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We study the null controllability of the system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1 + a^2)\theta_t = \Delta\theta + a \frac{d}{dt} \max\{a \int_{\Omega} \theta(x, t) dx - g, 0\} + v(x, t), \\ \theta(x, 0) = \theta_0(x), \text{ in } \Omega \\ \theta(x, t) = 0, \text{ in } \Gamma_d \times (0, T) \\ \frac{\partial \theta(x, t)}{\partial \nu} = k(a \int_{\Omega} \theta(x, t) dx - g)\theta(x, t), \text{ in } \Gamma_c \times (0, T). \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

Here Ω is an open bounded domain in R^n with a piece-wise smooth boundary $\Gamma = \Gamma_d \cup \Gamma_c$, $k(s)$, $s \in R$, is a scalar nonnegative differentiable function, and $v(x, t)$ is regarded as a control.

Theorem. For any $\theta_0 \in H^1(\Omega)$, $\theta_0(x) = 0$ for $x \in \Gamma_d$, there is a control $v \in L^2(\Omega_T)$, $\Omega_T = \Omega \times (0, T)$, such that there exists a unique solution $\theta \in W^{2,1}(\Omega_T)$ to (1) and $\theta(\cdot, T) = 0$. Further, for any $\theta_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$ and any $\epsilon > 0$, there is a control $v \in L^2(\Omega_T)$, such that $\|\theta(\cdot, T)\| < \epsilon$. (Received August 22, 2005)