Closing and Solving the Hierarchy for Large Deviations and Spatial Correlations in Single-File Diffusion

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Single-file transport, where particles diffuse in narrow channels while not overtaking each other, is a fundamental model for the tracer subdiffusion observed in confined systems, such as zeolites or carbon nanotubes. This anomalous behavior originates from strong bath-tracer correlations in 1D, which have however remained elusive, because they involve an infinite hierarchy of equations. Here, for the Symmetric Exclusion Process, a paradigmatic model of single-file diffusion, we break the hierarchy and unveil a closed equation satisfied by these correlations, which we solve. Beyond quantifying the correlations, the central role of this equation as a novel tool for interacting particle systems is further demonstrated by showing that it applies to out-of equilibrium situations, other observables and other representative single-file systems.

Single-file transport, where particles diffuse in narrow channels with the constraint that they cannot bypass each other, is a fundamental model [1, 2] for tracer subdiffusion in confined systems. The very fact that the initial order is maintained at all times leads to the subdiffusive behavior \( \langle X_t^2 \rangle \propto t \) of the position of a tracer particle (TP) [3], in contrast with the regular diffusion scaling \( \langle X_t^2 \rangle \propto t \). This theoretical prediction has been experimentally observed by microrheology in zeolites, transport of confined colloidal particles, or dipolar spheres in circular channels [4–6].

The Symmetric Exclusion Process is an essential model of single-file diffusion. Particles, present at a density \( \rho \), perform symmetric continuous time random walks on a one dimensional infinite lattice with unit jump rate, and with the hard-core constraint that there is at most one particle per site (Fig. 1(a)). The SEP has become a paradigmatic model of statistical physics and it has generated a huge number of works in the mathematical and physical literature (see, e.g., Refs. [1, 2, 7, 8]). A major recent advance has been achieved with the calculation of the large deviation function of the position \( X_t \) of a tracer [9, 10]. It gives access to all the cumulants of the time integrated current through the origin \( Q_t \), initially at the origin. The bath particles are described by the set of occupation numbers \( \eta_r(t) \) of each site \( r \in \mathbb{Z} \) of the line at time \( t \), with \( \eta_r(t) = 1 \) if the site is occupied and \( \eta_r(t) = 0 \) otherwise (see Fig. 1(a)). The statistics of the position of the tracer is described by the cumulant-generating function, whose expansion defines the cumulants \( \kappa_n \) of the position:

\[
\psi(\lambda, t) \equiv \ln \langle e^{\lambda X_t} \rangle \equiv \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} \kappa_n(t).
\]

Its evolution equation is given by (see Supplementary Information (SI)):

\[
\frac{d\psi}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (e^\lambda - 1)(1 - w_1) + (e^{-\lambda} - 1)(1 - w_{-1}) \right],
\]

where the generalized density profiles (GDP) generating function is defined by

\[
w_r(\lambda, t) \equiv \langle \eta_{X_t+r} e^{\lambda X_t} \rangle / \langle e^{\lambda X_t} \rangle.
\]

Note that, besides controlling the time evolution of the cumulant-generating function, \( w_r \) (together with \( \psi \)) completely characterizes the joint cumulant-generating function of \( \langle \eta_{X_t+r}, X_t \rangle \) and thus the bath-tracer correlations [12]. The GDP-generating function is therefore a key quantity, and the next step consists in writing its evolution equation from the master equation describing the system. However, similarly to Eq. (2), it involves higher order correlation functions. In fact, we are facing an infinite hierarchy of evolution equations, which is the rule for tracer diffusion (and for other observables such as the integrated current through the origin) in interacting particle systems [9, 13–15], whose closure has remained elusive.
up to now. We provide below a closed equation which allows the determination of the GDP-generating function in the hydrodynamic limit (large time, large distance).

In this limit, the position of the tracer satisfies a large deviation principle [9, 10, 16], which implies that the cumulant-generating function scales as \( \psi \sim \hat{\psi} \sqrt{T} \). In fact, this anomalous behavior originates from the more general scaling form

\[
w_{r}(\lambda,t) \sim \Phi\left(\lambda, v = \frac{r}{\sqrt{2T}} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} \Phi_n(v) \tag{4}\]

of the GDP-generating function, where the coefficient \( \Phi_n \) gives the large-scale limit of the joint cumulant \( \langle \eta_{X_t+r}X_t^n \rangle \) of the tracer position \( X_t \) and the occupation number \( \eta_{X_t+r} \) measured in its frame of reference (Fig. 1(b)).

We report here (see SI for details) that the two functions (rescaled derivatives of the profiles)

\[
\Omega_\pm(v) \equiv \mp 2\nu \hat{\Psi}(v) \Phi'(0^\pm) \quad \text{defined for } v \geq 0 \tag{5}
\]

are entirely determined by the closed Wiener-Hopf integral equations [17] with a Gaussian kernel

\[
\Omega_\pm(v) = \mp \omega e^{-(v+\xi)^2+\xi^2} - \omega \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Omega_\pm(\nu)e^{-(v-\nu+\xi)^2+\xi^2} d\nu,
\tag{6}
\]

where \( \xi \equiv \frac{d\phi}{d\lambda} \) and we have analytically continued \( \Omega_+ \) to \( v < 0 \) and \( \Omega_- \) to \( v > 0 \). The parameter \( \omega \) is determined by the boundary conditions (see Eq.(5))

\[
\Omega_+(0) = -\Omega_-(0) = -2\hat{\psi},
\tag{7}
\]

so that the functions \( \Omega_\pm(v) \) are parametrized by \( \hat{\psi} \). The GDP-generating function \( \Phi \) can then be deduced by integration of \( \Omega_\pm \), with

\[
\Phi(\pm\infty) = \rho, \tag{8}
\]

by definition, and the boundary conditions

\[
\Phi'(0^\pm) \pm 2\hat{\psi} \left( e^{\pm\lambda} - 1 \right) \Phi(0^\pm) = 0. \tag{9}
\]

The resulting \( \Phi \) are at this stage parametrized by \( \hat{\psi} \) and \( \lambda \). By using the large time limit of Eq.(2),

\[
\frac{1-\Phi(0^-)}{1-\Phi(0^+)} = e^\lambda, \tag{10}
\]

\( \hat{\psi} \) can be written as a function of \( \lambda \), and we finally obtain the desired GDP-generating function \( \Phi(\lambda,v) \).

Several comments are in order. (i) We show in SI that the boundary condition (9) is exact; Furthermore, we argue below that the bulk equation (6), and thus the obtained GDP-generating function \( \Phi \), are also exact. (ii) Importantly, the Wiener-Hopf equations (6) can be solved explicitly [17]:

\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}_\pm} \Omega_\pm(v)e^{ikv}dv = \pm \left(1-\exp[-Z_\pm]\right), \tag{11}
\]

where

\[
Z_\pm \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-\omega\sqrt{n}e^{-\frac{1}{2}(k+2i\xi)/\nu}^{n})}{n!} \text{erfc}\left(\pm\sqrt{n}\left(\xi - \frac{ik}{2}\right)\right). \tag{12}
\]

(iii) As a byproduct, our approach yields the cumulant generating function \( \hat{\psi} \) (or equivalently the large deviation function of the tracer position),

\[
\hat{\psi} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \text{Li}_{1/2}(-\sqrt{\pi}\omega), \quad \text{Li}_{\nu}(x) \equiv \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{x^n}{n^\nu}. \tag{13}
\]
which is shown in SI to be identical to the exact expression obtained using the arsenal of integrable probabilities in [9, 10]. (iv) Additionally, we obtain a full characterization of the spatial bath-tracer correlations and in particular analytical expressions of the $\Phi_\eta$ by using the procedure described above (see SI for explicit expressions), which extend at arbitrary density the expressions given in [12] in the dilute ($\rho \to 0$) and dense ($\rho \to 1$) limits, and Fig. 2(a) and (b) for comparison with numerical simulations). (v) Our approach also provides the conditional profiles $\langle \eta_{X_t+r}\rangle = \frac{v}{\xi}$ defined as the average of the occupation of the site $X_t+r$ given that the tracer is at position $x$. Indeed, in the hydrodynamic limit, $\langle \eta_{X_t+r}\rangle \sim \tilde{\Phi}(\lambda^*, v)$ where $v = r/\sqrt{2t}$, $\lambda^*$ is defined by $\xi(\lambda^*) = \frac{d\lambda}{d\xi}(\lambda^*) = x/\sqrt{2t}$ and $\Phi$ is the GDP-generating function determined above. While the (unconditional) profiles $\langle \eta_{X_t+r}\rangle$ are flat, the conditional profiles allow to probe the response of the bath of particles to the perturbation created by the displacement $\xi$ of the tracer: in particular, for $\xi > 0$, it leads to an accumulation of bath particles in front of the tracer and a depletion behind (see Fig. 2(c)), quantified by the simple depletion relation

$$\int_0^{+\infty} (\Phi(v) - \rho)dv - \int_{-\infty}^0 (\Phi(v) - \rho)dv = \rho \xi, \quad (14)$$

which is a consequence of (11,12). Another striking feature is the non-monotony of the conditional profile $\Phi(\lambda^*, 0^+)$ in front of the tracer as a function of the rescaled position of the tracer $\xi(\lambda^*)$, see Fig. 2(d). Surprisingly, $\Phi(\lambda^*, 0^+)$ does not saturate to 1 as $\xi \to +\infty$, but instead returns to its unperturbed value $\rho$, which results from a global displacement of bath particles induced by the tracer.

Importantly, Equation (6) describes several other situations of physical relevance. (i) First, it applies to the out of equilibrium situation of an initial step of density $\rho_+$ for $x > 0$ and $\rho_-$ for $x < 0$, with the tracer initially at the origin. This paradigmatic setup has attracted a lot of attention [8–10, 18, 19] since it remains transient at all times and never reaches a stationary state. The GDP-generating function $\Phi$ is obtained from the solution (11) by following the procedure described above, upon only changing the boundary condition (8) into $\Phi(\pm \infty) = \rho_\pm$. Again, we recover the results of [9, 10] on the cumulant generating function $\hat{\psi}$. Additionally, we obtain the complete spatial structure of the bath-tracer correlations (see Fig. 3(a) and SI for explicit expressions). (ii) Second, and strikingly, it also gives access to the statistics of other observables, as exemplified by the case of the integrated current through the origin $Q_t$ (see SI for the application to the generalized current, which is an extra observable), defined as the total flux of particles between sites 0 and 1 during a time $t$. This quantity has been the focus of many studies, both in the context of statistical physics [8, 13, 18, 20, 21] and mesoscopic transport [22–24], in particular in the nonequilibrium situation $\rho_- \neq \rho_+$ [8, 18]. Note that while the statistics of tracer diffusion and integrated current are easily related in the case of quenched initial conditions [25], the relation is more entangled for the annealed case considered here due to the fluctuations of the initial condition. The quantities introduced previously (1)-(3) on the example of tracer diffusion are naturally adapted by substituting $Q_t$ to $X_t$. The corresponding profiles $\Phi_Q$ are then obtained as a particular case of Equation (6) by setting $\xi = 0$, completed by modified boundary conditions (9,10) derived from the microscopic model (see SI). In particular, the resulting Eq. (13) gives back the exact cumulant generating function of $Q_t$ obtained in [8] by Bethe ansatz, as in this case we find that

$$\omega \sqrt{\pi} = \rho_- (1 - \rho_+)(e^\lambda - 1) + \rho_+ (1 - \rho_-)(e^{-\lambda} - 1), \quad (15)$$

which coincides with the single parameter involved in [8, 18]. Additionally, the $\Phi_Q$ determined here provides the associated spatial structure (see Fig. 3(b) and SI for explicit expressions). These profiles have been introduced and studied numerically in [26] for an infinite
system (see also [14] for a finite system between two reservoirs), but no analytical expressions were available until now. (iii) Finally, beyond the SEP, it applies to other representative single-file systems of interacting particles with average density $\rho$ (see also [12], which is however limited to the calculation of the first order $\Phi_1$). Such a system can be described at large scale by two quantities: the diffusivity $D(\rho)$ and the mobility $\sigma(\rho)$ [27]. The case of the SEP considered above corresponds to $D(\rho) = 1/2$ and $\sigma(\rho) = \rho(1 - \rho)$. Equation (6) (with adaptations of equations (9,10) given in SI) more generally applies to single-file systems with $D(\rho) = 1/2$, $\sigma'(\rho)$ constant and $\sigma(0) = 0$, by replacing $-\omega$ which multiplies the integral in (6) by $\omega\sigma''(\rho)/2$. Important cases covered by our approach include (see Fig. 1 for definitions and SI for explicit expressions): (a) the model of hard Brownian particles ($\sigma(\rho) = \rho$) for which the GDP-generating function of [12] is recovered; (b) the Kipnis-Marchioro-Presutti (KMP) model [28] ($\sigma(\rho) = \rho^2$, see Fig. 3(c)), which describes situations as varied as force fluctuations in packs of granular beads [29], the formation of clouds and gels, self-assembly of molecules in organic and inorganic materials and distribution of wealth in a society (see [30] and references therein). (c) the Random Average Process (RAP), which appears in a variety of problems such as force propagation in granular media, models of mass transport or models of voting systems [29, 31–33]. Although $\sigma''(\rho)$ is not constant in this case, the GDP-generating function can be deduced from our results thanks to a mapping between tracer diffusion in the RAP and the integrated current in the KMP model [34] (see Fig. 3(d)).

We finally argue that the central equation (6) is exact for the following reasons. (i) We show in SI that the Macroscopic Fluctuations Theory (MFT) [35] can be used to determine perturbatively the first coefficients $\Phi_n$ analytically. These coefficients computed up to order $n = 5$
(which is the highest order for which we managed to determine the integrals involved) coincide with those obtained by our approach. Furthermore, the agreement holds also non-perturbatively in $\lambda$, as displayed in Fig. 2(c) and Fig. 3(c4),(d4) where the numerical solution of the MFT equations is compared to the analytical solution (11,12). Moreover, and as mentioned above, the exact expression of the cumulant generating functions of (ii) the tracer position of [9] and (iii) the integrated current of [8] are contained in our approach, including in the case of an initial step of density.

All together, we have determined analytically the spatial correlations in the SEP, which allowed us to fully quantify the response of the bath to the perturbation induced by a tracer. Besides being cornerstone physical observables, these correlations have been shown to be fundamental technical quantities, as they satisfy a strikingly simple closed equation and control large deviations in single-file diffusion. This very same equation applies to a variety of situations involving single-file transport, which makes it a novel and promising tool to tackle interacting particle systems.

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\section{General Equations and Hydrodynamic Limit}

In this Section, we mostly recall the equations and results obtained in \cite{1} in order to provide a self-contained document. We additionally introduce in Section IC the conditional profiles discussed in the main text after Eq. (13).

\subsection{Master equation of the SEP}

We consider the symmetric exclusion process (SEP) with a tracer at position $X$. We denote the configuration of the system $\eta = \{\eta_r\}_{r \in \mathbb{Z}}$ with $\eta_r \in \{0,1\}$ the occupation number of site $r$ by the bath particles ($\eta_r = 1$ if site $r$ is occupied, 0 otherwise). At time $t$, the system is characterized by a probability law $P(X, \eta, t)$.

We initially start from the equilibrium distribution of the occupations, and the tracer at the origin (with the convention that the site occupied by the tracer is empty of bath particles):

$$P(X, \eta, 0) = \delta_{X,0} \delta_{\eta_0,0} \prod_{r \in \mathbb{Z}} \delta_{\eta_r, \gamma_r} .$$  \hfill (S16)

where $\gamma_r$ are independent Bernoulli variables with parameter $\rho$ (density of the system).

The probability $P(X, \eta, t)$ obeys the following master equation,

$$\partial_t P(X, \eta, t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r \neq X, X-1} \left[ P(X, \eta^{r+}, t) - P(X, \eta, t) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu \neq \pm 1} \left\{ (1 - \eta_X) P(X - \mu, \eta, t) - (1 - \eta_{X+\mu}) P(X, \eta, t) \right\} ,$$  \hfill (S17)

where $\eta^{r+}$ is the configuration $\eta$ in which the occupations of sites $r$ and $r+1$ are exchanged. The first term corresponds to the jumps of the bath particles while the second one takes into account the displacement of the tracer.

\subsection{Observables and large-times scalings}

We consider the cumulant-generating function of the displacement of the tracer,

$$\psi(\lambda, t) \equiv \ln \langle e^{\lambda X_t} \rangle .$$  \hfill (S18)

At large time $t$, it scales as $\sqrt{t}$ \cite{2, 3},

$$\psi(\lambda, t) \sim \sqrt{2t}, \quad \psi(\lambda) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \kappa_n \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} ,$$  \hfill (S19)

where $\kappa_n$ is the $n^{th}$ cumulant of the tracer’s position (rescaled by $\sqrt{2t}$). We also consider the generalized profiles,

$$w_r(\lambda, t) \equiv \frac{\langle \eta_{X_{t+r}} e^{\lambda X_t} \rangle}{\langle e^{\lambda X_t} \rangle} .$$  \hfill (S20)

Their expansion in powers of $\lambda$ gives the cross-cumulants $\langle \eta_{X_{t+r}} X_t^n \rangle$ between the occupations and the position of the tracer. At large time, they satisfy a diffusive scaling,

$$w_r(\lambda, t) \sim \Phi \left( v = \frac{r}{\sqrt{2t}}, \lambda \right) , \quad \Phi(v, \lambda) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \Phi_n(v) \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} .$$  \hfill (S21)

Finally, we consider the “modified centered correlations”,

$$f_{\mu, r}(\lambda, t) \equiv \langle (1 - \eta_{X_{t+\mu}}) \eta_{X_{t+r}} e^{\lambda X_t} \rangle - \begin{cases} (1 - w_{\mu}) w_{r-\mu} & \text{if } \mu r > 0 , \\ (1 - w_{\mu}) w_r & \text{if } \mu r < 0 . \end{cases}$$  \hfill (S22)

At large time, the leading term is in $t^{-1/2}$ and the sub-leading term in $t^{-1}$ with the same diffusive scaling as for the profiles,

$$f_{\mu, r}(\lambda, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}} F_\mu \left( v = \frac{r}{\sqrt{2t}}, \lambda \right) + \frac{1}{2t} G_\mu \left( v = \frac{r}{\sqrt{2t}}, \lambda \right) + \mathcal{O}(t^{-3/2}) .$$  \hfill (S23)
C. Equivalent description: large deviations and conditional profiles

Alternatively, we can also consider the distribution of the position $X_t$ of the tracer at time $t$, which satisfies a large deviation principle [2–4],

$$\mathbb{P}(X_t = x) \sim e^{-\sqrt{2t} \phi(\xi)} , \quad \xi = \frac{x}{\sqrt{2t}} , \quad (S24)$$

where $\psi$ is the large deviation function. The moment generating function of the position of the tracer is the Laplace transform of the distribution. We can show that these functions are simply related by writing

$$\langle e^{\lambda X_t} \rangle = \sum_x e^{\lambda x} \mathbb{P}(X_t = x) . \quad (S25)$$

Using the scaling form (S24), and taking the continuous limit, we have the following integral representation for large $t$:

$$\langle e^{\lambda X_t} \rangle \simeq \int d\xi \; e^{\sqrt{2t}(\lambda \xi - \phi(\xi))} . \quad (S26)$$

The integral can be estimated with a saddle point approximation, which gives

$$\langle e^{\lambda X_t} \rangle \simeq e^{\sqrt{2t}(\lambda \xi^* - \phi(\xi^*))}, \quad \phi'(\xi^*) = \lambda . \quad (S27)$$

The two functions $\phi$ and $\hat{\psi}$ are thus related by a Legendre transform

$$\hat{\psi}(\lambda) = \lambda \xi^*(\lambda) - \phi(\xi^*(\lambda)) , \quad \phi'(\xi^*(\lambda)) = \lambda , \quad (S28)$$

or equivalently,

$$\phi(\xi) = \lambda \xi^*(\xi) - \hat{\psi}(\lambda \xi^*(\xi)) , \quad \hat{\psi}'(\lambda \xi^*(\xi)) = \xi . \quad (S29)$$

In this language, it is natural to introduce the conditional profiles

$$\langle \eta_{X_t+r} | X_t = x \rangle = \mathbb{P}(\eta_{X_t+r} = 1 | X_t = x) \quad (S30)$$

which give the probability that a site located at a distance $r$ from the tracer is occupied, given that the tracer is located at $x$. We can show the equivalence between the generalised profiles (S20) and the conditional profiles (S30) by writing

$$w_r(\lambda, t) = \frac{\langle \eta_{X_t+r} e^{\lambda X_t} \rangle}{\langle e^{\lambda X_t} \rangle} = \frac{\sum_x e^{\lambda x} \mathbb{P}(\eta_{X_t+r} = 1 | X_t = x) \mathbb{P}(X_t = x)}{\sum_x e^{\lambda x} \mathbb{P}(X_t = x)} . \quad (S31)$$

Defining the large $t$ asymptotic form of the conditional profiles as

$$\mathbb{P}(\eta_{X_t+r} = 1 | X_t = x) \sim \hat{\Phi} \left( \xi = \frac{x}{\sqrt{2t}} , v = \frac{r}{\sqrt{2t}} \right) , \quad (S32)$$

we obtain

$$w_r(\lambda, t) \simeq \Phi(\lambda, v) = \frac{\int d\xi \; \hat{\Phi}(\xi, v) e^{\sqrt{2t}(\lambda \xi - \phi(\xi))}}{\int d\xi \; e^{\sqrt{2t}(\lambda \xi - \phi(\xi))}} \simeq \hat{\Phi}(\xi^*(\lambda), v) , \quad (S33)$$

or equivalently,

$$\hat{\Phi}(\xi, v) = \Phi(\lambda^*(\xi), v) . \quad (S34)$$

These two functions being equivalent, we will drop the variables $\lambda$ and $\xi$ and simply denote them both $\Phi(v)$. 
D. Equations at arbitrary time

Using Eqs. (S17), one obtains the following equations for the time-evolution of the cumulant-generating function and of the generalized profiles.

$$\partial_t \psi = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (e^\lambda - 1)(1 - w_1) + (e^{-\lambda} - 1)(1 - w_{-1}) \right\},$$  \hspace{1cm} (S35)

$$\partial_t w_r = \frac{1}{2} \Delta w_r - B_r \nabla w_r + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu = \pm 1} (e^{\mu \lambda} f_{\mu, r} + f_{\mu, r}) \quad (r \neq \pm 1)$$  \hspace{1cm} (S36)

$$\partial_t w_{\pm 1} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\pm} w_{\pm 1} + B_{\pm} w_{\pm 1} + \frac{1}{2} \left( e^{\pm \lambda} f_{\pm 1, \pm 2} - f_{\pm 1, \pm 1} \right)$$  \hspace{1cm} (S37)

where $\nu$ is the sign of $r$, the gradients are $\nabla_{\mu} u_r = u_r + \mu - u_r$, and

$$B_{\pm} = \frac{\partial_t \psi}{e^{\pm \lambda} - 1}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (S38)

In addition, the generalized profiles at large distance are equal to the density: $\lim_{r \to \pm \infty} w_r = \rho$.

E. Hydrodynamic equations at large time

Using the scalings of Section 1B into the equations of Section 1D, we first obtain

$$1 - \Phi(0^-) = e^\lambda (1 - \Phi(0^+)),$$  \hspace{1cm} (S39)

$$F_1(v) = e^\lambda F_1(v),$$  \hspace{1cm} (S40)

as well as the following hydrodynamic equations for the generalized profiles,

$$\Phi''(v) + 2(v + b_{\nu})\Phi'(v) + C(v) = 0, \quad b_{\nu} = \nu \frac{\psi}{e^{\nu \lambda} - 1}$$  \hspace{1cm} (S41)

$$C(v) = (e^\lambda - 1)F_1'(v) + \sum_{\mu = \pm 1} (e^{\mu \lambda} - 1)G_{\mu}(v),$$  \hspace{1cm} (S42)

with $\nu$ the sign of $v$, and we have the boundary conditions

$$\Phi(v) \xrightarrow{v \to \pm \infty} \rho,$$  \hspace{1cm} (S43)

$$\Phi'(0^\pm) \pm \frac{2\psi}{e^{\pm \lambda} - 1} \Phi(0^\pm) = 0.$$  \hspace{1cm} (S44)

We stress that these equations are exact in the hydrodynamic limit considered here.

F. Known results

In this Section, we focus on the bulk equation (S41). We recall here the results of [1] both in the high and low density regimes, in which this equation simplifies. This will be the starting point to tackle the arbitrary density case.

1. High density

In the high density limit $\rho \to 1$, we define

$$\hat{\Phi}(v) = \lim_{\rho \to 1} \Phi(v) \frac{1}{1 - \rho}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (S45)

In this limit, the higher order correlations $C(v)$ can be neglected, and the bulk equation (S41) becomes [1]

$$\hat{\Phi}''(v) + 2v\hat{\Phi}'(v) = 0.$$  \hspace{1cm} (S46)
2. Low density

In the opposite limit of low density, $\rho \to 0$, one should keep $z = \rho r$ and $\tau = \rho^2 t$ constant. With these scalings, we define

$$\hat{\Phi}(v, \hat{\lambda}) = \lim_{\rho \to 0} \frac{\Phi(v, \lambda = \rho \hat{\lambda})}{\rho}, \quad \beta(\hat{\lambda}) = \lim_{\rho \to 0} \frac{\pm b(\lambda = \rho \hat{\lambda})}{\rho} = \lim_{\rho \to 0} \frac{\hat{\psi}(\rho \hat{\lambda})}{\rho}. \quad (S47)$$

In this limit, the bulk equation (S41) is not closed. In [1], a closure relation was found, which gives

$$\hat{\Phi}''(v) + 2(v + \xi)\hat{\Phi}'(v) = 0, \quad (S48)$$

with $\xi$ the (rescaled) derivative of the cumulant-generating function with respect to its parameter,

$$\xi \equiv \beta + \hat{\lambda} \frac{d\beta}{d\hat{\lambda}} = \frac{d}{d\hat{\lambda}} (\hat{\lambda} \beta). \quad (S49)$$

3. Lowest order

At order 1 in $\lambda$, the equation (S41) is also closed [1]

$$\Phi''_1(v) + 2v \Phi'_1(v) = 0, \quad (S50)$$

and its solution gives

$$\Phi_1(v \geq 0) = \pm \frac{1 - \rho}{2} \text{erfc} |v|. \quad (S51)$$

II. SEP AT ARBITRARY DENSITY

A. A closed integral equation

We aim to extend the bulk equations obtained at high density (S46) and low density (S48) to arbitrary density. We look for an equation of the form

$$\Phi''(v) + 2(v + \xi)\Phi'(v) = \mathcal{S}, \quad (S52)$$

with a right hand side to be determined, and which vanishes in both limits $\rho \to 0$ and $\rho \to 1$. For this equation to be closed, $\mathcal{S}$ should be expressed in terms of $\Phi(v)$ and the parameters $\lambda$ and $\xi$ only. Furthermore, we should also have $\mathcal{S} = 0$ at order 1 in $\lambda$, because of (S50). We thus expect that, at order $n$, the r.h.s. $\mathcal{S}$ will act as a source term for the determination of $\Phi_n$, by involving only the profiles $\Phi_m$ with $m < n$. Finally, the resulting equation, combined with the boundary conditions (S39,S44,S43), should also reproduce the cumulants of the tracer’s position obtained recently in [2, 3]. An interesting feature of these cumulants is that they involve nontrivial factors $\sqrt{2}$ (for the fourth cumulant $\kappa_4$) and $\sqrt{3}$ (for $\kappa_6$), which cannot be produced by products or derivatives of $\Phi_1$ (S51). These factors can however be obtained by considering half-convolutions of $\Phi_1$ with itself, such as

$$\int_0^\infty dz \, \Phi'_1(v + z)\Phi'_1(-z) = \frac{(1 - \rho)^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{v^2}{2}} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \right). \quad (S53)$$
Following this idea, we obtained that the equation (valid for $v > 0$)

$$\Phi''(v) + 2(v + \xi)\Phi'(v) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} - 1}{\Phi(0^+)} \int_0^\infty dz \Phi''(-z)\Phi'(v + z) + 2\xi \frac{e^{-\lambda} - 1}{\Phi(0^+)} \int_0^\infty dz \Phi'(z + v)$$

$$+ \frac{(e^\lambda - 1)(e^{-\lambda} - 1)}{\Phi(0^+)\Phi(0^-)} \int_0^\infty dz \int_0^\infty dz' \Phi''(-z - z')\Phi'(v + v)\Phi'(z')$$

$$- \frac{(e^{-\lambda} - 1)^2}{\Phi(0^+)^2} \int_0^\infty dz \int_0^\infty dz' \Phi''(z + z' + v)\Phi'(z - z')\Phi'(z')$$

$$+ 2\xi \frac{(e^{-\lambda} - 1)(e^{-\lambda} - 1)}{\Phi(0^+)\Phi(0^-)} \int_0^\infty dz \int_0^\infty dz' \Phi'(z - z')\Phi'(z + v)\Phi'(z')$$

$$- 2\xi \frac{(e^{-\lambda} - 1)^2}{\Phi(0^-)^2} \int_0^\infty dz \int_0^\infty dz' \Phi'(z + z' + v)\Phi'(z - z')\Phi'(z') + \cdots, \quad (S54)$$

properly reproduces the known cumulant $\kappa_n$ for $n \leq 6$. The equation for $v < 0$ is deduced from the symmetry $\Phi(-v, \lambda) = \Phi(v, -\lambda)$. This leads us to introduce the two functions

$$\Omega_+(v) = \frac{e^\lambda - 1}{\Phi(0^+)} \Phi'(v) = -2\xi \frac{\Phi'(v)}{\Phi(0^+)} \quad \text{for } v > 0, \quad (S55a)$$

$$\Omega_-(v) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} - 1}{\Phi(0^-)} \Phi'(v) = 2\xi \frac{\Phi'(v)}{\Phi(0^-)} \quad \text{for } v < 0, \quad (S55b)$$

so that (S54) takes the more compact form

$$\Omega_+(v) + 2(v + \xi)\Omega_+(v) = \int_0^\infty dz \Omega_-'(-z)\Omega_+(v + z) + 2\xi \int_0^\infty dz \Omega_-'(-z)\Omega_+(v + z)$$

$$+ \int_0^\infty dz \int_0^\infty dz' \Omega_-'(-z - z')\Omega_+(z + v)\Omega_+(z') + 2\xi \int_0^\infty dz \int_0^\infty dz' \Omega_-'(-z - z')\Omega_+(z + v)\Omega_+(z')$$

$$- \int_0^\infty dz \int_0^\infty dz' \Omega_+(z + z' + v)\Omega_-(z)\Omega_-(z') - 2\xi \int_0^\infty dz \int_0^\infty dz' \Omega_+(z + z' + v)\Omega_-(z)\Omega_-(z') + \cdots \quad (S56)$$

We can rewrite this expression in terms of the matrix operator $\mathcal{L}$ defined as

$$\mathcal{L} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{L}_+ & \mathcal{L}_+^- \\ \mathcal{L}_- & \mathcal{L}_-^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad (S57)$$

with

$$(\mathcal{L}_+ f)(v) = \int_0^\infty dz \Omega_-'(-z)f(v + z), \quad (\mathcal{L}_- f)(v) = \int_0^\infty dz \Omega_+(v + z)f(-z), \quad (S58a)$$

$$(\mathcal{L}_- f)(v) = -\int_0^\infty dz \Omega_-(z - v)f(z), \quad (\mathcal{L}_-^- f)(v) = -\int_0^\infty dz \Omega_+(z)f(v - z). \quad (S58b)$$

Applying this operator to the column vector $(\Omega_+ 0)^T$, we get

$$\mathcal{L} \begin{pmatrix} \Omega_+ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^\infty dz \Omega_-'(-z)\Omega_+(v + z) \\ -\int_0^\infty dz \Omega_-(v - z)\Omega_+(z) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (S59)$$

whose first component appears in our equation (S56). Applying $\mathcal{L}^2$ to the same vector, we get for the first component,

$$\int_0^\infty dz \int_0^\infty dz' \Omega_+(z + z' + v)\Omega_-'(-z - z')\Omega_-(z + v)\Omega_+(z')$$

$$- \int_0^\infty dz \int_0^\infty dz' \Omega_-'(-z - z')\Omega_+(z + v)\Omega_+(z'), \quad (S60)$$

which corresponds to the next terms in Eq. (S56). Finally, after some integration by parts, and using that

$$\Omega_+(0) = -\Omega_-(0), \quad (S61)$$
we can write (S56) as

\[ 2\nu \Omega_+(v) + (\partial_v + 2\xi) \left[ (1 + \mathcal{L}^{-1}) \begin{pmatrix} \Omega_+ & 0 \\ 0 & \Omega_- \end{pmatrix} \right]_1 + \Omega_+(v) \left[ (1 + \mathcal{L}^{-1}) \begin{pmatrix} \Omega_+ & 0 \\ 0 & \Omega_- \end{pmatrix} \right]_2 = 0. \]  

(S62)

Similarly, the equation for \( v < 0 \) takes the form

\[ 2\nu \Omega_-(v) + (\partial_v + 2\xi) \left[ (1 + \mathcal{L}^{-1}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Omega_- \\ \Omega_+ & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]_1 + \Omega_-(v) \left[ (1 + \mathcal{L}^{-1}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Omega_- \\ \Omega_+ & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]_2 = 0. \]  

(S63)

In order to simplify these equations, we introduce another set of functions \( M_{\pm,\pm} \) defined by

\[ (1 + \mathcal{L})^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \Omega_+ & 0 \\ 0 & \Omega_- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{++} & M_{+-} \\ M_{-+} & M_{--} \end{pmatrix}. \]  

(S64)

Expanding the above expression in powers of \( \mathcal{L} \), we notice that

\[ \Omega_+(v) = M_{++}(v) - M_{+-}(v), \quad \Omega_-(v) = M_{-+}(v) - M_{--}(v). \]  

(S65)

Using these results, we can rewrite the equations (S62,S63) as

\[ (\partial_v + 2(v + \xi) + M_{++}(0))M_{++} = (2v + M_{++}(0))M_{+-}, \]  

(S66)

\[ (\partial_v + 2(v + \xi) + M_{-+}(0))M_{-+} = (2v + M_{-+}(0))M_{++}. \]  

(S67)

We can obtain a closed system of equations on \( M \) by rewriting (S64) as

\[ \mathcal{L} \begin{pmatrix} M_{++} & M_{+-} \\ M_{-+} & M_{--} \end{pmatrix} = 0, \]  

(S68)

where the operator \( \mathcal{L} \) can be written in terms of \( M \) only by using (S65). The two columns are identical, therefore this only gives two equations, which are

\[ M_{+-}(v) = -\int_0^\infty dz [M_{++}(v + z)M_{--}(-z) - M_{-+}(v + z)M_{-+}(-z)], \quad \text{for } v > 0, \]  

(S69)

\[ M_{++}(v) = \int_0^\infty dz [M_{--}(v - z)M_{-+}(z) - M_{++}(v - z)M_{++}(z)], \quad \text{for } v < 0. \]  

(S70)

In order to proceed further, it is instructive to look for a perturbative solution of these equations. By definition (S55), \( \Omega_\pm \) (and thus \( M_{\pm,\pm} \)) is small when \( \hat{\psi} \) is small. We find that the solutions of (S66,S67,S69,S69) at first orders in \( \lambda \) can be conveniently expressed as

\[ M_{++}(v) = (\omega e^{\xi^2}) \Omega_+^{(1)}(v) + 2 (\omega e^{\xi^2})^2 \Omega_+^{(2)}(v) + 3 (\omega e^{\xi^2})^3 \Omega_+^{(3)}(v) + \mathcal{O}(\omega^4), \]  

(S71a)

\[ M_{-+}(v) = (\omega e^{\xi^2})^2 \Omega_+^{(2)}(v) + 2 (\omega e^{\xi^2})^3 \Omega_+^{(3)}(v) + \mathcal{O}(\omega^4), \]  

(S71b)

where we introduced the parameter \( \omega \) defined from \( \hat{\psi} \) as

\[ \omega = 2\hat{\psi} + \sqrt{2\pi} \hat{\varphi}^2 + \frac{2\pi}{9} (9 - 4\sqrt{3}) \hat{\psi}^3 + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\psi}^4) \Rightarrow \hat{\psi} = \frac{\omega}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{4\sqrt{2}} \omega^2 + \frac{\pi}{6\sqrt{3}} \omega^3 + \mathcal{O}(\omega^4) \]  

(S72)

and

\[ \Omega_+^{(1)}(v) = \pm e^{-\frac{(v + \xi)^2}{2}}, \]  

(S73a)

\[ \Omega_+^{(2)}(v) = \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(v + 2\xi)^2} \text{erf} \left( \pm \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \right), \]  

(S73b)

\[ \Omega_+^{(3)}(v) = \pm \frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{3}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(v + 3\xi)^2} \left[ \text{erf} \left( \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}v}{3} \right) + \text{erf} \left( \pm \frac{v}{\sqrt{6}} \right) - 4T \left( \frac{v}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right], \]  

(S73c)
This leads us to write the general form as

\[ T(h, a) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^a a^{-\frac{3}{2}}(1 + x^2) \, dx. \]  

(S74)

This leads us to write the general form as

\[ M_{++}(v) = \sum_{n \geq 1} n \left( -\omega e^{\xi^2} \right)^n \Omega_{++}^{(n)}(v), \quad M_{+-}(v) = \sum_{n \geq 2} (n - 1) \left( -\omega e^{\xi^2} \right)^n \Omega_{+-}^{(n)}(v), \]  

(S75)

so that from (S65),

\[ \Omega_{+}(v) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \left( -\omega e^{\xi^2} \right)^n \Omega_{++}^{(n)}(v), \]  

(S76)

and similarly for \( \Omega_{-} \). Plugging these expressions into (S69), we obtain

\[ \Omega_{+}^{(n)}(v) = -\sum_{p=1}^{n-1} \int_0^\infty dz \Omega_{+}^{(p)}(v+z)\Omega_{+-}^{(n-p)}(-z). \]  

(S77)

Multiplying by \( (-\omega e^{\xi^2})^n \) and summing over \( n \), we get

\[ \Omega_{+}(v) - \left( -\omega e^{\xi^2} \right) \Omega_{+}^{(1)}(v) = -\int_0^\infty dz \Omega_{+}(v+z)\Omega_{-}(-z). \]  

(S78)

From the expression of \( \Omega_{+}^{(1)} \) (S73a), this becomes

\[ \Omega_{+}(v) + \omega e^{-(v+\xi)^2+\xi^2} + \int_0^\infty dz \Omega_{+}(v+z)\Omega_{-}(-z) = 0, \]  

(S79)

and similarly we obtain the equation for \( \Omega_{-} \) from (S70):

\[ \Omega_{-}(v) - \omega e^{-(v+\xi)^2+\xi^2} - \int_0^\infty dz \Omega_{-}(v-z)\Omega_{+}(z) = 0. \]  

(S80)

Equations similar to (S79,S80) can be found in Ref. [6]. In this paper, the authors show that these two coupled equations are equivalent to the two independent linear equations

\[ \Omega_{+}(v) = -\omega e^{-(v+\xi)^2+\xi^2} - \omega \int_{-\infty}^0 dz \Omega_{+}(z) e^{-(v-z+\xi)^2+\xi^2}, \]  

(S81)

\[ \Omega_{-}(v) = \omega e^{-(v+\xi)^2+\xi^2} - \omega \int_0^\infty dz \Omega_{-}(z) e^{-(v-z+\xi)^2+\xi^2}, \]  

(S82)

which correspond to the Eq. (6) given in the main text. These equations give \( \Omega_{\pm} \) for all \( v \in \mathbb{R} \) (including the analytic continuations of \( \Omega_{+} \) to \( v < 0 \) and \( \Omega_{-} \) to \( v > 0 \) which both appear explicitly in the integrals).

B. Solution

Equations similar to (S81,S82) are solved in [7], but restricted to \( v > 0 \), and with \( \Omega_{\pm}(\mp v) = 0 \) for \( v < 0 \). We can nevertheless use these results to express \( \Omega_{\pm} \) in this domain. The results are given in terms of the one-sided Fourier transforms:

\[ \hat{\Omega}_{\pm}^{(+)}(k) = \int_0^\infty dv \Omega_{\pm}(v) e^{ikv}, \quad \hat{\Omega}_{\pm}^{(-)}(k) = -\int_{-\infty}^0 dv \Omega_{\pm}(v) e^{ikv}. \]  

(S83)
From Ref. [7], we obtain the Fourier transforms of the analytic continuations of $\Omega_\pm$:

\[
\hat{\Omega}_+^{(-)}(k) = 1 - \exp \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-\omega \sqrt{\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{4}(k+2i\xi)^2})^n}{n} \text{erfc} \left( \sqrt{n} \left( \xi - \frac{ik}{2} \right) \right) \right], \tag{S84a}
\]
\[
\hat{\Omega}_-^{(+)}(k) = 1 - \exp \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-\omega \sqrt{\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{4}(k+2i\xi)^2})^n}{n} \text{erfc} \left( \sqrt{n} \left( \xi - \frac{ik}{2} \right) \right) \right]. \tag{S84b}
\]

We can obtain the Fourier transforms on the original functions by taking the Fourier transform of (S81), which gives

\[
\hat{\Omega}_+^{(+)}(k) = \hat{K}(k) + \hat{\Omega}_+^{(-)}(k)(1 - \hat{K}(k)), \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{K}(k) = -\omega \sqrt{\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{4}(k+2i\xi)^2}. \tag{S85}
\]

We finally obtain

\[
\int_0^{\infty} \Omega_+(v)e^{ikv}dv = 1 - \exp \left[ -Z_+ \left( \omega, \xi - \frac{ik}{2} \right) \right], \tag{S86}
\]
\[
\int_{-\infty}^{0} \Omega_-(v)e^{ikv}dv = \exp \left[ -Z_- \left( \omega, \xi - \frac{ik}{2} \right) \right] - 1, \tag{S87}
\]

where we have denoted

\[
Z_{\pm}(\omega, \xi) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-\omega \sqrt{\pi} e^{\xi^2})^n}{n} \text{erfc} \left( \pm \sqrt{n} \xi \right). \tag{S88}
\]

We can obtain the values of $\Omega_{\pm}(0) = \mp 2\hat{\psi}$ from these expressions. We set $k=i$ in (S81) and let $s \to \infty$, this gives

\[
\Omega_+(0) = -2\hat{\psi} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \text{Li}_\frac{3}{2}(-\omega \sqrt{\pi}), \tag{S89}
\]

which expresses $\hat{\psi}$ in terms of $\omega$. Note that this expression is consistent with the first orders obtained previously (S72).

C. Expansion in $\lambda$

1. Computation of the cumulants

Plugging the expansion of $\hat{\psi}$ (S19) into (S89), we can deduce the expansion of $\omega$ in powers of $\lambda$, in terms of the cumulants $\kappa_n$. Combining the solution (S86) (for $k=0$) with the definition of $\Omega_+$ (S55), and the boundary condition (S44), we obtain

\[
1 - \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-\omega \sqrt{\pi} e^{\xi^2})^n}{n} \text{erfc} \left( \sqrt{n} \xi \right) \right] = (e^\lambda - 1) \frac{\rho - \Phi(0^+)}{\Phi(0^+)}. \tag{S90}
\]

Since $\xi = d\hat{\psi}/d\lambda$, this equation gives $\Phi_n(0^+)$ in terms of the cumulants $\kappa_j$ for $j \leq n$. We can proceed similarly for $\Phi_n(0^-)$ using (S87). Finally, using the last relation (S39), we can determine the cumulants $\kappa_n$ and thus $\Phi_n(0^\pm)$. Due to the symmetry $v \to -v$ with $\lambda \to -\lambda$, all the odd order cumulants vanish. For the even order ones, we get for instance,

\[
\kappa_2 = \frac{1 - \rho}{\rho \sqrt{\pi}}, \tag{S91}
\]
\[
\kappa_4 = \frac{(1 - \rho)}{\pi^{3/2} \rho^3} \left( 12(1 - \rho)^2 - 2\pi(3 - 3(4 - \sqrt{2})\rho + (8 - 8\sqrt{2})\rho^2) \right), \tag{S92}
\]
\[
\kappa_6 = \frac{(1 - \rho)}{\pi^{5/2} \rho^5} \left( 30\pi \left(2 \left(9\sqrt{2} - 20\right) \rho^2 + \left(60 - 18\sqrt{2}\right) \rho - 15 \right) (1 - \rho)^2 
- \pi^2 \left(8 \left(-17 + 15\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{3}\right) \rho^4 + \left(480 - 300\sqrt{2} + 80\sqrt{3}\right) \rho^3 
+ 5 \left(-114 + 45\sqrt{2} - 8\sqrt{3}\right) \rho^2 - 45 \left(\sqrt{2} - 6\right) \rho - 45 \right) + 1020(1 - \rho)^4 \right),
\]
which coincide with the cumulants obtained from the CGF computed in [2]. This is expected because the equation (S54) has been constructed in order to reproduce these cumulants. We have further checked with Mathematica, up to \( n = 10 \), that the next cumulants \( \kappa_n \) obtained by our procedure also coincide with those obtained from [2]. This provides a nontrivial validation of our integral equations (S81, S82).

2. Computation of the generalized profiles

Having determined \( \Phi_n(0^+) \) ans \( \kappa_j \) for \( j \leq n \), and thus \( \Phi'_n(0^+) \) from the boundary condition (S44), we can express \( \Phi'(v) \) in terms of \( \Omega_k(v) \). Expanding the explicit solutions (S86, S87) in powers of \( \omega \) and computing the inverse Fourier transform, we recover the expansion (S76) with \( \Omega'(v) \) given by (S73) for \( n \leq 3 \), but we can also access higher orders via an inverse Fourier transform. Having expressed \( \omega \) in terms of the cumulants determined previously via (S89), we thus have the expansion of \( \Phi'(v) \) in powers of \( \lambda \). After integration, we obtain in particular
\[
\begin{align*}
\Phi_0(v) &= \rho, \\
\Phi_1(v) &= \frac{1 - \rho}{2} \text{erfc}(v), \\
\Phi_2(v) &= \frac{(1 - \rho)(1 - 2\rho)}{2\rho} \text{erfc}(v) - \frac{2}{\pi} (1 - \rho)^2 \frac{e^{-v^2}}{\rho}, \\
\Phi_3(v) &= (1 - \rho) \frac{2(3 + \pi)\rho^2 - (12 + \pi)\rho + 6 + \pi \rho (1 - \rho)}{2\pi\rho^2} \text{erfc}(v) \\
&\quad + 3(1 - \rho)^2 \frac{2(1 - \rho)v - \sqrt{\pi}(1 - 2\rho)}{\pi^{3/2} \rho^2} e^{-v^2} - \frac{3(1 - \rho)^2}{4\rho} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \right), \\
\Phi_4(v) &= (1 - \rho)(1 - 2\rho) \frac{24(1 - \rho)^2 - \pi(3(1 - 2\rho)^2 + 4(1 - \rho)(1 - 2\rho) + 18(1 - \rho) - 4)}{2\pi\rho^3} \text{erfc}(v) \\
&\quad + 4(1 - \rho)^3 \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}(1 - \rho)(1 - 2\rho)v - 4(1 - \rho)^2(4 + v^2) + \pi(5(1 - \rho)(1 - 2\rho) + 3(1 + \sqrt{2})\rho(1 - \rho) - 2)}{\pi^2 \rho^3} e^{-v^2} \\
&\quad + 12\sqrt{2} \frac{(1 - \rho)^3}{\pi \rho^2} e^{-\frac{v^2}{2}} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \right) - 3 \frac{(1 - \rho)^2(1 - 2\rho)}{2\rho^2} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \right), \\
\Phi_5(v) &= -\frac{(1 - \rho)}{24\pi^{5/2}\rho^4} \left[ 4\sqrt{\pi}(1 - \rho)^2 (19\rho + (4\rho - 2)v^2 - 11) + 12\pi \left( \left(2\sqrt{2} - 5\right) \rho - 2\sqrt{2} + 8 \right) (1 - \rho)v \\
&\quad - 3\pi^{3/2}(1 - 2\rho) (2\rho \left(\sqrt{2} - 3\right) \rho - \sqrt{2} + 5) - 3) + 4(1 - \rho)^3 v (2v^2 + 27) \right] e^{-v^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{(1 - \rho)^3}{2\sqrt{2}\pi^{5/2}\rho^3} \frac{e^{-\frac{v^2}{2}}}{\pi} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + \frac{(1 - \rho)^2}{32\pi\rho^3} \frac{e^{-\frac{v^2}{2}}}{\pi} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{(1 - \rho)^3}{4\sqrt{3}\rho^2} \int_{v}^{\infty} dz e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} \left[ \text{erfc} \left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + \text{erfc} \left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{6}} \right) - 4T \left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{3}}, \sqrt{3} \right) \right],
\end{align*}
\]
with the Owen-T function defined in (S74).
3. Conservation relation

Using the results above, the conservation relation

\[
\int_0^\infty (\Phi(v) - \rho)dv - \int_{-\infty}^0 (\Phi(v) - \rho)dv = \rho \xi
\]

(S98)

holds up to \( \mathcal{O}(\lambda^6) \), and non perturbatively in \( \lambda \) (numerically).

D. Extensions

1. Step density profile

Our formalism can be extended to the case of an initial step density \( \rho_+ \) for \( v > 0 \) and \( \rho_- \) for \( v < 0 \), by only changing the boundary condition at infinity (S43) into \( \Phi(\pm \infty) = \rho_{\pm} \). Unlike the constant density case, the odd order cumulants do not vanish here. We can still apply the procedure described in Section IIC, which gives that \( \kappa_1 \) is solution of

\[
\frac{\rho_-}{1 + \sqrt{\pi} \kappa_1 e^{\kappa_1^2} \text{erfc}(-\kappa_1)} = \frac{\rho_+}{1 - \sqrt{\pi} \kappa_1 e^{\kappa_1^2} \text{erfc}(\kappa_1)},
\]

(S99)

and the higher order cumulants are expressed in terms of \( \kappa_1 \). For instance,

\[
\kappa_2 = \kappa_1^2 \left( 2\pi e^{2\kappa_1^2} \kappa_1 \text{erfc} \left( \sqrt{2} \kappa_1 \right) + \frac{4\pi e^{2\kappa_1^2} \kappa_1 \rho_+ \left( \rho_+^2 - 3 \rho_- \rho_+ + 2 \rho_- \right)}{\left( \rho_- - \rho_+ \right)^3} - \sqrt{2}\pi \right),
\]

(S100)

These expressions coincide with those given in [2]. We additionally obtain the profiles \( \Phi_n(v) \), for instance

\[
\Phi_0(v) = \frac{\rho_+}{2} \text{erfc}(-v - \kappa_1) + \frac{\rho_-}{2} \text{erfc}(v + \kappa_1),
\]

(S101)

\[
\Phi_1(v) = \frac{2\sqrt{\pi} e^{\kappa_1^2} \kappa_1 \rho_- (1 - \rho_+) - (\rho_- \rho_+)^2}{2(\rho_- - \rho_+)} \text{erfc} (\kappa_1 + v) - \frac{e^{-(\kappa_1 + v)^2}}{2\pi e^{\kappa_1^2} \kappa_1^3} \left( (\rho_- - \rho_+)^3 \text{erfc} \left( \sqrt{2} \kappa_1 \right) + 2 \rho_+ \rho_+^2 + \rho_-(2 - 3 \rho_+) \right) - 2\sqrt{2}\pi \kappa_1^3 (\rho_- - \rho_+)^3
\]

\[
+ \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\pi} e^{\kappa_1^2} \kappa_1 (\rho_+ - \rho_-) \left( 4T \left( \frac{\kappa_1 + v}{\kappa_1} \right) - 4T \left( 2\kappa_1 + v, \frac{v}{2\kappa_1 + v} \right) + \text{erfc} \left( \frac{2\kappa_1 + v}{\sqrt{2}} \right) - \text{erfc} (\kappa_1) \right),
\]

(S102)

for \( v > 0 \) and \( \kappa_1 > 0 \).

2. Another observable: the current through the origin

We now consider another observable, which is the flux of particles through the origin during a time \( t \) [8, 9], which we can write as

\[
Q_t = \sum_{r \geq 1} (\eta_r(t) - \eta_r(0)).
\]

(S103)

We consider the cumulant generating function

\[
\psi_Q(\lambda) = \sqrt{T} \hat{\psi}_Q = \ln \langle e^{\lambda Q_t} \rangle,
\]

(S104)

and the generalised profiles for the current

\[
w_{Q,r}(t) = \frac{\langle \eta_r e^{\lambda Q_t} \rangle}{\langle e^{\lambda Q_t} \rangle}.
\]

(S105)
And for large $t$, we have

$$ w_{Q;r}(t) \sim_{t \to \infty} \Phi_Q(v) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \Phi_{Q;n}(v) \frac{\lambda^n}{n!}, \quad v = \frac{r - \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{2t}}. \quad (S106) $$

We still define the functions $\Omega_\pm(v)$ as

$$ \Omega_\pm(v) = \mp 2\hat{\psi}_Q \frac{\Phi'_Q(v)}{\Phi_Q(0^\pm)}, \quad (S107) $$

It can be checked that these functions still verify the integral equations (S81,S82), but with $\xi = 0$:

$$ \Omega_+(v) = -\omega_Q e^{-v^2} - \omega_Q \int_{-\infty}^{0} dz \, \Omega_+(z) e^{-(v-z)^2}, \quad (S108) $$

$$ \Omega_-(v) = \omega_Q e^{-v^2} - \omega_Q \int_{0}^{\infty} dz \, \Omega_-(z) e^{-(v-z)^2}, \quad (S109) $$

which still imply that

$$ \hat{\psi}_Q = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \text{Li}_\frac{1}{2}(-\omega_Q \sqrt{\pi}). \quad (S110) $$

In order to obtain the boundary conditions satisfied by $\Psi$, we write the time evolution of the CGF from the master equation,

$$ \partial_t \ln \langle e^\lambda Q_t \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (e^\lambda - 1) \frac{\{\eta_0(1 - \eta_0)e^\lambda Q_t\}}{\langle e^\lambda Q_t \rangle} + (e^{-\lambda} - 1) \frac{\langle \eta_0(1 - \eta_0)e^\lambda Q_t \rangle}{\langle e^\lambda Q_t \rangle} \right]. \quad (S111) $$

We proceed similarly for the generalized profiles

$$ \partial_t w_{Q;0} = (e^{-\lambda} - (e^{-\lambda} - 1)w_{Q;0}) \frac{\partial_t \ln \langle e^\lambda Q_t \rangle}{e^{-\lambda} - 1} + \frac{w_{Q;1} - w_{Q;0}}{2}, \quad (S112) $$

$$ \partial_t w_{Q;1} = (e^\lambda - (e^\lambda - 1)w_{Q;1}) \frac{\partial_t \ln \langle e^\lambda Q_t \rangle}{e^\lambda - 1} + \frac{w_{Q;2} - w_{Q;1}}{2}. \quad (S113) $$

Taking the hydrodynamic limit, we get at leading order

$$ (e^\lambda - 1)\Phi_Q(0^-)(1 - \Phi_Q(0^+)) + (e^{-\lambda} - 1)\Phi_Q(0^+)(1 - \Phi_Q(0^-)) = 0, \quad (S114) $$

$$ \Phi'_Q(0^-) = 2\hat{\psi}_Q \left( \frac{1}{1 - e^\lambda} - \Phi_Q(0^-) \right), \quad \Phi'_Q(0^+) = -2\hat{\psi}_Q \left( \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} - \Phi_Q(0^+) \right). \quad (S115) $$

These boundary conditions, combined with the solution of the equations (S108,S109) yield

$$ \omega_Q \sqrt{\pi} = \rho_-(1 - \rho_+)(e^\lambda - 1) + \rho_+(1 - \rho_-)(e^{-\lambda} - 1). \quad (S116) $$

With (S110), this allows us to recover the result of Derrida and Gerschenfeld [8, 9] on the cumulant generating function $\hat{\psi}$. Additionally, we obtain the profiles $\Phi_{Q;n}(v)$. For instance

$$ \Phi_{Q;1}(v) = \frac{\rho(1 - \rho)}{2} \text{erfc}(v), \quad (S117a) $$

$$ \Phi_{Q;2}(v) = \frac{\rho(1 - \rho)(1 - 2ho)}{2} \text{erfc}(v), \quad (S117b) $$

$$ \Phi_{Q;3}(v) = \frac{\rho(1 - \rho)(1 - 3\rho + 3\rho^2)}{2} \text{erfc}(v) - \frac{3\rho^2(1 - \rho)^2}{4} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2. \quad (S117c) $$
3. Another observable: a generalized current

For a given position $x$, we consider the generalized current

$$J_i(x) = \sum_{r \geq 1} (\eta_{r+}(t) - \eta_r(0))$$ (S118)

studied in [2, 3]. It measures the difference between the number of particles on the positive axis at $t = 0$ and the number of particles at the right of $x$ at time $t$. In this Section, we show that the cumulant generating function of the generalized flux which has been recently computed in [2, 3] can be retrieved from our approach.

One subtlety is that at $t = 0$ the observable $J_0(x) \neq 0$, which results in additional difficulties due to the contribution of this (random) initial value. To circumvent this difficulty, we consider the observable $J_i(x_t)$, with $x_t = [\xi \sqrt{2t}]$ the integer part of $\xi \sqrt{2t}$, which now verifies $J_0(x_0) = 0$. The time evolution of the cumulant generating function of this observable combines two contributions: the jumps of $x_t$ at times $t_n = (n/\xi)^2/2$ and the evolution at $x_t$ fixed between two jumps. Combining these two contributions, it can be shown that, for large $t$,

$$\partial_t \ln \left< e^{\lambda J_i(x_t)} \right> = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (e^\lambda - 1) \frac{\langle \eta_x (1 - \lambda) e^{\lambda J_i(x_t)} \rangle}{\langle e^{\lambda J_i(x_t)} \rangle} + (e^{-\lambda} - 1) \frac{\langle \eta_{x+1} (1 - \lambda) e^{\lambda J_i(x_t)} \rangle}{\langle e^{\lambda J_i(x_t)} \rangle} \right] + \xi \frac{\ln[1 + (e^{-\lambda} - 1)w_{J;1}(t)]}{\sqrt{2t}}$$ (S119)

where we have used that the jumps occur with density $\xi/\sqrt{2t}$, and defined

$$w_{J;r}(x,t) = \frac{\langle \eta_{x+r}(t) e^{\lambda J_i(x_t)} \rangle}{\langle e^{\lambda J_i(x_t)} \rangle}.$$ (S120)

Similarly, we obtain that the profiles satisfy

$$\partial_t w_{J;0} = (e^{-\lambda} - (e^{-\lambda} - 1)w_{J;0}) \frac{\partial_t \ln \left< e^{\lambda J_i(x_t)} \right> - \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{2t}} \ln[1 + (e^{-\lambda} - 1)w_{J;1}(t)]}{e^{-\lambda} - 1} + \frac{w_{J;1} - w_{J;0}}{2} + \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{2t}} \left( \frac{e^{-\lambda}w_{J;1} - w_{J;0}}{1 + (e^{-\lambda} - 1)w_{J;1}} \right),$$ (S121)

and an analogous expression holds for $w_{J;1}$. For large times, we have the scalings

$$\ln \left< e^{\lambda J_i(x_t)} \right> \simeq \sqrt{2t} \hat{\psi}_J(\lambda, \xi), \quad w_r(t) \simeq \Phi_J \left( \frac{v - \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{2t}}, \xi, \lambda \right),$$ (S122)

which we will denote $\Phi_J(v)$ for simplicity. Using these scalings, we get from (S119, S121):

$$(e^\lambda - 1)\Phi_J(0^-)(1 - \Phi_J(0^+)) + (e^{-\lambda} - 1)\Phi_J(0^+)(1 - \Phi_J(0^-)) = 0,$$ (S123)

$$\Phi_J'(0^+) = \mp 2\Psi \left( \frac{1}{1 - e^{\pm \lambda}} - \Phi_J(0^+) \right), \quad \Psi = \hat{\psi}_J - \xi \ln[1 + (e^{-\lambda} - 1)\Phi_J(0^+)].$$ (S124)

If we define

$$\Omega_\pm(v) = \mp 2\Psi \frac{\Phi_J'(v)}{\Phi_J(0^\pm)},$$ (S125)

the solution of the integral equations (S81, S82) combined with the boundary conditions gives

$$\omega_J \sqrt{pe^{\xi^2}} = \rho_-(1 - \rho_+)(e^\lambda - 1) + \rho_+(1 - \rho_-)(e^{-\lambda} - 1),$$ (S126)

and we obtain for the cumulant generating function of $J_i(x_t)$:

$$\hat{\psi}_J(\lambda, \xi) = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \text{Li}_2(-\omega_J \sqrt{\pi}) + \xi \ln[1 + (e^{-\lambda} - 1)\Phi_J(0^+)],$$ (S127)

which we can combine with the expression of $\Phi_J(0^+)$ obtained by integration of $\Omega_+$ to obtain

$$\hat{\psi}_J(\lambda, \xi) = \xi \ln[1 + (e^{-\lambda} - 1)\rho_+] - \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-\omega_J \sqrt{\pi e}\xi^2)^n}{2n} \left( \frac{e^{-n\xi^2}}{\sqrt{n\pi}} - \xi \text{erfc}(\sqrt{n\xi}) \right),$$ (S128)

which coincides exactly with the expression obtained in [2, 3]. This supports the exactness of our main equations (S81, S82), along with the definition (S125) of $\Omega_\pm$ in this case.
E. Comparison with Imamura et al for the position of the tracer

1. Obtention of the cumulant generating function of the tracer’s position from the generalized current

We have shown in Section IID. 3 that our main equations (S81,S82) allow to recover the cumulant generating function $\hat{\psi}_J$ (S128) of the generalized current $J_t$ (S118) recently obtained by Imamura et al in [2, 3]. In these papers, the authors deduce from this result the cumulant generating function $\hat{\psi}$ of the position of the tracer as follows.

First, taking a Legendre transform, one gets the distribution of the current $J_t(x)$, which takes the form

$$\mathbb{P}(J_t(x) = J) \sim e^{-\sqrt{t} \varphi_J(\xi, j)}, \quad \text{with} \quad j = \frac{J}{\sqrt{2t}}, \quad \xi = \frac{x}{\sqrt{2t}}, \quad (S129)$$

where

$$\varphi_J(\xi, j) = \chi_*(\xi, j), \quad \frac{\partial \hat{\psi}_J}{\partial \chi}|_{\chi = \chi_*} = j, \quad \hat{\psi}_J(\chi, \xi) = \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}} \ln \left\langle e^{\chi J_t(x)} \right\rangle. \quad (S130)$$

We have replaced the parameter $\lambda$ in (S128) by $\chi$ to avoid confusion with the argument $\lambda$ of $\hat{\psi}(\lambda)$. Second, using that the number of particles to the right of the tracer is conserved, the position $X_t$ of the tracer verifies $J_t(X_t) = 0$. The distribution of the position of the tracer can therefore be obtained as

$$\mathbb{P}(X_t = x) = \mathbb{P}(J_t(x) = 0) \sim e^{-\sqrt{t} \varphi_J(\xi, 0)}. \quad (S131)$$

Finally, taking a Legendre transform of $\varphi_J(\xi, 0)$ yields the cumulant generating function $\hat{\psi}$ of $X_t$. Having recovered the expression of $\hat{\psi}_J$ (S128) derived in [2, 3], we have therefore the same cumulant generating function $\hat{\psi}$ of $X_t$ as [2, 3] from the procedure above.

2. An alternative parametrization for the cumulant generating function

Additionally, we have obtained an alternative parametrization of the cumulant generating function of $X_t$, which takes the simple form (S89) in terms of the parameter $\omega$. This parameter is deduced from $\rho$ and $\lambda$ as follows.

Using the relation (S44) between $\Phi(0^0)$ and $\Phi(0^2)$, combined with the solutions (S86, S87) we obtain the relation (S90) which allows to determine $\Phi(0^0)$, and a similar one for $\Phi(0^2)$. Combining these results with (S39), we obtain the first equation

$$2(\cosh \lambda - 1) = \frac{\rho(e^\lambda - 1)^2}{e^\lambda - e^{-Z_+/(\omega, \xi)}} + \frac{\rho(e^{-\lambda} - 1)^2}{e^{-\lambda} - e^{-Z_-/(\omega, \xi)}}, \quad (S132)$$

which relates $\xi$ and $\omega$ to $\rho$ and $\lambda$.

The second equation needed to fully determine $\xi$ and $\omega$ is the relation $\xi = \frac{d\psi}{d\lambda}$. Using this expression in (S132), together with (S89), we obtain a nonlinear differential equation, whose solution yields $\hat{\psi}(\lambda)$.

A more convenient parametrization can be obtained by using the conservation relation (S98) instead of $\xi = \frac{d\psi}{d\lambda}$. Combined with the solutions (S86, S87), this equation can be rewritten as

$$\xi = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\xi \ln \left| \left( e^{\lambda} - e^{-Z_+/(\omega, \xi)} \right) \left( e^{-\lambda} - e^{-Z_-/(\omega, \xi)} \right) \right|, \quad (S133)$$

which can be written as an algebraic equation using the expression of $Z_\pm$ (S88).

To summarize, given $\lambda$ and $\rho$, the parameters $\xi$ and $\omega$ are obtained by solving (S132) and (S133). The cumulant generating function $\hat{\psi}(\lambda)$ is then straightforwardly deduced from (S89). Furthermore, since the large deviations function $\phi(\xi)$ of the tracer’s position is deduced from $\hat{\psi}$ by the Legendre transform (S29), we straightforwardly obtain from this parametrization $\phi(\xi) = \lambda \xi - \hat{\psi}(\lambda)$. This is an alternative route to the one followed in [2, 3]. We have checked numerically that the two parametrizations give the same result, validating of our approach.
F. Comparison with Derrida et al for the current through the origin

Combining our intermediate results (S110,S116) on the current through the origin $Q_t$, we obtain the cumulant generating function

$$
\hat{\psi}_Q(\lambda) = \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}} \ln \langle e^{\lambda Q_t} \rangle = - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \text{Li}_2 \left( -\rho_- (1 - \rho_+) (e^\lambda - 1) - \rho_+ (1 - \rho_-) (e^{-\lambda} - 1) \right),
$$

(S134)

which is the result of [8, 9]. This gives another validation of our approach.

III. EXTENSION TO OTHER SINGLE-FILE SYSTEMS

A. Description of single-file systems in terms of two quantities

In the language of fluctuating hydrodynamics [10], a single-file system can be described at large distance and large time by a fluctuating density field $\rho(x,t)$ that is shown to obey the following equation,

$$
\partial_t \rho(x,t) = \partial_x \left[ D(\rho(x,t)) \partial_x \rho(x,t) + \sqrt{\sigma(\rho(x,t)) \eta(x,t)} \right],
$$

(S135)

where $\eta(x,t)$ is a normalized Gaussian white noise uncorrelated in space and time. The quantities $D(\rho)$ and $\sigma(\rho)$ were first defined from the microscopic details of a lattice gas [10]. It is nevertheless more intuitive to define them for a system of size $L$ between two reservoirs at densities $\rho_a$ and $\rho_b$ [11]. The number of particles transferred from left to right at time $t$ is denoted $Q_t$ and is shown to satisfy

$$
\lim_{t \to \infty} \langle Q_t \rangle = \frac{D(\rho)}{L} (\rho_a - \rho_b) \quad \text{if } (\rho_a - \rho_b) \text{ is small},
$$

$$
\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{\langle Q_t^2 \rangle}{t} = \frac{\sigma(\rho)}{L} \quad \text{if } \rho_a = \rho_b = \rho.
$$

(S136)

We list below the expressions of $D(\rho)$ and $\sigma(\rho)$ for a few models considered here.

| Model                                | $D(\rho)$          | $\sigma(\rho)$       |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Symmetric exclusion process [12]    | $D_0$              | $2D_0 \rho (1 - \rho)$|
| Hard Brownian particles [12]        | $D_0$              | $2D_0 \rho$           |
| Kipnis-Marchioro-Presutti [13]      | $D_0$              | $\sigma_0 \rho^2$    |
| Random average process [14, 15]     | $\frac{\mu_1}{2\rho^2}$ | $\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\mu_1 \mu_2}{\mu_1 - \mu_2}$ |

$D_0$ is the diffusion coefficient of an individual particle, $\sigma_0 = 2aD_0$ with $a$ the lattice constant of the KMP model [13], and $\mu_k$ are the moments of the probability law of the jumps in the RAP [15].

We are interested in the position $X_t$ of the tracer, which we can define as [16]

$$
\int_0^{X_t} \rho(x,t) dx = \int_0^{\infty} (\rho(x,t) - \rho(x,0)) dx ,
$$

(S137)

by expressing that the number of particles to the right of the tracer is conserved. We define the associated cumulant generating function and the generalized profiles

$$
\psi(\lambda) = \ln \langle e^{\lambda X_t} \rangle , \quad w_r(\lambda, t) = \frac{\langle \rho(X_t + r, t) e^{\lambda X_t} \rangle}{\langle e^{\lambda X_t} \rangle} .
$$

(S138)

We will also consider the current through the origin, which is expressed as

$$
Q_t = \int_0^{\infty} (\rho(x,t) - \rho(x,0)) dx ,
$$

(S139)

and the associated profiles

$$
\psi_Q(\lambda) = \ln \langle e^{\lambda Q_t} \rangle , \quad w_Q(\lambda, t) = \frac{\langle \rho(r,t) e^{\lambda Q_t} \rangle}{\langle e^{\lambda Q_t} \rangle} .
$$

(S140)
B. Mapping the RAP to the KMP model

The random average process \([14, 17, 18]\) consists of particles on an infinite line, placed at positions \(x_k(t)\) with initial density \(\rho\). The particles are allowed to move to a random fraction of the distance to the next one, either to the left or to the right with rate \(\frac{1}{2}\). Only the first two moments \(\mu_1\) and \(\mu_2\) of the distribution of this random fraction are relevant in the hydrodynamic limit, in which the system is described by the coefficients \(D(\rho)\) and \(\sigma(\rho)\) given in the table above.

This model can be mapped onto the Kipnis Marchioro Presutti model \([19, 20]\), which describes a one dimensional lattice where each site contains an energy \(\varepsilon_k = x_k - x_{k-1}\) \([21]\). At random times, the total energy of two neighbouring sites is randomly redistributed on these sites. In the hydrodynamic limit, we can replace the discrete index \(k\) by a continuous variable \(z\) and consider the density of the spacings (or energies) \(\nu(z, t)\), which averages to \(1/\rho\). This system is then described by \(D(\nu) = \mu_1/2\) and \(\sigma(\nu) = \mu_1\mu_2\sigma^2/(\mu_1 - \mu_2)\) \([15]\). The displacement of the tracer particle (initially at the origin) is then given by

\[
x_0(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{0} (\nu(z, t) - \nu(z, 0))dz = -Q_t[\nu],
\]

where \(Q_t[\nu]\) is the current through the origin in the KMP model. The cumulant generating function of the tracer’s position in the RAP is thus directly related to the one of the current in the KMP model:

\[
\psi^{(RAP)}(\lambda, t) = \ln \left\langle e^{\lambda x_0(t)} \right\rangle = \ln \left\langle e^{-\lambda Q_t} \right\rangle = \psi^{(KMP)}(-\lambda, t).
\]

This connection further extends to the generalized density profiles associated to these two observables. In order to show it explicitly, it is more convenient to use the conditional profiles discussed in Section IC. We consider for the RAP the mean density conditioned on the tracer’s position

\[
\langle \rho(y + x_0(t), t) | x_0(t) = x \rangle \sim_{t \to \infty} \tilde{\Phi}^{(RAP)} \left( v = \frac{y}{\sqrt{t}}, \xi = \frac{x}{\sqrt{t}} \right).
\]

Similarly, for the KMP model, we introduce the mean density conditioned on the value of the current

\[
\langle \rho(z) | Q_t[\nu] = Q \rangle \sim_{t \to \infty} \tilde{\Phi}^{(KMP)} \left( u = \frac{z}{\sqrt{t}}, q = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{t}} \right).
\]

Since \(\nu(z, t)\) is the spacing between the particles labelled by \(z\) and \(\rho(x, t)\) the density of particles at position \(x\), the two conditional profiles are related by

\[
\tilde{\Phi}^{(RAP)}(v(u), \xi) = \frac{1}{\tilde{\Phi}^{(KMP)}(u, -\xi)},
\]

where \(v(u)\) is the position of the particle labelled by \(u\), in the reference frame of the tracer particle. It can be obtained by writing that

\[
x_k(t) - x_0(t) = \int_0^k \nu(z, t)dz
\]

from the definition of \(\nu(z, t)\). Taking the average, conditioned on \(x_0(t) = -Q_t[\nu] = \xi \sqrt{t}\), we obtain

\[
v(u) = \int_0^u \tilde{\Phi}^{(KMP)}(u', -\xi)du'.
\]

Equations (S145,S147) give a parametric expression for the conditional profiles of the RAP. An analogous parametrization is given in \([21]\) for the average density in the presence of a biased tracer, but without conditioning (in our case, this would correspond to a flat density profile). Similarly to the demonstration of Section IC, we can show that these profiles are equivalent to the joint cumulants generating functions (S138,S140),

\[
w_{x}(\lambda, t) = \frac{\left\langle \rho(x + x_0(t), t) e^{\lambda x_0(t)} \right\rangle}{\left\langle e^{\lambda x_0(t)} \right\rangle} \sim_{t \to \infty} \Phi^{(RAP)}(v, \lambda) = \tilde{\Phi}^{(RAP)}(v, \xi), \quad \xi = \frac{d\tilde{\Phi}^{(RAP)}}{d\lambda},
\]
\[
\begin{align*}
    w_{Q;\lambda}(t) &= \frac{\langle \nu(z, t)e^{\lambda Q(z)} \rangle}{\langle e^{\lambda Q(z)} \rangle} \quad \overset{t \to \infty}{\sim} \quad \Phi^{(\text{KMP})}_Q(v, \lambda) = \Phi^{(\text{KMP})}_Q(v, \lambda_*) , \quad \lambda_* = \frac{d\hat{\psi}^{(\text{KMP})}}{d\lambda} .
\end{align*}
\]

Therefore, we finally have the parametrization
\[
\Phi^{(\text{RAP})}(v(u), \lambda) = \frac{1}{\Phi^{(\text{KMP})}_Q(u, -\lambda)} , \quad v(u) = \int_0^u \Phi^{(\text{KMP})}_Q(u', -\lambda) du' .
\]

Expanding this expression in powers of \( \lambda \), we can obtain the profiles \( \Phi^{(\text{RAP})}_n(v) \) of the RAP from those associated to the flux in the KMP model. This is done in Section III E below.

### C. Modified equations

All the models discussed in this paper (including the RAP via the mapping to the KMP model) are described by the situation \( D(\rho) = D_0 \) with \( \sigma''(\rho) \) constant and \( \sigma(0) = 0 \), so we restrict ourselves to this case.

#### 1. For the position of the tracer

At large times, the cumulant generating function of the tracer position scales as
\[
\psi(\lambda, t) \overset{t \to \infty}{\sim} \hat{\psi}(\lambda) \sqrt{4D_0 t} ,
\]
and the GDP generating function (S138) as
\[
w_r(\lambda, t) \overset{t \to \infty}{\sim} \Phi\left(v = \frac{r}{\sqrt{4D_0 t}} \lambda\right) .
\]

We still define the functions \( \Omega_\pm(v) \) as
\[
\Omega_\pm(v) = \mp 2 \frac{\Phi'(v)}{\hat{\psi}(0^\pm)} .
\]

Our main equation becomes
\[
\Omega_\pm(v) = \mp \omega e^{-(v+\xi)^2+\xi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \Omega_\pm(z) e^{-(v-z+\xi)^2+\xi^2} dz ,
\]
with \( \xi = \frac{d\hat{\psi}}{d\lambda} \), and the boundary conditions
\[
\Phi'(0^\pm) + \psi \frac{\sigma''(0)}{2D_0} \Phi(0^\pm) e^{\mp \frac{\sigma''(0)\xi}{2D_0}} - 1 = 0 , \quad 2\sigma'(0) + \sigma''(0)\Phi(0^+) = e^{\frac{\sigma''(0)}{\sqrt{\pi}D_0}} .
\]

The solution of the integral equation (S154) can be easily deduced from (S86,S87). In particular, we get from the expression of \( \Omega_+(0) \) that
\[
\hat{\psi} = \frac{2D_0}{\sigma''(0)\sqrt{\pi}D_0} \text{Li}_{\frac{3}{2}} \left( \frac{\sigma''(0)\sqrt{\pi}}{4D_0} \omega \right) .
\]

#### 2. For the current through the origin

Our results on the tracer’s position can be extended to the current through the origin (S139), generalizing the discussion of Section IID 2 to more general single file systems. The cumulant generating function scales as
\[
\psi_Q(\lambda, t) = \ln \langle e^{\lambda Q(t)} \rangle \overset{t \to \infty}{\sim} \hat{\psi}_Q(\lambda) \sqrt{4D_0 t} ,
\]

with \( \hat{\psi}_Q(v, \lambda_*) = \left( \frac{\beta}{2\lambda_*} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \).
and the GDP generating function (S140) as

\[ w_{Q;\tau}(\lambda, t) \sim r \Phi_Q \left( v = \frac{r}{\sqrt{4D_0 t}}, \lambda \right). \]  

(S158)

Defining again \( \Omega_\pm \) as in (S107), these functions satisfy (S154) with \( \xi = 0 \) and \( \omega \) replaced by \( \omega_Q \), which is related to \( \hat{\psi}_Q \) by

\[ \hat{\psi}_Q = \frac{2D_0}{\sigma''(0)\sqrt{\pi}} \text{Li}_2 \left( \frac{\sigma''(0)\sqrt{\pi}}{4D_0} \omega_Q \right). \]  

(S159)

The boundary conditions now become

\[ \Phi_Q' (0^\pm) = \pm 2 \hat{\psi}_Q \left( \frac{\sigma'(0)}{2D_0} \frac{1}{1 - e^{\pm \sigma''(0)\lambda}} + \frac{\sigma''(0)}{4D_0} \Phi_Q (0^\pm) \right), \quad \frac{\Phi_Q (0^+)}{\Phi_Q (0^-)} (2\sigma'(0) + \sigma''(0)\Phi_Q (0^+)) = e^{\sigma''(0)\lambda}. \]  

(S160)

### D. Profiles and cumulants for the KMP model

Applying the procedure described above in Section II C to the case of the KMP model, with \( D(\rho) = D_0 \) and \( \sigma(\rho) = \sigma_0 \rho^2 \), we can obtain the cumulants and profiles for this model.

#### 1. For the position of the tracer

For the tracer’s position, we obtain for instance at the first orders

\[ \kappa_2^{(\text{KMP})} = \frac{\sigma_0}{\sqrt{2\pi D_0}}, \quad \kappa_4^{(\text{KMP})} = \frac{(12 + (3\sqrt{2} - 8) \pi) \sigma_0^3}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^{3/2}D_0^{5/2}}, \]  

(S161)

and the associated profiles

\[ \Phi_1^{(\text{KMP})}(v) = \frac{\rho \sigma_0}{4D_0} \text{erfc}(v), \]  

(S162a)

\[ \Phi_2^{(\text{KMP})}(v) = \frac{\rho \sigma_0^3}{32D_0^2} \left( \frac{v}{\sigma_0^2} \right)^2 \]  

(S162b)

\[ \Phi_3^{(\text{KMP})}(v) = \frac{\rho \sigma_0^4}{32D_0^3} \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_0} + \frac{6}{\pi} \right) \text{erfc}(v) - 24 \frac{\sqrt{\pi} - v}{\sigma_0^2} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \]  

(S162c)

#### 2. For the current through the origin

In the case of the current, we obtain the general expression of the cumulant generating function

\[ \hat{\psi}_Q^{(\text{KMP})} (\lambda) = \frac{D_0}{\sqrt{\pi} \sigma_0} \text{Li}_2 \left( \left( \frac{\sigma_0 \rho \lambda}{2D_0} \right)^2 \right), \]  

(S163)

which coincides with the one given in [9], and also the profiles

\[ \Phi_{Q;1}^{(\text{KMP})}(v) = \frac{\rho^2 \sigma_0}{4D_0} \text{erfc}(v), \]  

(S164a)

\[ \Phi_{Q;2}^{(\text{KMP})}(v) = \frac{\rho^3 \sigma_0^2}{4D_0} \text{erfc}(v), \]  

(S164b)

\[ \Phi_{Q;3}^{(\text{KMP})}(v) = \frac{3 \rho^4 \sigma_0^3}{32D_0^2} \left( 2 \text{erfc}(v) + \text{erfc} \left( \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \right). \]  

(S164c)
We now compare our results with those obtained in the formalism of the Macroscopic Fluctuation Theory [22–26]. We straightforwardly obtain the cumulant generating function $\psi^{(\text{RAP})}(\lambda)$ of the position of a tracer in the RAP from the one of the current in the KMP model (S163) via the relation (S142), which yields

$$\psi^{(\text{RAP})}(\lambda) = \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4D(\rho)t}} \psi^{(\text{RAP})}(\lambda, t) = \frac{\rho(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{2\mu_2\sqrt{\pi}} \text{Li}_2 \left( \left( \frac{\mu_2 \lambda}{\rho(\mu_1 - \mu_2)} \right)^2 \right).$$  \hspace{1cm} (S165)

Similarly, the profiles for the RAP can be deduced from the one associated to the current in the KMP model (S164) by setting $D_0 = \mu_1/2$ and $\sigma_0 = \mu_1\mu_2/2(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$, and using the parametrization (S145). This gives

$$\Phi_1^{(\text{RAP})}(v) = \frac{\mu_2}{2(\mu_1 - \mu_2)} \text{erfc}(v),$$ \hspace{1cm} (S166a)

$$\Phi_2^{(\text{RAP})}(v) = \frac{\mu_2^2}{2\pi\rho(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^2} \left( \pi \text{erfc}(v)^2 - 2\pi \left( 1 + v \frac{e^{-v^2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right) \text{erfc}(v) - 2e^{-v^2} + 2e^{-2v^2} \right),$$ \hspace{1cm} (S166b)

$$\Phi_3^{(\text{RAP})}(v) = \frac{3}{4\pi^2 \rho^2(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^4} \left( \pi^2 \text{erfc}(v)^3 - \pi^2 \left( 4 + 2v(3-v^2) \frac{e^{-v^2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right) \text{erfc}(v)^2 \right.$$

$$+ \left( 2\pi^2 + 2\pi(3-2v^2)e^{-2v^2} + 2\pi(2v^2 + 4\sqrt{\pi}v - 3)e^{-v^2} \right) \text{erfc}(v)$$

$$\left. + 2(\pi + \sqrt{\pi}v)e^{-2v^2} + 2(4\pi + \sqrt{\pi}v)e^{-v^2} \right).$$ \hspace{1cm} (S166c)

IV. COMPARISON WITH MFT

We now compare our results with those obtained in the formalism of the Macroscopic Fluctuation Theory [22–26]. We are interested in the study of the single-file system at a large time $T$. We introduce a new density $\tilde{\rho}$, constructed from $\rho(x, t)$ introduced in Section III A by rescaling the time and position:

$$\rho(x, t) = \tilde{\rho} \left( u = \frac{x}{\sqrt{T}}, \tau = \frac{t}{T} \right).$$ \hspace{1cm} (S167)

The probability to evolve from an density $\tilde{\rho}_0$ at $t = 0$ to a density $\tilde{\rho}(u, 1)$ at $t = T$ is given by [9]:

$$\mathbb{P}(\tilde{\rho}_0(u) \to \tilde{\rho}(u, 1)) = \int \mathcal{D}[\tilde{\rho}(u, \tau)] \mathcal{D}[H(u, \tau)] e^{-\sqrt{\mathbb{T}} S[\tilde{\rho}, H]},$$ \hspace{1cm} (S168)

where the action $S$ reads

$$S[\tilde{\rho}, H] = \int \mathrm{d}u \int_0^1 \mathrm{d}\tau \left( H \partial_\tau \tilde{\rho} + D(\tilde{\rho}) \partial_u \tilde{\rho} \partial_u H - \frac{\sigma(\tilde{\rho})}{2} (\partial_u H)^2 \right).$$ \hspace{1cm} (S169)

The distribution of the initial condition $\tilde{\rho}_0$ is

$$\mathbb{P}[\tilde{\rho}_0] \simeq e^{-\sqrt{T} F[\tilde{\rho}_0]},$$ \hspace{1cm} (S170)

with

$$F[\tilde{\rho}(u, 0)] = \int \mathrm{d}v \int_\rho^{\tilde{\rho}(u, 0)} \frac{2D(z)}{\sigma(z)} (\tilde{\rho}(u, 0) - z).$$ \hspace{1cm} (S171)

In this formalism, the cumulant generating function of the tracer’s position is given by [16]

$$\langle e^{\lambda X_T} \rangle \simeq \int \mathcal{D}[\tilde{\rho}_0] \int \mathcal{D}[\tilde{\rho}(u, \tau)] \mathcal{D}[H(u, \tau)] e^{-\sqrt{\mathbb{T}} (S[\tilde{\rho}, H] + F[\tilde{\rho}_0] - \lambda Y[\tilde{\rho}])},$$ \hspace{1cm} (S172)

where $Y[\tilde{\rho}] = X_T/\sqrt{T}$ is the rescaled position of the tracer, which is deduced from (S137):

$$\int_0^\infty \rho(u, 1) du = \int_0^\infty (\tilde{\rho}(u, 1) - \tilde{\rho}(u, 0)) du.$$ \hspace{1cm} (S173)
For large $T$, the integral in (S172) is dominated by the minimum of $S + F - \lambda Y$, taken as a function of ($\hat{\rho}$, $H$). We denote this minimum ($q, p$). These functions satisfy the evolution equations [16]

$$
\partial_t q = \partial_u [D(q) \partial_u q] - \partial_u [\sigma(q) \partial_u p], \quad (S174)
$$
$$
\partial_t p = -D(q) \partial_u^2 p - \frac{1}{2} \sigma'(q) (\partial_u p)^2, \quad (S175)
$$
with the terminal condition for $p$

$$
p(u, \tau = 1) = B \Theta(u - Y), \quad B = \frac{\lambda}{q(Y, 1)}, \quad (S176)
$$
and the initial condition for $q$, expressed in terms of $p(u, 0)$:

$$
p(u, 0) = B \Theta(u) + \int_\rho^q \frac{2D(r)}{\sigma(r)} dr, \quad (S177)
$$
As shown in [1], our generalised density profiles (S138) can be deduced from the MFT solution $q(u, \tau)$, since

$$
w_r(\lambda, T) \simeq \frac{\int D[\hat{\rho} \rho] \int D[H(u, \tau)] \hat{\rho} \rho [Y(\hat{\rho}) + r/\sqrt{T}, 1] \ e^{-\sqrt{T} S[\hat{\rho}, H] + F[\hat{\rho}]} - \lambda Y(\hat{\rho}) \right]}{\int D[\hat{\rho} \rho] \int D[H(u, \tau)] \ e^{-\sqrt{T} S[\hat{\rho}, H] + F[\hat{\rho}]} - \lambda Y(\hat{\rho}) \right]}, \quad (S178)
$$
which yields from a saddle point estimate:

$$
w_r(\lambda, T) \simeq \Phi \left( v = \frac{r}{\sqrt{4D_0 T}}, \lambda \right) = q \left( \sqrt{4D_0} (v + \xi), \tau = 1 \right), \quad \xi = \frac{Y[q]}{\sqrt{4D_0}} \quad (S179)
$$
where we have used here the scaling with time introduced above in the case $D(\rho) = D_0$ for consistency, but this relation between $\Phi$ and $q$ also holds for a general $D(\rho)$ (without rescaling the positions with $D_0$). Aside from a few specific cases (such as the hard Brownian particles), the MFT equations cannot be solved analytically for arbitrary $\lambda$. We thus rely both on a perturbative solution and a numerical resolution of these equations to compare with our results.

### A. Perturbative expansion in $\lambda$ for the SEP

We come back to the case of the SEP, corresponding to $D(\rho) = 1/2$ and $\sigma(\rho) = 0(1 - \rho)$. The MFT equations can be solved perturbatively by expanding them in powers of the parameter $B$, defined in (S176), which appears explicitly in the equations, as

$$
p(u, \tau) = \sum_{n \geq 1} B^n p_n(u, \tau), \quad q(u, \tau) = \rho + \sum_{n \geq 1} B^n q_n(u, \tau), \quad Y = \sum_{n \geq 1} B^n Y_n. \quad (S180)
$$
This procedure was carried out for the first orders in [16]. The difficulty is then to relate $B$ and $\lambda$, because the solution $q(u, \tau = 1)$ is discontinuous at $u = Y$, which makes it impossible to use the definition (S176). The relation between these parameters can still be found by treating $B$ and $\lambda$ independently, and minimizing the resulting cumulant generating function with respect to $B$. This procedure was used in [16]. Here, we use a shortcut: since $Y = \sqrt{2\xi}$ with $\xi = \frac{4\hat{\psi}}{\lambda \pi}$ and $\psi$ has been determined in [2], we can use this relation to obtain $B$ as a function of $\lambda$ after inversion of (S180). The main difficulty is now to compute $q_n(u, \tau)$ at a given order $n$.

The solution for the first two orders has been computed in [16], and reads

$$
p_1(u, \tau) = \frac{1}{2} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{-u}{\sqrt{2(1 - \tau)}} \right), \quad q_1(u, \tau) = \rho(1 - \rho) \left[ \text{erfc} \left( \frac{-u}{\sqrt{2(1 - \tau)}} \right) - \text{erfc} \left( \frac{-u}{\sqrt{2\tau}} \right) \right], \quad Y_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} (1 - \rho), \quad (S181)
$$

$$
p_2(u, \tau) = -Y_1 K(u | 1 - \tau) + \frac{1 - 2\rho}{8} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{u}{\sqrt{2(1 - \tau)}} \right) \text{erfc} \left( \frac{-u}{\sqrt{2(1 - \tau)}} \right), \quad Y_2 = 0, \quad (S182)
$$
where

\[ K(u|\tau) = \frac{e^{-\frac{u}{\sqrt{2\pi\tau}}}}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \]  

is the heat kernel. Starting from order 3, the resolution becomes more complex. In [16], the solutions at order 3 were written in the form

\begin{equation}
q_3(u, \tau) = \frac{(1-\rho)(1-2\rho)^2}{12} \left[ \text{erfc} \left( \frac{u}{\sqrt{2(1-\tau)}} \right) - \frac{u}{\sqrt{2(1-\tau)}} \right] \text{erfc} \left( \frac{u}{\sqrt{2(1-\tau)}} \right) - \frac{12Y_1}{1-2\rho} K(u|1-\tau) \text{erfc} \left( \frac{u}{\sqrt{2(1-\tau)}} \right) - \frac{Y_1^2 u}{1-\tau} Y_1 + (2\rho - 1) K(u|1-\tau) + \tilde{p}_3(u, \tau), \quad (S185)
\end{equation}

where the two additional functions \( \tilde{p}_3 \) and \( \tilde{q}_3 \) satisfy the following inhomogeneous heat equations

\begin{equation}
\partial_\tau \tilde{p}_3 = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_u^2 \tilde{p}_3 + q_1(\partial_u p_1)^2, \quad (S187)
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
\partial_\tau \tilde{q}_3 = \frac{1}{2} \partial_u^2 \tilde{q}_3 - \rho(1-\rho) \partial_u^2 \tilde{p}_3 + \partial_u (q_1^2 \partial_u p_1), \quad (S188)
\end{equation}

with the boundary conditions

\begin{equation}
\tilde{p}_3(u,1) = 0, \quad \tilde{q}_3(u,0) = -\frac{1}{3\rho(1-\rho)} q_1(u,0)^3 + \rho(1-\rho) \tilde{p}_3(u,0). \quad (S189)
\end{equation}

However, these equations cannot be solved analytically, and were studied numerically in [16] in order to compute the fourth cumulant \( \kappa_4 \). One can indeed obtain exact integral representations of the solution \( \tilde{q}_3(u, \tau) \), in terms of space-time convolutions of the r.h.s. with the heat kernel. This allow for precise numerical estimate of this function. Here, we are only interested in its value at \( \tau = 1 \) because of the relation (S179). Furthermore, because of the expected form of the equation (S52), the combination

\begin{equation}
\partial_u^2 \tilde{q}_3(u,1) + u \partial_u \tilde{q}_3(u,1) \quad (S190)
\end{equation}

should take a simpler form (the difference in the factors with (S52) comes from the fact that \( u = \sqrt{2v} \)). We can thus write an integral representation for this expression, instead of \( \tilde{q}_3 \), which can be computed numerically with an arbitrary precision for a large number of points (~ 500). Fitting these points with the functions we expect from the equation (S54), we find that for \( u > 0 \)

\begin{equation}
\partial_u^2 \tilde{q}_3(u,1) + u \partial_u \tilde{q}_3(u,1) = \rho^2(1-\rho)^2 \left( \alpha e^{-\frac{x^2}{4}} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{u}{2} \right) + \beta e^{-\frac{u^2}{4}} \right), \quad (S191)
\end{equation}

with

\[ \alpha = 0.07052369794... \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = -0.07957747154... \]  

The coefficients obtained from this fit are extremely stable: they do not change by more than \( 10^{-12} \) when the interval or the number of points are changed, or when adding other functions to fit with (these functions then get very small coefficients < \( 10^{-10} \)). Furthermore, we find that

\[ \left| \alpha - \frac{1}{8\sqrt{\pi}} \right| < 10^{-11} \quad \text{and} \quad \left| \beta + \frac{1}{4\pi} \right| < 10^{-11}. \]  

(S193)
Although we first obtained this result numerically as described here, it can actually be proved from the integral representation of the l.h.s. in terms of a space-time convolution: the spatial integral can be computed using \([5]\), and the remaining time integration reduces to the above result after some manipulations. Unfortunately, this procedure can only be carried explicitly at this order, while the numerical evaluation can be performed at higher orders. Indeed, using this procedure, we also obtained:

\[
\frac{\partial^2 q_4(u,1)}{\partial u^2} + u \frac{\partial q_4(u,1)}{\partial u} = \frac{\rho^2 (1 - \rho)^3}{16\pi^2} \left( \frac{u}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\frac{u^2}{4\pi}} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{u}{2\pi} \right) - e^{-\frac{u^2}{4\pi}} \right) - \frac{\rho^2 (1 - \rho)^3}{8\sqrt{2\pi}^{3/2}} \left( \sqrt{\pi} (2 + u^2) e^{-\frac{u^2}{4\pi}} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{u}{2} \right) - 2ue^{-\frac{u^2}{4\pi}} \right),
\]

\( (S195) \)

\[
\frac{\partial^2 q_5(u,1)}{\partial u^2} + u \frac{\partial q_5(u,1)}{\partial u} = -\frac{(1 - \rho)^2 \rho^2}{16\pi^2} \left( \pi (1 - 2\rho)^2 - (1 - \rho)u \left( \sqrt{2\pi} (1 - 2\rho) - u(1 - \rho) \right) \right) e^{-\frac{u^2}{4\pi}}
\]

\[
+ \frac{(1 - \rho)^2 \rho^2}{32\pi^{3/2}} \left( u^2 + 2 \right) \left( \sqrt{2\pi} (1 - 2\rho) - (1 - \rho)u + \pi (1 - 2\rho)^2 u - (1 - \rho) \right) e^{-\frac{u^2}{4\pi}} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{u}{2} \right)
\]

\[
+ \rho^3 (1 - \rho)^3 \left( \frac{4\sqrt{2} - 6}{48\pi} e^{-\frac{u^2}{4\pi}} + \frac{1}{12\sqrt{2}\pi} e^{-\frac{u^2}{4\pi}} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{u}{2} \right) + \frac{u}{16\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\frac{u^2}{4\pi}} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{u}{2} \right) - \frac{u}{6\sqrt{6\pi}} e^{-\frac{u^2}{4\pi}} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{2u}{2\sqrt{3}} \right) \right)
\]

\[
- \frac{u}{6\sqrt{6\pi}} e^{-\frac{u^2}{4\pi}} \text{erfc} \left( \frac{u}{\sqrt{3}} \right) + \frac{2u}{3\sqrt{6\pi}} e^{-\frac{u^2}{4\pi}} \left( \frac{u}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right). \quad (S196)
\]

Going back to the profiles \(\Phi_n(v)\) using the relation \((S179)\), these expressions coincide perfectly with the results obtained from our integral equations \((S81,S82)\).

\section*{B. Numerical solution at arbitrary \(\lambda\)}

The MFT equations \((S174,S175)\) have a forward/backward structure due to the terminal condition on \(p\) \((S176)\) and initial condition on \(q\) \((S177)\). One can still obtain a numerical solution using the scheme described in \([27]\), which we briefly summarize here.

1. First solve the equation for \(q\) \((S174)\) using the initial guess \(p(u,\tau) = B\Theta(u - Y)\), corresponding to the terminal condition \((S176)\) extended to all times.

2. Then solve the equation for \(p\) \((S175)\) using the newly obtained function \(q(u,\tau)\).

3. Iterate the process, replacing each time either \(p\) or \(q\) by the newly obtained function. After a few iterations (\(\sim 3\)), the stability of the algorithm can be improved by replacing the functions by a linear combination of the last two, e.g.,

\[
q(u,\tau) \leftarrow \alpha q_{\text{new}}(u,\tau) + (1 - \alpha)q_{\text{old}}(u,\tau). \quad (S197)
\]

For instance with \(\alpha = 0.75\).

The Heaviside \(\Theta\) function must be regularized in order to use the standard methods for solving partial differential equations. We used the following approximation

\[
\Theta(u) = \frac{1 + \tanh(au)}{2}, \quad (S198)
\]

with \(a \sim 100\). This regularization causes a small discrepancy between the numerical solution and the exact one near the discontinuity of the function \(q(u,1)\).
This algorithm uses explicitly as inputs the values of $Y$ (the position of the tracer) and $B$, which are related in this problem by the conservation relation (S173). This relation is not satisfied for arbitrary values of both $Y$ and $B$. Given $Y$ as an input, we find the corresponding value of $B$ by performing a dichotomy, until relation (S173) is verified. The value of the parameter $\lambda$ is deduced from the definition of $B$ (S176). This gives the solution $q(u, \tau)$ of the problem for a given position of the tracer $Y$, and thus the profiles $\Phi(v)$ from (S179). The plots for different models given in the main text are in excellent agreement with the solution of our main equations (S81,S82).

V. NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS

A. Symmetric exclusion principle

The simulations of the SEP are performed on a periodic ring of size $N$, with $M = \rho N$ particles at average density $\rho$. The particles are initially placed uniformly at random. The jumps of the particles are implemented as follow: one picks a particle uniformly at random, along with one direction (left and right with equal probabilities). If the chosen particle has no neighbor in that direction, the jump is performed, otherwise it is rejected. In both cases, the time of the simulation is incremented by a random number picked from an exponential distribution of rate $N$.

We keep track of one particle (the tracer) and compute the moments of its displacement and the generalized density profiles. The averaging is performed over $10^8$ simulation.

B. Kipnis-Marchioro-Presutti model

We consider a periodic lattice of $N = 500$ sites, each one carrying a continuous energy variable $\varepsilon_i > 0$. Initially the energy of each site is picked independently from a Boltzmann distribution at inverse temperature $\rho = 1$. At a random time picked from an exponential distribution of rate $N$, we pick uniformly a site $n$ of the lattice. The total energy of sites $n$ and $n + 1$ is randomly redistributed between these sites with a uniform distribution. This process is repeated until the final time $t$ is reached.

The position of the tracer (initially chosen as 0) is defined as the boundary which delimits two regions where the energy is conserved (upon subtracting the flux through the periodic boundary). In the continuous limit, this is equivalent to the definition (S137).

The generalized density profiles are averaged over $1.2 \cdot 10^9$ simulations.

C. Random-average process

By construction of the RAP, if the density of the particles is denoted $\rho$ and if $x$ and $t$ are respectively the spatial and temporal coordinates, the observables depend only on the two rescaled coordinates $z = \rho x$ and $\tau = \rho t$. For this reason, we only consider the RAP at density $\rho = 1$.

The simulations are performed on a periodic ring of length $L = 10000$, with $N = 10000$ particles at positions $x_i$. We choose a uniform probability law for the jumps of the particles. The steady state of the RAP is non-trivial, and can be written in terms of the gaps $g_i = x_{i+1} - x_i$ between two particles (with $x_{N+1} = x_1$) as [28]

$$ P_{N,L}(\{g_n\}) \propto \prod_{n=1}^{N} \frac{1}{\sqrt{g_n}} \delta \left( \sum_{n=1}^{N} g_n - L \right). \quad (S199) $$

Denoting $G_n = \sqrt{g_n}$, this corresponds to a uniform distribution of the vector $(G_1, \ldots, G_N)$ on the $N$-dimensional sphere of radius $\sqrt{L}$. This initial condition can be easily implemented by generating $N$ i.i.d. Gaussian random variables $X_i$ with zero mean and unit variance, and computing

$$ g_i = G_i^2 = L \frac{X_i^2}{\sum_{n=1}^{N} X_n^2}. \quad (S200) $$

The observables of interest are then averaged over $8 \cdot 10^6$ simulations.
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