

**Bloch Waves  
in an  
Infinite Periodically Perforated Sheet**

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# Background

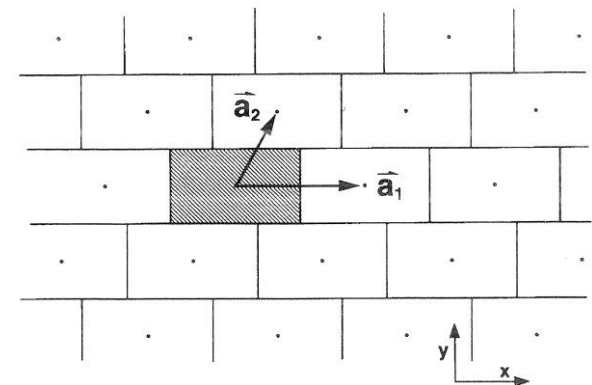
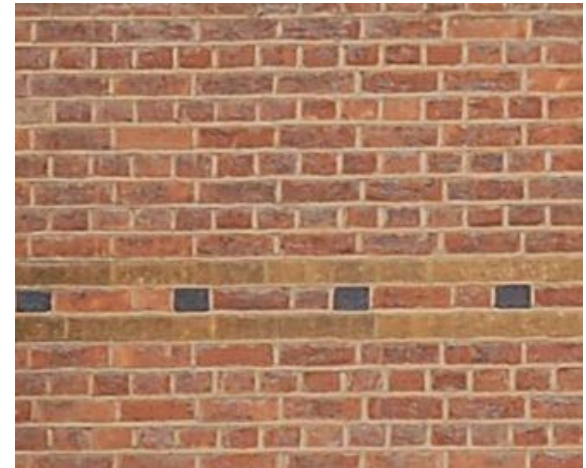
## Building Acoustics: **Masonry Walls**

### Theoretical modelling (1988ff.):

infinite 2D-periodic structures  
analytical approach  
structure-borne sound propagation  
transmission loss

### Focus on

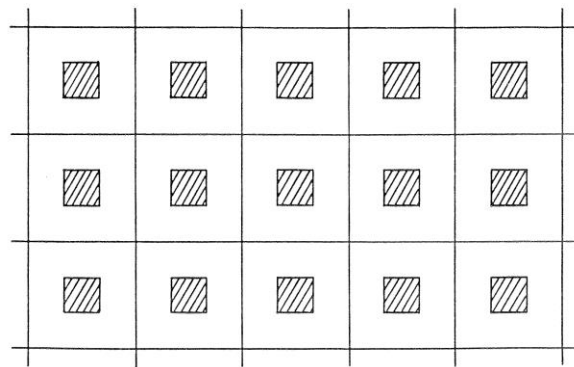
low frequencies  
homogenization  
structure-borne energy and intensity



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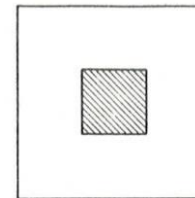
**Back then:** Fractal structures in vogue

2D periodic structure with **Sierpinski Carpet** unit cell:

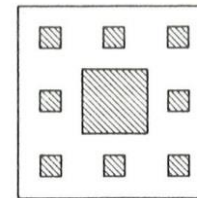


simplest example

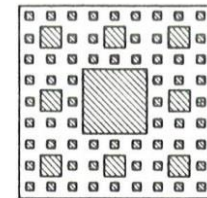
similar to masonry case



Stage 1



Stage 2



Stage 3

P. Sheng and R. Tao:

First-principles approach for effective elastic-moduli calculation:

Application to continuous fractal structure.

Physical Review B 31 (1985) 6131-6133

**Back then:**

complicated analytical calculations

numerical evaluation of large linear systems of equations

**Today:**

**COMSOL**

# Outline

## 1 COMSOL Model Setup

## 2 COMSOL Results

2.1 Band Structure

2.2 Bloch Waves (standing or running)

2.3 Energy Densities and Intensity

## 3 Analytical Results

3.1 Two Theorems

3.2 Low-Frequency Approximation

3.3 Exact Homogenization: Equivalent Anisotropic Medium

## 4 Applications

# 1 COMSOL Model Setup

## COMSOL Blog

'Modeling Phononic Band Gap Materials and Structures'

Nagi Elabbasi | February 10, 2016

## Essential feature

**Floquet Periodicity in 2D**

(orthogonal Bravais lattices only – so far)

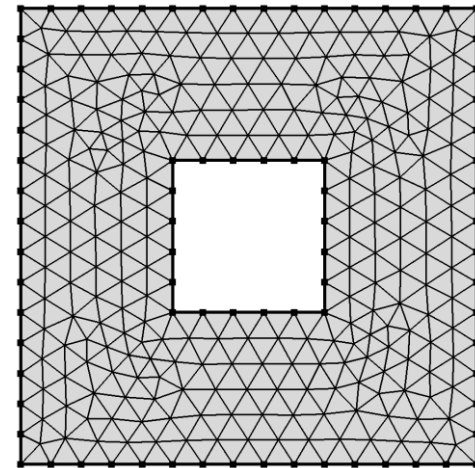
## Specify Bloch wave vector

→ Solve eigenvalue problem

→ Parameter study

→ Generate band structure

→ Analyze Bloch waves



Unit Cell

## 2 COMSOL Results

### 2.0 Input Parameters

$$L_{uc} = 3 \text{ cm}$$

unit cell size

$$L_{hole} = L_{uc}/3$$

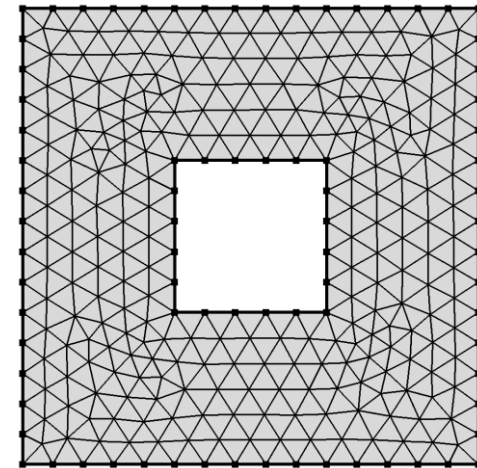
hole size

$$E = 10 \text{ MPa}$$

elastic material

$$\nu = 1/6$$

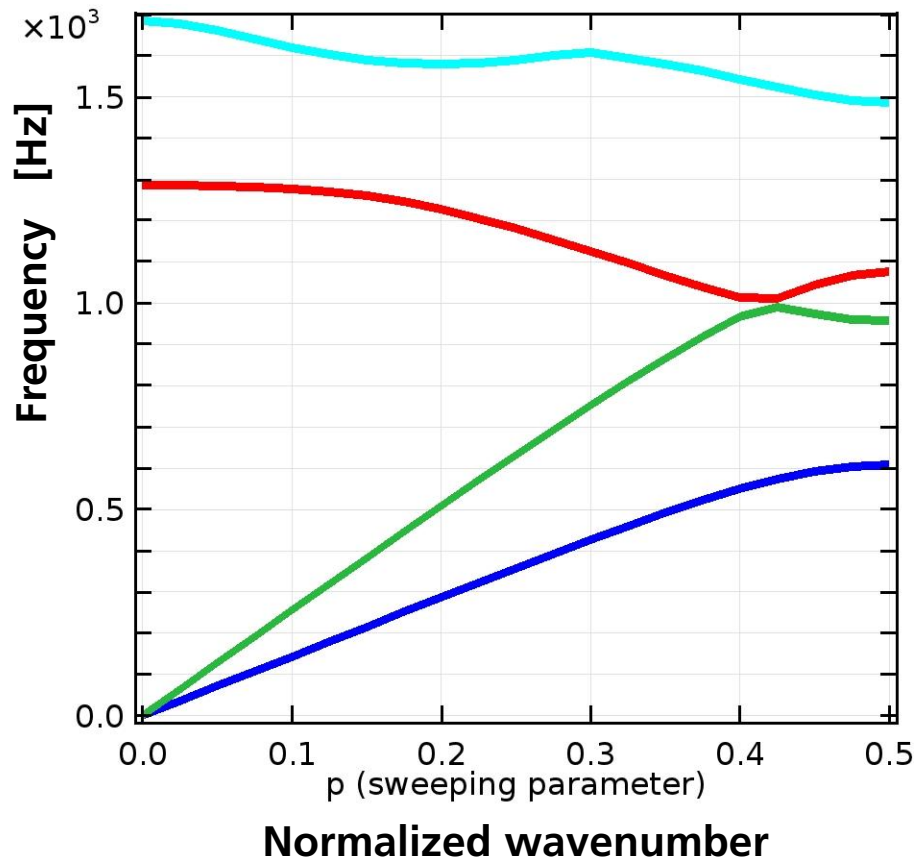
$$\rho = 1500 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$



Unit Cell

## 2 COMSOL Results

### 2.1 Band structure for Bloch wave vectors along x-direction (0°)



optical branches

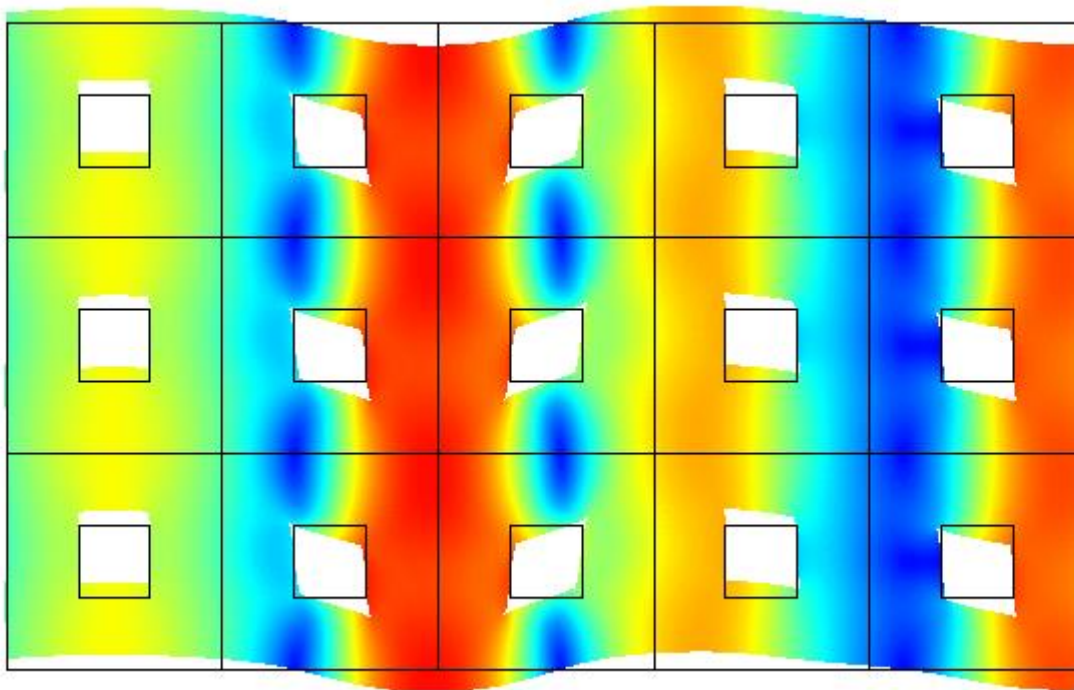
longitudinal (mainly)

acoustic branches

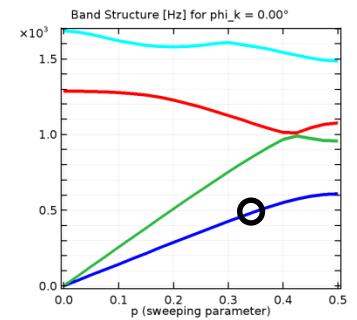
transversal (mainly)

## 2 COMSOL Results

### 2.2 Bloch wave (0°): blue branch $\approx$ transversal



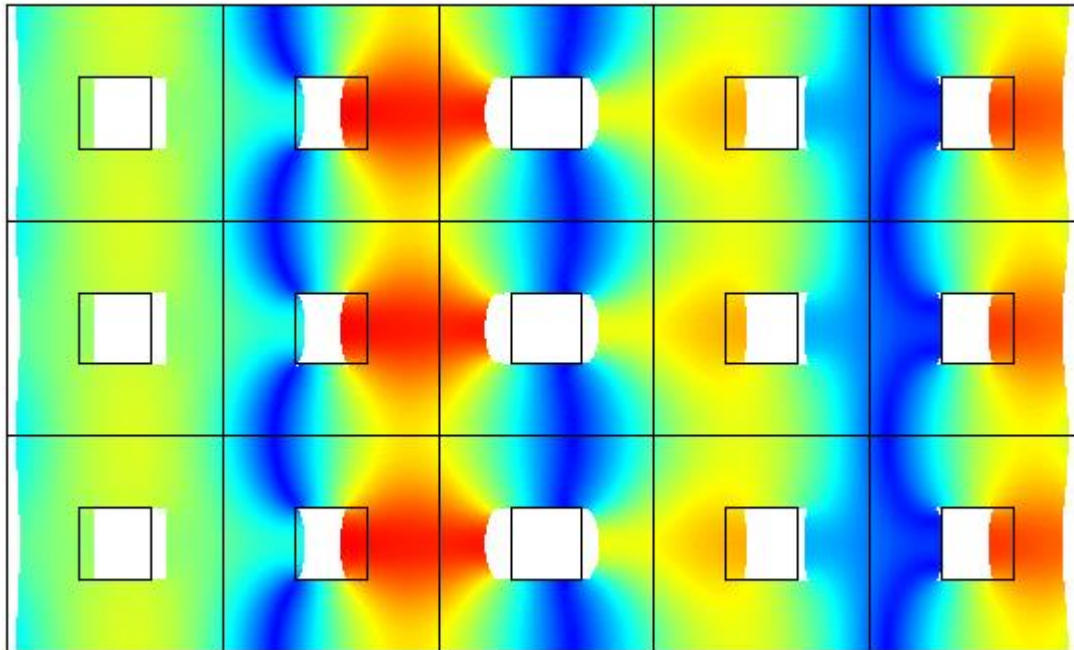
$$p = 0.35, \quad \lambda_{\text{Bloch}} \approx 2.9 L_{\text{uc}}, \quad 491 \text{ Hz}$$



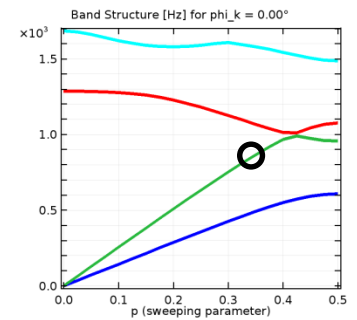


## 2 COMSOL Results

### 2.2 Bloch wave (0°): green branch $\approx$ longitudinal

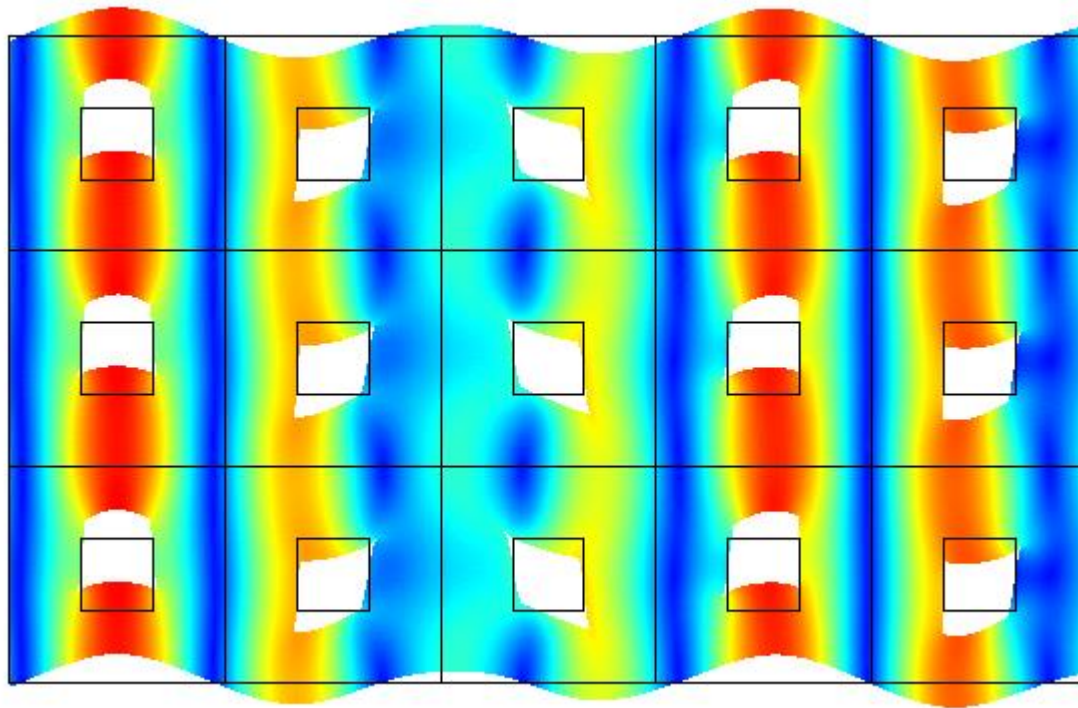


$$p = 0.35, \quad \lambda_{\text{Bloch}} \approx 2.9 L_{\text{uc}}, \quad 866 \text{ Hz}$$

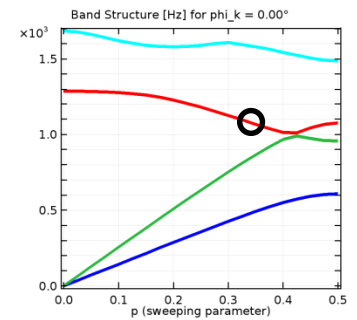


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### 2.2 Bloch wave (0°): **red branch**

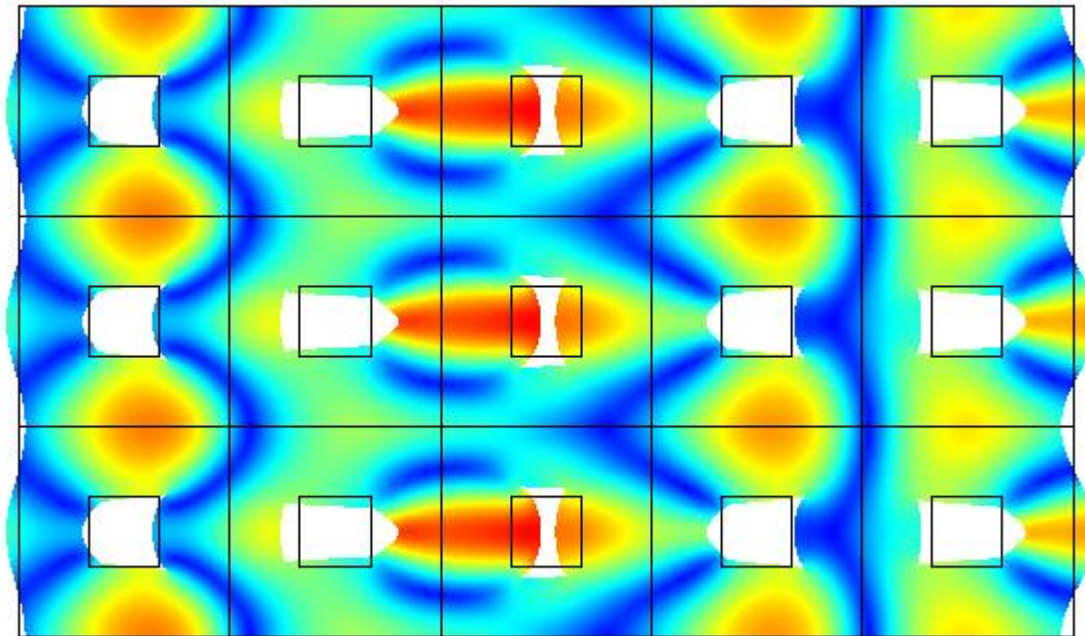


$$p = 0.35, \quad \lambda_{\text{Bloch}} \approx 2.9 L_{\text{uc}}, \quad 1068 \text{ Hz}$$

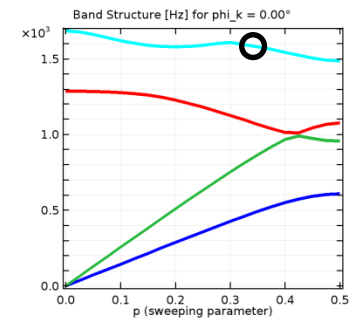


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### 2.2 Bloch wave (0°): light blue branch

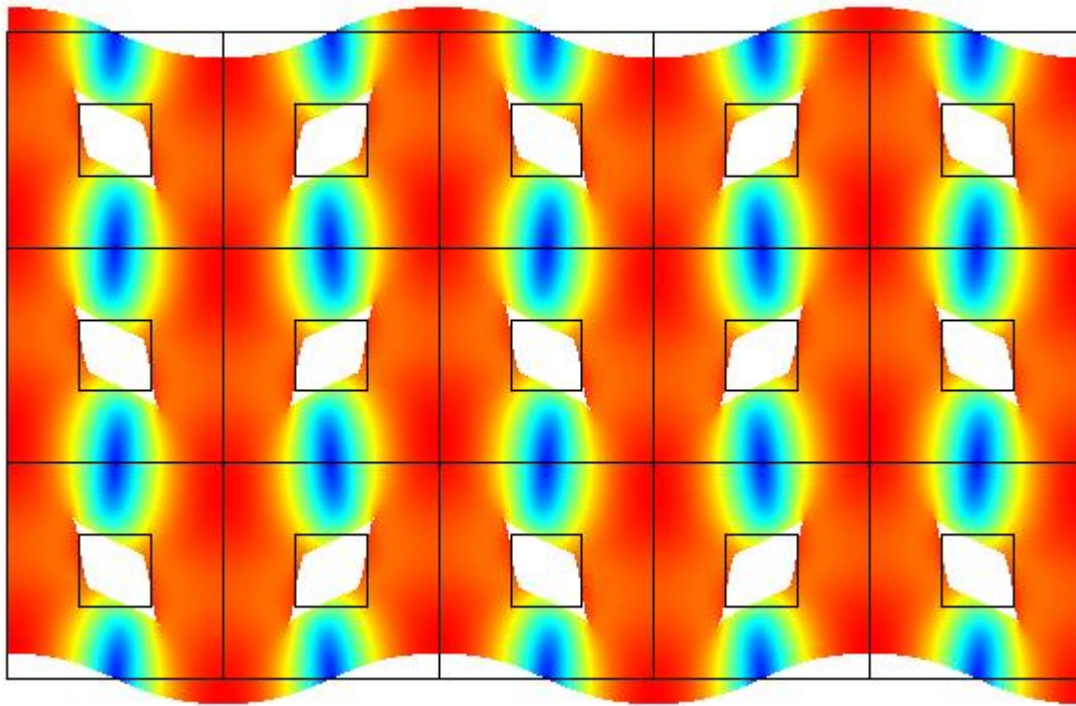


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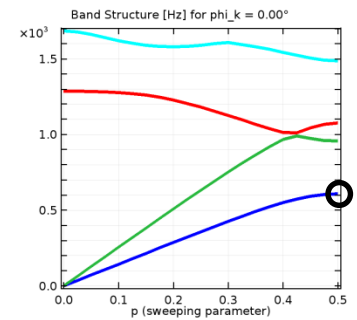


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### 2.2 Standing Bloch wave (0°): blue branch

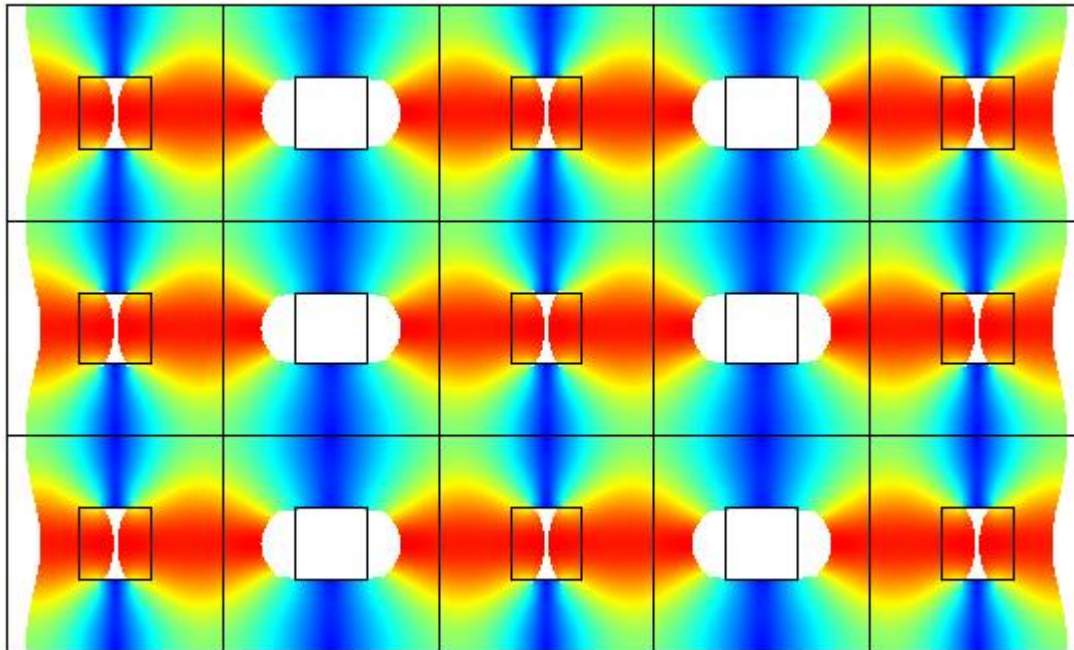


$$p = 0.5, \quad \lambda_{\text{Bloch}} = 2 L_{\text{uc}}, \quad 609 \text{ Hz}$$

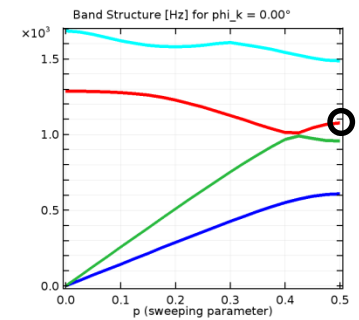


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### 2.2 Standing Bloch wave (0°): red ? green! branch



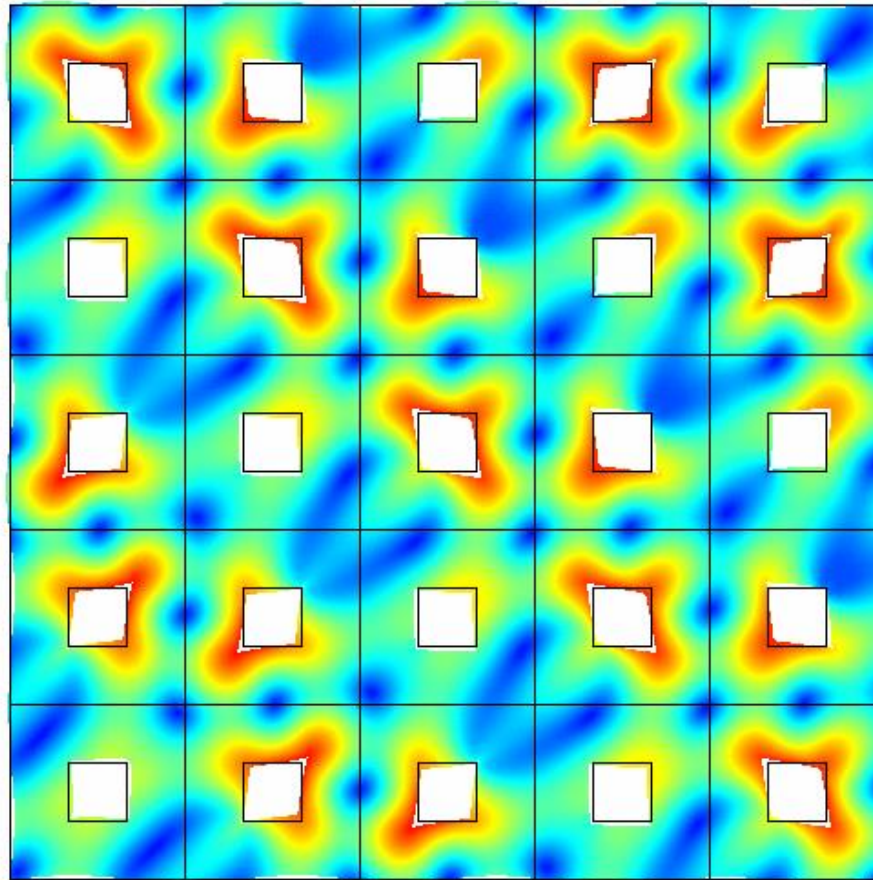
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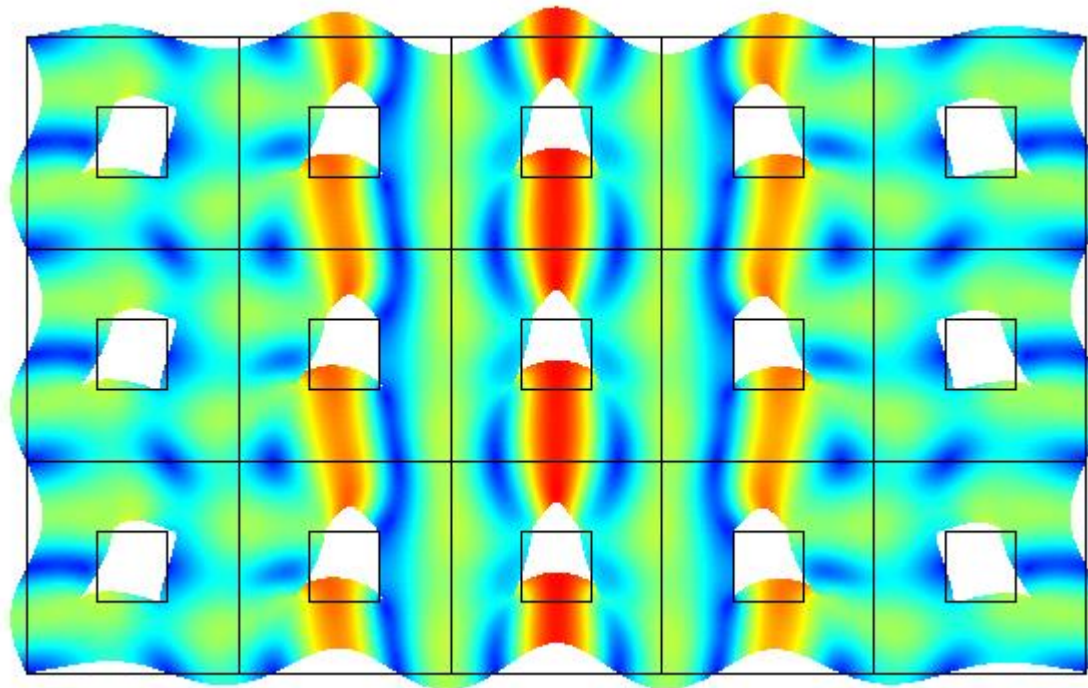
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### 2.2 Bloch wave (45°)

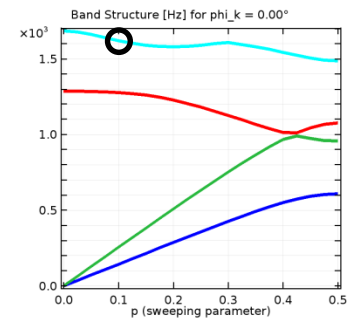


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### 2.2 Bloch wave (0°): light blue branch



$p = 0.1$  ,  $\lambda_{\text{Bloch}} = 10 L_{\text{uc}}$  , 1619 Hz

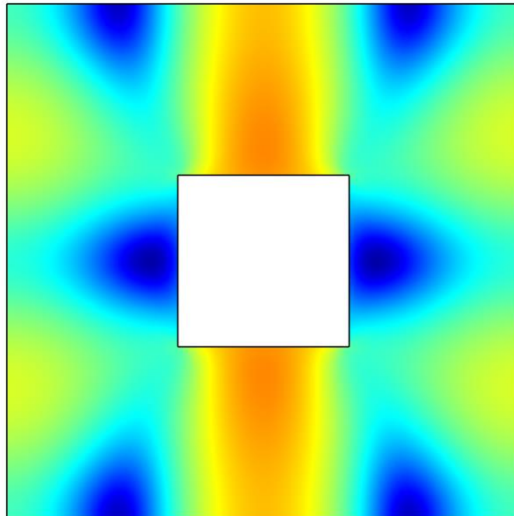


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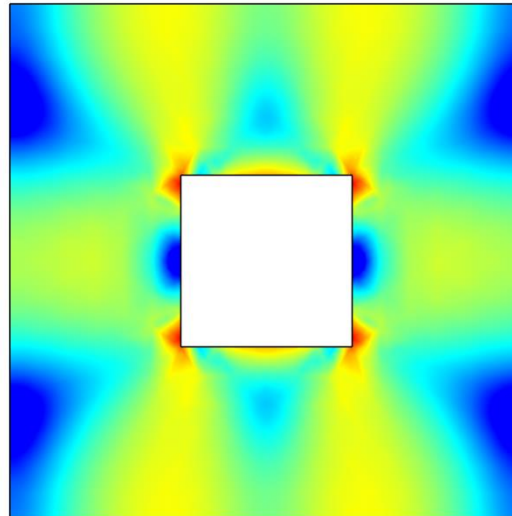
### 2.3 Energy Densities (time average: $\log_{10}(\text{solid.Wk}+\text{solid.Wh})$ )

Bloch wave ( $0^\circ$ ): light blue branch

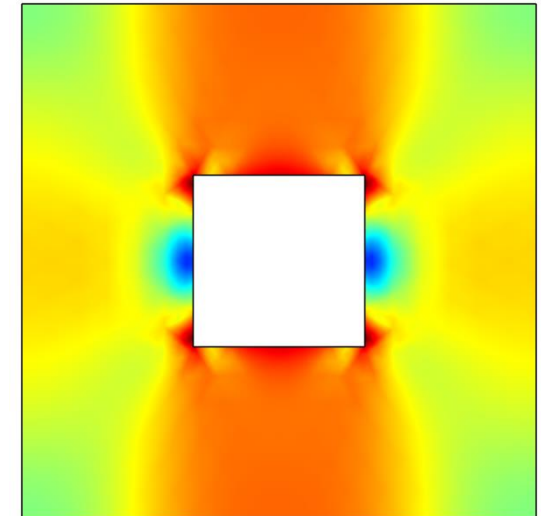
kinetic



potential



total

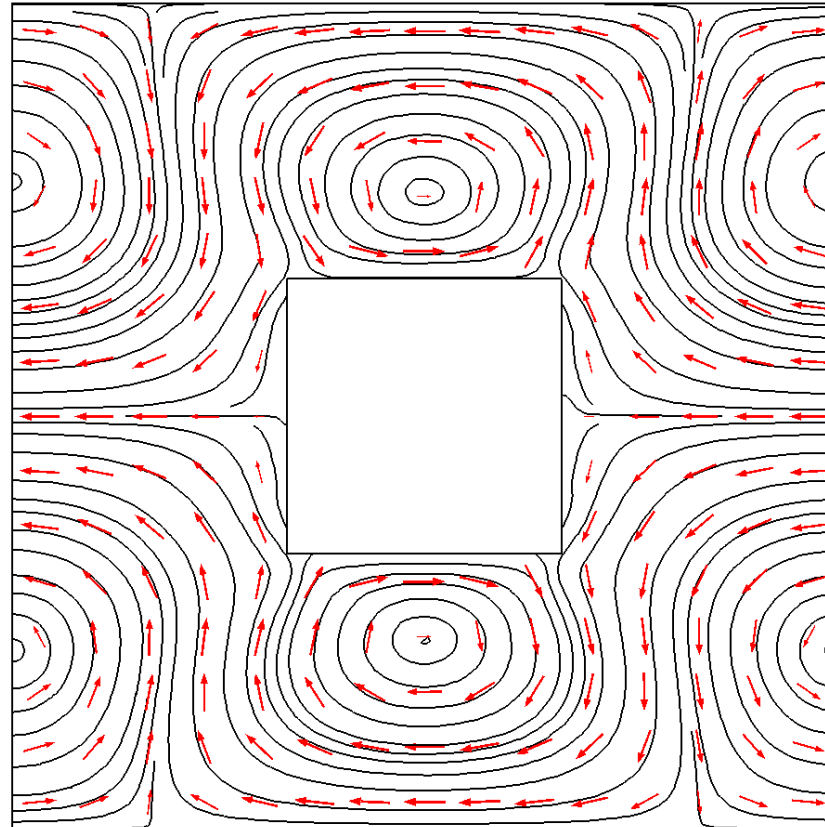


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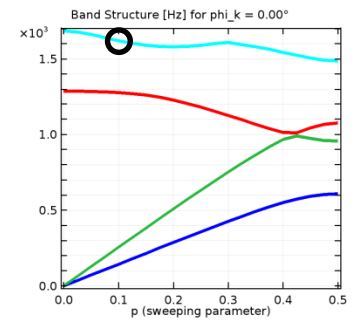


## 2 COMSOL Results

### 2.3 Intensity



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# 3 Analytical Results

## 3.1 Two theorems for Bloch waves in periodic media

### Rayleigh's principle

$$\langle\langle \mathbf{e}_{\text{kin}} \rangle\rangle = \langle\langle \mathbf{e}_{\text{pot}} \rangle\rangle$$

### Equivalence of group velocity and energy velocity

$$\nabla_{\vec{k}_{\text{Bloch}}} \omega \equiv \vec{C} = \frac{\langle\langle \vec{S} \rangle\rangle}{\langle\langle \mathbf{e}_{\text{tot}} \rangle\rangle} \equiv \frac{\langle \vec{I} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{w}_{\text{tot}} \rangle}$$

W. Maysenhölder, Acustica 78 (1993) 246-249

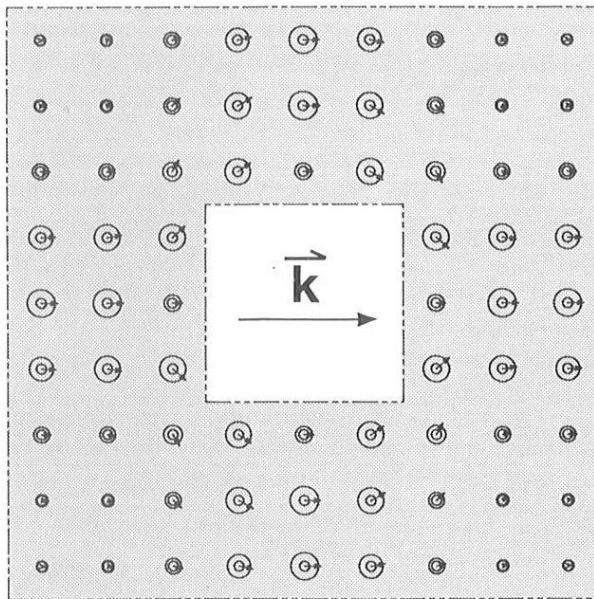
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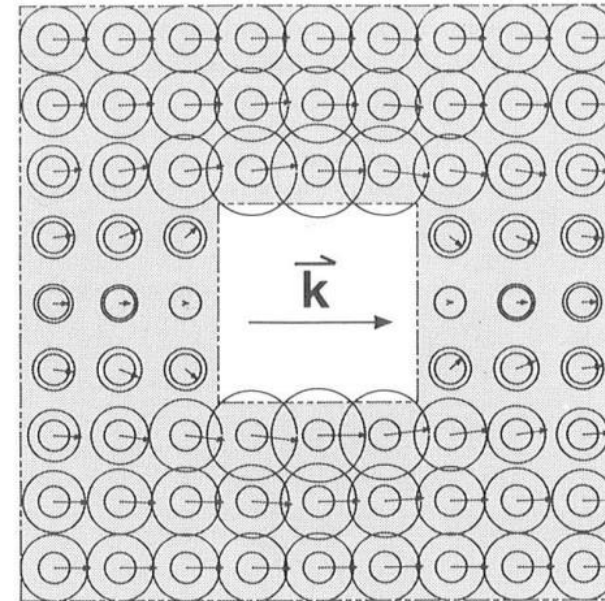
Energy densities: Circles

Intensity: Arrows

local violation of Rayleigh's principle !



blue branch  $\approx$  transversal



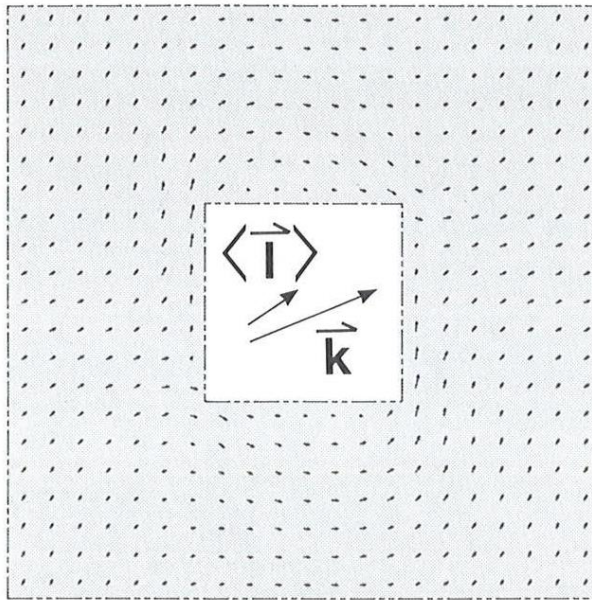
green branch  $\approx$  longitudinal

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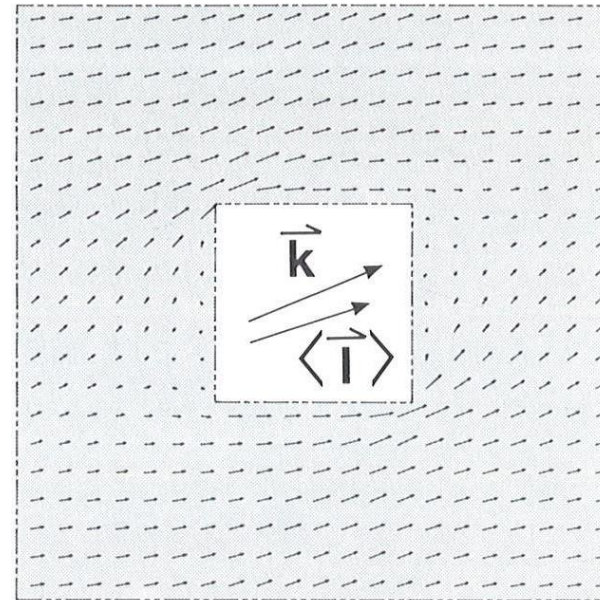
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average intensity direction  $\neq$  propagation direction



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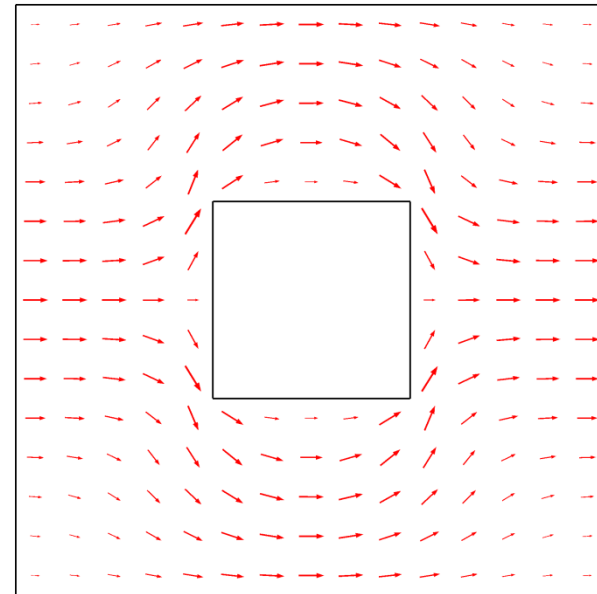
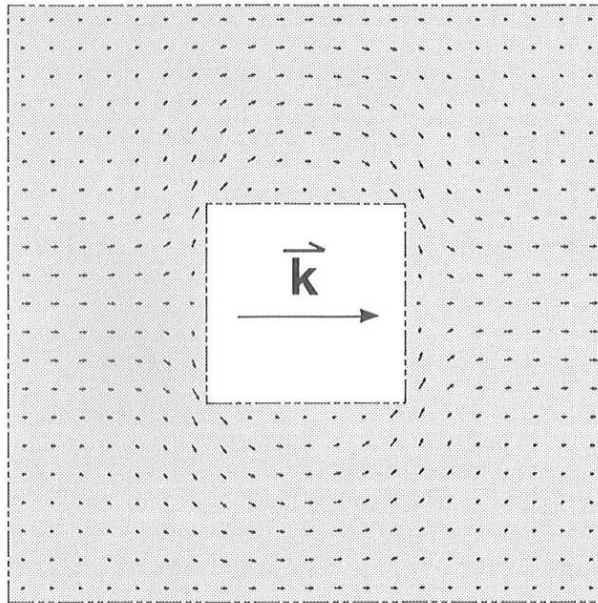
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"analytical"

versus

COMSOL result



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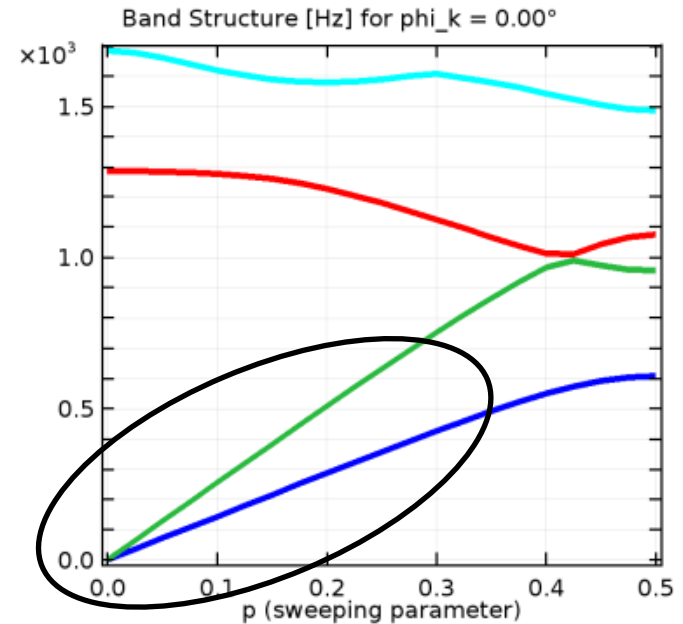
## 3.3 Exact Homogenization: Equivalent Anisotropic Medium

Anisotropic elastic moduli  
from phase velocities  
of Bloch waves  
at low frequencies

Slowness diagram

Polarization

Intensity



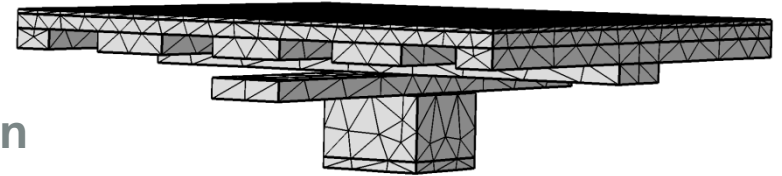
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# 4 Applications

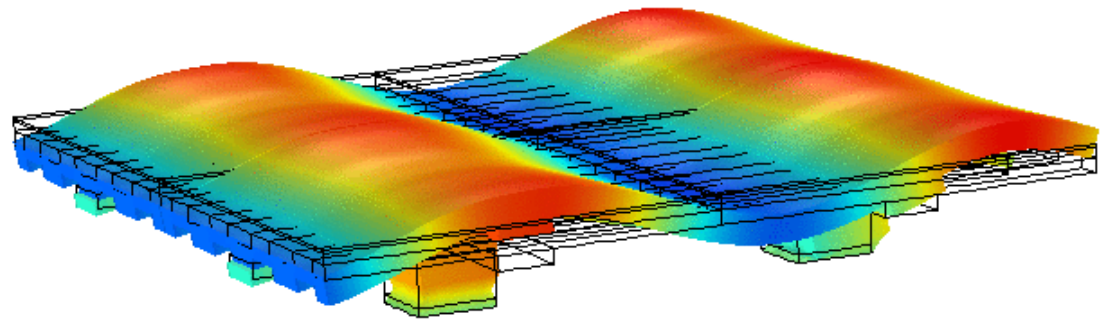
- ❖ **Periodic metamaterials**

- band structure (gap) optimization



- ❖ **Floors of sports halls**

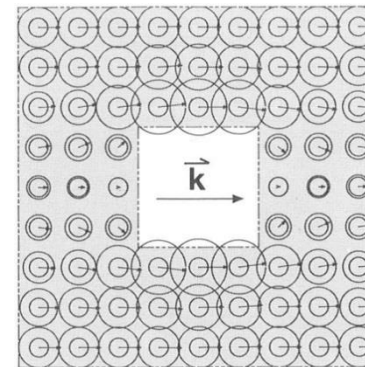
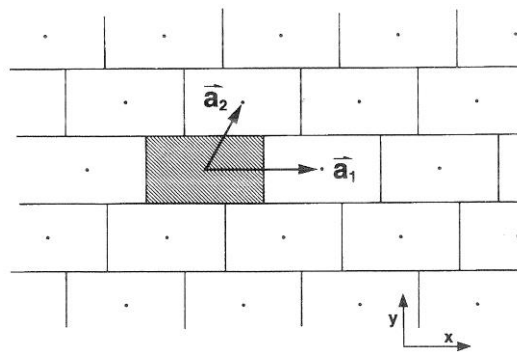
- ❖ ...



- ❖ **Sound transmission loss !**

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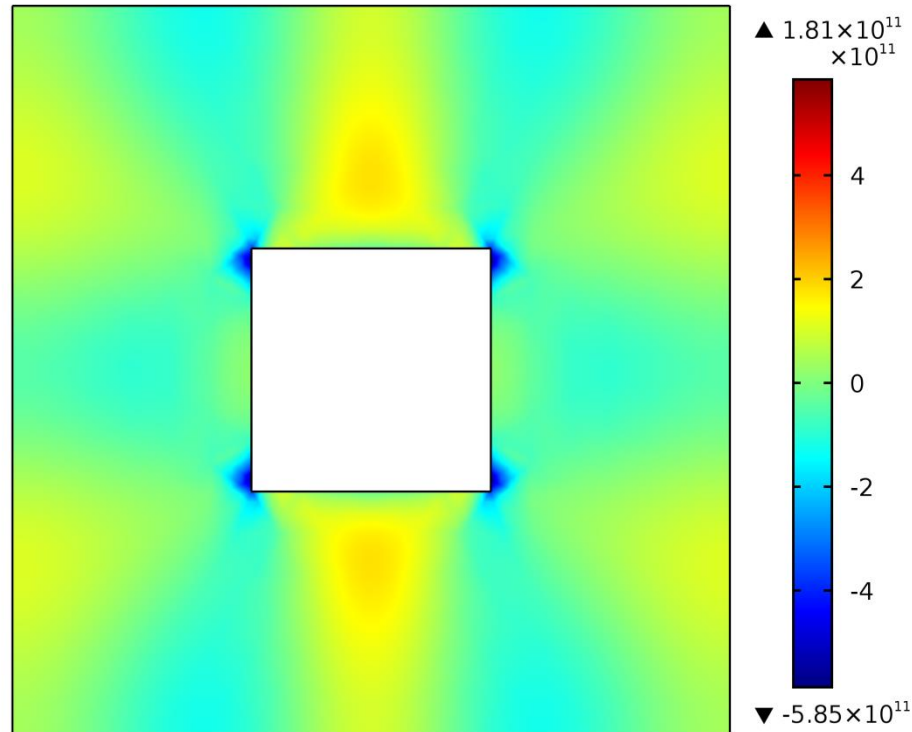
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# Appendix

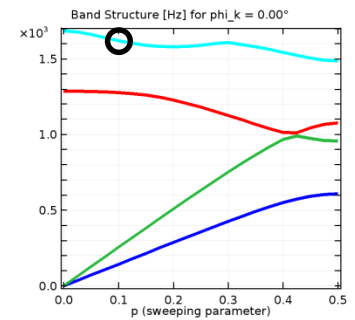
# Appendix

Lagrange Density (time average  $\langle \mathbf{L} \rangle_T$ ): solid.Wk - solid.Wh)

$$\langle \langle \mathbf{L} \rangle \rangle = 0$$



$p = 0.1$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{Bloch}} = 10 L_{\text{uc}}$ , 1619 Hz



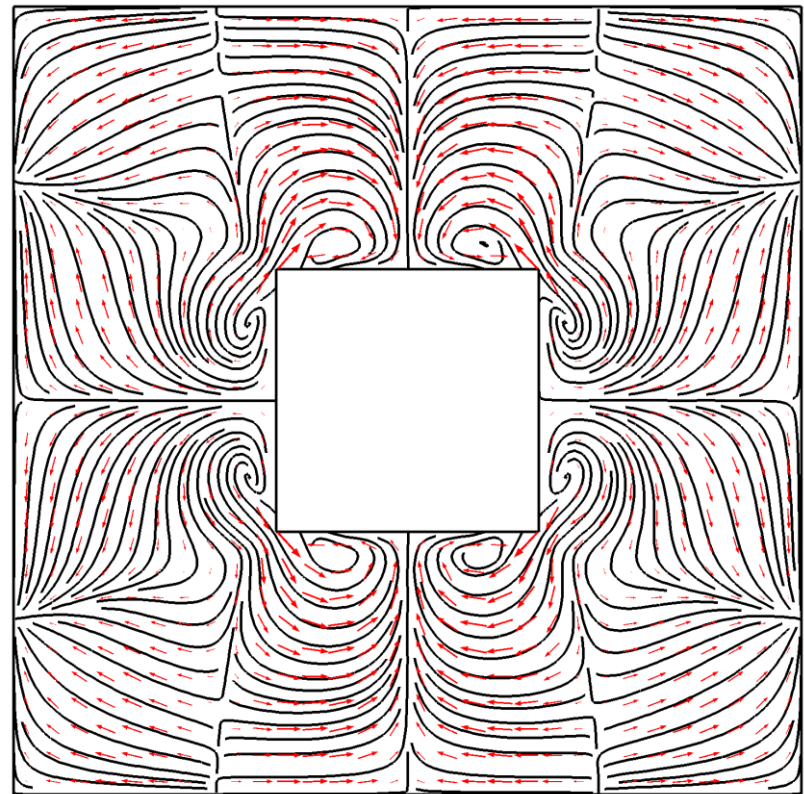
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Reactive Intensity  $\vec{Q}$  ( $\text{imag}(\text{solid.lcomplexX}), \text{imag}(\text{solid.lcomplexY})$ )

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{Q} =$$

$$2\omega \left( \langle e_{\text{kin}} \rangle_T - \langle e_{\text{pot}} \rangle_T \right)$$

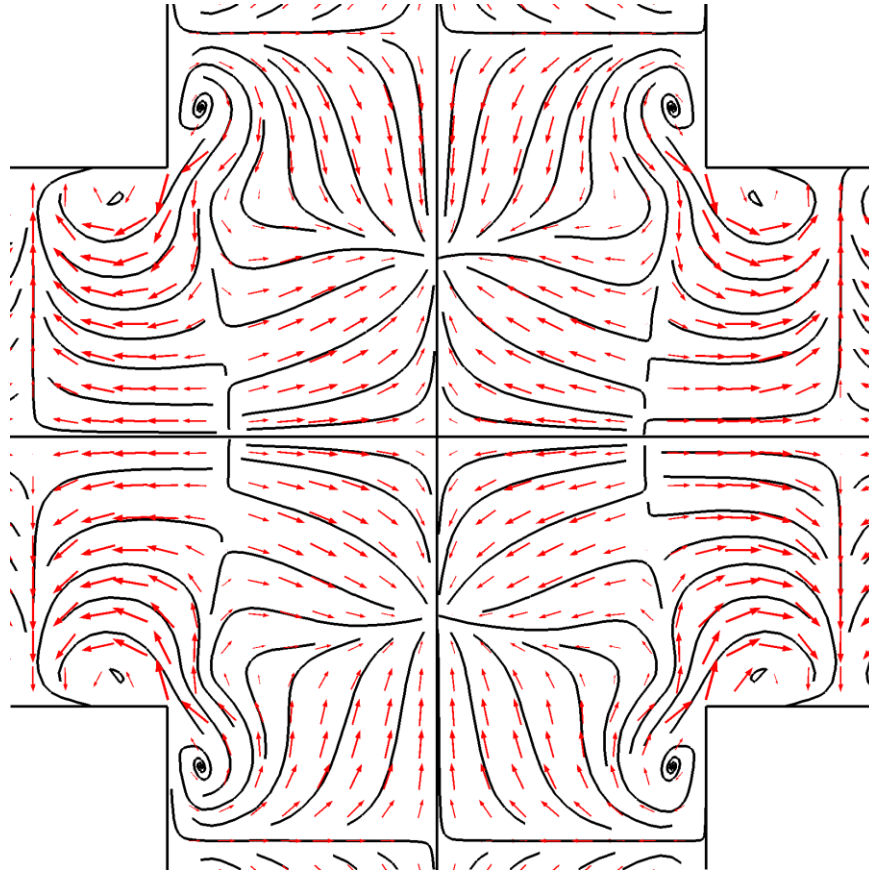
$$= 2\omega \langle \mathbf{L} \rangle_T$$



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# Appendix

Due to symmetry the reactive intensity does not leave the unit cell !



## Close-up of Vortices

