On The Uniqueness in The Inverse Conductivity Problem with One Measurement

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Introduction. We shall consider an inverse problem for electrically conductive material occupying a domain Ω in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$. Let D be a subdomain of Ω and suppose that the conductivity coefficient of D is 2 and of $\Omega \setminus D$ is 1. We wish to determine the location of D by injecting current with density g across $\partial \Omega$ and measuring the voltage u on a portion Γ_0 of the boundary $\partial \Omega$. The voltage u satisfies the refraction problem:

$$\label{eq:div} \begin{split} \operatorname{div} & \big((1 + \chi(D) \big) \nabla u \big) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \,, \\ & \frac{\partial u}{\partial N} = g \qquad \qquad \text{on } \partial \Omega \quad (N = \text{normal to } \partial \Omega) \end{split}$$

where $\chi(D)$ is the indicator function of D, and u is normalized by

$$\int_{\partial_{\Omega}\Omega}u=0$$

where $\partial_0 \Omega$ is a compact subset of $\partial \Omega$. Thus the problem is to determine D either by one measurement, i.e., by using one specific choice of g, or perhaps by a finite number of measurements g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_N .

If any number of measurements is allowed or, more precisely, if the Dirichlet–to–Neumann operator

$$u \bigg|_{\partial\Omega} \longrightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial N} \bigg|_{\partial\Omega}$$

is known for all functions u defined on $\partial\Omega$, then D is uniquely determined; this was proved, for ∂D piecewise analytic, by Kohn and Vogelius [6], and, for ∂D Lipschitz, by Isakov [5]; see also [4].

The case of a single measurement g was studied by Friedman and Gustafsson [2] and Bellout and Friedman [1]. They proved, roughly, that the local dependence of the data $u|_{\Gamma_0}$ on the domain D is a function whose Frechet derivative does not vanish. Friedman and Vogelius [3] established a Lipschitz estimate for