



FDTD *Solutions*

Introductory Training



探索业界领先的光子设计工具套包

免费试用评估

Lumerical 工具使光子器件、芯片和系统的设计得以实现

**FDTD
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微纳光学设计环境

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Product Overview

Optical Simulation

FDTD Solutions



Nanophotonic Design Environment

Finite Difference Time-Domain Solver

Finite Difference Eigenmode Solver

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Waveguide Design Environment

Finite Difference Eigenmode Solver

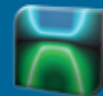
Eigenmode Expansion Solver

Variational FDTD Solver

Data Exchange:
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Multiphysics Photonics Design Platform

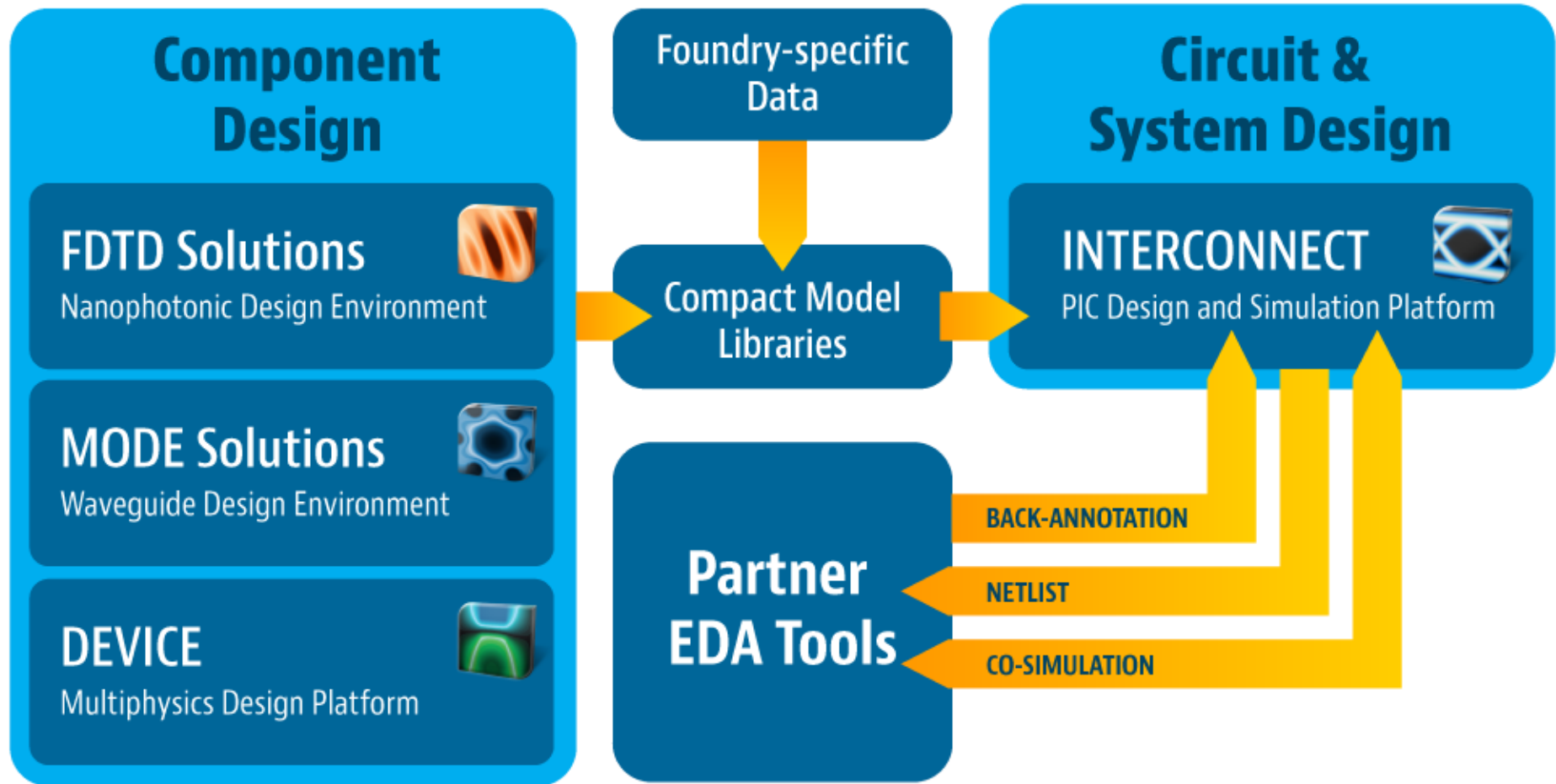
Charge Transport Solver

Discontinuous Galerkin Time-Domain Solver

Heat Transfer Solver

Finite Element Eigenmode Solver

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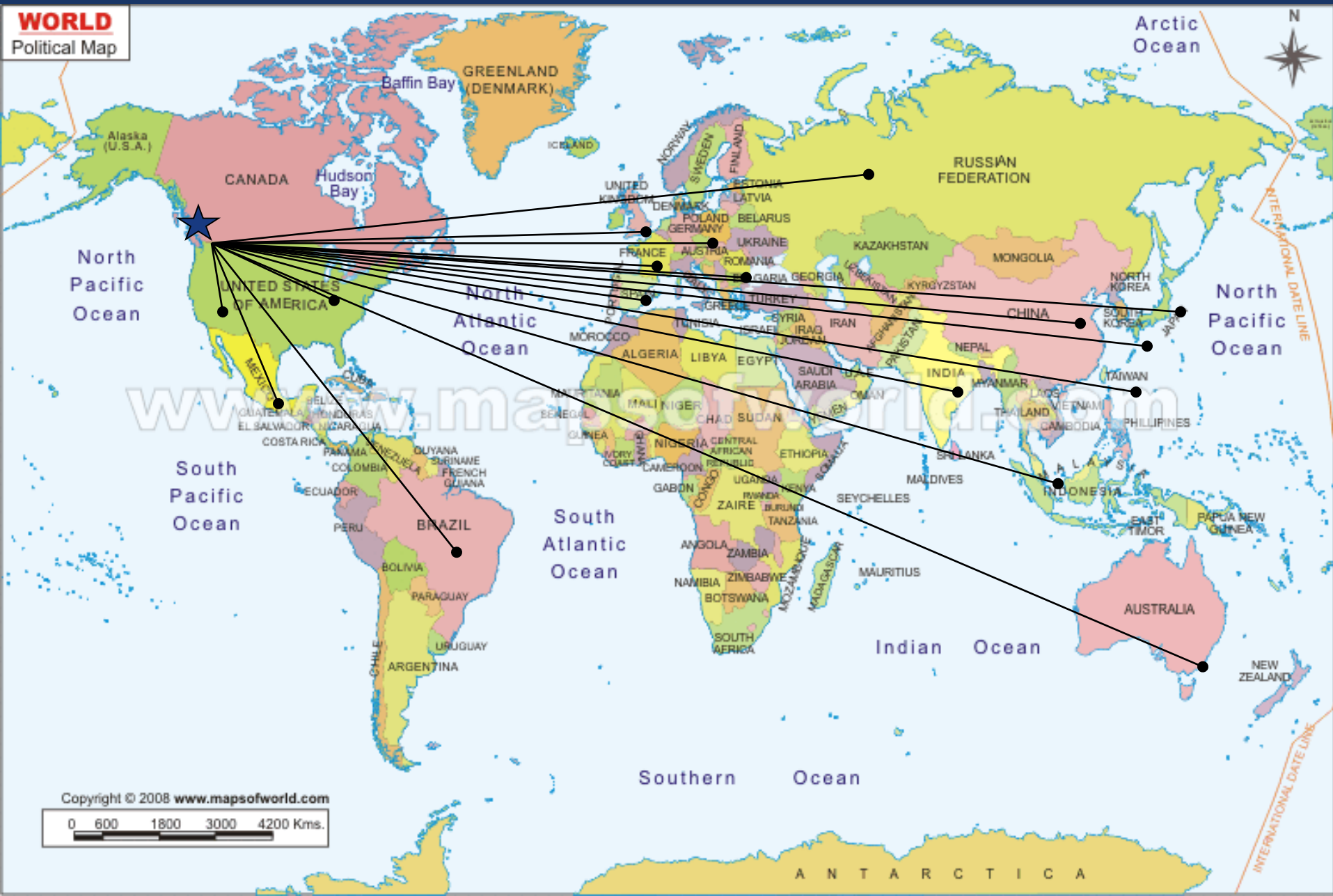
Outline

- Introduction: history background, application areas
- Overview of FDTD method
- Install FDTD Solutions
- Features of FDTD Solutions
- FDTD Solutions work flow and examples
- Simple example
- Advanced example
- Workshop
- Review and tips

Goals

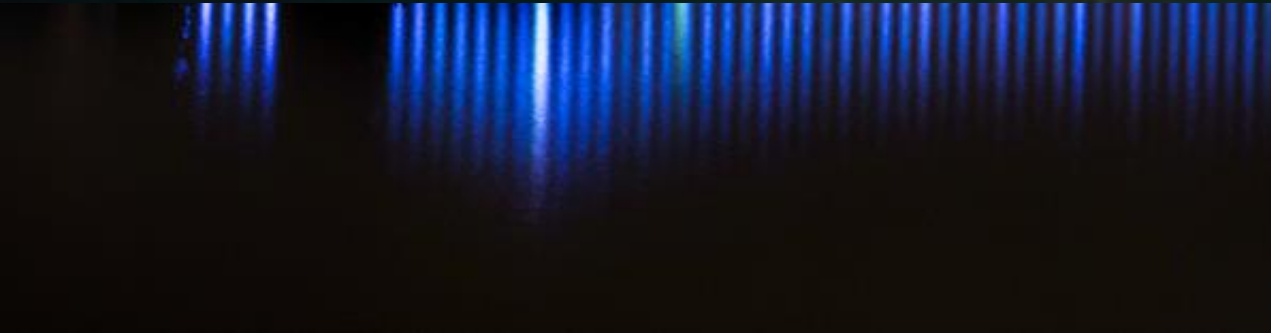
- **Understand the types of problems that require FDTD Solutions.**
- **Learn the fundamentals of the FDTD algorithm**
- **Learn the basic features of FDTD Solutions**
- **Gain initial experience using FDTD Solutions**

Introduction: History and Background





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Introduction: History and Background

include photonics fabrication, experimentation, and data analysis.

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Trusted Technology

Lumerical software is used in over 50 countries and has been referenced in more than 5000 academic publications and patents.



Upcoming Workshops

[Photonics Summit & Workshop 2016](#)

San Jose, CA

October 19 & 20

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Seoul, KR

November 28-30

[PIC Workshop](#)

Pyeongchang, KR

December 1

Upcoming Webinars

[Defect Detection & Optical Inspection Technology](#)

October 24 & 25

Introduction: Example Application Areas

- **Biophotonics**
 - : Surface plasmon devices
 - : Nano-particle scattering
 - : Integrated optical sensors
- **Lighting applications**
 - : OLED/LED light extraction optimization
 - : Emissive calculations
- **Display technology**
 - : Nanowire grid polarizers
 - : Digital micro-mirror devices
- **Optical communications**
 - : Ring resonators
 - : Optical waveguides
 - : Optical filters
 - : Photonic crystal micro-cavities
 - : Photonic crystals vertical cavity surface emitting laser (PCs-VCSEL)
- **Optical sensing and imaging**
 - : CMOS/CCD image sensor pixels
 - : Near-field microscopy
 - : Micro-optic tips
 - : Phase contrast microscope
- **Optical storage**
 - : DVD surface design, Blue-ray
- **Semiconductor manufacturing**
 - : DUV lithography simulation
 - : Surface plasmon resonance interference nanolithography
 - : Metrology for wafer and reticles inspection
- **Solar cells and photo-voltaic cells**
- **NRI-based components**
- **Optical tweezers**
- ...

Wave Optics vs. Ray tracing

Commercial software for Wave Optics vs. Ray tracing:

Code-V, Zemax, OSLO, ASAP etc.

Question:

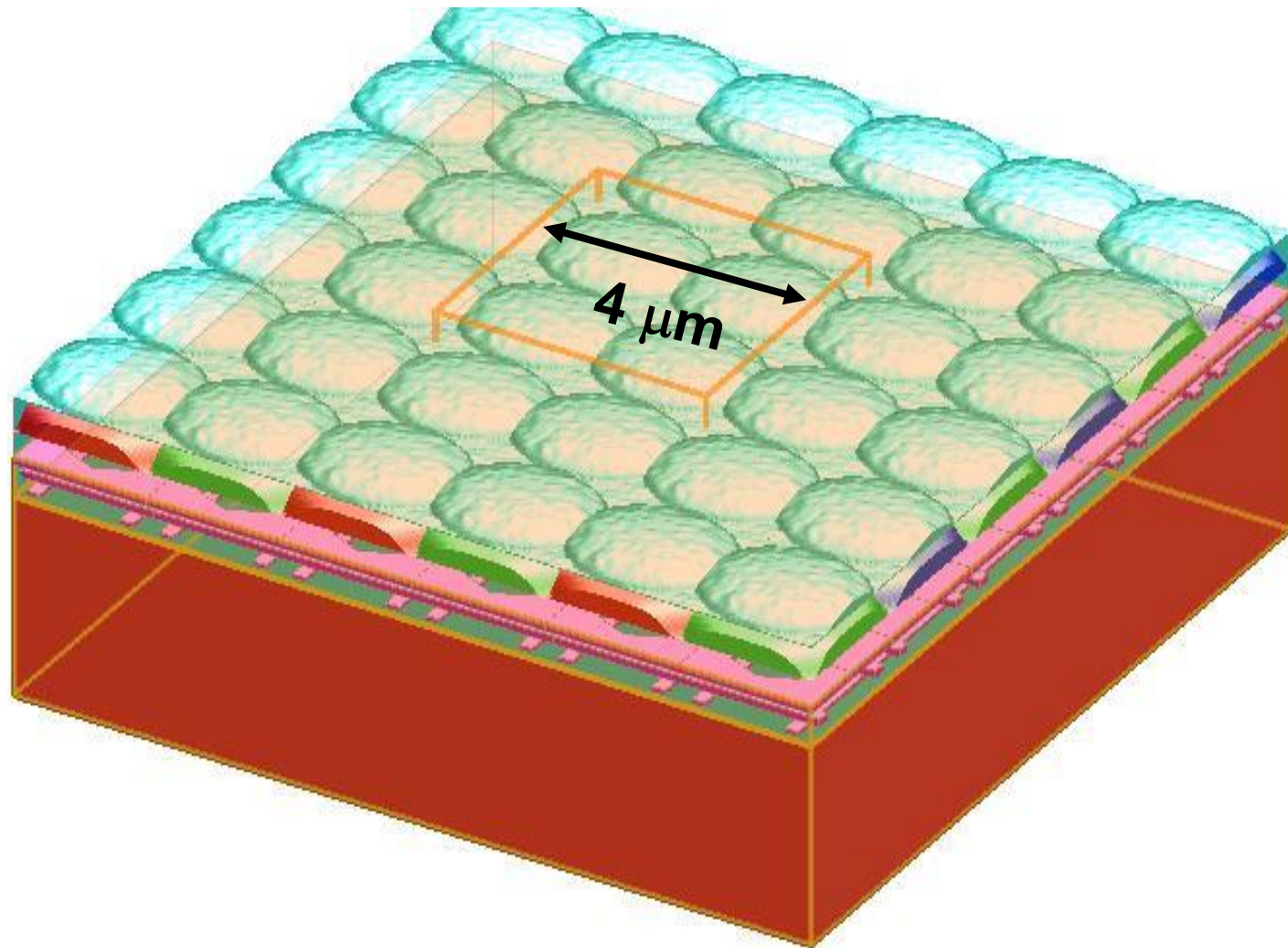
What features are common points among these applications?

(When do you need to use FDTD Solutions?)

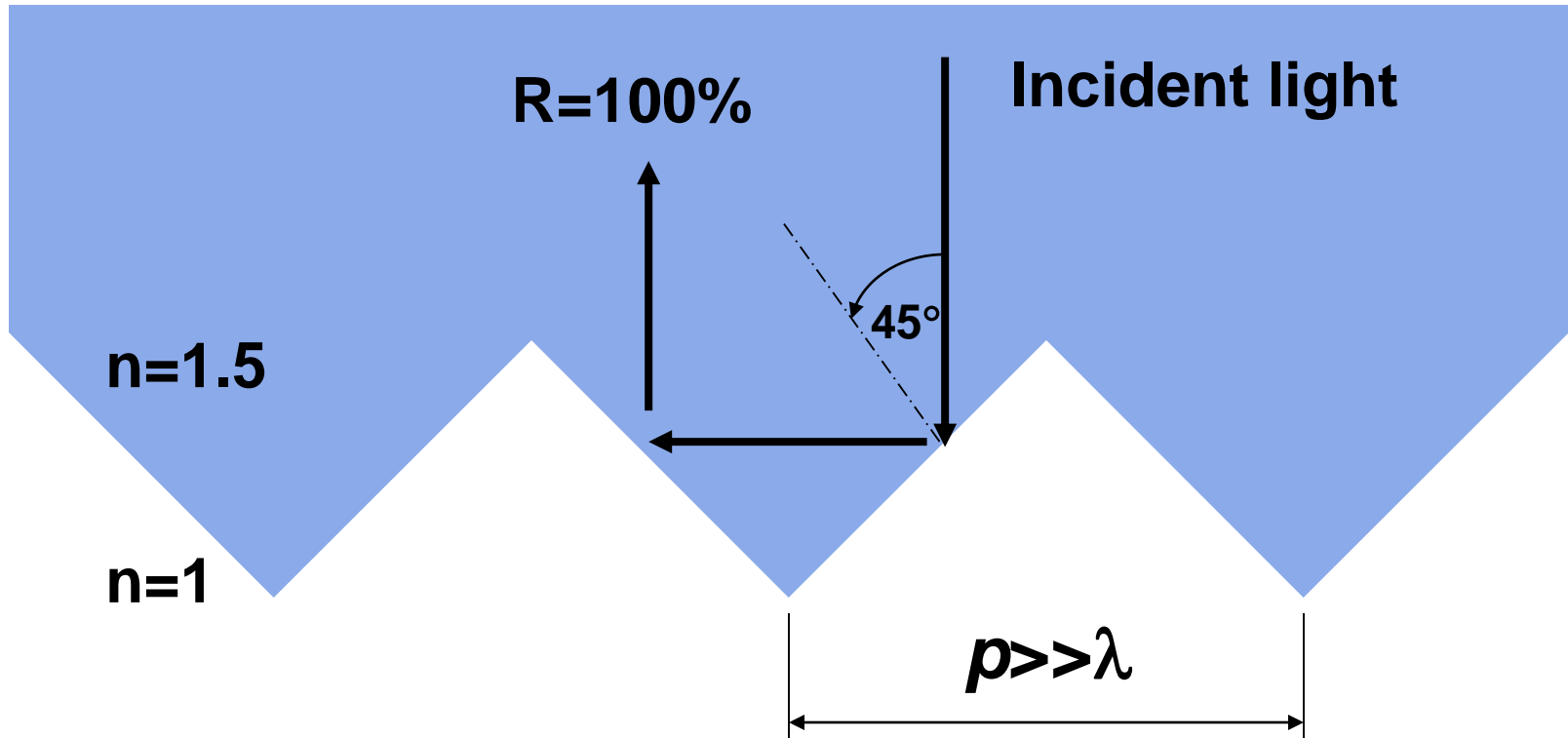
Answer: ???

Wave Optics vs. Ray tracing

Source $\lambda = 0.55 \mu\text{m}$



Wave Optics vs. Ray tracing

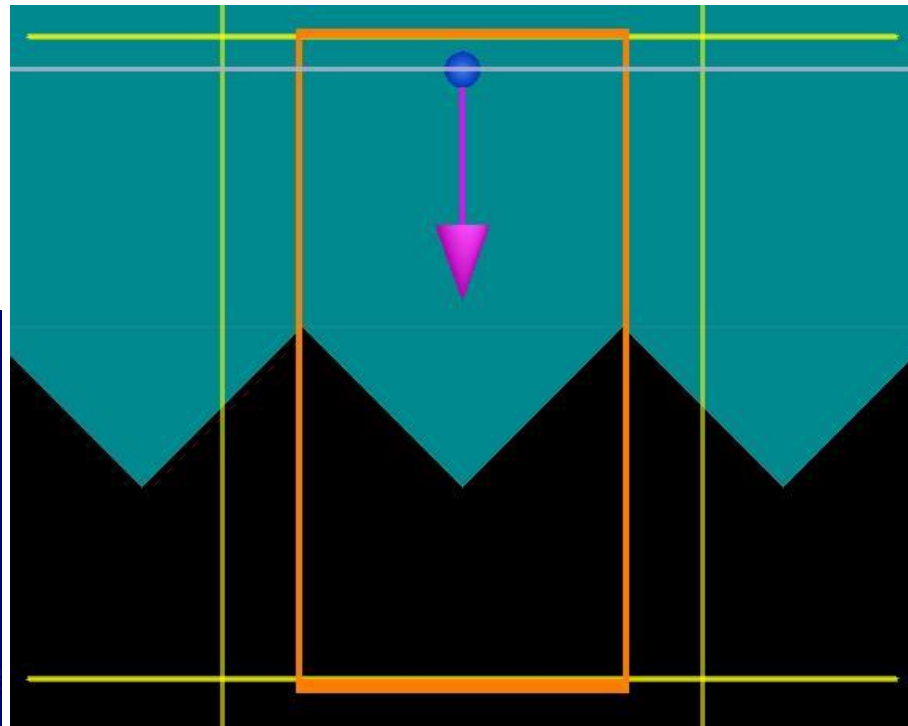


Snell's Law gives

$$\theta_c: 41.8^\circ$$

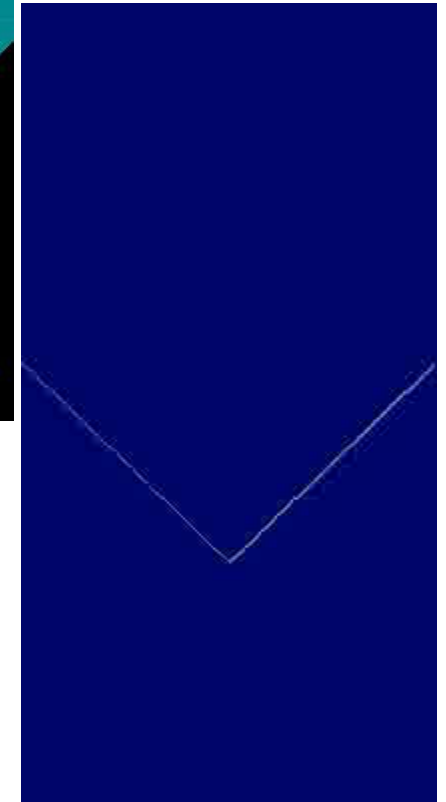
Wave Optics vs. Ray tracing

$\lambda = 0.4 \mu\text{m}$



$20 \mu\text{m}$

$\lambda = 4 \mu\text{m}$



Wave Optics vs. Ray tracing

Conclusion:

You need FDTD Solutions when feature sizes p are on the order of a wavelength $p \sim \lambda$, and $p < \lambda$.

Overview of FDTD algorithm

TOPICS:

- Maxwell equations
- Yee cell
- Time domain technique
- Fourier transform
- Requirements of computational memory size/time
- 2D vs. 3D
- Advantages of the FDTD method

Maxwell's Equations

Describe the behavior of both the electric and magnetic fields, as well as their interactions with matter.

Name	Differential form	Integral form
Gauss' law	$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho$	$\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \int_V \rho \cdot dV$
Gauss' law for magnetism (absence of magnetic monopoles):	$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$	$\oint_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 0$
Faraday's law of induction:	$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$	$\oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$
Ampère's law (with Maxwell's extension):	$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$	$\oint_C \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{A} + \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$

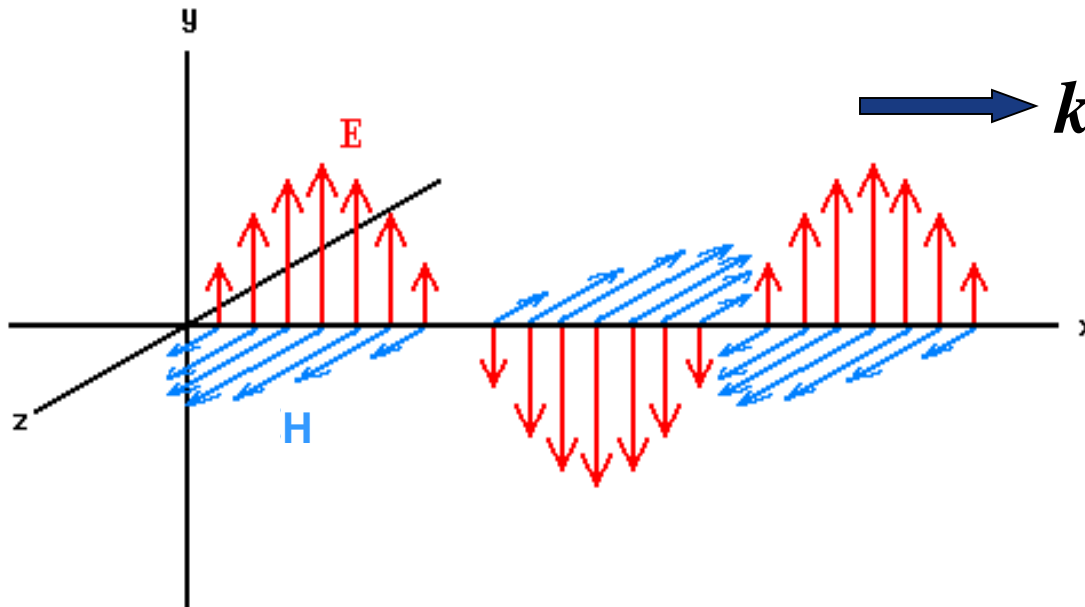
Maxwell's Equations

Symbol	Meaning	SI Unit of Measure
E	electric field	Volt per meter
H	magnetic field also called the auxiliary field	Ampere per meter
D	electric displacement field also called the electric flux density	Coulomb per square meter
B	magnetic flux density also called the magnetic induction also called the magnetic field	Tesla, or equivalently, Weber per square meter
ρ	<i>free</i> electric charge density, not including dipole charges bound in a material	Coulomb per cubic meter
J	<i>free</i> current density, not including polarization or magnetization currents bound in a material	Ampere per square meter

Wave Optics – Free space plane wave

In vacuum, without charges ($\rho=0$) or currents ($\mathbf{J}=0$)(无源空间)

- Maxwell's equations have a simple solution in terms of traveling sinusoidal plane waves.
- The electric and magnetic field directions are orthogonal to one another and the direction of travel k
- The \mathbf{E} , \mathbf{H} fields are in phase, traveling at the speed c



Wave Optics - Simple Materials

In linear materials, the **electric flux density \mathbf{D}** and **magnetic flux density \mathbf{B}** fields are related to \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{H} by:

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{H}$$

where:

ϵ is the electrical permittivity of the material, and
 μ_0 is the permeability of free space, $\mu_0=1$ here.

Note: FDTD Solutions does not allow for magnetic materials

FDTD 简单概念介绍

- **FDTD算法**: K.S.Yee于1966年提出的, 它直接对麦克斯韦方程作差分处理, 来解决电磁脉冲在电磁介质中传播和反射、透射等问题的一种算法.
- **基本思想**: **基于有限元的思路**, 采用Yee元胞的方法计算域空间节点, 同时电场和磁场节点空间与时间上都采用交错抽样; 因而使得麦克斯韦旋度方程离散后构成显式差分方程, 与前面的波动方程求解相比较, 计算得到大大简化。

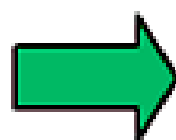
具体实现方法:

FDTD算法直接将有限差分式代替麦克斯韦时域场旋度方程中的微分式, 得到关于场分量的有限差分式, 用具有相同电参量的空间网格去模拟被研究体, 选取合适的场初始值和计算空间的边界条件, 得到包括时间变量的麦克斯韦方程的四维数值解, 通过傅里叶变换可求得三维空间的频域解。

Maxwell方程组

矢量方程：

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\mu} [\nabla \times \vec{E} + s\vec{H}] \\ \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} [\nabla \times \vec{H} - \sigma\vec{E}] \end{cases} \quad \text{即} \quad \begin{cases} \nabla \times \vec{H} = \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} + \sigma\vec{E} \\ \nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} - s\vec{H} \end{cases}$$



6个标量方程：

$$\frac{\partial H_x}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\mu} \left(\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - sH_x \right)$$

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Maxwell旋度方程可以推出此六个耦合方程

FDTD 简单概念介绍

FDTD 基本方程

$$\frac{H_{z(t;x,y+\Delta y,z)} - H_{z(t;x,y-\Delta y,z)}}{2\Delta y} - \frac{H_{y(t;x,y,z+\Delta z)} - H_{y(t;x,y,z-\Delta z)}}{2\Delta z} = \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(x,y,z) \frac{E_{x(t+\Delta t;x,y,z)} - E_{x(t-\Delta t;x,y,z)}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{H_{y(t;x+\Delta x,y,z)} - H_{y(t;x-\Delta x,y,z)}}{2\Delta x} - \frac{H_{x(t;x,y+\Delta y,z)} - H_{x(t;x,y-\Delta y,z)}}{2\Delta y} = \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(x,y,z) \frac{E_{z(t-\Delta t;x,y,z)} - E_{z(t+\Delta t;x,y,z)}}{\Delta t}$$

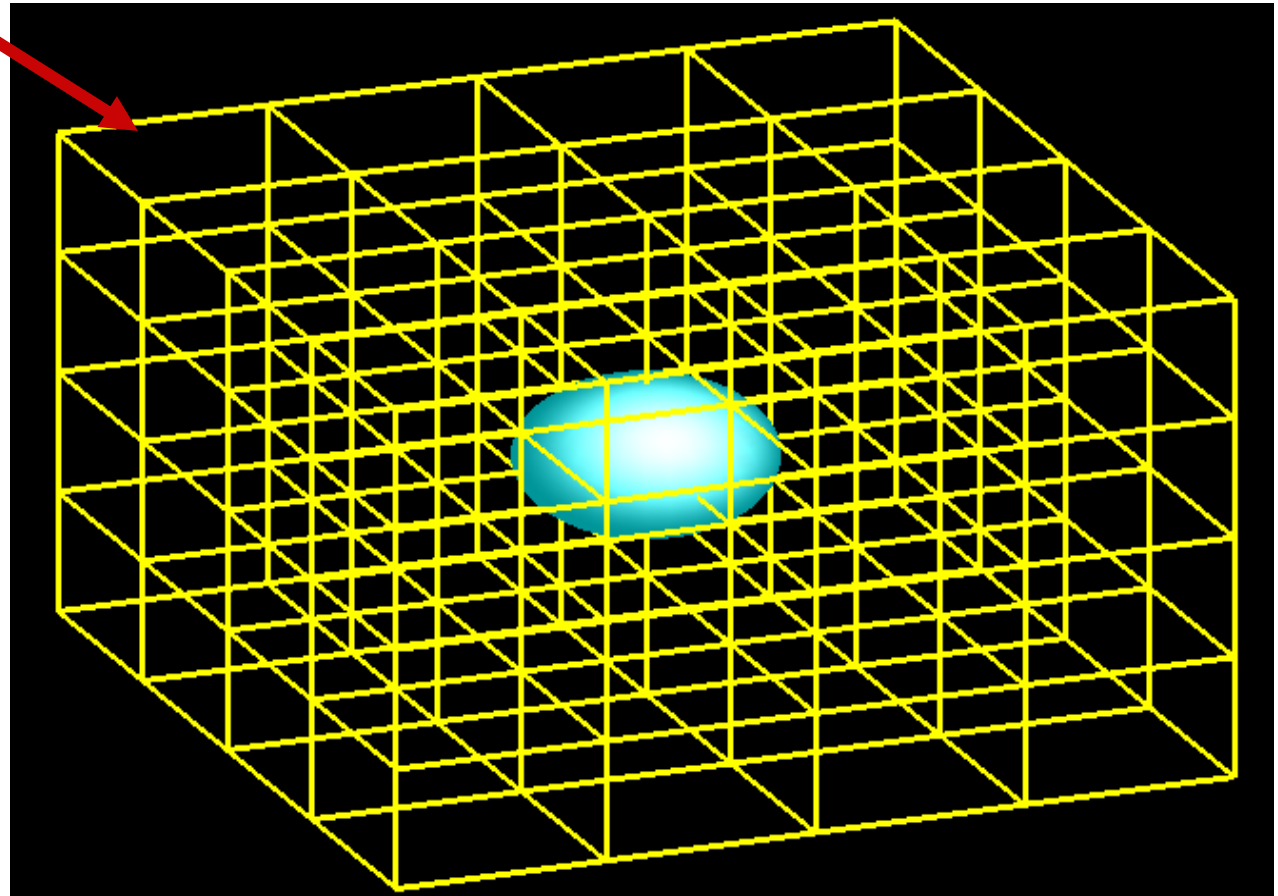
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Maxwell Equations on a mesh

Yee cell

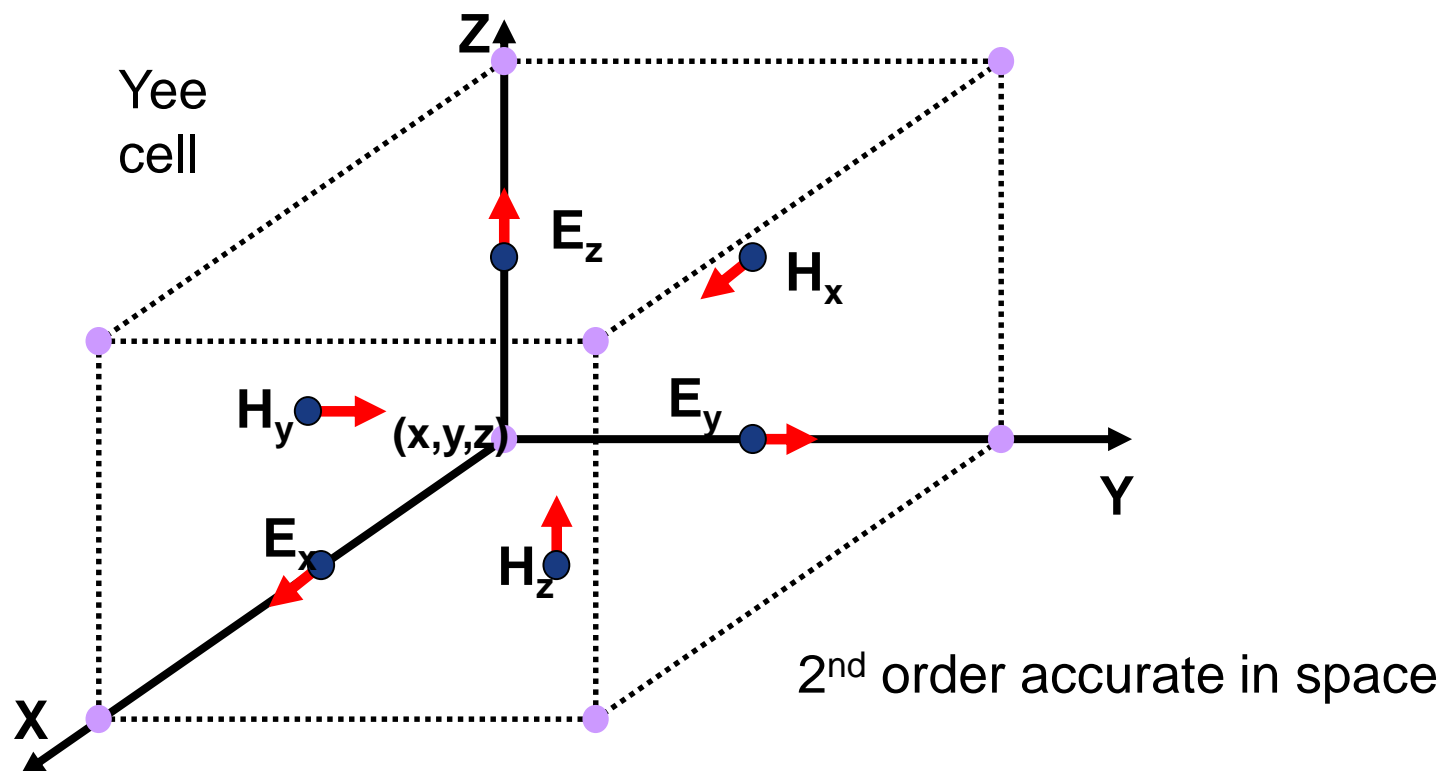
⇒ **E** and **H** are
discrete in space

Originating
from FEM



The Yee cell

Spatially stagger the vector components of the E-field and H-field about rectangular unit cells of a Cartesian computational grid.



Kane Yee (1966). ["Numerical solution of initial boundary value problems involving Maxwell's equations in isotropic media"](#). *Antennas and Propagation, IEEE Transactions on* **14**: 302–307.

FDTD—Finite-Difference Time-Domain method

FDTD直接求解麦克斯韦方程: 全矢量法

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times E \quad \frac{\partial D}{\partial t} = \nabla \times H \quad \nabla \cdot D = \rho \quad \nabla \cdot B = 0 \quad D = \epsilon E \quad B = \mu H$$

首先**E** 和 **H** 在时域离散化

$$E(t) \rightarrow E^{n\Delta t} \quad H(t) \rightarrow H^{(n+1/2)\Delta t}$$

FDTD 最基本的时间步进关系:

$$E^{n+1} = E^n + \alpha \nabla \times H^{n+1/2}$$

$$H^{n+3/2} = H^{n+1/2} + \beta \nabla \times E^{n+1}$$

蛙跳式—数据直接迭代，不需要求解矩阵。

$$E^0 \xrightarrow{\text{red}} H^{1/2} \xrightarrow{\text{red}} E^1 \xrightarrow{\text{red}} H^{3/2} \xrightarrow{\text{red}} \dots$$

时间上是二次方精度: $\sim \Delta t^2$

How the FDTD method works?

为确保算法在较长时间步长上运行的稳定性，时间增量 Δt 应满足下列关系式：

$$\Delta t = \frac{\min(\Delta x_{min}, \Delta y_{min}, \Delta z_{min})}{2c}$$



即：当沿三个轴向的网格元是可变时，则应取每个轴向上的最小值，再选三者之中最小者。

FDTD Solution中有 “Auto shutoff”功能来保证。



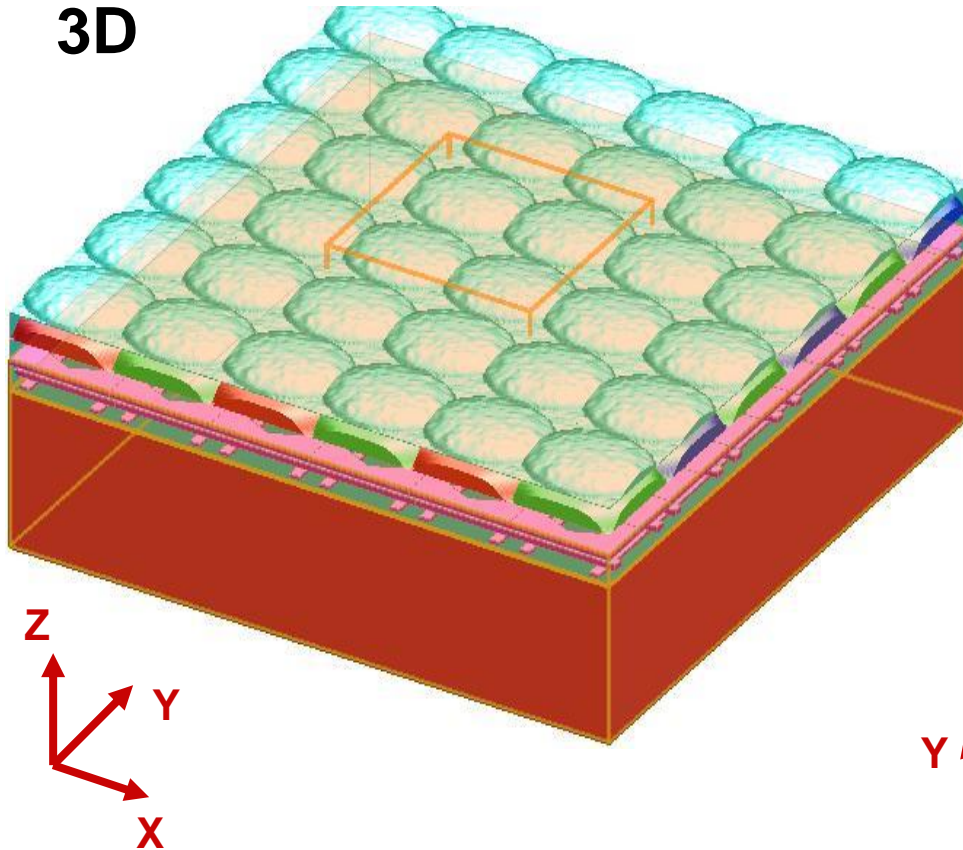
FDTD Solutions: unique features

- ***Fastest*** 高速、精确、宽谱、多功能、自动材料建模，易学易用
 - : Parallelism/***very short pulse***/***automatic grading mesh***/BCs/(real E,H)
- Accurate
 - : Full-vectorial accuracy (staircasing: average & 1/0?)
- Multi-wavelength analysis & Broadband
 - : Accurate ***broadband modeling*** of dispersive materials and devices
- Geometric objects
 - : Representation of idealized and ***manufactured*** devices (surface roughness, from images of the fabricated structures, AFM, GDSII)
- ***Multimedia*** and other monitors (***Much smaller*** resulting ***file size*** !)
- User-friendly interface, better data input/output
- Ability run and analyze many simulations
 - Parameter sweeps
 - Optimization
 - Yield calculations
- ***Various excitation sources***
 - ❖ ***Focused light beams***
- Coherent, ***Incoherent***
- Polarized, ***unpolarized***

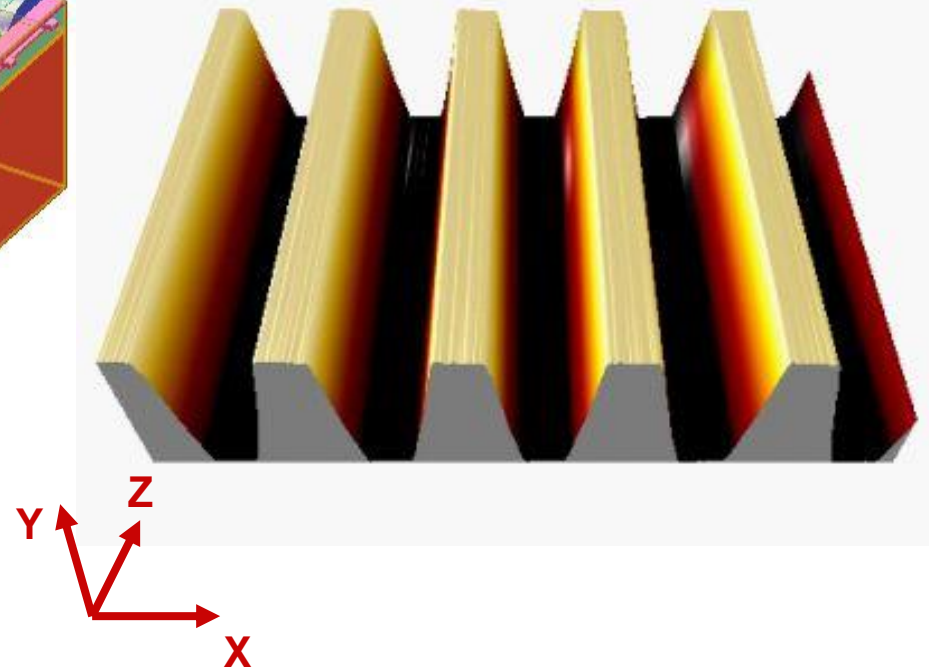
2D vs. 3D

- **FDTD simulations can be run in 2D or 3D**

3D



2D: Structure is infinite in z direction



Computational Resource Requirements

How can I estimate the computational resources needed for a given simulation?

Items	3D	2D
Memory Requirements	$\sim V \cdot (\lambda/dx)^3$	$\sim A \cdot (\lambda/dx)^2$
Simulation Time	$\sim V \cdot (\lambda/dx)^4$	$\sim A \cdot (\lambda/dx)^3$
Example	(8 λ x8 λ x8 λ) box : 50 MB : ~30 seconds	(100 λ x100 λ) area : 25 MB : ~30 seconds

Procedures Using FDTD Solutions: four steps

- **Define the physical structures**
 - : This will be used to create ϵ (permittivity) for each cell within the computational domain.
 - : Typically, the material is either **free-space** (air), **dielectric** (glass, polymer,...) or **dispersive** (metal, semi-conductor,...)
- **Define a simulation region**
 - : This is the physical region over which the simulation will be performed.
- **Define a source of light**
 - : A light beam or a dipole source
- **Define monitors to record data**

FDTD is a time domain technique!

- The simulation is running to solve Maxwell's equations in time to obtain $\mathbf{E}(t)$ and $\mathbf{H}(t)$.
- Most users want to know the field as a function of wavelength, $\mathbf{E}(\lambda)$, or equivalently frequency, $\mathbf{E}(\omega)$.
- The steady state, continuous wave (CW) field $\mathbf{E}(\omega)$ is calculated from $\mathbf{E}(t)$ by Fourier transform during the simulation.

$$\mathbf{E}(\omega) = \int_0^{T_{Sim}} e^{i\omega t} \mathbf{E}(t) dt$$

See section on Units and Normalization of Reference Manual for more details:

http://www.lumerical.com/fdtd_online_help/ref_fdtd_units_units_and_normalization.php

Advantages of the FDTD method

Advantages

- Few inherent approximations = **accurate**
- A very **general technique** that can deal with many types of problems.
- Arbitrarily complex geometries
- One simulation gives broadband results.

由于整个计算过程中极少采用近似处理，所以计算精度高。

New version improvements

FDTD Solution7.0:

1. [Parameter sweeps](#)
2. [Optimization](#)
3. [Object library](#)
4. [Mac OS X support](#)
5. [Windows 7.0 support](#)
6. [Conformal mesh](#)
7. [Simplified installation and licensing](#)
8. [More flexible PML configuration options](#)
9. [Improved GDSII import](#)
10. [Analytic material model](#)
11. [Other new script commands](#)

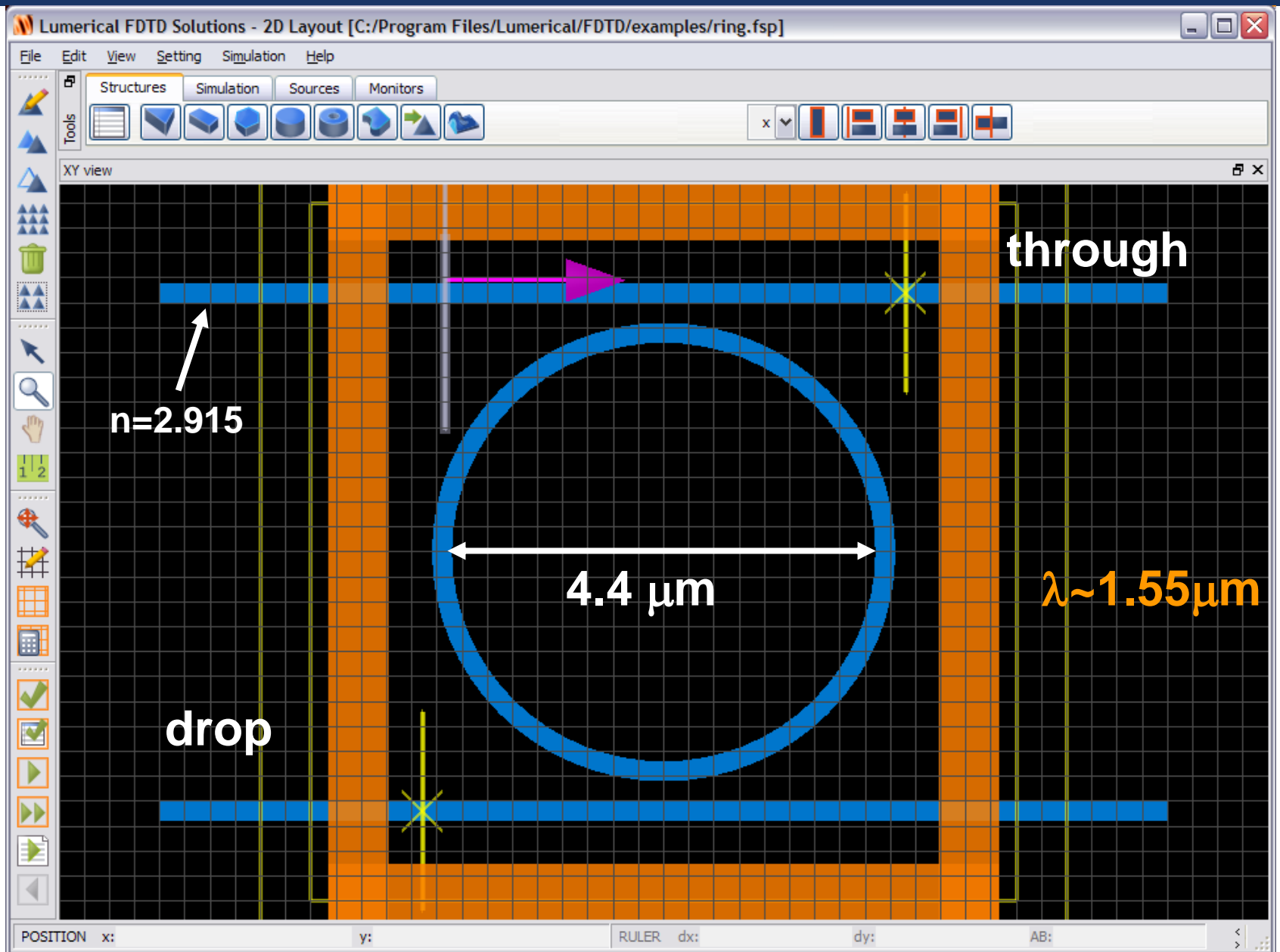
FDTD Solution7.5:

1. [Ability to distribute optimizations and parameter sweeps](#)
2. [Movie monitors in parallel simulations](#)
3. [New script commands](#)

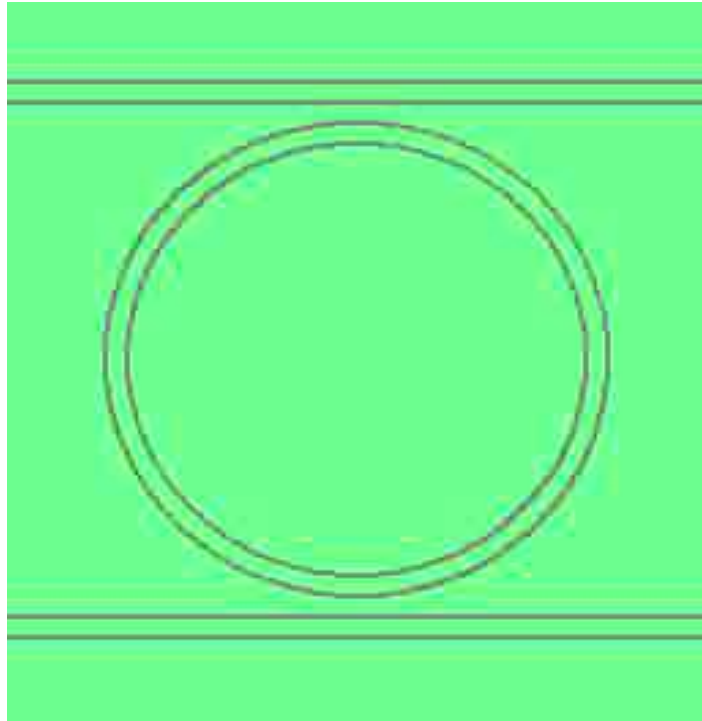
New version improvements

- FDTD Solution 8.0:**
1. User-defined dispersive, gain, anisotropic & nonlinear materials.
 2. Built-in $\chi(2)$ and paramagnetic materials
 3. Non-diagonal anisotropic materials including liquid crystals and magneto-optical materials.
 4. Improved analysis and visualization tools with the Results Manager and Visualizer
 5. Modal expansion monitors with arbitrary rotation.
 6. Mode sources with arbitrary rotation

Example, ring resonator



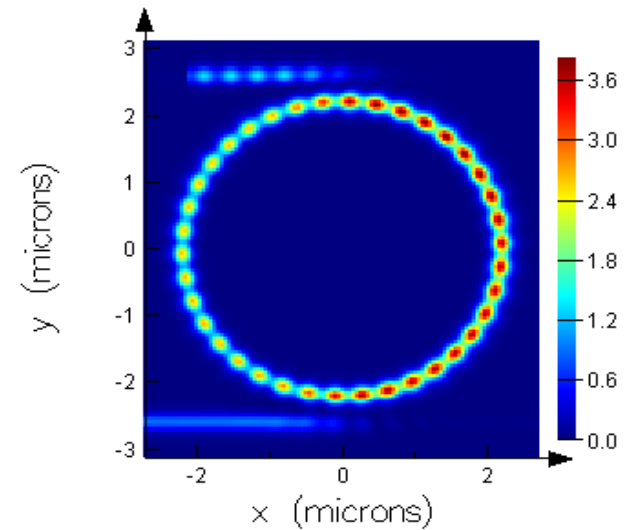
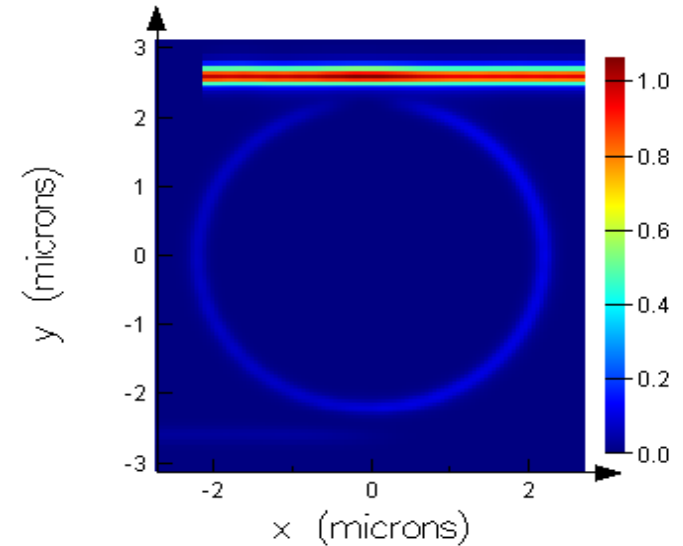
Example: waveguide ring resonator



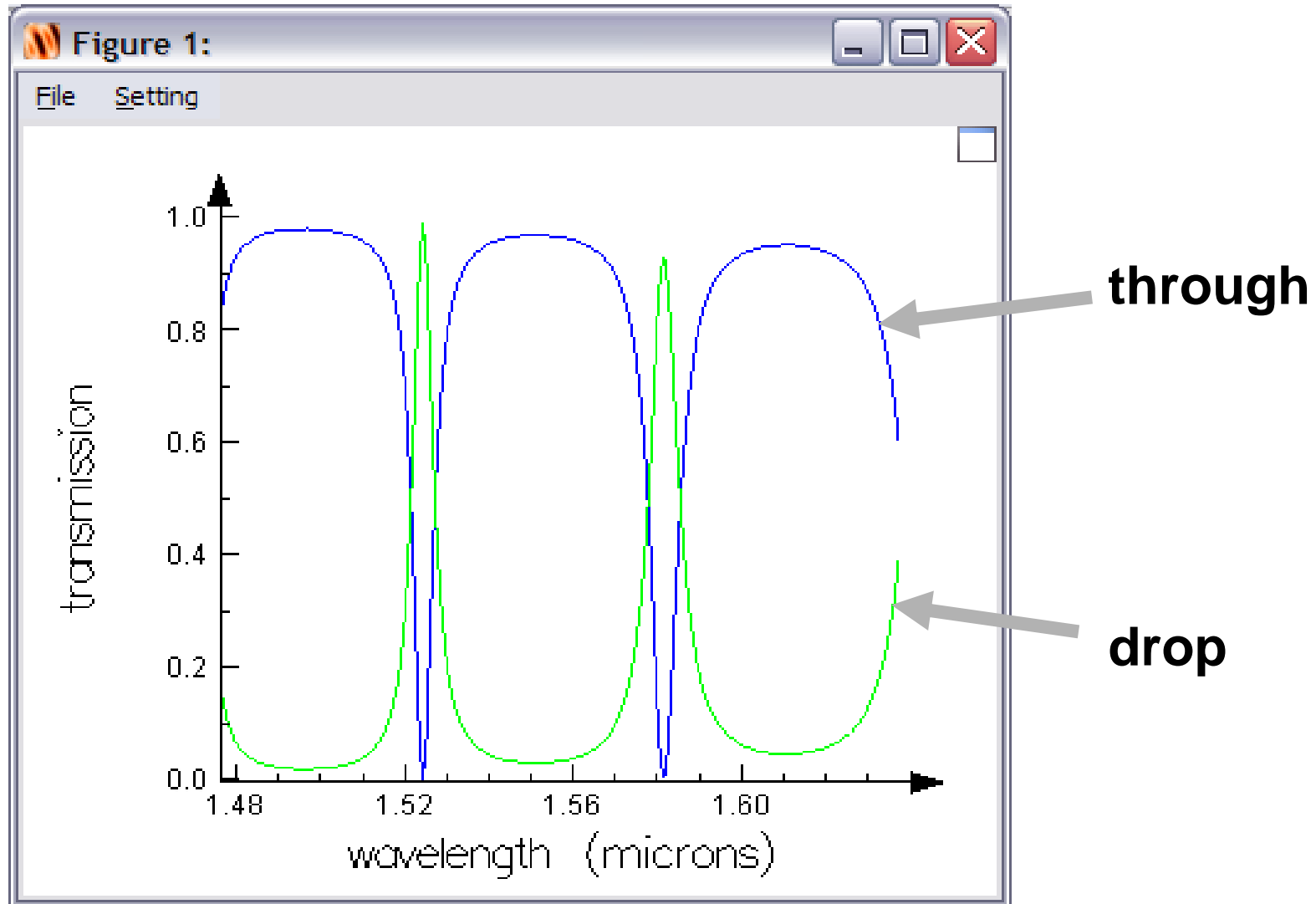
**Fourier
Transform**

λ_1

λ_2



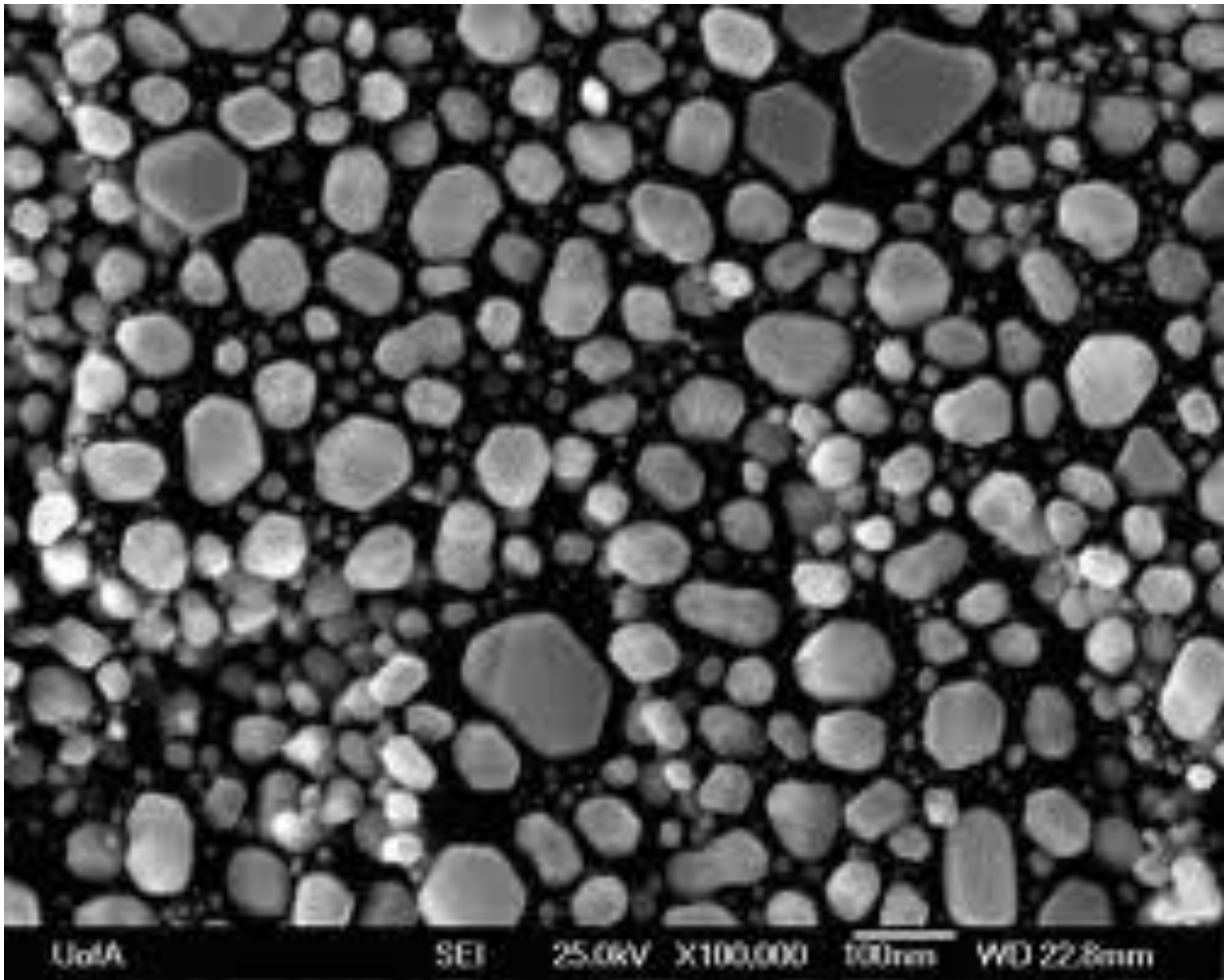
Example: waveguide ring resonator



Install FDTD Solutions

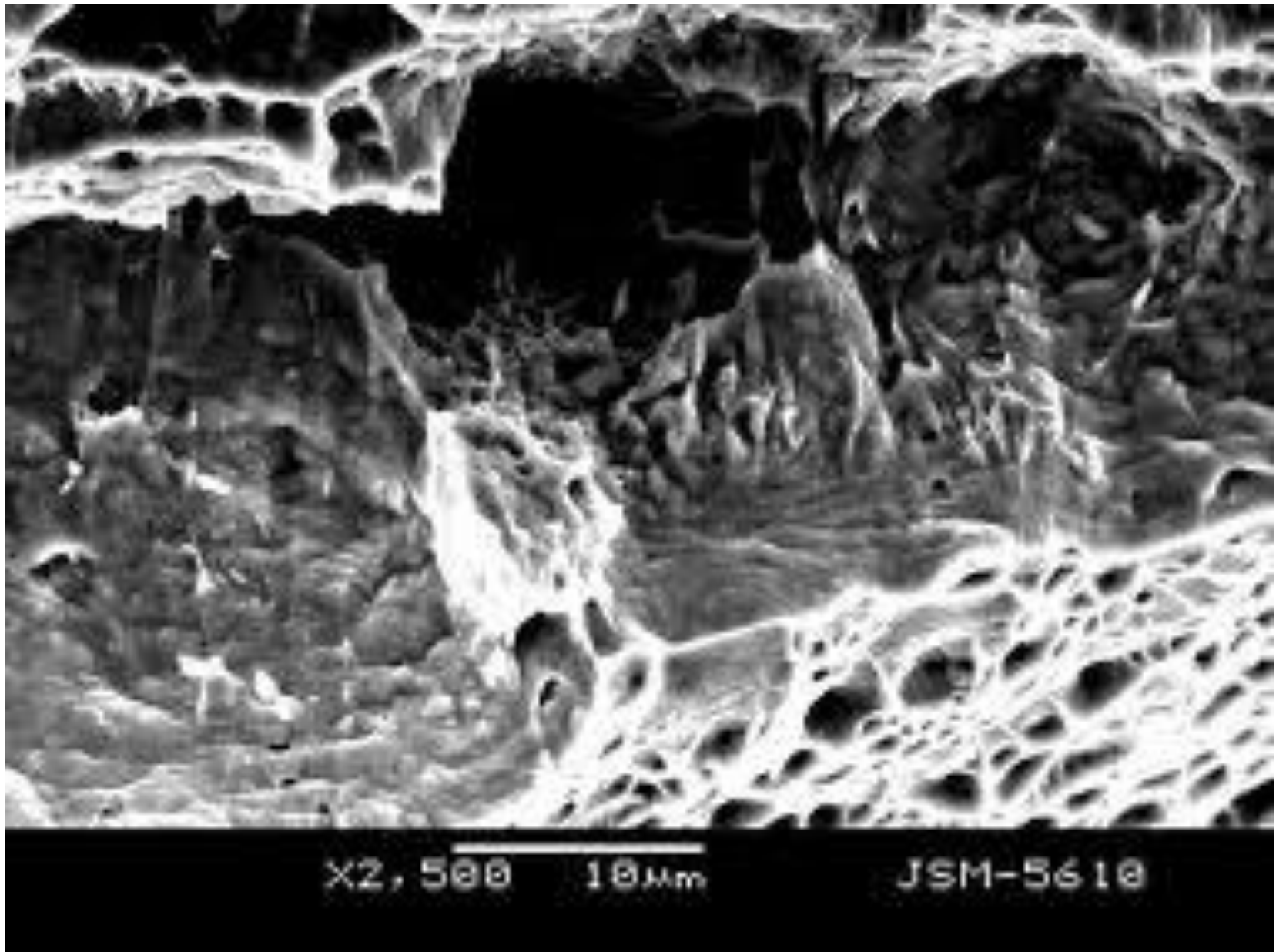
- We will now take a quick break and install FDTD Solutions on your computers.
- A portable license will be used.
- You will need a product CD and Hardware Key.

Function of import image



Top view SEM image

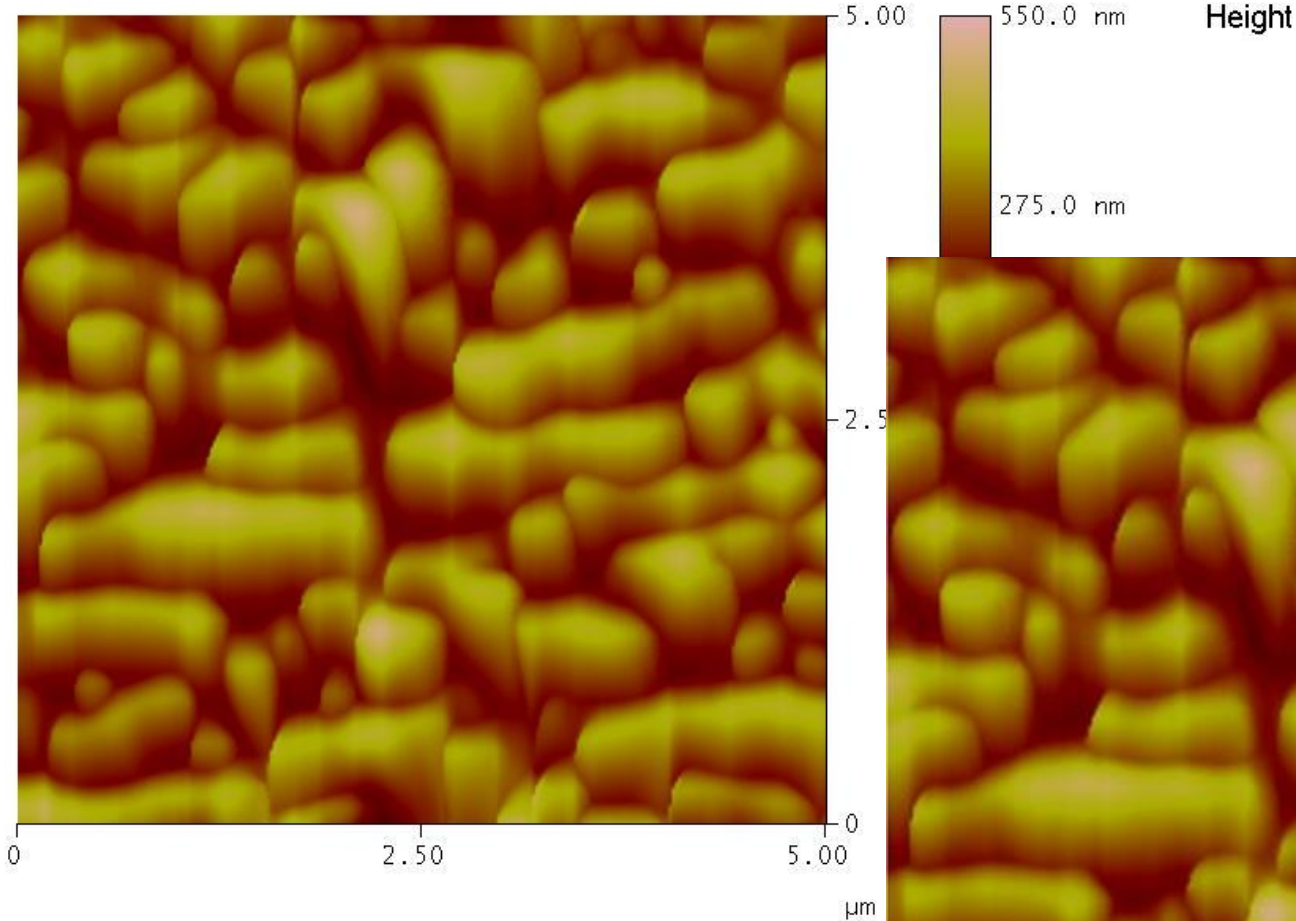
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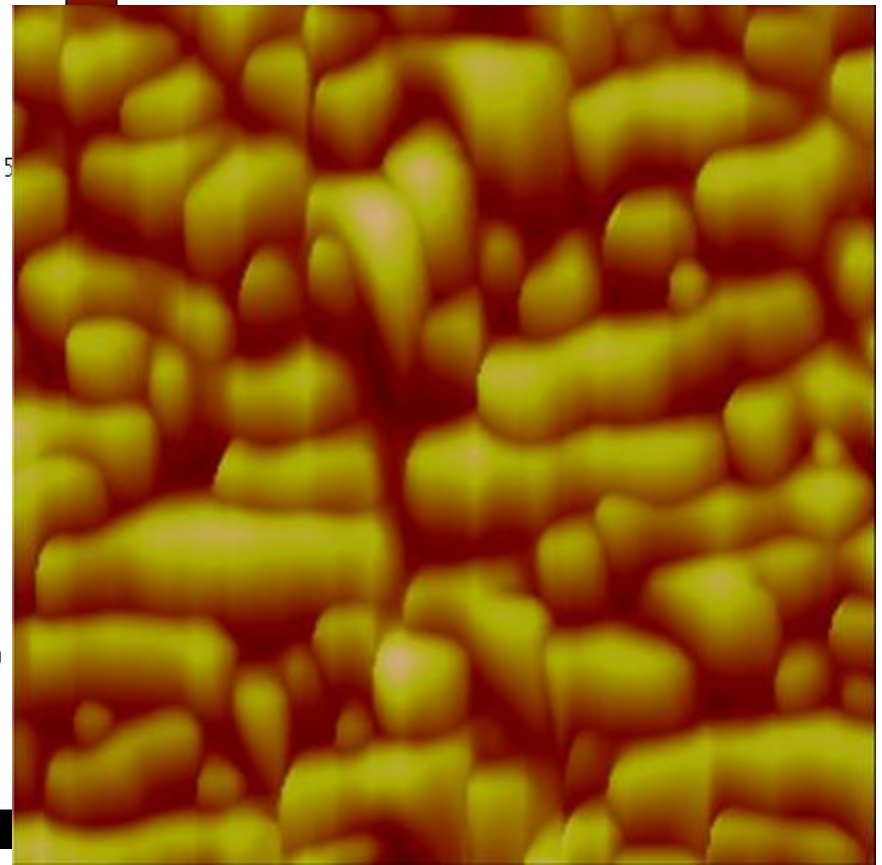
Side view SEM image

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Height Angle Surface Normal Clear Calculator



AFM image



FDTD Solution onsite demonstration

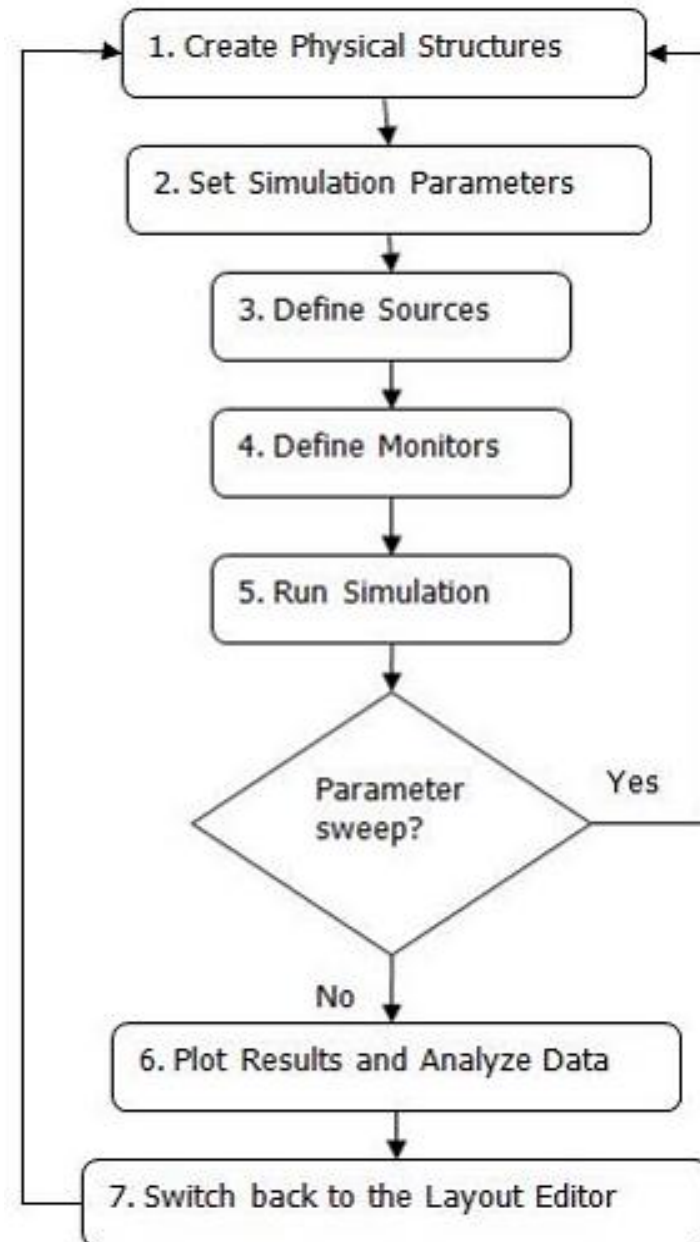


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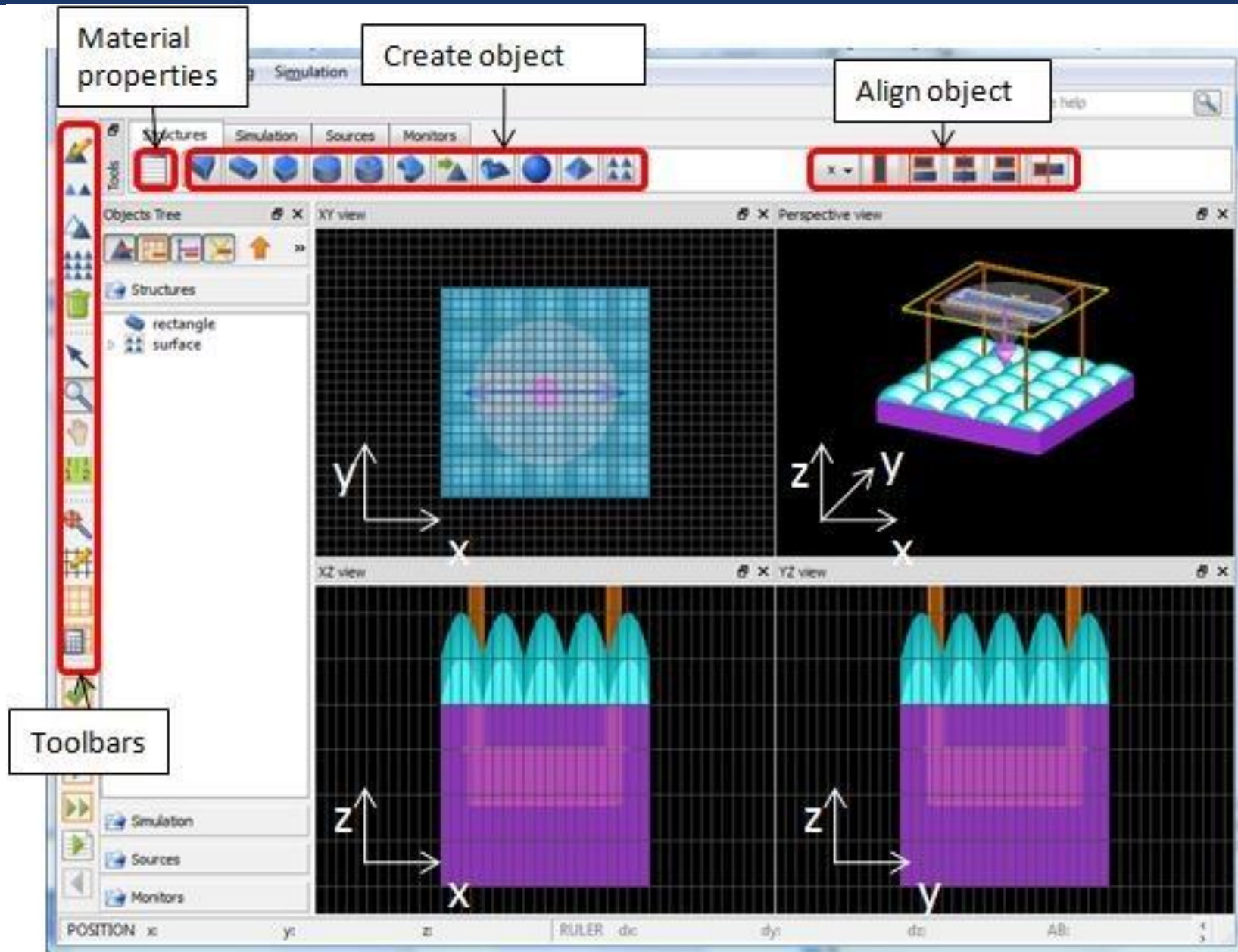
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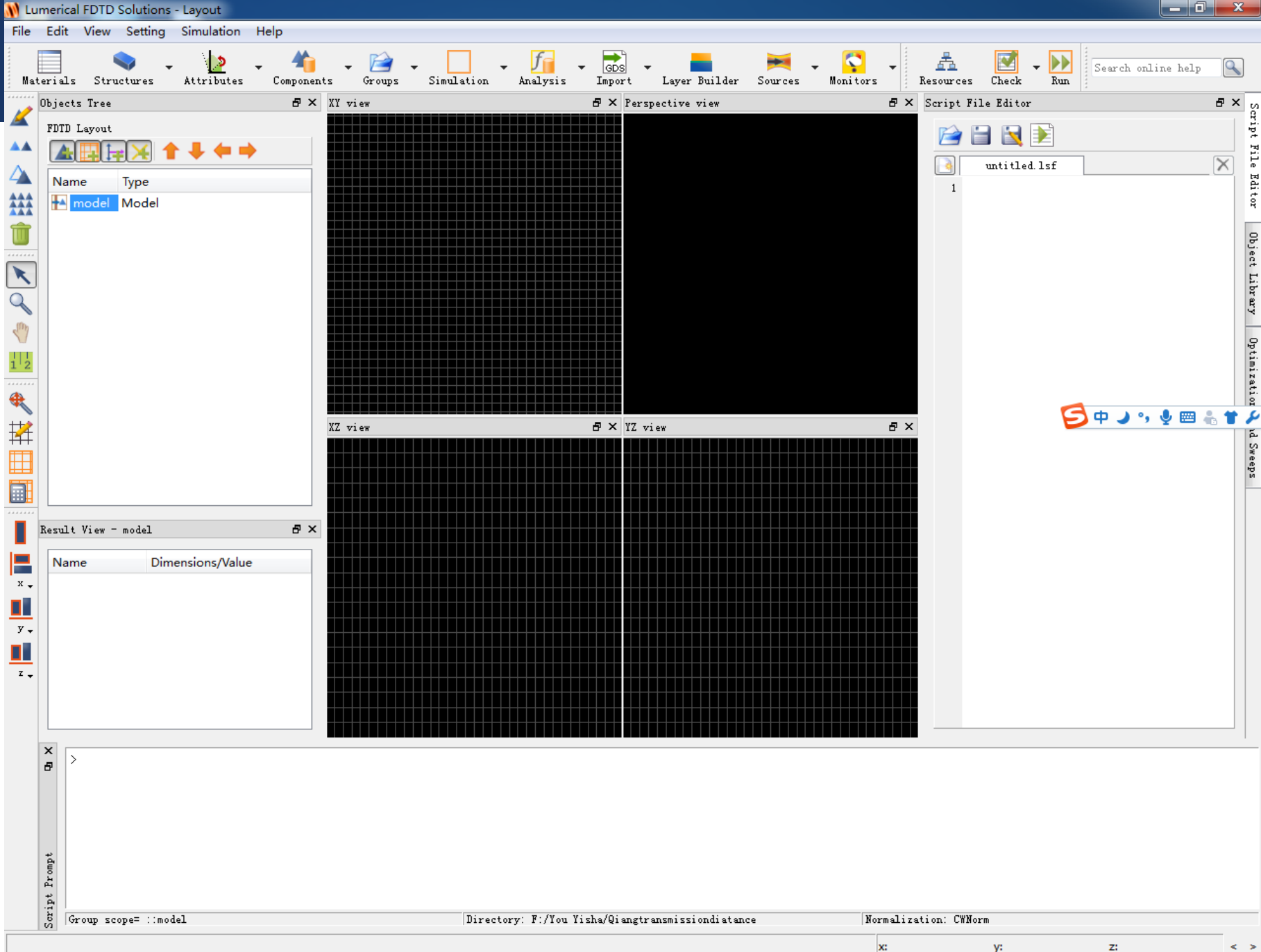
FDTD Solutions Features and Workflow

- Starting FDTD Solutions
- Basic program layout
- **Structures**
- **Simulation region**
- **Sources**
- **Monitors**
- **Analysis**
- Script commands

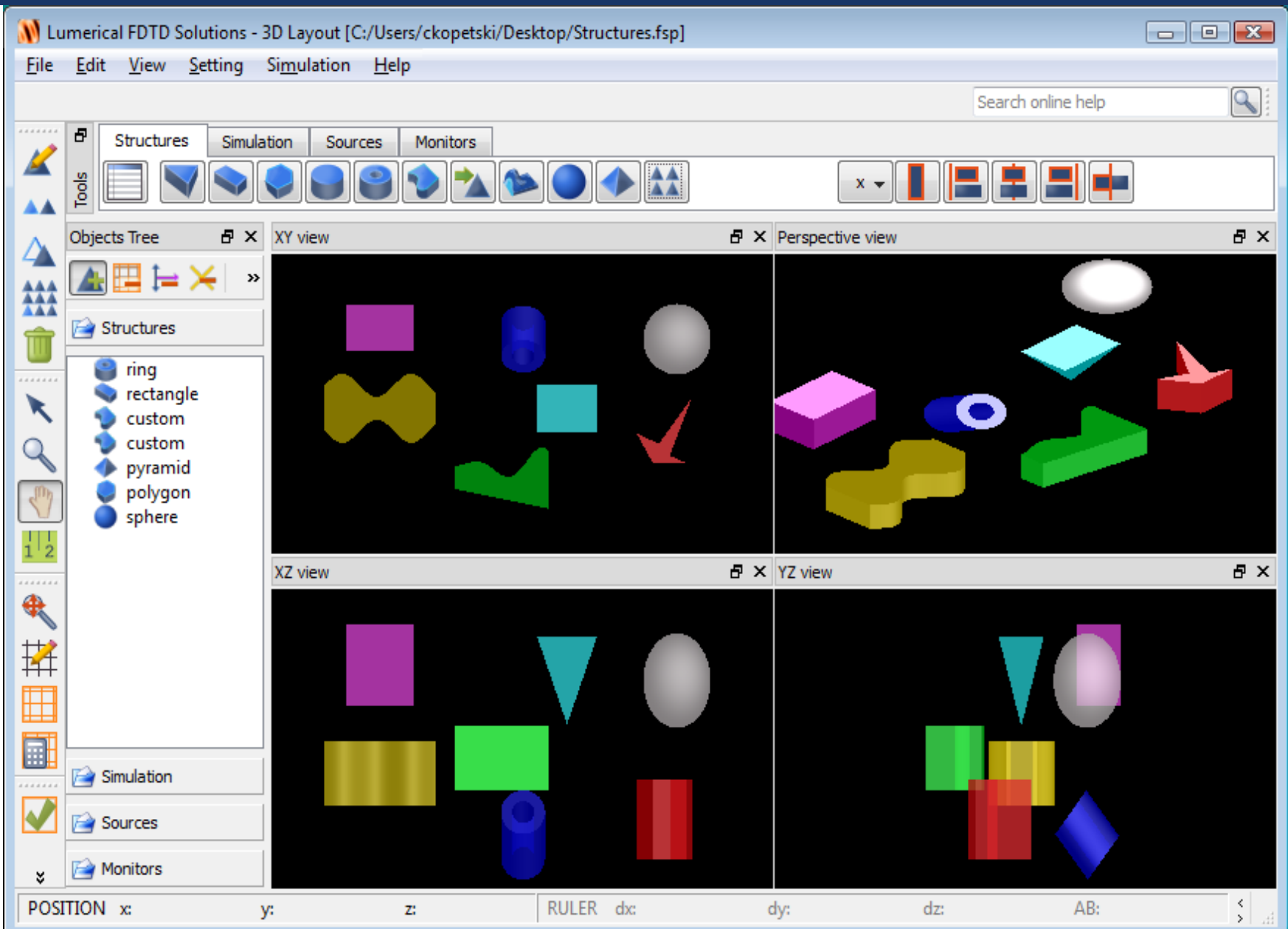


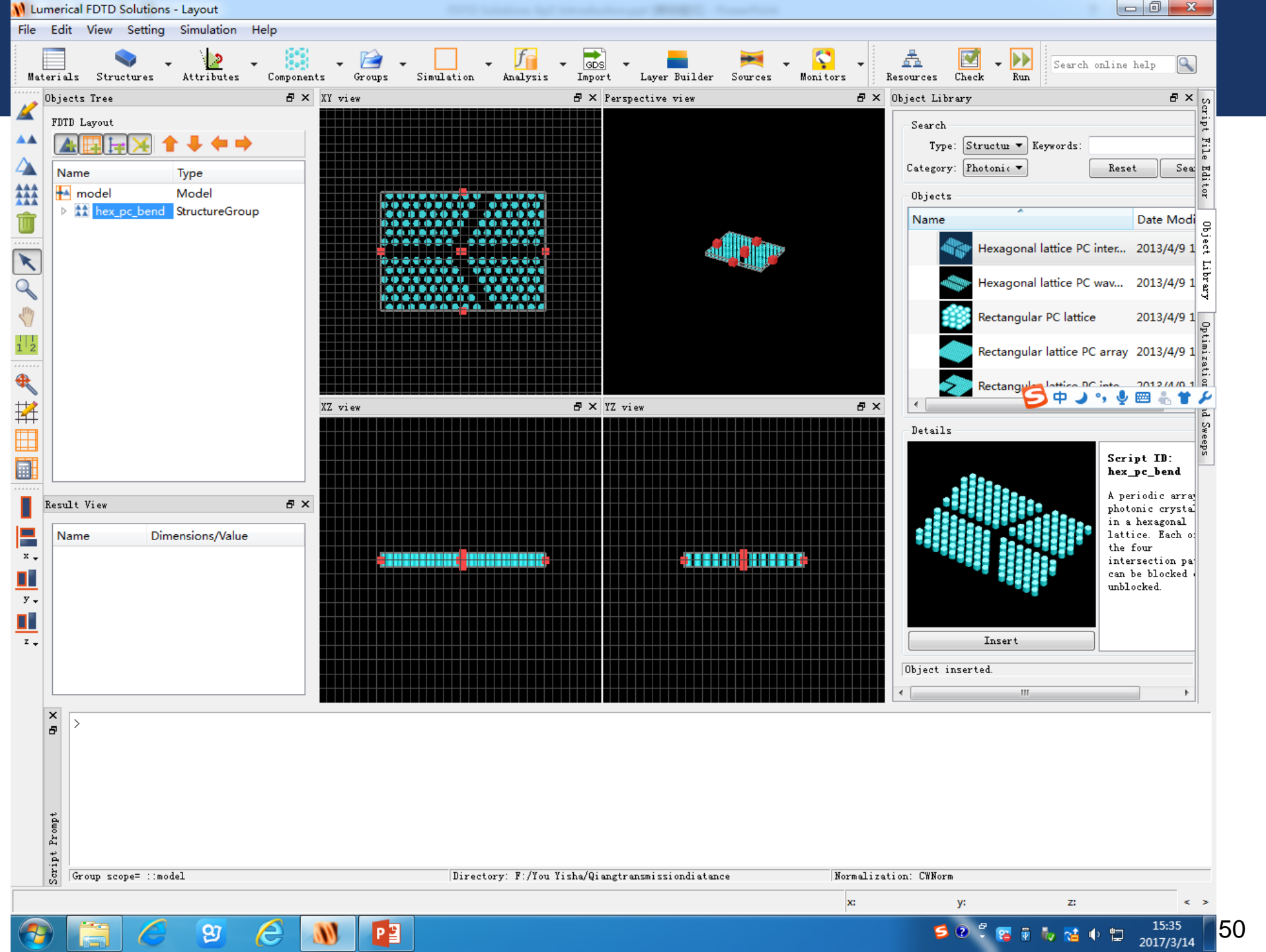
Features – General layout





Structures





Simulation

Auto shutoff



Add simulation or mesh refinement region

Simulation tab

Simulation

EDIT tool

Simulation section in object tree

Graphical depiction of simulation region

XY view

Perspective view

XZ view

YZ view

POSITION x y z RULER dx dyn dz All

Boundary conditions

PEC (Perfect Electrical Conductor) : 电场分量在垂直于边界处连续，而平行于边界处为零；而磁场则与之相反。

PML (Perfect Matching Condition) : 消除在数值仿真过程中散射场对计算结果的影响。此时，介质中的电导率和磁导率满足下式：

$$\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma^*}{\mu_0}$$

Periodic boundary condition

Symmetric

Anti-symmetric

Bloch Boundary: 平面波斜入射到周期结构中。

Metal boundary: 用于诊断仿真运算发散的原因。

Sources

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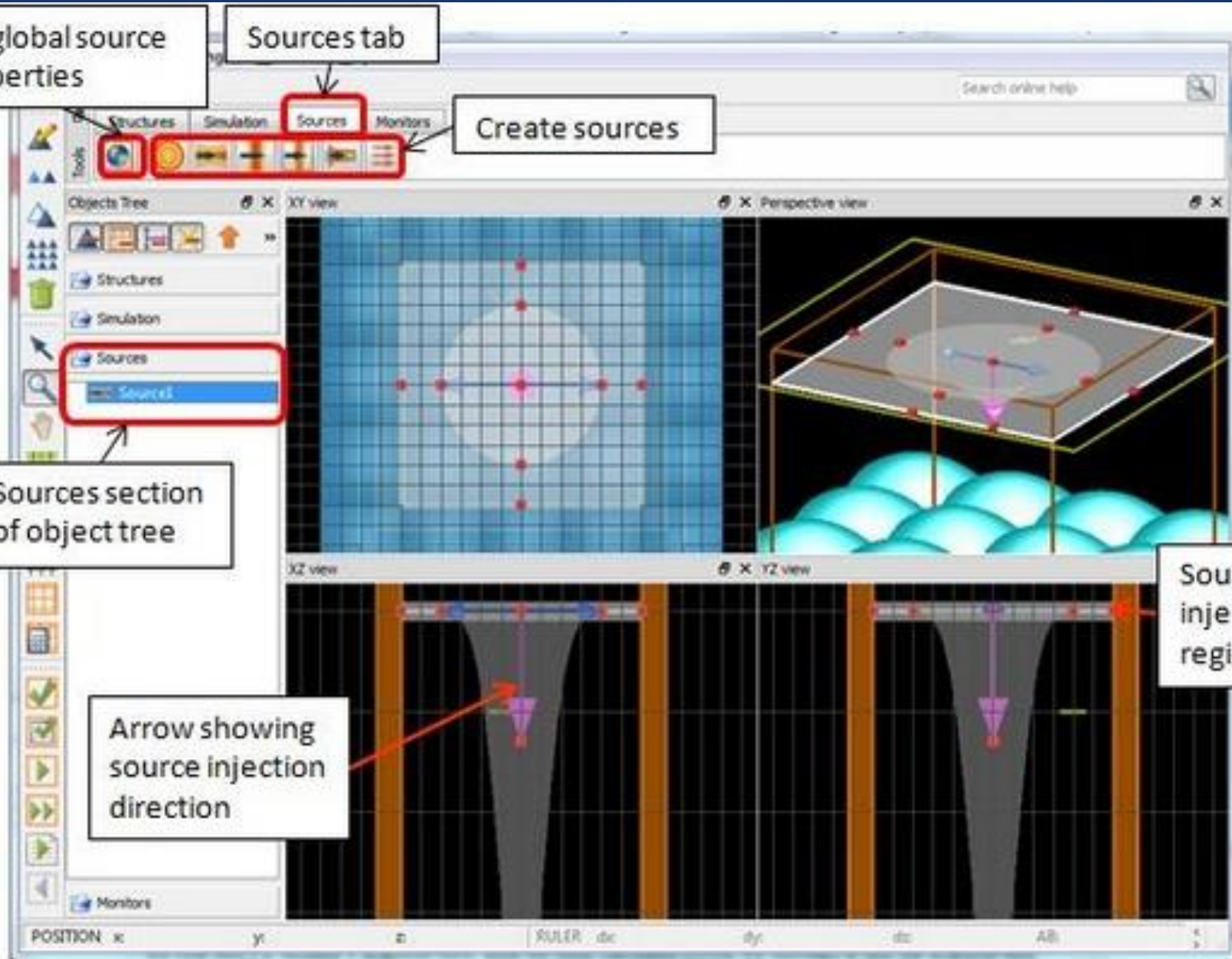
Sources tab

Create sources

Sources section of object tree

Arrow showing source injection direction

Source injection region

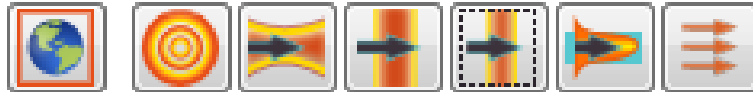


Sources

FDTD Solutions has a variety of sources available:

Basic Sources

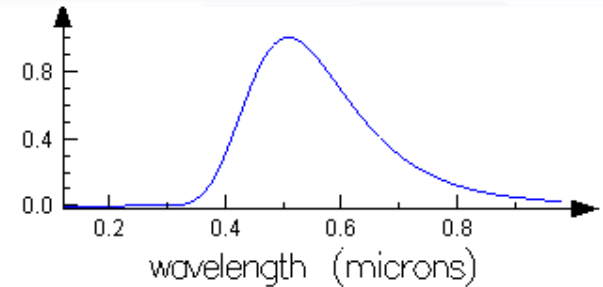
- Dipole
- Gaussian beam
- Plane wave
- Mode



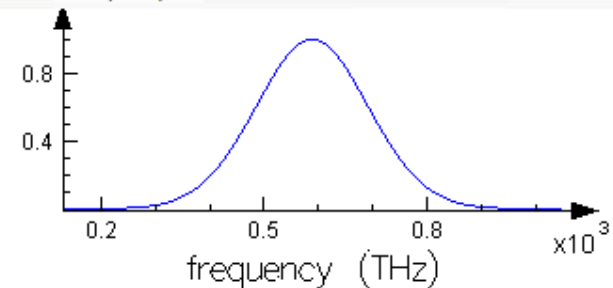
Advanced sources

- Total field/scattered field
- Large NA source
- ASAP (with aberration)
- User-defined
- Circular/elliptical, radial polarization

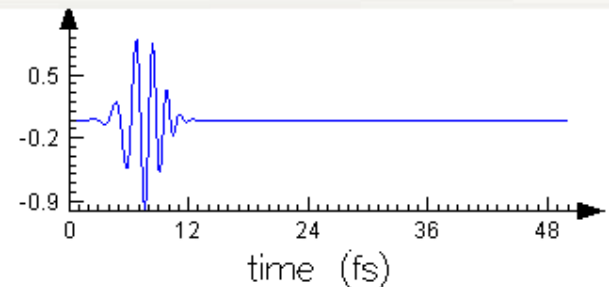
Spectrum vs wavelength



Spectrum vs frequency

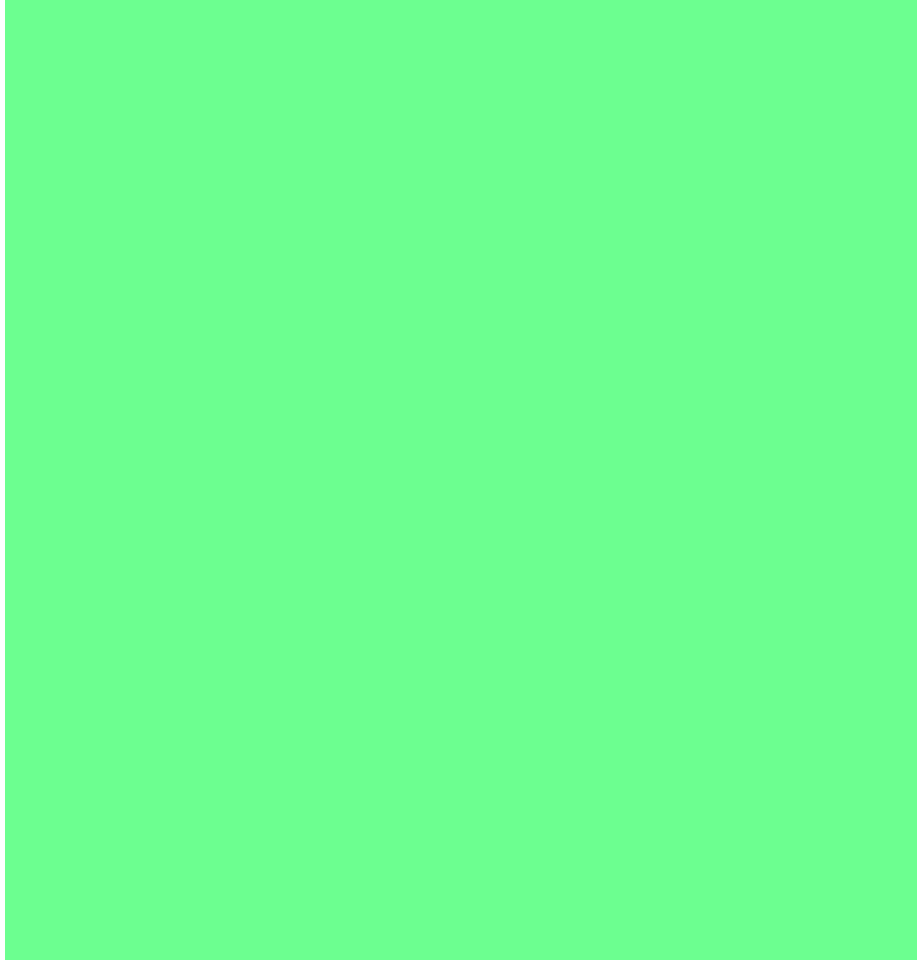


Signal vs time

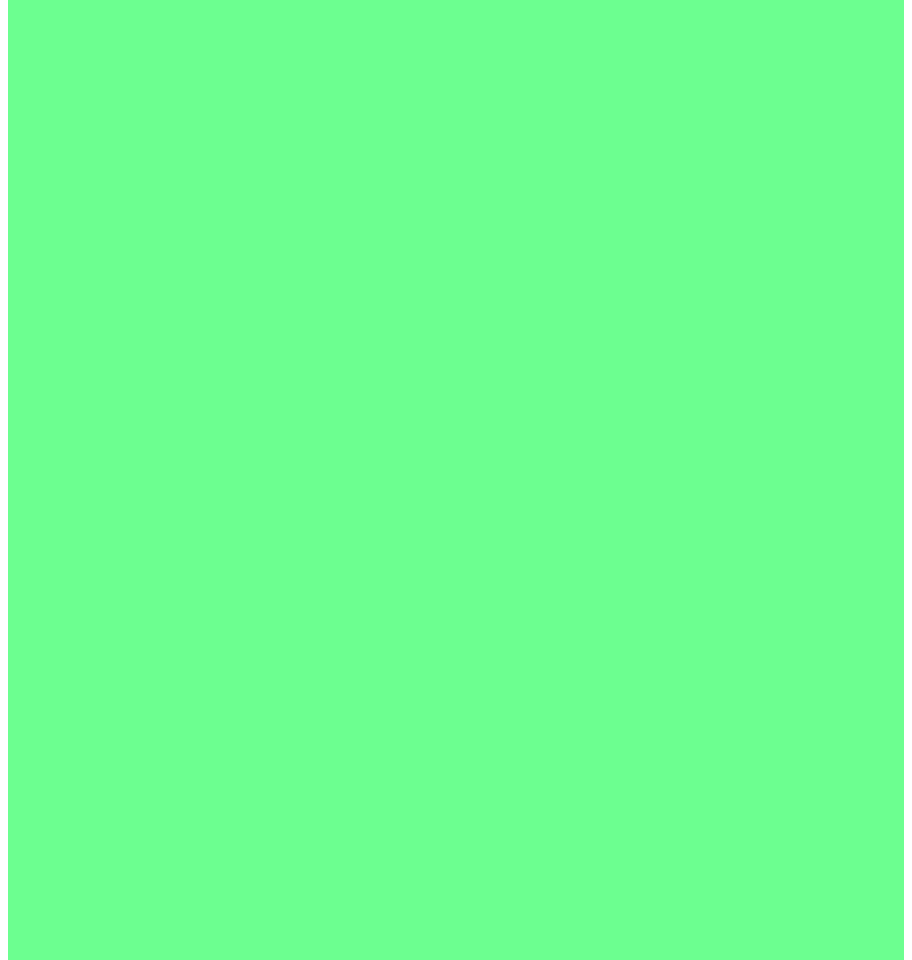


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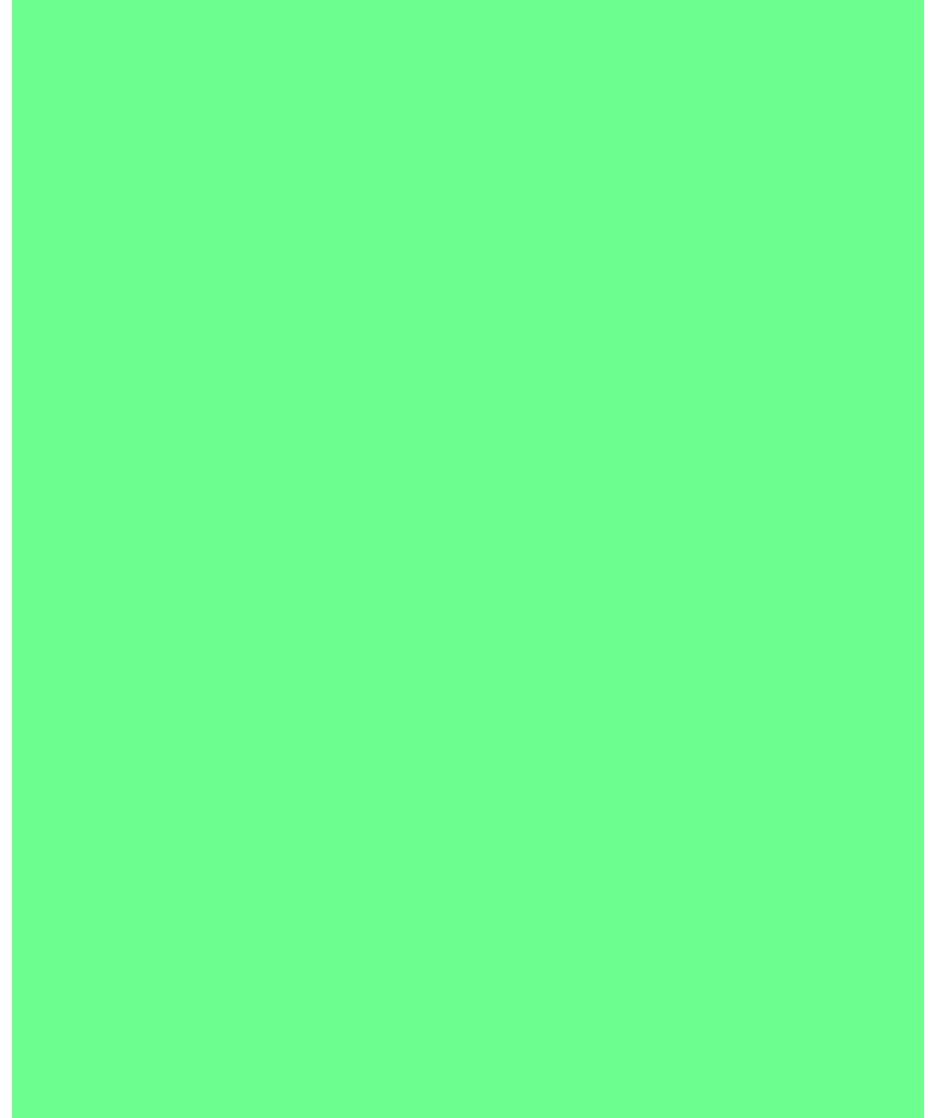
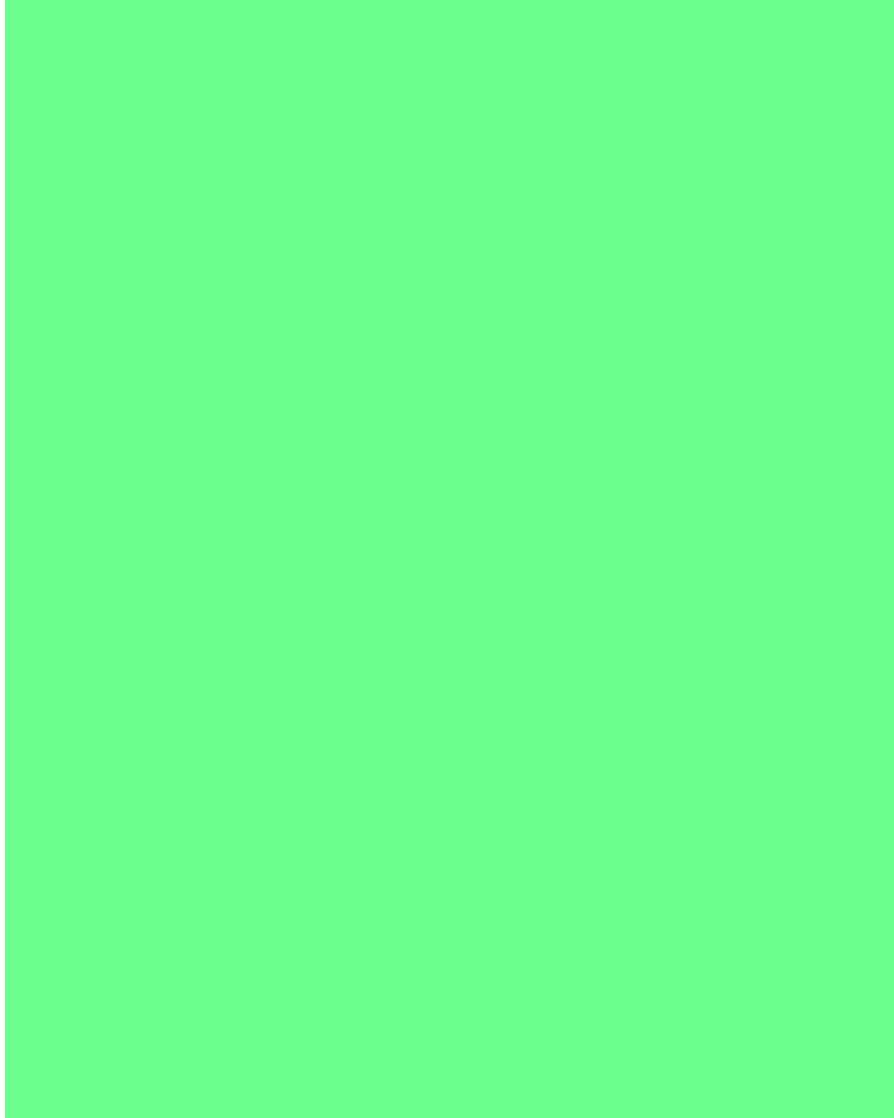
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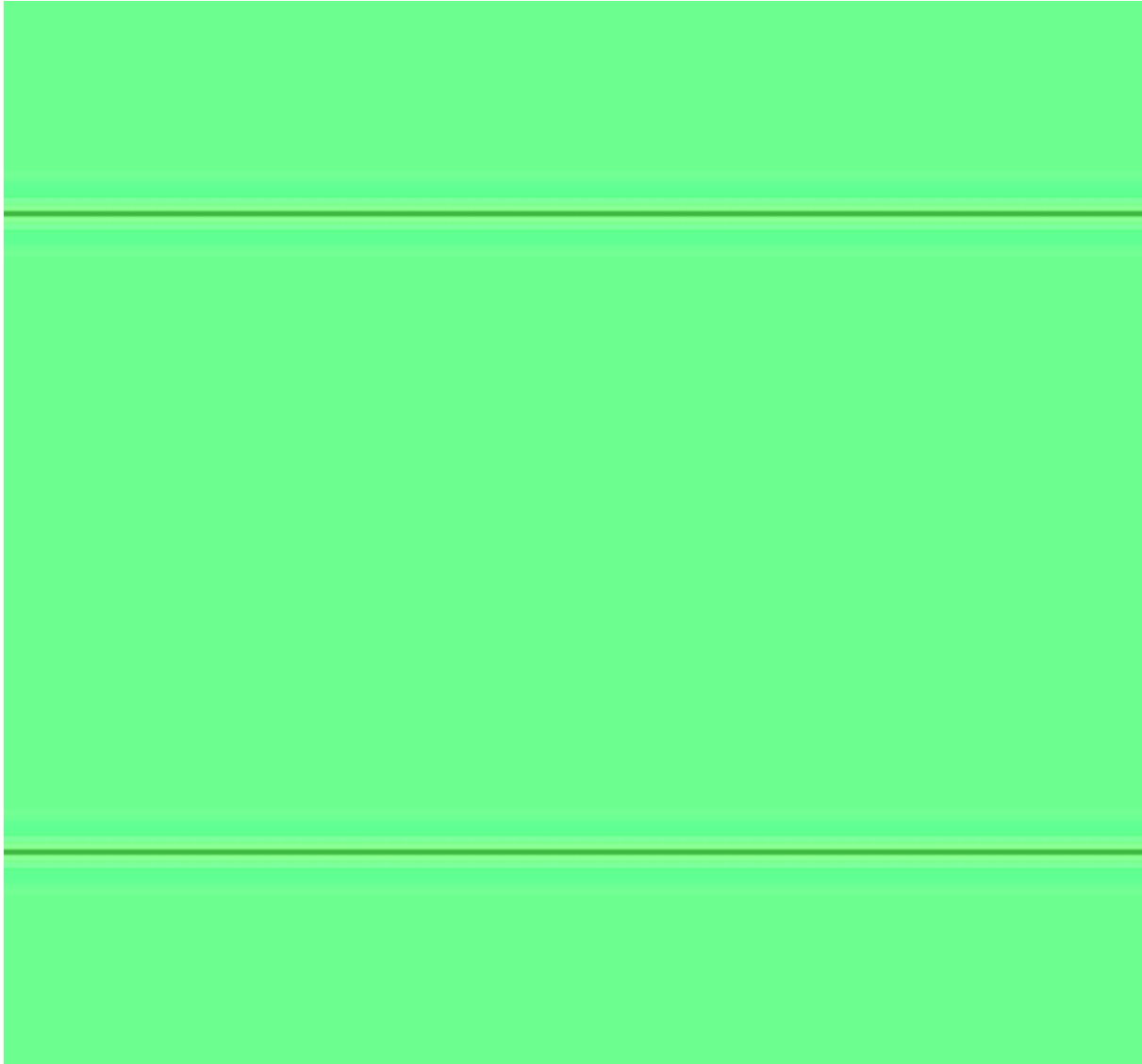
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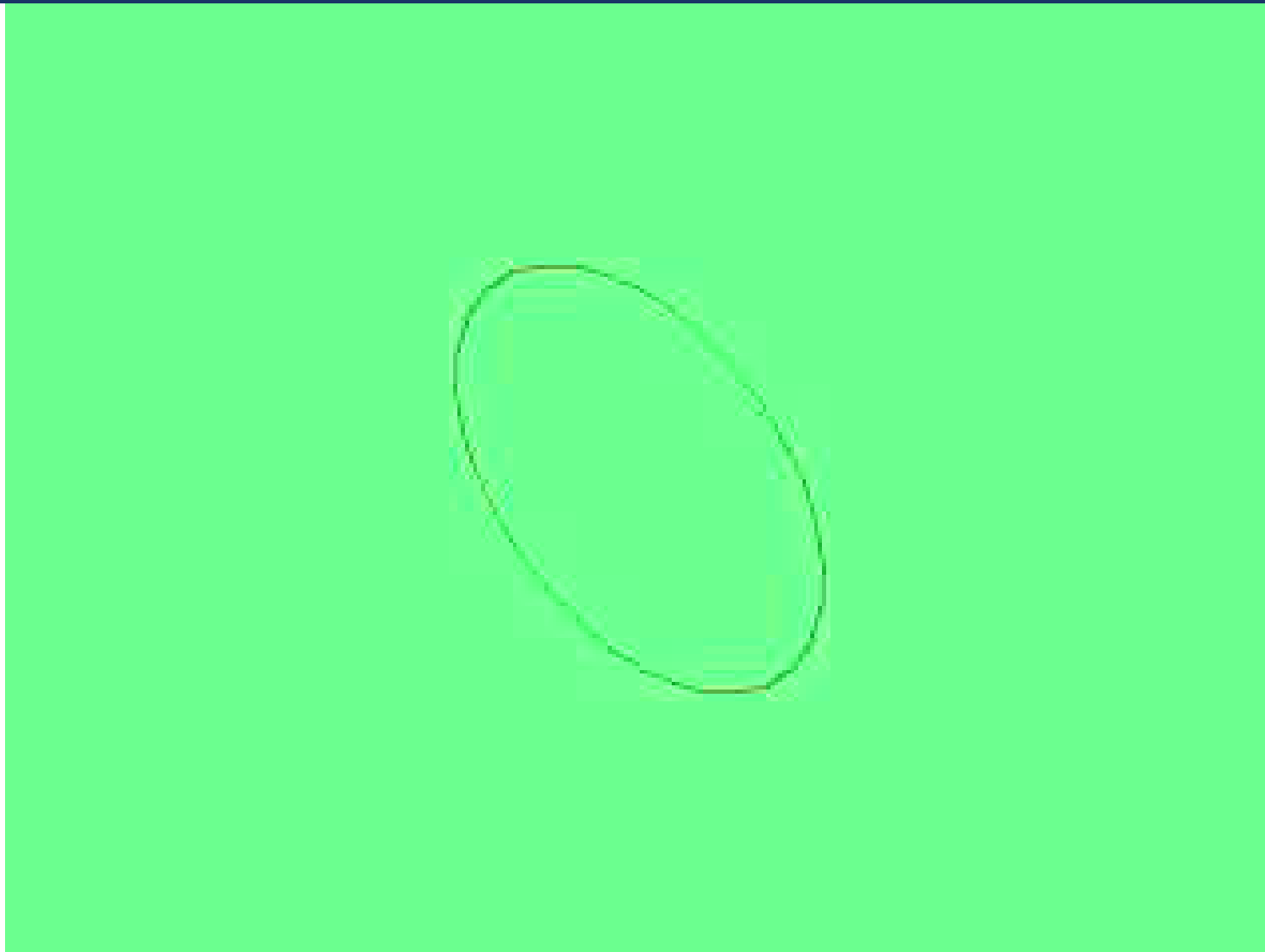
Gaussian and plane wave



Mode source

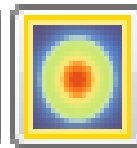
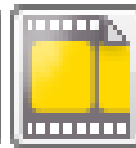


Total-Field Scattered-Field (TFSF)



是计算纳米金属颗粒的小光谱专用光源

Monitors



Set global monitor properties

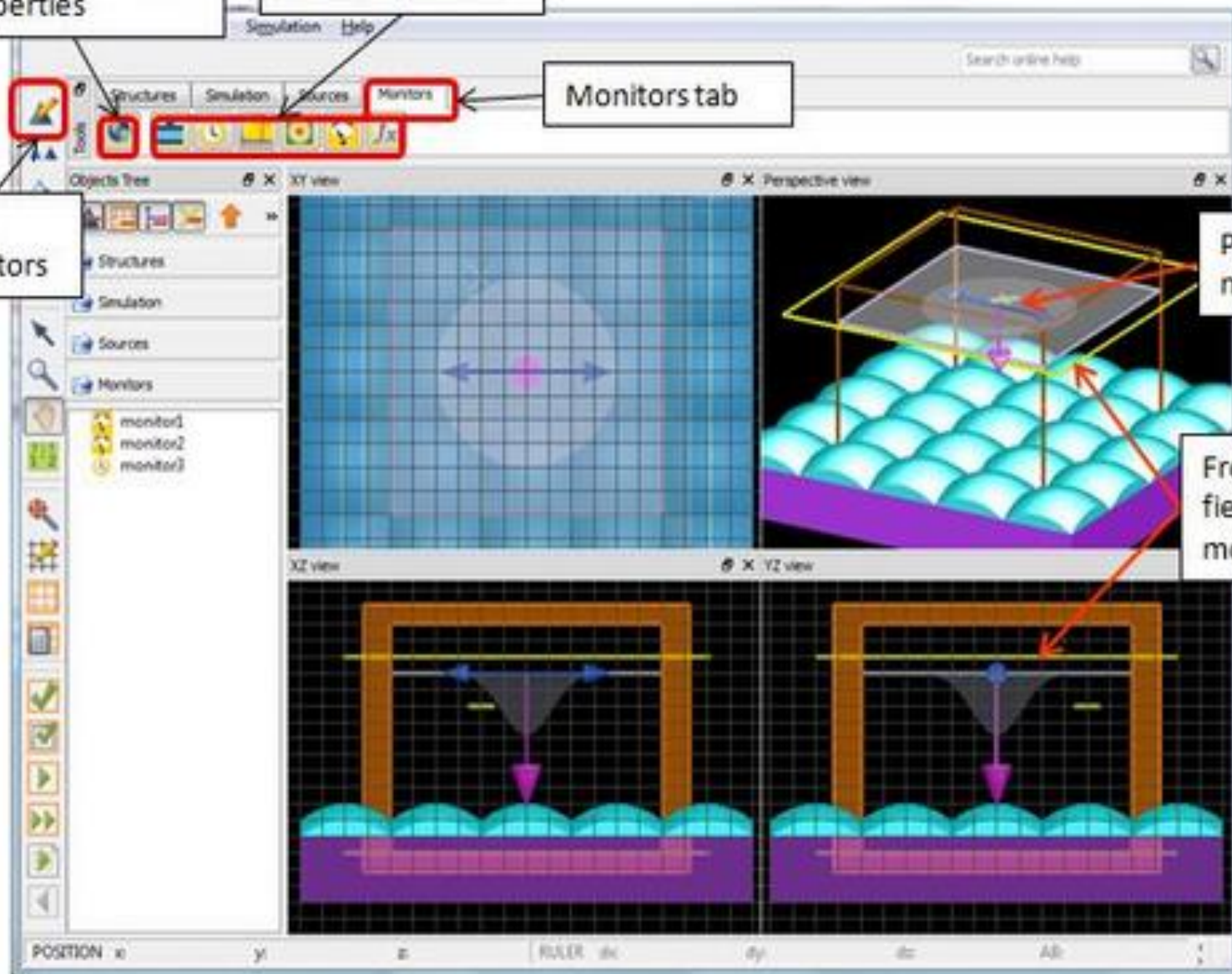
Create monitors

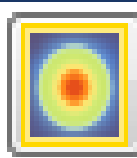
Monitors tab

Edit monitors

Point time-domain monitor

Frequency-domain field profile monitor



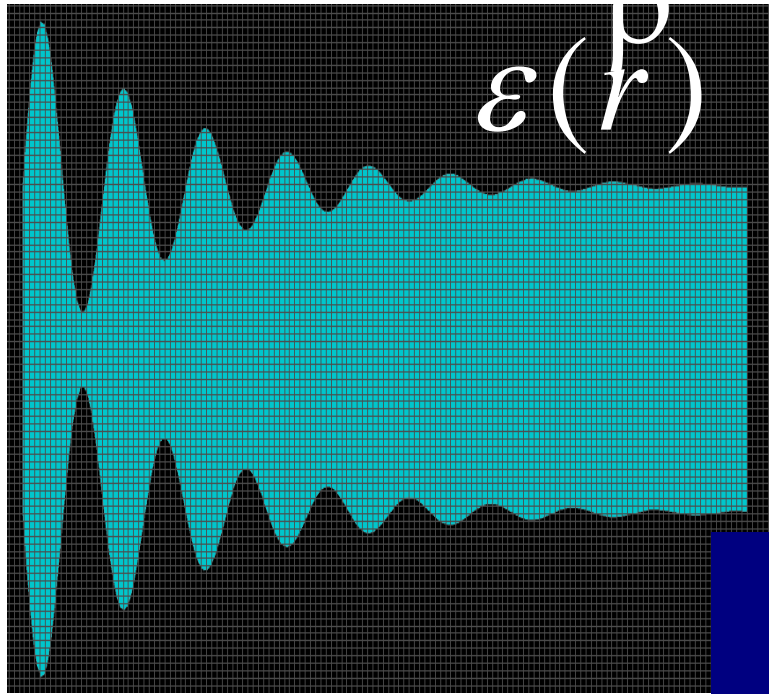


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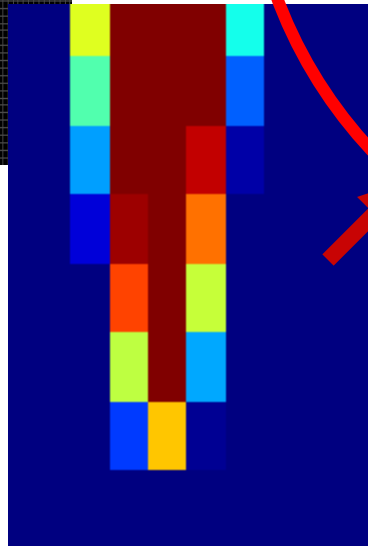
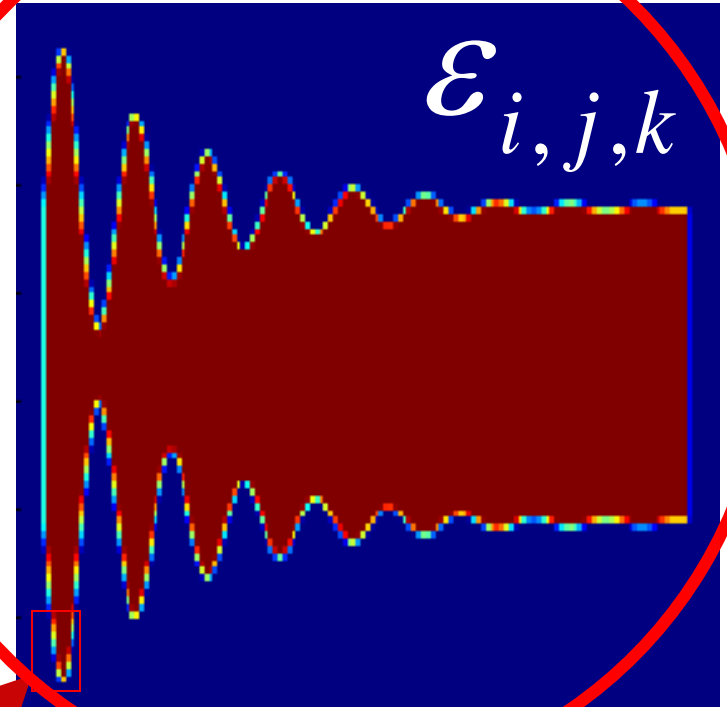
- **Index** monitors to record material properties
- **Movie** monitors to create mpg movie files
- **Time** monitors to record electromagnetic fields as a function of time
- **Frequency** monitors to perform Fourier transforms during the simulation
 - : **Profile** monitors
 - : **Power** monitors (*generate accurate values*)

Index monitors

The true structure



The meshed structure

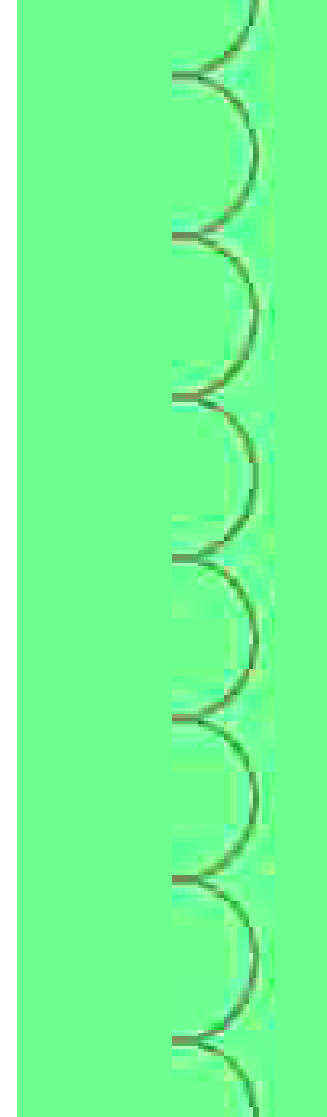


1. 检查材料的设定是否正确;
2. 显示复杂拐点处的平均网格精度。

Movie Monitors

Use movie monitors for

- visual aids in presentations!
- observe dynamic light interaction with the structure
- to develop intuition for what the simulation is doing
- to make sure the simulation is doing qualitatively what you want



Time Monitors

Time monitors record the electromagnetic fields as a function of time, $E(t)$ and $H(t)$.

- Normally we only record the data at one point.
- Sometimes we record data at a plane or over a volume at a small number of points in time.
- We can use time monitors to (目的)
 - : Ensure the simulation has run long enough.
 - : Look for resonant frequencies (**spectrum**) by doing a fast Fourier transforms (FFT) of a time signal
 - Find modes of resonant cavities
 - Band structure calculations (slab-based photonic crystals)

Frequency monitors

Commonly used for most designers/researchers!

Frequency monitors are used to **perform Fourier transforms** while the simulation is running.

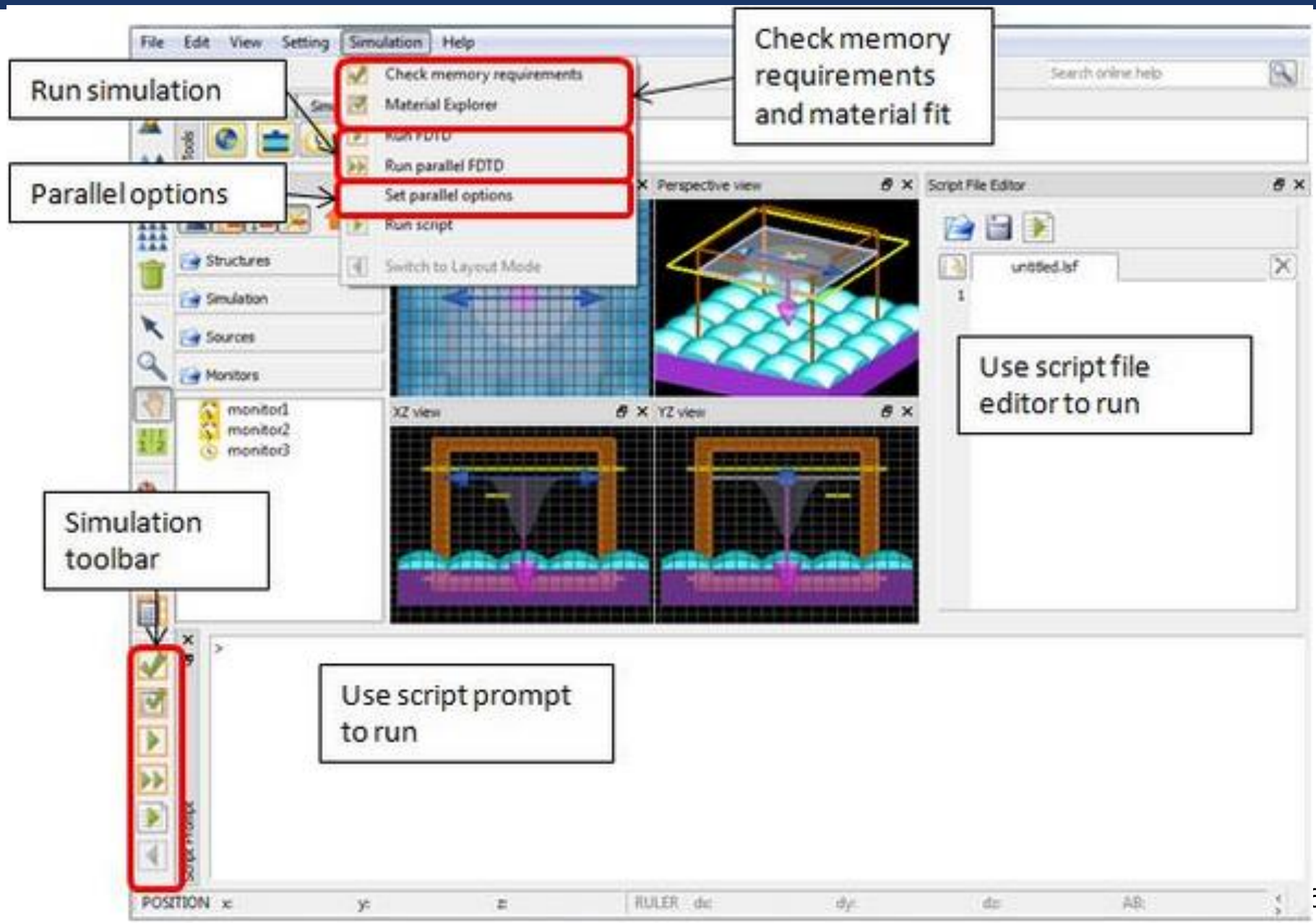
Functions:

- : **Transfer** from the transient-state time domain to the steady-state frequency/ wavelength domain.
- : Obtain data at many wavelengths from **a single simulation!**
- : **Each vectorial component (E and H)** is treated separately.
- : **Wavelength range** must be specified in advance.

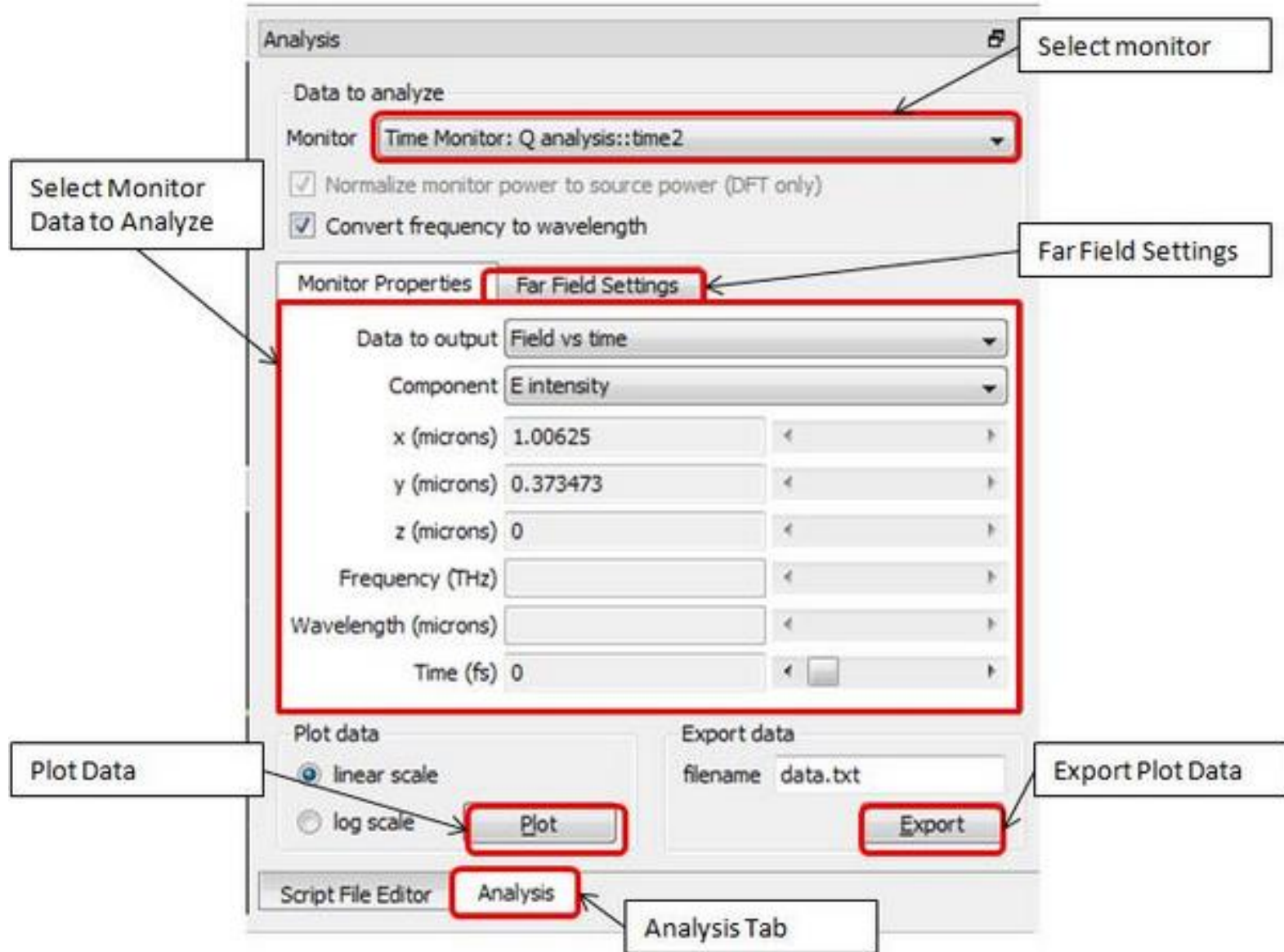
Frequency monitors

- Quantitative monitors used in simulations allow us to calculate:
 - : transmission
 - : reflection
 - : absorption
 - : scattering
 - : spatial field profiles
 - : far field projections
 - : local (near) field enhancements
 - : light extraction enhancement

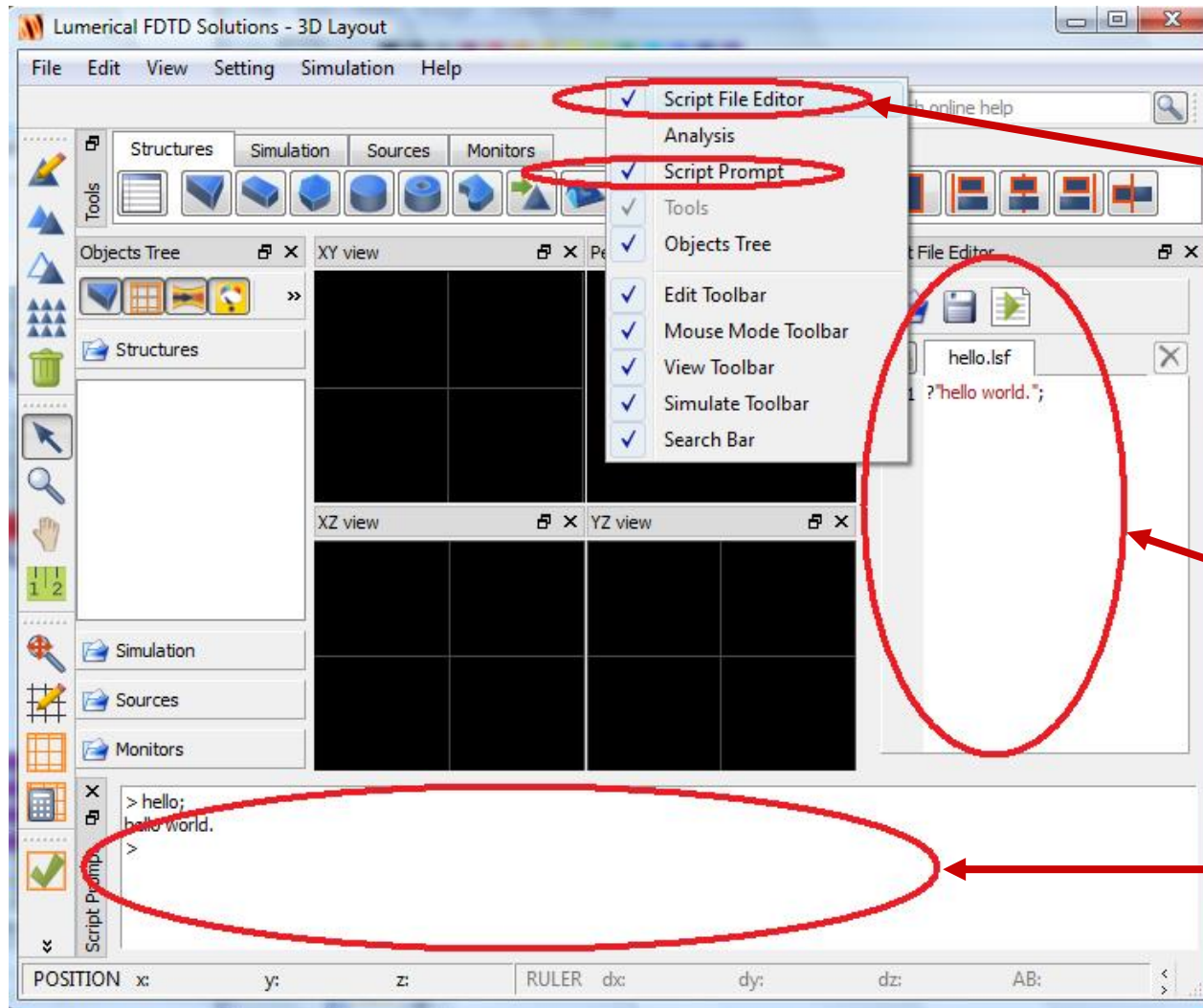
Run simulation



Basic Analysis



Advanced analysis with scripting



Right click on
menu bar (or use
View menu)

Script file editor

Script
prompt

Basic Scripting

TOPICS

- The script window
- Simple mathematics
- Interacting with FDTD Solutions
- Script files

Basic Scripting

Simple Mathematics: plot some simple functions

```
> x=linspace(-10,10,500);
```

```
> y=sin(x);
```

```
> plot(x,y,"x","y","sin(x)");
```

```
> y=exp(-x^2/9)*sin(10*x);
```

```
> plot(x,y,"x","y","exp(-x^2/9)*sin(10*x)");
```

```
> ?size(x);
```

Interacting with FDTD Solutions

- Script commands can add or modify simulation objects
 - : addplane; will add a plane wave source
- Script commands can get simulation data
 - : getdata(“monitor”, “E_x”); will get the x component of the Electric field from a monitor
- Multiple script commands can be combined in script files. These files can be run by typing their name at the script prompt.
- You can use the up and down arrows to avoid retyping commands!

Script files

Open the example file scripting 0.lsf



- Try running this script file
- Try pasting lines from this script file into your script prompt
- Try modifying this script file to add a rectangle and set the "x span" to 4 microns

FDTD Solutions Workflow Example

1. Create Physical Structures
2. Set Simulation Parameters
3. Define Sources
4. Define Monitors
5. Run Simulation
6. Analyze Results
7. Repeat if necessary

We will go through these steps in

- A simple example**
- The Getting Started examples**
- A more advanced example**

Simple example

We want to

- : Calculate the transmission through a 50 nm thick slab of Si on glass from 400 to 800nm
- : Etch 200nm lines in the Si and repeat the measurement

If you get stuck, finished example files are in

- : Simple example\simple_example.fsp
- : Simple example\simple_example.lsf

Simple example


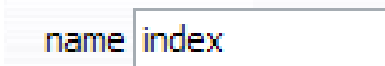

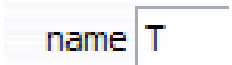
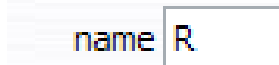
- Physical structures:
 - : Create a New 2D simulation from defaults
 - : Set the drawing grid to 25 nm
 - : Create structures (use stacking feature)
- Simulation area:
 - : Boundary conditions (Periodic in x, PML in y)
 - : Dimensions ("x span" = 400nm, "y span" = 1 micron)
 - : Mesh accuracy 2

Simple example

■ Sources

- : Plane wave source, from glass side to air
- : Wavelength 400 to 800nm

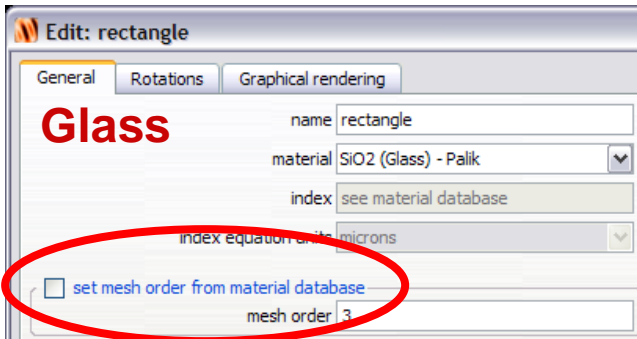
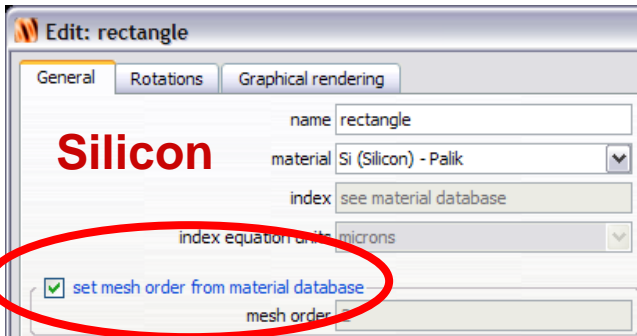
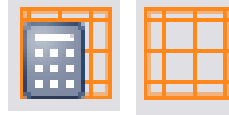
■ Monitors

- : Movie monitor 
- : Index monitor over the entire structure 
- : Time monitor in Si layer 
- : Transmission/Reflection monitors (100 frequency points each)
 - Name them "R" and "T"  
- : Full profile over entire structure (3 frequency points)



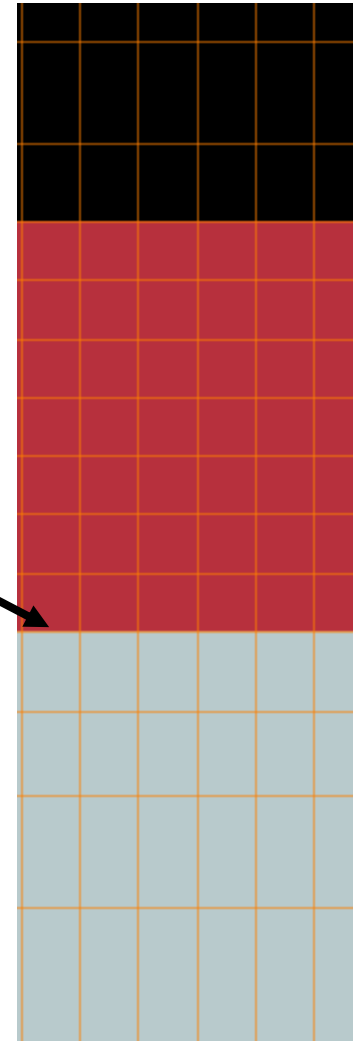
Simple example

- Recalculate and look at the FDTD mesh
 - : Do we need a mesh override region?
- What happens at the interface?
 - : Which material is used here?
- For precise control
 - : Set mesh order correctly



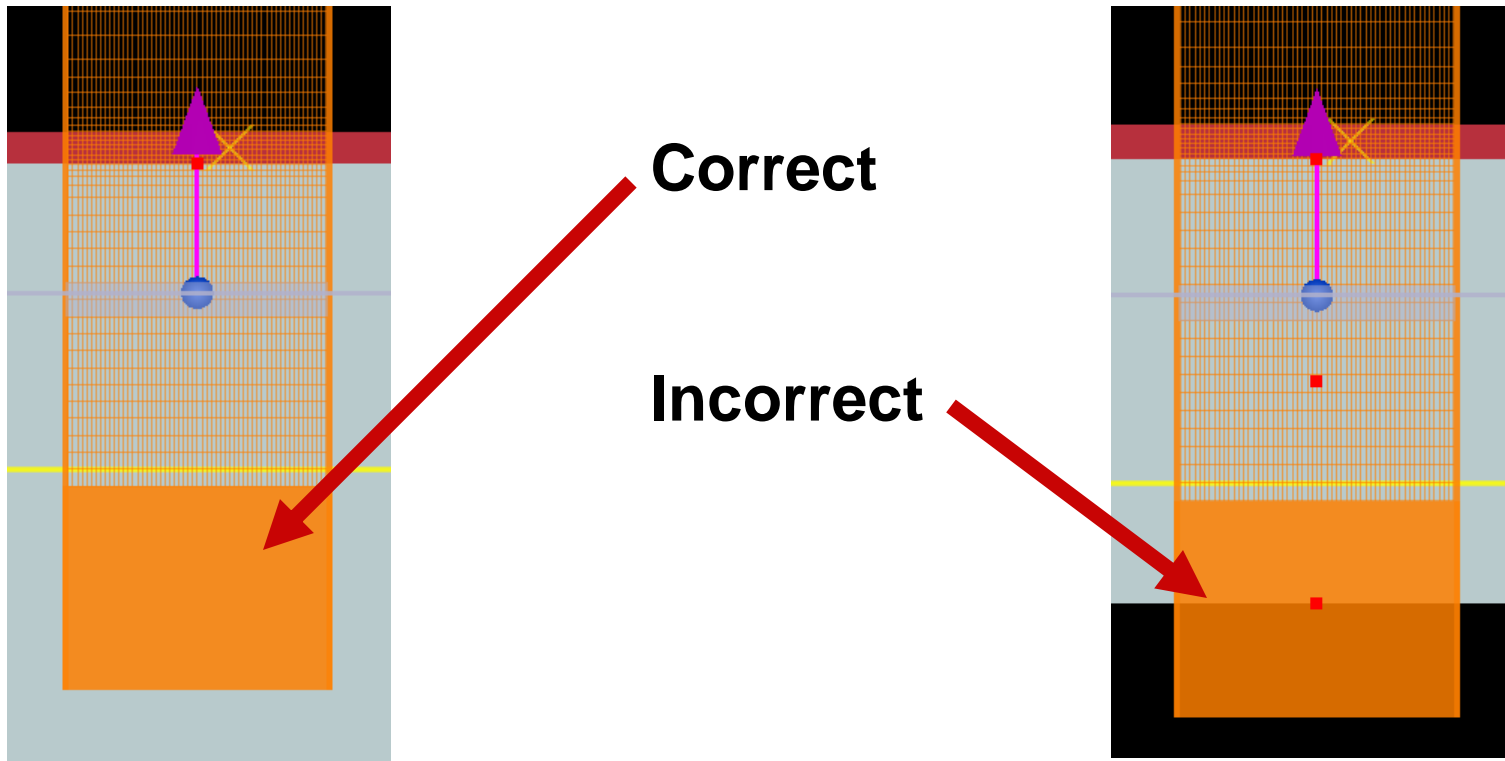
- Set Silicon mesh order to 2
- Set Glass mesh order to 3

**The interface point
will be Silicon!**



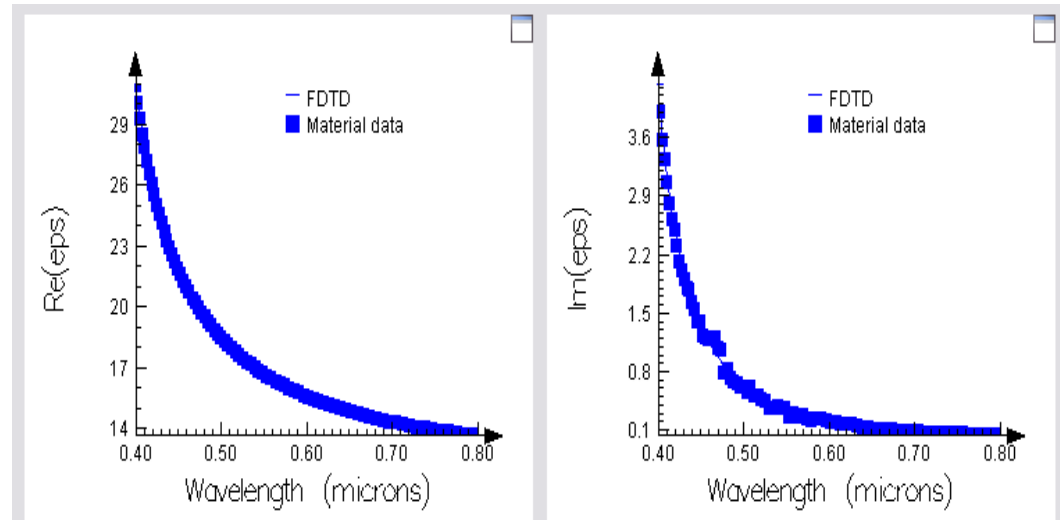
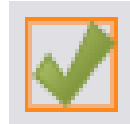
Simple example


- Be careful to extend structure through the PML boundary condition : Why? **Side-edges reflection issue.**



Simple example

- Check memory requirements!
- Check material fits



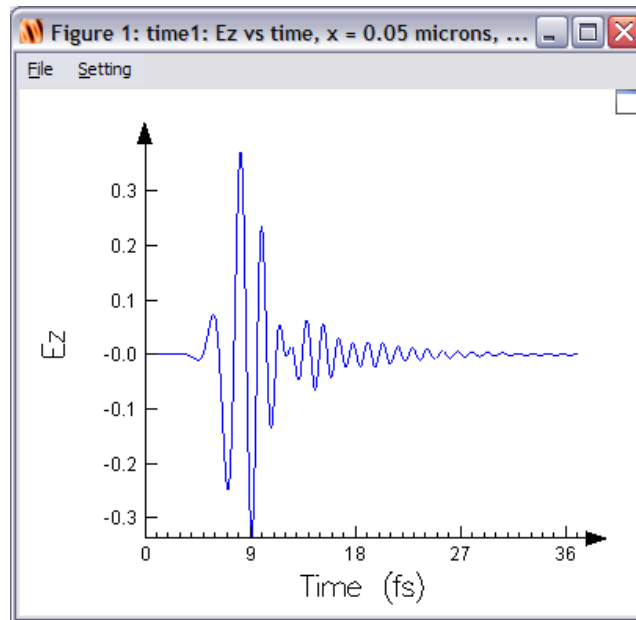
- Save simulation file under name **simple_example.fsp**
- Run simulation 
 - : Note when the simulation “auto-shutoff” occurs
 - Can we reduce the maximum simulation time for the next simulation?
 - : Can!

Simple example

- Analyze results

- : Run the movie: movie.mpg

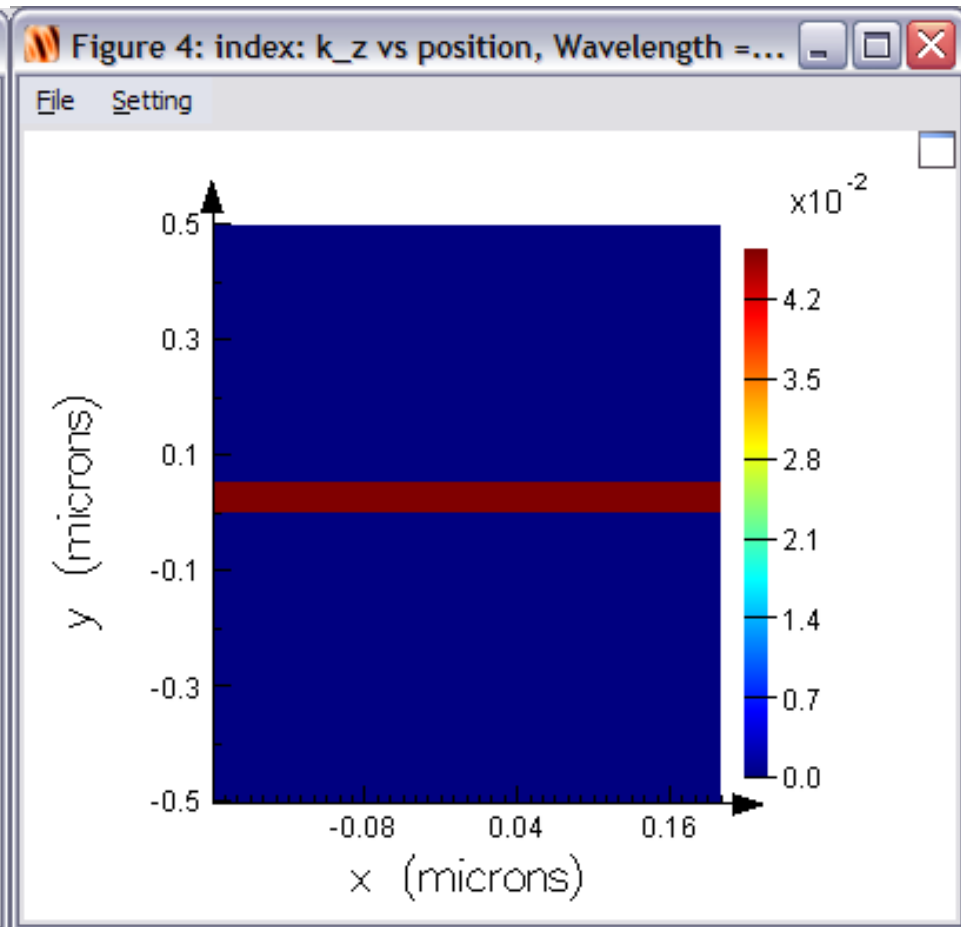
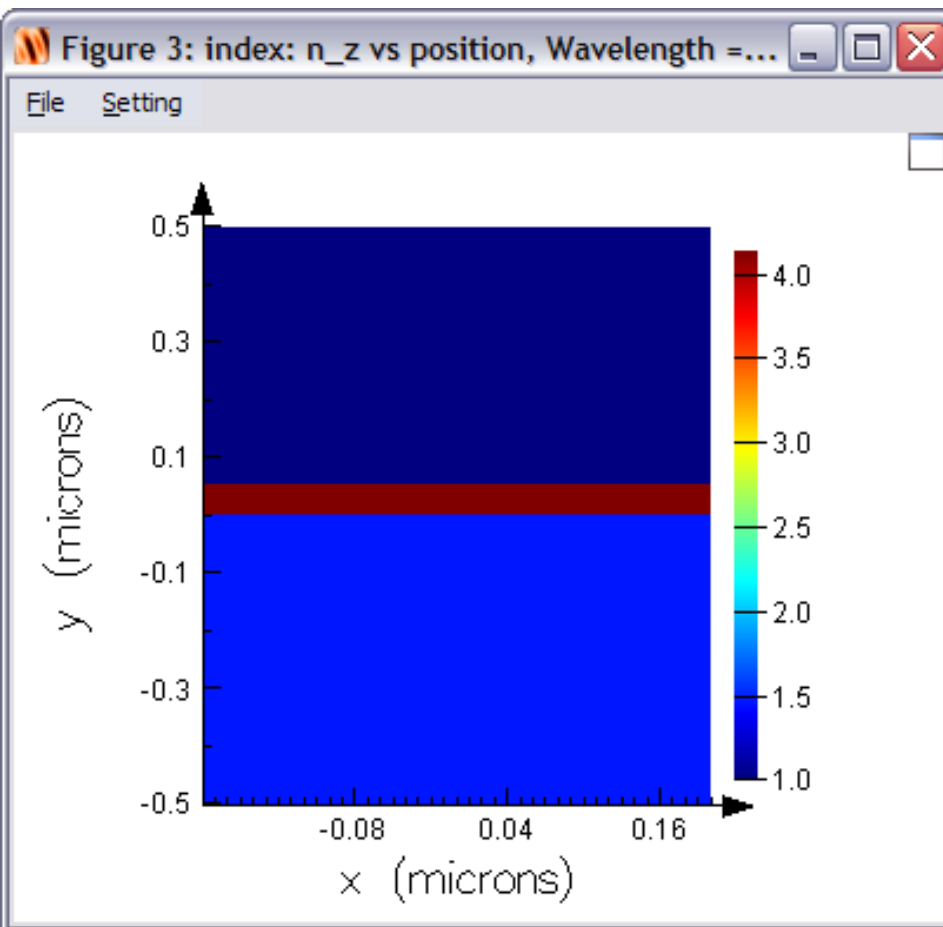
- : Plot Ez vs time



- : Did the auto-shutoff work?

Simple example

- Analyze results
 - : Image n and k . Is the structure correct?

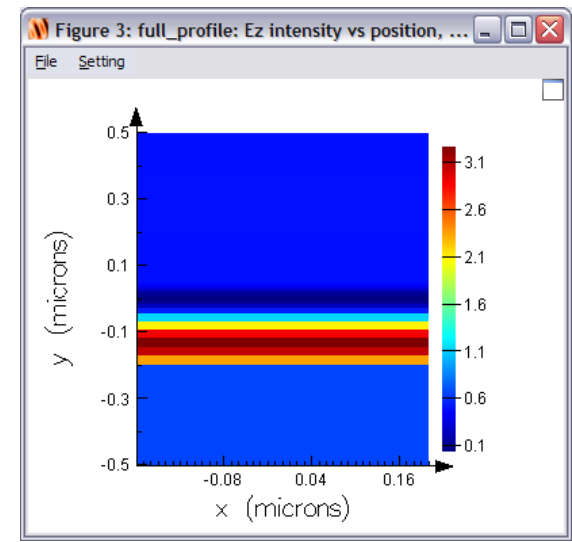
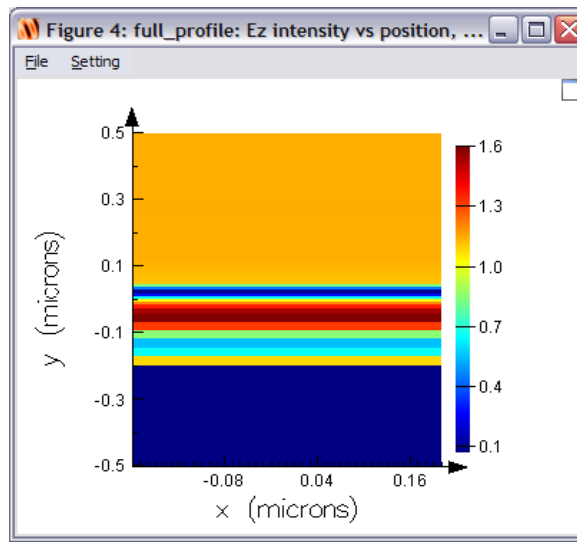
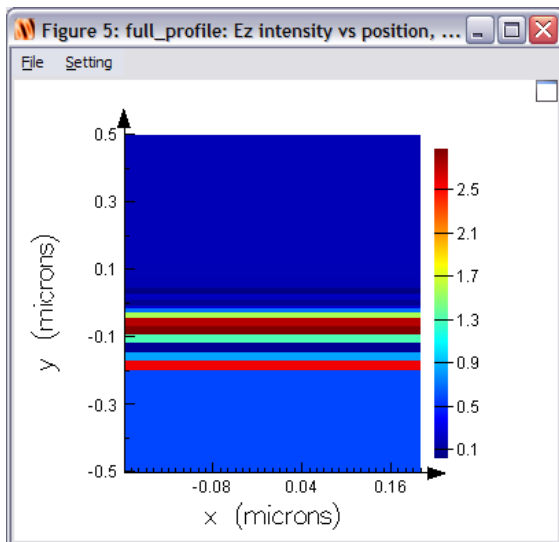
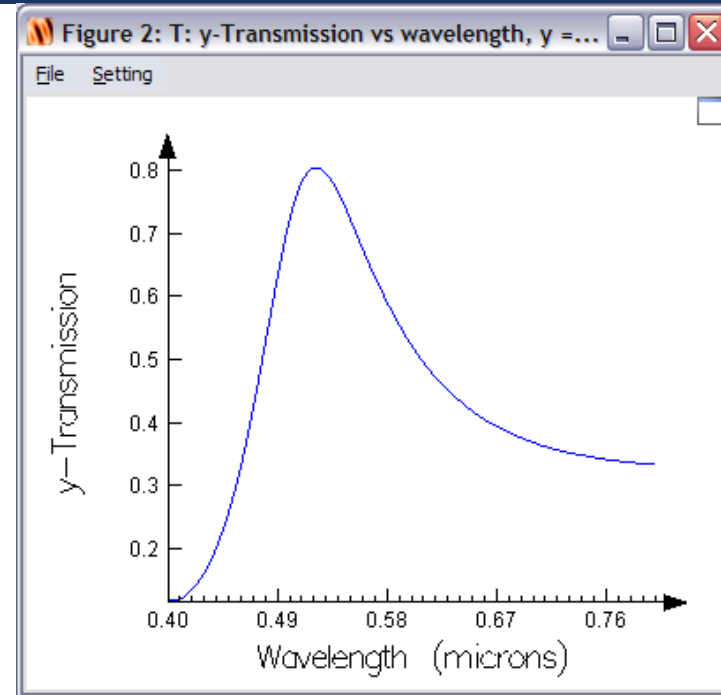


Simple example

- **Analyze results**

- : Plot transmission vs wavelength

- : Image $|E_z|^2$ at 3 different wavelengths



Simple example

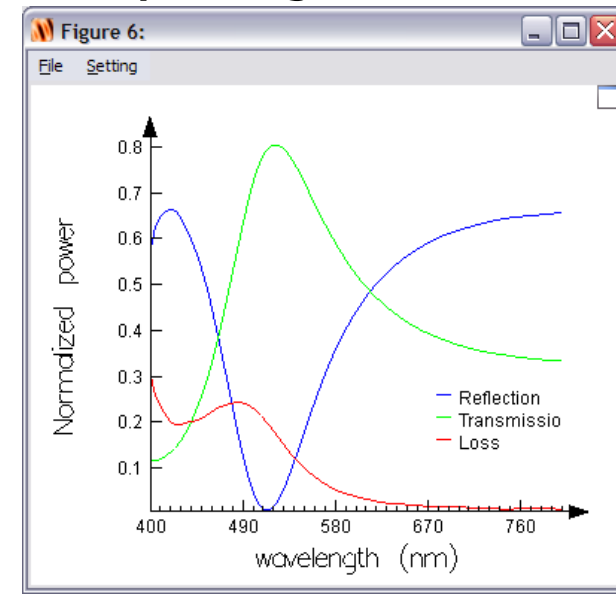
■ Analyze results

: Create a script file with the following lines

- `f = getdata("T","f");`
- `T = transmission("T");`
- `R = -transmission("R");`
- `L = 1-(R+T);`
- `plot(c/f*1e9,R,T,L,"wavelength (nm)","Normalized power");`
- `legend("Reflection","Transmission","Loss");`

Question: why is there a negative sign here?

: Try to move the legend to the position shown here (Setting menu)

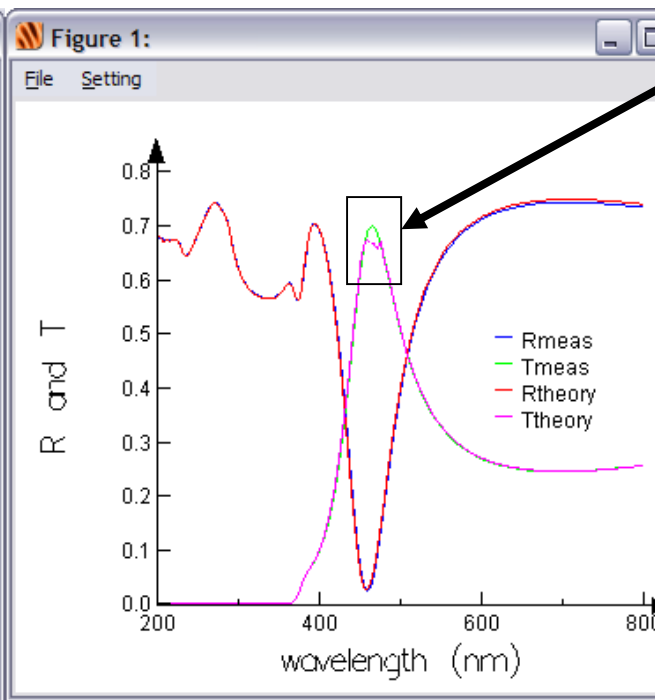
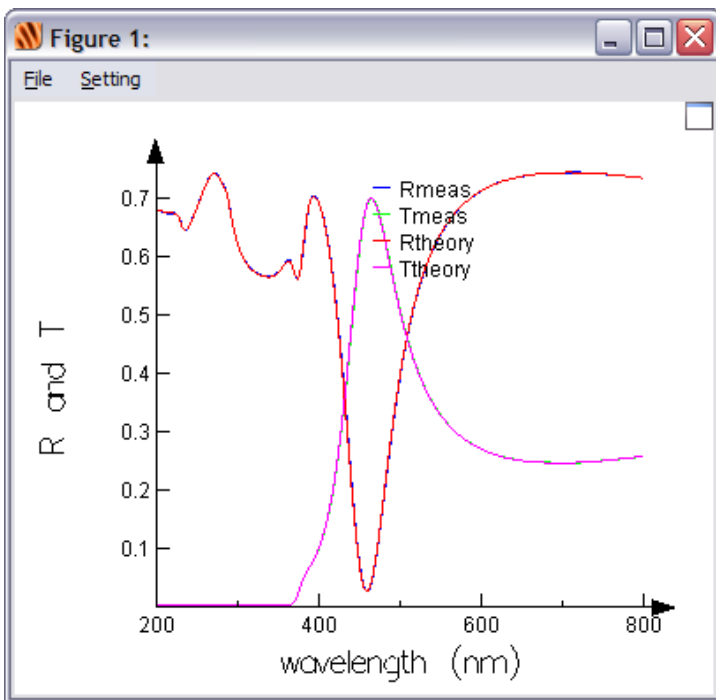
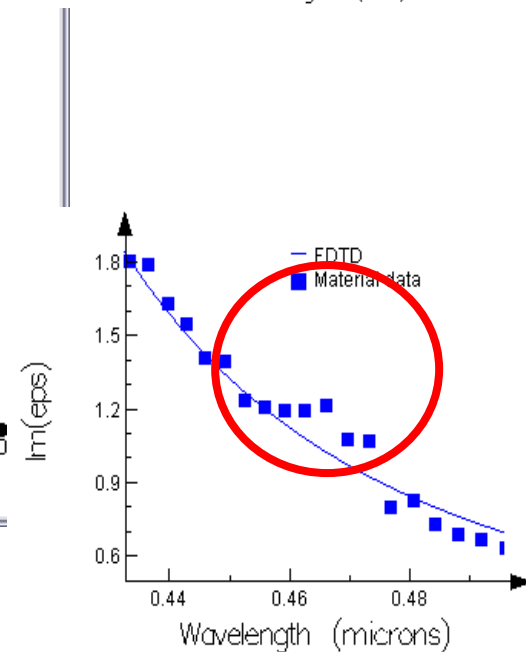
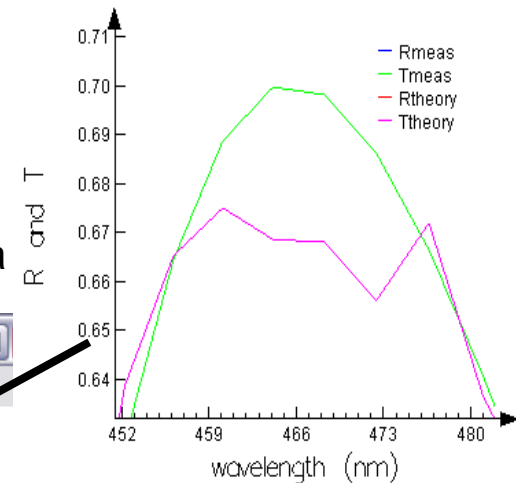


Simple example: accuracy

■ Is this accurate?

: Here is a 50 nm slab of Si in air, 200-800nm

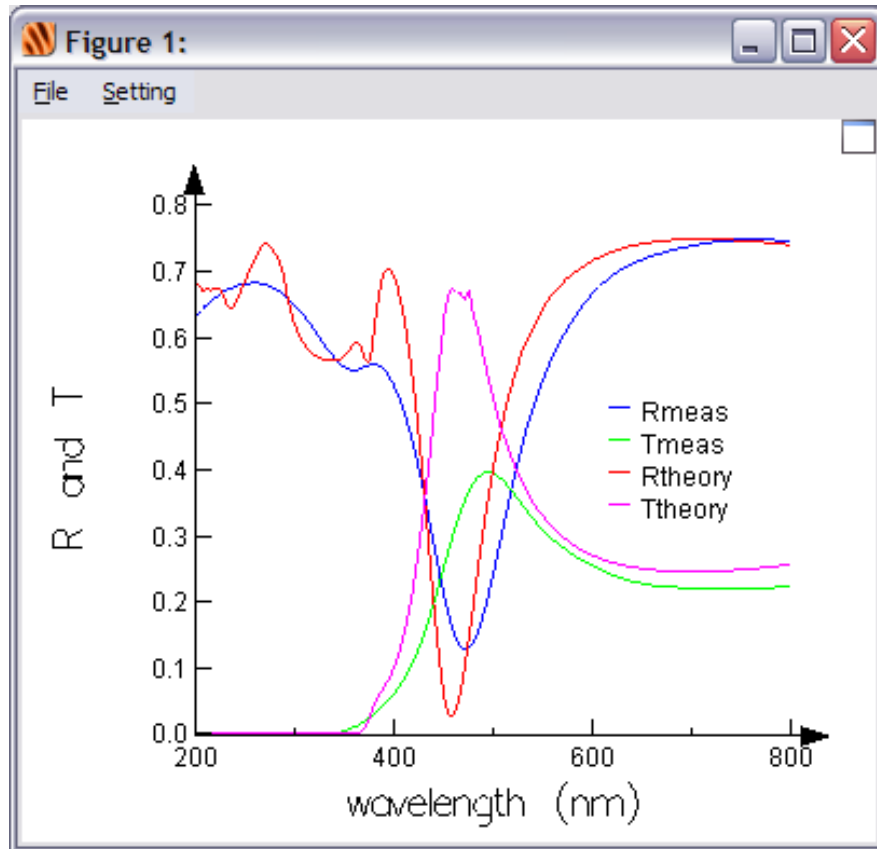
Theory based on FDTD material model Theory based on Palik's Si data



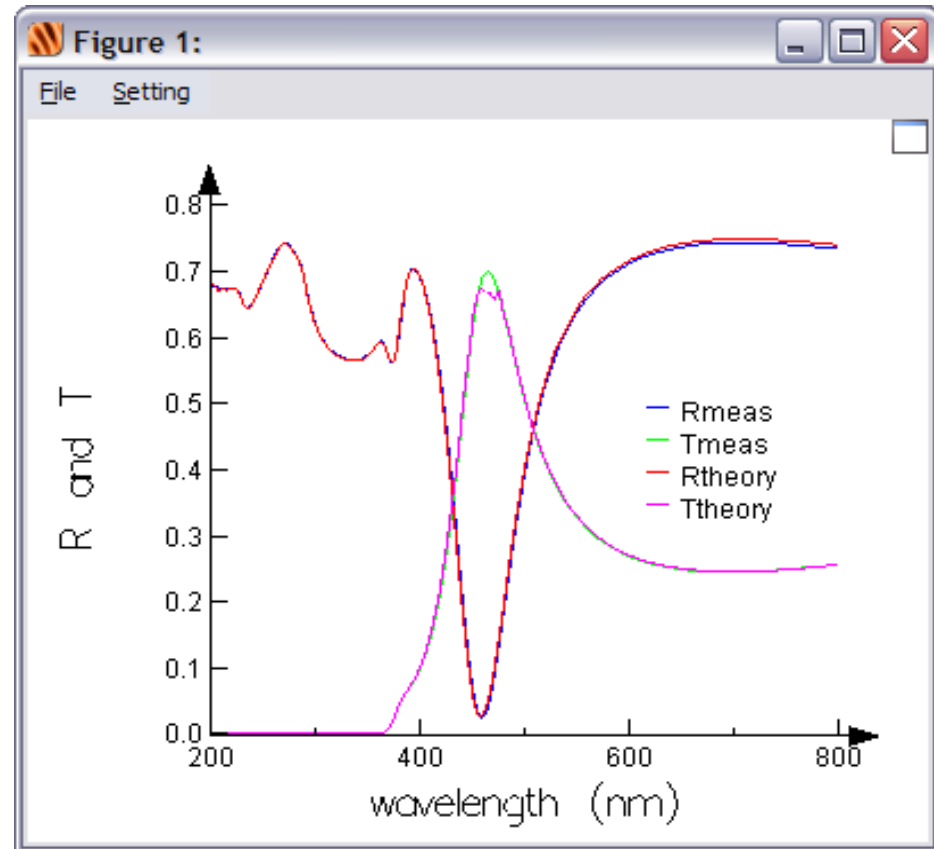
Simple example: accuracy

- Compare Lorentz model with multi-coefficient model

Lorentz model



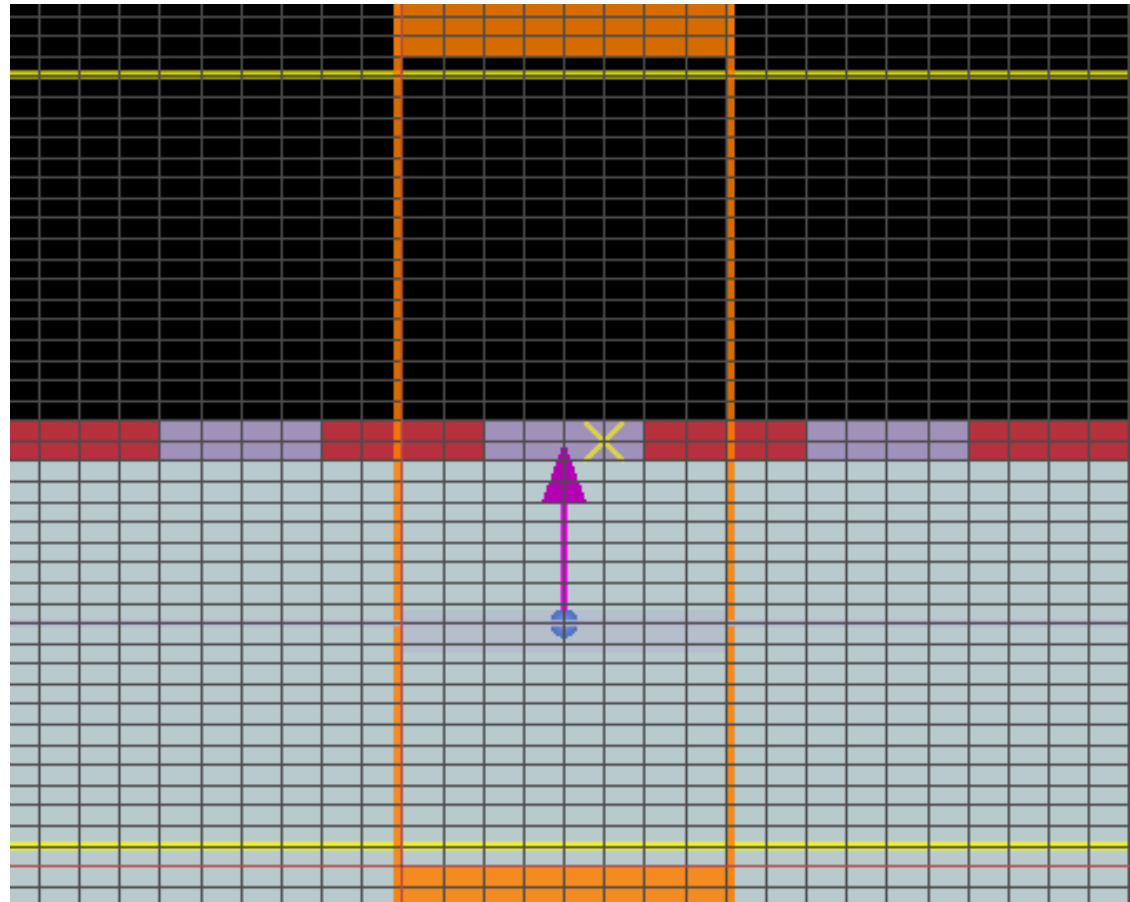
Lumerical's multi-coefficient model



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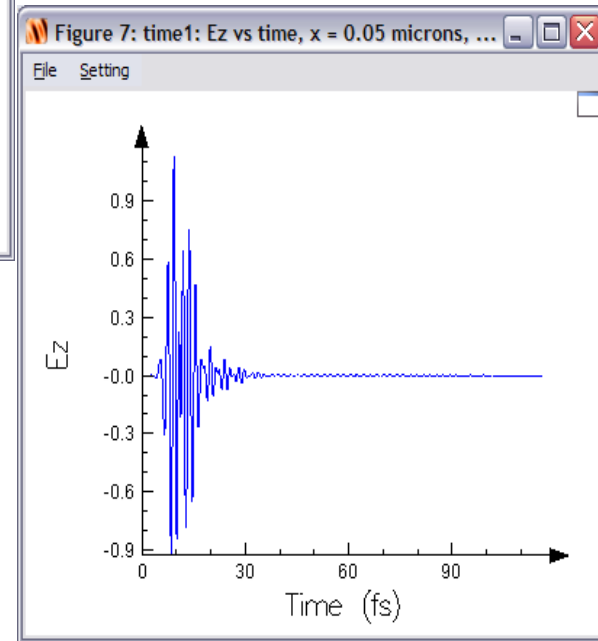
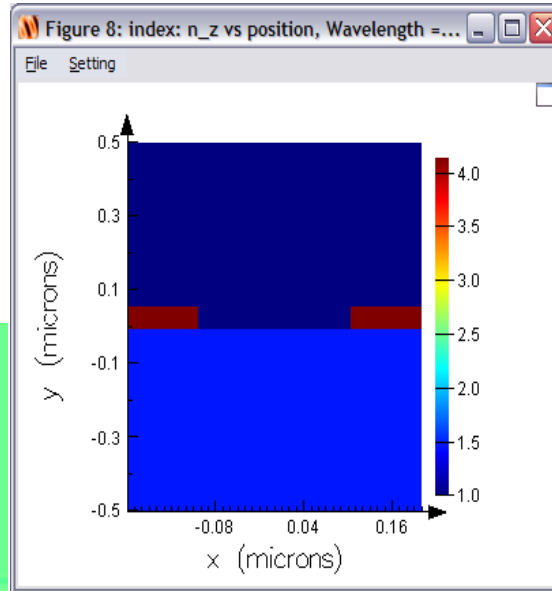
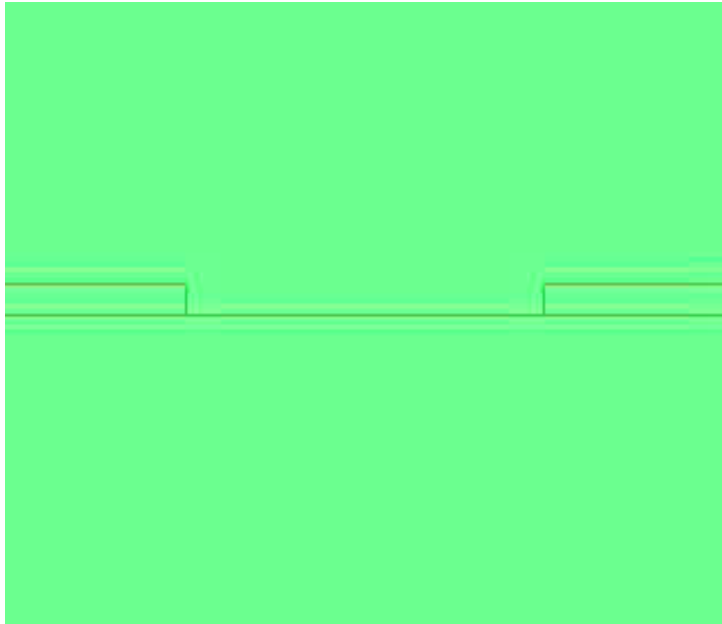
- Switch back to Layout mode 
- Add etched lines (200nm wide, 400 nm period)

- : Adjust the drawing grid OR
- : Use the array feature



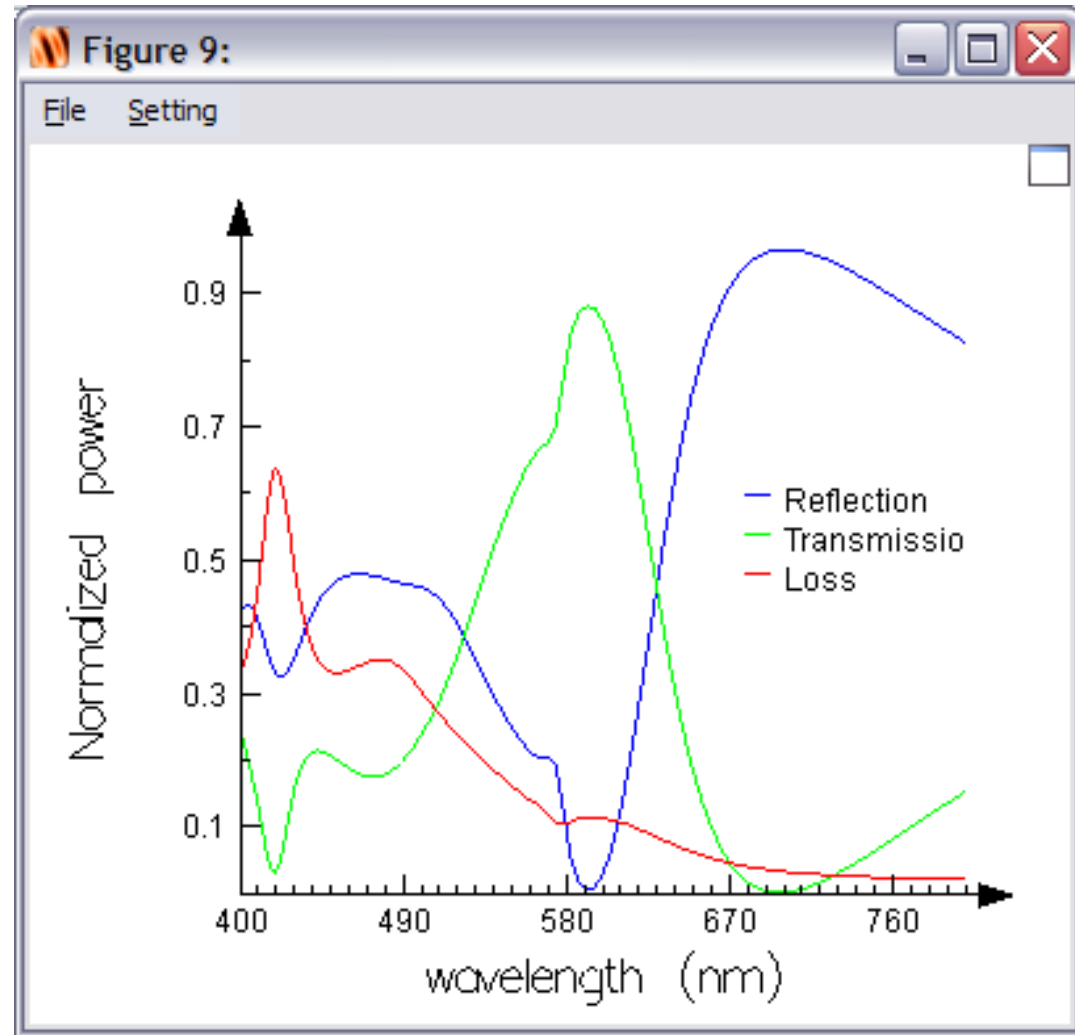
Simple example

- Run the simulation
 - : Did the simulation run longer or shorter than before?
- Analyze the results
 - : Index monitor
 - : movie
 - : Ez vs time



Simple example

- **Analyze results**
: Rerun the script file



Getting Started Examples

- DVD surface analysis (3D)
- Silver nano-wire (2D)
- Photonic crystal cavity (3D)
- Ring resonator (2D)

- Examples files are included with every installation
- Detailed instruction are provided in the Getting Started Guide
 - : http://www.lumerical.com/fdtd_online_help/ (online)
 - : FDTD Solutions - Help Menu - **Getting Started** (PDF)

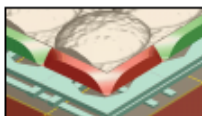
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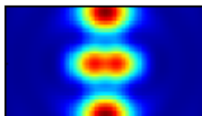
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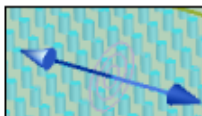
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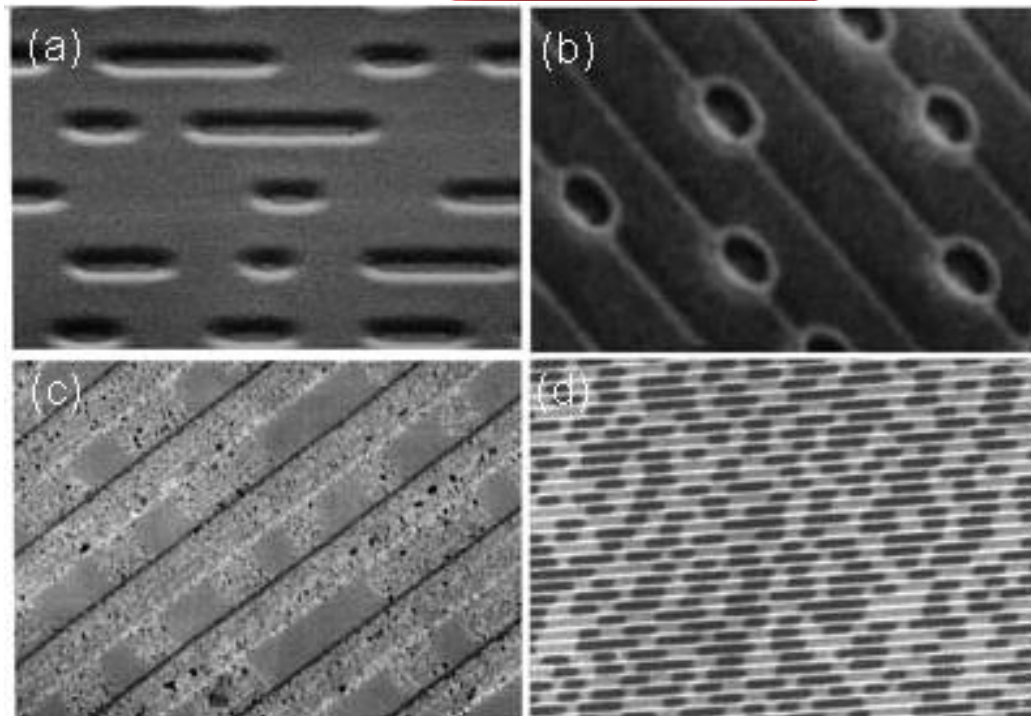
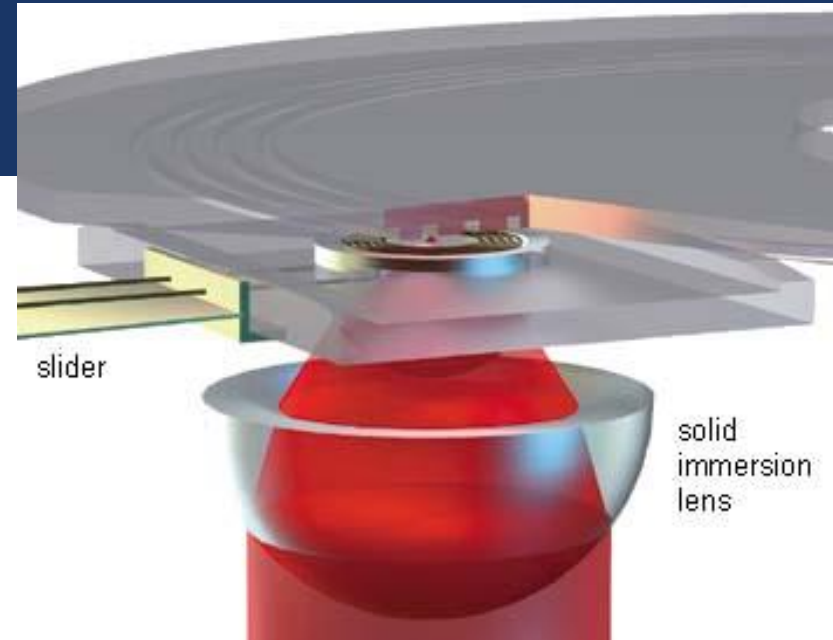
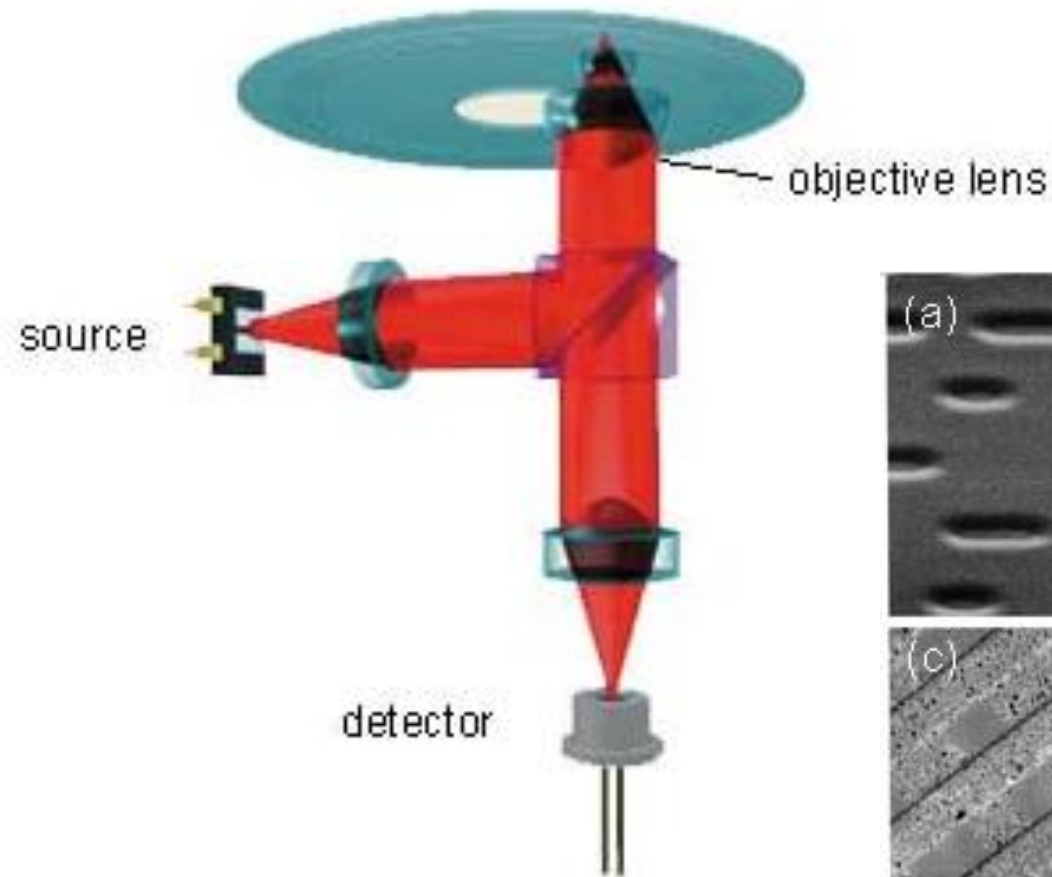


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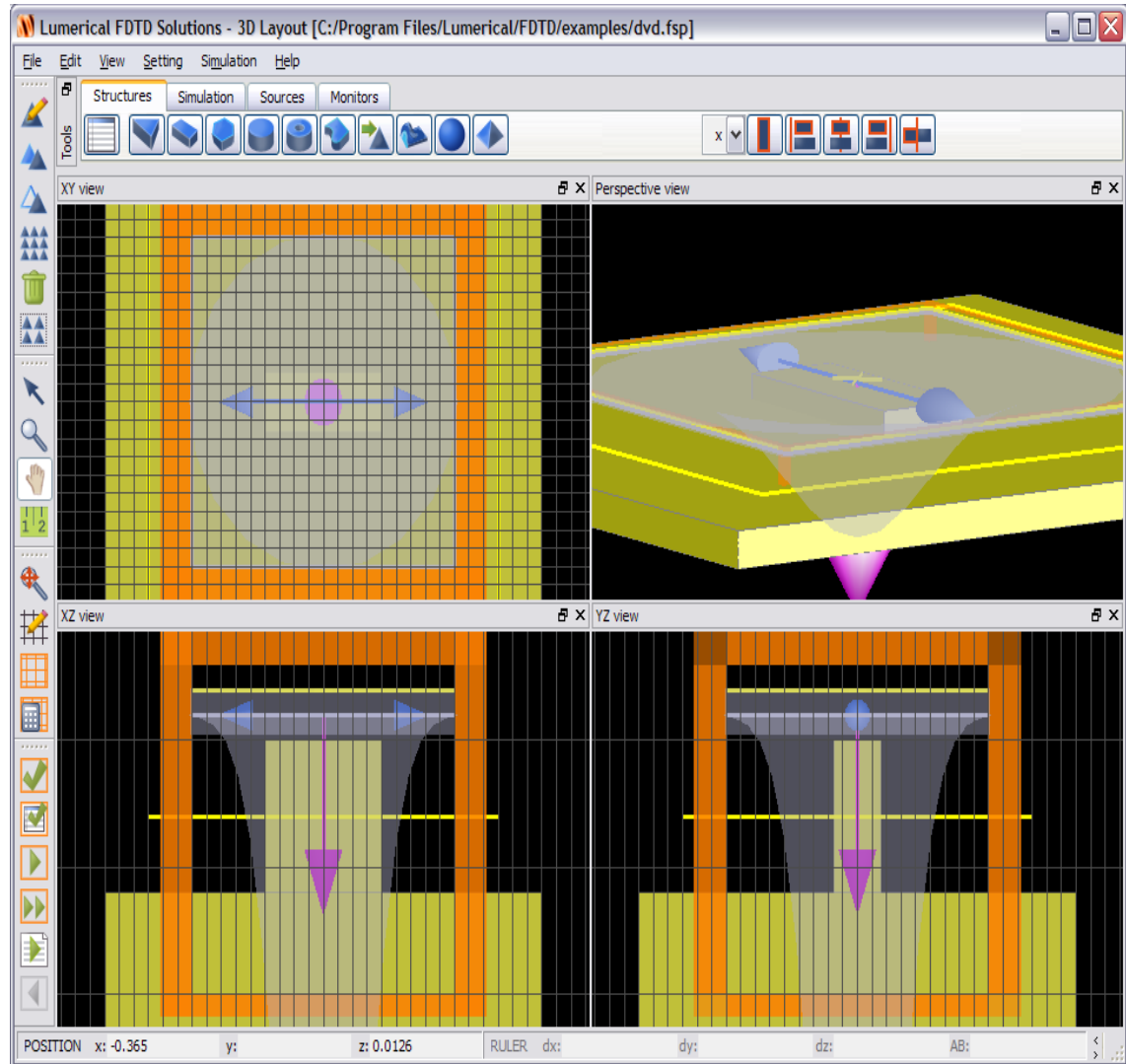
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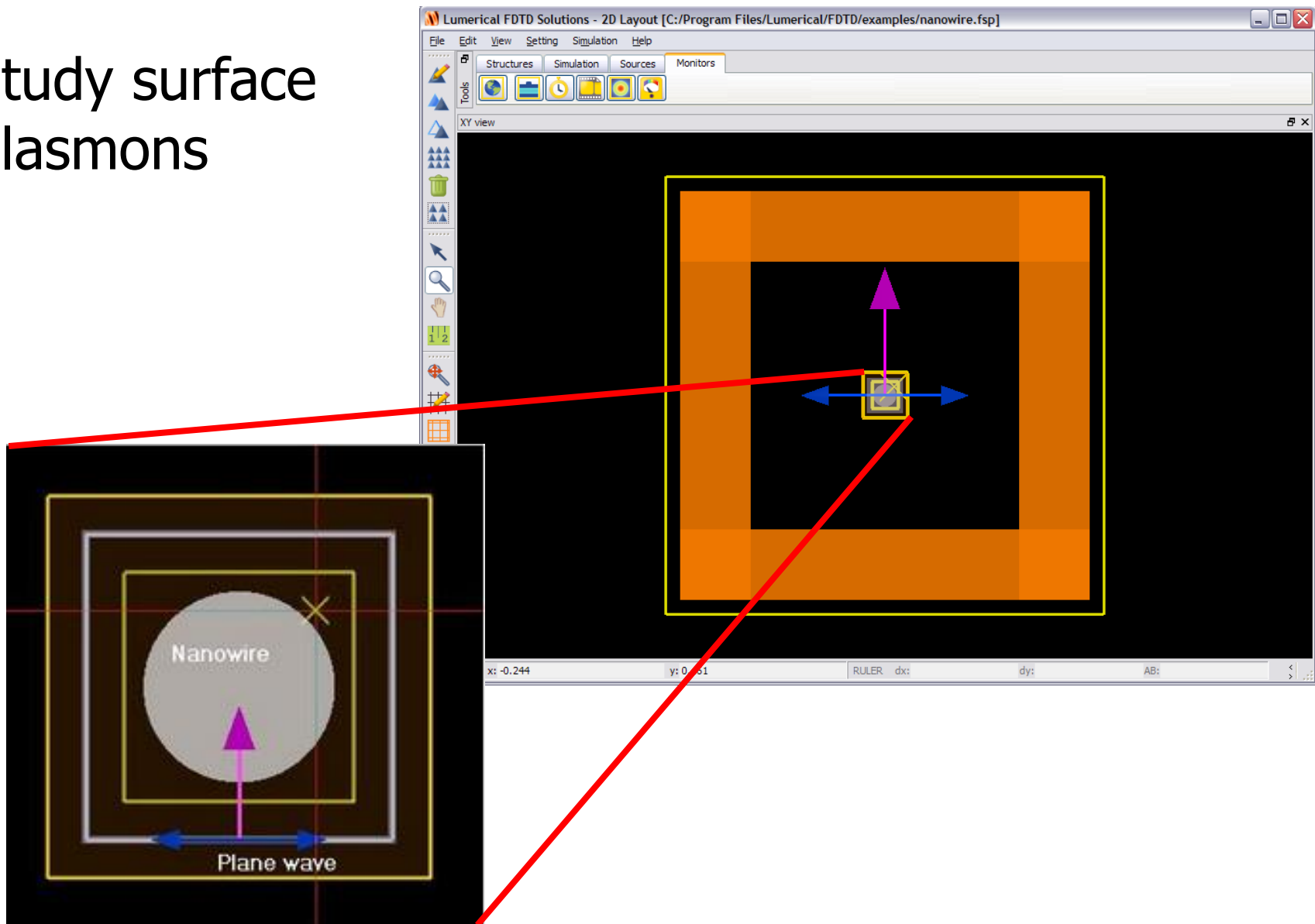
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- Investigate reflections of a focused beam from DVD surface features



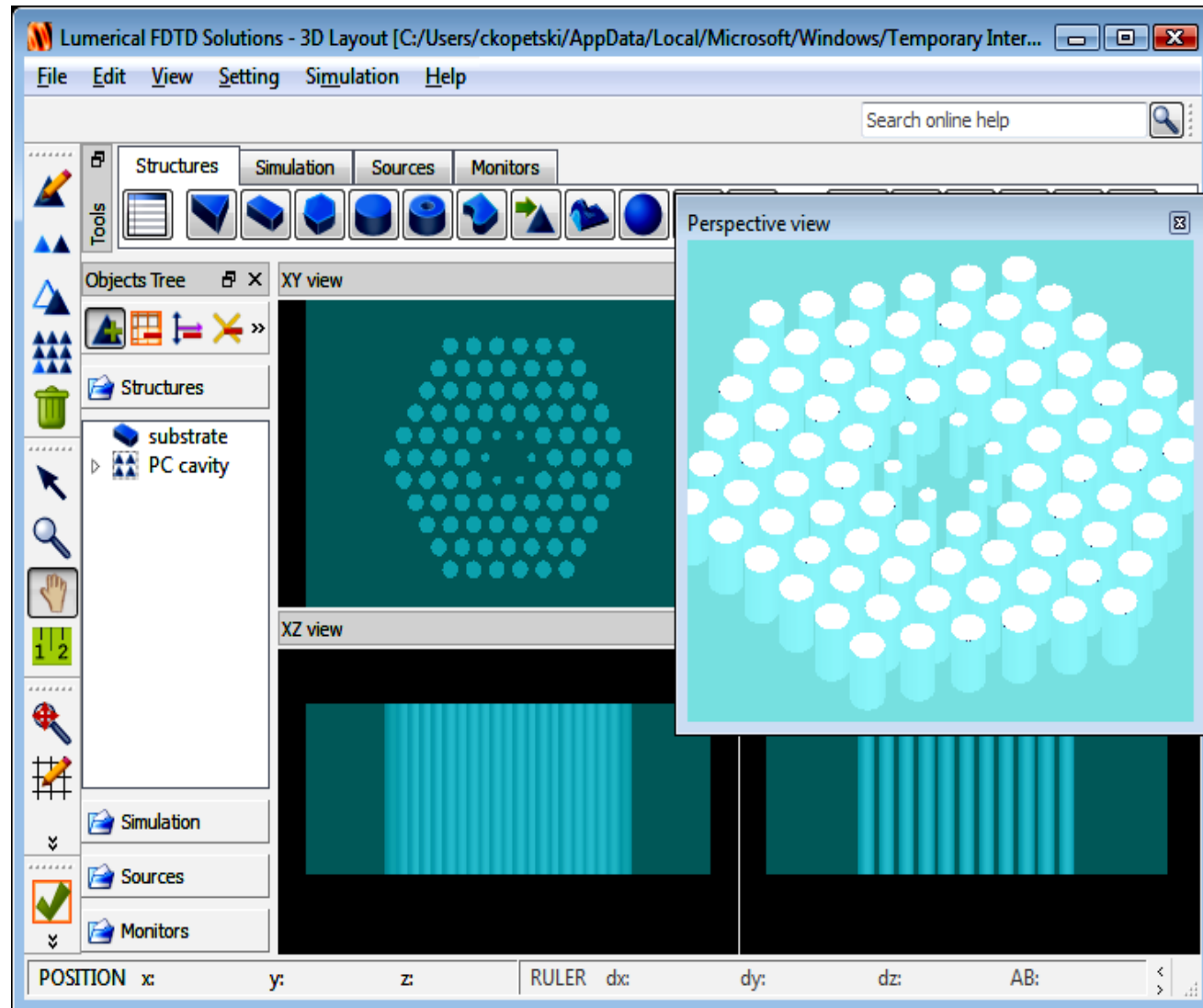
Silver nano-wire

- Study surface plasmons

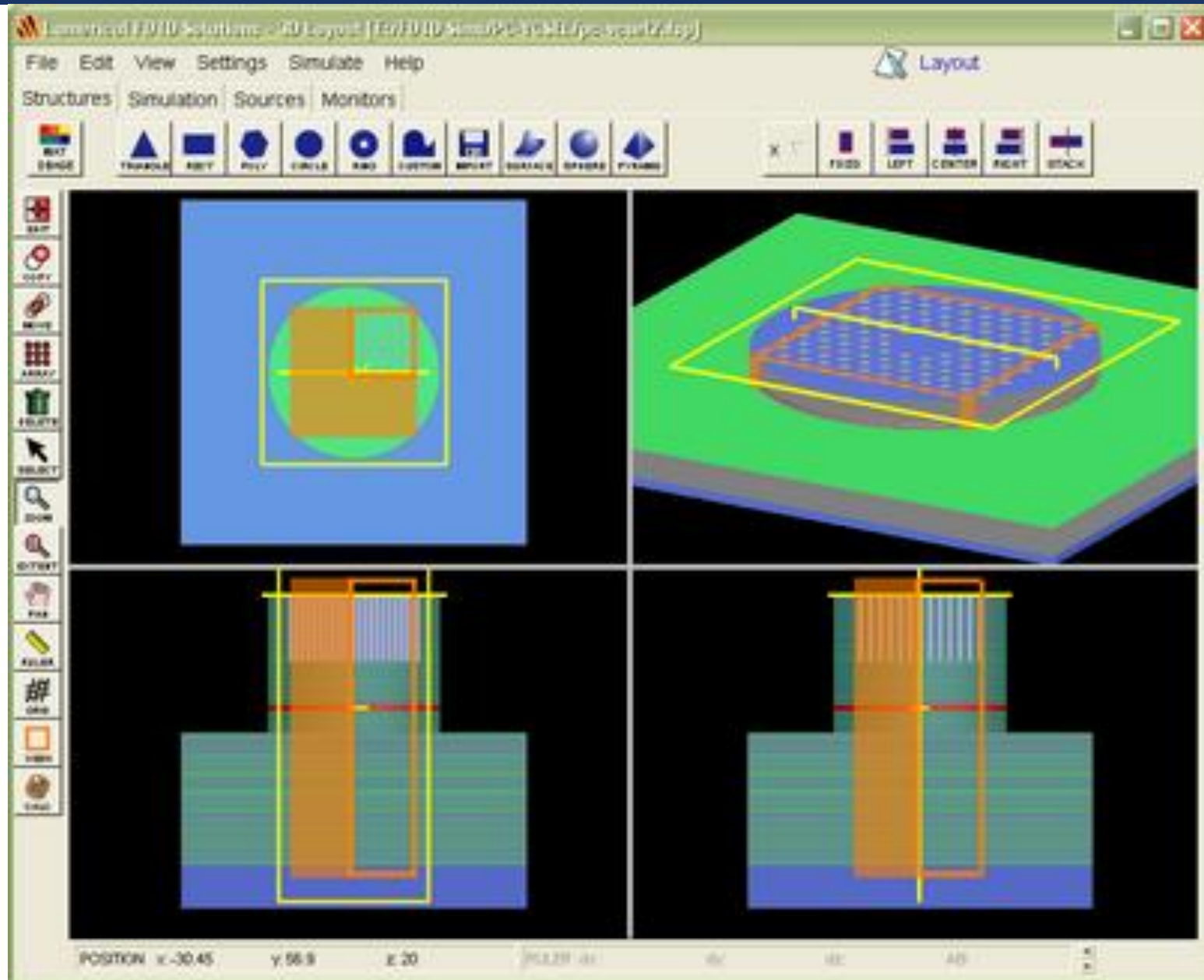


Photonic crystal cavity

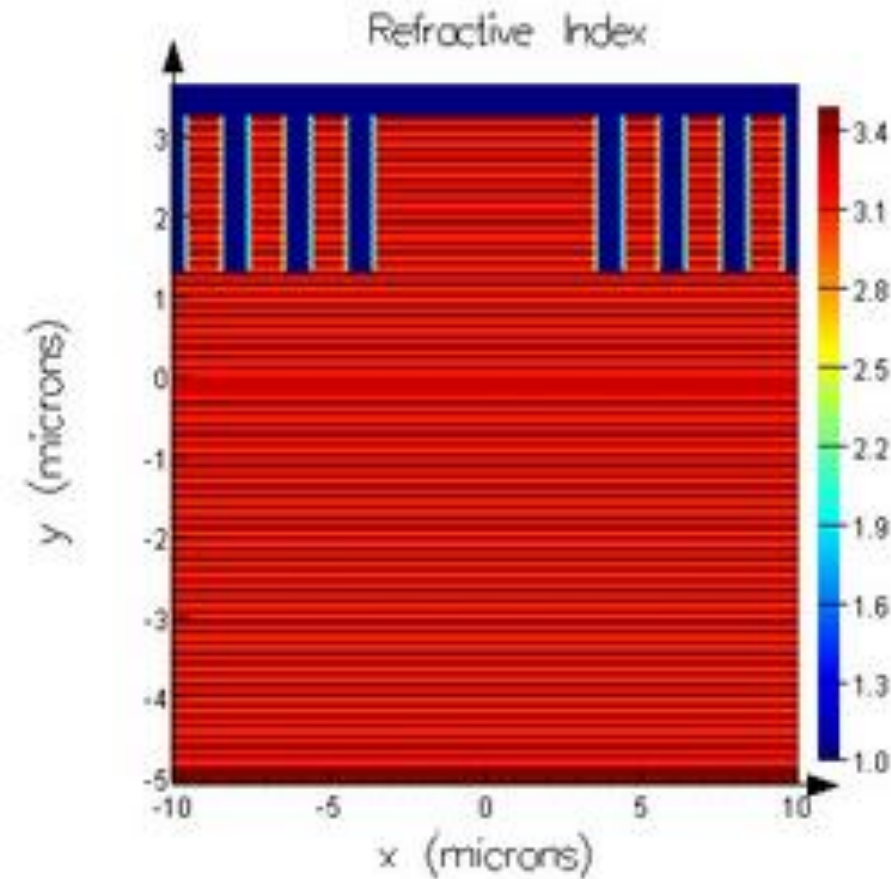
- Determine resonant frequencies of PC cavity



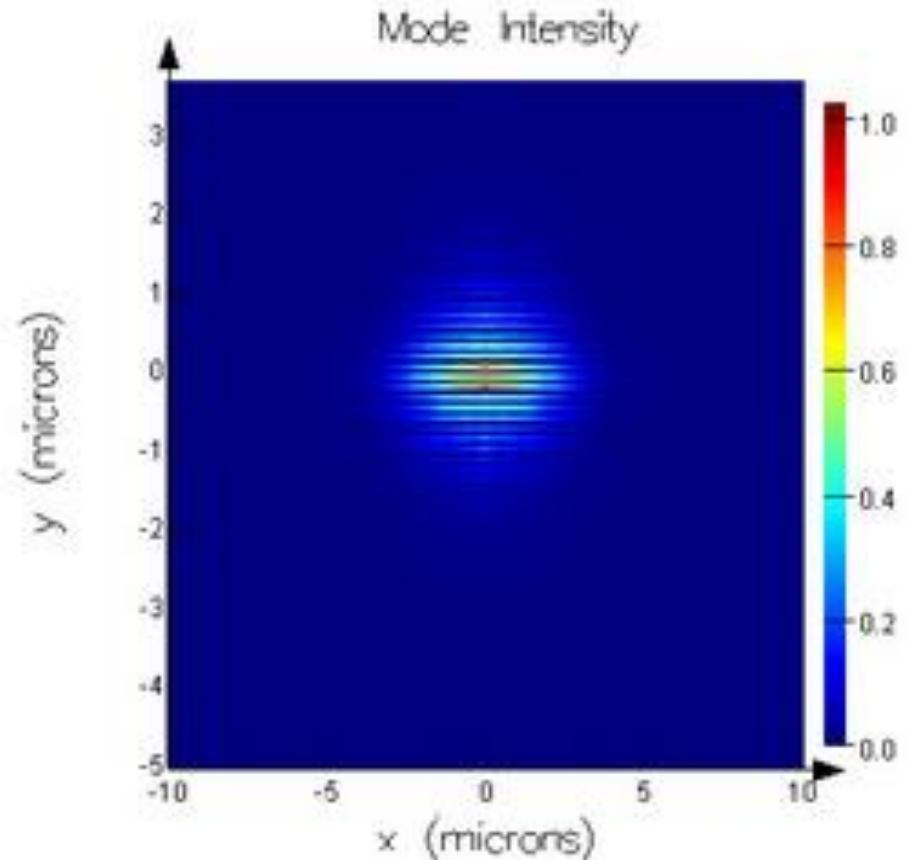
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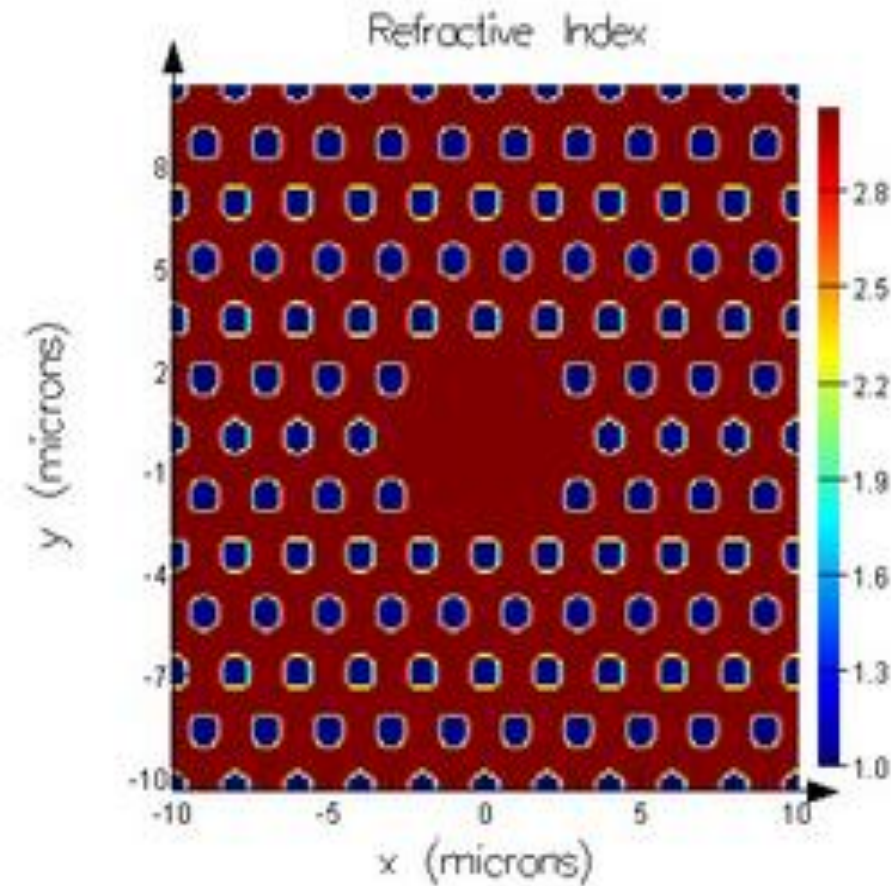


Cross-sectional refractive index distribution of VCSEL

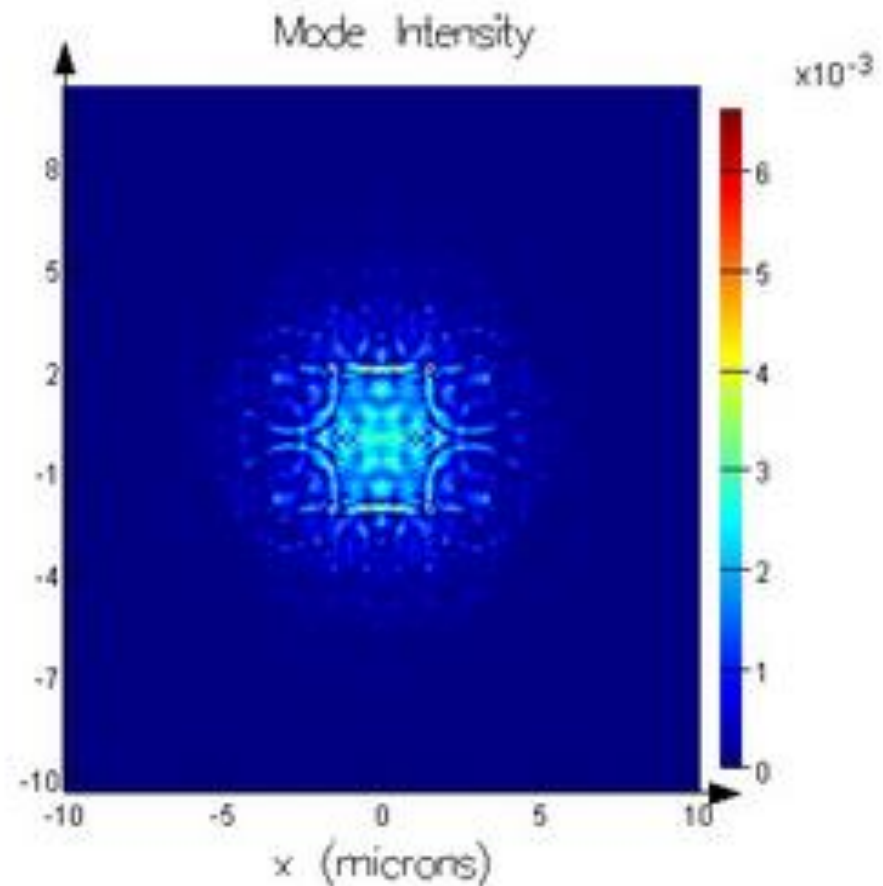


Cross-section of intensity profile of PC-VCSEL cavity mode

Integration of Photonic Crystal and VCSEL

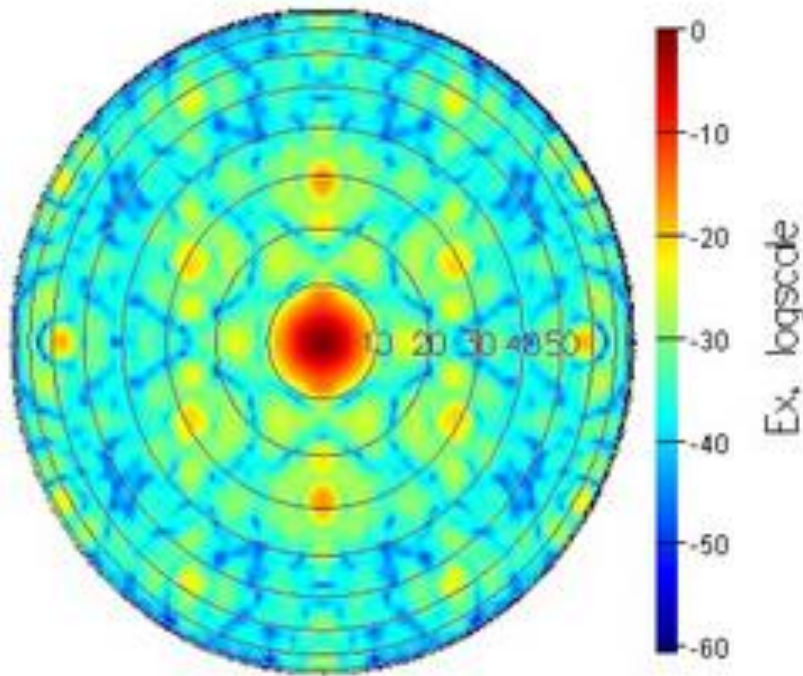


Planar refractive index
distribution of PC-VCSEL

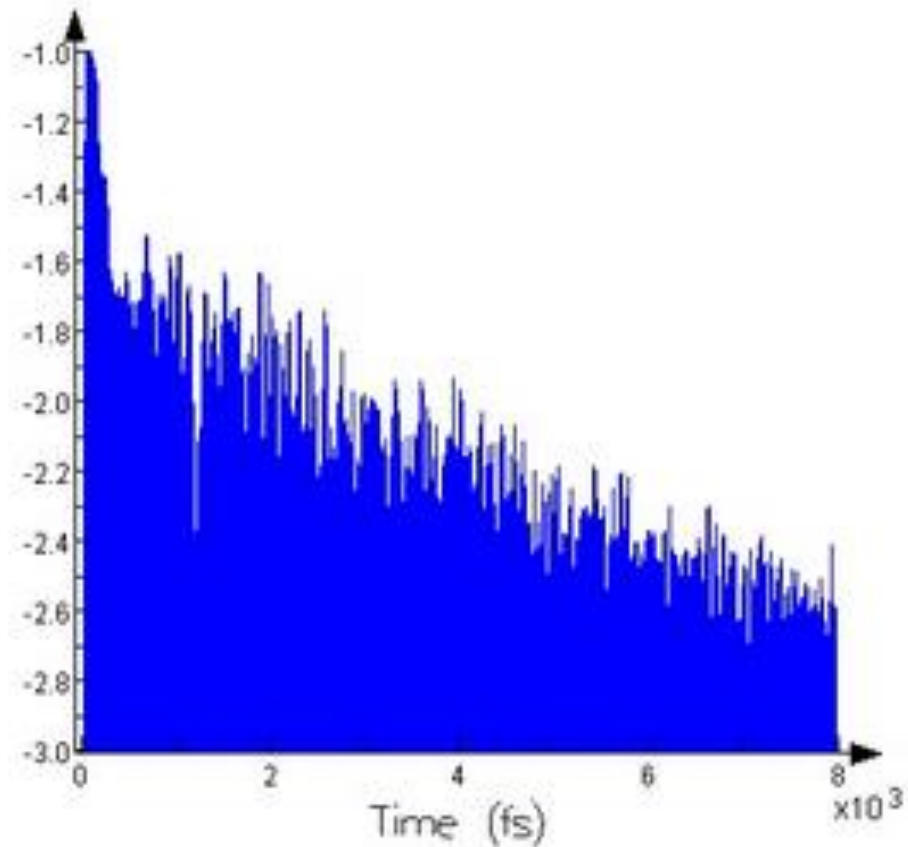


Planar intensity profile at
surface of PC-VCSEL

Integration of Photonic Crystal and VCSEL



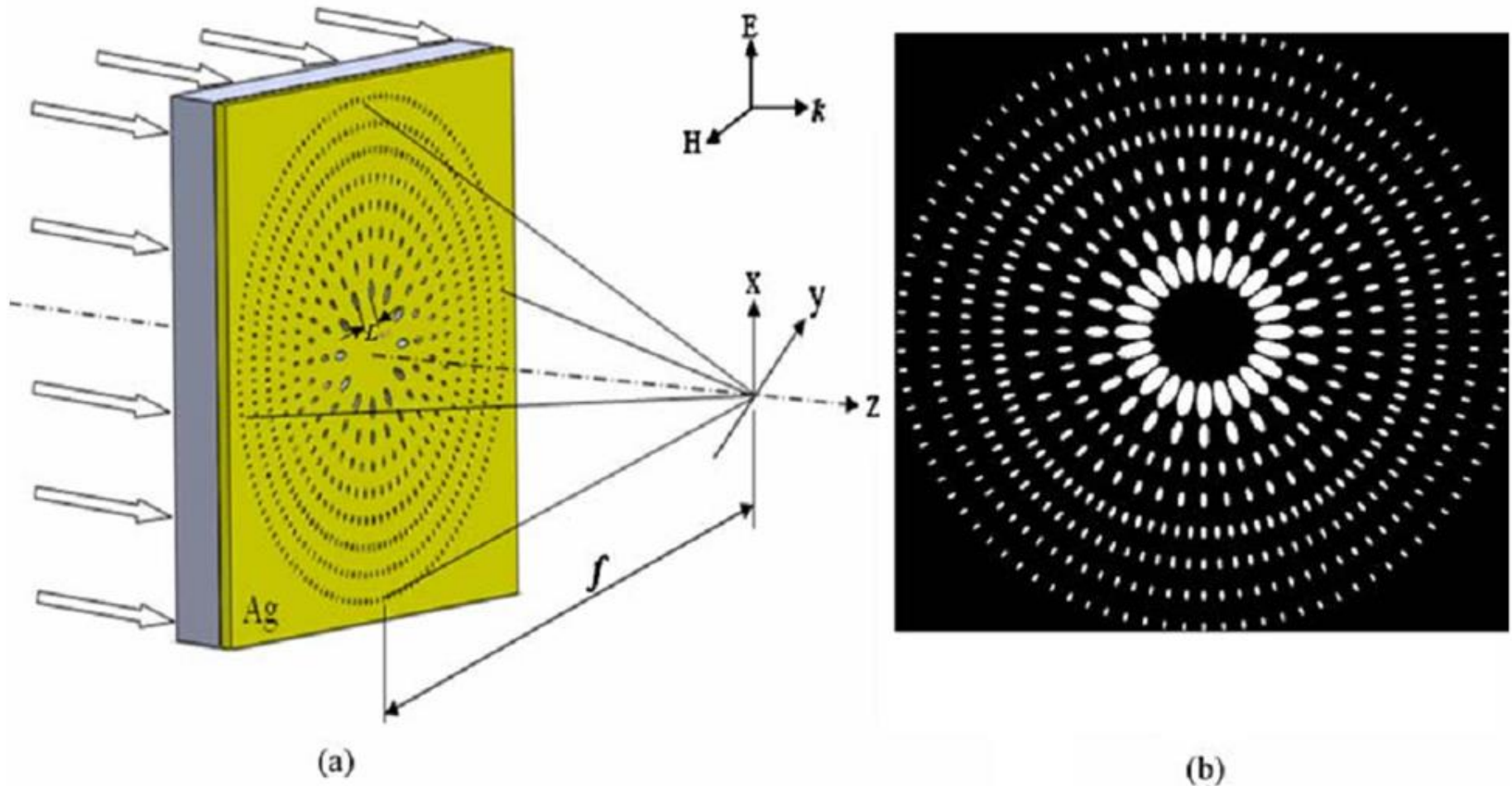
Far-field intensity distribution for PC-VCSEL cavity mode (plot scale in dB).



Time signal showing decay of PC VCSEL cavity mode. The linear slope of the amplitude (plot on a log scale) determines the Q-factor.

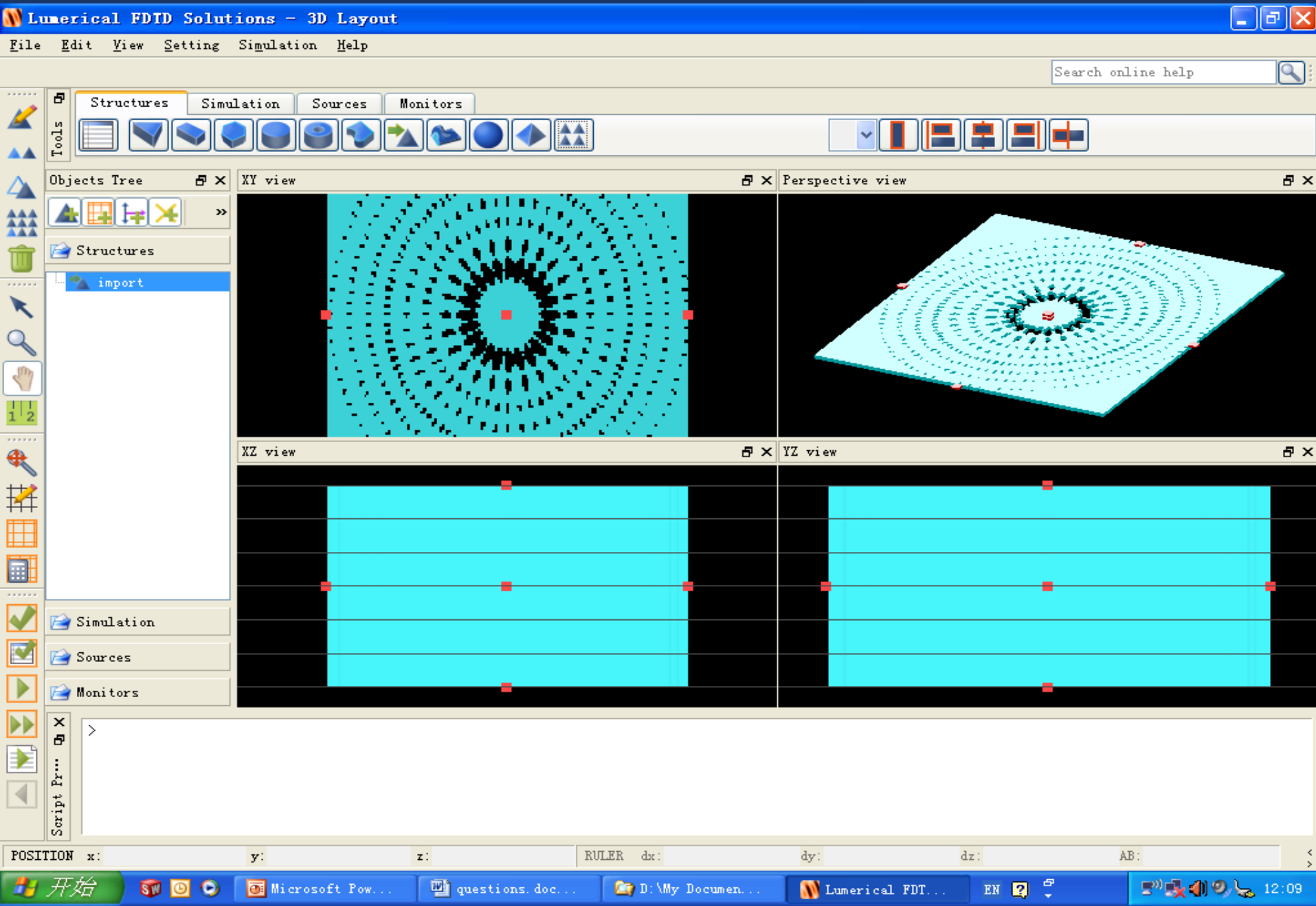
Scripting: Editor and prompt

Structure creation using script



Zhenkui Shi, Yongqi Fu, et. al., Polarization effect on focusing of a plasmonic lens structured with radialized and chirped elliptical nanopinhole. *Plasmonics* 5(2), (2010). (in press)

Comparison to the bitmap import method



Review and Tips

- **Review workflow**

- : Frequently asked questions

- : Tips for reducing computational requirements (time and memory)

Computational Resource Requirements

The image shows the Lumerical FDTD Solutions software interface. The main window displays a 3D layout of a substrate with a photonic crystal cavity. A red arrow points from the 'Simulation' button in the bottom toolbar to the 'Simulation and Memory Report' dialog box. The dialog box provides detailed information about the simulation's resource requirements.

Simulation and Memory Report

3D Simulation

Approximate total memory requirements to avoid swapping during the simulation

- minimum: 12 MB
- maximum: 12 MB

Frequency/wavelength settings

- Simulation bandwidth (from source settings)
 - minimum wavelength = 1199.17 nm
 - maximum wavelength = 1873.7 nm
 - simulation wavelength = 1462.4 nm
 - minimum frequency = 160 THz
 - maximum frequency = 250 THz
 - simulation frequency = 205 THz

Total number of FDTD Yee nodes

- 0.119072 MNodes

Current materials

- Ta2O5: rms error = 0
 - fit over simulation bandwidth
- etch: rms error = 0
 - fit over simulation bandwidth

Memory details

- Electromagnetic Fields and Refractive Index: 5 MB (40.5%)
- Sources
 - Point Source, dip1: (outside simulation volume) 0 B (0%)
 - Point Source, dip2: (outside simulation volume) 0 B (0%)
- Monitors
 - Frequency Domain Field Profile Monitor, profile: 338 kB (2.7%)
 - Index Monitor, index: (can be swapped without slowdown) 113 kB (0.9%)
 - Index Monitor, index: (can be swapped without slowdown) Q analysis: (outside simulation volume) 0 B (0%)
 - Time Monitor, Q analysis::t1: 593 kB (4.8%)
- Miscellaneous memory: 6 MB (51%)

OK

FDTD Solutions: Optimizing Resources

What are some tricks for speeding up FDTD Solutions, and reducing the memory requirements?

- Avoid simulating homogeneous regions with no structure
 - : Use far field projections instead
- Use symmetry where possible
 - : Gain factors of 2, 4 or 8
- Use periodicity where possible
 - : Gain factors of 100s or 1000s
- Enlarge virtual memory of your computer
- Use a coarse mesh (use a refined mesh for final simulations)
 - : Start with “mesh accuracy” of 1 instead of 2
 - gives 8 times faster simulation
 - 5 times less memory
 - within 10-20% accuracy in general
 - : User mesh accuracy of 2-4 for final simulation
 - : Use mesh override regions for local regions of fine mesh

Where to find help and examples

- **Online help** at www.lumerical.com/fdtd_online_help
 - : New features summary
 - : Installation manual
 - : Getting started
 - : Reference guide
 - : Script function reference
 - : User guide
 - : Application help
- **Application summaries**
 - : www.lumerical.com/fdtd_applications

Getting help

- Technical Support
 - : **Email:** gsun.support@lumerical.com 孙桂林
 - : **Online help:** www.lumerical.com/fdtd_online_help
 - Many examples, user guide, full text search, getting started, reference guide, installation manuals
 - : Phone: +1-604-733-9006 and press 2 for support
- Sales information: sales@lumerical.com
- Find an authorized sales representative for your region: www.lumerical.com and select **Contact Us**



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For Your Attention
Thank You

Appendix

FAQ 1. Creating Physical Structures

- What are the basic primitives used in 2D? In 3D?



3D only

- How do I set material properties?



- How can I easily create layer structures?




- Can structures be rotated?

: **Yes**

- Can I import from a file or image?

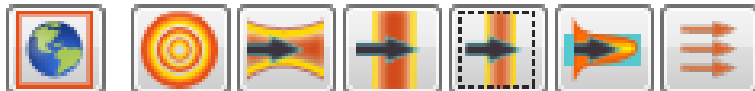
: **Yes**

FAQ 2. Setting Simulation Parameters

- What mesh size should I use?
 - : “mesh accuracy” of 1 or 2 for initial setup (faster)
 - : Use “mesh accuracy” of 2-4 for final simulations
 - : “mesh accuracy” 5-8 is almost never necessary
 - Use mesh overrides instead for most applications
- How long a simulation time should I use? 
 - : At least long enough for pulse to propagate throughout simulation volume.
 - : Start with longer simulations times and let the “auto-shutoff” feature find out when you can stop the simulation
 - : Check with point time monitors
- What boundary conditions should I use?
 - : PML allows light to exit simulation region
 - : Symmetric/anti-symmetric, periodic, Bloch boundary conditions can save memory and time.

FAQ 3. Using Sources

- What sources can I use in FDTD Solutions?



- How do I set the pulse length in time?
 - : FDTD Solutions does this automatically when you set wavelength or frequency of interest.
- How can I set a broadband source?
 - : Define a range of frequencies and FDTD Solutions creates one for you automatically.
- Can I create my own source spectrum?
 - : yes

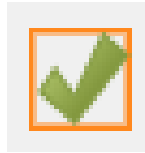
FAQ 4. Using Monitors

- What monitors can I use in FDTD Solutions?



- When do I choose a power monitor instead of a profile monitor?
 - : Power and profile monitors are almost identical and can collect all the same data
 - : Power monitors are optimized for the best accuracy when calculating power flow
 - they “snap” to the nearest Yee cell
 - : Profile monitors are optimized to preserve perfect field symmetry
 - they can interpolate fields to any location inside the Yee cell

FAQ 5. Running Simulation

- How do I check the memory requirements?
 - : On the Simulate menu, left panel 
- How do I reduce memory requirements?
 - : Minimize simulation volume using symmetry
 - : Decrease the “mesh accuracy” if possible
 - Increases dx, dy and dz
 - : Down sample monitors spatially
 - : Record fewer frequency points in frequency monitors
 - : Record only the necessary field components