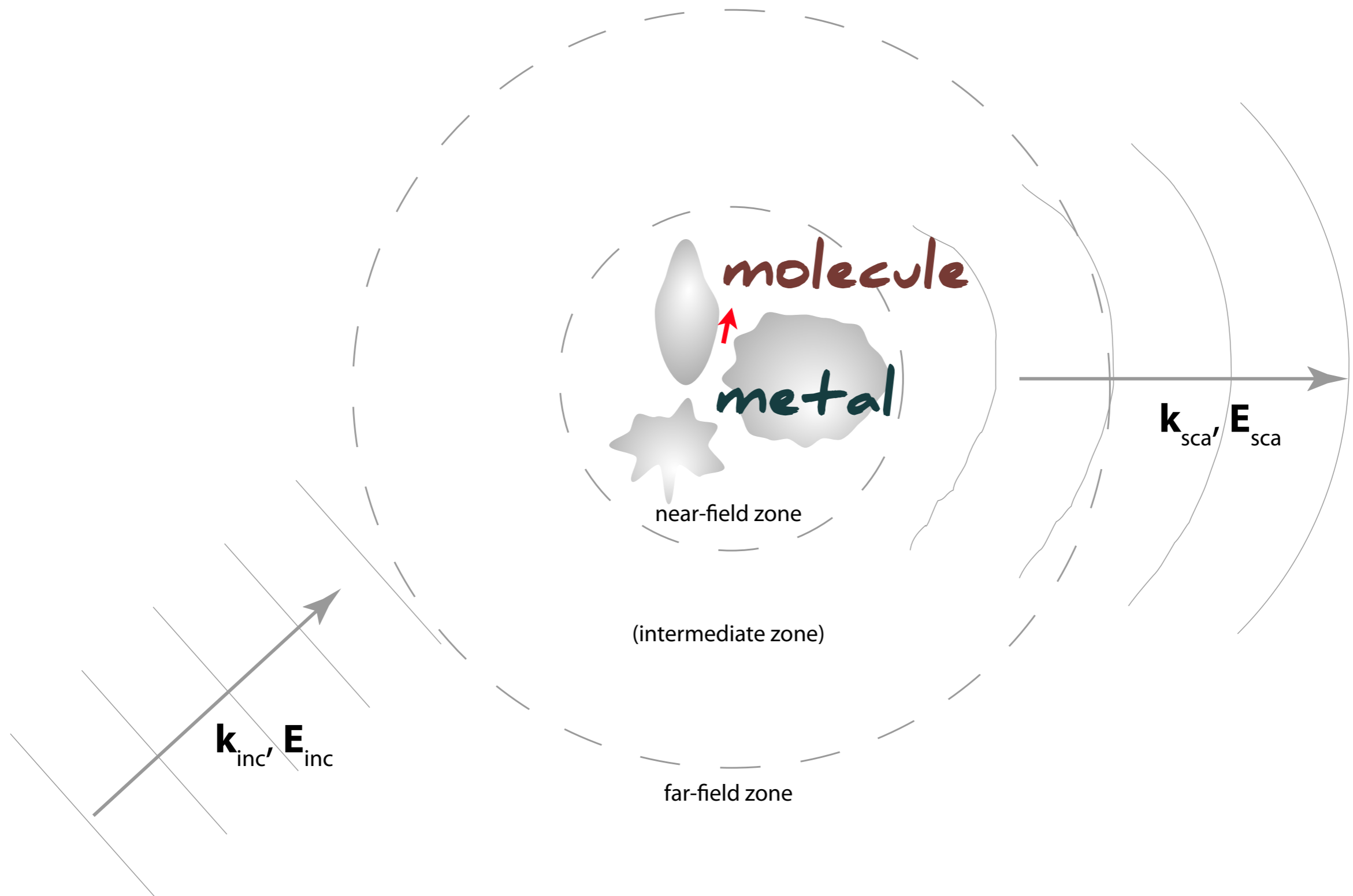
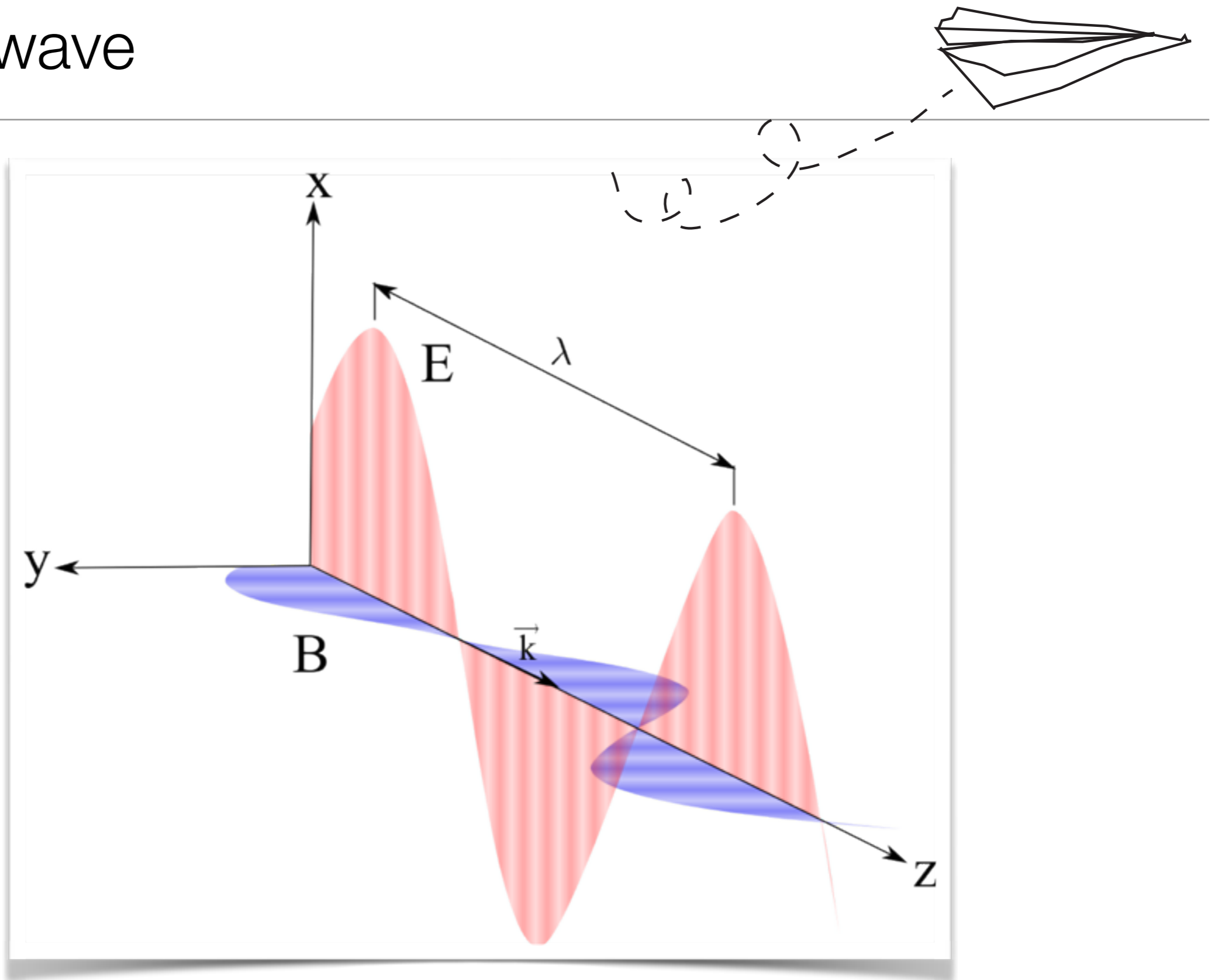


Modelling the scattering of light

Near field, far-field, and reciprocity



A plane wave



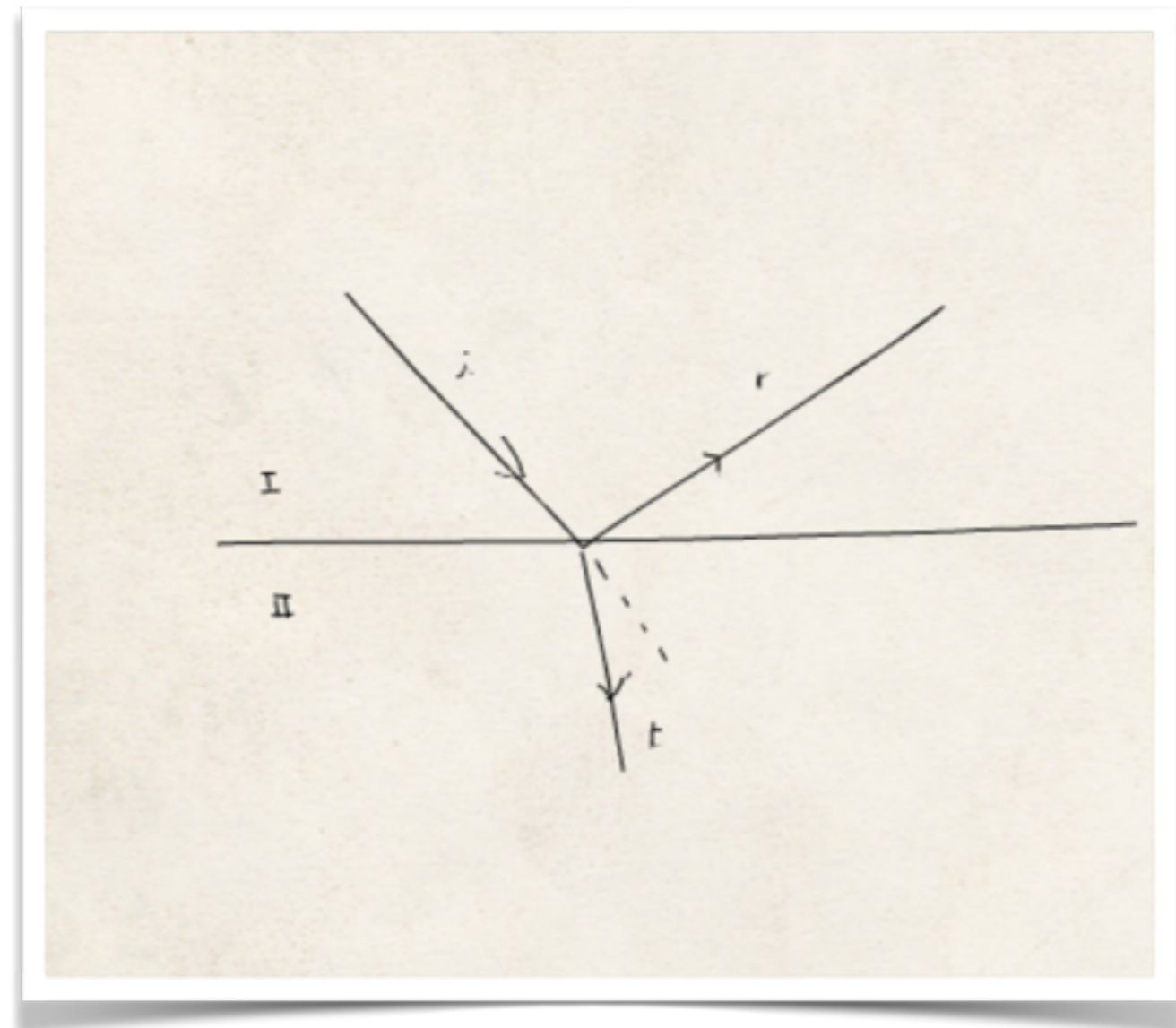
Why is it so hard? – a conspiracy theory

- Example: geometrical optics
- **Ewald-Oseen extinction theorem**

All atoms conspire to

- extinguish the incident ray
- create a reflected wave
- create a refracted wave

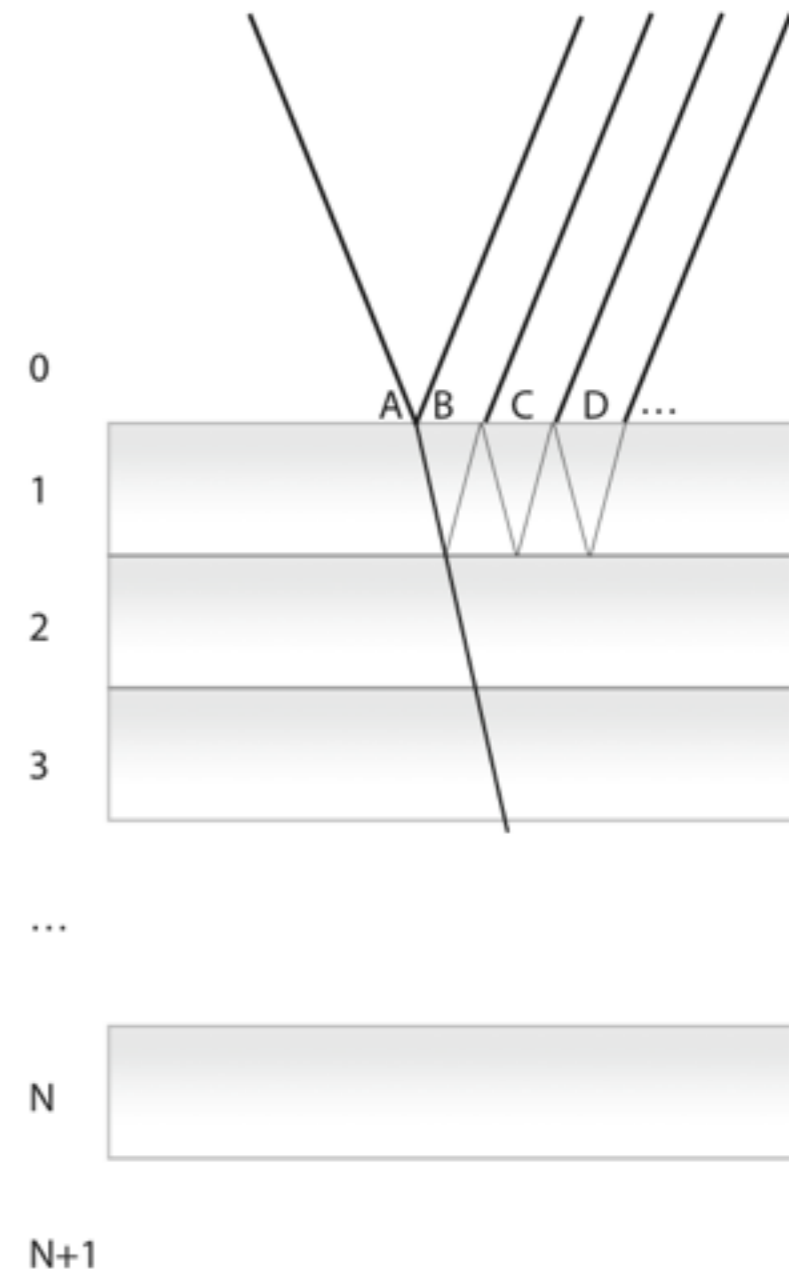
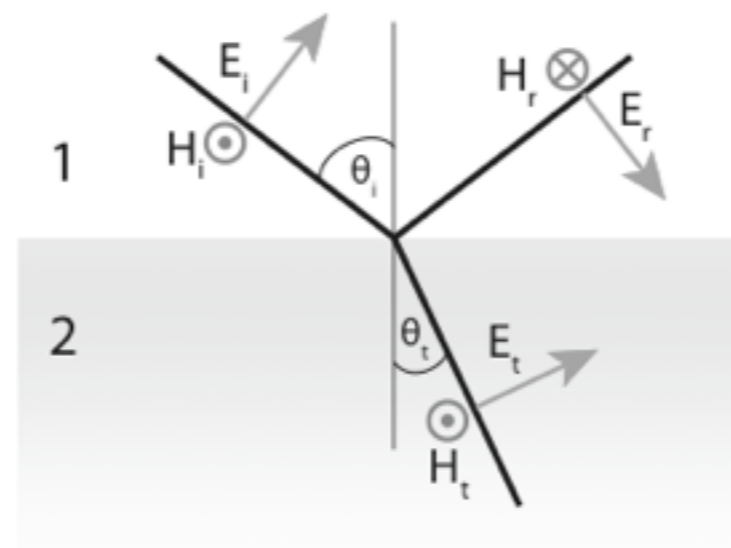
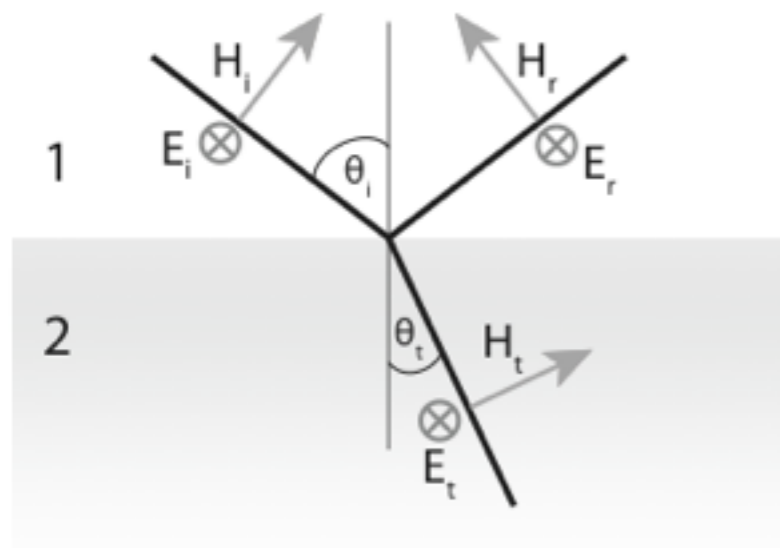
- Now, consider a curved particle with *arbitrary shape*



Example: multilayers

(a) TE polarisation

(b) TM polarisation



$$r_{\text{slab}} A = B + C + D + \dots$$

$$= \left[r_{01} + t_{10} t_{01} r_{12} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} r_{12}^j r_{10}^j \exp(2j i k_{z1} d) \right] A$$

$$r_{\text{slab}} = \frac{r_{01} + r_{12} \exp(2i k_{z1} d)}{1 + r_{01} r_{12} \exp(2i k_{z1} d)}$$

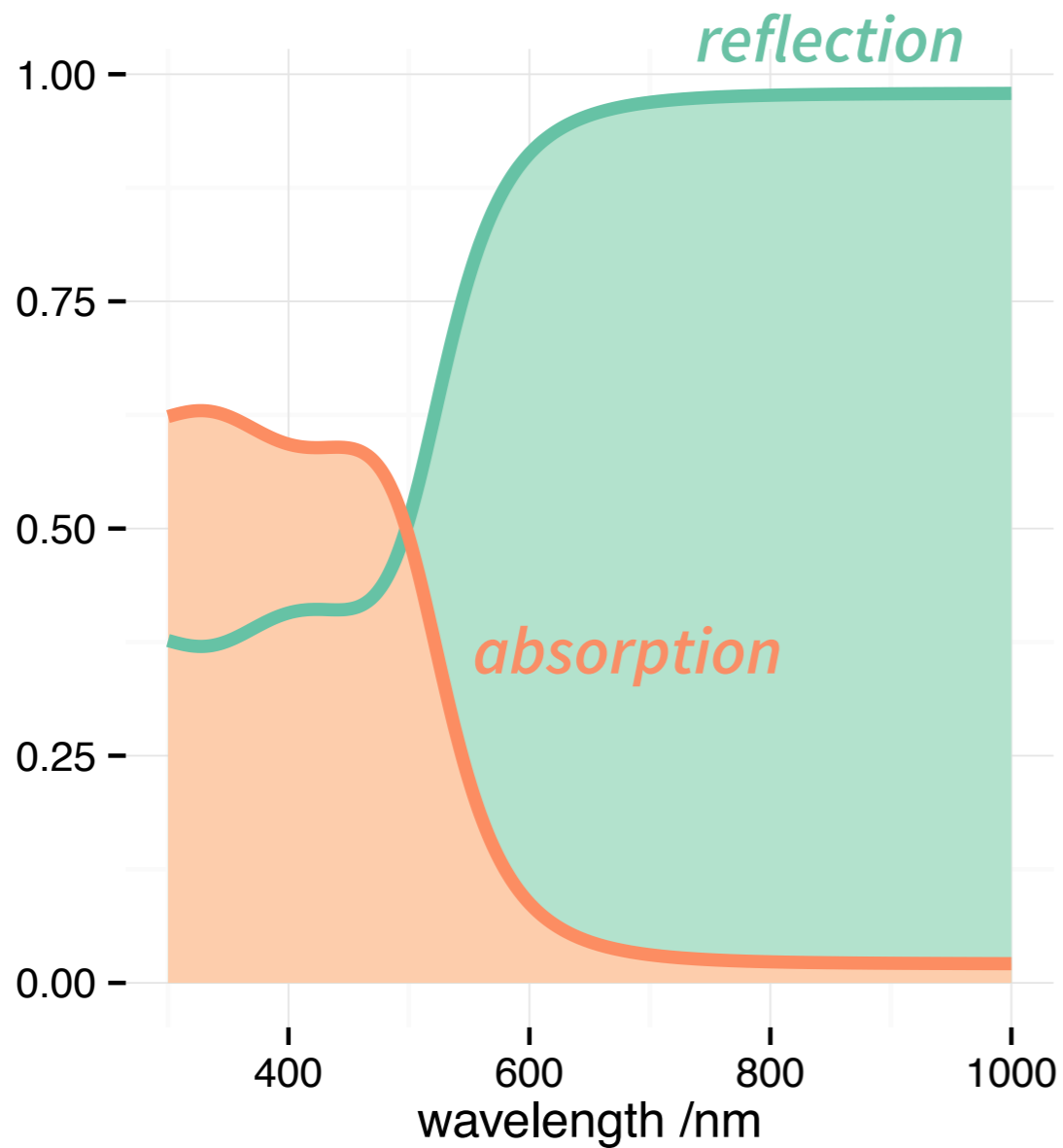
Things we ignore

- anisotropic, magnetic, chiral, non-local, charged particles
- lossy incident medium
- transient response
- non-linear response, gain
- inhomogeneous particles, deformations, ...
- people telling us to attempt the above

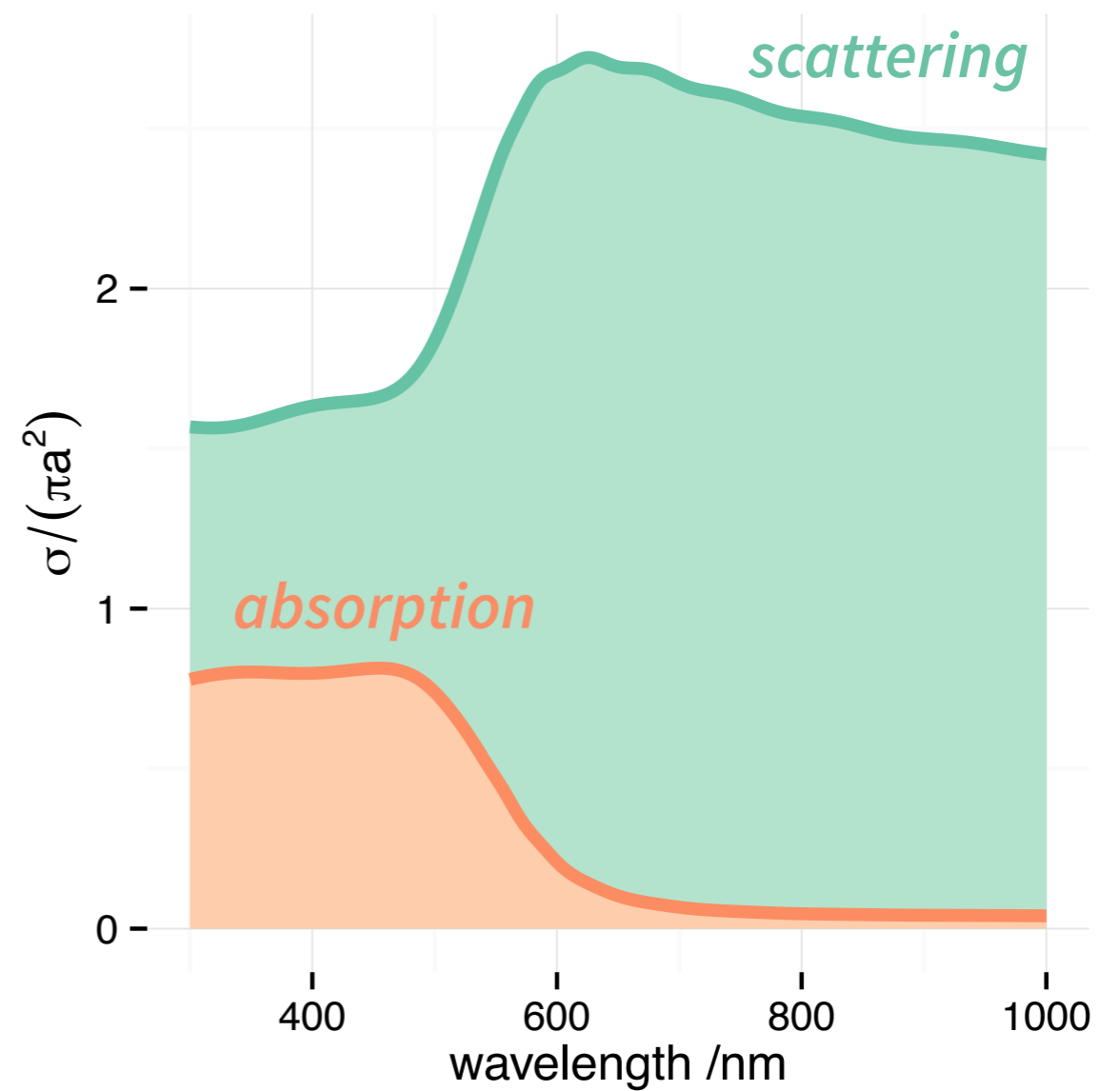


Metals, from bulk to nanoparticles

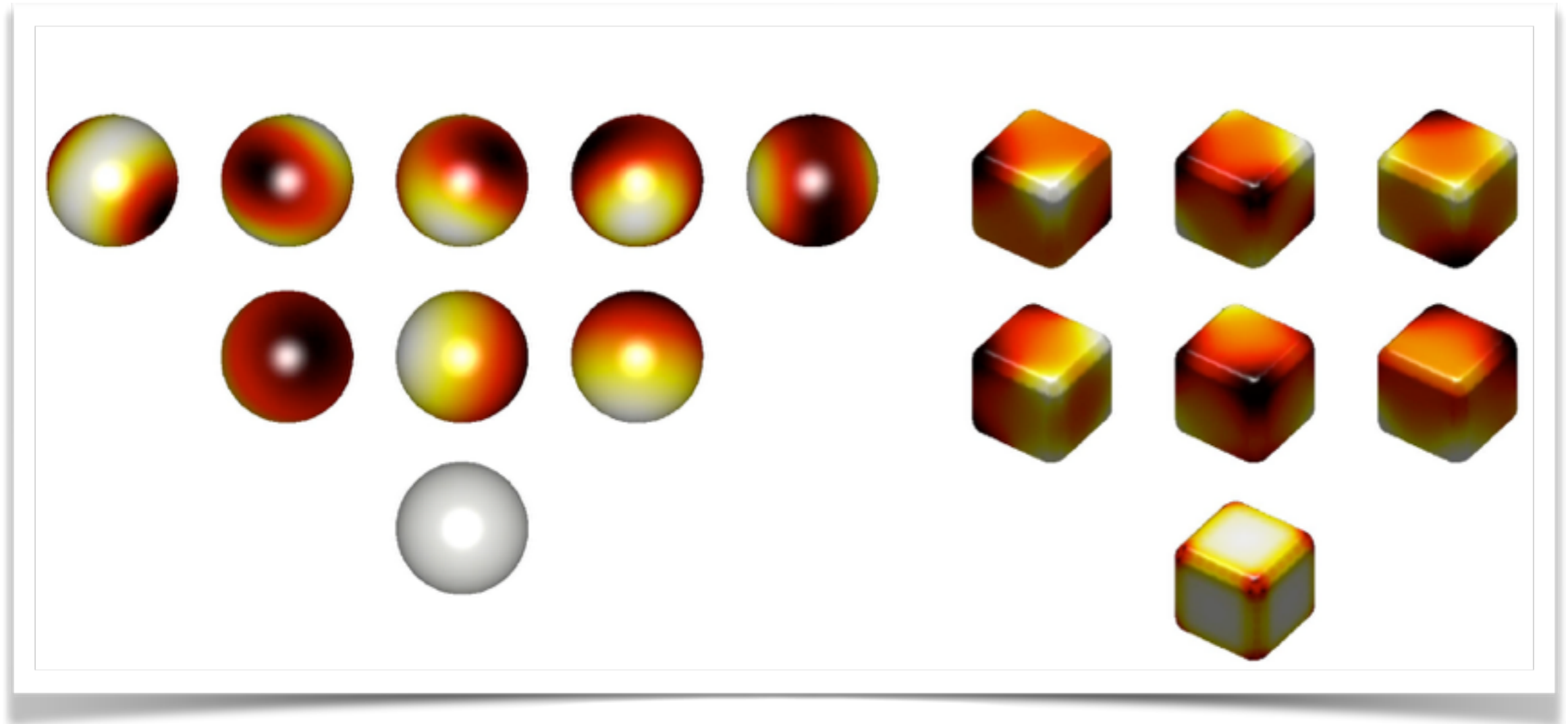
Gold film



2 μ m Gold sphere

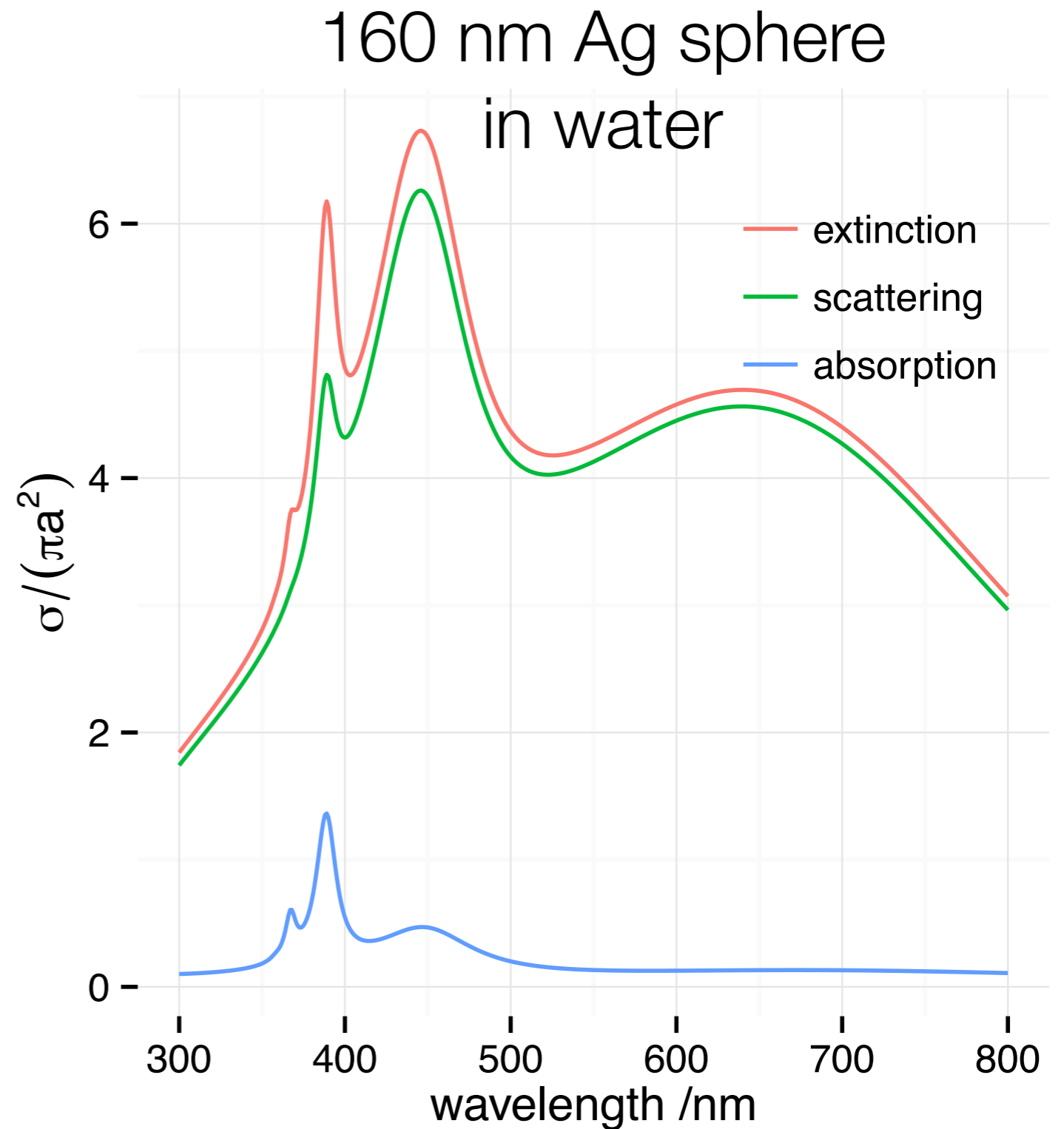
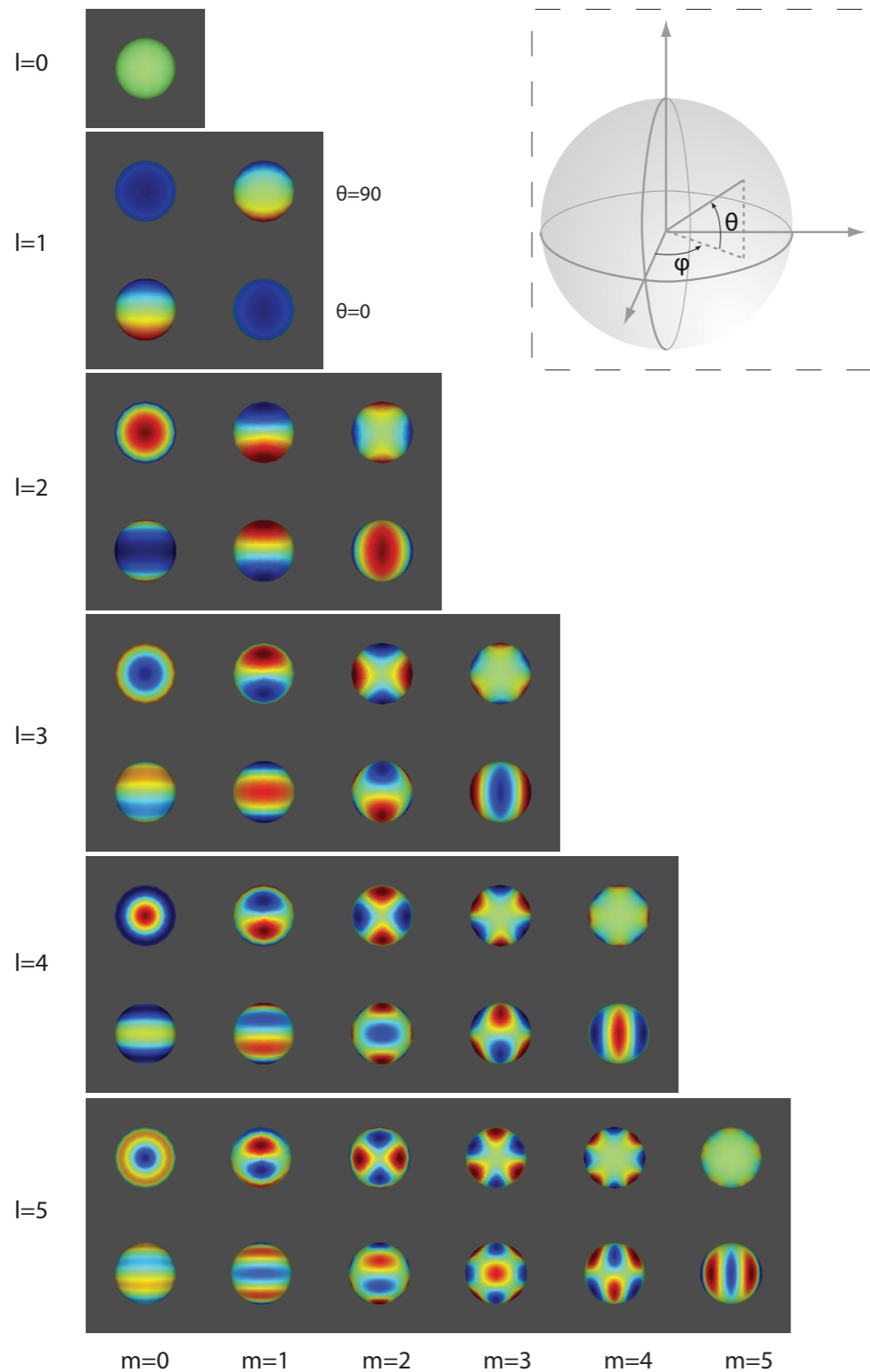


Localised surface-plasmons: nanoparticles

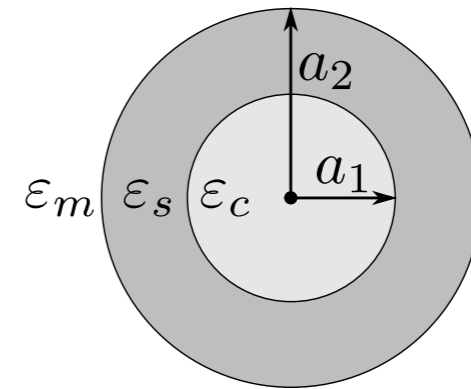
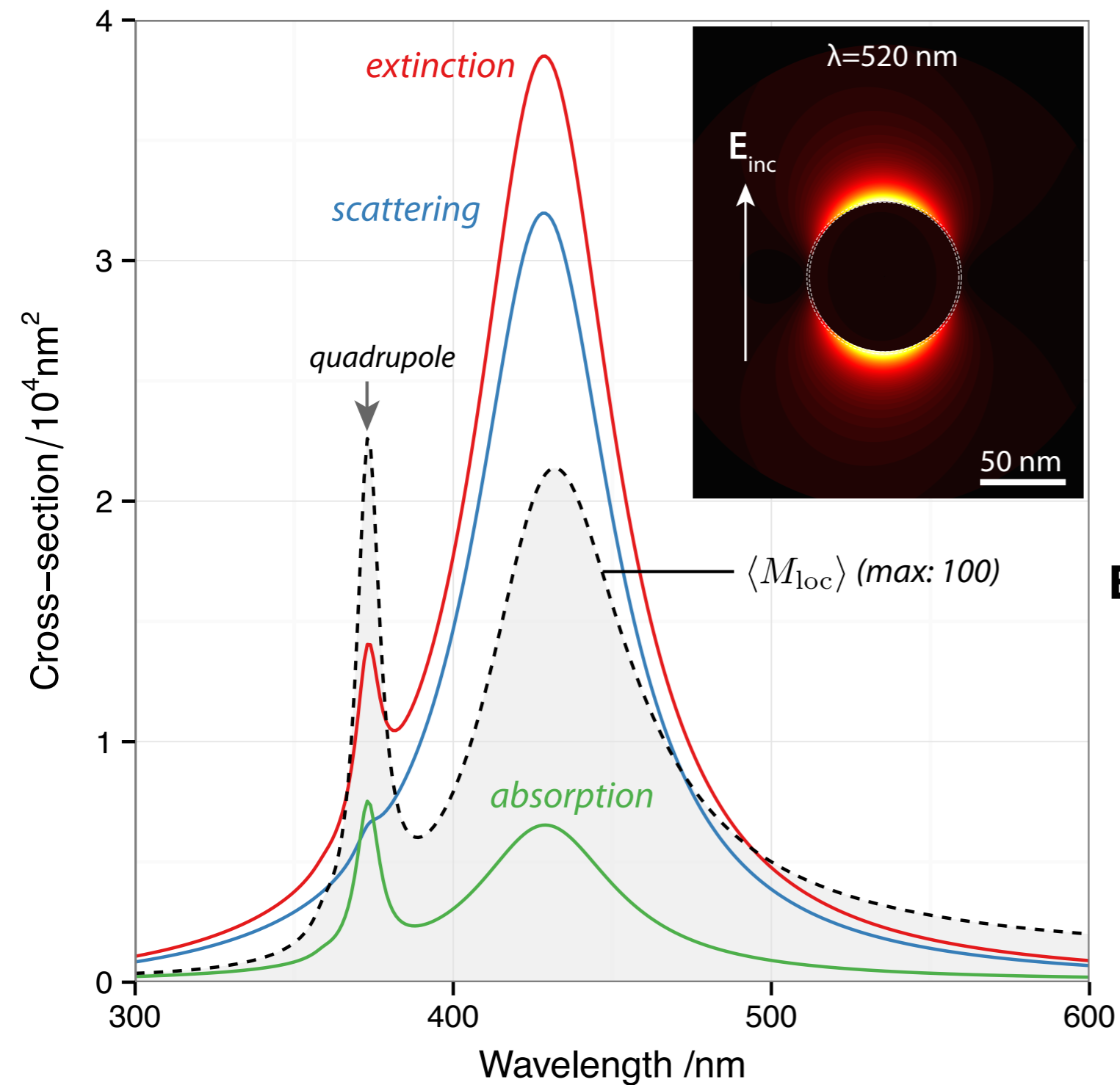


collective oscillations of the conduction electrons
constrained by the particle geometry

Spherical harmonics, Mie theory



Mie theory



$$\mathbf{E}_{Inc} = E_0 \sum_{l,m} a_{lm} \mathbf{M}_{lm}^{(1)}(k\mathbf{r}) + b_{lm} \mathbf{N}_{lm}^{(1)}(k\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{Sca} = E_0 \sum_{l,m} c_{lm} \mathbf{M}_{lm}^{(3)}(k\mathbf{r}) + d_{lm} \mathbf{N}_{lm}^{(3)}(k\mathbf{r})$$

$$c_l = \frac{s\psi_l(x)\psi'_l(sx) - \psi_l(sx)\psi'_l(x)}{\psi_l(sx)\xi'_l(x) - s\psi'_l(sx)\xi'_l(x)} a_l$$

$$d_l = \frac{\psi_l(x)\psi'_l(sx) - s\psi_l(sx)\psi'_l(x)}{s\psi_l(sx)\xi'_l(x) - \psi'_l(sx)\xi'_l(x)} b_l$$

From there...

- Finite differences (time domain)
- Finite elements
- Boundary elements

Numerical

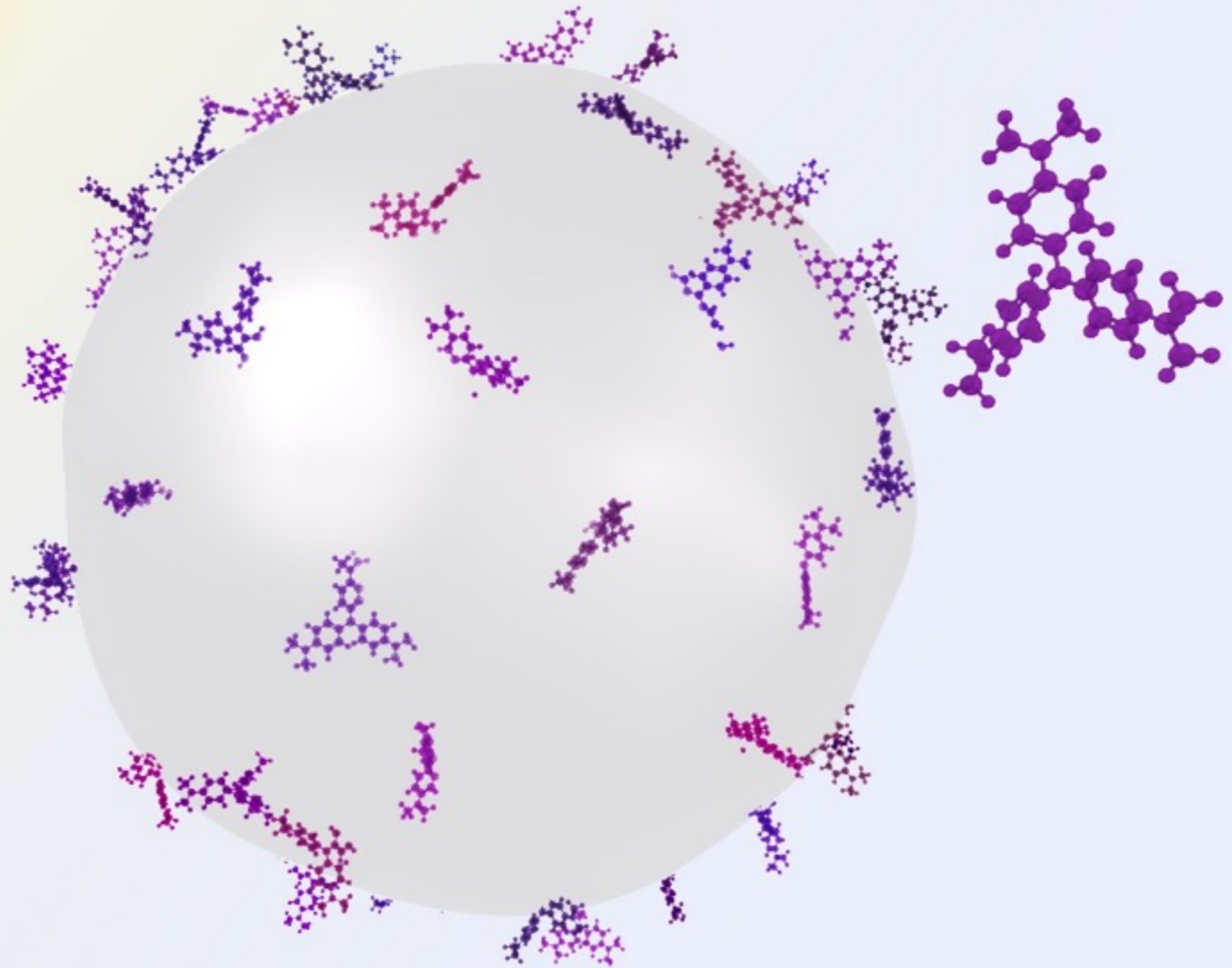
- **T-matrix**
- Mie theory
- Periodic structures, ...

Analytical

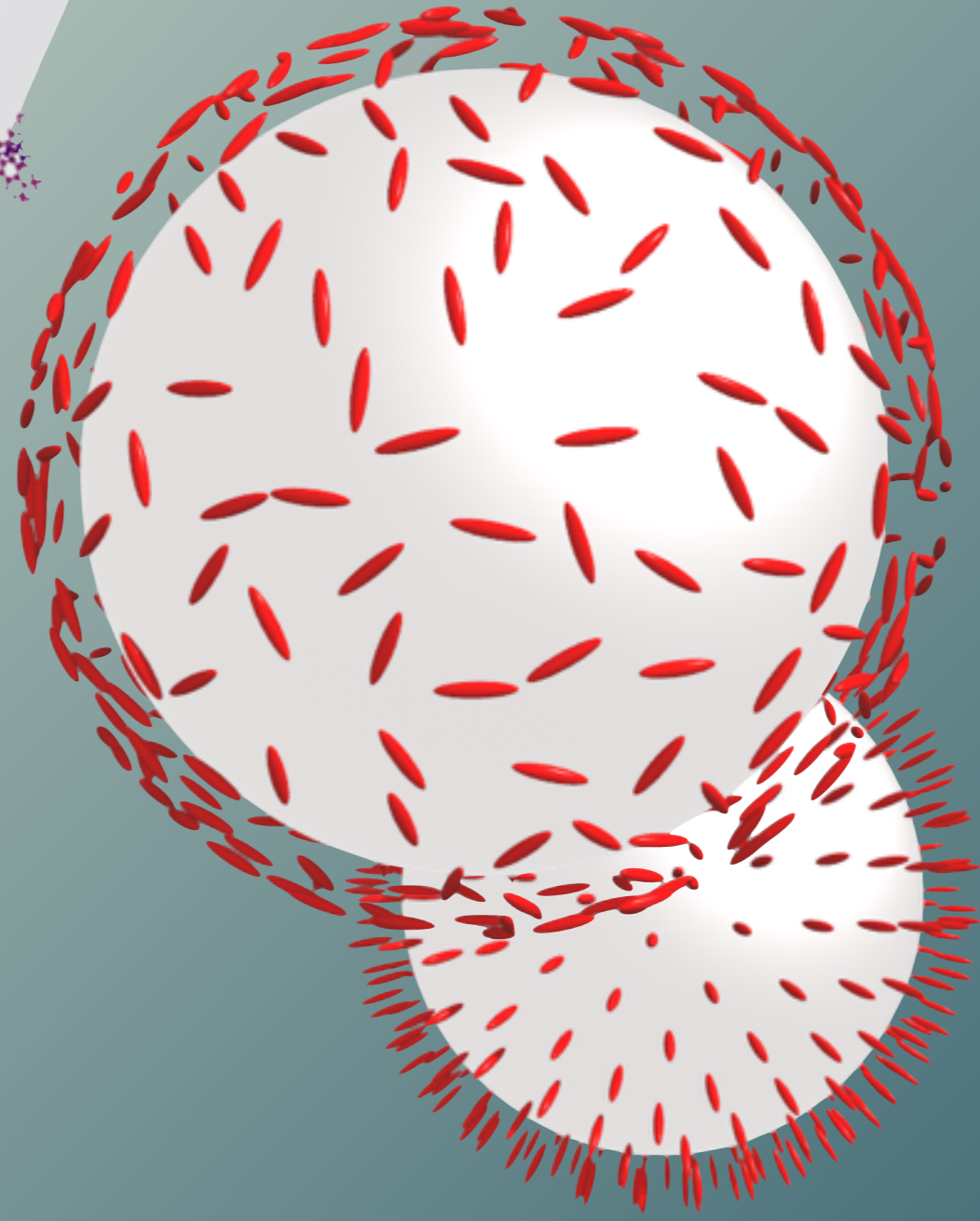
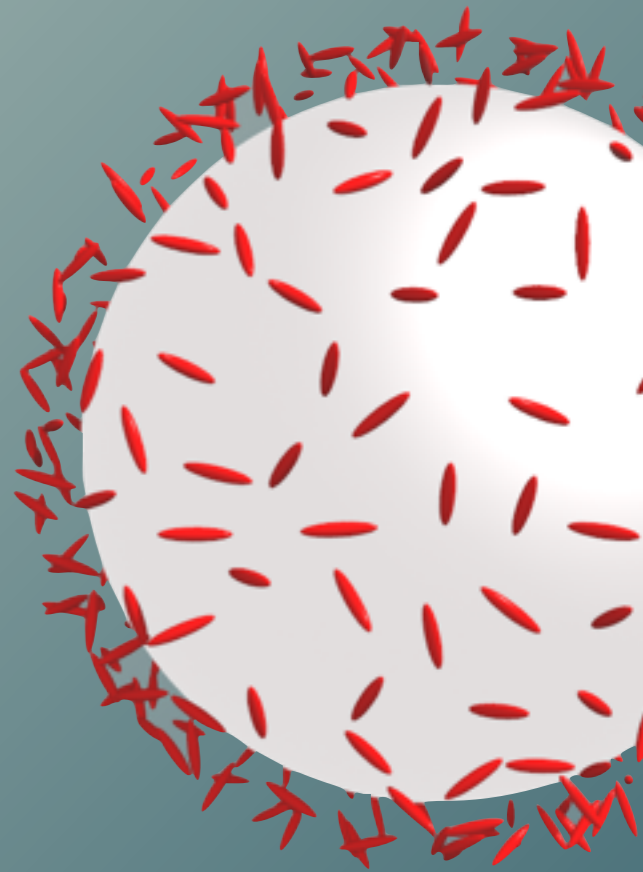
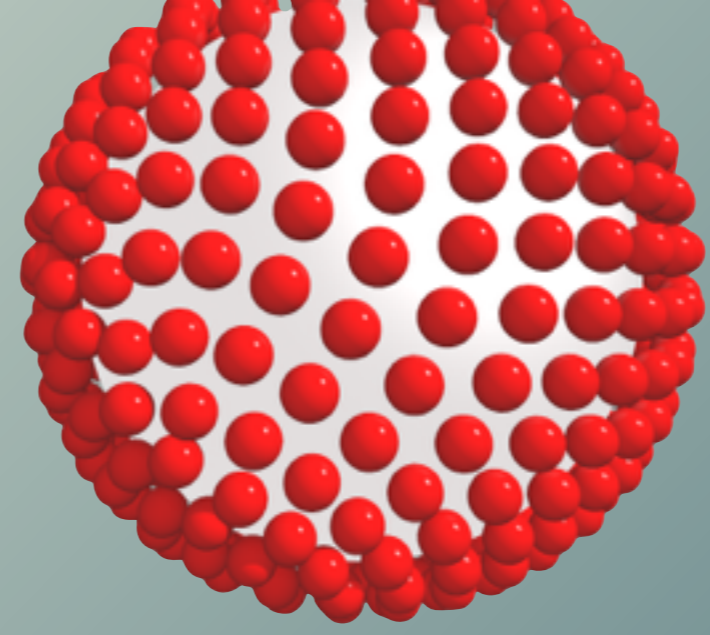
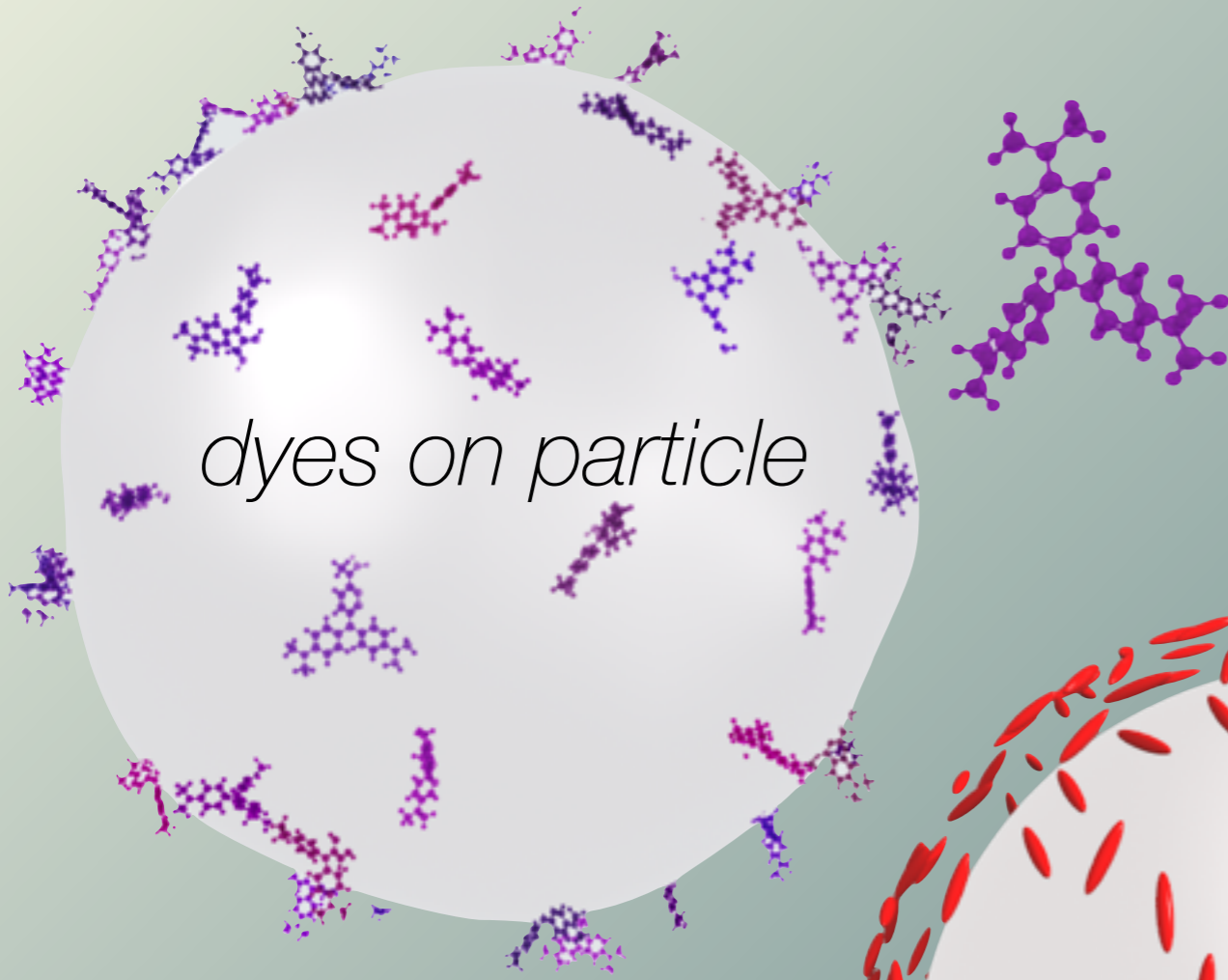
- Approximations, ...

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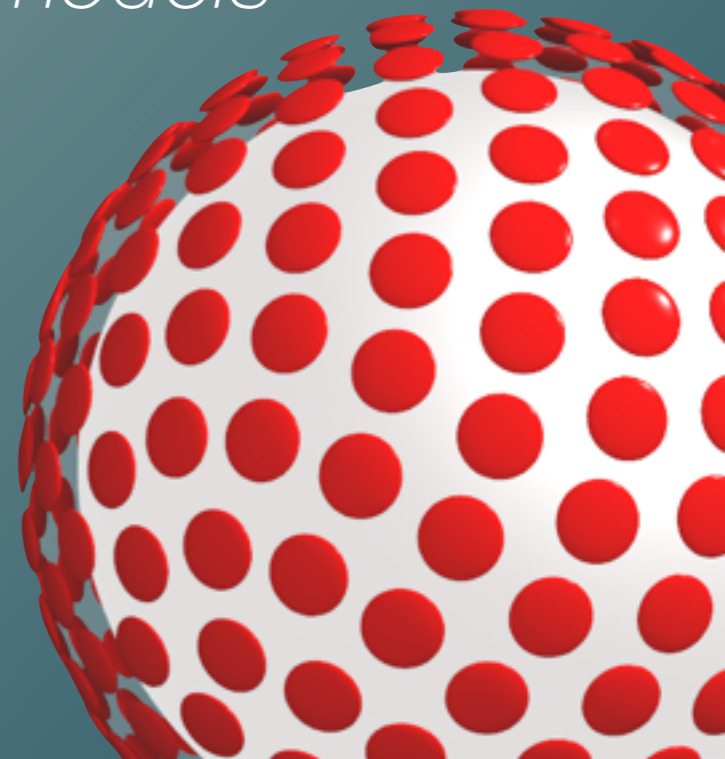
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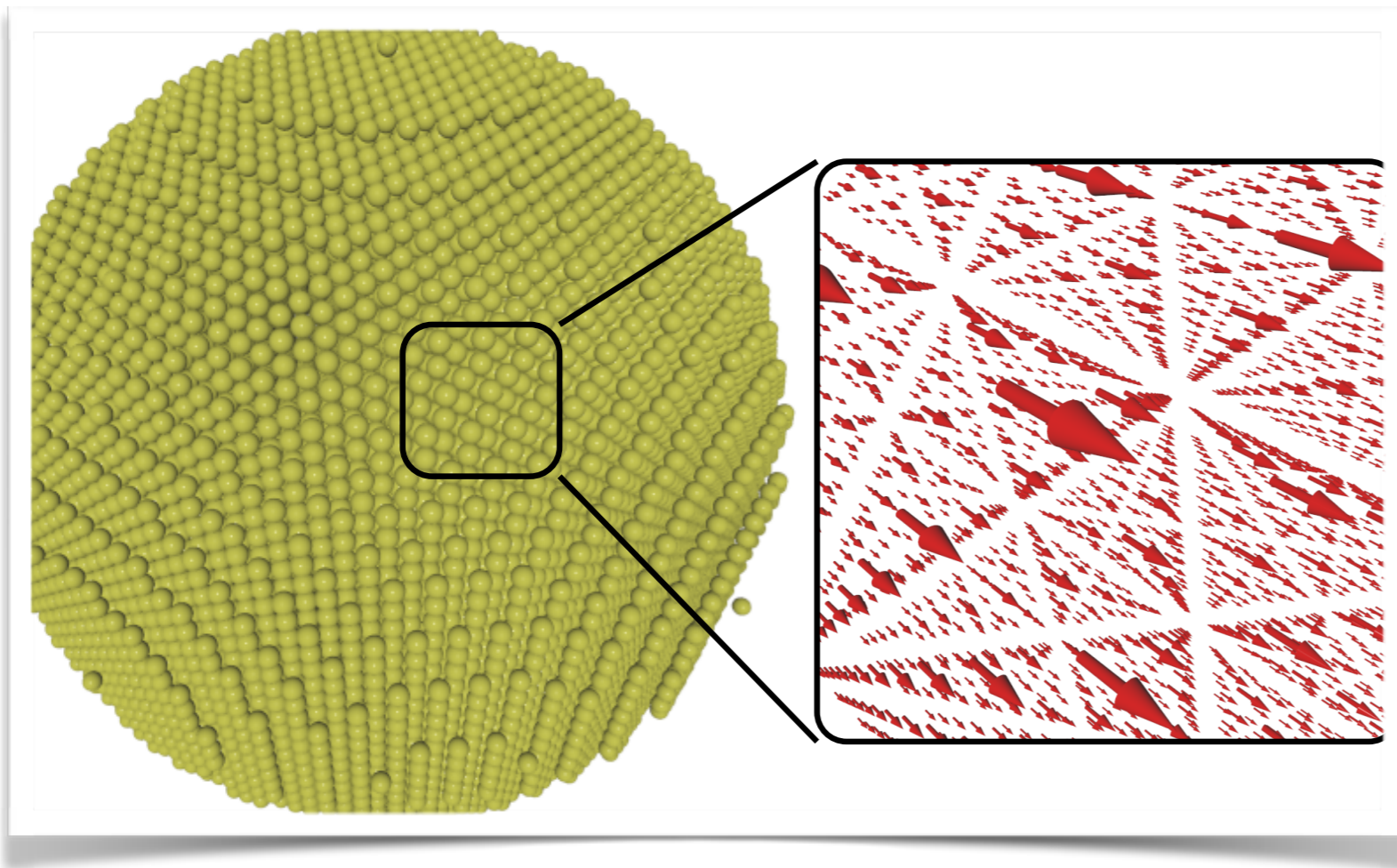
Dipole-dipole coupling & plasmonics



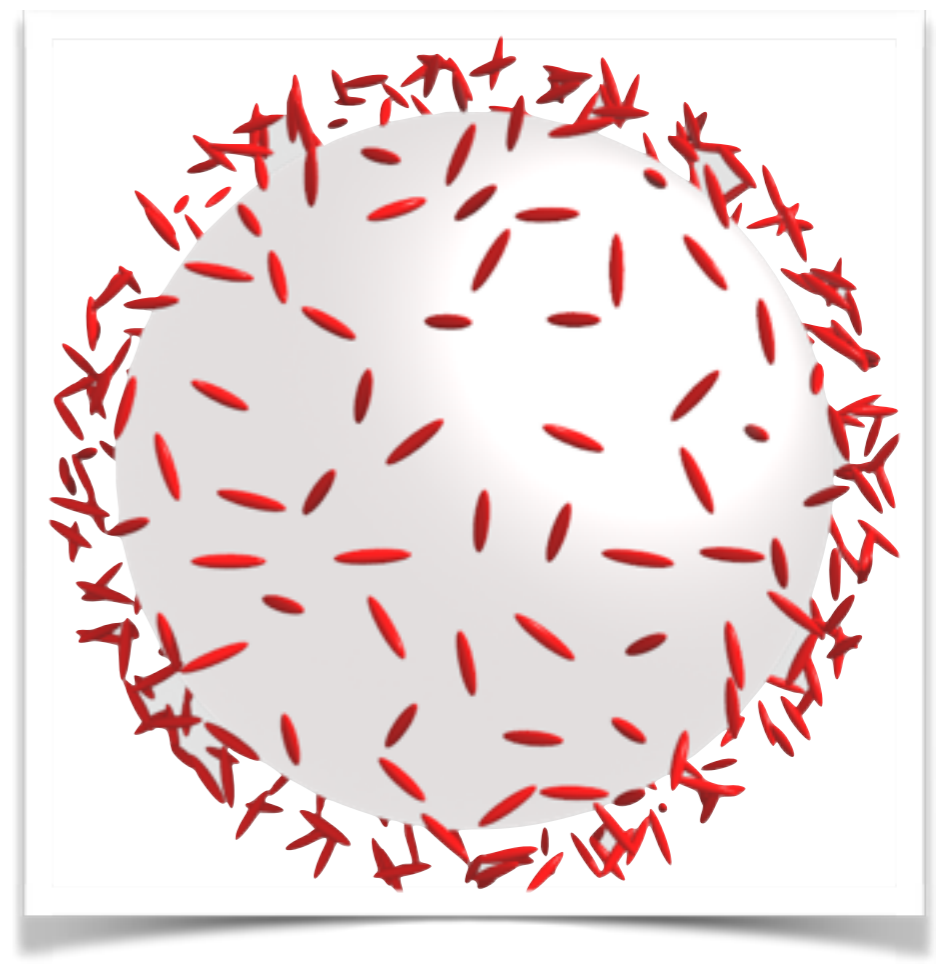
Coupled dipole models



Terminology



Discrete-Dipole Approx.

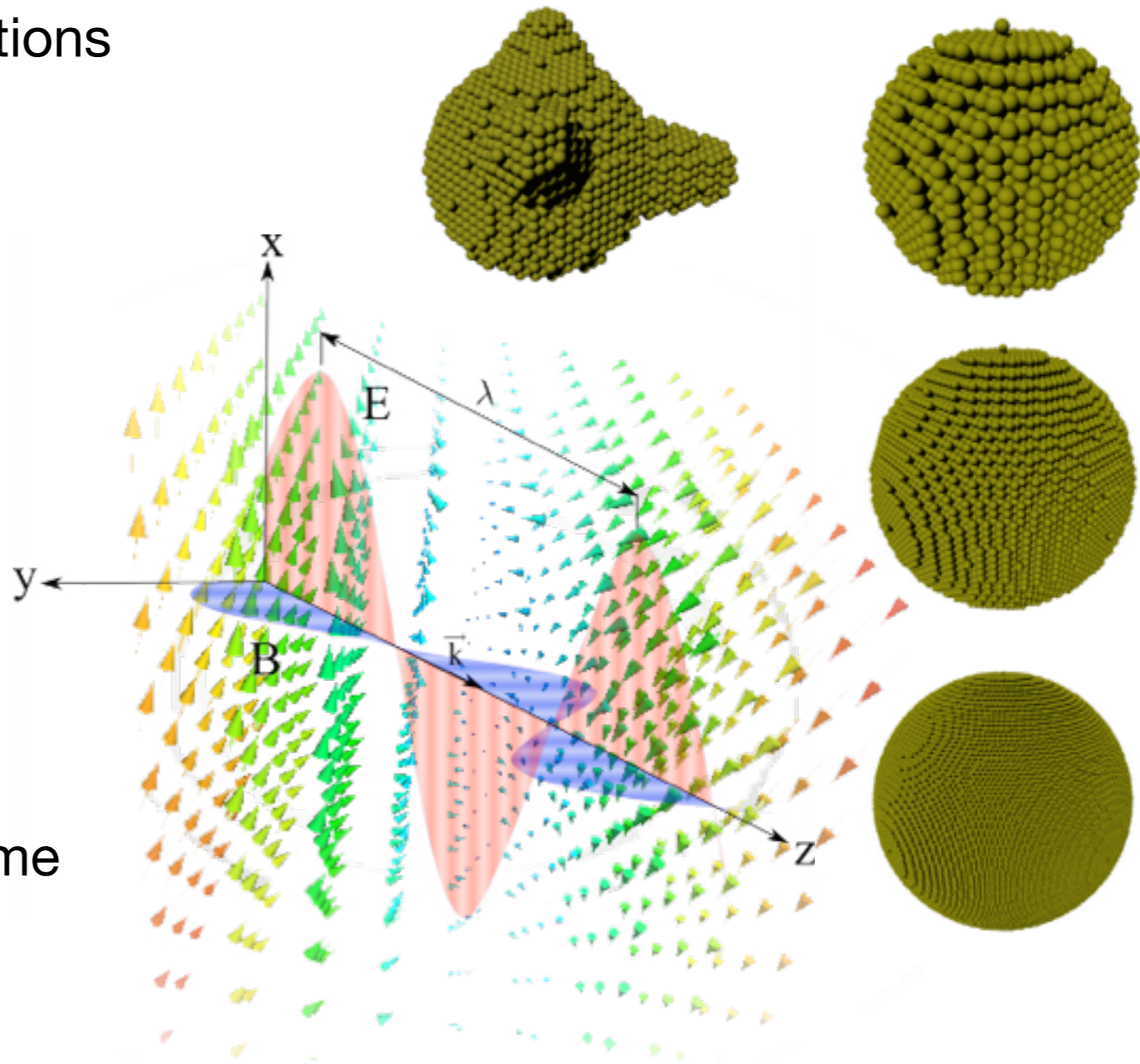


Coupled-Dipole Approx.
(and a sphere)

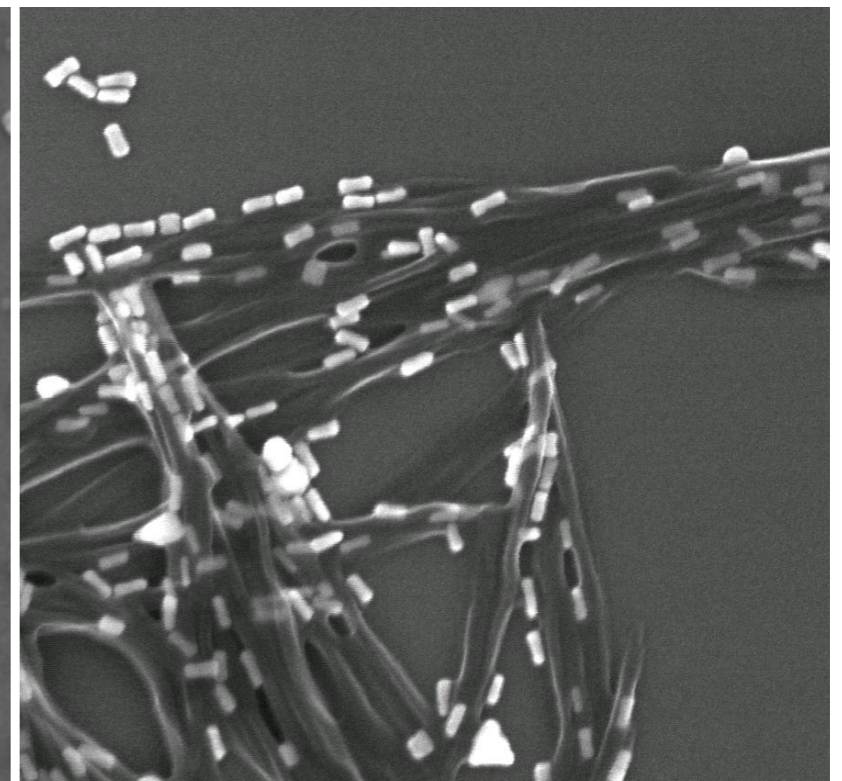
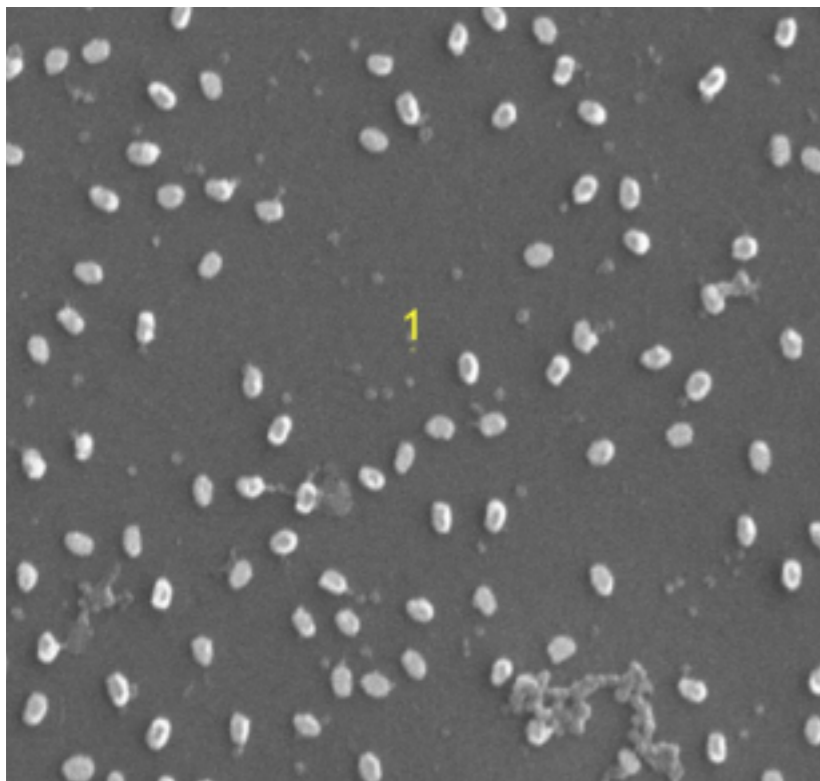
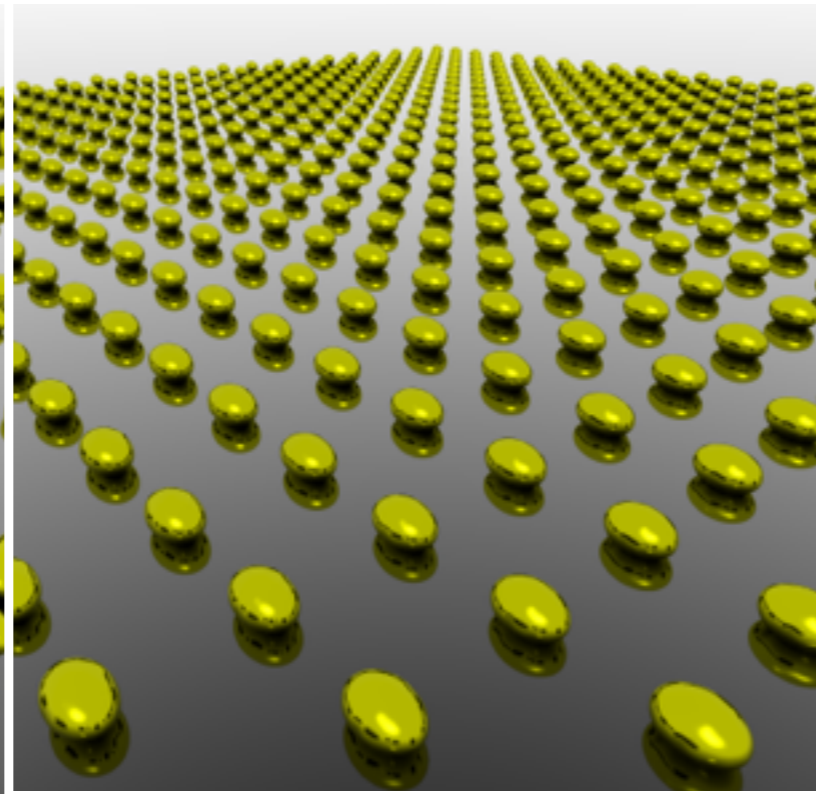
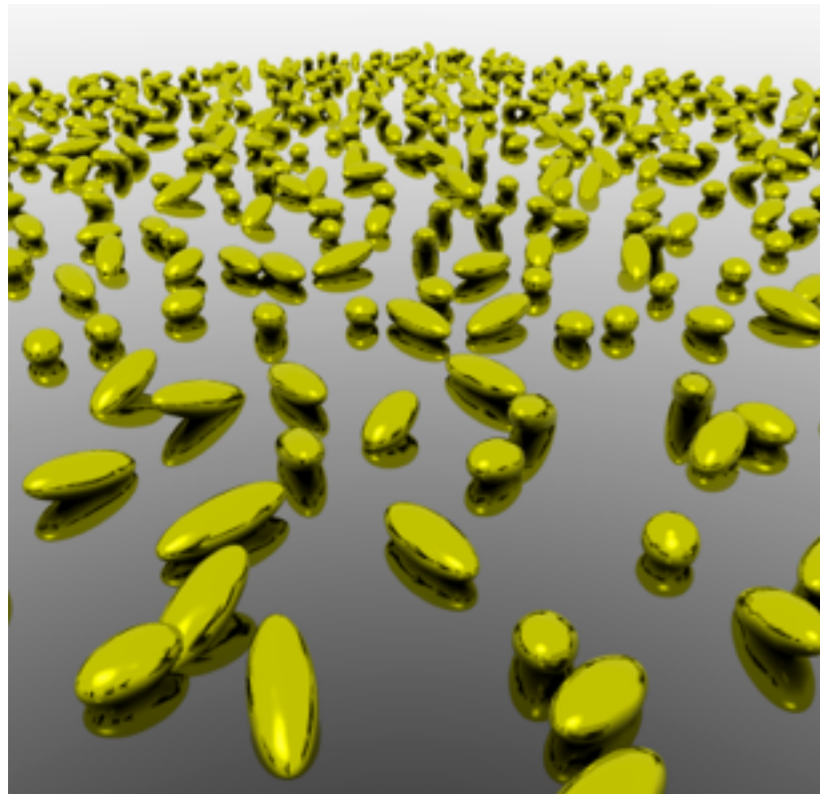
The Discrete-Dipole Approximation

... as a phenomenological approach to scattering

- Microscopic Maxwell equations
(in a vacuum)
- Point dipoles
- Retardation (phase)
- $a \ll \lambda$: Rayleigh regime
 $a \sim \lambda$: resonance (Mie) regime



Other plasmonic applications

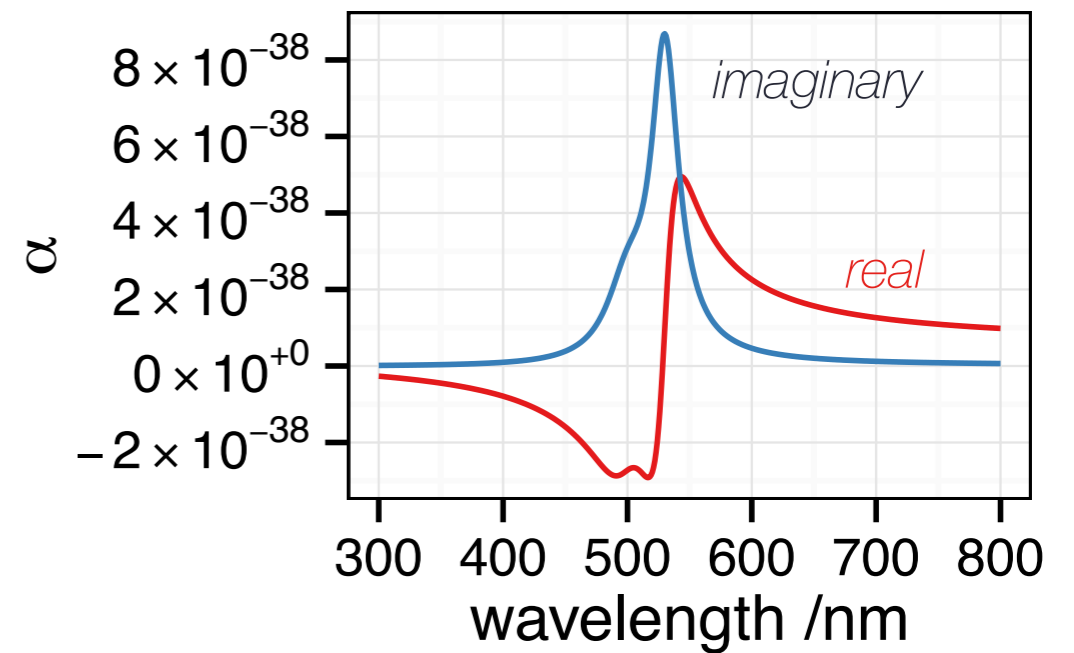


Shell model: effective medium

Bare dye in water

$$\sigma_{\text{abs}}(\omega) = \frac{(\epsilon_M + 2)^2}{9\sqrt{\epsilon_M}} \frac{\omega}{\epsilon_0 c} \text{Im} [\alpha_D(\omega)]$$

$$\alpha(\lambda) = \alpha_{\text{static}} + \sum_{n=0,1} \frac{\alpha_n \lambda_n}{\mu_n} \left[\frac{1}{1 - \frac{\lambda_n^2}{\lambda^2} - i \frac{\lambda_n^2}{\lambda \mu_n}} - 1 \right]$$

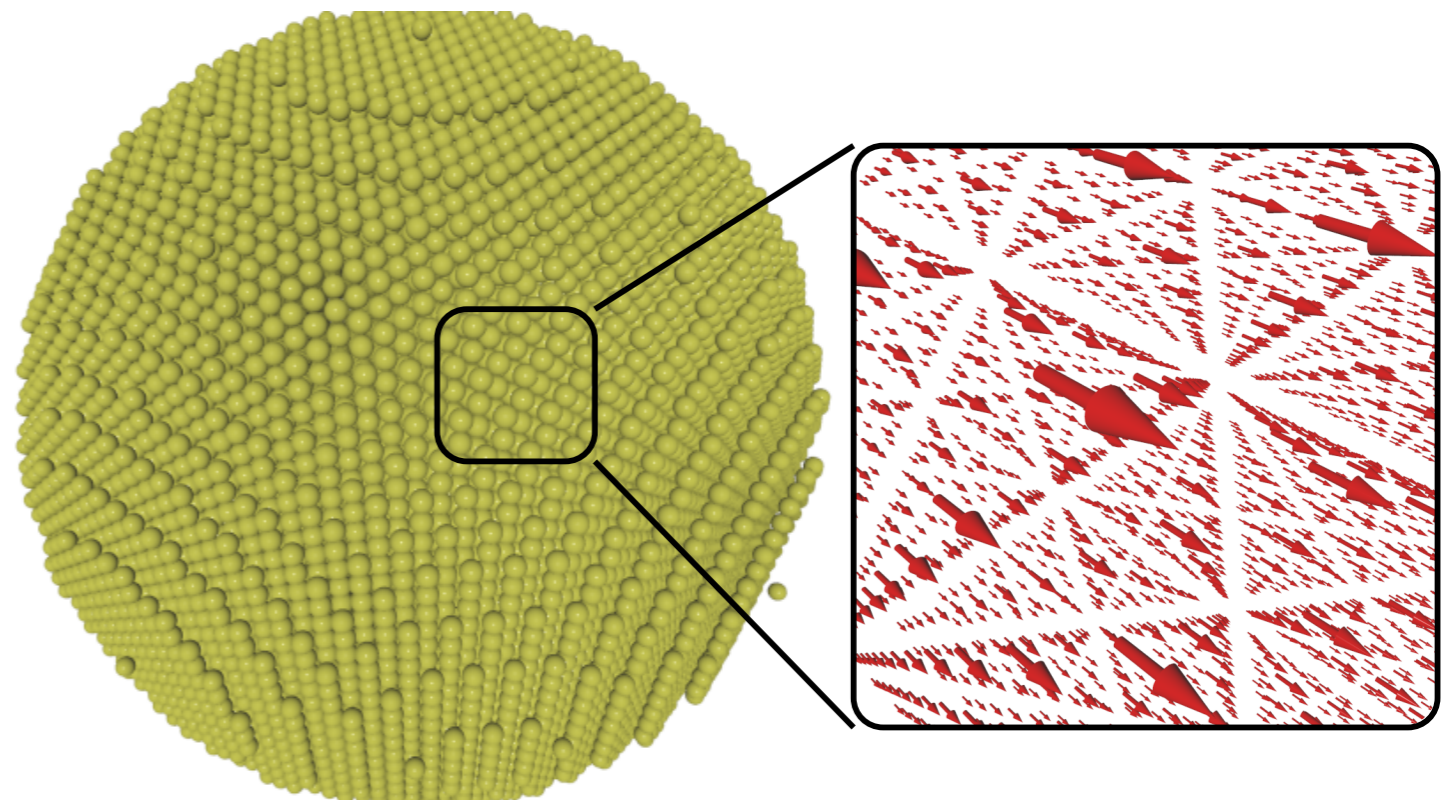


Clausius-Mossotti relation

$$\epsilon_{\text{dye}} = \frac{1 + \frac{2}{3}(\tilde{\alpha}_M + \tilde{\alpha}_D)}{1 - \frac{1}{3}(\tilde{\alpha}_M + \tilde{\alpha}_D)}$$

concentration-dependence:

$$\tilde{\alpha}_D(\omega) = c_D \frac{\alpha_D}{\epsilon_0}$$



Coupled-dipole equations

$$\mathbf{E}^i = \mathbf{E}^{\text{inc}} + \sum_{j \neq i} \mathbb{G}_{ij} \mathbf{P}^j \quad \mathbf{P}^j = \alpha_j \mathbf{E}^j$$

$$\mathbb{G}_{ij} = -\frac{e^{(ikr_{ij})}}{r_{ij}} \left\{ k^2 (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{r}} - \mathbb{I}) + \frac{ikr_{ij} - 1}{r_{ij}^2} (3\hat{\mathbf{r}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{r}} - \mathbb{I}) \right\}$$

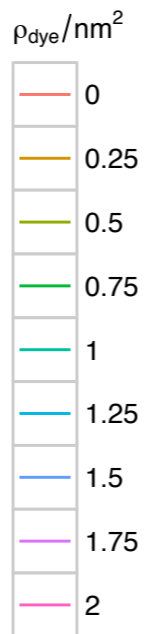
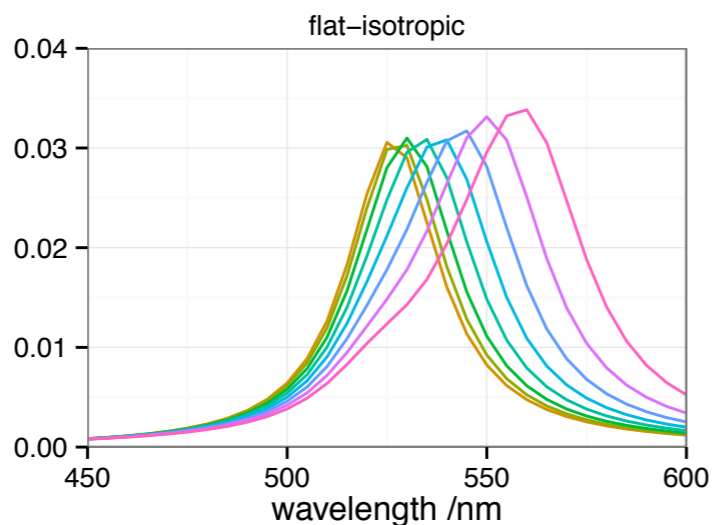
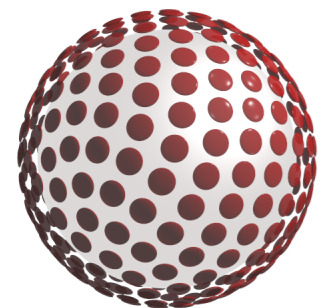
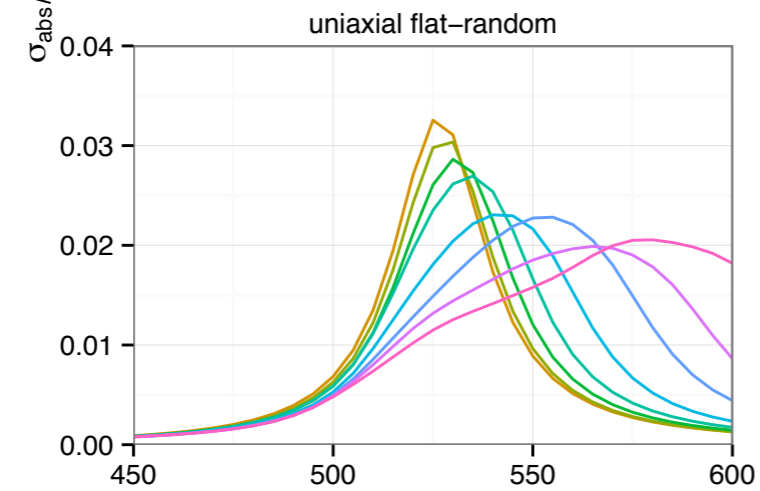
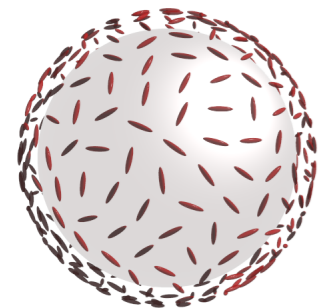
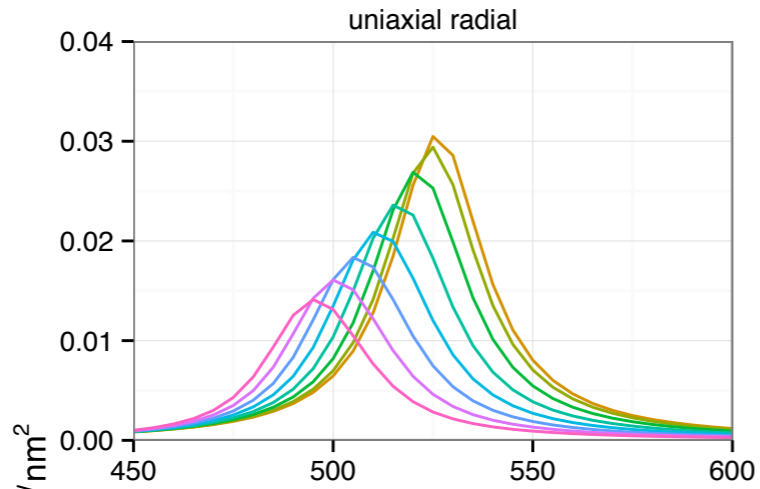
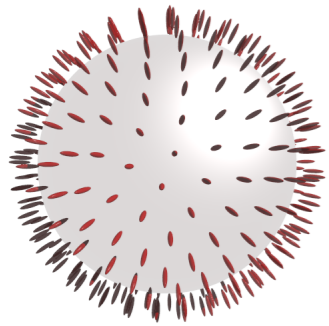
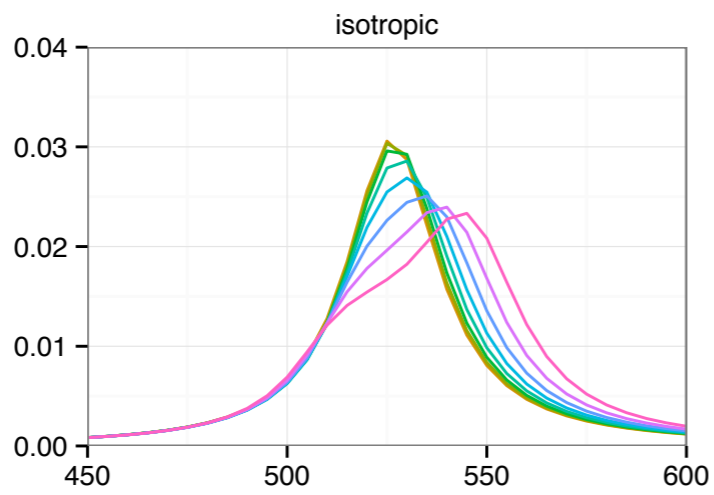
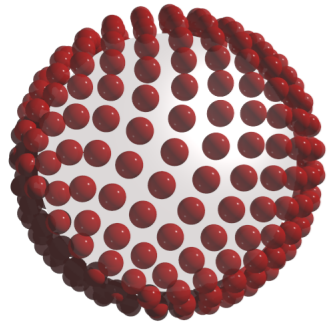
Linear system

$$\mathbb{A} \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}^{\text{inc}}$$

Cross-sections

$$\sigma_{\text{ext}} = 4\pi k \Im(\mathbf{E}_{\text{inc}}^* \cdot \mathbf{P})$$

$$\sigma_{\text{abs}} = 4\pi k \left[\Im(\mathbf{E}^* \cdot \mathbf{P}) - k^3 |\mathbf{P}|^2 \right]$$



Preliminary results

- Rich behaviour
- Orientation matters!
- No direct comparison with continuous model?

Including the sphere

$$\mathbf{E}^i = \mathbf{E}_{\text{inc}}^i + \mathbf{E}_{\text{sphere}}^i + \sum_{j \neq i} G_{ij} \alpha_j \mathbf{E}^j + \sum_{\forall j} S_{ij} \alpha_j \mathbf{E}^j$$

Linear system (3x3 example)

$$\left[\begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & G_{12}\alpha_2 & G_{13}\alpha_3 \\ G_{21}\alpha_1 & 0 & G_{23}\alpha_3 \\ G_{31}\alpha_1 & G_{32}\alpha_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} S_{11}\alpha_1 & S_{12}\alpha_2 & S_{13}\alpha_3 \\ S_{21}\alpha_1 & S_{22}\alpha_2 & S_{23}\alpha_3 \\ S_{31}\alpha_1 & S_{32}\alpha_2 & S_{33}\alpha_3 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}^1 \\ \mathbf{E}^2 \\ \mathbf{E}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}_{\text{inc}}^1 \\ \mathbf{E}_{\text{inc}}^2 \\ \mathbf{E}_{\text{inc}}^3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}_{\text{sphere}}^1 \\ \mathbf{E}_{\text{sphere}}^2 \\ \mathbf{E}_{\text{sphere}}^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Steps:

- ***Solve the Mie scattering problem for plane-wave ($\mathbf{E}_{\text{sphere}}$)***
- ***Solve the Mie scattering problem for dipole source (\mathbf{S})***
- ***Solve system***
- ***Calculate cross-sections***