Jan Vybiral: "Dispersion of a point set - lower and upper bounds"

Abstract: Given a point cloud in the unit cube of a d-dimensional Euclidean space, its dispersion is defined as the volume of the largest axis-parallel box, which does not intersect this cloud. For a fixed integer n, we try to minimize the dispersion among the point sets of cardinality n. We review recent upper and lower bounds of this quantity, which turned to be connected to discrete geometry, probability, combinatorics, and analysis. Especially, we discuss a new lower bound obtained by a reduction to a certain combinatorial problem solved previously by Ruszinkó, Alon, and Asodi..