

Complex-scaling method for the complex plasmonic resonances of particles with corners

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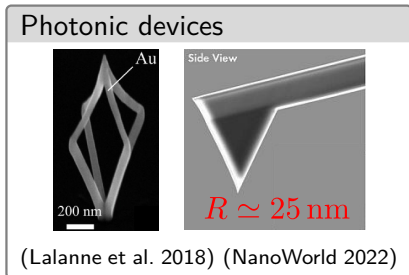
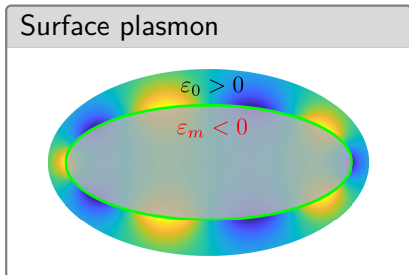
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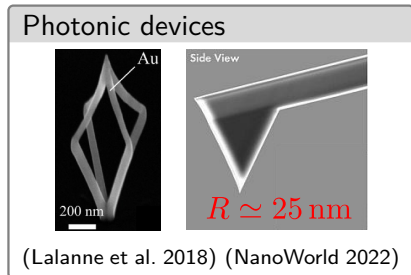
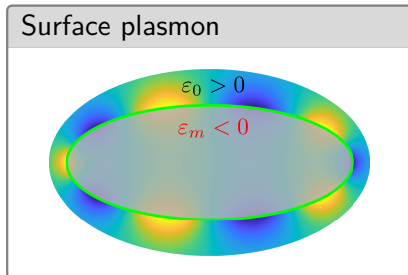
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Objective: Evidence of **complex resonances** associated with a **sign-changing corner**.

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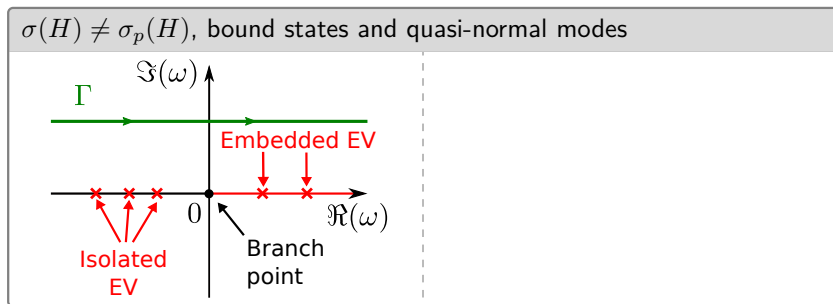
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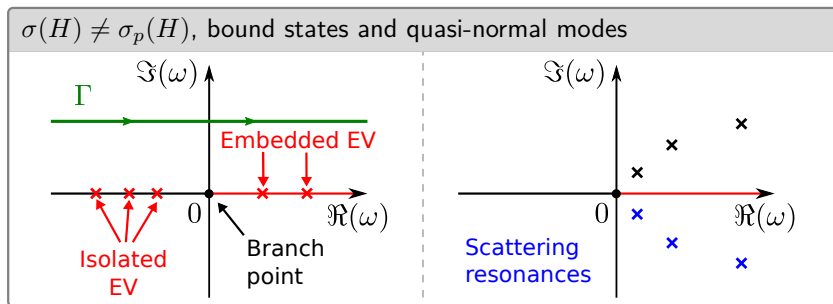
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⇒ This work investigates a **plasmonic analogue** of scattering resonances.

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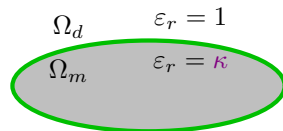
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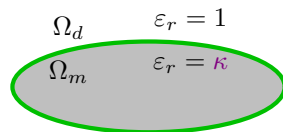
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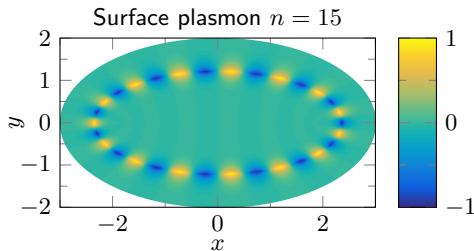
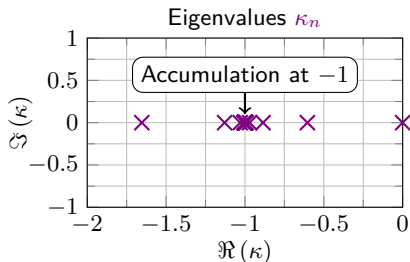
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Point spectrum in H_{loc}^1 : $\kappa_n < 0$, $\kappa_n \rightarrow -1$ (Grieser 2014, Thm. 1).



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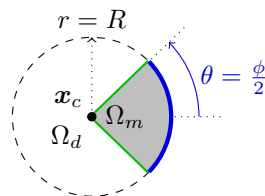
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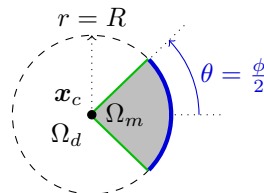
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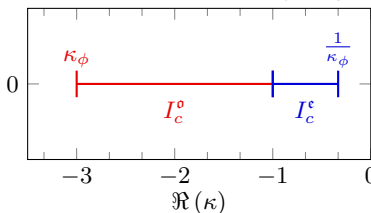


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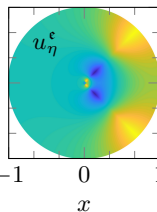
$$\kappa \in I_c \iff \exists \eta_{\text{bh}} \in \mathbb{R} : u_{\eta_{\text{bh}}} \text{ solves } (\star).$$

\triangle $u_{\eta_{\text{bh}}} \in L_{\text{loc}}^2 \setminus H_{\text{loc}}^1$ is a strongly-oscillating “black-hole” wave.

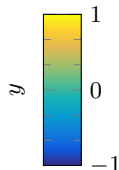
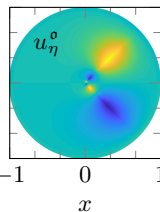
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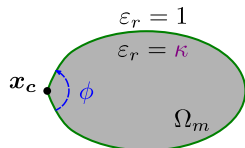


Objectives and outline

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Objective: Numerical evidence of complex resonances for a piecewise-smooth negative particle.

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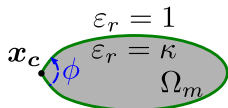
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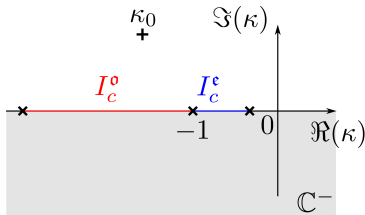
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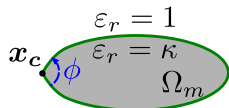
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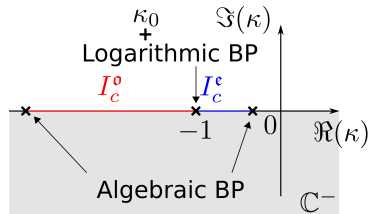
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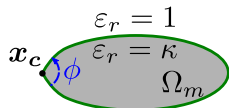
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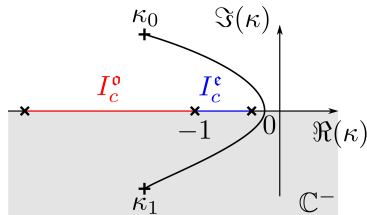


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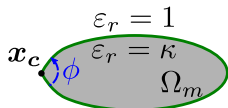
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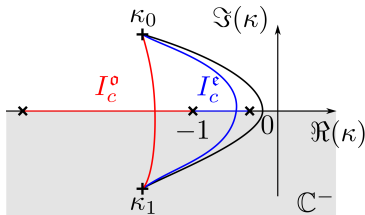
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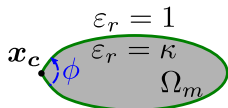


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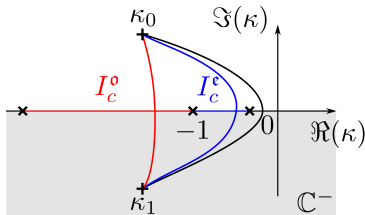
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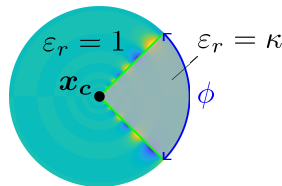
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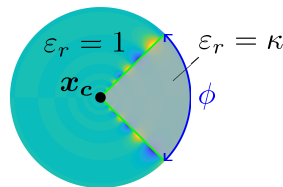
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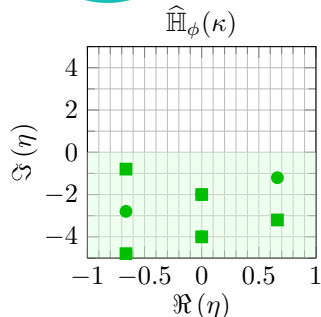


Expansion: If $u \in H^1(D)$ then $\forall \eta_\star < 0$,

$$u \underset{r \rightarrow 0}{=} c_0 + \sum_{\substack{\eta \in \widehat{\mathbb{H}}_\phi(\kappa) \\ \Im(\eta) > \eta_\star}} c_\eta r^{i\eta} \Phi_\eta(\theta) + \mathcal{O}(r^{-\eta_\star})$$

with $\Phi_\eta \in H^1_{\text{per}}(-\pi, \pi)$ and

$$\widehat{\mathbb{H}}_\phi(\kappa) := \{ \eta \mid f_\phi(\eta, \kappa) = 0, \Im(\eta) < 0 \}.$$



Strategy: Characterize resonance functions by studying the continuation to \mathbb{C}^- of the map

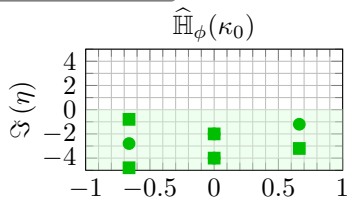
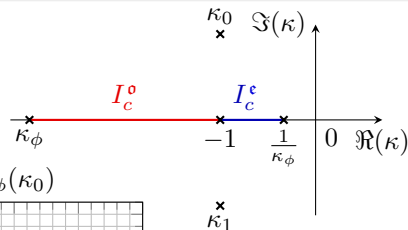
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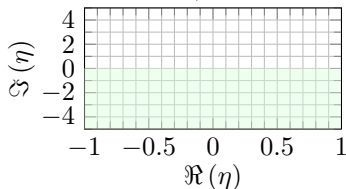
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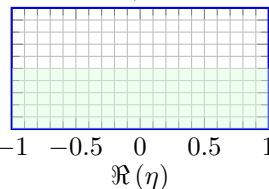
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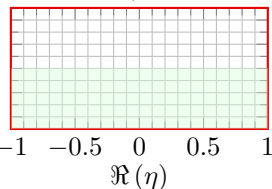
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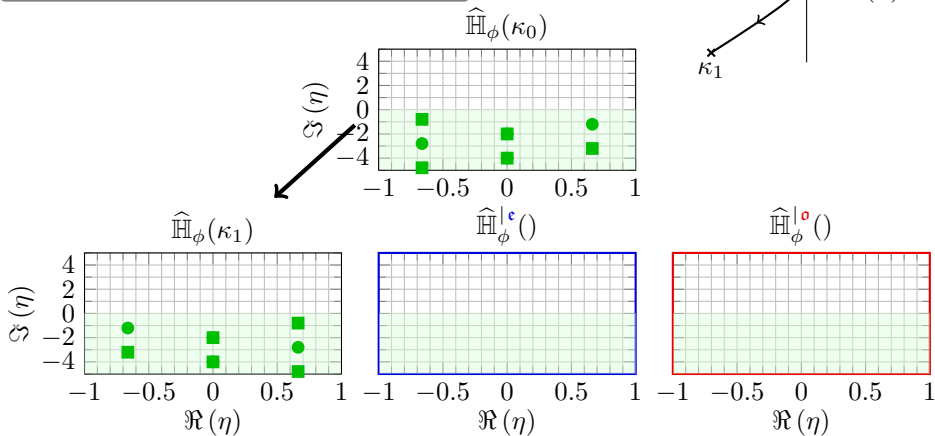
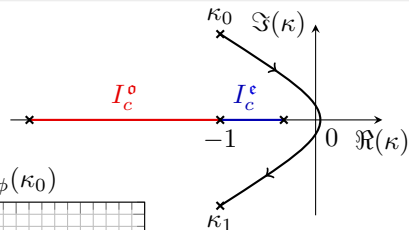


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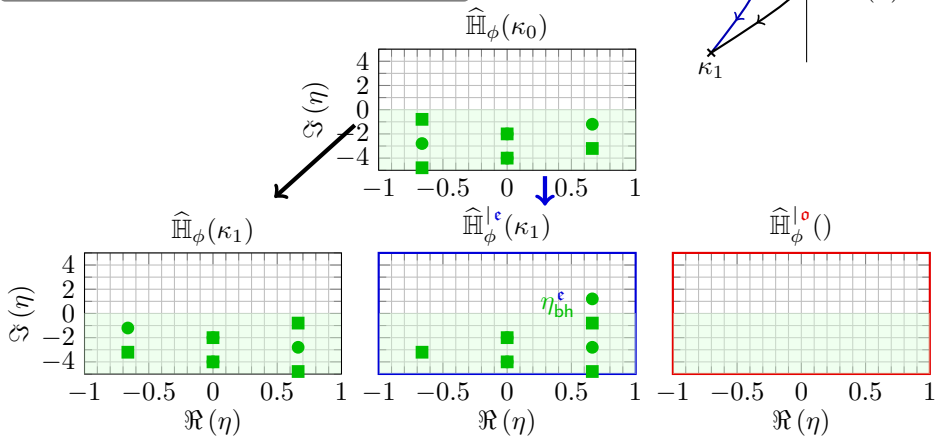
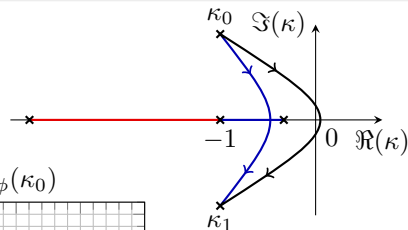


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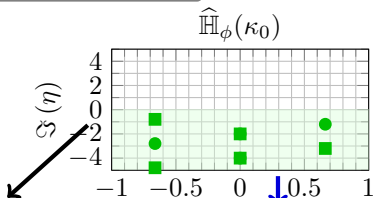
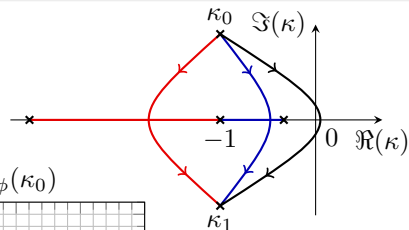


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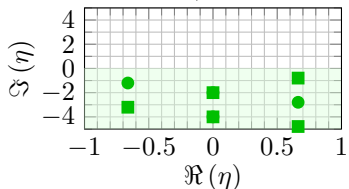
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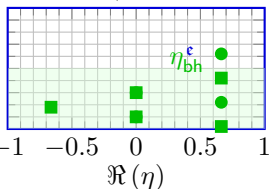
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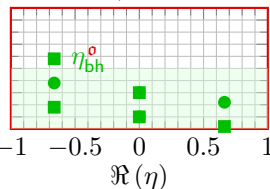
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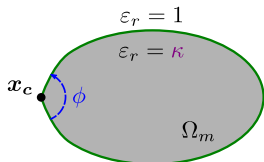


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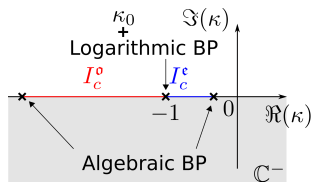


Characterization of resonance functions

Particle:



Spectrum:



Characterization. $\kappa \in \mathbb{C}^-$ is a resonance $\Leftrightarrow \exists u \notin H_{\text{loc}}^1(\Omega)$:

$$\operatorname{div} [\epsilon_r(\kappa)^{-1} \nabla u](\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad (\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{x}_c), \quad u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0,$$

$$u(r, \theta) \underset{r \rightarrow 0}{\sim} c_1 r^{i\eta_{\text{bh}}} \Phi(\theta) + c_0,$$

where $\eta_{\text{bh}} = \eta_{\text{bh}}(\kappa)$ and $\Im(\eta_{\text{bh}}) > 0$.

Next: applicability of corner complex scaling

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Corner complex scaling: formulation

Principle. Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$. Define a non self-adjoint “PEP α ” such that:
 κ complex resonance of PEP $\iff \kappa$ eigenvalue of PEP α .

Intuitively, we would like

$$\text{(PEP)} \quad u_{\text{res}} \underset{r \rightarrow 0}{\sim} e^{i\eta \ln r} \Phi_{\eta}(\theta) + c_0 \quad (\Im(\eta) > 0)$$

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$$\text{(PEP}\alpha) \quad u_{\text{res},\alpha} \underset{r \rightarrow 0}{\sim} e^{i\frac{\eta}{\alpha} \ln r} \Phi_{\eta}(\theta) + c_0 \quad \left(\Im\left(\frac{\eta}{\alpha}\right) < 0\right)$$

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Intuitively, we would like

$$\text{(PEP)} \quad u_{\text{res}} \underset{r \rightarrow 0}{\sim} e^{i\eta \ln r} \Phi_{\eta}(\theta) + c_0 \quad (\Im(\eta) > 0)$$

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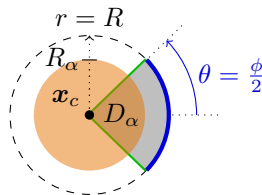
$$\text{(PEP}\alpha) \quad u_{\text{res},\alpha} \underset{r \rightarrow 0}{\sim} e^{i\frac{\eta}{\alpha} \ln r} \Phi_{\eta}(\theta) + c_0 \quad \left(\Im\left(\frac{\eta}{\alpha}\right) < 0\right)$$

Definition of PEP α . Substitution

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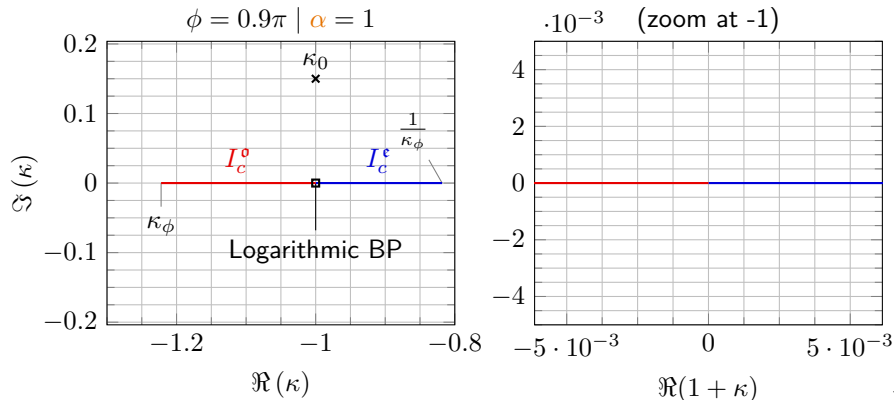


Next: Domain of validity?

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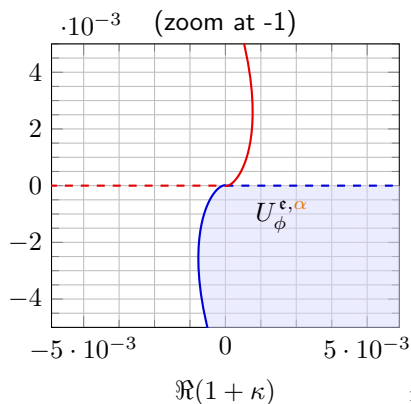
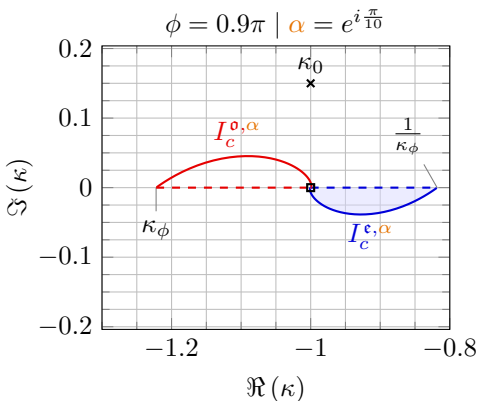


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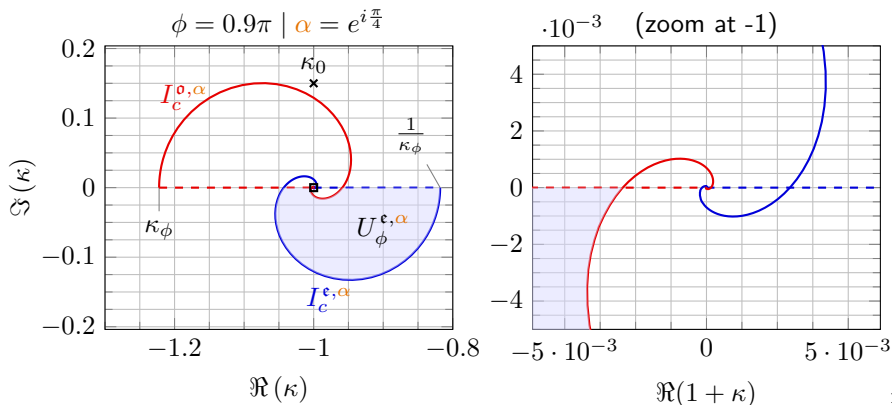
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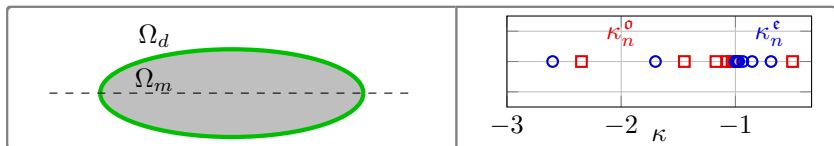
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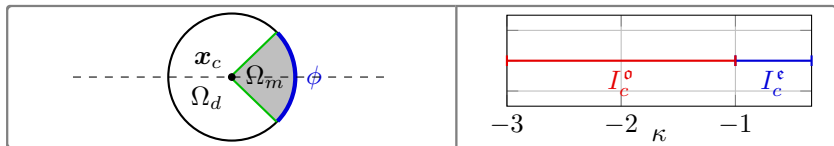
How to obtain complex resonances?

Perturbation of elliptical Ω_m by corner along major axis.

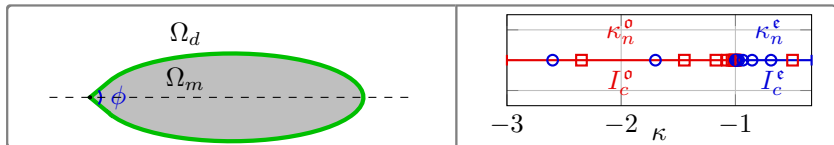
Embedded eigenvalues → Existence proof (Li and Shipman 2019, §5.2)
→ Numerical evidence (Helsing, Kang, and Lim 2017)



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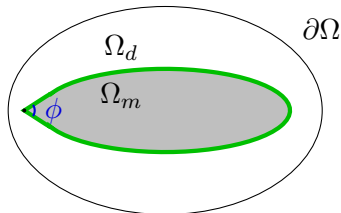
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Discretization without scaling

Geometry. Piecewise-smooth $\partial\Omega_m$.

- ▶ Ellipse perturbed by a straight corner of angle $\phi \in (0, \pi)$.
- ▶ \mathcal{C}^1 junction.



Weak Formulation: Find $(u, \kappa) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times \mathbb{C}$ s.t.

$$\forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega), \int_{\Omega_m} \nabla u(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla v(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = -\kappa \int_{\Omega_d} \nabla u(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla v(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}.$$

Discretization:

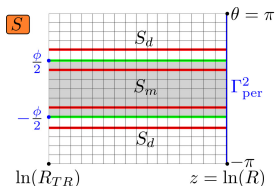
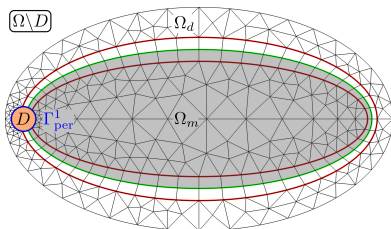
$$A_{\Omega_m} U = -\kappa A_{\Omega_d} U,$$

where A_{Ω_m} , A_{Ω_d} are real symmetric and positive (but not definite).

Next: addition of a complex scaling region around x_c .

Disretization with scaling

$\partial\Omega_m$ = ellipse perturbed by a corner of angle $\phi \in (0, \pi)$, \mathcal{C}^1 junction.



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Euler coordinates ($z = \ln(r), \theta$).

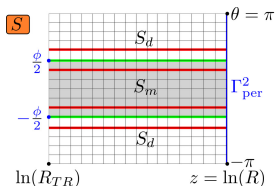
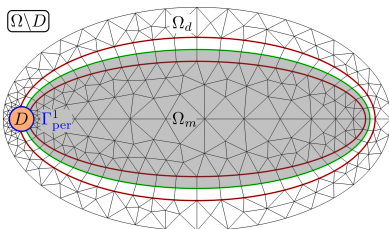
$$H_c := \{\check{u} \in H^1(S) \mid \check{u}(\cdot, \pi) = \check{u}(\cdot, -\pi)\}$$

Solution space:

$$V = \left\{ (u, \check{u}) \in H_e \times H_c \mid u|_{\Gamma_{\text{per}}^1} = \check{u}|_{\Gamma_{\text{per}}^2} \right\}.$$

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Discretization with H^1 -conforming elements (isoparametric P^2/Q^2).

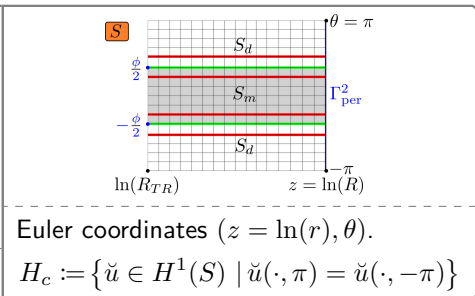
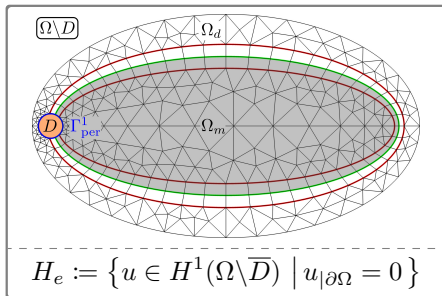
Find $(\kappa, U) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}^N$:

$$\left[A_{\Omega_m \setminus D}^{(x,y)} + \alpha A_{S_m}^{(z)} + \frac{1}{\alpha} A_{S_m}^{(\theta)} \right] U = -\kappa \left[A_{\Omega_d \setminus D}^{(x,y)} + \alpha A_{S_d}^{(z)} + \frac{1}{\alpha} A_{S_d}^{(\theta)} \right] U,$$

where all matrices are real.

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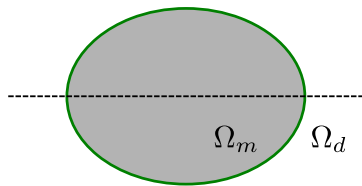
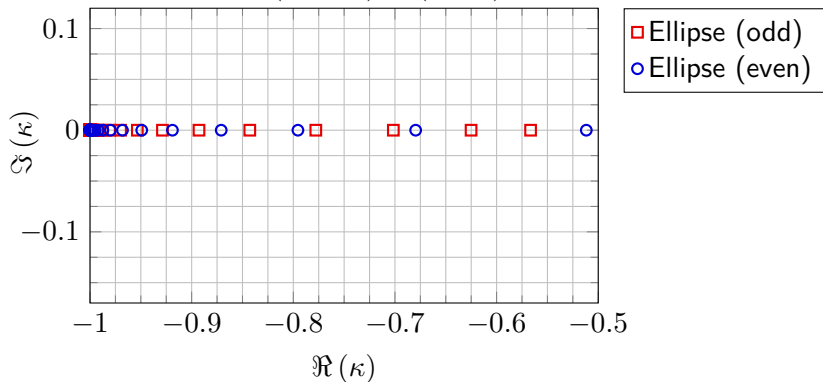
⚠ Mesh symmetry at $\partial\Omega_m$ to avoid spurious plasmons.
Proof for polygonal interfaces: (Bonnet-Ben Dhia, Carvalho, and Ciarlet 2018).

Methodology to deal with curvilinear $\partial\Omega_m$:

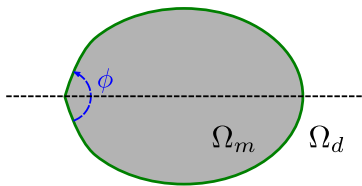
- ▶ One-cell thick **structured layer**.
- ▶ Symmetry w.r.t. elliptic coordinates (μ, θ) using isoparametric Q^2 .

Implementations COMSOL 5.4 and gmsh/dolfinx/PETSc/SLEPc.

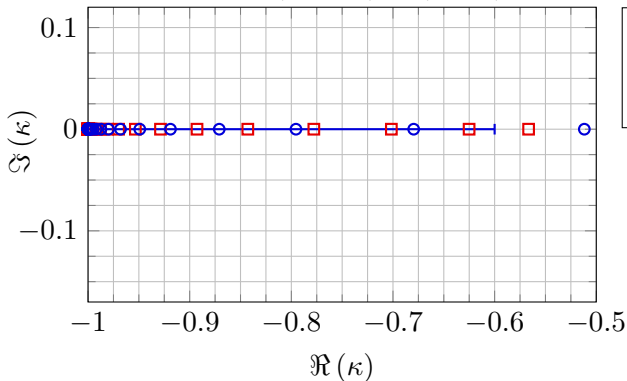
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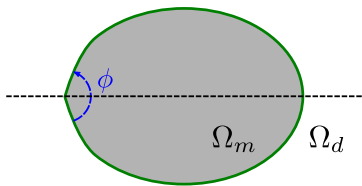


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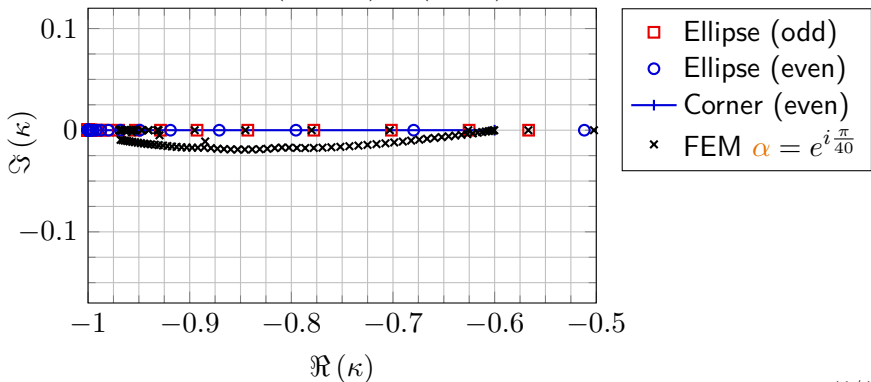


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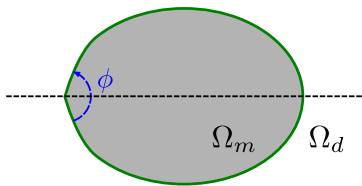
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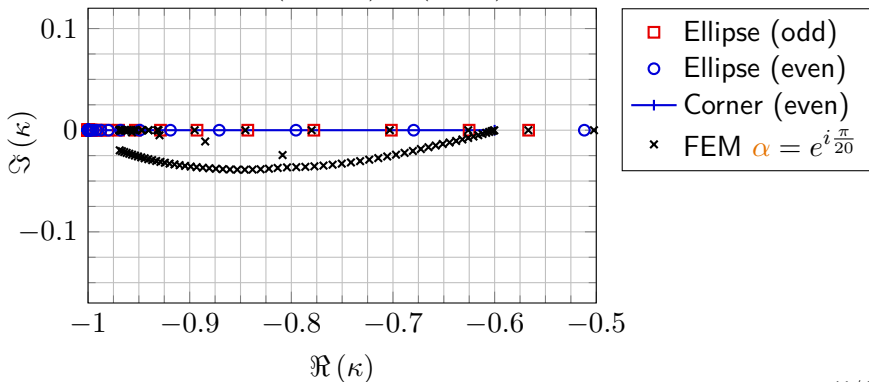
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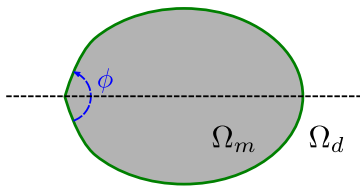
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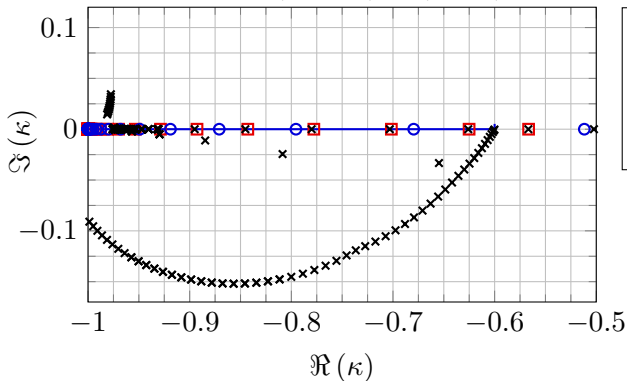
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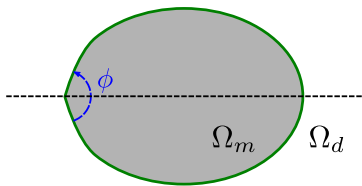


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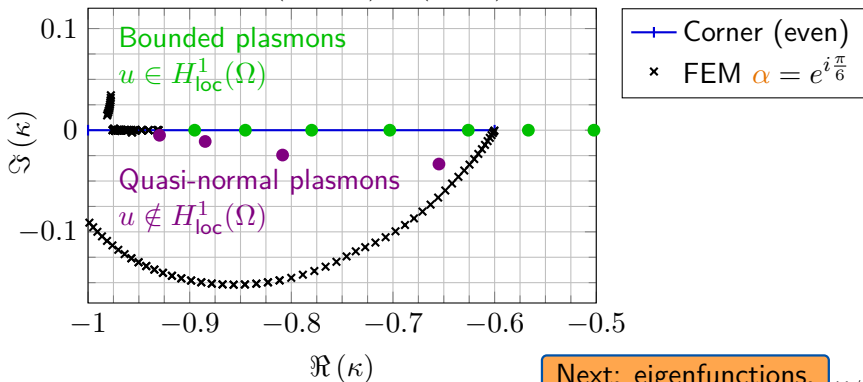


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Next: eigenfunctions.

Results: corner perturbations along major axis (2)

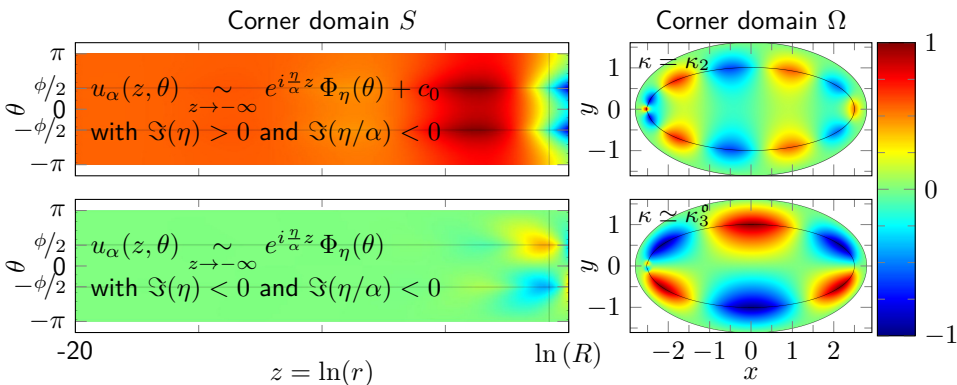
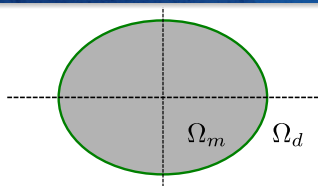


Fig. Eigenfunctions $\Re(u_\alpha)/\|u_\alpha\|_\infty$ of PEP- α with $\alpha = e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}}$.

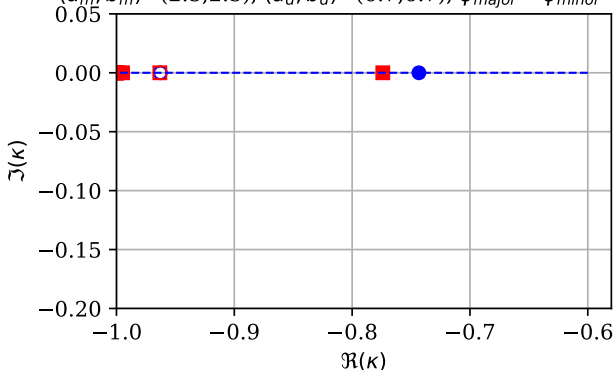
(Top row) $\kappa = \kappa_2 \simeq 0.8086 - 0.02445i$, complex plasmonic resonance,

(Bottom row) $\kappa \simeq 0.70313 - 8.0357 \cdot 10^{-8}i \simeq \kappa_3^0$, embedded eigenvalue.

Results: corner perturbations along both major/minor axes

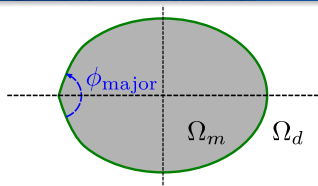


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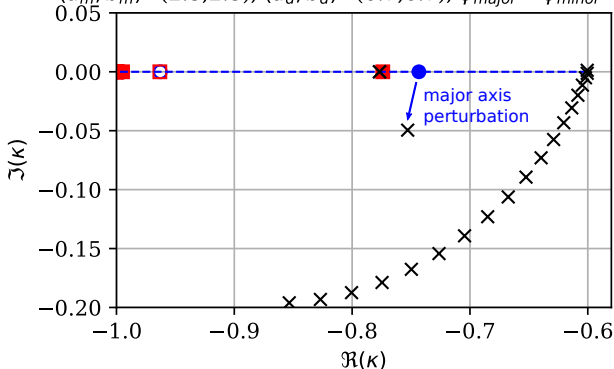
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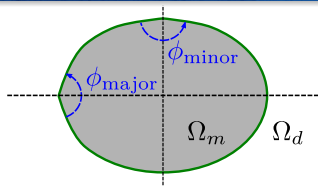
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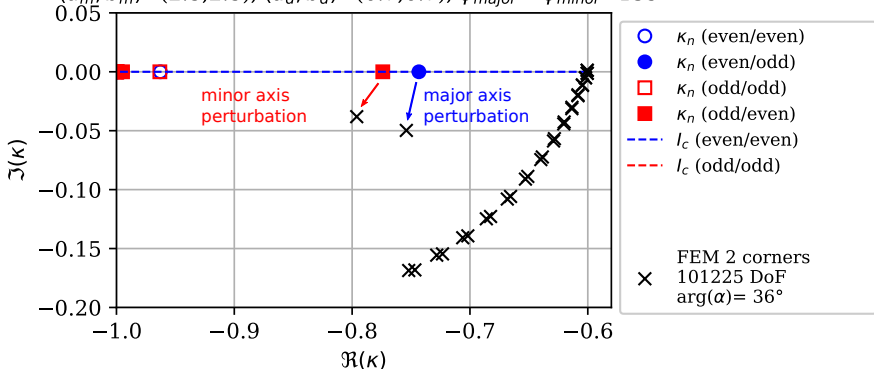


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