

Effective parameters of periodic electromagnetic structures from spatio-temporal Kramers-Kronig relations



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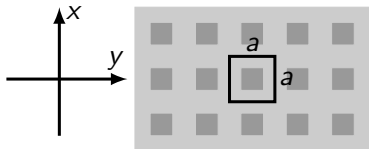
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Herglotz-Nevanlinna Theory Applied to Passive, Causal and Active Systems

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Propagation of EM waves
in periodic structures : $\varepsilon(x, y)$
(no boundaries)



modeling for all frequency and wavevector

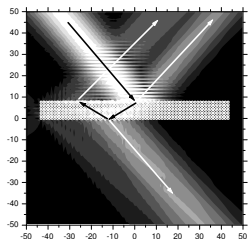
Effective homogeneous parameter
for the propagation of EM waves

$$\rightarrow \varepsilon_{\text{eff}}(\omega, \mathbf{k})$$

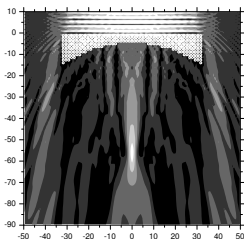
$$\rightarrow n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = \sqrt{\varepsilon_{\text{eff}}(\omega, \mathbf{k})}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{eff}}(\omega, \mathbf{k})$$

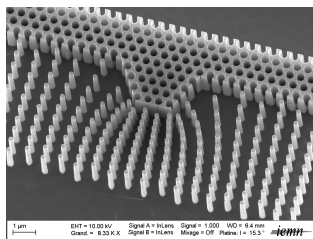
Modeling of unusual effective properties : $n_{\text{eff}} < 1$, $n_{\text{eff}} < 0$, $\mu_{\text{eff}} \dots$



$n_{\text{eff}} < 0$



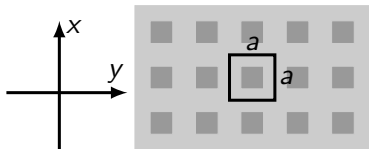
$n_{\text{eff}} < 1$



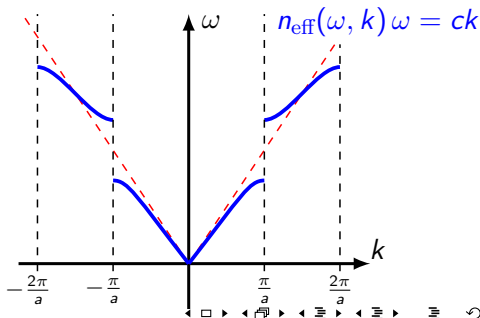
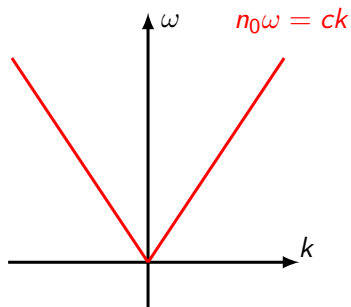
invisibility carpet

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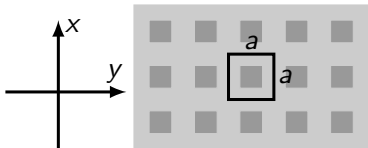
Propagation of EM waves is governed by the dispersion law : $\omega(k)$



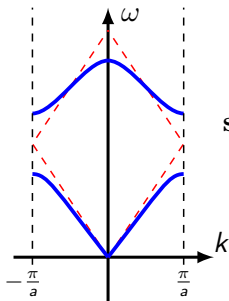
The dispersion law : $\omega(k)$

The effective parameter :

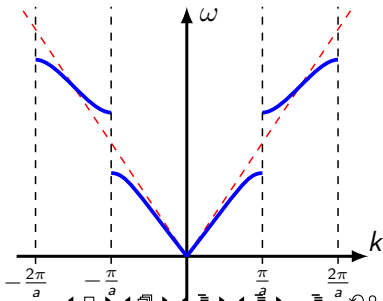
$$n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k)\omega = ck$$



The dispersion law : **folded or developed ?**



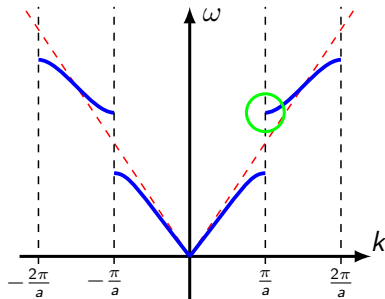
same phase shift
same group velocity
same propagation



The **complex** frequency : $\omega \rightarrow \omega + i\eta = \omega$

The **complex** wavevector : $k \rightarrow k + i\xi = k$

Assumption : **analyticity** of the **developed** dispersion law

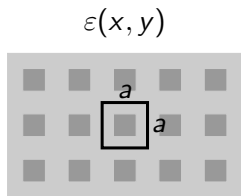


$$n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k)\omega = ck$$

All the information
 $n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k)$ for (ω, k) in \bigcirc

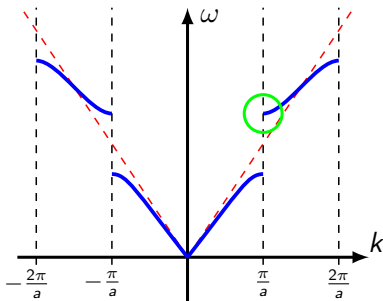


All the information
 $n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k)$ for all (ω, k)



dispersion law :

$$n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k) \omega = ck$$



- consider the developed dispersion law
- consider complex frequency and wavevector (ω, k)
- assume effective parameters $n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k)$ analytic of (ω, k)
- use perturbation technique to obtain information in ○
- use analytic continuation (Kramers-Kronig relations) to obtain $n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k)$

A motivation

An opportunity to investigate
spatial dispersion (ω, k)

- 1 Arguments supporting analyticity of $n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k)$
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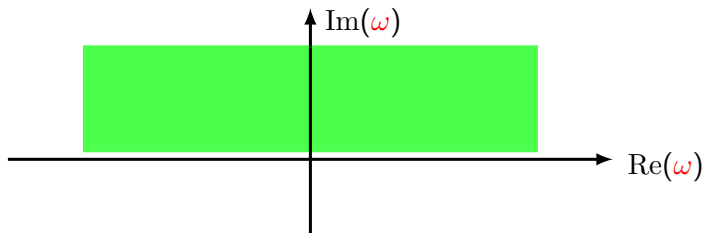
$$P(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t ds \chi(\mathbf{x}, t - s) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, s)$$

Analytic property from time causality

$\chi(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0$ in the domain $t < 0$

\iff^\dagger

$\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$, $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$, $R(\omega)$... **analytic in the domain** $\text{Im}(\omega) > 0$



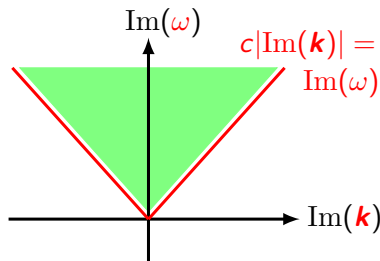
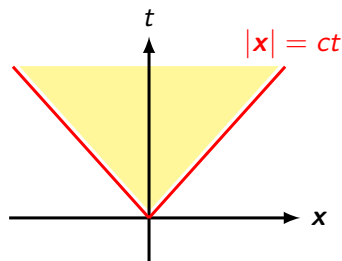
† Related to the Paley-Wiener theorem.

$$P(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t ds \int_{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}| \leq ct} \chi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, t - s) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{y}, s)$$

Analytic property from **space-time** causality

light cone : $\chi(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0, G(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0$ in the domain $t < |\mathbf{x}|/c$
 \iff^\dagger

$\varepsilon(\mathbf{k}, \omega), \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}, \omega) \dots$ **analytic in the cone** $\text{Im}(\omega) - c|\text{Im}(\mathbf{k})| > 0$



† Related to the Paley-Wiener theorem.

Time harmonic Maxwell's equations :

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = -i\omega\epsilon(\mathbf{x}, \omega)\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, \omega),$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = i\omega\mu_0\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}, \omega).$$

Periodicity and Bloch decomposition : $\nabla \longrightarrow \nabla + i\mathbf{k}$

$$[\nabla + i\mathbf{k}] \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}, \omega) = -i\omega\epsilon(\mathbf{x}, \omega)\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}, \omega),$$

$$[\nabla + i\mathbf{k}] \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}, \omega) = i\omega\mu_0\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}, \omega).$$

The fields $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ can be expressed from the dispersion law $\omega(\mathbf{k})$ or $\mathbf{k}(\omega)$: $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int d\omega d\mathbf{k} \exp[i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x} - i\omega t] \hat{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{k}, \omega(\mathbf{k}))$

space-time causality : analytic if $\text{Im}(\omega) - c|\text{Im}(\mathbf{k})| > 0$

$\rightarrow \omega(\mathbf{k})$ or $\mathbf{k}(\omega)$ have analytic properties^{1, 2}

1. H. Knörrer and E. Trubovitz, Comment. Math. Helvetici **65**, 114-149 (1990).
2. <http://arxiv.org/abs/1807.01658> (Editors V. Markel and I. Tsukerman)

- The dispersion law $\omega(\mathbf{k})$ or $\mathbf{k}(\omega)$ has the analytic property related to the space-time causality
- The effective parameters $n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, \mathbf{k})$ are derived from the dispersion law

Assumption* : $n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, \mathbf{k})$ analytic if $\text{Im}(\omega) - c|\text{Im}(\mathbf{k})| > 0$

Consequence (related to the Paley-Wiener theorem) :

$$n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = \int_0^\infty dt \int_{|\mathbf{x}| \leq ct} d\mathbf{x} \exp[i\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}] \chi_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

→ **True in 1D***[†]

[†] Phys. Rev. B **88**, 165104 (2013).

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$$\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon_0 + \int_0^\infty dt \exp[i\omega t] \chi(t), \quad \sigma(\nu) = \frac{\text{Im}[\nu \varepsilon(\nu)]}{\pi} > 0.$$

use of causality / analyticity : $\varepsilon(\omega) - \varepsilon_0 = \hat{\chi} = \hat{\theta} * \hat{\chi} = \frac{1}{\omega} * \hat{\chi} \dots$

**“Kramers-Kronig relations” for $\text{Im}(\omega) > 0$
 → “representation of Herglotz-Nevanlinna functions”**

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon_0 - \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\nu \frac{\sigma(\nu)}{\omega^2 - \nu^2}.$$

Superposition of elementary resonances[†] : $\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon_0 - \frac{\Omega^2}{\omega^2 - \nu^2}$

Simple models for elementary resonances :

→ elastically bound electron[†]

→ coupling of EM waves with quantized atom

→ any causal and passive system...

$$\varepsilon(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = \varepsilon_0 + \int_0^\infty dt \int_{|\mathbf{x}| \leq ct} d\mathbf{x} \exp[i\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}] \chi(\mathbf{x}, t),$$

→ introduction of $\sigma(\nu, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \frac{\text{Im}[\nu \varepsilon(\nu, \boldsymbol{\kappa})]}{\pi}$ and use of causality

Different results depending on \mathbf{x} , $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3$:

$$\mathbf{1D} : \omega[\varepsilon(\omega, \mathbf{k}) - \varepsilon_0] = -\frac{i}{\pi c} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\nu \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\kappa \frac{\sigma(\nu, \kappa)}{(\omega - \nu)^2/c^2 - (\mathbf{k} - \kappa)^2}.$$

$$\mathbf{2D} : \omega[\varepsilon(\omega, \mathbf{k}) - \varepsilon_0] = \frac{1}{2\pi c} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\nu \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\kappa \frac{\sigma(\nu, \kappa)}{[(\omega - \nu)^2/c^2 - (\mathbf{k} - \kappa)^2]^{3/2}}.$$

$$\mathbf{3D} : \omega[\varepsilon(\omega, \mathbf{k}) - \varepsilon_0] = \frac{i}{\pi^2 c} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\nu \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\kappa \frac{\sigma(\nu, \kappa)}{[(\omega - \nu)^2/c^2 - (\mathbf{k} - \kappa)^2]^2}.$$

“Kramers-Kronig relations” for $n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, \mathbf{k})$, x and $k \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\omega [n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) - \varepsilon_0] = -\frac{i}{\pi c} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\nu \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\kappa \frac{\sigma(\nu, \kappa)}{(\omega - \nu)^2/c^2 - (\mathbf{k} - \kappa)^2},$$

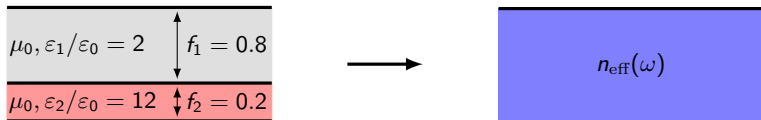
where :

$$\sigma(\nu, \kappa) = \frac{\text{Im}[\nu n_{\text{eff}}(\nu, \kappa)]}{\pi} > 0.$$

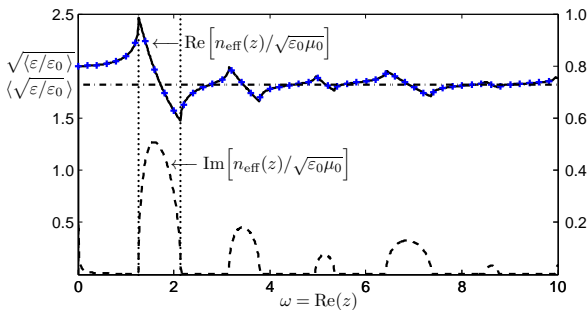
Superposition of elementary convolutions with $\frac{1}{\omega^2/c^2 - k^2}$

Simple model for elementary resonances :

- **convolution with the free scalar EM Green's function**
- **may be not a coincidence...**
- related to a “Herglotz-Nevanlinna representation” ?



The effective index of a multilayer



+ Kramers-Kronig relations; – exact retrieval expression

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Kramers-Kronig relations for ω and k :

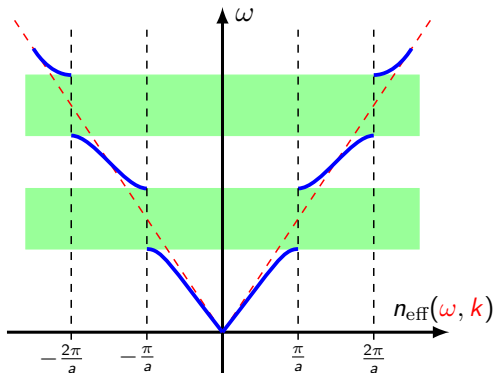
$$\omega [n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k) - n_0(\omega)] = -\frac{i}{\pi c} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\nu \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\kappa \frac{\sigma(\nu, \kappa)}{(\omega - \nu)^2/c^2 - (k - \kappa)^2},$$

where

$$\sigma(\nu, \kappa) = \frac{\text{Im}[\nu n_{\text{eff}}(\nu, \kappa)]}{\pi} \neq 0$$

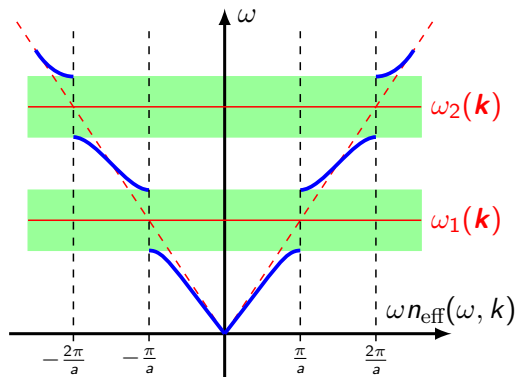
is **attenuation**

in **stop bands**



Small contrast (perturbation) : stop band width $\ll \omega_p(k)$

$$\sigma(\omega, k) = \frac{\text{Im}[\omega n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k)]}{\pi} \approx \sum_p \delta[\omega^2 - \omega_p^2(k)] \Omega_p^2(k).$$



Perturbation technique :

$$\rightarrow \omega_p^2(k)$$

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$$\omega [n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k) - n_0(\omega)] = -\frac{i}{\pi c} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\nu \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\kappa \frac{\sigma(\nu, \kappa)}{(\omega - \nu)^2/c^2 - (k - \kappa)^2}.$$

Small contrast and perturbation technique :

$$\sigma(\nu, \kappa) \approx \sum_p \delta[\nu^2 - \omega_p^2(\kappa)] \Omega_p^2(\kappa).$$

Resulting expression :

$$n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k) - n_0(\omega) \approx -\sum_p \frac{\Omega_p^2(k)}{\omega^2 - \omega_p^2(k)}.$$

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Approached expression :

$$n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k) - n_0(\omega) \approx - \sum_p \frac{\Omega_p^2(k)}{\omega^2 - \omega_p^2(k)}.$$

with :

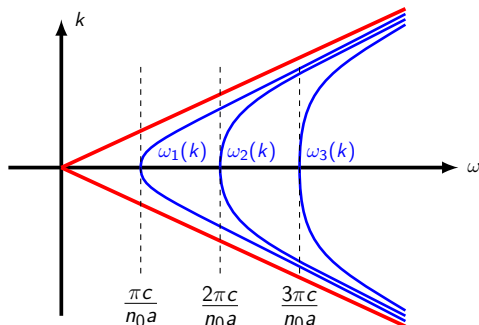
$$n_0(\omega) = \left[\int_0^a dx \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon(x, \omega)} \right]^{-1/2}$$

$$\omega_p^2(k) = \frac{c^2}{n_0^2(\omega_p(k))} [p^2 \pi^2 / a^2 + k^2]$$

$$\Omega_p^2(k) = \frac{c^2}{n_0^2(\omega_p(k))} \frac{[p^2 \pi^2 / a^2 + k^2]^2}{p^2 \pi^2 / a^2} \alpha_p(\omega_p(k)) \alpha_{-p}(\omega_p(k))$$

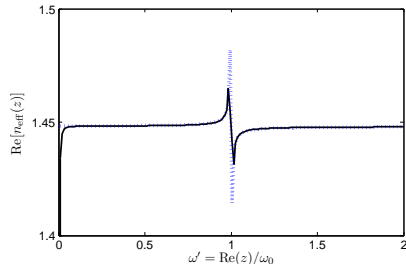
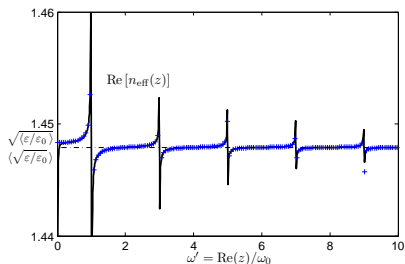
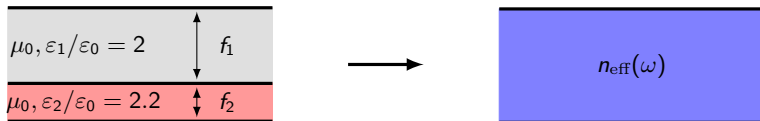
$$\alpha_p(\omega) = n_0^2(\omega) \left[\int_0^a dx \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon(x, \omega)} \exp[i2p\pi x/a] \right]$$

$$\text{Approached expression : } n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k) - n_0(\omega) \approx - \sum_p \frac{\Omega_p^2(k)}{\omega^2 - \omega_p^2(k)}$$



Case without dispersion : $\omega_p^2(k) = [p^2\pi^2/a^2 + k^2]c^2/n_0^2 \rightarrow n_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k)$ as a sum of **hydrodynamical model** resonances :

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 - \frac{\Omega^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 - v^2k^2}$$



+ model ; - exact retrieval expression

Y. Liu, PhD thesis, Aix-Marseille university (2013)

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Kramers-Kronig relations for $\text{Im}(\omega) > 0$
→ representation of Herglotz-Nevalinna functions

$$\mu(\omega) = \mu_0 - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\nu \frac{\text{Im}[\nu\mu(\nu)]}{\omega^2 - \nu^2}.$$

At the nul frequency (static) :

$$\mu(0) = \mu_0 + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} d\nu \frac{\text{Im}[\nu\mu(\nu)]}{\nu^2}$$

Paramagnetic media: $\mu(0) - \mu_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} d\nu \frac{\text{Im}[\nu\mu(\nu)]}{\nu^2} > 0.$

Diamagnetic media: $\mu(0) - \mu_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} d\nu \frac{\text{Im}[\nu\mu(\nu)]}{\nu^2} < 0.$

Imaginary part of the permeability : positive or negative ?

Questions on the sign of the imaginary part of $\omega\mu_{\text{eff}}(\omega)$ [†]

PHYSICAL REVIEW E **78**, 026608 (2008)

Can the imaginary part of permeability be negative?


PHYSICAL REVIEW B **83**, 081102(R) (2011)

Restoring the physical meaning of metamaterial constitutive parameters

PHYSICAL REVIEW B **83**, 165119 (2011)

Examining the validity of Kramers-Kronig relations for the magnetic permeability

→ test with the effective parameters of a 1D system

[†]The Kramers-Kronig relations are modified for $\mu(\omega)$ in the book by Landau and Lifshitz, *Electrodynamics of continuous media*. 

Maxwell's equations in magneto-dielectric media

$$-\nabla \times \frac{1}{\omega\mu(\omega)} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) + \omega \varepsilon(\omega) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad (\text{source free})$$

→ can be written

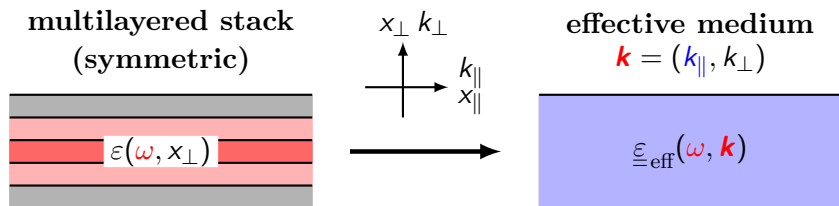
$$-\nabla \times \frac{1}{\omega\mu_0} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla \times \left[\frac{1}{\omega\mu(\omega)} - \frac{1}{\omega\mu_0} \right] \nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) + \omega \varepsilon(\omega) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

and, in a homogeneous medium, $\nabla \times \longleftrightarrow i\mathbf{k} \times$

$$-\nabla \times \frac{1}{\omega\mu_0} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{k} \times \left[\frac{1}{\omega\mu(\omega)} - \frac{1}{\omega\mu_0} \right] \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) + \omega \varepsilon(\omega) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = 0.$$

Permittivity $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}(\omega, \mathbf{k})$ with spatial dispersion (ω, \mathbf{k}) defines permeability $\mu(\omega)$:

$$\omega \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}_{\text{eff}}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = \omega \varepsilon_{\text{eff}}(\omega) + \mathbf{k} \times \left[\frac{1}{\omega\mu_{\text{eff}}(\omega)} - \frac{1}{\omega\mu_0} \right] \mathbf{k} \times$$



The effective permittivity with spatial dispersion (ω, \mathbf{k}) is

$$\omega \underline{\epsilon}_{\text{eff}}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = \omega \epsilon_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel}) + \mathbf{k} \times \left[\frac{1}{\omega \mu_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel})} - \frac{1}{\omega \mu_0} \right] \mathbf{k} \times$$

where, for $\xi_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel}) = \epsilon_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel}), \mu_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel})$:

$$\xi_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel}) = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{\parallel}(\omega, k_{\parallel}) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \xi_{\parallel}(\omega, k_{\parallel}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_{\perp}(\omega, k_{\parallel}) \end{bmatrix} .$$

Four effective parameters :

$$\varepsilon_{\parallel}(\omega, k_{\parallel}), \quad \varepsilon_{\perp}(\omega, k_{\parallel}), \quad \mu_{\parallel}(\omega, k_{\parallel}), \quad \mu_{\perp}(\omega, k_{\parallel})$$

Four parameters in the transfer matrices s and p :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos [k_{\perp}^{s,p}(\omega, k_{\parallel})] & [Z^{s,p}(\omega, k_{\parallel})]^{-1} \sin [k_{\perp}^{s,p}(\omega, k_{\parallel})] \\ -Z^{s,p}(\omega, k_{\parallel}) \sin [k_{\perp}^{s,p}(\omega, k_{\parallel})] & \cos [k_{\perp}^{s,p}(\omega, k_{\parallel})] \end{bmatrix}$$

Exact retrieval method (no approximation) :

$$\omega \varepsilon_{\parallel}(\omega, k_{\parallel}) = k_{\perp}^p(\omega, k_{\parallel}) / Z^p(\omega, k_{\parallel})$$

$$\omega \mu_{\parallel}(\omega, k_{\parallel}) = k_{\perp}^s(\omega, k_{\parallel}) Z^s(\omega, k_{\parallel})$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega \varepsilon_{\perp}(\omega, k_{\parallel})} = \frac{k_{\perp}^p(\omega, k_{\parallel}) Z^p(\omega, k_{\parallel}) - k_{\perp}^s(\omega, k_{\parallel}) Z^s(\omega, k_{\parallel})}{k_{\parallel}^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega \mu_{\perp}(\omega, k_{\parallel})} = \frac{k_{\perp}^s(\omega, k_{\parallel}) / Z^s(\omega, k_{\parallel}) - k_{\perp}^p(\omega, k_{\parallel}) / Z^p(\omega, k_{\parallel})}{k_{\parallel}^2}$$

In the domain $\text{Im}(\omega) - c|\text{Im}(k_{\parallel})| > 0$

The four effective parameters are (ω, k_{\parallel}) -analytic[†] :

$$\omega\varepsilon_{\parallel}(\omega, k_{\parallel}), \quad \omega\mu_{\parallel}(\omega, k_{\parallel}), \quad \frac{1}{\omega\varepsilon_{\perp}(\omega, k_{\parallel})}, \quad \frac{1}{\omega\mu_{\perp}(\omega, k_{\parallel})}.$$

The absence of Bloch modes[‡] implies :

$$\text{Im}k_{\perp}^S(\omega, k_{\parallel}) > 0 \qquad \text{Im}k_{\perp}^P(\omega, k_{\parallel}) > 0$$

$\text{Im}[\omega\varepsilon(\omega, x_{\perp})] - c|\text{Im}(k_{\parallel})| > 0$ of the permittivity implies[†] :

$$\text{Im}[\omega\varepsilon_{\parallel}(\omega, k_{\parallel})] > 0, \qquad \text{Im}[\omega\varepsilon_{\perp}(\omega, k_{\parallel})] > 0,$$

$$\text{Re}Z^S(\omega, k_{\parallel}) > 0, \qquad \text{Re}Z^P(\omega, k_{\parallel}) > 0.$$

→ **No condition on** $\text{Im}[\omega\mu_{\parallel}(\omega, k_{\parallel})]$ **and** $\text{Im}[\omega\mu_{\perp}(\omega, k_{\parallel})]$.

[†] Phys. Rev. B **88**, 165104 (2013)

[‡] J. Phys. A : Math. Gen. **33**, 006223 (2000)

Let $\text{Im}(\omega) = \eta > 0$ be fixed : from the (ω, k_{\parallel}) -analyticity

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}+i\eta} d\omega \left[\frac{1}{\omega\mu_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel})} - \frac{1}{\omega\mu_0} \right] = 0.$$

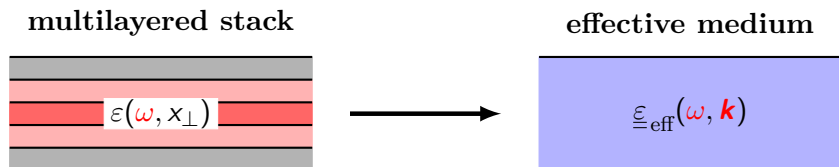
Taking the limit $\eta \downarrow 0$

$$\mathcal{PV} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\omega \left[\frac{1}{\omega\mu_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel})} - \frac{1}{\omega\mu_0} \right] = i\pi \left[\frac{1}{\mu_{\text{eff}}(0, k_{\parallel})} - \frac{1}{\mu_0} \right].$$

Since $\mu_{\text{eff}}(0, k_{\parallel}) = \mu_0$:

$$\text{Im} \int_0^{\infty} d\omega \left[\frac{1}{\omega\mu_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel})} - \frac{1}{\omega\mu_0} \right] = 0 \implies \int_0^{\infty} d\omega \frac{\text{Im}[\omega\mu_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel})]}{|\omega\mu_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel})|^2} = 0.$$

$\omega\mu_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel})$ is not a Herglotz function $\longrightarrow \omega\underline{\mu}_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel})$ is !



The system is passive : $\text{Im}[\omega \underline{\epsilon}(\omega, x_{\perp})] \geq \text{Im}(\omega \epsilon_0) \geq 0$

The imaginary part of $\omega \underline{\epsilon}_{\text{eff}}(\omega, \mathbf{k})$ is positive :

$$\text{Im} \left[\omega \underline{\epsilon}_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel}) + \mathbf{k} \times \left(\frac{1}{\omega \mu_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel})} - \frac{1}{\omega \mu_0} \right) \mathbf{k} \times \right] \geq \text{Im}(\omega \epsilon_0) \geq 0,$$

while $\text{Im}[\omega \mu_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel})]$ takes both positive and negative values since

$$\int_0^{\infty} d\omega \frac{\text{Im}[\omega \mu_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel})]}{|\omega \mu_{\text{eff}}(\omega, k_{\parallel})|^2} = 0.$$

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