

Partial reconstruction of a source term in a linear parabolic problem

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We consider an abstract inverse problem of the form

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} D_t u(t, x, y) = A(t, x, D_x)u(t, x, y) + B(t, y, D_y)u(t, x, y) + g(t, x)f(t, x, y), \\ (t, x, y) \in [0, T] \times \mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^n, \\ u(0, x, y) = u_0(x, y), \quad (x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^n, \\ u(t, x, 0) = \phi(t, x), \quad (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbf{R}^m, \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

with u and g unknown. A and B are strongly elliptic operators of order $2p$, in \mathbf{R}^m and \mathbf{R}^n respectively. The last equation in (0.1) provides the further information, which is necessary to identify u together with g . Under suitable assumptions, we are able to prove a result of existence and uniqueness of a global solution.