



rijksuniversiteit
groningen



Limit theory of sparse random geometric graphs in high dimensions

Gilles Bonnet

joint work with Daniel Willhalm, Christian Hirsch & Daniel Rosen

GPSD Essen

March 7, 2023



- ▷ $\mathcal{P}_d :=$ Poisson process in \mathbb{R}^d with intensity $\lambda_d^d > 0$
- ▷ $\text{GG}_d(t) = l_\infty$ -Gilbert graph at parameter $t^{1/d}$ with $0 \leq t \leq 1$
- ▷ $W_d =$ cubical observation window



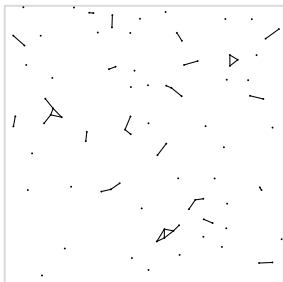
- ▷ \mathcal{P}_d := Poisson process in \mathbb{R}^d with intensity $\lambda_d^d > 0$
- ▷ $\text{GG}_d(t) = l_\infty$ -Gilbert graph at parameter $t^{1/d}$ with $0 \leq t \leq 1$
- ▷ $W_d =$ cubical observation window

- ▷ $\text{GG}_d^*(t) := \bigcup_{G \in \text{Comp}_d(t)} G$
 - ▷ $\text{Comp}_d(t) := \{G \subseteq \text{GG}_d(t) : G \text{ is a component centered in } W_d\}$
 - ▷ **Center of G** = smallest vertex in lexicographic order

- ▷ $\mathcal{P}_d :=$ Poisson process in \mathbb{R}^d with intensity $\lambda_d^d > 0$
- ▷ $\text{GG}_d(t) = l_\infty$ -Gilbert graph at parameter $t^{1/d}$ with $0 \leq t \leq 1$
- ▷ $W_d =$ cubical observation window

- ▷ $\text{GG}_d^*(t) := \bigcup_{G \in \text{Comp}_d(t)} G$
 - ▷ $\text{Comp}_d(t) := \{G \subseteq \text{GG}_d(t) : G \text{ is a component centered in } W_d\}$
 - ▷ **Center of G** = smallest vertex in lexicographic order

Goal. Describe topological and geometric functionals as $\lambda_d \xrightarrow{d \rightarrow \infty} 0$ **and** $|W_d| \xrightarrow{d \rightarrow \infty} \infty$

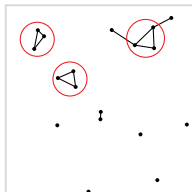






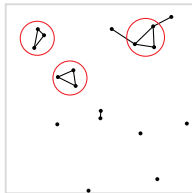
Subgraph count

- ▷ $G_0 =$ Fixed graph
- ▷ $\#\{G' \subseteq GG_d^*(t) : G' \cong G_0\}$
- ▷ $G_0 = \Delta \rightsquigarrow$ Triangle count



Subgraph count

- ▷ $G_0 =$ Fixed graph
- ▷ $\#\{G' \subseteq GG_d^*(t) : G' \cong G_0\}$
- ▷ $G_0 = \Delta \rightsquigarrow$ Triangle count



Betti numbers

- ▷ Geometric graph gives rise to abstract simplicial complexes, e.g. the Rips complex.
- ▷ Functional as i th Betti number of the clique complex on the graph G
- ▷ $\beta_0 =$ number of connected components
- ▷ $\beta_1 =$ number of loops
- ▷ $\beta_2 =$ number of cavities

- 1 Additive functionals**
- 2 Multi-additive functionals**
- 3 Proof of CLT**
- 4 Proof of Poisson Approximation**
- 5 Outlook**

- 1 Additive functionals**
- 2 Multi-additive functionals
- 3 Proof of CLT
- 4 Proof of Poisson Approximation
- 5 Outlook



Goal. Describe $d \uparrow \infty$ -asymptotics of $A_{d,t} := a(\mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d^*(t))$, where

- ▷ $a(\cdot)$ = Nonnegative functional on abstract graphs
- ▷ Assume **additivity** $a(G \sqcup G') = a(G) + a(G')$



Goal. Describe $d \uparrow \infty$ -asymptotics of $A_{d,t} := a(\mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d^*(t))$, where

- ▷ $a(\cdot)$ = Nonnegative functional on abstract graphs
- ▷ Assume **additivity** $a(G \sqcup G') = a(G) + a(G')$

Scaling for $\mathbb{E}[A_{d,t}]$. Set

$$\rho_d := |W_d| \lambda_d^{(k_0+1)d} \max_{G \in \mathcal{A}_{k_0}} v(G)^d$$

- ▷ $\mathcal{A}_k :=$ Connected graphs on $\{0, \dots, k\}$ with $a(G) > 0$
- ▷ $k_0 := \min\{k \geq 0: \mathcal{A}_k \neq \emptyset\}$
- ▷ $v(G)^d :=$ "integral over indicator that $k_0 + 1$ points form graph at least G "
- ▷ $\mathcal{A}'_{k_0} = \{G: v(G) = \max_{G' \in \mathcal{A}_{k_0}} v(G')\}$

Additive functionals and moment asymptotics

Goal. Describe $d \uparrow \infty$ -asymptotics of $A_{d,t} := a(\mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d^*(t))$, where

- ▷ $a(\cdot)$ = Nonnegative functional on abstract graphs
- ▷ Assume **additivity** $a(G \sqcup G') = a(G) + a(G')$

Scaling for $\mathbb{E}[A_{d,t}]$. Set

$$\rho_d := |W_d| \lambda_d^{(k_0+1)d} \max_{G \in \mathcal{A}_{k_0}} v(G)^d$$

- ▷ $\mathcal{A}_k :=$ Connected graphs on $\{0, \dots, k\}$ with $a(G) > 0$
- ▷ $k_0 := \min\{k \geq 0: \mathcal{A}_k \neq \emptyset\}$
- ▷ $v(G)^d :=$ "integral over indicator that $k_0 + 1$ points form graph at least G "
- ▷ $\mathcal{A}'_{k_0} = \{G: v(G) = \max_{G' \in \mathcal{A}_{k_0}} v(G')\}$

Theorem (Moment asymptotics)

Assume that a is additive and that $a(G) \in e^{O(|G|)}$. Then, for $0 \leq t \leq t' \leq 1$,

- ▷ $\mathbb{E}[A_{d,t}] \sim \frac{\rho_d t^{k_0}}{(k_0+1)!} \sum_{G \in \mathcal{A}'_{k_0}} a(G)$, as $d \rightarrow \infty$
- ▷ $\text{Cov}(A_{d,t'}, A_{d,t}) \sim \frac{\rho_d t^{k_0}}{((k_0+1)!)^2} \sum_{G \in \mathcal{A}'_{k_0}} a(G)^2$, as $d \rightarrow \infty$



- ▷ $r(t) := \frac{t^{k_0}}{((k_0+1)!)^2} \sum_{G \in \mathcal{A}'_{k_0}} a(G)^2$
- ▷ $(B_t)_{t \leq 1} =$ Standard Brownian motion
- ▷ $(N_t^{(G)})_{t \leq 1} =$ Poisson process with intensity $K k_0 ((k_0 + 1)!)^{-1} t^{k_0 - 1} dt$
 - ▷ Independent for different $G \in \mathcal{A}'_{k_0}$
 - ▷ $K := \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \rho_d$ if it exists



- ▷ $r(t) := \frac{t^{k_0}}{((k_0+1)!)^2} \sum_{G \in \mathcal{A}'_{k_0}} a(G)^2$
- ▷ $(B_t)_{t \leq 1} =$ Standard Brownian motion
- ▷ $(N_t^{(G)})_{t \leq 1} =$ Poisson process with intensity $K k_0 ((k_0 + 1)!)^{-1} t^{k_0-1} dt$
 - ▷ Independent for different $G \in \mathcal{A}'_{k_0}$
 - ▷ $K := \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \rho_d$ if it exists

Theorem (CLTs and Poisson approximation)

Assume that a is additive and that $a(G) \in e^{O(|G|)}$.

1. If $\rho_d^{1/d} \uparrow \infty$: $(\rho_d^{-1/2} (A_{d,t} - \mathbb{E}[A_{d,t}]))_{t \leq 1} \xrightarrow{\text{fidi}} (B_{r(t)})_{t \leq 1}$
2. If $\rho_d^{1/d} \uparrow \infty$ & $\lambda_d \rho_d^{2/(3d)} \rightarrow 0$: $(\rho_d^{-1/2} (A_{d,t} - \mathbb{E}[A_{d,t}]))_t \xrightarrow{\text{Skorokhod}} (B_{r(t)})_t$
3. If $\rho_d \rightarrow K$: $(A_{d,t})_{t \leq 1} \xrightarrow{\text{Skorokhod}} \left(\sum_{G \in \mathcal{A}'_{k_0}} N_t^{(G)} a(G) \right)_{t \leq 1}$

Remark: All convergences as dimension d tends to ∞ .

- 1 Additive functionals
- 2 Multi-additive functionals**
- 3 Proof of CLT
- 4 Proof of Poisson Approximation
- 5 Outlook



Goal. Describe $d \uparrow \infty$ -asymptotics of $A_{d,t} := a(\text{GG}_d^*(\mathbf{t}))$, where

- ▷ $\mathbf{t} := (t_1, \dots, t_m)$ for $0 \leq t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_m \leq 1$
- ▷ $\text{GG}_d^*(\mathbf{t}) := (\text{GG}_d(t_1) \cap \text{GG}_d^*(t_m), \dots, \text{GG}_d(t_{m-1}) \cap \text{GG}_d^*(t_m), \text{GG}_d^*(t_m))$
- ▷ $a(\cdot) = m$ -variate nonnegative functional on abstract graphs



Goal. Describe $d \uparrow \infty$ -asymptotics of $A_{d,t} := a(\mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d^*(t))$, where

- ▷ $t := (t_1, \dots, t_m)$ for $0 \leq t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_m \leq 1$
- ▷ $\mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d^*(t) := (\mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d(t_1) \cap \mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d^*(t_m), \dots, \mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d(t_{m-1}) \cap \mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d^*(t_m), \mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d^*(t_m))$
- ▷ $a(\cdot) = m$ -variate nonnegative functional on abstract graphs

Assume **multi-additivity**.

$$a(\mathbf{R} \cup \mathbf{R}') = a(\mathbf{R}) + a(\mathbf{R}')$$

- ▷ where $\mathbf{R} = (G_1, \dots, G_m)$ with $G_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_m$ and $\mathbf{R}' = (G'_1, \dots, G'_m)$ with $G'_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G'_m$ and $G_m \cap G'_m = \emptyset$.

Goal. Describe $d \uparrow \infty$ -asymptotics of $A_{d,t} := a(\mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d^*(\mathbf{t}))$, where

- ▷ $\mathbf{t} := (t_1, \dots, t_m)$ for $0 \leq t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_m \leq 1$
- ▷ $\mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d^*(\mathbf{t}) := (\mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d(t_1) \cap \mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d^*(t_m), \dots, \mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d(t_{m-1}) \cap \mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d^*(t_m), \mathbb{G}\mathbb{G}_d^*(t_m))$
- ▷ $a(\cdot) = m$ -variate nonnegative functional on abstract graphs

Assume **multi-additivity**.

$$a(\mathbf{R} \cup \mathbf{R}') = a(\mathbf{R}) + a(\mathbf{R}')$$

- ▷ where $\mathbf{R} = (G_1, \dots, G_m)$ with $G_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_m$ and $\mathbf{R}' = (G'_1, \dots, G'_m)$ with $G'_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G'_m$ and $G_m \cap G'_m = \emptyset$.

$$a\left(\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \text{Diagram 2} \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 3} \\ \text{Diagram 4} \end{array} \right] \right) = 2a(\cdot, \cdot) + a(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot) + a(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot) \\ + a(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot) + a(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$$

The diagram shows two square boxes representing abstract graphs. The left box contains a small triangle and a larger triangle with a red edge. The right box contains the same small triangle, the larger triangle with a red edge, and two additional red edges connecting different vertices. The equation shows that the value of the functional a on the union of these two graphs is the sum of the values of a on each graph, which is then expanded into a sum of terms representing different subgraphs.



Linear combinations of univariate functionals

$a(G_1, \dots, G_m) := \alpha_1 a'(G_1) + \dots + \alpha_m a'(G_m)$, where $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \geq 0$ and where a' is a nonnegative additive functional.



Linear combinations of univariate functionals

$a(G_1, \dots, G_m) := \alpha_1 a'(G_1) + \dots + \alpha_m a'(G_m)$, where $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \geq 0$ and where a' is a nonnegative additive functional.

Dynamic subgraph count

$(G_{0,1}, \dots, G_{0,m})$ fixed sequence of graphs and

$a(G_1, \dots, G_m) := \#\{G'_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G'_m : G'_i \subseteq G_i \text{ and } G'_i \cong G_{0,i} \text{ for all } i \leq m\}$



Linear combinations of univariate functionals

$a(G_1, \dots, G_m) := \alpha_1 a'(G_1) + \dots + \alpha_m a'(G_m)$, where $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \geq 0$ and where a' is a nonnegative additive functional.

Dynamic subgraph count

$(G_{0,1}, \dots, G_{0,m})$ fixed sequence of graphs and

$a(G_1, \dots, G_m) := \#\{G'_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G'_m : G'_i \subseteq G_i \text{ and } G'_i \cong G_{0,i} \text{ for all } i \leq m\}$

Persistent Betti numbers

$a_i(G, G')$ as i th persistent Betti number associated with the clique complexes of the graphs $G \subseteq G'$.



Linear combinations of univariate functionals

$a(G_1, \dots, G_m) := \alpha_1 a'(G_1) + \dots + \alpha_m a'(G_m)$, where $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \geq 0$ and where a' is a nonnegative additive functional.

Dynamic subgraph count

$(G_{0,1}, \dots, G_{0,m})$ fixed sequence of graphs and

$a(G_1, \dots, G_m) := \#\{G'_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G'_m : G'_i \subseteq G_i \text{ and } G'_i \cong G_{0,i} \text{ for all } i \leq m\}$

Persistent Betti numbers

$a_i(G, G')$ as i th persistent Betti number associated with the clique complexes of the graphs $G \subseteq G'$.

Theorem (CLT for multi-additive functionals)

Assume that a is multi-additive, dominated and that $a(G, \dots, G) \in e^{O(|G|)}$. Let $t = (t_1, \dots, t_m)$ with $0 \leq t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_m \leq 1$.

1. If $\rho_d^{1/d} \uparrow \infty$: $\mathbb{E}[A_{d,t}] \asymp \rho_d$ and $\text{Var}[A_{d,t}] \asymp \rho_d$.
2. If $\rho_d^{1/d} \uparrow \infty$: $(\text{Var}[A_{d,t}])^{-1/2} (A_{d,t} - \mathbb{E}[A_{d,t}]) \Rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

- 1 Additive functionals
- 2 Multi-additive functionals
- 3 Proof of CLT**
- 4 Proof of Poisson Approximation
- 5 Outlook



▷ **Cramér-Wold theorem** \rightsquigarrow consider $\sum_{i \leq m} c_i A_{d, t_i}$ as $d \uparrow \infty$.



- ▷ **Cramér-Wold theorem** \rightsquigarrow consider $\sum_{i \leq m} c_i A_{d, t_i}$ as $d \uparrow \infty$.
- ▷ Using the moment (variance) asymptotics, it follows that we can ignore components with more than $k_0 + 1$ vertices.



- ▶ **Cramér-Wold theorem** \rightsquigarrow consider $\sum_{i \leq m} c_i A_{d, t_i}$ as $d \uparrow \infty$.
- ▶ Using the moment (variance) asymptotics, it follows that we can ignore components with more than $k_0 + 1$ vertices.
- ▶ After normalizing the centered process, we need to show that such an expression converges to a standard normal distribution. The variance asymptotics are handled by part 1 of the theorem.



- ▶ **Cramér-Wold theorem** \rightsquigarrow consider $\sum_{i \leq m} c_i A_{d, t_i}$ as $d \uparrow \infty$.
- ▶ Using the moment (variance) asymptotics, it follows that we can ignore components with more than $k_0 + 1$ vertices.
- ▶ After normalizing the centered process, we need to show that such an expression converges to a standard normal distribution. The variance asymptotics are handled by part 1 of the theorem.
- ▶ Divide W_d in a grid consisting of boxes of side length about $2k_0$ and represent the functional of interest as a sum of random variables restricted to the boxes of the grid.



- ▶ **Cramér-Wold theorem** \rightsquigarrow consider $\sum_{i \leq m} c_i A_{d,t_i}$ as $d \uparrow \infty$.
- ▶ Using the moment (variance) asymptotics, it follows that we can ignore components with more than $k_0 + 1$ vertices.
- ▶ After normalizing the centered process, we need to show that such an expression converges to a standard normal distribution. The variance asymptotics are handled by part 1 of the theorem.
- ▶ Divide W_d in a grid consisting of boxes of side length about $2k_0$ and represent the functional of interest as a sum of random variables restricted to the boxes of the grid.
- ▶ Apply [Penrose, 2003, Theorem 2.4] (***normal approximation for a sum of weakly dependent variables by Stein's method***)



By [Billingsley, 1999, Theorem 13.1] *finite-dimensional convergence in distribution* and *tightness* is sufficient for the *convergence in distribution on a process level*.



By [Billingsley, 1999, Theorem 13.1] *finite-dimensional convergence in distribution* and *tightness* is sufficient for the *convergence in distribution on a process level*.

To show tightness, we can show a *condition for the 4th moment*. More, precisely that there exist $c, \varepsilon > 0$ such that

$$\rho_d^{-2} \mathbb{E}[\bar{A}_d(E)^4] \leq c|E|^{1+\varepsilon}$$

for all $d \geq 1$ and all intervals $E = [t_-, t_+] \subseteq [0, 1]$, where $\bar{A}_d(E)$ denotes the centered increment.



By [Billingsley, 1999, Theorem 13.1] *finite-dimensional convergence in distribution* and *tightness* is sufficient for the *convergence in distribution on a process level*.

To show tightness, we can show a *condition for the 4th moment*. More, precisely that there exist $c, \varepsilon > 0$ such that

$$\rho_d^{-2} \mathbb{E}[\bar{A}_d(E)^4] \leq c|E|^{1+\varepsilon}$$

for all $d \geq 1$ and all intervals $E = [t_-, t_+] \subseteq [0, 1]$, where $\bar{A}_d(E)$ denotes the centered increment.

Strategy:

- ▷ Reduce the moment condition to interval that are not too small.



By [Billingsley, 1999, Theorem 13.1] **finite-dimensional convergence in distribution** and **tightness** is sufficient for the **convergence in distribution on a process level**.

To show tightness, we can show a **condition for the 4th moment**. More, precisely that there exist $c, \varepsilon > 0$ such that

$$\rho_d^{-2} \mathbb{E}[\bar{A}_d(E)^4] \leq c|E|^{1+\varepsilon}$$

for all $d \geq 1$ and all intervals $E = [t_-, t_+] \subseteq [0, 1]$, where $\bar{A}_d(E)$ denotes the centered increment.

Strategy:

- ▶ Reduce the moment condition to interval that are not too small.
- ▶ Use the **cumulant identity**: Let Z be a random variable with finite fourth moment. Then, Z satisfies $\mathbb{E}[(Z - \mathbb{E}[Z])^4] = 3\text{Var}(Z)^2 + c_4(Z)$. The fourth order cumulant is the 4th derivative of the cumulant-generating function $s \mapsto \log \mathbb{E}[e^{sX}]$ evaluated at 0.



By [Billingsley, 1999, Theorem 13.1] *finite-dimensional convergence in distribution* and *tightness* is sufficient for the *convergence in distribution on a process level*.

To show tightness, we can show a *condition for the 4th moment*. More, precisely that there exist $c, \varepsilon > 0$ such that

$$\rho_d^{-2} \mathbb{E}[\bar{A}_d(E)^4] \leq c|E|^{1+\varepsilon}$$

for all $d \geq 1$ and all intervals $E = [t_-, t_+] \subseteq [0, 1]$, where $\bar{A}_d(E)$ denotes the centered increment.

Strategy:

- ▶ Reduce the moment condition to interval that are not too small.
- ▶ Use the *cumulant identity*: Let Z be a random variable with finite fourth moment. Then, Z satisfies $\mathbb{E}[(Z - \mathbb{E}[Z])^4] = 3\text{Var}(Z)^2 + c_4(Z)$. The fourth order cumulant is the 4th derivative of the cumulant-generating function $s \mapsto \log \mathbb{E}[e^{sX}]$ evaluated at 0.
- ▶ Derive bounds on the variance and the fourth-order cumulant c_4 .

- 1 Additive functionals
- 2 Multi-additive functionals
- 3 Proof of CLT
- 4 Proof of Poisson Approximation**
- 5 Outlook



General approach similar to CLT: For high dimension d only components in \mathcal{A}'_{k_0} significantly contribute to the functional.



General approach similar to CLT: For high dimension d only components in \mathcal{A}'_{k_0} significantly contribute to the functional.

- ▷ Restrict $A_{d,t}$ to contributions from **subgraphs in \mathcal{A}'_{k_0}** , and that, once formed, **do not change over time** anymore. Call it A'_{d,t,k_0} . Then, A'_{d,t,k_0} approximates $A_{d,t}$.



General approach similar to CLT: For high dimension d only components in \mathcal{A}'_{k_0} significantly contribute to the functional.

- ▷ Restrict $A_{d,t}$ to contributions from **subgraphs in \mathcal{A}'_{k_0}** , and that, once formed, **do not change over time** anymore. Call it A'_{d,t,k_0} . Then, A'_{d,t,k_0} approximates $A_{d,t}$.
- ▷ With a general **Poisson approximation result** [Decreusefond et al., 2016, Theorem 3.1], we show that the sum in A'_{d,t,k_0} over $(k_0 + 1)$ -tuples of points can be approximated by a sum over a Poisson process. \Rightarrow Approximate A'_{d,t,k_0} by a Poisson functional.



General approach similar to CLT: For high dimension d only components in \mathcal{A}'_{k_0} significantly contribute to the functional.





- ▷ Restrict $A_{d,t}$ to contributions from **subgraphs in \mathcal{A}'_{k_0}** , and that, once formed, **do not change over time** anymore. Call it A'_{d,t,k_0} . Then, A'_{d,t,k_0} approximates $A_{d,t}$.
- ▷ With a general **Poisson approximation result** [Decreusefond et al., 2016, Theorem 3.1], we show that the sum in A'_{d,t,k_0} over $(k_0 + 1)$ -tuples of points can be approximated by a sum over a Poisson process. \Rightarrow Approximate A'_{d,t,k_0} by a Poisson functional.
- ▷ Categorizing the Poisson process into the graphs in \mathcal{A}'_{k_0} that are formed yields **independent** Poisson Processes.

- 1 Additive functionals
- 2 Multi-additive functionals
- 3 Proof of CLT
- 4 Proof of Poisson Approximation
- 5 Outlook**



- ▷ CLT & Poisson approximation for Gilbert graph in high dimensions ✓
- ▷ Large deviations !
- ▷ $\lambda_d < 1/2$ but not dependent on dimension d !



-  Billingsley, P. (1999).
Convergence of Probability Measures.
John Wiley & Sons, New York, second edition.
-  Decreusefond, L., Schulte, M., and Thäle, C. (2016).
Functional Poisson approximation in Kantorovich-Rubinstein distance with applications to U-statistics and stochastic geometry.
Ann. Probab., 44(3):2147–2197.
-  Kallenberg, O. (2017).
Random Measures, Theory and Applications.
Springer, Cham.
-  Penrose, M. (2003).
Random geometric graphs, volume 5 of *Oxford Studies in Probability*.
Oxford University Press, Oxford.