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In 2018, I obtained bachelor's degrees in both physics and mathematics through a double bachelor's program at the Universidad de Sevilla, Spain. I wrote my bachelor thesis while taking part in the Erasmus program at WWU Münster, Germany. The thesis laid in the field of computational physics, I mainly conducted computer simulations to study phase transitions and the appearance of interfaces in the two dimensional Ising model with anti-periodic boundary conditions. This work resulted in a joint paper with my supervisor, Gernot Münster, published in 2021 in the *Journal of Statistical Physics*.

I then went on to study a master's degree on mathematical physics at Universidad de Granada, Spain, from which I graduated in 2020. I decided to shift my focus towards mathematical analysis, driven by a strong interest in understanding crowd dynamics. Consequently, I contacted Juan Soler, who supervised my thesis on the Strogatz model of swarmallators. This model aims to explain systems in which there is an interplay between synchronization and aggregation phenomena, from a kinetic point of view.

Following that, I had the opportunity to start a PhD under the supervision of Pedro Caro at the Basque Center for Applied Mathematics in Bilbao, Spain. I was able to choose between focusing either on inverse problems or on more pure harmonic analysis. I chose the first one, since I feel like I am greatly motivated by the study of physical phenomena through mathematics.

Prior to this experience, I had not been exposed to inverse problems. Therefore, my first year primarily focused on studying the background and techniques in analytical inverse problems. Pedro then proposed me that I extend a result that he and Andoni Garcia had published on 2020, on the identifiability of rough electric potentials via the near-field pattern in the context of electric scattering at fixed energies.

In November 2023, I submitted the result of my work as a paper for which I am the sole author. In this work, I obtained an inverse uniqueness result in a similar setting, in this case using local data. On the one hand, I used some harmonic analysis techniques to extend the class of potentials to consider. On the other hand, I proved runge approximation and interior regularity results to make use of the local data to obtain a suitable orthogonality relation. The paper appeared in the journal *Inverse Problems* in April 2024.

Next, I have been working on a generalization of a result that Pedro and Alberto Ruiz published recently in the setting of the intial-to-final value inverse problem for the Schrödinger evolution equation. The idea is to identify electric potentials by measuring the final state of a quantum system that interacts with the potential for every imposed initial state. Pedro and Alberto proved identifiability for *super-exponentially* decreasing potentials.

One possibility is to relax the condition of super-exponential decay to just exponential decay. This relies on constructing an analytic family of special solutions -akin to CGO solutions- to the equation, following the work of Uhlmann and Vasy, and Päivärinta, Salo and Uhlmann. However, the nature of the operator asks that we use a new local smoothing estimate to construct this family of solutions in the right spaces.

I have also been studying a second possibility along with Pedro and Ioannis Parissis, which consists in considering time-independent potentials in this setting. This problem is connected with the scattering problem at fixed energies, and it seems that it may allow for potentials with weaker decay assumptions.

However, this two problems have been put on hold for the moment, as I am focusing on completing my first work as part of the thesis. To do so, I am studying Neumann Eigenvalues for the operator $-\Delta + V$ in a bounded domain, where V is the potential in question. In particular, I am doing research on the dependence of eigenvalues swith respect to domain perturbation, as it is a missing piece to allow any value of the scattering energies.