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## **Introduction to Optofluidics**

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# Application of SLMs and high-speed imaging in optical tweezers for microfluidics

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## Part 3

- Applications of SLMs and High-speed Imaging
  - Optical pumps
  - Hydrodynamic coupling
  - Trap dynamics

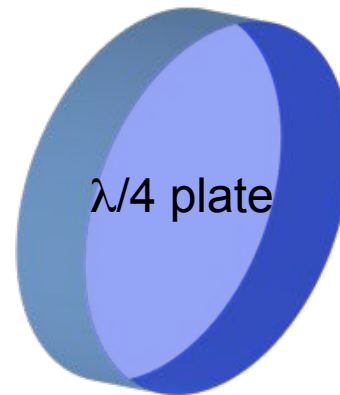


## Transfer of spin AM

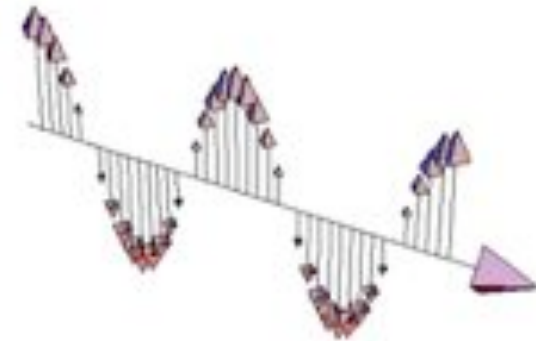
Circular polarisation



Spin AM  $\hbar$ /photon



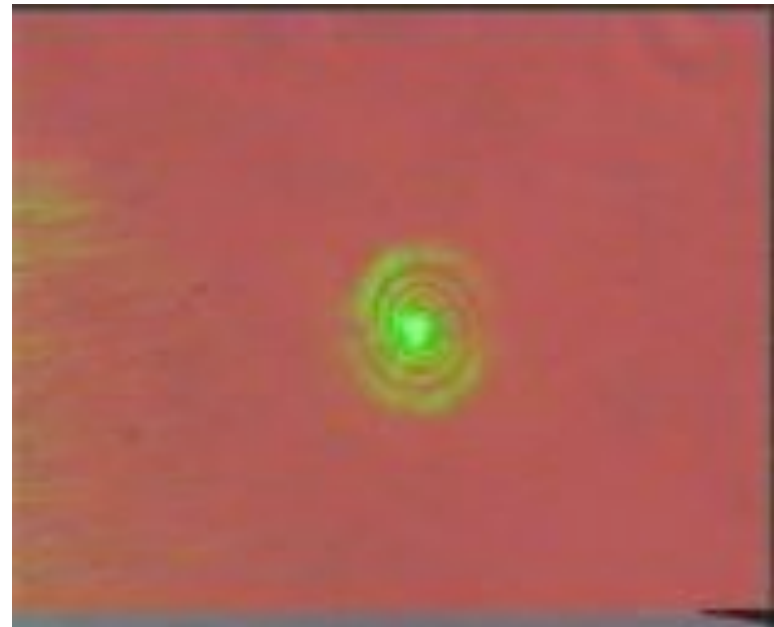
Linear Polarisation



No AM

## Transfer of spin AM in tweezers

- Within optical tweezers
  - Circularly polarised trapping beam
  - $2\mu\text{m}$  dia. Calcite  $\approx \lambda/4$
  - For  $r < \lambda/4$  plate
    - torque  $\propto r$
  - Viscous drag scales with  $r^3$ 
    - Small particles rotate faster



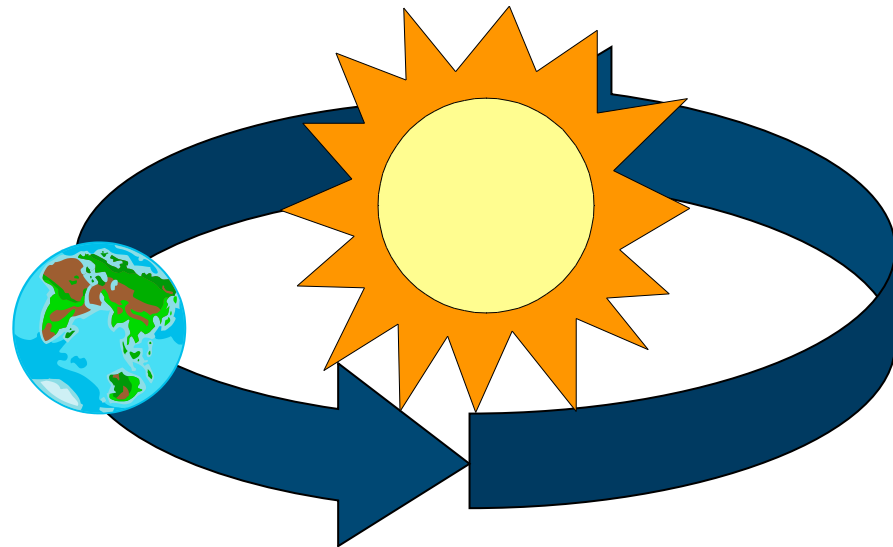
**Friese, Nature 394, 348, 1998**

## Angular momentum

Spin angular momentum  
(SAM)



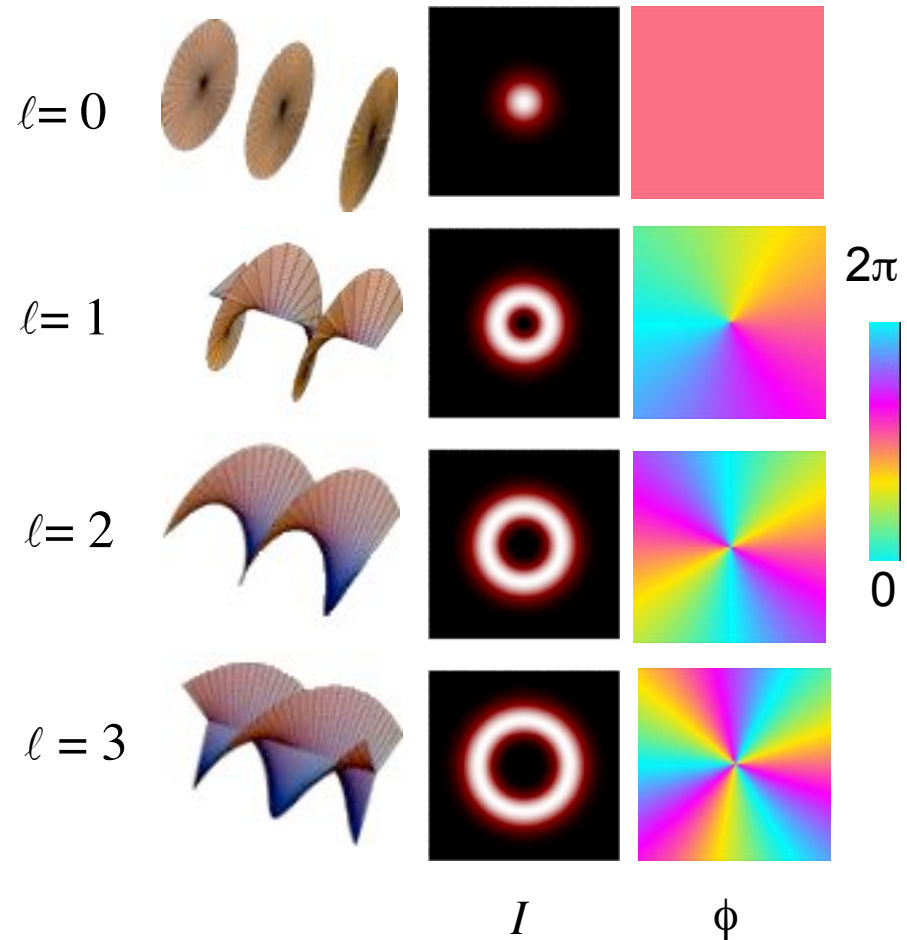
Orbital angular momentum  
(OAM)



## Optical vortex = Helical phasefronts

- Description of light
  - Intensity ( $\theta, r$ ),  $I \geq 0$
  - Phase ( $\theta, r$ ),  $2\pi \geq \phi \geq 0$ 
    - $\phi(\theta, r) = \omega t + kz + \ell\theta$
    - $\ell = 0$ , plane wave
    - $\ell = 1$ , helical wave
    - $\ell = 2$ , (double) helical
    - etc.

$\ell =$  vortex charge



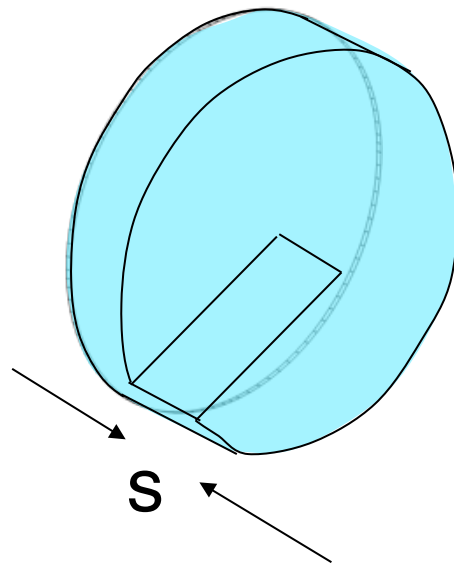
## A vortex of what?

- Momentum flow perpendicular to phasefronts
- Helical phasefronts
  - ▷ azimuthal momentum
    - orbital angular momentum
    - $l\hbar$  per photon (Allen *et al.*)
- A vortex of optical energy and momentum



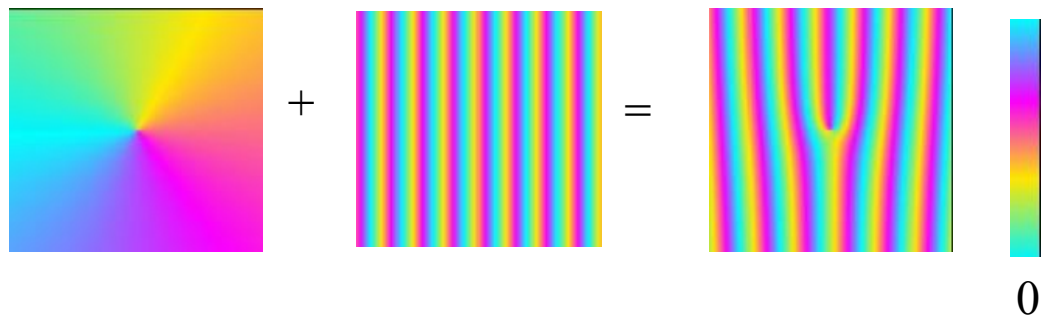


## Designing helical phase hologram



- Spiral Phase-plate  
 $s = \ell\lambda / (n-1)$

- Holographically  
e.g.  $\ell = 1 \triangleright$



## Software for driving SLMs

- Software for hologram design and drive of SLMs
  - <http://www.physics.gla.ac.uk/Optics/projects/tweezers/slmcontrol/>



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## SAM/OAM transfer to particle held in optical tweezers



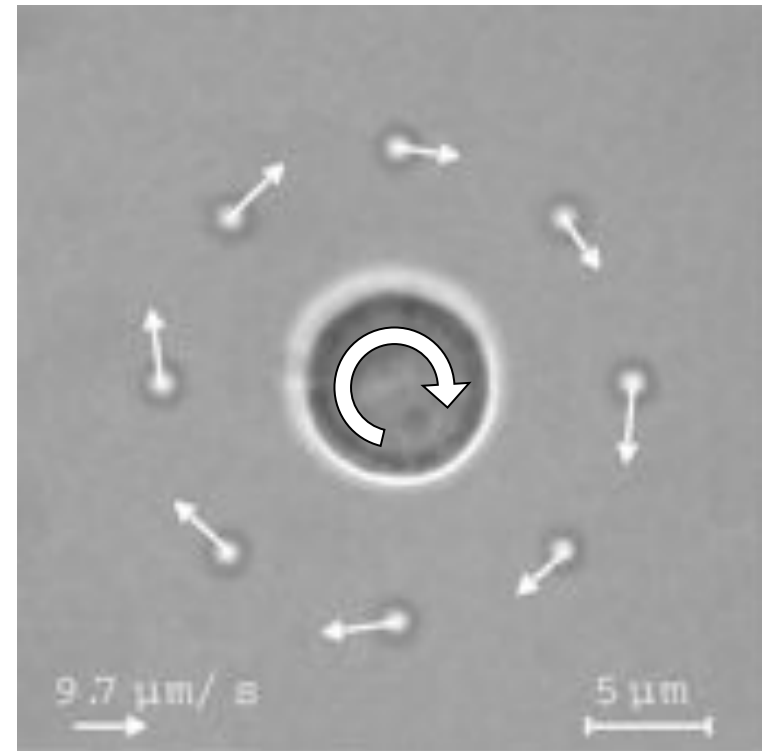
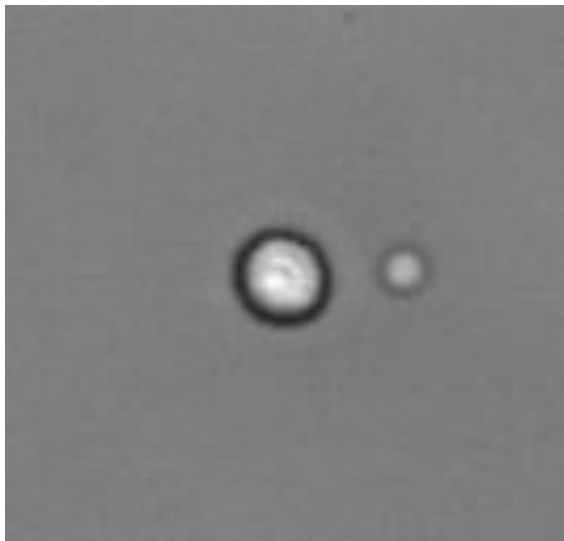
SAM  
Particle spins on its own axis



OAM  
Particle orbits the beam axis

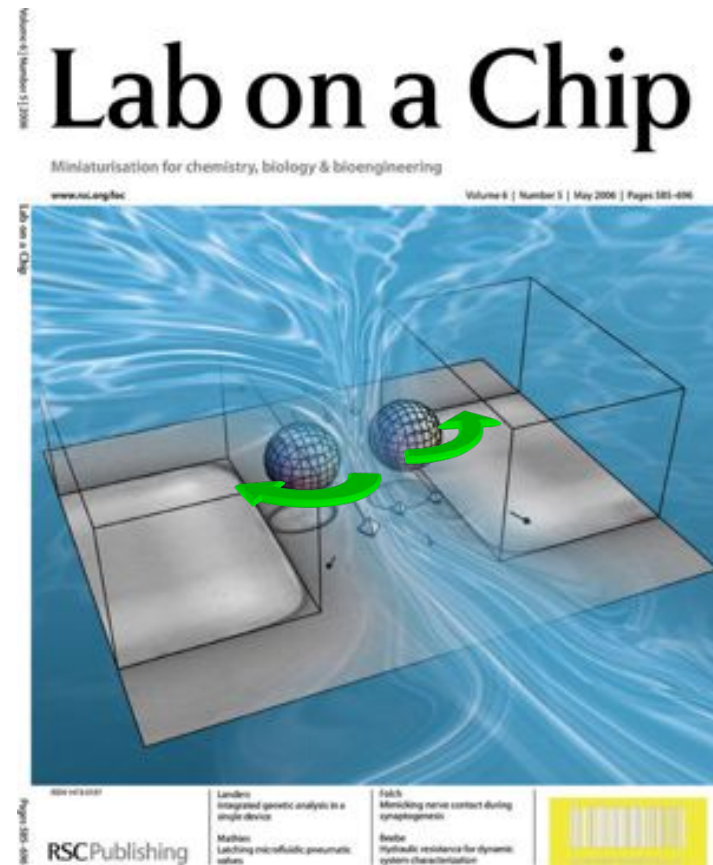
## Measurement of fluid flow

- Use holographic tweezers to trap and position probe particle in flow
  - High speed video sync. to  $\approx 40\text{Hz}$  modulation of trap



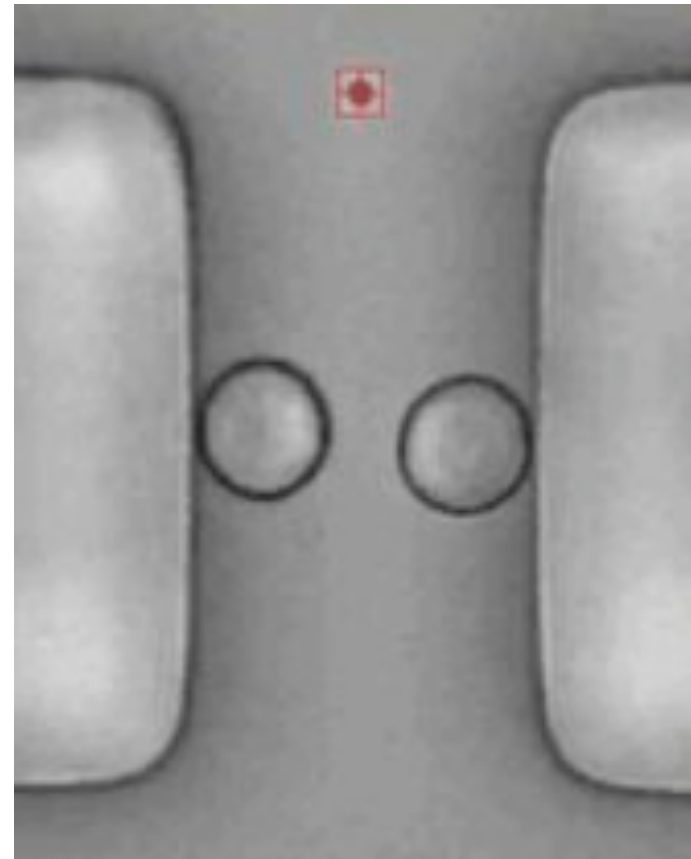
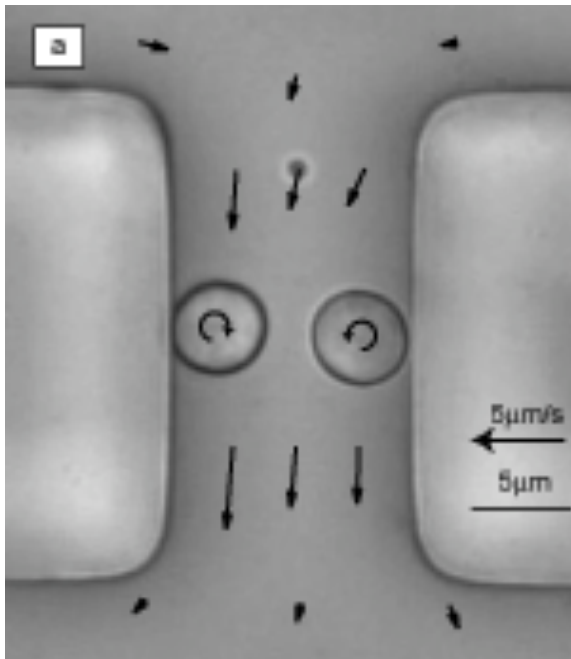
## Generating flow in micro-fluidic channel

- Use scanning beam to move beads (Marr et al.)
- Use OAM to circulate beams (Grier et al.)
- Counter-rotating  $5\mu\text{m}$  dia. vaterite beads driven by light's spin angular momentum
  - $15\mu\text{m}$  wide channel in PDMS
  - Flow  $\mu\text{m/s} \approx$  plitre/sec

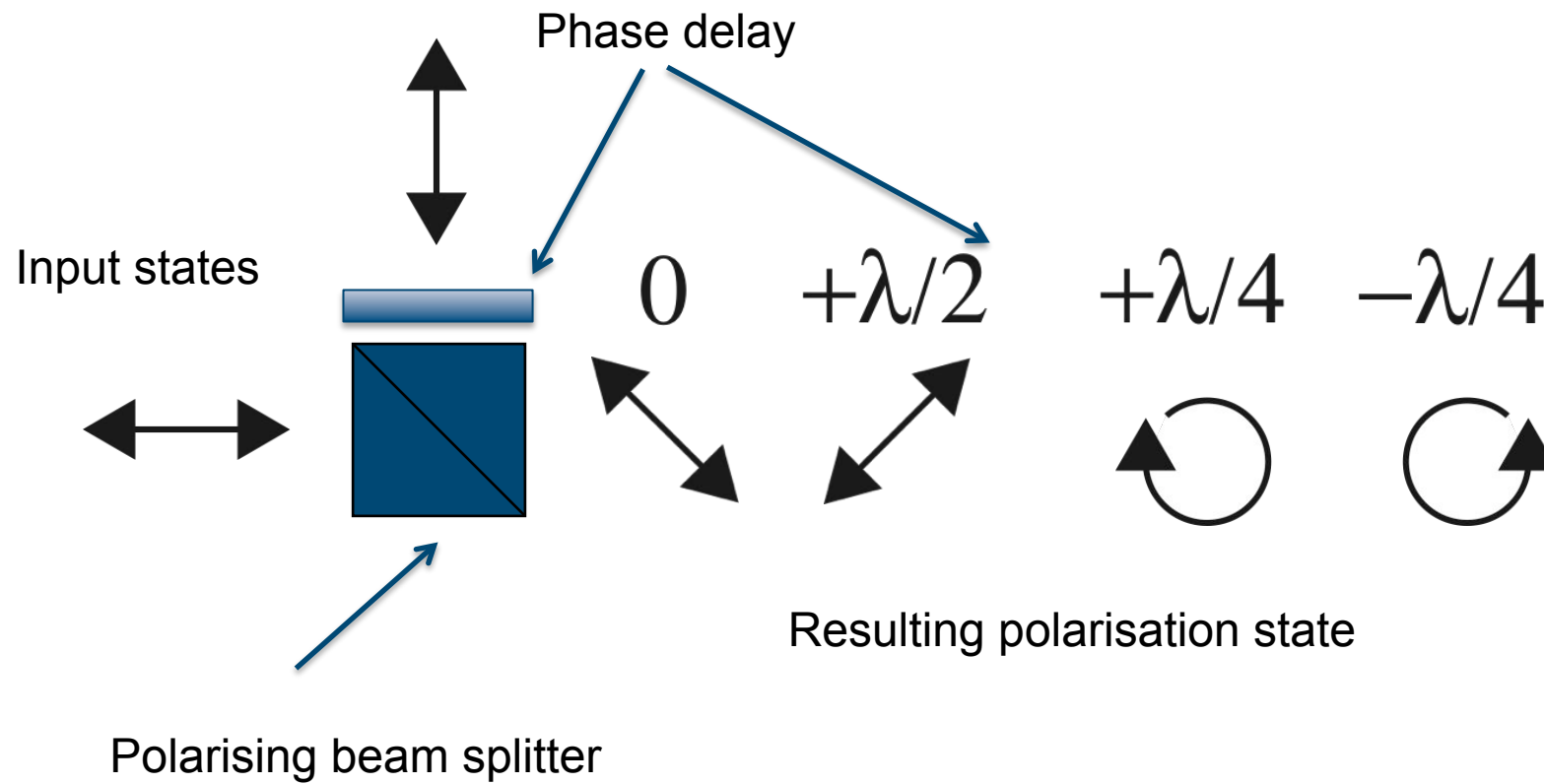


## Optically driven pump

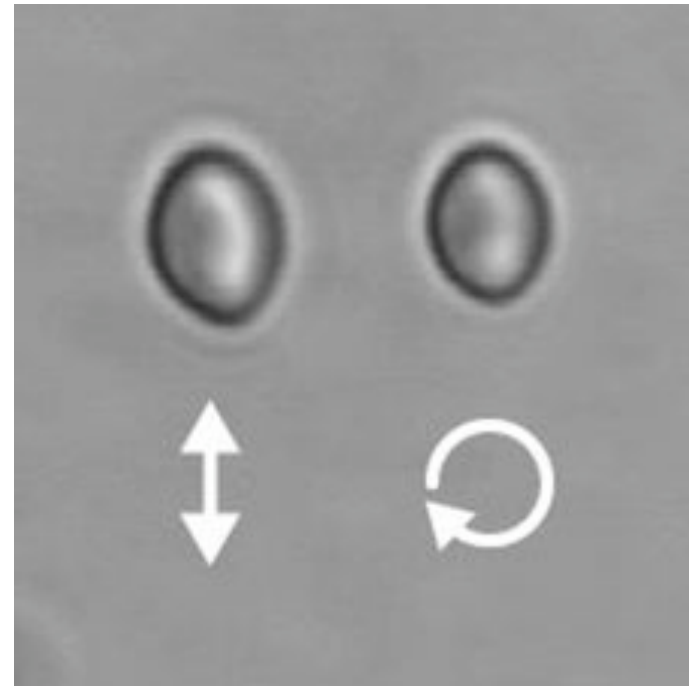
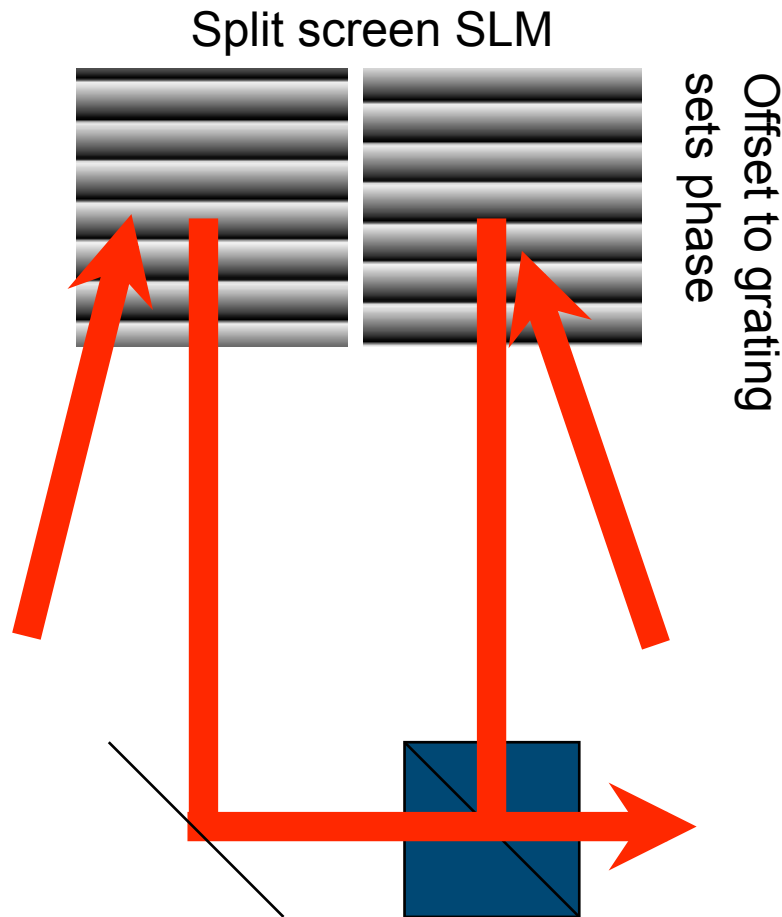
- Flow  $\approx 200\mu\text{m}^3/\text{s}$  (plittre/sec)



## Control of optical SAM



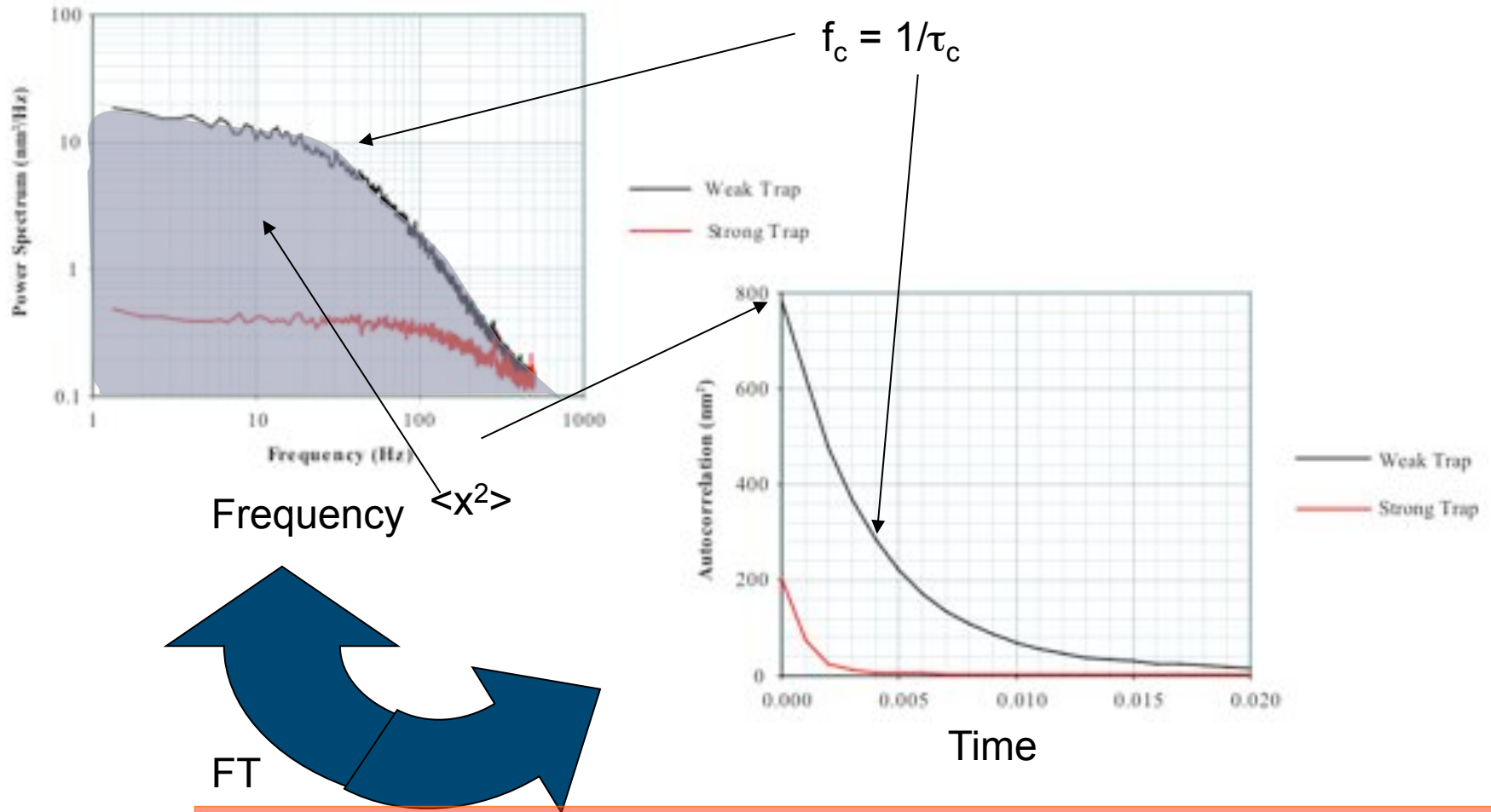
## Control of optical SAM



We can turn the angular momentum  
in the beam "on and off"

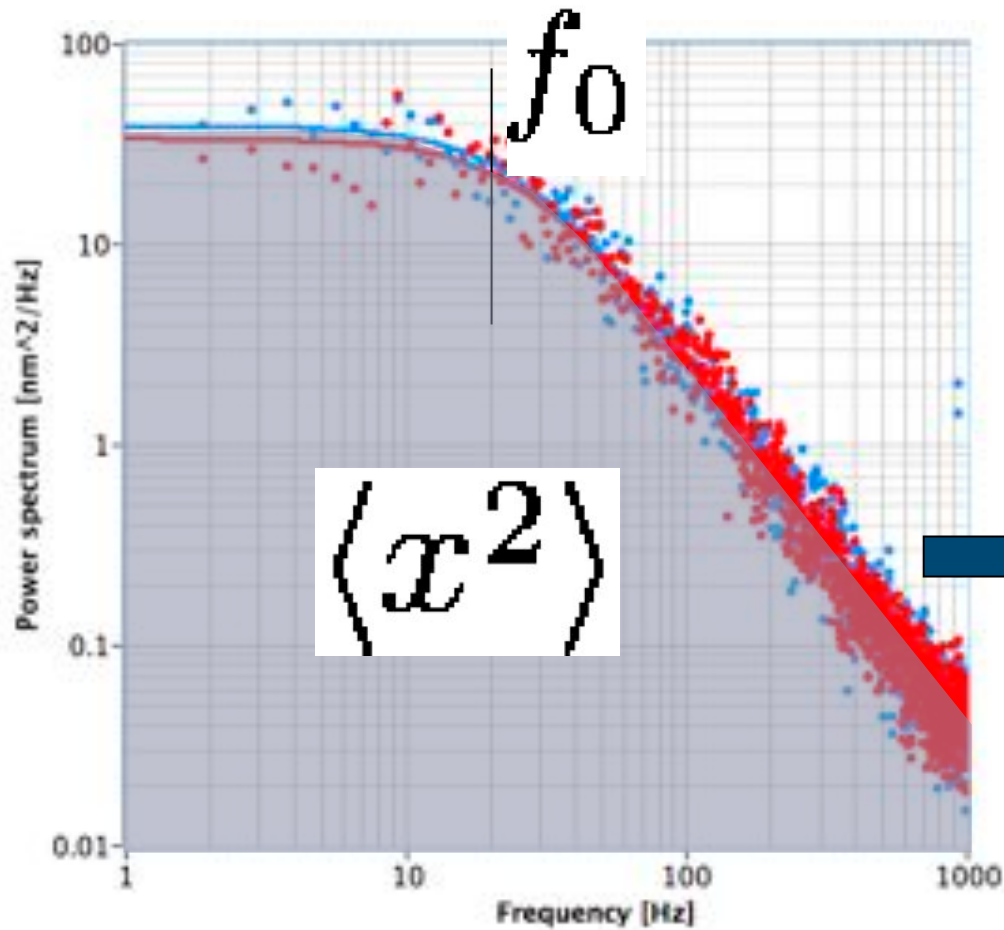


## Power Spectra and Auto correlations



**Berg-Sorensen *et al.* Rev. Sci. Instrum E, 75, 594, 2004**

## Fitting the power spectrum



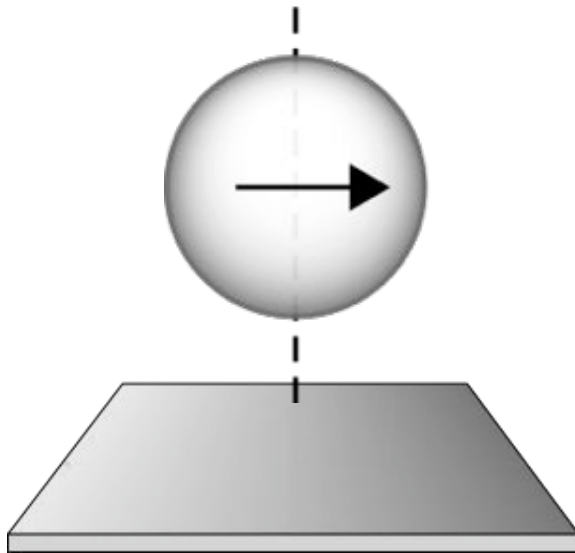
$$f_0 = \frac{k_B T}{12\pi^2 \eta a \langle x^2 \rangle}$$

$$1/2 k \langle x^2 \rangle = 1/2 k_B T$$

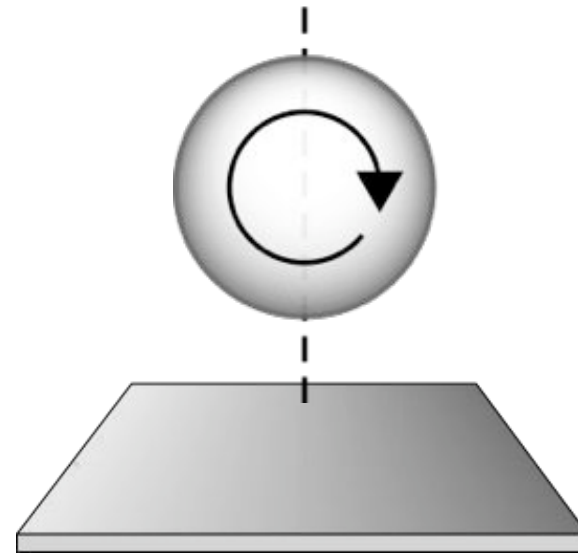
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## Forces and Torques

Force on a translating sphere



Torque on a rotating sphere

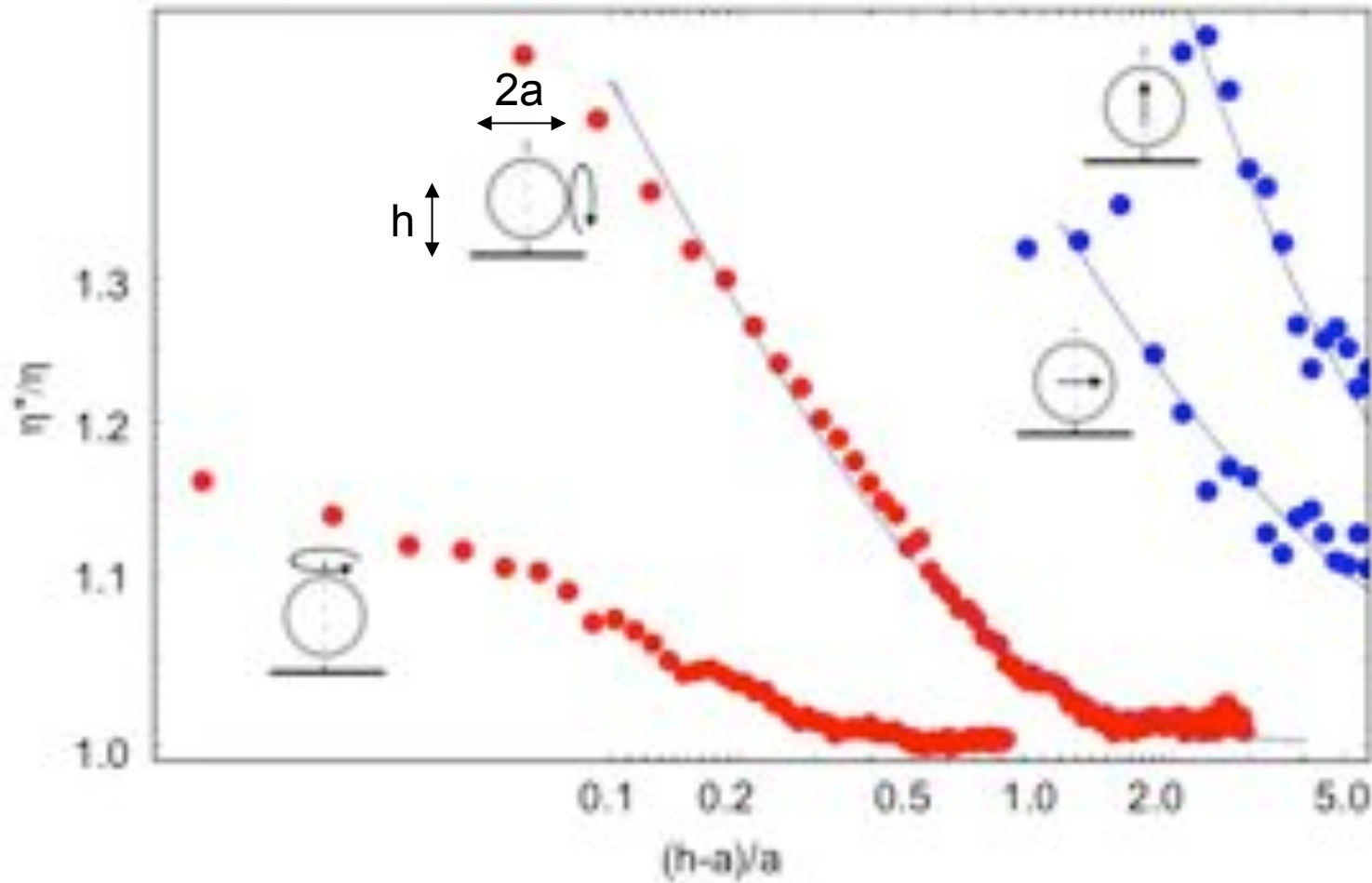


\*For unbounded Newtonian fluids at low Reynolds numbers

$$\gamma = 6\pi\eta a$$

$$\beta = 8\pi\eta a^3$$

Faxen's correction for translational & rotational motion

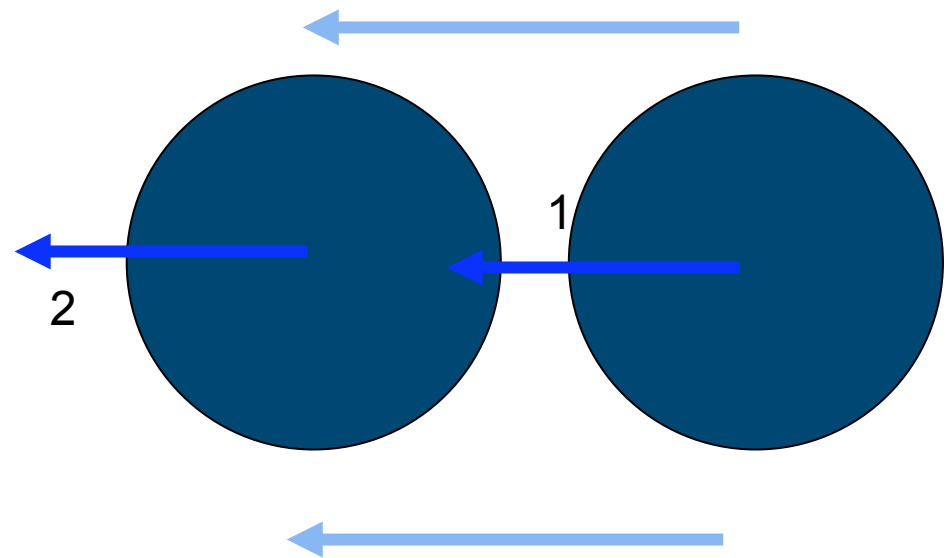


Leach *et al.* Phys. Rev. E 79, 026301, 2009

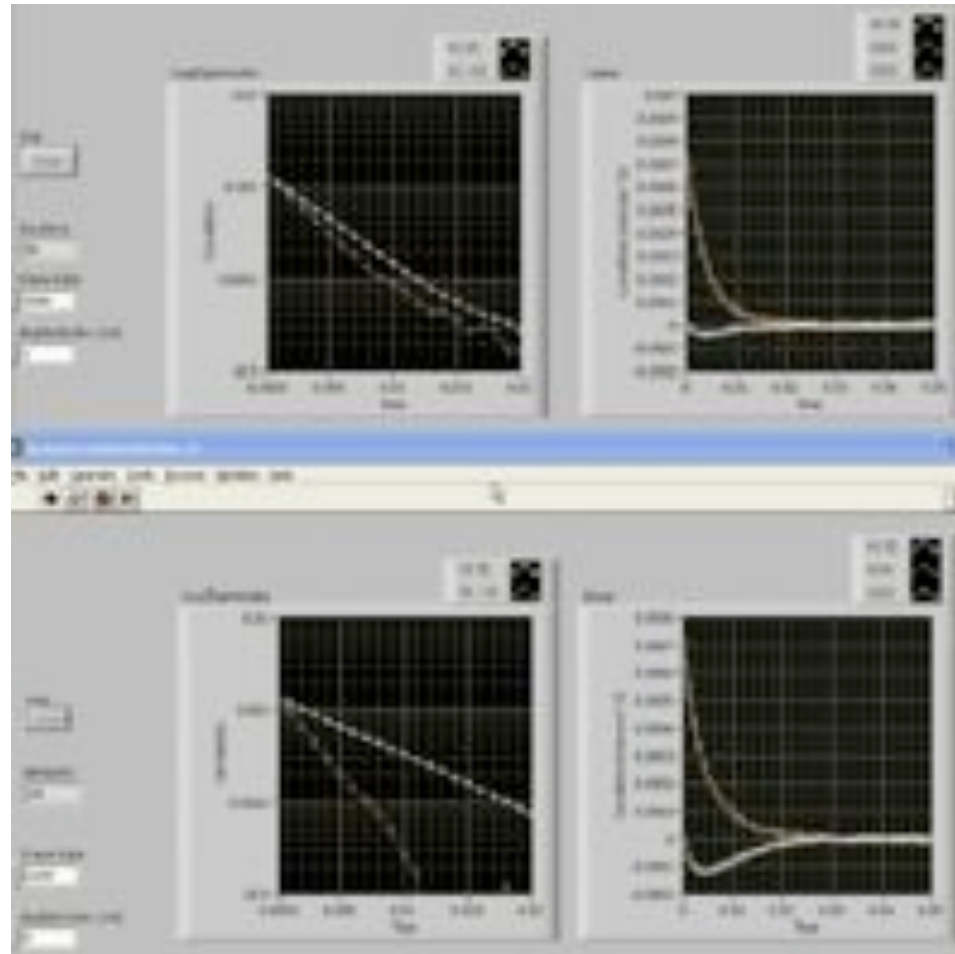
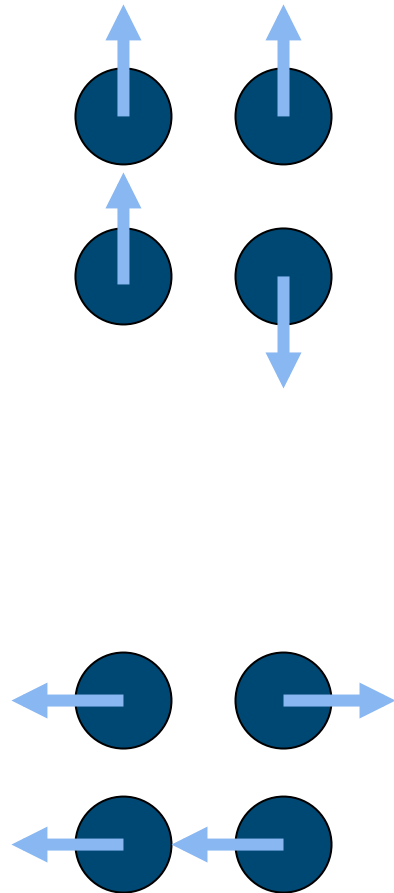
## Observing the (hydrodynamic) coupling

- Motion of one bead creates fluid flow which then exerts Stokes drag force on neighbouring beads

$$- F_2 \propto V_1$$



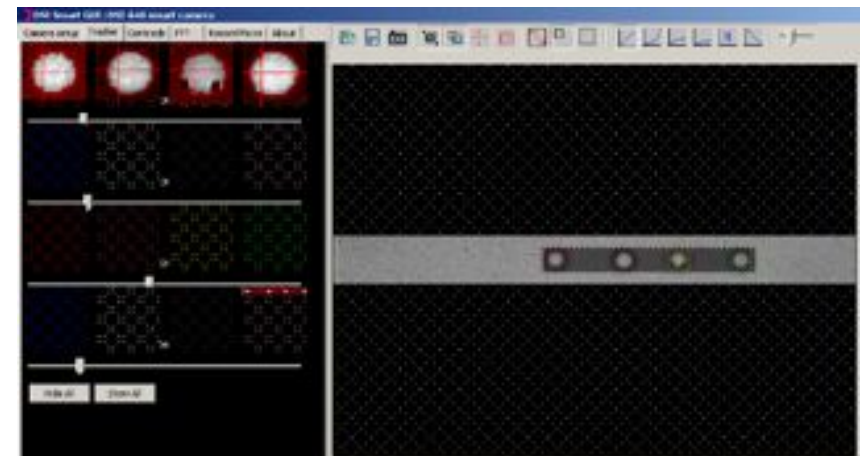
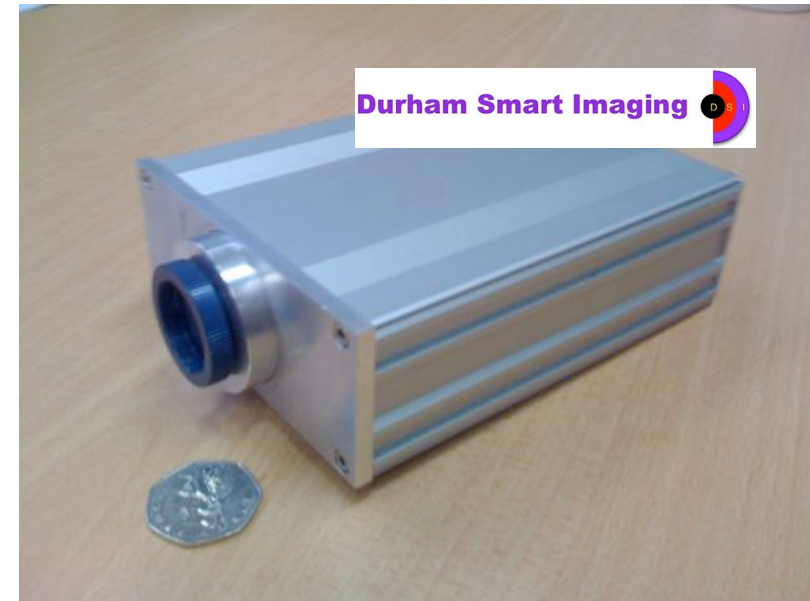
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Meiners and Quake Phys Rev. Lett. 82, 2211, 1999

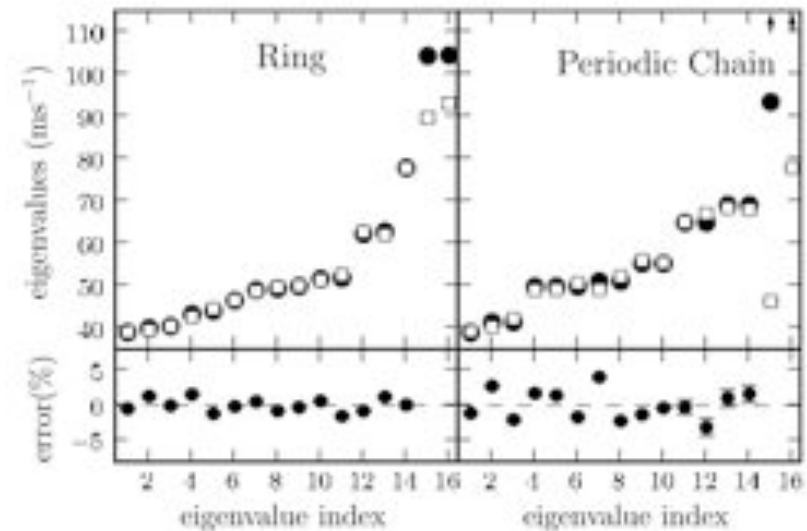
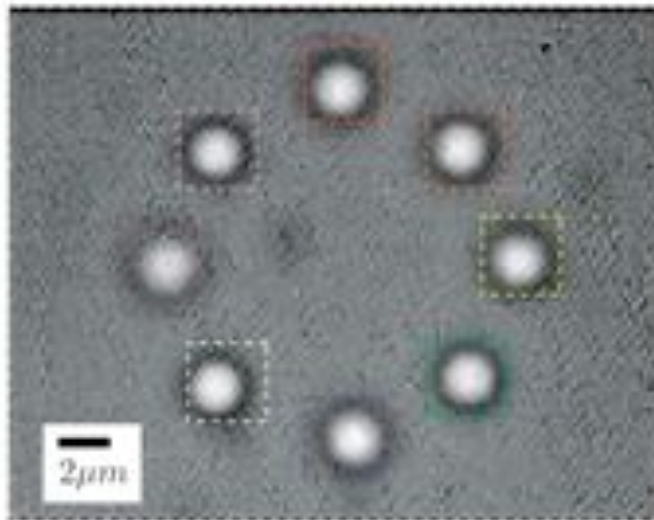
## Program. CMOS (collab. Love and Saunter, Durham)

- CMOS (480x640)
- 8-bit digitisation
- Frame-rate Typ. 2000Hz
- Multi point (16), real time tracking
- Particle Co-ordinates passed to logging computer (Firewire)



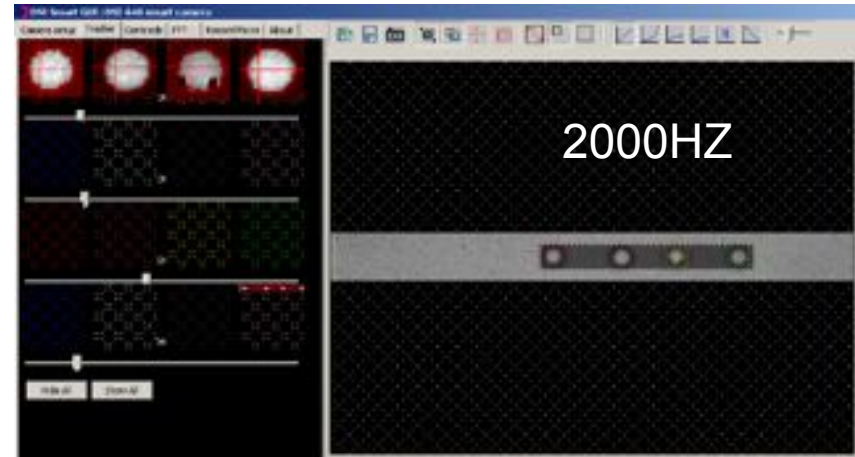
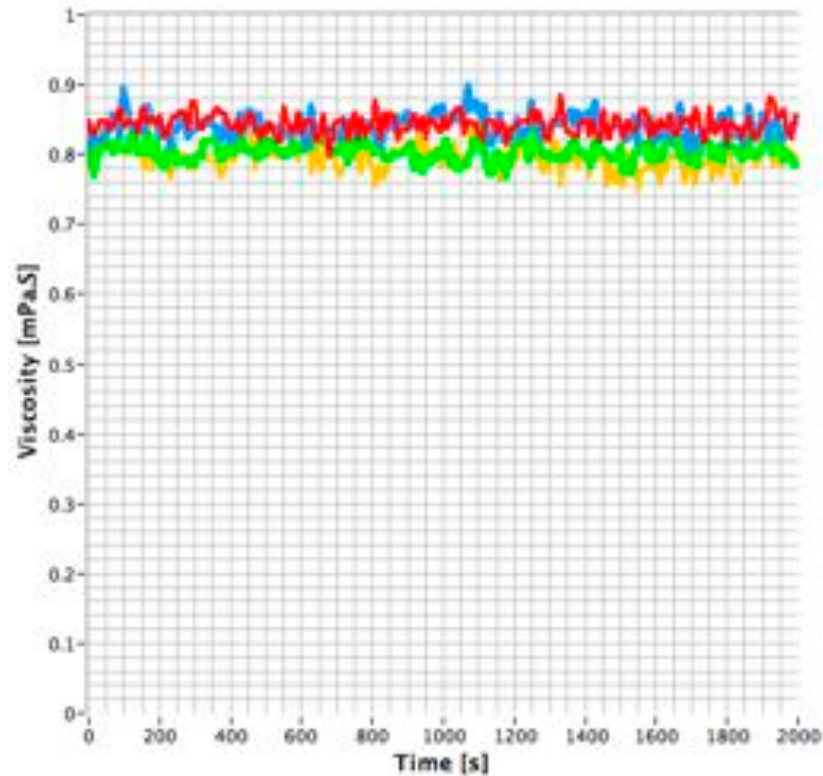
## Mutli-Particle Correlation (collab. DiLeonardo, Rome)

- Eigenmode analysis of hydrodynamically coupled 8 particle ring





## Multipoint viscosity measurement

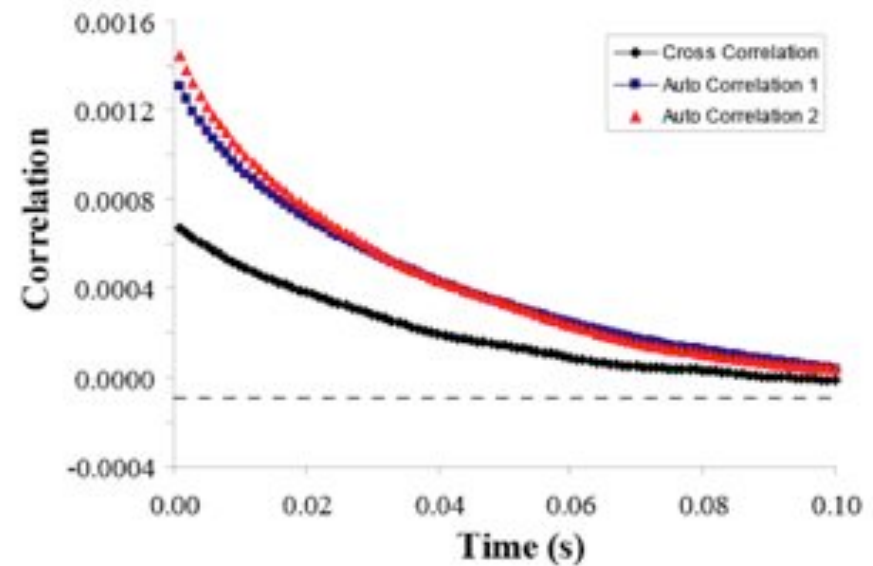
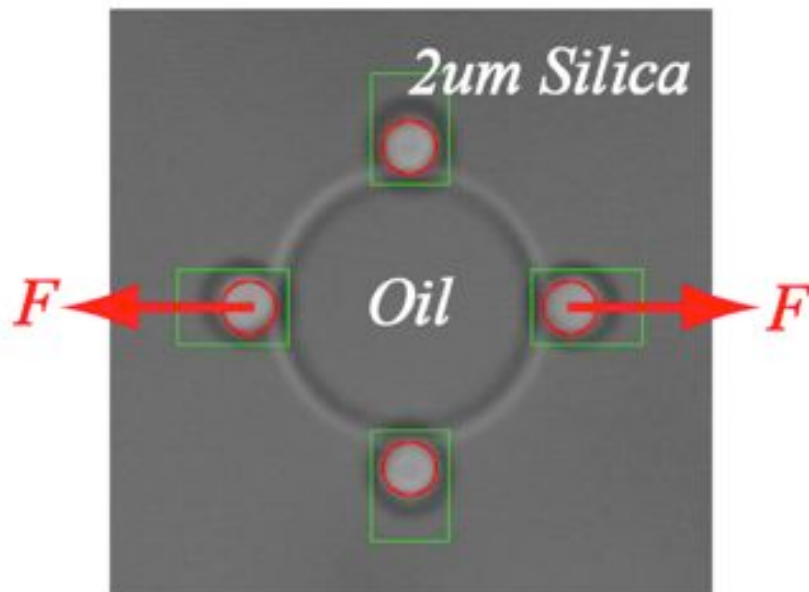


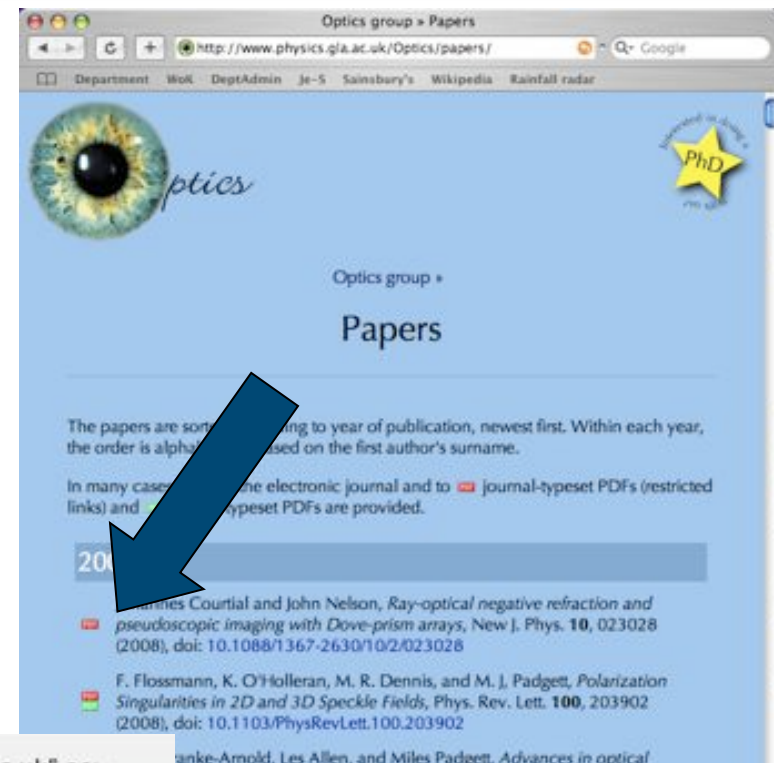
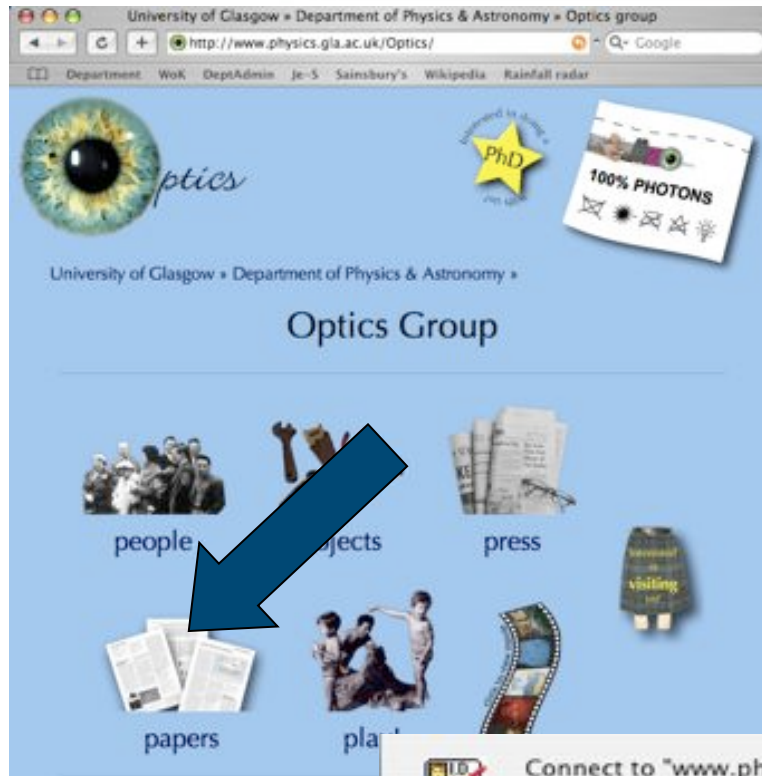
$$\eta = \frac{k_B T}{12\pi^2 a f_0 \langle x^2 \rangle}$$

viscosity of water at 25C = 0.89 mPa.S

## How squishy is that droplet ?

- Measuring compliance at DC AND AC





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