

# On an elliptic mixed boundary value problem

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# The setup

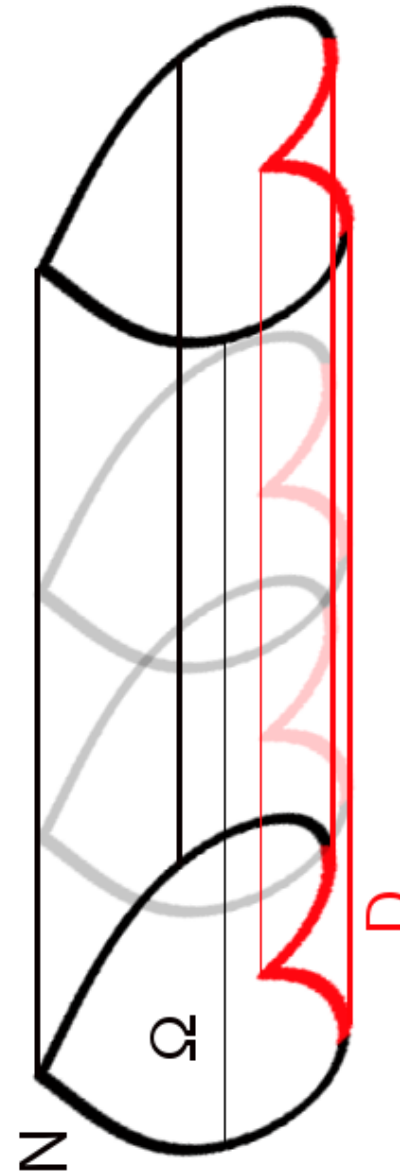


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in  $H^1(\Omega)$
- ▶ Poincaré  $\|\nabla u\|_2 \simeq \|u\|_{H^1}$  on  $\mathcal{V}$



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## Lemma

For each  $g \in \mathcal{V}_{1/2}^*$  there exists a unique weak solution  $U \in \mathcal{E}$ .

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## Obtain

- ▶ Natural semigroup flow  $(A\nabla_{t,x}U)_\perp|_{t=s} = T(s)((A\nabla_{t,x}U)_\perp|_{t=0})$
- ▶  $T$  a  $C_0$ -smg. on  $\mathcal{V}_{1/2}^*$ .
- ▶ Is semigroup orbit a representative for  $(A\nabla_{t,x}U)_\perp \in L^2(L^2)$ ?

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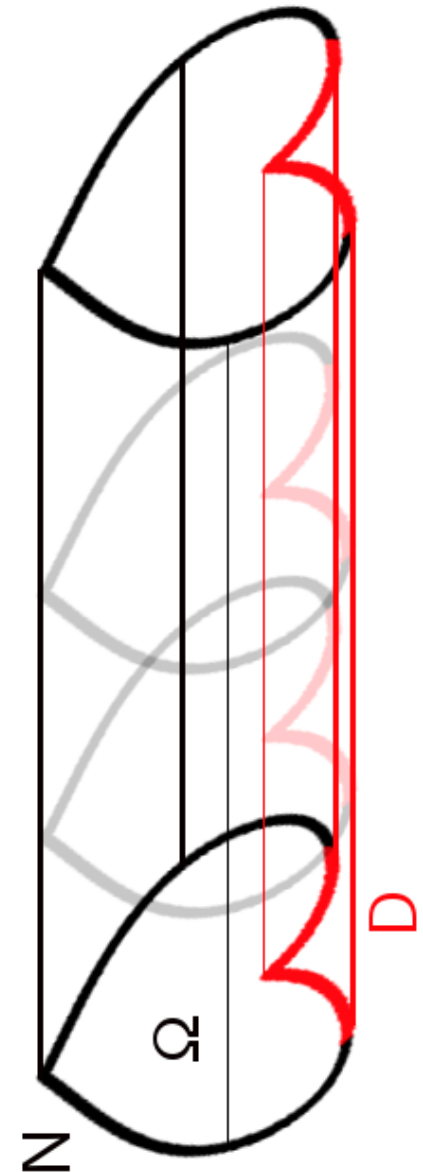
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- ▶ Lipschitz charts around  $\bar{N}$ .



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## leads to the first order equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \partial_t F + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \operatorname{div}_x \\ -\nabla_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{=:D} B F, \quad \text{for } F = \begin{bmatrix} (A \nabla_{t,x} U)_\perp \\ (\nabla_{t,x} U)_\parallel \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $B$  transfers  $A$  from the  $\parallel$ -part to the  $\perp$ -part

# The first order formalism



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## Rigorously

- ▶  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & (-\nabla_{\mathcal{V}})^* \\ -\nabla_{\mathcal{V}} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $\nabla_{\mathcal{V}} : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow (L^2)^d$
- ▶ Study 1st order equation  $\partial_t F + DBF = 0$  through weak solutions  $F \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\overline{\mathcal{R}(DB)})$  defined by

$$\int_0^\infty \int_{\Omega} F \cdot \partial_t \overline{G} = \int_0^\infty \int_{\Omega} BF \cdot \overline{DG} \quad (G \in C_c^\infty(\mathcal{D}(D)))$$

## Proposition

Weak solutions to **2nd order** equation and **1st order** equation are in one-to-one correspondence

$$U \sim \left[ (A \nabla_{t,x} U)_\perp \quad \nabla_x U \right]^\top.$$

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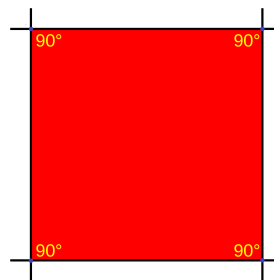
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$\Rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\perp}^{-1} = \mathcal{V}^*$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\perp}^{-1/2} = \mathcal{V}_{1/2}^*$  the space of Lax-Milgram semigroup

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## Corollary

There is a Neumann-to-Dirichlet map  $\mathcal{V}_{1/2}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\parallel}^{-1/2}$  given by

$$\partial_{\nu_A} U|_{t=0} \longrightarrow U \longrightarrow F \longrightarrow (F_{\parallel})(0) \longrightarrow \nabla_x U|_{t=0}$$



Thank you for your attention!