

# **Numerical results for an optimal design problem with a non-linear cost in the gradient**

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# 1. Motivation and statement of the problem

**Data:**  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  bounded, open,  $\kappa > 0$ ,  $F_1, F_2 : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  
 $f \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $A, B$  positive matrices

**Control problem**

**in the coefficients:**

where

$$(P) \quad \begin{cases} \text{Find } \omega_0 \in \mathcal{U} \text{ such that} \\ \mathcal{J}(\omega_0) = \min_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{J}(\omega) \end{cases}$$

- Set of controls:

$$\mathcal{U} = \{\omega \subset \Omega : \omega \text{ measurable}, \quad |\omega| \leq \kappa\}$$

- Cost functional:

$$\mathcal{J}(\omega) = \int_{\omega} F_1(x, u_{\omega}, \nabla u_{\omega}) dx + \int_{\Omega \setminus \omega} F_2(x, u_{\omega}, \nabla u_{\omega}) dx$$

with  $u_{\omega}$  defined by

$$u_{\omega} \in H_0^1(\Omega), \quad -\operatorname{div}\left((A\chi_{\omega} + B\chi_{\Omega \setminus \omega}) \nabla u_{\omega}\right) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

**Optimal design of composite materials** (mixing materials  $A$  and  $B$ ).

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**Existence of solution:** Direct Method in the Calculus of Variations

If  $\omega_n \in \mathcal{U}$  is a minimizing sequence, i.e.  $\mathcal{J}(\omega_n) \rightarrow \inf_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{J}(\omega)$ , then

$$\chi_{\omega_n} \xrightarrow{*} \theta \text{ in } L^\infty(\Omega), \quad A\chi_{\omega_n} + B\chi_{\Omega \setminus \omega_n} \xrightarrow{H} M \in L^\infty(\Omega)^{N \times N}$$

$$u_{\omega_n} \rightharpoonup u \text{ in } H_0^1(\Omega), \text{ with } -\operatorname{div}(M \nabla u) = f \text{ in } \Omega$$

however

$$\nexists \omega \in \mathcal{U} \text{ such that } \theta = \chi_\omega \text{ and } M = A\chi_\omega + B\chi_{\Omega \setminus \omega}$$

(lack of compactness of the set of controls!)

$$\int F_i(x, u_{\omega_n}, \nabla u_{\omega_n}) dx \not\rightarrow \int F_i(x, u, \nabla u) dx$$

(lack of continuity in  $H_0^1$ -weak of the cost functional!)

Control problem (P) has not a solution in general (F.Murat).

A relaxation of  $(P)$ :

where  $(\hat{P}) \begin{cases} \text{Find } (\theta_0, M_0) \in \hat{\mathcal{U}} \text{ such that} \\ \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta_0, M_0) = \min_{(\theta, M) \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}} \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta, M) \end{cases}$

- Set of relaxed controls

$$\hat{\mathcal{U}} = \{(\theta, M) : \exists \omega_n \in \mathcal{U} \text{ such that } \chi_{\omega_n} \xrightarrow{*} \theta \text{ in } L^\infty(\Omega), \\ A\chi_{\omega_n} + B\chi_{\Omega \setminus \omega_n} \xrightarrow{H} M \in L^\infty(\Omega)^{N \times N}\}$$

- Relaxed cost functional

$$\hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta, M) = \int_{\Omega} H(x, u_{\theta, M}, \nabla u_{\theta, M}, M \nabla u_{\theta, M}, \theta) dx$$

where  $u_{\theta, M}$  is defined by

$$u_{\theta, M} \in H_0^1(\Omega), \quad -\operatorname{div}(M \nabla u_{\theta, M}) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

(J.Casado-Diaz, J.Couce-Calvo, J.D.Martin-Gomez for the definition of  $H$ )

**Remark:** The function  $H$  is known explicitly only in few cases!

(L.Tartar; Y.Grabovsky; R.Lipton; P.Pedregal...)

We want to solve numerically the control problem  $(P)$ :

For  $h > 0$ , find  $\omega_h \in \mathcal{U}$  such that

$$\mathcal{J}(\omega_h) - \inf_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{J}(\omega) \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0$$

and provide convergence rates.

We have two (main) strategies for discretization:

- Discretize directly the original problem  $(P)$ .
- Discretize the relaxed formulation  $(\hat{P})$ .

**Our goal:** To study and compare both strategies.

To compute a “good” two-phase material,

is it worth working hard to obtain the relaxed problem for its discretization?

or on the contrary,

is it preferable to deal with a discretization of the original problem?

## 2. The one-dimensional design problem

(J.Casado-Díaz, C.Castro, MLL, E.Zuazua)

**Dates:**  $\Omega = (0, 1)$ ,  $\alpha, \beta, \kappa > 0$ ,  $f \in L^\infty(0, 1)$ ,  $F_i \in W^{1,\infty}((0, 1) \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})$

**Control problem**  
**in the coefficients:**

$$(P) \begin{cases} \text{Find } \omega_0 \in \mathcal{U} \text{ such that} \\ \mathcal{J}(\omega_0) = \min_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{J}(\omega) \end{cases}$$

where

- Set of controls:

$$\mathcal{U} = \{\omega \subset (0, 1) : \omega \text{ measurable}, \quad |\omega| \leq \kappa\}$$

- Cost functional:

$$\mathcal{J}(\omega) = \int_{\omega} F_1 \left( x, u_{\omega}, \frac{du_{\omega}}{dx} \right) dx + \int_{(0,1) \setminus \omega} F_2 \left( x, u_{\omega}, \frac{du_{\omega}}{dx} \right) dx$$

with  $u_{\omega}$  defined by

$$u_{\omega} \in H_0^1(0, 1), \quad -\frac{d}{dx} \left( (\alpha \chi_{\omega} + \beta(1 - \chi_{\omega})) \frac{du_{\omega}}{dx} \right) = f \quad \text{in } (0, 1)$$

## Theorem [Relaxation]

A relaxation of  $(P)$  is given by:

$$(\hat{P}) \quad \begin{cases} \text{Find } \theta_0 \in \hat{\mathcal{U}} \text{ such that} \\ \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta_0) = \min_{\theta \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}} \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta) \end{cases}$$

where

- Set of relaxed controls

$$\hat{\mathcal{U}} = \left\{ \theta : \theta \in L^\infty(0, 1; [0, 1]) \text{ with } \int_0^1 \theta dx \leq \kappa \right\}$$

- Relaxed cost functional

$$\hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta) = \int_0^1 \left( \theta F_1 \left( x, u_\theta, \frac{\lambda_\theta}{\alpha} \frac{du_\theta}{dx} \right) + (1 - \theta) F_2 \left( x, u_\theta, \frac{\lambda_\theta}{\beta} \frac{du_\theta}{dx} \right) \right) dx$$

with  $u_\theta$  defined by

$$u_\theta \in H_0^1(0, 1), \quad -\frac{d}{dx} \left( \lambda_\theta \frac{du_\theta}{dx} \right) = f \quad \text{in } (0, 1)$$

$$\text{where } \lambda_\theta = \left( \frac{\theta}{\alpha} + \frac{1 - \theta}{\beta} \right)^{-1}, \quad \forall \theta \in \hat{\mathcal{U}} \quad (\text{harmonic mean})$$



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- Discretize directly the original problem ( $P$ ).
- Discretize the relaxed formulation ( $\hat{P}$ ).

Next we now approximate both optimal design problems, the original and the relaxed one, but we do it in a stratified manner, in two levels:

**Level 1:** Discrete set of controls but continuous ODE.

**Level 2:** Discrete set of controls and also discrete approximation of ODE (**full discretization**).

For  $r > 0$ , we consider a partition  $\mathcal{Q}^r = \{y_k\}_{k=0}^{m_r}$  of  $[0, 1]$ , with

$$r = \max_{1 \leq k \leq m_r} (y_k - y_{k-1}).$$

### Discretization of $(P)$ , Level 1:

$$(P^r) \begin{cases} \text{Find } \omega_0^r \in \mathcal{U}^r \text{ such that} \\ \mathcal{J}(\omega_0^r) = \min_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}^r} \mathcal{J}(\omega) \end{cases}$$

where

$$\mathcal{U}^r = \left\{ \omega \in \mathcal{U} : \exists J \subset \{1, \dots, m_r\} \text{ such that } \omega = \cup_{k \in J} (y_{k-1}, y_k) \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}(\omega) = & \int_{\omega} F_1 \left( x, u_{\omega}, \frac{du_{\omega}}{dx} \right) dx \\ & + \int_{(0,1) \setminus \omega} F_2 \left( x, u_{\omega}, \frac{du_{\omega}}{dx} \right) dx \end{aligned}$$

with  $u_{\omega} \in H_0^1(0, 1)$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{d}{dx} \left( (\alpha \chi_{\omega} + \beta(1 - \chi_{\omega})) \frac{du_{\omega}}{dx} \right) &= f \\ &\text{in } (0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

### Discretization of $(\hat{P})$ , Level 1:

$$(\hat{P}^r) \begin{cases} \text{Find } \theta_0^r \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}^r \text{ such that} \\ \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta_0^r) = \min_{\theta \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}^r} \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta) \end{cases}$$

where

$$\hat{\mathcal{U}}^r = \left\{ \theta \in \hat{\mathcal{U}} : \theta \text{ constant in every } (y_{k-1}, y_k) \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta) = & \int_0^1 \left( \theta F_1 \left( x, u_{\theta}, \frac{\lambda_{\theta}}{\alpha} \frac{du_{\theta}}{dx} \right) \right. \\ & \left. + (1 - \theta) F_2 \left( x, u_{\theta}, \frac{\lambda_{\theta}}{\beta} \frac{du_{\theta}}{dx} \right) \right) dx \end{aligned}$$

with  $u_{\theta} \in H_0^1(0, 1)$  satisfying

$$-\frac{d}{dx} \left( \lambda_{\theta} \frac{du_{\theta}}{dx} \right) = f \quad \text{in } (0, 1)$$

### **Theorem 1 [Discretization of $(P)$ , Level 1]**

Problem  $(P^r)$  has a solution for every  $r > 0$ , and we have

$$0 \leq \min_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}^r} \mathcal{J}(\omega) - \inf_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{J}(\omega) \leq Cr^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Moreover, if for some integer  $\ell \geq 1$ , we have that  $f$  belongs to  $W^{\ell,1}(0,1)$  and  $F_i(x, s, \xi)$  is independent of  $s$  and belong to  $C_{loc}^{\ell,1}([0,1] \times \mathbb{R})$ , then we have

$$0 \leq \min_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}^r} \mathcal{J}(\omega) - \inf_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{J}(\omega) \leq Cr^{\frac{\ell+1}{\ell+2}}.$$

### **Theorem 2 [Discretization of $(\hat{P})$ , Level 1]**

Problem  $(\hat{P}^r)$  has a solution for every  $r > 0$ , and we have

$$0 \leq \min_{\theta \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}^r} \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta) - \inf_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{J}(\omega) = o(r).$$

Moreover, if problem  $(\hat{P})$  has a solution  $\theta_0$  in  $BV(0,1)$ , then

$$0 \leq \min_{\theta \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}^r} \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta) - \inf_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{J}(\omega) \leq Cr^2.$$

## Remarks:

- The convergence rate for  $(\hat{P}^r)$  is better than the one for  $(P^r)$ .

$$\text{For } (P^r): \quad 0 \leq \min_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}^r} \mathcal{J}(\omega) - \inf_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{J}(\omega) \leq C r^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\text{For } (\hat{P}^r): \quad 0 \leq \min_{\theta \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}^r} \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta) - \inf_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{J}(\omega) = o(r)$$

- Problem  $(\hat{P}^r)$  is simpler to solve because the set of controls  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}^r$  is convex, and for example we can apply descent methods.

$$\mathcal{U}^r = \{ \omega \subset (0, 1) : |\omega| \leq \kappa, \exists J \subset \{1, \dots, m_r\} \text{ such that } \omega = \cup_{k \in J} (y_{k-1}, y_k) \}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{U}}^r = \{ \theta \in L^\infty(0, 1; [0, 1]) : \int_0^1 \theta dx \leq \kappa, \theta \text{ constant in every } (y_{k-1}, y_k) \}$$

## Discretizations of problems $(P)$ and $(\hat{P})$ : Level 2

### Discretization of the state and the cost: Finite Element Approximation

For  $h > 0$ , we take a partition  $\mathcal{Q}^h = \{x_i\}_{i=0}^{n_h}$  of  $[0, 1]$ , with

$$h = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n_h} (x_i - x_{i-1})$$

and we define

$$W^h = \{v \in C_0^0([0, 1]) : v \text{ is affine on every } (x_{i-1}, x_i)\}$$

For  $\theta \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}$ , constant in every  $(x_{i-1}, x_i)$ , we define  $\tilde{u}_\theta \in W^h$  by

$$\int_0^1 \lambda_\theta \frac{d\tilde{u}_\theta}{dx} \frac{dv}{dx} dx = \int_0^1 f v dx, \quad \forall v \in W^h$$

and

$$\hat{\mathcal{J}}^h(\theta) = \int_0^1 \left( \theta F_1 \left( x, \tilde{u}_\theta, \frac{\lambda_\theta}{\alpha} \frac{d\tilde{u}_\theta}{dx} \right) + (1 - \theta) F_2 \left( x, \tilde{u}_\theta, \frac{\lambda_\theta}{\beta} \frac{d\tilde{u}_\theta}{dx} \right) \right) dx$$

For  $\omega \in \mathcal{U}$ , with  $\omega = \cup_{i \in J} (x_{i-1}, x_i)$ ,  $J \subset \{1 \dots, n_h\}$ , we denote  $\tilde{u}_\omega = \tilde{u}_{\chi_\omega}$  and define

$$\mathcal{J}^h(\omega) = \int_\omega F_1 \left( x, \tilde{u}_\omega, \frac{d\tilde{u}_\omega}{dx} \right) dx + \int_{(0,1) \setminus \omega} F_2 \left( x, \tilde{u}_\omega, \frac{d\tilde{u}_\omega}{dx} \right) dx$$

## Discretization of the set of controls:

For  $r > 0$ , we take a partition  $\mathcal{Q}^r = \{y_k\}_{k=0}^{m_r}$  of  $[0, 1]$ , with  $\mathcal{Q}^r \subset \mathcal{Q}^h$  and

$$r = \max_{1 \leq k \leq m_r} (y_k - y_{k-1}).$$

and we define

$$\mathcal{U}^r = \{\omega \subset (0, 1) : |\omega| \leq \kappa, \exists J \subset \{1 \dots, m_r\} \text{ such that } \omega = \cup_{k \in J} (y_{k-1}, y_k)\}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{U}}^r = \{\theta \in L^\infty(0, 1; [0, 1]) : \int_0^1 \theta dx \leq \kappa, \theta \text{ constant in every } (y_{k-1}, y_k)\}$$

### Full discretization of $(P)$ :

We take  $\mathcal{Q}^r = \mathcal{Q}^h = \{x_i\}_{i=0}^{n_h}$

$$(P_c^h) \begin{cases} \text{Find } \omega_0^h \in \mathcal{U}^h \text{ such that} \\ \mathcal{J}^h(\omega_0^h) = \min_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}^h} \mathcal{J}^h(\omega) \end{cases}$$

### Full discretization of $(\hat{P})$ :

We take  $\mathcal{Q}^r = \{y_k\}_{k=0}^{m_r} \subset \mathcal{Q}^h = \{x_i\}_{i=0}^{n_h}$   
with  $r = \sqrt{h}$

$$(\hat{P}_c^h) \begin{cases} \text{Find } \theta_0 \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}^r \text{ such that} \\ \hat{\mathcal{J}}^h(\theta_0) = \min_{\theta \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}^r} \hat{\mathcal{J}}^h(\theta) \end{cases}$$

### Theorem [Full discretization of $(P)$ ]

Problem  $(P_c^h)$  has a solution for every  $h > 0$ . Moreover, every solution  $\omega_0$  satisfies

$$0 \leq \mathcal{J}(\omega_0) - \inf_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{J}(\omega) \leq Ch^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Moreover, if for some nonnegative integer  $\ell$ , we have that  $f$  belongs to  $W^{\ell,1}(0,1)$  and  $F(x, s, \xi)$  is independent of  $s$  and belong to  $C_{loc}^{\ell,1}([0,1] \times \mathbb{R})$ , then we have

$$0 \leq \mathcal{J}(\omega_0) - \inf_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{J}(\omega) \leq Ch^{\frac{\ell+1}{\ell+2}}.$$

### Theorem [Full discretization of $(\hat{P})$ ]

Problem  $(\hat{P}_c^h)$  has a solution for every  $h > 0$ . Moreover, if we assume that exists an optimal control of bounded variation for  $(\hat{P})$ , then every  $\theta_0$  solution of  $(\hat{P}_c^h)$  satisfies

$$0 \leq \mathcal{J}(\theta_0) - \inf_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{J}(\omega) \leq Ch.$$

## Remarks:

- In the full discretization of the unrelaxed formulation, the PDE and the control are discretized in a same fine grid of size  $h$ .
- The full discretization of the relaxed problem, constitutes a **bigrid strategy**: The PDE is discretized in the fine grid of size  $h$  while the control is discretized in the coarser one of size  $\sqrt{h}$ . And it gives a faster convergence with a lower computational cost!
- Previous results demonstrate that relaxation may be as important for calculation as it is for existence.



## Postprocessing of relaxed controls:

**A difficulty:** Solutions of  $(\hat{P}^r)$  are not physical solutions (they are not characteristics!)

**Proposition.** Given

$$\theta = \sum_{k=1}^{m_r} t_k \chi_{(y_{k-1}, y_k)} \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}^r, \text{ with } t_k \in [0, 1], \forall k \in \{1, \dots, m_r\}.$$

Taking

$$j_k = \left\lceil \frac{y_k - y_{k-1}}{r^2} \right\rceil + 1, \quad s_k = \frac{y_k - y_{k-1}}{j_k}, \quad \forall k \in \{1, \dots, m_r\},$$

we define  $\omega \subset (0, 1)$  as

$$\omega = \bigcup_{k=1}^{m_r} \bigcup_{i=1}^{j_k} (y_{k-1} + (i-1)s_k, y_{k-1} + (i-1+t_k)s_k).$$

Then, we have

$$\left| \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta) - \mathcal{J}(\omega) \right| \leq Cr^2.$$

### 3. The N-dimensional design problem

(J.Casado-Díaz, J.Couce-Calvo, MLL, J.D.Martín-Gómez)

**Data:**  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  bounded, open,  $\kappa > 0$ ,  $f \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ ,  
 $A, B$  positive matrices,  $\exists (B - A)^{-1}$  (for simplicity),  
 $F : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying

$$|F(\xi_1) - F(\xi_2)| \leq C(1 + |\xi_1| + |\xi_2|) |\xi_1 - \xi_2| \quad \forall \xi_1, \xi_2 \in \mathbb{R}^N.$$

**Control problem**

**in the coefficients:**

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$$(P) \quad \begin{cases} \text{Find } \omega_0 \in \mathcal{U} \text{ such that} \\ \mathcal{J}(\omega_0) = \min_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{J}(\omega) \end{cases}$$

A relaxation of  $(P)$ :

where  $(\hat{P}) \begin{cases} \text{Find } (\theta_0, M_0) \in \hat{\mathcal{U}} \text{ such that} \\ \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta_0, M_0) = \min_{(\theta, M) \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}} \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta, M) \end{cases}$

- Set of relaxed controls

$$\hat{\mathcal{U}} = \left\{ (\theta, M) : \exists \omega_n \in \mathcal{U} \text{ such that } \chi_{\omega_n} \xrightarrow{*} \theta \text{ in } L^\infty(\Omega), \right. \\ \left. A\chi_{\omega_n} + B\chi_{\Omega \setminus \omega_n} \xrightarrow{H} M \in L^\infty(\Omega)^{N \times N} \right\}$$

- Relaxed cost functional

$$\hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta, M) = \int_{\Omega} H(\nabla u_{\theta, M}, M \nabla u_{\theta, M}, \theta) dx$$

where  $u_{\theta, M}$  is defined by

$$u_{\theta, M} \in H_0^1(\Omega), \quad -\operatorname{div}\left(M \nabla u_{\theta, M}\right) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

## About the relaxed set of controls:

$$\hat{\mathcal{U}} = \{(\theta, M) : \exists \omega_n \in \mathcal{U} \text{ such that } \chi_{\omega_n} \xrightarrow{*} \theta \text{ in } L^\infty(\Omega), \\ A\chi_{\omega_n} + B\chi_{\Omega \setminus \omega_n} \xrightarrow{H} M \in L^\infty(\Omega)^{N \times N}\}$$

The following theorem characterizes the set  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}$

**Definition:** For  $p \in [0, 1]$ , we define  $\mathcal{K}(p)$  by

$$\mathcal{K}(p) = \{M \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N} : \exists \chi_{\omega_n} \xrightarrow{*} p \text{ in } L^\infty(\Omega), A\chi_{\omega_n} + B\chi_{\Omega \setminus \omega_n} \xrightarrow{H} M\}$$

**Theorem:** Given  $(\theta, M) \in L^\infty(\Omega; [0, 1]) \times L^\infty(\Omega)^{N \times N}$ , we have

$$(\theta, M) \in \hat{\mathcal{U}} \iff \int_{\Omega} \theta \, dx \leq \kappa \text{ and} \\ M(x) \in \mathcal{K}(\theta(x)) \text{ a.e. } x \in \Omega.$$

**Consequence:**

$$\hat{\mathcal{U}} = \{(\theta, M) \in L^\infty(\Omega; [0, 1]) \times L^\infty(\Omega)^{N \times N} : \int_{\Omega} \theta dx \leq \kappa, M \in \mathcal{K}(\theta)\}$$

## About the relaxed set of controls:

$$\hat{\mathcal{U}} = \left\{ (\theta, M) \in L^\infty(\Omega; [0, 1]) \times L^\infty(\Omega)^{N \times N} : \int_{\Omega} \theta dx \leq \kappa, M \in \mathcal{K}(\theta) \right\}$$

The sets  $\mathcal{K}(p)$ ,  $p \in [0, 1]$ , are explicitly known only when (**L.Tartar**; **K.A.Lurie, A.V.Cherkaev**)

$$A = \alpha I, B = \beta I.$$

To deal with  $(\hat{P})$  we only need to know the sets  $\mathcal{K}(p)\xi$ ,  $\forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^N$ . Indeed we can reformulate  $(\hat{P})$  as

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min_{\theta, u, \sigma} \int_{\Omega} H(\nabla u, \sigma, \theta) dx \\ \theta \in L^\infty(\Omega; [0, 1]), \quad \int_{\Omega} \theta dx \leq \kappa, \quad u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \\ -\operatorname{div} \sigma = f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad \sigma \in \mathcal{K}(\theta) \nabla u \text{ a.e. } x \in \Omega, \quad \sigma \text{ measurable.} \end{array} \right.$$

**Theorem:** For every  $p \in [0, 1]$  and  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}(p)\xi = \{ \eta \in \mathbb{R}^N : & (1-p)(B-A)^{-1}A(B-A)^{-1}(B\xi - \eta) \cdot (B\xi - \eta) \\ & + p(B-A)^{-1}B(B-A)^{-1}(\eta - A\xi) \cdot (\eta - A\xi) \leq p(1-p)\eta \cdot \xi \}. \end{aligned}$$

## About the relaxed cost functional:

$$\hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta, M) = \int_{\Omega} H(\nabla u_{\theta, M}, M \nabla u_{\theta, M}, \theta) dx$$

where

$$H(\xi, \eta, p) = \sup_{\delta > 0} H_{\delta}(\xi, \eta, p), \quad \forall (\xi, \eta, p) \in \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N \times [0, 1].$$

with  $H_{\delta} : \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N \times [0, 1] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\delta > 0$ , given by

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\delta}(\xi, \eta, p) = \inf \Big\{ & \int_Y F(\xi + \nabla w) dy : \\ & -\operatorname{div} \left( (A\chi_Z + B\chi_{Y \setminus Z}) \right) (\xi + \nabla w) = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N, \quad w \in H_{\#}^1(Y), \\ & \left| \int_Y \left( (A\chi_Z + B\chi_{Y \setminus Z}) \right) (\xi + \nabla w) dy - \eta \right| < \delta, \\ & Z \subset Y \text{ measurable, } |Z| = p \Big\}, \quad \forall \delta > 0. \end{aligned}$$

In general we do not have an explicit representation of  $H$ !

(L.Tartar; Y.Grabovsky; R.Lipton; P.Pedregal...)

## Some properties of $H$ :

- $Dom(H) = \{(\xi, \eta, p) \in \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N \times [0, 1] : H(\xi, \eta, p) < +\infty\}$   
 $= \{(\xi, \eta, p) \in \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N \times [0, 1] : \eta \in \mathcal{K}(p)\xi\}$

- The value of  $H$  on the boundary of  $Dom(H)$  is given by

$$H(\xi, \eta, p) = pF\left((B - A)^{-1}\left(\frac{B\xi - \eta}{p}\right)\right) + (1 - p)F\left((B - A)^{-1}\left(\frac{\eta - A\xi}{1 - p}\right)\right),$$

$$\forall (\xi, \eta, p) \in \partial Dom(H), \quad p \neq 0, 1,$$

$$H(\xi, A\xi, 1) = H(\xi, B\xi, 0) = F(\xi), \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^N.$$

- $$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} H(\nabla u_n, \sigma_n, \theta_n) dx \geq \int_{\Omega} H(\nabla u, \sigma, \theta) dx,$$

$$\forall (u_n, \sigma_n, \theta_n) \text{ such that } u_n \rightharpoonup u \text{ in } H_0^1(\Omega)$$

$$\theta_n \xrightarrow{*} \theta \text{ in } L^\infty(\Omega), \quad \sigma_n \rightharpoonup \sigma \text{ in } L^2(\Omega)^N, \quad \operatorname{div} \sigma_n \rightarrow \operatorname{div} \sigma \text{ in } H^{-1}(\Omega).$$

$$(\hat{P}) \quad \begin{cases} \text{Find } (\theta_0, M_0) \in \hat{\mathcal{U}} \text{ such that} \\ \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta_0, M_0) = \min_{(\theta, M) \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}} \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta, M) \end{cases}$$

where

$$\hat{\mathcal{U}} = \{ (\theta, M) \in L^\infty(\Omega; [0, 1]) \times L^\infty(\Omega)^{N \times N} : \int_{\Omega} \theta dx \leq \kappa, \ M \in \mathcal{K}(\theta) \}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta, M) = \int_{\Omega} H(\nabla u_{\theta, M}, M \nabla u_{\theta, M}, \theta) \, dx$$

$$u_{\theta, M} \in H_0^1(\Omega), \quad -\operatorname{div}(M \nabla u_{\theta, M}) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

How compute the solutions of  $(\hat{P})$  when  $H$  is not known explicitly?

We have an explicit formula for  $H(\xi, \eta, p)$  when  $(\xi, \eta, p) \in \partial \operatorname{Dom}(H)$ .

On the other hand, under additional conditions we have that if  $(\theta, M)$  is a solution of  $(\hat{P})$ , then  $(\nabla u_{\theta, M}, M \nabla u_{\theta, M}, \theta) \in \partial \operatorname{Dom}(H)$ .

We develop numeric strategies based on the approximation of  $H$  by a larger function  $\overline{H}$  or a lower function  $\underline{H}$ , which coincide with  $H$  on some subset of  $\partial \operatorname{Dom}(H)$ .



Analogously to the one-dimensional case, we use two grids, one for the set of controls and other for the state equation:

### Discretization of $\hat{\mathcal{U}}$ :

For every  $h > 0$ , we consider a partition of  $\Omega$  given by  $T_{j,h}$  measurable,  $1 \leq j \leq n_h$ , such that

$$\Omega = \bigcup_{j=1}^{n_h} T_{j,h}, \quad |T_{j,h}| > 0, \quad \text{diam}(T_{j,h}) < h, \quad |T_{j,h} \cap T_{k,h}| = 0, \quad j \neq k.$$

Then we define

$$\hat{\mathcal{U}}^h = \left\{ (\theta, M) \in \hat{\mathcal{U}} : \theta, M \text{ are constant in every } T_{j,h} \right\}$$

## Discretization of the PDE:

For every  $h > 0$ , we consider a closed subspace  $V_h \subset H_0^1(\Omega)$  satisfying

$$i) \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \min_{v_h \in V_h} \|v_h - v\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} = 0, \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$$

$$ii) \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \min_{v_h \in V_h} \|v_h - w_h \varphi\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} = 0, \quad \forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega), \\ \forall w_h \in V_h \text{ bounded in } H_0^1(\Omega)$$

$$iii) \quad \liminf_{h \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Omega} H(\nabla u_h, \sigma_h, \theta_h) dx \geq \int_{\Omega} H(\nabla u, \sigma, \theta) dx,$$

$\forall (u_h, \sigma_h, \theta_h) \in V_h \times L^2(\Omega)^N \times L^\infty(\Omega)$  such that

$$\begin{cases} u_h \rightharpoonup u \text{ in } H_0^1(\Omega), \quad \theta_h \xrightarrow{*} \theta \text{ in } L^\infty(\Omega), \quad \sigma_h \rightharpoonup \sigma \text{ in } L^2(\Omega)^N, \\ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \max_{v_h \in V_h \setminus \{0\}} \frac{1}{\|v_h\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)}} \int_{\Omega} (\sigma_h - \sigma) \cdot \nabla v_h dx = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then, for every  $(\theta, M) \in \widehat{\mathcal{U}}_h$  we define  $u_{\theta, M}^h$  by

$$u_{\theta, M}^h \in V_h, \quad \int_{\Omega} M \nabla u_{\theta, M}^h \cdot \nabla v^h dx = \langle f, v^h \rangle, \quad \forall v^h \in V_h$$

Are properties *i*), *ii*) and *iii*) too restrictive?

- $V_h = H_0^1(\Omega)$ ,  $\forall h > 0$ , satisfies *i*), *ii*), *iii*).

The choice  $V_h = H_0^1(\Omega)$  implies to solve exactly the state equation (i.e., continuous PDE!).

- If  $V_h$  is the usual finite elements, then it satisfies *i*), *ii*).
- In examples where  $H$  is known, every closed subspace  $V_h$  satisfies *iii*).

Take  $\overline{H} : \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  lower semicontinuous, with

$$\begin{cases} \overline{H}(\xi, \eta, p) \geq H(\xi, \eta, p), & \text{in } (\mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N \times [0, 1]) \\ \overline{H}(\xi, A\xi, 1) = \overline{H}(\xi, B\xi, 0) = H(\xi, A\xi, 1) = H(\xi, B\xi, 0) = F(\xi) \end{cases}$$

and consider the **discrete control problem**

where  $(\overline{P}_c^h) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Find } (\theta_0, M_0) \in \widehat{\mathcal{U}}_h \text{ such that} \\ \bar{\mathcal{J}}_h(\theta_0, M_0) = \min_{(\theta, M) \in \widehat{\mathcal{U}}_h} \bar{\mathcal{J}}_h(\theta, M) \end{array} \right.$

$$\widehat{\mathcal{U}}^h = \left\{ (\theta, M) \in \widehat{\mathcal{U}} : \theta, M \text{ are constant in every } T_{j,h} \right\}$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{J}}^h(\theta, M) = \int_{\Omega} \overline{H}(\nabla u_{\theta, M}^h, M \nabla u_{\theta, M}^h, \theta) \, dx$$

$$u_{\theta, M}^h \in V_h, \quad \int_{\Omega} M \nabla u_{\theta, M}^h \cdot \nabla v^h \, dx = \int_{\Omega} f v^h \, dx, \quad \forall v^h \in V_h$$

**Theorem:** Problem  $(\bar{P}^h)$  has a solution  $(\theta_h, M_h)$ . Besides, denoting  $u_h = u_{\theta, M}^h$ , for a subsequence we have

$$\begin{cases} u_h \rightharpoonup u \text{ in } H_0^1(\Omega) \\ M_h \nabla u_h \rightharpoonup \sigma \text{ in } L^2(\Omega)^N \\ \theta_h \xrightarrow{*} \theta \text{ in } L^\infty(\Omega) \end{cases}$$

The functions  $u$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\theta$  satisfy there exists  $M \in L^\infty(\Omega)^{N \times N}$  such that  $\sigma = M \nabla u$  and

$(\theta, M)$  is a solution of  $(\hat{P})$ .

Moreover

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Omega} \bar{H}(\nabla u_h, M_h \nabla u_h, \theta_h) dx = \int_{\Omega} H(\nabla u, M \nabla u, \theta) dx.$$

**Remark:** There is an analogous result replacing  $H$  by a lower approximation  $\underline{H}$ .

Example 1:

$$\overline{H}(\xi, A\xi, 1) = \overline{H}(\xi, B\xi, 0) = F(\xi)$$

$$\overline{H}(\xi, \eta, p) = +\infty \text{ otherwise}$$

Example 2:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{H}(\xi, \eta, p) = & pF \left( (B - A)^{-1} \left( \frac{B\xi - \eta}{p} \right) \right) + \\ & (1 - p)F \left( (B - A)^{-1} \left( \frac{\eta - A\xi}{1 - p} \right) \right), \quad \forall (\xi, \eta, p) \in \partial Dom(H), \end{aligned}$$

$$\overline{H}(\xi, \eta, p) = +\infty \text{ otherwise}$$

**Remark:** The choice of  $\overline{H}$  given in Example 1 proves the convergence of the discretization of the original problem, whereas the choice  $\overline{H} = H$  proves the convergence of the discretization of the relaxed one.

## Open problems:

- Convergence rates for the N-dimensional case.
- Smoothness properties for the optimal controls (even for the one-dimensional case!).
- Explicit representation of  $H$ .

## Numerical experiments

1)  $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$ ,  $A = \alpha I$ ,  $B = \beta I$  with  $0 < \alpha < \beta$ ,

$$(P) \begin{cases} \inf \int_{(0,1)^2} F(\nabla u) dx \\ -\operatorname{div} ((\alpha \chi_{\omega} + \beta \chi_{(0,1)^2 \setminus \omega}) \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } (0, 1)^2, \\ u = 0 \text{ in } \partial(0, 1)^2, \quad |(0, 1)^2 \setminus \omega| \leq \kappa. \end{cases}$$

Case 1:

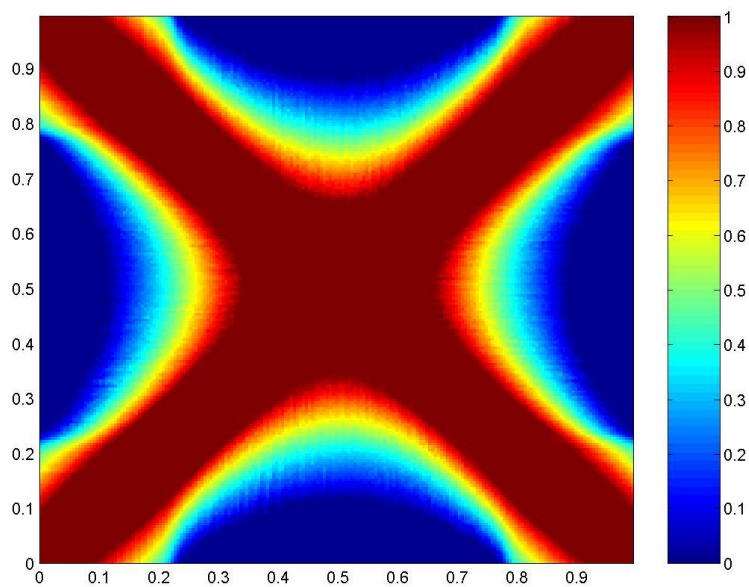
$$F(\nabla u) = |\nabla u|^2 \quad \Rightarrow H \text{ is explicitly known}$$

Case 2:

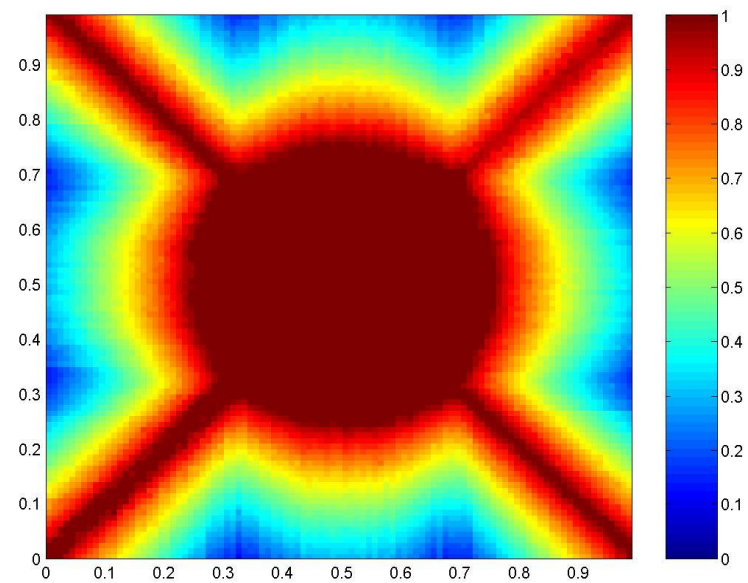
$$F(\nabla u) = |\partial_{x_1} u|^2 + 20|\partial_{x_2} u|^2 \quad \Rightarrow H \text{ is not explicitly known}$$



Case 1:  $F(\nabla u) = |\nabla u|^2$

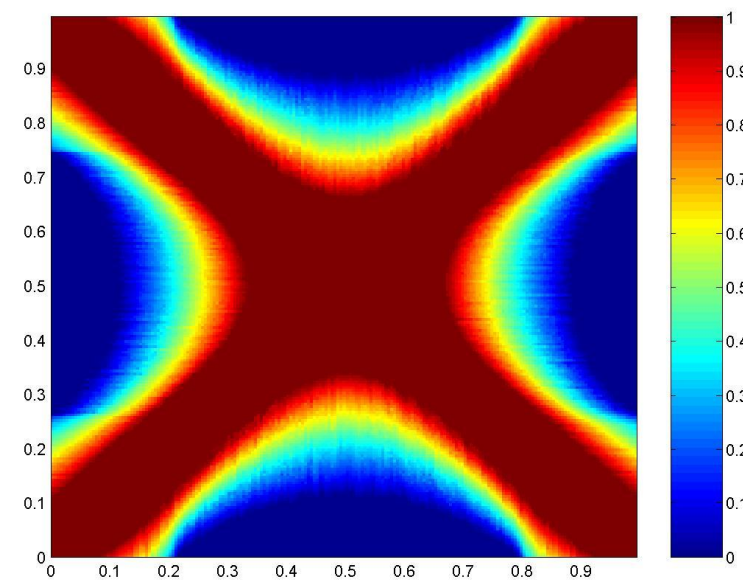


$$\alpha = 1, \beta = 2, \kappa = 0.4, f = 1$$

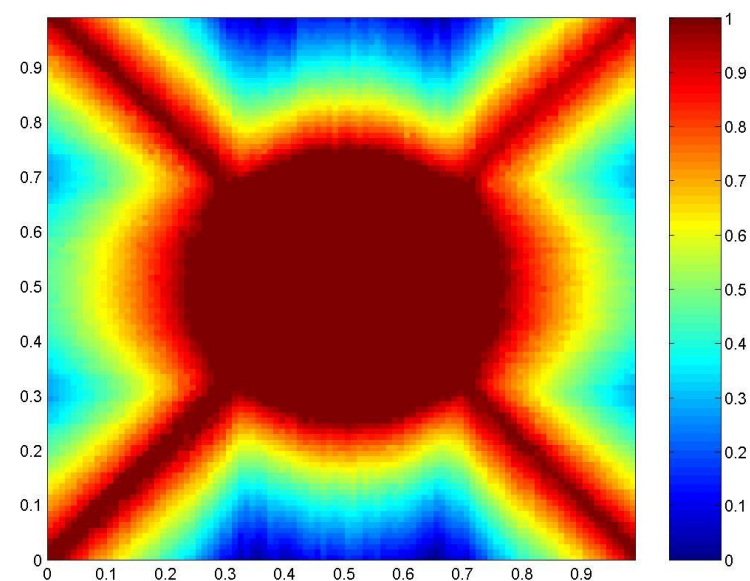


$$\alpha = 1, \beta = 20, \kappa = 0.3, f = \chi_{\{|x-(0.5,0.5)|>0.25\}}$$

Case 2:  $F(\nabla u) = |\partial_{x_1} u|^2 + 20|\partial_{x_2} u|^2$



$$\alpha = 1, \beta = 2, \kappa = 0.4, f = 1$$



$$\alpha = 1, \beta = 20, \kappa = 0.3, f = \chi_{\{|x-(0.5,0.5)|>0.25\}}$$

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