

# Near-Cloaking by Change of Variables at Finite Frequency, I: An Approach using Lossy Layers

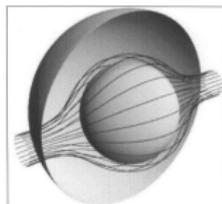
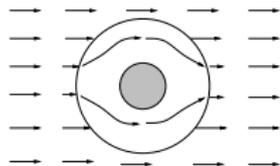
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This talk: framework and theory  
Onofrei: examples and numerics

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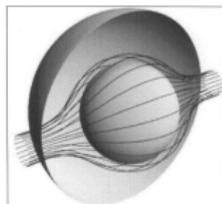
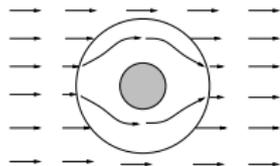
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## (1) Cloaking by change of variables

- The basic idea
- Approximate cloaks and inclusion problems

## (2) Does it work?

- At frequency 0: yes
- At frequency  $\neq 0$ : problem due to resonance
- Resolution: damping

## (3) How well does it work?

- 2D case (is  $1/|\log \rho|$  small?)
- 3D case (much better)

Change-of-variable scheme introduced by:

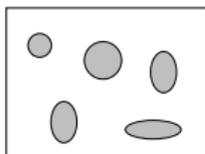
- Greenleaf, Lassas, Uhlmann (2003, freq 0 = impedance tomography)
- Pendry, Schurig, Smith (2006, finite freq = electromag scattering)

Just one approach to cloaking; others include

- anomalous localized resonance (Milton, Nicorovici)
- optical conformal mapping (Leonhardt)

# Basic definitions

$$\sum \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( A_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right) + \omega^2 q(x) u = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

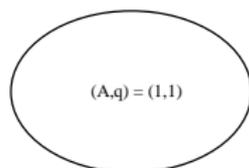


**Neumann-to-Dirichlet map** characterizes “boundary measurements” (invertible if  $\omega^2$  is not an eigenvalue)

$$\Lambda_{A,q} : (A \nabla u) \cdot \nu|_{\partial \Omega} \rightarrow u|_{\partial \Omega}$$

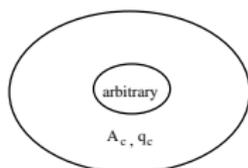
Same DN map  $\Leftrightarrow$  same scattering data.

**Cloaking in this setting:**  $A_c(x)$  and  $q_c(x)$ , defined on  $\Omega \setminus D$ , cloak  $D$  if resulting bdry measurements “look uniform,” indep of content of  $D$ .



uniform case:  $\Lambda_{1,1}$

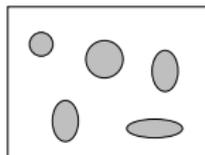
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# Getting used to the definitions

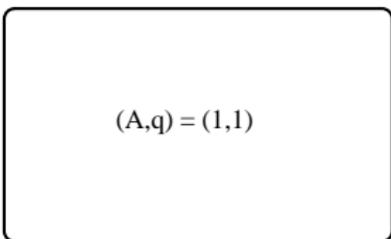
**Scattering** seeks knowledge of interior properties, based on response to plane waves.



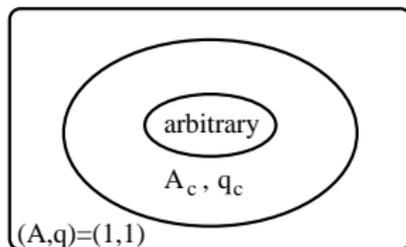
Exterior sees  $\Omega$  only via **Cauchy data** (“bdry meas” or “DN map”).

We say  $A_c(x), q_c(x)$  (defined in  $\Omega \setminus D$ ) **cloaks**  $D$  if the Cauchy data at  $\partial\Omega$  are (a) indep of content of  $D$ , and (b) same as for uniform case  $A = q = 1$ .

**Name is apt**, since extn of  $A_c, q_c$  by 1 to larger domain is also a cloak.



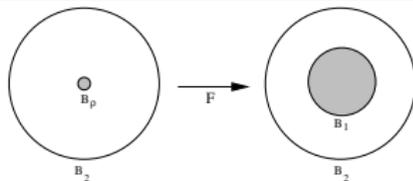
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# Invariance under change of variables

Basic observation: bdry meas determine material properties at most “up to change of variables.”



If  $F : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  is invertible and  $F(x) = x$  on  $\partial\Omega$  then  $A, q$  and  $F_*A, F_*q$  produce the **same boundary measurements**, where

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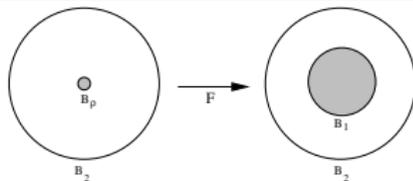
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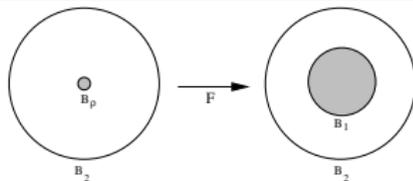
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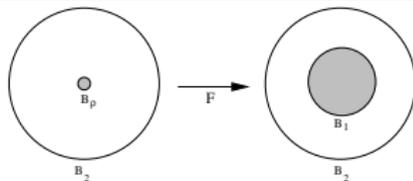
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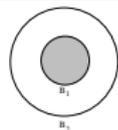
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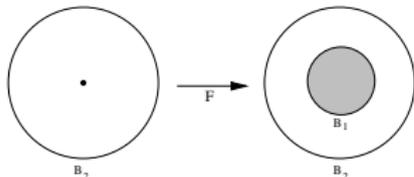
# The singular change-of-variable-based cloak

Radial version, for simplicity only:  
domain is  $B_2$ , cloaked region is  $B_1$ .



Choose properties of the cloak to be  $A_c = F_* 1$  and  $q_c = F_* 1$ , where  $F$  “blows up” the origin to  $B_1$ :

$$F(x) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}|x|\right) \frac{x}{|x|}$$



Formally  $B_1$  is cloaked. In fact, if

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we have, using  $F^{-1}$  as our change of variable,

$$\int_{B_2} \langle A(y) \nabla_y u, \nabla_y \phi \rangle - \omega^2 q(y) u \phi \, dy = \int_{B_2} \langle \nabla_x u, \nabla_x \phi \rangle - \omega^2 u \phi \, dx$$

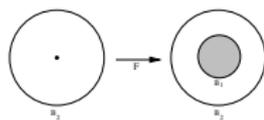
since  $F^{-1}$  shrinks  $B_1$  (the region being cloaked) to a point.

**Is this correct?**  $F$  and  $F^{-1}$  are very singular.

# Remarks on the singular cloak

- **This scheme requires exotic materials.** Recall that

$$(A_c(y), q_c(y)) = F_*(1, 1) \\ \text{at } y = F(x)$$



where  $F$  blows up a point to the region being cloaked. The material is anisotropic and singular: as  $|y| \downarrow 1$ ,  $A_c(y)$  has

- radial eigenvector with eigenvalue  $\sim (|y| - 1)^{n-1}$
- tangential eigenspace with eigenvalue  $\sim (|y| - 1)^{n-3}$ ,

and  $q_c(y) \sim (|y| - 1)^{2(n-1)}$ .

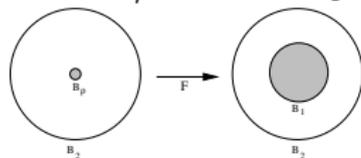
- **Analysis is possible**, but requires suitable notion of “weak solution” (Greenleaf, Kurylev, Lassas, Uhlmann, CMP 2008).
- **The singular cloak makes me uncomfortable.** We usually deal with singularities by smoothing them. Why not here?

# A regularized version

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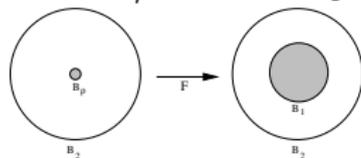
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# Frequency 0 is OK

Singular cloak works at frequency 0 (Greenleaf, Lassas, Uhlmann 2003)  
Explanation via regularization (Kohn, Shen, Vogelius, Weinstein 2008):

$$\nabla \cdot (A \nabla u) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad \Lambda_A = \text{DN map}$$

Theorem: *If  $A \equiv 1$  outside  $B_\rho$ , then*

$$\|\Lambda_A - \Lambda_1\| \leq C\rho^n \quad \text{in space dim } n.$$



- Use **operator norm**,  $\Lambda_A : H^{-1/2}(\partial\Omega) \rightarrow H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)$ . Natural choice, since finite-energy solutions of  $\nabla \cdot (A \nabla u) = 0$  have Dirichlet data in  $H^{1/2}$  and Neumann data in  $H^{-1/2}$ .
- Estimate is well-known when inclusion has **constant conductivity** – even for the extreme cases, when  $A = 0$  or  $A = \infty$  in  $B_\rho$ .
- Variational principle implies that effect of **any inclusion is bracketed** by effect of extreme inclusions.

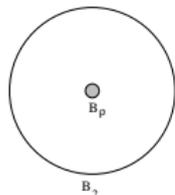
So: our regularized scheme **almost cloaks**  $B_1$ , if  $\rho$  is small.

# Finite frequency is different

Recall: approx cloaking achieved  $\Leftrightarrow$  small inclusion with **uncontrolled content** has little effect on bndry meas.

But: at finite frequency a small inclusion can have huge effect, due to **resonance**. Consider radial setting:

$$(A, q) = \begin{cases} (1, 1) & \text{in } B_2 \setminus B_\rho \\ (A_\rho, q_\rho) & \text{in } B_\rho \end{cases}$$



Separate variables:

$$u = \sum \alpha_k J_k(\omega r \sqrt{q_\rho/A_\rho}) e^{ik\theta} \quad \text{for } r < \rho$$

$$u = \sum (\beta_k J_k(\omega r) + \gamma_k H_k^{(1)}(\omega r)) e^{ik\theta} \quad \text{for } \rho < r < 2$$

At freq  $k$ : 3 unknowns  $\alpha_k, \beta_k, \gamma_k$  and 3 eqns:

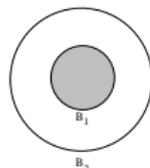
- 1 eqn at  $r = 2$  to match Neumann data
- 2 eqns at  $r = \rho$  to impose transmission bndry cond

Hence unique solution if eqns are not redundant. But **eqns are redundant at special  $A_\rho, q_\rho$**  (resonances).

# Similar issue for singular cloak

Greenleaf, Kurylev, Lassas, Uhlmann (CMP 2008) studied cloaking for 3D Helmholtz by (singular) change of variables. Their conclusion: if

$$(A, q) = \begin{cases} F_*(1, 1) & \text{in } \Omega \setminus D \\ (A_D, q_D) & \text{in } D \end{cases}$$



then  $\nabla \cdot (A \nabla u) + \omega^2 q u = 0$  exactly when

- **outside the cloaked region**,  $u(y) = v(x)$  where  $y = F(x)$  and  $\Delta v + \omega^2 v = 0$  in  $\Omega$ .
- **inside the cloaked region**,  $u$  solves given PDE with Neumann data 0

Indicates cloaking (since  $v$  is indep of inclusion). But clearly **problematic if Neumann problem for cloaked region has a resonance.**

# Resolution: include a lossy layer

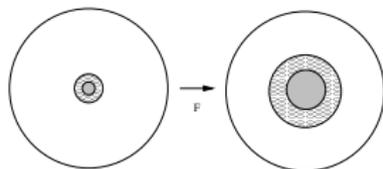
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$$A, q = \begin{cases} (1, 1) & \text{for } |x| > 2\rho \\ (1, 1 + i\beta) & \text{for } \rho < |x| < 2\rho \\ \text{arbitrary} & \text{for } |x| < \rho \end{cases} \quad A, q = \begin{cases} F_*(1, 1) & \text{for } |y| > 1 \\ F_*(1, 1 + i\beta) & \text{for } \frac{1}{2} < |y| < 1 \\ \text{arbitrary} & \text{for } |y| < \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

Successful  $\Leftrightarrow$  presence of inclusion has little effect on DN map, regardless of inclusion contents.

Our results:

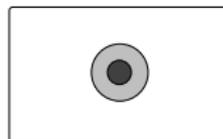
- best choice of damping is  $\beta \sim \rho^{-2}$
- effect of inclusion is  $1/|\log \rho|$  in 2D,  $\sqrt{\rho}$  in 3D.

Suboptimal in 3D? Intuition and numerics suggest  $\rho$  not  $\sqrt{\rho}$ .

# Results for 2D Helmholtz

Claim: an arbitrary but small inclusion, coated by a lossy layer, has little effect on bdry meas, if **loss parameter is  $\beta \sim \rho^{-2}$** .

$$A, q = \begin{cases} (1, 1 + i\rho^{-2}) & \text{for } \rho < |x| < 2\rho \\ \text{arbitrary pos} & \text{for } |x| < \rho \end{cases}$$



Theorem. When embedded in a uniform medium ( $A = 1, q = 1$ ), the effect of such an inclusion is bounded by

$$\|\Lambda_{A,q} - \Lambda_{1,1}\| \leq C_\omega / |\log \rho|.$$

LHS is **operator norm** from  $H^{-1/2}$  to  $H^{1/2}$  (natural norms for Neumann and Dirichlet data of finite-energy solutions). If  $f = \sum a_k e^{ik\theta}$ ,

$$\|f\|_{H^{-1/2}}^2 = \sum |k|^{-1} |a_k|^2, \quad \|f\|_{H^{1/2}}^2 = \sum |k| |a_k|^2.$$

# 3D is better

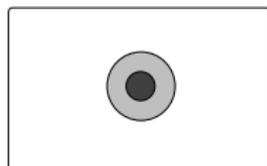
For **2D** Helmholtz, cloaking error was  $C/|\log \rho|$ .  
Linked to fund soln of Laplacian.

For **3D** Helmholtz, obvious guess is  $C\rho$ . Supported by numerics.  
However our method gives only  $C\sqrt{\rho}$ : for

$$\nabla \cdot (A\nabla u_\rho) + \omega^2 q u_\rho = 0 \text{ in } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

with

$$\begin{cases} A = 1, q = 1 & \text{in } \Omega \setminus B_{2\rho} \\ A = 1, q = 1 + i\rho^{-2} & \text{in } B_{2\rho} \setminus B_\rho \\ \text{arbitrary real, positive} & \text{in } B_\rho. \end{cases}$$



we get

$$\|\Lambda_{A,q} - \Lambda_{1,1}\| \leq C_\omega \sqrt{\rho}.$$

# Overview of analysis

Recall eqn:

$$\nabla \cdot (A \nabla u_\rho) + \omega^2 q u_\rho = 0 \text{ in } \Omega$$

where

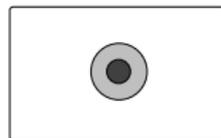
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I. Compare Helmholtz in shell  $\Omega \setminus B_{2\rho}$   
to Helmholtz in  $\Omega$ .



Show that inclusion has little effect on boundary measurements, unless something wild is happening at  $\partial B_{2\rho}$ .

II. Obtain global control using  
lossiness of  $B_{2\rho} \setminus B_\rho$ .



Make good choice of lossiness ( $\beta \sim \rho^{-2}$ ). Show that nothing wild can happen at  $\partial B_{2\rho}$ , regardless of content of  $B_\rho$ .

Estimate holds even when lossless problem is resonant.

# Outline of step I

## I. Compare Helmholtz in shell $\Omega \setminus B_{2\rho}$ to Helmholtz in $\Omega$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta u_0 + \omega^2 u_0 &= 0 \text{ in } \Omega \\ \Delta u_\rho + \omega^2 u_\rho &= 0 \text{ in } \Omega \setminus B_{2\rho}\end{aligned}$$



with same Neumann data  $\psi$  at  $\partial\Omega$ , and Dir data  $\phi$  for  $u_\rho$  at  $\partial B_{2\rho}$ . Then

$$\|u_\rho - u_0\|_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)} \leq C e(\rho) \left( \|\psi\|_{H^{-1/2}(\partial\Omega)} + \|\phi(2\rho \cdot)\|_{H^{-1/2}(\partial B_1)} \right)$$

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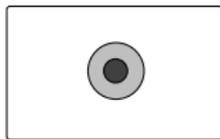
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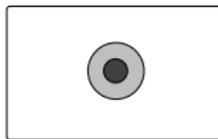
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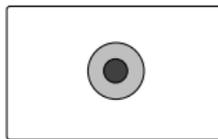
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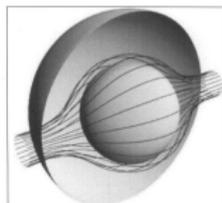
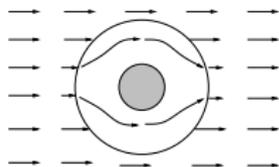
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