

A Finite Element Method for solving Maxwell's equations: first application in dispersed materials.

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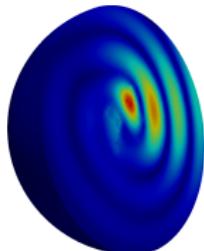
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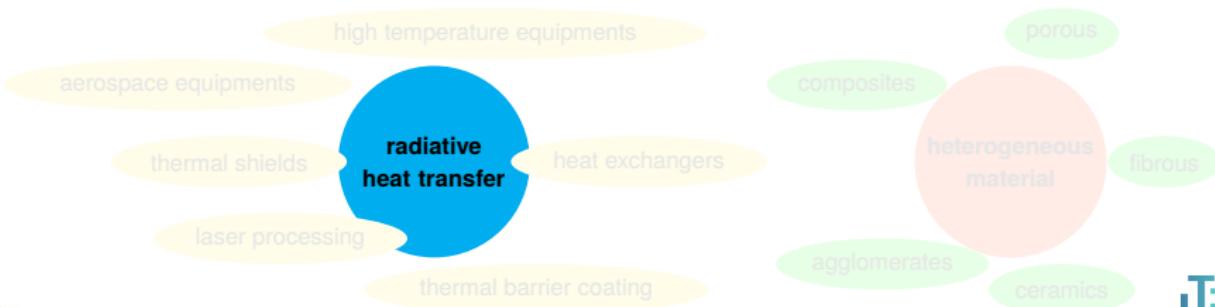


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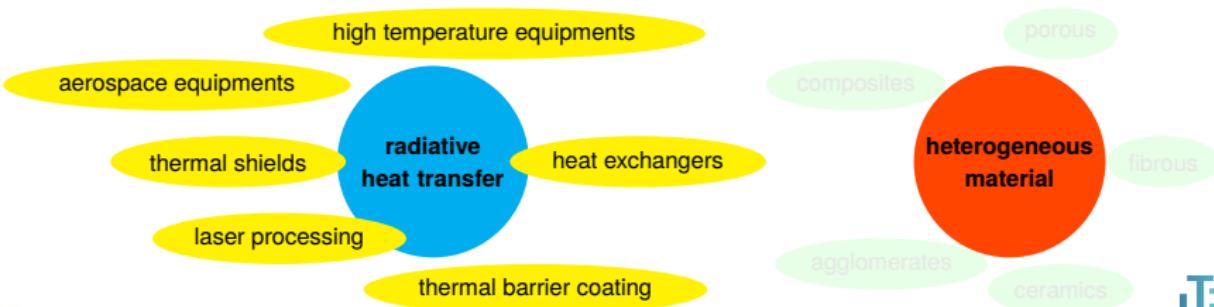
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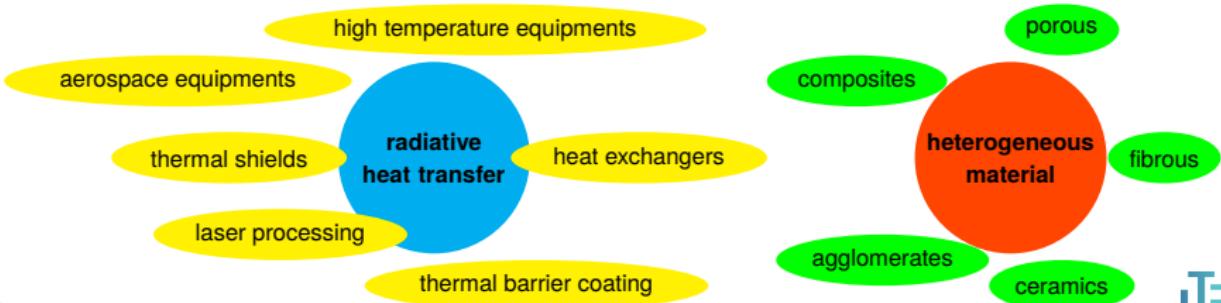
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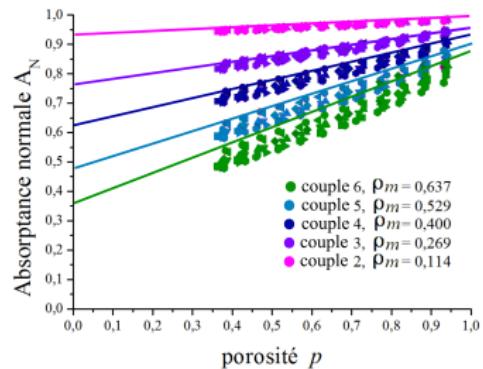
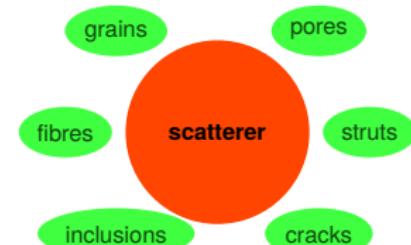
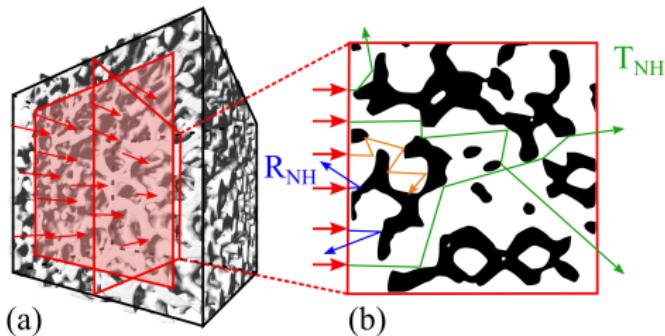


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design cycle of an open-cell foam¹

Texture

- 3D arrangement of scatterers in a host medium
- distribution of size, shape and orientation
- fine tune textural parameters
- tailor smart materials with optimal properties



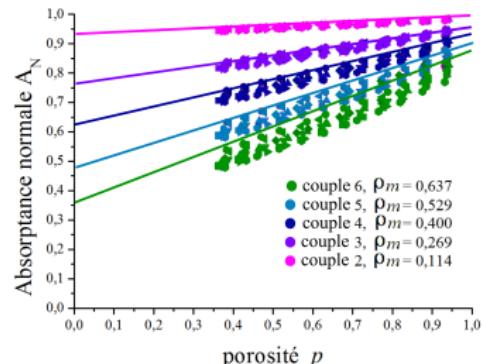
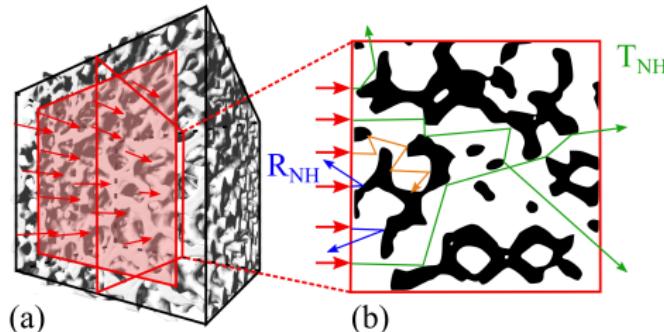
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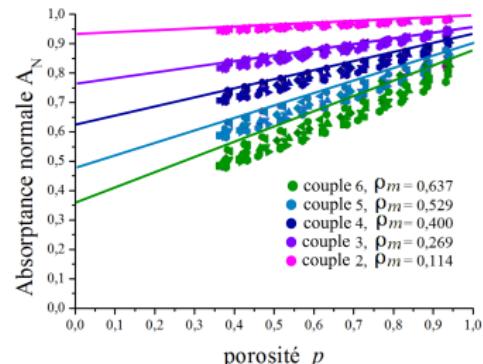
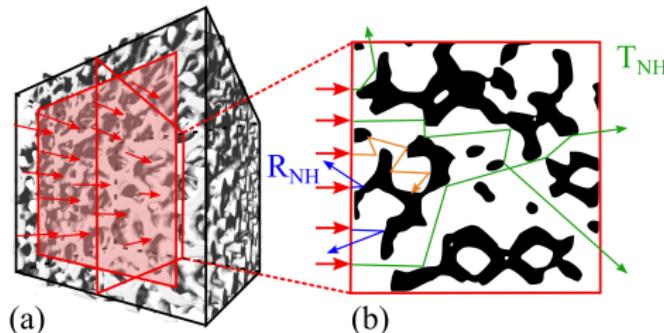
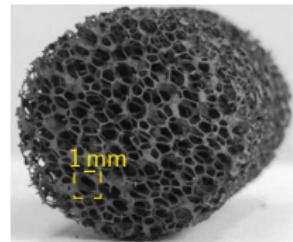
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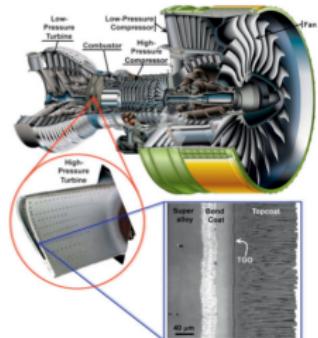
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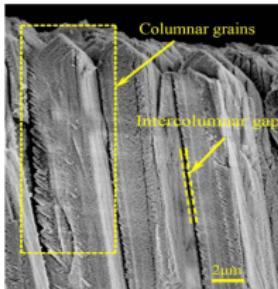
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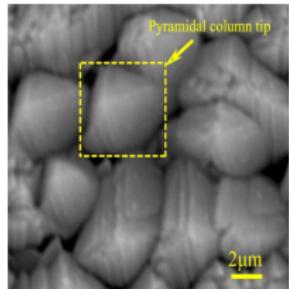
complex micro-heterogeneities



TBC in gas turbine¹

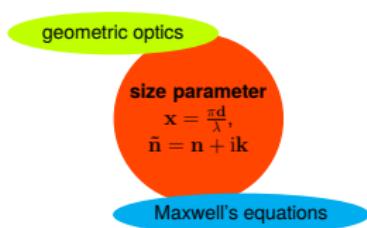


(a) Cross section of coating



(b) top surface of coating

micro-structures in a thermal barrier coating²



► today

- challenging experiments
- regular shapes

► attempts to reduce the gap of approximation made in terms of geometry

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Outline

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Physical model

from macro to micro scale

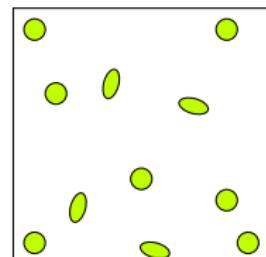
radiative transfer equation

$$(\mathbf{s} \cdot \nabla) I(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}) + \beta I(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}) = \sigma_s \oint I(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}') \Phi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \\ + \kappa I_b(\mathbf{x})$$

$\sigma_s \rightarrow$ scattering coefficient

$\beta \rightarrow$ extinction coefficient

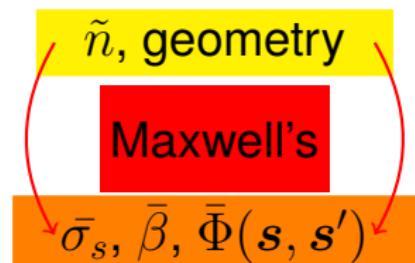
$\Phi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}') \rightarrow$ scattering phase function



heterogeneous medium

- size parameter, $x = \frac{\pi d}{\lambda}$
- complex refractive index, $\tilde{n} = n + ik$

$x|\tilde{n} - 1| \ll 1 \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Maxwell's} \\ \text{geometric optics} \end{array} \right.$



from macro to micro scale

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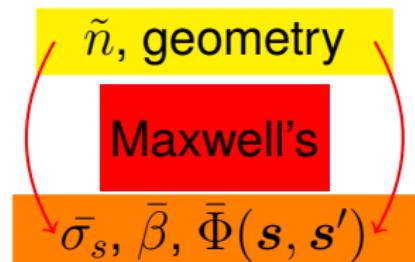
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Mathematical model

electromagnetic scattering

frequency domain Maxwell's equations

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) + i\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon_r\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = -i\omega\mu_0\mu_r\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$$

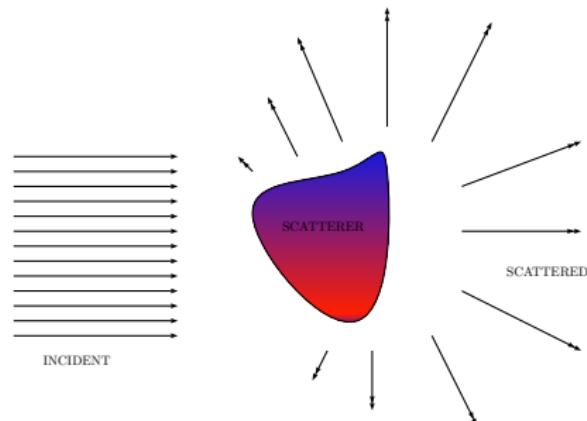
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \rho_v$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \epsilon(\omega)\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \mu(\omega)\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$$

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \sigma(\omega)(\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) + \mathbf{E}_{\text{inc}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega))$$



$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$	magnetic field intensity
$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$	electric field intensity
$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$	current density
$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$	electric displacement vector
$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$	magnetic flux density
ρ_v	volume charge density

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon &= \epsilon_0\epsilon_r && \text{permittivity of medium} \\ \mu &= \mu_0\mu_r && \text{permeability of medium} \\ \sigma & && \text{electrical conductivity}\end{aligned}$$

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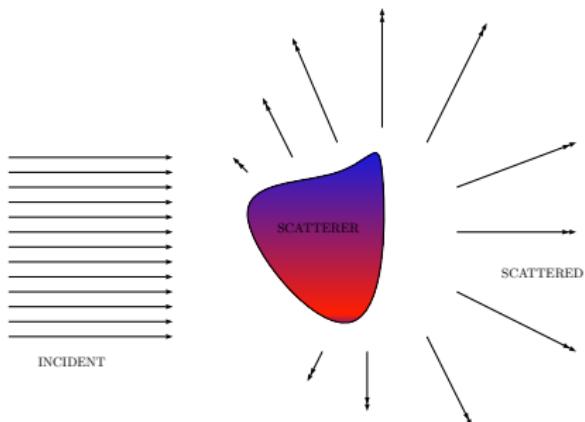
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► vector wave equations

$$\nabla \times \frac{1}{\mu_r} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) - k_0^2 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = 0$$

where for non-magnetic media,

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_r &= 1, \epsilon_r = \epsilon' + i\epsilon'' \\ \epsilon' &= n^2 - k^2, \quad \epsilon'' = 2nk, \quad k_0 = \omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}\end{aligned}$$



effective radiative properties

scattering & extinction

Poynting vector, \mathbf{S}

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} \Re[\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*]$$

\Re - real part

$*$ - complex conjugate

Incident energy, \mathbf{S}_{inc}

$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{inc}} = \frac{1}{2\eta} |\mathbf{E}_{\text{inc}}|^2 \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}$: characteristic impedance

$\hat{\mathbf{k}}$: direction of incident wave

► with the solution of Maxwell's equations, \mathbf{E}_{sc} ,

scattering, $\bar{\sigma}_s$

extinction, $\bar{\beta}$

$$W_{\text{sc}} = \frac{1}{2} \oint_{\Gamma_e} \Re[\mathbf{E}_{\text{sc}} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{sc}}^*] \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} \, dx \quad W_{\text{ext}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Gamma_e} \Re[\mathbf{E}_{\text{inc}} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{sc}}^* + \mathbf{E}_{\text{sc}} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{inc}}^*] \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} \, dx$$

$$C_{\text{sc}} = \frac{|W_{\text{sc}}|}{|\mathbf{S}_{\text{inc}}|}, \bar{\sigma}_s = \sum_i C_{\text{sc},i} N_{v,i}$$

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Γ_e - surface enclosing the scatterer(s) with unit normal $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$

$N_{v,i}$ - number density of scatterer i , [m^{-3}]

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asymmetry parameter

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asymmetry parameter, g

$$g = \frac{\int_{\Gamma_e} \cos \theta \mathbf{S}_{\text{sc}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} d\mathbf{x}}{\int_{\Gamma_e} \mathbf{S}_{\text{sc}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} d\mathbf{x}}$$

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$\cos \theta = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}$ is directional cosine between unit normal vector $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ and incident plane wave direction $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$

Numerical model

edge degrees of freedom

- ensure tangential continuity $\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E}$ of the field vector \mathbf{E}
- avoid spurious solutions, as with nodal elements

for a finite element $T \in \hat{\mathcal{T}}$

$$\int_T (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_e dx = \int_{\partial T} \mathbf{E} \cdot \hat{\tau} dx$$

$\hat{\mathcal{T}}$ - triangulation of the domain Ω truncated by Γ

$\hat{\mathbf{n}}_e$ - unit normal vector of T

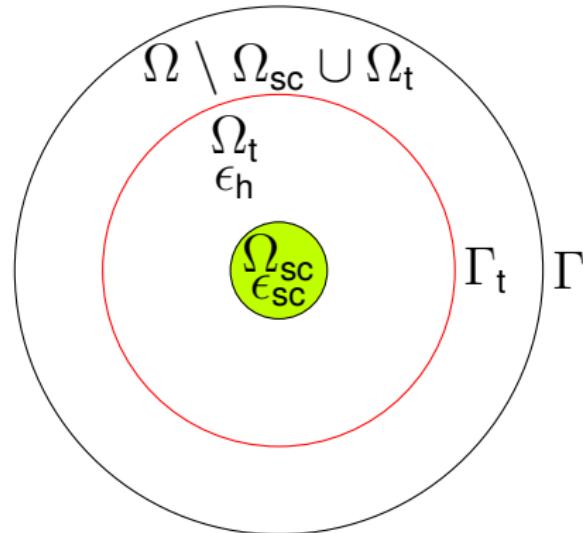
$\hat{\tau}$ - unit tangent vector to edge ∂T

vector functional space³ for Maxwell's equation

$$\mathcal{H}(\text{curl}, \Omega) = \{\mathbf{E} \in L^2(\Omega)^n \mid \nabla \times \mathbf{E} \in L^2(\Omega)^n\}, \quad n = 2, 3$$

problem statement

total-scattered field formulation



$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_{sc} - k_0^2 \epsilon \mathbf{E}_{sc} = 0, \text{ in } \Omega \setminus \Omega_{sc} \cup \Omega_t$$

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} - k_0^2 \epsilon \mathbf{E} = \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_{inc} - k_0^2 \epsilon_h \mathbf{E}_{inc}, \text{ in } \Omega_{sc} \cup \Omega_t$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_{sc} + \mathbf{E}_{inc}$$

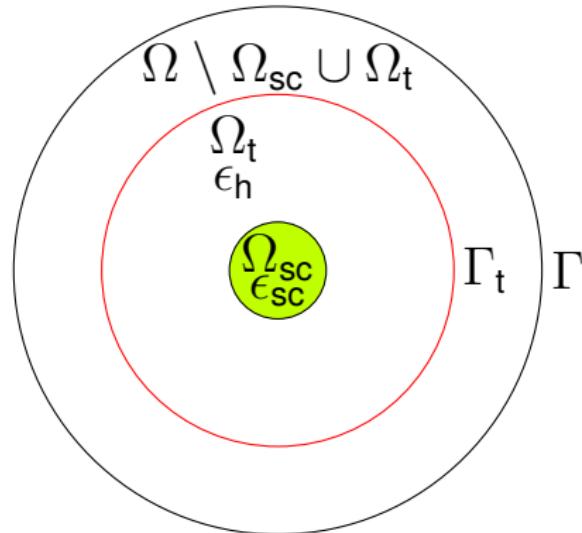
with first-order absorbing boundary condition for \mathbf{E}_{sc} ,

$$\mathbf{n} \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_{sc} + ik_0 \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E}_{sc} = 0, \text{ on } \Gamma$$

ϵ_h - permittivity of the host medium

problem statement

variational formulation



find $\mathbf{E}_{sc} \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{curl}, \Omega)$ such that,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} [(\nabla \times \mathbf{V}^*) \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}_{sc}) - k_0^2 \epsilon \mathbf{V}^* \cdot \mathbf{E}_{sc}] d\mathbf{x} - ik_0 \int_{\Gamma} (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{V}^*) \cdot (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E}_{sc}) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= k_0^2 \int_{\Omega_t \cup \Omega_{sc}} (\epsilon_{sc} - \epsilon_h) \mathbf{V}^* \cdot \mathbf{E}_{inc} d\mathbf{x}, \quad \forall \mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{H}_0(\mathbf{curl}, \Omega) \end{aligned}$$

linear system

pde to matrix

$$(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})_{L^2(\Omega)} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v}^* \cdot \mathbf{u} \, d\mathbf{x} \quad \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C},$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{sc} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{dof}} \alpha_i \Psi_i, \quad \mathbf{V} = \Psi_j, \quad \forall j = 1 \rightarrow n_{dof}$$

n_{dof} - number of degrees of freedom

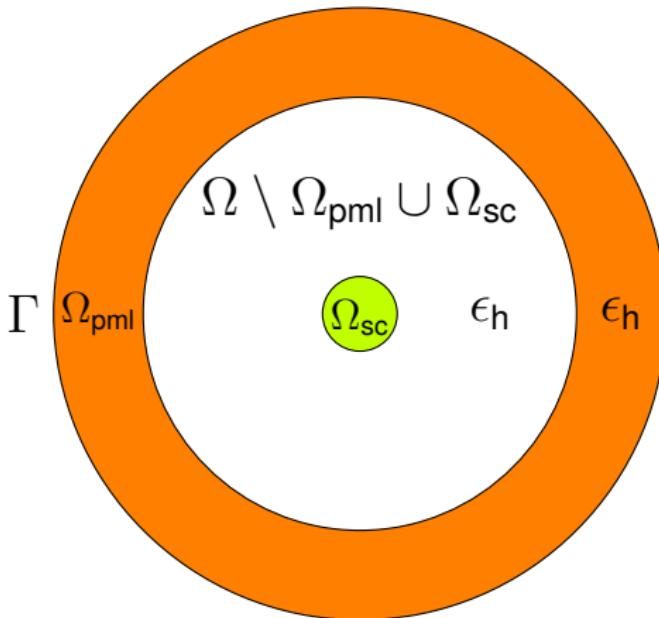
$$[\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{B}][\mathbf{E}_{sc}] = [\mathbf{L}]$$

$$[\mathbf{C}]_{ij} = (\nabla \times \Psi_j, \nabla \times \Psi_i)_{\Omega} \quad [\mathbf{M}]_{ij} = -k_0^2(\Psi_j, \epsilon \Psi_i)_{\Omega}$$

$$[\mathbf{B}]_{ij} = -ik_0(\mathbf{n} \times \Psi_j, \mathbf{n} \times \Psi_i)_{\Gamma} \quad [\mathbf{L}]_j = k_0^2(\Psi_j, (\epsilon_{sc} - \epsilon_h)\mathbf{E}_{inc})_{\Omega_l \cup \Omega_{sc}}$$

demands linear algebra expertise

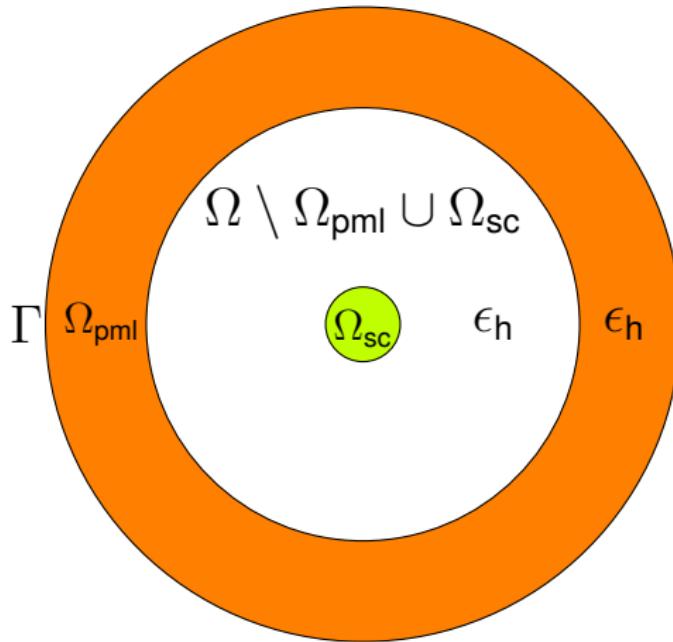
- ill-conditioned
- edge elements, huge number of unknowns
- iterative methods



an absorbing layer

- prevent artificial reflections⁴
- not a boundary condition, can be augmented with ABC

⁴J.-P. Berenger, "A perfectly matched layer for the absorption of electromagnetic waves," *Journal of Computational Physics*, 1994.



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$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega^n, n = 2$$

δ_{pml} - thickness of Ω_{pml}

$$\epsilon^p = N\epsilon$$

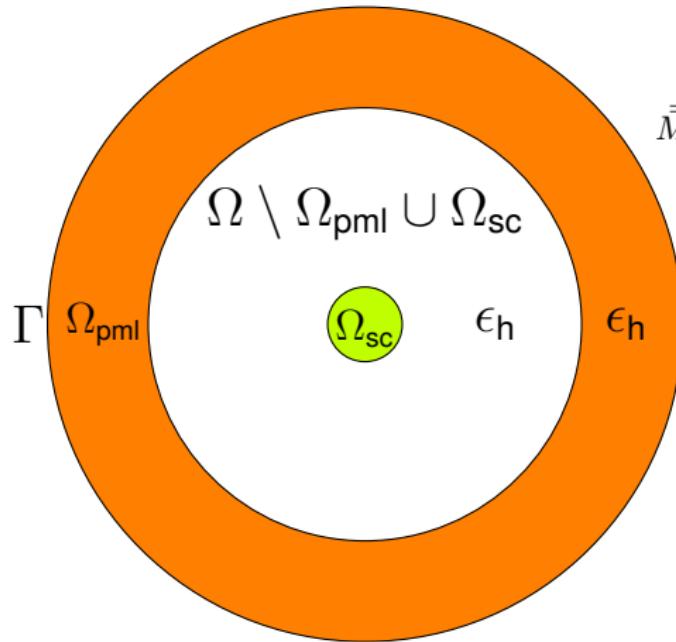
$$\mu^p = \bar{\bar{M}}\mu$$

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r_d - distance from center \mathbf{x}_0 to Ω_{pml}

Perfectly Matched Layer



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Numerical experiments

numerical tools

at present

finite element package	FreeFem++ ⁴
mesh generation	gmsh ⁵
solution strategy	
iterative solver packages	direct iterative PETSc ⁶ , hpddm ⁷
domain truncation	ABC, PML
\mathbf{E}_{inc}	$[0,0,e^{ik_0x}]$

⁴F. Hecht, "New development in freefem++," *J. Numer. Math.*, vol. 20, no. 3-4, 2012.

⁵C. Geuzaine and J.-F. Remacle, "Gmsh: A 3-d finite element mesh generator with built-in pre- and post-processing facilities," *International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering*, 2009.

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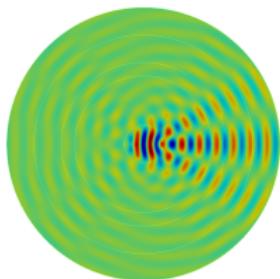
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infinite regular cylinder

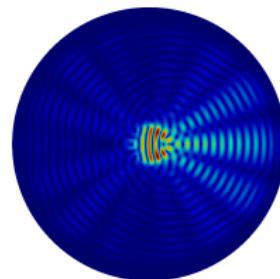
Validation, 2D (TE mode)

parameters

λ	3 μm - 24 μm
\tilde{n}	silica
d	7 μm
$\frac{\pi d}{\lambda}$	0.92 - 7.33

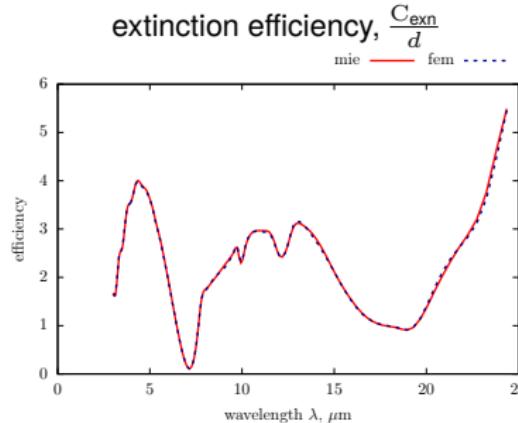
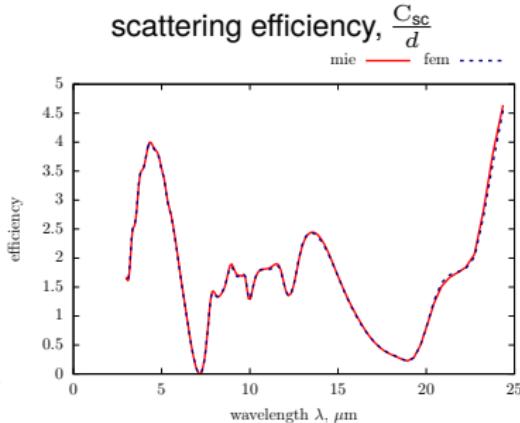


$$\Re(E_{\text{sc}}) \in \mathcal{H}^1(\Omega)$$



$$\Re(\mathbf{H}_{\text{sc}}) \in \mathcal{H}(\text{curl}, \Omega)$$

Figure: $\lambda = 3 \mu\text{m}$

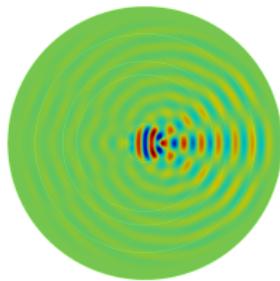


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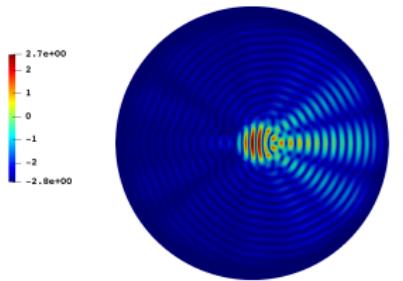
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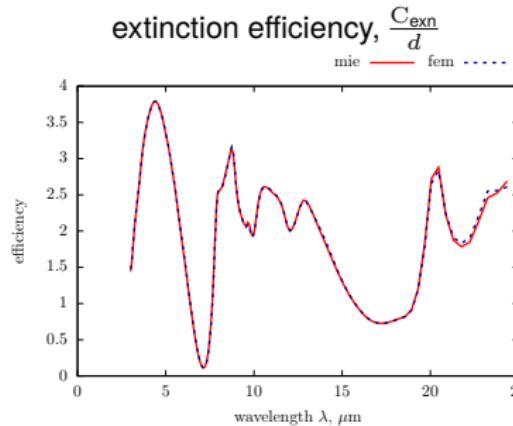
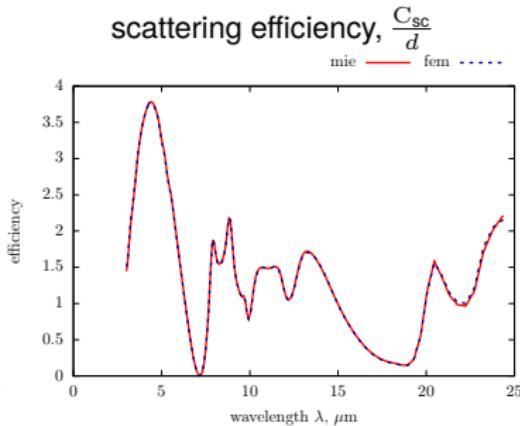


$$\Re(H_{\text{sc}}) \in \mathcal{H}^1(\Omega)$$



$$\Re(\mathbf{E}_{\text{sc}}) \in \mathcal{H}(\text{curl}, \Omega)$$

Figure: $\lambda = 3 \mu\text{m}$

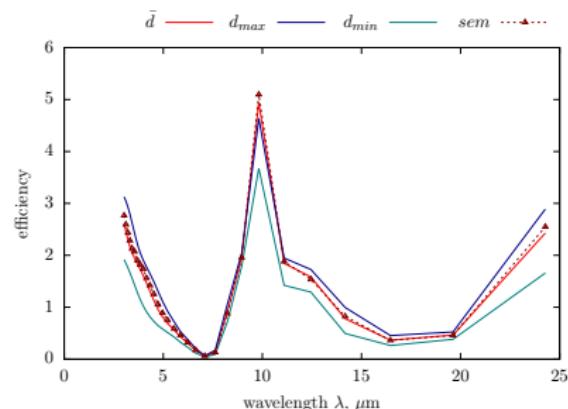
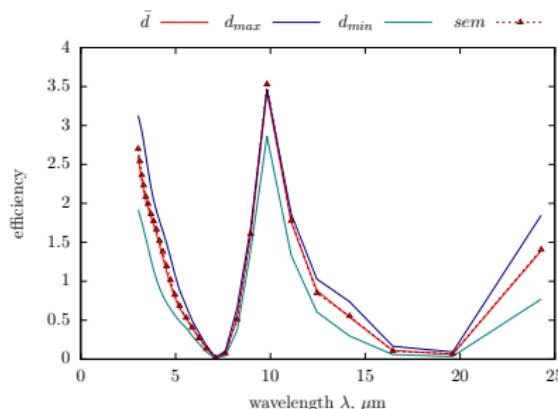
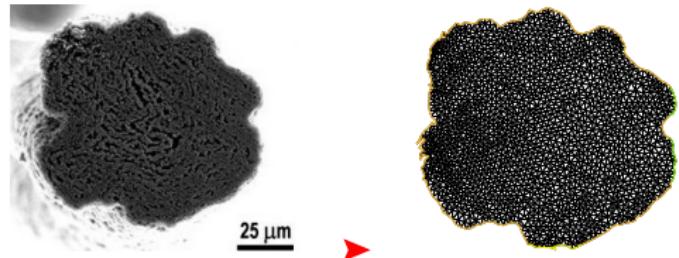


infinite complex cylinder

sem⁸ to fem (TE mode)

parameters

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λ	3 μm - 24 μm
\bar{d}	2.30 μm

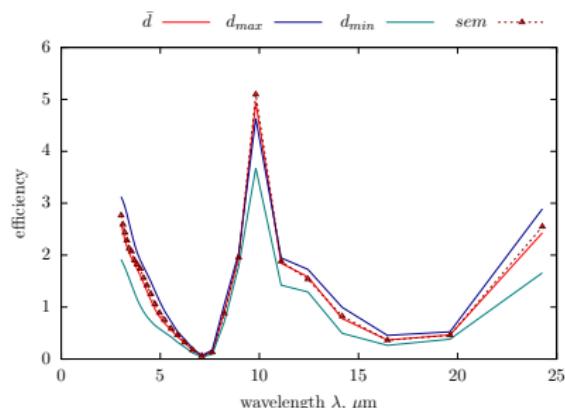
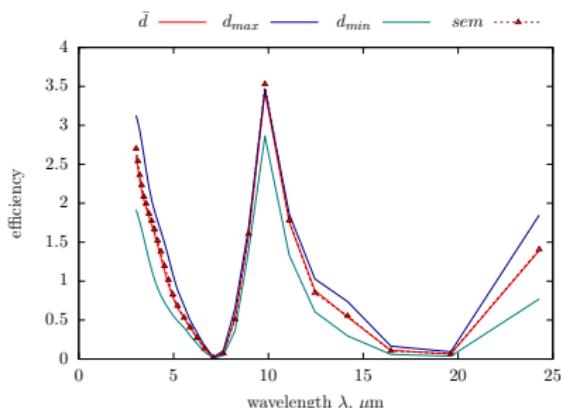
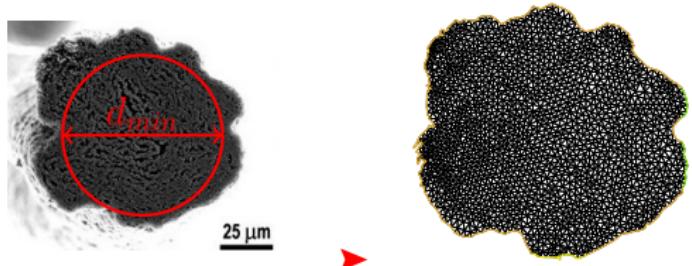


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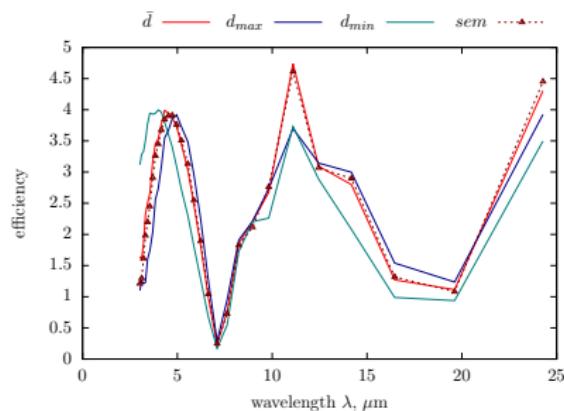
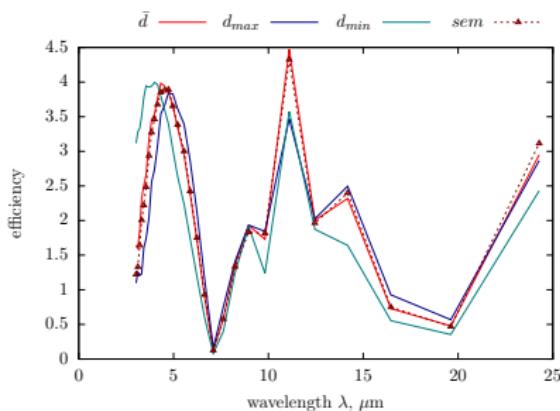
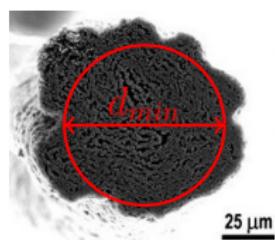


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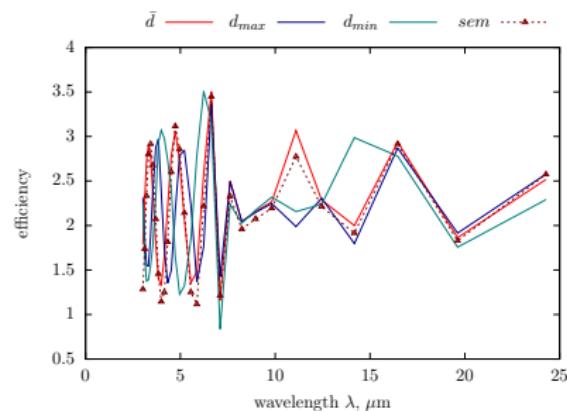
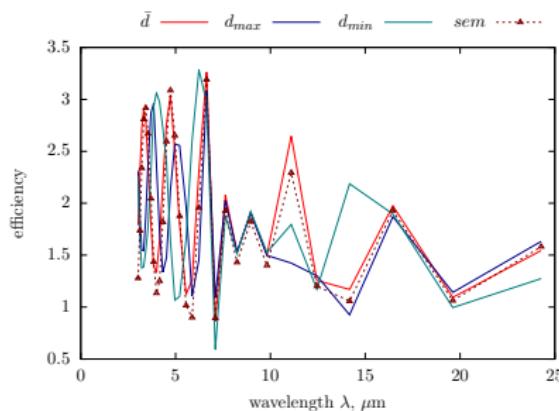
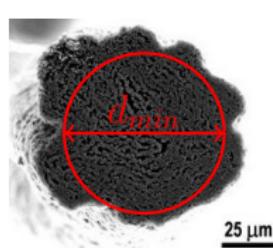
⁸M. D. Lima, S. Fang, X. Lepró, et al., "Biscrolling nanotube sheets and functional guests into yarns," *Science*, 2011.

infinite complex cylinder

sem⁸ to fem (TE mode)

parameters

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λ	3 μm - 24 μm
\bar{d}	21 μm



infinite complex cylinder

la fleur (TE mode)

parameters

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\bar{d}	2.30 μm

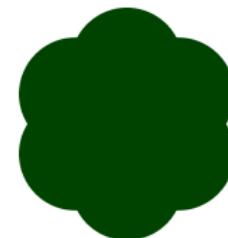
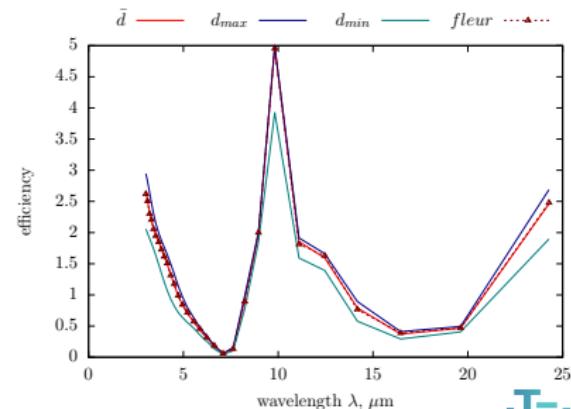
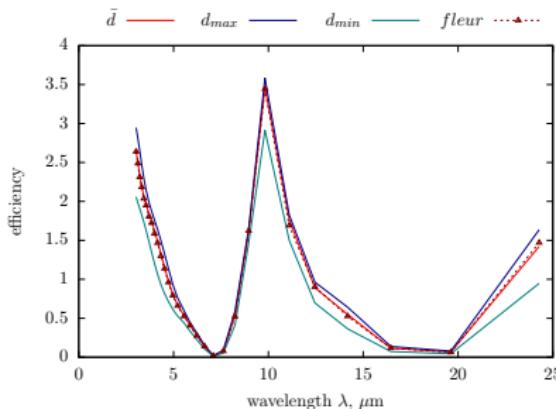


Figure: Ω_{sc}



infinite complex cylinder

la fleur (TE mode)

parameters

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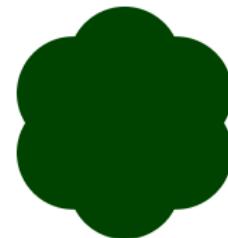
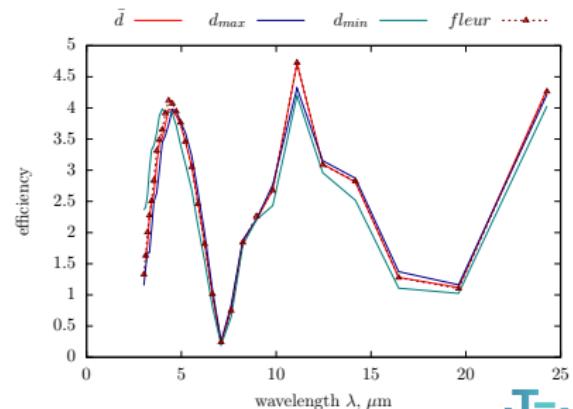
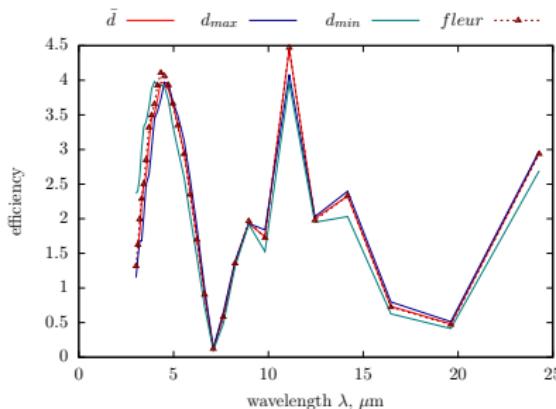


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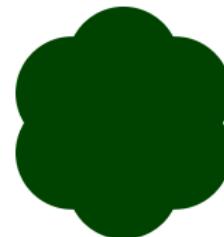
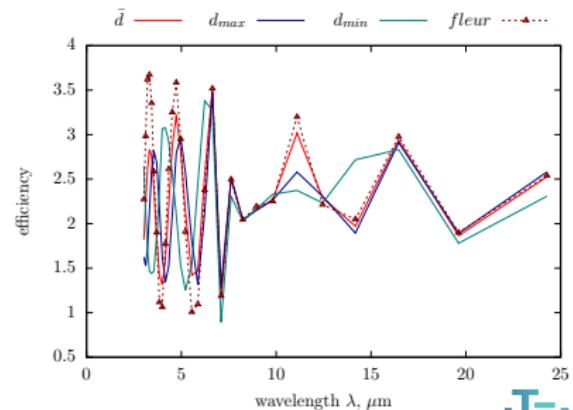
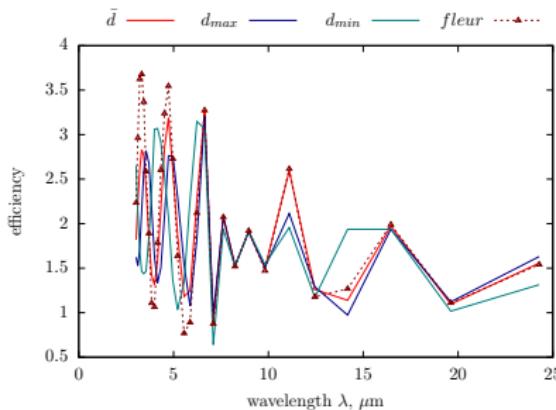


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infinite complex cylinder

la fleur (TE mode)

parameters

\tilde{n}	silica
λ	3 μm - 24 μm
\bar{d}	63 μm

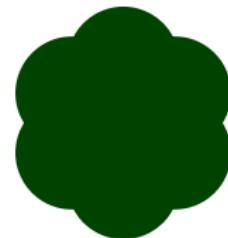
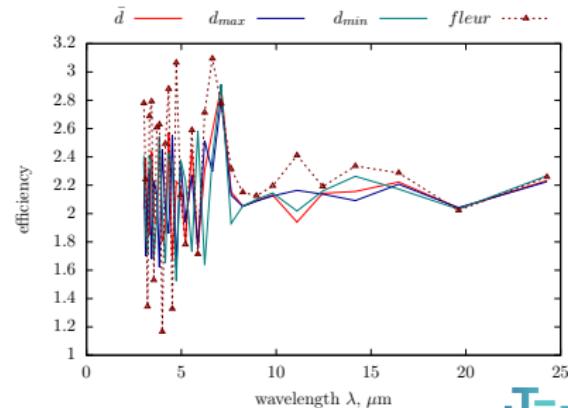
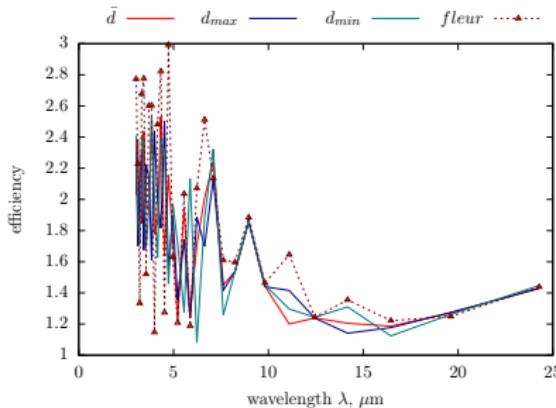


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some 3D computations

sphere

- ▶ number of processes⁹: 400

\tilde{n}	$1.34548 + 0.00407i$
λ	$6 \mu\text{m}$
d	$6 \mu\text{m}$
tetrahedra	≈ 25 million

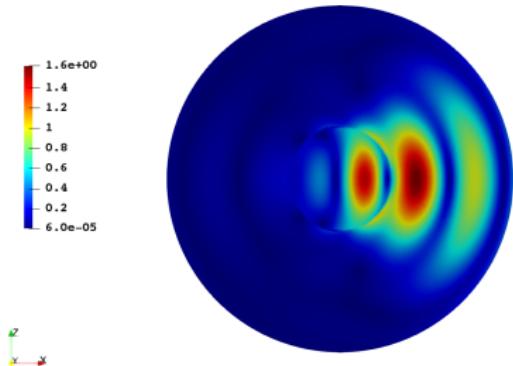


Figure: $\Re(\mathbf{E}_{\text{sc}}) \in \mathcal{H}(\text{curl}, \Omega)$ at $z = 0$

challenges

- accuracy comes at a cost
- ill-conditioned, not robust
- needs preconditioning

	mie	fem	% error
C_{exn}	2.095089	2.09998	0.2334
C_{sc}	2.042769	2.04942	0.3256
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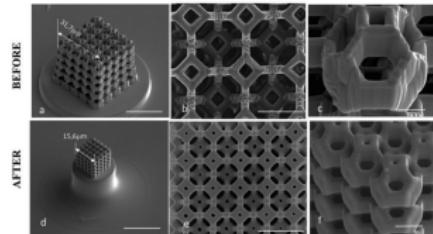
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some 3D computations

single kelvin cell

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application in nanofabrication¹⁰

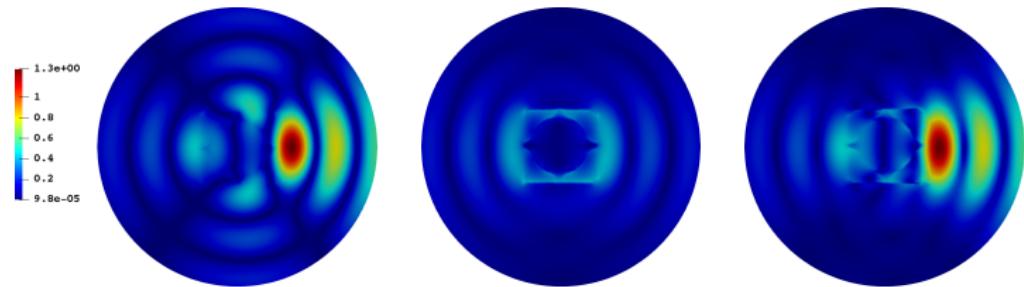


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¹⁰L. Brigo, J. E. M. Schmidt, A. Gandin, et al., "3d nanofabrication of sioc ceramic structures," *Advanced Science*,

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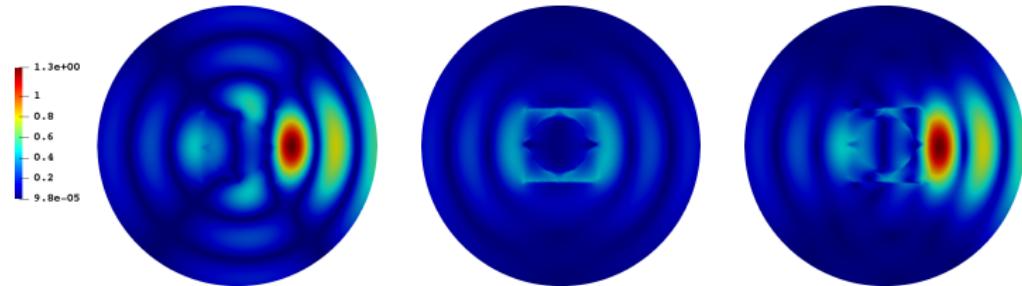
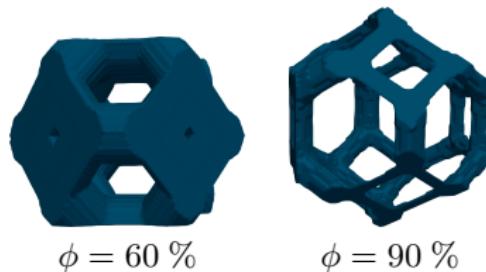


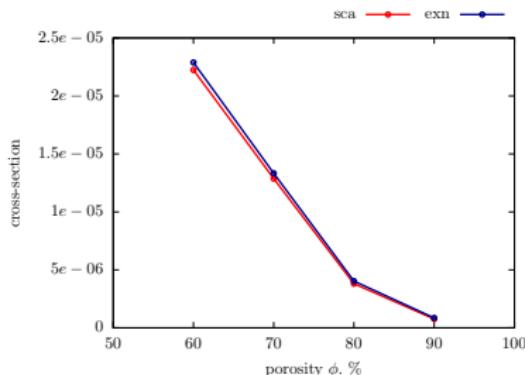
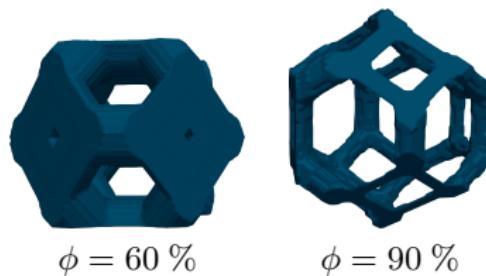
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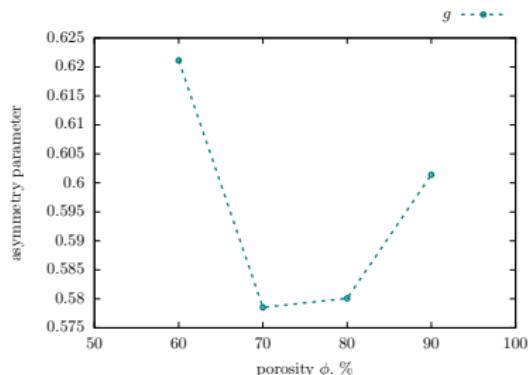
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$C_{\text{sc}}, C_{\text{exn}}$ vs ϕ



g vs ϕ

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- iterative solving based on domain-decomposition
- influence of morphology on infinite cylinders studied briefly
- single kelvin cell has been studied for ϕ : 60 – 90 %

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- ill-conditioning, dense linear system: edge elements
- efficient mesh truncation

preconditioning

- optimized Schwarz methods with a coarse space¹⁰
- strive for a robust solving strategy

¹⁰M. Bonazzoli, V. Dolean, I. Graham, et al., "A two-level domain-decomposition preconditioner for the time-harmonic maxwell's equations," *Hal archives*, 2018.

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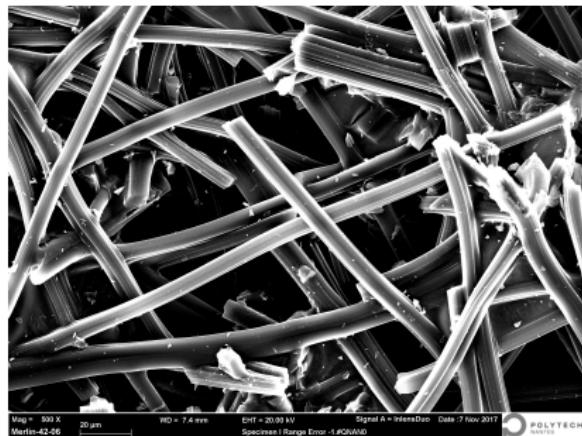
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towards better understanding of radiative behaviour

- explore closely **independent-dependent scattering** regimes
- identify the **limit** of geometric optics approximation: material design
- coupling with other numerical methods



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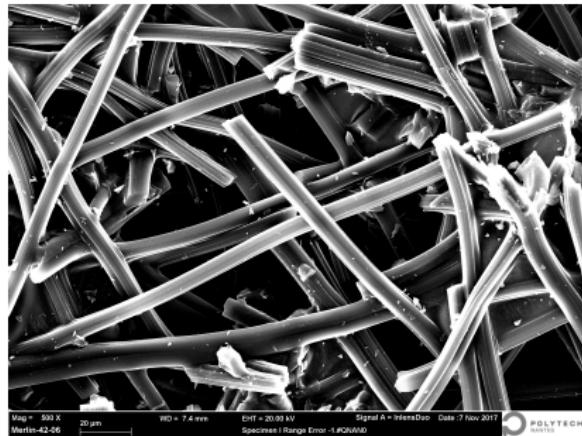
(b) X-ray tomography image (mm)

Figure: closely packed fibers of carbon felt

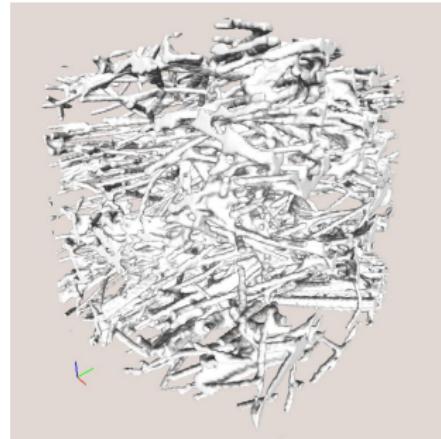
prospective heterogeneous medium

- in (b) - number of voxels: $400 \times 400 \times 400$, voxel edge length: $1.65 \mu\text{m}$
- insulation of high temperature furnace¹⁰
- linear system resulting from (b) will be difficult to handle

¹⁰co-thesis: Atin Kumar



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more accurate input to the radiative transfer equation

- strive for efficient treatment of individual fibers, as in (a)
- homogenize the heterogeneous medium

