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## Dispersive behavior of waves in heterogeneous media

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### Inhaltsangabe

The wave equation describes the propagation of sound waves, of elastic waves, or electromagnetic waves. If the waves propagate in a medium, we must consider the wave equation with  $x$ -dependent coefficients. Waves in a homogeneous medium ( $x$ -independent coefficients) can be described with the help of a Fourier transform: The behavior is special in the sense that all waves travel with the same speed, i.e. no dispersive effects occur. The situation is different in heterogeneous media: Waves cannot be expanded in a Fourier series – the natural replacement is a Bloch transformation. With this tool, we demonstrate that the heterogeneous medium shows indeed dispersive effects. Our long-time homogenization result provides explicit formulas which are also confirmed by numerical tests.



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