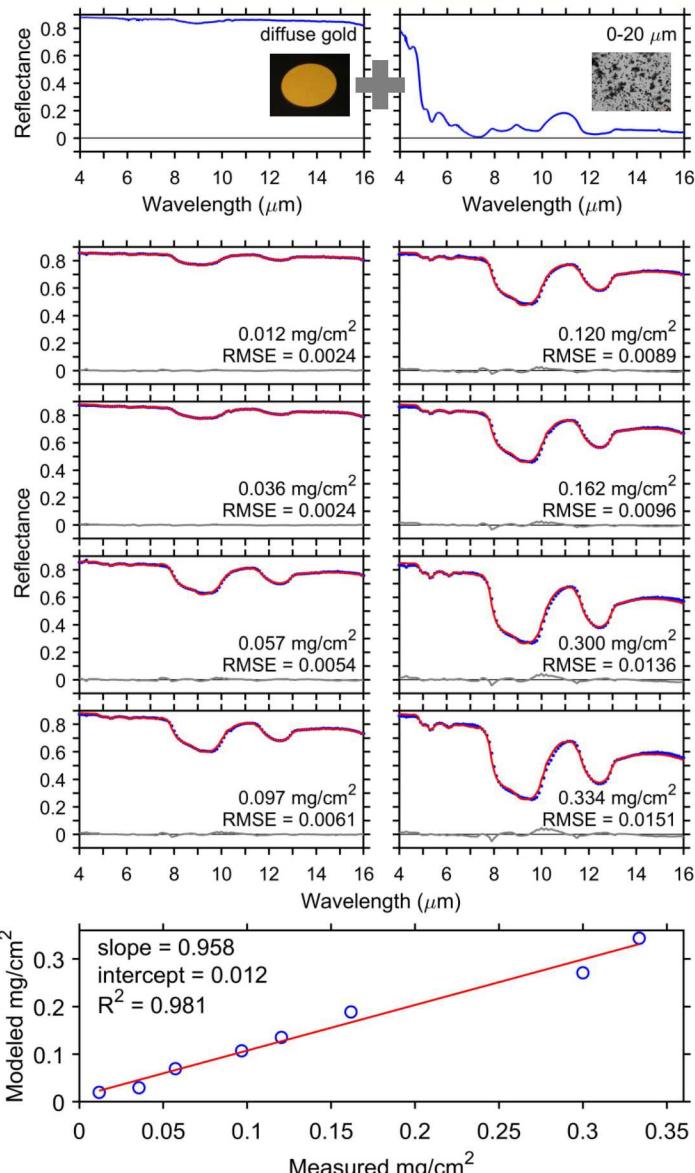




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# Validating a Radiative Transfer Model for Optically Thin Deposits

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- Optically thin deposits can exhibit strikingly different signatures from optically thick library spectra.
  - Account for this via predictive modeling
- Developed a “patched” radiative transfer model based on the adding-doubling method
  - Previously applied this model (in FY17) to MOI spectrum
- Acquired measurements of two size-selected fused silica powders deposited on two different substrates at 8-10 mass loadings ( $\text{mg}/\text{cm}^2$ ) each
- Numerically inverted model **effectively captures the spectral features** of these optically thin deposits
  - RMSE < 0.02 for all 34 spectra
- Model **effectively extracts  $\text{mg}/\text{cm}^2$**  of the deposits as well.

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