

# Location and Weyl asymptotics for the eigenvalues of some non self-adjoint operators

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## Two spectral problems related to scattering theory.

**(A) Dissipative eigenvalues** . Let  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d \geq 2$ , be a bounded non-empty domain and let  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bar{K}$  be connected. We suppose that the boundary  $\Gamma$  of  $K$  is  $C^\infty$ . Consider the boundary problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}_t^+ \times \Omega, \\ \partial_\nu u - \gamma(x)u_t = 0 \text{ on } \mathbb{R}_t^+ \times \Gamma, \\ u(0, x) = f_0, \quad u_t(0, x) = f_1 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

with initial data  $f = (f_1, f_2) \in H^1(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega) = \mathcal{H}$ . Here  $\nu$  is the unit outward normal to  $\Gamma$  pointing into  $\Omega$  and  $\gamma(x) \geq 0$  is a  $C^\infty$  function on  $\Gamma$ . The solution of (1) is given by  $V(t)f = e^{tG}f$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , where  $V(t)$  is a **semi-group** in  $\mathcal{H}$  whose generator has a domain  $D(G)$  which is the closure in the graph norm of functions  $(f_1, f_2) \in C_{(0)}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \times C_{(0)}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfying the boundary condition  $\partial_\nu f_1 - \gamma f_2 = 0$  on  $\Gamma$ . Lax and Phillips proved that the spectrum of  $G$  in  $\text{Re } z < 0$  is formed by **isolated eigenvalues with finite multiplicity**.

Notice that if  $Gf = \lambda f$  with  $f = (f_1, f_2) \neq 0$  and  $\partial_\nu f_1 - \gamma f_2 = 0$  on  $\Gamma$ , we get

$$\begin{cases} (\Delta - \lambda^2)f_1 = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \\ \partial_\nu f_1 - \lambda\gamma f_1 = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Moreover,  $u(t, x) = V(t)f = e^{\lambda t}f(x)$ ,  $\text{Re } \lambda < 0$ , is a solution of (1) with exponentially decreasing global energy. Such solutions are called asymptotically disappearing and they perturb the inverse scattering problems. We proved that if we have a least one eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $G$  with  $\text{Re } \lambda < 0$ , then the wave operators  $W_\pm$  are not complete, that is  $\text{Ran } W_- \neq \text{Ran } W_+$  and we cannot define the scattering operator  $S$  by  $S = W_+^{-1}W_-$ . We may define  $S$  by using another evolution operator. For Maxwell system we study the same problems for the system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t E = \text{curl } B, & \partial_t B = -\text{curl } E \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}_t^+ \times \Omega, \\ E_{tan} - \gamma(x)(\nu \wedge B_{tan}) = 0 \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}_t^+ \times \Gamma, \\ E(0, x) = e_0(x), & B(0, x) = b_0(x). \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

## (B) Interior transmission eigenvalues.

We will study another important spectral problem leading to non self-adjoint operator. The inhomogeneous medium in  $K$  is characterised by a smooth function  $n(x) > 1$  in  $\bar{K}$ , called **contrast**. The inverse scattering problem of the reconstruction of  $K$  based on the linear sampling method of Colton and Kress **breaks down** for frequencies  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  which are interior transmission eigenvalues (ITE). This means that we have non-trivial solution  $(u, v) \neq 0$  of the problem

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u + k^2 u = 0 \text{ in } K, \\ \Delta v + k^2 n(x)v = 0 \text{ in } K, \\ u = v, \partial_\nu u = \partial_\nu v \text{ on } \Gamma \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Moreover, we may have **complex (ITE)** and all (ITE) are important for the reconstruction of  $n(x)$ .

We consider a more general setting. A complex number  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, \lambda \neq 0$ , is called interior transmission eigenvalue (ITE) if the following problem has a non-trivial solution  $(u, v) \neq 0$ :

$$\begin{cases} (\nabla c_1(x)\nabla + \lambda^2 n_1(x)) u = 0 \text{ in } K, \\ (\nabla c_2(x)\nabla + \lambda^2 n_2(x)) v = 0 \text{ in } K, \\ u = v, \quad c_1 \partial_\nu u = c_2 \partial_\nu v \text{ on } \Gamma, \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where  $\nu$  denotes the exterior unit normal to  $\Gamma$ ,  $c_j(x), n_j(x) \in C^\infty(\overline{K}), j = 1, 2$  are strictly positive real-valued functions. For the analysis of (ITE) one imposes the condition

$$d(x) = c_1(x)n_1(x) - c_2(x)n_2(x) \neq 0, \quad \forall x \in \Gamma. \quad (6)$$

Partial cases: 1) isotropic case:  $c_1(x) = c_2(x), \partial_\nu c_1(x) = \partial_\nu c_2(x), \forall x \in \Gamma$ .

2) anisotropic case:  $c_1(x) \neq c_2(x), \forall x \in \Gamma$ . In the isotropic case the celebrated complementing condition of Agmon, Douglas and Nirenberg is not satisfied.

# Problems

(I) Prove the discreteness of the spectrum in some subset  $U \subset \mathbb{C}$ .

(II) For (ITE) find **eigenvalues-free domains** having the form

$$|\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \geq C(1 + |\operatorname{Re} \lambda|)^{\delta_+}, |\operatorname{Re} \lambda| \geq 1, 0 \leq \delta_+ < 1.$$

$$1 \geq |\operatorname{Re} \lambda| \geq C_N(1 + |\operatorname{Im} \lambda|)^{-N}, |\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \geq 1, \forall N \in \mathbb{N}.$$

In some cases we have  $\delta_+ = 0$ . Find for (A) **similar eigenvalues-free domains**.

(III) Establish a **Weyl asymptotic for (ITE)** with remainder  $\mathcal{O}_\epsilon(r^{d-\kappa+\epsilon})$ , arbitrary  $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$  and  $0 < \kappa \leq 1$  for the counting function

$$N(r) = \#\{\lambda_j \text{-(ITE)} : |\lambda_j| \leq r\} = cr^d + \mathcal{O}_\epsilon(r^{d-\kappa+\epsilon}), r \rightarrow \infty.$$

In this talk we treat the problems (II) and (III). The problem (I) is easier to deal with and we can find an operator  $A$  such that  $A - z$  is Fredholm one in a suitable regions. For transmission eigenvalues (II) and (III) are connected and  $\kappa = 1 - \delta_+$ .

## Semi-classical Dirichlet-to-Neumann map

Set  $\lambda = \frac{\sqrt{z}}{h}$ , so  $\lambda^2 = \frac{z}{h^2}$ . Given  $f \in H^s(\Gamma)$ , consider the problem

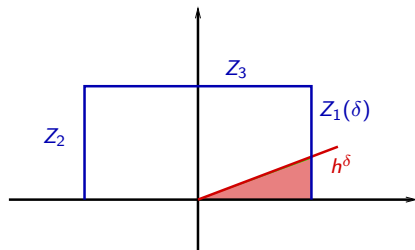
$$\begin{cases} (P(h) - z)u = 0 \text{ in } K, \\ u = f \text{ on } \Gamma. \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Here  $P(h) = -\frac{h^2}{n(x)} \nabla c(x) \nabla$ ,  $0 < h \ll 1$ , is a semiclassical parameter and  $z \in Z_1 \cup Z_2 \cup Z_3$ , where

$$Z_1 = \{\operatorname{Re} z = 1, 0 \leq \operatorname{Im} z \leq 1\}, \quad Z_1(\delta) = Z_1 \cap \{\operatorname{Im} z \geq h^\delta\},$$

$$Z_2 = \{\operatorname{Re} z = -1, 0 \leq \operatorname{Im} z \leq 1\}, \quad Z_3 = \{|\operatorname{Re} z| \leq 1, \operatorname{Im} z = 1\}.$$

Figure 1: Contours  $Z_1(\delta)$ ,  $Z_2$ ,  $Z_3$





## Region $Z_1(1/2 - \epsilon) \cup Z_2 \cup Z_3$

Let  $D_\nu = -i\partial_\nu$ , and let  $\gamma_0$  denote the trace on  $\Gamma$ . It is important to construct a semi-classical parametrix for the problem (7) for  $z \in Z_1(1/2 - \epsilon) \cup Z_2 \cup Z_3$  with  $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$  and to study the **semi-classical Dirichlet-to-Neumann map** (DN)

$$\mathcal{N}(z, h) : H_h^s(\Gamma) \ni f \longrightarrow \gamma_0 h D_\nu u \in H_h^{s-1}(\Gamma)$$

for **domains with arbitrary geometry**. Here  $H_h^s(\Gamma)$  is the semi-classical Sobolev space with norm  $\|\langle hD \rangle^s u\|_{L^2(\Gamma)}$ . By the estimate of the resolvent  $(h^2 G_D - z)^{-1}$  of the Dirichlet Laplacian  $G_D$ , it is easy to see that  $\mathcal{N}(z, h)$  is a **meromorphic function** with **poles on  $\mathbb{R}^+$**

G. Vodev (2014) constructed a **semi-classical parametrix** for (7) as a **FIO with complex phase  $\varphi(x, \xi'; z)$**  in a small neighborhood of the boundary  $\Gamma$ . The eikonal equation and the transport equations can be solved **only modulo  $\mathcal{O}(x_d^N)$** ,  $\forall N \gg 1$ ,  $x_d = \text{dist}(x, \Gamma)$ .

Next we use some  $h$ -pseudo-differential operators.

Set  $x = (x', x_d)$ ,  $\xi = (\xi', \xi_d)$ . We say that  $a(x', \xi'; h) \in S_\delta^k(\Gamma)$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

$$|\partial_x'^\alpha \partial_{\xi'}^\beta a(x, \xi'; h)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} h^{-\delta(|\alpha| + |\beta|)} \langle \xi' \rangle^{k - |\beta|}, \quad \forall \alpha, \forall \beta,$$

where  $\langle \xi' \rangle = (1 + |\xi'|^2)^{1/2}$ . For  $a \in S_\delta^{k, m}(\Gamma)$ , we consider the operator

$$\left( Op_h(a)f \right)(x) = (2\pi h)^{-d+1} \int \int e^{i\langle x' - y', \xi' \rangle / h} a(x', \xi'; h) f(y') dy' d\xi'.$$

We have a calculus for the  $h$ -pseudodifferential operators with symbols in  $S_\delta^k$  if  $0 < \delta < 1/2$ . In particular, if  $a \in S_\delta^1$ ,  $b \in S_\delta^{-1}$ , one gets

$$\| Op_h(a) Op_h(b) - Op_h(ab) \|_{L^2(\Gamma)} \leq Ch^{1-2\delta}.$$

Close to the boundary introduce geodesic normal coordinates  $(x', x_d)$  in a neighborhood of a point  $x_0 \in \Gamma$  with  $x_d = 0$  on  $\Gamma$  (we take  $x_d = \text{dist}(x, \Gamma)$ ). Let  $n_0(x') = \frac{n(x', 0)}{c(x', 0)} > 0$ . The symbol of  $-h^2\Delta$  becomes

$$\xi_d^2 + r(x, \xi') + hq(x, \xi) + h^2q_0(x)$$

and  $r(x', 0, \xi') = r_0(x', \xi')$  is the principal symbol of the Laplace-Beltrami operator  $-h^2\Delta|_{\Gamma}$  on  $\Gamma$ . For  $z \in Z_1 \cup Z_2 \cup Z_3$ , let

$$\rho(x', \xi', z) = \sqrt{n_0(x')z - r_0(x', \xi')} \in C^\infty(T^*(\Gamma)), \text{Im } \rho > 0$$

be the root of the equation

$$\rho^2 + r_0(x', \xi') - n_0(x')z = 0$$

It is easy to see that  $\rho \in S_{1/2-\epsilon}^1$ , if  $z \in Z_1(1/2 - \epsilon)$ ,  $\rho \in S_0^1$ , if  $z \in Z_2 \cup Z_3$ .

### Proposition 1 (Vodev, (2014))

Given  $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$ , there exists  $0 < h_0(\epsilon) \ll 1$  such that for  $z \in Z_1(1/2 - \epsilon)$  and  $0 < h \leq h_0(\epsilon)$  we have

$$\|\mathcal{N}(z, h) - Op_h(\rho + hb)\|_{L^2(\Gamma) \rightarrow H_s^1(\Gamma)} \leq \frac{Ch}{\sqrt{|\operatorname{Im} z|}}, \quad (8)$$

where  $C > 0$  is independent of  $h, z, \epsilon$  and  $b \in S_0^0$  does not depend on  $z, h$  and the function  $n_0(x')$ . Moreover, for  $z \in Z_2 \cup Z_3$  the above estimate holds with  $|\operatorname{Im} z|$  replaced by 1.

The analysis of  $\mathcal{N}(z, h)$  in the region

$$\Sigma = \{\operatorname{Re} z = 1, C_0 h \leq |\operatorname{Im} z| \leq C_1 h^{1/2-\epsilon}\},$$

is a more difficult problem. Set  $r_{\#}(x', \xi') = n_0^{-1}(x')r_0(x', \xi')$  and introduce

$$\mathcal{H} = \{(x', \xi') \in T^*(\Gamma) : r_{\#}(x', \xi') < 1\}, \quad \mathcal{G} = \{(x', \xi') \in T^*(\Gamma) : r_{\#}(x', \xi') = 1\},$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \{(x', \xi') \in T^*(\Gamma) : r_{\#}(x', \xi') > 1\}.$$

Region  $C_0 h \leq |\operatorname{Im} z| \leq C_1 h^{1/2-\epsilon}$

In general, for boundary with arbitrary geometry it is not possible to construct a semi-classical parametrix for data supported in a neighbourhood  $\omega$  of  $\mathcal{G}$ . For general obstacles Vodev (2017),(2019) constructed a parametrix in the zone  $C_1 h^{2/3-\epsilon} \leq \operatorname{Im} z \leq C_2 h^{1/2-\epsilon}$  and for  $z \in \Sigma$  for data supported outside  $\omega$ . The strictly convex case has been treated previously by Sjöstrand (2014) for  $C_1 h^{2/3} \leq \operatorname{Im} z \leq C_2 h^{2/3}$ . Let  $\chi_\delta^0 \in C_0^\infty(T^*(\Gamma))$  be supported in  $\{(x', \xi') : |r_\#(x', \xi') - 1| \leq 2\delta^2\}$ ,  $\chi_\delta^0 = 1$  for  $\{(x', \xi') : |r_\#(x', \xi') - 1| \leq \delta^2\}$ .

### Theorem 1 (Vodev, (2017))

Let  $0 < \epsilon < 1/2$  be arbitrary. Then for every  $0 < \delta \ll 1$  there are constants  $C_\delta > 1$ ,  $0 < c_{\epsilon,\delta} \ll 1$  such that we have

$$\|\mathcal{N}(z, h) - \operatorname{Op}_h(\rho(1 - \chi_\delta^0) + hb)\|_{L^2(\Gamma) \rightarrow H_h^1(\Gamma)} \leq C\delta \quad (9)$$

for  $\operatorname{Re} z = 1$ ,  $C_\delta h \leq |\operatorname{Im} z| \leq h^{1/2-\epsilon}$ ,  $0 < h \leq c_{\epsilon,\delta}$ , where  $C > 0$  is a constant independent of  $h, \delta, \epsilon$  and  $b \in S_0^0(\Gamma)$  is independent of  $h, \delta$  and the function  $n_0(x')$ .

By energy method Vodev showed that  $\|\mathcal{N}(z, h) \operatorname{Op}_h(\chi_\delta^0)\|_{L^2(\Gamma) \rightarrow H_h^1(\Gamma)} = \mathcal{O}(\delta)$ .

## Exterior Dirichlet-to-Neumann map

For the analysis of the dissipative eigenvalues we need to apply the exterior Dirichlet-to-Neumann map  $\mathcal{N}_{\text{ext}}(z, h)$  defined as

$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{ext}}(z, h) : H_h^s(\Gamma) \ni f \longrightarrow \gamma_0 h D_\nu u \in H_h^{s-1}(\Gamma),$$

where  $u$  is the outgoing solution of the problem

$$(h^2 \Delta + n_0(x')z)u = 0 \text{ in } \Omega = \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bar{K}, \quad u|_\Gamma = f.$$

The operator  $\mathcal{N}_{\text{ext}}(z, h)$  is a **meromorphic function** related to the **cut-off outgoing resolvent**  $\chi(h^2 G_D - z)^{-1} \chi$  **with poles in the half-plane**  $\{\text{Im } z < 0\}$ . The result similar to Prop.1 was proved by -P. (2016). For **strictly convex obstacles**  $K$  and  $\text{Re } z \sim 1$ ,  $|\text{Im } z| \leq c_0 h^{2/3}$  Sjöstrand (2014) obtained results similar to Th. 1. Finally, the case  $h^{1/2-\epsilon} \leq \text{Im } z \leq c_0 h^{2/3}$  for strictly convex obstacles has been covered by -P. by a semi-classical parametrix construction inspired by that of Vodev. Thus the result of Th. 1 holds for  $\mathcal{N}_{\text{ext}}(z, h)$ ,  $-c_0 h^{2/3} \leq \text{Im } z \leq h^{1/2-\epsilon}$  and **strictly convex obstacles**.

## Eigenvalues-free regions

First we treat the problem with dissipative boundary conditions  $\partial_\nu u - \gamma(x)u_t = 0$ . If  $\gamma(x) \equiv 1$  for  $x \in \Gamma$  in the case when  $K$  is a ball there are no eigenvalues. Thus it is convenient to consider two cases: (i)  $1 - \gamma(x) > 0, \forall x \in \Gamma$ , (ii)  $1 - \gamma(x) < 0, \forall x \in \Gamma$ .

### Theorem 2 (-P. (2016))

*In the case (i) for every  $\epsilon, 0 < \epsilon \ll 1$ , the eigenvalues of  $G$  lie in the region*

$$\Lambda_\epsilon = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\operatorname{Re} \lambda| \leq C_\epsilon (|\operatorname{Im} \lambda|^{\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon} + 1), \operatorname{Re} \lambda < 0\}.$$

*In the case (ii) for every  $\epsilon, 0 < \epsilon \ll 1$ , and every  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  the eigenvalues of  $G$  lie in the region  $\Lambda_\epsilon \cup \mathcal{R}_N$ , where*

$$\mathcal{R}_N = \{|\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \leq C_N (1 + |\operatorname{Re} \lambda|)^{-N}, \operatorname{Re} \lambda < -R < 0\}.$$

For strictly convex obstacles  $K$  we improve the above result in the case (ii).

### Theorem 3 (-P. (2016))

*Assume  $K$  strictly convex. In the case (ii) for every  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  the eigenvalues of  $G$  lie in the region  $\mathcal{R}_N \cup \{|\lambda| < R, \operatorname{Re} \lambda < 0\}$ .*

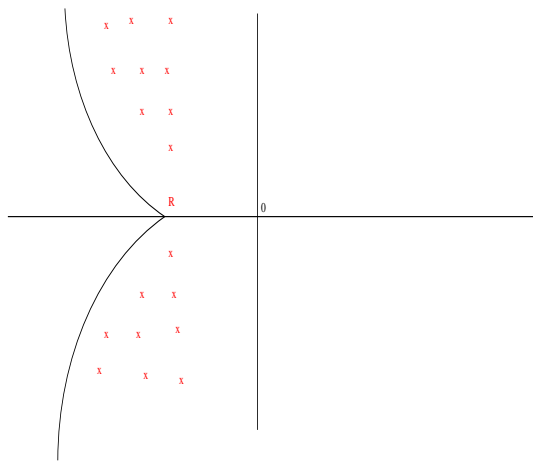


Figure 2: Eigenvalues for  $0 < \gamma(x) < 1$



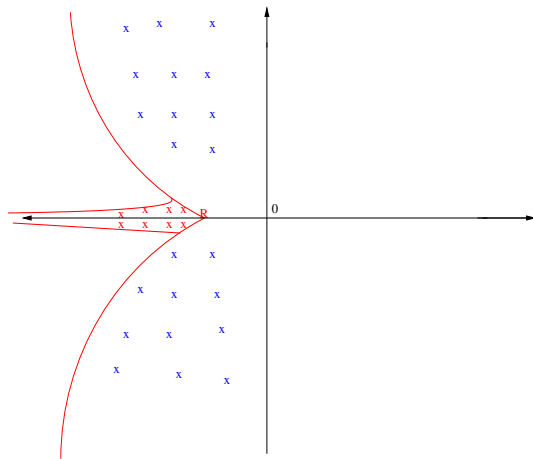


Figure 3: Eigenvalues for  $\gamma(x) > 1$

Weaker results have been obtained by A. Majda (1976). For the [Maxwell system with dissipative boundary conditions](#) the results of Th. 2 have been established by F. Colombini, -P. and J. Rauch (2017).

Passing to the (ITE), one has the following

#### Theorem 4 (Vodev, (2014), (2017))

Assume  $d(x) = (c_1 n_1 - c_2 n_2)(x) \neq 0, x \in \Gamma$ . Assume either the condition

(a) :  $c_2(x) = c_1(x), \partial_\nu c_1(x) = \partial_\nu c_2(x), n_1(x) \neq n_2(x), \forall x \in \Gamma$  or

(b) :  $(c_1(x) - c_2(x))d(x) < 0, \forall x \in \Gamma$ .

Then there are there are no (ITE) in the region  $\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\operatorname{Re} \lambda| \geq 1, |\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \geq C\}$ . In the case (a) there are no eigenvalues in  $\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\operatorname{Re} \lambda| \leq 1, |\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \geq \tilde{C}\}$ . In the case (b) for every  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  there are no eigenvalues in

$$\{1 \geq |\operatorname{Re} \lambda| \geq C_N(1 + |\operatorname{Im} \lambda|)^{-N}, |\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \geq \tilde{C}\}. \quad (10)$$

Assume the conditions

$$(c) : (c_1(x) - c_2(x))d(x) > 0, (c') : \frac{n_1(x)}{c_1(x)} \neq \frac{n_2(x)}{c_2(x)}, \forall x \in \Gamma.$$

Then there are there are no (ITE) in the region

$$\{|\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \geq C \log(|\operatorname{Re} \lambda| + 2)\}. \quad (11)$$

- If only  $((c_1(x) - c_2(x))d(x) > 0$  is satisfied, Vodev established an eigenvalue-free region

$$\{|\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \geq C(1 + |\operatorname{Re} \lambda|)^{3/5}\}.$$

- Previous parabolic eigenvalues-free region in the case  $c_1 \equiv c_2 \equiv n_2 \equiv 1$  and  $n_1(x) > 1$  in  $K$  has been obtained by M. Hitrik, K. Krypchyk, P. Ola and L. Päivärinta (2011).
- Colton and Leung (2012) examined the case of the ball  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : |x| \leq 1\}$  when  $c_1 \equiv c_2 \equiv n_2 \equiv 1$  and  $n_1(r)$  depends only on  $|x| = r$ . Then if  $n = \text{const} \neq 1$  and  $\sqrt{n}$  is rational, there exists an infinite sequence of (ITE)  $\lambda_k = \alpha k + \beta$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\alpha > 0, \operatorname{Im} \beta \neq 0$ . Thus the result in (a) is optimal.
- Colton, Leung and Meng (2016) proved in the case above with  $n_1(r) \neq \text{const}$  that if  $n_1(1) = 1$ ,  $\int_0^1 \sqrt{n_1(t)} dt \neq 1$ , and either  $n_1'(1)$  or  $n_1(1)$  are not zero, then for any  $C > 0$  the (ITE) are not located in a strip  $\{|\operatorname{Im} z| \leq C\}$ . Consequently, the parabolic regions above cannot be improved to an eigenvalue-free strip.

## Illustration of the idea of the proof

First consider the case  $c_1 = c_2$ ,  $\partial_\nu c_1 = \partial_\nu c_2$ ,  $x \in \Gamma$ . Let  $z \in Z_1(1 - 1/2) \cup Z_2 \cup Z_3$  and let  $(u, v)$  be an eigenfunction. Set  $f = u|_\Gamma = v|_\Gamma$ . Let  $\rho_j, j = 1, 2$ , be the roots of the equations  $\rho^2 = -r_0(x', \xi') + n_j(x', 0)z$  with  $\text{Im } \rho_j > 0$ . By using the Prop. 1, the analysis of the location of (ITE) is reduced to prove that the estimate

$$\|Op_h(\rho_1 - \rho_2)f\|_{H_h^1(\Gamma)} \leq \frac{Ch}{\sqrt{|\text{Im } z|}} \|f\|_{L^2(\Gamma)}$$

yields  $f = 0$ . Next for  $z \in Z_1(1/2 - \epsilon)$  the symbols  $\rho_j$  satisfy the estimates

$$|\partial_{x'}^\alpha \partial_{\xi'}^\beta \rho_j| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} |\text{Im } z|^{1/2 - |\alpha| - |\beta|}, \quad |\alpha| + |\beta| \geq 1,$$

provided  $|\xi'| \leq C_0$ , while for  $|\xi'| \geq C_0$  we have  $|\partial_{x'}^\alpha \partial_{\xi'}^\beta \rho_j| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} \langle \xi' \rangle^{1 - |\beta|}$ . Thus  $\rho \in S_{1/2 - \epsilon}^1$ , since  $|\text{Im } z| \geq h^{1/2 - \epsilon}$ . On the other hand, for  $z \in Z_2 \cup Z_3$  we have  $\rho_j \in S_0^1$ .

Moreover,

$$\rho_1 - \rho_2 = \frac{\rho_1^2 - \rho_2^2}{\rho_1 + \rho_2} = \frac{z(n_1(x') - n_2(x))}{\rho_1 + \rho_2}$$

and since  $n_1(x') - n_2(x) \neq 0, \forall x \in \Gamma$ , the operator  $Op_h(\rho_1 - \rho_2)$  is elliptic and  $(\rho_1 - \rho_2)^{-1} \in S_{1/2-\epsilon}^1$ . Thus

$$\|(Op_h(\rho_1 - \rho_2))^{-1} Op_h(\rho_1 - \rho_2) f\|_{L^2(\Gamma)} \leq \|Op_h(\rho_1 - \rho_2) f\|_{H_h^1(\Gamma)}$$

$$\leq \frac{Ch}{\sqrt{|\operatorname{Im} h|}} \|f\|_{L^2(\Gamma)}$$

and

$$\|((Op_h(\rho_1 - \rho_2))^{-1} Op_h(\rho_1 - \rho_2) - Id) f\|_{L^2(\Gamma)} \leq Ch^{1-2\delta} \|f\|_{L^2(\Gamma)}.$$

For small  $0 < h \leq h_0(\epsilon)$  we deduce  $f = 0$ . Then  $h^2 \lambda^2 = z = 1 + i \operatorname{Im} z$  implies easily that we have no (ITE) in the region

$$\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \geq C(1 + |\operatorname{Re} \lambda|)^{1/2+\epsilon}\}.$$

The analysis of the case  $c_1(x) \neq c_2(x)$  is more complicated. Recall that  $d(x) = (c_1 n_1 - c_2 n_2)(x) \neq 0$  on  $\Gamma$ . We must study the symbol

$$\zeta = c_1 \rho_1 - c_2 \rho_2 = \frac{d[z - \frac{(c_1^2 - c_2^2)}{d} r_0]}{c_1 \rho_1 + c_2 \rho_2}.$$

For  $z \in Z_2$  we have  $\operatorname{Re} z = -1, 0 \leq \operatorname{Im} z \leq 1$ . Then, for  $\operatorname{Im} z = 0$  we have  $\zeta = 0$  if

$$-1 - \frac{c_1 + c_2}{d^2} [(c_1 - c_2)d] r_0 = 0.$$

This could happen at some points if  $(c_1 - c_2)d < 0$ , that is in the **case (b)**. This leads to the **existence of infinitely many eigenvalues** located very close to the imaginary axis. The same phenomenon appear for **the dissipative eigenvalues in Th. 2, Th. 3** above, when  $\gamma(x) > 1$  and **infinitely many eigenvalues** are concentrate around  $\mathbb{R}^-$ . Both phenomena are completely similar to Rayleigh surface waves for the linear elasticity system.

The analysis of the eigenvalues of  $G$  follows a similar argument. In the case (i) we have  $0 < \epsilon_0 \leq \gamma(x) \leq 1 - \epsilon_0$ ,  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ ,  $\forall x \in \Gamma$ . If  $u \neq 0$  is an eigenfunction of  $G$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda \in \{\operatorname{Re} z < 0\}$ , then  $f = \gamma_0 u \neq 0$ . Set  $\lambda = \frac{i\sqrt{z}}{h}$ . The boundary condition for the eigenfunction becomes

$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{ext}}(z, h)f - \gamma\sqrt{z}f = 0.$$

According to Prop. 1 for  $\mathcal{N}_{\text{ext}}(z, h)$ , for  $1 \geq \operatorname{Im} z \geq h^{1/2-\epsilon}$  we have

$$\|Op_h(\rho)f - \gamma\sqrt{z}f\|_{L^2(\Gamma)} \leq C \frac{h}{\sqrt{|\operatorname{Im} z|}} \|f\|_{L^2(\Gamma)}, \quad (12)$$

where for  $z \in Z_2 \cup Z_3$  the estimate holds with  $|\operatorname{Im} z|$  replaced by 1. Consider the symbol

$$c(x', \xi'; z) = \rho(x', \xi'; z) - \gamma\sqrt{z} = \frac{(1 - \gamma^2)z - r_0}{\rho(x', \xi', z) + \gamma\sqrt{z}}.$$

We show that  $c(x', \xi'; z)$  is elliptic and we follow a similar argument. Notice that if  $\gamma(x) > 1, \forall x \in \Gamma$ , for  $z \in Z_2$  we have points, where the symbol  $c$  vanishes.

## Location of the (ITE) for the inhomogeneous Maxwell system

Let  $E, \hat{E}, H, \hat{H}$  be vector-valued functions in  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ . We say that  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  is a (ITE) if  $(E, \hat{E}, H, \hat{H}) \neq 0$  satisfy the system

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{curl} E = i\lambda\mu H, & \operatorname{curl} H = -i\lambda\gamma E, & x \in K, \\ \operatorname{curl} \hat{E} = i\lambda\hat{\mu}\hat{H}, & \operatorname{curl} \hat{H} = -i\lambda\hat{\gamma}\hat{E}, & x \in K, \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

with boundary conditions

$$\nu \wedge E = \nu \wedge \hat{E}, \quad \nu \wedge H = \nu \wedge \hat{H}, \quad x \in \Gamma. \quad (14)$$

Here  $\nu(x)$  is the exterior unit normal vector on  $\Gamma$  at  $x \in \Gamma$ , and  $\gamma(x), \hat{\gamma}(x), \mu(x), \hat{\mu}(x)$  are positive smooth functions. We assume that

$$d(x) = \gamma(x)\hat{\mu}(x) - \hat{\gamma}(x)\mu(x) \neq 0 \text{ for } x \in \Gamma.$$



There are many works treating the discreteness of the (ITE) (Haddar (2004), Chesnel (2012), Cakoni and al. (2015), Cakoni and H-M.Nguyen (2020)). In the last work one proves also that  $\forall \epsilon > 0$  there are no (ITE) in the region

$$\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \geq \epsilon |\operatorname{Re} \lambda|, |\operatorname{Re} \lambda| \geq C_\epsilon > 0\},$$

assuming  $d \neq 0$  and the complementing condition of Agmon, Douglas, Nirenberg  $\mu \neq \hat{\mu}$ ,  $\gamma \neq \hat{\gamma}$ . We will discuss only the isotropic case.

### Theorem 5 (-P. (2020))

Assume  $\gamma(x) \neq \hat{\gamma}(x)$ ,  $\mu(x) = \hat{\mu}(x)$ ,  $\partial_\nu \mu(x) = \partial_\nu \hat{\mu}(x)$ ,  $x \in \Gamma$ . Then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that there are no (ITE) in the region

$$\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \geq C(1 + |\operatorname{Re} \lambda|)^{3/5}\}.$$

The proof is more complicated than that for the wave equation since we must deal with a  $(5 \times 5)$  system for  $E_{\tan}|_\Gamma = \hat{E}_{\tan}|_\Gamma$ ,  $E_{\text{nor}}|_\Gamma, \hat{E}_{\text{nor}}|_\Gamma$  and the boundary conditions contain  $\mathcal{N}(z, h)$  and other pseudodifferential operators.

## Weyl asymptotics for the (ITE)

To obtain a Weyl formula introduce the coefficients

$$\tau_j = \frac{\omega_d}{(2\pi)^d} \int_K \left( \frac{n_j(x)}{c_j(x)} \right)^{d/2} dx, \quad j = 1, 2,$$

where  $\omega_d$  is the volume of the unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . In the anisotropic case  $c_1(x) = 1, n_1(x) = 1, c_2(x) \neq 1, c_2(x)n_2(x) \neq 1, \forall x \in \bar{K}$ , the asymptotics

$$N(r) = (\tau_1 + \tau_2)r^d + o(r^d), \quad r \rightarrow +\infty. \quad (15)$$

has been obtained by Lakshatanov and Vainberg (2012) under some additional assumptions which guarantee that the boundary problem is parameter-elliptic. The isotropic case  $c_1 = c_2, \partial_\nu c_1 = \partial_\nu c_2, x \in \Gamma$  is more difficult since the corresponding operator  $A$  has domain

$$D(A) = \{(u, v) \in L^2(K) \times L^2(K) : \Delta u \in L^2(K), \Delta v \in L^2(K), \\ u - v = 0, \partial_\nu(u - v) = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma\}.$$

and the problem is not parameter elliptic.

In this case M. Fairman (2014) and L. Robbiano (2013) obtained (15) by establishing the asymptotics

$$\sum_j \frac{1}{|\lambda_j|^p + t} = \alpha t^{\frac{d}{2p}-1} + o(t^{\frac{d}{2p}-1}), \quad t \rightarrow +\infty, \quad (16)$$

where  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  is sufficiently large. The formula (15)-(16) have been obtained also in a recent work of H-M. Nguyen and Q-H. Hguyen (2020) for the (ITE) related to the system

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div}(A_1(x)\nabla u) - \lambda n_1(x)u = 0, & \text{in } K, \\ \operatorname{div}(A_2(x)\nabla v) - \lambda n_2(x)v = 0, & \text{in } K, \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

where  $A_1(x), A_2(x)$  are symmetric positive defined matrices. By using (16), an application of the Tauberian theorem of Hardy-Littlewood yields (15). By this argument one obtains a [very weak estimate for the remainder](#). To get better results, it is important to take into account the [eigenvalues-free regions](#) and to apply [different techniques](#).

## Theorem 6 (-P., Vodev (2017))

Assume  $d(x) \neq 0$ ,  $x \in \Gamma$ . Assume either the condition  $c_1(x) = c_2(x)$ ,  $\partial_\nu c_1(x) = \partial_\nu c_2(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in \Gamma$  or the condition  $c_1(x) \neq c_2(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in \Gamma$ . Then for every  $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$  we have the asymptotics

$$N(r) = (\tau_1 + \tau_2)r^d + \mathcal{O}_\epsilon(r^{d-\kappa+\epsilon}), \quad r \rightarrow +\infty, \quad (18)$$

where  $\kappa = 1$  if  $\frac{n_1(x)}{c_1(x)} \neq \frac{n_2(x)}{c_2(x)}$ ,  $\forall x \in \Gamma$ . If the latter condition is not satisfied, the asymptotics (18) holds with  $\kappa = 2/5$ .

- In fact we prove a more general result with  $\kappa = 1 - \delta_+$  assuming that we have a region  $\{|\operatorname{Re} \lambda| \geq 1, |\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \geq C(1 + |\operatorname{Re} \lambda|)^{\delta_+}\}$ ,  $0 \leq \delta_+ < 1$  without eigenvalues and we have a bounded inverse  $\|T^{-1}(\lambda)\| \leq C|\lambda|^{-M}$  in this region for the operator  $T(\lambda)$  introduced below.
- The **optimal result** should be to have a remainder  $\mathcal{O}(r^{d-1})$  but this is an **open problem**. This result is known only for the interval  $K = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x| \leq 1\}$  (Silvester, Ha and P. Stefanov (2013)).
- Our proof is inspired by the work of F. Cardoso, G. Popov and G. Vodev (2011) treating the asymptotics of the resonances for exterior transmission problem.

## Idea of the proof of Theorem 6

We pass to a semi-classical setting. Set  $Z = \{z \in \mathbb{C}, \frac{1}{2} \leq |\operatorname{Re} z| \leq 3, |\operatorname{Im} z| \leq 1\}$  and consider for  $z \in Z$  and  $0 < h \ll 1$  the operator

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where the DN-maps  $N_j(z, h)$  were defined in the previous section.

Let  $G_D^{(j)}$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , be the Dirichlet self-adjoint realization of the operator  $L_j := -n_j^{-1} \nabla c_j \nabla$  in the space  $H_j = L^2(K, n_j(x) dx)$ . Set  $\mathcal{H} = H_1 \oplus H_2$ . Let  $R(\lambda)$  be the resolvent of the transmission boundary problem. We omit in the notation  $j = 1, 2$ .

Consider the operators

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$$F(z, h) = \mathcal{N}(z, h) - \tilde{\mathcal{N}}(z, h) = \mathcal{N}(z, h) \operatorname{Op}_h(\chi) - \gamma_0 D_\nu (h^2 G_D - z)^{-1} \frac{c}{n} \operatorname{Op}_h(p),$$

where  $\chi(x', \xi') = \Phi(\delta_0 r_0(x', \xi'))$  with  $\Phi(\sigma) = 1$  for  $|\sigma| \leq 1$  and  $\Phi(\sigma) = 0$  for  $|\sigma| \geq 2$ , while  $0 < \delta_0 \ll 1$  is small enough. Here

$\tilde{\mathcal{N}}(z, h)$  is the parametrix of the DN operator  $\mathcal{N}(z, h) \operatorname{Op}_h(1 - \chi)$  in the domain where  $r_0(x', \xi') > \frac{1}{\delta_0}$  and  $p$  is some symbol with behavior  $\mathcal{O}(h^N)$ ,  $N \gg 1$ .

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The operator  $F(z, h)$  is **meromorphic with values in trace class operators** and we denote by  $\mu_j(F(z, h))$  its characteristic eigenvalues.

### Lemma 1

If  $z$  does not belong to  $\text{spec } h^2 G_D$ , then for every integer  $0 \leq m \leq N/4$  we have

$$\mu_j(F(z, h)) \leq \frac{C}{\delta(z, h)} \left( h^{j^{1/(d-1)}} \right)^{-2m}, \quad \forall j,$$

where  $\delta(z, h) := \min\{1, \text{dist}\{z, \text{spec } h^2 G_D\}\} > 0$  and  $C > 0$  depends on  $m$  and  $N$  but is independent of  $z, h, j$ .

Let

$$T(\lambda) := c_1 \gamma_0 D_\nu K_1(\lambda) - c_2 \gamma_0 D_\nu K_2(\lambda),$$

where  $K_j(\lambda)f = u$ , and  $u$  is the solution of the problem

$$\begin{cases} (L_j - \lambda)u = 0 \text{ in } K, \\ u = f \text{ on } \Gamma. \end{cases} .$$

## Theorem 7

Assume that  $T(\lambda)^{-1}$  is a meromorphic function with residue of finite rank. Let  $\delta \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a simple closed positively oriented curve which avoids the eigenvalues of  $G_D^{(j)}$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , as well as the poles of  $T(\lambda)^{-1}$ . Then we have the identity

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{tr}_{\mathcal{H}} (2\pi i)^{-1} \int_{\delta} R(\lambda) d\lambda &= \sum_{j=1}^2 \operatorname{tr}_{H_j} (2\pi i)^{-1} \int_{\delta} (G_D^{(j)} - \lambda)^{-1} d\lambda \\ &\quad - \operatorname{tr}_{L^2(\Gamma)} (2\pi i)^{-1} \int_{\delta} T(\lambda)^{-1} \frac{dT(\lambda)}{d\lambda} d\lambda. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Let us mention that if  $R(\lambda)$  is an operator-valued meromorphic function with residue of finite rank, the multiplicity of a pole  $\lambda_k \in \mathbb{C}$  of  $R(\lambda)$  is defined by

$$\operatorname{mult}(\lambda_k) = \operatorname{rank} (2\pi i)^{-1} \int_{|\lambda - \lambda_k| = \epsilon} R(\lambda) d\lambda, \quad 0 < \epsilon \ll 1.$$

On the left hand side of (20), the rank is equal to the trace and we obtain the sum of the multiplicities of the (ITE) lying in the domain  $\omega_{\delta} \subset \mathbb{C}$  bounded by  $\delta$ . The terms with  $(G_D^{(j)} - \lambda)^{-1}$  yield the sum of the multiplicities of eigenvalues of  $G_D^{(j)}$  in  $\omega_{\delta}$



It is possible to construct invertible, bounded operator  $E(z, h) : H_h^s \rightarrow H_h^{s+1}$  with bounded inverse  $E(z, h)^{-1} : H_h^s \rightarrow H_h^{s-1}$ ,  $\forall s \in \mathbb{R}$  so that

$$hT(z/h^2) = E^{-1}(z, h)(I + \mathcal{K}(z, h)),$$

$$(hT(z/h^2))^{-1} = (I + \mathcal{K}(z, h))^{-1}E(z, h)$$

with a trace class operator  $\mathcal{K}(z, h)$ . Moreover, the operators  $E(z, h), E^{-1}(z, h)$  are holomorphic with respect to  $z$  in  $Z$ , while  $\mathcal{K}(z, h)$  is a memoromorphic operator-valued function in this region.

Set  $g_h(z) := \det(I + \mathcal{K}(z, h))$  and denote by  $M_\delta(h)$  the number of the poles  $\{\lambda_k\}$  of  $R(\lambda)$  such that  $h^2\lambda_k$  are in  $\omega_\delta$ . Similarly, we denote by  $M_\delta^{(j)}(h)$  the number of the eigenvalues  $\nu_k$  of  $G_D^{(j)}$  such that  $h^2\nu_k \in \omega_\delta$ . Then using the analyticity of  $E^{-1}(z, h)$  and the well-known formula

$$\operatorname{tr} (I + \mathcal{K}(x, h))^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathcal{K}(z, h)}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \det(I + \mathcal{K}(z, h)),$$

we get from (19) the following

### Lemma 2

Let  $\delta \subset Z$  be closed positively oriented curve which avoid the eigenvalues of  $h^2 G_D^{(j)}$ ,  $j = 1, 2$  as well as the poles of  $T(z/h^2)^{-1}$ . Then we have

$$M_\delta(h) = M_\delta^{(1)}(h) + M_\delta^{(2)}(h) + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_\delta \frac{d}{dz} \log g_h(z) dz. \quad (20)$$

Observe that  $z_0 \in Z \setminus \operatorname{spec}(h^2 G_D^{(1)}) \cup \operatorname{spec}(h^2 G_D^{(2)})$  is a zero of  $g_h(z)$  if and only if  $z_0$  is a pole of  $R(z/h^2)$  and hence  $z_0/h^2$  is an (ITE).

### Lemma 3

Let  $0 < \kappa \leq 1$  be as in Theorem 6. Then, given any  $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$ , the operator  $I + \mathcal{K}(z, h)$  is invertible on  $L^2(\Gamma)$  for  $z \in Z$ ,  $|\operatorname{Im} z| \geq h^{\kappa-\epsilon}$  and the inverse operator satisfies in this region the estimate

$$\left\| (I + \mathcal{K}(z, h))^{-1} \right\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \leq C_\epsilon h^{-\ell}$$

with constants  $C > 0$ ,  $\ell > 0$ . For these values of  $z$  we have

$$\log \frac{1}{|g_h(z)|} \leq C_\epsilon h^{1-d-\epsilon}, \quad 0 < \epsilon \ll 1. \quad (21)$$

Moreover, for these  $z$  the function  $g_h(z)$  is holomorphic and we have

$$\left| \frac{d}{dz} \log g_h(z) \right| \leq \frac{C_\epsilon h^{1-d-2\epsilon}}{|\operatorname{Im} z|} \quad (22)$$

for  $z \in W := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : 2/3 \leq |\operatorname{Re} z| \leq 5/2, 2h^{\kappa-\epsilon} \leq |\operatorname{Im} z| \leq 1/2\}$ .

## Proposition 2

For every  $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$  and  $A > 0$ , independent of  $h$ , we have the asymptotics

$$I(h) := \#\{z_k, z_k/h^2 \text{ is (ITE)} : 1 - Ah^{\kappa-\epsilon} \leq |\operatorname{Re} z_k| \leq 2 + Ah^{\kappa-\epsilon}, |\operatorname{Im} z_k| \leq h^{\kappa-\epsilon}\} \\ = (2^{d/2} - 1)(\tau_1 + \tau_2)h^{-d} + \mathcal{O}_{\epsilon,A}(h^{-d+\kappa-3\epsilon}). \quad (23)$$

We will discuss only the case of (ITE) with  $\operatorname{Re} z_k > 0$ , since the case  $\operatorname{Re} z_k < 0$  is similar (and even simpler since the function  $g_h(z)$  does not have poles in  $\operatorname{Re} z < 0$ ). Consider the points

$$w_1^\pm = 1 - Ah^{\kappa-\epsilon} \pm \frac{\mathbf{i}}{3}, \quad w_2^\pm = 2 + Ah^{\kappa-\epsilon} \pm \frac{\mathbf{i}}{3},$$

$$\tilde{w}_1^\pm = 1 - Ah^{\kappa-\epsilon} \pm \mathbf{i}3h^{\kappa-\epsilon}, \quad \tilde{w}_2^\pm = 2 + Ah^{\kappa-\epsilon} \pm \mathbf{i}3h^{\kappa-\epsilon}$$

and set

$$\Theta_1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : 1 - 2(A+1)h^{\kappa-\epsilon} \leq \operatorname{Re} z \leq 1 + h^{\kappa-\epsilon}, |\operatorname{Im} z| \leq 4h^{\kappa-\epsilon}\},$$

$$\Theta_2 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : 2 - h^{\kappa-\epsilon} \leq \operatorname{Re} z \leq 2 + 2(A+1)h^{\kappa-\epsilon}, |\operatorname{Im} z| \leq 4h^{\kappa-\epsilon}\}.$$

## Lemma 4

There exist positively oriented piecewise smooth curves  $\tilde{\gamma}_1 \subset \Theta_1$  and  $\tilde{\gamma}_2 \subset \Theta_2$ , where  $\tilde{\gamma}_1$  connects the point  $\tilde{w}_1^-$  with  $\tilde{w}_1^+$ , while  $\tilde{\gamma}_2$  connects the point  $\tilde{w}_2^+$  with  $\tilde{w}_2^-$ , such that

$$\left| \operatorname{Im} \int_{\tilde{\gamma}_j} \frac{d}{dz} \log g_h(z) dz \right| \leq C_\epsilon h^{-d+\kappa-2\epsilon}, \quad j = 1, 2. \quad (24)$$

Now we apply Lemma 2 with a contour  $\delta = \gamma_1 \cup \gamma_3 \cup \gamma_2 \cup \gamma_4$ , where  $\gamma_3 \subset W$  is the segment  $[w_1^+, w_2^+]$  on the line passing through the points  $w_1^+$  and  $w_2^+$ , and  $\gamma_4 \subset W$  is the segment  $[w_2^-, w_1^-]$  on the line passing through the points  $w_2^-$  and  $w_1^-$ . Next,  $\gamma_1 = [w_1^-, \tilde{w}_1^-] \cup \tilde{\gamma}_1 \cup [\tilde{w}_1^+, w_1^+]$ ,  $\gamma_2 = [w_2^+, \tilde{w}_2^+] \cup \tilde{\gamma}_2 \cup [\tilde{w}_2^-, w_2^-]$  (see Figure 4). Since  $\gamma_j \subset W$ ,  $|\gamma_j| = \mathcal{O}(1)$ ,  $j = 3, 4$ , by (22) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\gamma_j} \frac{d}{dz} \log g_h(z) dz \right| &\leq \int_{\gamma_j} \left| \frac{d}{dz} \log g_h(z) \right| |dz| \\ &\leq C_\epsilon h^{-d+1-2\epsilon} \int_{\gamma_j} |dz| \leq C_\epsilon h^{-d+1-2\epsilon}, \quad j = 3, 4. \end{aligned}$$

Applying (22) once more for  $j = 1, 2$ , we have

$$\left| \int_{[w_j^\pm, \tilde{w}_j^\pm]} \frac{d}{dz} \log g_h(z) dz \right| \leq C_\epsilon h^{-d+1-2\epsilon} \int_{3h^{\kappa-\epsilon}}^{1/3} \frac{d\sigma}{\sigma} \leq C_\epsilon h^{-d+1-3\epsilon}.$$

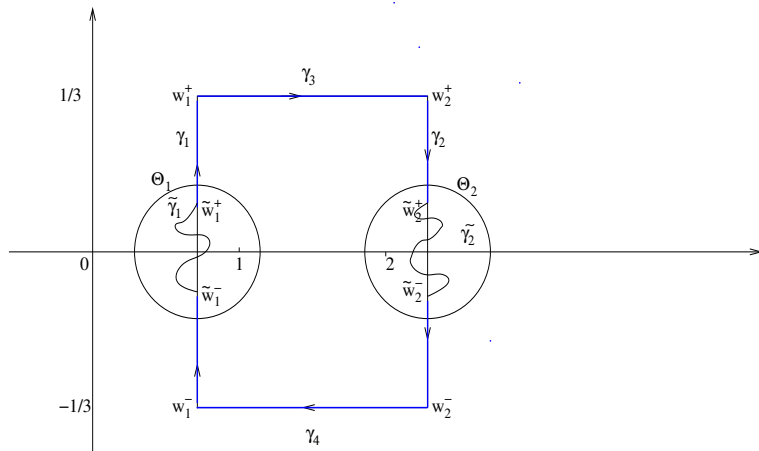


Figure 4: Contour  $\delta = \gamma_1 \cup \gamma_2 \cup \gamma_3 \cup \delta_4$

On the other hand, since the counting function of the eigenvalues of  $G_D^{(j)}$  satisfies the Weyl law, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\gamma_0}^{(j)}(h) &\leq \#\left\{\nu_k \in \text{spec } G_D^{(j)} : 1 - 2Ah^{\kappa-\epsilon} \leq h^2\nu_k \leq 2 + 2Ah^{\kappa-\epsilon}\right\} \\ &= (2^{d/2} - 1)\tau_j h^{-d} + \mathcal{O}_{\epsilon,A}(h^{-d+\kappa-\epsilon}) \end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\gamma_0}^{(j)}(h) &\geq \#\left\{\nu_k \in \text{spec } G_D^{(j)} : 1 + 2Ah^{\kappa-\epsilon} \leq h^2\nu_k \leq 2 - 2Ah^{\kappa-\epsilon}\right\} \\ &= (2^{d/2} - 1)\tau_j h^{-d} - \mathcal{O}_{\epsilon,A}(h^{-d+\kappa-\epsilon}), \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$M_{\gamma_0}^{(j)}(h) = (2^{d/2} - 1)\tau_j h^{-d} + \mathcal{O}_{\epsilon,A}(h^{-d+\kappa-\epsilon}), \quad j = 1, 2. \quad (25)$$

Taking together the above estimates and applying Lemma 4, we obtain

$$M_{\gamma_0}(h) = (2^{d/2} - 1)(\tau_1 + \tau_2)h^{-d} + \mathcal{O}_{\epsilon,A}(h^{-d+\kappa-3\epsilon}). \quad (26)$$

This implies easily the statement of Theorem 6.

## Illustration of the idea of the proof of Lemma 4

We treat the case  $j = 1$ . Let  $B_1^\pm(\theta) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - \tilde{w}_1^\pm| \leq \theta h^{\kappa - \epsilon}\}$ ,  $\Theta_1 \subset B_1^+(\theta) \cup B_1^-(\theta)$ ,  $0 < \theta \leq \theta_0$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and by  $\mathcal{M}_2$  the set of **the zeros and the poles** of  $g_h(z)$  for  $z \in B_1^+(2\theta_0) \cup B_1^-(2\theta_0)$ , respectively. Introduce the holomorphic function  $\zeta_h(z) := g_h(z) \prod_{w \in \mathcal{M}_1} (z - w)^{-1} \prod_{w \in \mathcal{M}_2} (z - w)$ , where the zeros and the poles are repeated with their multiplicities. Write

$$\frac{d}{dz} \log g_h(z) = \frac{d}{dz} \log \zeta_h(z) + \sum_{w \in \mathcal{M}_1} (z - w)^{-1} - \sum_{w \in \mathcal{M}_2} (z - w)^{-1}.$$

We prove an estimate  $\log |\zeta_h(z)| \leq C_\epsilon h^{-d+1-2\epsilon}$ ,  $\forall z \in B_1^+(2\theta_0) \cup B_1^-(2\theta_0)$ . For the functions  $f_\pm(x) = \log \frac{\zeta_h(z)}{\zeta_h(\tilde{w}_1^\pm)}$  we have  $\operatorname{Re} f_\pm(z) = \log |\zeta_h(z)| - \log |\zeta_h(\tilde{w}_1^\pm)|$ . Since  $f_\pm(\tilde{w}_1^\pm) = 0$ , we can apply Caratheodory theorem to obtain a bound of  $|f_\pm(z)|$  in a smaller disks  $B_1^\pm(\frac{3}{2}\theta_0)$ .



This implies  $\left| \frac{d}{dz} \log \zeta_h(z) \right| \leq C_\epsilon h^{-d-\kappa+1-\epsilon}$  in  $B_1^\pm(\theta_0)$  and

$$\left| \int_{\tilde{\gamma}_1} \frac{d}{dz} \log \zeta_h(z) dz \right| = \left| \int_{\tilde{w}_1^-}^{\tilde{w}_1^+} \frac{d}{dz} \log \zeta_h(z) dz \right| \leq C_\epsilon h^{-d+1-2\epsilon},$$

since  $[\tilde{w}_1^-, \tilde{w}_1^+]$  has length  $6h^{\kappa-\epsilon}$ . Let  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_1 \cup \mathcal{M}_2$ . By using the Jensen formula for the zeros of  $F_h(z) = g_h(z) \prod_{w \in \mathcal{M}_2} (z - w)$ , we estimate

$$\#\{w : w \in \mathcal{M}_1\} \leq C_\epsilon h^{-d+\kappa-2\epsilon}.$$

A similar estimates holds for  $\#\{w : w \in \mathcal{M}_2\}$ . Next for  $M \gg d$  introduce

$$U = \bigcup_{w \in \mathcal{M}} \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - w| \leq h^M\} = \bigcup_{\nu} U_\nu, \quad U_\nu \cap U_\mu = \emptyset, \quad \nu \neq \mu.$$

If  $U_\nu \cap \partial B_1^\pm(2\theta_0) \neq \emptyset$ , we modify the arc of  $U_\nu \cap \partial B_1^\pm(2\theta_0)$  by arc of  $\partial U_\nu$ , so  $\text{dist}(w, \partial U_\nu) \geq h^M, \forall w \in \mathcal{M}$ .

For  $w \notin [\alpha, \beta]$ , by using suitable change of variables with  $w = \pm\sigma_0, \sigma_0 > 0$ , we get

$$\left| \operatorname{Im} \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} (z - w)^{-1} dz \right| = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \frac{\sigma_0 dt}{\sigma_0^2 + t^2} \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{1 + t^2} = \pi.$$

On the other hand,  $\int_{\omega} (z - w)^{-1} dz$  and  $\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} (z - w)^{-1} dz$  are different by  $2k\pi i, k = 0, 1$  and we obtain  $\left| \operatorname{Im} \int_{\omega} (z - w)^{-1} dz \right| \leq 3\pi, \forall w \in \mathcal{M}$ .

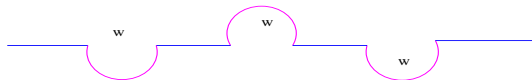


Figure 5: arcs of  $\partial U_\nu$

Passing to a limit, we obtain the same for  $w \in [\alpha, \beta]$ . By using the estimate for the number of point  $w \in \mathcal{M}$ , we deduce Lemma 4.

## Weyl asymptotics for dissipative eigenvalues close to $\mathbb{R}^-$

Consider the Maxwell system in  $K = B^3 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : |x| \leq 1\}$  with dissipative boundary conditions on  $|x| = 1$ . For  $\gamma \equiv 1$  on  $\Gamma$  there are **no eigenvalues**.

### Proposition 3 (Colombini, -P., Rauch (2016))

Assume that  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{1\}$  is a constant and let  $\gamma_0 = \max\{\gamma, \frac{1}{\gamma}\}$ . Then  $G$  has an infinite number of real eigenvalues. All real eigenvalues  $\lambda$  satisfy the estimate

$$\lambda \leq -\frac{1}{\max\{(\gamma_0 - 1), \sqrt{\gamma_0 - 1}\}} = -c_0. \quad (27)$$

### Theorem 8 (-P., Colombini (2018))

Assume the conditions of Prop. 3. Then the counting function  $N(r) = \#\{\lambda_j \in \mathbb{R}^- : |\lambda_j| \leq r\}$  for the ball  $B^3$  has the asymptotic

$$N(r) = (\gamma_0^2 - 1)r^2 + \mathcal{O}_\gamma(r), \quad r \geq r(\gamma) > c_0$$

For the wave equation and **strictly convex obstacles** in the case  $\gamma(x) > 1, \forall x \in \Gamma$ , by Th. 3 we know that for  $\forall N \in \mathbb{N}$  all eigenvalues of the generator  $G$  of the semi-group  $V(t) = e^{tG}$  are in a small neighbourhood of the negative real axis

$$\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \leq C_N(1 + |\operatorname{Re} \lambda|)^{-N}, \operatorname{Re} \lambda < -R\} \cup \{|\lambda| \leq R, \operatorname{Re} \lambda < 0\}.$$

For  $\gamma(x) \equiv \gamma_0 > 1$  in a work in progress -P. proved in this case that the counting function  $N(r)$  of the eigenvalues has the asymptotics

$$N(r) = \frac{\omega_{d-1} r^{d-1}}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \int_{\Gamma} (\gamma_0^2 - 1)^{\frac{d-1}{2}} dx + \mathcal{O}_{\gamma}(r^{d-2}), \quad r \geq c(\gamma_0) > 0,$$

$\omega_{d-1}$  being the volume of  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^{d-1} : |x| \leq 1\}$ . We expect that this result is true when  $\gamma(x) > 1$  is not constant. The proof is based on a **trace formula**

$$\operatorname{tr}_{\mathcal{H}} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\delta} (\lambda - G)^{-1} d\lambda = \operatorname{tr}_{L^2(\Gamma)} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\delta} C^{-1}(\lambda) \frac{\partial C}{\partial \lambda}(\lambda) d\lambda, \quad \delta \subset \{\operatorname{Re} \lambda < 0\},$$

where  $C(\lambda) = \mathcal{N}(\lambda) - \lambda\gamma = \mathcal{N}(\lambda) \left( Id - \lambda \mathcal{N}^{-1}(\lambda) \gamma \right)$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda < 0$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\lambda)f$  is the (exterior) Dirichlet-to-Neumann map related to  $(\Delta - \lambda^2)u = 0, u|_{\Gamma} = f$ .