

# Simulation of Electromagnetic Materials

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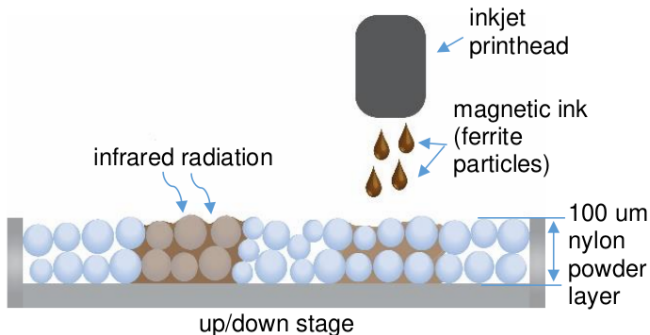
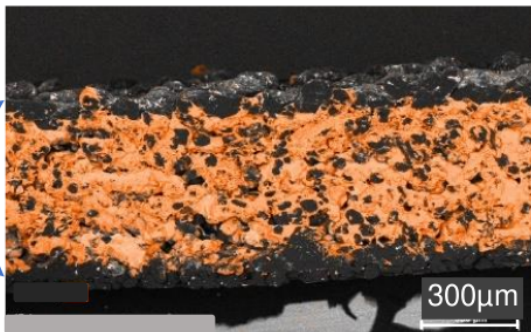


Illustration of the printing process to create a heterogeneous electromagnetic composite.

## Motivation

fused  
polymer  
(no  
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500 μm thick  
build of  
15.3 vol%  
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The resulting composite with magnetic nanoparticles.

We want to design and analyze numerical methods for simulating the interaction of light and the nano particles with Maxwell's equations.

# Maxwell's Equations

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{J} = \nabla \times \mathbf{H} \quad (\text{Ampere})$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times \mathbf{E} \quad (\text{Faraday})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho \quad (\text{Poisson})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (\text{Gauss})$$

$\mathbf{E}$  = Electric field vector

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$\mathbf{H}$  = Magnetic field vector

$\mathbf{B}$  = Magnetic flux density

$\rho$  = Electric charge density

$\mathbf{J}$  = Current density

With appropriate initial conditions and boundary conditions.

## Constitutive Laws

Maxwell's equations are completed by constitutive laws that describe the response of the medium to the electromagnetic field.

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

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J}_s$$

$\mathbf{P}$  = Polarization                       $\epsilon$  = Electric permittivity

$\mathbf{M}$  = Magnetization                     $\mu$  = Magnetic permeability

$\mathbf{J}_s$  = Source Current                     $\sigma$  = Electric Conductivity

## Complex permittivity

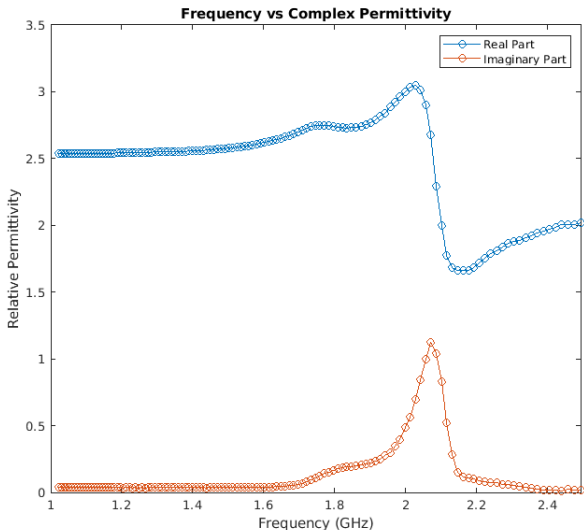
- We can usually define  $\mathbf{P}$  in terms of a convolution

$$\mathbf{P}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{g} * \mathbf{E}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \int_0^t \mathbf{g}(t - s, \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{q}) \mathbf{E}(s, \mathbf{x}) ds,$$

where  $\mathbf{g}$  is the dielectric response function (DRF).

- In the frequency domain  $\hat{\mathbf{D}} = \epsilon \hat{\mathbf{E}} + \hat{\mathbf{g}} \hat{\mathbf{E}} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon(\omega) \hat{\mathbf{E}}$ , where  $\epsilon(\omega)$  is called the **complex permittivity**.
- $\epsilon(\omega)$  described by the polarization model
- We are interested in ultra-wide bandwidth electromagnetic pulse interrogation of dispersive dielectrics, therefore we want an accurate representation of  $\epsilon(\omega)$  over a broad range of frequencies.

# Dispersive Media: Motivation



## 2D TE Maxwell-Lorentz System

The 2D TE Maxwell-Lorentz system is stated as

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\mu} \left( \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} \right) \quad (1a)$$

$$\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_\infty} \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} - J_x \right) \quad (1b)$$

$$\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_\infty} \left( -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} - J_y \right) \quad (1c)$$

$$\frac{\partial J_x}{\partial t} = -2\nu J_x - \omega_0^2 P_x + \epsilon_0 \omega_p^2 E_x \quad (1d)$$

$$\frac{\partial J_y}{\partial t} = -2\nu J_y - \omega_0^2 P_y + \epsilon_0 \omega_p^2 E_y \quad (1e)$$

$$\frac{\partial P_x}{\partial t} = J_x \quad (1f)$$

$$\frac{\partial P_y}{\partial t} = J_y. \quad (1g)$$

## Problem

It is computationally expensive to solve the Maxwell-Lorentz system numerically within any material with micro-structures.

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$$\frac{\text{cost of multiscale model}}{\text{cost of micro-scale model}} \ll 1$$

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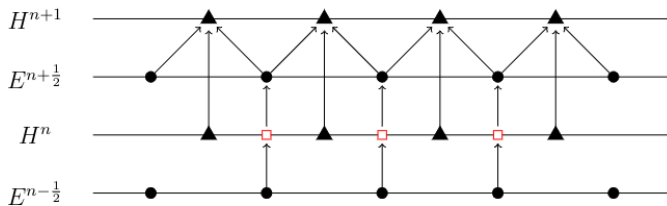
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- The step to connect the micro-scale model to the macro-scale model is called upscaling.

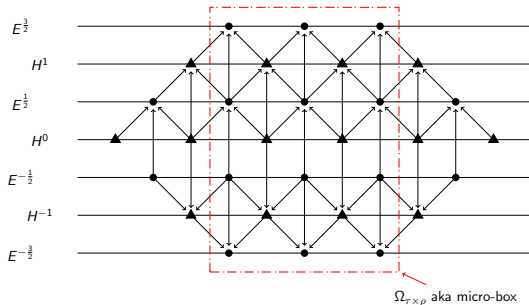
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Macro-scale stencil:



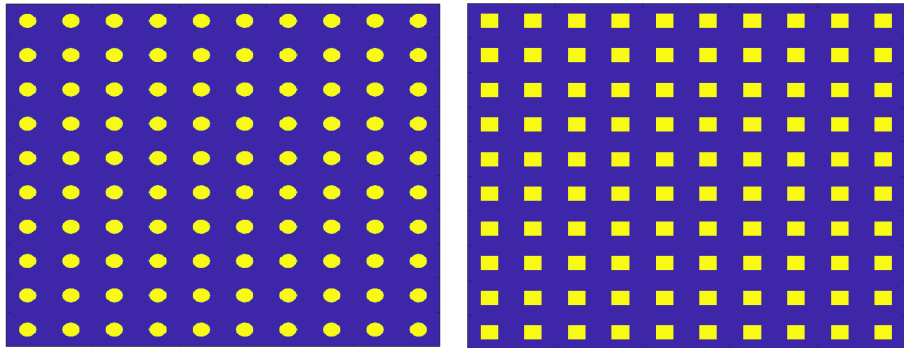
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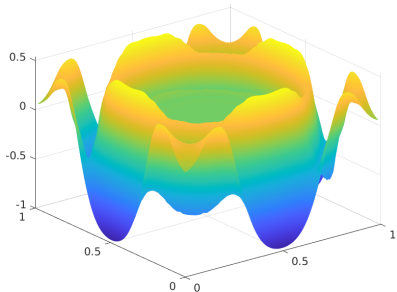
**Figure:** Instead of prescribing a boundary condition in the micro-scale. We started with more initial data and use the data from the inner square region in our domain.

# Inclusions

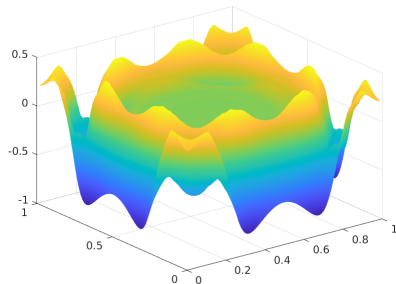


**Figure:** The material might have inclusions of different shapes, size, and periodicity.

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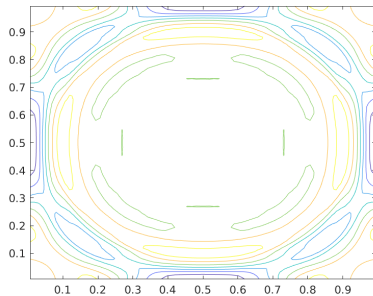


**Figure:** Plot of fine scale solution final snapshot

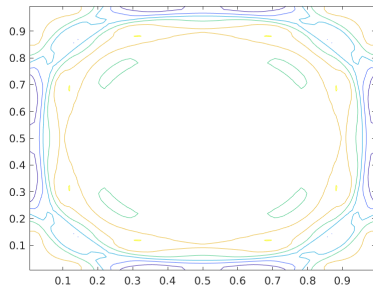


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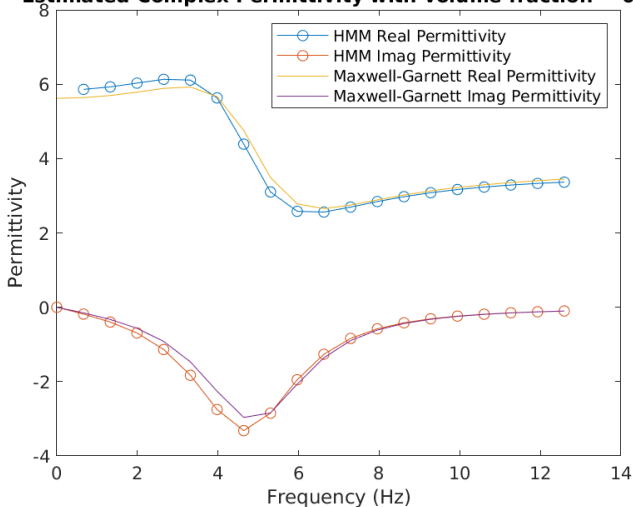


**Figure:** Contour plot of fine scale solution final snap-shot



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### Estimated Complex Permittivity with volume fraction = 0.8



**Figure:** Estimated complex permittivity from HMM simulation and Maxwell-Garnett effective permittivity with different volume fraction.

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- We want to extend our current numerical method for Maxwell-Lorentz-LLG system.