

Trapped acoustic waves and raindrops: High-order integral equation solution of the localized excitation of a periodic staircase

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Scattering of a nonperiodic source from a periodic, corrugated surface

Questions, goals, and applications

- Interesting acoustic phenomena near corrugated surfaces, e.g. step-temples:
 - Sound travels “down” along stairs → trapped modes, propagating horizontally, evanescent perpendicular to stairs
 - Echo from footsteps sound like raindrops (Cruz et al, *Acta Acustica*, 2009)
- When do trapped modes exist? What is their dispersion relation?
- Compute single-frequency solution from single point excitation
- How does power in the system get distributed between trapped modes and outgoing radiation?
- Periodic surfaces have been exploited for their **waveguiding** properties:
 - Photonic crystals, acoustic metamaterials, diffraction gratings, antennae, anechoic chambers, amphitheaters, ...
 - Fast, robust methods needed in **optimization** loops
 - → **Our method can have impact in the above applications**



El Castillo (“The Castle”),
a Mesoamerican step-pyramid in Chichen Itza, Mexico.

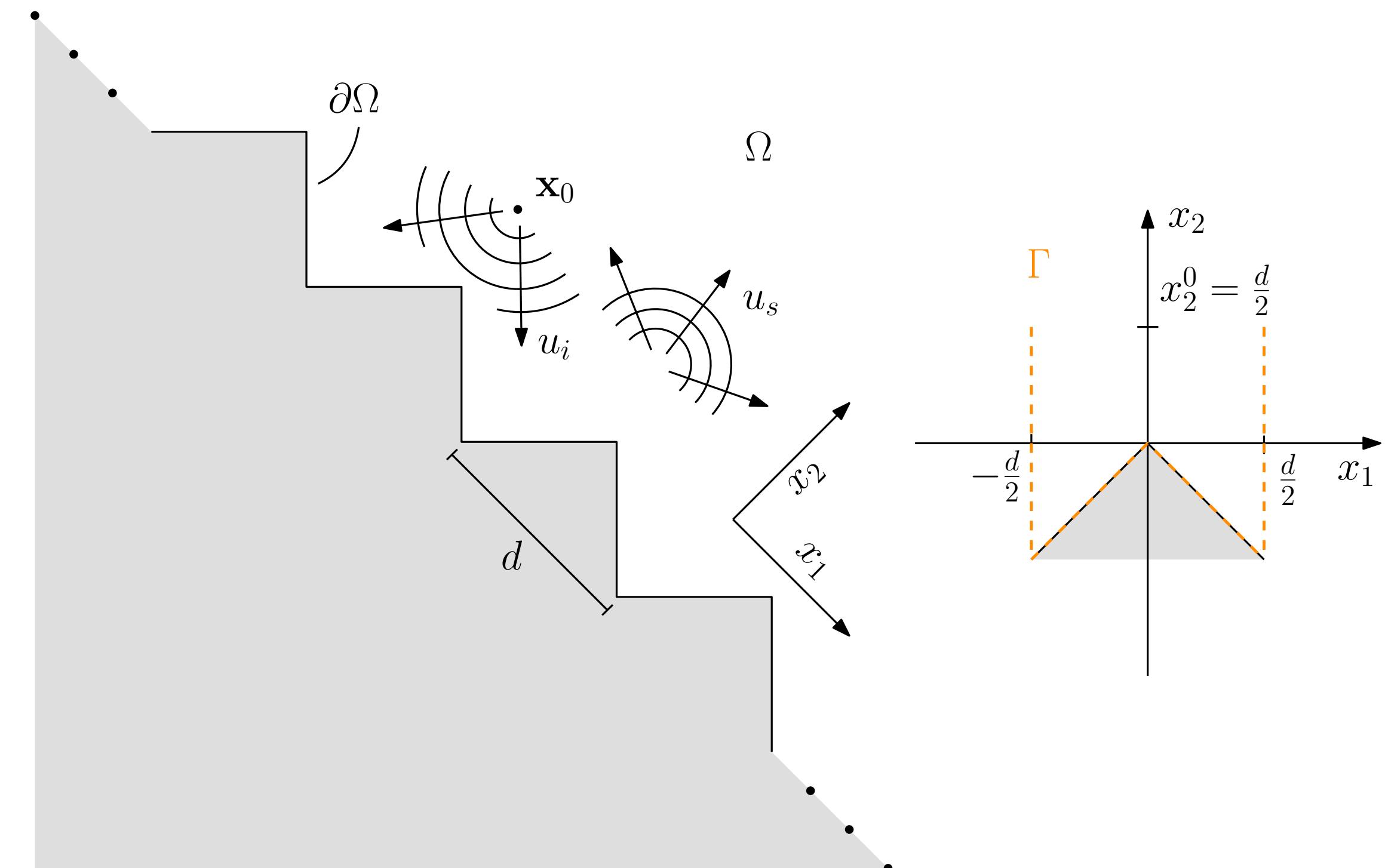
Why is this problem hard? Previous and new work

What's hard about this problem?

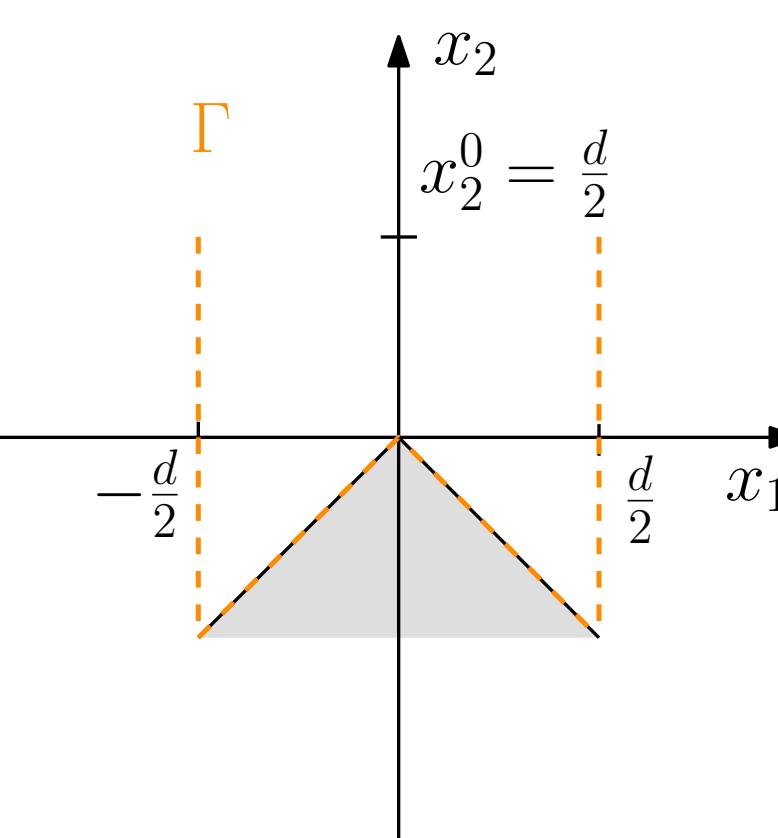
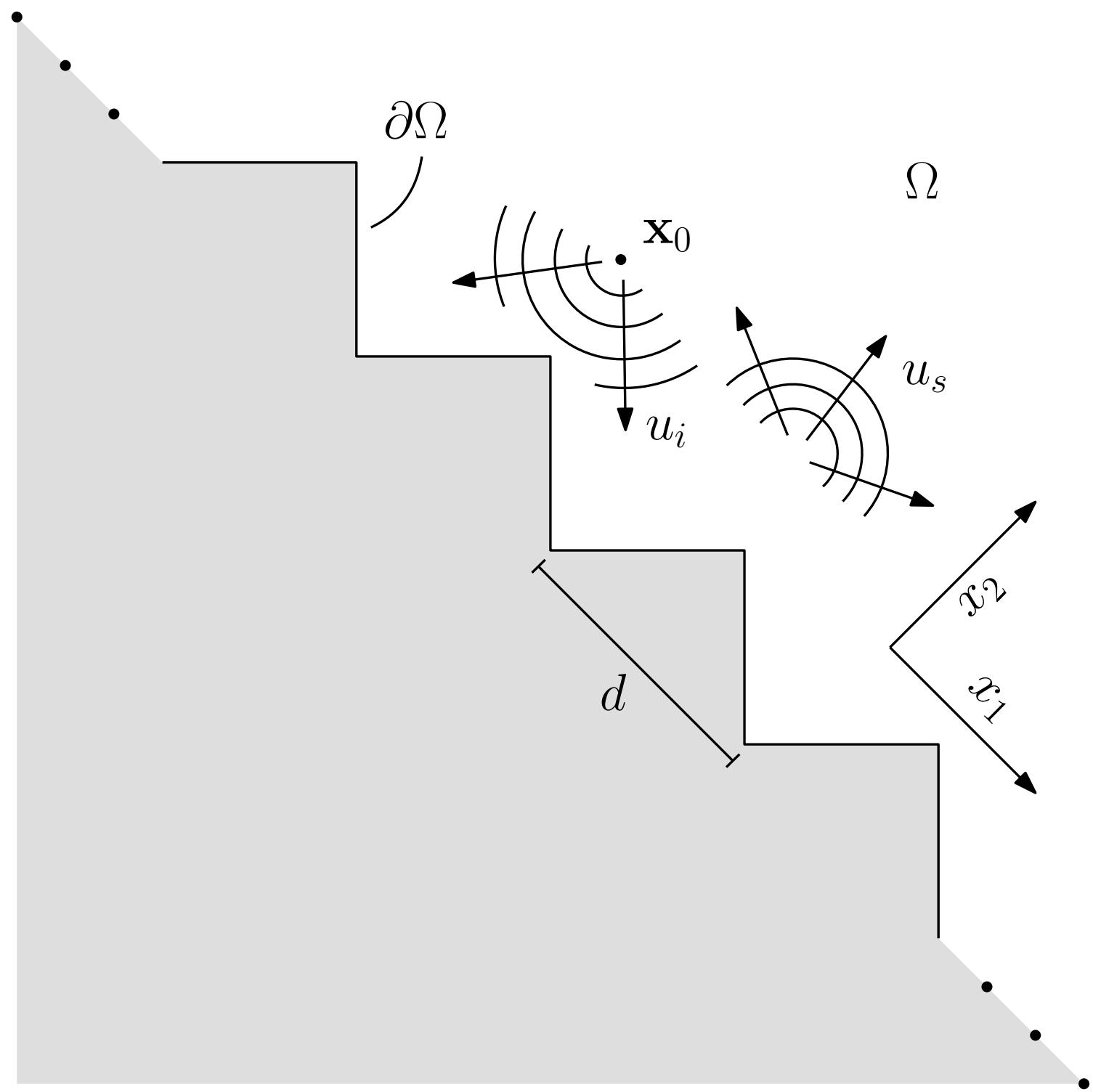
- Domain is infinite
- Periodic boundary → cannot truncate due to artificial reflections
- Nonperiodic source breaks periodicity → cannot reduce to single unit cell^{*}
(periodization)
- Corners introduce singularities

Previous work and what we are doing

- Finite differencing or finite elements methods
- Mesh-free methods: method of fundamental solutions, plane waves method
- Rayleigh methods based on the Rayleigh hypothesis
- Approximations, e.g. Helmholtz—Kirchhoff
- First **high-order accurate** scattering of a **nonperiodic source** from a **periodic surface with corners**: [arXiv:2310.12486](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.12486) (with Alex Barnett)
 - Boundary integral equation & method: $\mathcal{O}(N)$ instead of $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$, can deal with singularities and be accurate via high-order quadrature



Problem setup - quasiperiodic set of sources



$$-(\Delta + \omega^2)u = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{inkd} \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0 - n\mathbf{d}) \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$u_n = 0$$

$$u(x_1 + nd, x_2) = \alpha^n u(x_1, x_2)$$

$$u(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n e^{i(k_n x_1 + k_n x_2)},$$

PDE (Helmholtz)

on $\partial\Omega$,

$(x_1, x_2) \in \Omega$, **quasiperiodicity**

$x_2 > x_2^0$ **radiation condition**

- $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$ position vector, $\mathbf{d} = (d, 0)$ lattice vector.
- u_i is the incident, u_s is the scattered wave
- $u = u_i + u_s$ is the total solution
- κ is the **horizontal (on-surface) wavenumber**
- $u_n := \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla u$ normal derivative in the outward sense
- If there are multiple sources, **quasiperiodicity condition** ensures the solution obeys the symmetry of the boundary
- The solution accrues an overall **(Bloch) phase** $\alpha = e^{i\kappa}$ over one **period** d .
- Set of possible horizontal wavevectors $\kappa_n = \kappa + 2\pi n/d$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, all lead to the same quasiperiodicity
- If the total wavevector is $\mathbf{k} = (\kappa_n, k_n)$, then $k_n = \sqrt{\omega^2 - \kappa_n^2}$ is the vertical wavevector (imaginary part always +ve)
 - Vertically propagating or evanescent
 - $k_n = 0$ are **Wood anomalies** (abrupt change in behavior)

Boundary integral formulation

- Use a single-layer potential (SLP) representation for the scattered wave:

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ensures u will satisfy the PDE.

- Using the appropriate **jump relations**, this gives the Fredholm integral equation

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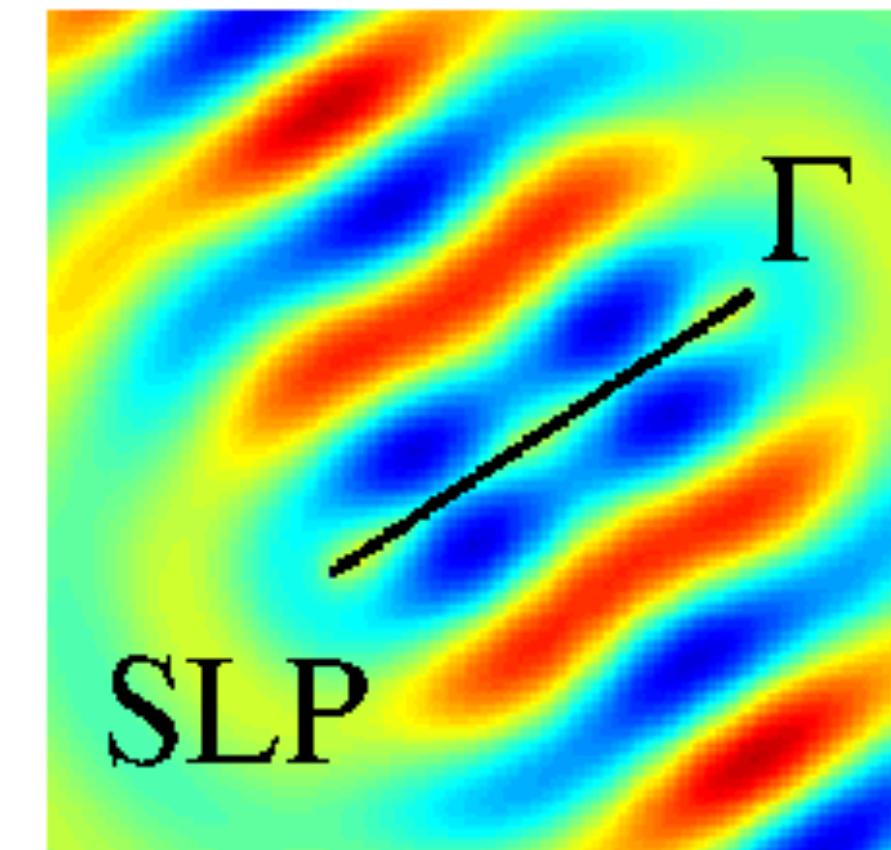
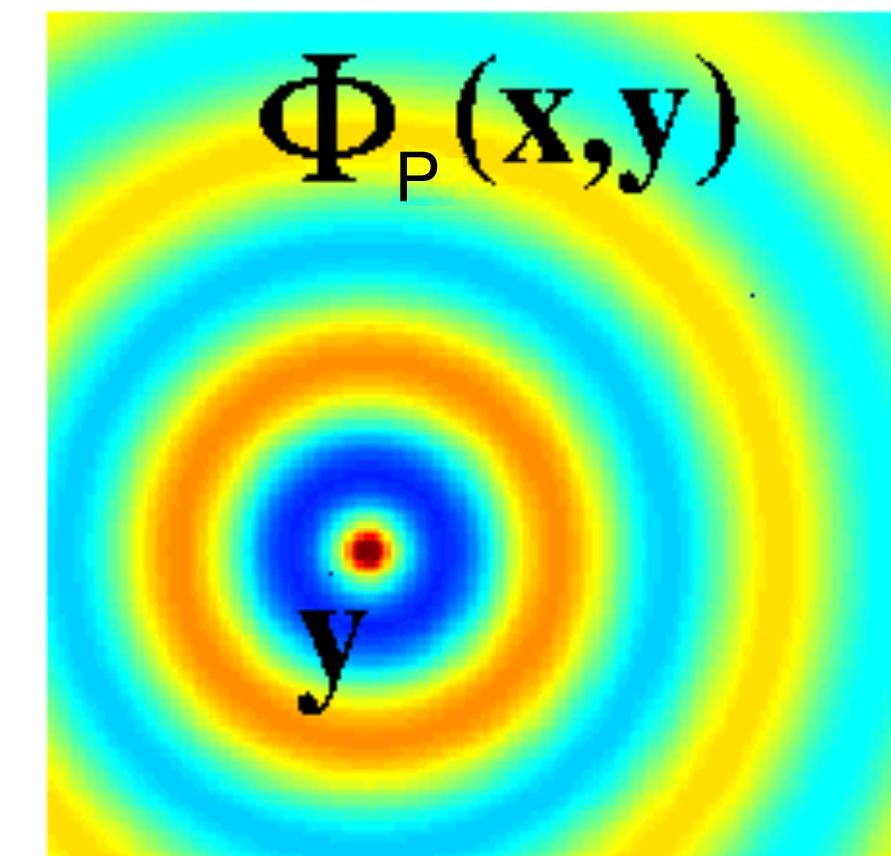
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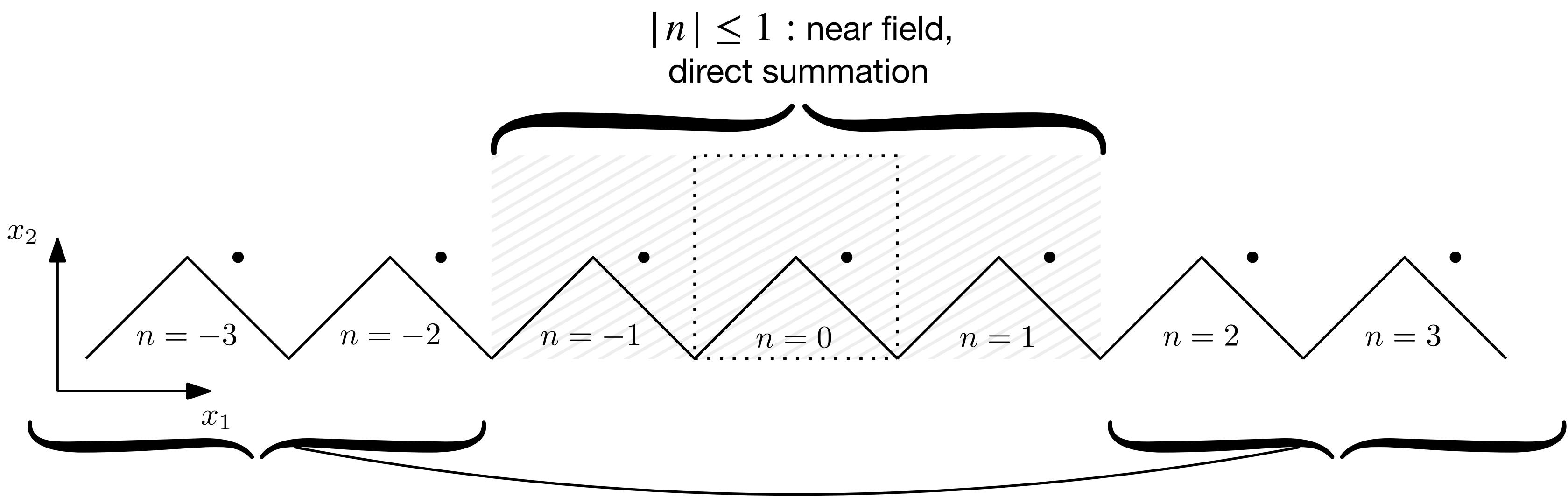
- Reduce computation to the unit cell by using

the **quasiperiodic Green's function**,

$\Phi_p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$, where \mathbf{x} is the target's, \mathbf{y} is the source's position vector:

$$-(\Delta + \omega^2)\Phi_p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{0}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha^n \delta(x_1 - nd) \delta(x_2)$$

$$\Phi_p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{0}) = \frac{i}{4} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha^n H_0^{(1)} \left(\omega \sqrt{(x_1 - nd)^2 + x_2^2} \right)$$



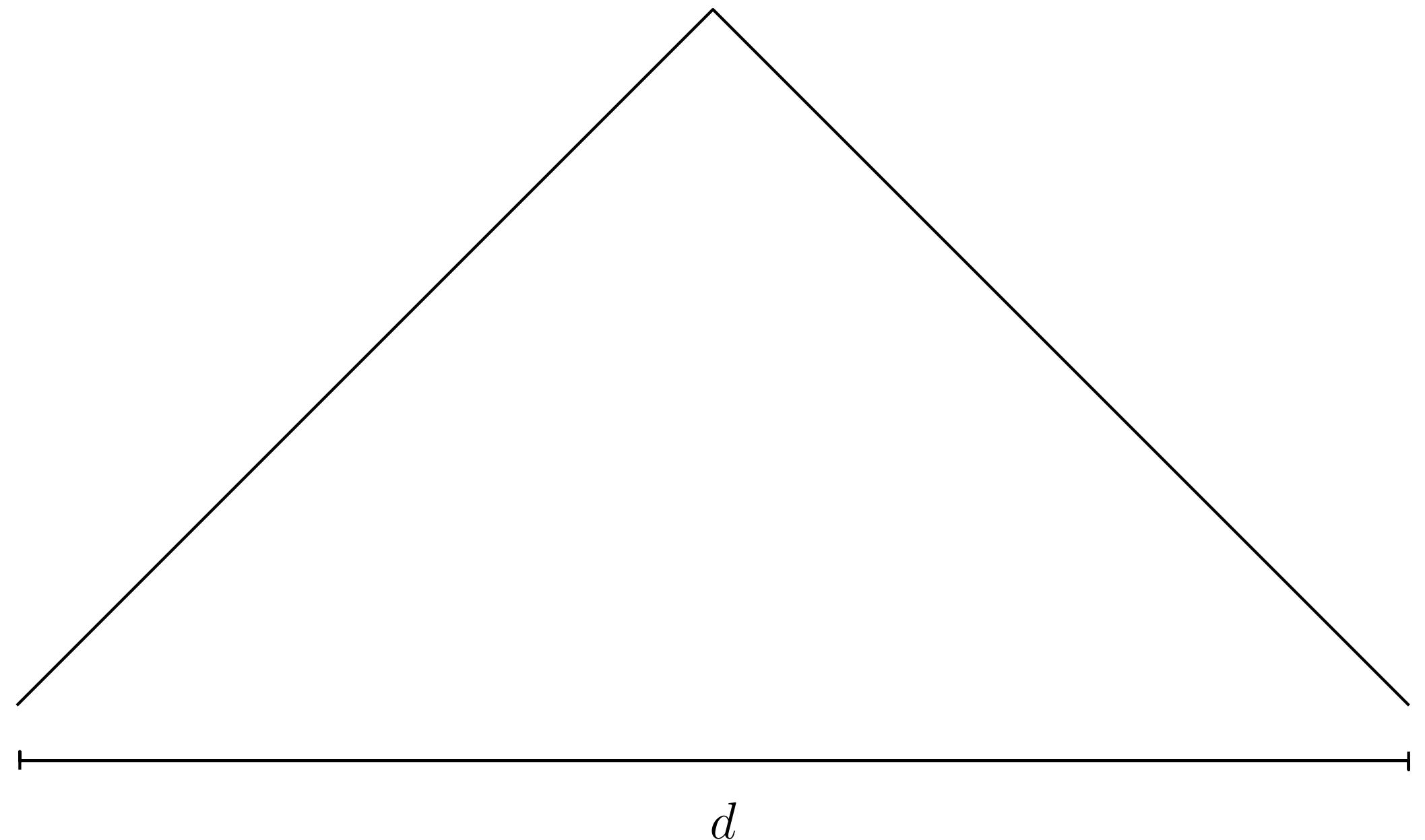
- The $S_n(\omega, \kappa)$ are **lattice sums** involving sums over n -th order Hankel functions

- Computed once per ω, κ
- Slowly convergent → use integral representation (Yasumoto and Yoshitomi, IEEETAP, 1999)
- Only convergent in a disc → only use it inside unit cell

$$\Phi_{p,\text{far}}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \frac{i}{4} \left[S_0(\omega, \kappa) J_0(\omega, \mathbf{x}) + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n(\omega, \kappa) J_n(\omega, \mathbf{x}) a(\mathbf{x}) \right]$$

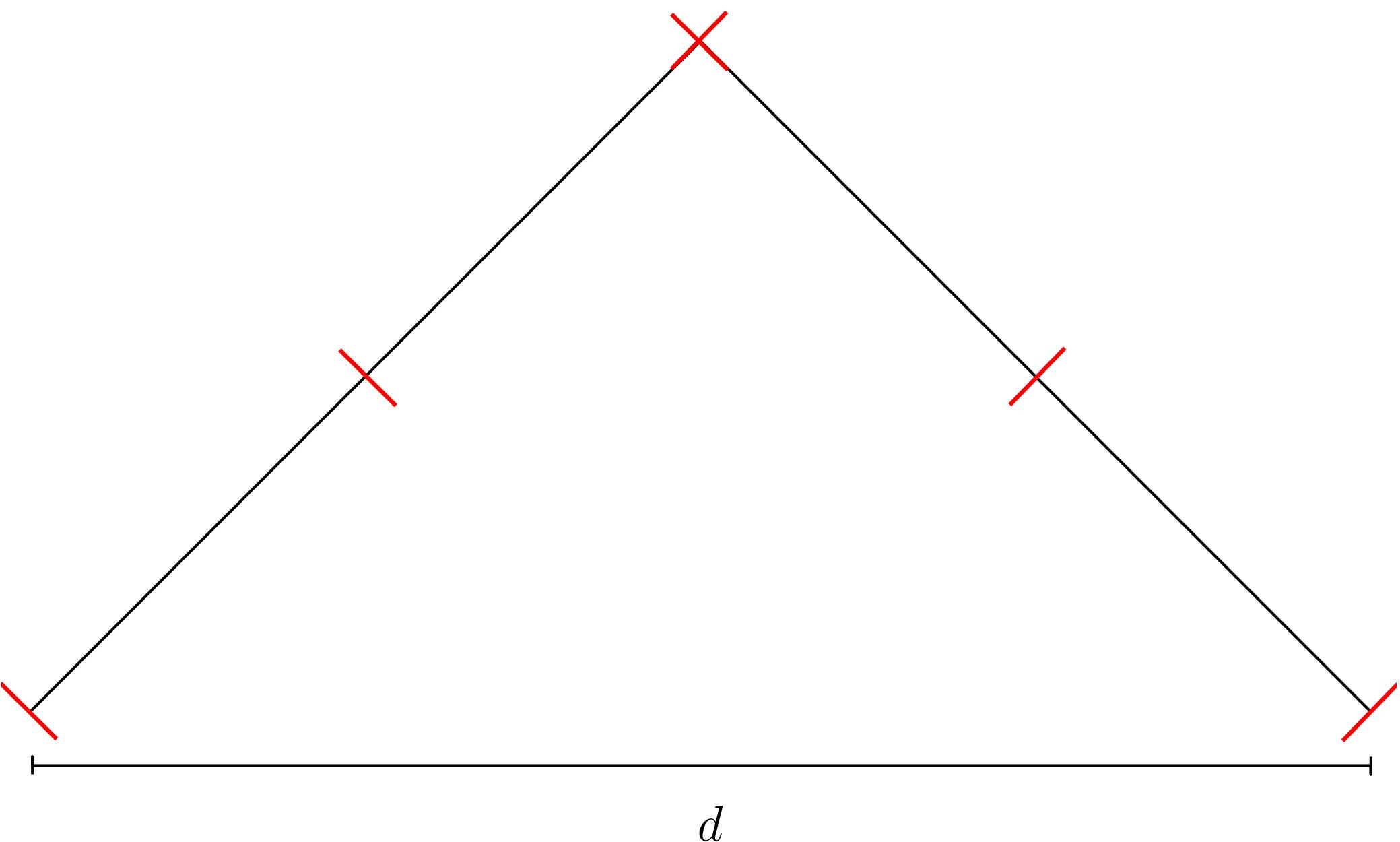
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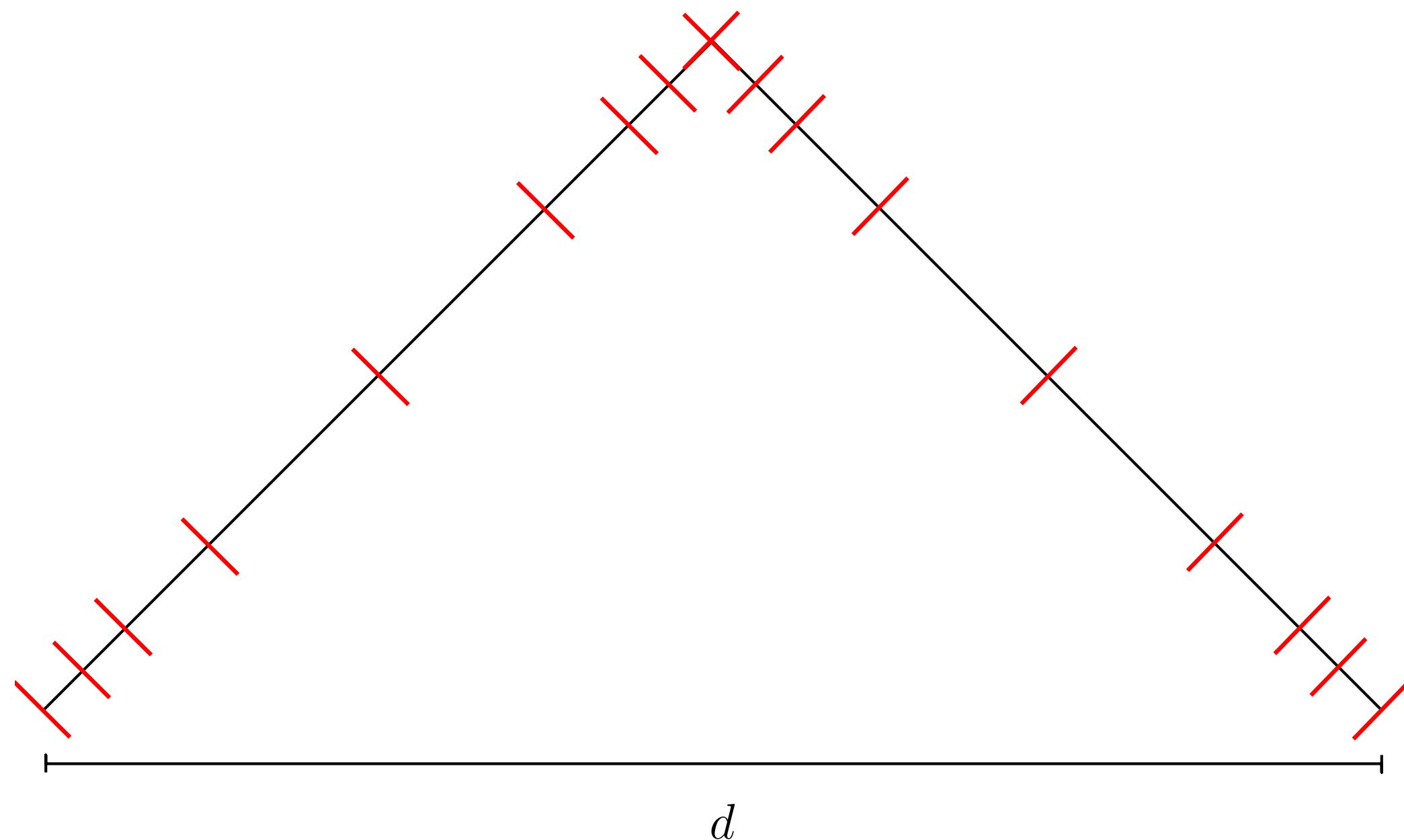
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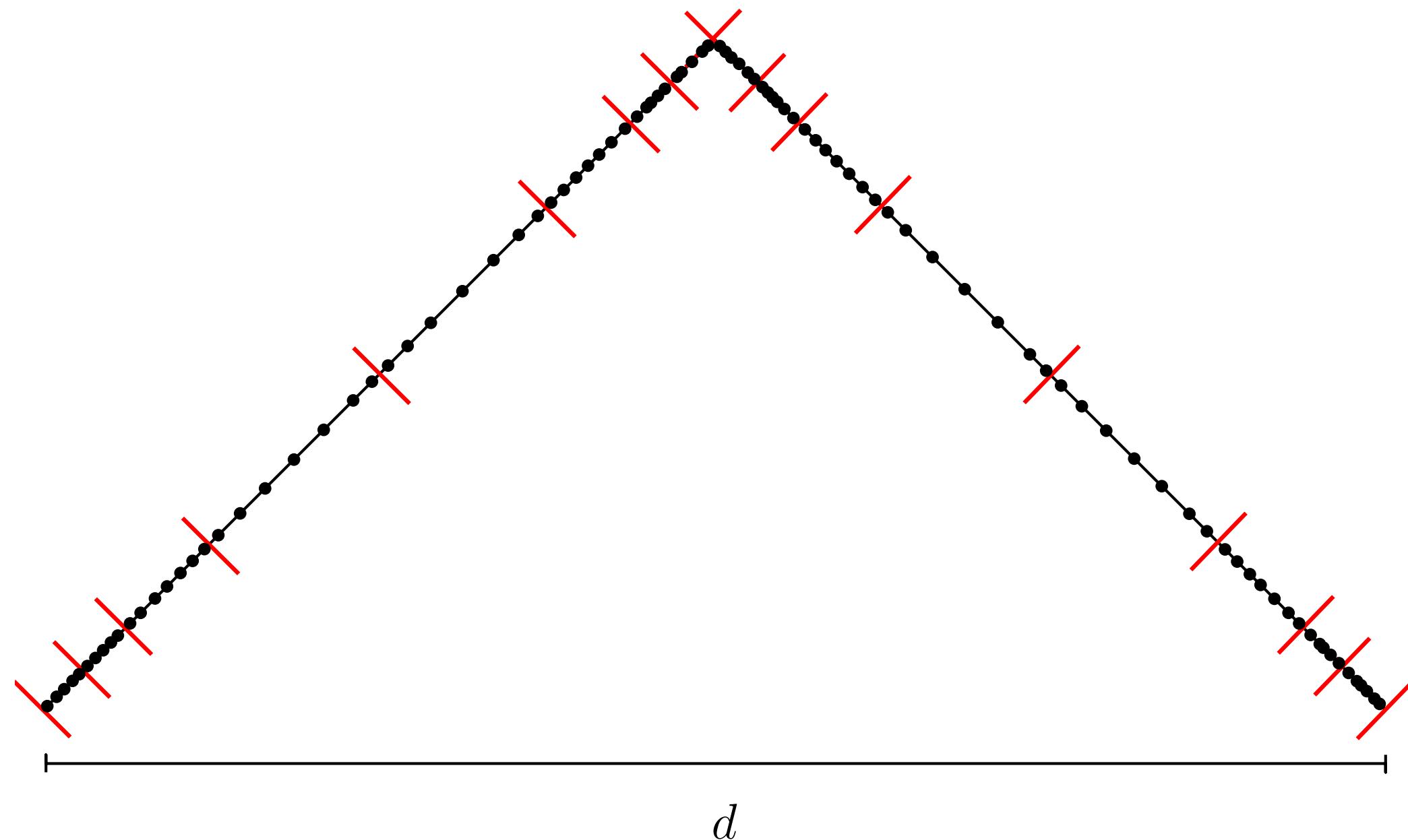
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Reconstructing the solution

- Reconstructing u via the single-layer representation only works ~inside the unit cell, because lattice sum needed for $\Phi_p(x, y)$ converges in a disc

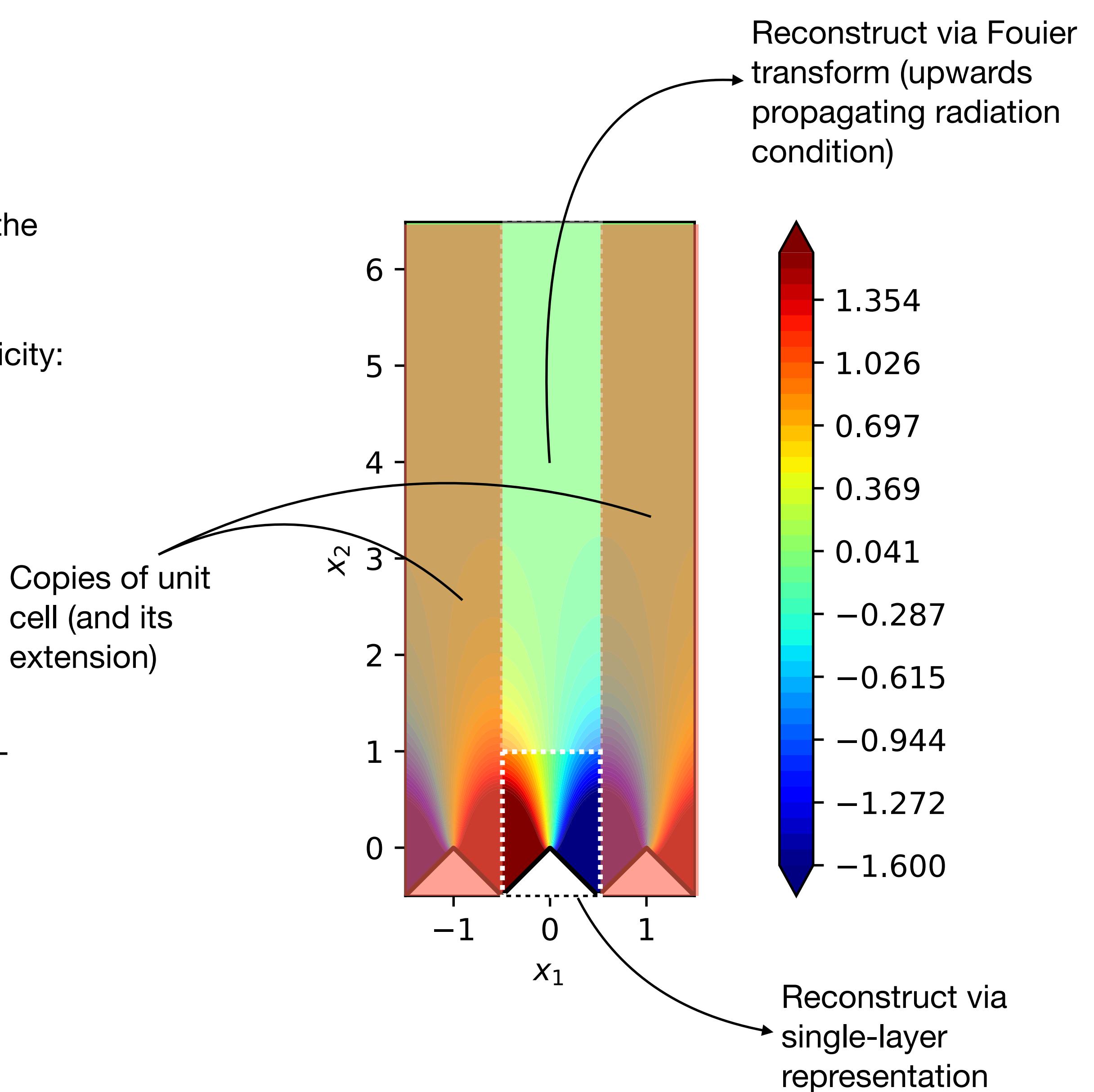
- Horizontally outside of unit cell (in neighboring cells), use quasiperiodicity:

$$u(x_1 + nd, x_2) = e^{ink} u(x_1, x_2)$$

- Vertically outside of unit cell (above), match solution to upwards propagating radiation condition via FFT:

$$u(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n e^{ik_n x_1 + k_n x_2}, \quad x_2 > x_2^{(0)} = \frac{d}{2}$$

$$u(x_1, x_2) e^{-ikx_1} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n e^{2in\pi x_1} e^{ik_n x_2} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \tilde{c}_n e^{2in\pi x_1} \rightarrow \text{DFT}$$



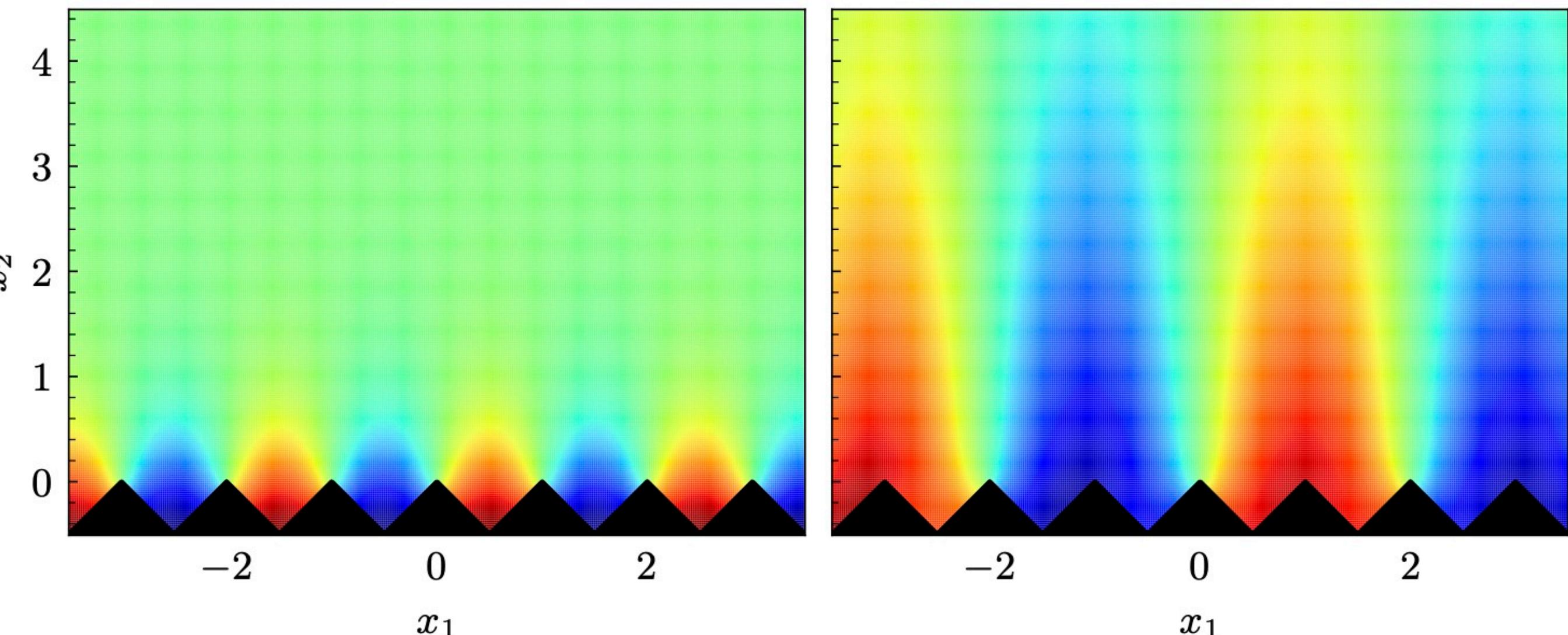
Finding trapped modes, chirp reconstruction via ray model

- Trapped modes occur when the Fredholm determinant is singular, i.e.

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has a nontrivial solution.

- Not a spurious resonance; this is a physical mode!
- D depends on κ, ω , so trapped modes only occur at some (κ, ω) combinations
- To find them: fix ω , sweep over all possible κ , $\kappa \in [-\pi, \pi]$ and do root finding (e.g. Newton's method)
- Compute:
 - Dispersion relation, $\omega(\kappa)$, of trapped modes
 - The group velocity of a trapped mode, $\frac{d\omega}{d\kappa}$, velocity at which the envelope of a wavepacket travels
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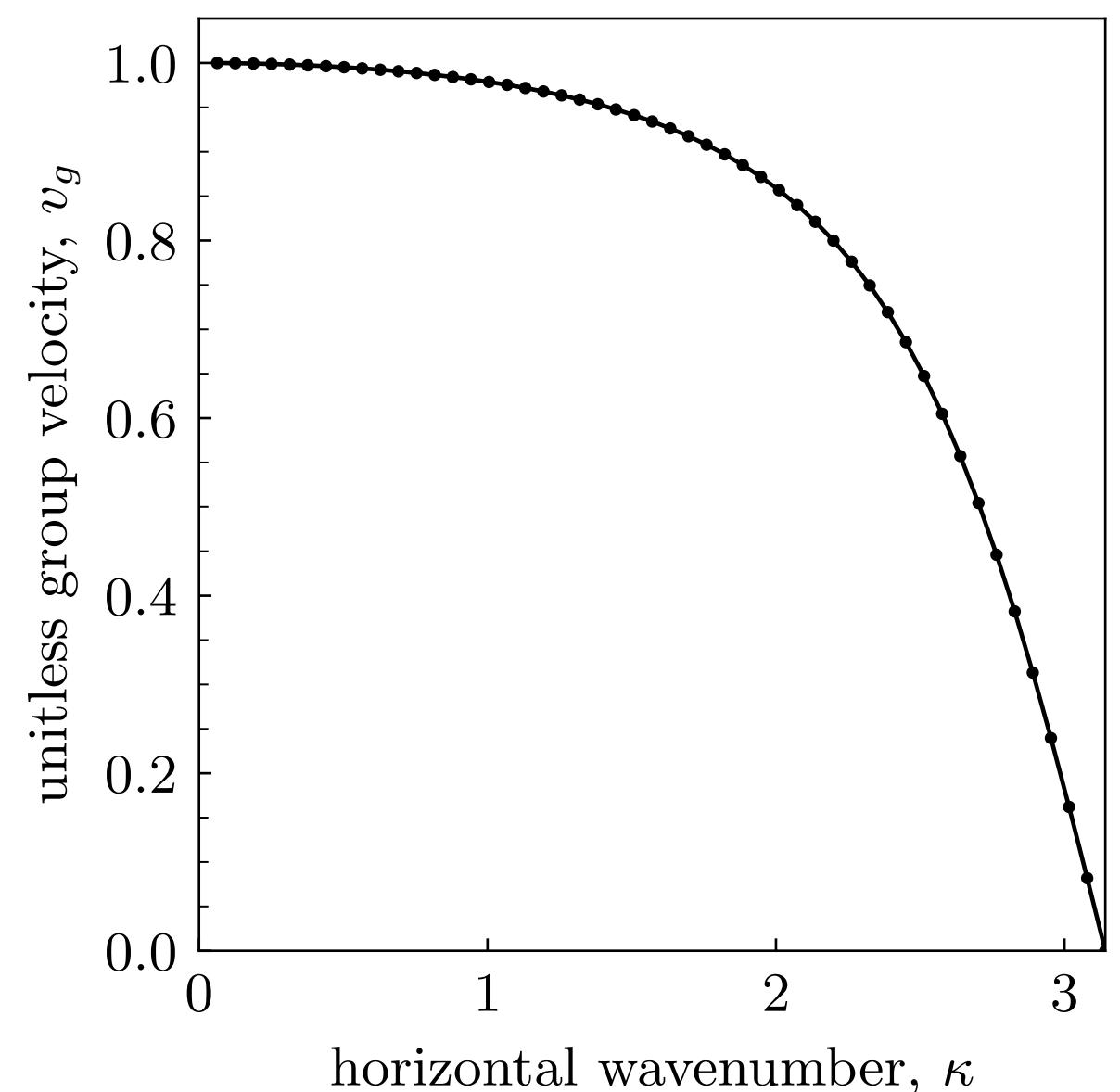
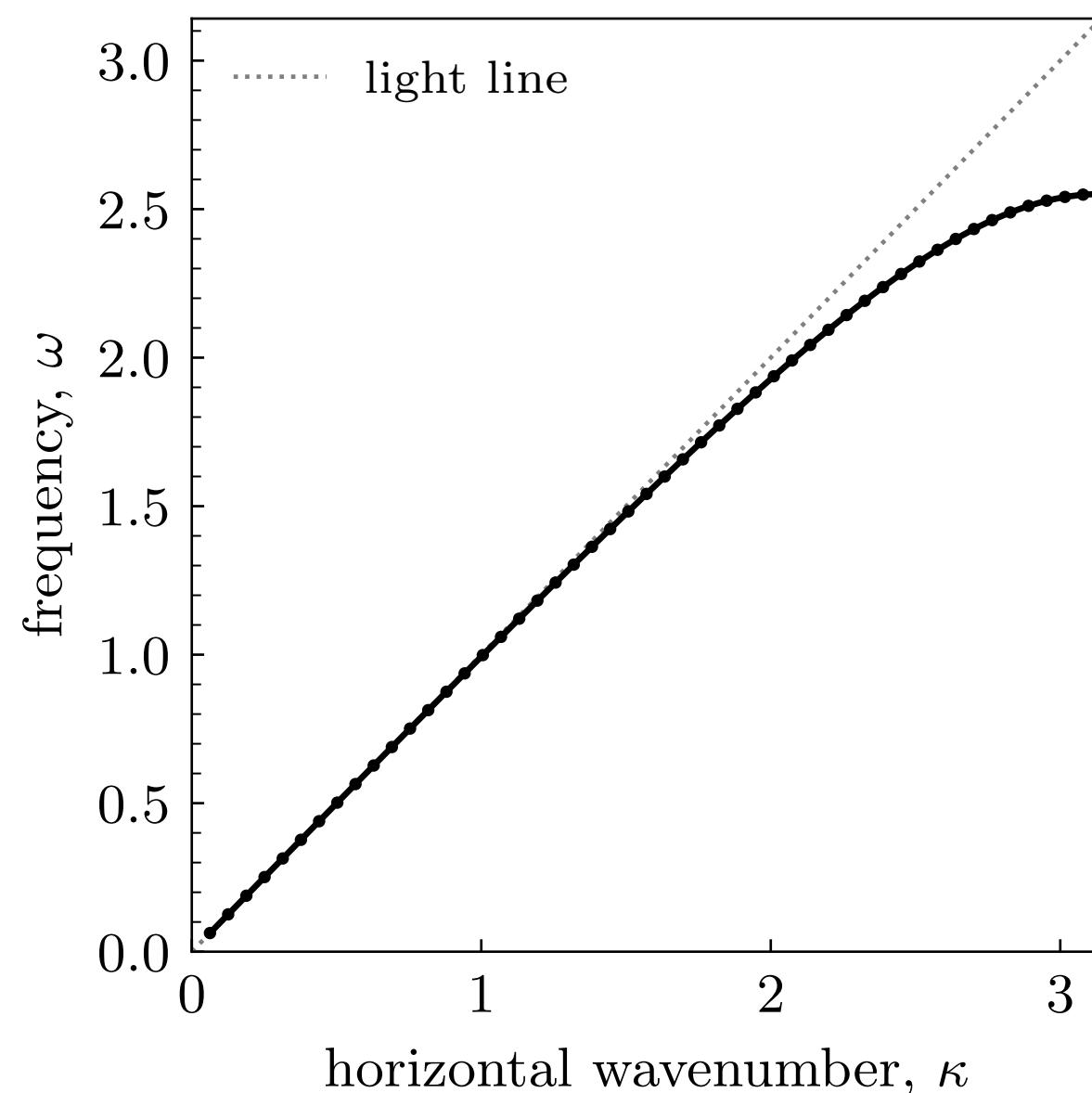
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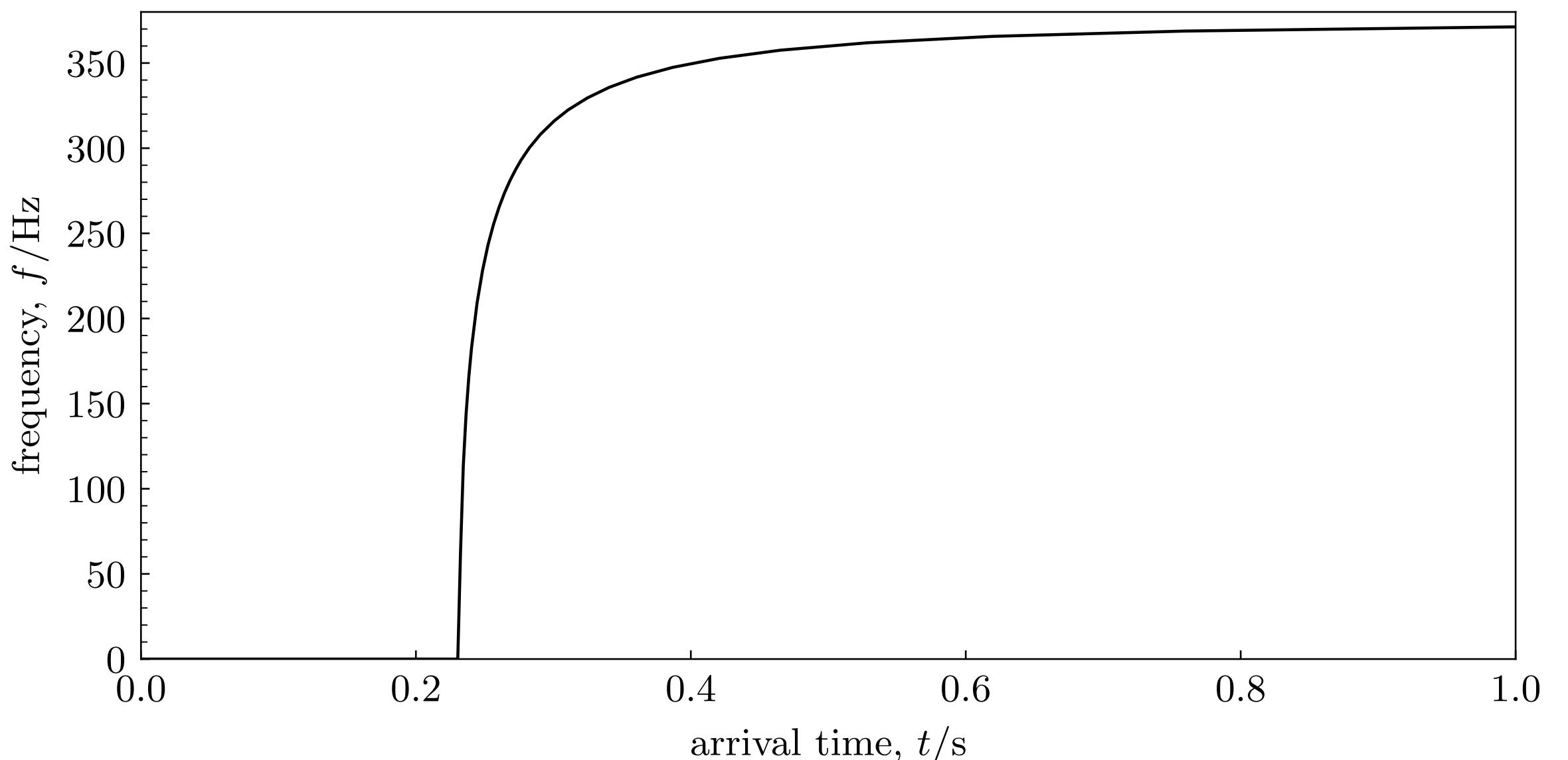
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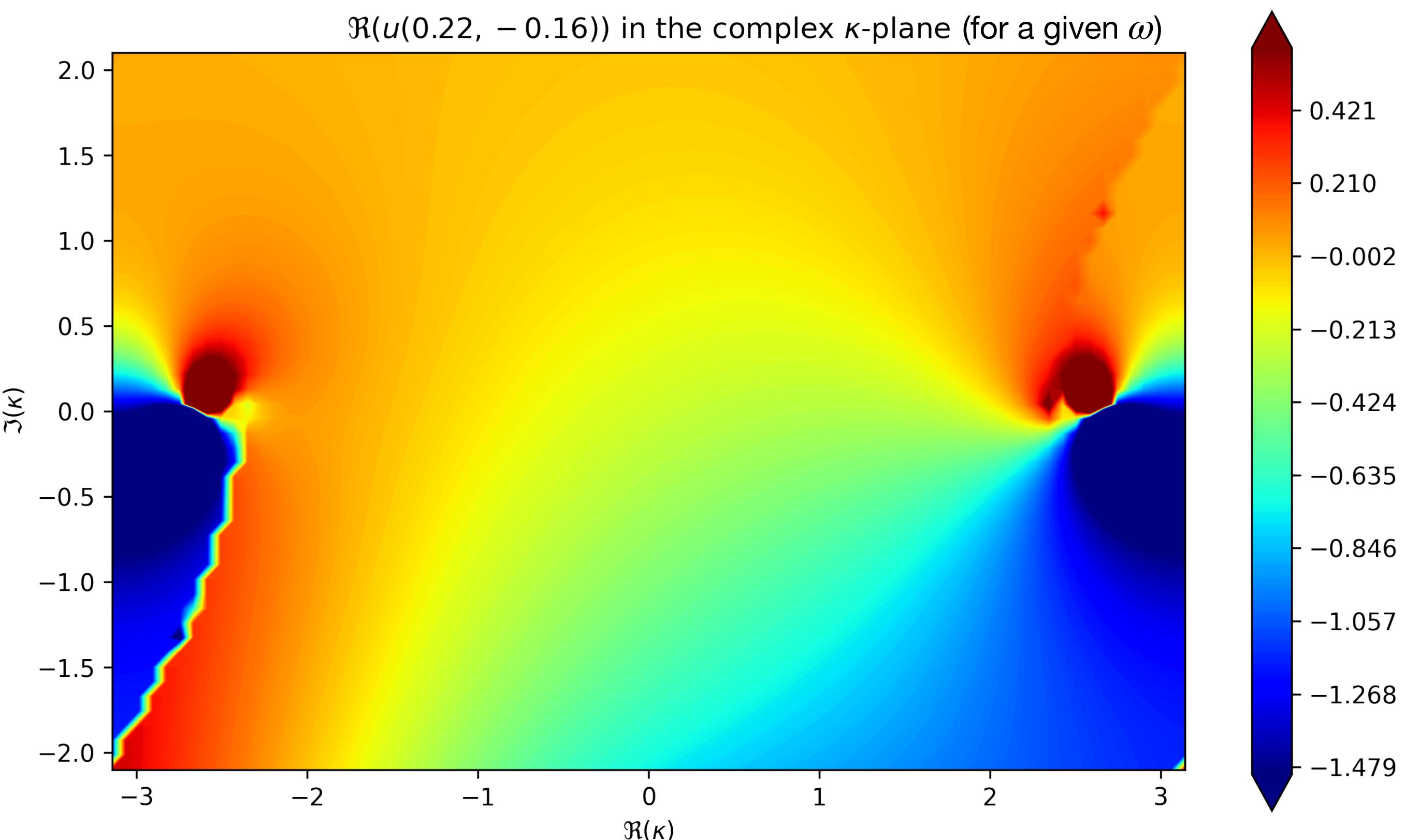
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- But, on real axis:
 - Branch cuts at Wood anomalies κ_W , square root singularity
 - Poles at trapped modes κ_{tr}
- Contour deformation (example path shown), sinusoidal with amplitude A , trapezoidal rule with P_{asm} nodes
- Direction of branch cuts/contour obeys the **limiting absorption principle**: $u(\mathbf{x}, t) = u(\mathbf{x})e^{-i\omega t}$ correspond to outgoing waves



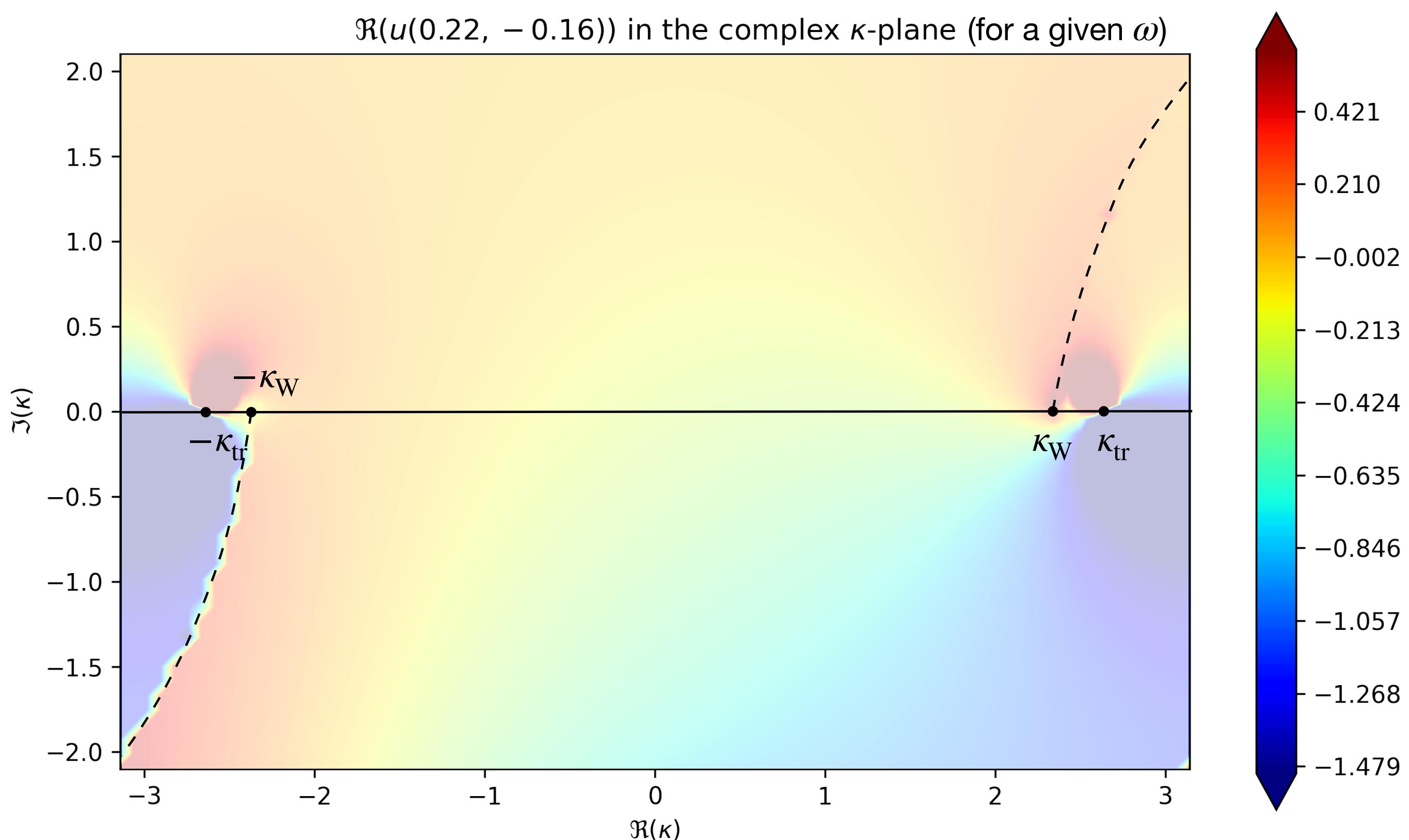
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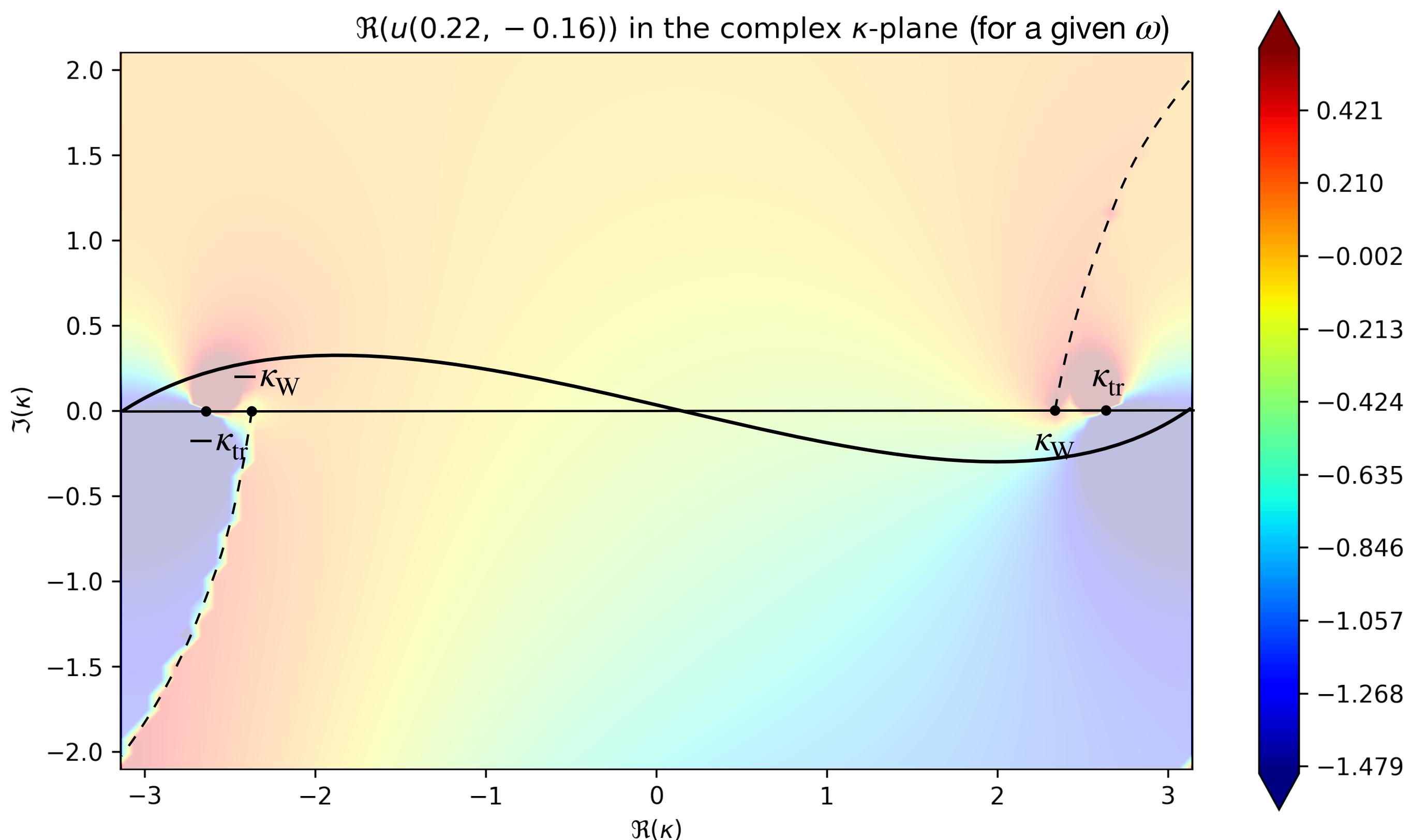
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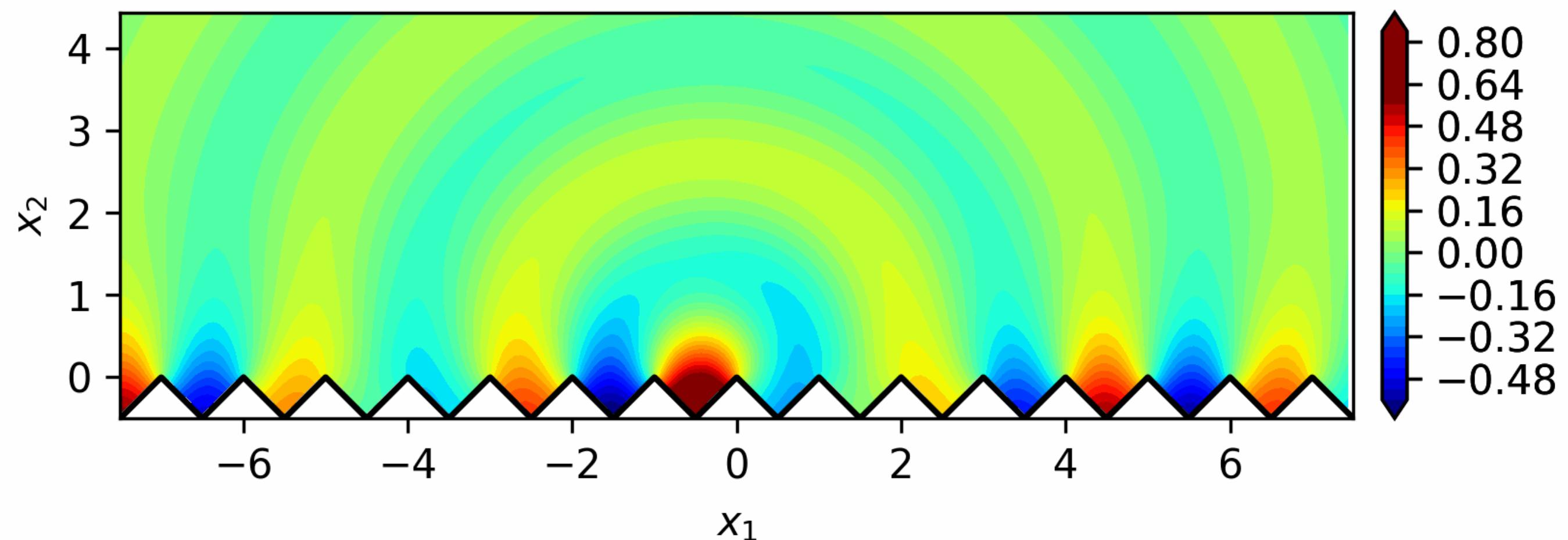
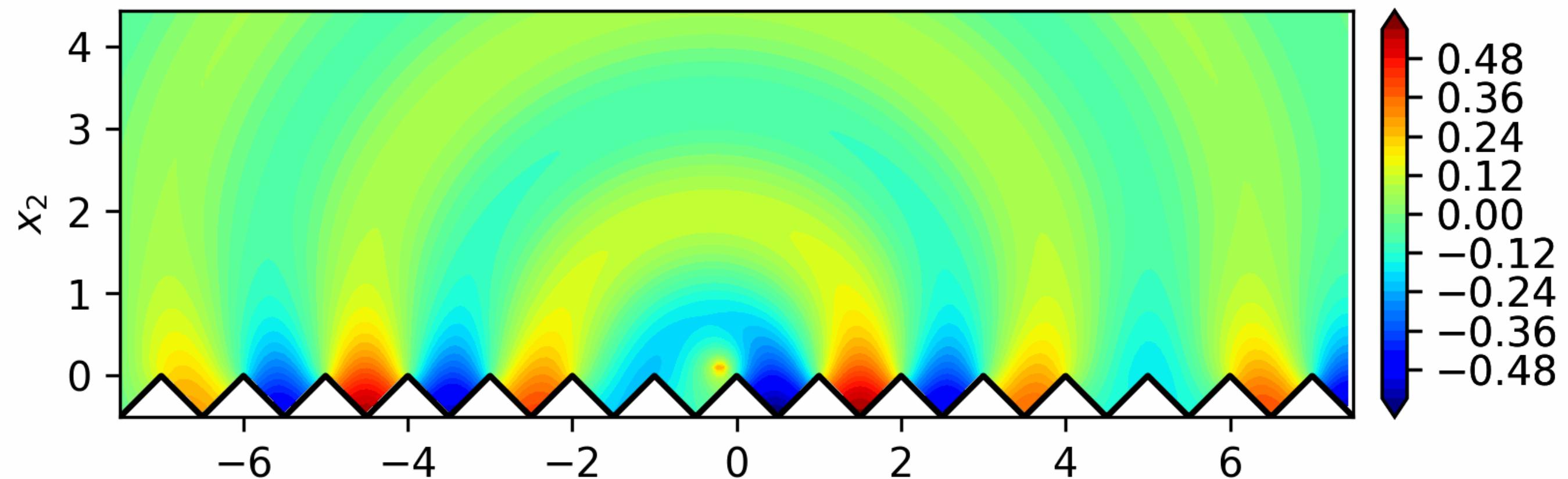
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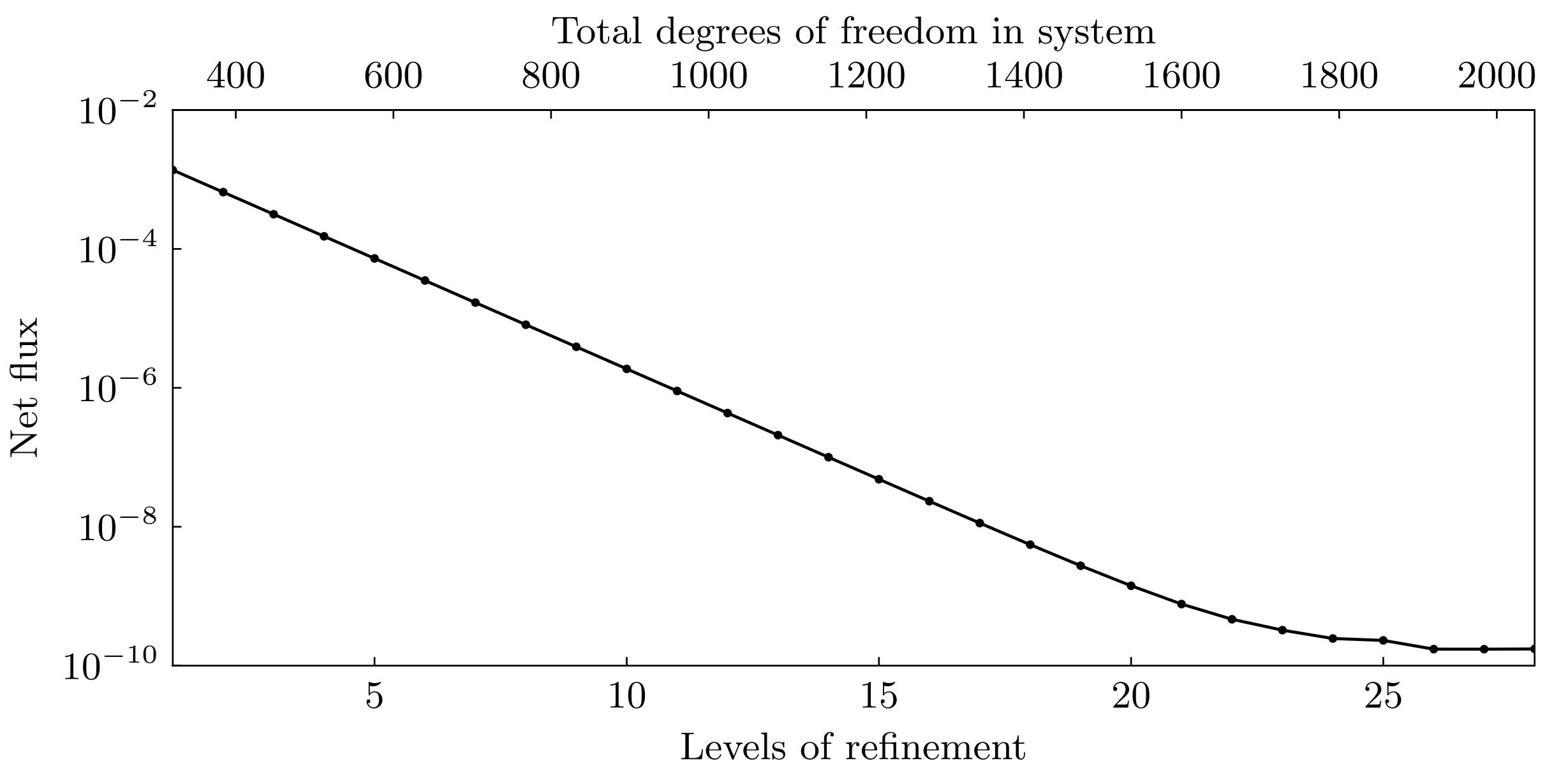
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Time-propagation of the total field away from the source (for a single ω)



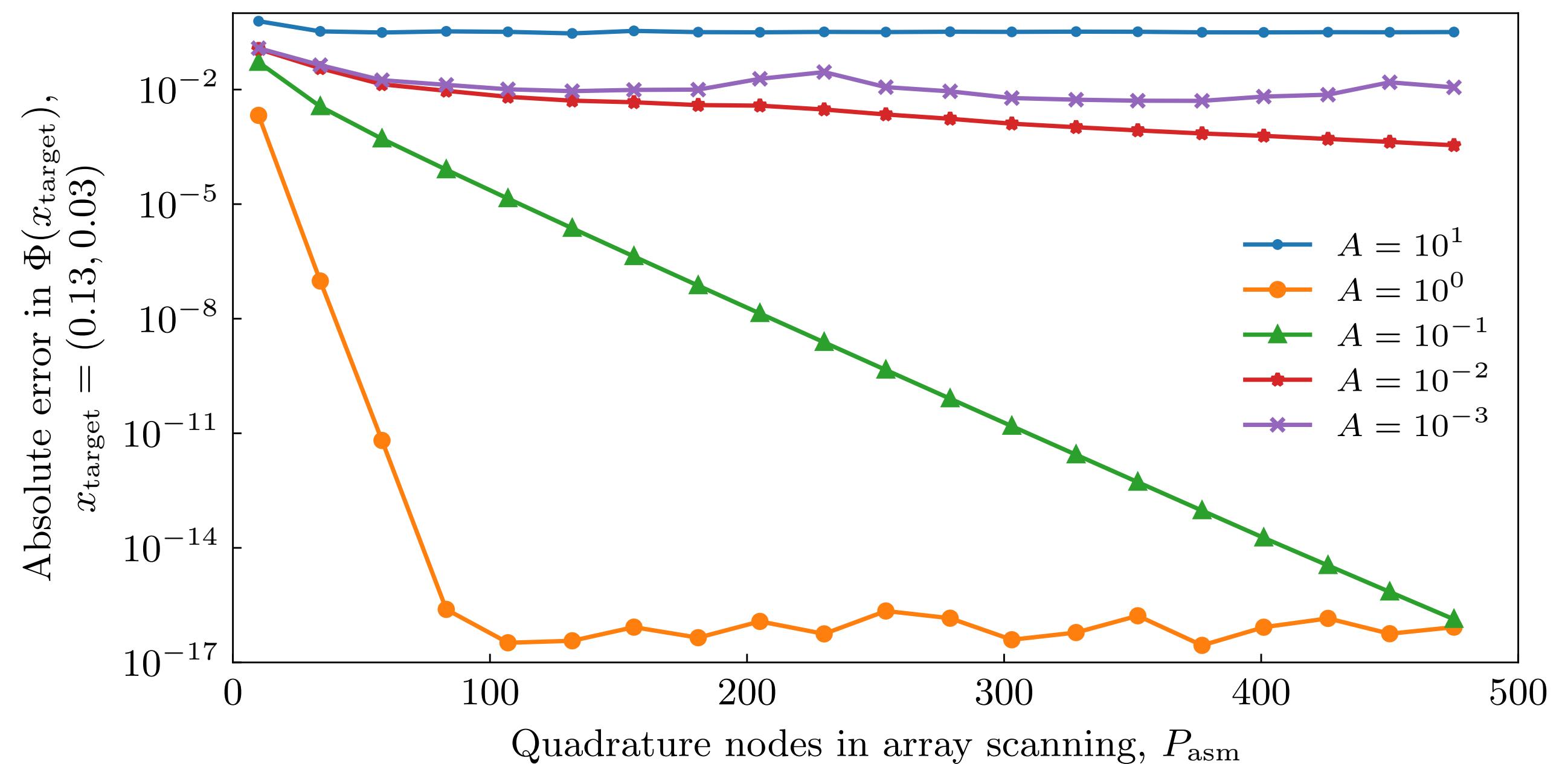
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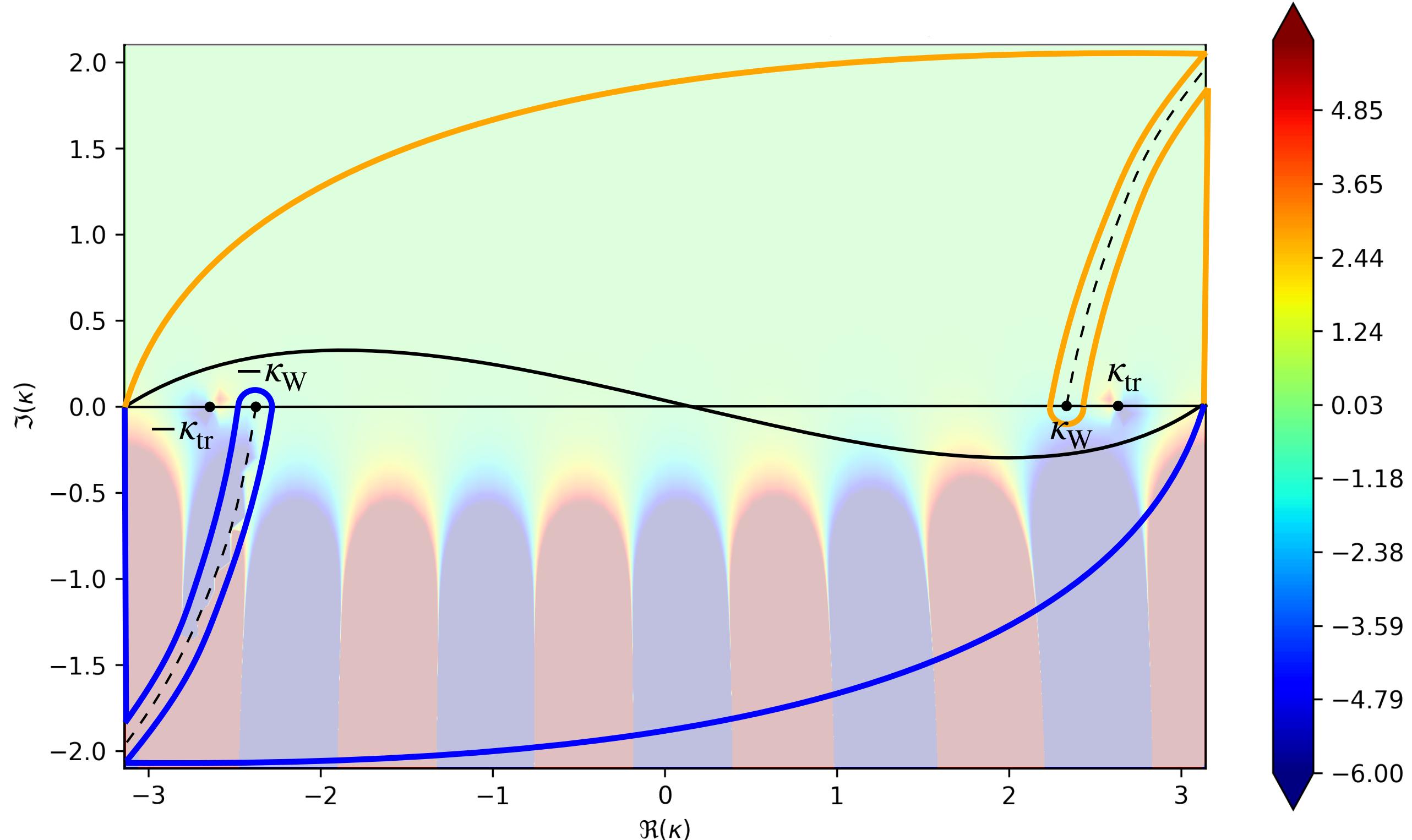
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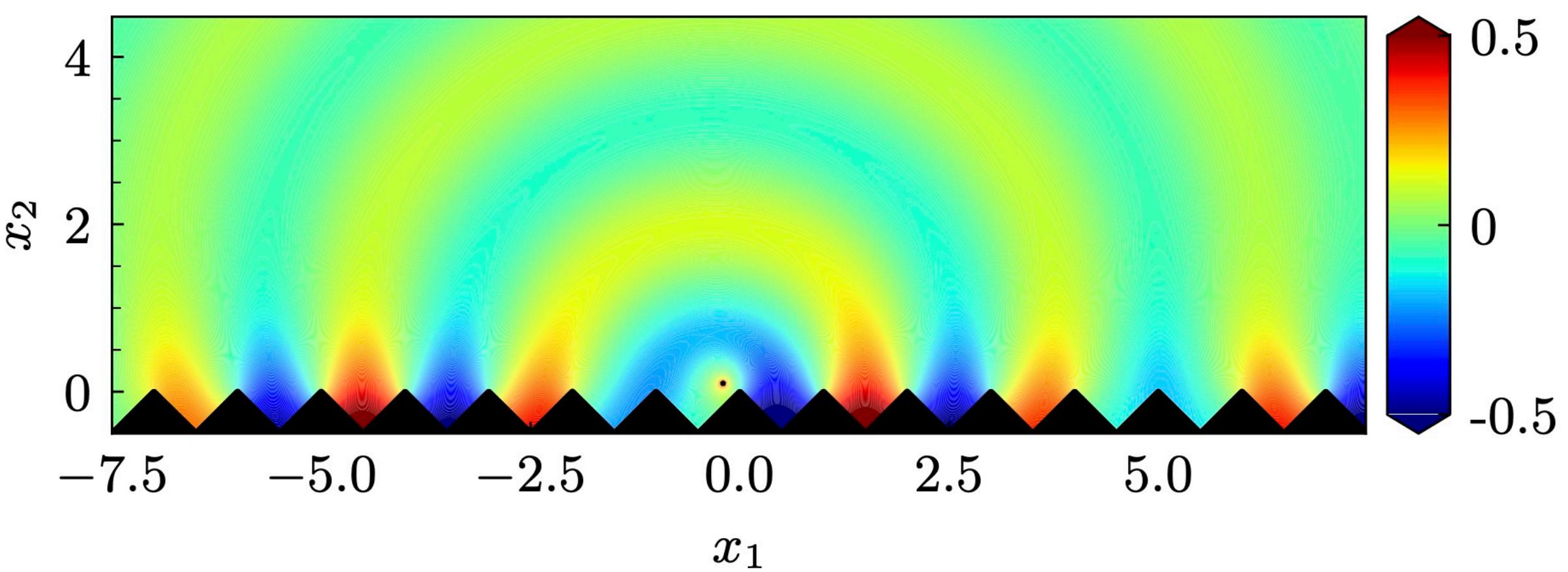
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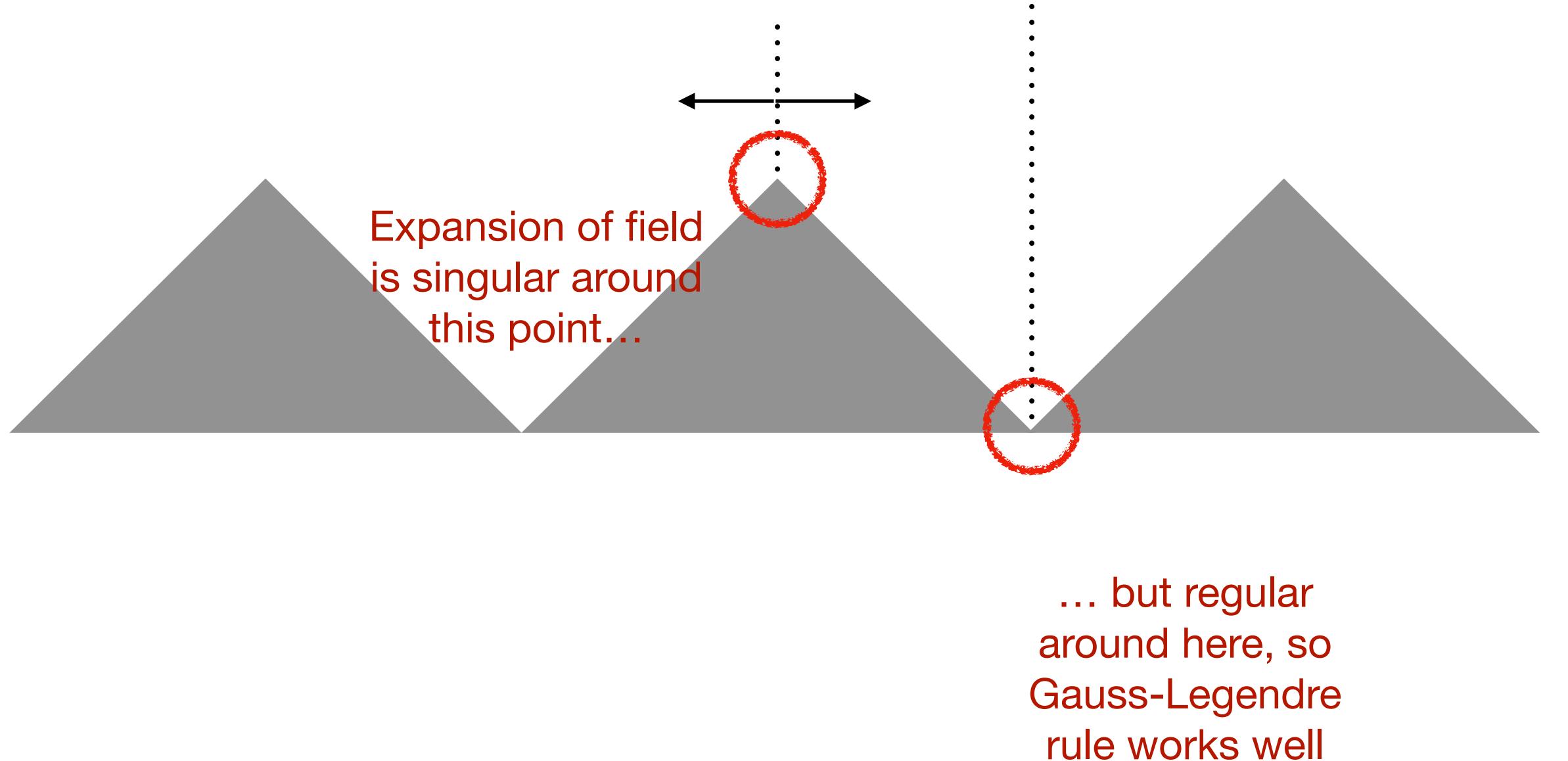


Power distribution in trapped modes

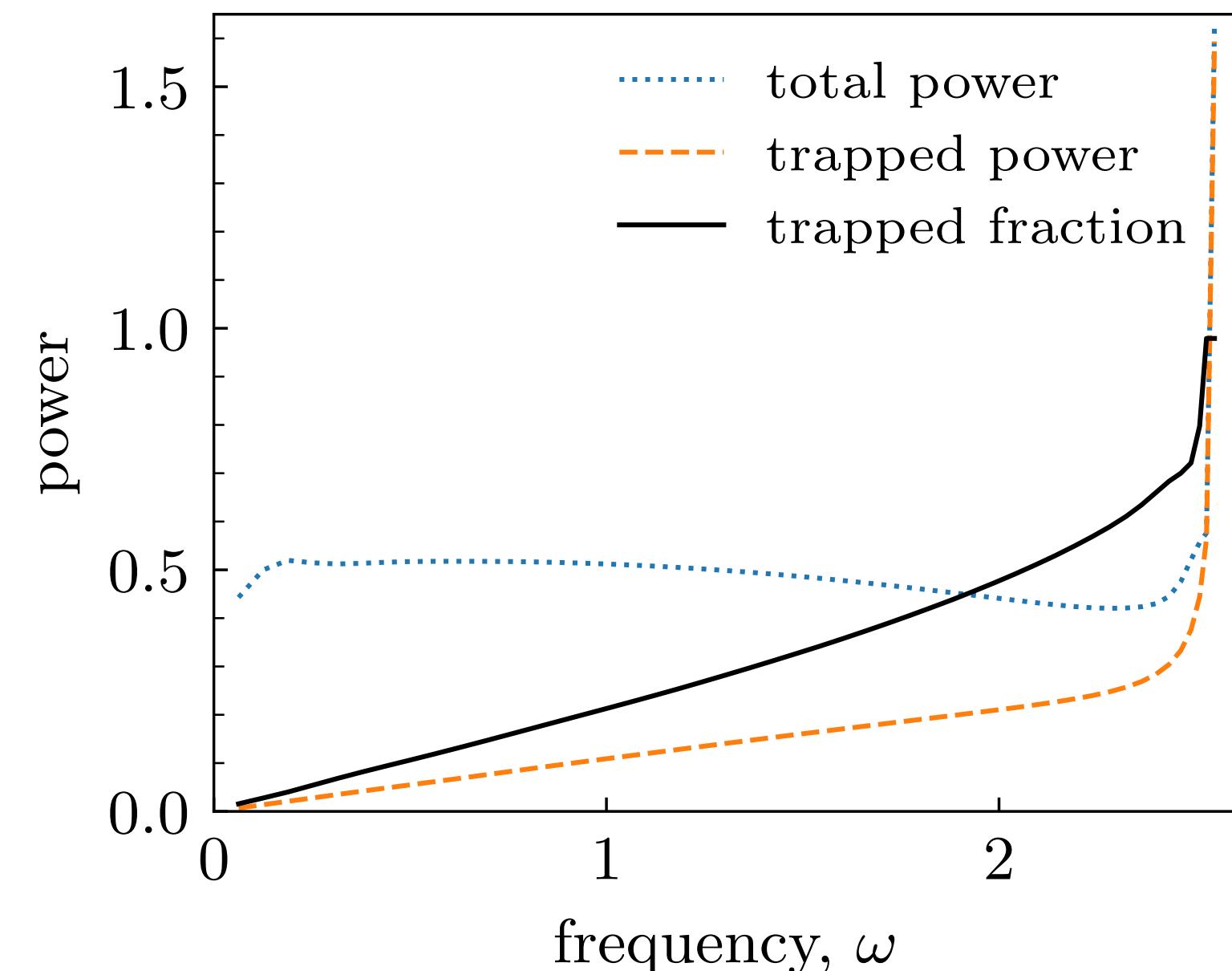
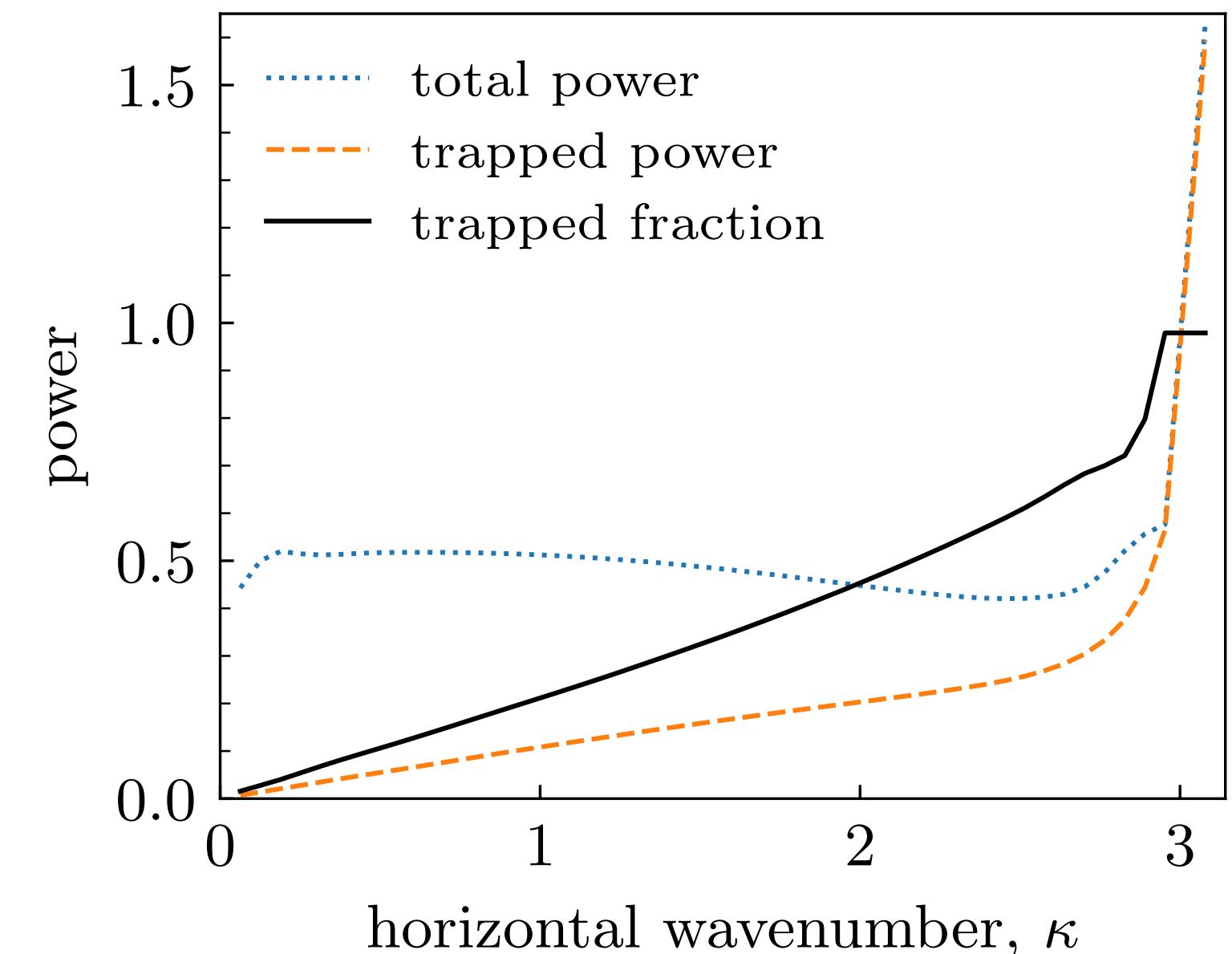
- We reconstruct the field $u(x)$ at an infinitely far unit cell on the right/left (up to a phase) by taking its residue around the trapping wavenumber $\pm\kappa_{\text{tr}}$
- Then all flux moving to right/left is in a trapped mode; compute numerically:

$$F_{\text{trapped},\rightarrow} = \Im \left(\int_{x_{2,0}}^a \bar{u} \partial_{x_1} u dx_2 \right),$$

where integral extends **from boundary** to where the mode has sufficiently decayed, but at what x_1 ?



- Simple Gauss—Legendre, closest node no closer than width of smallest panel on boundary.
- Total power injected into the system is $F_{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{4} + \Im(u(\mathbf{x}_0))$, with \mathbf{x}_0 the source location.



Future work

- How does the position of the source affect the power distribution in trapped modes?
 - Can a left/right asymmetry be induced?
 - What happens in asymmetric geometries?
 - Can we derive an fast, approximate model for the power distribution for applications such as nondestructive sensing?
- Poles coalesce as $\kappa \rightarrow 0, \pm \pi$, more quadrature nodes and differently shaped path needed in array scanning integral to preserve accuracy
- 3D periodic surfaces: band structure complex, poles are lines
- Inverse problem for fault detection in periodic structures (e.g. photonic crystals)

Thank you



Periodization II – Wood anomalies

- At κ -values where k_n^2 changes sign, i.e. $\kappa + 2n\pi/d = \pm \omega$
 - Behavior of periodic Green's function in the x_2 direction changes:
oscillatory → **evanescent**
 - Quasiperiodic Green's function does not exist (!)
- Criss-cross lines in $\omega - \kappa$ plane
- Due to symmetry, we can restrict ourselves to the first **Brillouin zone**
(shown in red)

