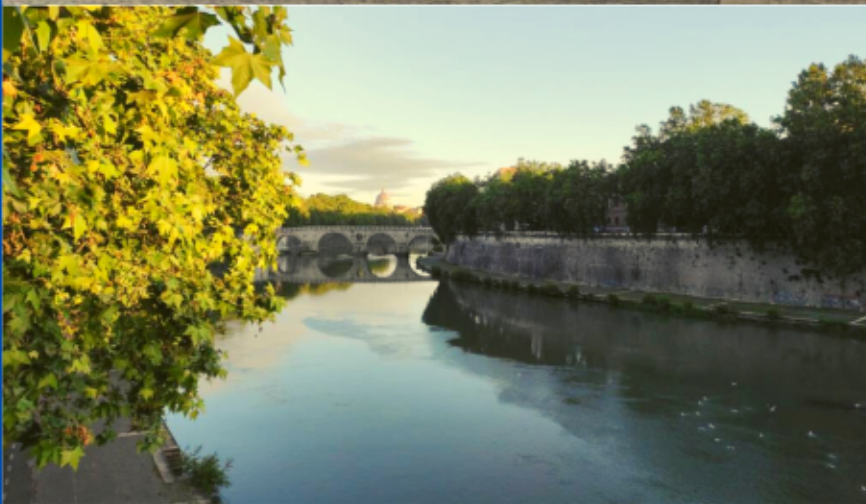


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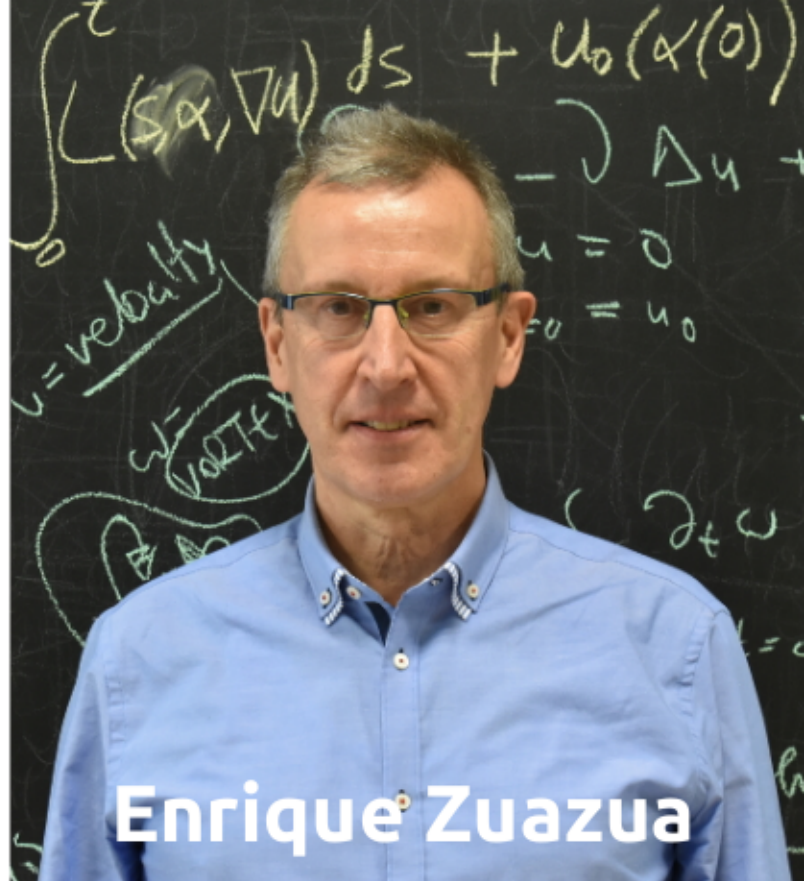
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—Thursday 1 July – Saturday (morning) 3 July 2021 in mixed mode: both online and in presence (at most 30 participants in presence), the conference room will be located at the Globus Hotel in Roma

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In many applications of mathematics one is confronted with the problem of steering a given system to a prescribed configuration, and often to do so in an optimal way. Sometimes this requires the optimal design of the shape of a body. All these issues can be addressed with a common body of techniques, ranging from functional analysis to partial differential equations, always in

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The aim of this conference is to bring together many experts in the above fields to explore the possibility of collaboration. We particularly expect the participation of young researchers, for whom the conference is dedicated.

See you in Roma / Online!

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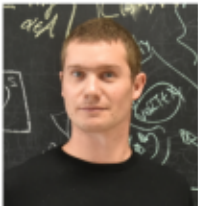
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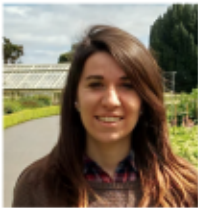
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Bilinear control for evolution equations

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Bilinear control systems are receiving increasing attention in recent years, as they can be used to study problems for which an additive control action would be unrealistic. For such systems, in infinite dimension, weaker controllability properties can be expected than for systems with additive controls. For instance, exact controllability is out of question due to a well-known negative result by Ball, Marsden, and Slemrod back in the 80's. Nevertheless, one can seek to steer states to special targets either in finite or infinite time. In this talk, I will present recent results where the above problem is addressed for evolution equations of the form $u'(t) = Au(t) + p(t)Bu(t)$, with A and B linear operators in a Hilbert space and $p(t)$ a single-input control. Applications to parabolic equations in one space dimension will also be discussed.

Joint work with: Fatiha Alabau-Boussouira (*Sorbonne Université and Université de Lorraine*), Cristina Urbani (*University of Rome Tor Vergata*)

Carleman estimates and inverse problems for transport equation

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Abstract

We consider a transport equation of the first order in a bounded smooth domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$:

$$\partial_t u(x, t) + (H(x, t) \cdot \nabla u(x, t)) + p(x, t)u(x, t) = F(x, t), \quad x \in \Omega, 0 < t < T, \quad (1)$$

where $H \in C([0, T]; C^1(\overline{\Omega})^d)$.

We consider two topics.

- global Carleman estimates in $\Omega \times (0, T)$
- Applications to inverse problems: estimates global in the domain

Our approach is global in x and see [2] as for a local approach.

In order to establish the stability in L^2 -spaces for inverse problems of determining for example a spatial factor in (1) by boundary data, the Carleman estimate is relevant. The method of characteristics is not convenient for L^2 -estimates of solutions and moreover the transport equation often appears coupled with parabolic systems in fluid dynamics, so that the characteristics does not work for such studies.

Part I.

A Carleman estimate can be established directly if the rotation angle $H(x, t)$ over $\Omega \times (0, T)$ is

smaller than π (I will formulate in my talk). In the case where the rotational angle is greater than or equal to π , we make a suitable partition of Ω and $0 < t < T$ into smaller subdomains and construct suitable piecewise weight functions to establish a Carleman estimate in $\Omega \times (0, T)$. The partition of Ω requires us to make favorable estimation on interfaces, and we must assume some outgoing-incoming conditions associated with $H(x, t)$ on some interfaces. We illustrate such interface conditions of H and prove a Carleman estimate.

Part II.

By Huang, Imanuvilov and Yamamoto [4] which modifies a classical methodology (Bukhgeim and Klivanov [1]), we demonstrate that a Carleman estimate yields the stability for inverse source problems and inverse coefficient problems and also the observability inequality.

This is a joint work with Professor Piermarco Cannarsa (University of Rome Tor Vergata) and Professor Giuseppe Floridia (Università Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria).

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Observability of waves in an annulus for various boundary conditions.

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In this talk, I will present a study of observability properties of the wave equation in an annulus when the condition on the inner sphere is a general dynamic boundary condition. In particular, we will give some sufficient conditions guaranteeing observability of the model at hand. In order to do this, we will develop an approach based on appropriate resolvent estimates, some multiplier techniques and the factorization of the operators. We will also discuss the necessity of these conditions by explicit constructions.

This talk is based on a joint work with Lucie Baudouin, Jérémie Dardé, and Alberto Mercado.

Joint work with: Lucie Baudouin (*LAAS, Univ. de Toulouse*), Jérémie Dardé (*IMT, Univ. de Toulouse*), and Alberto Mercado (*Departamento de Matemática, Univ. Tecnica Federico Santa Maria*).

Lipschitz stability for the growth rate coefficients in a nonlinear Fisher-KPP equation

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We consider a reaction-diffusion model of biological invasion in which the evolution of the population is governed by several parameters among them the intrinsic growth rate. The knowledge of this growth rate is essential to predict the evolution of the population, but it is a priori unknown for exotic invasive species. We prove uniqueness and unconditional Lipschitz stability for the corresponding inverse problem, taking advantage of the positivity of the solution inside the spatial domain and studying its behaviour near the boundary with maximum principles. Our results complement previous works by Cristofol and Roques.

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Upper and lower bounds for some shape functionals

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The relations between some quantities related to the Laplace operator are considered. In particular, principal eigenvalue and torsional rigidity are studied in the class of general domains, convex domains, and domains with a small thickness. This allows to obtain a detailed description of the Blasche-Santal diagram of the two quantities. Several open questions are discussed, in particular when the Laplacian is replaced by the p -Laplacian.

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Optimal control and log-time behavior of diffuse interface models of tumor growth

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In this talk we report about the joint work with Cecilia Cavaterra and Hao Wu [1]. We investigate the long-time dynamics and optimal control problem of a thermodynamically consistent diffuse interface model that describes the growth of a tumor in presence of a nutrient and surrounded by host tissues. The state system consists of a Cahn–Hilliard type equation for the tumor cell fraction and a reaction–diffusion equation for the nutrient. The possible medication that serves to eliminate tumor cells is in terms of drugs and is introduced into the system through the nutrient. In this setting, the control variable acts as an external source in the nutrient equation. First, we consider the problem of “long-time treatment” under a suitable given mass source and prove the convergence of any global solution to a single equilibrium as $t \rightarrow +\infty$. Second, we consider the “finite-time treatment” that corresponds to an optimal control problem. Here we allow the objective cost functional to depend on a free time variable, which represents the unknown treatment time to be optimized. We prove the existence of an optimal control and obtain first order necessary optimality conditions for both the drug concentration and the treatment time. One of the main aim of the control problem is to realize in the best possible way a desired final distribution of the tumor cells, which is expressed by the target function Φ . By establishing the Lyapunov stability of certain equilibria of the state system (without external source), we show that Φ can be taken as a stable configuration, so that the tumor will not grow again once the finite-time treatment is completed.

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Some recent results on 2D stably stratified fluids

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This talk will concern the analysis of the stably stratified fluids system, where the velocity satisfies the incompressible Euler equations, coupled with a scalar term, called *buoyancy*. It is obtained by a linearization of the equations of incompressible non-homogeneous fluids around a *background density profile* $\bar{\rho}(z)$ that increases with depth. Adding the *Boussinesq approximation*, according to which density variation is neglected except when it directly causes buoyancy forces, leads to the Boussinesq system. In the first part, I will describe the properties of the smooth solutions to the 2D Boussinesq equations with a damping term in the velocity equation. This is based on a joint work with Roberto Natalini (CNR-IAC, Rome), [3]. The second part will be devoted to the presentation of the stability properties of the 2D Boussinesq equations around the Couette flow $(y, 0)$. The last part is based on a joint work with Michele Coti Zelati (Imperial College, UK) and Michele Dolce (Imperial College, UK) [2] and a joint work with Jacob Bedrossian (University of Maryland, USA), Michele Coti Zelati and Michele Dolce [1].

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A regularity theory for viscous Hamilton-Jacobi equations with Caputo time-fractional derivative

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We present a regularity theory for classical and weak solutions to viscous Hamilton-Jacobi equations with Caputo time-fractional derivative. The approach relies on a combination of gradient bounds for the time-fractional Hamilton-Jacobi equation obtained via Evans's nonlinear adjoint method and sharp estimates in Sobolev and Hölder spaces for the corresponding linear problem.

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Memory Effects and PDEs in Glass Relaxation

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The interest devoted to glass materials is mainly concerned with high-tech applications regarding the best possible performances for computer displays.

For some glass relaxation models the stretched exponential function, obtained by inserting a fractional power into the exponential, has been proposed as stress relaxation modulus.

The stretched exponential function is routinely employed to describe relaxation in glasses and in glass-forming liquids.

Motivated by the the goodness of the approximation of the stretched exponential function with Prony series [2], we discuss the class of integro-differential equations

$$u_{tt} = \Delta u - \sum_{i=1}^N b_i \int_0^t e^{-r_i(t-s)} \Delta u(s) ds$$

and also an Ingham type approach to the related observability problem ([1] and [3]).

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A constructive algorithm for building mixing coupling potentials. Application to bilinear control

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Despite the importance of control systems governed by a bilinear control for the description of phenomena that could not be modeled by additive controls, stabilization and controllability problems for such kind of systems have not been so widely studied in the literature as it happens for boundary and locally distributed controls. The main reasons of this fact might be found in the intrinsic nonlinear nature of such problems and furthermore, for controls that are scalar functions of time, in an ineluctable obstruction for exact controllability under very general assumptions presented in the celebrated work of Ball, Marsden and Slemrod [3].

By violating one of the hypotheses of [3], Beauchard and collaborators have succeeded in proving exact controllability for hyperbolic systems in a topology stronger than the natural one for such problems [4,5]. Whereas, for evolution equations of parabolic type, results of rapid stabilization and exact controllability to eigensolutions have been demonstrated by Alabau-Boussouira, Cannarsa and Urbani [1,2]. A common step that can be found in all the aforementioned works is the proof of the exact controllability of the system obtained by linearization of the nonlinear problem along the reference trajectory. It turns out that a necessary condition on the rank of the potential must be satisfied. However, even if the genericity of such assumption has been proved for instance in [5], it is in practice difficult to exhibit examples of suitable potentials.

The aim of this talk is to present a constructive algorithm that provides a infinite class of functions that fulfill the required property.

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Recent results on variational inequalities

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In this lecture, I will deal with two recent results on variational inequalities. One of them reads as follows:

Let $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be a real Hilbert space and let $\Phi : B_\rho \rightarrow H$ be a $C^{1,1}$ function, with $\Phi(0) \neq 0$. Then, for each $r > 0$ small enough, there exists a unique point $x^* \in S_r$, such that

$$\max\{\langle \Phi(x^*), x^* - x \rangle, \langle \Phi(x), x^* - x \rangle\} < 0$$

for all $x \in B_r \setminus \{x^*\}$, where

$$B_r = \{x \in H : \|x\| \leq r\}$$

and

$$S_r = \{x \in H : \|x\| = r\}.$$

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Consensus of opinion formation models with time delay

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We will analyze a class of opinion formation models with time delay. Under appropriate assumptions, we will show the exponential asymptotic consensus when the time delay satisfies a suitable smallness assumption. Our result combines a Lyapunov functional approach with careful estimates on the trajectories. We then study the mean-field limit from the many-individual equation to the continuity-type partial differential equation as the number N of individuals goes to infinity. For the limiting equation, we prove global-in-time existence and uniqueness of measure-valued solutions. We also use the fact that constants appearing in the consensus estimates for the particle system are independent of N to extend the exponential consensus result to the continuum model.

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On the control of the Hegselmann-Krause model with leadership and time delay.

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In this talk we present a Hegselmann-Krause opinion formation model with leadership in presence of time delay effects. In particular, we consider a model with pointwise time variable time delay and a model with a distributed delay. In both cases we show that, when the delays and the parameters involved in the dynamics satisfy suitable smallness conditions, then the leader can control the system, leading the group to any prefixed state, which gives us the local controllability result for the Hegselmann-Krause model. Some numerical tests will illustrate our analytical results.

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Optimal control of parabolic equations - a spectral calculus based approach.

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Abstract: We consider an optimal control problem for a general linear parabolic equation governed by a self-adjoint operator on an abstract Hilbert space. The task consists in identifying a control (entering the system through the initial condition) that minimises a given cost functional, while steering the final state close to the given target. This can be considered as an inverse problem (of initial source identification) for parabolic equations from the optimal control viewpoint.

In order to efficiently deal with this problem, we propose a novel approach based on the spectral calculus for self adjoint operators and geometrical representation of the problem. We obtain closed form expression for the control solution as a function of the operator governing the dynamics of the system. Its numerical computation is performed by exploring efficient Krylov subspace techniques, by which one constructs a rational approximation of the aforementioned function of the operator.

The efficiency of the proposed algorithm method is confirmed through numerical examples, which will be also presented.

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Multilevel Selective Harmonic Modulation via Optimal Control

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We consider the Selective Harmonic Modulation (SHM) problem, consisting in the design of a staircase control signal with some prescribed frequency components. We propose a novel methodology to address SHM as an optimal control problem in which the admissible controls are piece-wise constant functions, taking values only in a given finite set. In order to fulfill this constraint, we introduce a cost functional with piece-wise affine penalization for the control, which, by means of Pontryagin's maximum principle, makes the optimal control have the desired staircase form. Moreover, the addition of the penalization term for the control provides uniqueness and continuity of the solution with respect to the target frequencies. We also provide several numerical examples in which the SHM problem is solved by means of our approach.

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On an optimal evolution in linear-quadratic control

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The optimal boundary control problem with quadratic functionals for linear partial differential equations (PDE) over an infinite time horizon generally yields an optimal state which fulfils the semigroup property. In the case of parabolic (and parabolic-like) PDE in bounded domains, the regularity properties of the optimal state semigroup as well as the description of its infinitesimal generator's domain – which have a role in connection with the Riccati equations that correspond to the optimization problem – are shaped by the analyticity of the operator that describes the free dynamics.

In this talk we will report recent progress concerning the said generator, within a framework which is consistent with the boundary control of coupled systems of hyperbolic-parabolic PDE instead. The analytic tools that are needed and prove effective are the powers of positive operators and interpolation, besides the distinguishing setting that characterizes the controlled dynamics.

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Ergodic behavior of solutions to Hamilton-Jacobi equations for sub-Riemannian control systems

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In the recent years, increasing attention has been devoted to control systems of the form

$$\dot{\gamma}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^m u_i f_i(\gamma(t)) \quad (1)$$

where f_i are $m \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ vector fields on \mathbb{R}^d and u_i are measurable controls on \mathbb{R}^m . Indeed, they naturally appears when one needs to model systems in which agents can move only along fixed directions.

In this talk we will discuss some recent results on the long time behavior of solutions to the Hamilton-Jacobi equations associated with systems of type (1). In particular, we will show that the time-average value function converges, as the time horizon goes to infinity, to the ergodic constant. Then, we address the existence of solutions to the ergodic Hamilton-Jacobi equations by analyzing the Abel means. Finally, we define and study the properties of the Lax-Oleinik semigroup proving also the existence of a solution to the ergodic equation which is a fixed-point of such semigroup.

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The integro-differential model of viscoelastic body: thermodynamically admissible kernels

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Materials with memory are modelled via integro-differential equations exhibiting an integral term which takes into account the past *history* of the material. A body is termed *viscoelastic* when its mechanical response is determined not only by the present status but also by its deformation history. The problem under investigation, when u denotes the displacement and f an external term which takes into account also the history of the material, reads

$$u_{tt} = G(0)u_{xx} + \int_0^t \dot{G}(t - \tau)u_{xx}(\tau)d\tau + f \quad (1)$$

wherein the kernel of the integral term represents the relaxation function G which characterises the viscoelastic material.

The *classical* regularity requirements [1] the relaxation function is assumed to satisfy are reconsidered. The aim is to relax them to model wider classes of materials. Various cases [2], [3], [4], thermodynamically admissible, are considered.

The results presented are mainly concerned about a joint research program with M. Chipot, V. Valente and G. Vergara Caffarelli. Further investigations are currently in progress [5].

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The Integrated Heart

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Mathematical models based on first principles allow the description of the blood motion in the human circulatory system, as well as the interaction between electrical, mechanical and fluid-dynamical processes occurring in the heart. This is a classical environment where multi-physics processes have to be addressed. Appropriate numerical strategies can be devised to allow for the analysis of both heart function and dysfunction, and the simulation, control and optimization of therapy and surgery. This presentation will address some of these issues and a few representative applications of clinical interest.

An Overview of Reduced Order Methods for Optimal Flow Control Problems

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This talk focuses on strategies and results dealing with reduced order methods (ROMs) for parametrized optimal flow control problems (OFCP(μ)s) governed by partial differential equations (PDE(μ)s), which can bridge the gap between collected data and model, described by physical and/or geometrical parameters. If on one side OFCP(μ)s are a very versatile tool, on the other, their applicability is still limited due to the costs of their simulations. To overcome this issue, we rely on ROMs. First of all, we will describe a space-time POD-Galerkin algorithm [1] suited to several governing equations. A first coastal management application described by Shallow Waters is shown [2]. Then, we will introduce space-time Greedy based on a new error estimator for parabolic OFCP(μ)s tested with a boundary control over a Graetz flow [3]. In the last part of the talk, we will highlight the potential of such methodologies within advanced applications, such as uncertainty quantification [4] and OFCP(μ)s to steer bifurcating phenomena in nonlinear systems [5].

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On expansions for nonlinear systems, error estimates and convergence issues

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Explicit formulas expressing the solution to non-autonomous differential equations are of great importance in many application domains such as control theory or numerical operator splitting. In particular, intrinsic formulas allowing to decouple time-dependent features from geometry-dependent features of the solution have been extensively studied. First, we give a didactic review of classical expansions for formal linear differential equations, including the celebrated Magnus expansion (associated with coordinates of the first kind) and Sussmann's infinite product expansion (associated with coordinates of the second kind). Inspired by quantum mechanics, we introduce a new mixed expansion, designed to isolate the role of a time-invariant drift from the role of a time-varying perturbation. Second, in the context of nonlinear ordinary differential equations driven by regular vector fields, we give rigorous proofs of error estimates between the exact solution and finite approximations of the formal expansions. In particular, we derive new estimates focusing on the role of time-varying perturbations. For scalar-input systems, we derive new estimates involving only a weak Sobolev norm of the input. Third, we investigate the local convergence of these expansions. We recall known positive results for nilpotent dynamics and for linear dynamics. Nevertheless, we also exhibit arbitrarily small analytic vector fields for which the convergence of the Magnus expansion fails, even in very weak senses. We state an open problem concerning the convergence of Sussmann's infinite product expansion. Eventually, we derive approximate direct intrinsic representations for the state and discuss their link with the choice of an appropriate change of coordinates.

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Exact controllability in projections of the bilinear Schrödinger equation

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We present a general method for the approximate controllability of the bilinear Schrödinger equation based on Lie-algebraic control techniques applied to suitable finite dimensional approximation of the Galerkin-type. Under some regularity assumptions on the Hamiltonians and generic conditions on the controllability of the finite dimensional Galerkin approximations we show exact controllability in projection on an arbitrary given number of eigenstates.

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Regularizing effect of the interplay between coefficients in Dirichlet problems with convection or drift terms

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There are very important results by **Enrique Zuazua** on the subject of the convection-diffusion equation

$$u_t - \operatorname{div}(a(x)\nabla u) = -d \cdot \nabla(|u|^{q-1}u), \quad \text{in } (0, +\infty) \times R^N.$$

The second part of the talk follows, side by side, the paper [2], dedicated to “Enrike-60, and it deals with a linear (i.e. $q = 1$) stationary counterpart of the above equation if d is not constant. We prove regularizing results on the solutions, under assumptions of **interplay** between the datum and the coefficient of the zero order term or between the modulus of the drift and the coefficient of the zero order term.

The first part of the talk is devoted to the introduction to the two roots needed:

- the Dirichlet problems, “formally” in duality, (studied in [3,...,8])

$$(CP) \quad u \in W_0^{1,2}(\Omega) : -\operatorname{div}(M(x)\nabla u) + a(x)u = -\operatorname{div}(uE(x)) + f(x),$$

$$(DP) \quad \psi \in W_0^{1,2}(\Omega) : -\operatorname{div}(M(x)\nabla \psi) + a(x)\psi = E(x) \cdot \nabla \psi + g(x),$$

where Ω is a bounded open set in R^N , $M(x)$ is a bounded elliptic matrix, f, g are functions belonging to L^m , $m \geq 1$, $|E| \in L^N$, $0 < \alpha_0 \leq a(x) \in L^1$;

- the regularizing effect, in the Dirichlet problem

$$u : -\operatorname{div}(M(x)\nabla u) + a(x)u = f(x),$$

of the **interplay** assumption $|f(x)| \leq Q a(x) \in L^1$, which implies that u belongs to $W_0^{1,2}(\Omega) \cap L^\infty(\Omega)$ (see [1]).

Then, for parabolic problems, whose simplest model is

$$\begin{cases} u_t(x, t) - \Delta u = -\operatorname{div}(u(x, t)E(x, t)) & \text{in } Q_T \equiv \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(x, t) = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases}$$

is proved the estimate (see [9])

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^q} \leq C_E \frac{\|u_0\|_{L^1}}{t^{\frac{N}{2}(1-\frac{1}{q})}} \quad \text{for every } t \text{ in } (0, T).$$

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Robustness of various controllability properties under sampling

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I will report on a series of works done with L. Bourdin, with whom we have investigated the following general question: given a control system, do we have robustness under control sampling of various controllability or stabilization properties?

This question has been much investigated in the past, in particular by K. Grasse, E. Sontag, H. Sussmann. I will give the state-of-the-art and provide new results.

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Unwanted sparsity for linear inverse problems with non-negativity constraints

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The purpose of this talk is the analysis of linear inverse problems $A\mu = y$ with non-negative constraints on the unknown μ . The applicative context is medical imaging, and the purpose is to reconstruct a (reasonably smooth) image.

Depending on the noise statistics, the problem is usually solved by

$$\min_{\mu \geq 0} D(y, A\mu),$$

where D is some appropriate divergence, or a regularisation thereof. Without sufficient regularisation, these problems are known to lead to unwanted spikes in the reconstructed image.

Working in the space of non-negative Radon measures, I will explain why this is typical of large noise: any optimal measure will have a singular part as soon as $y \notin \{A\mu, \mu \geq 0\}$. This requires both suitable hypotheses on the operator A and the divergence D . Dual arguments allow to partially locate where spikes will arise [1].

If time permits, I will discuss the case of the Kullback-Leibler divergence in more detail, in particular when the operator A models Positron Emission Tomography [2].

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Some remarks on the turnpike property

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The turnpike phenomenon is a structural property of the solutions of optimal control problems that occurs if the optimal control problems have a certain structure which is often called dissipativity. A typical example are dynamic optimal control problems with tracking terms in the objective functional, where a certain desired state appears. Turnpike results give statements about the distance between the optimal trajectories and a certain static state (the *turnpike*). Often the turnpike can be found as the solution of certain static optimal control problems.

In this talk we comment about the finite-time turnpike phenomenon, which is also called exact turnpike, where the turnpike state is reached exactly after finite time. This situation occurs if non-smooth tracking terms appear in the objective functional. Moreover we discuss the phenomenon in the presence of probabilistic constraints.

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Optimization with learning-informed differential equation constraints and its applications

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Inspired by applications in optimal control of semilinear elliptic partial differential equations and physics-integrated imaging, differential equation constrained optimization problems with constituents that are only accessible through data-driven techniques are studied. A particular focus is on the analysis and on numerical methods for problems with machine-learned components. For a rather general model problem, an error analysis is provided, and particular properties resulting from artificial neural network based approximations are addressed. Moreover, for each of the two inspiring applications analytical details are presented and numerical results are provided. In this context we are interested in two scenarios: (i) a nonlinear constituent of a PDE is learned from data and combined with *a initio* model components. The resulting hybrid PDE model then serves as a constraint in a minimization problem. (ii) The entire parameter/control-to-state map is learned from data and used for reducing the underlying optimization problem. In both cases, the learning phase is considered offline which allows to focus on the optimal control resp. inverse problem.

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Effects of gradient blow-up in viscous Hamilton-Jacobi equations

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This talk is concerned with the diffusive Hamilton-Jacobi equation

$$\begin{cases} u_t - \Delta u = |\nabla u|^p & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T) \\ u = 0 & (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, T) \\ u(x, 0) = u_0 & x \in \Omega \end{cases}$$

in the *superquadratic growth* regime, say $p > 2$, for a bounded domain Ω and a given continuous initial condition u_0 .

It has been understood, in the recent years, that this equation shows very peculiar phenomena when $p > 2$, due to the competition between second order and first order terms. In particular, it is known that classical solutions may not exist globally in time, due to gradient blow-up, which can only occur at the boundary ([2]). One of the effects of the boundary gradient blow-up is the possible loss of the prescribed boundary condition ([1]). However, in long time the solution will become smooth again, recovering the boundary condition and, eventually, converging to zero ([3]). When and how shall we expect the gradient blow-up to happen and, in particular, to cause loss of the boundary condition? And how shall we expect the solution to recover from this relaxed behavior and return to smoothness? Jointly with Philippe Souplet, we give some answers to those questions, which involve the blow-up (and smoothness recovery) rate, the evolution of the boundary behavior and, after all, a precise description in one-dimensional cases ([4], [5]).

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Dynamic Programming on a tree for the approximation of finite horizon optimal control problems

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The classical Dynamic Programming (DP) approach to optimal control problems is based on the characterization of the value function as the unique viscosity solution of a Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman (HJB) equation [2]. The DP scheme for the numerical approximation of viscosity solutions of those equations is typically based on a time discretization which is projected on a fixed space triangulation of the numerical domain [3]. The time discretization can be done by a one-step scheme for the dynamics and the projection on the grid typically uses a polynomial interpolation. This approach, which allows to get information on optimal controls in feedback form, has been shown to be very powerful for low dimensional optimal control problems although general convergence results have been proved in \mathbb{R}^d . Several methods have been proposed to mitigate the curse of dimensionality of DP schemes, e.g. static and dynamic domain decomposition, fast-marching and fast-sweeping methods, discrete representation formulas (when available), see [3] and the references therein.

We will discuss a new approach for finite horizon optimal control problems [1, 4] where we compute the value function on a tree structure generated by the time discrete dynamics avoiding the construction of a space grid/triangulation to solve the HJB equation. This allows to drop the cost of the space interpolation, moreover the tree will guarantee a perfect matching with the discrete dynamics. We prove first order convergence to the value function for a first order discretization of the dynamics. We will also discuss extensions to high-order schemes and to problems with state constraints showing also some numerical tests.

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Multiscale interface coupling between a poroelastic medium and a lumped hydraulic circuit

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We consider a multiscale problem modeling the flow of a fluid through a deformable porous medium, described by poroelasticity, connected with a lumped hydraulic circuit, described by a system of ordinary differential equations. The motivation comes from biological models where the perfusion of a specific tissue or organ (local phenomenon) is studied in correlation to the global features of the surrounding blood circulation. Mathematically, this PDE/ODE coupled problem includes nonlocal interface conditions enforcing the continuity of mass and the balance of stresses across models at different scales. We address questions related to the solution methods of the PDE/ODE coupled problem, focusing on a detailed comparison between functional iterations and an energy-based operator splitting method and how they handle the nonlocal interface conditions. We provide sufficient conditions for the convergence of functional iterations and prove that the energy-based operator splitting method is unconditionally stable with respect to the size of the time discretization step [1].

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The viscous Cahn-Hilliard system and the sliding mode control problem

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The talk deals with a viscous Cahn-Hilliard system in which an additional leading term in the expression for the chemical potential is present. This term consists of a subdifferential operator S acting, in the Lebesgue space $L^2(\Omega)$, on the difference between the phase variable and a prescribed state depending on space and time. Existence and continuous dependence results are discussed for either homogeneous Neumann or Dirichlet boundary conditions for the chemical potential. Next, letting S be a multiple of the sign operator and assuming Dirichlet boundary conditions, we also prove the sliding mode property in a suitable setting: by this the phase variable is forced to join the evolution of the given state in some time lower than the given final time T .

The presentation is based on the results that have been obtained in a collaboration with Gianni Gilardi and Gabriela Marinoschi.

An optimization problem in thermal insulation

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We study thermal insulating of a bounded body. Under a prescribed heat source, we consider a model of heat transfer between the body and the environment determined by convection; this corresponds, before insulation, to Robin boundary conditions. We study the maximization of heat content (which measures the goodness of the insulation) among all the possible distributions of insulating material with fixed mass, and prove an optimal upper bound in terms of geometric quantities. Eventually we prove a conjecture which states that the ball surrounded by a uniform distribution of insulating material maximizes the heat content.

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Model predictive control with random batch methods for a guiding problem

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We model, simulate and control the guiding problem for a herd of evaders under the action of repulsive drivers. The problem is formulated in an optimal control framework, where the drivers (controls) aim to guide the evaders (states) to a desired region of the Euclidean space. The numerical simulation of such models quickly becomes unfeasible for a large number of interacting agents, as the number of interactions grows $O(N^2)$ for N agents. For reducing the computational cost to $O(N)$, we use the Random Batch Method (RBM), which provides a computationally feasible approximation of the dynamics. For this approximated dynamics, the corresponding optimal control can be computed efficiently using a classical gradient descent. The resulting control is not optimal for the original system, but for a reduced RBM model. We therefore adopt a Model Predictive Control (MPC) strategy to handle the error in the dynamics. Through numerical experiments we show that the combination of RBM and MPC leads to a significant reduction of the computational cost, preserving the capacity of controlling the overall dynamics.

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Recovery of nonlinear terms for reaction-diffusion equations

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In this talk, we consider the inverse problem of determining a general semilinear term appearing in a nonlinear parabolic equation. Our goal is to determine the nonlinear term from lateral boundary measurements of solutions of the equation with initial condition fixed at zero. For this purpose, we derive a new criterion allowing to prove such a result for some general class of semilinear terms. This talk is based on some joint work with Gunther Uhlmann.

Internal null controllability of the Hirota-Satsuma system

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The generalized Hirota-Satsuma system consists of three coupled nonlinear Korteweg-de Vries (KdV) equations. By using two distributed controls, we prove that the local null controllability property holds when the system is posed on a bounded interval. First, the system is linearized around the origin obtaining two decoupled subsystems of third order dispersive equations. This linear system is controlled with two inputs, which is optimal. This result is obtained with a duality approach and some appropriate Carleman estimates. Then, by means of an inverse function theorem, the local null controllability of the nonlinear system is proven.

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Boundary Controllability for a degenerate wave equation in non divergence form with drift

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We consider the problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - a(x)u_{xx} - b(x)u_x = 0, & (t, x) \in Q, \\ u(t, 0) = 0, \quad u(t, 1) = f(t), & t \in [0, +\infty), \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x), \quad u_t(0, x) = u_1(x), & x \in (0, 1), \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $Q = (0, +\infty) \times (0, 1)$, $f \in L^2_{loc}[0, +\infty)$, $a, b \in C^0[0, 1]$, $a > 0$ on $(0, 1]$ and $a(0) = 0$. Concerning b , it can possibly degenerate at 0. Here, the function f acts as a boundary control and it is used to drive the solution to 0 at a given time. Clearly the presence of the drift term leads us to use different spaces with respect to the ones in [1] and it gives rise to some new difficulties. However, thanks to some suitable assumptions on the drift term, one can prove some estimates that are crucial to prove an observability similar to

$$E_\varphi(0) \leq C_T \int_0^T |\varphi_x(t, 1)|^2 dt,$$

where E_φ denotes the energy associated to the solution of the adjoint problem.

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Sensitivity analysis of the value function for semilinear parabolic optimal control problems

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We derive sufficient conditions for expressing the first and second order sensitivities of the value function associated with a class of optimal controls problems constrained by parabolic semilinear equations. In particular, we relate the first order sensitivity with the adjoint equation and the second order sensitivity with a suitably defined Riccati equation.

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Some optimal control problems under uncertainty and convergence analysis for stochastic proximal gradient methods

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Firstly, we will introduce some PDE-constrained optimization problems with random data and robust formulation in the same fashion as in [KS,L,GS] and references therein. For these models, we will analyse the convergence of a stochastic proximal gradient method. Namely, we show that the iterate produced by the methods will convergence (in a suitable sense) to the stationary points of the optimization problems. After that, an optimal control problem subject to uncertainty and ambiguity will be introduced. We present the differences and difficulties with respect to the robust approach and discuss some research questions.

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Fractional Operators: Analysis and Optimal Control with Physical and Data Science Applications

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Fractional calculus and its application to anomalous diffusion has recently received a tremendous amount of attention. In complex/heterogeneous material mediums, the long-range correlations or hereditary material properties are presumed to be the cause of such anomalous behavior. Owing to the revival of fractional calculus, these effects are now conveniently modeled by fractional-order differential operators and the governing equations are reformulated accordingly.

In the first part of the talk, we plan to introduce both linear and nonlinear, fractional-order differential equations. As applications, we will develop new physical models for geophysical electromagnetism, imaging science and a new notion of optimal control and inverse problems will be discussed. We also plan to introduce a novel variable order fractional Laplacian operator with multiple applications.

In the second part of the talk, we will focus on novel Deep Neural Networks (DNNs) based on fractional operators. We plan to discuss the approximation properties and apply them to image denoising and tomographic reconstruction problems. We will establish that these DNNs are also excellent surrogates to PDEs and inverse problems with multiple advantages over the traditional methods. If time permits, we will conclude the talk by showing some of our initial results on chemically reacting flows using DNNs which clearly shows the effectiveness of the proposed approach.

Modeling Virus Pandemics by Multiscale Methods

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This lecture is devoted to the multidisciplinary modelling of a pandemic initiated by an aggressive virus, specifically the so-called *SARS-CoV-2 Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, corona virus n.2*. The study is developed within a multiscale framework accounting for the interaction of different spatial scales, from the small scale of the virus itself and cells, to the large scale of individuals and further up to the collective behaviour of populations. An interdisciplinary vision is developed thanks to the contributions of epidemiologists, immunologists and economists as well as those of mathematical modellers.

We present further developments of the model [1] with the aim firstly, to show how relaxations of the confinement rules can generate sequential waves and, subsequently, the dynamics of mutations into new variants can be modeled. Simulations are developed to provide an description of these dynamics to support the decision making of crisis managers [2]. The overall content offers a perspective towards optimization and control problems somehow related to vaccination programs.

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The Lévy flight foraging hypothesis

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We consider a forager diffusing via a fractional heat equation and we introduce several efficiency functionals whose optimality is discussed in relation to the Lévy exponent of the evolution equation. Several biological scenarios, such as a target close to the forager, a sparse environment, a target located away from the forager and two targets are specifically taken into account.

The optimal strategies of each of these configurations are here analyzed explicitly also with the aid of some special functions of classical flavor and the results are confronted with the existing paradigms of the Lévy foraging hypothesis.

Interestingly, one discovers bifurcation phenomena in which a sudden switch occurs between an optimal (but somehow unreliable) Lévy foraging pattern of inverse square law type and a less ideal (but somehow more secure) classical Brownian motion strategy. Additionally, optimal foraging strategies can be detected in the vicinity of the Brownian one even in cases in which the Brownian one is pessimizing an efficiency functional.

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Shape control of the heat equation

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We study the following control problem for the linear heat equation on a domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ (introduced in [1]):

$$\begin{cases} y_t - \Delta y = \chi_{\omega(t)}, \\ y = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where the control is the shape of the subdomain $\omega(t)$, subject to the following constraint:

$$|\omega(t)| \leq L|\Omega|, \quad \forall t > 0. \quad (2)$$

Control problems of this form appear in many different applications, including shape optimization, wavemakers [2] (with fluid equations), and tumor growth models [3].

Combining a relaxation approach with a well-chosen optimal control problem, we prove the following approximate controllability result: nonnegative states are approximately reachable from 0.

The proof relies on the so-called bathtub principle, and some positivity properties of solutions to the linear heat equation. The control is obtained by applying abstract Fenchel-Rockafellar duality arguments.

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CONTROLLABILITY OF A CLASS OF INFINITE DIMENSIONAL SYSTEMS WITH AGE STRUCTURE

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Given a linear dynamical system, we investigate the linear infinite dimensional system obtained by grafting an age structure. Such systems appear essentially in population dynamics with age structure when phenomena like spatial diffusion or transport are also taken into consideration. We first show that the new system preserves some of the wellposedness properties of the initial one. Our main result asserts that if the initial system is null controllable in a time small enough than the structured system is also null controllable in a time depending on the various involved parameters.

More precisely, let $A : \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow X$ be the generator of the C^0 semigroup \mathbb{S} on the Hilbert space X and let U be another Hilbert space. Both X and U will be identified with their duals. Let B be a (possibly unbounded) linear operator from U to X , which is supposed admissible control operator for \mathbb{S} . In the examples we have in mind, the above spaces and operators describe the dynamics of a system without age structure. In particular, X is the state space and U is the control space. The corresponding age structured system is obtained by first extending these spaces to

$$\mathcal{X} = L^2(0, a_+; X), \quad (0.1)$$

$$\mathcal{U} = L^2(0, a_+; U), \quad (0.2)$$

where $a_+ > 0$ denotes the maximal age individuals can attain. Let $p(t) \in \mathcal{X}$ be the distribution density of the individuals with respect to age $a \geq 0$ and at some time $t \geq 0$. Then the abstract version of the Lotka-McKendrick system to be considered in this paper writes:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial a} - Ap + \mu(a)p = \mathbb{1}_{(a_1, a_2)} Bu, & t \geq 0, a \in (0, a_+), \\ p(t, 0) = \int_0^{a_+} \beta(s)p(t, s) ds, & t \geq 0, \\ p(0, a) = p_0, \end{cases} \quad (0.3)$$

where $\mathbb{1}$ is the characteristic function of the interval (a_1, a_2) with $0 \leq a_1 < a_2 \leq a_+$ and p_0 is the initial population density. In the above system, the positive function $\mu : [0, a_+] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ denotes the natural mortality rate of individuals of age a . We denote by $\beta : [0, a_+] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ the positive function describing the fertility rate at age a . We assume that the fertility rate β and the mortality rate μ satisfy the conditions

(H1) $\beta \in L^\infty(0, a_+)$, $\beta \geq 0$ for almost every $a \in (0, a_+)$.

(H2) $\mu \in L^\infty[0, a^*]$ for every $a^* \in (0, a_+)$, $\mu \geq 0$ for almost every $a \in (0, a_+)$.

(H3) $\int_0^{a_+} \mu(a) da = +\infty$.

For more details about the modelling of such system and the biological significance of the hypotheses, we refer to Webb [9].

Before we state our main result, let us introduce the notion of null controllability of the pair (A, B) .

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Definition 0.1. We say that a pair (A, B) is null-controllable in time τ , if for every $z_0 \in X$ there exists a control $u \in L^2(0, \tau, U)$ such that, the solution of the system

$$\dot{z}(t) = Az(t) + Bu(t) \quad t \in [0, \tau], \quad z(0) = z_0,$$

satisfies $z(\tau) = 0$.

The main result of this paper is:

Theorem 0.2. Assume that β and μ satisfy the conditions (H1)-(H3) above. Moreover, suppose that the fertility rate β is such that

$$\beta(a) = 0 \text{ for all } a \in (0, a_b), \quad (0.4)$$

for some $a_b \in (0, a_\dagger)$ and that $a_1 < a_b$. Let us assume that the pair (A, B) is null controllable in time $\tau > \tau_0$, with

$$0 \leq \tau_0 \leq \bar{\tau}, \quad \bar{\tau} = \min\{a_2 - a_1, a_b - a_1\}. \quad (0.5)$$

Then for every $\tau > a_1 + a_\dagger - a_2 + 2\tau_0$ and for every $p_0 \in \mathcal{X}$ there exists a control $v \in L^2(0, \tau; U)$ such that the solution p of (0.3) satisfies

$$p(\tau, a) = 0 \text{ for all } a \in (0, a_\dagger). \quad (0.6)$$

This result can be seen as a generalization of those obtained in [2, 3, 1, 7, 8] in the case when A is an elliptic operator with Neumann or Dirichlet homogeneous boundary conditions or in Ainseba et al. [4], Boutaayamou et al. [5] or Fragnelli [6] when A is a degenerate elliptic operator. Our approach applies, besides the above mentioned examples, to operators A such that the systems without age structure describes fractional diffusion, transport phenomena or even Schrödinger type dynamics, with internal or boundary control.

The proof of the above theorem relies on final time observability of the adjoint system. This consists of combining characteristics method with final state observability of the pair (A^*, B^*) , with no reference to the methodology employed to prove this observability result for the system without age structure. This idea was already used in [8] where A was second order elliptic differential operator and B was interior control operator.

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Kinetic Models and (Social) Networks

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In this talk we discuss the derivation of kinetic and subsequent macroscopic equations for processes related to processes on networks, such as opinion formation on social networks. We consider in particular the case when networks are co-evolving during other processes and discuss suitable descriptions as well as issues to derive simple closure relations. Moreover, we discuss aspects of pattern formation such as consensus or the formation of echo chambers.

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Do quantum currents uniquely determine the magnetic potential of an Iwatsuka Hamiltonian?

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An Iwatsuka Hamiltonian is a Schrödinger operator $H_b = (i\nabla - A(x)) \cdot (i\nabla - A(x))$ acting in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$, with magnetic potential $A(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ a(x) \end{pmatrix}$ where

$$a(x) = \int_0^x b(\xi) d\xi, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

and $b \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ fulfills $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} b(x) = b_\pm$, $0 < b_- < b_+ < +\infty$.

The spectral and transport properties of H_b have been studied extensively over the last decades, see e.g. [1], and it is well known that Iwatsuka Hamiltonians induce quantum currents which are generated by the non-constancy of the magnetic field b , see [2].

This talk is concerned with the uniqueness issue in the inverse coefficient problem of determining the magnetic field b from knowledge of the quantum currents induced by H_b .

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Controllability to trajectories of a simplified fluid-structure interaction model

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We prove the exact controllability result to trajectories of a simplified model of motion of a rigid body in a fluid flow. Unlike known results such a trajectory does not need to be a stationary solution.

Inverse problems for first-order hyperbolic equations

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Let $d \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be a bounded domain with Lipschitz boundary $\partial\Omega$. Set $Q := \Omega \times (0, T)$ for $T > 0$. We consider the first-order partial differential operator P such that

$$Pu := A^0(x, t)\partial_t u + A(x, t) \cdot \nabla u,$$

where $A^0 \in C^1(\overline{Q})$ is a positive function and $A = (A^1, \dots, A^d) \in C^2(\overline{Q}; \mathbb{R}^d)$ is a vector-valued function. Define an outgoing boundary $\Sigma_+ := \{(x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, T) \mid A(x, t) \cdot \nu(x) > 0\}$ and incoming boundary $\Sigma_- := (\partial\Omega \times (0, T)) \setminus \Sigma_+$, where ν denotes the outer unit normal to $\partial\Omega$. We consider the following two kinds of inverse problems.

Inverse source problem

Let u be a function satisfying

$$\begin{cases} Pu + p(x, t)u = R(x, t)f(x) & \text{in } Q, \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma_-, \\ u(\cdot, 0) = 0 & \text{on } \Omega, \end{cases}$$

where $p \in W^{1, \infty}(0, T; L^\infty(\Omega))$, $R \in H^1(0, T; L^\infty(\Omega))$, and $f \in L^2(\Omega)$. We will see global Lipschitz stability to determine f in Ω from observation data on Σ_+ .

Inverse coefficient problem

For $m = 1, \dots, d+1$, let u_m be a function satisfying

$$\begin{cases} Pu_m + p(x, t)u_m = 0 & \text{in } Q, \\ u_m = g_m & \text{on } \Sigma_-, \\ u_m(\cdot, 0) = \alpha_m & \text{on } \Omega, \end{cases}$$

where $p \in W^{1, \infty}(0, T; L^\infty(\Omega))$, $g_m \in L^2(\Sigma_-)$, and $\alpha_m \in W^{1, \infty}(\Omega)$. We will see global Lipschitz stability to determine $\{A^\mu\}_{\mu=0}^d$ from finitely many observation data on Σ_+ .

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Control of reaction-diffusion equation with state constraints

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The classical controllability theory for parabolic equations does not take into account the fact that specific reaction-diffusion equations make physically sense only if the state is positive or, in case that the solution has to model a proportion, taking values in $[0, 1]$. We will discuss controllability properties of equations of the type

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u - \mu \Delta u = f(u) & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(x, t) = a(x, t) & (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(0, \cdot) = u_0 \in L^\infty(\Omega; [0, 1]), \end{cases}$$

in a way that the controlled trajectory satisfies $0 \leq u(x, t) \leq 1$.

The talk will concern the techniques developed in [1,2,3,4] in order to obtain control strategies satisfying the modeling constraints and related phenomenology. Furthermore, some open perspectives will be exposed.

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Time-domain decomposition of optimal control problems for systems of semilinear hyperbolic equations

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We extend the time-domain decomposition method described by Lagnese and Leugering [1,2] to semilinear optimal control problems for hyperbolic systems with spatio-temporal varying coefficients. We provide the design of the iterative method applied to the global first-order optimality system, prove its convergence, and derive an a posteriori error estimate. The analysis is done entirely on the continuous level. A distinguishing feature of the method is that the decomposed optimality system can be interpreted as an optimality system of a local *virtual* optimal control problem. Thus, the iterative time-domain decomposition of the optimality system can be interpreted as an iterative parallel scheme for virtual optimal control problems on the subintervals. A typical example and further comments are given to show the range of potential applications. Moreover, we provide some numerical experiments to give a first interpretation of the role of the parameters involved in the iterative process.

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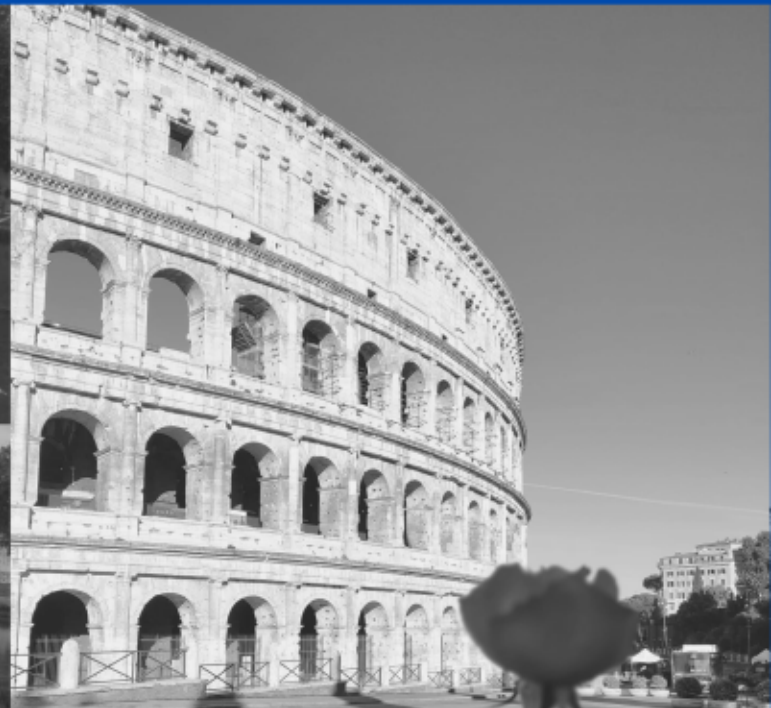
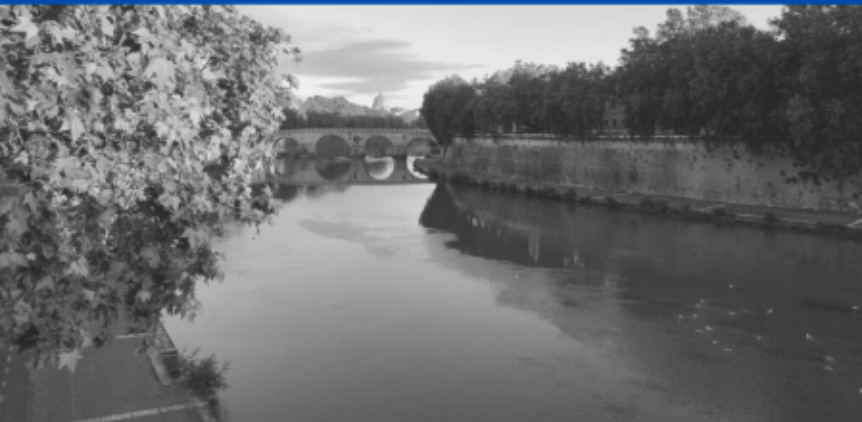
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