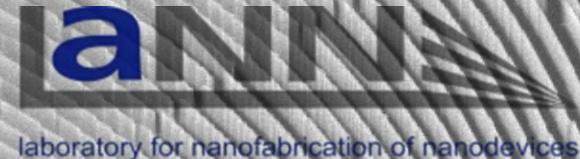




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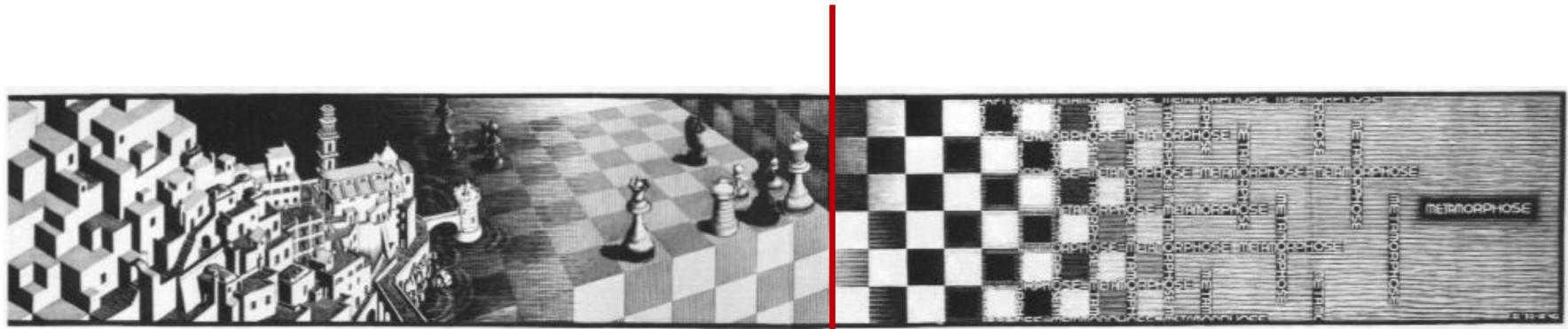
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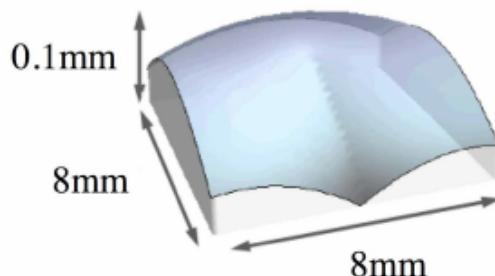
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# Optics change the word, lenses change the optics

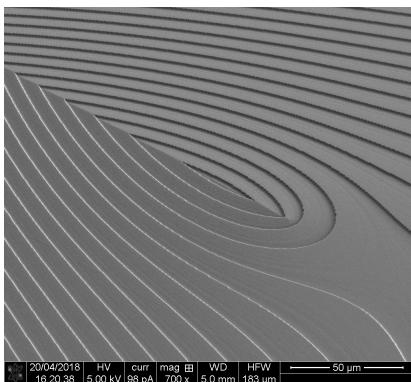


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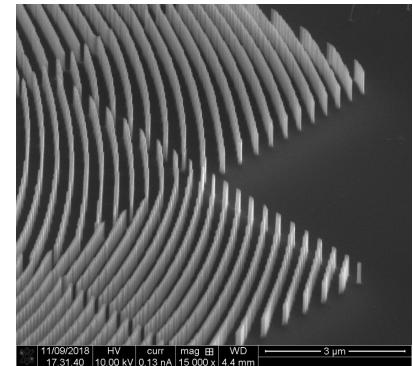
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Bulky, Large  
Single function

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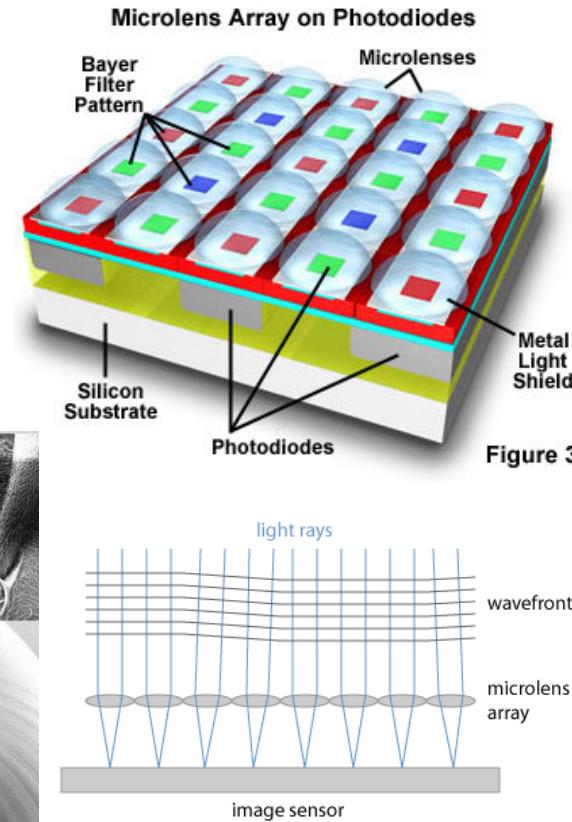
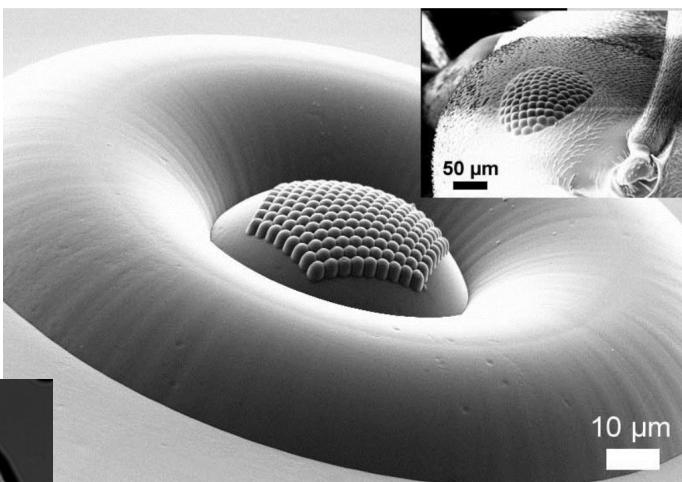
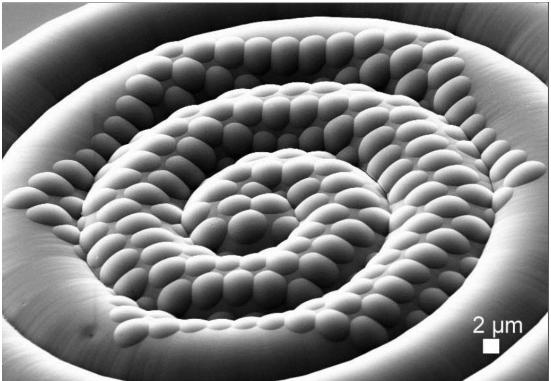
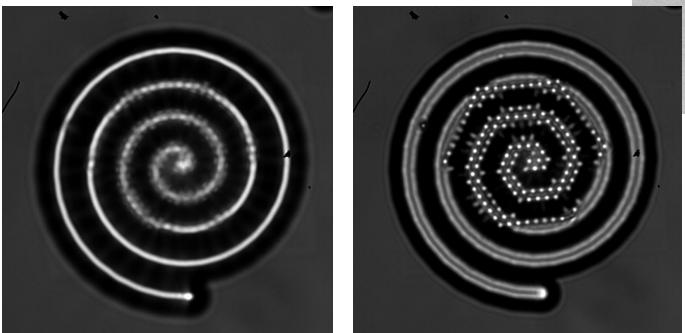
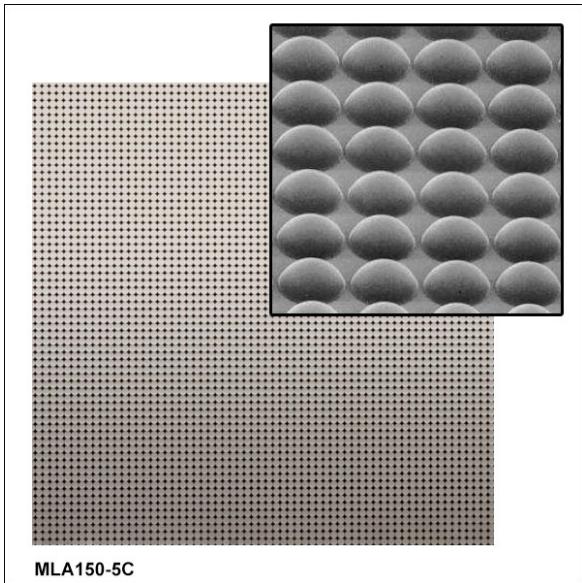
Kinoform lenses  
Almost flat  
Multi function

2D



Metalenses  
Flat  
Multi function  
Polarization

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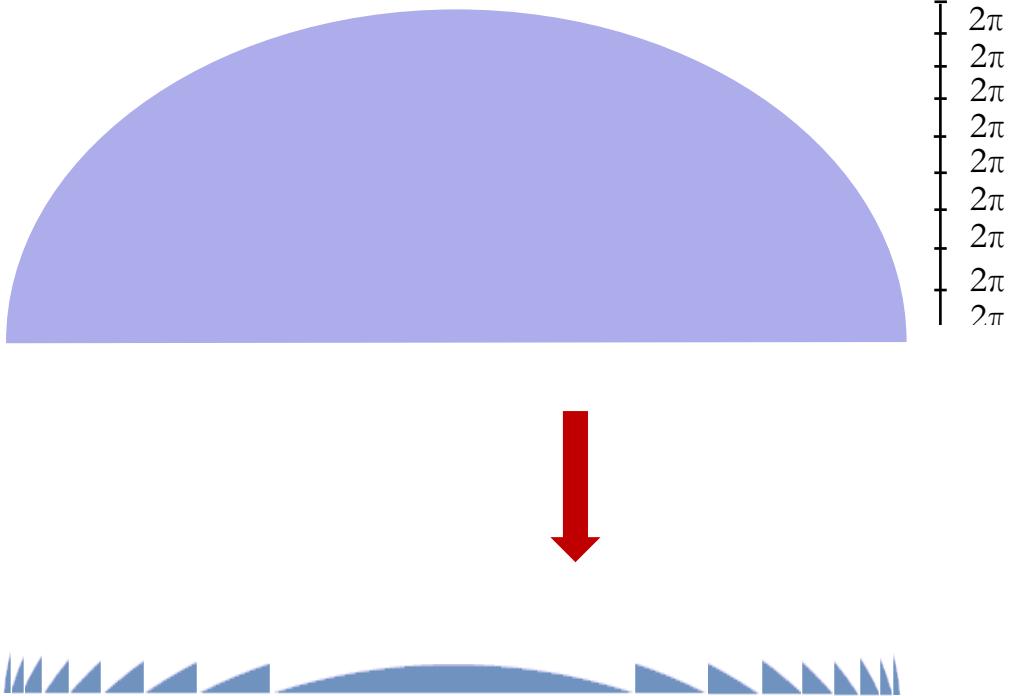
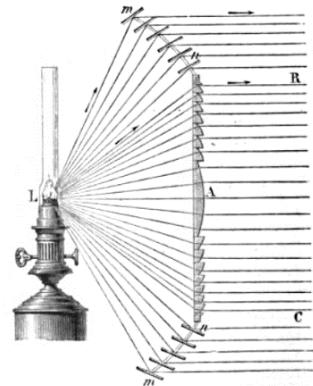


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# Diffractive optical elements

The concept of diffractive optics was firstly implemented by A. Fresnel in 1827 and applied to a novel design of lighthouses.



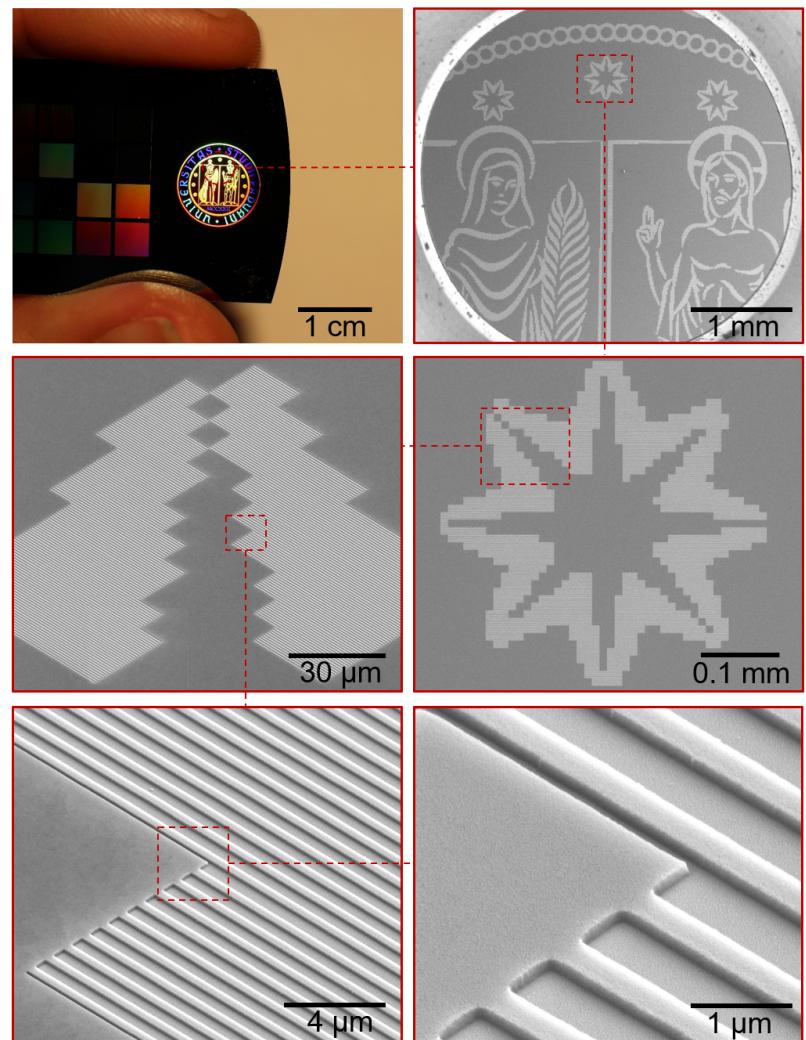
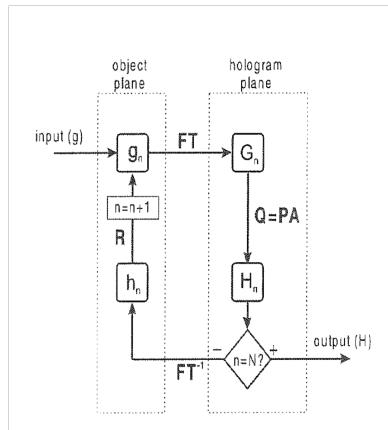
$$d = \frac{\lambda}{n-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= 632.8 \text{ nm (laser HeNe)} \\ n &\sim 1.5 \text{ (glass)} \end{aligned}$$

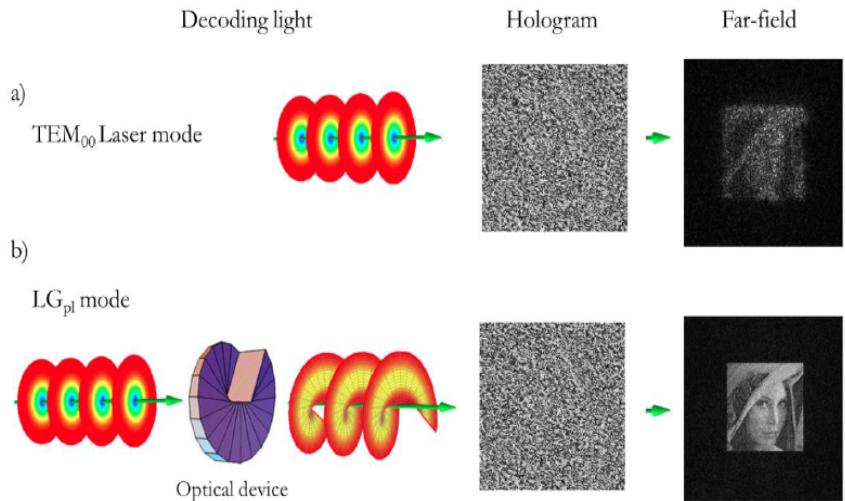
$$\rightarrow d \sim 1265 \text{ nm}$$



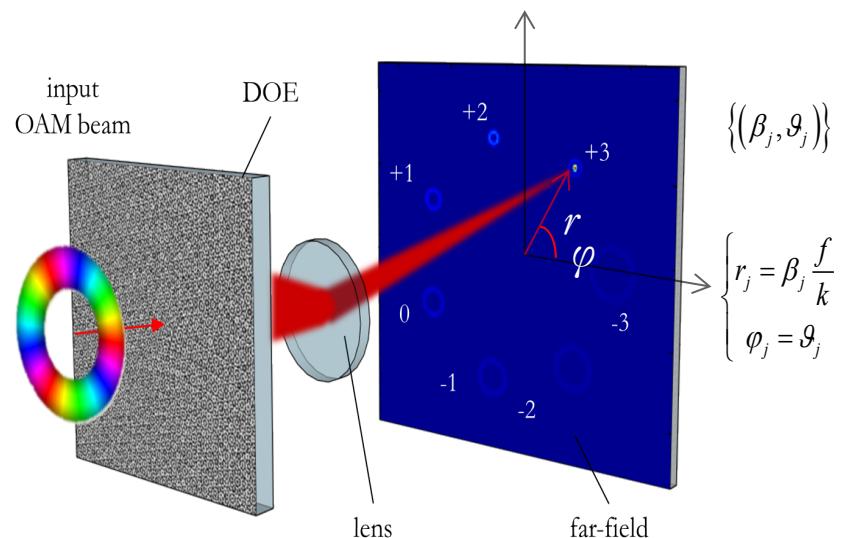
Iterative Fourier Transform Algorithm (IFTA)  
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# Holorams for twisted light

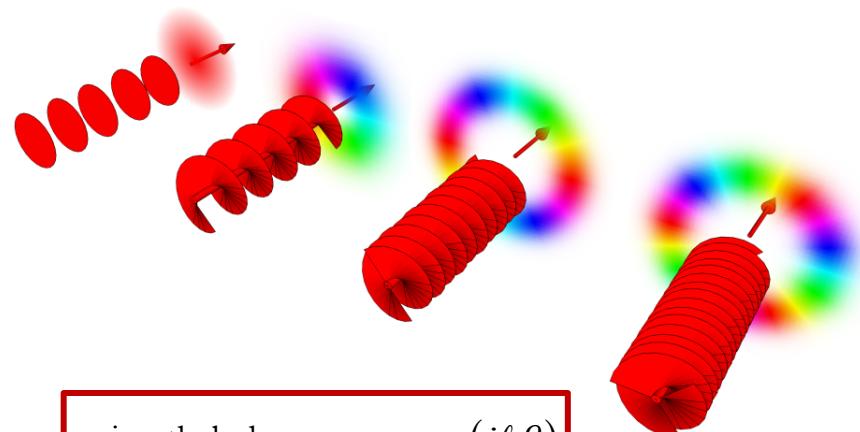
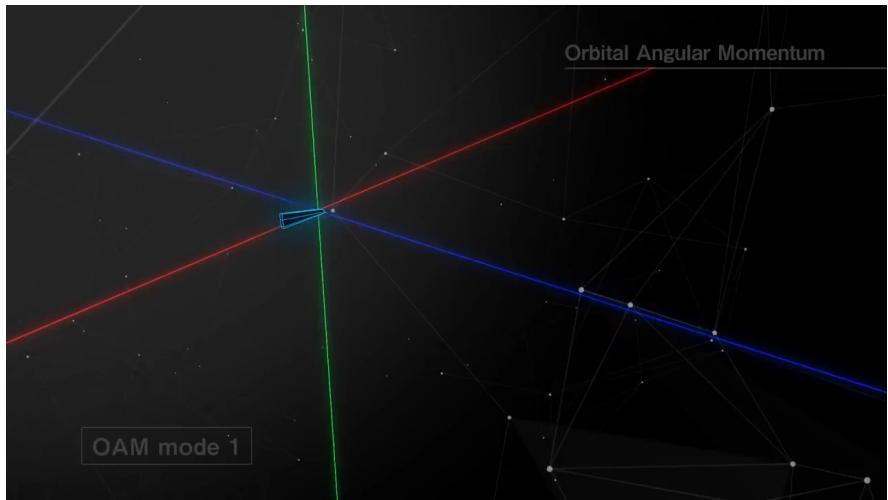


Diffractive optics for modal decomposition into a harmonic set: OAM-mode analyzer



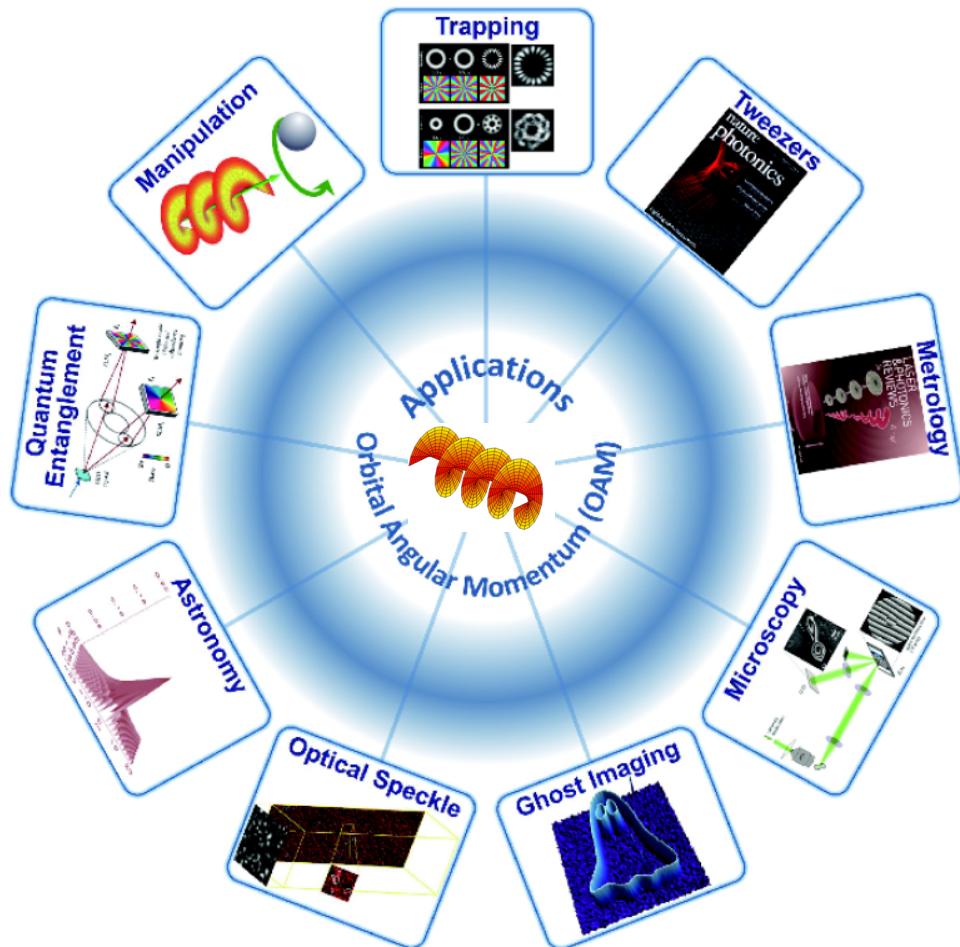
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# The orbital angular momentum (OAM) of light



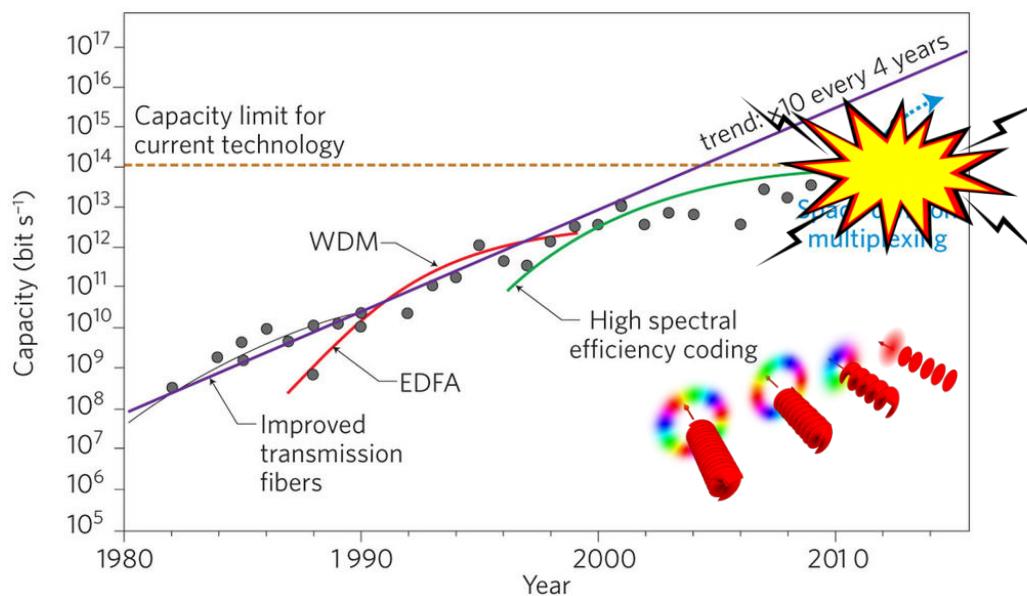
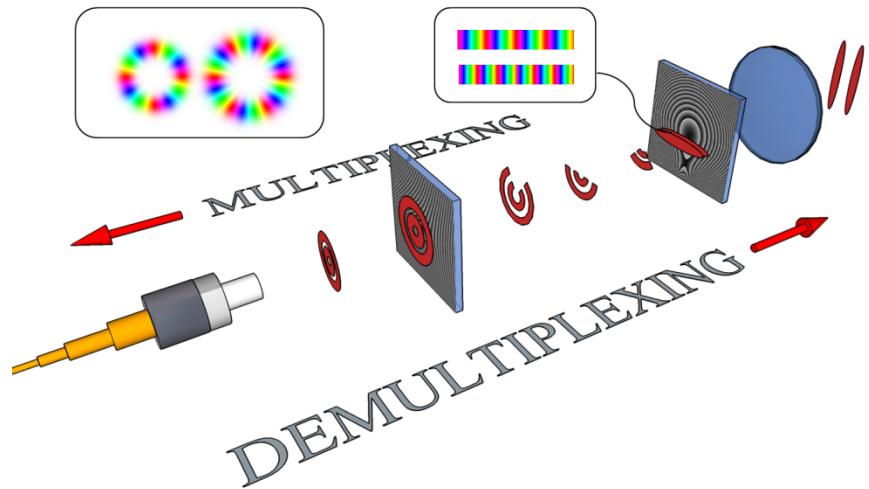
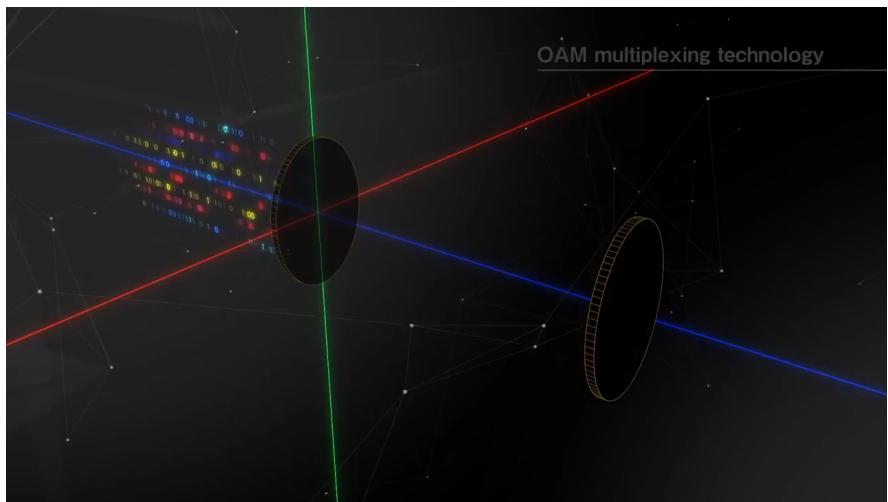
azimuthal phase:

$$\exp(i\ell \vartheta)$$



J. Wang, Science China: Physics, Mechanics and Astronomy, 62, 3, 034201 (2019).

# OAM for information encoding (SDM/MDM)



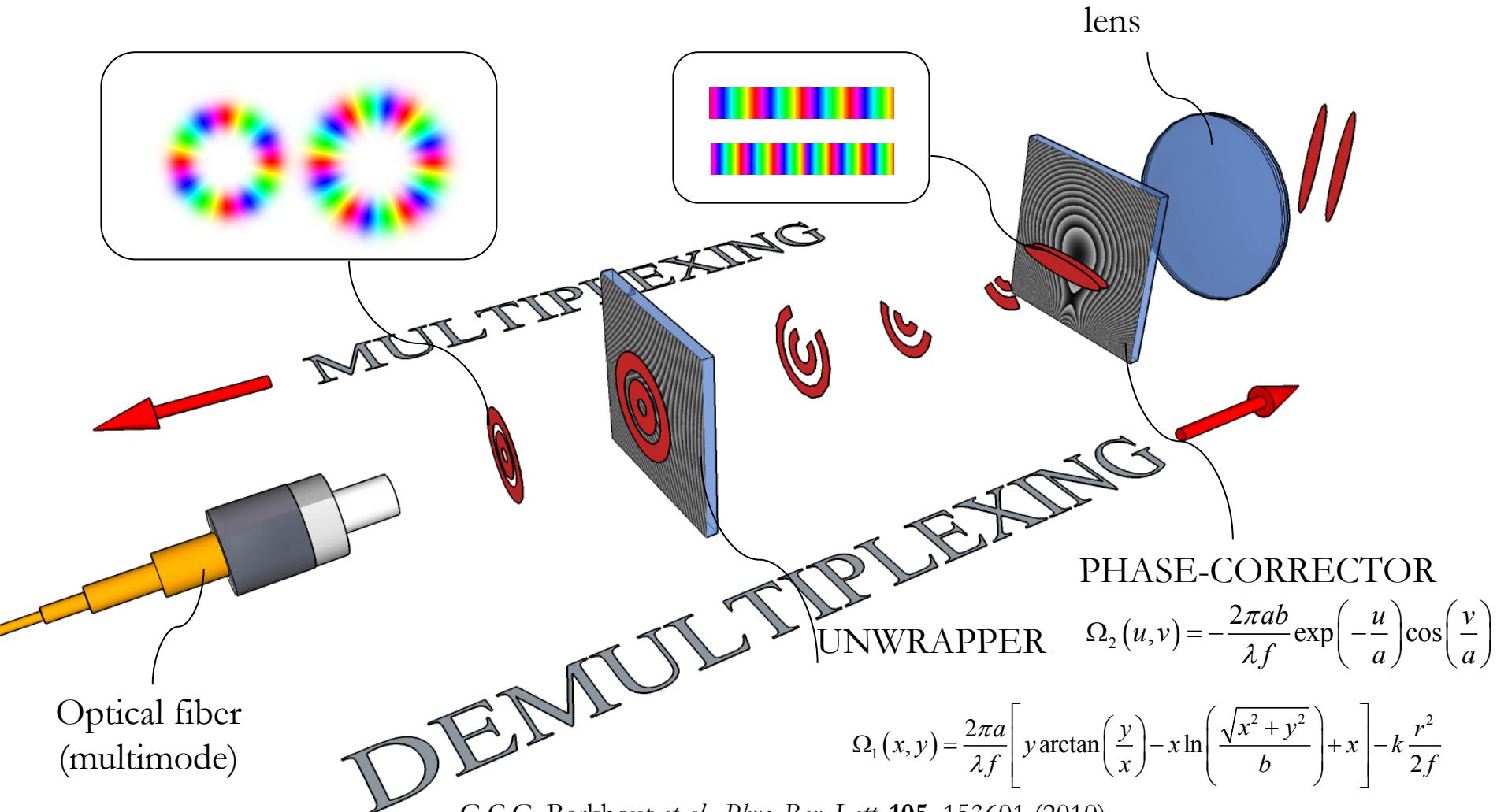
In the last decade, important steps forward the generation and sorting of OAM beams in an efficient and compact way (e.g. log-pol sorter)

However, optical devices are still missing for:

- OAM multiplication
- OAM division
- Routing
- Switching

Is there a solution to manipulate OAM in an efficient and compact way?

# *log-pol* optical transformation

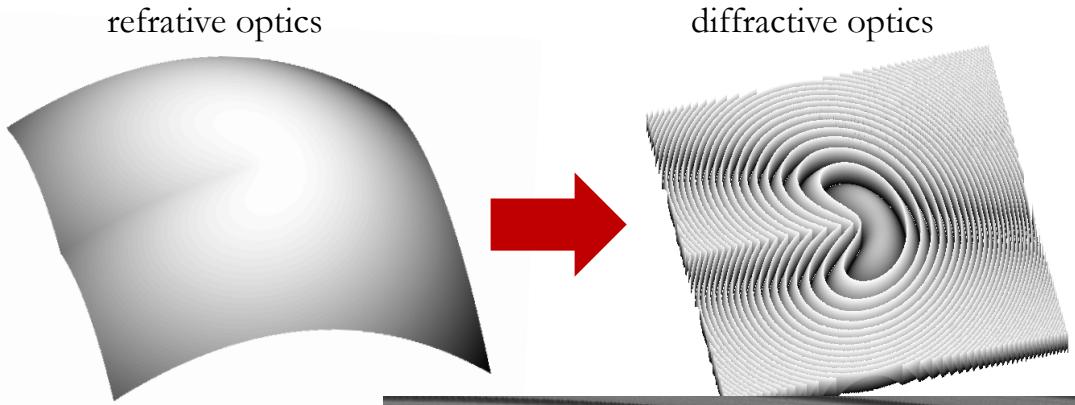
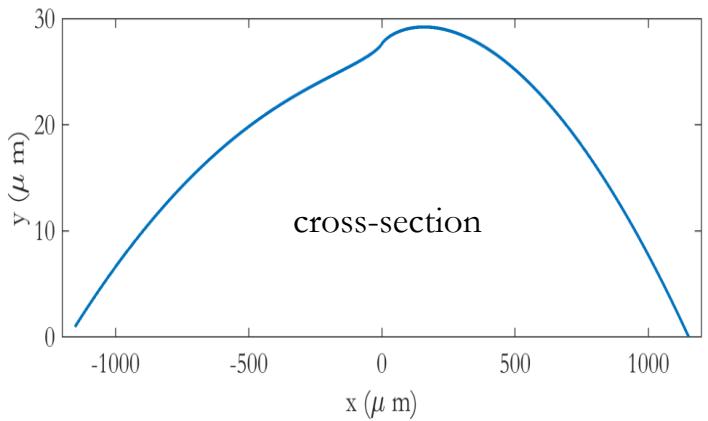


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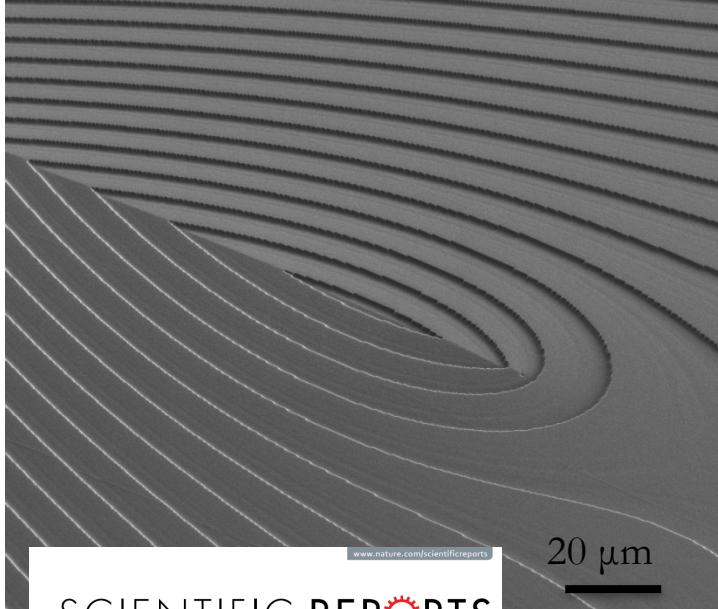
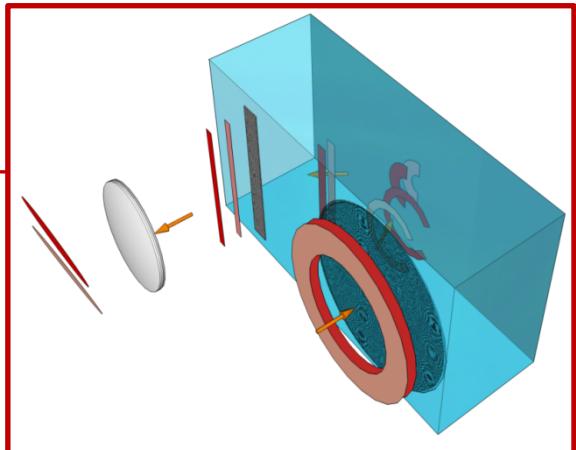
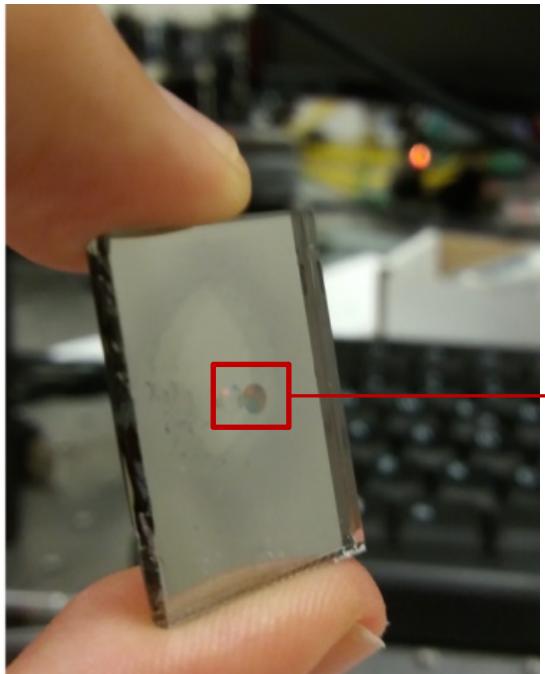
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# Diffractive optics approach (since 2017)



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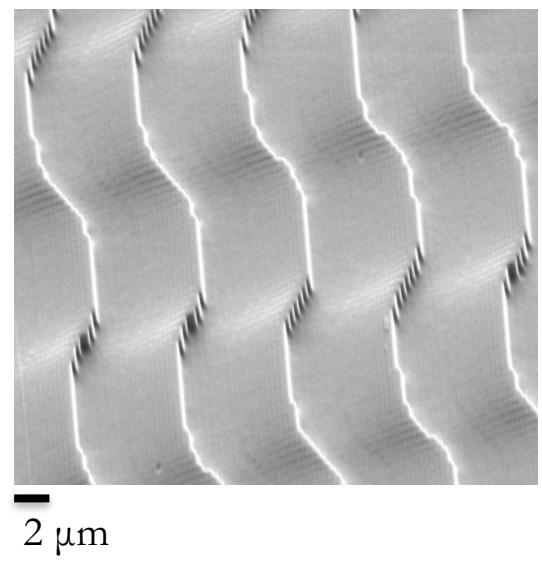
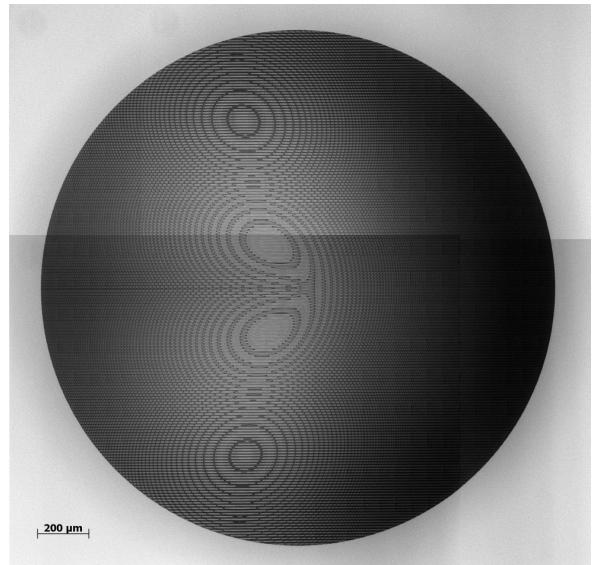
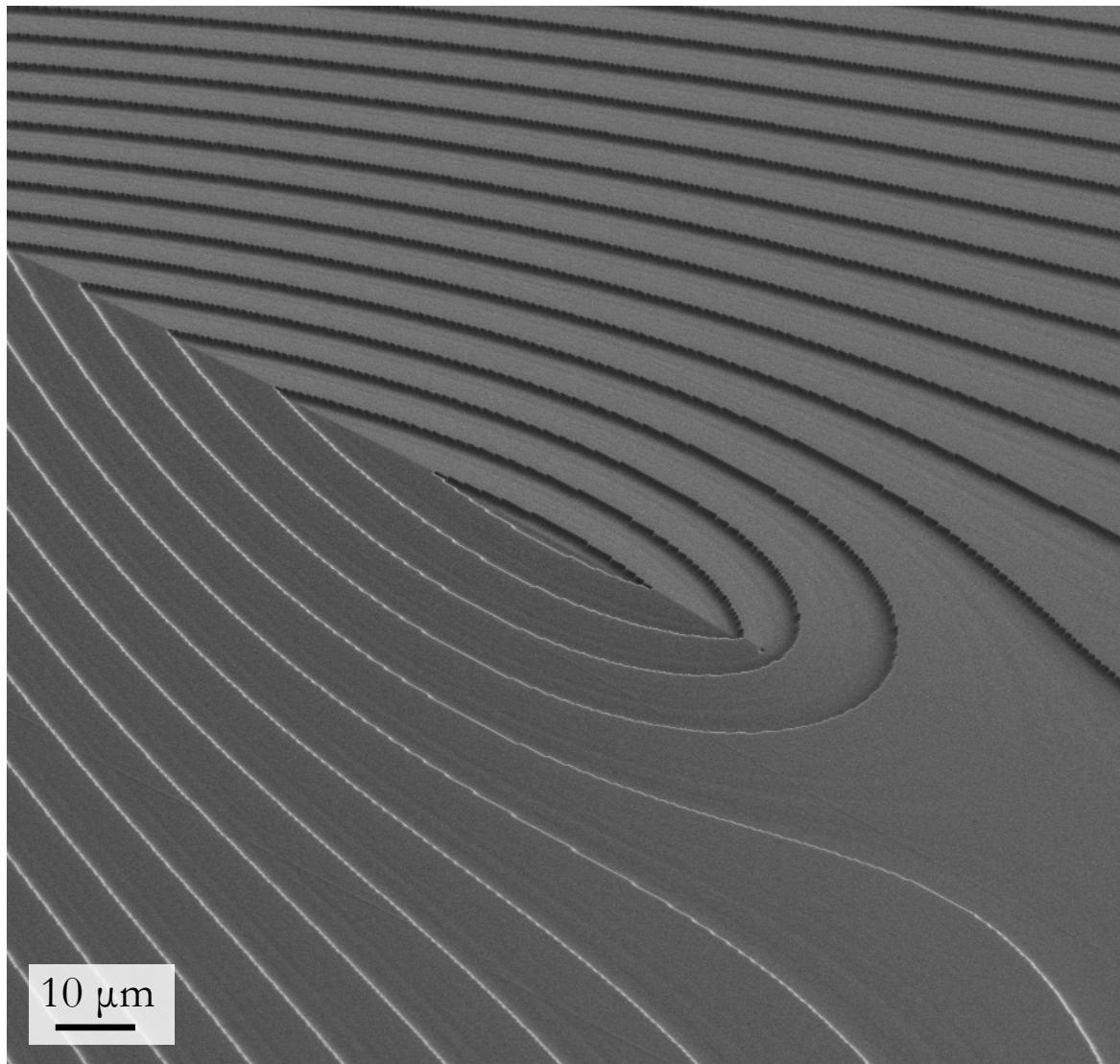
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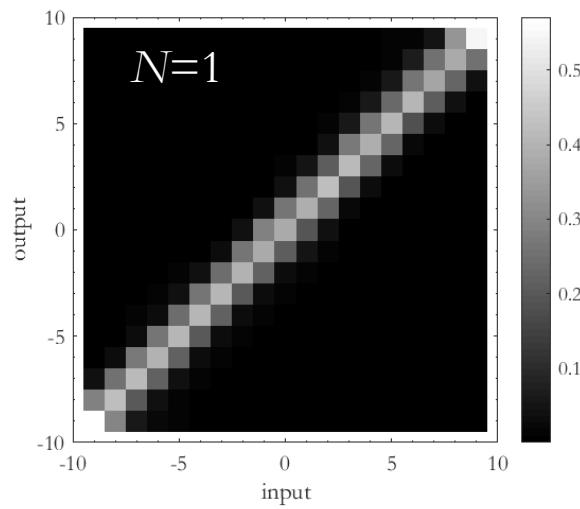
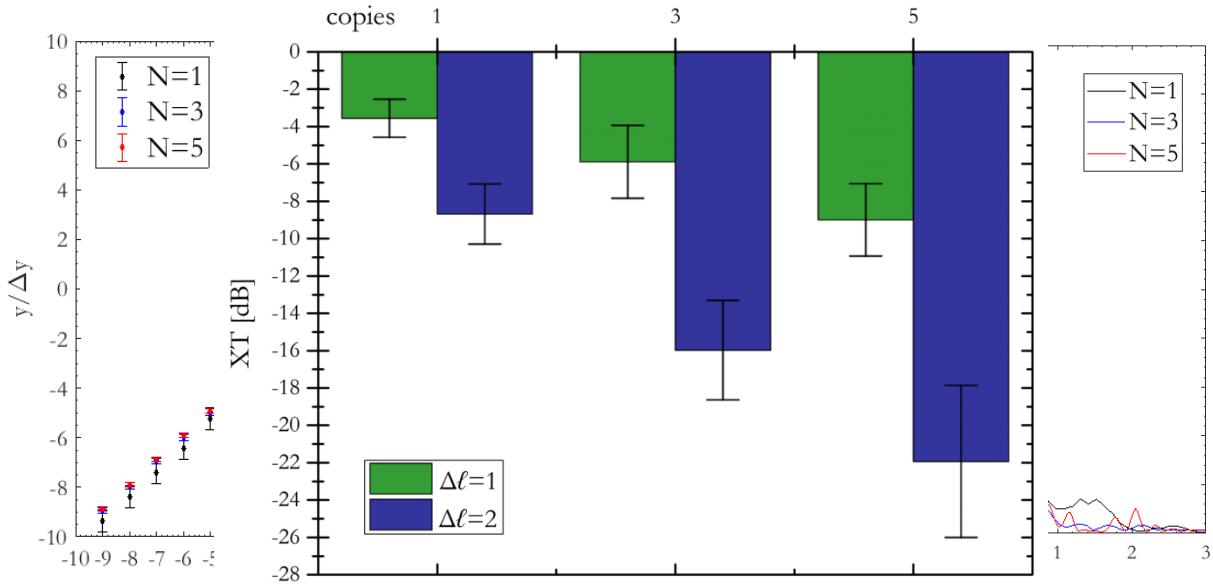
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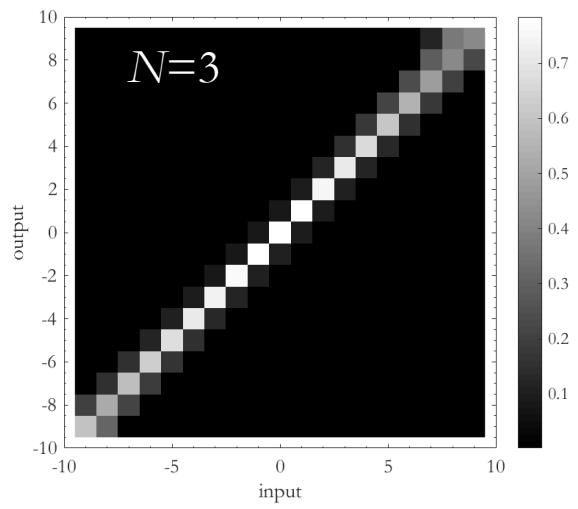
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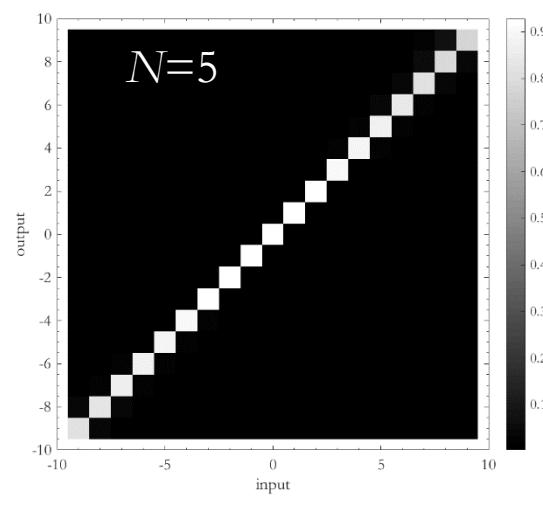
# Optical characterization: cross-talk



$XT(\Delta\ell=1) = -2.32 \text{ dB}$   
 $XT(\Delta\ell=2) = -8.45 \text{ dB}$



$XT(\Delta\ell=1) = -5.79 \text{ dB}$   
 $XT(\Delta\ell=2) = -16.01 \text{ dB}$



$XT(\Delta\ell=1) = -9.13 \text{ dB}$   
 $XT(\Delta\ell=2) = -21.9 \text{ dB}$

# Research outputs on multiplexing (2017-19)



## Test of mode-division multiplexing and demultiplexing in free-space with diffractive transformation optics

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## Diffractive optics for combined spatial- and mode- division demultiplexing of optical vortices: design, fabrication and optical characterization

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## Compact sorting of optical vortices by means of diffractive transformation optics

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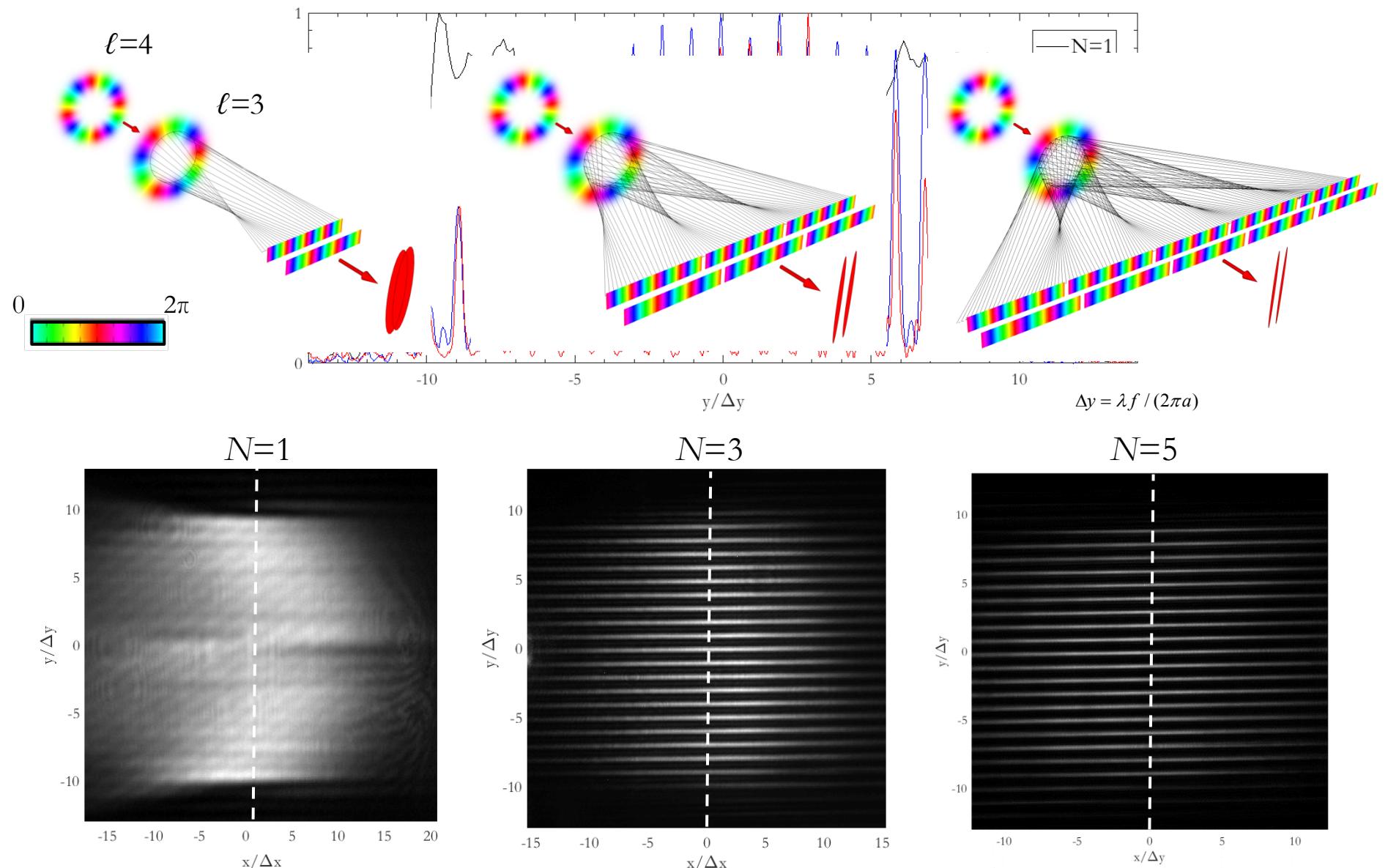
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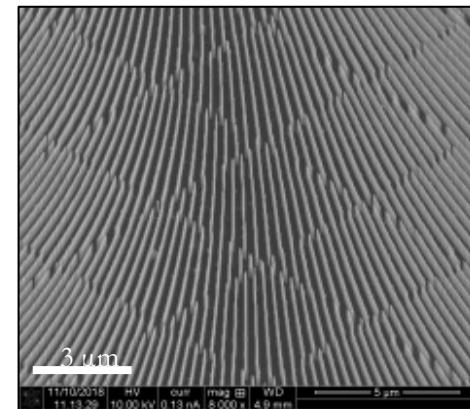
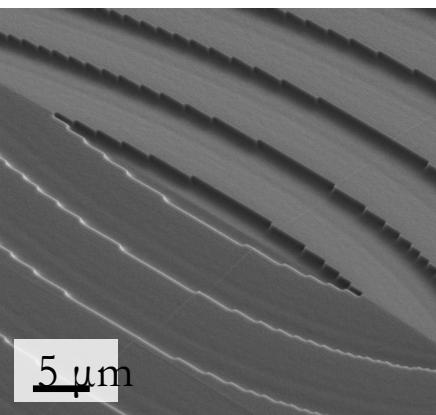
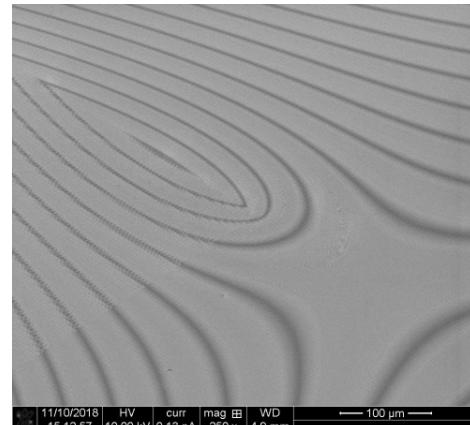
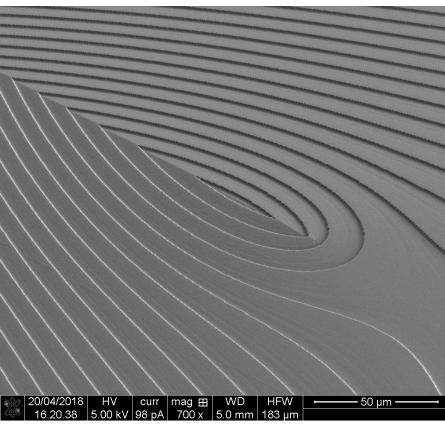
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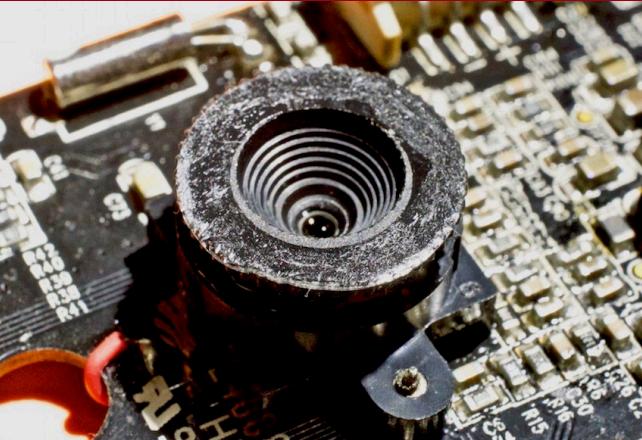
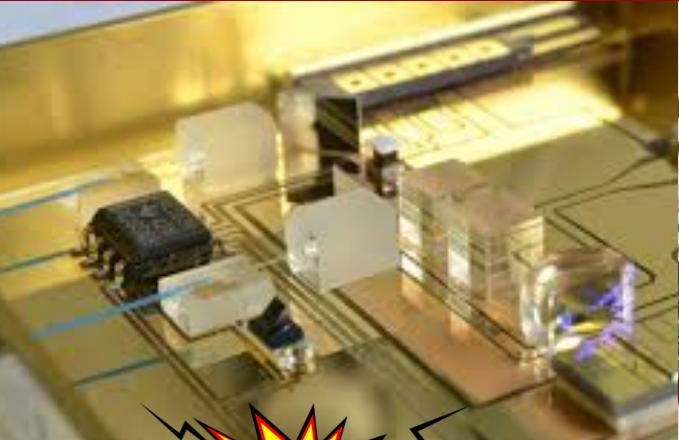
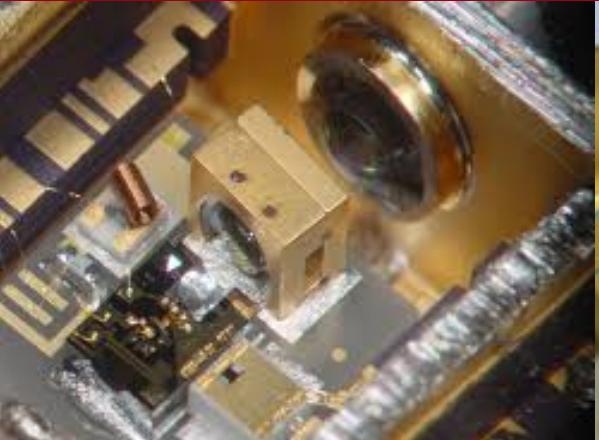
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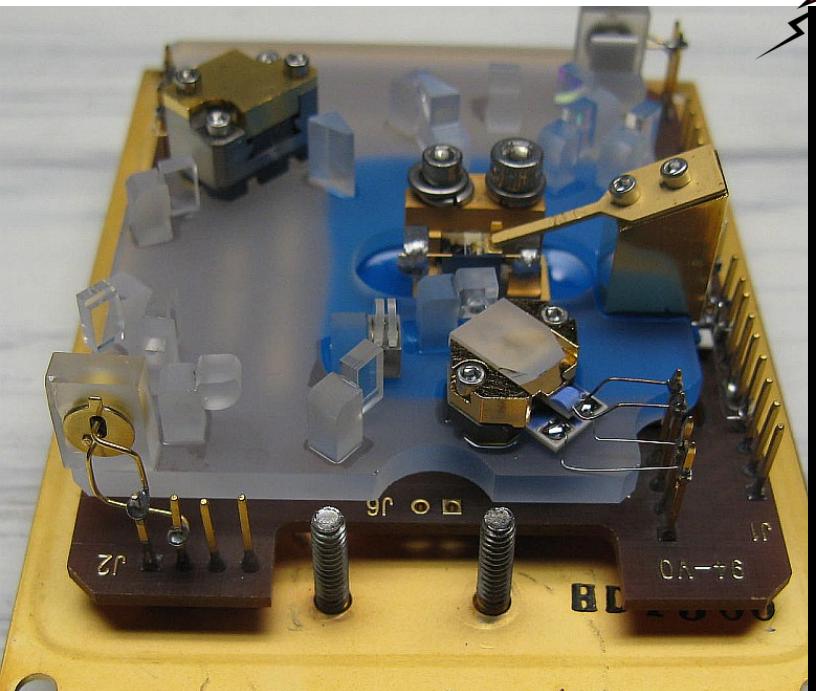
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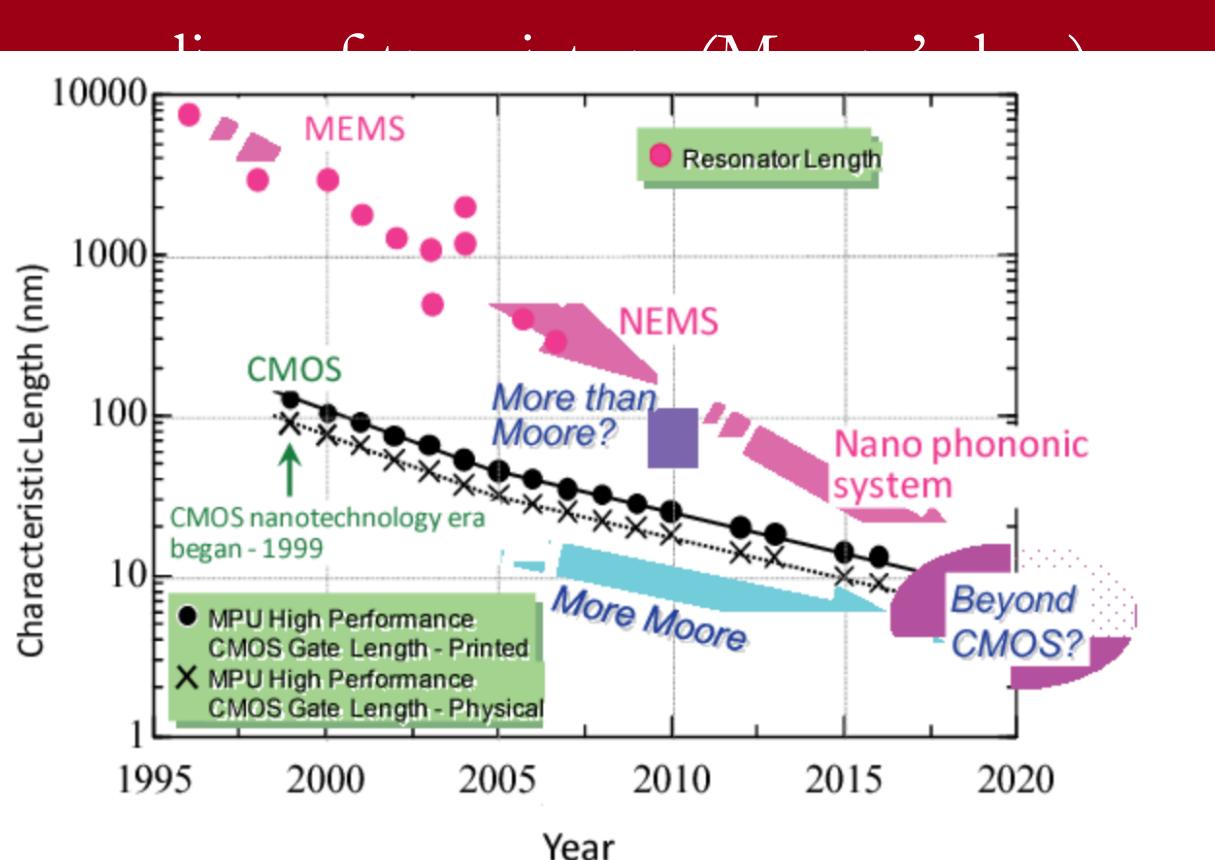


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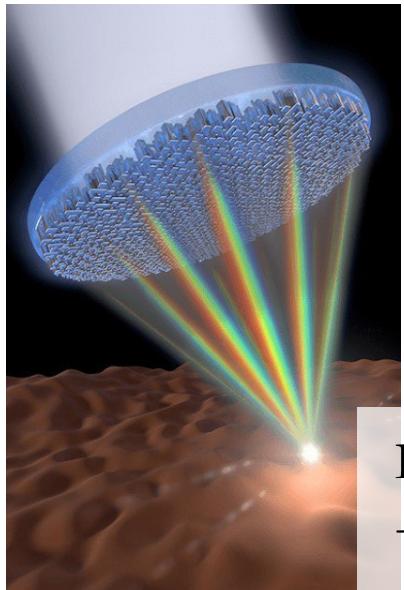
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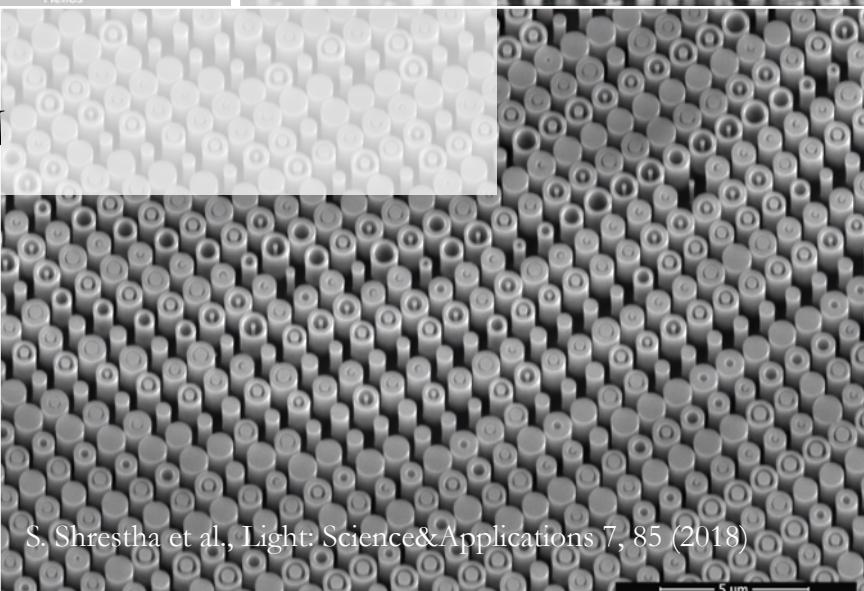
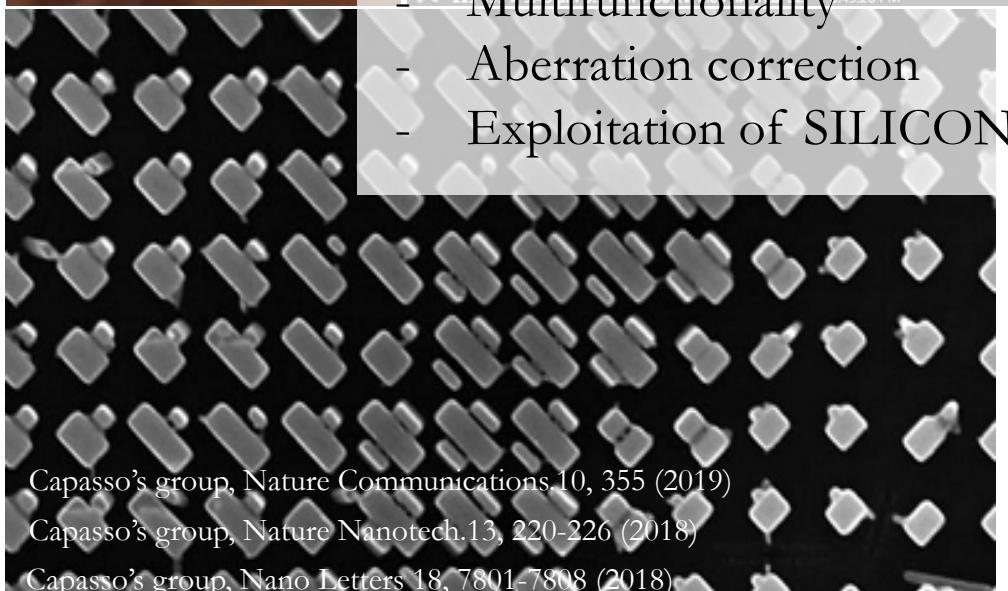


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Revolution in optics:

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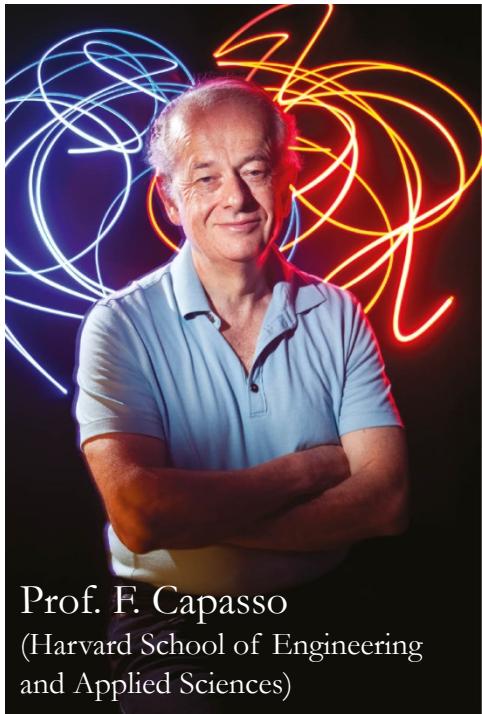
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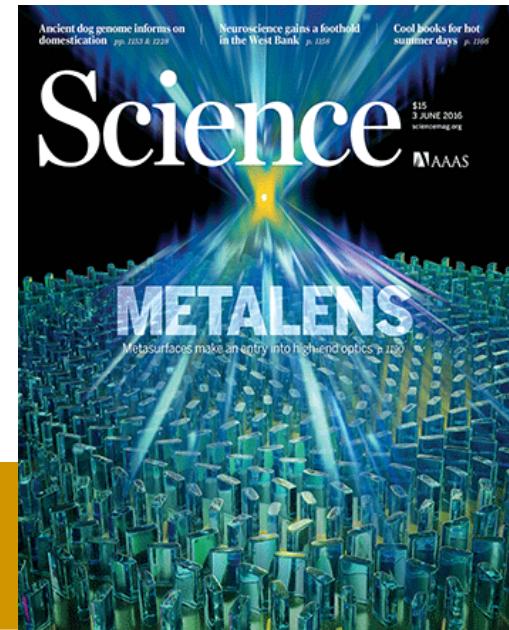
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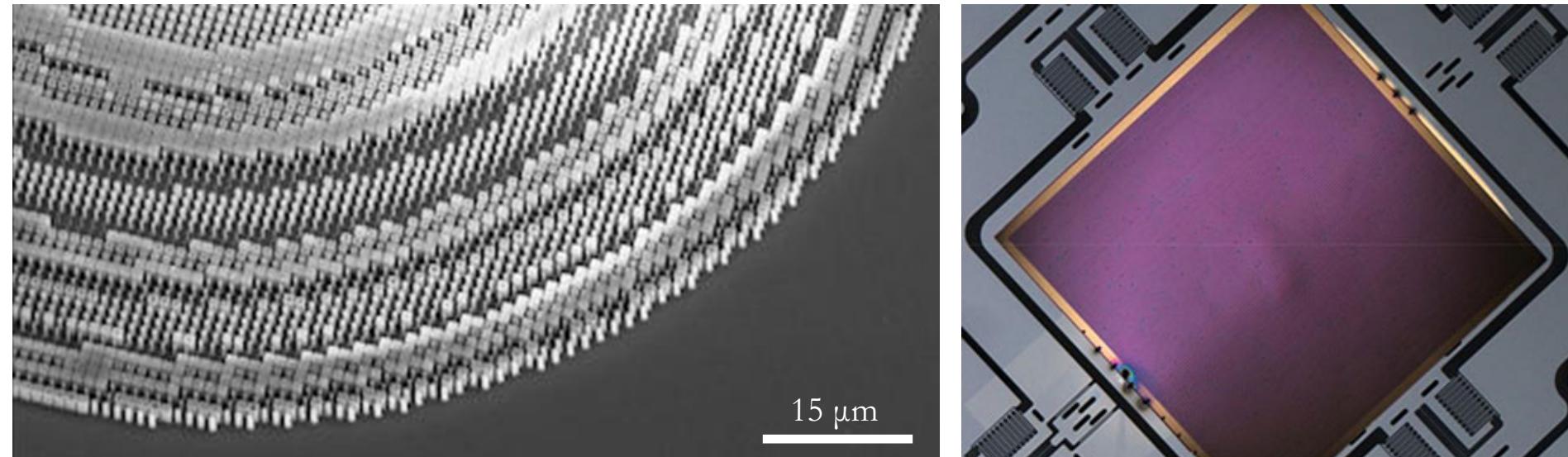
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# Metalenses: the optical (r)evolution

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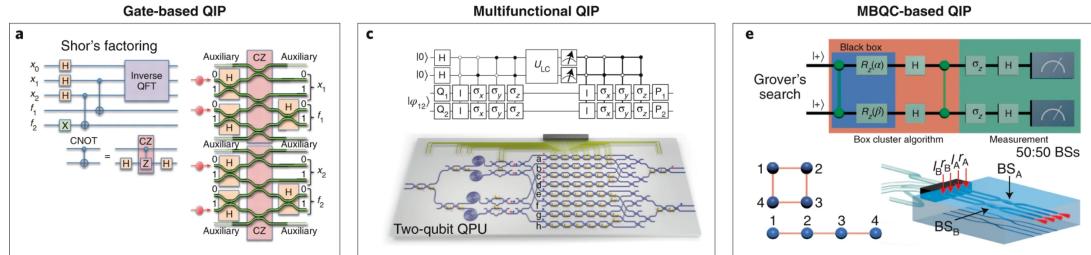
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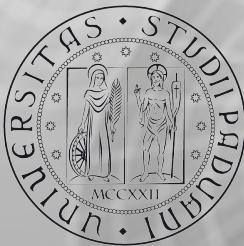
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## Multiplication and Division of the Orbital Angular Momentum

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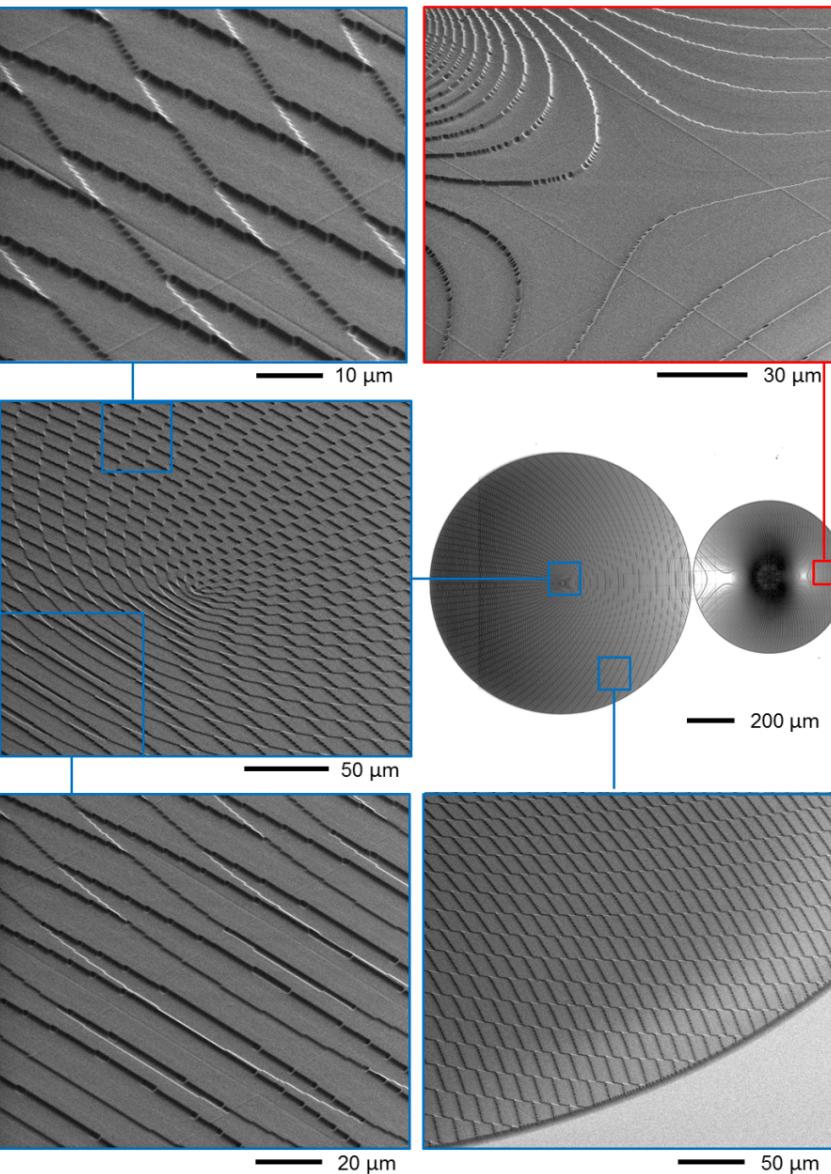
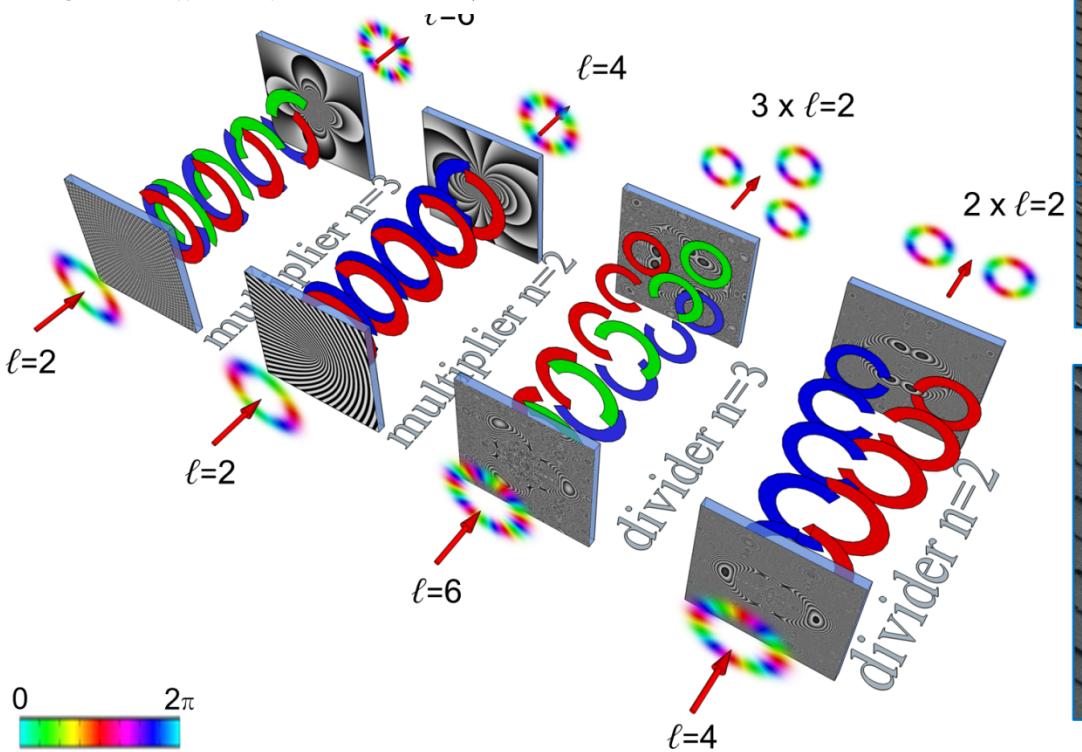
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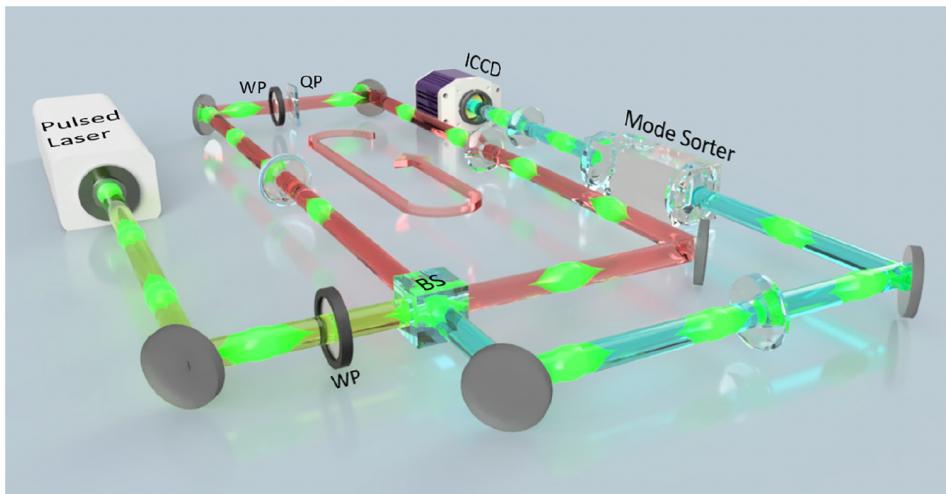
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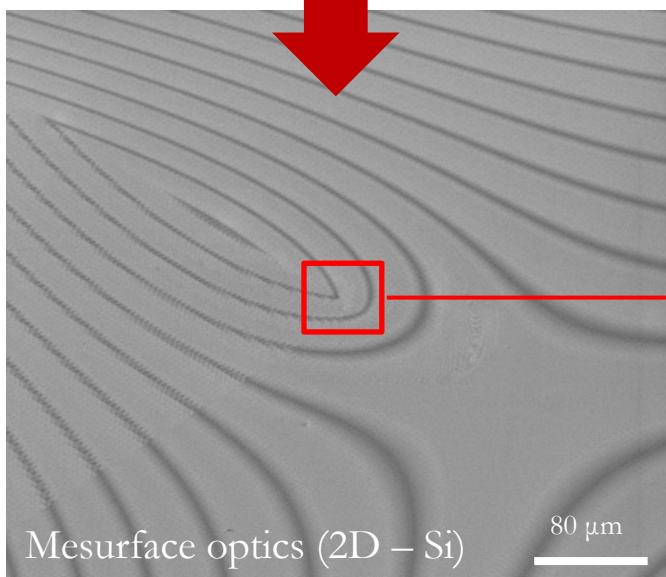
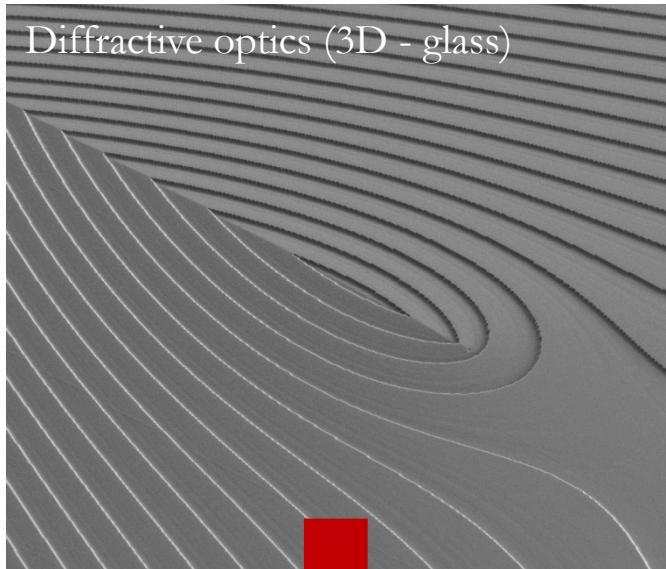
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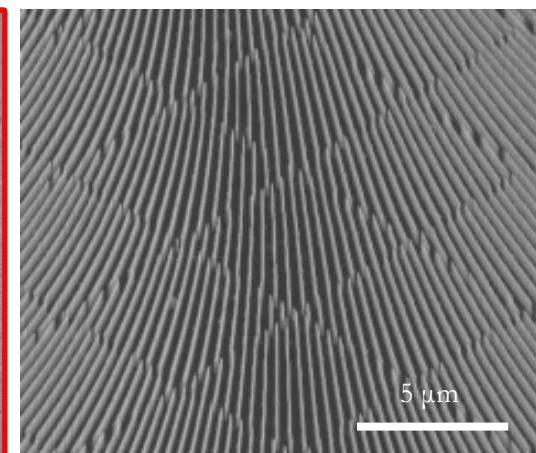
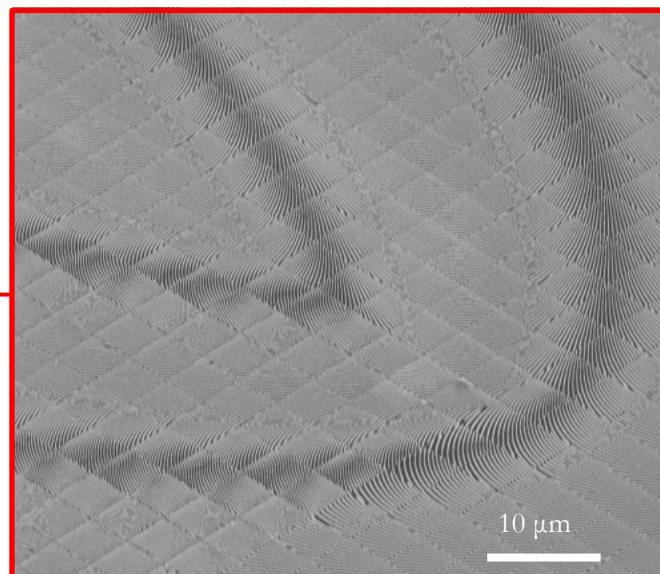
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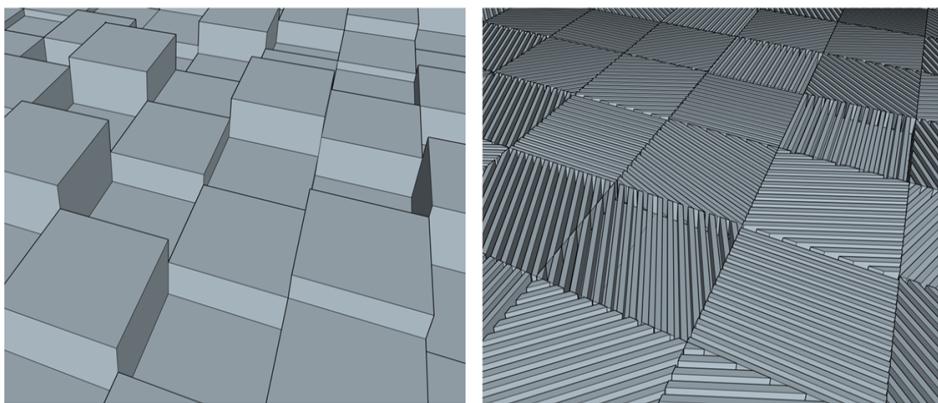
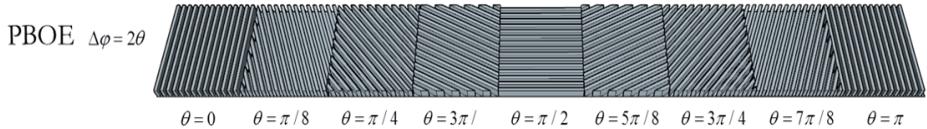
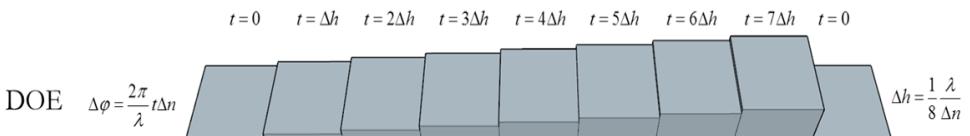
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Subwavelength gratings  
in Silicon

# Pancharatnam-Berry optical elements

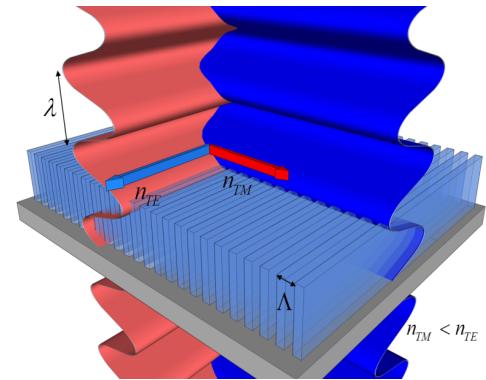


If  $\delta=\pi$ , the system acts as a pure phase element with polarization conversion:

$$T\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} = H\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix} = -H^*\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} \quad H(x, y) = \exp[2i\theta(x, y)]$$

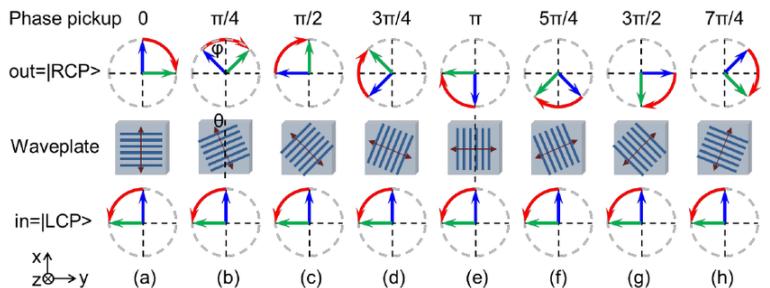
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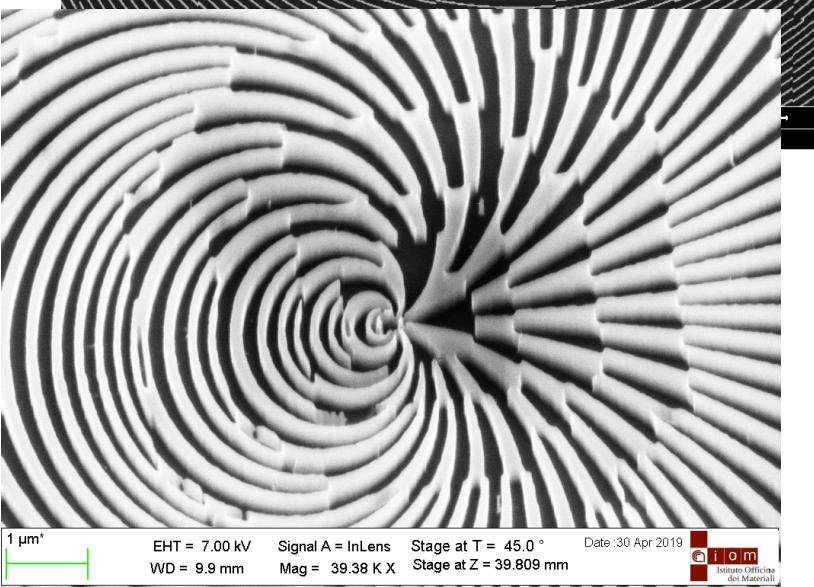
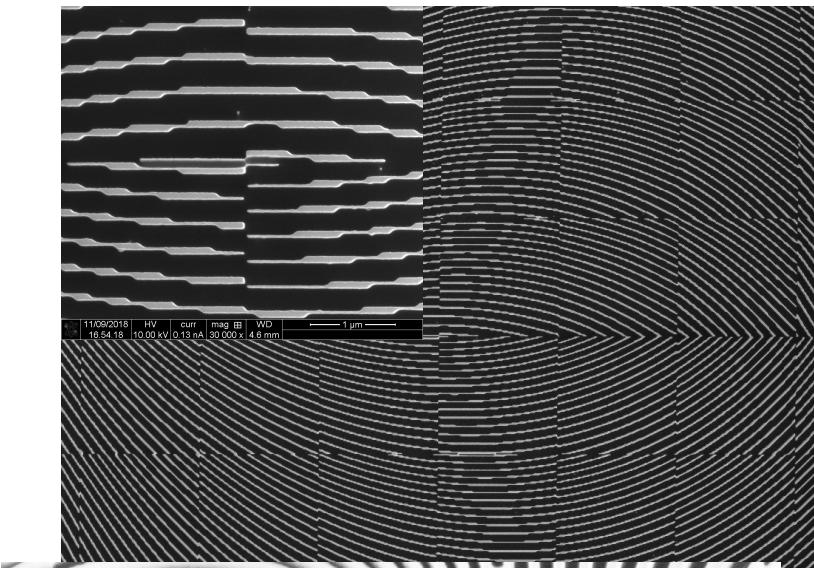
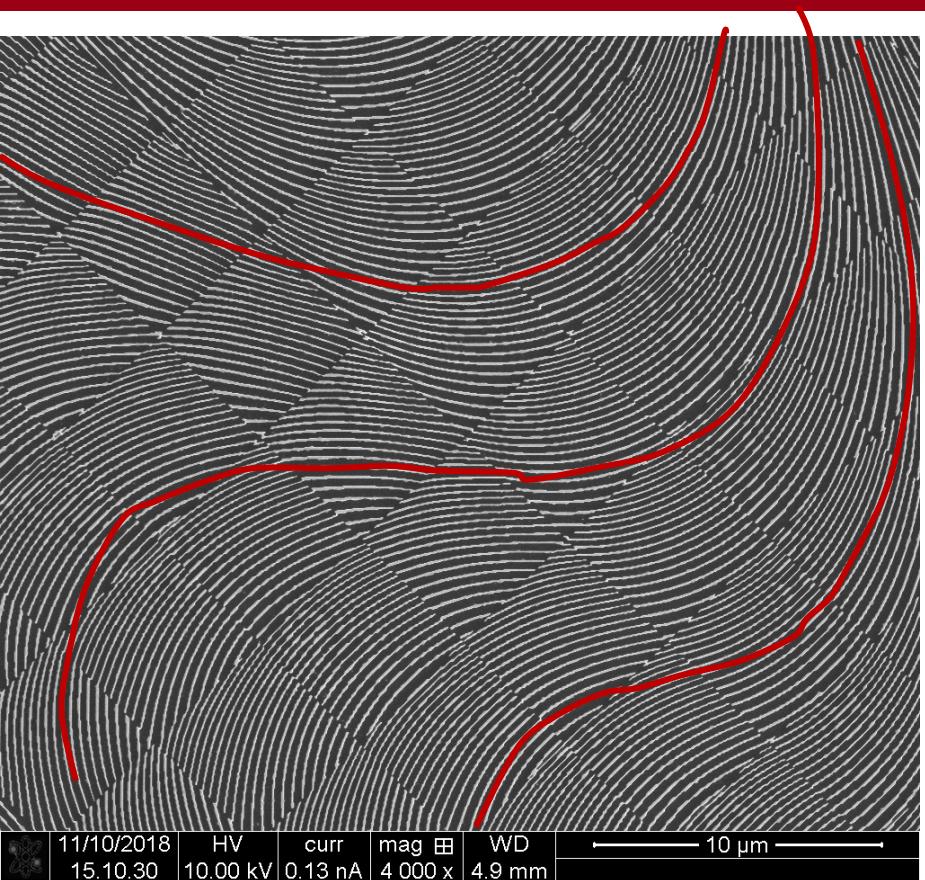
Diffractive optics as space-variant subwavelength gratings:

$$T\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} = \cos(\delta/2)\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} - i \sin(\delta/2)e^{+2i\theta}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$$

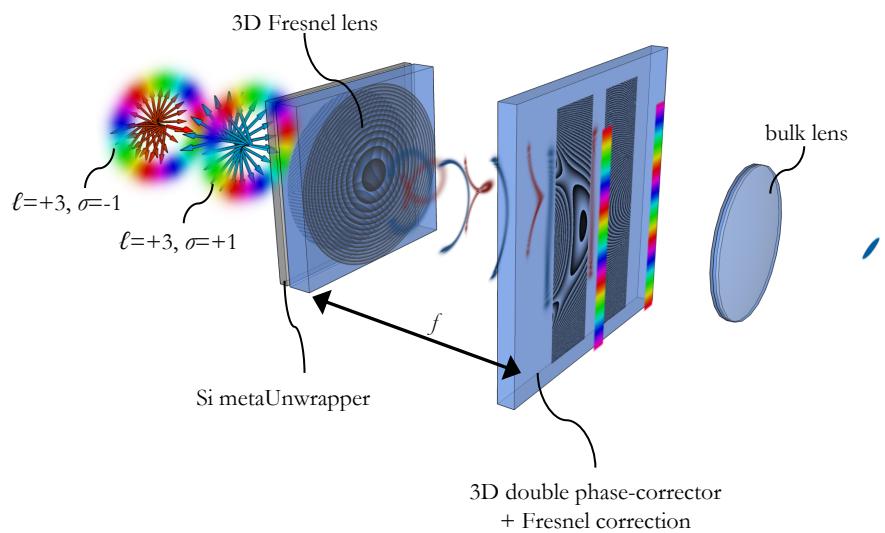
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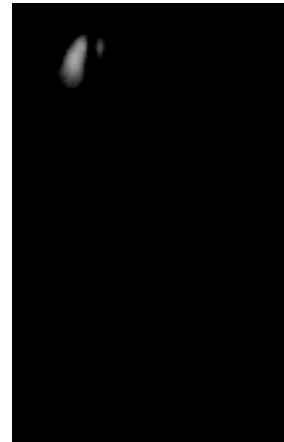
# Metalenses structure



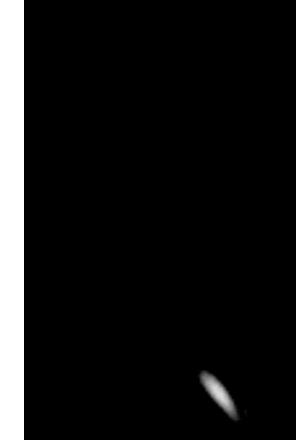
# Sorting scheme $\ell$ in the range from -10 to +10



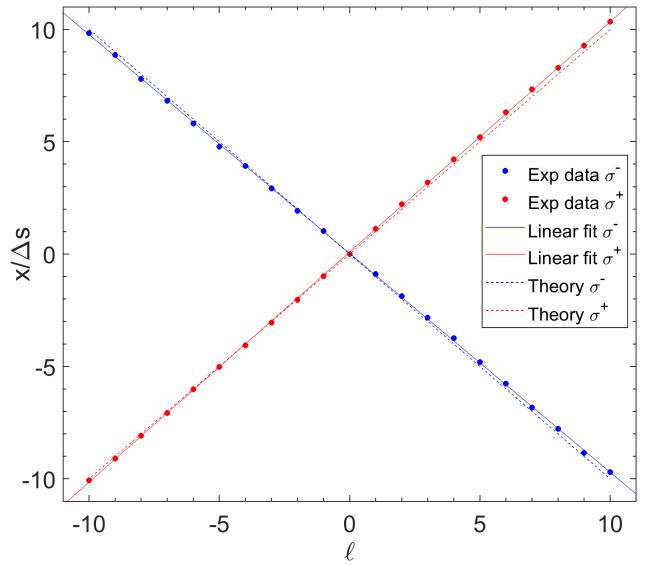
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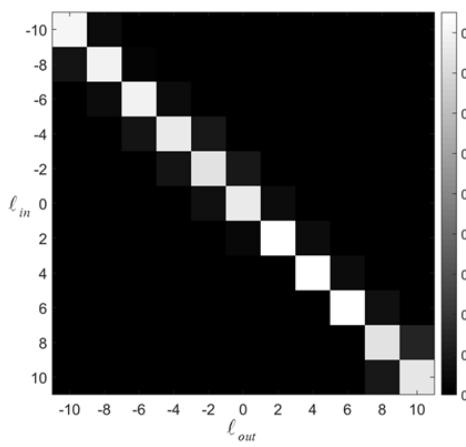
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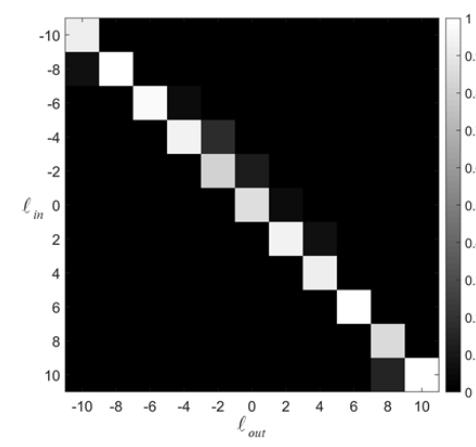
$$XT \sim -6dB$$



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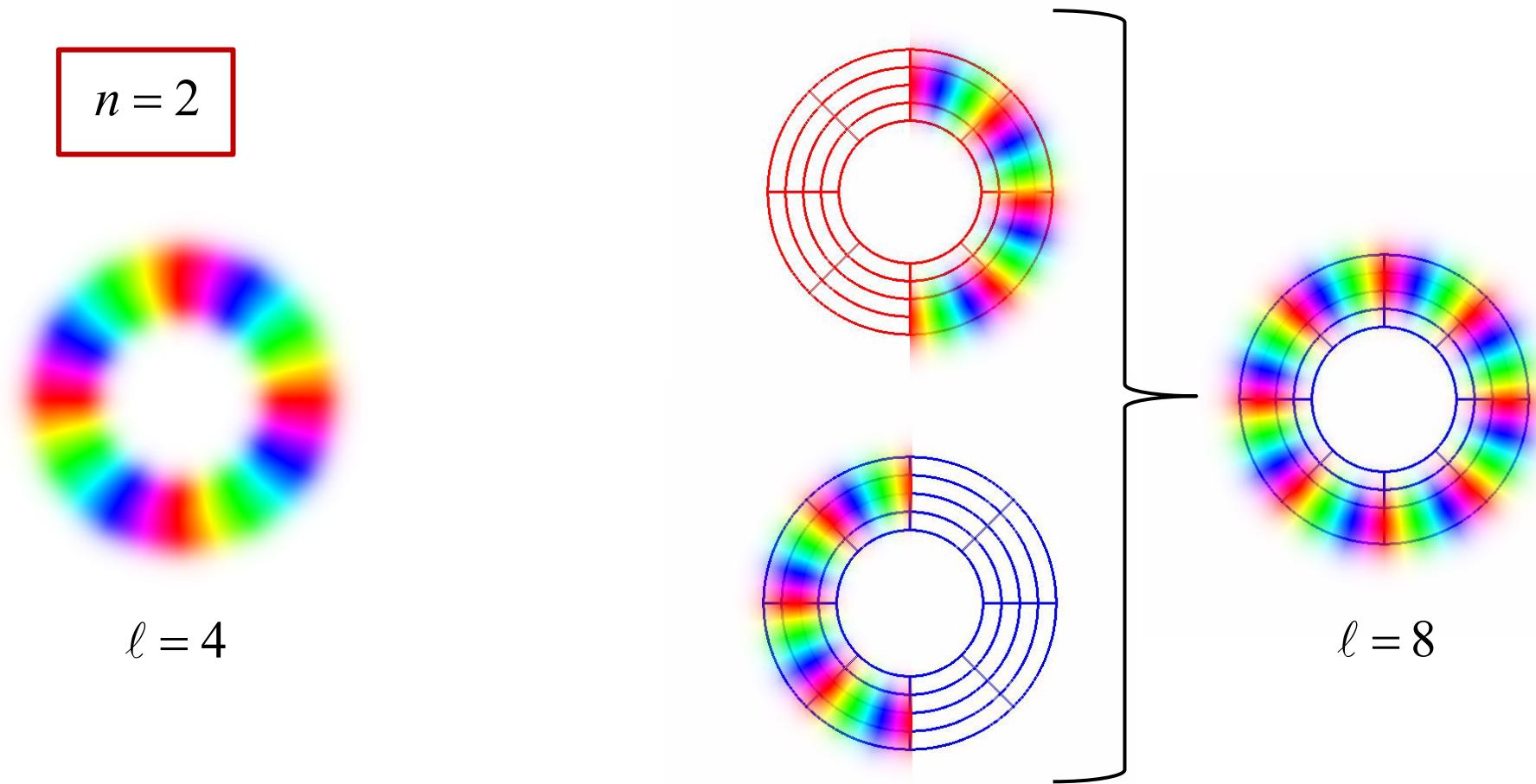


$\sigma = +1$



# How to multiply the OAM?

The idea is to split the beam and project each copy onto complementary circular sectors:



# Key-element: circular-sector transformation

The transformation maps conformally the whole azimuthal gradient onto a circular sector  $2\pi/n$

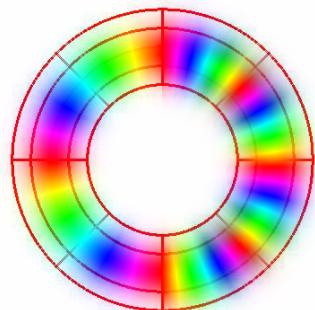
$$\vartheta \longrightarrow \varphi = \frac{\vartheta}{n}$$

$$r \longrightarrow \rho = a \left( \frac{r}{b} \right)^{-1/n}$$

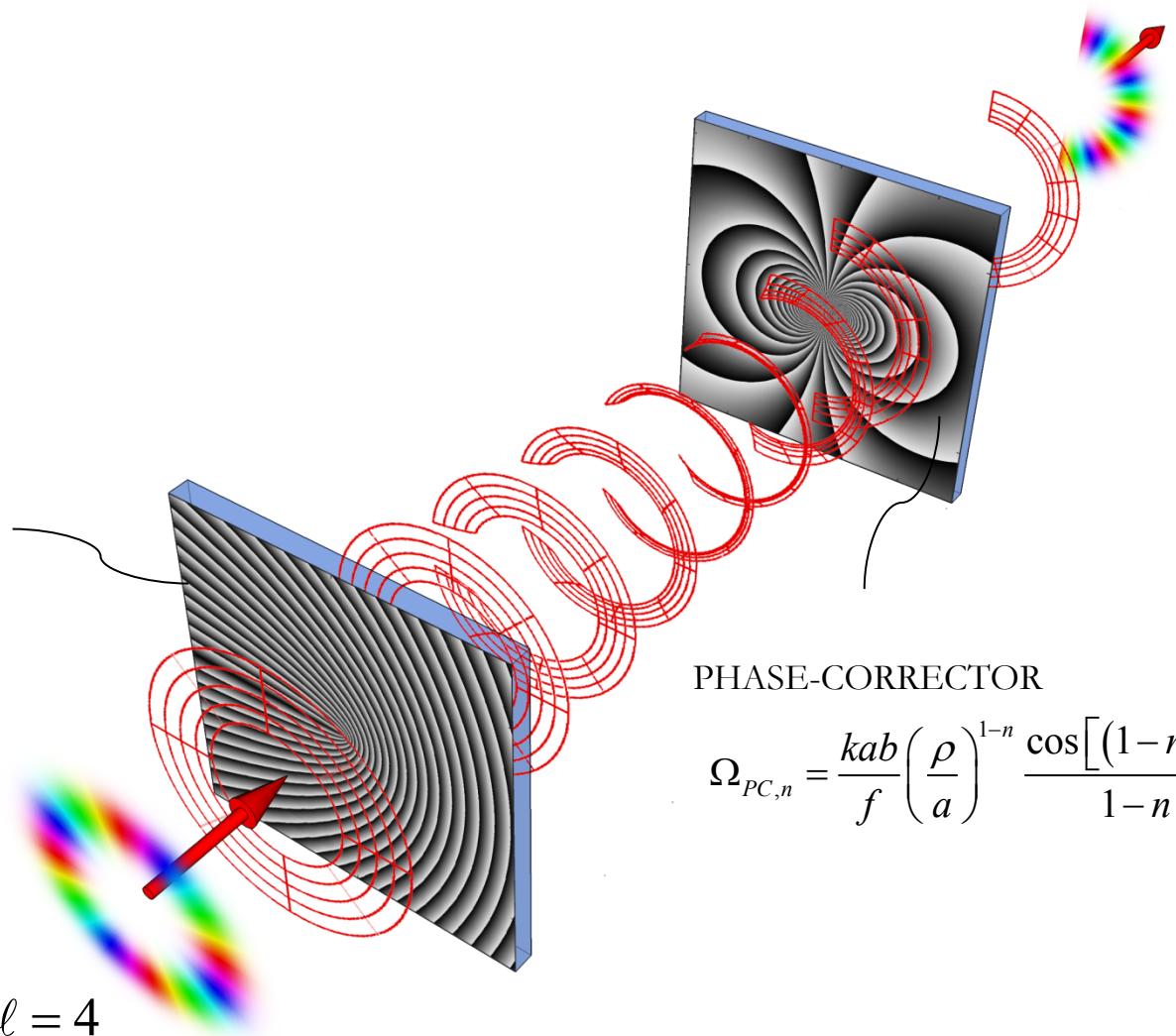
Two phase elements are required

TRANSFORMER

$$\Omega_{S,n} = \frac{kab}{f} \left( \frac{r}{b} \right)^{1-1/n} \frac{\cos \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \vartheta \right]}{1 - \frac{1}{n}}$$



$$\ell = 4$$



# The OAM multiplier

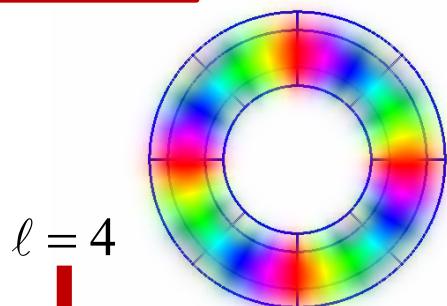
The n-fold multiplier is the combination of n circular-sector transformations:

MULTIPLIER

$$\Omega_{S,n}^{(j)} = \frac{kab}{f} \left( \frac{r}{b} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{n}} \cdot \frac{\cos \left[ g \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) + (j-1) \frac{2\pi}{n} \right]}{1 - \frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\Omega_{M,n} = \arg \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n e^{i\Omega_{S,n}^{(j)}} \right\}$$

$n = 2$

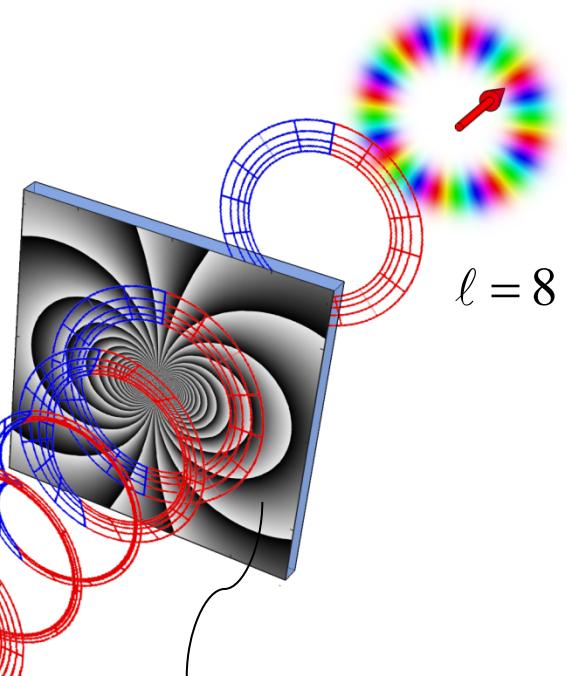


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 $\ell = 8$

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PHASE-CORRECTOR

$$\Omega_{PC,n} = \frac{2\pi ab}{\lambda f} \left( \frac{\rho}{a} \right)^{1-n} \frac{\cos[(1-n)\varphi]}{1-n}$$

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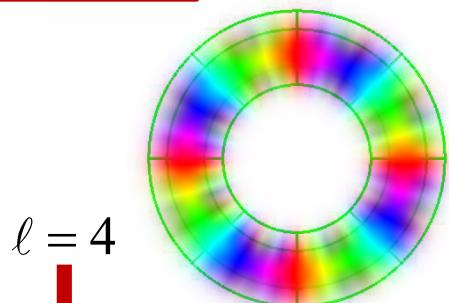
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$n = 3$



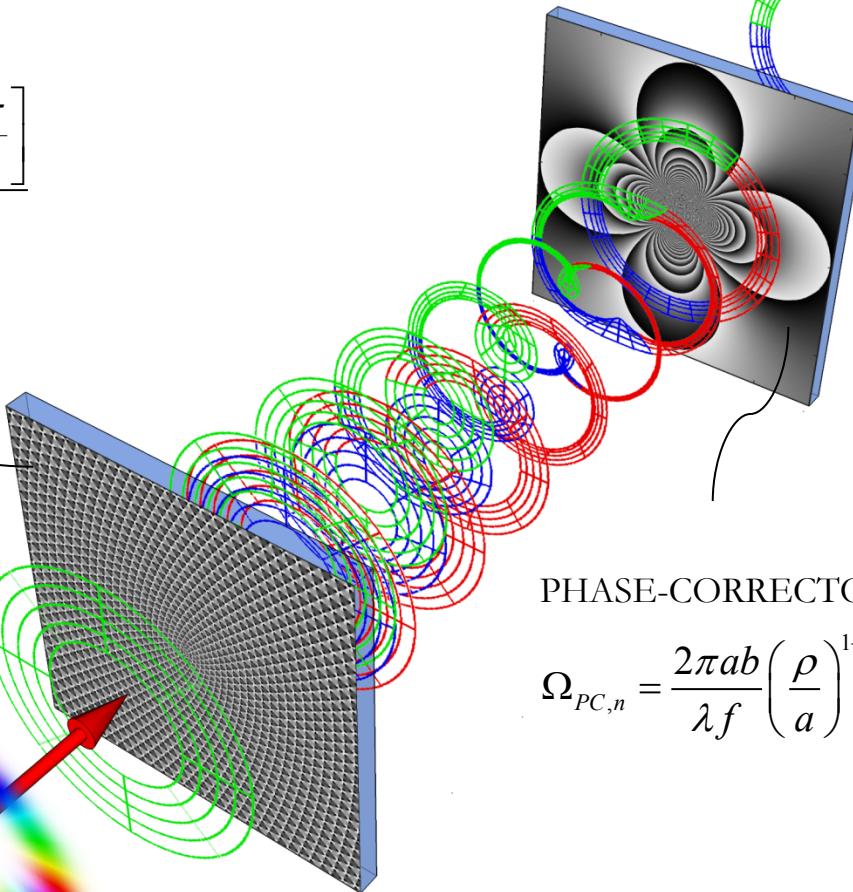
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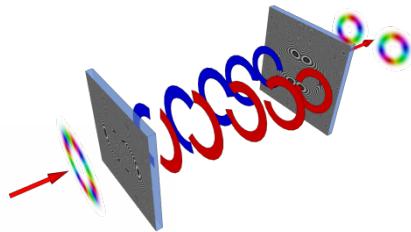
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# The OAM divider

Division is performed using the inverse optical operations. The input beam is split into  $n$  OAM beams carrying  $1/n$  the input OAM:

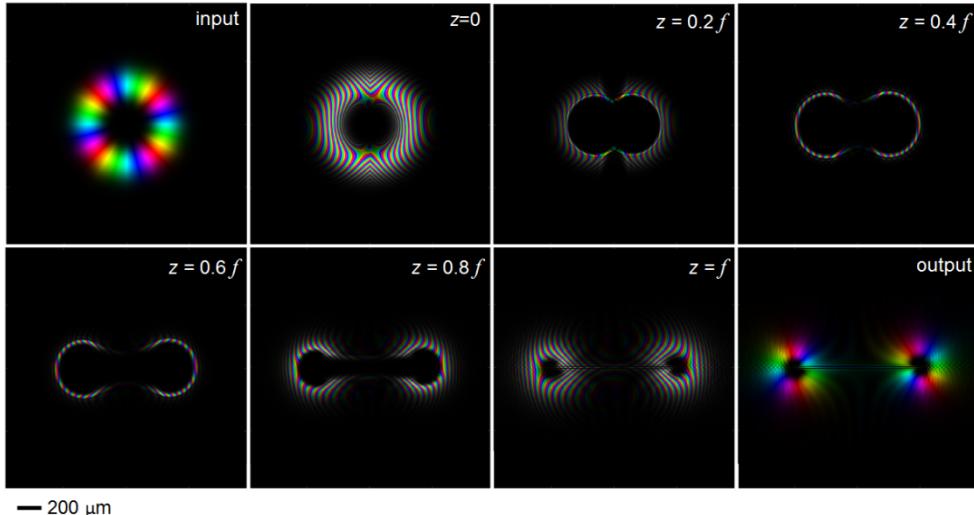
$$n = 1/2$$



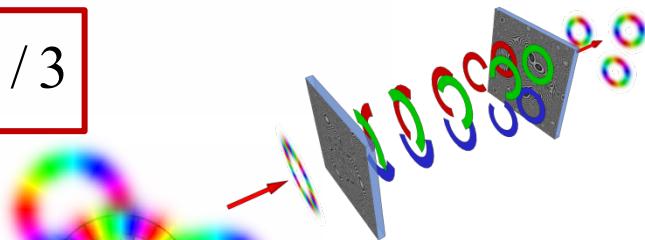
$$\ell = 4$$

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$$2 \times (\ell = 2)$$



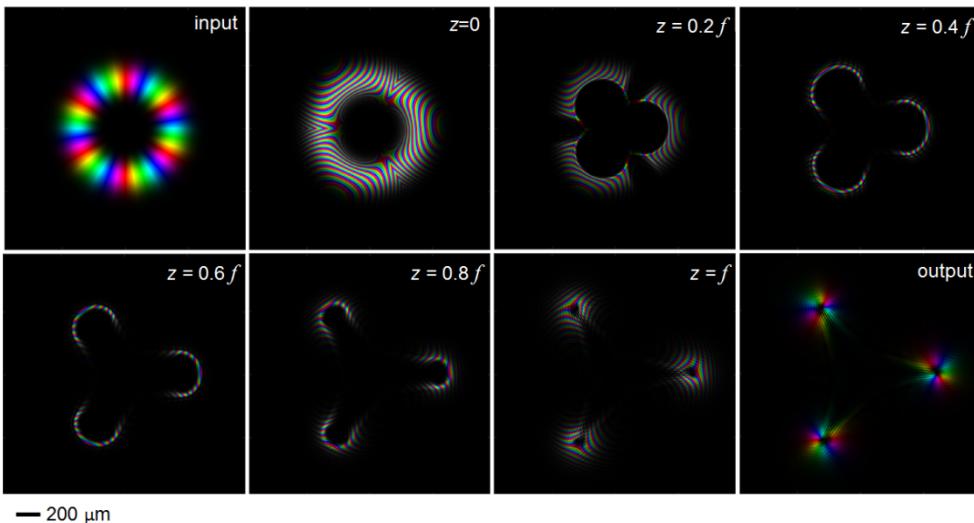
$$n = 1/3$$



$$\ell = 6$$

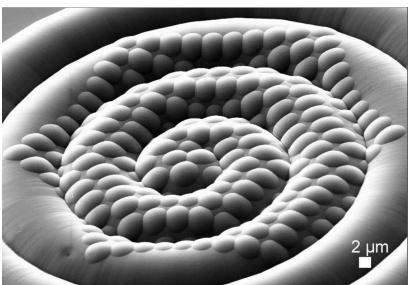
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$$3 \times (\ell = 2)$$

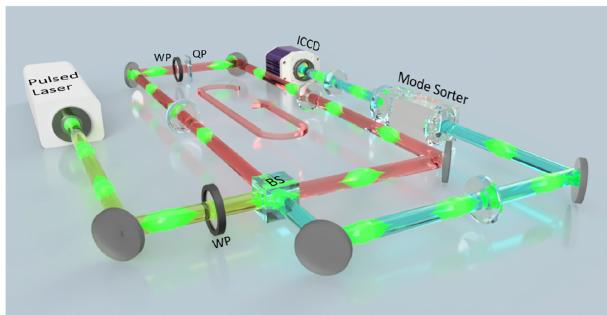


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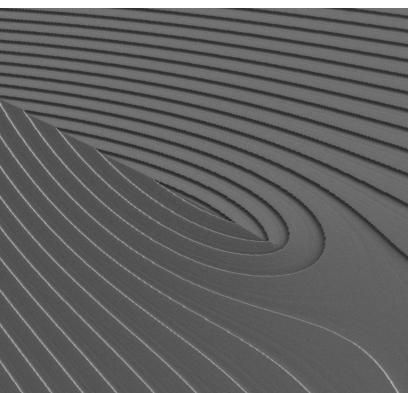
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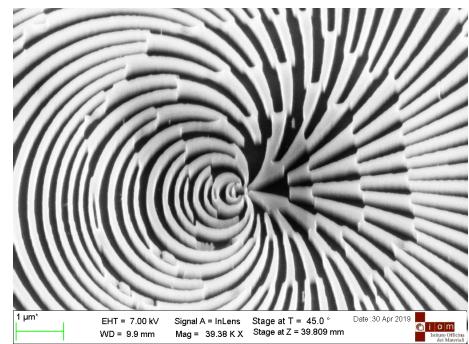
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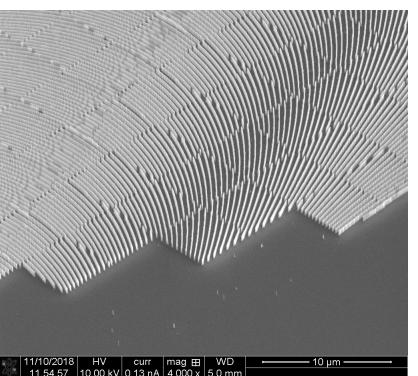
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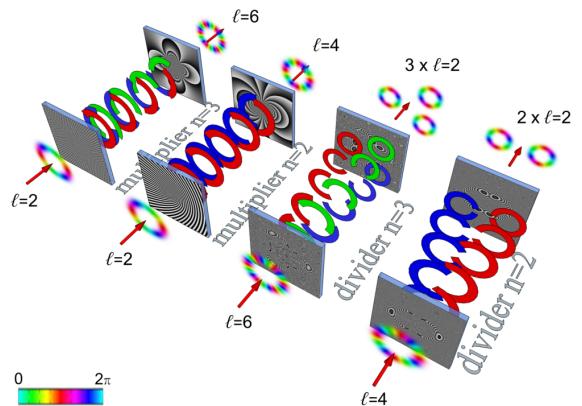
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Metalenses



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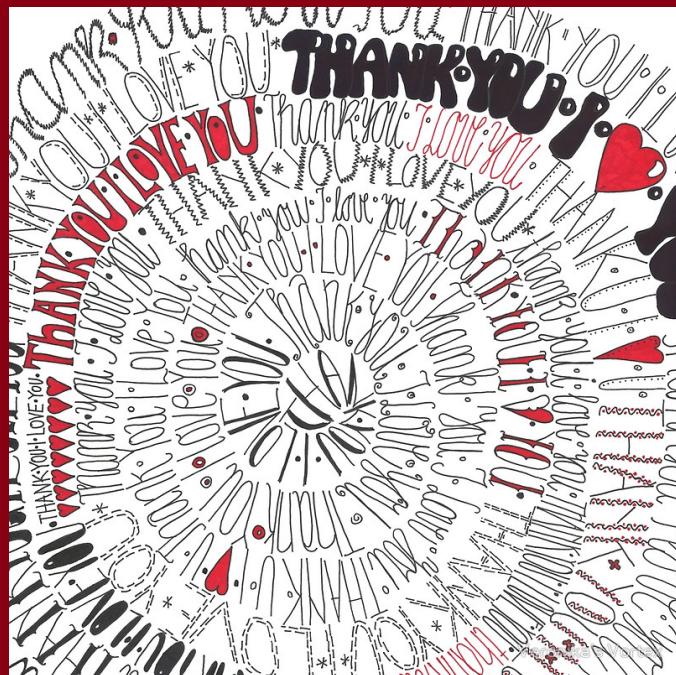


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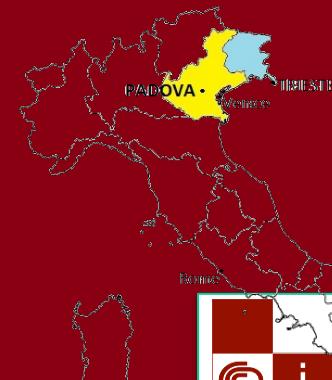
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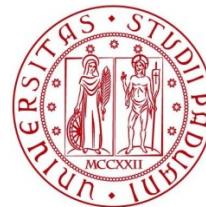
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