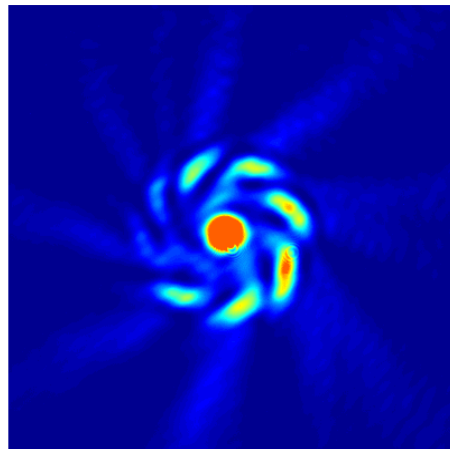


Propriétés de polarisation des plasmons de surface : entre optique singulière et forces optiques

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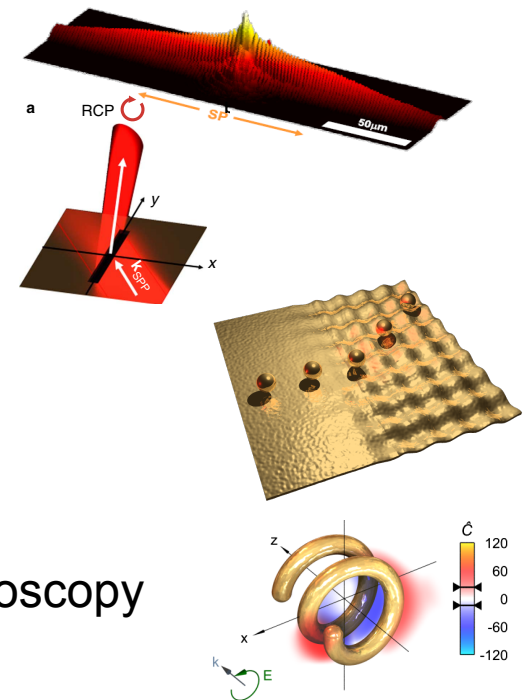
Plan

1 - Surface plasmons and polarization

2 – Surface plasmons and spin-orbit coupling

3 – Surface plasmons and optical forces

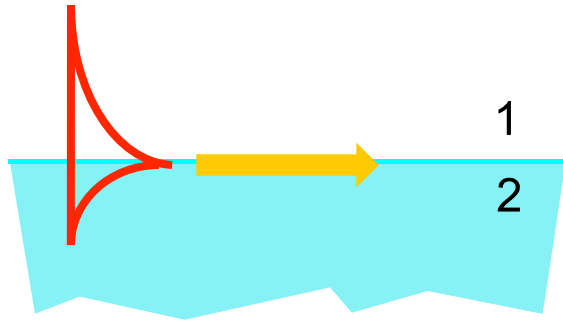
4 – Surface plasmons and enhanced chiroptical spectroscopy



- *Spinning fields*
- *Confined energy*
- *Chirality*

Surface plasmon mode

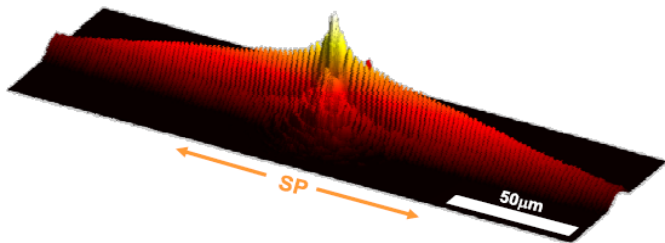
dielectric (1) / metal (2) interface



$$r = \frac{Z_1 - Z_2}{Z_1 + Z_2}$$

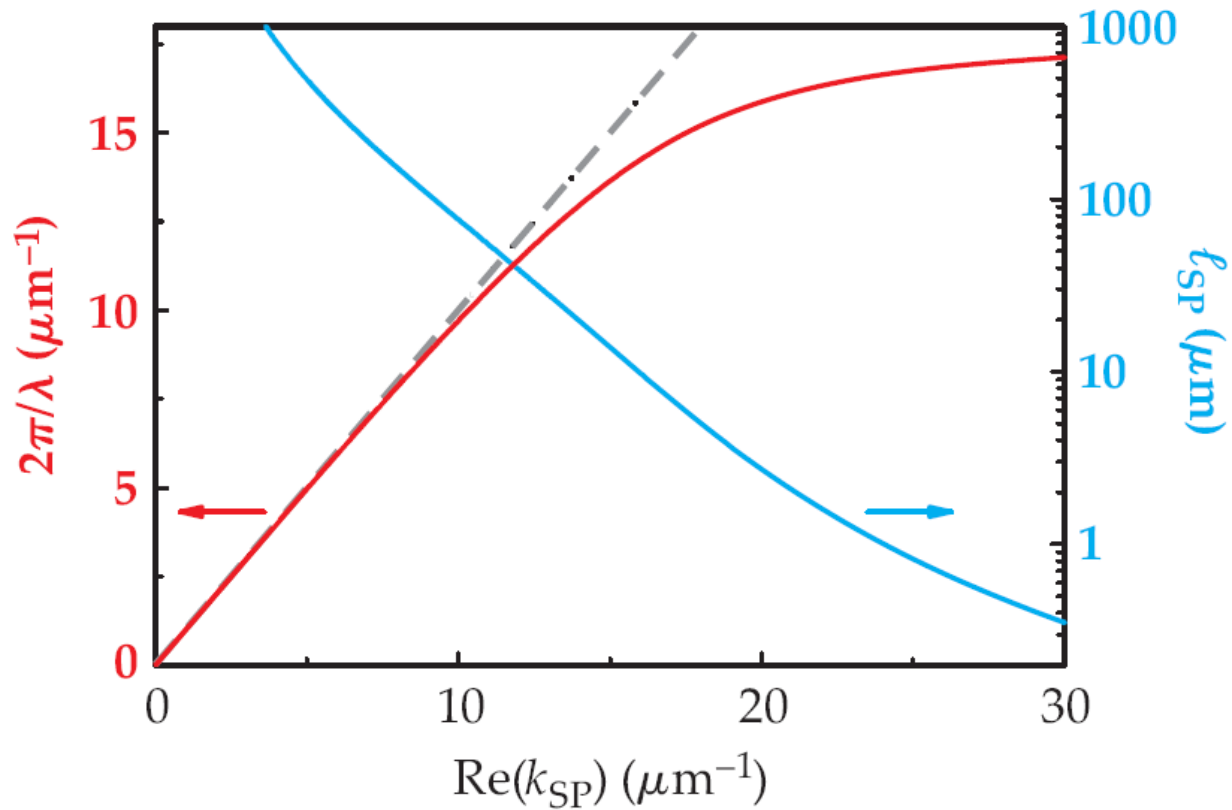
$$Z_1^{\text{TM}} + Z_2^{\text{TM}} = 0$$

$$k = \frac{\omega n_d}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_m}{\epsilon_d + \epsilon_m}}$$



- propagates along the interface (40 μm at 800nm)
- confines the field at the interface
- highly sensitive to n

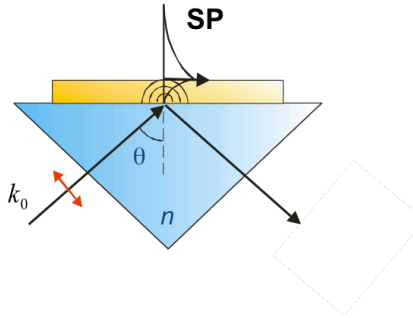
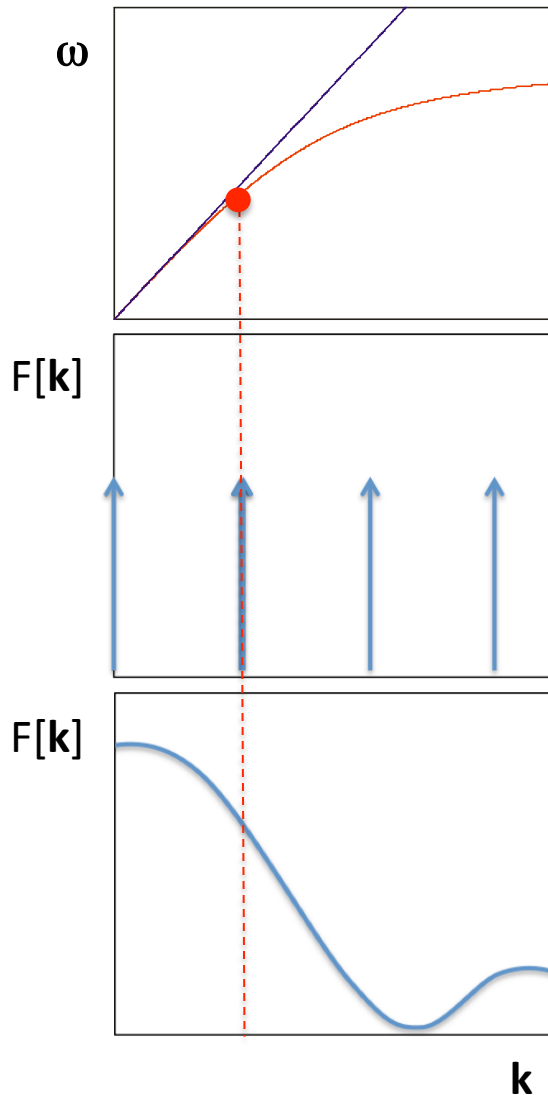
Dispersion relation



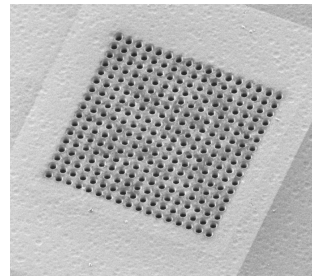
□ Well-defined mode: $l_{\text{SP}} > \lambda_{\text{SP}}$

$$|\text{Re}[k]| > \text{Im}[k] > 0 \quad |\text{Re}[\varepsilon_m]| > \varepsilon_d$$

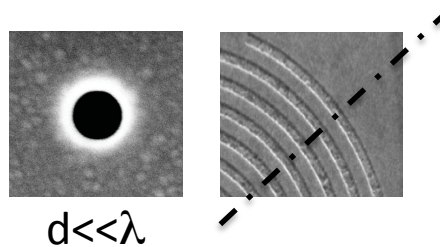
Coupling schemes



- 70-90s: SP optics, thin films spectroscopy, refractive index sensing, etc.



- 00s: EOT, plasmonic crystals, etc.

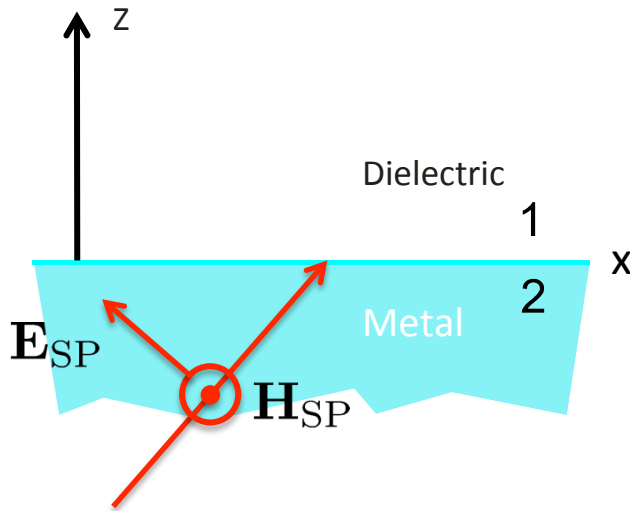


- sub-wavelength apertures and *extended* structures

Surface plasmon field

$$\tilde{u} = \frac{c}{\omega n_d} u$$

- SP field: TM-polarized



$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{SP}}^d = H_0 [0, 1, 0] e^{ikx} e^{iq^d z} e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{SP}}^m = H_0 [0, 1, 0] e^{ikx} e^{-iq^m z} e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$k = k' + ik''$$

$$k'' > 0$$

$$q^{d,m} = \sqrt{\varepsilon_{d,m} (\omega/c)^2 - k^2}$$

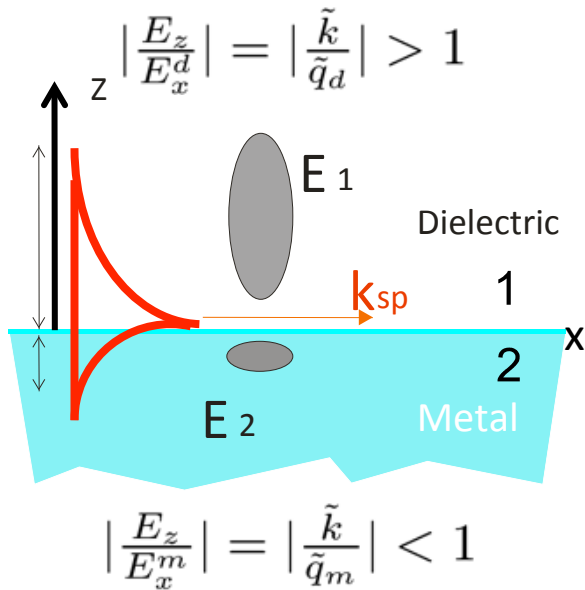
$$= (q^{d,m})' + i(q^{d,m})'' \quad (q^{d,m})'' > 0$$

$$\frac{\partial (q^{d,m})''}{\partial k'} < 0$$

Surface plasmon field

$$\tilde{u} = \frac{c}{\omega n_d} u$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{SP}} = E_0[\tilde{q}, 0, -\tilde{k}]e^{ikx}e^{iqz}$$



□ Scales

Attenuation	$l_i = 1/2\text{Im}[k, q_i]$
longitudinal	$\lambda = 800\text{nm}$, Au/air
$k = \frac{\omega n}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_m}{\epsilon_m + \epsilon_d}}$	$l_{\text{SP}} \sim 40 \mu\text{m}$
transverse	
$q_i = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_i^2}{\epsilon_m + \epsilon_d}}$	$l_d \propto \lambda \sqrt{\epsilon_m} \sim 200 \text{ nm}$
	$l_m \propto \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{\epsilon_m}} \sim 15 \text{ nm}$

$\ll \lambda$

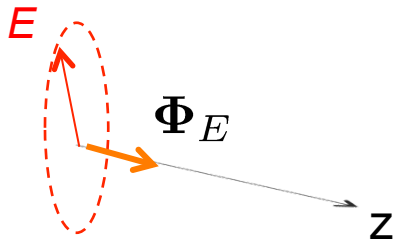
Field ellipticity

□ Elliptical polarization

Complex field $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{E}_0(\mathbf{r})e^{-i\omega t} = [\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) + i\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r})] e^{-i\omega t}$

Real field $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) \cos \omega t + \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) \sin \omega t$

□ A measure for the ellipticity (Berry, 2000) $\Phi_E(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r})$
 $= -\frac{1}{2} \text{Im} [\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{E}_0^*]$



A connection with the spin density

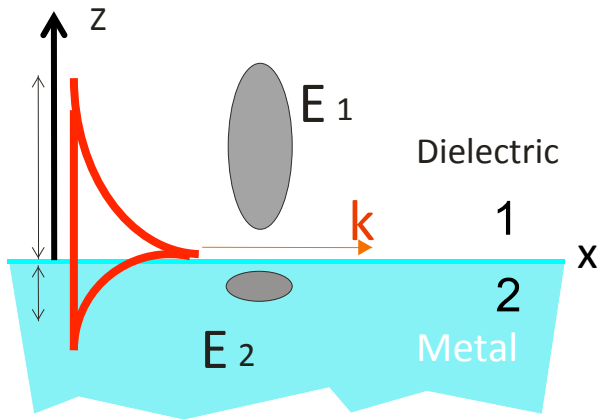
$$\Phi_E = \mathcal{E} \times \dot{\mathcal{E}} / \omega = \langle \|\mathcal{E}\|^2 \rangle_T \mathbf{S}_E$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{r}_\perp) [\mathbf{x} + i\mathbf{y}] e^{-i\omega t}$$

(dire que cette relation clair à partir de forces)

Surface plasmons as spinning near fields

- TM-polarized spinning field



$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{SP}} = H_0 [0, 1, 0] e^{ikx} e^{iqz}$$

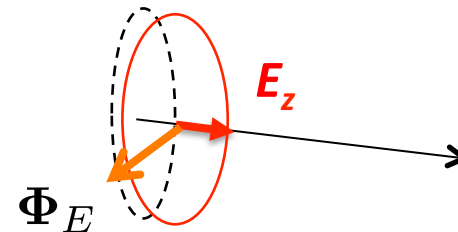
$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{SP}} = E_0 [\tilde{q}, 0, -\tilde{k}] e^{ikx} e^{iqz}$$

Electric field ellipticity

$$\Phi_E = \mathcal{E} \times \dot{\mathcal{E}} / \omega$$

$$\Phi_E(x, z) = 2|E_0|^2 e^{-2k''x} e^{-q''z} [0, \tilde{q}'\tilde{k}'' - \tilde{k}'\tilde{q}'', 0]$$

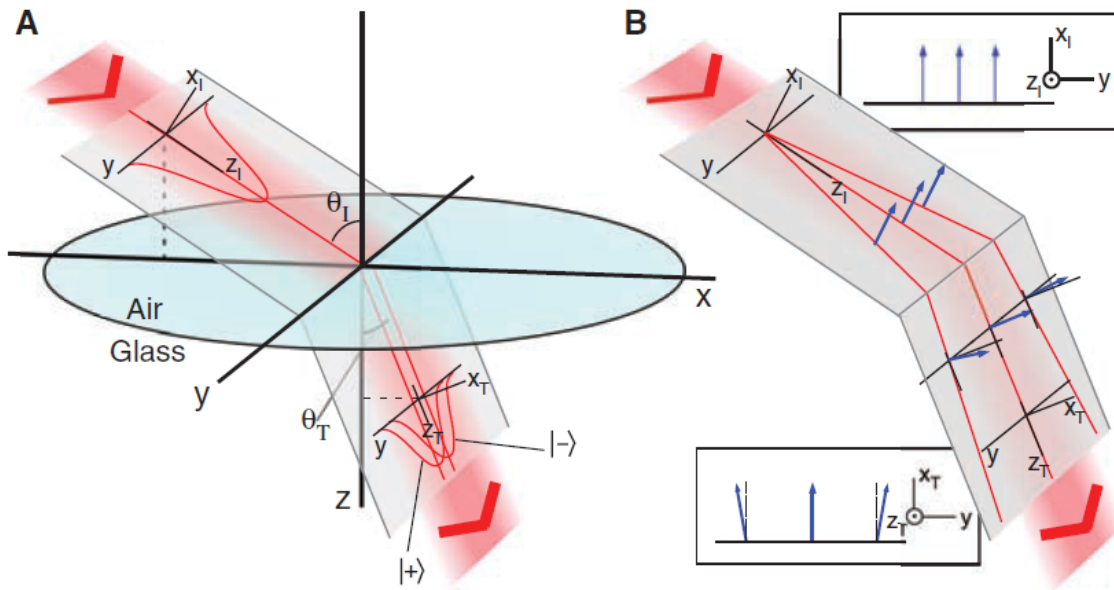
Longitudinal electric field component



Meridional plane of polarization

Spin-orbit coupling: Spin Hall Effect of Light

Hosten and Kwiat, *Science* **319**, 787 (2008)



Input state

$$|k_y\rangle |H\rangle$$

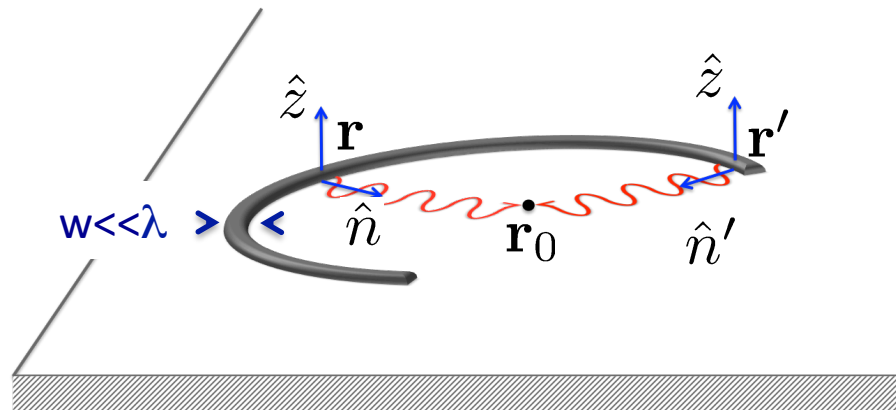
$$|\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|H\rangle \pm i|V\rangle)$$

$$|k_y\rangle (|H\rangle + \delta k_y |V\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |k_y\rangle (e^{-ik_y \delta} |+\rangle + e^{ik_y \delta} |-\rangle)$$

Output state

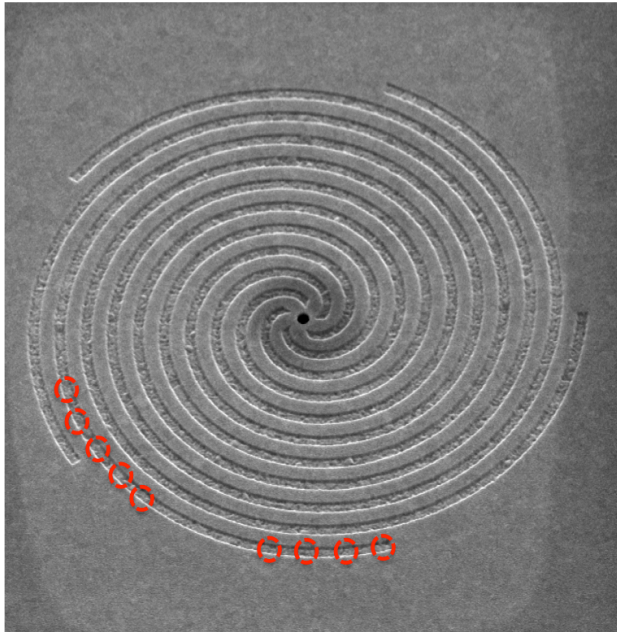
Spin-orbit coupling and surface plasmons

- Source-accompanying local frame

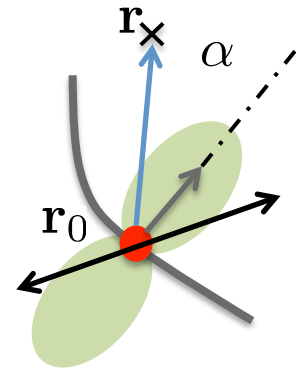


- Space variant polarization states
- Geometric phases
- Spin-orbit coupling

Huygens-Fresnel modeling



$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{dip}}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{e^{ik_{\text{SP}}|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}_0|}}{\sqrt{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}_0|}} \cos \alpha (\mathbf{E}_{\text{in}} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \mathbf{n}$$

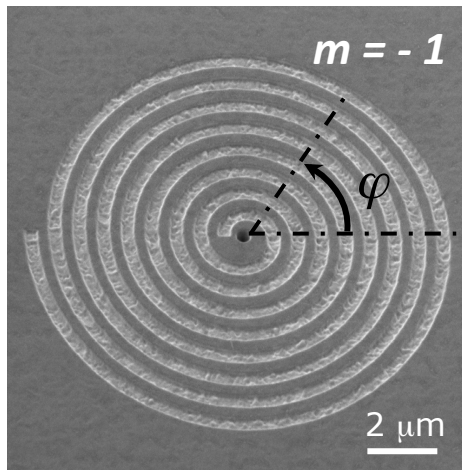


$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{SP}}(\mathbf{r}) = \int_S ds \mathbf{E}_{\text{dip}}(s)$$

S – curvilinear coordinate

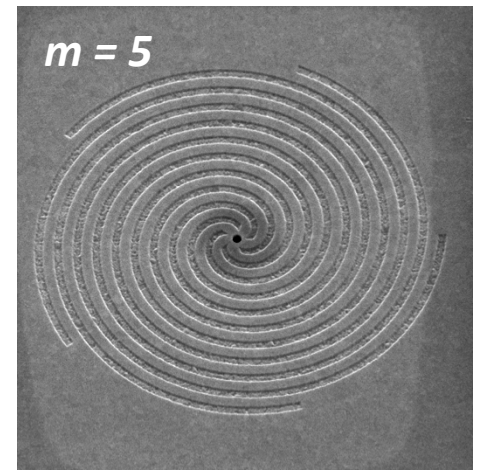
See: A. Drezet et al., *J. Appl. Phys.* **115**, 093105 (2014)

Spin-orbit coupling and chiral plasmons



$$\rho_n = (n\lambda_{SP} + m\varphi\lambda_{SP}/2\pi)\hat{\rho}$$

Assume radial regions $\rho_n \gg \rho_0$

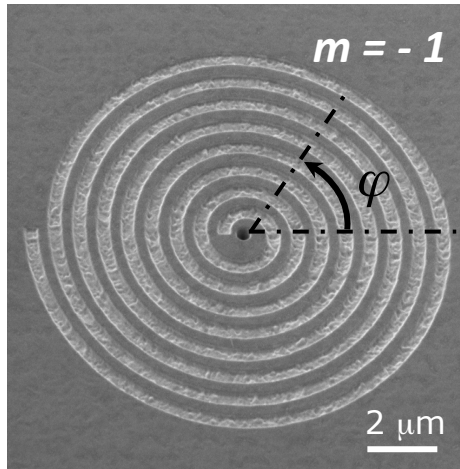


$$\mathbf{E}_{SP}(\rho_0) \propto \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \underbrace{e^{im\phi}}_{\text{dynamic phase}} e^{ik_{SP}\rho_0 \cos\phi} \underbrace{[\mathbf{E}_{in} \cdot \hat{\rho}]}_{\text{geometric phase}} \hat{\rho}$$

OAM

Spin-orbit coupling

Spin-orbit coupling and chiral plasmons



$$\rho_n = (n\lambda_{\text{SP}} + m\varphi\lambda_{\text{SP}}/2\pi)\hat{\rho}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{SP}}(\rho_0) \propto \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi e^{im\phi} e^{ik_{\text{SP}}\rho_0 \cos\phi} [\mathbf{E}_{\text{in}} \cdot \hat{\rho}] \hat{\rho}$$

□ Spin-orbit coupling

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{in}} \propto \hat{\sigma}_{\pm} = (\hat{\rho} \pm \hat{\phi}) e^{\pm i\phi} / \sqrt{2}$$

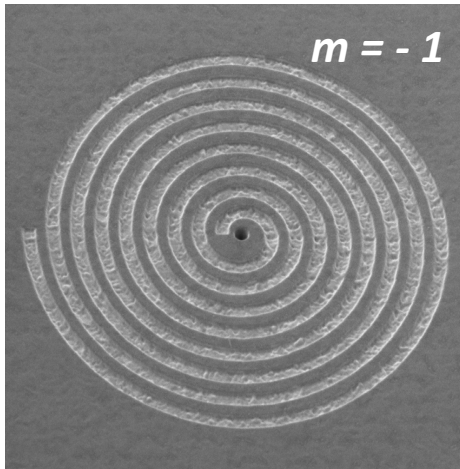
$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{SP}} \propto J_{m\pm 1}(k_{\text{SP}}\rho) e^{i(m\pm 1)\varphi}$$

For instance:

Ohno & Miyanishi *Opt. X* **14**, 6285 (2006)

Hasman et al., *Nano Letters* **9**, 3016 (2009)

Chiral plasmons for singular optics

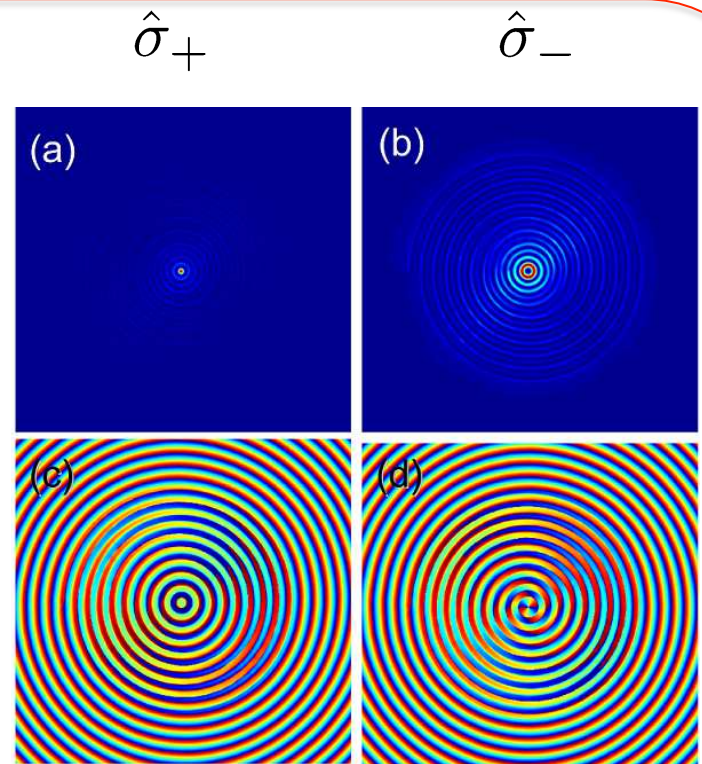


$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{SP}} \propto J_{m \pm 1}(k_{\text{SP}} \rho) e^{i(m \pm 1)\varphi}$$

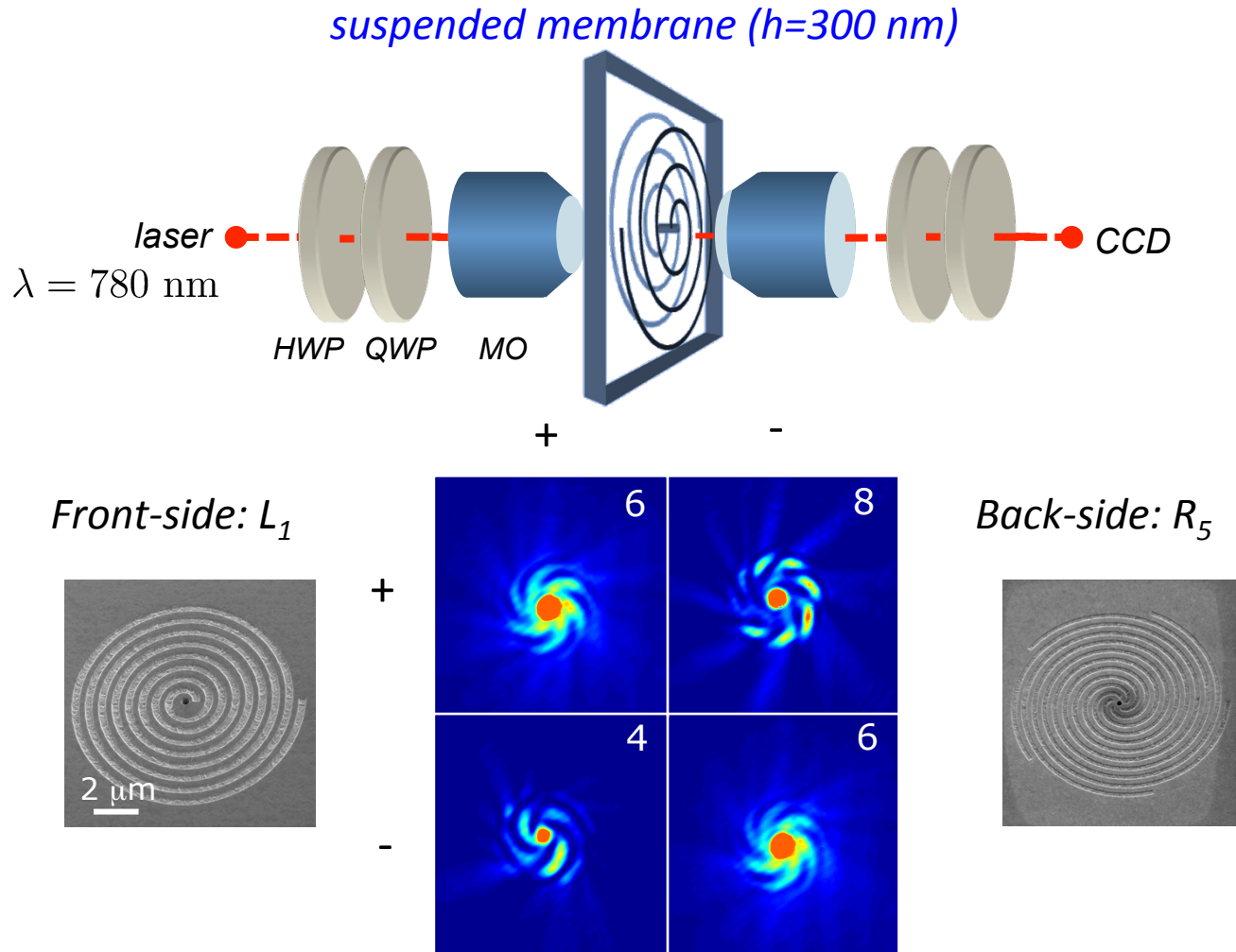
Generating Bessel beams
with fixed OAM

$$\ell_{\text{OAM}} = m \pm 1$$

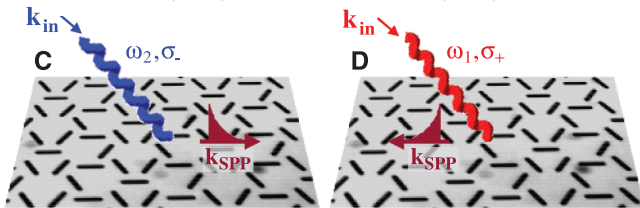
$$m = -1$$



OAM transfer from near-field chirality



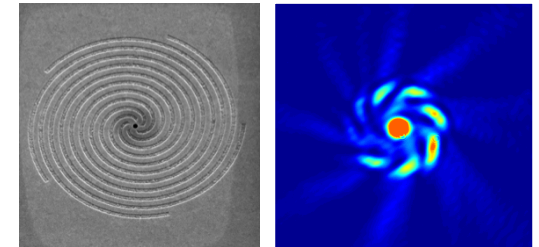
Spin-orbit coupling in nano optics



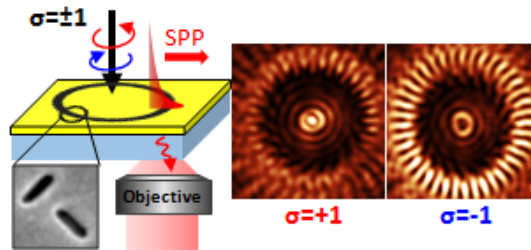
Hasman, Technion



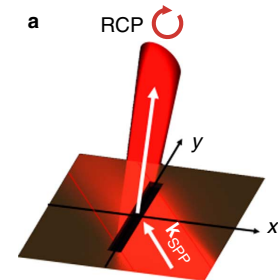
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ISIS, Strasbourg



Drezet, Néel

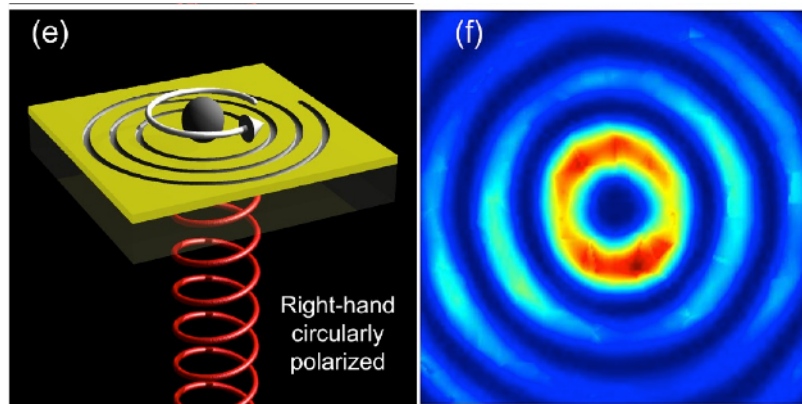


Zayats, King's college

**Review: Bliokh, Rodriguez-Fortuno, F. Nori, and A.V. Zayats
Nature Photon. (2016)**

Plasmonic vortices and orbiting motions

- Trapping microparticles at primary rings of plasmonic vortices



- Orbiting motions

See: Tsai et al., *Nano Letters* **14**, 547 (2014)

Optical force and torque on an electric dipole

- Lorentz law (real $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{H})$ fields)

$$\mathbf{F} = (\mathcal{P} \cdot \nabla)\mathcal{E} + \mu_0 \dot{\mathcal{P}} \times \mathcal{H}$$

$$\mathbf{\Gamma} = \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{E}$$



$$\mathcal{E} = \text{Re}[\mathbf{E}_0(\mathbf{r})e^{-i\omega t}]$$

$$\mathcal{P} = \text{Re}[\mathbf{p}_0(\mathbf{r})e^{-i\omega t}]$$

$$\mathbf{p}_0(\mathbf{r}) = n^2 \alpha \mathbf{E}_0(\mathbf{r})$$

- Time-averaged force

$$\langle \mathbf{F} \rangle_T = \frac{n^2}{2} \text{Re}[\alpha \mathbf{f}_0]$$

$$\mathbf{f}_0 = \sum_j E_j \nabla E_j^*$$

- linear polarization $\mathbf{E}_0(\mathbf{r}) = \rho(\mathbf{r})e^{i\phi(\mathbf{r})}\hat{\mathbf{u}}$

$$\mathbf{f}_0 = \rho \nabla \rho - i \rho^2 \nabla \phi$$

- general polarization case $E_0^j = \rho^j e^{i\phi^j}$

$$\text{Im}[\mathbf{f}_0] = - \sum_j \rho_j^2 \nabla \phi_j$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{reactive}} = \frac{n^2}{2} \text{Re}[\alpha] \text{Re}[\mathbf{f}_0]$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{dissipative}} = - \frac{n^2}{2} \text{Im}[\alpha] \text{Im}[\mathbf{f}_0]$$

Stenholm, RMP (1986)

Hemmerich & Hänsch, PRL (1992)

Radiation pressure and orbital energy flow

- Time-averaged Poynting vector

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{\Pi} &= \langle \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{H} \rangle_T \\ &= \mathbf{\Pi}_O + \mathbf{\Pi}_S\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{\Pi}_O = -\frac{1}{2\omega\mu_0} \text{Im}[\mathbf{f}_0]$$

$$\mathbf{\Pi}_S = \frac{1}{2\omega\mu_0} \nabla \times \mathbf{\Phi}_E$$

Electric ellipticity $\mathbf{\Phi}_E = \mathcal{E} \times \dot{\mathcal{E}}/\omega$

Mechanical energy transfers through dissipation

- Time-averaged radiation pressure

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F}_{\text{dissipative}} &= n^2\omega\mu_0 \text{Im}[\alpha] \left(\mathbf{\Pi} - \frac{\nabla \times \mathbf{\Phi}_E}{2\omega\mu_0} \right) \\ &= n^2\omega\mu_0 \text{Im}[\alpha] \mathbf{\Pi}_O\end{aligned}$$

- Time-independent torque

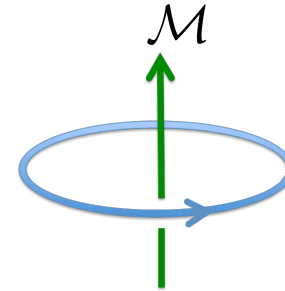
$$\mathbf{\Gamma} = n^2 \text{Im}[\alpha] \mathbf{\Phi}_E$$

« Electric-magnetic democracy » (M.V. Berry)

- Lorentz law for a magnetic dipole

$$\mathbf{F} = (\mathcal{M} \cdot \nabla)\mathcal{H} - \varepsilon_0 \dot{\mathcal{M}} \times \mathcal{E}$$

$$\mathbf{\Gamma} = \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{H}$$



- Harmonic fields and induced dipole

$$\mathbf{m}_0(\mathbf{r}) = \mu\beta\mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\beta/\alpha \sim (ka)^2 \ll 1$$

- Dual symmetric expressions

$$\Phi = \frac{\omega}{2} (\varepsilon\Phi_E + \mu\Phi_H)$$

$$\Pi_O = \frac{1}{2} \left(\Pi_O^{(E)} + \Pi_O^{(H)} \right)$$

$$\Pi_S = \frac{1}{2} \left(\Pi_S^{(E)} + \Pi_S^{(H)} \right) = \frac{1}{4\omega\varepsilon\mu} \nabla \times \Phi$$

Spin and orbital angular momentum densities

Berry, J. *Opt. A* (2009)
Bliokh, et al. *NJP* (2014)

- Orbital angular momentum (time ave.)

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{\Pi}_O$$

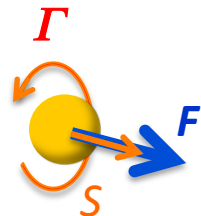
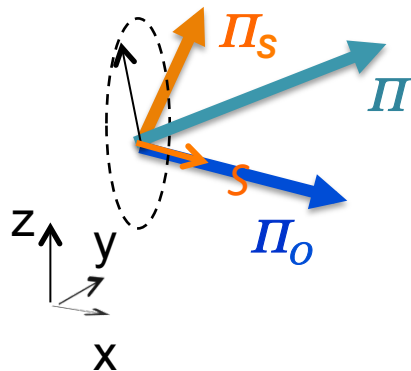
- *extrinsic*
- *transverse w.r.t. wave momentum*

- Spin angular momentum

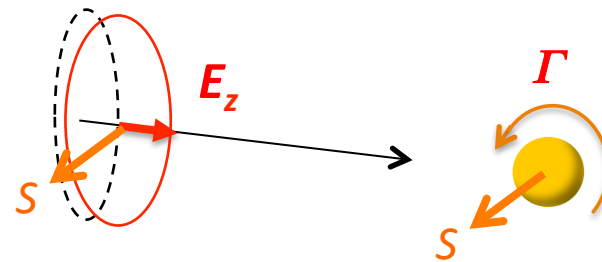
$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{c^2}{\omega^2} \mathbf{\Phi}$$

- *intrinsic*
- *no specified direction w.r.t. wave momentum*

- Transverse polarization

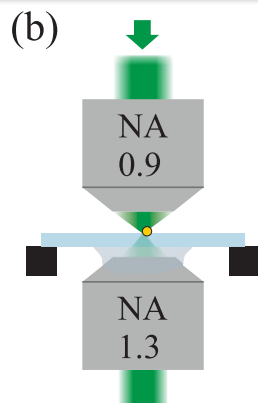


- Longitudinal electric field component (*TM polarized*)



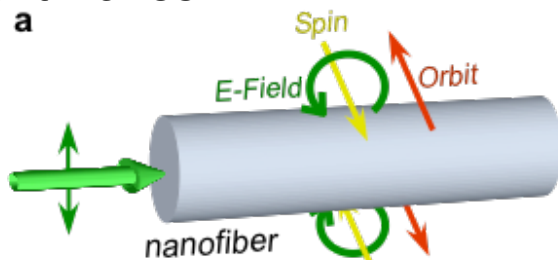
Transverse spin densities and structures light fields

- Non-paraxial fields



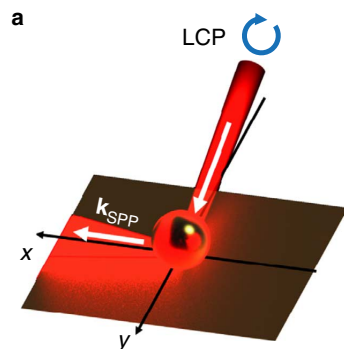
Neugbauer et al., PRL 114, 063901 (2015)

- Evanescent waves



Petersen et al., Science 346, 67 (2014)

- Surface plasmon modes



O'Connor et al., Nature Comm. 5, 5327 (2014)

Surface plasmons as spinning near fields

□ Surface plasmons

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{SP}} = H_0[0, 1, 0]e^{ikx}e^{iqz}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{SP}} = E_0[\tilde{q}, 0, -\tilde{k}]e^{ikx}e^{iqz}$$

$$\Phi_{\text{SP}} = \mathcal{E}_{\text{SP}} \times \dot{\mathcal{E}}_{\text{SP}}/\omega$$

□ Poynting vector

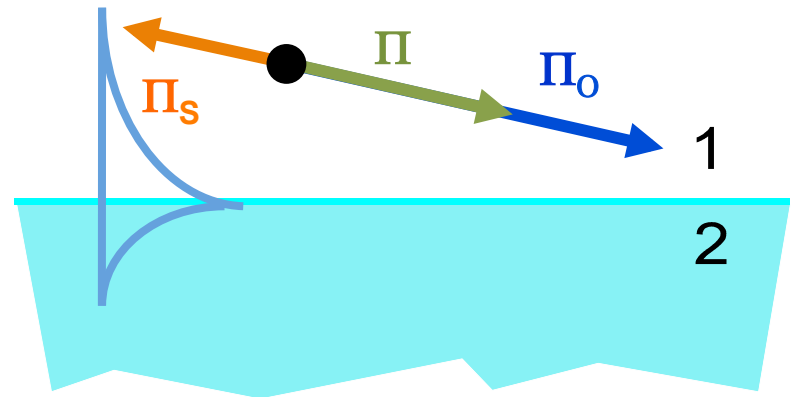
$$\mathbf{\Pi}_S \propto e^{-2k''x}e^{-2q''z}\text{Im}[\tilde{q}\tilde{k}^* - \tilde{k}\tilde{q}^*][-\tilde{q}'', 0, \tilde{k}'']$$

$$\mathbf{\Pi}_0 \propto e^{-2k''x}e^{-2q''z}\left(|\tilde{q}|^2 + |\tilde{k}|^2\right)[\tilde{k}', 0, \tilde{q}']$$

$$\mathbf{\Pi} = \underbrace{\mathbf{\Pi}_O}_{\text{orbital}} + \underbrace{\frac{\nabla \times \Phi_{\text{SP}}}{2\omega\mu_0}}_{\text{spin part}}$$

□ Transverse spin density

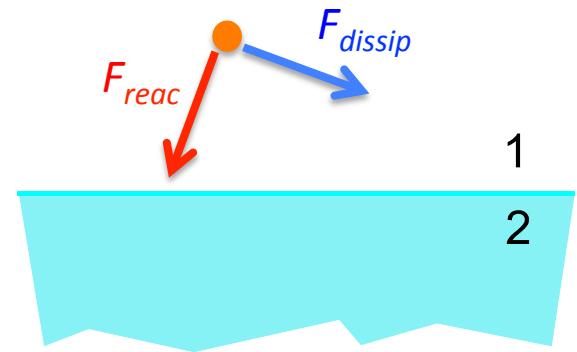
$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{SP}} = 2\frac{q'k'' - k'q''}{|\tilde{k}|^2 + |\tilde{q}|^2}\hat{\mathbf{y}}$$



Surface plasmon forces and torque

- SP gradient force

$$\frac{\mathbf{F}_{\text{reactive}}}{|\mathbf{E}_0|^2} = -\frac{n^2}{2} \text{Re}[\alpha] [k'', 0, q'']$$



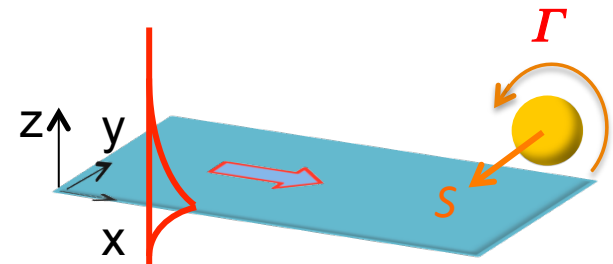
- SP radiation pressure $\nabla\phi = [k', 0, q']$

$$\frac{\mathbf{F}_{\text{dissip}}}{|\mathbf{E}_0|^2} = \frac{n^2}{2} \text{Im}[\alpha] [k', 0, q']$$

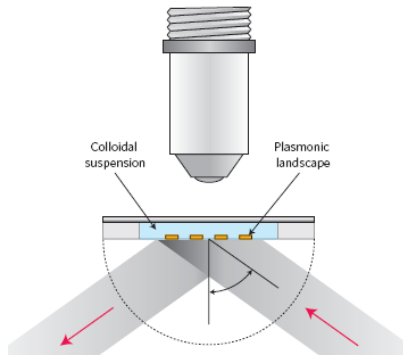
Confined $q' < 0$ and directed motion k'

- SP torque and transverse spin

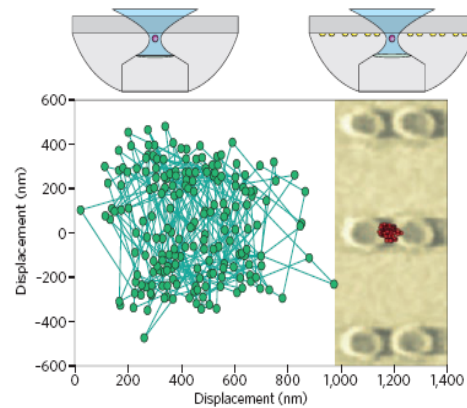
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathbf{\Gamma}}{|\mathbf{E}_0|^2} &= n^2 \text{Im}[\alpha] \mathbf{S} \\ &= -n^2 \text{Im}[\alpha] S \hat{y} \end{aligned}$$



Surface plasmon-based optical tweezers



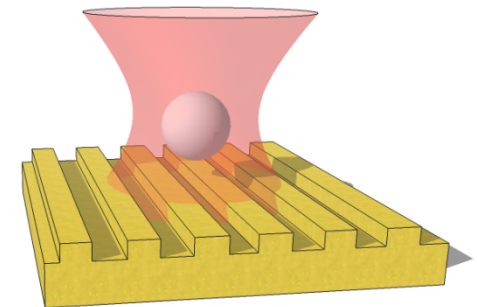
Quidant *et al.*, Nature Phys. 2007



Grigorenko *et al.* Nature Photon. 2008

« Localized » surface plasmon resonances

□ Delocalized plasmons ?



Cuche *et al.* PRL 2011

See review Juan, Righini, Quidant Nature Photon. 2011

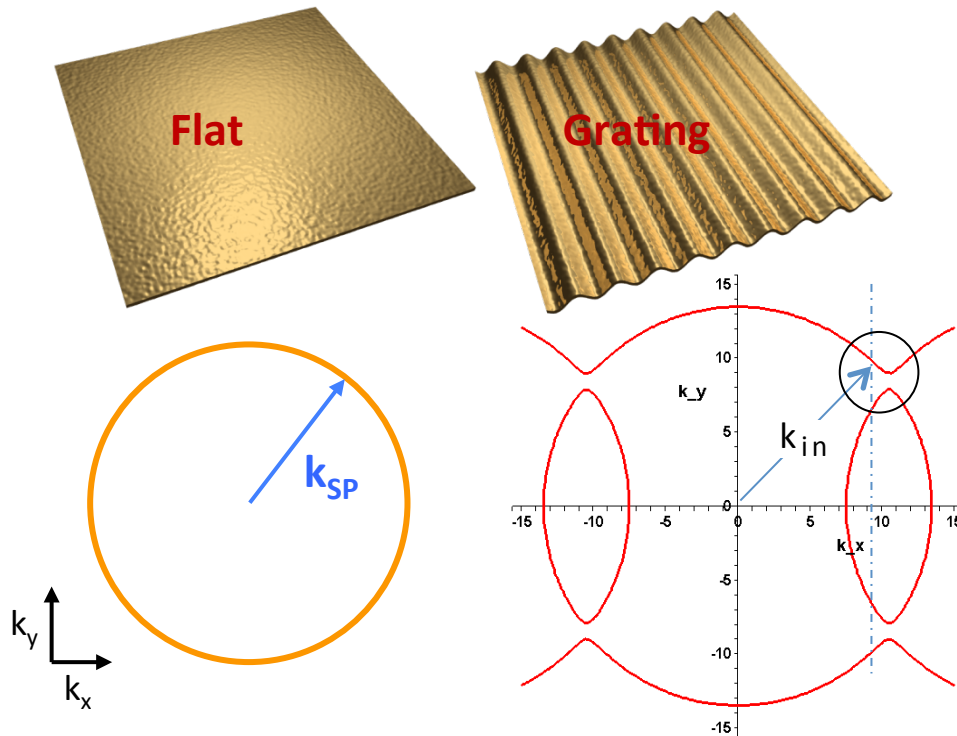
Plasmonic radiation pressure and band structures

- Global energy transport

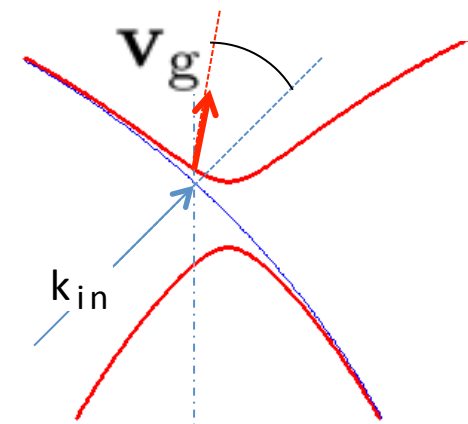
$$\langle \mathbf{\Pi}_S \rangle = \int dz \mathbf{\Pi}_S = 0 \quad \mathbf{v}_g = \frac{\langle \mathbf{\Pi}_O \rangle}{\langle W \rangle}$$

Bliokh et al., PRA (2012)

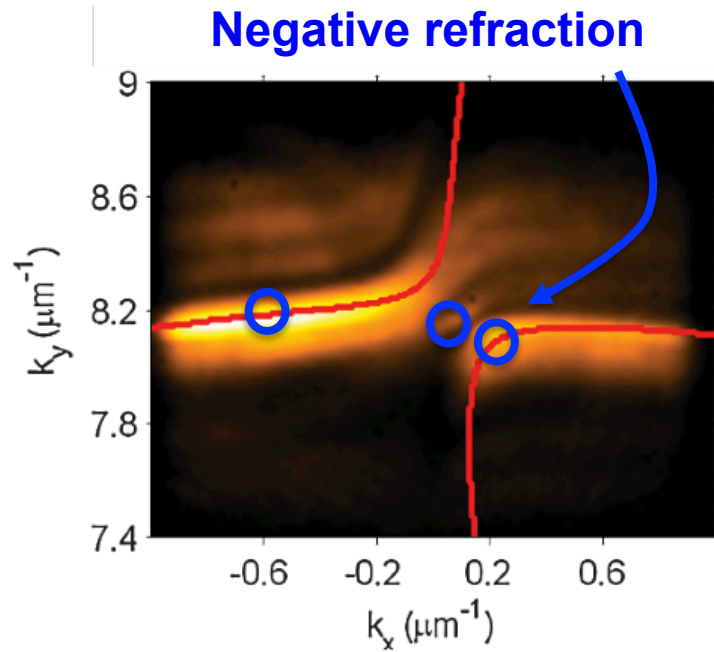
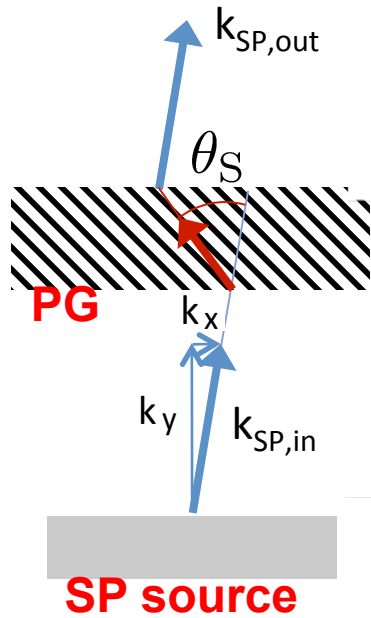
- Local anisotropy of plasmonic isofrequency surface



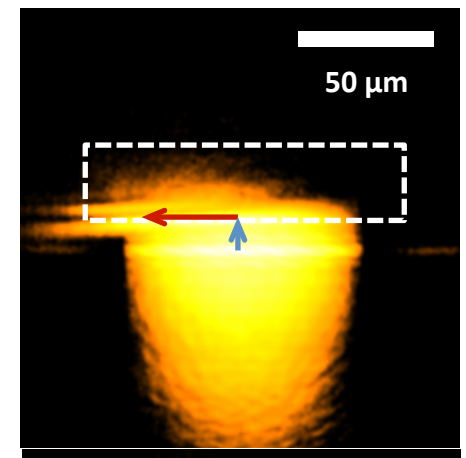
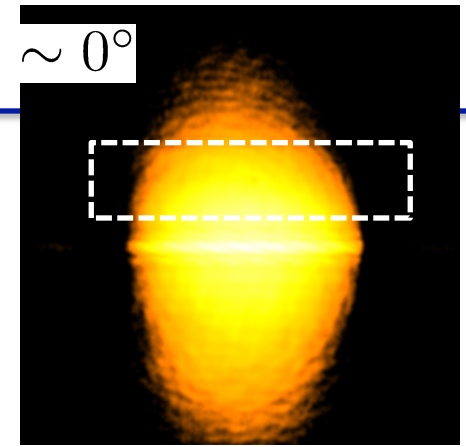
$$\mathbf{v}_g = \partial_{\mathbf{k}} \omega(\mathbf{k})$$



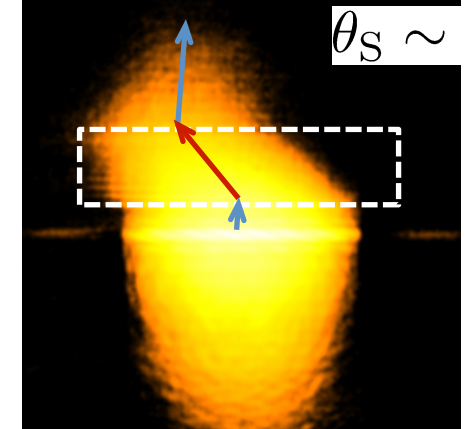
Plasmonic beam steering



$$\theta_S \sim 0^\circ$$



$$\theta_S \sim -42^\circ$$



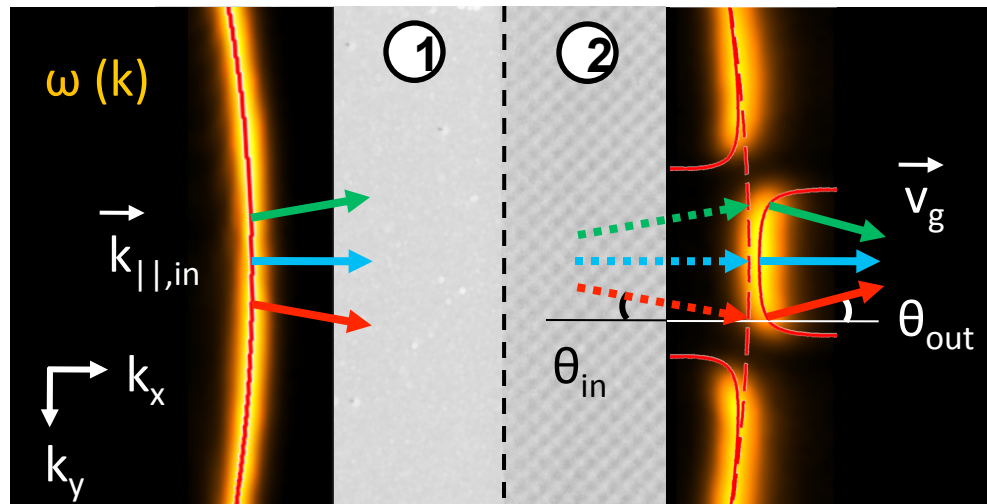
B. Stein et al., PRL 105, 266804 (2010)

Dissipative plasmonic force: Bloch wave motional control

- IFS desing as a tool for controlling nanoparticle motions

① SP mode *on flat film*

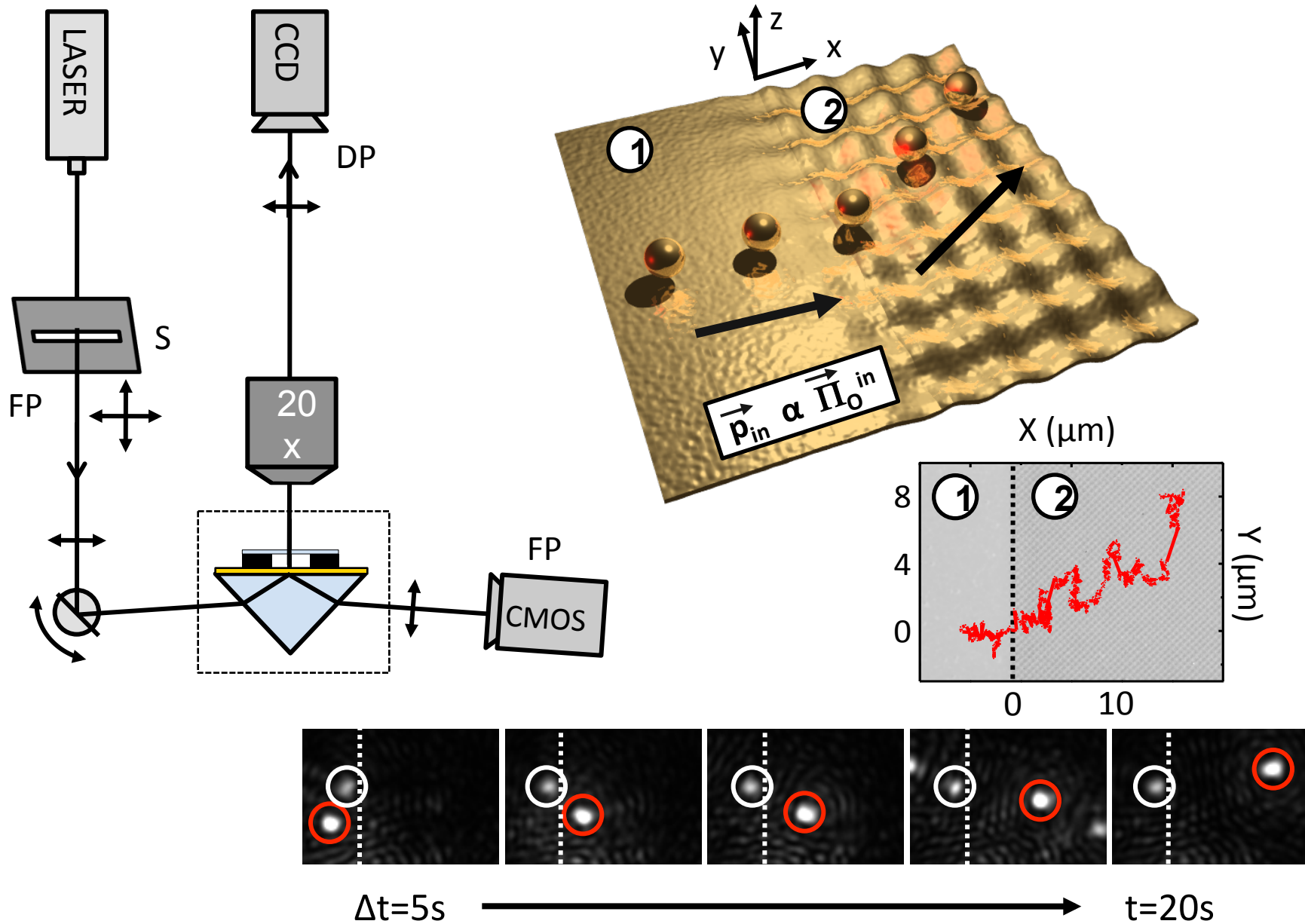
$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{dissip}} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{\Pi}_O \leftrightarrow k'$$



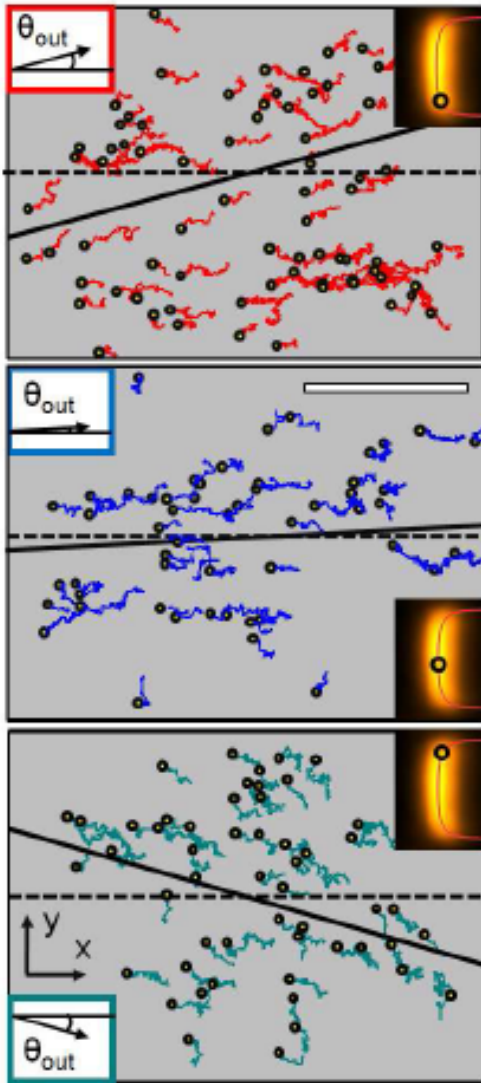
② SP *Bloch* mode

$$\mathbf{v}_g = \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\omega(\mathbf{k}) \leftrightarrow \langle \mathbf{\Pi}_O \rangle / \langle W \rangle \leftrightarrow \mathbf{F}_{\text{dissip}}$$

Setup



Dynamical law of refraction



- nanoparticle eq. of motion

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = -\frac{\gamma}{m}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{F}_{Th} + \mathbf{F}_{dissip}$$

- time-averaged ballistic motion

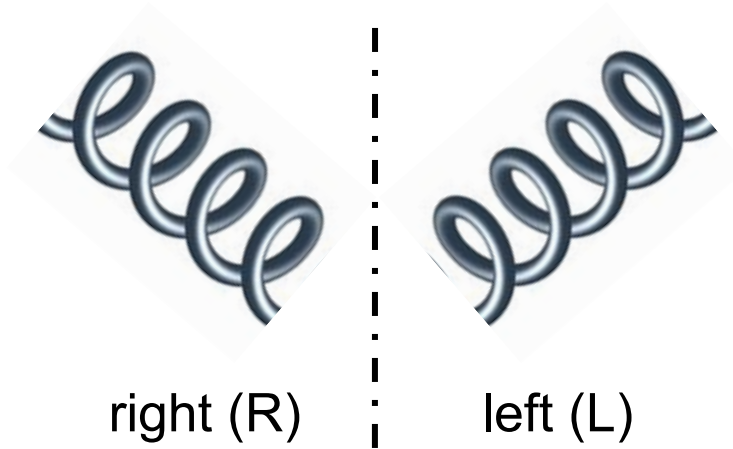
$$\bar{\mathbf{p}} = (m/\gamma)\mathbf{F}_{dissip}$$

- motional evolutions determined in strict relation with the IFS
- high throughputs with high angular resolution
- mechanical analogues of *super-prism* and *negative refraction* effects

Chirality

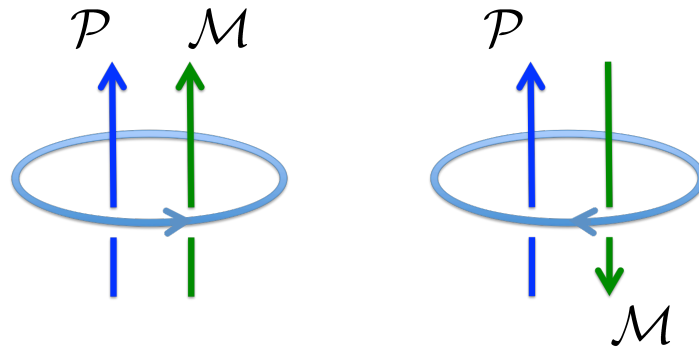
Lord Kelvin (1884) : « *I call any geometrical figure, or group of points, chiral, and say that it has chirality, if its image in a plane mirror, ideally realized, cannot be brought to coincide with itself. »*

$$[\Pi, J] \neq 0$$



Chiral dipole

- Coupled induced dipoles



$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_0 \\ \mathbf{m}_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & i\chi \\ -i\chi & \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}_0 \\ \mathbf{H}_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\Pi, J] \neq 0$$

Optical force and torque on a chiral dipole

Canaguier et al., *NJP* **15**, 123037 (2013)

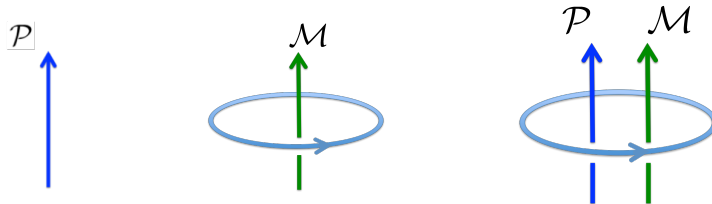
- Lorentz law (real $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{H})$ fields)

$$\mathbf{F} = (\mathcal{P} \cdot \nabla)\mathcal{E} + (\mathcal{M} \cdot \nabla)\mathcal{H} + \mu_0 \dot{\mathcal{P}} \times \mathcal{H} - \varepsilon_0 \dot{\mathcal{H}} \times \mathcal{E}$$

$$\mathbf{\Gamma} = \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{E} + \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{H}$$

- Time-averaged force and torque

$$\langle \mathbf{F} \rangle_T = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}[\alpha \mathbf{f}_0] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}[\beta \mathbf{g}_0] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}[\chi \mathbf{h}_0]$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_0 \\ \mathbf{m}_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & i\chi \\ -i\chi & \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}_0 \\ \mathbf{H}_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle \mathbf{\Gamma} \rangle_T = \text{Im}[\alpha] \mathbf{\Phi}_E + \text{Im}[\beta] \mathbf{\Phi}_H + 2\text{Im}[\chi] \mathbf{\Pi}$$

Chiral force on a chiral dipole

□ Chiral part $\langle \mathbf{F}_\chi \rangle_T = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}[\chi] \text{Re}[\mathbf{h}_0] - \frac{1}{2} \text{Im}[\chi] \text{Im}[\mathbf{h}_0]$

Reactive component: $\mathbf{F}_\chi^r = \text{Re}[c\chi] \frac{c}{\omega} \nabla K$

Dissipative component: $\mathbf{F}_\chi^d = \text{Im}[c\chi] \frac{2}{c} \left(\Phi - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \times \mathbf{\Pi} \right)$

- **Enantioselective forces: chiral separation**

- Field chiral quantities $K(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\omega}{2c^2} \text{Im}[\mathbf{E}_0 \cdot \mathbf{H}_0^*]$

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\omega \epsilon_0}{4} (\text{Im}[\mathbf{E}_0^* \times \mathbf{E}_0] + \text{Im}[\mathbf{H}_0^* \times \mathbf{H}_0])$$

See also: Cameron, Barnett, Yao, NJP (2014)

Optical chirality

- Free-field conservation:

$$\text{Density} \quad K(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{\varepsilon_0 \mu_0}{2} (\mathcal{H} \cdot \dot{\mathcal{E}} - \mathcal{E} \cdot \dot{\mathcal{H}})$$

$$\text{Flow} \quad \Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{\varepsilon_0}{2} \mathcal{E} \times \dot{\mathcal{E}} + \frac{\mu_0}{2} \mathcal{H} \times \dot{\mathcal{H}}$$

$$\text{Cons.} \quad \nabla \cdot \Phi + \partial_t K = 0$$

Lipkin (1964)
Tang and Cohen (2010)
Bliokh and Nori (2011)
Barnett et al. NJP (2012)

Energy and momentum

$$W(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{\varepsilon_0}{2} \mathcal{E} \cdot \mathcal{E} + \frac{\mu_0}{2} \mathcal{H} \cdot \mathcal{H}$$

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{H}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathcal{S} + \partial_t W = 0$$

- Harmonic fields

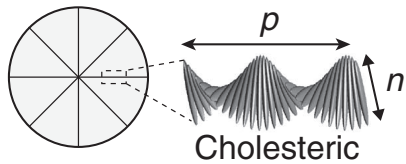
$$K(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\omega}{2c^2} \text{Im}[\mathbf{E}_0 \cdot \mathbf{H}_0^*] \quad \Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\omega \varepsilon_0}{4} (\text{Im}[\mathbf{E}_0^* \times \mathbf{E}_0] + \text{Im}[\mathbf{H}_0^* \times \mathbf{H}_0])$$

- Circularly polarized light

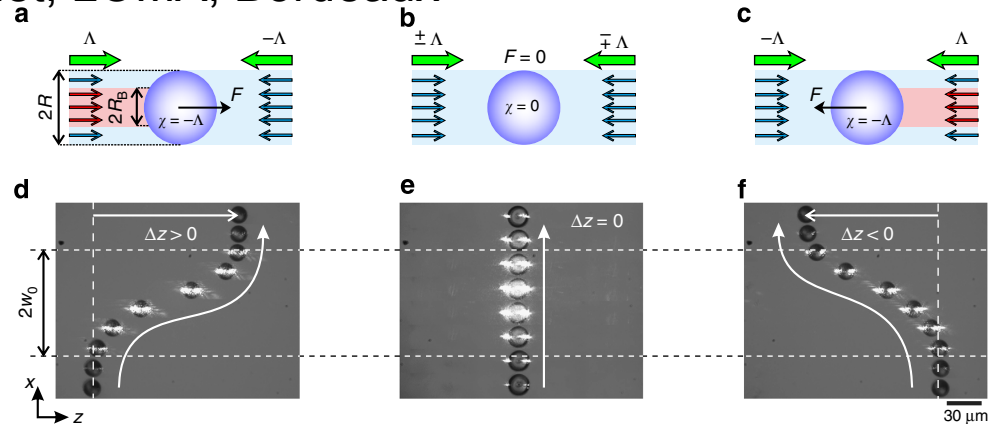
$$K = \frac{\omega I_0}{2c^2} \quad \Phi_{\pm} = \pm \frac{\omega I_0}{2c} \hat{z}$$

Chiral separation

- Tkachenko and Brasselet, LOMA, Bordeaux



radius ~ 20 microns



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- Downscaling to the nanoscale ?

$$\chi/\alpha \ll 1$$



$$\langle \mathbf{F}_{\alpha,\beta} \rangle$$



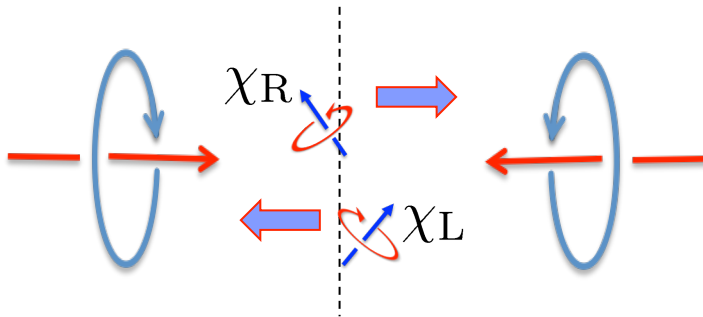
$$k_B T$$



Brownian approach

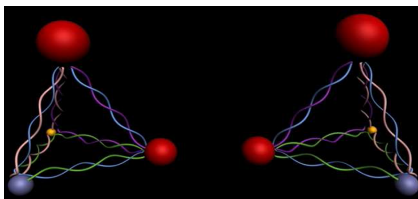
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- Cancelling $\langle \mathbf{F}_{\alpha,\beta}^{r.} \rangle$



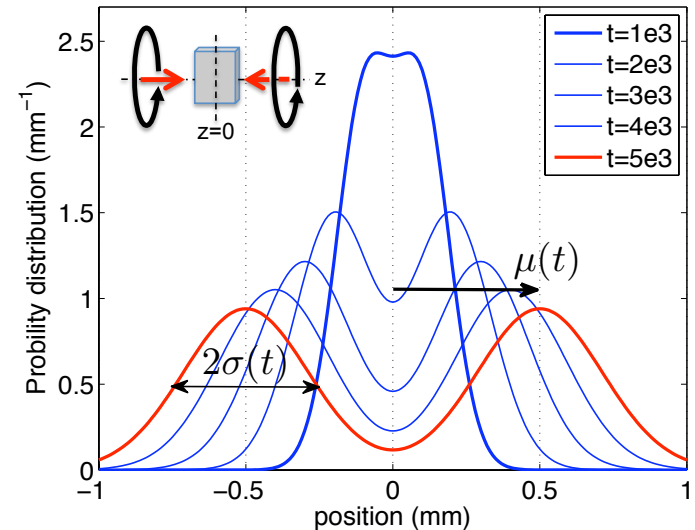
$$\langle \mathbf{F}_{\chi}^{d.} \rangle = \frac{\omega I_0}{c^2} \text{Im}[c\chi] \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

Ca. 1 mm / 1 hour
50 mW on 1 mm²,
for *DNA-nanoparticle hybrids*
(N. Kotov, *JACS* 2012)



- Statistical resolution

Cuche et al., *Nano Letters* **12**, 4329 (2012)



Separation $\mu(t) = (\langle F_{\chi} \rangle / \gamma) t$

Brownian motion causes a variance

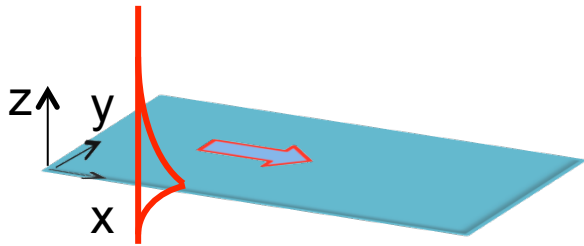
$$\sigma(t) = \sqrt{k_B / \gamma} \sqrt{t}$$

Minimal time $t_{min} \sim k_B T \gamma / \langle F_{\chi} \rangle^2$

Increasing optical forces: strong gradients in the near field

- Generic surface plasmon

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{SP}} = E_0[\tilde{q}, 0, -\tilde{k}]e^{ikx}e^{iqz}$$



$$K = 0$$

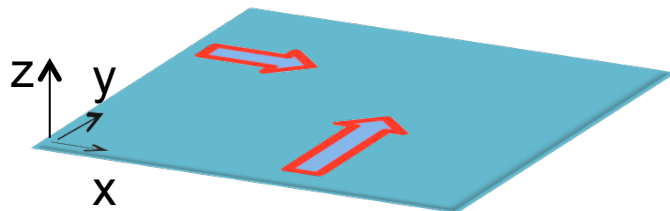
$$\Phi = \frac{\omega I_0}{2c} e^{-2k''x - 2q''z} \text{Im}[\tilde{k}\tilde{q}^*] \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{2} \nabla \times \mathbf{\Pi}$$

No chiral force in the dipolar regime

□ Coherent superposition

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{SP}} = [H_2 e^{iky}, H_1 e^{ikx}, 0] e^{iqz}$$



Local phase difference $\phi(x, y) = k'(x - y)$

• Coupling terms

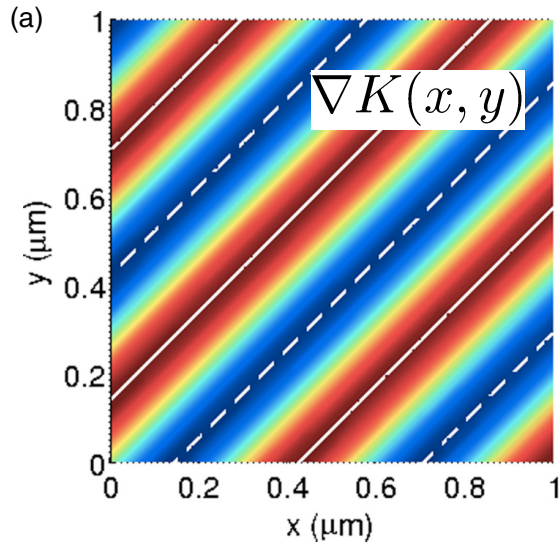
$$K(\mathbf{r}) \propto \tilde{q}' e^{-k''(x+y)} e^{-2q''z} \sin \phi \quad \langle \mathbf{F}_x^r \rangle \neq \mathbf{0}$$

$$\Phi_{12} - \nabla \times \mathbf{\Pi}_{12}/2 \propto \tilde{q}' e^{-2k''x - 2q''z} [\text{Im}[\tilde{k} e^{i\phi}], \text{Im}[\tilde{k}^* e^{i\phi}], 2\tilde{q}' \sin \phi] \quad \langle \mathbf{F}_x^d \rangle \neq \mathbf{0}$$

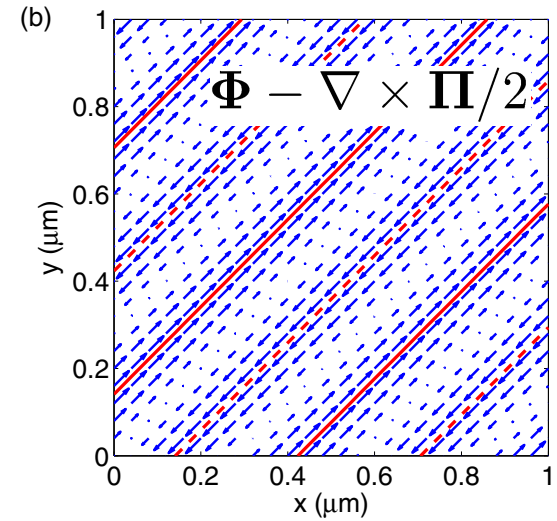
A plasmonic effect

Chiral potential energy surfaces

- Chiral force fields (*in-plane*)



Au-water interface
780 nm



Chiral potential energy

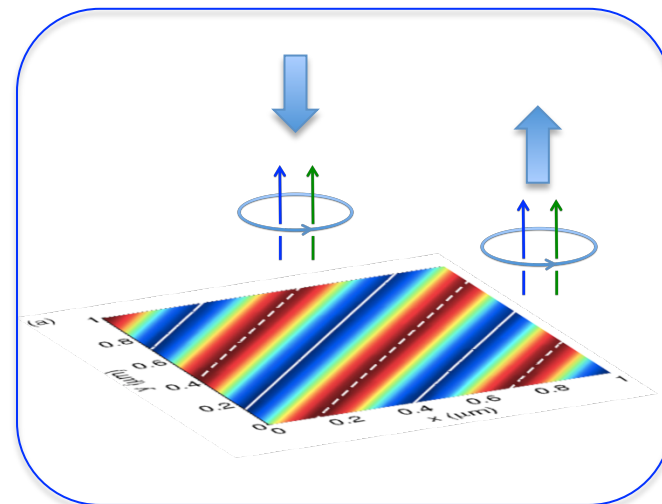
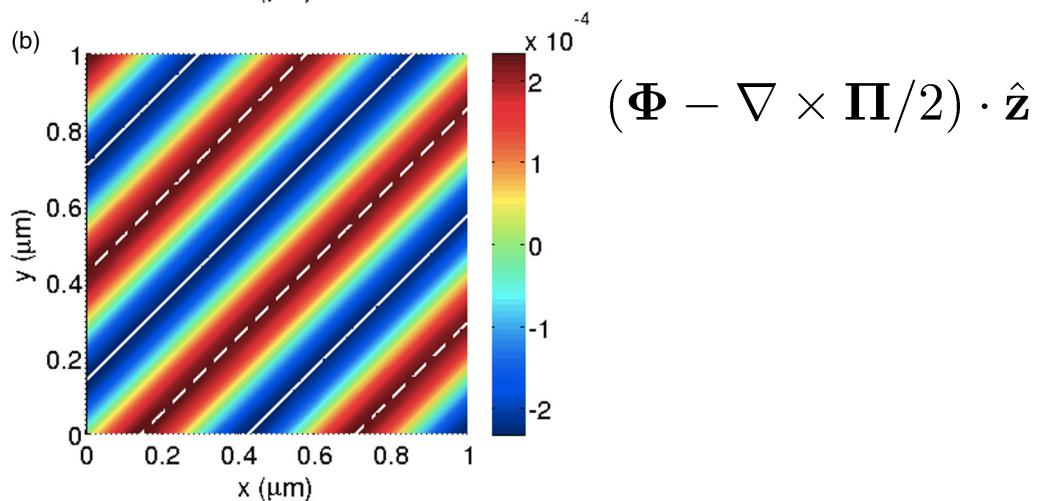
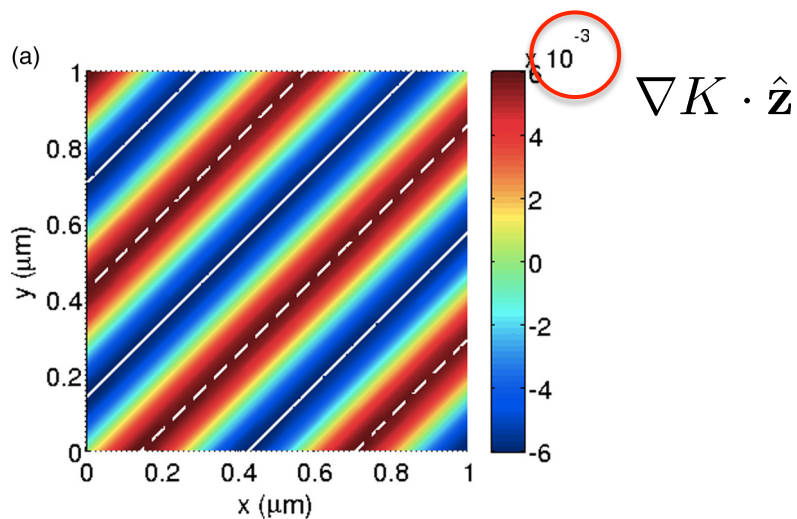
Attracts chiral dipole **towards** K_{max} / K_{min}
Pushes chiral dipole **along** K_{max} / K_{min} } vs. $\text{sgn}(\text{Re}[c\chi])$

Towards near-field deracemization schemes

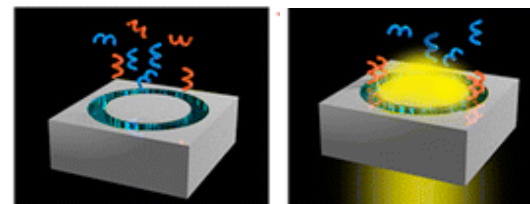
Towards chiral selective trapping

Canaguier et al. PRA 90, 023842 (2014)

□ Chiral force fields (*transverse*)



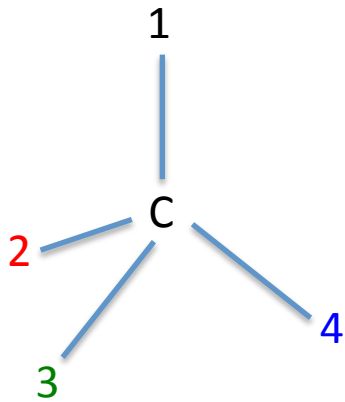
Plasmonic chiral tweezers



Dionne, ACS Photon. ASAP

Near-field enhanced chiroptical spectroscopy

Stereogenic center



□ Absorption rate of a chiral molecule

$$\epsilon_{R/L} = \langle \mathbf{E} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{p}} + \mathbf{H} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{m}} \rangle_T$$

□ Circular dichroism $\Delta\epsilon = \epsilon_L(\lambda) - \epsilon_R(\lambda) \propto \omega \cdot \text{Im}[\chi]$

□ « Chiral » dichroism: Tang & Cohen, PRL 2010

$$\Delta\epsilon = \epsilon_+(\lambda) - \epsilon_-(\lambda) \propto \omega \cdot \text{Im}[\chi] \quad \text{Im}[\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{H}^*]$$

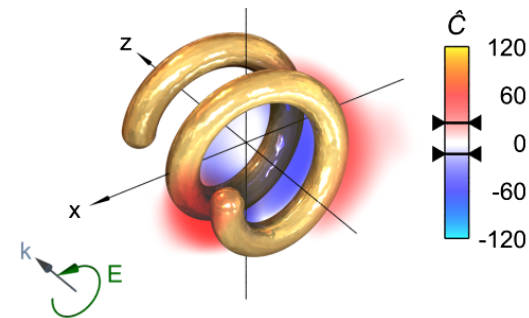
➤ « Super-chiral » fields: localized SP resonances

Hendry *et al.*, Nature Nano. (2010)

Giessen *et al.*, PR X (2012)

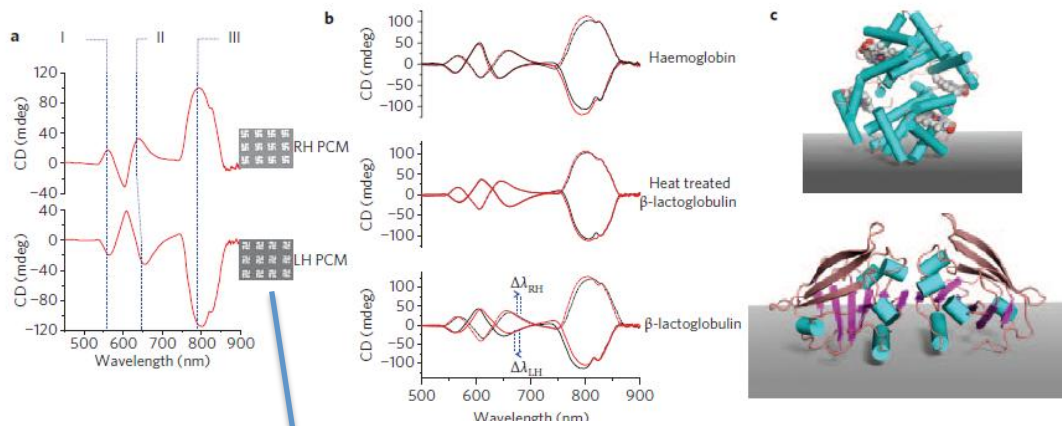
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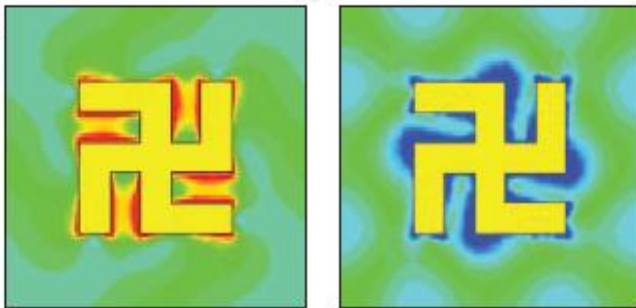


Ultrasensitive detection of chiral biomolecules

E. Hendry *et al.*, Nature Nanotech. **5**, 783 (2010)



$$\Delta\epsilon_{\text{superchiral}} = 10^6 \Delta\epsilon_{\text{CPL}}$$



Near-field chirality density

Localized surface plasmons

Conclusions

- Surface plasmons and singular nano-optics
 - *New devices (ultra thin phase plates, spin splitters)*
 - *Tailoring the far field from singular near fields*

- Surface plasmon optical forces and new effects
 - *Coupling chirality of matter to chirality of light*
 - *New separation schemes based on $K(\mathbf{r})$, $\Phi(\mathbf{r})$*

- Surface plasmons and enhanced chiroptical spectroscopy
 - *Inducing chiral densities on nanostructures*
 - *Matching chiral length scales light vs. molecules*