### Optimal Control of PDEs with Non-smooth Cost Functionals

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### To start

$$\begin{cases} \min \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{T_{\infty}} |y - z|^2 dt + \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^{T_{\infty}} |u|^2 dt \\ \text{subject to} \\ \frac{d}{dt} y(t) = Ay(t) + Bu(t) \text{ for } t > 0 \\ y(0) = y_0 \\ u(t) \in U \end{cases}$$

where  $T^{\infty} \in (0, \infty], \ \alpha > 0.$ 

Motivation: LQR, LQG, differentiability,...

Fact: Extra regularity:  $\alpha u^*(t) = P_U(p(t))$ 

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### Short computations

$$\min\frac{1}{2}|u-z|^2+\frac{\alpha}{2}|u|^2$$

$$\min\frac{1}{2}|u-z|^2+\beta|u|$$

$$u^*(z) = \frac{z}{1+\alpha}$$

$$u^{*}(z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |z| < \beta \\ z - \beta & \text{if } z \ge \beta \\ z + \beta & \text{if } z \le -\beta \end{cases}$$

$$\min \frac{1}{2} |u - z|^2 + \beta |u|^0$$
$$u^*(z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |z| < \sqrt{2\beta} \\ z & \text{if } |z| \ge \sqrt{2\beta} \end{cases}$$

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### Motivation for sparsity constraints

- Proportionality
- Eliminate 'small' controls
- Optimal actuator placement
- Inverse source problems

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- Optimization of light source locations in diffusive optical tomography
- Goal: Homogeneous illumination (application in photochemotherapy)
- Standard approach (discrete): combinatorial explosion with DOFs
- Here: Consider fictitious distributed "control field", apply sparse control techniques

 $\rightsquigarrow$  localization of sources

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (\kappa \nabla y) + \mu y &= u \chi_{\omega_c} \text{ in } \Omega \\ \kappa \nu \cdot \nabla y + \rho y &= 0 \text{ on } \partial \Omega \end{aligned}$$

diffusive approximation of radiative transfer to model steady state light propagation in scattered media. Brunner-Clason-Freiberger-Scharfetter



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# Optimal control with sparsity constraints for elliptic equations

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### Analysis of the state equation

Theorem For any  $u \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega)$  and  $q \in (0, \frac{n}{n-1})$ 

$$\begin{cases} Ay = u, & \text{ in } \Omega, \\ y = 0, & \text{ on } \partial \Omega, \end{cases}$$

has a unique solution  $y \in W_0^{1,q}(\Omega)$ :

 $\|y\|_{W^{1,q}_0(\Omega)} \leq C \|u\|_{\mathcal{M}(\Omega)}.$ 

Recall  $W_0^{1,q'}(\Omega) \subset C_0(\bar{\Omega})$  where  $q' = \frac{q}{q-1}$ .

### Existence

### Proposition (existence)

$$\min_{u \in \mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{2} \|y - z\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \alpha \|u\|_{\mathcal{M}}$$
$$\begin{cases} Ay = u, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ y = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

has a unique minimizer u\*.

$$\mathcal{L}(u, y, p) = \frac{1}{2} \|y - z\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}^{2} + \alpha \|u\|_{\mathcal{M}(\Omega)} - \langle p, Ay - u \rangle_{\mathcal{C}(\Omega), \mathcal{M}(\Omega)}$$

Theorem (necessary optimality)

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### Necessary optimality



$$\mathcal{L}(u, y, p) = \frac{1}{2} \|y - z\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}^{2} + \alpha \int_{\Omega} \|u\| dx - \langle p, Ay - u \rangle_{C(\Omega), \mathcal{M}(\Omega)}$$
$$-\frac{1}{\alpha} p^{*} \in \partial \varphi(u^{*}) \Leftrightarrow u^{*} \in \partial \varphi^{*}(-\frac{1}{\alpha} p^{*})$$

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Corollary

$$\exists \eta > 0$$
 such that  $supp \ \overline{u} \in \{x \in \Omega | dist(x, \delta\Omega) > \eta\}$   
 $dist(supp(u_+^*), supp(u_-^*)) > \eta.$ 

Theorem

If 
$$z \in L^{\infty}(\Omega)$$
 and  $\Omega = \Omega_c = \Omega_0$ , then  $\|y^*\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)} \le \|z\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)}$   
and  $\|u^*\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)} \le \|\nabla y^*\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ .

cf. Pieper-Vexler

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formal:

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### Semi-smooth Newton method

Definition  $F: D \subset X \rightarrow Z$  is called Newton differentiable in  $U \subset D$ , if there exist  $G: U \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X, Z)$ :

(A)  $\lim_{h\to 0} \frac{1}{\|h\|_Y} \|F(x+h) - F(x) - G(x+h)h\|_Z = 0$ , for all  $x \in U$ .

#### Example

$$F: L^p(\Omega) \to L^q(\Omega),$$

 $F(\varphi) = \max(0, \varphi), \ q < p$  is Newton differentiable and

$$\mathcal{G}_{\mathsf{max}}(arphi)(x) = \left\{ egin{array}{ccc} 1 & ext{if } arphi(x) > 0 \ 0 & ext{if } arphi(x) < 0 \ \delta & ext{if } arphi(x) = 0, \ \delta \in \mathbb{R} \ ext{arbitrary}. \end{array} 
ight.$$

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Theorem Let  $F(x^*) = 0$ , F Newton differentiable in  $U(x^*)$ , and  $\{||G(x)^{-1}||_{\mathcal{L}(X,Z)} : x \in U(x^*)\}$  bounded.

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### Nonlinear equation

$$F(u_h, y_h, p_n) = 0 \qquad \Longleftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{cases}
A_h y_h - u_h = 0 \\
A_h^* p_h - (y - z) = 0 \\
u_h + max(0, -u_h + p_h - \alpha) + min(0, -u_h + p_h + \alpha) = 0
\end{cases}$$

Solve by semi-smooth Newton method

Remark: Convergence rate estimates for FE-discretizations,  $\|u_h\|_{\mathcal{M}} \to \|u^*\|_{\mathcal{M}}$ 

### Example: geometry



control domain

### Example: $\alpha = 10^{-1}$



### Example: $\alpha = 10^{-4}$



Comparison of  $L^2(I, \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c))$  and  $\mathcal{M}(\Omega_c, L^2(I))$ 

 $L^2(I, \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c))$ 

- ► Time-dependent measure: u(t) ∈ M(Ω<sub>c</sub>), a.e. t ∈ I
- Typical element:

$$u(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} u_i(t) \delta_{\mathbf{x}_i(t)}$$



► Time-independent measure:  $u = u'(x, t) \cdot |u|, |u| \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c)^+,$  $u' \in L^1(\Omega_c, |\mu|, L^2(I))$ 

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### Optimal control of wave equation with sparsity constraints

Simple model for seismic events:

$$u(t) = \sum_{i=1,\dots,N} u_i(t) \delta_{x_i}$$
(PS)

Approximation of seismic waves by acoustic waves

$$\partial_{tt}y - \Delta y = u$$
 in  $I \times \Omega$  + B.C. + I.C. (WE)

► Aim: Reconstruction of (PS) from *M* (noisy) mean values

$$O_j y(t) = rac{1}{|P_j|} \int_{P_j} y(t, \cdot) \, \mathrm{d}x$$

on spatial patches  $P_j \subset \Omega$ 

Direct optimization of N, x<sub>i</sub> and u<sub>i</sub>:

$$\min_{X,U} \frac{1}{2M} \sum_{j=1,\dots,M} \|O_j y - z_j\|_{L^2(I)}^2 + \alpha \sum_{i=1,\dots,N} \|u_i\|_{L^2(I)} \quad \text{s.t. (WE)}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  non-convex problem  $\Rightarrow$  convex "relaxation"

### Convex problem

$$\min_{u \in \mathcal{M}_{\tau}, y \in Y} J(u, y) = \frac{1}{2} \|y - z\|_{L^{2}(Q)}^{2} + \alpha \|u\|_{\mathcal{M}_{\tau}}$$
(P)

s.t.

$$\begin{cases} \partial_{tt}y - \Delta y = \boldsymbol{u} & \text{in } Q = I \times \Omega, \\ y = 0 & \text{on } I \times \partial \Omega, \\ y = 0, \partial_t y = 0 & \text{in } \{0\} \times \Omega. \end{cases}$$
(SE)

with  $\mathcal{M}_T = L^2(I, \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c))$ , or  $\mathcal{M}_T = \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c, L^2(I))$ .

- Measures on the compact control set Ω<sub>c</sub> ⊂ Ω: M(Ω<sub>c</sub>) with total variation norm ||u||<sub>M(Ω<sub>c</sub>)</sub>
- Bochner space:  $L^2(I, \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c))$  with norm

$$\|u\|_{L^2(I,\mathcal{M}(\Omega_c))} = \left(\int_0^T \|u(t)\|_{\mathcal{M}(\Omega_c)}^2 \mathrm{d}t\right)^{1/2}$$

►  $L^2(I)$ -valued measures:  $\mathcal{M}(\Omega_c, L^2(I))$ , total variation norm  $||u||_{\mathcal{M}(\Omega_c, L^2(I))}$ 

### Well posedness of the state equation

Theorem

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , d = 1, 2, 3 and  $u \in L^2(I, \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c))$ . Then there exits a unique very weak solution

$$y \in Y = \mathcal{C}(\overline{I}, H^{-d/2+1-\varepsilon}(\Omega)) \cap \mathcal{C}^1(\overline{I}, H^{-d/2-\varepsilon}(\Omega))$$

of the state equation for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  which satisfies

$$\|y\|_{Y} \leq c \|u\|_{L^{2}(I,\mathcal{M}(\Omega_{c}))}$$

- ►  $L^2(I, \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c)) \hookrightarrow L^2(I, H^{-\frac{d}{2}-\varepsilon}(\Omega))$  for  $d = 1, 2, 3 \Rightarrow$  Existence, uniqueness and regularity follows by classical arguments.
- However: y ∈ L<sup>2</sup>(I × Ω) and p ∈ L<sup>2</sup>(I, C(Ω<sub>c</sub>)) only for d = 1 guaranteed ⇒ Well-posedness and optimality conditions
- Sharpness?: Yes for d = 1
  - $u = \delta_t \Rightarrow y$  with moving jump discontinuity in space  $\Rightarrow y \notin C(\overline{I}, H^{1/2}(\Omega))$

### Improved regularity for $u \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c, L^2(I))$

#### Theorem

Let  $\Omega_c$  be compact and  $u \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c, L^2(I))$ . Then the solution of the state equation satisfies

 $y \in Y = \mathcal{C}(\overline{I}, [H_0^1(\Omega), L^2(\Omega)]_{\theta_d}) \cap \mathcal{C}^1(\overline{I}, [L^2(\Omega), H^{-1}(\Omega)]_{\theta_d})$ 

with  $heta_d = (d-1)/2$  and

 $\|y\|_{Y} \leq c \|u\|_{\mathcal{M}(\Omega_{c},L^{2}(I))}.$ 

Here: y ∈ L<sup>2</sup>(I × Ω) and p ∈ C(Ω<sub>c</sub>, L<sup>2</sup>(I)) for d = 1, 2, 3 guaranteed ⇒ Well-posedness and optimality conditions Improved regularity for  $u \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c, L^2(I))$ , continued

### Theorem

Let  $\Omega_c$  be compact and  $u \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c, L^2(I))$ ,  $y_0 \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ ,  $y_1 \in L^2(\Omega)$ . Then the solution of the state equation satisfies

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Idea behind the proof:

- ►  $S_{x_0}: L^2(I) \to L^2(I, [H_0^1(\Omega), L^2(\Omega)]_{\theta_d}), h \mapsto y \text{ bounded}^1, y \text{ solution of}$ (SE) for  $u = h\delta_{x_0}, x_0 \in \Omega_c$
- ► Duality:  $S_{x_0}^*$ :  $L^2(I, [L^2(\Omega), H^{-1}(\Omega)]_{\theta_d}) \rightarrow L^2(I), \phi \mapsto p(t, x_0)$ bounded, p solution of (AE) for a source term  $\phi$
- Compactness of  $\Omega_c$ :  $S^*$ :  $L^2(I, [L^2(\Omega), H^{-1}(\Omega)]_{\theta_d}) \to \mathcal{C}(\Omega_c, L^2(I)), \phi \mapsto p$  bounded
- ► Duality:  $S: \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c, L^2(I)) \to L^2(I, [H_0^1(\Omega), L^2(\Omega)]_{\theta_d}), u \mapsto y$ bounded

 $<sup>^1 \</sup>mbox{R}.$  Triggiani, Regularity with interior point control. Part 1: Wave and Euler-Bernoulli equations

### First order optimality conditions

Optimality condition: u\* is an optimal control iff

$$-\boldsymbol{p}^* = \delta(\alpha \| \boldsymbol{u}^* \|_{\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}}})$$

• Adjoint state:  $p^* \in {}^*(\mathcal{M}_T)$  solves

$$\begin{cases} \partial_{tt}p^* - \Delta p^* = y^* - z & \text{in } \Omega \times I \\ p^* = 0 & \text{on } \partial \Omega \times I \\ p^* = 0, \ \partial_t p^* = 0 & \text{on } \{T\} \times \Omega \end{cases}$$
(AE)

## Structural properties of the optimal control $\mathcal{M} = L^2(I, \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c))$ :

**•** Time-dependent support of  $\bar{u}$ :

$$\operatorname{supp}(u^*)^{\pm}(t) \subseteq \{x \in \Omega_c \,|\, p^*(x,t) = \mp \| p^*(t) \|_{\mathcal{C}(\Omega_c)}\}$$
 a.e.  $t \in I$ 

 $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c, L^2(I))$ :

• Optimal Radon-Nikodym derivative:  $u^{*'}(t,x) = -\frac{1}{\alpha}p^{*}(t,x)$ 

• Time-independent support of the total variation measure  $|u^*|$ :

$$\operatorname{supp} |u^*| \subseteq \{x \in \Omega_c \, | \, \|p^*(x)\|_{L^2(I)} = \alpha\}.$$



### Solution of the inverse source problem

- Point sources static  $\Rightarrow M_T = \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c, L^2(I))$
- Optimization problem:

$$\min_{u \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega_c, L^2(I))} \frac{1}{2M} \sum_{j=1,\dots,M} \|O_j \circ Su - z_j\|_{L^2(I)}^2 + \alpha \|u\|_{\mathcal{M}(\Omega_c, L^2(I))} \quad \text{s.t. (SE)}$$



- Avoid reflections on the boundary of Ω ⇒ (approximative) absorbing boundary conditions
- Artificial data:  $z_j = O_j S u^{\dagger} + n_j$  ( $n_j$  noise),  $u^{\dagger}$  exact source

### Exact state, exact intensity and noisy measurements



(c) Measurements

1.25

t

1

0.5

0

### Reconstructions



### Adjoint state and its $L^2(I)$ -norm



(b)  $\|\bar{p}(x)\|_{L^{2}(I)}$  on  $\Omega$ 

(a) Optimal adjoint state  $\bar{p}$ 

Remark: time reversal Remark: difference to parabolic case.

### Prototype problem: chemical reaction dynamics



System of Schrödinger equations on 2 potential energy surfaces

$$i\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1(t) \\ \psi_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}\Delta + V_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2}\Delta + V_2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\mathbf{v}(t)}{\mu_{21}} \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{11} & \mu_{12} \\ \mu_{21} & \mu_{22} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1(t) \\ \psi_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

control mechanisms

- movement on surface
- transitions between surfaces through Bohr frequencies

### Optimal quantum control

motivation of optimal control

constructive, applicable to complex systems

Traditional optimal control formulation (Pierce/Daleh/Rabitz '88)

$$\begin{array}{l} \underset{\psi,v}{\text{Minimize}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \overbrace{\langle \psi(T), \mathcal{O}\psi(T) \rangle}^{\text{physically relevant}} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \overbrace{\|v\|_{L^{2}(0,T)}^{2} \text{ or } H_{0}^{1}(0,T)}^{\text{mathematical tool}} \\ i\partial_{t}\psi = (H_{0} + v(t)H_{1})\psi, \quad \psi(0) = \psi_{0} \end{array}$$

 $H_0$ ,  $H_1$ ,  $\mathcal{O}$  selfadj. op.;  $v \colon [0, T] \to \mathbb{R}$  control field

Why use a different approach?

### Problems with traditional optimal quantum control



- fail to capture Bohr frequencies
- have nonsparse frequency structure

frequency of transition between two quantum states (is eigenvalue difference.)

### Ansatz by experimentalists

ansatz for control field, low dimensional parametrization

$$v(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} b_k(t) \cos(\omega_k t)$$



- results in pysically intuitive controls
- but: not flexible, a priori knowledge necessary

#### our goal

obtain experimentalists controls using optimal control theory



### Our approach



time-frequency control (quantum physics)

$$v(t) = (Bu)(t) = \operatorname{Re} \int_{\Omega} u(\omega, t) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$$

sparsity enhancing costs

$$\|u\|_{\mathcal{M}(\Omega; H^1_0(0, T))} = \int_{\Omega} \|u(\omega, \cdot)\|_{H^1_0(0, T)} \,\mathrm{d}\omega$$

physically intuitive fields  $v \leftrightarrow$  sparse controls u

$$v(t) = \sum_{k} b_k(t) \cos(\omega_k t) \longleftrightarrow u(\omega, t) = \sum_{k} \delta_{\omega_k}(\omega) b_k(t)$$

### General framework

Optimal control problem in  $\mathcal{M}(\Omega; \mathcal{U})$ 

$$\begin{array}{l} \underset{\psi,u}{\text{Minimize}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \langle \psi(T), \mathcal{O}\psi(T) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} + \alpha \| u \|_{\mathcal{M}(\Omega;\mathcal{U})} \\ i \partial_t \psi(t) = [H_0 + (Bu)(t)H_1] \psi(t), \quad \psi(0) = \psi_0 \end{array}$$
(P)

- $\Omega$  sparsity domain  $\rightsquigarrow$  sparse in frequency
- $\mathcal{U}$  Hilbert space  $\rightsquigarrow$  smooth in time
- ▶ *B* control operator ~→ assembles field

### Examples

$$\Omega = [\omega_{\min}, \omega_{\max}] \subset \mathbb{R}^+$$
,  $(Bu)(t) = \mathsf{Re} \int u(\omega, t) e^{i\omega t} \,\mathrm{d}\omega$  (2-scale synth)

1. simplest case:

$$\mathcal{U} = H_0^1(0, \mathcal{T}; \mathbb{C})$$

2. deconvolution space:

 $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}_G =$ {  $b \in L^2(0, T) \mid (G * \cdot)^{-1/2} b \in L^2$  }

with G Gaussian kernel



### Numerical results



### Switching control

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- 300 dof per control function,
- globalization by trust-region (TR-SN)



Figure: Optimal controls for different prices  $\sigma_2$ .

### Structure of optimality condition

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#### Proposition

The minimizer  $u^*\in L^2(0,T;\mathbb{R}^N)$  and the adjoint  $p\in L^2(0,T;\mathbb{R}^N)$ 

$$\begin{cases} -\partial_t p + Ap &= y^* - z \quad in (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ p &= 0 \quad on (0, T) \times \partial \Omega, \\ p(x, T) &= 0 \quad in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

satisfy for almost every  $t \in (0, T)$  and  $1 \le j \le N$ 

$$u_{j}^{*}(t) \in \begin{cases} \left\{\frac{1}{\alpha}p_{j}(t)\right\} & \text{if } |p_{j}(t)| = \max_{i} |p_{i}(t)| \text{ and } |p_{j}(t)| > |p_{i}(t)|, i \neq j, \\ \{0\} & \text{if } |p_{j}(t)| < \max_{i} |p_{i}(t)|, \\ \left\{\frac{s_{j}}{\alpha}p_{j}(t) : s_{j} \ge 0, \sum_{i=1}^{N} s_{i} = 1\right\} & \text{if } |p_{j}(t)| = \max_{i} |p_{i}(t)| \text{ and } |p_{j}(t)| = |p_{i}(t)|, i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

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### Switching control: heat equation in 2D

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Figure: Problem setting for N = 7 control components

$$z_{des} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \cos(i+t) \sin^2\left(2\pi \frac{t}{T}\right) |x-x_i|^2.$$

Discretization:

- ▶ linear FE in space, cG(1) Petrov-Galerkin method in time
- 200 degrees of freedom per control component

Optimal controls for  $\alpha = 10^{-1}$ 



## Alternatives for mixed continuous-discrete decision processes

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NOT CONVEX  $|x|^{0} = \begin{cases} 0 \text{ if } x = 0\\ 1 \text{ if } x \neq 0 \end{cases}$ 

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### Multi-bang control

$$\begin{cases} \min_{u,y} \frac{1}{2} \|y - z\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|u\|_{L^2}^2 + \beta \int_{\Omega} \prod_{i=1}^d |u(x) - u_i|^0 \, dx \\ \text{s.t. } Ay = u, \qquad u_1 \le u(x) \le u_d, \text{ for a.e. } x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

Convexify

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Proposition (Generalized bang-bang)

The multi-bang problem admits a solution  $u^*$ . If  $\frac{2\beta}{\alpha} \geq \frac{1}{2}(u_{i+1} - u_i)$  for all i = 1, ... d, then

$$\Omega = \bigcup_{i=1}^d \{x \in \Omega : u^*(x) = u_i\} \cup \{x \in \Omega : y^*(x) = z(x)\}.$$

$$u^*(x) = u_i$$
 if  $\frac{\alpha}{2}(u_{i-1} + u_i) < p^*(x) < \frac{\alpha}{2}(u_i + u_{i+1})$ 

Proposition (Estimate the duality gap)

$$J(u^*) \leq J(u) + eta$$
 meas  $(\mathcal{C}(p^*))$ 

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Figure: Effect of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  on the structure of the control u, left:  $\alpha = 5.10^{-3}, \beta = 10^{-3}$ , right:  $\alpha = 10^{-3}, \beta = 10^{-3}$ .

### Conclusions and perspectives

- Convex analysis techniques are a powerful tool for nonstandard cost functionals
- Necessary optimality conditions can be solved efficiently
- Improved analysis on duality gaps
- Applications
- $\blacktriangleright$  ( Choice of  $\alpha$  )

### Some contributers

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## Thank You