

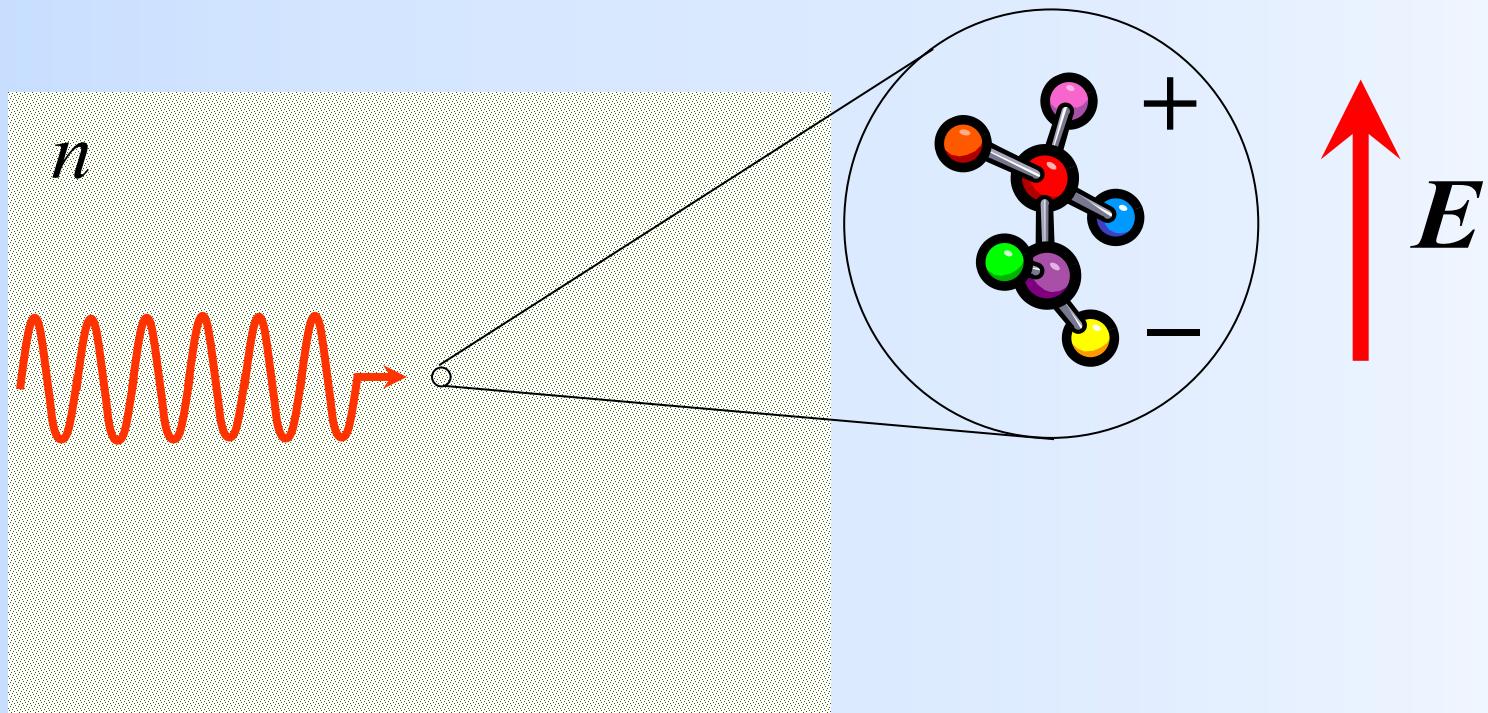
EXOTIC WAVE-MATTER INTERACTIONS BASED ON METAMATERIALS

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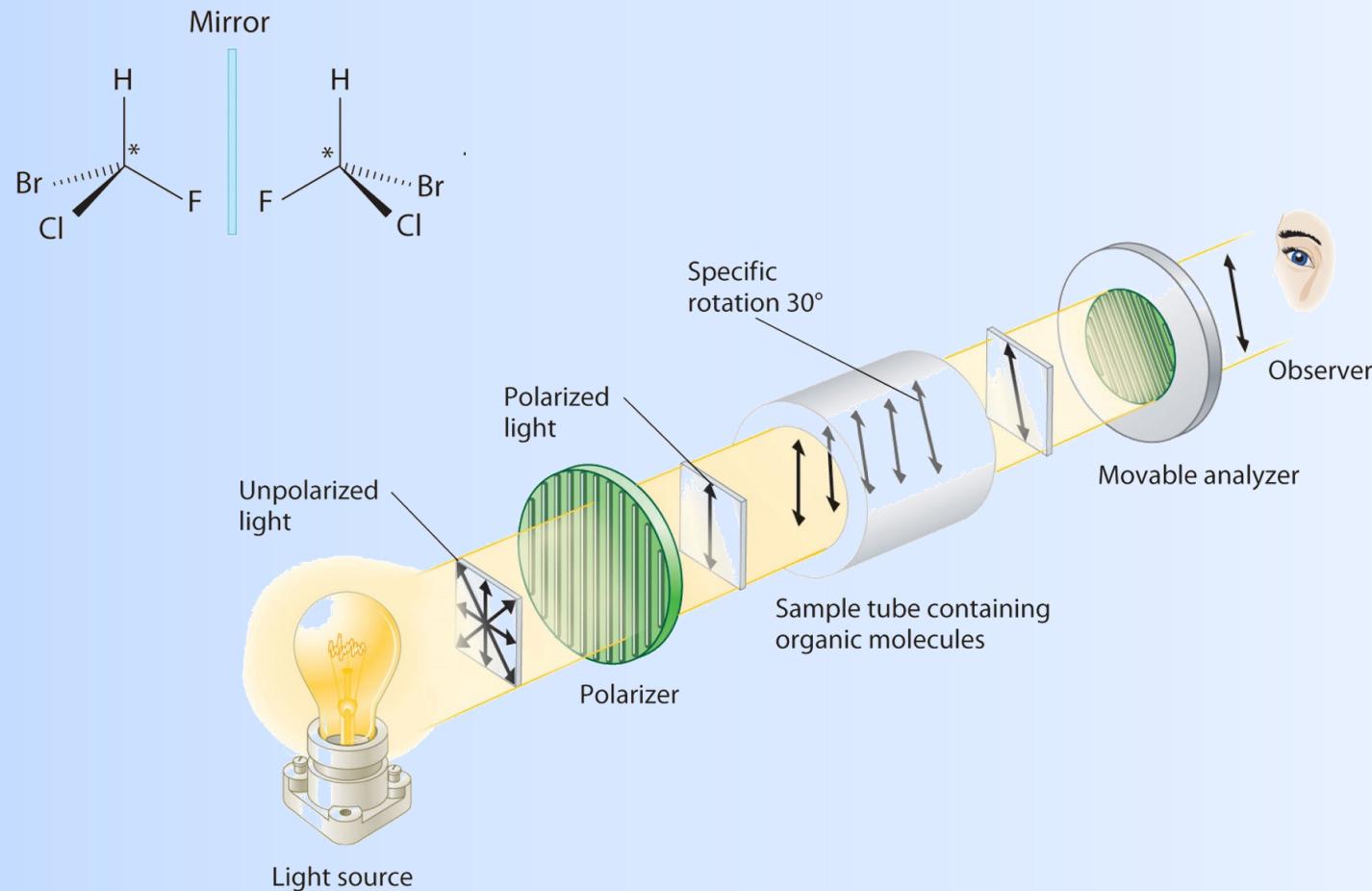
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LIGHT INTERACTIONS WITH MATERIALS

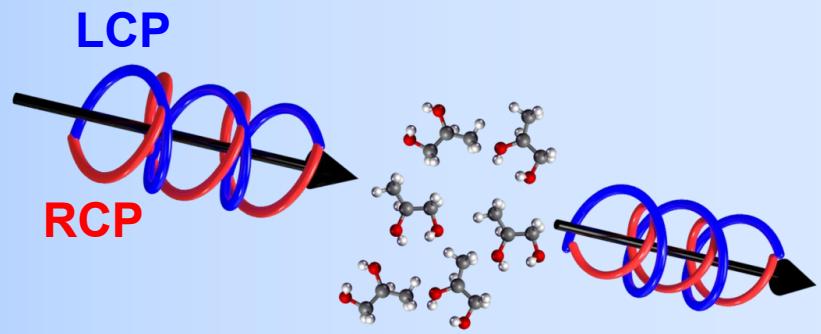


OPTICAL ACTIVITY OF CHIRAL SAMPLES

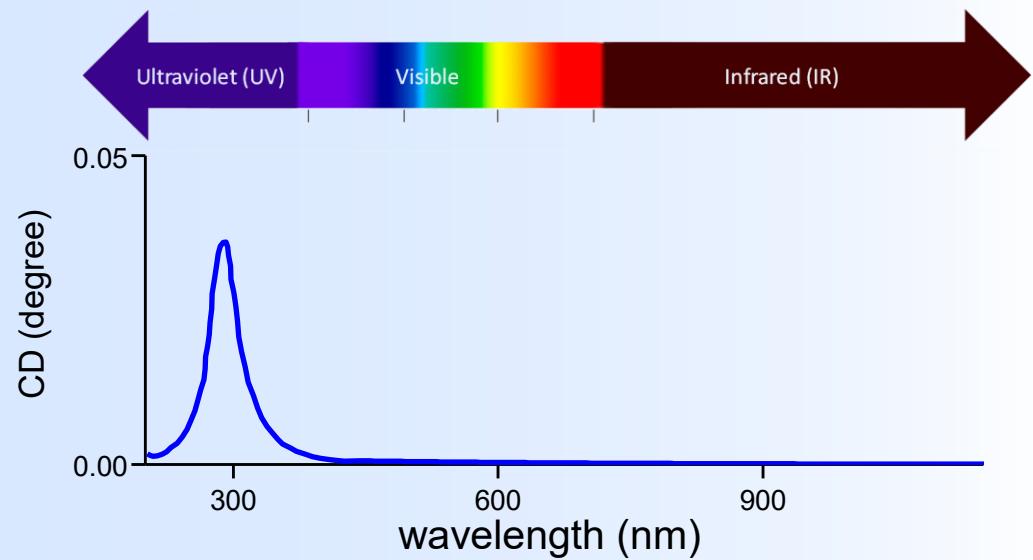


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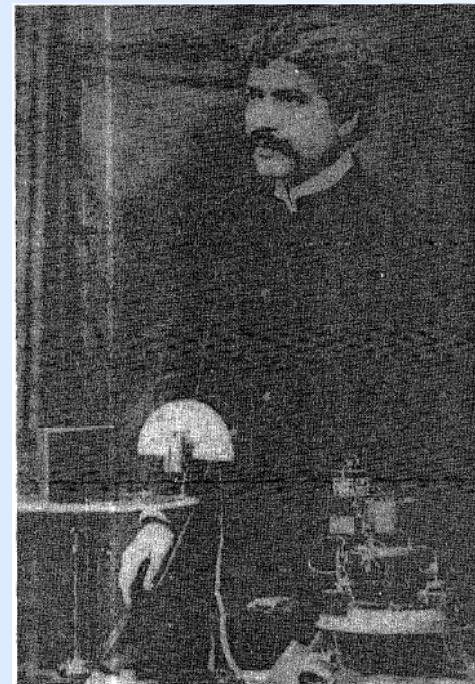
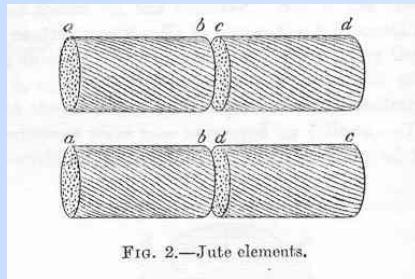
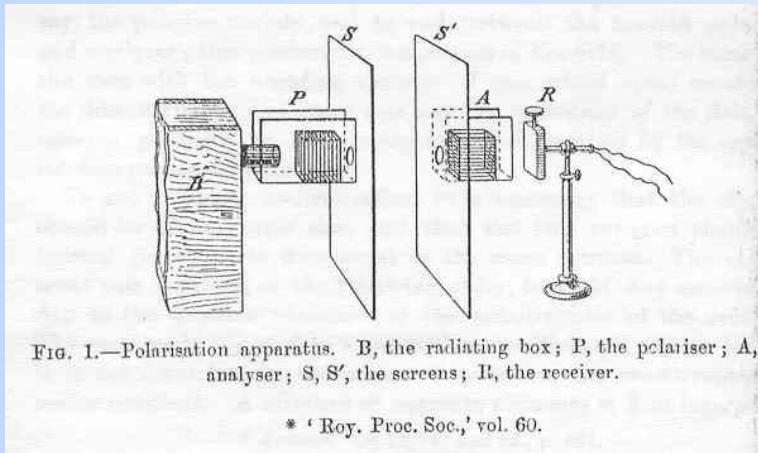
CIRCULAR DICHROISM OF CHIRAL MOLECULES



$$CD \propto A_{LCP} - A_{RCP}$$



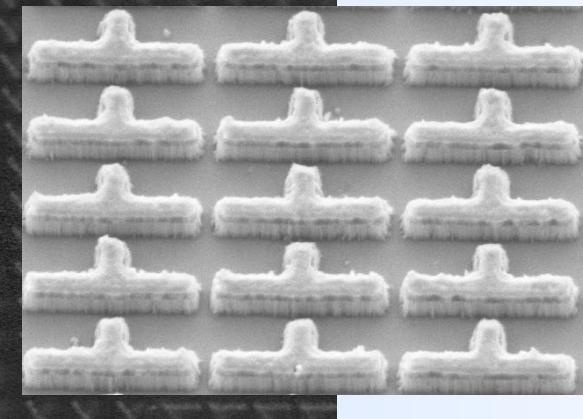
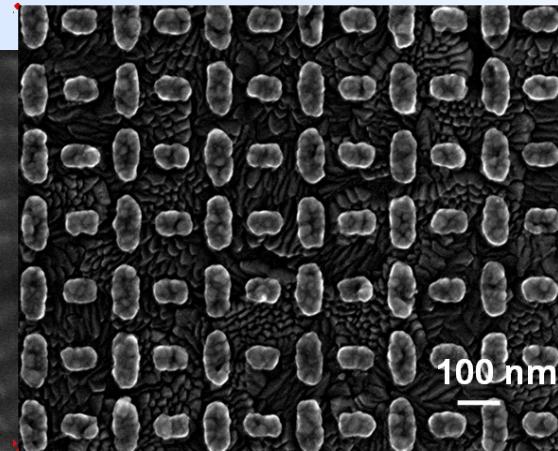
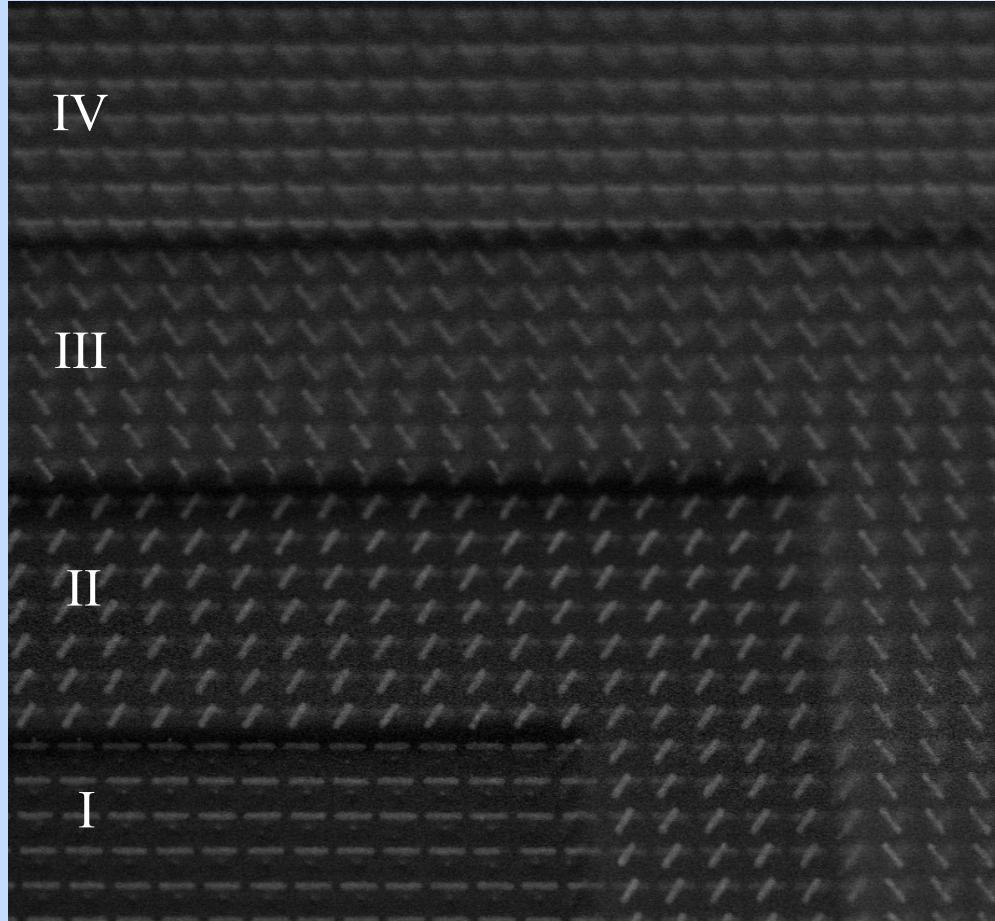
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META-MATERIALS: BEYOND NATURE WITH ARTIFICIAL MATERIALS



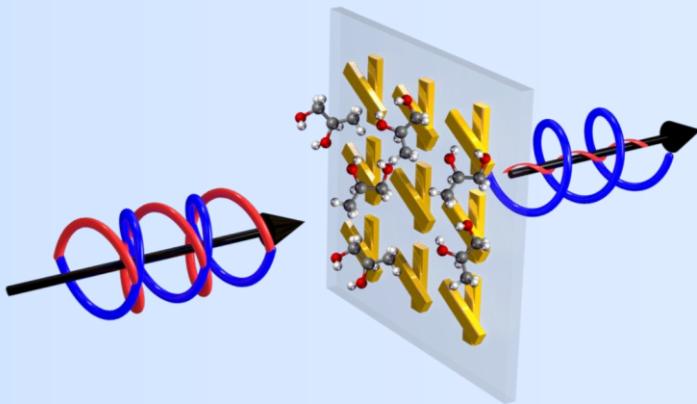
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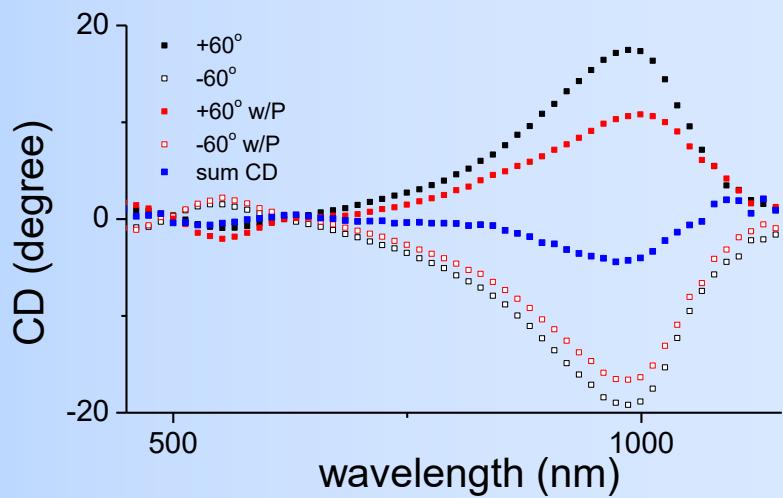
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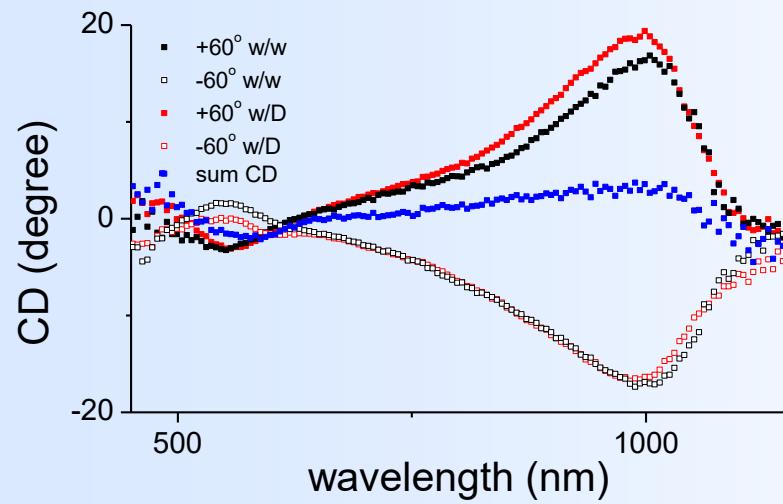
ENHANCED CIRCULAR DICHROISM AND CHIRALITY DETECTION



Chiral protein: Concanavalin A



Chiral drug: Irinotecan Hydrochloride

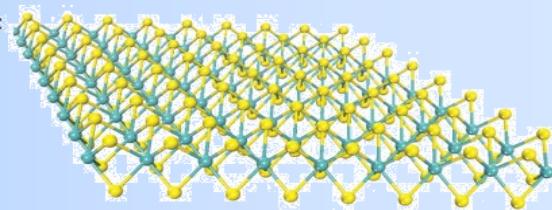


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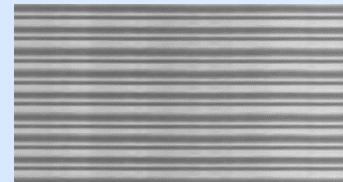


2D MATERIALS AND HYBRID METAMATERIALS

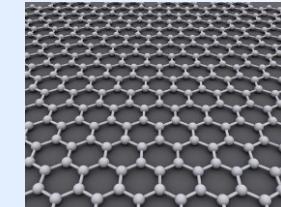
TMDs, TMOs



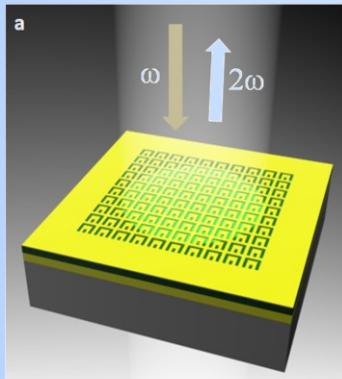
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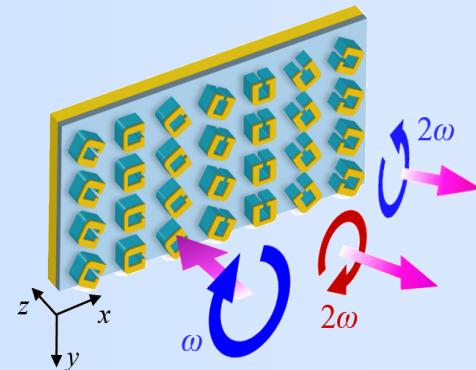
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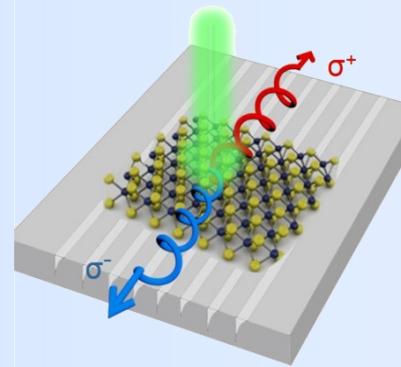
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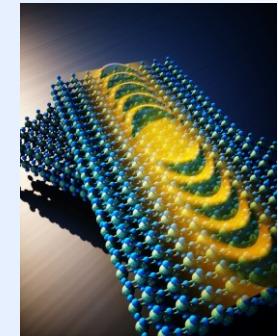
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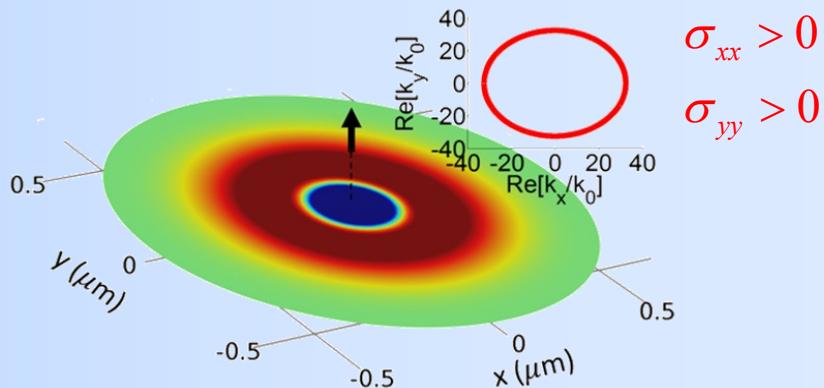


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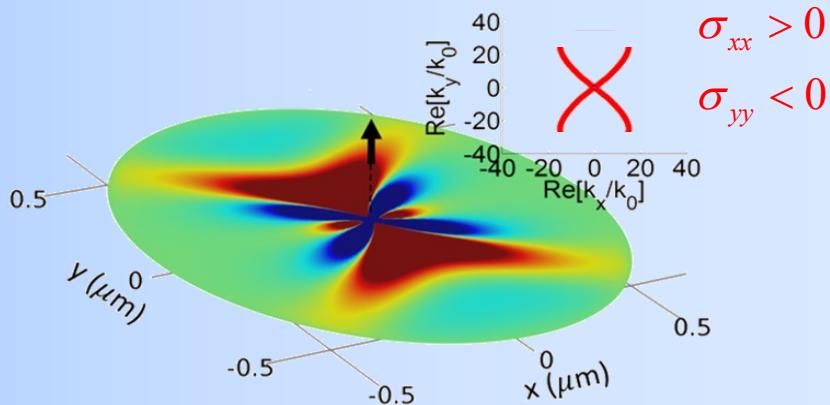


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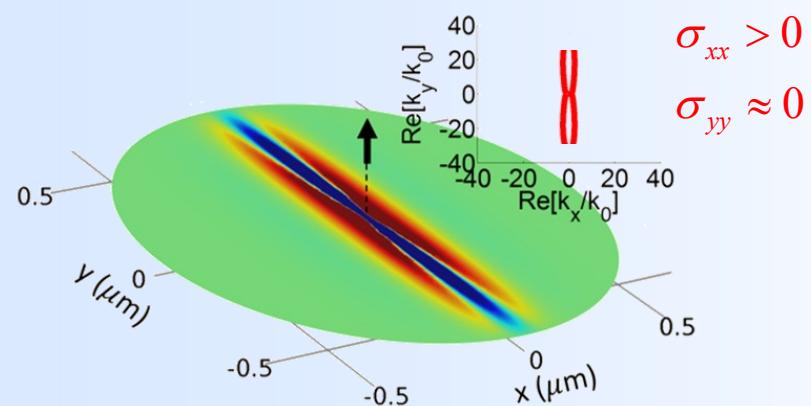
EXTREME ASYMMETRY OVER A META-SURFACE



Elliptic propagation



Hyperbolic topology

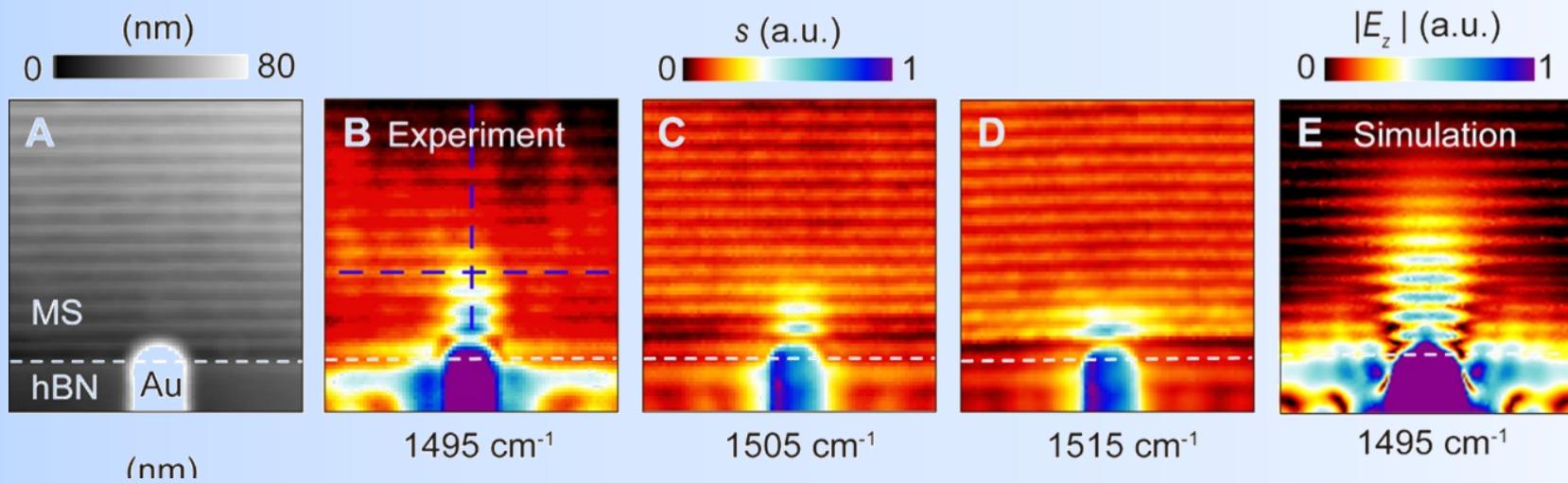
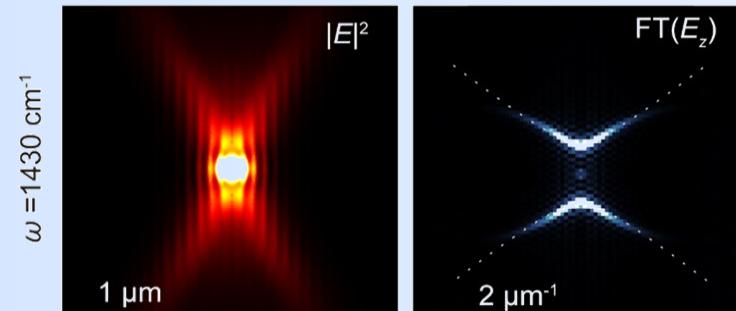
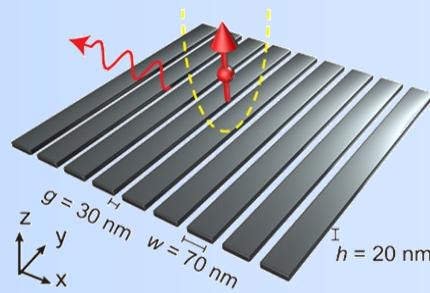


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HYPERBOLIC METASURFACES BASED ON H-BN NANO-RIBBONS

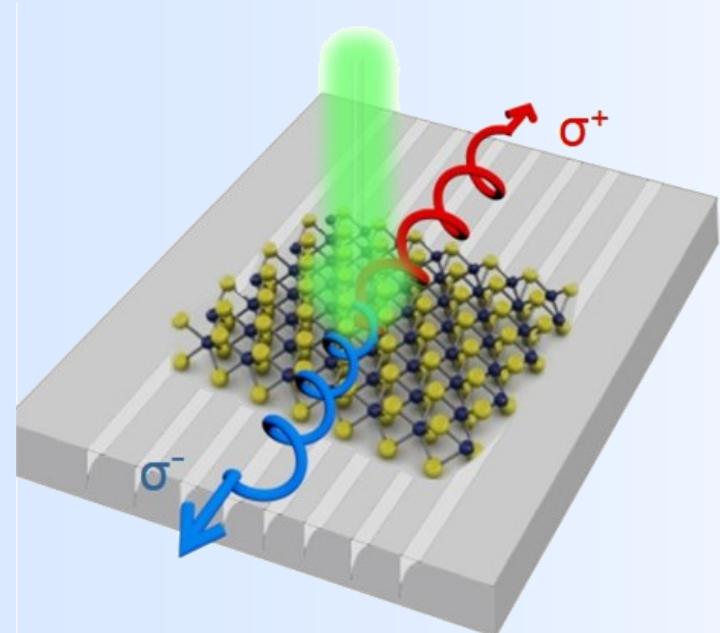
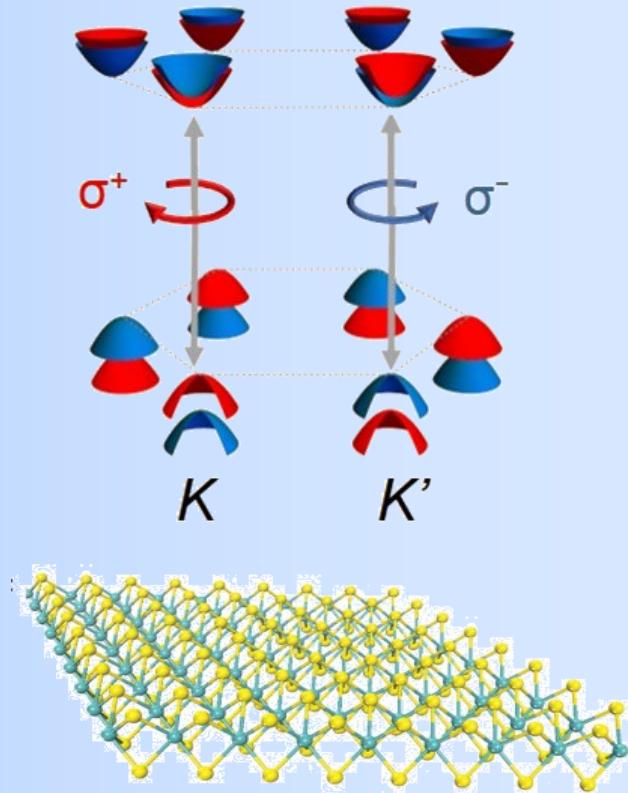


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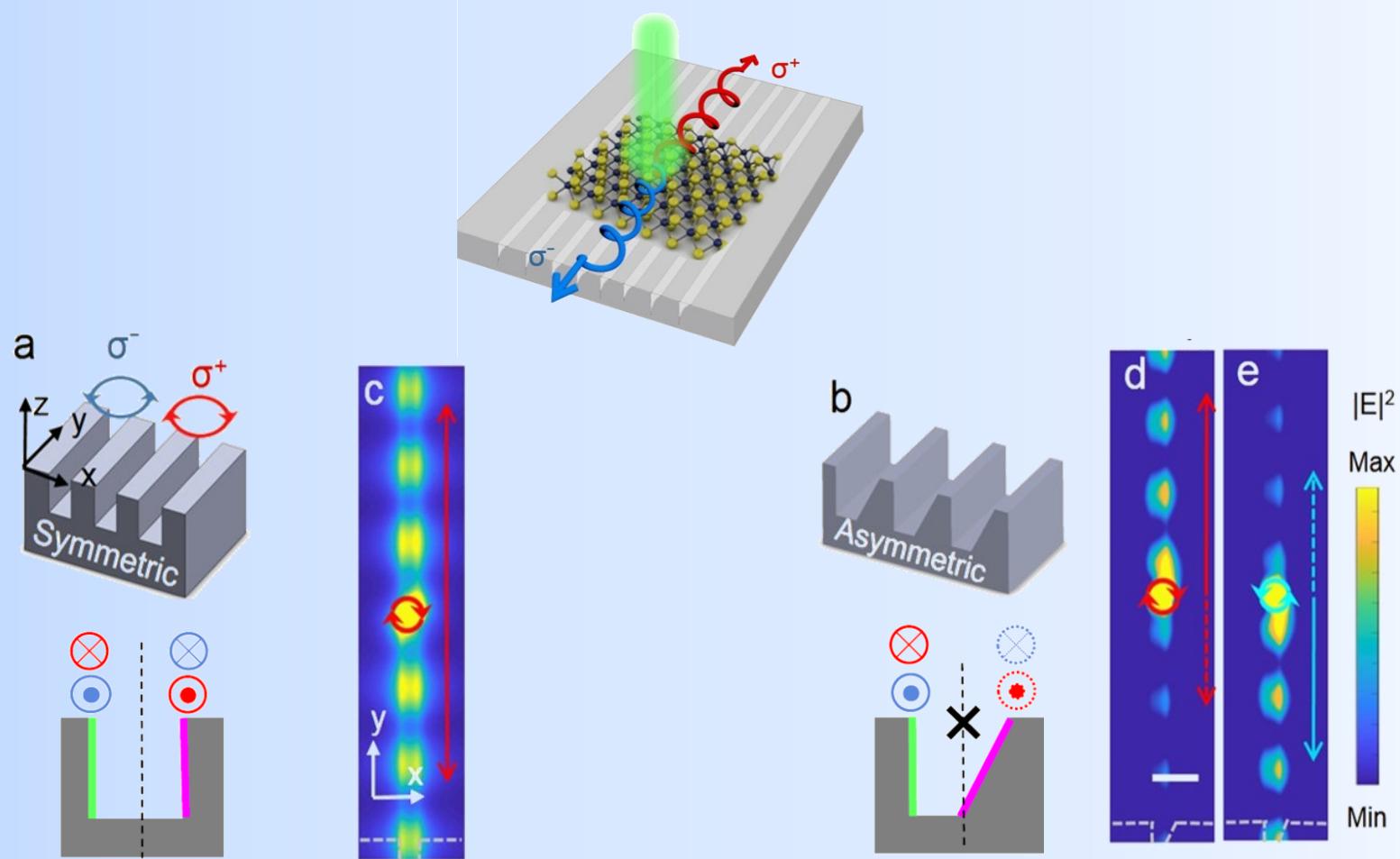


HYPERBOLIC METAURFACES FOR VALLEYTRONICS

Enhancing and routing valley excitons with a metasurface using MoS₂-loaded hyperbolic metasurfaces



SYMMETRY-BREAKING HYPERBOLIC METASURFACE



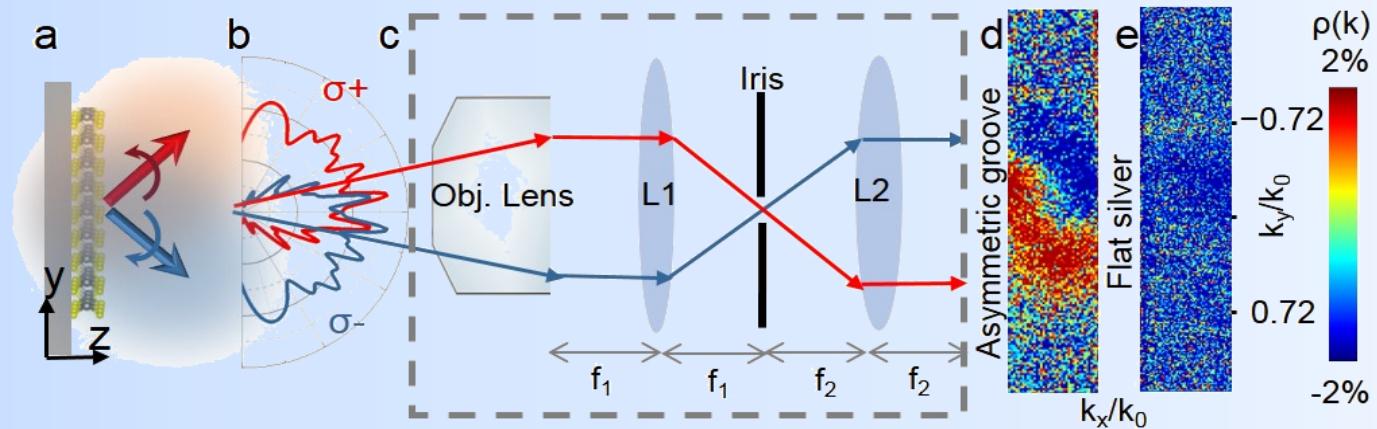
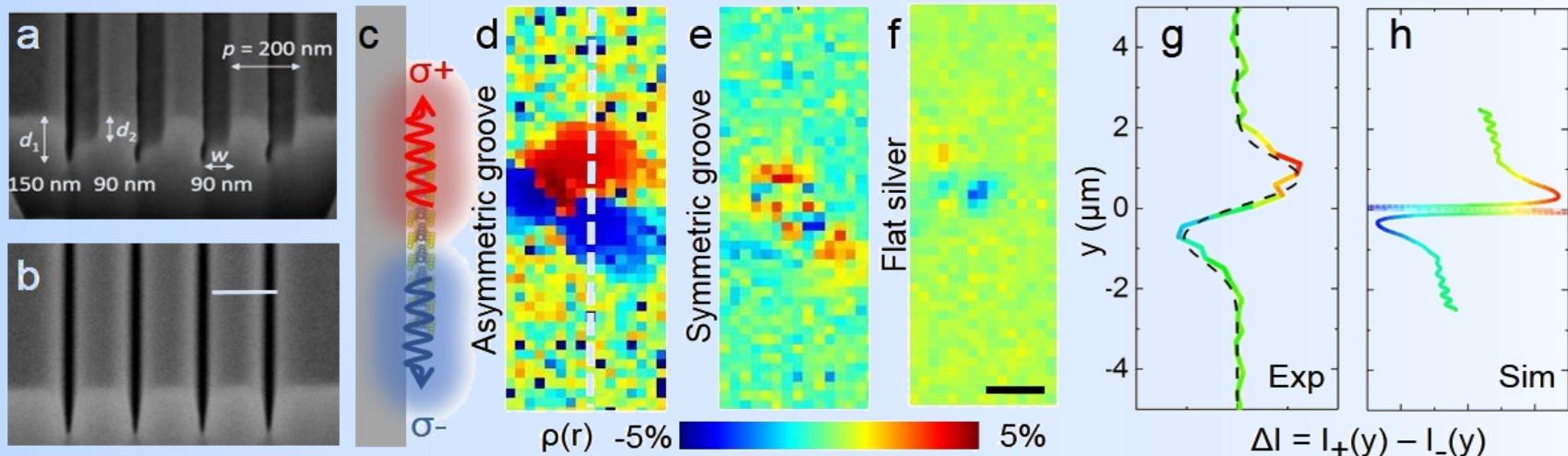
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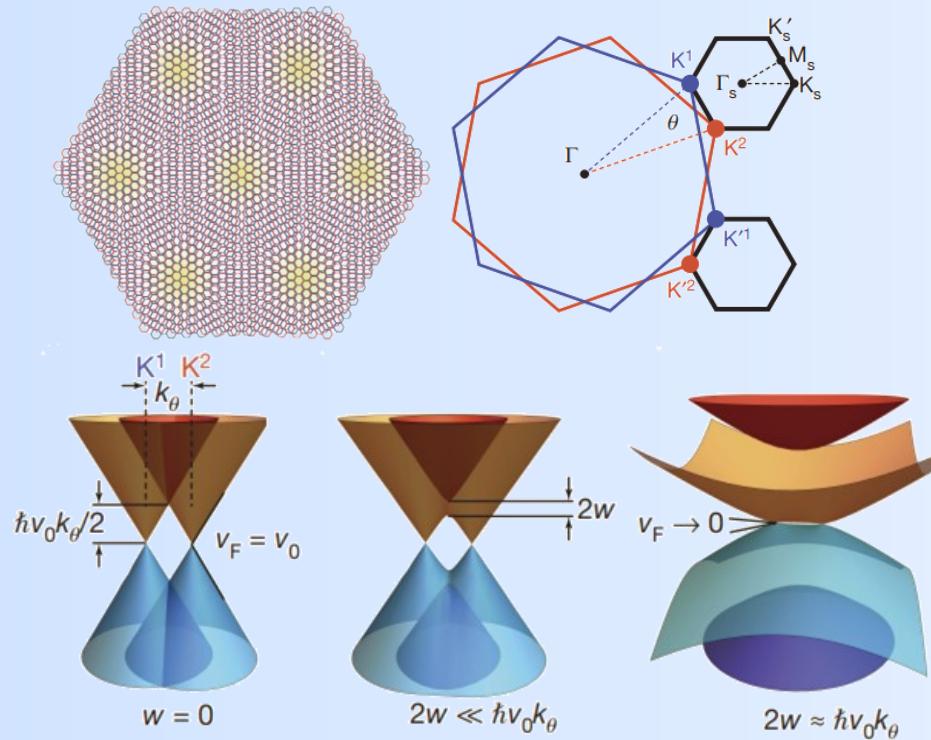
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MOIRÉ PHYSICS AND TWISTRONICS



- Fermi-velocity goes to zero (superconductivity) and flat bands at *magic* twist angle of 1.1°
- Twisted-angle-dependent hopping energy

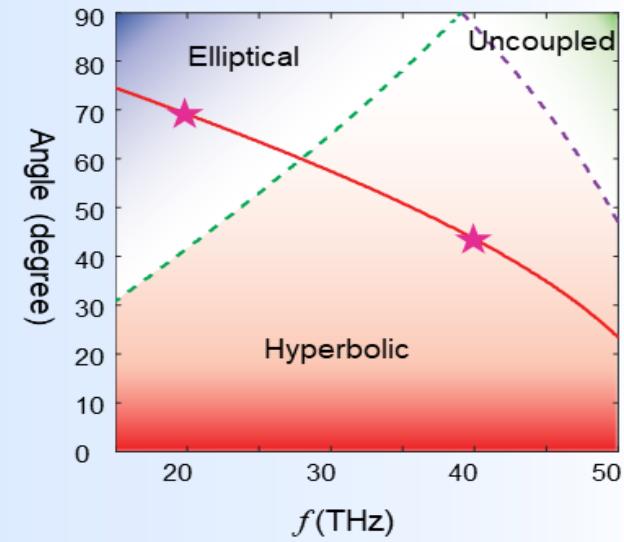
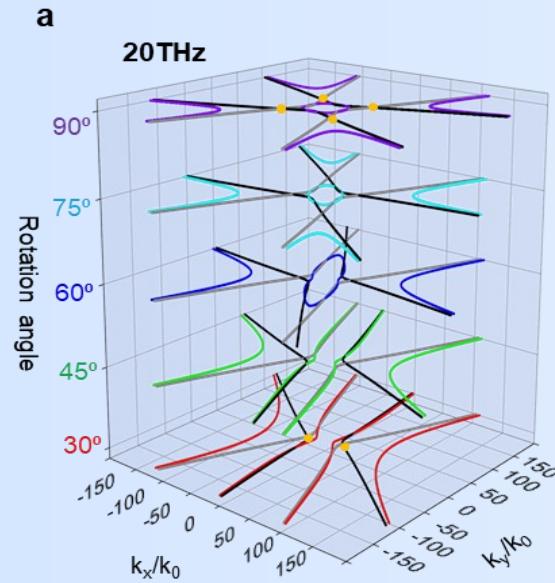
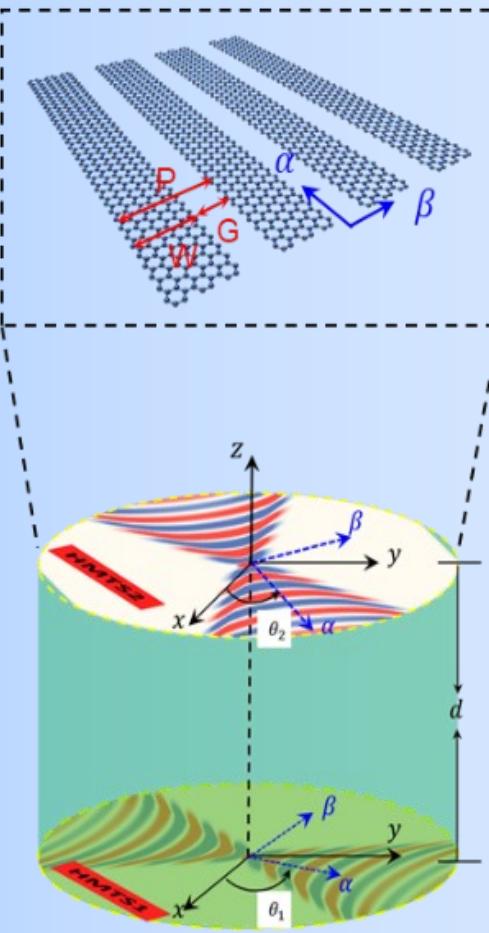
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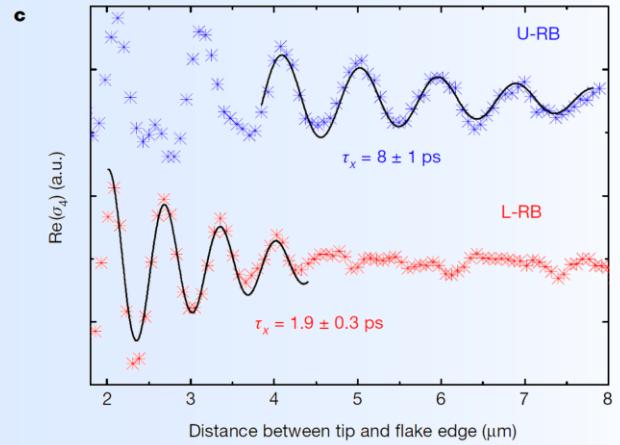
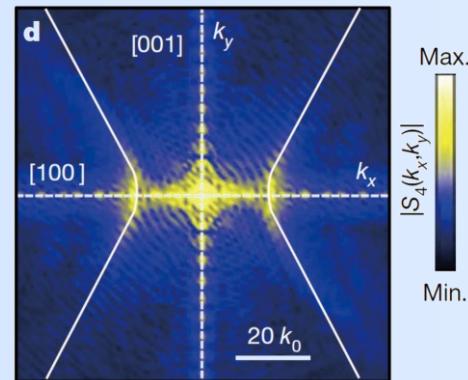
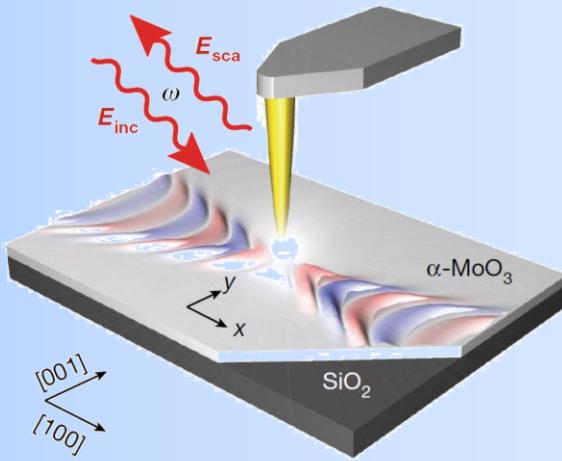
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α -MoO₃ MONOLAYERS AS HYPERBOLIC SURFACES

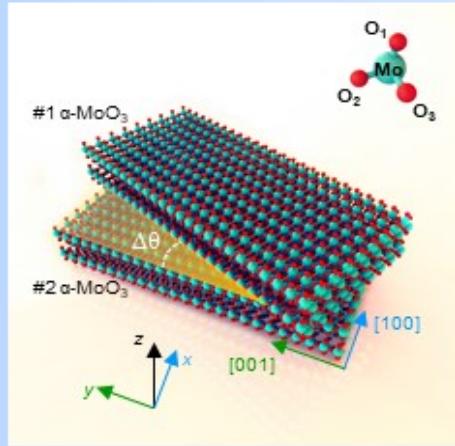


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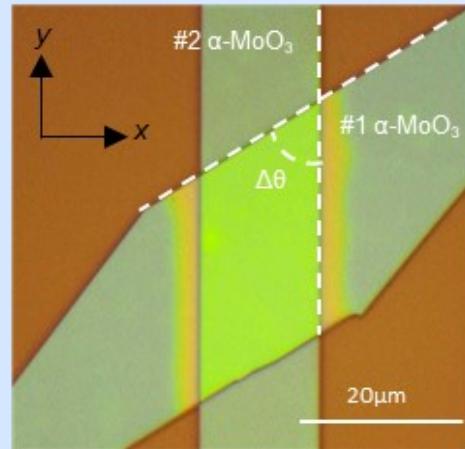


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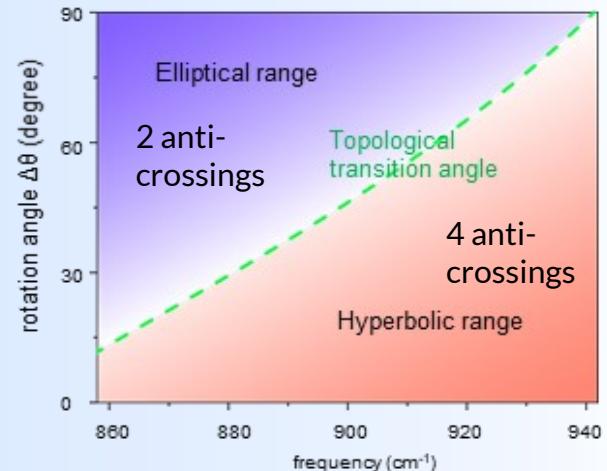
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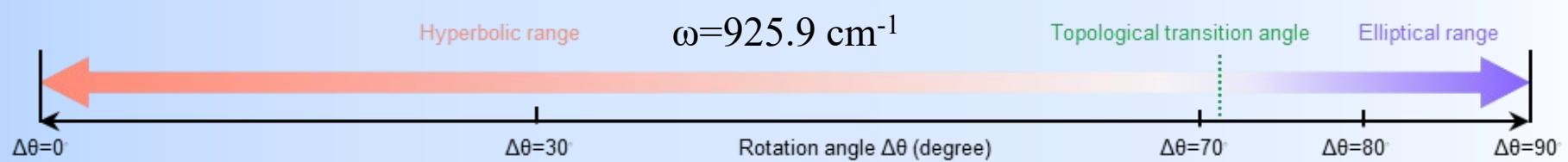
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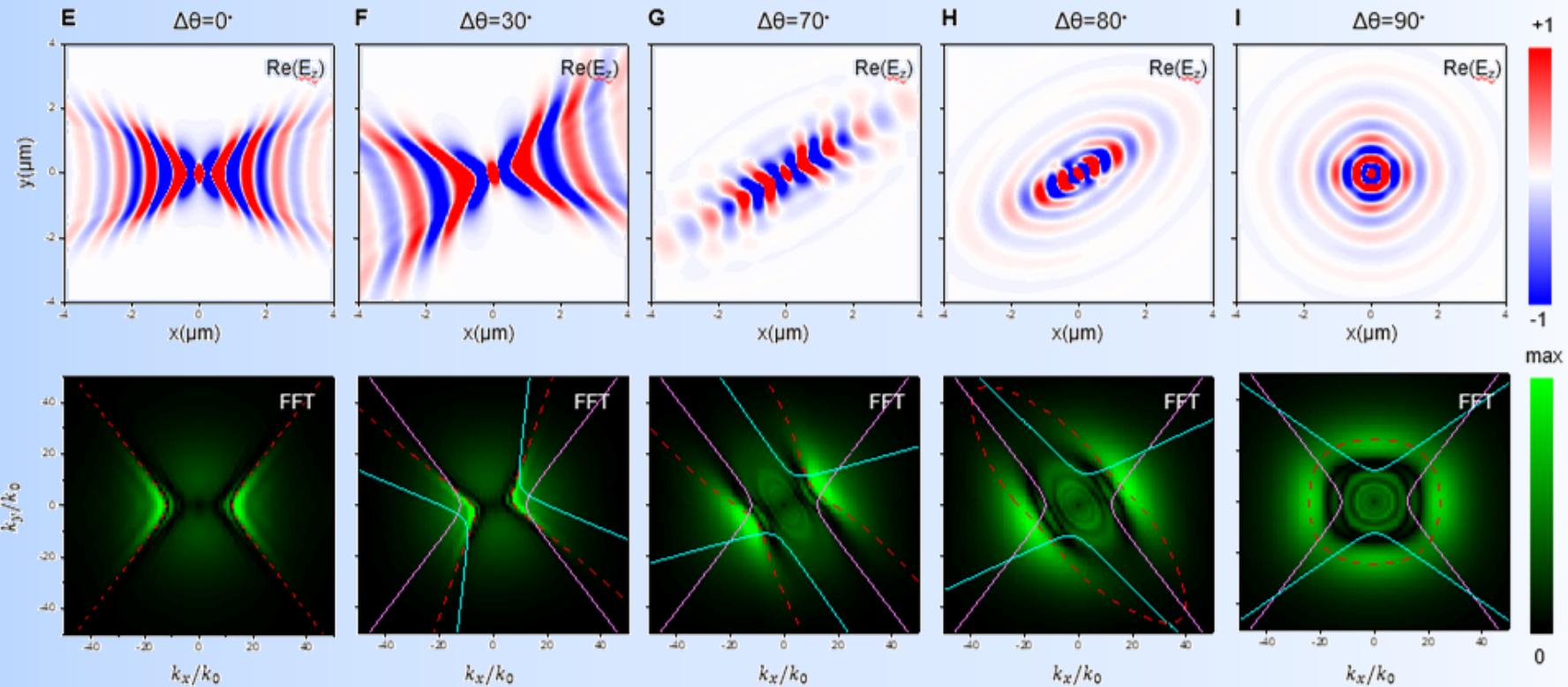
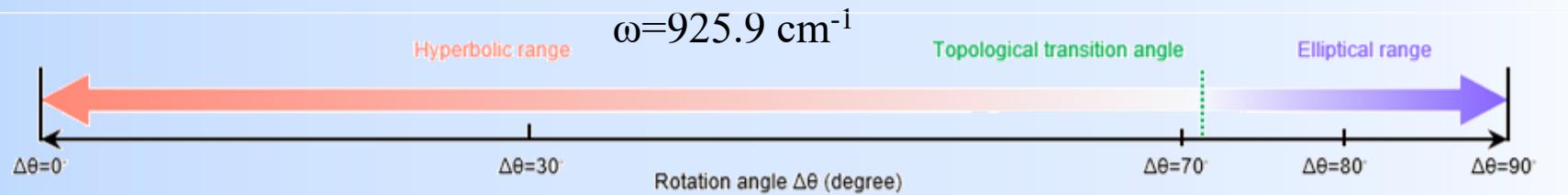
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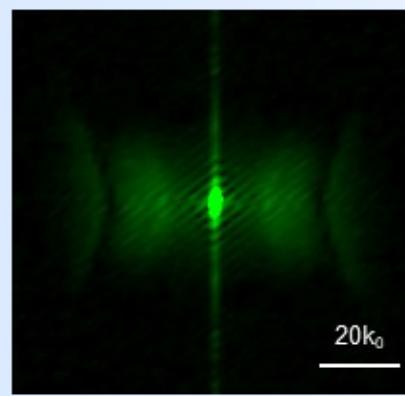
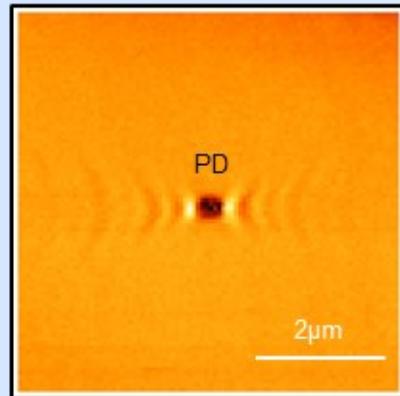
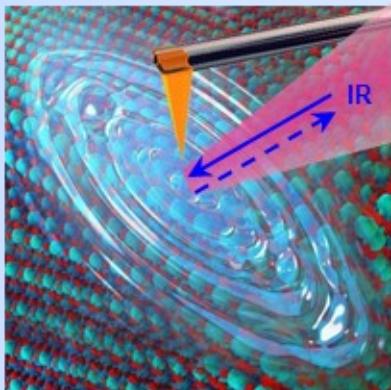
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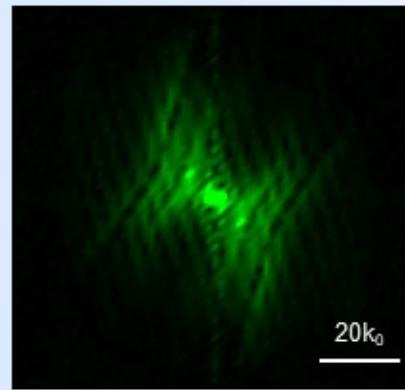
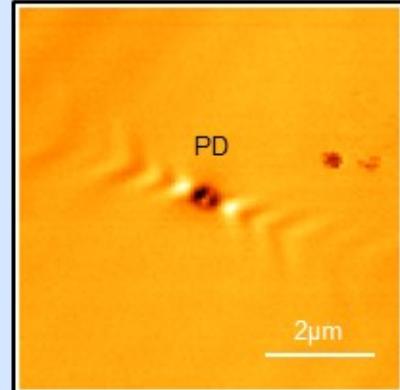
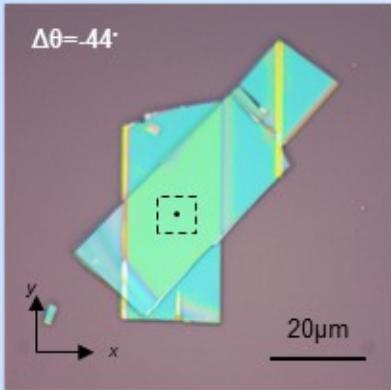
EXPERIMENTAL VERIFICATION IN TWISTED α -MOO₃ BILAYERS

Single layer

$$\omega=903.8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$



Bi-layer $\Delta\theta = -44^\circ$

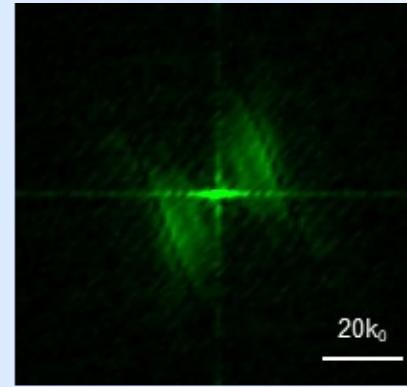
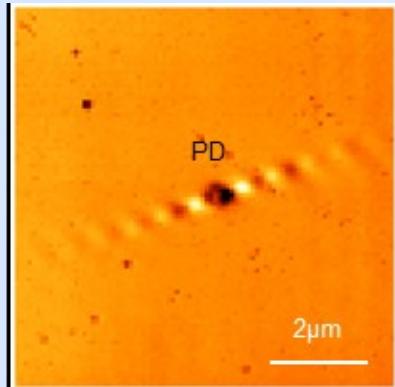
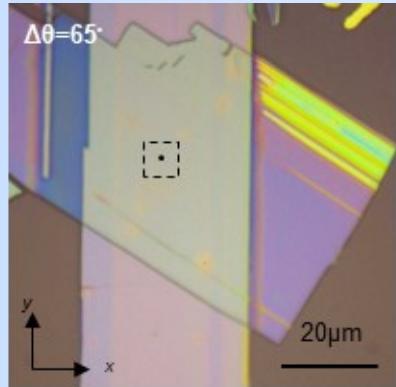


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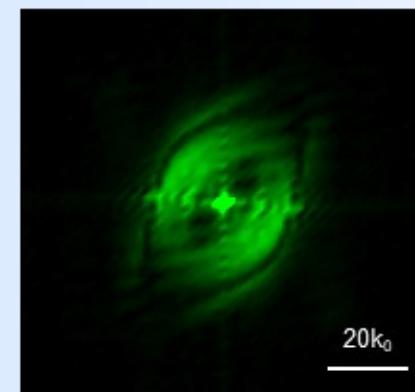
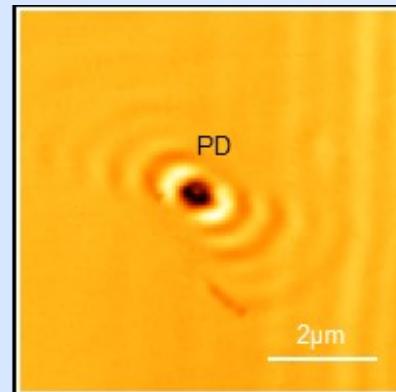
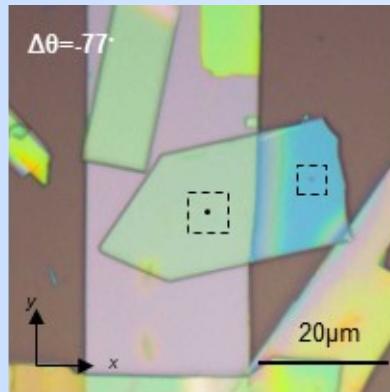
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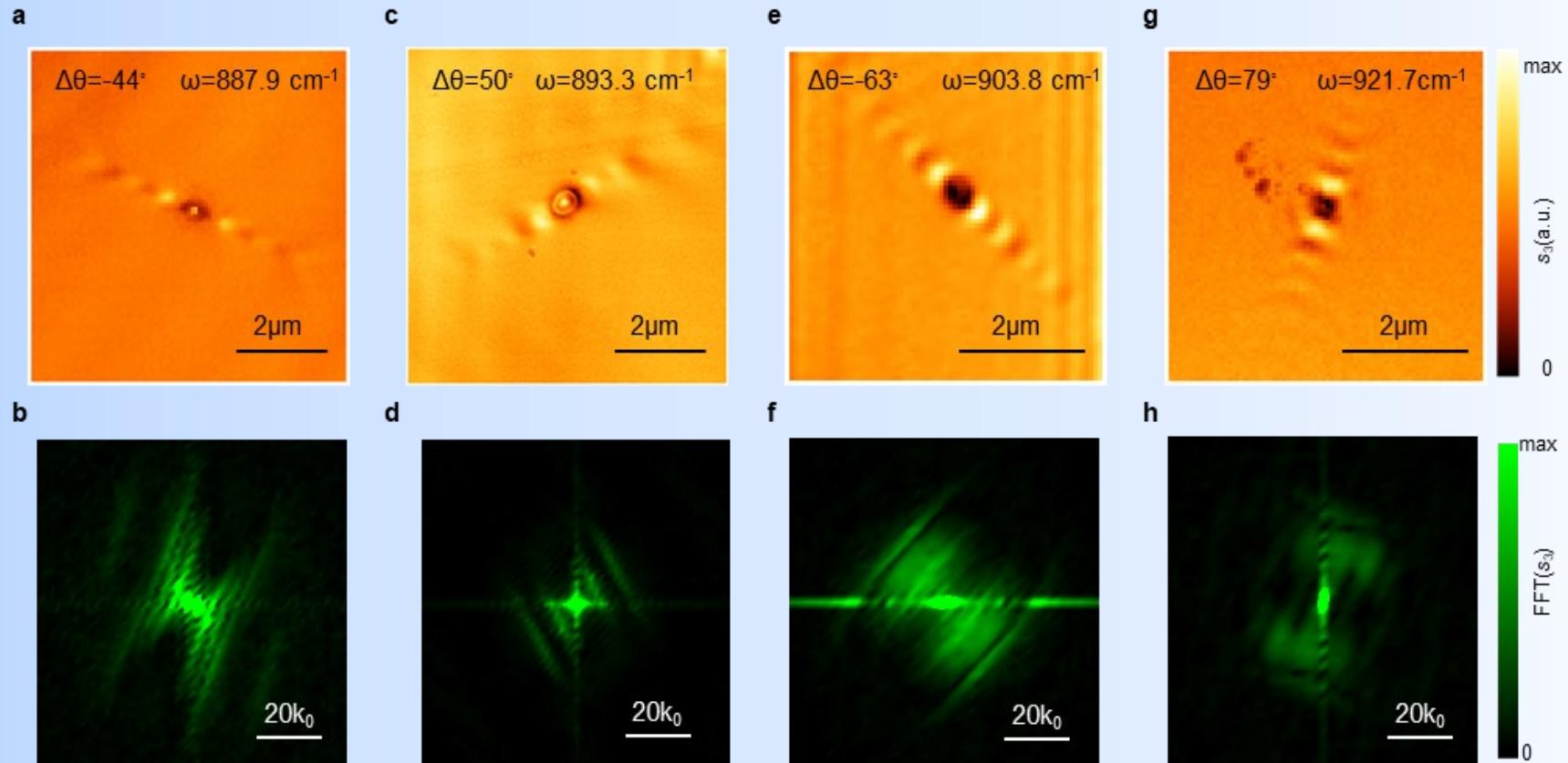


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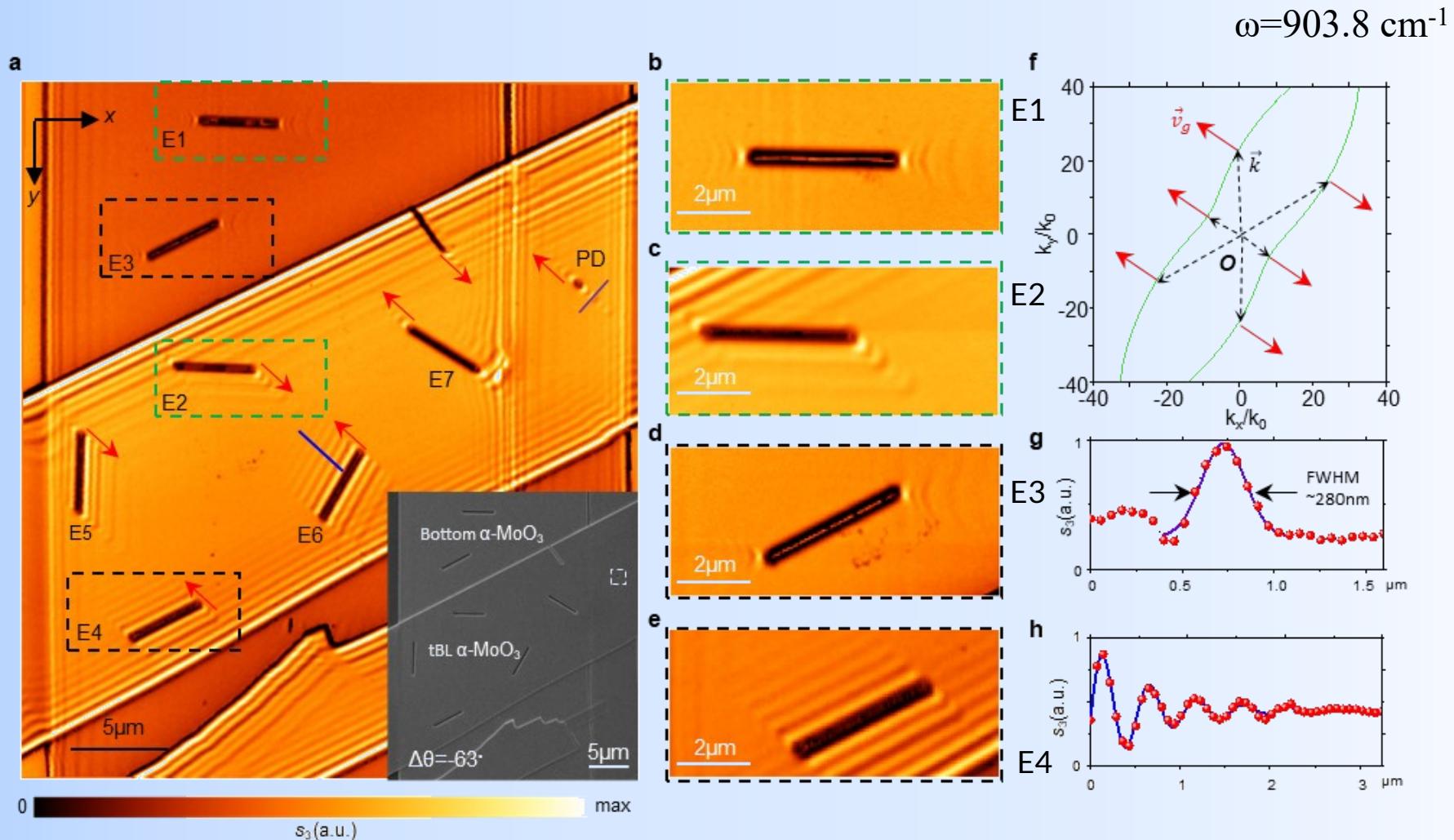
TRACKING THE ‘PHOTONIC MAGIC ANGLE’

Tunable low-loss canalization regime for polaritons



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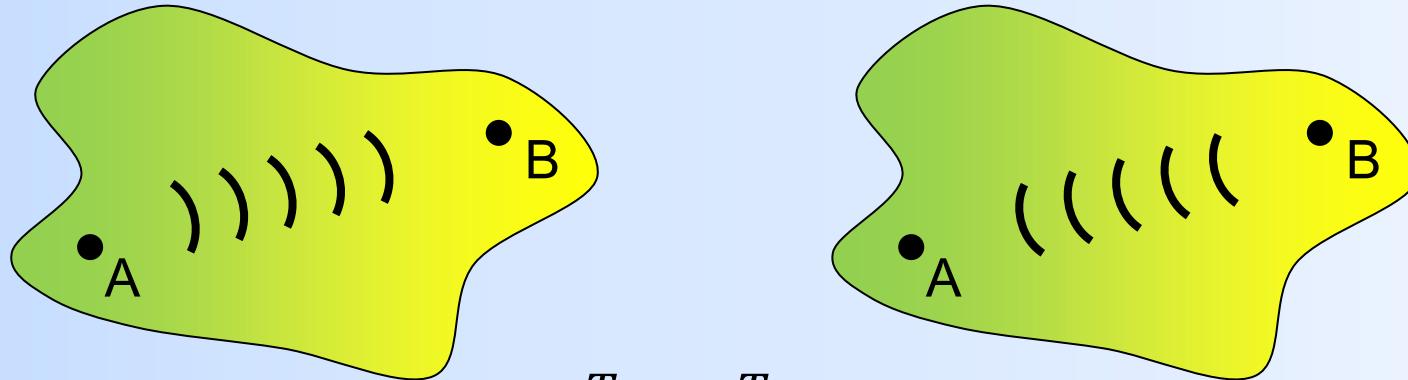
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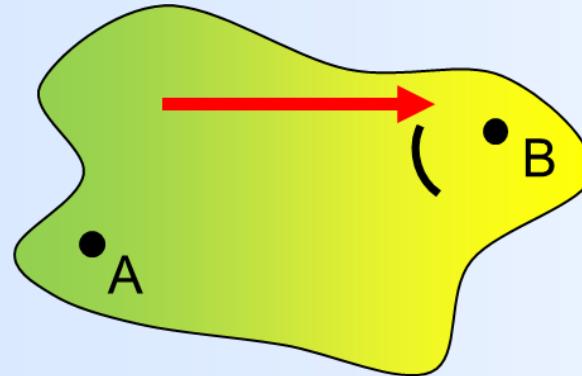
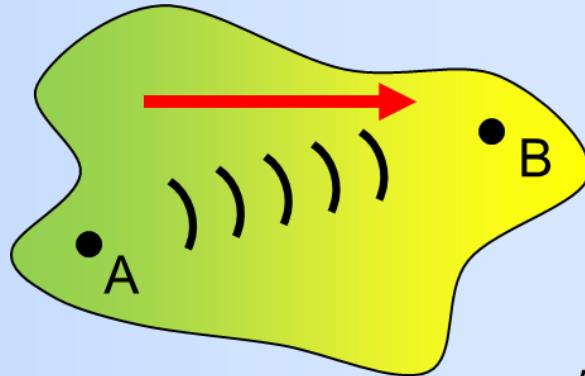
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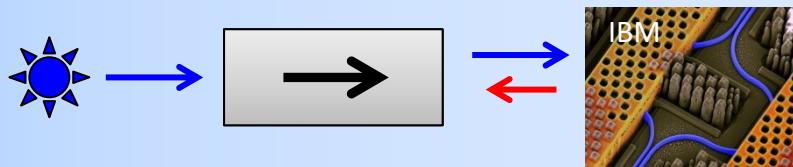
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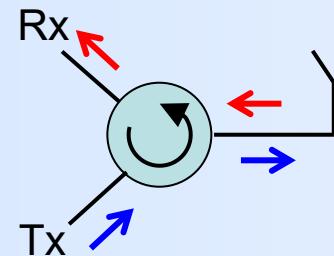


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Isolators



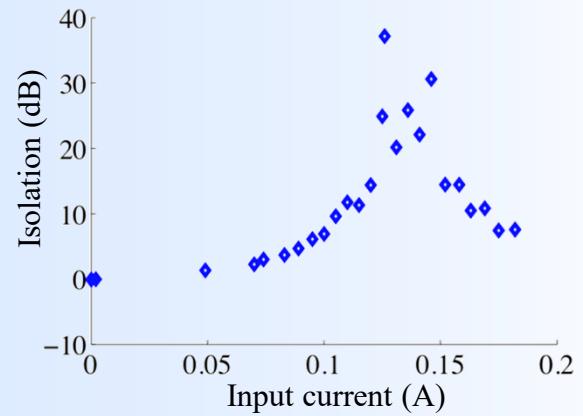
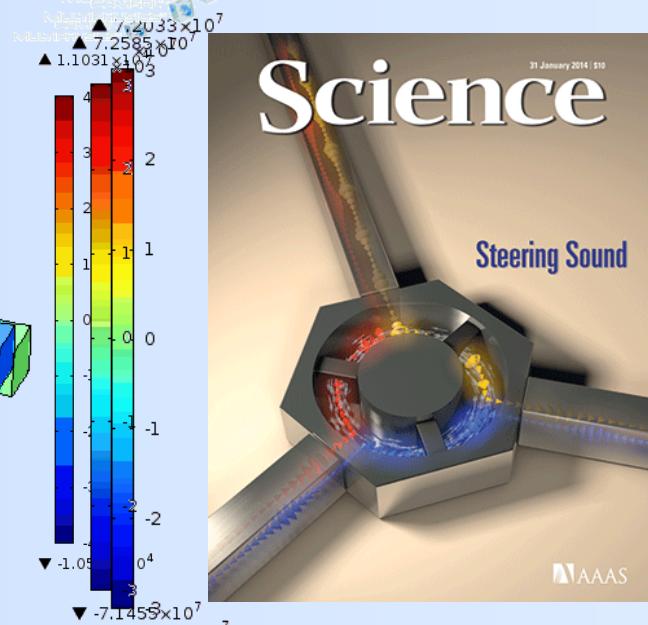
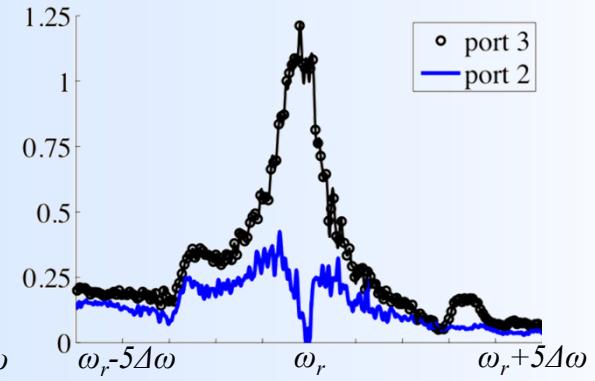
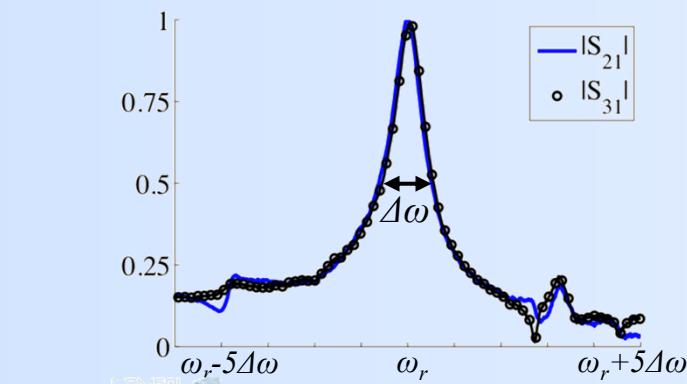
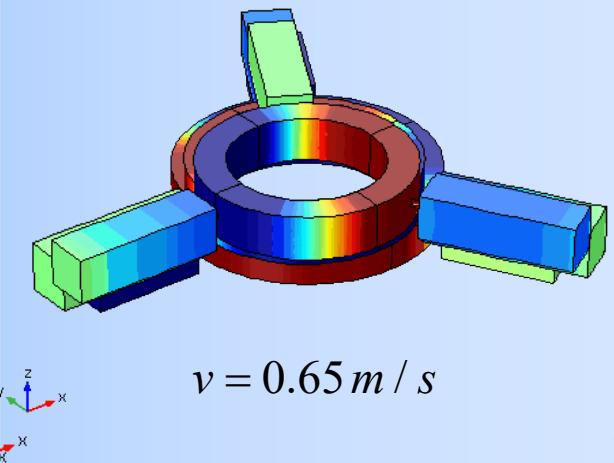
Circulators



ANGULAR-MOMENTUM BIAS

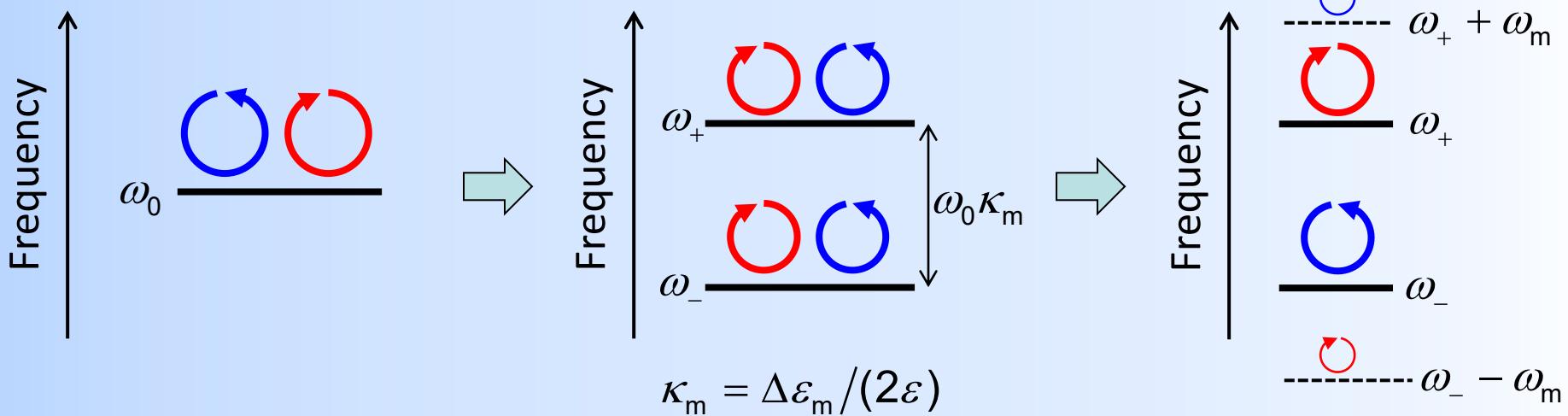
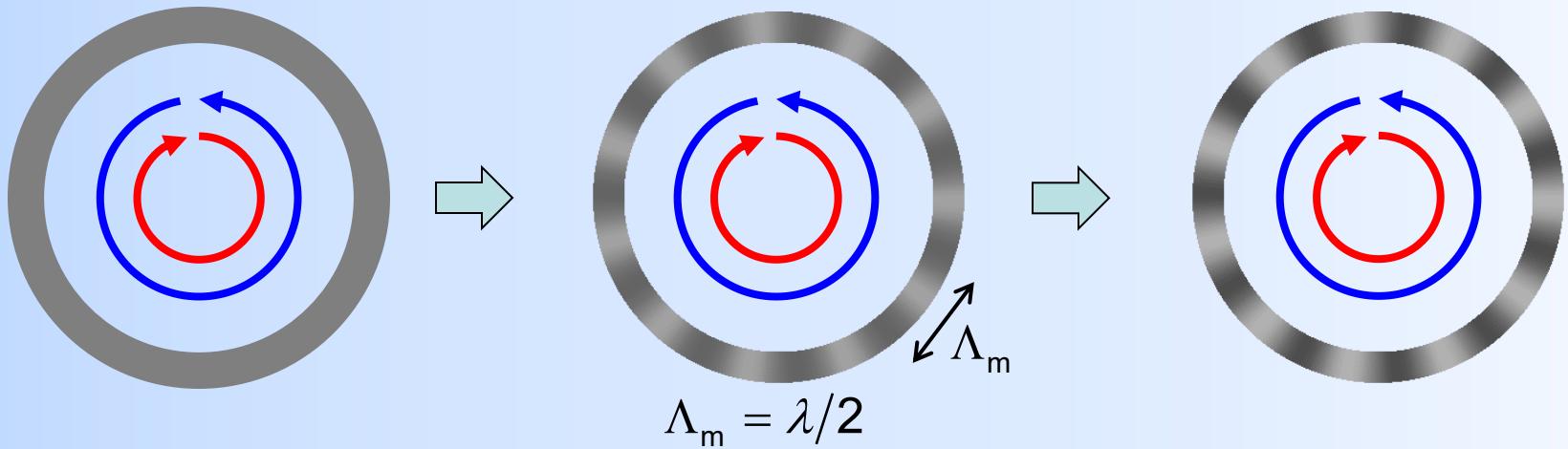


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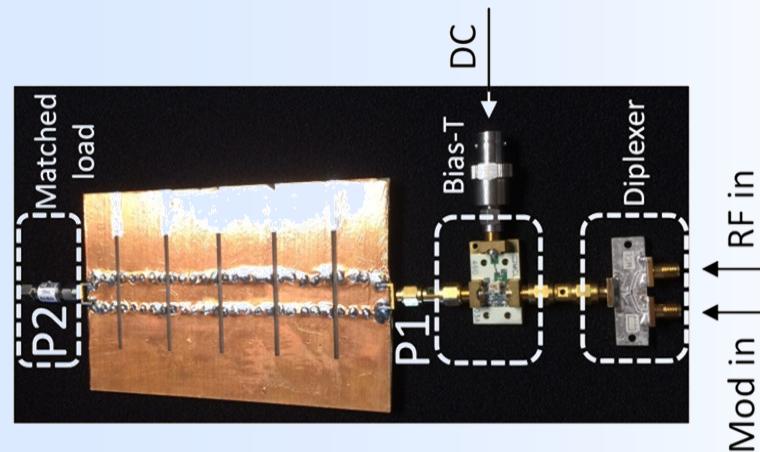
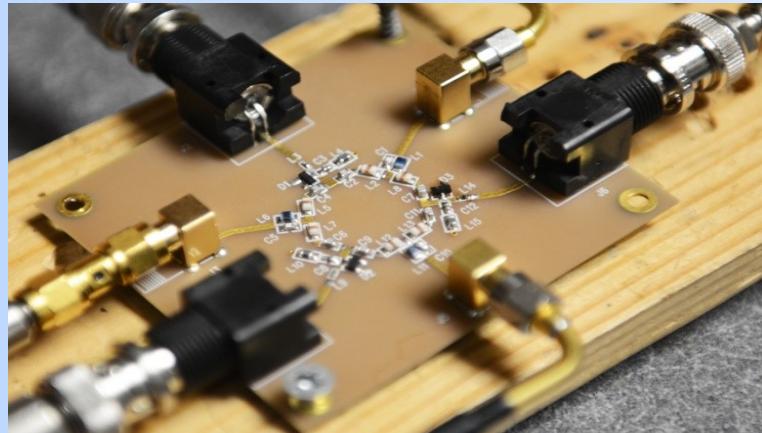
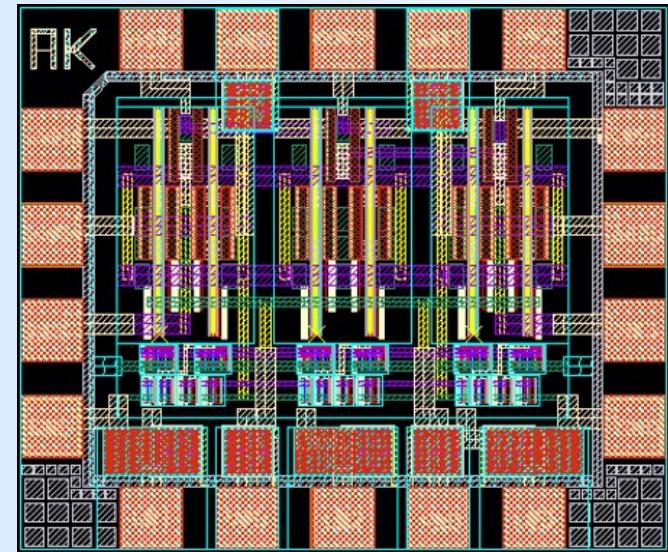
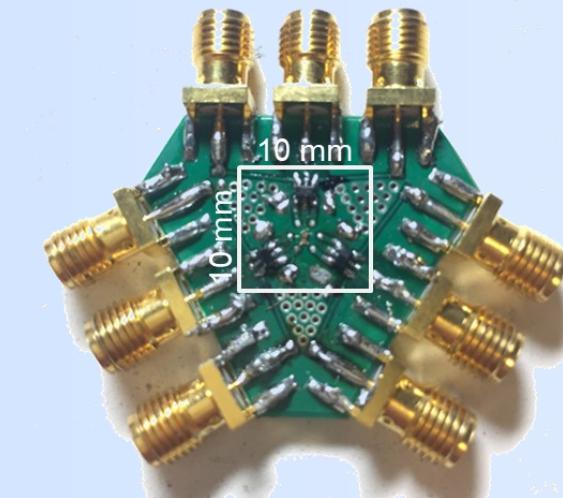
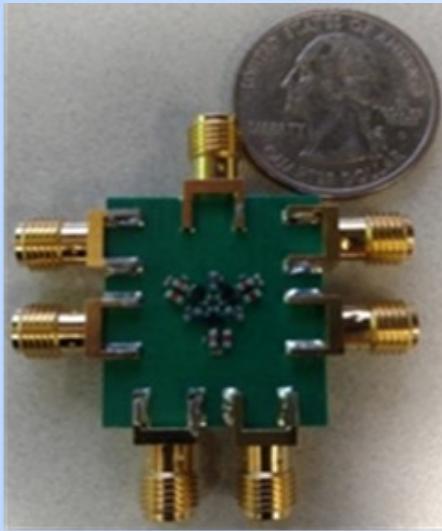


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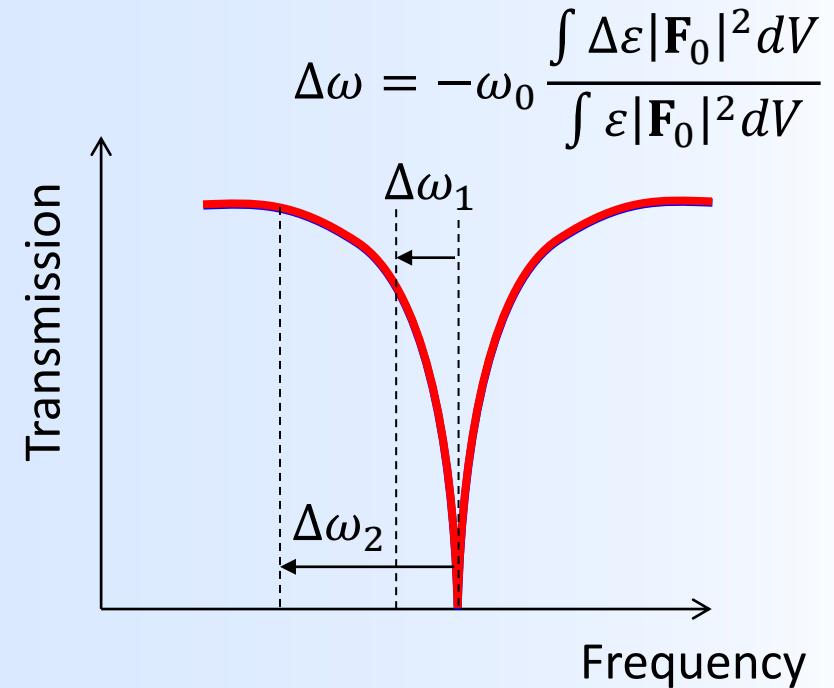
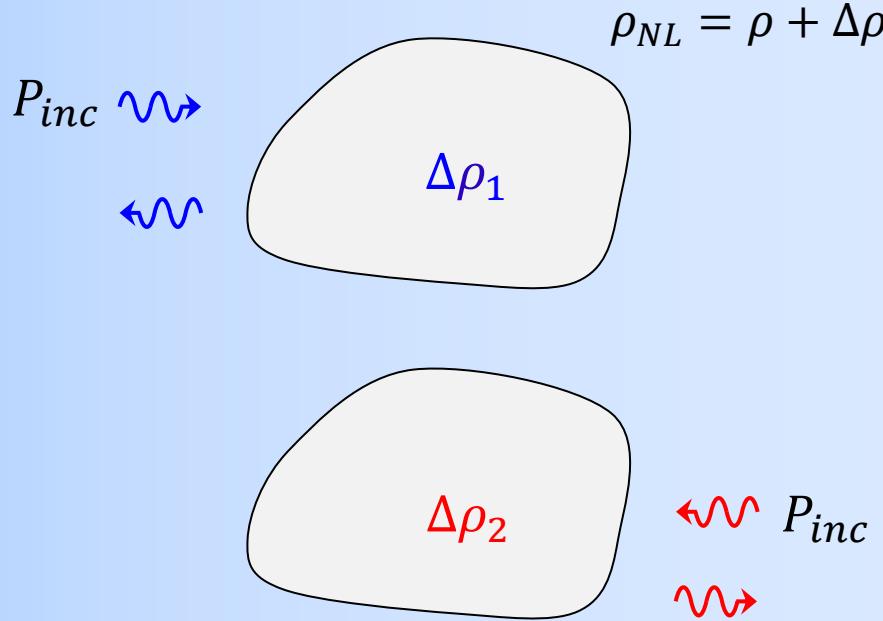
SYNTHETIC ANGULAR MOMENTUM WITH TIME MODULATION



RECENT PROGRESS ON MAGNET-LESS CIRCULATORS



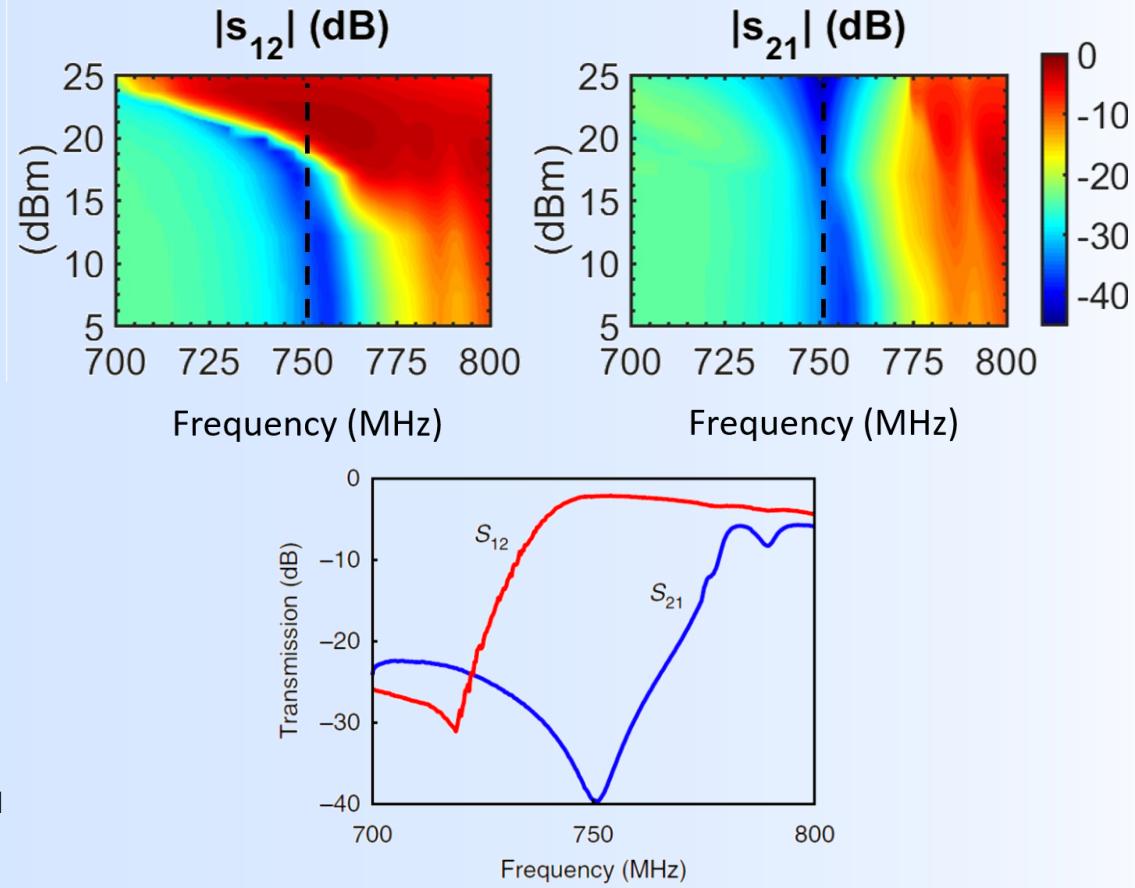
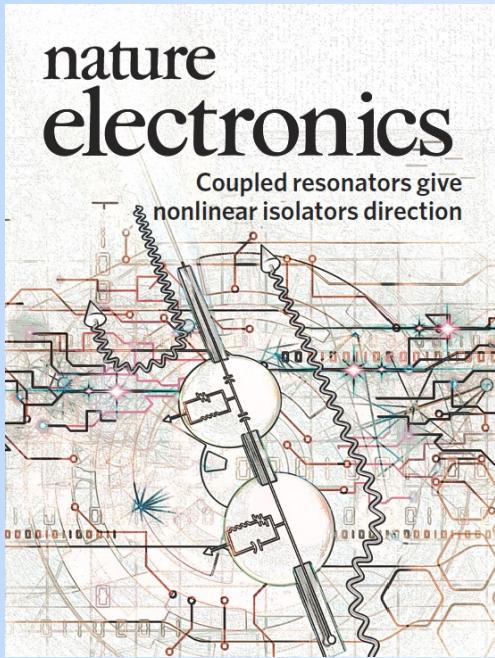
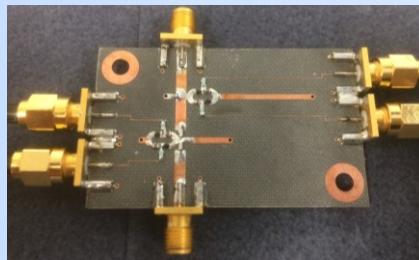
NONLINEARITY-BASED NONRECIPROCITY



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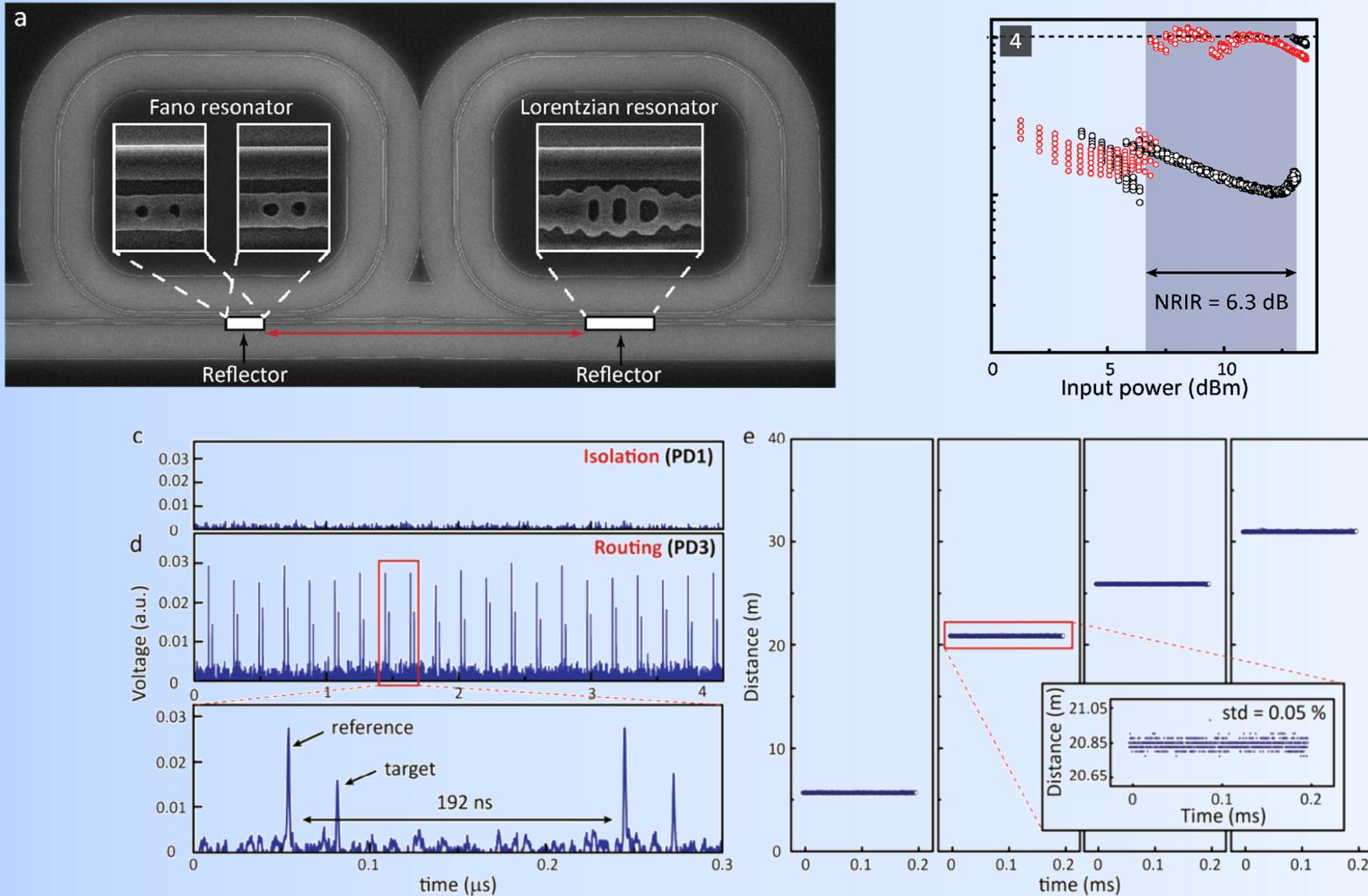
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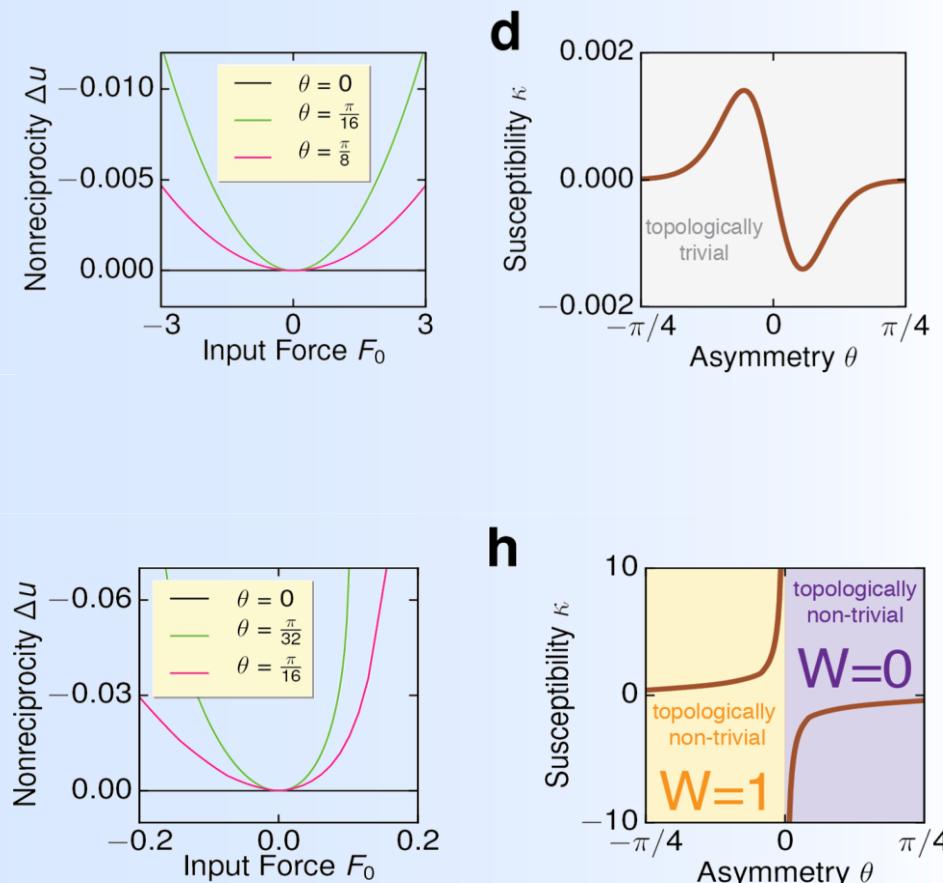
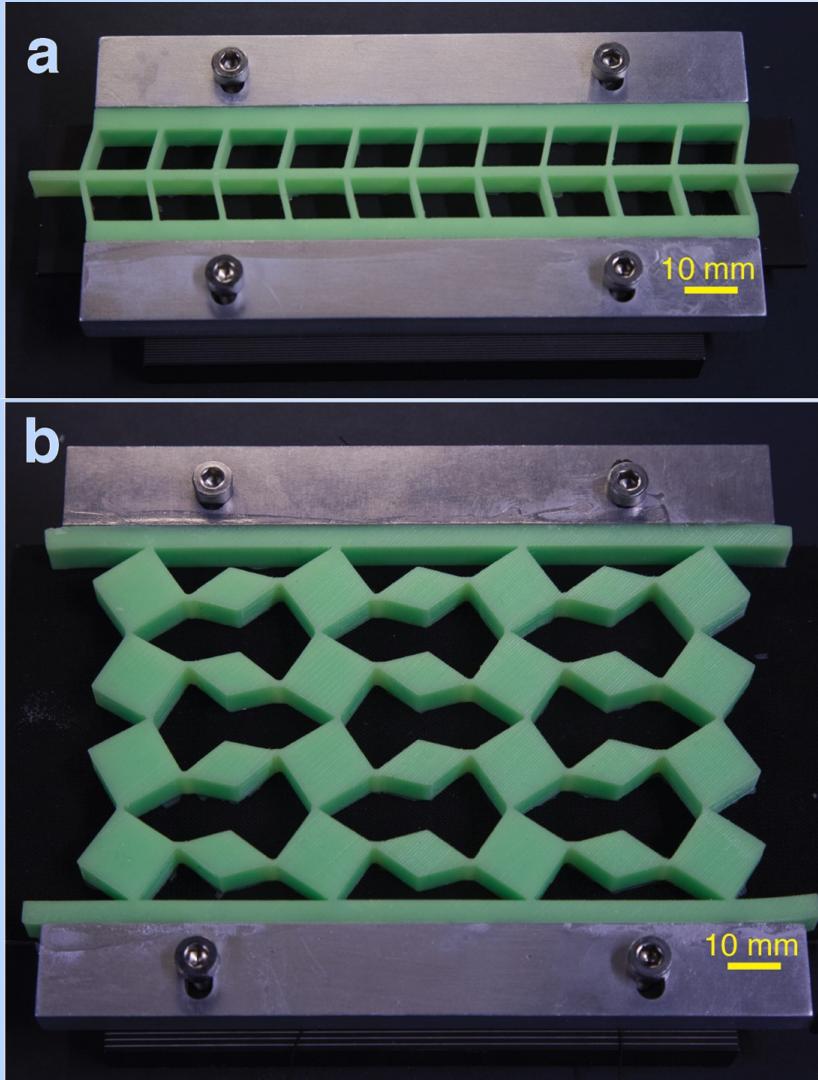
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STATIC NONRECIPROCITY IN MECHANICAL METAMATERIALS

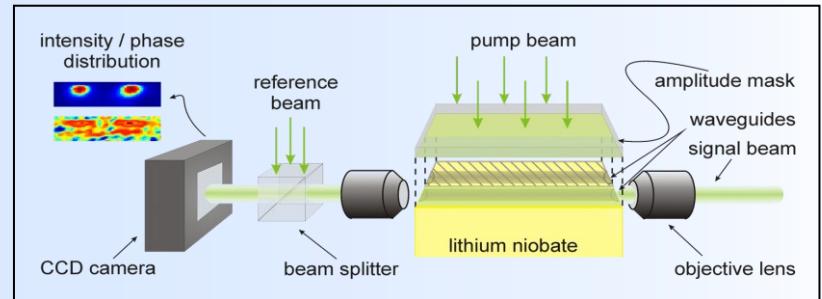


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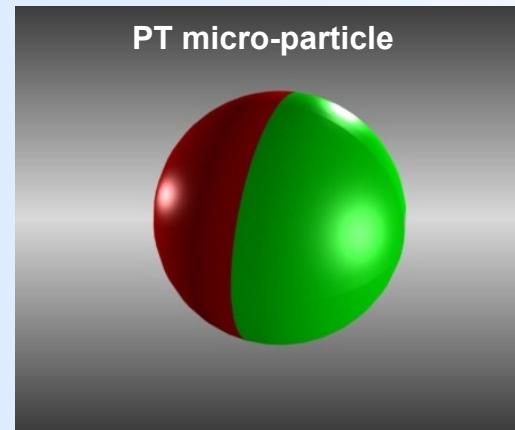
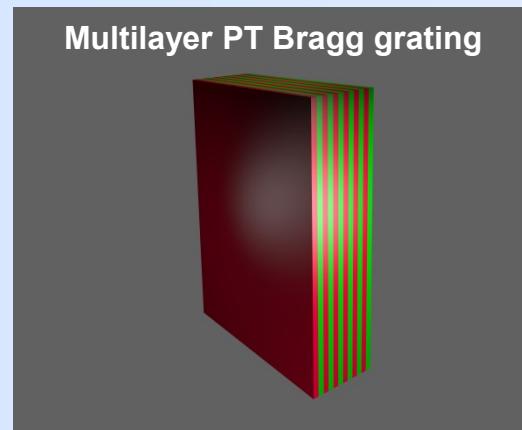
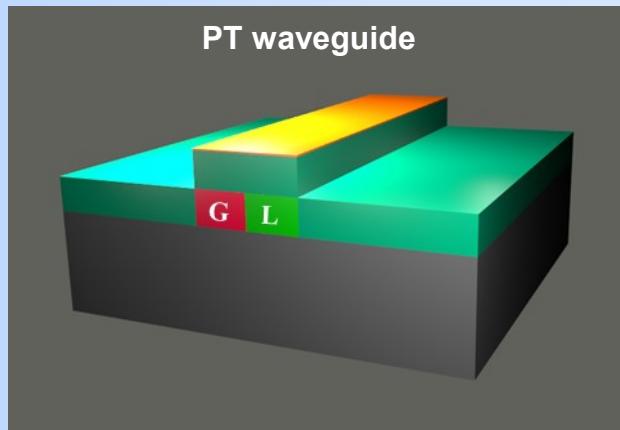
PARITY-TIME SYMMETRY

$$n(r) = n^*(-r)$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_R(-\mathbf{r}) &= +n_R(\mathbf{r}) \\ n_I(-\mathbf{r}) &= -n_I(\mathbf{r}) \end{aligned}$$



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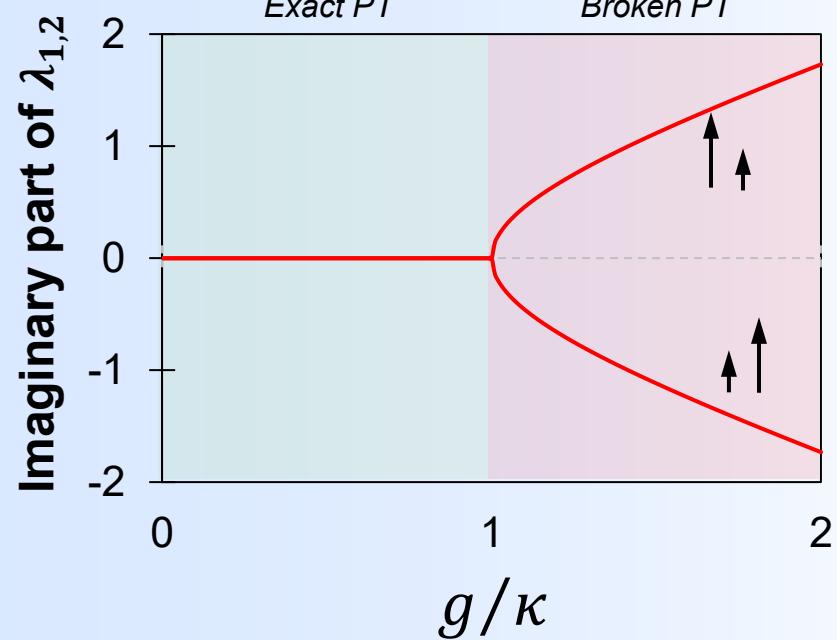
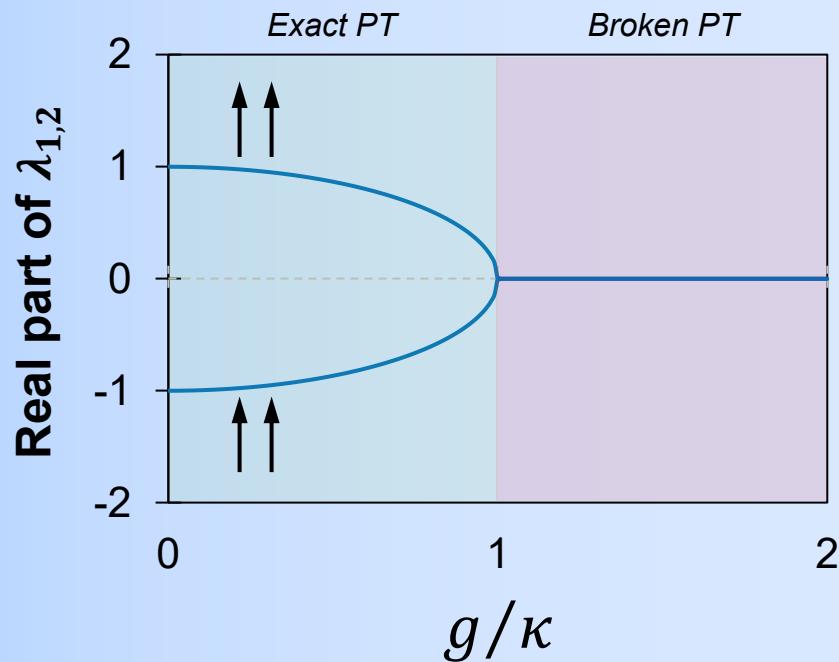
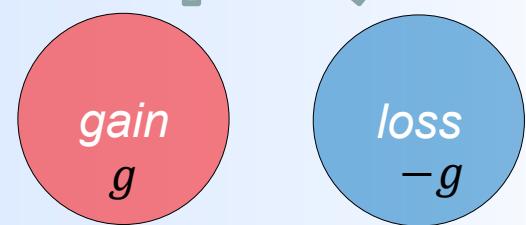
PT-SYMMETRY IN OPTICS

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{da}{dz} &= i\kappa b + ga \\ \frac{db}{dz} &= i\kappa a - gb\end{aligned}$$



$$\lambda_{1,2} = \sqrt{\kappa^2 - g^2}$$

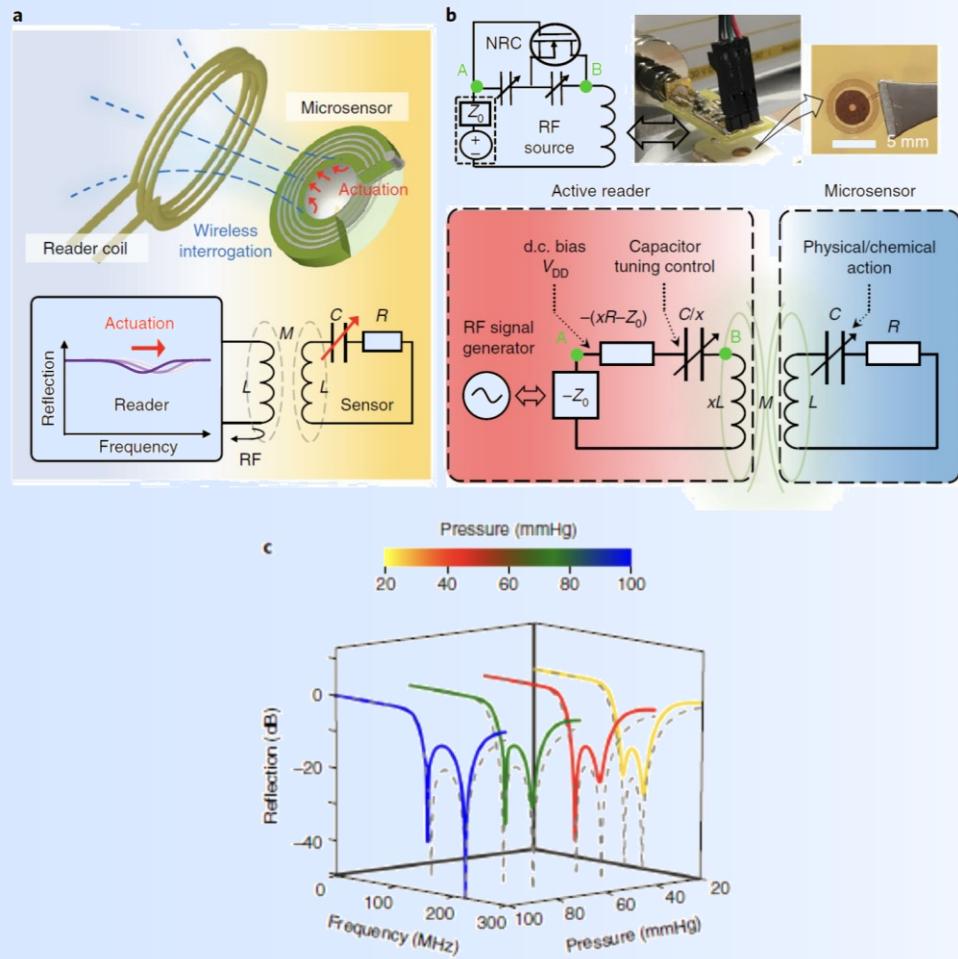
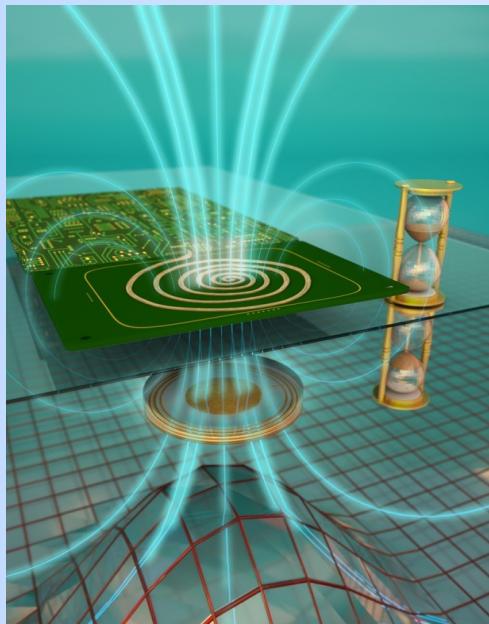
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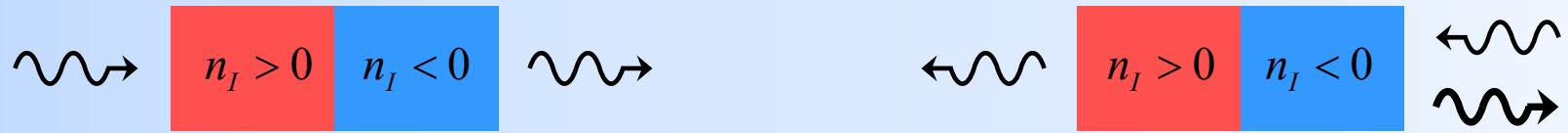
PT-SYMMETRIC SENSORS FOR TELEMETRY



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UNIDIRECTIONAL INVISIBILITY



Acoustic PT-symmetry

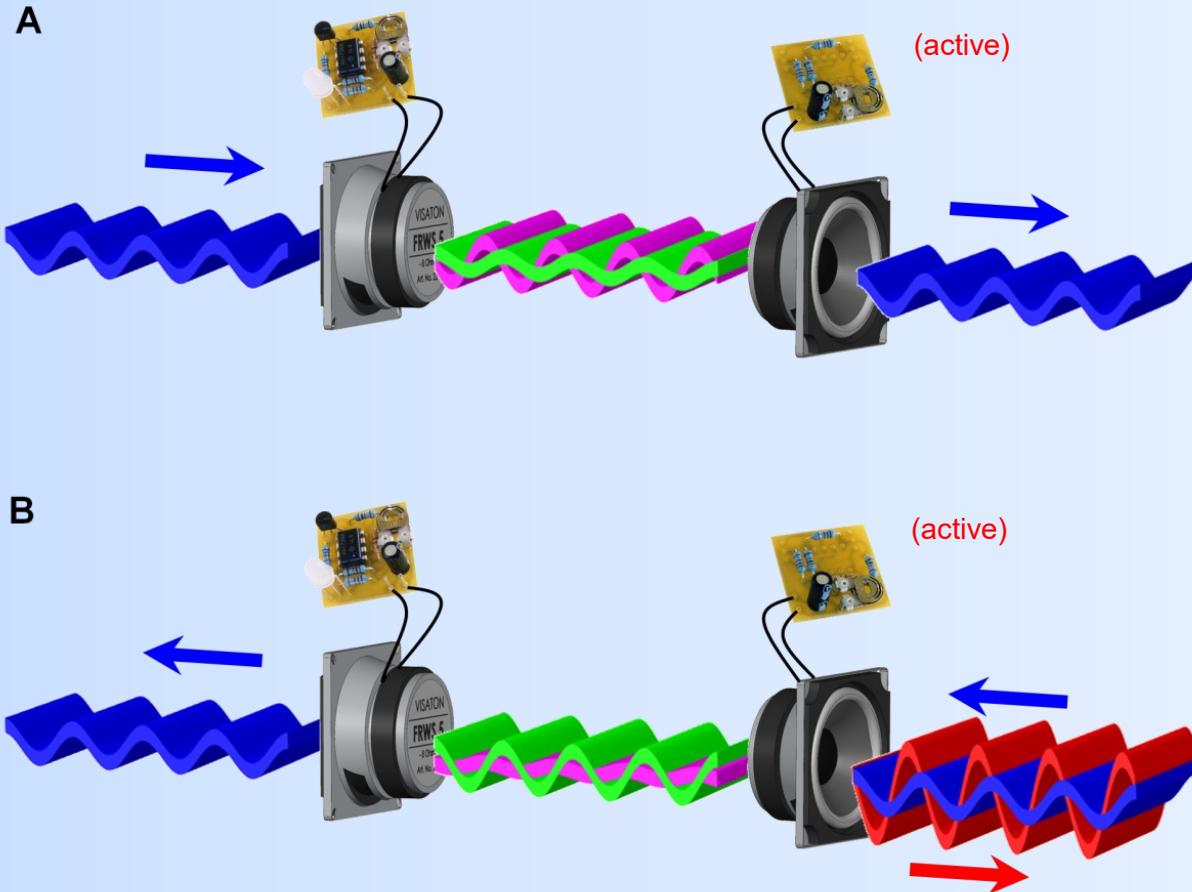
$$\operatorname{Re} Z_L^{(1)} > 0$$



$$\operatorname{Re} Z_L^{(1)} < 0 \text{ (active)}$$

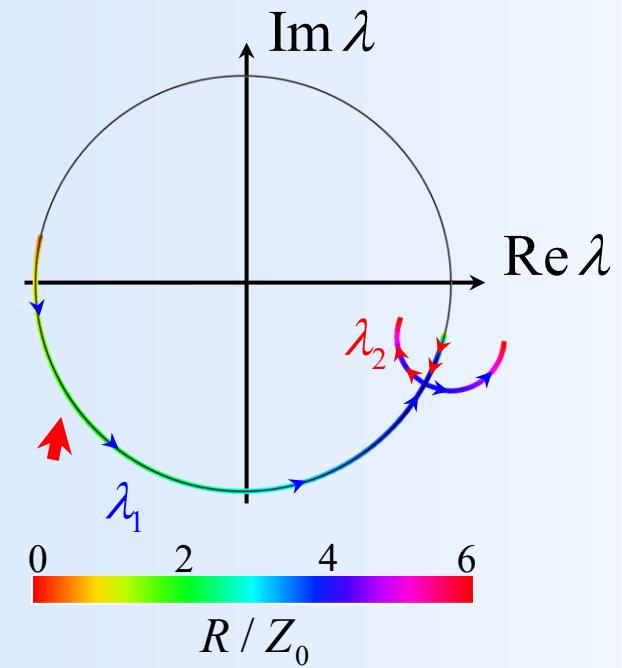
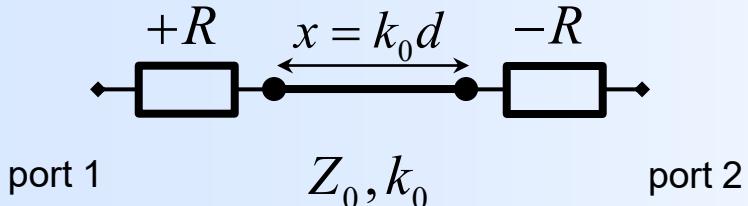
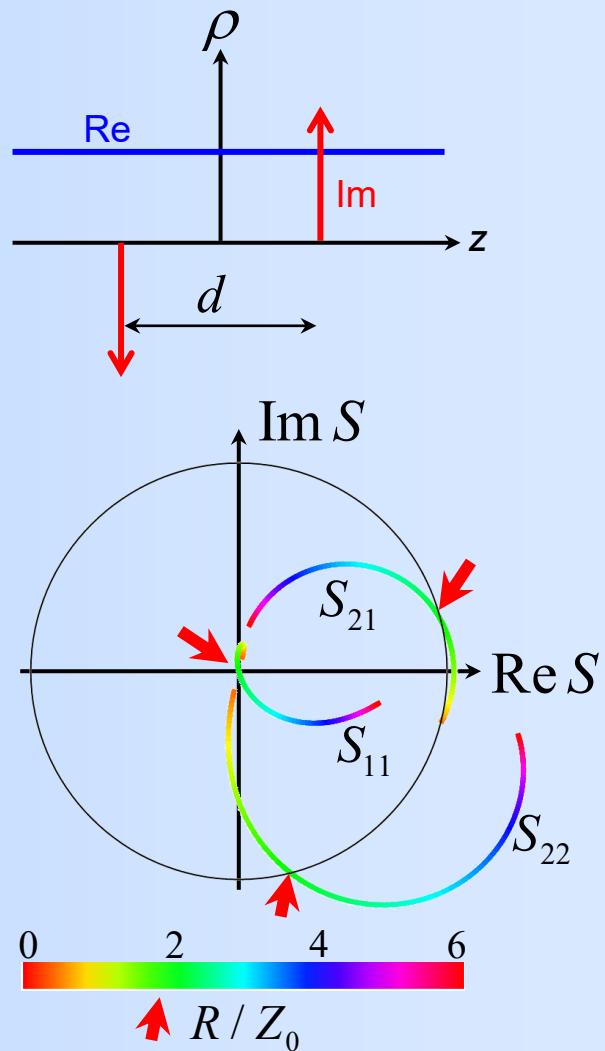


PT ACOUSTICS : STABLE, BALANCED LOSS/GAIN



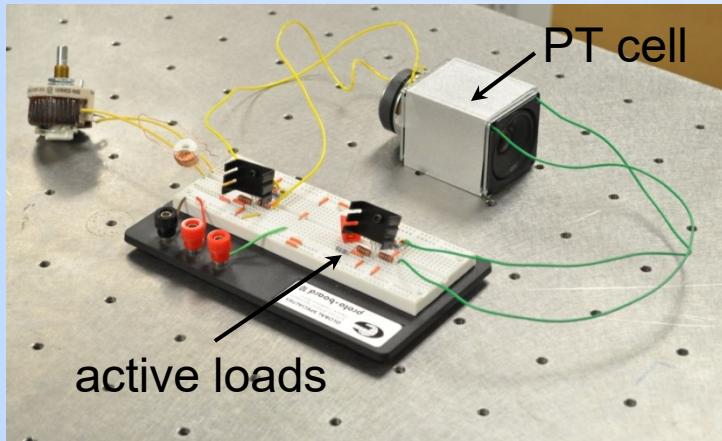
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SCATTERING PARAMETERS AND S-MATRIX EIGENVALUES

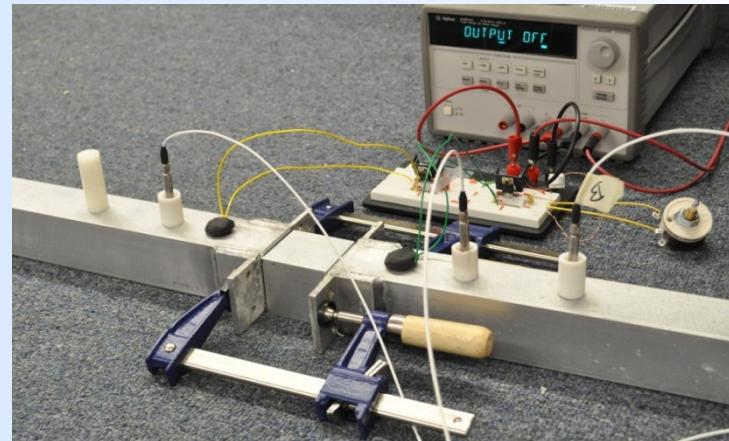


EXPERIMENTAL VALIDATION

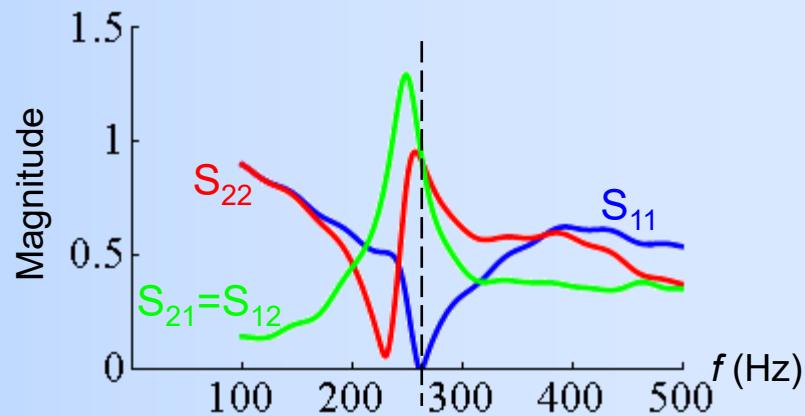
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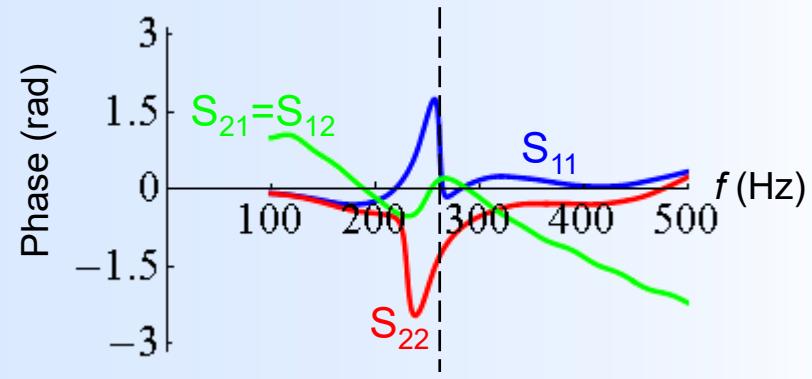
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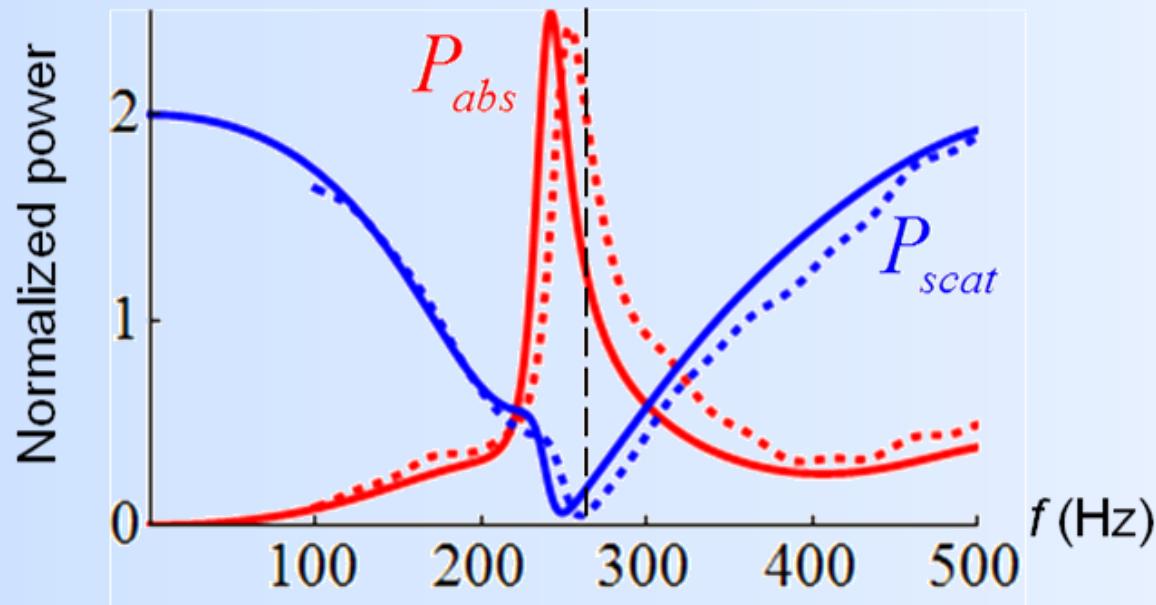
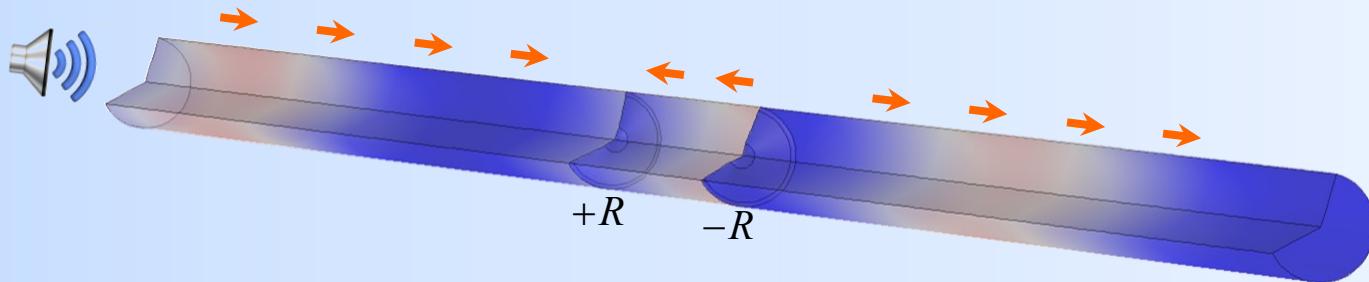
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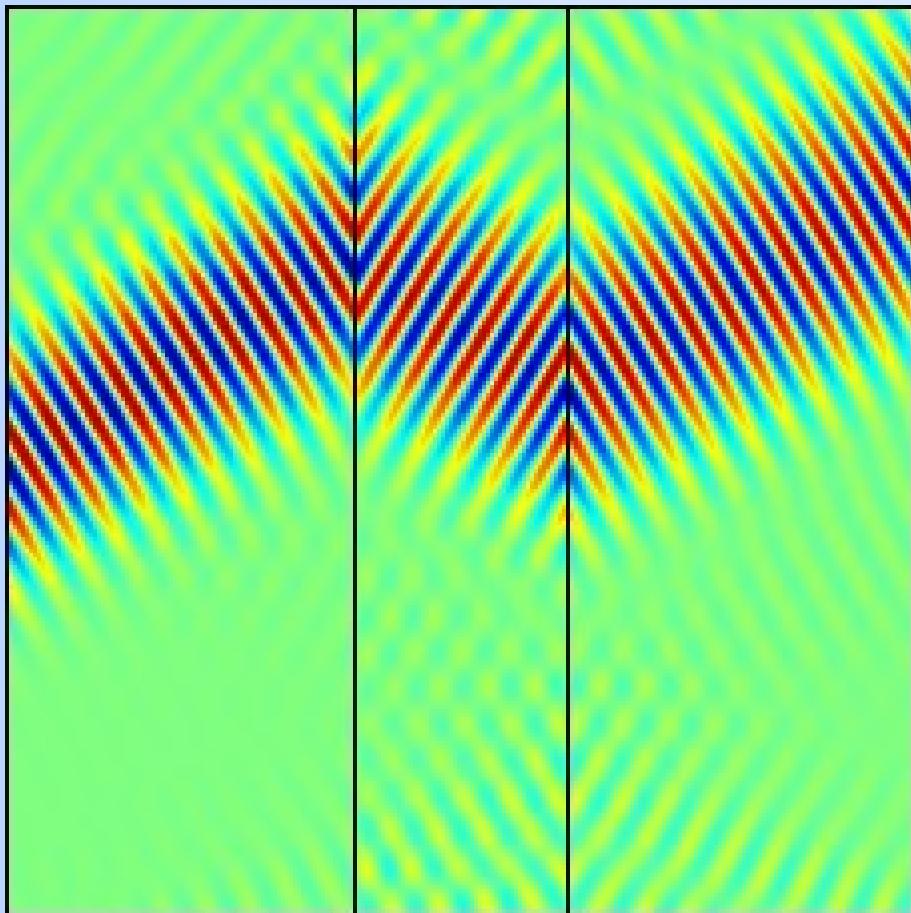
AN INVISIBLE SENSOR



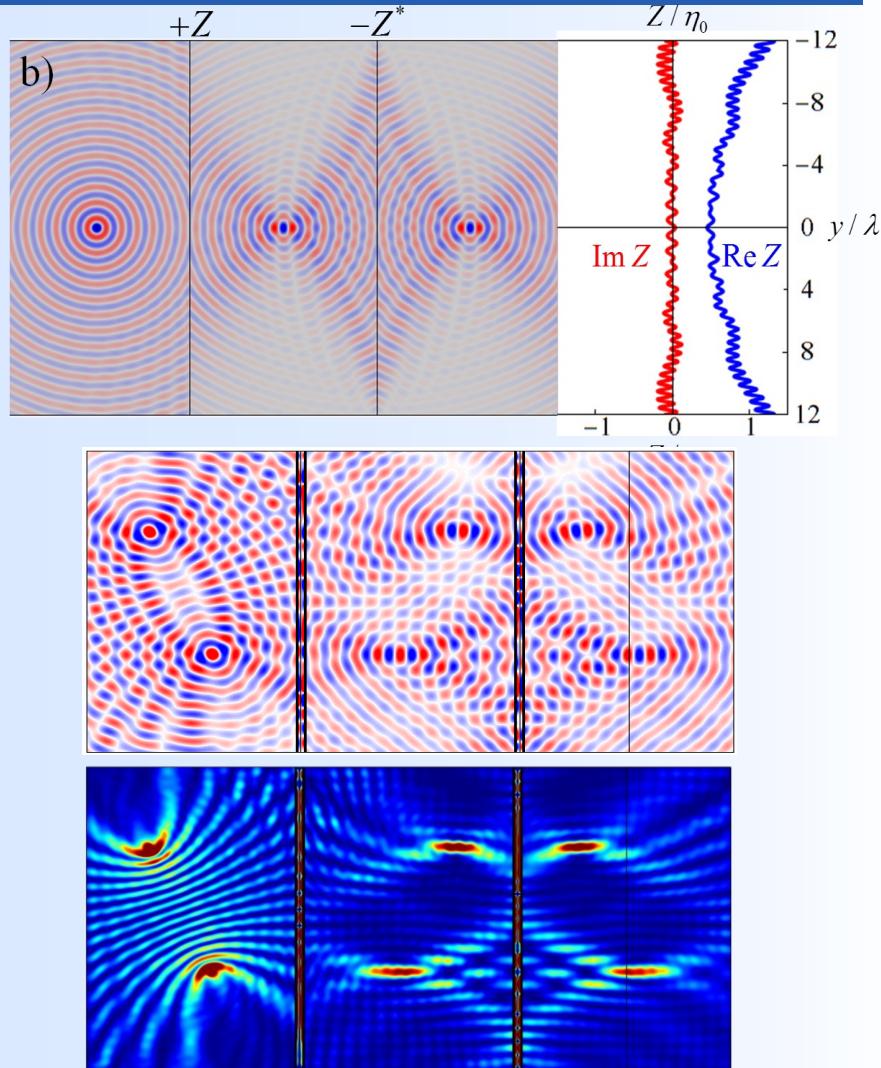
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NEGATIVE REFRACTION AND FOCUSING



$$\frac{+Z_0 \cos \theta}{2} \quad \frac{-Z_0 \cos \theta}{2}$$

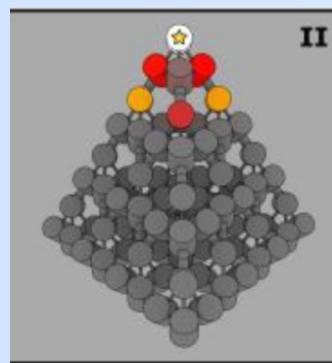
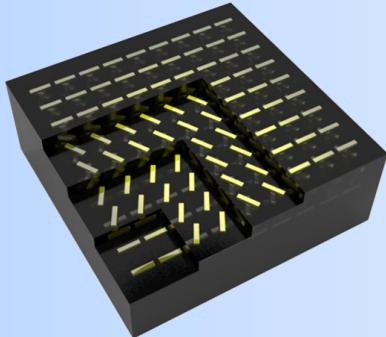


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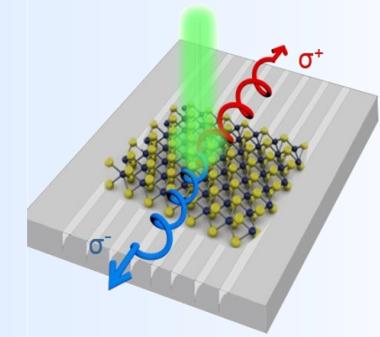
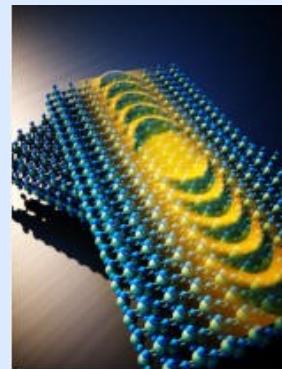
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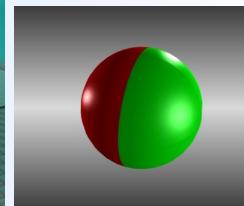
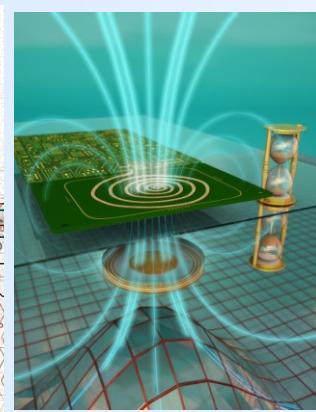
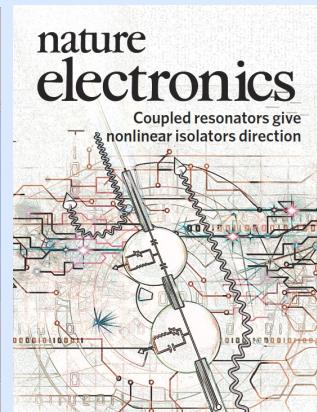
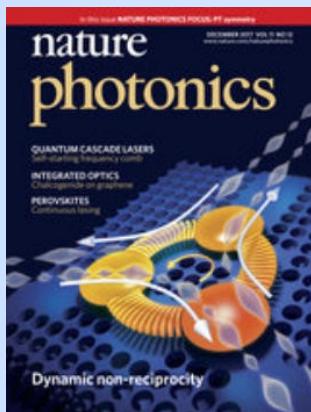
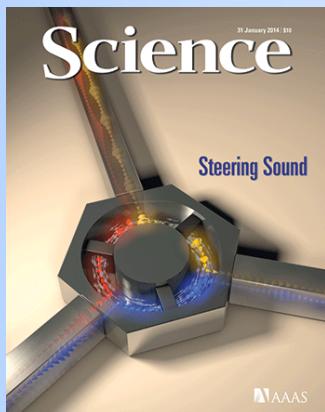
BROKEN SYMMETRIES FOR EXTREME WAVE INTERACTIONS



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Twistronics and valleytronics to mold the flow of light at the nanoscale



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Parity-time symmetry for exotic interactions beyond the limits of passive metamaterials