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**Description** Coupled-dipole simulations for electromagnetic scattering of light by sub-wavelength particles in arbitrary 3-dimensional configurations. Scattering and absorption spectra are simulated by inversion of the interaction matrix, or by an order-of-scattering approximation scheme. High-level functions are provided to simulate spectra with varying angles of incidence, as well as with full angular averaging.

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cda-package

*cda*

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### Description

Coupled-dipole approximation for electromagnetic scattering by three-dimensional clusters of sub-wavelength particles

### Details

Coupled-dipole simulations for electromagnetic scattering of light by sub-wavelength particles in arbitrary 3-dimensional configurations. Scattering and absorption spectra are simulated by inversion of the interaction matrix, or by an order-of-scattering approximation scheme. High-level functions are provided to simulate spectra with varying angles of incidence, as well as with full angular averaging.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

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B. Auguie, J.L. Alonso-Gomez, A. Guerrero-Martinez, L.M. Liz-Marzan. Fingers crossed: circular dichroism with a dimer of plasmonic nanorods. *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* 2, (2011)

Linear extinction:

B. Auguie, W.L. Barnes. Diffractive coupling in gold nanoparticle arrays and the effect of disorder. *Optics Letters* (2009)

Array factor (infinite case):

B. Auguie, W.L. Barnes. Collective resonances in gold nanoparticle arrays. *Physical Review Letters* (2008)

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alpha\_bare

*alpha\_bare*

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**Description**

Bare (intrinsic) polarizability of a dye in vacuum

**Usage**

```
alpha_bare(  
  wavelength = seq(300, 800),  
  alpha_inf = 9.6e-39,  
  alpha_k = c(5.76e-38),  
  lambda_k = c(526),  
  mu_k = c(10000)  
)
```

**Arguments**

wavelength	wavelength in nm
alpha_inf	scalar real offset
alpha_k	vector of oscillator strengths
lambda_k	vector of oscillator wavelengths
mu_k	vector of oscillator damping terms

**Details**

Sum of lorentz oscillators

**Value**

data.frame

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**See Also**

Other user\_level polarisability: [alpha\\_dye\(\)](#), [alpha\\_ellipsoid\(\)](#)

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alpha\_dye

*alpha\_dye*

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**Description**

Principal polarisability components for a dye molecule

**Usage**

```
alpha_dye(sizes, wavelength, medium, ...)
```

**Arguments**

sizes	matrix of particle sizes (scaling factors for polarisability tensor)
wavelength	wavelength in nm
medium	refractive index of incident medium
...	further parameters passed to the Lorentzian function

**Details**

The dye is modelled as a sum of Lorentz oscillators

**Value**

matrix of polarisability

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**See Also**

Other user\_level polarisability: [alpha\\_bare\(\)](#), [alpha\\_ellipsoid\(\)](#)

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alpha_ellipsoid	<i>alpha_ellipsoid</i>
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**Description**

Principal polarisability components for an ellipsoidal particle

**Usage**

```
alpha_ellipsoid(sizes, material, medium)
```

**Arguments**

sizes	matrix of cluster sizes in nm
material	data.frame with wavelength and epsilon
medium	refractive index of surrounding medium

**Details**

This long-wavelength polarisability approximation uses the Kuwata prescription

The Kuwata prescription includes semi-empirical terms of radiative correction and dynamic depolarisation to better match the fully retarded dipolar response in a reasonable range of (subwavelength) sizes and aspect ratios.

**Value**

matrix of polarisability

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**References**

Kuwata et al. Resonant light scattering from metal nanoparticles: Practical analysis beyond Rayleigh approximation Appl. Phys. Lett. 83, 22 (2003)

**See Also**

Other user\_level polarisability: [alpha\\_bare\(\)](#), [alpha\\_dye\(\)](#)

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alpha\_kuwata

*alpha\_kuwata*

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### Description

polarizability

### Usage

```
alpha_kuwata(wavelength, epsilon, V, axis, L, medium = 1.33)
```

### Arguments

wavelength	wavelength
epsilon	permittivity
V	volume
axis	semi-axis along incident field
L	shape factor
medium	refractive index

### Details

prescription from Kuwata

### Value

polarizability

### Author(s)

baptiste Auguie

### References

Kuwata et al. Resonant light scattering from metal nanoparticles: Practical analysis beyond Rayleigh approximation Appl. Phys. Lett. 83, 22 (2003)

### See Also

Other user\_level polarizability: [depolarisation\(\)](#)

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array_factor	<i>array_factor</i>
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**Description**

C++ calculation of the array factor

**Usage**

```
array_factor(wavelength, N, pitch)
```

**Arguments**

wavelength	wavelength in nm
N	half the number of dipoles along one side
pitch	pitch in nm

**Details**

Brute-force numerical evaluation of the truncated 2D sum of dipole fields in a finite square array

**Value**

complex array factor

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**Examples**

```
S <- array_factor(seq(400, 600), 10, 500)
str(S)
```

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cluster_array	<i>cluster_array</i>
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**Description**

Square array of particles

**Usage**

```
cluster_array(N, pitch = 500, a = 50, b = 50, c = b)
```

**Arguments**

N	number of particles
pitch	center-to-center distance
a	semi-axis along x
b	semi-axis along y
c	semi-axis along z

**Details**

A cluster describing a 2D square array of identical particles

**Value**

list of class cluster with fields: positions, sizes, angles

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**See Also**

Other user\_level cluster: [cluster\\_ball\(\)](#), [cluster\\_chain\(\)](#), [cluster\\_dimer\(\)](#), [cluster\\_helix\(\)](#), [cluster\\_pumpkin\(\)](#), [cluster\\_shell\(\)](#), [cluster\\_single\(\)](#)

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cluster\_ball

*cluster\_ball*

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**Description**

A ball of particles on a cubic lattice

**Usage**

```
cluster_ball(N, R0 = 15, a = 1, b = 1, c = b)
```

**Arguments**

N	number of particles
R0	ball radius
a	semi-axis along x
b	semi-axis along y
c	semi-axis along z

**Details**

Identical particles fill a sphere with a cubic lattice



**Value**

list of class cluster with fields: positions, sizes, angles

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**See Also**

Other user\_level cluster: [cluster\\_array\(\)](#), [cluster\\_chain\(\)](#), [cluster\\_dimer\(\)](#), [cluster\\_helix\(\)](#), [cluster\\_pumpkin\(\)](#), [cluster\\_shell\(\)](#), [cluster\\_single\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
b = cluster_ball(100)
```

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<code>cluster_chain</code>	<i>cluster_chain</i>
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**Description**

Linear chain of particles

**Usage**

```
cluster_chain(N, pitch = 500, a = 50, b = 30, c = b)
```

**Arguments**

N	number of particles
pitch	center-to-center distance
a	semi-axis along x
b	semi-axis along y
c	semi-axis along z

**Details**

A cluster describing a linear chain of identical particles

**Value**

list of class cluster with fields: positions, sizes, angles

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**See Also**

Other user\_level cluster: [cluster\\_array\(\)](#), [cluster\\_ball\(\)](#), [cluster\\_dimer\(\)](#), [cluster\\_helix\(\)](#), [cluster\\_pumpkin\(\)](#), [cluster\\_shell\(\)](#), [cluster\\_single\(\)](#)

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cluster\_dimer            *cluster\_dimer*

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**Description**

A dimer of two particles

**Usage**

```
cluster_dimer(  
  d = 100,  
  a = 35,  
  b = 12,  
  c = b,  
  dihedral = pi/4,  
  alpha1 = 0,  
  alpha2 = 0  
)
```

**Arguments**

d	center-to-center distance
a	semi-axis along x
b	semi-axis along y
c	semi-axis along z
dihedral	dihedral angle
alpha1	angle first rod
alpha2	angle second rod

**Details**

A cluster describing two particles, with dimer axis along z

**Value**

list of class cluster with fields: positions, sizes, angles

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**See Also**

Other user\_level cluster: [cluster\\_array\(\)](#), [cluster\\_ball\(\)](#), [cluster\\_chain\(\)](#), [cluster\\_helix\(\)](#), [cluster\\_pumpkin\(\)](#), [cluster\\_shell\(\)](#), [cluster\\_single\(\)](#)

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cluster_helix	<i>cluster_helix</i>
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**Description**

Particles arranged along a helix

**Usage**

```
cluster_helix(
  N = 5,
  a = 10,
  b = 10,
  c = 20,
  R0 = 100,
  pitch = 200,
  delta = pi/5,
  delta0 = 0,
  right = TRUE,
  angles = c("helix", "random", "fixed"),
  seed = 123,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

N	number of particles
a	semi-axis along x
b	semi-axis along y
c	semi-axis along z
R0	radius of helix
pitch	pitch of helix
delta	angle between particles
delta0	initial angle
right	logical, helicity
angles	type of angular orientation
seed	random seed for reproducibility
...	extra arguments (ignored)

**Details**

Cluster describing a helical assembly of particles

**Value**

list of class cluster with fields: positions, sizes, angles

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**See Also**

Other user\_level cluster: [cluster\\_array\(\)](#), [cluster\\_ball\(\)](#), [cluster\\_chain\(\)](#), [cluster\\_dimer\(\)](#), [cluster\\_pumpkin\(\)](#), [cluster\\_shell\(\)](#), [cluster\\_single\(\)](#)

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cluster_pumpkin	<i>cluster_pumpkin</i>
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**Description**

Sparse shell of nanoparticles around a spherical core

**Usage**

```
cluster_pumpkin(
  N = 50,
  R0 = 30,
  cone = 2 * pi,
  d = 1,
  a = 1,
  b = 1,
  c = 1,
  tilt = 0,
  position = c("fibonacci", "hc", "random", "landings"),
  exclusion = 0.7,
  seed = 123,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

N	number of particles
R0	radius of core
cone	type of angular orientation
d	distance from core

a	semi-axis along x
b	semi-axis along y
c	semi-axis along z
tilt	type of angular orientation
position	type of random coverage
exclusion	minimum exclusion distance for 'hc' positions
seed	random seed for reproducibility
...	extra arguments (ignored)

**Details**

A cluster describing a discrete shell of nanoparticles in a spherical geometry

**Value**

list of class cluster with fields: positions, sizes, angles

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**See Also**

Other user\_level cluster: [cluster\\_array\(\)](#), [cluster\\_ball\(\)](#), [cluster\\_chain\(\)](#), [cluster\\_dimer\(\)](#), [cluster\\_helix\(\)](#), [cluster\\_shell\(\)](#), [cluster\\_single\(\)](#)

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cluster_shell	<i>cluster_shell</i>
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**Description**

Sparse shell of nanoparticles around a spherical core

**Usage**

```
cluster_shell(
  N = 50,
  R0 = 30,
  d = 1,
  a = 1,
  b = 1,
  c = 1,
  orientation = c("radial", "flat", "random"),
  position = c("fibonacci", "hc", "random", "landings"),
  exclusion = 5 * N^(-1/4),
  seed = 123,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

N	number of particles
R0	radius of core
d	distance from core
a	semi-axis along x
b	semi-axis along y
c	semi-axis along z
orientation	type of angular orientation
position	type of random coverage
exclusion	minimum exclusion distance for 'hc' positions
seed	random seed for reproducibility
...	extra arguments (ignored)

**Details**

A cluster describing a discrete shell of nanoparticles in a spherical geometry

**Value**

list of class cluster with fields: positions, sizes, angles

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**See Also**

Other user\_level cluster: [cluster\\_array\(\)](#), [cluster\\_ball\(\)](#), [cluster\\_chain\(\)](#), [cluster\\_dimer\(\)](#), [cluster\\_helix\(\)](#), [cluster\\_pumpkin\(\)](#), [cluster\\_single\(\)](#)

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cluster\_single      *cluster\_single*

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**Description**

Trivial cluster

**Usage**

```
cluster_single(a, b = a, c = b, phi = 0, theta = 0, psi = 0)
```

**Arguments**

a	semi-axis along x
b	semi-axis along y
c	semi-axis along z
phi	first Euler angle
theta	second Euler angle
psi	third Euler angle

**Details**

A single particle cluster

**Value**

list of class cluster with fields: positions, sizes, angles

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**See Also**

Other user\_level cluster: [cluster\\_array\(\)](#), [cluster\\_ball\(\)](#), [cluster\\_chain\(\)](#), [cluster\\_dimer\(\)](#), [cluster\\_helix\(\)](#), [cluster\\_pumpkin\(\)](#), [cluster\\_shell\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
cl = cluster_single(10)
```

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depolarisation	<i>depolarisation</i>
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**Description**

Depolarisation factor for an ellipsoid

**Usage**

```
depolarisation(x1, x2 = x1, x3 = x2)
```

**Arguments**

x1	semi-axis in nm
x2	semi-axis in nm
x3	semi-axis in nm

**Details**

calculates the 3 depolarisation factors for a general ellipsoid

**Value**

shape factor along x1

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**See Also**

Other user\_level polarizability: [alpha\\_kuwata\(\)](#)

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dye\_coverage

*dye\_coverage*

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**Description**

dye\_coverage

**Usage**

dye\_coverage(rho, R)

**Arguments**

rho            surface demsity

R              radius

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**See Also**

Other user\_level cda utility: [equal\\_angles\(\)](#), [equal\\_sizes\(\)](#), [spheroid\\_ar\(\)](#)



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equal_angles	<i>equal_angles</i>
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**Description**

Utility function to create clusters

**Usage**

```
equal_angles(phi, theta, gamma, N)
```

**Arguments**

phi	Euler angle
theta	Euler angle
gamma	Euler angle
N	number of particles

**Details**

Identical particles

**Value**

3xN matrix

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**See Also**

Other user\_level cda utility: [dye\\_coverage\(\)](#), [equal\\_sizes\(\)](#), [spheroid\\_ar\(\)](#)

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equal_sizes	<i>equal_sizes</i>
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**Description**

Utility function to create clusters

**Usage**

```
equal_sizes(a, b, c, N)
```

**Arguments**

a	semi-axis along x
b	semi-axis along y
c	semi-axis along z
N	number of particles

**Details**

Identical particles

**Value**

3xN matrix

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**See Also**

Other user\_level cda utility: [dye\\_coverage\(\)](#), [equal\\_angles\(\)](#), [spheroid\\_ar\(\)](#)

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G0

*Precomputed array factor for a square lattice at normal incidence*

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**Description**

Exact calculation of the array factor using code from Javier Garcia de Abajo (part of the pxtal program for multiple scattering calculations in infinite layered 2D arrays)

**Usage**

G0

**Format**

A data frame with 1000 rows and 3 variables:

**wavelength** normalised wavelength lambda/pitch

**Qx** in-plane component of the wavevector (0, since normal incidence)

**Gxx** complex value of the array factor

**Source**

Javier Garcia de Abajo

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gfun

*Precomputed array factor for a square lattice at normal incidence*

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### Description

Exact calculation of the array factor using code from Javier Garcia de Abajo (part of the pxtal program for multiple scattering calculations in infinite layered 2D arrays)

### Usage

gfun

### Format

A list of two interpolation functions:

**re** real part of G0

**im** imaginary part of G0

### Source

Javier Garcia de Abajo

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helix

*helix*

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### Description

Positions along a helix

### Usage

```
helix(  
  R0 = 500,  
  pitch = 600,  
  N = 5,  
  delta = pi/8,  
  delta0 = pi/2,  
  n.smooth = 100 * N,  
  right = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

$R_0$	radius of helix
pitch	pitch of helix
N	number of particles
delta	angle between particles
delta0	initial angle
n.smooth	number of points for a finer helix (useful for display)
right	logical, helicity

**Details**

3D points following a helix

**Value**

list of positions and angles

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

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quadrature\_sphere      *quadrature\_sphere*

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**Description**

Quadrature points on a sphere

**Usage**

```
quadrature_sphere(
  Nq = 30,
  quadrature = c("qmc", "gl", "cheap", "random", "grid", "grid2", "fibonacci",
    "fibonacci2"),
  init = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

Nq	number of integration points
quadrature	quadrature method, using either Gauss Legendre quadrature (default), Quasi Monte Carlo, regular grid, or "cheap" (3 axes)
init	(qmc method only) logical: restart, or continue from previous call

**Details**

Numerical integration points for angular averaging

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

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rgl.ellipsoid      *rgl.ellipsoid*

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**Description**

creates an rgl ellipsoid

**Usage**

```
rgl.ellipsoid(  
  x = 0,  
  y = 0,  
  z = 0,  
  a = 1,  
  b = 1,  
  c = 1,  
  phi = 0,  
  theta = 0,  
  psi = 0,  
  subdivide = 3,  
  smooth = TRUE,  
  ...  
)
```

**Arguments**

x	x
y	y
z	z
a	axis
b	axis
c	axis
phi	phi
theta	theta
psi	psi
subdivide	subdivision
smooth	smoothing
...	additional params

**Details**

deforms, rotate, and translate a sphere

**Value**

an rgl mesh

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**See Also**

Other user\_level rgl: [rgl.ellipsoids\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run: require(rgl) ; ee <- rgl.ellipsoid()
shapelist3d(ee)
## End(Not run)
```

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rgl.ellipsoids

*rgl.ellipsoids*

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**Description**

Create a list of rgl ellipsoids oriented in space

**Usage**

```
rgl.ellipsoids(positions, sizes, angles, colour = "red", ...)
```

**Arguments**

positions	matrix of positions
sizes	matrix of axis lengths
angles	matrix of Euler angles
colour	colour of each ellipsoid
...	additional params

**Details**

each ellipsoid is specified by its position, dimensions, and Euler angles

**Value**

rgl mesh

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**See Also**

Other user\_level rgl: [rgl.ellipsoid\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
cl <- helix(0.5, 1, 36, delta=pi/6, n.smooth=1e3)
sizes <- equal_sizes(0.04,0.02,0.02,NROW(cl$positions))
## Not run: require(rgl) ; rgl.ellipsoids(cl$positions, sizes, cl$angles, col="gold")
```

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sample\_random

*Generate a random sample of points on the unit sphere*

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**Description**

Random sample

Random sample with minimum exclusion zone ("hard-core process")

Random sample with minimum exclusion zone enforced

Fibonacci coverage of a sphere

**Usage**

```
sample_random(N)
```

```
sample_hc(N, exclusion = 0.1, maxiter = 200L, k = 30L)
```

```
sample_landings(N, exclusion = 0.1)
```

```
sample_fibonacci(N = 301)
```

**Arguments**

N	number of points
exclusion	minimum distance allowed between points
maxiter	maximum number of iterations
k	number of extra new points to try at each iteration

**Details**

Produces a set of points that covers rather uniformly the unit sphere with N points with a spiral-like pattern based on a Fibonacci sequence

**Value**

3xN matrix

3xN matrix

3xN matrix

**Functions**

- `sample_random`: random sample
- `sample_hc`: random sample with exclusion zone
- `sample_landings`: random sample with exclusion zone
- `sample_fibonacci`:

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**Examples**

```
sample_random(10)
sample_hc(10)
sample_landings(10)
```

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`spectrum_dispersion`    *spectrum\_dispersion*

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**Description**

dispersion spectrum

**Usage**

```
spectrum_dispersion(  
  cluster,  
  material,  
  medium = 1.33,  
  Incidence = 0,  
  Axes = "z",  
  polarisation = c("linear", "circular"),  
  method = c("solve", "cg", "oos"),  
  Nsca = 50,  
  maxiter = 30,  
  tol = 1e-04,  
  progress = FALSE  
)
```



**Arguments**

cluster	list describing a cluster
material	list
medium	medium refractive index
Incidence	angular directions of incident field
Axes	incident field rotation axis
polarisation	linear or circular polarisation
method	linear system (solve), conjugate-gradient (cg), or order-of-scattering (oos)
Nsca	number of quadrature points in calculation of csca
maxiter	integer termination of iterative solver
tol	double, tolerance of iterative solver
progress	logical, display progress bar

**Details**

dispersion spectrum

**Value**

data.frame

**Note**

The incident wavevector is along the z direction.

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

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spectrum\_oa

*spectrum\_oa*

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**Description**

Orientation-averaged spectrum

**Usage**

```
spectrum_oa(
  cluster,
  material,
  medium = 1.33,
  quadrature = c("gl", "qmc", "random", "cheap"),
  Nq = 100,
  iterative = FALSE,
  precision = 0.001,
  Qmax = 10000,
  dN = Nq,
  method = c("solve", "cg", "oos"),
  Nsca = 50,
  maxiter = 30,
  tol = 1e-04,
  progress = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

cluster	cluster (list)
material	material
medium	refractive index medium
quadrature	quadrature method, using either Gauss Legendre quadrature (default), Quasi Monte Carlo, random, or "cheap" (3 Axes)
Nq	number of integration points
iterative	logical, increase N until convergence (QMC only)
precision	relative diff between two runs (QMC only)
Qmax	maximum N if convergence not attained (QMC only)
dN	iterative increase in N (QMC only)
method	linear system (solve), conjugate-gradient (cg), or order-of-scattering (oos)
Nsca	quadrature points for scattering cross-section
maxiter	integer termination of iterative solver
tol	double, tolerance of iterative solver
progress	print progress lines
verbose	display messages

**Details**

OA spectrum

**Author(s)**

baptiste Auguie

**References**

Y. Okada, Efficient numerical orientation quadrature of light scattering properties with a quasi-Monte-Carlo method, Journal of Quantitative Spectroscopy and Radiative Transfer, Volume 109, Issue 9, June 2008, Pages 1719-1742.

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spheroid_ar	<i>spheroid_ar</i>
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**Description**

Spheroid described by effective radius and aspect ratio

**Usage**

```
spheroid_ar(rv, h, type = c("prolate", "oblate"))
```

**Arguments**

rv	equivolume sphere radius
h	aspect ratio
type	class of spheroid

**Details**

Describe a spheroid by the aspect ratio and effective radius of an equi-volume sphere  $V = 4/3 \pi r_v^3 = 4/3 \pi a^2 c$   $c = h * a$

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**See Also**

Other user\_level cda utility: [dye\\_coverage\(\)](#), [equal\\_angles\(\)](#), [equal\\_sizes\(\)](#)

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`visualise`*visualise*

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**Description**

Visualise a cluster of particles

**Usage**

```
visualise(x, type, outfile = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	cluster
<code>type</code>	type of visualisation (rgl or povray output)
<code>outfile</code>	optional output file for the results
<code>...</code>	additional arguments passed to the visualise method

**Details**

Helper function for rapid visualisation of cluster geometries.

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