

# The inverse conductivity problem with power densities in dimension $n \geq 2$

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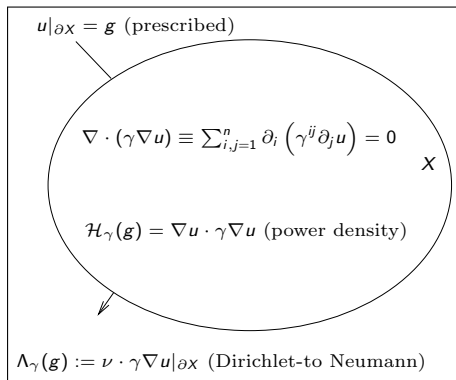
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- 2 Local reconstructions
  - Scalar factor
  - Anisotropic structure
- 3 Admissible sets and global reconstruction schemes

# The inverse conductivity (diffusion) problem

The model:  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  bounded domain,  $n \geq 2$ .



$\gamma$  is *uniformly elliptic*.

## • Calderón's problem:

Does  $\Lambda_\gamma$  determine  $\gamma$  uniquely ? stably ?

[Calderón '80]

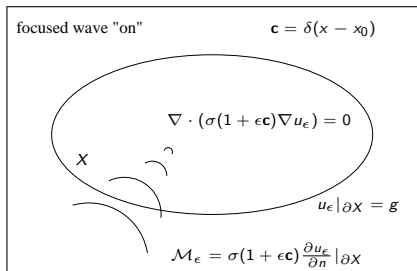
## • Power density problem:

Does  $\mathcal{H}_\gamma$  determine  $\gamma$  uniquely ? stably ?

Application: EIT or OT coupled with acoustic waves.

# Derivation of power densities - 1/2

By ultrasound modulation



**Physical focusing**

[Ammari et al. '08]

**Synthetic focusing**

[Kuchment-Kunyansky '10]

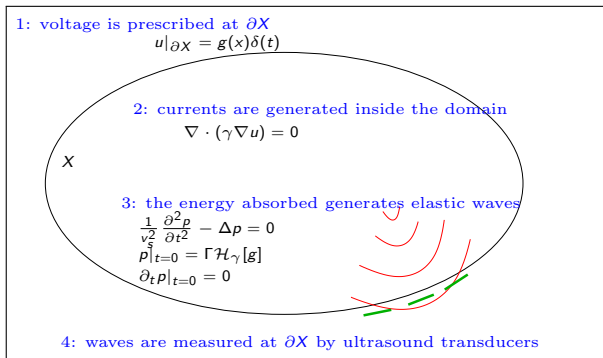
[Bal-Bonnetier-M.-Triki '11]

Small perturbation model:

$\frac{(\mathcal{M}_\epsilon - \mathcal{M}_0)}{\epsilon}$  gives an approximation of  $\nabla u_0 \cdot \gamma \nabla u_0$  at  $x_0$ .

# Derivation of power densities - 2/2

By thermoelastic effects (Impedance-Acoustic CT)



One reconstructs  $\Gamma \mathcal{H}_\gamma = \Gamma \nabla u \cdot \gamma \nabla u$  over  $X$  ( $\Gamma$ : Grüneisen coefficient)

## Power density measurements - References

### Resolution of the power density problem:

- 2D isotropic [Capdeboscq et al. '09].
- 2D-3D isotropic linearized [Kuchment-Kunyansky '11].
- 2D-3D isotropic [Bal-Bonnetier-M.-Triki, IPI '12].
- $n$ -D isotropic and measurements of the form  
 $H_{ij} = \sigma^{2\alpha} \nabla u_i \cdot \nabla u_j$  [M.-Bal, IPI '12].
- 2D anisotropic: reconstruction formulas, stability and numerical implementation [M.-Bal, IP '12].
- Pseudodifferential calculus on the linearized isotropic case [Kuchment-Steinhauer, '12].
- $n$ -D anisotropic [M., Ph.D. thesis '12]

## Power density measurements - References

**The zero-Laplacian problem:** Reconstruct a scalar conductivity  $\gamma$  from knowledge of **one** power density  $H = \gamma|\nabla u|^2$ . This yields the non-linear PDE

$$\nabla \cdot (H|\nabla u|^{-2}\nabla u) = 0 \quad (X), \quad u|_{\partial X} = g.$$

Hyperbolic equation nicknamed the **zero-Laplacian**.

### References:

- Newton-based numerical methods to recover  $(u, \gamma)$   
[Ammari et al. '08, Gebauer-Scherzer '09].
- Theoretical work on the Cauchy problem [Bal '11].

# Resolution - Overview

Problem: Reconstruct  $\gamma$  from  $H_{ij} = \nabla u_i \cdot \gamma \nabla u_j$  with

$$\nabla \cdot \gamma \nabla u_i = 0 \quad (X), \quad u_i|_{\partial X} = g_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

Decompose  $\gamma = (\det \gamma)^{\frac{1}{n}} \tilde{\gamma}$  with  $\det \tilde{\gamma} = 1$ .

We accept *redundancies* of data (no limitation on  $m$  a priori).

## Outline:

- Local reconstruction algorithms (and their conditions of validity)
  - of  $\det \gamma$  from known anisotropic structure  $\tilde{\gamma}$
  - of the anisotropic structure  $\tilde{\gamma}$
- Global questions:
  - study of **admissible boundary conditions**
  - study of **reconstructible tensors**



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# The frame approach, local reconstruction of $\det \gamma$

Differential geometric setup: Euclidean metric and connection  $\bar{\nabla}$ .

Frame condition: Let  $n$  conductivity solutions such that

$(\nabla u_1, \dots, \nabla u_n)$  is a **frame** over some  $\Omega \subset X$ .

Def:  $A := \gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} = (\det A)^{\frac{1}{n}} \tilde{A}$  with  $\det \tilde{A} = 1$ . Set  $S_i := A \nabla u_i$ .

Data is  $H_{ij} = \nabla u_i \cdot \gamma \nabla u_j = S_i \cdot S_j$  and  $S_i$  solves:

$$\nabla \cdot (\tilde{A} S_i) = -F \cdot \tilde{A} S_i, \quad d(\tilde{A}^{-1} S_i)^\flat = F^\flat \wedge (\tilde{A}^{-1} S_i)^\flat, \quad F := \nabla \log(\det A)^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

We first derive  $F = \frac{1}{n|H|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \nabla(|H|^{\frac{1}{2}} H^{ij}) \cdot \tilde{A} S_i \right) \tilde{A}^{-1} S_j$  by studying the behavior of the dual frame to  $(\tilde{A}^{-1} S_1, \dots, \tilde{A}^{-1} S_n)$ .

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Legend: **known data**, **unknown**, **anisotropic structure (known here)**.

## Local reconstruction of $\det \gamma$

A **first-order quasi-linear system** is then derived for the frame  $S$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\nabla} S_i &= H^{kq} H^{jp} (\bar{\nabla}_{\tilde{A} S_q} S_i \cdot S_p) S_j \otimes (\tilde{A}^{-1} S_k)^b, \quad \text{where} \\ 2\bar{\nabla}_{\tilde{A} S_q} S_i \cdot S_p &= \tilde{A} S_q \cdot \nabla H_{ip} + \tilde{A} S_p \cdot \nabla H_{iq} - \tilde{A} S_i \cdot \nabla H_{pq} + 2H_{pq} F \cdot \tilde{A} S_i - 2H_{qi} F \cdot \tilde{A} S_p \\ &\quad - \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{A}}(S_q, S_p) \cdot S_i - \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{A}}(S_i, S_p) \cdot S_q + \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{A}}(S_q, S_i) \cdot S_p.\end{aligned}$$

In short,

$$\bar{\nabla} S_i = \mathcal{S}_i(S, \tilde{A}, d\tilde{A}, H, dH), \quad 1 \leq i \leq n,$$

where  $\mathcal{S}_i$  is **Lipschitz** w.r.t.  $(S_1, \dots, S_n)$ . Then,

$$\nabla \log \det \gamma = \mathcal{F}(S, \tilde{A}, H, dH).$$

- Overdetermined PDEs, solvable for  $S$  and  $\log \det \gamma$  over  $\Omega \subset X$  via ODE's along any characteristic curves.

Local reconstruction of  $\det \gamma$ Theorem (Uniqueness and Lipschitz stability in  $W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)$ )

Over  $\Omega \subset X$  where the frame condition is satisfied,  $\det \gamma$  is **uniquely** determined up to a (multiplicative) constant. Moreover,

$$\|\log \det \gamma - \log \det \gamma'\|_{W^{1,\infty}} \leq \varepsilon_0 + C(\|H - H'\|_{W^{1,\infty}} + \|\tilde{A} - \tilde{A}'\|_{W^{1,\infty}}),$$

where  $\varepsilon_0$  is the error committed at some  $x_0 \in \Omega$ .

[Capdeboscq et al. '09], [Bal-Bonnetier-M.-Triki, '12],  
[M.-Bal, IP '12], [M.-Bal, IPI '12]

- **Well-posed** problem if the anisotropy is known.
  - No loss of derivative/resolution on  $|\gamma|$ .

# Anisotropy reconstruction - derivation - 1/2

Goal: Reconstruct  $\tilde{\gamma}$  from enough functionals  $H_{ij} = \nabla u_i \cdot \gamma \nabla u_j$ .

- Start from a frame of conductivity solutions  $(\nabla u_1, \dots, \nabla u_n)$  and consider an **additional solution**  $v$ .
- Key fact: the decomposition of  $A\nabla v$  in the basis  $(S_1, \dots, S_n)$  is **known from the power densities**:

$$A\nabla v = \mu_i S_i, \quad \text{with } \mu_i(H) \text{ known.}$$

- Using  $\nabla \cdot (AS_i) = 0$  and  $d(A^{-1}S_i)^b = 0$ , we obtain

$$Z_i \cdot \tilde{A}S_i = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad Z_i^b \wedge (\tilde{A}^{-1}S_i)^b = 0, \quad Z_i = \nabla \mu_i.$$

Writing  $Z = [Z_1 | \dots | Z_n]$ , this is equivalent to  $\langle A, B \rangle := \text{tr}(AB^T)$

$$\boxed{\langle \tilde{A}S, Z \rangle = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \tilde{A}S, ZH\Omega \rangle = 0, \quad \Omega \in A_n(\mathbb{R}).}$$

This is  $1 + r(n - \frac{r+1}{2})$  linear constraints on  $\tilde{A}S$ , where  $r = \text{rank } Z$ .

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$$\text{Equations: } \nabla \cdot (\gamma \nabla u_i) = 0 \quad (X), \quad u_i|_{\partial X} = g_i, \quad A := \gamma^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad S_i = A\nabla u_i$$

## Anisotropy reconstruction - derivation - 2/2

- Hyperplane condition: Assume that  $(v_1, \dots, v_\ell)$  are so that  $Z_{(1)}, \dots, Z_{(\ell)}$  yield  $n^2 - 1$  independent constraints on  $\tilde{A}S$ .
- Reconstruct  $B = \tilde{A}S$  via a generalization of the **cross-product** in  $\mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ .
- Reconstruct  $\tilde{\gamma} = \tilde{A}^2 = BH^{-1}B^T$ , then  $S = \tilde{\gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}}B$  (then  $\det \gamma$ ).

### Theorem (Uniqueness and stability for $\tilde{\gamma}$ )

Over  $\Omega \subset X$  where the **frame condition** and the **hyperplane condition** are satisfied,  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is **uniquely determined**, with stability

$$\|\tilde{\gamma} - \tilde{\gamma}'\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq C \|H - H'\|_{W^{1,\infty}(X)}.$$

[M.-Bal, IP '12] in 2D.

► **Explicit reconstruction.** Loss of **one derivative** on  $\tilde{\gamma}$ .

## Anisotropy reconstruction - remark

In the linearized case, **one** full-rank matrix  $Z$  (i.e. **one** well-chosen additional solution) yields a Fredholm inversion (requires the inversion of a strongly coupled elliptic system whose invertibility cannot always be established), although this is only  $1 + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  constraints.

[Bal-M.-Guo '12], in progress.

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# Admissible sets - the frame condition

Question: How to fulfill the **frame condition** globally ?

• **Admissibility sets**  $\mathcal{G}_\gamma^m, m \geq n$ :

- $(g_1, \dots, g_m) \in \mathcal{G}_\gamma^m$  if one can cover  $X$  with open sets  $\Omega_p$  with a frame made of  $\nabla u_i$ 's on each  $\Omega_p$ .
- expressible in terms of continuous functionals of the data  $\nabla u_i \cdot \gamma \nabla u_j$ .

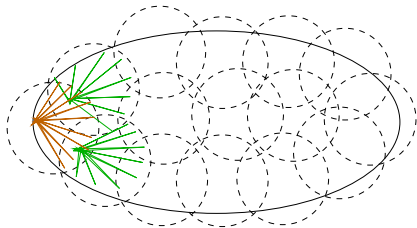
►  $\det \gamma$  is *reconstructible* if  $\mathcal{G}_\gamma^m \neq \emptyset$  for some  $m \geq n$ .

• **Patching local ODE-based reconstructions:**

$$\overline{\nabla} \log \det \gamma = \mathcal{F}(S, H, dH, \tilde{A}),$$

$$\overline{\nabla} S_i = \mathcal{S}_i(S, H, dH, \tilde{A}, d\tilde{A}),$$

$$1 \leq i \leq n.$$



# Admissible sets - the hyperplane condition

Question: How to fulfill the **hyperplane condition** globally ?

- **The admissibility sets  $\mathcal{A}_{\gamma}^{m,\ell}(\mathbf{g})$  for  $\mathbf{g} \in \mathcal{G}_{\gamma}^m$ :**
    - $\mathbf{g}$  provides a *support basis* throughout  $X$ .
    - $(h_1, \dots, h_{\ell}) \in \mathcal{A}_{\gamma}^{m,\ell}(\mathbf{g})$  if the hyperplane condition (expressible in terms of  $H_{ij}$  and  $dH_{ij}$ ) is satisfied throughout  $X$ .
- $\tilde{\gamma}$  is *reconstructible* if  $\mathcal{A}_{\gamma}^{m,\ell}(\mathbf{g}) \neq \emptyset$  for some  $\ell \geq 1$ .

## Admissible sets - Properties

Properties of  $\mathcal{G}_\gamma^m$ ,  $m \geq n$  and  $\mathcal{A}_\gamma^{m,\ell}(\mathbf{g})$ :

- They are open for the topology of  $\mathcal{C}^2(\partial X)$
- BC's that work for  $\gamma$  also work for  $\mathcal{C}^1$ -close perturbations of  $\gamma$ .
- $\gamma$  is reconstructible if and only if  $\Psi_\star \gamma := \left[ \frac{D\Psi \gamma D\Psi^T}{|\det D\Psi|} \right] \circ \Psi^{-1}$  is reconstructible, with  $\Psi : X \rightarrow \Psi(X)$  a diffeomorphism.

Reconstructibility results:

- If  $\gamma = \mathbb{I}_n$ , then  $\{u_i = x_i\}_{i=1}^n$  provides a support basis and  $\{v_j = \frac{1}{2}(x_j^2 - x_{j+1}^2)\}_{j=1}^{n-1}$  allow to reconstruct the anisotropic structure.
- If  $\gamma = \sigma \mathbb{I}_n$  with  $\sigma$  smooth, the CGO's provide a support basis to reconstruct  $\sigma$ . [Bal et. al, '12] [M.-Bal, '12]
- As in [Bal-Uhlmann, '12], we expect a reconstructibility result based on the Runge approximation for  $\mathcal{C}^1$  conductivities.

## A word about the two-dimensional case

- Reconstruction of  $\det \gamma$ :

The **frame condition** can easily be satisfied globally as soon as two boundary conditions form a homeomorphism of  $\partial X$  onto its image. [Alessandrini-Nesi '01]

- Reconstruction of  $\tilde{\gamma}$ : [M.-Bal, IP '12]

$$\tilde{\gamma} = (JX \cdot Y)^{-1} J(XX^T + YY^T)J, \quad J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Y = \nabla \log \frac{H_{11}H_{22} - H_{12}^2}{H_{22}H_{33} - H_{23}^2} = \nabla \log \frac{\det(\nabla u_1, \nabla u_2)}{\det(\nabla u_2, \nabla u_3)}.$$

With B.C.  $(g_1, g_2, g_3)$  chosen linearly independent, the set where  $Y$  vanishes (i.e. non reconstructible points) has **empty interior**.

## Concluding remarks

Inverse conductivity from power densities:

- **Explicit reconstruction algorithms** under qualitative hypotheses, making the problem **injective**.
  - **Stability:**
    - **No loss** of scales for  $\det \gamma$ .
    - **Loss of one derivative** for  $\tilde{\gamma}$ .
  - Some cases where the **hypotheses are valid**:
    - Near isotropic smooth or anisotropic constant tensors.
    - Push-forwards and  $C^1$ -perturbations of the above.
- Practical benefits: **Resolution improvements** (compared to boundary measurements) and access to **anisotropic information**.

## Extensions of results

- Generalization to **lower regularity**  $\gamma \in L^\infty$  or **degenerate cases** ?
- **Potential applications** of the method presented to other hybrid inverse problems
  - CDII, MREIT:  $\mathcal{H} = |\gamma \nabla u|$  [Nachman et al., '10, '11]
  - OT with absorption:  $\mathcal{H} = \nabla u \cdot \gamma \nabla u + \sigma_a u^2$ ,  $u$  solves  $-\nabla \cdot (\gamma \nabla u) + \sigma_a u = 0$ , reconstruct  $(\gamma, \sigma_a)$  ?
  - Systems: elastography with internal measurements.
- **Adding the coupling coefficient** ( $\mathcal{H}_\gamma \leftarrow \Gamma \mathcal{H}_\gamma$ ): is  $\Gamma$  reconstructible from enough functionals ?