

# About the controllability of systems of parabolic equations

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Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^N$  open and smooth set. Let  $\omega, \mathcal{O} \subset \Omega$  be a nonempty subsets and  $Q = \Omega \times (0, T)$ ;  $\Sigma = \partial\Omega \times (0, T)$ ,  $\nu > 0$ .

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Recall what do we know for a single equation

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## THEOREM (FABRE-PUEL-ZUAZUA)

*For every non-empty set  $\omega \subset \Omega$ , for every  $T > 0$ , for every  $w^0, w^1 \in L^2(\Omega)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $h \in L^2(\omega \times (0, T))$  such that  $\|w(T) - w^1\| \leq \varepsilon$ .*

Key point in the proof: Take the adjoint system to (2)

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} -\varphi_t - \Delta\varphi = 0 & \text{in } Q; \\ \varphi = 0; & \text{on } \Sigma, \\ \varphi(T) = \varphi^0; & \text{in } \Omega \end{cases}$$

Then the approximate controllability of (2) is equivalent to the following unique continuation property for (3):

$$\varphi = 0 \text{ in } \omega \times (0, T) \Rightarrow \varphi^0 \equiv 0 \text{ (and then } \varphi \equiv 0 \text{ in } Q).$$

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(Similar results for boundary control)*

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## THEOREM

*(2) is null controllable at time  $T$  with controls*

$$\|h\|_{L^2} \leq C \|w^0\|_{L^2}$$

*if and only if, there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that, for every  $\varphi^0 \in L^2(\Omega)$ , the corresponding solution to (3) satisfies the observability inequality:*

$$(4) \quad \int_{\Omega} |\varphi(0)|^2 dx \leq C \int_0^T \int_{\omega} |\varphi|^2 dx dt.$$

Idea of the proof:

⇒) We multiply (3) by  $w$  and integrate:

$$-\int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \varphi_t w - \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi w = 0$$

Integrating by parts we get:

$$-\int_{\Omega} \varphi(T)w(T) + \int_{\Omega} \varphi(0)w^0 = \int_0^T \int_{\omega} h\varphi$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi(0)w^0 \leq C \|w^0\|_{L^2} \left( \int_0^T \int_{\omega} \varphi^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$\Leftarrow$ ) (Idea of the proof)

The observability inequality helps to define a functional that REACHES a MINIMUM. We obtain a control from this minimum...

How to prove the observability inequality (4)?

## PROOF (F-I "CARLEMAN INEQUALITY")

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} s\lambda^2 \iint_Q e^{-2s\alpha\rho} |\nabla\varphi|^2 + s^3\lambda^4 \iint_Q e^{-2s\alpha\rho^3} |\varphi|^2 \leq \\ C_1 \left( s^3\lambda^4 \iint_{\omega \times (0,T)} e^{-2s\alpha\rho^3} |\varphi|^2 \right), \end{array} \right.$$

where

$$\alpha(x, t) = \frac{e^{\lambda m \|\eta^0\|_\infty} - e^{\lambda(m \|\eta^0\|_\infty + \eta^0(x))}}{t(T-t)}, \quad \rho(x, t) = \frac{e^{\lambda(m \|\eta^0\|_\infty + \eta^0(x))}}{t(T-t)}$$

with  $s$  and  $\lambda$  positive reals and  $m > 1$  fixed.  $\eta^0$  is a particular function constructed for  $(\omega; \Omega)$ .

## PROOF ( CARLEMAN INEQUALITY IMPLIES THE OBSERVABILITY INEQUALITY )

*Observe that*

$$e^{-2s\alpha} \rho^3 \geq e^{3\lambda_1 m \|\eta^0\|_\infty} \frac{2^{12}}{3^3} T^{-6} e^{2^5 M_0 s / 3T^2} \quad \forall (x, t) \in \bar{\Omega} \times [T/4, 3T/4],$$

*and from Carleman we obtain*

$$\iint_{\Omega \times [T/4, 3T/4]} |\varphi|^2 \leq C \iint_{\omega \times (0, T)} |\varphi|^2$$

*Energy estimates for  $\varphi$  imply*

$$\|\varphi(0)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq \|\varphi(T/4)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq \frac{T}{2} \iint_{\Omega \times (T/4, 3T/4)} |\varphi(x, t)|^2.$$

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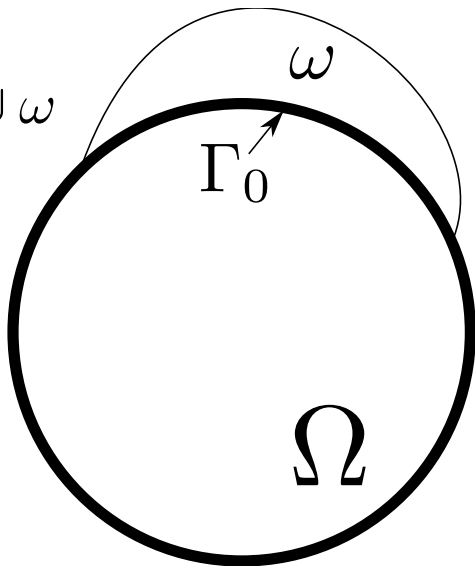
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$$\tilde{\Omega} = \Omega \cup \omega$$



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$\tilde{y}|_\Omega = y$  solves

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So we get TWO controls i.e.  $\tilde{y}, \tilde{q}$ !!

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# One dimensional framework

Consider

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Does  $\tilde{\varphi}_x|_{x=0} = 0$  implies  $\tilde{\psi} \equiv \tilde{\varphi} \equiv 0$ ?

## THEOREM

*Suppose that  $\nu \neq 1$  then, the unique continuation property holds true if and only if  $\sqrt{\nu} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . In other words, for  $\nu \neq 1$ , system is approximately controllable at time  $T > 0$  if and only if  $\sqrt{\nu} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .*

Define  $\varphi(t) = \tilde{\varphi}(T - t)$ ,  $\psi(t) = \tilde{\psi}(T - t)$ , then

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Suppose now that  $\sqrt{\nu} \in \mathbb{Q}$ . That means that  $\nu = \frac{j_0^2}{i_0^2}$  and then

$$\nu i_0^2 = j_0^2, \quad \nu \lambda_{i_0} = \lambda_{j_0}.$$

Take now

$$b_{j_0} = 0, a_{j_0} = 1$$

and

$$b_{i_0} = (\nu - 1)\pi^2 i_0^2, \quad a_{i_0} = \frac{b_{i_0}}{(\nu - 1)\lambda_{i_0}}.$$

Then,  $\varphi_x(0, t) = 0$  in  $(0, T)$  but  $\varphi \neq 0, \psi \neq 0$ .

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Obtain the observability inequality using Fattorini-Russell technique.

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## Main point

One equation is FORWARD and the other is BACKWARD. We have the following result when  $\mathcal{O} \cap \omega \neq \emptyset$  (González-Burgos, deT. [2008] )

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Then, there exist  $C > 0$  such that

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$$z(0) \notin L^2(\Omega)!!$$

*but*

$$\int_0^T \int_{\omega} z^2 dx dt < \infty.$$

Take  $p_n(0) = p(x, 1/n)$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_{\Omega} z_n^2(0) dx}{\int_0^T \int_{\omega} z_n^2 dx dt} = \infty$$

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## THEOREM (DET, ZUAZUA 2009)

Sea  $\mathcal{O} = \Omega$ , then there exist  $B, C > 0$  such that for every  $z$  solution to the adjoint system verifies

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e^{-B\sqrt{\lambda_j}} |z_{j,0}|^2 \leq C \int_0^T \int_{\omega} z^2 dx dt$$

where  $\lambda_j$  are the eigenvalues corresponding to eigenvectors  $\varphi_j$  of the Dirichlet Laplacian.

What happens if  $\mathcal{O} \neq \Omega$  ?

## Theorem (deT,Zuazua 2009)

Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded open interval of  $\mathbf{R}$ . There exist non empty subdomains  $\mathcal{O} \neq \Omega$ ,  $\mathcal{O} \not\subset \omega$  such that the spectral inequality

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} z(x, 0) \varphi_1(x) dx \right|^2 \leq C \int_0^T \int_{\omega} z^2 dx dt,$$

fails. Here  $\varphi_1$  stands for the first eigenfunction of the Dirichlet Laplacian in  $\Omega$ . In other words,

$$\sup_{(z,p) \text{ solutions of the adjoint}} \frac{\left| \int_{\Omega} z(x, 0) \varphi_1(x) dx \right|^2}{\int_0^T \int_{\omega} z^2 dx dt} = \infty.$$

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*Suppose that  $\omega \cap \mathcal{O} \neq \emptyset$  then there exist  $M > 0$  large enough and  $C > 0$ , such that every solution to the adjoint system satisfies*

$$\int_0^T \int_{\Omega} |p|^2 e^{\frac{-M}{t}} dxdt + \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} |z|^2 e^{\frac{-M}{t}} dxdt \leq C \int_0^T \int_{\omega} z^2 dxdt.$$

## Controllability result when $\mathcal{O} \cap \omega \neq \emptyset$

(deT99) If  $\int_0^T \int_{\Omega} e^{M/t} \xi^2 dx dt < \infty$  then there exists a control  $h \in L^2$  such that

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satisfies

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Moreover, (González-Burgos, Pérez-García 2004) if  $\int_0^T \int_{\Omega} e^{M/t^3(T-t)^3} \xi^2 dx dt < \infty$  then there exists  $h \in L^2$  such that  $q(0) = 0$  and  $y(T) = 0$ . (Null control and SIMULTANEOUSLY insensitizing control)

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Some previous results

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Go back to our problem

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*Classic unique continuation result* for  $p$  solution to

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That implies

$$p \equiv 0 \text{ in } Q \text{ and then } p^0 = 0$$

THEOREM (GENERAL CASE (KAVIAN,DET (COCV 2009) ))

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# Further results: Boundary control

Take  $y = (y_1, y_2)^*$ . Consider system

$$\begin{cases} y_t - y_{xx} = Ay & \text{in } Q = (0, T) \times (0, 1), \\ y(0, \cdot) = Bv, \quad y(1, \cdot) = 0 & \text{in } (0, T), \\ y(\cdot, 0) = y_0 & \text{in } (0, 1), \end{cases}$$

where  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  and  $B \in \mathbf{R}^2$ ,  $v \in L^2(0, T)$  is a control function.

## THEOREM

*Suppose that*

*(Kalman)  $\text{rank } [B \mid AB] = 2,$*

*and  $\pi^{-2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) \neq j^2 - k^2$  for every  $k, j \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  the eigenvalues of  $A$ . Then, system is null controllable at time  $T > 0$ .*

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However in the case  $\omega \cap \mathcal{O} \neq \emptyset$ , the proof of Bodart-Fabre is valid.

A hope!! Hugo Leiva perturbation method maybe used to prove the approximate controllability for

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but it maybe require  $\|a\|_\infty, \|b\|_\infty \ll 1$ .

Non cascade systems: Benabdallah et al. Complicated.  
Kalman type condition.

Other coupling: Guerrero.

Insensitizing controls. For the wave equation. Dáger, Tebou.  
For quasigeostrophic ocean model: Fdez-Cara, García, Osses

Other boundary conditions: Bodart, Glez-Burgos, Pérez-García.

Merci.  
Thank you.  
Gracias.