

# Lie brackets and functional analysis for control

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Let  $f_0, f_1 \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $f_0(0) = 0$ . We consider

$$\dot{x}(t) = f_0(x(t)) + u(t)f_1(x(t)). \quad (\star)$$

## Proposition

• Let  $T > 0$ ,  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $u \in L^1((0, T), \mathbb{R})$ . There exists a unique maximal solution  $x \in C^0([0, T'], \mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $x(0) = x_0$ , i.e.

$$\forall t \in [0, T'], \quad x(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t \left( f_0(x(s)) + u(s)f_1(x(s)) \right) ds.$$

Moreover, if  $x_0 = 0$  and  $\|u\|_{L^1}$  is small enough, then  $T' = T$ .

• The end-point map  $u \in L^1(0, T) \mapsto x(T; u, 0)$  is  $C^1$ .

*Proof : Fixed point argument. Implicit function theorem.*

# Small time local controllability : $W^{m,\infty}$ -STLC

$$\dot{x} = f_0(x) + u(t)f_1(x) \quad f_0(0) = 0$$

## Definition ( $W^{m,\infty}$ -STLC)

Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . The system is  $W^{m,\infty}$ -Small-Time Locally Controllable if for every  $T, \eta > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that, for every  $x_f \in B_{\mathbb{R}^n}(0, \delta)$ , there exists  $u : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\|u\|_{W^{m,\infty}} \leq \eta$  and  $x(T; u, 0) = x_f$ .

- Nonlinear open mapping + continuity of  $x_f \mapsto u$  at 0.
- Starting from  $x(0) = 0$  is not restrictive (under LARC).
- The historical definition of STLC corresponds to  $m = 0$ .
- For nonlinear systems, the choice of norm influences the answer.

$\forall m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $(W^{m,\infty}\text{-STLC}) \Rightarrow (L^\infty\text{-STLC}) \Rightarrow \text{small-state-STLC}$ .

Any reciprocal implication is false.

- Specifying the norm prepares the transfer to PDEs.

## Definition

smooth-STLC =  $W^{m,\infty}$ -STLC for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$

- We are also interested in Hölder cost estimates  $\|u\| \leq C|x_f|^\alpha$ .

## Example : influence of the time on the local controllability

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = u \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1 \\ \dot{x}_3 = x_1^2 - x_2^2 \end{cases}$$

Poincaré-Wirtinger :  $\int_0^T \phi^2 \leq \left(\frac{T}{\pi}\right)^2 \int_0^T (\phi')^2$  is = for  $\phi(t) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{T}\right)$ .

- **The system is not controllable in time  $T \leq \pi$**  because  $(\phi \leftarrow x_2)$

$$x_3(T) \geq \left(1 - \left(\frac{T}{\pi}\right)^2\right) \int_0^T x_1^2 \geq 0.$$

- **The system is controllable in any time  $T > \pi$**  : if  $u(t) := \dot{x}_1(t)$  where  $x_1(t) = \rho^\epsilon(t) \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{T}\right)$  and  $\rho^\epsilon$  is a cut-off, then

$$x_3(T) = \int_0^T \left( x_1(t)^2 - \left( \int_0^t x_1 \right)^2 \right) dt \xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left(1 - \left(\frac{T}{\pi}\right)^2\right) \frac{T}{2\pi} < 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = u \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1 \\ \dot{x}_3 = x_2^2 + x_1^3 \end{cases}$$

- **The system is not  $W^{1,\infty}$ -STLC** : if  $x_2(T) = 0$  then  $\int_0^T x_1^3 = -\int_0^T 2x_2x_1u = +\int_0^T \dot{u}x_2^2$  thus, if  $\|\dot{u}\|_{L^\infty} \leq 1$  then

$$x_3(T) \geq (1 - \|\dot{u}\|_{L^\infty}) \int_0^T x_2^2 \geq 0$$

- **The system is  $L^\infty$ -STLC** because : if  $u(t) = \epsilon\phi''\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}\right)$  where  $\phi \in C_c^2((0,1), \mathbb{R})$  and  $T = \frac{1}{\lambda}$  then

$$x_3(T, u) = \lambda^5 \epsilon^2 \int_0^1 \phi^2 + \lambda^4 \epsilon^3 \int_0^1 (\phi')^3$$

With  $\lambda \ll \epsilon$  then  $x_3(T, u) < 0$ .

# Example : influence of the norm on the Hölder exponent

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = u \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1 \\ \dot{x}_3 = x_2^2 + x_1^3 \end{cases}$$

**Hölder exponent : for  $L^\infty$ -STLC =  $\frac{1}{6}$ , for  $W^{-1,\infty}$ -STLC =  $\frac{1}{3}$**

- With  $x_2(t) = \epsilon^3 \chi(t) \theta\left(\frac{t}{\epsilon}\right)$  where  $\chi \in C_c^\infty(0, T)$  and  $\theta$  is 1-periodic, we obtain a control  $u \approx \epsilon \chi(t) \theta''\left(\frac{t}{\epsilon}\right)$  such that

$$x(T, u) \approx \epsilon^6 \left( \int_0^T \chi^2 \int_0^1 \theta + \int_0^T \chi^3 \int_0^1 (\theta')^2 \right) e_3.$$

By choosing  $\chi$  such that  $\int \chi^3 = 1$  and  $\theta(s) = \bar{\theta}(ns)$  we get  $x_3(T) < 0$ .  
Moreover  $\|u\|_{L^\infty} \approx \epsilon \leq |x_f|^{\frac{1}{6}}$  and  $\|u_1\|_{L^\infty} \approx \epsilon^2 \leq |x_f|^{\frac{1}{3}}$ .

- Let  $\sigma > \frac{1}{6}$ . Assume that, for  $\lambda > 0$  small,  $\exists u^\lambda \in L^\infty(0, T)$  such that  $x(T, u^\lambda) = -\lambda e_3$  and  $\|u^\lambda\|_{L^\infty} \leq C\lambda^\sigma$ . By Gagliardo Nirenberg inequality

$$\|x_1^\lambda\|_{L^3}^3 \lesssim \|u^\lambda\|_{L^6}^{3/2} \|x_2^\lambda\|_{L^2}^{3/2} \lesssim \lambda^{\frac{3\sigma}{2}} \|x_2^\lambda\|_{L^2}^{3/2} \leq C'\lambda^{6\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \|x_2^\lambda\|_{L^2}^2$$

$$\lambda + \|x_2^\lambda\|_{L^2}^2 = - \int_0^T (x_1^\lambda)^3 \leq C'\lambda^{6\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \|x_2^\lambda\|_{L^2}^2 : \text{contradiction.}$$

# Structure of this course

- 1 Linear theory and Kalman rank condition
- 2 Linear test and linear cost-estimate
- 3 Power series expansion and Hölder-cost estimate
- 4 Lie brackets
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# Linear theory and Kalman rank condition



$$\dot{y} = Ay + u(t)b$$

where  $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

## Theorem

**Smooth-STLC** :  $\forall T > 0, y_f \in \mathbb{R}^n, \exists u \in C^\infty((0, T), \mathbb{R})$  such that  $y(T; u, 0) = y_f$  and  $\|u\|_{W^{m, \infty}} \leq C(m, T)|y_f|$ .

$\Leftrightarrow$  **Kalman condition** :  $\text{rank} \{b, Ab, \dots, A^{n-1}b\} = n$

*Proof of  $\Leftarrow$*  : For every  $T > 0$ , the Grammian matrix is invertible.

$$G := \int_0^T e^{A(T-\tau)} b b^* e^{A^*(T-\tau)} d\tau$$

For  $y_f \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the explicit control  $u : t \in (0, T) \mapsto b^* e^{A^*(T-t)} G^{-1} y_f$  belongs to  $C^\infty(0, T)$  and gives the conclusion.

# Linear test and linear cost-estimate

# Linear test and linear cost-estimate

Let  $f_0, f_1 \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $f_0(0) = 0$ ,  $A := \partial_x f_0(0)$  and  $b := f_1(0)$

$$\dot{x} = f_0(x) + u(t)f_1(x) \quad (\star)$$

## Theorem

- 1 If the linearized system  $\dot{y} = Ay + u(t)b$  is controllable then the nonlinear system  $(\star)$  is **smooth-STLC**.
- 2 Moreover,  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}, T > 0, \exists C, \delta > 0$ , such that  $\forall x_f \in B_{\mathbb{R}^n}(0, \delta)$ , there exists  $u : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\|u\|_{W^{m,\infty}} \leq C|x_f|$  such that  $x(T; u, 0) = x_f$ .
- 3 Kalman is necessary for STLC **\*\*with\*\*** linear cost estimate.

*Proof* : Apply the inverse mapping theorem to the  $C^1$ -end-point map  $\Theta : u \in W^{m,\infty}(0, T) \mapsto x(T; u, 0)$ . The right inverse  $\Theta^{-1}$  is locally lipschitz :  $\|\Theta^{-1}(x_f)\|_{W^{m,\infty}} = \|\Theta^{-1}(x_f) - \Theta^{-1}(0)\|_{W^{m,\infty}} \leq C|x_f|$ .

Kalman is not necessary for STLC :  $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = u \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1^3 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \dot{y}_1 = u \\ \dot{y}_2 = 0 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f_0(x) + u(t)f_1(x), \\ x(0) = 0, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \dot{y} = Ay + u(t)b, \\ y(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Let  $T > 0$ . We assume  $\exists C, \delta > 0, \forall x_f \in B_{\mathbb{R}^n}(0, \delta), \exists u \in L^\infty(0, T)$  such that  $x(T; u) = x_f$  and  $\|u\|_{L^\infty} \leq C|x_f|$ .

**Goal :**  $\forall y_f \in \mathbb{R}^n, \exists u \in L^\infty(0, T)$  such that  $y(T; u) = y_f$ .

Let  $y_f \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . For  $\epsilon > 0$  small enough, there exists  $u^\epsilon \in L^\infty(0, T)$  such that  $x(T; u^\epsilon) = \epsilon y_f$  and  $\|u^\epsilon\|_{L^\infty} \leq C\epsilon|y_f|$ . There exists  $u \in L^\infty(0, T)$  such that, up to an extraction,  $\frac{u^\epsilon}{\epsilon} \xrightarrow{*} u$  in  $\sigma(L^\infty, L^1)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |y_f - y(T; u)| &= \left| \frac{x(T; u^\epsilon) - y(T; u^\epsilon)}{\epsilon} + y(T; \frac{u^\epsilon}{\epsilon}) - y(T; u) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\epsilon} o_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0}(\|u^\epsilon\|) + \left| \int_0^T e^{A(T-t)} b \left( \frac{u^\epsilon(t)}{\epsilon} - u(t) \right) dt \right| \\ &= o(1) \end{aligned}$$

# Power series expansion and Hölder-cost estimate

# When the linear test fails : power series expansion

$$\dot{x} = f_0(x) + u f_1(x), \quad f_0(0) = 0, A = \partial_x f_0(0), b = f_1(0)$$

We assume that the linearized system misses one direction  $e_1$

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}e_1 \oplus S \quad \text{where} \quad S := \text{Vect}\{A^k b; 0 \leq k \leq n-1\}$$

that we try to recover at the quadratic order. We make a formal power series expansion of  $(x, u)$

$$u = 0 + \epsilon u_1 + \epsilon^2 u_2 + \dots \quad x = 0 + \epsilon y_1 + \epsilon^2 y_2 + \dots$$

$$\dot{y}_1 = \partial_x f_0(0) y_1 + u_1 f_1(0) = A y_1 + u_1 b$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y}_2 &= \partial_x f_0(0) y_2 + u_2 f_1(0) + \frac{1}{2} \partial_x^2 f_0(0) \cdot (y_1, y_1) + u_1 \partial_x f_1(0) \cdot y_1 \\ &= A y_2 + u_2 b + \frac{1}{2} \partial_x^2 f_0(0) \cdot (y_1, y_1) + u_1 \partial_x f_1(0) \cdot y_1 \end{aligned}$$

Assume there exists  $u_1^\pm, u_2^\pm \in L^\infty(0, T)$  such that the associated solutions with  $y_1^\pm(0) = y_2^\pm(0) = 0$  satisfy  $y_1^\pm(T) = 0$  and  $y_2^\pm(T) = \pm e_1$ . Then, the nonlinear system is locally controllable in time  $T$ .

## Theorem

Let  $T > 0$ .

- 1 If there exists  $u_1^\pm, u_2^\pm \in L^\infty(0, T)$  that steer the linearized system from 0 to 0 and the quadratic system from 0 to  $\pm e$ , then the nonlinear system is STLC.
- 2 Moreover,  $\exists C_T, \delta_T > 0$ , such that  $\forall x_f \in B_{\mathbb{R}^n}(0, \delta_T)$ , there exists  $u : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x(T) = x_f$  and

$$\|u\|_\infty < C_T |x_f|^{1/2}.$$

- 3 Controlling at the quadratic order the component along  $e_1$  with controls **leaving the linear order invariant** is necessary for the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -Holder cost estimate.

# Proof : SC for STLC with $\frac{1}{2}$ -Hölder cost-estimate

We consider  $\dot{x} = f_0(x) + u(t)f_1(x)$  where  $\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}e_1 \oplus S_1$   
 $S = \text{Span}\{e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  and  $\exists u_1^\pm, u_2^\pm, v_2, \dots, v_n$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y}_1 &= Ay + u_1(t)b, & \dot{y}_2 &= Ay_2 + u_2(t)b + Q(y_1) + u_1L(y_1), \\ y_1(T, u_1^\pm) &= 0, & y_2(T, u_1^\pm, u_2^\pm) &= \pm e_1, \\ y_1(T, v_j) &= e_j. \end{aligned}$$

**Goal :** For  $x_f$  small enough, find  $u$  st  $x(T; u) = x_f$  and  $\|u\| \leq C|x_f|^{1/2}$ .

For  $b = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j e_j \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the control

$$u_b(t) := \sqrt{|b_1|} u_1^{\text{sg}(b_1)}(t) + |b_1| u_2^{\text{sg}(b_2)}(t) + \sum_{j=2}^n b_j v_j(t)$$

satisfies  $x(T; u_b) = b + o(b)$ . By applying the Brouwer fixed point theorem to the map  $\mathcal{F} : b \mapsto b - x(T; u_b) + x_f$  we obtain  $b^*$  such that  $x_f = x(T; u_{b^*})$ . Then  $b^* = \mathcal{F}(b^*) = o(b^*) - x_f$  proves  $|b^*| \leq C|x_f|$  thus  $\|u_{b^*}\| \leq C|b^*|^{1/2} \leq C|x_f|^{1/2}$ .



# NC for $\frac{1}{2}$ -Hölder cost-estimate

non linear	linear	quadratic
$\dot{x} = f_0(x) + uf_1(x)$	$\dot{y}_1 = Ay + u_1b$	$\dot{y}_2 = Ay_2 + Q(y_1) + u_1L(y_1)$

Let  $T > 0$ . We assume  $\exists C, \delta > 0, \forall x_f \in B_{\mathbb{R}^n}(0, \delta), \exists u \in L^\infty(0, T)$  such that  $x(T; u) = x_f$  and  $\|u\|_{L^\infty} \leq C|x_f|^{1/2}$ .

**Goal :**  $\exists u^\pm \in L^\infty$  that leaves the linear order invariant :  $y_1(T, u^\pm) = 0$ , and moves the second order along  $\pm e_1$  :  $\mathbb{P}_{e_1} y_2(T, u) = \pm 1$

$\exists u^\epsilon \in L^\infty(0, T)$  such that  $x(T; u^\epsilon) = \pm \epsilon e_1$  and  $\|u^\epsilon\|_{L^\infty} \leq C\sqrt{\epsilon}$ .

$\exists u \in L^\infty(0, T)$  such that  $\frac{u^\epsilon}{\sqrt{\epsilon}} \xrightarrow{*} u$  in  $\sigma(L^\infty, L^1)$ .

$$y_1^\epsilon(t) := y_1(t, \frac{u^\epsilon}{\sqrt{\epsilon}}) = \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} b \frac{u^\epsilon(s)}{\sqrt{\epsilon}} ds \xrightarrow{\text{pointwise \& } L^2} y_1(t, u),$$

$$y_1^\epsilon(T) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon}} \mathbb{P}_{S_1}(y_1 - x)(T, u^\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon}} O(\|u^\epsilon\|^2) = O(\sqrt{\epsilon}),$$

$$y_2(T, \frac{u^\epsilon}{\sqrt{\epsilon}}) = \int_0^T e^{A(T-s)} \left( Q(y_1^\epsilon(s)) + \frac{u^\epsilon(s)}{\sqrt{\epsilon}} Ly_1^\epsilon(s) \right) ds \longrightarrow y_2(T, u),$$

$$\mathbb{P}_{e_1} y_2(T, \frac{u^\epsilon}{\sqrt{\epsilon}}) - \pm 1 = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathbb{P}_{e_1}(y_1 + y_2 - x)(T, u^\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} o(\|u^\epsilon\|^2) = o(1).$$

- Local controllability in time  $T > \pi$  with  $\frac{1}{2}$ -Hölder cost estimate

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = u \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1 \\ \dot{x}_3 = x_1^2 - x_2^2 \end{cases}$$

- STLC with  $\frac{1}{3}$ -Hölder cost-estimate :

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = u \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1^3 \end{cases}$$

- $\frac{1}{3}$ -Hölder cost estimate does not hold for

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = u \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1 \\ \dot{x}_3 = x_2^2 + x_1^3 \end{cases}$$

Here, the optimal exponent for  $L^\infty$ -STLC is  $\frac{1}{6}$ .

**When 2 nonlinear terms are in competition, determining the optimal Hölder exponent can be complicated.**

$$\dot{x} = f_0(x) + u(t)f_1(x)$$

- Prove necessary conditions of STLC formulated in terms of Lie brackets of  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  evaluated at 0
- With a new strategy :
  - to go further on ODEs
  - to prepare the transfer to PDEs

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# Lie brackets

# An important tool : iterated Lie brackets

## Definition

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be smooth vector fields on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The Lie bracket  $[f, g]$  of  $f$  and  $g$  is the smooth vector field defined by :

$$[f, g](x) := f'(x)g(x) - g'(x)f(x).$$

We define by induction on  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  :

$$\text{Ad}_f^0(g) = g, \quad \text{Ad}_f^{k+1}(g) = [f, \text{Ad}_f^k(g)].$$

When  $f(x) = Ax$  and  $g(x) = Bx$  with  $A, B \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ , then

$$[f, g](x) = (BA - AB)x.$$

Lie brackets measure the lack of commutativity between motions.

**Jacobi** :  $\text{Ad}_f([g, h]) = [\text{Ad}_f(g), h] + [g, \text{Ad}_f(h)]$

# Convenient notations for Lie brackets

- Let  $X := \{X_0, X_1\}$  be non-commutative **indeterminates**
- Let  $\mathcal{A}(X)$  be the **free algebra** over  $X$   
i.e. the vector space of non-commutative polynomials  
ex :  $7X_0^2 + 3X_1X_0 + 2X_0X_1 \in \mathcal{A}(X)$
- Let  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  the **free Lie algebra** over  $X$ ,  
i.e. the smallest vector subspace of  $\mathcal{A}(X)$  containing  $X_0, X_1$ , and  
stable by the Lie bracket (commutator) operation  $[a, b] := ab - ba$   
ex :  $X_0 + 2[X_0, X_1] + 8[X_1, [X_1, X_0]] \in \mathcal{L}(X)$
- $n_j(b)$  is the nb of occurrences of  $X_j$  in  $b$ , for a Lie bracket  $b \in \mathcal{L}(X)$   
ex : for  $b = [X_1, [X_1, X_0]]$  then  $n_0(b) = 1$  and  $n_1(b) = 2$ .
- One can “**evaluate**” (although not injective)

$$b \in \mathcal{L}(X) \leftrightarrow f_b \in C^\omega(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^n) \leftrightarrow f_b(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$[X_1, X_0] = X_1X_0 - X_0X_1 \rightarrow [f_1, f_0] = (Df_0)f_1 - (Df_1)f_0 \rightarrow [f_1, f_0](0)$$

# Why Lie brackets? (# 1) The Lie Algebra Rank Condition

For analytic vector fields  $f_0, f_1$  on a neighborhood of 0, the LARC is

$$\text{Lie}(f_0, f_1)(0) := \text{span} \{f_b(0); b \in \mathcal{L}(X)\} = \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (1)$$

- For driftless syst  $\dot{x} = u_0(t)f_0(x) + u_1(t)f_1(x)$  : LARC  $\Leftrightarrow$  smooth-STLC.  
( $\Rightarrow$  uses piecewise cst controls with max  $2n$  switches, smoothing OK)  
*The solutions live in a submanifold  $M$  such that  $T_x M = \text{Lie}(f_0, f_1)(x)$ .*

- **For systems  $\dot{x} = f_0(x) + u(t)f_1(x)$ , small-state-STLC  $\Rightarrow$  LARC.**  
[\[Hermann 1963, Nagano 1966\]](#).

The analyticity of  $f_0, f_1$  is necessary :  $\dot{x} = ue^{-1/u^2}$ .

- **But for non-zero drift  $f_0 \neq 0$ , LARC is not sufficient.**

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = u, & f_{X_1}(0) = f_1(0) = e_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1^2, & f_{W_1}(0) = [f_1, [f_1, f_0]](0) = 2e_2 \end{cases}$$

The quadratic Lie bracket  $W_1 := [X_1, [X_1, X_0]]$  looks like a 'bad' :  
associated with a signed motion in an oriented direction.

The goal is to determine good/bad brackets.

## Why Lie brackets? (#2)

Consider analytic systems  $\dot{x} = f_0(x) + u(t)f_1(x)$  with  $f_0(0) = 0$   
 $\dot{y} = g_0(y) + u(t)g_1(y)$  with  $g_0(0) = 0$

Theorem (Nagano 1968, Krener 1973, Sussmann 1974, 1985)

*The systems are loc. diffeomorphic :  $\exists \Phi, \forall u, y(t, u) = \Phi(x(t, u))$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$  their Lie brackets at 0 have the same vectorial structure :*

$$\{b \in \mathcal{L}(X); f_b(0) = 0\} = \{b \in \mathcal{L}(X); g_b(0) = 0\}.$$

Proof of  $\Leftarrow$  : Let  $b_1, \dots, b_n \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  such that  $\mathbb{R}^n = \text{Span}\{f_{b_j}(0)\}$ .  
Define loc. coordinates  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  of  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $x = e^{\alpha_1 f_{b_1}} \dots e^{\alpha_n f_{b_n}}(0)$ .  
Then  $\Phi(x) = e^{\alpha_1 g_{b_1}} \dots e^{\alpha_n g_{b_n}}(0)$  gives the conclusion.

If  $\Psi(t, p) = e^{t f} p$  then  $(\partial_p \Psi(t, p))^{-1} g(\Psi(t, p)) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{t^k}{k!} \text{Ad}_f^k(g)(p)$ .

Hence, **the vectors  $f_b(0)$  contain all the information for STLC.**



# A new representation formula of the state

# Computing the state using Lie brackets

$$\dot{x} = f_0(x) + u(t)f_1(x)$$

$$x(0) = 0$$

Theorem (Beauchard, Le Borgne, Marbach 2020)

$$x(t; u) = \sum_b \eta_b(t, u) f_b(0) + O(\text{"remainders"}) + o(x(t; u)).$$

The sum

- ranges over elements  $b$  of a basis of  $\mathcal{L}(X)$
- involves system-dependent vectors  $f_b(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- universal functionals  $\eta_b(t, u)$

**Caution :** The full sum does not converge, even with analyticity. One has to consider (possibly infinite) truncations (wrt  $t$ , or  $u$ , or a parameter). And well chosen bases of  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ . **This is not a Taylor expansion, but a csq of a Magnus-type formula.**

# Proof of necessary conditions for STLC

# A naive strategy to prove obstructions

$$x(T; u) = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}_{[1, M]}} \eta_b(T, u) f_b(0) + O\left(\|u\|_{W^{-1, M+1}}^{M+1} + |x(T; u)|^{1+\frac{1}{M}}\right)$$

where  $\mathcal{B}_{[1, M]} = \mathcal{B} \cap \{n_1 \leq M\}$ ,  $\|u\|_{W^{-1, p}} = \|u_1\|_{L^p}$  and  $u_1(t) = \int_0^t u$ .

- Choose  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  st the functionnal  $\eta_B(T, \cdot)$  is signed for  $T$  small.
- Find  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $\|u\|_{W^{-1, M+1}}^{M+1} = o(\eta_B(T, u))$  when  $(T, \|u\|_{W^{m, \infty}}) \rightarrow 0$ .

Then a necessary condition for STLC is

$$f_B(0) \in \text{Span} \{f_b(0); b \in \mathcal{B}_{[1, M]} \setminus \{B\}\}$$

Indeed otherwise,  $x(T; u)$  drifts along  $f_B(0)$  :

$$\mathbb{P}x(T, u) = \eta_B(T, u) + o(|\eta_B(T, u)| + |x(T, u)|).$$

Motions of the form  $x(T, u) = -\epsilon f_B(0)$  are impossible.

**Drawback** : The coordinates  $\eta_B$  are not signed in general

- a principal part  $\xi_B$  ("coordinates of the second kind") : easily computable by recursion, nice for  $\mathcal{B}^*$  i.e. obvious signs

- cross terms of other  $\xi_{b'}$

ex :  $\eta_{W_1}(t, u) = \int_0^t u_1^2 - u_1(t)u_2(t)$

# Our unified approach for obstructions to STLC

$$x(T; u) = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}_{[1, M]}^*} \xi_b(T, u) f_b(0) + \text{cross terms} + O\left(\|u\|_{W^{-1, M+1}}^{M+1} + |x(T; u)|^{1+\frac{1}{M}}\right)$$

- Choose  $B \in \mathcal{B}^*$  such that the functional  $\xi_B(T, \cdot)$  is signed.
- Find  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $\|u\|_{W^{-1, M+1}}^{M+1} = o(\xi_B(T, u))$  when  $(T, \|u\|_{W^{m, \infty}}) \rightarrow 0$  using interpolation inequality.
- Prove  $\text{cross terms} = o(|\xi_B(T, u)| + |x(T; u)|)$  when

$$f_B(0) \notin \text{Span} \left\{ f_b(0); b \in \mathcal{B}_{[1, M]}^* \setminus \{B\} \right\} \quad (*)$$

using closed loop estimates + interpolation

If  $(*)$  and  $T, \|u\|_{W^{m, \infty}}$  are small enough then  $x(T; u)$  drifts along  $f_B(0)$ .

Thus a NC for  $W^{m, \infty}$ -STLC is  $f_B(0) \in \text{Span} \left\{ f_b(0); b \in \mathcal{B}_{[1, M]}^* \setminus \{B\} \right\}$ .

# Elements of our Hall basis $\mathcal{B}^*$ of $\mathcal{L}(X)$ , coordinates $\xi_b(t, u)$

$$\mathcal{B}_1^* : M_\nu := X_1 0^\nu$$

$$\mathcal{B}_2^* : W_{j,\nu} := (M_{j-1}, M_j) 0^\nu$$

$$u_{\nu+1}(t) = \int_0^t \frac{(t-\tau)^\nu}{\nu!} u(\tau) d\tau$$
$$\int_0^t \frac{(t-\tau)^\nu}{\nu!} u_j(\tau)^2 d\tau$$

where  $b 0^\nu = [\dots [b, X_0], \dots, X_0]$  and  $X_0$  appears  $\nu$  times.

Let us prove the following results.

## Theorem

$$L^\infty\text{-STLC} \Rightarrow f_{W_1}(0) \in \text{Span}\{f_b(0); b \in \mathcal{B}_{[1,2]}^* \setminus \{W_1\}\}$$
$$f_{W_2}(0) \in \text{Span}\{f_b(0); b \in \mathcal{B}_{[1,3]}^* \setminus \{W_2\}\}$$

ex : The following systems are not  $L^\infty$ -STLC

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = u \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1^2 + x_1^3 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = u \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 = x_2^2 - x_1^4 \end{cases}$$

# Proof of the necessary condition on $W_1 = [X_1, [X_1, X_0]]$

We assume

$$f_{W_1}(0) \notin F := \text{Span}\{f_b(0); b \in \mathcal{B}_{[1,2]}^* \setminus \{W_1\}\} \quad (\star)$$

Let  $\mathbb{P} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a projection on  $f_{W_1}(0)$  parallel to  $F$ .

We apply  $\mathbb{P}$  to our representation formula

$$x(T; u) = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}_{[1,2]}^*} \eta_b(T, u) f_b(0) + O\left(\|u_1\|_{L^3}^3 + |x(T; u)|^{\frac{3}{2}}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}x(T; u) &= \eta_{W_1}(T, u) + O\left(\|u_1\|_{L^3}^3 + |x(T; u)|^{\frac{3}{2}}\right) \\ &= \int_0^T \frac{u_1^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} u_1(T) u_2(T) + O\left(\int_0^T |u_1|^3 + |x(T; u)|^{\frac{3}{2}}\right) \\ &= \int_0^T \frac{u_1^2}{2} + O\left(|u_1(T)|^2 + (T + \|u_1\|_{L^\infty}) \int_0^T u_1^2 + |x(T; u)|^{\frac{3}{2}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

because  $|u_2(T)|^2 = \left| \int_0^T u_1 \right|^2 \leq T \int_0^T u_1^2$  by Cauchy-Schwarz.

# Proof of the necessary condition on $W_1$ (2)

Proof of a closed loop estimate on  $|u_1(T)|$  by higher order terms :

The assumption  $(\star)$  implies that  $f_{M_0}(0) \notin F' = \text{Span}\{f_{M_j}(0); j \geq 1\}$ .

Let  $\mathbb{P}'$  be a projection on  $f_{M_0}(0)$  parallel to  $F'$ .

We apply  $\mathbb{P}'$  to our representation formula

$$x(T, u) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} u_j(T) f_{M_{j-1}}(0) + O\left(\|u_1\|_{L^2}^2 + |x(T, u)|^{\frac{3}{2}}\right)$$

$$\mathbb{P}'x(T, u) = u_1(T) + O\left(\|u_1\|_{L^2}^2 + |x(T, u)|^2\right)$$

thus

$$u_1(T) = O\left(\|u_1\|_{L^2}^2 + |x(T, u)|\right).$$



# Proof of the necessary condition on $W_1$ (3)

We have proved

$$\mathbb{P}_x(T; u) = \int_0^T \frac{u_1^2}{2} + O\left(|u_1(T)|^2 + (T + \|u_1\|_{L^\infty}) \int_0^T u_1^2 + |x(T; u)|^{\frac{3}{2}}\right),$$

$$u_1(T) = O(\|u_1\|_{L^2}^2 + |x(T, u)|).$$

Thus

$$\mathbb{P}_x(T; u) = \int_0^T \frac{u_1^2}{2} + O\left((T + \|u_1\|_{L^\infty}) \int_0^T u_1^2 + |x(T; u)|^{\frac{3}{2}}\right)$$

This estimate prevents motions of the form  $x(T; u) = -\epsilon f_{W_1}(0)$ .  
because they would imply  $-\epsilon \geq -C\epsilon^{\frac{3}{2}}$ .

# Sharp necessary condition on $\text{Ad}_{X_1}^{2\ell}(X_0)$

By refining/extending the previous proof, we obtain

- 1  $W^{-1,\infty}$ -STLC  $\Rightarrow f_{W_1}(0) \in \text{Span}\{f_b(0); b \in \mathcal{B}_1^*\}$   
[Sussmann 1983]
- 2  $W^{-1,\infty}$ -STLC  $\Rightarrow \text{Ad}_{f_1}^{2\ell}(f_0)(0) \in \text{Span}\{f_b(0); b \in \mathcal{B}_{[1,2\ell-1]}^*\}$   
for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$  [Stefani 1986]

$$x(t; u, 0) \approx \sum_{n_1(b) < 2\ell} \eta_b(t, u) f_b(0) + \frac{1}{(2\ell)!} \overbrace{\left( \int_0^t u_1^{2\ell} \right)}^{\text{coercive}} f_{\text{Ad}_{X_1}^{2\ell}(X_0)}(0) + \mathcal{O} \left( t \int_0^t u_1^{2\ell} + \int_0^t |u_1|^{2\ell+1} \right).$$

# Proof of the necessary condition on $W_2 = [X_1 0, X_1 0^2]$

We assume

$$f_{W_2}(0) \notin F := \text{Span}\{f_b(0); b \in \mathcal{B}_{[1,3]}^* \setminus \{W_2\}\} \quad (\star)$$

Let  $\mathbb{P} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a projection on  $f_{W_2}(0)$  parallel to  $F$ .

We apply  $\mathbb{P}$  to our representation formula

$$x(T; u) = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}_{[1,3]}^*} \eta_b(T, u) f_b(0) + O\left(\|u_1\|_{L^4}^4 + |x(T; u)|^{\frac{4}{3}}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}x(T; u) &= \eta_{W_2}(T, u) + O\left(\|u_1\|_{L^4}^4 + |x(T; u)|^{\frac{4}{3}}\right) \\ &= \int_0^T \frac{u_2^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(u_2 u_3 - u_1 u_4)(T) + O\left(\|u_1\|_{L^4}^4 + |x(T; u)|^{\frac{4}{3}}\right) \\ &= \int_0^T \frac{u_2^2}{2} + O\left(|(u_1, u_2)(T)|^2 + T\|u_2\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u_1\|_{L^4}^4 + |x(T; u)|^{\frac{4}{3}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Closed loop estimate on  $|(u_1, u_2)(T)|$  by higher order terms :

The assumption  $(\star)$  implies that  $f_{M_0}(0), f_{M_1}(0)$  are linearly independent and  $\text{Span}\{f_{M_0}(0), f_{M_1}(0)\} \cap F' = \{0\}$  where  $F' = \text{Span}\{f_{M_j}(0); j \geq 2\}$ . Let  $\mathbb{P}'$  be a projection on  $\text{Span}\{f_{M_0}(0), f_{M_1}(0)\}$  parallel to  $F'$ .

We apply  $\mathbb{P}'$  to our representation formula

$$x(T, u) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} u_j(T) f_{M_{j-1}}(0) + O(\|u_1\|_{L^2}^2 + |x(T, u)|^2)$$

$$\mathbb{P}'x(T, u) = u_1(t)f_{M_0}(0) + u_2(t)f_{M_1}(0) + O(\|u_1\|_{L^2}^2 + |x(T, u)|^2)$$

thus

$$|(u_1, u_2)(t)| = O(|x(T, u)| + \|u_1\|_{L^2}^2)$$

We have proved

$$\mathbb{P}_x(T; u) = \int_0^T \frac{u_2^2}{2} + O\left(|(u_1, u_2)(T)|^2 + T\|u_2\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u_1\|_{L^4}^4 + |x(T; u)|^{\frac{4}{3}}\right)$$

$$|(u_1, u_2)(t)| = O(|x(T, u)| + \|u_1\|_{L^2}^2)$$

thus

$$\mathbb{P}_x(T; u) = \int_0^T \frac{u_2^2}{2} + O\left(T\|u_2\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u_1\|_{L^4}^4 + |x(T; u)|^{\frac{4}{3}}\right)$$

**Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality** :  $\|u_1\|_{L^4}^4 \lesssim \|u\|_{L^\infty}^2 \|u_2\|_{L^2}^2$  implies

$$\mathbb{P}_x(T; u) = \int_0^T \frac{u_2^2}{2} + O\left((T + \|u\|_{L^\infty}^2)\|u_2\|_{L^2}^2 + |x(T; u)|^{\frac{4}{3}}\right)$$

which prevents motions of the form  $x(T; u) = -\epsilon f_{W_2}(0)$ .

# Sharp necessary condition on $W_2$ and extensions

By refining/extending the previous proof, we obtain

- $L^\infty$ -STLC  $\Rightarrow f_{W_2}(0) \in \text{Span}\{f_b(0); b \in \mathcal{B}_1^* \cup \{\text{Ad}_{X_1}^3(X_0)0^\nu\}\}$   
[Kawski 1987]
- $L^\infty$ -STLC  $\Rightarrow f_{W_3}(0) \in \text{Span}\{f_b(0); b \in \text{sharp list of } \mathcal{B}_{[1,5]}^*\}$
- $L^\infty$ -STLC  $\Rightarrow f_{W_k}(0) \in \text{Span}\{f_b(0); b \in \mathcal{B}_{[1,2k-1]\setminus\{2\}}^*\}$   
[Kawski's conjecture 1986]
- $W^{m,\infty}$ -STLC  $\Rightarrow f_{W_k}(0) \in \text{Span}\{f_b(0); b \in \mathcal{B}_{[1,\pi(k,m)]\setminus\{2\}}^*\}$   
where  $\pi(k, m) = 1 + \lceil \frac{2k-2}{m+1} \rceil$  is optimal.
- necessary condition on quartic/sextic brackets for  $W^{m,\infty}$ -STLC

[KB, Marbach]

$$\dot{x} = f_0(x) + u(t)f_1(x)$$

We have proposed methodology ingredients to prove NC for STLC :

- approximate formula for the state from the  $f_b(0)$ ,
- a new Hall basis  $\mathcal{B}^*$  of  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ , designed for this purpose,
- interpolation inequalities to absorb the remainder by the coercive signed drift and the smallness of the control

## Perspectives :

- "splitting" between good/bad brackets  $\mathcal{B}^* = \mathcal{B}_{good}^* \cup \mathcal{B}_{bad}^*$   
→ OK at the level of  $\{n_1 \leq 4\}$  [KB-Marbach]
- multi-input systems [Gherdaoui]

# Transfer to PDEs : the bilinear Schrödinger equation



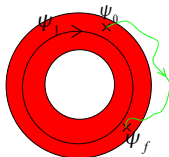
# Example of transfer to Schrödinger PDE

$$i\partial_t\psi = -\partial_x^2\psi - u(t)\mu(x)\psi$$

$$\psi(t, 0) = \psi(t, 1) = 0$$

Ground state :

$$\psi_1(t, x) := \sqrt{2} \sin(\pi x) e^{-i\pi^2 t}$$



Depending on the assumption on  $\mu$  :

- linear test + smoothing effect [KB-Laurent 2010]
- 1 direction lost on the linearized syst and [Bournissou 2022]
  - quadratic obstruction in some regimes
  - STLC in complementary regimes :  $A_3 \int_0^T u_3^2 dt + C \int_0^T u_1^2 u_2$   
**This is the first positive STLC result for a PDE with a nonlinear competition.**

Perspectives : Does it work for other equations? KdV?

How behave the high order terms for multi-input syst? [Gherdaoui]