

Corner complex scaling for the interior transmission eigenvalue problem

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Broad objective: Computation of \mathbf{k} when \mathbf{A} is such that

$[H^1(D)]^2$ is not the right functional space,

since the problem is not Fredholm.

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Theorem. Arbitrarily-small far field (Cakoni, Colton, and Haddar 2021)

If $(k, (u, w))$ solves the ITEP, then $\forall \varepsilon > 0$,

$$\exists u_\varepsilon^i \in \mathcal{H} : \|u - u_\varepsilon^i\|_{L^2(D)} \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \|F(k, D)u_\varepsilon^i\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)} \lesssim \varepsilon.$$

► If k is a nonscattering wavenumber, we can achieve $\varepsilon = 0$.

Standard setting

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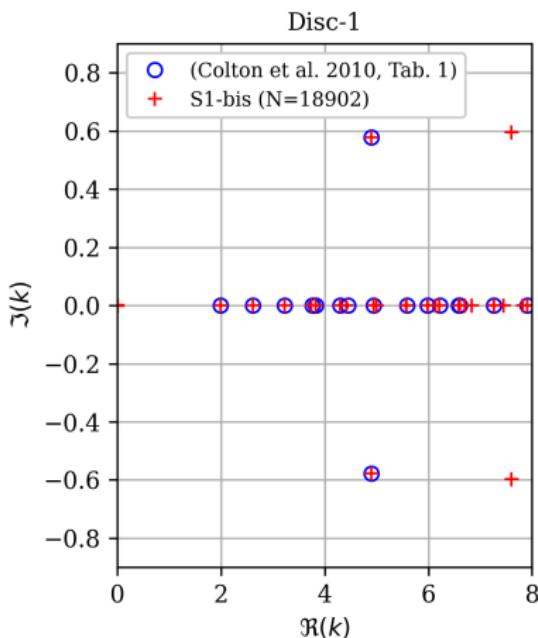
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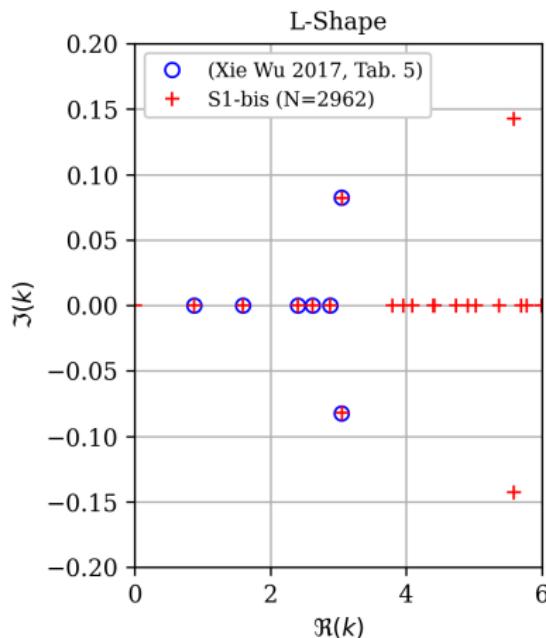
Numerical results

Approximation space: $V_h \subset V = H^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega)$, isoparametric Lagrange elements of degree p .

Implementation: gmsh / fenicsx / PETSc / SLEPc.



(a) Disc-1 ($p = 2$).



(b) L-shape ($p = 1$).

Outline

Objective: Computation of transmission eigenvalues k when

$I - A(x)$ changes sign around $x_t \in \partial D$,

leading to a non-Fredholm problem in $H^1(D)$.

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2 Strongly-oscillating singularities in ITEP

Why do we lose Fredholmness?

Can we recover it in an extended space?

3 Corner complex scaling

How can we approximate this extended space?

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Does this actually work?

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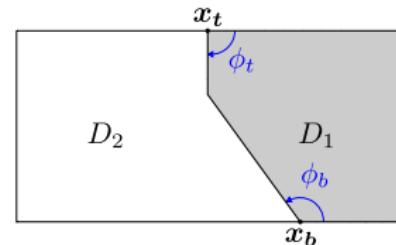
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Case of interest

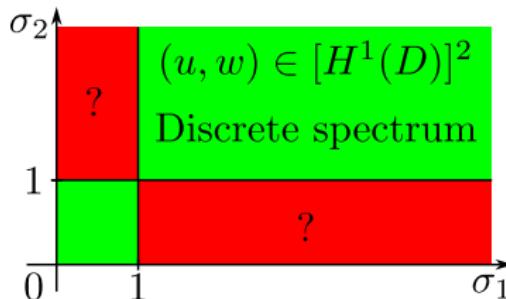
$$A(x) = \sigma_1 \mathbb{1}_{D_1}(x) + \sigma_2 \mathbb{1}_{D_2}(x),$$

$$n(x) > 1,$$

where $\sigma_i > 0$.



⚠ Nature of spectrum depends upon (σ_1, σ_2) :



Next: singularity analysis around x_t/b .

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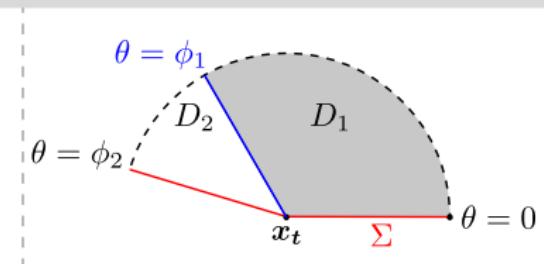
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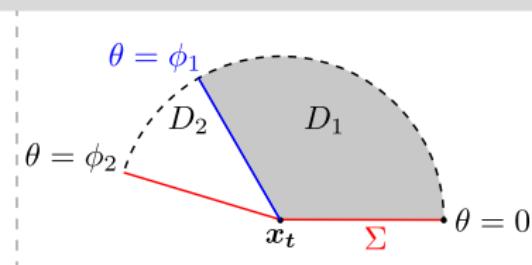


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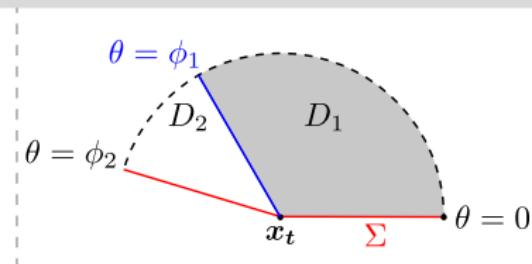
⚠ $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^* \Leftrightarrow$ strongly-oscillating singularities $r^{i\eta} \Phi_\eta(\theta) \notin [H^1(D)]^2$. 7 / 20

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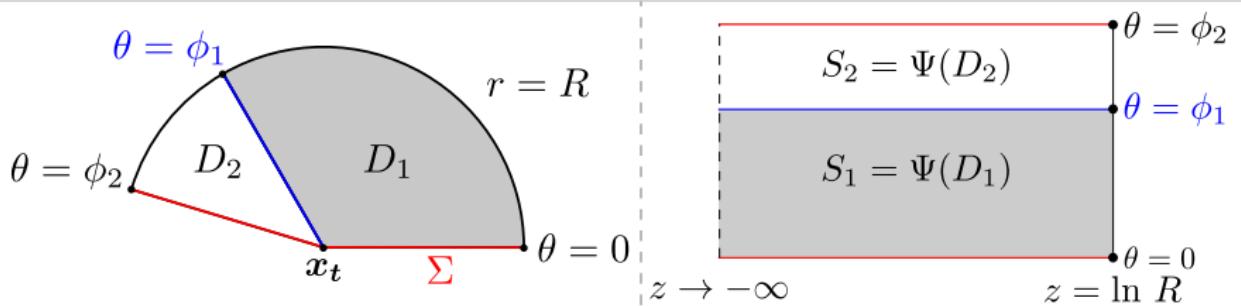
$$H(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) := \{\eta \in \mathbb{C}^* \mid \det \mathfrak{M}(\eta, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) = 0\},$$

with $\mathfrak{M} \in \mathbb{C}^{6 \times 6}$.

Local singularity analysis (2/2)

⚠ $\exists \eta \in \mathbb{R}^* : \det \mathfrak{M}(\eta, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ **strongly-oscillating** singularity:
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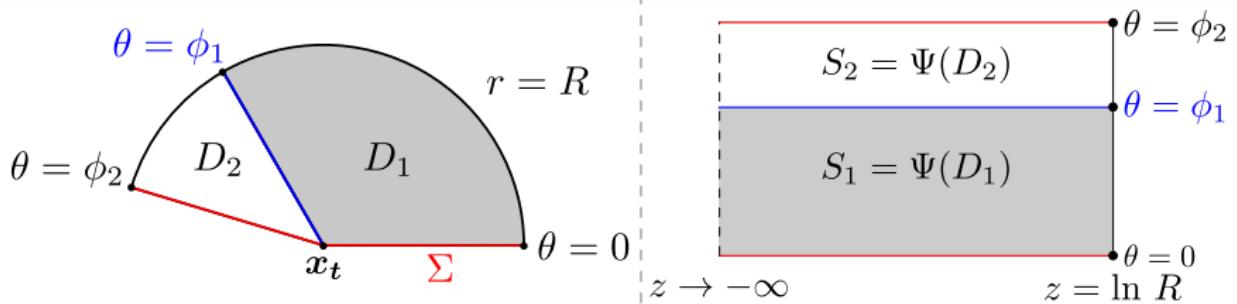
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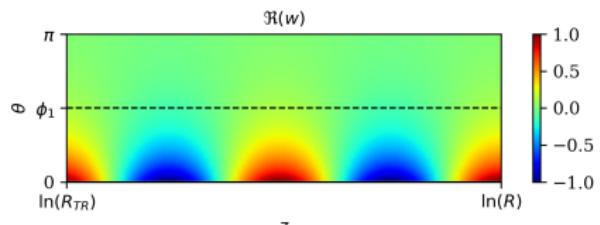
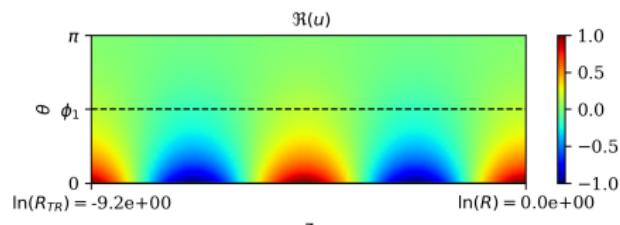
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Plot of singularity for $(\phi_1, \phi_2) = (\pi/2/\pi)$ and $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1.01, 0.5)$:



New functional settings for ITEP (Bonnet-Ben Dhia and Chesnel 2013)

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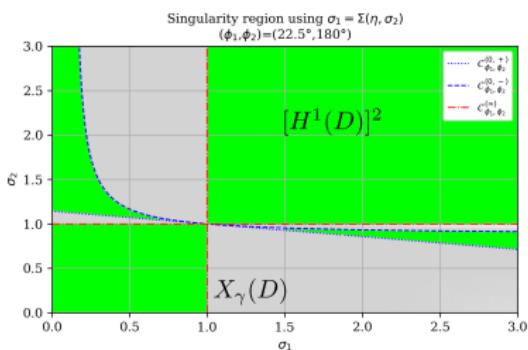
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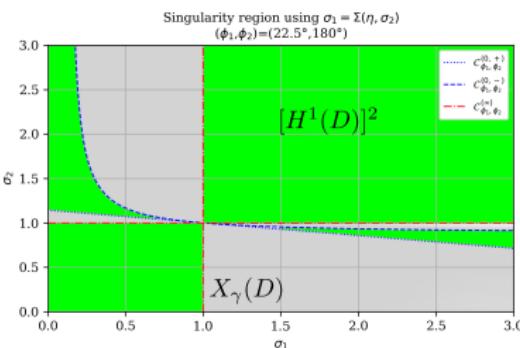
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For any $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$X_\gamma(D) := \text{span}\{r^{i\eta} \Phi_\eta + \gamma r^{-i\eta} \Phi_{-\eta}\}$$

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V ,

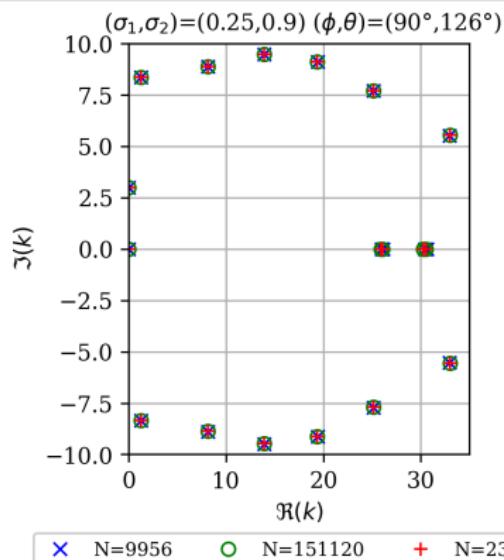
where $V \subset H^1(D)$ is a Kondratiev space.

Next: can we use H^1 -FEM when $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \in \mathcal{R}$?

Numerical illustration of lack of convergence

Computation using H^1 -FEM for increasing N (# of DoF):

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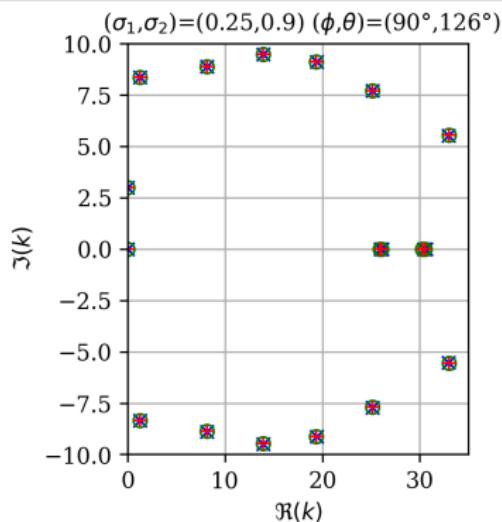


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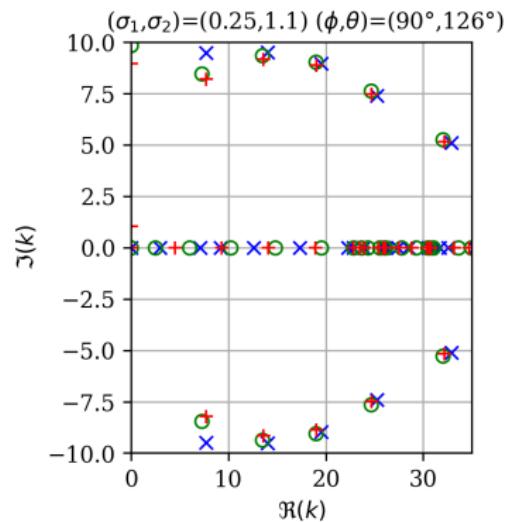
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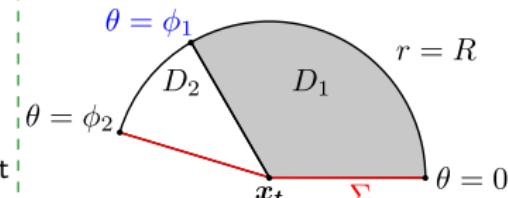
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Definition of ITEP α . Substitution

$$r\partial_r \rightarrow \alpha r\partial_r$$

around the corner.

(Bonnet-Ben Dhia, Carvalho, Chesnel, and Ciarlet
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$$(\text{ITEP}) \quad (u, w) \underset{r=|\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{x}_t| \rightarrow 0}{\sim} e^{i\eta \ln r} \Phi_{\eta}(\theta) + c_0 \quad (\Im(\eta) = 0)$$



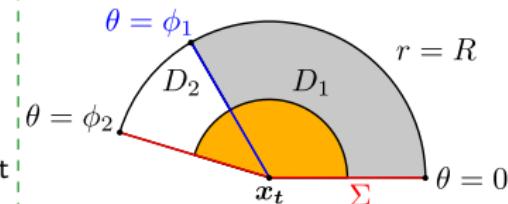
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Definition of ITEP α . Substitution

$$r\partial_r \rightarrow \alpha r\partial_r$$

around the corner.

(Bonnet-Ben Dhia, Carvalho, Chesnel, and Ciarlet
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Next: weak formulation?

Corner complex scaling: weak formulation

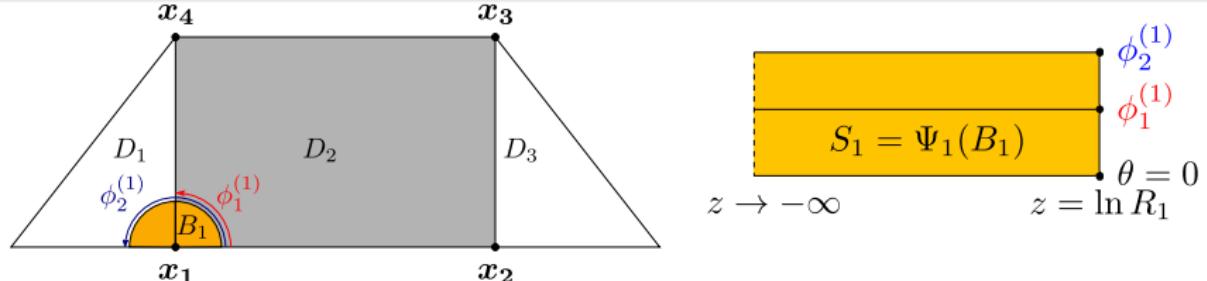


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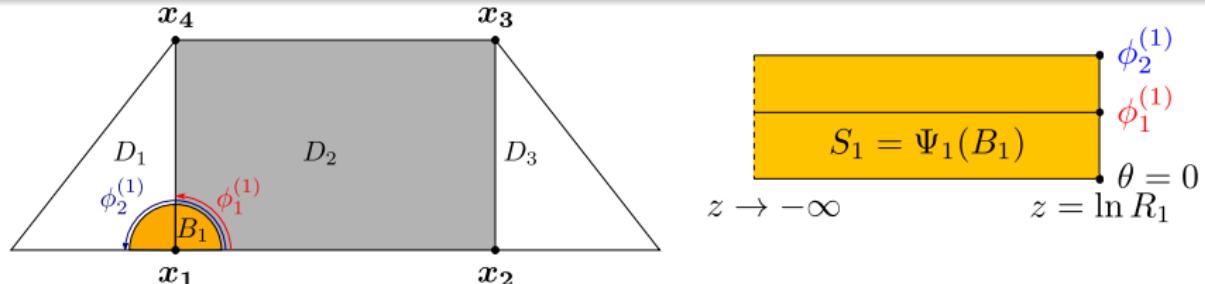


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Weak formulation of ITEP α is obtained with the substitutions:

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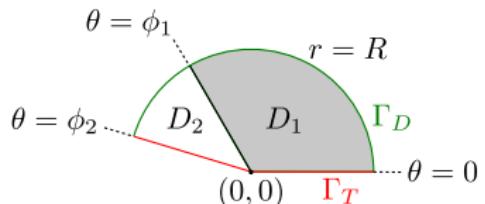
where

$$\nabla_i^{(\alpha)} u(z, \theta) := \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \partial_z u \\ \frac{1}{\alpha} \partial_\theta u \end{pmatrix}, \quad \omega_i^{(\alpha)}(z, \theta) := \frac{1}{\alpha} e^{2z/\alpha}.$$

Next: validation of this weak formulation?

Corner complex scaling: validation

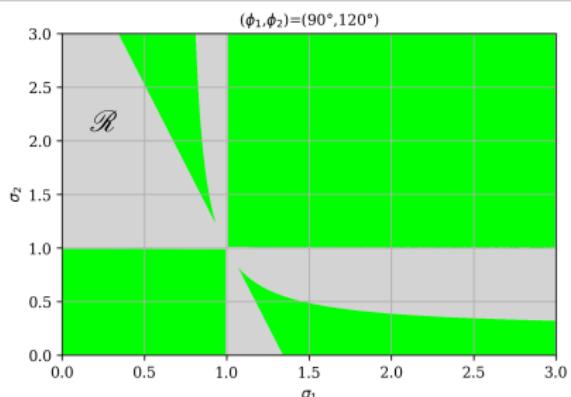
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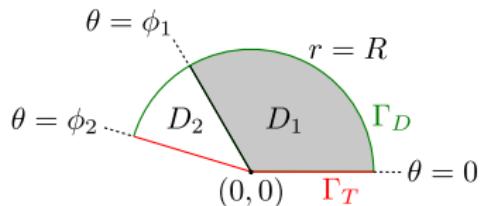
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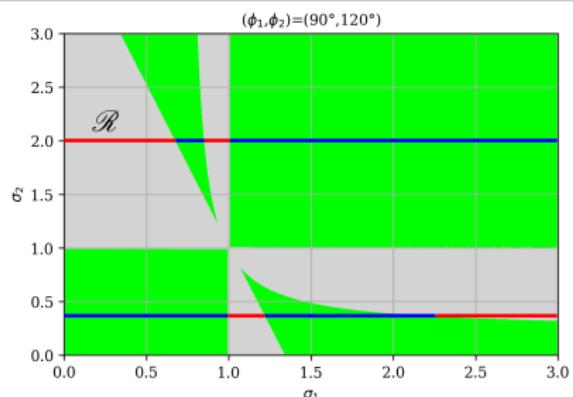
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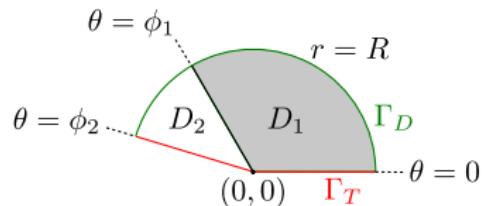
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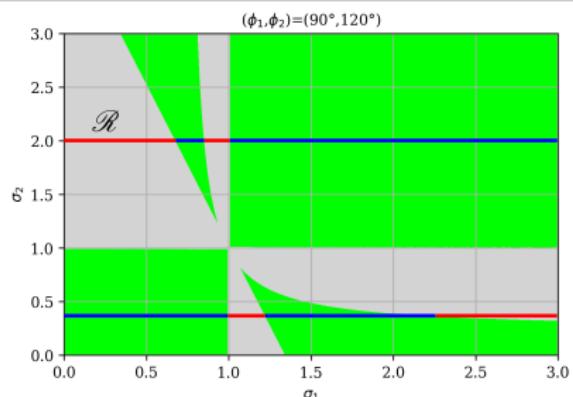
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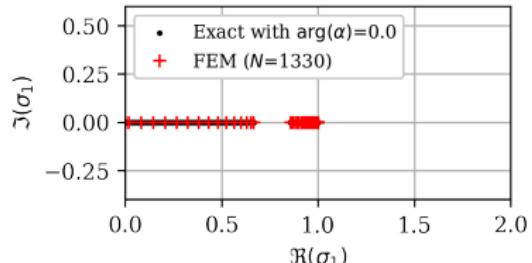
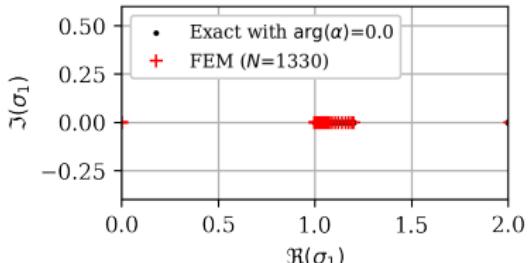
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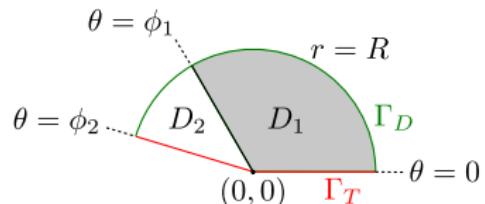


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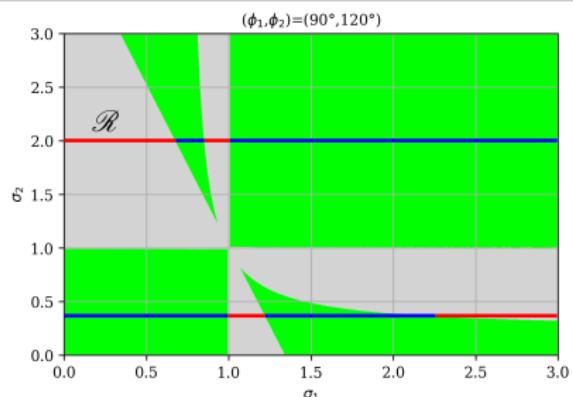
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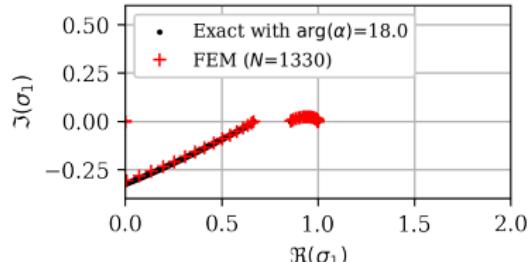
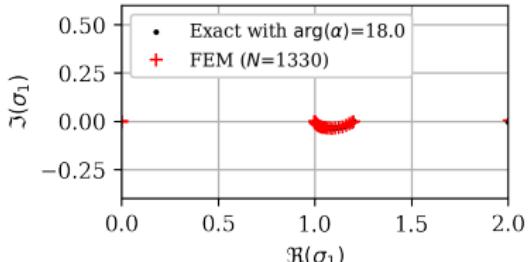
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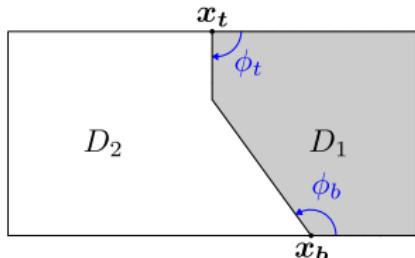
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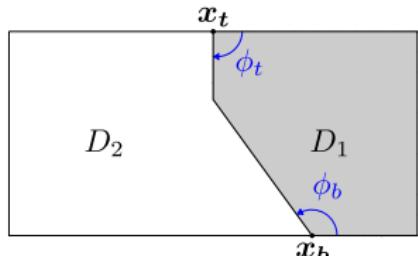


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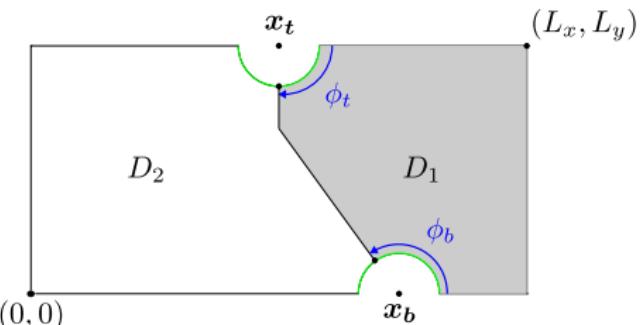
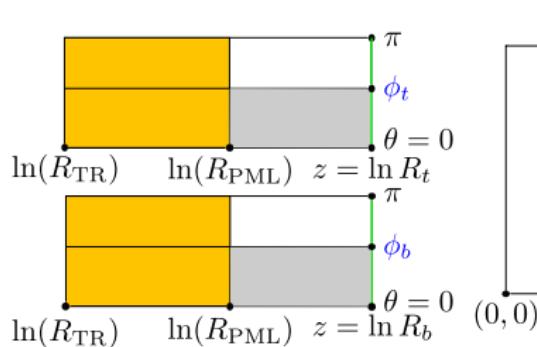
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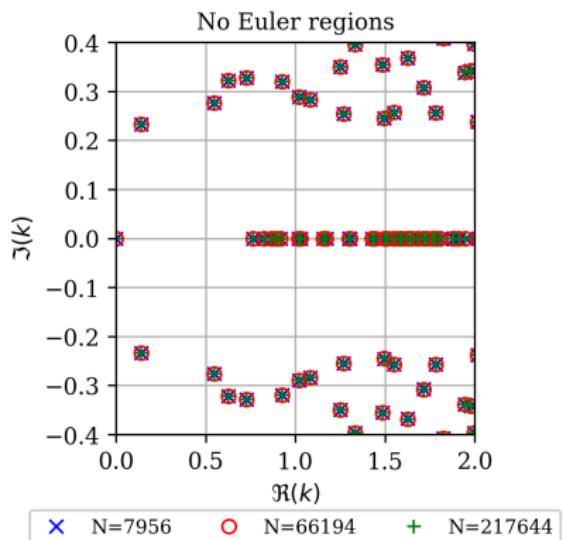
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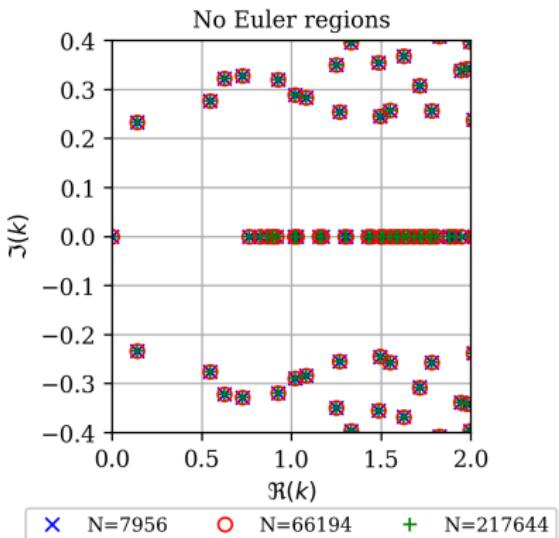


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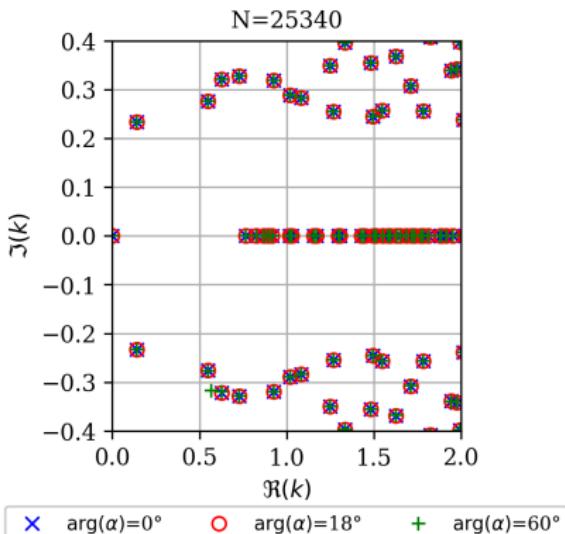
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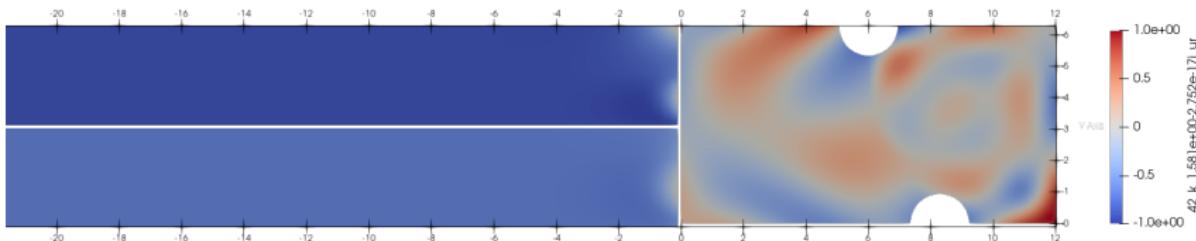
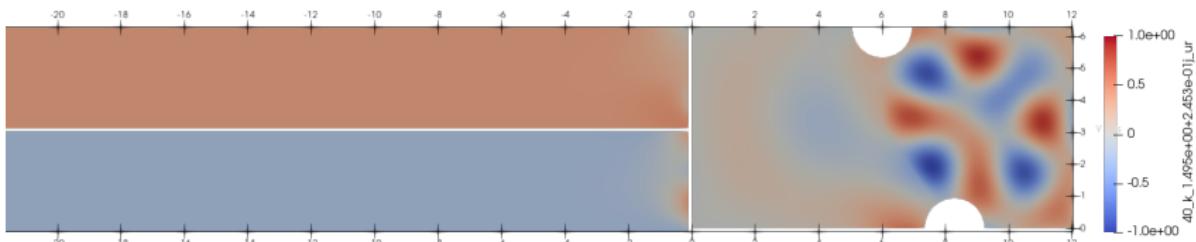
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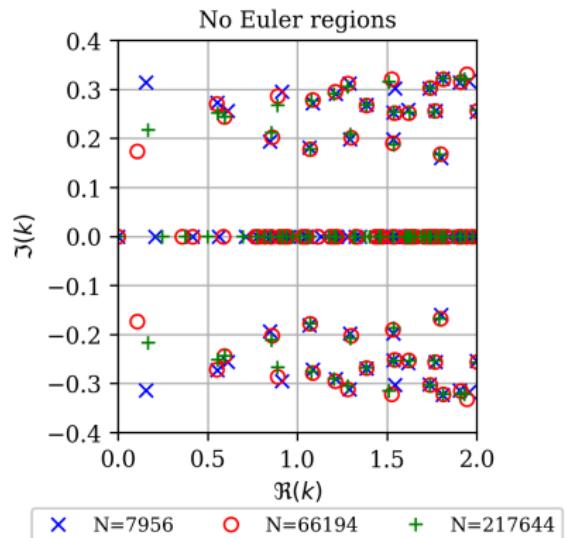
Fig. Eigenfunctions $\Re(u_h)$ computed with $\alpha = 1$ ($N = 78968$).

- No oscillations in the scaling region.

Case B: discrete spectrum in $X_\gamma(D)$

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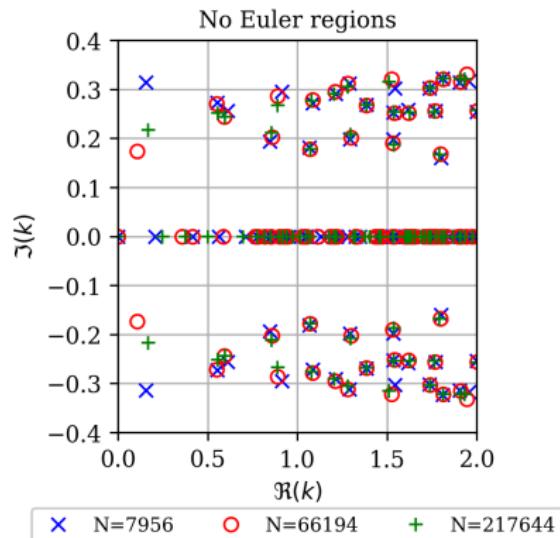


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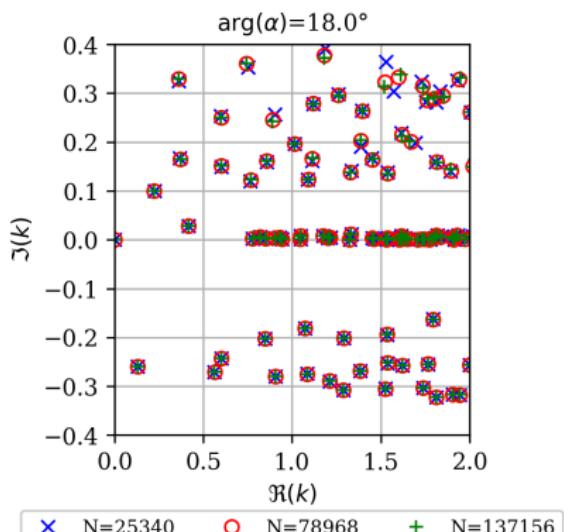
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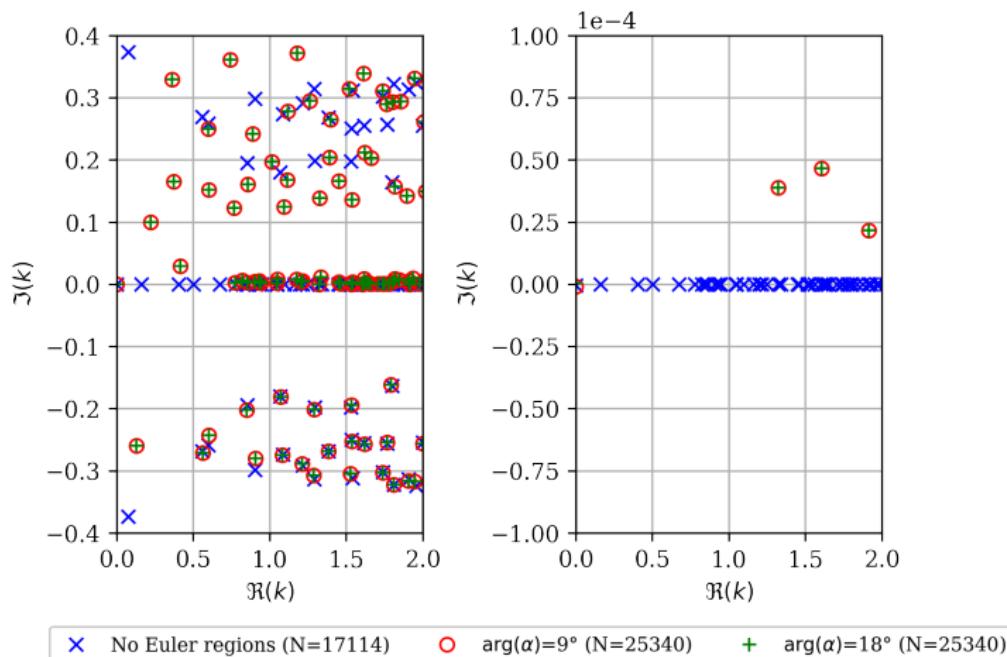
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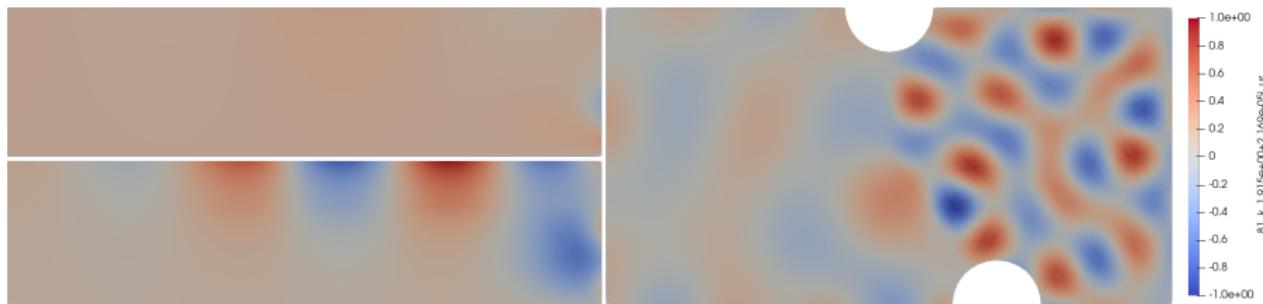
Superposition of eigenvalues with and without scaling:



- ▶ Transmission eigenvalues depends only upon of $\text{sign}(\arg(\alpha))$
- ▶ No real transmission eigenvalues

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Case B with $\alpha = e^{i\pi/10}$, $k \simeq 1.95 + 2.17 \cdot 10^{-5} i$.

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Thanks for your attention.

Additional slides

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