

# *Logarithmic Sobolev Inequalities*

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# logarithmic Sobolev inequalities

what they are, some history

analytic, geometric, optimal transportation proofs

last decade developments

at the interface between

analysis, probability, geometry

**what are**

**logarithmic Sobolev inequalities ?**

## Sobolev inequalities

$f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  smooth, compactly supported

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} |f|^p dx \right)^{2/p} \leq C_m \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} |\nabla f|^2 dx$$

$$p = \frac{2m}{m-2} \quad (> 2) \quad (m \geq 3)$$

sharp constant

$$C_m = \frac{1}{\pi m(m-2)} \left( \frac{\Gamma(m)}{\Gamma(\frac{m}{2})} \right)^{2/m}$$

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} |f|^p dx \right)^{2/p} \leq C_m \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} |\nabla f|^2 dx$$

$$\frac{2}{p} \log \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} |f|^p dx \right) \leq \log \left( C_m \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} |\nabla f|^2 dx \right)$$

assume  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^m} f^2 dx = 1$

Jensen's inequality for  $f^2 dx$

$$\log \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} |f|^p dx \right) = \log \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} |f|^{p-2} f^2 dx \right) \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} \log(|f|^{p-2}) f^2 dx$$

$$\frac{p-2}{p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} f^2 \log f^2 dx \leq \log \left( C_m \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} |\nabla f|^2 dx \right)$$

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form of logarithmic Sobolev inequality

formally come back to Sobolev (worse constants)

issue on sharp constants

$$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ smooth, } \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f^2 dx = 1$$

$$f^{\otimes kn} : \mathbb{R}^{kn} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad m = kn, \quad k \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f^2 \log f^2 dx \leq \frac{n}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{n\pi e} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla f|^2 dx \right), \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f^2 dx = 1$$

sharp (Euclidean) **logarithmic Sobolev inequality**

used by **G. Perelman (2002)**

## (Euclidean) logarithmic Sobolev inequality

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$$dx \rightarrow d\mu(x) = e^{-|x|^2/2} \frac{dx}{(2\pi)^{n/2}}$$

$\mu$  standard Gaussian probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}^n$

change  $f^2$  into  $f^2 e^{-|x|^2/2}$

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Sobolev type inequality (for  $\mu$ )

constant is sharp

constant independent of  $n$  (stability by product)

extension to infinite dimensional Wiener space

Gibbs measures, models from statistical mechanics



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### different forms

Sobolev type inequality

information theory

PDE formulation

## information theory description

$$f \rightarrow \sqrt{f}, \quad f > 0, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f \, d\mu = 1$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f \log f \, d\mu \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\nabla f|^2}{f} \, d\mu$$

$$d\nu = f \, d\mu \quad \text{probability}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f \log f \, d\mu = H(\nu | \mu) \quad (\text{relative}) \text{ entropy}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\nabla f|^2}{f} \, d\mu = I(\nu | \mu) \quad (\text{relative}) \text{ Fisher information}$$

$$\text{entropy} \quad H(\nu | \mu) \leq \frac{1}{2} I(\nu | \mu) \quad \text{Fisher information}$$

## PDE description

$f$  function  $\rightarrow$  probability (Lebesgue) density  $\rho$

$$\rho_\infty = \frac{e^{-|x|^2/2}}{(2\pi)^{n/2}}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f d\mu = 1, \quad \rho = f \rho_\infty, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \rho dx = 1$$

## logarithmic Sobolev inequality

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \rho \log \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_\infty} \right) dx = H(\rho | \rho_\infty) \leq \frac{1}{2} I(\rho | \rho_\infty) = 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \nabla \left( \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{\rho_\infty}} \right) \right|^2 \rho_\infty dx$$

another formulation of the Euclidean logarithmic Sobolev inequality

## trend to equilibrium

$$\rho > 0 \text{ smooth, } \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \rho \, dx = 1$$

$$H(\rho | \rho_\infty) \leq \frac{1}{2} I(\rho | \rho_\infty)$$

$$V(x) = \frac{|x|^2}{2}$$

linear Fokker-Planck equation  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot [\rho \nabla(\log \rho + V)]$

## Boltzmann $H$ -theorem

$$\frac{d}{dt} H(\rho_t | \rho_\infty) = -I(\rho_t | \rho_\infty)$$

$$\rho_t \rightarrow \rho_\infty = \frac{e^{-V}}{Z}$$

$$H(\rho_t | \rho_\infty) \leq e^{-2t} H(\rho_0 | \rho_\infty)$$

## history

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$$d\mu(x) = e^{-|x|^2/2} \frac{dx}{(2\pi)^{n/2}}$$

# logarithmic Sobolev inequalities

various origins

Boltzmann  $H$ -theorem

mathematical physics

quantum field theory (hypercontractivity)

information theory

## L. Gross

Logarithmic Sobolev inequalities

Amer. J. Math. 97, 1061-1083 (1975)



## P. Federbush

A partially alternate derivation of a result of Nelson

J. Math. Phys. 10, 50-52 (1969)





## Shannon-Stam entropy power inequality

$$e^{\frac{2}{n}} H(\rho * h) \geq e^{\frac{2}{n}} H(\rho) + e^{\frac{2}{n}} H(h)$$

$$H(\rho) = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \rho \log \rho \, dx, \quad \rho > 0, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \rho \, dx = 1$$

$h = h_\varepsilon$  Gaussian kernel,  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$e^{-\frac{2}{n}} H(\rho) \leq \frac{1}{2n\pi e} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\nabla \rho|^2}{\rho} \, dx$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \rho \log \rho \, dx \leq \frac{n}{2} \log \left( \frac{1}{2n\pi e} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\nabla \rho|^2}{\rho} \, dx \right)$$

$(\rho \rightarrow f^2)$  (Euclidean) **logarithmic Sobolev inequality**

**A. Stam (1959)**

## (Gaussian) **logarithmic Sobolev inequality**

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hypercontractivity

analytic semigroup theory

geometric convexity

optimal transportation

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## two-point space

$$f : \{-1, +1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \int_{\{-1, +1\}} f^2 d\nu = 1, \quad \nu(-1) = \nu(+1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\int_{\{-1, +1\}} f^2 \log f^2 d\nu \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\{-1, +1\}} |Df|^2 d\nu$$

$$Df = f(+1) - f(-1)$$

$$f(-1) = \alpha, \quad f(+1) = \beta, \quad \frac{\alpha^2}{2} + \frac{\beta^2}{2} = 1$$

$$\alpha^2 \log \alpha^2 + \beta^2 \log \beta^2 \leq (\alpha - \beta)^2$$

(not so easy) exercise

**L. Gross (1975)**

$$\int_{\{-1,+1\}} f^2 \log f^2 d\nu \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\{-1,+1\}} |Df|^2 d\nu$$

tensorization

$$\int_{\{-1,+1\}^n} f^2 \log f^2 d\nu^{\otimes n} \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\{-1,+1\}^n} \sum_{i=1}^n |D_i f|^2 d\nu^{\otimes n}$$

central limit theorem

$\nu^{\otimes n} \rightarrow \mu$  Gaussian measure

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f^2 \log f^2 d\mu \leq 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla f|^2 d\mu, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f^2 d\mu = 1$$

## hypercontractivity

two-point space

$$f : \{-1, +1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f(x) = a + bx$$

$$P_t f(x) = a + be^{-t}x, \quad t \geq 0$$

$(P_t)_{t \geq 0}$  semigroup of contractions on  $L^p(\nu)$

$$1 < p < q < \infty, \quad e^{2t} \geq \frac{q-1}{p-1}$$

$$\|P_t f\|_q \leq \|f\|_p$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}|a + be^{-t}|^q + \frac{1}{2}|a - be^{-t}|^q\right)^{1/q} \leq \left(\frac{1}{2}|a + b|^p + \frac{1}{2}|a - b|^p\right)^{1/p}$$

**A. Bonami (1970), W. Beckner (1975)**

two-point space  $\rightarrow$  Gaussian

$$d\mu(x) = e^{-|x|^2/2} \frac{dx}{(2\pi)^{n/2}}$$

$L = \Delta - x \cdot \nabla$  Ornstein-Uhlenbeck operator (Fokker-Planck)

$\mu$  invariant measure,  $P_t = e^{tL}$  semigroup (contractions on  $L^p(\mu)$ )

hypercontractivity property

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**E. Nelson (1966-73)**

quantum field theory

## L. Gross (1975)

logarithmic Sobolev inequality

**equivalent**

hypercontractivity

(general context of Markov operators)

$$\|P_t f\|_q \leq \|f\|_p$$

$$q = q(t) = 1 + e^{2t}(p - 1), \quad t \geq 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|P_t f\|_{q(t)} \leq 0$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f^2 \log f^2 d\mu \leq 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(-Lf) d\mu = 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla f|^2 d\mu$$



## **three proofs of the**

logarithmic Sobolev inequality

**analytic** : parametrisation by heat kernels

**geometric** : Brunn-Minkowski inequality

**measure theoretic** : parametrisation by optimal transport

**interface** of analysis, probability and geometry

## analytic proof (semigroup)

D. Bakry, M. Emery (1985)

(the?) simplest one (L. Gross 2010)

$$f > 0 \text{ smooth,} \quad d\mu(x) = e^{-|x|^2/2} \frac{dx}{(2\pi)^{n/2}}$$

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$f > 0$  smooth,  $t > 0$ , at any point

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$$\nabla P_u f = P_u(\nabla f)$$

$$|\nabla P_u f|^2 \leq \left[ P_u(|\nabla f|) \right]^2 \leq P_u \left( \frac{|\nabla f|^2}{f} \right) P_u f$$

$$u = t - s$$

$$\frac{|\nabla P_{t-s} f|^2}{P_{t-s} f} \leq P_{t-s} \left( \frac{|\nabla f|^2}{f} \right)$$

$$P_t(f \log f) - P_t f \log P_t f \leq \int_0^t P_s \left( P_{t-s} \left( \frac{|\nabla f|^2}{f} \right) \right) ds = t P_t \left( \frac{|\nabla f|^2}{f} \right)$$

same proof

$d\mu = e^{-V} dx$  probability measure

$V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  smooth

$$\nabla \nabla V \geq c > 0$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f^2 \log f^2 d\mu \leq \frac{2}{c} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla f|^2 d\mu, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f^2 d\mu = 1$$

weighted Riemannian manifold

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**D. Bakry, M. Emery (1985)**

## geometric (convexity) proof

Brunn-Minkowski-Lusternik inequality

$A, B$  compact subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\text{vol}_n(A + B)^{1/n} \geq \text{vol}_n(A)^{1/n} + \text{vol}_n(B)^{1/n}$$

$$A + B = \{x + y; x \in A, y \in B\}$$

isoperimetric inequality

$$B = B(0, \varepsilon), \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$



Brunn-Minkowski : functional form

Prékopa-Leindler (1971) theorem

$$\theta \in [0, 1], \quad u, v, w \geq 0 \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\text{if } w(\theta x + (1 - \theta)y) \geq u(x)^\theta v(y)^{1-\theta}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\text{then } \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} w \, dx \geq \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u \, dx \right)^\theta \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} v \, dx \right)^{1-\theta}$$

$$u = \chi_A, \quad v = \chi_B$$

(equivalent, dimension free) multiplicative form of Brunn-Minkowski

$$\text{vol}_n(\theta A + (1 - \theta)B) \geq \text{vol}_n(A)^\theta \text{vol}_n(B)^{1-\theta}$$

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$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  bounded,  $\theta \in (0, 1)$

$$w(z) = e^{f(z)}$$

$$v(y) = 1$$

$$u(x) = e^{g(x)} \quad g ??$$

$$w(\theta x + (1 - \theta)y) \geq u(x)^\theta v(y)^{1-\theta} e^{-\theta(1-\theta)|x-y|^2/2}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$f(\theta x + (1 - \theta)y) \geq \theta g(x) - \frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{2} |x - y|^2$$

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$$g(x) = \frac{1}{\theta} Q_{(1-\theta)/\theta} f(x)$$

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**infimum-convolution** with quadratic cost

## Prékopa-Leindler theorem

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$$\frac{1}{\theta} = 1 + t$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^f d\mu \geq \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{(1+t)Q_t f} d\mu \right)^{1/(1+t)}, \quad t > 0$$



$$\|e^{Q_t f}\|_{1+t} \leq \|e^f\|_1$$

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Hopf-Lax representation of Hamilton-Jacobi solutions

$$\partial_t Q_t f|_{t=0} = -\frac{1}{2} |\nabla f|^2$$

differentiate at  $t = 0$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f e^f d\mu \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^f |\nabla f|^2 d\mu, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^f d\mu = 1$$

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D. Cordero-Erausquin, R. McCann, M. Schmuckenschläger (2006)

$$\| e^{Q_t f} \|_{1+t} \leq \| e^f \|_1$$

analogue of hypercontractivity

**equivalent** to logarithmic Sobolev inequality

$$a \rightarrow 0$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{Q_t f} d\mu \leq e^{\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f d\mu}$$

$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  measurable bounded

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$$\|e^{Q_t f}\|_{a+t} \leq \|e^f\|_a, \quad a > 0$$

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dual form of **transportation cost inequality**

Wasserstein distance  $W_2(\nu, \mu)^2 \leq 2 H(\nu | \mu)$  relative entropy

$$H(\nu | \mu) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \log \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} d\nu, \quad \nu \ll \mu$$

relative entropy

$$W_2(\nu, \mu)^2 = \inf_{\nu \leftarrow \pi \rightarrow \mu} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |x - y|^2 d\pi(x, y)$$

Kantorovich-Rubinstein-Wasserstein distance

$$W_2(\nu, \mu)^2 = \sup \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} Q_1 f d\nu - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f d\mu \right\}$$

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$$d\mu(x) = e^{-|x|^2/2} \frac{dx}{(2\pi)^{n/2}}$$

**M. Talagrand (1996)**

**F. Otto, C. Villani (2000)**

**consequence** of logarithmic Sobolev inequality

general  $\mu$

**optimal transportation framework**

$$\| e^{Q_t f} \|_{a+t} \leq \| e^f \|_a, \quad a > 0$$

$$a \rightarrow 0$$

## parametrisation proof by optimal transportation

$\mu, \nu$  probability measures on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  smooth densities

$$T : \mu \rightarrow \nu$$

optimal : 
$$W_2(\mu, \nu)^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |x - T(x)|^2 d\mu(x)$$

$$T = \nabla\phi, \quad \phi \text{ convex}$$

**Y. Brenier, S. T. Rachev - L. Rüschendorf (1990)**

manifold case **R. McCann (1995)**

transportation proof of the

logarithmic Sobolev inequality

$$d\mu(x) = e^{-|x|^2/2} \frac{dx}{(2\pi)^{n/2}}$$

$$f > 0, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f d\mu = 1, \quad d\nu = f d\mu$$

Brenier map :  $T : f \mu \rightarrow \mu$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} b \circ T f d\mu = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} b d\mu$$

$$T = \nabla\phi = x + \nabla\psi, \quad \phi \text{ convex}$$

Monge-Ampère equation

$$f(x) e^{-|x|^2/2} = e^{-|T(x)|^2/2} \det(\text{Id} + \nabla\nabla\psi(x))$$



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$$\log f = \frac{1}{2} [|x|^2 - |T|^2] + \log \det (\text{Id} + \nabla \nabla \psi)$$

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$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\nabla f|^2}{f} d\mu$$

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logarithmic Sobolev inequality

same proof

$d\mu = e^{-V} dx$  probability measure

$V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  smooth

$$\nabla\nabla V \geq c > 0$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f^2 \log f^2 d\mu \leq \frac{2}{c} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla f|^2 d\mu, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f^2 d\mu = 1$$

weighted Riemannian manifold

$$\text{Ric} + \nabla\nabla V \geq c > 0$$

**D. Cordero-Erausquin (2002)**



## general parametrisation

$$T_\theta = (1 - \theta) \text{Id} + \theta T, \quad \theta \in [0, 1]$$

$$(T_0 \mu = \mu, \quad T_1 \mu = T \mu = \nu)$$

$$T_\theta : \mu \rightarrow f_\theta d\mu$$

$$d\mu = e^{-V} dx$$

## Monge-Ampère equation

$$e^{-V} = f_\theta \circ T_\theta e^{-V \circ T_\theta} \det((1 - \theta) \text{Id} + \theta \nabla \nabla \phi)$$

$\nabla \nabla \phi$  symmetric positive definite

non-smooth analysis, PDE methods

## optimal parametrisation and entropy

J. Lott - C. Villani, K.-Th. Sturm (2006-10)

## Ricci curvature lower bounds in metric measure space

Riemannian geometry of  $(\mathcal{P}_2, W_2)$

$(\mathcal{P}_2, W_2)$  probability measures (second moment)

F. Otto (2001), C. Villani (2005)

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$c$ -convexity property of entropy along geodesic  $\mu_\theta = T_\theta(\mu_0) = f_\theta \mu$

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characterizes  $\nabla \nabla V \geq c$

reference measure  $d\mu = e^{-V} dx$

extends to weighted manifolds

characterizes  $\text{Ric} + \nabla \nabla V \geq c$

**M. von Renesse, K.-Th. Sturm (2005)**

## notion of Ricci curvature bound

in a metric measure space (length space)  $(X, d, \mu)$

$(\mu_\theta)_{\theta \in [0,1]}$  geodesic in  $(\mathcal{P}_2(X), W_2)$  connecting  $\mu_0, \mu_1$

definition of lower bound on curvature

postulate that entropy is  $c$ -convex along one geodesic  $(\mu_\theta)_{\theta \in [0,1]}$

$$H(\mu_\theta | \mu) \leq (1 - \theta)H(\mu_0 | \mu) + \theta H(\mu_1 | \mu) - c \theta(1 - \theta)W_2(\mu_0, \mu_1)^2$$

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## J. Lott - C. Villani, K.-Th. Sturm (2006-09)

definition of lower bound on curvature

in metric measure space

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- ◇ generalizes Ricci curvature in Riemannian manifolds
- ◇ allows for geometric and functional inequalities
- ◇ main result : stability by Gromov-Hausdorff limit
- ◇ analysis on singular spaces (limits of Riemannian manifolds)

## mass transportation method

- **F. Barthe (1998)** : geometric Brascamp-Lieb inequalities, inverse forms
- **D. Cordero-Erausquin, R. McCann, M. Schmuckenschläger (2001, 2006)** : extension of Prékopa-Leindler theorem to manifolds, **J. Lott - C. Villani, K.-Th. Sturm (2006-10)** : notion of Ricci curvature bound in metric measure spaces
- **D. Cordero-Erausquin (2002)** : transportation cost and functional inequalities (logarithmic Sobolev...), **D. Cordero-Erausquin, B. Nazaret, C. Villani (2004)** : optimal classical Sobolev inequalities