rho(0, \cdot) = \rho_0, \quad \rho(1, \cdot) = \rho_1$$

# Metric, computation, etc.

Same as before:

duality..

$$w_{\text{opt}}(t, x) = -\nabla_x \lambda(t, x), \quad v_{\text{opt}} = -\frac{1}{\gamma} \nabla_L \lambda(t, x)$$

$$\delta_j \xrightarrow[\text{Poisson}]{} \lambda_j \text{'s}$$

and then  $\langle \delta_1, \delta_2 \rangle = \int \text{"symmetrized kinetic energy"} dx$

metric computed via **convex optimization**, with  $q = \rho w$ ,  $u = \rho v$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\rho, q, u} \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} \{\text{tr}(q^* \rho^{-1} q) + \gamma \text{tr}(u^* \rho^{-1} u)\} dx dt \\ & \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \nabla_x \cdot (q + q_*) - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_L^*(u - u_*) = 0, \\ & \rho(0, \cdot) = \rho_0, \quad \rho(1, \cdot) = \rho_1 \end{aligned}$$

# Gradient flow of Entropy

$$S(\rho) = -\text{tr}(\rho \log \rho).$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dS(\rho(t))}{dt} &= \dots \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\rho v^* \nabla_L \log \rho + \rho (\nabla_L \log \rho)^* v),\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  steepest ascent

$$v = -\nabla_L \log \rho$$

$\Rightarrow$  **gradient flow**

$$\dot{\rho} = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_L^* \{\rho, \nabla_L \log \rho\}$$

**Note:** this is nonlinear, different from Lindblad

**Note:** similar with space component..

## Case ii) “logarithmic”

Problem ii):

$$\begin{aligned} W_{2,b}(\rho_0, \rho_1)^2 &:= \min_{\rho \in \mathcal{D}_+, v \in \mathcal{S}^N} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \text{tr}(v^* \rho^s v \rho^{1-s}) ds dt \\ &\quad \dot{\rho} = \nabla_L^* \int_0^1 \rho^s v \rho^{1-s} ds, \\ &\quad \rho(0) = \rho_0, \quad \rho(1) = \rho_1. \end{aligned}$$

Note: computations?

## duality

If  $\lambda(\cdot) \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\rho$  satisfy

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\lambda} &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^\alpha \left\{ \frac{\rho^{\alpha-\beta}}{(1-s)\mathbf{I} + s\rho} (\nabla_L \lambda)^* \rho^{1-\alpha} \nabla_L \lambda \frac{\rho^\beta}{(1-s)\mathbf{I} + s\rho} \right\} d\beta d\alpha ds \\ \dot{\rho} + \nabla_L^* \int_0^1 \rho^s \nabla_L(\lambda) \rho^{1-s} ds &= 0, \\ \rho(0) = \rho_0, \quad \rho(1) &= \rho_1.\end{aligned}$$

then  $(\rho, -\nabla_L(\lambda))$  is optimal.

## Gradient flow of Entropy

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dS(\rho(t))}{dt} &= \dots \\ &= -\text{tr}((\nabla_L \log \rho)^* \int_0^1 \rho^s v \rho^{1-s} ds),\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  greatest ascent direction  $v = -\nabla_L \log \rho$ .

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non-commutative analog of:  $\partial_x \rho = \rho \partial_x (\log \rho)$ :

$$\nabla_L \rho = \int_0^1 \rho^s (\nabla_L \log \rho) \rho^{1-s} ds$$

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## Gradient flow:

$$\dot{\rho} = -\nabla_L^* \int_0^1 \rho^s (\nabla_L \log \rho) \rho^{1-s} ds = -\nabla_L^* \nabla_L \rho = \Delta_L \rho,$$

Linear heat equation (now Lindblad) just as in the scalar case!

## Recap

With  $M_\rho(v) = \rho v + v\rho$ :

metric computable via convex optimization

gradient flow of entropy: nonlinear

With  $M_\rho(v) = \int_0^1 \rho^s v \rho^{1-s} ds$ :

metric computability questionable

gradient flow of entropy: linear, Lindblad

# Strong duality & conservation of Hamiltonian

Y. Chen, Wilfrid Gangbo, TTG & A. Tannenbaum

“On the Matrix Monge-Kantorovich Problem, arXiv 2017

**Strong duality:** define  $F(\rho, m) := \frac{1}{2}\langle m, m\rho^{-1} \rangle$

Let  $\rho_0, \rho_1 \in \mathcal{D}_+$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{(\rho, m) \in \mathcal{A}} \left\{ \int_0^1 F(\rho, m) dt \mid \rho(0) = \rho_0, \rho(1) = \rho_1, \text{ and } \dot{\rho} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla_L^* (m - m_*) \right\} \\ &= \sup_{\lambda \in \mathcal{B}} \left\{ \langle \lambda(1); \rho_1 \rangle - \langle \lambda(0); \rho_0 \rangle \mid \dot{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla_L \lambda)^* (\nabla_L \lambda) \leq 0 \text{ a.e. on } (0, 1) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{A} := \{\rho \in L^2(0, 1; \mathcal{H}) \mid \text{tr}(\rho) \equiv 1\} \times L^2(0, 1; \mathbb{C}^{nN \times n})$$

$$\mathcal{B} := W^{1,2}(0, 1; \mathcal{H})$$

## Conservation of the Hamiltonian:

Let  $\rho_0, \rho_1 \in \mathcal{D}_+$  and  $(\rho, m)$  a minimizer as before. Then:

(i)  $F(\rho(t), m(t)) \equiv F(\rho(0), m(0)).$

(ii) If  $0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1$  then

$$W_2(\rho(s), \rho(t)) = (t - s) \sqrt{2F(\rho(t), m(t))} = (t - s) W_2(\rho_0, \rho_1).$$

(iii) If we further assume that  $\lambda \in W^{1,1}(0, 1; \mathcal{H})$  is a maximizer of the dual, then

$$\langle \lambda(t); \rho(t) \rangle = \langle \lambda(0); \rho_0 \rangle + \frac{W_2(\rho_0, \rho(t))^2}{2t}, \quad t \in (0, 1].$$

# unbalanced transport

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# unbalanced: $\text{trace } \rho_0 \neq \text{trace } \rho_1$

arXiv: Y. Chen, TTG & A. Tannenbaum

“Interpolation of Matrix-Valued Measures: The Unbalanced Case

Interpolation between Wasserstein and Bures:

$$\begin{aligned} W_{2,FR}(\rho_0, \rho_1)^2 := & \inf_{\rho \in \mathcal{H}_{++}, v \in \mathcal{S}^N, r \in \mathcal{H}} \int_0^1 \{\text{tr}(\rho v^* v) + \alpha \text{tr}(\rho r^2)\} dt \\ & \dot{\rho} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla_L^*(\rho v + v \rho) + \frac{1}{2} (\rho r + r \rho), \\ & \rho(0) = \rho_0, \quad \rho(1) = \rho_1. \end{aligned}$$

Interpolation between Wasserstein and Frobenius:

$$\begin{aligned} W_{2,F}(\rho_0, \rho_1)^2 := & \inf_{\rho \in \mathcal{H}_{++}, v \in \mathcal{S}^N, s \in \mathcal{H}} \int_0^1 \{\text{tr}(\rho v^* v) + \alpha \text{tr}(s^2)\} dt \\ & \dot{\rho} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla_L^*(\rho v + v \rho) + s, \\ & \rho(0) = \rho_0, \quad \rho(1) = \rho_1. \end{aligned}$$

- can be turned into **convex problems** as usual...

# transport of vector-valued distributions

$$\rho = [\rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_\ell]^T, \text{ on } \mathbb{R}_+^N$$

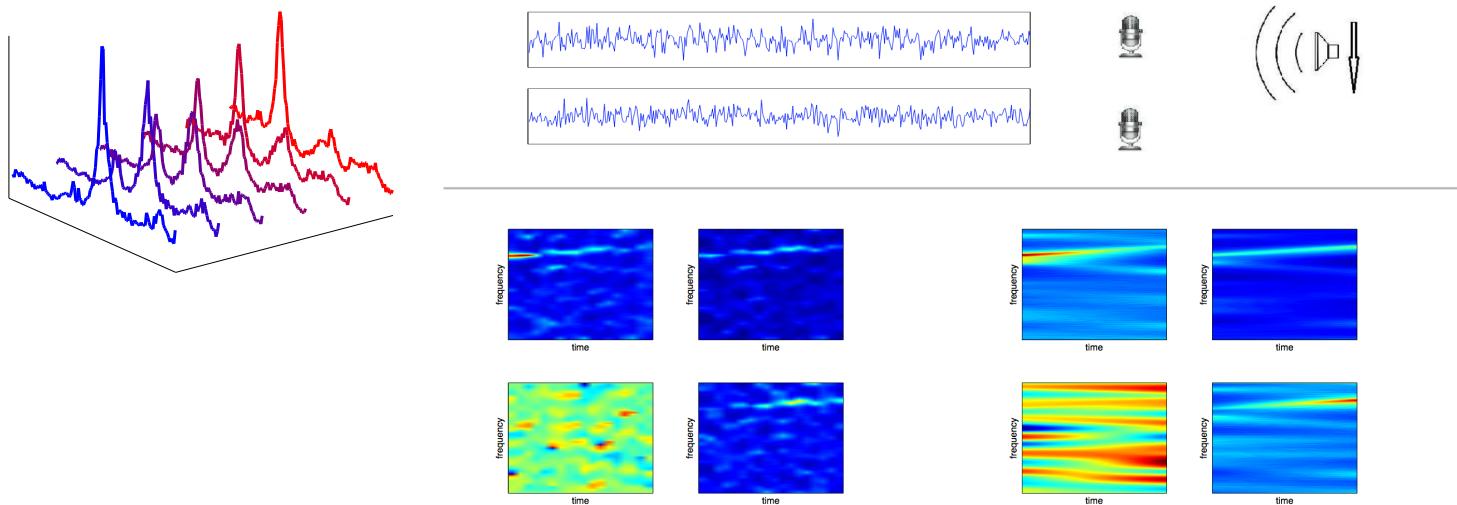
$$\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \rho_i(x) dx = 1,$$

continuity equation:

$$\frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial t} + \nabla_x \cdot (\underbrace{\rho_i v_i}_{u_i}) - \sum_{j \neq i} (\underbrace{\rho_j w_{ji}}_{p_{ji}} - \rho_i w_{ij}) = 0, \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, \ell.$$

$$W_2(\mu, \nu)^2 := \inf_{\rho, v, w} \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \rho_i(t, x) \|v_i(t, x)\|^2 + \gamma \sum_{i,j=1}^{\ell} \rho_i w_{ij}^2(t, x) \right\} dx dt$$

- flows and metrics  
for matrix and vector-valued distributions  
for problems in signal analysis



thank you for your attention