



Directional Plasmonic Nano-Antennae

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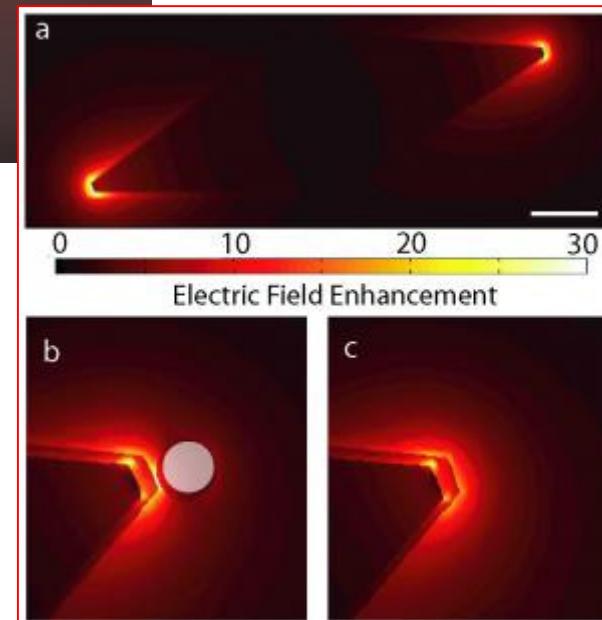
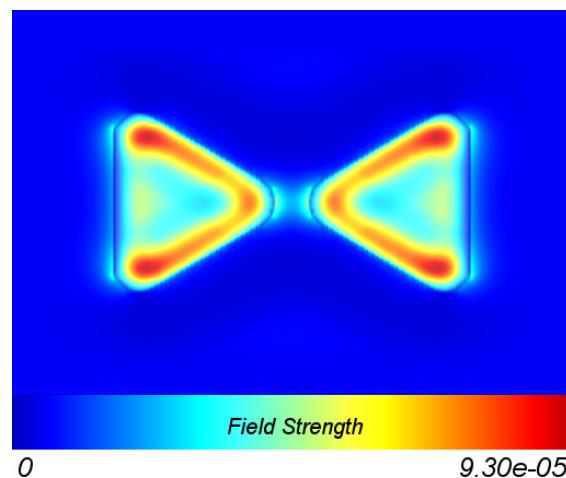
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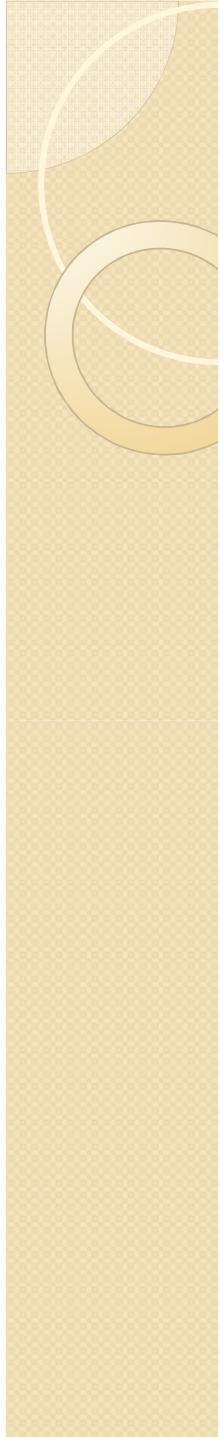
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Motivation



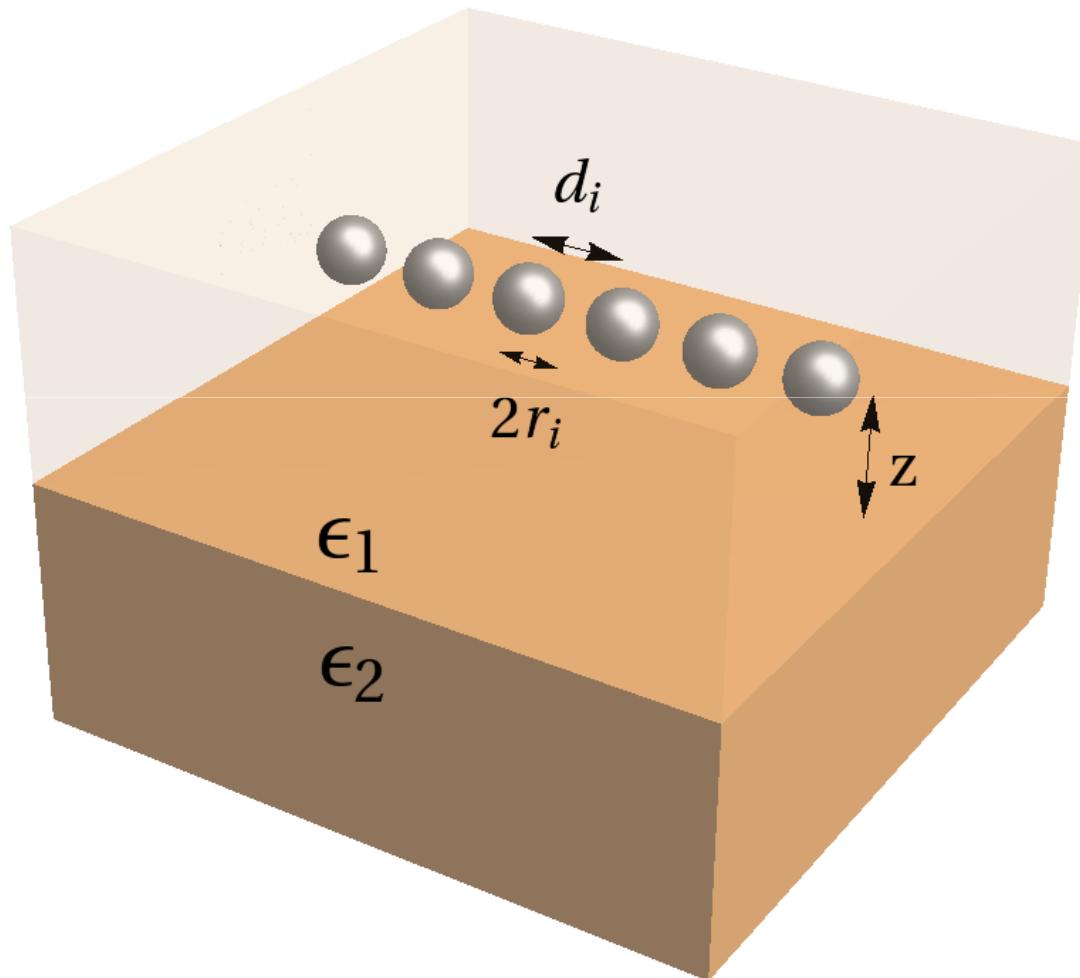
Field enhancement,
hot spots for SERS...





Polar Pattern Design

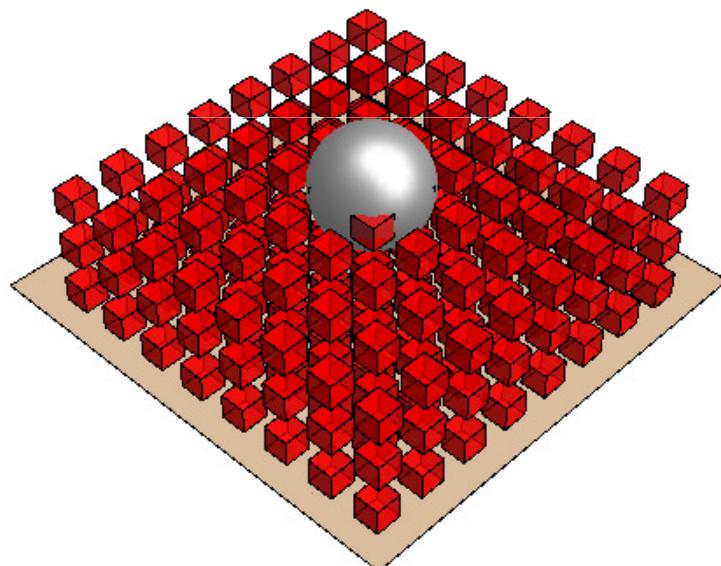
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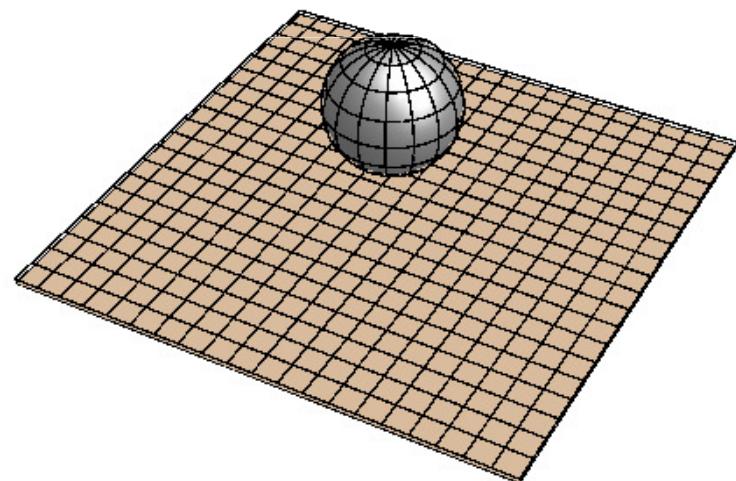
Polar Pattern Design

· Calculation Methods

FDTD

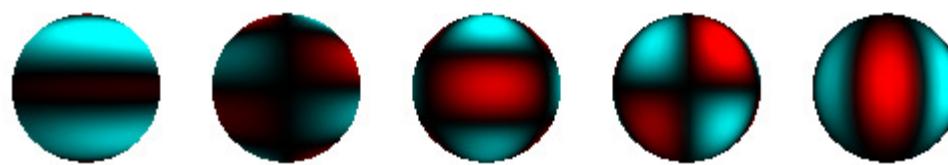
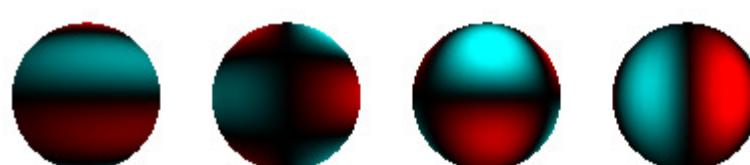
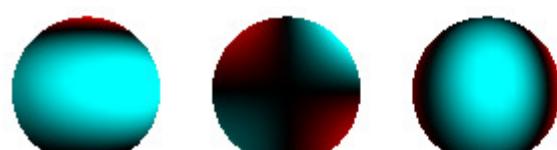


BEM

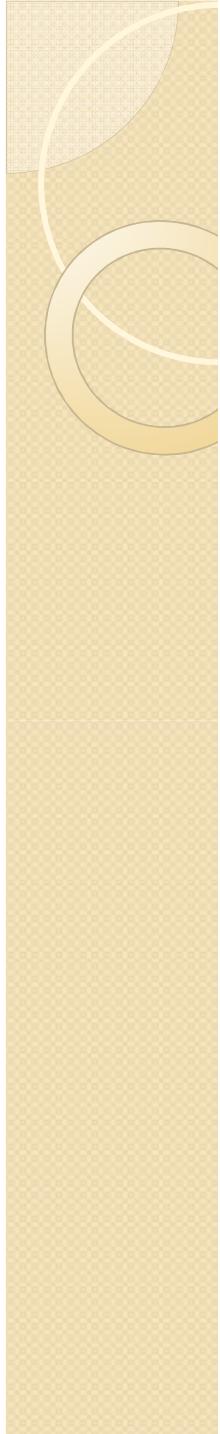


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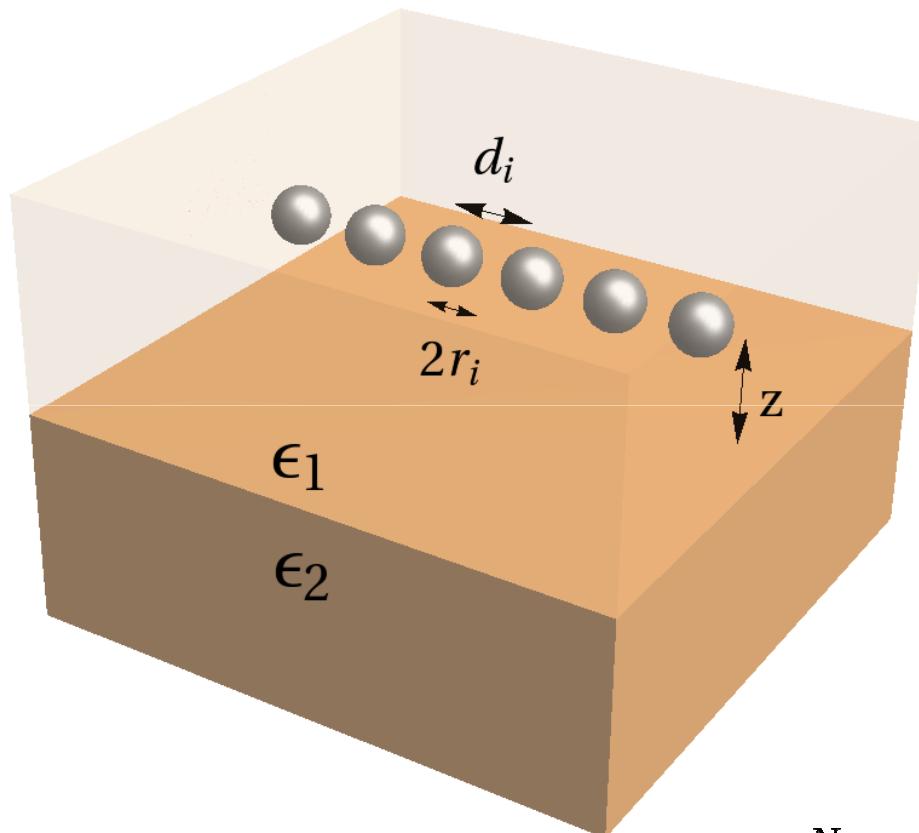


- Dipole approximation
 - r small compared to λ : 20-100 nm
 - Interparticle distance $d_i > 3r_i$
- Consequences:
 - Point dipoles
 - Volume information, in $\alpha(r)$
 - Particle response $\vec{p}_i = \alpha \vec{E}_{\text{total}}(\vec{r}_i)$
 - Particle radiation $\vec{E}_i(\vec{r}_j) = \hat{G}(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_j)$



Polar Pattern Design

- Point-dipole approximation



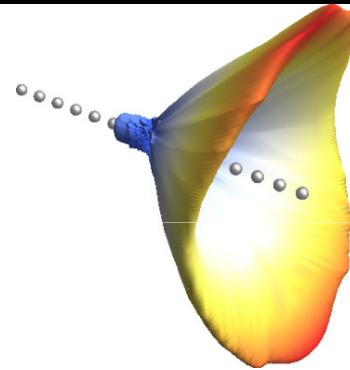
$$\vec{p}_n = \alpha_n \left(\vec{E}_n(r_n) + \sum_{m=n} \hat{G}_{m,n}(\vec{r}_m, \vec{r}_n, \omega) \vec{p}_m + \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{G}_{m,n}^{\text{refl}}(\vec{r}_m, \vec{r}_n, \omega) \vec{p}_m \right)$$

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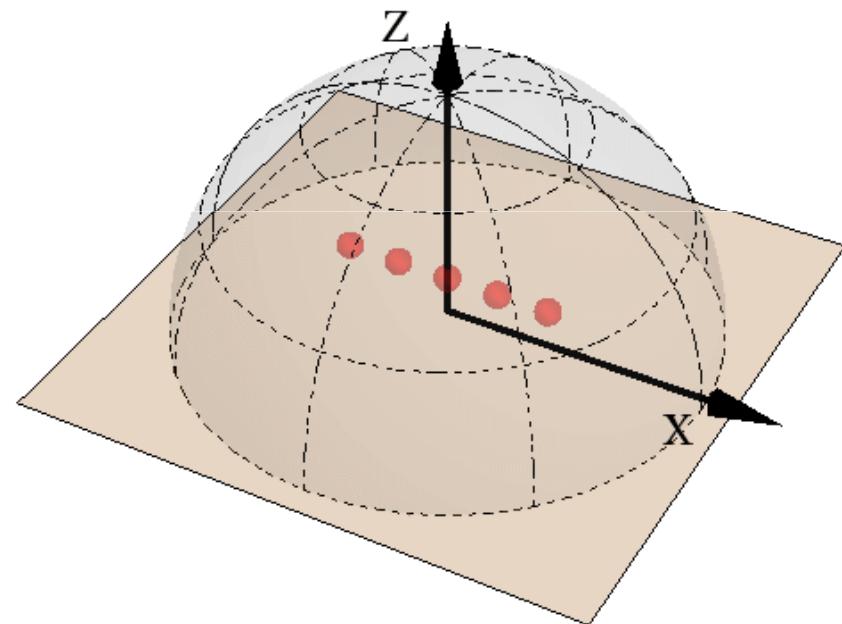
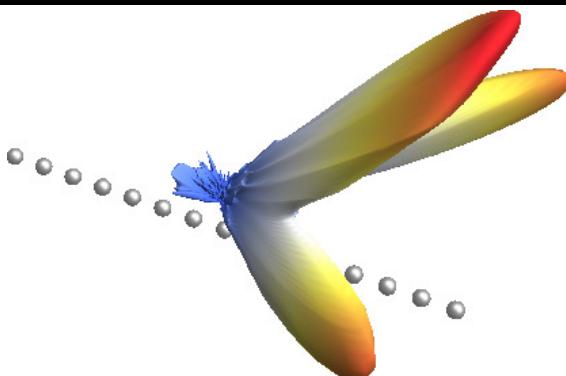
• Results

The interface allows us to design very sharp patterns

System without interface



System with interface



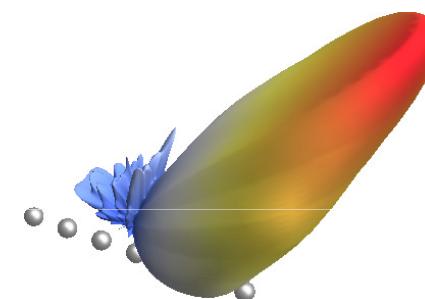
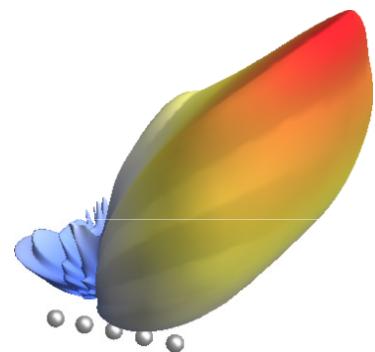
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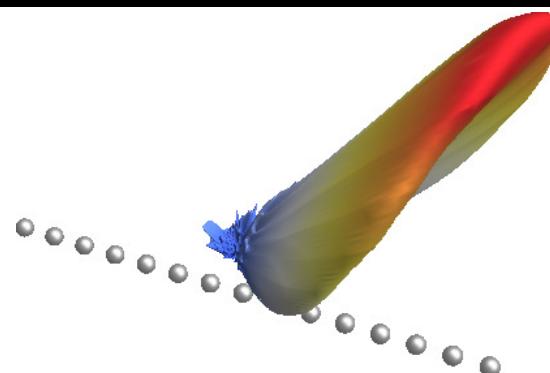
The thickness of the maximum's ring, inverse to N

$N = 5$

$N = 7$



$N = 15$

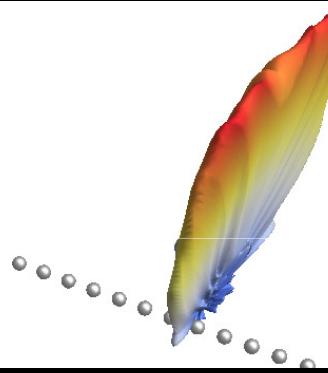


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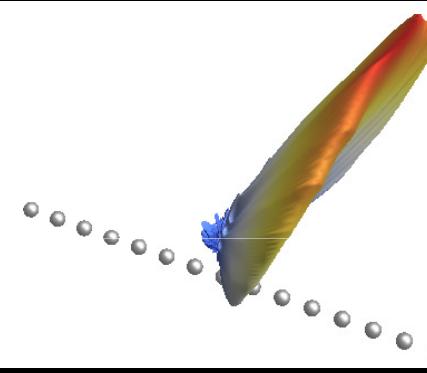
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Θ, Φ for the incoming field alter its position

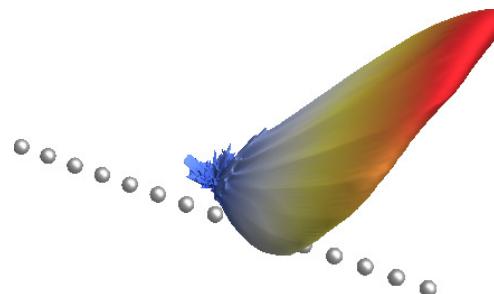
$\Theta=30^\circ$



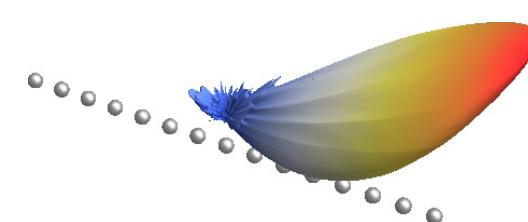
$\Theta=45^\circ$

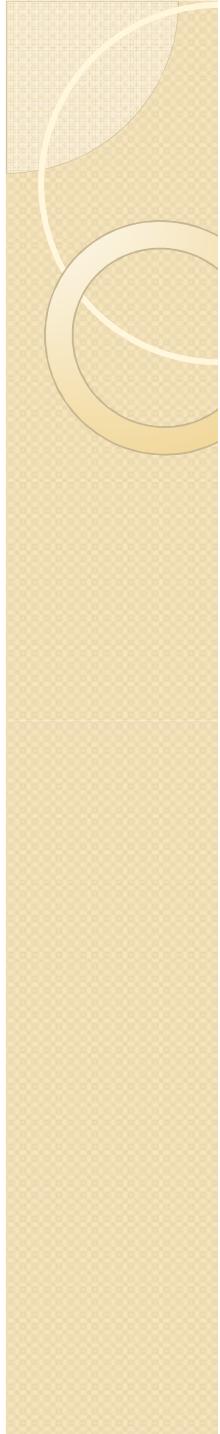


$\Theta=60^\circ$



$\Theta=75^\circ$





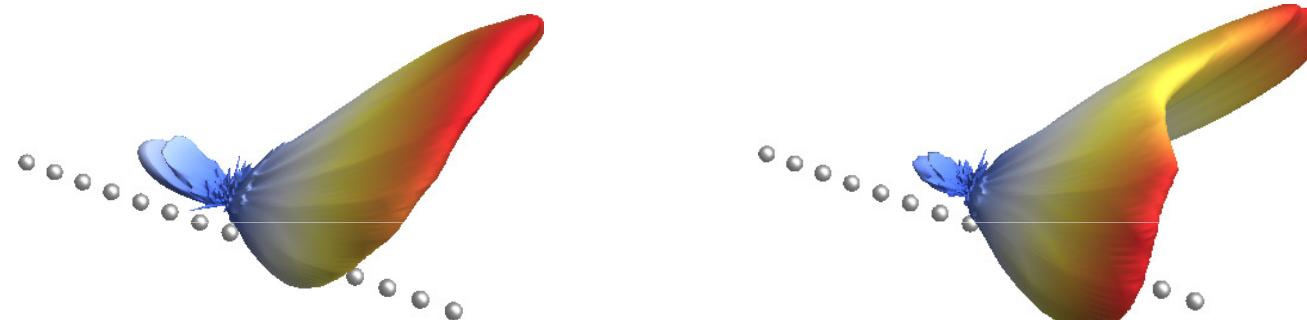
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• Results

The height z creates patterns in the ring

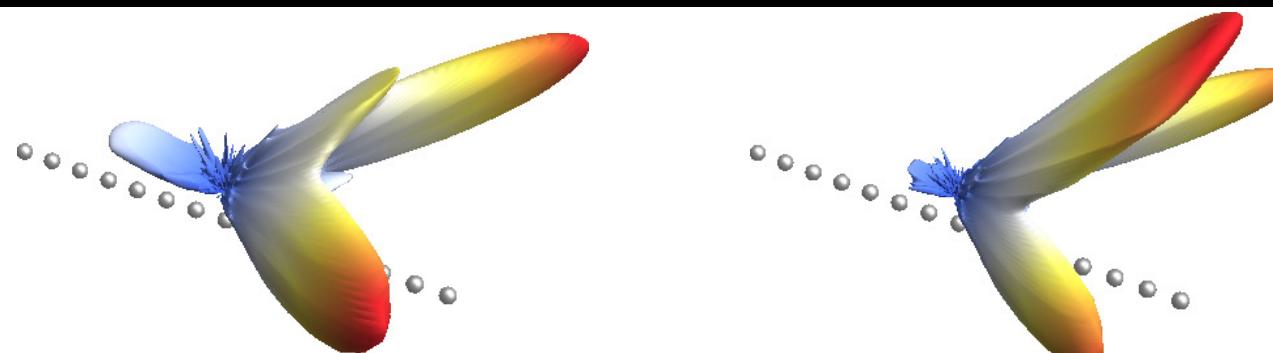
$z=140$ nm

$z=220$ nm



$z=300$ nm

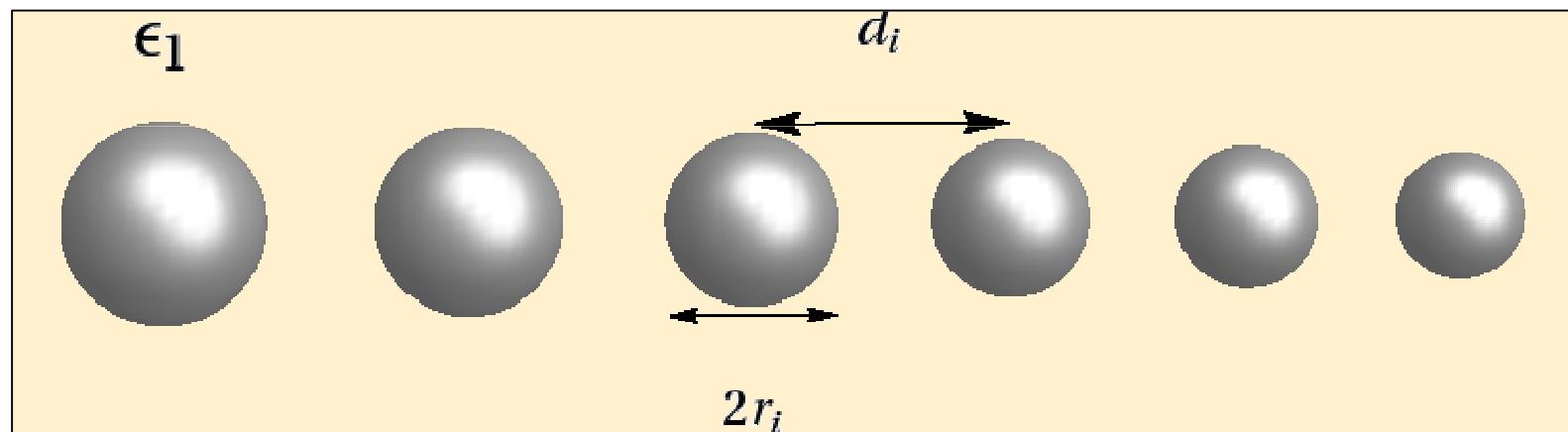
$z=380$ nm



Hot Spot Control

- System under Consideration

- Particle radii decay linearly along the chain
- Interparticle distances are proportional to their size

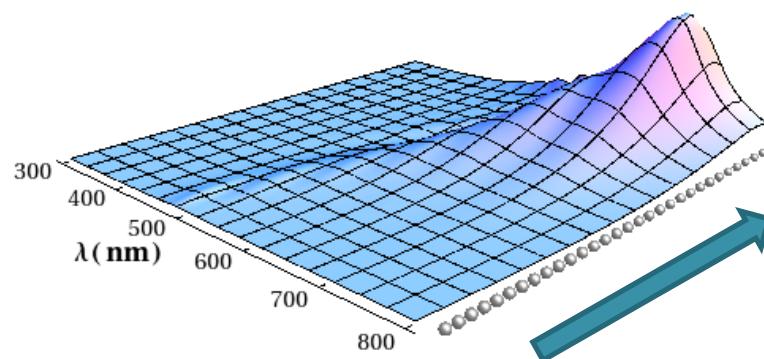


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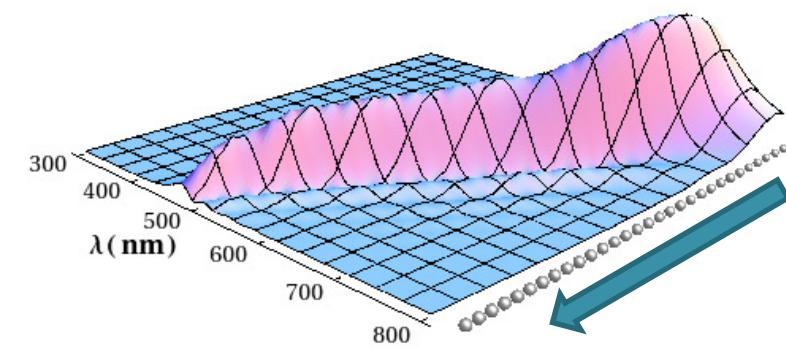
- Hot Spot Localizations

- Old results with two important features:
 1. Broadband response, specially for $\theta=180^\circ$
 2. Strong localization of the response

Momento del sistema para $\theta = 0^\circ$

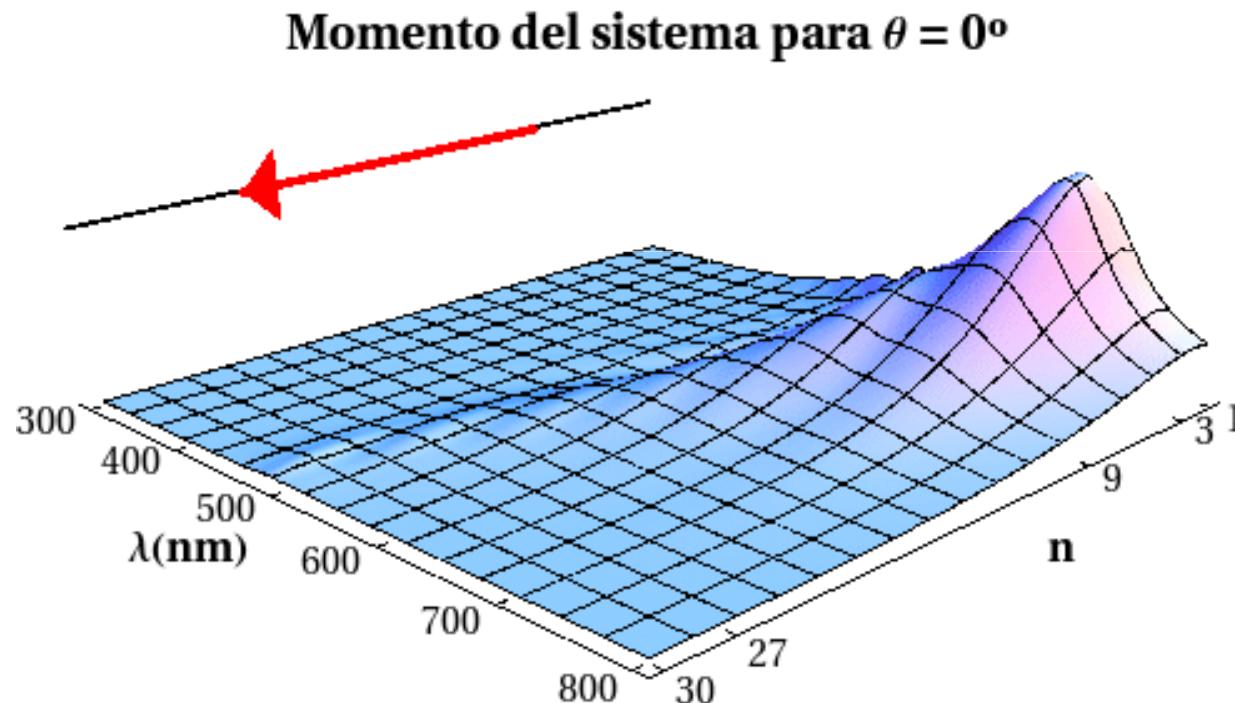


Momento del sistema para $\theta = 180^\circ$



Hot Spot Control

- Hot Spot Localizations
- θ is a continuous parameter

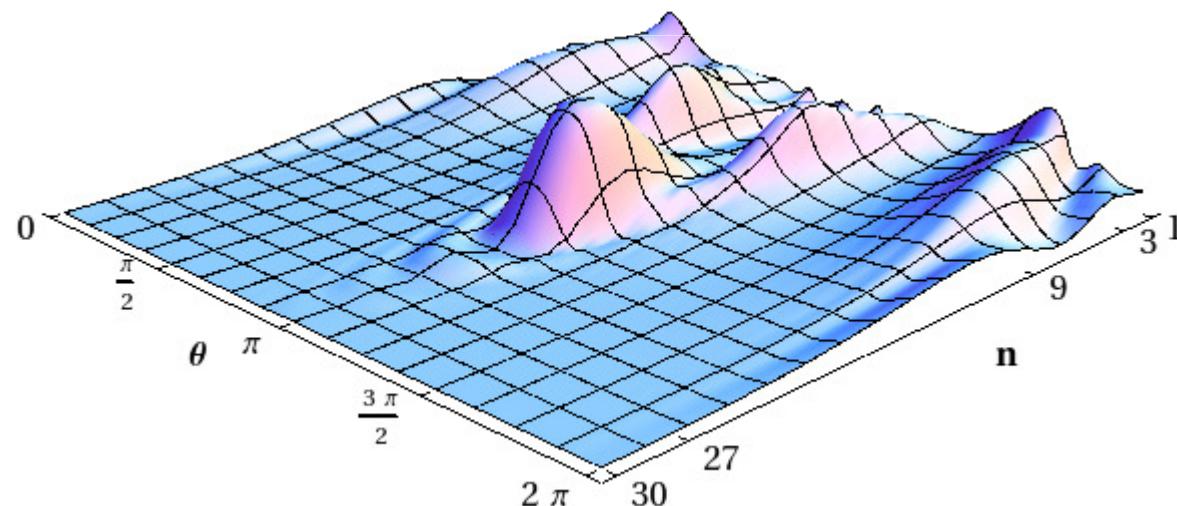


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- The localization change for a given λ is clear

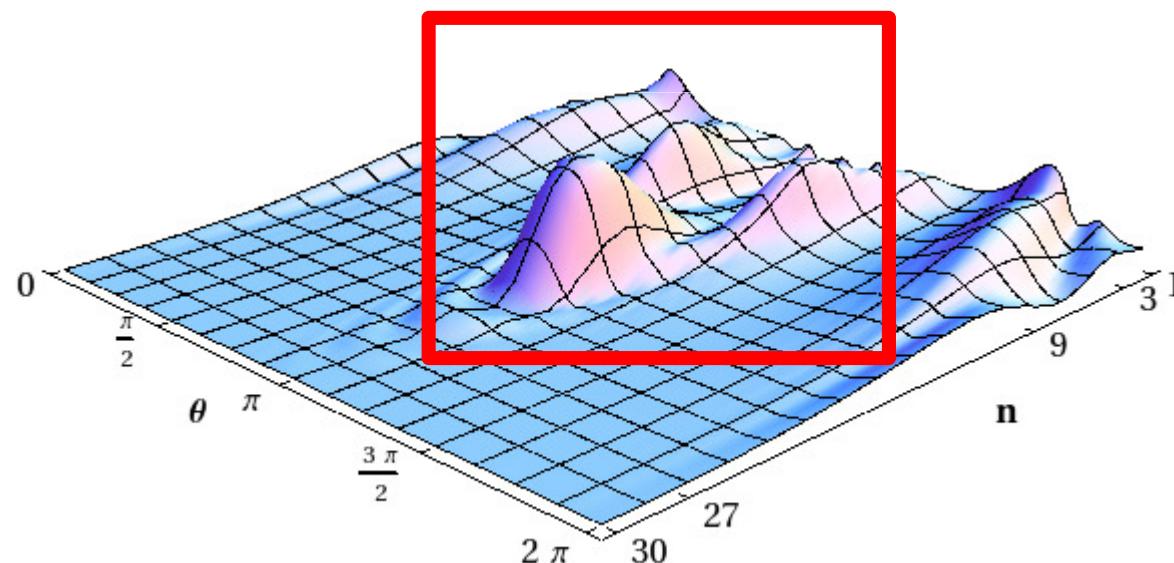
Momento del sistema para $\lambda = 585$ nm

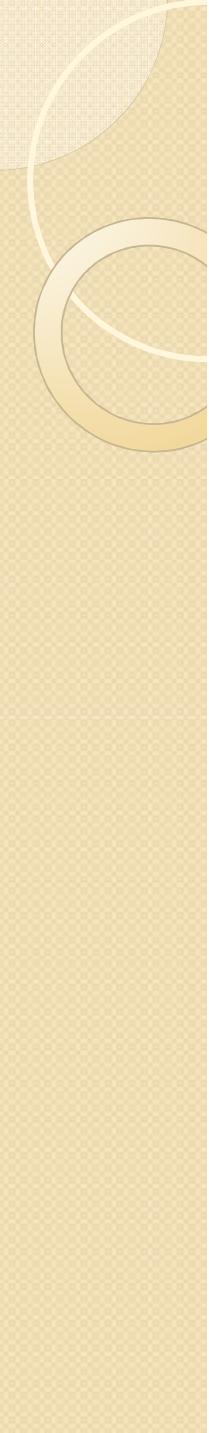


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Conclusions

Polar patterns:

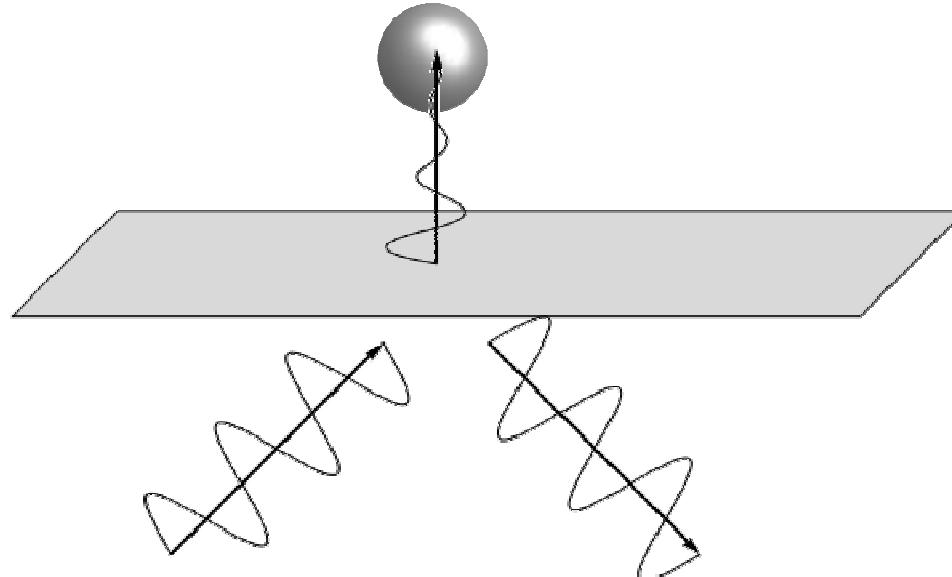
1. Placing a homogeneous-sized antenna close to an interface allows to design polar patterns.
2. Response can be controlled by means of external parameters (orientation of the incoming light)

Hot Spot Control

1. Hot Spot position can be tuned using the direction of the incoming field, which is more feasible than by changing the wavelength.

Outlook

- Consider different particle shapes: ellipsoids, etc.
- Add dynamically controlled parameters
- Use more sofisticated methods (BEM)
- Use indirect illumination schemes





Thank you for your attention!