

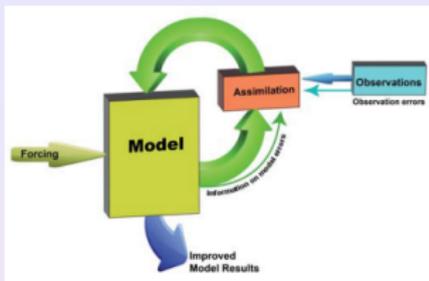
Optimal shape and location of sensors or actuators in PDE models

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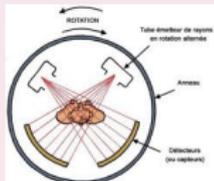
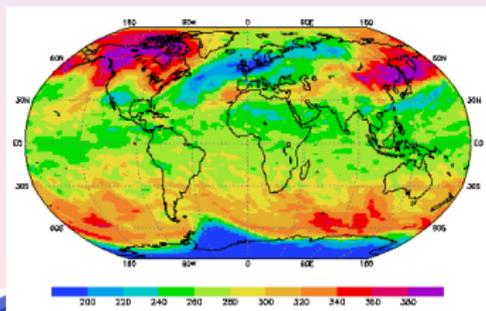
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What is the best shape and placement of sensors?

- Reduce the cost of instruments.
- Maximize the efficiency of reconstruction and estimations.



The observed system may be described by:

- **wave** equation $\partial_{tt}y = \Delta y$
or
Schrödinger equation $i\partial_t y = \Delta y$
- general **parabolic** equations $\partial_t y = Ay$ (e.g., **heat** or **Stokes** equations)

in some domain Ω , with either Dirichlet, Neumann, mixed, or Robin boundary conditions



For instance, when dealing with the heat equation:

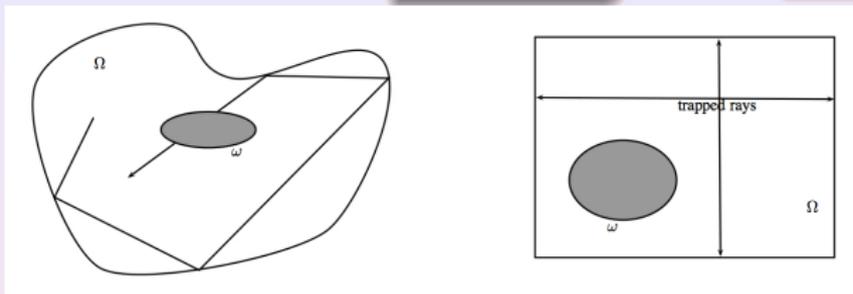
What is the optimal shape and placement of a thermometer?



Waves propagating in a cavity:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_{tt}y - \Delta y &= 0 \\ y(t, \cdot)|_{\partial\Omega} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Observable } y(t, \cdot)|_{\omega}$$



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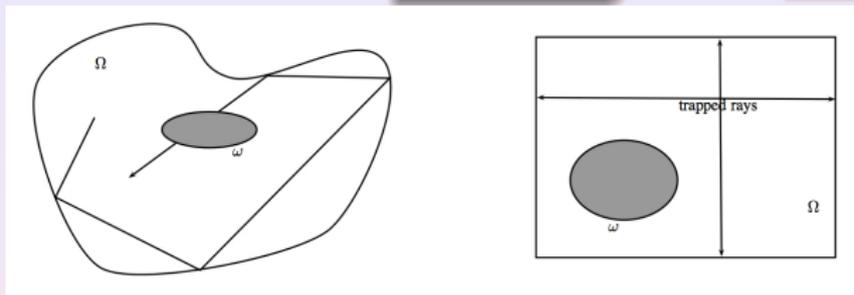
$$\forall (y^0, y^1) \in L^2(\Omega) \times H^{-1}(\Omega) \quad C_T(\omega) \|(y^0, y^1)\|_{L^2 \times H^{-1}}^2 \leq \int_0^T \int_{\omega} |y(t, x)|^2 dx dt$$

The system is said observable on $[0, T]$ if $C_T(\omega) > 0$ (otherwise, $C_T(\omega) = 0$).

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Bardos-Lebeau-Rauch (1992): Observability holds if the pair (ω, T) satisfies the **Geometric Control Condition** (GCC) in Ω :

Every ray of geometrical optics that propagates in Ω and is reflected on its boundary $\partial\Omega$ intersects ω in time less than T .

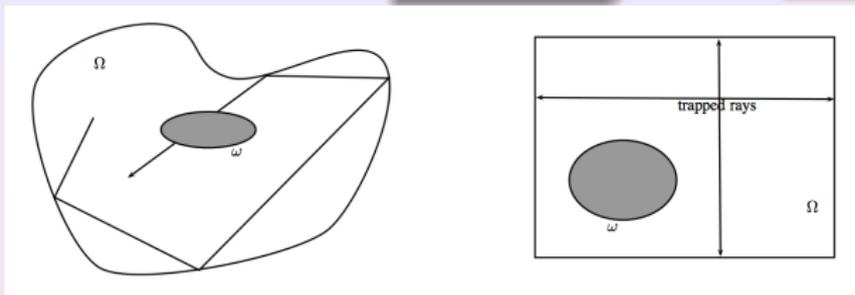
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Q: What is the "best possible" subdomain ω of fixed given measure? (say, $|\omega| = L|\Omega|$ with $0 < L < 1$)

N.B.: we want to optimize not only the **placement** but also the **shape** of ω ,
over *all possible measurable subsets*.

(they do not have a prescribed shape, they are not necessarily BV, etc)



Related problems

1) What is the "best domain" for achieving HUM optimal control?

$$y_{tt} - \Delta y = \chi_{\omega} u$$

2) What is the "best domain" domain for stabilization (with localized damping)?

$$y_{tt} - \Delta y = -k\chi_{\omega} y_t$$

Existing works by

- P. Hébrard, A. Henrot: theoretical and numerical results in 1D for optimal stabilization.
- A. Münch, P. Pedregal, F. Periago: numerical investigations (fixed initial data).
- S. Cox, P. Freitas, F. Fahroo, K. Ito,: variational formulations and numerics.
- M.I. Frecker, C.S. Kubrusly, H. Malebranche, S. Kumar, J.H. Seinfeld,: numerical investigations over a finite number of possible initial data.
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- A. Armaou, M. Demetriou, K. Chen, C. Rowley, K. Morris, S. Yang, W. Kang, S. King, L. Xu,: H_2 optimization, frequency methods, LQ criteria, Gramian approaches.
- ...

The model

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It is **a priori** natural to model the problem as:

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with

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BUT:

- 1 Theoretical difficulty due to crossed terms in the spectral expansion (cf Ingham inequalities).
- 2 In practice: many experiments, many measures. This deterministic constant is **pessimistic**: it gives an account for the **worst case**.

- optimize shape and location of sensors **in average**, over a large number of measurements
- define an **averaged** observability inequality

Randomized observability constant

Averaging over random initial data:

Randomized observability inequality (wave equation)

$$C_{T,\text{rand}}(\omega) \|(y(0, \cdot), y_t(0, \cdot))\|_{L^2 \times H^{-1}}^2 \leq \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^T \int_{\omega} |y_{\nu}(t, x)|^2 dx dt \right)$$

where

$$y_{\nu}(t, x) = \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} \left(\beta_{1,j}^{\nu} a_j e^{i\lambda_j t} + \beta_{2,j}^{\nu} b_j e^{-i\lambda_j t} \right) \phi_j(x)$$

with $\beta_{1,j}^{\nu}, \beta_{2,j}^{\nu}$ i.i.d. random variables (e.g., Bernoulli, Gaussian) of mean 0

(inspired from [Burq-Tzvetkov](#), Invent. Math. 2008)

with $(\phi_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ Hilbert basis of eigenfunctions

Randomization

- generates a full measure set of initial data
- does not regularize

Randomized observability constant

Theorem

$\forall \omega$ measurable

$$C_{T,\text{rand}}(\chi_\omega) = T \inf_{j \in \mathbb{N}^*} \gamma_j \int_\omega \phi_j(x)^2 dx$$

with

$$\gamma_j = \begin{cases} 1/2 & \text{for the wave equation} \\ 1 & \text{for the Schrödinger equation} \\ \frac{e^{2\lambda_j^2 T} - 1}{2\lambda_j^2} & \text{for the heat equation} \end{cases}$$

with $(\phi_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ a fixed Hilbert basis of eigenfunctions of Δ

Remark

There holds $C_{T,\text{rand}}(\chi_\omega) \geq C_T(\chi_\omega)$.

For the wave equation, the randomized observability constant is a spectral quantity ignoring the rays' contribution.
(\rightarrow spectral criterion = half of the truth!)

There are examples where the inequality is strict:

- in 1D: $\Omega = (0, \pi)$, $T \neq k\pi$.
- in multi-D: Ω stadium-shaped, ω containing the wings.

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Conclusion: we model the problem as

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To solve the problem, we distinguish between:

parabolic equations (e.g., heat, Stokes)

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wave or Schrödinger equations

Remarks

- requires some knowledge on the **asymptotic** behavior of ϕ_j^2
- $\mu_j = \phi_j^2 dx$ is a probability measure
 \Rightarrow strong difference between $\gamma_j \sim e^{\lambda_j T}$ (parabolic) and $\gamma_j = 1$ (hyperbolic)

Parabolic equations

(e.g.: heat, Stokes, anomalous diffusions)

We assume that Ω is piecewise C^1

Theorem

There exists a **unique optimal domain** ω^*

- Quite difficult proof, requiring in particular: Hartung minimax theorem; fine lower estimates of ϕ_j^2 by **J. Apraiz, L. Escauriaza, G. Wang, C. Zhang** (JEMS 2014)
- Algorithmic construction of the best observation set ω^* : to be followed (further)



Wave and Schrödinger equations

Optimal value

Under appropriate **spectral assumptions**:

$$\sup_{\substack{\omega \subset \Omega \\ |\omega| = L|\Omega|}} \inf_{j \in \mathbb{N}^*} \int_{\omega} \phi_j(x)^2 dx = L$$

- Proof: 1) convexification (relaxation), 2) no-gap (not obvious because not lsc).
- Main spectral assumption:

QUE (Quantum Unique Ergodicity): the **whole** sequence $\phi_j^2 dx \rightarrow \frac{dx}{|\Omega|}$ vaguely.

true in 1D, but in multi-D?



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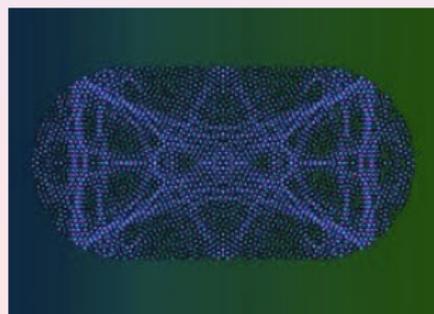
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Relationship to **quantum chaos** theory:

what are the possible (weak) limits of the probability measures $\mu_j = \phi_j^2 dx$?
(**quantum limits**, or **semi-classical measures**)

- See also **Shnirelman theorem**: ergodicity implies Quantum Ergodicity (QE; but possible gap to QUE!)
- If QUE fails, we may have **scars**
- QUE conjecture (negative curvature)



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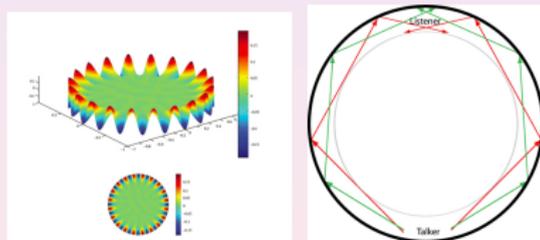
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Remark: The above result holds true as well in the **disk**. Hence the spectral assumptions are not sharp.

(proof: requires the knowledge of all quantum limits in the disk, Privat Hillairet Trélat)



$$\mu_{j_k} \rightharpoonup \delta_{r=1}$$

(this is one QL: *whispering galleries*)

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- **Supremum reached?** Open problem in general.
 - in 1D: reached $\Leftrightarrow L = 1/2$ (infinite number of optimal sets)
 - in 2D square: reached over Cartesian products $\Leftrightarrow L \in \{1/4, 1/2, 3/4\}$

Conjecture: Not reached for generic domains Ω and generic values of L .
- Construction of a **maximizing sequence** (by a kind of homogenization)

Spectral approximation

Following Hébrard-Henrot (SICON 2005), we consider the finite-dimensional **spectral approximation**:

$$\sup_{\substack{\omega \subset \Omega \\ |\omega| = L|\Omega|}} \min_{1 \leq j \leq N} \gamma_j \int_{\omega} \phi_j^2(x) dx$$

Theorem

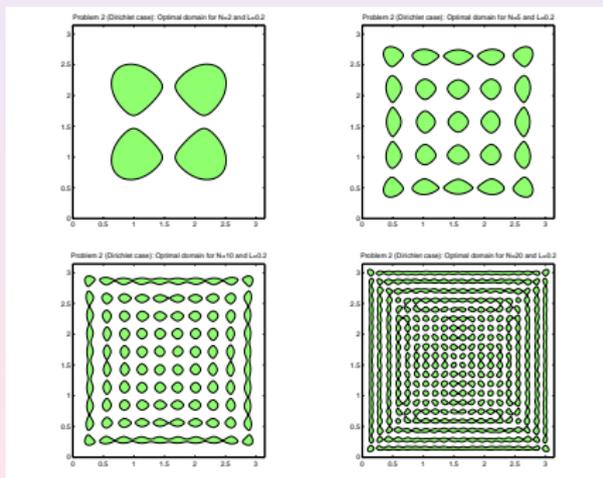
The problem has a unique solution ω^N .

Moreover, ω^N is semi-analytic and thus has a finite number of connected components.

Wave and Schrödinger equations

The complexity of ω^N is increasing with N .

Spillover phenomenon: the best domain ω^N for the N first modes is the worst possible for the $N + 1$ first modes.



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(e.g., heat, Stokes, anomalous diffusions)

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(satisfied, e.g., by $(-\Delta)^\alpha$ with $\alpha > 1/2$)

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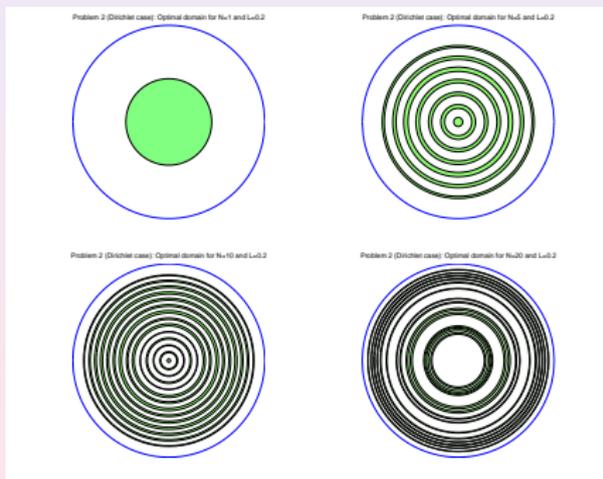
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$\Omega = \text{unit disk}$

$L = 0.2$

1, 25, 100, 400 eigenmodes

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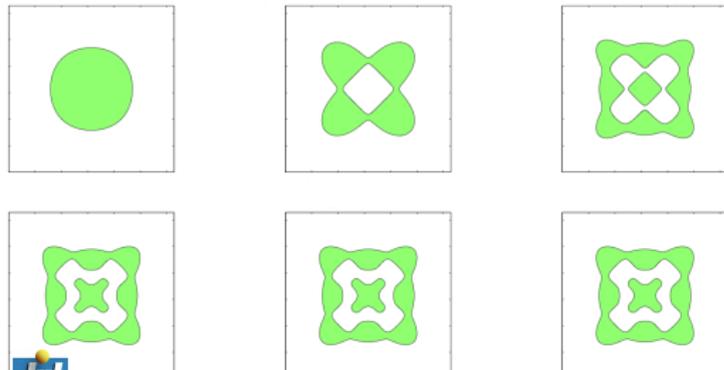
→ no fractal set!

$$\Omega = (0, \pi)^2$$

1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36 eigenmodes

$L = 0.2, T = 0.05$

→ **optimal thermometer in a square**



Conclusion and perspectives

- Same kind of analysis for the **optimal design of the control domain**.
- Intimate relations between domain optimization and quantum chaos (**quantum ergodicity properties**).
- Optimal design for **boundary observability** (P. Jounieaux' PhD):

$$\sup_{|\omega|=L|\partial\Omega|} \inf_{j \in \mathbb{N}^*} \gamma_j \int_{\omega} \frac{1}{\lambda_j} \left(\frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial \nu} \right)^2 d\mathcal{H}^{n-1}$$

- Strategies to **avoid spillover**?
- **Discretization issues**: do the numerical optimal designs converge to the continuous optimal design as the mesh size tends to 0?



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Conclusion and perspectives

- What can be said for the classical (deterministic) observability constant?

A result for the wave observability constant:
(Humbert Privat Trélat, ongoing)

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{C_T(\omega)}{T} = \frac{1}{2} \min \left(\underbrace{\inf_{j \in \mathbb{N}^*} \int_{\omega} \phi_j^2 dx}_{\text{spectral}}, \underbrace{\lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \inf_{\{\gamma \text{ ray}\}} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \chi_{\omega}(\gamma(t)) dt}_{\text{geometric (rays)}} \right)$$

Two quantities:

spectral

geometric (rays)



randomized obs. constant

Remark: another way of arriving at the criterion (wave equation)

Averaging in time:

Time asymptotic observability inequality:

$$C_\infty(\chi_\omega) \|(y(0, \cdot), y_t(0, \cdot))\|_{L^2 \times H^{-1}}^2 \leq \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_\omega |y(t, x)|^2 dx dt,$$

with

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Theorem

If the eigenvalues of Δ_g are simple then $C_\infty(\chi_\omega) = \frac{1}{2} \inf_{j \in \mathbb{N}^*} \int_\omega \phi_j(x)^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} J(\chi_\omega)$.

Remarks

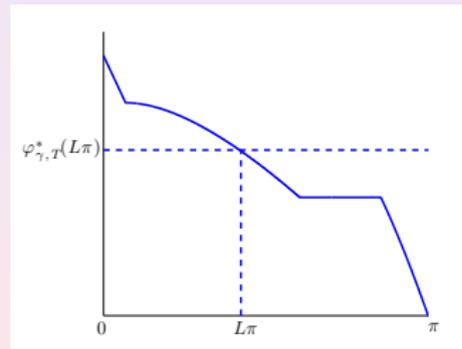
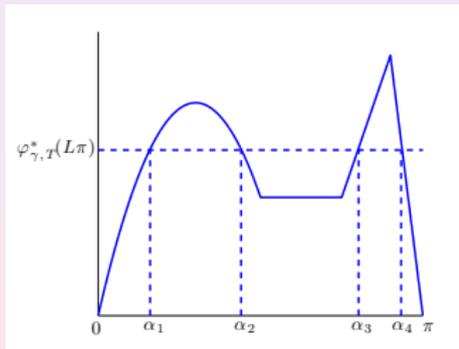
- $C_\infty(\chi_\omega) \leq \frac{1}{2} \inf_{j \in \mathbb{N}^*} \int_\omega \phi_j(x)^2 dx$.
- $\limsup_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{C_T(\chi_\omega)}{T} \leq C_\infty(\chi_\omega)$. There are examples where the inequality is strict.

A remark for fixed initial data

If we maximize $\omega \mapsto \int_0^T \int_{\omega} |y(t, x)|^2 dx dt$ with **fixed initial data**, then, using a decreasing rearrangement argument:

There always exists (at least) one optimal set ω .

*The regularity of ω depends on the initial data: it may be a **Cantor** set of positive measure, even for C^∞ data.*



→ In our model, we consider an infimum over all initial data.

A remark on the class of subdomains

Let $A > 0$ fixed. If we restrict the search to

$$\{\omega \subset \Omega \mid |\omega| = L|\Omega| \text{ and } P_{\Omega}(\omega) \leq A\} \quad (\text{perimeter})$$

or

$$\{\omega \subset \Omega \mid |\omega| = L|\Omega| \text{ and } \|\chi_{\omega}\|_{BV(\Omega)} \leq A\} \quad (\text{total variation})$$

or

$$\{\omega \subset \Omega \mid |\omega| = L|\Omega| \text{ and } \omega \text{ satisfies the } 1/A\text{-cone property}\}$$

or

ω ranges over some finite-dimensional (or "compact") prescribed set...

then *there always exists (at least) one optimal set* ω .

→ but then...

- the complexity of ω may increase with A
- we want to know if there is a "very best" set (over all possible measurable)



Remedies (wave and Schrödinger equations)

1. Existence of a maximizer

Ensured if \mathcal{U}_L is replaced with any of the following choices:

$$\mathcal{V}_L = \{\chi_\omega \in \mathcal{U}_L \mid P_\Omega(\omega) \leq A\} \quad (\text{perimeter})$$

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where $A > 0$ is fixed.



Remedies (wave and Schrödinger equations)

2. Weighted observability inequality

$$C_{T,\sigma}(\chi_\omega) \left(\| (y^0, y^1) \|_{L^2 \times H^{-1}}^2 + \sigma \| y^0 \|_{H^{-1}}^2 \right) \leq \int_0^T \int_\omega |y(t, x)|^2 dx dt,$$

where $\sigma \geq 0$: weight.

Note that $C_{T,\sigma}(\chi_\omega) \leq C_T(\chi_\omega)$.

Randomization $\Rightarrow 2 C_{T,\sigma,\text{rand}}(\chi_\omega) = T J_\sigma(\chi_\omega)$, where

$$J_\sigma(\chi_\omega) = \inf_{j \in \mathbb{N}^*} \sigma_j \int_\omega \phi_j(x)^2 dx,$$

with $\sigma_j = \frac{\lambda_j^2}{\sigma + \lambda_j^2}$.

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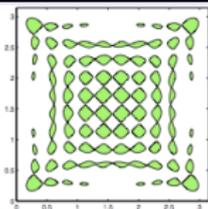
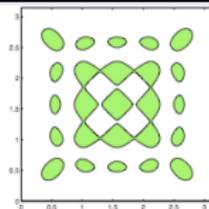
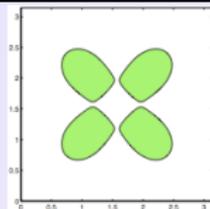
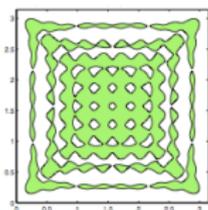
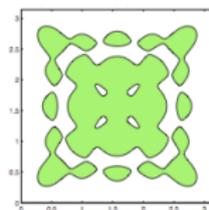
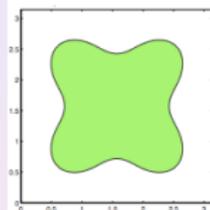
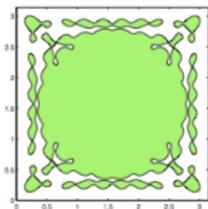
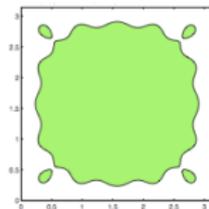
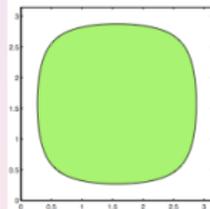
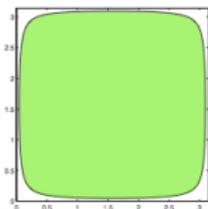
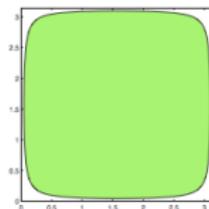
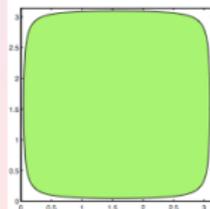
Theorem

Assume that L^∞ -QUE holds. If $\sigma_1 < L < 1$ then there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}^*$ such that

$$\sup_{\chi_\omega \in \mathcal{U}_L} \inf_{j \in \mathbb{N}^*} \sigma_j \int_\omega \phi_j^2 = \max_{\chi_\omega \in \mathcal{U}_L} \inf_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sigma_j \int_\omega \phi_j^2 \leq \sigma_1 < L,$$

for every $n \geq N$. In particular there is a unique solution χ_{ω^N} . Moreover if M is analytic then ω^N is semi-analytic and has a finite number of connected components.

- The condition $\sigma_1 < L < 1$ seems optimal (see numerical simulations).
- This result holds as well in any torus, or in the Euclidean n -dimensional square for Dirichlet or mixed Dirichlet-Neumann conditions.

$L = 0.2$  $L = 0.4$  $L = 0.6$  $L = 0.9$ 

An additional remark

Anomalous diffusion equations, Dirichlet: $\partial_t y + (-\Delta)^\alpha y = 0 \quad (\alpha > 0 \text{ arbitrary})$
with a surprising result:

In the **square** $\Omega = (0, \pi)^2$, with the usual basis (products of sine): the optimal domain ω^* has a **finite** number of connected components, $\forall \alpha > 0$.

In the **disk** $\Omega = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \|x\| < 1\}$, with the usual basis (Bessel functions), the optimal domain ω^* is radial, and

- $\alpha > 1/2 \Rightarrow \omega^* = \text{finite}$ number of concentric rings (and $d(\omega, \partial\Omega) > 0$)
- $\alpha < 1/2 \Rightarrow \omega^* = \text{infinite}$ number of concentric rings accumulating at $\partial\Omega$!
(or $\alpha = 1/2$ and T small enough)

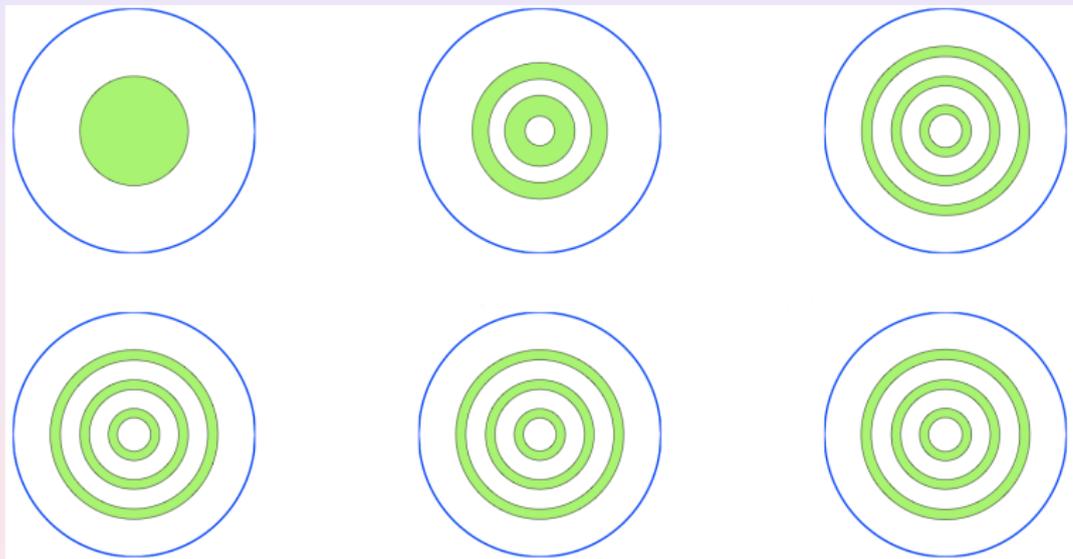
The proof is long and very technical. It uses in particular the knowledge of quantum limits in the disk.

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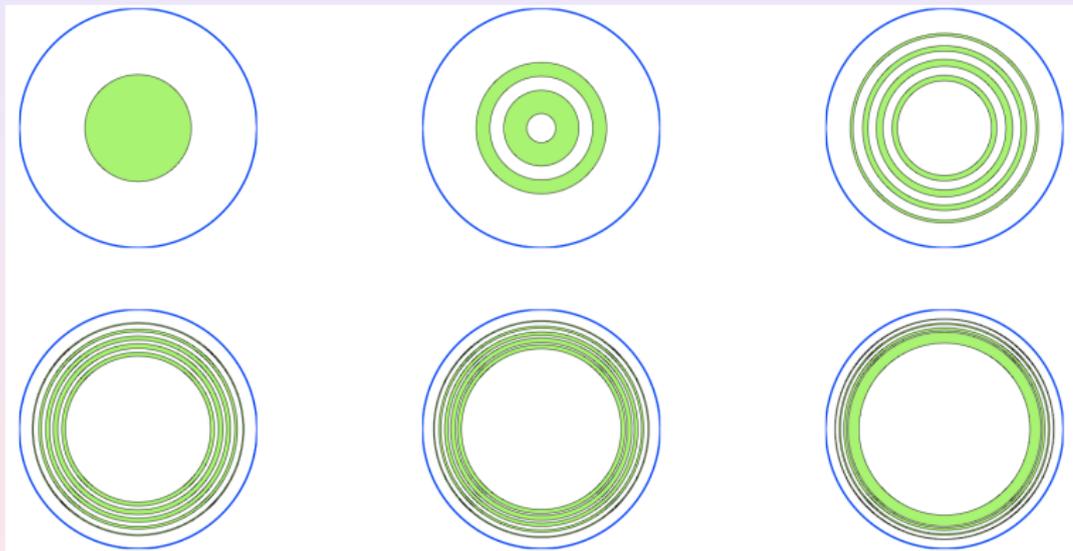
$\Omega = \text{unit disk}$

1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36 eigenmodes

 $L = 0.2, T = 0.05, \alpha = 1$ 

$\Omega = \text{unit disk}$

1, 4, 25, 100, 144, 225 eigenmodes

 $L = 0.2, T = 0.05, \alpha = 0.15$ 

Comparison

$$\sup_{\chi_\omega \in \mathcal{U}_L} \inf_{j \in \mathbb{N}^*} \gamma_j \int_\omega \phi_j^2$$

	square	disk
wave or Schrödinger	relaxed solution $a = L$ $\exists \omega$ for $L \in \{\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\}$ \nexists otherwise (conjecture)	relaxed solution $a = L$ $\exists \omega$ for $L \in \{\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\}$ \nexists otherwise (conjecture)
diffusion $(-\Delta)^\alpha$	$\exists ! \omega \quad \forall L \quad \forall \alpha > 0$ $\#c.c.(\omega) < +\infty$	$\exists ! \omega$ (radial) $\forall L \quad \forall \alpha > 0$ if $\alpha > 1/2$ then $\#c.c.(\omega) < +\infty$ if $\alpha < 1/2$ then $\#c.c.(\omega) = +\infty$