

Mode matching methods in spectral and scattering problems

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Outline of the talk

- Two major research directions
- Mode matching method
- Conclusions and perspectives

I. Spectral theory of diffusion MRI

$$\vec{G} \rightarrow$$
$$\partial_t m = D_0 \Delta m - i\gamma(\vec{G} \cdot \vec{r})m$$

diffusion precession

$$m(\vec{r}, t = 0) = 1$$
$$\Omega$$
$$\partial_n m = 0$$

$$m = \exp(-D_0 B_g t) \mathbf{1}$$

$$B_g = -\Delta + igx$$

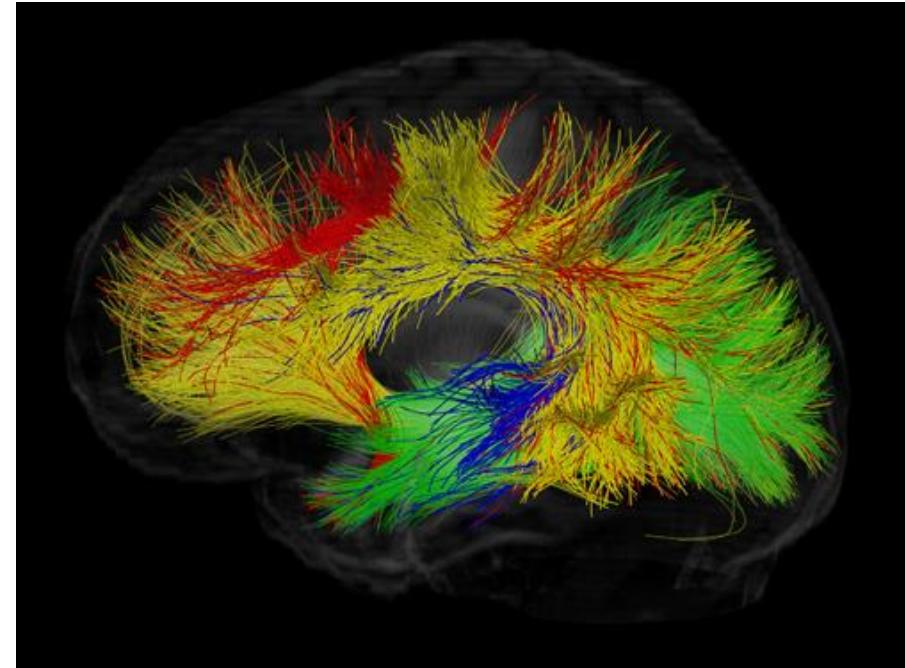
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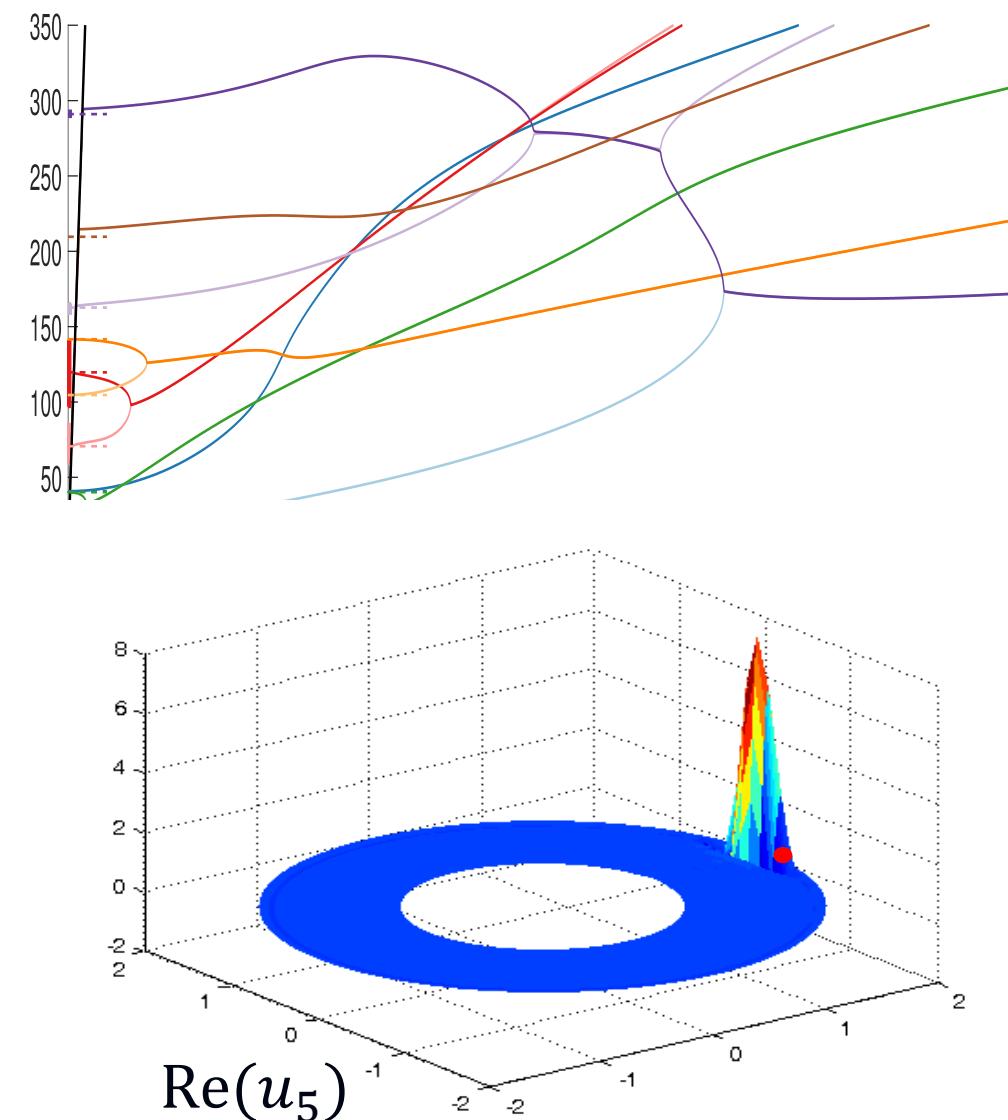
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I. Spectral theory of diffusion MRI



Asymptotic behavior
of eigenvalues as $g \rightarrow \infty$

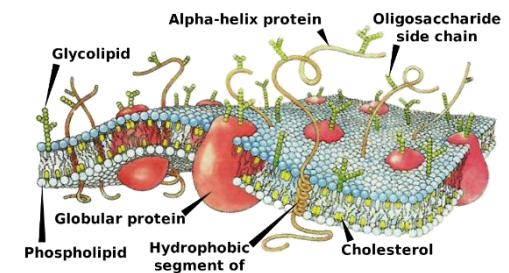
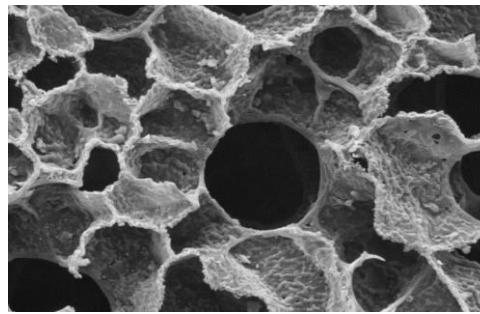
Branching points
in the spectrum

Localization of
eigenfunctions

\mathfrak{jer} operator with
flowing potential

1D domains
bounded domains
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periodic domains

II. Diffusion-influenced reactions



Let τ be the (random) first-passage time to the target

$$S(x, t) = P_x\{\tau > t\}$$

survival probability

Mixed boundary value problem

$$\partial_t S = L_{FP}^* S \quad \text{in the bulk}$$

$$-D\partial_n S = \kappa S \quad \text{on the target}$$

$$-D\partial_n S = 0 \quad \text{on the rest}$$

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II. Diffusion-influenced reactions

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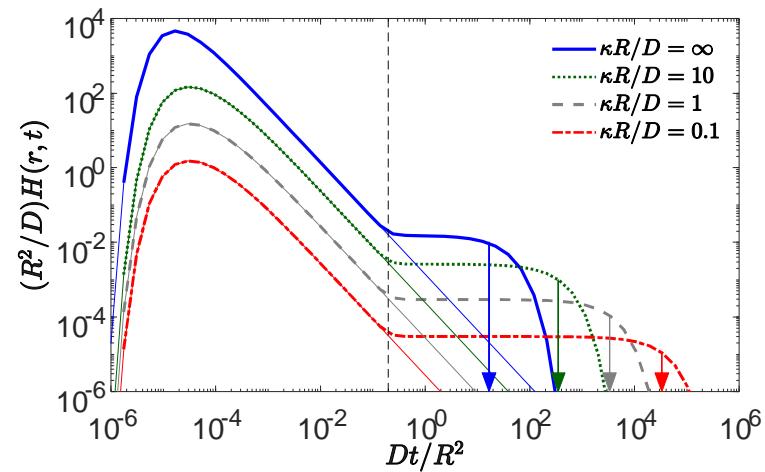
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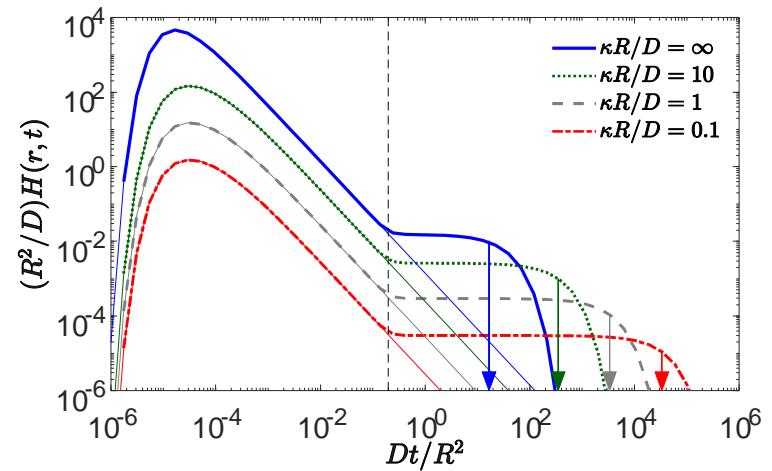
$$S_\kappa(x, t) = \int_0^\infty d\ell e^{-\ell\kappa/D} P(\ell, t|x)$$



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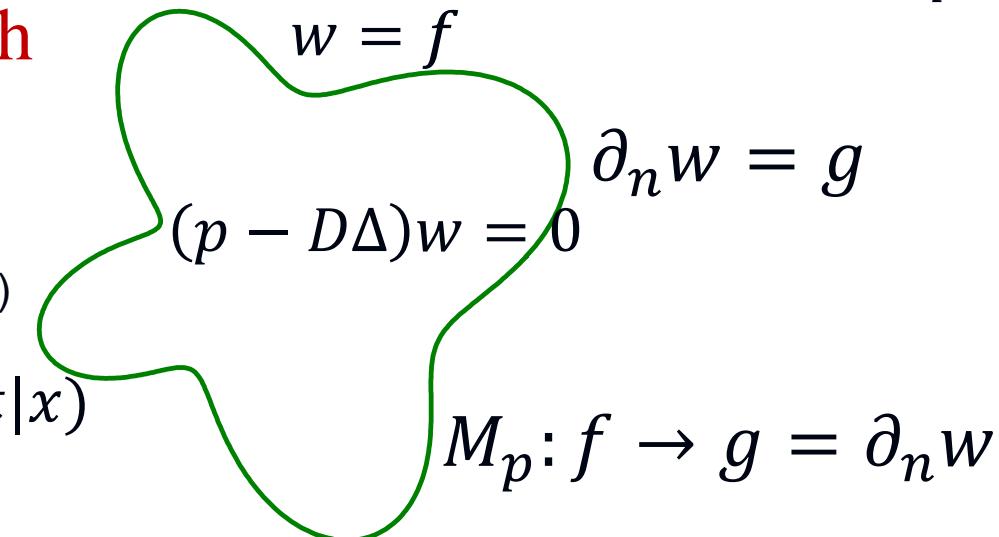
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Dirichlet-to-Neumann operator M_p



Mode matching methods

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Basic idea

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \Big|_{\Gamma} = T_i(\lambda) u_i \Big|_{\Gamma}$$

$$T_i(\lambda)f = \sum_n \frac{2\gamma_{n,i}}{h_i \tanh(\gamma_{n,i} a_i)} \left(f, \sin\left(\frac{\pi ny}{h_i}\right) \right)_{L_2(\Gamma_i)} \sin\left(\frac{\pi ny}{h_i}\right)$$



$$-\Delta u = \lambda u$$

$$u_1(x, y) = \sum_n c_{n,1} \sin\left(\frac{\pi ny}{h_1}\right) \sinh(\gamma_{n,1}(a_1 + x))$$

$$\gamma_{n,1} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 n^2}{h_1^2} - \lambda}$$

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$$u_2(x, y) = \sum_n \frac{2 \left(u_2|_{\Gamma}, \sin\left(\frac{\pi ny}{h_2}\right) \right)_{L_2(\Gamma)}}{h_2 \sinh(\gamma_{n,2} a_2)} \sin\left(\frac{\pi ny}{h_2}\right) \sinh(\gamma_{n,2}(a_2 - x))$$

Basic idea

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \Big|_{\Gamma} = T_i(\lambda) u_i \Big|_{\Gamma}$$

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$$\iota_2 = 0$$

$$\Omega_2$$

$$\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} \Big|_{\Gamma} = \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x} \Big|_{\Gamma} \quad \forall y \in \Gamma$$

$$= u_2 \Big|_{\Gamma} = u \Big|_{\Gamma}$$

$$u_1 \left(\left(T_1(\lambda)u \Big|_{\Gamma} - T_2(\lambda)u \Big|_{\Gamma}, v \right)_{L_2(\Gamma)} \right) = 0 \quad \forall v \in H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma)$$

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 n^2}{h_1^2} - \lambda}$$

$$a_{\lambda}(u \Big|_{\Gamma}, v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma)$$

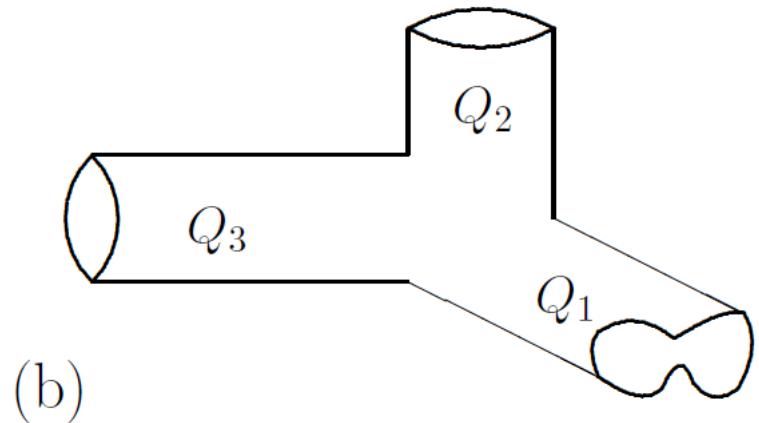
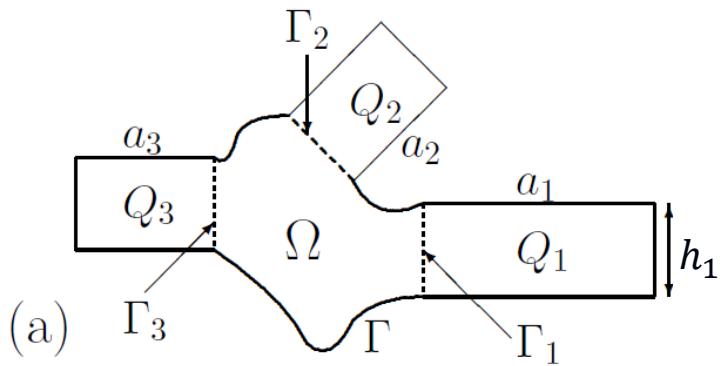
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$$a_{\lambda}(f, g) = \sum_n \frac{2\gamma_{n,1}}{h_1 \tanh(\gamma_{n,1} a_1)} \left(f, \sin\left(\frac{\pi ny}{h_1}\right) \right)_{L_2(\Gamma)} \left(g, \sin\left(\frac{\pi ny}{h_1}\right) \right)_{L_2(\Gamma)}$$

$$+ \sum_n \frac{2\gamma_{n,2}}{h_2 \tanh(\gamma_{n,2} a_2)} \left(f, \sin\left(\frac{\pi ny}{h_2}\right) \right)_{L_2(\Gamma)} \left(g, \sin\left(\frac{\pi ny}{h_2}\right) \right)_{L_2(\Gamma)}$$

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Finite quantum waveguides



$$-\Delta u = \lambda u \quad \text{in } D = \Omega \cup Q_1 \cup \dots \cup Q_n$$

$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial D$$

$$T_i(\lambda)f = \sum_n \frac{\gamma_{n,i}}{\tanh(\gamma_{n,i}a_i)} \left(\frac{2}{h_i} \left(\psi_{f_n,s} \right)_n \left(\frac{\pi ny}{\Gamma_i h_i} \psi_n \right)_i(y) \right)_{L_2(\Gamma_i)} \sin \left(\frac{\pi ny}{\gamma_{n,i} h_i} \right) \sqrt{\nu_{n,i} - \lambda}$$

$$-\Delta u = \lambda u \quad \text{in } \Omega \qquad u = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma \qquad \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \Big|_{\Gamma_i} = -T_i(\lambda)u \Big|_{\Gamma_i}$$

$$-\Delta u = \mu(\lambda)u \quad \text{in } \Omega \qquad u = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma \qquad \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \Big|_{\Gamma_i} = -T_i(\lambda)u \Big|_{\Gamma_i}$$

Finite quantum waveguides

Sufficient condition for trapping

$$\exists v \in H(\Omega) \quad \text{s. t.} \quad \sum_i \left(\frac{\sigma_i}{a_i} + \frac{\kappa_i}{\tanh(a_i \sqrt{\nu_2 - \nu_1})} \right) < \beta$$

$$\beta = \nu_1(v, v)_{L_2(\Omega)} - (\nabla v, \nabla v)_{L_2(\Omega)}$$

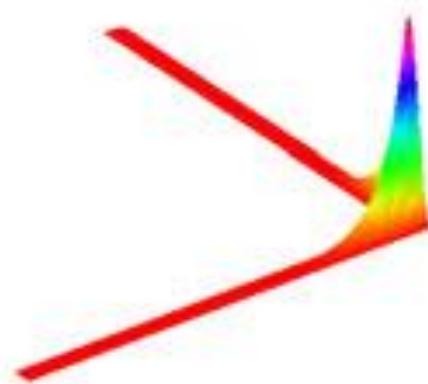
$$\sigma_i = (v, \psi_i)_{L_2(\Gamma_i)}^2 \quad \kappa_i = \sum_n \sqrt{\nu_n - \nu_1} (v, \psi_n)_{L_2(\Gamma_i)}^2$$

For long enough branches of the same profile:

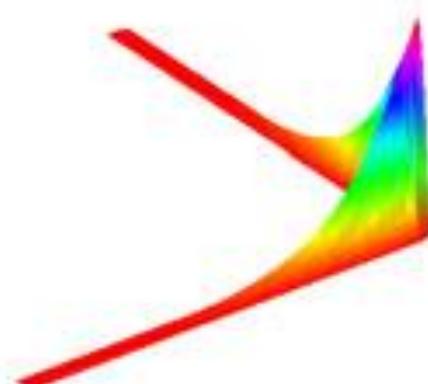
$$\sum_i \frac{1}{a_i} < \eta = \frac{\beta}{\sigma_1} - \frac{1}{\sigma_1} \sum_i \kappa_i$$

$$-\Delta u = \mu(\lambda)u \quad \text{in } \Omega \quad u = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \Big|_{\Gamma_i} = -T_i(\lambda)u \Big|_{\Gamma_i}$$

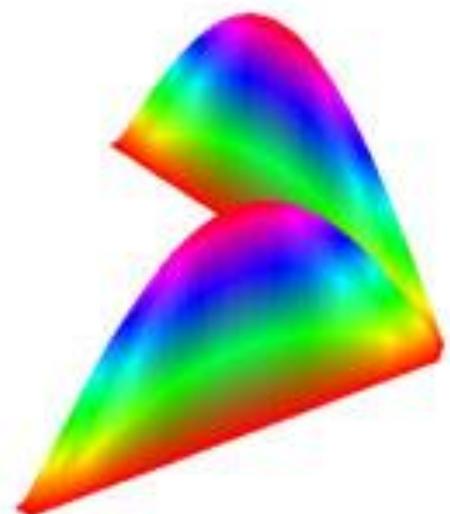
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$$\lambda_1 \approx 0.9302 \pi^2$$



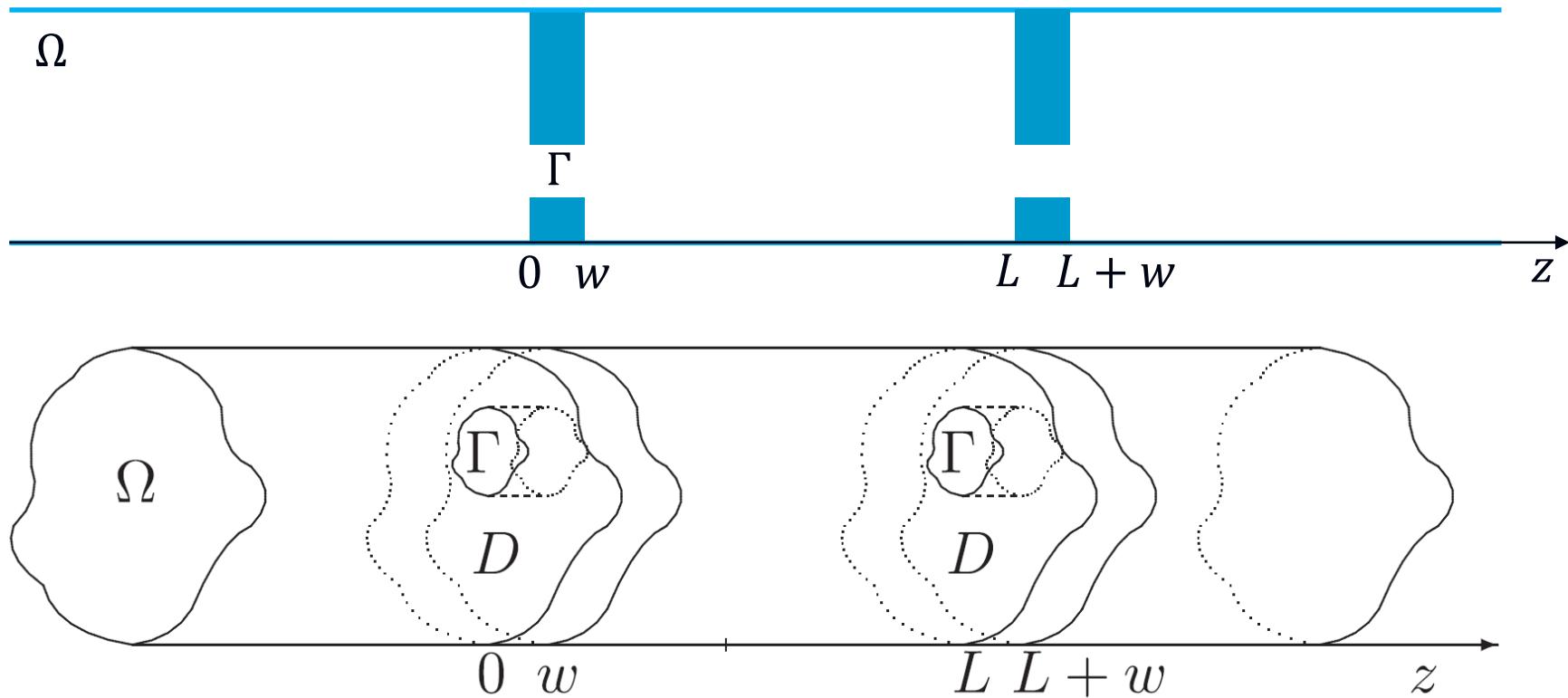
$$\lambda_1 \approx 0.9879 \pi^2$$



$$\lambda_1 \approx 1.0032 \pi^2$$

Scattering problem

Infinite cylinder Q_0 of a bounded cross-section Ω with a “hole” Γ



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$w = 0$

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$w > 0$

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$$\Delta u + k^2 u = 0 \quad \text{in } Q_0$$

$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial Q_0$$

$$u(x, z) = e^{i\gamma_1 z} \psi_1(x) + r_1 e^{-i\gamma_1 z} \psi_1(x) + \sum_{n \geq 2} r_n e^{\gamma_n z} \psi_n(x) \quad z < 0$$

$$u(x, z) = t_1 e^{i\gamma_1 z} \psi_1(x) + \sum_{n \geq 2} t_n e^{-\gamma_n z} \psi_n(x) \quad z > L + w$$

$$-\Delta \psi_n = \lambda_n \psi_n \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

$$\psi_n = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega$$

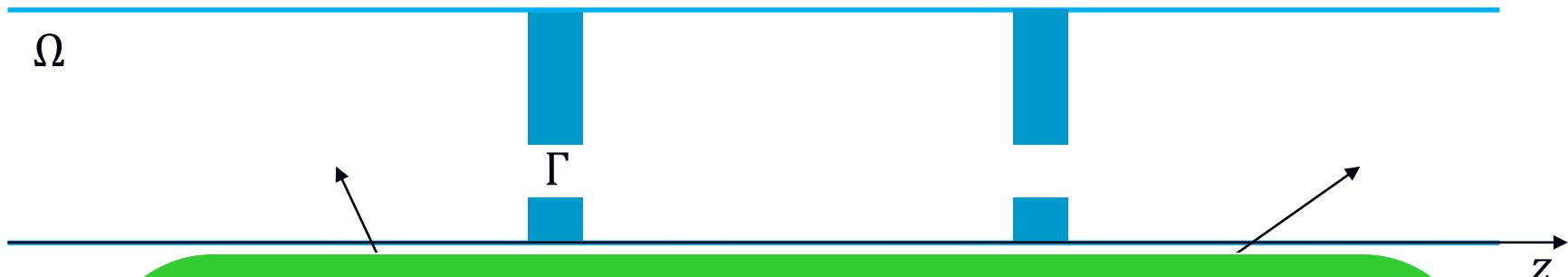
$$\gamma_1 = \sqrt{k^2 - \lambda_1}$$

$$\gamma_n = \sqrt{\lambda_n - k^2}$$

$$\lambda_1 < k^2 < \lambda_2$$

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Theorem (main result)

Let Γ be an open subset of Ω , and $\delta = \text{diam}\{\Gamma\}$

1) $\forall k \in (\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \sqrt{\lambda_2})$ fixed, $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} r_1 = -1$

i.e., the wave is fully reflecting in the limit of closing barriers

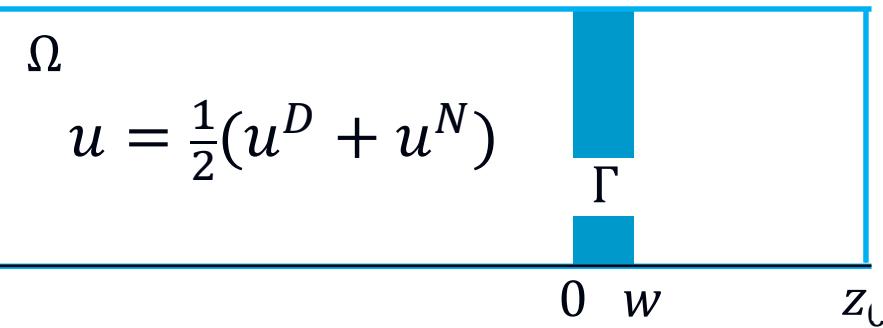
2) $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta' > 0 \forall \Gamma \text{ with } \delta < \delta' \exists k_D \text{ s.t. } |r_1| < \epsilon$

i.e., the wave is almost fully propagating across two almost closed barriers at the resonance wavenumber k_D

Main steps of derivation

1

Infinite cylinder Q_0 of a bounded cross-section Ω with a “hole” Γ



$$\begin{aligned} \Delta u^D + k^2 u^D &= 0 \text{ in } Q \\ u^D &= 0 \text{ on } \partial Q_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$u^D(x, z) = -u^D(x, 2z_0 - z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} u^D(x, z) &= e^{i\gamma_1 z} \psi_1(x) + r_1^D e^{-i\gamma_1 z} \psi_1(x) + \sum_{n \geq 2} r_n^D e^{\gamma_n z} \psi_n(x) \\ u^D &= 0 \text{ at } z = z_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta u^N + k^2 u^N &= 0 \text{ in } Q \\ u^N &= 0 \text{ on } \partial Q_0 \end{aligned}$$

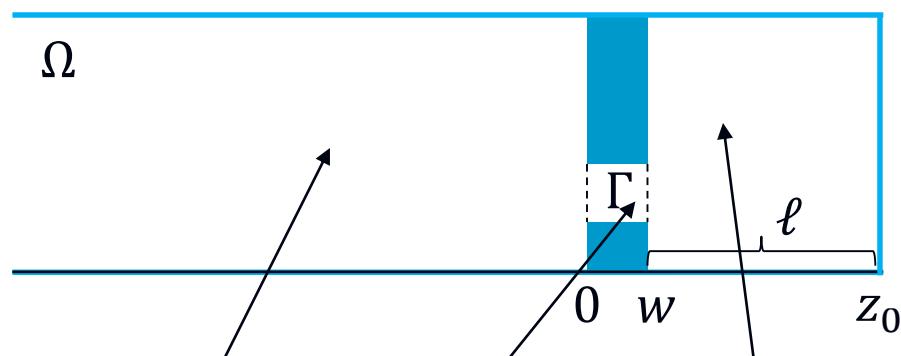
$$u^N(x, z) = +u^N(x, 2z_0 - z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} u^N(x, z) &= e^{i\gamma_1 z} \psi_1(x) + r_1^N e^{-i\gamma_1 z} \psi_1(x) + \sum_{n \geq 2} r_n^N e^{\gamma_n z} \psi_n(x) \\ \partial u^N / \partial z &= 0 \text{ at } z = z_0 \end{aligned}$$

Main steps of derivation

2

Infinite cylinder Q_0 of a bounded cross-section Ω with a “hole” Γ



$$u_0 = u^D(x, 0) \Big|_{\Gamma}$$

$$u_1 = u^D(x, w) \Big|_{\Gamma}$$

$$1 + r_1^D = (u_0, \psi_1)_{L_2(\Gamma)}$$

$$r_n^D = (u_0, \psi_n)_{L_2(\Gamma)}$$

$$u^D(x, z) = e^{i\gamma_1 z} \psi_1(x) + \left((u_0, \psi_1)_{L_2(\Gamma)} - 1 \right) e^{-i\gamma_1 z} \psi_1(x) + \sum_{n \geq 2} (u_0, \psi_n)_{L_2(\Gamma)} e^{\gamma_n z} \psi_n(x)$$

$$u^D(x, z) = - \frac{(u_1, \psi_1)_{L_2(\Gamma)} \sin(\gamma_1(z - z_0))}{\sin(\gamma_1 \ell)} \psi_1(x) - \sum_{n \geq 2} \frac{(u_1, \psi_n)_{L_2(\Gamma)} \sinh(\gamma_n(z - z_0))}{\sinh(\gamma_n \ell)} \psi_n(x)$$

$$u^D(x, z) = \sum_n \frac{-(u_0, \phi_n)_{L_2(\Gamma)} \sinh(\beta_n(z - w)) + (u_1, \phi_n)_{L_2(\Gamma)} \sinh(\beta_n z)}{\sinh(\beta_n w)} \phi_n(x)$$

$$-\Delta \phi_n = \mu_n \phi_n \quad \text{in } \Gamma$$

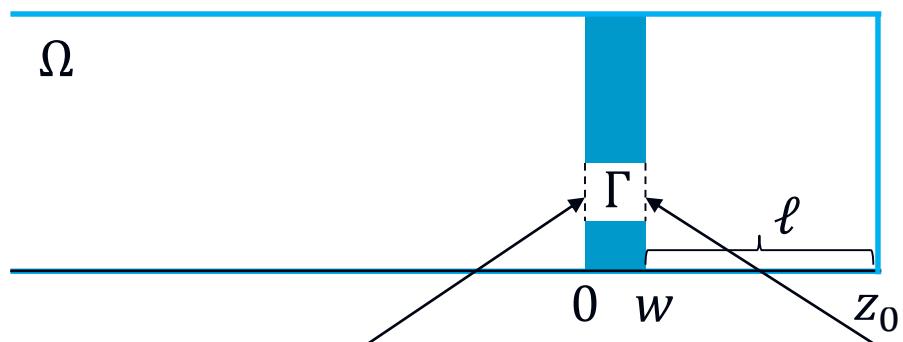
$$\phi_n = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Gamma$$

$$\beta_n = \sqrt{\mu_n - k^2}$$

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$$\frac{\partial u^D}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0-0} = \frac{\partial u^D}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0+0} \quad \frac{\partial u^D}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=w-0} = \frac{\partial u^D}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=w+0}$$

We get two functional equations on u_0 and u_1

$$-i\gamma_1(u_0, \psi_1)\psi_1 + A_0 u_0 + C u_1 = -2i\gamma_1\psi_1$$

$$B u_0 + \gamma_1 \operatorname{ctan}(\gamma_1 \ell)(u_1, \psi_1)\psi_1 + A_1 u_1 = 0$$



Two linear equations
 (u_0, ψ_1)
 (u_1, ψ_1)

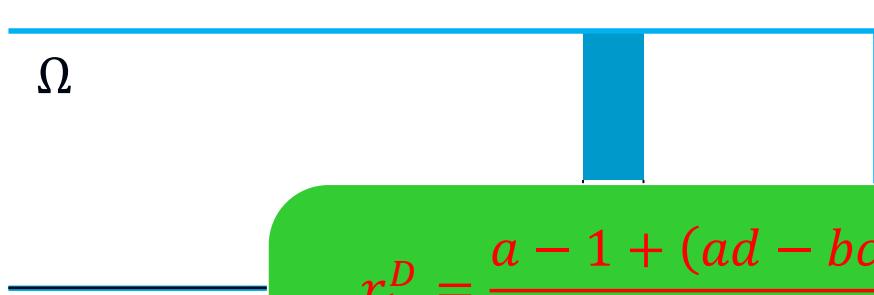
$$A_0 f = \sum_{n \geq 2} \gamma_n(f, \psi_n)\psi_n(x) + \sum_{n \geq 1} \beta_n \operatorname{ctanh}(\beta_n w)(f, \phi_n)\phi_n(x)$$

$$A_1 f = \dots \quad B f = \dots \quad C f = \dots$$

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Infinite cylinder Q_0 of a bounded cross-section Ω with a “hole” Γ



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$$r_1^D = \frac{a - 1 + (ad - bc - d) \operatorname{ctan}(\gamma_1 \ell)}{a + 1 + (ad - bc + d) \operatorname{ctan}(\gamma_1 \ell)}$$

a, b, c, d being expressed as $(E_a, \dots, \psi_1, \psi_1)_{L_2(\Gamma)}$
with E_a, \dots given explicitly in terms of A_0, A_1, B, C

We get two functional equations on ψ_1 and ψ_1'

$$\begin{aligned} -i\gamma_1(&Bu_0 + \gamma_1 \operatorname{ctan}(&r_1^N = \frac{\bar{a} - 1 + (\bar{a}\bar{d} - \bar{b}\bar{c} - \bar{d}) \tan(\gamma_1 \ell)}{\bar{a} + 1 + (\bar{a}\bar{d} - \bar{b}\bar{c} + \bar{d}) \tan(\gamma_1 \ell)} \end{aligned}$$

Two linear equations
 (u_0, ψ_1)
 (u_1, ψ_1')

$$A_0 f = \sum_{n \geq 2} \gamma_n(f, \psi_n) \psi_n(x) + \sum_{n \geq 1} \beta_n \operatorname{ctanh}(\beta_n w)(f, \phi_n) \phi_n(x)$$

$$A_1 f = \dots \quad Bf = \dots \quad Cf = \dots$$

Main steps of derivation

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Infinite cylinder Q_0 of a bounded cross-section Ω with a “hole” Γ



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$$r_n^D = (u_0, \psi_n)_{L_2(\Gamma)}$$

$\text{ctan}(\gamma_1 \ell)$ does NOT depend on Γ

$$\gamma_1 = \sqrt{k^2 - \lambda_1}$$

$$r_1^D = \frac{a - 1 + (ad - bc - d) \text{ctan}(\gamma_1 \ell)}{a + 1 + (ad - bc + d) \text{ctan}(\gamma_1 \ell)}$$

$$r_1^N = \frac{\bar{a} - 1 + (\bar{a}\bar{d} - \bar{b}\bar{c} - \bar{d}) \tan(\gamma_1 \ell)}{\bar{a} + 1 + (\bar{a}\bar{d} - \bar{b}\bar{c} + \bar{d}) \tan(\gamma_1 \ell)}$$

As $\delta \rightarrow 0$, all a, b, c, d vanish
all $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}, \bar{d}$ vanish



$$r_1^D \rightarrow -1$$

$$r_1^N \rightarrow -1$$

$$r_1 \rightarrow -1$$

(full reflection)

For a fixed δ , at the resonance wavenumber k_D satisfying $d \text{ctan}(\gamma_1 \ell) = -1$, one has

But if δ is small enough, then still

$$r_1^D = 1$$

$$r_1^N \approx -1$$

$$r_1 \approx 0$$

(almost full transmission)

Another limit: large w

Infinite cylinder Q_0 of a bounded cross-section Ω with a “hole” Γ



There are two main parameters: δ and w

$$\downarrow$$

$$\delta \rightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$w \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{b}, \bar{c} &\rightarrow 0 \\ \bar{a} &\rightarrow a\end{aligned}$$



$$r_1^N \rightarrow \frac{a-1}{a+1}$$

$$\text{If } k \text{ is s.t. } r_1^D = -\frac{a-1}{a+1}$$



$r_1 \approx 0$
(almost full transmission)

Conclusions

- Mode matching methods are powerful tools for spectral and scattering problems
- Eigenmodes in finite quantum waveguide can be localized in a junction region
- Waveguide with two identical thick barriers may transmit even for almost closed or very thick barriers

Looking for collaborations!