#### The Environment Seen from Geodesics in Exponential Last Passage Percolation

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# The model: directed LPP with exponential weights



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Equivalent to TASEP, exactly solvable with 1 : 2 : 3 scaling.





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 General initial data: KPZ fixed point (Matetski, Quastel, and Remenik, 2017).
 Joint scaling limit: the directed landscape (Dauvergne, Ortmann, and Virág, 2018).



# The problem and our results



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#### Main result

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Portion of 'turnings' along the geodesic:

Let  $N_n$  be the number of  $v \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ , such that  $\{v, v - (1, 0), v + (0, 1)\} \subset \Gamma_{(0,0),(n,n)}$ , or  $\{v, v + (1, 0), v - (0, 1)\} \subset \Gamma_{(0,0),(n,n)}$ .

Then  $\frac{N_n}{2n} \rightarrow \frac{3}{8}$  in probability.



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- Let the aggregate at time *t* be  $\{v : G(v) \le t\}$ . Then  $\xi^{\vee}(v)$  is the waiting time at *v*, and  $Z = \Gamma_{(0,0)} + (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ .

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- Now suffices to study local environment around the competition interface.

#### Competition interface $\Leftrightarrow$ TASEP with a second class particle

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Re-center around the hole-particle pair: TASEP as seen from a second class particle, and its stationary distribution gives  $\nu$ .

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An alternative description: the corresponding surface is the lower one of two non-intersecting random walks.

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#### Ingredients of the proof

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#### General structure of arguments

Main steps:

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- A uniform convergence in a rectangle: Convergence of the law; Upgrade in probability convergence to almost surely convergence.

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Also need: the laws for vertices (in the geodesic) at distances o(n) are close.

Exponential convergence speed: divide the geodesic into independent segments, each apply the uniform convergence.



# Thank you!



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