# Lagrangian controllability of

# 2D Euler equation.



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• Work with Olivier Glass (university paris 6 transiting to 9).

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Possible applications:

Treatment of pollution: when a pollutant can be considered as a fluid. Displacement of species (animal, plant, alga, mermaids).

• Given an open bounded set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ , T > 0. Two Jordan domains  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma_1$  included in  $\Omega$ . The two domains surrounded by  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma_1$  satisfy:  $|int(\gamma_0)| = |int(\gamma_1)|.$ 

Let  $\Gamma \subset \partial \Omega$ .

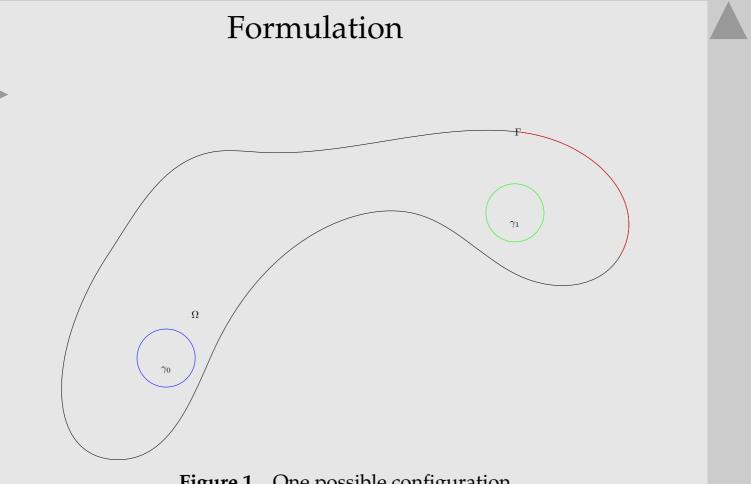
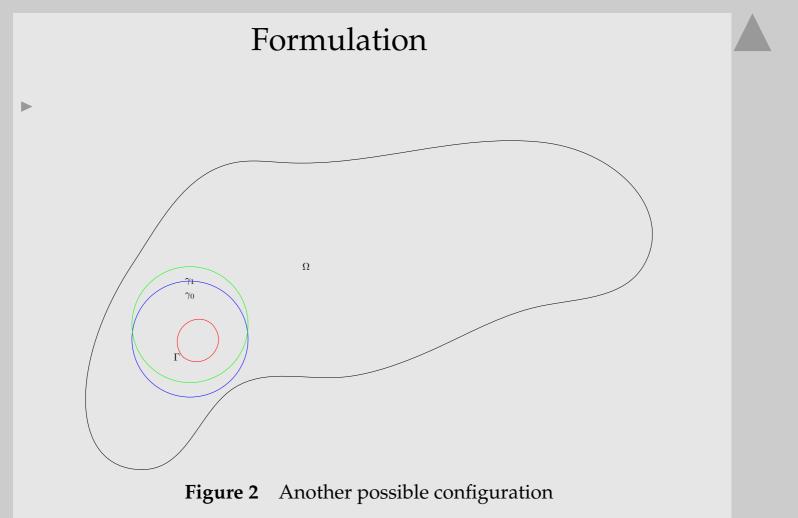


Figure 1 One possible configuration



• Let  $u_0 : \overline{\Omega} \to \mathbb{R}^2$ . Consider  $u : (0, T) \times \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $p : (0, T) \times \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the Euler system (E)

(1) 
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + (u.\nabla)u + \nabla p = 0, \ t > 0 \ x \in \Omega$$
  
(2) 
$$u(t = 0, x) = u_0(x)$$
  
(3) 
$$u.n = 0, \ \text{on} \ (0, T) \times \partial \Omega \setminus \Gamma$$
  
(4) 
$$\operatorname{div}(u) = 0$$

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The system (E) is well posed if one imposes, for example, (5)  $\begin{cases}
u.n \text{ on } (0, T) \times \Gamma, \int_{\partial \Omega} u.n d\sigma = 0 \\
\text{curl} u \text{ on each point of } \partial \Omega \text{ such that } u.n < 0
\end{cases}$ 

Definition: One says that there is (exact) Lagrangian controllability (resp. approx. Lagrang. controll. in norm || · ||) between γ<sub>0</sub> and γ<sub>1</sub> in time *T* if (resp. ∀ε > 0) one can find *u* solution of (E) such that the flow φ<sup>u</sup> of *u* defined by

$$\frac{\partial \varphi^{u}}{\partial t}(s,t,x) = u(t,\varphi^{u}(s,t,x))$$
$$\varphi^{u}(s,s,x) = x$$

satisfies

$$\varphi^u(0,T,\gamma_0)=\gamma_1.$$

respectively

$$\|\varphi^u(0,T,\gamma_0)-\gamma_1\|<\varepsilon,$$

up to a reparameterization.

The idea of moving fluid particles in controllability amounts to JM. Coron,. O. Glass ,... to show the controllability in the Eulerian description.

In fact the Coron's method gives the exact lagrangian controllability but by allowing the fluid particles to be controlled to leave the domain  $\Omega$ . Here we will impose that controlled particles remain in the domain.

L. Rosier studied the controllability of the surface of a 1-d fluid in Lagrangian description.

Recent works of A. Agrachev are linked to the Lagrangian controllability. Controllability or inverse problems in fluid-structure interactions, Imanuvilov-Takahashi, Cumsille-Ortega-Rosier, Conca-Kavian & al..... Burgers and heat equation in 1d, heat equation in N-d.

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- ► Remark 1: If one assumes that  $\operatorname{curl} u_0 = 0$  in a neighborhood of  $\gamma_0$ , since the vorticity (curl*u*) is moved by the flow of the given solution of (E) it remains null in a neighborhood of  $\varphi^u(0, t, \gamma_0)$  for all  $t \in [0, T]$ . Therefore if  $\gamma_0$  is a real analytic (Jordan) curve, the same holds for  $\varphi^u(0, t, \gamma_0)$ ,  $\forall t$ . So as long as one imposes  $\forall t \in [0, T]$ ,  $\varphi^u(0, t, \gamma_0) \subset \Omega$  there cannot be exact lagrangian controllability (it suffices to take  $\gamma_1$  nonanalytic).

$$(\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + (u.\nabla)\omega = 0, \text{ with } \omega := \operatorname{curl} u.)$$

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- Remark 3: The solution of (E) that we build is  $C^{\infty}$ :-> its flow is well defined. All the fluid surrounded by  $\gamma_0$  is approximatively sent inside Int( $\gamma_1$ ). As long as one considers regular controls, the situation will be the same. If  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma_1$  are not homotopic in  $\Omega$  the situation is not clear since the flow has to be a weak flow that does not preserve the topology.

 Wolibner, Yudovich, Chemin, Depauw, Dutrifoy.... have studied vortex patches, *i.e.* solutions that satisfy

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\operatorname{curl} u(t, x) = \chi_{\operatorname{Int}(\gamma)}(t, x)
divu = 0 in \Omega
u.n = 0 on \partial \Omega \setminus \Gamma
(5bis) \begin{cases} u.n \text{ given on } \Gamma \\ \operatorname{curlu}=0 \text{ on } \Gamma \cap \{u.n<0\} \end{cases}
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This problem is well-posed and if  $\gamma_0$  is  $C^{\infty}$  then so is for  $\gamma(t)$  for all *t*. We then have the following result:

• Theorem 2: If  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma_1$  are  $C^{\infty}$ , and if  $u_0$  is lipschitz on  $\Omega$  and  $u_0.n \in C^{\infty}(\partial \Omega)$  with

 $\begin{cases} \operatorname{curl}(u_0) = \chi_{\operatorname{Int}(\gamma_0)} \\ \operatorname{div} u_0 = 0 \text{ in } \Omega \\ u_0.n = 0 \text{ on } \partial \Omega \setminus \Gamma. \end{cases}$ 

there exists then  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \ u \in L^{\infty}([0,T], \mathcal{L}ip(\overline{\Omega}))$  satisfying (1) (2) (3) (4) (5bis) whose flow  $\varphi^{u}$  satisfies  $\varphi^{u}(0, t, \gamma_{0}) \subset \Omega$  and  $\|\varphi^{u}(0, T, \gamma_{0}) - \gamma_{1}\|_{C^{k}} < \varepsilon.$ 

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- Theorem 3: Let  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma_1$  be as in theorem 1 and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\theta \in C_0^{\infty}([0,1]; C^{\infty}(\overline{\Omega}, \mathbb{R}))$ , such that

 $\begin{aligned} &-\Delta_x \theta = 0 \text{ in } \Omega \text{ for all } t \in [0,1] \\ &\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial n} = 0 \text{ on } [0,1] \times (\partial \Omega \setminus \Gamma) \\ &\|\varphi^{\nabla \theta}(0,1,\gamma_0) - \gamma_1\|_{C^k} \le \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$ 

that is to say we can do the job by potential flows.

This idea has been extensively used by Coron, and later by Glass in the Eulerian controllability of (E).

• To prove theorem 3, we prove the following results: Theorem 4: Let  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma_1$  be two jordan curves of class  $C^{\infty}$  homotopic in  $\Omega$ and which enclose surfaces of same area, there exists  $v \in C_0^{\infty}((0, 1) \times \Omega; \mathbb{R}^2)$ with div(v) = 0 such that  $\varphi^v(0, 1, \gamma_0) = \gamma_1$ .

**Proposition 1:** If  $\gamma$  is a  $C^{\infty}$  Jordan curve and X a  $C^{0}([0,1], C^{\infty}(\overline{\Omega}))$  divergence free vector field with X.n = 0 on  $[0,1] \times \partial \Omega$ . Let us define  $\gamma_{1} = \varphi^{X}(0,1,\gamma_{0})$  there exists for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  a  $\theta \in C^{\infty}([0,1] \times \Omega, \mathbb{R})$  harmonic in space with null normal derivative on  $(\partial \Omega \setminus \Gamma), \varphi^{\nabla \theta}(0,t,\gamma_{0}) \subset \Omega$  and  $\|\gamma_{1} - \varphi^{\nabla \theta}(0,1,\gamma_{0})\|_{k} \leq \varepsilon$ .

• **Proposition 1.** One first assume that *X* and  $\gamma_0$  are real analytic: Let  $\gamma(t) := \varphi^X(0, t, \gamma_0)$ . One can solve

 $\begin{cases} \Delta_x \psi(t, x) = 0 \text{ in } \operatorname{Int}(\gamma(t)) \cap \Omega ( \text{ or } \Omega \setminus \operatorname{Int}(\gamma(t)) \text{ if } \Gamma \cap \operatorname{Int}(\gamma(t)) \neq \emptyset) \\ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \nu} = X.\nu \text{ on } \gamma(t), \text{ ($\nu$ denotes the normal)} \\ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} = 0 \text{ on } \operatorname{Int}(\gamma(t)) \cap \partial \Omega \end{cases}$ 

and extend  $\psi$  to a harmonic mappings on a neighborhood of  $Int(\gamma(t))$ (for simplicity we assume  $Int(\gamma(t)) \cap \partial \Omega = \emptyset$ ) thanks to the Cauchy-Kowalewski's theorem (precisely a version of C.B. Morrey) and by compactness one can take this neighborhood locally constant in time, and besides we get uniform bounds in time on these neighborhoods.

By the Runge's theorem (and the correspondance between gradient of harmonic maps and holomorphic functions with zero circulation) one extends (not exactly but approximately)  $\psi$  on this neighborhood and 0 on a neighborhood of  $\partial \Omega \setminus \Gamma$  to a harmonic map  $\theta$  (that we slightly correct) on  $\overline{\Omega}$  and we get uniform bounds in time on a neighborhood of  $\gamma(t)$ . One concludes with the Gronwall's lemma.

• We get estimates of the form  $\|\varphi^{\nabla\theta}(0, t, \gamma_0) - \varphi^{\nabla\psi}(0, t, \gamma_0)\|_k \leq_\sim \|\nabla\theta - \nabla\psi\|_{C^0, C^k(V(\gamma(t)))} \exp(\|\nabla\psi\|_{L^\infty, W^{k+1,\infty}(V(\gamma(t)))})$ and

 $\|\nabla \theta(t,.)\|_{C^k(\operatorname{int}(\varphi^{\nabla \theta}(0,t,\gamma_0))} \le \|\nabla \psi(t,.)\|_{C^k(\operatorname{int}(\varphi^X(0,t,\gamma_0))} + 1$ 

- ▶ When  $\gamma_0$  is only  $C^{\infty}$ : the complement  $\operatorname{Int}(\gamma_0)$  in the Riemann sphere is connected and simply connected:  $T : \mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \overline{\operatorname{Int}(\gamma_0)} \to \mathbb{D}^2$  conformal and  $C^{\infty}$  up to the boundary: One takes  $\gamma_0^{\mu} = T^{-1}(\mathbb{S}^1_{1-\mu})$ . We proceed as before and thanks to the fact that *T* is smooth up to the boundary (Kellogs-Warschawski's theorem) one shows that the  $\psi^{\mu}$  are bounded uniformly in *t* and  $\mu$  on  $\operatorname{int}(\varphi^X(t, 0, \gamma^0))$ .
- Lastly when X and  $\gamma$  are only  $C^{\infty}$ : One writes  $X = \nabla^{\perp} h$  (for X is divergence free) and one approaches h by a  $h^{\mu}$  (uniformly in t) which is analytic thanks to the Whitney's theorem and one corrects the boundary condition  $X^{\mu}.n \neq 0$  but small on  $\partial \Omega$  by the gradient of a harmonic function.

• Theorem 4. One starts by assuming that  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma_1$  intersect transversally: Let  $P \in \gamma_0$  and  $Q \in \text{Int}(\gamma_1)$  one choose a curve  $t \to s(t)$  in  $\Omega$  such that s(0) = P and s(1) = Q.

One chooses h(t, x) such that  $\nabla^{\perp}h(t, x) = s'(t)$  along s(t) and we extend h arbitrarily  $[0, 1] \times \Omega$ .  $\nabla^{\perp}h$  is divergence free and its flow maps  $\gamma_0$  on a curve that intersects  $\gamma_1$  which we now denote  $\gamma_0$ . By the Thom's transversality theorem one may choose  $r \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\gamma_0 + r$  intersects  $\gamma_1$  transversally and is included in  $\Omega$ .

• We arrive to different type of situations described below

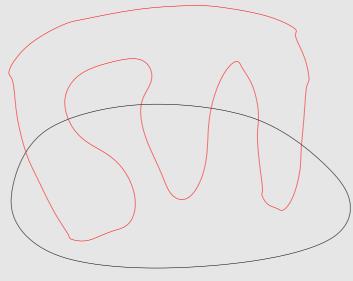
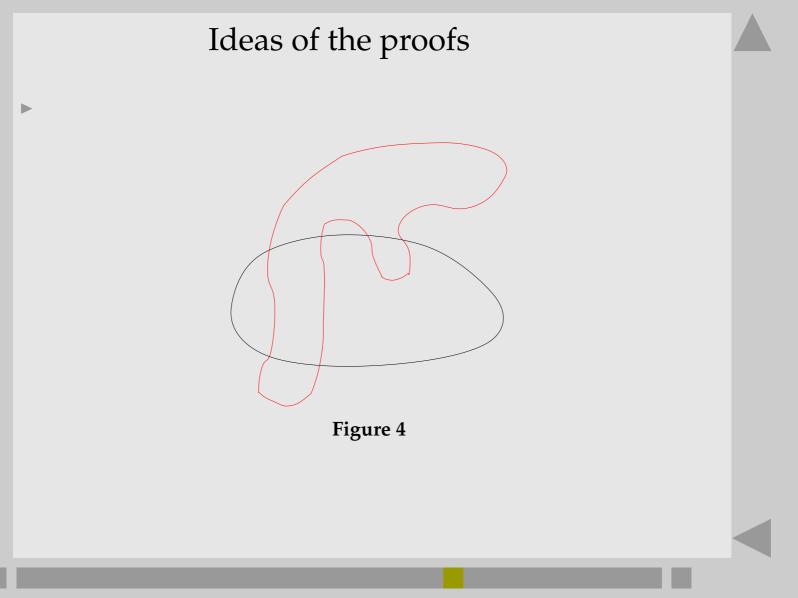
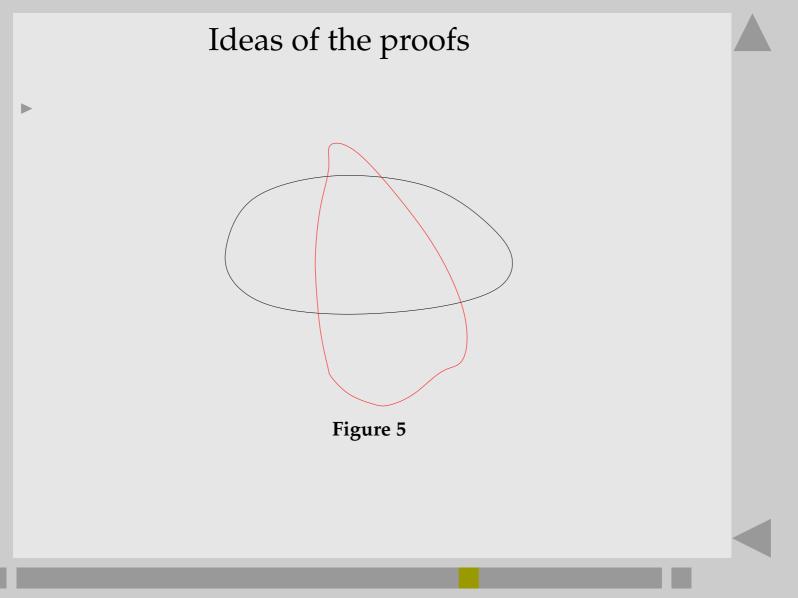
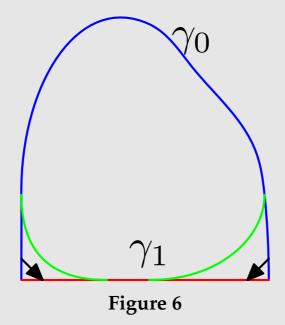


Figure 3





One proves that you can go by the flow of a divergence free vector field from the first and second situation to the third. The proof is very technical but is based essentially on the following:



On the left green part one imposes b = 1, and on the right green part one takes b = 0 and b is monotone.
 One then solve

 $-\Delta b = 0$ 

in the subdomain bounded by the three colors with the *b* given on the boundary, by the strict maximum principle and the topoligical degree one easily sees that  $\nabla b$  does not vanish on the boudary of the 3-color boundar. Inside one sets  $v = \nabla c$  with  $v = \nabla^{\perp} b$  and by the corners one takes v mapping by its flow the vertical edges to the horizontal ones. One glues theses maps, while taking into account the necessity to have a divergence free vector field ....

Theorem 3 follows from the combination of Theorem 4 and the proposition 1.

• Theorem1: Return method of Coron. The  $\nabla \theta$  given by theorem 3 goes from 0 to 0.

Let us fix v small.

On [0, T - v] no control.

On [T - v, T] one puts  $\nabla \theta$  fastly (with the associated pressure,) i.e the solution is thought like

$$\frac{1}{\nu}\nabla\theta(\frac{t-T+\nu}{\nu},x)$$

Precisely For  $\kappa \in \{0, 1\}$  there exists a fixed point to : (denote  $\omega_0 := \operatorname{curl} u_0$ ).  $\mathcal{T}: C^0([0,T], C^{l,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega})) \to C^0([0,T], C^{l,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega}))$  $\mathcal{T}(\omega) = \pi \omega_0(\varphi^{\pi(y)}(t,0,x))$  $\operatorname{curl} y = \omega \text{ on } [0, T] \times \Omega$  $\operatorname{div}(y) = 0$  on  $[0, T] \times \Omega$  $y.n = \rho(t/\mu)u_0.n + \frac{\kappa}{\nu}\nabla\theta(\frac{t-T+\nu}{\nu}, x).n \text{ sur } [0,T] \times \partial\Omega$  $\int_{\Gamma} y(0,x).\tau(x)dx = \int_{\Gamma} u_0(x).\tau(x)dx, \ i = 1,..,d$  $\int_{\Gamma} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + (y \cdot \nabla)y\right) \cdot \tau(x) dx = 0, i = 1, ..., d$ where  $\Gamma_0, ..., \Gamma_d$  are the connected components and you (may by restric-

tion) assume that  $\Gamma \subset \Gamma_0$ .  $\pi$  is an extension operator from  $C^{l,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega})$  to  $C^{l,\alpha}(B(0, R))$  and from  $LL(\Omega)$  to LL(B(0, R)) where *R* is large.  $\rho$  ist 0 away from 0.

 LL(Ω) is the Log-lipschitz functions. The fixed point gives boundary data for which there exists a unique solution of (E).

We skip the proof of theorem 2 which is of the same flavour but the fxed point is made directly on *u* due to the lack of regularity, and we use an adapted contour dynamic introduced by Bertozzi-Constantin.

**Remark:** Potential flows are also solutions of the Navier-Stokes equations, all except the return method work but we do not have the good "traditionnal" boundary conditions. What happens with these classical boundary conditions ? Or with the Navier slip boundary condition ?

In 3d: Some problems may occur: for some  $u_0$  the solution may blowup, and we have difficulties by mapping  $\gamma_0$  onto  $\gamma_1$  with the flow of a divergence free vector field, that is the existence of volume conserving isotopy between  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma_1$  in  $\Omega$ . Up to this moment we can prove along the same ideas

Theorem: Assume that  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma_1$  are smooth embeddings of the 2-sphere which do not intersect and are contractible in  $\Omega$ , then for any  $u_0$  (as in theorem 1), there exists a time *T* such that  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$  there exists a solution of the 3d euler equation (1) (2) (3) (4) such that

 $\|\varphi^u(0,T,\gamma_0)-\gamma_1\|_\infty\leq \varepsilon.$ 

We have some ideas with O.Glass O. Kavian JP Puel to perform numerical simulations. Some of these are in progress but not very convincing for the moment being.

They relies on the following theorem that in fact we prove in 2d with complex analysis, but can be proved however in any dimension (to simplify we assume that  $\Omega$  has a trivial topology):

Theorem Let  $H_m^{-1/2}(\Gamma) := \{h \in H^{-1/2}(\partial\Omega), < h, 1 \ge 0, h = 0 \text{ in } \mathcal{D}'(\partial\Omega \setminus \Gamma)\}$ . For any  $h \in H_m^{-1/2}(\Gamma)$  one defines  $\Psi$  with zero mean value such that

$$\Delta \Psi = 0 \text{ in } \Omega$$
  
$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial n} = h \text{ on } \partial \Omega$$

then the map

$$h\mapsto \frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial n}$$

has a strict dense image in  $H_m^{-1/2}(\gamma)$ .

In fact we have density in more regular trace space. We can compute the adjoint and then apply it to determine the *h* of minmal norm that gives a precise goal to order  $\varepsilon$ .