

# Complex-scaling method for the complex plasmonic resonances of particles with corners

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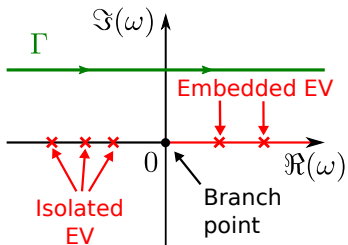
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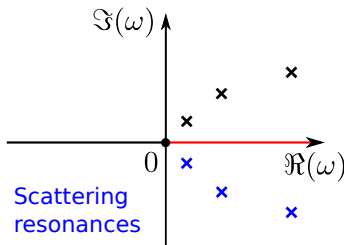
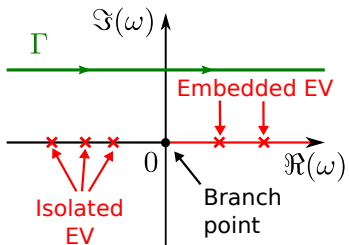
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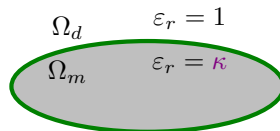
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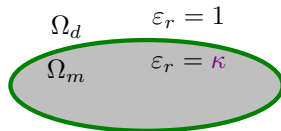
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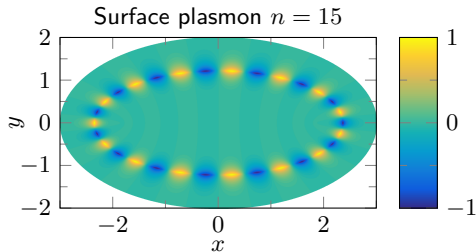
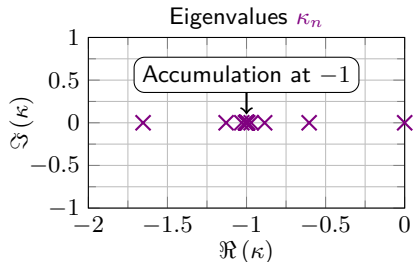
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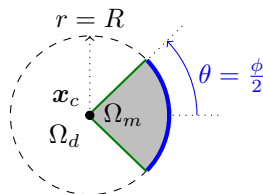
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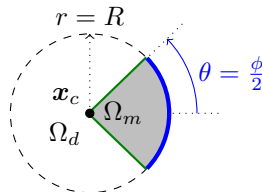
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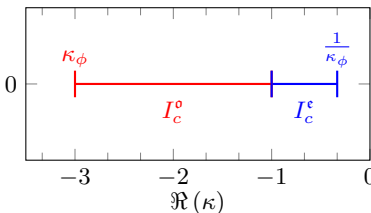


Corner of angle  $\phi$  There is a **critical interval**  $I_c$  such that

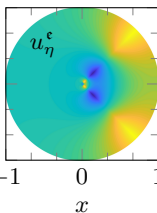
$$\kappa \in I_c \Leftrightarrow \exists! \eta > 0 : u_\eta(r, \theta) = e^{i\eta \ln r} \Phi_\eta(\theta) \text{ solves } (*),$$

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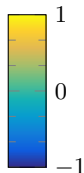
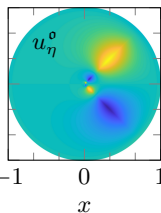
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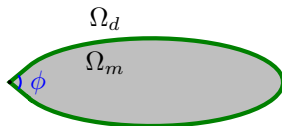


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# Objectives and outline

**Objective** Compute complex resonances and embedded eigenvalues for particles with corners.



## Outline

- 1 Definition of complex plasmonic resonances
- 2 Applicability of corner complex scaling
- 3 Numerical results using corner perturbations



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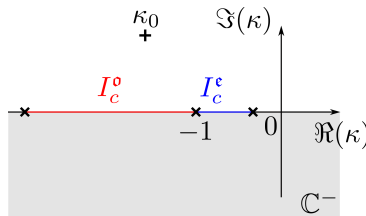
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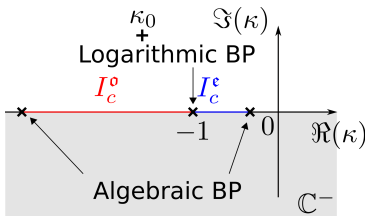
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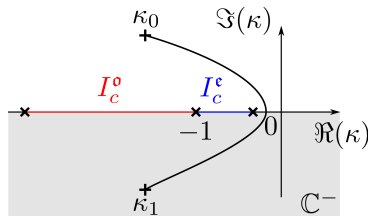
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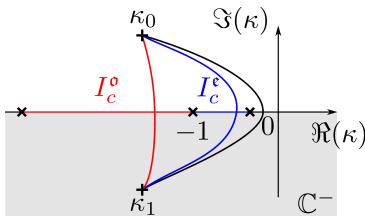
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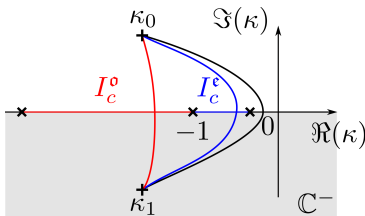
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**Characterization** If  $\kappa_{\text{res}}$  is a CP resonance, the associated function blows up at the corner like

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where  $\Phi_\eta \in H_{\text{per}}^1(-\pi, \pi)$ .

# Corner complex scaling: formulation and uncovered region

**Principle.** Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . Define a non self-adjoint “PEP $\alpha$ ” such that:  
 $\kappa$  complex plasmonic resonance of PEP  $\iff \kappa$  eigenvalue of PEP $\alpha$ .

Intuitively, we would like

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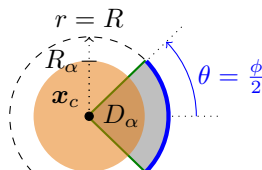
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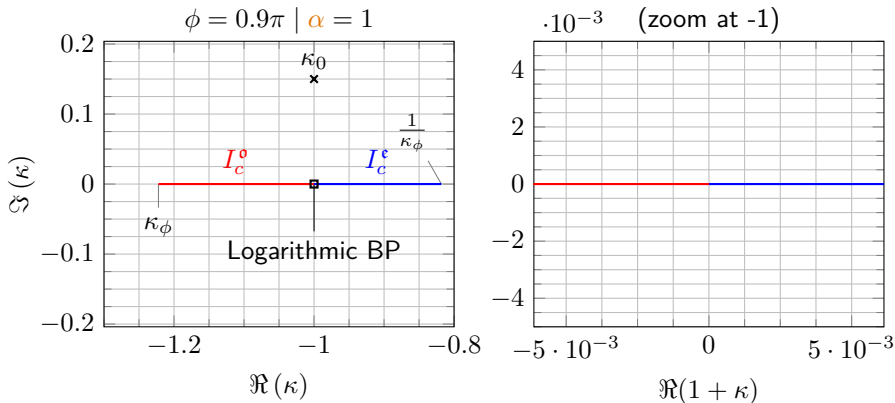
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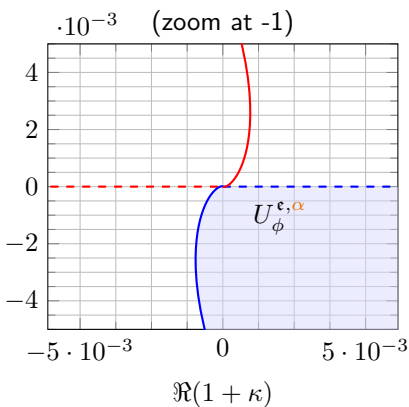
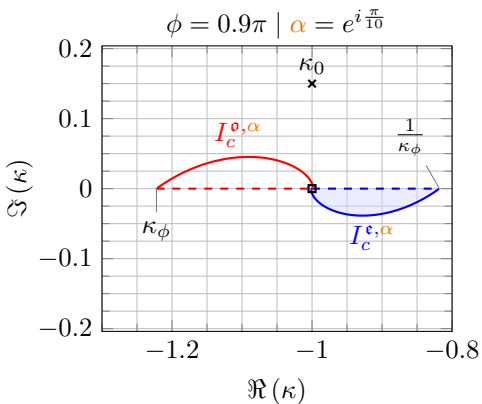


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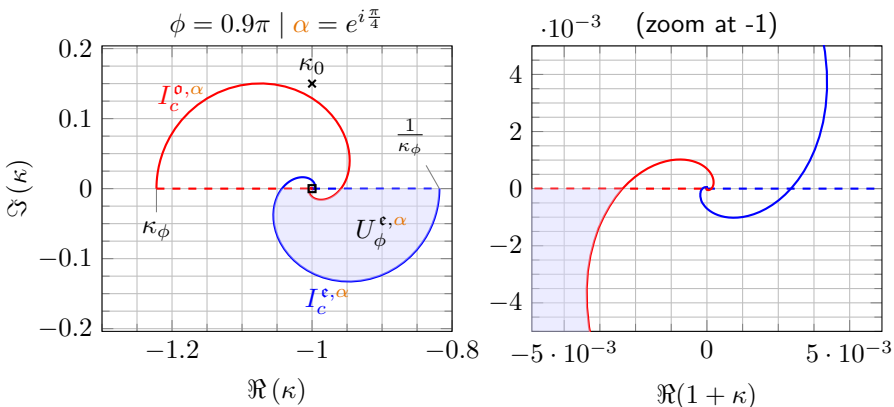


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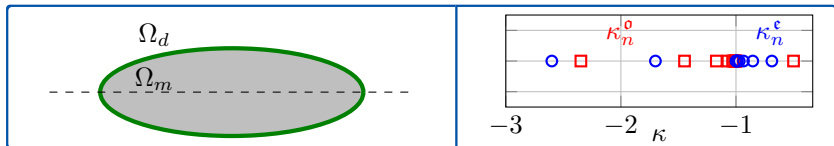
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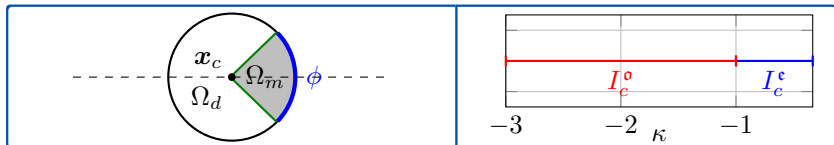
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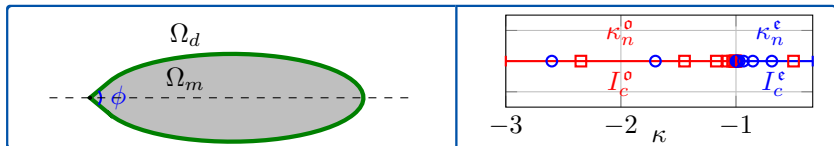
Embedded eigenvalues → Existence proof (Li and Shipman 2019, §5.2)  
→ Numerical evidence (Helsing, Kang, and Lim 2017)



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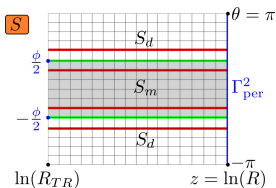
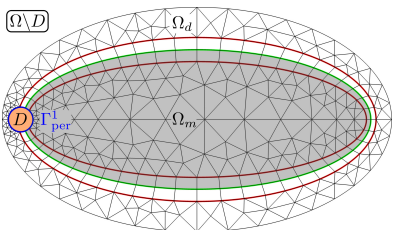


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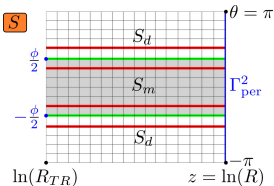
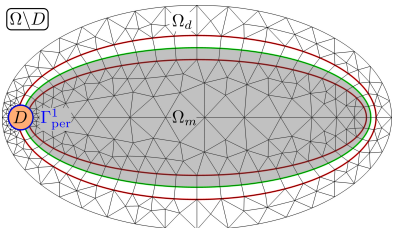
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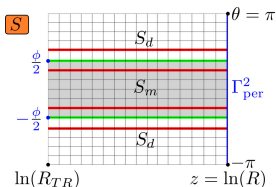
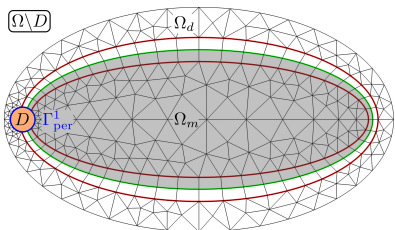
Find  $(\kappa, U) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}^N$ :

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⚠ Mesh symmetry at  $\partial\Omega_m$  to avoid spurious plasmons.

Proof for polygonal interfaces: (Bonnet-Ben Dhia, Carvalho, and Ciarlet 2018).

**Methodology** to deal with curvilinear  $\partial\Omega_m$ :

- One-cell thick **structured layer**.
- Symmetry w.r.t. elliptic coordinates  $(\mu, \theta)$  using isoparametric  $Q^2$ .

**Implementations** COMSOL 5.4 and gmsh/dolfinx/PETSc/SLEPc.

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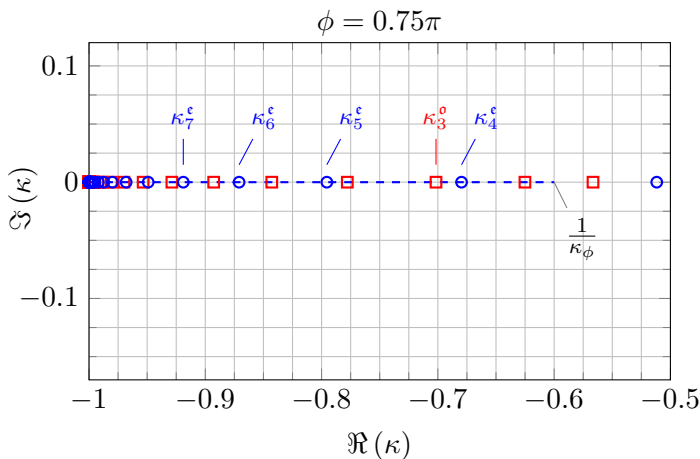


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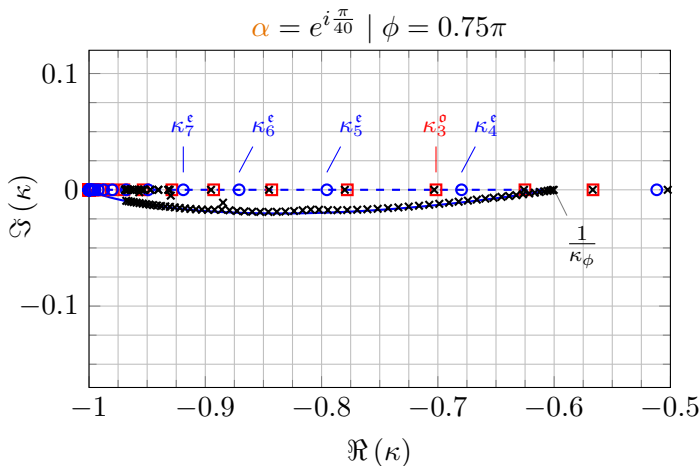


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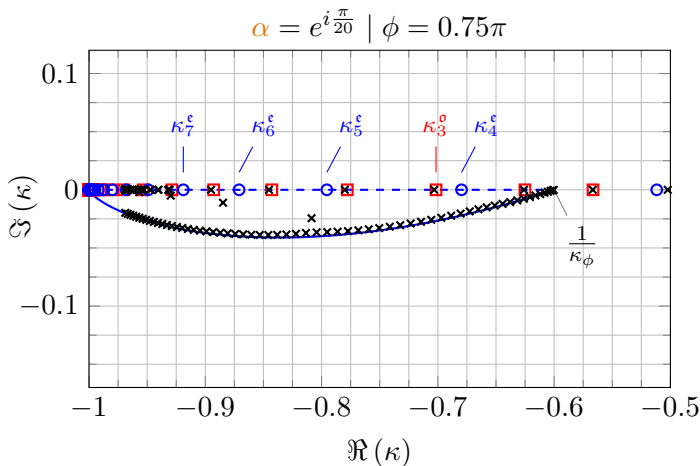


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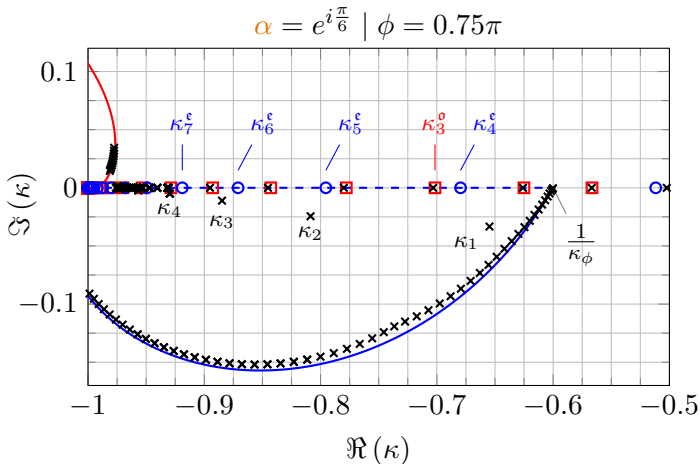


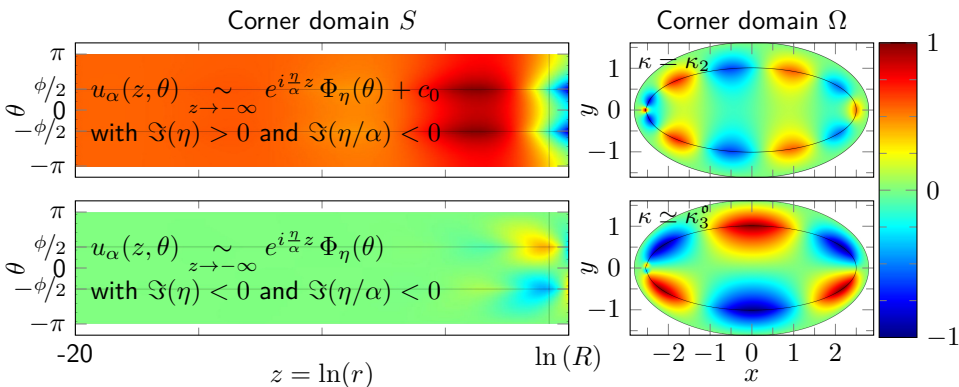
Fig. Spectrum for increasing values of  $\arg(\alpha)$ .

( $\circ, \square$ ): unperturbed eigenvalues  $\kappa_n^\epsilon$  and  $\kappa_n^o$ , ( $- -$ ): critical interval  $I_c^\epsilon$ ,

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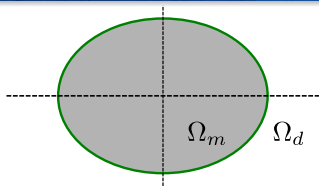


**Fig.** Eigenfunctions  $\Re(u_\alpha)/\|u_\alpha\|_\infty$  of PEP- $\alpha$  with  $\alpha = e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}}$ .

(Top row)  $\kappa = \kappa_2 \simeq 0.8086 - 0.02445i$ , complex plasmonic resonance,

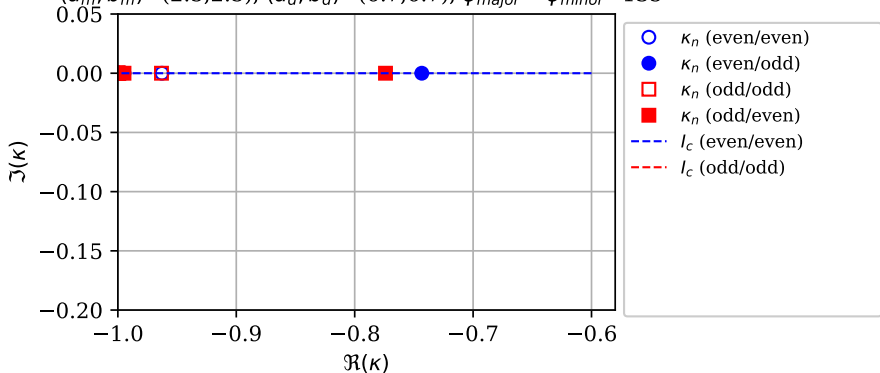
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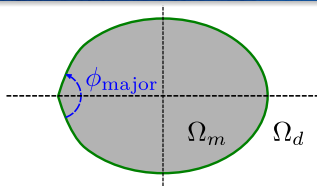


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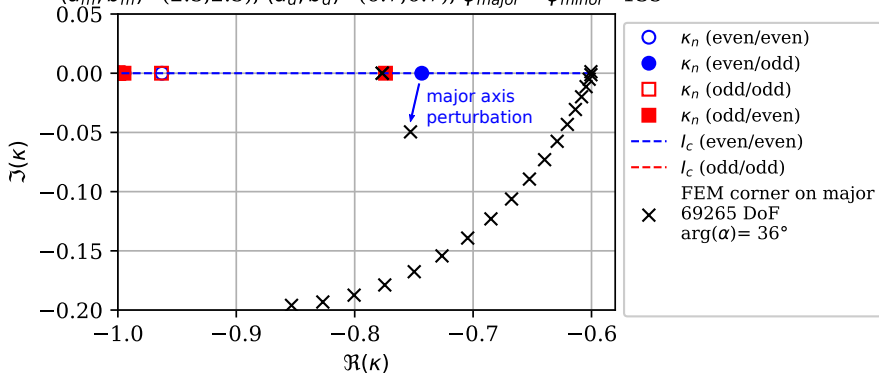


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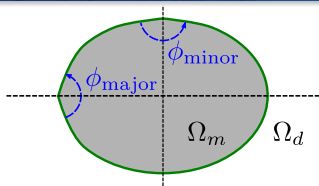


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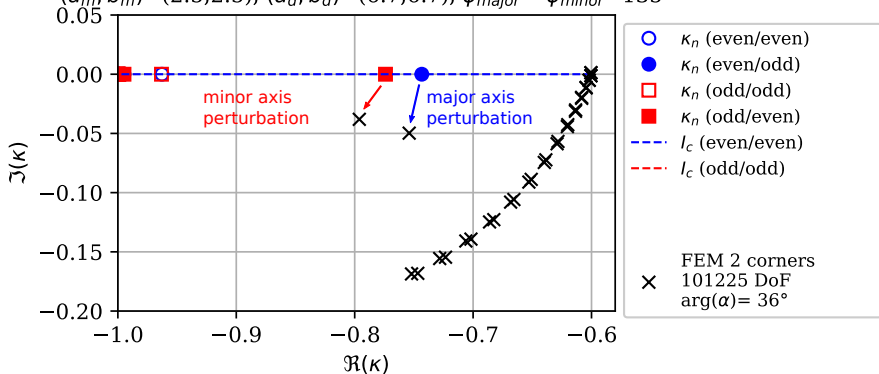


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