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# Tianlai Cosmic Vision

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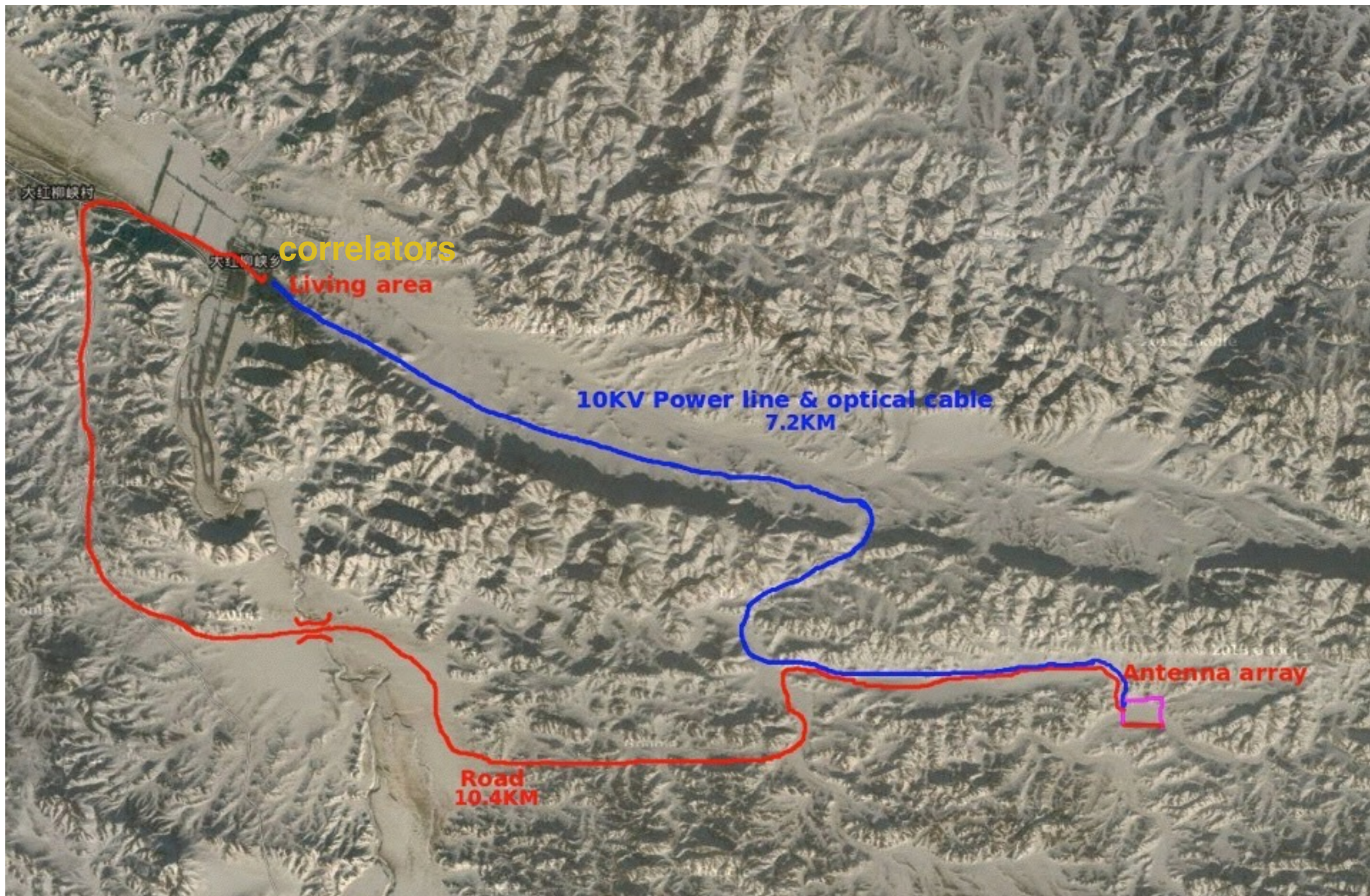
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# Tianlai Facility









# U.S. Participation in Tianlai

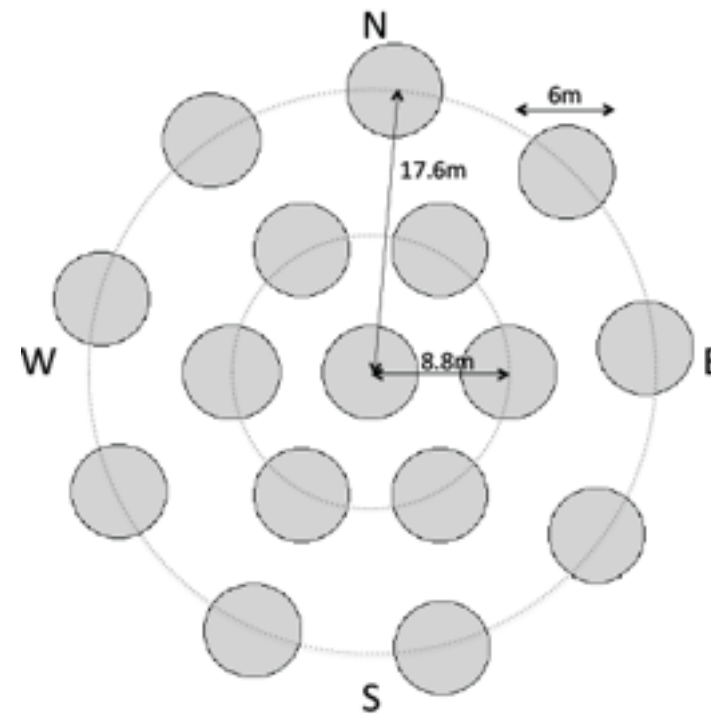
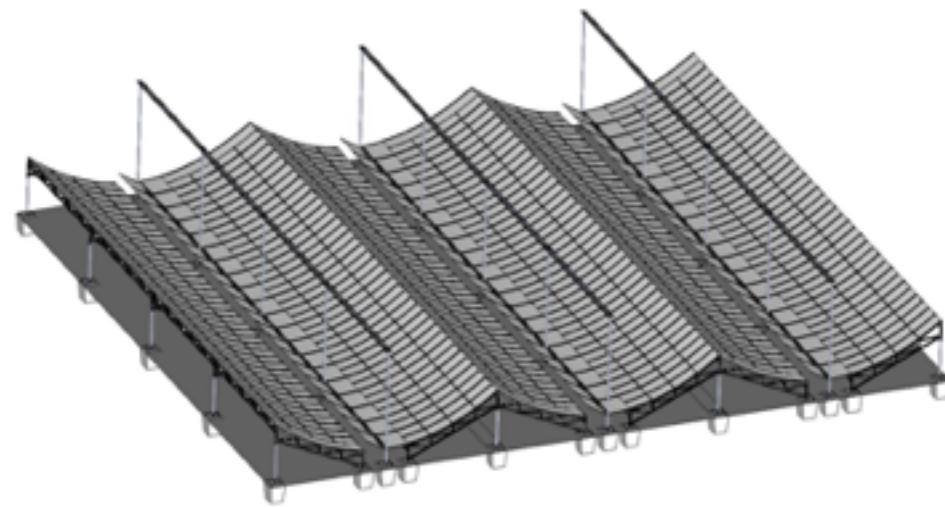
- In addition to large Chinese / French participation
  - Timbie / Das + students - University of Wisconsin
  - Stebbins / Marriner - Fermilab
  - Tucker + student - Brown
  - Peterson - Carnegie Mellon
  - open to new participants
- NSF grant: reduce/analyze 1st 3 years of data
  - Timbie (PI) / AS received NSF-AAG Grant (2016 - 2019 )
  - **Tianlai Analysis Center**
    - computing/storage @ FNAL & Open Science Grid
- Manpower limited



# Tianlai Configuration(s)

Pathfinders to demonstrate basic principle  
and encounter all issues rapidly

- **Band** 700-800MHz ( $0.77 < z < 1.3$ )  
1024 frequency channels  
( $\delta\nu=100\text{kHz}$   $\delta z=0.0002$ )  
tunable in 600-1420MHz
- **Cylinder Array** 3 x 15m x 40m cylinders  
96 dual polarization feeds  
4 sec sampling
- **Dish Array** 16 x 6m dishes  
16 dual polarization feeds  
1 sec sampling
- **Pathfinder+ Cylinder Array**  
216 dual polarization feeds  
4 sec sampling
- **Full Cylinder Array** 8 x 15m x 120m  
2048 dual polarization feeds  
400-1420MHz





# Pathfinder Highly Configurable Transit Telescope

- Tuneable:
  - $600 < \nu < 1420\text{MHz}$  ( $0 < z < 1.36$ ) [fixed 100 MHz bandwidth]
- Cylinders:
  - equal/unequal spacing of feeds on cylinder
  - feed placement on cylinders may be same or different
    - redundancy vs broader u-v coverage (less mode mixing)
- Dishes:
  - pointable / tracking
  - arrangeable in any ground configuration

R&D: plan to play with all the knobs



# Tianlai Long Term Goals

with **lessons learned** from current pathfinder array fill out and expand (cylinder) array

- expand (cylinder) array to do lower noise / higher resolution imaging of Northern sky.
- make HI maps,  $P_{\text{HI}}[k]$  for cosmological parameters e.g. BAO/DE.

**Table 2**  
Telescope Configurations Used in This Paper

Bull et al. 2014

Experiments	$T_{\text{inst}}$ [K]	$N_d \times N_b$	$D_{\text{dish}}$ [m]	$D_{\text{min}}$ [m]	$D_{\text{max}}$ [m]	$\nu_{\text{crit}}$ [MHz]	$\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{IM}}$ [MHz]	$\nu_{\text{min}}^{\text{IM}}$ [MHz]	$\Delta\nu^{\text{IM}}$ [MHz]	$z_{\text{min}}$	$z_{\text{max}}$	$S_{\text{area}}$ [deg <sup>2</sup> ]
Targeted IM												
• BAOBAB-128	40	128 × 1	1.6	1.6	26.0	...	900	600	300	0.58	1.37	1,000
BINGO	50	1 × 50	25.0	...	...	...	1260	960	300	0.13	0.48	5,000
◇ CHIME	50	1280 × 1	20.0	...	...	...	800	400	400	0.77	2.55	25,000
FAST	20	1 × 20	500.0	...	...	...	1000	400	600	0.42	2.55	2,000
• MFAA	50	3100 × 1	2.4	0.1	250.0	950	950	450	500	0.49	2.16	5,000
◇ Tianlai	50	2048 × 1	15.0	...	...	...	950	550	400	0.49	1.58	25,000

**Table 4**  
1D Marginal Constraints (68% CL) on the Extended  $\Lambda$ CDM Model, Including the Planck Prior

Experiments	$A$ / 10 <sup>-2</sup>	$h$ / 10 <sup>-3</sup>	$\Omega_K$ / 10 <sup>-4</sup>	$\Omega_{\text{DE}}$ / 10 <sup>-3</sup>	$n_s$ / 10 <sup>-4</sup>	$\sigma_8$ / 10 <sup>-3</sup>	$\gamma$ / 10 <sup>-2</sup>	$w_0$ / 10 <sup>-2</sup>	$w_a$ / 10 <sup>-2</sup>	FOM
BAOBAB-128	24.3	50.2	71.3	36.6	38.5	8.1	9.0	33.3	71.4	8.0
BINGO	25.8	30.8	90.0	16.1	38.5	8.2	2.8	44.1	172.5	7.8
CHIME	3.0	8.7	9.7	7.1	30.2	5.2	3.4	5.0	15.1	288.1
FAST	7.5	13.5	16.0	10.1	33.5	6.4	3.2	7.1	18.5	144.7
MFAA	5.7	11.9	14.1	9.1	32.2	6.0	3.1	6.3	17.2	165.7
Tianlai	3.6	8.0	11.9	6.3	28.7	4.9	2.4	4.0	12.0	383.3



# Tianlai Pathfinder Goals

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- Implement large interferometric **arrays** in a quiet site in western China to obtain a high fidelity 3D image of Northern Sky w/ 100MHz bandwidth. Accurate **beam calibration** is essential.
- Compare cylinder arrays with dish arrays (also cross correlate dish/cylinder)
- Experiment with cylinder feed arrangements / dish placements.
- Experiment with different calibration schemes: artificial calibration sources on ground and in air; natural calibrations sources: Sun and other bright sources, pulsars, holography; numerical modeling of beam.
- Deep imaging of North Celestial Cap (NCC) with dish array.
- Optimize algorithms **and** telescope arrangement for best foreground removal.
- Construct redshift space HI emission maps especially in NCC.
- Vary frequency band up to 1.4GHz (lo-z 21cm) so as to make maps to compare with LSS with optical redshift surveys SDSS and NCCRS.



# Timeline

- 2014:
  - basic infrastructure: roads, buildings, power, optical fibers
  - electronics design
- 2015:
  - scientific infrastructure: reflectors finished
  - much of electronics installed
  - first fringe
  - engineering / debugging
- 2016:
  - engineering / debugging
  - astronomical imaging of bright sources
  - several runs with dish array : mostly NCC
  - 1 run with with cylinders
- 2017:
  - fix hardware issues (some down time)
  - develop test calibration methods (mostly offline analysis development while taking data)
  - cylinder+dish runs
- 2018:
  - production runs
  - transient backend / outriggers?
- 2019:
  - production runs
  - tune dishes to lo-z
  - transient backend / outriggers?

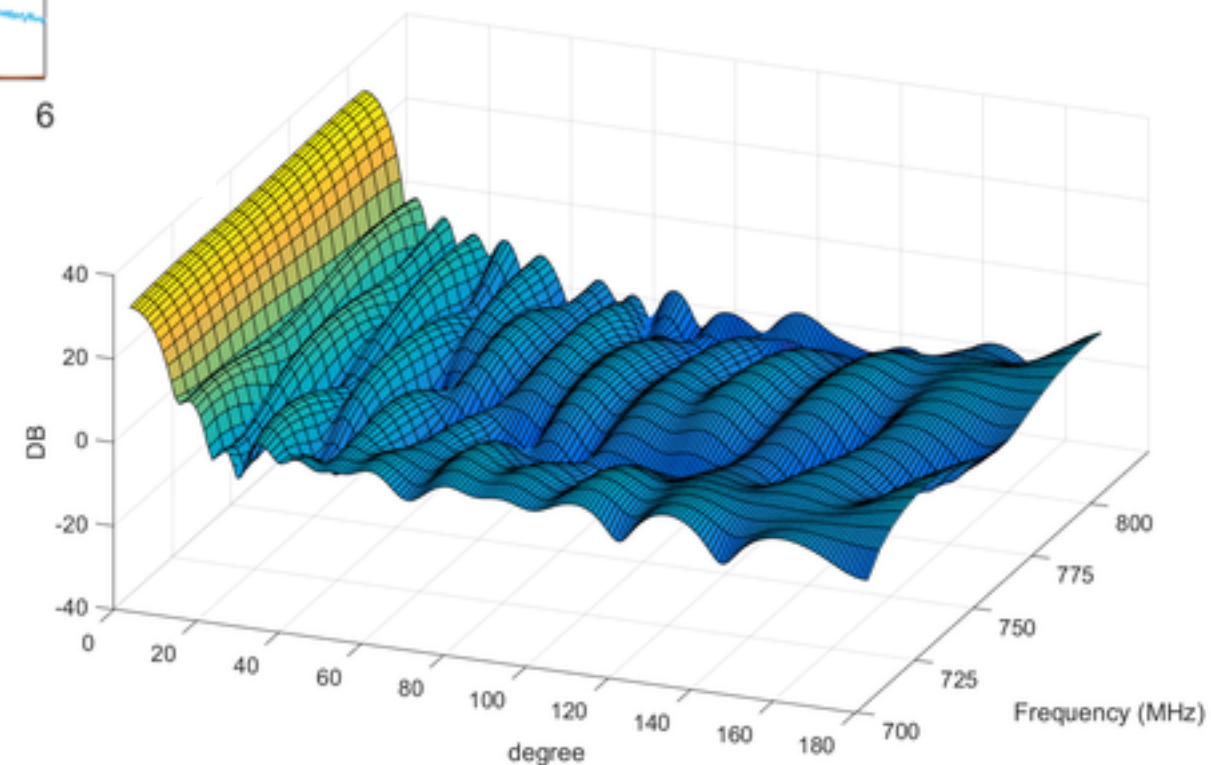
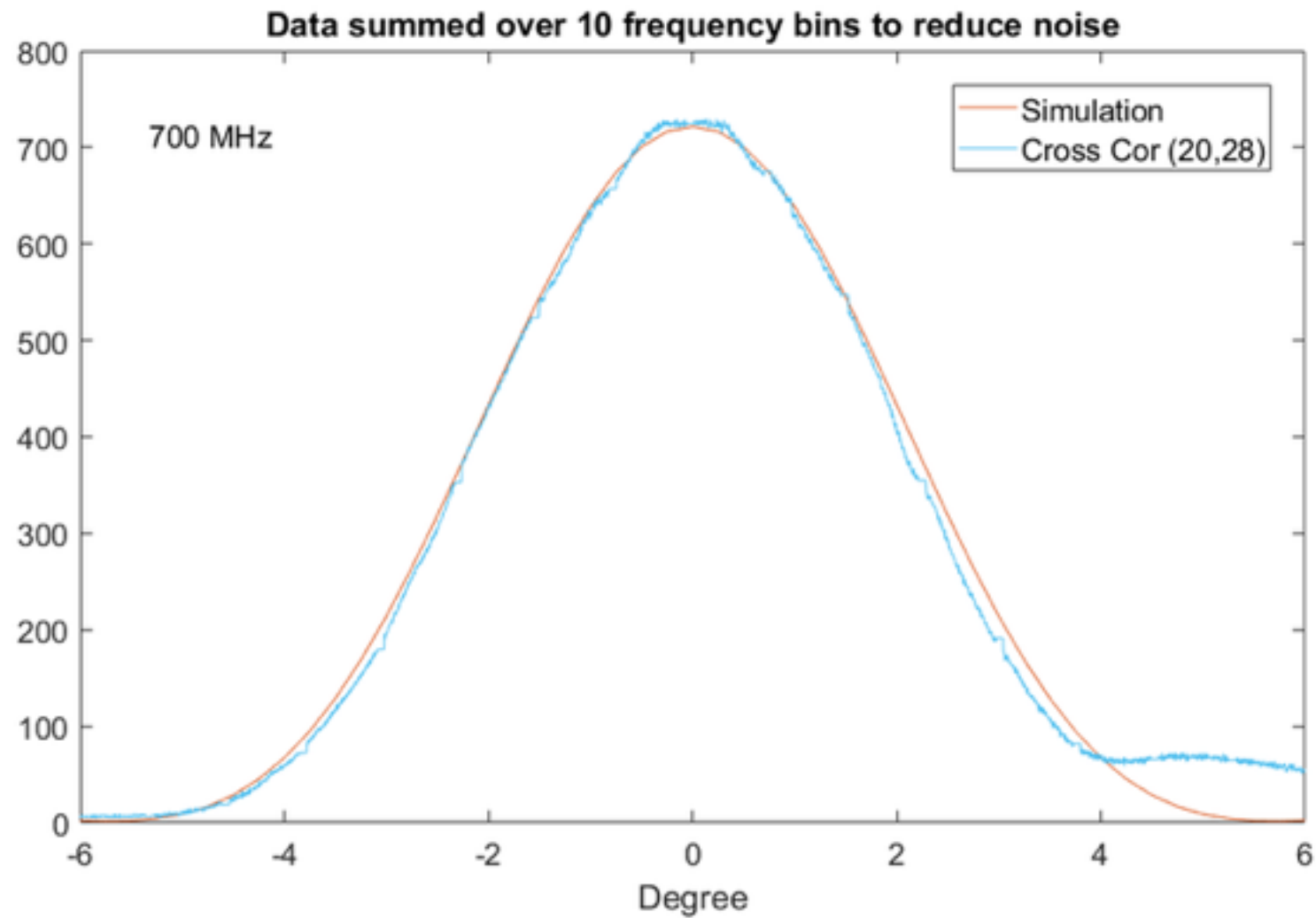


# Tianlai Analysis Center

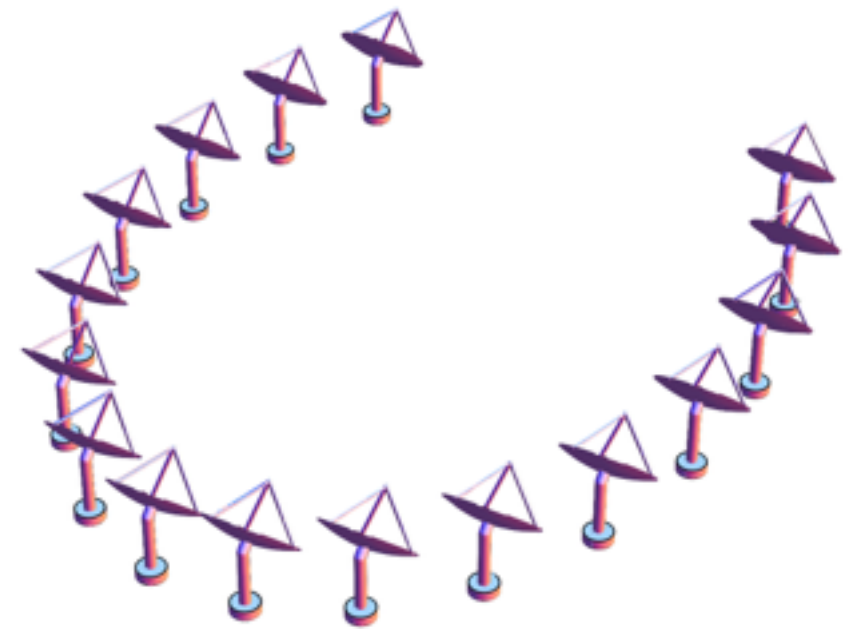
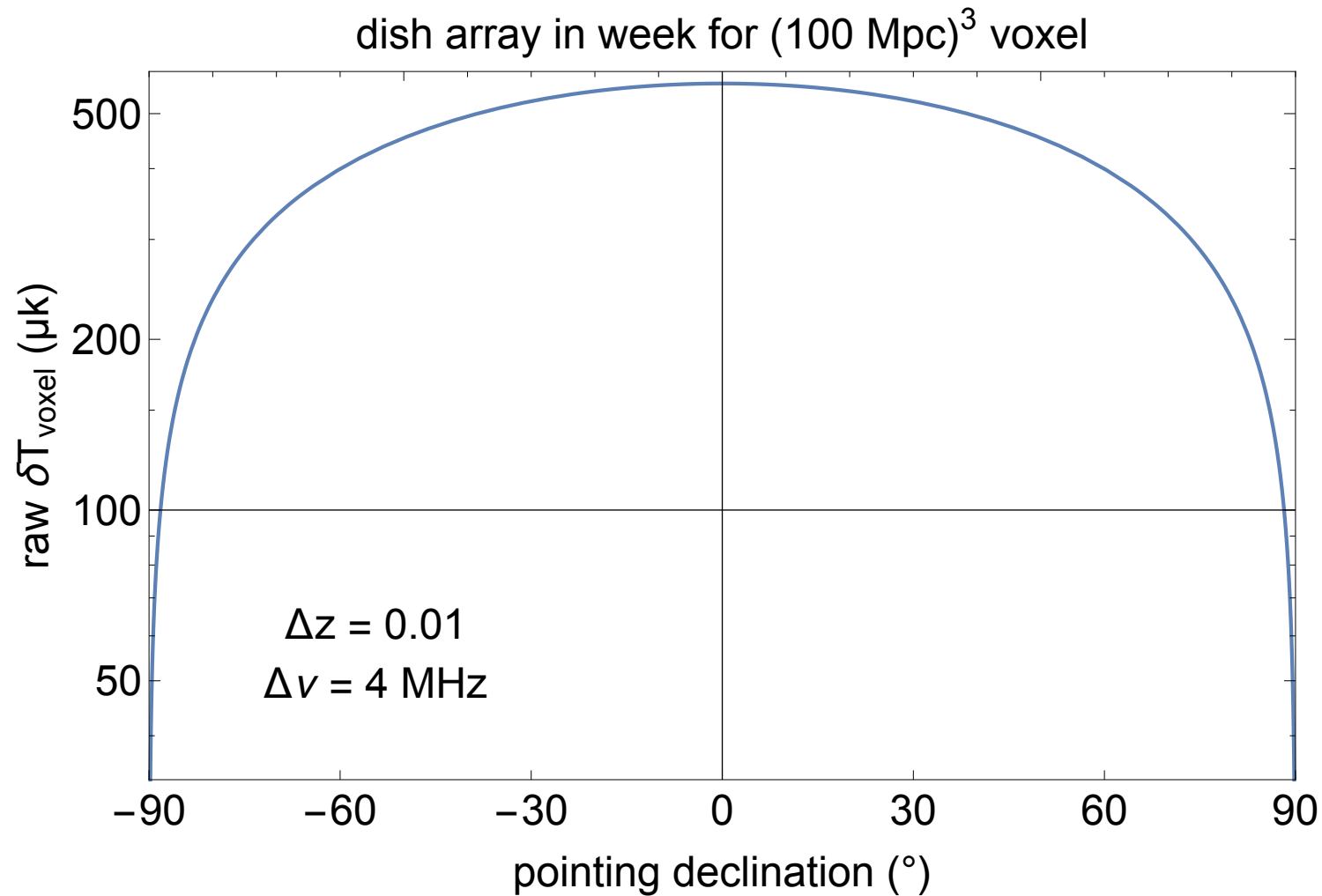
- software development
- computer resources / data storage
- data reduction
- data visualization tools/repository
- feedback for instrumentation / observational strategy
- EM simulations and modeling of beams
- beam calibration techniques
- transient detections



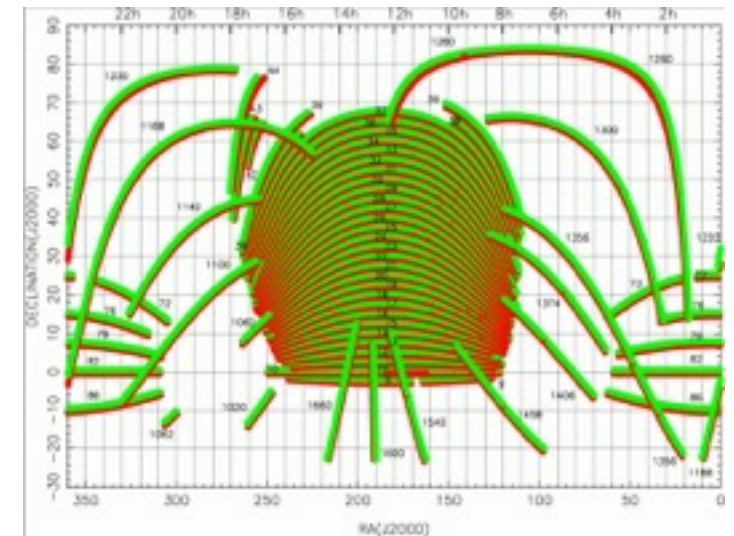
# EM Simulations



# Dish Array as Polarscope

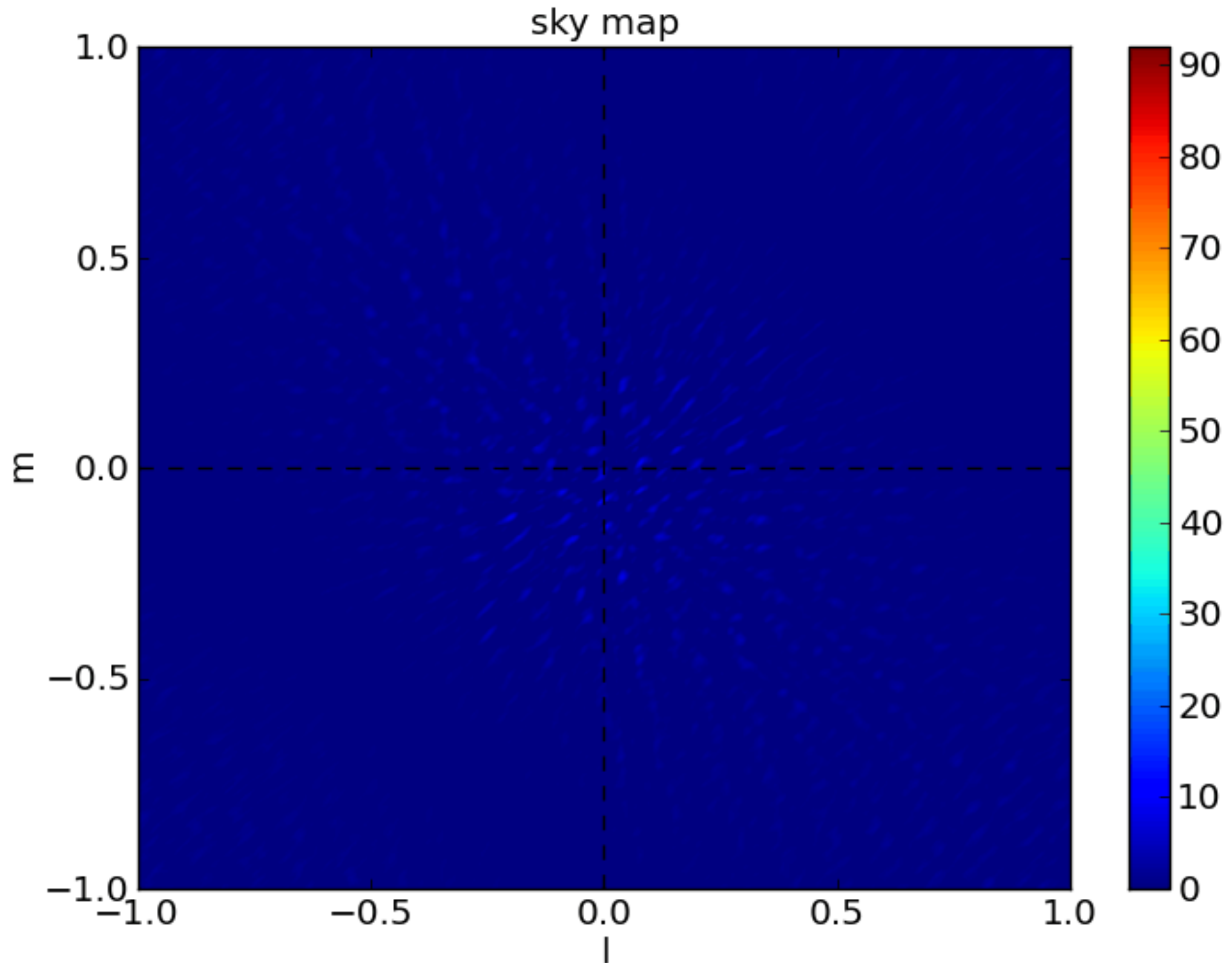


- By pointing disk array toward pole will integrate down to low map noise temperature rapidly.
- **WANTED:** NCC optical spectroscopic survey of existing photometric survey to compare to





# Transients



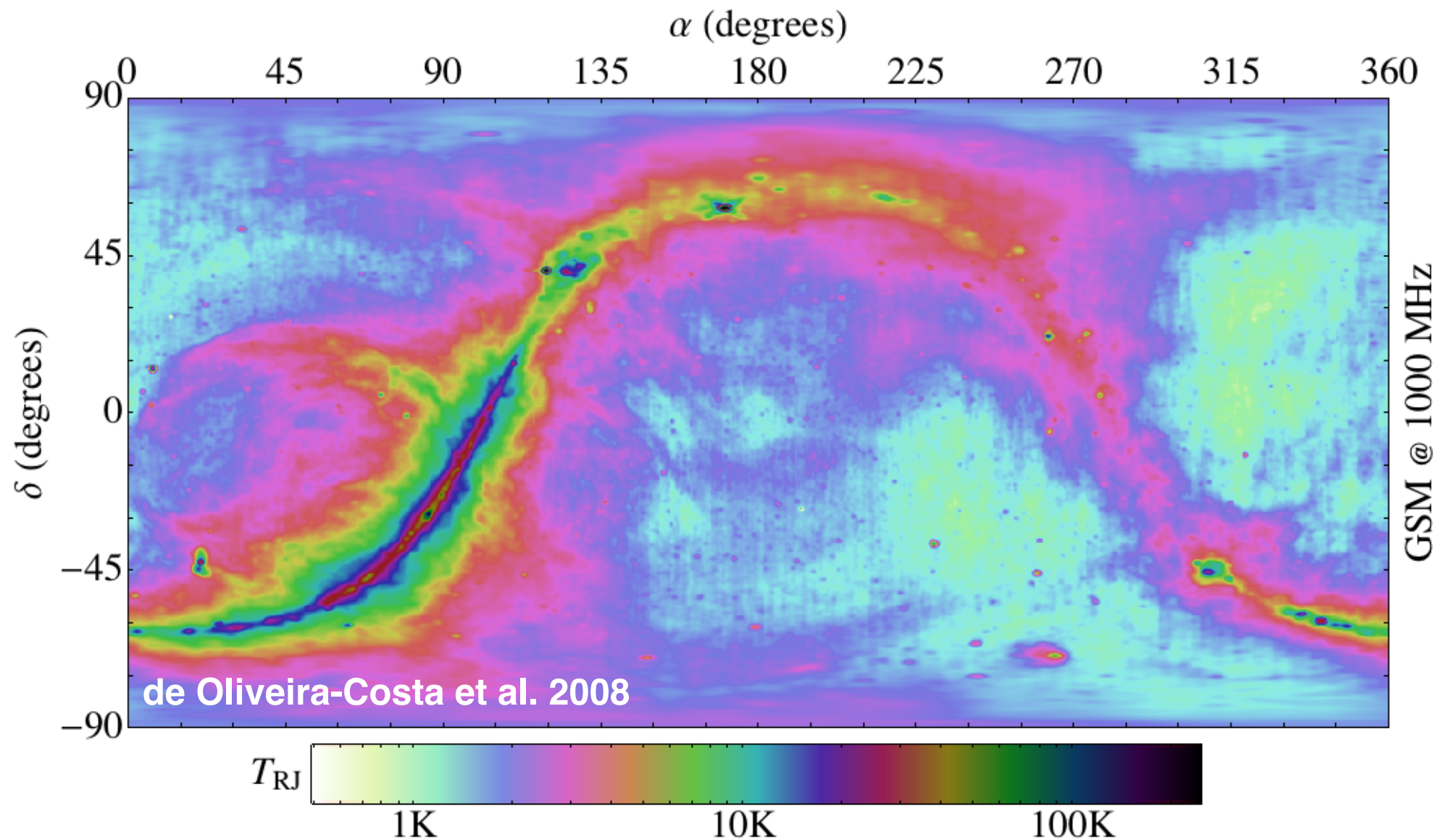
# Tianlai Target Of Opportunity

- Tianlai Analysis Center NSF Grant ends in 2019!
- **but** Tianlai will continue and expand.
- continued/expanded US participation after 2019?
- most flexible developmental machine for HI intensity mapping
- excellent site wrt RFI.
- Tianlai buildout  $\approx$  CHIME
- low entry costs relative to a new scope
- Chinese lead in funding



# Additional Slides

# Foreground removal efficacy remains a significant issue



Even for dark radio sky  $\sim 1K$  foreground is  $\sim 10^4$  larger than  $\sim 100\mu K$  signal

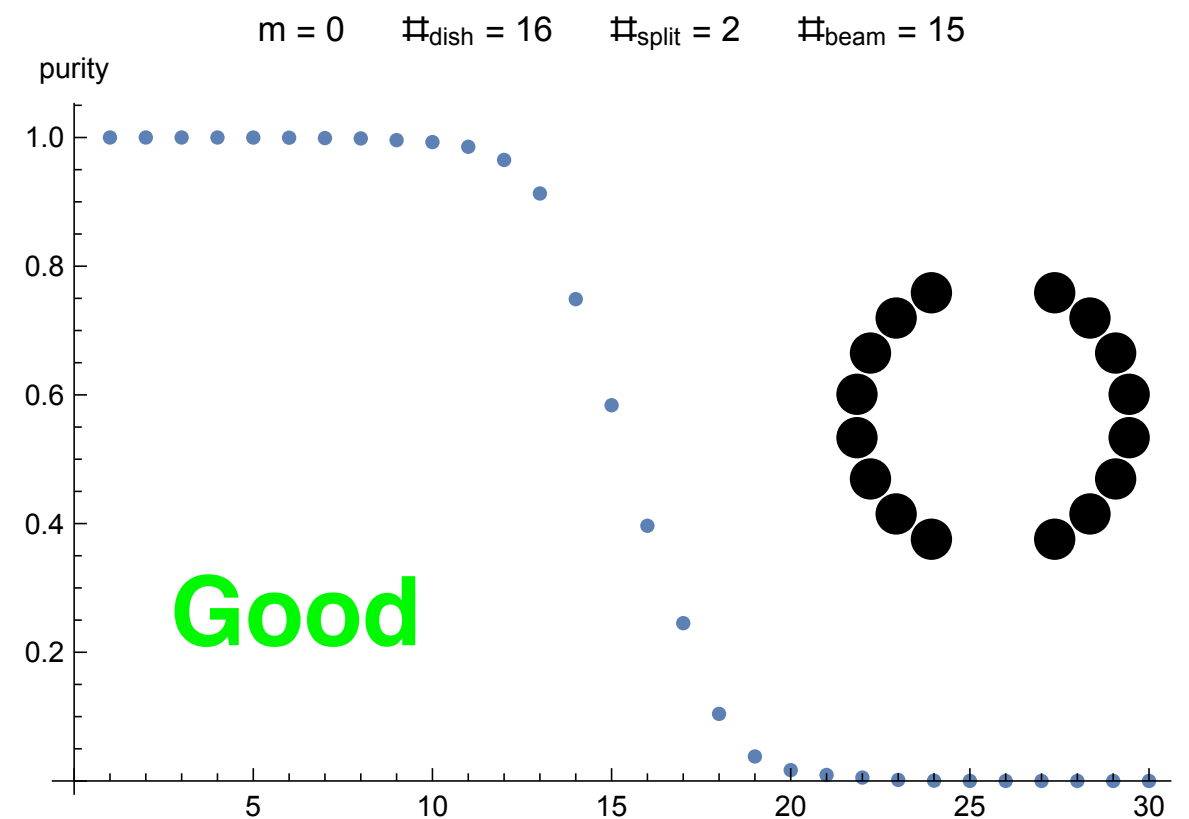
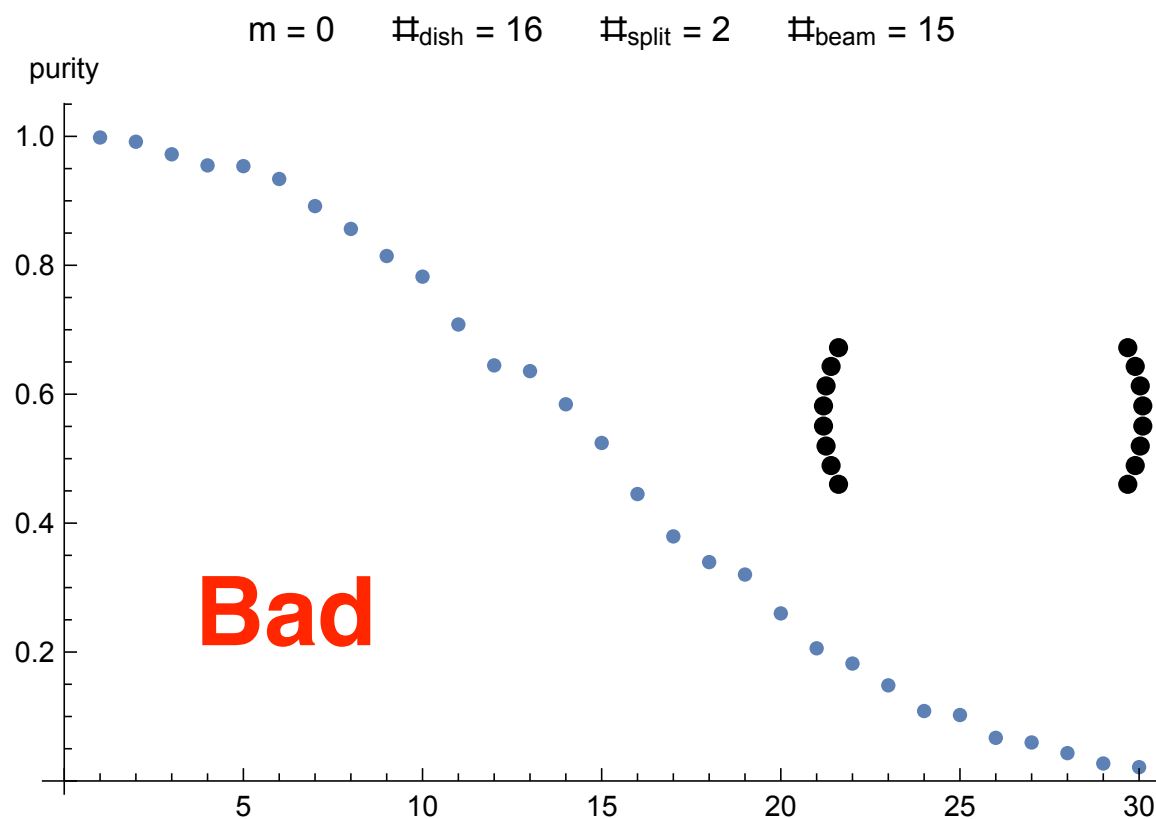
Foregrounds are expected to be smooth in frequency

... but are they?



# Purity and Telescope Design

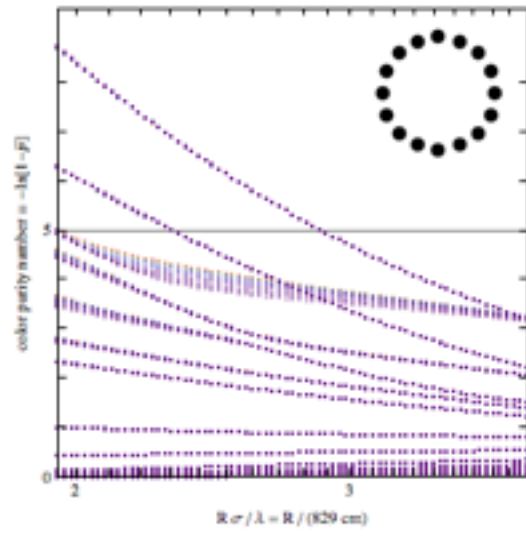
- A **high purity interferometer** is an one which for a given bandwidth has close to  $n_{\text{beam}}$  very “pure” synthetic beams.



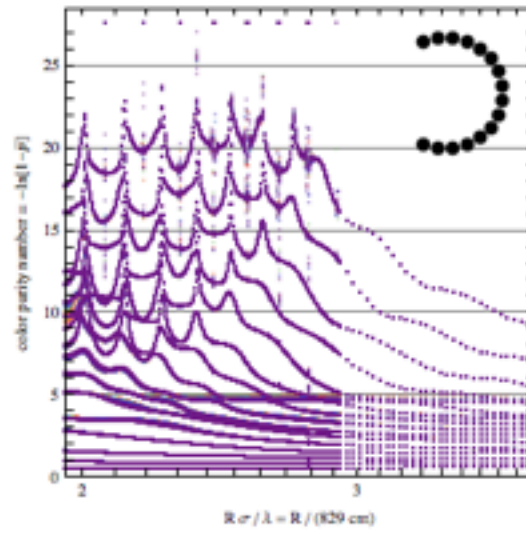
- Purity number:**  $-\ln[1-p_a]$  is large for very pure modes

# configuration space: split circle into $n$ compact subarrays

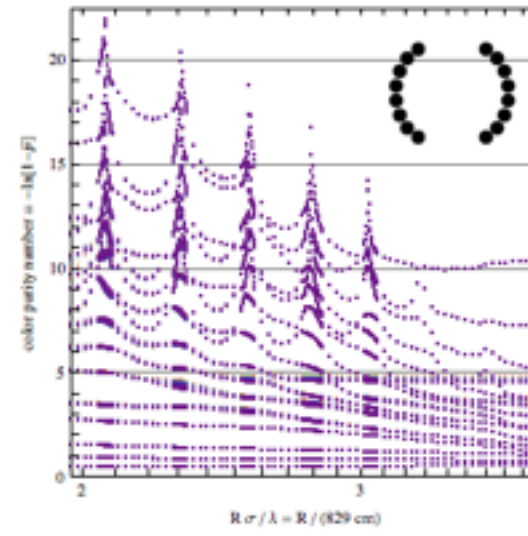
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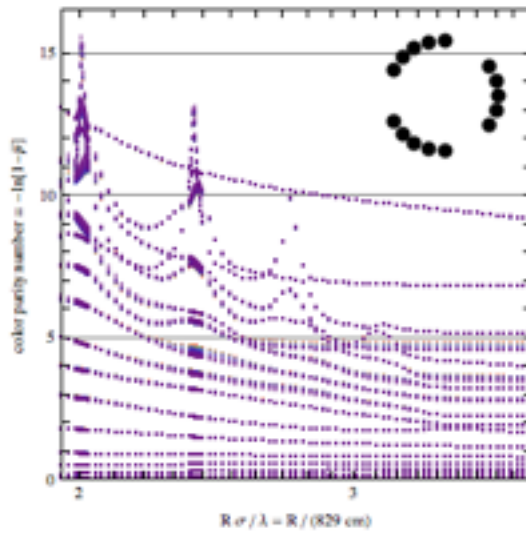
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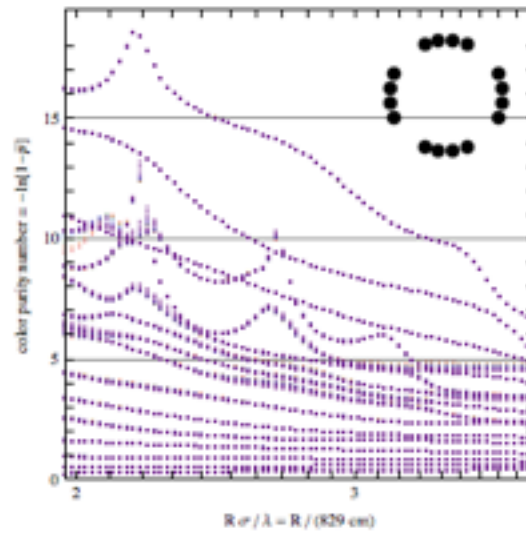
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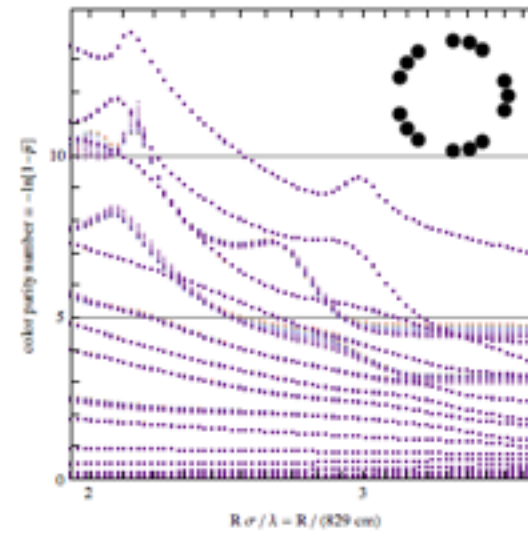
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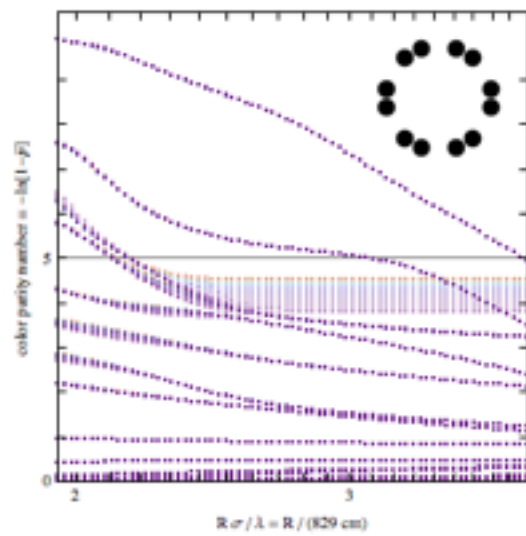
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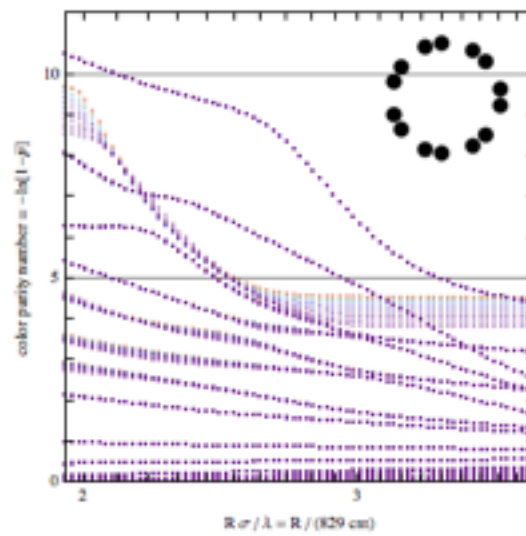
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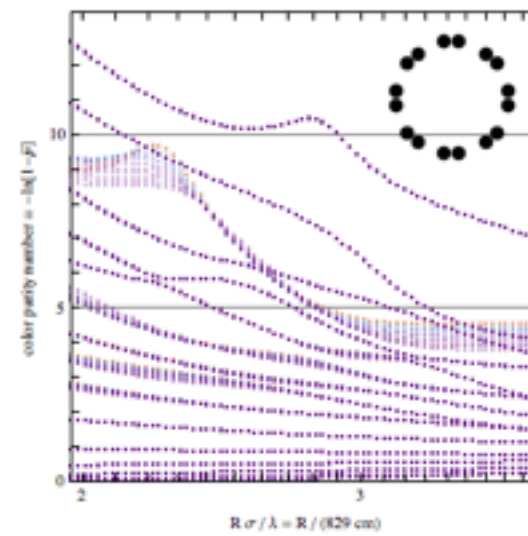
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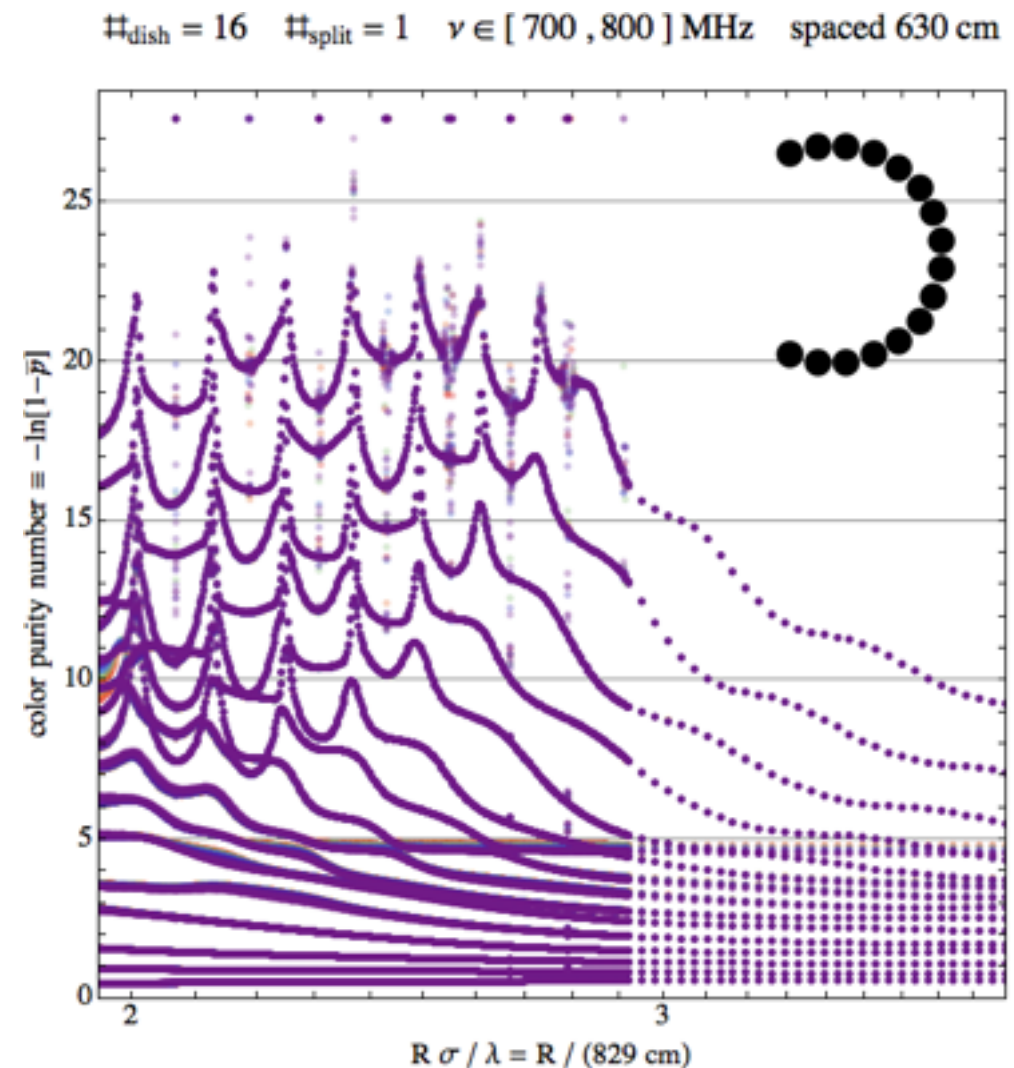
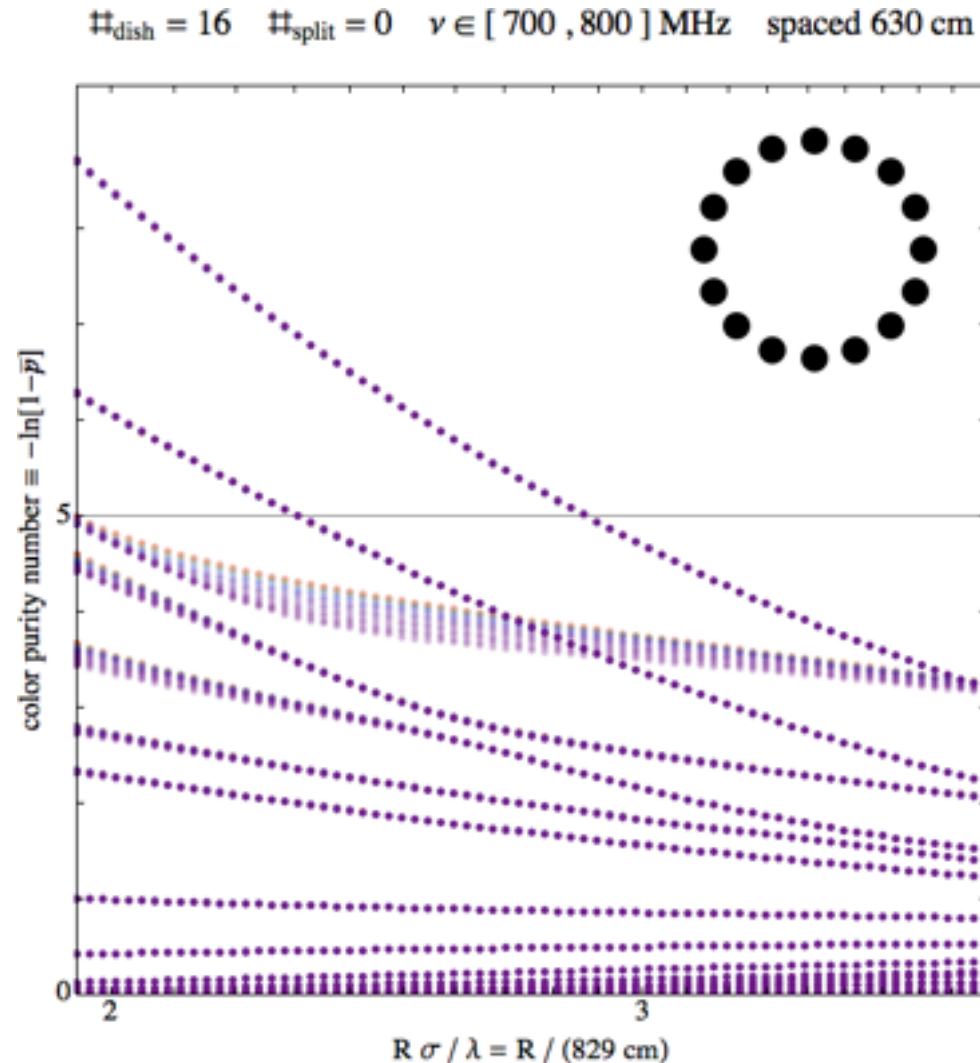


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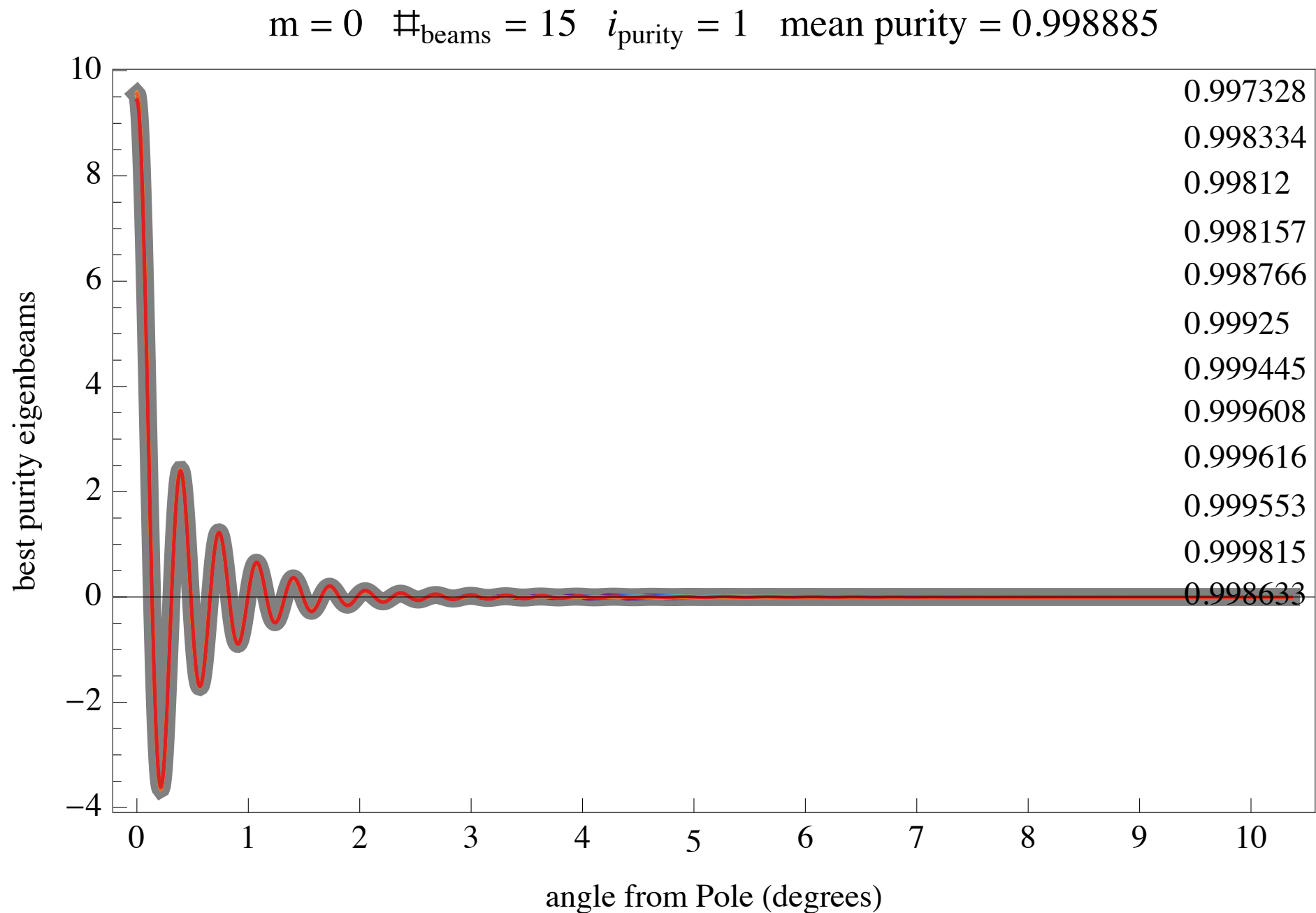


# Optimizing Dish Array Design



- By rearranging dish array elements (to within a fraction of  $\lambda$ ) one can decrease the amount of mode mixing in synthetic beams by a large amount.
- mode mixing - aliasing of angular modes into frequency modes - which effects degree one can remove foreground

# declination dependence of purity eigenbeams



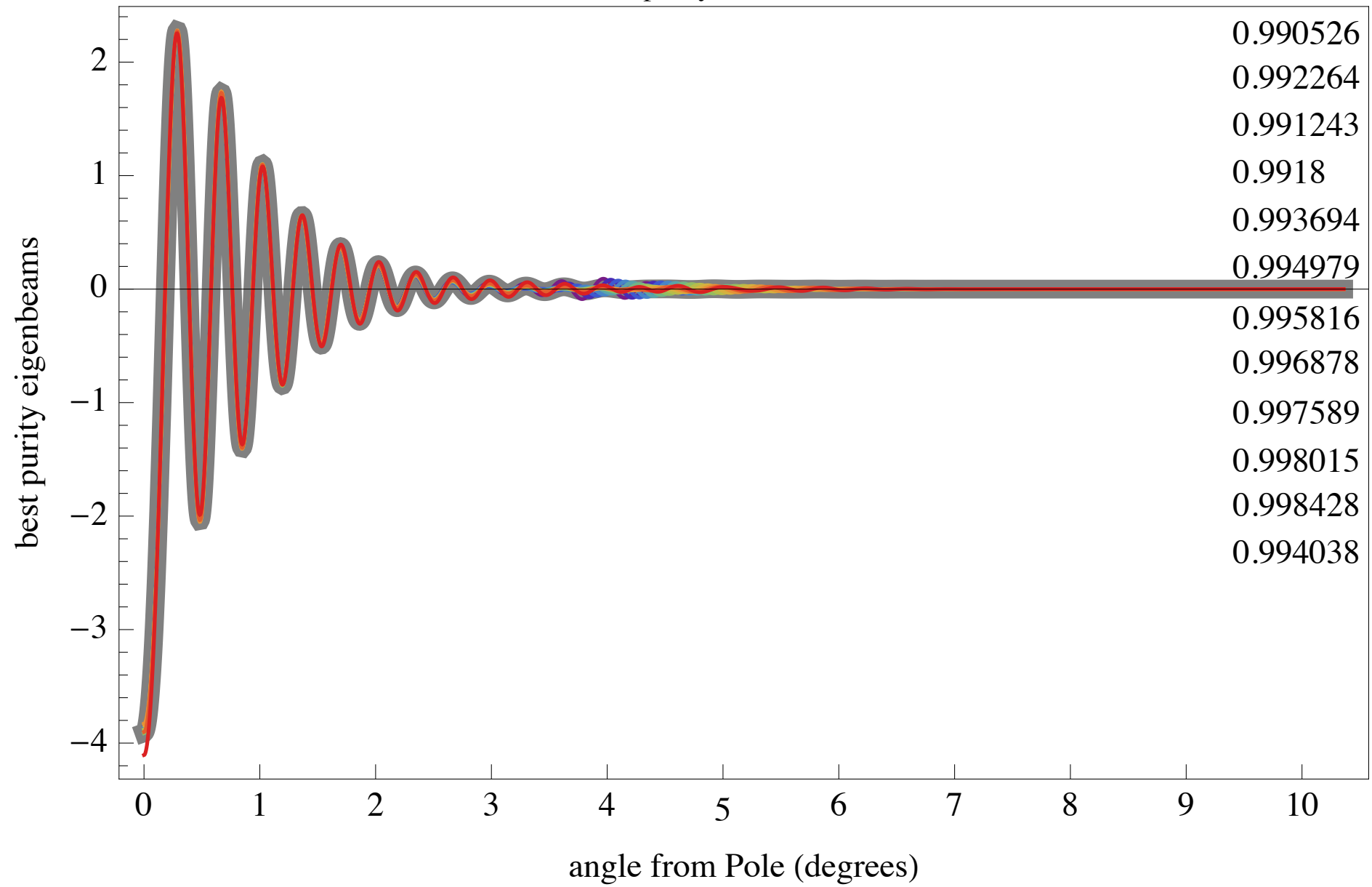
brown curve gives the eigenbeam in the full (full bandwidth) space of beams.

colored curves are projection of a single channel space of beams for 12 different frequency channels.

different channels are colored differently

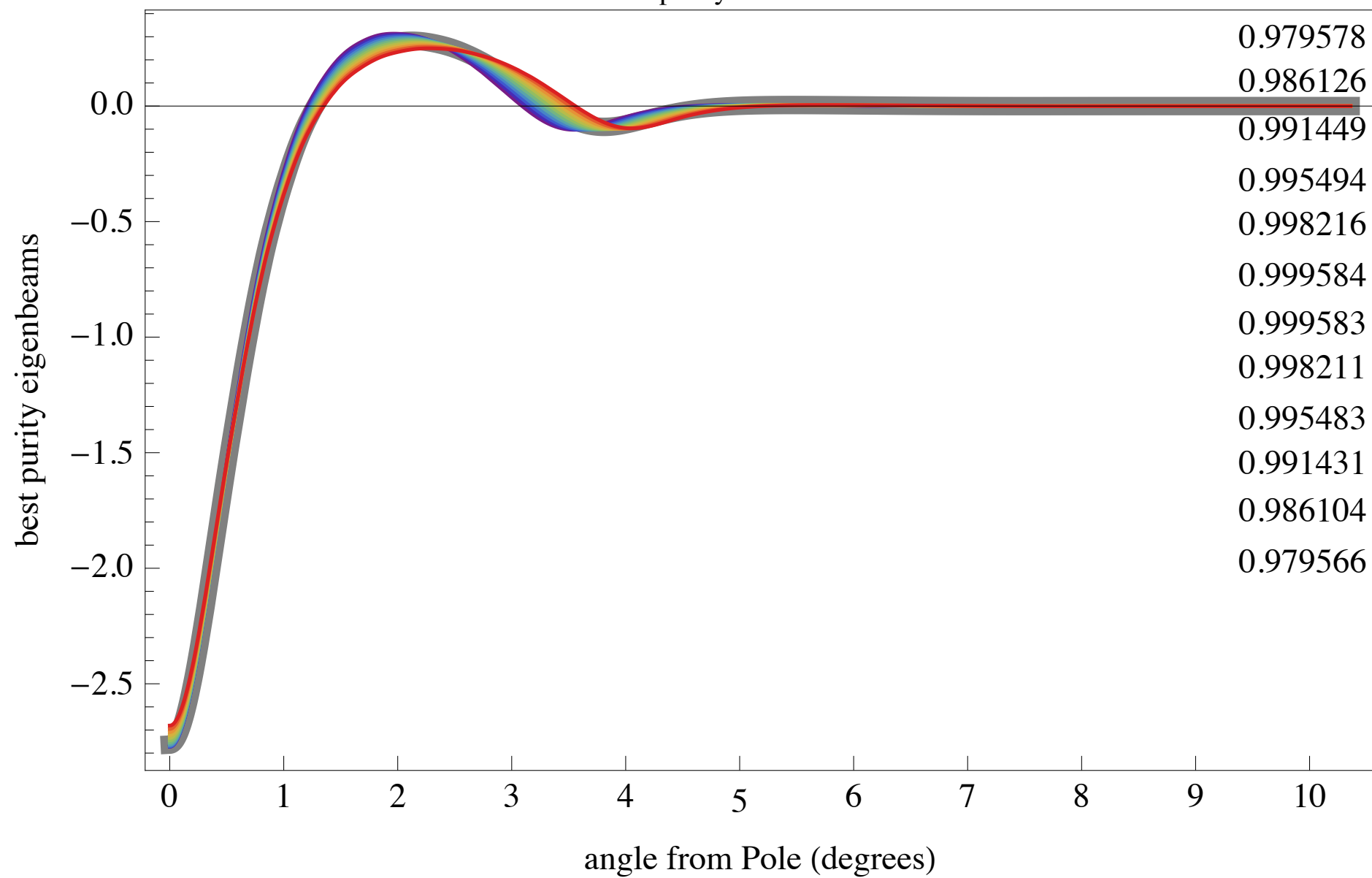
however for this purest eigenbeam the patterns are largely identical so only see one channel (red)

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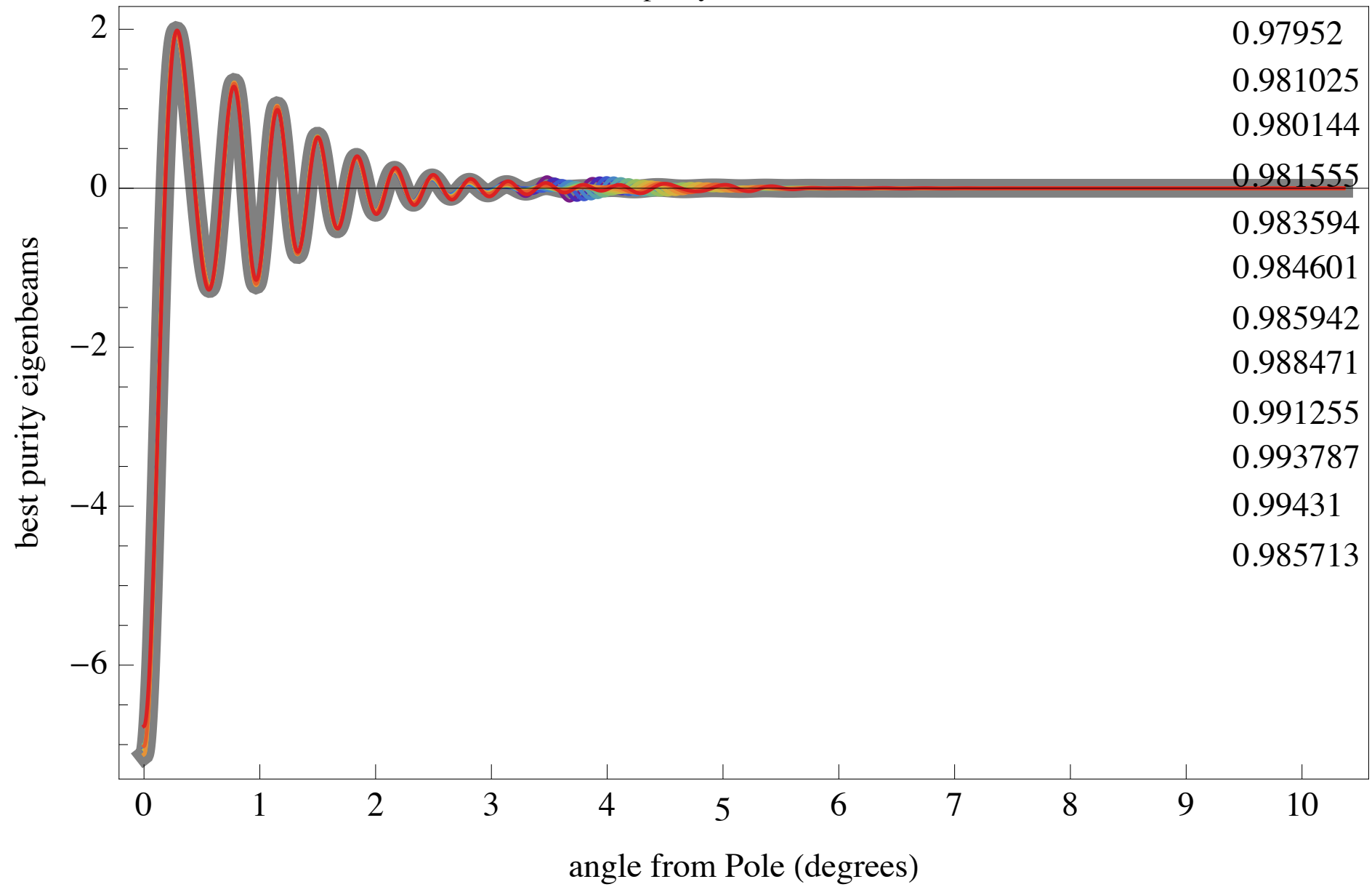




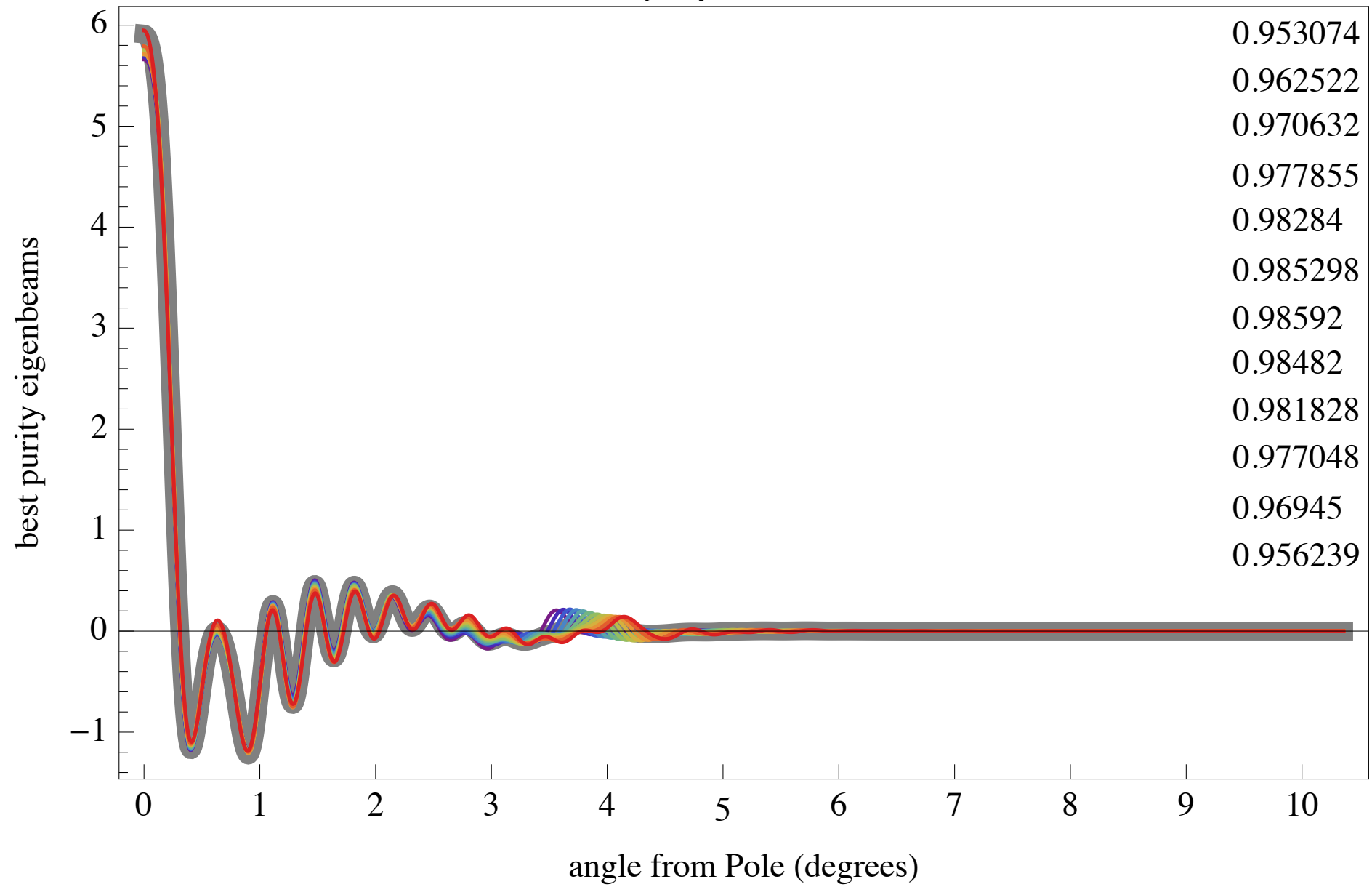
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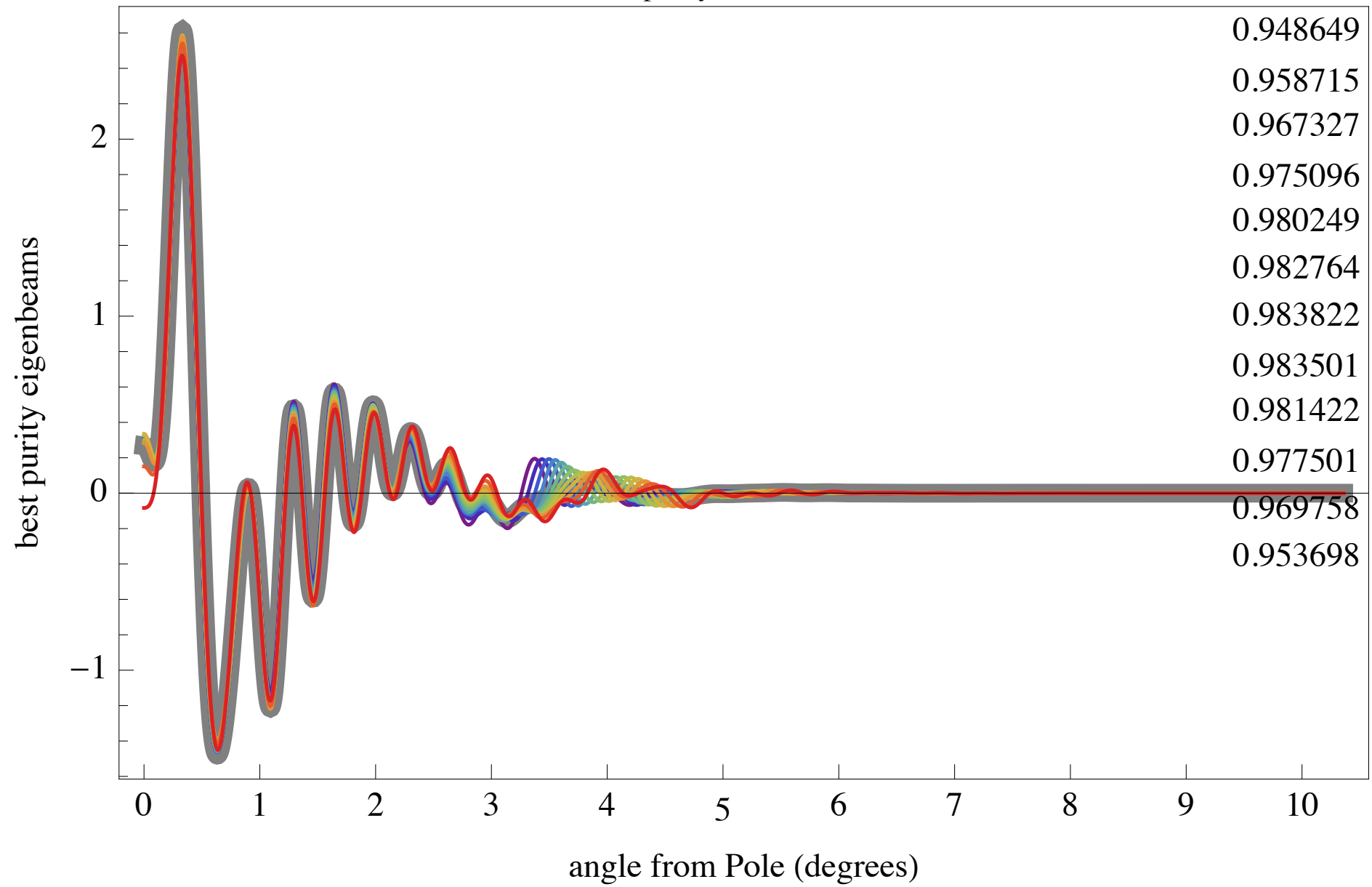


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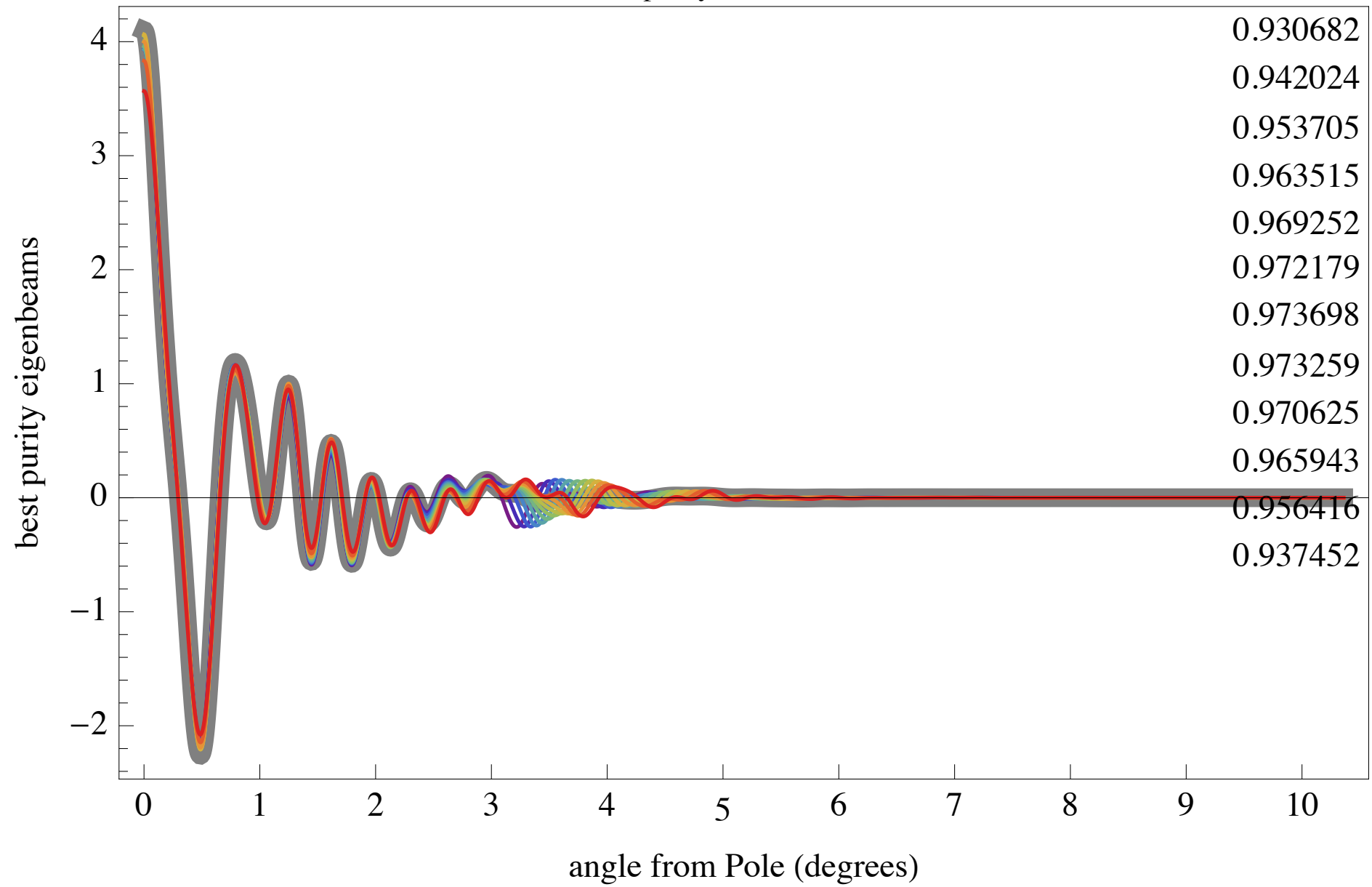




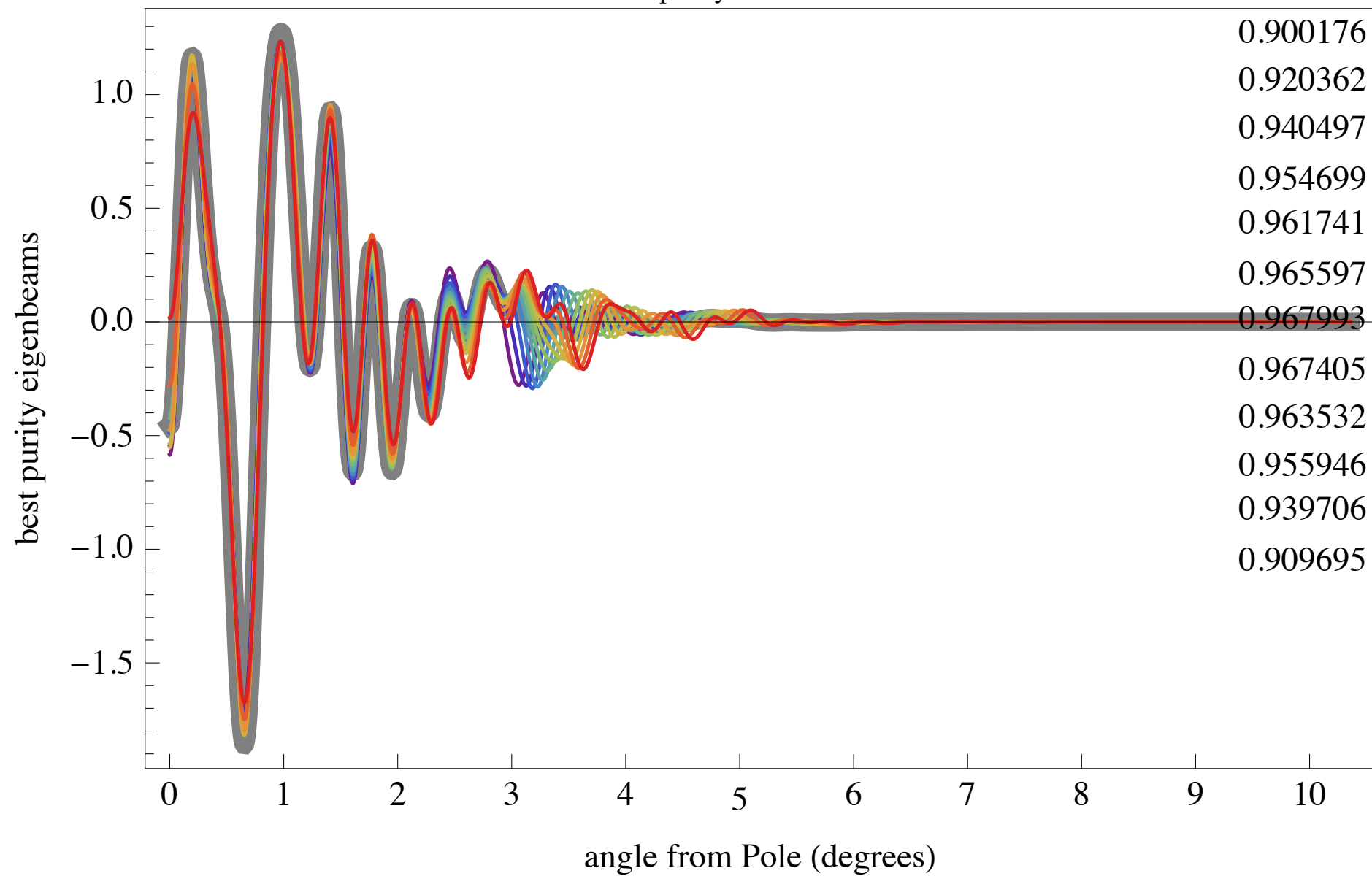
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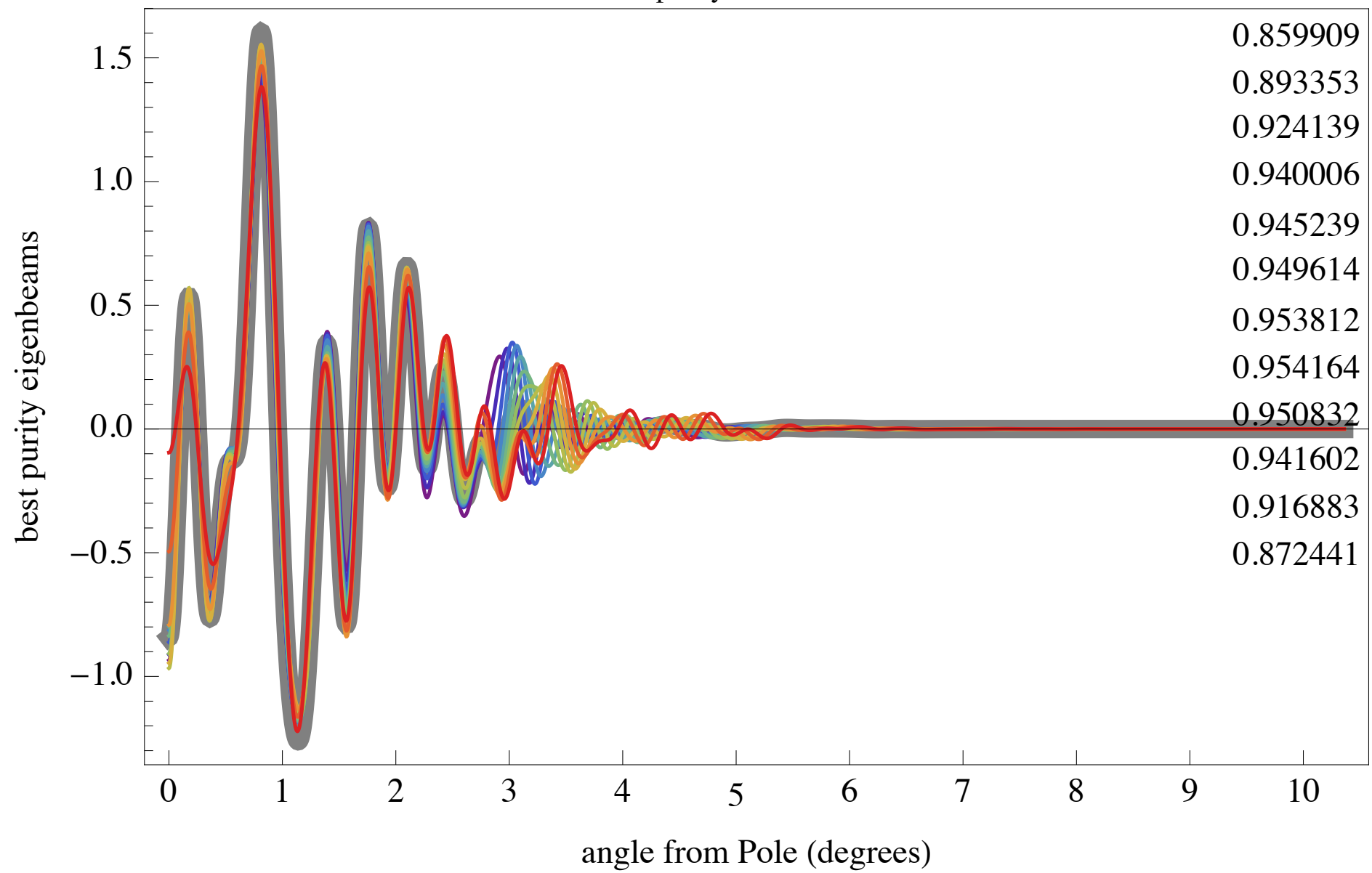


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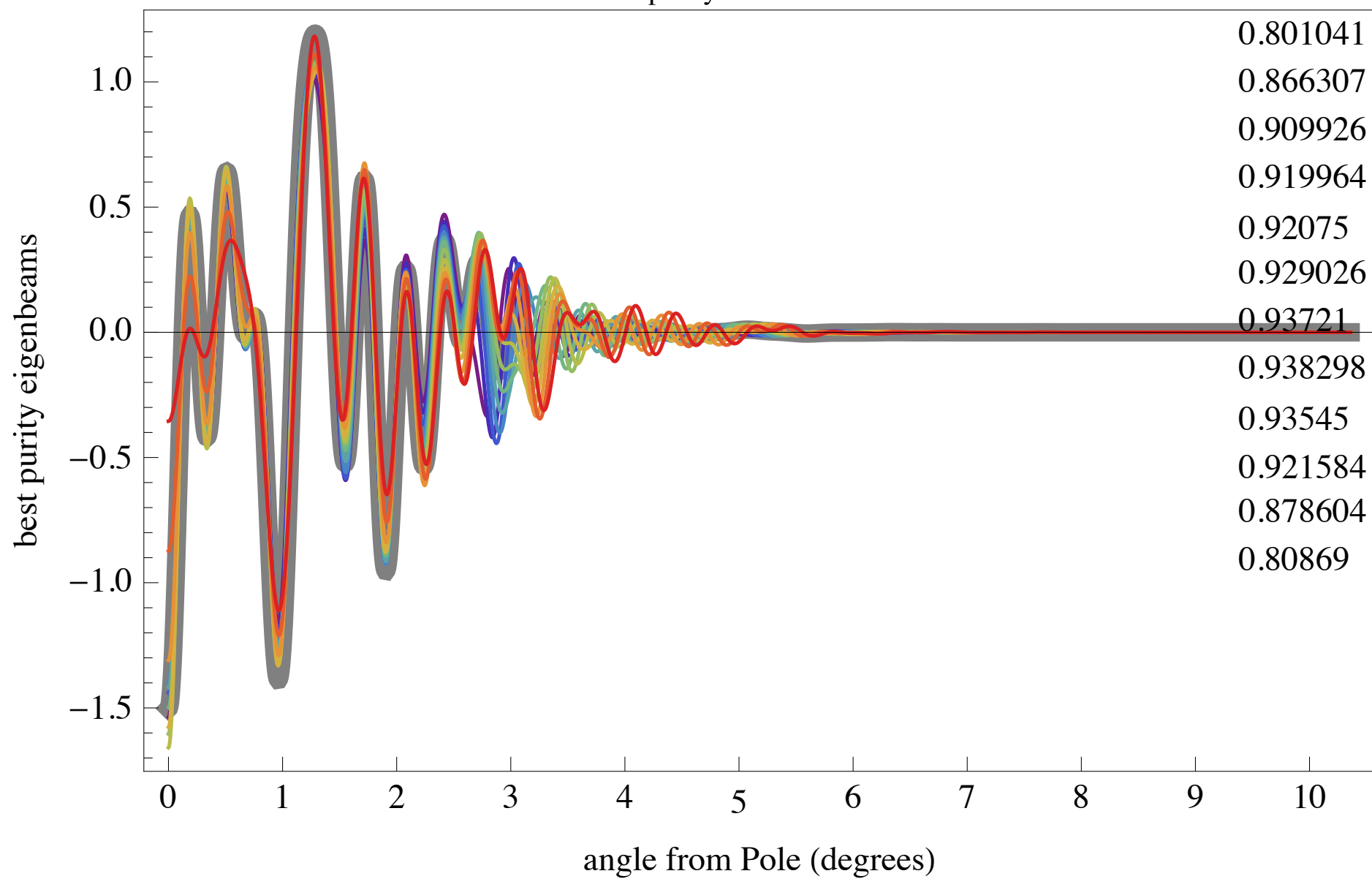




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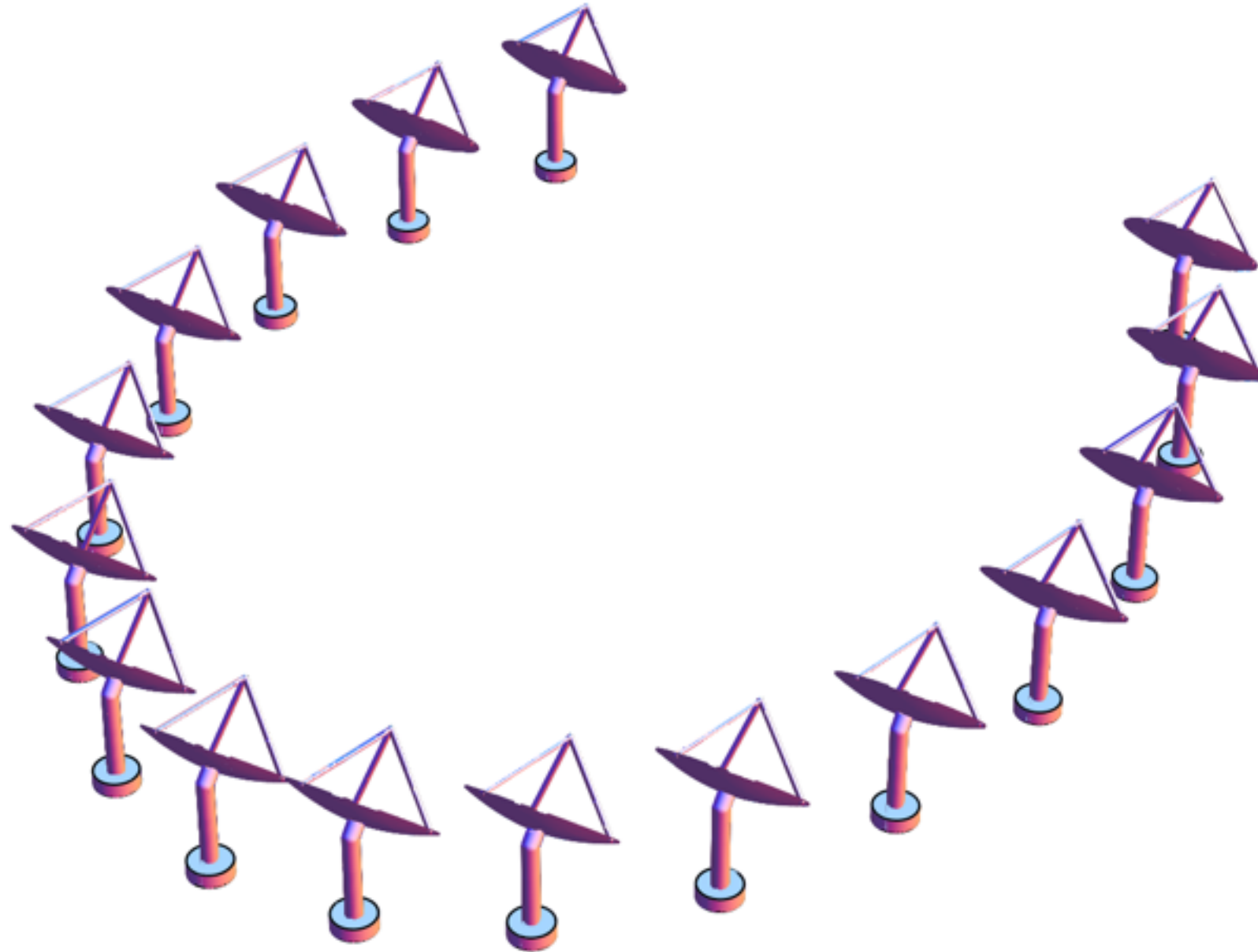


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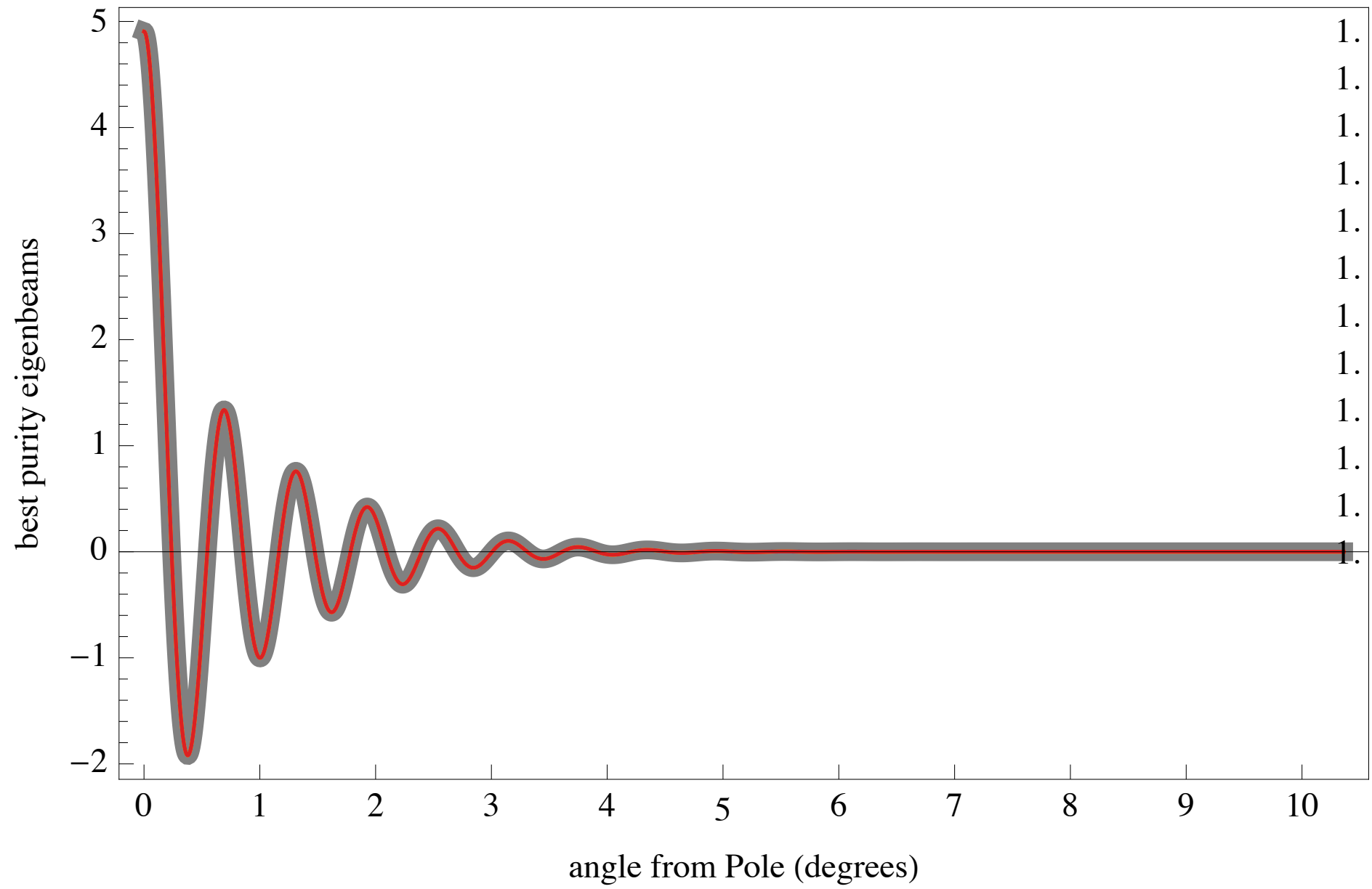
# A Very Pure Polarscope

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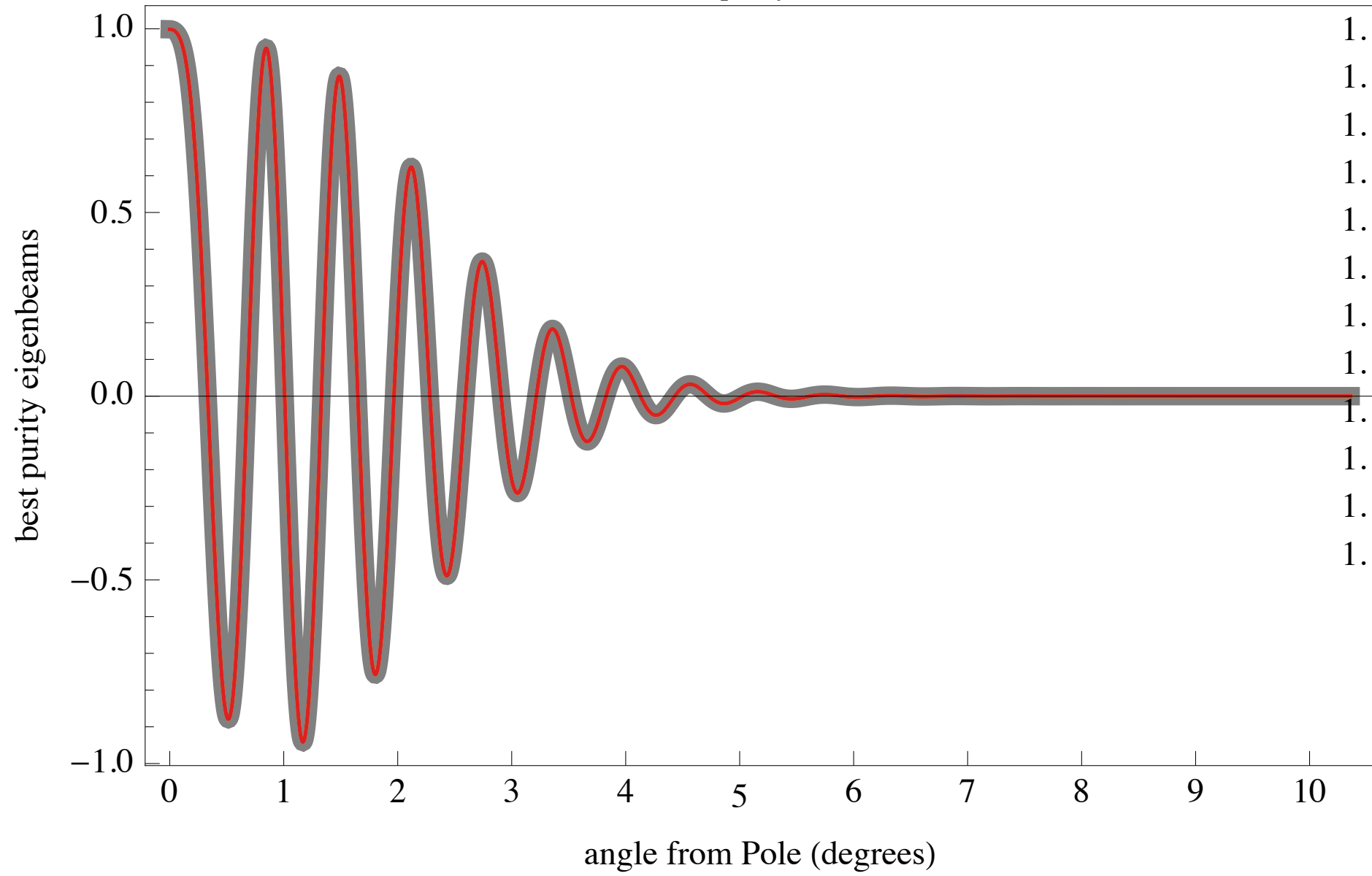




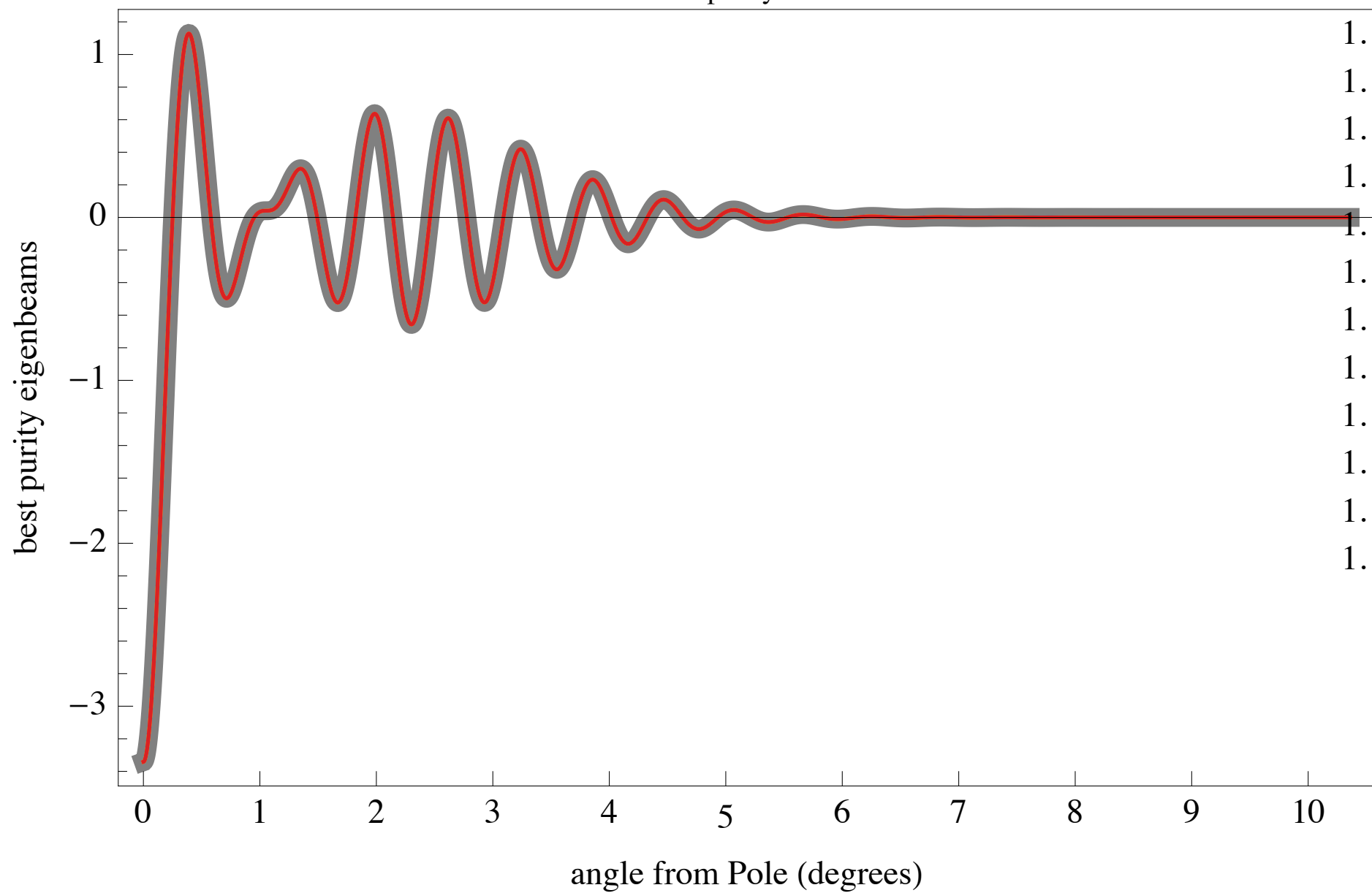
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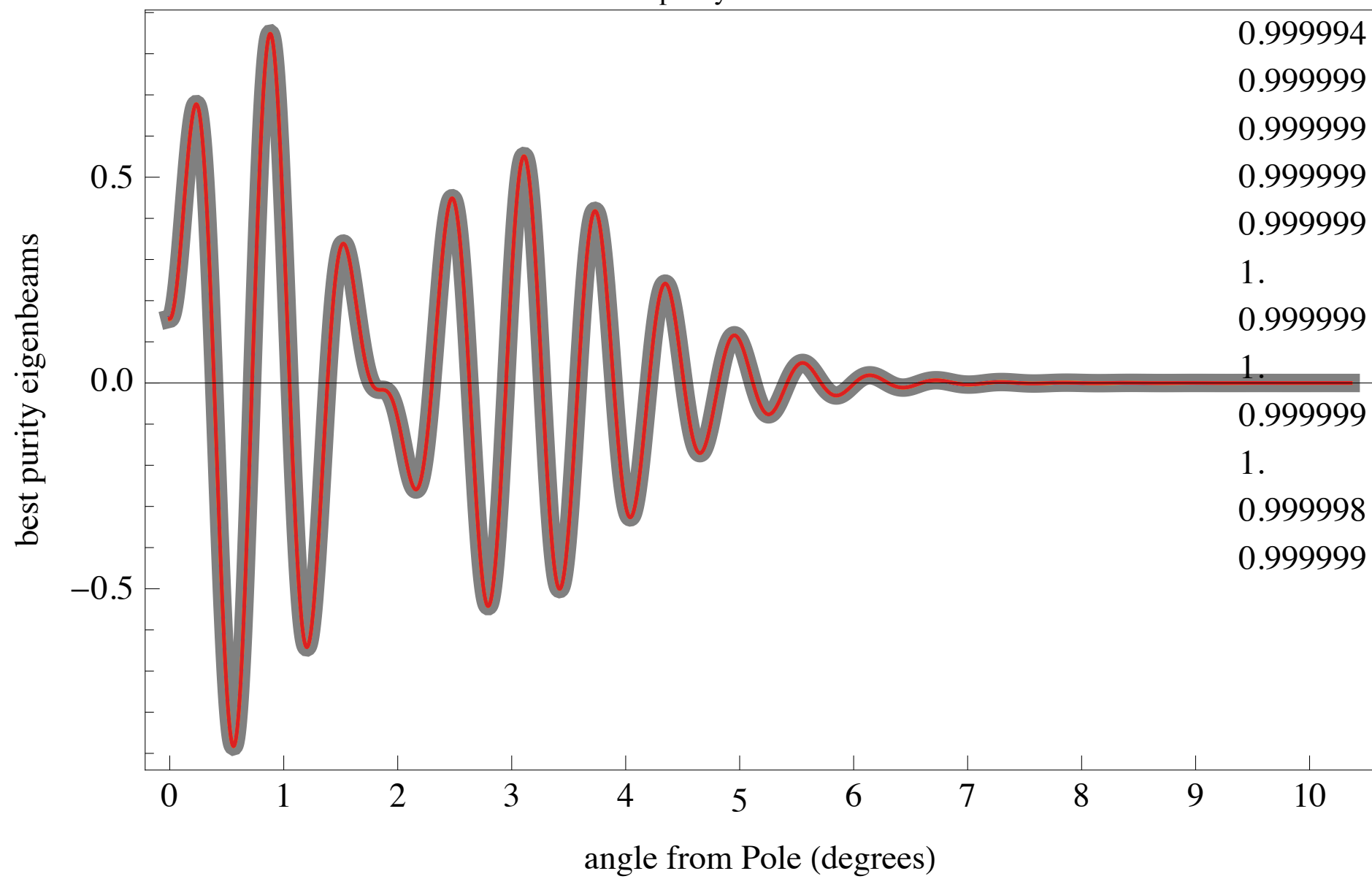
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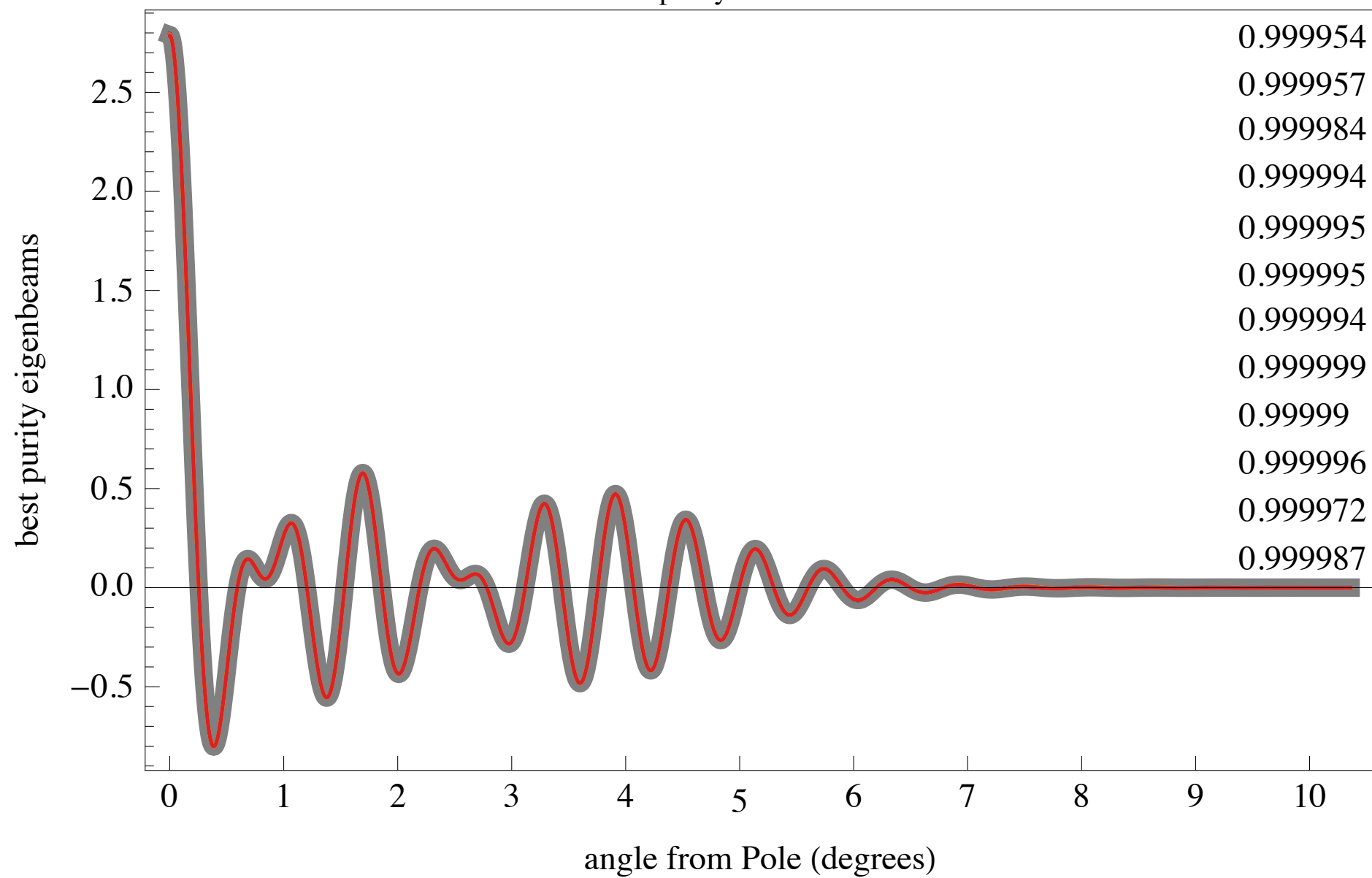


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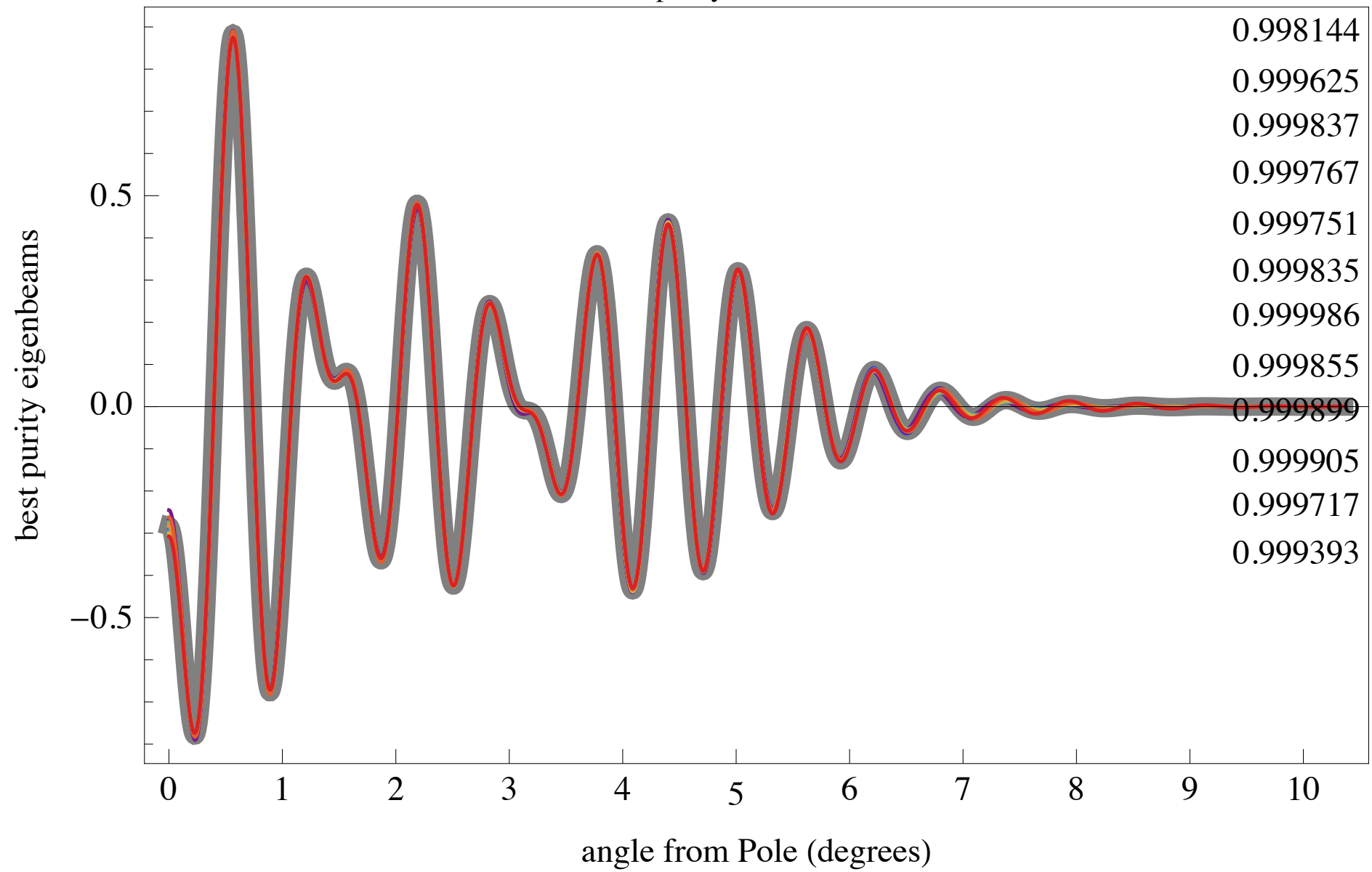




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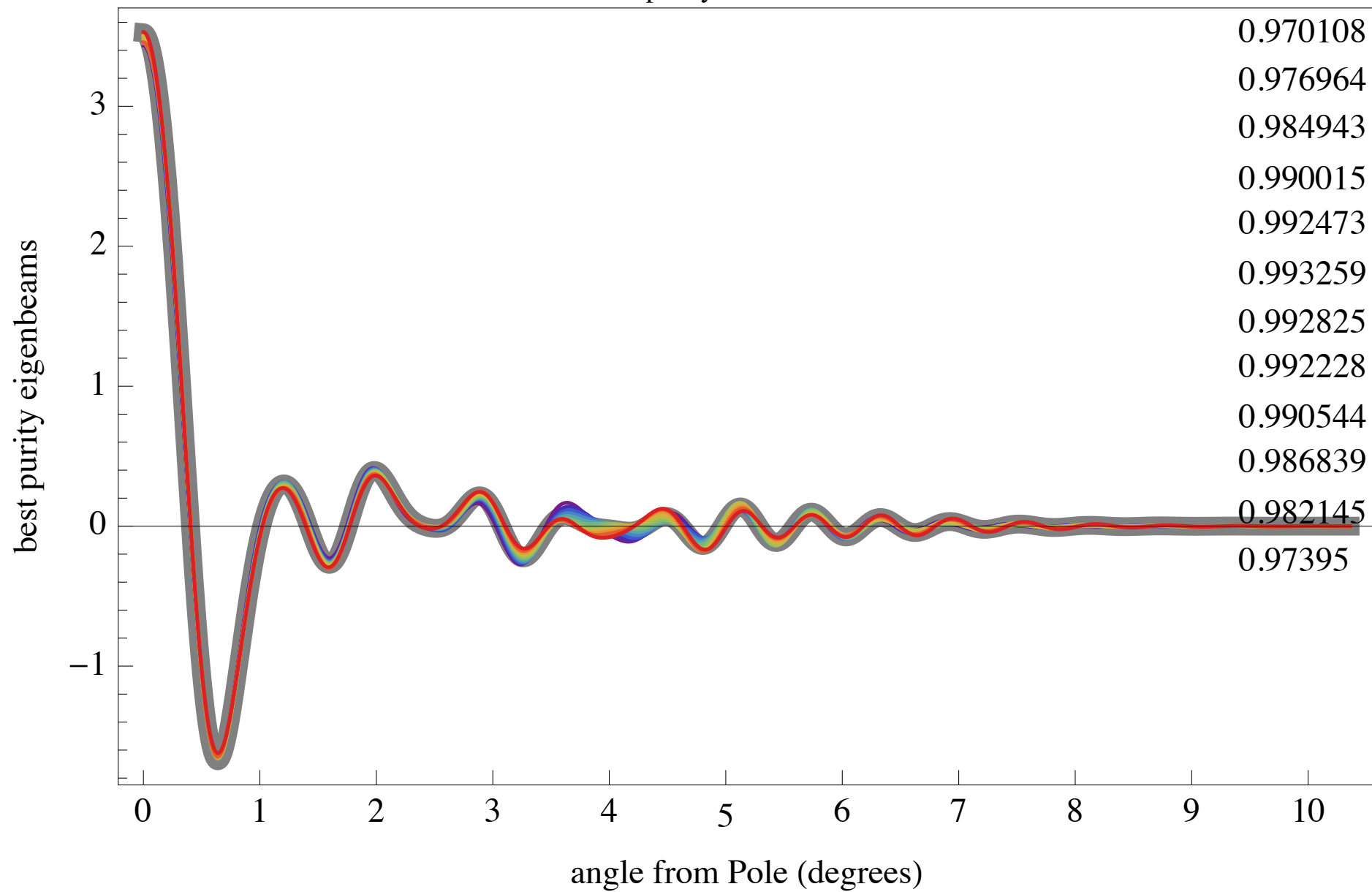


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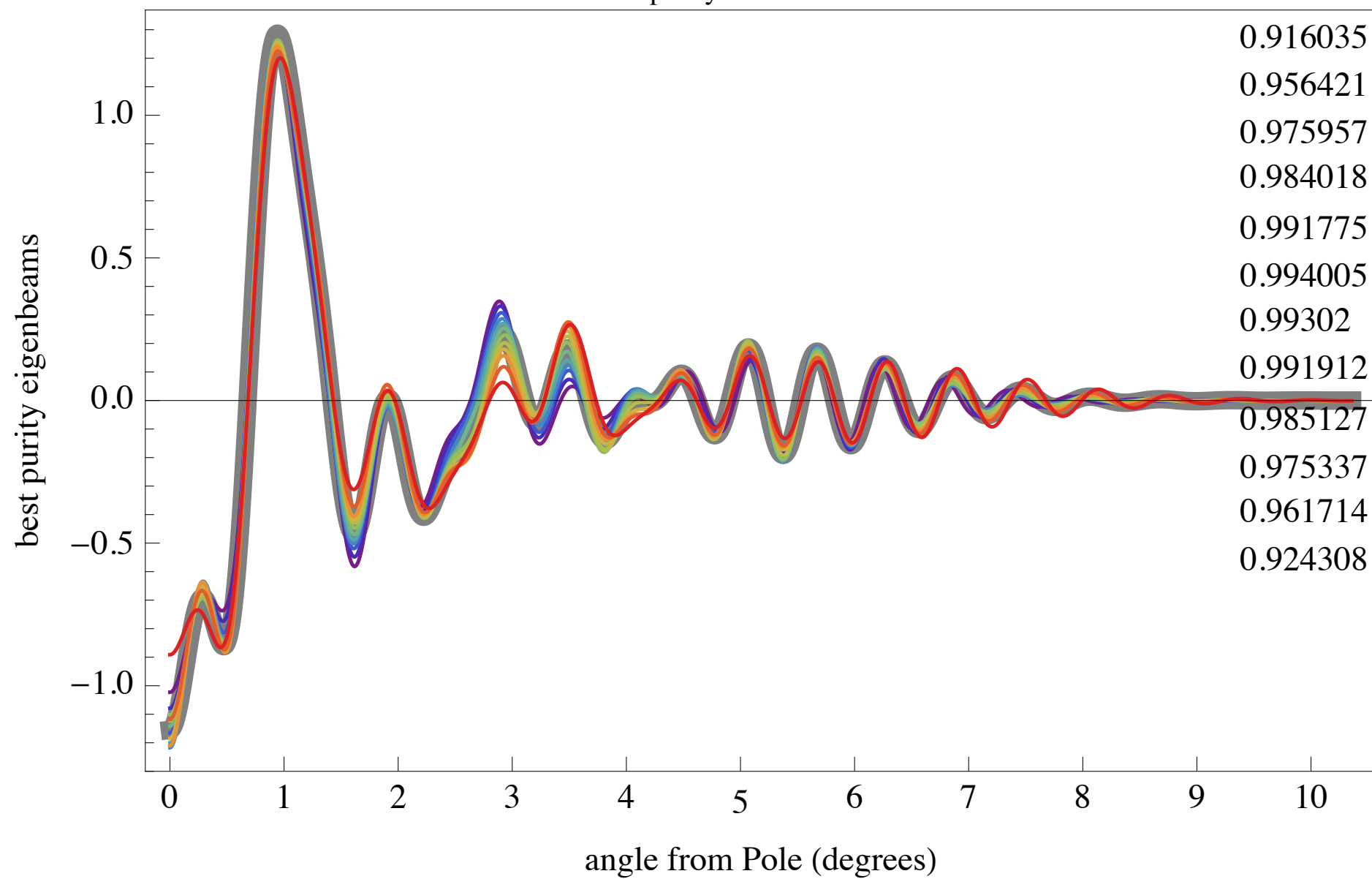


# Skip to 9th purity eigenmode

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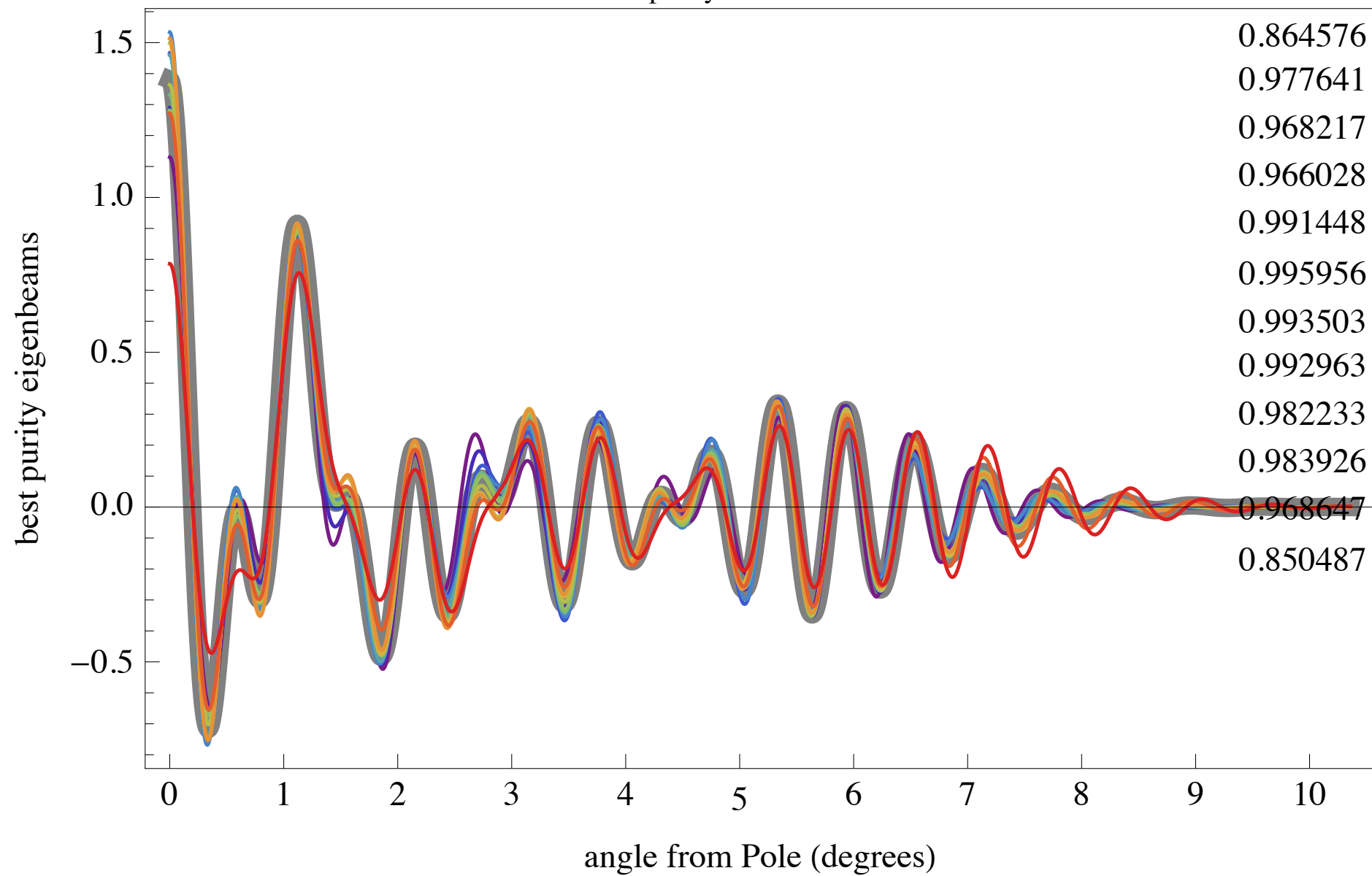


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# best performance: split into two compact subarrays

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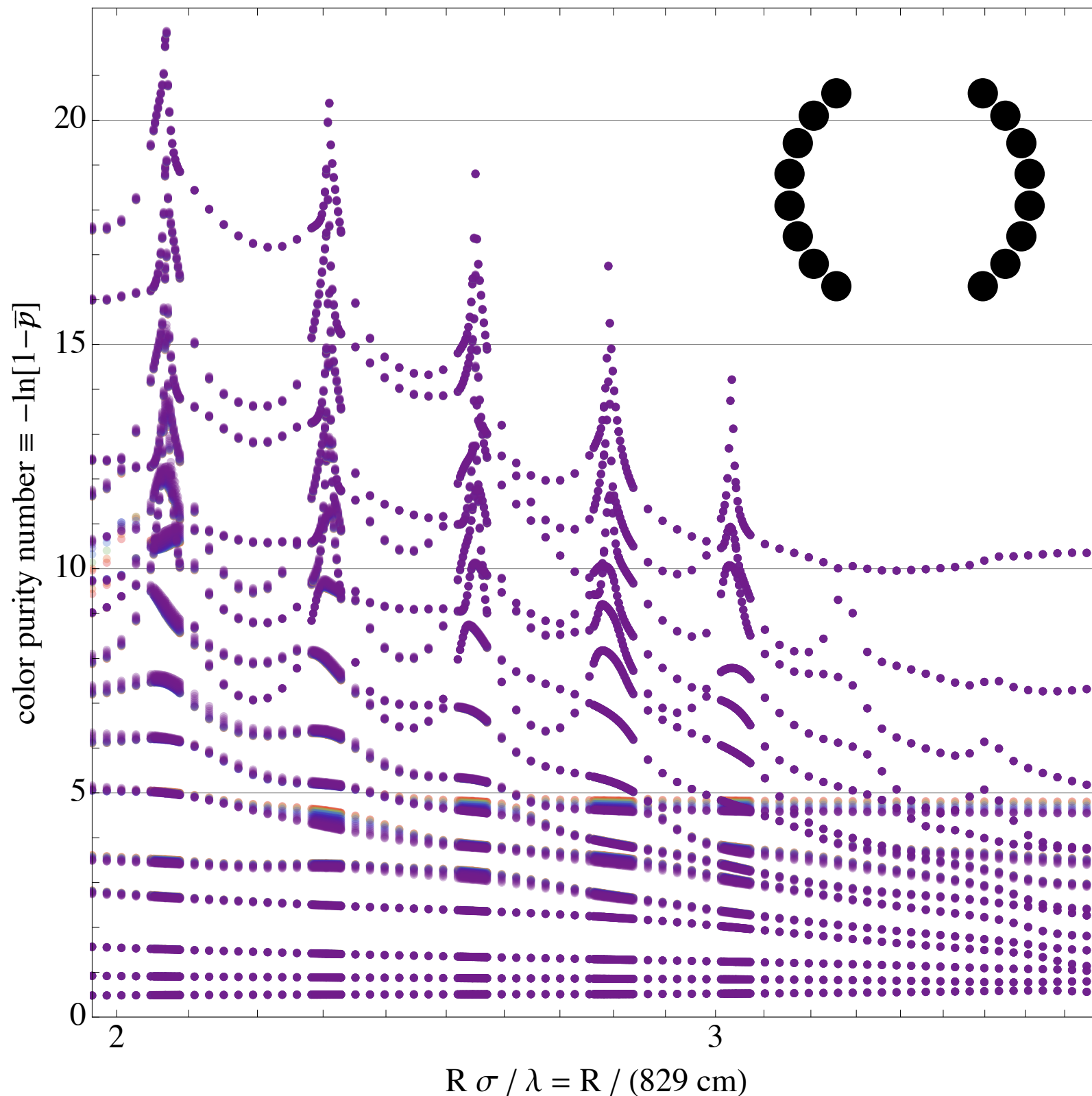
there exist purity  
“resonances”  
where astounding  
purity is attained.

resonances are  
“narrow” w/ few cm  
tolerance

lowest purity  
attained near  
“singularities”

singularities are  
array configurations  
where two  
baselines become  
equal and the  
number of  
independent  
beams decreases.

resonances are not  
the most compact  
configuration



# Forecasting and Simulations

## Sky reconstruction from transit visibilities: PAON-4 and Tianlai Dish Array

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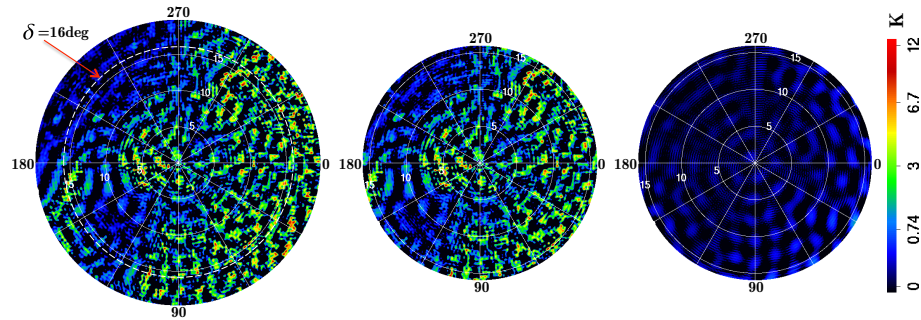
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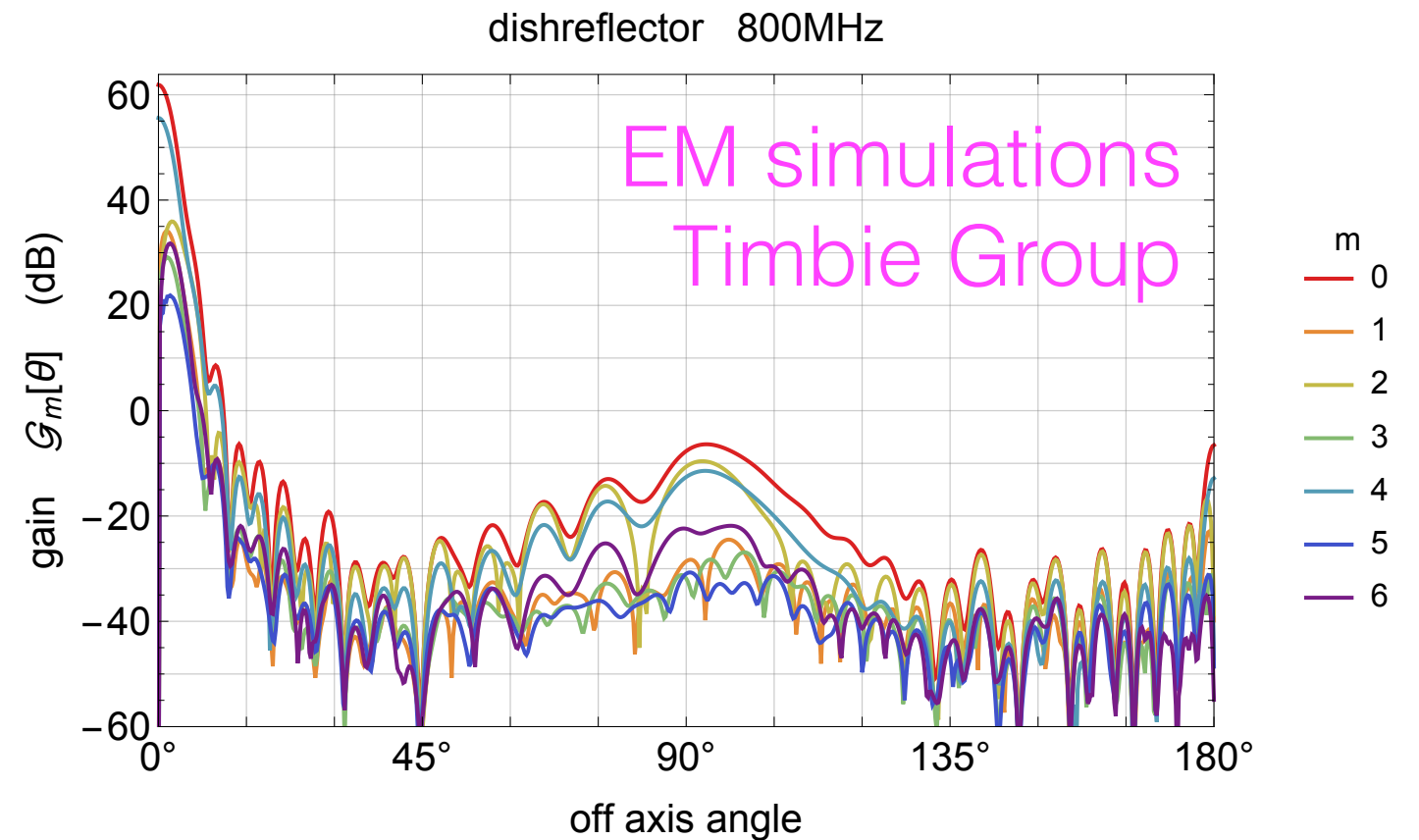
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