

# Carleman estimate and null controllability for a fourth order parabolic equation

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# Assumptions

In this presentation, we consider  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  with ( $N \geq 2$ ) a bounded connected open set whose boundary  $\partial\Omega$  is regular enough. Let  $\omega \subset \Omega$  be a (small) nonempty open subset and let  $T > 0$ . We will use the notation  $Q = (0, T) \times \Omega$  and  $\Sigma = (0, T) \times \partial\Omega$ .

# Section 1: Introduction

# Control problem

Let us introduce the following control system :

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t y + \Delta^2 y = \chi_\omega v & \text{in } Q, \\ y = \Delta y = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma, \\ y(0, \cdot) = y_0(\cdot) & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $y_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$  is the initial condition and  $v \in L^2((0, T) \times \omega)$  is the control function. Let us notice that  $y$  may represent a scaled film height and the term  $\Delta^2 y$  represents the capillarity-driven surface diffusion. Let us start by giving the definition of null controllability for (1) :

## Definition 1.1

*It is said that (1) is null controllable at time  $T > 0$  if for each  $y_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$ , there exists  $v \in L^2((0, T) \times \omega)$  such that the corresponding initial problem (1) admits a solution  $y \in C^0([0, T]; L^2(\Omega))$  satisfying*

$$y(T, \cdot) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega.$$

Let us introduce the non-homogeneous adjoint system associated to (1) :

$$\begin{cases} -\partial_t \varphi + \Delta^2 \varphi = f & \text{in } Q, \\ \varphi = \Delta \varphi = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma, \\ \varphi(T, \cdot) = \varphi_0(\cdot) & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $\varphi_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$  and  $f \in L^2(Q)$ . It is very well-known by now that the null controllability (and continuous dependence of  $\|v\|_{L^2((0,T) \times \omega)}$  with respect to  $\|y_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ ) is equivalent to the observability inequality :

$$\exists C > 0 : \int_{\Omega} |\varphi(0, x)|^2 dx \leq C \iint_{(0,T) \times \omega} |\varphi|^2 dx dt, \quad \forall \varphi_0 \in L^2(\Omega),$$

where  $\varphi$  is the solution of (2) with  $f \equiv 0$ .

In higher dimensions, there has been limited publications on the controllability of fourth order parabolic equations. By using the idea introduced by Lebeau, G. and Robbiano, a null controllability result was proved for the following system :

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t y + \Delta^2 y = \chi_\omega v & \text{in } Q , \\ y = \Delta y = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma , \\ y(0, \cdot) = y_0(\cdot) & \text{in } \Omega , \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where  $y_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$ .

There is an extended literature in dimension 1. A null controllability result was proved for the following semi-linear system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u + \partial_{xxxx} u + f(u) = \chi_\omega h & \text{in } (0, T) \times (0, 1) , \\ u(\cdot, 0) = u(\cdot, 1) = 0 & \text{in } (0, T) , \\ \partial_x u(\cdot, 0) = \partial_x u(\cdot, 1) = 0 & \text{in } (0, T) , \\ u(0, \cdot) = u_0(\cdot) & \text{in } (0, 1) , \end{cases}$$

where  $u_0 \in L^2(0, 1)$  and  $f$  is a globally Lipschitz continuous function. Many works were done related to the previous system by using a Carleman inequality that will be extended in the next section. As we said, in higher dimensions, there has been limited publications on the controllability of fourth order parabolic equations. **As far as we know, a Carleman inequality for a fourth order parabolic equation was an open problem whenever  $N \geq 2$ .**



# Section 2: Carleman inequality for a fourth order parabolic equation

In order to state our Carleman inequality, we will need some weight functions :

$$\alpha(x, t) = \frac{e^{4\lambda\|\eta\|_\infty} - e^{\lambda(2\|\eta\|_\infty + \eta(x))}}{t^{1/2}(T-t)^{1/2}}, \quad \xi(x, t) = \frac{e^{\lambda(2\|\eta\|_\infty + \eta(x))}}{t^{1/2}(T-t)^{1/2}},$$

where  $\eta \in C^4(\bar{\Omega})$  satisfies:

$$\eta > 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \quad \eta|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \quad |\nabla\eta| \geq C_0 > 0 \text{ in } \Omega \setminus \bar{\omega'},$$

with  $\omega' \subset \omega$  an open set.

# Carleman inequality

The main objective is to prove the following theorem :

## Theorem 2.1

There exists a positive constant  $\tilde{C}_0 = \tilde{C}_0(\Omega, \omega)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_Q e^{-2s\alpha} \left( s^6 \lambda^8 \xi^6 |\varphi|^2 + s^4 \lambda^6 \xi^4 |\nabla \varphi|^2 + s^3 \lambda^4 \xi^3 |\Delta \varphi|^2 \right. \\ & \left. + s^2 \lambda^4 \xi^2 |\nabla^2 \varphi|^2 + s \lambda^2 \xi |\nabla \Delta \varphi|^2 + s^{-1} \xi^{-1} (|\partial_t \varphi|^2 + |\Delta^2 \varphi|^2) \right) dxdt \quad (4) \\ & \leq \tilde{C}_0 \left( s^7 \lambda^8 \iint_{(0,T) \times \omega} e^{-2s\alpha} \xi^7 |\varphi|^2 dxdt + \iint_Q e^{-2s\alpha} |f|^2 dxdt \right) \end{aligned}$$

for any  $\lambda \geq \tilde{C}_0$ , any  $s \geq \tilde{C}_0(T^{1/2} + T)$  and where  $\varphi$  fulfills (2).

We present the 5 steps of the proof :

- ① Change of variable and first computations.
- ② Computation of the product  $(P_1\psi, P_2\psi)_{L^2(Q)}$ .
- ③ Simplifications in the computation of  $(P_1\psi, P_2\psi)_{L^2(Q)}$  and first main estimate.
- ④ Estimate of the boundary terms.
- ⑤ Last arrangements and conclusion.

# Proof (Change of variable and first computations)

In order to prove this, let us set

$$\psi(t, x) = e^{-s\alpha(t, x)} \varphi(t, x), \quad \forall (t, x) \in Q. \quad (5)$$

By replacing  $\varphi$  in the equation  $-\partial_t \varphi + \Delta^2 \varphi = f$  by  $e^{s\alpha} \psi$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(\psi) \triangleq & -s\alpha_t \psi - \partial_t \psi + e^{-s\alpha} (\Delta^2 e^{s\alpha} \psi + 4\nabla \Delta e^{s\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi + 2\Delta e^{s\alpha} \Delta \psi \\ & + 4\nabla^2 e^{s\alpha} : \nabla^2 \psi + 4\nabla e^{s\alpha} \cdot \nabla \Delta \psi + e^{s\alpha} \Delta^2 \psi) = e^{-s\alpha} f \text{ in } Q, \end{aligned}$$

# Proof (Change of variable and first computations)

Let us consider the following functionals :

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(\psi) \triangleq & -4s^3\lambda^3\xi^3|\nabla\eta|^2\nabla\eta \cdot \nabla\psi - \partial_t\psi - 4s\lambda\xi(\nabla\eta \cdot \nabla\Delta\psi) \\ & -2s\lambda^2\xi|\nabla\eta|^2\Delta\psi - 12s^3\lambda^3\xi^3(\nabla^2\eta\nabla\eta\nabla\eta)\psi - 2s^3\lambda^3\xi^3|\nabla\eta|^2\Delta\eta\psi \\ & -2s\lambda\xi\Delta\eta\Delta\psi + 4s\lambda\xi\nabla^2\psi : \nabla^2\eta - 4s\lambda^2\xi(\nabla^2\psi\nabla\eta\nabla\eta) \\ & -6s^3\lambda^4\xi^3|\nabla\eta|^4\psi \text{ in } Q, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_2(\psi) \triangleq & s^4\lambda^4\xi^4|\nabla\eta|^4\psi + \Delta^2\psi + 4s^2\lambda^2\xi^2(\nabla^2\psi\nabla\eta\nabla\eta)) \\ & +8s^2\lambda^2\xi^2(\nabla^2\eta\nabla\eta\nabla\psi) + 4s^2\lambda^2\xi^2\Delta\eta(\nabla\psi \cdot \nabla\eta) \\ & +2s^2\lambda^2\xi^2|\nabla\eta|^2\Delta\psi + 12s^2\lambda^3\xi^2|\nabla\eta|^2(\nabla\eta \cdot \nabla\psi \text{ in } Q \end{aligned}$$

# Proof (Change of variable and first computations)

and

$$R(\psi) \triangleq (P - P_1 - P_2)(\psi) = e^{-s\alpha} f - (P_1 + P_2)(\psi) \text{ in } Q. \quad (6)$$

Then, we deduce

$$\|P_1\psi\|_{L^2(Q)}^2 + \|P_2\psi\|_{L^2(Q)}^2 + 2(P_1\psi, P_2\psi)_{L^2(Q)} = \|R\psi - e^{-s\alpha} f\|_{L^2(Q)}^2.$$

# Proof (Computation of the product $(P_1\psi, P_2\psi)_{L^2(Q)}$ )

The idea is to prove that

$$(P_1\psi, P_2\psi)_{L^2(Q)} \geq X(\psi) \simeq \iint_Q \dots |D^\tau \psi|^2 dxdt > 0,$$

where  $\tau \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Let us start by the computations. For example, we consider

$$\begin{aligned} ((P_1\psi)_1, (P_2\psi)_1)_{L^2(Q)} &= -4s^7\lambda^7 \iint_Q \xi^7 |\nabla\eta|^6 \nabla\eta \cdot \nabla\psi\psi dxdt \\ &= 14s^7\lambda^8 \iint_Q |\nabla\eta|^8 \xi^7 |\psi|^2 dxdt \\ &\quad + 2s^7\lambda^7 \iint_Q \xi^7 |\nabla\eta|^6 \Delta\eta |\psi|^2 dxdt \\ &\quad + 12s^7\lambda^7 \iint_Q \xi^7 |\nabla\eta|^4 (\nabla^2\eta \nabla\eta \nabla\eta) |\psi|^2 dxdt. \end{aligned}$$



# Proof (First main estimate)

At the end, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}((P_1\psi)_2, (P_2\psi)_1)_{L^2(Q)} &= -s^4\lambda^4 \iint_Q \xi^4 |\nabla\eta|^4 \psi \partial_t \psi \, dxdt \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}s^4\lambda^4 \iint_Q \xi^4 |\nabla\eta|^4 \partial_t |\psi|^2 \, dxdt \\ &= \frac{1}{2}s^4\lambda^4 \iint_Q \partial_t(\xi^4) |\nabla\eta|^4 |\psi|^2 \, dxdt.\end{aligned}$$

By using the fact that  $|\partial_t \xi| \leq \frac{T}{2}\xi^3$  and  $|\nabla\eta|^4 \leq C_0$ , we deduce

$$\left| ((P_1\psi)_2, (P_2\psi)_1)_{L^2(Q)} \right| \leq 4TC_0 s^4 \lambda^4 \iint_Q \xi^6 |\psi|^2 \, dxdt.$$

We can deduce that for  $s \geq C_0 T^{1/2}$  this term can be easily absorbed by

$$s^6 \lambda^8 \iint_Q \xi^6 |\psi|^2 \, dxdt.$$

# Proof (First main estimate)

$$\begin{aligned}(P_1(\psi), P_2(\psi))_{L^2(Q)} &\geq 8s^7\lambda^8 \iint_Q \xi^6 |\nabla\eta|^8 |\psi|^2 dxdt \\ &- 16s^5\lambda^6 \iint_Q \xi^5 |\nabla\eta|^6 |\nabla\psi|^2 dxdt + 8s^3\lambda^4 \iint_Q \xi^3 |\nabla\eta|^4 |\Delta\psi|^2 dxdt \\ &+ 22s^5\lambda^6 \iint_Q \xi^5 |\nabla\eta|^4 |\nabla\eta \cdot \nabla\psi|^2 dxdt + 32s^3\lambda^4 \iint_Q \xi^3 |\nabla^2\psi \nabla\eta \nabla\eta|^2 dxdt \\ &+ 3s\lambda^2 \iint_Q \xi |\nabla\Delta\psi \cdot \nabla\eta|^2 dxdt - C_0s^5\lambda^5 \iint_{\omega' \times (0, T)} \xi^5 |\nabla\psi|^2 dxdt,\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

for  $s \geq C_0(T^{1/2} + T)$  and  $\lambda \geq C_0$ .

# Proof (Last arrangement)

Notice that,

$$\begin{aligned} & 8s^7\lambda^8 \iint_Q \xi^6 |\nabla\eta|^8 |\psi|^2 dxdt - 16s^5\lambda^6 \iint_Q \xi^5 |\nabla\eta|^6 |\nabla\psi|^2 dxdt \\ & + 8s^3\lambda^4 \iint_Q \xi^3 |\nabla\eta|^4 |\Delta\psi|^2 dxdt \\ & \geq 8s^{-1} \iint_Q \xi^{-1} (s^4\lambda^4\xi^4 |\nabla\eta|^4 \psi + s^2\lambda^2\xi^2 |\nabla\eta|^2 \Delta\psi)^2 \\ & - C_0 s^5 \lambda^8 \iint_Q \xi^5 |\psi|^2 dxdt, \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

for  $\lambda \geq C_0$ .

On the other hand, we have

$$\varphi = e^{s\alpha}\psi \Rightarrow \Delta\varphi = e^{s\alpha} \left( \Delta\psi + s^2\lambda^2\xi^2|\nabla\eta|^2\psi - 2s\lambda\xi\nabla\eta \cdot \nabla\psi - s\lambda^2\xi|\nabla\eta|^2\psi - s\lambda\xi\Delta\eta\psi \right).$$

# Proof (Last arrangement)

we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} s^3 \lambda^4 \iint_Q \xi^3 e^{-2s\alpha} |\nabla \eta|^4 |\Delta \varphi|^2 dx dt &= s^{-1} \iint_Q \xi^{-1} \left( e^{-s\alpha} s^2 \lambda^2 \xi^2 |\nabla \eta|^2 \Delta \varphi \right)^2 dx dt \\ &= s^{-1} \iint_Q \xi^{-1} \left( s^2 \lambda^2 \xi^2 |\nabla \eta|^2 \Delta \psi + s^4 \lambda^4 \xi^4 |\nabla \eta|^4 \psi \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2s^3 \lambda^3 \xi^3 |\nabla \eta|^2 \nabla \eta \cdot \nabla \psi - s^3 \lambda^4 \xi^3 |\nabla \eta|^4 \psi - s^3 \lambda^3 \xi^3 |\nabla \eta|^2 \Delta \eta \psi \right)^2 dx dt \\ &\leq 8s^{-1} \iint_Q \xi^{-1} \left( s^2 \lambda^2 \xi^2 |\nabla \eta|^2 \Delta \psi + s^4 \lambda^4 \xi^4 |\nabla \eta|^4 \psi \right)^2 dx dt \\ &\quad + 8s^5 \lambda^6 \iint_Q \xi^5 |\nabla \eta|^4 |\nabla \eta \cdot \nabla \psi|^2 dx dt + C_0 s^5 \lambda^8 \iint_Q \xi^5 |\psi|^2 dx dt. \end{aligned}$$

# Proof (Last arrangement)

At the end, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (P_1(\psi), P_2(\psi))_{L^2(Q)} &\geq s^3 \lambda^4 \iint_Q \xi^3 e^{-2s\alpha} |\nabla \eta|^4 |\Delta \varphi|^2 dx dt \\ &+ 14s^5 \lambda^6 \iint_Q \xi^5 |\nabla \eta|^4 |\nabla \eta \cdot \nabla \psi|^2 dx dt \\ &+ 3s \lambda^2 \iint_Q \xi |\nabla \eta \cdot \nabla \Delta \psi|^2 dx dt - s^5 \lambda^5 \iint_{\Sigma} \xi^5 \left( \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \vec{n}} \right)^5 \left| \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \vec{n}} \right|^2 d\sigma dt - A, \end{aligned}$$

for  $\lambda \geq C_0$  and  $s \geq C_0(T + T^{1/2})$ .

At the end, we can deduce the following remarks :

## Remark 2.2

System (1) is also exact controllable, i.e, for any  $\bar{y}_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$  and any  $\bar{y} \in C^0([0, T]; L^2(\Omega))$  solution of

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \bar{y} + \Delta^2 \bar{y} = 0 & \text{in } Q, \\ \bar{y} = \Delta \bar{y} = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma, \\ \bar{y}(0, \cdot) = \bar{y}_0(\cdot) & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

there exists  $v \in L^2(Q)$  such that

$$y(T, \cdot) = \bar{y}(T, \cdot) \text{ in } \Omega.$$

## Remark 2.3

The following system :

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t y + \Delta^2 y = 0 & \text{in } Q, \\ y = \chi_{\gamma_1} v_1 & \text{on } \Sigma, \\ \Delta y = \chi_{\gamma_2} v_2 & \text{on } \Sigma, \\ y(0, \cdot) = y_0(\cdot) & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

is boundary null controllable if  $\gamma_1 \cap \gamma_2 \neq \emptyset$ .



## Remark 2.4

The following system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t y + \Delta^2 y + a_0 y + \nabla \cdot (B_0 y) + \sum_{ij=1}^N \partial_{ij} (D_{ij} y) + \Delta(a_1 y) = \chi_\omega v & \text{in } Q, \\ y = \Delta y = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma, \\ y(0, \cdot) = y_0(\cdot) & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases}$$

is null and exact controllable, where  $a_0, a_1 \in L^\infty(Q; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $B_0 \in L^\infty(Q; \mathbb{R}^N)$ ,  $D \in L^\infty(Q; \mathbb{R}^{N^2})$  and  $y_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$ .

## Remark 2.5

*The Carleman inequality (4) also holds when  $\varphi$  satisfies the boundary conditions*

$$\varphi = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \vec{n}} = 0 \text{ on } \Sigma.$$

# Section 3: Null and exact controllability of semi-linear fourth order parabolic equations

We consider parabolic systems of the form

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t y + \Delta^2 y + f(y, \nabla y, \nabla^2 y) = \chi_\omega v & \text{in } Q, \\ y = \frac{\partial y}{\partial \vec{n}} = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma, \\ y(0, \cdot) = y_0(\cdot) & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

where

$$f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^{N^2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

In addition we will suppose that  $f$  is a locally Lipschitz-continuous function and

$$f(0_{\mathbb{R}}, 0_{\mathbb{R}^N}, 0_{\mathbb{R}^{N^2}}) = 0. \quad (12)$$

# Control problem

Observe that, under the hypothesis above, we can write

$$f(s, p, q) = g(s, p, q)s + G(s, p, q) \cdot p + E(s, p, q) : q ,$$

for all  $(s, p, q) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^{N^2}$  and where  $g \in L_{loc}^\infty(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^{N^2})$ ,  $G \in L_{loc}^\infty(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^{N^2})^N$  and  $E \in L_{loc}^\infty(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^{N^2})^{N^2}$ . We will assume also the following conditions on  $g$ ,  $G$  and  $E$  :

$$\lim_{|s|, |p|, |q| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|g(s, p, q)|}{\log^3(1 + |s| + |p| + |q|)} = 0,$$

$$\lim_{|s|, |p|, |q| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|G(s, p, q)|}{\log^2(1 + |s| + |p| + |q|)} = 0,$$

$$\lim_{|s|, |p|, |q| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|E(s, p, q)|}{\log(1 + |s| + |p| + |q|)} = 0.$$

# Control problem

Let us give the definition of null controllability for (11).

## Definition 3.1

*It is said that (11) is null controllable at time  $T > 0$  if for each  $y_0 \in W^{2,\infty}(\Omega) \cap H_0^2(\Omega)$ , there exists  $v \in L^\infty((0, T) \times \omega)$  such that the corresponding initial problem (11) admits a solution  $y \in C^0([0, T]; L^2(\Omega))$  satisfying*

$$y(T, \cdot) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega.$$

Using a new Carleman inequality and Kakutani's fixed point theorem, we deduce the following theorem :

## Theorem 3.2

*Assume that  $f$  verifies the conditions below. Then (11) is null controllable at any time  $T > 0$ .*

# Section 4: Insensitizing controls for a fourth order parabolic equation in dimension $N \geq 2$

We consider the following system of the form

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t w + \Delta^2 w + f(w, \nabla w, \nabla^2 w) = \chi_\omega v & \text{in } Q, \\ w = \frac{\partial w}{\partial \vec{n}} = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma, \\ w(0, \cdot) = y_0(\cdot) + \tau \tilde{y}_0 & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

where  $w_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$  is the initial condition,  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$  unknown and small enough,  $f$  is a  $C^1$  globally Lipschitz-continuous function defined on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R}^{N+2}$ ,  $\tilde{y}_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$  is unknown and  $\|\tilde{y}_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = 1$  and  $v \in L^2(Q)$  is the control function.



Our objective is to establish the existence of insensitizing controls for this equation. Let us introduce the following functional

$$\phi(w) = \frac{1}{2} \iint_{O \times (0, T)} |w|^2 dx dt, \quad (14)$$

where  $O \cap \omega \neq \emptyset$ .

## Definition 4.1

*We say that the control  $v$  insensitizes  $\phi$  if*

$$\left| \frac{\partial \phi(w(x, t, h, \tau))}{\partial \tau} \Big|_{\tau=0} \right| = 0. \quad (15)$$

Let us notice that the existence of a control  $v$  such that (15) holds is equivalent to the null controllability of a coupled system. This result is given in the following lemma.

## Lemma 4.2

The existence of control  $v$  such that (15) holds true if the following system :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \partial_t y + \Delta^2 y + f(y, \nabla y, \nabla^2 y) = \chi_\omega v & \text{in } Q, \\ -\partial_t g + \Delta^2 g + \partial_s f(y, \nabla y, \nabla^2 y)g - \nabla \cdot (\partial_p f(y, \nabla y, \nabla^2 y)g) & \text{in } Q, \\ \quad + \sum_{i,j=1}^N \partial_{ij}(\partial_q f(y, \nabla y, \nabla^2 y)g) = \chi_O y & \\ y = \frac{\partial y}{\partial \vec{n}} = g = \frac{\partial g}{\partial \vec{n}} = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma, \\ w(0, \cdot) = y_0(\cdot) & \text{in } \Omega, \\ g(T, \cdot) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \end{array} \right.$$

verifies

$$g(0, \cdot) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega.$$

Using Carleman inequality and Schauder's fixed point theorem we deduce the following theorem :

## Theorem 4.3

*Assume that  $y_0 \equiv 0$ . Then, there exist insensitizing controls in  $L^2(Q)$  for system (13).*

Another complicated problem that i am studying now is the proof of the existence of insensitizing controls in  $L^2(Q)$  for system (13) with the following functional :

$$\phi(w) = \frac{1}{2} \iint_{O \times (0, T)} |\Delta w|^2 dx dt, \quad (16)$$

where  $O \cap \omega \neq \emptyset$ . Let us notice that this problem, can be easily solved if we find a new Carleman estimate with a local term depending only on  $\Delta \phi$ .