

# *My trajectory in Argentina: A mathematical journey and other short stories*

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By way of illustration, we will treat the quasi-linear problem with strong absorption<sup>a</sup>:

$$-\Delta_p u(x) + \lambda_0(x)u^q \chi_{\{u>0\}}(x) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad (1 < p < \infty) \quad (1.1)$$

- ✓  $\Delta_p u := \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u)$  the  $p$ -Laplacian operator;
- ✓  $\lambda_0$  is a bounded function away from zero and infinity (Thiele modulus);
- ✓  $q(p) \in [0, p-1)$  reaction factor;
- ✓  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  is a bounded and regular domain.

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<sup>a</sup>One of our main motivations for studying such problems comes from chemical catalysis in certain isothermal catalytic reaction process, where the existence of Dead-cores, i.e., regions where the density of certain substance (reactant or gas) vanishes identically plays an important role in the formulation of such phenomena.

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Now, if we fix  $q \in (0, p-1)$  and  $R > r > 0$ , the Radial profile  $u : B_R \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$

$$v(x) := c.(|x| - r)_+^{\frac{p}{p-1-q}}$$

(for an appropriate constant  $c = c(N, p, q) > 0$ ) is a weak solution to

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On the other hand, when  $0 < q < p-1$ ,

$$\alpha(p,q) = \frac{p}{p-1-q} > \frac{p}{p-1} \Rightarrow \text{Improved estimates along FBP.}$$

Finally, remember that  $\alpha_0 = \frac{p}{p-1}$  is the **better regularity** expected for sol. with  $L^\infty$ -RHS. Therefore, our solution presents **an unexpected gain of smoothness**.



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Such estimates play a fundamental role in proving (some applications):

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- 2 Weak geometric properties of free boundary (e.g. Hausdorff measure estimates);
- 3 **Asymptotic results as  $p \rightarrow \infty$  (resp.  $q \rightarrow \infty$ ).**



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# Non-degeneracy of solutions

Firstly we give the precise growth rate at which non-negative solutions leave their FBs.

*Theorem (da S., Rossi & Salort, Calc. Var. PDEs'18 and J. London Math. Soc.'19)*

<sup>a</sup>Let  $u$  be a nonnegative, bounded solution to (1.1) in  $B_1$  and let  $x_0 \in \overline{\{u > 0\}} \cap B_{\frac{1}{2}}$  be a generic point in the closure of the non-coincidence set. Then for any  $0 < r < \frac{1}{2}$ , there holds

$$\sup_{B_r(x_0)} u(x) \geq \left[ \inf_{\Omega} \lambda_0(x) \cdot \frac{(p-1-q)^p}{p^{p-1}(pq + N(p-1-q))} \right]^{\frac{1}{p-1-q}} \cdot r^{\frac{p}{p-1-q}}.$$

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## Growth rate for dead core solutions

The next result provides an improved estimate for solutions along FB points.

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# *Limit as $p, q \rightarrow \infty$ ?*

*What should we expect from  $p$ –dead core solutions as  $p, q \rightarrow \infty$ ?*

- ❶ Do these (limit) profiles exist? Would they be unique?
- ❷ Do such (limit) profiles verify some (limit) PDE? In what sense?
- ❸ Are these (limit) solutions regular ?
- ❹ How do behave such (limit) solutions near free boundary points?



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## Going to infinity....



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Theorem (da S., Rossi & Salort, J. London Math. Soc. 19)

Let  $(u_p)_{p \geq 2}$  be the family of uniformly bounded solutions to

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_p u_p(x) + \lambda_0(x)(u_p)_+^{q(p)}(x) &= 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ u_p(x) &= g(x) & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

with  $g \in \text{Lip}(\partial\Omega)$ . If  $\ell := \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{q(p)}{p} \in [0, 1)$  exists. Then,  $u_p \rightarrow u_\infty$  unif. in  $\overline{\Omega}$ . Furthermore,  $u_\infty \in \text{Lip}(\overline{\Omega})$  is a viscosity solution to

$$\begin{cases} \max \{ -\Delta_\infty u_\infty, -|\nabla u_\infty| + u_\infty^\ell \} &= 0 & \text{in } \{u_\infty > 0\} \cap \Omega, \\ u_\infty &= g & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$



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## Existence and Uniqueness assertions:

- ✓ Theorem 3 provides a device in order to obtain **existence of viscosity solutions** to (1.2).
- ✓ We highlight that whether  $\ell = 0$  then (1.2) admits a **unique** Lipschitz visc. sol. <sup>a</sup>
- ✓ The case  $\ell \in (0, 1)$  remains as an open issue yet.

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P. Blanc, J.V. da Silva and J.D. Rossi, *A limiting free boundary problem with gradient constraint and Tug-of-War games*. To appear in **Ann. Mat. Pura Appl.**



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## Comments about evolution problems with strong absorption

We are also able to analyse the parabolic counterpart<sup>a</sup>, namely

$$\mathfrak{L}(x, t, Du, D^2u) - \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \lambda_0 u^q \chi_{\{u>0\}}$$

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- 1 **Distinct homogeneities** in space and time variables (We must make use of **Intrinsic Scaling Techniques**);
- 2 **Absent of SMP** for the homogeneous problem (A **non-decreasing in time** assumption is necessary combined with DiBenedetto's Hölder estimates);
- 3 In the “parabolic world” standard **barriers** function **are not the radial profile** (distance up to a fixed FB point) : -. Therefore, building a barrier becomes a non-trivial task!



# Presenting the problem

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- ✓  $\Omega_T := \Omega \times (0, T)$  with  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  a bounded and regular domain;
- ✓  $f \in L^{q,r}(\Omega_T)$  (a **Lebesgue space with mixed norms**) endowed with the norm

$$\|f\|_{L^{q,r}(\Omega_T)} := \left( \int_0^T \left( \int_{\Omega} |f(x, t)|^q dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}$$



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$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div}(a(\rho x, \rho^2 t)\nabla v) = \rho^{2-\kappa}f(\rho x, \rho^2 t) := f_\rho(x, t) \Rightarrow \|f_\rho\|_{L^{q,r}(Q_1^-)} \leq \rho^{2-\kappa-\left(\frac{n}{q}+\frac{2}{r}\right)}\|f\|_{L^{q,r}(Q_1^-)}.$$

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J.V. da Silva & E.V. Teixeira, *Sharp regularity estimates for second order fully nonlinear parabolic equations*. **Math. Ann.** 369 (2017), no. 3-4, 1623-1648.

# From linear to nonlinear theory

## What we should expect from **Nonlinear Scenario** ( $p \neq 2$ )?

Recently, under the conditions  $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{n}{pq} < 1 < \frac{2}{r} + \frac{n}{q}$  for  $p > 2$  and by combining **geometric tangential methods** and **intrinsic scaling techniques** (cf. [2]), the sharp (geometric)  $C_{\text{loc}}^{\alpha, \frac{\alpha}{\theta}}$  regularity estimate to (2.1) was established by Teixeira-Urbano<sup>a</sup>, where

$$\alpha = \frac{p \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{r} + \frac{n}{pq} \right) \right]}{p \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{r} + \frac{n}{pq} \right) \right] + \left( \frac{2}{r} + \frac{n}{q} \right) - 1} \quad \text{and} \quad \theta := 2\alpha + (1 - \alpha)p.$$

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E.V. Teixeira & J.M. Urbano, *A geometric tangential approach to sharp regularity for degenerate evolution equations*. **Anal. PDE** 7 (2014), no. 3, 733-744.

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## *Who wants to be a Millionaire?*



# Open scenarios: “One Million” Dollar Questions

Notwithstanding, Teixeira-Urbano’s work leaves as **open issues** some scenarios:

$f \in L^{q,r}(Q_1^-)$	Regularity	$f \in L^{q,r}(Q_1^-)$	Regularity
$\frac{n}{q} + \frac{2}{r} = 1$	$C_{loc}^{0, \text{Log-Lip}}(Q_1^-)$	$\frac{n}{q} + \frac{2}{r} = 1 > \frac{1}{r} + \frac{n}{pq}$	Open Problem
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Remember that the regularity theory to models like (2.1) is available in:<sup>a</sup>

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E. DiBenedetto, *Degenerate parabolic equations*. Universitext. Springer-Verlag, New York, 1993. xvi+387 pp. ISBN: 0-387-94020-0.



J.M. Urbano, *The method of intrinsic scaling*. A systematic approach to regularity for degenerate and singular PDEs. Lecture Notes in Mathematics, 1930. Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 2008. x+150 pp. ISBN: 978-3-540-75931-7.

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- 1 Degenerate character of operator is an obstacle (the **Bad Guy** is  $\{|\nabla u| \ll 1\}$ );
- 2 An **adjusted intrinsic scaling** of the equation will be necessary;
- 3  $C^{1+\alpha}$  regime via affine approximations scheme **does not work** in such scenarios.

<sup>a</sup>Cambia, Todo cambia...Mercedes Sosa. Todo cambia, Live in Europe, 1989.



## Some possible implications

It is worth highlight that such estimates play a fundamental role in establishing<sup>a</sup>:

- 1 **Blow-up and Liouville type results;**
- 2 **Weak geometric properties and Hausdorff measure estimates** (in certain FBP's);

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## Our Main Theorem

### Theorem (Israel J. Math. 19 and Nonlinear Anal. 19)

<sup>a</sup> Let  $K \subset\subset Q_1^-$ ,  $u$  be a bounded weak solution of (2.1) in  $Q_1^-$  and suppose that (CC) are in force. Then  $u$  is  $C^{1+\alpha}$  (in the parabolic sense), i.e., there exists a (universal) constant  $M > 0$  such that

$$[u]_{C^{1+\alpha}(K)}^* \leq M \cdot \left[ \|u\|_{L^\infty(Q_1^-)} + \|f\|_{L^{q,r}(Q_1^-)} \right],$$

where

$$[u]_{C^{1+\alpha}(K)}^* := \sup_{0 < \rho \leq \rho_0} \left( \inf_{(x_0, t_0) \in C_p^\alpha(Q_1^-)} \frac{\|u - \mathbf{l}_{(x_0, t_0)}(u)\|_{L^\infty(\hat{Q}_\rho^-(x_0, t_0) \cap K)}}{\rho^{1+\alpha}} \right).$$

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# Optimal design problems

In Mathematics an **Optimal Design Problem** under **constrained volume** consists of following: For a  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  (bounded domain), fix  $0 < \alpha < \mathcal{L}^N(\Omega)$

$$\min \left\{ \mathfrak{J}[u](\Xi) : u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \Xi \subset \Omega \text{ and } 0 < \mathcal{L}^N(\Xi) \leq \alpha \right\}.$$

In a number of situations the functional  $\mathfrak{J}[u]$  has an integral representation, whose involved functions are linked to the competing configuration  $\Xi$  via a prescribed PDE.



# State of the Art

- 1 86's Aguilera, Alt and Caffarelli;

$\mathfrak{J}_\alpha[v_\Xi] = \int_\Omega |\nabla v_\Xi|^2 dx$  with prescribed volume of the set  $\Xi = \{u = 0\}$ ;

- 2 87's Aguilera, Caffarelli and Spruck;

Shape optimization problem in heat conduction:  $\mathfrak{J}_\alpha[v_\Xi] = \int_{\partial\Xi} v_\nu d\mathcal{H}^{N-1}$ ;

- 3 96's Lederman ;

$\mathfrak{J}_g[v] = \int_\Omega (|\nabla v|^2 - gv) dx$  with prescribed volume of  $\Xi = \{u > 0\}$ ;

- 4 05,07,10's Teixeira;

Nonlinear counterpart of ACS's manuscript:  $\mathfrak{J}_\alpha[v_\Xi] = \int_{\partial\Xi} \Gamma(x, v_\nu) d\sigma$ ;

- 5 06's Bonder, Martínez and Wolanski and Oliveira and Teixeira;

$\mathfrak{J}_\alpha[v_\Xi] = \int_\Omega |\nabla v_\Xi|^p dx$  with prescribed volume of  $\Xi = \{u > 0\}$ ;

- 6 08's Martínez (Orlicz-Sobolev setting).

# Theory of non-local operators

Problems driven by **fractional diffusion** appear naturally in models coming from jumping and Levy processes. A prototype is given by

$$(-\Delta)_p^s u(x) := C_{N,s,p} \text{P.V.} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{|u(y) - u(x)|^{p-2} (u(y) - u(x))}{|x - y|^{N+ps}} dy.$$

In order to deal with such operators we need to define appropriated Sobolev spaces!



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# A minimization problem in fractional diffusion

Taking into account the previous motivation. We would like to solve the following problem:

$$\mathfrak{L}_p^s[\alpha] = \min_{\mathcal{K}_g^{s,p}} \mathcal{J}_p(v), \quad (\mathfrak{P}_p^s)$$

where

$$\mathcal{J}_p(v) := \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{|u(y) - u(x)|^p}{|y - x|^{N+sp}} dx dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

and

$$\mathcal{K}_g^{s,p} := \left\{ v \in W^{s,p}(\mathbb{R}^N), v = g \geq 0 \text{ in } \Omega^c \text{ and } \mathcal{L}^N(\{v > 0\} \cap \Omega) \leq \alpha \right\}.$$

# A minimization problem in fractional diffusion

## Important issues

- 1: Are there any minimizers to  $(\mathfrak{P}_p^s)$ ?
- 2: How regular are the minimizers to  $(\mathfrak{P}_p^s)$ ?
- 3: What should be the expect limiting problem as  $p \rightarrow \infty$  to  $(\mathfrak{P}_p^s)$ ?



# A limiting configuration

Motivated by formal considerations, we will consider the following limit configuration:

$$\mathfrak{L}_\infty^s[\alpha] = \min_{\mathcal{K}_g^{s,\infty}} [v]_{C^{0,s}(\mathbb{R}^N)}, \quad (\mathfrak{P}_\infty^s)$$

where

$$[v]_{C^{0,s}(\mathbb{R}^N)} := \sup_{\substack{x,y \in \mathbb{R}^N \\ x \neq y}} \frac{|v(y) - v(x)|}{|x - y|^s}$$

and

$$\mathcal{K}_g^{s,\infty} := \left\{ v \in W^{s,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^N), v = g \geq 0 \text{ in } \Omega^c \text{ and } \mathcal{L}^N(\{v > 0\} \cap \Omega) \leq \alpha \right\}$$



# A limiting configuration

*Theorem (da S. & Rossi, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.'19)*

<sup>a</sup> Let  $u_p$  be a **minimizer** to  $(\mathfrak{P}_p^s)$ . Then, up to a subsequence,  $u_p \rightarrow u_\infty$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ , uniformly in  $\Omega$  and weakly in  $W^{s,q}(\Omega)$  for all  $1 < q < \infty$ , where  $u_\infty$  minimizes  $(\mathfrak{P}_\infty^s)$ . Moreover, the limit  $u_\infty$  fulfils

$$-\mathcal{L}_\infty^s[u_\infty] = 0 \quad \text{in} \quad \{u_\infty > 0\} \cap \Omega,$$

in the **viscosity sense**, where  $\mathcal{L}_\infty^s[u_\infty]$  is the **Hölder  $\infty$ –Laplacian operator**. Finally,

$$[u_\infty]_{C^{0,s}(\mathbb{R}^N)} \leq [g]_{C^{0,s}(\mathbb{R}^N \setminus \Omega)}.$$

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J.V. da Silva & J.D. Rossi, *The limit as  $p \rightarrow \infty$  in free boundary problems with fractional  $p$ –Laplacians*. **Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.** 371 (2019), no. 4, 2739–2769.

# A limiting configuration

Furthermore, **uniqueness** holds under the geometric compatibility condition:

$$\alpha \leq \mathcal{L}^N \left( \bigcup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^N \setminus \Omega} B \left( \frac{g(y)}{|g|_{C^{0,s}(\mathbb{R}^N \setminus \Omega)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} (y) \cap \Omega \right). \quad (\text{Comp. Assump.})$$

*Theorem (da S. & Rossi, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.'19)*

Let  $v_\infty$  be given by  $v_\infty(x) = \sup_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus \Omega} \left( g(y) - \mathfrak{H}^\sharp |x - y|^s \right)_+$ . Assume that

**(Comp. Assump.)** holds. Let  $\mathfrak{H}^\sharp$  be the unique positive number such that

$$\Omega^\sharp := \bigcup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^N \setminus \Omega} B \left( \frac{g(y)}{\mathfrak{H}^\sharp} \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} (y) \cap \Omega \quad \text{fulfils} \quad \mathcal{L}^N(\Omega^\sharp) = \alpha.$$

Then  $v_\infty$  is the unique minimizer for  $(\mathfrak{P}_\infty^s)$ .

## Other contributions in the PDE's research group



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## Some current directions

Let us present some current directions:



J.V. da Silva, L. Del Pezzo & J.D Rossi, *An optimization problem with volume constraint with applications to optimal mass transport.*



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## *Some future directions*

Finally, let us present some future directions for the next months:

- 1 An optimization problem for the 1–Laplacian and its connections with Cheeger problem (with L. Del Pezzo and J.D. Rossi).
- 2 Existence and non-existence results of dead-core for fully nonlinear elliptic problems (with D.S. dos Prazeres and H.R. Quoirin).
- 3 Sharp regularity estimates for fully nonlinear elliptic equations with super-linear gradient growth (with G.S. Nornberg).
- 4 Asymptotic analysis in sandpile type models (with J.D. Rossi).
- 5 A limit problem for local-nonlocal  $p$ –Laplacians with concave-convex non-linearities (with A. Salort).
- 6 The obstacle problem for a degenerate fully nonlinear equation (with H. Vivas).
- 7 Sharp regularity for degenerate obstacle type problems (with H. Vivas).



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This chapter finishes here, but surely other ones will be written!

