Sub-wavelength resonances: From super-resolution to metamaterials

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Concept of super-resolution

- Resolution: smallest detail that can be resolved.
- G_{k_m}: outgoing fundamental solution to Δ + k_m²; k_m := ω/√ε_m.
- Helmholtz-Kirchhoff identity ⇒ Resolution: determined by the behavior of the imaginary part of the Green function.

$$\Im m G_{k_m}(x, x_0) = k_m \int_{|y|=R} \overline{G_{k_m}(y, x_0)} G_{k_m}(x, y) ds(y), \quad R \to +\infty.$$

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$$\min_{x} \int_{|y|=R} |G_{k_m}(x,y) - G_{k_m}(y,x_0)|^2 ds(y).$$

- $\Im m G_{k_m}$: point spread function.
- The more point-like $\Im m G_{k_m}$ is, the sharper the resolution.

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Concept of super-resolution

- Reduce the focal spot size;
- Confine waves to length scales significantly smaller than half the wavelength.





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Sub-wavelength wave physics

- Nanophotonics and nanophononics:
 - Focus, control, manipulate, reshape, guide waves at sub-wavelength scales.
 - Mathematical and numerical framework for sub-wavelength wave physics that explains quantitatively the mechanisms behind the spectacular properties exhibited by metamaterials in recent physical experiments.



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- Sub-wavelength resonators: size $< 2\pi/$ resonant frequency
 - Helmholtz resonators;
 - plasmonic nanoparticles;
 - Minnaert bubbles.
- Microstructured resonant media.
- Building block microstructure: sub-wavelength resonator.

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- Super-focusing of waves;
- Negative material parameters: invisibility and cloaking; super-lensing;
- Metasurfaces: planar structures that locally modify the polarization, phase and amplitude of light or sound in reflection or transmission;
- Sub-wavelength band gap materials: microstructure periodicity smaller than the wavelength; prohibited low-frequency wave propagation.
- Unify the mathematical theory of super-resolution, sub-wavelength bandgap materials, metamaterials, and cloaking.





- Microstructured resonant media:
 - Dilute regime (Small-volume fraction of the sub-wavelength resonators): Effective medium theory:
 - High contrast materials: slightly below the free space resonant frequency.
 - Super-resolution and super-focusing of waves.
 - Negative effective refractive index ⇒ Sub-wavelength bandgap opening slightly above the free space resonant frequency.
 - Non-dilute regime:
 - High-frequency homogenization techniques.
 - Super-focusing slightly below a critical frequency.
 - Sub-wavelength bandgap opening slightly above a critical resonance.
 - Critical frequency \neq free space resonant frequency.

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- Hybridization for arbitrary number of strongly interacting sub-wavelength resonators:
 - Singular hybridization method.
 - Double-negative materials.
 - Broadband metamaterials.

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- Helmholtz resonators: Work with H. Zhang (Comm. Math. Phys., 2015);
- Plasmonic nanoparticles: Works with P. Millien, M. Ruiz, S. Yu, H. Zhang (Arch. Ration. Mech. Anal., 2016, J. Diff. Equat., 2016, Proc. Royal Soc., 2015, SIAM Rev., 2018);
- Minnaert bubbles: Works with B. Fitzpatrick, D. Gontier, H. Lee, S. Yu, H. Zhang (SIAM J. Math. Anal. 2017, SIAM J. Appl. Math. 2017, J. Diff. Equat. 2017, Proc. Royal Soc. A, 2017, Ann. IHP C);
- Lecture Notes (with B. Fitzpatrick, H. Kang, M. Ruiz, S. Yu, H. Zhang).



- The sharper is $\Im m G_{k_m}$, the better is the resolution.
- Local resonant media used to make sharp peaks of $\Im m G_{k_m}$.
- Mechanism of super-resolution in resonant media¹ :
 - Interaction of the point source x₀ with the resonant structure excites high-modes.
 - Resonant modes encode the information about the point source and can propagate into the far-field.
 - Super-resolution: only limited by the resonant structure and the signal-to-noise ratio in the data.

¹with H. Zhang, Proc. Royal Soc. A, 2015.

- System of weakly coupled sub-wavelength resonators.
- Size of the resonator δ ≪ wavelength 2π/k_m; distance between the resonators of order the resonator's size.
- $\Im m G^{\delta} = \Im m G_{k_m}$ + exhibits sub-wavelength peak with width of order one \Rightarrow Break the resolution limit.

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Sub-wavelength resonators



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• Asymptotic expansion of the Green function² (δ : size of the resonator openings; z_i : center of aperture for *j*th resonator; *J*: number of resonators; $\omega = O(\sqrt{\delta})$):

$$\Im m \, G^{\delta}(x, x_0, \omega) \approx \frac{\sin \omega |x - x_0|}{4\pi |x - x_0|} + \sqrt{\delta} \sum_{j=1}^J \frac{c_j}{|x - z_j| |x_0 - z_j|}$$

²with H. Zhang, Comm. Math. Phys., 2015.

- Gold nano-particles: accumulate selectively in tumor cells; bio-compatible; reduced toxicity.
- Detection: localized enhancement in radiation dose (strong scattering).
- Ablation: localized damage (strong absorption).
- Functionalization: targeted drugs.





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- D: nanoparticle in \mathbb{R}^d , d = 2, 3; $\mathcal{C}^{1,\alpha}$ boundary ∂D , $\alpha > 0$.
- ε_c(ω): complex permittivity of D; ε_m > 0: permittivity of the background medium;
- Permittivity contrast: λ(ω) = (ε_c(ω) + ε_m)/(2(ε_c(ω) − ε_m)).
- Causality ⇒ Kramer-Krönig relations (Hilbert transform); Drude model for the dielectric permittivity ε_c(ω) = 1 − ω²_p/ω²; ε_m = 1.
- G: Fundamental solution to the Laplacian; S_D : Single-layer potential.
- Neumann-Poincaré operator K^{*}_D:

$$\mathcal{K}^*_D[\varphi](x) := \int_{\partial D} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \nu(x)}(x-y)\varphi(y) \, ds(y) \,, \quad x \in \partial D$$

 ν : normal to ∂D .

• \mathcal{K}_D^* : compact operator on $L^2(\partial D)$; Spectrum of \mathcal{K}_D^* lies in $]-\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}]$ (Kellog).

- \mathcal{K}_D^* self-adjoint on $L^2(\partial D)$ iff D is a disk or a ball.
- Symmetrization technique for Neumann-Poincaré operator \mathcal{K}_{D}^{*} :
 - Calderón's identity: $\mathcal{K}_D \mathcal{S}_D = \mathcal{S}_D \mathcal{K}_D^*$;
 - In three dimensions, \mathcal{K}_{D}^{*} : self-adjoint in the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}^{*}(\partial D) = H^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\partial D)$ equipped with

 $(u, v)_{\mathcal{H}^*} = -(u, \mathcal{S}_D[v])_{-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}$

(·, ·)_{-1/2,1/2}: duality pairing between H^{-1/2}(∂D) and H^{1/2}(∂D).
In two dimensions: ∃! \$\vec{\varphi}_0\$ s.t. \$\mathcal{S}_D\$ [\$\vec{\varphi}_0\$] = constant on \$\partial D\$ and \$\$(\$\vec{\varphi}_0\$, 1)_{-1/2,1/2} = 1\$. \$\$\mathcal{S}_D\$ → \$\$\vec{\varphi}_D\$:

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}_{D}[\varphi] = \begin{cases} \mathcal{S}_{D}[\varphi] & \text{if } (\varphi, 1)_{-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}} = 0, \\ -1 & \text{if } \varphi = \widetilde{\varphi}_{0}. \end{cases}$$

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- Symmetrization technique for Neumann-Poincaré operator *K^{*}_D*:
 - Spectrum $\sigma(\mathcal{K}_D^*)$ discrete in] -1/2, 1/2[;
 - Ellipse: $\pm \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^j$, elliptic harmonics (a, b): long and short axis).
 - Ball: $\frac{1}{2(2i+1)}$, spherical harmonics.
 - Twin property in two dimensions;
 - (λ_j, φ_j), j = 0, 1, 2, ...: eigenvalue and normalized eigenfunction pair of K^{*}_D in H^{*}(∂D); λ_j ∈] ¹/₂, ¹/₂] and λ_j → 0 as j → ∞;
 - φ_0 : eigenfunction associated to 1/2 ($\tilde{\varphi}_0$ multiple of φ_0);
 - Spectral decomposition formula in $H^{-1/2}(\partial D)$,

$$\mathcal{K}_D^*[\psi] = \sum_{j=0}^\infty \lambda_j(\psi, \varphi_j)_{\mathcal{H}^*} \varphi_j.$$

• *uⁱ*: incident plane wave; Helmholtz equation:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \left(\varepsilon_m \chi(\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \overline{D}) + \varepsilon_c(\omega) \chi(\overline{D}) \right) \nabla u + \omega^2 u = 0, \\ u^s := u - u^i \text{ satisfies the outgoing radiation condition.} \end{cases}$$

• Uniform small volume expansion³ with respect to the contrast: $D = z + \delta B$, $\delta \to 0$, $|x - z| \gg 2\pi/k_m$,

$$u^{s} = -M(\lambda(\omega), D) \nabla_{z} G_{k_{m}}(x-z) \cdot \nabla u^{i}(z) + O(\frac{\delta^{d+1}}{\operatorname{dist}(\lambda(\omega), \sigma(\mathcal{K}_{D}^{*}))}).$$

- G_{k_m} : outgoing fundamental solution to $\Delta + k_m^2$; $k_m := \omega/\sqrt{\varepsilon_m}$;
- Polarization tensor:

$$M(\lambda(\omega), D) := \int_{\partial D} x(\lambda(\omega)I - \mathcal{K}_D^*)^{-1}[\nu](x) \, ds(x).$$

³with P. Millien, M. Ruiz, H. Zhang, Arch. Ration. Mech. Anal., 2016.

• Spectral decomposition: (1, m)-entry

$$M_{l,m}(\lambda(\omega),D) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\nu_m,\varphi_j)_{\mathcal{H}^*}(\nu_l,\varphi_j)_{\mathcal{H}^*}}{(1/2-\lambda_j)(\lambda(\omega)-\lambda_j)}$$

- (ν_m, φ₀)_{H*} = 0; φ₀: eigenfunction of K^{*}_D associated to 1/2.
- Quasi-static plasmonic resonance: $\operatorname{dist}(\lambda(\omega), \sigma(\mathcal{K}_D^*))$ minimal ($\Re e \varepsilon_c(\omega) < 0$).

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• Scattering amplitude:

$$u^{s}(x) = -ie^{-\frac{\pi i}{4}} \frac{e^{ik_{m}|x|}}{\sqrt{8\pi k_{m}|x|}} A_{\infty}[D,\varepsilon_{c},\varepsilon_{m},\omega](\theta,\theta') + o(|x|^{-\frac{1}{2}}),$$

 $|x| \rightarrow \infty; \, \theta \text{, } \theta'\text{: incident and scattered directions.}$

Scattering cross-section:

$$Q^{s}[D,\varepsilon_{c},\varepsilon_{m},\omega](\theta'):=\int_{0}^{2\pi}\left|A_{\infty}[D,\varepsilon_{c},\varepsilon_{m},\omega](\theta,\theta')\right|^{2}d\theta.$$

• Enhancement of Q^s at plasmonic resonances:

 $Q^s \propto \left| \operatorname{tr}(M(\lambda(\omega), D)) \right|^2.$

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- Quasi-plasmonic resonances for multiple particles: D₁ and D₂: C^{1,α}-bounded domains; dist(D₁, D₂) > 0; ν⁽¹⁾ and ν⁽²⁾: outward normal vectors at ∂D₁ and ∂D₂.
- Neumann-Poincaré operator K^{*}_{D1∪D2} associated with D1 ∪ D2:

$$\mathbb{K}^*_{D_1\cup D_2} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{K}^*_{D_1} & \frac{\partial}{\partial\nu^{(1)}}\mathcal{S}_{D_2} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial\nu^{(2)}}\mathcal{S}_{D_1} & \mathcal{K}^*_{D_2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Symmetrization of $\mathbb{K}^*_{D_1 \cup D_2}$.
- Behavior of the eigenvalues of $\mathbb{K}^*_{D_1 \cup D_2}$ as $\operatorname{dist}(D_1, D_2) \to 0$.

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Norm of the polarization tensor for two disks for various separating distances.

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• Two nearly touching disks: infinite number of quasi-static plasmonic resonances.

$$\lambda_j = \pm rac{1}{2} e^{-2|j|\xi}, \xi = \sinh^{-1}(\sqrt{rac{\delta}{R}}(1+rac{\delta}{4R});$$

- R: radius of the particles; δ : separating distance.
- Blow-up of the electric field between the particles at plasmonic resonances⁴:

$$abla u = O(rac{R}{\delta} imes rac{1}{\Im m \lambda(\omega)})$$
 in two dimensions

 Singular interaction between nearly touching plasmonic nanoparticles: applications in nanosensing.

⁴with M. Putinar, M. Ruiz, S. Yu, H. Zhang, J. Math. Pures Appl., 2018.

- Fully analytic solution for two plasmonic spheres⁵.
- Capture analytically the singularity in the gap between the plasmonic spheres.
- Efficient and accurate hybrid scheme valid for arbitrary number of plasmonic spheres which can be nearly touching.
- Key idea: clarify the connection between Transformation optics and the method of image charges.

⁵with S. Yu, SIAM Rev., 2018.

- Uniform incident field (0, 0, *E*₀) in the direction of the *z*-axis. In the case of the *x* or *y*-axis, a high field concentration in the gap does not happen.
- Method of image charges: infinite series of image charges of strength ±u_k at z_k := (0, 0, ±z_k)

$$u(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} u_k (G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{z}_k) - G(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{z}_k));$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= (\varepsilon_c - 1)/(\varepsilon_c + 1) = 1/(2\lambda), \ s = \cosh^{-1}(\delta/R) \ \text{and} \ \alpha = R \sinh s, \\ z_k &= \alpha \coth(ks + s + t_0), \quad u_k = \tau^k \frac{\sinh(s + t_0)}{\sinh(ks + s + t_0)}. \end{aligned}$$

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 s.t. $z_0 = \alpha \operatorname{coth}(s + t_0)$.

• Not valid for plasmonic spheres due to non-convergence.



• Transformation Optics (TO) basis:

$$\mathcal{M}_{n,\pm}^{m}(\mathbf{r}) = |\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{R}_{0}'|(r')^{\pm (n+\frac{1}{2})-\frac{1}{2}} Y_{n}^{m}(\theta',\phi'),$$

 Y_n^m : spherical harmonics.

• TO solution:

$$u(\mathbf{r}) = -E_0 z + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \big(\mathcal{M}_{n,+}^0(\mathbf{r}) - \mathcal{M}_{n,-}^0(\mathbf{r}) \big).$$

• TO solution: not fully analytic.



• Convert the image charge solution into a Transformation optics solution: for $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus (B_+ \cup B_-)$,

$$u_k G(\mathbf{r} \mp \mathbf{z}_k) = \frac{\sinh(s+t_0)}{4\pi\alpha} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\tau e^{-(2n+1)s} \right]^k e^{-(2n+1)(s+t_0)} \mathcal{M}_{n,\pm}^0(\mathbf{r}).$$

• If $|\tau| \approx 1$, the following approximation for the electric potential $V(\mathbf{r})$ holds: for $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus (B_+ \cup B_-)$,

$$V(\mathbf{r})\approx -E_0z+\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\widetilde{A}_n\Big(\mathcal{M}^0_{n,+}(\mathbf{r})-\mathcal{M}^0_{n,-}(\mathbf{r})\Big);$$

 \widetilde{A}_n : explicit.

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Approximate resonance condition given by

$$\sum_{n} (\tau - e^{(2n+1)s})^{-1} = 0.$$

• Eigenvalue estimates:

$$\frac{1}{2}e^{-(2n+3)s} < \lambda_n < \frac{1}{2}e^{-(2n+1)s}, \quad s = \sqrt{\frac{\delta}{R}} + O(\delta^{3/2}).$$

Blow-up of the electric field in the gap at the plasmonic resonances:

$$abla u = O(rac{1}{(\delta/R)^{3/2}\ln(R/\delta)} imes rac{1}{\Im m\lambda(\omega)}).$$

 Non-local effect (quantum origin) ⇒ in the touching case, gap distance effectively non-zero.

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- Efficient and accurate hybrid scheme valid for arbitrary number of plasmonic spheres which can be nearly touching.
- Modify Cheng and Greengard's hybrid scheme by replacing image source series with their TO versions.
- 2000 times faster than the multipole expansion method.

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Field enhancement





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- Singular hybridization (SH) model for plasmons of strongly interacting many-particle systems⁶.
- SH model combines the advantages of both the hybridization and TO approaches, thus providing a simple and intuitive picture when the particles are close-to-touching.
- SH model leads to new physical insights into the relation between geometry and plasmons: how global and local information of the system's complex geometry are encoded into the spectrum of the plasmons.
- SH model enables us to decompose the spectrum into singularly and regularly shifted parts. The singular (resp. regular) part is controlled by local (resp. global) features of the geometry.
- SH model informs us on how we can control them in a systematic way, opening up new degrees of freedom for light manipulation at the nanoscale.

⁶with S. Yu, submitted, 2018.



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• Coupled mode equations for the hybridization of dimer plasmons:

$$\begin{bmatrix} (\omega_n^{TO})^2 & \Delta_n \\ \Delta_n & (\omega_n^{TO})^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = \omega^2 \begin{bmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Δ_n : coupling between the two TO modes.
- Spectral theory of the Neumann–Poincaré operator ⇒ hybrid modes for the trimer:

$$|\omega_n^{\pm}\rangle pprox rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Big(|\omega_n^{TO}(B_1, B_2)\rangle \mp |\omega_n^{TO}(B_2, B_3)\rangle \Big), \quad n=1,2,3,\cdots,$$

and their resonance frequencies

$$\omega_n^{\pm} \approx \omega_n^{TO} \pm \Delta_n, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \cdots.$$

 As the bonding angle between the two gap-plasmons decreases, the coupling strength Δ_n increases, which is to be expected since the two gaps get closer.

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• Metasurfaces:

- Effective boundary condition: $u_{app} + Z(\omega) \frac{\partial u_{app}}{\partial x_2} = 0.$
- Effective impedance⁷:

$$Z(\omega) = \delta \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} rac{(arphi_j,
u_2)^2}{\lambda(\omega) - \lambda_j} rac{1}{rac{1}{2} - \lambda_j}.$$

- (φ_j, λ_j): eigenvectors and eigenvalues of the associated Neumann-Poincaré operator.
- Pointwise estimate in the far-field: $u = u_{app}(1 + O(\delta))$.

⁷with M. Ruiz, S. Yu, W. Wu, H. Zhang, Proc. Royal Soc. A, 2016 ≣ ► < ≡ ►

• Broadband metasurfaces: singular hybridization \Rightarrow dense spectrum.



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- \mathcal{K}_{D}^{*} : scale invariant \Rightarrow Quasi-static plasmonic resonances: size independent.
- Analytic formula for the first-order correction to quasi-static plasmonic resonances in terms of the particle's characteristic size δ:



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• Helmholtz equation:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \left(\varepsilon_m \chi(\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \overline{D}) + \varepsilon_c(\omega) \chi(\overline{D}) \right) \nabla u + \omega^2 u = 0, \\ u^s := u - u^i \text{ satisfies the outgoing radiation condition.} \end{cases}$$

 u^i : incident plane wave; $k_m := \omega \sqrt{\varepsilon_m}, k_c := \omega \sqrt{\varepsilon_c(\omega)}$.

• Integral formulation on ∂D :

$$\begin{cases} S_D^{k_c}[\phi] - S_D^{k_m}[\psi] = u^i, \\ \varepsilon_c \left(\frac{l}{2} - (\mathcal{K}_D^{k_o})^*)[\phi] - \varepsilon_m \left(\frac{l}{2} + (\mathcal{K}_D^{k_m})^*\right)[\psi] = \varepsilon_m \partial u^i / \partial \nu. \end{cases}$$

• Operator-valued function $\delta \mapsto \mathcal{A}_{\delta}(\omega) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}^*(\partial B), \mathcal{H}^*(\partial B))$:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\delta}(\omega) = \overbrace{(\lambda(\omega)I - \mathcal{K}_{B}^{*})}^{\mathcal{A}_{0}(\omega)} + (\omega\delta)^{2}\mathcal{A}_{1}(\omega) + O((\omega\delta)^{3}).$$

• Quasi-static limit:

$$\mathcal{A}_0(\omega)[\psi] = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \tau_j(\omega)(\psi,\varphi_j)_{\mathcal{H}^*}\varphi_j, \quad \tau_j(\omega) := \frac{1}{2} \big(\varepsilon_m + \varepsilon_c(\omega)\big) - \big(\varepsilon_c(\omega) - \varepsilon_m\big)\lambda_j.$$

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• Shift in the plasmonic resonances⁸:

$$\arg\min_{\omega} \left| \frac{1}{2} (\varepsilon_m + \varepsilon_c(\omega)) - (\varepsilon_c(\omega) - \varepsilon_m) \lambda_j + (\omega \delta)^2 \tau_{j,1} \right|$$

•
$$\tau_{j,1} := (\mathcal{A}_1(\omega)[\varphi_j], \varphi_j)_{\mathcal{H}*}.$$

⁸with P. Millien, M. Ruiz, H. Zhang, Arch. Ration. Mech. Anal., 2016. $\langle \cdot \rangle = \rangle$

- Oscillation: Spherical gas bubbles in liquid oscillate at a natural frequency called the Minnaert resonance.
- Sub-wavelength resonance: Associated wavelength several orders of magnitude larger than bubble size.
- Scattering: Bubbles are very strong monopole scatterers of sound.

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A single bubble D in a liquid:

Model:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla u + \frac{\omega^2}{\kappa} u = 0 \quad \text{in} \quad \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \overline{D}, \\ \nabla \cdot \frac{1}{\rho_b} \nabla u + \frac{\omega^2}{\kappa_b} u = 0 \quad \text{in} \quad D, \\ u|_+ = u|_- \quad \text{on} \quad \partial D, \\ \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}\Big|_+ = \frac{1}{\rho_b} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}\Big|_- \quad \text{on} \quad \partial D, \\ u^s := u - u^{in} \text{ satisfies the Sommerfeld radiation condition.} \end{cases}$$

- *ρ_b*, ρ: densities inside and outside the bubble; κ_b, κ: bulk moduli inside and
 outside the bubble.
- High contrast: $\delta := \rho_b / \rho \ll 1$; $\tau := \kappa_b / \kappa = O(1)$.

•
$$\mathbf{v} = \sqrt{\kappa/\rho}; \ \mathbf{v}_b = \sqrt{\kappa_b/\rho_b}; \ \mathbf{k} = \omega\sqrt{\rho/\kappa}.$$

• Minnaert resonance frequency for a bubble of arbitrary shape⁹:

$$\omega_{M}(\delta) = \left(\sqrt{\frac{\mathsf{Cap}_{D}}{|D|}} v_{b}\sqrt{\delta} - i\frac{\mathsf{Cap}_{D}^{2}v_{b}^{2}}{8\pi v|D|}\delta + O(\delta^{\frac{3}{2}})\right).$$

• Capacity
$$\operatorname{Cap}_D := \int_{\partial D} \mathcal{S}_D^{-1}[1] \, d\sigma.$$

• Monopole approximation near the Minnaert resonance frequency:

$$u^{s}(x) = g(\omega, \delta, D)(1 + O(\omega) + O(\delta) + o(1))u^{in}(x_0)G_k(x, x_0).$$

• Scattering coefficient g:

$$g(\omega, \delta, D) = rac{\mathsf{Cap}_D}{1 - (rac{\omega_M}{\omega})^2 + i\gamma}.$$

• Scattering enhancement near the Minnaert resonance frequency.

⁹with B. Fitzpatrick, D. Gontier, H. Lee, H. Zhang, Ann□ IHP €, 2018. < ≡ >

• Integral formulation: $\mathcal{A}(\omega, \delta)[\Psi] = F$;

$$\mathcal{A}(\omega, \delta) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{S}_D^{k_b} & -\mathcal{S}_D^k \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \mathcal{K}_D^{k_b, *} & -\delta(\frac{1}{2} + (\mathcal{K}_D^k)^*) \end{pmatrix}, \ \Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_b \\ \psi \end{pmatrix}, \ \mathcal{F} = \begin{pmatrix} u^{in} \\ \delta \frac{\partial u^{in}}{\partial \nu} \end{pmatrix}.$$

• 0: characteristic value of the limiting operator-valued function:

$$\mathcal{A}_0(0,0) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{S}_D & -\mathcal{S}_D \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \mathcal{K}_D^* & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Gohberg-Sigal theory:
 - Generalization of argument principle.
 - V: complex neighborhood of 0:

$$\omega_{M}(\delta) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \operatorname{tr} \int_{\partial V} \omega \mathcal{A}(\omega, \delta)^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \mathcal{A}(\omega, \delta) \, d\omega.$$

• Muller's method: compute characteristic eigenvalues.



Super-focusing in bubbly media

Dilute regime: When excited slightly below the Minnaert resonance frequency ω_M a large number of small bubbles acts as an effective medium with high refractive index in which super-focusing and super-resolution is achievable¹⁰:



¹⁰with B. Fitzpatrick, D. Gontier, H. Lee, H. Zhang, Proc. Royal Soc A, 2017. \equiv 9 and 10 km s

Super-focusing in bubbly media

• Effective operator¹¹:

$$\Delta + k^2 + V(x);$$
 $V(x) = \frac{1}{(\frac{\omega_M}{\omega})^2 - 1} \Lambda \widetilde{V}(x).$

- Λ: depends only on the size and number of the bubbles;
- *V*: depends only on the distribution of the centers of the bubbles.
- ω slightly below ω_M : high-contrast refractive index;
- ω slightly above ω_M : negative bulk modulus;
- Effective medium theory: does not hold at $\omega = \omega_M$.

¹¹with H. Zhang, SIAM J. Math. Anal., 2017.

Super-focusing in bubbly media

- Mechanism of super-focusing in high-contrast media:
 - Mixing of resonant modes: intrinsic nature of non-hermitian systems.
 - Sub-wavelength resonance modes excited ⇒ dominate over the other ones in the expansion of the Green function.
 - Imaginary part of the Green function may have sharper peak than the one of *G* due to the excited sub-wavelength resonant modes.
 - Sub-wavelength modes: determine the super-resolution.



- Sub-wavelength phononic bandgaps¹²: Due to the phenomena of sub-wavelength resonance, bubbles can be used to create phononic crystals in which low frequency wave propagation is prohibited.
- Sub-wavelength bandgaps: appear slightly above the Minnaert resonance ω_* .
- Super-focusing: appear slightly below the Minnaert resonance ω_* .



¹²with B. Fitzpatrick, H. Lee, S. Yu, H. Zhang, J. Diff. Equat., 2017.

• For $\alpha \in [0, 2\pi)^3$,

$$\mathcal{A}(\omega,\delta,\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{S}_D^{k_b} & -\mathcal{S}_D^{\alpha,k} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \mathcal{K}_D^{k_b,*} & -\delta(\frac{1}{2} + (\mathcal{K}_D^{-\alpha,k})^*) \end{pmatrix}, \ \Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_b \\ \psi \end{pmatrix}.$$

• $S_D^{\alpha,k}$ and $\mathcal{K}_D^{-\alpha,k}$ associated with quasi-periodic Green's function:

$$G^{\alpha,k}(x,y) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^3} \frac{e^{i(2\pi n + \alpha) \cdot (x-y)}}{k^2 - |2\pi n + \alpha|^2}.$$

• Characteristic values of $\mathcal{A}(\omega, \delta, \alpha)$:

$$0 \le \omega_1^{\alpha} \le \omega_2^{\alpha} \le \dots$$

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- ω_0 : characteristic value of $\mathcal{A}(\omega, 0)$ iff $(\omega_0/v_b)^2$: Neumann eigenvalue of D or $(\omega_0/v)^2$: Dirichlet eigenvalue of $Y \setminus D$ with α -quasiperiodicity on ∂Y .
- For any δ sufficiently small, there exists one and only one characteristic value $\omega_0 = \omega_0(\delta)$ in a complex neighborhood of 0 to $\mathcal{A}(\omega, \delta)$.
- $\omega_0(0) = 0$ and $\omega_0(\delta)$ depends on δ continuously.
- Asymptotic behavior of ω₁^α:
 - For $\alpha \neq 0$ and sufficiently small δ ,

$$\omega_1^{\alpha} = \omega_M \sqrt{c_2} + O(\delta^{3/2});$$

- ω_M: free space Minnaert resonant frequency;
- $c_2 := \operatorname{Cap}_{D,\alpha}/\operatorname{Cap}_D;$
- Quasi-periodic capacity:

$$\operatorname{Cap}_{D,\alpha} := -\int_{\partial D} (\mathcal{S}_D^{\alpha,0})^{-1}[1] \, d\sigma.$$

- Sub-wavelength bandgap opening:
 - For every sufficiently small $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta_0 > 0$ and $\tilde{\omega} > \omega_1^* + \epsilon$ s.t., for $\delta < \delta_0$,

$$[\omega_1^* + \epsilon, \tilde{\omega}] \subset [\max_{\alpha} \omega_1^{\alpha}, \min_{\alpha} \omega_2^{\alpha}].$$

- D: symmetric with respect to planes {(x₁, x₂, x₃) : x_j = 0}, j = 1, 2, 3.
- Cap_{D, α} and ω_1^{α} attain their maxima at $\alpha^* = (\pi, \pi, \pi)$ (ω_1^{α} attained at the corner *M* of the Brillouin zone).
- $v = v_b$: wave speed inside the bubble is equal to the one outside.
- For *ϵ* > 0 small enough,

$$\mathsf{Cap}_{D,\alpha^*+\epsilon\tilde{\alpha}} = \mathsf{Cap}_{D,\alpha^*} + \epsilon^2 \Lambda_D^{\tilde{\alpha}} + O(\epsilon^4).$$

• $\Lambda_{D}^{\tilde{\alpha}}$: negative semi-definite quadratic function of $\tilde{\alpha} \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\mathsf{v}_b^2}{|D|}\mathsf{\Lambda}_D^{\tilde{\alpha}} = -\sum_{1\leq i,j\leq 3}\lambda_{ij}\tilde{\alpha}_i\tilde{\alpha}_j.$$

• (λ_{ij}) : symmetric and positive semi-definite.

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- Dilute regime:
 - $\omega_* \approx \omega_M$.
 - Effective medium theory near Minnaert resonant frequency ω_* .
 - High contrast effective medium \Rightarrow super-focusing.
 - Negative effective medium \Rightarrow sub-wavelength bandgap opening.
- Band structure of a square array of circular bubbles with radius R = 0.05 and contrast $\delta^{-1} = 5000$:



- Non-dilute regime:
 - High-frequency homogenization.
- Band structure of a square array of circular bubbles with radius R = 0.25 and contrast $\delta^{-1} = 1000$:



- s: period of the crystal; $\delta = O(s^2)$.
- $\omega_*^s = (1/s)\omega_*^1$; Critical frequencies = O(1) as $s \to 0$.
- Near the critical frequency ω^s_{*}: eigenfunctions can be decomposed into two parts¹³:
 - One part: slowly varying and satisfies a homogenized equation;
 - Second part: periodic across each elementary crystal cell and is varying.
- $(\omega_*^s)^2 \omega^2 = O(s^2)$; Asymptotic of Bloch eigenfunction $u_{1,s}^{\alpha^*/s+\tilde{\alpha}}$:

$$u_{1,s}^{\alpha^*/s+\tilde{\alpha}}(x) = e^{i\tilde{\alpha}\cdot x}S\left(\frac{x}{s}\right) + O(s);$$

• Macroscopic plane wave $e^{i\tilde{\alpha}\cdot x}$ satisfies:

$$\sum_{1 \le i,j \le 3} \lambda_{ij} \partial_i \partial_j \hat{u}(x) + \frac{\omega_*^2 - \omega^2}{\delta} \hat{u}(x) = 0.$$

¹³with H. Lee, H. Zhang, submitted, 2018.

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- $(\omega_*^s)^2 \omega^2 = \beta \delta;$
- $\sum_{1 \le i,j \le 3} \lambda_{ij} \tilde{\alpha}_i \tilde{\alpha}_j = \beta + O(s^2)$:
 - $\beta > 0 \Rightarrow$ plane wave Bloch eigenvalues:
 - Homogenized equation for the bubbly phononic crystal;
 - Microscopic field: periodic and varies on the scale of s;
 - Microscopic oscillations of the field at the period of the crystal justify the super-focusing phenomenon.
 - β < 0 ⇒ exponentially growing or decaying functions ⇒ bandgap opening.

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Sub-wavelength cavities

- Sub-wavelength localized modes ⇐ increase the radius of one bubble (from R to R + ϵ) to create a detuned resonator with an upward shifted resonance frequency (within the sub-wavelength bandgap).
- As $\epsilon \to 0^{14}$,

$$\omega^{\epsilon} - \omega_* \approx \exp\big(-\frac{c_{\delta}}{2\epsilon} \frac{\frac{R^2}{2}\omega_*(-\ln\omega^*)}{(\frac{R^2}{2}(\omega_*)^2(-\ln\omega_*) + \delta)}\big);$$

 c_{δ} : positive constant.

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Sub-wavelength cavities



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• Bubble dimers \Rightarrow double-negative acoustic metamaterials¹⁵:



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- Capacitance coefficients:
 - $D = D_1 \cup D_2; \ \psi_1, \ \psi_2 \in L^2(\partial D):$

$$\mathcal{S}_D^0[\psi_1] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{on } \partial D_1, \\ 0 & \text{on } \partial D_2, \end{cases} \qquad \mathcal{S}_D^0[\psi_2] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{on } \partial D_1, \\ 1 & \text{on } \partial D_2. \end{cases}$$

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$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}I + \mathcal{K}_D^{0,*}\right)$$
 = span $\{\psi_1, \psi_2\}$.

- $\psi_1 \pm \psi_2$: symmetric and anti-symmetric modes.
- Capacitance coefficients matrix $C = (C_{ij})$:

$$C_{ij} := -\int_{\partial D_j} \psi_i, \quad i,j = 1,2.$$

- C: positive definite and symmetric.
- D_1 and D_2 identical balls: $C_{11} = C_{22}, \ C_{12} = C_{21}, \ C_{11} > 0$, and $C_{12} < 0$.
- Explicit formulas: bispherical coordinates.

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- Resonances for a dimer consisting of two identical bubbles:
 - Two quasi-static resonances with positive real part for the bubble dimer *D*.
 - As $\delta \to 0$,

$$\begin{split} \omega_{M,1} &= \sqrt{(C_{11} + C_{12})} \mathsf{v}_b \sqrt{\delta} - i\tau_1 \delta + O(\delta^{3/2}), \\ \omega_{M,2} &= \sqrt{(C_{11} - C_{12})} \mathsf{v}_b \sqrt{\delta} + \delta^{3/2} \hat{\eta}_1 + i\delta^2 \hat{\eta}_2 + O(\delta^{5/2}). \end{split}$$

• $\hat{\eta}_1$ and $\hat{\eta}_2$: real numbers determined by D, v, and v_b ;

$$\tau_1 = \frac{v_b^2}{4\pi v} (C_{11} + C_{12})^2.$$

 Resonances ω_{M,1} and ω_{M,2}: hybridized resonances of the bubble dimmer D.

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- Bubble dimer: approximated as a point scatterer with monopole and dipole modes.
- For $\omega = O(\delta^{1/2})$ and $\delta \to 0$, |x|: sufficiently large,

$$u(x) - u^{in}(x) = g^{0}(\omega)u^{in}(0)G_{k}(x,0) + \nabla u^{in}(0) \cdot g^{1}(\omega)\nabla G_{k}(x,0) + O(\delta|x|^{-1}).$$

• Scattering coefficients:

$$\begin{split} g^{0}(\omega) &= \frac{C(1,1)}{1-\omega_{M,1}^{2}/\omega^{2}}(1+O(\delta^{1/2})), \quad C(1,1) := C_{11}+C_{12}+C_{21}+C_{22}; \\ g^{1}(\omega) &= (g_{ij}^{1}(\omega)); \\ g^{1}_{ij}(\omega) &= \int_{\partial D} (S_{D}^{0})^{-1}[x_{i}](y)y_{j} - \frac{\delta v_{b}^{2}}{\omega^{2}|D|(1-\omega_{M,2}^{2}/\omega^{2})}P^{2}\delta_{i,1}\delta_{j,1}; \\ P &:= \int_{\partial D} y_{1}(\psi_{1}-\psi_{2})d\sigma(y). \end{split}$$

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- Effective medium theory:
 - Bubble dimers: $\{z_i^N : 1 \le i \le N\}$; orientation $\{d_i^N : 1 \le i \le N\}$.
 - Scattering of an incident acoustic plane wave u^{in} by N identical bubble dimers with random orientations:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \cdot \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla u^N + \frac{\omega^2}{\kappa} u^N = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3 \backslash D^N, \\ \nabla \cdot \frac{1}{\rho_b} \nabla u^N + \frac{\omega^2}{\kappa_b} u^N = 0 \quad \text{in } D^N, \\ u^N_+ - u^N_- = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial D^N, \\ \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial u^N}{\partial \nu} \bigg|_+ - \frac{1}{\rho_b} \frac{\partial u^N}{\partial \nu} \bigg|_- = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial D^N, \\ u^N - u^{\text{in}} : \text{ Sommerfeld radiation condition.} \end{array} \right.$$

• System of boundary integral equations: $\mathcal{A}^{N}(\omega, \delta)[\Psi^{N}] = F^{N}$.

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- Assumptions:
 - s: characteristic size of a bubble dimer; sN = Λ for some positive number Λ > 0.
 - Volume fraction of the bubble dimers is of the order of s^3N .
 - Bubble dimers: very dilute with the average distance between neighboring dimers being of the order of $N^{-1/3}$.

- $u^N(x) \rightarrow u(x)$ uniformly for $x \in \Omega_N$.
- u: homogenized model

$$abla \cdot \left(I - \Lambda \tilde{g}^1 \tilde{B}\right) \nabla u(x) + (k^2 - \Lambda \tilde{g}^0 \tilde{V})u = 0, \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$

• $\tilde{B} \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$: s.t. for $f \in (C^{0,\alpha}(\Omega))^3$ with $0 < \alpha \le 1$, $\max_{1 \le j \le N} |\max_{1 \le j \le N} |\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i \ne j} (f(z_i^N) \cdot d_i^N) (d_i^N \cdot \nabla G_k(z_i^N, z_j^N))$ $- \int_{\Omega} f(y) \tilde{B} \nabla_y G_k(y, z_j^N) dy | \le C \frac{1}{N^{\frac{\alpha}{3}}} ||f||_{C^{0,\alpha}(\Omega)};$

• $\tilde{V} \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$: s.t. for any $f \in C^{0,\alpha}(\Omega)$ with $0 < \alpha \le 1$, $\max_{1 \le j \le N} \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i \ne j} G_k(z_j^N, z_i^N) f(z_i^N) - \int_{\Omega} G_k(z_j^N, y) \tilde{V}(y) f(y) dy \right|$ $\le C \frac{1}{M^{\frac{\alpha}{n}}} \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(\Omega)}$

for some constant C independent of N.

- $\delta = \mu^2 s^2$;
- $\omega_{M,1} = v_b \mu \sqrt{(C_{11} + C_{12})}, \quad \omega_{M,2} = v_b \mu \sqrt{(C_{11} C_{12})};$
- Monopole and dipole coefficients:

$$\tilde{g}^{0} = \frac{2(C_{11} + C_{12})}{1 - \omega_{M,1}^{2}/\omega_{M,2}^{2}}, \quad \tilde{g}^{1} = \frac{\mu^{2}v_{b}^{2}}{2|D|\omega_{M,2}(\mu^{3}\hat{\eta}_{1} - a)}P^{2}$$

- Bubble dimers distributed s.t. B̃: positive matrix with B̃(x) ≥ C > 0 for some constant C for all x ∈ Ω ⇒ both the matrix I − Λg̃¹B̃ and the scalar function k² − Λg̃⁰Ṽ: negative.
- Effective double-negative medium with both negative mass density and negative bulk modulus.

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• Effective properties:



Honeycomb-lattice Minnaert bubbles

• Rectangular array of bubble dimers:



• Honeycomb-lattice:



Honeycomb-lattice Minnaert bubbles

- At $\alpha = \alpha^*$, the first Bloch eigenfrequency $\omega^* := \omega(\alpha^*)$ of multiplicity 2.
- Conical behavior of sub-wavelength bands¹⁶: The first band and the second band form a Dirac cone at α*, i.e.,

$$\omega_1(\alpha) = \omega(\alpha^*) - \lambda |\alpha - \alpha^*| [1 + O(|\alpha - \alpha^*|)],$$

$$\omega_2(\alpha) = \omega(\alpha^*) + \lambda |\alpha - \alpha^*| [1 + O(|\alpha - \alpha^*|)];$$

 $\lambda \neq 0$ for sufficiently small δ .

• Dirac point at $\alpha = \alpha^*$.

¹⁶with B. Fitzpatrick, H. Lee, E. Orvehed Hiltunen, S. Yu, submitted, 2018.

Concluding remarks

- Sub-wavelength resonances:
 - Helmoholtz resonators.
 - Plasmonic nanoparticles.
 - Minnaert bubbles.
- Effective medium theory:
 - High contrast material \Rightarrow super-focusing.
 - Sub-wavelength bandgap opening \Rightarrow negative materials.
 - Dimers \Rightarrow double-negative materials.
- High-frequency homogenization:
 - Below the critical frequency: super-focusing.
 - Below the critical frequency: Sub-wavelength bandgap opening ⇒ negative materials.
- Sub-wavelength cavities; topological properties at sub-wavelength scales.
- Optimal design methodologies.

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