

The Aretakis instability of extreme asymptotically AdS black holes

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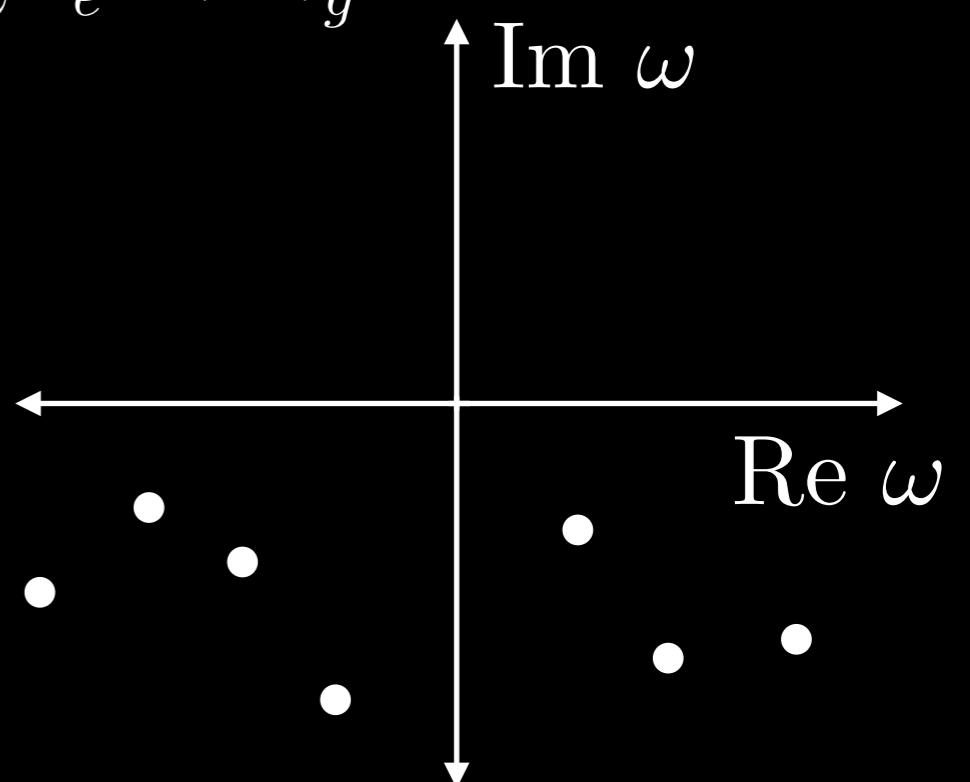
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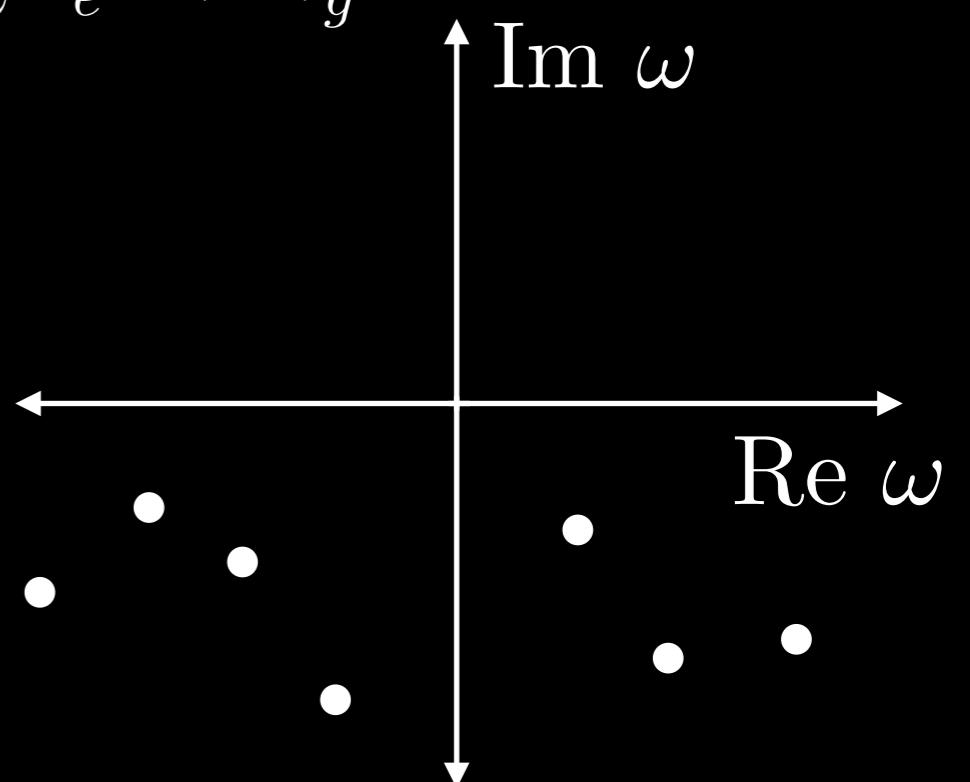
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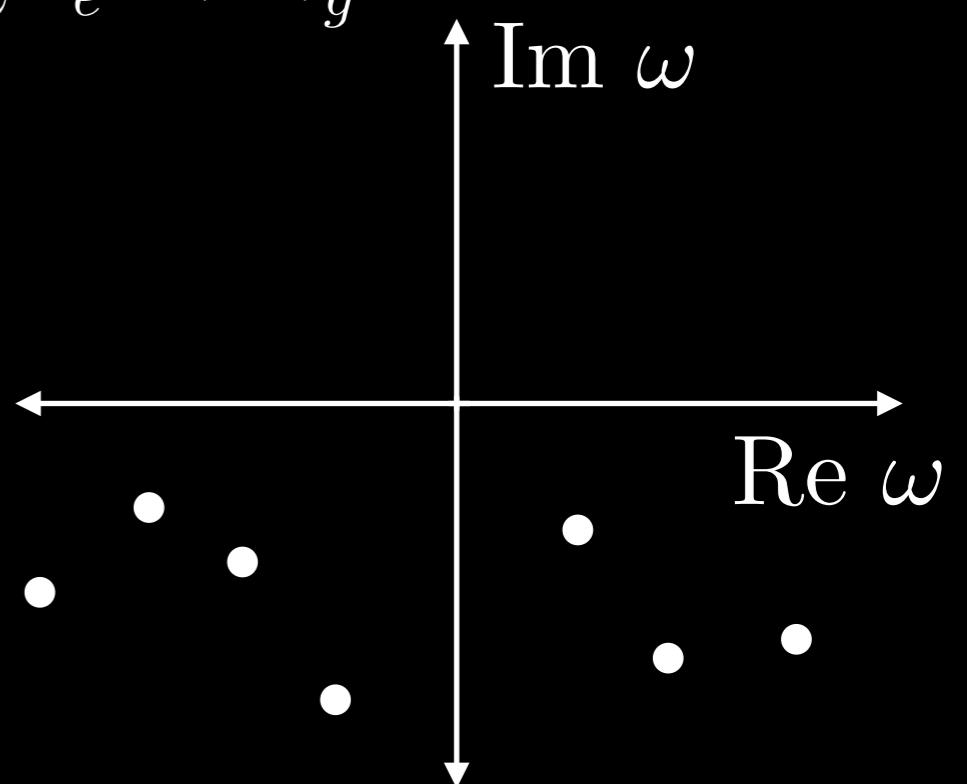
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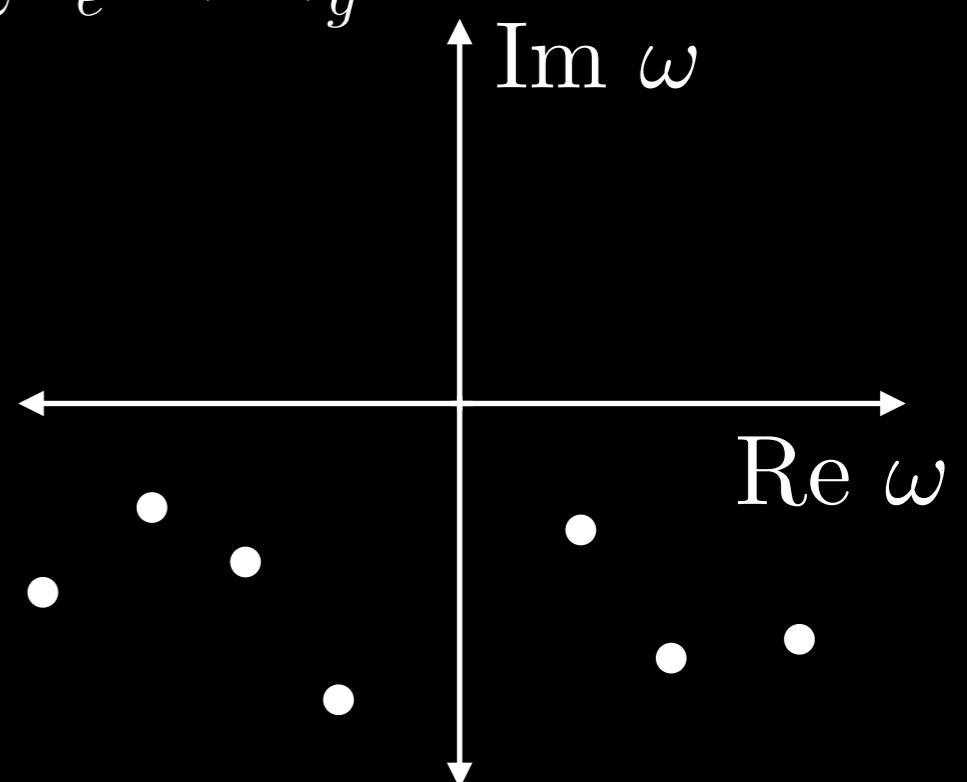
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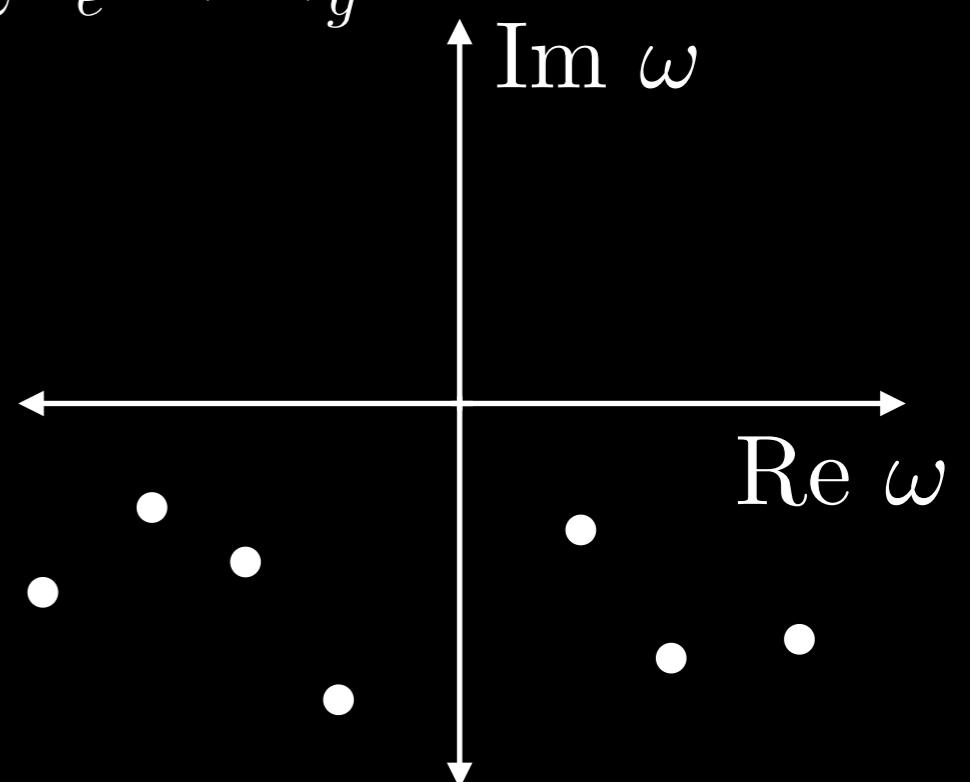
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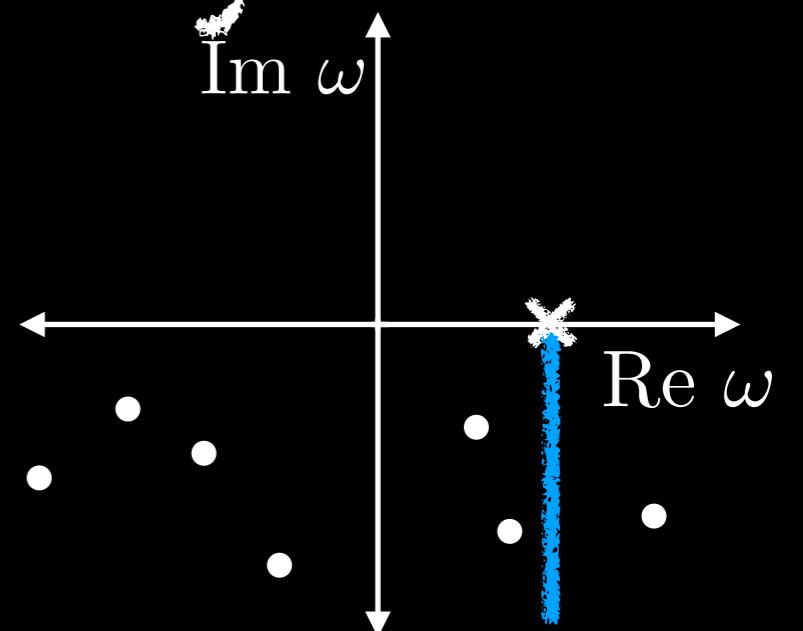
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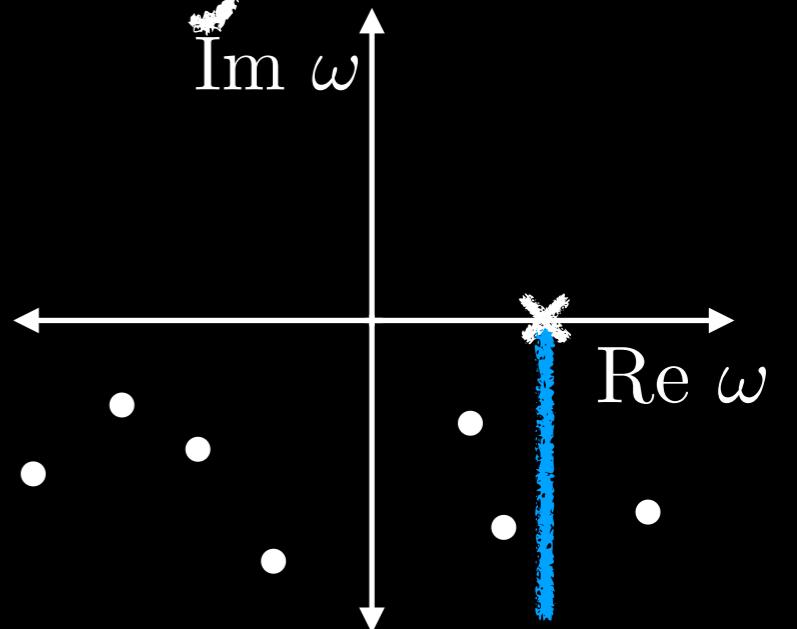
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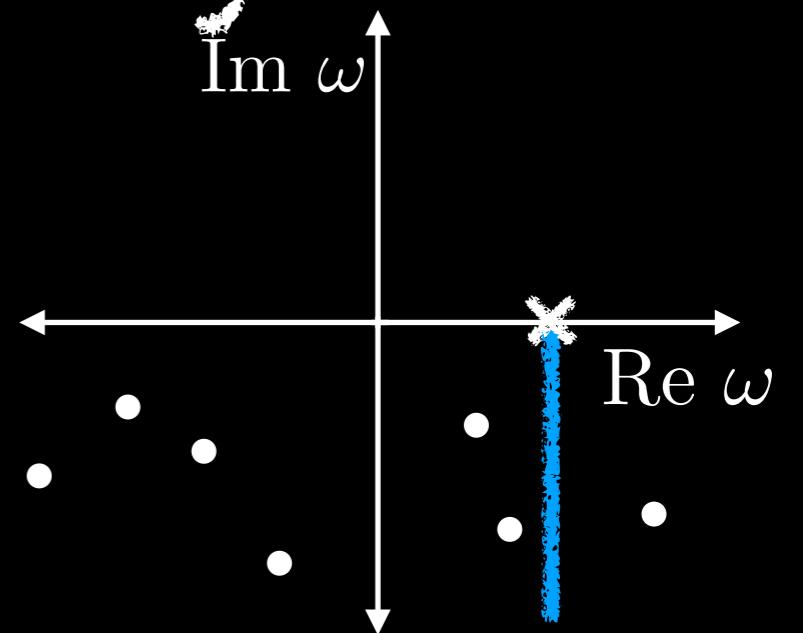
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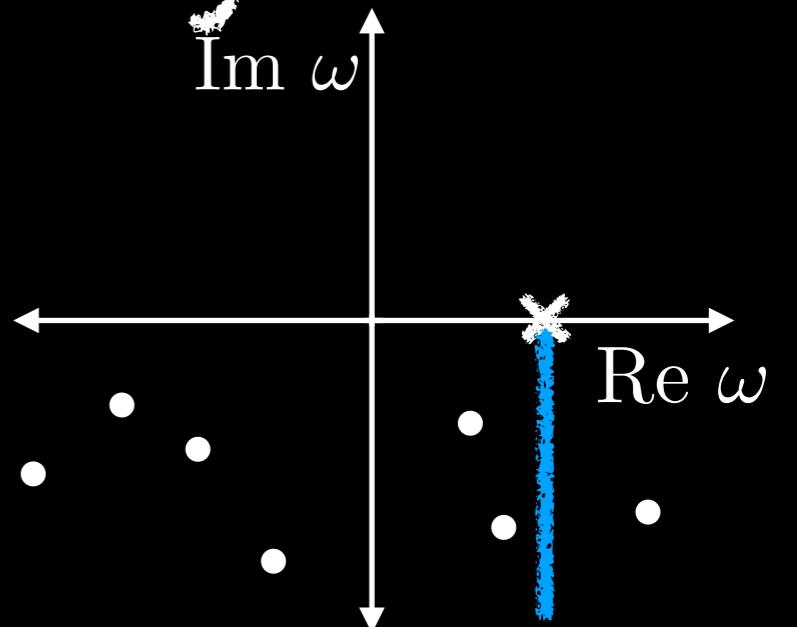


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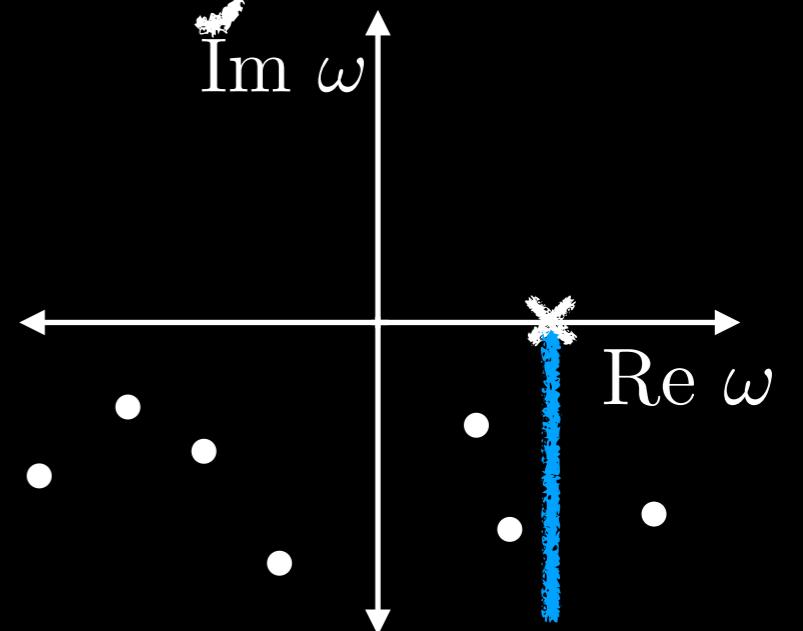
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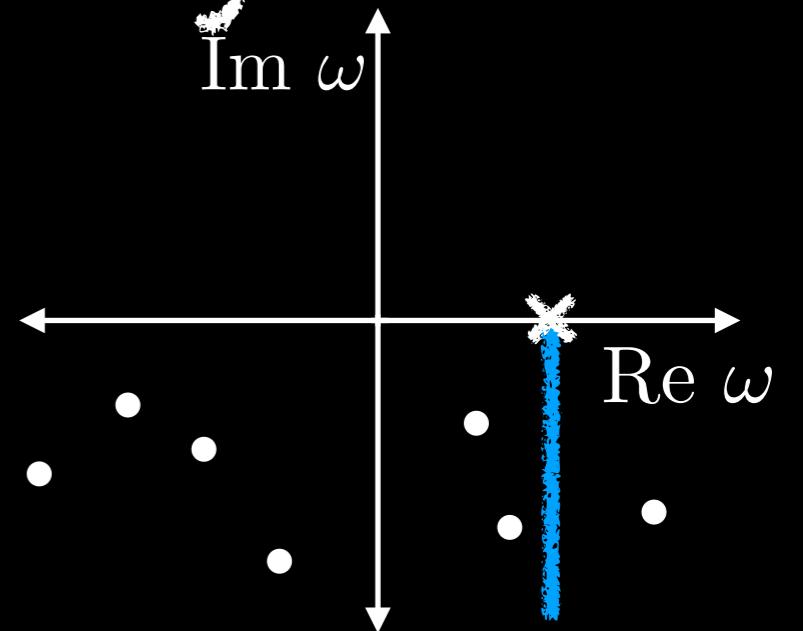


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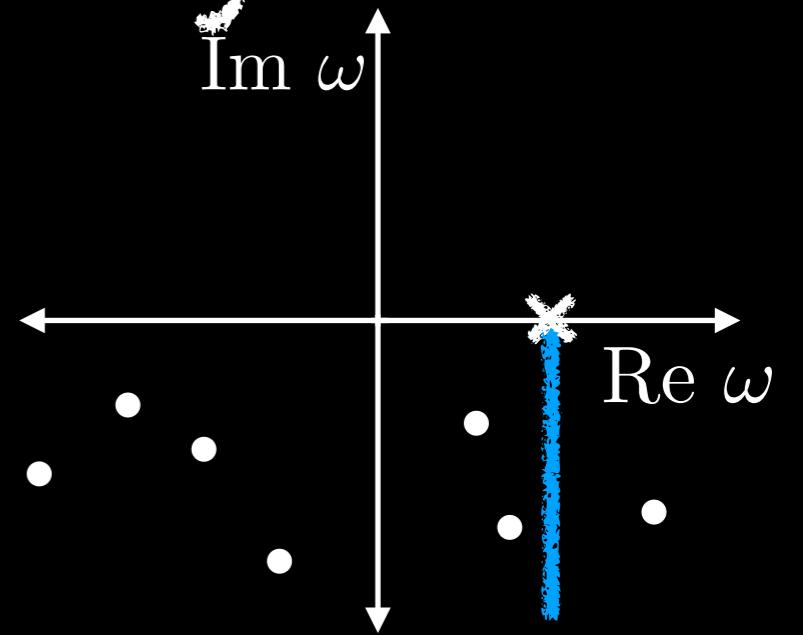


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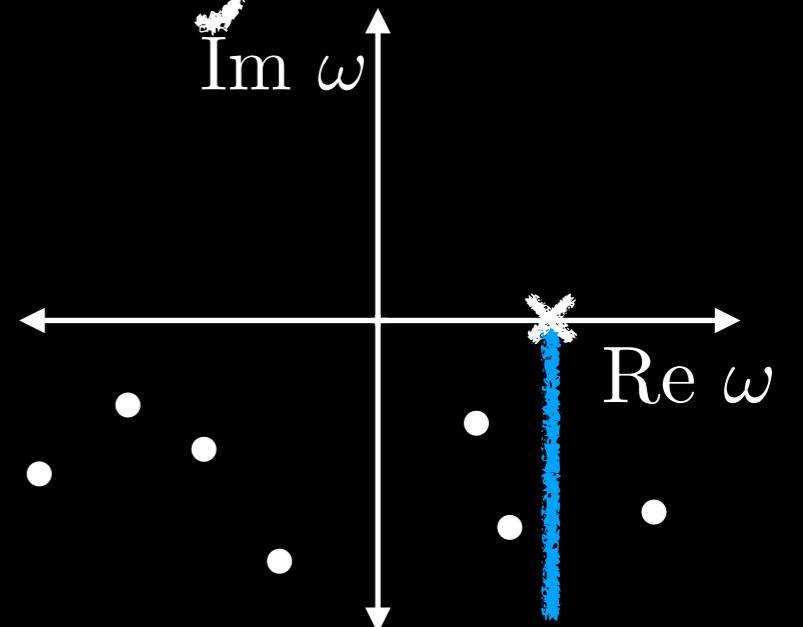


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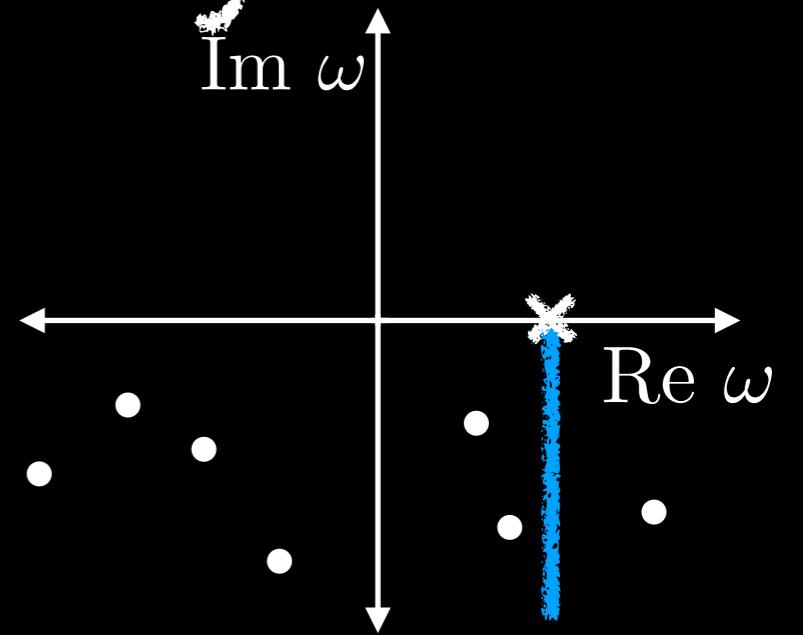
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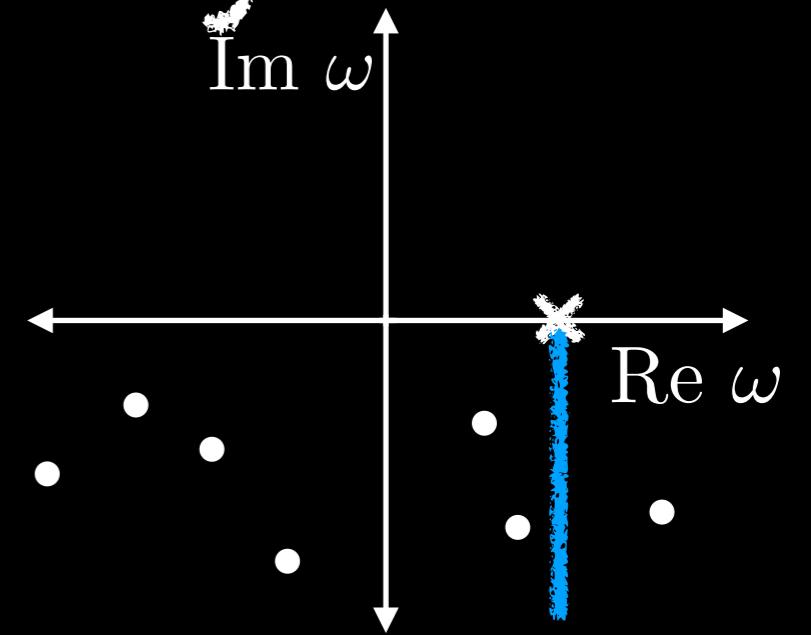
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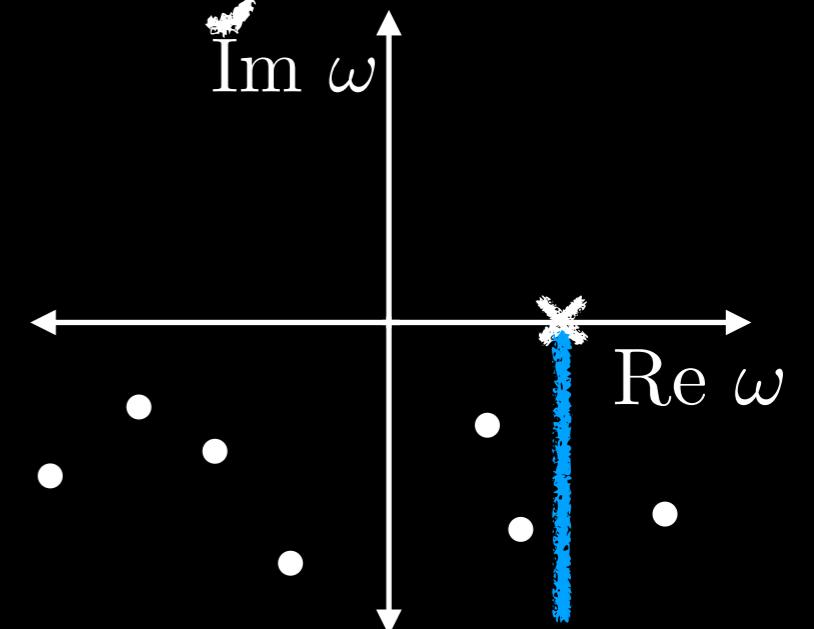
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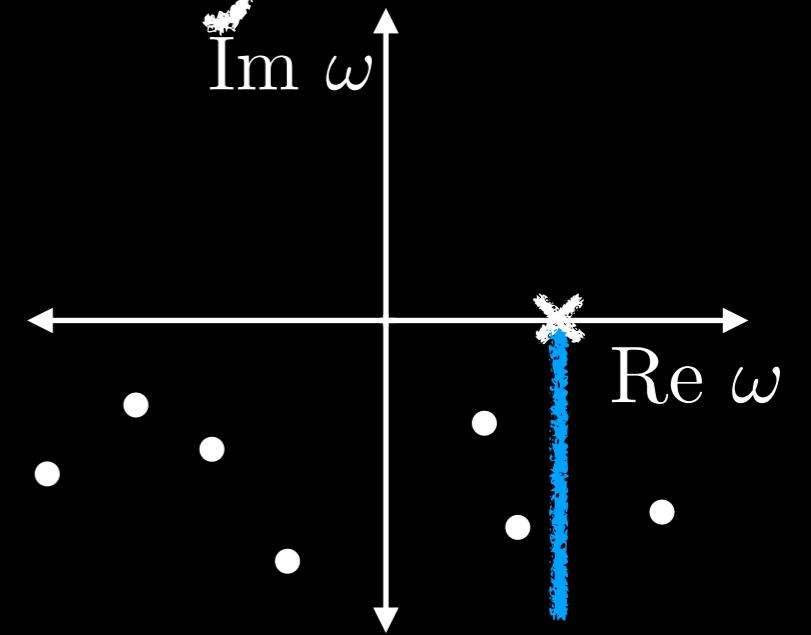
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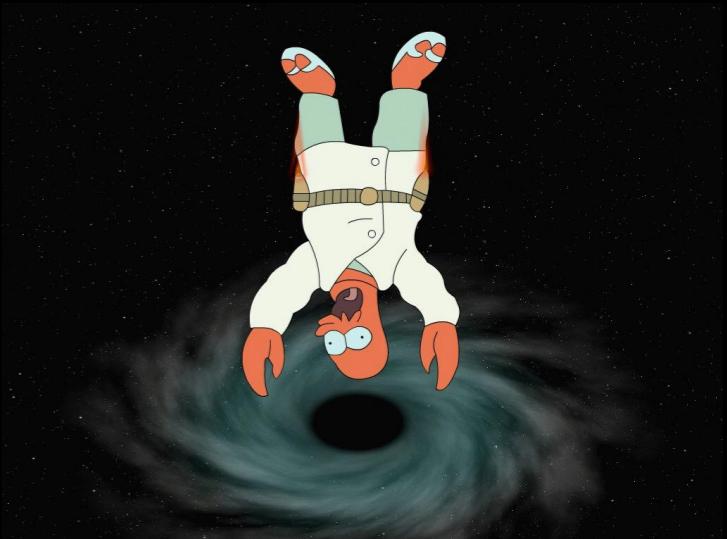
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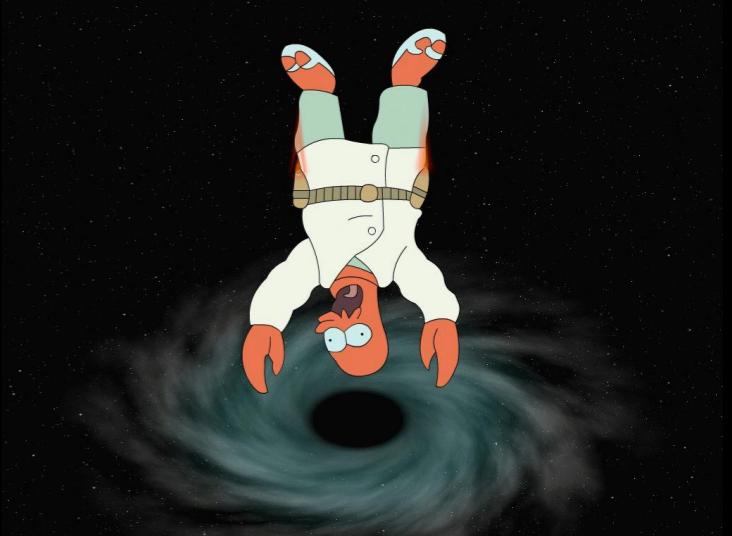
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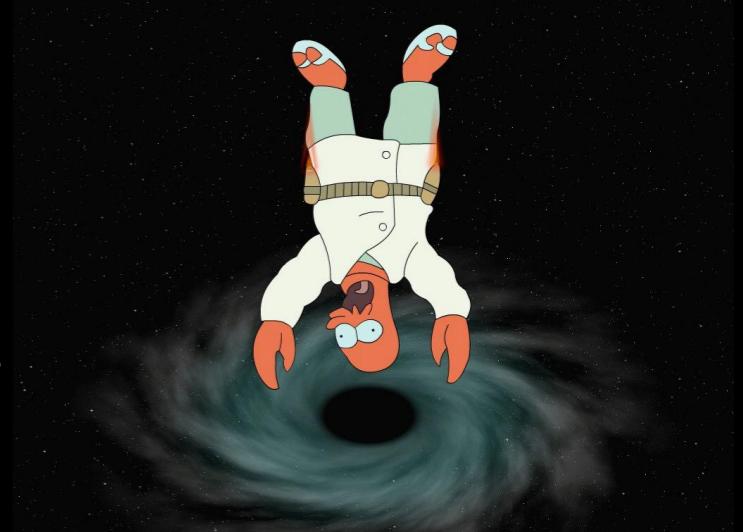
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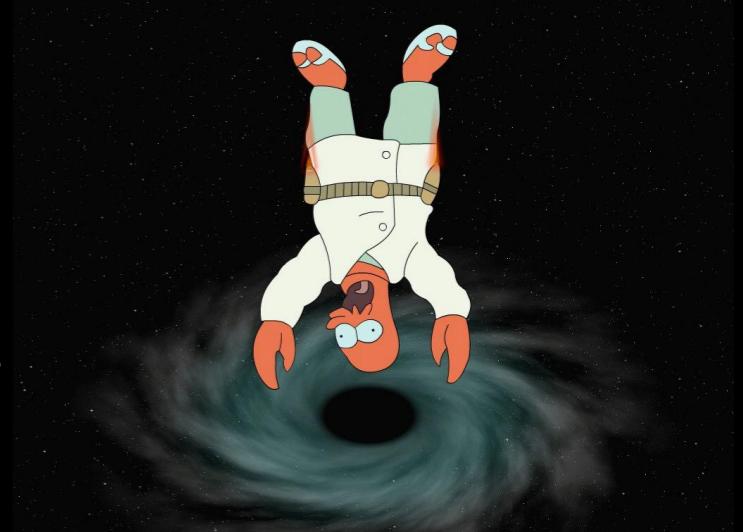
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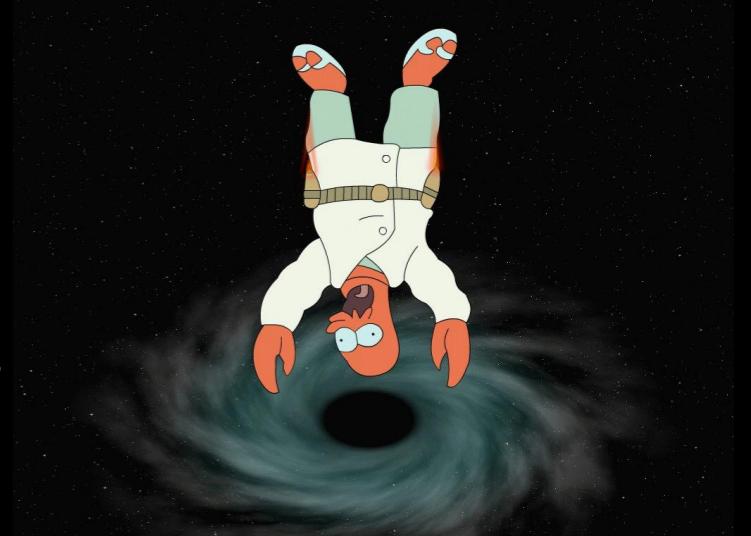
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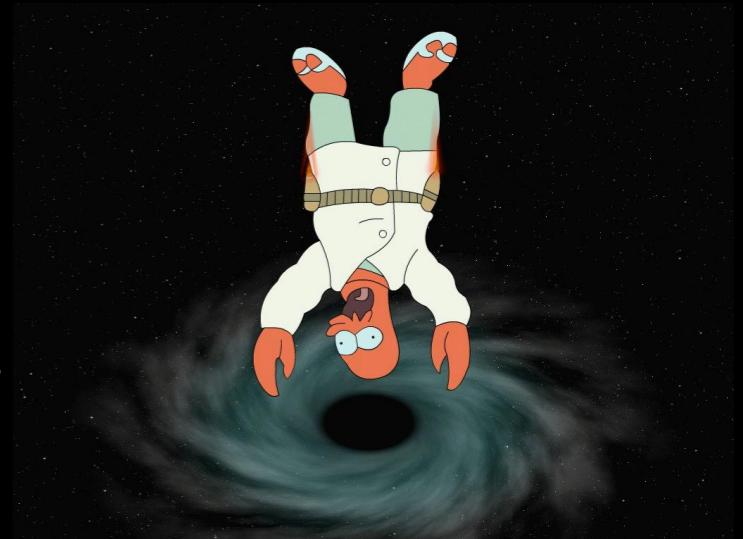
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Initial data must extend to the horizon

Aretakis, Lucietti, Murata, Reall,
Tanahashi, Virmani...

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Unify?

Mode sum approach using matched asymptotics

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Casals, Gralla, AR, A.Zimmerman,
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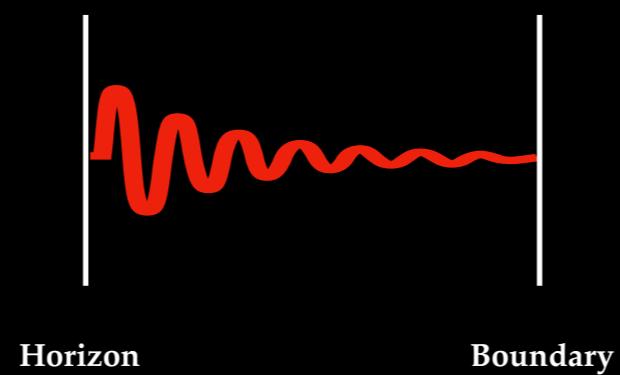
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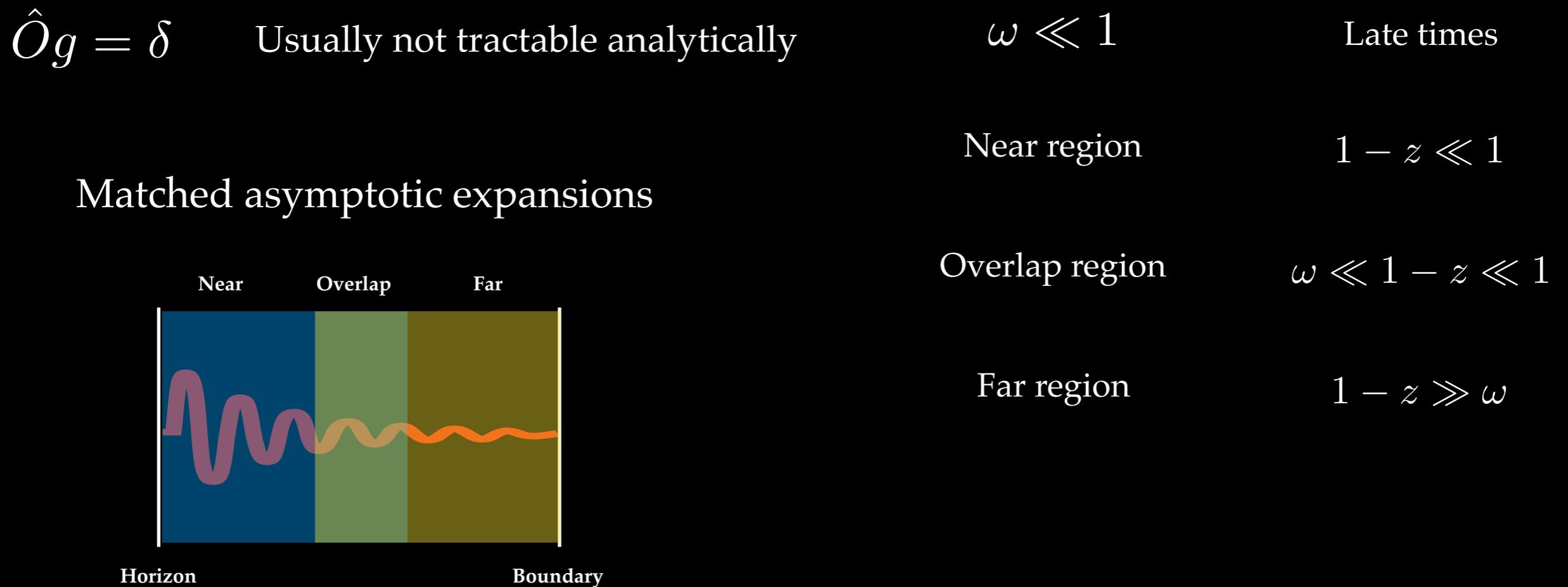
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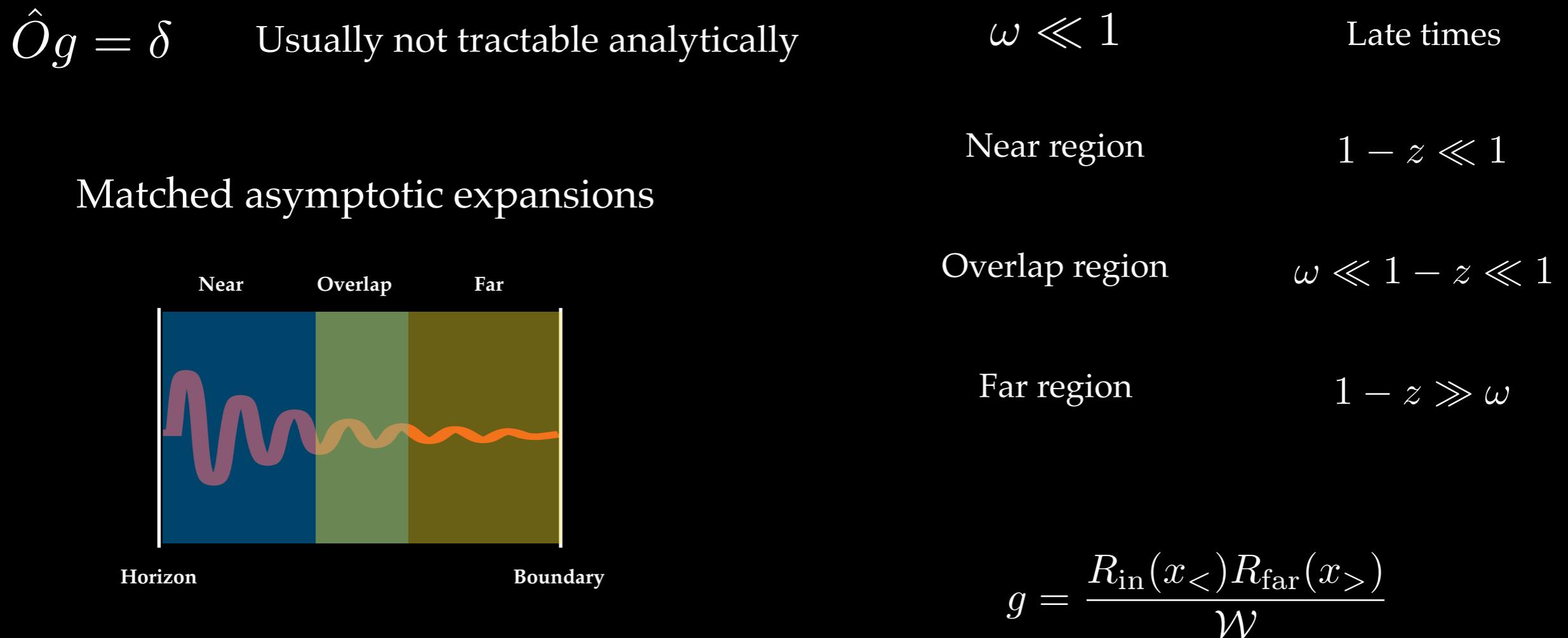
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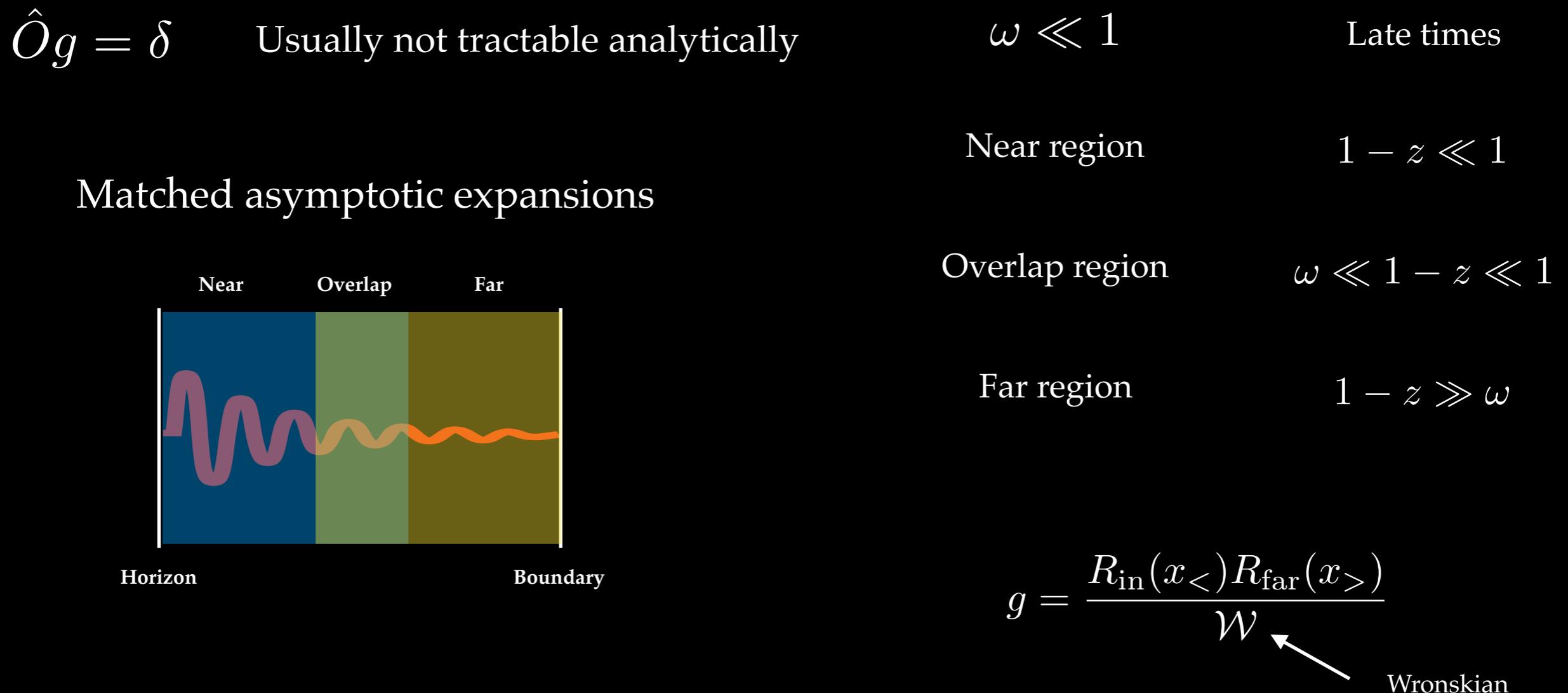
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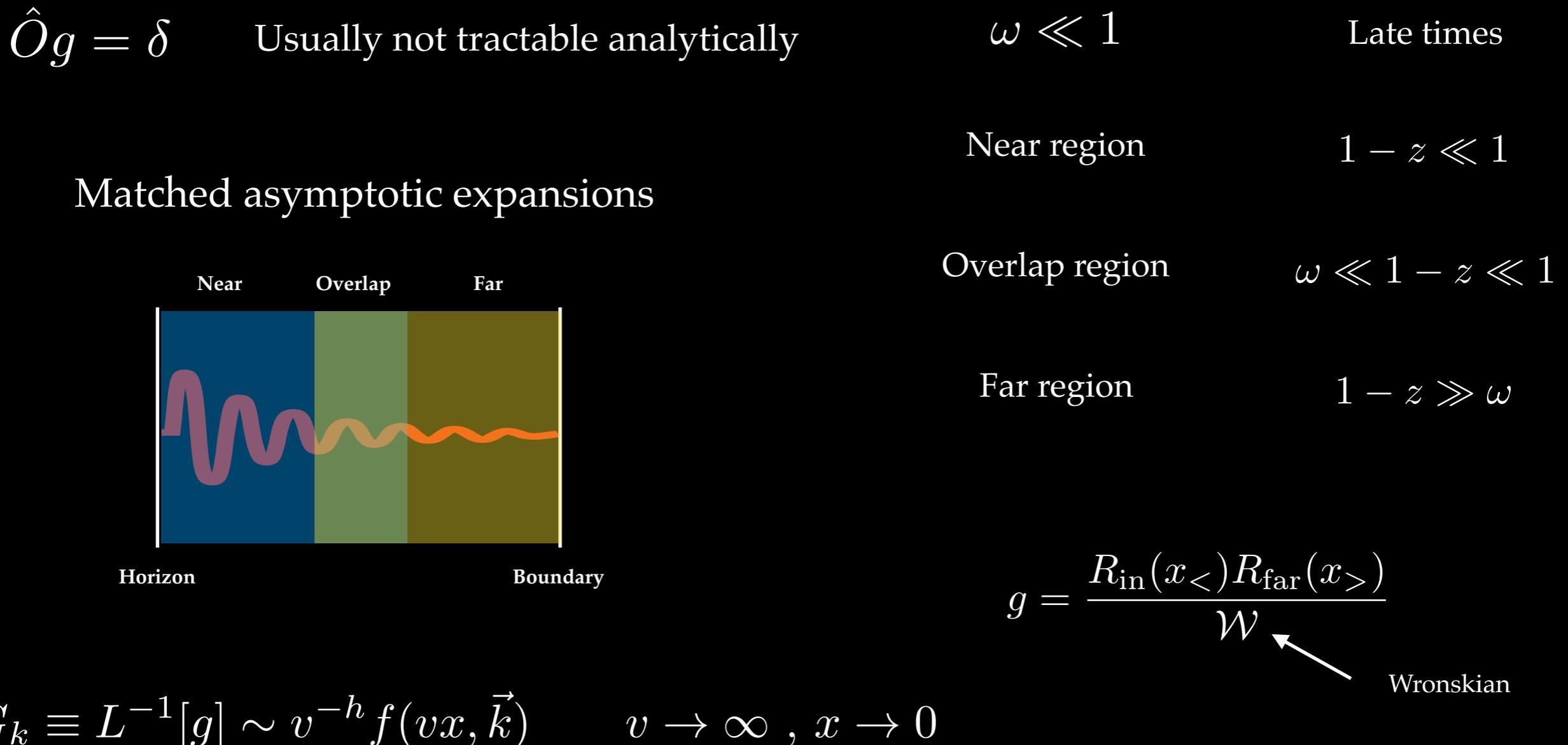
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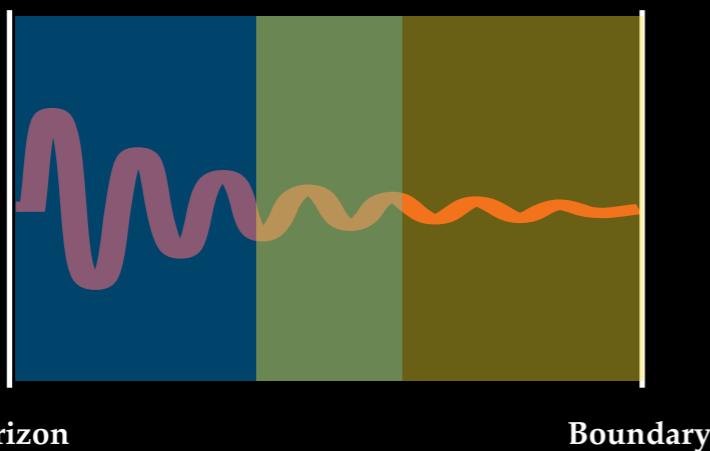
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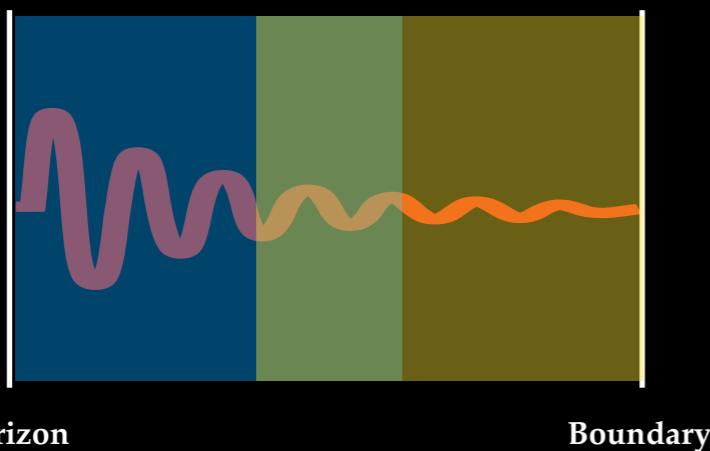


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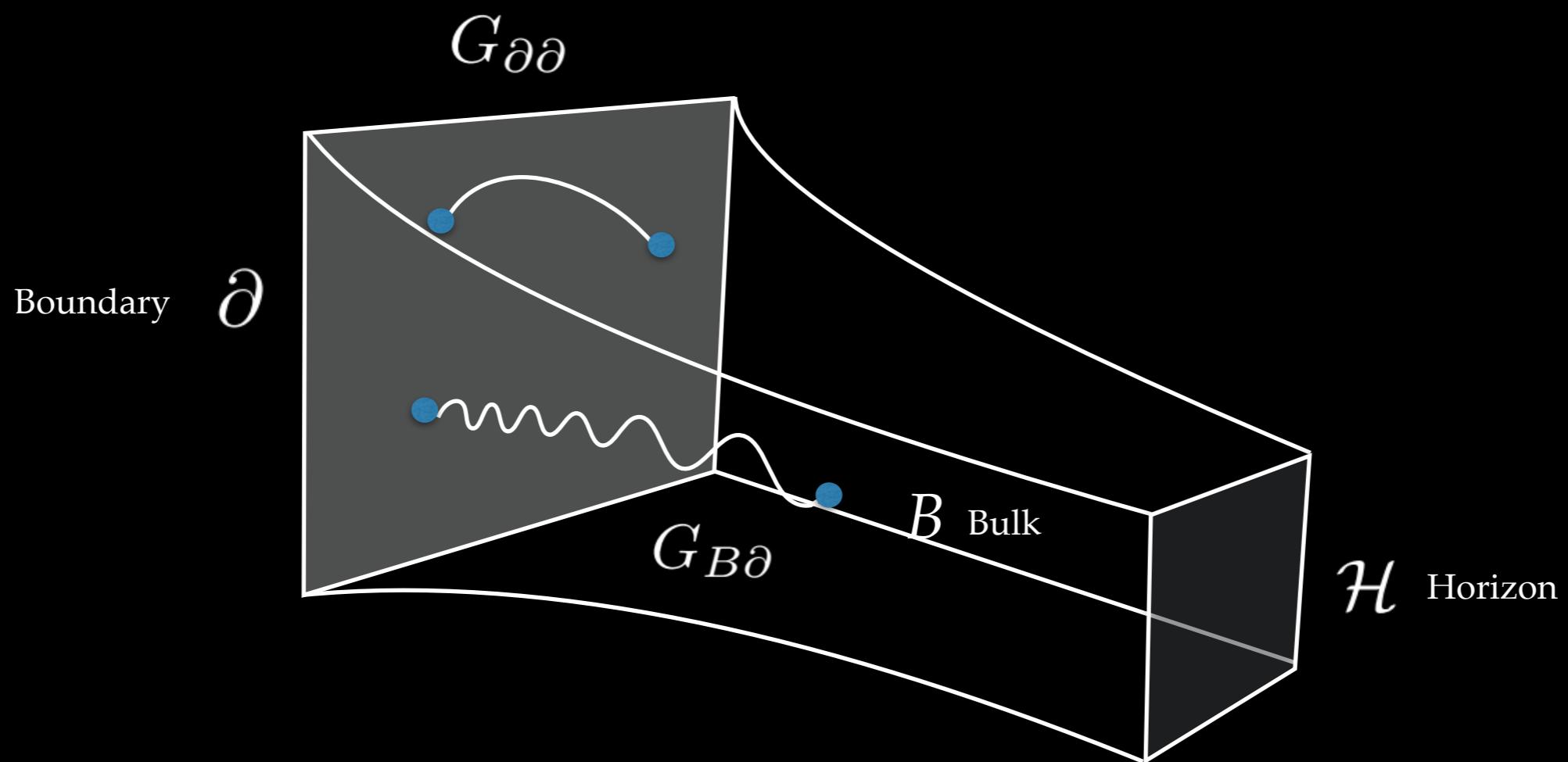
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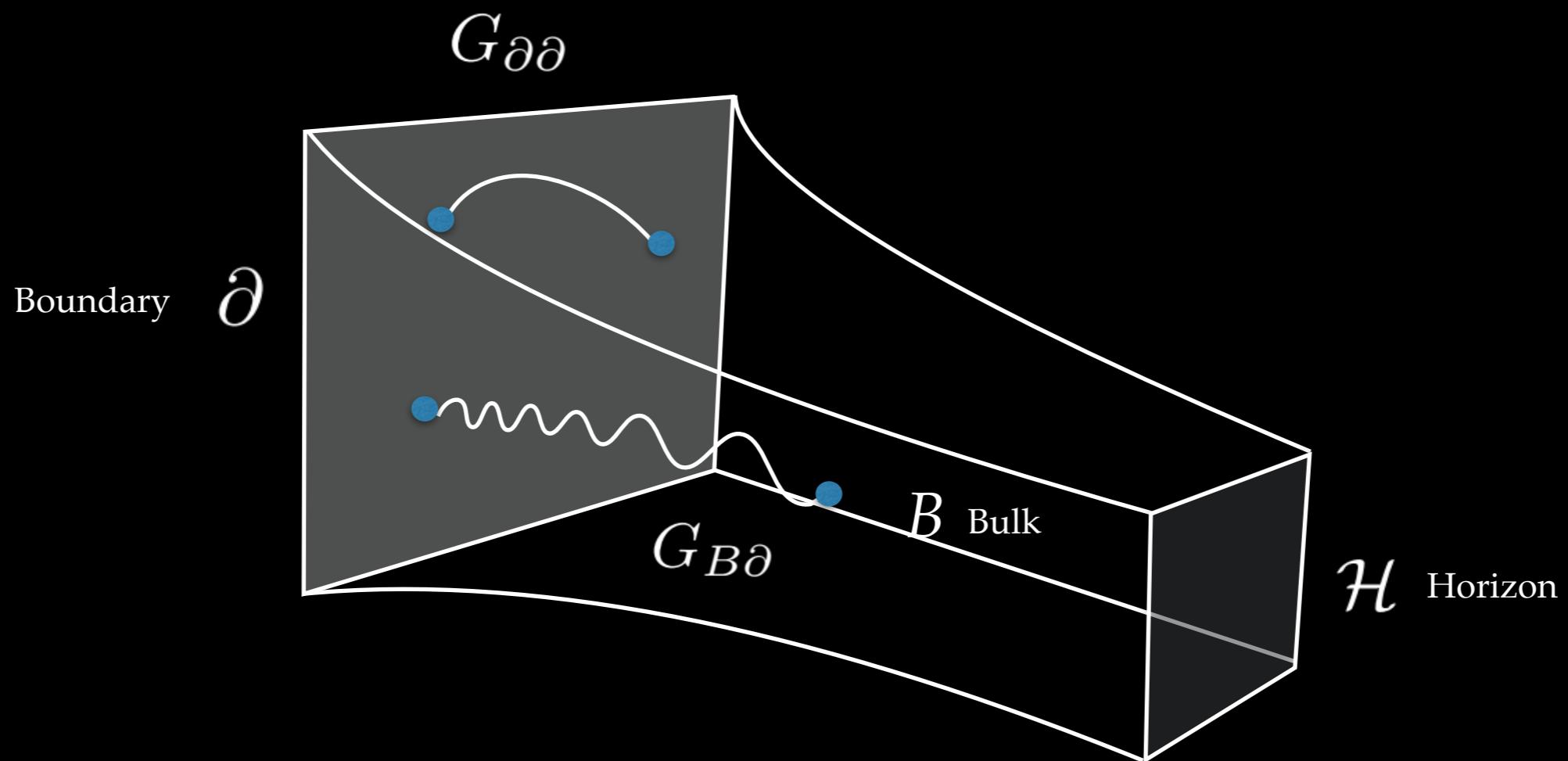
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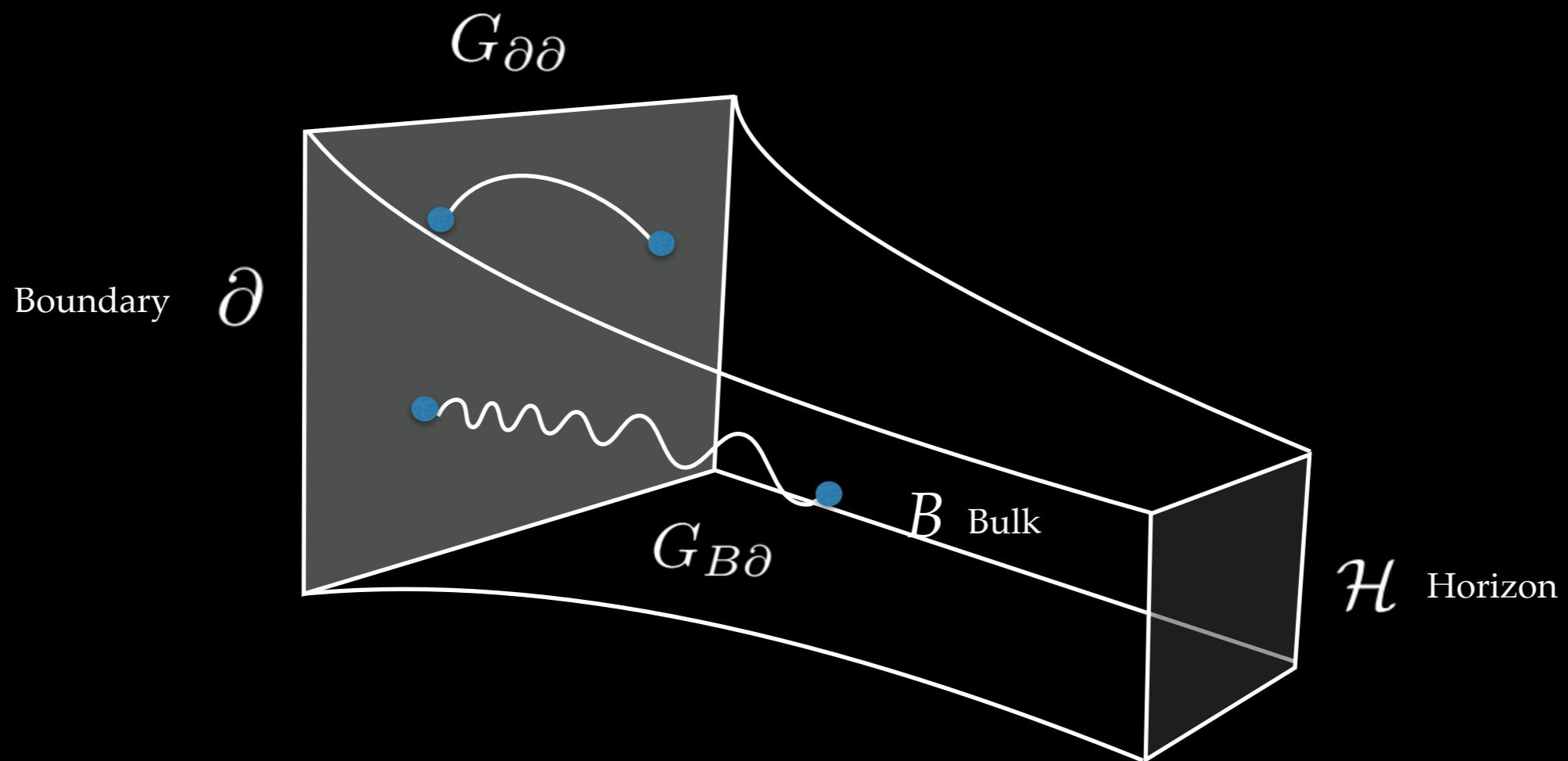
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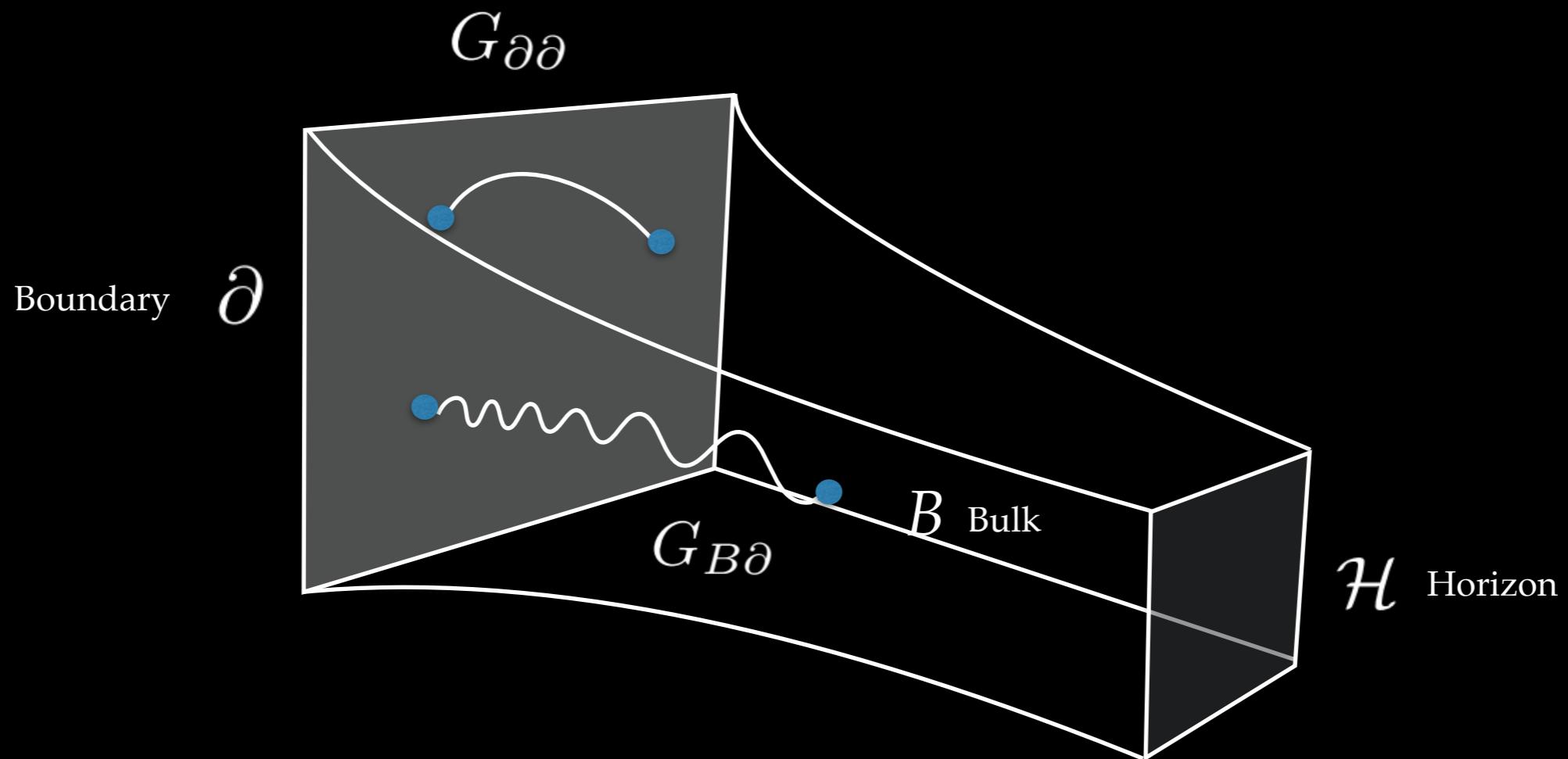
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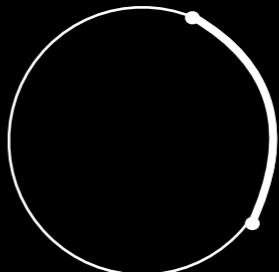
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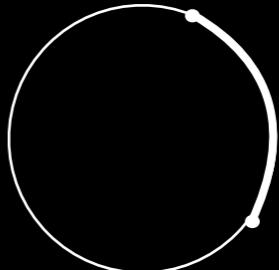
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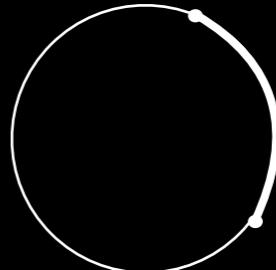
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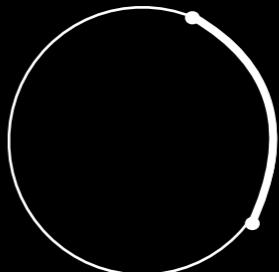
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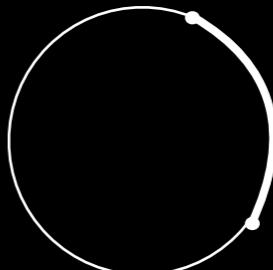
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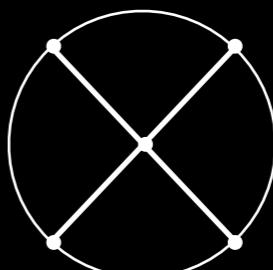
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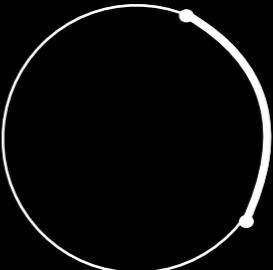
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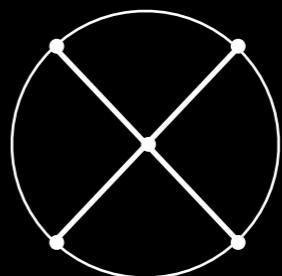
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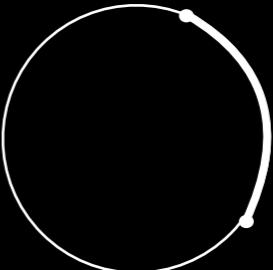
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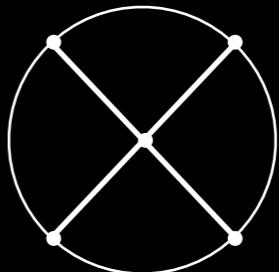
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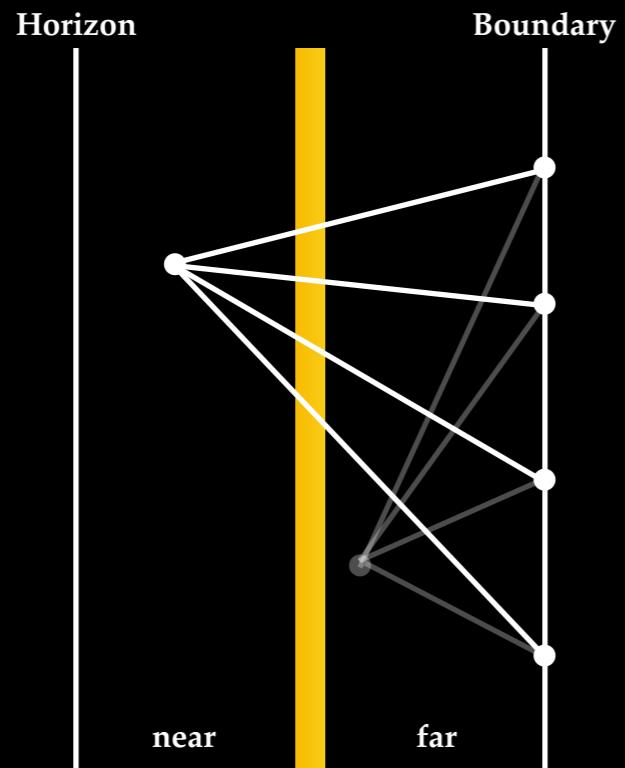
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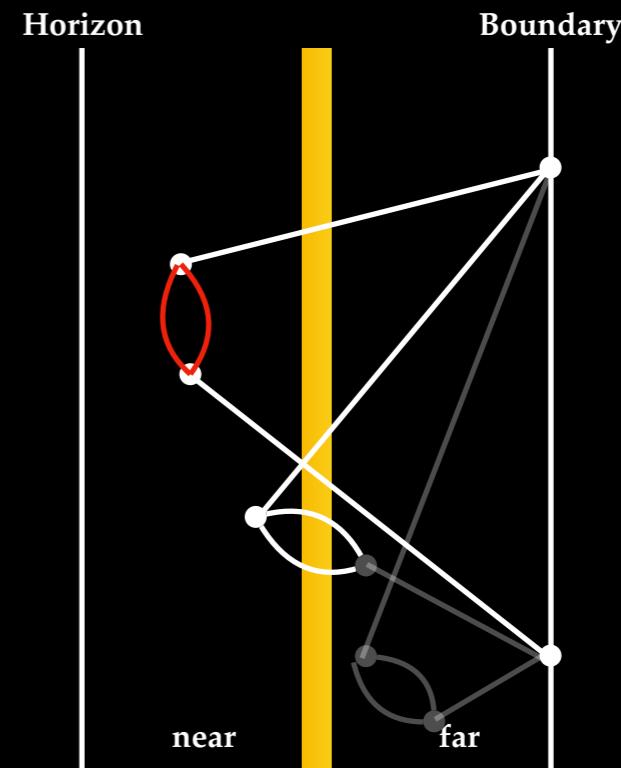
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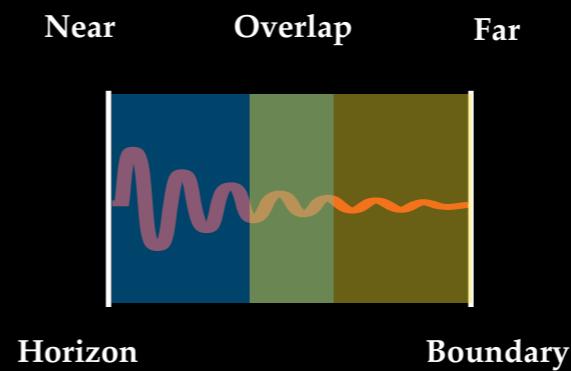
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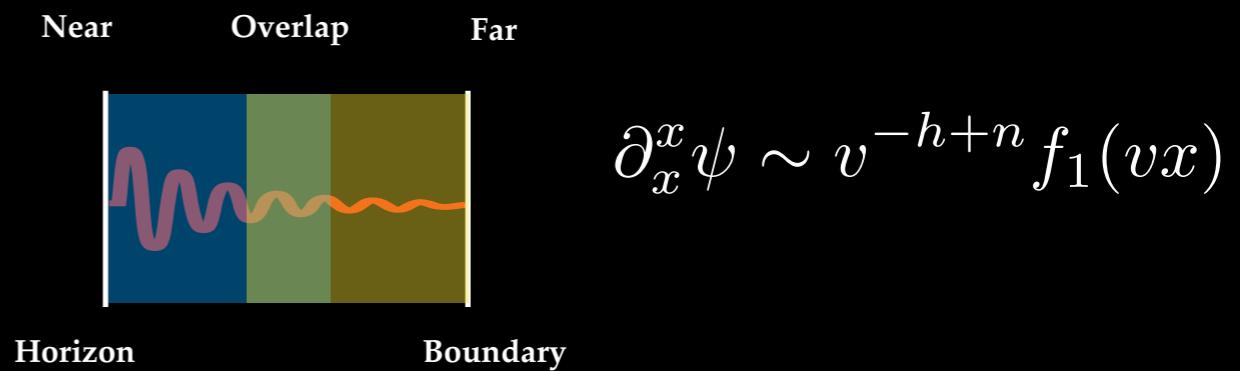
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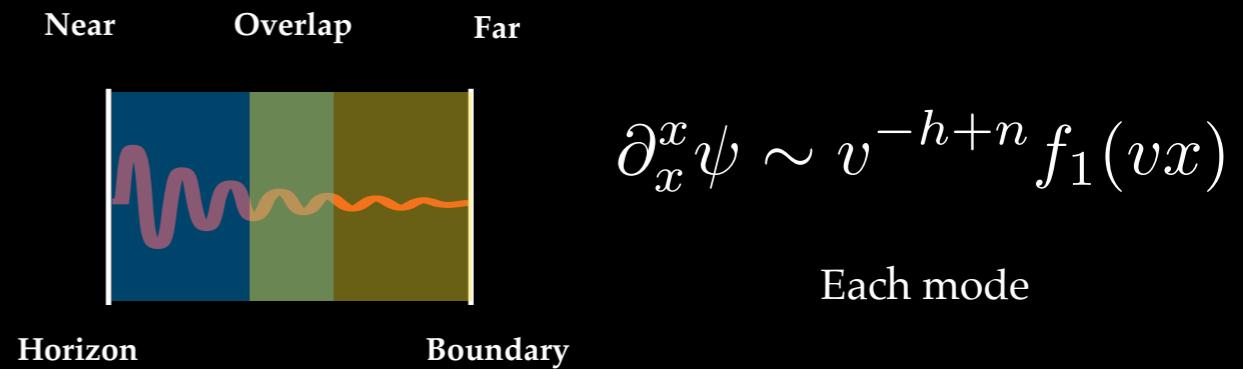
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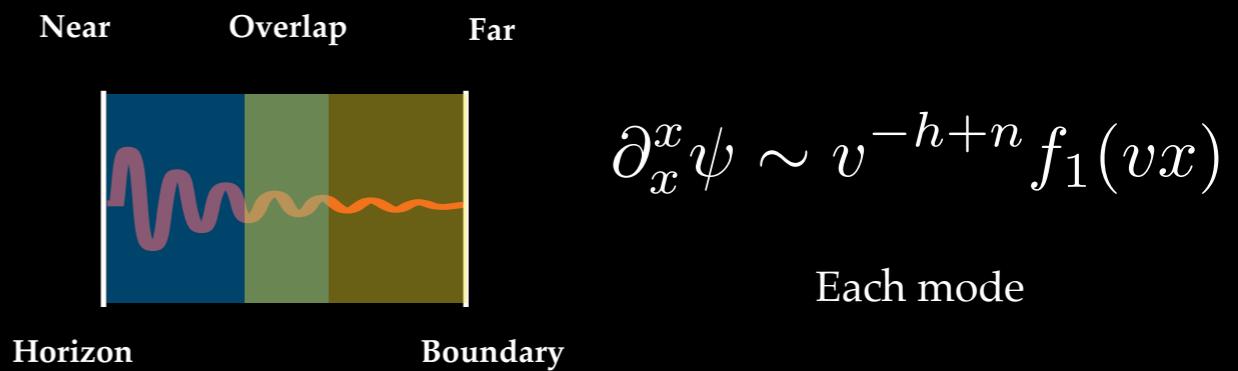
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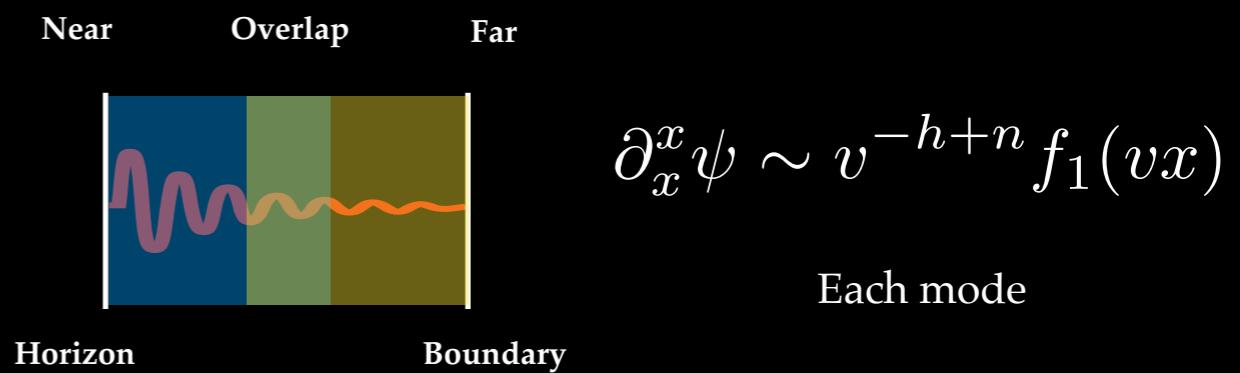
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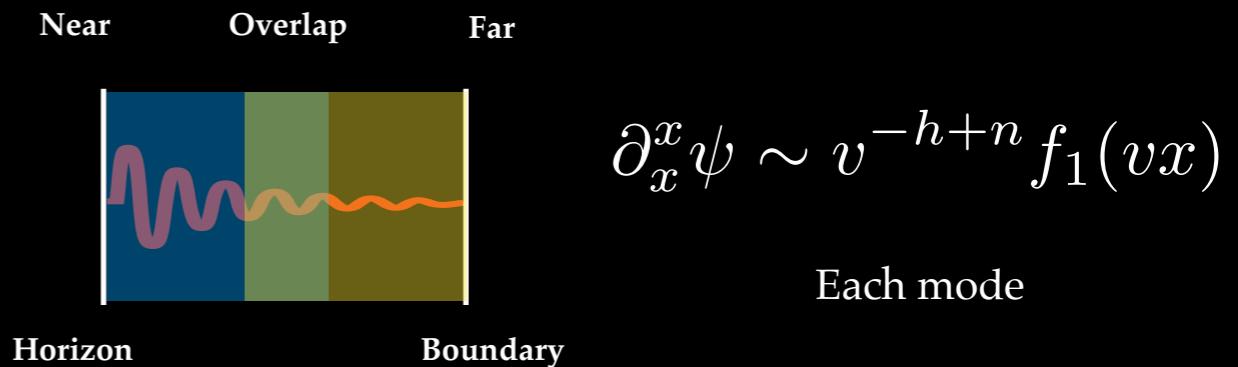
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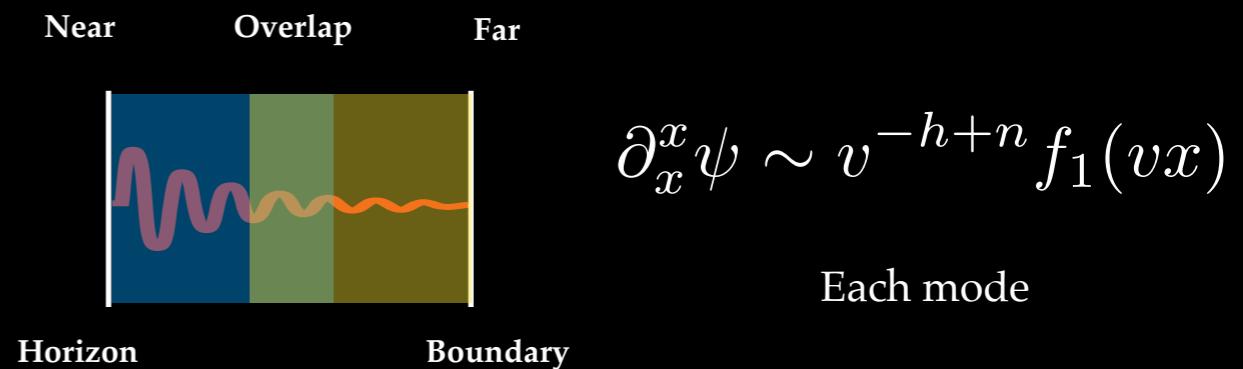
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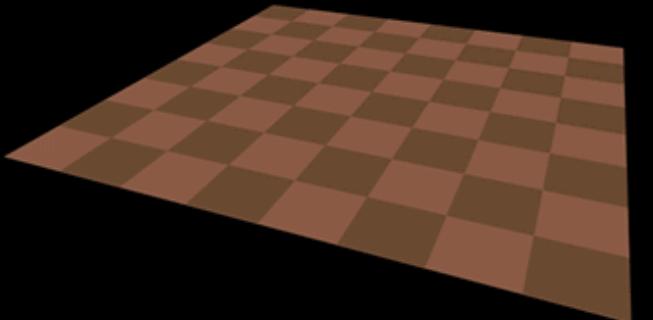
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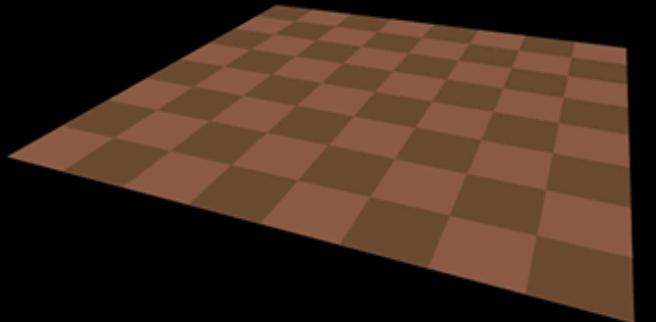
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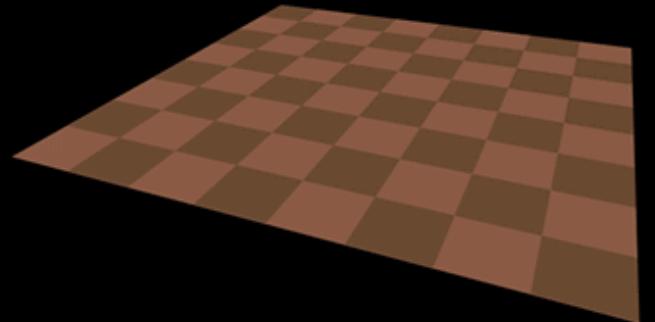
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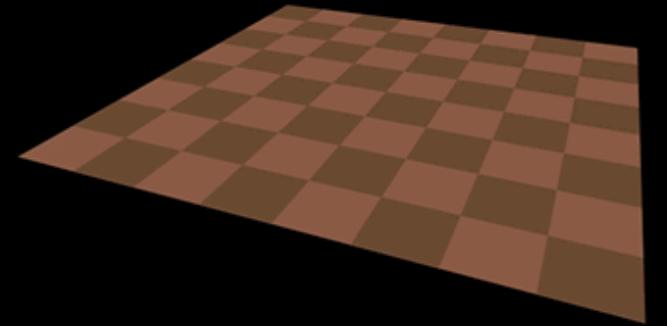
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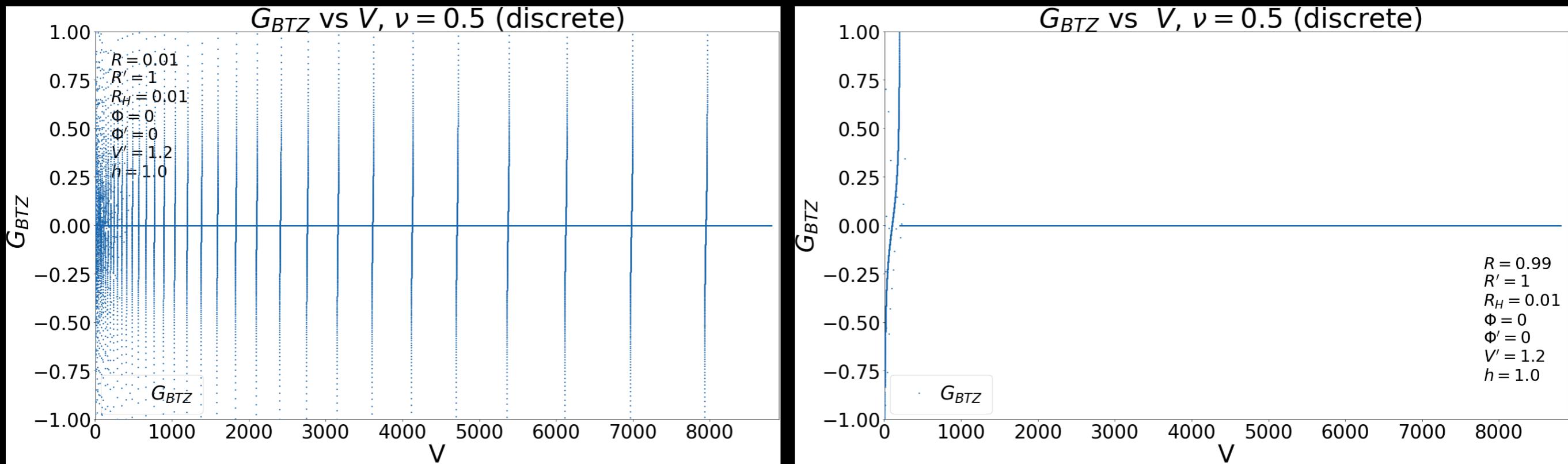
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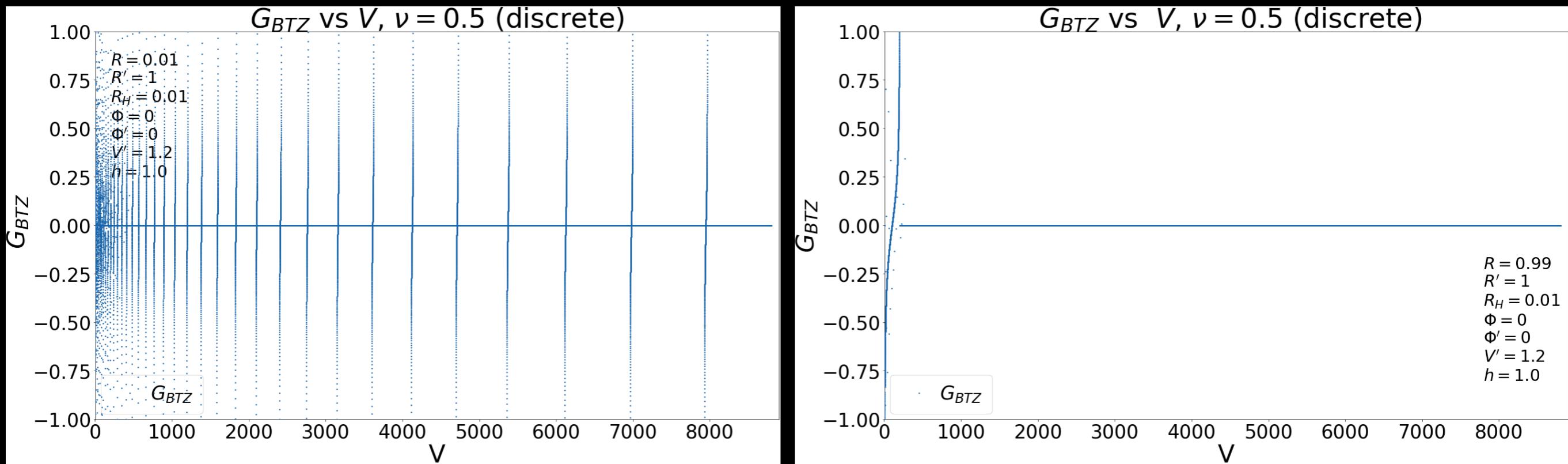
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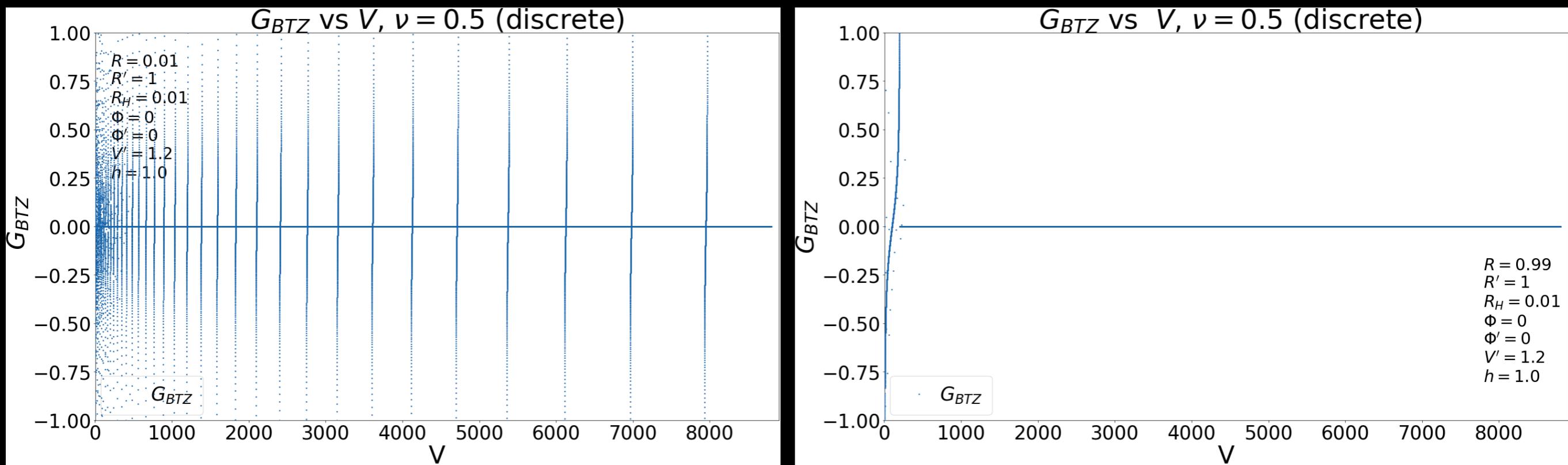
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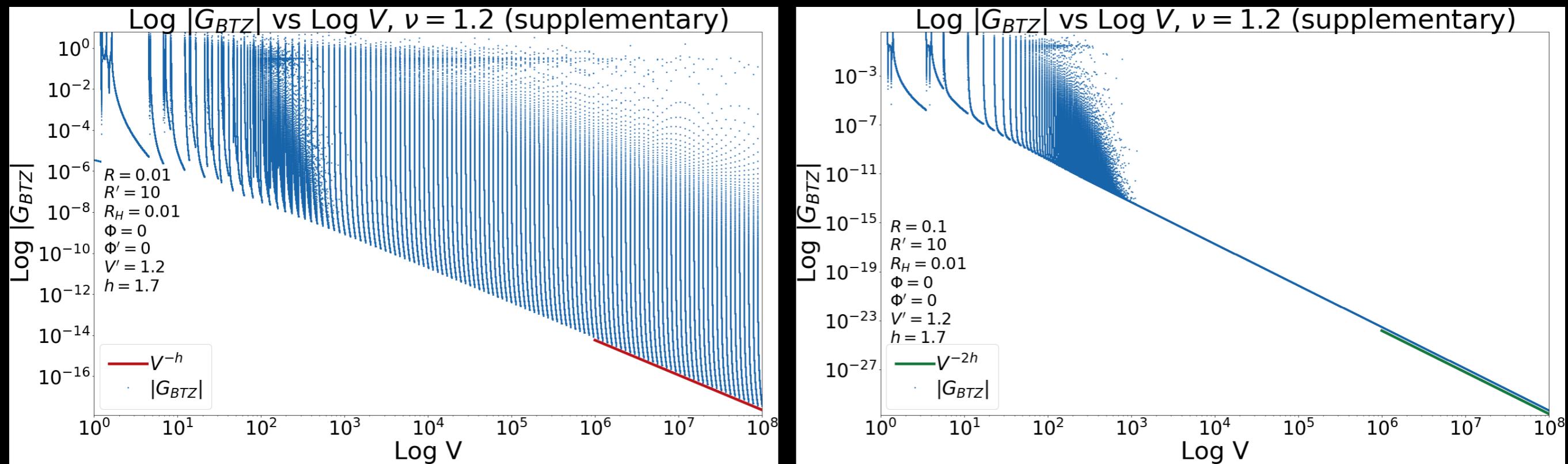
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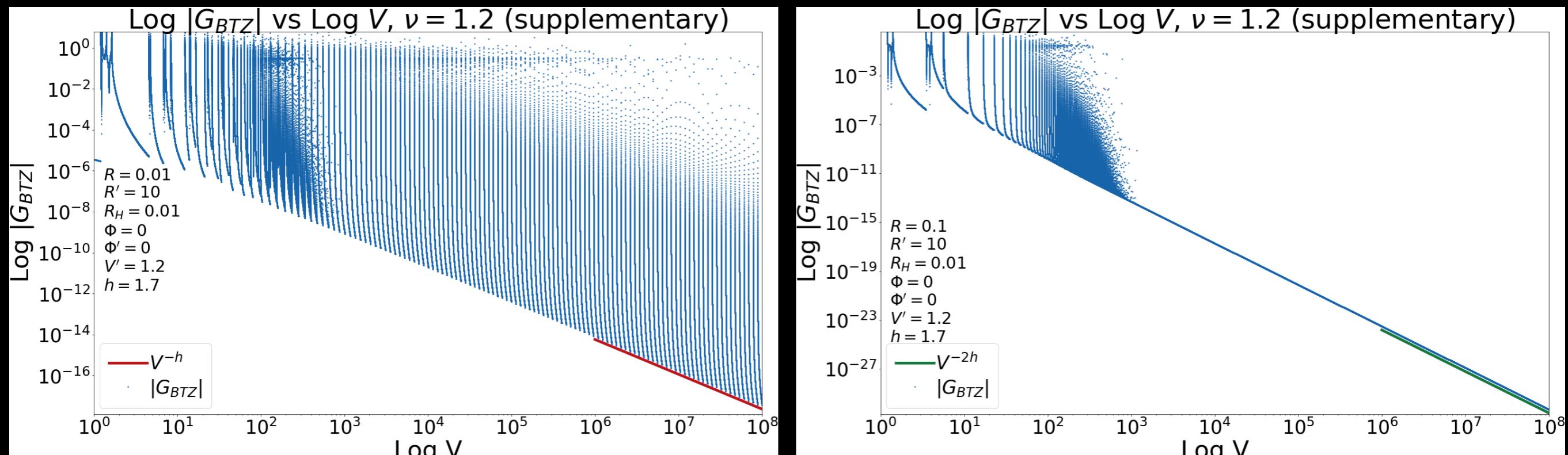
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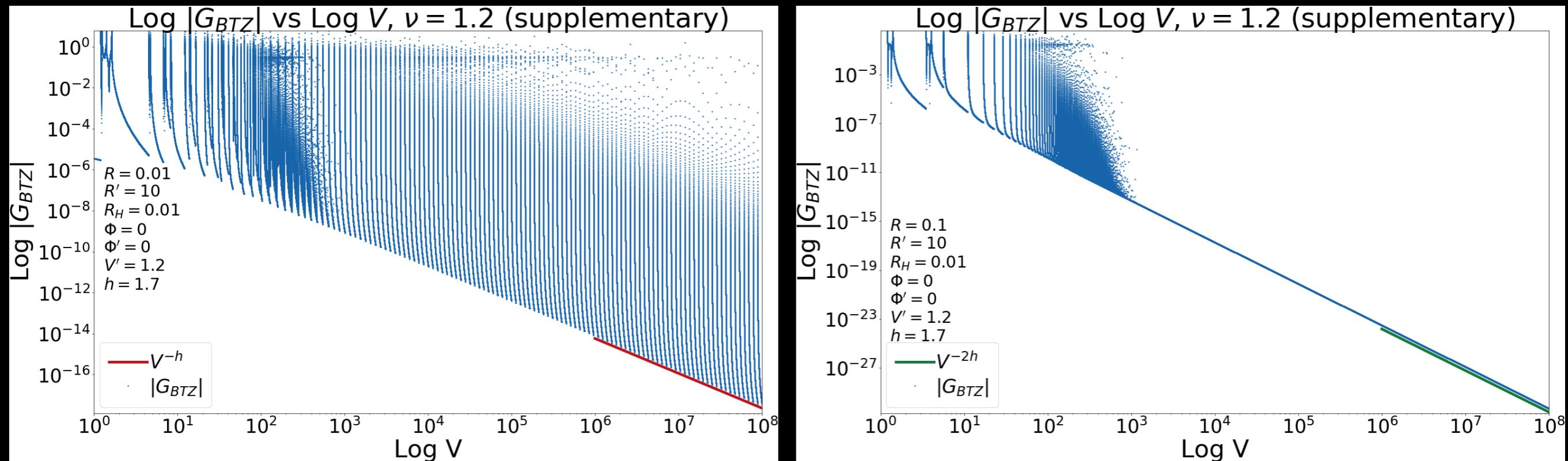
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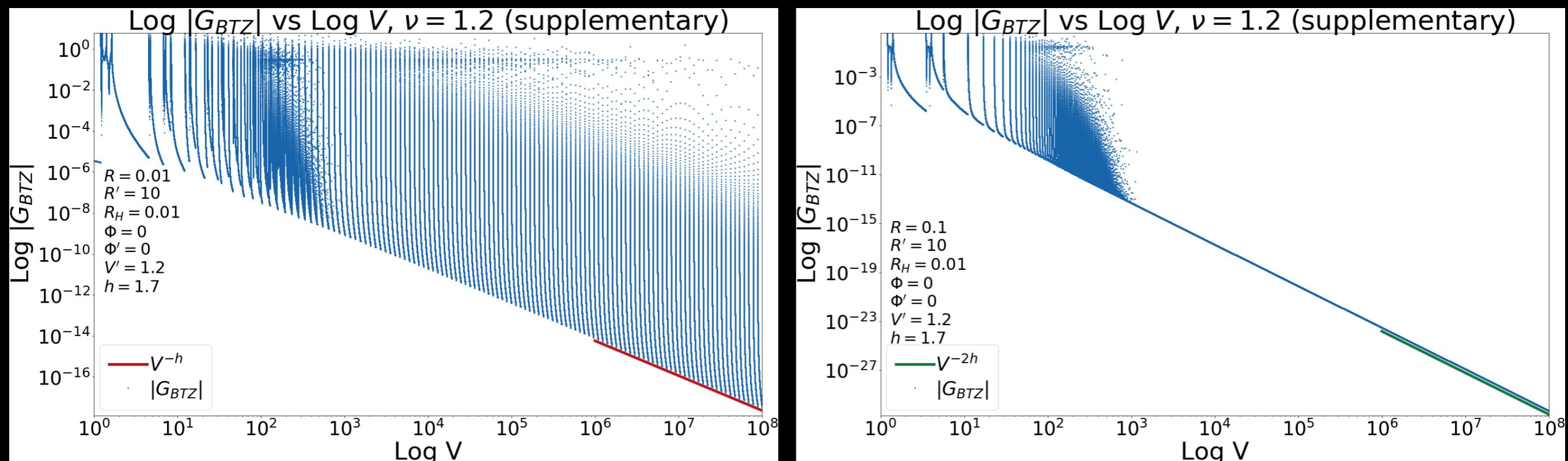


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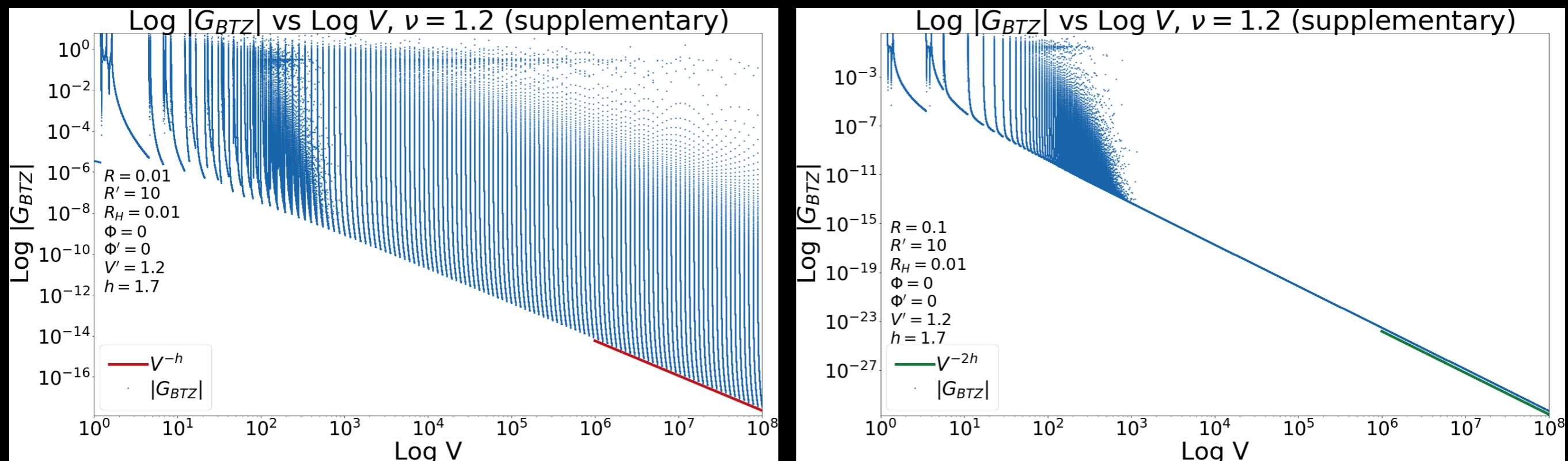
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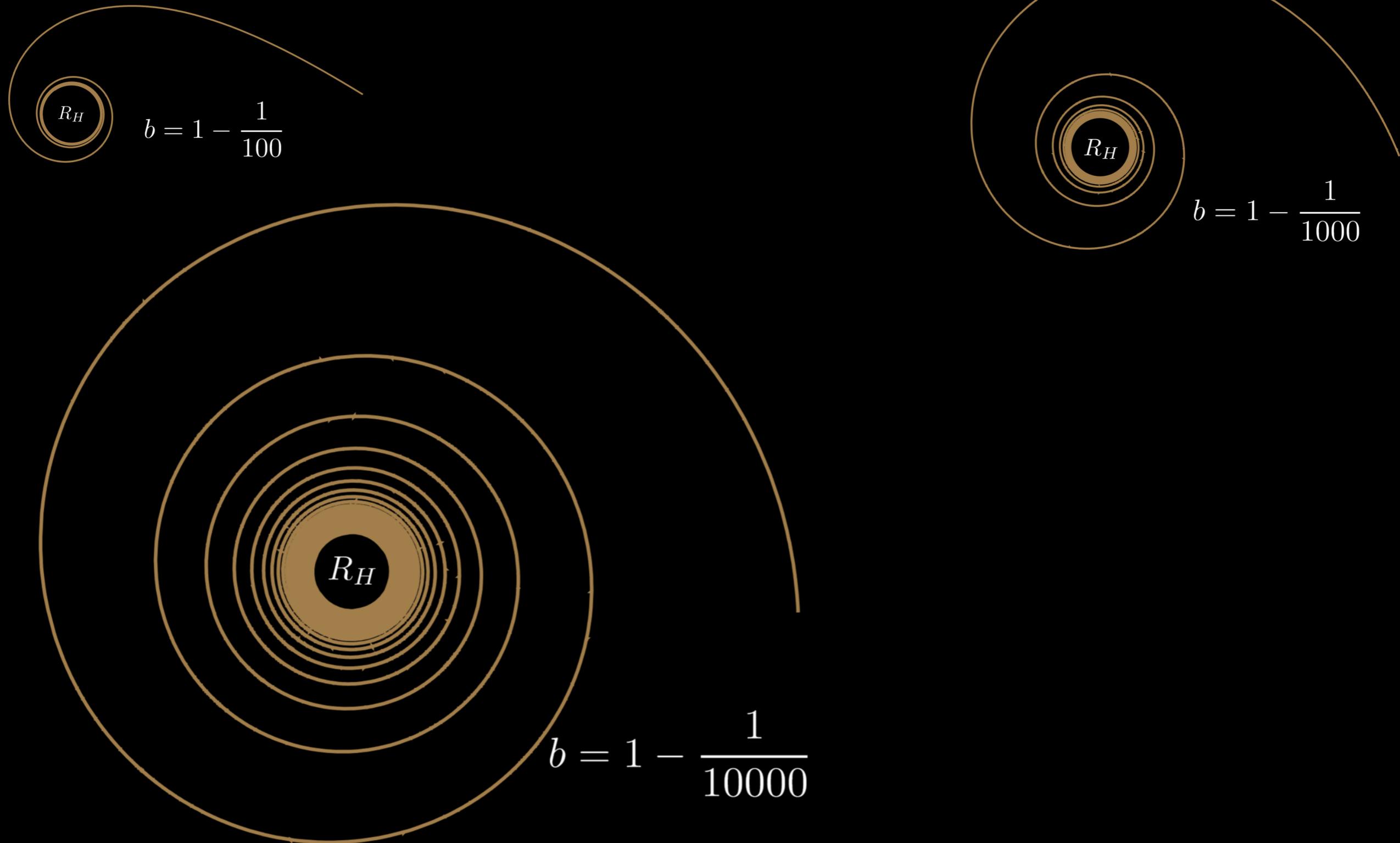
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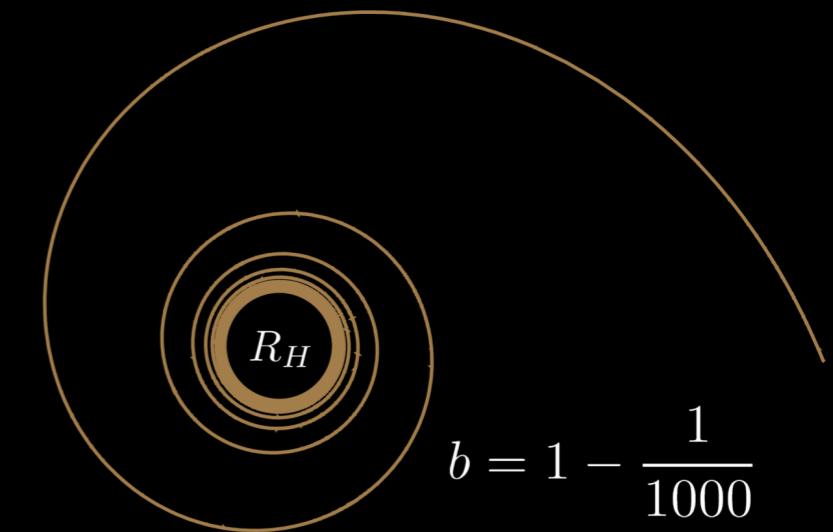
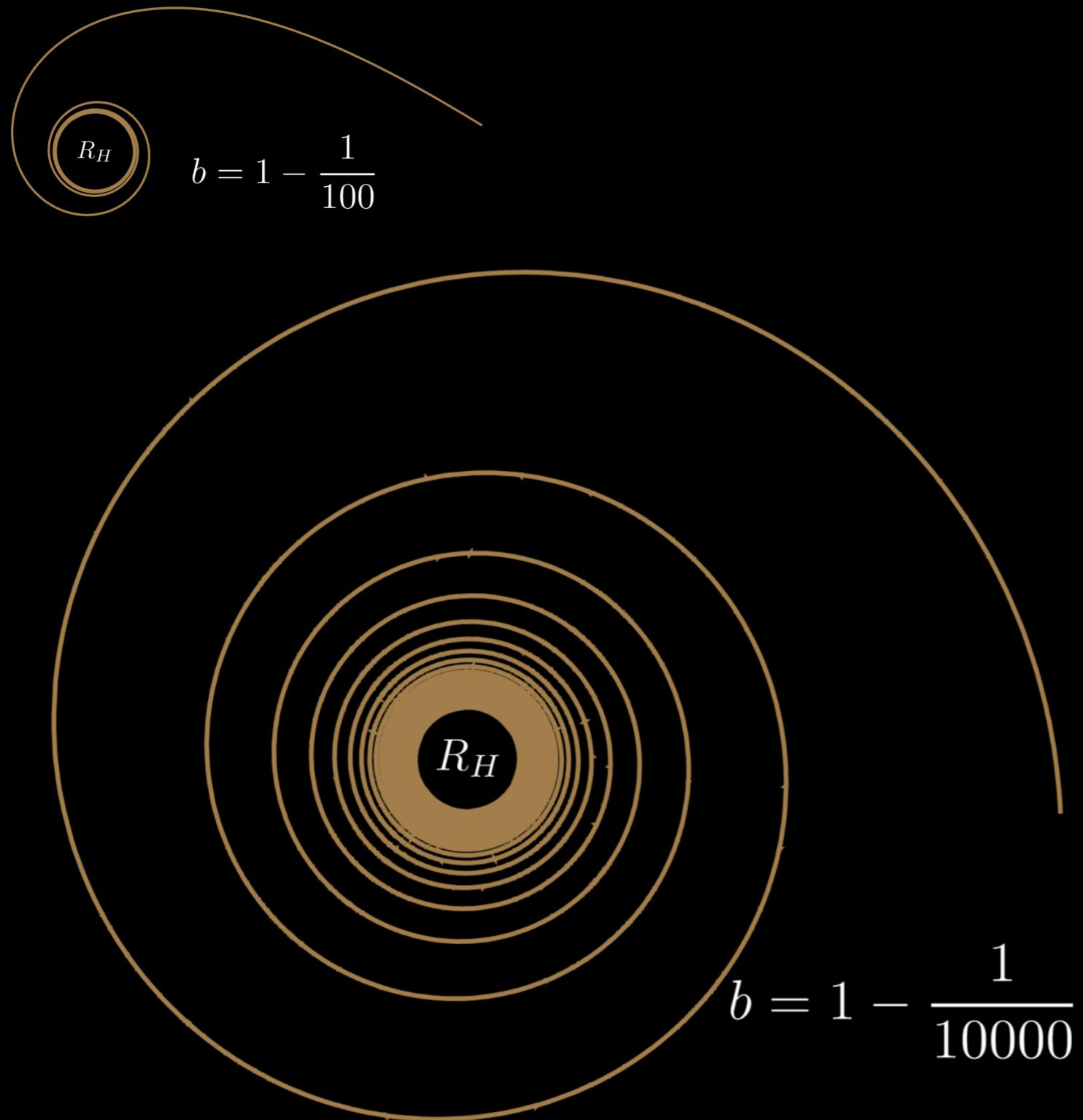
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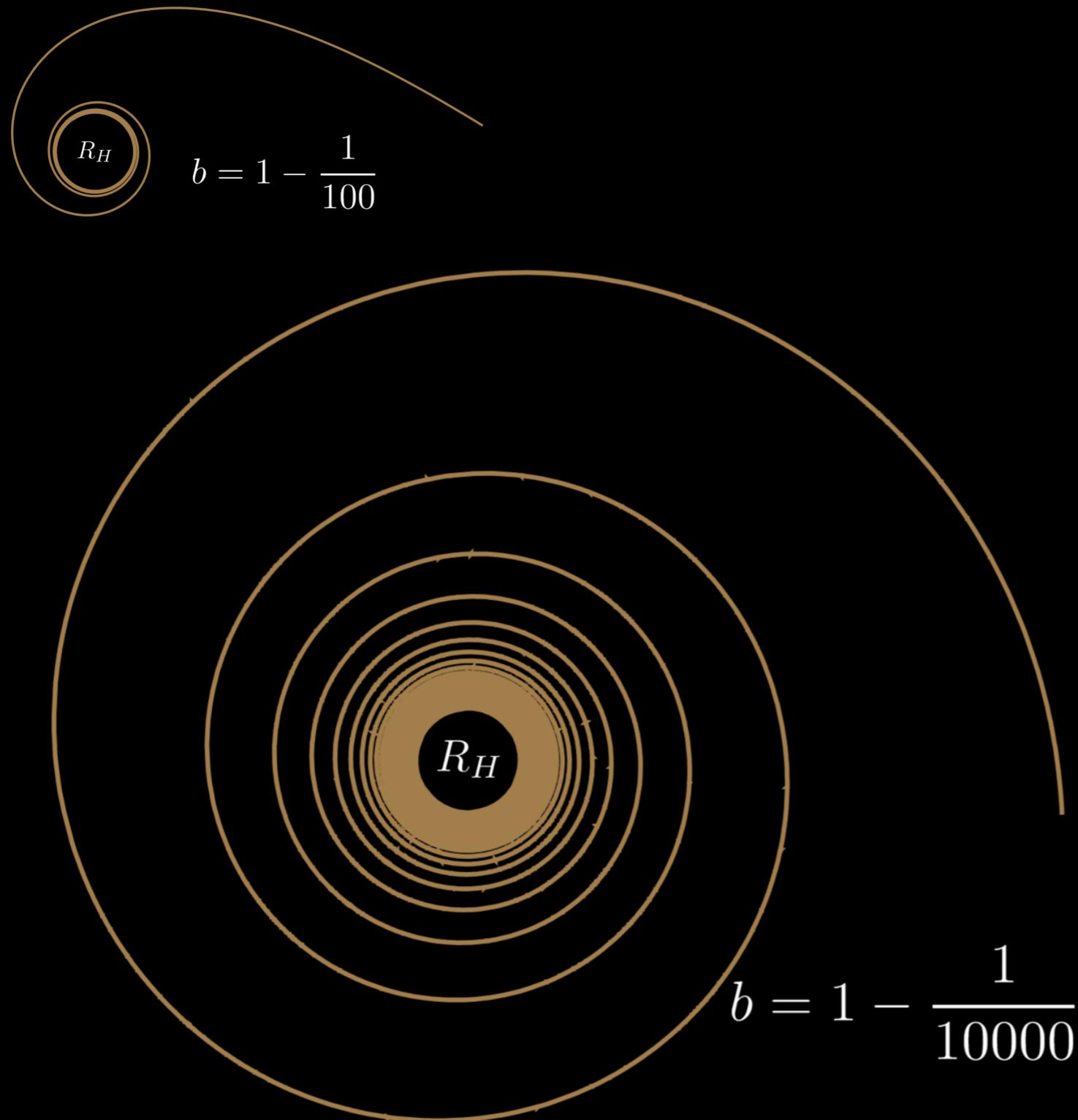
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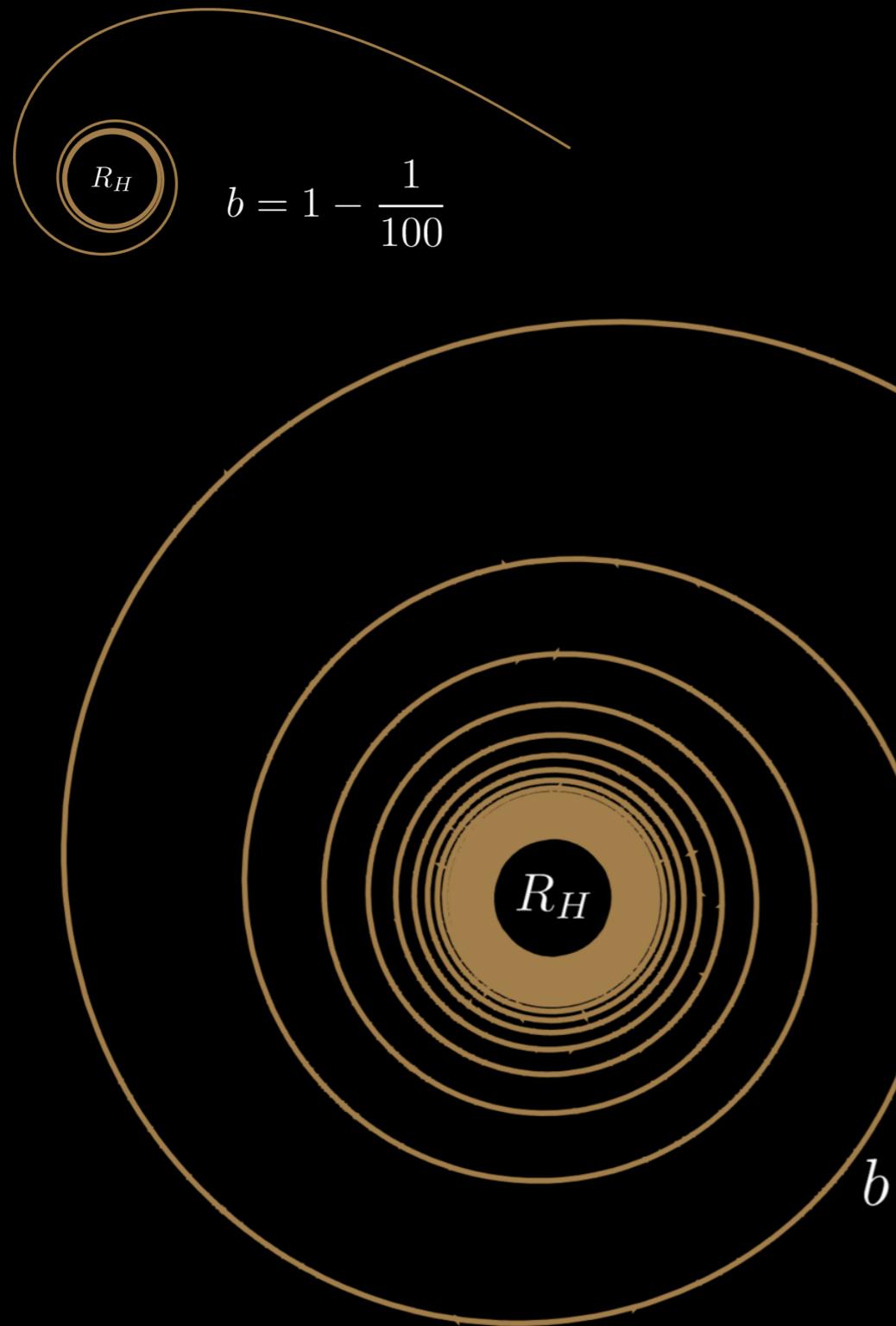
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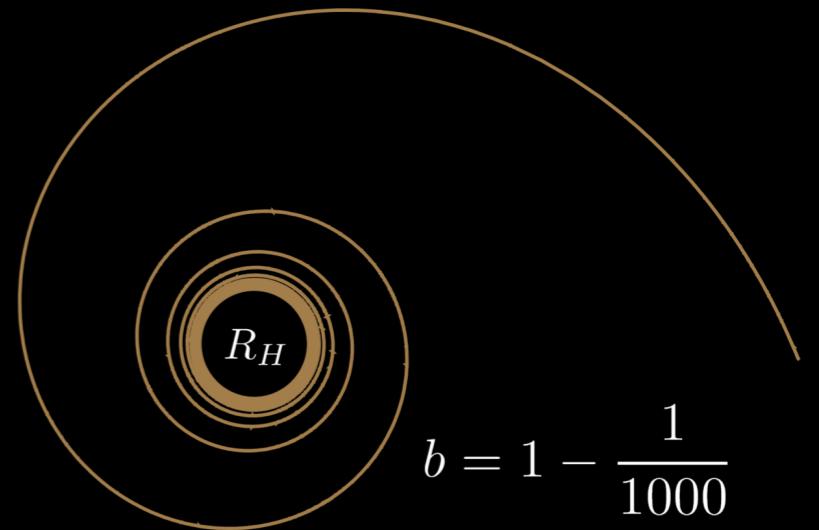
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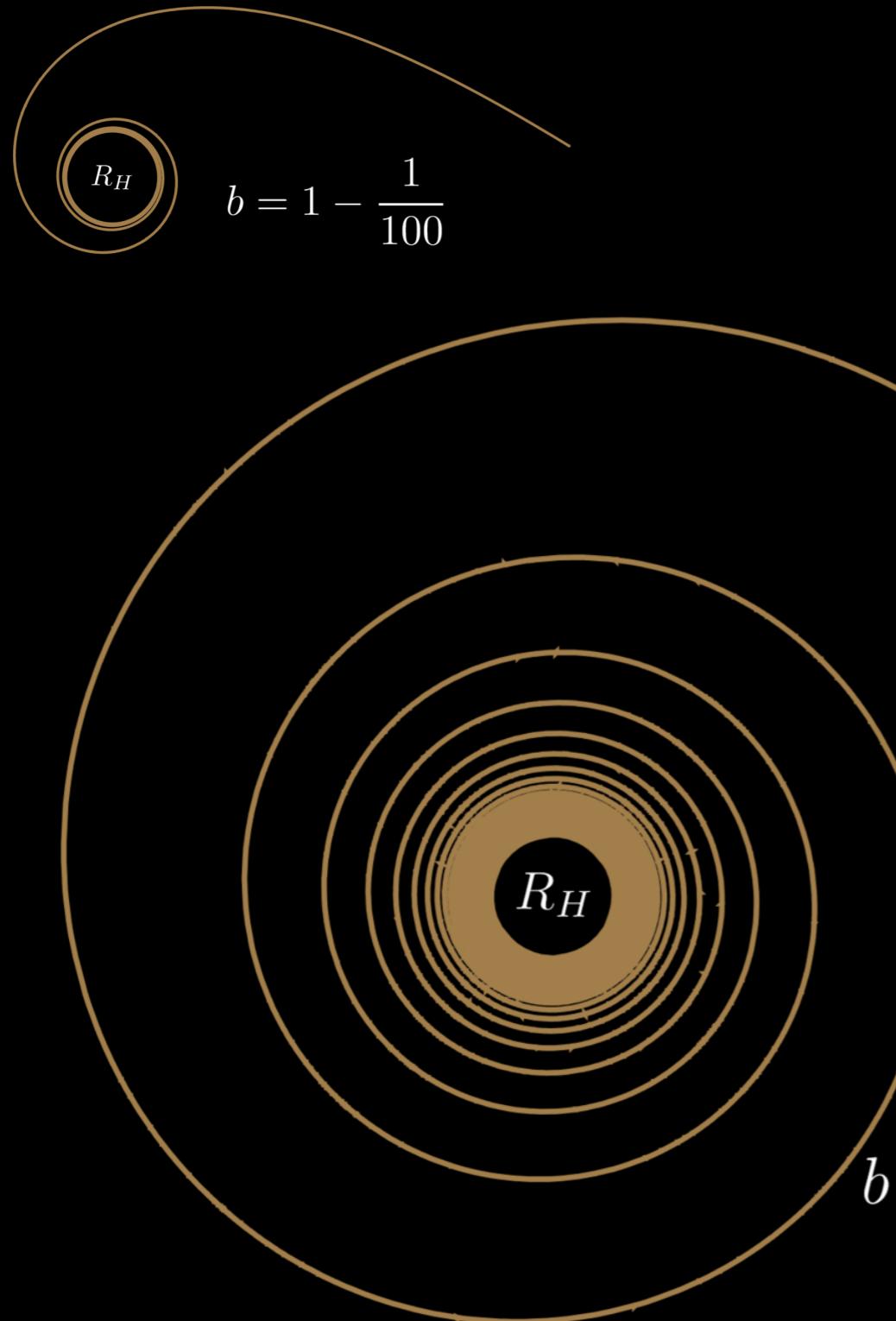


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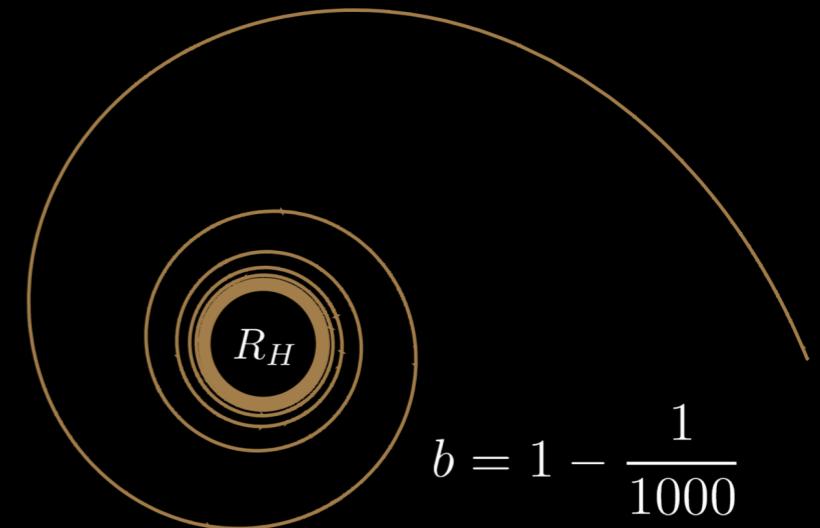
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Geodesics parameterised by $b = L/E$

$b = 1$ geodesics are trapped on the horizon

$0 < b < 1$ geodesics appear regularly in $\log V$

Cause the instability on the horizon!

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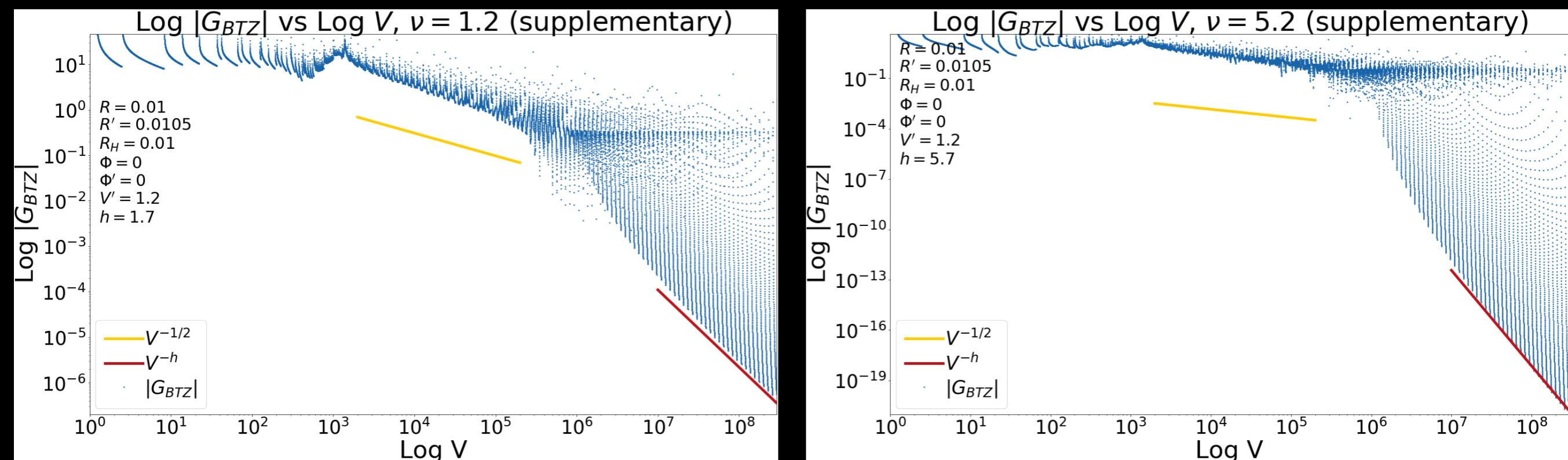
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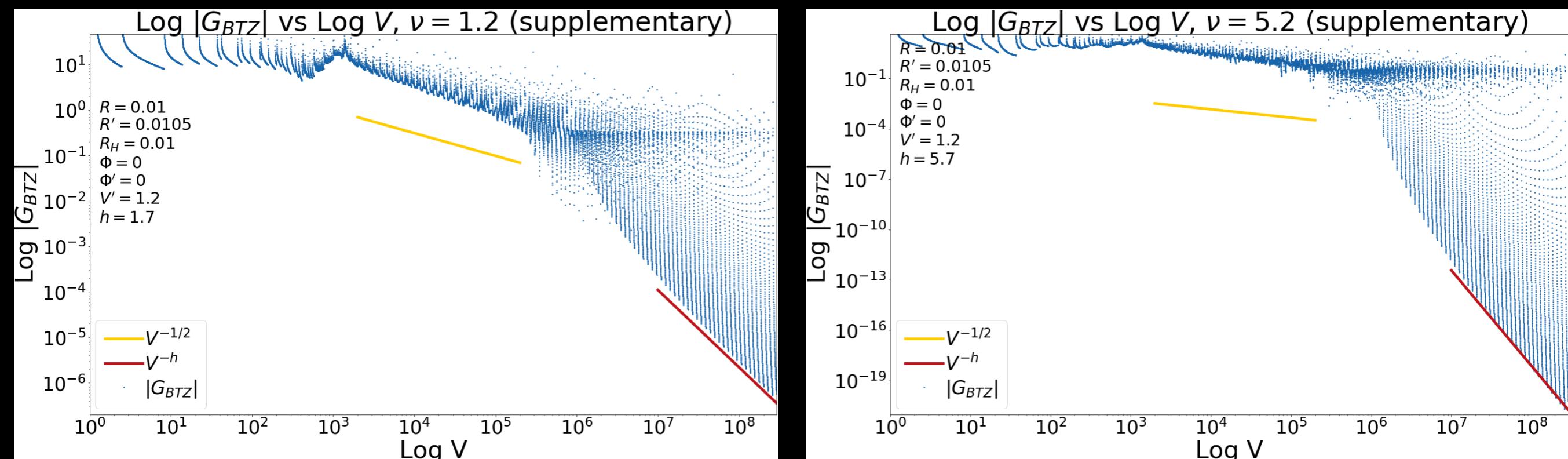
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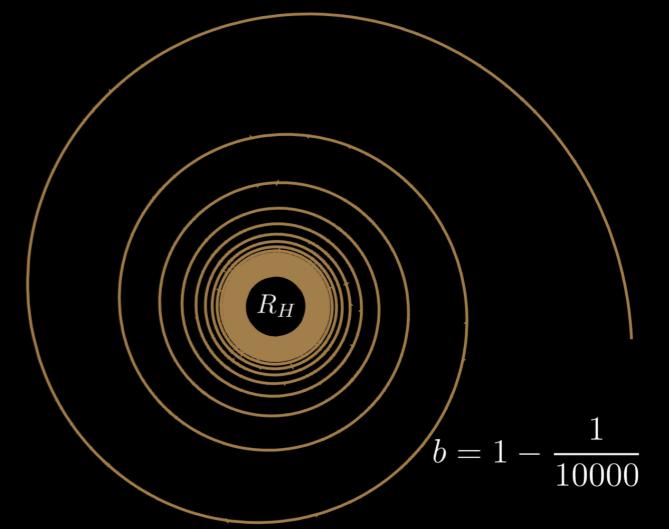
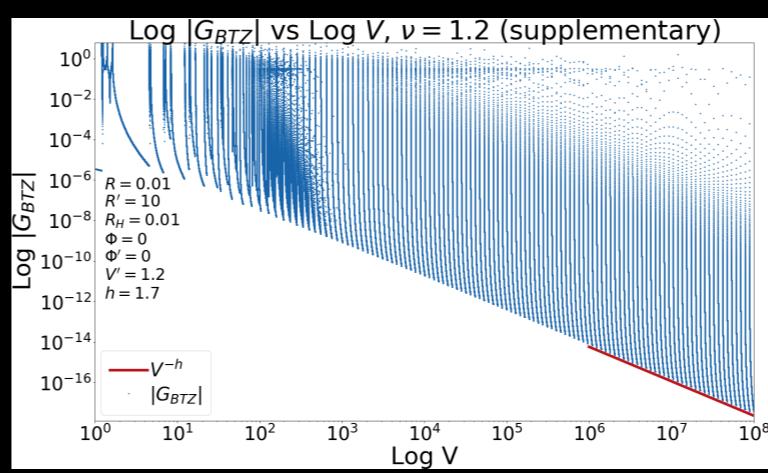
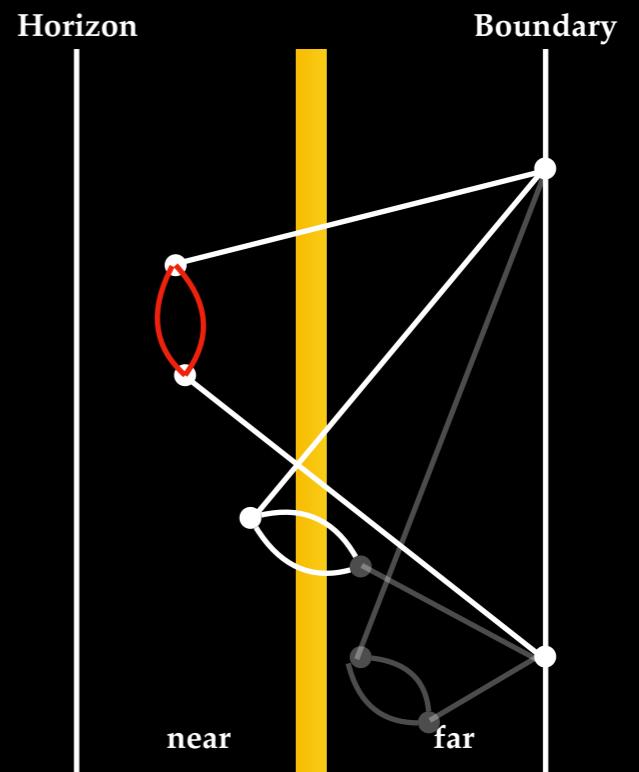
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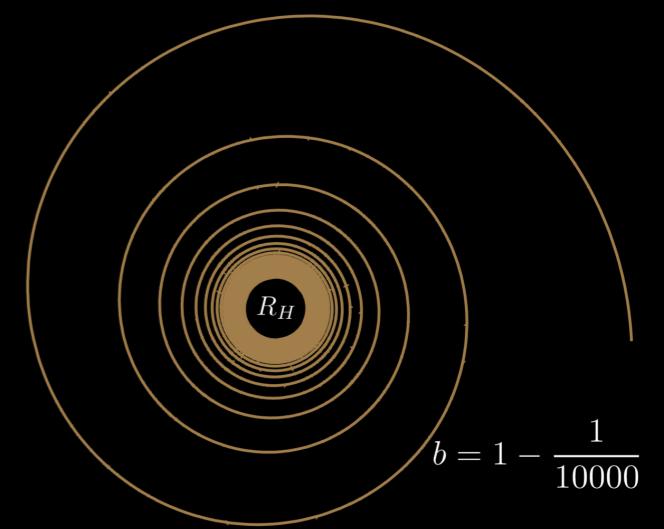
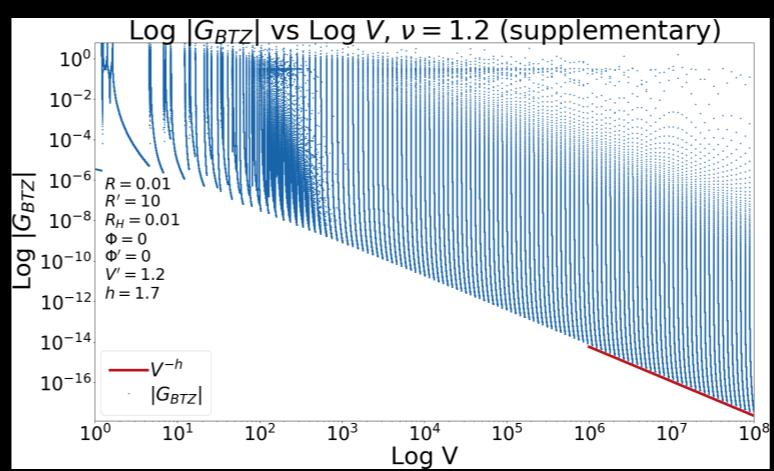
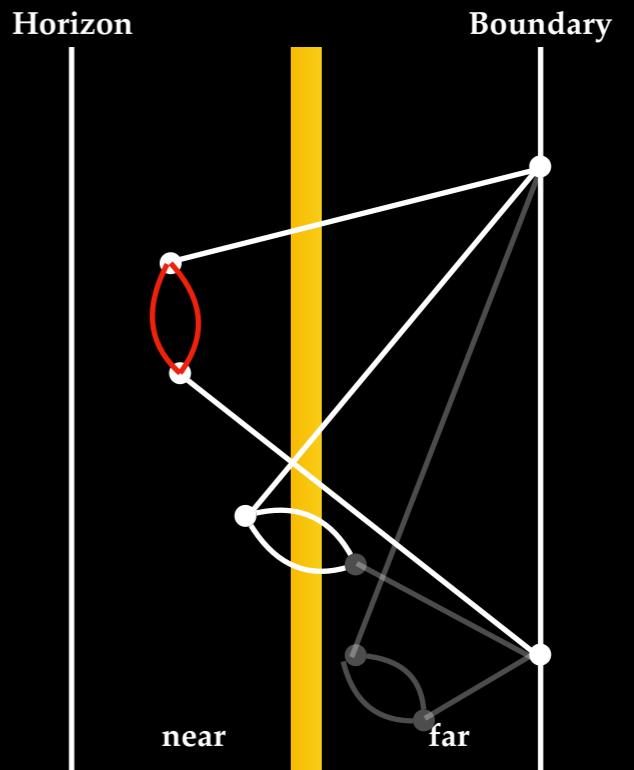
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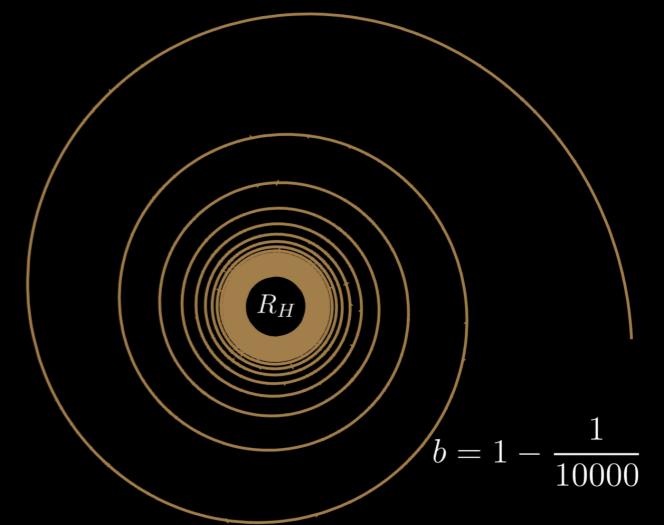
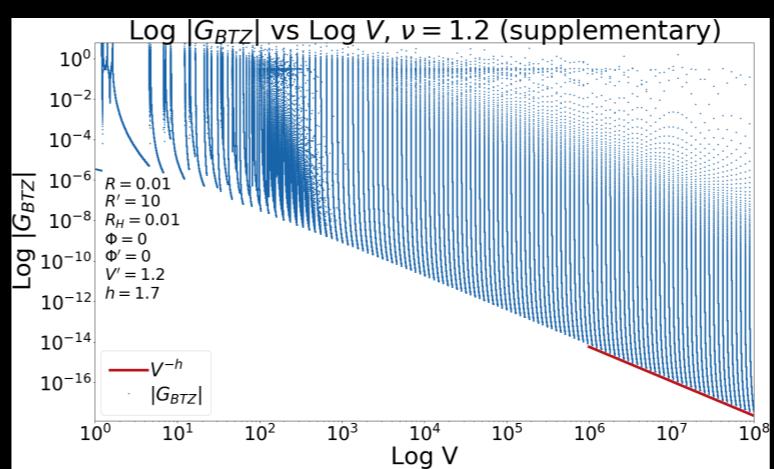
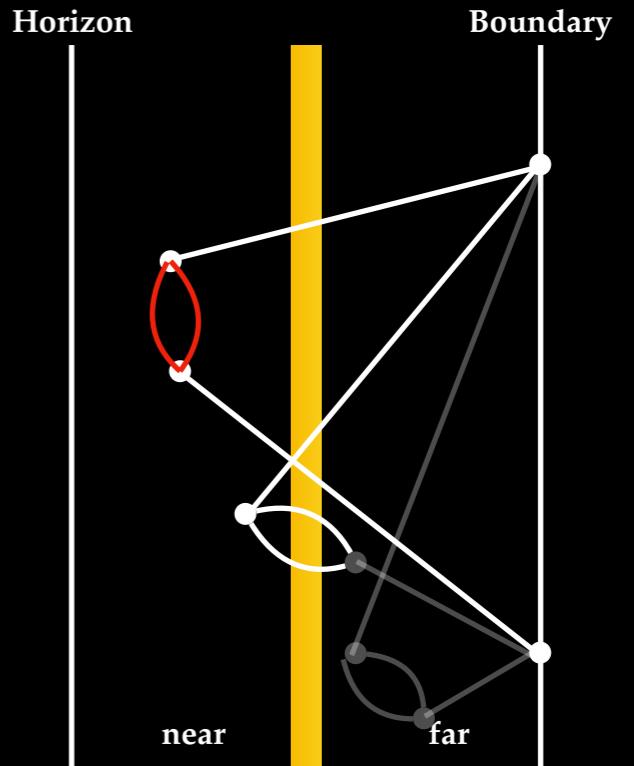
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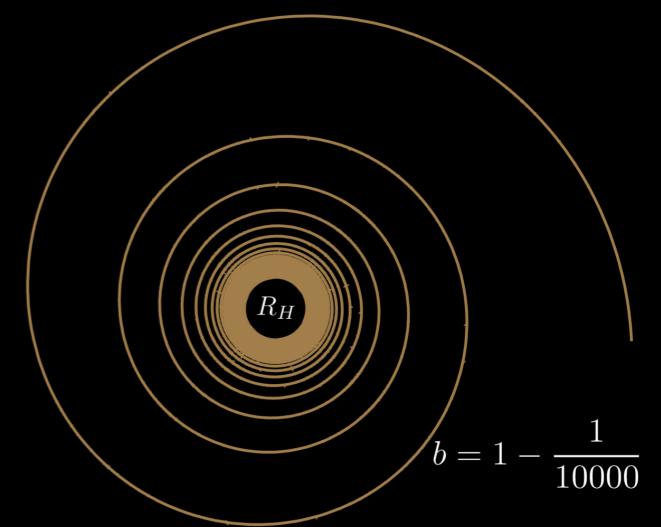
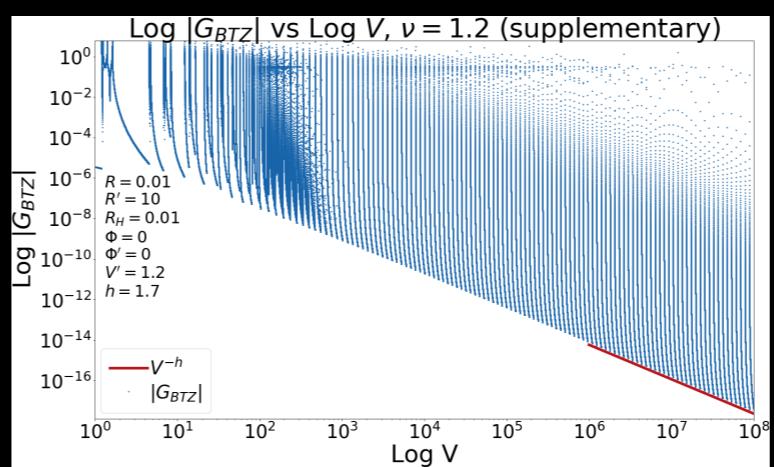
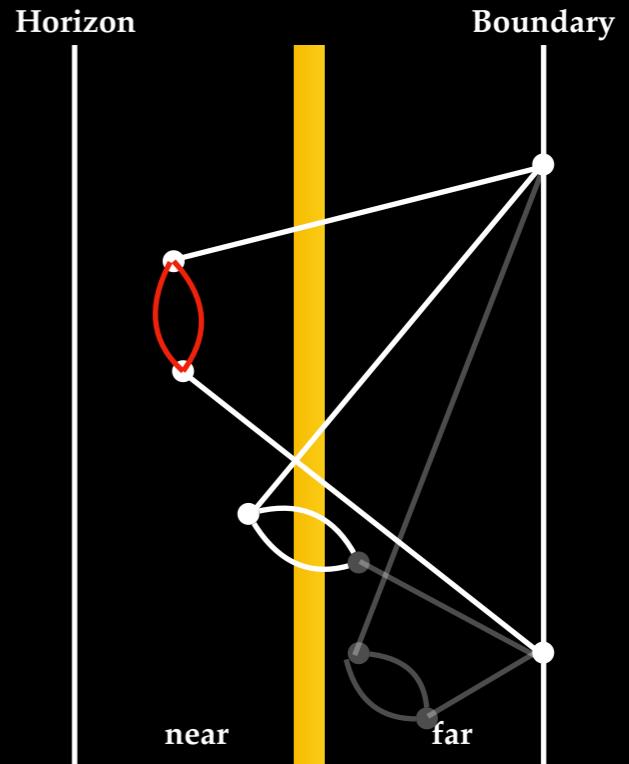


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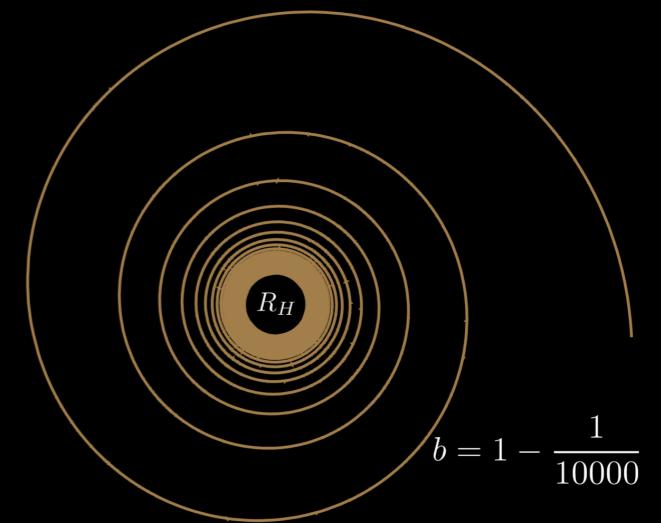
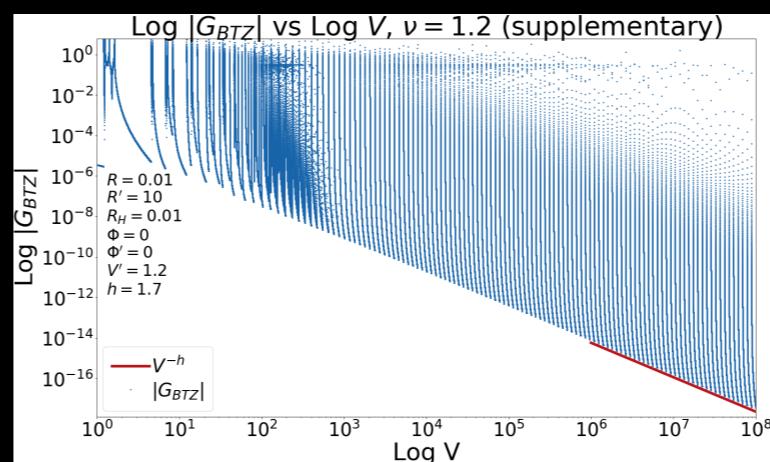
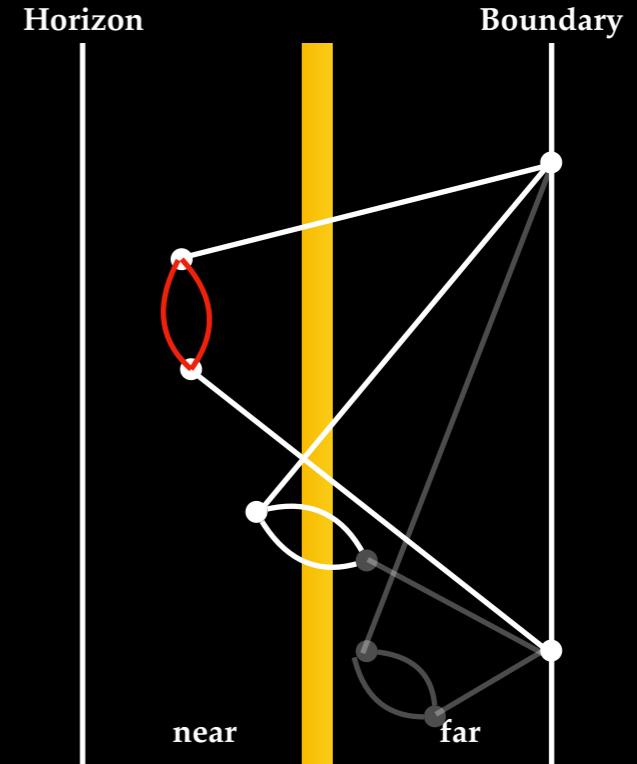
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