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P&S COMSOL® Design Tool
Lecture 1: Introduction to Optical Simulations

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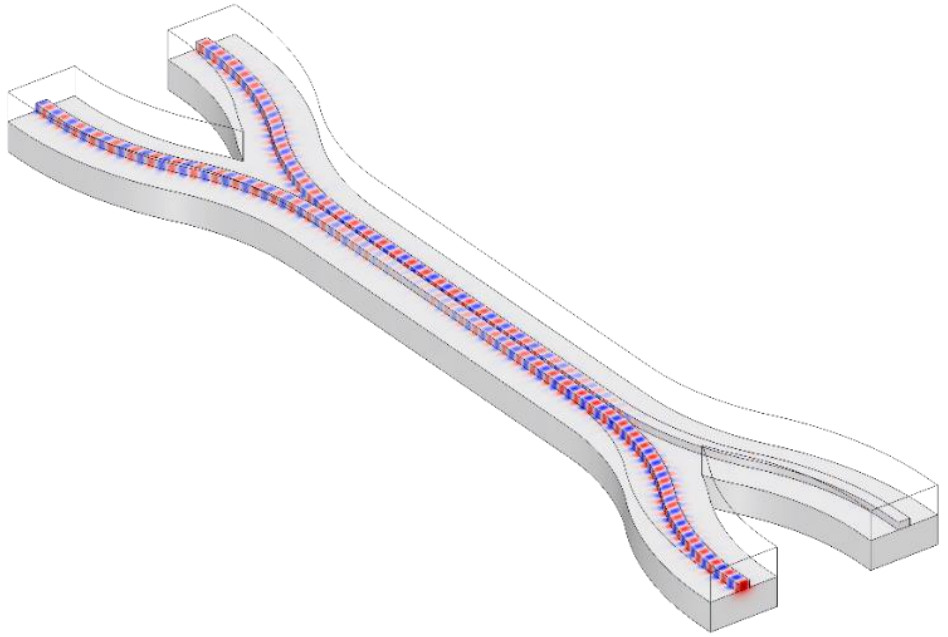
Welcome to the P&S:
COMSOL Design Tool – Design of Optical Components



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Outline for Today

- **General organization**
  - Presence check
  - Learning objectives
- **Why do we need simulations?**
  - Electromagnetics in our daily life
  - EM Simulation
    - What will you be able to do...
  - Examples
- **Tutorial**
  - Introduction to the Software

Learning Objectives

- In this course, we aim to teach you the process of optical component design
- You will learn to:

… **develop** a component idea into a specific design problem

… **create** the correct simulation environment (model the photonic device)

… **analyze** simulation results and **interpret** different physical effects involved

… **evaluate** the design according to initial specifications and recommend improved solution

… **summarize** the results and report them

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Final presentation: Monday, 15.12.2025
Report : Monday, 22.12.2025

If there is a conflict, please let us know early

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- Evaluation

1. **Presentation** (12 minutes talk and 3 minutes questions, **15.12.2025**)
2. **Written report** (<10 pages with pictures and references, **22.12.2025**)

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Practical Information – Administrative

- Time: Mondays from **13:15h** to **~16:00 h**
- Location: **CHN D29**
- Our availability: office hours ETZ K-floor

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Practical Information – Online Material

- Online material
  - https://blogs.ethz.ch/ps_comsol/
    - Presentations
    - Exercises
    - Literature
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  - B. Salah and M. Teich, *Fundamental of Photonics*, 2nd ed., 2007.
  - K. Okamoto, *Fundamentals of optical waveguides*, 2nd ed., Elsevier, 2006.

About us

- Taichiro Fukui
  - Integrated photonic devices and systems
    - Integrated photonic phased array
    - THz free space communication

- Maximilian Bosch
  - Integrated photonic devices and systems
    - Passive and THz radar
    - Optical antenna simulation

Questions?

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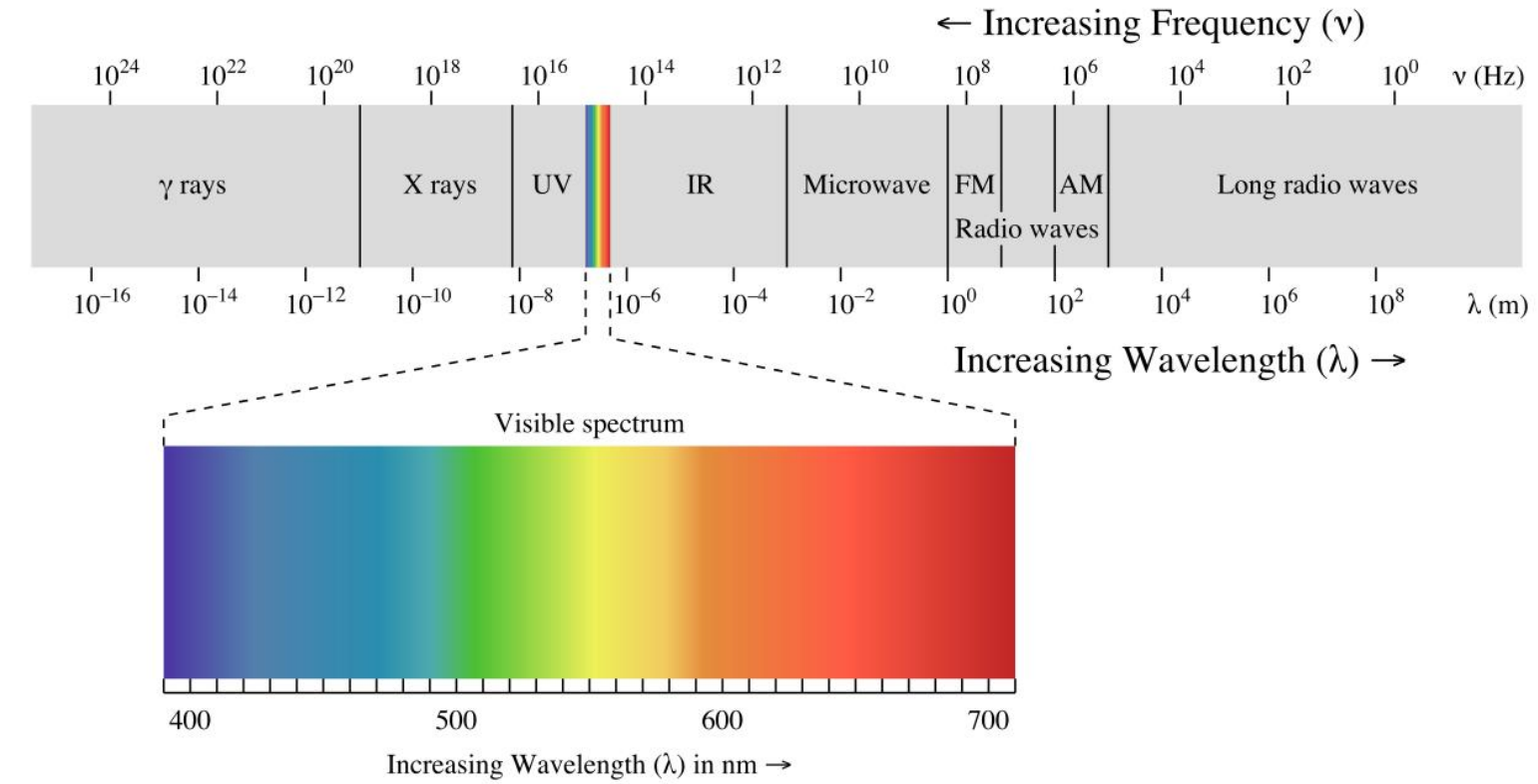

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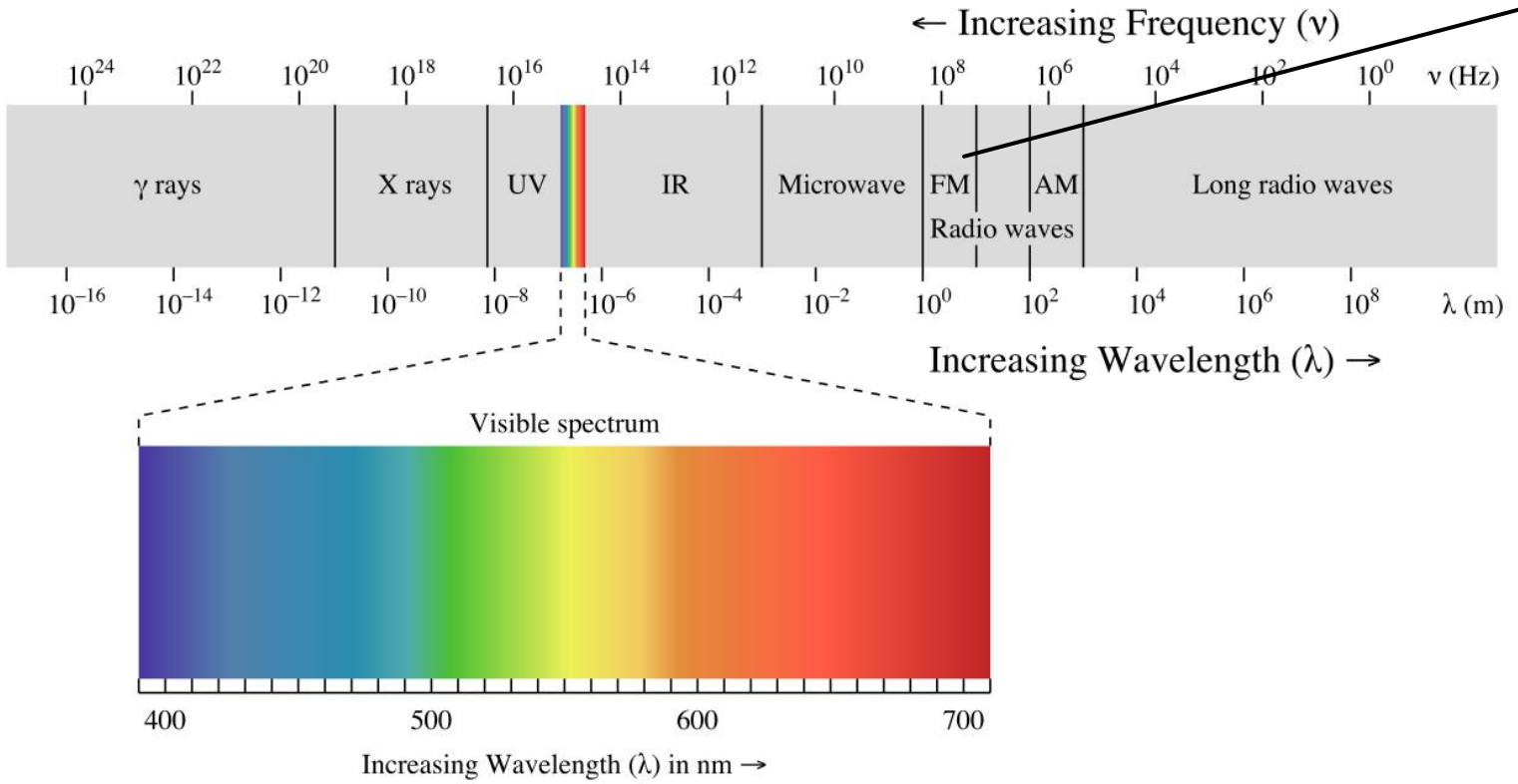

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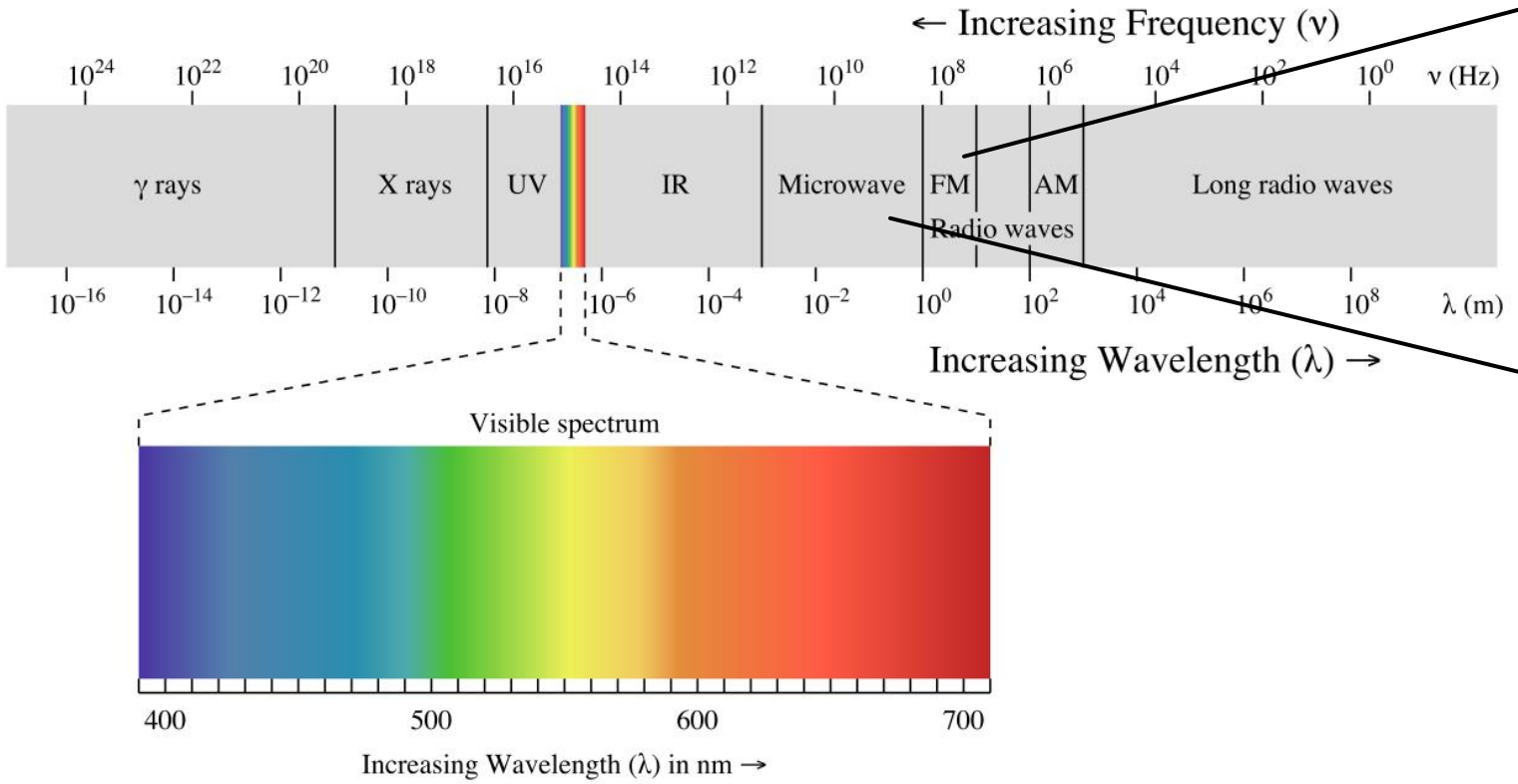

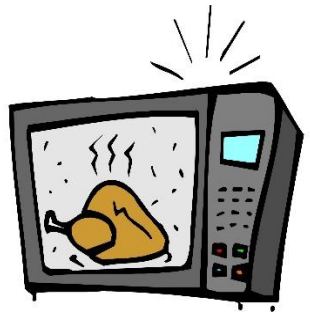

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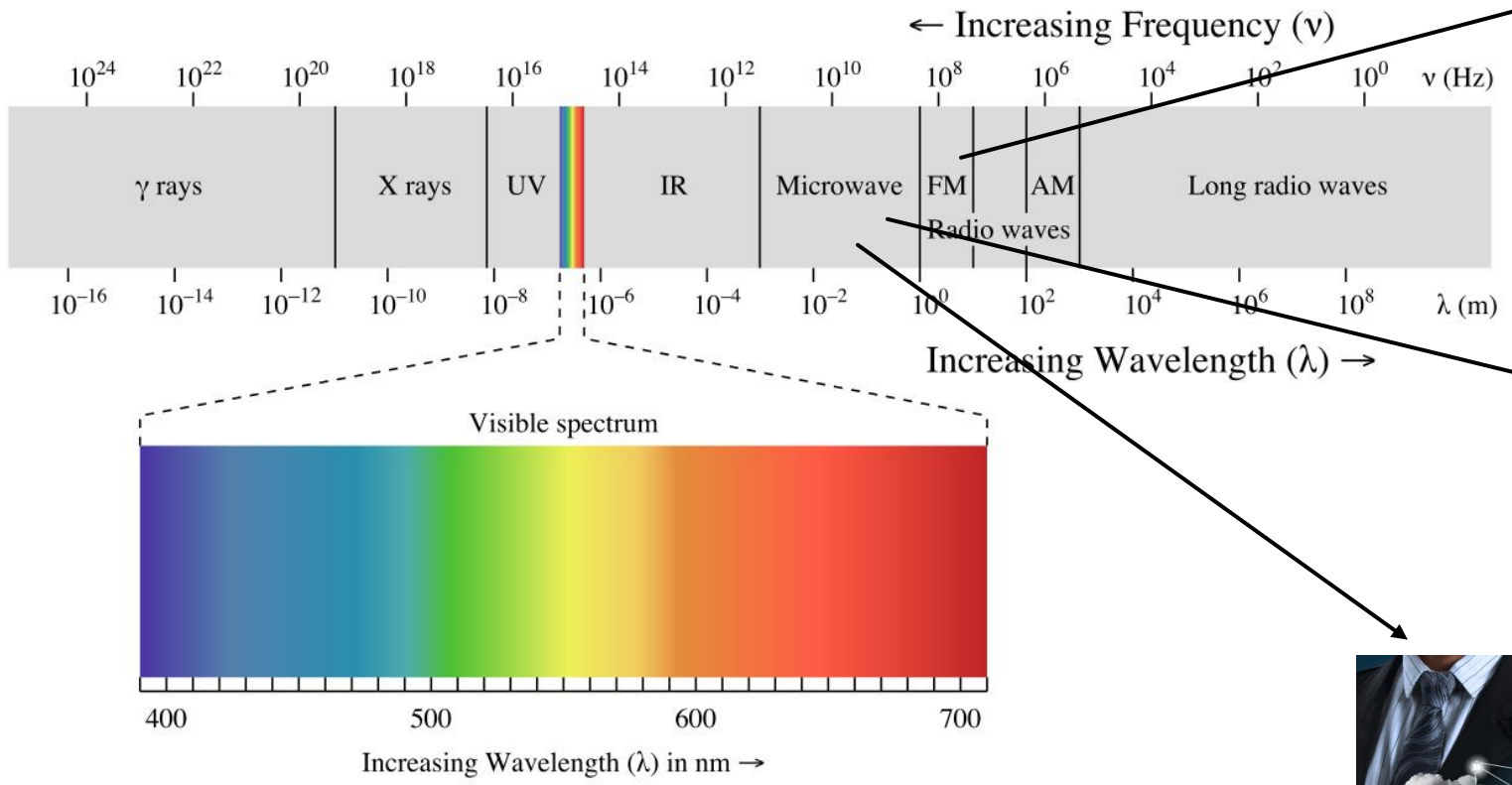

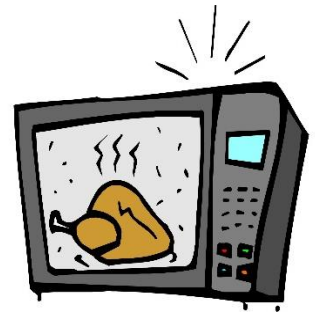

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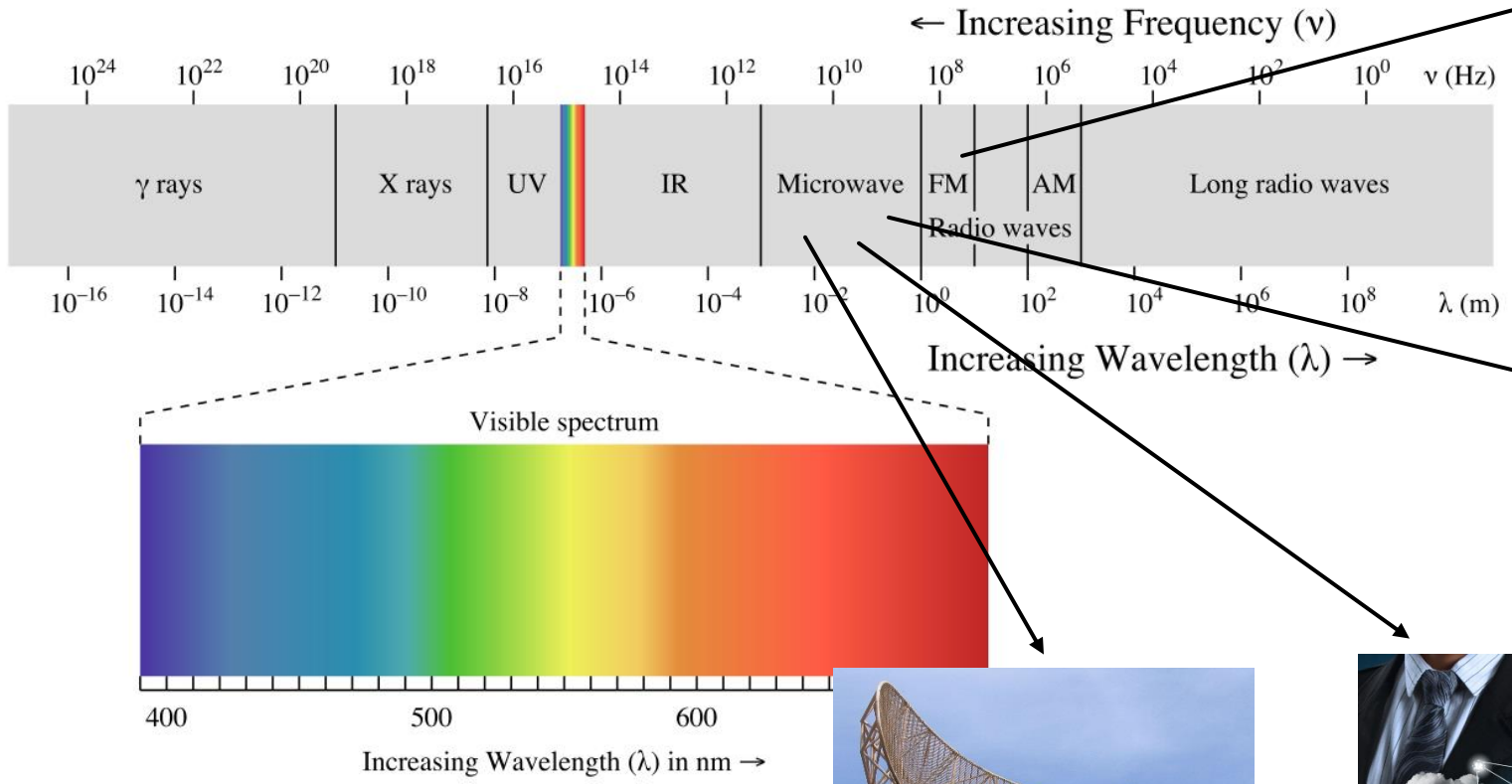

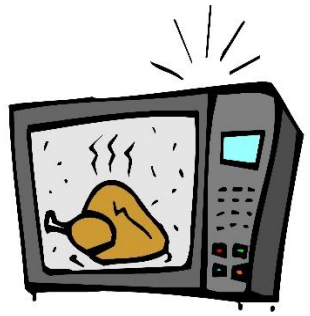

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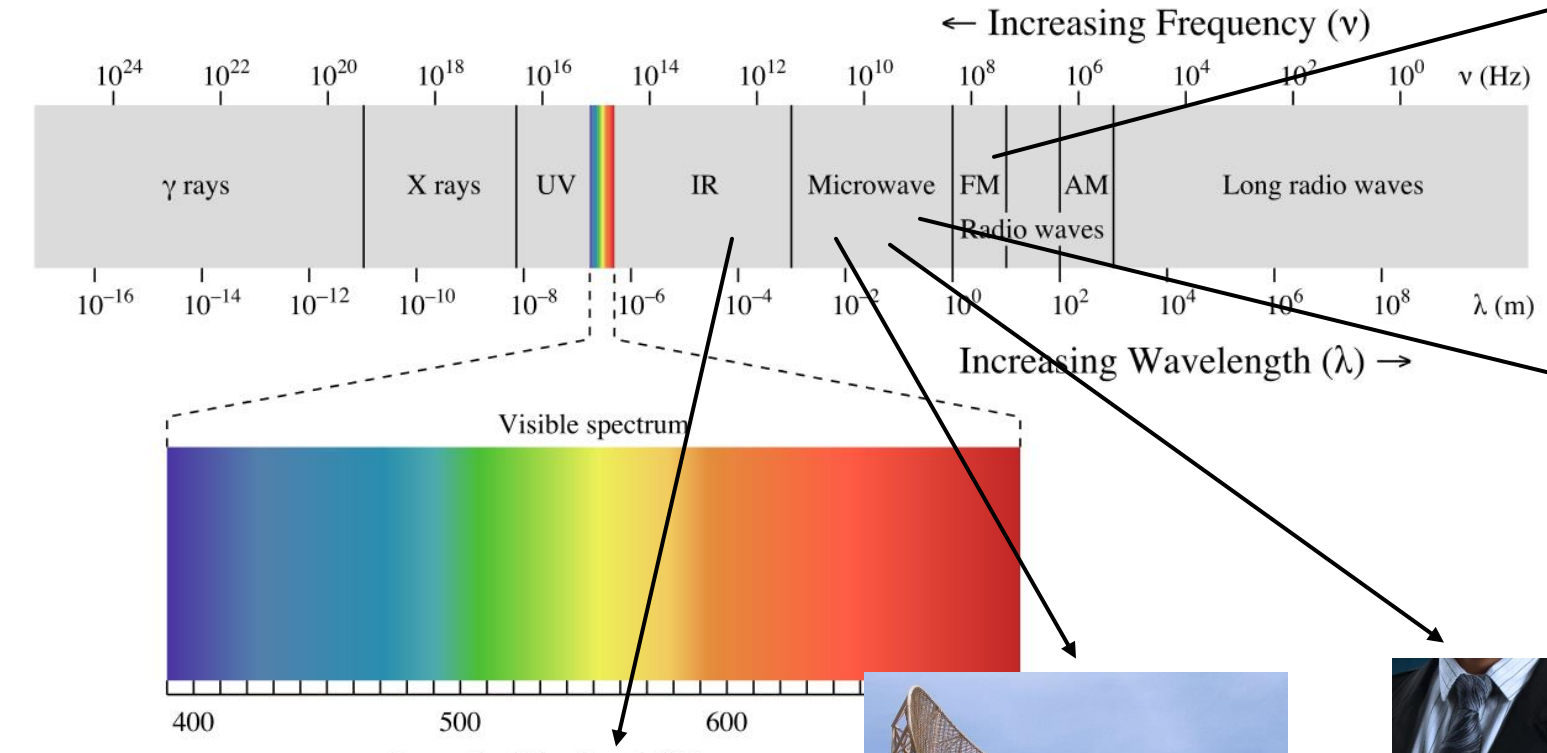

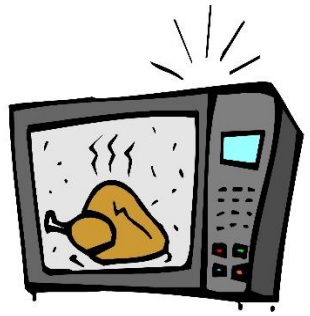

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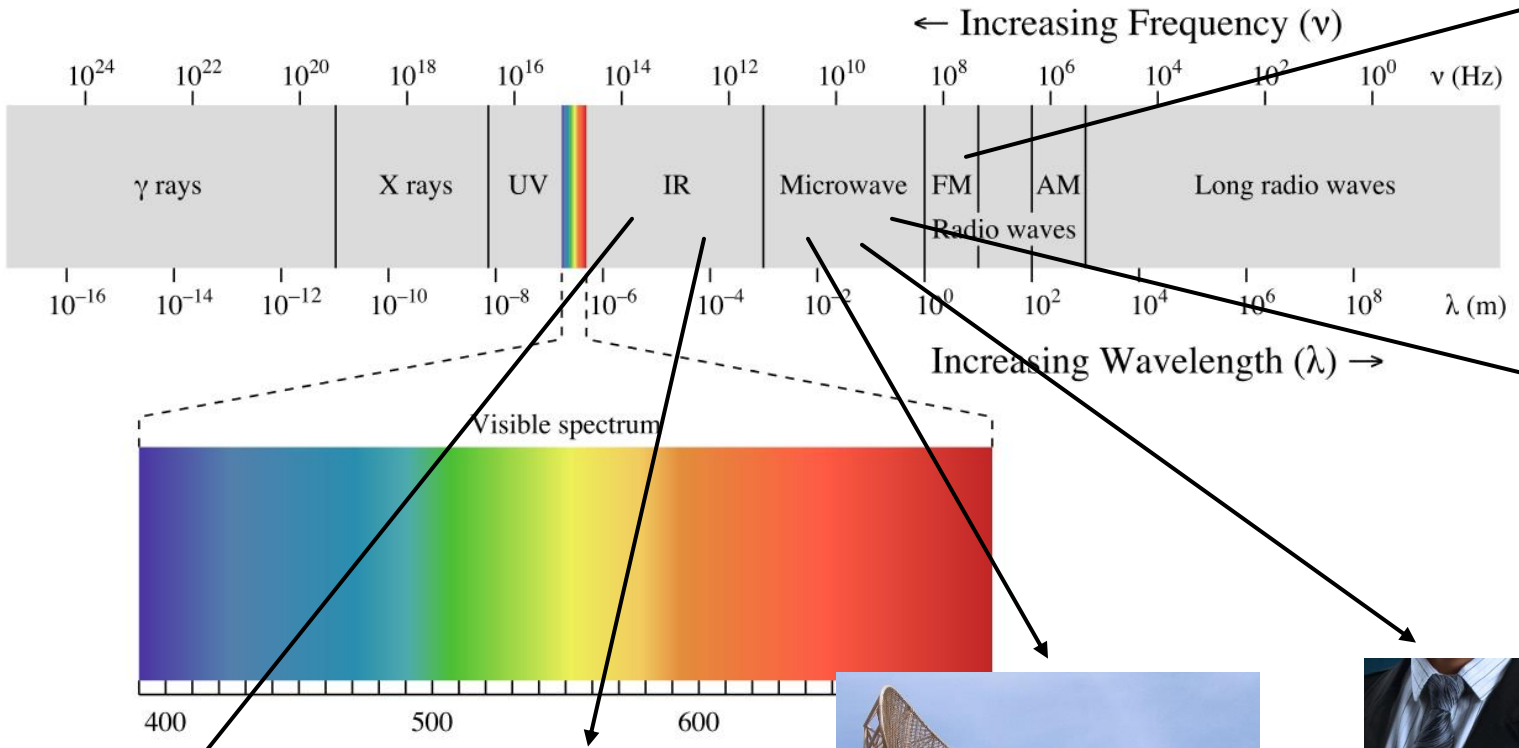

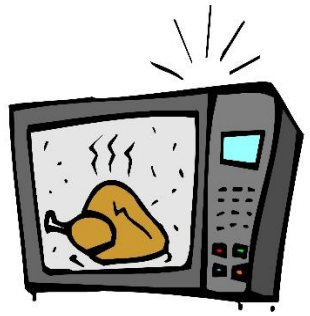

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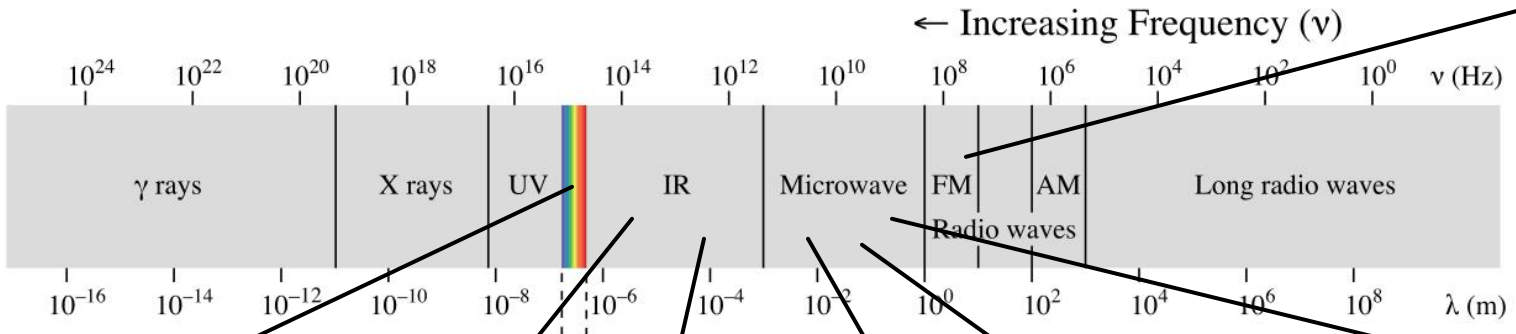

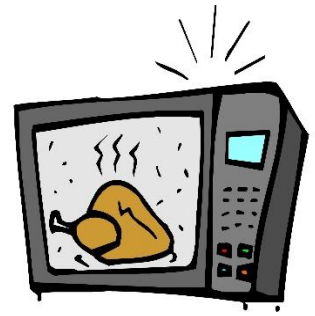

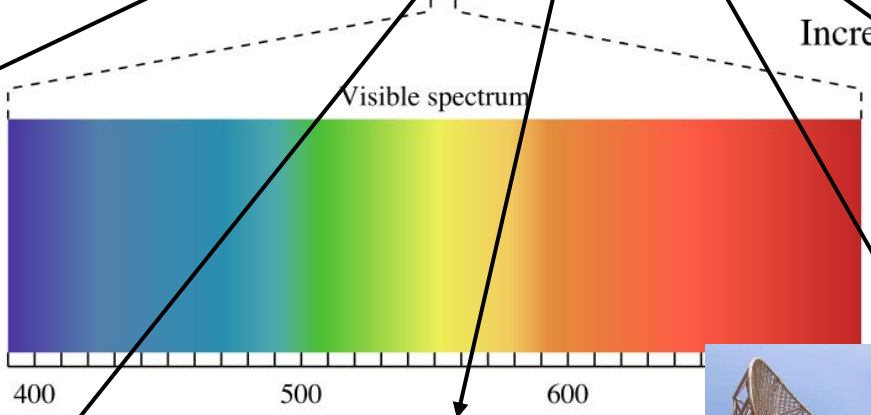

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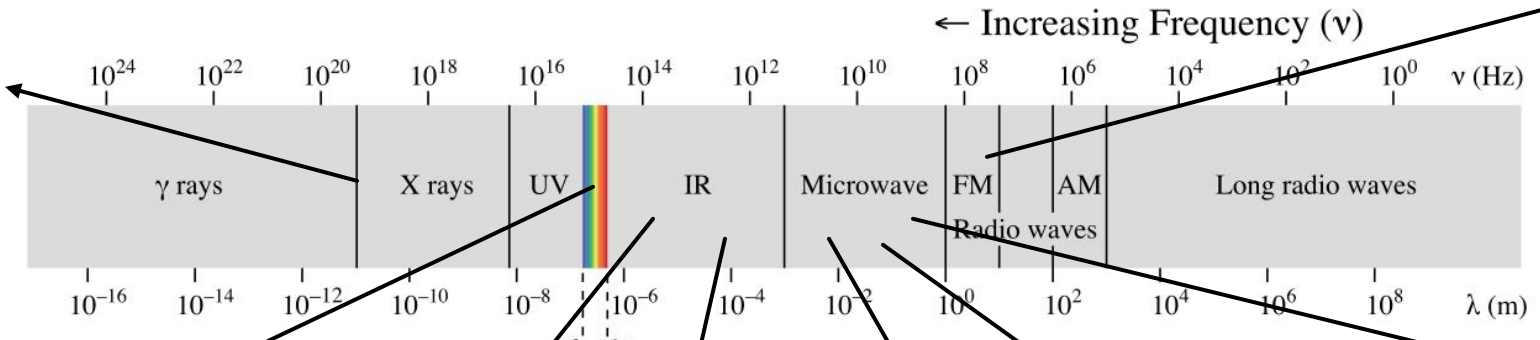

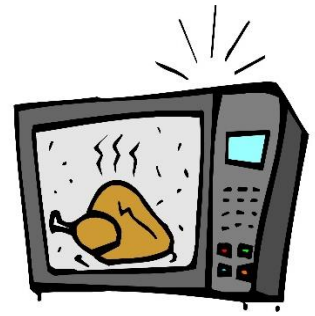

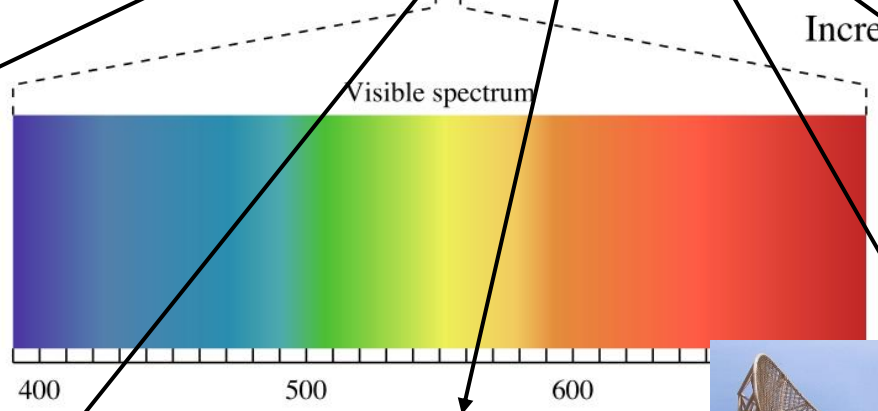

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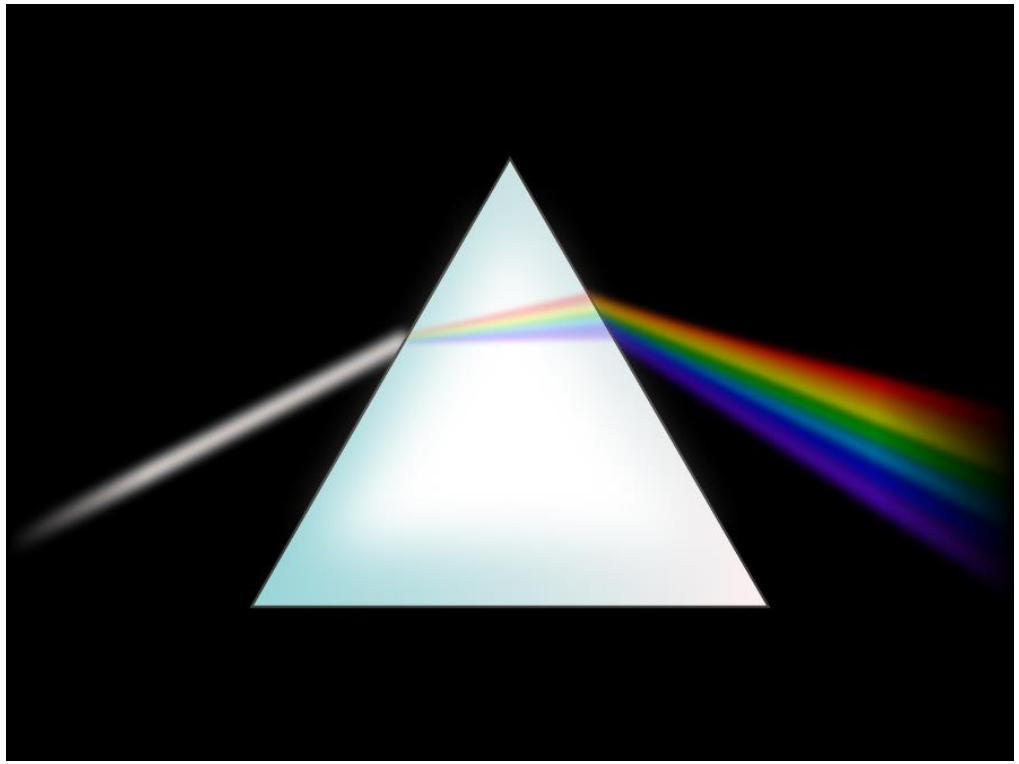

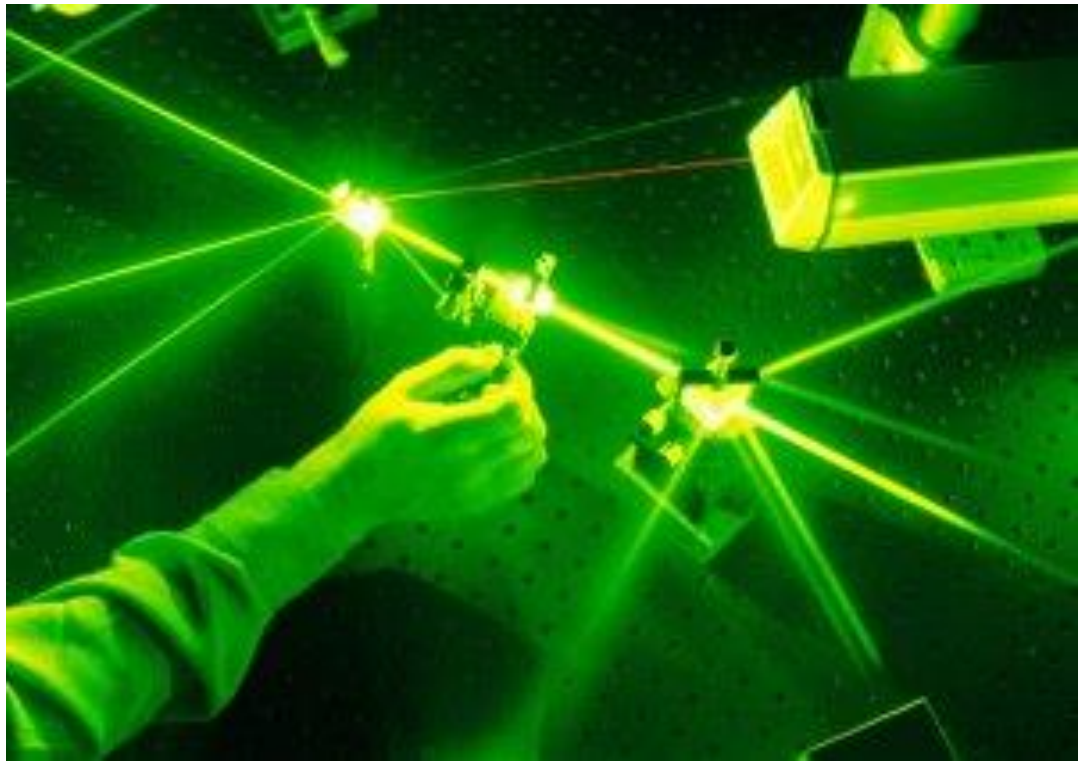

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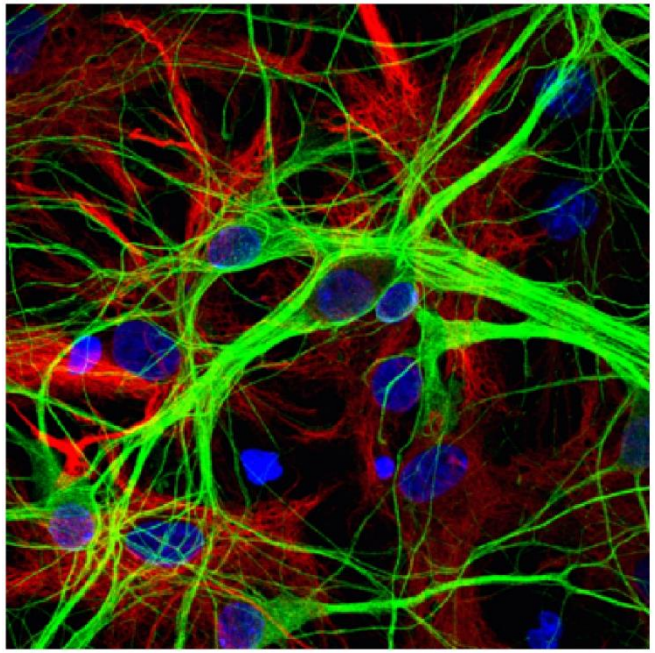

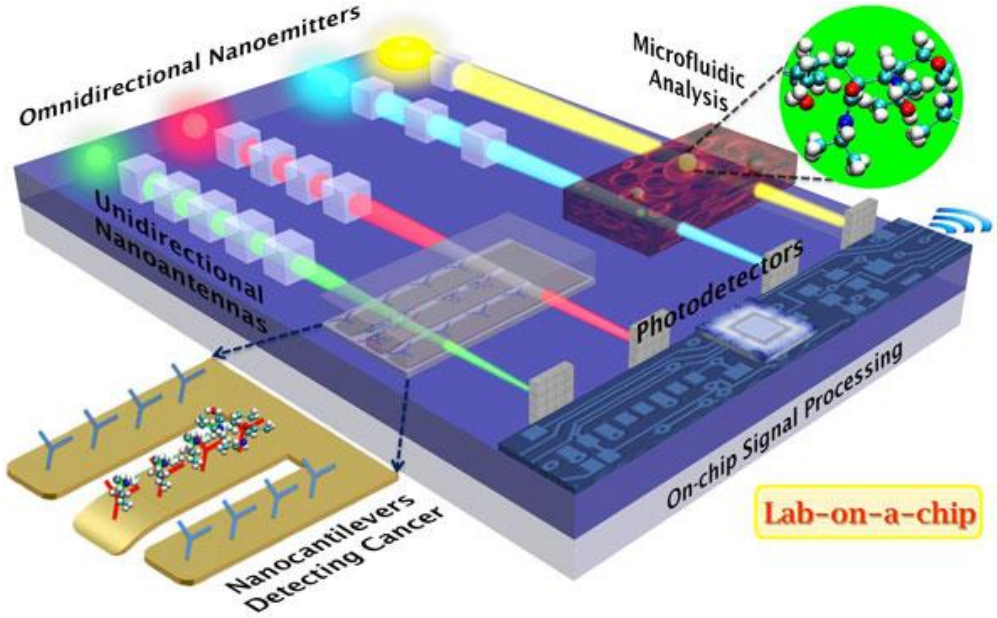

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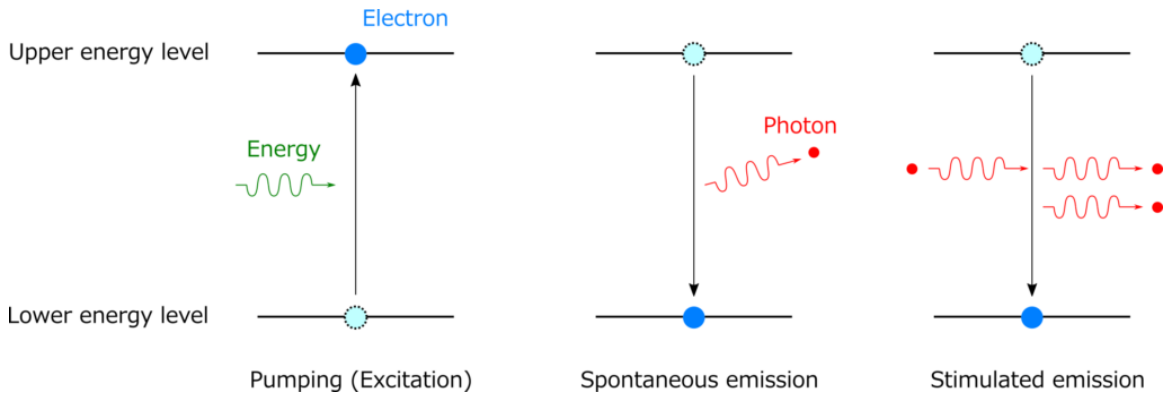

Laser Pointer

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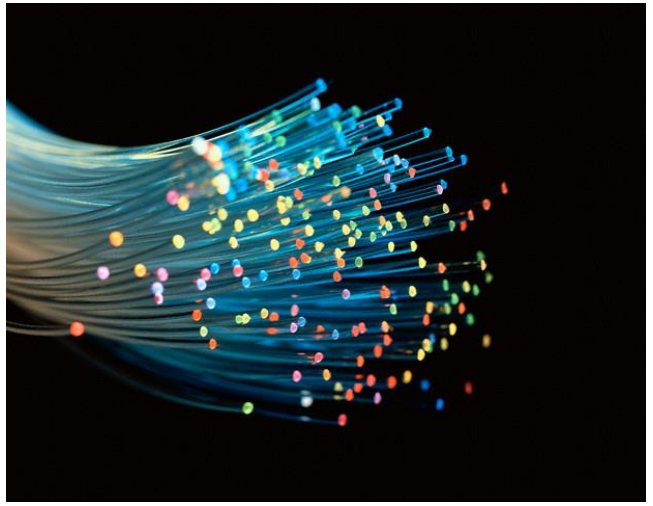
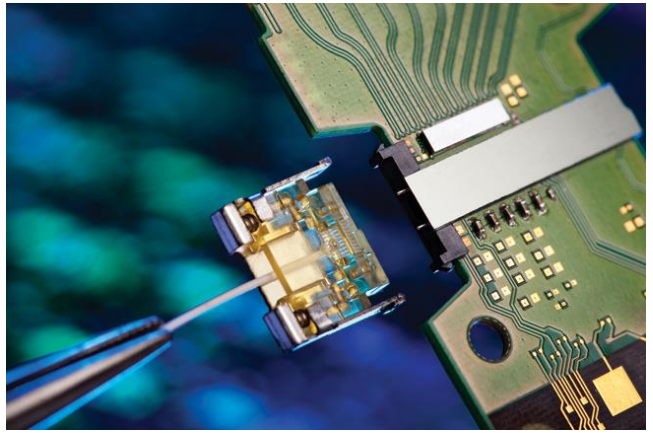
  - ***Telecommunications***
    - ***Fiber replaces traditional copper wires***
    - ***5G***





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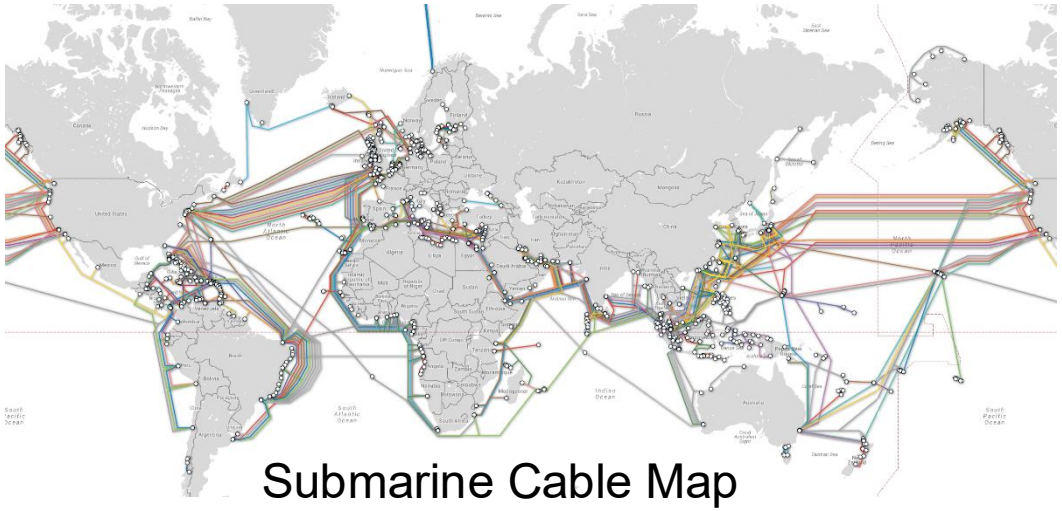
- Fiber optics (NIR)
  - Advantages
    - Large bandwidth
    - Low losses
  - Fiber deployment
    - Long distances: Submarine Cables
    - Short distances: Server



Submarine Cable Map

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Photonics for Communications: Basic Principles

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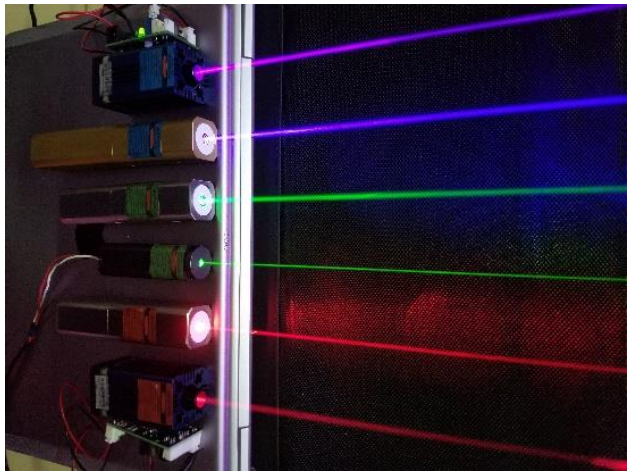

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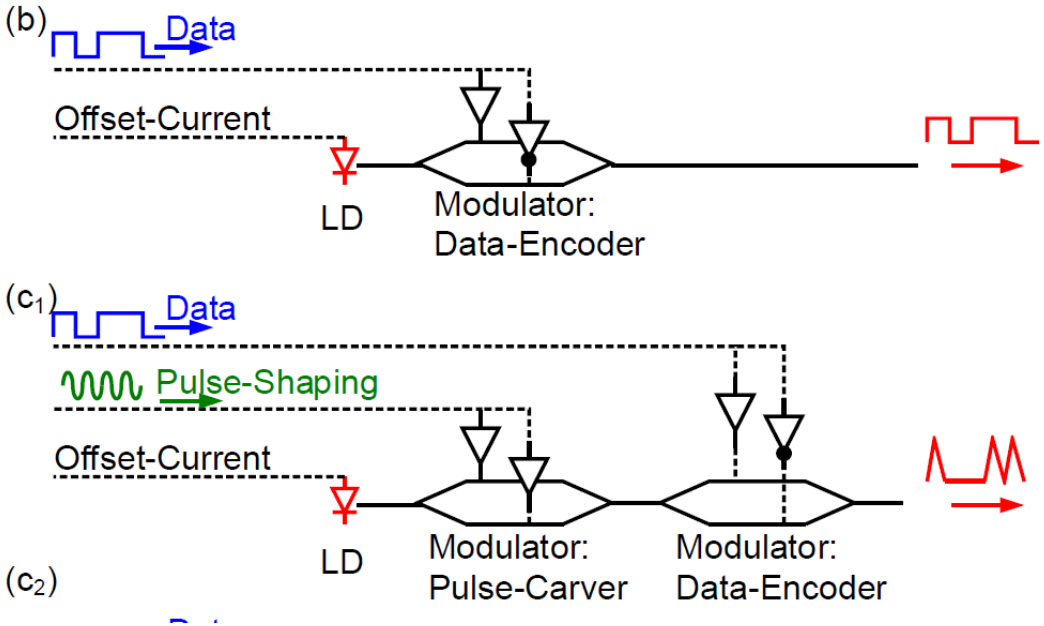

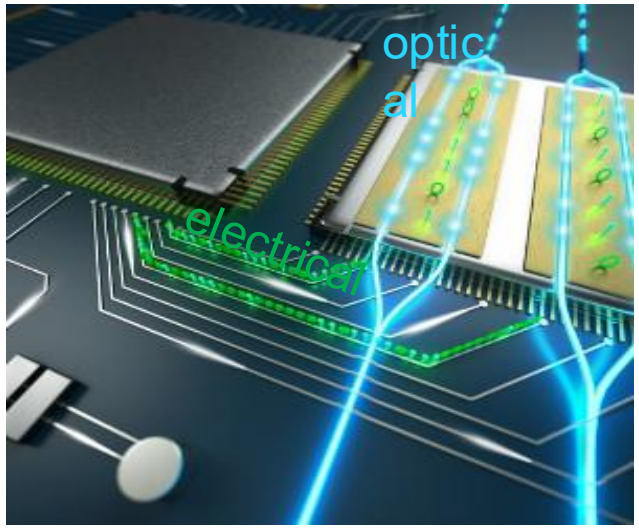

Modulator: From electrical data to optical data

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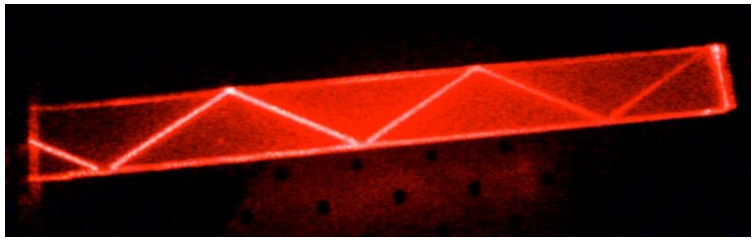

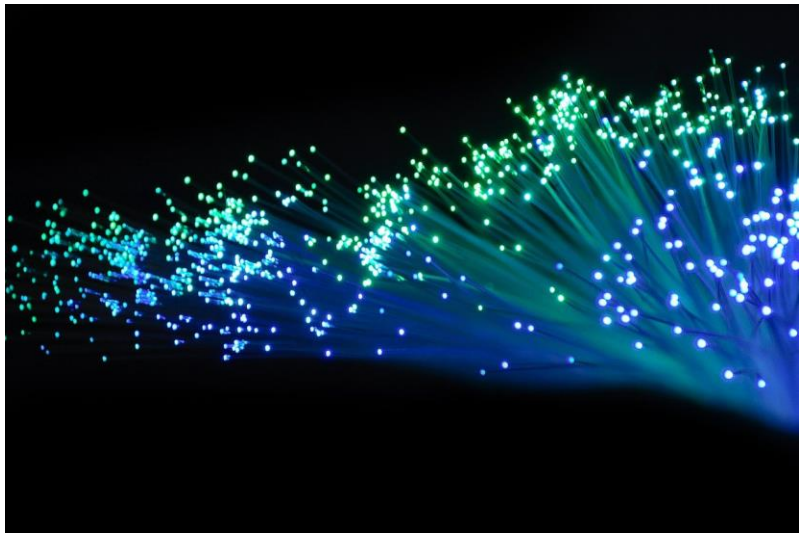

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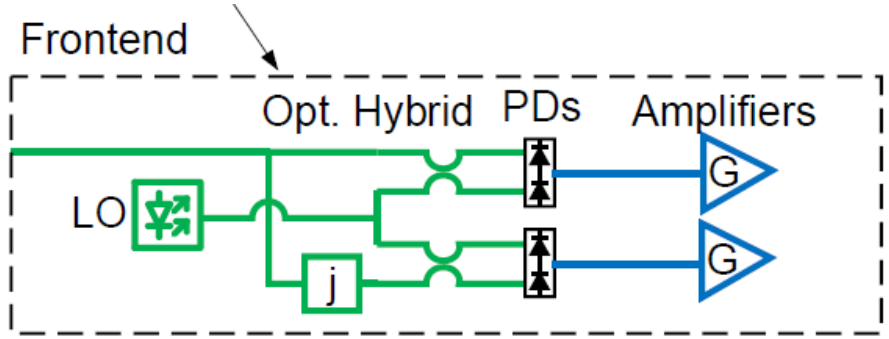
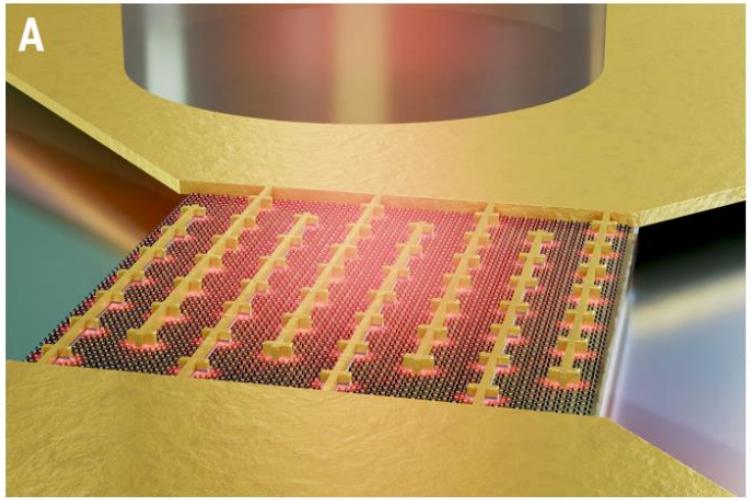
4: Light detection and data demapping





Detector: From optical data to electrical data

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Why do we need simulations?

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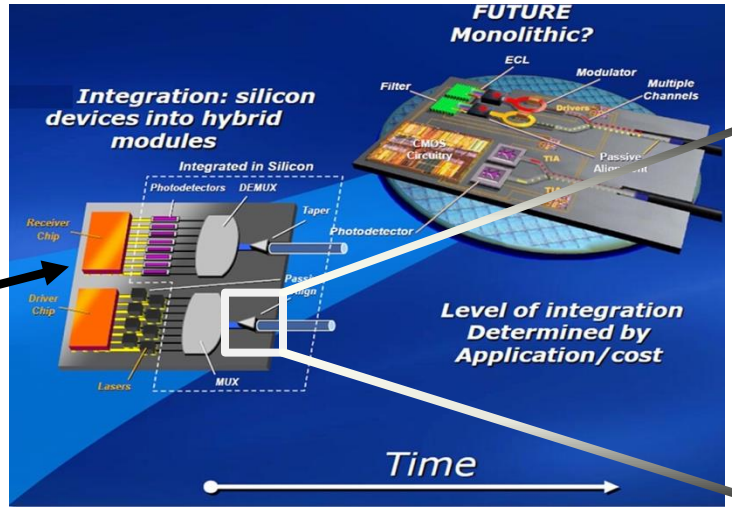

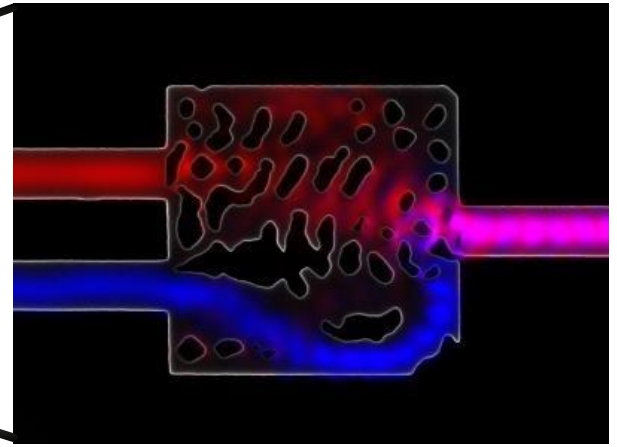

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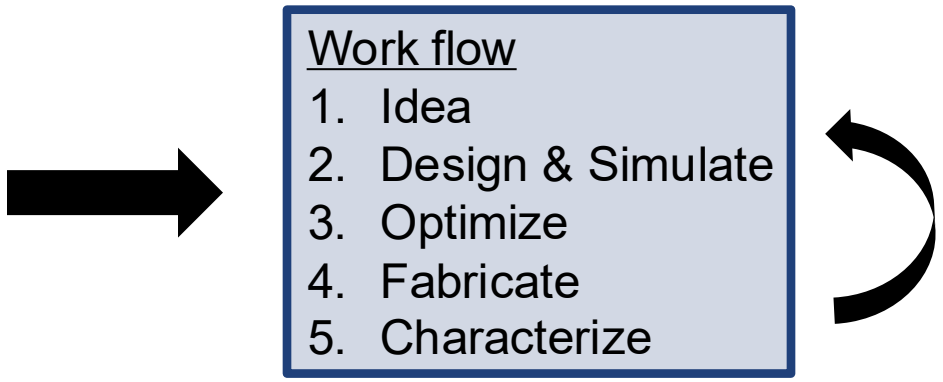
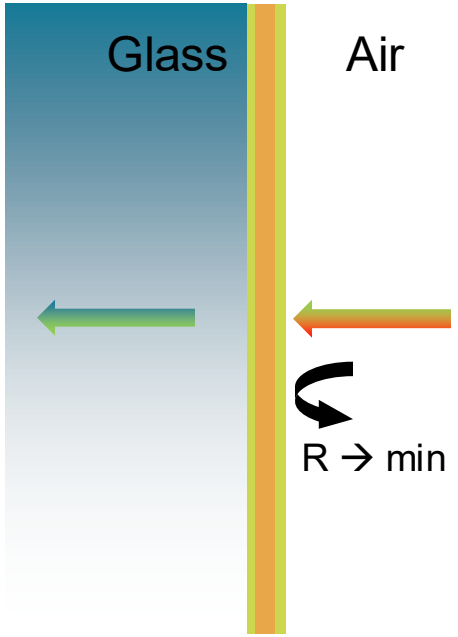
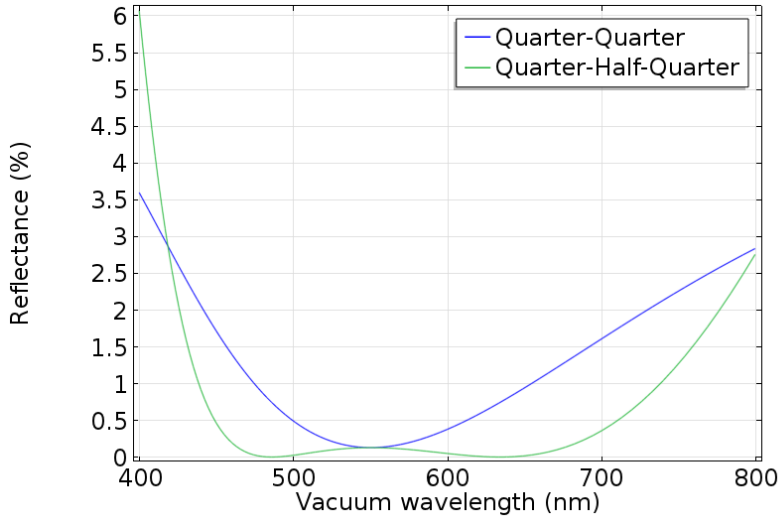
- We perform simulations to…
  - Shorten the developing time
    - Fast
    - Cost effective
  - Test physical models
  - Confirm experimental data
  - Investigate ideas



What you will be able to simulate…

- Anti – reflection coating





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- Beam Splitter

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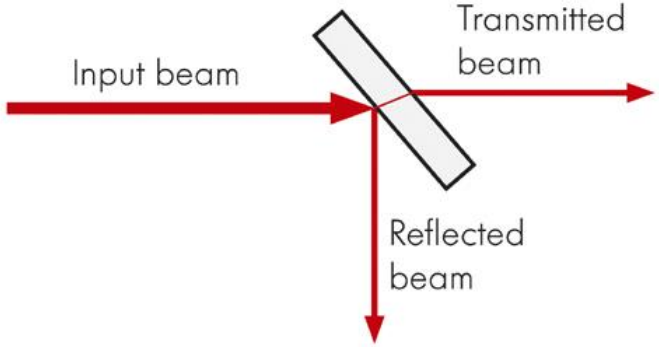

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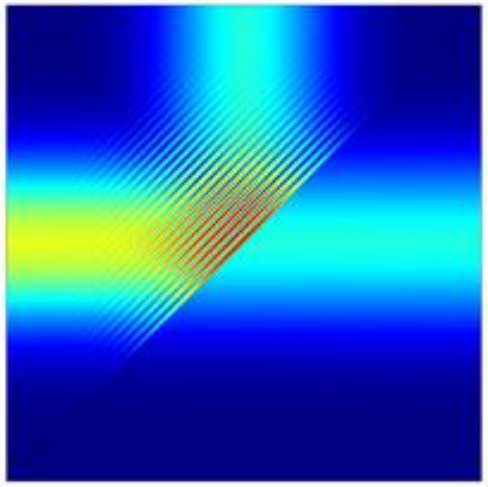

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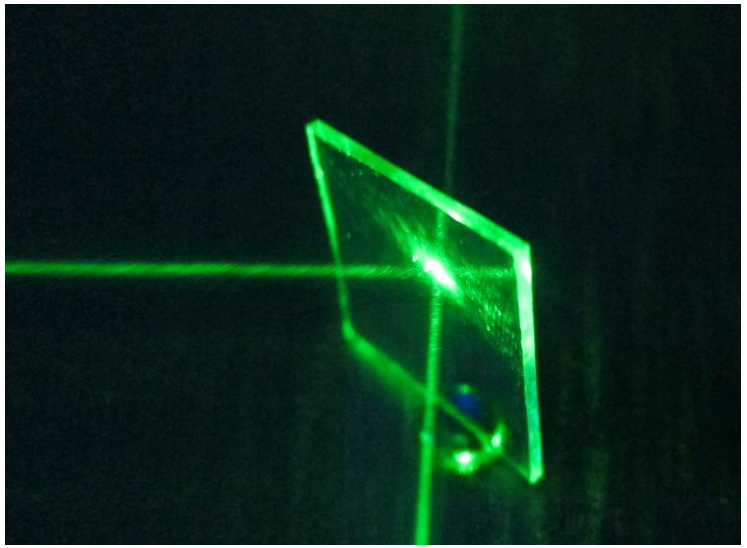

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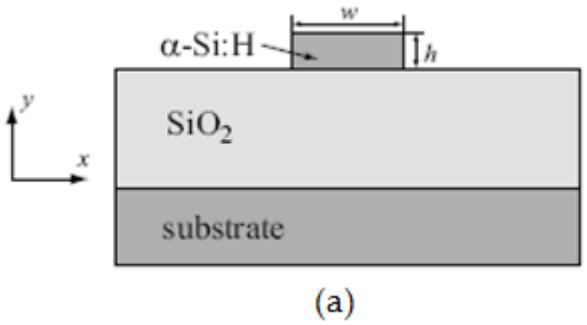

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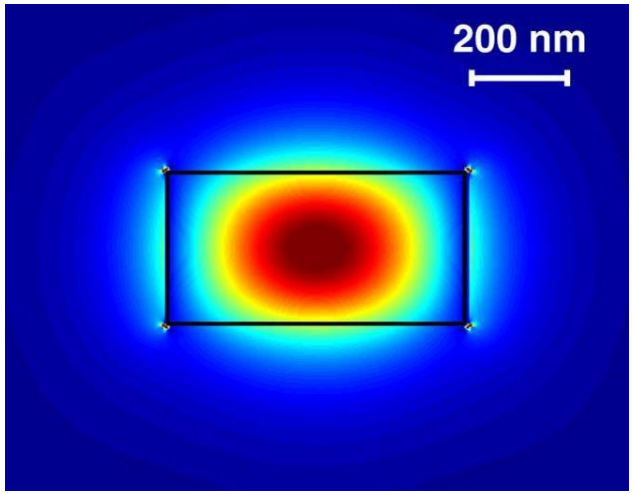

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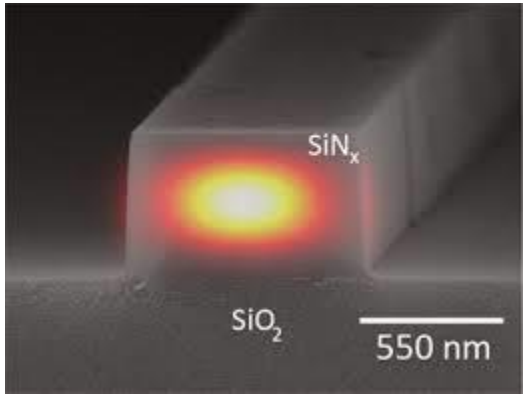

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- Optical add-drop filters

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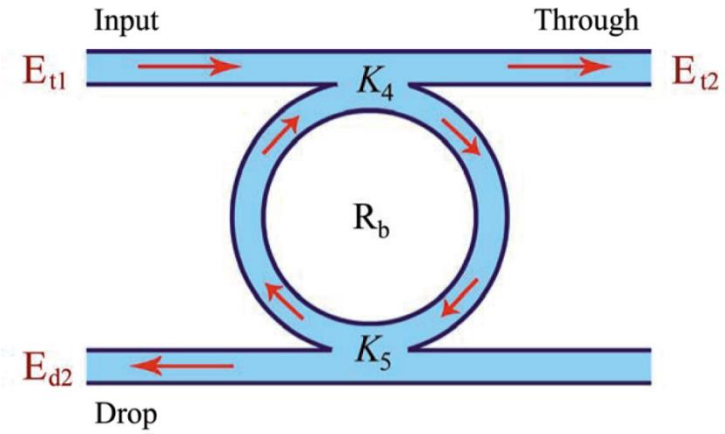

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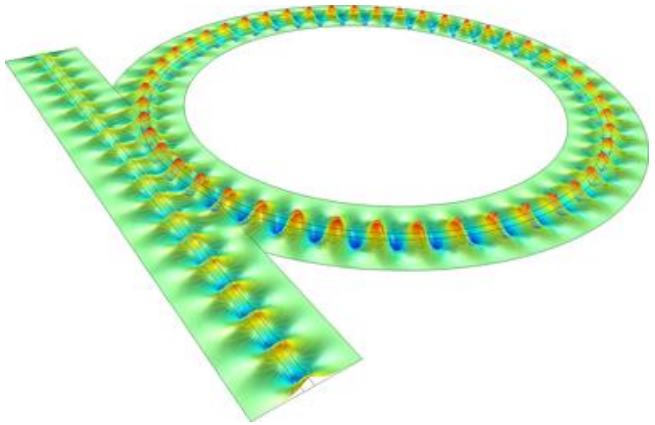

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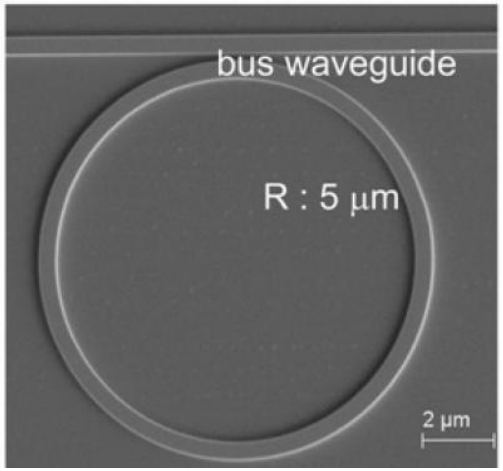

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What you will be able to simulate…

- Multi-mode interferometer

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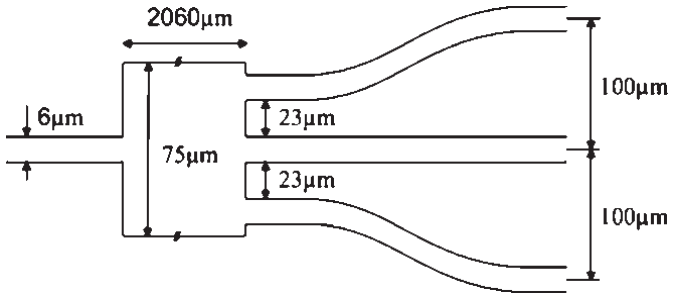

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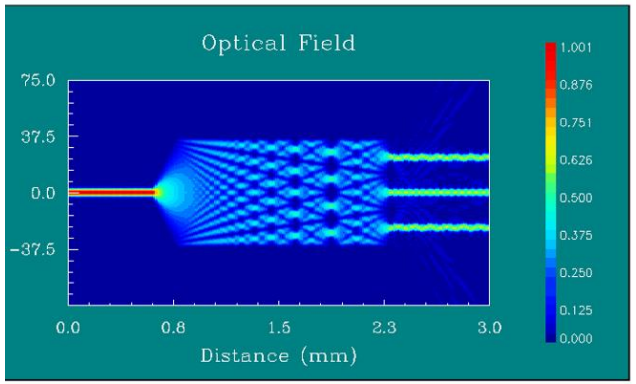

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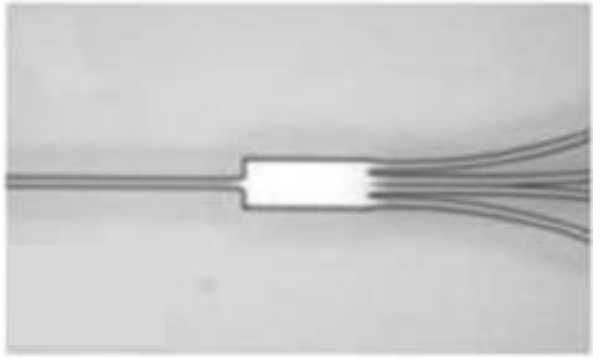

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- Grating coupler

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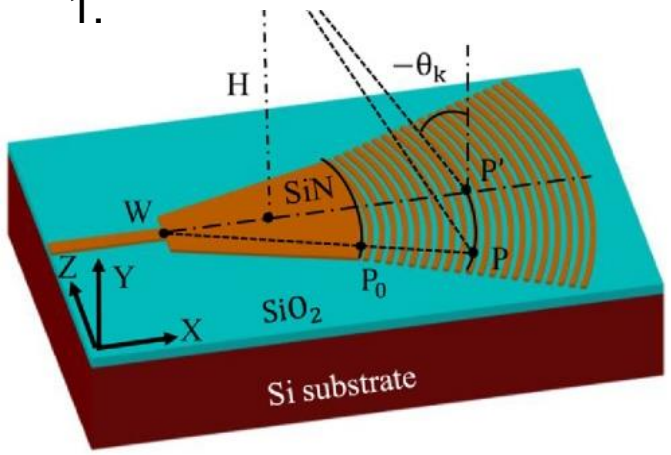

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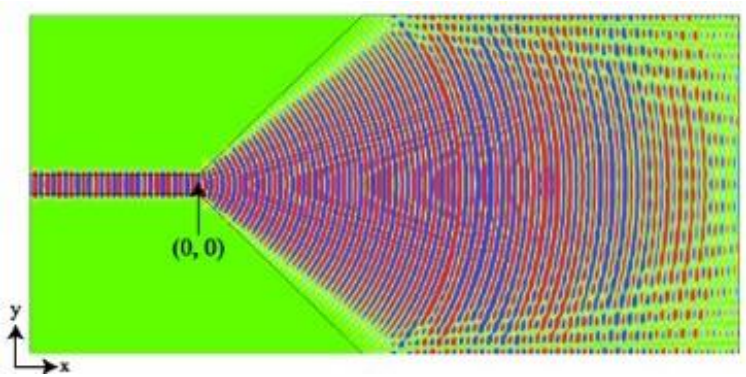

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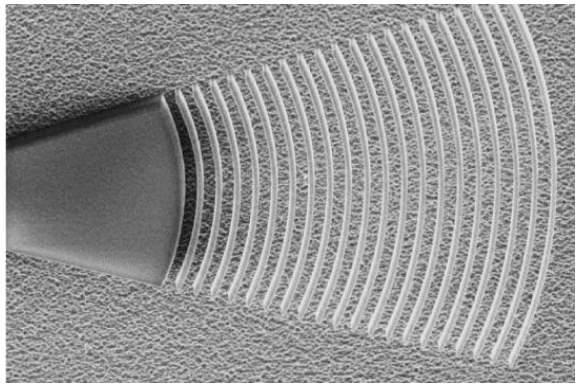

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- Optical Antennas

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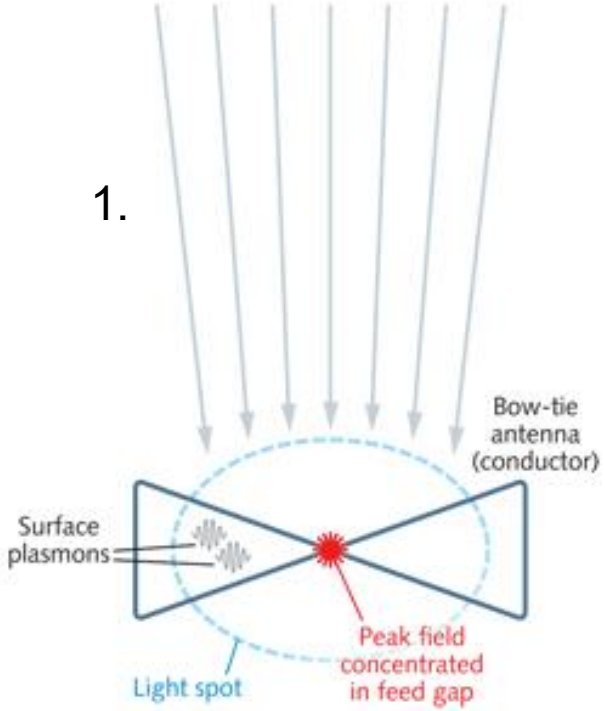

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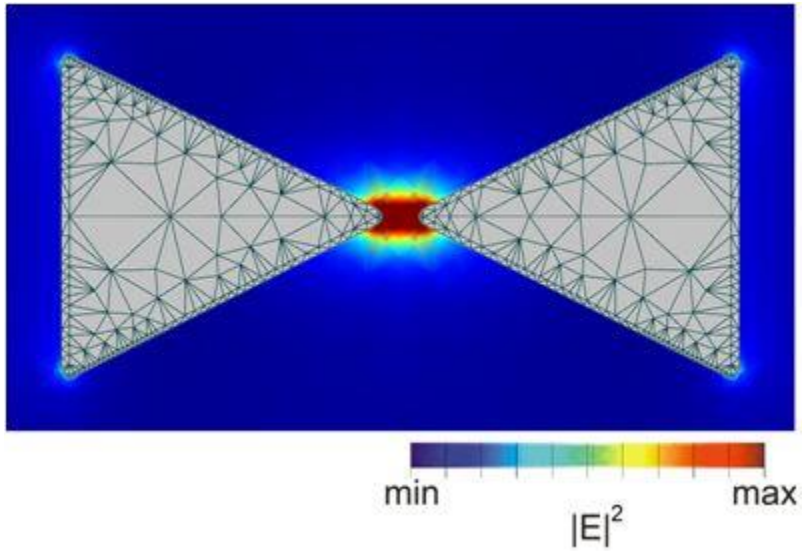

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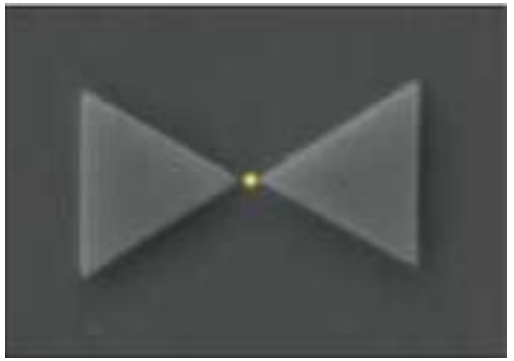

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What you will be able to simulate…

- Scattering from metallic nanoparticle

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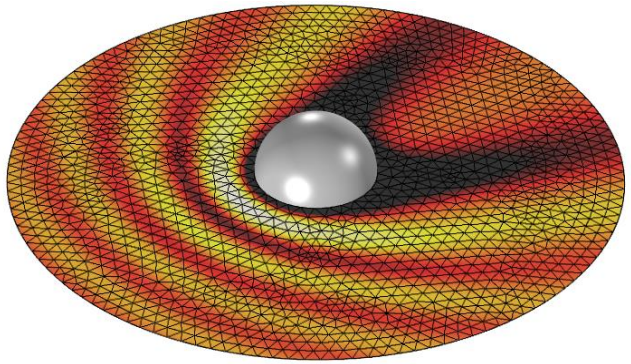

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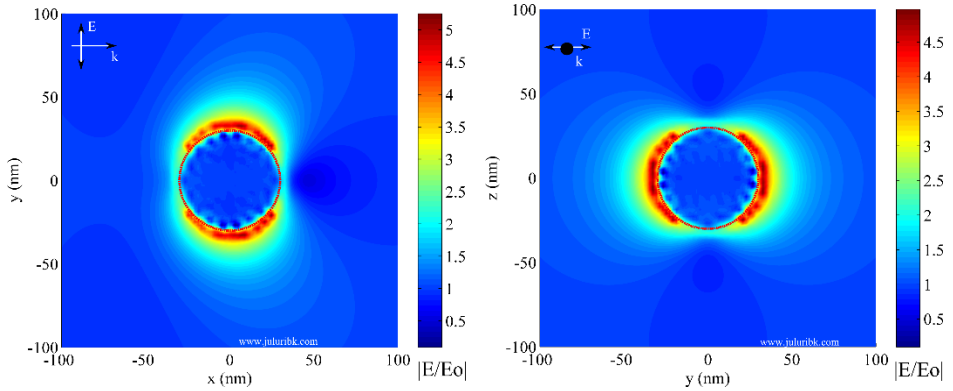

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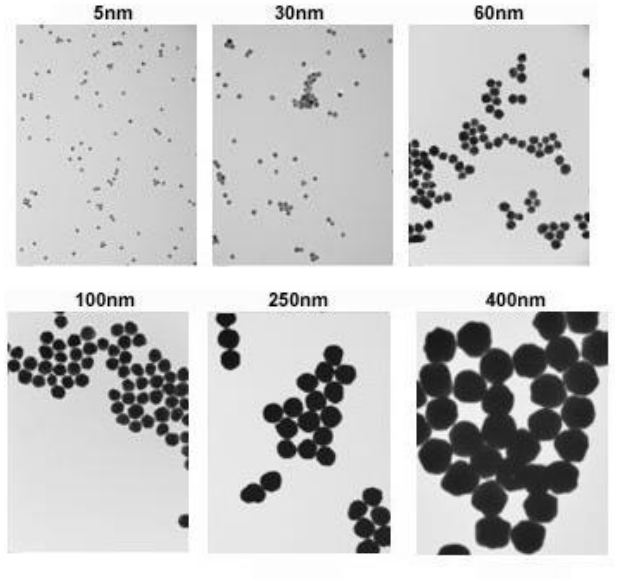

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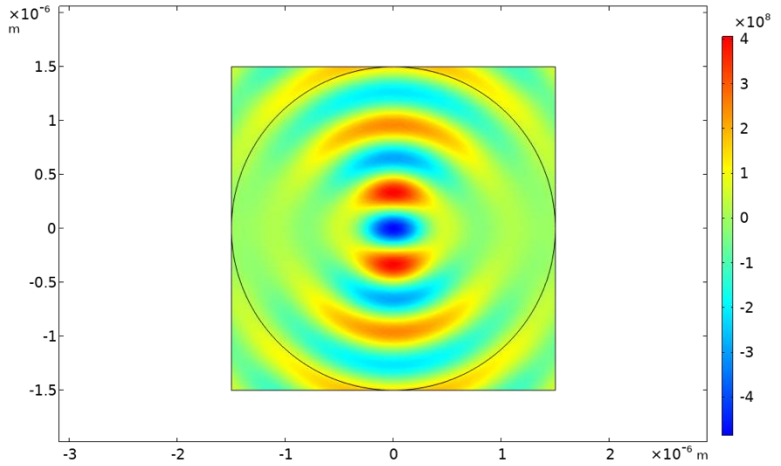
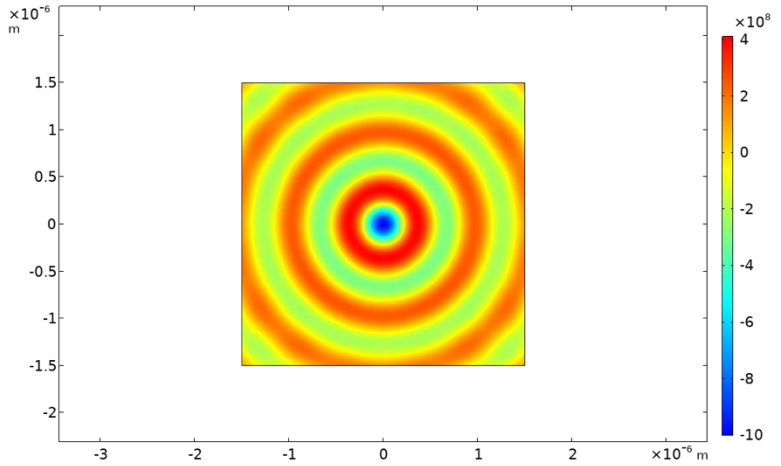
Tutorial 1 – Single Point Source

- Radiation of a single point source in infinitely large space
  - Electric dipole
  - Line current
- Plot functions
  - Electric field and different components
  - Radiation pattern





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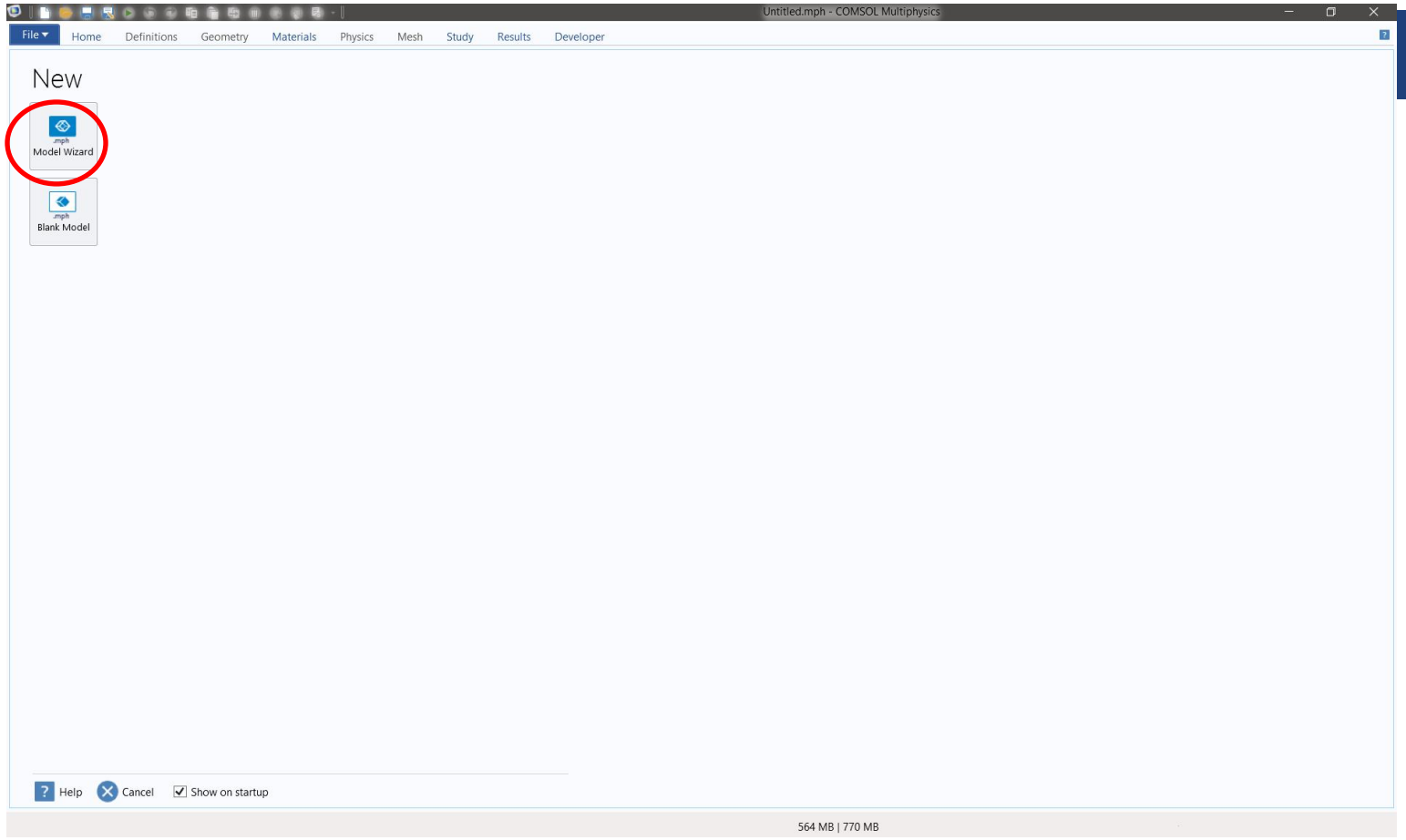
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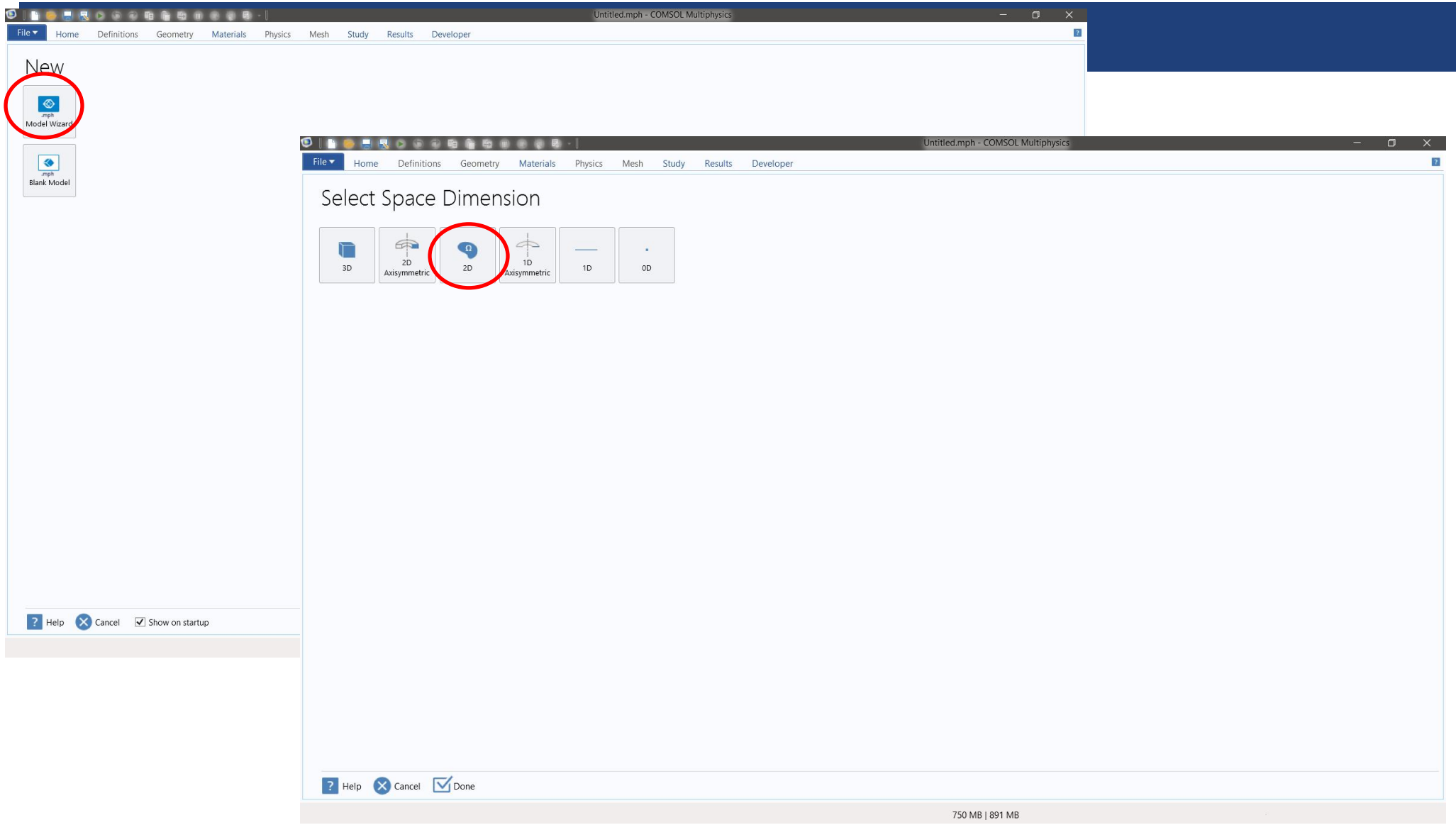

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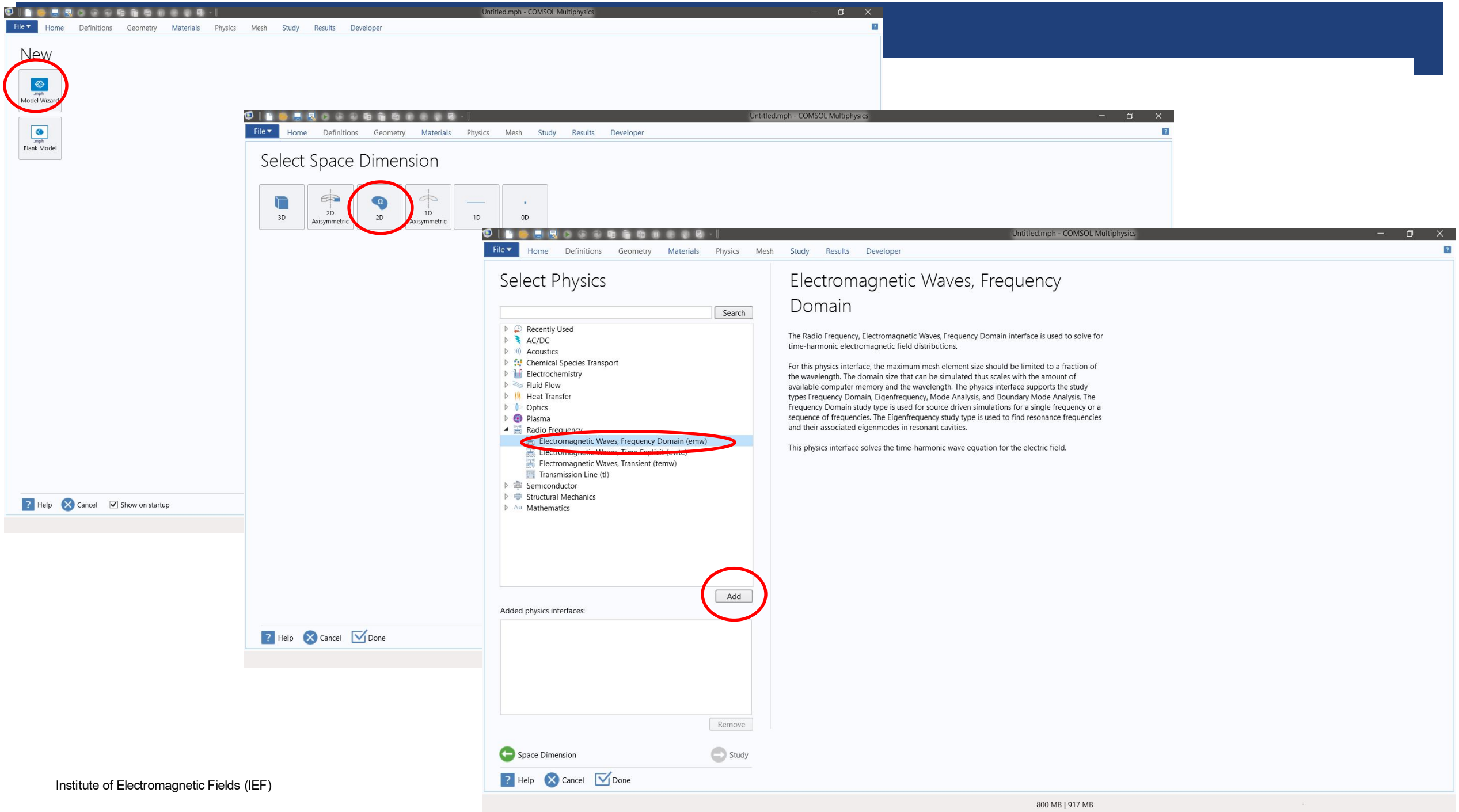
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This physics interface solves the time-harmonic wave equation for the electric field.
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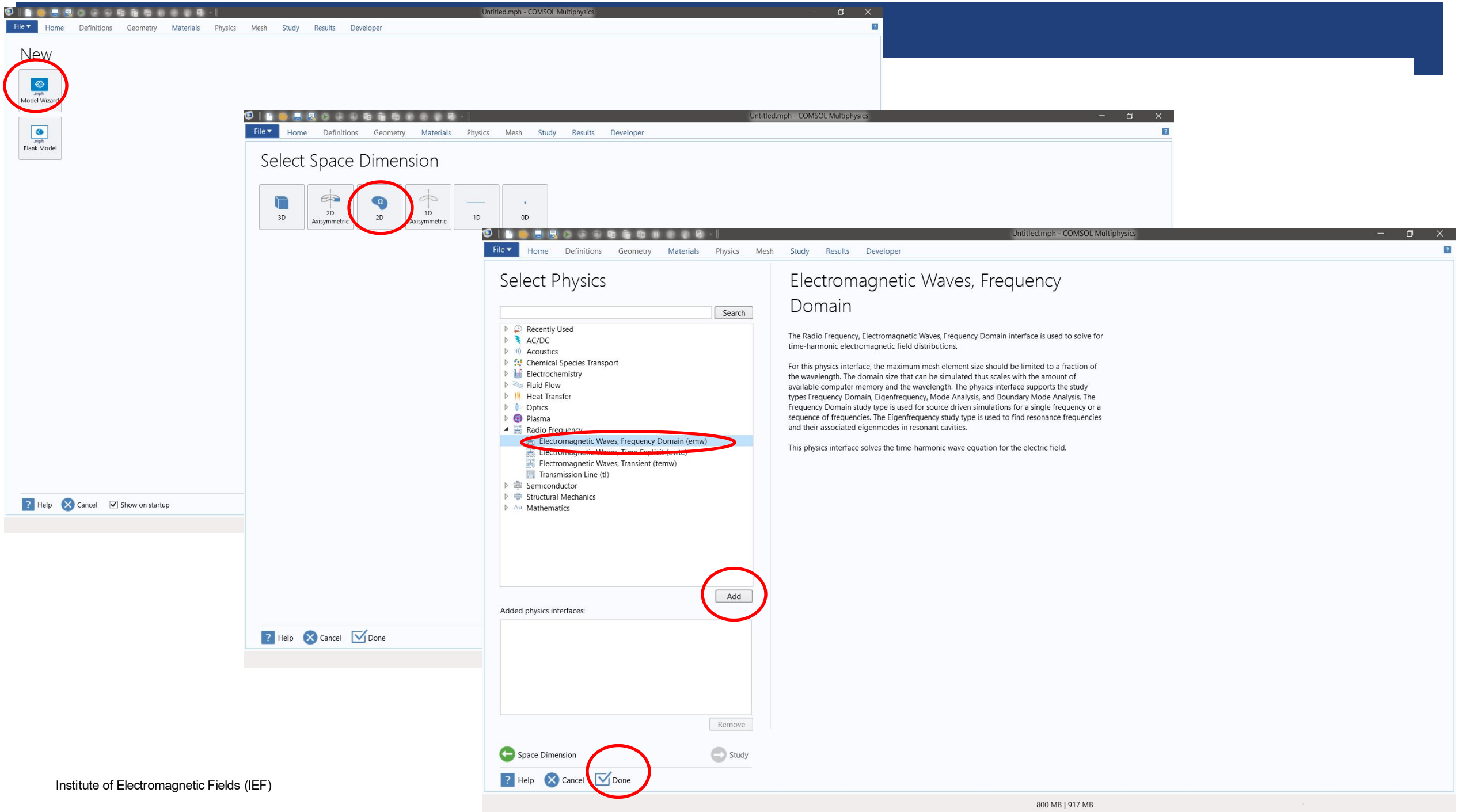
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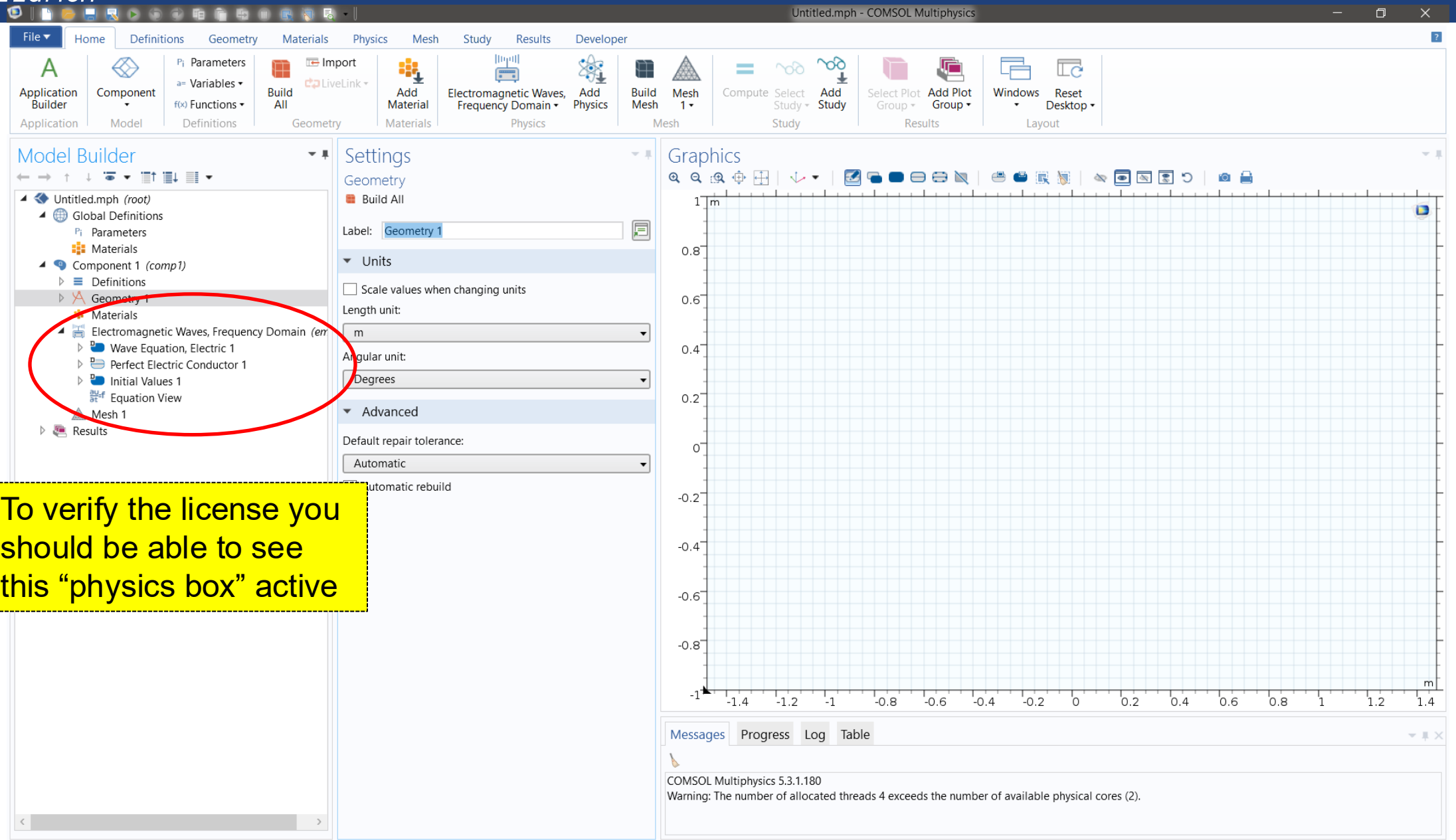

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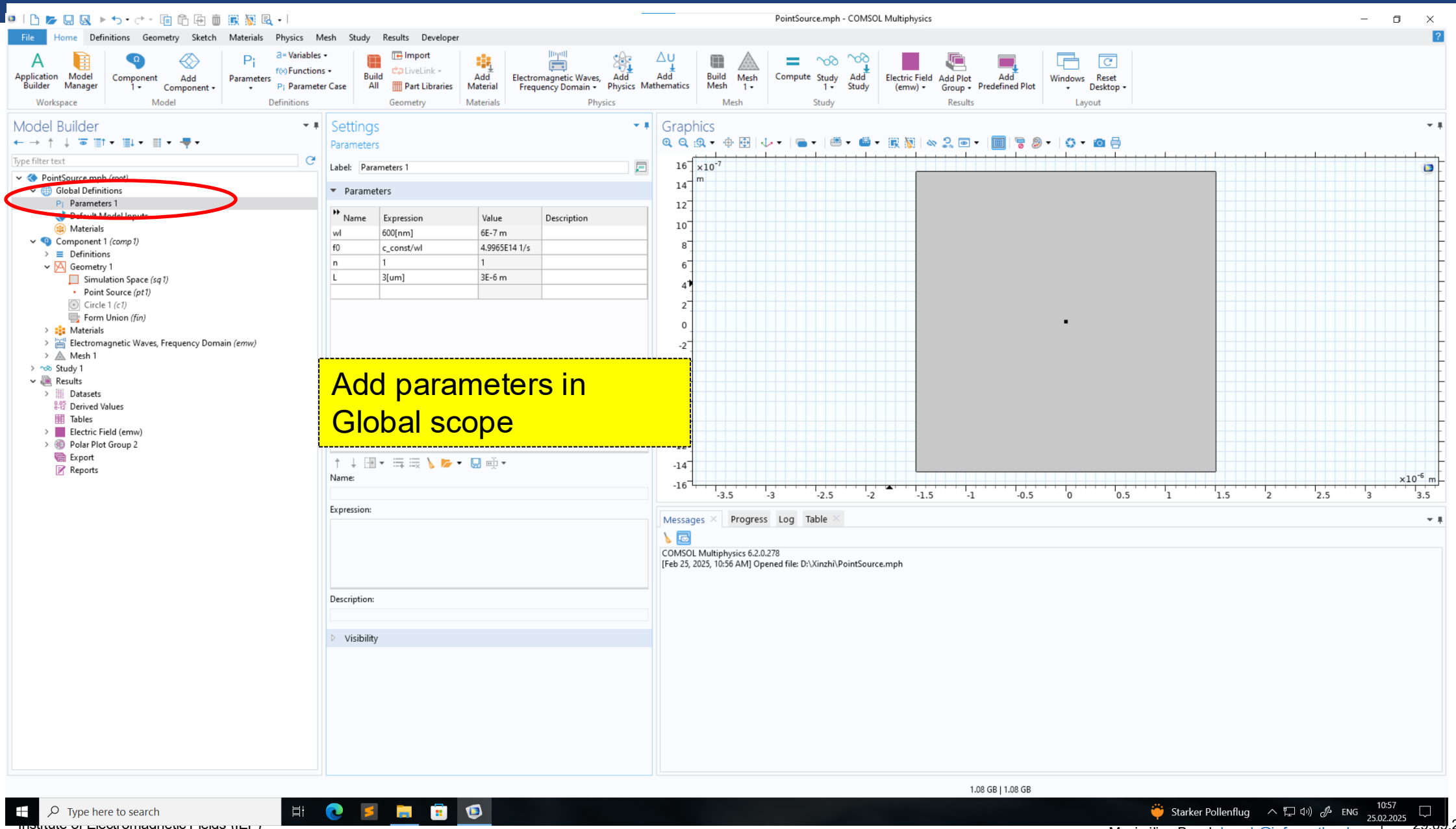
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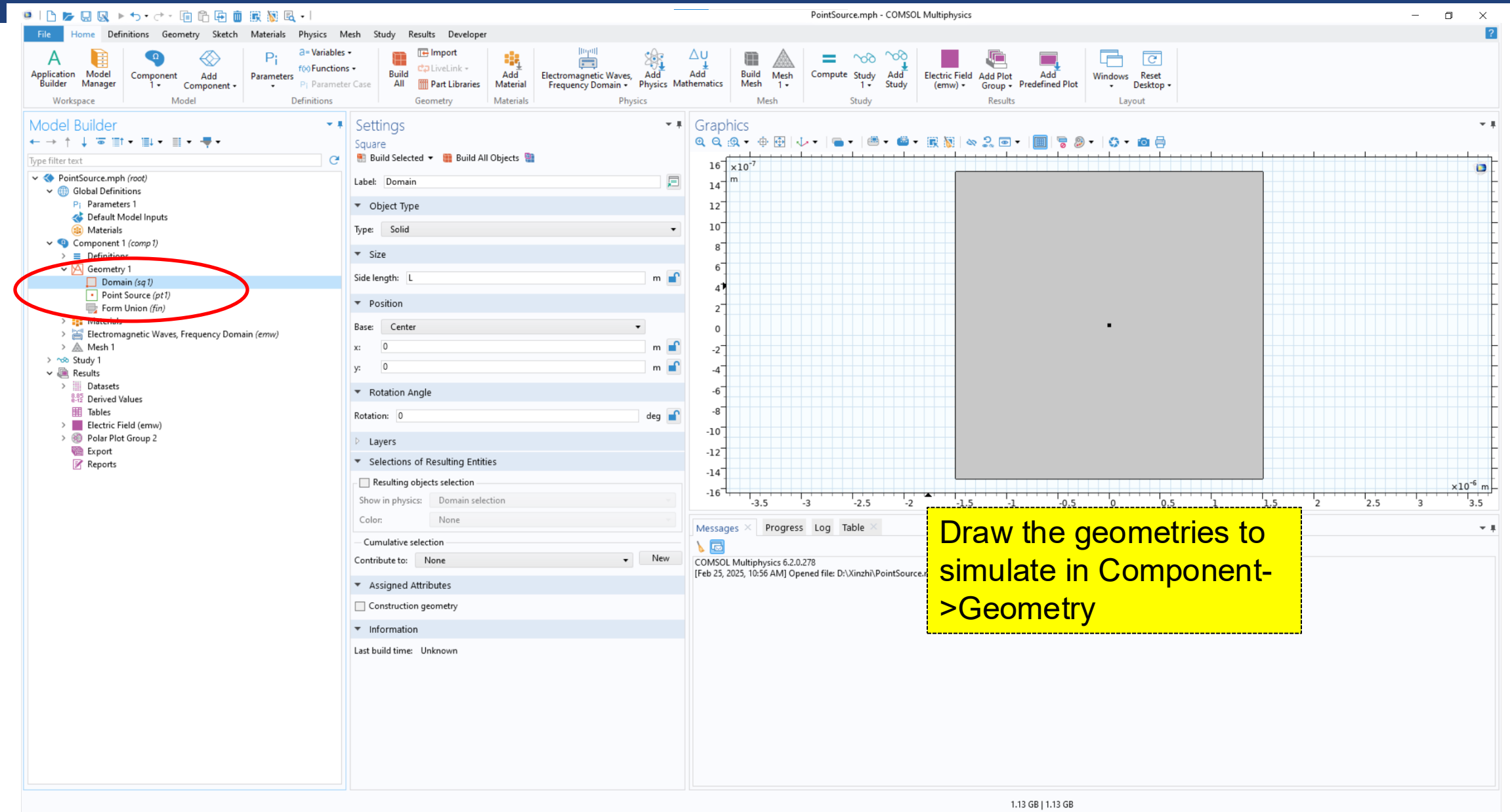
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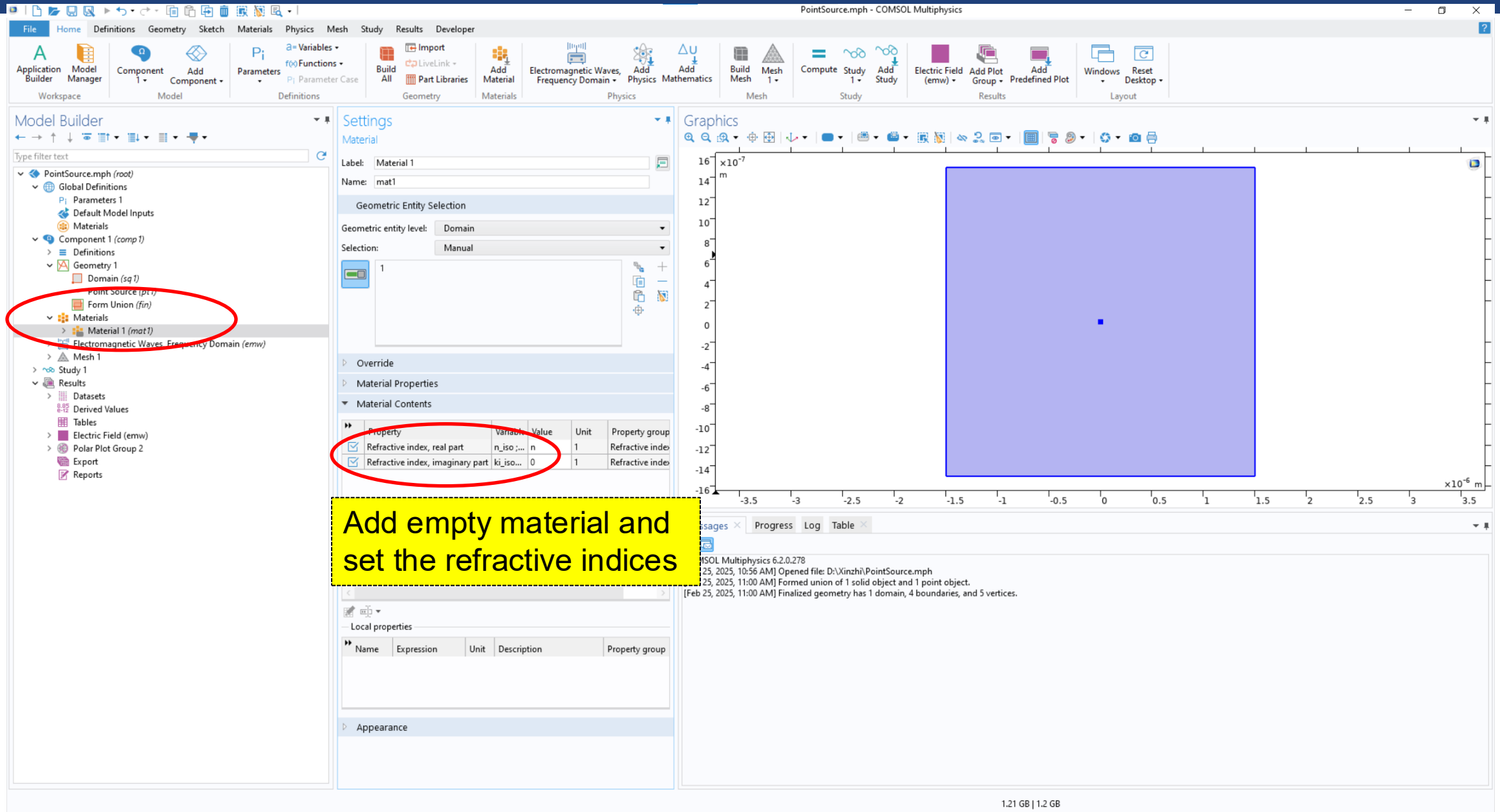
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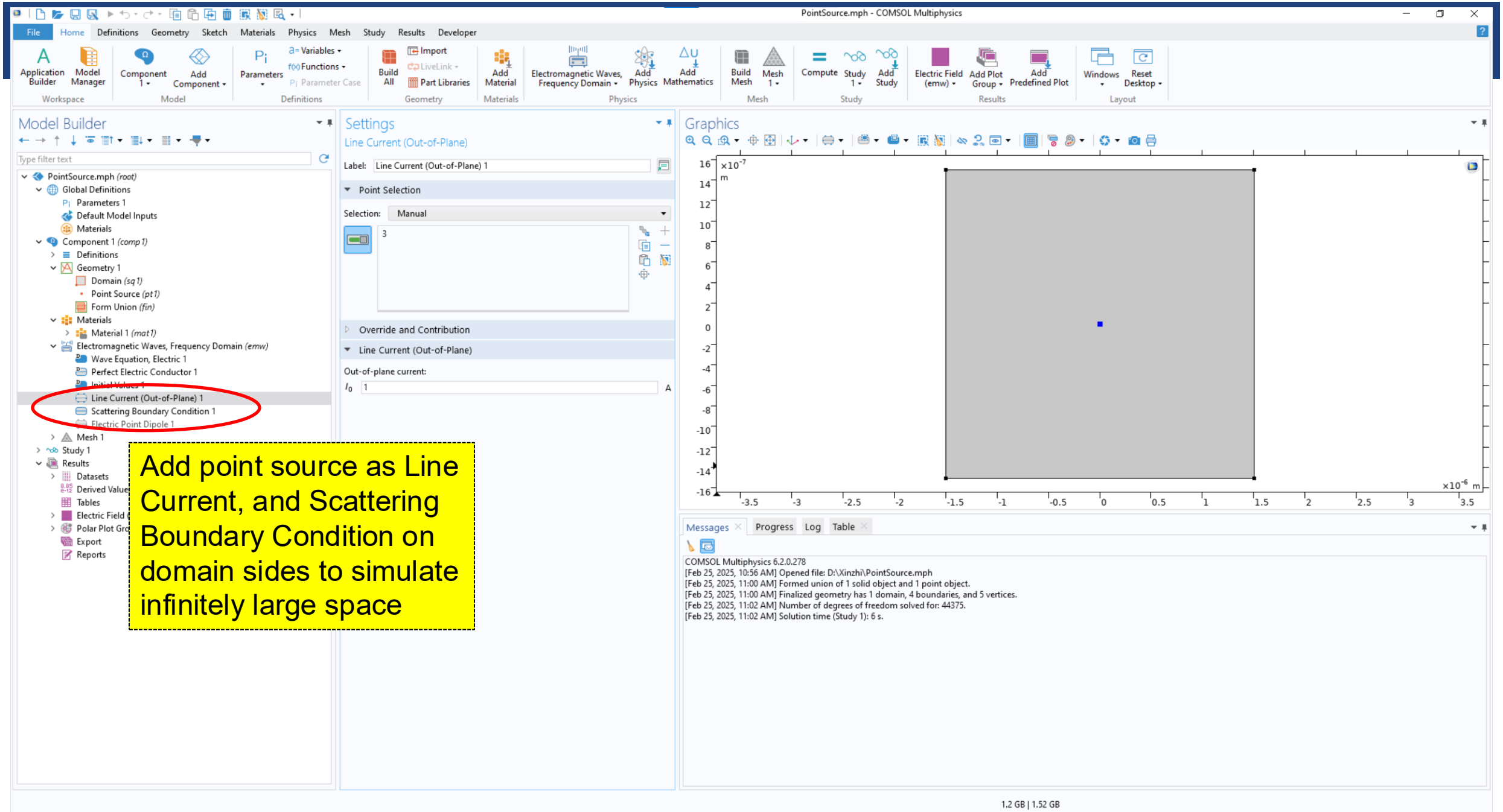
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Settings

Size

Build Selected | Build All

Label: Size 1

Geometric Entity Selection

Geometric entity level: Entire geometry

Element Size

Calibrate for: General physics

Predefined: Normal

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Element Size Parameters

Maximum element size: wl/10 m

Minimum element size: From sequence m

Maximum element growth rate: From sequence

Curvature factor: From sequence

Resolution of narrow regions: From sequence

Set the maximum mesh size to wl/10 and use free triangular shape to discretize the domain

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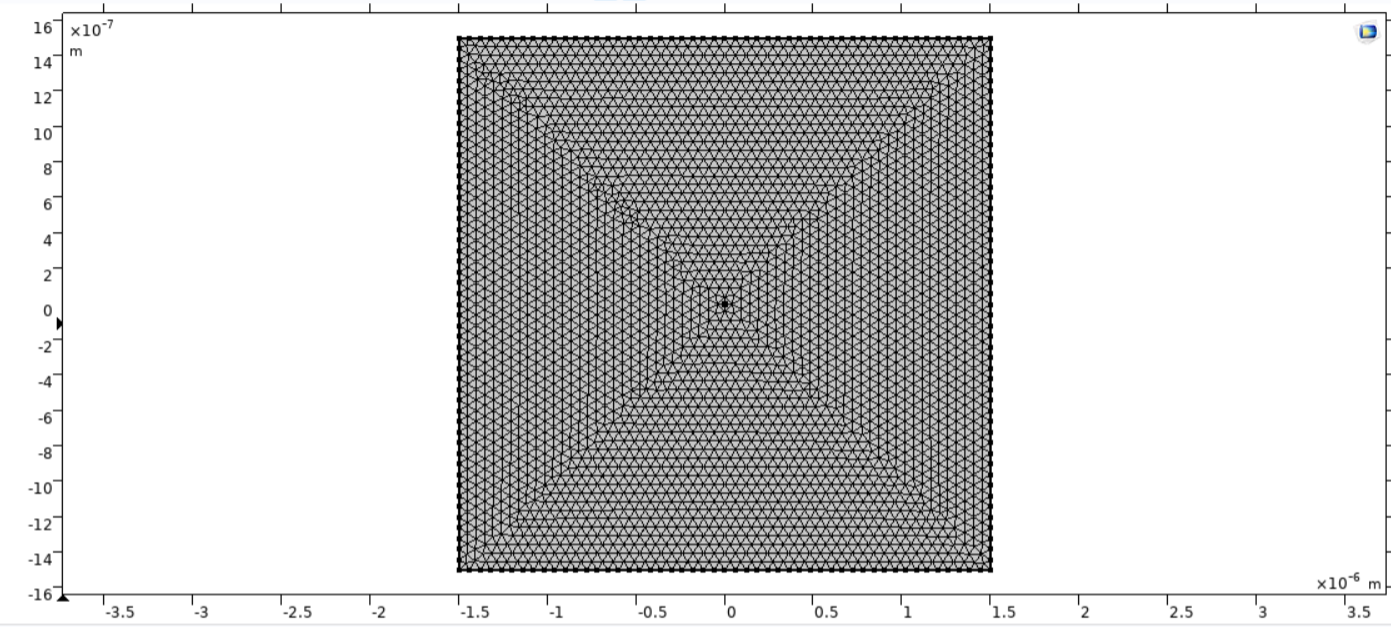

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Frequency Domain

Compute | Update Solution

Label: Frequency Domain

Study Settings

Frequency unit: GHz

Frequencies: f0 GHz

Load parameter values: Browse | Read File

Reuse solution from previous step: Auto

Results While Solving

Physics and Variables Selection

Modify model configuration for study step

Physics interface	Solve for	Equation form
Electromagnetic Waves, Frequency...	☑	Automatic (Frequency do...

In Frequency Domain Study step, change frequency to f0, and compute.

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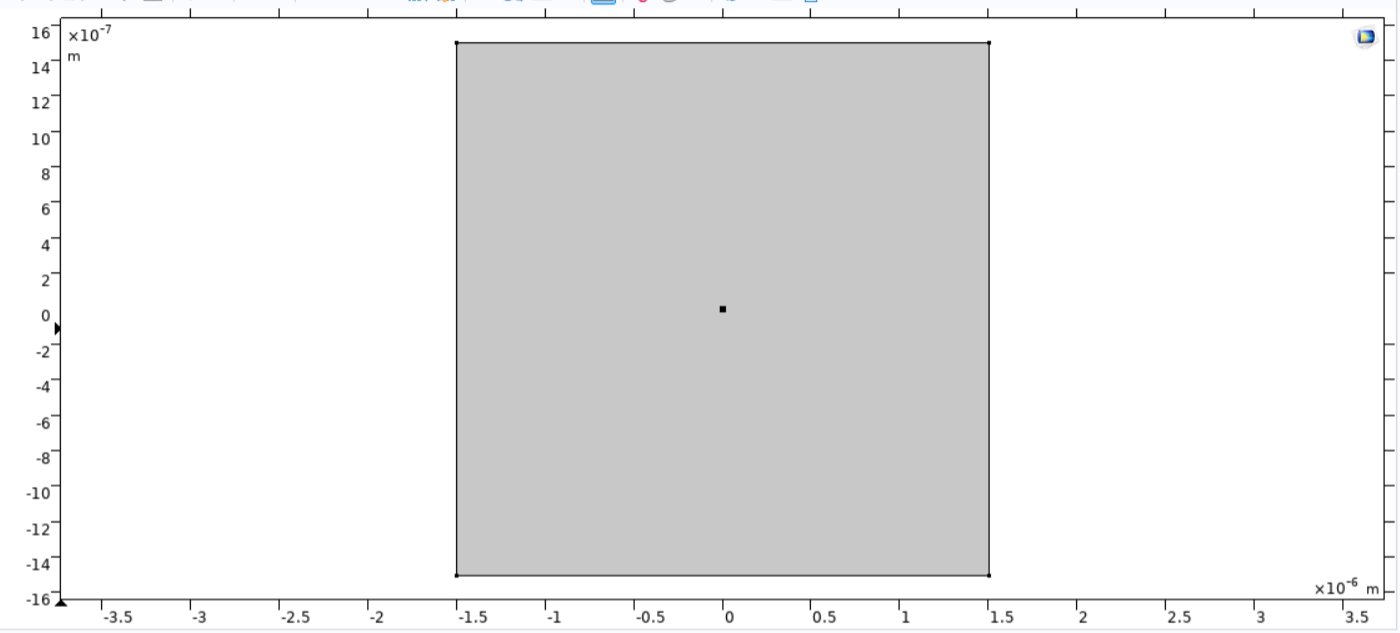

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Unit:

V/m

Description:

Electric field norm

Title

Range

Coloring and Style

Coloring: Color table

Color table: RainbowLightClassic

Color legend

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Color table type: Continuous

Scale: Linear

Wireframe

Quality

In Results, the electric field is plotted. The plotted variable can be changed in Electric Field -> Surface.

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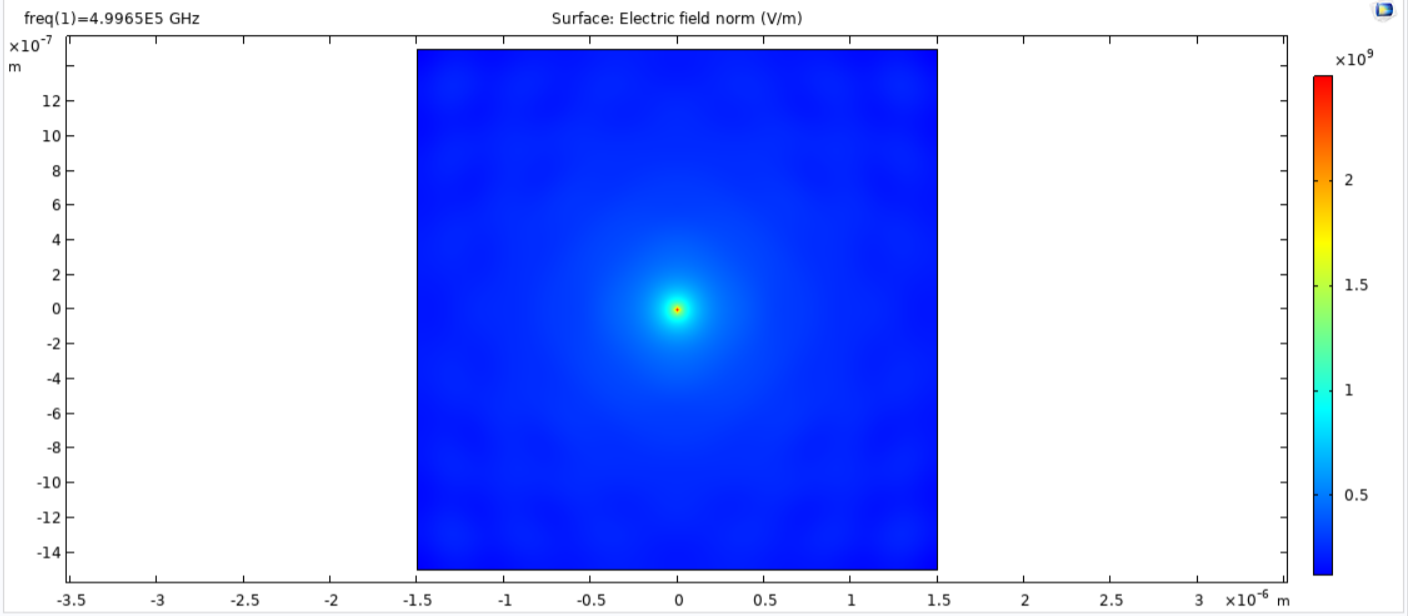

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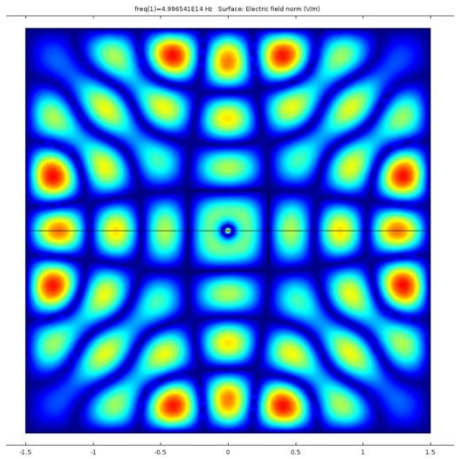
COMSOL: Boundary Condition

- Purpose of boundary conditions → define simulation domain

- Types of boundary conditions in COMSOL
  - Perfect Electric Conductor (PEC)
  - Perfect Magnetic Conductor (PMC)
  - Scattering Boundary Condition
  - Periodic Boundary Condition (PBC)
  - Perfectly Matched Layer (PML)



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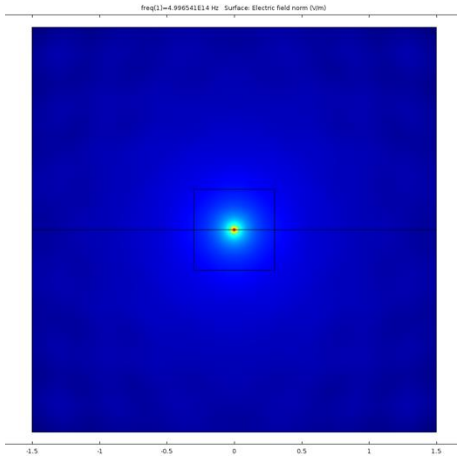

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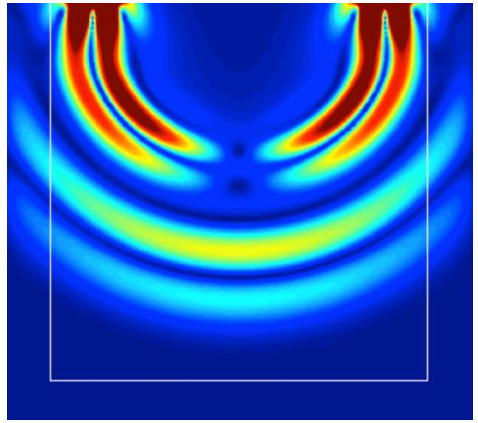

PML Boundaries

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