

# On the use of the damped Newton method to solve direct and controllability problems for parabolic PDEs

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The talk discusses the **approximation of solution of a controllability problem for (nonlinear) PDEs** through least-squares method.

For instance, for the Navier-Stokes system: Given  $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $T > 0$ , find a sequence  $\{y_k, p_k, v_k\}_{k>0}$  converging (strongly) toward to a solution  $(y, p, v)$  of

$$\begin{cases} y_t - \nu \Delta y + (y \cdot \nabla) y + \nabla p = 0, & \nabla \cdot y = 0 & \Omega \times (0, T), \\ y = v, & & \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ y(0) = y_0, & & \Omega \times \{0\} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

satisfying  $y(T) = u_d$ , a trajectory (control of flows).

- Largely open question in the context of nonlinear PDEs
- Not straightforward issue, mainly because the fixed point operator (used to prove controllability result) is not a contraction !

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This implies the strong convergence of  $y_k$  toward  $y := y_0 - \sum_{m \geq 0} \lambda_m Y_{1,m}$ .

- Using that  $E(y_k) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , the limit in the corrector eq. for  $v_k$ ,

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## Part 2 – 1 Direct Problem for unsteady NS -

The weak formulation reads as follows :  $f \in L^2(0, T; \mathbf{V}')$  and  $u_0 \in \mathbf{H}$ , find a weak solution  $y \in L^2(0, T; \mathbf{V})$ ,  $\partial_t y \in L^2(0, T; \mathbf{V}')$  of the system

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Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{y \in L^2(0, T; \mathbf{V}) \cap H^1(0, T; \mathbf{V}'), y(0) = u_0\}$ .

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There exists a **unique**  $\bar{y} \in \mathcal{A}$  solution in  $\mathcal{D}'(0, T)$  of (14). This solution satisfies the following estimates :

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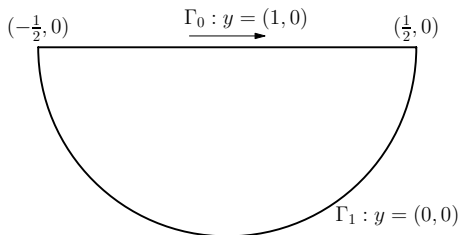
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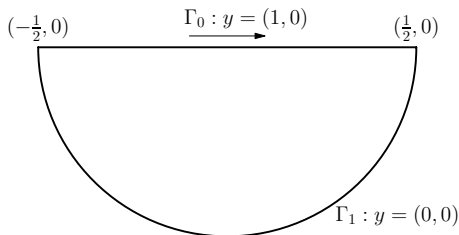
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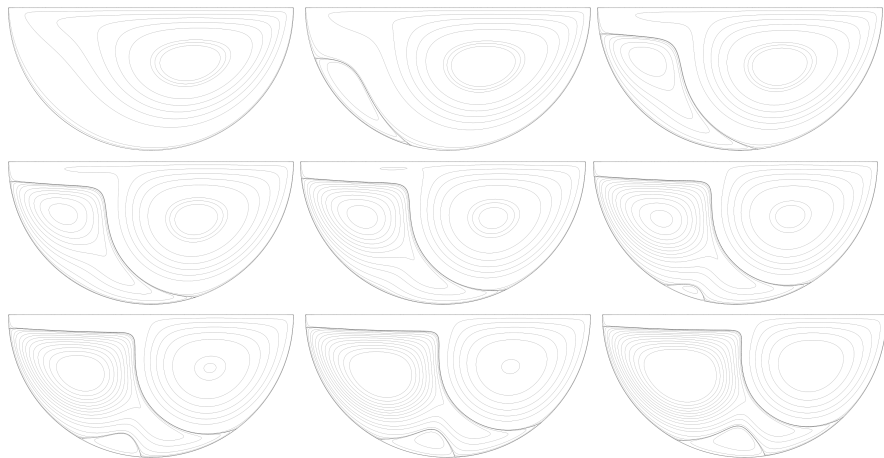
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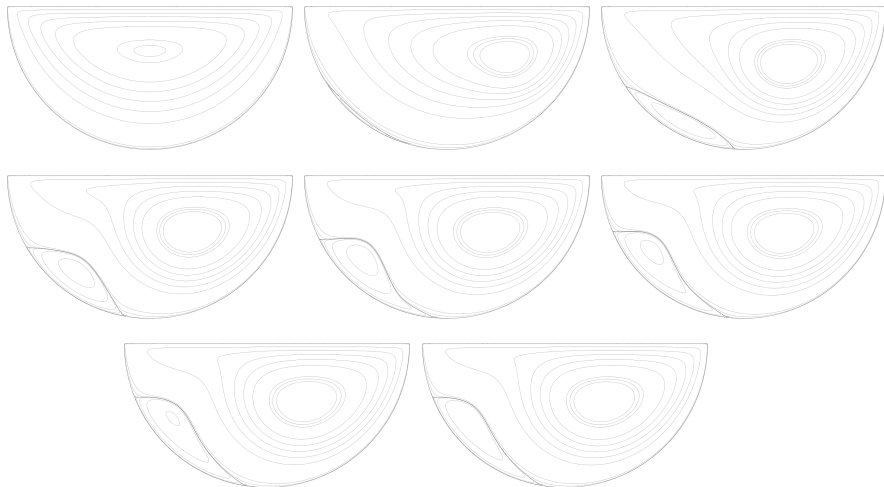
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2	$1.836 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.653 \times 10^{-3}$	0.8749	$2.236 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.174 \times 10^{-3}$
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5	$4.296 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.180 \times 10^{-8}$	1.	$1.681 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.424 \times 10^{-9}$
6	$5.630 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.384 \times 10^{-11}$	—	—	—

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4	$1.105 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.814 \times 10^{-3}$	0.5614	$3.683 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.625 \times 10^{-2}$
5	$8.951 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.295 \times 10^{-3}$	0.8680	$2.864 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.828 \times 10^{-2}$
6	$6.394 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.679 \times 10^{-4}$	1.0366	$1.423 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.307 \times 10^{-3}$
7	$1.788 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.153 \times 10^{-5}$	0.9994	$6.059 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.600 \times 10^{-4}$
8	$7.982 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.931 \times 10^{-8}$	0.9999	$1.484 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.669 \times 10^{-5}$
9	$2.256 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.000 \times 10^{-11}$	—	$9.741 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.020 \times 10^{-7}$
10	—	—	—	$4.267 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.846 \times 10^{-11}$

$$Re = \nu^{-1} = 1000$$





Streamlines of the unsteady state solution for  $Re = 1000$  at time  $t = i, i = 0, \dots, 7s$ .

# Experiments: divergence of the Newton method

#iterate $k$	$\frac{\ y_k - y_{k-1}\ _{L^2(\mathbf{V})}}{\ y_{k-1}\ _{L^2(\mathbf{V})}}$	$\sqrt{2E(y_k)}$	$\lambda_k$	$\frac{\ y_k - y_{k-1}\ _{L^2(\mathbf{V})}}{\ y_{k-1}\ _{L^2(\mathbf{V})}} (\lambda_k = 1)$	$\sqrt{2E(y_k)} (\lambda_k = 1)$
0	—	$2.691 \times 10^{-2}$	0.6145	—	$2.691 \times 10^{-2}$
1	$5.241 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.530 \times 10^{-2}$	0.5666	$8.528 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.385 \times 10^{-2}$
2	$2.644 \times 10^{-1}$	$8.025 \times 10^{-3}$	0.3233	$4.893 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.555 \times 10^{-2}$
3	$1.380 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.982 \times 10^{-3}$	0.3302	$7.171 \times 10^{-1}$	$8.706 \times 10^{-2}$
4	$1.115 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.543 \times 10^{-3}$	0.4204	$4.849 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.531 \times 10^{-2}$
5	$9.429 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.221 \times 10^{-3}$	0.5875	$1.125 \times 10^0$	$3.905 \times 10^{-1}$
6	$7.664 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.944 \times 10^{-3}$	0.9720	—	$1.337 \times 10^4$
7	$5.688 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.937 \times 10^{-4}$	1.022	—	$8.091 \times 10^{27}$
8	$1.009 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.081 \times 10^{-5}$	0.9998	—	—
9	$2.830 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.332 \times 10^{-8}$	1.	—	—
10	$2.893 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.611 \times 10^{-11}$	—	—	—

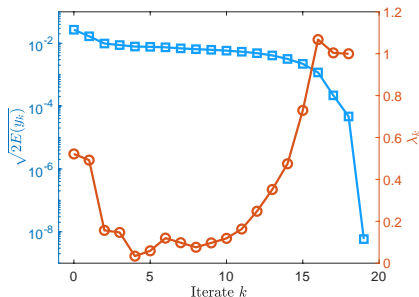
Table:  $Re = 1100$ : Damped Newton method vs. Newton method.

# Experiments: driven semi-disk; $\nu = 1/2000$

#iterate $k$	$\frac{\ y_k - y_{k-1}\ _{L^2(\mathbf{V})}}{\ y_{k-1}\ _{L^2(\mathbf{V})}}$	$\sqrt{2E(y_k)}$	$\lambda_k$
0	—	$2.691 \times 10^{-2}$	0.5215
1	$6.003 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.666 \times 10^{-2}$	0.4919
2	$3.292 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.800 \times 10^{-3}$	0.1566
3	$1.375 \times 10^{-1}$	$8.753 \times 10^{-3}$	0.1467
4	$1.346 \times 10^{-1}$	$7.851 \times 10^{-3}$	0.0337
5	$5.851 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.688 \times 10^{-3}$	0.0591
6	$7.006 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.417 \times 10^{-3}$	0.1196
7	$9.691 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.864 \times 10^{-3}$	0.0977
8	$8.093 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.465 \times 10^{-3}$	0.0759
9	$6.400 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.182 \times 10^{-3}$	0.0968
10	$6.723 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.805 \times 10^{-3}$	0.1184
11	$6.919 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.371 \times 10^{-3}$	0.1630
12	$7.414 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.825 \times 10^{-3}$	0.2479
13	$8.228 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.083 \times 10^{-3}$	0.3517
14	$8.146 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.164 \times 10^{-3}$	0.4746
15	$7.349 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.207 \times 10^{-3}$	0.7294
16	$6.683 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.174 \times 10^{-3}$	1.0674
17	$3.846 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.191 \times 10^{-4}$	1.0039
18	$5.850 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.674 \times 10^{-5}$	0.9998
19	$1.573 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.843 \times 10^{-9}$	—

$Re = 2000$

$Re = 3000$ : 39 iterations ;  $Re = 4000$ : 75 iterations.



## Part 2 – 2 Direct Problem for unsteady NS -

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be a bounded connected open set whose boundary  $\partial\Omega$  is  $C^2$

For  $f \in L^2(Q_T)^3$  and  $u_0 \in \mathbf{V}$ , there exists  $T^* = T^*(\Omega, \nu, u_0, f) > 0$  and a unique solution  $\bar{y} \in L^\infty(0, T^*; \mathbf{V}) \cap L^2(0, T^*; H^2(\Omega)^3)$ ,  $\partial_t \bar{y} \in L^2(0, T^*; \mathbf{H})$  of the equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} y \cdot w + \nu \int_{\Omega} \nabla y \cdot \nabla w + \int_{\Omega} y \cdot \nabla y \cdot w = \int_{\Omega} f \cdot w, & \forall w \in \mathbf{V} \\ y(\cdot, 0) = u_0, & \text{in } \Omega. \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

For any  $t > 0$ , let

$$\mathcal{A}(t) = \{y \in L^2(0, t; H^2(\Omega)^3) \cap \mathbf{V} \cap H^1(0, t; \mathbf{H}), y(0) = u_0\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{A}_0(t) = \{y \in L^2(0, t; H^2(\Omega)^3) \cap \mathbf{V} \cap H^1(0, t; \mathbf{H}), y(0) = 0\}.$$

Endowed with the scalar product  $\langle y, z \rangle_{\mathcal{A}_0(t)} = \int_0^t \langle P(\Delta y), P(\Delta z) \rangle_{\mathbf{H}} + \langle \partial_t y, \partial_t z \rangle_{\mathbf{H}}$  and the norm  $\|y\|_{\mathcal{A}_0(t)} = \langle y, y \rangle_{\mathcal{A}_0(t)}$  is a Hilbert space.

$P$  is the orthogonal projector in  $L^2(\Omega)^3$  onto  $\mathbf{H}$

We introduce our least-squares functional  $E : \mathcal{A}(T^*) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  by putting

$$E(y) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{T^*} \|P(\Delta v)\|_{\mathbf{H}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{T^*} \|\partial_t v\|_{\mathbf{H}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|v\|_{\mathcal{A}_0(T^*)}^2 \quad (19)$$

### Proposition

Let  $\bar{y} \in \mathcal{A}(T^*)$  be the solution of (18),  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\|\partial_t \bar{y}\|_{L^2(Q_{T^*})^3} \leq M$  and  $\sqrt{\nu} \|P(\Delta \bar{y})\|_{L^2(Q_{T^*})^3} \leq M$  and let  $y \in \mathcal{A}(T^*)$ . If  $\|\partial_t y\|_{L^2(Q_{T^*})^3} \leq M$  and  $\sqrt{\nu} \|P(\Delta y)\|_{L^2(Q_{T^*})^3} \leq M$ , then there exists a constant  $c(M)$  such that

$$\|y - \bar{y}\|_{L^\infty(0, T^*; \mathbf{V})} + \sqrt{\nu} \|P(\Delta y) - P(\Delta \bar{y})\|_{L^2(Q_{T^*})^3} + \|\partial_t y - \partial_t \bar{y}\|_{L^2(Q_{T^*})^3} \leq c(M) \sqrt{E(y)}.$$



Therefore, we can define, for any  $m \geq 1$ , a minimizing sequence  $y_k$  as follows:

$$\begin{cases} y_0 \in \mathcal{A}(T^*), \\ y_{k+1} = y_k - \lambda_k Y_{1,k}, \quad k \geq 0, \\ E(y_k - \lambda_k Y_{1,k}) = \min_{\lambda \in [0,m]} E(y_k - \lambda Y_{1,k}) \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

where  $Y_{1,k}$  in  $\mathcal{A}_0(T^*)$  solves the formulation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} Y_{1,k} \cdot w + \nu \int_{\Omega} \nabla Y_{1,k} \cdot \nabla w + \int_{\Omega} y_k \cdot \nabla Y_{1,k} \cdot w \\ \quad + \int_{\Omega} Y_{1,k} \cdot \nabla y_k \cdot w = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} v_k \cdot w - \int_{\Omega} \nabla v_k \cdot \nabla w, \quad \forall w \in \mathbf{V} \\ Y_{1,k}(0) = 0, \end{cases}$$

and  $v_k$  in  $\mathcal{A}_0(T^*)$  is the corrector (associated to  $y_k$ ) leading to  $E'(y_k) \cdot Y_{1,k} = 2E(y_k)$ .

## Part 2 - Direct Problem for unsteady NS - case $d = 3$ - Space-time least-squares method

### Proposition

Let  $\{y_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  the sequence of  $\mathcal{A}(T^*)$  defined by (20). Then  $y_k \rightarrow \bar{y}$  in  $H^1(0, T^*; \mathbf{H}) \cap L^2(0, T^*; H^2(\Omega)^3 \cap \mathbf{V})$  where  $\bar{y} \in \mathcal{A}(T^*)$  is the unique solution of (14).

based on the estimate

$$\sqrt{E(y_{k+1})} \leq \sqrt{E(y_k)} \left( |1 - \lambda| + \lambda^2 C_1 \sqrt{E(y_k)} \right), \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+$$

where

$$\begin{cases} C_1 = \frac{c}{\nu^{5/4}} \exp\left(c\left(\frac{C_2}{\nu^2} + \left(\frac{C_2}{\nu^2}\right)^2\right)\right), \\ C_2 = \|u_0\|_{\mathbf{V}}^2 + \frac{8}{\nu} \|f\|_{L^2(Q_{T^*})}^2 + \frac{16}{\nu} E(y_0) \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

does not depend on  $y_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

Part 3— **Controllability problem for a sub-linear (controllable) heat equation**: find a sequence  $(y_k, v_k)_{k>0}$  converging strongly to a pair  $(y, v)$  solution of

$$\begin{cases} y_t - \nu \Delta y + g(y) = f 1_\omega & \text{in } Q_T, \\ y = 0 \text{ on } \Sigma_T, \quad y(\cdot, 0) = u_0 & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

such that  $y(\cdot, T) = 0$ .

- $u_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $f \in L^\infty(Q_T)$  is a *control function*.
- $g : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is locally Lipschitz-continuous and satisfies

$$|g'(s)| \leq C(1 + |s|^m) \quad \text{a.e., with } 1 \leq m \leq 1 + 4/d. \quad (23)$$

so that (22) possesses exactly one local in time solution.

### Part 3: Main known controllability result for the sub-linear heat equation

If  $g$  is “not too super-linear” at infinity, then **the control can compensate the blow-up phenomena** occurring in  $\Omega \setminus \bar{\omega}$ .

**Theorem (Fernandez-Cara, Zuazua (2000), Barbu (2000))**

Let  $T > 0$  be given. Assume that  $g(0) = 0$  and that  $g : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is locally Lipschitz-continuous and satisfies (23) and

$$\frac{g(s)}{|s| \log^{3/2}(1 + |s|)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } |s| \rightarrow \infty. \quad (24)$$

Then (22) is null-controllable at time  $T$ .

The proof is based on a **fixed point method**. Precisely, it is shown that the operator  $\Lambda : L^2(Q_T) \rightarrow L^2(Q_T)$ , where  $y_z := \Lambda z$  is a null controlled solution of the linear boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} y_{z,t} - \nu \Delta y_z + y_z \tilde{g}(z) = f_z 1_\omega, & \text{in } Q_T \\ y_z = 0 \text{ on } \Sigma_T, \quad y_z(\cdot, 0) = u_0 & \text{in } \Omega \end{cases}, \quad \tilde{g}(s) := \begin{cases} g(s)/s & s \neq 0, \\ g'(0) & s = 0 \end{cases}$$

maps the closed ball  $B(0, M) \subset L^2(Q_T)$  into itself, for some  $M > 0$ . The Kakutani's theorem provides the existence of at least one fixed point for  $\Lambda$ , which is also a controlled solution for (22).

## Part 3: a least-square approach

We define the convex space

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ (y, f) : \rho y \in L^2(Q_T), \rho_1 \nabla y \in L^2(Q_T), \rho_0 f \in L^2(Q_T), \right. \\ \left. \rho_0(y_t - \Delta y) \in L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega)), y(\cdot, 0) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, y = y_0 \text{ on } \Sigma_T \right\}.$$

where  $\rho, \rho_1$  and  $\rho_0$  defines **Carleman type weights**, continuous,  $\geq \rho_* > 0$  in  $Q_T$  and blowing up as  $t \rightarrow T^-$ .  $\rho_i \approx \exp(\beta(x)/(T-t))$  then the least-squares problem, with  $E : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as

$$\inf_{(y, f) \in \mathcal{A}} E(y, f) = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \rho_0 \left( y_t - \nu \Delta y + g(y) - f \mathbf{1}_\omega \right) \right\|_{L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))}^2 \quad (25)$$

Actually, for any  $(\bar{y}, 0) \in \mathcal{A}$ , we consider the extremal problem  $\inf_{(y, f) \in \mathcal{A}_0} E(\bar{y} + y, f)$  where  $\mathcal{A}_0$  is the Hilbert space

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$(Y^1, F^1) \in \mathcal{A}_0$  so that  $F^1$  is a null control for  $Y^1$ .

### Proposition

*Assume that  $g$  is differentiable. Then,  $E((\bar{y}, \bar{f}) + \cdot)$  is differentiable over  $\mathcal{A}_0$ . Let  $(y, f) \in \mathcal{A}$  and let  $(Y^1, F^1) \in \mathcal{A}_0$  be a solution of (26). Then the derivative of  $E$  at the point  $(y, f) \in \mathcal{A}$  along the direction  $(Y^1, F^1)$  satisfies*

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## Part 3: a least-square approach

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### Proposition

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for some  $C = C(T, \Omega, \|g'(y)\|_{L^\infty(Q_T)}) > 0$  of the form

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## Part 3: a least-square approach - Minimizing sequence

Therefore, we can define a minimizing sequence  $\{y_k, f_k\}_{k>0}$  as follows:

$$\begin{cases} (y_0, f_0) \in \mathcal{A}, \\ (y_{k+1}, f_{k+1}) = (y_k, f_k) - \lambda_k (Y_k^1, F_k^1), \quad k > 0, \\ \lambda_k = \operatorname{argmin}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+} E((y_k, f_k) - \lambda (Y_k^1, F_k^1)) \end{cases} \quad (29)$$

where  $(Y_k^1, F_k^1) \in \mathcal{A}_0$  is such that  $F_k^1$  is a null control for  $Y_k^1$ , solution of

$$\begin{cases} Y_{k,t}^1 - \Delta Y_k^1 + g'(y_k) \cdot Y_k^1 = F_k^1 \mathbf{1}_\omega - (y_{k,t} - \Delta y_k + g(y_k) - f_k \mathbf{1}_\omega), & \text{in } Q_T, \\ Y_k^1 = 0 \text{ on } \Sigma_T, \quad Y_k^1(\cdot, 0) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \end{cases}$$

and minimizes the functional  $J$ .

### Theorem

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## Part 3: a least-square approach - Minimizing sequence

Therefore, we can define a minimizing sequence  $\{y_k, f_k\}_{k>0}$  as follows:

$$\begin{cases} (y_0, f_0) \in \mathcal{A}, \\ (y_{k+1}, f_{k+1}) = (y_k, f_k) - \lambda_k (Y_k^1, F_k^1), \quad k > 0, \\ \lambda_k = \operatorname{argmin}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+} E((y_k, f_k) - \lambda (Y_k^1, F_k^1)) \end{cases} \quad (29)$$

where  $(Y_k^1, F_k^1) \in \mathcal{A}_0$  is such that  $F_k^1$  is a null control for  $Y_k^1$ , solution of

$$\begin{cases} Y_{k,t}^1 - \Delta Y_k^1 + g'(y_k) \cdot Y_k^1 = F_k^1 \mathbf{1}_\omega - (y_{k,t} - \Delta y_k + g(y_k) - f_k \mathbf{1}_\omega), & \text{in } Q_T \\ Y_k^1 = 0 \text{ on } \Sigma_T, \quad Y_k^1(\cdot, 0) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \end{cases}$$

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Take  $g(s) = -5s \log^{1.4}(1 + |s|)$ ;  $g' \notin L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  but  $g'' \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  !

$$\begin{cases} y_t - 0.1y_{xx} - 5y \log^{1.4}(1 + |y|) = f \mathbf{1}_{(0.2,0.6)}, & (x, t) \in (0, 1) \times (0, 1/2), \\ y(\cdot, 0) = 40 \sin(\pi x), & x \in (0, 1), \\ y(0, t) = y(1, t) = 0, & t \in (0, 1/2) \end{cases} \quad (30)$$

The uncontrolled solution blows up at  $t_c \approx 0.339$ .<sup>3</sup>

At each iterates  $k$ , the pair  $(Y_k^1, F_k^1)$ , minimizer of  $J$  is computed through a **mixed space-time variational formulation**, well-suited for mesh adaptivity.

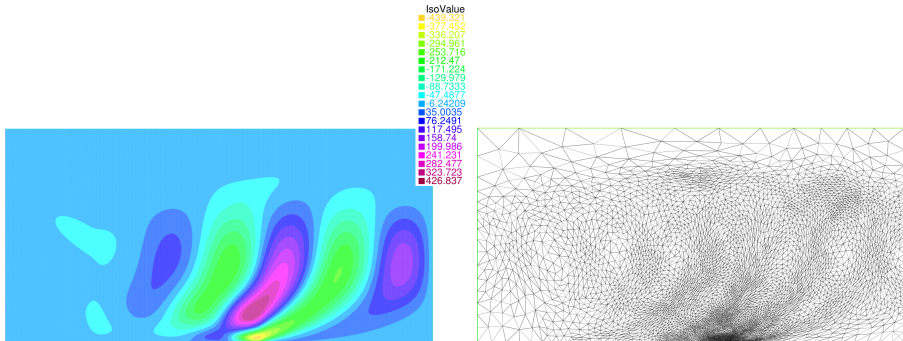
Conformal approximation in time and space leads to **strong convergent approximation**  $(Y_k^1, F_k^1)_h$  of  $(Y_k^1, F_k^1)$ ,<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>E. Fernandez-Cara, A. Munch, Numerical null controllability of semi-linear 1D heat equations : fixed point, least squares and Newton methods, Mathematical Control and Related Fields (2012).

<sup>4</sup>E. Fernandez-Cara, A. Munch, Strong convergent approximations of null controls for the heat equation, SEMA, 2013

#iterate $k$	$\frac{\ y_k - y_{k-1}\ _{L^2(Q_T)}}{\ y_{k-1}\ _{L^2(Q_T)}}$	$\sqrt{2E(y_k, f_k)}$	$\lambda_k$	$\ Y_k^1, F_k^1\ _{\mathcal{A}_0}$
0	—	46.17	0.3192	1252.5
1	3.767	38.96	0.4512	854.6
2	1.442	27.61	0.2120	449.60
3	$7.034 \times 10^{-1}$	16.904	0.3100	178.01
4	$2.292 \times 10^{-1}$	7.229	0.5040	67.56
5	$7.987 \times 10^{-2}$	3.107	0.6120	26.00
6	$3.162 \times 10^{-2}$	1.240	0.3801	10.18
7	$5.427 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.547 \times 10^{-1}$	0.5321	4.080
8	$2.458 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.489 \times 10^{-1}$	0.5823	1.684
9	$1.177 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.515 \times 10^{-2}$	0.6203	0.720
10	$5.939 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.380 \times 10^{-2}$	0.7831	0.3214
11	$3.134 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.629 \times 10^{-3}$	0.6932	0.1512
12	$1.727 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.861 \times 10^{-3}$	0.6512	0.07616
13	$9.950 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.659 \times 10^{-4}$	0.7921	0.04182
14	$6.018 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.840 \times 10^{-4}$	0.8945	0.02553
15	$3.845 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.933 \times 10^{-4}$	0.9230	0.01741
16	$2.607 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.268 \times 10^{-4}$	0.9412	0.01306
17	$1.876 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.725 \times 10^{-4}$	0.9582	0.01047
18	$1.426 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.262 \times 10^{-4}$	0.9356	0.00877
19	$1.134 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.862 \times 10^{-4}$	0.9844	0.0075
20	$9.339 \times 10^{-6}$	$9.515 \times 10^{-5}$	—	—



Iso-values of the controlled solution in  $(0, 1) \times (0, 0.5)$  and space-time adapted mesh.



- Analysis of weak LS method/ damped Newton method for NS leading to globally convergent approximation
- Theoretical justification of the  $H^{-1}$ -LS introduced by Glowinski in 79.
- Can be efficient to solve exact controllability problems.
- Possibly useful at the numerical analysis since (coercivity type) inequality like

$$\|y_{k,h} - \bar{y}\|_V \leq C\sqrt{E(y_{k,h})}, \quad \forall y_{k,h} \in V_h \subset V$$

remains true.

- The analysis can be extended to other "reasonable" nonlinearity (visco-elastic NS, nonlinear hyperbolic PDEs, ...).
- Damped Newton method is possibly useful to solve (nonlinear) inverse problems.

Details and experiments are available here:

Analysis of  $V'$ -Least-squares pb. (interior and exterior case) based on the gradient (Conjugate gradient / Barzilai Borwein)

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION