# Current variance and the second class particle in particle systems

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#### The model ASEP Zero range Bricklayers

#### **Current variance**

Space-time correlations

The second class particle

The main theorem Hydrodynamics Consequences

#### Proof

The difficulty



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The Bernoulli( $\varrho$ ) distribution is time-stationary for any ( $0 \le \varrho \le 1$ ). Any translation-invariant stationary distribution is a mixture of Bernoullis.




































































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even convergence of the finite-dimensional distributions of the  $h_{Ct}(t)$  process to Gaussian limits is known (Seppäläinen 2005, Ferrari and Fontes 1998, B., Rassoul-Agha and Seppäläinen 2006).

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- ► For the AZRP and ABLP processes with convex rates, LLN for Q(t) could still be worked out with some coupling tricks (Rezakhanlou 1995, B. 2003). Not clear how to refine this for  $t^{1/3}$  fluctuations.

Thank you.