Local and Global Aspects of Mixing

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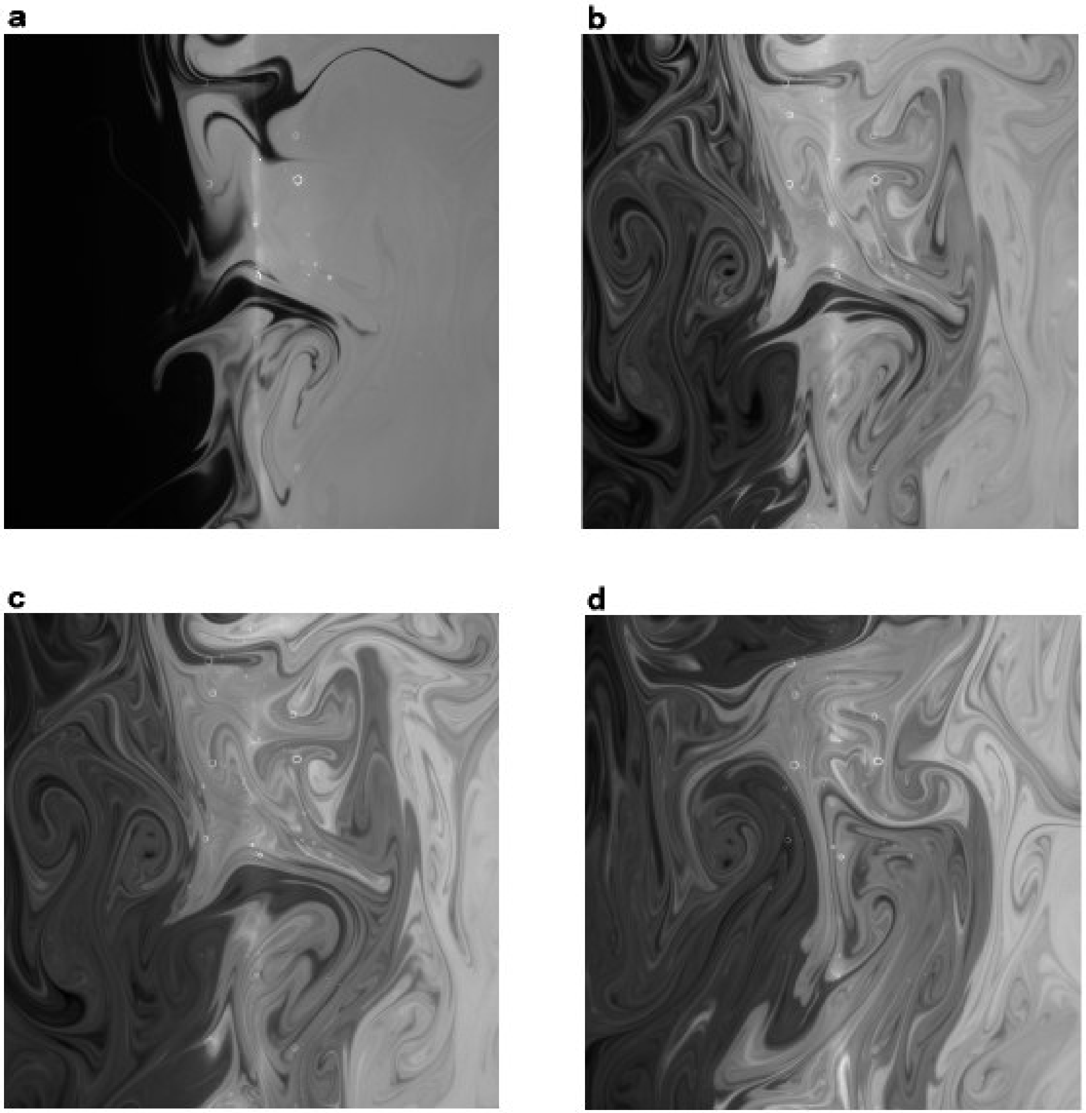
Experiment of Rothstein *et al.*: Persistent Pattern



Disordered array of magnets with oscillatory current drive a thin layer of electrolytic solution.

periods $2, 20, 50, 50.5$

[Rothstein, Henry, and Gollub, Nature **401**, 770 (1999)]

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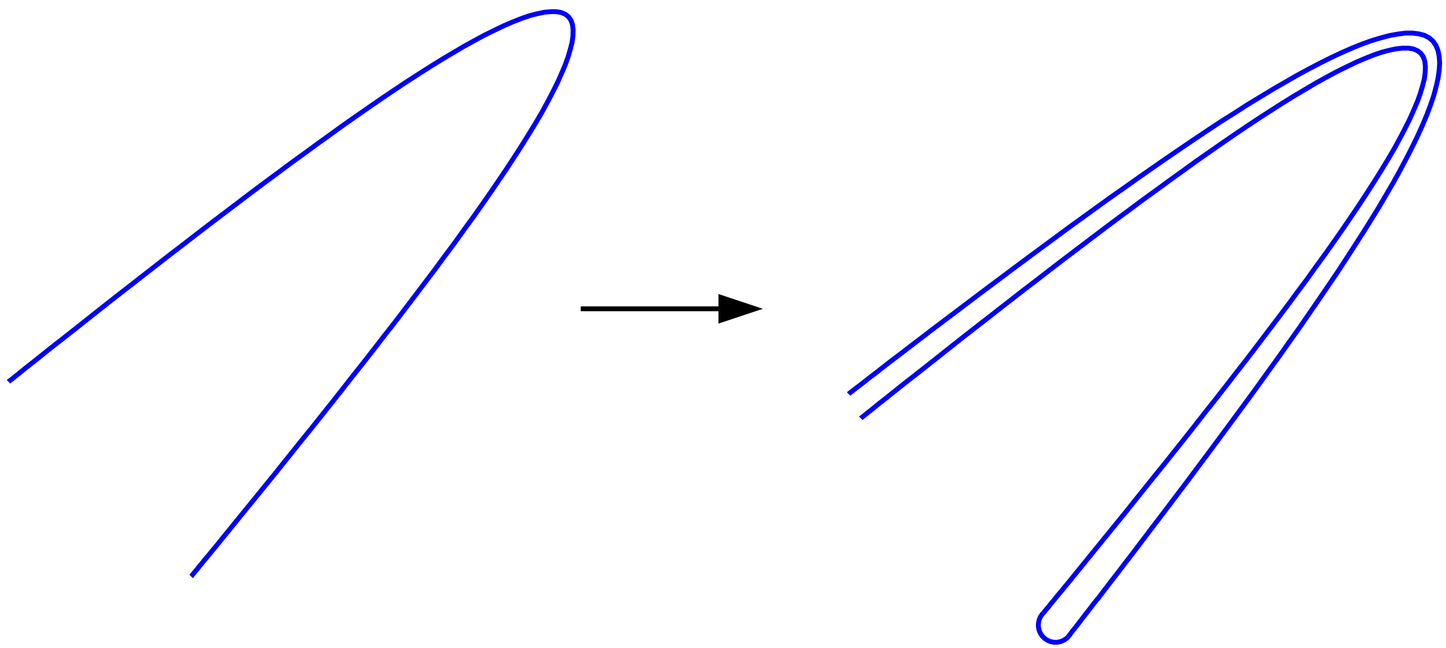

- “Striations”
- Smoothed by diffusion
- Eventually settles into “pattern” (eigenfunction)

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(See footnote in Truesdell, *The Kinematics of Vorticity*.)

The Map

We consider a diffeomorphism of the 2-torus $\mathbb{T}^2 = [0,1]^2$,

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where

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$\mathbb{M} \cdot \boldsymbol{x}$ is the Arnold cat map.

The map $\mathcal{M}$ is area-preserving and chaotic.

For $\varepsilon = 0$ the stretching of fluid elements is homogeneous in space.
For small ε the system is still uniformly hyperbolic.

Advection and Diffusion: Eulerian Viewpoint

Iterate the map and apply the heat operator to a scalar field (which we call temperature for concreteness) distribution $\theta^{(i-1)}(\boldsymbol{x})$,

$$\theta^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \mathcal{H}_\kappa\, \theta^{(i-1)}(\mathcal{M}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{x}))$$

where κ is the diffusivity, with the heat operator $\mathcal{H}_\kappa$ and kernel h_κ

$$\mathcal{H}_\kappa \theta(\boldsymbol{x}) := \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} h_\kappa(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{y})\theta(\boldsymbol{y})\,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{y};$$

$$h_\kappa(\boldsymbol{x}) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{k}} \exp(2\pi\mathrm{i}\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{k}^2\kappa).$$

In other words: advect instantaneously and then diffuse for one unit of time.

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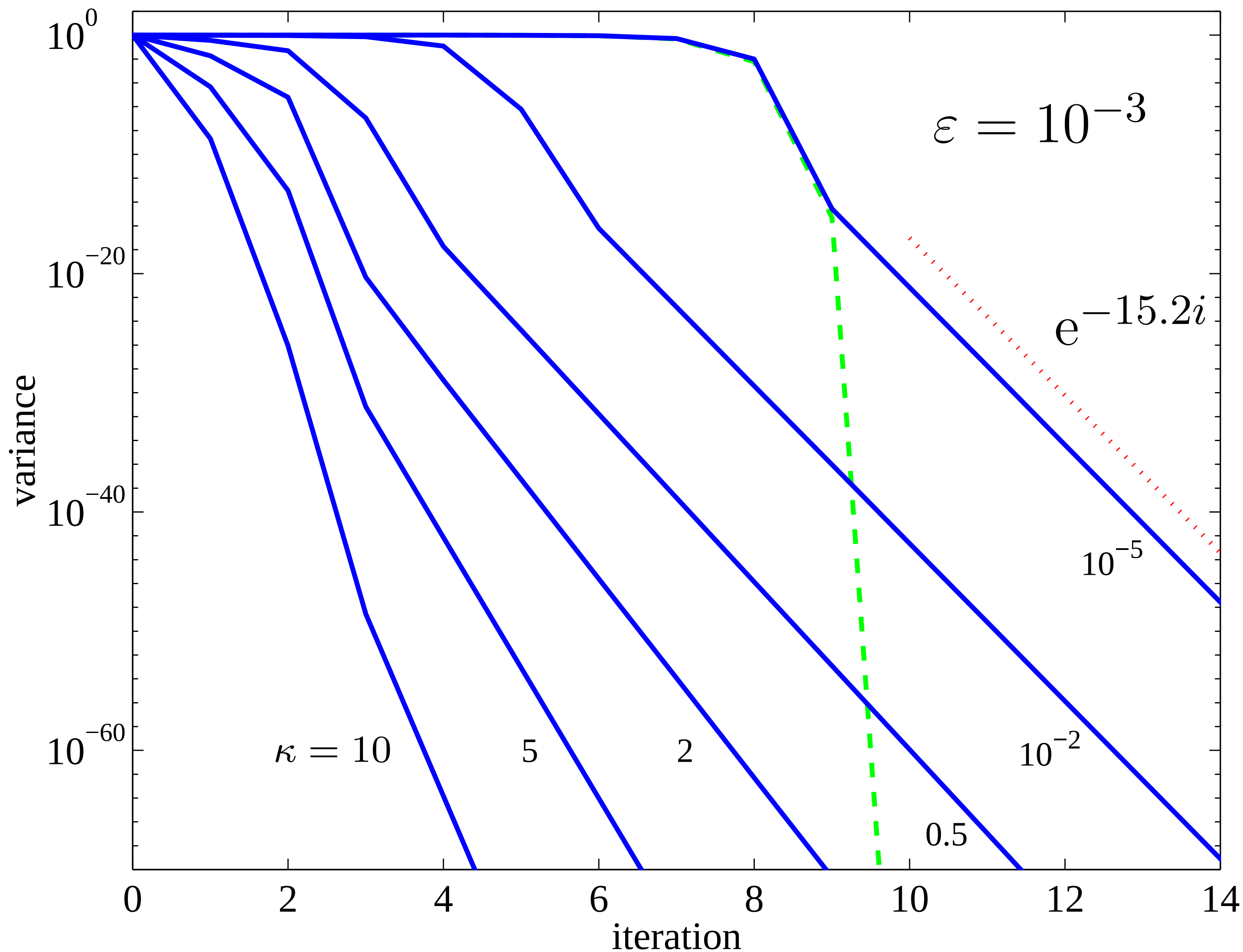
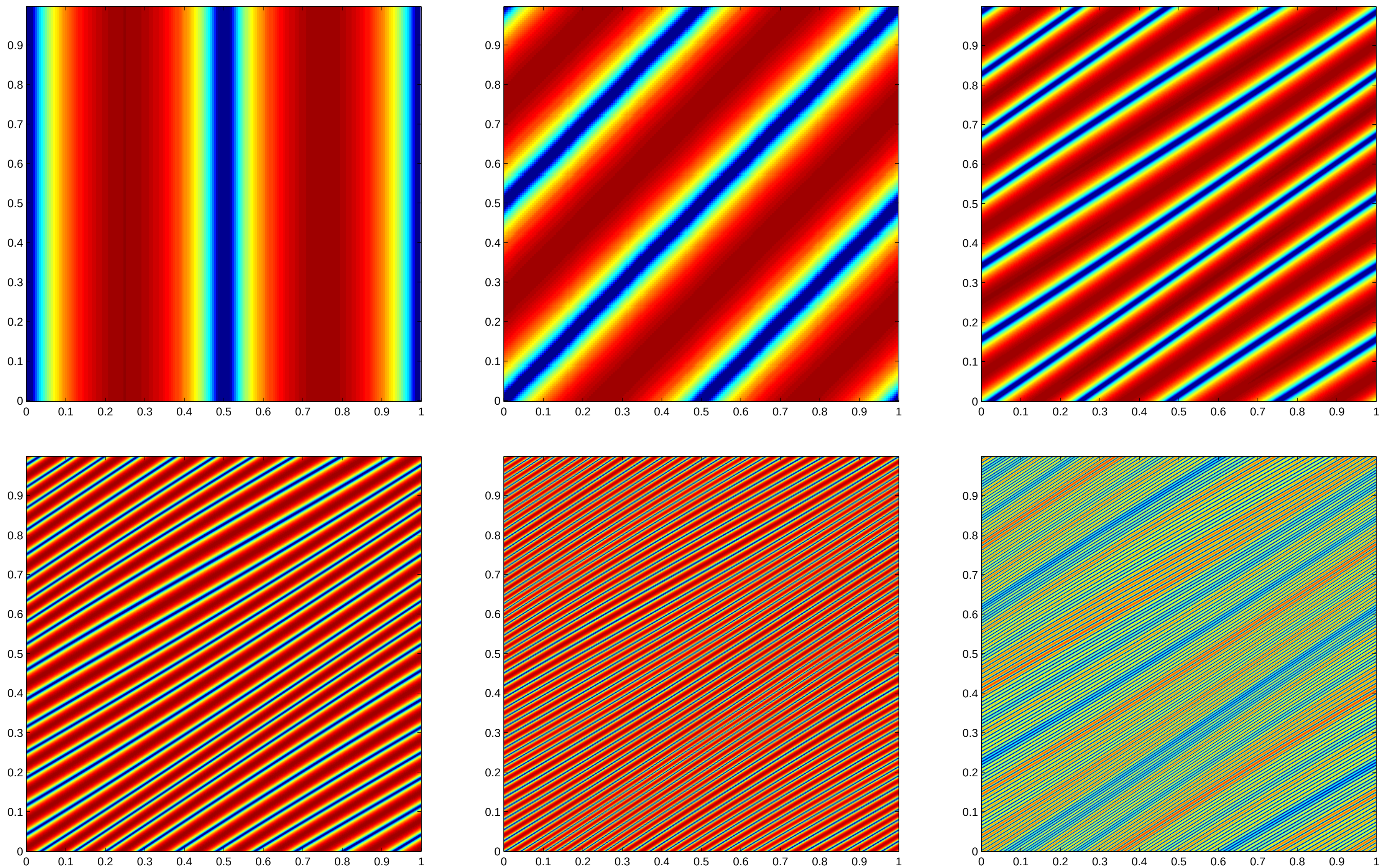
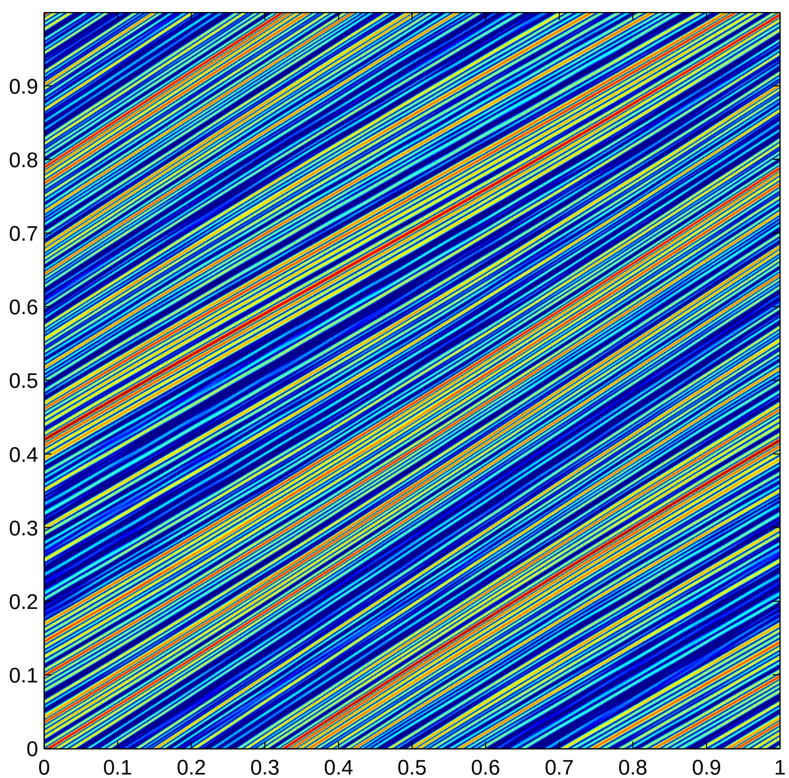


Variance: 5 iterations for $\varepsilon = 0.3$ and $\kappa = 10^{-3}$



Eigenfunction for $\varepsilon = 0.3$ and $\kappa = 10^{-3}$

(Renormalised by decay rate)



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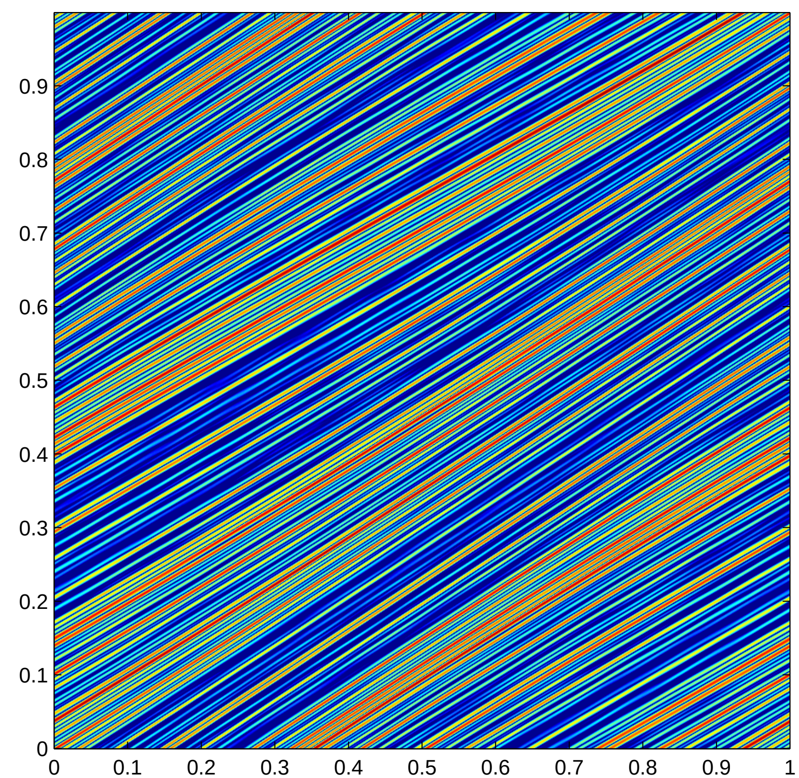

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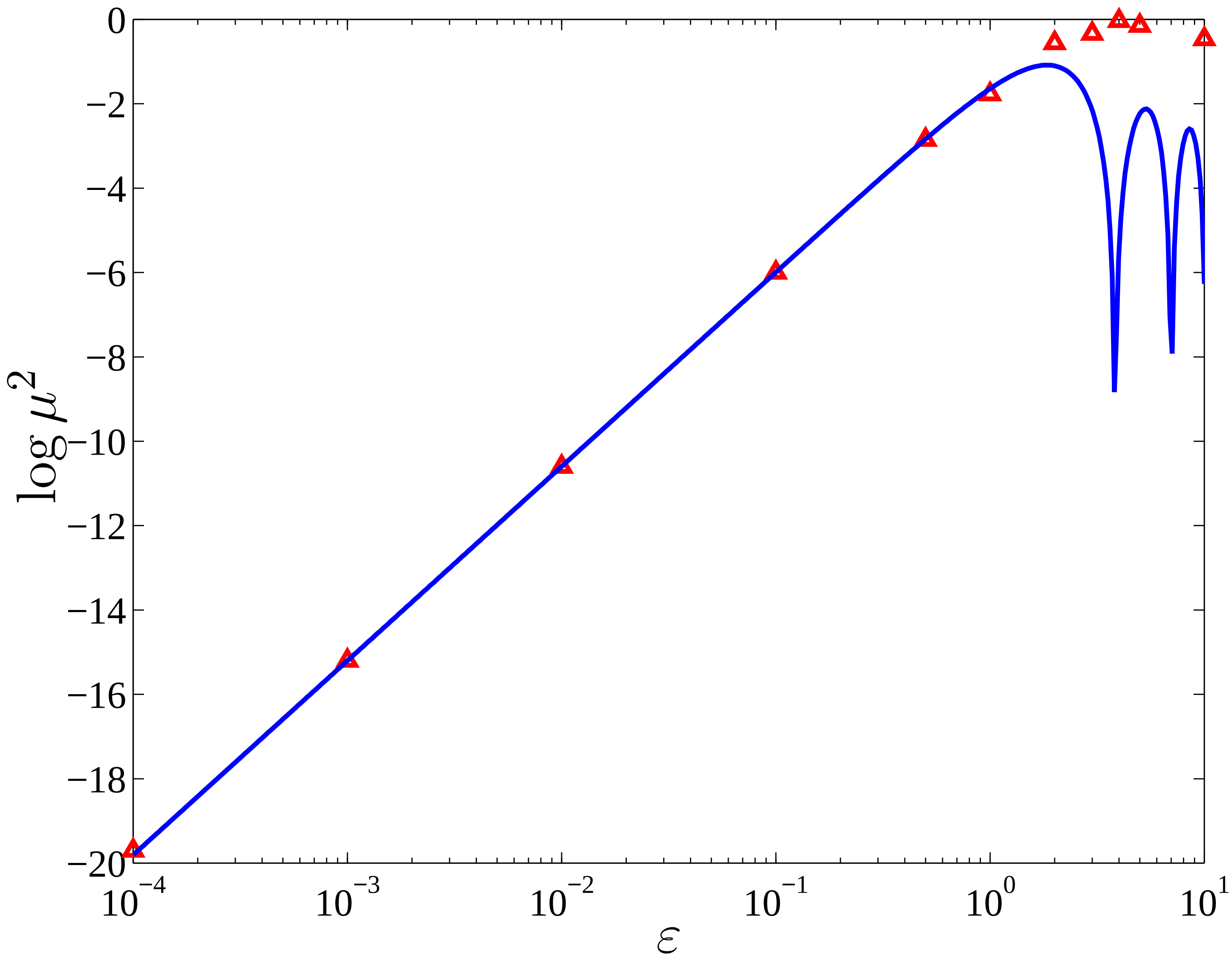
Decay Rate as $\kappa \to 0$



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Transform A–D equation to Lagrangian coordinates,

$$\dot{\theta} = \partial_{\boldsymbol{X}} (\mathbb{D} \cdot \partial_{\boldsymbol{X}} \theta).$$

Anisotropic diffusion tensor, in terms of metric or Cauchy–Green strain tensor:

$$\mathbb{D} := \widetilde{\kappa}\, g^{-1}; \qquad g_{pq} := \sum_i \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial X^p} \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial X^q}\,.$$

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This is an exact result, but the great difficulty lies in calculating the exponential of $\mathcal{G}^{(i)}$. We shall accomplish this perturbatively.

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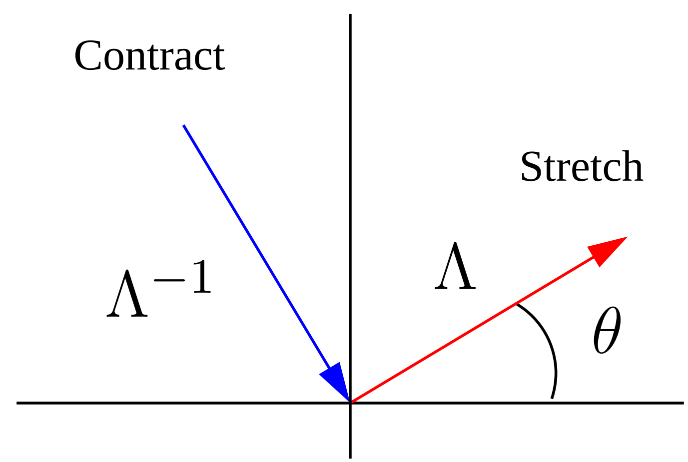

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Simple application of matrix perturbation theory to Jacobian matrix of the map. The symmetrised Jacobian is the metric:

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The Exponent $\mathcal{G}^{(i)} = A^{(i)} + \varepsilon B^{(i)}$ (cont'd)

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The diagonal part, $A^{(i)}$, inexorably leads to superexponential decay of variance, because it grows exponentially.

Upon making use of the Fourier-transformed $\zeta^{(i)}$ and $\eta^{(i)}$, we find

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So $B^{(i)}$ is not diagonal (it couples different modes to each other).

$\Longrightarrow$ Dispersive in Fourier space.

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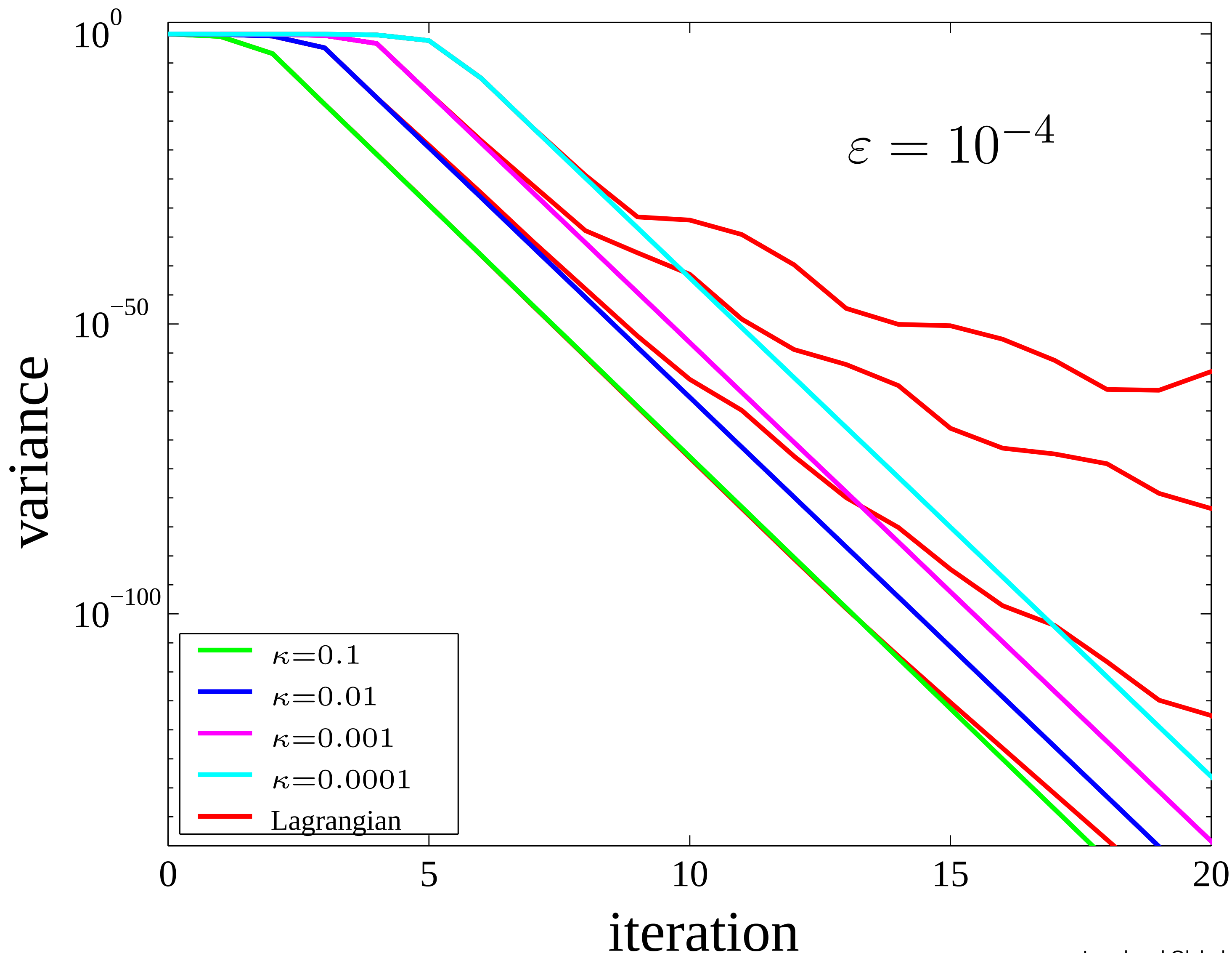
- For $\varepsilon = 0$, this is indeed what happens. But for a finite value of ε, the E term breaks the diagonality of $\mathcal{G}$, so that given some initial set of wavevectors, the variance contained in those modes can be transferred elsewhere.

Comparison: Eulerian and Lagrangian Views



Convergence

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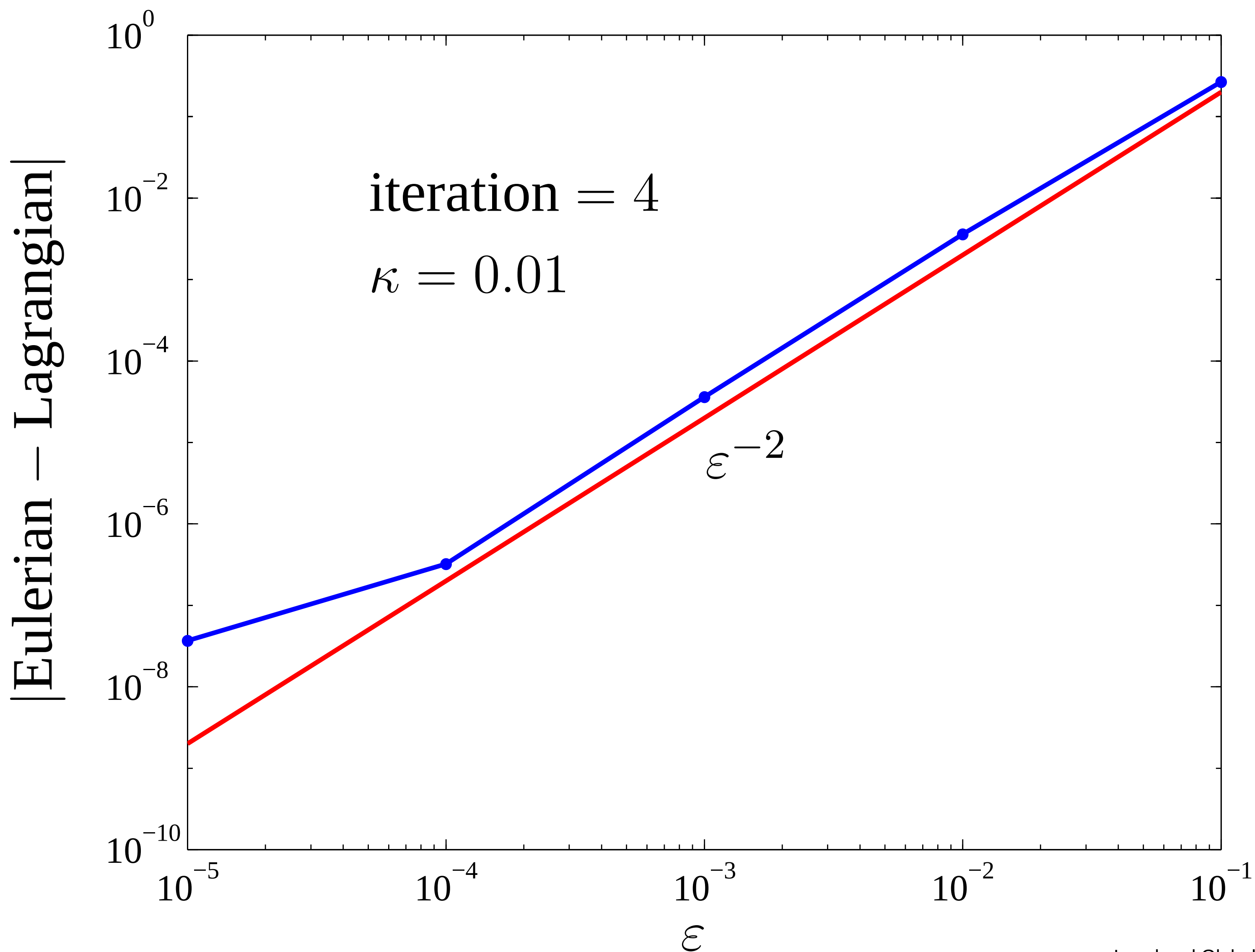
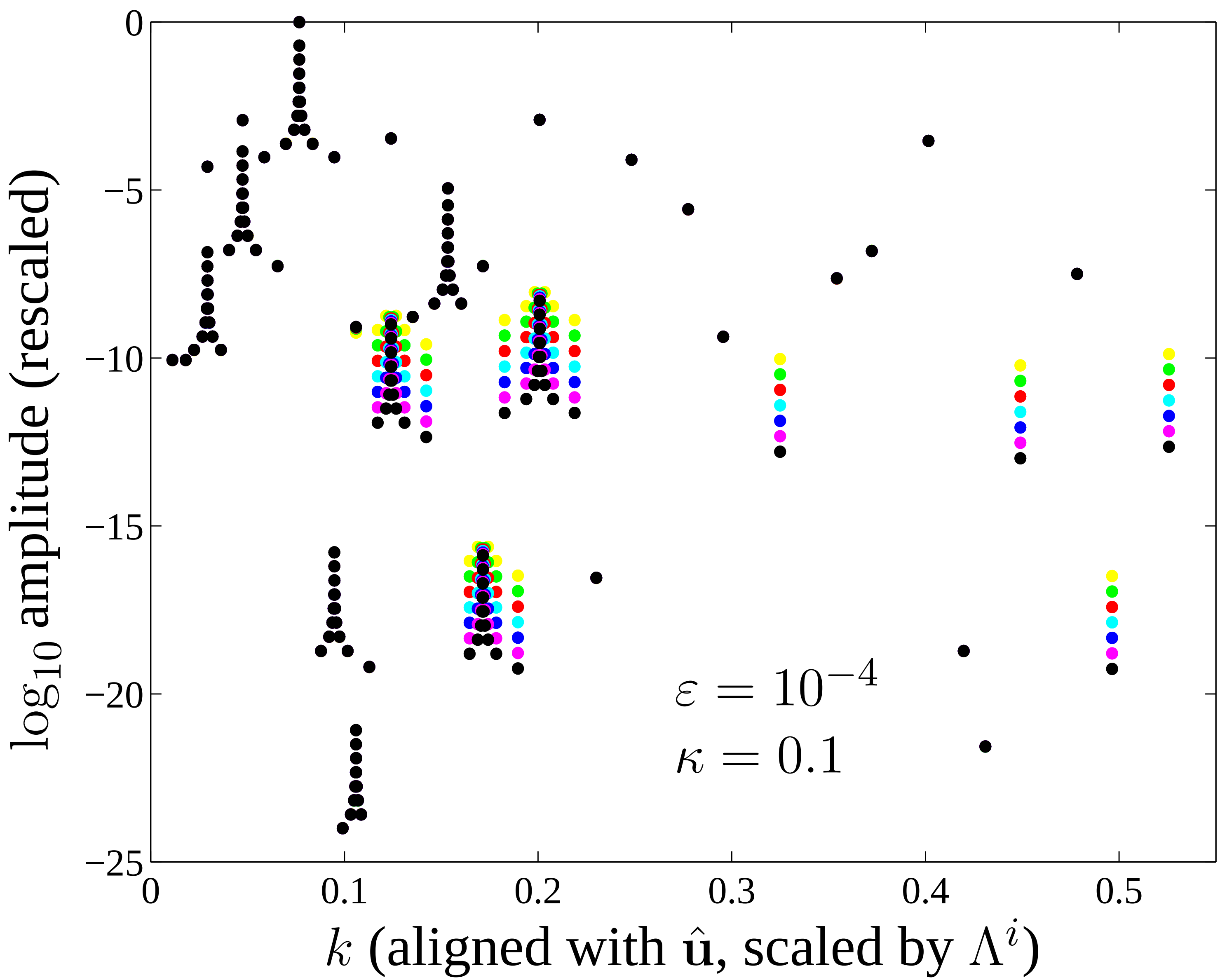


Rescaled Pattern for $i = 6, \ldots, 12$



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