

Stability in the identification of a scalar potential by a partial elliptic DtN map

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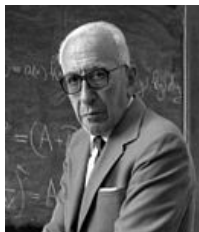
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By A. P. Calderón

In this note we shall discuss the following problem.

Let D be a bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, with Lipschitzian boundary ∂D , and γ be a real bounded measurable function in D with a positive lower bound. Consider the differential operator

$$L_\gamma(W) = \nabla \cdot (\gamma \nabla W)$$

acting on functions of $H^1(D)$ and the quadratic form $Q_\gamma(\phi)$, where the functions ϕ are restrictions to ∂D of functions in $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, defined by

$$Q_\gamma(\phi) = \int_D \gamma (\nabla W)^2 dx, \quad W \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^n), \quad W|_{\partial D} = \phi$$

$$L_\gamma W = \nabla \cdot (\gamma \nabla W) = 0 \quad \text{in } D.$$

The problem is then to decide whether γ is uniquely determined by Q_γ and to calculate γ in terms of Q_γ , if γ is indeed determined by Q_γ .

This problem originates in the following problem of electrical prospecting. If D represents an in-homogeneous conducting body with electrical conductivity γ , determine γ by means of direct current steady state electrical measurements carried out on the surface of D , that is, without penetrating D . In this physical situation $Q_\gamma(\phi)$ represents the power necessary to maintain an electrical potential γ on ∂D .

In principle Q_γ can be determined through measurements effected on ∂D and contains all the information about γ which can be thus obtained.

But let us return to our mathematical problem. Let us introduce the following norms in the space of functions γ

on ∂D and in the space of quadratic forms $Q(\phi)$

$$\|\phi\|^2 = \int_D |\nabla \phi|^2 dx, \quad \phi|_{\partial D} = \phi, \quad \Delta \phi = 0 \quad \text{in } D.$$

$$\|Q\| = \sup_{\|\phi\| \leq 1} |Q(\phi)|$$

Then the mapping

$$\phi \rightarrow \gamma = Q_\gamma$$

is bounded and analytic in the subset of $L^\infty(D)$ consisting of functions which are real and have a positive lower bound. Our goal is then to determine whether ϕ is injective, and invert ϕ if this is the case. This we are yet unable to do, and is, as far as we know, an open problem. However we shall show that $\phi|_{\gamma = \text{const}}$ is indeed injective, that is, the linearized problem has an affirmative answer. If $\phi|_{\gamma = \text{const}}$, which is a linear operator, had a closed range, one could conclude that ϕ itself is injective in a sufficiently small neighborhood of $\gamma = \text{const}$. But the range of $\phi|_{\gamma = \text{const}}$ is not closed and the desired conclusion cannot be obtained in this fashion. Nevertheless, as we shall see below, if γ is sufficiently close to a constant, it is nearly determined by Q_γ and in some cases it can be calculated with an error much smaller than $\|\gamma - \text{const}\|_{L^\infty}$.

To show this let us first obtain an expression for the solution of the equation

$$L_\gamma(W) = \nabla \cdot (\gamma \nabla W) = 0, \quad W|_{\partial D} = \phi, \quad \gamma = 1 + \delta$$

Let $W = u + v$, where $\Delta u = L_1 u = 0$, $u|_{\partial D} = \phi$. Then

$$L_\gamma(W) = L_{1+\delta}(u+v) = L_1 v + L_\delta v + L_0 u = 0$$

Since $u|_{\partial D} = \phi$ we have $v|_{\partial D} = 0$ and $v \in H_0^1(D)$, the closure in $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ of functions of C_0^∞ with support in D . Set L_δ as

an operator from $H_0^1(D)$ into $H^{-1}(D)$, has a bounded inverse G , and from the last expression we obtain

$$v + GL_2 v = -SL_2 u.$$

and

$$(1) \quad v = - \left[\int_0^\infty (-1)^j (GL_2)^j \right] (GL_2 u) \quad (2) \quad L_2^{-1} G$$

Since for $w \in H_0^1(D)$, $\|L_2 w\|_{H^{-1}(D)} \leq \|L_1\|_{L^\infty} \|w\|_{H_0^1(D)}$ if A denotes the norm of G , the series above will converge for $\|L_1\|_{L^\infty} A < 1$ and

$$(2) \quad \|v\|_{H^{-1}(D)} \leq \frac{A \|L_1\|_{L^\infty} \|\varphi\|_{H_0^1(D)}}{1 - A \|L_1\|_{L^\infty}}$$

From (1) it follows that δ is analytic at $\gamma = 1$. The same argument would show that δ is analytic at any other point γ .

Next let us calculate $\delta(\gamma)$. We have

$$(3) \quad \delta_{1+\delta}(\varphi) = \int_D (1-\delta) |\nabla w|^2 dx = \int_D [(1-\delta) |\nabla u|^2 + 2(\nabla u, \nabla v) + 2\delta(\nabla u, \nabla v) + (1+\delta) |\nabla v|^2] dx$$

The contribution of the second term in the integrand of the last integral vanishes on account of the fact that $\Delta u = 0$. Furthermore, from (1) one sees readily that the parts linear in δ of the last two terms in the integrand vanish. Thus setting $d\gamma = \delta$ we obtain

$$\frac{d\delta(\varphi)}{d\gamma} \Big|_{\gamma=1} = \int_D \delta |\nabla v|^2 dx, \quad \Delta u = 0, \quad u|_{\partial D} = \varphi$$

To show that $d\delta|_{\gamma=1}$ is injective, we merely have to show that if the last integral vanishes for all u with $\Delta u = 0$ then $\delta = 0$. But if the integral vanishes for all such u , then we also have,

$$(4) \quad \int_D \delta (\nabla u_1, \nabla u_2) dx = 0$$

whenever $\Delta u_1 = \Delta u_2 = 0$ in D . Now let Z be any vector in \mathbb{R}^n and \underline{a} another vector such that $|\underline{a}| = |Z|$, $(\underline{a}, Z) = 0$. Then the functions

$$(5) \quad u_1(x) = e^{iZ \cdot x} + e^{i\underline{a} \cdot x}, \quad u_2 = e^{iZ \cdot x} - e^{i\underline{a} \cdot x}$$

are harmonic, and substituting in (3) we obtain

$$2|\underline{a}|^2 \int_D \delta(x) e^{2iZ \cdot x} dx = 0, \quad \forall Z \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

whence it follows that $\delta = 0$.

Now let us return to $Q_\gamma(W)$. We set again $\gamma = 1 + \delta$ and introduce the bilinear form

$$B(\phi_1, \phi_2) = \frac{1}{2} [Q_\gamma(W_1 + W_2) - Q_\gamma(W_1) - Q_\gamma(W_2)]$$

and setting $W_j = u_j + v_j$, $j = 1, 2$, $\Delta u_j = 0$, $u_j|_{\partial D} = \phi_j$ we obtain

$$B(\phi_1, \phi_2) = \int_D (1+\delta) (\nabla u_1, \nabla u_2) dx + \delta [(\nabla u_1, \nabla v_2) + (\nabla v_1, \nabla u_2)] + (1+\delta) (\nabla v_1, \nabla v_2) dx.$$

Now, substitution of the exponentials in (5) for u_j and v_j in the preceding expression (taking δ to be a function of Z such that $|\underline{a}| = |Z|$, $(\underline{a}, Z) = 0$) yields

$$(6) \quad \hat{\gamma}(Z) = \hat{F}(Z) + R(Z)$$

where $\hat{\gamma}(Z)$ is the Fourier transform of γ extended to be zero outside D , the function

$$\hat{F}(Z) = \frac{1}{2r^2 |Z|^2} B[e^{iZ \cdot x} + e^{i\underline{a} \cdot x}, e^{iZ \cdot x} - e^{i\underline{a} \cdot x}]$$

is known and, as follows readily from (2),

$$(7) \quad |R(Z)| \leq C \|\delta\|_{L^\infty}^2 e^{2\alpha r |Z|}$$

provided that $A \|\delta\|_{L^\infty} \leq 1 - \epsilon$, where C depends only on D and ϵ , and r is the radius of the smallest sphere containing D . Now $R(Z)$ is too large to permit estimating $\gamma(\frac{Z}{\sigma})$. However, under favorable circumstances it is still possible to obtain satisfactory information about γ . Choose α , $1 < \alpha < 2$, then for

$$(8) \quad |Z| \leq \frac{2-\alpha}{\alpha r} \log \frac{1}{\|\delta\|_{L^\infty}} = \sigma$$

we have $|R(Z)| \leq C \|\delta\|_{L^\infty}^\alpha$. Let η be a function such that $\hat{\eta} \in C^\infty$, $\text{supp } \hat{\eta} \subset \{|Z| \leq 1\}$, $\hat{\eta}(0) = 1$, and let $\eta_\sigma(Z) = \sigma^{-n} \hat{\eta}(\frac{Z}{\sigma})$. Then we have

$$\hat{\gamma}(Z) \hat{\eta}(\frac{Z}{\sigma}) = \hat{P}(Z) \hat{\eta}(\frac{Z}{\sigma}) + R(Z) \hat{\eta}(\frac{Z}{\sigma})$$

and

$$(9) \quad (\gamma * \eta_\sigma)(x) = (P * \eta_\sigma)(x) + \rho(x)$$

where $*$ denotes convolution and

$$\begin{aligned} |\rho(Z)| &\leq C \|\delta\|_{L^\infty}^n \int |\hat{\eta}(\frac{Z}{\sigma})| dz \\ &= C_1 \|\delta\|_{L^\infty}^n \left[\log \frac{1}{\|\delta\|_{L^\infty}} \right]^n \end{aligned}$$

where C_1 depends only on D , α and ϵ .

Thus if $\|\delta\|_{L^\infty}$ is sufficiently small, (9) gives an approximation for $\gamma * \eta_\sigma$ with an error which is much smaller than $\|\delta\|_{L^\infty}^n$. Clearly, if $\|\delta\|_{L^\infty}$ is small then σ is large and $\gamma * \eta_\sigma$

is itself, in some sense, a good approximation to γ .

Approximations to the function γ itself be obtained if one assumes that γ , extended to be equal to 1 outside D , is in C^n , $n > n$. In this case one obtains

$$\hat{\delta}(Z) = \hat{P}_1(Z) + R(Z)$$

where P_1 is known and $R(Z)$ is the same as in (6). One then calculates $\delta(x)$ by integrating over $|Z| \leq \sigma$ with σ as in (8) and estimates the error by using the decay of $\hat{\delta}$ at σ . Thus one obtains

$$\gamma(x) = P_2(x) + \rho(x)$$

where $P_2(x)$ is known and

$$|\rho(x)| \leq C \|\delta\|_{L^\infty}^n \left[\log \frac{1}{\|\delta\|_{L^\infty}} \right]^n + CM \left[\log \frac{1}{\|\delta\|_{L^\infty}} \right]^{n+1}$$

where M is a bound for the derivatives of order n of γ .

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$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ (smooth) bdd domain with boundary Γ .

Relationship between the BVP for the conductivity problem and the BVP for a Schrödinger operator :

$$\operatorname{div}(\gamma \nabla u) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \quad u = \varphi \text{ on } \Gamma.$$

$$\Downarrow \quad v = \sqrt{\gamma} u \text{ (Liouville transform)}$$

$$(-\Delta + q_\gamma)v = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \quad u = \sqrt{\gamma}\varphi \text{ on } \Gamma.$$

Here

$$q_\gamma = \frac{\Delta \sqrt{\gamma}}{\sqrt{\gamma}}.$$

Let $q \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ and $\xi \in \mathbb{C}^n$ so that $\xi \cdot \xi = 0$. In that case

$$\Delta e^{-i\xi \cdot x} = 0.$$

Complex Geometric Optic (CGO) solutions : we seek a solution of

$$(-\Delta + q)u = 0 \text{ in } \Omega$$

of the form

$$u = e^{-i\xi \cdot x}(1 + w_\xi)$$

with

$$\|w\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = O\left(\frac{1}{|\Im \xi|}\right).$$

For $q \in L^\infty$, let $A_q = -\Delta + q$ with domain

$$D(A_q) = H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega).$$

If $0 \notin \sigma(A_q)$, associate to q the Dirichlet-to-Neumann (DtN) map

$$\Lambda_q : \varphi \in H^{3/2}(\Gamma) \rightarrow \partial_\nu u \in H^{1/2}(\Gamma),$$

where $u = u_{q,\varphi} \in H^2(\Omega)$ is the unique variational solution of the BVP

$$(-\Delta + q)u = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \quad u = \varphi \text{ on } \Gamma.$$

Useful identity

$$\int_{\Omega} (q_1 - q_2) u_1 u_2 dx = \int_{\Gamma} (\Lambda_{q_1} - \Lambda_{q_2})(u_1|_{\Gamma}) u_2 d\sigma,$$

for any solutions $u_j \in H^2(\Omega)$ of $(-\Delta + q_j)u_j = 0$ in Ω , $j = 1, 2$.

Uniqueness : $\Lambda_{q_1} = \Lambda_{q_2} \Rightarrow$

$$\int_{\Omega} (q_1 - q_2) u_1 u_2 dx = 0, \quad u_j \in H^2(\Omega) \text{ and } (-\Delta + q_j)u_j = 0 \text{ in } \Omega. \quad (1)$$

Assume that $n \geq 3$ and fix $k \in \mathbb{R}$. For any $R > 0$, there exist $\xi_1, \xi_2 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ so that

$$\xi_1 + \xi_2 = k, \quad \xi_j \cdot \xi_j = 0, \quad |\Im \xi_j| \geq R, \quad j = 1, 2.$$

For R sufficiently large, we can choose u_j in (1) of the form

$$u_j = e^{-i\xi_j \cdot x} (1 + w_j) \quad \text{with} \quad \|w_j\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = O\left(\frac{1}{R}\right). \quad (2)$$

We get

$$\int_{\Omega} (q_1 - q_2) e^{-ik \cdot x} dx = O\left(\frac{1}{R}\right).$$

Making $R \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain

$$\mathcal{F}((q_1 - q_2)\chi_{\Omega})(k) = \int_{\Omega} (q_1 - q_2) e^{-ik \cdot x} dx = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad q_1 = q_2.$$

Set $q = (q_1 - q_2)\chi_\Omega$.

Stability : Again, u_j , $j = 1, 2$, given by (2) in (1) yield

$$|\widehat{q}(k)| \leq C \left(\frac{1}{r} + \|\Lambda_{q_1} - \Lambda_{q_2}\| e^{Cr} \right), \quad |k| \leq r. \quad (3)$$

We control the high frequencies by assuming an additional estimate of the form

$$\|q\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq M, \quad \text{for some } s > 0 :$$

$$\int_{|k| \geq R} |\widehat{q}(k)|^2 dk \leq \frac{1}{r^{2s}} \int_{|k| \geq R} \langle k \rangle^{2s} |\widehat{q}(k)|^2 dk \leq \frac{M^2}{r^{2s}}. \quad (4)$$

For instance, if $s = 1$, one gets from (3) and (4)

$$\|q_1 - q_2\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C \left(\|\ln \|\Lambda_{q_1} - \Lambda_{q_2}\|\|^{-\frac{2}{n+2}} + \|\Lambda_{q_1} - \Lambda_{q_2}\| \right).$$

Back to the inverse conductivity problem : Let $\gamma \in W^{2,\infty}(\Omega)$ satisfying $\gamma \geq \gamma_0$, for some constant $\gamma_0 > 0$. We associate to γ the DtN map

$$\Lambda_\gamma : \varphi \in H^{3/2}(\Gamma) \rightarrow \gamma \partial_\nu u \in H^{1/2}(\Gamma),$$

where $u = u_{\gamma,\varphi} \in H^2(\Omega)$ is the unique solution of the BVP

$$\operatorname{div}(\gamma \nabla u) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega \text{ and } u = \varphi \text{ on } \Gamma.$$

The map Λ_γ is connected to Λ_{q_γ} , where $q_\gamma = \gamma^{-1/2} \Delta \gamma^{1/2}$, by the formula

$$\Lambda_\gamma = \frac{1}{2} \gamma^{-1} \partial_\nu \gamma I + \gamma^{-1/2} \Lambda_{q_\gamma} \gamma^{-1/2}.$$

We firstly need to determine γ and $\nabla \gamma$ on Γ . To do that we employ singular solutions having singularities localized near the boundary. The scheme of the proof is

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_{\gamma_1} = \Lambda_{\gamma_2} &\Rightarrow \gamma_1 = \gamma_2, \quad \nabla \gamma_1 = \nabla \gamma_2 \text{ on } \Gamma \\ &\Rightarrow \Lambda_{q_{\gamma_1}} = \Lambda_{q_{\gamma_2}} \Rightarrow q_{\gamma_1} = q_{\gamma_2} \Rightarrow \gamma_1 = \gamma_2. \end{aligned}$$

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Recall that, for $q \in L^\infty(\Omega)$,

$$A_q = -\Delta + q \text{ with } D(A_q) = H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega).$$

Let

$$\mathcal{Q} = \{q \in L^\infty(\Omega; \mathbb{R}); 0 \notin \sigma(A_q)\}.$$

For any $q \in \mathcal{Q}$ and $\varphi \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma)$, the BVP

$$(-\Delta + q)u = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \quad u = \varphi \text{ on } \Gamma$$

admits a unique (transposition) solution $u_{q,\varphi} \in H_\Delta(\Omega)$, where

$$H_\Delta(\Omega) = \{u \in L^2(\Omega); \Delta u \in L^2(\Omega)\}.$$

Lemma 1 (trace theorem)

For $j = 0, 1$, the trace map

$$t_j u = \partial_\nu^j u|_\Gamma, \quad u \in \mathcal{D}(\bar{\Omega}),$$

extends to a continuous operator, still denoted by t_j , from $H_\Delta(\Omega)$ into $H^{-j-1/2}(\Gamma)$. Namely, there exists $c_j > 0$, such that the estimate

$$\|t_j u\|_{H^{-j-1/2}(\Gamma)} \leq c_j \|u\|_{H_\Delta(\Omega)},$$

holds for every $u \in H_\Delta(\Omega)$.

Additionally we get with the help of Lemma 1 that the mapping

$$\Lambda_q : \varphi \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma) \rightarrow \partial_\nu u_{q,\varphi} \in H^{-3/2}(\Gamma)$$

defines a bounded operator.

Remark : By employing the method of [Lee-Uhlmann](#), one can check that Λ_q is Ψ DO of order 1 ; while $\Lambda_{q_1,q_2} = \Lambda_{q_1} - \Lambda_{q_2}$ is a Ψ DO of order -1 :

$$\Lambda_{q_1,q_2} \in \mathcal{B}(H^{-1/2}(\Gamma), H^{1/2}(\Gamma)).$$

Set, for $\xi \in \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$,

$$\Gamma_{\pm, \xi} = \{x \in \Gamma; \pm \xi \cdot \nu(x) > 0\}.$$

Let F (resp. G) an open neighborhood of $\Gamma_{+, \xi}$ (resp. $\Gamma_{-, \xi}$) in Γ . Define

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_{q_1, q_2} : \varphi \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma) \cap \mathcal{E}'(F) \rightarrow \Lambda_{q_1, q_2}(\varphi)|_G.$$

This operator is bounded from $H^{-1/2}(\Gamma) \cap \mathcal{E}'(F)$, endowed with the norm of $H^{-1/2}(\Gamma)$, into $H^{1/2}(G)$.

The norm of $\tilde{\Lambda}_{q_1, q_2}$ in $\mathcal{B}(H^{-1/2}(\Gamma) \cap \mathcal{E}'(F), H^{1/2}(G))$ is denoted by $\|\tilde{\Lambda}_{q_1, q_2}\|$.

Theorem 1 (Choulli-Kian-Soccorsi '15)

For any $\delta > 0$ and $t > 0$, there exists a constant $C > 0$, depending only on δ and t , so that

$$\|q_1 - q_2\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C \left(\|\tilde{\Lambda}_{q_1, q_2}\| + \left| \ln \left| \ln \|\tilde{\Lambda}_{q_1, q_2}\| \right| \right|^{-t} \right),$$

for any $q_1, q_2 \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \delta B_{L^\infty(\Omega)}$ satisfying $(q_2 - q_1)\chi_\Omega \in \delta B_{H^t(\mathbb{R}^n)}$, and

$$\|q_1 - q_2\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)} \leq C \left(\|\tilde{\Lambda}_{q_1, q_2}\| + \left| \ln \left| \ln \|\tilde{\Lambda}_{q_1, q_2}\| \right| \right|^{-1} \right),$$

for any $q_1, q_2 \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \delta B_{L^2(\Omega)}$.

Here and henceforth B_X is the unit ball of the Banach space X .

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Proposition 1

For $\delta > 0$ fixed, let $q \in \delta B_{L^\infty}(\Omega)$. Let $\zeta, \eta \in \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ satisfy $\zeta \cdot \eta = 0$ and fix $\epsilon > 0$ so small that $\Gamma_-^\epsilon = \Gamma_-^\epsilon(\zeta) = \{x \in \Gamma; \zeta \cdot \nu(x) < -\epsilon\} \neq \emptyset$. There exists $\tau_0 = \tau_0(\delta) > 0$, so that the BVP

$$\begin{cases} (-\Delta + q)u = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_-^\epsilon. \end{cases}$$

has a solution of the form $u = e^{\tau(\zeta + i\eta) \cdot x} (1 + \psi) \in H_\Delta(\Omega)$ with ψ obeying

$$\|\psi\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C\tau^{-1/2},$$

for some constant $C > 0$ depending only on δ , Ω and ϵ .

The key point in the proof of this lemma is a [Carleman](#) inequality by [Bukhgeim-Uhlmann](#) : there exist $\tau_0 = \tau_0(\delta) > 0$ and $C = C(\delta) > 0$ so that

$$\begin{aligned} C\tau^2 \int_{\Omega} e^{-2\tau x \cdot \zeta} |v|^2 dx + \tau \int_{\Gamma_+} |\zeta \cdot \nu(x)| e^{-2\tau x \cdot \zeta} |\partial_\nu v|^2 d\sigma \\ \leq \int_{\Omega} e^{-2\tau x \cdot \zeta} |(\Delta - q)v|^2 dx + \tau \int_{\Gamma_-} |\zeta \cdot \nu(x)| e^{-2\tau x \cdot \zeta} |\partial_\nu v|^2 d\sigma \end{aligned}$$

holds for all $\tau \geq \tau_0$ and $v \in H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega)$.

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Denote by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ the duality pairing between $H^{1/2}(\Gamma)$ and $H^{-1/2}(\Gamma)$.

Let u_j be a CGO solution given by Proposition 1 and corresponding to $q_j \in \delta B_{L^\infty}(\Omega)$, $j = 1, 2$.

Generalized Green's formula yields

$$\int_{\Omega} (q_2 - q_1) u_1 u_2 dx = \langle t_1 \overline{\Lambda_{q_1, q_2}(t_0 u_2)}, t_0 u_1 \rangle.$$

The estimate in Proposition 1 implies : there exist a subset E of \mathbb{S}^{n-1} with $|E| > 0$ so that

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} (q_2 - q_1) e^{-i\kappa \cdot x} dx \right| \leq C \left(e^{2d\tau} \|\tilde{\Lambda}_{q_1, q_2}\| + \tau^{-1/2} \right), \quad (5)$$

holds uniformly in $\kappa \in rE$ and $r \in (0, 2\tau)$.

Theorem 2 (Apraiz-Escauriaza-Wang-Zhang)

Assume that $F : 2\mathbb{B}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is real-analytic and satisfies

$$|\partial^\alpha F(\kappa)| \leq K \frac{|\alpha|!}{\rho^{|\alpha|}}, \quad \kappa \in 2\mathbb{B}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n,$$

for some $(K, \rho) \in \mathbb{R}_+^* \times (0, 1]$. Then for any measurable set $E \subset \mathbb{B}$ with $|E| > 0$, there exist two constants $M = M(\rho, |E|) > 0$ and $\theta = \theta(\rho, |E|) \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\|F\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{B})} \leq MK^{1-\theta} \left(\frac{1}{|E|} \int_E |F(\kappa)| d\kappa \right)^\theta.$$

(5) + Theorem 2 \Rightarrow

$$|\widehat{q}(r\kappa)| \leq C e^{(1-\theta)r} \left(e^{d\tau} \|\widetilde{\Lambda}_{q_1, q_2}\| + \tau^{-1/2} \right)^\theta, \quad \kappa \in \mathbb{B},$$

Combine this with an estimate for high frequencies in order to derive

$$\|q\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq C r^n e^{2(1-\theta)r} \left(e^{d\tau} \|\widetilde{\Lambda}_{q_1, q_2}\| + \tau^{-1/2} \right)^{2\theta} + \frac{M^2}{r^{2t}},$$

$r \in (0, 2\tau)$, $\tau \in [\tau_0, +\infty)$. Whence

$$\|q\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq C' e^{(n+2)r} \left| \ln \|\widetilde{\Lambda}_{q_1, q_2}\| \right|^{-\theta} + \frac{M^2}{r^{2t}}, \quad r \in (0, 2\tau_*).$$

The proof is completed by a minimizing with respect to r .

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If $\sigma \in W_+^{1,\infty}(\Omega) = \{c \in W^{1,\infty}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}); c(x) \geq c_0 \text{ for some } c_0 > 0\}$,
introduce the Hilbert space

$$H_{\text{div}(\sigma \nabla)}(\Omega) = \{u \in L^2(\Omega), \text{div}(\sigma \nabla u) \in L^2(\Omega)\}$$

endowed with the norm

$$\|u\|_{H_{\text{div}(\sigma \nabla)}(\Omega)} = \left(\|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|\text{div}(\sigma \nabla u)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

By a slight modification of the proof of Lemma 1 the trace map

$$t_j^\sigma u = \sigma^j \partial_\nu^j u|_\Gamma, \quad u \in \mathcal{D}(\bar{\Omega}), \quad j = 0, 1,$$

is extended to a linear continuous operator, still denoted by t_j^σ , from
 $H_{\text{div}(\sigma \nabla)}(\Omega)$ into $H^{-j-1/2}(\Gamma)$.

For $g \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma)$, the mapping

$$\Lambda_\sigma : g \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma) \mapsto t_1^\sigma u_{\sigma,g} \in H^{-3/2}(\Gamma)$$

defines a bounded operator, where $u_{\sigma,g} \in H_{\text{div}(\sigma\nabla)}(\Omega)$ is the unique (transposition) solution of the BVP

$$\text{div}(\sigma\nabla u) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \quad u = g \text{ on } \Gamma,$$

Recall that

$$\Lambda_{q_\sigma} = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^{-1}(\partial_\nu\sigma)I + \sigma^{-1/2}\Lambda_\sigma\sigma^{-1/2}, \quad (6)$$

with $q_\sigma = \sigma^{-1/2}\Delta\sigma^{1/2}$.

Let

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2} : g \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma) \cap \mathcal{E}'(F) \mapsto (\Lambda_{\sigma_1} - \Lambda_{\sigma_2})(g)|_G \in H^{1/2}(G).$$

Then, with reference to (6),

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_{q_1, q_2} g = \sigma_1^{-1/2} \tilde{\Lambda}_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2} (\sigma_1^{-1/2} g),$$

for every $g \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma) \cap \mathcal{E}'(F)$, provided

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \text{ on } \Gamma \text{ and } \partial_\nu \sigma_1 = \partial_\nu \sigma_2 \text{ on } F \cap G.$$

Therefore

$$\|\tilde{\Lambda}_{q_1, q_2}\| \leq C \|\tilde{\Lambda}_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2}\|, \quad (7)$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ still denotes the norm of $\mathcal{B}(H^{-1/2}(\Gamma) \cap \mathcal{E}'(F), H^{1/2}(G))$.

Taking into account that $\phi = \sigma_1^{1/2} - \sigma_2^{1/2}$ is solution The BVP

$$\begin{cases} (-\Delta + q_1)\phi = \sigma_2^{1/2}(q_2 - q_1) & \text{in } \Omega \\ \phi = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma, \end{cases}$$

we prove

$$\|\sigma_1^{1/2} - \sigma_2^{1/2}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C \|q_2 - q_1\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}$$

and then

$$\|\sigma_1 - \sigma_2\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C \|q_2 - q_1\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}. \quad (8)$$

(7) + (8) + Theorem 1 \Rightarrow

Corollary 3 (Choulli-Kian-Soccorsi '15)

Let $\delta > 0$ and $\sigma_0 > 0$. Then for any $\sigma_j \in \delta B_{W^{2,\infty}(\Omega)}$, $j = 1, 2$, obeying $\sigma_j \geq \sigma_0$ and

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \text{ on } \Gamma \text{ and } \partial_\nu \sigma_1 = \partial_\nu \sigma_2 \text{ on } F \cap G,$$

we may find a constant $C > 0$, independent of σ_1 and σ_2 , so that

$$\|\sigma_1 - \sigma_2\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C \left(\|\tilde{\Lambda}_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2}\| + \left| \ln \left| \ln \|\tilde{\Lambda}_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2}\| \right| \right|^{-1} \right).$$

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Let Ω be a C^2 -bdd domain of \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, with boundary Γ and, for $T > 0$, set

$$Q = \Omega \times (0, T), \quad \Omega_+ = \Omega \times \{0\}, \quad \Sigma = \Gamma \times (0, T).$$

Consider the IBVP

$$\begin{cases} (\partial_t - \Delta + q(x, t))u = 0 & \text{in } Q, \\ u|_{\Omega_+} = 0, \\ u|_{\Sigma} = g. \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

Following [Lions and Magenes](#), $H^{-r, -s}(\Sigma)$, $r, s > 0$, denotes the dual space of

$$H_0^{r, s}(\Sigma) = L^2(0, T; H^r(\Gamma)) \cap H_0^s(0, T; L^2(\Gamma)).$$

For $q \in L^\infty(Q)$ and $g \in H^{-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{4}}(\Sigma)$, the IBVP (9) admits a unique (transposition) solution $u_{q,g} \in L^2(Q)$. Additionally the following parabolic DtN map

$$\Lambda_q : H^{-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{4}}(\Sigma) \rightarrow H^{-\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{4}}(\Sigma)$$

$$g \mapsto \partial_\nu u_{q,g}$$

is bounded.

Recall that, for $\omega \in \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$,

$$\Gamma_{\pm, \omega} = \{x \in \Gamma; \pm \nu(x) \cdot \omega > 0\}$$

and set

$$\Sigma_{\pm, \omega} = \Gamma_{\pm, \omega} \times (0, T).$$

Fix $\omega_0 \in \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$, \mathcal{U}_\pm a neighborhood of Γ_{\pm, ω_0} in Γ and set

$$\mathcal{V}_+ = \mathcal{U}_+ \times [0, T], \quad \mathcal{V}_- = \mathcal{U}_- \times (0, T).$$

Define then the partial parabolic DtN operator

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\Lambda}_q : H^{-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{4}}(\Sigma) \cap \mathcal{E}'(\mathcal{V}_+) &\rightarrow H^{-\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{4}}(\mathcal{V}_-) \\ g &\mapsto \partial_\nu u_{q,g}|_{\mathcal{V}_-}. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that as in the elliptic case $\widehat{\Lambda}_q - \widehat{\Lambda}_{\widetilde{q}}$ is a smoothing operator :
 $\widehat{\Lambda}_q - \widehat{\Lambda}_{\widetilde{q}} \in \mathcal{B}(H^{-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{4}}(\Sigma), H^{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}}(\Sigma)).$

For $\frac{1}{2(n+3)} < s < \frac{1}{2(n+1)}$, set

$$\Psi_s(\rho) = \rho + |\ln \rho|^{-\frac{1-2s(n+1)}{8}}, \quad \rho > 0, \quad (10)$$

extended by continuity at $\rho = 0$ by setting $\Psi_s(0) = 0$.

Theorem 4 (Choulli-Kian '16)

Fix $\delta > 0$ and $\frac{1}{2(n+3)} < s < \frac{1}{2(n+1)}$. There exists a constant $C > 0$, that can depend only on δ , Q and s , so that, for any $q_1, q_2 \in \delta B_{L^\infty(Q)}$,

$$\|q_1 - q_2\|_{H^{-1}(Q)} \leq C \Psi_s(\|\Lambda_{q_1} - \Lambda_{q_2}\|). \quad (11)$$

Here $\|\Lambda_{q_1} - \Lambda_{q_2}\|$ stands for the norm of $\Lambda_{q_1} - \Lambda_{q_2}$ in $\mathcal{B}(H^{-\frac{1}{2}}, -\frac{1}{4}(\Sigma); H^{\frac{1}{2}}, \frac{1}{4}(\Sigma))$.

Set

$$\Phi_s(\rho) = \rho + |\ln |\ln \rho||^{-s}, \quad \rho > 0, \quad s > 0, \quad (12)$$

extended by continuity at $\rho = 0$ by setting $\Phi_s(0) = 0$.

Theorem 5 (Choulli-Kian '16)

Let $\delta > 0$, there exist two constants $C > 0$ and $s \in (0, 1/2)$, that can depend only on δ , Q and \mathcal{V}_\pm , so that, for any $q_1, q_2 \in \delta B_{L^\infty}(Q)$,

$$\|q_1 - q_2\|_{H^{-1}(Q)} \leq C \Phi_s \left(\|\widehat{\Lambda}_{q_1} - \widehat{\Lambda}_{q_2}\| \right). \quad (13)$$

Here $\|\widehat{\Lambda}_q - \widehat{\Lambda}_{\tilde{q}}\|$ denotes the norm of $\widehat{\Lambda}_q - \widehat{\Lambda}_{\tilde{q}}$ in $\mathcal{B}(H^{-\frac{1}{2}}, -\frac{1}{4}(\Sigma); H^{\frac{1}{2}}, \frac{1}{4}(\mathcal{V}_-))$.

Thank you for your attention