

# Inhomogeneous Interacting Particle Systems

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*be wise  
- multiparameterize!*

# I. Alternating Sign Matrices and Izergin-Korepin determinant

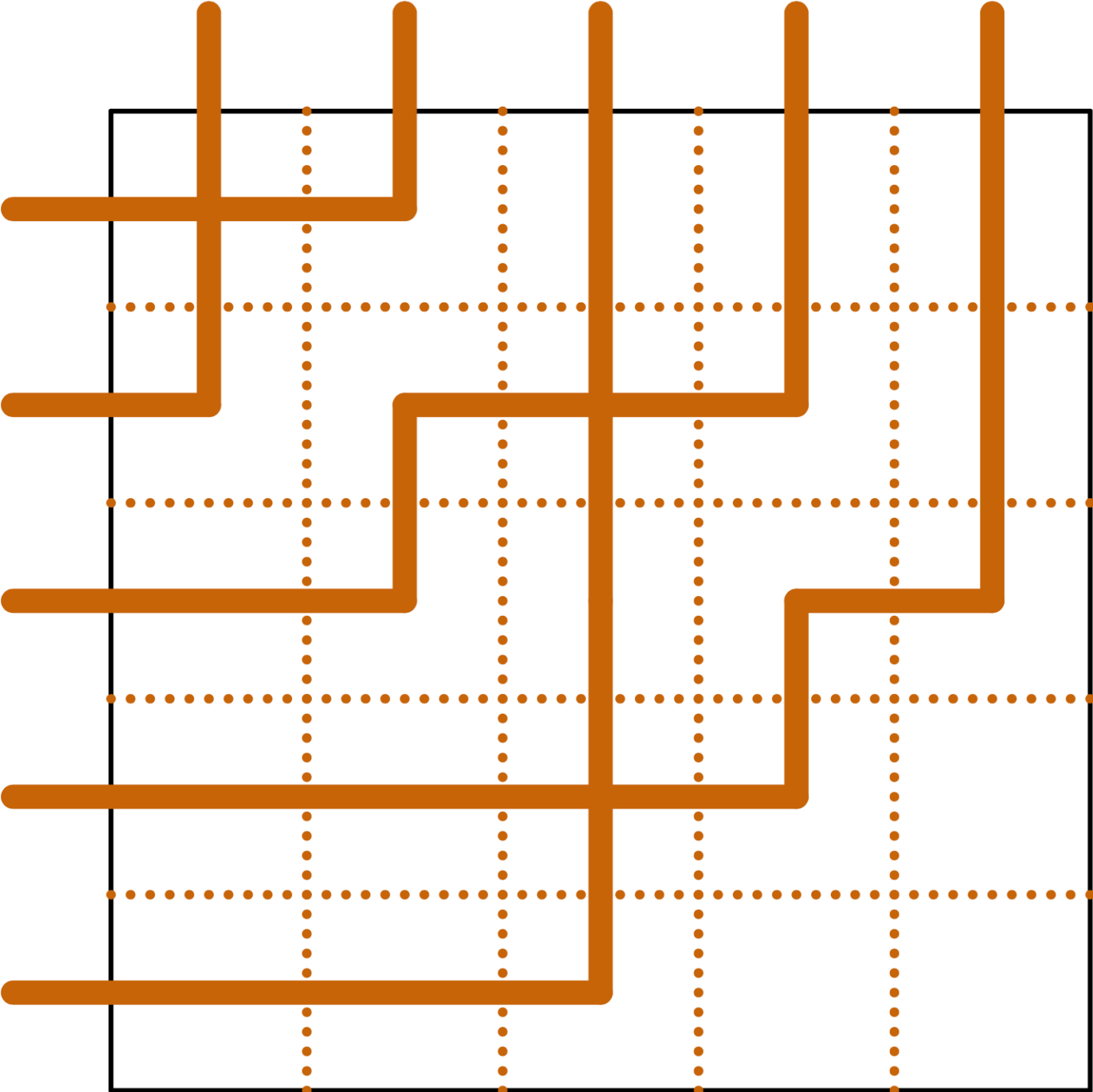
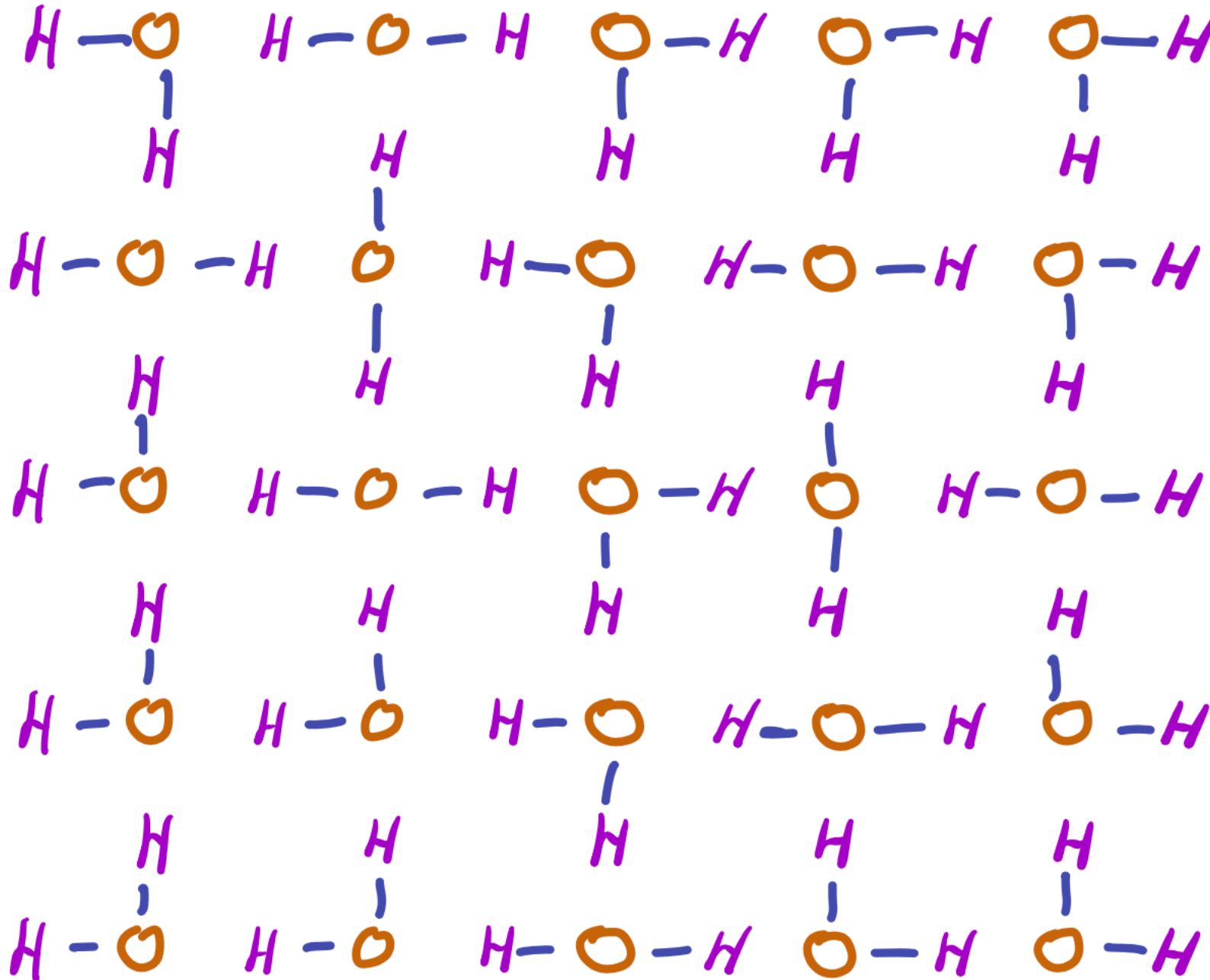
GV model:  
Izergin-Korepin 1980s  
ASM:  
Kuperberg 1996

# Enumeration of Alternating Sign Matrices (ASM)

ASM  $\longleftrightarrow$  Square Ice  $\longleftrightarrow$  Six Vertex Model with Domain Wall Boundary Conditions

0	1	0	0	0
1	-1	0	1	0
0	1	0	-1	1
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0

the sum of each row and column is 1 and the nonzero entries in each row and column alternate in sign

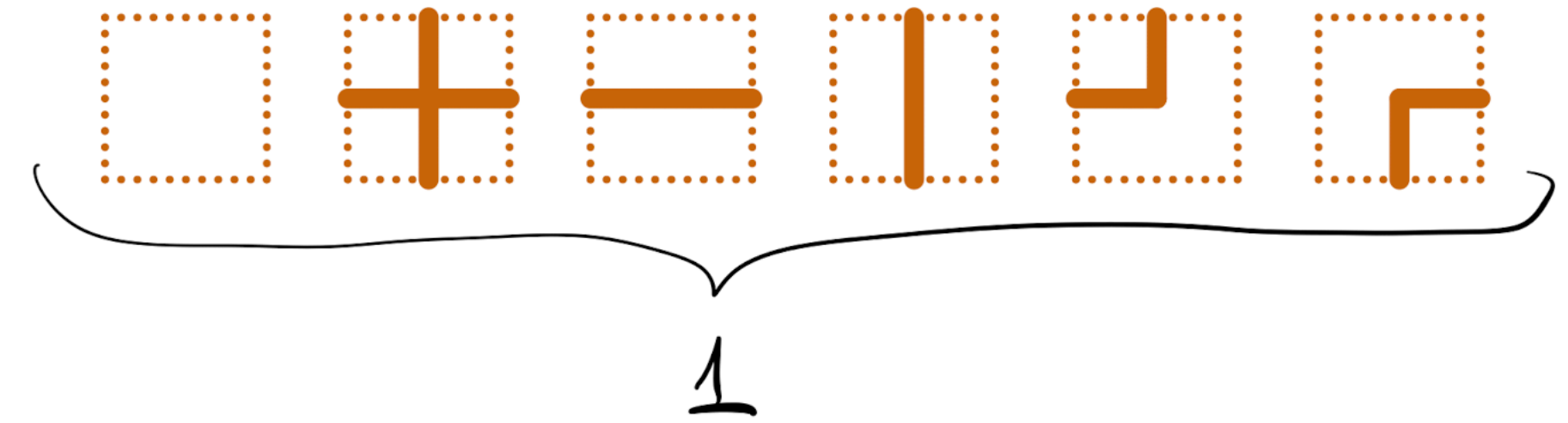


**[Mills, Robbins, Rumsey 1983]:**  $\#ASM(n) = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(3k+1)!}{(n+k)!} = \frac{1!4!7!\dots(3n-2)!}{n!(n+1)!\dots(2n-1)!}$ . (1, 2, 7, 42, 429, 7436)

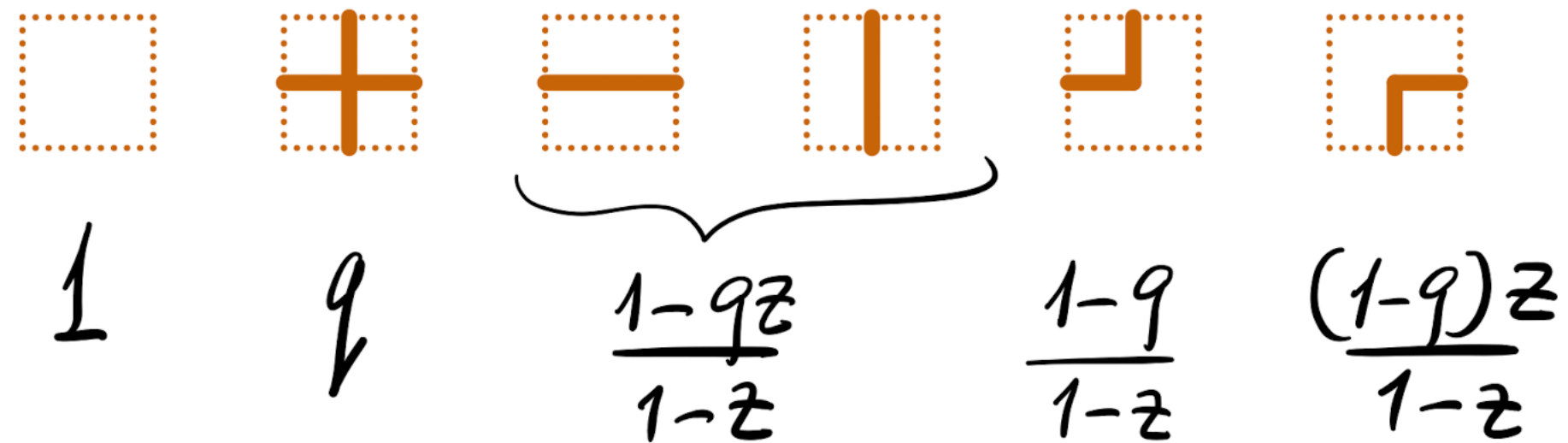
**[Zeilberger 1992]; [Kuperberg 1995]** - two different proofs, the second involves multiparametrization

# Counting six vertex configurations

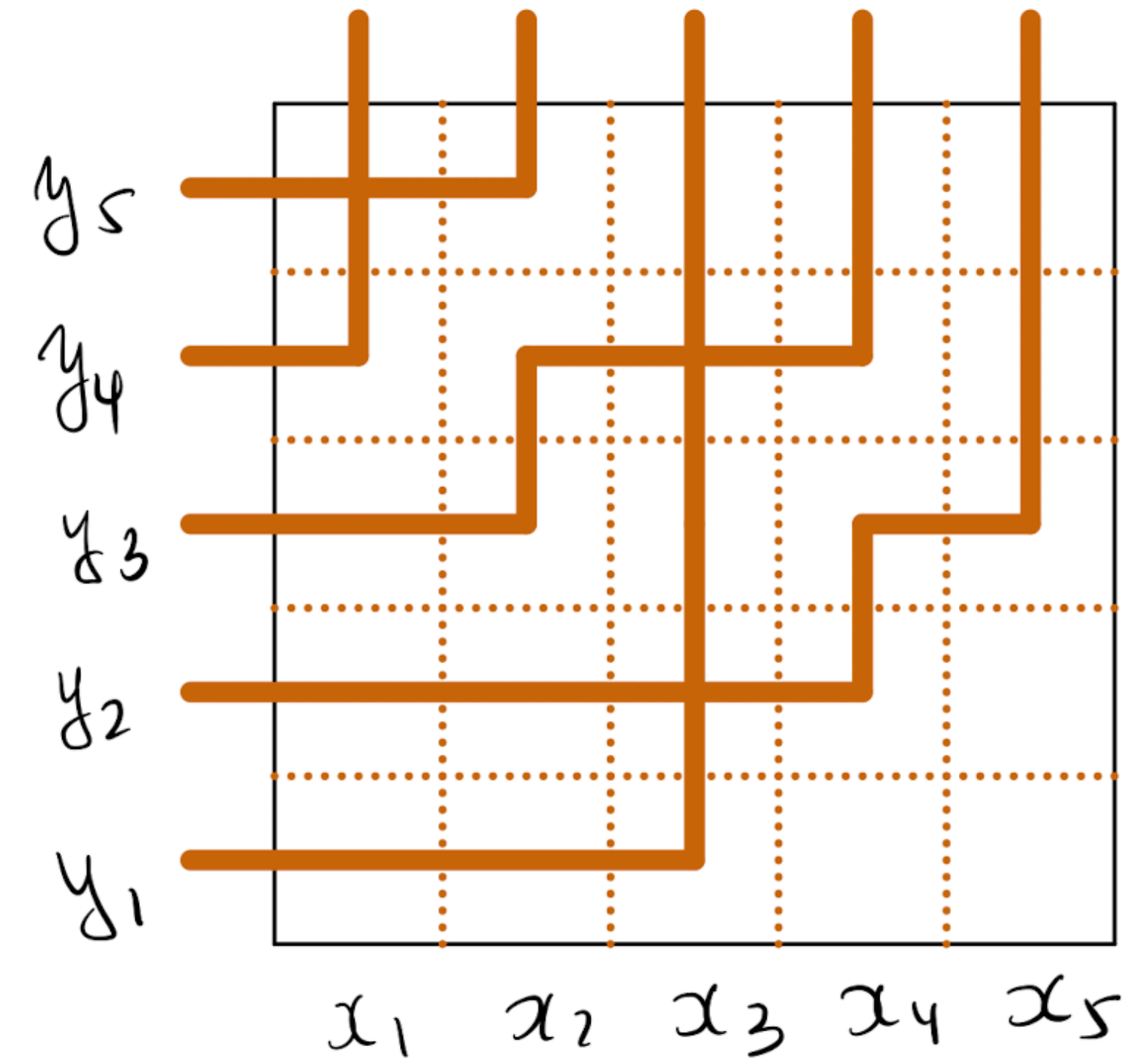
#ASM(n) is equal to the number of six vertex configurations with domain wall boundary conditions, counted with uniform weights



Be wise - multiparametrize! **[Kuperberg 1995]**



Here  $z = x_i y_j$ , the product of a vertical and a horizontal parameter



**Theorem [Izergin-Korepin 1980s]**

The partition function (weighted sum) is equal to

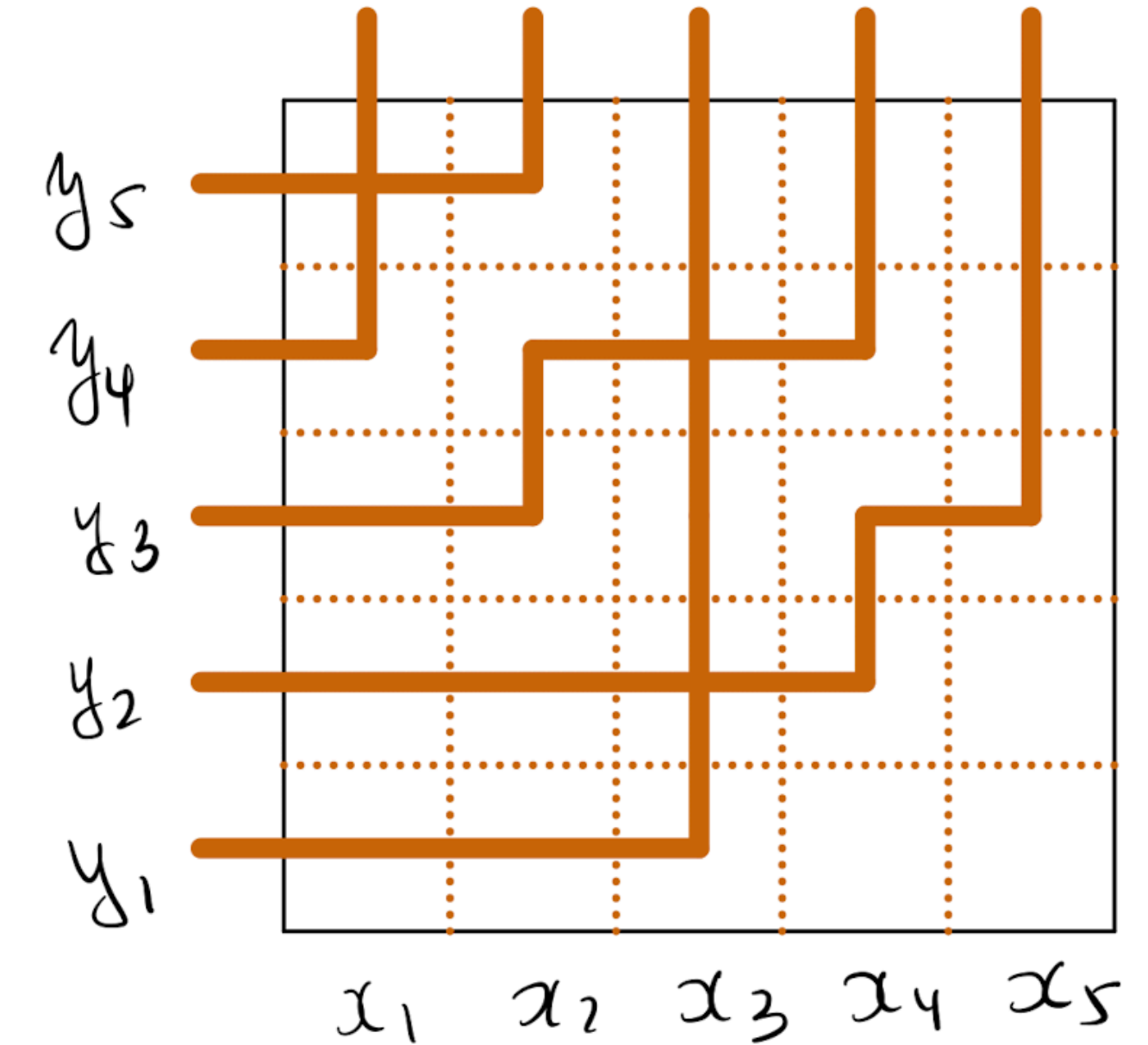
$$\frac{\prod_{i,j=1}^n (1 - qx_i y_j)}{\prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)(y_i - y_j)} \det \left[ \frac{1 - q}{(1 - x_i y_j)(1 - qx_i y_j)} \right]_{i,j=1}^n$$

# Counting six vertex configurations

[Izergin-Korepin 1980s]

- Partition function is symmetric in  $x_i, y_j$  (Yang-Baxter equation)
- Recurrence at  $x_1 y_1 = 1$  (after clearing the denominator)
- Conditions uniquely determine the function in  $x_i, y_j$
- The determinant satisfies the same properties

$$\frac{\prod_{i,j=1}^n (1 - qx_i y_j)}{\prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)(y_i - y_j)} \det \left[ \frac{1 - q}{(1 - x_i y_j)(1 - qx_i y_j)} \right]_{i,j=1}^n$$



## Reduction to ASM

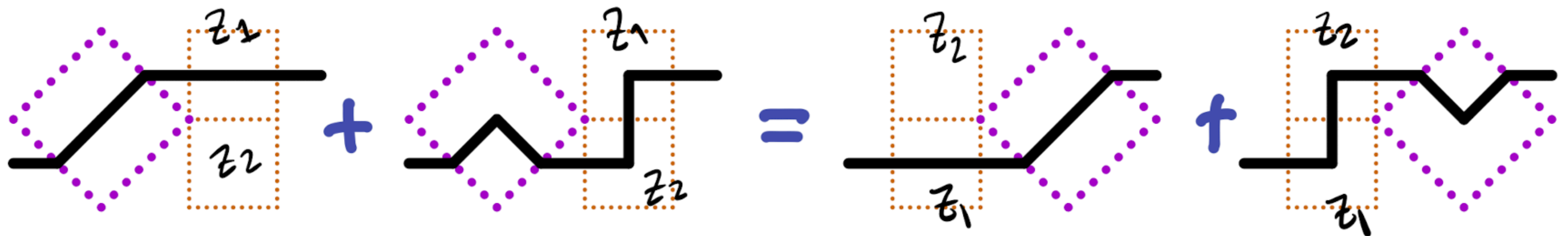
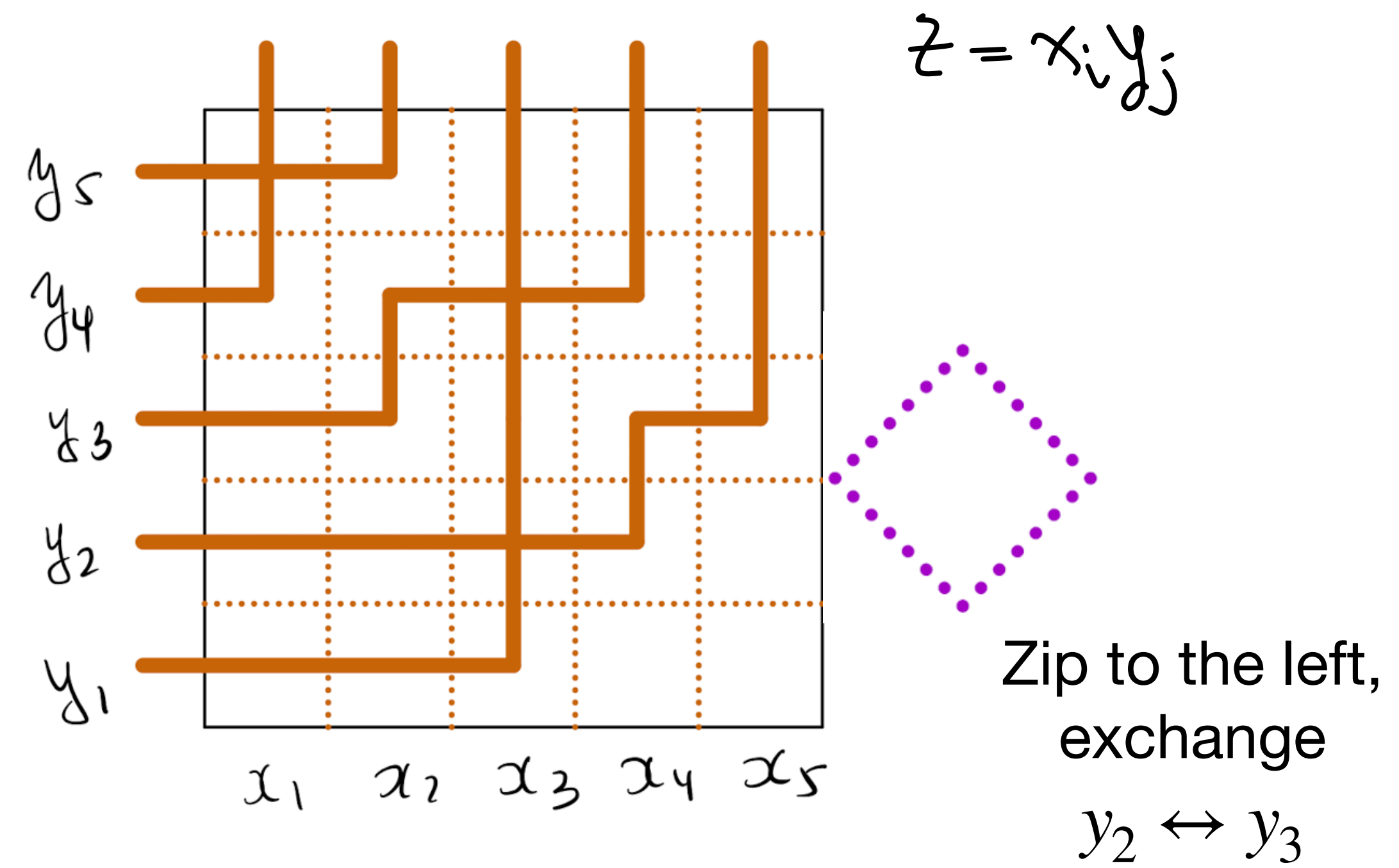
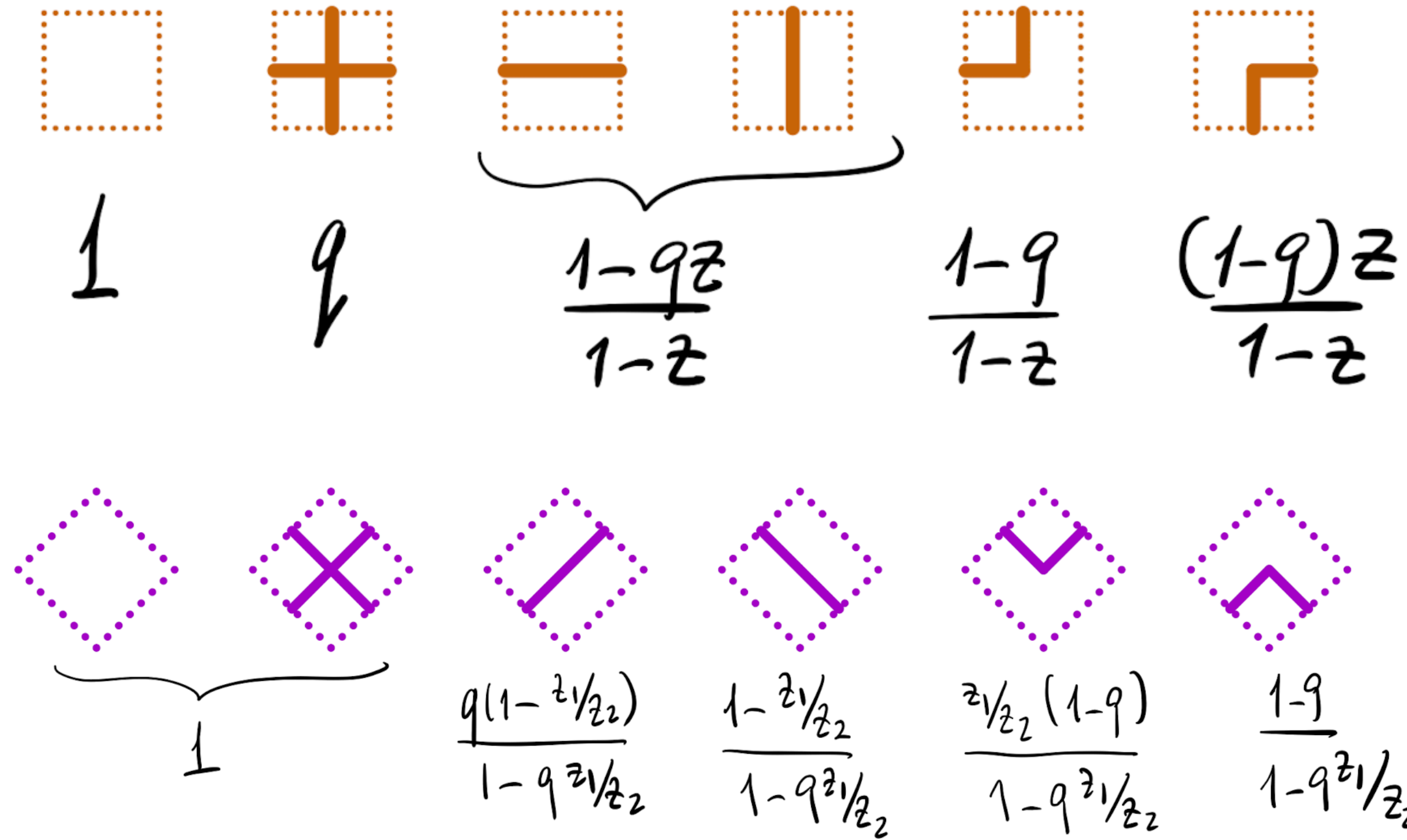
1	q	$\frac{1-qz}{1-z}$	$\frac{1-q}{1-z}$	$\frac{(1-q)z}{1-z}$	
$\sqrt{q}$		$\frac{1-qz}{1-z}$	$\frac{1-q}{1-z} \sqrt{z}$		
$\sqrt{q}$		1+q	$\sqrt{q}$		$z=q$

Set  $1 + q = \sqrt{q}$   
 (so  $q$  is a cubic root of 1)  
 to get uniform weights

l' Hospital - Like resolution of  $\frac{0}{0}$

$$\#ASM(n) = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(3k+1)!}{(n+k)!}$$

# Concrete Yang-Baxter equation



# II. TASEP and its multiparameter friends

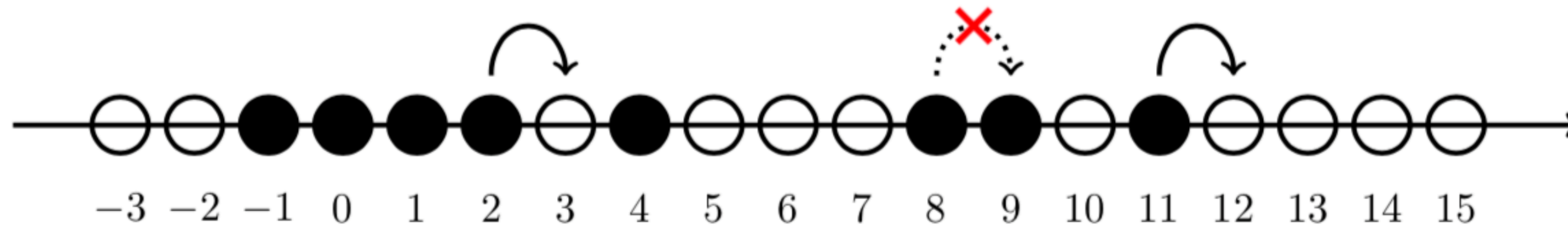
j.w. Alexei Borodin  
Alisa Knizel  
Axel Saenz  
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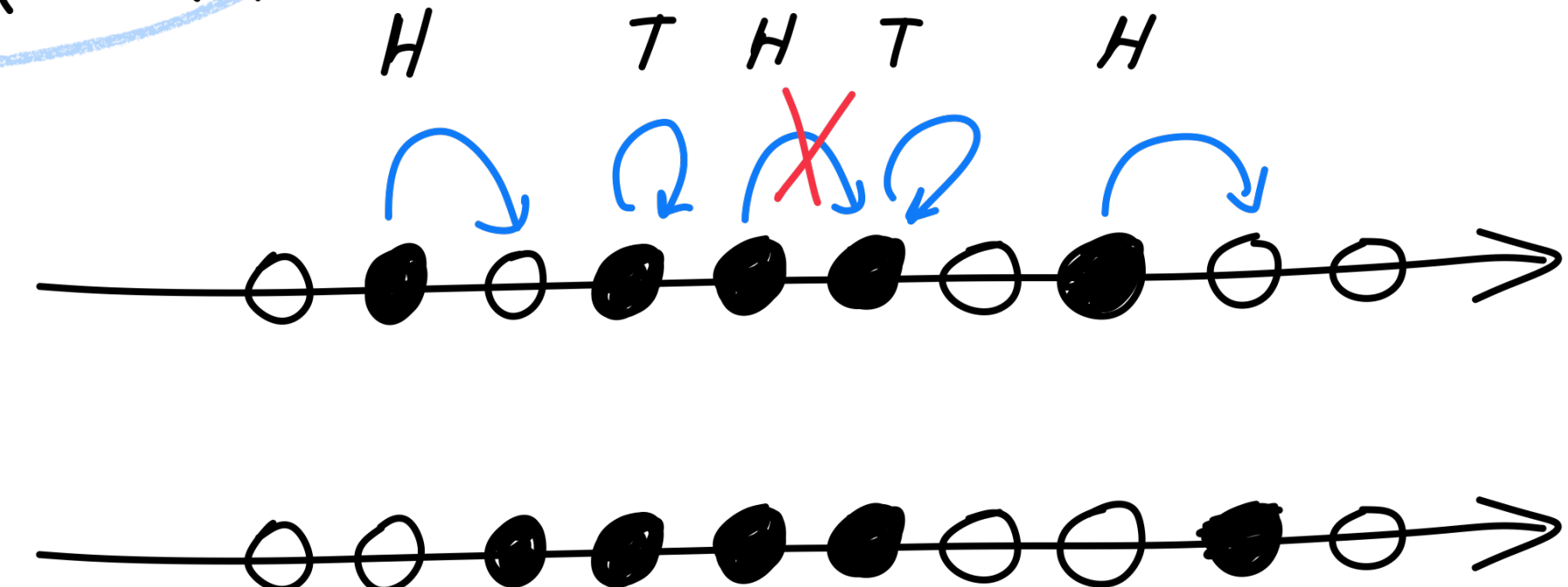
# TASEP (Totally Asymmetric Simple Exclusion Process)



- TASEP and ASEP (with particles moving in two directions) were introduced in 1969-1970, independently in biology [**C. MacDonald, J. Gibbs, A. Pipkin '69**] and probability [**Spitzer '70**]
- In 50 years, we understood a lot about TASEP and related systems (in the Kardar-Parisi-Zhang universality class), including limit shapes and fluctuations with general initial data
- New asymptotic results are added every year (KPZ fixed point, Airy sheet, directed landscape, coloured / multispecies processes...)

- Following the general principle, let us try to introduce multiple parameters in TASEP. To be more **discrete**, take **Bernoulli TASEP** with sequential update.

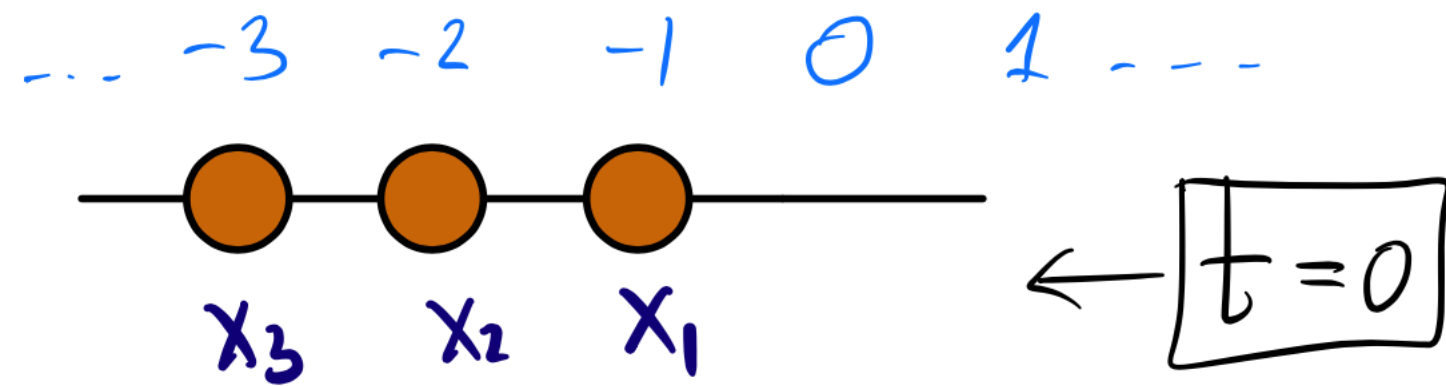
$$P(H) = \frac{\beta}{1+\beta}$$



- Can add parameters to **particles** or to **space** (*slow bond type deformation*). There is hope of Yang-Baxter integrability, if there is symmetry.



# Adding parameters to TASEP. Location-dependent

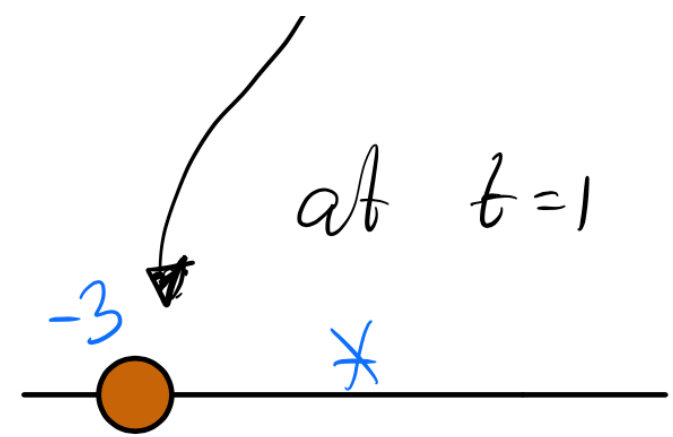


$$b_{-i} = \frac{\beta_i}{1 + \beta_i}$$

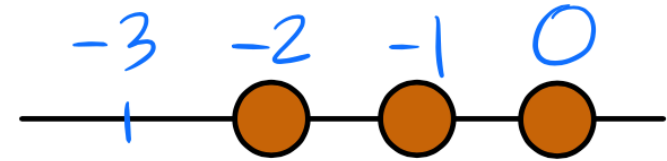
$i$  = location of the particle

$$\bar{b}_i = 1 - b_i$$

$$P(x_3(t=2) + 3 = 1) = ?$$



at  $t=1$



at  $t=1$ ,  $b_1 b_2 b_3$

$\bar{b}_1$  or  $b_1 \bar{b}_2$  or  $b_1 b_2 \bar{b}_3$

$$\bar{b}_1 b_2 b_3 + b_1 \bar{b}_2 b_2 b_3 + b_1 b_2 \bar{b}_3 b_3 + b_1 b_2 b_3 [\bar{b}_0 + b_0 \bar{b}_1 + b_0 b_1 \bar{b}_2]$$

$$= 4 b_1 b_2 b_3 - [b_1^2 b_2 b_3 + b_1 b_2^2 b_3 + b_1 b_2 b_3^2]$$

$$- b_0 b_1^2 b_2^2 b_3$$

not symmetric in  $b_i$  !

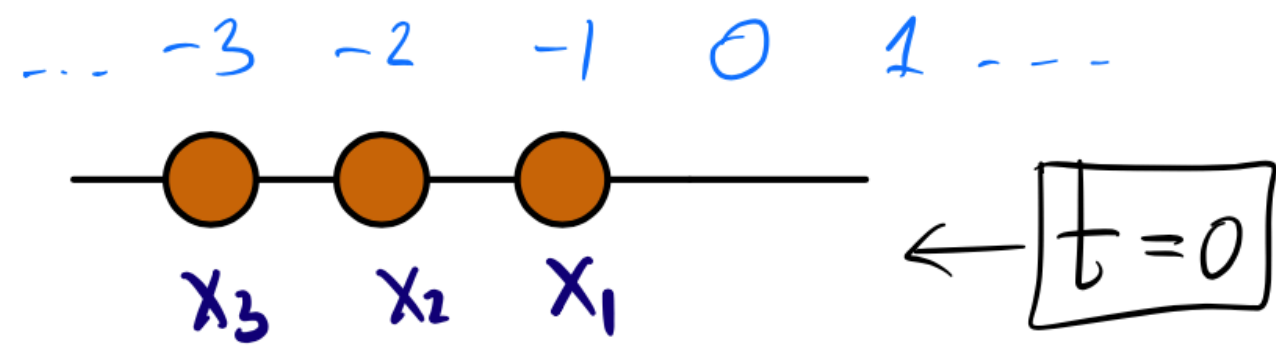
At  $t = 1$ , there are two cases, which by  $t = 2$  lead to nonsymmetric expressions in  $b_i$

To me, **this is why** TASEP in inhomogeneous space (in particular, with slow bond, where only one parameter  $b_i$  differs) **is not integrable** and therefore so much more complicated

**[Basu-Sidoravicius-Sly 2014], ...**

showed that  $\epsilon$ -slow bond at 0 slows TASEP down for any  $\epsilon > 0$

# Adding parameters to TASEP. Particle-dependent

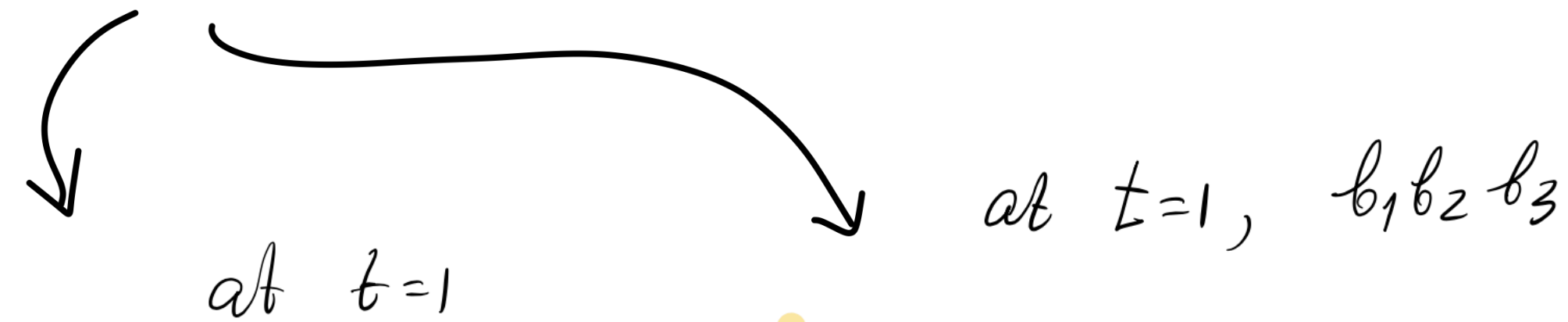


$$b_i^0 = \frac{\beta_i}{1+\beta_i}$$

$i$  = particle's number

$$\bar{b}_i^0 = 1 - b_i^0$$

$$P(x_3(t=2) + 3 = 1) = ?$$



$\bar{b}_1$  or  $b_1 \bar{b}_2$  or  $b_1 b_2 \bar{b}_3$

$$\bar{b}_1 b_2 b_3 + b_1 \bar{b}_2 b_2 b_3 + b_1 b_2 \bar{b}_3 b_3 + b_1 b_2 b_3 [\bar{b}_1 + b_1 \bar{b}_2 + b_1 b_2 \bar{b}_3]$$

$$= 4 b_1 b_2 b_3 - [b_1^2 b_2 b_3 + b_1 b_2^2 b_3 + b_1 b_2 b_3^2]$$

$$- \boxed{b_1^2 b_2^2 b_3^2}$$

symmetric in  $b_i$ !

$$S_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \frac{\det[x_i^{\lambda_j + N - j}]_{i,j=1}^N}{\prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)}$$

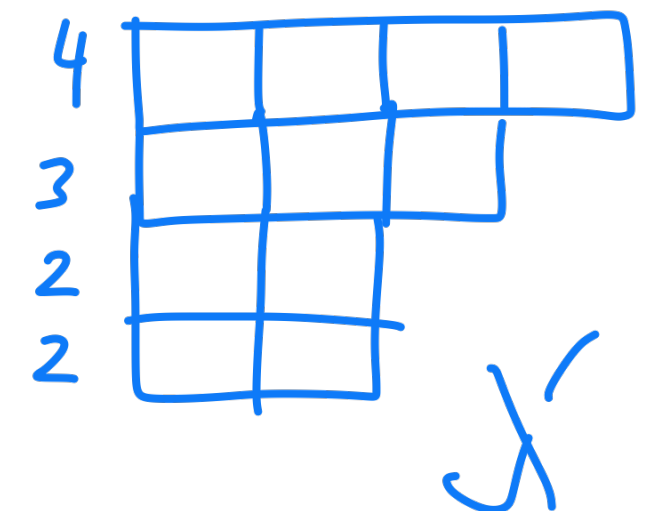
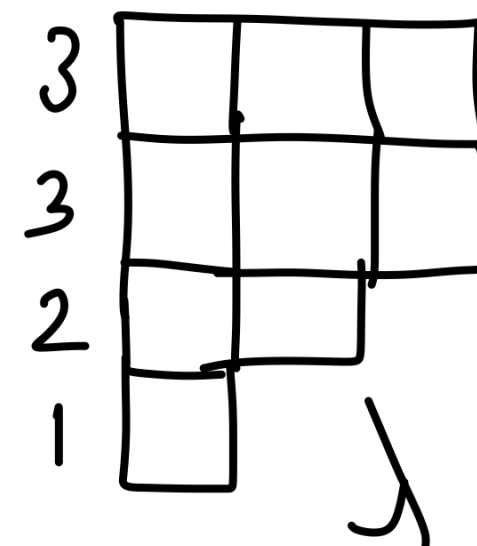
And indeed, particle-inhomogeneous TASEP is exactly solvable via Schur polynomials and Robinson-Schensted-Knuth

**[Vershik-Kerov 1986], [O'Connell 2003]:**

$x_N(t) + N$  is the length of the last part  $\lambda_N$  of the random partition

$\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_N \geq 0$  distributed as

$$\frac{1}{Z} S_\lambda(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_N) S_{\lambda'}(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_t)$$



# Asymptotics and variants

- TASEP with  $\beta_i \equiv 1$ , **step IC**  $x_i(0) = -i, i \geq 1$ :  
Tracy-Widom  $F_2$  asymptotics **[Johansson 2000]**,  
**[Gravner-Tracy-Widom 2002]**

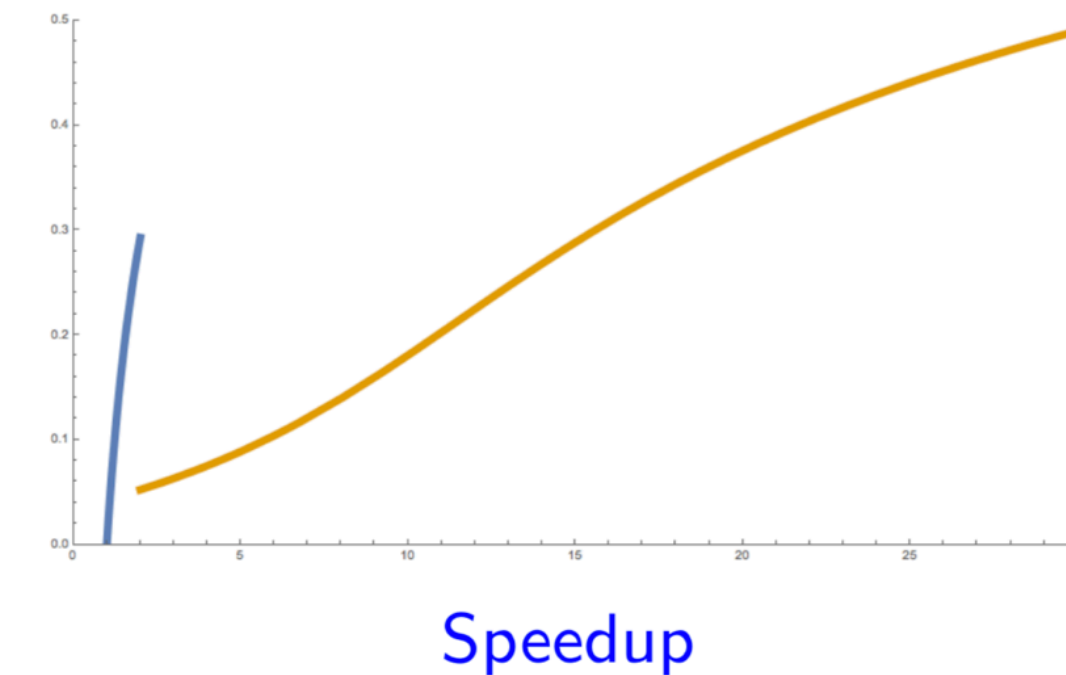
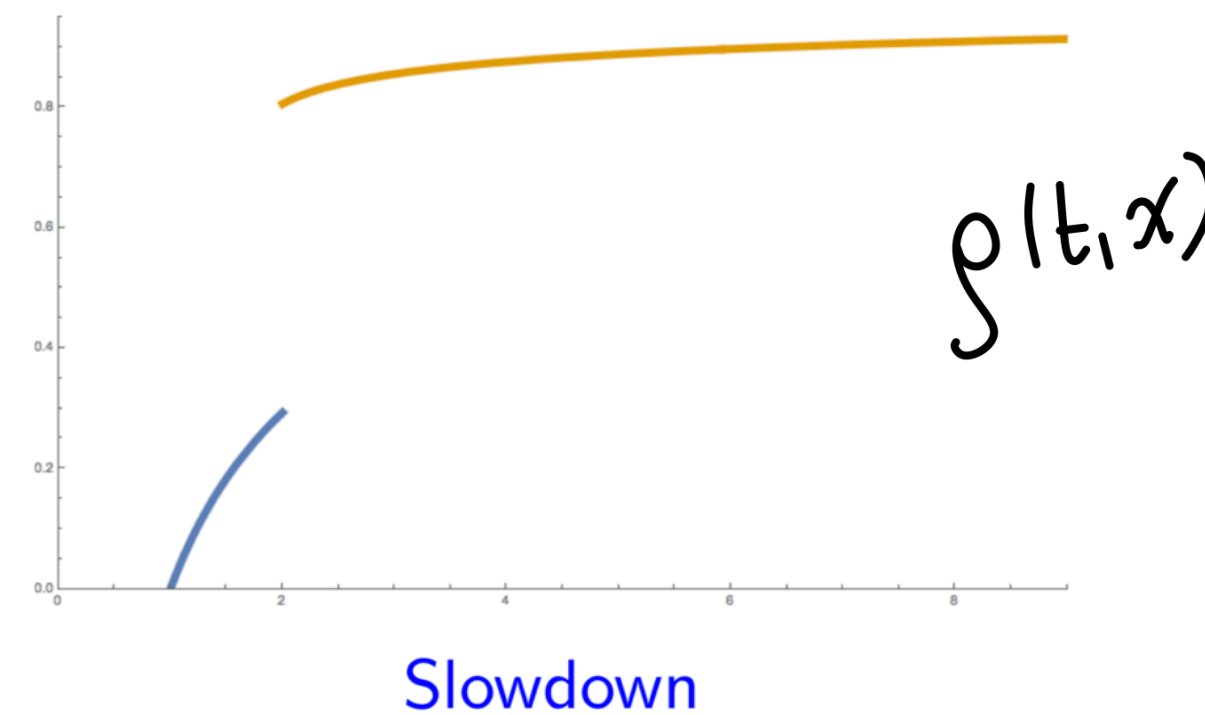
$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left[ \frac{X_N(\alpha N) - c_\alpha \cdot N}{\sigma_\alpha \cdot N^{1/3}} \geq -r \right] = F_2(r)$$

- Changing  $\beta_i$ , may induce Baik-Ben Arous-Peche (BBP) phase transition with first slower particles; multiparameters play the role of **spiking**

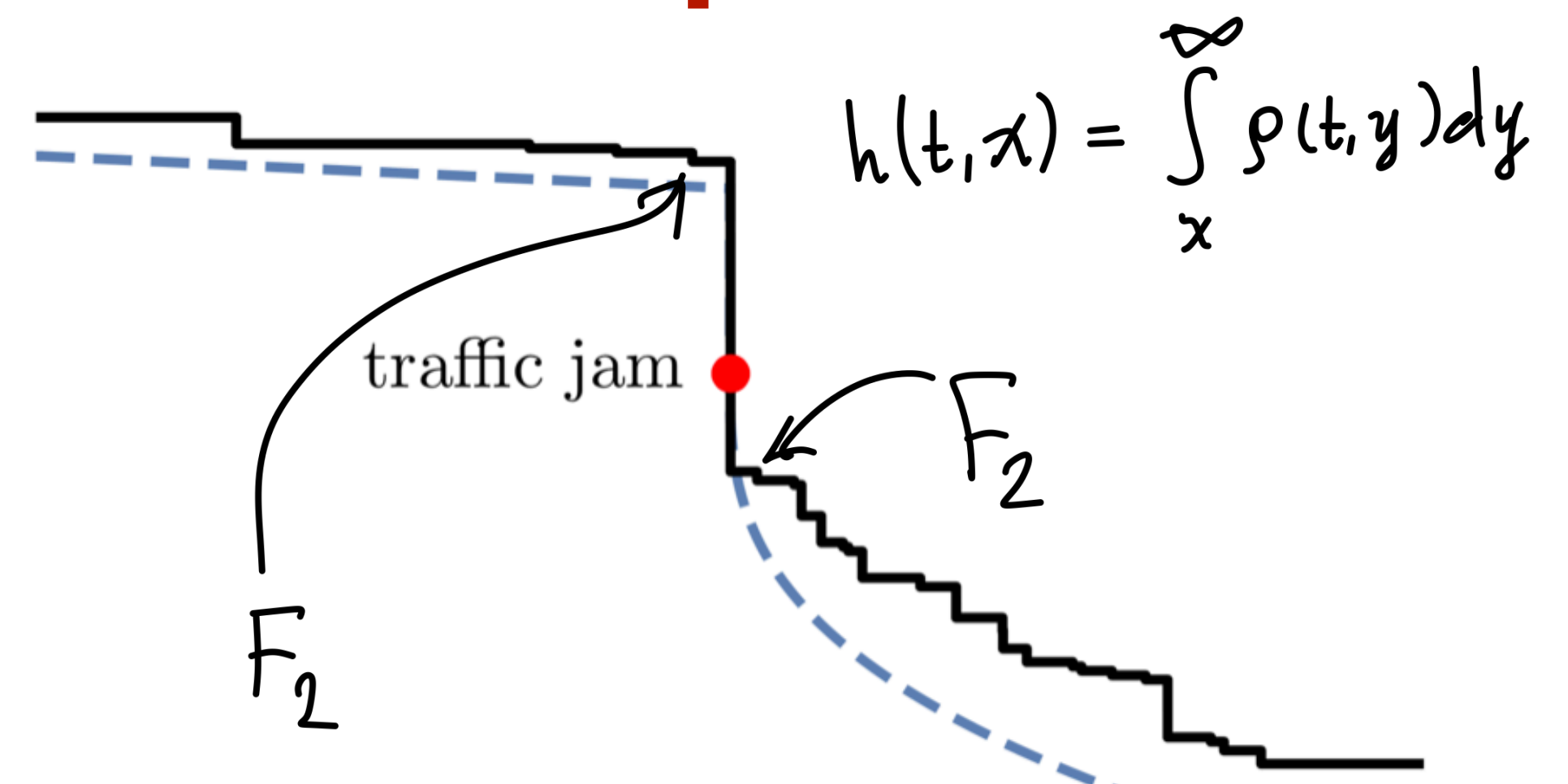
**[Baik 2006]**

- For arbitrary initial conditions and  $\beta_i$ , is there a KPZ fixed point? (I believe somebody is working on this)

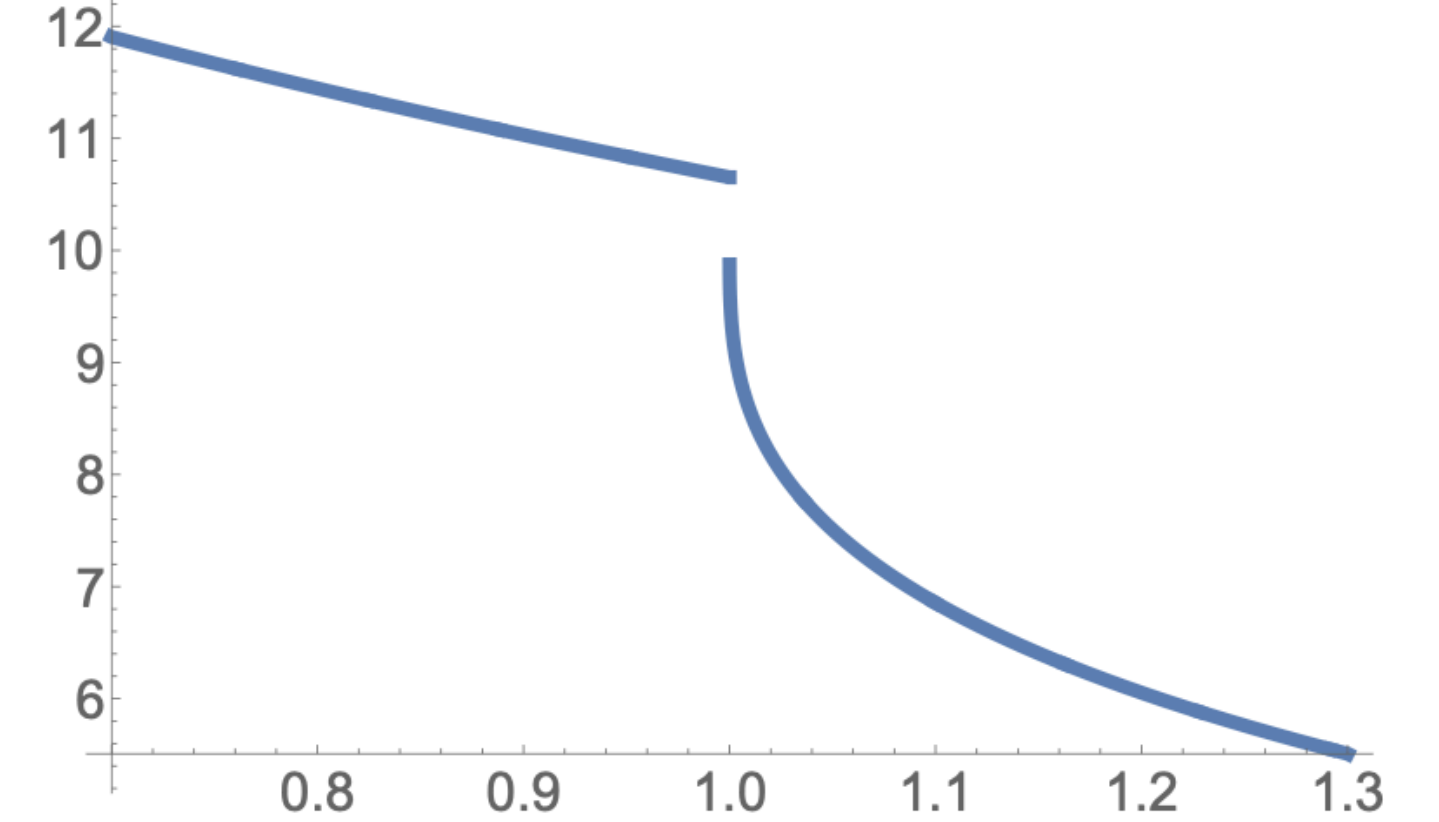
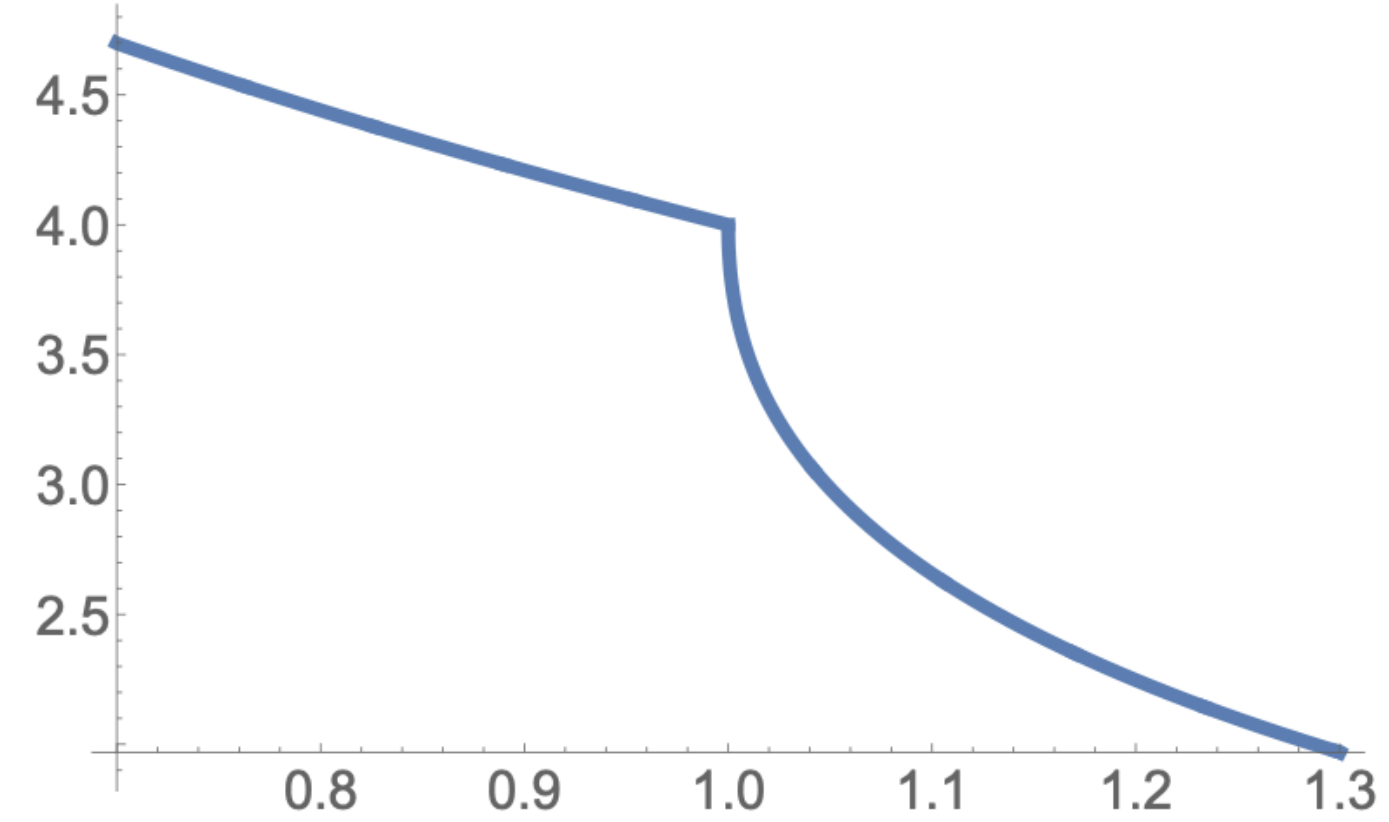
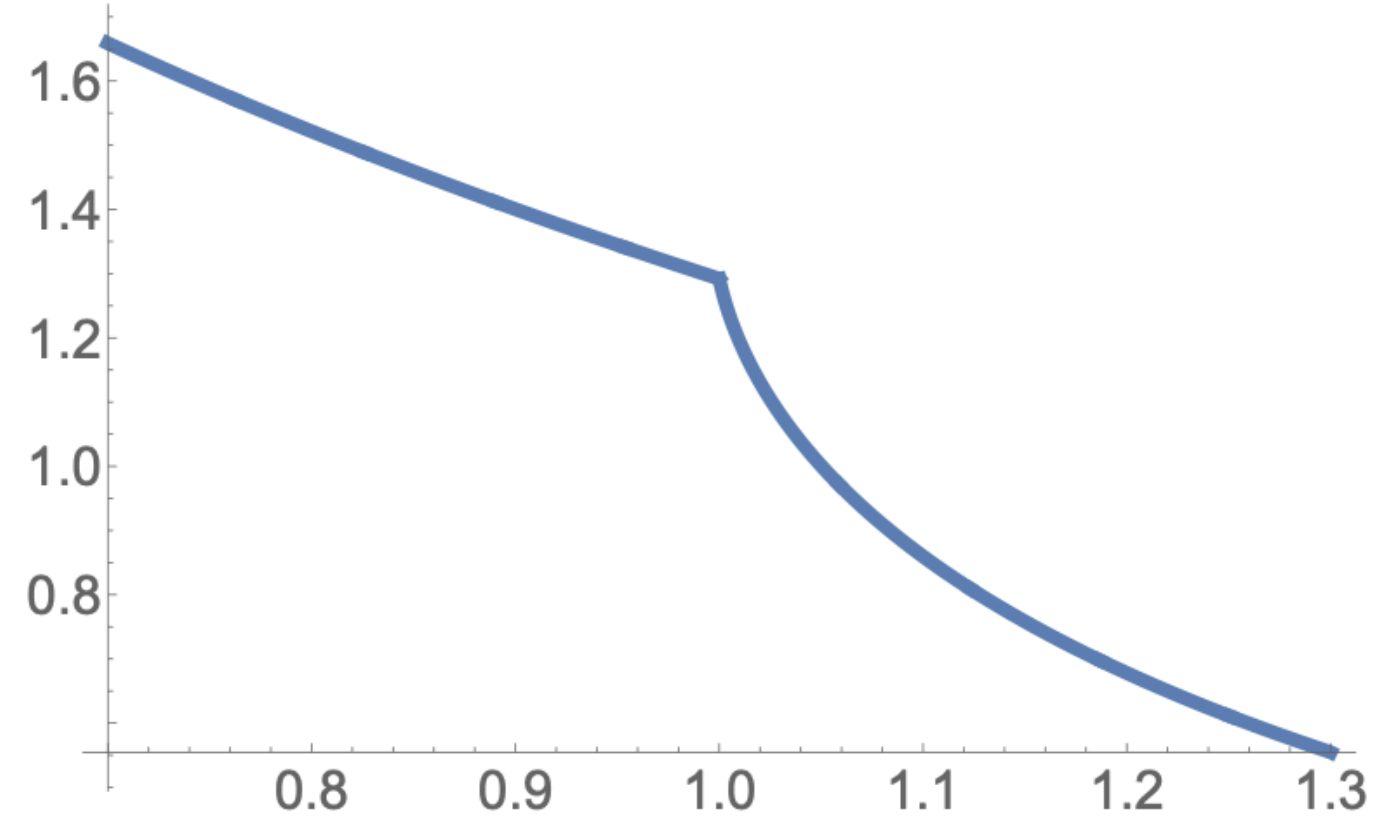
- PushTASEP is solvable with **both** inhomogeneous *particle speeds* **[Borodin-Ferrari 2008]** and in inhomogeneous *space* **[Assiotis 2019], [P. 2019]**



- There is also *generalized TASEP* in continuous inhomogeneous space **[Borodin-P. 2017]**, **[Knizel-P.-Saenz 2018]**



# Phase transition at a traffic jam



Let  $\xi(y) = \mathbf{1}_{y \leq 1} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{y > 1}$ . The traffic jam appears after  $t = 12L$ . Let  $x = 1 + 10\varepsilon(L)$ .

- If  $\varepsilon(L) \ll L^{-4/3}$ , then  $\frac{h_{cont}(12L, x) - 4L}{2^{-2/3}cL^{1/3}} \rightarrow F_{GUE}$ ;
- If  $\varepsilon(L) \gg L^{-4/3}$ , then  $\frac{h_{cont}(12L, x) - \mathfrak{h}(12, x)L}{cL^{1/3}} \rightarrow F_{GUE}$ ;
- If  $\varepsilon(L) = 10^{-4/3}\delta L^{-4/3}$ , then  $\frac{h_{cont}(12L, x) - 4L}{2^{-2/3}cL^{1/3}} \rightarrow F_{GUE}^{(\delta)}$  (next slide).

+ multitime fluctuations are described by the  $\text{Airy}_2$  kernel or its  $\delta$ -deformation

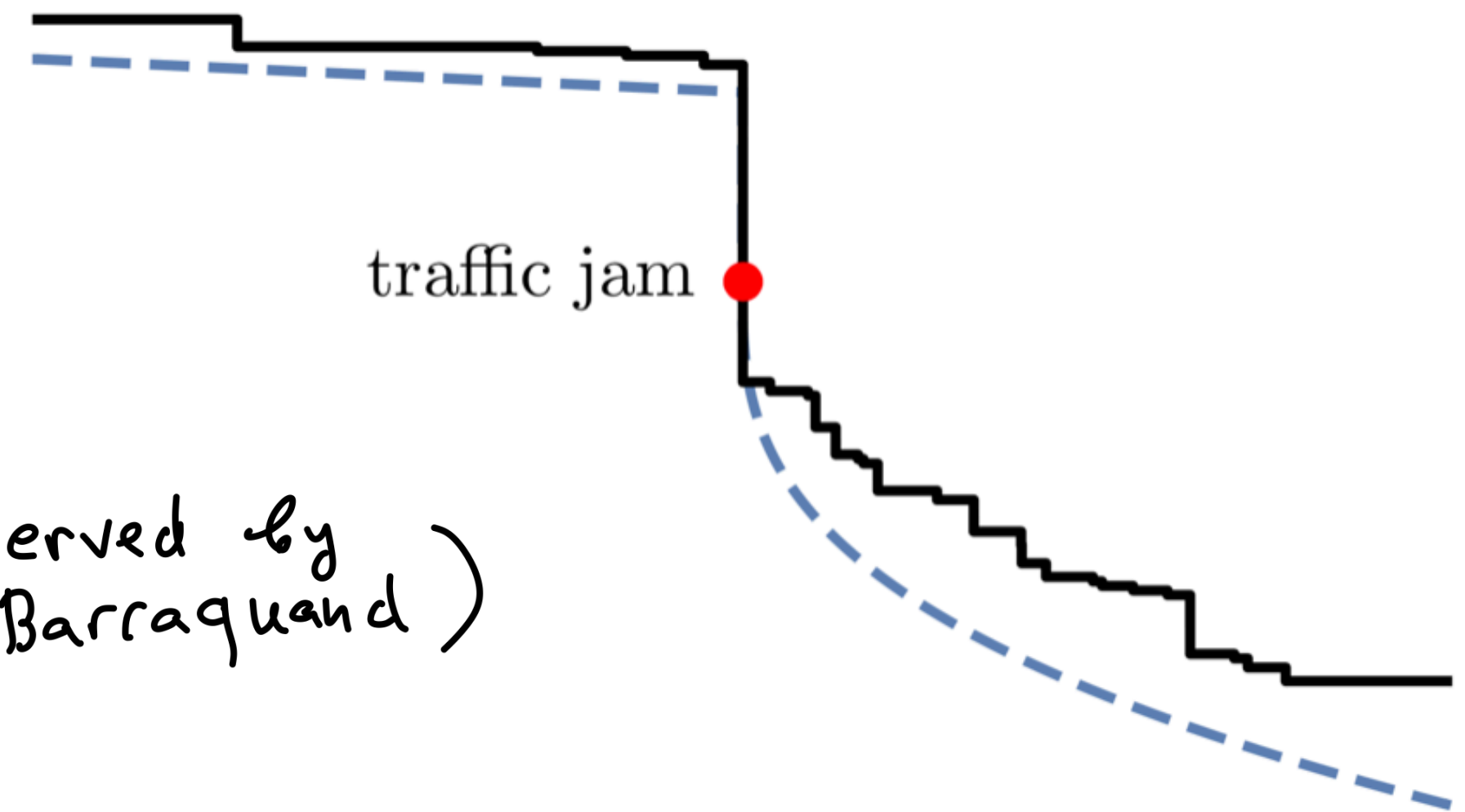
# Phase transition at a traffic jam

$$F_{GUE}^{(\delta)}(r) = \det (1 - K^{(\delta)})_{(r, +\infty)}$$

$$K^{(\delta)}(r, r') = \frac{1}{(2\pi\mathbf{i})^2} \int_{e^{-2\pi\mathbf{i}/3}\infty}^{e^{2\pi\mathbf{i}/3}\infty} dw \int_{e^{-\pi\mathbf{i}/3}\infty}^{e^{\pi\mathbf{i}/3}\infty} dz \frac{1}{z-w} \times \exp \left\{ \frac{z^3}{3} - \frac{w^3}{3} - zr + wr' - \frac{\delta}{z} + \frac{\delta}{w} \right\}$$

- If  $\delta = 0$ , we have  $F_{GUE}^{(\delta)} = F_{GUE}$ ;

- As  $\delta \rightarrow +\infty$ ,  $F_{GUE}^{(\delta)}(r + 2\delta^{\frac{1}{2}}) \rightarrow F_{GUE}(2^{-\frac{2}{3}}r)$ . (observed by Barraquand)



# III. Markov operators for permuting parameters

*j.v. Axel Saenz  
Mikhail Tikhonov  
2019  
Matthew Nicoletti  
(2021+)*

arXiv:1907.09155

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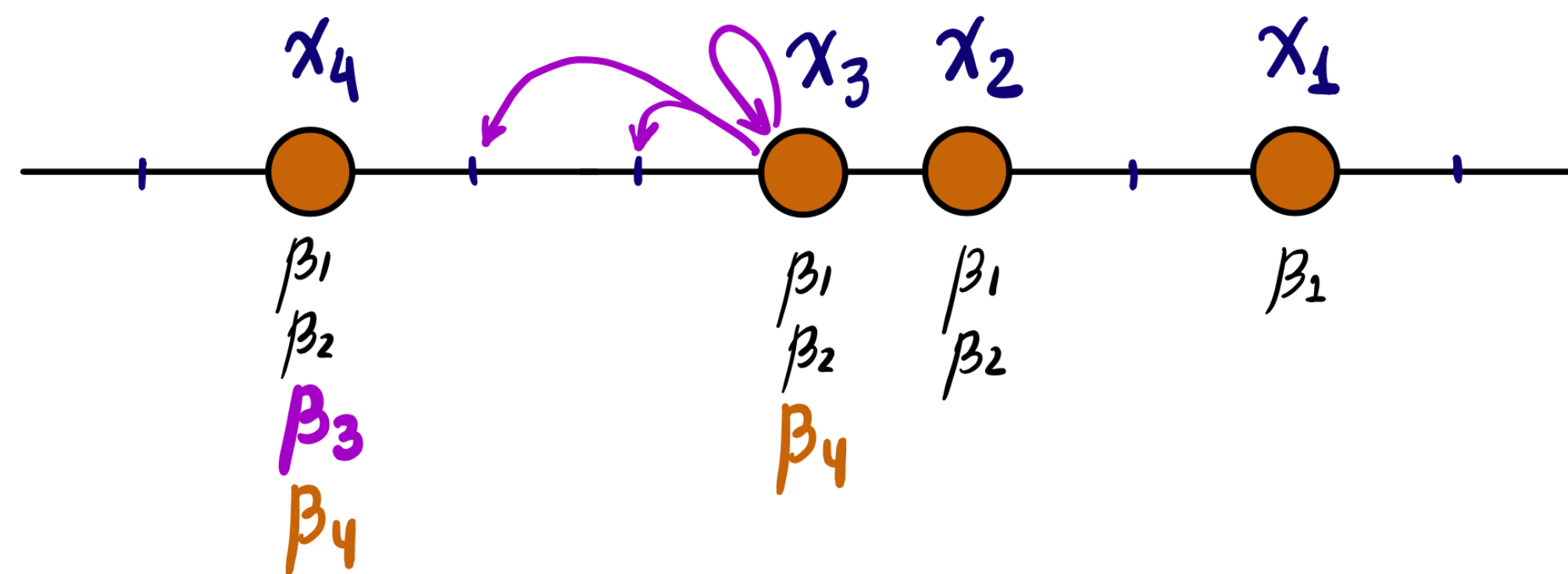
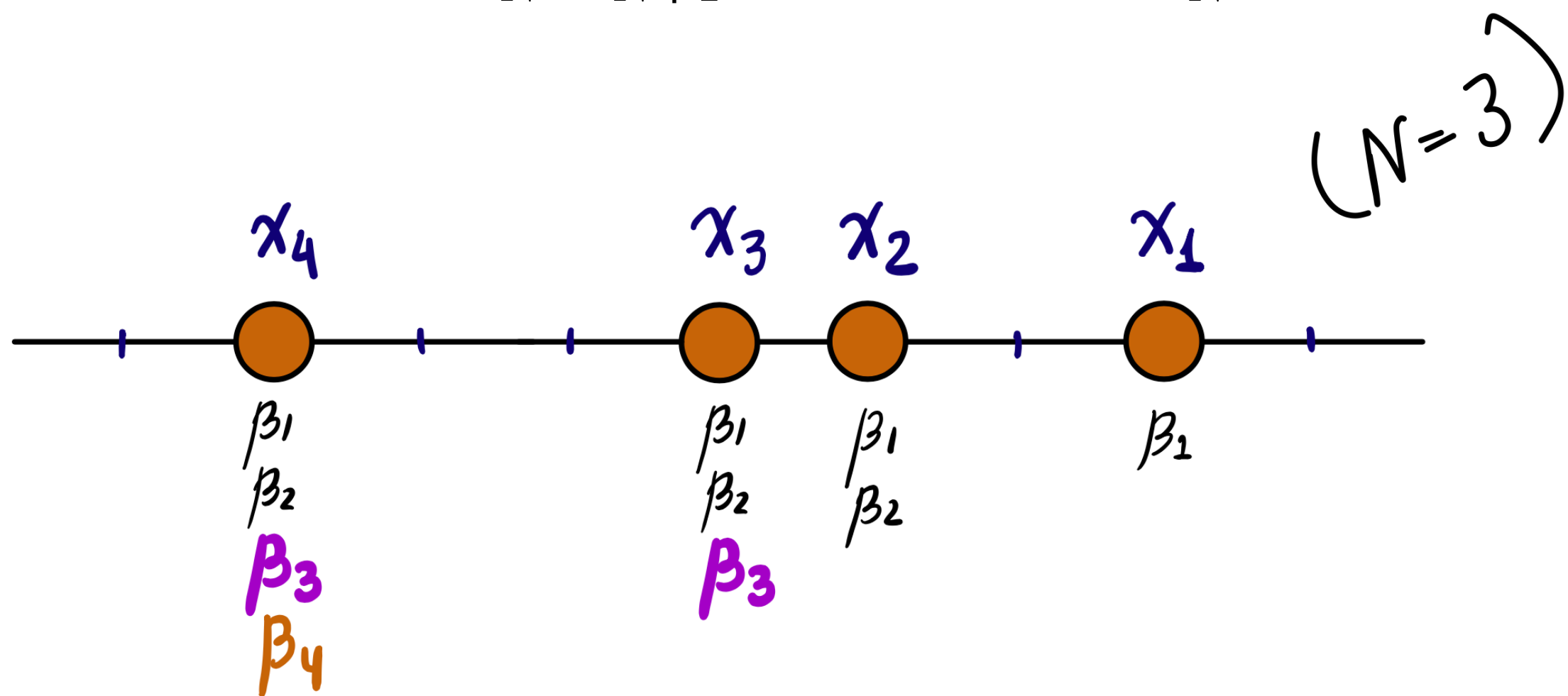
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# What does symmetry mean probabilistically?

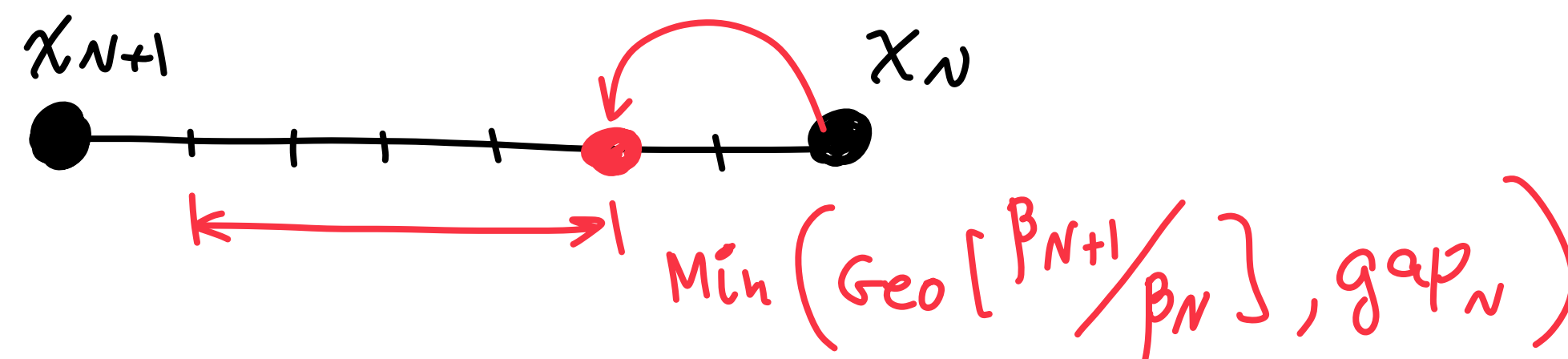
$$s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \frac{\det[x_i^{\lambda_j + N - j}]_{i,j=1}^N}{\prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)}$$

- Distribution of  $x_N(t)$  is expressed through Schur symmetric polynomial
- So,  $x_N$  depends on  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_N$  symmetrically
- What if we swap  $\beta_N, \beta_{N+1}$ ? Affects only  $x_N$ .

$$x_N(t) + N = \lambda_N \sim \frac{1}{Z} S_\lambda(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_N) S_{\lambda'}(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_t)$$



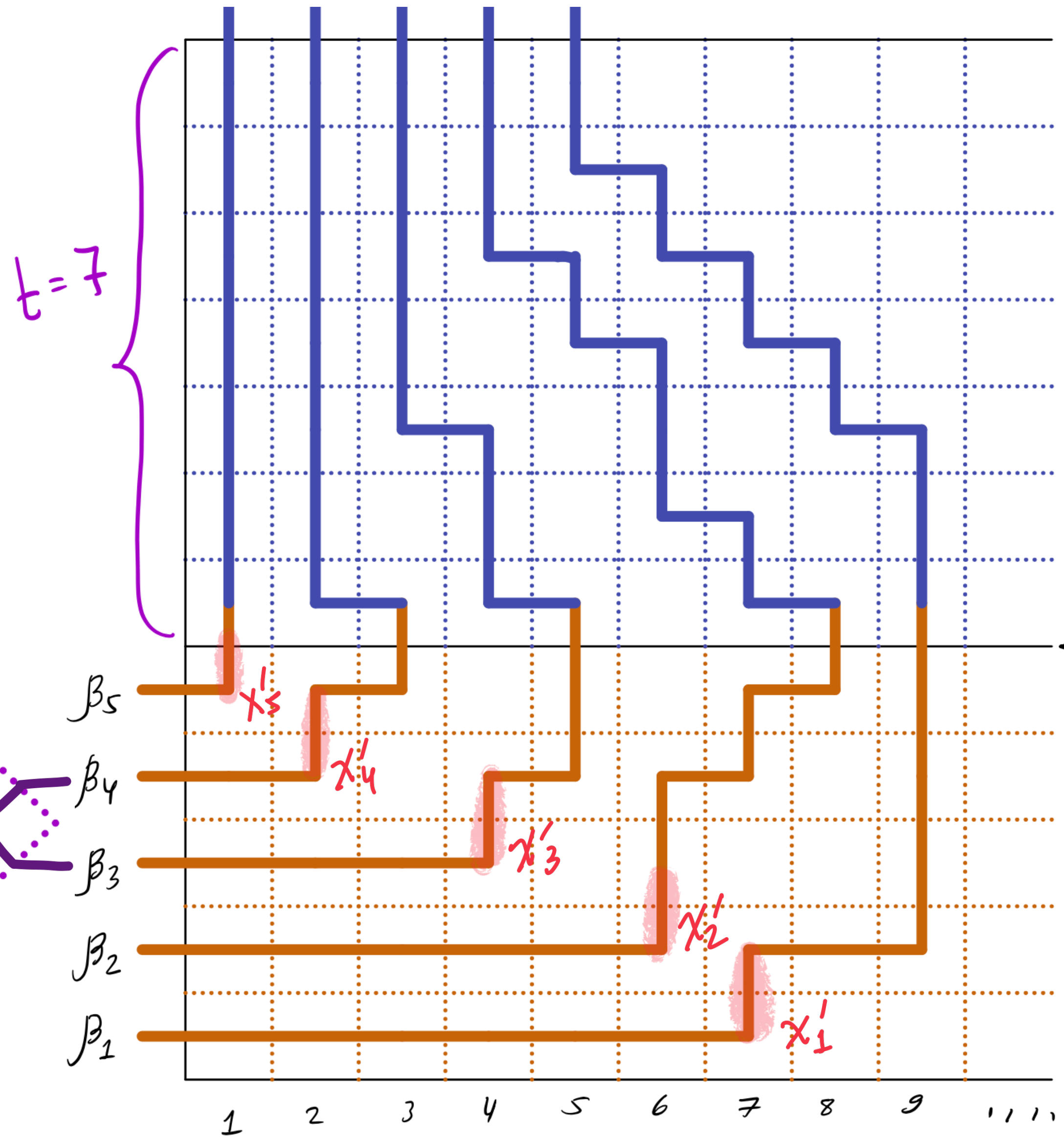
- Sometimes can **couple** the distributions, while only moving  $x_N$
- Possible iff  $\beta_{N+1} \leq \beta_N$  :  $x_N$  was faster, and jumps back
- Coupling can be realized through Yang-Baxter equation



# Symmetry and vertex models

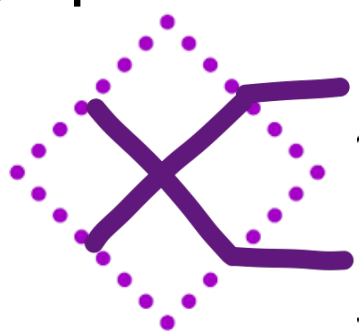
$$x_N(t) + N = \lambda_N \sim \frac{1}{Z} S_\lambda(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_N) S_{\lambda'}(\overbrace{1, \dots, 1}^t)$$

$$s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \frac{\det[x_i^{\lambda_j + N - j}]_{i,j=1}^N}{\prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)}$$



above,  
(paths travel  $\leq 1$   
at each  
horizontal  
interval)

Zip to the right,  
swap  $\beta_3 \leftrightarrow \beta_4$



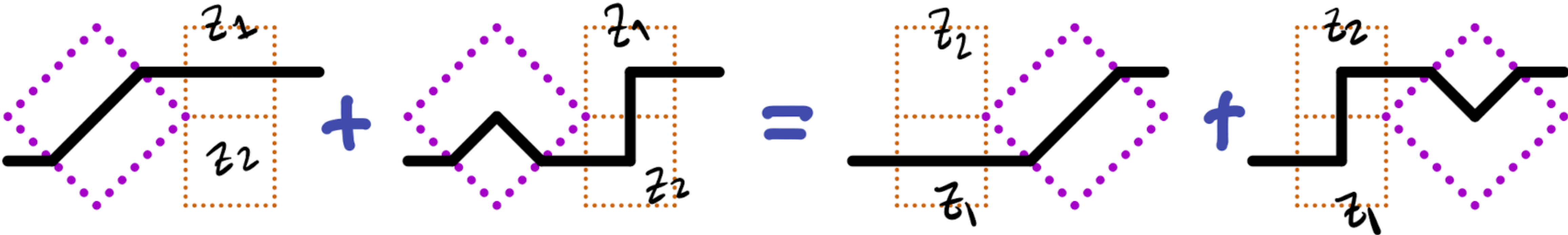
TASEP  
 $x'_i = x_i + N + 1$

$\{\lambda_i + N + 1 - i\}$   
 $\lambda = (4, 4, 2, 1, 0)$

- Semistandard Young tableau
- Nonintersecting paths
- Lozenge tilings
- Free fermion five vertex model



# From Yang-Baxter equation to probabilistic operation (Markov map)



- If the weights are positive (this is where  $\beta_{N+1} < \beta_N$  comes from), then we can construct a **coupling** between left and right-hand sides
- The coupling gives a rule for randomized update when moving the cross

• Example:

$$w(0) + w(\Delta) = w(\square) + w(\times)$$

$$2 + 2 = 3 + 1$$

	$\square$	$\times$
$0$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$\Delta$	$1$	$0$

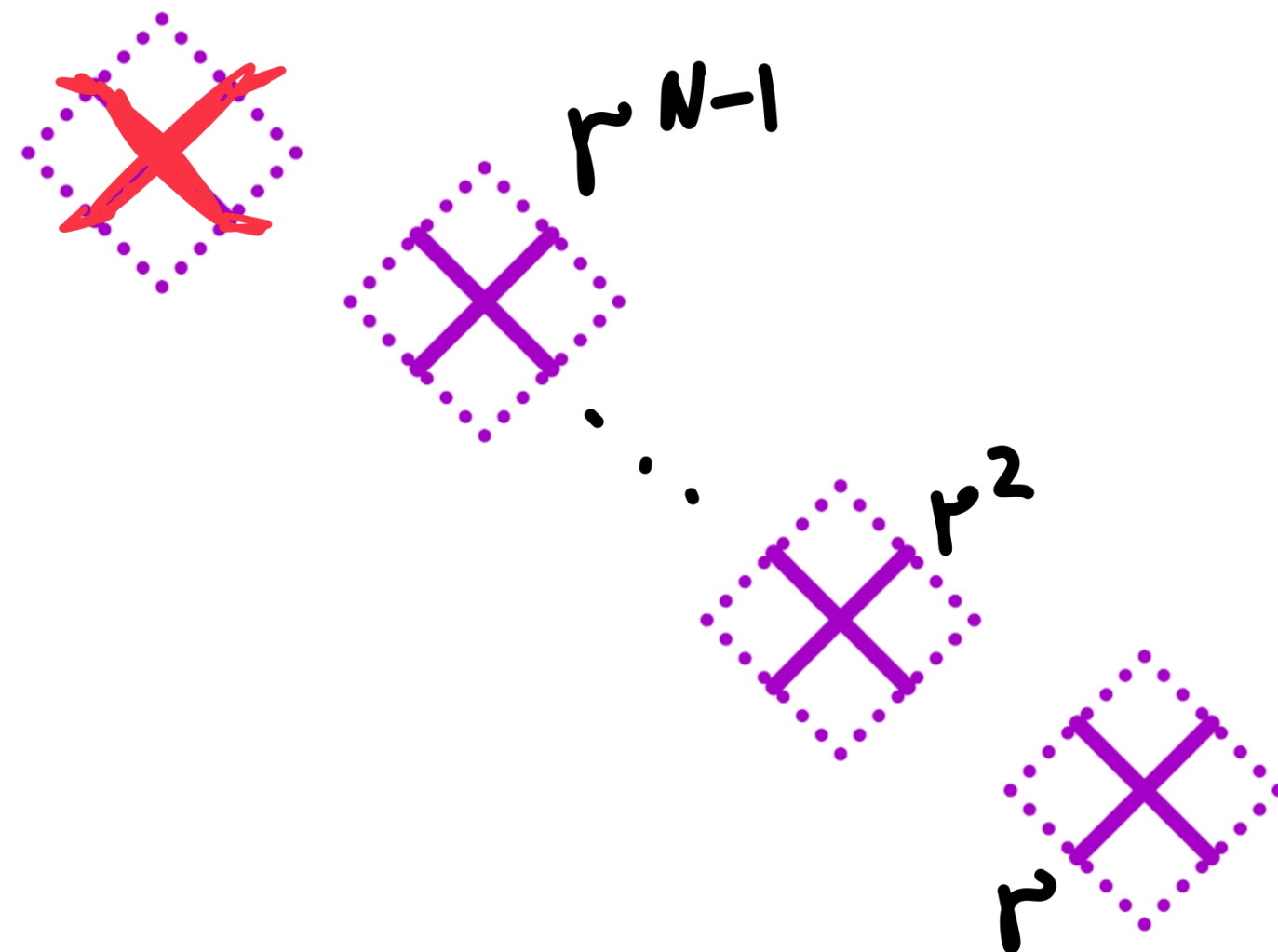
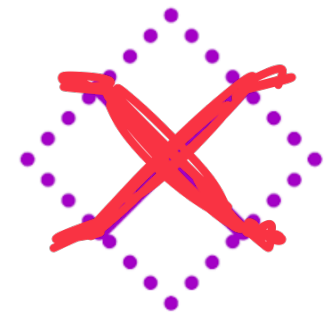
	$\square$	$\times$
$0$	$3/4$	$1/4$
$\Delta$	$3/4$	$1/4$

$$w(\Delta) p(\Delta \rightarrow \square) = w(\square) \tilde{p}(\square \rightarrow \Delta)$$

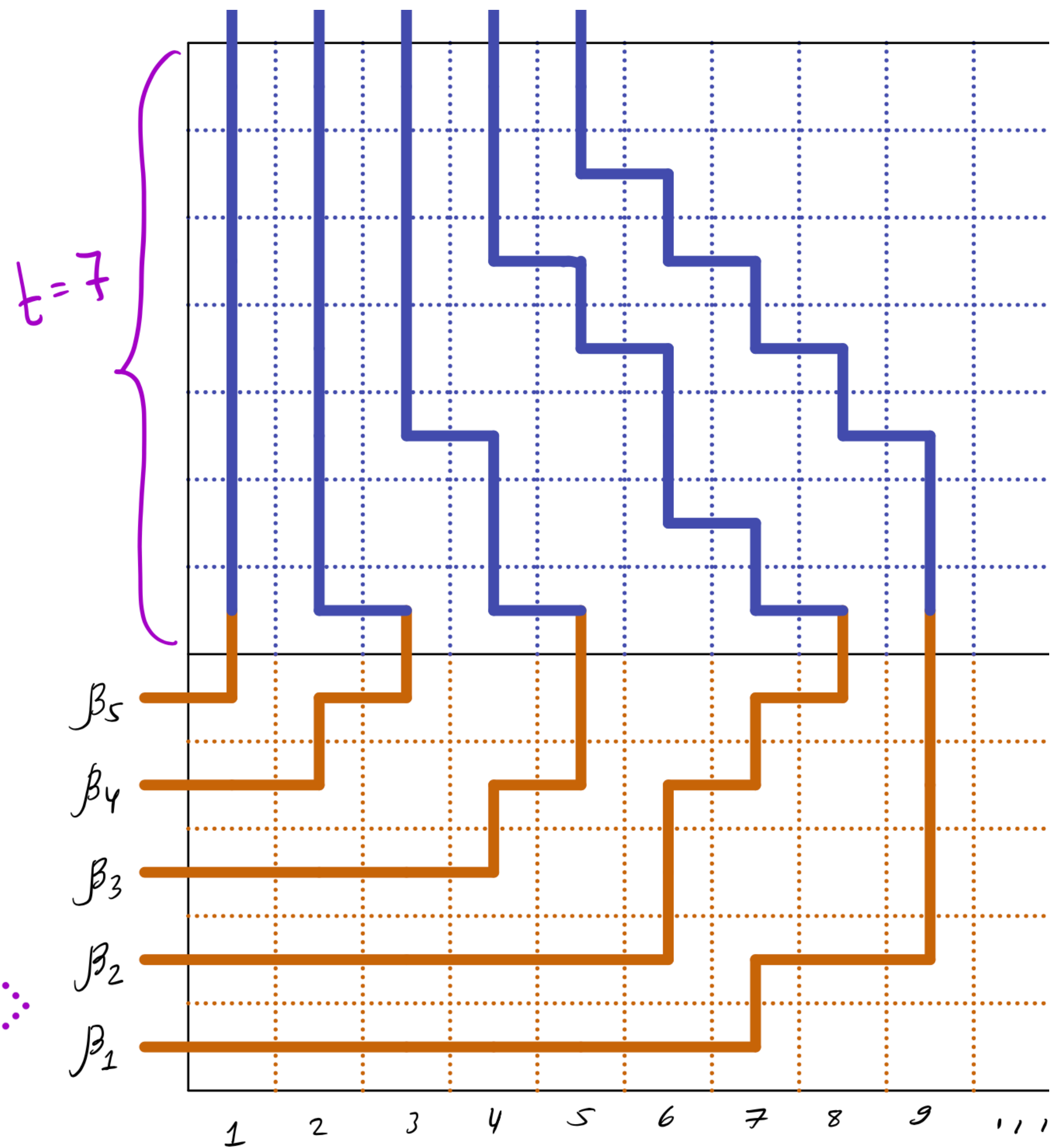
etc

# Application to the vertex model

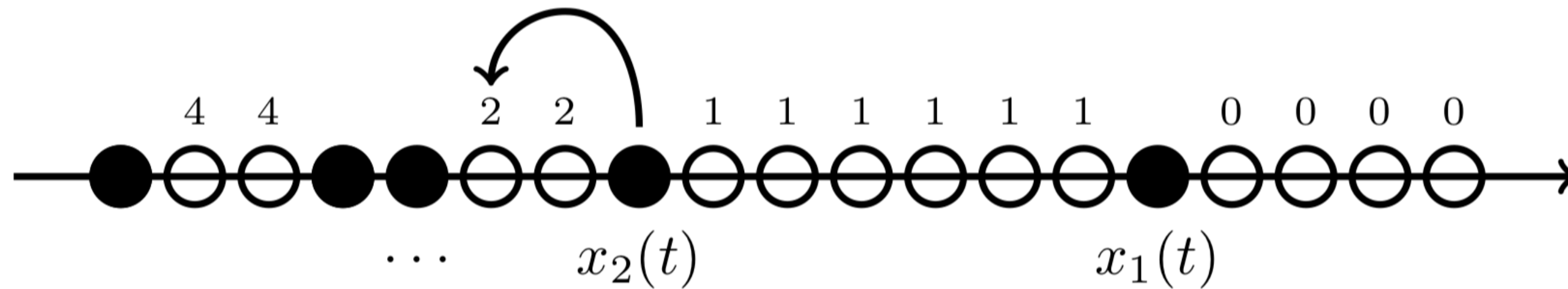
- Let  $\beta_i = \beta r^{i-1}$
- Move  $\beta_1$  all the way up
- Continue moving through the “time” part
- Take  $r \rightarrow 1$ , and take a Poisson-like limit
- We get a continuous time Markov operation which continuously makes  $\beta$  smaller
- Then, take another, standard Poisson limit to continuous time TASEP



$$\beta_i = \beta r^{i-1}, \quad 0 < r < 1$$



# Mapping TASEP back in time [P.-Saenz 2019]



- **Backward TASEP.** Markov chain on left-packed configurations  $x_1 > x_2 > x_3 > \dots$
- Each hole has an independent exponential clock with rate equal to the number  $m$  of particles to its right,  $\mathbb{P}(\text{wait} > s) = e^{-m \cdot s}$ ,  $s > 0$ .
- When the clock at a hole rings, the leftmost of the particles that are to the right of the hole instantaneously jumps into this hole
- Because total rate of jump is proportional to the size of the gap, this is a discrete space inhomogeneous version of the Hammersley process [Hammersley '72], [Aldous-Diaconis '95]

## Theorem.

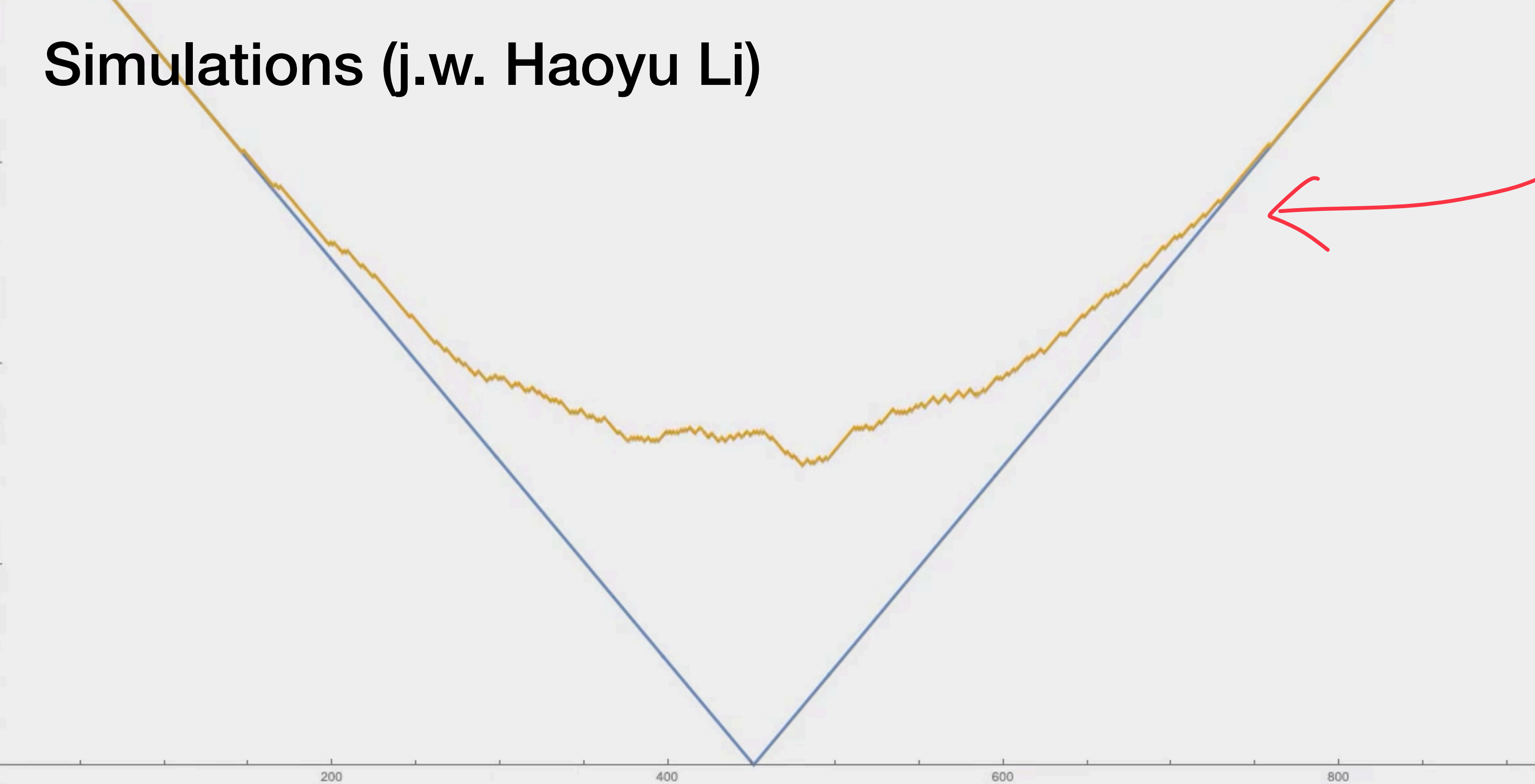
Let  $\mu_t$  be the distribution of the continuous time TASEP (with step IC) at time  $t$ .

Let  $L_\tau$  be the backward TASEP Markov semigroup.

Then  $\mu_t L_\tau = \mu_{t \cdot e^{-\tau}}$ , i.e.,

$$\sum_{\vec{x}} \mu_t(\vec{x}) L_\tau(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \mu_{t \cdot e^{-\tau}}(\vec{y}).$$

# Simulations (j.w. Haoyu Li)

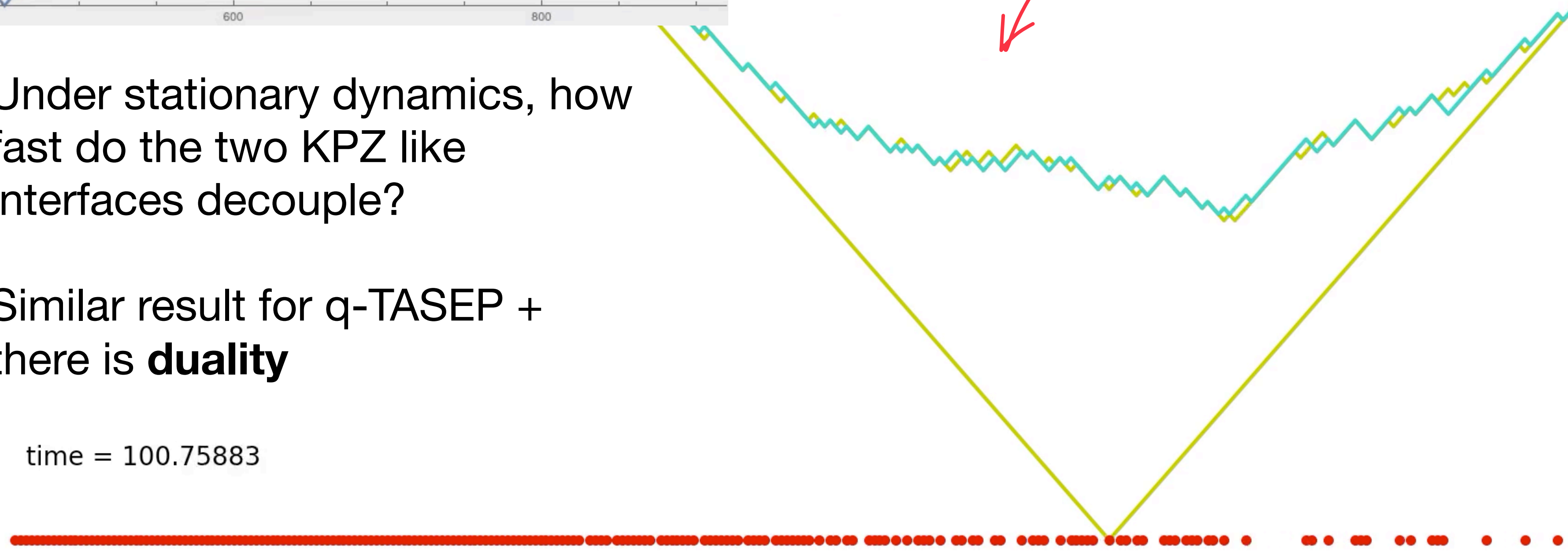


Fwd, then Bwd

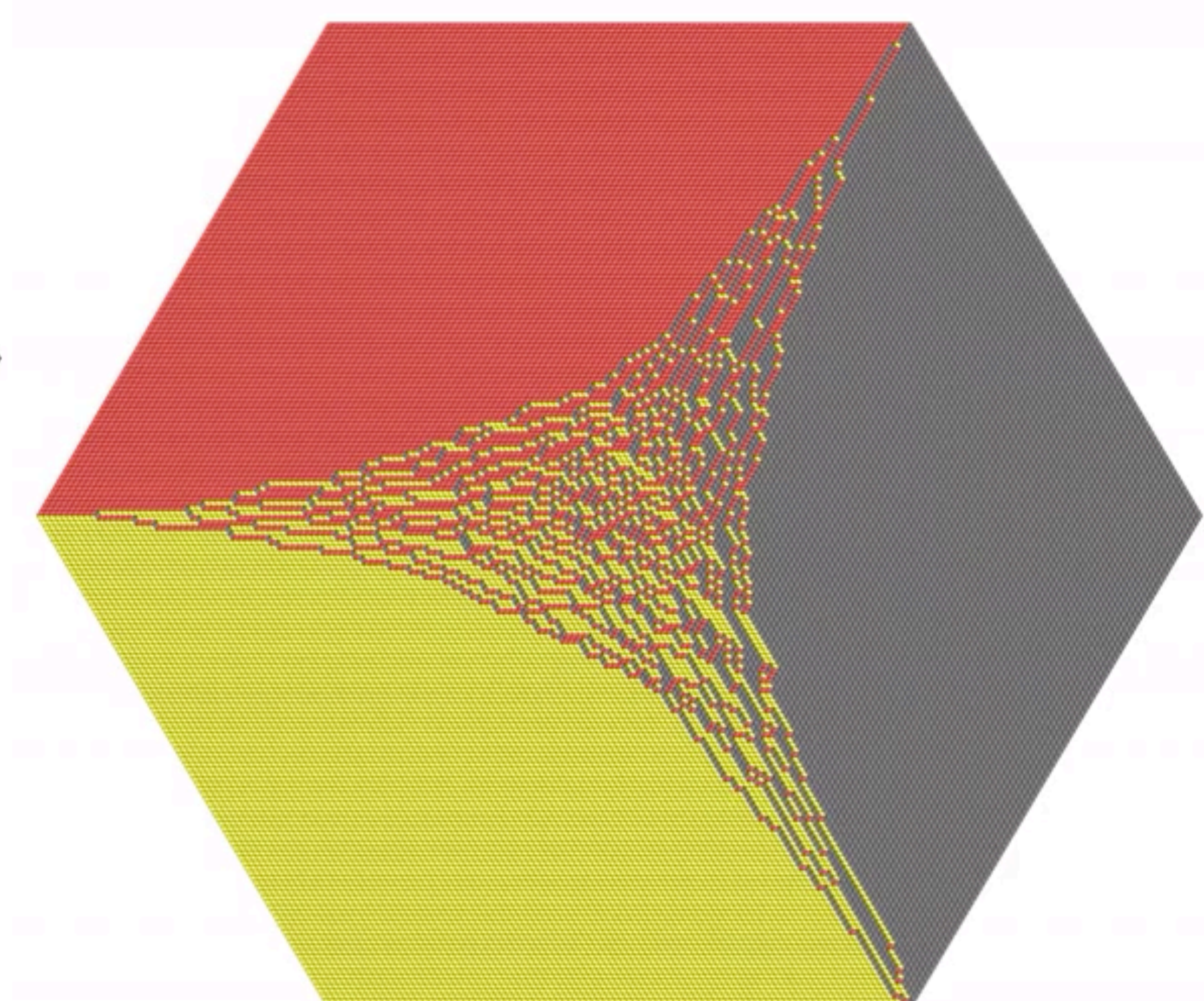
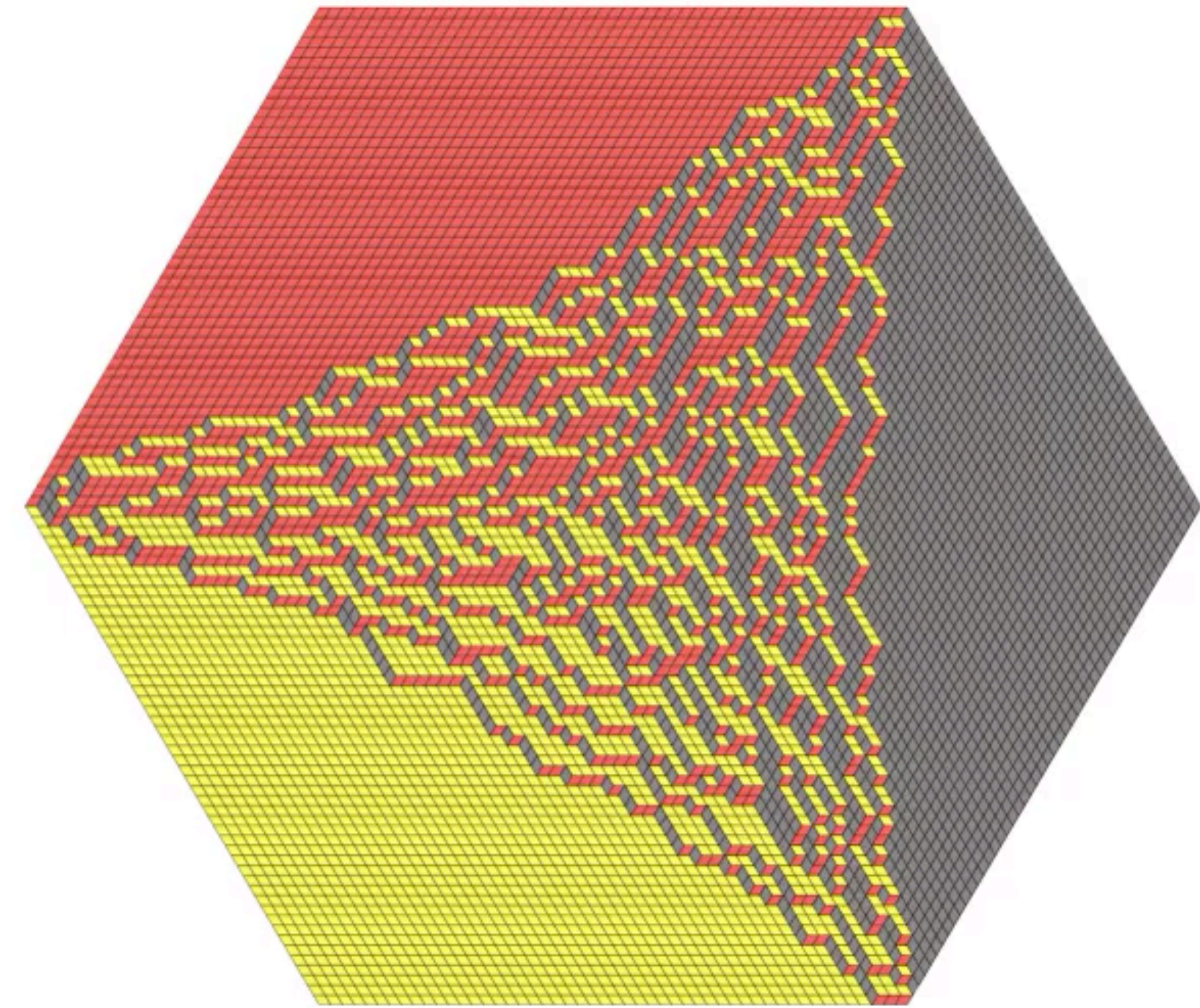
$$\text{Stationary} = \text{Fwd} + \frac{1}{L} \text{Bwd}$$

- Under stationary dynamics, how fast do the two KPZ like interfaces decouple?
- Similar result for q-TASEP + there is **duality**

time = 100.75883



# Application to lozenge tilings (j.w. Edith Zhang)



Limit shapes of  $q^{\text{vol}}$  lozenge tilings:  
[Cohn-Kenyon-Propp '00], [Kenyon-Okounkov '05]

# Summary

- It is worthwhile to insert multiple parameters into integrable models
- Especially if the model stays integrable
- Helps with **enumeration**
- **Spiked** asymptotics and new phase transitions
- Permutations of multiple parameters can be realized as **Markov operators** on the original model
- Leads to interesting symmetries of the model, and new dynamics. Works for TASEP, q-TASEP, polymers, deformed GUE random matrices, ...
- In progress - hydrodynamics for six vertex model