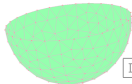


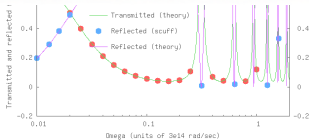
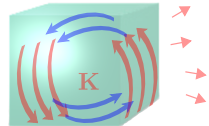
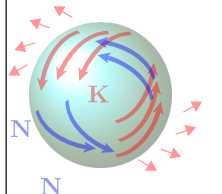
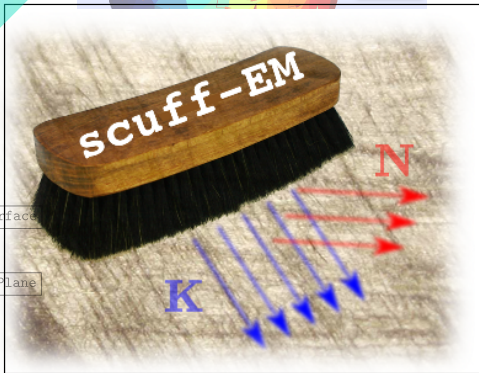
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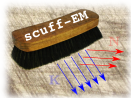


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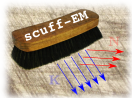
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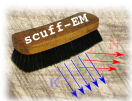
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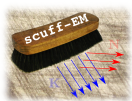


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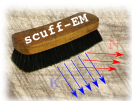
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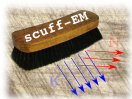
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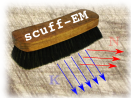
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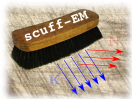
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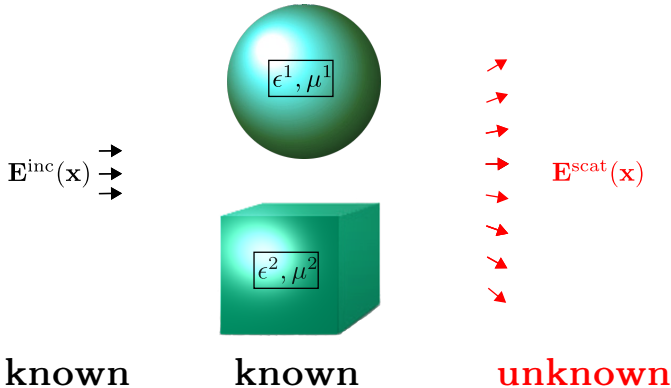
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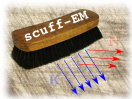


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Start by considering a general electromagnetic scattering problem.

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 $\sim e^{-i\omega t}$.)



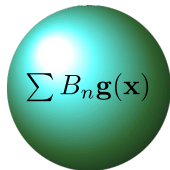


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One approach to scattering problems: **special-function expansions**

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")



$$\sum B_n \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})$$

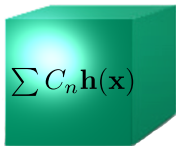
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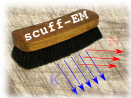
Disadvantages:

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

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



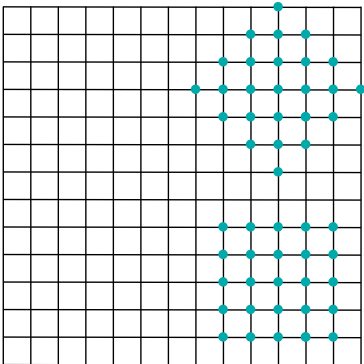
$$\sum C_n \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x})$$



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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** ϵ, μ)
- Write Maxwell's equations using **finite-difference** approximations to derivatives
- Solve **sparse linear system** for the **E**-field values at grid points



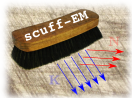
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- Allows different ϵ, μ at each grid point
→ **very general**

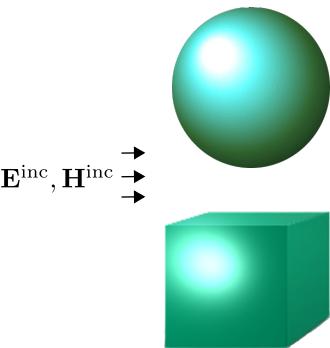
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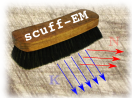
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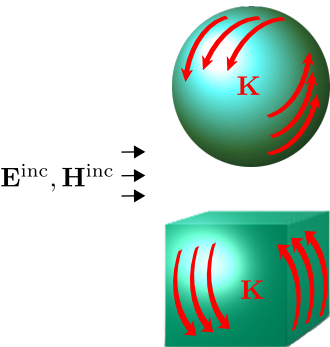
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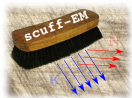




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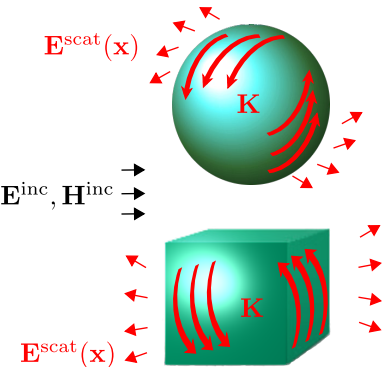
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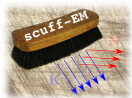




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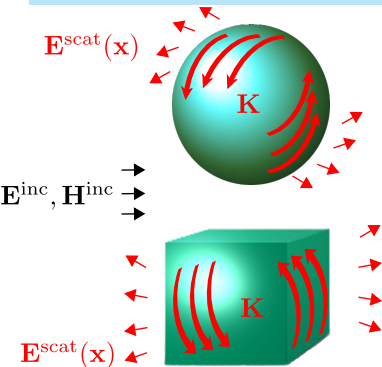
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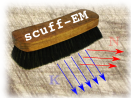


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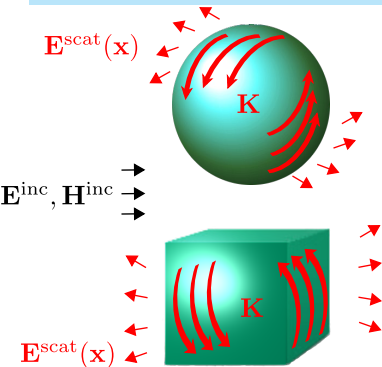
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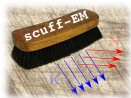
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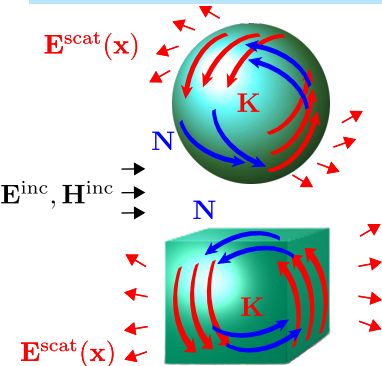
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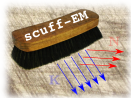
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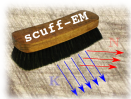
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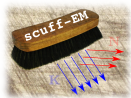
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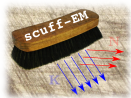
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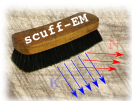
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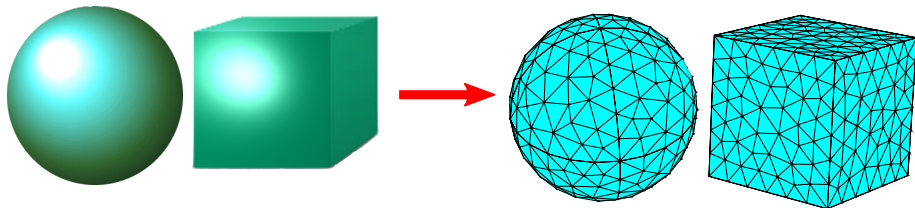
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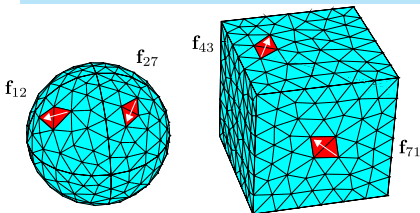
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Convenient basis functions for 3D objects: "RWG functions"

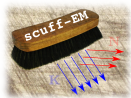
Begin by discretizing ("meshing") object surfaces into triangles:



Associate one basis function with each internal edge:



- These are "RWG basis functions" (named for their inventors: Rao, Wilton, Glisson)
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- 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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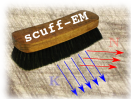
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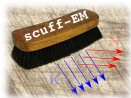
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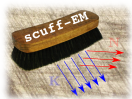
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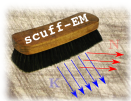
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The Prehistory of SCUFF-EM

From computational Casimir physics to general E&M

SCUFF-EM was originally born as a **numerical Casimir solver**.

First-generation numerical
Casimir solvers: **FDTD**

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Virtual photons in imaginary time: Computing exact Casimir forces via standard numerical electromagnetism techniques

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Second-generation numerical
Casimir solvers: **BEM**

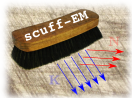
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Efficient Computation of Casimir Interactions between Arbitrary 3D Objects

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The Casimir application mandated several features from the start:

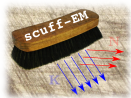
- Support for **complex-valued frequencies**
- Efficient calculations at **many frequencies** (near-DC→optical)
- Ability to **displace objects** without starting over from scratch



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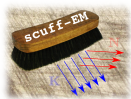


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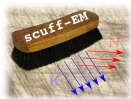
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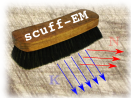
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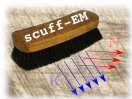
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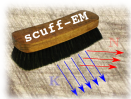
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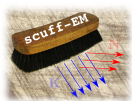
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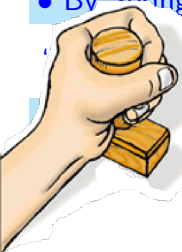
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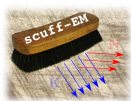
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No new features for you!



The Current Status of SCUFF-EM

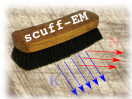
SCUFF-EM Version 1.0 Public Release (Fall 2012)

- 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**

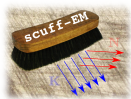
SCUFF-EM Version 2.0 (Hypothetical)

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



Outline

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 1. **Inputs:** The geometries, materials, incident fields that SCUFF-EM can handle
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Mechanics of SCUFF-EM

How to run a SCUFF-EM calculation

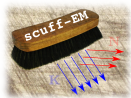
1. Generate **surface meshes** for all object surfaces in your geometry.

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

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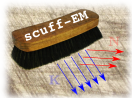
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3B. Write your own **C++** or **PYTHON** code using the SCUFF-EM core library API.



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**

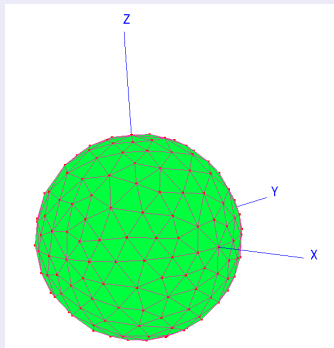


The geometries that SCUFF-EM can handle

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

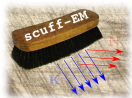
A single gold sphere:

The geometry:



The .scuffgeo file:

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  MATERIAL Gold
ENDOBJECT
```

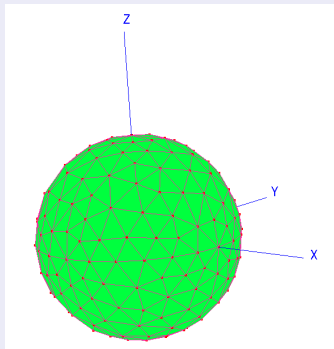



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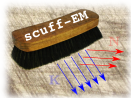
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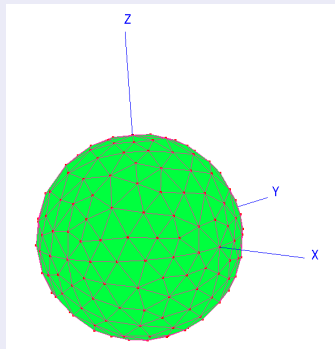


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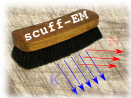


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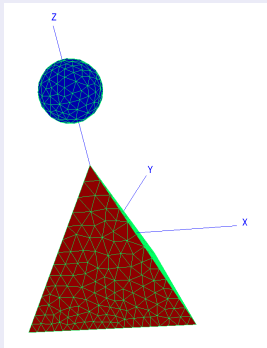


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A gold sphere and an SiO₂ tetrahedron:

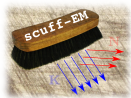
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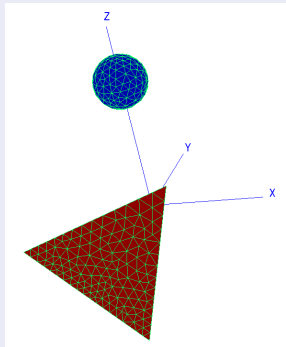


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A gold sphere and a **displaced and rotated** SiO₂ tetrahedron:

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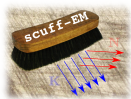


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```
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ENDOBJECT

OBJECT ThePyramid
  MESHFILE Pyramid.msh
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  DISPLACED 0 0 -1
  ROTATED 45 ABOUT 0 1 0
ENDOBJECT
```

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

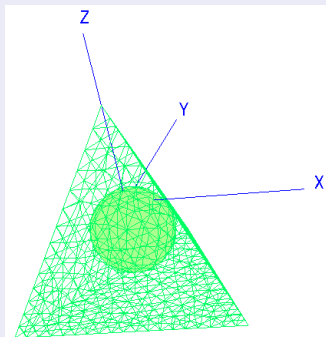


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A gold sphere **inside** an SiO₂ tetrahedron:

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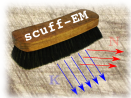


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⇒ Object inclusions are *autodetected*. (Thanks to SGJ for this feature.)



Material Designations in SCUFF-EM

Many ways to specify frequency-dependent **permittivity ϵ** and **permeability μ**

Special Materials

```
MATERIAL VACUUM
```

```
MATERIAL PEC
```

Functional Forms

- **Arbitrary user-specified expressions**

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

Frequency-independent ϵ and μ

- Useful for **single-frequency calculations**

```
MATERIAL CONST_EPS_12.8
```

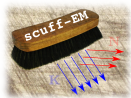
```
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Tabulated Data

- **SCUFF-EM will automatically interpolate**

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MATERIAL FILE_SiliconDataFile.dat

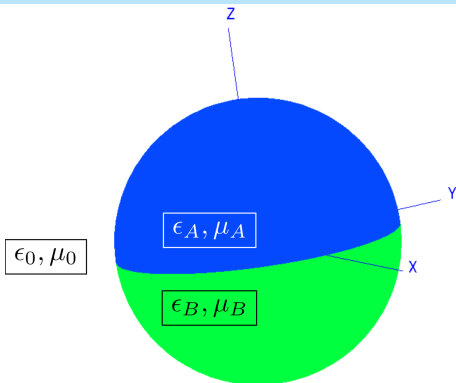
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1.0e14    -9.11  3.9
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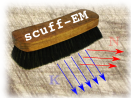
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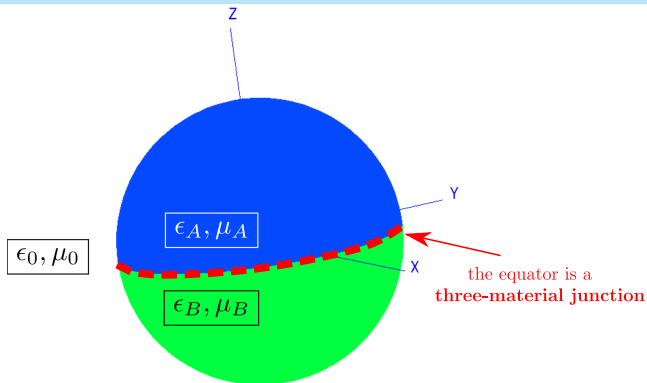
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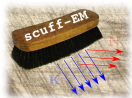
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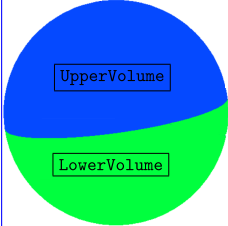
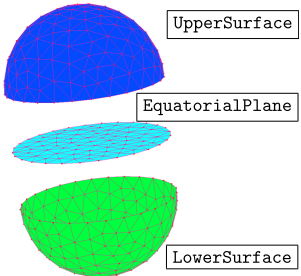


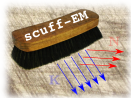
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Geometries with multi-material junctions are described using **regions** and **surfaces**

Regions	Surfaces	.scuffgeo File
 <p>Exterior</p> <p>UpperVolume</p> <p>LowerVolume</p>	 <p>UpperSurface</p> <p>EquatorialPlane</p> <p>LowerSurface</p>	<pre> REGION Exterior MATERIAL Vacuum REGION UpperVolume MATERIAL Gold REGION LowerVolume MATERIAL Silicon SURFACE UpperSurface MESHFILE UpperSurface.msh REGIONS Exterior UpperVolume ENDSURFACE SURFACE LowerSurface MESHFILE LowerSurface.msh REGIONS Exterior LowerVolume ENDSURFACE SURFACE EquatorialPlane MESHFILE EquatorialPlane.msh REGIONS UpperVolume LowerVolume ENDSURFACE </pre>



The geometries that SCUFF-EM can handle

Extended geometries: **periodic boundary conditions**

To describe something like this...

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

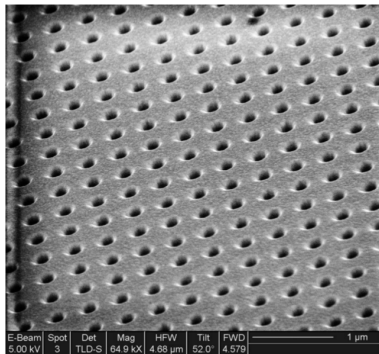
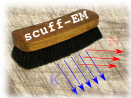


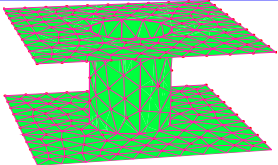
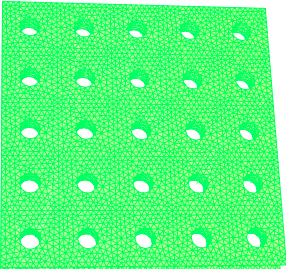
FIG. 19. SEM image of a 2D hole array of circular holes (diameter of 150 nm) milled in a 260-nm-thick Au film that is deposited on a glass substrate. The hole arrays count 30×30 holes and the period of the square array is 460 nm. Courtesy of Eric Laux.

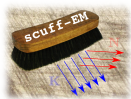


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Extended geometries: **periodic boundary conditions**

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

Unit cell mesh	First 25 lattice cells
 A 3D visualization of a unit cell mesh. It shows a central vertical cylinder with a horizontal top and bottom flange. The surfaces are discretized with a triangular mesh, colored in shades of green and red.	 A 2D visualization of the first 25 lattice cells. It shows a square grid of 5x5 cells. Each cell contains a circular hole, and the entire grid is rendered with a green mesh.
<p data-bbox="285 603 546 640">.scuffgeo file</p>	
<pre data-bbox="179 676 635 930">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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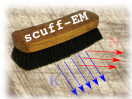
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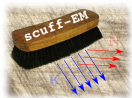
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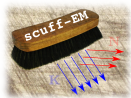
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SCUFF-SCATTER: A **general-purpose** scattering application

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1. Your **scattering geometry** (.scuffgeo file)
2. **Incident field specification**: plane wave, point source, Gaussian beam, or **any combination**
3. **Frequency or Frequency range**
4. **Optional**: List of **field evaluation points**



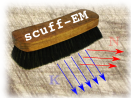
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Outputs available from SCUFF-SCATTER:

- **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

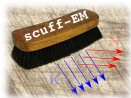


Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

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
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```
geometry Sphere_681.scuffgeo
```

..... geometry file

```
Omega 1.1
```

```
pwDirection 0 0 1
```

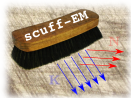
```
pwPolarization 1 0 0
```

```
EPFile MyEvalPoints
```

```
PFTFile Sphere_681.PFT
```

```
MomentFile Sphere_681.moments
```

```
PlotSurfaceCurrents
```



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```

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```

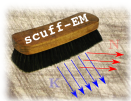
```
PFTFile Sphere_681.PFT
```

```
MomentFile Sphere_681.moments
```

```
PlotSurfaceCurrents
```

angular frequency

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



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```

```
Omega 1.1
```

```
pwDirection 0 0 1
```

```
pwPolarization 1 0 0
```

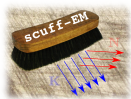
```
EPFile MyEvalPoints
```

```
PFTFile Sphere_681.PFT
```

```
MomentFile Sphere_681.moments
```

```
PlotSurfaceCurrents
```

incident field (plane wave)



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```

```
Omega 1.1
```

```
pwDirection 0 0 1
```

```
pwPolarization 1 0 0
```

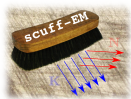
```
EPFile MyEvalPoints
```

```
PFTFile Sphere_681.PFT
```

```
MomentFile Sphere_681.moments
```

```
PlotSurfaceCurrents
```

list of field evaluation points



Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

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```

```
Omega 1.1
```

```
pwDirection 0 0 1
```

```
pwPolarization 1 0 0
```

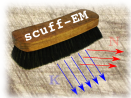
```
EPFile MyEvalPoints
```

```
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
```

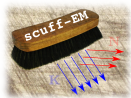
```
EPFile MyEvalPoints
```

```
PFTFile Sphere_681.PFT
```

request induced dipole moments

```
MomentFile Sphere_681.moments
```

```
PlotSurfaceCurrents
```



Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

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geometry Sphere_681.scuffgeo
```

```
Omega 1.1
```

```
pwDirection 0 0 1
```

```
pwPolarization 1 0 0
```

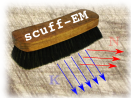
```
EPFile MyEvalPoints
```

```
PFTFile Sphere_681.PFT
```

```
MomentFile Sphere_681.moments
```

```
PlotSurfaceCurrents
```

request surface current visualization



Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

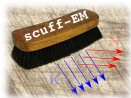
Options may be specified on the **command line** or via **text file piped to stdin**

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
```

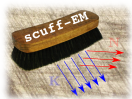
Gaussian laser beams: specify direction, polarization, beam center, and beam waist

- 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.

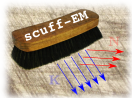


Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

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
```



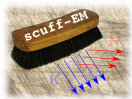
Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

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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
```

angular frequency



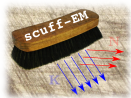
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0.7 Sphere 3.0e-10 2.1e-08 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.6e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
```

object label in `.scuffgeo` file



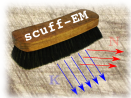
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Interpreting the output files

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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	5.4e-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)



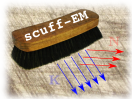
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0.6 Sphere 1.8e-10 8.4e-09 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.5e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.7 Sphere 3.0e-10 2.1e-08 2.2e-06 -1.5e-05 -9.6e-06 0.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
```

scattered power (W)



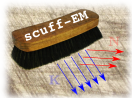
Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

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```

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



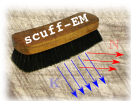
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Interpreting the output files

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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
```

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



Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

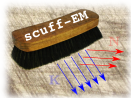
Interpreting the output files

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
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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
```



Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

Interpreting the output files

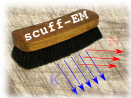
The `--PFTFile MyFile.PFT` option writes power, force, and torque data to the given file.

```
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
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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

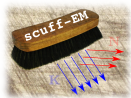
The `--PFTFile MyFile.PFT` option writes power, force, and torque data to the given file.

```
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
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```

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

```
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```

object label in `.scuffgeo` file



Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

Interpreting the output files

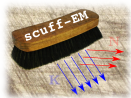
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```

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```

x, y, z components of induced electric dipole moment



Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

Interpreting the output files

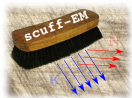
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```

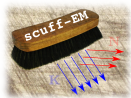
x, y, z components of induced magnetic dipole moment



Mie scattering in SCUFF-SCATTER

Interpreting the output files

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

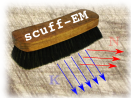


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```
% gmsch Sphere_681.pp
```

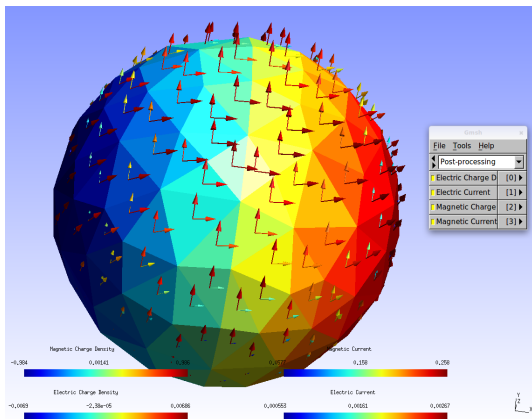


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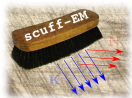
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```
% gmesh Sphere_681.pp
```



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



The --EPFile option in SCUFF-SCATTER

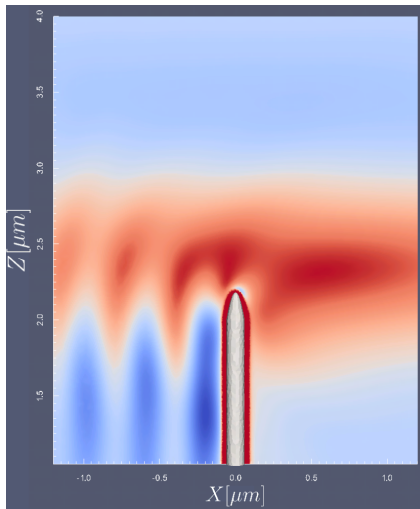
Evaluating fields at arbitrary user-specified points

The command

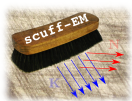
```
% scuff-scatter ... --EPFile MyPoints ...
```

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

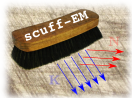
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RF / Microwave Device Engineering

- SCUFF-RF: Circuit parameters and radiated fields of **passive RF devices**

Fluctuation Physics

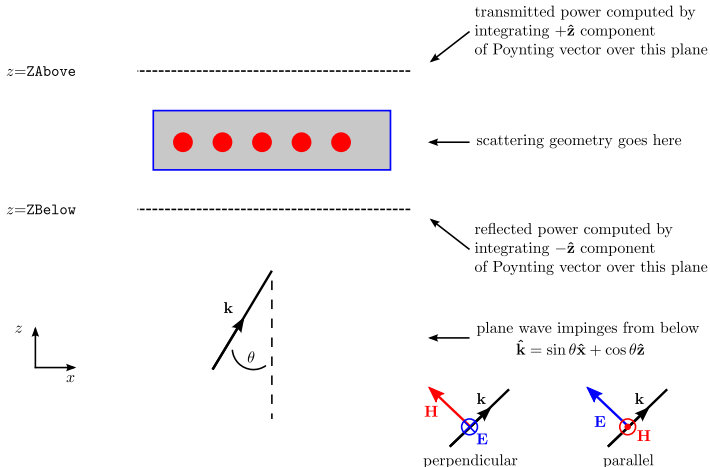
- SCUFF-CAS3D: Casimir energy, force, torque in **3D geometries**
- SCUFF-CAS2D: Casimir energy, force, torque in **2D geometries**
- SCUFF-CASPOL: Casimir-Polder potentials for **polarizable particles** near surfaces
- SCUFF-NEQ: **Nonequilibrium** fluctuations: **Radiative heat transfer** & non-EQ Casimir forces

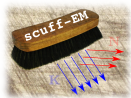


SCUFF-TRANSMISSION

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.



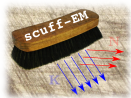


SCUFF-TRANSMISSION

Inputs and outputs

Inputs to SCUFF-TRANSMISSION:

1. Your scattering geometry (.scuffgeo file)
2. Frequency or Frequency range (ω)
3. Incident angle or Incident angle range (θ)



SCUFF-TRANSMISSION

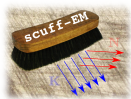
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Output produced by SCUFF-TRANSMISSION:

- Transmission and reflection coefficients (magnitudes only) vs. ω and θ .



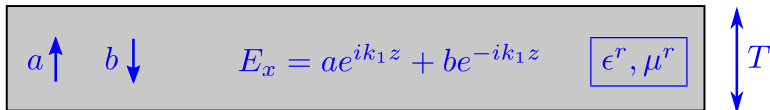
SCUFF-TRANSMISSION

Computing the transmission coefficients of a thin dielectric film **exactly**

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

$$t \uparrow \quad E_x = te^{ik_0z}$$

$$z = T$$

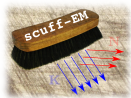


$$z = 0$$

$$1 \uparrow \quad r \downarrow \quad E_x = e^{ik_0x} + re^{-ik_0x}$$

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

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

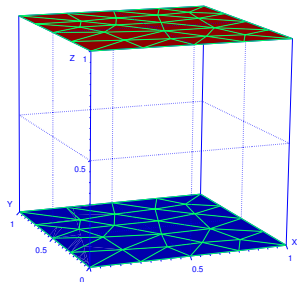


SCUFF-TRANSMISSION

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

```
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

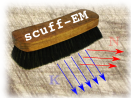
SURFACE UpperFilmSurface
  MESHFILE Square_58.msh
  DISPLACED 0 0 1
  REGIONS ThinFilm UpperSpace
ENDSURFACE
```

Omega.dat

```
0.1
0.2
0.3
...
1.0
```

Now solve the problem using **SCUFF-TRANSMISSION**:

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

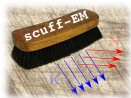


SCUFF-TRANSMISSION

Interpreting the output file

The SCUFF-TRANSMISSION run generates a file named `ThinFilm_58.transmission`.

0.1	0.0	4.7e-02	9.5e-01	4.7e-02	9.5e-01
0.2	0.0	1.0e-01	8.9e-01	1.0e-01	8.9e-01
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
0.5	0.0	4.2e-02	9.5e-01	4.2e-02	9.5e-01



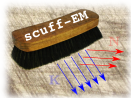
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0.4	0.0	6.8e-02	9.3e-01	6.8e-02	9.3e-01
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angular frequency



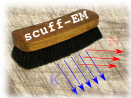
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0.4	0.0	6.8e-02	9.3e-01	6.8e-02	9.3e-01
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incident angle



SCUFF-TRANSMISSION

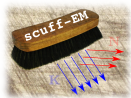
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0.5	0.0	4.2e-02	9.5e-01	4.2e-02	9.5e-01

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

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



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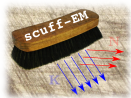
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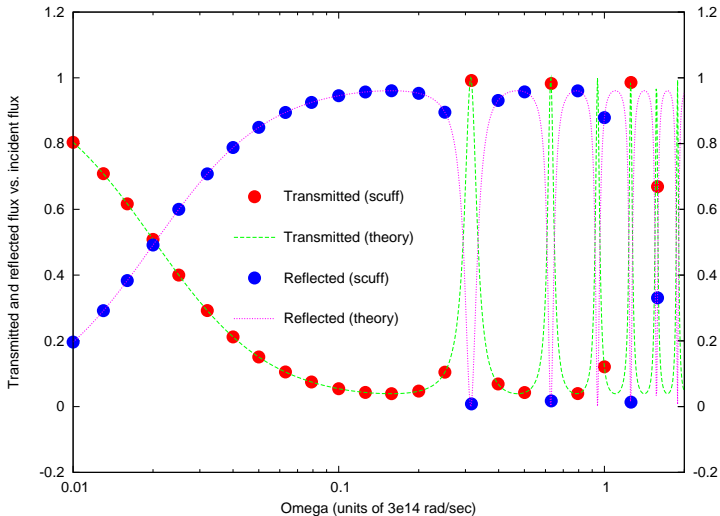
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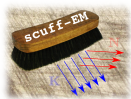
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SCUFF-EM vs. exact calculation for thin dielectric film





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Extraordinary optical transmission through a perforated metallic film

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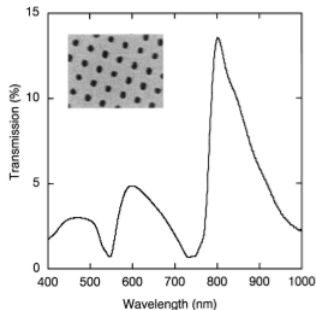
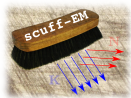


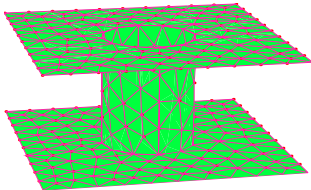
FIG. 1. Experimental zero-order power transmittance, T_{00} , at normal incidence for a square array of holes (lattice constant $L = 750$ nm, average hole diameter of 280 nm) in a freestanding Ag film (thickness $h = 320$ nm). Inset: electron micrograph of the perforated metal film.



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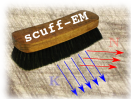
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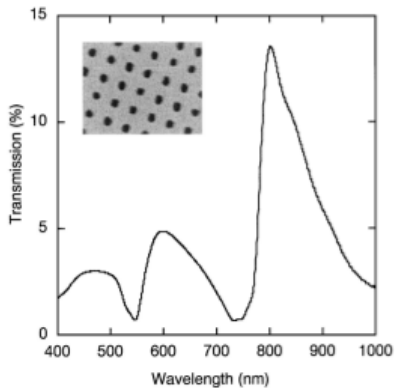
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```

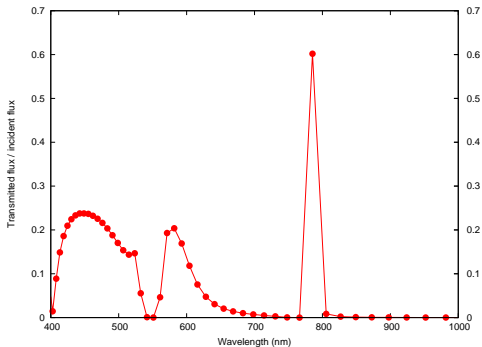


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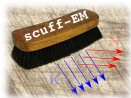
Perforated metallic film: published data vs. SCUFF-TRANSMISSION



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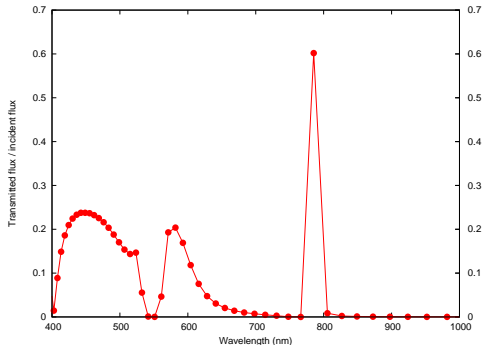
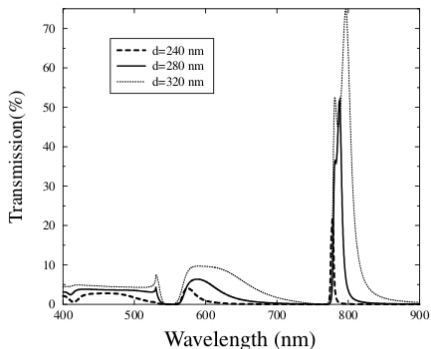
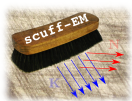


FIG. 2. Calculated T_{00} at normal incidence for an array of holes in a Ag film, defined by $L = 750$ nm, $h = 320$ nm, and three different hole side lengths d .

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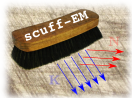
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- SCUFF-RF: Circuit parameters and radiated fields of **passive RF devices**

Fluctuation Physics

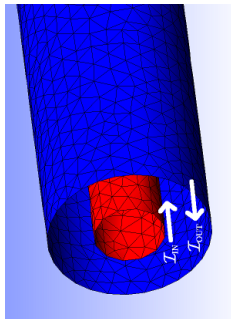
- SCUFF-CAS3D: Casimir energy, force, torque in **3D geometries**
- SCUFF-CAS2D: Casimir energy, force, torque in **2D geometries**
- SCUFF-CASPOL: Casimir-Polder potentials for **polarizable particles** near surfaces
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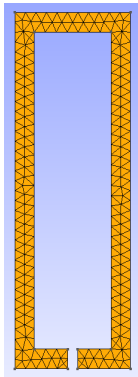
SCUFF-RF: Modeling of passive RF devices

SCUFF-RF is designed to model devices like this:

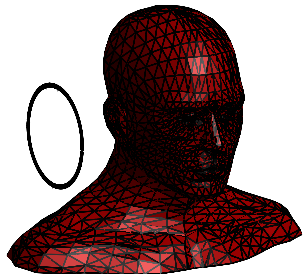
Coaxial cable

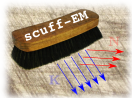


Planar antenna



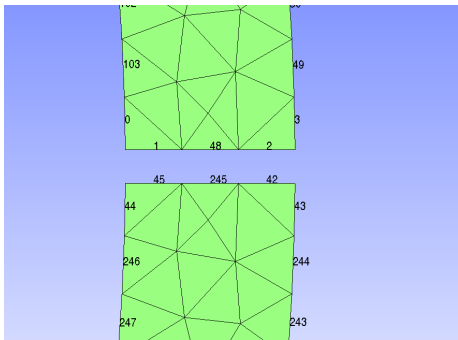
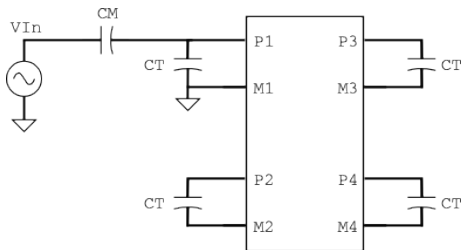
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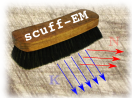


Port definitions in SCUFF-RF

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 multipoint structure

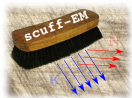
Radiated field mode:

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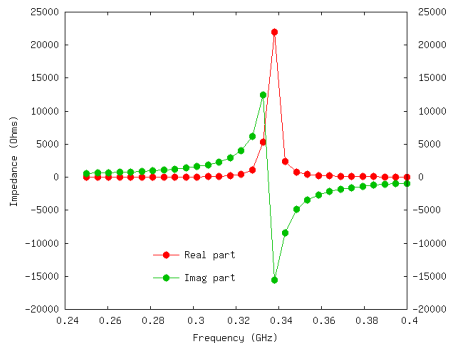
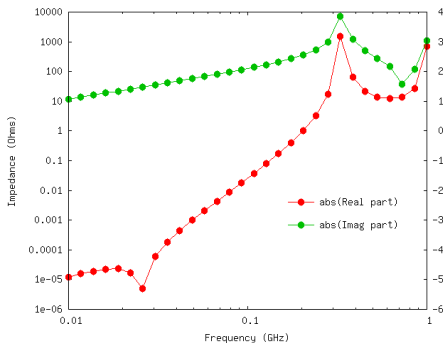
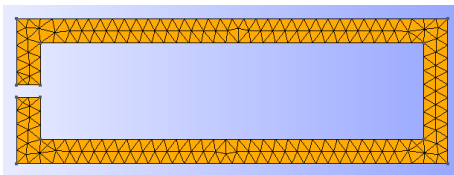
1. Your scattering geometry (.scuffgeo file)
2. Port definitions
3. Port currents
4. List of field evaluation points

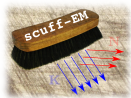
Output returned by SCUFF-RF:

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



SCUFF-RF: Input impedance of a planar antenna

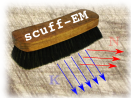




Mechanics of SCUFF-EM

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");

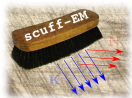
    // assemble the BEM matrix
    cdouble Omega = 1.2 + 3.4i;    // angular frequency
    HMatrix *M = G->AssembleBEMMatrix(Omega, M);

    // 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);

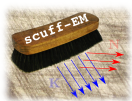
    // compute scattered fields at the origin
    double X[3] = {0.0, 0.0, 0.0};
    G->GetFields(&PW, KN, Omega, X, EH);
    printf("E_x at origin = (%e,%e)\n", real(EH[0]), imag(EH[0]));
};
```

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



Outline

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 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.

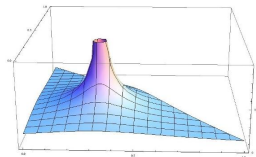
$$M_{mn} = \langle \mathbf{f}_m | \mathbf{G} | \mathbf{f}_n \rangle$$

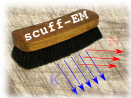
$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} & M_{13} & \cdots & M_{1N} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} & M_{23} & \cdots & M_{2N} \\ M_{31} & M_{32} & M_{33} & \cdots & M_{3N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ M_{N1} & M_{N2} & M_{N3} & \cdots & M_{NN} \end{pmatrix}$$

10,000

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$$\int_T d\mathbf{x} \int_{T'} d\mathbf{x}' h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') g(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|)$$





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**.

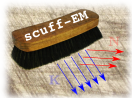
Consider

$$\mathcal{I} = \int_{\mathcal{T}} d\mathbf{x} \int_{\mathcal{T}'} d\mathbf{x}' h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \frac{e^{ikR}}{4\pi R} \quad \left(R \equiv |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'| \right) \quad \text{singular when } \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}'$$

$$= \underbrace{\int_{\mathcal{T}} d\mathbf{x} \int_{\mathcal{T}'} d\mathbf{x}' h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \frac{\left\{ e^{ikR} - 1 - ikR - \frac{1}{2}(ikR)^2 - \frac{1}{6}(ikR)^3 \right\}}{4\pi R}}_{\text{nonsingular, so easy to evaluate}}$$

$$+ \sum_{p=0}^3 C_p (ik)^p \underbrace{\int_{\mathcal{T}} d\mathbf{x} \int_{\mathcal{T}'} d\mathbf{x}' \frac{h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')}{R^p}}_{\text{singular but } k\text{-independent!}}$$

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



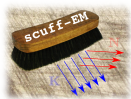
Caching in SCUFF-EM

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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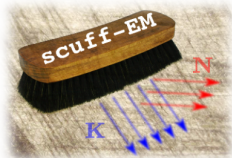
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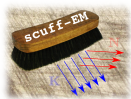
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