

SHINING FROM ALL SIDES: ORIENTATION-AVERAGED OPTICAL PROPERTIES OF NANOPARTICLE ASSEMBLIES

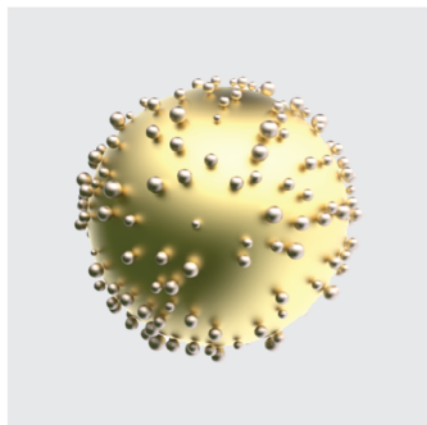
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NANO-OPTICS OF NANOPARTICLE ASSEMBLIES

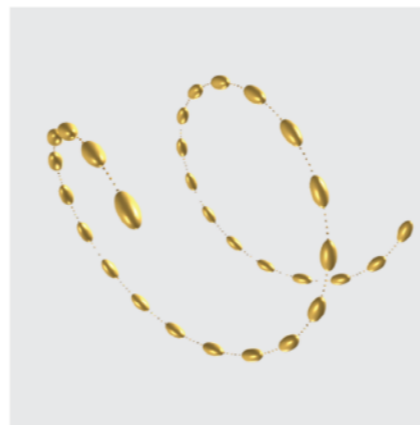
NANO-OPTICS.AC.NZ/TERMS



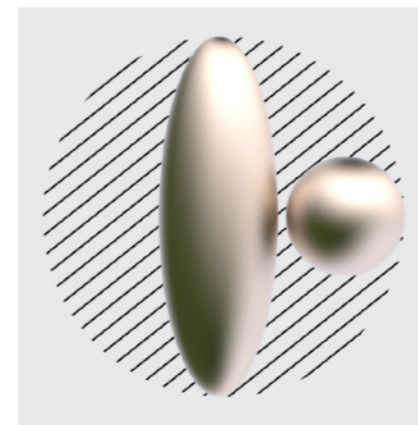
CORE-SATELLITES



AU@PD TRIMER



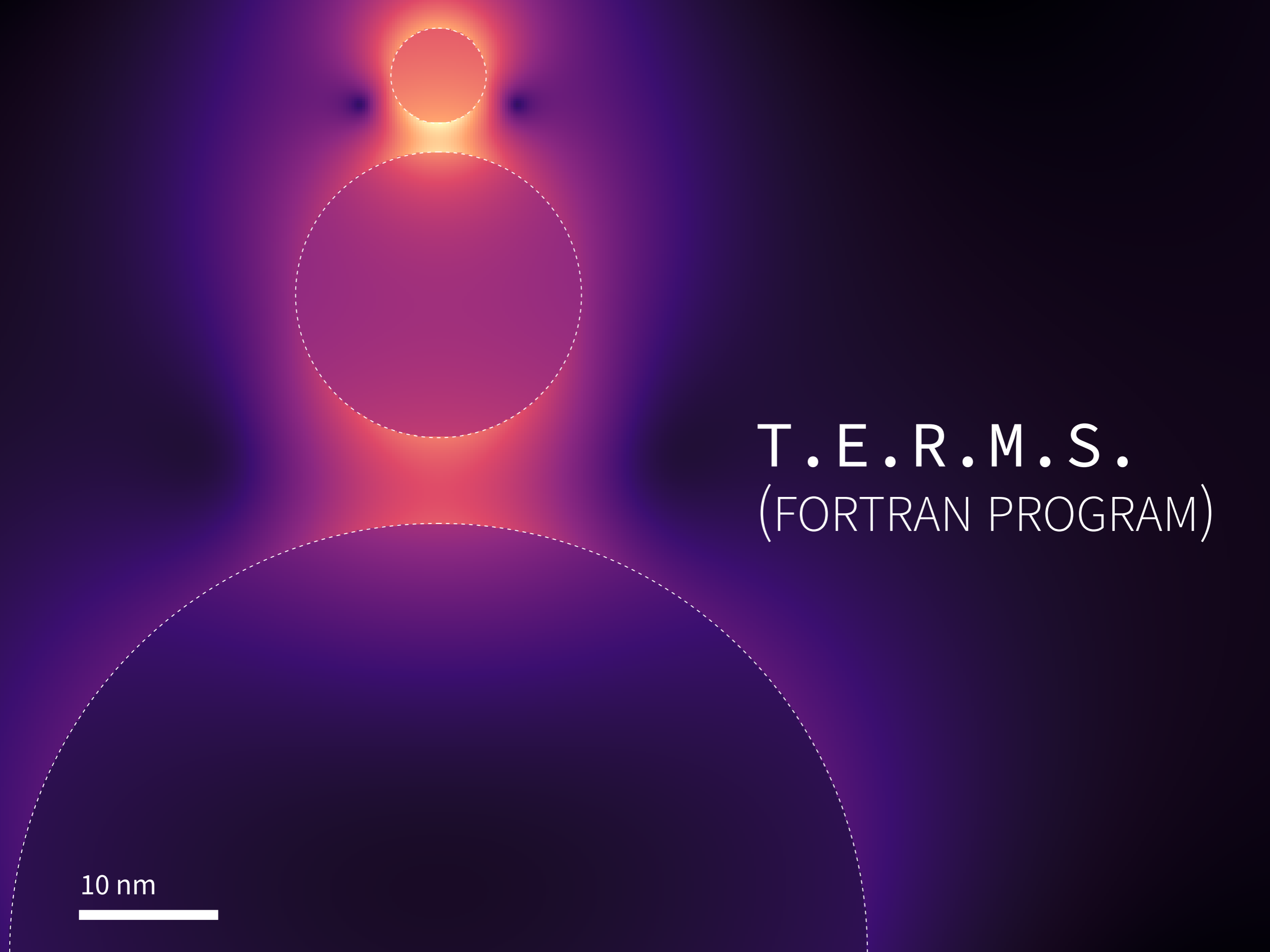
AU NANOROD HELIX



RAYLEIGH HYPOTHESIS



AU NANOSTAR

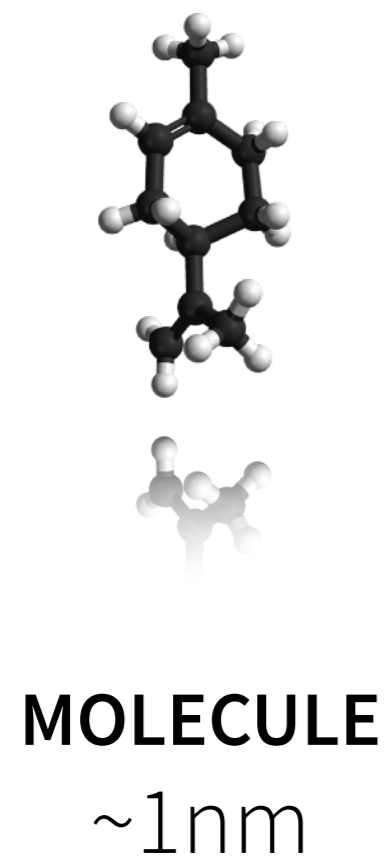


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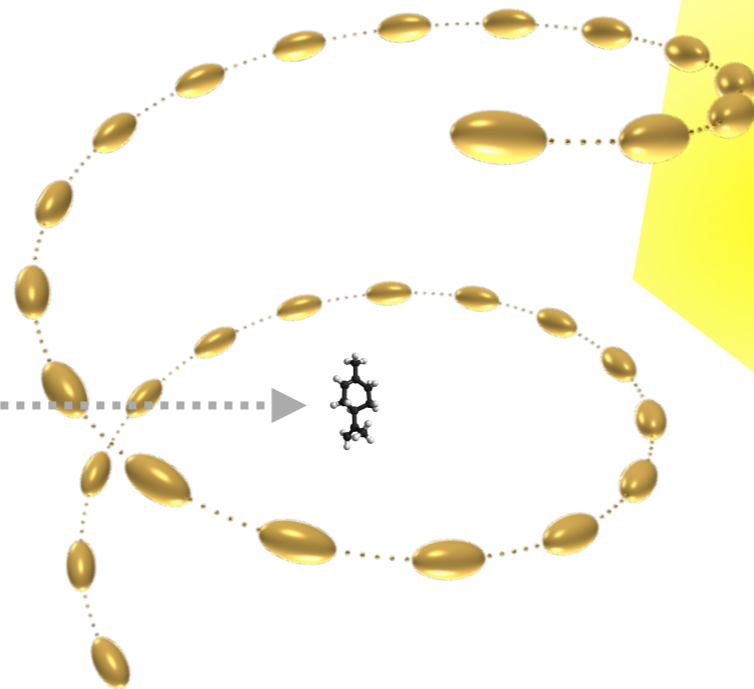
10 nm



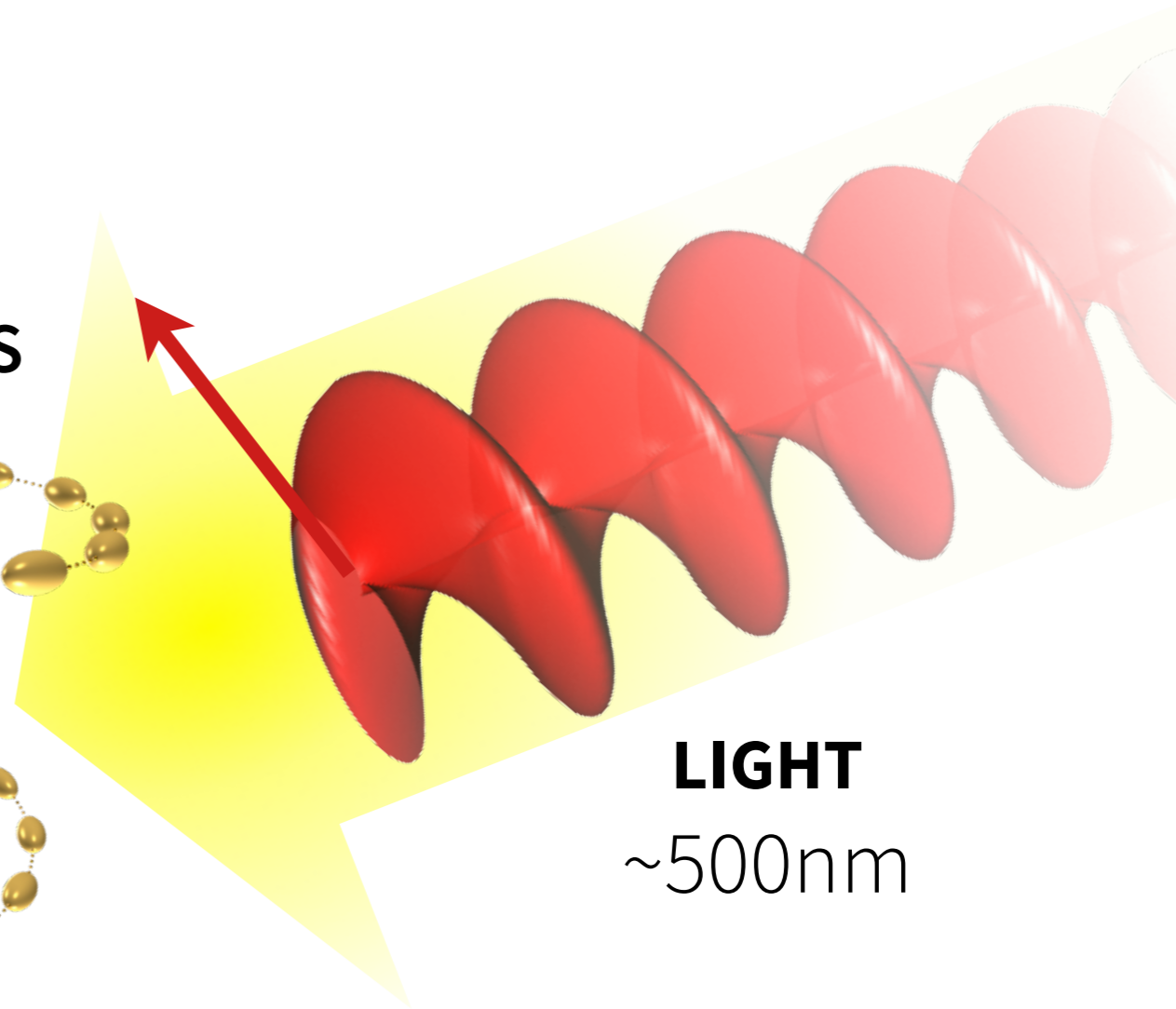
EXPLORING CHIRALITY AT THE NANOSCALE



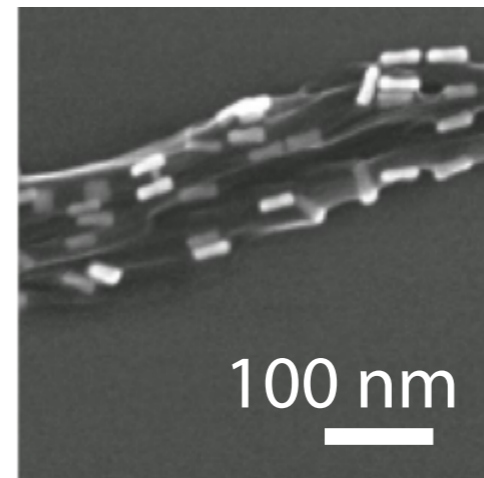
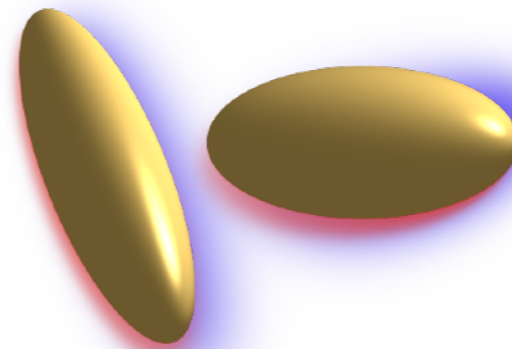
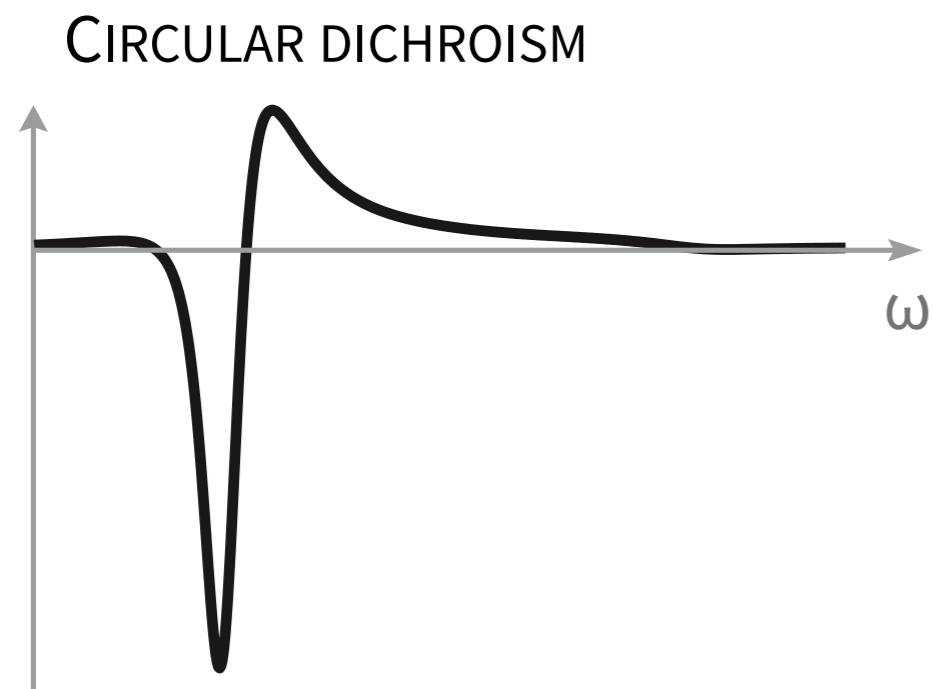
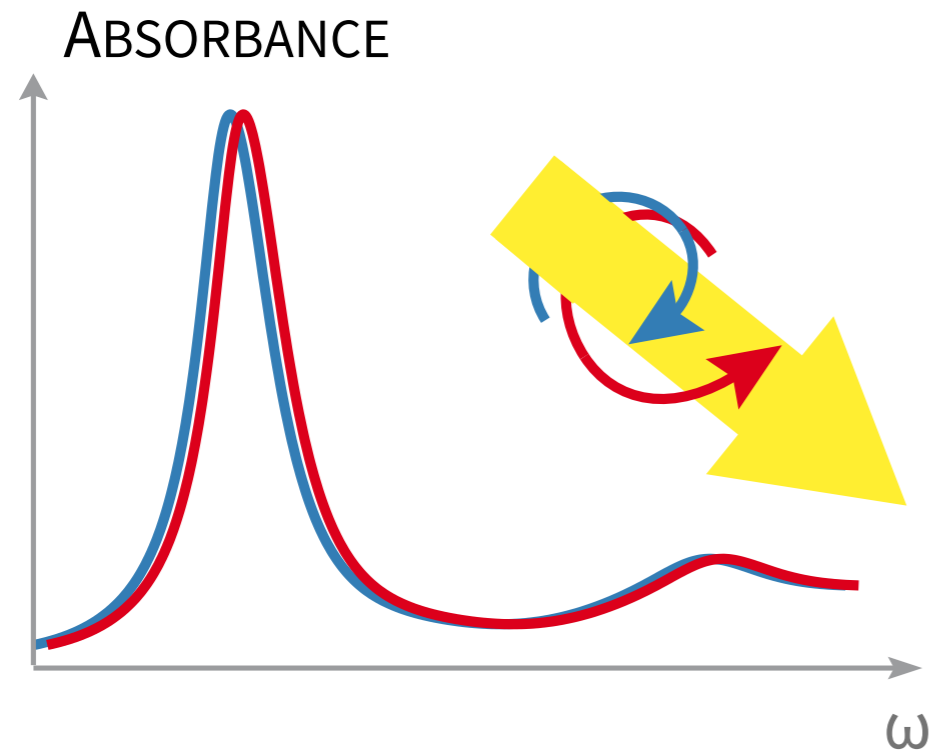
NANO PARTICLES



LIGHT
~500nm

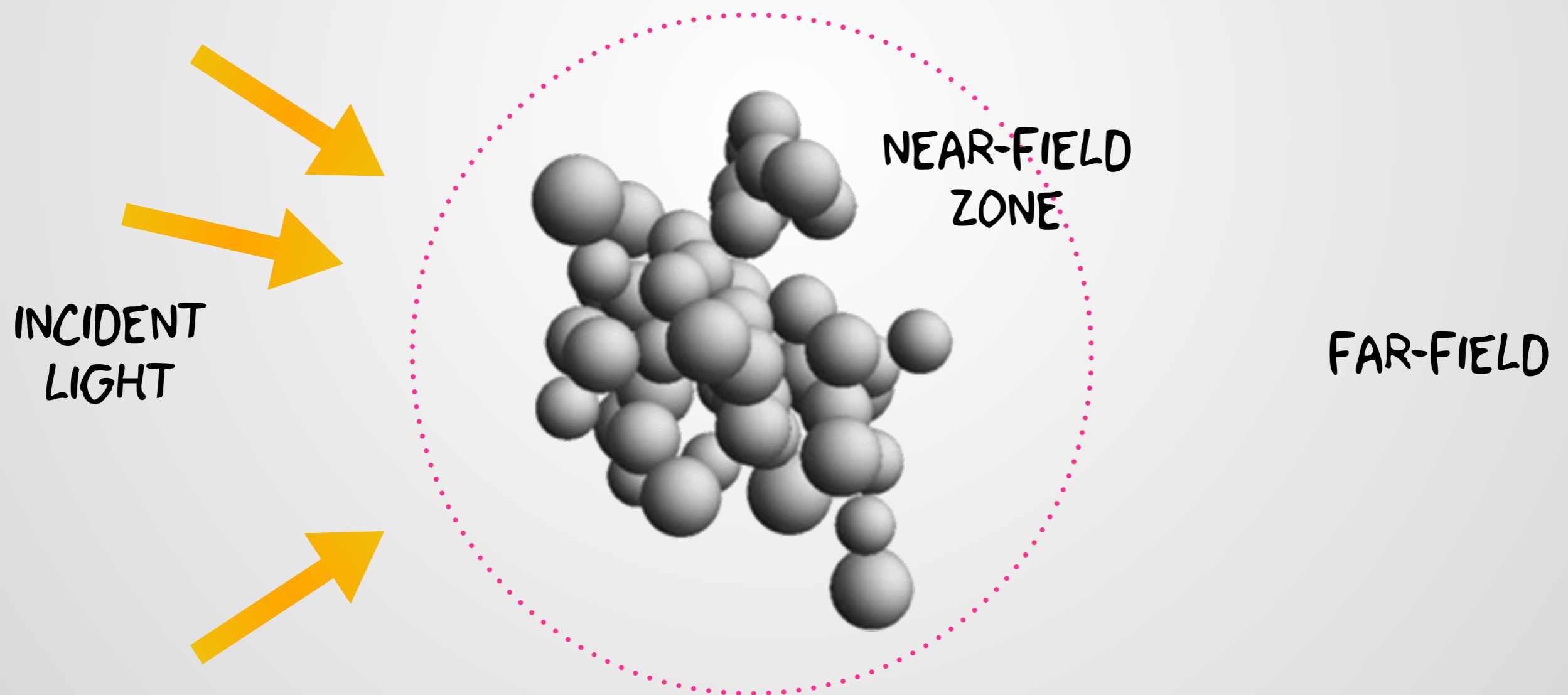


GIANT CIRCULAR DICHROISM WITH PLASMONIC ANTENNAS

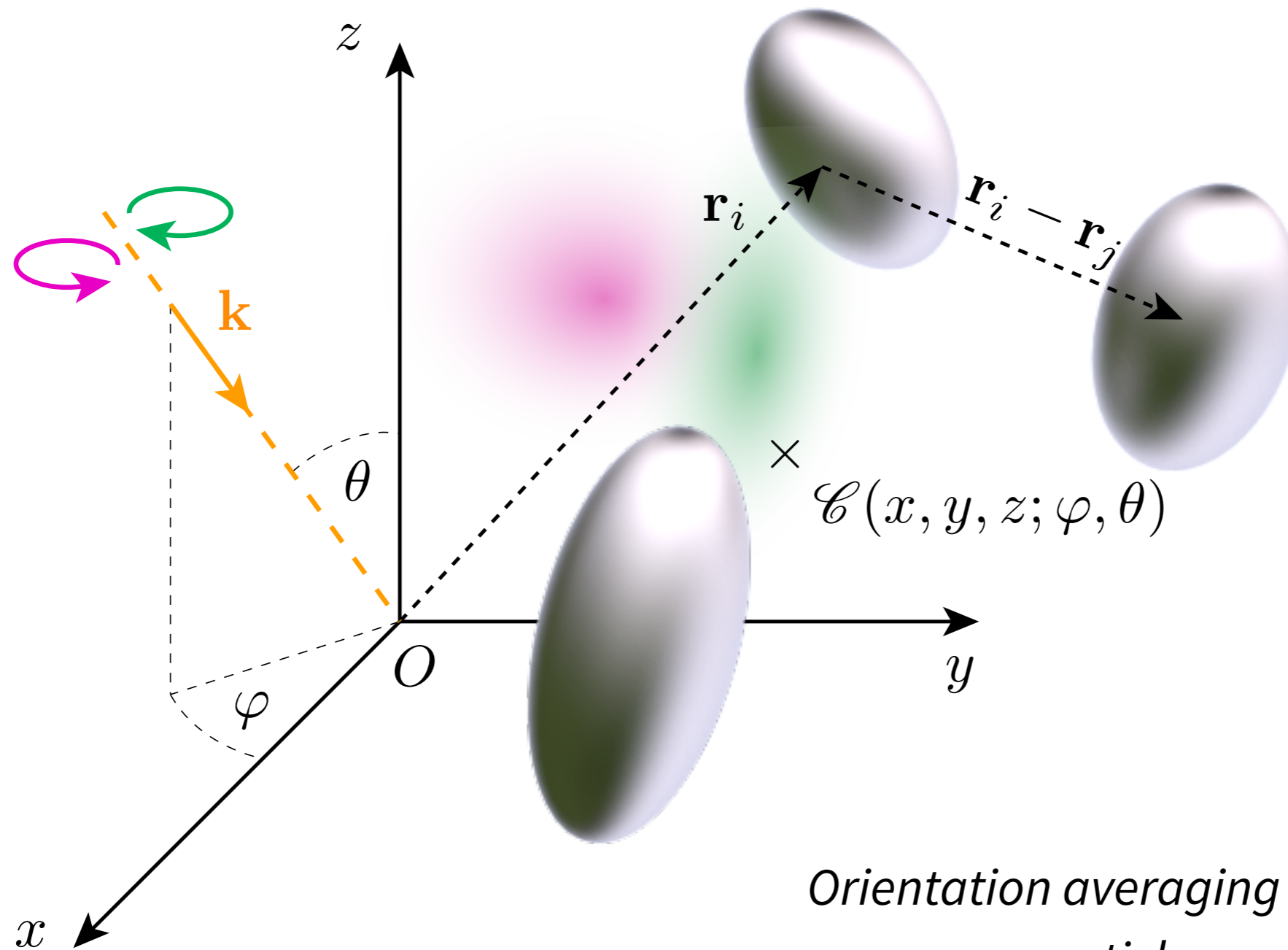


LIGHT SCATTERING BY COLLECTIONS OF PARTICLES

¿HOW MANY DIRECTIONS OF INCIDENCE?

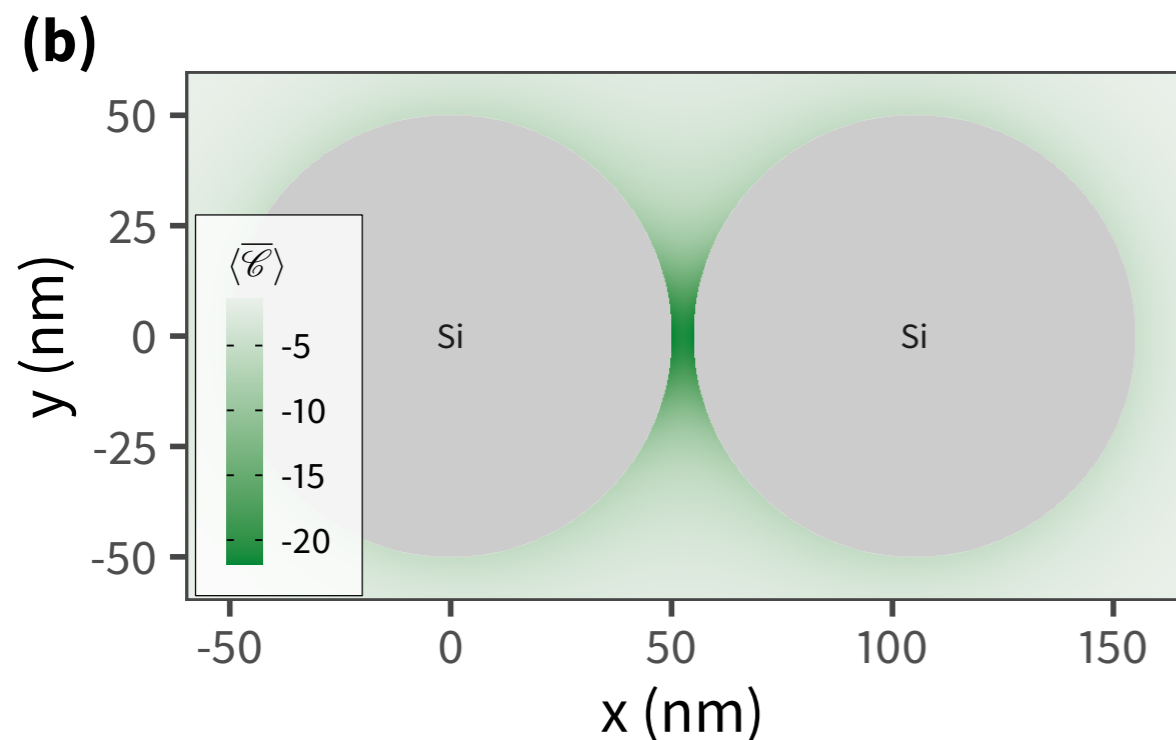
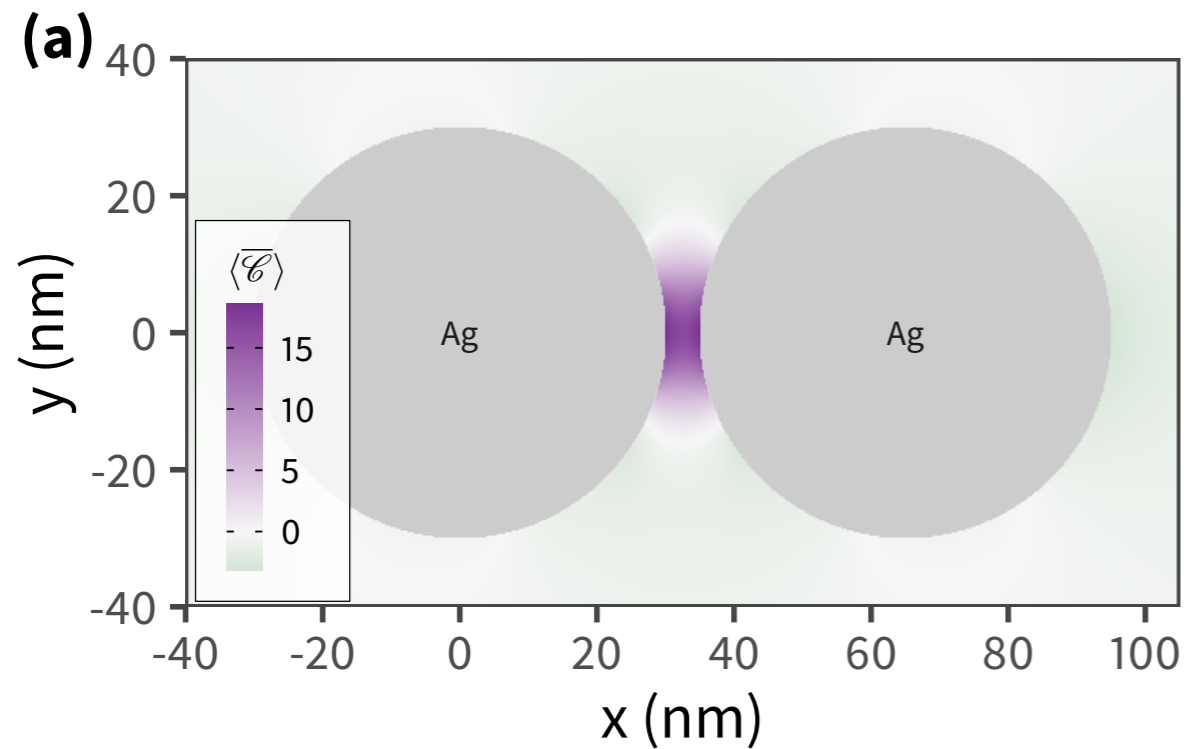


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- ▶ NON-TRIVIAL SPATIAL DEPENDENCE
 - ▶ INTERFERENCE BETWEEN E & B
 - ▶ ANGLE-AVERAGING IMPORTANT
- IN RELATION TO EXPERIMENTS

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$$\langle \mathcal{C} \rangle = 2\pi k \varepsilon_0 E_0^2 \Re(A_0 + B_0 + C_0 + D_0)$$

with,

For R polarisation:

$$A_0^{(R)} = -1/4\pi$$

$$B_0^{(R)} = \text{Tr} \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^N \tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_R^\dagger(k\mathbf{r}_l) \left[\mathbf{Z}_L(k\mathbf{r}_j) T_{LR}^{(j,l)} - \mathbf{Z}_R(k\mathbf{r}_j) T_{RR}^{(j,l)} \right] \right)$$

$$C_0^{(R)} = \text{Tr} \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^N \left[-T_{LR}^{\dagger(j,l)} \mathbf{Z}_L^\dagger(k\mathbf{r}_j) - T_{RR}^{\dagger(j,l)} \mathbf{Z}_R^\dagger(k\mathbf{r}_j) \right] \tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_R(k\mathbf{r}_l) \right)$$

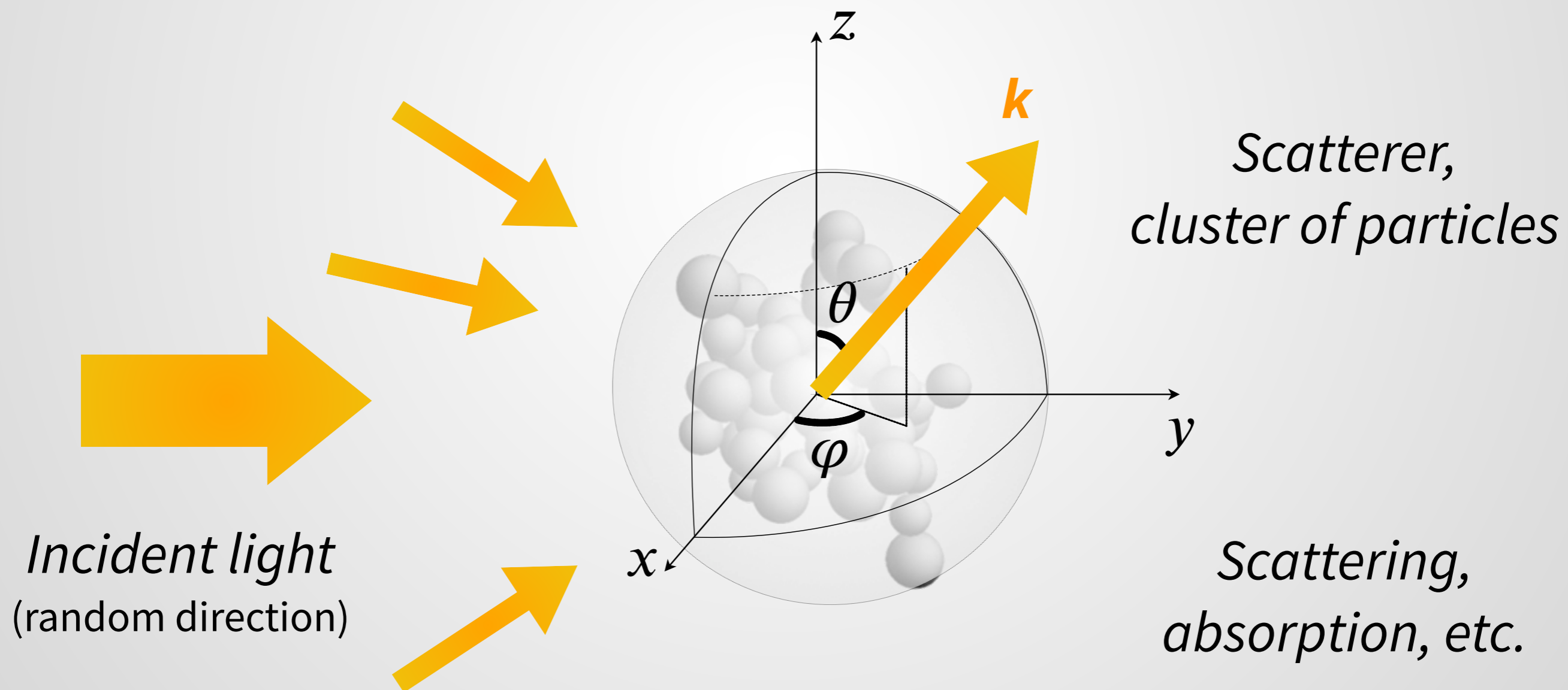
$$D_0^{(R)} = \text{Tr} \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^N J_{RR}^{(k,l)} \left(T_{LR}^{\dagger(j,l)} \mathbf{Z}_L^\dagger(k\mathbf{r}_j) + T_{RR}^{\dagger(j,l)} \mathbf{Z}_R^\dagger(k\mathbf{r}_j) \right) \left(\mathbf{Z}_L(k\mathbf{r}_i) T_{LR}^{(i,k)} - \mathbf{Z}_R(k\mathbf{r}_i) T_{RR}^{(i,k)} \right) \right).$$

MOTIVATION

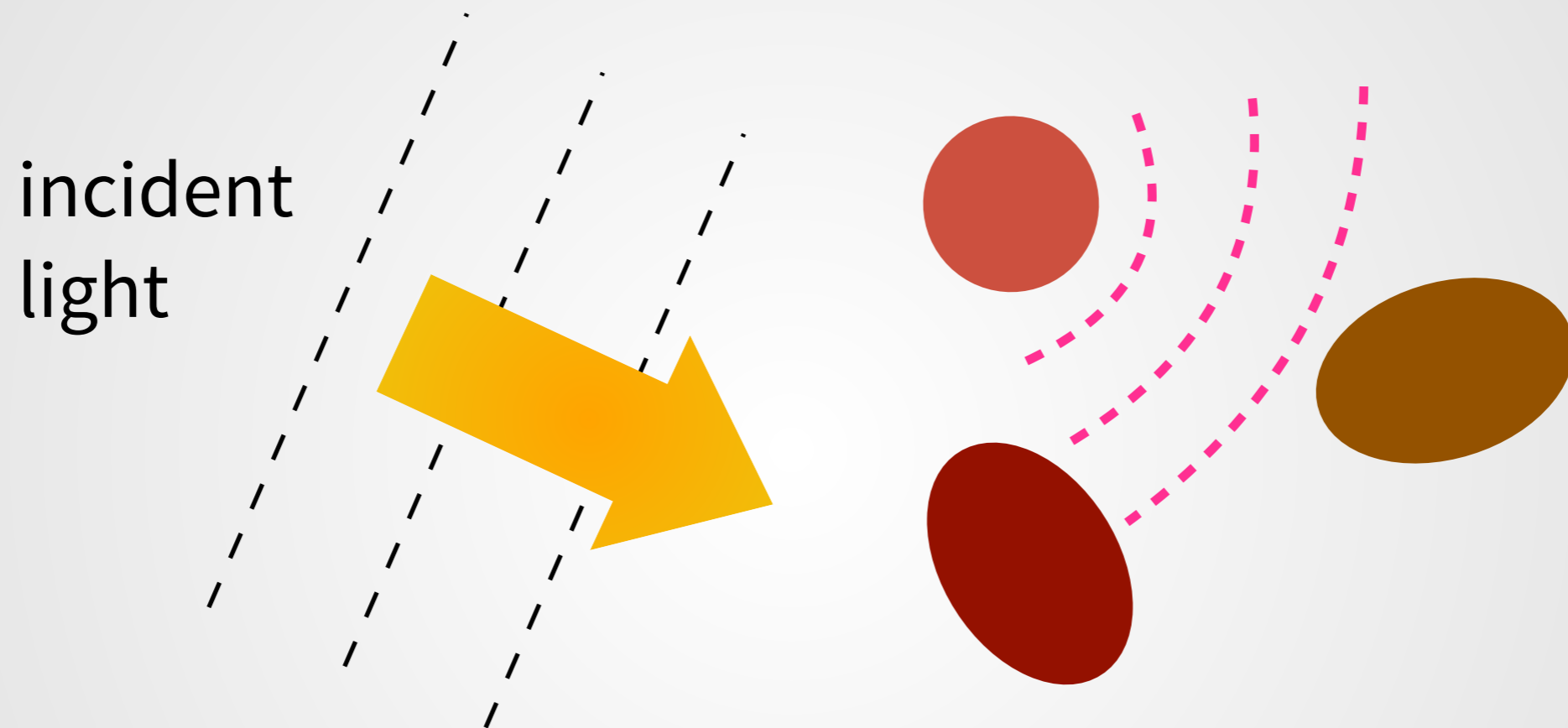
- ▶ **NANO-OPTICS, MANY SAMPLES IN SOLUTION**
- ▶ **SIMULATIONS: FEM, FDTD, DDA, ETC.**
- ▶ **OFTEN ASSUMED 3 DIRECTIONS OF INCIDENCE ENOUGH**
- ▶ **T-MATRIX: ANALYTICAL ORIENTATION-AVERAGING**
 - **BUT IS IT ALWAYS BETTER?**
- ▶ **FAR-FIELD VS NEAR-FIELD**
- ▶ **AVERAGE VS CIRCULAR DICHROISM**
- ▶ **RULE OF THUMB?**

ORIENTATION AVERAGING

$$\langle f \rangle = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi f(\varphi, \theta) \sin \theta \, d\theta d\varphi$$

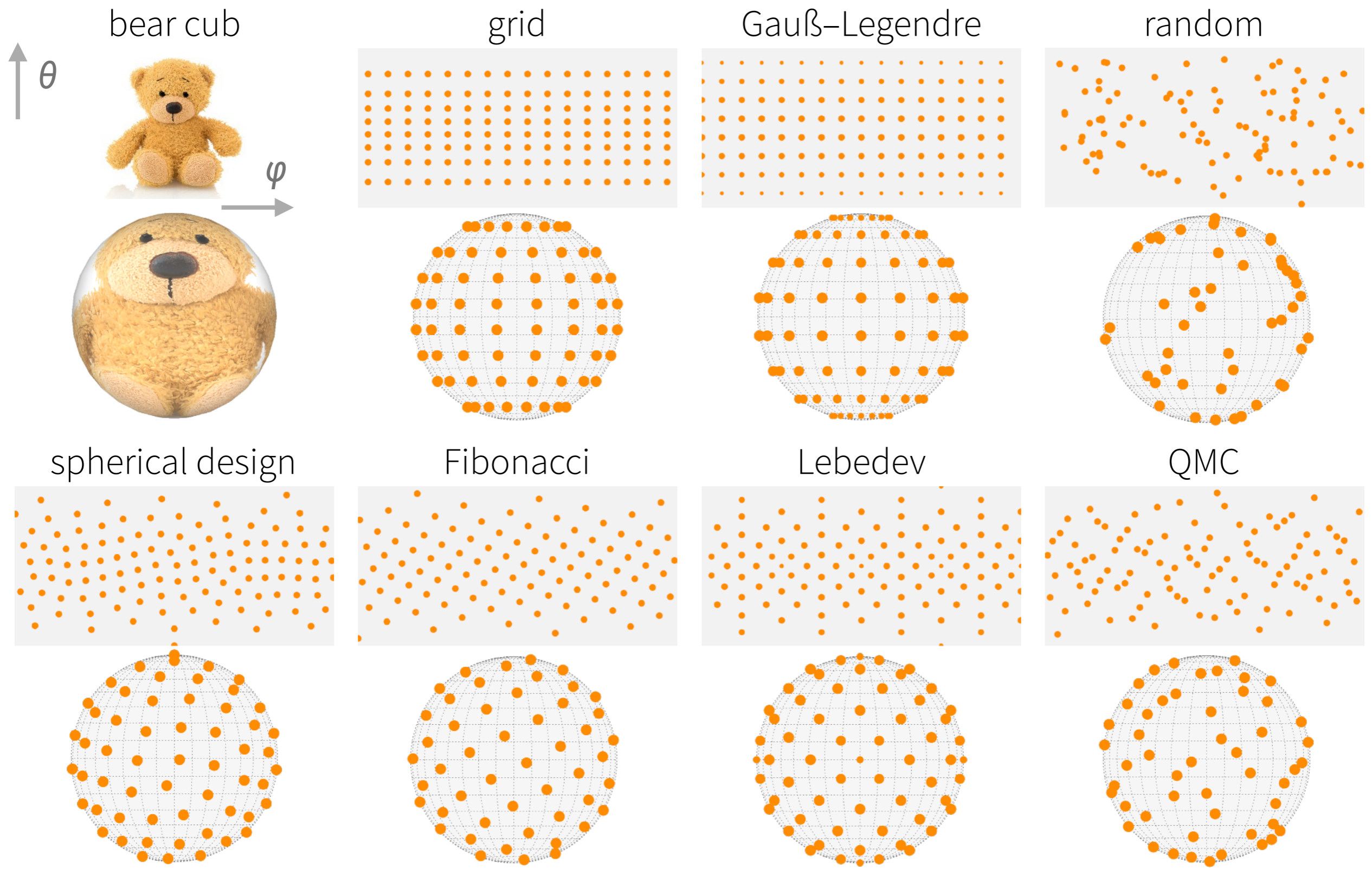


SUPERPOSITION T-MATRIX METHOD

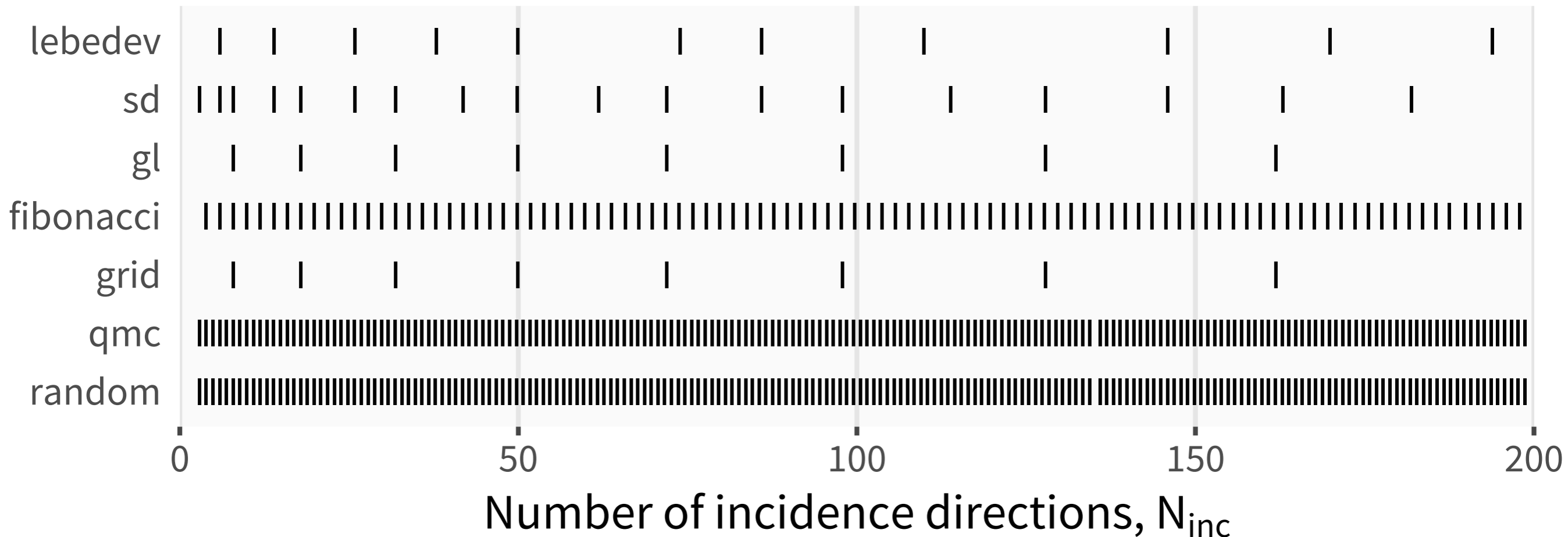


- ▶ EXPAND FIELDS IN **SPHERICAL WAVES** (MULTIPOLES)
- ▶ EXCITING FIELD = INCIDENT + SCATTERED
- ▶ LINEAR SYSTEM FOR N PARTICLES

SPHERICAL QUADRATURE



SPHERICAL CUBATURE METHODS



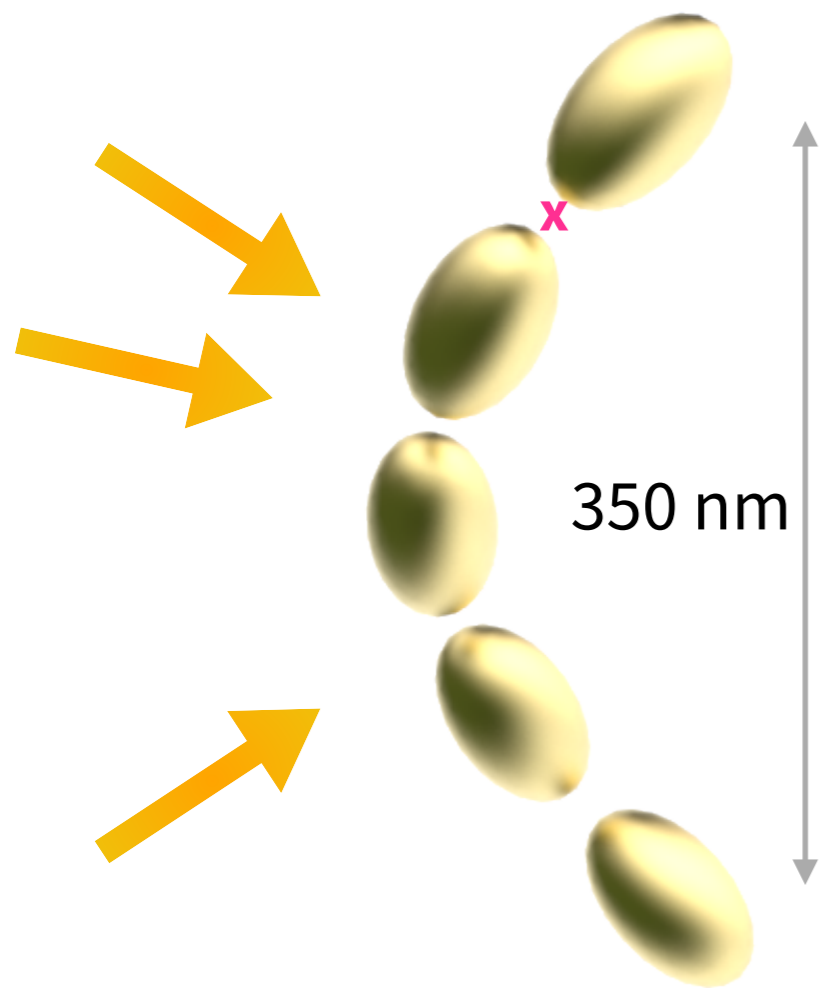
Optimal cubature on the sphere and other orientation averaging schemes

A. Penttila, K. Lumme JQSRT 112 (2011) 1741–1746

Efficient numerical orientation averaging of light scattering properties with a quasi-Monte-Carlo method

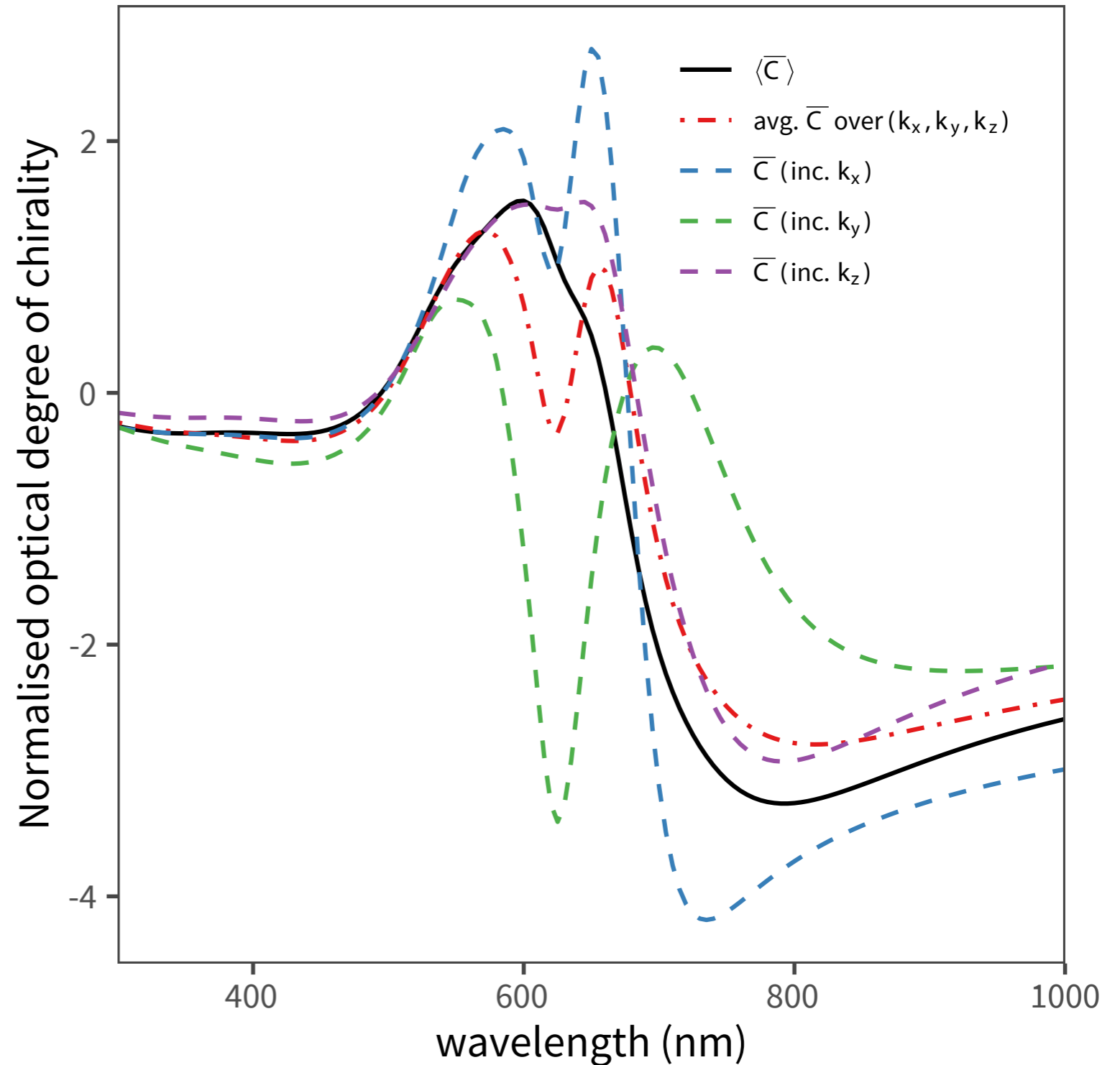
Y. Okada JQSRT 109 (2008) 1719–1742

"LARGE" CLUSTER: HELIX OF NANORODS



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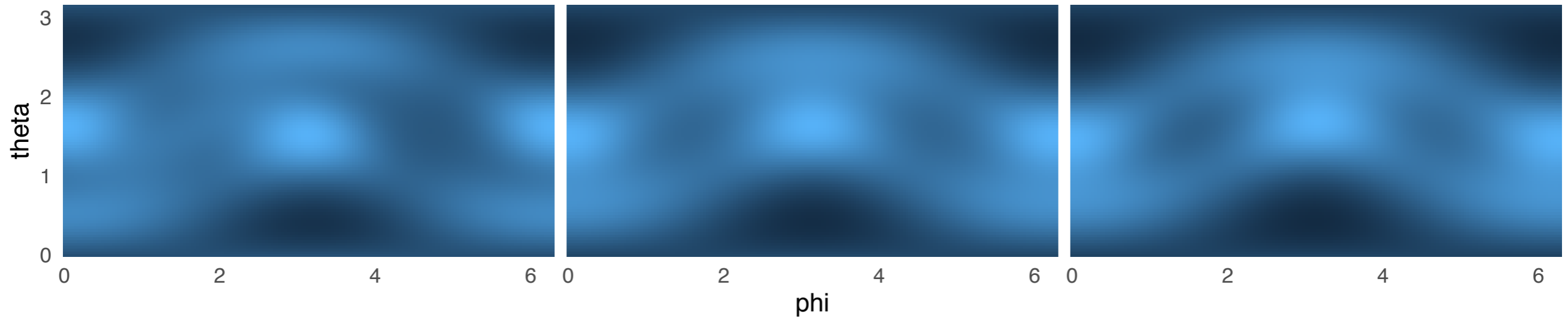
ANGULAR PATTERN: CROSS-SECTIONS & CIRCULAR DICHROISM

normalised average

Abs

Ext

Sca

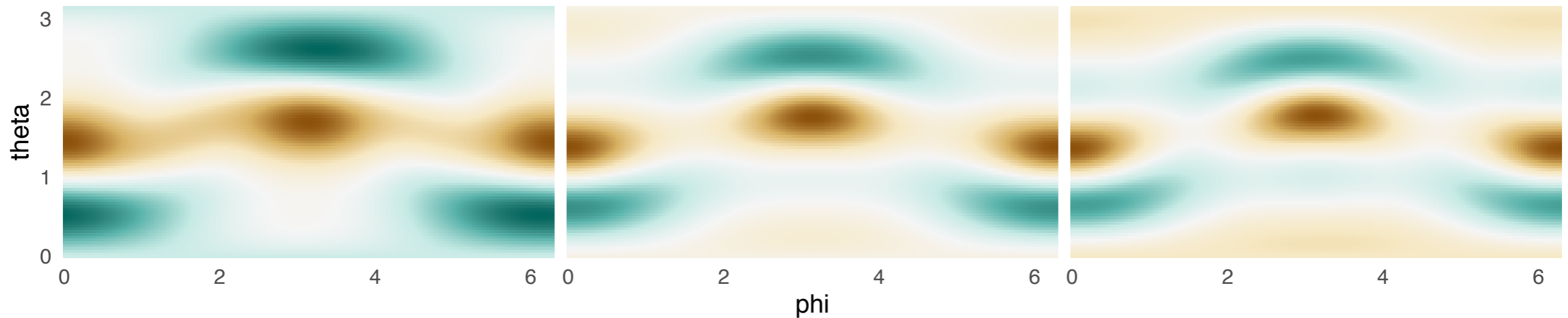


normalised dichroism

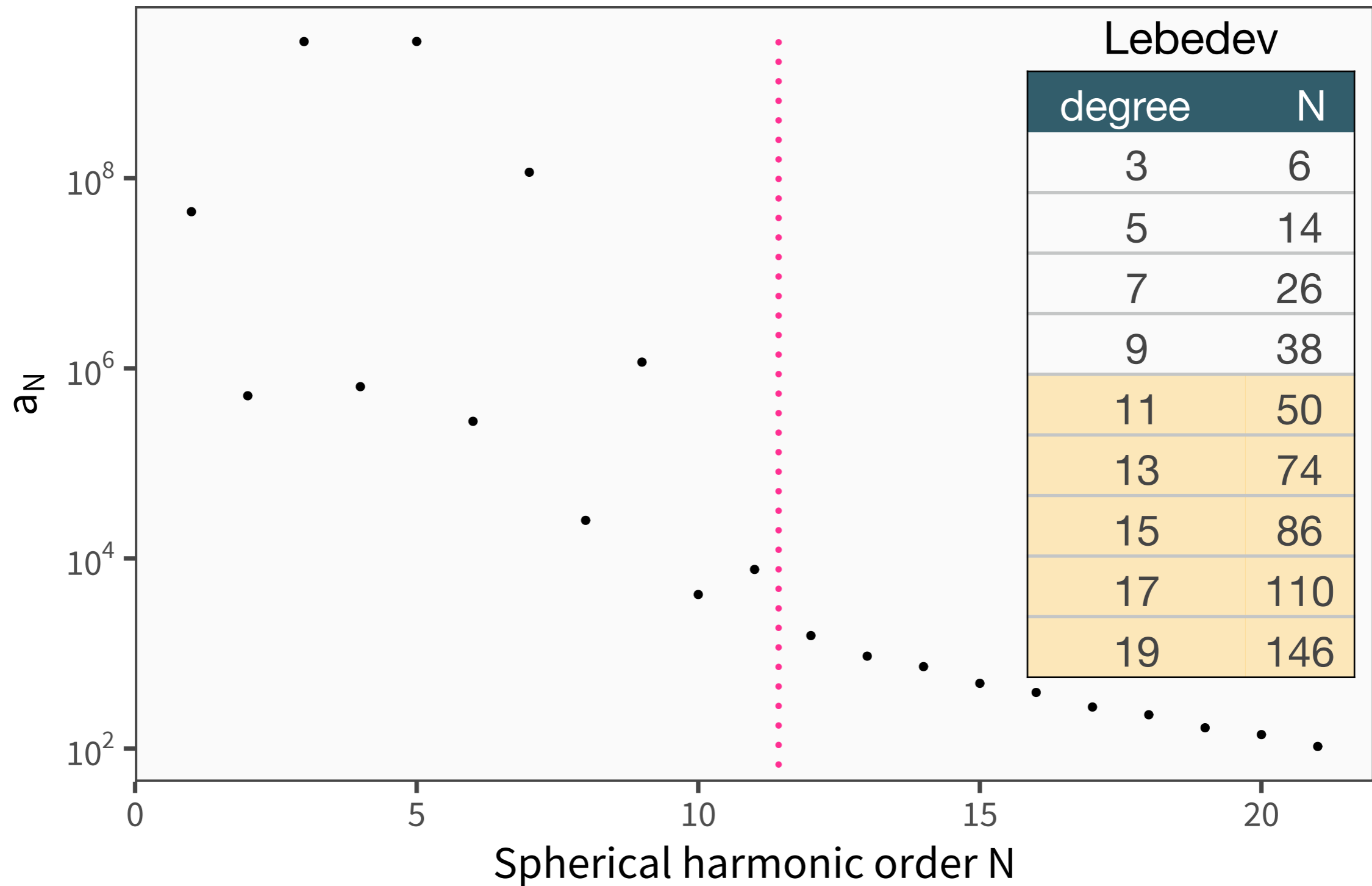
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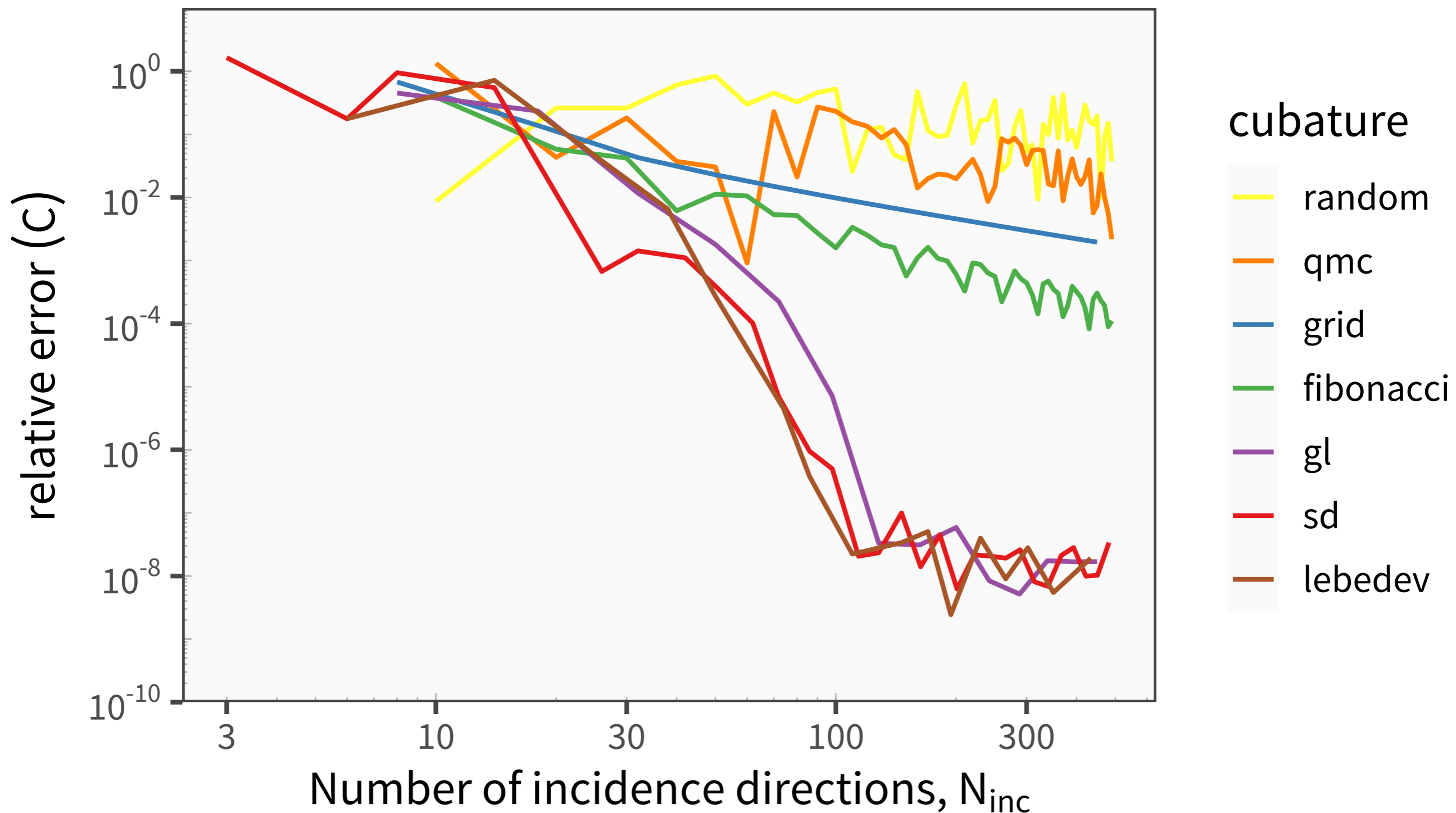
Sca



HOW MANY ANGLES? SPHERICAL HARMONIC DECOMPOSITION



NANOROD HELIX: LOCAL DEGREE OF CHIRALITY



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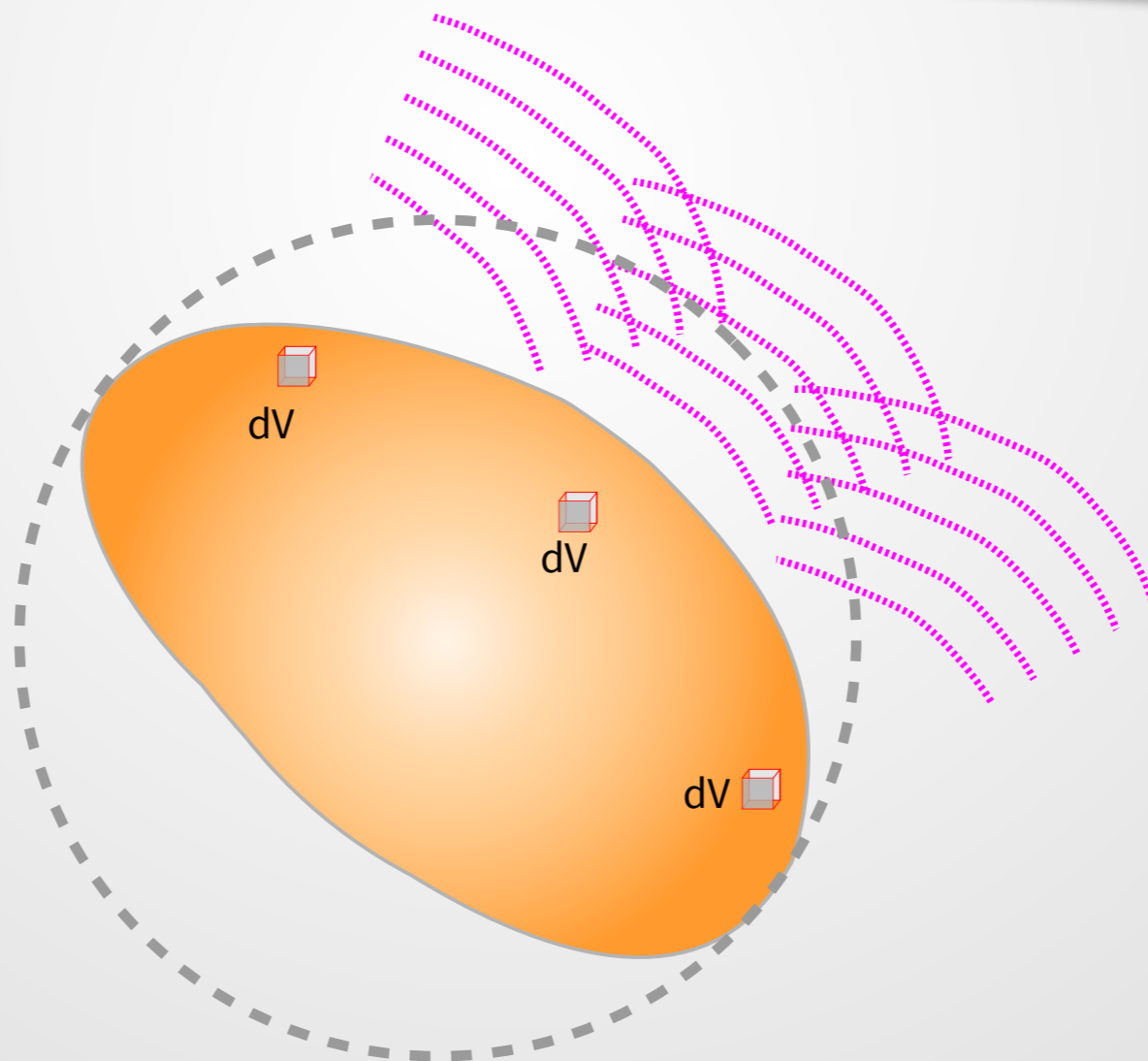


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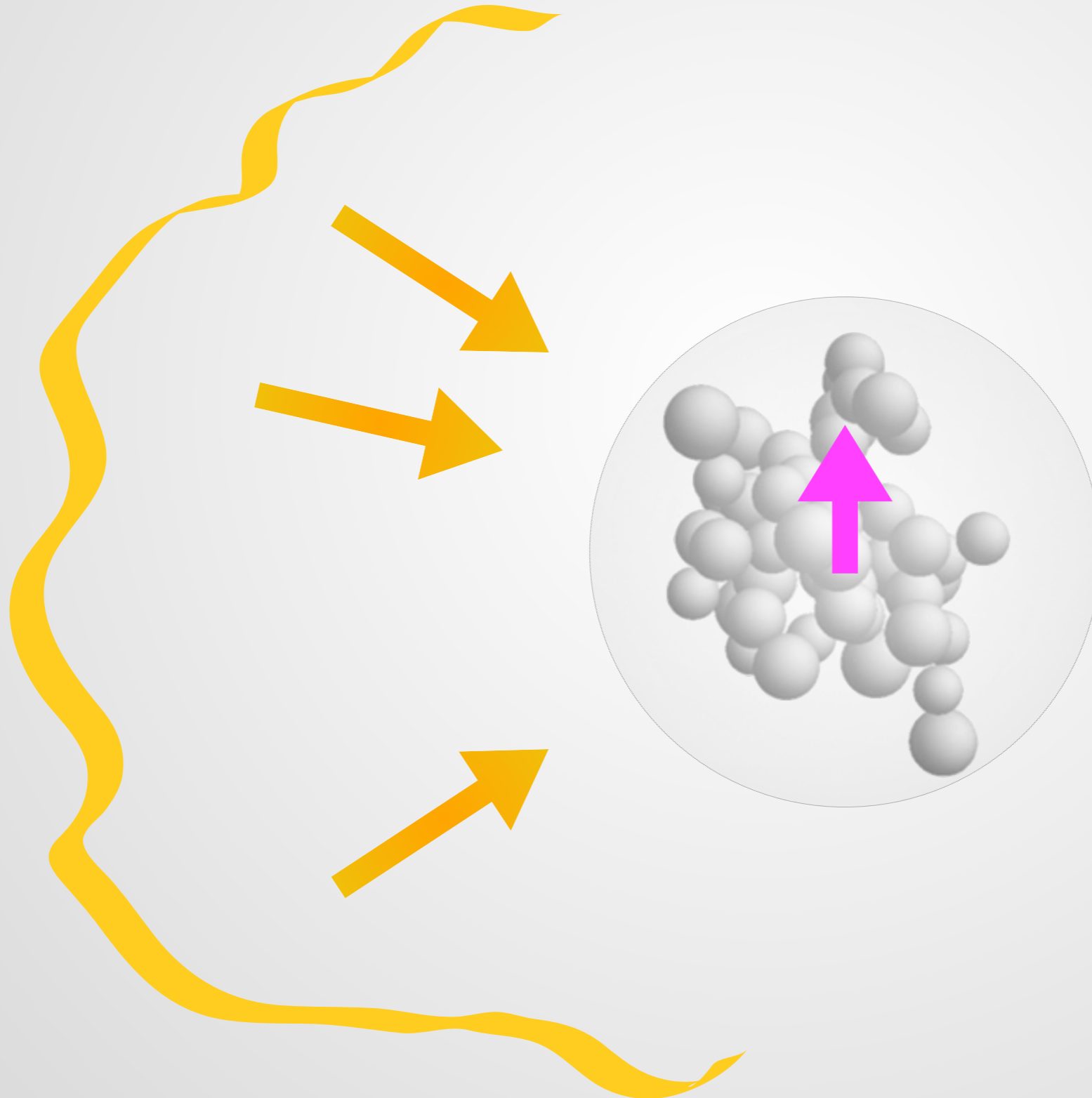
SUPPLEMENTARY SLIDES

RAYLEIGH'S HYPOTHESIS

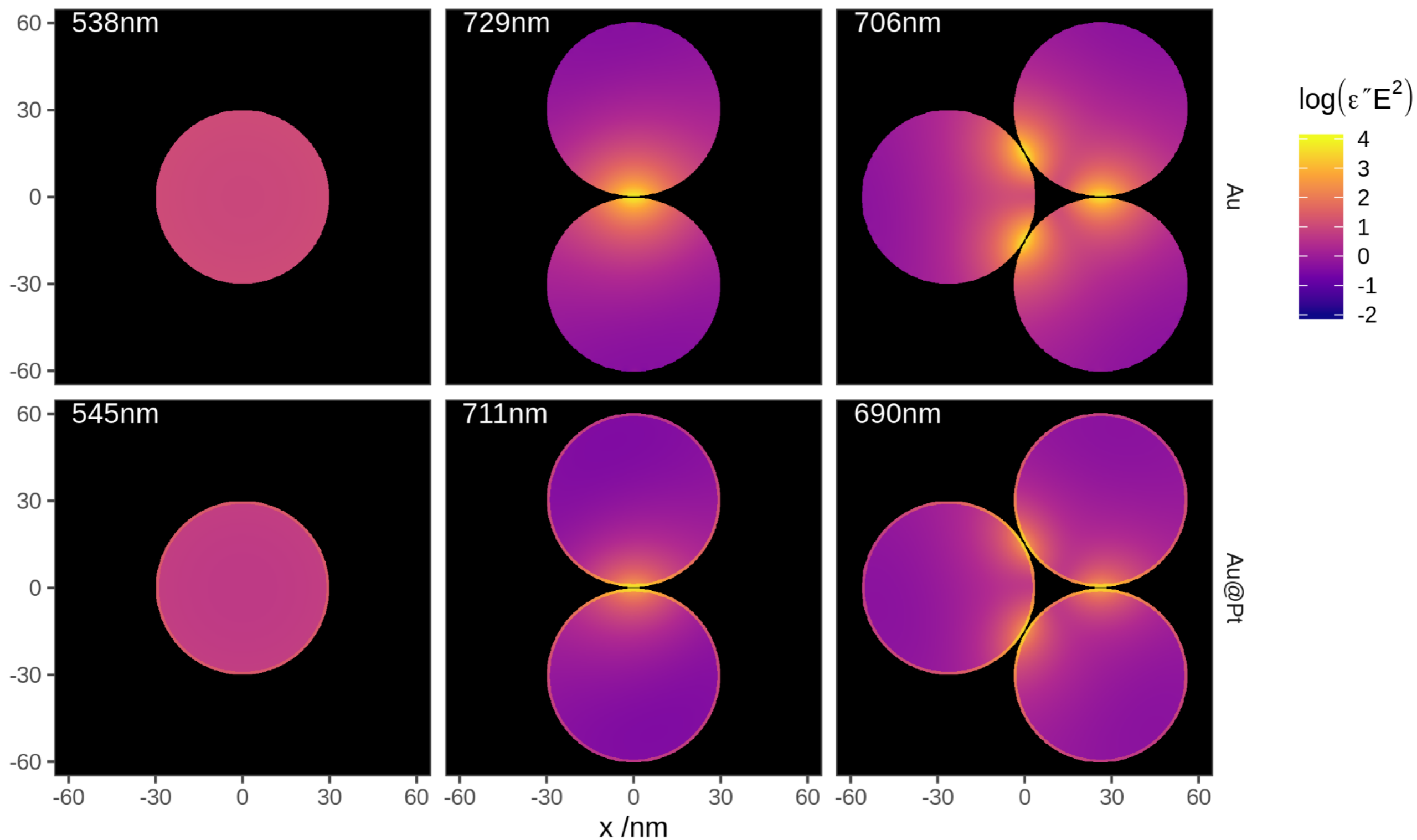
$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{sca}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n,m} p_{nm} \mathbf{M}_{nm}(k_1 \mathbf{r}) + q_{nm} \mathbf{N}_{nm}(k_1 \mathbf{r})$$



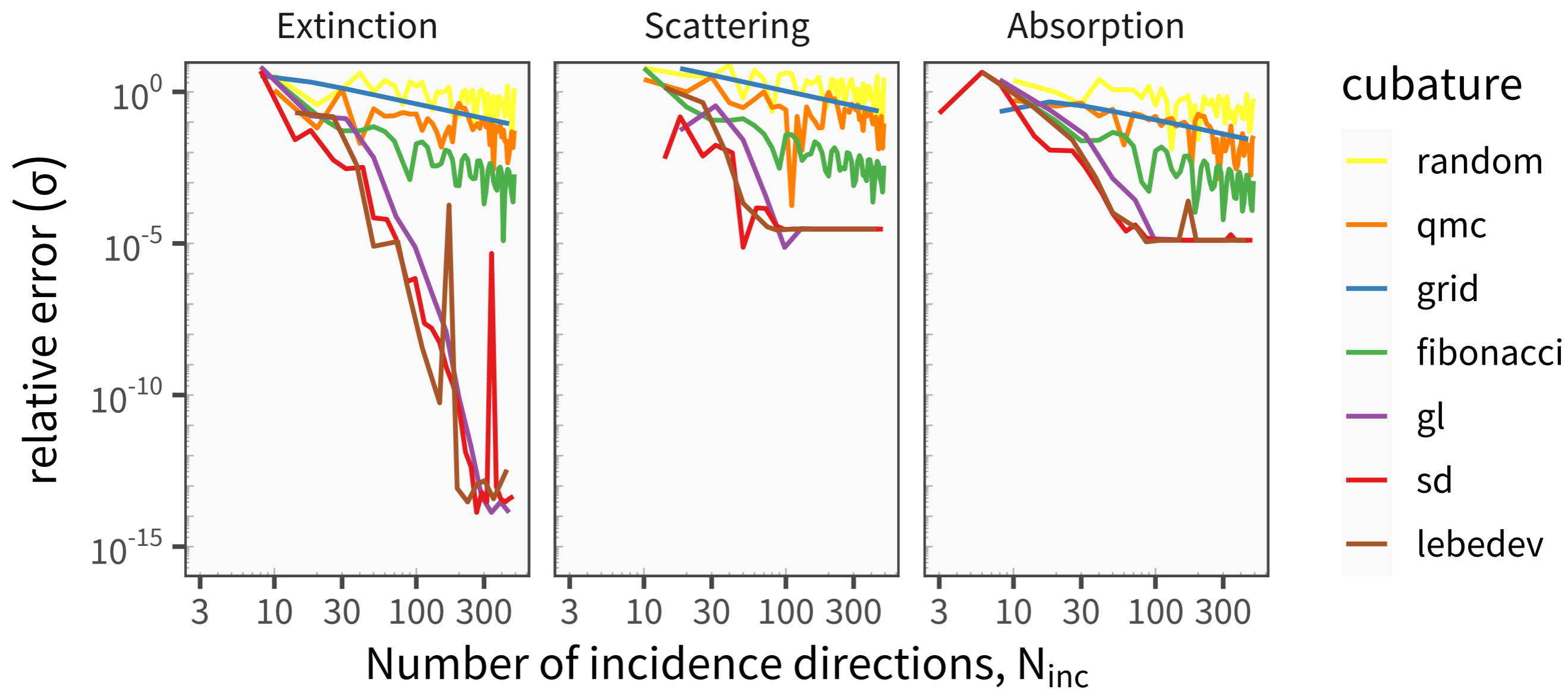
HOW MANY ANGLES ARE NEEDED? – RECIPROCALITY?



EXAMPLE: LOCAL ABSORPTION IN Au@Pt NANO-TRIMERS



NANOROD HELIX: CIRCULAR DICHROISM



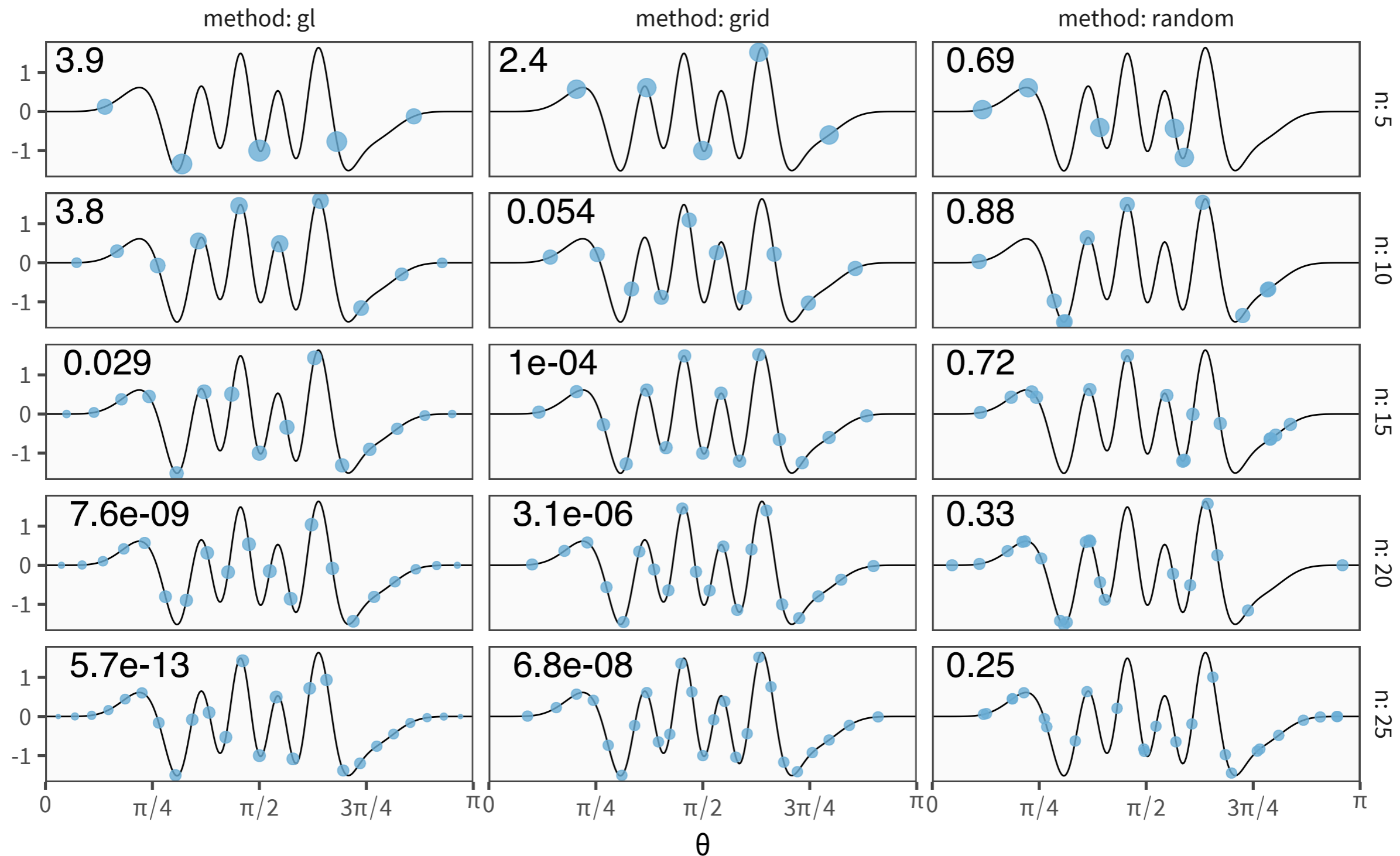
NUMERICAL QUADRATURE

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx (b - a) \sum_i w_i f(x_i)$$



NUMERICAL QUADRATURE

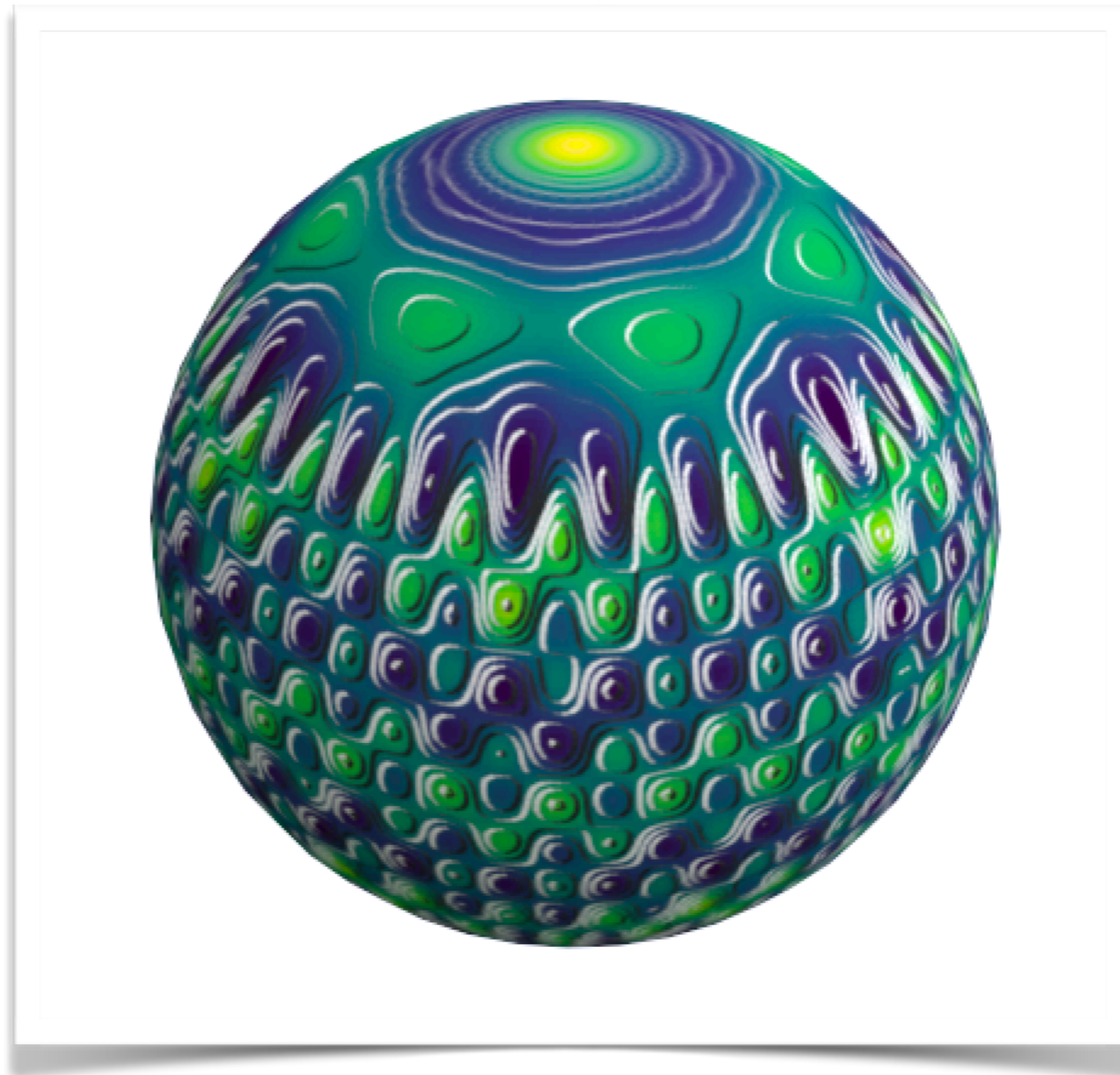
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SPHERICAL QUADRATURE

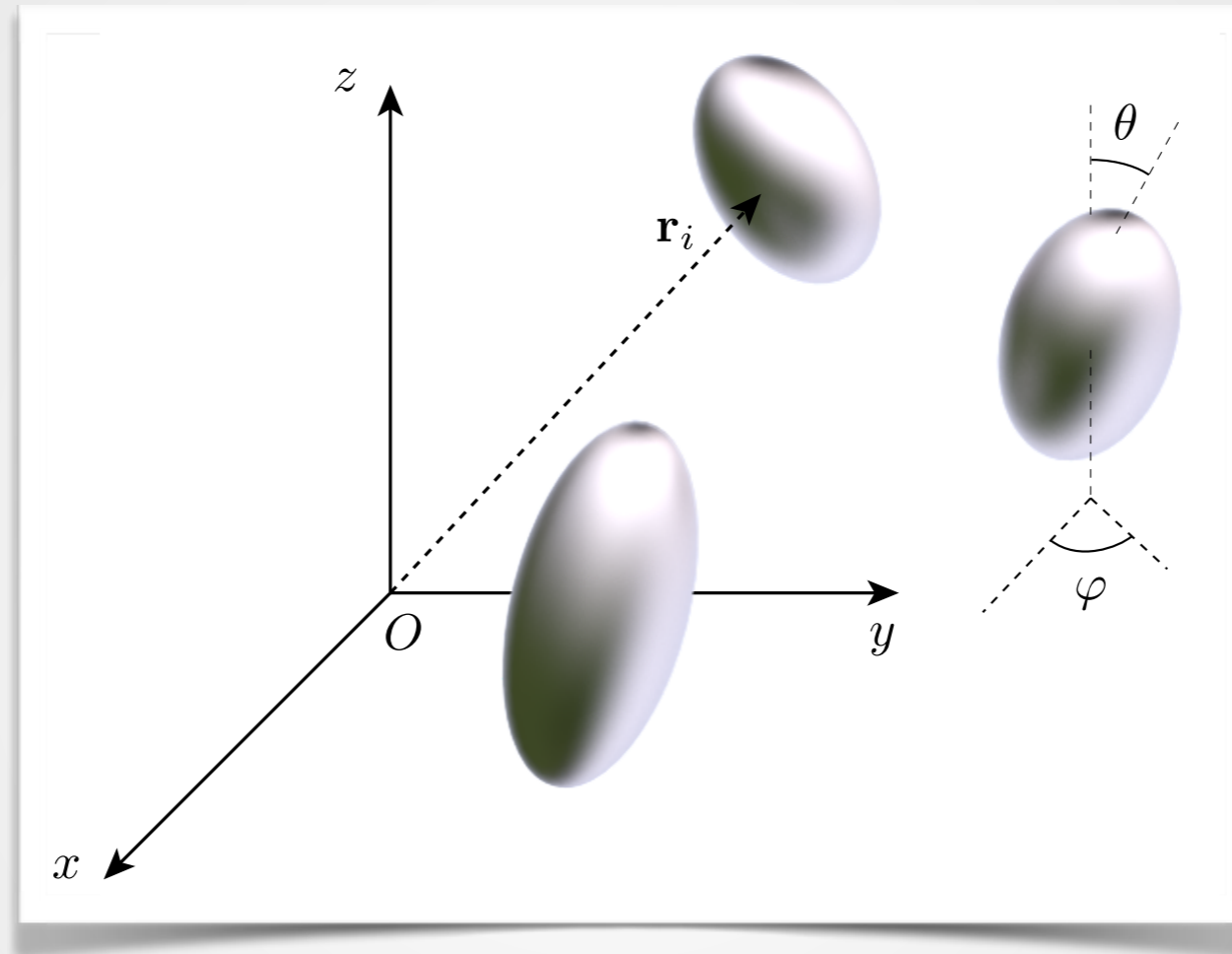
$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(\varphi, \theta) \sin \theta \, d\theta d\varphi \approx \sum_i w_i f(\varphi_i, \theta_i)$$

SPHERICAL HARMONIC (WHY L=35, M=27)



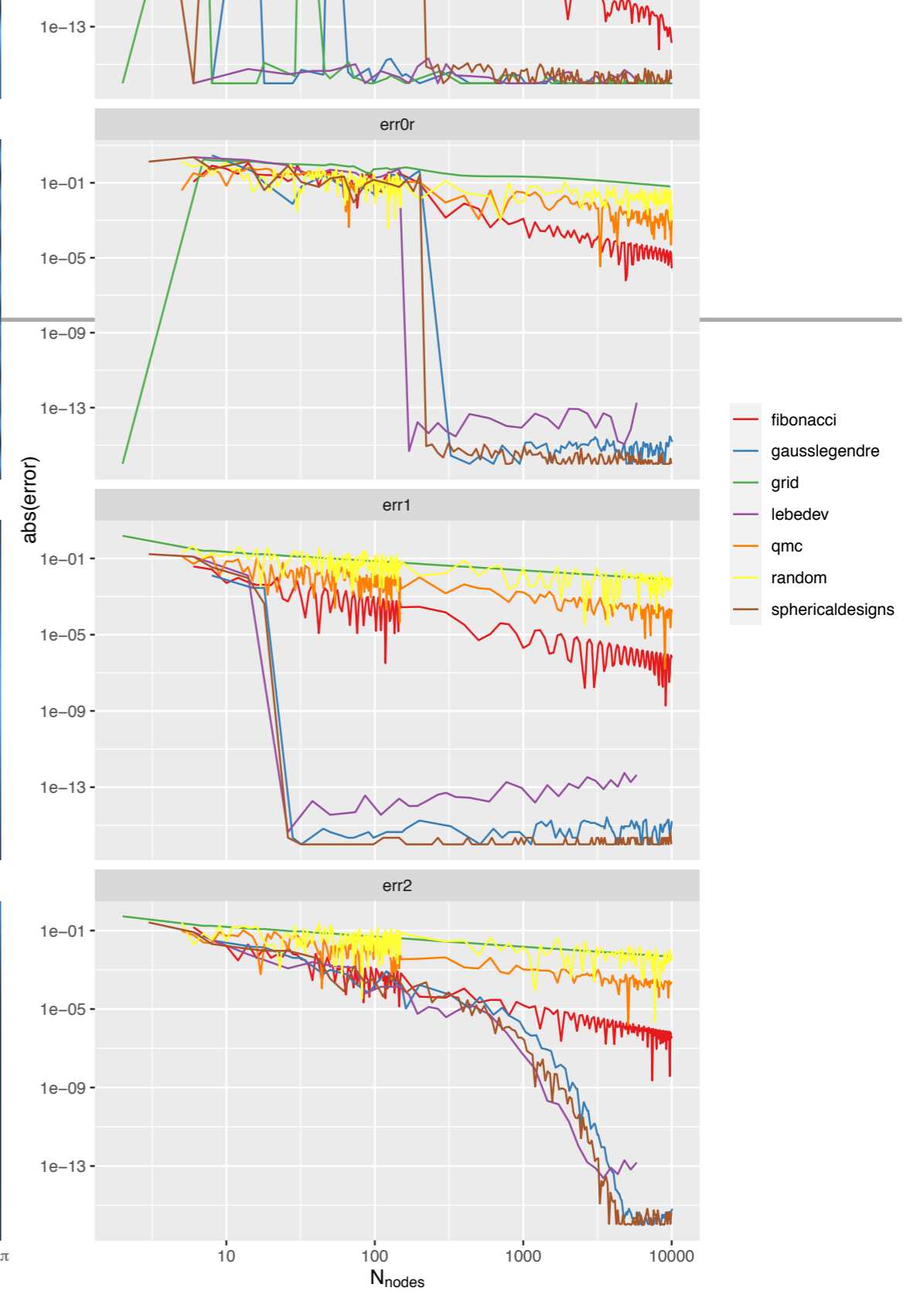
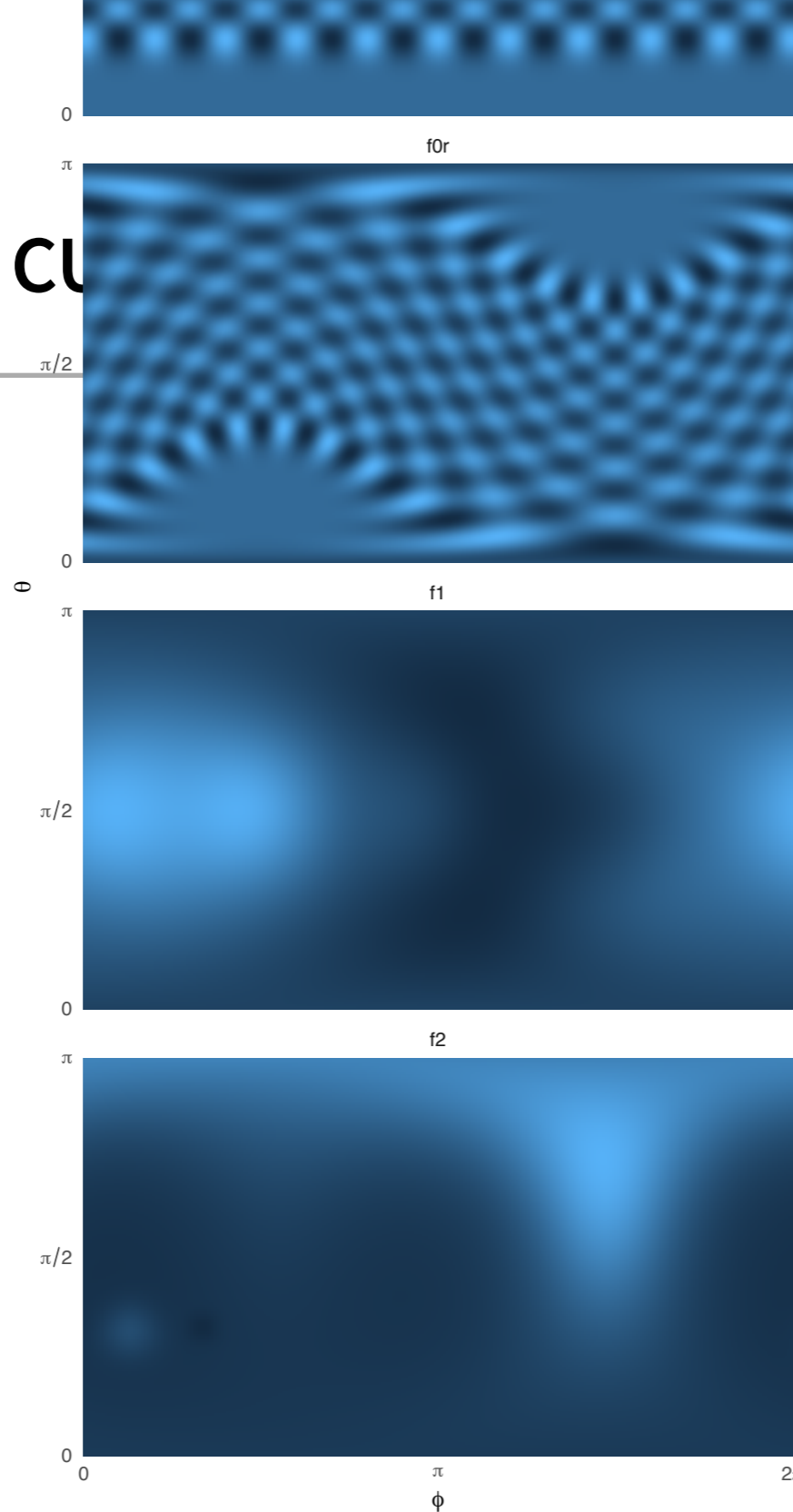
$$e^{27i\varphi} \sin^{27}(\theta) (180297 \cos^8(\theta) - 73164 \cos^6(\theta) + 8190 \cos^4(\theta) - 252 \cos^2(\theta) + 1)$$

NEAR-FIELD AND RECIPROcity



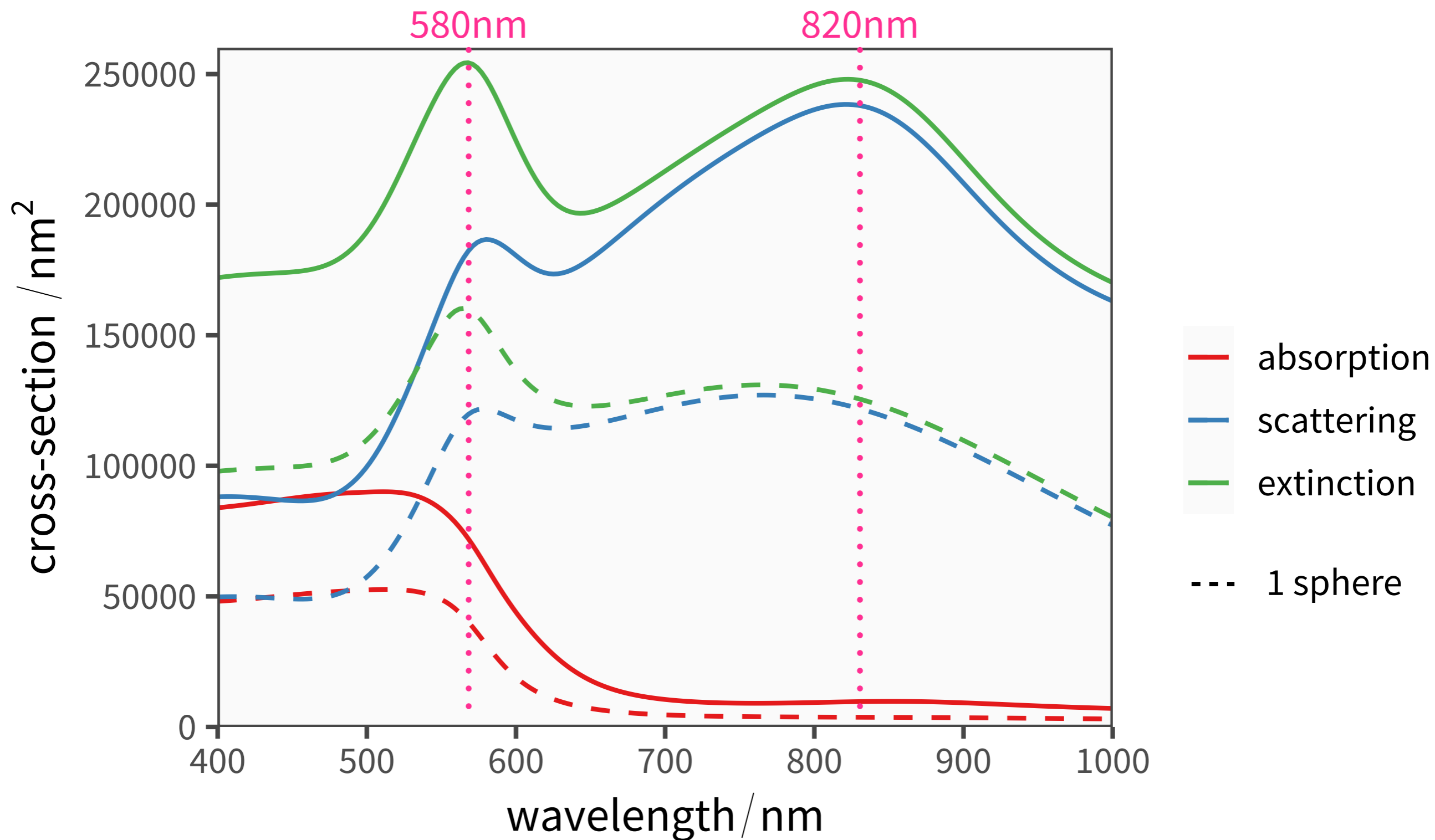
- ▶ NEAR-FIELD \leftrightarrow FAR-FIELD RADIATION PATTERN OF A DIPOLE EMITTER
- ▶ DIPOLE SOURCE: COUPLES TO HIGH-ORDER MODES
- ▶ HIGH MULTIPOLE ORDER \rightarrow MANY LOBES IN THE RADIATION PATTERN

SPHERICAL QUADRATURE



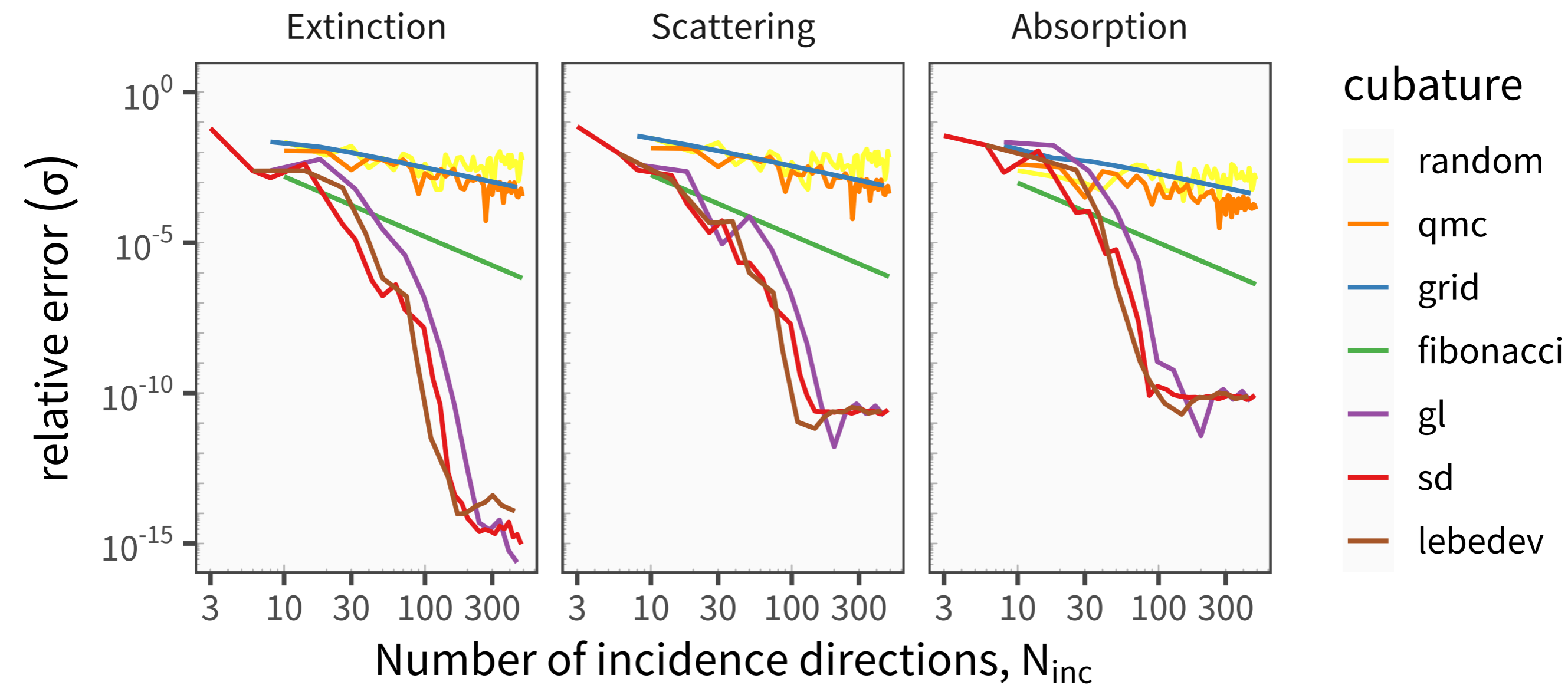
Casper Beentjes, "Quadrature on a spherical surface." Technical Report (2015)

SPHERICAL CUBATURE: FAR-FIELD CONVERGENCE



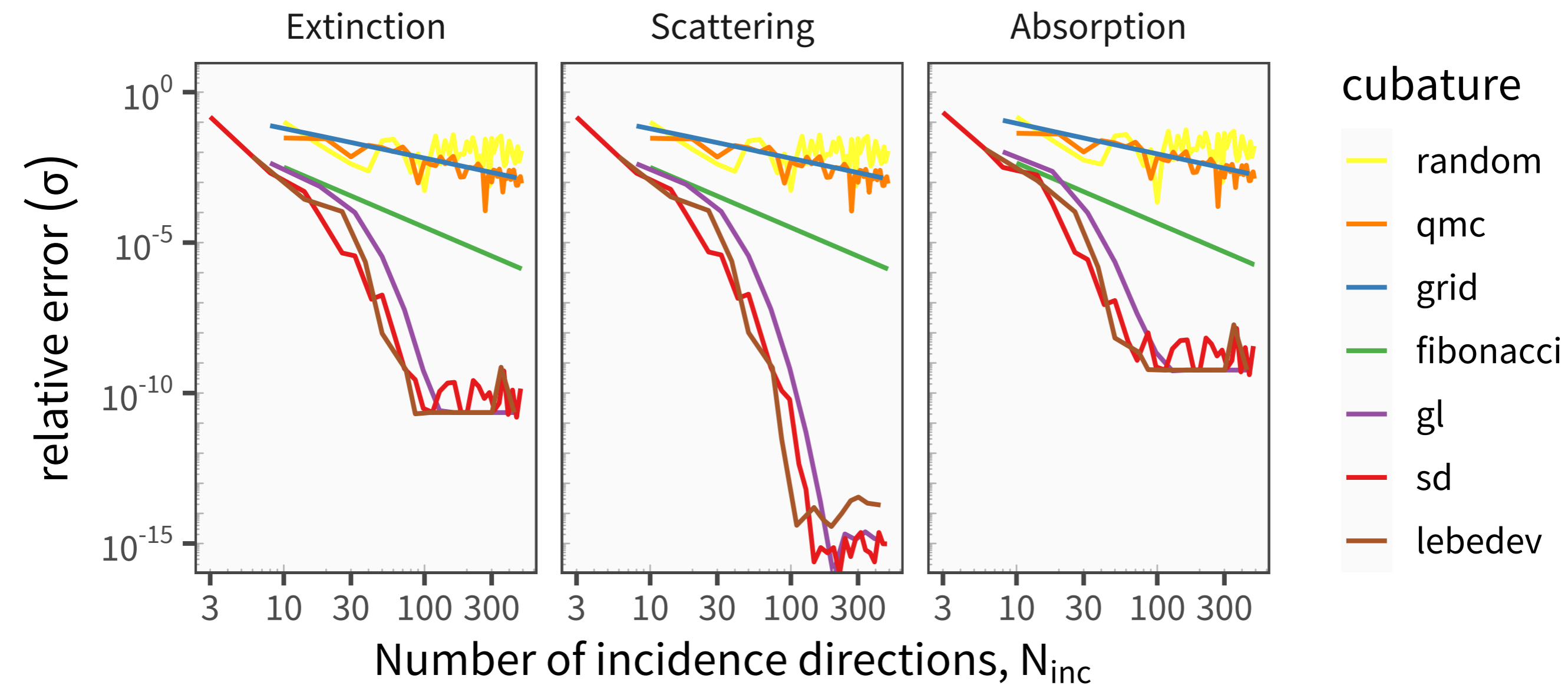
SPHERICAL CUBATURE: FAR-FIELD CONVERGENCE

580 nm



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820 nm

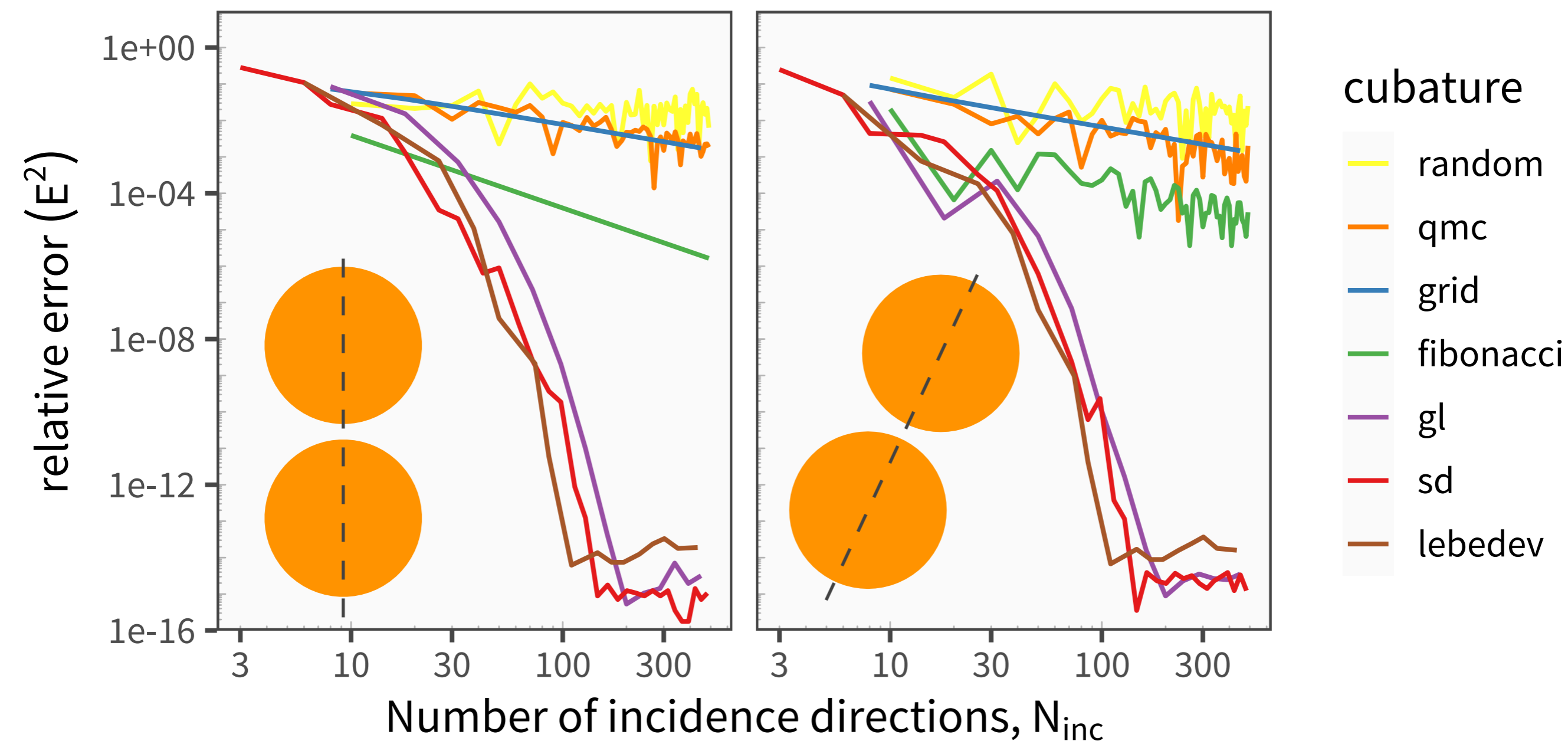


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820nm

vertical dimer

tilted dimer

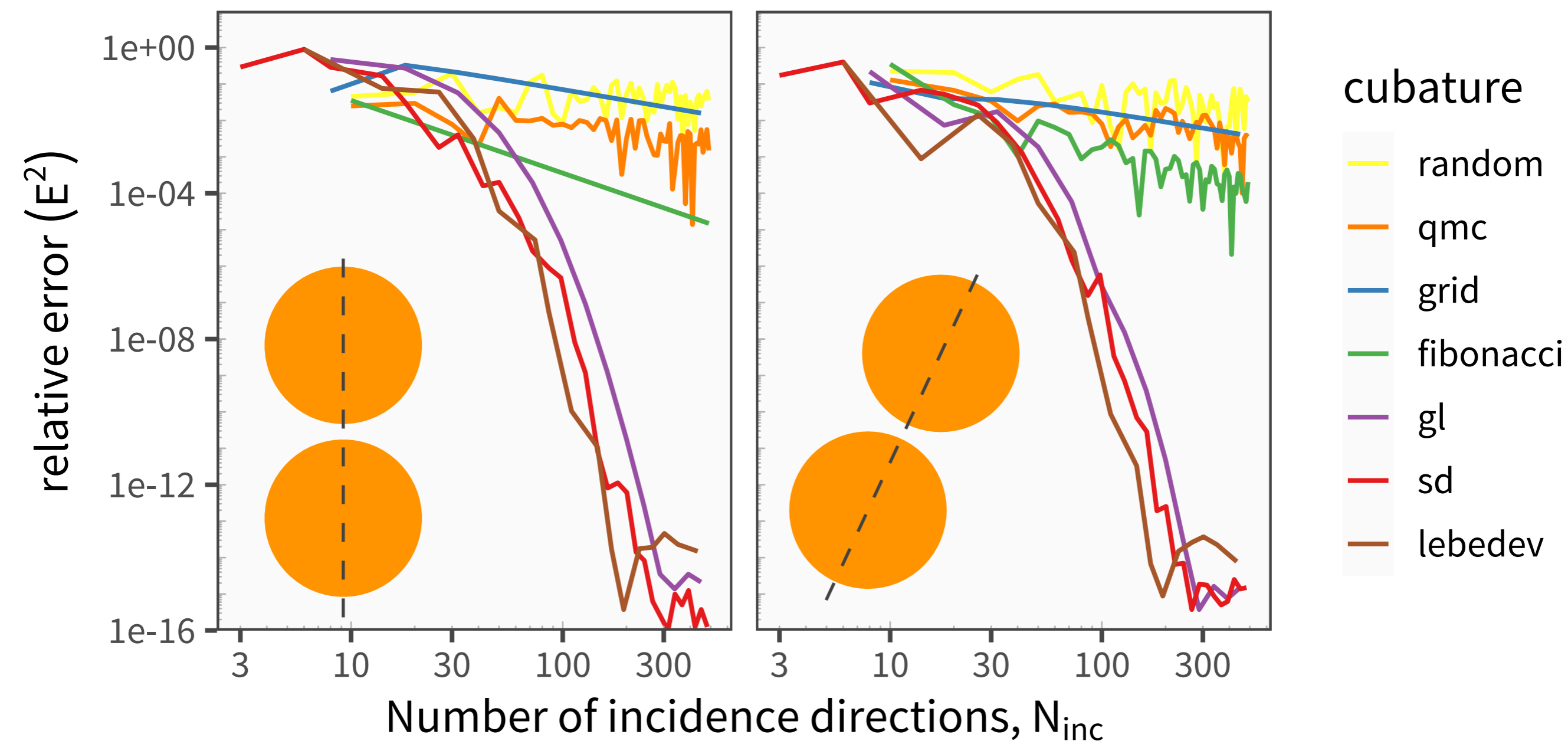


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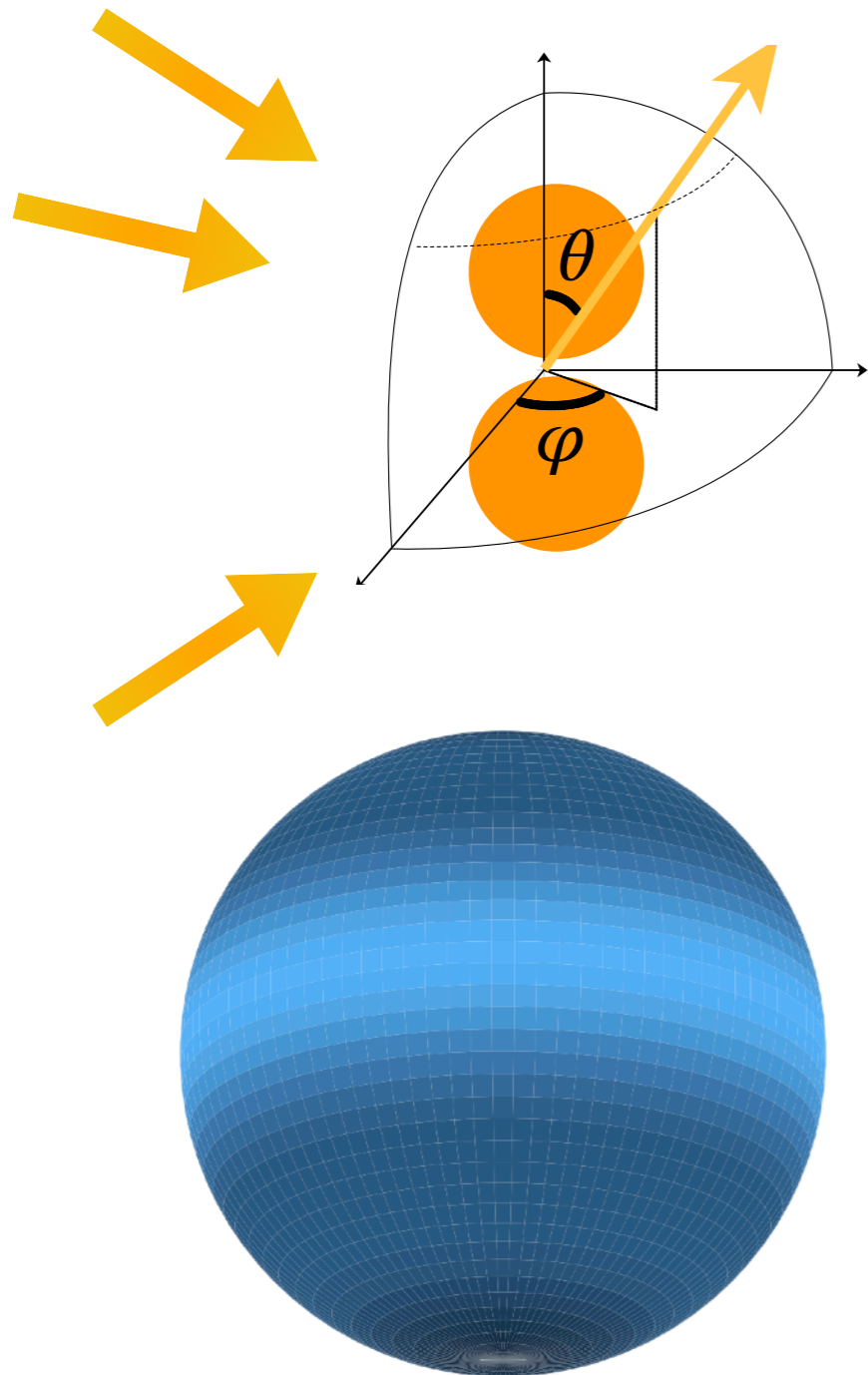
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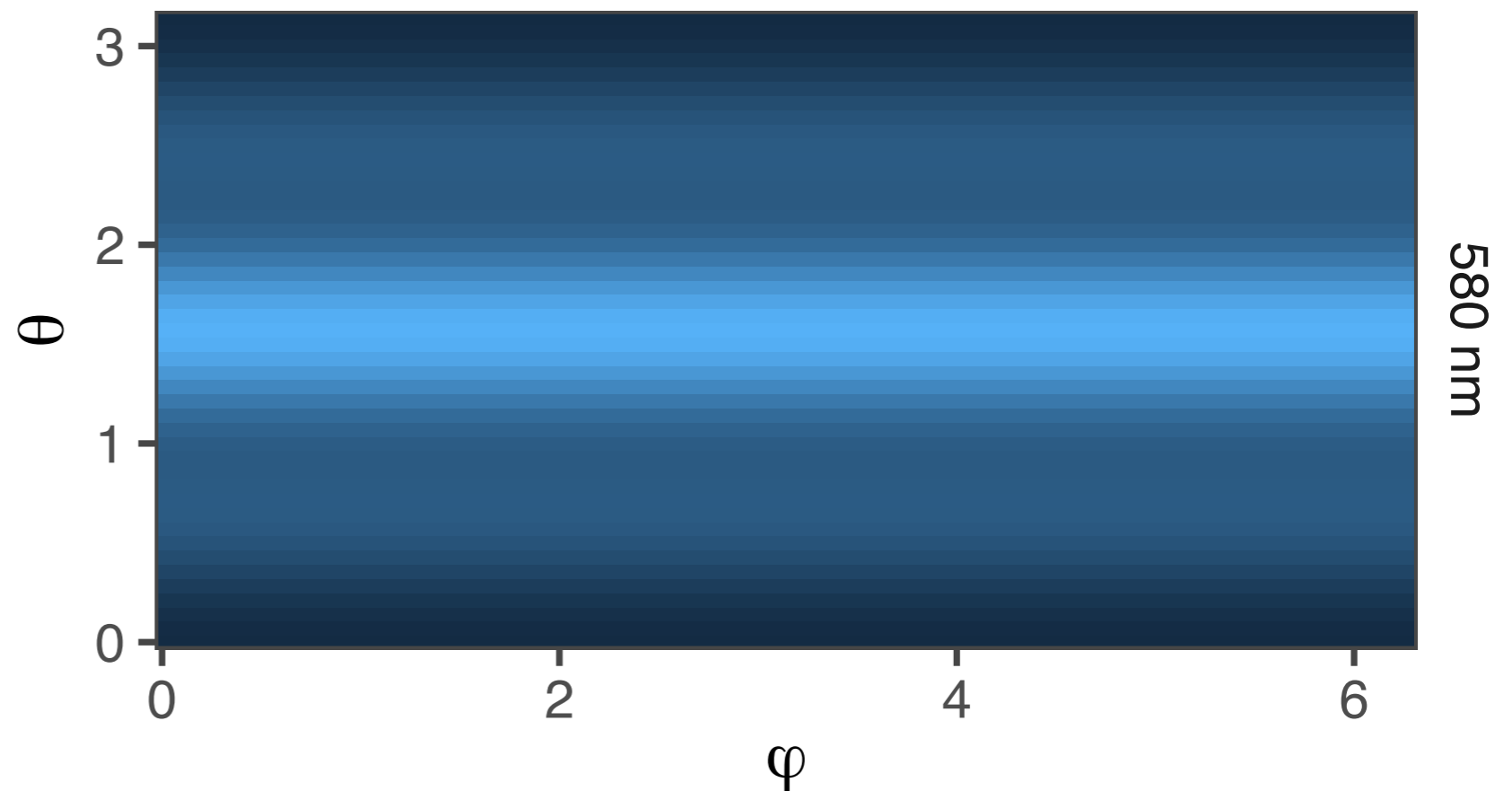
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DIFFERENTIAL CROSS-SECTIONS – WHAT IS THE PATTERN?

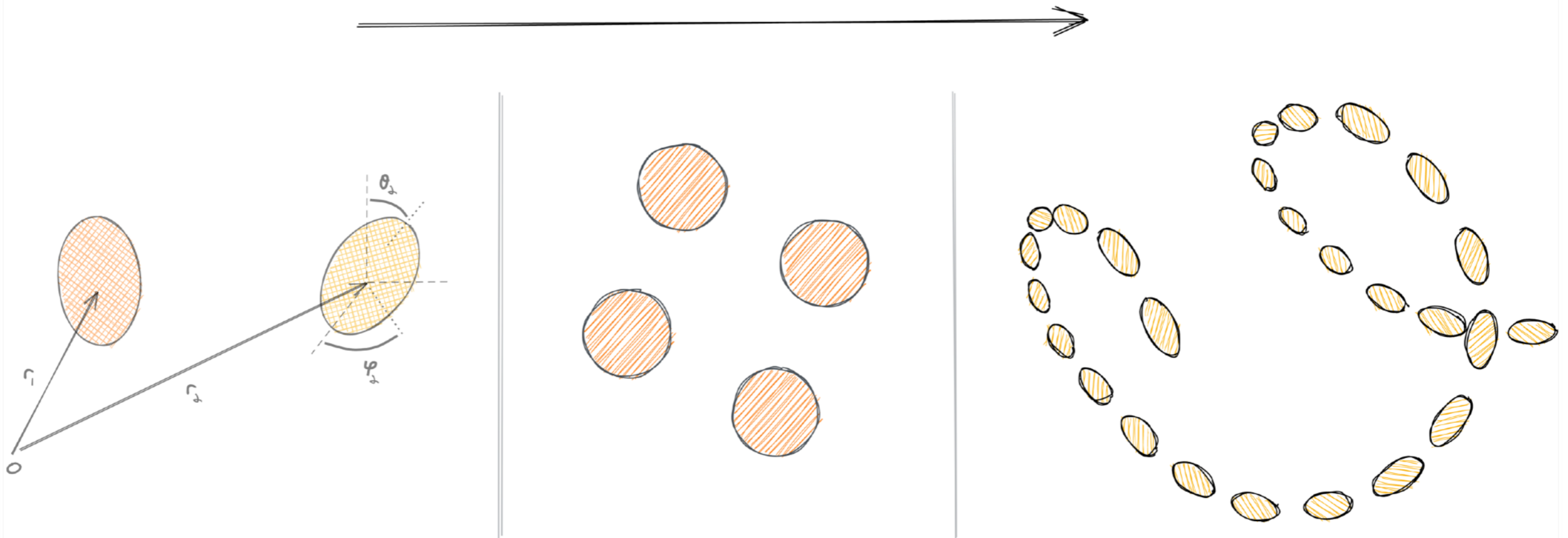


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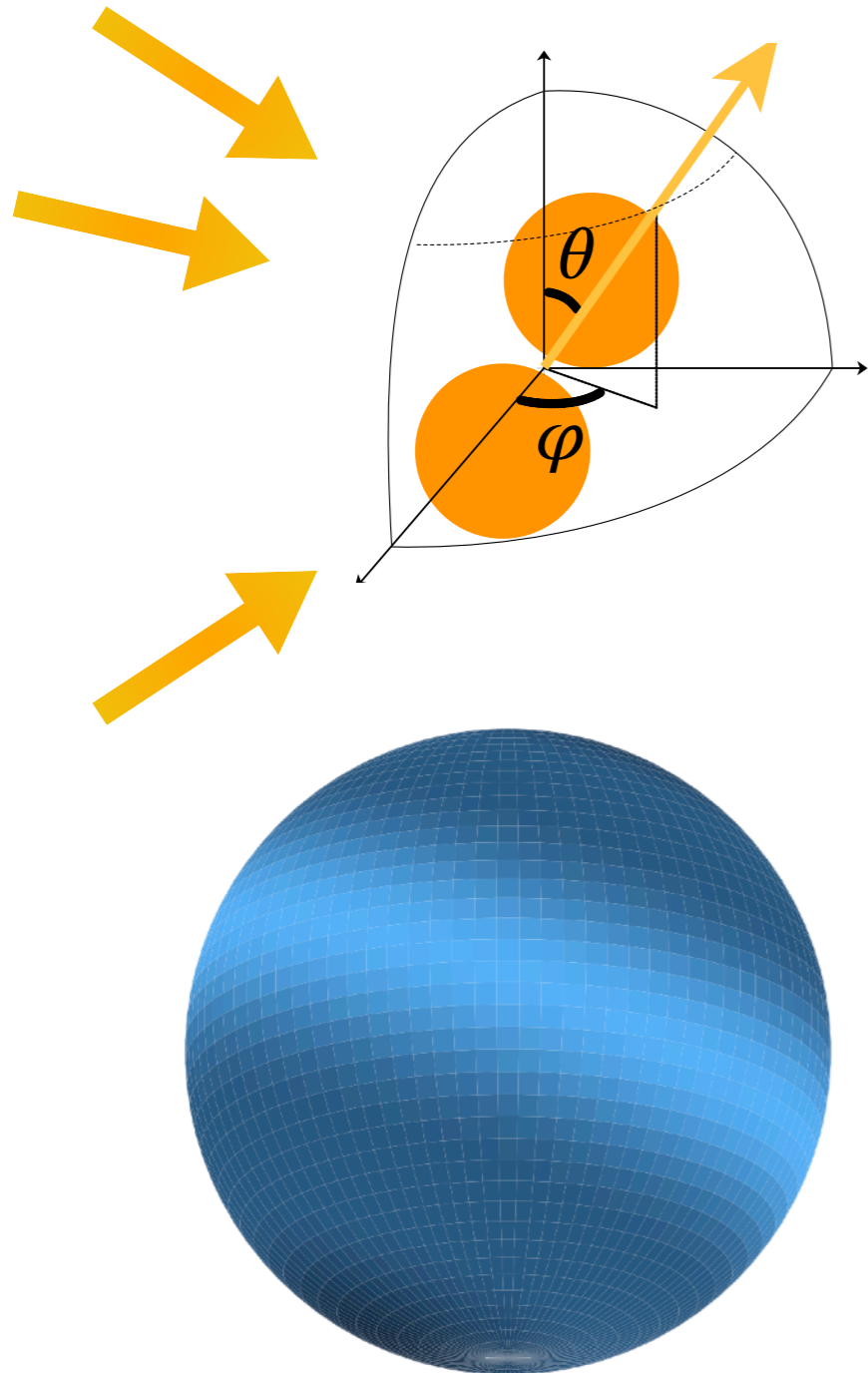


GEOMETRY OPTIMISATION – FROM DIMER TO HELIX (?)

ϵ optical structures ?



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