

# Robust feedback switching control

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# Switching control

- **Switching control** : sequence of *interventions*  $(\iota_n)_n$  that occur at *random times*  $(\tau_n)_n$  due to switching costs, and naturally arises in investment problems with fixed transaction costs or in real options.
- *Standard approach* :
  - **open-loop** ( $\neq$  closed-loop) control
  - give the evolution for the controlled state process, with *assigned* drift and diffusion coefficients.
- In practice, the coefficients are obtained through estimation procedures and are unlikely to coincide with the *real* coefficients.
- *Robust approach* : switching control problem **robust** to a misspecification of the model for the controlled state process.

# Robust/Game formulation

- We formulate the problem as a **game** : **switcher** vs **nature** (model uncertainty).
- ▶ We consider the *two-step optimization* problem

$$\sup_{\alpha} \left( \inf_v J(\alpha, v) \right).$$

- What definition for the switching control  $\alpha$  and for  $v$  ?

# Feedback formulation

- **Elliott-Kalton formulation** (Fleming-Souganidis 89) :
    - $\alpha$  **non-anticipative strategy** and  $v$  *open-loop control*, i.e. the switcher knows the current and past choices made by nature
    - In practice, the switcher only knows the evolution of the state process.
  - ▶ **Feedback formulation**
    - $\alpha$  *feedback switching control* (**closed-loop control**)  $\implies$  *feedback formulation* of the switching control problem.
    - $v$  *open-loop control* (nature is aware of the all information at disposal)  $\leftrightarrow$  Knightian uncertainty
- $\rightarrow$  zero-sum control/control game but not symmetric

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# Robust feedback switching system

- Fixed  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ ,  $T > 0$ , and  $W$  a  $d$ -dimensional Brownian motion.

For any  $(s, x, i) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$ , consider the system on  $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$ , with  $\mathbb{I}_m = \{1, \dots, m\}$  the set of regimes :

$$\begin{cases} X_t = x + \int_s^t b(X_r, I_r, v_r) dr + \int_s^t \sigma(X_r, I_r, v_r) dW_r, & s \leq t \leq T, \\ I_t = i \mathbf{1}_{\{s \leq t < \tau_0(X, I, -)\}} \\ \quad + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \iota_n(X, I, -) \mathbf{1}_{\{\tau_n(X, I, -) \leq t < \tau_{n+1}(X, I, -)\}}, & s \leq t < T, \\ I_{s-} = I_s, I_T = I_{T-}. \end{cases}$$

►  $v: [s, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow U$  is an **open-loop control** adapted to a filtration  $\mathbb{F}^s = (\mathcal{F}_t^s)_{t \geq s}$  satisfying the usual conditions.

- $U$  compact metric space.

$\mathcal{U}_{s,s}$  : class of all open-loop controls starting at  $s$ .

# Feedback switching controls

- $\mathcal{L}([s, T]; \mathbb{I}_m)$  space of **càglàd** paths valued in  $\mathbb{I}_m$ .
- $\mathbb{B}^s = (\mathcal{B}_t^s)_{t \in [s, T]}$  natural filtration of  $C([s, T]; \mathbb{R}^d) \times \mathcal{L}([s, T]; \mathbb{I}_m)$ .
- $\mathcal{T}^s$  family of all  $\mathbb{B}^s$ -stopping times valued in  $[s, T]$ .

► **Feedback switching control**  $\alpha = (\tau_n, \iota_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  where :

- **Switching times** :  $\tau_n \in \mathcal{T}^s$  and

$$s \leq \tau_0 \leq \dots \leq \tau_n \leq \dots \leq T.$$

- **Interventions** :  $\iota_n : C([s, T]; \mathbb{R}^d) \times \mathcal{L}([s, T]; \mathbb{I}_m) \rightarrow \mathbb{I}_m$  is  $\mathcal{B}_{\tau_n}^s$ -measurable, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

►  $\mathcal{A}_{s,s}$  : class of all feedback switching controls starting at  $s$ .



## Existence and uniqueness result

**(H1)**  $b$  and  $\sigma$  jointly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m \times U$  and

$$|b(x, i, u) - b(x', i, u)| + \|\sigma(x, i, u) - \sigma(x', i, u)\| \leq L|x - x'|.$$

### Proposition

Let **(H1)** hold. Then, for every  $(s, x, i) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{s,s}$ ,  $v \in \mathcal{U}_{s,s}$ , there exists a unique  $\mathbb{F}^s$ -adapted solution

$(X_t^{s,x,i;\alpha,u}, I_t^{s,x,i;\alpha,u})_{t \in [s, T]}$  to the feedback system, satisfying :

- Every path of  $(X_t^{s,x,i;\alpha,v}, I_t^{s,x,i;\alpha,v})$  belongs to  $C([s, T]; \mathbb{R}^d) \times \mathcal{L}([s, T]; \mathbb{I}_m)$ .
- For any  $p \geq 1$  there exists a positive constant  $C_{p,T}$  such that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{t \in [s, T]} |X_t^{s,x,i;\alpha,v}|^p \right] \leq C_{p,T} (1 + |x|^p).$$

# Value function of robust switching control problem

Feedback control/open-loop control game :

$$V(s, x, i) := \sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{s,s}} \inf_{v \in \mathcal{U}_{s,s}} J(s, x, i; \alpha, v), \quad \forall (s, x, i) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m,$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} J(s, x, i; \alpha, v) := & \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_s^T f(X_r^{s,x,i;\alpha,v}, I_r^{s,x,i;\alpha,v}, v_r) dr \right. \\ & + g(X_T^{s,x,i;\alpha,v}, I_T^{s,x,i;\alpha,v}) \\ & \left. - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} c(X_{\tau_n}^{s,x,i;\alpha,v}, I_{\tau_n^-}^{s,x,i;\alpha,v}, I_{\tau_n}^{s,x,i;\alpha,v}) \mathbf{1}_{\{s \leq \tau_n < T\}} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tau^n$  stands for  $\tau^n(X_{\cdot}^{s,x,i;\alpha,v}, I_{\cdot}^{s,x,i;\alpha,v})$ .

# Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman-Isaacs (HJBI) equation

$$\begin{cases} \min \left\{ -\frac{\partial V}{\partial t}(s, x, i) - \inf_{u \in U} [\mathcal{L}^{i,u} V(s, x, i) + f(x, i, u)], \right. \\ \left. V(s, x, i) - \max_{j \neq i} [V(s, x, j) - c(x, i, j)] \right\} = 0, & [0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m \\ V(T, x, i) = g(x, i), & (x, i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m, \end{cases}$$

where

$$\mathcal{L}^{i,u} V(s, x, i) = b(x, i, u) \cdot D_x V(s, x, i) + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}[\sigma \sigma^\top(x, i, u) D_x^2 V(s, x, i)].$$

► First aim : prove that  $V$  is a **viscosity solution** to the *dynamic programming HJBI equation* :

- by **stochastic Perron** method : **avoiding the direct proof of Dynamic Programming Principle (DPP)**

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## Stochastic Perron : main idea

Developed in a series of papers by B. and Sirbu

- Define **stochastic sub and super-solutions** as functions that satisfy (roughly) half of the DPP

▶ with these definitions, sub and super-solutions envelope the value function

- Consider sup of sub-solutions and inf of super-solutions (Perron) :

$$v^- := \sup \text{ of sub-solutions} \leq V \leq v^+ := \inf \text{ of super-solutions}$$

▶ Show that  $v^-$  is a viscosity super-solution and  $v^+$  is a viscosity sub-solution.

- Comparison principle  $\rightarrow$

$$v^- = V = v^+ \quad \text{is the unique continuous viscosity solution.}$$

and (as a byproduct)  $V$  satisfies the DPP

## Some comments

- Stochastic semi-solutions have to be carefully defined (depending on the control problem) → constructive proof for the existence of a viscosity solution comparing with the value function
  - linear, control, optimal stopping problems (Bayraktar-Sirbu, 12, 13, 14.)

# Stochastic semisolutions

## Definition (Stochastic subsolutions $\mathcal{V}^-$ )

$v$  **stochastic subsolution** to the HJB equation if :

- $v$  is continuous,  $v(T, x, i) \leq g(x, i)$  for any  $(x, i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$ , and  $\sup_{(s,x,i) \in [0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m} \frac{|v(s,x,i)|}{1+|x|^q} < \infty$ , for some  $q \geq 1$ .
- Half-DPP property.** For any  $s \in [0, T]$  and  $\tau, \rho \in \mathcal{T}^s$  with  $\tau \leq \rho \leq T$ , there exists  $\tilde{\alpha} = (\tilde{\tau}_n, \tilde{l}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{A}_{s, \tau^+}$  such that, for any  $\alpha = (\tau_n, l_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{A}_{s, s}$ ,  $v \in \mathcal{U}_{s, s}$ , and  $(x, i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$ , we have

$$v(\tau', X_{\tau'}, l_{\tau'}) \leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_{\tau'}^{\rho'} f(X_t, l_t, v_t) dt + v(\rho', X_{\rho'}, l_{\rho'}) - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} c(X_{\tilde{\tau}'_n}, l_{(\tilde{\tau}'_n)^-}, l_{\tilde{\tau}'_n}) \mathbf{1}_{\{\tau' \leq \tilde{\tau}'_n < \rho'\}} \middle| \mathcal{F}_{\tau'}^s \right]$$

with the shorthands  $X = X^{s, x, i; \alpha \otimes_{\tau} \tilde{\alpha}, v}$ ,  $l = l^{s, x, i; \alpha \otimes_{\tau} \tilde{\alpha}, v}$ .

► The set of *stochastic supersolutions*  $\mathcal{V}^+$  is defined similarly.

## Stochastic Perron's method : assumptions

(H2)

- (i)  $g, f, c$  are jointly continuous on their domains.
- (ii)  $c$  is nonnegative.
- (iii)  $g, f, c$  satisfy the polynomial growth condition :

$$|g(x, i)| + |f(x, i, u)| + |c(x, i, j)| \leq M(1 + |x|^p),$$

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d, i, j \in \mathbb{I}_m, u \in U$ , for some positive constants  $M$  and  $p \geq 1$ .

- (iv)  $g$  satisfies

$$g(x, i) \geq \max_{j \neq i} [g(x, j) - c(x, i, j)],$$

for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $i \in \mathbb{I}_m$ .



# Stochastic Perron's method

## Proposition

Let Assumptions **(H1)** and **(H2)** hold.

- (i)  $\mathcal{V}^- \neq \emptyset$  and  $\mathcal{V}^+ \neq \emptyset$ .
- (ii)  $\sup_{v \in \mathcal{V}^-} v =: v^- \leq V \leq v^+ := \inf_{v \in \mathcal{V}^+} v$ .
- (iii) If  $v^1, v^2 \in \mathcal{V}^-$  then  $v := v^1 \vee v^2 \in \mathcal{V}^-$ . Moreover, there exists a nondecreasing sequence  $(v_n)_n \subset \mathcal{V}^-$  such that  $v_n \nearrow v^-$ .
- (iv) If  $v^1, v^2 \in \mathcal{V}^+$  then  $v := v^1 \wedge v^2 \in \mathcal{V}^+$ . Moreover, there exists a nonincreasing sequence  $(v_n)_n \subset \mathcal{V}^+$  such that  $v_n \searrow v^+$ .

## Theorem [Stochastic Perron's method]

Let Assumptions **(H1)** and **(H2)** hold. Then,  $v^-$  is a viscosity supersolution to the HJB equation and  $v^+$  is a viscosity subsolution to the HJB equation.

## Comparison principle

**(H3)**  $c$  satisfies the **no free loop property** : for any sequence of indices  $i_1, \dots, i_k \in \mathbb{I}_m$ , with  $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1, 2\}$ ,  $i_1 = i_k$ , and  $\text{card}\{i_1, \dots, i_k\} = k - 1$ , we have

$$c(x, i_1, i_2) + c(x, i_2, i_3) + \dots + c(x, i_{k-1}, i_k) + c(x, i_k, i_1) > 0.$$

We also assume :  $c(x, i, i) = 0, \forall (x, i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$ .

### Theorem [Comparison principle]

Let Assumptions **(H1)**, **(H2)**, **(H3)** hold and consider a viscosity subsolution  $u$  (resp. supersolution  $v$ ) to the HJB equation. Suppose that, for some  $q \geq 1$ ,

$$\sup_{(t,x,i) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m} \frac{|u(t, x, i)| + |v(t, x, i)|}{1 + |x|^q} < \infty.$$

Then,  $u \leq v$  on  $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$ .

# Dynamic programming and viscosity properties

## Theorem

Let Assumptions **(H1)**, **(H2)**, **(H3)** hold. Then, the value function  $V$  is the unique viscosity solution to the HJB equation and satisfies the dynamic programming principle : for any  $(s, x, i) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$  and  $\rho \in \mathcal{T}^s$ ,

$$V(s, x, i) = \sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{s,s}} \inf_{v \in \mathcal{U}_{s,s}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_s^{\rho'} f(X_t, l_t, v_t) dt + V(\rho', X_{\rho'}, l_{\rho'}) - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} c(X_{\tau'_n}, l_{(\tau'_n)^-}, l_{\tau'_n}) \mathbf{1}_{\{s \leq \tau'_n < \rho'\}} \right],$$

with the shorthands  $X = X^{s,x,i;\alpha,v}$ ,  $l = l^{s,x,i;\alpha,v}$ ,  $\rho' = \rho(X, l, -)$ ,  $\tau'_n = \tau_n(X, l, -)$ , and  $v'_t = v(t, X, l, -)$ .

## Comparison with the Elliott-Kalton formulation

- In general  $V \leq V^{\text{Kalton}}$ .
- And if comparison principle holds we have equality. BUT, intrinsically they are different problems and two formulations lead to two different solutions of the variational HJB.
- We have an example with  $c \equiv 0$  (hence the no-free loop is violated), where each formulation leads to different solutions of the variational HJB :  $V < V^{\text{Kalton}}$
- Since  $c \equiv 0$  this actually can be reformulated as a classical zero-sum game
  - $V$  is the solution to the lower Isaacs equation.
  - $V^{\text{Kalton}}$  is the solution to the upper Isaacs equation.
  - The Isaacs condition does not hold.

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# Problem

**Forward** parabolic system of variational inequalities :

$$\begin{cases} \min \left\{ \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} - \inf_{u \in U} [\mathcal{L}^{i,u} V + f(x, i, u)], \right. \\ \left. V(T, x, i) - \max_{j \neq i} [V(T, x, j) - c(x, i, j)] \right\} = 0, & (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m \\ V(0, x, i) = g(x, i), & (x, i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Long time asymptotics of  $V(T, \cdot, \cdot)$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$  :
  - Stationary solution of robust feedback switching control
  - Literature on ergodic stochastic control : Switching (Lions, Perthame (86), Menaldi, Perthame, Robin (90)), Stochastic control (Bensoussan, Frehse (92); Arisawa, P.L. Lions (98)).
  - More recently Lions' College de France lectures, Ichihara, Ishii (08), Fuhrman, Hu and Tessitore (09), Ichihara (2012), Robertson, Xing (15)...
  - **under non degeneracy condition and/or regularity of value function and very few on games !**

## Some heuristics and principles

- We expect to prove (under suitable conditions) that

$$\frac{V(T, x, i)}{T} \rightarrow \lambda \text{ (const. independent of } x, i) \text{ as } T \rightarrow \infty.$$

- Tauberian Meta theorem** : ergodic  $\sim$  infinite horizon with vanishing discount factor, i.e.

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{V(T, \cdot)}{T} = \lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} \beta V^\beta$$

where

$$V^\beta(x, i) = \sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{0,0}} \inf_{v \in \mathcal{U}_{0,0}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^\infty e^{-\beta t} f(X_t^{x,i;\alpha,v}, I_t^{x,i;\alpha,v}, v_t) dt - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} e^{-\beta \tau_n} c(X_{\tau_n}^{x,i;\alpha,u}, I_{\tau_n}^{x,i;\alpha,v}, I_{\tau_n}^{x,i;\alpha,v}) \mathbf{1}_{\{\tau_n < \infty\}} \right]$$

$\leftrightarrow$  **Elliptic** system of variational inequalities :

$$\min \left\{ \beta V^\beta - \inf_{u \in U} [\mathcal{L}^{i,u} V^\beta + f(x, i, u)]; V^\beta(x, i) - \max_{j \neq i} [V^\beta(x, j) - c(x, i, j)] \right\} = 0.$$

## Ergodic system of variational inequalities

- Formally, by setting  $V(T, x, i) \sim \lambda T + \phi(x, i)$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , we get the ergodic HJBI equation :

$$\min \left\{ \lambda - \inf_{u \in U} [\mathcal{L}^{i,u} \phi + f(x, i, u)], \phi(x, i) - \max_{j \neq i} [\phi(x, j) - c(x, i, j)] \right\} = 0.$$

► The pair  $(\lambda, \phi)$  is the unknown.

- Aim :
  - Prove existence (and uniqueness) of a solution to the ergodic HJBI
  - Show :

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{V(T, x, i)}{T} = \lambda = \lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} \beta V^\beta(x, i).$$



## Main issues for asymptotic analysis

- Prove **equicontinuity** of the family  $(V^\beta)_\beta$  : for all  $\beta > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |V^\beta(x, i) - V^\beta(x', i)| &\leq C|x - x'|, \\ \beta|V^\beta(x, i)| &\leq C(1 + |x|), \quad \forall (x, i). \end{aligned}$$

- by PDE methods from the elliptic HJBI system ?
- from the robust feedback switching control representation, which would rely on an estimate of the form :

$$\sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{0,0}, v \in \mathcal{U}_{0,0}} \mathbb{E} |X_t^{x,i;\alpha,v} - X_t^{x',i;\alpha,v}| \leq C_t |x - x'|, \quad \forall x, x', i.$$

Not clear due to the feedback form of the switching control !

## Randomization of the control

Following idea of Kharroubi and Pham (13) :

$$\begin{cases} X_t = x + \int_0^t b(X_s, I_s, \Gamma_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(X_s, I_s, \Gamma_s) dW_s, \\ I_t = i + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{I}_m} (j - I_{s-}) \pi(ds, dj), \\ \Gamma_t = u + \int_0^t \int_U (u' - \Gamma_{s-}) \mu(ds, du'), \end{cases}$$

•  $\pi$  Poisson random measure on  $\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{I}_m$ ,  $\mu$  Poisson random measure on  $\mathbb{R}_+ \times U$ .  $W$ ,  $\pi$ , and  $\mu$  are *independent*.

►  $(X^{x,i,u}, I^i, \Gamma^u)$  exogenous (uncontrolled) Markov process

## Change of equivalent probability measures

### Control of intensity measures :

- $\Xi$  (resp.  $\mathcal{V}$ ) class of *essentially bounded predictable* maps  
 $\xi: [0, \infty) \times \Omega \times \mathbb{I}_m \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  (resp.  $\nu: [0, \infty) \times \Omega \times U \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ )

$$\frac{d\mathbb{P}^{\xi, \nu}}{d\mathbb{P}} \Big|_{\mathcal{F}_T} = \mathcal{E}_T \left( \int_0^\cdot \int_{\mathbb{I}_m} (\xi_t(j) - 1) \tilde{\pi}(dt, dj) \right) \cdot \mathcal{E}_T \left( \int_0^\cdot \int_U (\nu_t(u') - 1) \tilde{\mu}(dt, du') \right)$$

### ► Under $\mathbb{P}^{\xi, \nu}$ :

- $W$  remains a Brownian motion.
- $\mathbb{P}$ -compensator  $\vartheta_\pi(di)dt$  of  $\pi \rightarrow \xi_t(i)\vartheta_\pi(di)dt$ .
- $\mathbb{P}$ -compensator  $\vartheta_\mu(du)dt$  of  $\mu \rightarrow \nu_t(u)\vartheta_\mu(du)dt$ .

→ Easy to derive moment and Lipschitz estimates on  $X^{x, i, u}$  under  $\mathbb{P}^{\xi, \nu}$  !

## Dual robust switching control

$$v^\beta(x, i, u) = \sup_{\xi \in \Xi} \inf_{\nu \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbb{E}^{\xi, \nu} \left[ \int_0^\infty e^{-\beta t} f(X_t^{x, i, u}, I_t^i, \Gamma_t^u) dt - \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{I}_m} e^{-\beta t} c(X_{t-}^{x, i, u}, I_{t-}^i, j) \pi(dt, dj) \right],$$

for all  $(x, i, u) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m \times U$ .

► The dual problem is a **symmetric game** : *control vs control*.

### Theorem

For any  $\beta > 0$  and  $(x, i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$ ,

$$v^\beta(x, i, u) = v^\beta(x, i, u'), \quad \forall u, u' \in U$$

and

$$V^\beta(x, i) = v^\beta(x, i, u), \quad \forall (x, i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m,$$

for any  $u \in U$ .

# BSDE Representation of the weak control problem

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_t^{\beta,n} &= Y_T^{\beta,n} - \beta \int_t^T Y_s^{\beta,n} ds + \int_t^T f(X_s^{x,i,u}, l_s^i, \Gamma_s^u) ds - \sum_{j=1}^m \int_t^T L_s^{\beta,n}(j) ds \\
 &+ n \sum_{j=1}^m \int_t^T [L_s^{\beta,n}(j) - c(X_s^{x,i,u}, l_{s-}^i, j)]^+ ds - (K_T^{\beta,n} - K_t^{\beta,n}) \\
 &- \int_t^T Z_s^{\beta,n} dW_s - \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{I}_m} L_s^{\beta,n}(j) \tilde{\pi}(ds, dj) - \int_t^T \int_U R_s^{\beta,n}(u') \tilde{\mu}(ds, du'),
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

for any  $0 \leq t \leq T$ ,  $T \in [0, \infty)$ , and

$$R_t^{\beta,n}(u') \geq 0, \quad d\mathbb{P} \otimes dt \otimes \vartheta_\mu(du')\text{-a.e.} \tag{2}$$

## Ergodicity under dissipativity condition

- **Dissipativity condition (DC)** : for all  $x, x' \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{I}_m$ ,  $u \in U$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & (x - x') \cdot (b(x, i, u) - b(x', i, u)) + \frac{1}{2} \|\sigma(x, i, u) - \sigma(x', i, u)\|^2 \\ & \leq -\gamma |x - x'|^2 \end{aligned}$$

for some constant  $\gamma > 0$ .

$\implies$

$$\sup_{\xi, \nu} \mathbb{E}^{\xi, \nu} [|X_t^{x, i, u} - X_t^{x', i, u}|^2] \leq e^{-2\gamma t} |x - x'|^2$$

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \sup_{\xi, \nu} \mathbb{E}^{\xi, \nu} |X_t^{x, i, u}| \leq C(1 + |x|).$$

# Main steps of proof for existence to ergodic system

- **Equicontinuity :**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |V^\beta(x, i) - V^\beta(x', i)| \\
 & \leq \sup_{\xi \in \Xi, \nu \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbb{E}^{\xi, \nu} \left[ \int_0^\infty e^{-\beta t} |f(X_t^{x, i, u}, l_t^i, \Gamma_t^u) - f(X_t^{x', i, u}, l_t^i, \Gamma_t^u)| dt \right] \\
 & \leq L|x - x'| \int_0^\infty e^{-(\beta + \gamma)t} dt = \frac{L}{\beta + \gamma} |x - x'| \leq \frac{L}{\gamma} |x - x'|.
 \end{aligned}$$

- **Convergence of  $V^\beta$ .** Define

$$\lambda_i^\beta := \beta V^\beta(0, i), \quad \phi^\beta(x, i) := V^\beta(x, i) - V^\beta(0, i_0),$$

By **Bolzano-Weierstrass** and **Ascoli-Arzelà** theorems, we can find a sequence  $(\beta_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ , with  $\beta_k \searrow 0^+$ , such that

$$\lambda_i^{\beta_k} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_i, \quad \phi^{\beta_k}(\cdot, i) \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{\text{in } C(\mathbb{R}^d)} \phi(\cdot, i).$$

►  $\lambda := \lambda_i$  does not depend on  $i \in \mathbb{I}_m$ .

Finally, **stability** results of viscosity solutions  $\implies (\lambda, \phi)$  is a viscosity solution to the ergodic system.

## A simple argument for large time convergence

Let  $(\lambda, \phi)$  be a solution to the ergodic HJBI :

►  $\phi$  is the unique viscosity solution to the **parabolic** HJBI equation with unknown  $\psi$  and terminal condition  $\phi$  :

$$\begin{cases} \min \left\{ -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}(t, x, i) - \inf_{u \in U} [\mathcal{L}^{i,u} \psi(t, x, i) + f(x, i, u) - \lambda], \right. \\ \left. \psi(t, x, i) - \max_{j \neq i} [\psi(t, x, j) - c(x, i, j)] \right\} = 0, & (t, x, i) \in [0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m, \\ \psi(T, x, i) = \phi(x, i), & (x, i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m. \end{cases}$$

► For any  $T > 0$ ,  $\phi(x, i)$  admits the dual game representation :

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x, i) = & \sup_{\xi \in \Xi} \inf_{\nu \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbb{E}^{\xi, \nu} \left[ \int_0^T (f(X_t^{x, i, u}, l_t^i, \Gamma_t^u) - \lambda) dt + \phi(X_T^{x, i, u}, l_T^i) \right. \\ & \left. - \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{I}_m} e^{-\beta t} c(X_{t-}^{x, i, u}, l_{t-}^i, j) \pi(dt, dj) \right] \end{aligned}$$



## Large time convergence (Ctd and end)

From the dual game representation for  $V(T, \cdot)$  :

$$\begin{aligned} & |V(T, x, i) - \lambda T - \phi(x, i)| \\ & \leq \sup_{\xi \in \Xi, \nu \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbb{E}^{\xi, \nu} \left[ |g(X_T^x, i, I_T^i)| + \max_j |\phi(X_T^x, j)| \right] \\ & \leq C(1 + |x|^2), \end{aligned}$$

from growth condition of  $g$ ,  $\phi$ , and estimate of  $X$  under dissipativity condition.

$\implies$

$$\frac{V(T, x, i)}{T} \rightarrow \lambda, \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Remark.** This probabilistic argument does not require any non degeneracy condition on  $\sigma$ , hence any regularity on value functions.

## Concluding remarks

- Robust (model uncertainty) feedback switching control :
  - Non symmetric zero-sum control/control game
  - $\neq$  Elliott-Kalton game formulation
- Stochastic Perron method
  - HJBI equation and DPP
- Ergodicity of HJBI
  - Randomization method  $\rightarrow$  dual symmetric (open loop) control/control game representation
  - No non-degeneracy condition

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