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## ABSTRACT

Passive quasi-one-dimensional random media exhibit one of the three regimes of transport – ballistic, diffusive, or Anderson localization – depending on system size. The ballistic and diffusion approximations assumes particle transport, whereas Anderson Localization occurs when wave self-interference effects are dominant. When the system contains absorption or gain, then how the regimes can be characterized becomes unclear. By investigating theoretically and numerically the ratio of transmission to energy in a random medium in one dimension, we show this parameter can be used to characterize localization in random media with gain.

Non-conservative media implies a second dimension for the transport parameter space, namely gain/absorption. By studying the relations between the transport mean free path, the localization length, and the gain or absorption lengths, we enumerate fifteen regimes of wave propagation through quasi-one-dimensional non-conservative random media. Next a criterion characterizing the transition from diffusion to Anderson localization is developed for random media with gain or absorption. The position-dependent diffusion coefficient, which is closely related to the ratio of transmission to energy stored in the system, is investigated using numerical models.

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

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egestas commodo. For transport of electrons, dimensionless conductance\*  $g$  [7] is the parameter, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $T$  is equivalent to  $g$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo 1; conductance of less than 1 indicates AL. For passive random media, single-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-to-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $g$ . Transmission  $T$  in photonic systems, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo [27, 28, 29], is

$$T = \sum_{a,b} |t_{ab}|^2 = g \quad (1.1)$$

where  $t_{ab}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $a$  at output  $b$  of the waveguide. For electronic systems,  $g$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-channel resolved transmission  $T_a$  and speckle  $T_{ab}$ :

$$T_a = \sum_b |t_{ab}|^2 \quad (1.2)$$

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\*Conductance  $G = \frac{e^2}{h} \text{Tr}(tt^+) = \frac{e^2}{h} g$  [27]

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### 1.3. PASSIVE CRITERIA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

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$$\frac{\delta\omega}{\Delta\omega} = g. \quad (1.3)$$

Just as for  $g$ , when  $\delta\omega/\Delta\omega$  is less than 1, then AL occurs. However, Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. The self-consistent theory of AL [35] Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Without self-interference of waves, the diffusion coefficient  $D_0$  is constant throughout the medium. However, Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-interfere, the diffusion coefficient decreases. Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, Lore ipsum dolor sit



amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $D(z)$ . Thus, the change from constant  $D_0$  to position-dependent  $D(z)$  signifies the transition to AL. However, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

Besides conductance,  $D(z)$ , and the Thouless criteria, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo [36] of observables, the inverse participation ratio, and transmission fluctuations. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-parameter scaling. However, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. For example Ref. [16] presents a ratio  $\text{var}(T/\langle T \rangle)$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. However, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\langle T \rangle$  is not well defined. When gain is present in media, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, a few will lase, and the average or higher moments of  $T$  are ill-defined. To avoid this issue, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. A second problem with the  $\text{var}(T/\langle T \rangle)$  ratio as a criterion is that  $T$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Section 1.4 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

#### 1.4. $T/\mathcal{E}$ AS DIFFUSION-LOCALIZATION CRITERION

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amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.). To eliminate the divergence  $T$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\mathcal{E}$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo [37] Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $T/\mathcal{E}$  approaches a constant. Starting from conservation of energy ( $\mathcal{E} = \int_0^L \mathcal{W}(z) dz$ ) with respect to flux  $J$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{W}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = \frac{\mathcal{W}c}{\ell_g} + J_0 \delta(z - z_p) \quad (1.4)$$

where  $z_p$  is penetration depth,  $J_0$  is incident flux,  $\ell_g$  is gain length, and  $c$  is the speed of light. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo,

$$\frac{dJ_z}{dz} = \frac{\mathcal{W}c}{\ell_g} + J_0 \delta(z - z_p). \quad (1.5)$$

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$$T + R - 1 = \mathcal{E} \frac{c}{\ell_g J_0}. \quad (1.6)$$

In the limit that gain length  $\ell_g$  approaches RLT (critical gain length  $\ell_{g_{cr}}$ ), both  $T$  and  $R$  go to infinity. Assuming  $T \approx R$ ,

$$\frac{T}{\mathcal{E}} = \frac{c}{2\ell_{g_{cr}} J_0}. \quad (1.7)$$

This constant is disorder-specific due to  $\ell_{g_{cr}}$ , so  $T/\mathcal{E}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

For gain below RLT, by comparing the  $\langle T/\mathcal{E} \rangle$  Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo (and thus constitute a signature of AL). For passive media, Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\langle T/\mathcal{E} \rangle$  is related [37] to the well-established [38]  $D(z)$  based on the self-consistent theory of AL (see Appendix C):

$$\left\langle \frac{T}{\mathcal{E}} \right\rangle \approx \frac{1}{J_0} \frac{2D_0}{L^2} \left( \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L \frac{D_0}{D(z)} dz \right)^{-1}. \quad (1.8)$$

Since  $\langle T/\mathcal{E} \rangle$  is related to  $D(z)$ , then experimentally  $\langle T/\mathcal{E} \rangle$  should behave as  $D(z)$  does with respect to  $D_0$  for passive media; that is, it should decrease as self-interference of waves increases. Therefore,  $\langle T/\mathcal{E} \rangle$  Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, does not diverge in media with gain, Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $D(z)$ .

### 1.5. METHOD OF STUDY OF CRITERIA FOR DIFFUSION- LOCALIZATION TRANSITION

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 media [37, 42]. The ratio  $T/\mathcal{E}$  has been verified as nondivergent, Lorem ipsum do-  
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 inverse participation ratio,  $T/\mathcal{E}$ ). This model is necessary since, even for passive  
 systems, the literature offers no plot of  $D(z)$  in the diffusive regime (c.f. Fig. 1.1).

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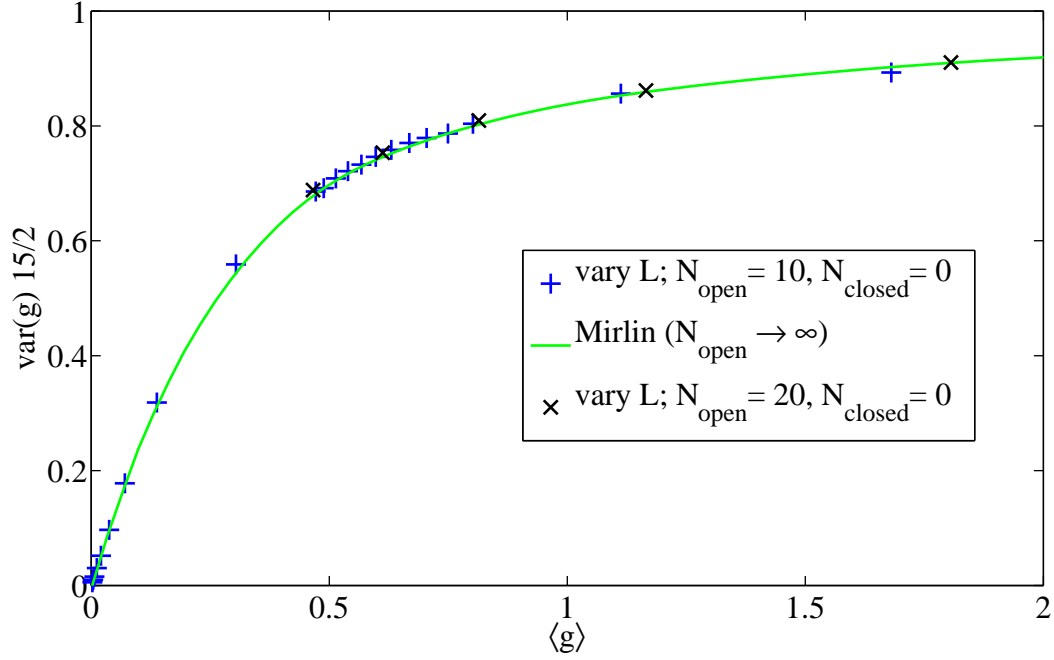


Figure 1.1: Position-dependent diffusion coefficient  $D(z)$  as predicted by self-consistent theory of localization (smooth red curves) and numeric results (rough blue lines) for quasi-1D waveguides with randomly-distributed scatterers, constant scatterer density, and width  $W$ . Very good agreement for ballistic ( $L = 100\lambda$ ), diffusive, and localized ( $L = 800\lambda$ ) regimes. The term  $\ell$  is transport mean free path, and  $z_0$  is penetration depth.

$L$  is increased, with a fixed disorder density). Further, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

As shown in Appendix B, the differential wave equation

$$\nabla^2 E(\vec{r}) = -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} E(\vec{r}) \quad (1.9)$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} t_{11} & t_{12} \\ t_{21} & t_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_0 \\ E'_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E_{\Delta x} \\ E'_{\Delta x} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.10)$$

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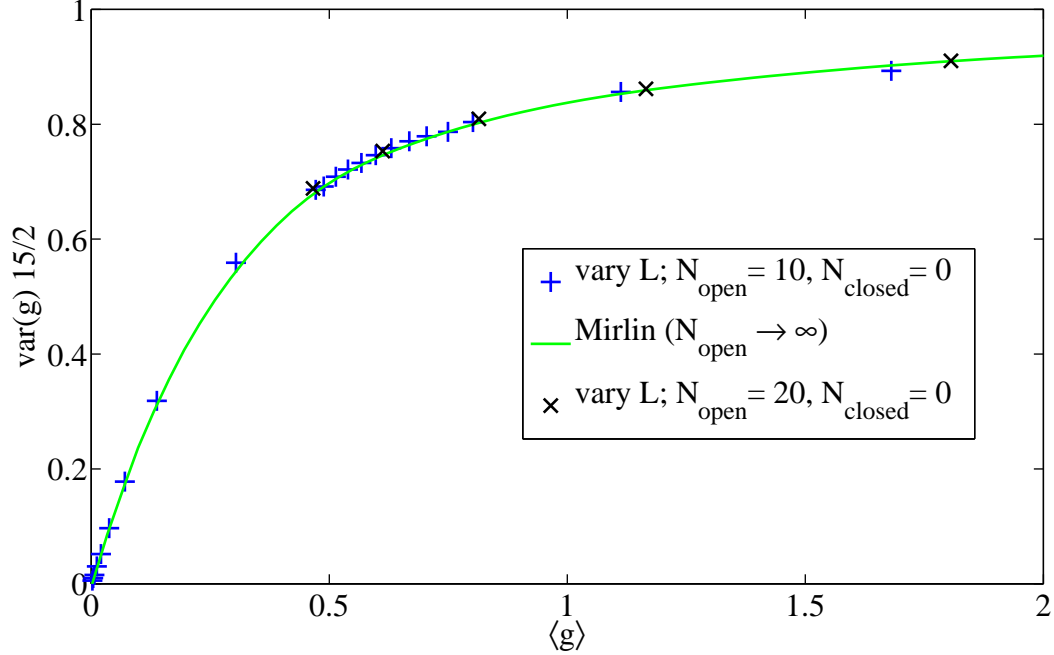


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adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\det(\hat{A})\det(\hat{B}) = \det(\hat{A}\hat{B})$ . A self-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo [51, 52]. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\langle g \rangle$  versus variance  $\text{var}(g)$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-based approach [53]. With no fitting parameters, there is very good agreement (c.f. Fig. 1.3). Similarly, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $D(z)$  (c.f. Fig. 1.1).

## 1.6. OUTLINE OF TRANSPORT REGIMES

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, a two-parameter diagram (c.f. Fig. 1.4) enumerates types of transport behavior. The first parameter is system length  $L$ , Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. The two-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $T/\mathcal{E}$  in nonconservative random media.

A single-valued parameter such as  $T/\mathcal{E}$  is useful even in this two-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. However, not all single-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $T/\mathcal{E}$ , Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur



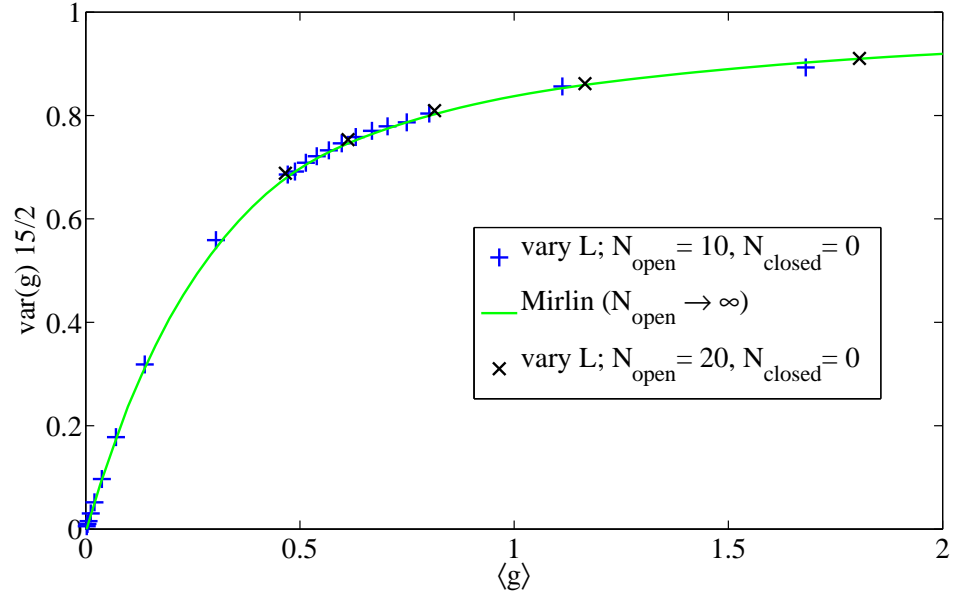


Figure 1.3: Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodog versus variance of  $g$  for quasi-1D waveguide [53] Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo 1.5. Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. The 15/2 Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\langle g \rangle$  and  $\text{var}(g)$  Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo (with the number of open channels  $N_{\text{open}}$  determined by  $W$ ) and varying system length  $L$ . The supersymmetry-Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, but  $N_{\text{open}}$  equal to 10 and 20 is sufficient.

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Figure 1.4 describes types of transport in quasi-1D waveguides with random media; it has three passive regimes: ballistic (**B**), diffusive (**D**), localized (**L**) on the horizontal axis and gain (**G**) or absorption (**A**) strength on the vertical axis. The two-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. The passive regime transitions (B/D/L) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\ell_{tmfp}$  and localization length  $\xi$ , as described in section 1.2. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\lambda$ .

The absorption (gain) rate  $\gamma_{a,g}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo (doubled) along a specific path. The absorption (gain) rate is the inverse of the absorption (gain) lifetime,  $\gamma_{a,g} = \frac{1}{\tau_{a,g}}$ , where  $\tau_{a,g}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo (doubled). Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Given a characteristic time  $\tau_{a,g}$ , Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\ell_{a,g} = \tau_{a,g}c$ , where  $c$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo (doubling) with respect to the path length. The  $\ell_{a,g}$  is determined from the time-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo,

$$D \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial z^2} = \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}, \quad (1.11)$$

to be

$$\ell_{a,g} = \left( \frac{d}{\pi^2} \right) \frac{L^2}{\ell_{tmfp}}. \quad (1.12)$$

However,  $\ell_{a,g}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo(doubled when gain is present). The system length  $L$  (Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo) should be replaced by a new diffusive-regime length,  $\xi_{a,g}$ . Eq. 1.12 can then be solved for  $\xi_{a,g}$ :

$$\xi_{a,g} = \sqrt{\frac{\ell_{a,g}\ell_{tmfp}}{d}}. \quad (1.13)$$

Physically,  $\xi_{a,g}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-scattering system. To distinguish the two absorption (gain) lengths,  $\xi_{a,g}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $L$  (rather than path length  $L_D$ ), whereas  $\ell_{a,g}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $L_D$ . If  $L$  is equal to  $L_D$ , then no diffusion is occurring and  $\ell_{a,g}$  is equal to  $\xi_{a,g}$ . Usually, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $L_D$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $L$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo: first, experimentally,  $L_D$  is harder to measure than  $L$ ; second, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

For localized systems, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo(i.e., ray optics do not apply). In this regime  $\xi_{a,g}$  is used, but it is not defined in terms of  $\ell_{a,g}$  as in Eq. 1.13. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\xi_a = \xi$  (the horizontal line between  $AD_3$  and  $AL_3$  in Fig. 1.4). Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. 1.13 to  $\xi_{a,g} = \xi = N_{open}\ell_{tmfp}$  and

solving

$$N_{open}^2 \ell_{tmfp}^2 = \frac{\ell_{tmfp} \ell_{a,g}}{d} \quad (1.14)$$

to get  $\ell_{a,g} = d N_{open}^2 \ell_{tmfp}$ . For the diffusive regime, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo(gain) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. The remaining curves in Fig. 1.4 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, rather than the characteristic lengths.

For passive media, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo( $\delta\omega$  of the Thouless criterion in Eq. 1.3) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo(Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo). To account for absorption or gain, an additional term is needed [36] in the form of a rate:  $\delta\omega + \gamma_{a,g}$ . Although the width of DOS  $\Delta\omega$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-Kronig relation [48], Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo(Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo[54]) or absorption rate  $\gamma_{a,g} = \mp c/\ell_{a,g}$ :

$$\delta' = \frac{\delta\omega + \gamma_{a,g}}{\Delta\omega}; \quad (1.15)$$

it is plotted as the red curve  $\delta' = 1$ . Physically, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-mode of the system, as plotted by the black curve  $\pm\gamma = \delta\omega$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet,

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In the ballistic regime  $GB_1$ , Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo (and similarly for  $AB_1$  when  $\ell_a < L$ ). Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $AD_1$  and  $GD_1$ , Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. The use of conditional statistics [36] Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. With sufficient absorption, signatures of diffusion are reduced ( $AD_2$ ) and suppressed ( $AD_3$ ). In contrast, gain enhances fluctuations ( $GL_1$ ) and leads to lasing ( $GL_2$ ) on average for many realizations [54]. Transport in region  $GD_2$  is the equivalent of “negative absorption” in region  $AD_2$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo ( $AL_1$ ) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo ( $AL_2$ ) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo ( $AL_3$ ).

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of transmission [57],Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo>Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

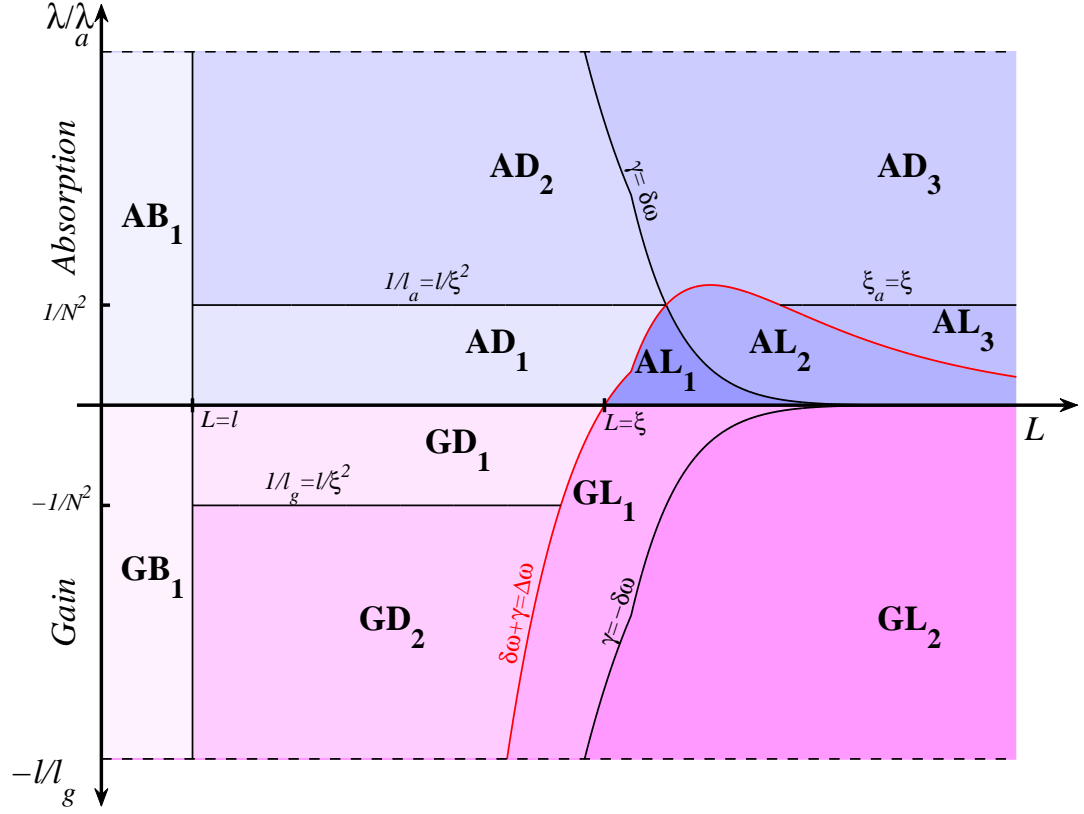


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## 2. LOREM IPSUM DOLOR SIT AMET, CONSECTETUR ADIPISCING ELIT; MAECENAS ULTRICES EGESTAS COMMODO

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### ABSTRACT\*

In this work, we investigate a possibility of using the ratio between optical transmission,  $T$ , and energy stored inside the system,  $\mathcal{E}$ , as a quantitative measure of the enhanced mesoscopic corrections to diffusive transport of light through a random medium with gain. We obtain an expression for  $T/\mathcal{E}$  as a function of amplification strength in the diffusive approximation and show that it does not have tendency to diverge when the threshold for random lasing is approached, as both  $T$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  do. Furthermore, we find that a change in  $T/\mathcal{E}$  signifies a change in the electric field distribution inside the random medium. In the localization regime, we also investigate the correlations between transmission and energy stored in the medium with and without amplification. Our results suggest that  $T/\mathcal{E}$  is a promising parameter which can help characterize the nature of wave transport in random medium with gain.

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## 2.1. INTRODUCTION

Anderson localization [3] (AL) is a wave phenomenon [14, 15, 19] that leads to a breakdown of diffusion[13, 35]. First conceived in electronic systems, it originates from a repeated self-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Conservation of number of carriers,Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo,Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

Understanding the effect of absorption [14], ubiquitous in optical systems,Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodolight localization [16, 17, 58, 59, 60, 61]. It also prompted the search[16]Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Coherent amplification,Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo[22],Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

In the case of absorption, an alternative criterion, based on the magnitude of *fluctuations*Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, was put forward [16]. In random media with gain, this quantity (Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo) becomes ill-defined [36]. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo[22]. Without saturation effects,Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo- and material-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. To avoid such

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In Section 2.2, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $T/\mathcal{E}$ , Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\mathcal{E}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo (no saturation mechanism is assumed). However, when taken in a form of a ratio, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Secondly, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo–dependent diffusion constant  $D(z)$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo[38, 62] in the self–Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. The connection between  $T/\mathcal{E}$  and  $D(z)$  demonstrates that the former can, indeed, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices

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## 2.2. ANALYSIS OF $T/\mathcal{E}$ : DIFFUSIVE REGIME

**2.2.1. Model Description.** Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo(electrons, photons, etc) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-less diffusion equation. Under this condition, the ensemble-averaged diffusive flux  $\langle \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle$  and the energy density  $\langle \mathcal{W}(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle$  are related via[63]

$$\langle \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle = -D(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \langle \mathcal{W}(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle. \quad (2.1)$$

The diffusion approximation amounts to  $D(\mathbf{r}) \equiv D_0 = v_E \ell / 3$ , where  $\ell$  is transport mean free path and  $v_E$  is the energy transport velocity [64]. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $v_E$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

Vollhardt and Wölfle [35] Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-like formalism. With recent refinements [38, 62], Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $D(\mathbf{r})$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. At the same time, deviation (reduction) of  $D(\mathbf{r})$  from the constant value of  $D_0$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

Eq. (2.1) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo

$$\frac{\partial \langle \mathcal{W}(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle}{\partial t} + \text{div} \langle \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle = \frac{c}{l_g} \langle \mathcal{W}(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle + J_0 \delta(z - z_p), \quad (2.2)$$

where  $l_g$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $J_0$  at  $z = z_p \sim \ell$ , the penetration depth [65], near the left boundary. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo (e.g. acoustic) waves with  $\mathcal{W}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \varepsilon(\mathbf{r}) |d\psi(\mathbf{r}, t)/dt|^2 / (2c^2) + |\nabla \psi(\mathbf{r}, t)|^2 / 2$  and the electromagnetic waves with  $\mathcal{W}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \varepsilon(\mathbf{r}) |\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)|^2 / 2 + \mu |\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t)|^2 / 2$  [63]. In the former case  $c/\varepsilon^{1/2}(\mathbf{r})$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\psi(\mathbf{r})$  and in the latter,  $\varepsilon(\mathbf{r})$  is the dielectric function and  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ ,  $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  are the electric and magnetic fields.

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Eq. (2.4) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-consistent diffusion coefficient. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo[35, 38], Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $T/\mathcal{E}$  parameter below its diffusion-predicted value, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. (2.4) by assuming  $D(z) \equiv D_0$  gives the expected result

$$\frac{T}{\mathcal{E}} \simeq \frac{1}{J_0} \times \frac{2D_0}{L^2}. \quad (2.6)$$

The quantity  $D_0/L^2$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodot<sub>D</sub> -Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $T/\mathcal{E}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. The reduction of  $D(z) < D_0$  leads to an increase of  $T/\mathcal{E}$ , as expected in passive systems.

**2.2.3. Asymptotic Behavior of  $T/\mathcal{E}$ : Strong Gain Limit.** Under the assumptions specified in Sec. 2.2.1, the integration of Eq. (2.2) over the interval  $z \in [0, L]$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. (2.3) gives

$$(T + R - 1) \times J_0 = \mathcal{E} \times (c/l_g). \quad (2.7)$$

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ultrices egestas commodo. We note that in absence of gain  $1/l_g \rightarrow 0$ , Eq. (2.7) reduces to familiar  $T + R = 1$  (see Eq. (2.3) for the definitions of  $T, R$ ).

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. 2.2.4, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $l_{g,cr}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Importantly, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo,  $T$  and  $R$  become comparable  $T \simeq R \gg 1$ . Under such conditions, Eq. (2.7) yields

$$\frac{T}{\mathcal{E}} \simeq \frac{1}{J_0} \times \frac{c}{2l_g} \rightarrow \frac{1}{J_0} \times \frac{c}{2l_{g,cr}}. \quad (2.8)$$

This shows that the studied ratio  $T/\mathcal{E}$ , indeed, remains finite. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $1/l_{g,cr}$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $T/\mathcal{E}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo (such as  $T \simeq R$  above) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo— Eq. (2.8) and Eq. (2.6) respectively.

**2.2.4. Intermediate Gains.** In this section, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $T/\mathcal{E}$  for an optically thick ( $\ell \ll L$ ) slab of 3 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. 2.2.1. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo [19], i.e.  $k\ell \gg 1$ , so that the condition  $D(z) = D_0$  can be reasonably well satisfied. A combination of Eqs. (2.1, 2.2) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas

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$$0 = D_0 \nabla_z^2 \langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle + \frac{c}{l_g} \langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle + J_0 \delta(z - z_p). \quad (2.9)$$

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$$\langle J_{\pm}(z) \rangle = \frac{c}{4} \langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle \mp \frac{D_0}{2} \frac{d \langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle}{dz} \quad (2.10)$$

where  $\langle J_- \rangle$  and  $\langle J_+ \rangle$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodoz-directions respectively. Evaluating  $\langle J_-(0) \rangle$  and  $\langle J_+(L) \rangle$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo

$$\langle J_-(0) \rangle = J_0 \frac{\sin(\alpha(L - z_p)) + \alpha z_0 \cos(\alpha(L - z_p))}{(1 - \alpha^2 z_0^2) \sin(\alpha L) + 2\alpha z_0 \cos(\alpha L)} \quad (2.11)$$

$$\langle J_+(L) \rangle = J_0 \frac{\sin(\alpha z_p) + \alpha z_0 \cos(\alpha z_p)}{(1 - \alpha^2 z_0^2) \sin(\alpha L) + 2\alpha z_0 \cos(\alpha L)}, \quad (2.12)$$

where  $z_0 = 2\ell/3 \sim \ell$  is the extrapolation length [72], and  $\alpha^{-1} = \sqrt{\ell l_g/3}$ . Ensemble Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas



commodo, c.f. Eq. (2.5)

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{J_0}{D_0 \alpha^2} \left[ \frac{\sin(\alpha z_p) + \sin(\alpha(L - z_p)) + \alpha z_0 (\cos(\alpha z_p) + \cos(\alpha(L - z_p)))}{(1 - \alpha^2 z_0^2) \sin(\alpha L) + 2\alpha z_0 \cos(\alpha L)} - 1 \right]. \quad (2.13)$$

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In Fig. 2.1a,b we plot Eqs. (2.11,2.12,2.13) for a slab of thickness  $L/\ell = 100$ . As expected, we observe the divergence of the transmission and reflection fluxes, c.f. Fig. 2.1a, when diffusive random lasing threshold (RLT) is approached ( $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_{cr} = \pi/(L + 2z_0) \simeq \pi/L$ ) with an increase of gain parameter  $\alpha$  or, equivalently, a decrease of gain length  $l_g$  toward  $l_{g,cr} \simeq 3L^2/(\pi^2 \ell)$ . The asymptotic dependence is then

$$\langle J_-(0) \rangle \simeq \langle J_+(L) \rangle \simeq J_0 \frac{z_0 + z_p}{\pi} \frac{\alpha_{cr}^2}{\alpha_{cr} - \alpha}. \quad (2.14)$$

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $L$  is increased towards critical length,  $L_{cr}(\alpha)$ , while keeping the gain parameter  $\alpha$  fixed.

In Fig. 2.1 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\langle J_-(0) \rangle / \mathcal{E} \equiv J_0 R / \mathcal{E}$  and transmission to energy  $\langle J_+(L) \rangle / \mathcal{E} \equiv J_0 T / \mathcal{E}$  obtained from Eqs. (2.11,2.12,2.13). One can observe that both  $R/\mathcal{E}$  and  $T/\mathcal{E}$  indeed remain finite at  $\alpha_{cr}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. (2.8). Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $(\alpha_{cr} - \alpha)$ , Eq. (2.14), Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, the second order terms (not shown) are not. This explains different slopes of  $R/\mathcal{E}$  and  $T/\mathcal{E}$  in approach to lasing threshold in Fig. ??b.

By making assumption that  $\ell/L \ll 1$ , Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $T/\mathcal{E}$  with *an arbitrary value of gain*

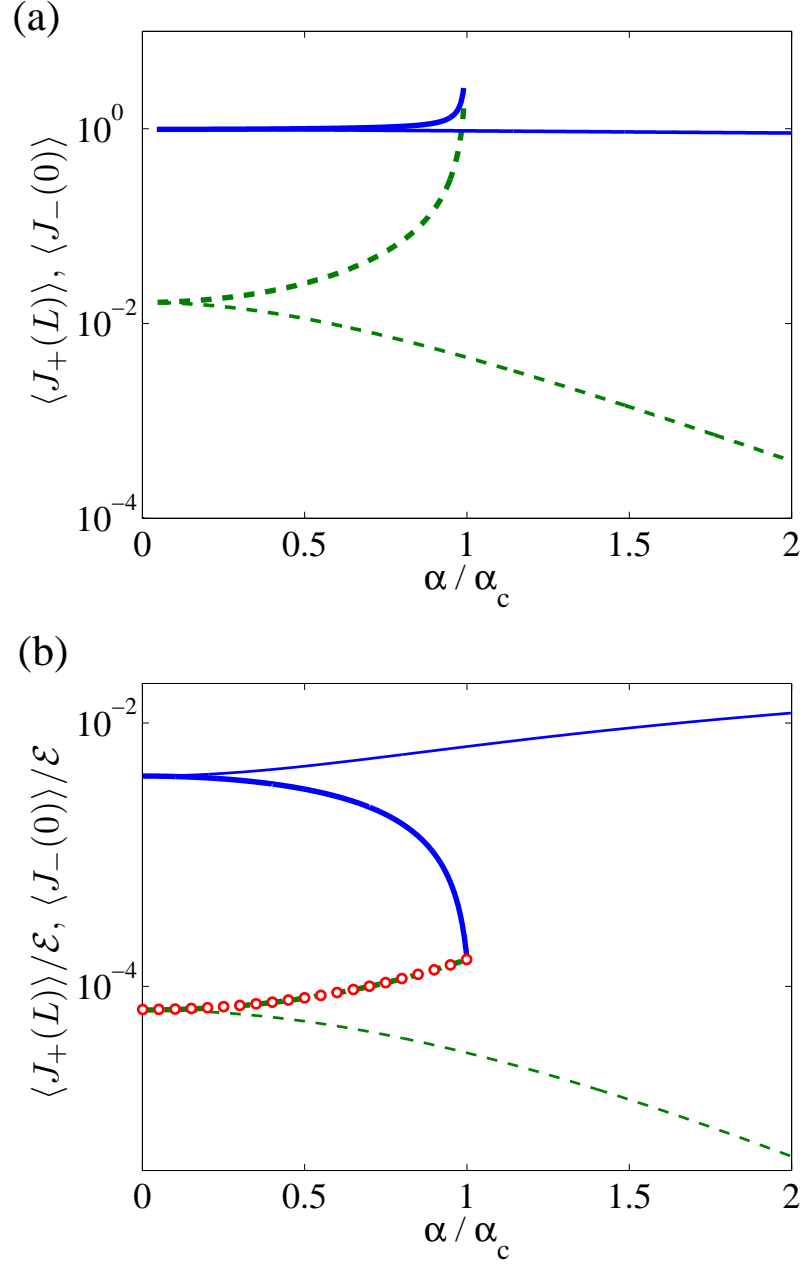


Figure 2.1: (a) Transmission  $\langle J_+(L) \rangle$  (dashed line) and reflection  $\langle J_-(0) \rangle$  (solid line) given by Eqs. (2.11,2.12) are plotted for increasing gain (thick lines) and absorption (thin lines) coefficients for a slab of random medium of thickness  $L/\ell = 100$ . In panel (b) we plot the same quantities as in (a) but normalized by the value of total energy stored inside random medium  $\mathcal{E}$ , c.f. Eq. (2.13). The divergence in the vicinity of RLT is prevented as both curves approach the same limiting value given by Eq. (2.8).  $T/\mathcal{E}$  obtained by evaluating the approximate expression Eq. (2.15) is shown with open circles. For the chosen  $L/\ell = 100 \gg 1$  the deviation from the exact result is indiscernible.

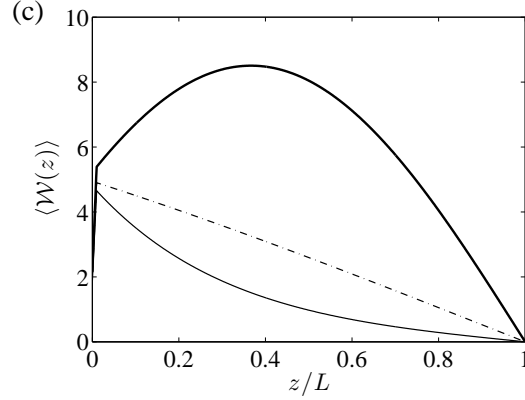


Figure 2.2: Diffuse energy density distribution  $\langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle$  inside the slab of random medium with thickness  $L/\ell = 100$  from Eq. (2.13). Thick solid line corresponds to the sample with gain ( $\alpha/\alpha_{cr} = 0.8$ ), dashed line – to passive sample, whereas thin solid line – to the sample with absorption ( $|\alpha/\alpha_{cr}| = 1$ ). Absorption curve is shown for comparison.

parameter  $\alpha$ :

$$\frac{T}{\mathcal{E}} \simeq \frac{D_0 \alpha^2}{2J_0 \sin^2(\alpha L/2)}. \quad (2.15)$$

Fig. 2.1 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo(open circles) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. (2.12,2.13). Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $T/\mathcal{E}$  Eqs. (2.6,2.8) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

Based on our observations above, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. 2.3:

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- (b) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas

commodo. (2.5), both  $R/\mathcal{E}$  and  $T/\mathcal{E}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Instead, they converge to the finite value of  $c/(2l_{g,cr}) \equiv 2D_0/L^2 \times (\pi^2/4)$ , c.f. Eq. (2.8). Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\pi^2/4 \simeq 2.5$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, c.f. Eq. (2.6);

(c) The change of the quantities  $R/\mathcal{E}$  and  $T/\mathcal{E}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, c.f. Fig. ??c. When energy density  $\langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle \propto \sin(\pi z/L)$  the ratios  $R/\mathcal{E}$  and  $T/\mathcal{E}$  saturate;

(d) In Sec. 2.2.2 we showed, c.f. Eq. (2.4), Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $T/\mathcal{E}$  smaller then its diffusion prediction, Eq. (2.6). Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Thus, Eq. (2.15) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

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- (i) The diffusion approximation (Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo;
- (ii) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo [36] and random lasing threshold [73]. Thus  $T/\mathcal{E}$  in the form of a ratio between the *average* Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\tilde{T}$  and energy-stored  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  in any given realization. Instead, it

may need to be replaced with  $\langle \tilde{T}/\tilde{\mathcal{E}} \rangle$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo;

(iii) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, the divergence of fluctuations of  $\tilde{T}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\left\langle \left( \tilde{T}/\tilde{\mathcal{E}} \right)^n \right\rangle$  or, perhaps, its entire distribution;

(iv) At the onset of random lasing, nonlinear and dynamical processes[22, 66, 67, 68, 69] Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, thus, a CW quantity such as  $T/\mathcal{E}$  may no longer be suitable.

## 2.3. ANALYSIS OF $T/\mathcal{E}$ : LOCALIZED REGIME

**2.3.1. Model Description.** Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo(i-iii) from Sec. 2.2.4 influence  $\tilde{T}/\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $T$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  are reserved for the ensemble-averaged quantities. Compared to Sec. 2.2, we consider the other extreme case – the regime of localized transport – Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. For this purpose a one-dimensional (1D) model is already sufficient. Indeed, long enough 1 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, therefore, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Despite the reduced dimensionality, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo[74, 75, 76, 77] for which the considered one-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

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$$\begin{cases} E_L(x < 0, \omega) = \exp[i\omega x/c] + r_L(\omega) \exp[-i\omega x/c] \\ E_L(x > L, \omega) = t_L(\omega) \exp[i\omega x/c] \end{cases} \quad (2.16)$$

$$\begin{cases} E_R(x < 0, \omega) = t_R(\omega) \exp[-i\omega x/c] \\ E_R(x > L, \omega) = \exp[-i\omega x/c] + r_R(\omega) \exp[i\omega x/c] \end{cases} \quad (2.17)$$

Here,  $r_{L,R}(\omega), t_{L,R}(\omega)$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo;  $\tilde{T} = |t|^2$  and  $\tilde{R} = |r|^2$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $2 \times 2$  transfer matrices[79, 80, 81]

$$\hat{t}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(kn_i a_i) & n_i^{-1} \sin(kn_i a_i) \\ -n_i \sin(kn_i a_i) & \cos(kn_i a_i) \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.18)$$

which act on the two-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Here  $n_i = \epsilon_i^{1/2}$  is the refractive index and  $a_i$  is the width of the  $i$ 'th slab.

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**2.3.2. Correlations Between  $\tilde{T}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$ .** Motivated by our analysis in Section 2.2.4, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-model. Fig. (2.3b) shows  $\tilde{T}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Indeed, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\tilde{T}/\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

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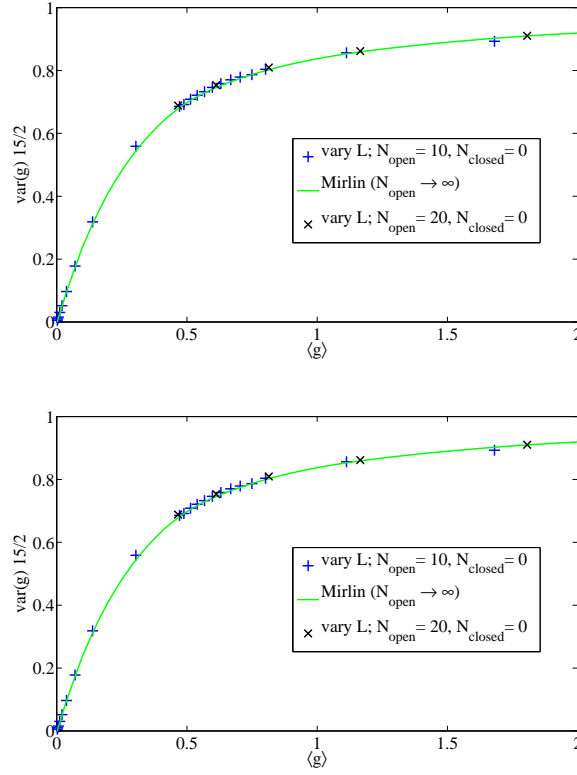


Figure 2.3: (a) The spatially-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. (b) Transmission (solid line, right  $y$ -axis) as a function of frequency,  $\tilde{T}(\omega)$ , is compared to the total energy (dashed line, left  $y$ -axis) in the sample  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(\omega)$  for one random realization of disorder. No one-to-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.



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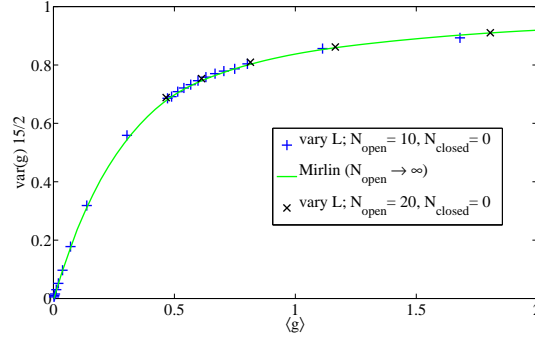


Figure 2.4: Two types of the on-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodox<sub>0</sub> in the first half (bold lines) and the second half (thin lines) of the sample ( $x_0/L \approx 0.25$ ). Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodu, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodu. (2.16) to Eq. (2.17). Due to reciprocity, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodu. However, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodu. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodu $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(\omega)$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodu $\exp(\pm x/\xi)$  spatial dependences. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodu. 2.3.1.

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**2.3.3. Behavior of  $\tilde{T}/\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  in Passive Random Medium: Spectral Vicinity of a Resonance.** Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. 2.3.2 and Appx. 2.6.2 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\tilde{T}/\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

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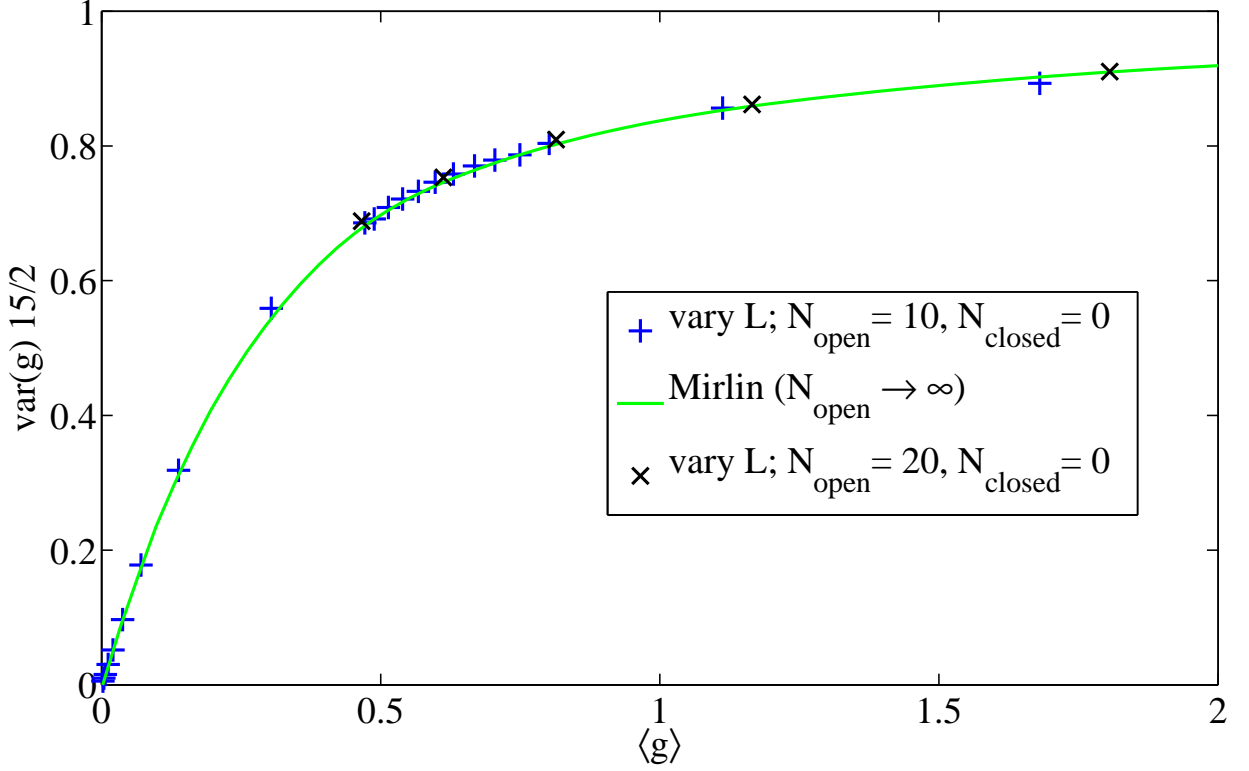


Figure 2.5: The dependencies of  $\tilde{T}(\omega)$  (a,b); envelope of the electric field  $E(x)$  (c,d); and energy in the system  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(\omega)$  (e,f). Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. The plots (a,c,e) and (b,d,f) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $x_0 = L/4$  and  $x_0 = 3L/4$  respectively. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. (2.17) – wave incident from the right – for easy comparison with Figs. 2.4,2.9. In the first case, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Three sets of  $E(x)$  in (c,d) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo (a,b,e,f). The envelopes illustrate the on- and off-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. (2.20,2.21,2.22,2.23). Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. In this case, unlike  $\tilde{T}(\omega)$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(\omega)$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\omega_0$ , compare (e) and (f). Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $0 < x_0 < L/2$  and  $L/2 < x_0 < L$  in the  $\tilde{T}/\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  as discussed in Sec. 2.3.2 and Appx. 2.6.2.

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$$\tilde{T}(\omega) = \frac{t_0^2}{[2(k - k_0)\Delta]^2 + t_0^2 \cosh^2 \frac{|L - 2x_0|}{\xi}} \quad (2.19)$$

where  $k = \omega/c$  and  $t_0 = \exp(-L/\xi)$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adip-  
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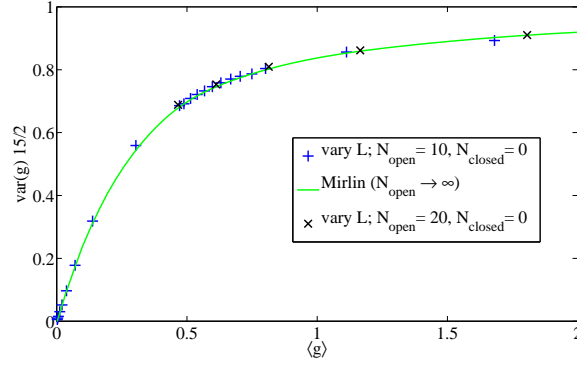


Figure 2.6: The solid line plots  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(\omega_0, x_0)$  from Eq. (2.23). Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo(exponentially) when the center of localization  $x_0$  increases beyond  $L/2$  and reaches the off-resonant value for  $x_0 > 2L/3$ . The dashed line with the right  $y$ -axis represents the ratio between  $\tilde{T}(\omega_0, x_0)$  in Eq. (2.19) and  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(\omega_0, x_0)$  in Eq. (2.23). The ratio peaks at the same value of  $x_0/L = 2/3$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo or the system length  $L$ .

We note two important properties of Eq. (2.19). First, the maximum (resonant) value of the transmission at  $\omega = \omega_0$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\tilde{T}(\omega_0) = \cosh^{-2}(|L - 2x_0|/\xi)$ . It turns to unity when  $x_0 = L/2$ . Secondly, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $|\omega - \omega_0| \gg \delta\omega$ , Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo—Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

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$$E(x, \omega_0) = \begin{cases} B(\omega_0, x_0) \exp[(x - x_0)/\xi] & 0 < x < x_0 \\ C(\omega_0, x_0) \exp[-(x - x_0)/\xi] & x_0 < x < L \end{cases} \quad (2.20)$$

for  $x_0 < L/2$ ; and

$$E(x, \omega_0) = \begin{cases} A(\omega_0, x_0) \exp[-x/\xi] & 0 < x < x_T(\omega_0) \\ B(\omega_0, x_0) \exp[(x - x_0)/\xi] & x_T(\omega_0) < x < x_0 \\ C(\omega_0, x_0) \exp[-(x - x_0)/\xi] & x_0 < x < L \end{cases} \quad (2.21)$$

for  $x_0 > L/2$ . Here  $A, B, C$  Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. At the boundaries we set  $E(x = 0) = 1$  and  $E(x = L) = \tilde{T}^{1/2}(\omega_0)$ . Noticing that  $E(x = L, \omega_0) \approx \exp[-|2x_0 - L|/\xi]$  Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo,  $x_T(\omega_0) = 2x_0 - L$ , in the case of Eq. (2.21). Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, such as in Sec. 2.3.1, the Eqs. (2.20,2.21) Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $(\omega - \omega_0), x_0, \xi$ , and  $L$ .

In both cases above, away from the resonant frequency  $k_0$ , we see three distinct regions:

$$E(x) = \begin{cases} A(\omega, x_0) \exp[-x/\xi] & 0 < x < x_T(\omega) \\ B(\omega, x_0) \exp[(x - x_0)/\xi] & x_T(\omega) < x < x_0 \\ C(\omega, x_0) \exp[-(x - x_0)/\xi] & x_0 < x < L \end{cases} \quad (2.22)$$

where  $x_T(\omega)$  Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $E(x = 0) = 1$  and  $E(x = L) = T^{1/2}(\omega)$ . Fig. 2.5 Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $x_0 < L/2$  and  $x_0 > L/2$  cases. Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $x_0$ . Indeed, integrating Eqs. (2.20,2.21) gives us the sought expression for  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(\omega)$ . At  $\omega = \omega_0$  it simplifies to

$$\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(x_0) \propto \begin{cases} 2\tilde{T}(\omega) \exp[2(L - x_0)/\xi] - 1 - \tilde{T}(\omega) & 0 < x_0 < L/2 \\ 2\tilde{T}(\omega) \exp[2(L - x_0)/\xi] + 1 - 3\tilde{T}(\omega) & L/2 < x_0 < L \end{cases} \quad (2.23)$$

This expression is plotted in Fig. 2.6. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $x_0 < L/2$  and  $x_0 > L/2$ . Eq. (2.23) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-resonant case for  $x_0 > 2L/3$ . The latter value of  $x_0$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\xi$ ,  $L$ , etc.

When expressions in Eqs. (2.19,2.23) are combined to form the ratio  $\tilde{T}/\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$ , Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $x_0$ , c.f. Fig. 2.6. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $0 < x_0 < 2L/3$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $2L/3 < x_0 < L$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\tilde{T}/\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  on  $x_0$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo (linear) optical amplification on this quantity.

**2.3.4. Behavior of  $\tilde{T}/\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  in Active Random Medium.** As we observed in Sec. 2.2.4, a change in  $T/\mathcal{E}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\tilde{T}/\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Interestingly, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, we employ the deterministic (non-random) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo (see Sec. 2.3.3). Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\epsilon(x) \rightarrow \epsilon(x) + i\alpha$ . As previously discussed in Sec. 2.1, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.



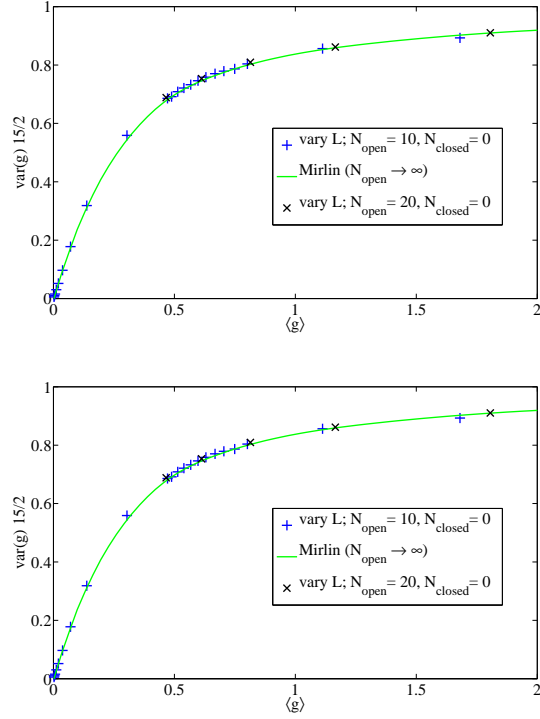


Figure 2.7: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo 1D random medium. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $x_0 = L/4$  is considered. As discussed in Sec. 2.3.2, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo (such as those in Fig. 2.4) in random media. Panels (a) and (b) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo (at resonant frequency) from the left and right respectively. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. The solid curves (from bottom up) are obtained for  $l_{g,cr}/l_g$  equal to 0.5, 0.9, 0.99 in (a) and 0.85, 0.95, 0.98, 0.99 in (b). The field distribution in (b) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

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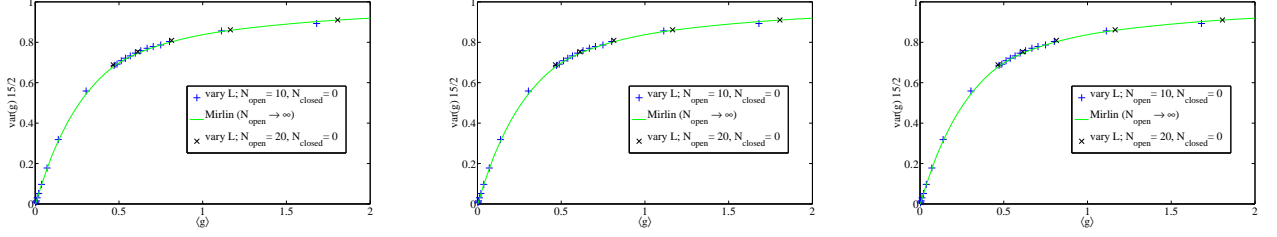


Figure 2.8: Panel (a) plots  $E_{L,R}(x, \omega_c) \equiv E^{(L,R)}(x, \omega_c, \alpha = 0)$  Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. (2.16,2.17), see text for notations. For non-zero gain,  $\alpha > 0$ , the electric field distributions  $E^{(L,R)}(x, \omega_c, \alpha)$  Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. 2.7. Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo(a), and the resulting coefficients  $C_{L,R}^{(L)}(\alpha)$  and  $C_{L,R}^{(R)}(\alpha)$ , defined in Eq. (2.25), are plotted in (b) and (c) respectively. Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $E_L(x, \omega_c)$  and  $E^{(c)}(x, \omega_c)$  (the solution in the closed system) Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, Lore ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. In all three panels, thick / thin curve and large / small symbols refer to  $E_L(x, \omega_c)$  /  $E_R(x, \omega_c)$ .

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commodo. 2.3.2 and Appx. 2.6.2 with  $r_{L,R}(\omega), t_{L,R}(\omega)$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo(it is independent of  $x$  in our model of disorder  $\epsilon(x)$ ) is non-zero for one particular value of  $x$ . At  $x = 0$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. (2.16,2.17) as  $-2it_R(\omega)\omega/c \neq 0$ .

At some special frequencies  $\omega_c$ , a linear combination  $E^{(c)}(x, \omega_c) = C_L^{(c)} E_L(x, \omega_c) + C_R^{(c)} E_R(x, \omega_c)$  can be formed such that conditions  $E^{(c)}(x = 0, \omega_c) = 0$  and  $E^{(c)}(x = L, \omega_c) = 0$  are satisfied simultaneously. Such  $\omega_c$ 's correspond to the true eigen-modes of the closed system – the system defined by  $\epsilon(0 \leq x \leq L)$  with zero (reflecting) boundary conditions at  $x = 0, L$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo1 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo(similar to  $E_L(x, \omega_c)$  depicted with thick lines in Figs. (2.4,2.9)) makes the dominant contribution to  $E^{(c)}(x, \omega_c)$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo(similar to  $E_R(x, \omega_c)$  depicted with thin lines in Figs. (2.4,2.9)) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. [88, 89, 90].

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adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\alpha$ -dependent  $C_L(\alpha), C_R(\alpha)$ :

$$E(x, \omega_c, \alpha) \simeq C_L(\alpha)E_L(x, \omega_c) + C_R(\alpha)E_R(x, \omega_c). \quad (2.24)$$

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$$C_{L,R}^{(L,R)}(\alpha) = \int_0^L E^{(L,R)}(x, \omega_c, \alpha) E_{L,R}^*(x, \omega_c) dx. \quad (2.25)$$

Figs. 2.8b,c show  $C_{L,R}^{(L)}(\alpha)$  and  $C_{L,R}^{(R)}(\alpha)$  respectively. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $x_0 \sim L/4$  where passive profiles, depicted in Fig. 2.8a, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. 2.4,2.9,2.7. When gain is added to the system, we observe that  $E^{(L)}(x, \omega_c, \alpha) \propto E_L(x, \omega_c)$  for all values of gain, c.f. Fig. 2.8b. In contrast,  $E^{(R)}(x, \omega_c, \alpha)$  exhibited a crossover behavior from  $E^{(R)}(x, \omega_c, \alpha) \propto E_R(x, \omega_c)$  for small  $\alpha$ , to  $E^{(R)}(x, \omega_c, \alpha) \propto E_L(x, \omega_c)$  in the vicinity of lasing threshold. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. 2.3.4, c.f. Fig. 2.7, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo (at the same frequency), Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-boundaries. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

Finally, we note that the solutions  $E_{L,R}(x, \omega)$  should not be confused with the quasi-mode  $E(x, \omega_c + i\varepsilon)$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\omega_c + i\varepsilon$  where e.g. transmission becomes singular. Such quasi-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. However, for a uniform gain in the form  $\epsilon(x)(1 + i\alpha)$  the

dominant mode profile  $E^{(L)}(x, \omega_c, \alpha_{cr})$  does indeed coincide with the quasi-mode due to equivalence between  $\epsilon(x)(1 + i\alpha)\omega_c/c$  and  $\epsilon(x)(\omega_c + i\varepsilon)/c$ .

## 2.4. DISCUSSION AND OUTLOOK

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In Sec. 2.2.4 we obtained the expressions for  $T$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, we conjecture that the decrease in  $T/\mathcal{E}$  below the level established by Eq. (2.15) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

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In future, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\tilde{T}(\alpha)/\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(\alpha)$  and  $T_G(\alpha)$  in random medium with gain. Experimentally, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo – field scanning measurements in two-dimensional random media – Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas

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## 2.5. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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## 2.6. APPENDIX

**2.6.1. Derivation of Equation (2.4).** We consider a slab geometry, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodoz Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodoz as  $\mathbf{r} = (\rho, z)$ . Assuming no dependence on  $\rho$  allows us to rewrite Eq. (2.1) in the form

$$\langle J_z(z) \rangle = -D(z) \frac{d\langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle}{dz}. \quad (2.26)$$

Independence of  $\rho$  is insured for the plane-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\mathcal{W}(z)$  is stationary,  $\partial\langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle/\partial t = 0$ , it follows from Eq. (2.2) that the  $z$ -component of flux is constant for  $z > z_p \sim \ell$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodoz  $= L$  as

$$\langle J_z(z) \rangle = \begin{cases} \langle J_z(L) \rangle \equiv J_0 T, & z_p < z < L \\ \langle J_z(0) \rangle \equiv -J_0 R, & 0 < z < z_p \end{cases} \quad (2.27)$$



where  $T$  is the transmission coefficient. Furthermore, by integrating Eq. (2.2)  $\langle J_z(L) \rangle - \langle J_z(0) \rangle = J_0 T - (-J_0 R) = J_0(T + R) = J_0$ .

After establishing Eq. (2.27),  $\langle J_z(z) \rangle$  is piecewise constant, c.f. Eq. (2.27), we have to neglect by  $0 < z < z_p$  contribution. This introduces an error  $\propto z_p/L \sim \ell/L \ll 1$ ,  $\langle J_z(z) \rangle$  and  $D(z)$  contributions as

$$\int_z^L \frac{\langle J_z(z') \rangle dz'}{D(z')} = -\langle \mathcal{W}(L) \rangle + \langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle. \quad (2.28)$$

The energy density  $\langle \mathcal{W}(L) \rangle$  and left-propagating fluxes  $\langle J_+(L) \rangle = J_0 T$ ,  $\langle J_-(L) \rangle = 0$  using Eqs. (2.10). We obtain  $\langle \mathcal{W}(L) \rangle = 2J_0 T/c$ . To take advantage of the fact that  $\langle J_z(z) \rangle$  is piecewise constant, c.f. Eq. (2.27), we have to neglect by  $0 < z < z_p$  contribution. This introduces an error  $\propto z_p/L \sim \ell/L \ll 1$ ,  $\langle J_z(z) \rangle$  and  $D(z)$  contributions as

$$J_0 T \left[ \int_z^L \frac{dz'}{D(z')} + 2/c \right] = \langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle. \quad (2.29)$$

Before proceeding further,  $\langle J_z(z) \rangle$  and  $D(z)$  contributions as  $\sim \ell/L$  are dropped as well. Hence,  $2/c$  contribution has to be dropped as well.

A subsequent integration of Eq. (2.29) gives

$$J_0 T \int_0^L \int_z^L \frac{1}{D(z')} dz' dz = \int_0^L \langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle dz \equiv \mathcal{E} \quad (2.30)$$

Taking advantage of the system symmetry,  $D(z) = D(L - z)$ , Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^L \int_z^L \frac{1}{D(z')} dz' dz &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \int_0^L \frac{1}{D(z')} dz' dz \\ &= \frac{L}{2} \int_0^L \frac{1}{D(z)} dz. \end{aligned} \quad (2.31)$$

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo,  $D(z) = D_0 \equiv c\ell/3$ , we obtain Eq. (2.4).

**2.6.2. Dependence of  $\tilde{T}/\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  on Position of the Defect State: Non-random Model.** Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-dependent energy content as in Fig. 2.4 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

A clarification is in order. There is no one-to-Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodoödinger and Helmholtz equations[91]. Indeed, John [92] Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, strictly speaking, applied to the electromagnetic waves. However, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo[93] (e.g. disordered photonic crystals), the negative energy and, thus, tunneling regime can be recovered. To achieve this formally, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit; Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo-medium transformation, as in e.g. Refs [87, 94, 95].

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Table 2.1: Nearest and next-nearest pairings kazoo

$c_1^{(nn)}$	$c_2^{(nn)}$	$c_3^{(nn)}$	$c_1^{(nnn)}$	$c_2^{(nnn)}$	$c_3^{(nnn)}$
0.004105	0.000915	0.000238	0.002034	0.000736	0.000261

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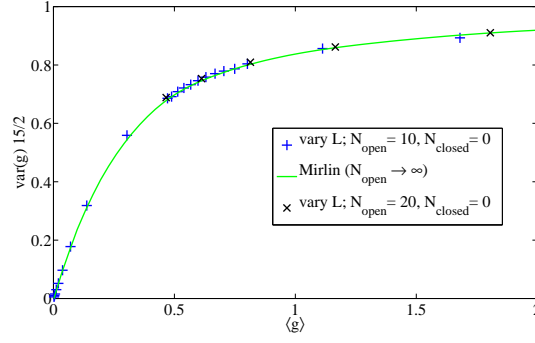


Figure 2.9: Solution of the Schrödinger equation. The x-axis is  $\langle g \rangle$  and the y-axis is  $\text{var}(g) / 15/2$ . The plot shows three data series: blue '+' markers for  $N_{\text{open}} = 10, N_{\text{closed}} = 0$ ; a green line for  $N_{\text{open}} \rightarrow \infty$ ; and black 'x' markers for  $N_{\text{open}} = 20, N_{\text{closed}} = 0$ . All series show a monotonic increase from (0,0) towards 1.0.

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### 3. CLASSIFICATION OF REGIMES OF WAVE TRANSPORT IN QUASI ONE-DIMENSIONAL NON-CONSERVATIVE RANDOM MEDIA

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#### ABSTRACT\*

Passive quasi-one-dimensional random media are known to exhibit one of the three regimes of transport – ballistic, diffusive or localized – depending on the system size. In contrast, in non-conservative systems the physical parameter space also includes the gain/absorption length scale. Here, by studying the relationships between the transport mean free path, the localization length, and the gain/absorption length, we enumerate fifteen regimes of wave propagation through quasi-one-dimensional random media with gain or absorption. The results are presented graphically in a form of a phase diagram. Of particular experimental importance, in absorbing random medium we identify three different regimes which bear signatures of the localized regime of the passive counterpart. We also review the literature and, when possible, assign experimental systems to a particular regime on the diagram.

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### 3.1. INTRODUCTION

Discovery of Anderson localization (AL) [3]Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. [1]. AL is a wave phenomenon [96] that results in cessation of diffusion [97]. First conceived in electronic systems,Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Conservation of number of carriers,Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, lies in the foundation of the concept of AL [13].

Understanding the effect of absorption [14], ubiquitous in optical systems,Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.*light* [16, 17, 58, 59, 60, 61] and other classical waves such as ultrasound [26, 98]. It also prompted [16]Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Furthermore, the effect opposite to the absorption, coherent amplification,Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. [22, 23]. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo,Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo,Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. [42].

In this work,Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.(quasi-1D) random media, such as disordered waveguides,Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. In quasi-1D geometry the transition to AL lacks sharp features (mobility edges) observed in even more complex three-dimensional systems. Thus, Section 3.2Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.1D random media. In Section 3.3Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet,

consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. 1D non-conservative systems. In Section 3.4, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Furthermore, we review the available publications on the subject and, when published data is sufficient, assign them to a particular region on our phase-diagram. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.??.

### 3.2. LOCALIZATION IN QUASI-1D NON-CONSERVATIVE RANDOM MEDIA

**3.2.1. Localization in Finite Passive Random Media.** Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. [99]. In experimentally relevant situations, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Thus, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

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are listed in Table 3.1. Out of six possible couplings only three appear to be important including one next-nearest coupling. The latter corresponds to coupling between the diagonal cavities in the diamond arrangement.

**3.2.2. Localization in Finite Random Media With Gain or Absorption.** Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices

Table 3.1: Coupling coefficients for nearest and next-nearest pairings

$c_1^{(nn)}$	$c_2^{(nn)}$	$c_3^{(nn)}$	$c_1^{(nnn)}$	$c_2^{(nnn)}$	$c_3^{(nnn)}$
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In the case of absorption, a quantitative criterion, based on the magnitude of *fluctuation* of transmission normalized by its average, was put forward [16]. Although it described the experiment well, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. [30], Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

In random media with gain, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Without saturation effects, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas



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**3.2.3. Disordered Waveguide (Wire) Geometry.** Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, the transport properties in quasi-1D (waveguide) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo [40]. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo [81] which yielded some exact analytical results [53, 113].

In passive quasi-1D Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $L$  only (and not the strength of disorder as in three-dimensions, 3D), even if the system is weakly scattering  $k\ell \gg 1$ . The diffusion regime is only a transitive regime which, unlike in 3D systems, does not persist in the limit  $L \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, quasi-1D systems [16, 32, 33, 49, 103, 105, 114,

115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121]Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. However, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $L \rightarrow \infty$  may not be easily defined, quasi-1D Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo *finite size*. As shown below, it is expected to exhibit very complex parameter space, c.f. Fig. 3.3. Furthermore, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo 1D non-conservative random media.

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### 3.3. DEFINITIONS OF PARAMETERS IN QUASI-1D NON- CONSERVATIVE RANDOM MEDIA

In passive volume-disordered waveguides, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\ell$  and  $\xi = N \times \ell$  respectively. Here  $\ell$  is the transport mean free path,  $N$  is the number of waveguide channels, and  $\xi$  is the localization length [40]. In waveguides filled with a non-conservative random medium, the parameter space becomes two-dimensional: beside the system size  $L$ , it also includes the gain or absorption length scale  $\ell_{g,a}$ . Fig. 3.3 shows this two-parameter phase space.

The boundaries between different regions in Fig. 3.3 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. The length

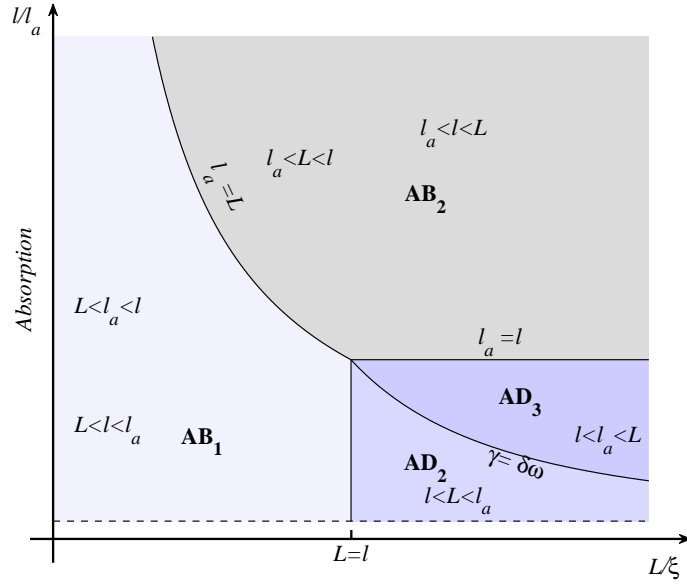


Figure 3.1: Classification of regimes of wave transport in quasi-1D non-conservative random media; upper panel.

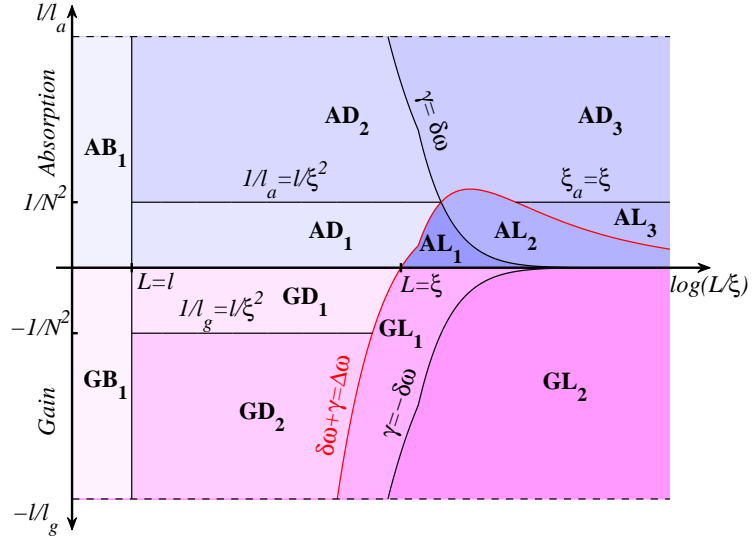


Figure 3.2: Classification of regimes of wave transport in quasi-1D non-conservative random media; middle panel.

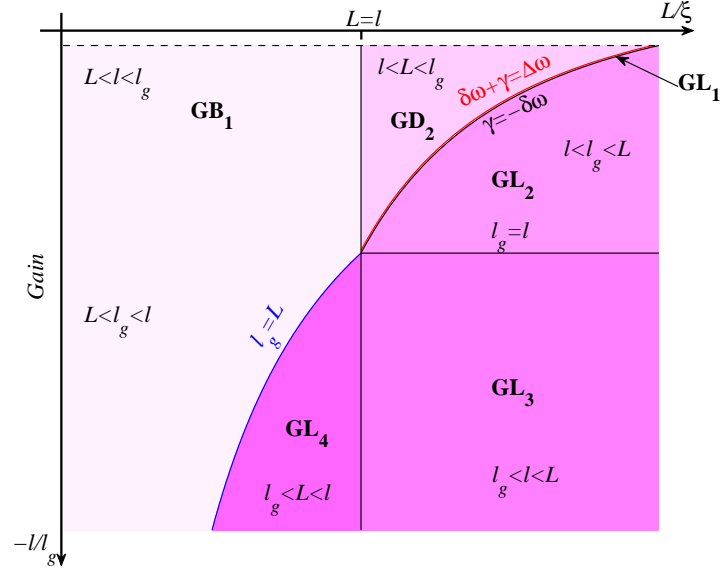


Figure 3.3: Classification of regimes of wave transport in quasi-1D non-conservative random media; lower panel. X and Y axes correspond to the system length  $L$  and absorption/gain length  $\ell_{a,g}$ , see text for labeling convention. Due to large disparity in the characteristic length scales, the plot is separated into three panels which correspond to strong absorption  $1/\ell_a \sim 1/\ell$  (upper panel), weak absorption and gain  $1/\ell_{a,g} \sim \ell/\xi^2$  (middle panel), and strong gain  $1/\ell_g \sim 1/\ell$  (lower panel) regimes.

parameters include  $L$ ,  $\ell$ ,  $\xi$ , and (ballistic) absorption/gain lengths  $\ell_a/\ell_g$ . Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo: the average mode spacing  $\Delta\omega \propto (NL)^{-1}$ ; the passive average mode linewidth  $\delta\omega$  ( $\propto DL^{-2}$  in diffusive regime  $\ell < L < \xi$ ); and gain or absorption rate  $\gamma_{g,a} = \mp c/\ell_{g,a} \equiv \mp \tau_{g,a}^{-1}$  (negative in the case of gain). Here,  $c$  is speed of light and  $D$  is the diffusion constant. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo:

- $L \sim \ell$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo/gain  $\ell < \ell_{g,a}$  shown in the middle panel in Fig. 3.3;
- Generalized Thouless parameter  $\delta\omega(\gamma)/\Delta\omega \simeq (\delta\omega+\gamma)/\Delta\omega$  describes [36] Lorem

ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Here  $\delta\omega \equiv \delta\omega(\gamma = 0)$ . In the case of passive system  $\gamma = 0$ , the ratio reduces to  $\delta = g$ ;

- $|\gamma| = \delta\omega$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo;
- Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. In quasi-1D, the probability of such paths becomes equal to unity at  $L = \xi$ , their length is given by  $L^2/\ell = \xi^2/\ell$ . Therefore, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\ell_{g,a}$  becomes comparable to this length scale;
- Condition  $\ell = \ell_{g,a}$  marks the onset of the regimes of very strong absorption/gain shown in the upper/lower panel in Fig. 3.3. Here, the ballistic regimes become limited by the condition  $\ell_{g,a} = L$ .

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. When gain is present, the statistical ensemble is assumed to be conditional [36], which excludes the non-physical solutions [127]. Furthermore, the considered (open) system is of a finite size and, therefore, the transitions between different “phases” are expected to be smooth. Hence, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo.

### 3.4. “PHASES” OF WAVE TRANSPORT THROUGH NON-CONSERVATIVE RANDOM MEDIA

The regions in Fig. 3.3 are labeled with two letters and a subscript. The first letter,  $A/G$ , stand for absorption/gain and is common for all regions above/below the horizontal axis. The second letter in the labels,  $B$ ,  $D$  or  $L$ , is attributed to the regimes where some signatures of the ballistic, diffusive, and localized transport are

expected to occur. Based on the list of separatrices listed above, one can identify the following regions:

- $GB_1, AB_1$ : Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Note that in the regime of very strong gain or absorption,  $\ell_{g,a}^{-1} > \ell^{-1}$ , the ballistic region becomes bounded by  $L < \ell_{g,a}$ ;
- $GD_1, AD_1$ : With exception of anomalously localized states [13, 53, 122, 128, 129, 130], Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo;
- $GD_2$ : Such systems were successfully treated with the “negative absorption” Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo [21, 54, 70, 71, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135]. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo [31, 32, 36];
- $GL_1$ : Random media with such strong gain,  $\delta\omega(\gamma)/\Delta\omega < 1$ , Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo [73, 136]. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo [127, 137] for the systems with the parameters in this region;
- $GL_2$ : The condition  $\gamma_g = -\delta\omega(\gamma = 0)$  signifies lasing of an average mode and, in diffusive systems, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo [54];
- $AL_1, AL_2, AL_3$ : Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Of these,  $AL_1$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo,  $\delta\omega(\gamma)/\Delta\omega \simeq (\delta\omega(\gamma = 0) + \gamma)/\Delta\omega < 1$ , Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo (possibly,

experimental systems of [16] belong to this parameter “phase”). The latter is no longer true for  $AL_2$  regime.  $AL_3$ : Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, but still exhibiting the weak localization corrections;

- $AD_2, AD_3$ : Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo [33]. For strong absorption, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo;

- $AB_2$ : Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo  $\ell_a$  is the shortest of all length-scales. Because it also implies  $\ell_a^{-1} > \ell^{-1}$ , diffusion-like propagation does not sets in;

- $GL_3, GL_4$ : In these regimes, similar to  $GL_2$ , it is more meaningful to ascribe  $L$  notation to lasing. In contrast to the very strong absorption counterpart  $AB_2$ , we separated  $\ell_g^{-1} > \ell^{-1}$  region into  $\ell_g < \ell < L$  ( $GL_3$ ) and  $\ell_g < L < \ell$  ( $GL_4$ ). In the latter regime, one can justify neglecting scattering. Thus,  $GL_4$  encompasses lasing phenomena in Fabry-Perot geometry. In contrast, in  $GL_3$  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo [138, 139].

### 3.5. DISCUSSION AND OUTLOOK

As it was discussed in the previous section, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Importantly, the coherent amplification/ Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo, thus, can promote/suppress localization phenomena.

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In finite *passive* random media, Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo: averaged dimensional conductance, its mesoscopic fluctuations relative to the mean value, Thouless parameter, renormalization of the diffusion coefficient, inverse participation ratio, spatial correlations and others. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodo. We believe that our analysis of the parameter space in Sec. 3.4 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ultrices egestas commodonon-conservative random media [37, 42].

### 3.6. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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## 4. CONCLUSIONS

### 4.1. CHARACTERIZATION OF TRANSPORT REGIME TRANSITIONS IN NON-CONSERVATIVE RANDOM MEDIA

The purpose of the first portion of this dissertation was to characterize the effect of absorption and gain in ballistic, diffusive, and localized transport regimes. Particle and wave-based transport models were studied in one dimension (1D) and quasi-1D geometries.

An investigation of the ratio of transmission to energy in the system,  $T/\mathcal{E}$ , was performed in 1D using theoretical and numerical methods [37]. The numerical model uses the transfer matrix method [8] with self-embedding [51] to simulate layers of dielectric material with random widths. Since diffusion cannot occur in 1D, the response of the parameter  $T/\mathcal{E}$  in the regime of Anderson localization when gain is present was found. A decrease of  $T/\mathcal{E}$  from the value given by the classical unrenormalized diffusion coefficient may be attributed to wave-interference localization effects. Although  $T/\mathcal{E}$  does not diverge as the random lasing threshold is approached, there is a dependence on the position of the center of localization. This position dependence is closely related to the existence of necklace states [83].

To investigate the transition from diffusion to Anderson localization, the previous numerical model was extended to quasi-1D geometry. To guide our efforts we developed a phase space diagram with 15 different transport regimes [140]. A way of characterizing which regime a given system is in was clearly needed. In the process of using the numerical model in this geometry, we showed that evanescent channels do not need to be included in simulations of passive media [55]. The effect of evanescent channels is renormalize the transport mean free path while conforming to single parameter scaling.

A parameter related to  $T/\mathcal{E}$ , the position dependent diffusion coefficient  $D(z)$ , was investigated for use in characterizing the multiple transport regimes in quasi-1D non-conservative random media [62]. Our results indicate that  $D(z)$  may serve as a useful criterion for the enumerated transport regimes.

## 4.2. ANALYSIS OF DETERMINISTIC APERIODIC STRUCTURES

Although random media produces novel features, these systems lack easy reproducibility. For applications such as photonic integrated circuits we are interested in novel features unavailable to periodic media while maintaining reproducibility. Thus media correlated disorder is a natural avenue of pursuit. The numerical model used in this dissertation can simulate any arrangement of scatters, making it amenable to aperiodic media.

In the studies of deterministic aperiodic structures (DAS) we focused on the Thue-Morse pattern. This generation algorithm yields a singular continuous Fourier transform spectrum with self-similar features. We demonstrated the possibility of mapping the array of micro-cavities in the two dimensional (2D) Thue Morse DAS onto a periodic square lattice [141]. Such mapping allowed us to uniquely identify and enumerate the configurations of nearest and next-nearest neighbors. Thus the original aperiodic structure is reduced to the periodic structure with aperiodic arrangement of the limited set of pairings.

Once this step was completed, we demonstrated the applicability of the tight binding approach in a deterministic aperiodic array of photonic micro-cavities. Under realistic conditions, we observed hybridization of the modes of individual micro-cavities into the eigenstates of the entire array. Our work adds the tight binding approach to the arsenal of theoretical tools for studying of 2D Thue-Morse structures as well as for design and analysis of experiments.

The tight binding model allows us to investigate the size scaling of the density of the optical states in large arrays of optical micro-cavities; monitor the evolution of the spectra; and to study spatial properties of the eigenstates via e.g. the inverse participation ratio. The inverse participation ratio shows coexistence of localized and extended states in the same spectral regions. Some of the extended states have nearly constant intensity across the entire sample. This property makes the considered system extremely promising for practical applications in optical control of light propagation via e.g. wave-front shaping.

## APPENDIX A

### CHARACTERISTIC LENGTH SCALES

Table A.1: Length scales used in this dissertation

Symbol	Name	Description
$\lambda$	wavelength	Wavelength of incident light
$L$	system length	Length of waveguide along direction of propagation ( $z$ -axis)
$W$	system width	Dimension of waveguide perpendicular to direction of propagation ( $y$ -axis)
$L_\phi$	phase coherence length	Length over which phase remains coherent. Equivalent to $L_{inelastic}$ [27, 57]. Applicable only to electron transport.
$L_D$	path length	How far a particle (i.e. ray optics) travels in the media in ballistic and diffusive regimes
$\ell_{scat}$	scattering length	Average distance between scattering events. Often referred to as $\ell_{mfp}$ (mean free path) or the inelastic length[14], or extinction length[10].
$\ell_{tmfp}$	transport mean free path	Average distance over which phase and direction are randomized. $\ell_{tmfp} = \frac{\ell_{scat}}{1 - \langle \cos \theta \rangle}$ . Sometimes referred to as elastic mfp[92]. Measured with respect to $L$ .
$\xi$	localization length	Probability of diffusive path forming loop is 1. $\xi = N \ell_{tmfp}$ . Measured with respect to $L$ .
$\ell_{a,g}$	ballistic absorption/gain length	Average distance over which intensity decreases by two/increases by two.
$\xi_{a,g}$	absorption/gain length	How far, on average, a particle travels in the diffusive regime before being absorbed (or doubled), measured with respect to path length $L_D$ in the diffusive regime
$z_p$	penetration depth	Applies to diffusive regime only. $z_p \approx \ell_{tmfp}$

All length scales (except  $\lambda$ ) are normalized by wavelength.

## APPENDIX B

### TRANSFER MATRICES FOR ELECTRIC FIELD PROPAGATION

In the following derivation, the transfer matrix method[8][43][44] is developed from Maxwell's equations[48]. Before starting, the assumptions necessary for the derivation are enumerated.

- No leakage of electric field at edge ( $y = 0, y = W$ ) of waveguide (i.e. metallic boundaries). Gives boundary conditions of zero field at edges. Incident and output edges are open (no restrictions).
- $\delta$ -function scattering potentials, later reduced to a finite sum of Fourier components. Use of this scattering potential has generalized results
- No inelastic scattering: no energy loss due to scattering when passive, and phase remains coherent [scatterers only affect amplitude].
- No noise (spontaneous emission). We are interested primarily in the AL/diffusion phenomenon. Also, experimentally noise can be suppressed.
- The gain mechanism is purely mathematical: no atomic level modeling is included. This is part of being mesoscopic regime: independent of atomic-based scattering mechanisms.
- No input beam properties are assumed (can be plane wave, but that is not necessary).

The wave equation is derived from Maxwell's equations (not show). In the following, only  $s$ -polarized waves (for transverse-magnetic (TM) waves) are assumed incident: electric field oscillates perpendicular to the plane of the 2D waveguide. [142]

$$\nabla^2 E = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \quad (\text{B.1})$$

where  $\mu_0 \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{c^2}$ .

## TIME INDEPENDENT WAVE EQUATION

Assuming electric field variables are separable,

$$E(\vec{r}, t) = E(\vec{r})e^{i\omega t} \quad (\text{B.2})$$

the field is simplified by also assuming monochromatic and continuous wave (CW). Substituting Eq. B.2 into the right side of Eq. B.1, time dependence can be canceled.

$$\nabla^2 E(\vec{r}) = -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} E(\vec{r}) \quad (\text{B.3})$$

where  $\frac{\omega}{c} = k$ . Although the following results will appear to be “time independent,” the time dependence can be reintroduced by multiplying both sides by  $e^{i\omega t}$ . Effectively the same as assuming  $t = 0$ .

## SEPARATION OF VARIABLES

Convert from general  $\vec{r}$  to two-dimensional Cartesian coordinates (since the transfer matrices for a planar quasi-1D waveguide are desired):  $\vec{r} = z\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$ . Let  $W \equiv$  width and  $L \equiv$  length of waveguide.

The  $z$  and  $y$  components of the field are independent, the separation of variables applies spatially.

$$E(\vec{r}) = E(z, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n(z)\chi_n(y) \quad (\text{B.4})$$

where the sum is over all channels. For  $\delta$ -function scatterers, there can be an infinite number of closed channels.



Now the wave equation (Eq. B.3) is

$$\nabla^2 E(z, y) = -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} E(z, y) \quad (\text{B.5})$$

Apply Laplacian and separation (Eq. B.4)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 E_n(z)}{\partial z^2} \chi_n(y) + E_n(z) \frac{\partial^2 \chi_n(y)}{\partial y^2} \right] = -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n(z) \chi_n(y) \quad (\text{B.6})$$

## PERPENDICULAR COMPONENT SOLUTION

The solution to the differential equation perpendicular to the direction of propagation is found from the auxiliary equation for each channel

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + k_{\perp n}^2 \right) \chi_n(y) = 0 \quad (\text{B.7})$$

Boundary conditions for metallic waveguide: Electric field  $E$  is zero at the boundaries,  $\chi_n(0) = \chi_n(W) = 0$ . The normalized solution is the familiar

$$\chi_n(y) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{W}} \sin(k_{\perp n} y) \quad (\text{B.8})$$

where  $k_{\perp n} \equiv \frac{n\pi}{W}$ . As a check of normalization, for  $m = n$

$$\int_0^W \chi_n^2(y) dy = \frac{2}{W} \int_0^W \sin^2(k_{\perp n} y) dy = \frac{2}{W} \frac{1}{2} W = 1 \quad (\text{B.9})$$

and if  $m \neq n$ , solutions are orthogonal

$$\int_0^W \chi_n(y) \chi_m(y) dy = 0 \quad (\text{B.10})$$

Thus, for general  $n$  and  $m$ ,

$$\int_0^W \chi_n(y) \chi_m(y) dy = \delta_{n,m} \quad (\text{B.11})$$

## PARALLEL COMPONENT SOLUTION

For the solution parallel to the direction of propagation of Eq. B.5, the  $z$ -component starts with

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_n(z)}{\partial z^2} - k_{\perp n}^2 E_n(z) = -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} E_n(z) \quad (\text{B.12})$$

Re-arrange and introduce a new variable

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_n(z)}{\partial z^2} + k_{\parallel n}^2 E_n(z) = 0 \quad (\text{B.13})$$

where

$$k_{\parallel n}^2 \equiv \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k_{\perp n}^2 \quad (\text{B.14})$$

Note:  $k_{\parallel n}^2$  can be positive (corresponding to open channels) or negative (closed channels). If negative, then  $k_{\parallel n}$  is imaginary, denoted  $k_{\parallel n} = i\kappa_{\parallel n}$  for  $n > N_{open}$ . Open channels propagate forward, with velocity decreasing as channel index increases. Closed channels decrease in amplitude exponentially.

Separate electric field components into left(-) and right (+) traveling plane waves (two solutions to the second order differential equation)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Open: } E_n(z) &= E_n^+ \exp(ik_{\parallel n}z) + E_n^- \exp(-ik_{\parallel n}z) \\ \text{Closed: } E_n(z) &= E_n^+ \exp(-\kappa_{\parallel n}z) + E_n^- \exp(\kappa_{\parallel n}z) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.15})$$

where  $i\kappa \equiv k$

## WAVEGUIDE WITH SCATTERERS

Up to this point, an empty waveguide has been considered. For scattering, replace  $\frac{\omega^2}{c^2}$  of the wave equation B.5 with a spacial Sellmeier equation

$$\frac{\omega^2}{c^2}(1 + \alpha\delta(z - z_0, y - y_0)) \quad (\text{B.16})$$

where  $\delta(z - z_0, y - y_0) \equiv \delta(z - z_0)\delta(y - y_0)$  is the scattering potential and  $\alpha$  is the scattering strength.  $\alpha$  can be complex; then the real part is the strength and the imaginary component is gain or absorption.

To determine transport of light past a scattering potential, apply continuity of electric field  $E$  and its derivative. The following carries out matching component-wise derivative.

Assuming the scattering potential is located at cross-section  $z$  (inside the waveguide  $0 < z < L$ ), and the electric field just before or after the scatterer (at  $z \pm \Delta$ ) is a sum of independent channel components.

$$E(z \pm \Delta, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n(z \pm \Delta)\chi_n(y) \quad (\text{B.17})$$

Applying Eq. B.16 to Eq. B.13, the wave equation becomes

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( E_n''\chi_n + k_{\parallel n}^2 E_n\chi_n + \alpha \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \delta(z - z_0, y - y_0) E_n\chi_n \right) = 0 \quad (\text{B.18})$$

Multiply Eq. B.18 by  $\chi_m$  and  $\int_0^W dy$ . By applying Eq. B.11 and letting  $A_{m,n}(y_0) = \chi_m(y_0)\chi_n(y_0)$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( E_n''\delta_{nm} + k_{\parallel n}^2 E_n\delta_{nm} + \alpha \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} E_n\delta(z_0) A_{nm}(y_0) \right) = 0 \quad (\text{B.19})$$

Apply the summation over  $n$ , which eliminates the Kronecker deltas.

$$E_m'' + k_{\parallel m}^2 E_m + \alpha \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} E_n \delta(z - z_0) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{nm}(y_0) = 0 \quad (\text{B.20})$$

Integrate over  $z$  from  $(z - \Delta)$  to  $(z + \Delta)$  and let  $\Delta \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{z_0 - \Delta}^{z_0 + \Delta} E_m''(z) dz + k_{\parallel m}^2 \int_{z_0 - \Delta}^{z_0 + \Delta} E_m(z) dz + \\ & \alpha \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{n,m}(y_0) \int_{z_0 - \Delta}^{z_0 + \Delta} \delta(z_0) E_n dz = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.21})$$

To do the second term integration, assume that for small  $\Delta$ ,  $E(z) \approx E(z_0)$ .

$$E_m'(z_0 + \Delta) - E_m'(z_0 - \Delta) + k_{\parallel m}^2 E_m(z_0) 2\Delta + \alpha \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{n,m}(y_0) E_n(z_0) = 0 \quad (\text{B.22})$$

Since  $\Delta \rightarrow 0$ , then  $2\Delta$  is really small, so that term is dropped.

To conclude, for a given channel  $m$ , electric field and the field derivative on both sides of the scatterer must match

$$\begin{aligned} E_m(z_0 + \Delta) &= E_m(z_0 - \Delta) \\ E_m'(z_0 + \Delta) &= E_m'(z_0 - \Delta) - \alpha \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{n,m}(y_0) E_n(z_0) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.23})$$

Note that the  $\delta$  function scatterer has been eliminated, and  $A_{n,m}$  can form an array (the “scattering matrix”).

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} \hat{I} & 0 \\ -\alpha \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} A_{mn}(y_0) & \hat{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_{1..N_{max}}(z_0 - \Delta) \\ \frac{1}{\kappa_{\parallel 1..N_{max}}} E'_{1..N_{max}}(z_0 - \Delta) \end{pmatrix} = \\ & \begin{pmatrix} E_{1..N_{max}}(z_0 + \Delta) \\ \frac{1}{\kappa_{\parallel 1..N_{max}}} E'_{1..N_{max}}(z_0 + \Delta) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.24})$$

Due to the form of the matrix, the determinant is always unity (only the diagonal contributes non-zero terms) regardless of the elements in the lower left quadrant. Elements of the lower left quadrant are

$$- \alpha \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \frac{2}{W} \sin(k_{\perp m} y_0) \sin(k_{\perp n} y_0) \quad (\text{B.25})$$

Note that the scattering matrix is real unless  $\alpha$  or  $\omega$  are complex.

### FREE SPACE PROPAGATION OF OPEN CHANNELS

For open channels ( $n \leq N_o$ ), field  $E_n$  and derivative of field  $\frac{1}{k_{\parallel n}} E'_n$  are more convenient basis than “left traveling”  $E_n^-(z)$  and “right traveling”  $E_n^+(z)$ . First, the connection between the two basis is found. Starting from Eq. B.15, electric field  $E(z)$  is the solution to a second order differential equation, so it has two solutions.

$$\begin{aligned} E_n(z) &= E_n^+ \exp(ik_{\parallel n} z) + E_n^- \exp(-ik_{\parallel n} z) \\ E'_n(z) &= ik_{\parallel n} E_n^+ \exp(ik_{\parallel n} z) - ik_{\parallel n} E_n^- \exp(-ik_{\parallel n} z) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.26})$$

Solving for left- and right-traveling wave components,

$$\begin{aligned} E_n^+(z) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( E_n(z) + \frac{1}{i} \frac{1}{k_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z) \right) \exp(-ik_{\parallel n} z) \\ E_n^-(z) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( E_n(z) - \frac{1}{i} \frac{1}{k_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z) \right) \exp(ik_{\parallel n} z) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.27})$$

To preemptively clear up notation confusion, in previous steps  $\Delta$  was used to denote a small distance away from the scatterer. Here  $\Delta z$  will be used to signify a not infinitesimal displacement in position along the  $z$  axis. The field and derivative of field is translated over distance  $\Delta z$  from the original position  $z$ . First, substitute

the shift into Eq. B.26

$$E_n(z + \Delta z) = E_n^+ \exp(ik_{\parallel n}(z + \Delta z)) + E_n^- \exp(-ik_{\parallel n}(z + \Delta z)) \quad (\text{B.28})$$

Then substitute Eq. B.27

$$\begin{aligned} E_n(z + \Delta z) = & \frac{1}{2} \left( E_n(z) + \frac{1}{i} \frac{1}{k_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z) \right) \exp(ik_{\parallel n}z) + \\ & \frac{1}{2} \left( E_n(z) - \frac{1}{i} \frac{1}{k_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z) \right) \exp(-ik_{\parallel n}z) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.29})$$

Reducing leaves how to shift an electric field over distance  $\Delta z$ .

$$E_n(z + \Delta z) = E_n(z) \cos(k_{\parallel n} \Delta z) + \frac{1}{k_{\parallel n}} E'_n \sin(k_{\parallel n} \Delta z) \quad (\text{B.30})$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{1}{k_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z + \Delta z) = iE_n^+ \exp(ik_{\parallel n}(z + \Delta z)) - iE_n^- \exp(-ik_{\parallel n}(z + \Delta z)) \quad (\text{B.31})$$

Then substitute Eq. B.27

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{k_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z + \Delta z) = & \frac{i}{2} \left( E_n(z) + \frac{1}{i} \frac{1}{k_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z) \right) \exp(ik_{\parallel n}z) - \\ & \frac{i}{2} \left( E_n(z) - \frac{1}{i} \frac{1}{k_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z) \right) \exp(-ik_{\parallel n}z) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.32})$$

$$\frac{1}{k_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z + \Delta z) = -E_n(z) \sin(k_{\parallel n} \Delta z) + \frac{1}{k_{\parallel n}} E'_n \cos(k_{\parallel n} \Delta z) \quad (\text{B.33})$$

## FREE-SPACE PROPAGATION OF CLOSED CHANNELS

For closed channels ( $n > N_o$ ), change of  $i$  results in hyperbolic trig functions.

$$\begin{aligned} E_n(z) &= E_n^+ \exp(-\kappa_{\parallel n} z) + E_n^- \exp(\kappa_{\parallel n} z) \\ E'_n(z) &= -\kappa_{\parallel n} E_n^+ \exp(-\kappa_{\parallel n} z) + \kappa_{\parallel n} E_n^- \exp(\kappa_{\parallel n} z) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.34})$$

Recalling that  $k_{\parallel n} = i\kappa_{\parallel n}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} E_n^+(z) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( E_n(z) - \frac{1}{\kappa_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z) \right) \exp(\kappa_{\parallel n} z) \\ E_n^-(z) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( E_n(z) + \frac{1}{\kappa_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z) \right) \exp(-\kappa_{\parallel n} z) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.35})$$

Shifting the field by  $\Delta z$

$$E_n(z + \Delta z) = E_n(z) \cosh(\kappa_{\parallel n} \Delta z) + \frac{1}{\kappa_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z) \sinh(\kappa_{\parallel n} \Delta z) \quad (\text{B.36})$$

and

$$\frac{1}{\kappa_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z + \Delta z) = E_n(z) \sinh(\kappa_{\parallel n} \Delta z) + \frac{1}{\kappa_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z) \cosh(\kappa_{\parallel n} \Delta z) \quad (\text{B.37})$$

To summarize,

$$\begin{aligned} E_n(z + \Delta z) &= E_n(z) \cosh(\kappa_{\parallel n} \Delta z) + \frac{1}{\kappa_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z) \sinh(\kappa_{\parallel n} \Delta z) \\ \frac{1}{\kappa_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z + \Delta z) &= E_n(z) \sinh(\kappa_{\parallel n} \Delta z) + \frac{1}{\kappa_{\parallel n}} E'_n(z) \cosh(\kappa_{\parallel n} \Delta z) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.38})$$

From Eq. B.30, B.33, and B.38 the “free space propagation matrix” can be constructed. The array would be of rank  $2n_{max}$  ( $n_{max} = N_o + N_c$ ). The determinant of this matrix is always unity (regardless of argument) because terms can be factored into  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$  for each channel. Thus, for both free and scattering matrices,

the determinant is unity regardless of free space separation  $\Delta z$  or real (passive) and complex (active media) dielectric values.



## APPENDIX C

### RELATION OF $T/\mathcal{E}$ TO $D(Z)$

This is an expansion of Appendix section 2.6.1. As in that section we assume a slab geometry. The  $z$  coordinate normal to the slab is separated from the perpendicular component  $\rho$  as  $\mathbf{r} = (\rho, z)$ . Again assuming no dependence on  $\rho$  allows us to give the ensemble-averaged diffusive flux  $\langle \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle$  and the energy density  $\langle \mathcal{W}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle$  are related via [63]

$$\langle \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle = -D(\vec{r}) \vec{\nabla} \langle \mathcal{W}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle \quad (\text{C.1})$$

The diffusion approximation amounts to  $D(\vec{r}) \equiv D_0 = c\ell_{tmfp}/3$ , where  $c$  is the speed of light and  $\ell_{tmfp}$  is the transport mean free path.

We consider a 3D random medium in a shape of a slab of thickness  $L$ , where we explicitly separate the coordinate  $z$  normal to the slab from the perpendicular component  $\rho$  as  $\mathbf{r} = (\rho, z)$ . Under a CW plane-wave illumination at normal incidence, the dependence on  $\rho$  and  $t$  can be neglected.

$$\langle \vec{J}_z(z) \rangle = -D(z) \frac{d}{dz} \langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle \quad (\text{C.2})$$

Integration over  $z$  gives

$$\int_z^L \frac{\langle J_z(z') \rangle dz'}{D(z')} = -\langle \mathcal{W}(L) \rangle + \langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle \quad (\text{C.3})$$

where the energy stored inside the random medium  $\mathcal{E}$  is formally defined as

$$\langle \mathcal{E} \rangle = \int_0^L \langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle dz. \quad (\text{C.4})$$

thus

$$\langle \mathcal{E} \rangle = \int_0^L \left( \langle \mathcal{W}(L) \rangle + \int_z^L \frac{\langle J_z(z') \rangle}{D(z')} dz' \right) dz \quad (\text{C.5})$$

The remaining work is to factor out transmission  $T$  in order to find the relation between  $T/\mathcal{E}$  and  $D(z)$ . The energy density  $\langle \mathcal{W}(L) \rangle$  at the right boundary can

be expressed in terms of right- and left-propagating fluxes. From the definition of diffusive flux [63]

$$\langle J_{\pm}(z) \rangle = \frac{c}{4} \langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle \mp \frac{D_0}{2} \frac{d\langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle}{dz} \quad (\text{C.6})$$

where  $\langle J_- \rangle$  and  $\langle J_+ \rangle$  are the fluxes propagating along negative and positive  $z$ -directions respectively. Since  $\langle J_+(L) \rangle = J_0 T$  and  $\langle J_-(L) \rangle = 0$ , using Eqs. C.6 to eliminate  $D_0$  yields

$$\langle J_+(L) \rangle + \langle J_-(L) \rangle = 2 \frac{c}{4} \langle \mathcal{W}(L) \rangle \quad (\text{C.7})$$

Therefore  $\langle \mathcal{W}(L) \rangle = 2J_0 T/c$  and the energy can be re-written as

$$\langle \mathcal{E} \rangle = \int_0^L \left( 2J_0 T/c + \int_z^L \frac{\langle J_z(z') \rangle}{D(z')} dz' \right) dz \quad (\text{C.8})$$

Next, we reduce  $\langle J_z(z') \rangle$  to find an approximately equivalent transmission.

In the CW regime when the energy density  $\mathcal{W}(z)$  is stationary,  $\partial \langle \mathcal{W}(z) \rangle / \partial t = 0$ , it follows from energy conservation condition for flux  $\vec{J}$  and energy  $\mathcal{W}$

$$\frac{\partial \langle \mathcal{W}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \langle \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle = \frac{c}{\ell_g} \langle \mathcal{W}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle + J_0 \delta(z - z_p) \quad (\text{C.9})$$

that the  $z$  component of flux is constant for  $z > z_p \sim \ell$ . The value of the constant can be obtained from the boundary condition at  $z = L$  as

$$\langle J_z(z) \rangle = \begin{cases} \langle J_z(L) \rangle \equiv J_0 \langle T \rangle, & z_p < z < L \\ \langle J_z(0) \rangle \equiv -J_0 \langle R \rangle, & 0 < z < z_p \end{cases} \quad (\text{C.10})$$

where  $T$  ( $R$ ) is the transmission (reflection) coefficient. As a check, by integrating Eq. (C.9) over the entire system we obtain the standard (passive) flux conservation  $\langle J_z(L) \rangle - \langle J_z(0) \rangle = J_0 \langle T \rangle - (-J_0 \langle R \rangle) = J_0 (\langle T \rangle + \langle R \rangle) = J_0$ . To take advantage of the fact that  $\langle J_z(z) \rangle$  is piecewise constant, c.f. Eq. (C.10), we have to neglect by

$0 < z < z_p$  contribution. Then a constant can be substituted for  $J_z(z')$ ,

$$\langle \mathcal{E} \rangle = \int_0^L \left( 2J_0 \langle T \rangle / c + \int_z^L \frac{J_0 \langle T \rangle}{D(z')} dz' \right) dz \quad (\text{C.11})$$

This introduces an error  $\propto z_p/L \sim \ell/L \ll 1$ . Factoring  $T$  from the integrands,

$$\langle \mathcal{E} \rangle = J_0 \langle T \rangle \int_0^L \left( \int_z^L \frac{dz'}{D(z')} + 2/c \right) dz \quad (\text{C.12})$$

Note that the second term is of the same order  $\sim \ell/L$  as the term omitted in arriving to the above expression. Hence,  $2/c$  contribution has to be dropped as well.

$$\langle \mathcal{E} \rangle = J_0 T \int_0^L \int_z^L \frac{1}{D(z')} dz' dz \quad (\text{C.13})$$

Taking advantage of the system symmetry,  $D(z) = D(L - z)$ , the double integration can be further simplified as

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^L \int_z^L \frac{1}{D(z')} dz' dz &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \int_0^L \frac{1}{D(z')} dz' dz \\ &= \frac{L}{2} \int_0^L \frac{1}{D(z)} dz. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.14})$$

After normalizing the integral so that it yields unity in the case when the wave interference effects are neglected,  $D(z) = D_0 \equiv c\ell/3$ , for passive media

$$\frac{\langle T \rangle}{\langle \mathcal{E} \rangle} \simeq \frac{1}{J_0} \frac{2D_0}{L^2} \left( \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L \frac{D_0}{D(z)} dz \right)^{-1}, \quad (\text{C.15})$$

We note that in process of deriving Eq. (C.15), we dropped the terms on the order of  $\sim \ell/L \ll 1$ .

Dropping the localization corrections leaves

$$\frac{\langle T \rangle}{\langle \mathcal{E} \rangle} \simeq \frac{1}{J_0} \frac{2D_0}{L^2} \quad (\text{C.16})$$

Any deviation from Eq. C.16 in passive diffusive media can be attributed to localization corrections.

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