Forward Uncertainty Quantification for the Helmholtz Equation

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spectral properties of radiation for the Helmholtz equation with a random coefficient

• dimension n = 2 or n = 3; free-space wavenumber $k_0 = \text{const.} > 0$; $\Delta = \sum_i \partial_{x_i}^2$

$$(*) \left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} \left(\Delta + (1 + q(x, \omega)) k_0^2\right) u^{\mathrm{tot}} &=& -f \quad \mathrm{in} \ \mathbf{R}^n, \\ \lim_{|x| \to \infty} |x|^{(n-1)/2} (\partial_{|x|} u^{\mathrm{tot}} - ik_0 u^{\mathrm{tot}}) &=& 0 \quad \mathrm{uniformly \ in} \ x/|x| \in S^{n-1}. \end{array} \right.$$



- ▶ fix $0 < R_f < R_q < R_M$, and write B_f , B_q , B_M for open balls in \mathbb{R}^n with radii R_f , R_q and R_M , respectively
- $f \in L^{\tau}(\mathbf{R}^n), \tau > n/2$, is a deterministic source with supp $f \subseteq \overline{B}_f$
- ▶ $q(x,\omega)$ is a stochastic medium a.s. in $L^{\infty}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ with supp $q(\cdot,\omega) \subseteq \overline{B}_q \setminus B_f$

The medium term $q(x,\omega)$ is a real-valued, second-order, stationary Gaussian random field on $T = \overline{B}_q \setminus B_f$, a.s. bounded on T. This means that there is a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ such that

▶ for any $d \in \mathbf{N}$ and any $(x_1, ..., x_d) \in T^d$, the mapping

$$\Omega \ni \omega \mapsto (q(x_1, \omega), \ldots, q(x_d, \omega))$$

is a multivariate real-valued Gaussian random variable,

- for each x ∈ T, the expected value E_{ω∈Ω}[q(x,ω)] is a finite real constant,
- ► $||q(x, \cdot)||_{L^2(\Omega)} < \infty$ for each $x \in T$ (second-order),
- $\mathbb{P}[\{\omega \in \Omega, \|q(\cdot,\omega)\|_{L^{\infty}(T)} = \infty\}] = 0$, and
- the covariance function

$$c(x,y) = \mathbb{E}_{\omega \in \Omega}[(q(x,\omega) - \mathbb{E}_{\omega' \in \Omega}[q(x,\omega')])(q(y,\omega) - \mathbb{E}_{\omega' \in \Omega}[q(y,\omega')])]_{\mathcal{H}}$$

defined for $x, y \in T$, depends only on |x - y|, that is, $q(x, \cdot)$ is isotropic for each $x \in T$.

▶ By the Borel-TIS theorem¹, we have $\mathbb{E}_{\omega \in \Omega}[\|q(\cdot, \omega)\|_{L^{\infty}(T)}] < \infty$ and, for each positive *t*,

$$\mathbb{P}[\{\omega \in \Omega, \|q(\cdot,\omega)\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathcal{T})} - \mathbb{E}_{\omega' \in \Omega}(\|q(\cdot,\omega')\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathcal{T})}) > t\}] \\ \leq \exp[-t^{2}/(2\sup_{x \in \mathcal{T}} \mathbb{V}_{\omega \in \Omega}(q(x,\omega)))]$$

- Each q(x, ·), x ∈ T, is a Gaussian random variable, so some realizations q(x, ω) may have (arbitrarily large) negative values. Thus, k₀²(1 + q(x, ω)) may well be negative for some x ∈ T, given a realization ω ∈ Ω. In all our numerical examples we have 1 + q(x, ω) > 0.
- The field $1 + |q(x, \omega)|$ is not Gaussian and we cannot use the Borell-TIS theorem on it.

¹Theorem 2.1.1 in Adler and Taylor, *Random fields and geometry*, Springer, 2007.

we are interested in the properties of the singular value spectrum of the near-field source-to-measurement map (forward map)

$$F: f \mapsto u|_{\partial B_M}$$



motivation: the robustness of solution of inverse source problems in the presence of (random) media

Robustness of solution of medium-free inverse source problems



Forward operator: $U(x) = Ff(x) = \int_{y \in D_0} H_0^{(1)}(k|x-y|)f(y)$, $x \in \partial D$ Bao, Lin, & Triki (2010). J Differ Equ:

$$F: L^{2}(D_{0}) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{cpct.}} L^{2}(\partial D), \quad F = \sum_{m \in \mathbf{Z}} \sigma_{m}(\cdot, \psi_{m})\phi_{m}$$

$$\sigma_{-m} = \sigma_m, \quad \psi_m(x) \propto J_m(k|x|)e^{im \angle x}, \quad \phi_m(\angle x) \propto e^{im \angle x}$$

Bounds on the 'bandwidth' \mathscr{B} of F

K. (2018). J Phys Commun: Definition: $\mathscr{B} = \operatorname{argmin}_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0} \{ \sigma_{m+n} > \sigma_{m+n+1} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \}.$

Theorem: $\mathscr{B} \ge \operatorname{argmin}_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0} \{ j_{m,1} \ge kR_0 \}$ (tight)

Conjecture: $\mathscr{B} \leq \operatorname{argmin}_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0} \{ y_{m,1} \geq kR_0 \}$ (tight)

Theorem: For the source-to-*far*-field operator, $\sigma_m = \mathcal{O}((kR_0/2)^m/m!)$ when $m \ge \operatorname{argmin}_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0} \{y_{m,1} \ge kR_0\}$ (with explicit bound)

Kirkeby, Henriksen, & K. (2020). Inverse Probl:

Theorem: For the Helmholtz equation in \mathbb{R}^3 , we have $\psi_{m,n}(x) \propto j_m(k|x|)Y_m^n(x/|x|)$ and $\phi_{m,n} \propto Y_m^n(x/|x|)$.

Theorem: $\mathscr{B} \geq \operatorname{argmin}_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0} \{ j_{m+1/2,1} \geq kR_0 \}.$

Kirkeby, Henriksen, & K. (2020); K., Kirkeby, & Knudsen (2018). *Inverse Probl*: Stability of reconstruction from a finite number of measurements in the multi-frequency ISP.

Some related work

Griesmaier & Sylvester (2017). SIAM J Appl Math Griesmaier & Sylvester (2016). SIAM J Appl Math Griesmaier, Hanke, & Sylvester (2014). SIAM J Numer Anal Griesmaier, Hanke, & Raasch (2012). SIAM J Sci Comput

- spectral cutoff of the source-to-far-field operator ("restricted Fourier transform") in R² and R³; the singular values decay rapidly when |m| ≥ kR₀.
- windowed Fourier transform
- far-field splitting and uncertainty principles for the inverse source problem

Pierri & Moretta (2020,2021). Electronics Xu & Janaswamy (2006). IEEE Trans Antennas Propag

- spectral analysis of electromagnetic radiation operators
- applications in antenna design and measurements

Robustness of solution of medium-free inverse source problems



•
$$f^{\dagger} = F^{\dagger}U \approx \sum_{|m| \leq C} \sigma_m^{-1}(U, \phi_m)_{L^2(\partial D)} \psi_m$$

- $kR = kR_0 = 10\pi$

• $m_{\text{noise}} = 26$ vs. $m_{\text{noise}} = 30$, for same amplitude of noise component

• with $a \in L^{\infty}(B_M)$, the volume potential (the Lippmann-Schwinger operator) is

$$V_a w(x) = \int_{y \in B_M} \Phi^{\{n\}}(x - y) a(y) w(y) dy, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^n$$

$$\bullet \ \Phi^{\{n\}}(x) = \begin{cases} (i/4)H_0^{(1)}(k_0|x|), & x \in \mathbf{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}, \ n = 2, \\ \exp(ik_0|x|)/(4\pi|x|), & x \in \mathbf{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}, \ n = 3, \end{cases}$$

is the unique outgoing fundamental solution of the Helmholtz operator in \mathbf{R}^n $(\Delta + k_0^2) \Phi^{\{n\}} = -\delta$ in \mathbf{R}^n

- ▶ since $\tau > n/2 \ge 1$ and $\|aw\|_{L^{\tau}(B_M)} \le \|a\|_{L^{\infty}(B_M)} \|w\|_{L^{\tau}(B_M)}$, the mapping $w \mapsto V_a w$ is continuous from $L^{\tau}(B_M)$ to $W^{2,\tau}(B_M)$ (Lechleiter, Kazimierski, & K., 2013, Lemma 1).
- the Helmholtz problem (*) is equivalent with the Lippmann-Schwinger equation

$$(**) \quad (I - k_0^2 V_q) u(x) = V_1 f(x), \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^n,$$

which is uniquely solvable in $L^{\tau}(B_M)$.

▶ in particular, there is a unique solution $u \in W^{2,\tau}(B_M)$ of (*)

Lemma. The Lippmann-Schwinger equation (**) is uniquely solvable in $L^{\tau}(B_M)$.

Proof. The result follows as a special case of the analysis in Lechleiter, Kazimierski, & K. (2013). Indeed, B_M is relatively compact and $q \in L^{\infty}(B_M)$, so $q \in L^p(B_M)$ for every $p \ge 1$. Then, by Proposition 2(c) in Lechleiter *et al.* (2013) and the fact that $\tau > n/2 \ge 1$, the mapping $V_q : L^{\tau}(B_M) \to L^{\tau}(B_M)$ is compact. Next, if $v \in L^{\tau}(B_M)$ satisfies (*) with f = 0 then $v = k_0^2 V_q v$ in B_M so $v \in W^{2,\tau}(B_M)$, and since v is real analytic in the complement of supp q, it can be extended uniquely to any $B_{\widetilde{R}}$, $R_M \le \widetilde{R} < \infty$, such that $v \in W^{2,\tau}(B_{\widetilde{R}})$. By Lemma 3 in Lechleiter *et al.* (2013), we therefore have $v \equiv 0$ in \mathbb{R}^n , and it remains to invoke the classical Riesz theory, for example Corollary 3.5 in Kress, *Linear Integral Equations*, 2014.

Define

$$C_n = \sup_{x \in B_M} \int_{y \in \text{supp } q} |\Phi^{\{n\}}(x - y)|,$$
$$\widetilde{C}_n = \sup_{y \in \text{supp } q} \int_{x \in B_M} |\Phi^{\{n\}}(x - y)|,$$

and

$$c(k_0, q, R_M, n) = k_0^2 C_n^{1/\tau} \widetilde{C}_n^{(\tau-1)/\tau} ||q||_{L^{\infty}(B_q)}.$$

Main result: deterministic medium q(x)

Theorem. (K. & Linder-Steinlein, n = 2) If $q \in L^{\infty}(B_q)$ is deterministic and $f \in L^{\tau}(B_f)$ with $\tau \ge 2$ then

$$Ff = F_0 f + k_0^2 F_0(qV_1 f) + O\left(C_n^{1/\tau} \widetilde{C}_n^{(\tau-1)/\tau} \|f\|_{L^{\tau}(B_f)} c(k_0, q, R_M, 2)^2\right)$$

as $c(k_0, q, R_M, 2) \rightarrow 0$, where

$$F_0 f = \sum_{m \in \mathbf{Z}} \sigma_m^{\{2,f\}} (f, \psi_m^{\{2,f\}}) \phi_m^{\{2,M\}}$$

and

$$k_0^2 F_0(qV_1 f) = \sum_{m \in \mathbf{Z}} \sigma_m^{\{2,q\}} \sum_{\nu \in \mathbf{Z}} \lambda_{m,\nu}(q)(f, \psi_{\nu}^{\{2,f\}}) \phi_m^{\{2,M\}}$$

Note the 'spectral leakage.' It occurs due to the presence of deterministic (as well as random) media, and it makes the inverse source problem $u|_{\partial B_M} \mapsto f$ more ill-posed.

Here

$$\sigma_{m}^{\{2,X\}} = \sqrt{2R_{M}}\pi R_{X} | H_{m}^{(1)}(k_{0}R_{M})| A_{m}(k_{0}R_{X}), \quad m \in \mathbb{Z},$$

$$\psi_{m}^{\{2,X\}}(x) = \frac{J_{m}(k_{0}|x|)e^{im \angle x}}{\sqrt{\pi}R_{X}A_{m}(k_{0}R_{X})} \quad \text{for } x \in B_{X},$$

$$\phi_{m}^{\{2,M\}}(\theta) = \frac{e^{i \angle H_{m}^{(1)}(k_{0}R_{M})}e^{im\theta}}{\sqrt{2\pi R_{M}}} \quad \text{for } \theta \in \mathbb{R}, \ m \in \mathbb{Z},$$

$$A_{m}(k_{0}R_{X}) = \sqrt{J_{m}(k_{0}R_{X})^{2} - J_{m-1}(k_{0}R_{X})J_{m+1}(k_{0}R_{X})}, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z},$$

and

$$\lambda_{m,\nu}(q) = k_0^2 \sqrt{\pi} R_f A_{\nu}(k_0 R_f) \int_{B_q \setminus B_f} H_{\nu}^{(1)}(k_0 | y |) e^{i\nu \angle y} q(y) \overline{\psi_m^{\{2,q\}}}(y) dy.$$

Main result: deterministic medium q(x)

Theorem. (K. & Linder-Steinlein, n = 3) If $q \in L^{\infty}(B_q)$ is deterministic and $f \in L^{\tau}(B_f)$ with $\tau \ge 2$ then

$$Ff = F_0 f + k_0^2 F_0(qV_1 f) + O\left(C_n^{1/\tau} \widetilde{C}_n^{(\tau-1)/\tau} \|f\|_{L^{\tau}(B_f)} c(k_0, q, R_M, 3)^2\right)$$

as $c(k_0, q, R_M, 3) \rightarrow 0$, where

$$F_0 f = \sum_{m \in \mathbf{N}_0} \sum_{\mu = -m}^m \sigma_m^{\{3,f\}} (f, \psi_{m,\mu}^{\{3,f\}}) \phi_{m,\mu}^{\{3,M\}}$$

and

$$k_0^2 F_0(qV_1 f) = \sum_{m \in \mathbf{N}_0} \sigma_m^{\{3,q\}} \sum_{\mu=-m}^m \sum_{\nu \in \mathbf{N}_0} \sum_{\nu'=-\nu}^{\nu} \lambda_{m,\mu,\nu}(q)(f, \psi_{\nu,\nu'}^{\{3,f\}}) \phi_{m,\mu}^{\{3,M\}}.$$

(Note the 'spectral leakage.')

Here

$$\sigma_{m}^{\{3,X\}} = \frac{R_{X}R_{M}\sqrt{k_{0}\pi}}{2} |h_{m}^{(1)}(k_{0}R_{M})|a_{m}(k_{0}R_{X}), \quad m \in \mathbb{Z},$$

$$\psi_{m,\mu}^{\{3,X\}}(x) = \frac{2\sqrt{k_{0}/\pi}}{R_{X}a_{m}(k_{0}R_{X})} j_{m}(k_{0}r)Y_{m}^{\mu}(x/|x|) \text{ for } x \in B_{X}, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}, \ \mu = -m, \dots, m,$$

$$\phi_{m,\mu}^{\{3,M\}}(\omega) = \frac{i}{R_{M}} e^{i\arg h_{m}^{(1)}(k_{0}R_{M})}Y_{m}^{\mu}(\omega) \text{ for } \omega \in S^{2}, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}, \ \mu = -m, \dots, m,$$

$$a_{m}(k_{0}R_{X}) = A_{m+1/2}(k_{0}R_{X}),$$

and

$$\lambda_{m,\mu,\nu}(q) = \frac{i\sqrt{\pi}k_0^{5/2}R_f}{2}a_{\nu}(k_0R_f)\int_{B_q\setminus B_f}h_{\nu}^{(1)}(k_0|y|)Y_{\nu}^{\nu'}(y/|y|)q(y)\overline{\psi_{m,\mu}^{\{3,q\}}(y)}dy.$$

Lemma. (K. & Linder-Steinlein)
$$\|V_q\|_{L^{\tau}(B_M) \to L^{\tau}(B_M)} \le C_n^{1/\tau} \widetilde{C}_n^{(\tau-1)/\tau} \|q\|_{L^{\infty}(B_q)} = c(k_0, q, R_M, n)/k_0^2$$

Proof. We have $\Phi^{\{n\}} \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ for n = 2 and n = 3: the Hankel function $H_0^{(1)}$ is real analytic in $\mathbf{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$, has a log-type singularity at the origin, and

$$\int_{\substack{x \in \mathbf{R}^2 \\ |x| < 1}} |\ln |x|| = -2\pi \int_{r=0}^1 r \ln r = \pi/2,$$

while

$$\int_{\substack{x \in \mathbf{R}^3 \\ |x| < 1}} |\Phi^{\{3\}}(x)| = 4\pi \int_{r=0}^1 \frac{r^2}{4\pi r} = 1/2.$$

Therefore, with $R' = \max\{|x|, x \in \text{supp } q\}(< R_M)$, we have $C_n \leq \|\Phi^{\{n\}}\|_{L^1(B_{R_M+R'})} < \infty$ and $\widetilde{C}_n \leq \|\Phi^{\{n\}}\|_{L^1(B_{R_M+R'})} < \infty$, and the function $\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n \ni (x, y) \mapsto \Phi^{\{n\}}(x - y)q(y)$ is measurable on $B_M \times B_M$; indeed,

$$\int_{y\in B_q} |\Phi^{\{n\}}(x-y)q(y)| \le C_n ||q||_{L^{\infty}(B_q)}, \quad x\in B_M,$$

and

$$\int_{x\in B_M} |\Phi^{\{n\}}(x-y)q(y)| \leq \widetilde{C}_n ||q||_{L^{\infty}(B_q)}, \quad y\in B_q.$$

The result now follows from Proposition 5.1 on p. 573 in Taylor, *Partial Differential Equations I: Basic Theory*, 2011.

The solution of (**) is given by $u = (I - k_0^2 V_q)^{-1} V_1 f$. Thus, if

$$c = c(k_0, q, R_M, n) = k_0^2 \|q\|_{L^{\infty}(B_q)} C_n^{1/\tau} \widetilde{C}_n^{(\tau-1)/\tau} < 1$$

then the inverse of $I-k_0^2 V_q$ is expressible in terms of a convergent Neumann series, and

$$u = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} k_0^{2j} V_q^j V_1 f = V_1 f + k_0^2 V_q V_1 f + O\left(C_n^{1/\tau} \widetilde{C}_n^{(\tau-1)/\tau} \|f\|_{L^{\tau}(B_f)} c^2\right)$$
(1)

as $c \rightarrow 0.$ In the following let $\tau \geq 2$ and define formally the trace operator γ_0^+ by

$$\gamma_0^+ u(x_0) = \lim_{x \nearrow x_0} u(x), \quad x_0 \in \partial B_M,$$

with the limit taken from B_M . Application of γ_0^+ to (1) yields

$$\gamma_0^+ u = F_0 f + F_1 f + O(c^2) = F_0(f + k_0^2 q V_1 f) + O(c^2)$$
 as $c \to 0$,

with the 'medium-free' source-to-measurement map $F_0 = \gamma_0^+ V_1$ and the 'first-order medium' source-to-measurement map $F_1 = k_0^2 \gamma_0^+ V_q V_1 = k_0^2 \gamma_0^+ V_1 q V_1 = k_0^2 F_0 q V_1$.

We have already characterized spectrally F_0 for n = 2 (K., 2018) and for n = 3 (Kirkeby, Henriksen, & K., 2020). Our problem geometry is such that $x \in (\text{supp } q)^\circ$, $y \in (\text{supp } f)^\circ$ implies |x| > |y|, so, in case n = 2, the Graf addition theorem (Eq. 9.1.79 on p. 363 in Abramowitz and Stegun, 1972) gives

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{V}_{1}f(x) &= \sum_{\nu \in \mathbf{Z}} H_{\nu}^{(1)}(k_{0}|x|) \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\nu \angle x} \int_{B_{f}} J_{\nu}(k_{0}|y|) \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\nu \angle y} f(y) dy \\ &= \sqrt{\pi} R_{f} \sum_{\nu \in \mathbf{Z}} A_{\nu}(k_{0}R_{f}) H_{\nu}^{(1)}(k_{0}|x|) \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\nu \angle x}(f, \psi_{\nu}^{\{2, f\}}) \quad \text{for } x \in (\mathrm{supp } q)^{\circ}. \end{split}$$

This, in turn, implies

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{F}_{0}^{\{2\}}(qV_{1}f) &= \sqrt{\pi} \mathsf{R}_{f} \sum_{m \in \mathbf{Z}} \sum_{\nu \in \mathbf{Z}} \sigma_{m}^{\{2,q\}} \mathsf{A}_{\nu}(k_{0}\mathsf{R}_{f})(f, \psi_{\nu}^{\{2,f\}}) \\ & \times \left(\int_{\mathcal{B}_{q} \setminus \mathcal{B}_{f}} \mathsf{H}_{\nu}^{(1)}(k_{0}|y|) \mathsf{e}^{i\nu \angle y} q(y) \overline{\psi_{m}^{\{2,q\}}(y)} \mathsf{d}y \right) \phi_{m}^{\{2,M\}} \end{aligned}$$

The analysis of the case n = 3 is similar. Since $x \in (\text{supp } q)^{\circ}$, $y \in (\text{supp } f)^{\circ}$ implies |x| > |y|, we have by Theorem 2.11 on p. 31 of Colton and Kress, *Inverse Acoustic and Electromagnetic Scattering Theory*, 2013, that

$$\begin{split} V_{1}f(x) &= \mathsf{i}k_{0}\sum_{\nu\in \mathbf{N}_{0}}\sum_{\nu'=-\nu}^{\nu}h_{\nu}^{(1)}(k_{0}|x|)Y_{\nu}^{\nu'}(x/|x|)\int_{\mathcal{B}_{f}}j_{\nu}(k_{0}|y|)\overline{Y_{\nu}^{\nu'}(y/|y|)}f(y)dy\\ &= \frac{\mathsf{i}\sqrt{\pi k_{0}}R_{f}}{2}\sum_{\nu\in \mathbf{N}_{0}}\sum_{\nu'=-\nu}^{\nu}a_{\nu}(\kappa_{f})h_{\nu}^{(1)}(k_{0}|x|)Y_{\nu}^{\nu'}(x/|x|)(f,\psi_{\nu,\nu'}^{\{f\}}) \quad \text{for } x\in(\mathsf{supp }q)^{\circ} \end{split}$$

This, in turn, implies

$$\begin{split} F_{0}^{\{3\}}(qV_{1}f) &= \frac{i\sqrt{\pi k_{0}}R_{f}}{2} \sum_{m \in \mathbf{N}_{0}} \sum_{\mu=-m}^{m} \sum_{\nu \in \mathbf{N}_{0}} \sum_{\nu'=-\nu}^{\nu} \sigma_{m}^{\{3,q\}} \mathbf{a}_{\nu}(\kappa_{f})(f,\psi_{\nu,\nu'}^{\{3,f\}}) \\ &\times \left(\int_{B_{q} \setminus B_{f}} h_{\nu}^{(1)}(k_{0}|y|) Y_{\nu}^{\nu'}(y/|y|) q(y) \overline{\psi_{m,\mu}^{\{3,q\}}(y)} dy \right) \phi_{m,\mu}^{\{3,M\}}. \end{split}$$

The case with random medium $q(x, \omega)$

If q is a centered Gaussian random field then the Borell-TIS theorem² implies

$$\begin{split} & \mathbb{P}\left(\left\|\boldsymbol{q}(\cdot,\omega)\right\|_{L^{\infty}(B_{R})}^{1/2} < C_{n}^{-1/(2\tau)} \widetilde{C}_{n}^{(1-\tau)/(2\tau)}/k_{0}\right) \\ & = 1 - \mathbb{P}\left(\left\|\boldsymbol{q}(\cdot,\omega)\right\|_{L^{\infty}(B_{R})}^{1/2} \geq C_{n}^{-1/\tau} \widetilde{C}_{n}^{(1-\tau)/\tau}/k_{0}^{2}\right) \\ & \geq 1 - \exp\left(-\left(C_{n}^{-1/\tau} \widetilde{C}_{n}^{(1-\tau)/\tau}/k_{0}^{2} - \mathbb{E}\left[\left\|\boldsymbol{q}(\cdot,\omega)\right\|_{L^{\infty}(B_{R})}^{1/2}\right]\right)^{2}/\left(2\sigma_{B_{M}}^{2}\right)\right), \end{split}$$

with $\sigma^2_{B_M} := \sup_{x \in B_M} \mathbb{E}[q^2]$. Also, realizations of q are L^{∞} a.s. on compact subsets of \mathbf{R}^n .

The convergence of the Neumann series for $(I - k_0^2 V_q)^{-1}$ constrains the variability of the random fields from which $q(x, \omega)$ is allowed to originate.

²Theorem 2.1.1 in Adler and Taylor, Random fields and geometry. Springer, 2007.

The covariance function C of the medium $q(x, \omega)$ is a positive definite function which depends on the underlying physics of the problem at hand. The associated covariance operator is defined by

$$(\mathcal{C}g)(x) := \int C(x,y)g(y)dy$$

Now $q(x, \omega)$ is a second-order random field, and we use the eigensystem $\{\alpha_j, \varphi_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$ of the covariance operator for a Karhunen-Loève expansion of $q(x, \omega)$:

$$q(x,\omega) = \eta(x) + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{\alpha_j} \varphi_j(x) \xi_j(\omega), \quad x \in \overline{B}_q \setminus B_f, \ \omega \in \Omega.$$

Here $\eta(x) = \mathbb{E}_{\omega \in \Omega} [q(x, \omega)]$, and $\xi_j(\omega)$ are pairwise uncorrelated $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ random variables given by

$$\xi_j(\omega) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_j}} \left(q(x,\omega) - \eta(x), \varphi_j(x) \right)_{L^2(\overline{B}_q \setminus B_f)}.$$

Remember that, in the deterministic case,

$$k_0^2 F_0(qV_1 f) = \sum_{m \in \mathbf{Z}} \sigma_m^{\{2,q\}} \sum_{\nu \in \mathbf{Z}} \lambda_{m,\nu}(q)(f, \psi_{\nu}^{\{2,f\}}) \phi_m^{\{2,M\}},$$

with

$$\lambda_{m,\nu}(q) = k_0^2 \sqrt{\pi} R_f A_\nu(k_0 R_f) \int_{B_q \setminus B_f} H_\nu^{(1)}(k_0|y|) e^{i\nu \angle y} q(y) \overline{\psi_m^{\{2,q\}}}(y) dy$$

When q is stochastic, we compute the resulting stochastic integral above by inserting the Karhunen-Loève expansion for q in the integrand. Our KL expansion converges in the L^2 sense on the compact set $\overline{B}_q \setminus B_f$; recall that $q(\cdot, \omega)$ is a.s. in $L^{\infty}(\overline{B}_q \setminus B_f)$.

Main result: stochastic medium $q(x, \omega)$

Write
$$s_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}}(y) = H_{\nu}^{(2)}(k_0|y|)e^{-i\nu\angle y}\psi_m^{\{2,q\}}(y)$$
 and $s_{m,\mu,\nu}^{\{3\}}(y) = \overline{h_{\nu}^{(1)}(k_0|y|)Y_{\nu}^{\nu'}(y/|y|)}\psi_{m,\nu}^{\{3,q\}}(y).$

Theorem. (K. & Linder-Steinlein, n = 2) For second order stationary Gaussian random fields q, the forward operator satisfies $Ff = F_0 f + k_0^2 F_0(qV_1 f) + \varepsilon$ with $F_0 f$ as in the deterministic case, and where

$$k_{0}^{2}F_{0}(qV_{1}f) = k_{0}^{2}\sqrt{\pi}R_{f}\sum_{m}\sigma_{m}^{\{2,q\}}\sum_{\nu}A_{\nu}(k_{0}R_{f})(f,\psi_{\nu}^{\{2,f\}})p_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}}\cdot n\phi_{m}^{\{2,M\}} + k_{0}^{2}\sqrt{\pi}R_{f}\sum_{m}\sigma_{m}^{\{2,q\}}\sum_{\nu}A_{\nu}(k_{0}R_{f})(f,\psi_{\nu}^{\{2,f\}})\tilde{A}\left(\theta_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}}\right)\left(\frac{\tilde{\xi}_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}}}{0}\right)\cdot n\phi_{m}^{\{2,M\}}$$

(deterministic mean value + stochastic component; currently tractable only numerically)

Randomness in the medium q causes randomness in the spectral leakage. The eigenfunctions and eigenvalues of the covariance operator C determine the statistical properties of the leakage.

Here,

$$\begin{split} \theta_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}} &= \arctan\left(\frac{a_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}}}{b_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}}}\right), \qquad \qquad \bar{\xi}_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, a_{m,\nu}^{\{2\},2} + b_{m,\nu}^{\{2\},2}\right), \\ a_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}} &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\alpha_j} \Re\left[\left(\varphi_j, s_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}}\right)_{L^2(D)}\right] \qquad \qquad b_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\alpha_j} \Im\left[\left(\varphi_j, s_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}}\right)_{L^2(D)}\right] \\ p_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}} &= \left(\Re\left[\left(\eta, s_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}}\right)_{L^2(D)}\right] \\ \Im\left[\left(\eta, s_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}}\right)_{L^2(D)}\right] \right), \qquad \qquad n = \binom{1}{i} \end{split}$$

Idea of the proof. Under the assumptions on q, the random field, it is possible to substitute the *KLE* for the general Gaussian setting and the modified spectral values become

$$\begin{split} \lambda_{m,\nu} &= \sqrt{\pi} R_f A_{\nu}(\kappa_f) \left[\left(\eta, s_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}} \right)_{L^2(D)} + \lim_{k \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^k \sqrt{\lambda_j} \xi_j \left(\varphi_j, s_{m,\nu}^{\{2\}} \right)_{L^2(D)} \right] \\ \lambda_{m,\mu,\nu} &= \frac{i \sqrt{\pi} k_0^{5/2} R_f}{2} a_{\nu}(\kappa_f) \left[\left(\eta, s_{m,\mu,\nu}^{\{3\}} \right)_{L^2(D)} + \lim_{k \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^k \sqrt{\lambda_j} \xi_j \left(\varphi_j, s_{m,\mu,\nu}^{\{3\}} \right)_{L^2(D)} \right] \end{split}$$

Here $\xi_j \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.



Fig. 2: Configuration of source and medium for numerical results in the deterministic case 2a and stochastic case 2b. Here $k_0 = 2\pi$, $R_m = 5$, $R_q = R_m/1.1$, $R_f = R_q/2$, $||q_d||_{\infty} \approx 0.0030$, $||q_s||_{\infty} \approx 0.0045$, $c_d \approx 0.442$, and $c_s \approx 0.666$.

$$q(x) = \eta(x) + s(x) \frac{dW(x)}{dx}, \quad \text{supp } s \subset B_q \setminus \overline{B_f}, \quad x \in B_M.$$

Here dW(x)/dx is the formal derivative of the white noise, in the sense that it is the derivative of the Karhunen-Loéve expansion of the Brownian sheet.

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(a) Absolute value $|u|_{\partial B_M}$ of the measurement.



(b) Spectrum $|(u|_{\partial B_M}, \exp(im\theta))_{L^2(S^1)}|$ of measurements.



(c) Absolute relative error w.r.t. FEniCS in measurements.



(d) Log-plot of relative error in the spectra.

Fig. 3: Comparison of numerical solutions to the Helmholtz equation with deterministic medium present, obtained for $k_0 = 2\pi$, $R_m = 5$, $R_q = R_m/1.1$, $R_f = R_q/2$, $||q||_{\infty} \approx 0.0030$ and $c \approx 0.442$. Black curve and spots indicates values from sampling. Stochasticity is Brownian based.

$$\frac{\|F_0 f - U_{\mathsf{FEniCS}}\|_{L^2}}{\|U_{\mathsf{FEniCS}}\|_{L^2}} = 0.185; \qquad \frac{\|F_0 (Id + k_0^2 qV_1) f - U_{\mathsf{FEniCS}}\|_{L^2}}{\|U_{\mathsf{FEniCS}}\|_{L^2}} = 0.175$$



Fig. 4: Illustration of the $\lambda_{m,\nu}$ for a truncation of |M| = 40, |N| = 40, $k_0 = 2\pi$, $R_m = 5$, $R_q = R_m/1.1$, $R_f = R_q/2$, $||q_d||_{\infty} \approx 0.0030$, $||q_s||_{\infty} \approx 0.0045$, $c_d \approx 0.442$ and $c_s = 0.666$. Calculating the angle of the spectrum has been done by setting every element 2000 times smaller than the absolute maximum to zero. The notation $\lambda_{m,\nu}^s$ is used for the case with stochasticity. Figure 4b and 4e show the same information as figure 4a and 4d but with enhanced details.



Fig. 5: Contribution of the perturbation term arising when a medium q is present. The quadrants are those of the circle. Here $k_0 = 2\pi$, $R_m = 5$, $R_q = R_m/1.1$, $R_f = R_q/2$, $||q||_{\infty} \approx 0.0030$ and $c \approx 0.442$. See e.g. Figure 2a for source and medium configuration.

Exponential covariance: $C(x, y) = e^{-\sum_{j=1}^{d} |x_j - y_j|/\ell_j}$



Fig. 6: Comparison of numerical solutions to the Helmholtz equation with deterministic medium present, obtained for $k_0 = 2\pi$, $R_m = 5$, $R_q = R_m/1.1$, $R_f = R_q/2$, $||q||_{\infty} \approx 0.0030$ and $c \approx 0.4412$. Black curve and spots indicates values from sampling. Stochasticity with exponential covariance.



Fig. 7: Illustration of the $\lambda_{m,\nu}$ for a truncation of |M| = 40, |N| = 40, $k_0 = 2\pi$, $R_m = 5$, $R_q = R_m/1.1$, $R_f = R_q/2$, $||q_d||_{\infty} \approx 0.0030$, $||q_s||_{\infty} \approx 0.004$, $c_d \approx 0.4412$ and $c_s \approx 0.67$. Calculating the angle of the spectrum has been done by setting every element 2000 times smaller than the absolute maximum to zero. The notation $\lambda_{m,\nu}^s$ is used for the case with stochasticity. Figure 7b and 7e show the same information as figure 7a and 7d but with enhanced details.

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