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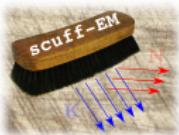
# Surface- CUrrent / Field Formulation | of Electro- Magnetism

SCUFF-EM is a free, open-source software implementation of the boundary-element method of electromagnetic scattering.

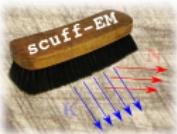
SCUFF-EM supports a wide range of geometries, including compact scatterers, infinitely extended scatterers, and multi-material junctions.

The SCUFF-EM suite includes 8 standalone application codes for specialized problems in EM scattering, fluctuation physics, and RF engineering.

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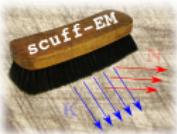


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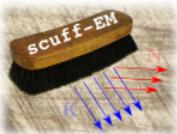
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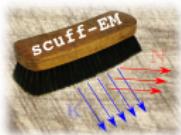
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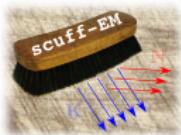
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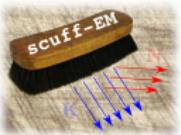
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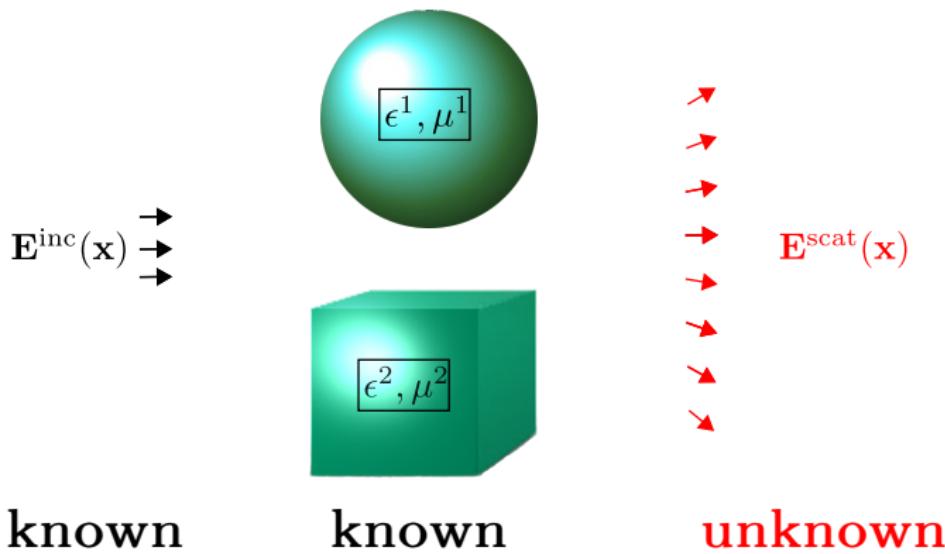
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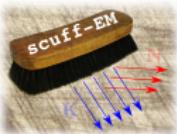


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Start by considering a general electromagnetic scattering problem.

We have some known **incident field** (such as a plane wave), scattering from some known **geometry** (including objects of known shapes and materials) and we want to know the **scattered fields**. (Note: all quantities  $\sim e^{-i\omega t}$ .)



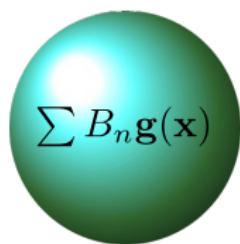


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One approach to scattering problems: **special-function expansions**

Write the fields inside and outside the scatterer as expansions in sets of known Maxwell solutions (in some convenient coordinate system) and match coefficients.

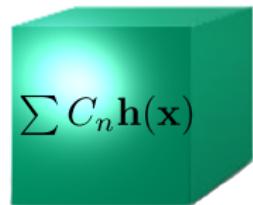
- **Spherical geometries:**  $f(\mathbf{x}) \sim j_l(r)Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$  ("Mie scattering")
- **Planar geometries:**  $f(\mathbf{x}) \sim e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}$  ("Fresnel scattering")



$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum A_n \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$$

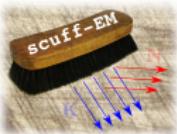
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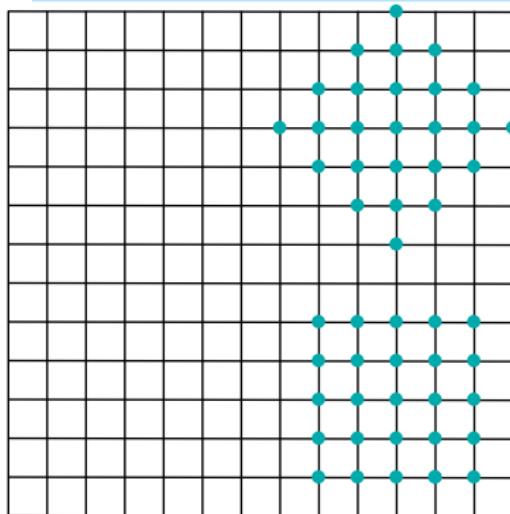
- Only works for very special geometries  
     $\Rightarrow$  **not general.**



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Another approach to scattering problems: the **finite-difference** method

- Discretize the geometry onto a **grid** (each grid point can have **different  $\epsilon, \mu$** )
- Write Maxwell's equations using **finite-difference** approximations to derivatives
- Solve **sparse linear system** for the **E**-field values at grid points



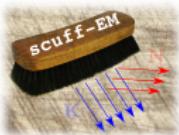
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**Advantages:**

- Allows different  $\epsilon, \mu$  at each grid point  
→ **very general**

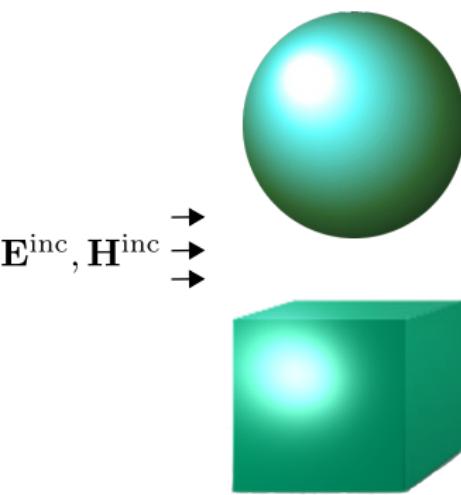
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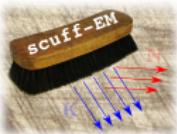
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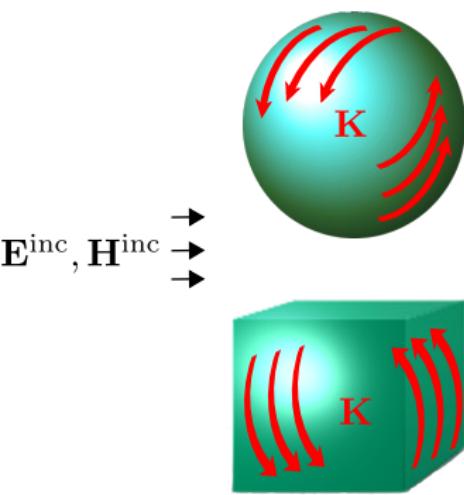
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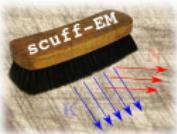




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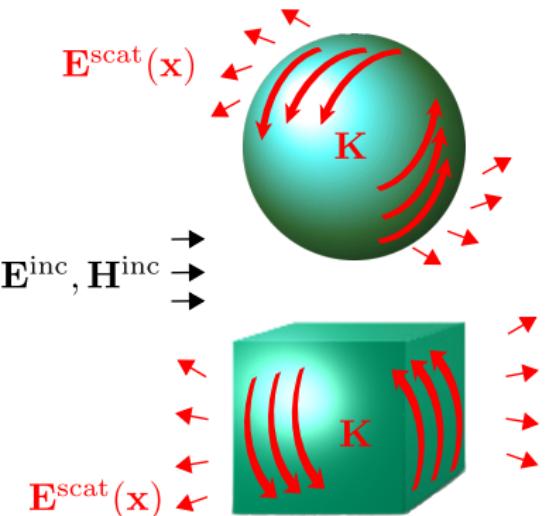
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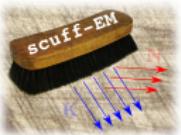




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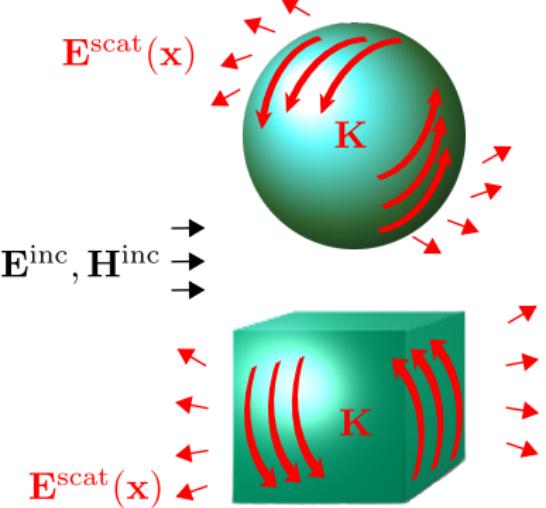
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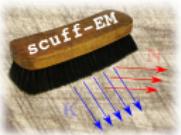


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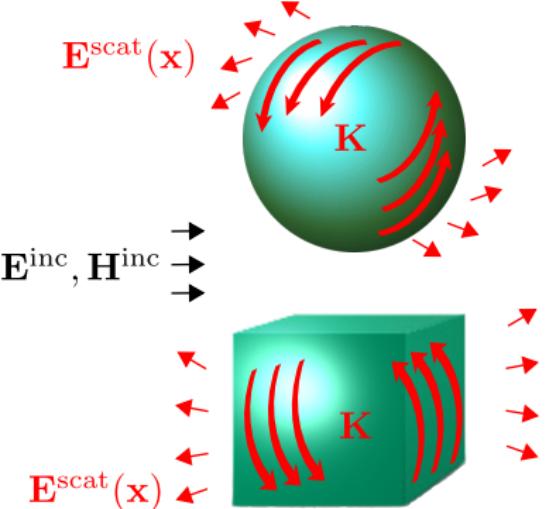
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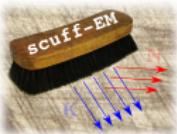
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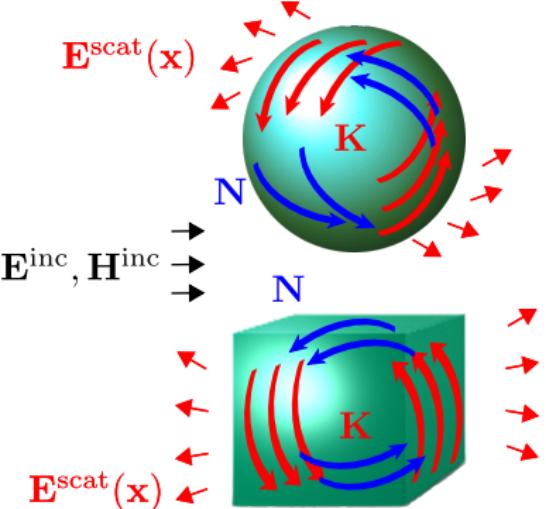
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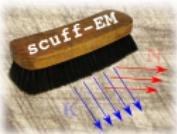


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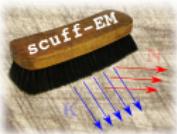
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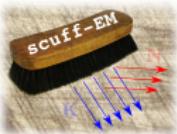
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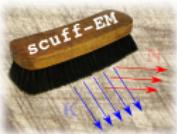
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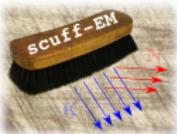
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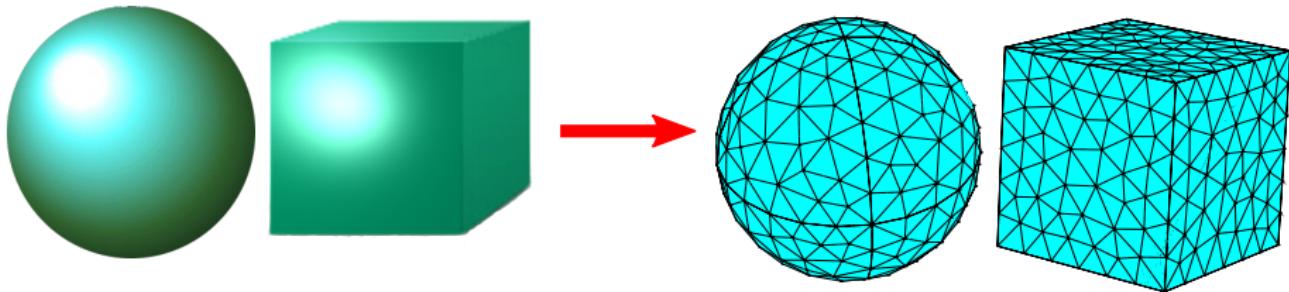
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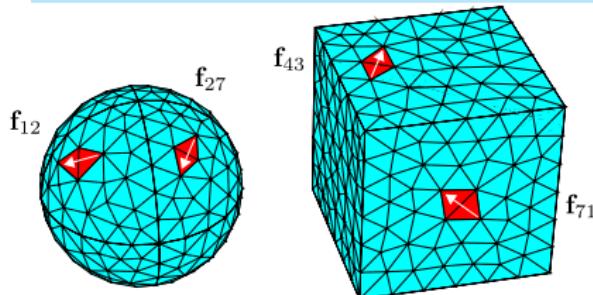
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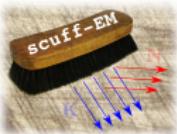
Begin by **discretizing** (“meshing”) object surfaces into triangles:



Associate one basis function with each **internal edge**:



- These are “RWG basis functions” (named for their inventors: Rao, Wilton, Glisson)
- # of basis functions  $N \propto$  # of triangles
- As we **refine the discretization** (shrink the triangles), the discretization errors decrease, but the **cost of solving the linear system grows like  $N^3$**



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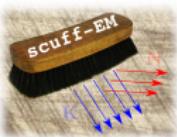
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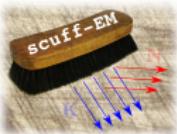
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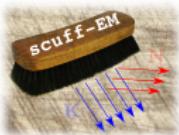
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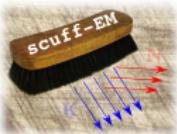
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From computational Casimir physics to general E&M

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First-generation numerical  
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Second-generation numerical  
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Efficient Computation of Casimir Interactions between Arbitrary 3D Objects

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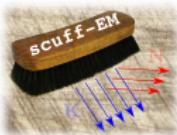
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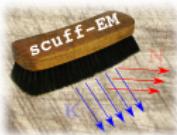
- Support for complex-valued frequencies
- Efficient calculations at many frequencies (near-DC→optical)
- Ability to displace objects without starting over from scratch



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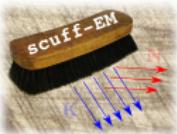


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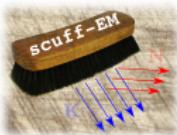
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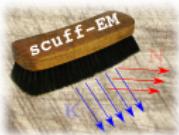
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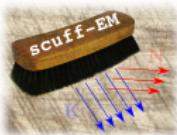
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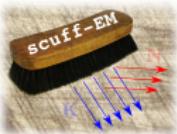
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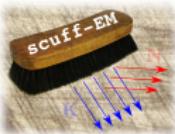
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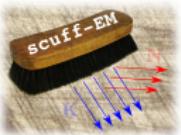
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No new features for you!



# The Current Status of SCUFF-EM

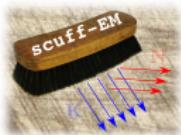
## SCUFF-EM Version 1.0 Public Release (Fall 2012)

- Arbitrary complex frequencies
- Perfect/imperfect metals, lossless/lossy dielectrics, linear magnetic materials
- Periodic boundary conditions
- Multi-material junctions
- Fast computation and caching of BEM matrix elements
- Fast computation of power, force, torque
- 8 standalone application codes
- C++ / python interface

My goal for the short-term future: **Expand the user base**

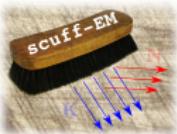
## SCUFF-EM Version 2.0 (Hypothetical)

- Fast solver: reduce complexity scaling from  $O(N^3)$  to  $O(N \log N)$



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1. A quick review of the Boundary-Element Method
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# Mechanics of SCUFF-EM

How to run a SCUFF-EM calculation

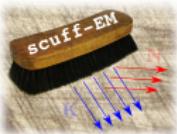
1. Generate **surface meshes** for all object surfaces in your geometry.

2. Write a **SCUFF-EM geometry file** describing objects and materials.

3A. Run one of the **8 standalone command-line applications** bundled with the SCUFF-EM suite.

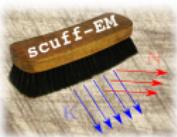
OR

3B. Write your own **C++** or **PYTHON** code using the SCUFF-EM core library API.



## Geometry descriptions in SCUFF-EM

- Geometries in SCUFF-EM are described by **simple text files**.
- These files are conventionally given the file extension **.scuffgeo**.
- Various types of geometries are possible
  - The simplest case: One or more **compact objects** (possibly nested)
  - More complicated cases: **multi-material junctions**
  - Extended geometries: **periodic boundary conditions**

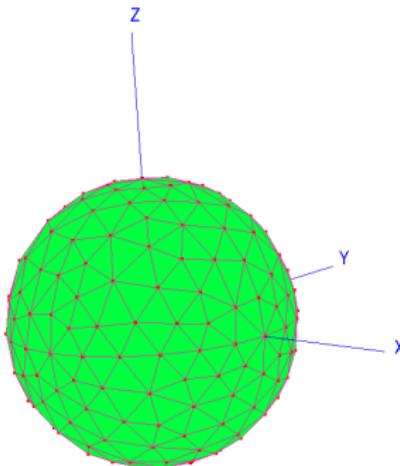


# The geometries that SCUFF-EM can handle

Simple geometries: One or more **compact homogeneous objects** (possibly nested)

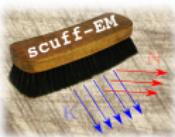
A single gold sphere:

The geometry:



The .scuffgeo file:

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MATERIAL Gold  
ENDOBJECT
```

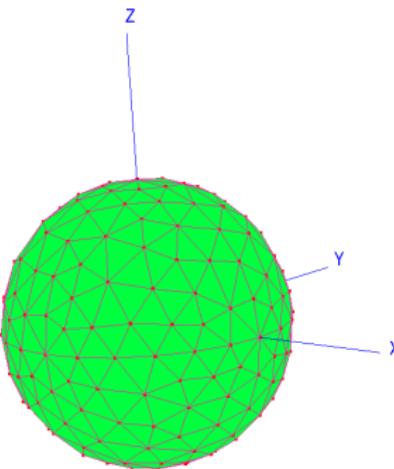


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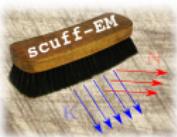
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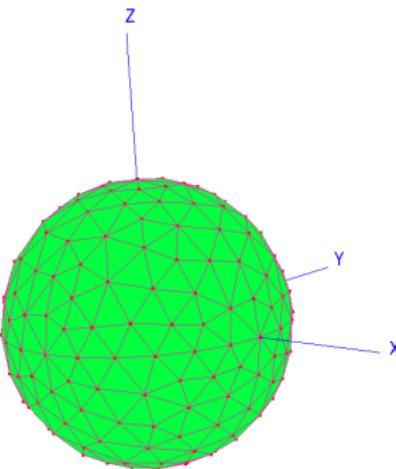


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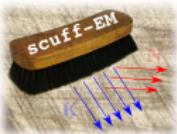


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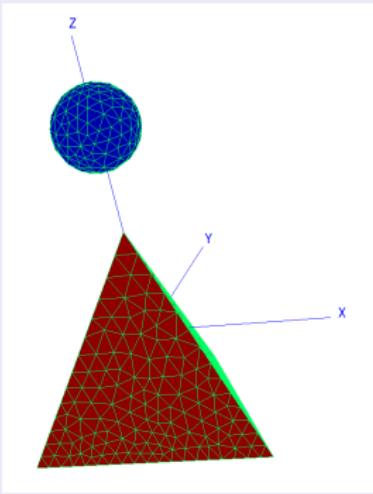


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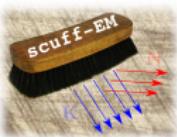
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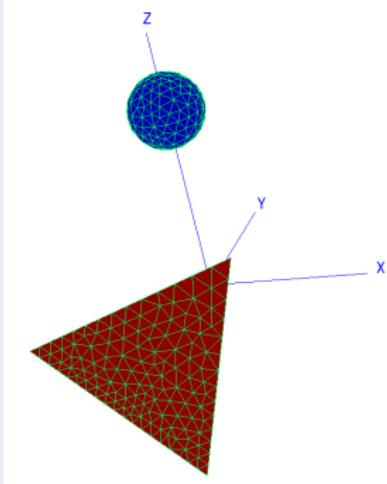


# The geometries that SCUFF-EM can handle

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A gold sphere and a **displaced and rotated** SiO<sub>2</sub> tetrahedron:

The geometry:

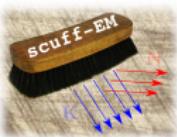


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ENDOBJECT

OBJECT ThePyramid
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DISPLACED 0 0 -1
ROTATED 45 ABOUT 0 1 0
ENDOBJECT
```

→ Handle displacements and rotations **without re-meshing**.

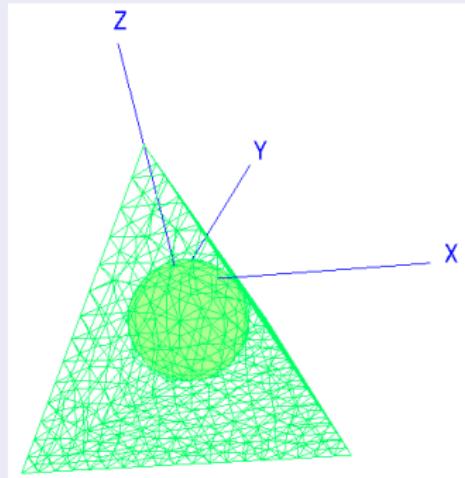


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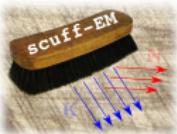


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⇒ Object inclusions are *autodetected*. (Thanks to SGJ for this feature.)



# Material Designations in SCUFF-EM

Many ways to specify frequency-dependent **permittivity  $\epsilon$**  and **permeability  $\mu$**

## Special Materials

MATERIAL VACUUM

MATERIAL PEC

## Frequency-independent $\epsilon$ and $\mu$

- Useful for **single-frequency calculations**

MATERIAL CONST\_EPS\_12.8

MATERIAL CONST\_EPS\_3.4+5.6I\_MU\_12.9

## Functional Forms

- Arbitrary user-specified expressions

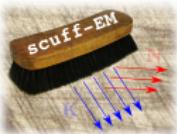
```
MATERIAL GOLD
wp = 1.37e16;
gamma = 5.32e13;
Eps(w) = 1-wp^2 / (w*(w+i*gamma));
ENDMATERIAL
```

## Tabulated Data

- SCUFF-EM will automatically **interpolate**

MATERIAL FILE\_SiliconDataFile.dat

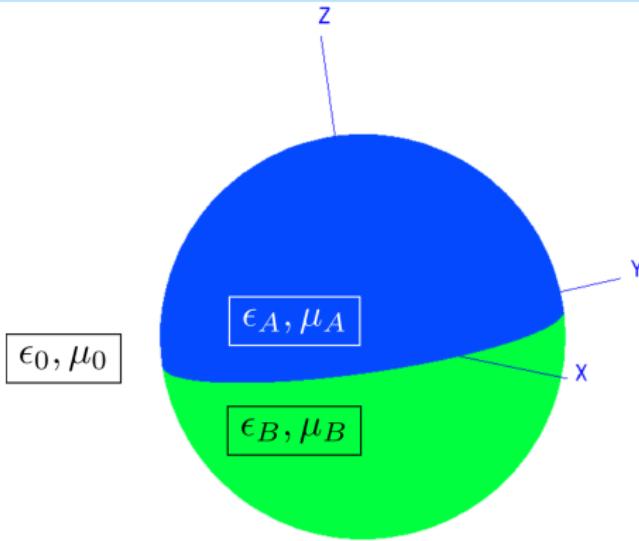
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...		
1.0e14	-9.11	3.9



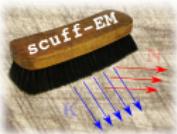
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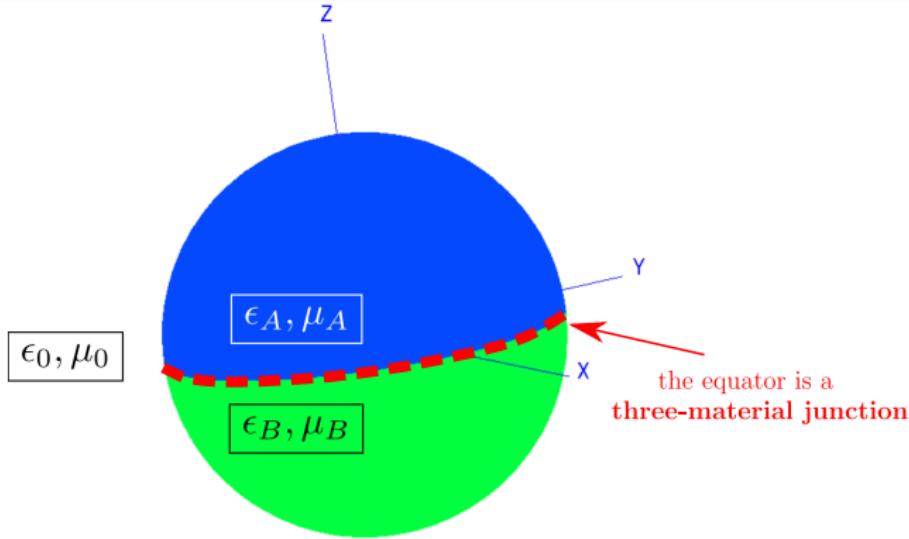
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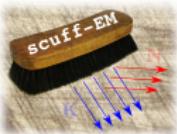
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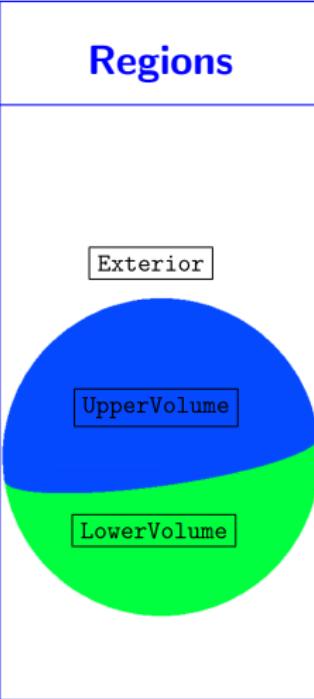
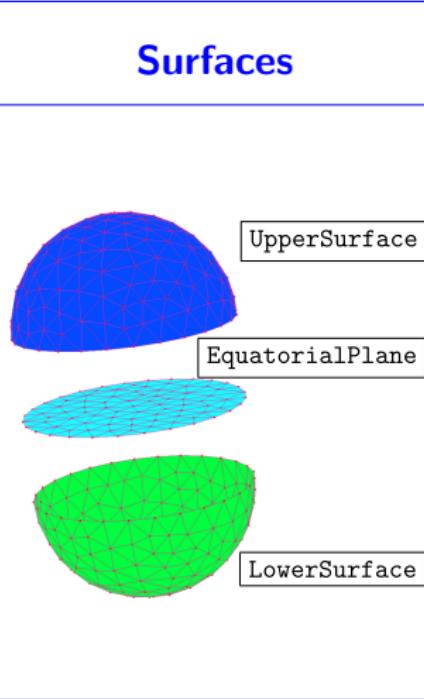


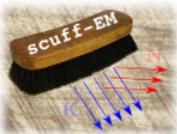
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Geometries with multi-material junctions are described using **regions** and **surfaces**

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Extended geometries: **periodic boundary conditions**

To describe something like this...

[Garcia-Vidal et al, RMP **82** 729 (2010)]

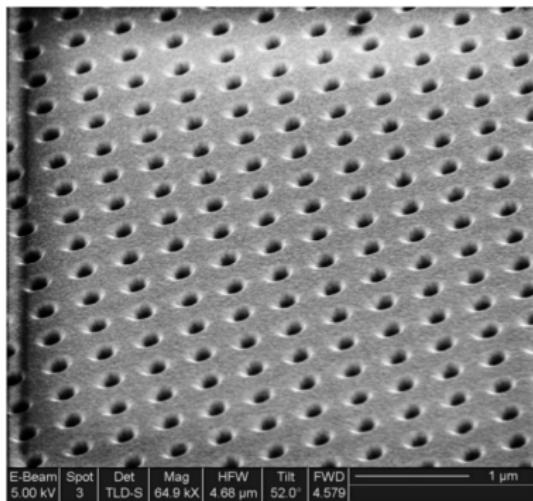
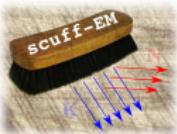


FIG. 19. SEM image of a 2D hole array of circular holes (diameter of 150 nm) milled in a 260-nm-thick Au film that is deposited on a glass substrate. The hole arrays count  $30 \times 30$  holes and the period of the square array is 460 nm. Courtesy of Eric Laux.

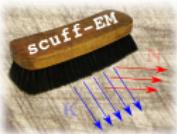


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...we define a **lattice** and a **unit cell mesh**.

Unit cell mesh	First 25 lattice cells
<p data-bbox="281 599 543 640"><b>.scuffgeo file</b></p>	
<pre data-bbox="178 673 598 912">LATTICE     VECTOR 0.75 0     VECTOR 0      0.75 ENDLATTICE  OBJECT UnitCell     MESHFILE UnitCellMesh.msh     MATERIAL Silver ENDOBJECT</pre>	



# Command-line applications in the SCUFF-EM suite

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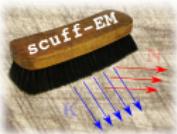
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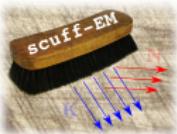
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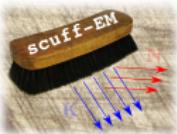
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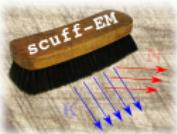
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### Outputs available from SCUFF-SCATTER:

- **E and H Field Components** (scattered and total) at user-specified evaluation points
- Power absorbed by and scattered from each scattering object
- Force/Torque imparted to the scattering objects by the incident field (**radiation pressure**)
- Induced dipole moments (Cartesian basis)
- Induced multipole moments (Spherical basis)
- Visualization files for surface currents and scattered fields

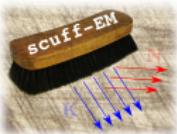


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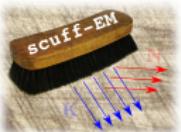


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(units:  $\frac{c}{1\mu\text{m}} = 3 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ rad/s}$ )

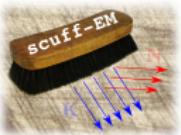
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```

```
pwDirection 0 0 1
```

```
pwPolarization 1 0 0
```

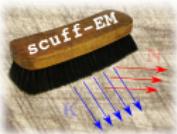
```
EPFile MyEvalPoints
```

```
PFTFile Sphere_681.PFT
```

```
MomentFile Sphere_681.moments
```

```
PlotSurfaceCurrents
```

incident field (plane wave)



# Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

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Put command-line arguments into a text file (call it `scuff-scatter.args`):

```
geometry Sphere_681.scuffgeo
```

```
Omega 1.1
```

```
pwDirection 0 0 1
```

```
pwPolarization 1 0 0
```

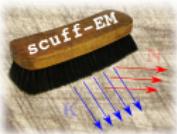
```
EPFile MyEvalPoints
```

```
PFTFile Sphere_681.PFT
```

```
MomentFile Sphere_681.moments
```

```
PlotSurfaceCurrents
```

list of field evaluation points



# Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

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```
geometry Sphere_681.scuffgeo
```

```
Omega 1.1
```

```
pwDirection 0 0 1
```

```
pwPolarization 1 0 0
```

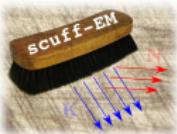
```
EPFile MyEvalPoints
```

```
PFTFile Sphere_681.PFT
```

```
MomentFile Sphere_681.moments
```

```
PlotSurfaceCurrents
```

request power, force, torque



# Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

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```
geometry Sphere_681.scuffgeo
```

```
Omega 1.1
```

```
pwDirection 0 0 1
```

```
pwPolarization 1 0 0
```

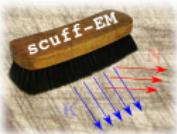
```
EPFile MyEvalPoints
```

```
PFTFile Sphere_681.PFT
```

request induced dipole moments

```
MomentFile Sphere_681.moments
```

```
PlotSurfaceCurrents
```



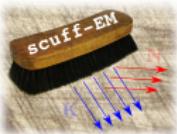
# Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

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Put command-line arguments into a text file (call it scuff-scatter.args):

```
geometry Sphere_681.scuffgeo  
Omega 1.1  
pwDirection 0 0 1  
pwPolarization 1 0 0  
EPFile MyEvalPoints  
PFTFile Sphere_681.PFT  
MomentFile Sphere_681.moments  
PlotSurfaceCurrents
```

request surface current visualization



# Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

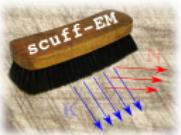
Options may be specified on the **command line** or via **text file piped to stdin**

Put command-line arguments into a text file (call it `scuff-scatter.args`):

```
geometry Sphere_681.scuffgeo
Omega 1.1
pwDirection 0 0 1
pwPolarization 1 0 0
EPFile MyEvalPoints
PFTFile Sphere_681.PFT
MomentFile Sphere_681.moments
PlotSurfaceCurrents
```

Run SCUFF-SCATTER from the command line:

```
% scuff-scatter < scuff-scatter.args
```



# Incident fields in SCUFF-EM

Several **built-in** types available; also easy to **define your own** in API programs

**Plane waves:** specify direction and polarization

- A circularly-polarized wave traveling in the  $+\hat{z}$  direction:

```
--pwDirection 0 0 1 --pwPolarization 1 i 0
```

**Point dipoles:** specify location, strength, and type (electric or magnetic)

- A point electric dipole at  $\mathbf{x} = (2, 3, 4) \mu\text{m}$  with dipole moment  $\mathbf{p} = (4, 5i, 6) \text{ V}/(\mu\text{m})^2$

```
--psLocation 2 3 4 --psStrength 4 5i 6
```

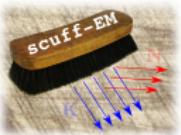
**Gaussian laser beams:** specify direction, polarization, beam center, and beam waist

- An upward-propagating beam with beam waist  $1\mu\text{m}$ :

```
--gbDirection 0 0 1 --gbPolarization 1 0 0 --gbCenter 0 0 0 --gbWaist 2
```

Thanks to **Johannes Feist** for contributing the Gaussian beam code

Or: any combination of the above; or, define your own in API codes.

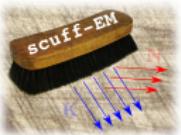


# Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

## Interpreting the output files

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```
0.1 Sphere 1.1e-11 5.6e-11 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.2 Sphere 2.2e-11 1.6e-10 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.3 Sphere 3.6e-11 3.6e-10 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.4 Sphere 6.5e-11 1.0e-09 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.5 Sphere 1.1e-10 2.9e-09 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.6 Sphere 1.8e-10 8.4e-09 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.7 Sphere 3.0e-10 2.1e-08 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.6e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
```



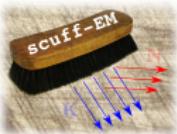
# Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

## Interpreting the output files

The `--PFTFile MyFile.PFT` option writes power, force, and torque data to the given file.

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0.2	Sphere	2.2e-11	1.6e-10	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.3	Sphere	3.6e-11	3.6e-10	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.4	Sphere	6.5e-11	1.0e-09	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.5	Sphere	1.1e-10	2.9e-09	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.6	Sphere	1.8e-10	8.4e-09	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.7	Sphere	3.0e-10	2.1e-08	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.6e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00

angular frequency



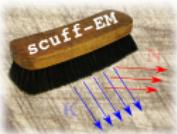
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```
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0.2 Sphere 2.2e-11 1.6e-10 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00  
0.3 Sphere 1.6e-11 3.6e-10 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00  
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0.7 Sphere 3.0e-10 2.1e-08 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.6e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
```

object label in `.scuffgeo` file



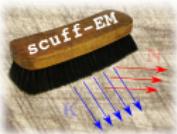
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0.1	Sphere	1.1e-11	5.6e-11	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.2	Sphere	2.2e-11	1.6e-10	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.3	Sphere	3.6e-11	3.6e-10	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.4	Sphere	6.5e-11	1.0e-09	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.5	Sphere	1.1e-10	2.9e-09	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.6	Sphere	1.8e-10	4.4e-09	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.7	Sphere	3.0e-10	2.1e-08	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.6e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00

absorbed power (W)



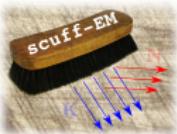
# Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

## Interpreting the output files

The `--PFTFile MyFile.PFT` option writes power, force, and torque data to the given file.

0.1	Sphere	1.1e-11	5.6e-11	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.2	Sphere	2.2e-11	1.6e-10	1.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.3	Sphere	3.6e-11	3.6e-10	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.4	Sphere	6.5e-11	1.0e-09	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.5	Sphere	1.1e-10	2.9e-09	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.6	Sphere	1.8e-11	8.4e-09	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.7	Sphere	3.0e-10	2.1e-08	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.6e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00

scattered power (W)



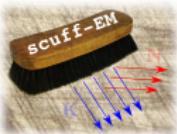
# Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

Interpreting the output files

The `--PFTFile MyFile.PFT` option writes power, force, and torque data to the given file.

0.1	Sphere	1.1e-11	5.6e-11	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.2	Sphere	2.2e-11	1.6e-10	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.3	Sphere	3.6e-11	3.6e-10	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.4	Sphere	6.5e-11	1.0e-09	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.5	Sphere	1.1e-10	2.9e-09	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.6	Sphere	1.8e-10	8.4e-09	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.7	Sphere	3.0e-10	2.1e-08	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.6e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00

$x, y, z$  components of force (radiation pressure) in nN

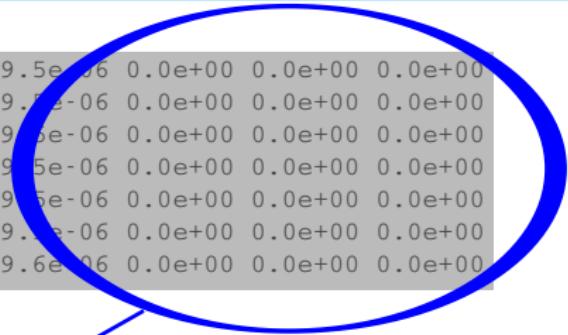


# Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

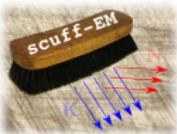
Interpreting the output files

The `--PFTFile MyFile.PFT` option writes power, force, and torque data to the given file.

0.1	Sphere	1.1e-11	5.6e-11	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.2	Sphere	2.2e-11	1.6e-10	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.3	Sphere	3.6e-11	3.6e-10	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.4	Sphere	6.5e-11	1.0e-09	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.5	Sphere	1.1e-10	2.9e-09	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.6	Sphere	1.8e-10	8.4e-09	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.5e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00
0.7	Sphere	3.0e-10	2.1e-08	2.2e-06	-1.5e-05	-9.6e-06	0.0e+00	0.0e+00	0.0e+00



$x, y, z$  components of torque in  $\text{nN} \cdot \mu\text{m}$



# Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

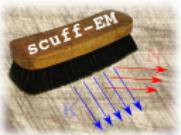
## Interpreting the output files

The `--PFTFile MyFile.PFT` option writes power, force, and torque data to the given file.

```
0.1 Sphere 1.1e-11 5.6e-11 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.2 Sphere 2.2e-11 1.6e-10 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.3 Sphere 3.6e-11 3.6e-10 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.4 Sphere 6.5e-11 1.0e-09 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
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0.7 Sphere 3.0e-10 2.1e-08 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.6e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
```

The `--MomentFile MyMoments.dat` option writes induced dipole moments to the given file.

```
0.1 TheSphere 1.2e+01 1.3e-04 -1.1e-02 9.2e-06 -4.3e-03 1.0e-05
0.2 TheSphere 1.2e+01 2.0e-04 -1.1e-02 1.2e-05 -4.3e-03 1.3e-05
0.3 TheSphere 1.2e+01 2.8e-04 -1.1e-02 1.4e-05 -4.3e-03 1.6e-05
```



# Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

## Interpreting the output files

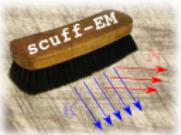
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```
0.1 Sphere 1.1e-11 5.6e-11 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.2 Sphere 2.2e-11 1.6e-10 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.3 Sphere 3.6e-11 3.6e-10 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.4 Sphere 6.5e-11 1.0e-09 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.5 Sphere 1.1e-10 2.9e-09 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.6 Sphere 1.8e-10 8.4e-09 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.7 Sphere 3.0e-10 2.1e-08 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.6e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
```

The `--MomentFile MyMoments.dat` option writes induced dipole moments to the given file.

```
0.1 TheSphere 1.2e+01 1.3e-04 -1.1e-02 9.2e-06 -4.3e-03 1.0e-05
0.2 TheSphere 1.2e+01 2.0e-04 -1.1e-02 1.2e-05 -4.3e-03 1.3e-05
0.3 TheSphere 1.2e+01 2.8e-04 -1.1e-02 1.4e-05 -4.3e-03 1.6e-05
```

angular frequency



# Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

## Interpreting the output files

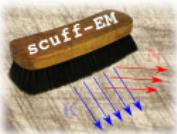
The `--PFTFile MyFile.PFT` option writes power, force, and torque data to the given file.

```
0.1 Sphere 1.1e-11 5.6e-11 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.2 Sphere 2.2e-11 1.6e-10 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.3 Sphere 3.6e-11 3.6e-10 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.4 Sphere 6.5e-11 1.0e-09 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.5 Sphere 1.1e-10 2.9e-09 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.6 Sphere 1.8e-10 8.4e-09 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.7 Sphere 3.0e-10 2.1e-08 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.6e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
```

The `--MomentFile MyMoments.dat` option writes induced dipole moments to the given file.

```
0.1 TheSphere 1.2e+01 1.3e-04 -1.1e-02 9.2e-06 -4.3e-03 1.0e-05
0.1 TheSphere 1.2e+01 2.0e-04 -1.1e-02 1.2e-05 -4.3e-03 1.3e-05
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```

object label in .scuffgeo file



# Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

## Interpreting the output files

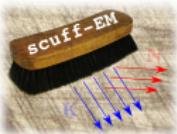
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```
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0.7 Sphere 3.0e-10 2.1e-08 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.6e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
```

The `--MomentFile MyMoments.dat` option writes induced dipole moments to the given file.

```
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```

$x, y, z$  components of induced electric dipole moment



# Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

## Interpreting the output files

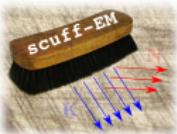
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```
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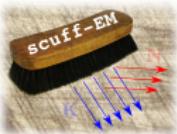
$x, y, z$  components of induced magnetic dipole moment



# Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

## Interpreting the output files

The `--PlotSurfaceCurrents` option produces a GMSH visualization file named `Sphere_681.pp`:

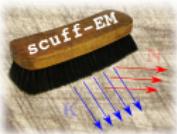


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```

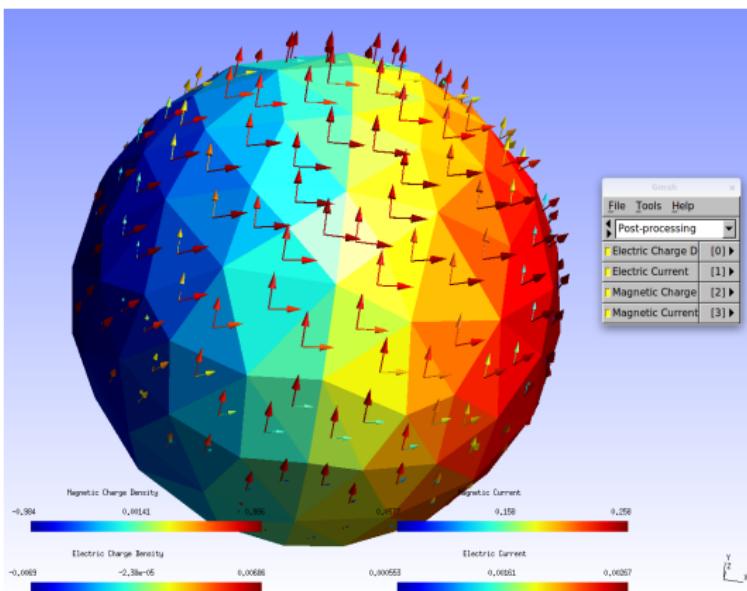


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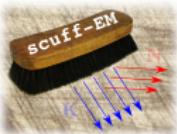
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- Arrows indicate induced electric and magnetic **surface currents**
- Panel colors indicate induced electric and magnetic **charge densities**



# The --EPFile option in SCUFF-SCATTER

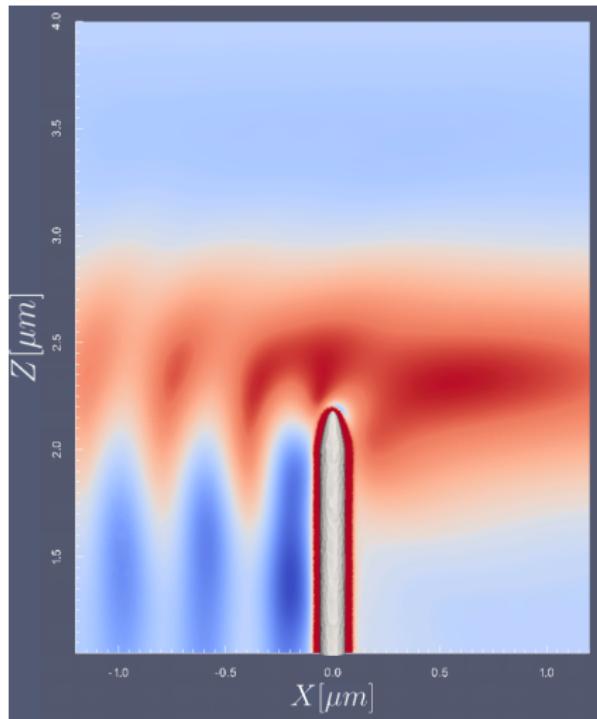
Evaluating fields at arbitrary user-specified points

The command

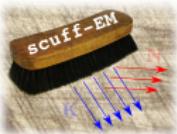
```
% scuff-scatter ... --EPFile MyPoints ...
```

produces two files:

1. MyPoints.scattered (**scattered fields**)
2. MyPoints.total (**total fields**)



(Image: Johannes Feist)



# Command-line applications in the SCUFF-EM suite

## Electromagnetic Scattering

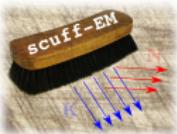
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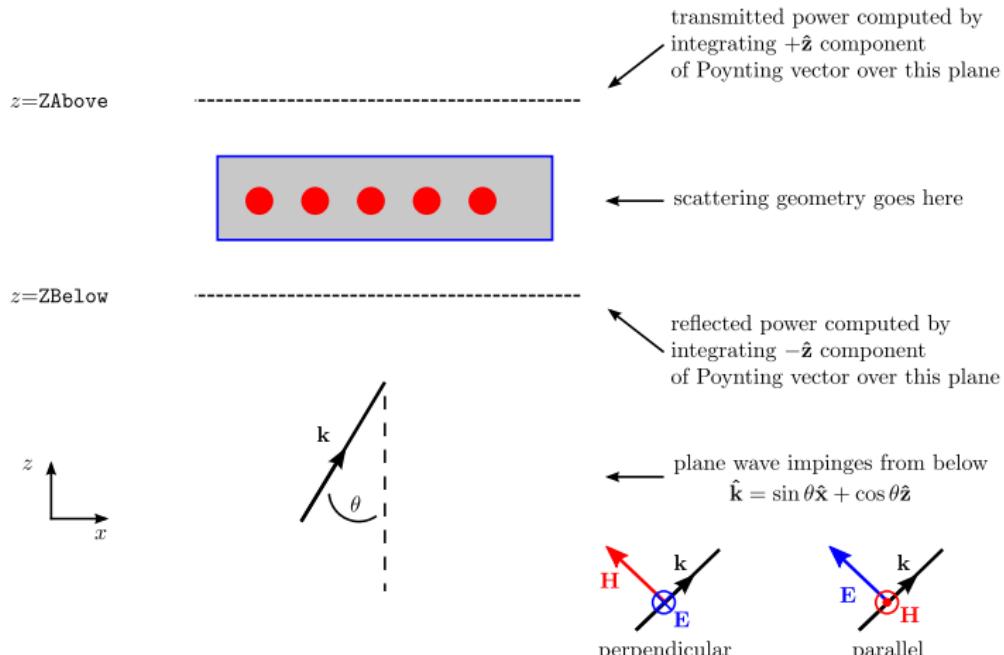
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- SCUFF-CASPOL: Casimir-Polder potentials for polarizable particles near surfaces
- SCUFF-NEQ: Nonequilibrium fluctuations: Radiative heat transfer & non-EQ Casimir forces

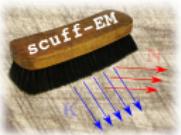


# SCUFF-TRANSMISSION

A specialized application code for characterizing transmission and reflection

SCUFF-TRANSMISSION illuminates your structure from below with plane waves, then integrates the Poynting vector over the unit-cell area to compute transmitted and reflected flux.



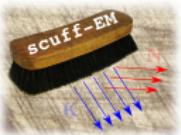


# SCUFF-TRANSMISSION

## Inputs and outputs

### Inputs to SCUFF-TRANSMISSION:

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2. Frequency or Frequency range ( $\omega$ )
3. Incident angle or Incident angle range ( $\theta$ )



# SCUFF-TRANSMISSION

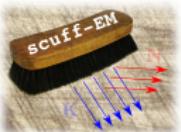
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### Output produced by SCUFF-TRANSMISSION:

- Transmission and reflection coefficients (magnitudes only) vs.  $\omega$  and  $\theta$ .



# SCUFF-TRANSMISSION

Computing the transmission coefficients of a thin dielectric film exactly

Plane wave impinging from below on a dielectric film of thickness  $T$ :

$t \uparrow$

$$E_x = te^{ik_0 z}$$

$z = T$

$a \uparrow \quad b \downarrow$

$$E_x = ae^{ik_1 z} + be^{-ik_1 z}$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon^r, \mu^r}$$

$z = 0$

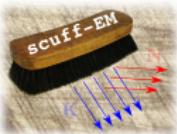
$\uparrow \quad \downarrow$   $T$

$1 \uparrow \quad r \downarrow$

$$E_x = e^{ik_0 x} + re^{-ik_0 x}$$

Exact transmission and reflection coefficients (normal incidence,  $\mu^r = 1, n = \sqrt{\epsilon^r}$ ):

$$t(\omega) = \frac{2in}{(1+n^2)\sin(nk_0T) + 2in\cos(nk_0T)}, \quad r(\omega) = \frac{(1-n^2)\sin(nk_0T)}{(1+n^2)\sin(nk_0T) + 2in\cos(nk_0T)}$$



# SCUFF-TRANSMISSION

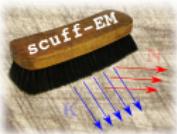
Running the thin dielectric film in SCUFF-TRANSMISSION

Create (1) a SCUFF-EM geometry for the thin film, and (2) a list of frequencies:

Unit cell mesh	ThinFilm_58.scuffgeo	Omega.dat					
	<pre>LATTICE   VECTOR 1 0   VECTOR 0 1 ENDLATTICE  REGION Exterior MATERIAL Vacuum REGION ThinFilm MATERIAL CONST_EPS_100 REGION UpperSpace MATERIAL Vacuum  SURFACE LowerFilmSurface MESHFILE Square_58.msh REGIONS Exterior ThinFilm ENDSURFACE  SURFACE UpperFilmSurface MESHFILE Square_58.msh DISPLACED 0 0 1 REGIONS ThinFilm UpperSpace ENDSURFACE</pre>	<table border="1"><tr><td>0.1</td></tr><tr><td>0.2</td></tr><tr><td>0.3</td></tr><tr><td>...</td></tr><tr><td>1.0</td></tr></table>	0.1	0.2	0.3	...	1.0
0.1							
0.2							
0.3							
...							
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Now solve the problem using SCUFF-TRANSMISSION:

```
% scuff-transmission --geometry ThinFilm_58.scuffgeo --OmegaFile Omega.dat
```

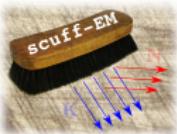


# SCUFF-TRANSMISSION

## Interpreting the output file

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0.3	0.0	9.9e-01	8.2e-03	9.9e-01	8.2e-03
0.4	0.0	6.8e-02	9.3e-01	6.8e-02	9.3e-01
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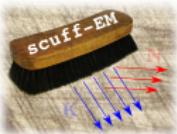
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angular frequency



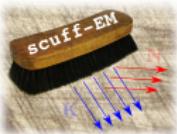
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0.5	0.0	4.2e-02	9.5e-01	4.2e-02	9.5e-01

incident angle



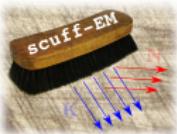
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$$|t_{\text{perp}}|^2 \quad |r_{\text{perp}}|^2$$



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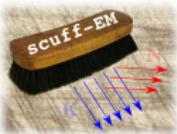
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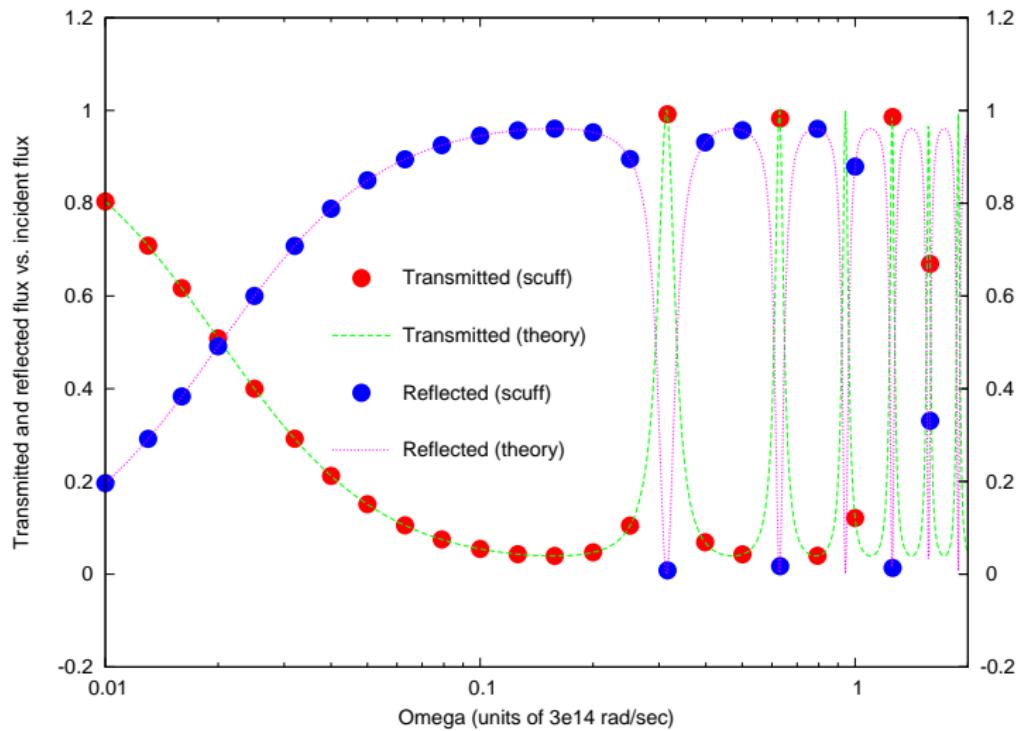
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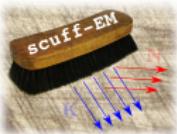
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SCUFF-EM vs. exact calculation for thin dielectric film





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Extraordinary optical transmission through a perforated metallic film

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## Theory of Extraordinary Optical Transmission through Subwavelength Hole Arrays

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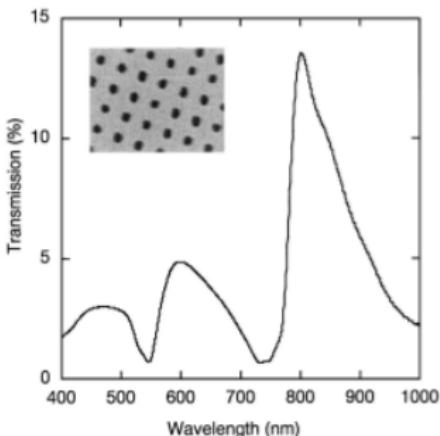
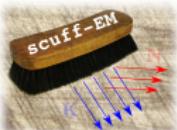


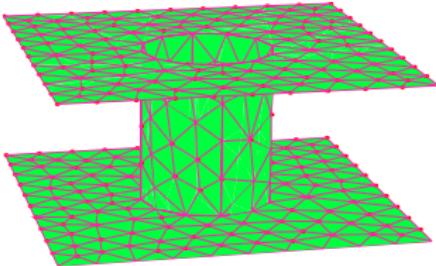
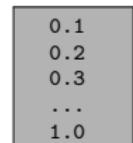
FIG. 1. Experimental zero-order power transmittance,  $T_{00}$ , at normal incidence for a square array of holes (lattice constant  $L = 750$  nm, average hole diameter of 280 nm) in a freestanding Ag film (thickness  $h = 320$  nm). Inset: electron micrograph of the perforated metal film.



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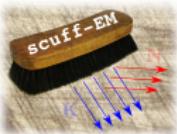
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Unit cell mesh	PTF_794.scuffgeo	Omega.dat
	<pre>LATTICE   VECTOR 0.75 0   VECTOR 0      0.75 ENDLATTICE  OBJECT UnitCell   MESHFILE PTFUnitCell_794.msh   MATERIAL Gold ENDOBJECT</pre>	

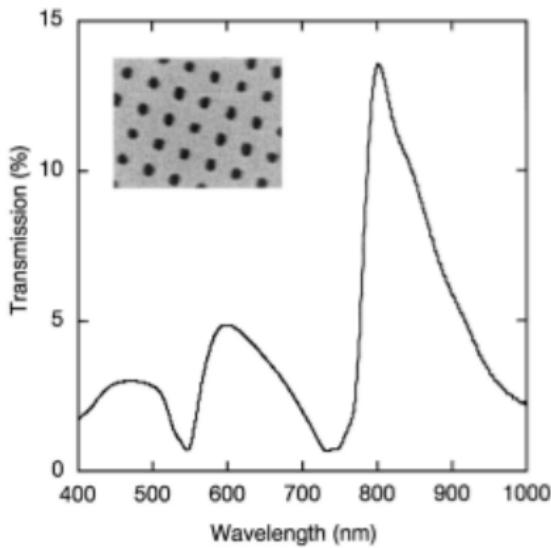
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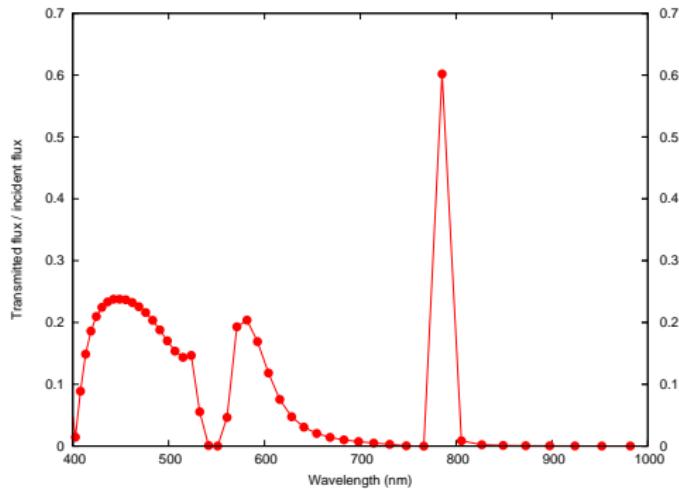


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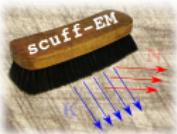
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Martin-Moreno et al. (data)



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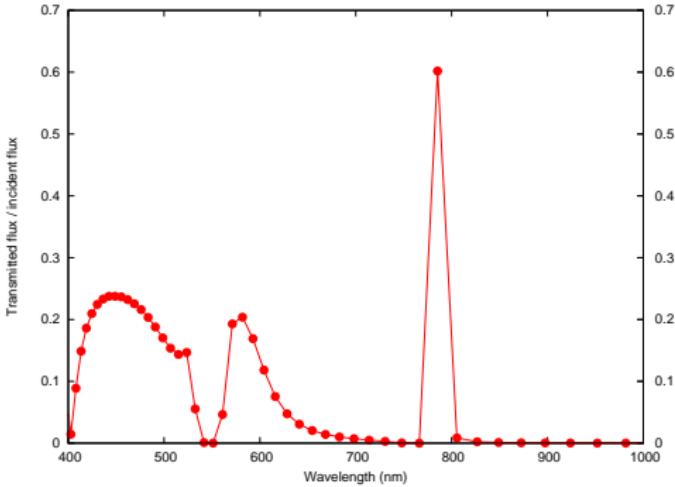
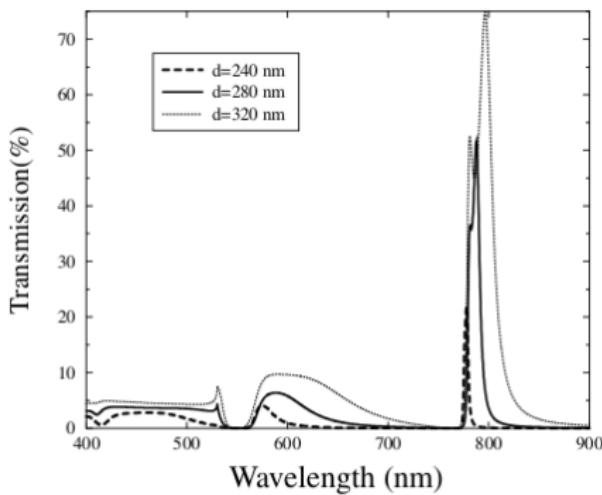
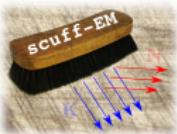


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Martin-Moreno et al. (theory)

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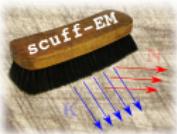
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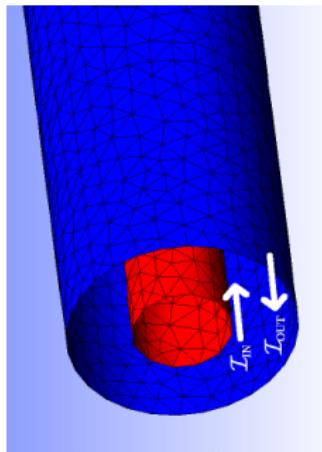
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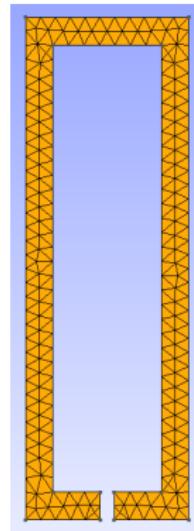
# SCUFF-RF: Modeling of passive RF devices

SCUFF-RF is designed to model devices like this:

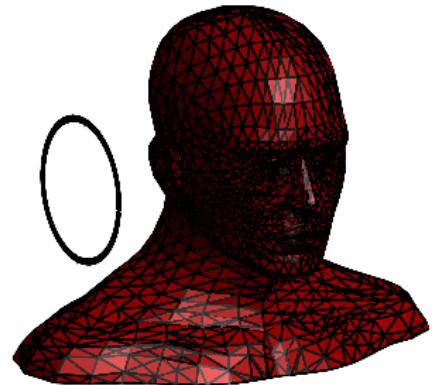
**Coaxial cable**

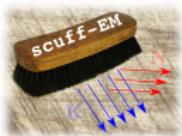


**Planar antenna**



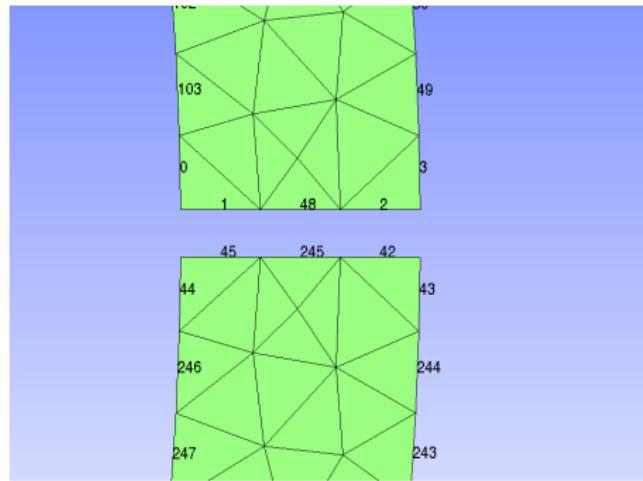
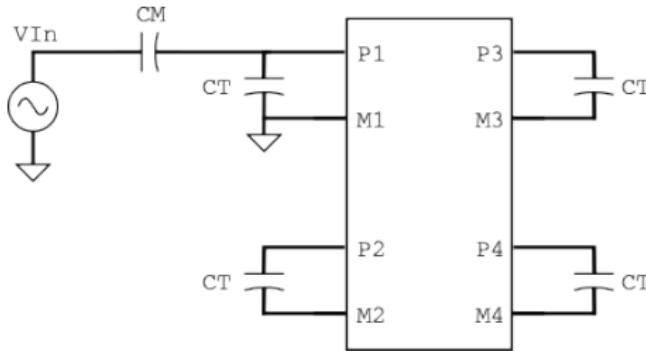
**MRI Coil**



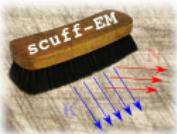


## Port definitions in SCUFF-RF

To interface a passive structure with an electric circuit, define *ports*:



A current forced into a port defines a new type of incident field for the BEM scattering problem.



# SCUFF-RF Inputs and outputs

## Network parameter mode:

### Inputs to SCUFF-RF:

1. Your scattering geometry (.scuffgeo file)
2. Port definitions
3. Frequency or Frequency range

### Output returned by SCUFF-RF:

- Network parameters ( $S$  or  $Z$  parameters) for your multiport structure

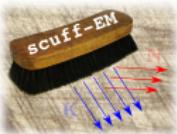
## Radiated field mode:

### Inputs to SCUFF-RF:

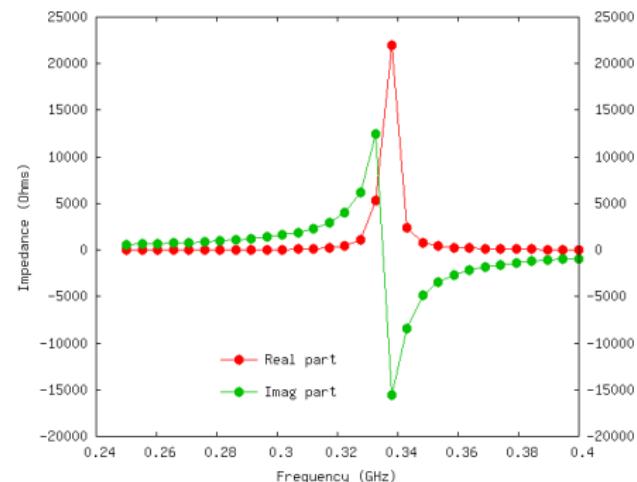
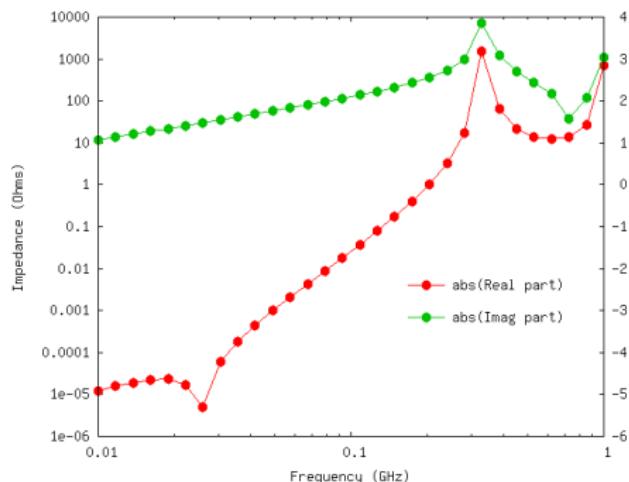
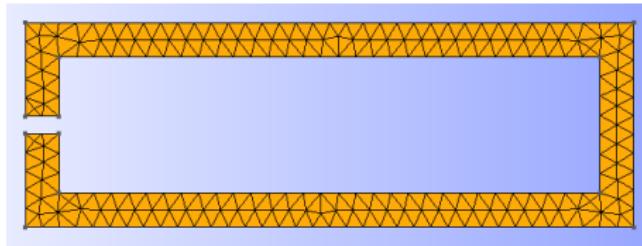
1. Your scattering geometry (.scuffgeo file)
2. Port definitions
3. Port currents
4. List of field evaluation points

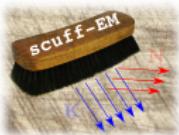
### Output returned by SCUFF-RF:

- Fields at evaluation points radiated by your structure as driven by the specified port currents.



# SCUFF-RF: Input impedance of a planar antenna





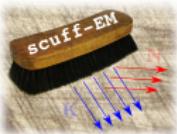
# Mechanics of SCUFF-EM

How to run a SCUFF-EM calculation

1. Generate **surface meshes** for all object surfaces in your geometry.
2. Write a **SCUFF-EM geometry file** describing objects and materials.
- 3A. Run one of the **8 standalone command-line applications** bundled with the SCUFF-EM suite.

OR

- 3B. Write your own **C++** or **PYTHON** code using the SCUFF-EM core library API.



# C++ API to the SCUFF-EM Core Library

Offers maximal flexibility and customization.

```
#include <libscuff.h>

int main(...)
{
    // read in the .scuffgeo file
    RWGGeometry *G = new RWGGeometry("MyGeometry.scuffgeo");

    // assemble the BEM matrix
    cdouble Omega = 1.2 + 3.4i;           // angular frequency
    HMatrix *M = G->AssembleBEMMatrix(Omega, M);

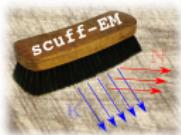
    // assemble the RHS vector for a plane-wave incident field
    double PWDdir[3] = { 0.0, 0.0, 1.0 }; // plane wave direction
    cdouble PWPol[3] = { 1.0, 0.0, 0.0 }; // plane wave polarization
    PlaneWave PW(PWDdir, PWPol);
    HVector *KN = G->AssembleRHSVector(Omega, &PW);

    // solve the BEM system
    M->LUFactorize();
    M->LUSolve(KN);

    // compute scattered fields at the origin
    double X[3] = { 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 };
    G->GetFields(&PW, KN, Omega, X, EH);
    printf("E_x at origin = (%e,%e)\n", real(EH[0]), imag(EH[0]));
};

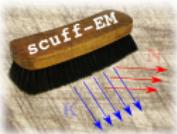
}
```

Also available: **PYTHON interface** (thanks to Steven and Johannes)



# Outline

1. A quick review of the **Boundary-Element Method**
2. A brief history of the **evolution of SCUFF-EM**
3. **What SCUFF-EM can do**
  1. **Inputs:** The geometries, materials, incident fields that SCUFF-EM can handle
  2. **Outputs:** The various calculations that SCUFF-EM can do
  3. **Mechanics:** How to run SCUFF-EM
4. **Under the hood: How SCUFF-EM works**



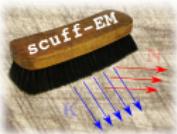
# Why is it so hard to assemble the BEM matrix?

Consider a scattering geometry with surfaces discretized into  $N \sim 10,000$  triangles.

1. We have  $N^2 = 100$  million matrix elements.
2. Each matrix element involves a **4 dimensional integral** (surface integrals over two triangles) that must be evaluated numerically.
3. A sizeable fraction of these are **singular integrals**.

$$M_{mn} = \langle \mathbf{f}_m | \mathbf{G} | \mathbf{f}_n \rangle$$
$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} & M_{13} & \cdots & M_{1N} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} & M_{23} & \cdots & M_{2N} \\ M_{31} & M_{32} & M_{33} & \cdots & M_{3N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ M_{N1} & M_{N2} & M_{N3} & \cdots & M_{NN} \end{pmatrix}_{10,000 \times 10,000}$$

The diagram illustrates the assembly of the BEM matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ . It shows a 10,000x10,000 matrix with a red arrow pointing from the formula  $M_{mn} = \langle \mathbf{f}_m | \mathbf{G} | \mathbf{f}_n \rangle$  to the matrix entry  $M_{mn}$ . The matrix is represented as a grid of 10,000 triangles. A red dashed box highlights the integral expression  $\int_T d\mathbf{x} \int_{T'} d\mathbf{x}' h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') g(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|)$ , which represents the interaction between two triangles  $T$  and  $T'$ . Below the matrix, three triangle pairs are shown: one pair where the triangles overlap ( $T \cap T'$ ), one pair where they share a common edge ( $T \cup T'$ ), and one pair where they are identical ( $T = T'$ ). To the right, a 3D surface plot shows a sharp peak, representing a singular integral.



# Fast Computations of BEM Matrix Elements in SCUFF-EM

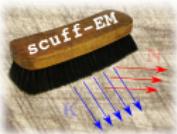
Desingularization and caching technique for panel-panel integrals (PPIs)

Evaluate singular (or nearly-singular) PPIs using a two-step process.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I} &= \int_{\mathcal{T}} d\mathbf{x} \int_{\mathcal{T}'} d\mathbf{x}' h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \frac{e^{ikR}}{4\pi R} \quad (R \equiv |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|) \quad \text{singular when } \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}' \\ &= \underbrace{\int_{\mathcal{T}} d\mathbf{x} \int_{\mathcal{T}'} d\mathbf{x}' h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \frac{\left\{ e^{ikR} - 1 - ikR - \frac{1}{2}(ikR)^2 - \frac{1}{6}(ikr)^3 \right\}}{4\pi R}}_{\text{nonsingular, so easy to evaluate}} \\ &\quad + \sum_{p=0}^3 C_p (ik)^p \underbrace{\int_{\mathcal{T}} d\mathbf{x} \int_{\mathcal{T}'} d\mathbf{x}' \frac{h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')}{R^p}}_{\text{singular but } k\text{-independent!}} \end{aligned}$$

- ⇒ 1. Evaluate singular PPIs *once per structure*  
2. Store in `.scuffcache` files  
3. Reuse at all frequencies and for subsequent computations.



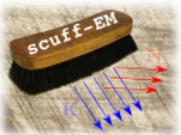
## Caching in SCUFF-EM

All application codes in the SCUFF-EM suite have a --cache option.

```
scuff-scatter ... --cache MyGeometry.cache
```

```
scuff-rf ... --cache MyGeometry.cache
```

Cached data depend **only on the mesh**, *not* on material or frequency.



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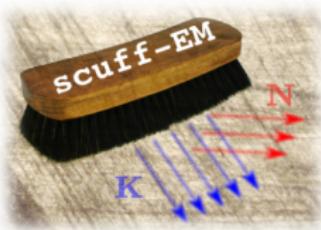
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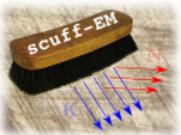
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