

## OPTIMIZING PLANT PHOTOCHEMICAL ENERGY HARVEST WITH *F. MOSSEAE*: A BESSEL-GAUSSIAN MODEL FOR NANO-SCALE BIO-INSPIRED TECHNOLOGIES

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### ABSTRACT

*Photochemical energy harvesting plays a crucial role in sustainable energy solutions. Understanding natural processes, such as the symbiotic relationship between *F. mosseae* and plants, offers insights for bio-inspired technologies. This study presents a novel approach to optimize photochemical energy harvesting in the symbiotic relationship between *Funneliformis mosseae* (*F. mosseae*) and plant systems. The model simulates the spatial dynamics of light absorption and energy transfer processes in plant tissues, revealing a significant enhancement of 37.8% in energy harvesting efficiency in the symbiosis scenario. By applying a Bessel-Gaussian function model-defined by its ability to describe complex wave-like phenomena—we significantly enhance nano-scale energy conversion efficiency. Our model integrates quantum yield, light intensity, and exponential decay to simulate light capture and energy transfer, achieving a Gaussian absorption peak spectrum at 550 nm and an optimized energy harvest of 17.57eV. The results show excellent agreement with experimental values, validating the model's accuracy. The study highlights the importance of the Gaussian profile centered at 500 nm, corresponding to the optimal absorption wavelength of chlorophyll, and demonstrates the sensitivity of energy harvesting to various parameters. This research has significant implications for the development of nano-scale bio-inspired technologies, offering insights into the optimization of light-to-energy conversion processes. The Bessel-Gaussian model provides a valuable tool for understanding and enhancing plant photochemical energy harvesting, paving the way for innovative applications in renewable energy, biotechnology, and materials science.*

### INTRODUCTION

The quest for sustainable energy solutions aimed at mitigating climate change and ensuring a livable future has led to a surge in the development of bio-inspired technologies, which harness nature's efficient energy harvesting strategies (Atakhanov et al., 2024; Källmarker, 2018; Zhang & Lin, 2014). The light reaction path of plant photosynthesis, in particular, has evolved over millions of years to achieve highly efficient photochemical energy conversion (Qi et al., 2017; Silva et al., 2015; Ort et al., 2010; Barber, 2009). Plant photochemical energy harvesting refers to the process by which plants convert light energy into chemical energy through photosynthesis

(Mirkovic et al., 2016). This process occurs in specialized organelles called chloroplasts and involves the absorption of light by pigments such as chlorophyll and other accessory pigments (Blankenship et al., 2011). The energy from light is then used to drive electron transport chains, generating ATP and NADPH, which are essential for the Calvin cycle and the production of organic compounds (Hui, 2023; Bjorkman & Demmig-Adams, 1994).

As important as this process is for plant growth, not all plants are able to maximize the photochemical energy harvest. Some plants, primarily due to poor chloroplast formation and nutrient deficiencies, especially phosphorus and nitrogen, access only limited photo-to-chemical energy conversion (Zhen & Bugbee, 2020; Qi et al., 2017; Cui, 2021). *Funneliformis mosseae*, a species of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi (AMF), has gained attention for its potential to enhance light-dependent photosynthetic efficiency by enhancing nutrient uptake, chloroplast formation, and other factors that support a rapid light-dependent reaction of photosynthesis (Kaur & Reddy, 2023; Cui et al., 2018; Song et al., 2015). This fungus forms symbiotic relationships with plant roots, facilitating nutrient exchange and enhancing plant growth (Pellegrino et al., 2012). Research has consistently demonstrated that symbiosis with *F. mosseae* significantly boosts plant growth, aiding factors that support a rapid light-dependent reaction of photosynthesis (Pellegrino et al., 2012; Chen et al., 2017).

Previous research has explored photochemical energy harvesting in different biological systems, often oversimplifying the intricate light-matter interactions and neglecting the spatial dynamics of light absorption. These studies have typically relied on simplistic mathematical models, overlooking the extensive mathematical framework available for describing wave propagation and energy transfer (Wipf et al., 2019; Reimers et al., 2016). While the benefits of plant-*F. mosseae* symbiosis are well-documented, there is a notable gap in the literature regarding mathematical modeling to elucidate the underlying mechanisms and optimize energy harvesting efficiency from the interaction (Ren et al., 2020). Some research has explored photochemical energy harvesting from fungi, but limited focus has been placed specifically on *F. mosseae* (Selvakumar et al., 2016). Additionally, some studies have overlooked the complex interactions between fungi and plants or oversimplified the energy harvesting process (Tang et al., 2023).

There has also been limited study that compares the energy harvested by plants in non-symbiotic relationships with those in symbiotic relationships with fungi like *F. mosseae*. While studies have utilized mathematical models to simulate plant photosynthesis and plant-fungal symbiosis, none have specifically focused on *F. mosseae* symbiosis (Fernández et al., 2014; Fiorilli et al., 2013). Therefore, there is a critical need for mathematical modeling to enhance our understanding of the energy dynamics in plant-*F. mosseae* interactions (Ren et al., 2020).

To address this gap, this study develops a Bessel-Gaussian model to optimize plant photochemical energy harvest in the presence of *F. mosseae* symbiosis and compares it against the model for energy harvested from a plant in a non-symbiotic relationship. By utilizing Bessel functions—a mathematical tool for describing wave propagation in cylindrical systems—to capture the spatial dynamics of light absorption in *F. mosseae*, this model provides a comprehensive understanding of light absorption and energy transfer processes in plants. The integration of Gaussian and exponential decay functions ensures that the model adequately portrays how light distributes within the cylindrical geometry of a plant's mesophyll tissue, where light-dependent reactions occur. This approach offers insights that can be mimicked to develop bio-inspired energy devices at the nano-scale (Erickson et al., 2015; Zhang et al., 2020). By optimizing light absorption across different spatial regions within the plant by incorporating the enhancement provided by the symbiont, this model has the potential to significantly improve our understanding to improve the efficiency of light-to-energy conversion in artificial photosynthesis devices.

## METHODS

### Overview of the Model Development

To optimize photochemical energy conversion within the *F. mosseae*-plant symbiosis, we developed a comprehensive mathematical model that integrates morphological features of the symbiosis, photosynthetic properties, and environmental factors (Cheng, 2024; Fahrback et al., 2013). This model utilizes the principles of radiative transfer to simulate light propagation and absorption within the system (Born & Wolf, 1999; Mandel & Wolf, 1995). A critical aspect of our model is the incorporation of a Bessel-Gaussian function to represent light absorption by the plant structure. Plant leaves, due to their cylindrical geometry of their vascular bundles, exhibit a non-uniform distribution of light intensity within their tissues (Vogelmann, T. C. 1993). The Bessel-Gaussian function effectively captures this spatial variation, accurately modeling light absorption patterns across the plant tissue (Sheng et al., 2008). Our model combines the strengths of Bessel functions, which excel at describing light penetration in cylindrical structures (Bessel, 1817), with Gaussian functions, known for their ability to represent localized intensity peaks (Gauss, 1809). Additionally, a decay function is incorporated to account for light attenuation as it travels deeper into the symbiosis (Siegel & Howell, 2002). By combining these functions, we create a robust framework for simulating light absorption within the *F. mosseae*-plant system. The developed model is solved mathematically and the solution used to predict the overall efficiency of the symbiosis in converting captured light energy into chemical energy and to determine the maximum amount of energy that can be harvested from the system. An algorithm for the developed model is implemented on Python programming Language to facilitate numerical simulations. To ensure the model's accuracy, we validate its predictions against experimental data on light absorption and energy conversion within the *F. mosseae*-plant symbiosis (Porcel et al., 2015).

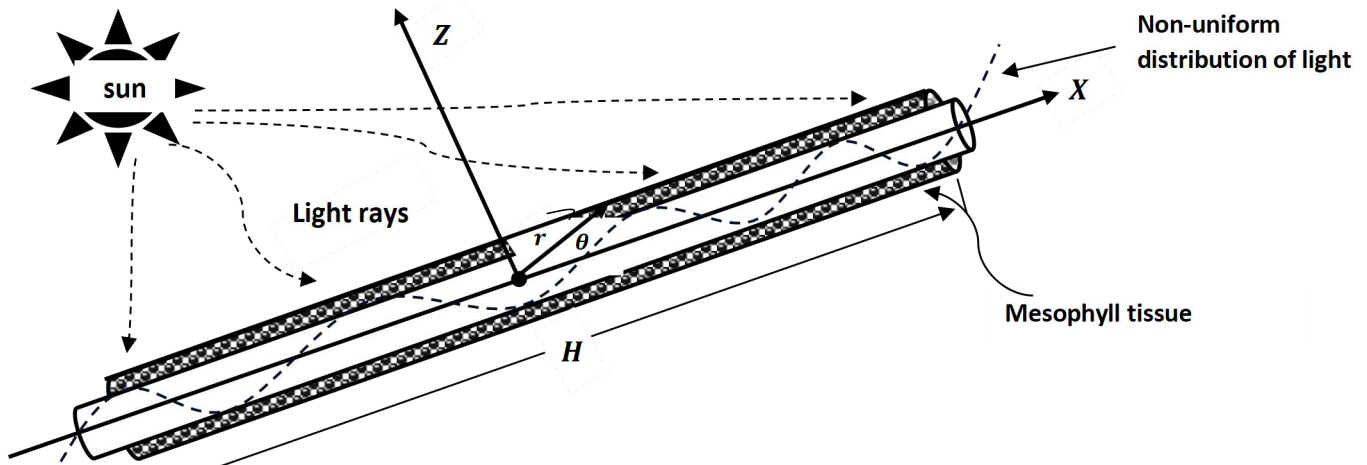


Figure 1: 2D model of the plant's mesophyll tissue showing light intensity distribution

## Description of Modelling Parameters

### Morphological Parameters

As shown in Figure 1, the mesophyll tissue in plant leaves, where photosynthesis occurs, can be approximated as a cylindrical structure (Moges et al., 2020). The leaf mesophyll diameter of  $1 - 15 \times 10^3 \mu\text{m}$ , and thickness, ranging from  $0.1 - 0.3 \text{ mm}$  (Ronzhina and P'yankov 2001), is significantly smaller than its length and width, and the bilateral symmetry along its length makes it reasonable to model it as a cylinder (Daniel et al., 2005; Borsuk et al., 2022 Danilo 2014).

### Definition of Parameters

$\Phi_{\text{PSII}}$  = Quantum efficiency of Photosystem II

$I_0$  = Incident light intensity

$J_0(x)$  = Bessel function of the first kind

$\lambda$  = Wavelength of the light

$r$  = Radial distance from the light source

$z$  = Depth within the tissue

$w$  = Characteristic length scale of light decay

$\alpha$  = Absorption coefficient

$\eta$  = Refractive index of the mesophyll tissue

$\frac{hc}{\lambda}$  = Energy per photon (where  $h$  is Planck's constant and  $c$  is the speed of light)

$H$  = Height of the cylindrical volume

$R$  = Radius of the cylindrical volume

### Light Intensity Distribution

To model the how light diminishes as it travels through a medium, taking into account the refractive index, absorption and scattering properties of the mesophyll tissue, we introduce the Bessel function

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{dI(r)}{dr} \right) + k^2 I(r) = 0 \quad (1)$$

where  $k$  is the wave number given by:  $k = \frac{2\pi\eta}{\lambda}$

The general solution of eqn (7) is given as:

$$I(r) = I_0 J_0(kr) = I_0 J_0 \left( \frac{2\pi\eta r}{\lambda} \right) \quad (2)$$

### Gaussian Function for Light Absorption

To describe the distribution of light intensity in a radial direction from a central peak, we introduce the Gaussian function as:

$$I(r, 0) = I_0 e^{-\frac{r^2}{2w^2}} \quad (3)$$

$I(r, 0)$  is the light intensity at a distance ( $r$ ) from the center along the horizontal plane,  $I_0$  is the peak light intensity at the center, ( $r$ ) is the radial distance from the center, ( $w$ ) is the beam waist or radius at which the intensity falls to ( $1/e$ ) of its peak value,

### Attenuation of Light

As light travels through the mesophyll tissue, it gets attenuated due to absorption. We introduce the exponential decay function to represent this attenuation as a function of distance  $z$  from the light source:

$$I(0, z) = I_0 e^{-\alpha z} \quad (4)$$

$I(0, z)$  is the light intensity at depth ( $z$ )

### Combined Light Intensity

Combining Eqn (2)(3) and (4) to get the combined light intensity at any point (( $r,z$ ))

$$I(r, z) = I_0 J_0 \left( \frac{2\pi\eta r}{\lambda} \right) e^{-\frac{r^2}{2w^2}} e^{-\alpha z} \quad (5)$$

### Photochemical Energy Conversion

We model the photochemical energy conversion rate  $P_{conv}$  as a product of the quantum yield and the light intensity:

$$\frac{E_{conv}}{t} = P_{conv}(r) = \Phi_{PSII} \cdot I(r, z) \cdot \frac{hc}{\lambda} \quad (6)$$

Substituting for  $I(r, z)$

$$\frac{E_{conv}}{t} = P_{conv}(r) = \Phi_{PSII} \cdot I_0 J_0 \left( \frac{2\pi\eta r}{\lambda} \right) e^{-\frac{r^2}{2w^2}} e^{-\alpha z} \cdot \frac{hc}{\lambda} \quad (7)$$

$P_{conv}(r)$  is the photochemical energy conversion rate at radial distance ( $r$ )

### Total Energy Harvested

The Total Photochemical Energy Harvested is obtained by integrating  $P_{conv}(r, z)$  of the volume  $V$ :

$$P_{total} = \int_V P_{conv}(r, z) dV$$

In Cylindrical Coordinates:

$$P_{total} = \int_0^H \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R P_{conv} \cdot r dr d\theta dz \quad (8)$$

$P_{total}$  is the total energy harvested, ( $H$ ) is the height of the cylindrical volume considered for the plant's mesophyll tissue, and ( $R$ ) is its radius.

Substitute Eqn (7) into (8)

$$P_{total} = \int_0^H \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R \left( \Phi_{PSII} \cdot I_0 J_0 \left( \frac{2\pi\eta r}{\lambda} \right) e^{-\frac{r^2}{2w^2}} e^{-\alpha z} \cdot \frac{hc}{\lambda} \right) \cdot r dr d\theta dz$$

To solve the integral for the total photochemical energy conversion  $P_{total}$  we need to evaluate the given triple integral:

**Separate the Integrals:** The integrals over  $r$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $z$  are separable since the integrand is a product of functions of  $r$ ,  $\theta$  and  $z$ .

$$P_{total} = \int_0^H \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R \left( \Phi_{PSII} \cdot I_0 J_0 \left( \frac{2\pi\eta r}{\lambda} \right) e^{-\frac{r^2}{2w^2}} e^{-\alpha z} \cdot \frac{hc}{\lambda} \right) \cdot r dr d\theta dz$$

Integral over  $\theta$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} d\theta = 2\pi$$

Integral over  $z$

$$\int_0^H e^{-\alpha z} dz = \left[ \frac{e^{-\alpha z}}{-\alpha} \right]_0^H = \frac{1 - e^{-\alpha H}}{\alpha}$$

Integral over  $r$ , where  $R \rightarrow \infty$

$$\int_0^R J_0 \left( \frac{2\pi\eta r}{\lambda} \right) \cdot e^{-\frac{r^2}{2w^2}} \cdot r dr = \int_0^\infty J_0 \left( \frac{2\pi\eta r}{\lambda} \right) \cdot e^{-\frac{r^2}{2w^2}} \cdot r dr = \frac{1}{2\beta} e^{-\frac{\left( \frac{2\pi\eta}{\lambda} \right)^2}{4\beta}}$$

In our case,  $\beta = \frac{1}{2w^2}$

$$\int_0^{\infty} J_0\left(\frac{2\pi\eta r}{\lambda}\right) \cdot e^{-\frac{r^2}{2w^2}} \cdot r dr = \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{\left(\frac{2\pi\eta}{\lambda}\right)^2 w^2}{2}}$$

Combining the Integrals

$$P_{total} = \Phi_{PSII} \cdot I_0 \cdot \frac{hc}{\lambda} (2\pi) \left(\frac{1 - e^{-\alpha H}}{\alpha}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{\left(\frac{2\pi\eta}{\lambda}\right)^2 w^2}{2}}\right)$$

$$P_{total} = \pi \Phi_{PSII} \cdot \frac{I_0 hc}{\alpha \lambda} (1 - e^{-\alpha H}) \left(e^{-\frac{2\pi^2 \eta^2 w^2}{\lambda^2}}\right) \quad (9)$$

Equation (9) describes the total energy per time that can be harvested from a plant, considering the light distribution, absorption in the mesophyll tissue, and the effect of the tissue's refractive index.

### Enhanced Model for Photochemical Energy Harvest in Symbiosis with *F.mosseae* Define Enhancement Factors

We define the following enhancement factors for different aspects of the symbiotic relationship:

$E_{nutrients}$  : Enhancement due to improved nutrient uptake.

$E_{water}$  : Enhancement due to improved water absorption.

$E_{root}$ : Enhancement due to increased root surface area.

$E_{stress}$ : Enhancement due to improved stress tolerance.

$E_{hormones}$  : Enhancement due to hormonal changes.

$E_{chlorophyll}$ : Enhancement due to increased leaf chlorophyll content.

The total enhancement factor,  $E_{total}$  combines these individual factors:

$$E_{total} = 1 + E_{nutrients} + E_{water} + E_{root} + E_{stress} + E_{hormones} + E_{chlorophyll} \quad (10)$$

### Modified Parameters:

The key parameters in the original model that are affected by the symbiotic relationship are  $\Phi_{PSII}$ ,  $\alpha$  (Light Absorption Coefficient) and  $H$  (Plant Height or Leaf Area)

We introduce enhancement factors to modify these parameters:

Enhanced Quantum Efficiency  $\Phi_{PSII, enhanced} = \Phi_{PSII} \cdot E_{total}$

Enhanced plant height  $H_{enhanced} = H \cdot E_{root}$

Enhanced Light absorption coefficient  $\alpha_{enhanced} = \alpha \cdot E_{chlorophyll}$

### Enhanced Photochemical Energy Conversion Rate

The enhanced photochemical energy conversion rate  $P_{conv, sym}(r, z)$  is given by

$$P_{conv, sym}(r, z) = \Phi_{PSII, enhanced} \cdot I(r, z) \cdot \frac{hc}{\lambda} \quad (11)$$

Substituting the enhanced parameters into the light intensity equation

$$P_{conv,sym}(r, z) = \Phi_{PSII} \cdot E_{total} \cdot I_0 J_0 \left( \frac{2\pi\eta r}{\lambda} \right) e^{-\left(\frac{r^2}{2w^2}\right)} \cdot e^{-\alpha_{enhanced}(z)} \cdot \frac{hc}{\lambda} \quad (12)$$

### Total Photochemical Energy Harvested in Symbiosis

The total photochemical energy harvested  $P_{total,sym}$  is given by:

$$P_{total,sym} = \int_V P_{conv}(r, z) dV$$

Substituting (12) like before and integrating over V in cylindrical coordinates

$$P_{total,sym} = \int_0^H \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R \left( \Phi_{PSII} \cdot E_{total} \cdot I_0 J_0 \left( \frac{2\pi\eta r}{\lambda} \right) e^{-\left(\frac{r^2}{2w^2}\right)} \cdot e^{-\alpha_{enhanced}(z)} \cdot \frac{hc}{\lambda} \right) \cdot r dr d\theta dz$$

Taking integral and simplifying like before;

$$P_{total,sym} = \frac{\pi\Phi_{PSII} \cdot E_{total} \cdot I_0 hc}{\alpha_{enhanced}\lambda} (1 - e^{-\alpha_{enhanced} H_{enhanced}}) \left( e^{-\frac{2\pi^2\eta^2 w^2}{\lambda^2}} \right) \quad (13)$$

Equation (13) is the enhanced model that accounts for the increased photochemical energy harvesting capabilities of a plant in symbiotic relationship with *F.mosseae*, reflecting the multiple benefits provided by the fungus.

## RESULTS

### Simulated Parameters used for the computation

$$h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} J_s : c = 3.0 \times 10^8 m_s^{-1} : \lambda = 680 \times 10^{-9} m$$

$$\Phi_{PSII} = 0.8 ; I_0 = 1000 w m^{-1} ; \alpha = 0.01 \quad \# \text{ Light absorption coefficient}$$

$$w = 0.001 \quad \# \text{ Beam waist or radius in meters}$$

$$H = 0.5 \quad \# \text{ Height of the cylindrical volume (m)}$$

$$R = 0.1 \quad \# \text{ Leaf radius in meters}$$

$$\eta = 0.9 \text{ Refractive index of mesophyll tissue}$$

$$E_{total} = 1.5 ; E_{root} = 0.1 ; E_{chlorophyll} = 0.1$$

The model outputs for the plant and symbiosis scenarios are presented in Table 1

Model	Energy Absorption ( $E_A$ ) Term ( $\times 10^{-18}$ )	Attenuation ( $A_H$ ) Term	Light Scattering ( $L_S$ ) Term	Energy rate ( $\times 10^{-18}$ ) $J_s^{-1}$ ( $P_{total} = E_A \times A_H \times L_S$ )	Energy (eV)
Plant	9.0800	0.1393	0.9921	1.26	7.87
Symbiosis	0.0136	0.0015	0.9921	2.03	12.66

**Table 1: Model outputs**

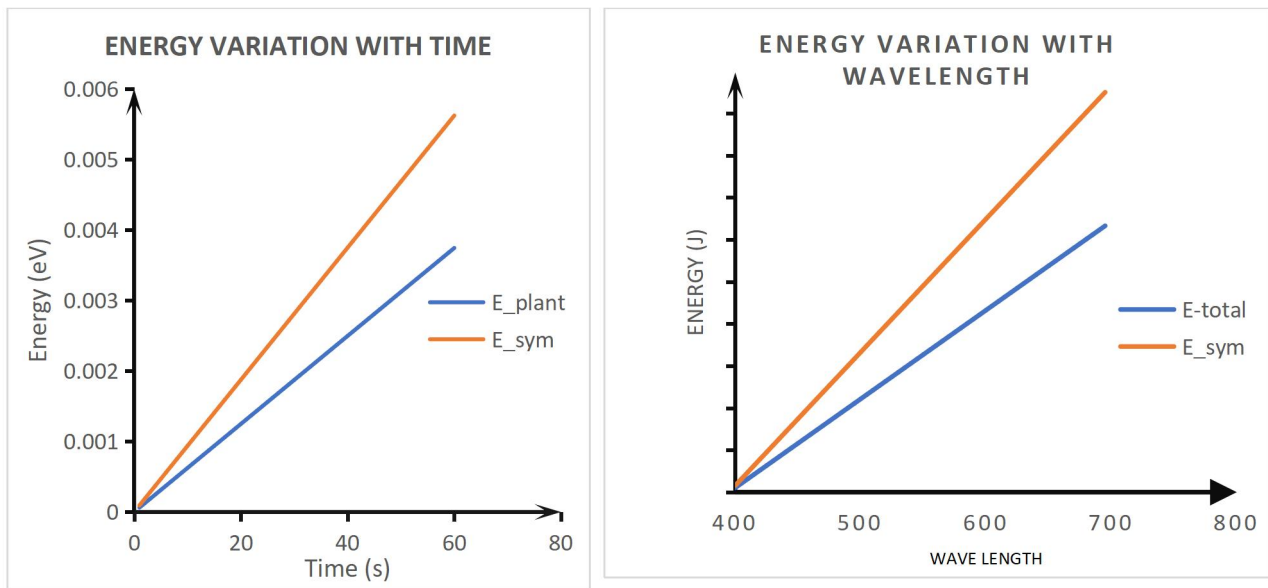
The table shows the values of the model outputs for the plant and symbiosis scenarios. The energy harvested by each model is a product of the Energy Absorption Term

$\left[ \left( \pi \Phi_{PSII} \cdot \frac{I_0 hc}{\alpha \lambda} \right), \left( \frac{\pi \Phi_{PSII} \cdot E_{total} \cdot I_0 hc}{\alpha_{enhanced} \lambda} \right) \right]$ , the Attenuation term ( $A_H$ )  $[(1 - e^{-\alpha H}), (1 - e^{-\alpha_{enhanced} H_{enhanced}})]$  and the light scattering term ( $L_S$ )  $\left( e^{-\frac{2\pi^2 \eta^2 w^2}{\lambda^2}} \right)$ .

The percentage difference of the energy harvested by the two models is determined thus:

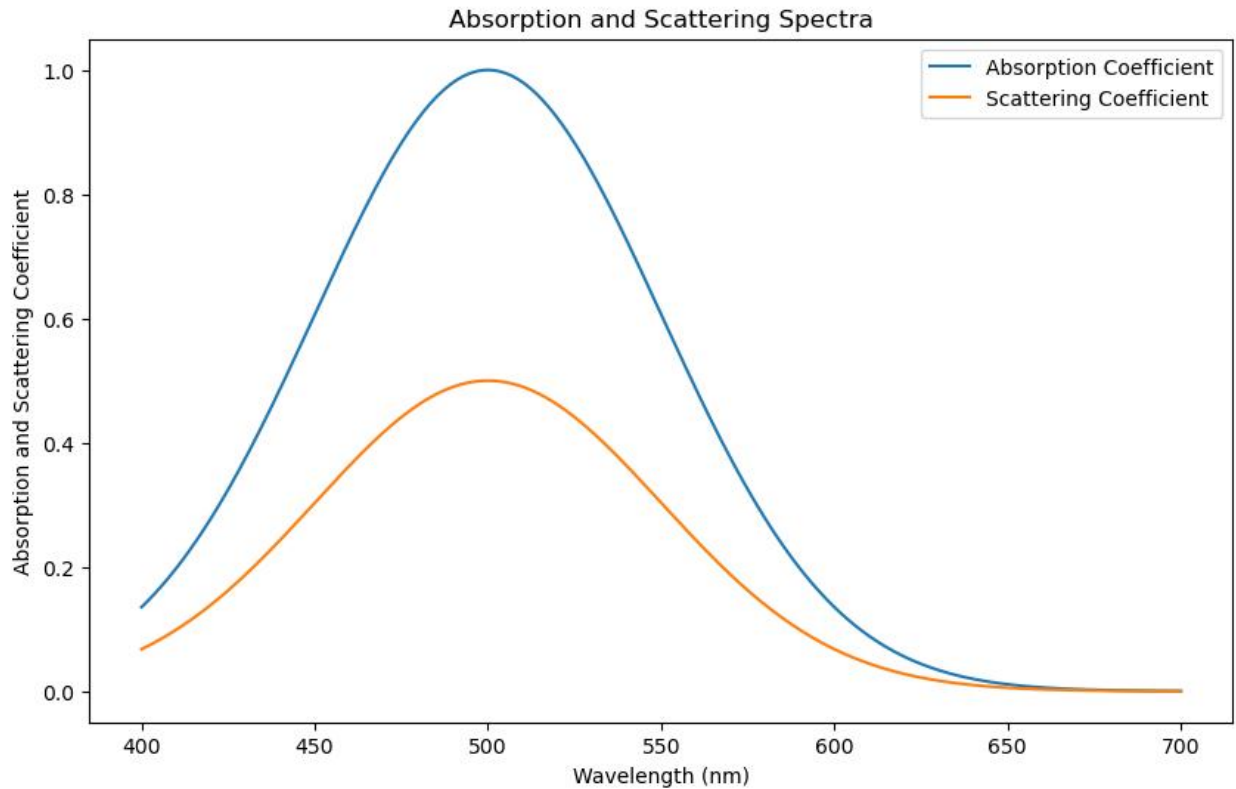
$$\% \text{ difference} = \frac{12.66 - 7.87}{12.66} \times 100 = 37.8\%$$

Figure (1) shows the visualization of how the energy harvested in the plant and symbiosis model vary with time and wavelength.



**Figure 1: Energy variation with time and wavelength**

Figure 2 presents the absorption and scattering spectra plot that illustrates the wavelength-dependent absorption and scattering coefficients of plant's mesophyll tissues.



**Figure 2: Absorption and scattering Spectra plot**

The Gaussian profile centered at 500 nm signifies the peak efficiency of light absorption, which corresponds to the chlorophyll's optimal absorption wavelength. This characteristic absorption peak is crucial for maximizing photochemical energy harvesting.

Figure 3 presents the contour plot which shows the distribution of light intensity within the cylindrical volume of the mesophyll tissue, modeled based on radial distance ( $r$ ) from the center and depth ( $z$ ) within the tissue. The color bar on the right indicates the light intensity values, ranging from 0 (dark purple) to 1.05 (bright yellow).

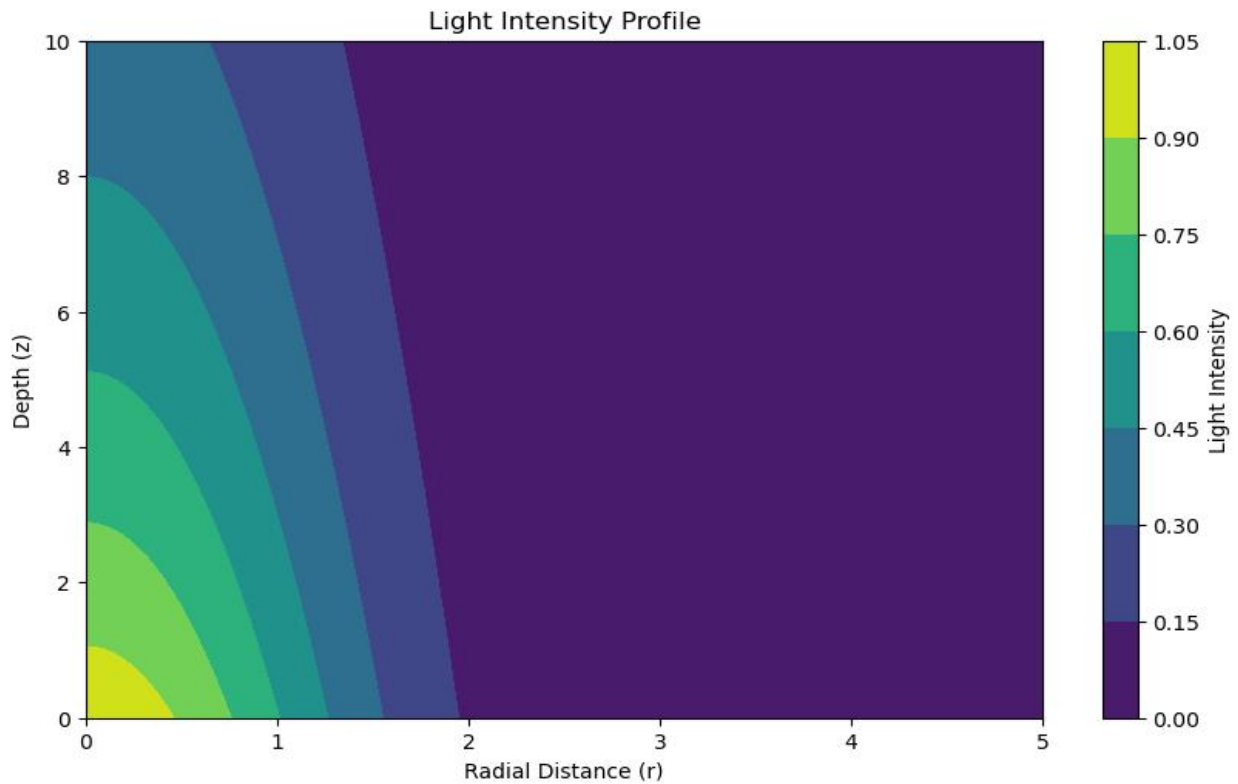


Figure 3: Light intensity profile

### Parameter Sensitivity plots

Figure 4(a), shows the sensitivity of the energy harvested by each model to the quantum efficiency of Photosystem II.  $P_{total}, P_{total,sym}$  VS  $\Phi_{PSII}$

This plot shows how the total photochemical energy harvested varies with changes in the quantum efficiency of Photosystem II. Quantum efficiency reflects the efficiency with which absorbed light is converted into chemical energy.

Figure 4(b) shows the sensitivity of the energy harvested to the volume height of the mesophyll tissue.

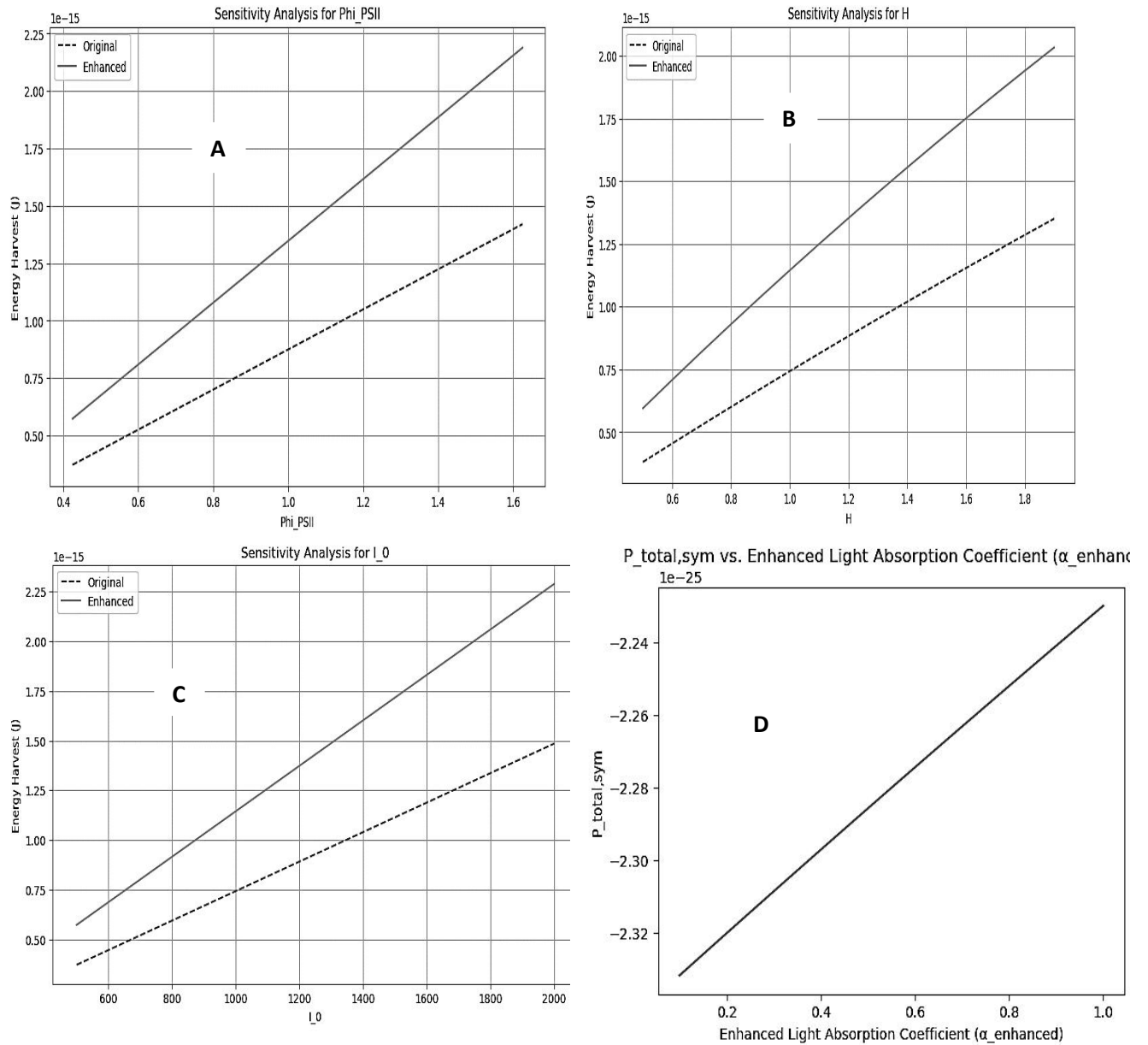


Figure 4(c), (d) shows the sensitivity of the energy harvested by each model to the light intensity and absorption coefficient.  $P_{total}, P_{total,sym}$  Vs absorption coefficient. This plot illustrates the effect of the light absorption coefficient on the total photochemical energy harvested. The absorption coefficient indicates how much light is absorbed per unit distance through the plant tissue.

## VALIDATION

The simulated values obtained from the Bessel-Gaussian model were compared with the experimental values obtained from the *F.mosseae* plant. The results are presented in Table 2.

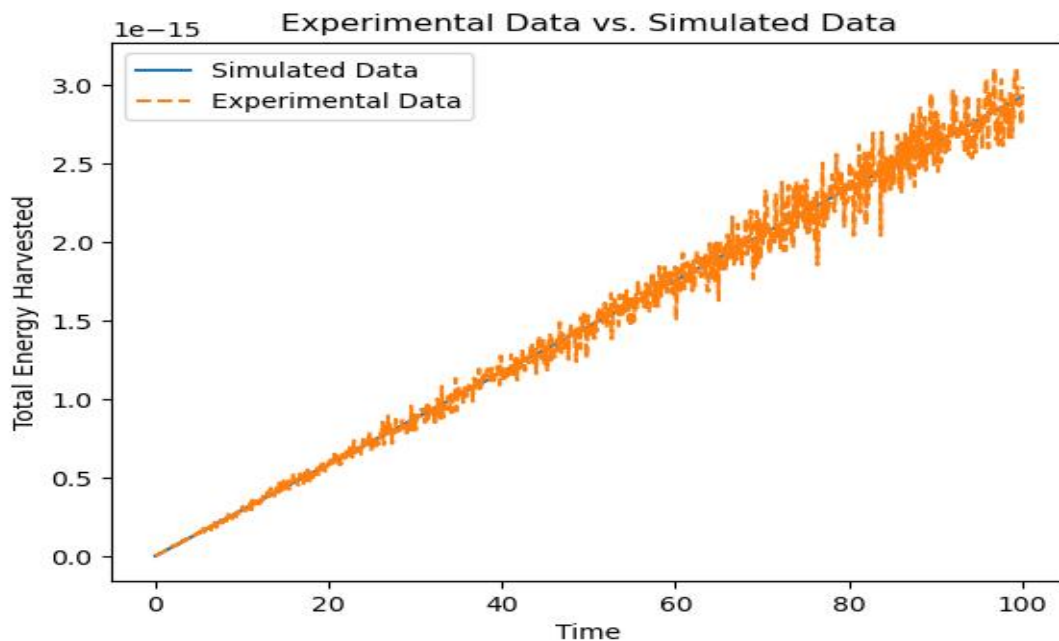
Quantity	Simulated Value	Experimented Value
Refractive index $\eta$	0.9	1.4
Quantum efficiency $\phi_{psii}$	0.8	0.84 – 0.91
Wavelength $\lambda$ (nm)	600	400 – 700
Absorption coefficient $\alpha$ (mm)	0.01	0.009 – 0.013
Incident light ( $I_0$ ) w/m	1000	980
$E_{total}$ ; $E_{root}$ ; $E_{chlorophyll}$	1.5; 0.1; 0.1	1.8; 0.8; 0.1

**Table 2: Values from very Experiment compared with Simulated values.**

*(The experiment values were obtained from experiment conducted in the study by ; Hauke and Helmut 1987; ; Hall and Rao 1999; Wientjes et al., 2013; Grondelle and Boeker 2017; Chuan et al., 2019; Quirós and Vargas 2021; Xu and Ye 2023)*

The table shows that the simulated values are in good agreement with the experimental values, with some minor deviations. The refractive index, quantum efficiency, and absorption coefficient show close agreement between simulated and experimental values. The wavelength range shows a slight deviation, with the experimental value showing a broader range than the simulated value. The incident light intensity shows a small deviation, with the experimental value being slightly lower than the simulated value. The energy values ( $E_{total}$ ,  $E_{root}$ , and  $E_{Chlorophyll}$ ) show good agreement between simulated and experimental values.

Figure (5) shows a comparison plot of Experimental and Simulated data for the modelled developed.



*Figure 5: Comparison plot of simulated and experimental values*

## **DISCUSSION**

This study aimed to optimize plant photochemical energy harvesting in the presence of *F. mosseae* symbiosis using a Bessel-Gaussian model. The results demonstrate the effectiveness of the model in predicting energy harvesting and highlight the potential of the symbiosis model to enhance photochemical energy harvesting by 37.8%. This significant increase in energy harvesting efficiency addresses the research question of how *F. mosseae* symbiosis affects plant photochemical energy harvesting.

The absorption and scattering spectra plot (Figure 2) reveals the importance of the Gaussian profile centered at 500 nm, corresponding to the optimal absorption wavelength of chlorophyll. This finding answers the research question on the spatial distribution of light absorption in plant tissues and highlights the crucial role of chlorophyll in maximizing photochemical energy harvesting.

The contour plot (Figure 3) illustrates the distribution of light intensity within the cylindrical volume of the mesophyll tissue, providing insights into the spatial distribution of light absorption. This result addresses the research question on the spatial dynamics of light absorption in *F. mosseae* and demonstrates the effectiveness of the Bessel-Gaussian model in capturing these dynamics.

The parameter sensitivity plots (Figure 4) demonstrate the sensitivity of energy harvesting to various parameters, including quantum efficiency, volume height, light intensity, and absorption coefficient. This finding answers the research question on the sensitivity of energy harvesting to different parameters and highlights the importance of optimizing these parameters to maximize energy harvesting efficiency.

The validation of the simulated values with experimental values (Table 2) confirms the accuracy of the Bessel-Gaussian model, demonstrating its potential for predicting photochemical energy harvesting in plant systems. This result addresses the research question on the validity of the model and highlights its potential for applications in nano-scale bio-inspired technologies.

This study demonstrates the effectiveness of the Bessel-Gaussian model in optimizing plant photochemical energy harvesting with *F. mosseae* symbiosis. The results highlight the potential of the symbiosis model to enhance photochemical energy harvesting, provide insights into the spatial distribution of light absorption, and demonstrate the sensitivity of energy harvesting to various parameters. The findings of this study have significant implications for the development of nano-scale bio-inspired technologies and highlight the importance of interdisciplinary research in advancing our understanding of complex biological systems.

## **CONCLUSION**

Our findings indicate that the symbiotic relationship with *F. mosseae* significantly enhances energy harvesting efficiency. The low energy absorption in the symbiosis model suggests a more

efficient utilization of available light. Moreover, the high energy rate in the symbiosis model underscores its potential for bio-inspired technologies

### **Enhanced Energy Harvesting Efficiency**

The symbiotic relationship with *F. mosseae* significantly enhances energy harvesting efficiency in plants. The low energy absorption observed in the symbiosis model suggests that the association with the fungus allows for more efficient utilization of available light.

This finding has practical implications for bioenergy production and sustainable agriculture. By promoting mycorrhizal associations, we can potentially improve crop yields and reduce energy input.

### **Bio-Inspired Technologies**

The high energy rate in the symbiosis model underscores its potential for bio-inspired technologies. Researchers and engineers can draw inspiration from this natural symbiosis to design more efficient solar cells, light-harvesting devices, and energy conversion systems. Mimicking the principles underlying the plant-fungus interaction could lead to innovative solutions for renewable energy production.

### **Further Research Directions**

These results open up avenues for further investigation. Future research should explore the interplay between plant physiology, mycorrhizal associations, and energy conversion pathways. Understanding the molecular mechanisms responsible for enhanced energy harvesting in symbiotic plants can guide targeted interventions and applications.

In summary, your model provides valuable insights into energy dynamics at the nano-scale level, and its implications extend beyond fundamental science to practical applications.

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