Plane wave discontinuous Galerkin methods for homogeneous Helmholtz boundary value problems

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Trefftz method Basis functions in kernel of Helmholtz operator in every $K \in \mathcal{T}_h$

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For a particular choice of \hat{u}_h , $\hat{\sigma}_h$: recover ultra-weak variational formulation (UWVF) of O. Cessenat and B. Després.

Energy norm
$$\|v\|_{\omega}^{2} = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} |v|_{H^{1}(K)}^{2} + \omega^{2} \|v\|_{L_{2}(\Omega)}^{2}$$

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