

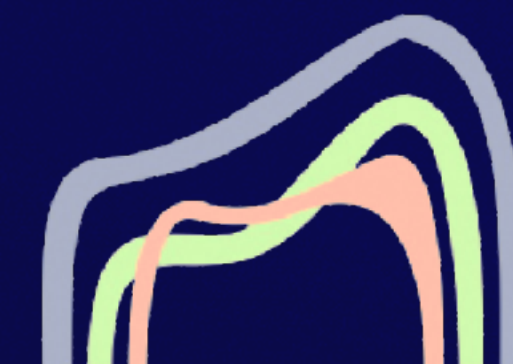
X Partial differential equations, optimal design and numerics

# On Boundary Controllability and Synchronization for Coupled Wave Equations

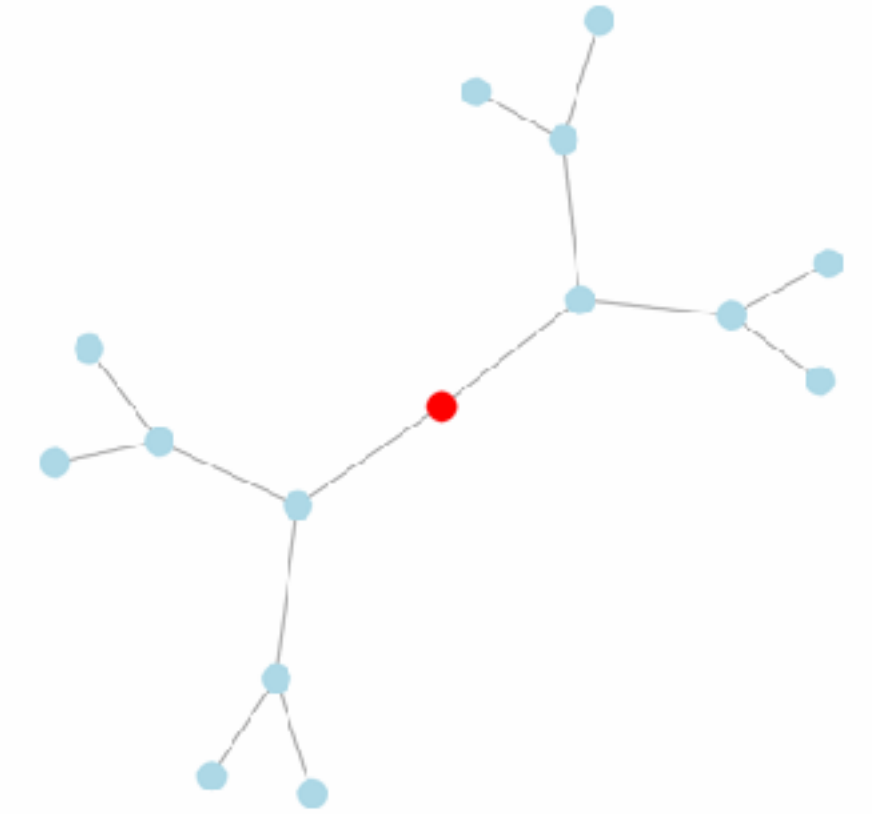
Yue Wang, joint work with Tatsien Li and Günter Leugering

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**In this talk, I aim to present some interesting models, controllability properties, numerical realization for coupled wave equations, with some key results and research perspectives, and to leave space for future discussion at Benasque!**

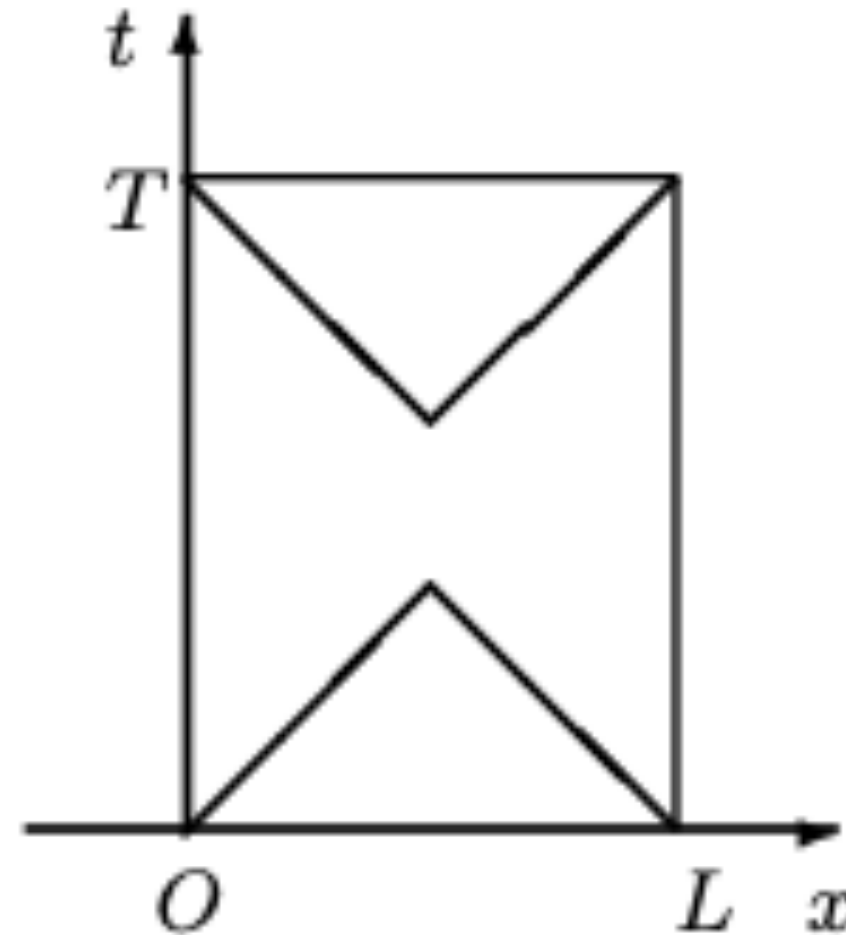
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# Boundary Control for hyperbolic wave

## Some Key Properties.

- ▶ Prescribe **suitable boundary conditions** for IBVP on a bounded domain
  - > local & global
  - > internal control & boundary control
- ▶ Controllability time ( $T > 0$ ) ←
- > a finite speed of propagation of the hyperbolic wave

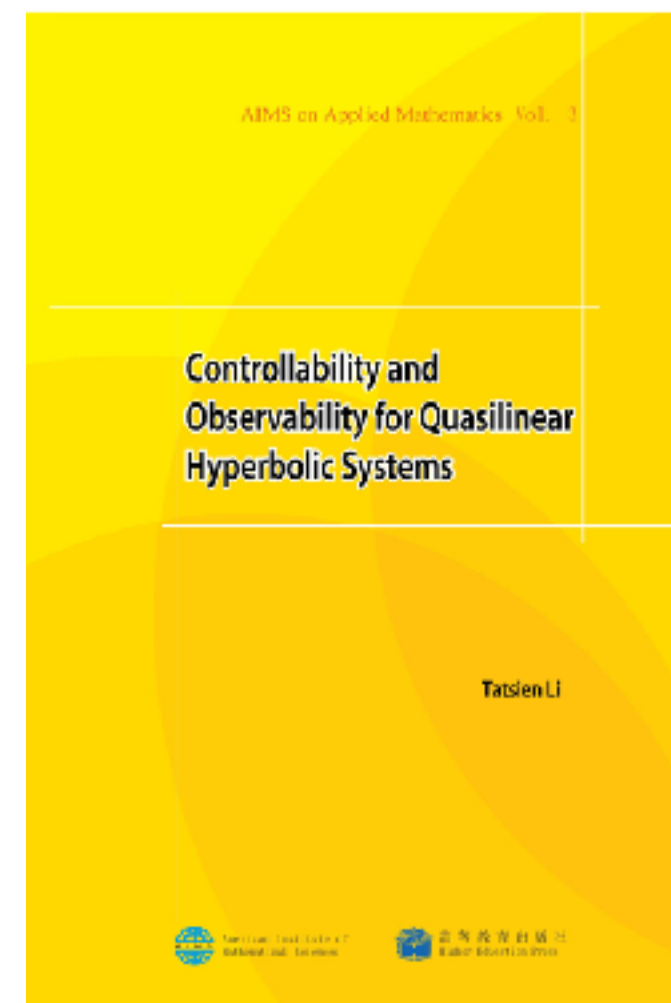
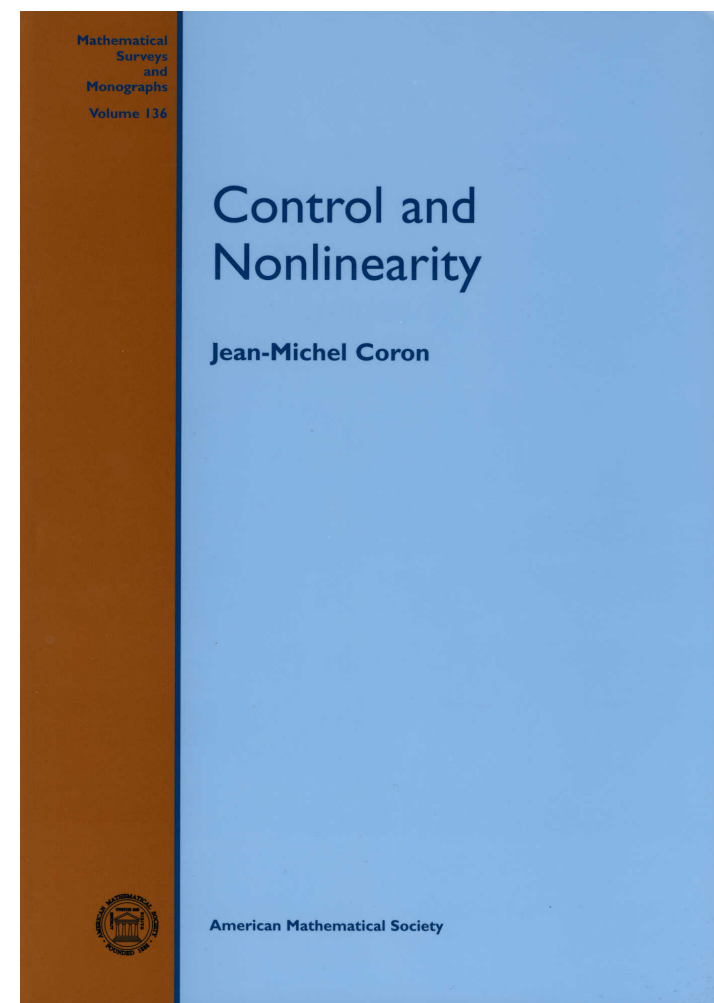


- > maximum determinate domains
- >  $T(> 0)$  should be chosen as small as possible (optimal controllability time).

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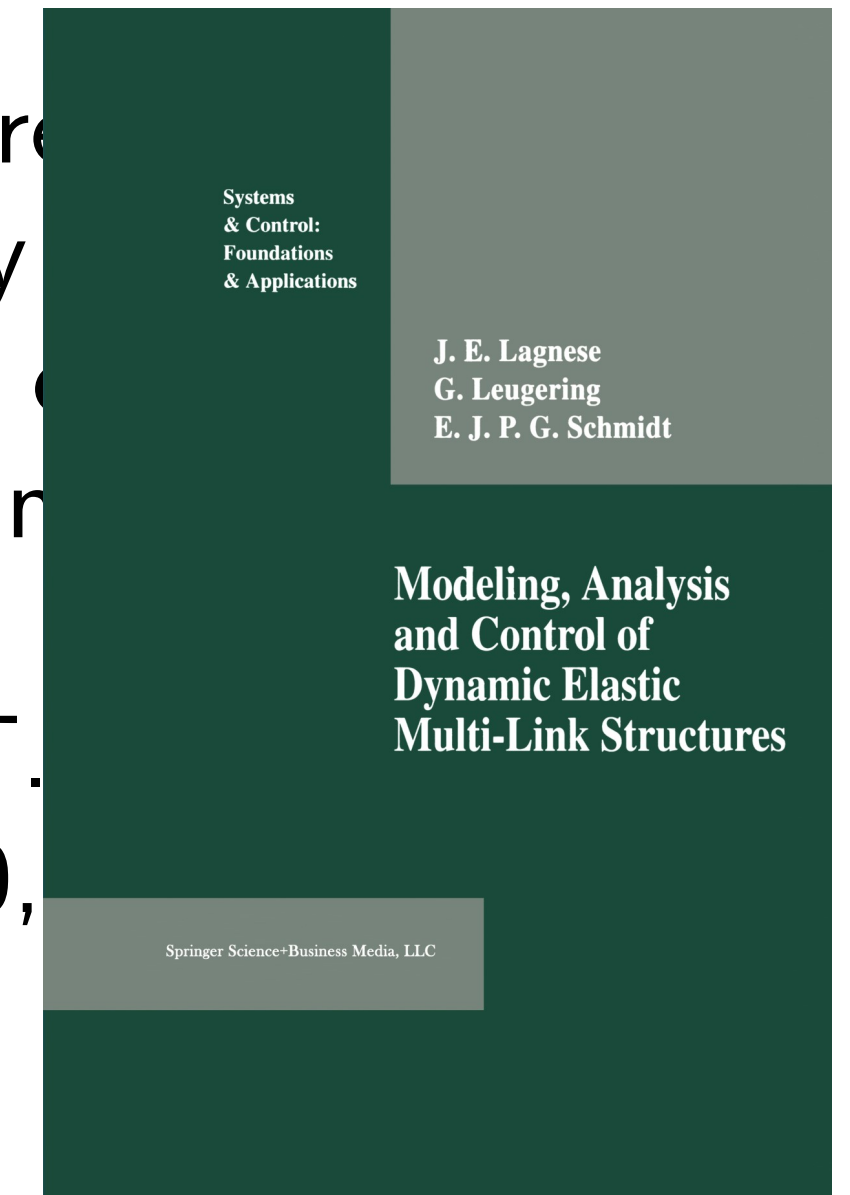
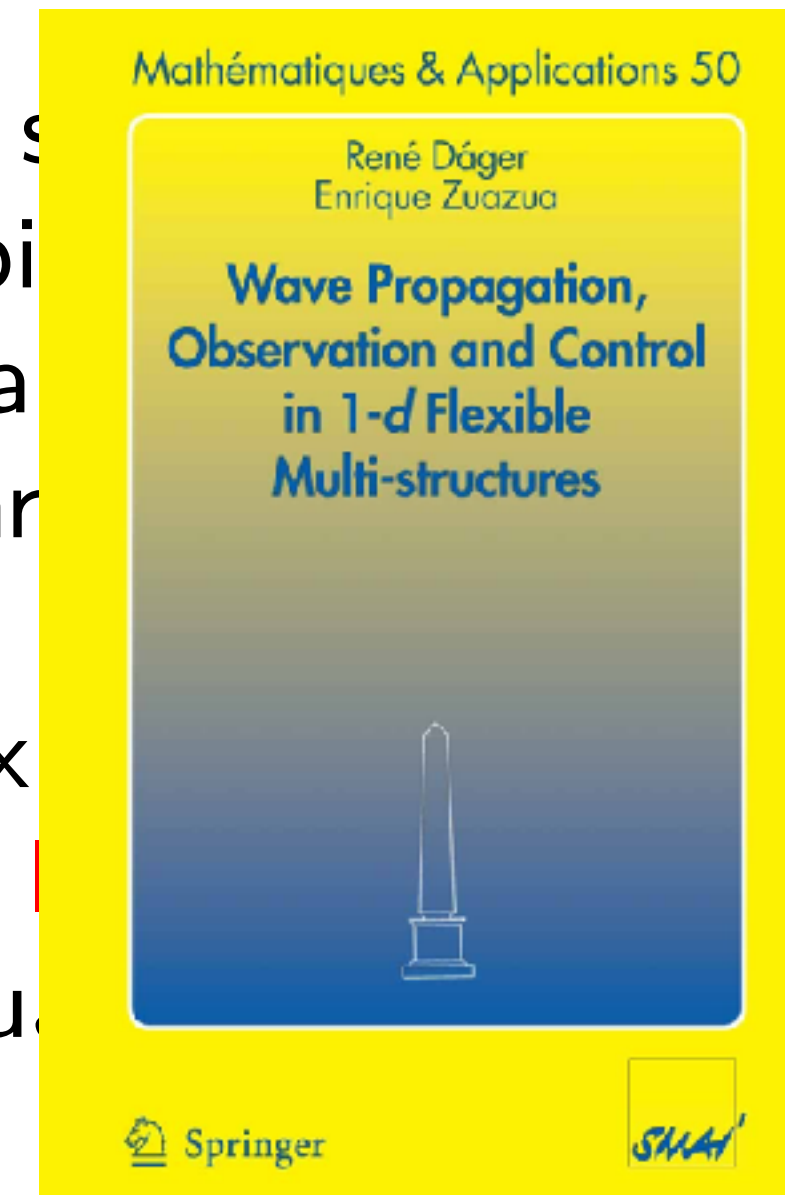
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- > **Classical solution** exists only locally in time (P. D. Lax, '64; F. John, '90; T. Li, '94)  $\rightarrow$  **semi-global classical solution ( $T > 0$  might be suitably large)** [M. Cirinà, '70, T.Li, Y.Jin, B.Rao, '00, '01]  $\rightarrow$  Local exact controllability in the quasilinear case.



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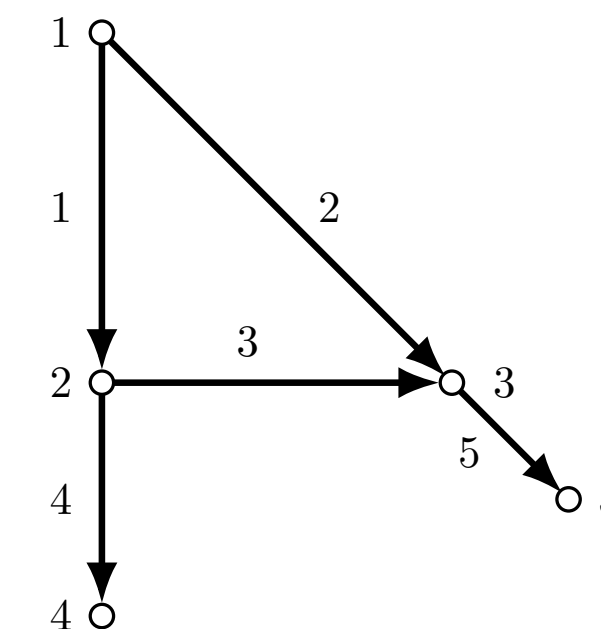
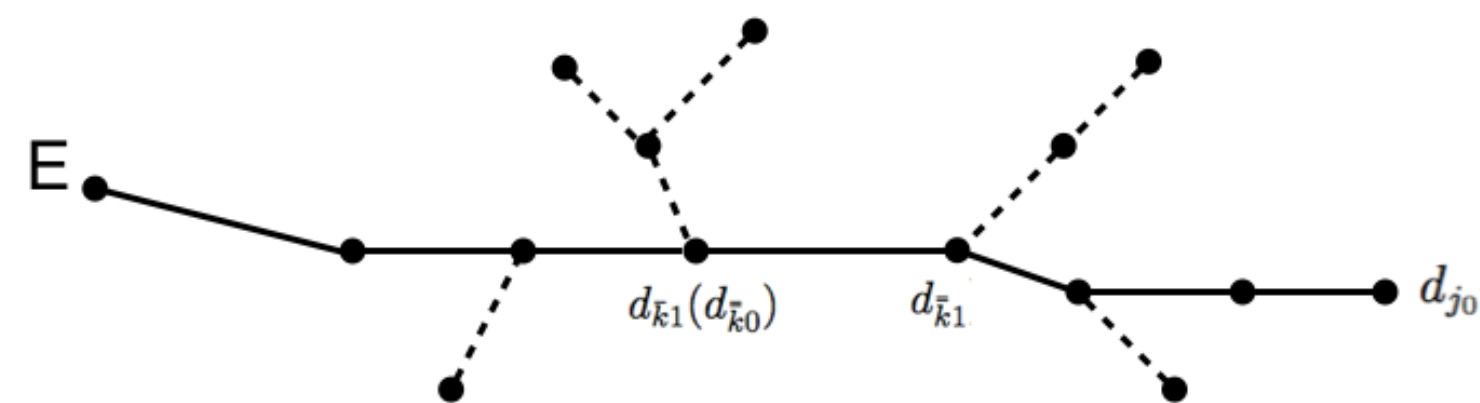
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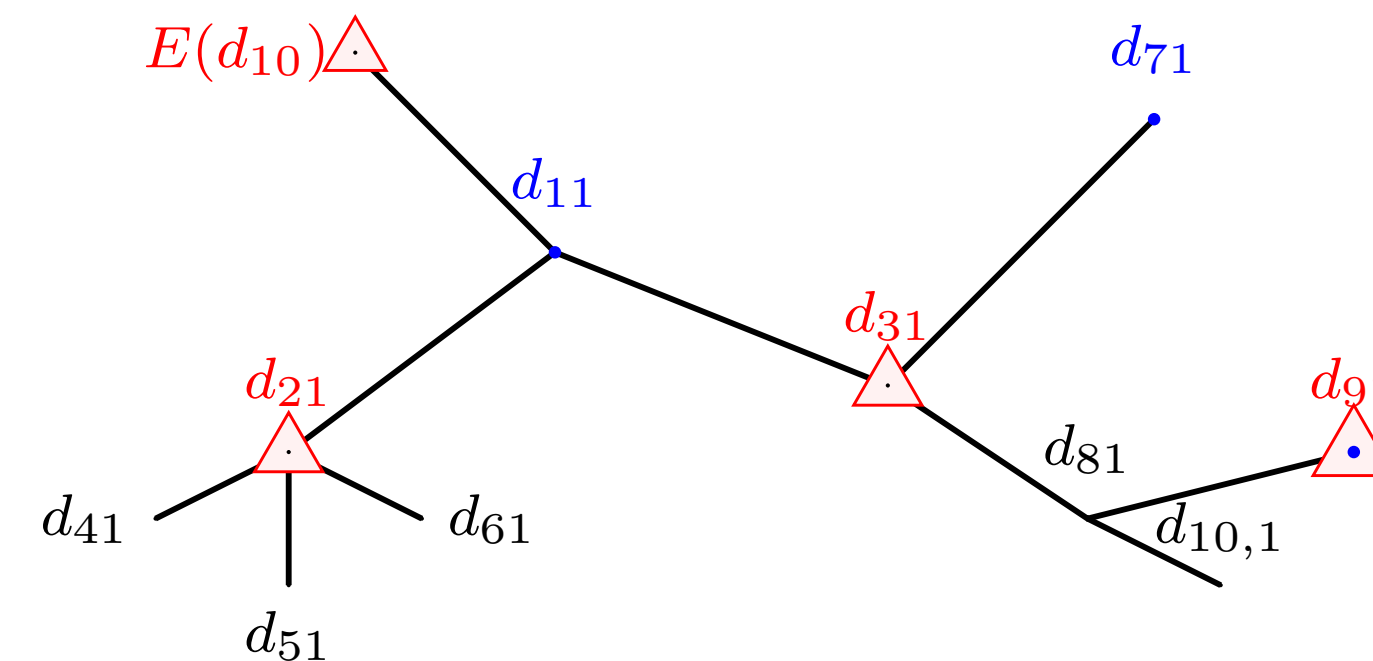
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## Controllability and Control Design Problem

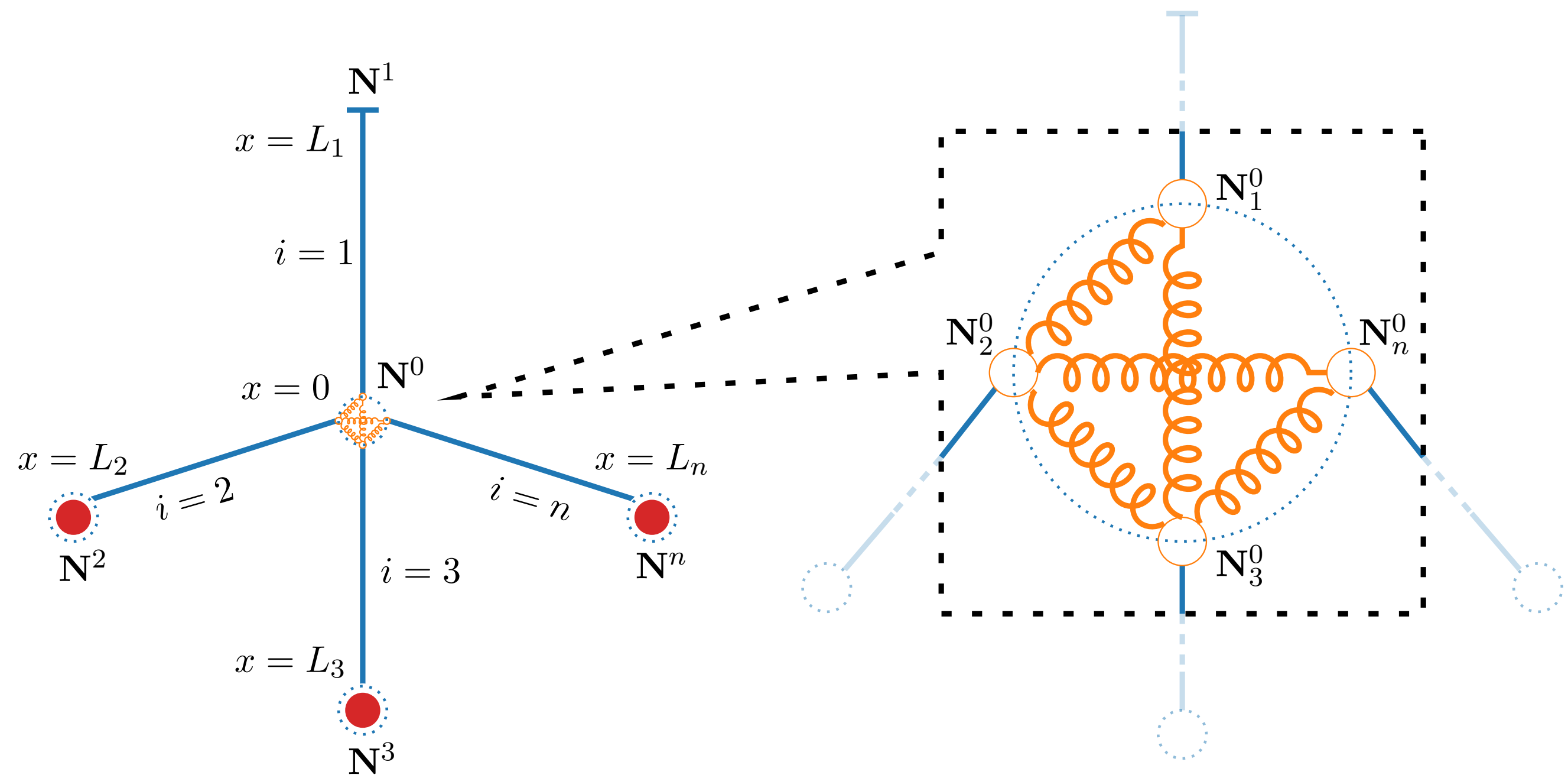
- \* Optimal controllability time  $T^*$ .
- \* Minimum number of controls.
  - \* Placement of controls.
  - \* Calculation of controls.

- Nodal Profile Control: Our aim is to fit (a part of) the boundary traces to a given profile after a suitably long time  $t = T$  by means of boundary controls. [Project: Control theory on planar or spacial string networks: controllability and partial nodal control for quasilinear hyperbolic systems. (Individual funding & NSFC-1121101.Joint work with T.Li.)]



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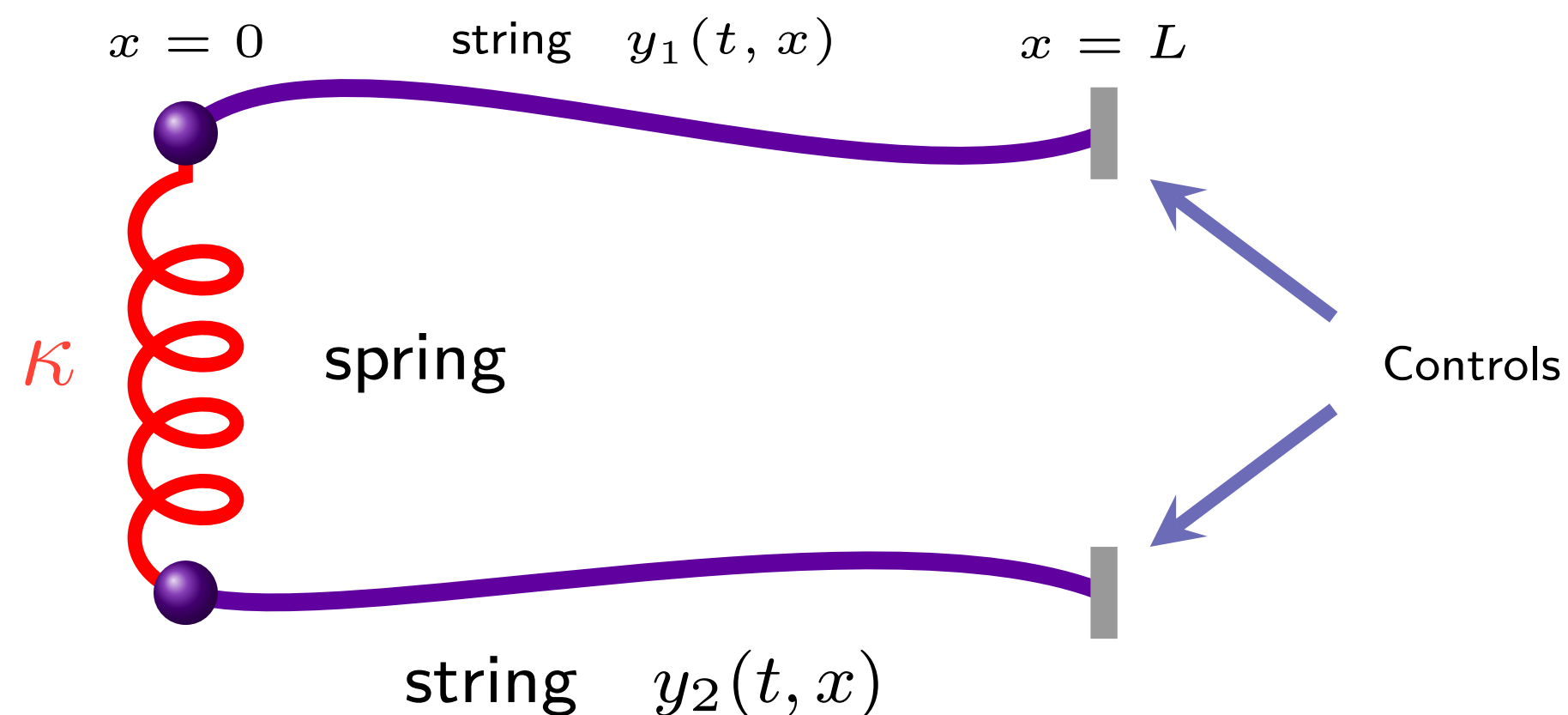


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→ Dynamical transmission conditions



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- If the spring stiffness tends to infinity, formally the system tends to the classical string-mass problem.<sup>1</sup>
- For spring-mass system it is known that the mass smoothens the waves while crossing the mass-point.<sup>2</sup>
- If the spring stiffness tends to zero, the strings become uncoupled.
- The spring coupling can be seen as a weakening of the classical transmission conditions at a multiple joint.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>G. Leugering, 1998; F. Almusallams, 2015; Y.Wang, T.Li, 2018

<sup>2</sup>S. Hansen, E.Zuazua 1995

<sup>3</sup>G.Leugering,S.Micu, I.Roventa, Y.Wang, 2022

# Example: Networks of vibrating strings

## New boundary conditions + coupling

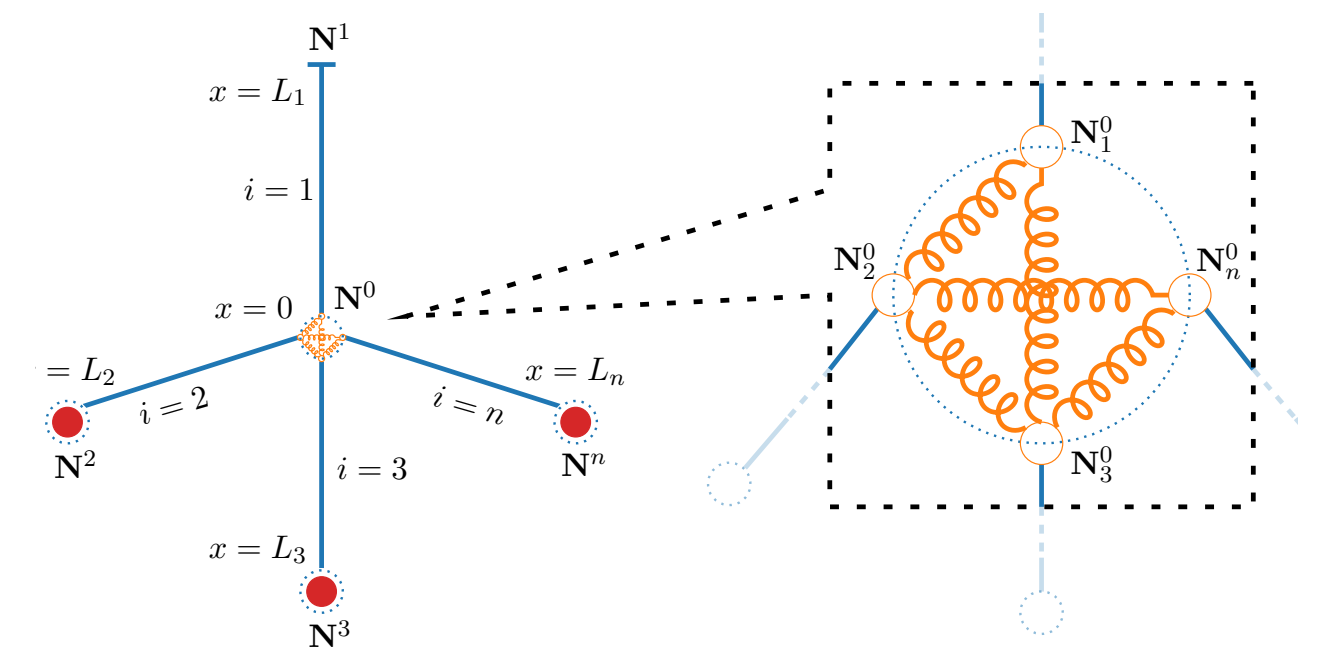
Consider the following **coupled** system of 1-D **quasilinear** wave equations ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ):

$$(\mathbf{E}) \begin{cases} y_{tt}^i - (K^i(y^i, y_x^i))_x = F(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}_x, \mathbf{y}_t), & x \in [0, L_i], t \in [0, T] \\ y_{tt}^i(t, 0) = G^i(t, \mathbf{y}(t, 0), \mathbf{y}_x(t, 0), \mathbf{y}_t(t, 0)) \\ \quad + \int_0^t H^i(t, s, \mathbf{y}(s, 0)) ds, & t \in [0, T] \\ y^i(t, L_i) = u^i(t), & t \in [0, T] \\ (y^i, y_t^i)(0, x) = (\phi^i(x), \psi^i(x)), & x \in [0, L_i]. \end{cases}$$

Second-order differential operators  
(temporal) non-locality

where

- ▶  $\mathbf{y} = (y^1, \dots, y^n)^T$  is an unknown vector function of  $(t, x)$ ,
- ▶  $K^i = K^i(y^i, y_x^i)$  are given  $C^2$  functions of  $y^i$  and  $y_x^i$ ,
- ▶  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y_x^i} K^i(y^i, y_x^i) > 0$ ,
- ▶  $F^i, G^i, H^i$  are given  $C^1$  functions of their arguments and 0 value at null state (i.e. 0 is an equilibrium).



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Controllability Time (sharp): 
$$T^* = \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \frac{2L_i}{\sqrt{K_{y_x}^i(0,0)}}$$

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- ▶ This result can be improved by **reducing the number of controls to  $n - 1$** , but the space of controlled initial data is **asymmetric** [G.Leugering, S.Micu, I.Robenta, Y.Wang, '22] [G.Leugering, C.Rodriguez, Y.Wang, '24, submitted]

# Key techniques for wellposedness and boundary controllability:

1. Characteristics

2. Explicit constructive method with modular structure

We introduce  $\mathbf{w}^i = (w_1^i, w_2^i, w_3^i)^T := (y^i, y_x^i, y_t^i)^T$ . Then we get

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} w_1^i \\ w_2^i \\ w_3^i \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -K_{w_2^i}^i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{pmatrix} w_1^i \\ w_2^i \\ w_3^i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w_2^i \\ 0 \\ F^i(\mathbf{w}^i) + K_{w_1^i}^i w_2^i \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times [0, L_i]$ . This, in turn, can be rewritten in the form of a quasilinear hyperbolic system

$$\mathbf{w}_t^i + A^i(x, \mathbf{w}^i) \mathbf{w}_x^i = \tilde{F}(\mathbf{w}^i),$$

where  $A^i$  has 3 distinct real eigenvalues:

$$\lambda_i^- = -\sqrt{K_{w_2^i}^i(w_1^i, w_2^i)}, \quad \lambda_i^0 = 0, \quad \lambda_i^+ = \sqrt{K_{w_2^i}^i(w_1^i, w_2^i)}.$$

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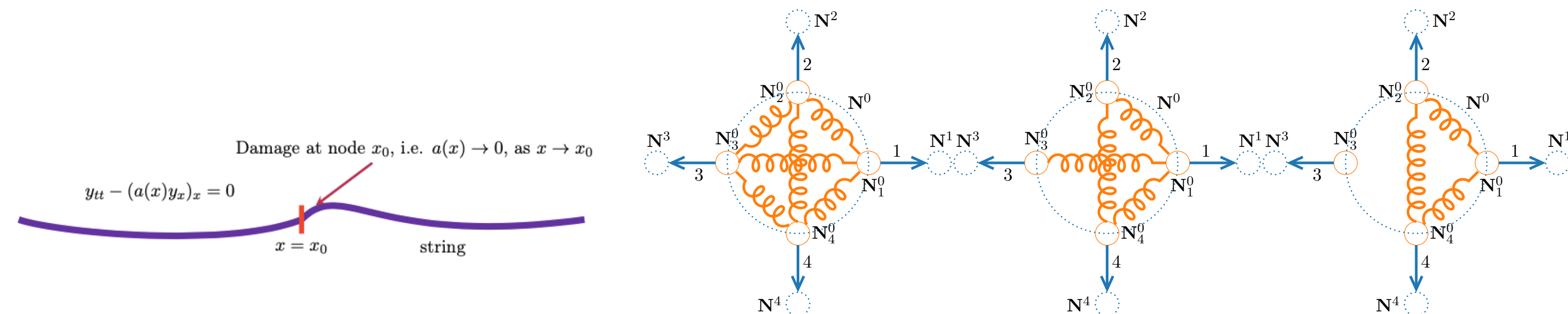
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► **Degeneration**

- 1 Lack of controllability/observability for wave equations with degeneration.
  - ◊ Lack of one-sided exact controllability in  $y_{tt} - (a(x)y_x)_x = 0$  when  $a(x) = x^\alpha, \alpha \geq 2$ . [ F. Alabau-Boussouira, P. Cannarsa and G. Leugering, '17] [Macia F, Zuazua E. '02]
- 2 Constrained Optimal Control for wave equation with dynamical degeneration (hybrid system)
  - ◊  $\min J(y, \alpha, u)$  s.t  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$  and  $y_{tt} - (x^{\alpha(t)}y_x)_x = 0, \dot{\alpha}(t) = \nu\alpha(t) + (y_x^2(t, 0) - \gamma)_+$
- 3 Some relaxed version of the damage problem?
  - ◊ Missing springs in the coupling [joint work with G. Leugering, C. Rodriguez].





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Internship at FAU-MoD (Center for Mathematics of Data)



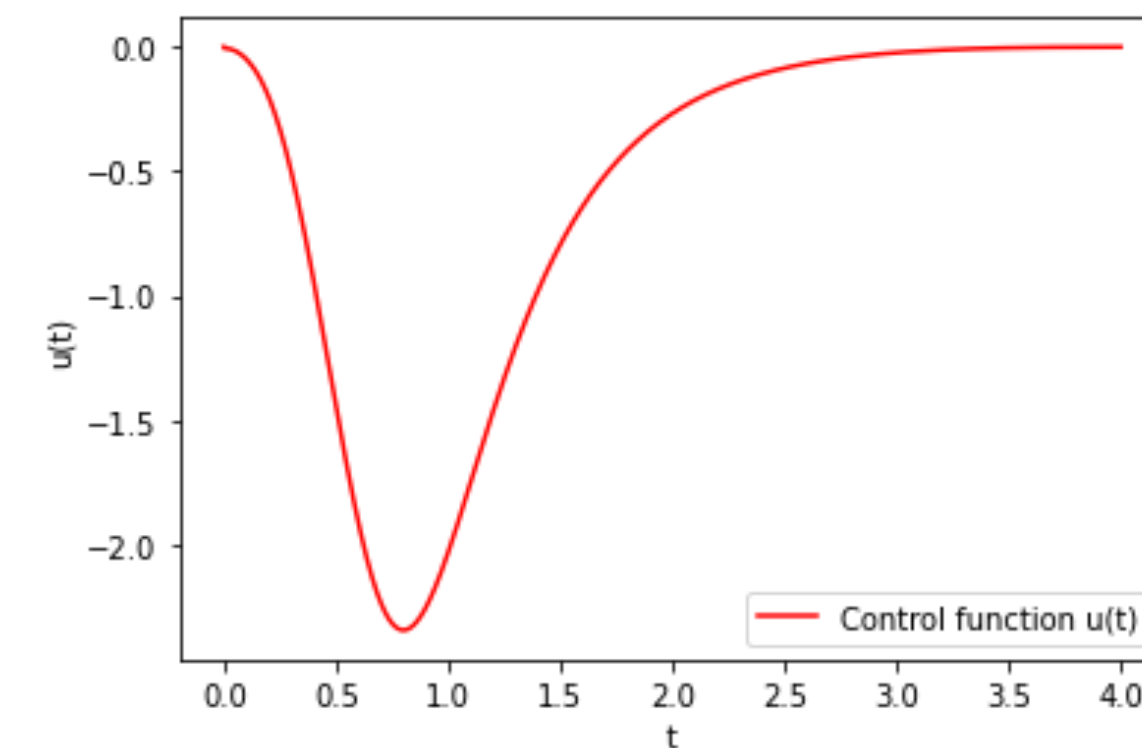
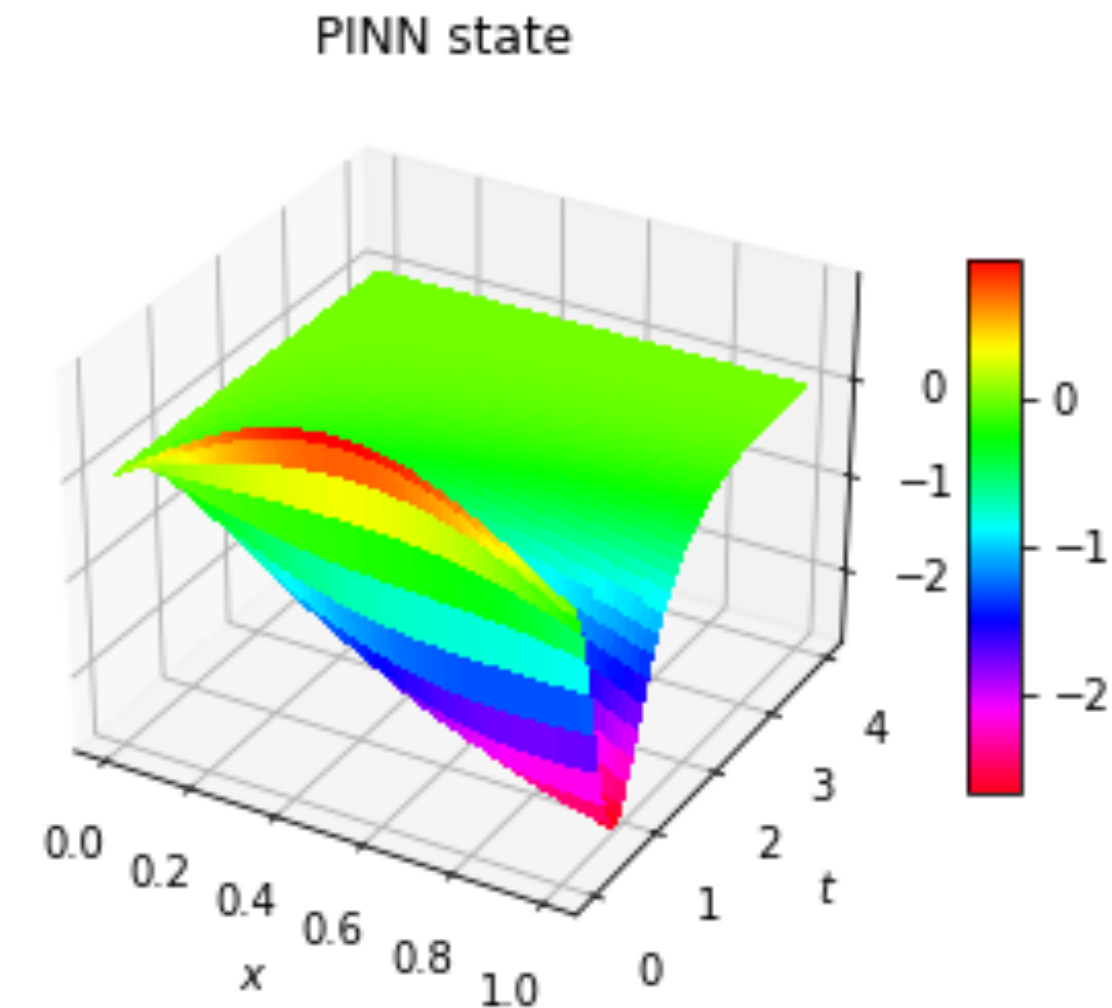
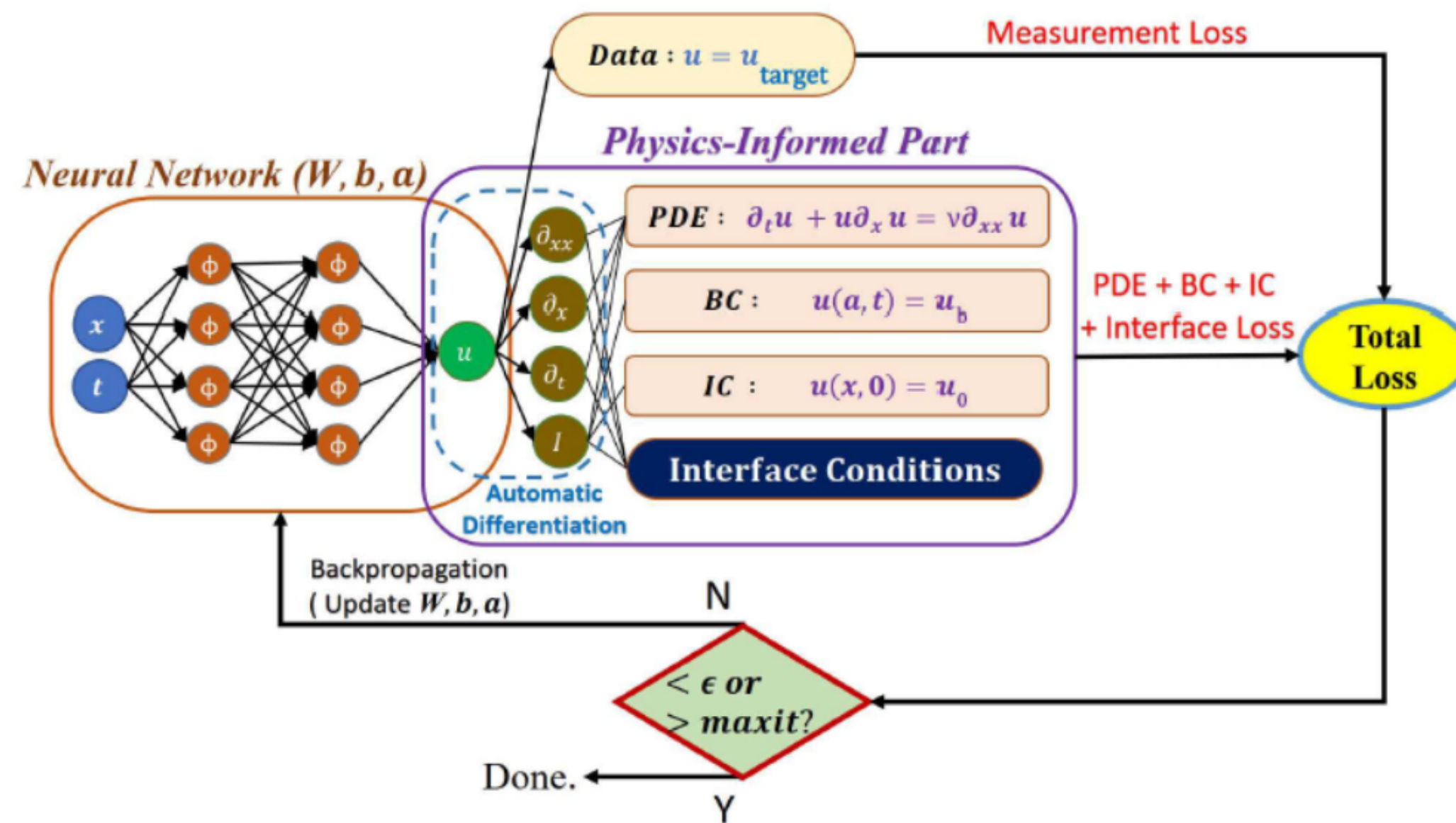
- Dania Sana (June - September 2022)  
*Approximating Partial Differential Equations via Physical-Informed Neural Networks*  
Supervisors: Yue Wang, Enrique Zuazua
- [https://github.com/DCN-FAU-AvH/PINNs\\_wave\\_equation](https://github.com/DCN-FAU-AvH/PINNs_wave_equation)

**Simulation, inverse problems, and control for (degenerate) 1-D wave equations using PINNs**

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### Physics Informed Neural Networks (PINNs)

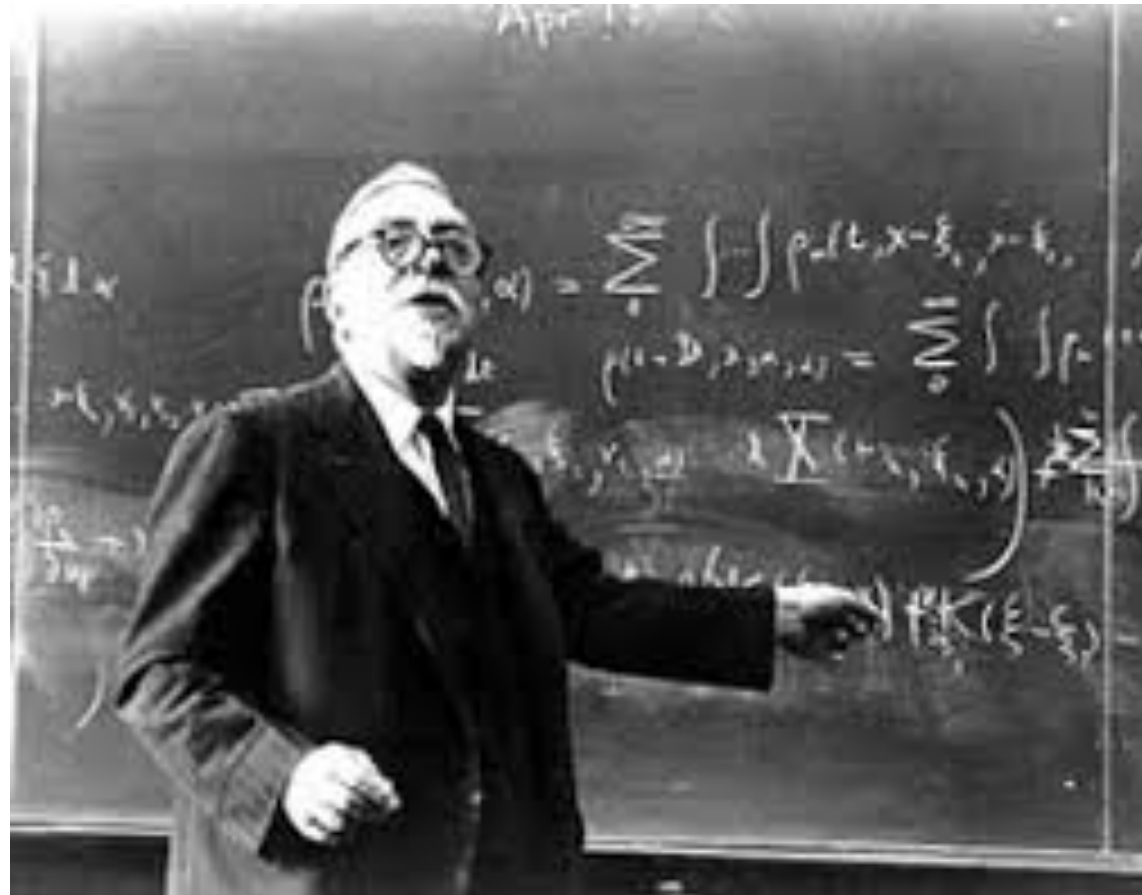


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- ▶ **Degeneration**
- ▶ **Control Design: How to compute the control?**
- ▶ **Lack of exact controllability, what else we could expect?**

# Back to Origins of Control Theory

To **control** means to act, to put things in order to guarantee that the system behaves as desired.




In 1948, Norbert Wiener defined Cybernetics (or **Control Theory**) as **the science of control and communication in animals and machines.**

*"...In a desirable future, engines would obey and imitate human beings.."*

*Cybernetics* by **N. Wiener (1894-1964)**

# Back to Origins of Control Theory



 NORBERT WIENER  
1894-1964



Brain Waves and conditions for synchronization

# What is synchronization?

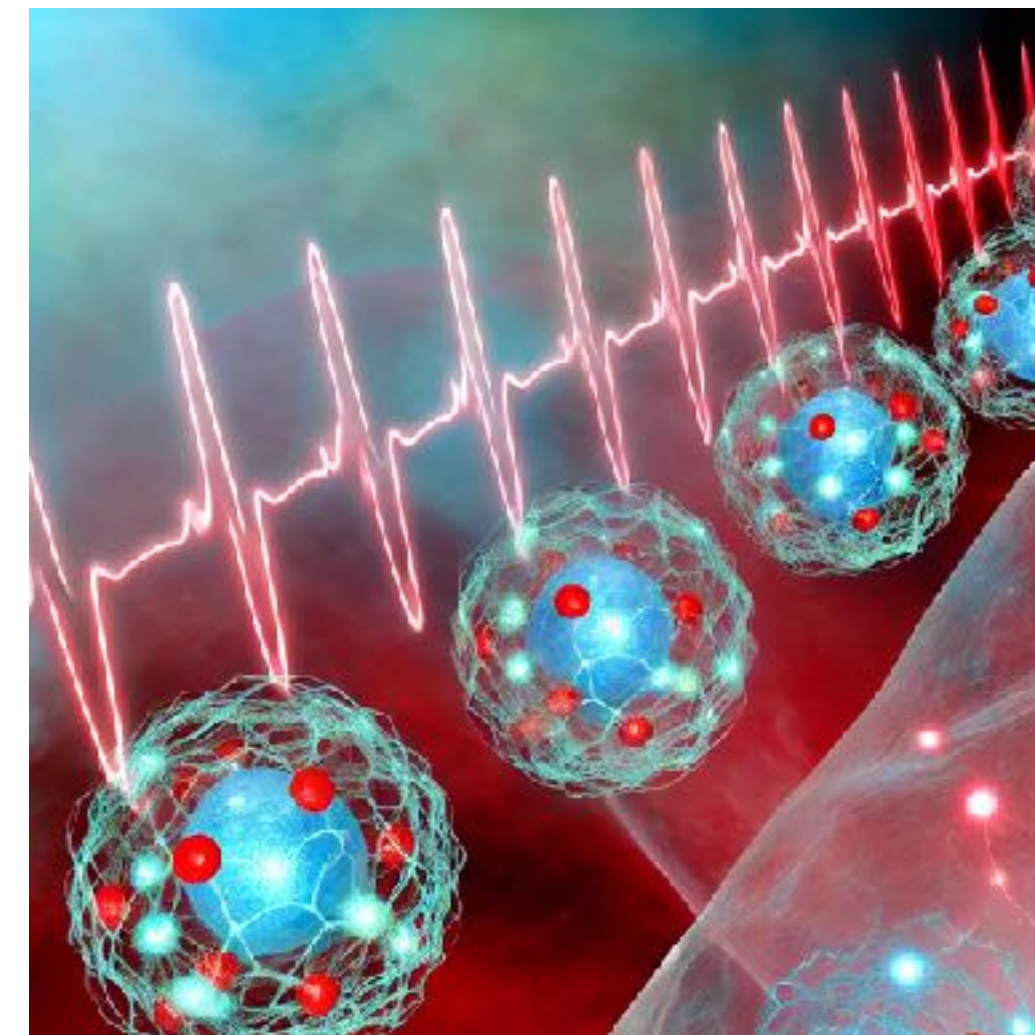
Synchronization is a common phenomenon and has been studied vastly in many subjects, including biology, physics, engineering, and mathematics.



Thousands of fireflies may twinkle at the same time



Audiences in the theater can applaud with a rhythmic beat



Pacemaker cells of the heart function simultaneously



Alpha-waves in Brain

# Introduction of Synchronization

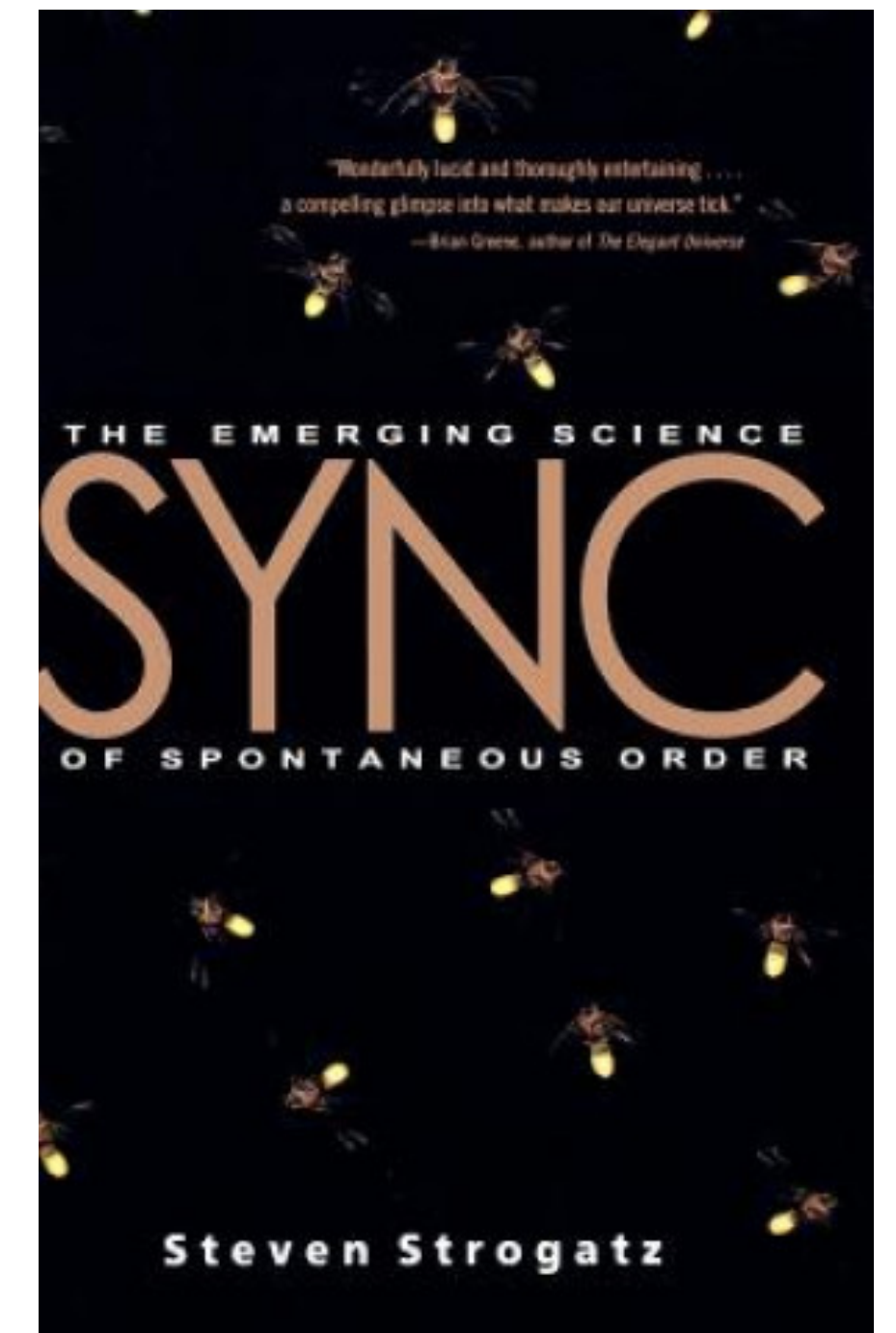
## Why? From Randomness to an Order?

Early studies:

- In 1665, [Ch. Huygens](#), two pendulums
- In 1961, [N. Wiener](#), systematically studies

Related books:

- [A. Pikovsky, M. Rosenblum, J. Kurths](#), Synchronization: A Universal Concept in Nonlinear Sciences, 2001
- [S. Steven](#), SYNC—How Order Emerges from Chaos in the Universe, Nature, and Daily Life, 2004



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# Synchronization for ODEs

In principle, synchronization happens when different individuals possess **likeness in nature**, that is, they conform essentially to **the same governing equation**, and meanwhile, the individuals should **bear a certain coupled relation**.

- The previous studies focused on systems described by ordinary differential equations (ODEs), such as

$$X'_i = f(t, X_i) + \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} X_j \quad (i = 1, \dots, N),$$

- Synchronization in the **consensus** sense

$$X_i(t) - X_j(t) \rightarrow 0 \quad (i, j = 1, \dots, N) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow +\infty,$$

- Synchronization in the **pinning** sense (with a priori unknown state  $a$ )

$$X_i(t) \rightarrow a \quad (i = 1, \dots, N) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow +\infty,$$

# Synchronization for PDEs

- Since 2012, Li, Rao,... Synchronization for hyperbolic systems

Finite time:

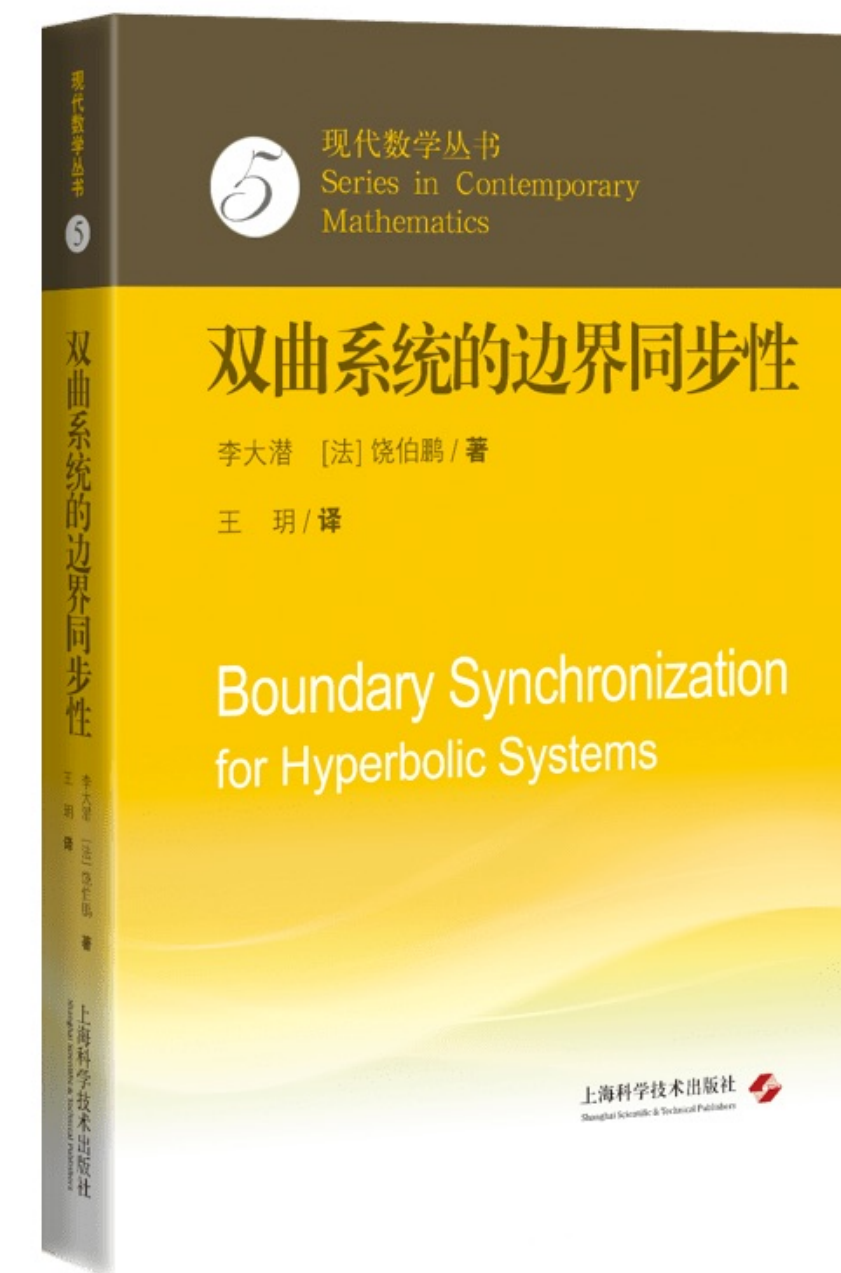
- Exact boundary synchronization
- Approximate boundary synchronization

Infinite time:

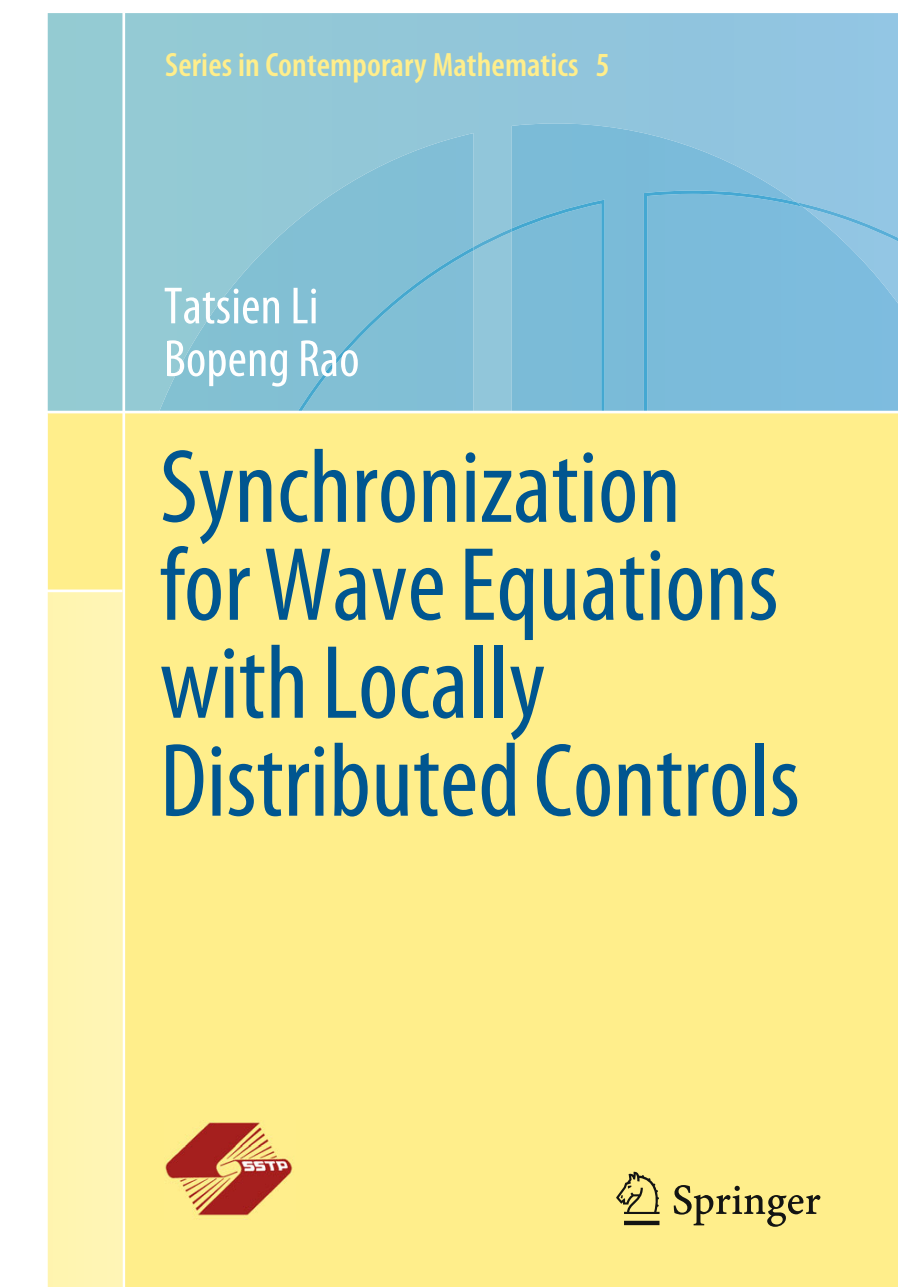
- Asymptotic synchronization
- Uniform (exponential) synchronization



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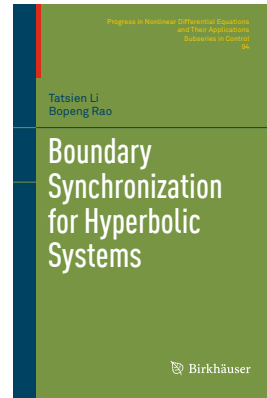


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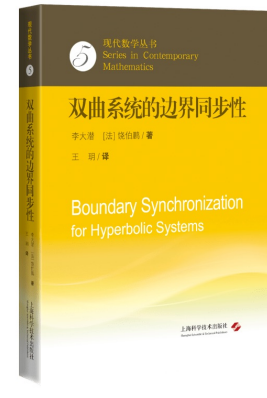


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# Boundary sync. for wave equations



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Consider the following coupled system of wave equations:

$$\begin{cases} U'' - \Delta U + AU = 0 & \text{in } (0, +\infty) \times \Omega, \\ U = 0 & \text{on } (0, +\infty) \times \Gamma_0, \\ U = DH & \text{on } (0, +\infty) \times \Gamma_1 \end{cases}$$

with the initial condition

$$t = 0 : U = \hat{U}_0, U' = \hat{U}_1 \text{ in } \Omega,$$

where  $U = (u^{(1)}, \dots, u^{(N)})^T$  is the state variable,  $H = (h^{(1)}, \dots, h^{(M)})^T$  denotes the applied boundary control ( $M \leq N$ ),  $A \in \mathbb{M}^{N \times N}(\mathbb{R})$  is the coupling matrix, and  $D \in \mathbb{M}^{N \times M}(\mathbb{R})$  is the boundary control matrix;

$\Omega$  is a bounded domain, with smooth boundary  $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_0$  satisfying  $\bar{\Gamma}_1 \cap \bar{\Gamma}_0 = \emptyset$  and  $\text{mes}(\Gamma_1) > 0$ .

**Def. Exact boundary synchronization for  $t \geq T$**

$$u^{(1)}(t, \cdot) \equiv u^{(2)}(t, \cdot) \equiv \dots \equiv u^{(N)}(t, \cdot) := u(t, \cdot),$$

while  $u = u(t, x)$  is called the corresponding exactly synchronizable state which is unknown beforehand. This final condition is equivalent to

$$t \geq T : C_1 U \equiv 0,$$

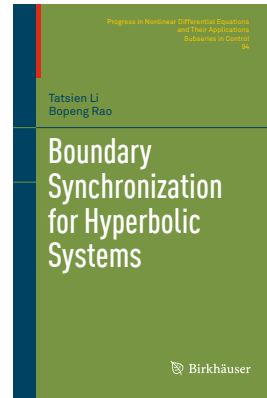
$$\text{where } C_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}_{(N-1) \times N}.$$

Initial Data:  $(\hat{U}_0, \hat{U}_1) \in (\check{L}^2(\Omega))^N \times (H^{-1}(\Omega))^N$

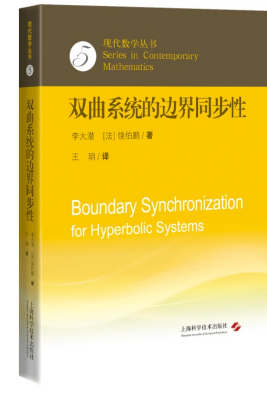
**Null Controllability:** when  $M = N$  and the usual multiplier geometrical condition

**Question:** in the case of **partial lack of boundary controls**, which kind of **controllability in a weaker sense** can be realized by means of fewer boundary controls?

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$$C_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}_{(N-1) \times N}$$

This system is exactly synchronizable iff  $A = (a_{ij})$  satisfies **the row-sum condition**

$$\sum_{p=1}^N a_{kp} = a \quad (k = 1, \dots, N),$$

which is equivalent to  $e_1 = (1, \dots, 1)^T$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , corresponding to the eigenvalue  $a$ .

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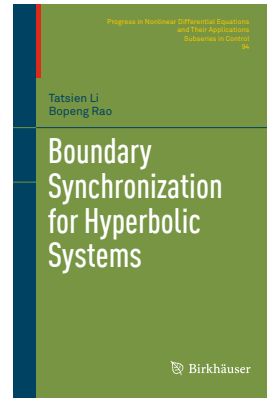
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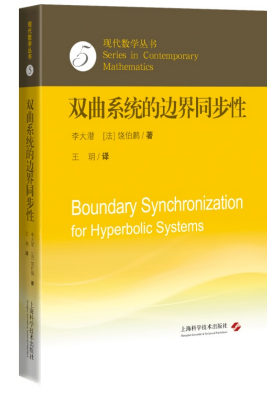
Table 1: The exact boundary synchronization by  $p$ -groups

	Condition of $C_p$ -compatibility	Minimal number of boundary controls
Exact boundary null controllability		$N$
Exact boundary synchronization	$C_1 A = \bar{A}_1 C_1$	$N - 1$
Exact boundary synchronization by 2-groups	$C_2 A = \bar{A}_2 C_2$	$N - 2$
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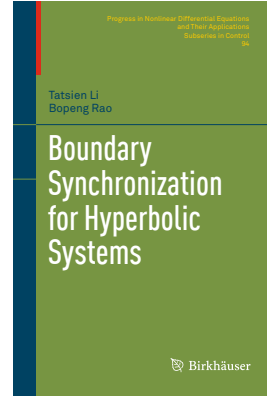
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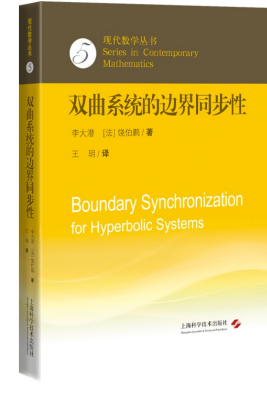
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## Def. Approximate boundary synchronization for $t \geq T$

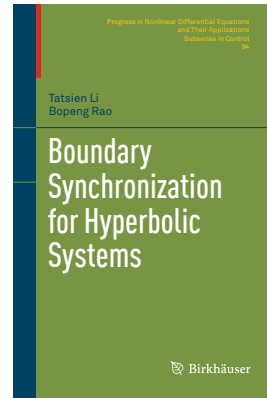
System (1.5) possesses the **approximate boundary synchronization** at the time  $T > 0$  iff for any given initial data  $(\hat{U}_0, \hat{U}_1) \in (L^2(\Omega))^N \times (H^{-1}(\Omega))^N$ , there exist a sequence  $\{H_n\}$  of boundary controls,  $H_n \in L^2_{loc}(0, +\infty; (L^2(\Gamma_1))^M)$  with compact support in  $[0, T]$ , such that the corresponding sequence  $\{U_n\} = \{(u_n^{(1)}, \dots, u_n^{(N)})^T\}$  of solutions to problem (1.5)-(1.6) satisfies

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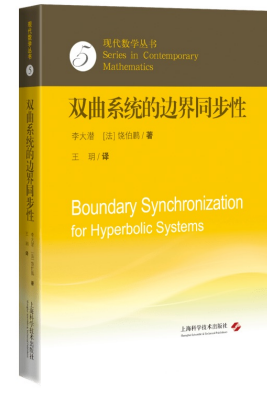
for all  $1 \leq k, l \leq N$  in the space

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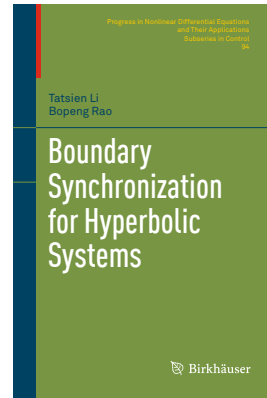
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## Approximate $C_1 D$ -Observability for Reduced Adjoint Problem

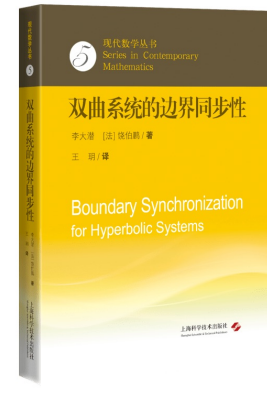
$$\begin{cases} \Psi_1'' - \Delta \Psi_1 + \bar{A}_1^T \Psi_1 = 0 & \text{in } (0, +\infty) \times \Omega, \\ \Psi_1 = 0 & \text{on } (0, +\infty) \times \Gamma, \\ t = 0 : \Psi_1 = \hat{\Psi}_0, \Psi_1' = \hat{\Psi}_1 & \text{in } \Omega. \end{cases}$$

$$(C_1 D)^T \partial_\nu \Psi \equiv 0 \text{ on } [0, T] \times \Gamma_1 \implies (\hat{\Psi}_0, \hat{\Psi}_1) \equiv 0, \text{ i.e., } \Psi \equiv 0.$$

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Main results: A **necessary** but **not sufficient rank condition** for approximate boundary synchronization,

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2. with/without the condition of  $C_1$ -compatibility condition :

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More discussion of the approximately synchronizable state, and of Neumann, Robin boundary controls can be found in the book.



# Internal SYNC for wave equations with locally distributed controls



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## Part I System of Wave Equations with Internal Controls

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  be a bounded domain with smooth boundary  $\Gamma$  and  $\omega$  be a subdomain of  $\Omega$ . Let  $A$  be a matrix of order  $N$  and  $D$  be a full column-rank matrix of order  $N \times M$  ( $M \leq N$ ), both with constant elements. Consider the following system with the state variable  $U = (u^{(1)}, \dots, u^{(N)})^T$  and the internal control  $H = (h^{(1)}, \dots, h^{(M)})^T$ :

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associated with the initial condition:

$$t = 0 : U = \widehat{U}_0, \quad U' = \widehat{U}_1 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad (I_0)$$

where  $\chi_\omega$  denotes the characteristic function of  $\omega$ , the symbol  $'$  stands for the time-derivative, and  $\Delta = \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_k^2}$  is the Laplacian operator.

A necessary and sufficient rank condition for approximate internal synchronization.

## Part II System of Wave Equations with Mixed Internal and Boundary Controls

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  be a bounded domain with smooth boundary  $\Gamma$  and  $\omega \subset \Omega$  be a neighborhood of  $\Gamma$ . Let  $A$  be a matrix of order  $N$ ;  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  be full column-rank matrices of order  $N \times M_1$  and  $N \times M_2$ , respectively; and all the matrices are of constant elements. Consider the following system for the state variable  $U = (u^{(1)}, \dots, u^{(N)})^T$ , the internal control  $H = (h^{(1)}, \dots, h^{(M_1)})^T$ , and the boundary control  $G = (g^{(1)}, \dots, g^{(M_2)})^T$ :

$$\begin{cases} U'' - \Delta U + AU = D_1\chi_\omega H & \text{in } (0, +\infty) \times \Omega, \\ U = D_2 G & \text{on } (0, +\infty) \times \Gamma \end{cases} \quad (II)$$

# Perspectives in Sync for PDEs

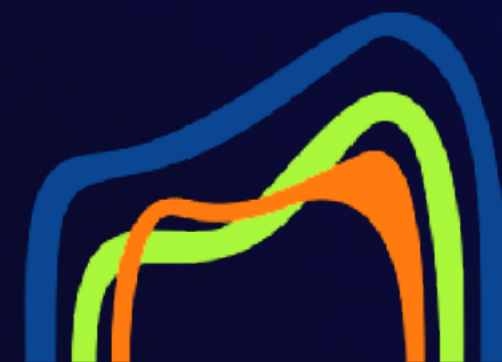
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- The exact and approximate boundary synchronizations of **nodal profile** and on networks
- The phenomena of synchronization through coupling among individuals with possibly different motion laws (governing equations), whose nature is yet to be explored. The research on the existence of the exactly synchronizable state for a coupled system of wave equations **with different wave speeds** has been initiated.
- Generalized exact boundary synchronization.
- Other linear or nonlinear evolution equations (such as beam equations, plate equations, heat equations, etc.) .
- To extend the concept of synchronization to the case of components with **different time delay** will be more challenging and may expose quite different features.

# Summary

- Motivation
- **Boundary controllability for coupled wave equations (1D, quasilinear case)**
- **Synchronization for coupled wave equations (high dimensional, linear case)**

# Thank you!

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