



MODELLING LIGHT ABSORPTION IN HYBRID CORE-SATELLITE METAL NANOSTRUCTURES

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OUTLINE

1. INTRODUCTION

Nano-optics lab at Victoria University

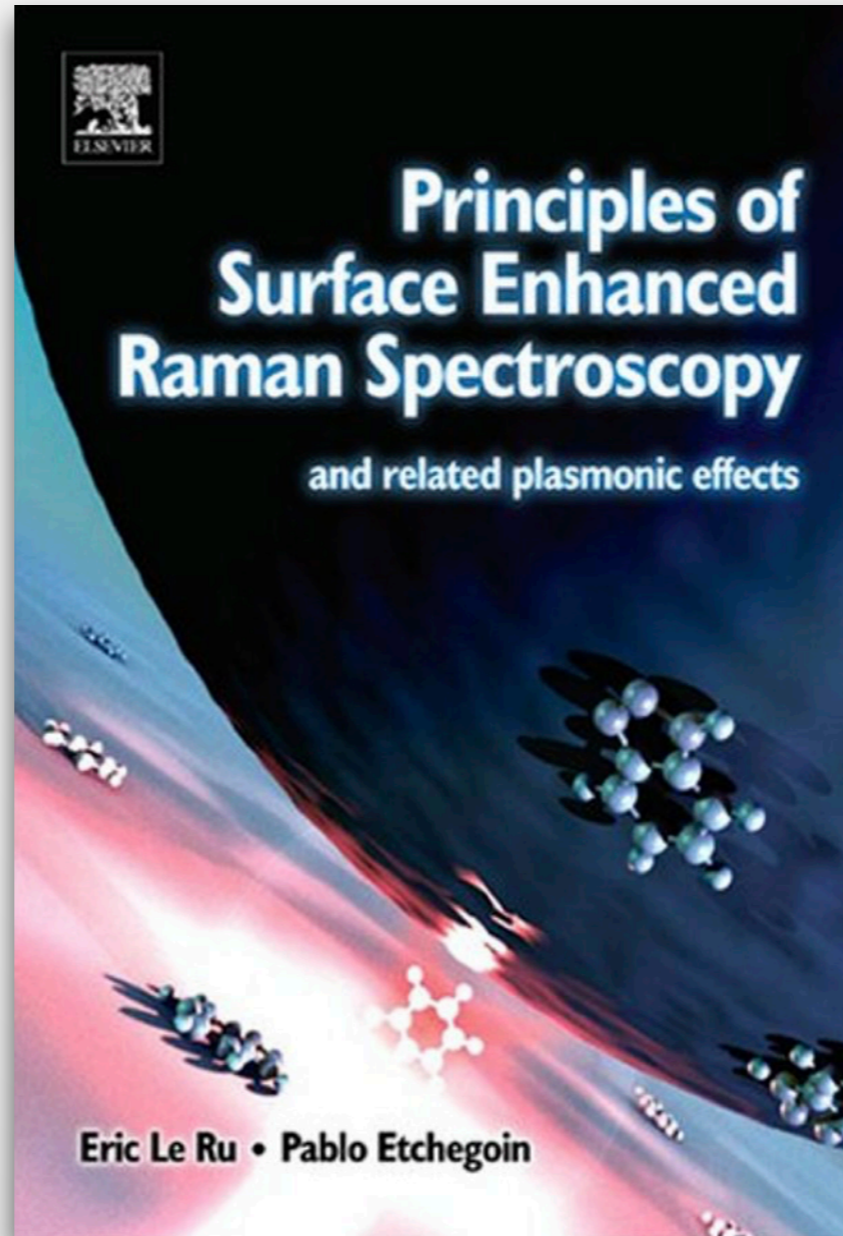
T-matrix projects, lattice resonances, plasmonic chirality, ...

2. ABSORPTION IN CORE-SATELLITE NANOSTRUCTURES

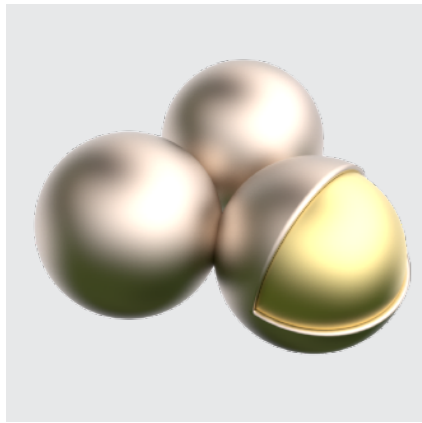
Generalised coupled-dipole model for core-satellite nanostructures.

Nanoscale, 2023

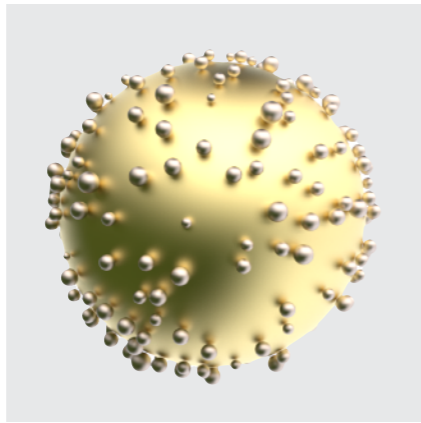
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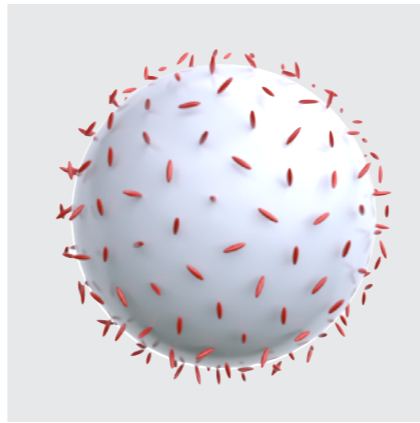
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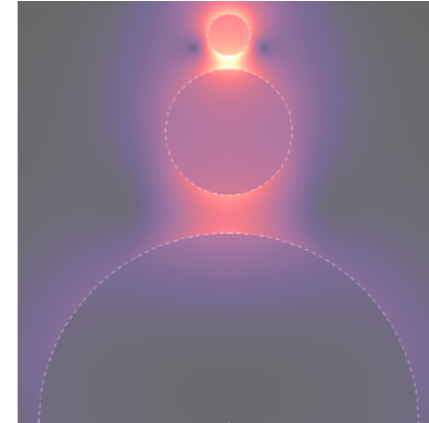
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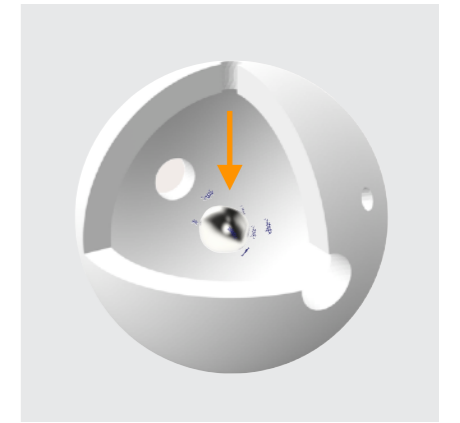
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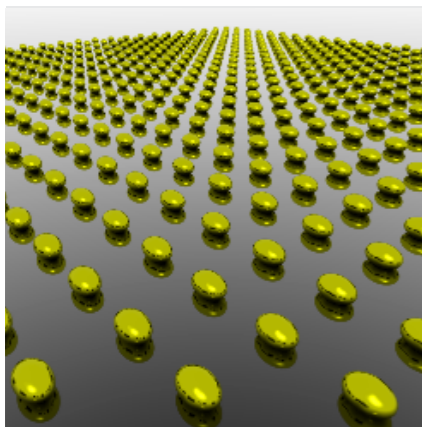
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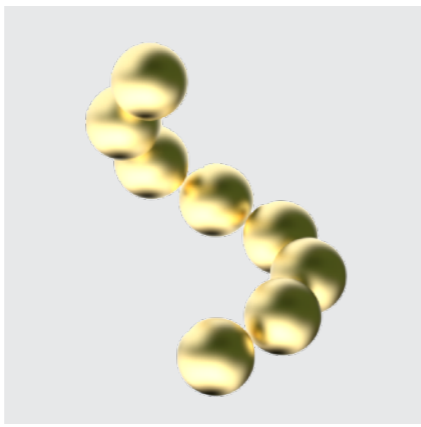
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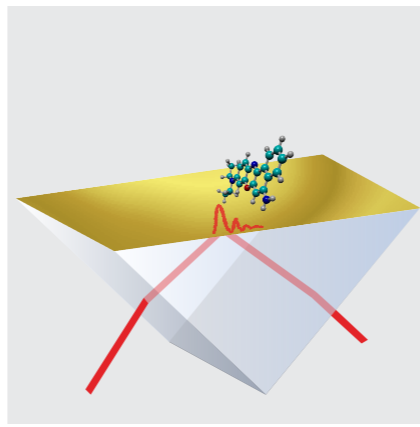
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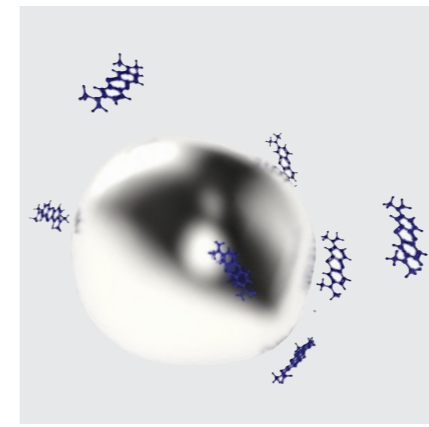
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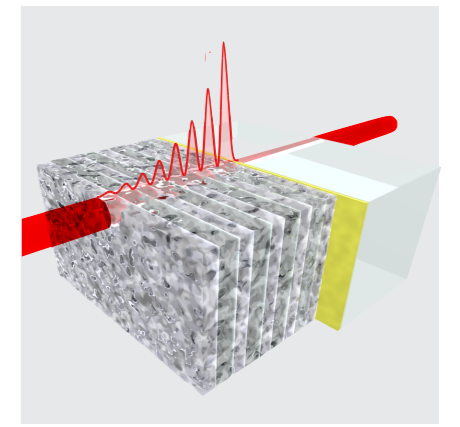
PLASMONIC CHIRALITY



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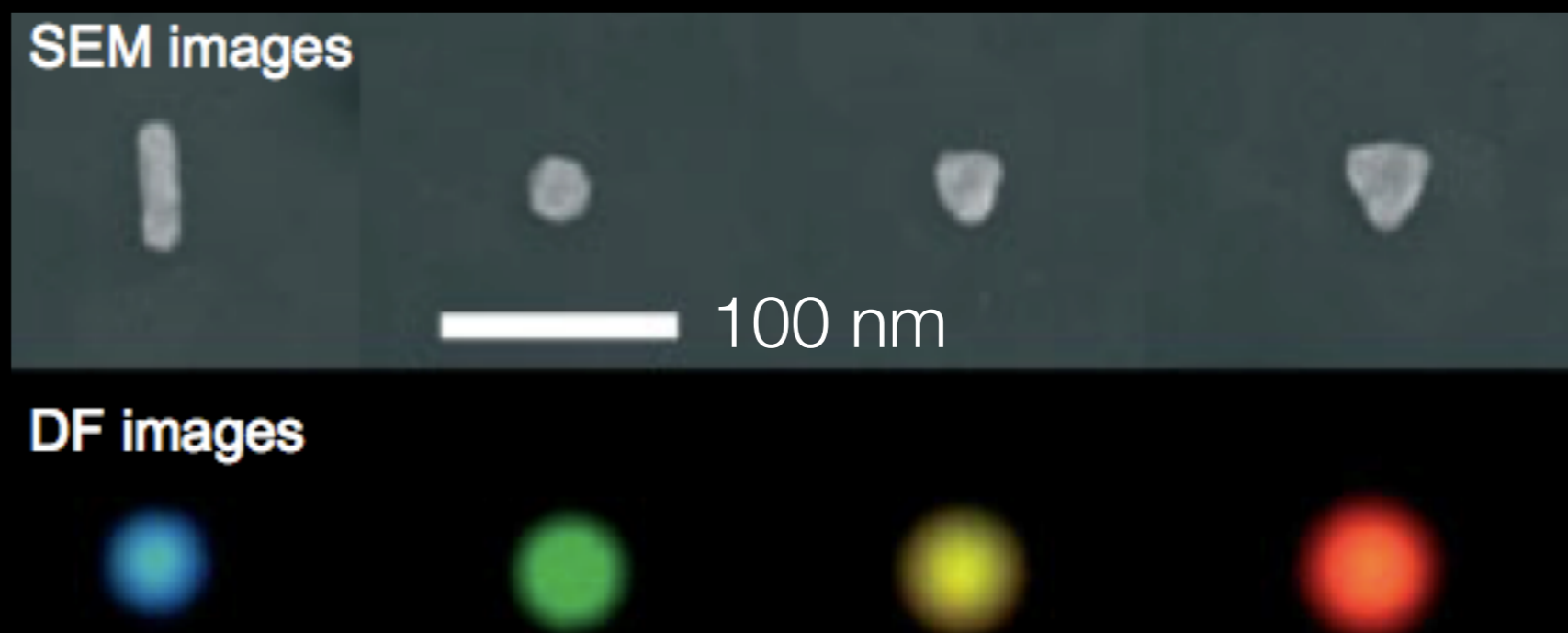
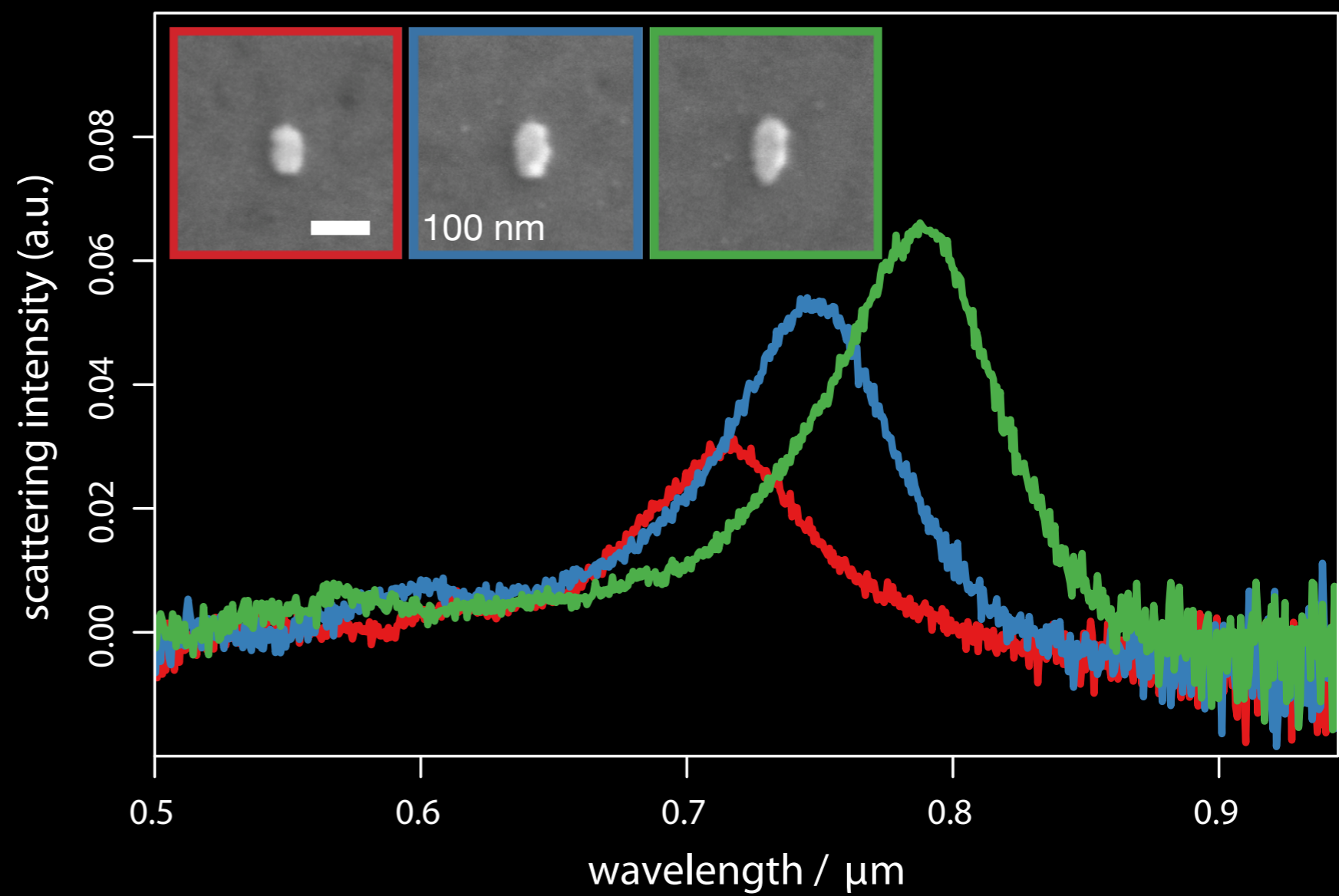
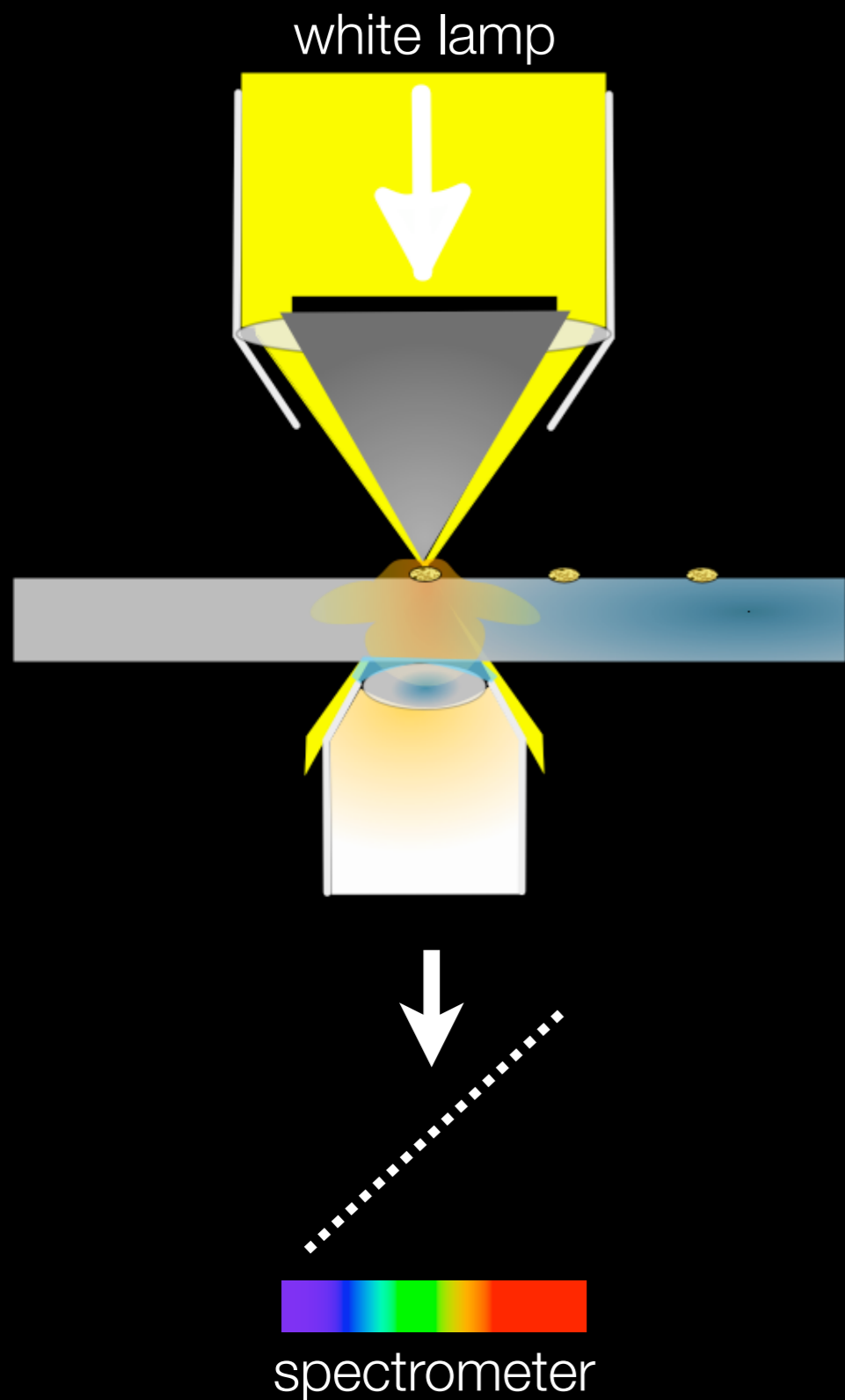


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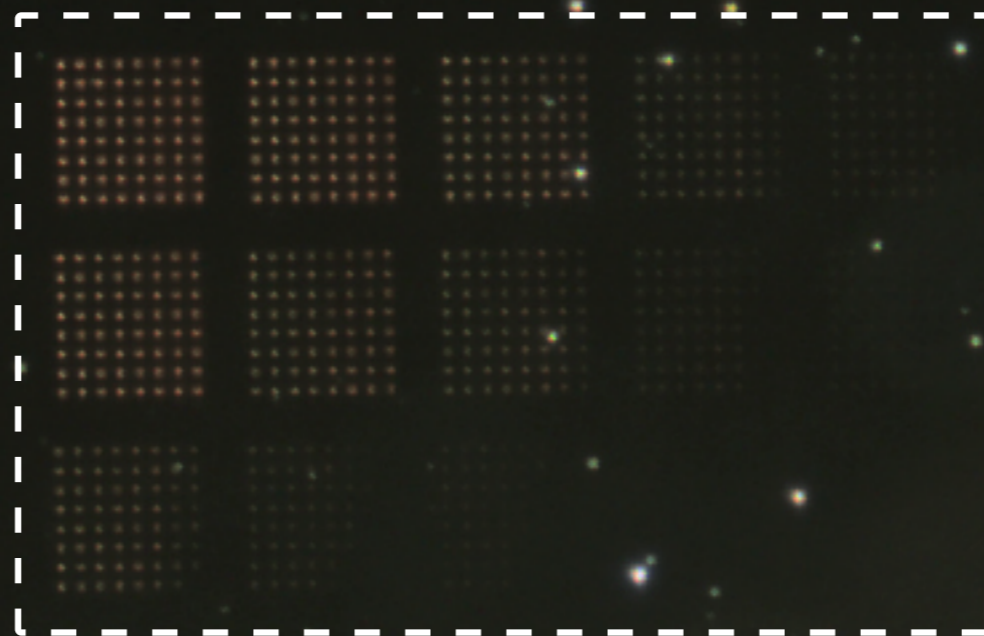
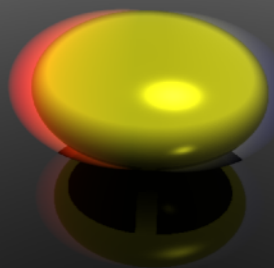


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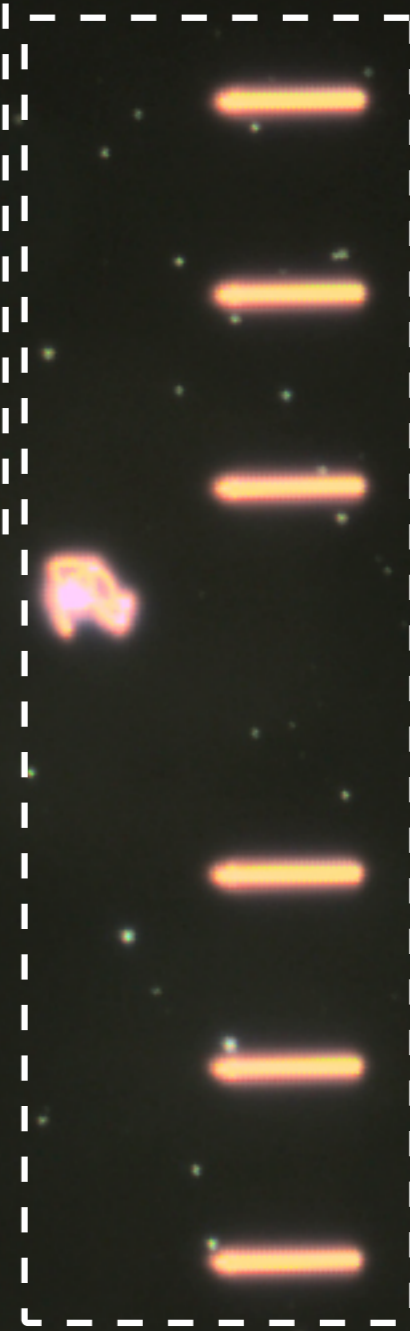
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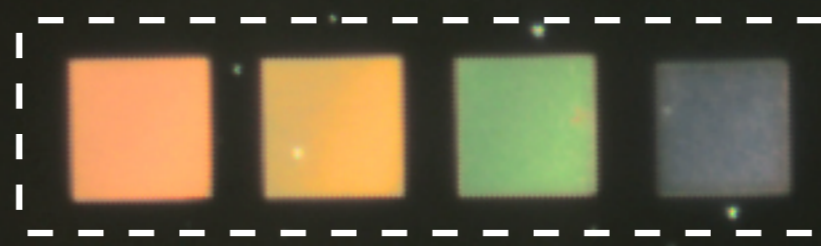
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single particles



marks

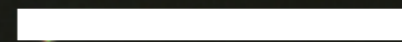


diffractive arrays

flake

dust

100 μ m



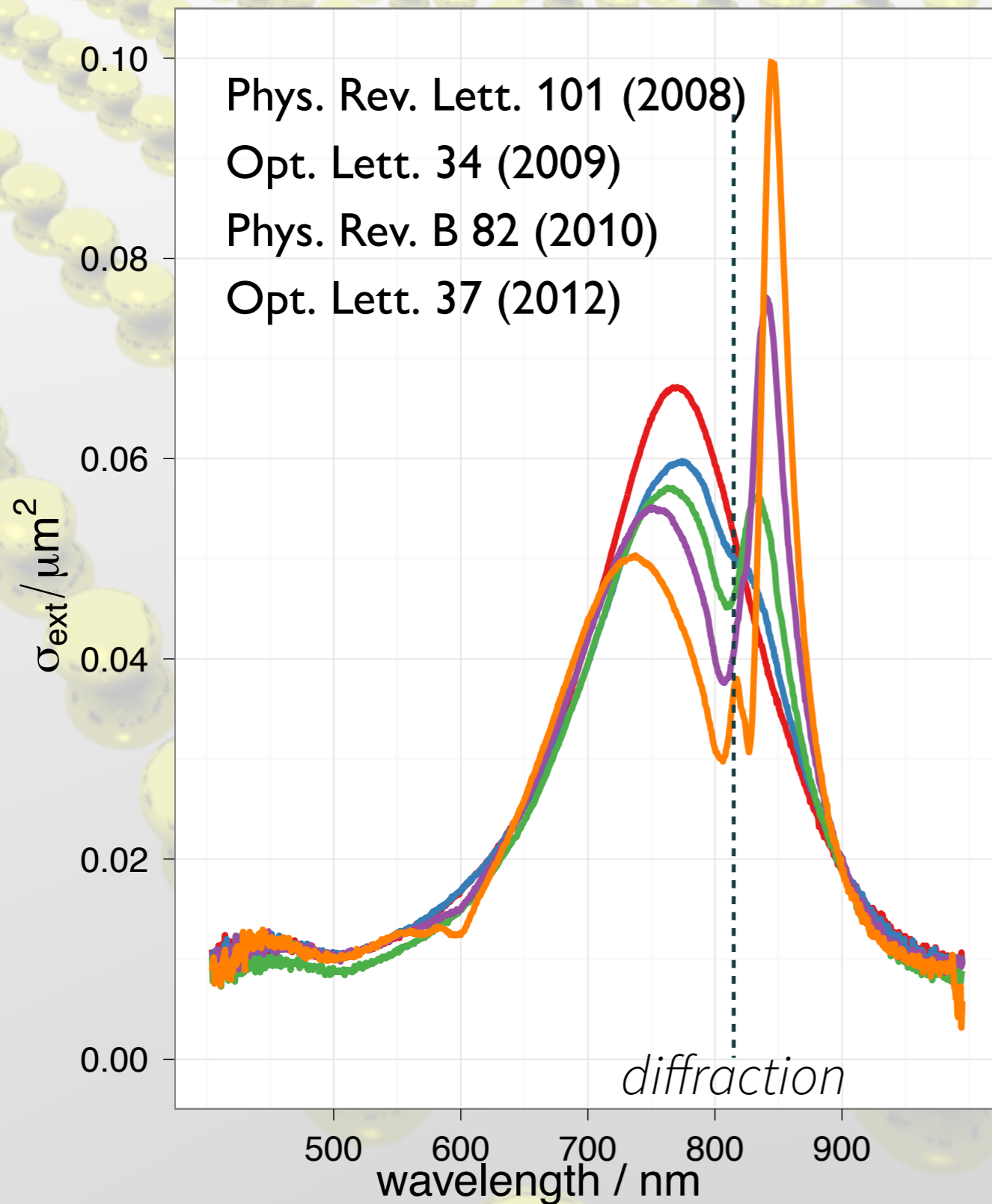
2D ARRAY: LATTICE RESONANCES

Phys. Rev. Lett. 101 (2008)

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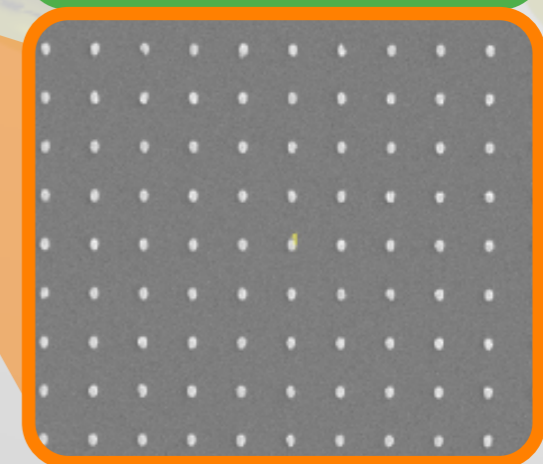
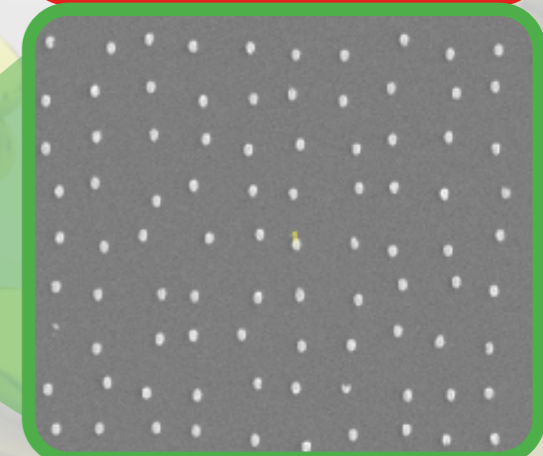
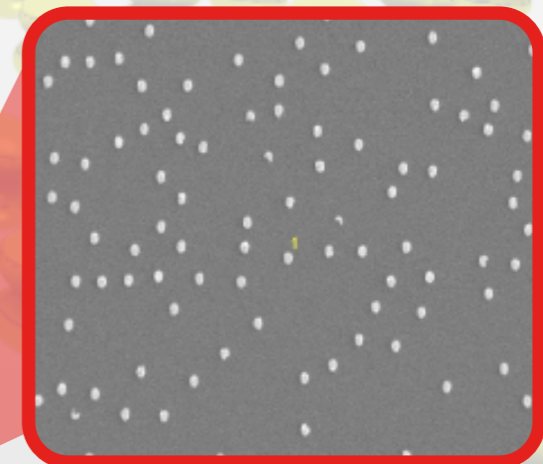
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disorder

- pseudo-random
- random
- 40%
- 30%
- 20%
- ordered



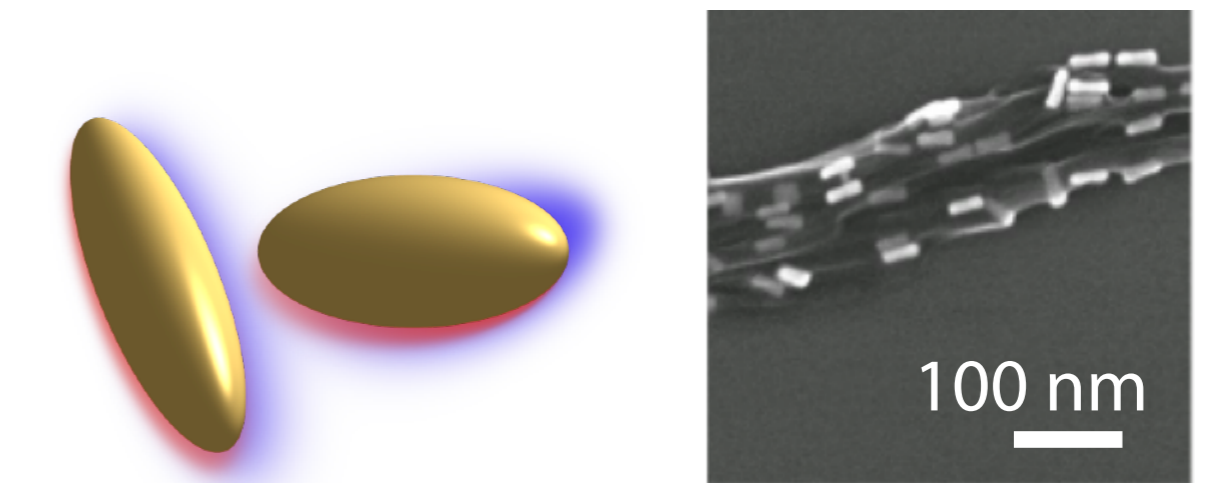
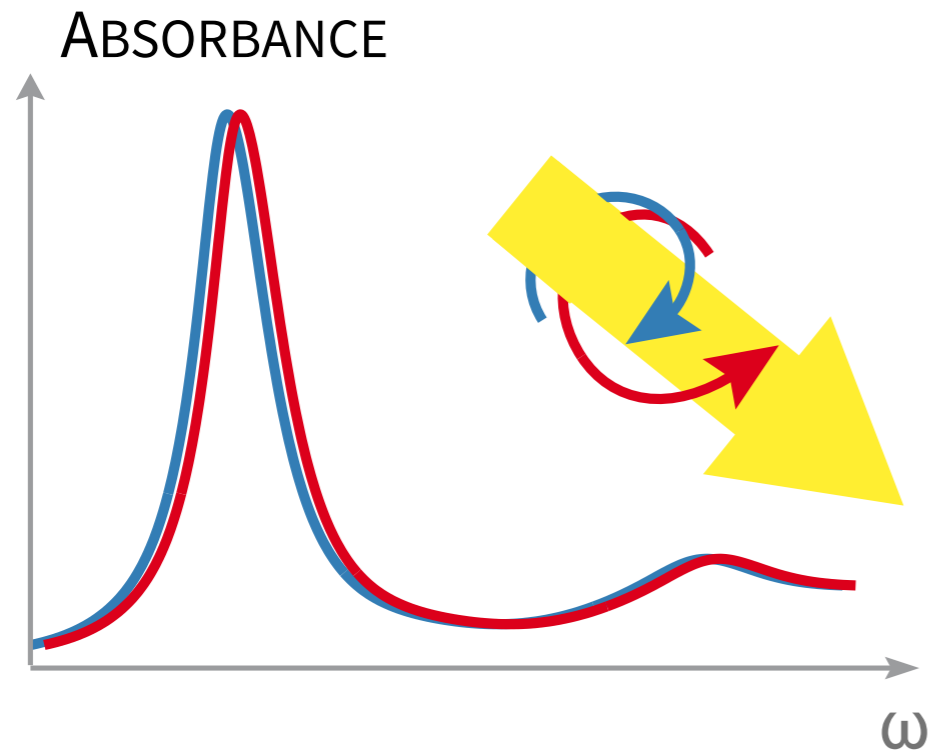


3D: PLASMONIC CHIRALITY

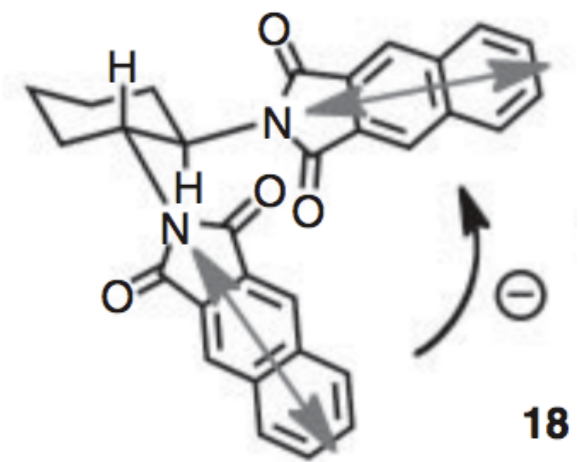
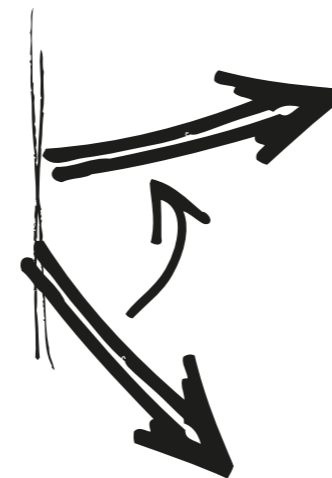
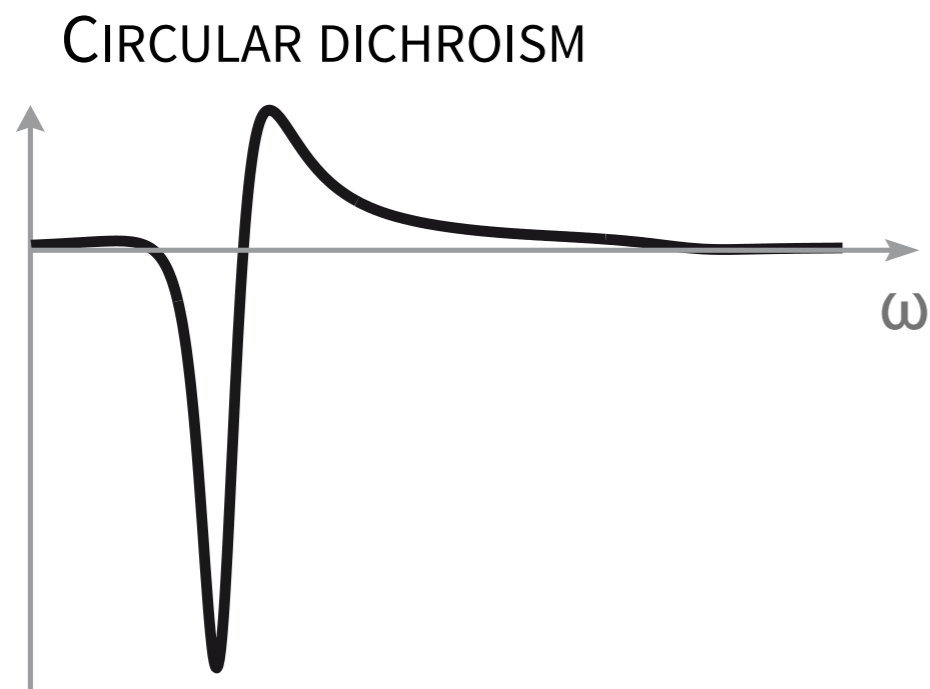
Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 50 (2011)

J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 2 (2011)

Nano Today 6 (2011)



mimicking “*exciton coupling*”





THE MATRIX

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THE PROBLEM WITH SPHEROIDS

If we focus on a specific example, such as $n = 5$, $k = 1$, then the integral L_{51}^1 takes the form

$$L_{51}^1 = \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin \theta \tau_5 d_1 \chi_\theta \left(\frac{\tilde{c}_0}{\chi^3} + \frac{\tilde{c}_1}{\chi} + \tilde{c}_2 \chi + \tilde{c}_3 \chi^3 + \dots \right). \quad (41)$$

For particles with a size parameter less than 1, the first few terms strongly dominate the integrand. However, as demonstrated numerically and analytically in Ref. [20], the χ^{-3} term **actually exactly integrates to zero in the special case of spheroids.**

SMARTIES

<https://github.com/nano-optics/smarties>



SMARTIES



Table 3
Convergence study for an oblate spheroid with $s = 1.311 + 0i$. For each pair of size parameter x_{\max} (columns) and aspect ratio h (rows), we list the convergence parameters N, N_θ , together with the relative error, only displayed if worse than 10^{-13} .

h :	x_{\max} :	0.01	0.1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	12	15	20	25	30	40	50	60	70	80
1.1	N	5	5	7	9	11	11	13	15	17	17	21	23	27	35	41	47	63	77	95	127	111
	N_θ	6	6	6	7	7	8	8	9	9	10	15	15	15	20	25	35	40	40	80	80	1200
	Error	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10^{-12}	10^{-11}	10^{-9}	10^{-7}	10^{-4}
1.3	N	5	5	9	11	11	13	15	15	19	19	23	27	31	37	45	53	69	93	115		
	N_θ	9	9	9	9	9	10	15	15	15	15	15	20	20	25	45	30	50	45	500		
	Error	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10^{-12}	10^{-9}	10^{-7}	10^{-3}	
2	N	5	7	11	13	15	15	19	19	21	23	25	27	33	41	49	61	75	103			
	N_θ	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	25	25	25	25	30	35	45	35	50	45			
	Error	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10^{-12}	10^{-11}	10^{-7}	10^{-4}			
4	N	5	7	11	15	17	19	21	23	23	25	29	31	35	45	51	57	59				
	N_θ	40	40	40	40	40	7	40	45	45	45	50	50	60	70	70	90	90				
	Error	-	-	-	-	-	10^{-3}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10^{-13}	10^{-11}	10^{-9}	10^{-4}				
7	N	5	7	11	15	19	19	19	23	25	27	31	35	37	41	47	47					
	N_θ	70	70	70	70	70	70	80	80	80	80	90	90	100	200	130	130					
	Error	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10^{-11}	10^{-10}	10^{-6}					
10	N	5	7	13	15	19	19	21	25	27	27	31	33	41	45	43	47					
	N_θ	100	100	90	100	100	100	110	110	110	120	120	130	140	180	180	200					
	Error	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10^{-11}	10^{-8}	10^{-6}					
20	N	5	7	13	15	19	21	23	23	27	29	33	37	43	43	49	41					
	N_θ	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	220	220	240	260	260	280	300	550	400					
	Error	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10^{-12}	10^{-8}	10^{-4}					
50	N	5	7	13	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	33	35	39	45	47	45					
	N_θ	500	500	500	500	500	500	550	550	550	600	650	800	700	1100	900	1200					
	Error	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10^{-13}	10^{-12}	10^{-9}	10^{-6}				
100	N	5	7	13	17	19	21	23	25	27	27	33	35	47	53	47						
	N_θ	1000	1100	1000	1100	1000	1100	1100	1100	1100	1100	1300	1500	1400	1600	2000						
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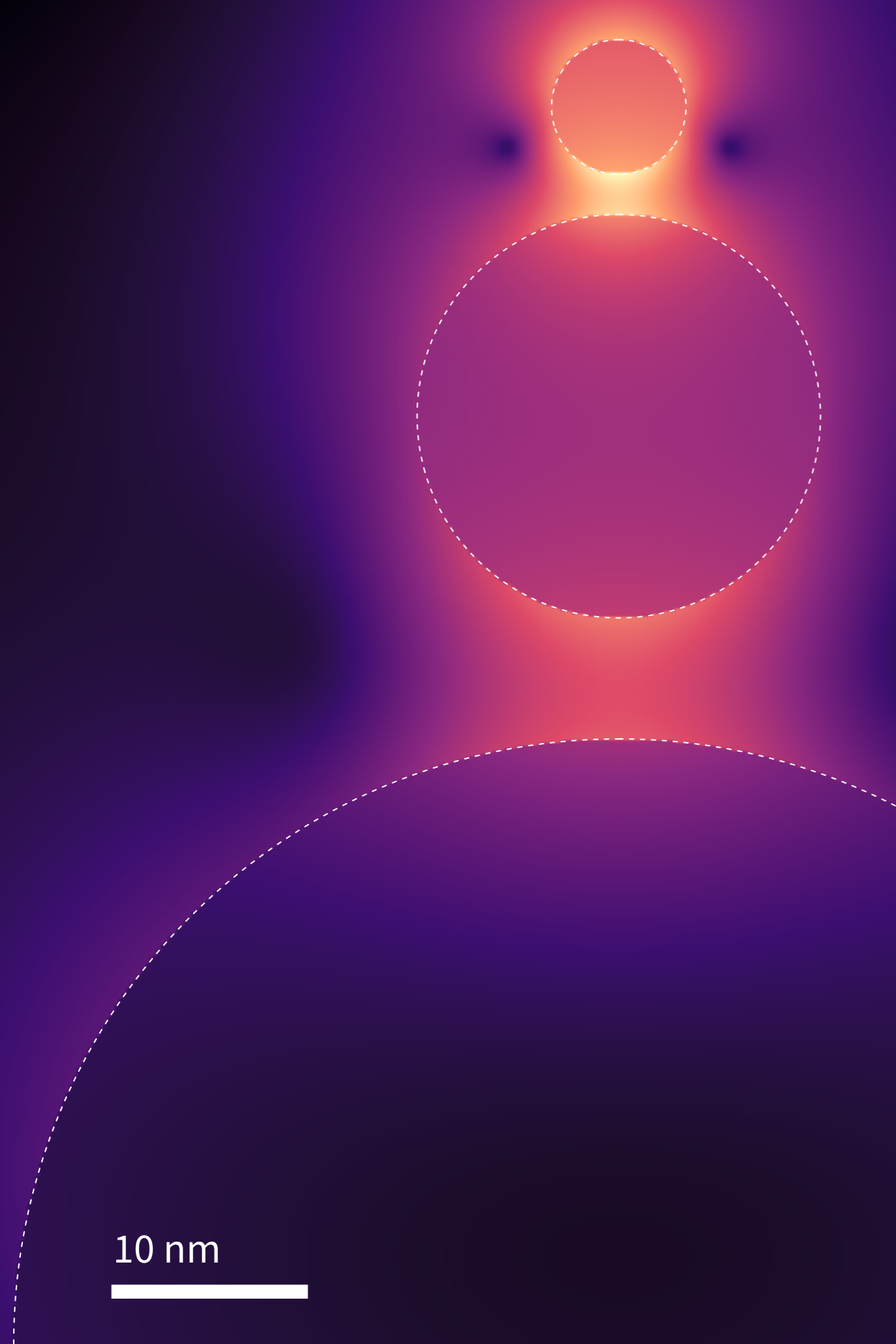
LONG WAVELENGTH APPROXIMATION

Taylor expansion of $T(x^3)$ • Phys. Rev. A 99, 013853 (2019)

$$\mathbf{T}_{m=0} = \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} \frac{iK_{11}^{11}}{1 - iK_{11}^{11}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \frac{iK_0 X^3}{1 - \Omega_0 X^2 - iK_0 X^3} & \frac{\sqrt{14}}{175} \frac{ie^2 K_0 X^5}{1 - iK_0 X^3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{iK_{22}^{22}}{1 - iK_{22}^{22}} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{14}}{175} \frac{ie^2 K_0 X^5}{1 - iK_0 X^3} & 0 \end{array} \right] + \mathcal{O}(X^7)$$

Generalised radiative correction • Phys. Rev. A 87, 012504 (2013)

$$(\alpha^{\text{RC}})^{-1} = (\alpha_0)^{-1} - i \frac{k_1^3}{6\pi \epsilon_0 \epsilon_1} \mathbf{I},$$



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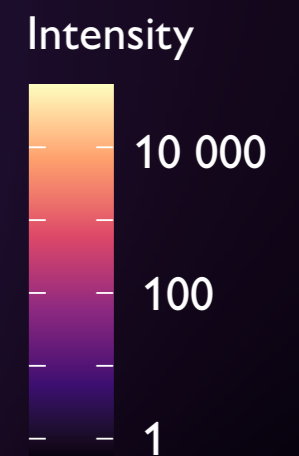


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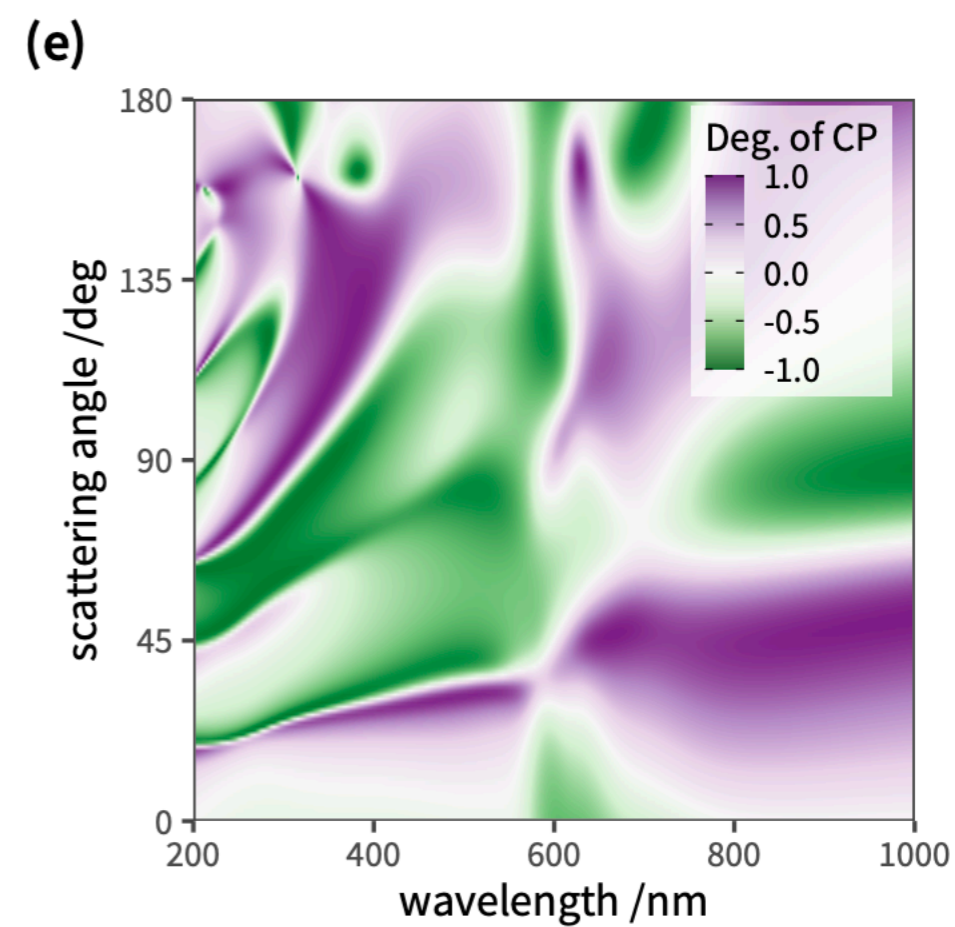
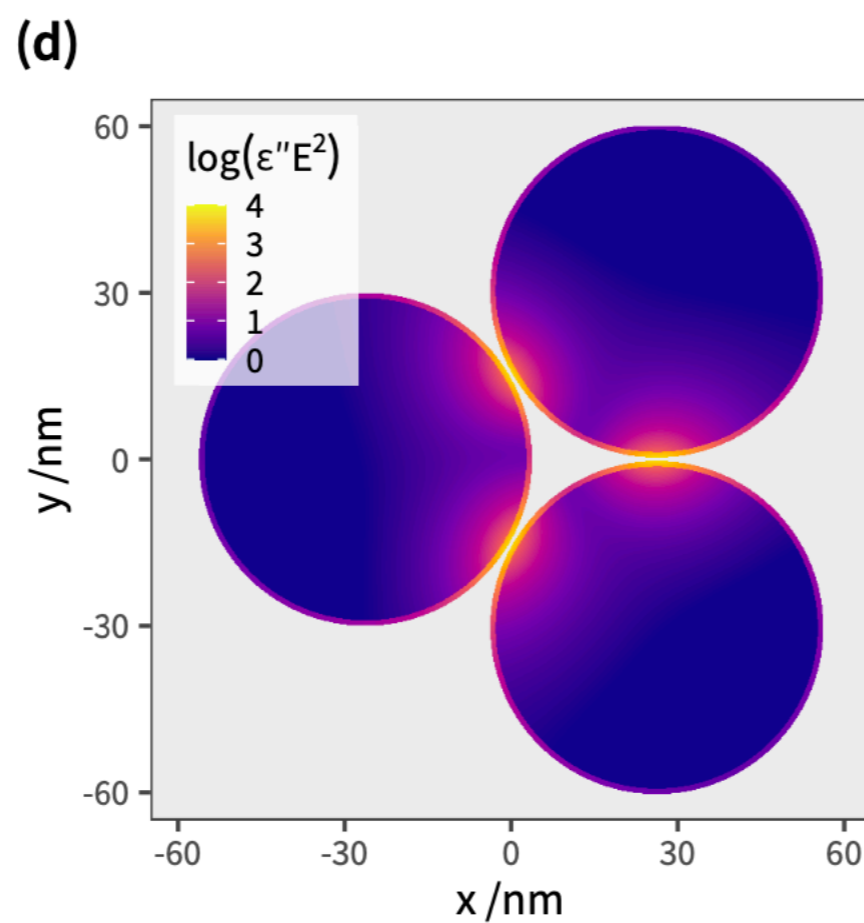
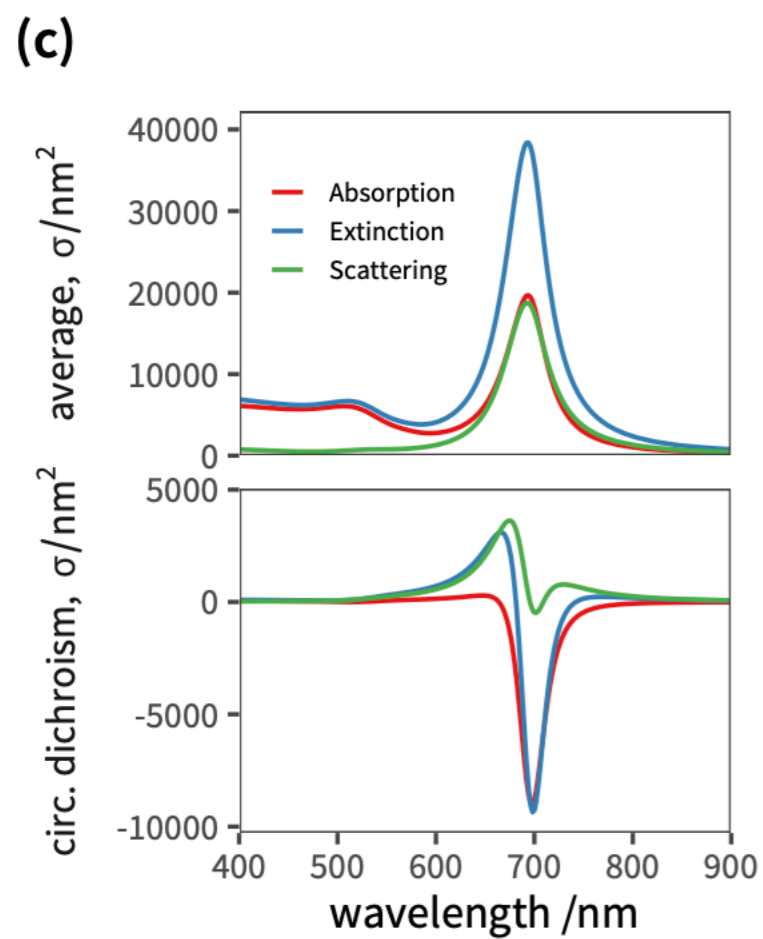
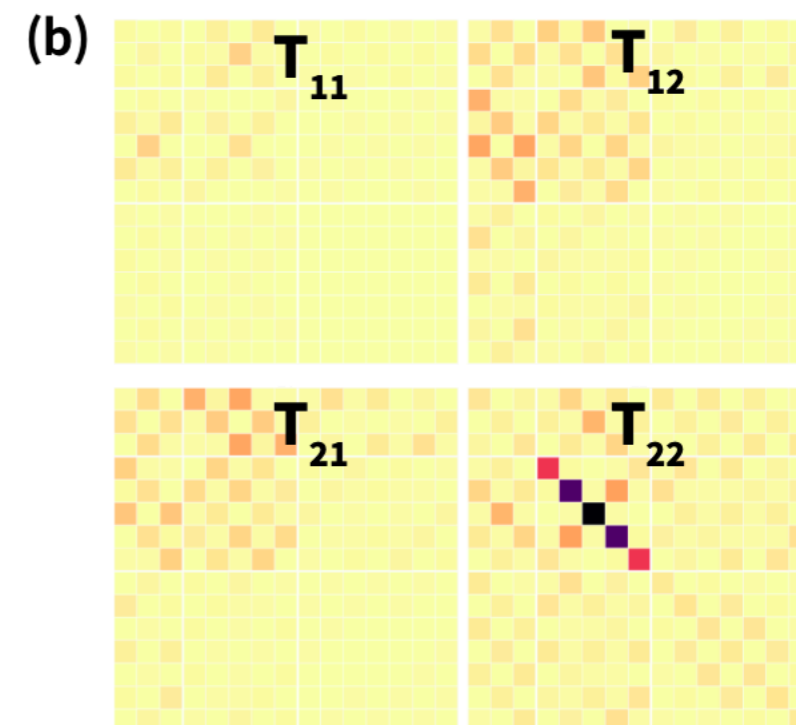
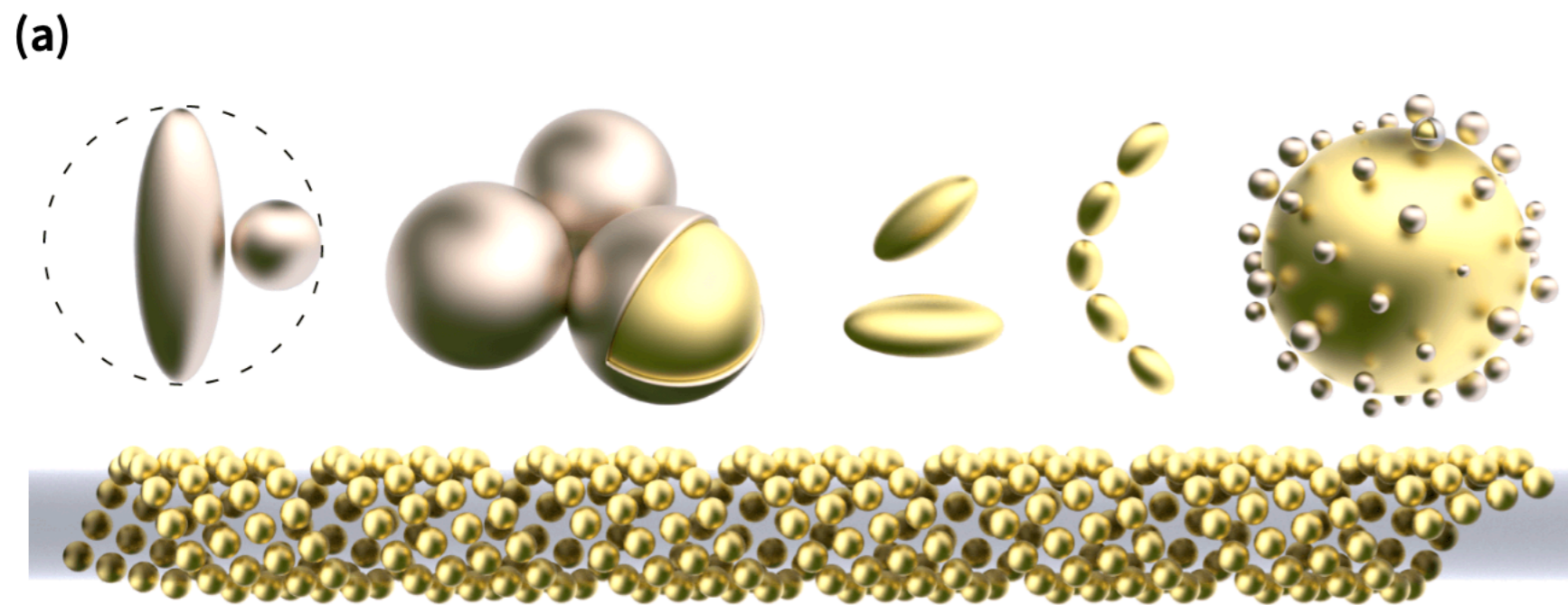
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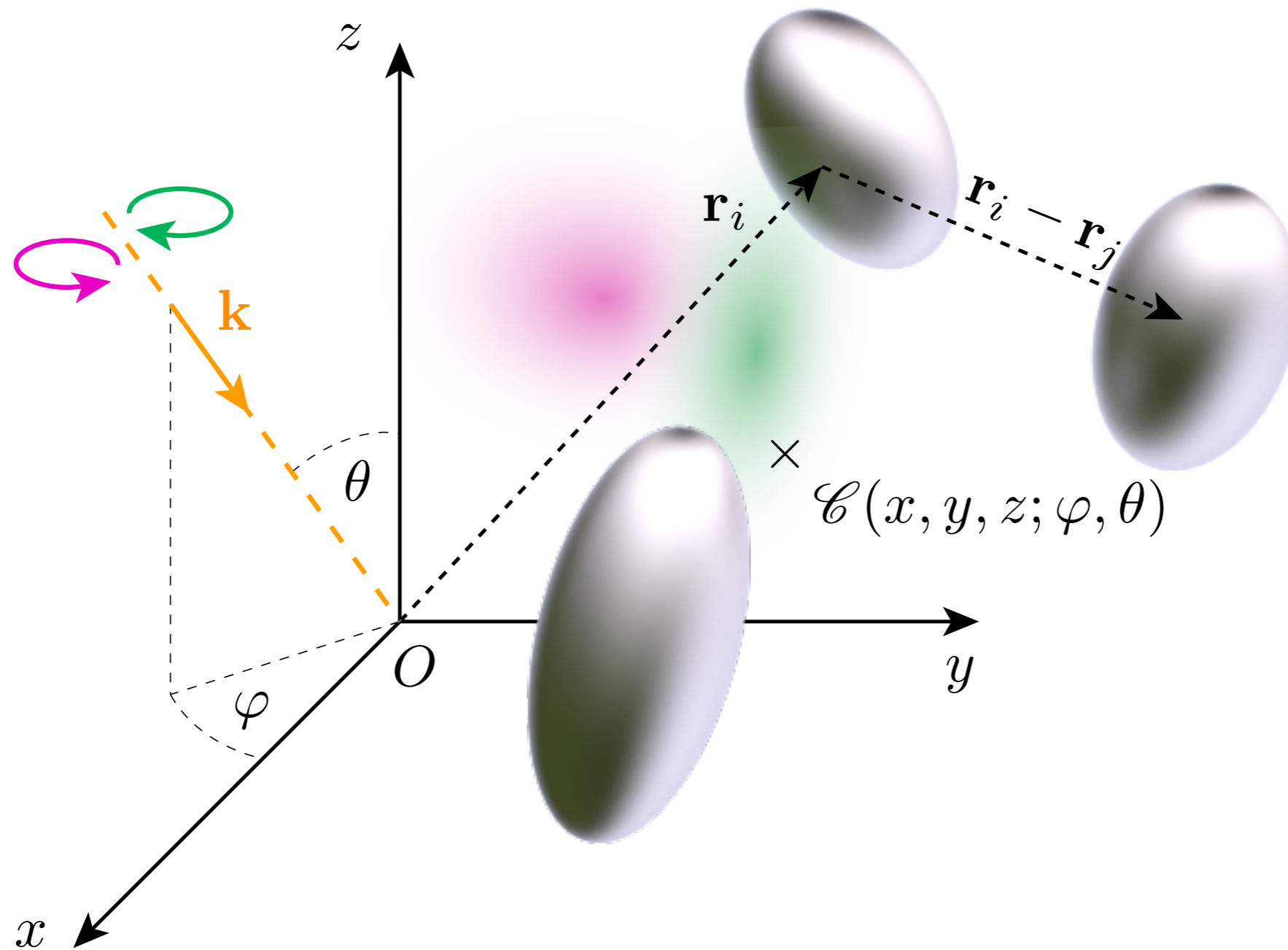
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10 nm



LOCAL DEGREE OF OPTICAL CHIRALITY $\mathcal{C} \propto \Im(\mathbf{E}^* \cdot \mathbf{B})$



ANALYTICAL AVERAGING, BUT...

Be careful what you wish for?

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

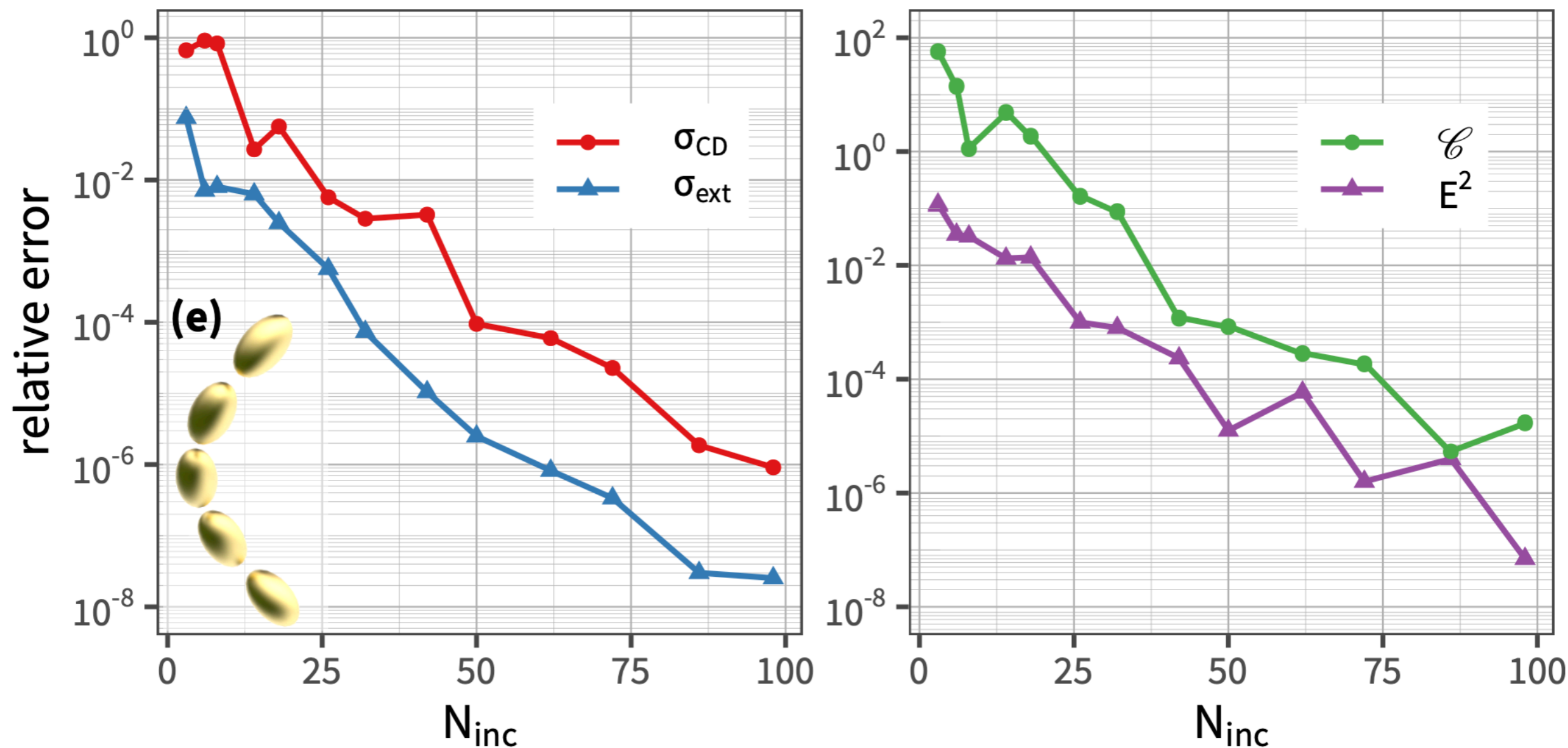
$$A_0^{(R)} = -1/4\pi,$$

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

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

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

ORIENTATION AVERAGING BY SPHERICAL CUBATURE

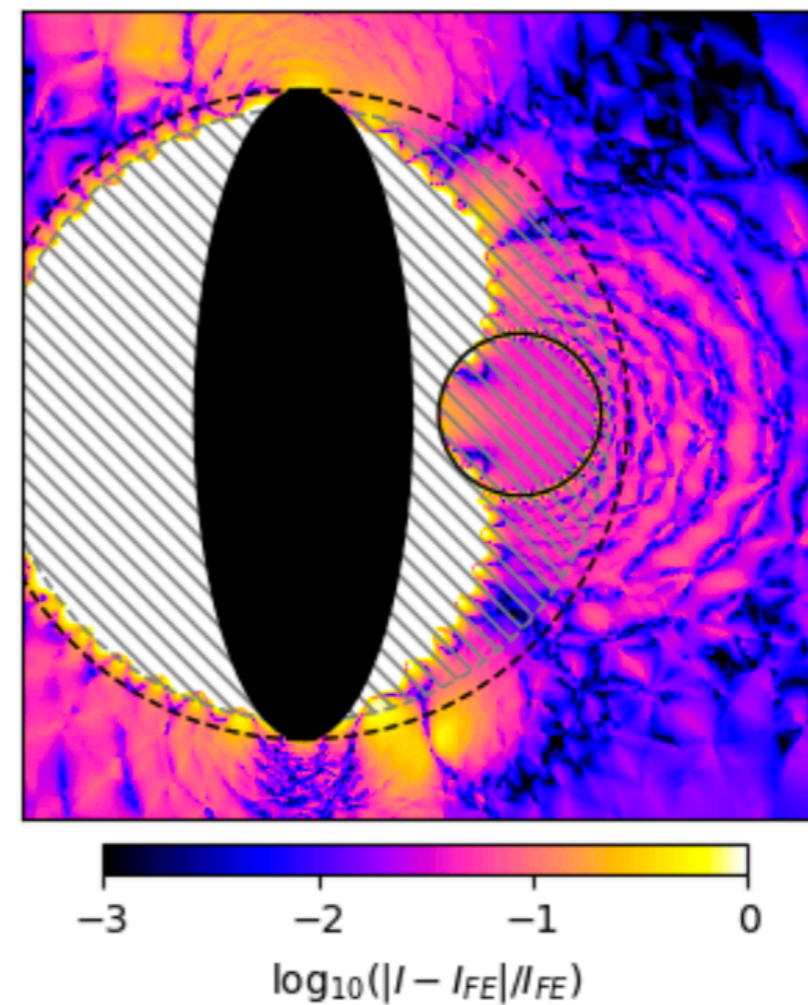
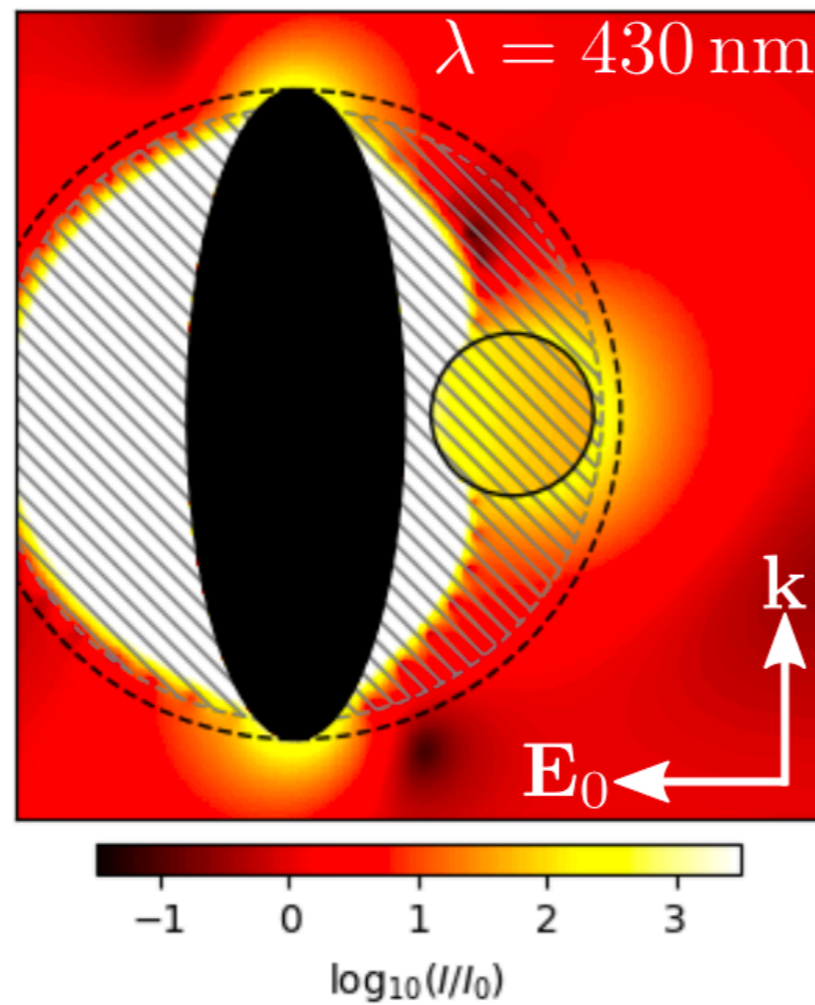
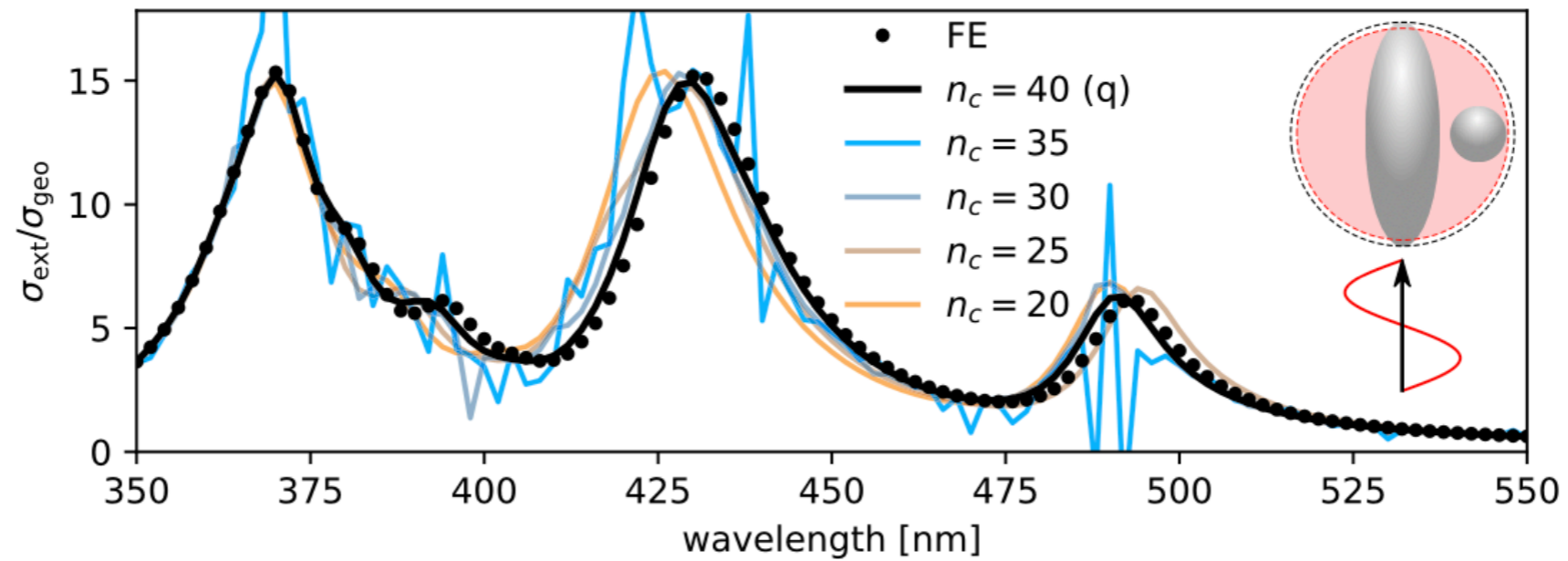


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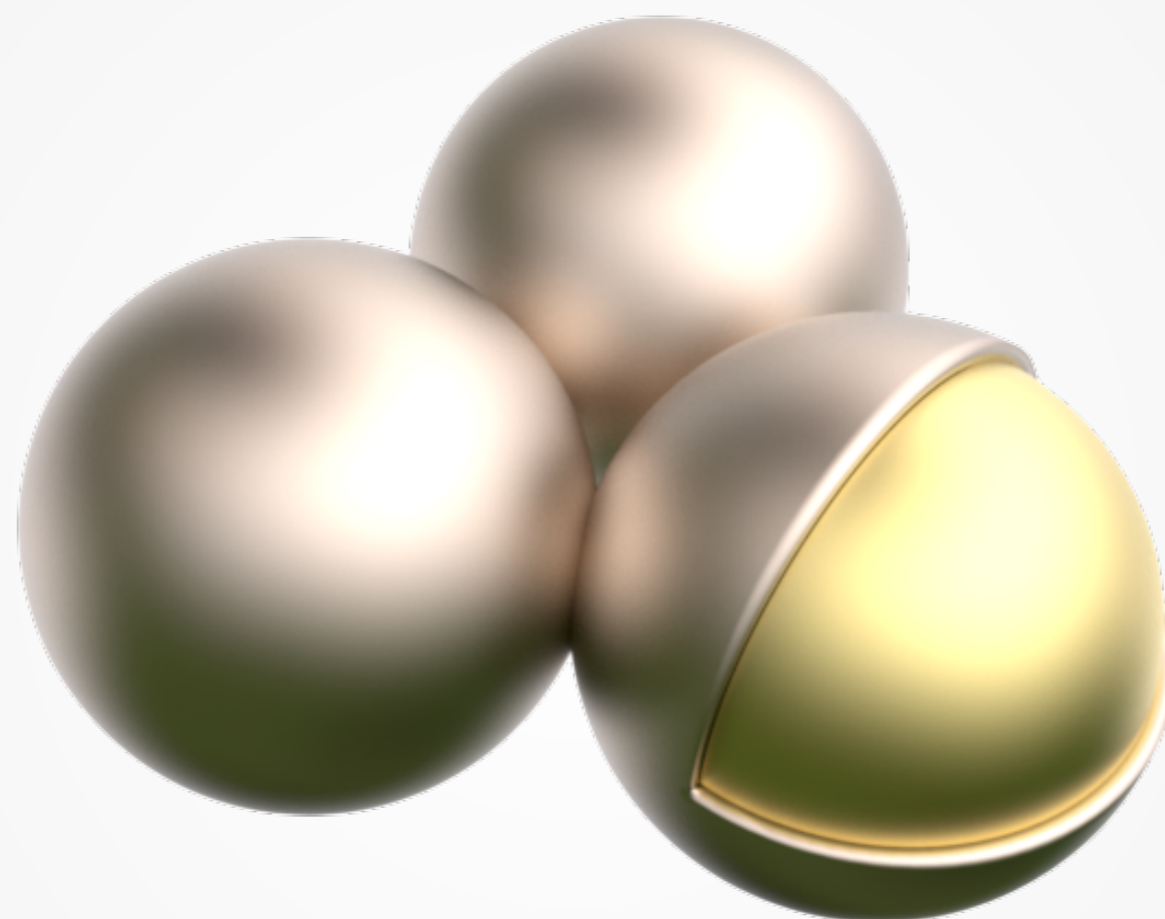
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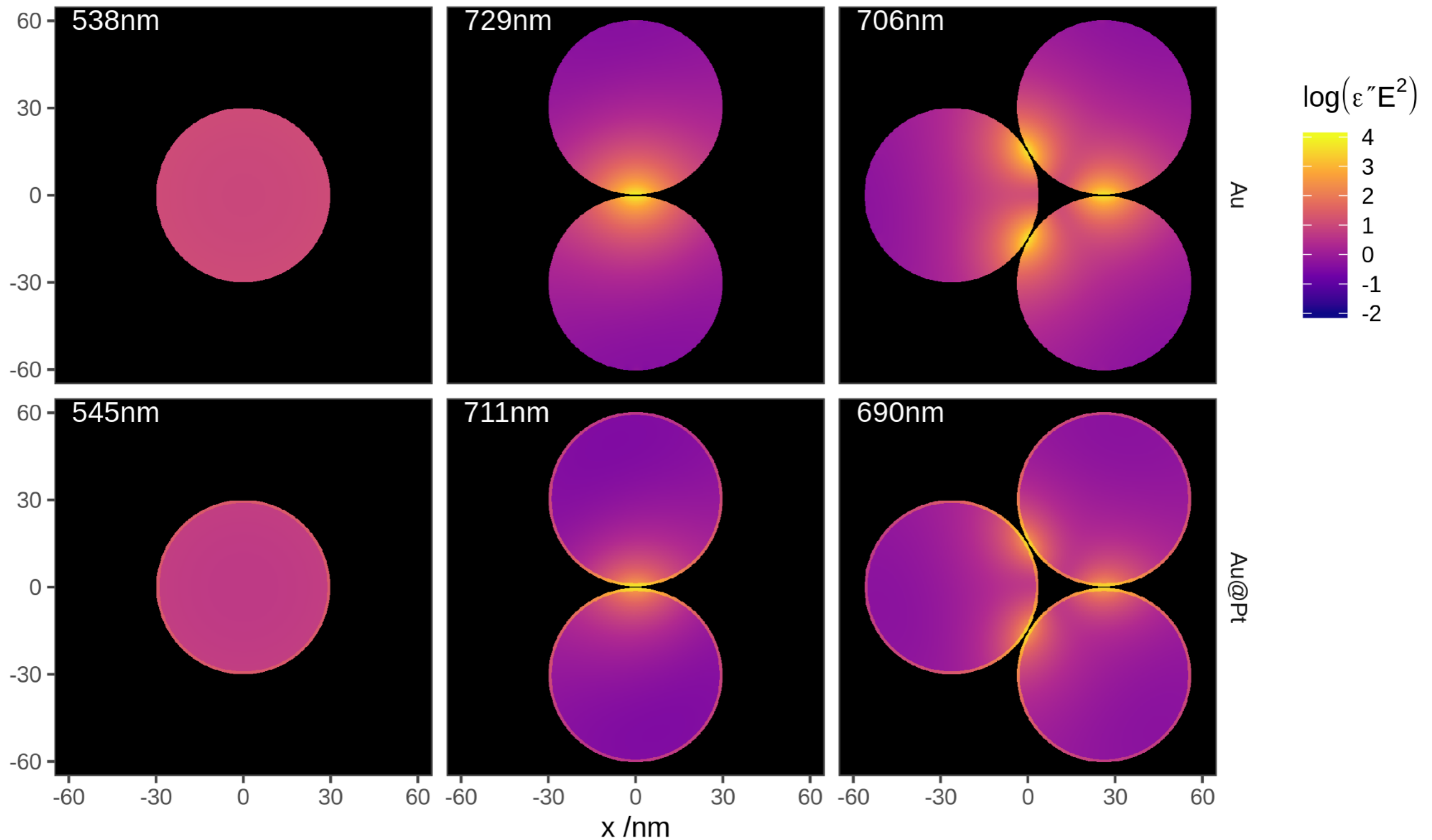
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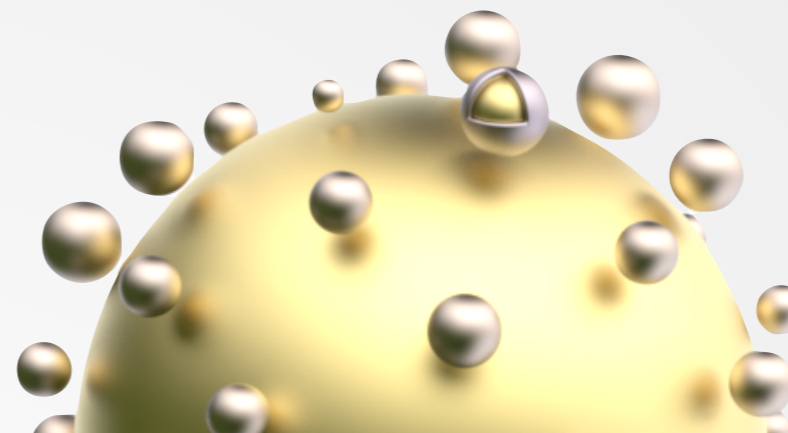
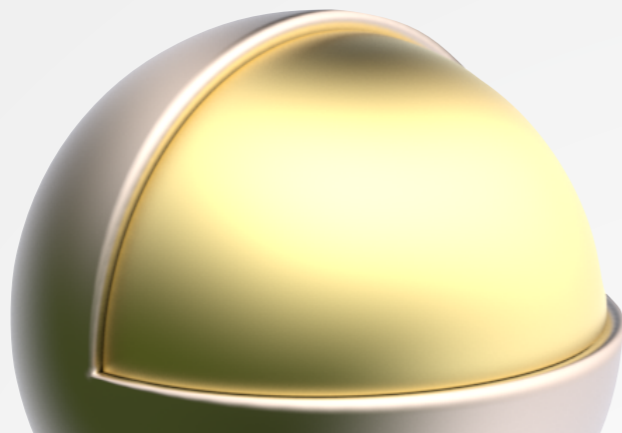
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LOCAL ABSORPTION IN Au@Pd NANO-TRIMERS





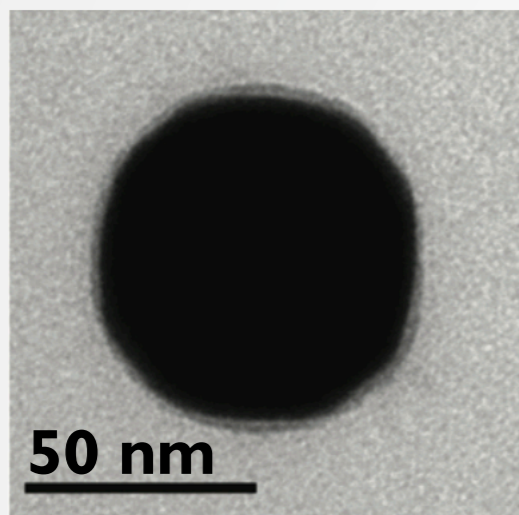
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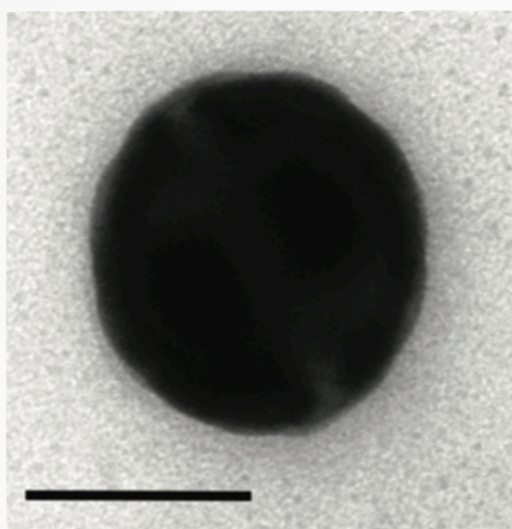
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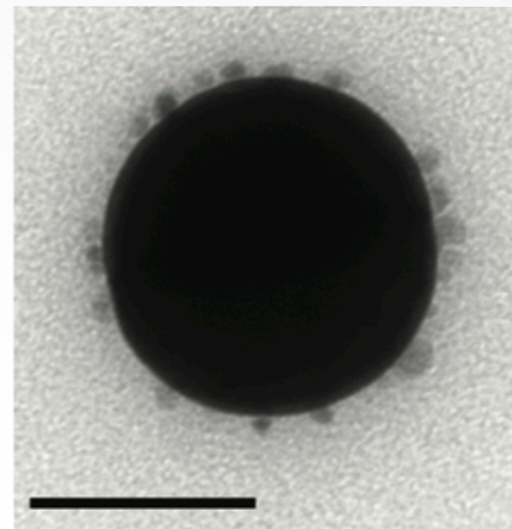
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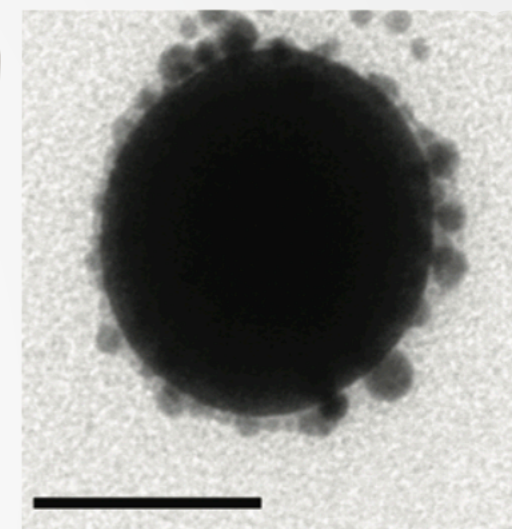
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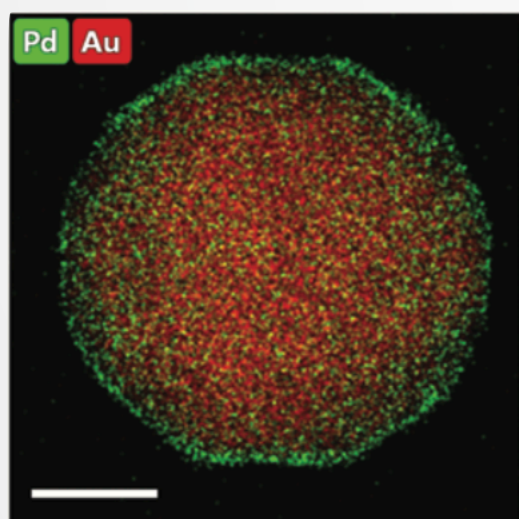
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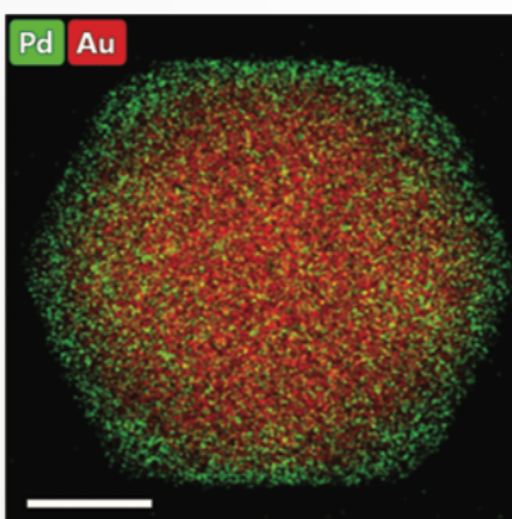
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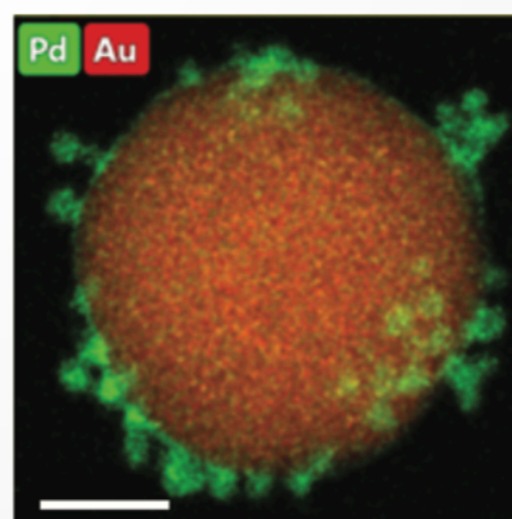
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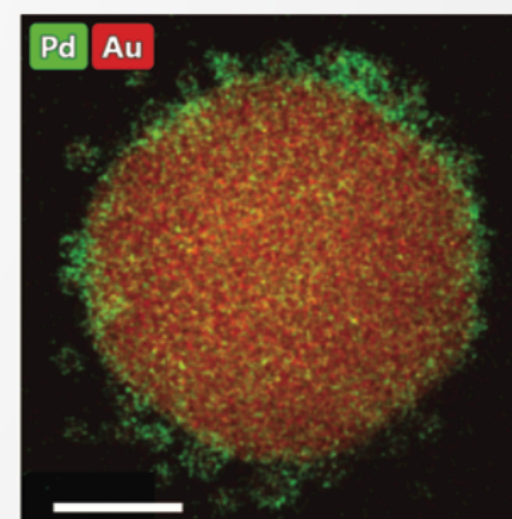
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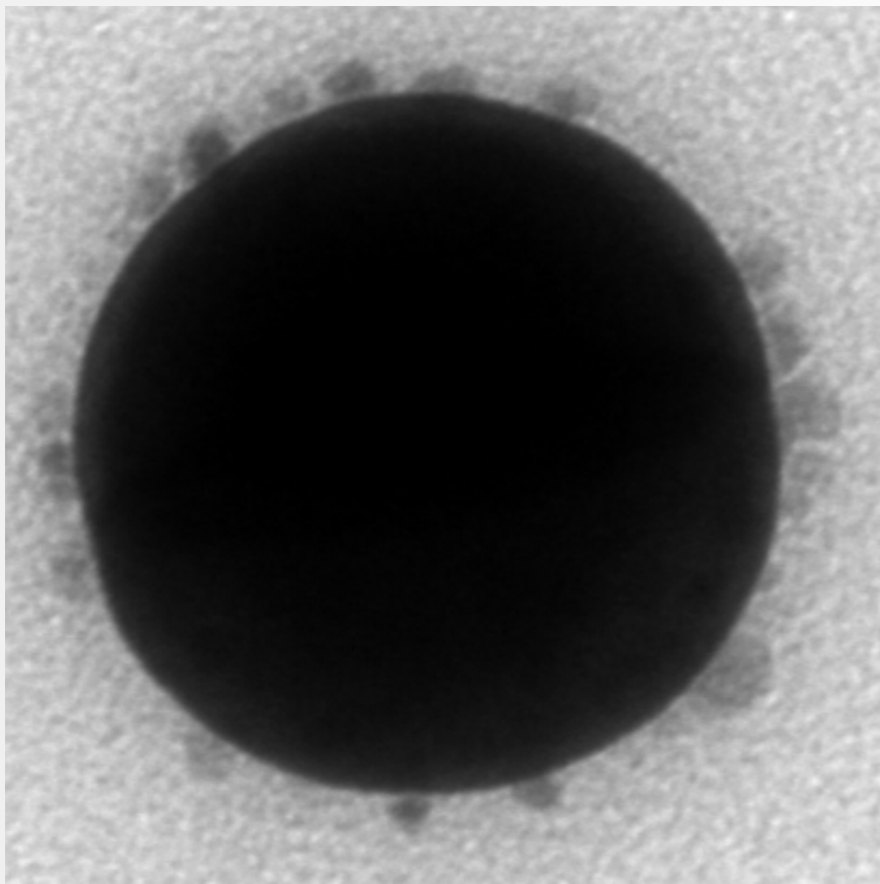


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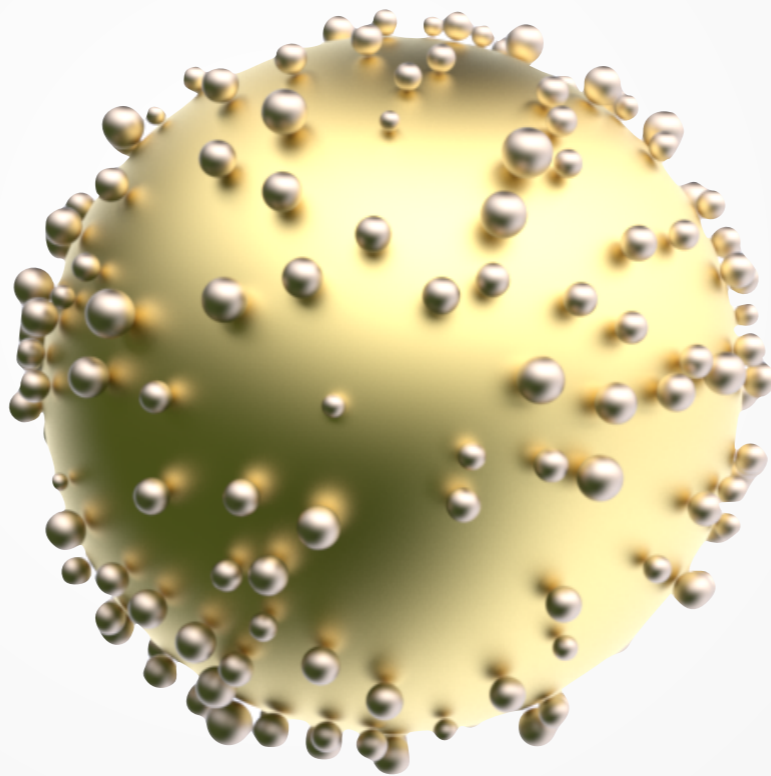


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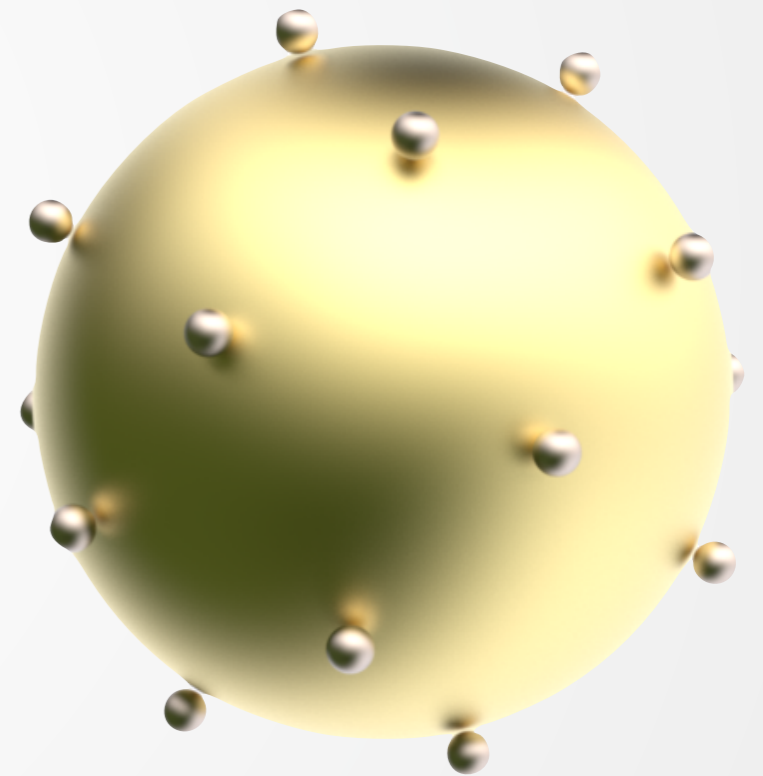
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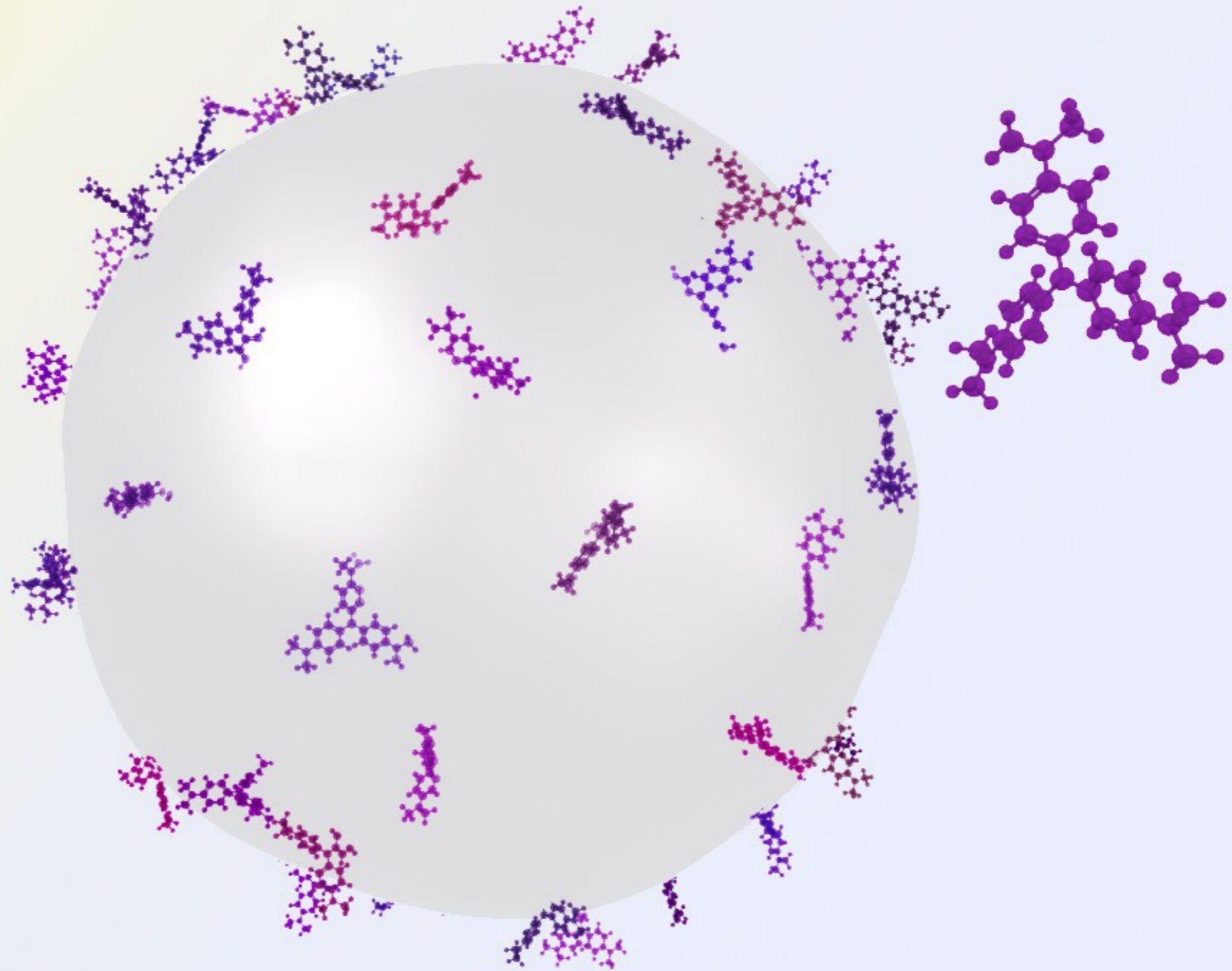
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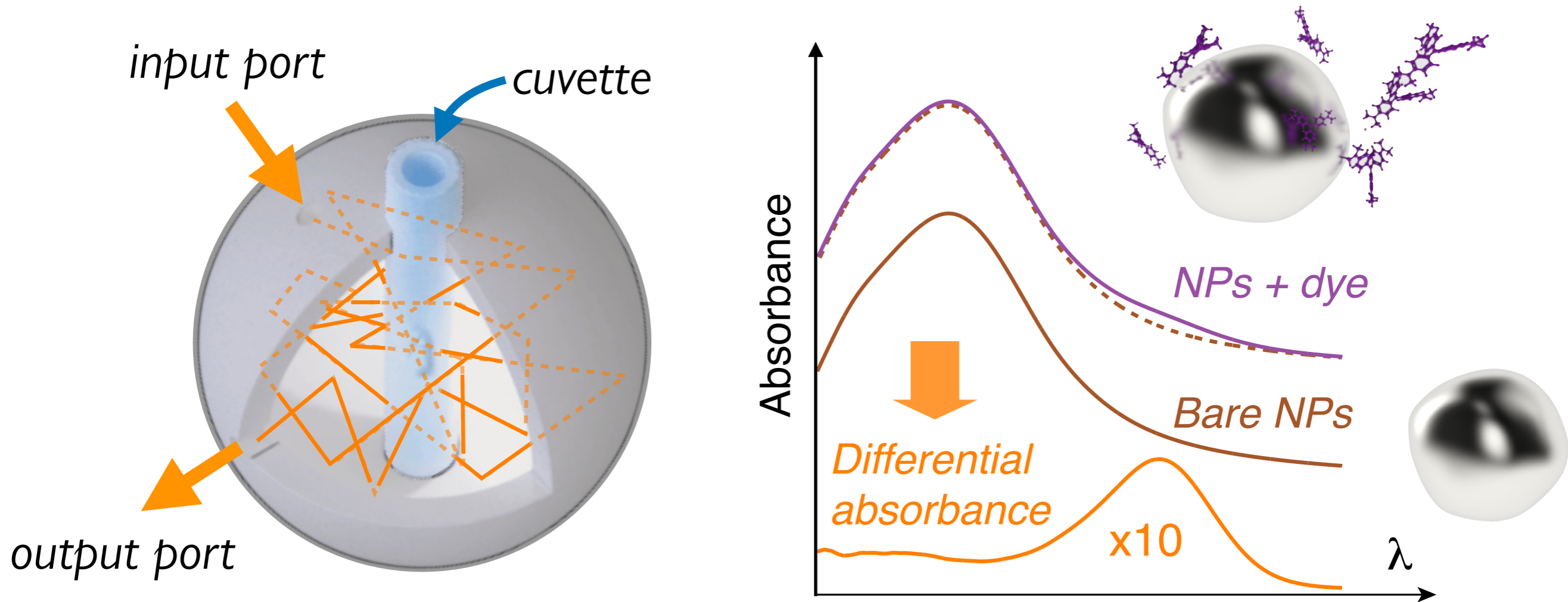


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ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERACTIONS BETWEEN *MOLECULES*
SURROUNDING A METALLIC SPHERE

EXPERIMENTAL BACKGROUND: UV–VIS SPECTROSCOPY OF TURBID SAMPLES



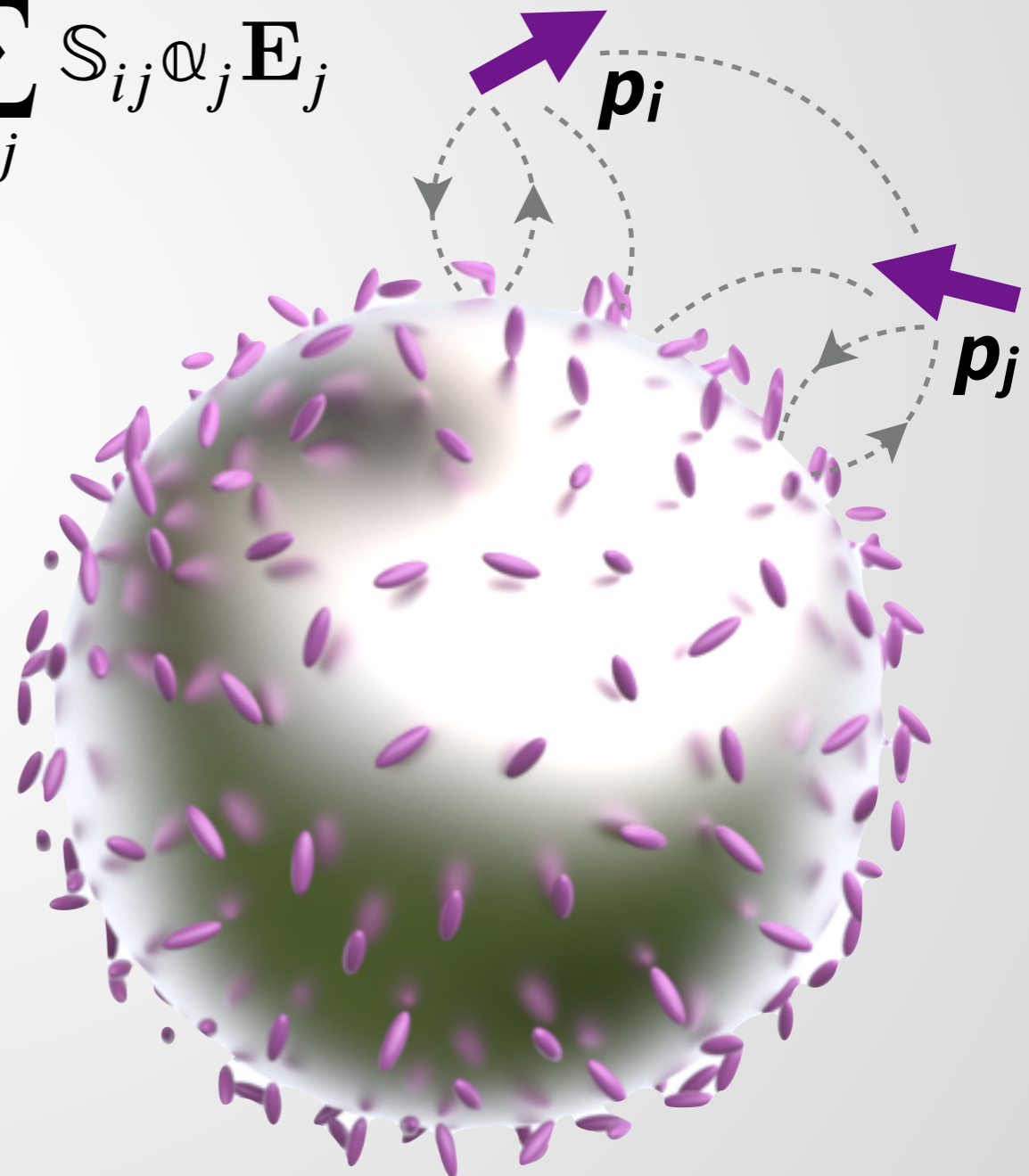
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MODIFIED COUPLED-DIPOLE EQUATIONS

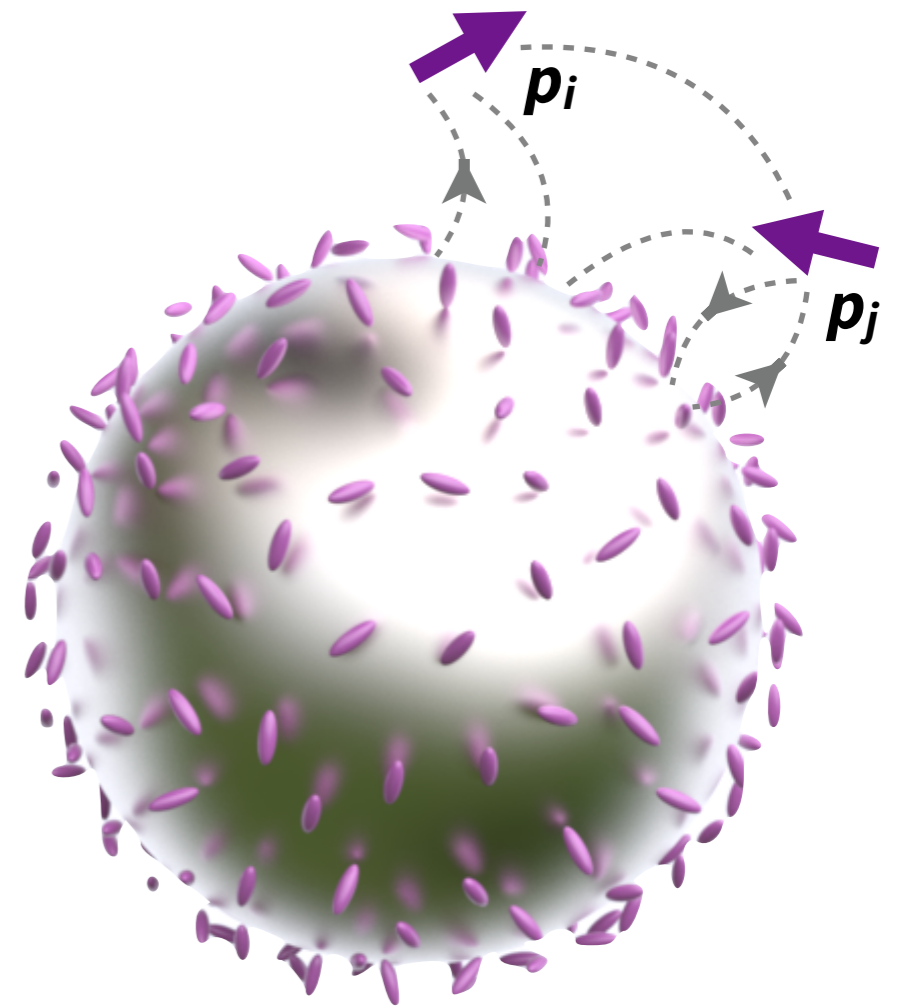
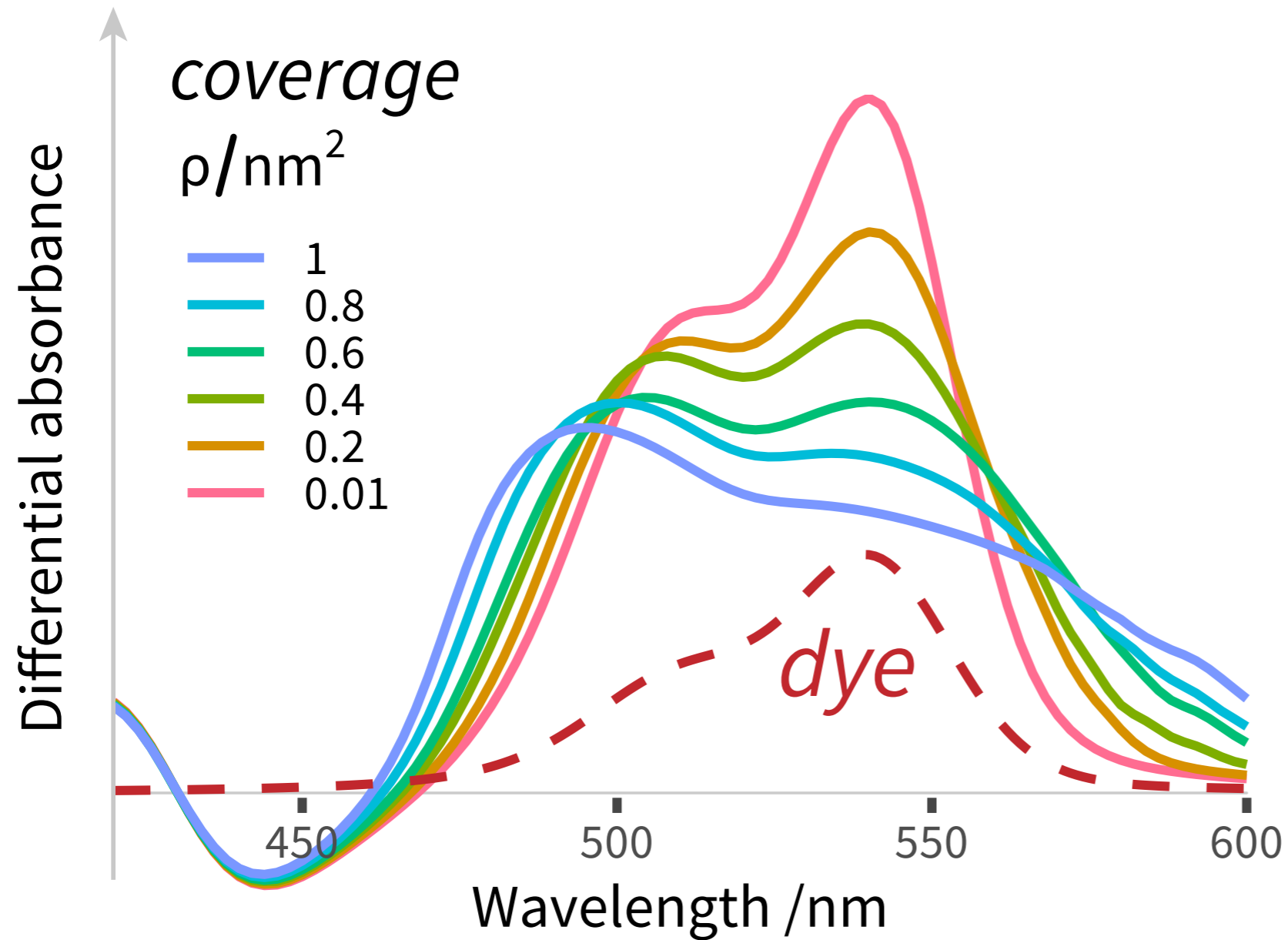
$$\mathbf{E}_i = \mathbf{E}_i^{\text{INC}} + \mathbf{E}_i^{\text{SPH}} + \sum_{j \neq i} \mathbb{G}_{ij} \alpha_j \mathbf{E}_j + \sum_{\forall j} \mathbb{S}_{ij} \alpha_j \mathbf{E}_j$$

$$\mathbb{A} \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}^{\text{INC}} + \mathbf{E}^{\text{SPH}}$$

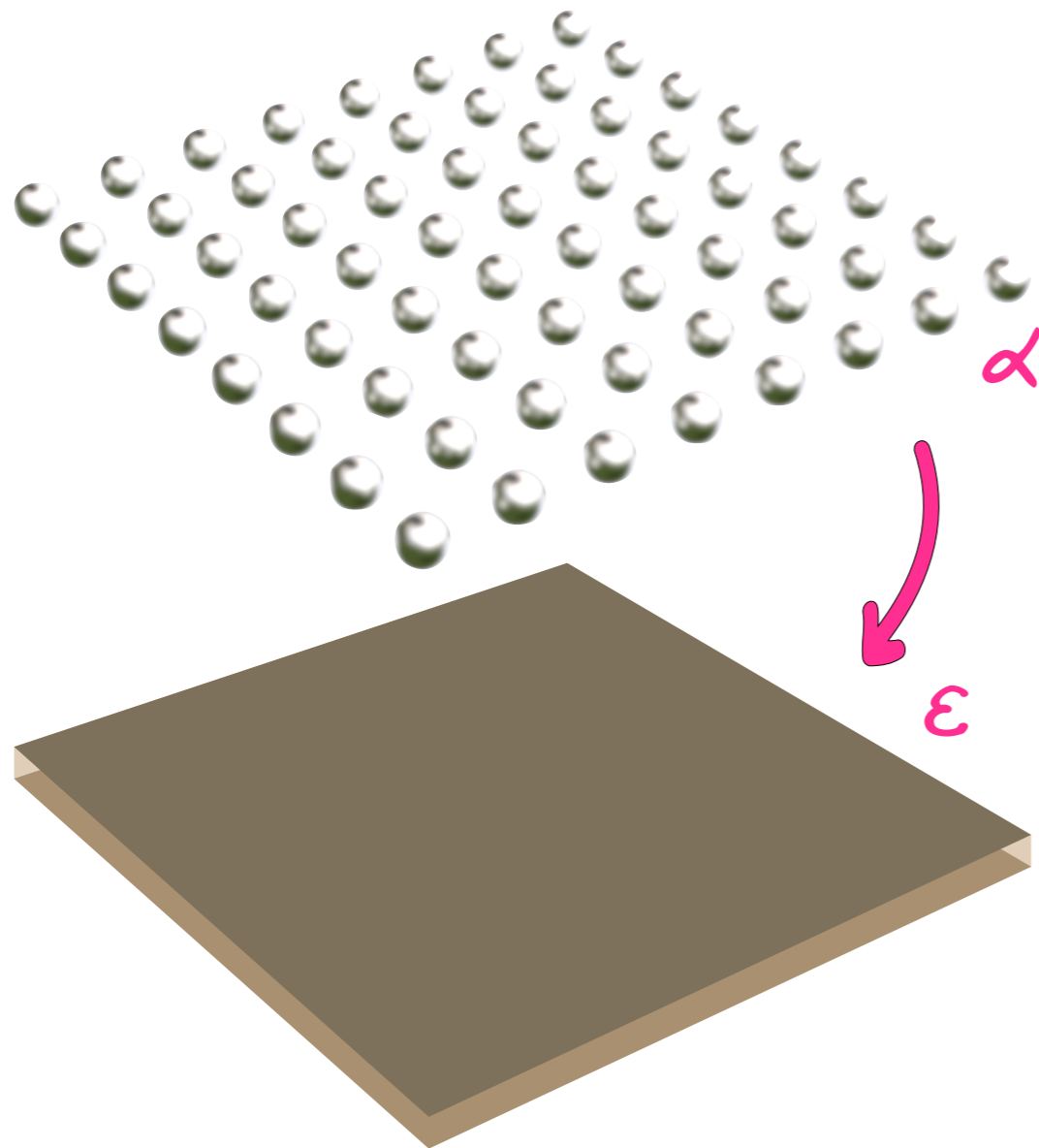
- ▶ Sphere-mediated coupling \mathbb{S}_{ij}
- ▶ Self-reaction (“image” dipole) \mathbb{S}_{ii}
- ▶ Additional excitation from sphere-scattered field \mathbf{E}^{SPH}



COUPLED DIPOLES AROUND A NANOSPHERE



FURTHER STEP: ANISOTROPIC EFFECTIVE MEDIUM

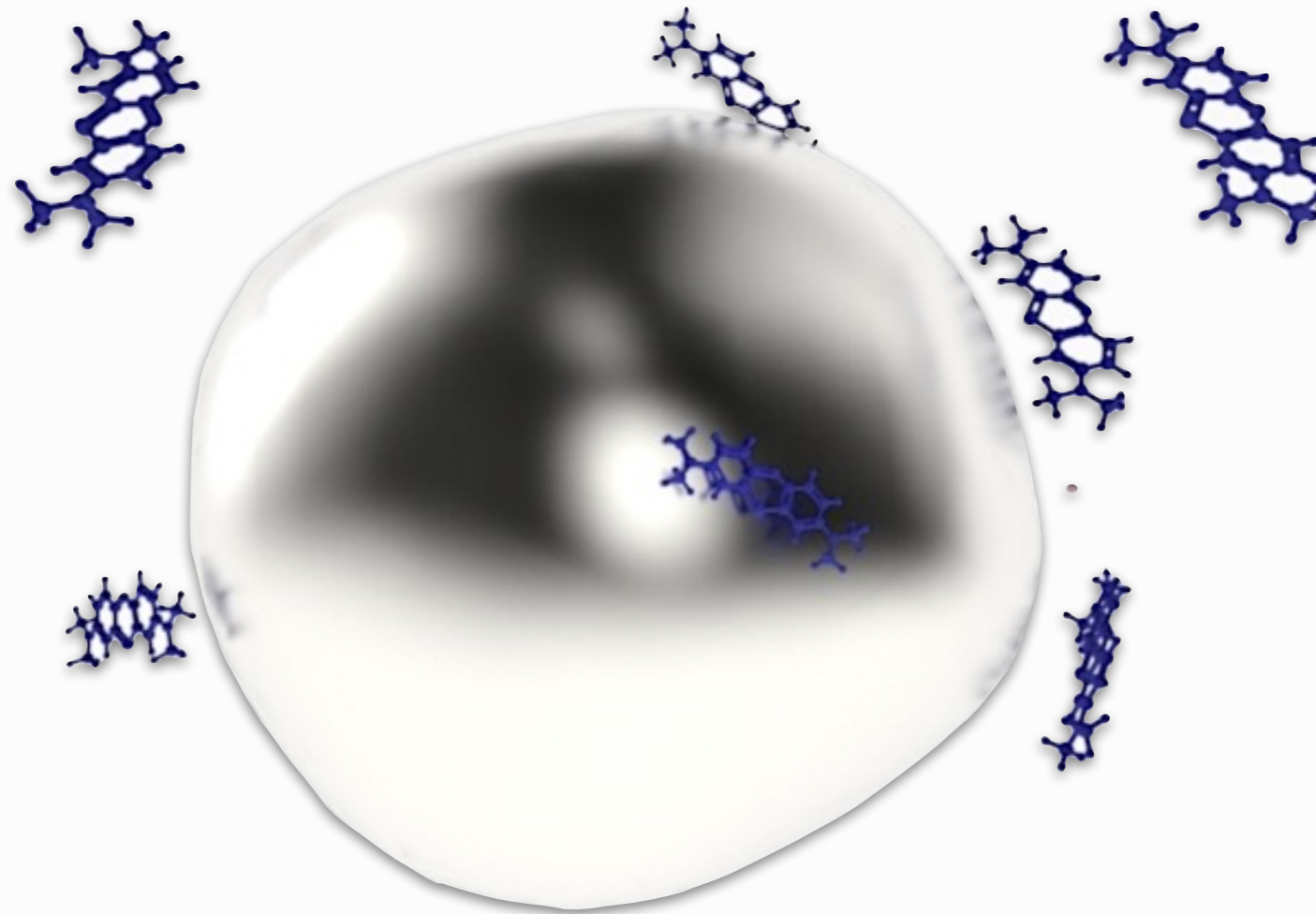


$$\alpha = a^3 \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_m}{\epsilon + 2\epsilon_m} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\epsilon_{xy} = \epsilon_m + \frac{L_m^2 \frac{c_d \alpha}{\epsilon_0}}{1 - \frac{\alpha}{8\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{L_m^2}{\epsilon_m} \rho^{3/2} (\xi_0 - \beta_m \xi_I)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon_z} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_m} - \frac{\frac{L_m^2}{\epsilon_m^2} \frac{c_d \alpha}{\epsilon_0}}{1 + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{L_m^2}{\epsilon_m} \rho^{3/2} (\xi_0 + \beta_m \xi_I)}$$

ANISOTROPIC EFFECTIVE MEDIUM FOR DYE SHELLS

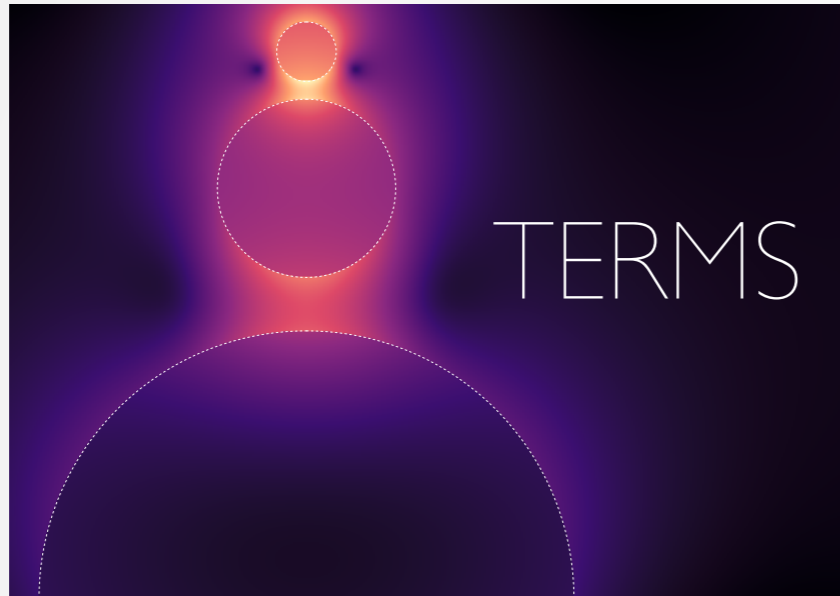


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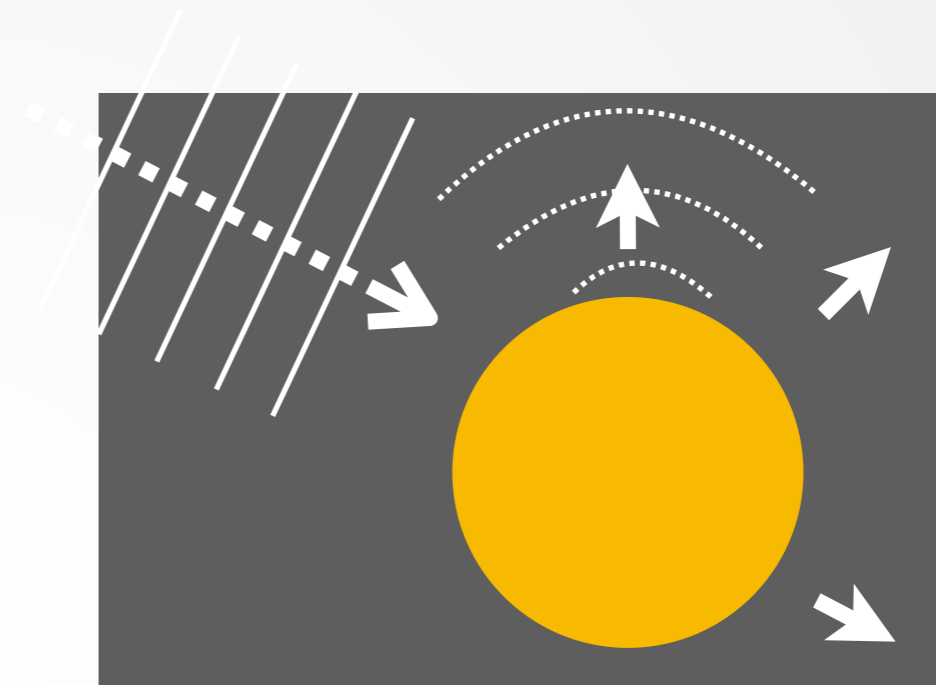
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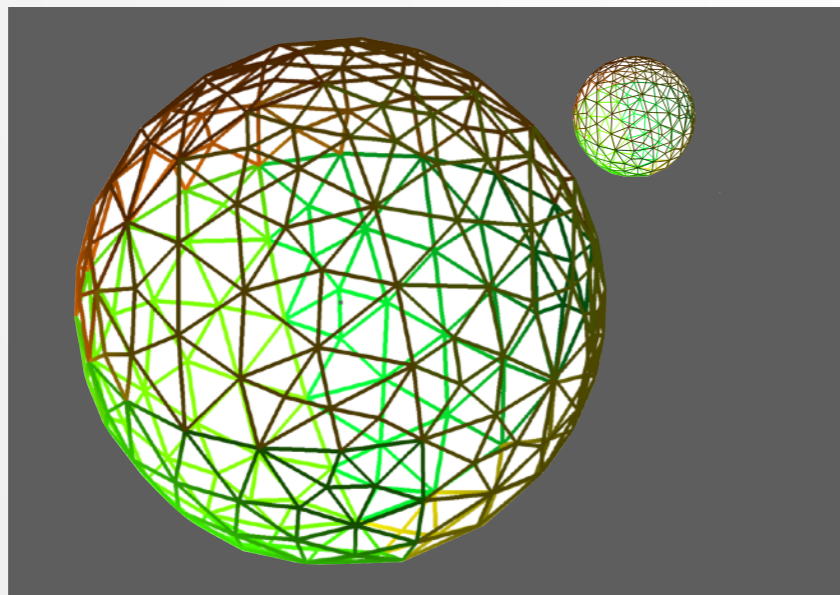
COMPARISON OF SIMULATION METHODS



Superposition T-matrix



Generalised coupled-dipole

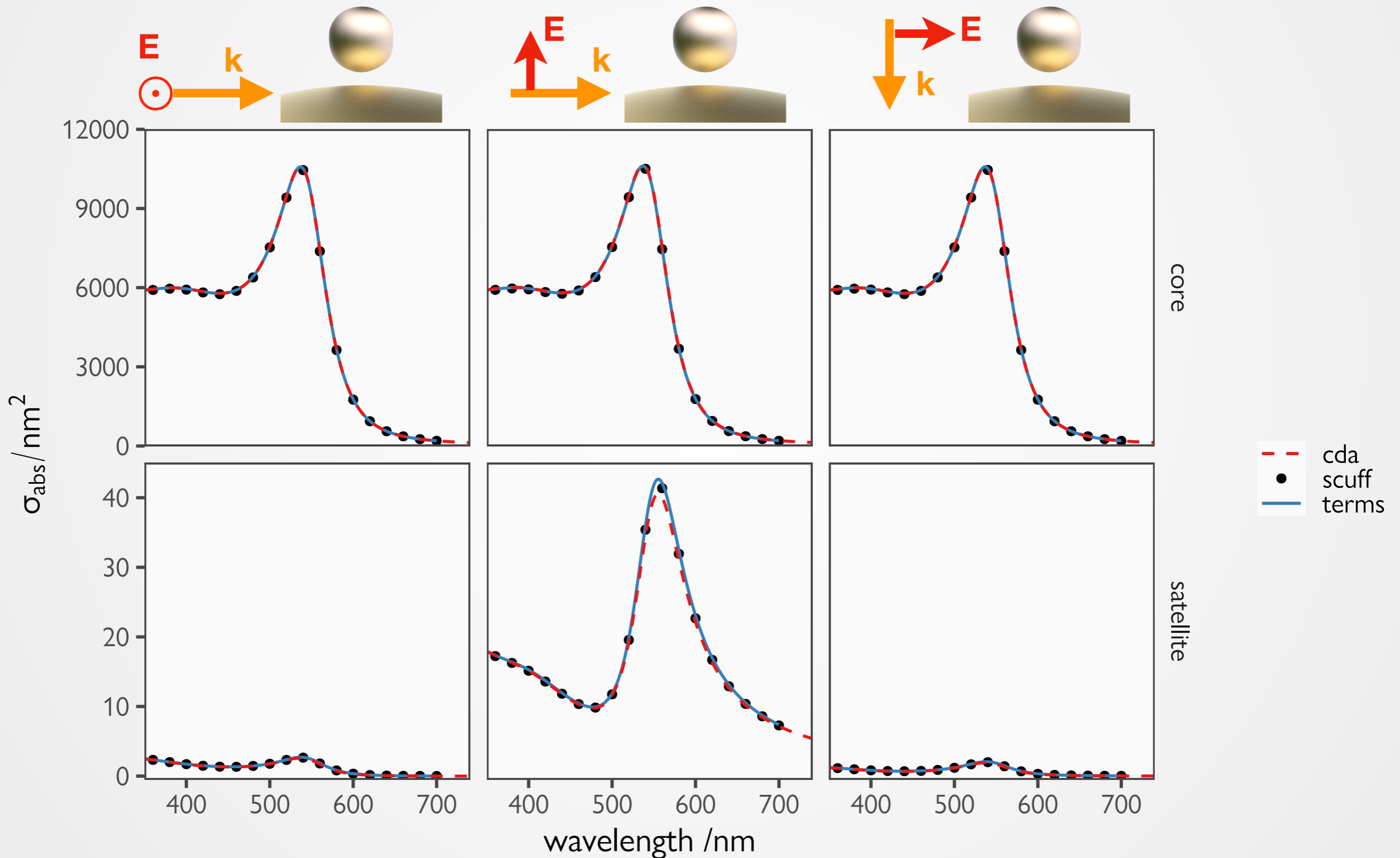


Boundary element method



Effective medium + Mie

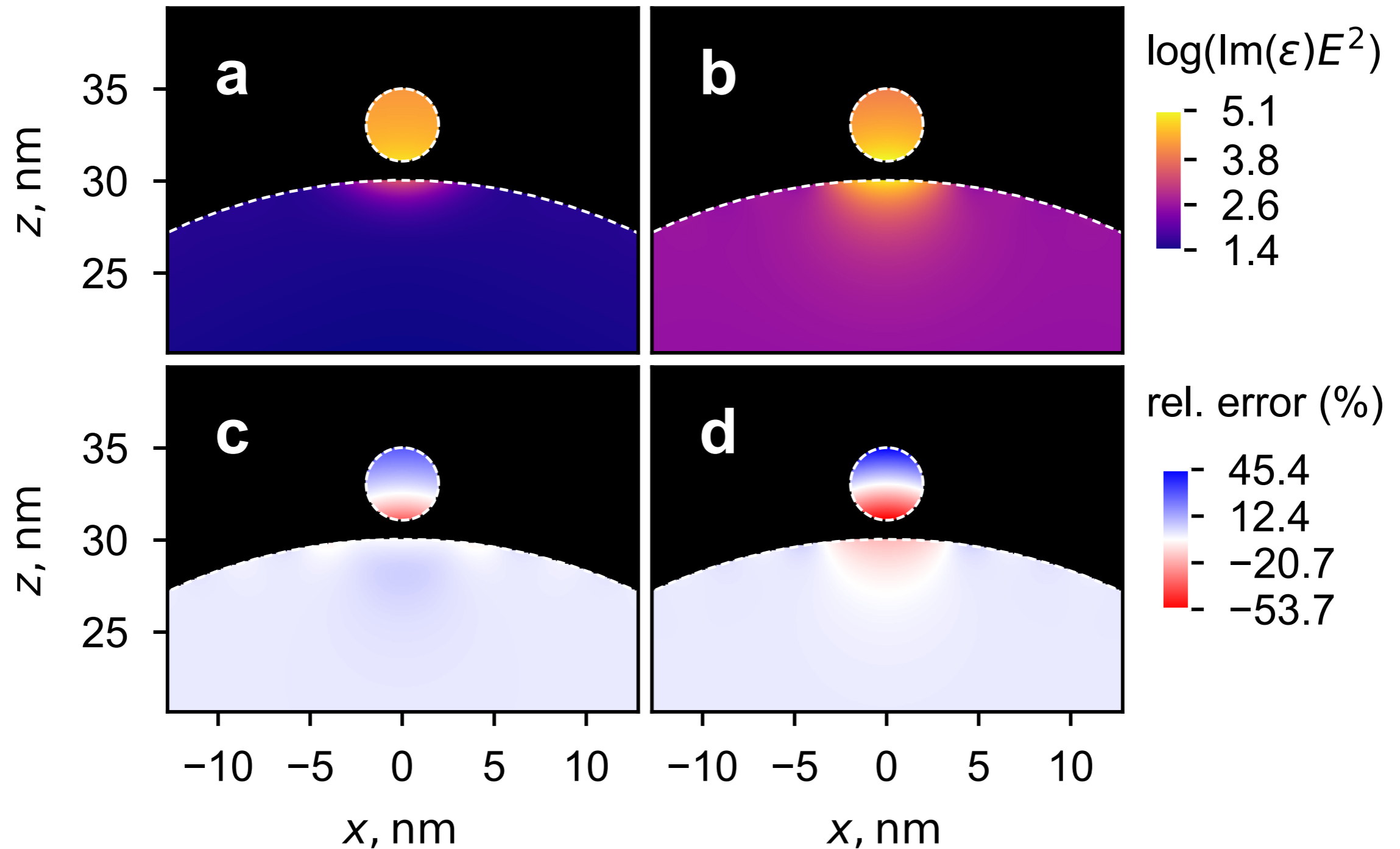
VALIDATION: FIXED INCIDENCE, SINGLE SATELLITE



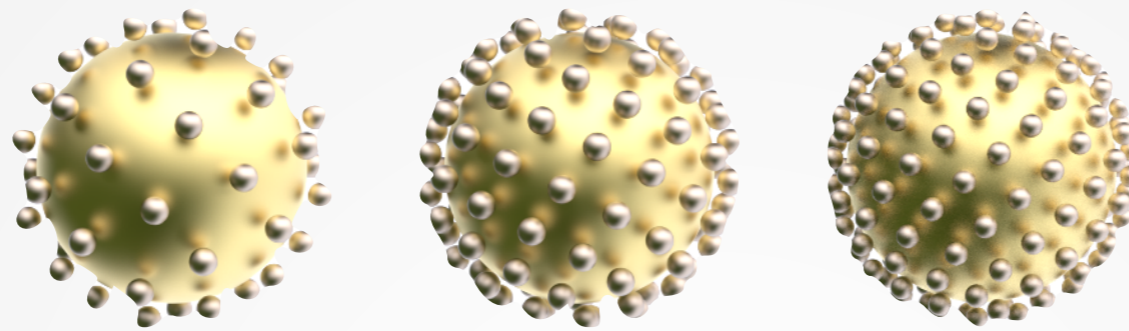
DIPOLE APPROXIMATION VS EXACT RESULTS

$\lambda = 394\text{nm}$

$\lambda = 534\text{nm}$

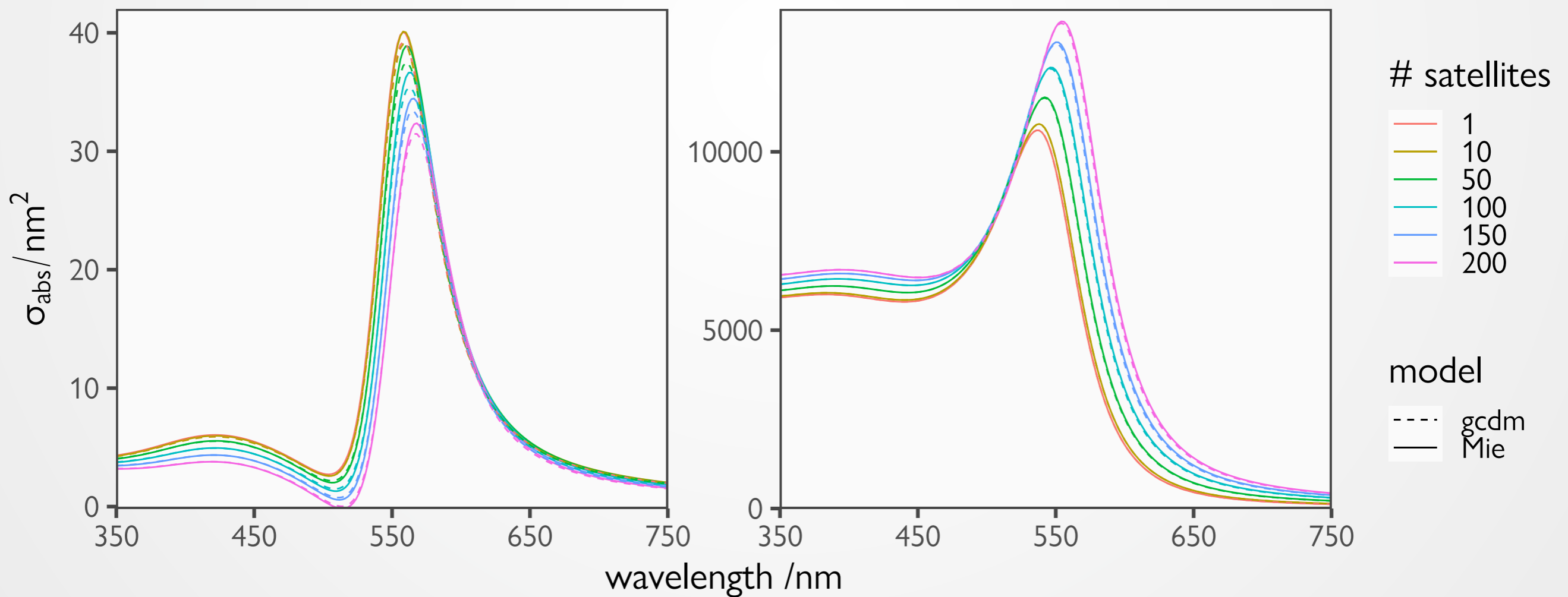


EFFECT OF SATELLITE CONCENTRATION



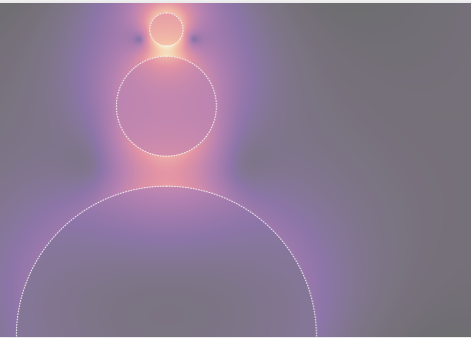
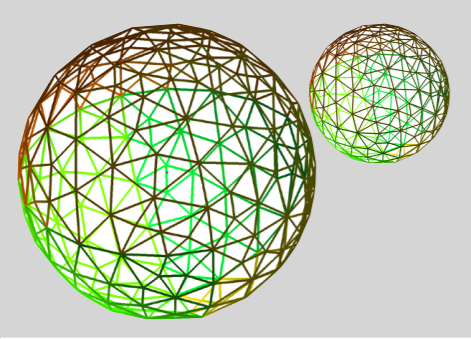
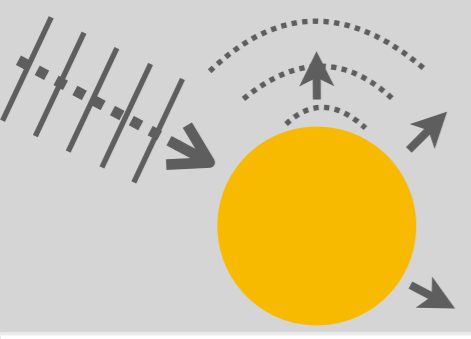
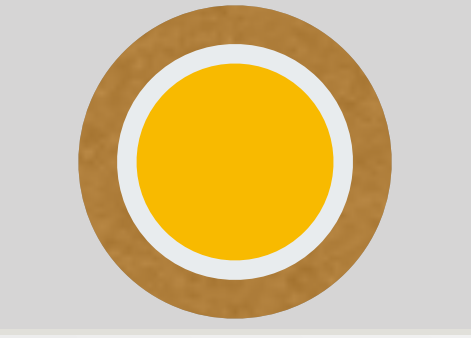
differential absorption (/satellite)

total absorption



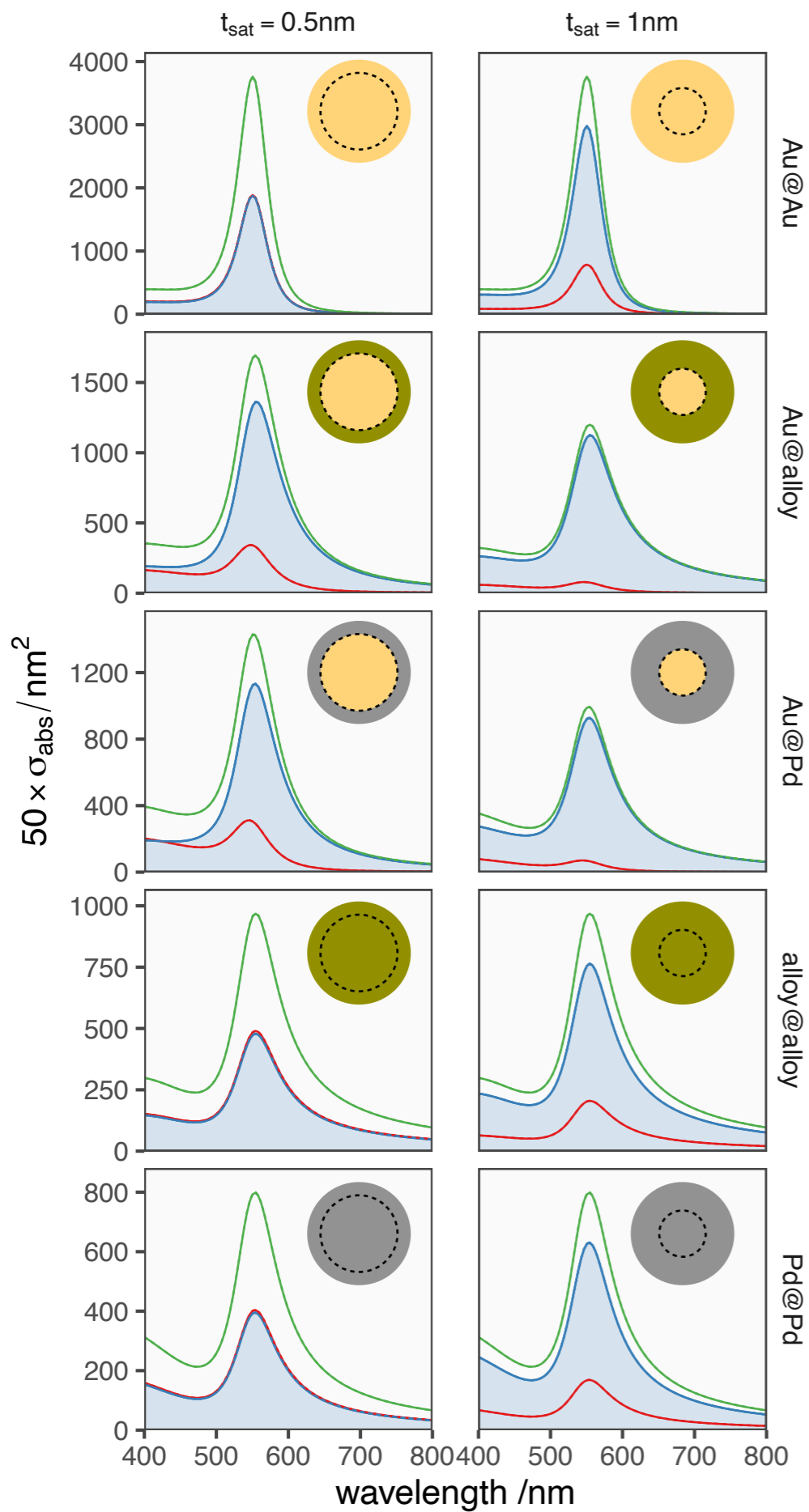
STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES



	METHOD	ACCURACY	TIME	SCALING	DETAILED INFO
	TERMS (T-matrix)	✓	✗	✗	✓
	SCUFF (surface int.)	✓	✗	≈	✓
	GCDM (coupled dip.)	✓	≈	≈	≈
	Mie	≈	✓	✓	✗

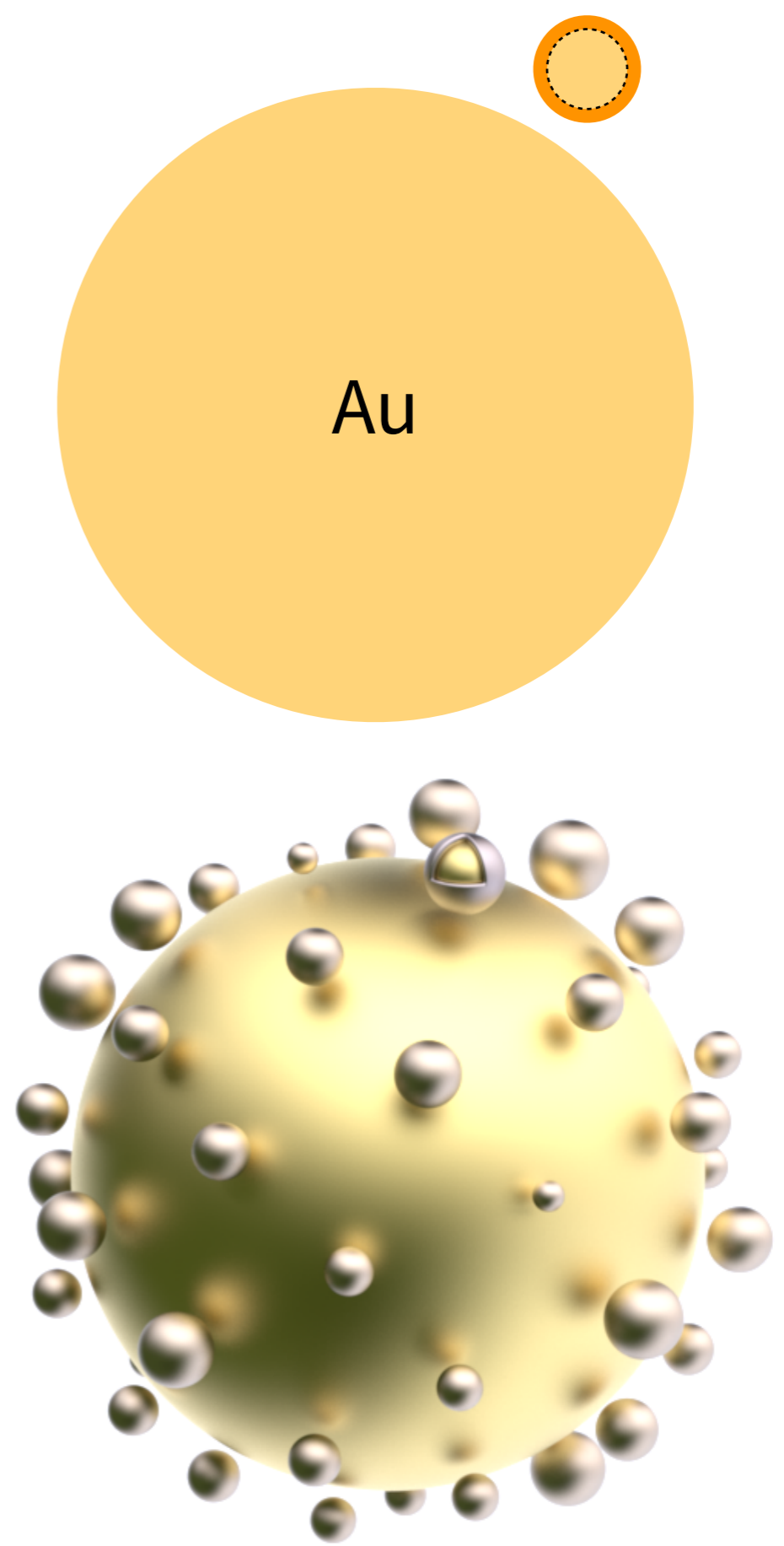
Partial absorption in core-shell satellites

1 satellite, $R_{\text{core}}=30\text{nm}$, $\text{gap}=1\text{nm}$, $R_{\text{sat}}=2.5\text{nm}$



region
▬ partial_core
▬ partial_shell
▬ total

N_{max}
 — 40
 - - - 45



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