# Scaling limit of Baxter permutations and Bipolar orientations

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#### Permutons

A permuton is a probability measure on  $[0, 1]^2$  with both marginals uniform.



 $\implies$  compact metric space (with weak convergence).

Permutations of all sizes are densely embedded in permutons.



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**Theorem.** (Borga, M) There exists a random permuton  $\mu_B$  such that if  $\sigma_n$  is a uniform random Baxter permutation of size n,  $\mu_{\sigma_n} \rightarrow \mu_B$  in distribution in the space of permutons.







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**Theorem** (Bonichon, Bousquet-Mélou, Fusy '11)  $OP^{-1} : \mathcal{P}_n \to \mathcal{O}_n$  is a bijection.

Inverse bijection: OP(m)is the only permutation  $\pi$  such that the *i*-th edge in the exploration of T(m) is the  $\pi(i)$ -th edge in the exploration of  $T(m^*)$ 











#### Theorem.

(Kenyon-Miller-Sheffield-Wilson, 2010) Let  $(0, X_1 + 1, X_2 + 1, ..., X_n + 1)$  and  $(0, Y_n + 1, Y_{n-1} + 1, ..., Y_1 + 1)$  be the height processes of T(m) and  $T(m^{**})$ . Denote OW(m) = W = (X, Y). Then OW is a bijection between  $\mathcal{P}_n$  and the set  $W_n$  of *n*-step walks in the cone from  $(\mathbb{N}, 0)$  to  $(0, \mathbb{N})$  and steps in  $(1, -1) \cup (-\mathbb{N}) \times \mathbb{N}$ .



































We construct a coalescent process  $Z = (Z^{(j)}(i))_{1 \le j \le i \le n}$  driven by (X, Y). The branching structure of the trajectories is that of  $T(m^*)$ , but edges are visited in the order given by T(m). Comparing the orders given by visit times and by the contour exploration allows to recover the permutation.



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**Theorem** (Prokaj, Cinlar, Hajri, Karakus) Let (X, Y) be a pair of standard Brownian motions with cross-correlation coefficient  $\rho \in [-1, 1)$ . Then the *perturbed Tanaka's equation*  $dZ(t) = \mathbf{1}_{\{Z(t)>0\}} dY(t) - \mathbf{1}_{\{Z(t)\leq 0\}} dX(t), t \ge 0$  has strong solutions.

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The convergence of the first four marginals is an extension of a result of Gwynne,Holden,Sun that deals with infinite-volume bipolar triangulations.

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We expect the correlation parameter  $\rho$  to vary, and might lose symmetry at the origin, as in the study of Schnyder woods by Li-Sun-Watson.