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Perfect transmission in periodic waveguides with localized defects

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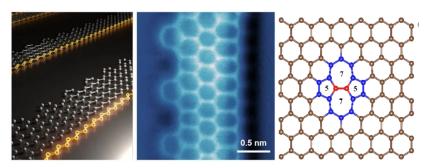




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Introduction

▶ We are interested in periodic materials (graphene, photonic cristal, ...).



- ► For certain bands of frequencies, waves can propagate in such media.
 - How to study scattering of waves by localized defects
 - How to design invisible defects



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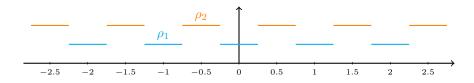
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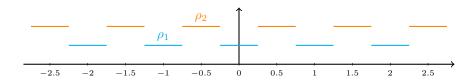
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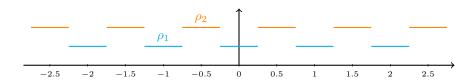
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Proposition. A is selfadjoint and positive.

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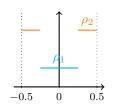
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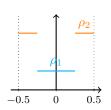
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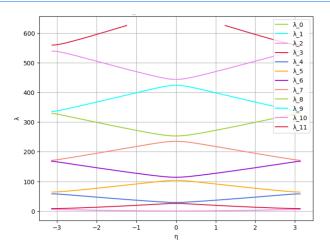
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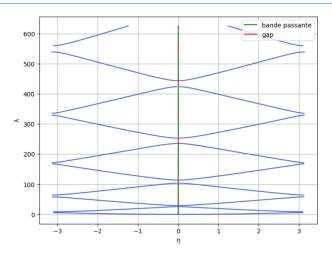
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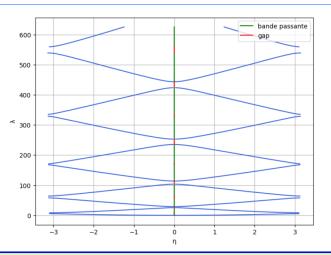


► For all $\eta \in (-\pi; \pi]$, the corresponding eigenvalue problem admits a sequence of real positive eigenvalues

$$0 \leq \lambda_1(\underline{\eta}) \leq \lambda_2(\underline{\eta}) \leq \dots$$

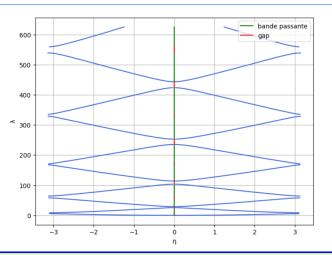






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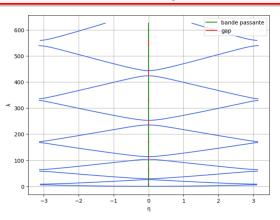
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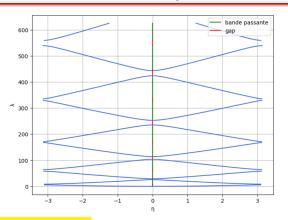
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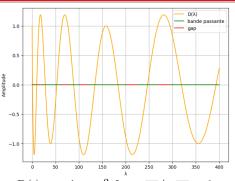
Characterization of spectral bands

► For this 1D problem, we can make explicit calculus. Set

$$D(\omega) := \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\rho_1 \omega}}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\rho_2 \omega}}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} + \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\rho_1 \omega}}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\rho_2 \omega}}{2}\right).$$

Theorem. Propagating modes exist $(\omega^2 \in \sigma_{\mathrm{ess}}(A)) \Leftrightarrow \exists \eta \in (-\pi; \pi]$ satisfying

$$D(\omega) = \cos(\eta).$$



$$D(\cdot)$$
 wrt $\lambda = \omega^2$ for $\sqrt{\rho_2}/\sqrt{\rho_1} = 2$.

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REMARK. In 1D, one has only one propagating mode per spectral band.

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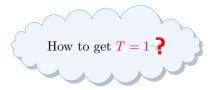
Definition. Defect is said
$$\mid$$
 non reflecting if $R = 0 \quad (|T| = 1)$ perfectly invisible if $T = 1 \quad (R = 0)$.

Numerical illustration

▶ $t \mapsto \Re e\left(u(x)e^{-i\omega t}\right)$ in a generic case \to Here $\left|\begin{array}{c} R=0.90+0.16i\\ T=0.07-0.40i. \end{array}\right|$

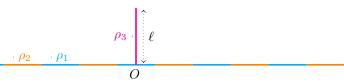
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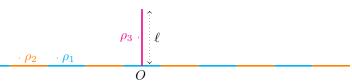
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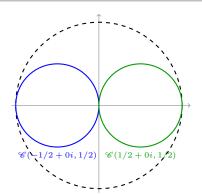
Remark

▶ Due to the **Kirchhoff** transmissions conditions, one has the constraint

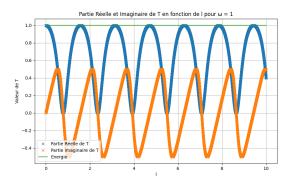
$$1 + R = T$$

▶ With the energy conservation $(|R|^2 + |T|^2 = 1)$, this implies:

THEOREM. R, T belong to the **circles** $\mathscr{C}(-1/2+0i,1/2)$, $\mathscr{C}(1/2+0i,1/2)$ of the complex plane.

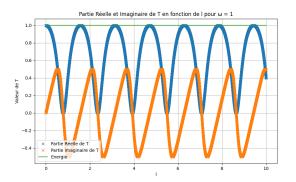


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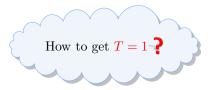
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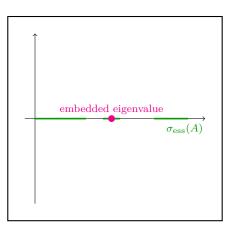
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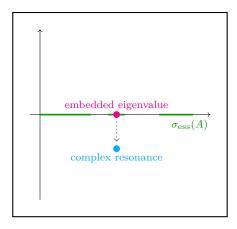
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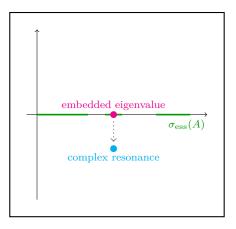
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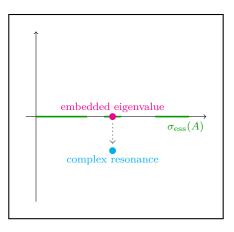
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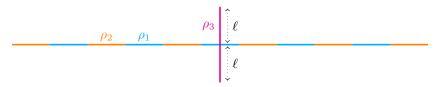
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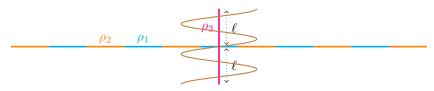
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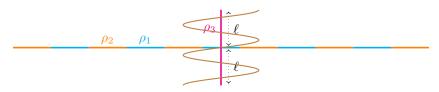


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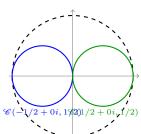
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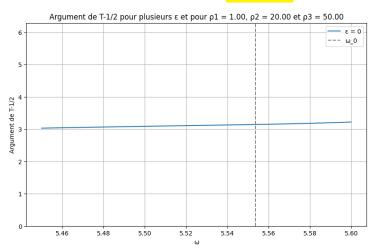
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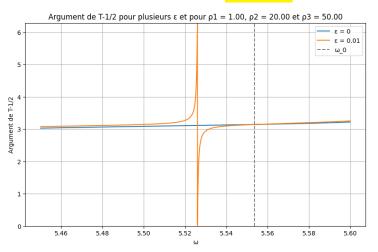
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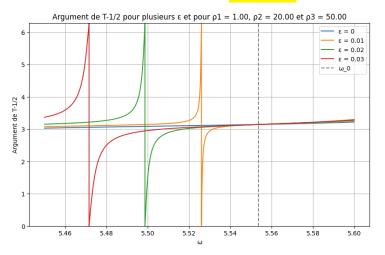
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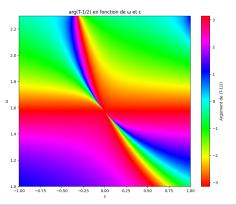
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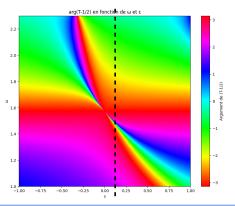
For $\varepsilon > 0$, $\omega \mapsto T^{\varepsilon}(\omega)$ has a rapid variation in a neighborhood of ω_0 (even faster as $\varepsilon > 0$ is small).

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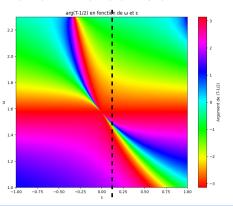
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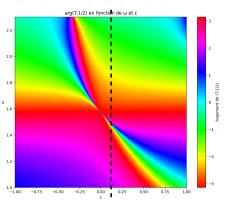
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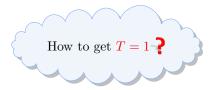
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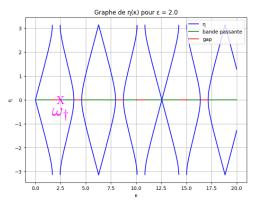
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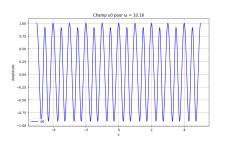


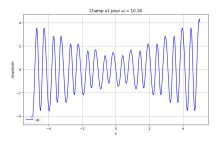
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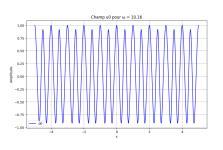


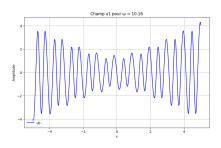


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In general, at the edge of the spectral bands, T tends to 0. However for certain defects, one can have T = 1.

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Numerical illustration

▶ $t \mapsto \Re e(u(x)e^{-i\omega t})$, $\omega = \omega_{\dagger} + \delta$, in a case where $\dim \ker(\mathscr{S} + \mathrm{Id}) = 1$.

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Future work

- ♠ How to hide given obstacles?
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Thank you for your attention!