

The Aretakis instability of extreme asymptotically AdS black holes

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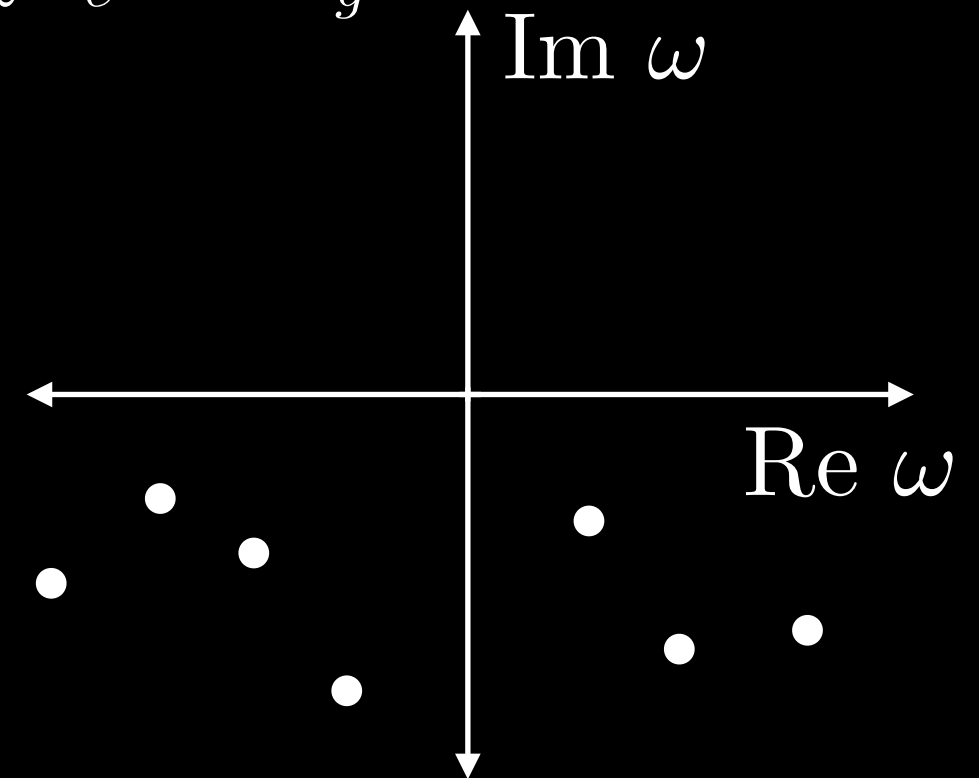
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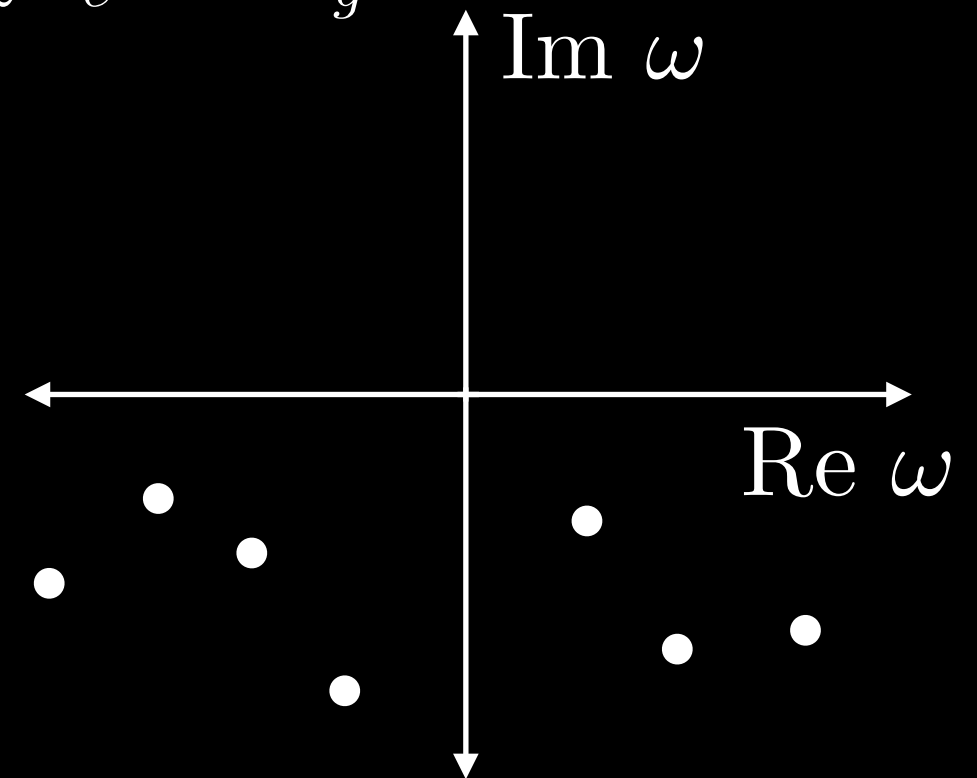
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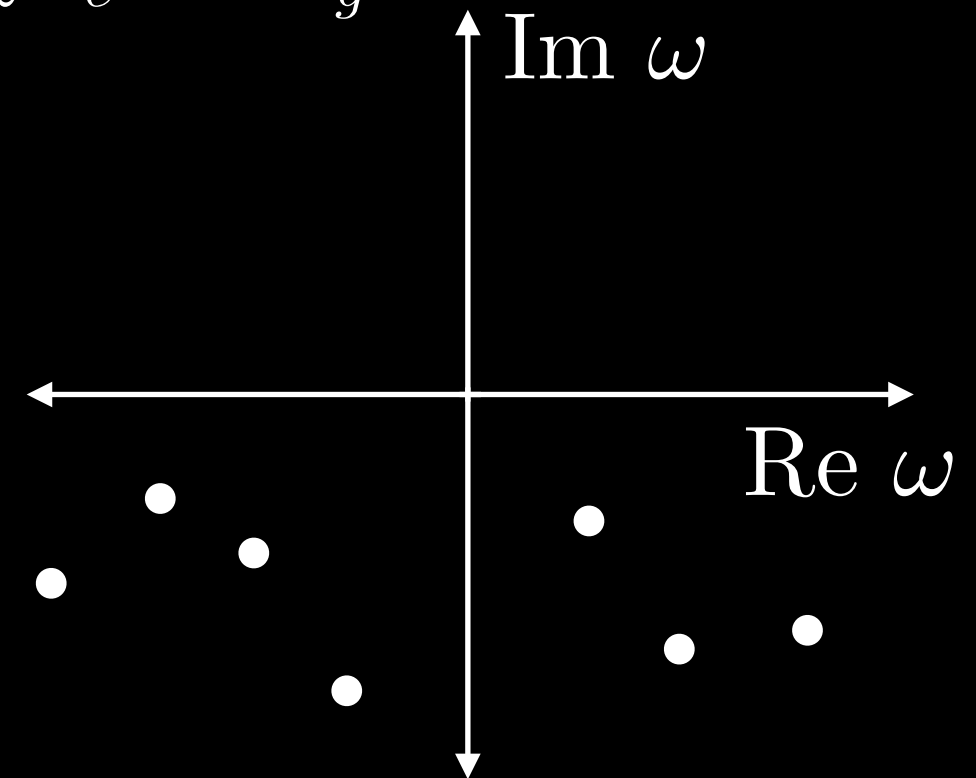
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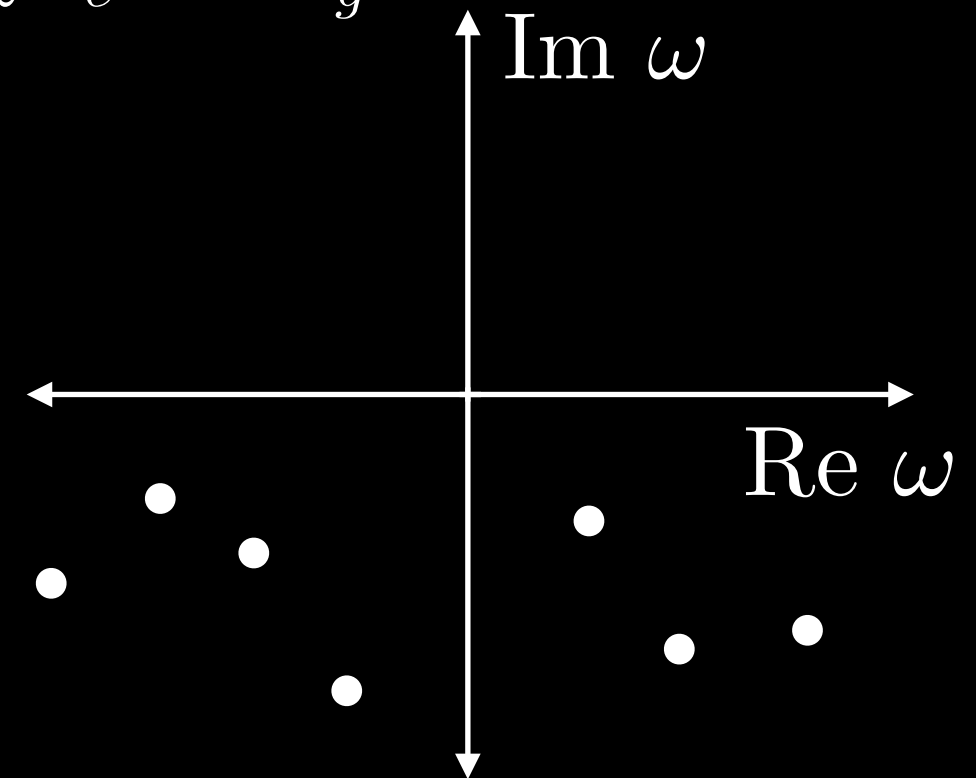
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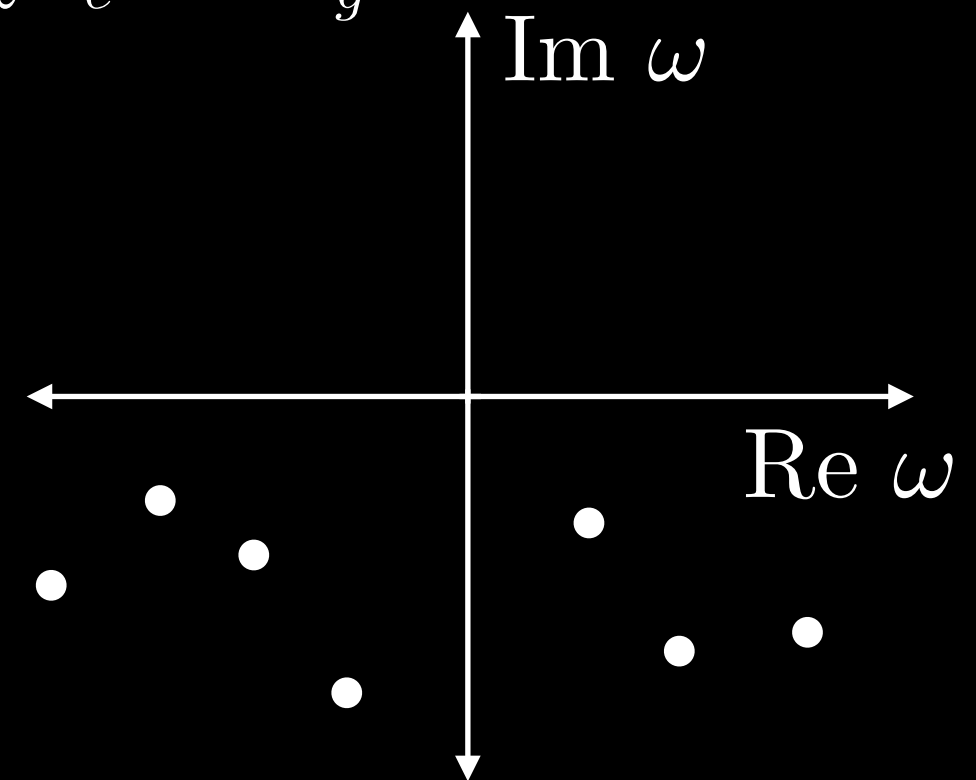
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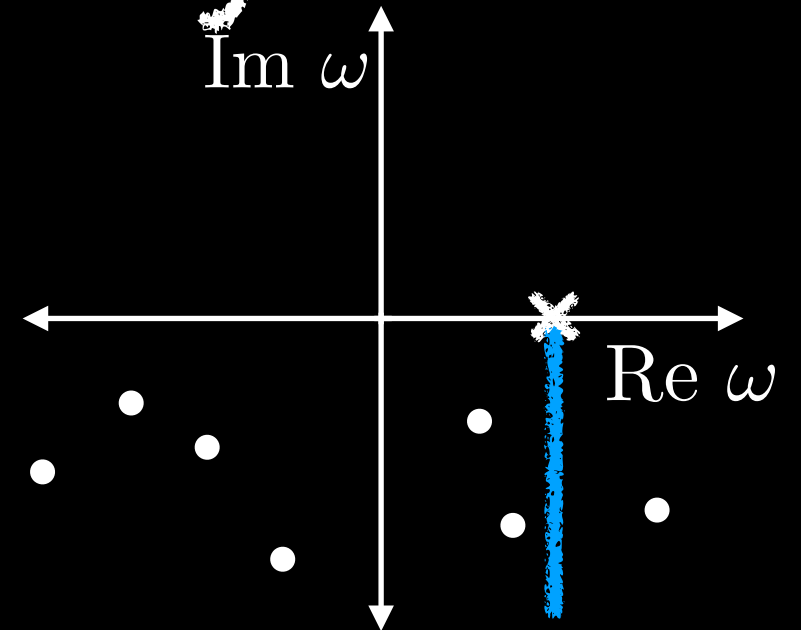
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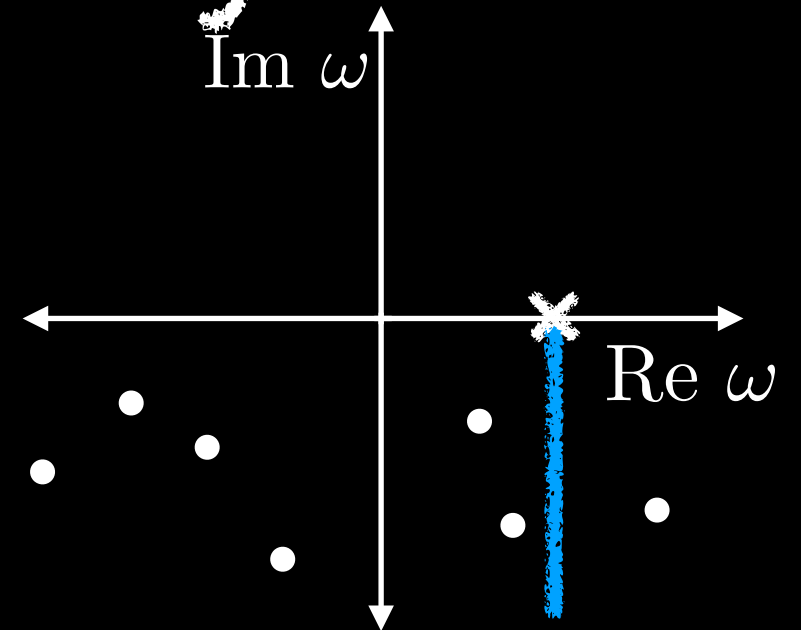
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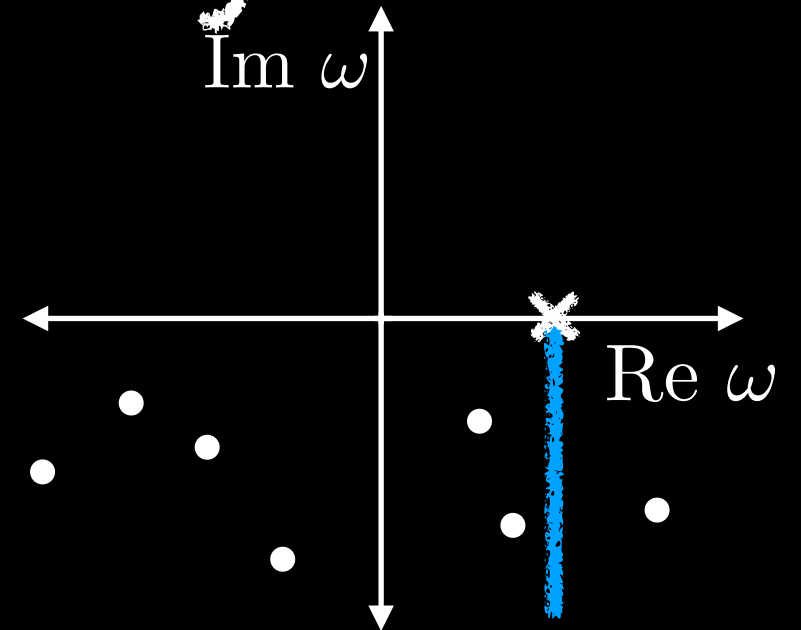
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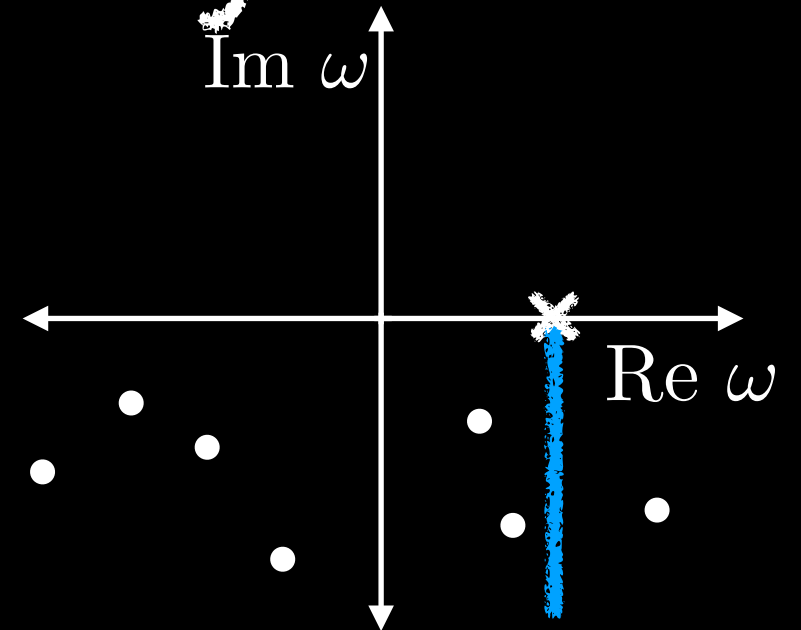
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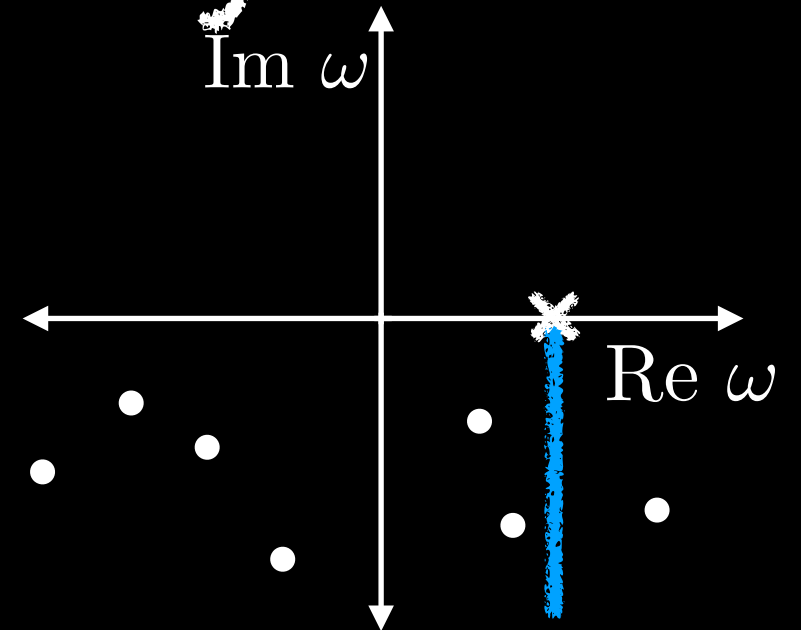
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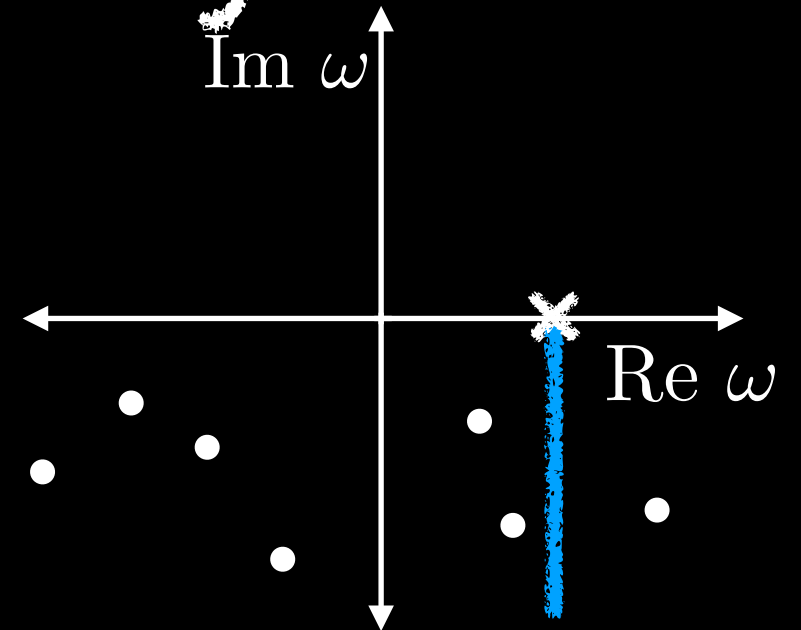
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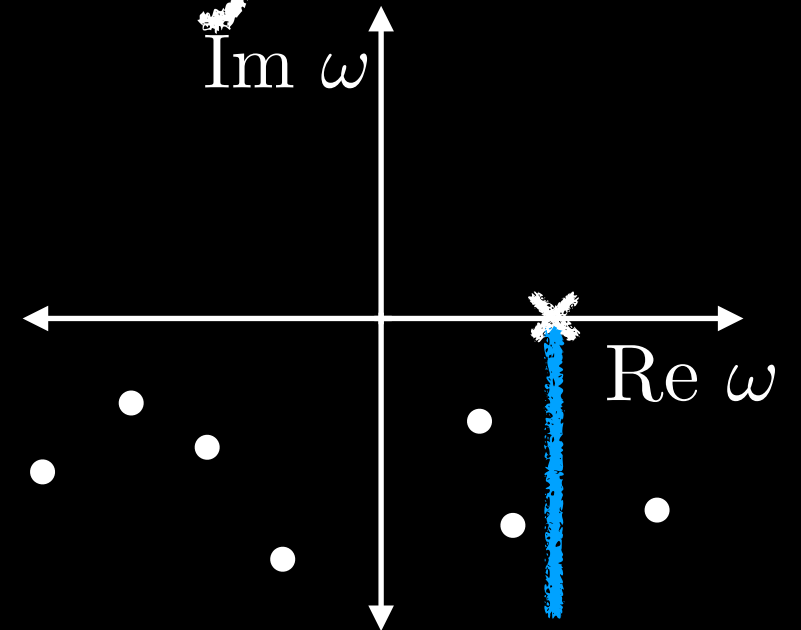


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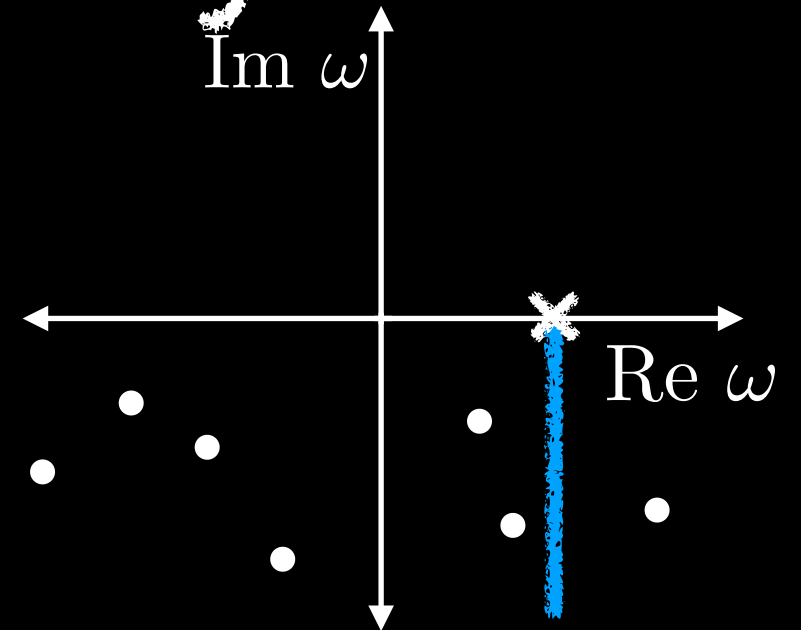
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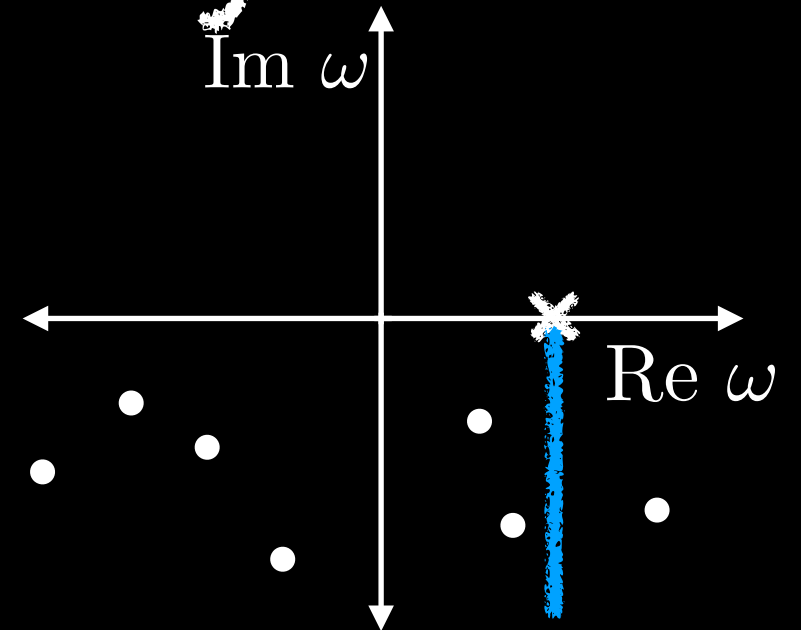
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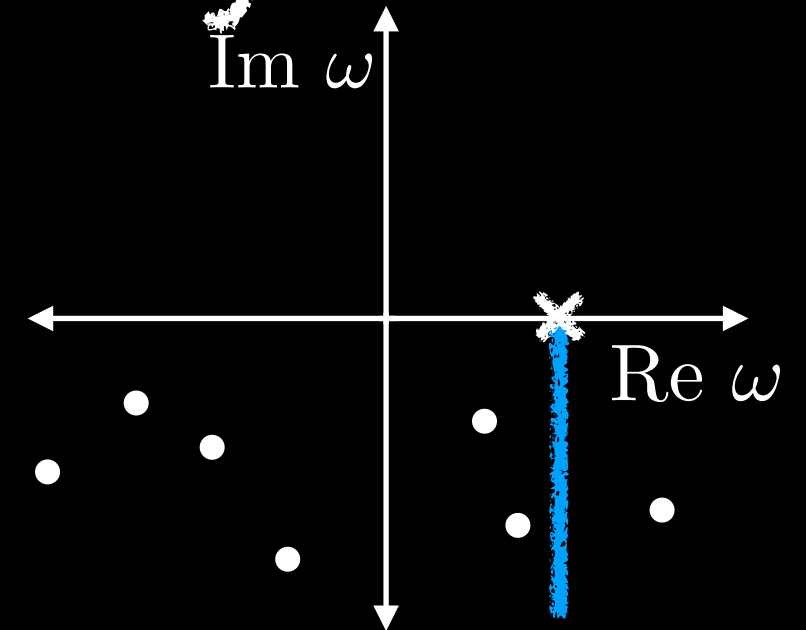
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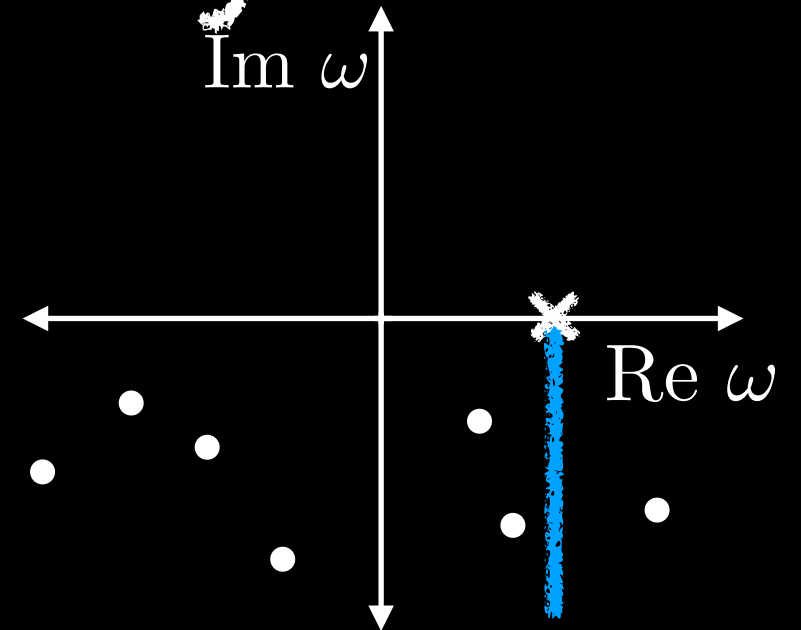
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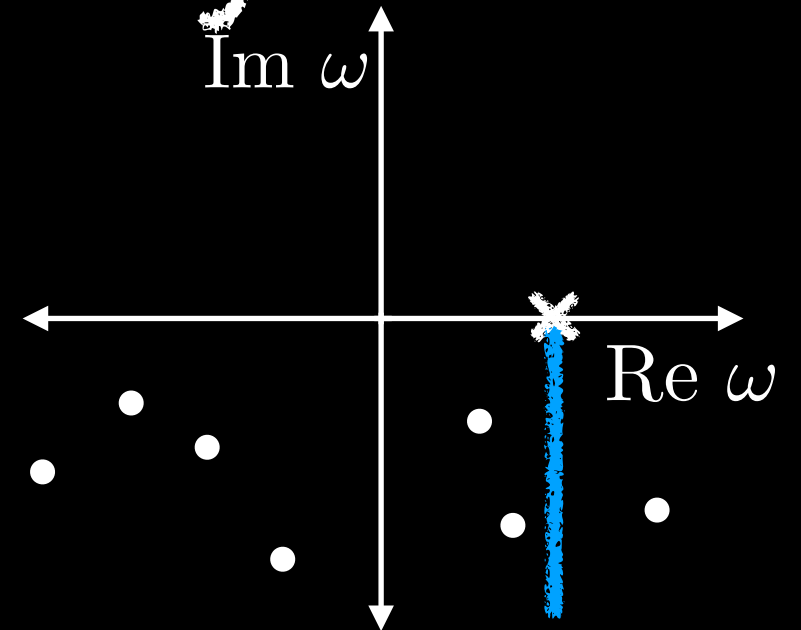
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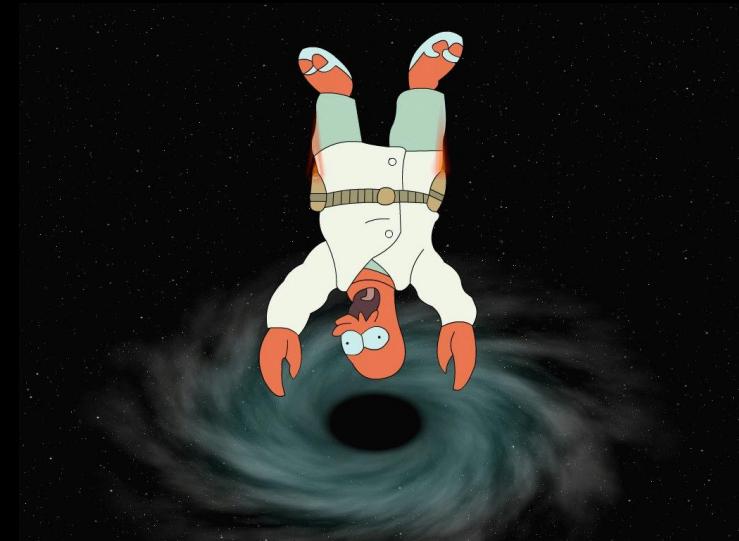
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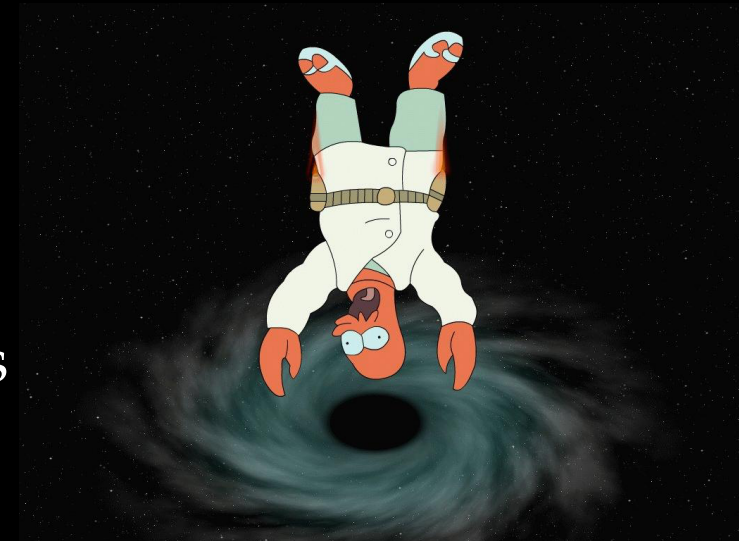
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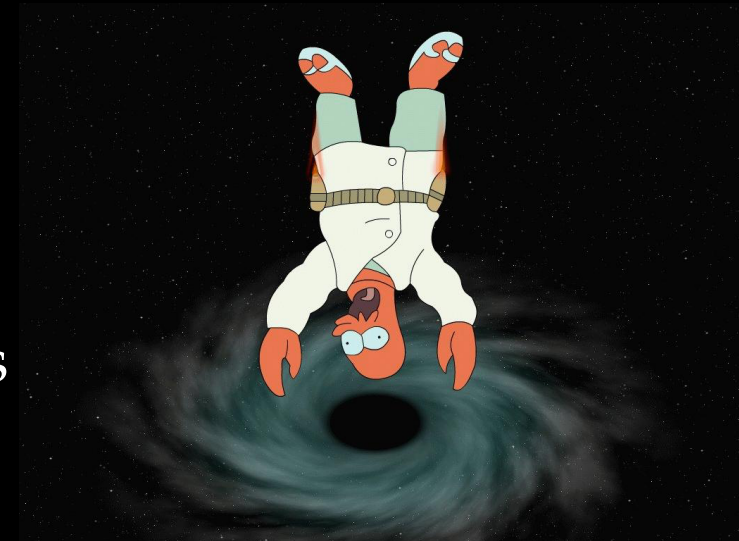
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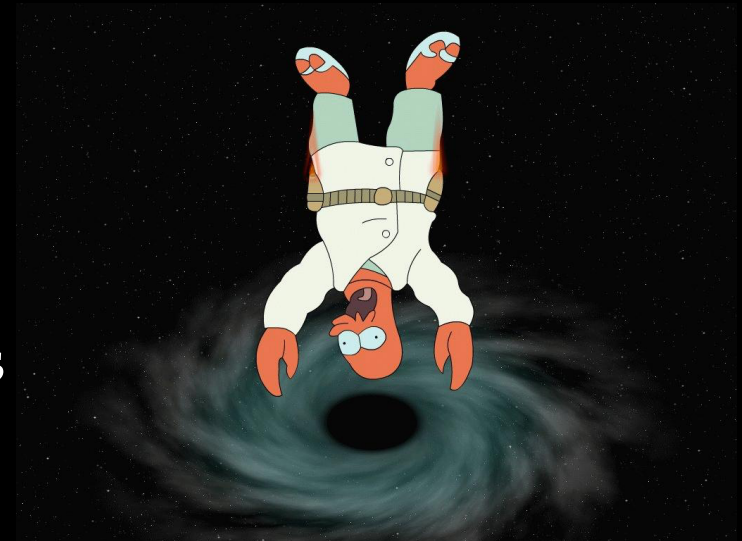
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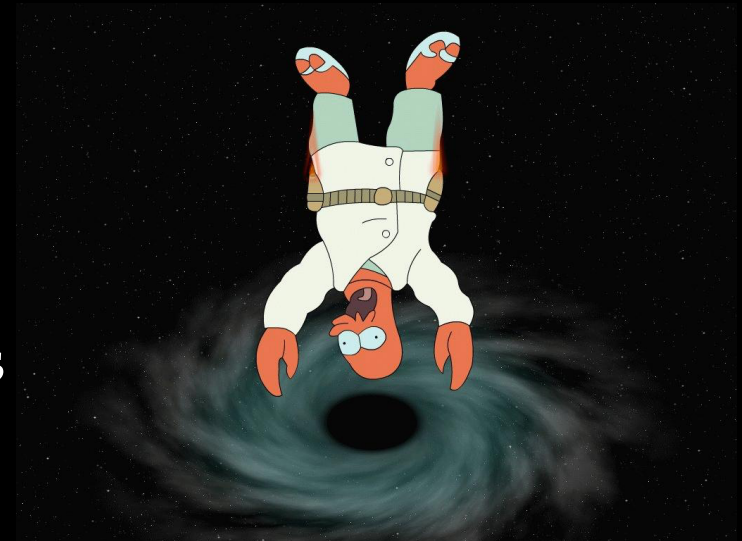
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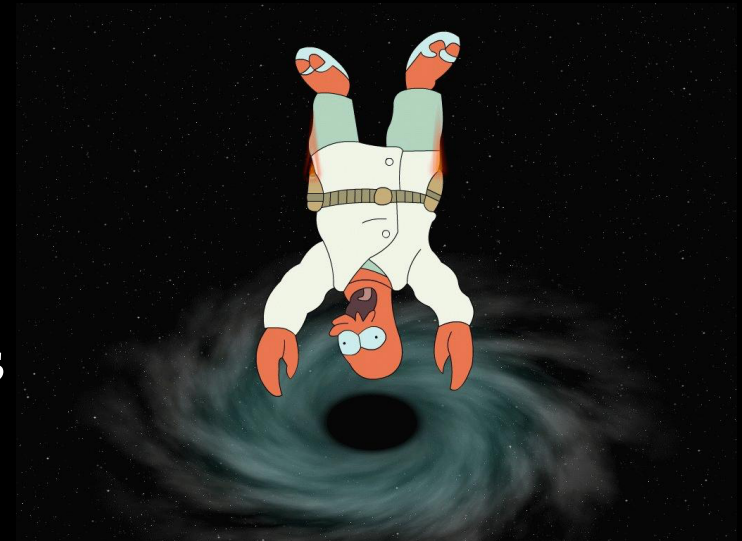
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Conserved quantity on extremal horizons

Initial data must extend to the horizon

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

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Unify?

Mode sum approach using matched asymptotics

Initial data is supported entirely outside the horizon

Casals, Gralla, AR, A.Zimmerman,
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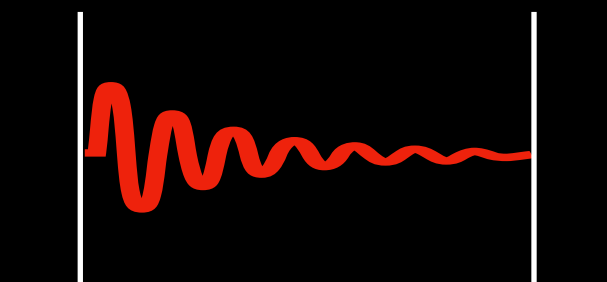
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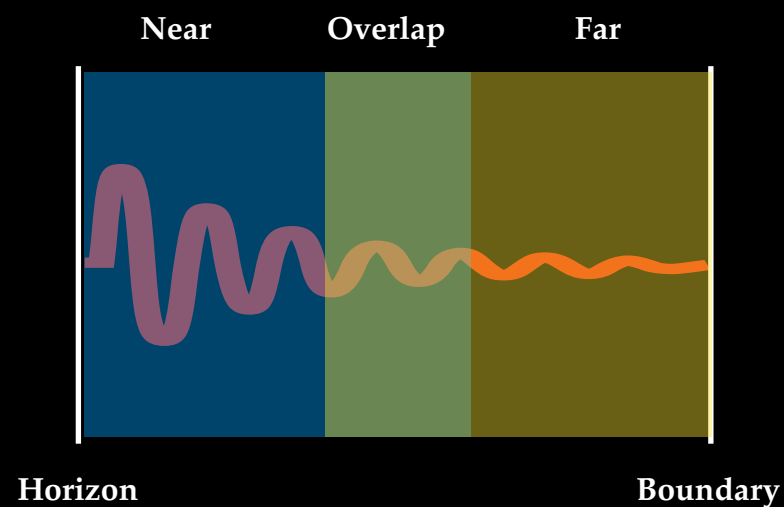
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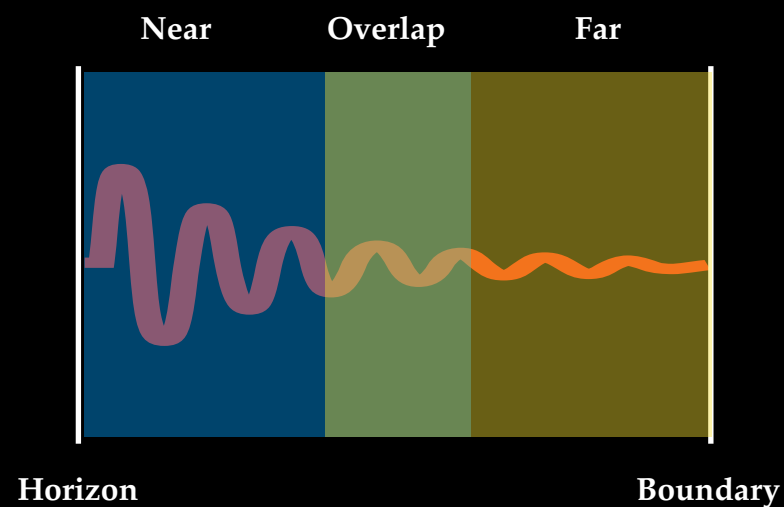
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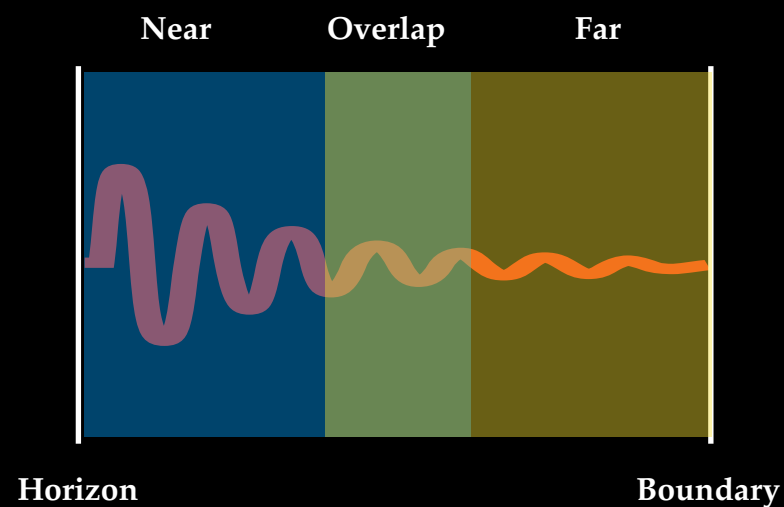
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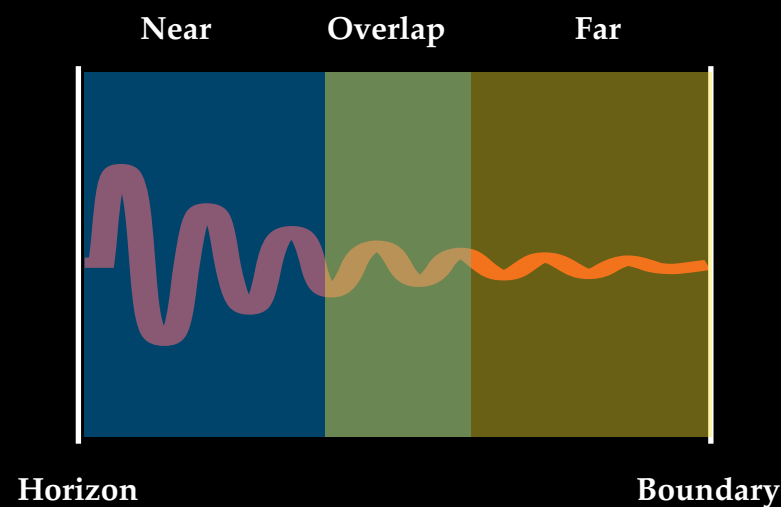
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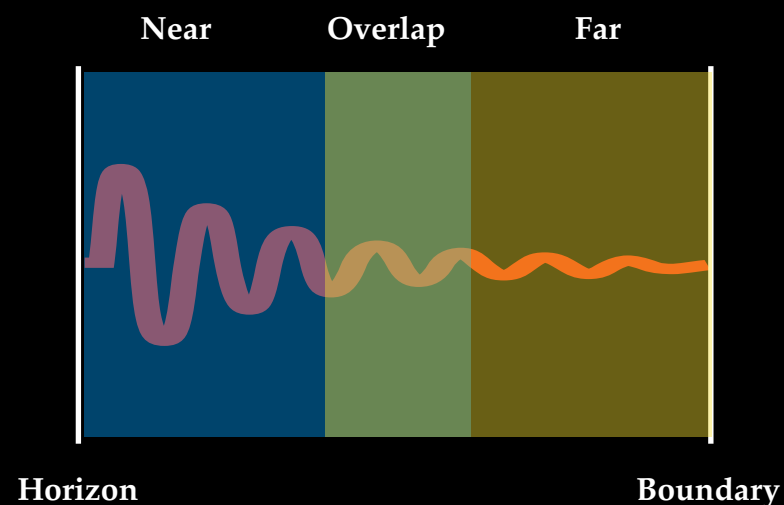
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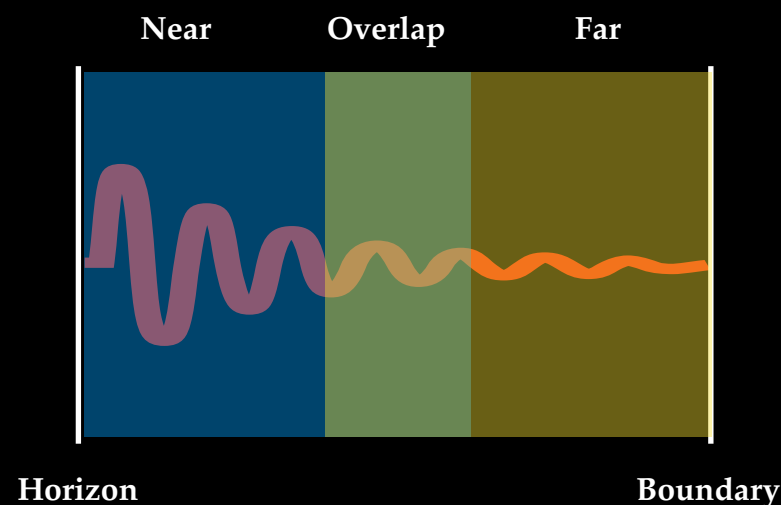
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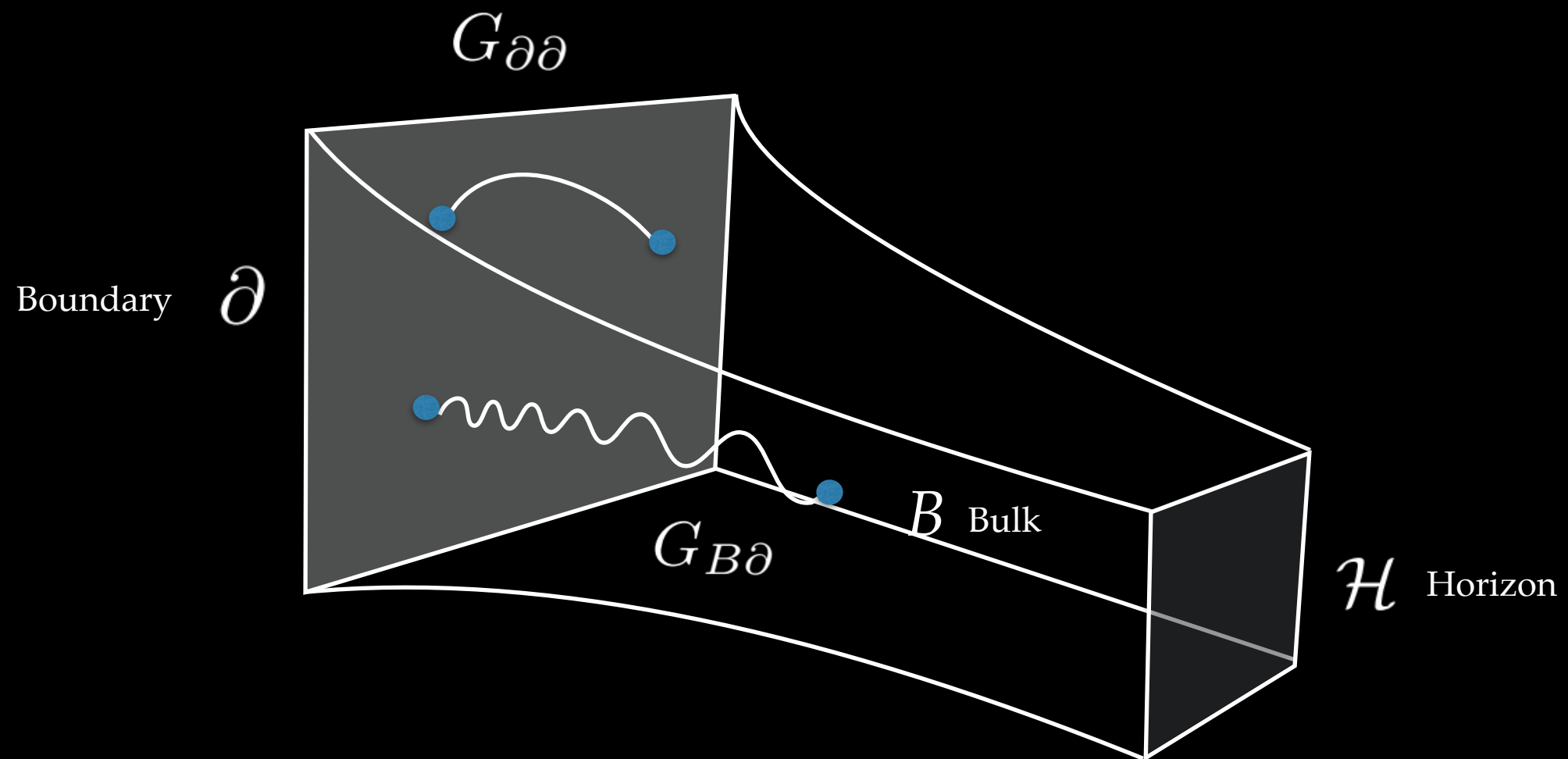
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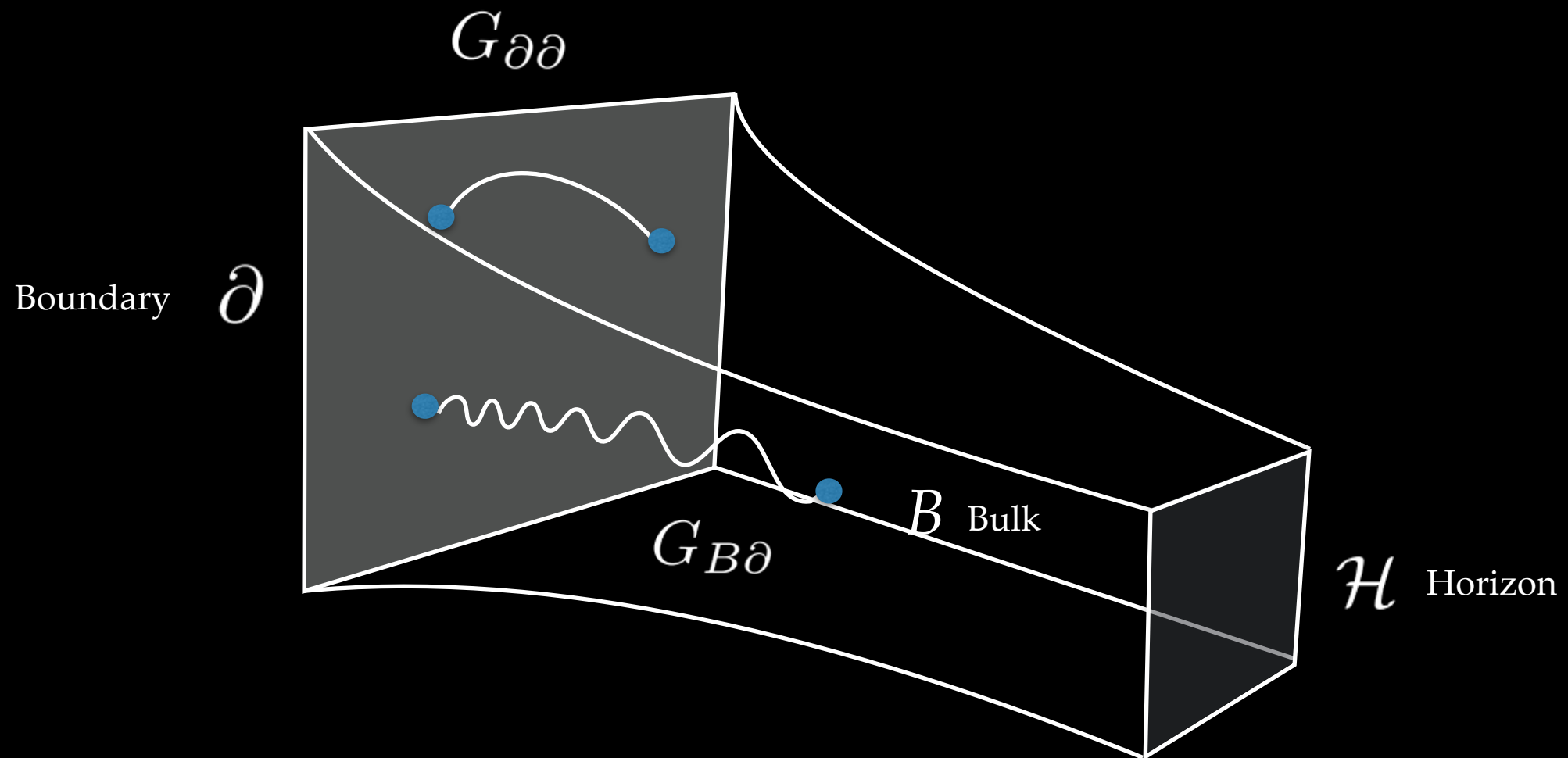
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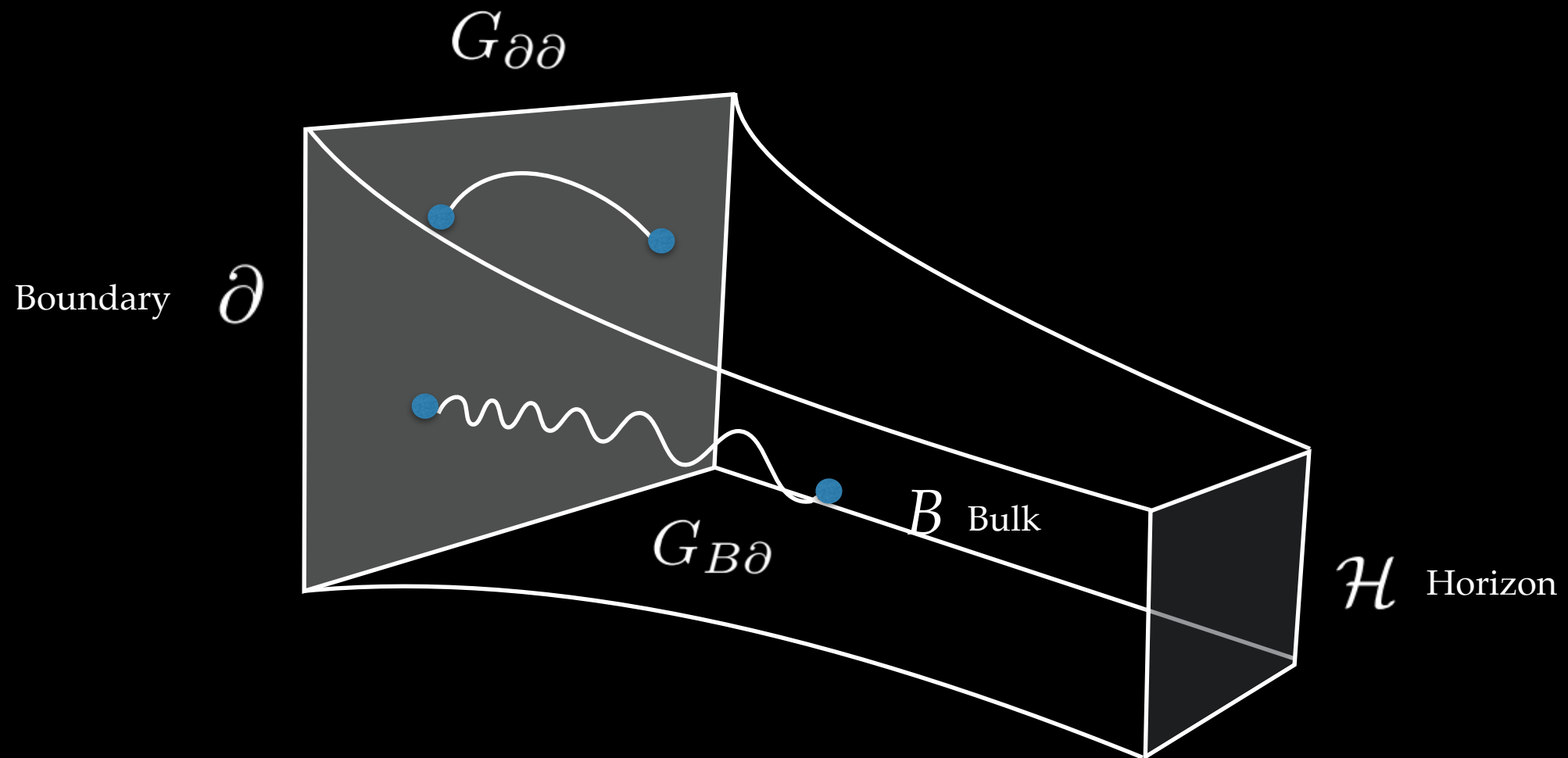
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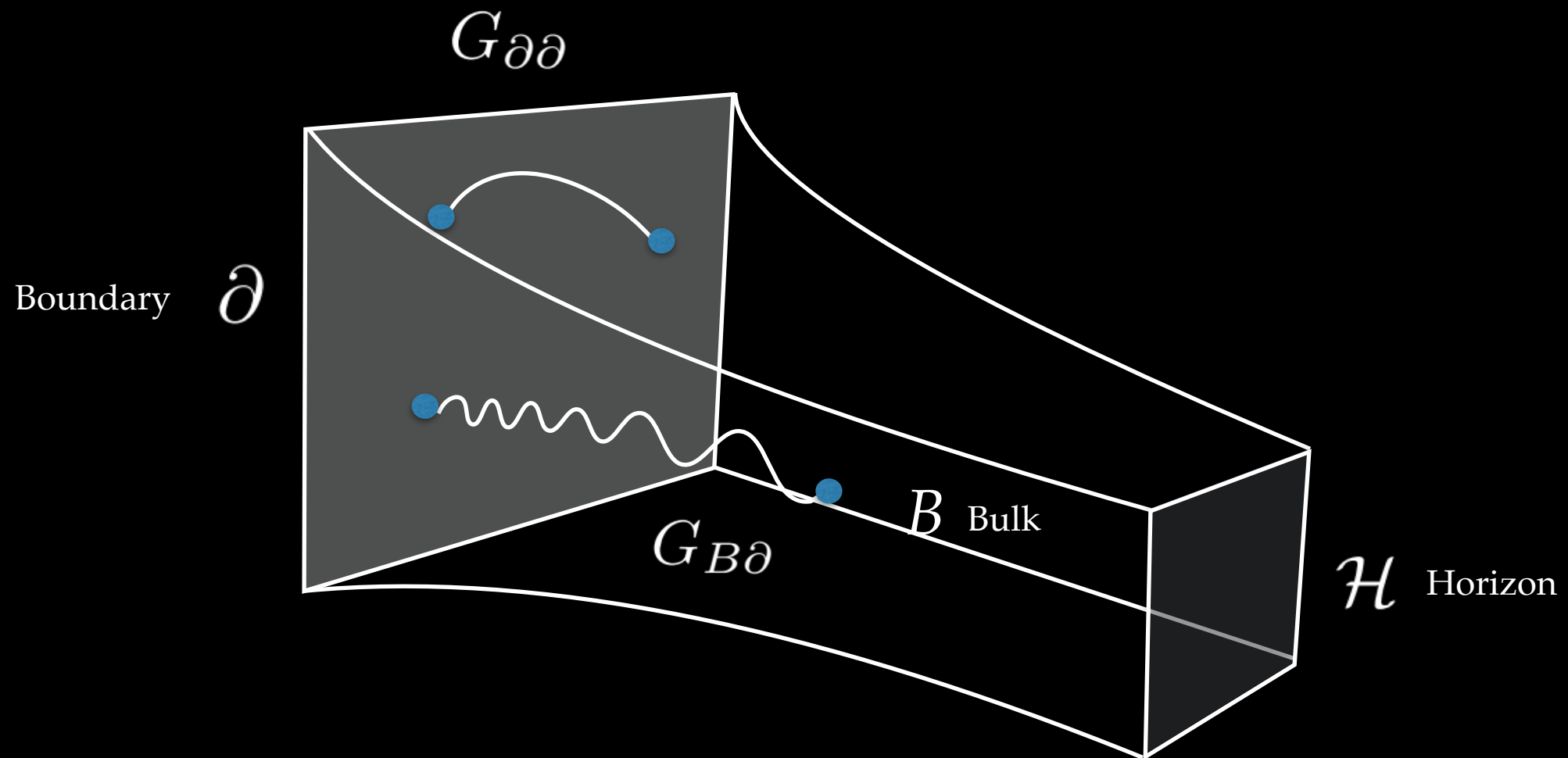
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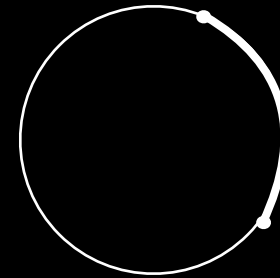
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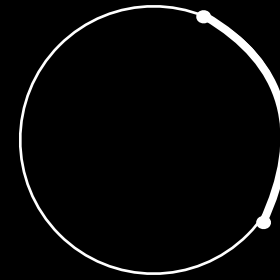
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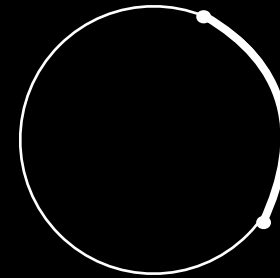
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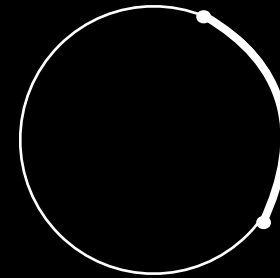
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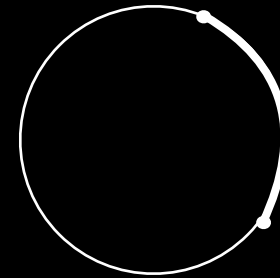
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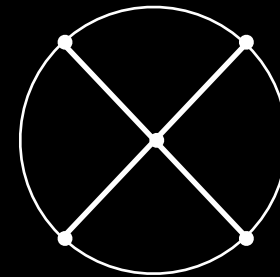
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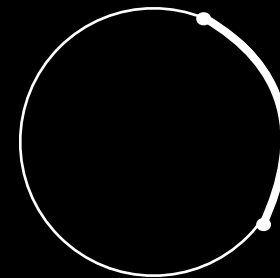
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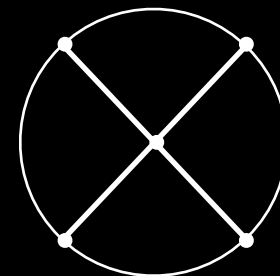
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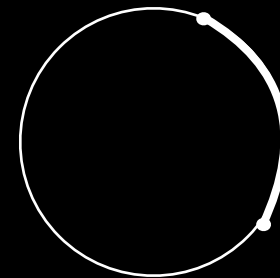
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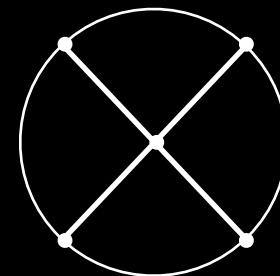
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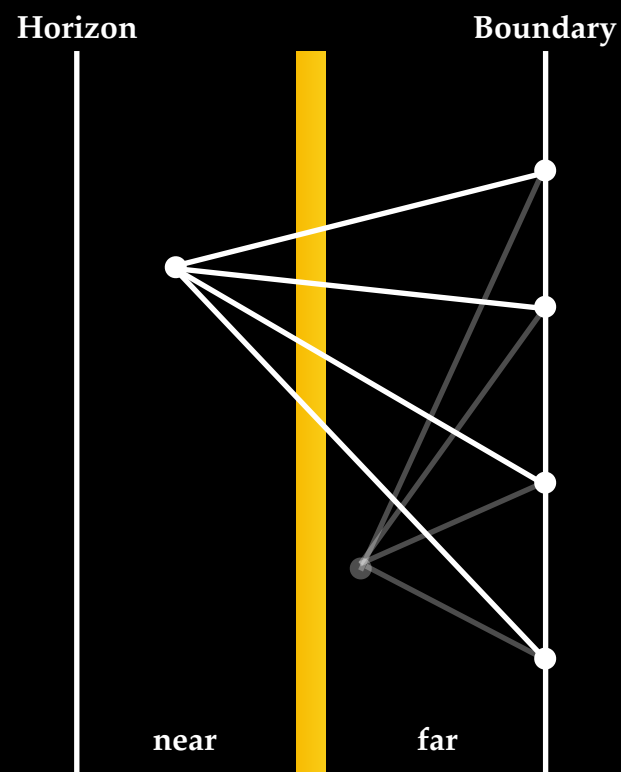
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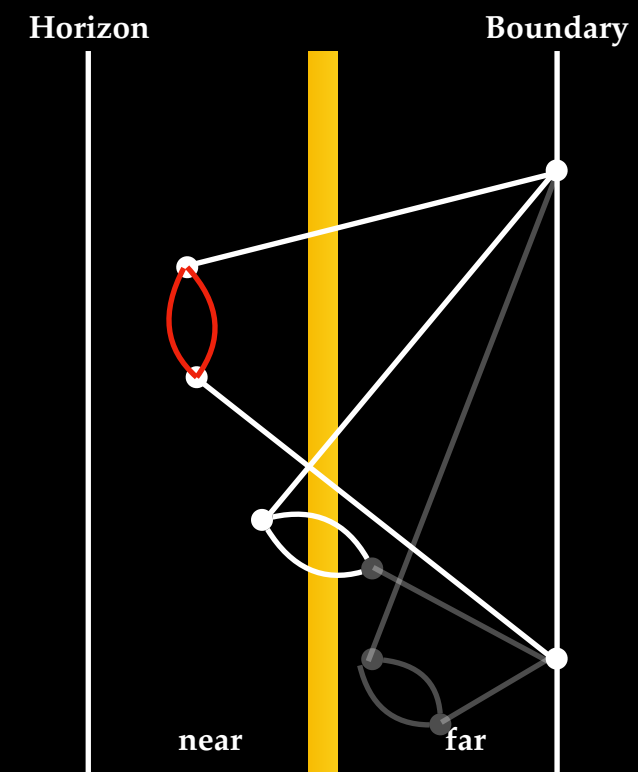
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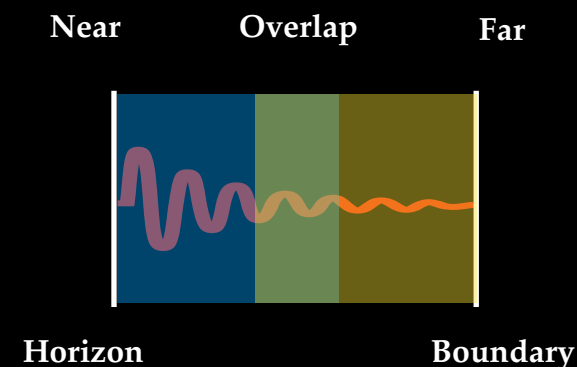
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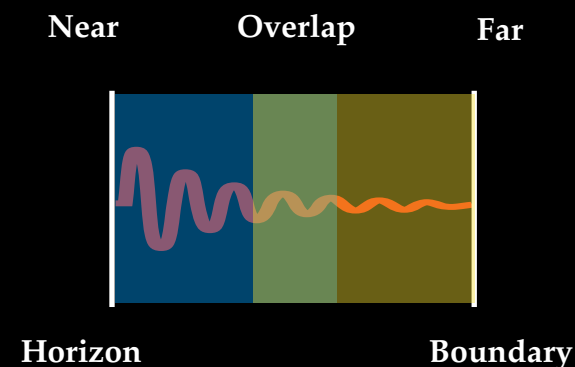
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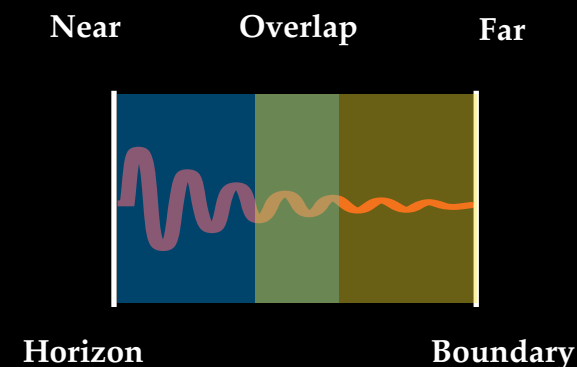
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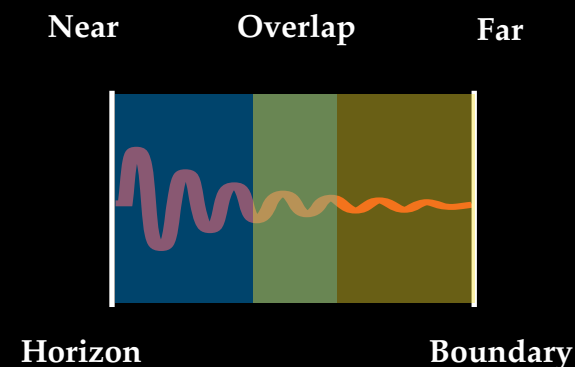
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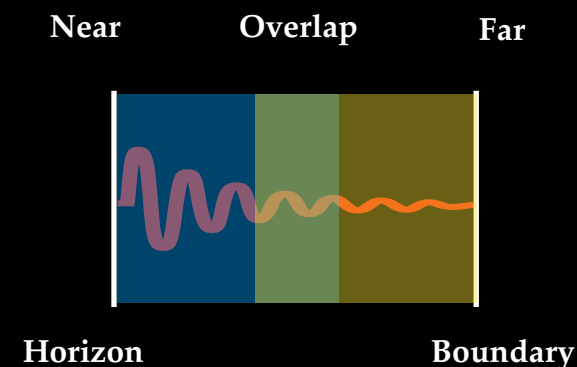
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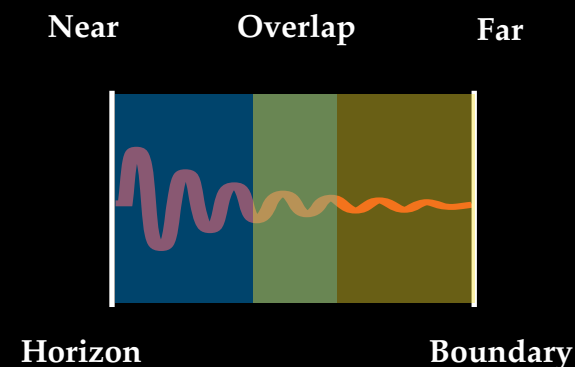
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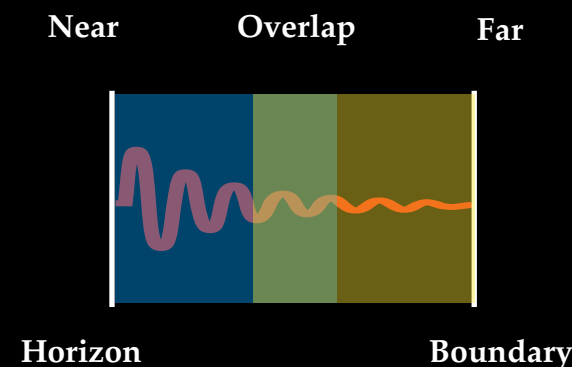
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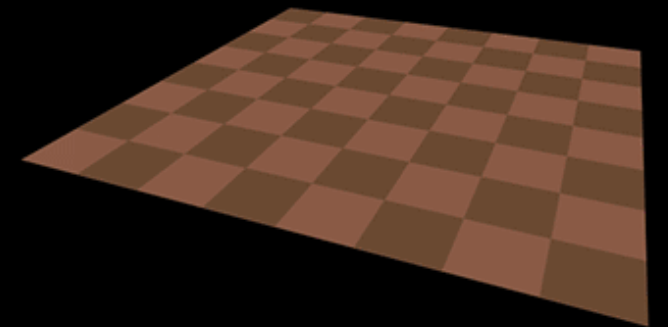
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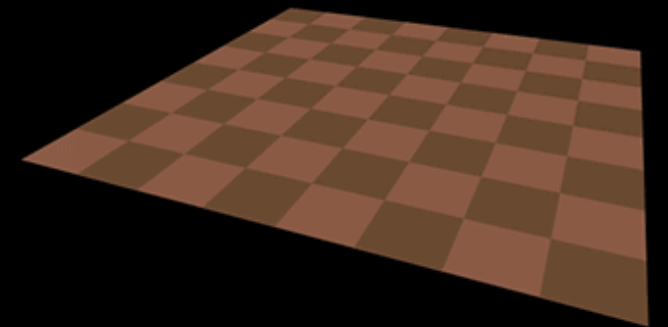
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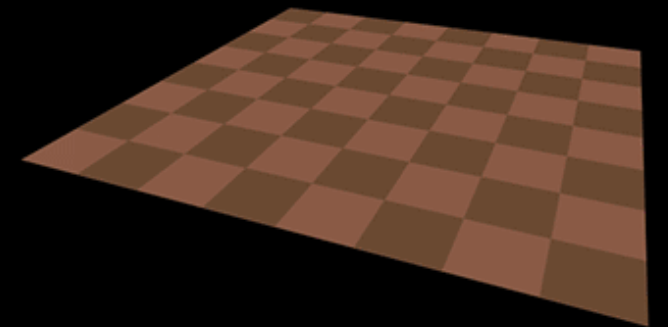
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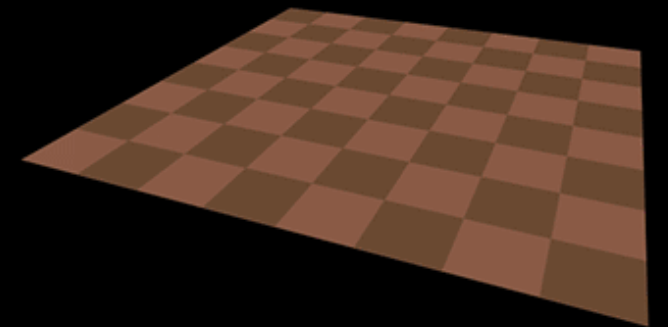
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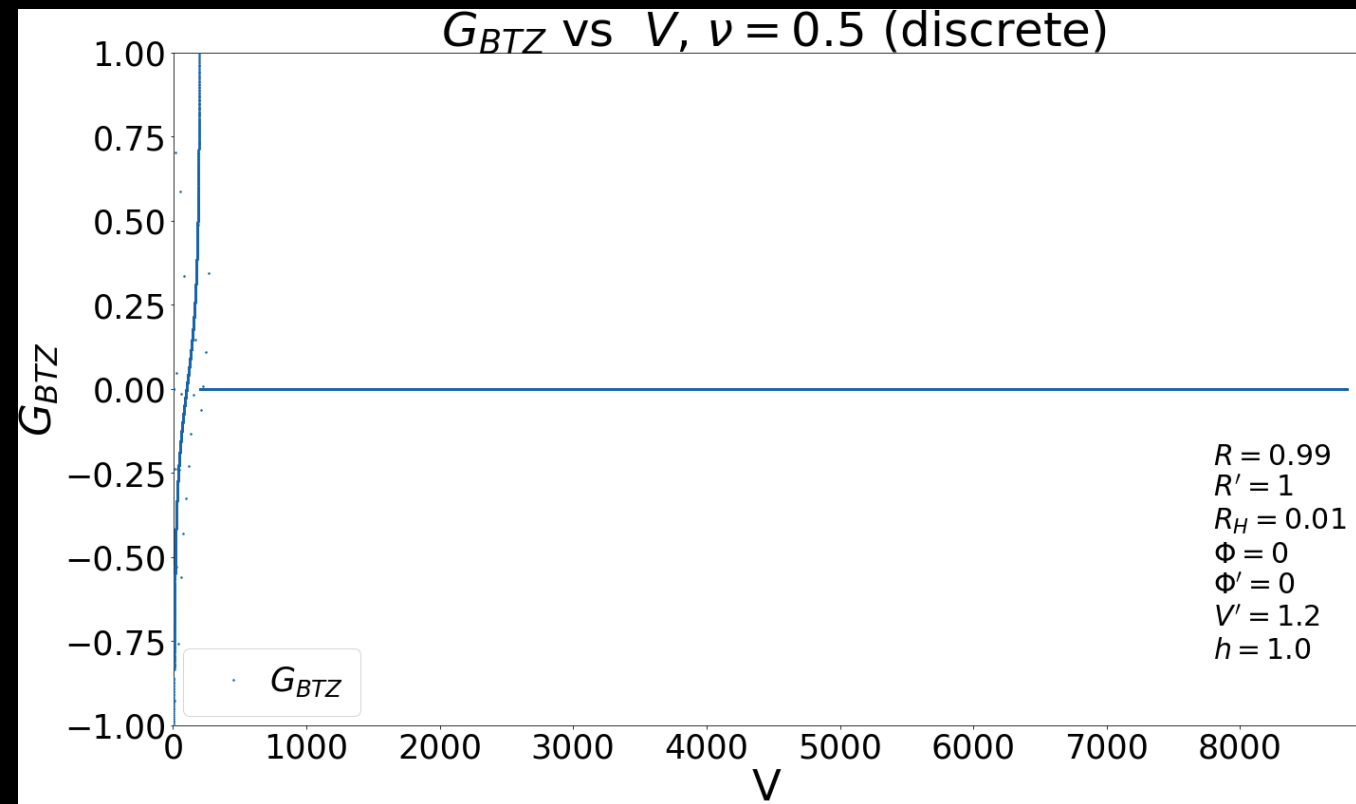
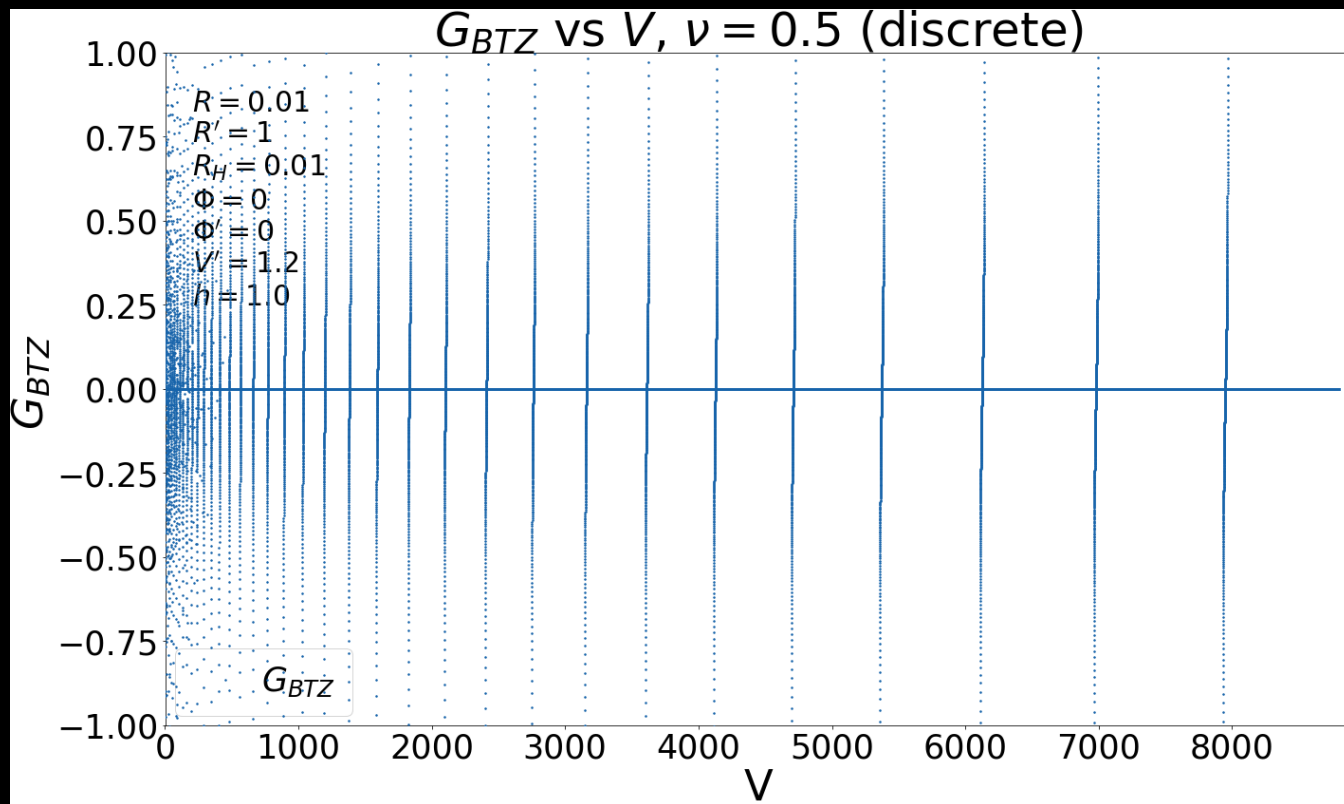
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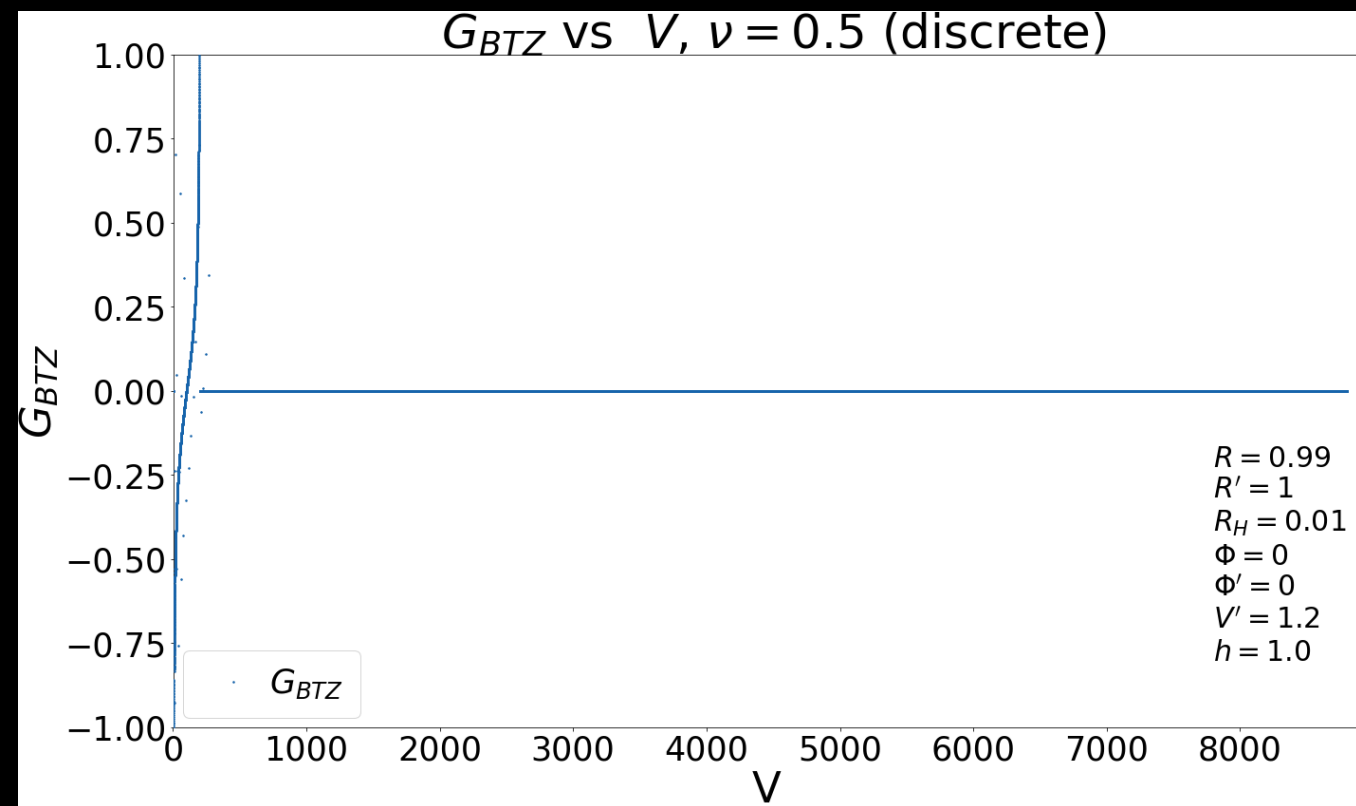
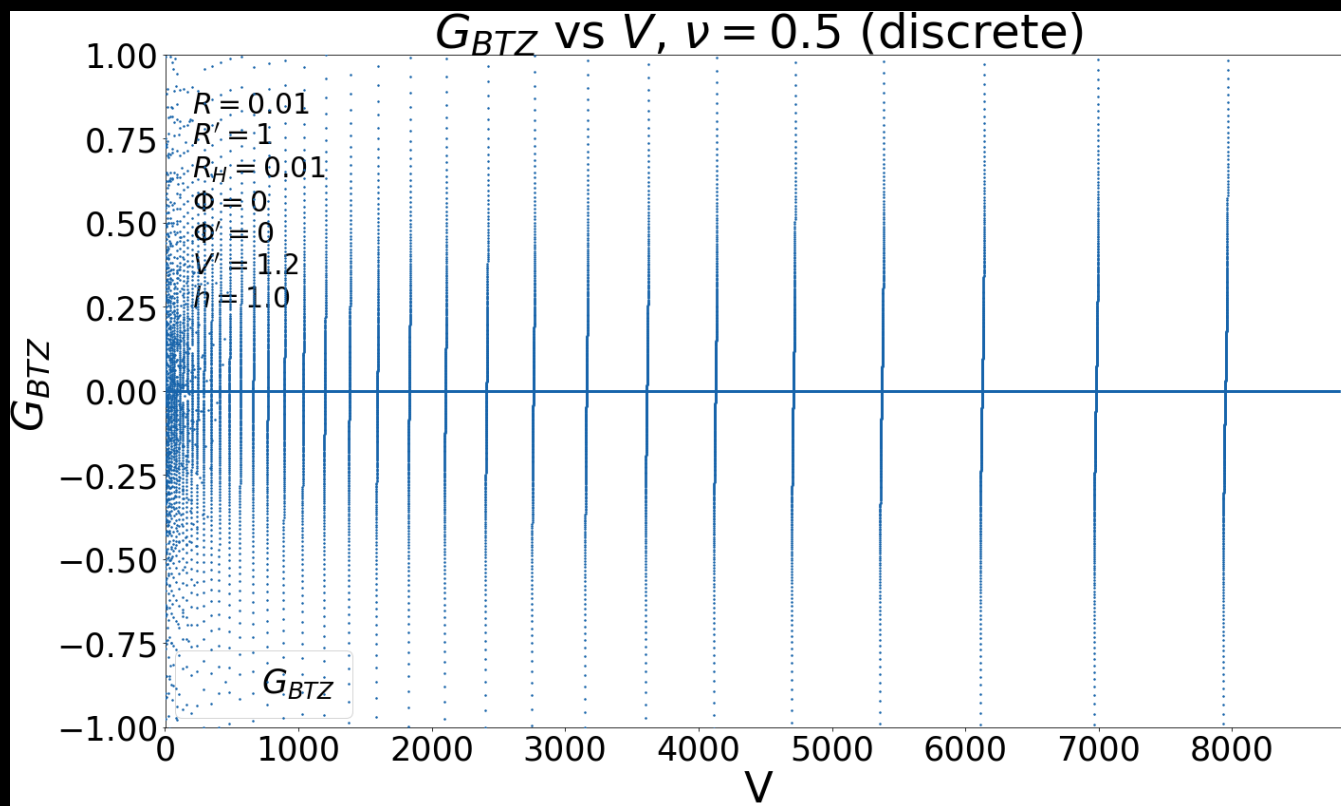
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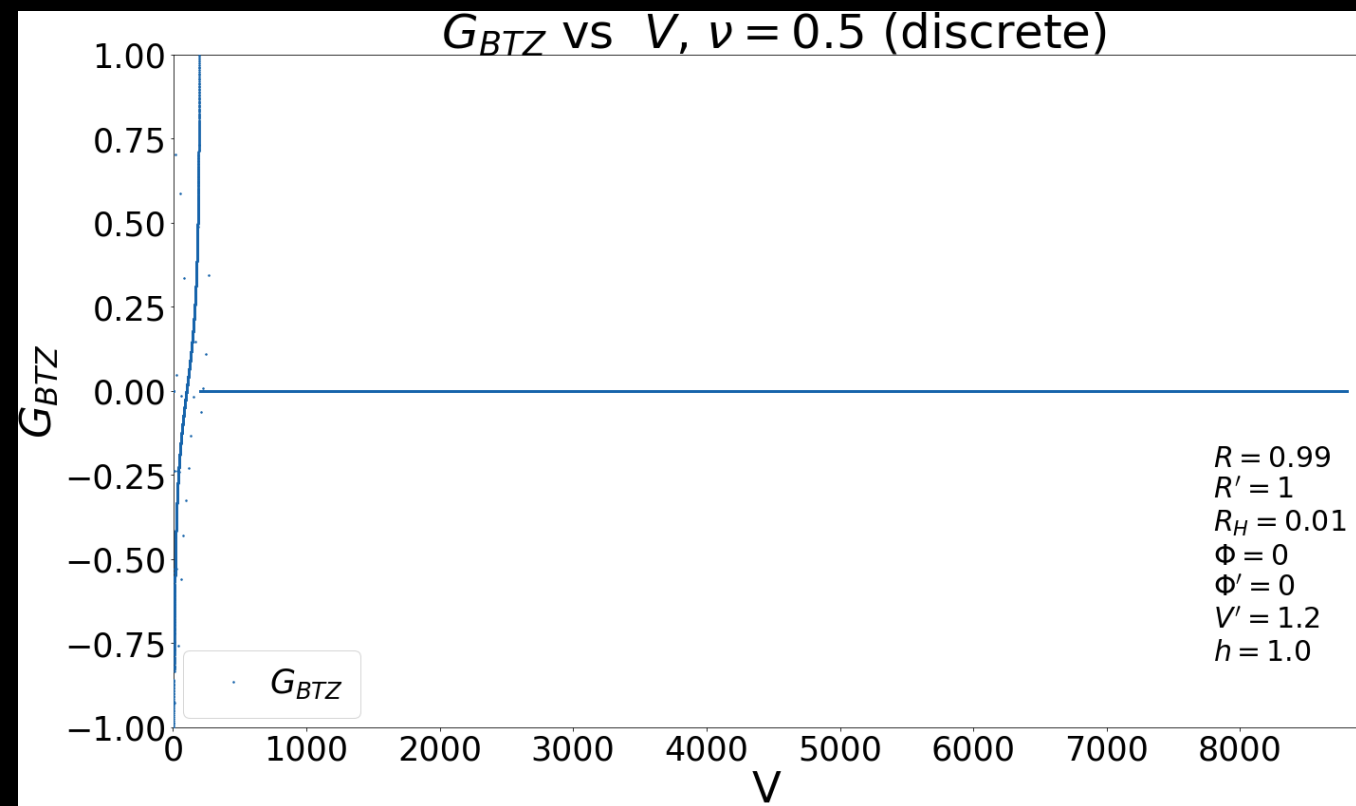
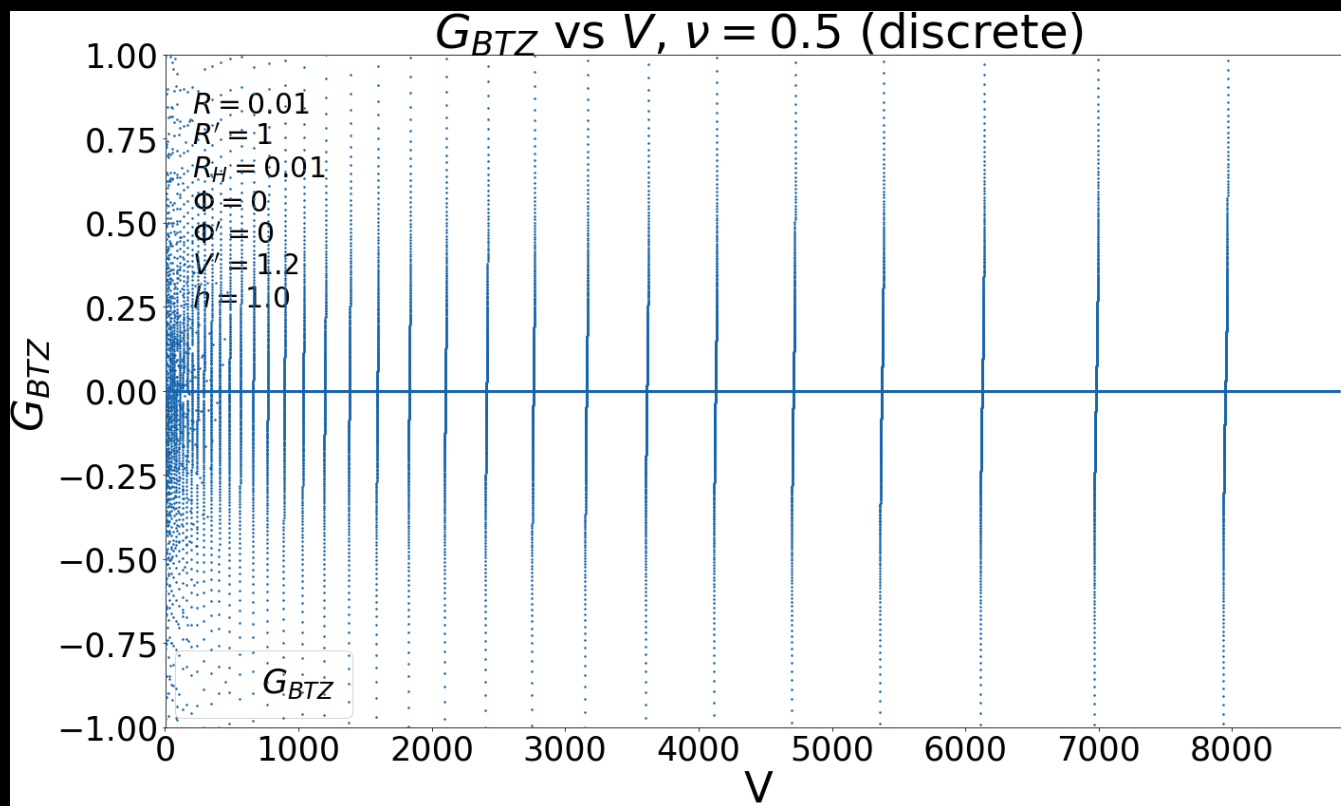
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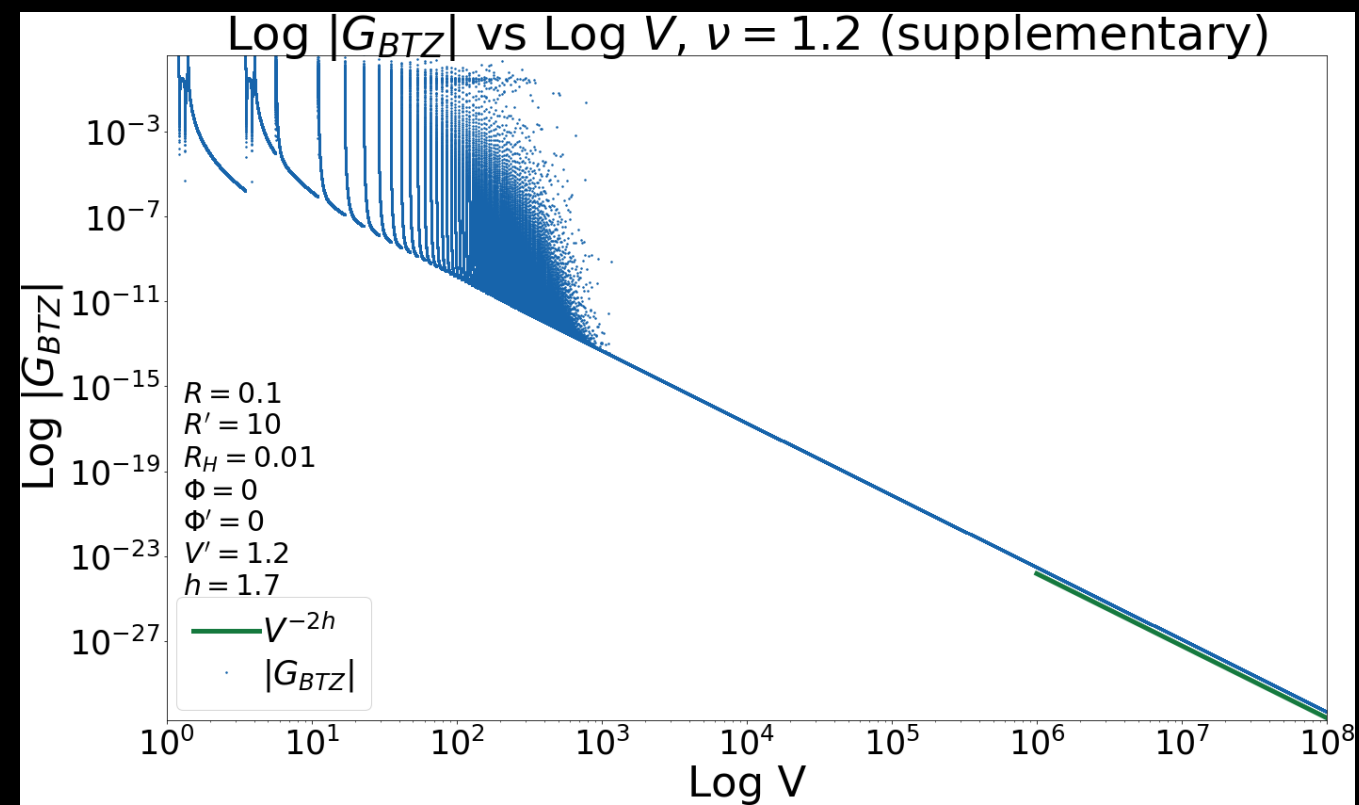
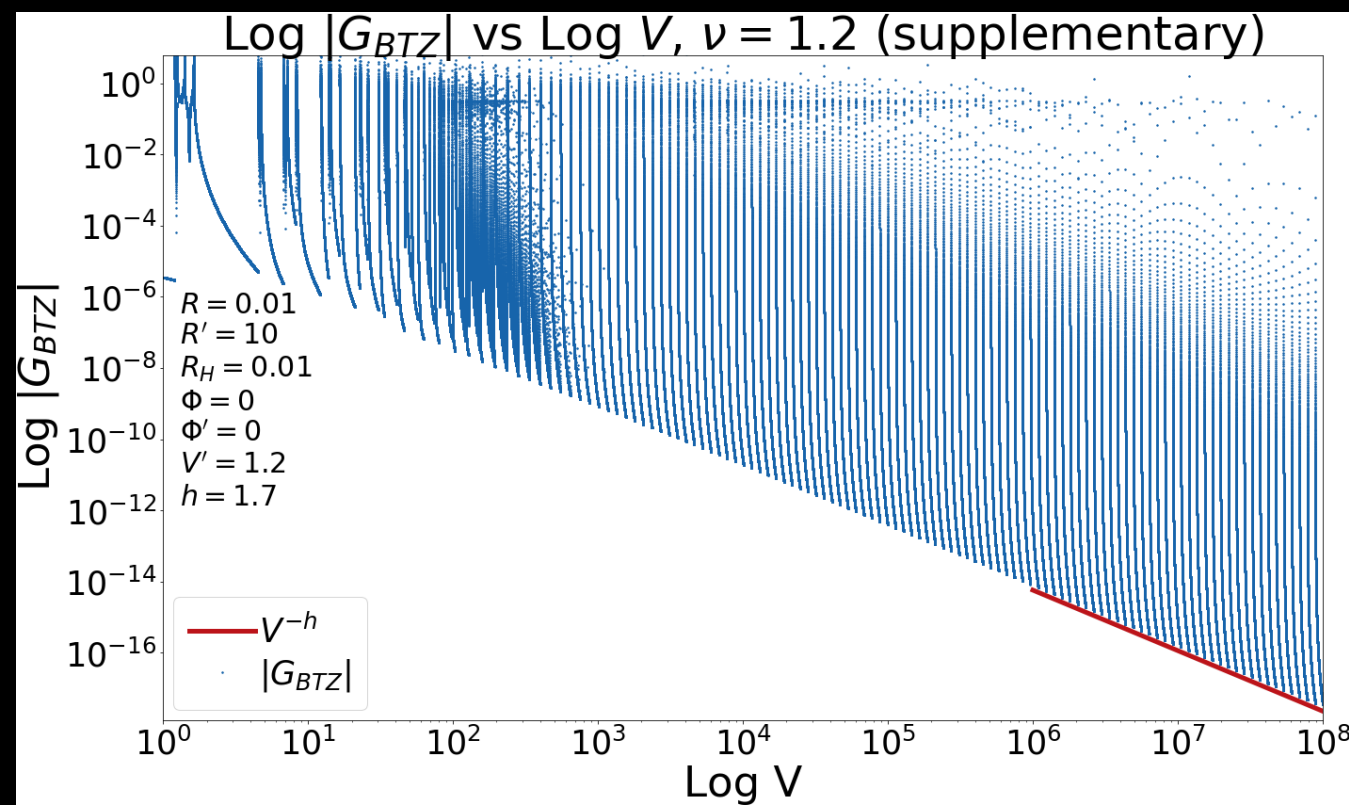
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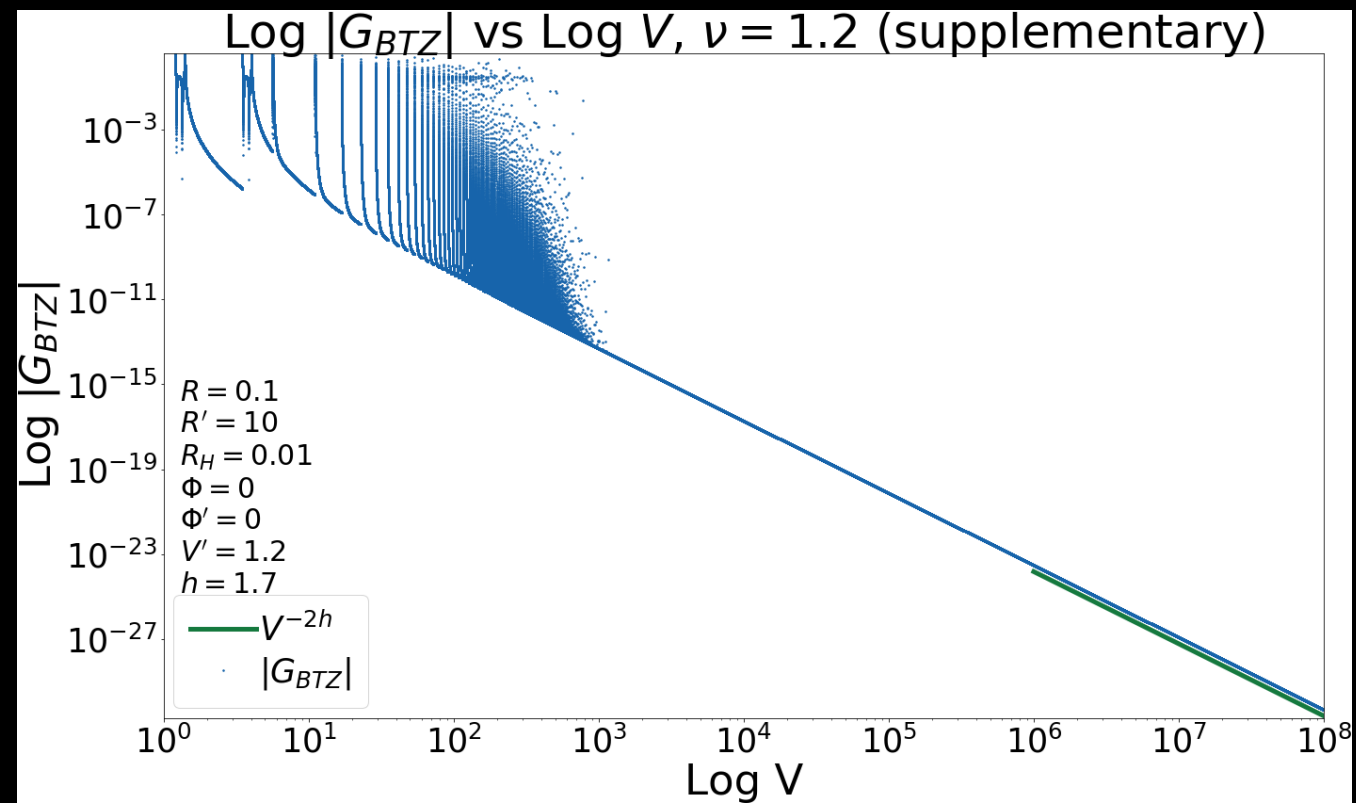
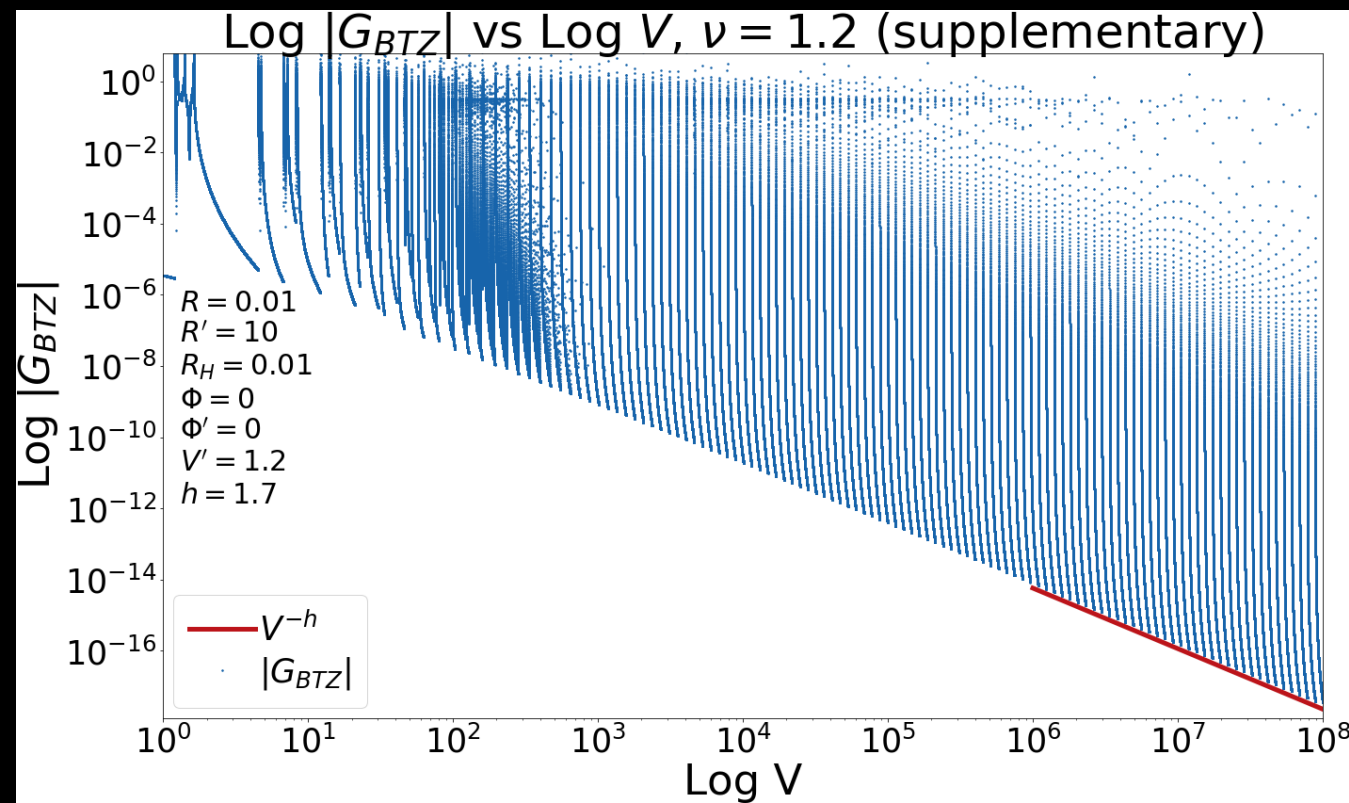
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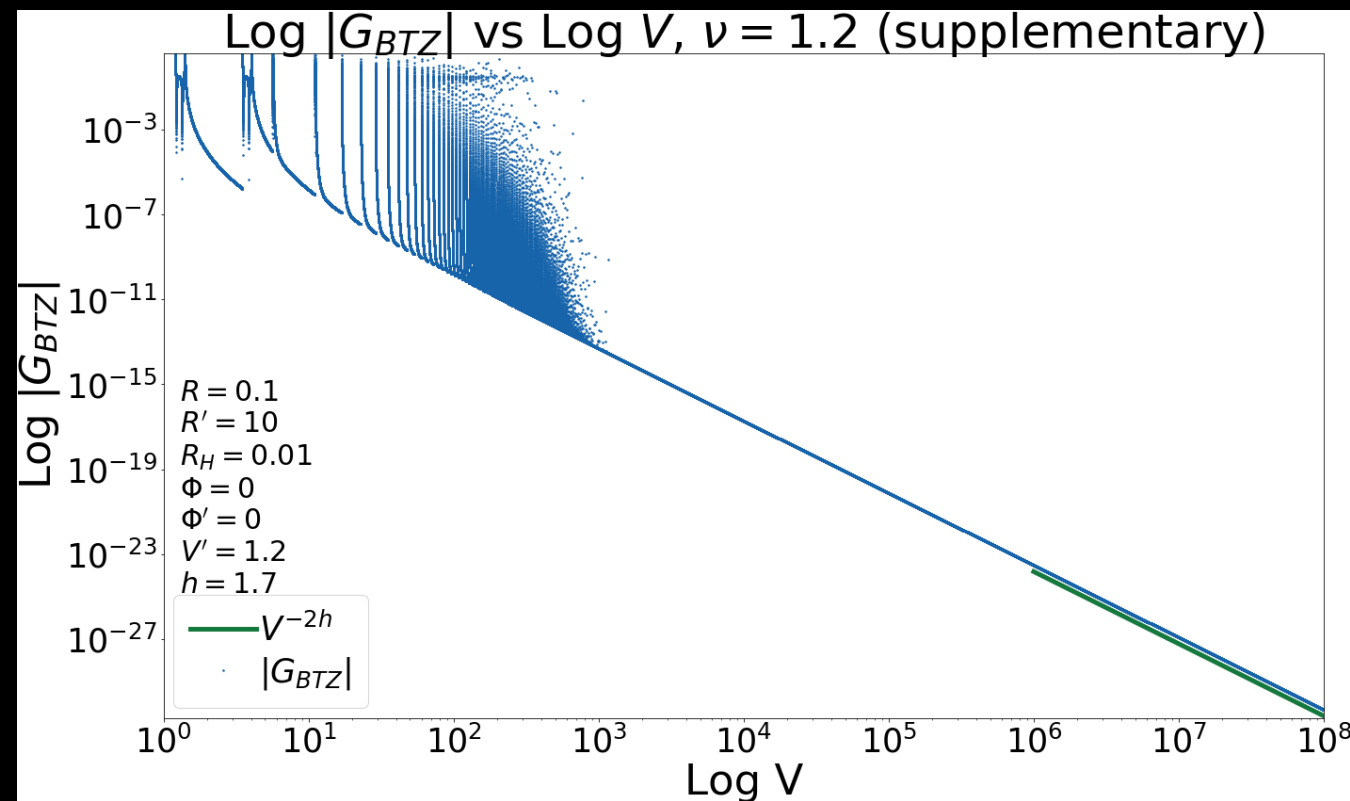
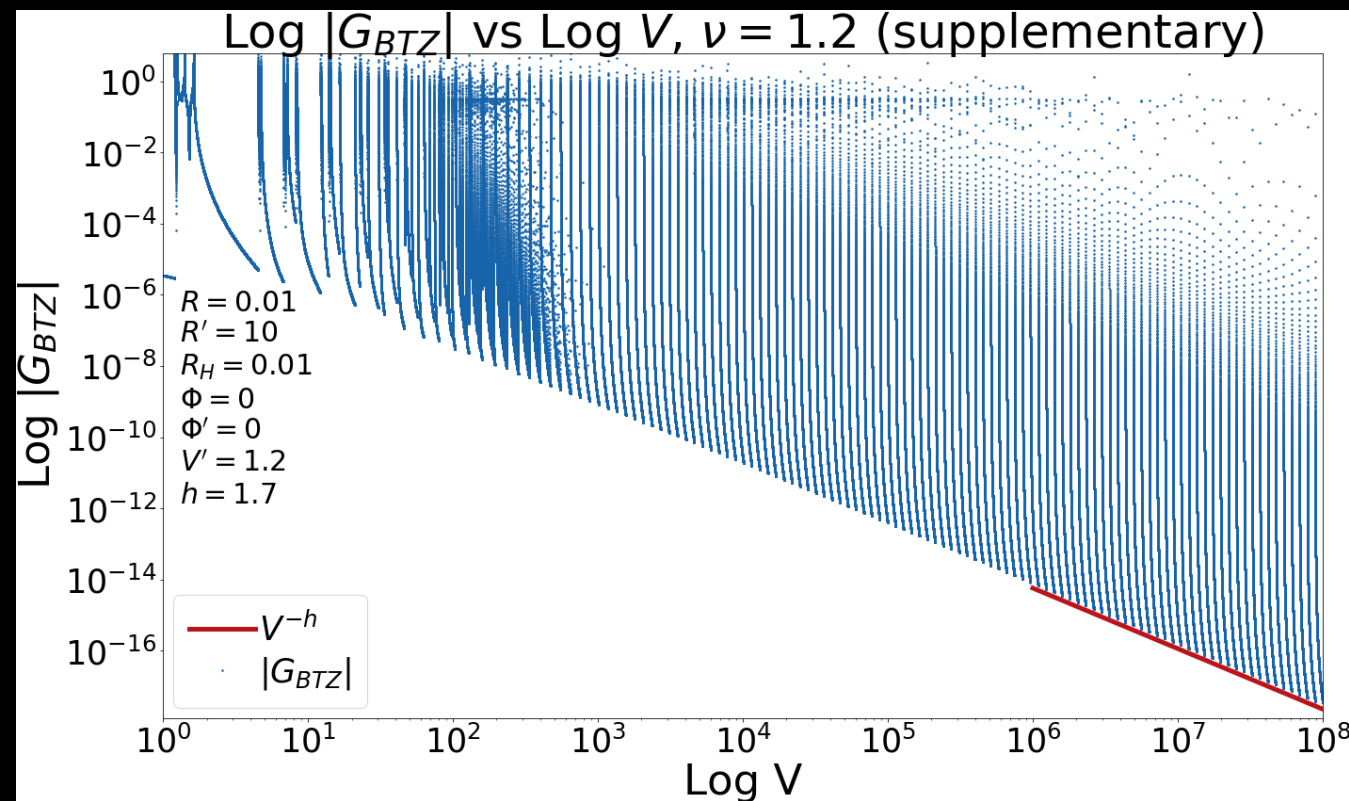
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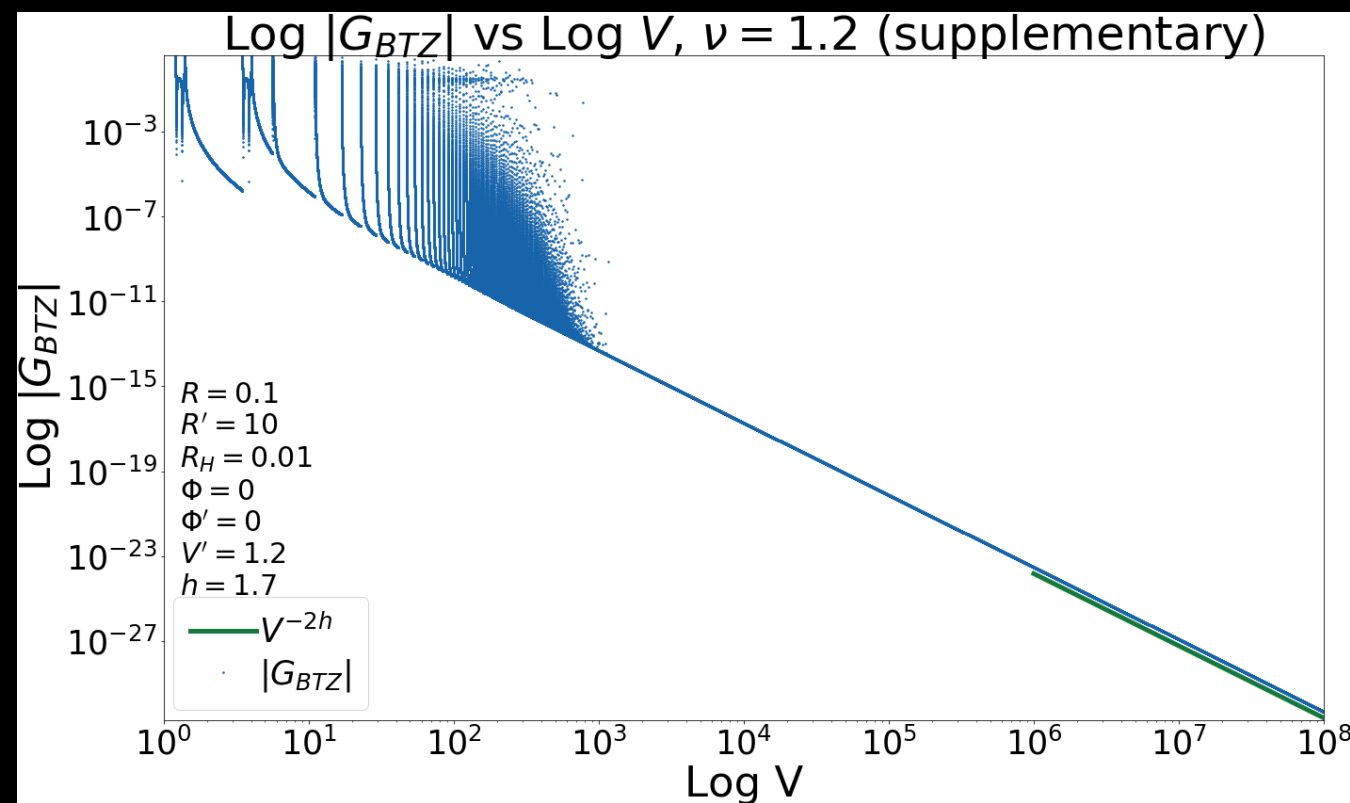
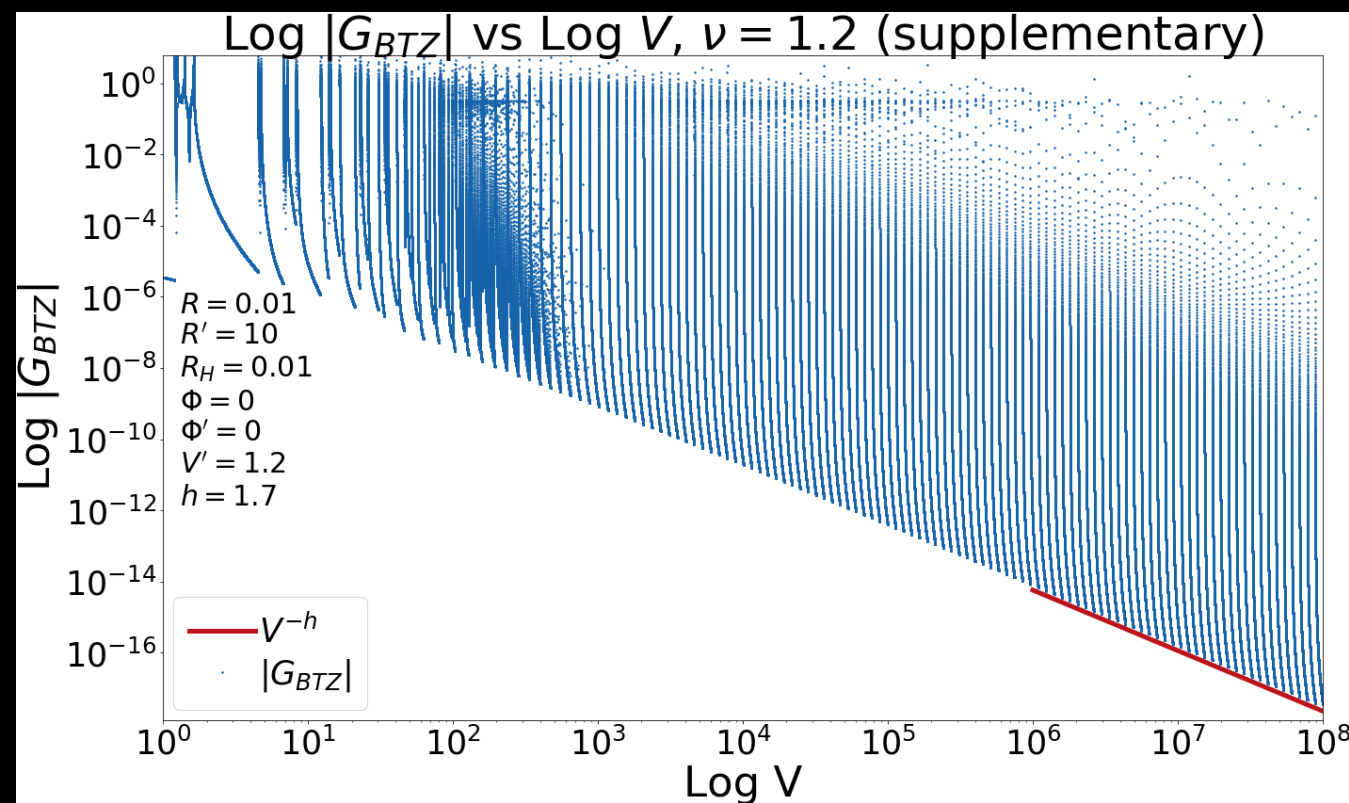


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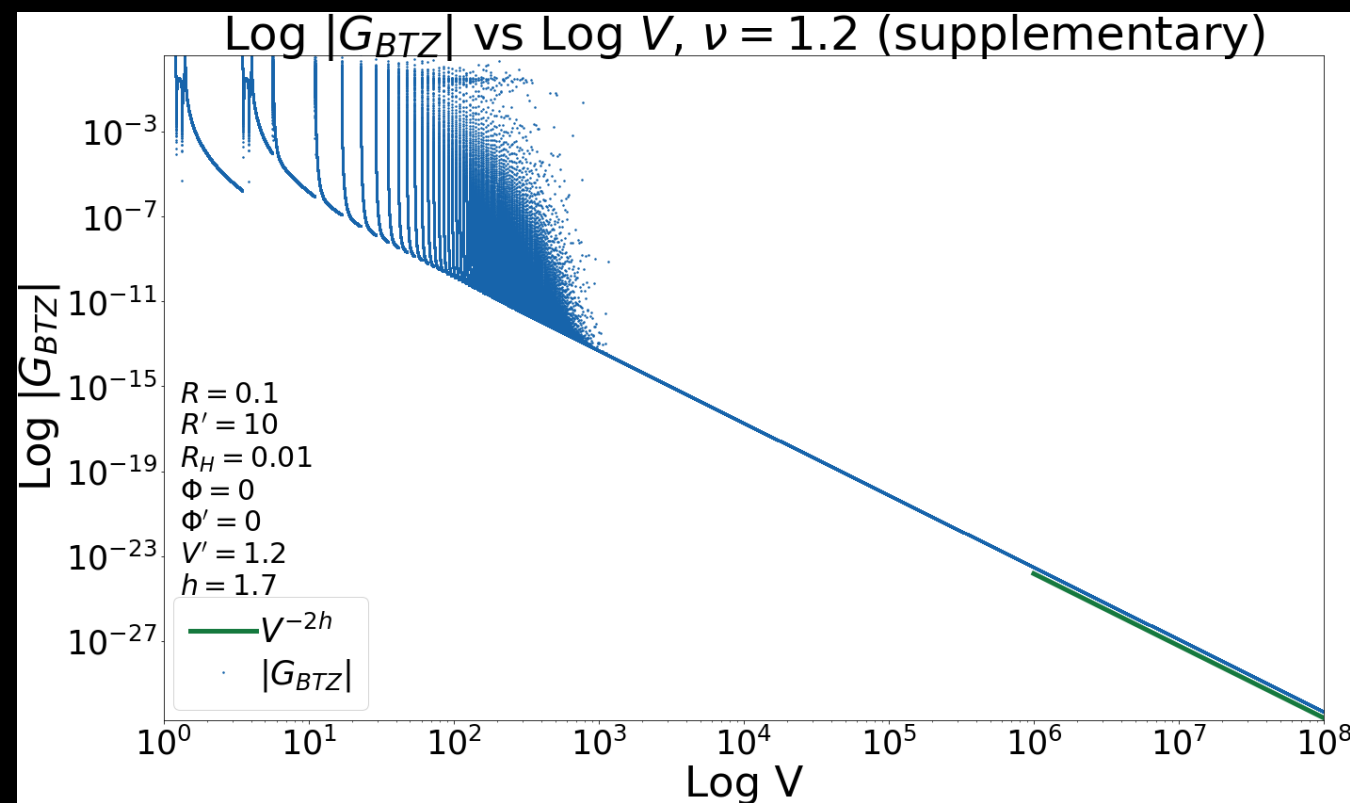
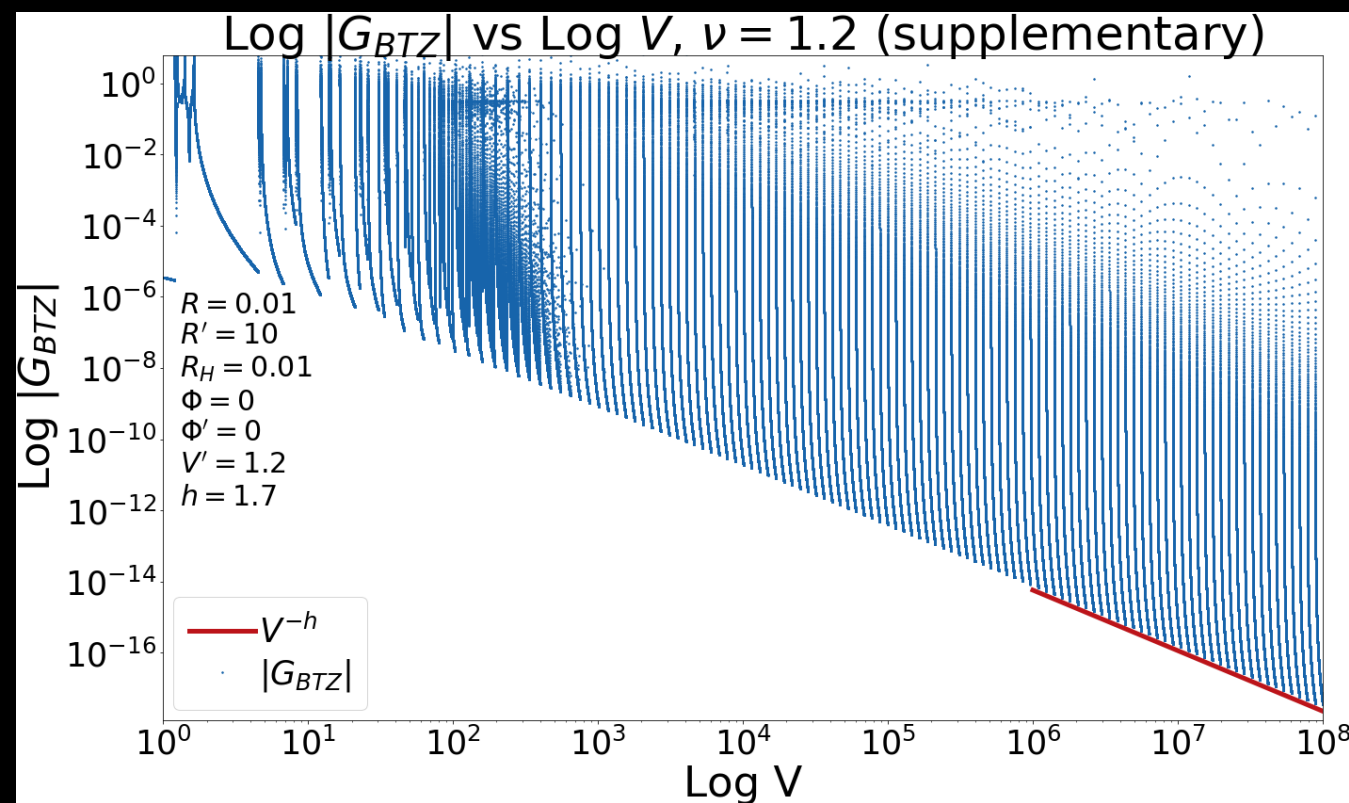
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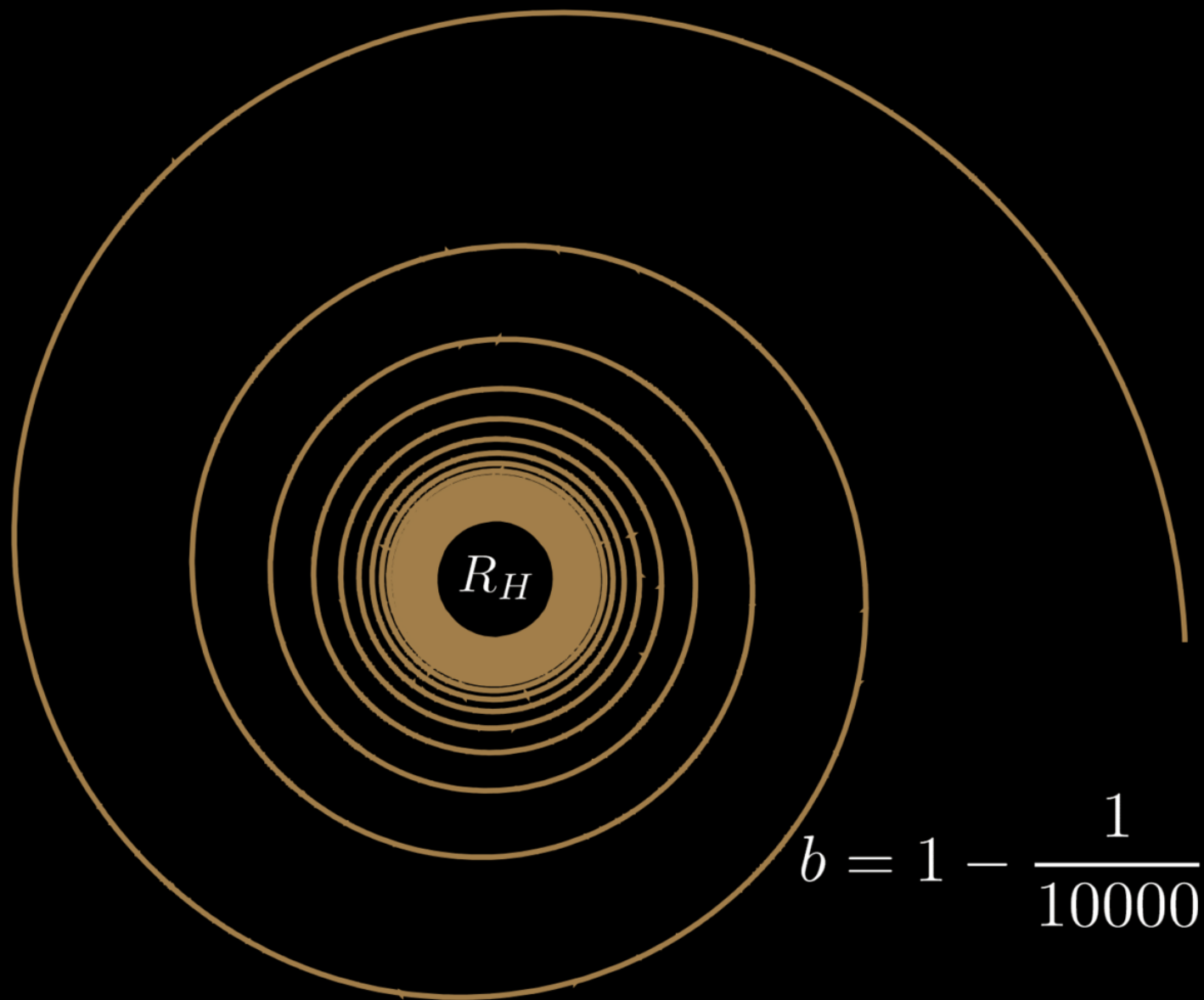
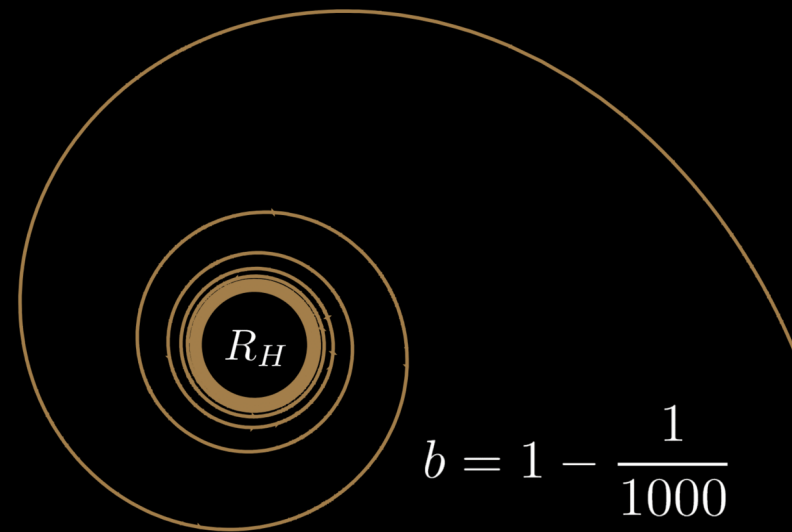
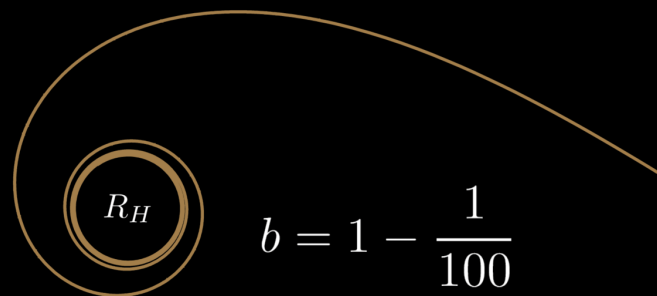
Average slope indicates different decay rates on and off the horizon!

Indicates that the Aretakis instability exists!

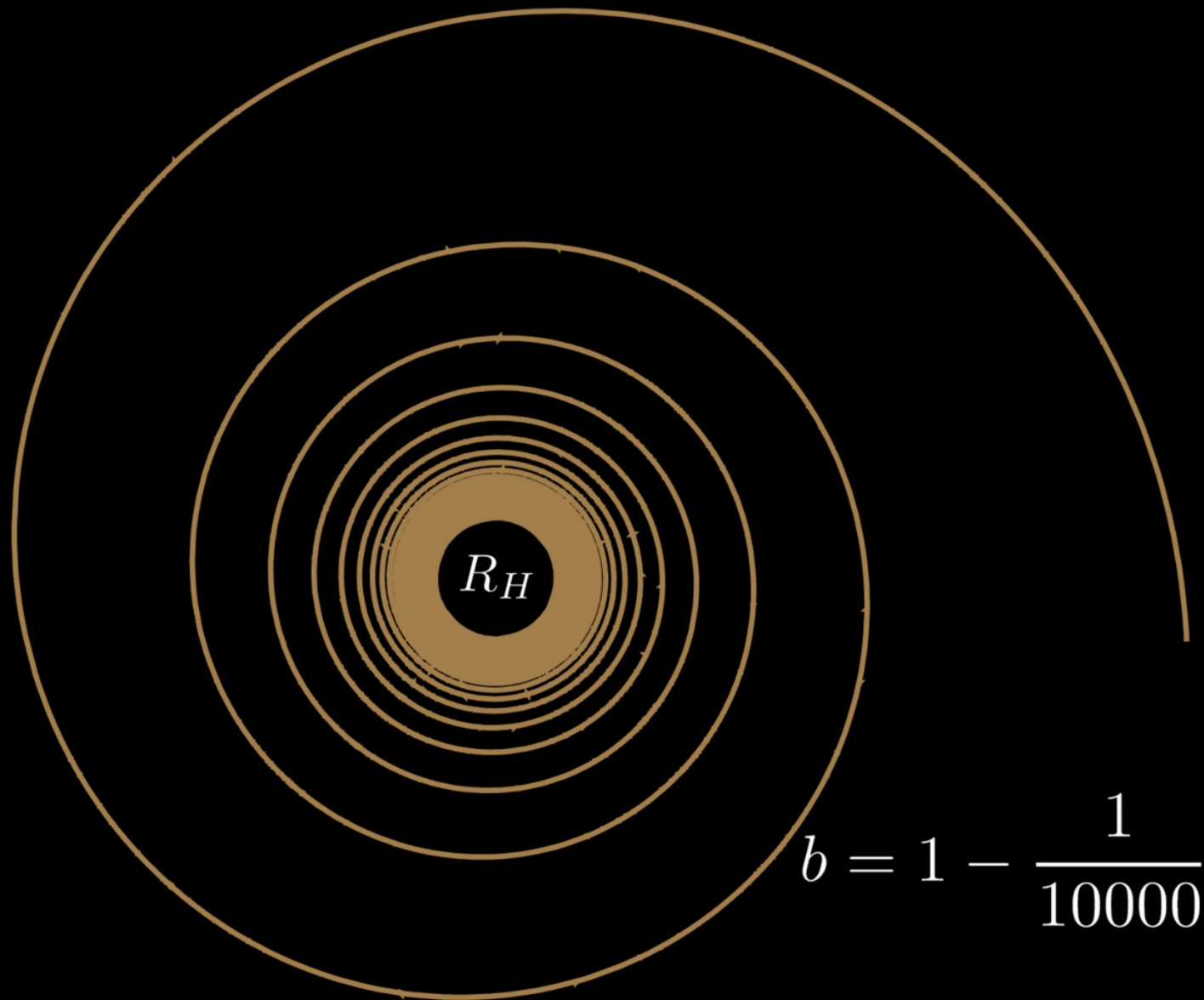
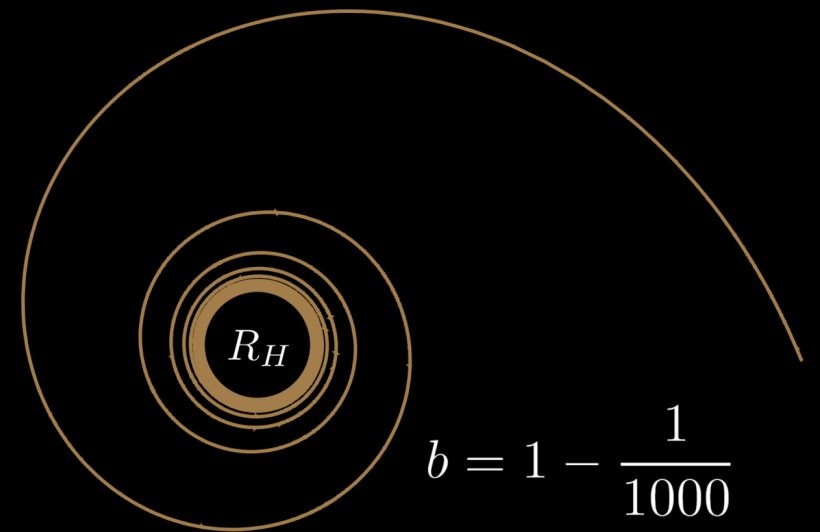
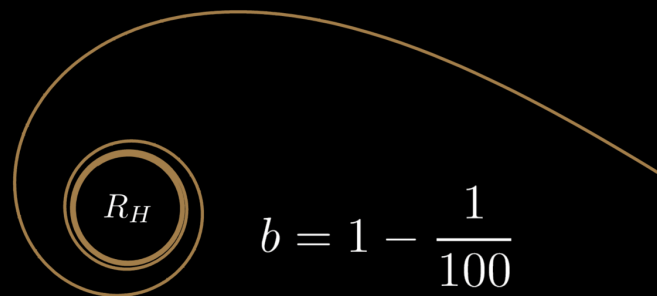
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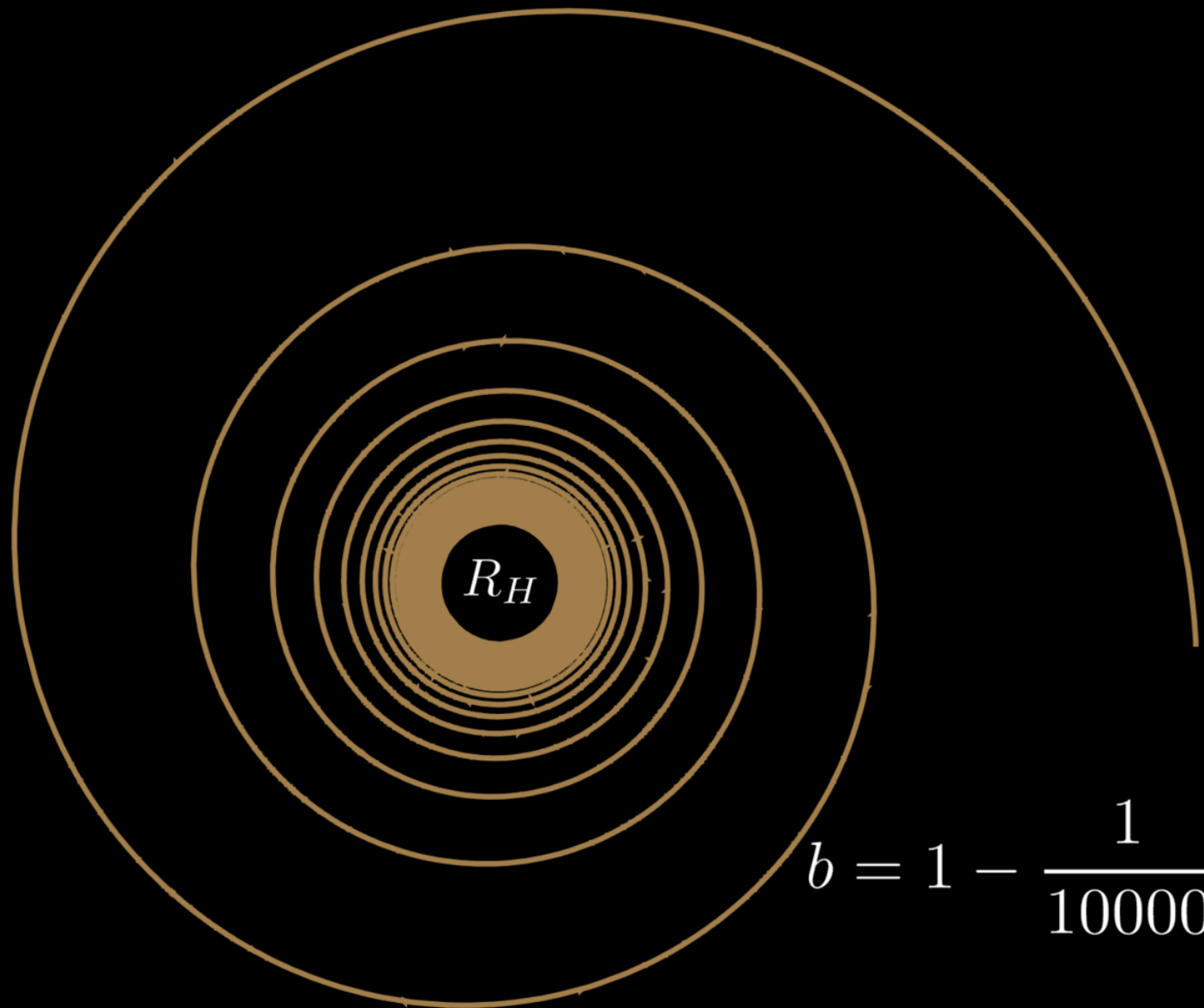
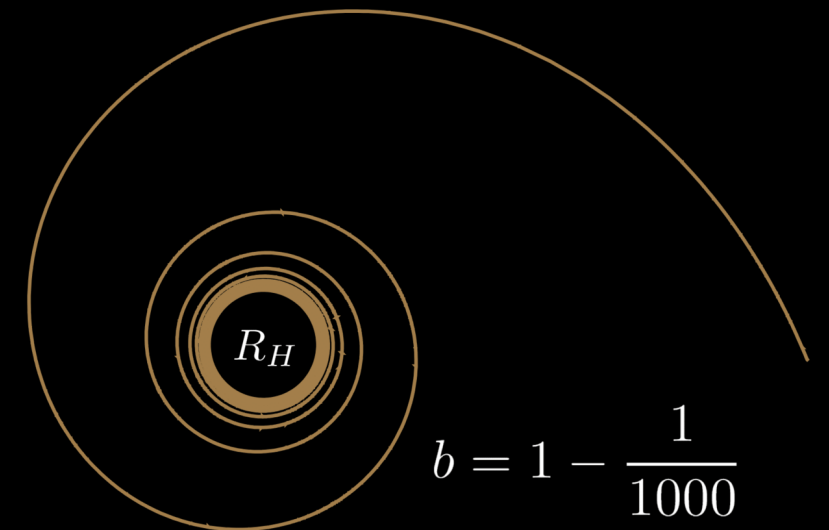
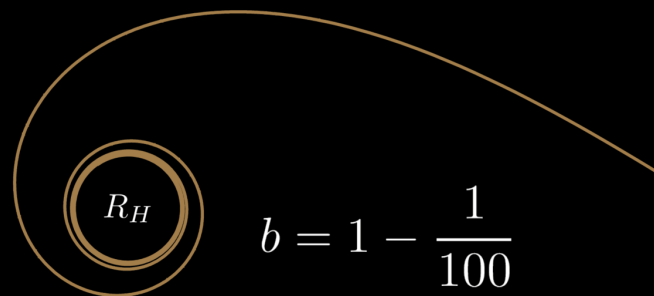


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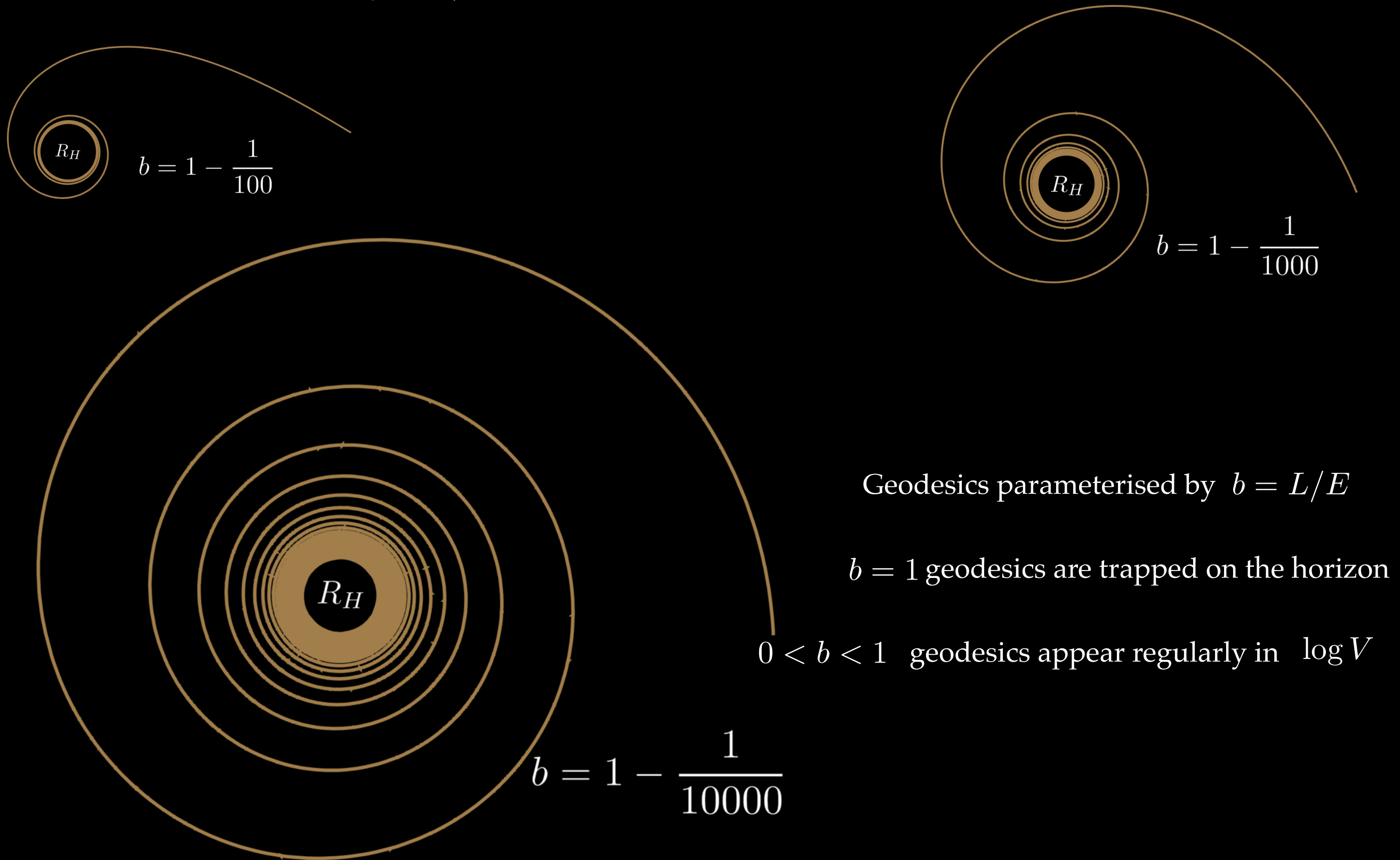
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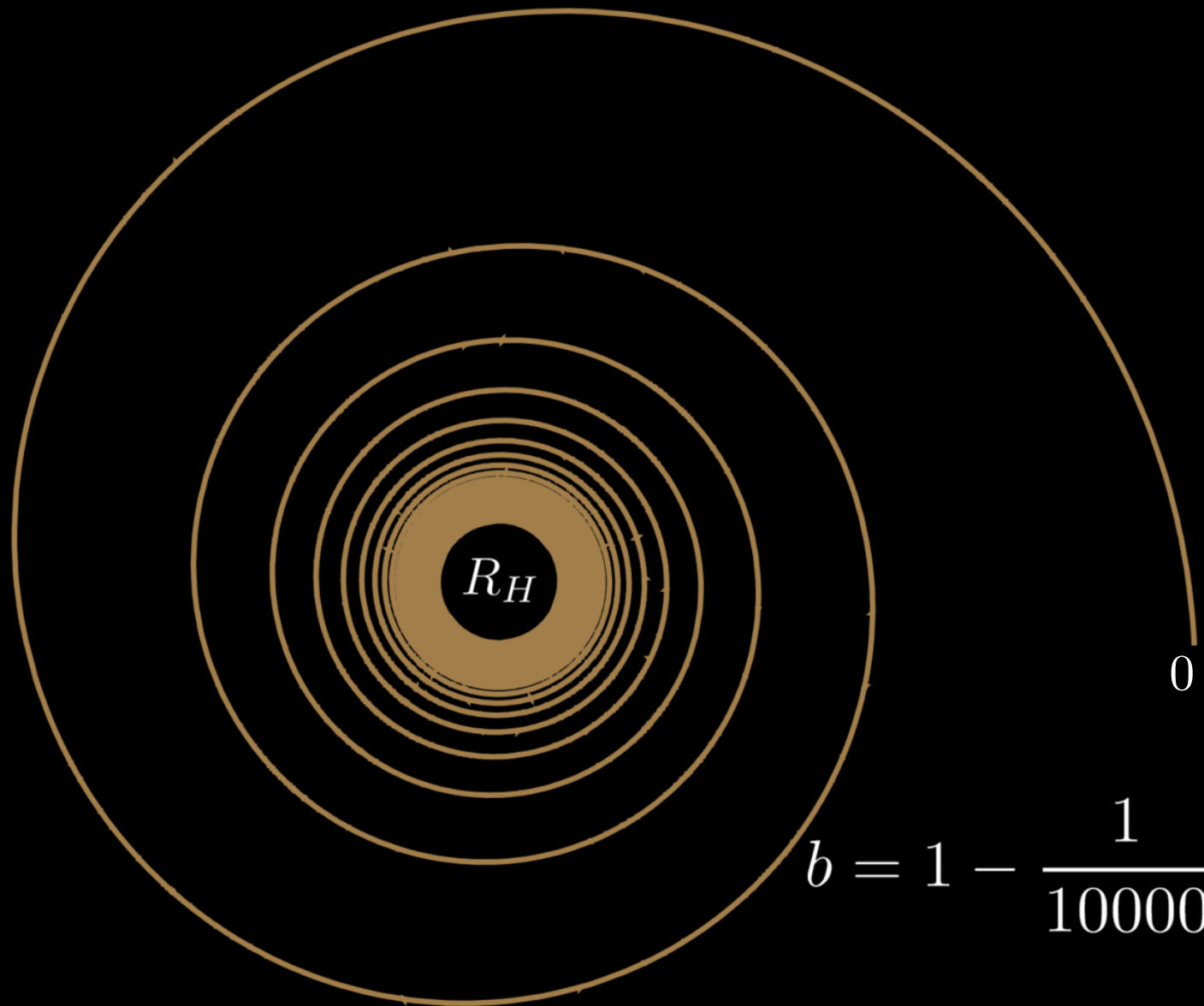
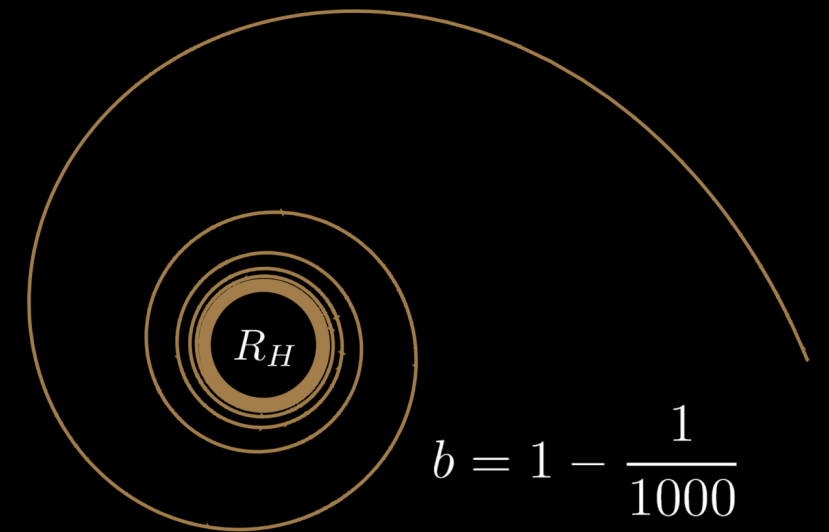
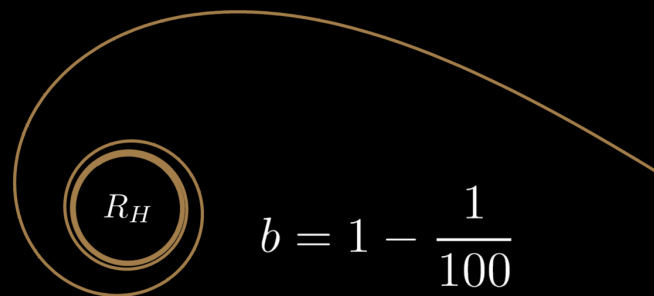
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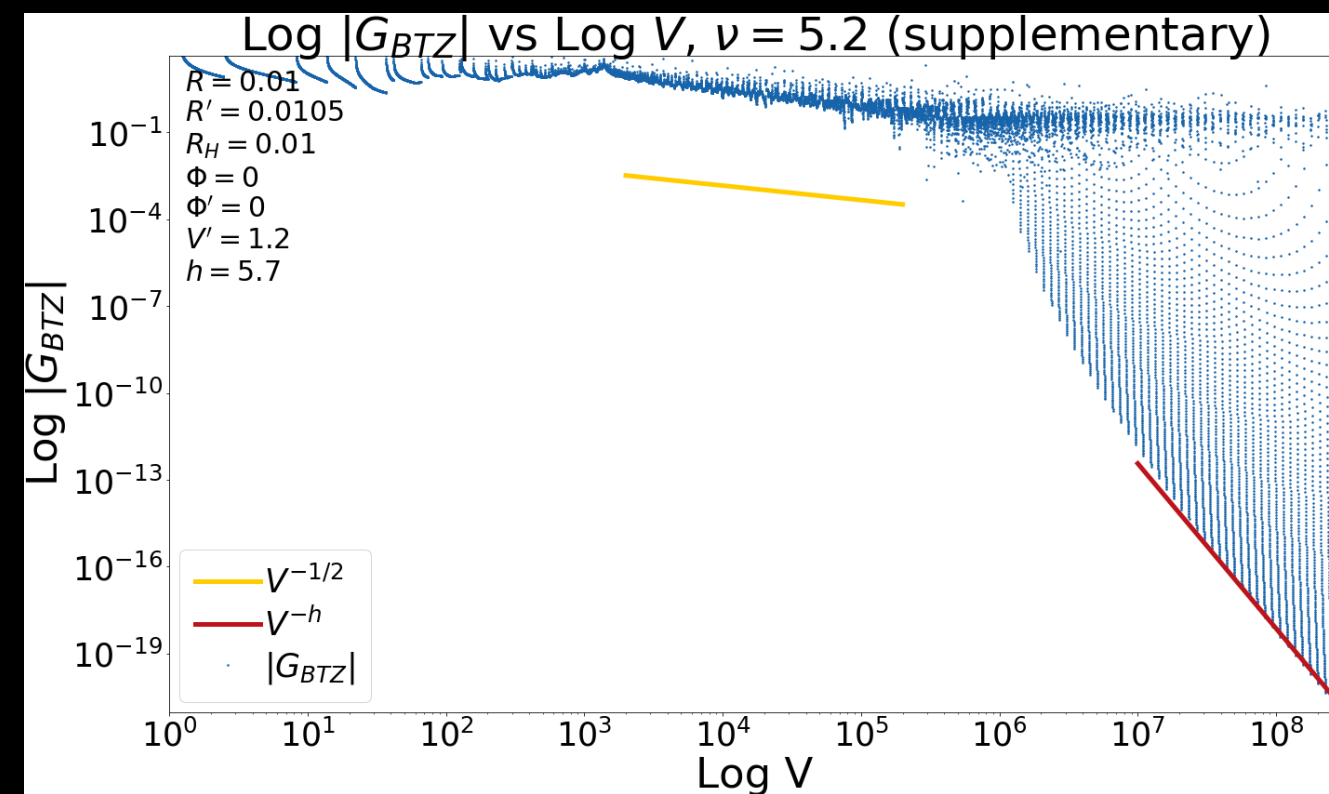
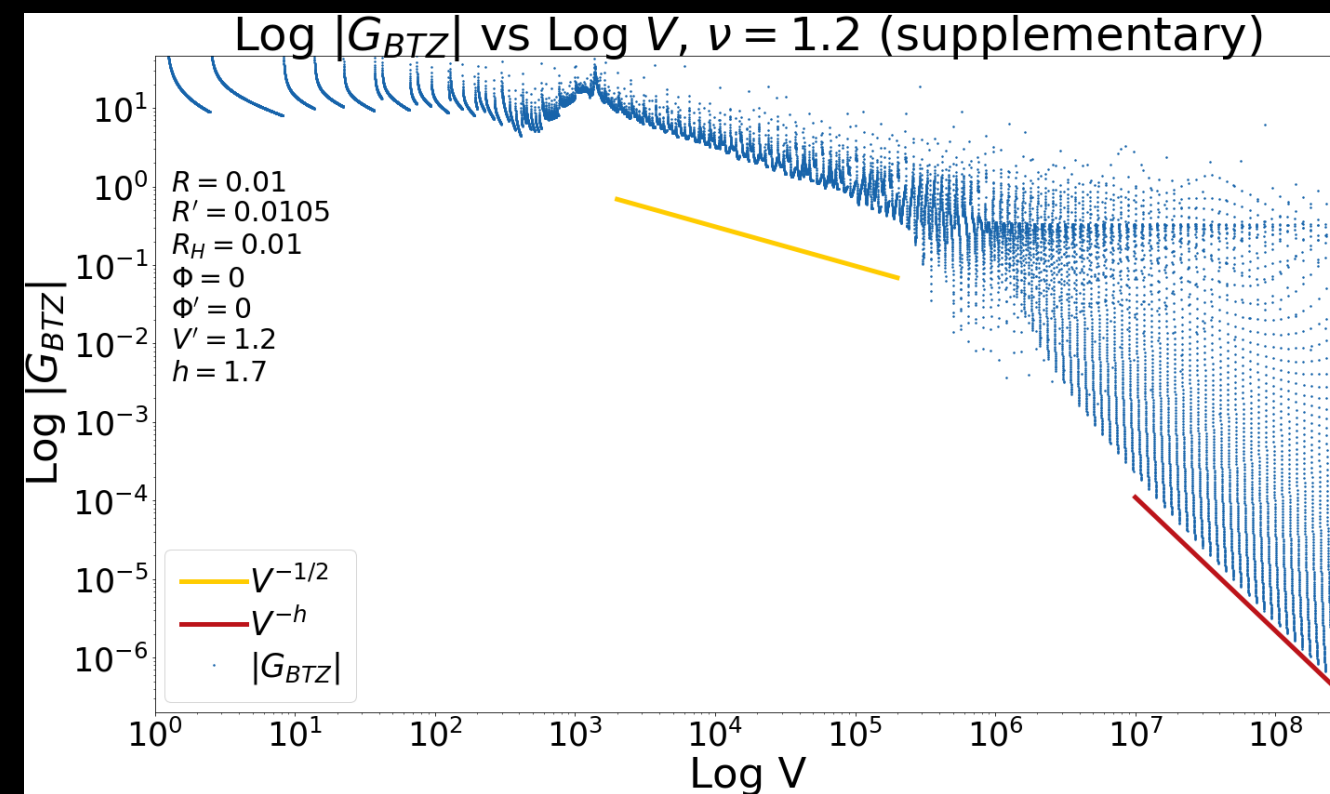
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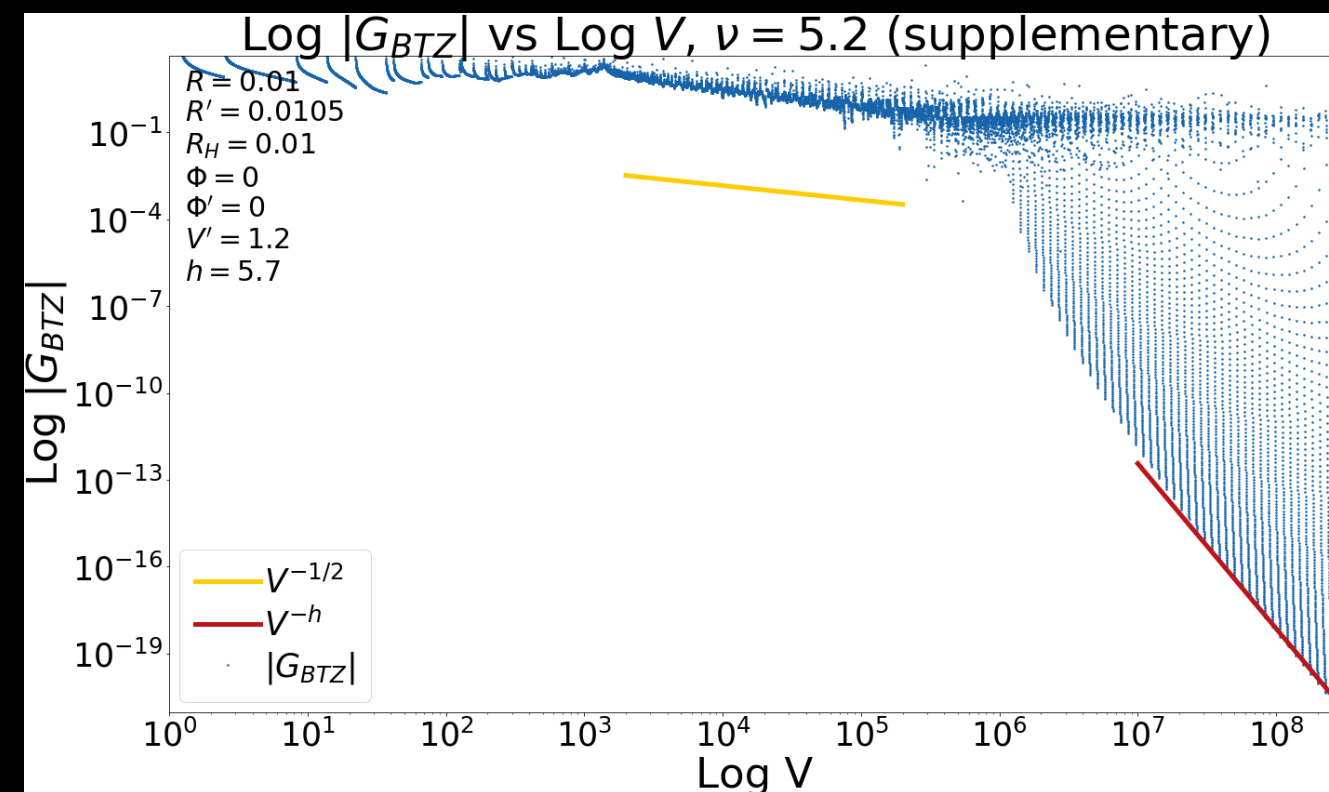
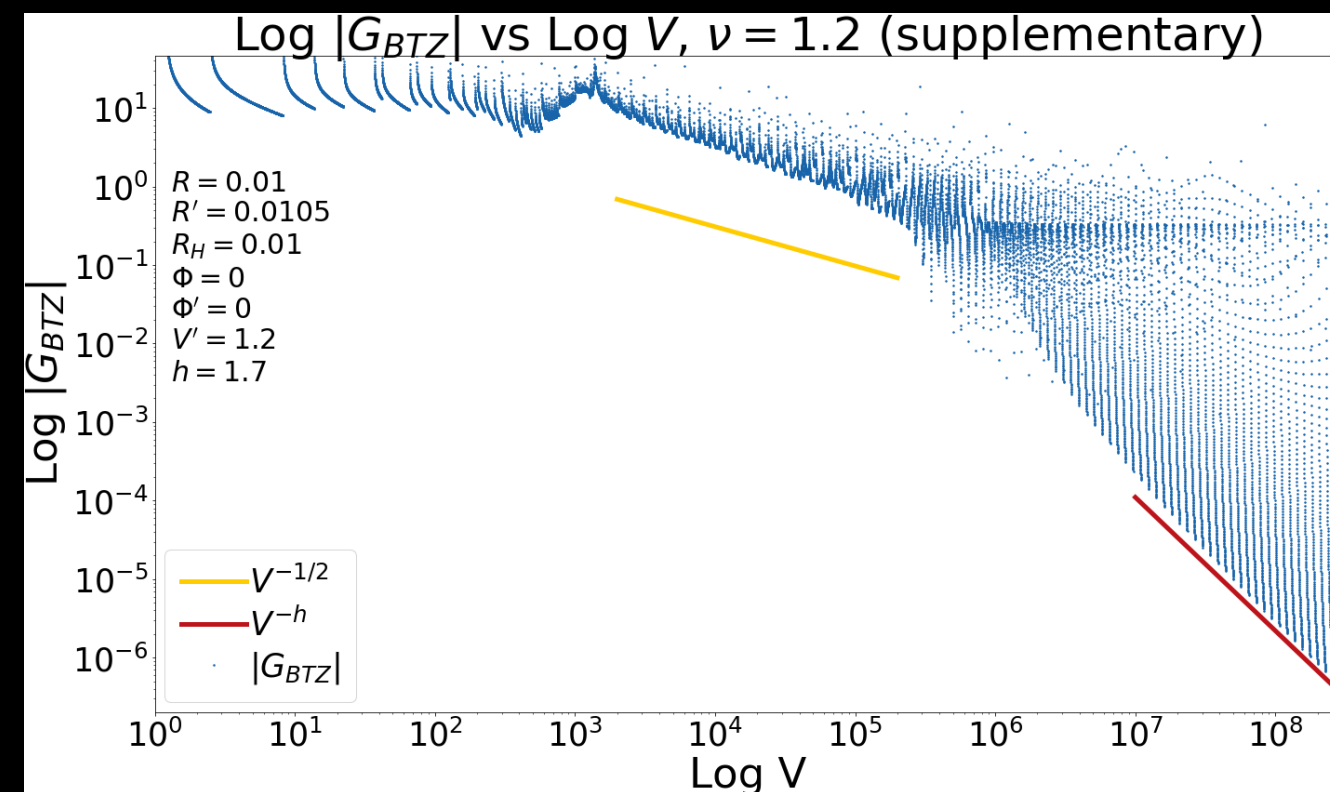
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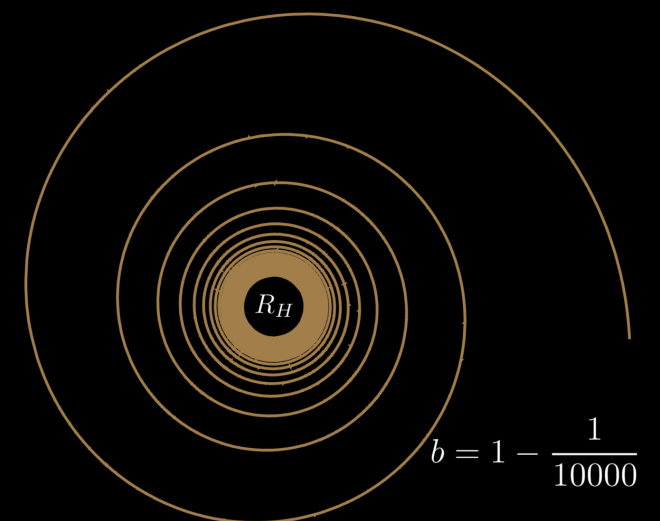
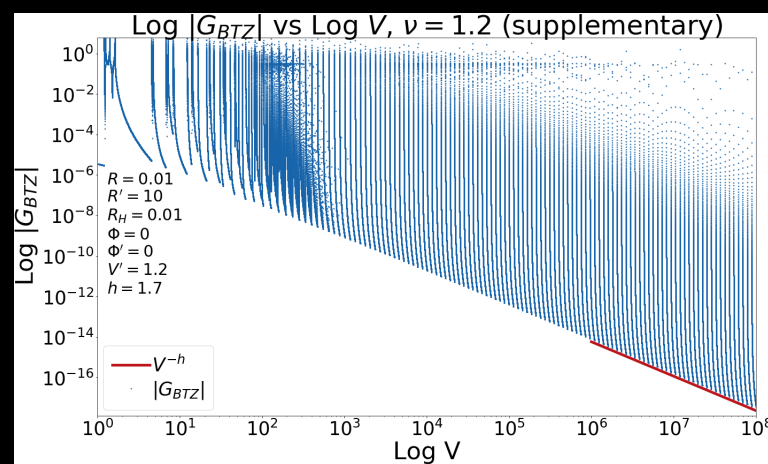
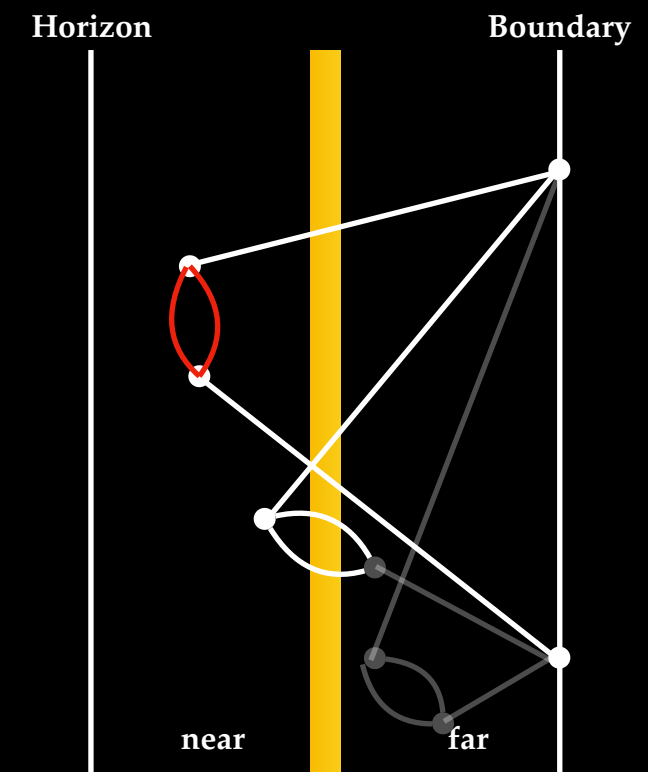
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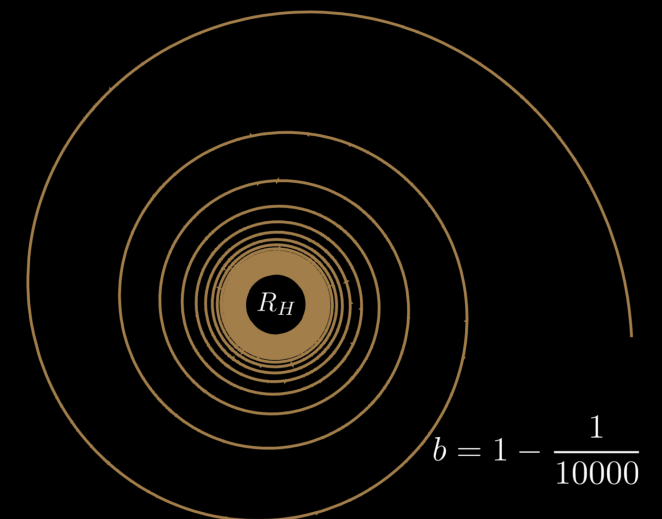
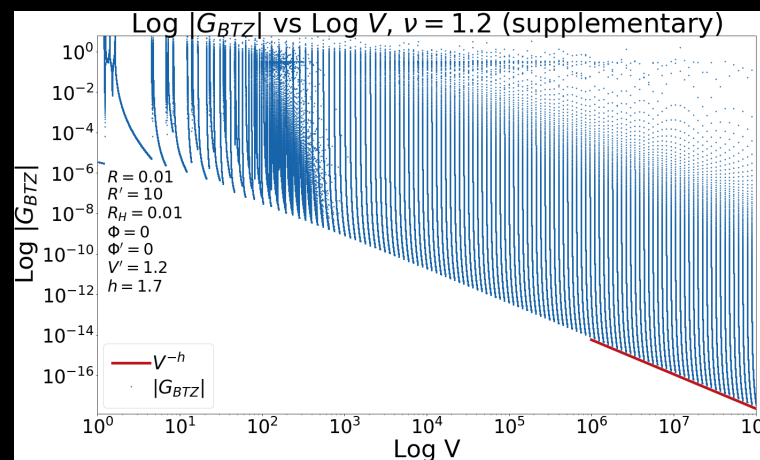
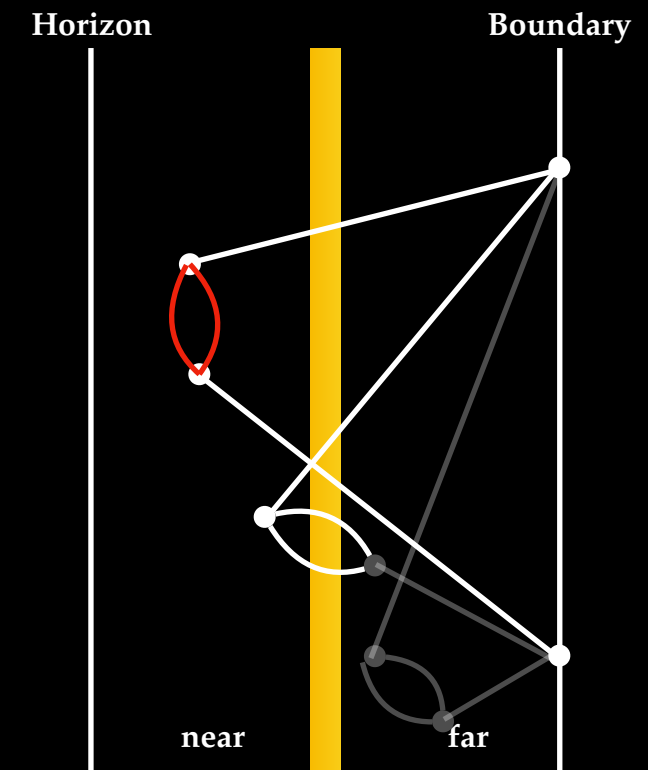
Intermediate slope independent of mass of perturbing field!

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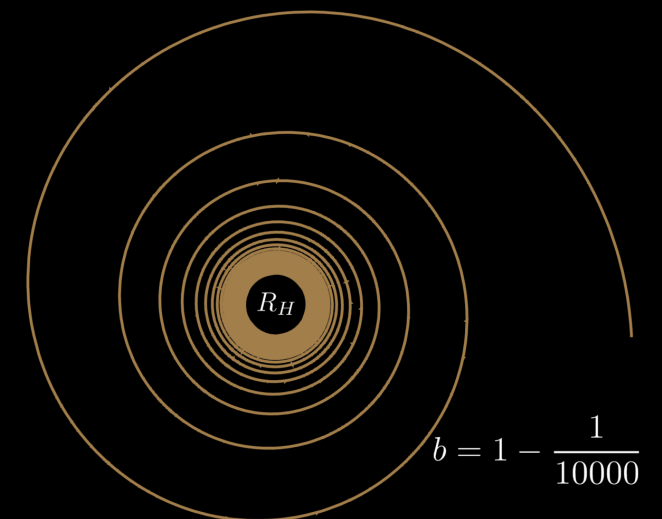
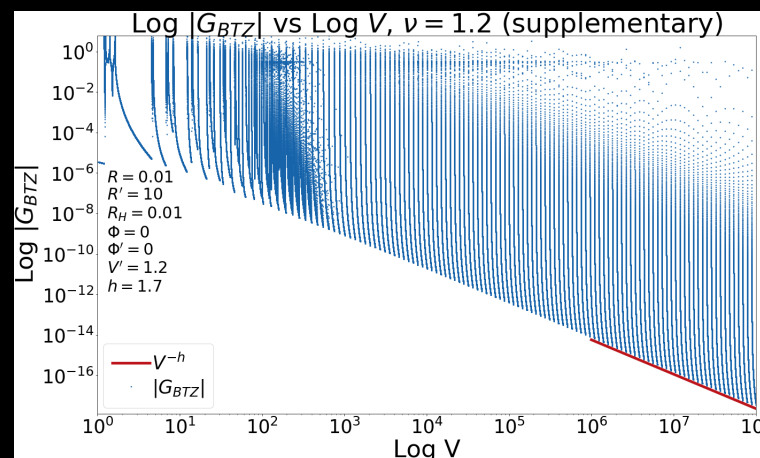
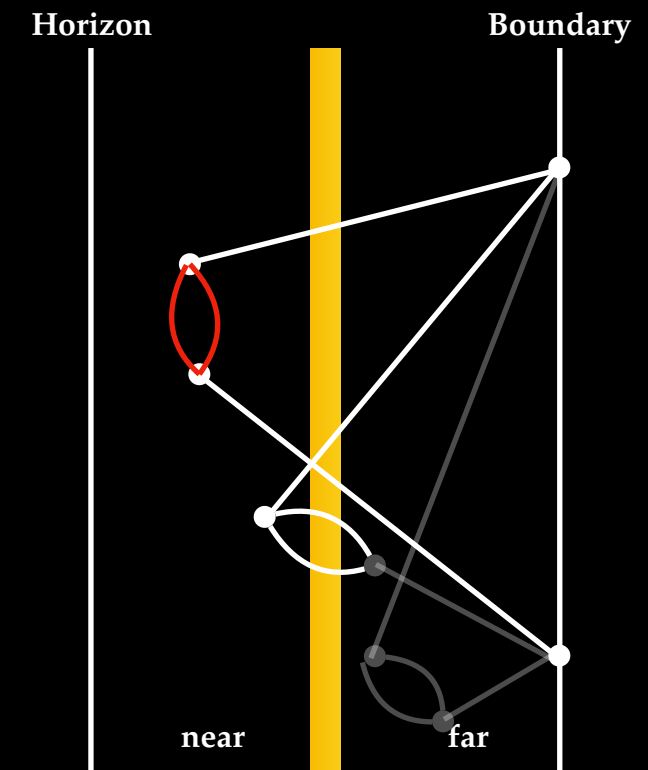
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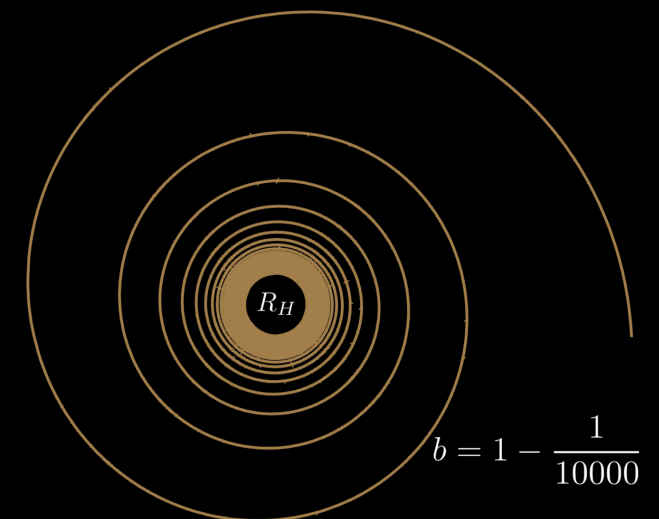
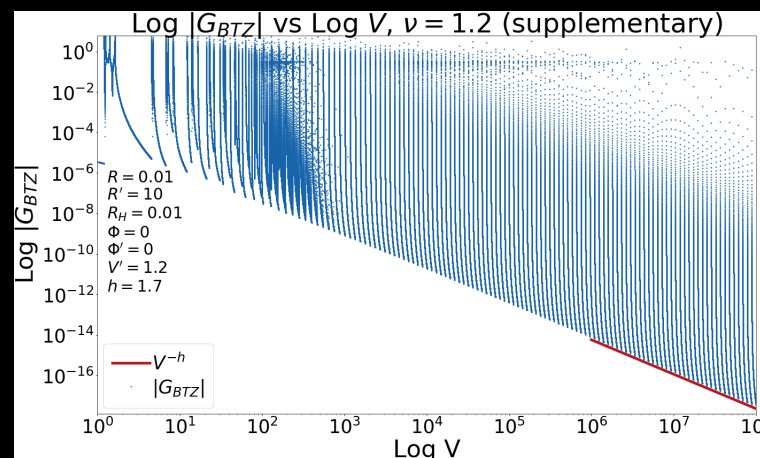
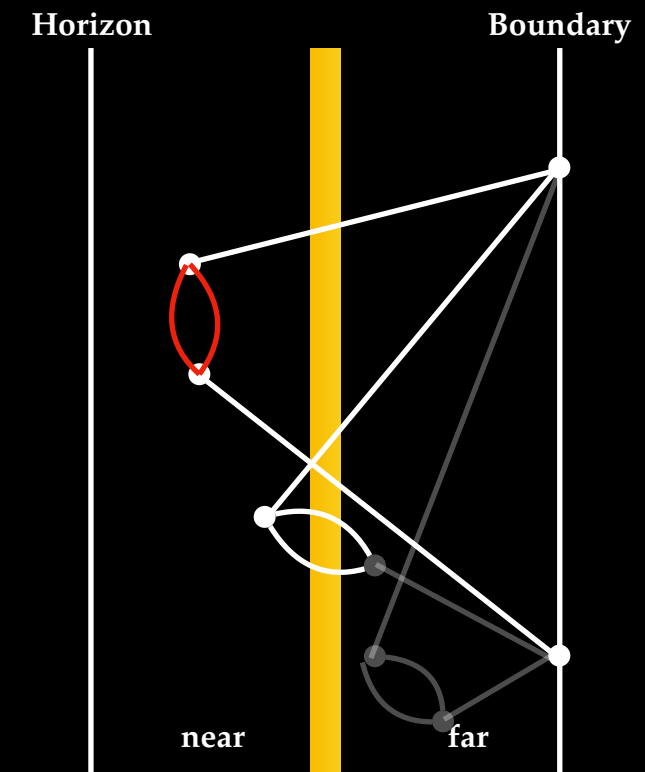


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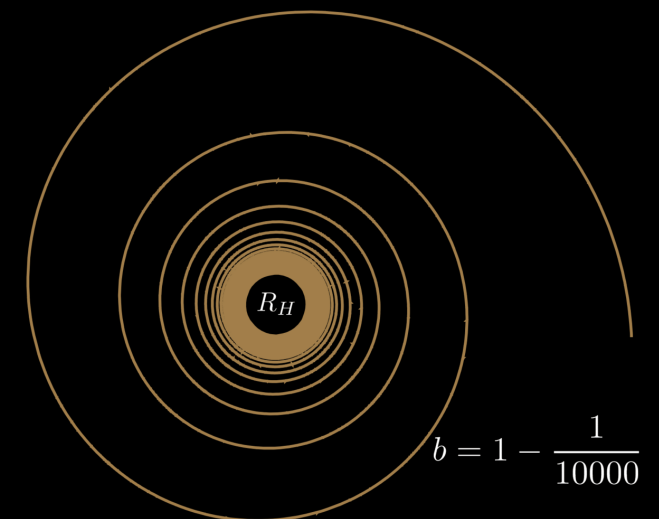
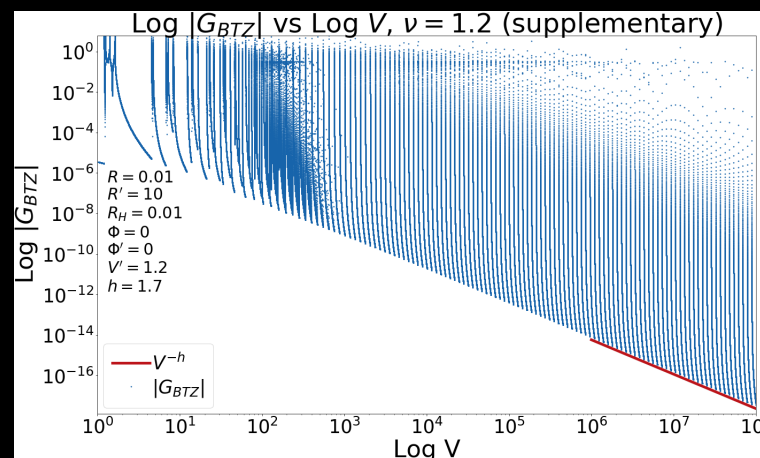
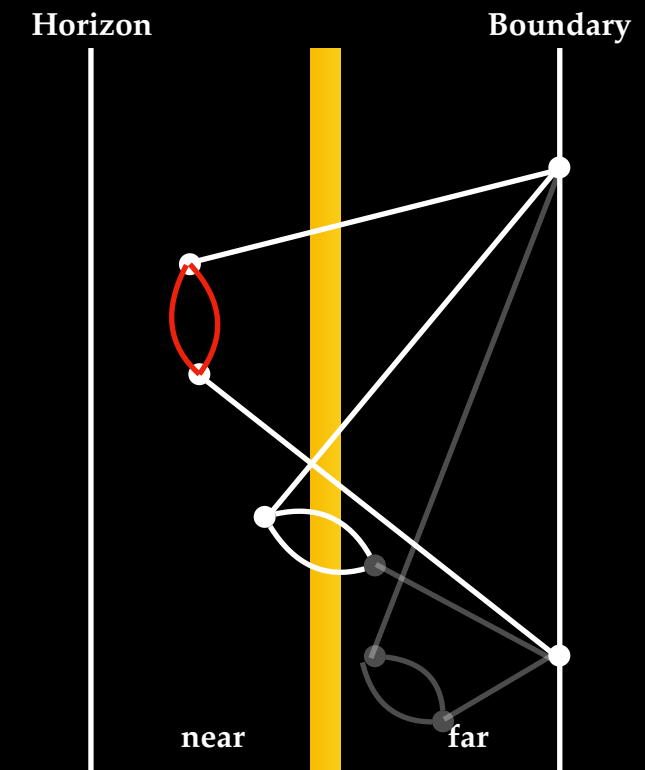
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