

Density results in the context of the time-harmonic Maxwell equations

**Stephanie Lohrengel**

Laboratoire J.A. Dieudonné UMR-CNRS 6621

Université de Nice-Sophia Antipolis, France

Email: [lohrengel@math.unice.fr](mailto:lohrengel@math.unice.fr)

## Density results

- ... are necessary to get equivalence between weak and strong formulations
- ... are necessary to make  $H^1$ -conforming FE-approximations converge to the exact solution

## Density results in the context of the classical Maxwell equations

### Perfect conducting boundary condition

- Functional space:

$$\mathcal{H}_0(\text{curl}) = \{ \mathbf{U} \in L^2(\Omega)^3 \mid \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{U} \in L^2(\Omega)^3; (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{n})|_{\Gamma} = 0 \}$$

- Density result:  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)^3$  is dense in  $\mathcal{H}_0(\text{curl})$ .

### Impedance boundary condition

- Functional space:

$$W = \{ \mathbf{U} \in L^2(\Omega)^3 \mid \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{U} \in L^2(\Omega)^3; (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{n})|_{\Gamma} \in L^2(\Gamma)^3 \}$$

- Density result:  $\mathcal{D}(\bar{\Omega})^3$  is dense in  $W$  [Ben Belgacem *et. al.*, '97].

## Outline

A regularized formulation of the Maxwell equations

- I. Perfect conducting boundary – homogeneous body
- II. Perfect conducting boundary – composite material
- III. Impedance boundary condition – homogeneous body
- IV. Impedance boundary condition – composite material

## The regularized time-harmonic Maxwell equations

### classical problem

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{curl}(\mu^{-1} \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{E}) - \omega^2 \varepsilon \mathbf{E} &= \mathbf{J} && \text{in } \Omega \\ \operatorname{div}(\varepsilon \mathbf{E}) &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega \\ &+ \text{boundary conditions on } \Gamma\end{aligned}$$

### “regularized” problem

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{curl}(\mu^{-1} \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{E}) - \varepsilon \operatorname{grad} \operatorname{div}(\varepsilon \mathbf{E}) - \omega^2 \varepsilon \mathbf{E} &= \mathbf{J} && \text{in } \Omega \\ \operatorname{div}(\varepsilon \mathbf{E}) &= 0 && \text{on } \Gamma \\ &+ \text{same boundary conditions on } \Gamma\end{aligned}$$

## I. Perfect conducting boundary – homogeneous body

- Functional space:

$$\mathcal{H}_N(\text{curl}, \text{div}) = \{ \mathbf{U} \in \mathcal{H}(\text{curl}) \mid \text{div } \mathbf{U} \in L^2(\Omega); (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{n})|_{\Gamma} = 0 \}$$

- Regular fields:

$$\mathcal{H}_N^1(\Omega) = \{ \mathbf{U} \in H^1(\Omega)^3 \mid (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{n})|_{\Gamma} = 0 \}$$

More regular fields ( $1 < s \leq \infty$ ):

$$\mathcal{H}_N^s(\Omega) = \{ \mathbf{U} \in H^s(\Omega)^3 \mid (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{n})|_{\Gamma} = 0 \}$$

- Density result (for  $\Omega$  Lipschitz-polyhedron):

$$\mathcal{H}_N^\infty(\Omega) \text{ is dense in } \mathcal{H}_N^1(\Omega)$$

- $\Omega$  of class  $\mathcal{C}^{1,1}$  or convex Lipschitz-domain:

$$\mathcal{H}_N^1(\Omega) \equiv \mathcal{H}_N(\text{curl}, \text{div})$$

- Decomposition theorem for  $\Omega$  non-convex Lipschitz-polyhedron <sup>a</sup>:

$$\mathcal{H}_N(\text{curl}, \text{div}) = \mathcal{H}_N^1(\Omega) \oplus \mathcal{H}_{\text{sing}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Lack of density ( $\mathcal{H}_{\text{sing}} \neq \{0\}$ ).

---

<sup>a</sup>see [Assous/Ciarlet/Sonnendrücker., '98], [Birman/Solomyak, '87], [Bonnet-BenDhia/Hazard/L., '99], [Costabel/Dauge, 2000]

## Existence of a regular vector potential

Let  $\mathbf{E} \in \mathcal{H}_N(\text{curl}, \text{div})$ . There is  $\mathbf{E}_R \in H^1(\Omega)^3$  such that

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{E}_R = \text{curl } \mathbf{E} \text{ in } \Omega$$

$$\mathbf{E}_R \times \mathbf{n} = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma$$

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_R + \text{grad } p$  with

$$p \in \mathcal{D}(\Delta^{\text{Dir}}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{p \in H_0^1(\Omega) \mid \Delta p \in L^2(\Omega)\}$$

$\Rightarrow$  All elements of  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{sing}}$  derive from the singularities of the scalar Laplacien with Dirichlet b. c.

Consequences: Nodal ( $H^1$ -conforming) FE-approximations converge to a field in  $\mathcal{H}_N^1(\Omega)$ , but not to the physical solution.

⇒ mesh refinement must fail

⇒ Close the gap by adding explicitly singular fields that span  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{sing}}$  (in 2D:  $\dim \mathcal{H}_{\text{sing}} = \#$  reentrant corners)<sup>a</sup>

⇒ Use a weighted regularization term to overcome the lack of density<sup>b</sup>

---

<sup>a</sup>see [Assous *et. al.* '98], [Hazard/L. '02]

<sup>b</sup>see [Costabel *et. al.* '01]

## II. Perfect conducting boundary – composite material

Propagation domain:

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d = 2, 3$  (bounded) polygon or Lipschitz-polyhedron

Electromagnetic coefficients:  $\varepsilon, \mu$  piecewise constant functions on  $\Omega$

$\Rightarrow$  Partition  $\mathcal{P} = (\Omega_j)_{j=1}^J$  with  $\Omega_j$  polygons/polyhedra

- Set of exterior (resp. interior) faces:  $\mathcal{F}_{ext}, \mathcal{F}_{int}$
- Set of exterior (resp. interior) vertices:  $\mathcal{S}_{ext}, \mathcal{S}_{int}$
- Set of exterior (resp. interior) edges (in 3D):  $\mathcal{E}_{ext}, \mathcal{E}_{int}$

- Functional space:

$$\mathcal{H}_N(\text{curl}, \text{div } \varepsilon) = \{ \mathbf{U} \in \mathcal{H}(\text{curl}) \mid \text{div}(\varepsilon \mathbf{U}) \in L^2(\Omega); (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{n})|_{\Gamma} = 0 \}$$

- Space of piecewise regular fields ( $1 \leq s \leq \infty$ ):

$$PH^s(\Omega; \mathcal{P}) = \{ \mathbf{U} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \mathbf{U}|_{\Omega_j} \in H^s(\Omega_j)^3; \Omega_j \in \mathcal{P} \}$$

- Density result<sup>a</sup>:  $(PH^\infty(\Omega; \mathcal{P}) \cap \mathcal{H}_N(\text{curl}, \text{div } \varepsilon))$  is dense in  $(PH^1(\Omega; \mathcal{P}) \cap \mathcal{H}_N(\text{curl}, \text{div } \varepsilon))$
- Decomposition theorem<sup>a</sup>:

$$\mathcal{H}_N(\text{curl}, \text{div } \varepsilon) = (PH^1(\Omega; \mathcal{P}) \cap \mathcal{H}_N(\text{curl}, \text{div } \varepsilon)) \oplus \mathcal{H}_{\text{sing}}(\varepsilon)$$

$\Rightarrow$

Lack of density

---

<sup>a</sup>see [Costabel/Dauge/Nicaise, '99]

## Existence of a regular vector potential

Let  $\mathbf{E} \in \mathcal{H}_N(\text{curl}, \text{div } \varepsilon)$ :

- There is  $\mathbf{F}_R \in H_N^1(\Omega)$  such that

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{F}_R = \text{curl } \mathbf{E} \text{ in } \Omega.$$

Thus  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{F}_R + \text{grad } p$  with

$$p \in H_0^1(\Omega), \text{ but } \text{div}(\varepsilon \text{grad } p) \notin L^2(\Omega).$$

- There is  $\mathbf{E}_R \in PH^1(\Omega; \mathcal{P}) \cap \mathcal{H}_N(\text{curl}, \text{div } \varepsilon)$  such that

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{E}_R = \text{curl } \mathbf{E} \text{ in } \Omega.$$

Thus  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_R + \text{grad } p$  where

$$p \in \mathcal{D}(\Delta_\varepsilon^{\text{Dir}}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{p \in H_0^1(\Omega) \mid \text{div}(\varepsilon \text{grad } p) \in L^2(\Omega)\}.$$

### III. Impedance boundary condition – homogeneous body

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} \times (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{n}) = -\lambda^{-1} (\mu^{-1} \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{n})$$

- Functional space:

$$W = \{ \mathbf{U} \in \mathcal{H}(\operatorname{curl}) \mid \operatorname{div} \mathbf{U} \in L^2(\Omega); (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{n})|_{\Gamma} \in L^2(\Gamma) \}$$

- Space of regular fields:  $H^1(\Omega)^3$
- Density theorem <sup>a</sup>:  $H^1(\Omega)^3$  is dense in  $W$  for any Lipschitz domain

$\Rightarrow$

No lack of density !

---

<sup>a</sup>see [Ciarlet Jr./Hazard/L., '98], [Costabel/Dauge, '98]

## Existence of a regular vector potential

Let  $\mathbf{E} \in W$ . There is  $\mathbf{E}_R \in H^1(\Omega)^3$  such that

$$\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{E}_R = \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{E} \text{ in } \Omega$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{E}_R = 0 \text{ in } \Omega$$

Then  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_R + \operatorname{grad} p$  where

$$p \in H \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{p \in H^1(\Omega) \mid \Delta p \in L^2(\Omega); \partial_n p \in L^2(\Gamma)\}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p \in H^1(\Gamma)^a$$

---

<sup>a</sup>see [Jerison/Kenig, '81]

## Density result for scalar potentials

Two different techniques

- *Via* the regularity of the scalar potential for arbitrary domains with Lipschitz boundary<sup>a</sup>:

$$H \equiv \left\{ p \in H^{3/2}(\Omega) \mid \Delta p \in L^2(\Omega) \right\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{C}^\infty(\bar{\Omega}) \text{ is dense in } H.$$

---

<sup>a</sup>[Costabel/Dauge, '98]

- *Via* the identification of the orthogonal of  $\overline{H^2(\Omega)}$  in  $H$  when  $\Omega$  is a Lipschitz-polyhedron <sup>a</sup>:

Norm for  $H/\mathbb{R}$ :

$$|u|_H \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\|\Delta u\|_{0,\Omega}^2 + \|\partial_n u\|_{0,\Gamma}^2)^{1/2}$$

Characterization of  $f \in \overline{H^2(\Omega)/\mathbb{R}}^\perp$ :

$$(\Delta f, \Delta u)_\Omega + (\partial_n f, \partial_n u)_\Gamma = 0 \quad \forall u \in H^2(\Omega)$$

In particular, with  $g \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Delta f$ :

$$(g, \Delta u)_\Omega = 0 \quad \forall u \in H^2(\Omega) \text{ such that } (\partial_n u)|_\Gamma = 0$$

$\Rightarrow g$  is a dual singularity of the Laplacian with Neumann b. c.

---

<sup>a</sup>[Ciarlet Jr./Hazard/L., 98]

Thus  $\Delta g = 0$  in  $\Omega$

$\partial_n g = 0$  weakly on  $\Gamma_j$

But

$$\begin{aligned}(\partial_n f, \partial_n u)_\Gamma &= -(g, \Delta u)_\Omega \\ &= -(\Delta g, u)_\Omega + \sum_{\Gamma_j \in \Gamma} (\langle \partial_n g, u \rangle_{\Gamma_j} - \langle g, \partial_n u \rangle_{\Gamma_j})\end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$g|_{\Gamma_j} = -\partial_n f \in L^2(\Gamma_j)$$

$\Rightarrow$  The elements of the orthogonal of  $\overline{H^2(\Omega)}$  are dual singularities with supplementary boundary regularity !

In 2D near a corner with opening angle  $\omega > \pi$ :

$$g(r, \theta) = Ar^{-\pi/\omega} \cos(\pi\theta/\omega) + g_R.$$

On the boundary ( $\theta = 0$ ):

$$(g - g_R)|_{\{\theta=0\}} = Ar^{-\pi/\omega} \in L^2(0, R)$$

$\Rightarrow A = 0$

$\Rightarrow g$  is the variational solution in  $H^1(\Omega)/\mathbb{R}$  of the homogeneous Neumann problem, i. e.  $g \equiv 0$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Density.

## IV. Impedance boundary condition – composite material

- Functional space:

$$\mathbf{W}_\varepsilon = \{ \mathbf{U} \in \mathcal{H}(\text{curl}) \mid \text{div}(\varepsilon \mathbf{U}) \in L^2(\Omega); (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{n})|_\Gamma \in L^2(\Gamma) \}$$

- Space of regular fields:

$$PH^1(\Omega; \mathcal{P}) \cap \mathbf{W}_\varepsilon$$

If  $\varepsilon$  satisfies certain conditions  $\Rightarrow$  Density theorem,  
otherwise  $\Rightarrow$  Decomposition theorem<sup>a</sup>

---

<sup>a</sup>see [L./Nicaise, '00], [L./Nicaise, '02]

## Singularities of the scalar transmission operator (2D)

Standard singularities of  $\Delta_\varepsilon^{\text{Dir}}$  at vertex  $S \in \mathcal{S}_{ext} \cup \mathcal{S}_{int}$ :

$$S_{S,\lambda}(r, \theta) = \eta_S(r) r^\lambda \Phi_\lambda(\theta), \quad \lambda \in \Lambda_{\varepsilon,S}^{\text{Dir}}$$

Set of singular exponents:  $\lambda \in \Lambda_{\varepsilon,S}^{\text{Dir}}$  if and only if there is a non-trivial solution  $\Phi_\lambda = \{\Phi_{\lambda,j}\}_j^{J_S}$  of the problem

$$\partial_\theta^2 \Phi_{\lambda,j} + \lambda^2 \Phi_{\lambda,j} = 0; \quad \theta \in ]\sigma_{j-1}, \sigma_j[$$

$$\Phi_{\lambda,j}(0) = \Phi_{\lambda,j}(\sigma_{J_S}) = 0 \text{ if } S \in \mathcal{S}_{ext}$$

$$\Phi_{\lambda,j}(0) = \Phi_{\lambda,j}(2\pi) \text{ and } \varepsilon_1 \Phi'_{\lambda,j}(0) = \varepsilon_{J_S} \Phi'_{\lambda,j}(2\pi) \text{ if } S \in \mathcal{S}_{int}$$

+ transmission conditions at  $\sigma_j$

In a similar way, define the set of singular exponents  $\Lambda_{\varepsilon,S}^{\text{Neu}}$  of the transmission operator with Neumann b. c.,  $\Delta_\varepsilon^{\text{Neu}}$ .

## Existence of a regular vector potential

Technical assumption:  $1 \notin \Lambda_{\varepsilon, S}^{\text{Neu}}$

Let  $\mathbf{E} \in \mathbf{W}_\varepsilon$ . There is  $\mathbf{E}_R \in H^1(\Omega)^3$  such that

$$\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{E}_R = \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{E} \text{ in } \Omega$$

$$\mathbf{E}_R \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma$$

$$\|\mathbf{E}_R\|_{PH^1(\Omega; \mathcal{P})} \leq c \|\mathbf{E}\|_{\mathbf{W}_\varepsilon}$$

Thus  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_R + \mathbf{grad} p$  with

$$p \in H_\varepsilon \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{u \in H^1(\Omega) \mid \Delta_\varepsilon u \in L^2(\Omega); u|_\Gamma \in H^1(\Gamma); l(u|_\Gamma) = 0\}$$

$l$  linear form on  $H^1(\Gamma)$

$$l : \varphi \mapsto \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}_{ext}} \varphi(S)$$

### Theorem 1

$PH^1(\Omega; \mathcal{P}) \cap \mathbf{W}_\varepsilon$  dense in  $\mathbf{W}_\varepsilon \Leftrightarrow PH^2(\Omega; \mathcal{P}) \cap H_\varepsilon$  dense in  $H_\varepsilon$

Proof: define a linear application  $\Phi : \mathbf{W}_\varepsilon \rightarrow H_\varepsilon$  by  $\Phi(\mathbf{E}) = p$  with

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{grad} p = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{E}_R \\ l(p) = 0 \end{cases}$$

and show that  $\Phi$  is continuous and onto. □

Norm for  $H_\varepsilon$ :

$$|u|_{H_\varepsilon} = \left( \|\Delta_\varepsilon u\|_{0,\Omega}^2 + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{ext}} \|\nabla_T u\|_{0,F}^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Introduce

$$H_0 = \{ u \in H^1(\Omega) \mid \Delta_\varepsilon u \in L^2(\Omega); u|_F \in H_0^1(F) \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_{ext} \}$$

$$\Rightarrow H_0 \hookrightarrow H_\varepsilon$$

Write

$$H_\varepsilon = \overline{PH^2(\Omega; \mathcal{P}) \cap H_\varepsilon} \oplus \mathcal{O}$$

where  $\mathcal{O}$  is the orthogonal complement of  $\overline{PH^2(\Omega; \mathcal{P}) \cap H_0}$  in  $H_0$ .

## Dual singularities of the scalar transmission operator

$$L^2(\Omega) = \Delta_\varepsilon^{\text{Dir}} \left( PH^2(\Omega; \mathcal{P}) \cap \mathcal{D}(\Delta_\varepsilon^{\text{Dir}}) \right) \overset{\perp}{\oplus} \mathcal{N}_{\varepsilon, \text{Dir}}$$

Characterization of  $\mathcal{N}_{\varepsilon, \text{Dir}}$ :

$$g \in \mathcal{N}_{\varepsilon, \text{Dir}} \Leftrightarrow (g, \Delta_\varepsilon u)_{0, \Omega} = 0 \quad \forall u \in H_{\varepsilon, 0, \text{reg}}$$

For any  $\lambda \in \Lambda_{\varepsilon, S}^{\text{Dir}} \cap ]0, 1[$ , set

$$g_{S, \lambda}(r, \theta) = \eta_S(r) r^{-\lambda} \Phi_\lambda(\theta) + h_{S, \lambda}(r, \theta).$$

Technical assumption:  $1 \notin \Lambda_{\varepsilon, S}^{\text{Dir}}$ .

$\Rightarrow \bigcup_{S_{\text{ext}} \cup S_{\text{int}}} \left\{ g_{S, \lambda} \mid \lambda \in \Lambda_{\varepsilon, S}^{\text{Dir}} \cap ]0, 1[ \right\}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{N}_{\varepsilon, \text{Dir}}$

## Proposition

1. For any  $f \in \mathcal{O}$  there is a unique  $g \in \mathcal{N}_{\varepsilon, Dir}$  such that

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \Delta_{\varepsilon} f = g \text{ in } \Omega \\ \Delta_T f = -\varepsilon \partial_n g \text{ in } H^{-1}(F) \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_{ext} \\ |f|_{H_{\varepsilon}} \leq \|g\|_{0, \Omega} + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{ext}} \|\varepsilon \partial_n g\|_{-1, F} \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

2. For any  $g \in \mathcal{N}_{\varepsilon, Dir}$  such that

$$\varepsilon \partial_n g \in H^{-1}(F) \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_{ext}$$

there is a unique  $f \in \mathcal{O}$  satisfying (1).

Is  $\varepsilon \partial_n g \in H^{-1}(F)$  possible for  $g \in \mathcal{N}_{\varepsilon, Dir}$  ?

Let  $g \in \mathcal{N}_{\varepsilon, Dir}$ :

$$g = \sum_S \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_{\varepsilon, S}^{Dir} \cap ]0, 1[} c_{S, \lambda} g_{S, \lambda}$$

and

$$\partial_n g_{S, \lambda} = r^{-\lambda-1} \Phi'_\lambda + h$$

Let  $S \in \mathcal{S}_{ext}$ :

$$\varepsilon \partial_n g \in H^{-1}(F) \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_{S, \lambda} = 0 \quad \forall \lambda \in \Lambda_{\varepsilon, S}^{Dir} \cap \left[\frac{1}{2}, 1\right[$$

## Theorem 2

Two situations may occur:

- $\Lambda_{\varepsilon,S}^{\text{Dir}} \cap ]0, \frac{1}{2}[ = \emptyset \quad \forall S \in \mathcal{S}_{ext}$  and  $\Lambda_{\varepsilon,S}^{\text{Dir}} \cap ]0, 1[ = \emptyset \quad \forall S \in \mathcal{S}_{int}$

$$\Rightarrow g \equiv 0$$

$$\Rightarrow PH^2(\Omega; \mathcal{P}) \cap H_\varepsilon \text{ is dense in } H_\varepsilon$$

- The above condition is violated.

$$\Rightarrow H_\varepsilon = \overline{PH^2(\Omega; \mathcal{P}) \cap H_\varepsilon} \oplus \text{Span } B$$

where

$$B = \left\{ S_{S,\lambda} \mid S \in \mathcal{S}_{ext} \text{ and } \lambda \in \Lambda_{\varepsilon,S}^{\text{Dir}} \cap ]0, \frac{1}{2}[ \right\} \\ \cup \left\{ S_{S,\lambda} \mid S \in \mathcal{S}_{int} \text{ and } \lambda \in \Lambda_{\varepsilon,S}^{\text{Dir}} \cap ]0, 1[ \right\}$$

## A glance at the 3D case

- For a vertex  $S$ , introduce the set of positive singular exponents

$$\Lambda_{\varepsilon, S}^{\text{Dir}} = \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\nu_j + \frac{1}{4}} \mid j \geq 1, \nu_j > 0 \right\},$$

where  $(\nu_j)_j$  are the eigenvalues of the Laplace-Beltrami operator acting on functions defined on the intersection of  $\Omega$  with the unit sphere.

- For an edge  $e$ , introduce the “cross-section”  $\Omega_e \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  such that the dihedral cone

$$D_e = \Omega_e \times \mathbb{R}$$

coincides with  $\Omega$  for any  $z \in ]-h, h[$ . If  $S_e$  is the vertex of  $\Omega_e$  corresponding to the edge  $e$ , set

$$\Lambda_{\varepsilon, e}^{\text{Dir}} = \Lambda_{\varepsilon, S_e}^{\text{Dir}}.$$

### Theorem 3 (density result)

Technical assumption:  $\forall S \in \mathcal{S}, \frac{1}{2} \notin \Lambda_{\varepsilon, S}^{\text{Dir}}$  and  $\forall e \in \mathcal{E}, 1 \notin \Lambda_{\varepsilon, e}^{\text{Dir}}$ .

The space  $PH^2(\Omega; \mathcal{P}) \cap H_\varepsilon$  is dense in  $H_\varepsilon$  if and only if

$$\Lambda_{\varepsilon, S}^{\text{Dir}} \cap ]0, \frac{1}{2}[ = \emptyset, \forall S \in \mathcal{S}_{int} \quad (2)$$

as well as

$$\Lambda_{\varepsilon, e}^{\text{Dir}} \cap ]0, \frac{1}{2}[ = \emptyset \forall S \in \mathcal{E}_{ext} \text{ and } \Lambda_{\varepsilon, e}^{\text{Dir}} \cap ]0, 1[ = \emptyset \forall S \in \mathcal{E}_{int} \quad (3)$$

hold.

- If there is an exterior edge  $e$  and  $\lambda$  such that

$$\lambda \in \Lambda_{\varepsilon, e}^{\text{Dir}} \cap ]0, \frac{1}{2}[,$$

introduce the edge singularity

$$\mathcal{S}_{e, \lambda} = \chi(z) \mathcal{S}_{S, \lambda}$$

and show that

$$\mathcal{S}_{e, \lambda} \notin \overline{PH^2(\Omega; \mathcal{P}) \cap H_\varepsilon}.$$

- If there is an interior vertex  $S$  and  $\lambda$  such that

$$\lambda \in \Lambda_{\varepsilon, S}^{\text{Dir}} \cap ]0, \frac{1}{2}[,$$

the results of [Costabel/Dauge/Nicaise, '99] apply.

## Remarks

- In the homogeneous case ( $\varepsilon$  constant), condition (3) is always fulfilled.
- In 2D: if  $S \in \mathcal{S}_{ext}$  belongs to at least three sub-domains, coefficients  $\varepsilon_j$  may be found such that  $\Lambda_{\varepsilon, S}^{Dir} \cap ]0, \frac{1}{2}[$  is not empty.<sup>a</sup>

## Conclusion

- ⇒ Extension of density results for homogeneous body
- ⇒ “Hybrid” situation depending on the electromagnetic coefficients

---

<sup>a</sup>see [Costabel/Dauge/Nicaise, '99]