## Diffusion d'ondes acoustiques dans des écoulements hétérogènes aléatoires

Jean-Luc Akian, <u>Éric Savin</u> jean-luc.akian@onera.fr eric.savin@{onera,centralesupelec}.fr

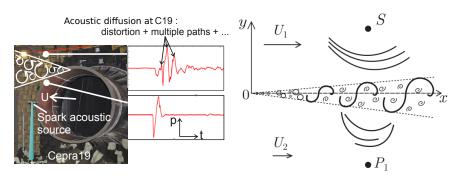
ONERA – Information Processing & Systems Dept. 8 chemin de la Hunière FR-91123 Palaiseau cedex, France



CentraleSupélec – Engineering Mechanics Dept. 8-10 rue Joliot-Curie FR-91190 Gif-sur-Yvette, France



## Acoustic scattering by turbulent shear layers



Anechoic wind tunnel with open-jet test section (nozzle exit  $\emptyset$  = 2-3 m,  $U_1 \le 100$  m/s)

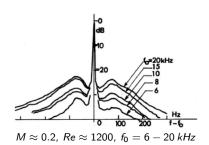
#### Applications:

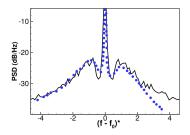
- Analysis: spectral broadening and phase shift of acoustic waves;
- Identification: localization of sources through shear layers using diffuse waves.

## Acoustic scattering by turbulent shear layers

#### Results:

- Model of the acoustic pressure field transmitted by an horizontally stratified random flow (Gay-Garnier-Savin 2018);
- Model of multiple scattering of waves by an heterogeneous, unsteady flow in the high-frequency limit and weak coupling regime (Akian-Savin 2018): THIS TALK!





Candel-Guédel-Julienne AIAA Paper 76-544 (1976)
Bennaceur et al. Comput. Fluids 138, 83 (2016)

### Outline

Convected acoustic wave equation

Ray acoustics and the Wigner measure

Multiple scattering with random inhomogeneities

# Acoustic waves in heterogeneous unsteady flow Euler equations

 Full nonlinear Euler equations for an ideal fluid flow in the absence of friction, heat conduction, or heat production:

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\mathrm{d}\varrho}{\mathrm{d}t} + \varrho \nabla_{x} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0, \\ &\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{v}}{\mathrm{d}t} + \frac{1}{\varrho} \nabla_{x} p = \mathbf{0}, \\ &\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{s}}{\mathrm{d}t} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varrho$ : the fluid density;  $\mathbf{v}$ : the particle velocity, s: the specific entropy; and  $\rho$ : the thermodynamic pressure given by the equation of state  $p = p(\varrho, s)$ .

• The usual convective derivative following the particle paths:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}.$$

• Isentropic flow (the "adiabatic equation"):

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}p}{\mathrm{d}t} = c^2 \frac{\mathrm{d}\varrho}{\mathrm{d}t}, \quad c^2(\varrho, s) = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \varrho}\right)_s,$$

where c: speed of sound.

## Acoustic waves in heterogeneous unsteady flow Linearized Euler equations

Linearization about an ambient flow (subscript 0):

$$\varrho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \varrho_0(\mathbf{x}, t) + \varrho'(\mathbf{x}, t), 
\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{v}_0(\mathbf{x}, t) + \mathbf{v}'(\mathbf{x}, t), 
\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{s}_0(\mathbf{x}, t) + \mathbf{s}'(\mathbf{x}, t), 
\varrho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \varrho_0(\mathbf{x}, t) + \varrho'(\mathbf{x}, t).$$

The ambient quantities satisfy the nonlinear Euler equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathrm{d}\varrho_0}{\mathrm{d}t} + \varrho_0 \nabla_x \cdot \mathbf{v}_0 &= 0, \\ \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{v}_0}{\mathrm{d}t} + \frac{1}{\varrho_0} \nabla_x \rho_0 &= \mathbf{0}, \\ \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{s}_0}{\mathrm{d}t} &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where here and throughout:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v_0} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}.$$

## Acoustic waves in heterogeneous unsteady flow Velocity potential

• The acoustic perturbations  $\varrho'$ ,  $\mathbf{v}'$ ,  $\mathbf{s}'$  and  $\mathbf{p}'$  are such that:

$$p' = c_0^2 \varrho' + \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial s}\right)_{\varrho_0} s',$$

where  $c_0(x, t) > 0$ : speed of sound in the ambient flow.

• Velocity quasi-potential  $\phi(\mathbf{x}, t)$ :

$$p' = \varrho_0 \frac{\mathrm{d}\phi}{\mathrm{d}t}, \quad \mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{\nabla}_{\mathbf{x}}\phi + \mathrm{O}(L^{-1}) + \mathrm{O}(T^{-1}),$$

where L/T: (large) length/time scales over which the ambient quantities have significant spatial variations.

• Then it satisfies the convected wave equation valid for  $\lambda \ll L$ :

$$\left| \frac{1}{\varrho_0} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\varrho_0 \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \phi) - \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \frac{1}{c_0^2} \frac{\mathrm{d}\phi}{\mathrm{d}t} \right) = 0 \right|.$$

Blokhintzev J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 18(2), 322 (1946) Pierce J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 87(6), 2292 (1990)

## High-frequency setting

• High frequencies correspond to  $\varepsilon \to 0$  for strongly " $\varepsilon$ -oscillatory" initial conditions:

$$\phi(\mathbf{x},0) = \phi_0(\mathbf{x};\varepsilon), \quad \partial_t \phi(\mathbf{x},0) = \psi_0(\mathbf{x};\varepsilon),$$

parameterized by  $\varepsilon \equiv \frac{1}{L} \equiv \frac{1}{\omega T} \ll 1$ , which quantifies the rate of change of  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \phi_0(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \psi_0(\mathbf{x})$  with respect to the typical length/time scales of the ambient flow.

• Example: plane waves for some  $k \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ,

$$\phi_0(\mathbf{x};\varepsilon) = \varepsilon A(\mathbf{x}) e^{\frac{\mathrm{i}}{\varepsilon} \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}, \quad \psi_0(\mathbf{x};\varepsilon) = B(\mathbf{x}) e^{\frac{\mathrm{i}}{\varepsilon} \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}.$$

• For constant ambient quantities  $\varrho_0$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_0$  and  $c_0 > 0$  the usual parametrix:

$$\phi_{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{x},t) = \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{k} \to \mathbf{x}}^{-1} \left[ \cos\left(c_0|\mathbf{k}|t\right) \right] \star \phi_0(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}_0 t; \varepsilon) + \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{k} \to \mathbf{x}}^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sin\left(c_0|\mathbf{k}|t\right)}{c_0|\mathbf{k}|} \right] \star \psi_0(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}_0 t; \varepsilon)$$

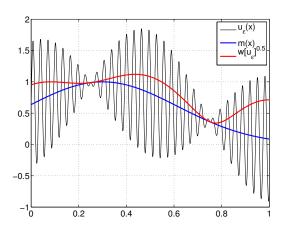
propagates oscillations of wavelength  $\varepsilon$  which inhibit  $\phi_{\varepsilon}$  from converging strongly in a suitable sense.

### Outline

Convected acoustic wave equation

2 Ray acoustics and the Wigner measure

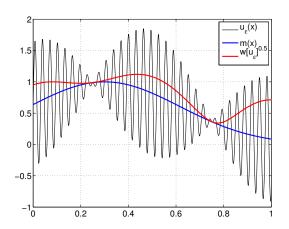
Multiple scattering with random inhomogeneities



• Let:

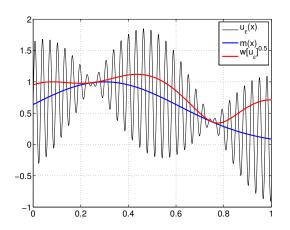
$$u_{\varepsilon}(x) = m(x) + a(x) \sin \frac{x}{\varepsilon},$$

then  $(u_{\varepsilon}) \rightharpoonup m$  weakly in  $L^2$  as  $\varepsilon \to 0$ , but  $(u_{\varepsilon})$  has no strong limit in any  $L^p$ .



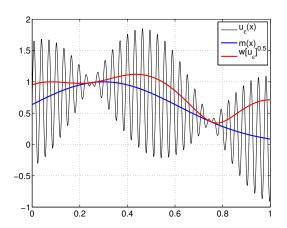
• Now for any observable  $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ :

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \left( \varphi(x) u_\varepsilon, u_\varepsilon \right)_{L^2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(x) \left( (m(x))^2 + \frac{1}{2} (a(x))^2 \right) \mathrm{d} x \,.$$



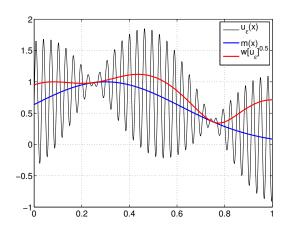
Take an observable of the form:

$$\varphi(x,\partial_x)u_{\varepsilon}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{\mathrm{i}k\cdot x} \varphi(x,\mathrm{i}k)\widehat{u}_{\varepsilon}(k)\mathrm{d}k.$$



Take an observable of the form:

$$\varphi(x, \varepsilon \partial_x) u_\varepsilon(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{\mathrm{i} k \cdot x} \varphi(x, \mathrm{i} \varepsilon k) \widehat{u}_\varepsilon(k) \mathrm{d} k.$$



• Then:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon\to 0} (\varphi(x,\varepsilon\partial_x)u_\varepsilon,u_\varepsilon)_{L^2} = \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} \varphi(x,\mathrm{i} k) W[u_\varepsilon](\mathrm{d} x,\mathrm{d} k)\,,$$

where  $W[u_{\varepsilon}]$  is called a (positive) Wigner measure of  $(u_{\varepsilon})$ .

## Wigner measure

• Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3_{\mathbf{x}} \times \mathbb{R}^3_{\mathbf{k}})$  (a smooth observable), and for  $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ :

$$O_{P_{\varepsilon}}[\varphi]u(\mathbf{x}) = \varphi(\mathbf{x}, \varepsilon \nabla_{\mathbf{x}})u(\mathbf{x}) = \varphi(\mathbf{x}, \varepsilon \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}) \left( \int e^{i\mathbf{x}\cdot\mathbf{k}} \, \widehat{u}(\mathbf{k}) \, d\mathbf{k} \right)$$
$$:= \int e^{i\mathbf{x}\cdot\mathbf{k}} \, \varphi(\mathbf{x}, i\varepsilon \mathbf{k}) \, \widehat{u}(\mathbf{k}) \, d\mathbf{k} \, .$$

• Then if  $(u_{\varepsilon})$  is bounded in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ ,  $\forall \varphi$  a smooth observable:

$$\left[\lim_{\varepsilon\to 0}(\varphi(\mathbf{x},\varepsilon\nabla_{\mathbf{x}})u_{\varepsilon},u_{\varepsilon})_{L^{2}}=\iint \varphi(\mathbf{x},\mathrm{i}\mathbf{k})W[u_{\varepsilon}](\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x},\mathrm{d}\mathbf{k})\right],$$

and the positive measure  $W[u_{\varepsilon}]$  of the sequence  $(u_{\varepsilon})$  always exists—up to extracting a sub-sequence if need be.

Lions-Paul Rev. Mat. Iberoamericana 9(3), 553 (1993)

Gérard-Markowich-Mauser-Poupaud Commun. Pure Appl. Math. L(4), 323 (1997)
Martinez An Introduction to Semiclassical and Microlocal Analysis, Springer, Berlin (2002)

Zworski *Semiclassical Analysis*, American Mathematical Society, Providence RI (2012)

É. Savin

## Wigner measure Examples

 The acoustic kinetic and strain energies that would be perceived by an observer moving with the ambient flow are:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \mathcal{T}_{\varepsilon}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \iint \varrho_{0}(\mathbf{x}, t) W[\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \phi_{\varepsilon}(\cdot, t)](\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{k}),$$
  
$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \mathcal{U}_{\varepsilon}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \iint \varrho_{0}(\mathbf{x}, t) W\left[\frac{\mathrm{d}\phi_{\varepsilon}}{\mathrm{d}t}(\cdot, t)\right](\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{k}).$$

• WKB state:  $\phi_{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{x}) = A(\mathbf{x}) e^{\frac{\mathrm{i} S(\mathbf{x})}{\varepsilon}}$ , then  $W[\phi_{\varepsilon}] = |A(\mathbf{x})|^2 \delta(\mathbf{k} - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} S)$ .

#### Ray acoustics

• Computing the space-time Wigner measure of the wave equation one can prove that:

$$W[\phi_{\varepsilon}] = W_{-}\delta(\omega - \omega_{-}) + W_{+}\delta(\omega - \omega_{+}),$$

where  $\omega_{\pm}(x,t,k,\omega) = -v_0(x,t) \cdot k \mp c_0(x,t)|k|$  (the Doppler-shifted frequencies), and the wave action per unit volume  $\mathcal{A}_{\pm} := \frac{\varrho_0}{c_0} |k| W_{\pm}$  satisfies:

$$\partial_t A_{\pm} - \nabla_k \omega_{\pm} \cdot \nabla_x A_{\pm} + \nabla_x \omega_{\pm} \cdot \nabla_k A_{\pm} = 0 .$$

Alternatively:

$$\boxed{\frac{d\mathcal{A}}{dt}=0}$$

along the rays  $t\mapsto (\mathbf{x}(t),\mathbf{k}(t),\omega(t))$  in phase space of the physical space-time with the group velocities  $\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{g}}^{\pm}(\mathbf{x},t,\mathbf{k})=\mathbf{v}_{0}(\mathbf{x},t)\pm c_{0}(\mathbf{x},t)\frac{k}{|\mathbf{k}|}$ :

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{v}_{\mathsf{g}}^{\pm}, \quad \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{dt} = \mathbf{\nabla}_{\mathbf{x}}\omega_{\pm}, \quad \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \partial_{t}\omega_{\pm},$$

which exhibits the phase shift  $(\frac{dk}{dt} \neq 0)$  and spectral broadening  $(\frac{d\omega}{dt} \neq 0)$  effects. Also the direction of a sound ray in space is not necessarily along the wavefront normal.

### Outline

Convected acoustic wave equation

Ray acoustics and the Wigner measure

Multiple scattering with random inhomogeneities

#### Randomized ambient flow

• Assume now that  $\mathbf{v}_0$  and  $c_0$  depend on  $\varepsilon$ :

$$\begin{split} &\frac{1}{c_0^2(\mathbf{x},t)} = \frac{1}{C_0^2(\mathbf{x},t)} \left[ 1 + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \chi_1 \left( \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\varepsilon}, \frac{t}{\varepsilon} \right) \right] \,, \\ &\mathbf{v}_0(\mathbf{x},t) = \mathbf{V}_0(\mathbf{x},t) + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \mathbf{V}_1 \left( \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\varepsilon}, \frac{t}{\varepsilon} \right) \,, \end{split}$$

where  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (\chi_1, \mathbf{V}_1)$  is a second order, mean-zero, homogeneous random field.

- The correlation length/time of the random perturbations are the same as the (small) wavelength/period  $\varepsilon$ , ensuring maximum interactions between waves and the ambient medium.
- Heterogeneities are small though and their size is  $\sqrt{\varepsilon}$ , which is the relevant scaling that allows them to significantly modify the acoustic energy in the transport regime.

```
Howe J. Sound Vib. 27(4), 455 (1996)
Ryzhik-Papanicolaou-Keller Wave Motion 24(4), 327 (1996)
Fannjiang-Ryzhik SIAM J. Appl. Math. 61(5), 1545 (2001)
Bal Wave Motion 43(2), 132 (2005)
Bal-Komorowski-Ryzhik Kinet. Relat. Models 3(4), 529 (2010)
```

#### Radiative transfer in random ambient flow

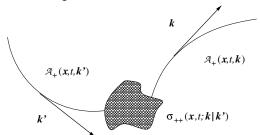
The radiative transfer (linear Boltzmann) equations for the high-frequency wave action A
describe multiple scattering:

$$\begin{split} & \partial_t \mathcal{A}_+(\textbf{\textit{k}}) - \nabla_{\textbf{\textit{k}}} \omega_+ \cdot \nabla_{\textbf{\textit{x}}} \mathcal{A}_+(\textbf{\textit{k}}) + \nabla_{\textbf{\textit{x}}} \omega_+ \cdot \nabla_{\textbf{\textit{k}}} \mathcal{A}_+(\textbf{\textit{k}}) = \\ & \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \sigma_{++}(\textbf{\textit{x}},t;\textbf{\textit{k}}|\textbf{\textit{k}}') \left( \mathcal{A}_+(\textbf{\textit{k}}') - \mathcal{A}_+(\textbf{\textit{k}}) \right) \mathrm{d}\textbf{\textit{k}}' + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \sigma_{+-}(\textbf{\textit{x}},t;\textbf{\textit{k}}|\textbf{\textit{k}}') \left( \mathcal{A}_-(\textbf{\textit{k}}') - \mathcal{A}_+(\textbf{\textit{k}}) \right) \mathrm{d}\textbf{\textit{k}}' \,, \end{split}$$

$$\partial_{t}\mathcal{A}_{-}(\mathbf{k}) - \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\omega_{-} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}\mathcal{A}_{-}(\mathbf{k}) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}\omega_{-} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\mathcal{A}_{-}(\mathbf{k}) =$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} \sigma_{-+}(\mathbf{x}, t; \mathbf{k}|\mathbf{k}') \left(\mathcal{A}_{+}(\mathbf{k}') - \mathcal{A}_{-}(\mathbf{k})\right) d\mathbf{k}' + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} \sigma_{--}(\mathbf{x}, t; \mathbf{k}|\mathbf{k}') \left(\mathcal{A}_{-}(\mathbf{k}') - \mathcal{A}_{-}(\mathbf{k})\right) d\mathbf{k}'.$$

σ±±(x, t; k|k'): the differential scattering cross-sections, which incorporate the macroscopic effects of the small scale heterogeneities.



## Scattering cross-sections

Correlations of the random perturbations of the ambient flow velocity/speed of sound:

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\widehat{\mathbf{v}}_{1}(\mathbf{k},\omega)\otimes\widehat{\mathbf{v}}_{1}(\mathbf{k}',\omega')\right\}:=(2\pi)^{4}\delta(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}')\delta(\omega+\omega')\widehat{\mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{k},\omega),$$

where the 4 × 4 correlation tensor is  $R(x'-x,t'-t) := \mathbb{E} \{ v_1(x,t) \otimes v_1(x',t') \}$  and:

$$\widehat{R}(\mathbf{k},\omega) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{k} \mathrm{d}\omega}{(2\pi)^4} \, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}+\omega t)} \, R(\mathbf{x},t) = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{R}_c(\mathbf{k},\omega) & \widehat{R}_{cv}^*(\mathbf{k},\omega) \\ \widehat{R}_{cv}(\mathbf{k},\omega) & \widehat{R}_v(\mathbf{k},\omega) \end{bmatrix}.$$

• The differential scattering cross-sections if one neglects for example the correlation of the perturbations of the speed of sound and the particle velocity  $(\hat{R}_{cv}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}', \omega - \omega') = \mathbf{0})$ :

$$\begin{split} \sigma_{++}(\mathbf{x},t;\mathbf{k}|\mathbf{k}') = & \frac{C_0^2(\mathbf{x},t)|\mathbf{k}||\mathbf{k}'|}{4(2\pi)^3} \widehat{R}_c(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}',C_0(\mathbf{x},t)|\mathbf{k}'| - C_0(\mathbf{x},t)|\mathbf{k}|) \\ & + \frac{(|\mathbf{k}|+|\mathbf{k}'|)^2}{4(2\pi)^3|\mathbf{k}||\mathbf{k}'|} \mathbf{k}' \cdot \widehat{R}_v(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}',C_0(\mathbf{x},t)|\mathbf{k}'| - C_0(\mathbf{x},t)|\mathbf{k}|)\mathbf{k}' \,, \\ \sigma_{+-}(\mathbf{x},t;\mathbf{k}|\mathbf{k}') = & \frac{C_0^2(\mathbf{x},t)|\mathbf{k}||\mathbf{k}'|}{4(2\pi)^3} \widehat{R}_c(\mathbf{k}'-\mathbf{k},C_0(\mathbf{x},t)|\mathbf{k}| + C_0(\mathbf{x},t)|\mathbf{k}'|) \\ & + \frac{(|\mathbf{k}|-|\mathbf{k}'|)^2}{4(2\pi)^3|\mathbf{k}||\mathbf{k}'|} \mathbf{k}' \cdot \widehat{R}_v(\mathbf{k}'-\mathbf{k},C_0(\mathbf{x},t)|\mathbf{k}| + C_0(\mathbf{x},t)|\mathbf{k}'|)\mathbf{k}' \,. \end{split}$$

### Hot topics

- Diffusion limit(s)  $A(x, t, k) \rightsquigarrow A(x, t, |k|)$ ;
- Boundary conditions (very difficult);
- Imaging algorithm: CINT (Gay-Garnier-Peyret-Savin + Bonnet).
- Further reading...
  - ▶ J.-L. Akian. Asymp. Anal. 78(1-2):37-83 (2012).
  - ▶ J.-L. Akian, É. Savin. http://arXiv.org/abs/1710.03621 (2017).
  - ► G. Bal, T. Chou. Wave Motion 35(2):107-124 (2002).
  - G. Bal, T. Komorowski, L. V. Ryzhik. Kinet. Relat. Models 3(4):529-644 (2010).
  - I. Baydoun, É. Savin, R. Cottereau, D. Clouteau, J. Guilleminot. Wave Motion 51(8):1325-1348 (2014).
  - ▶ U. Bellotti, M. Bornatici. Phys. Rev. E 57(5):6088-6092 (1998).
  - M. Brassart. Limite semi-classique de transformées de Wigner dans des milieux périodiques ou aléatoires. PhD Thesis, University of Nice Sophia Antipolis (2002).
  - A. Fannjiang, L. V. Ryzhik. SIAM J. Appl. Math. 61(5):1545-1577 (2001).
  - J.-P. Fouque, J. Garnier, G. C. Papanicolaou, K. Sølna. Wave Propagation and Time Reversal in Randomly Layered Media. Springer, New York NY (2007).
  - P. Gérard, P. A. Markowich, N. J. Mauser, F. Poupaud. Commun. Pure Appl. Math. L(4):323-79 (1997).
  - M. S. Howe. J. Sound Vib. 27(4):455-476 (1973).
  - G. C. Papanicolaou, L. V. Ryzhik L.V. Waves and transport. In: Caffarelli L., E W., editors. Hyperbolic equations and frequency interactions. IAS/Park City Mathematics Series, vol. 5. American Mathematical Society, Providence RI (1999); pp. 305-382.

## Prejudice

- Waves in heterogeneous media are far from what they would be in uniform media but their macroscopic features can often be captured by models that do not need the knowledge of the microscopic details.
- The aim is to minimize the efforts required to solve a problem of wave propagation in random media, *i.e.* perform waves coarse-graining.
- The issue is to identify a suitable set of relevant parameters for a coarser target level and
  express them in terms of the parameters of a finer source level: in other words rely on a few
  macroscopic parameters to encode microscopic parameters, that do not depend on particular
  realizations but rather on statistics.
- Coarse-graining consists in rescaling some phenomena into units or cells or models of size
  close to the uncertainty of measurement, yielding an increase of both entropy and
  dissipation—hence irreversibility.