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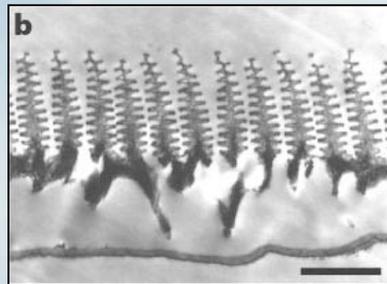
*"Biophotonics at the Nanoscale" - 1*

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# NANOBIOPHOTONICS

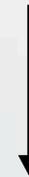


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.. application of optical science and technology to  
the study of nanoscale biological processes.

Basic Sciences . . . Optics . . . Technical Sciences



Nanoscience . . . **NANO-OPTICS** . . . Nanotechnology

Nano-Optics is the study of optical phenomena and techniques near or beyond the diffraction limit.

# NANO-OPTICS @ ROCHESTER

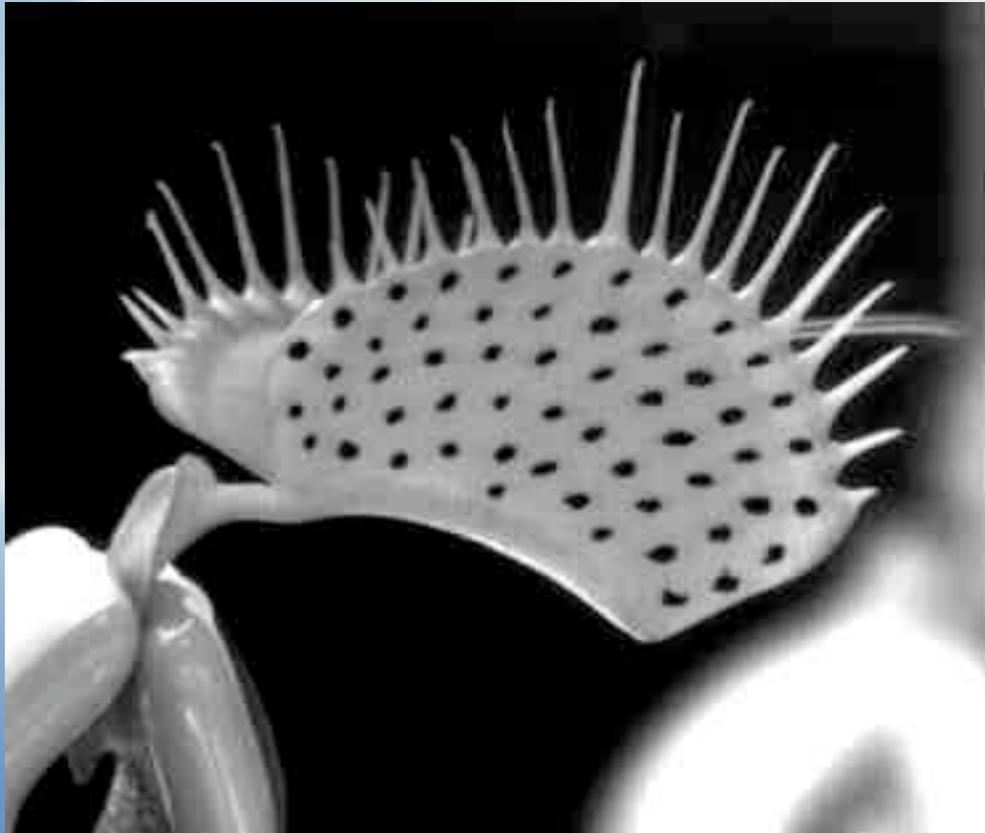


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# OPTICS - BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING BUILDING PROJECT

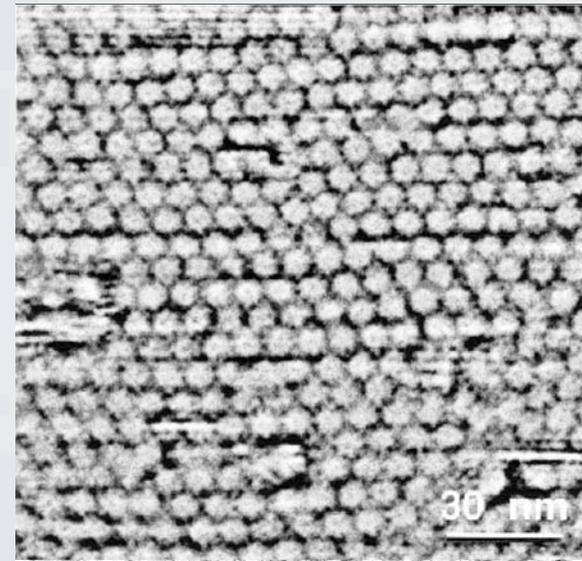
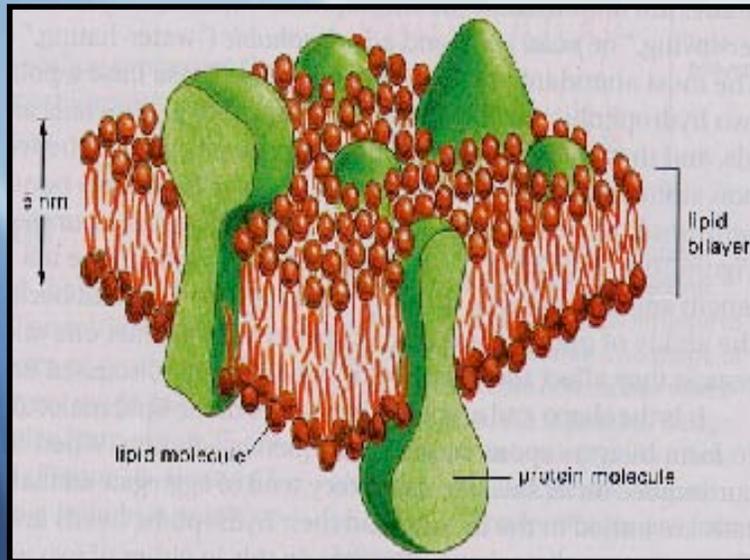


# PROTEINS WORKING IN SYNCHRONY



Cell signaling and coordination are true marvels of nature !

# BIOLOGICAL BUILDING BLOCKS

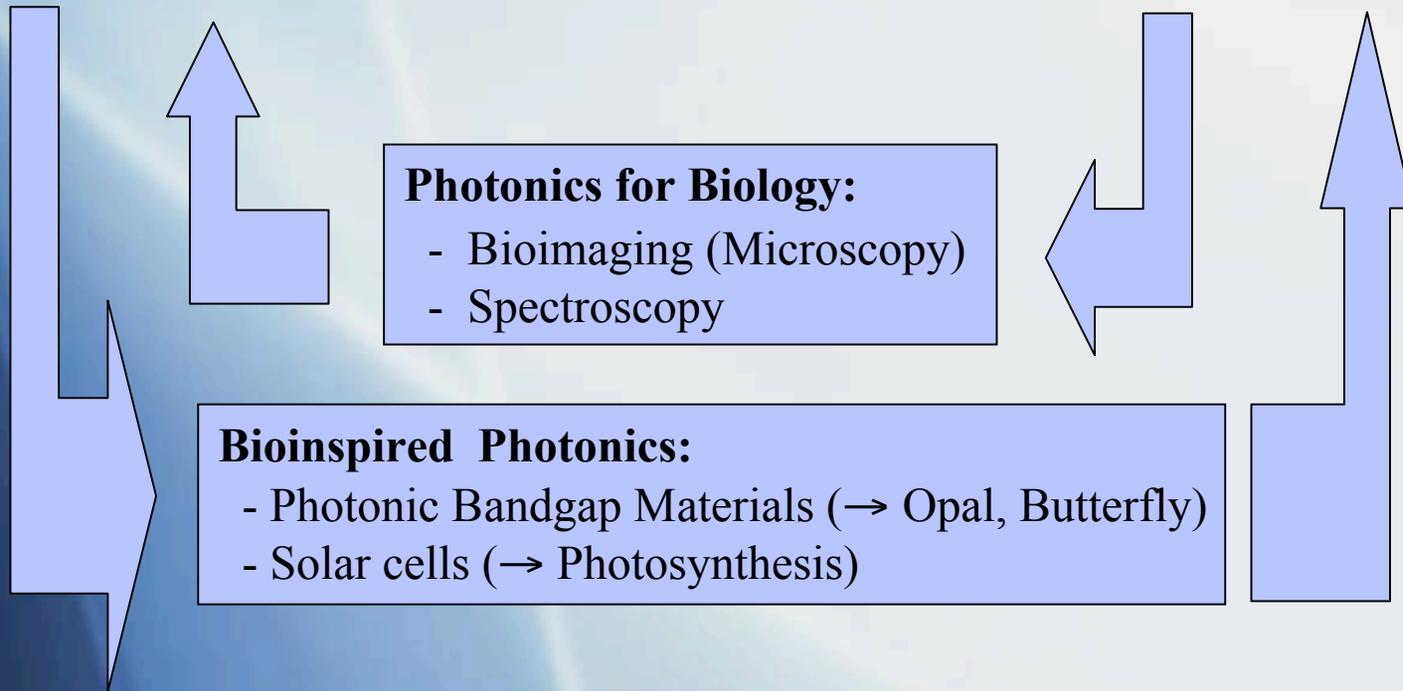


Biology functions through highly coordinated and complex interactions among nanostructures. Biology is Nanobiotechnology !

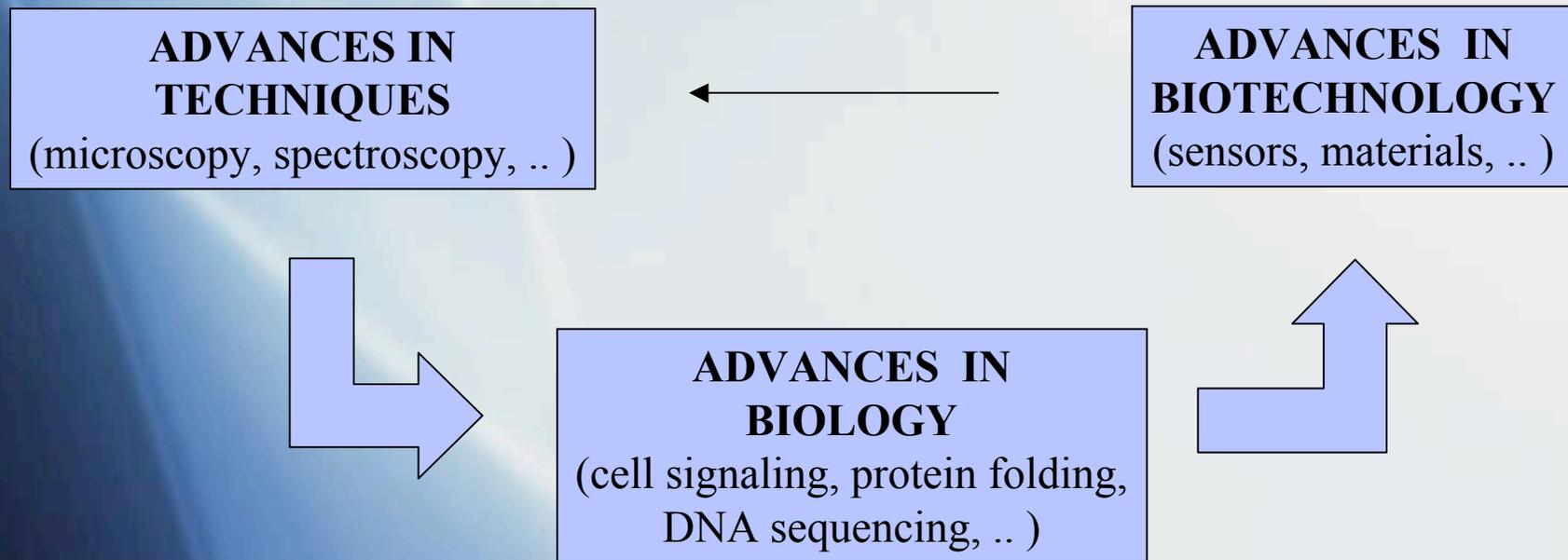
# STRUCTURE OF NANOBIOPHOTONICS

BIOLOGY

PHOTONICS



# THE BIOTECH CYCLE

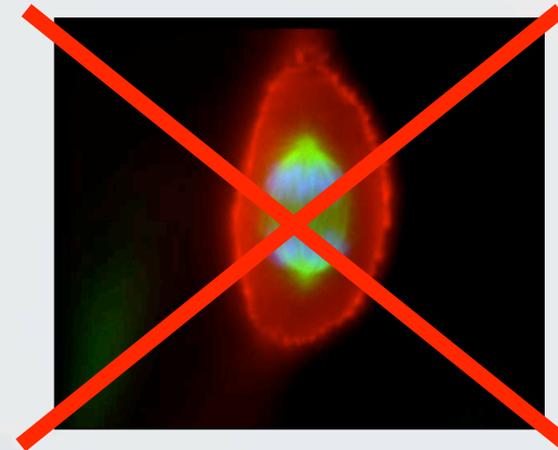
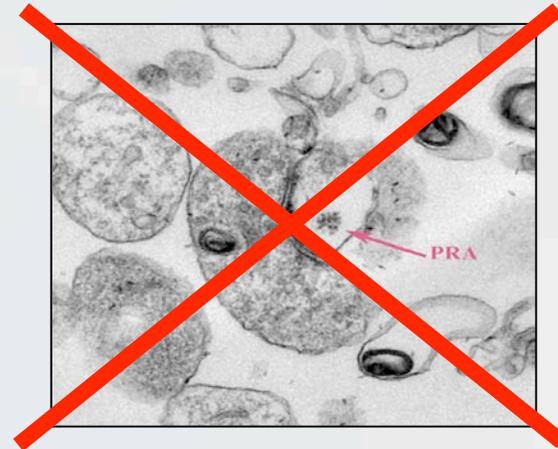


“New Truths become evident when new tools become available”  
(Rosalyn Yalow, Nobel Laureate)

# IMAGINE ..

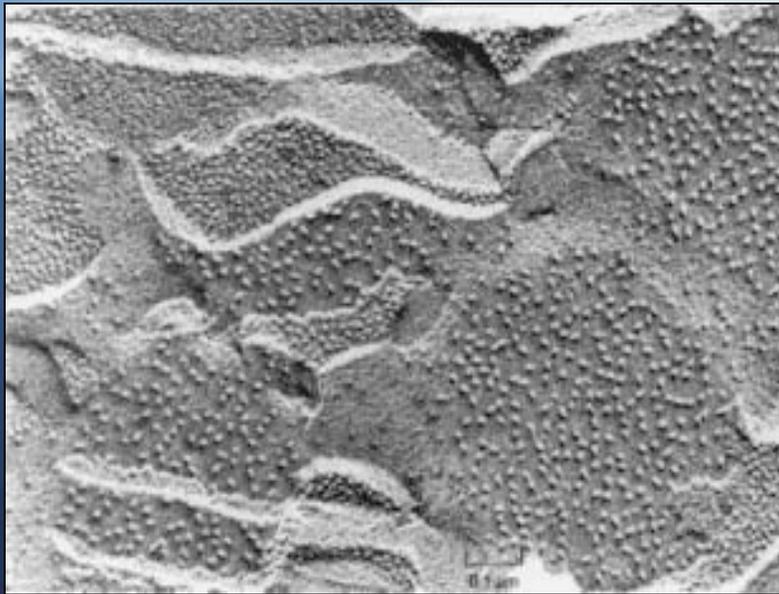


... if there were no light microscopes



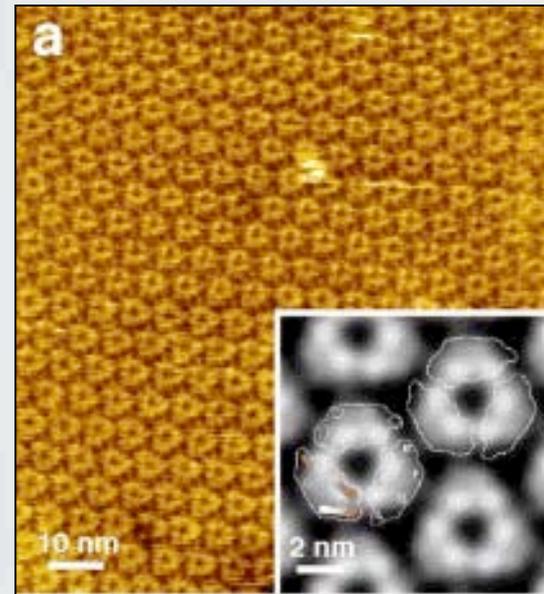


## HOW TO MEASURE PROTEINS ?



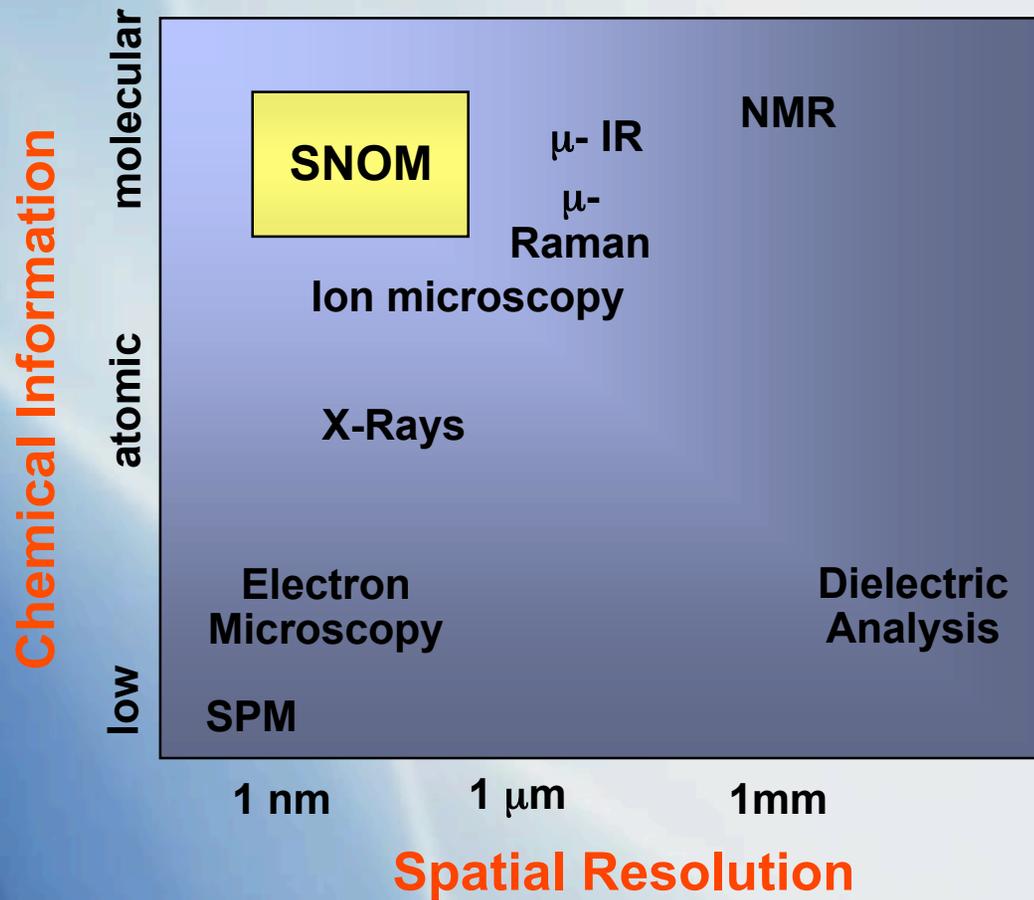
Freeze-fracture electron micrograph of the thylakoid membranes from the chloroplast of a plant cell.

A. Engel, MSB Biozentrum, Basel, Switzerland.



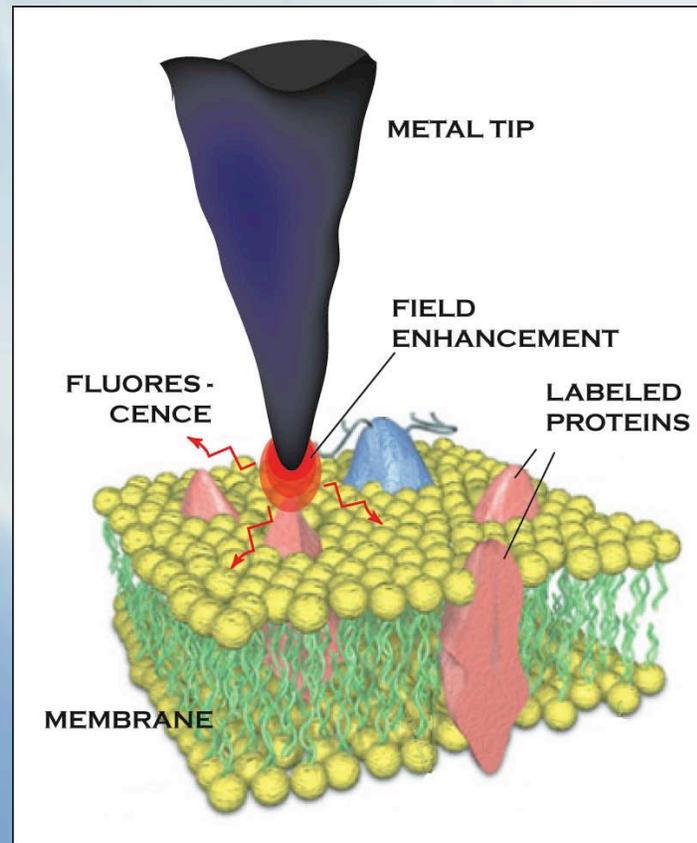
AFM topographs of purple membrane from *Halobacterium salinarium*.

# SPATIAL RESOLUTION VS. CHEMICAL INFORMATION

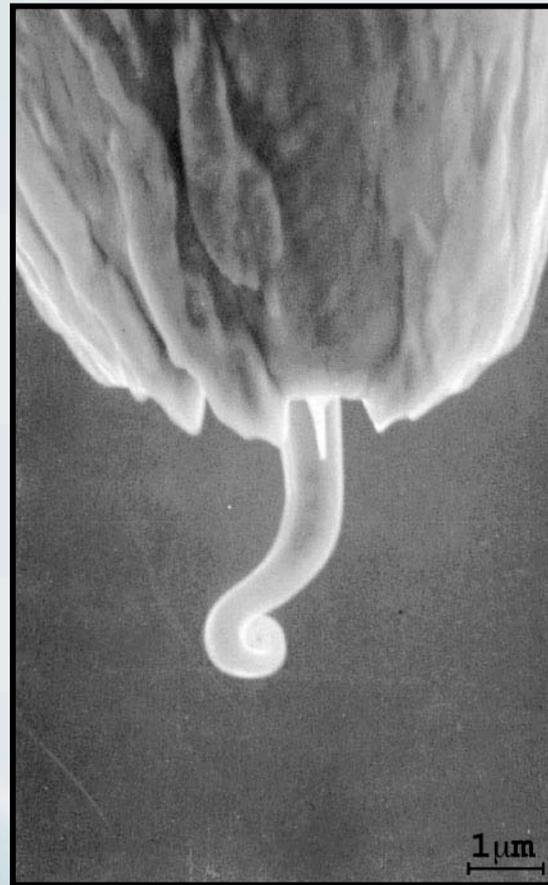


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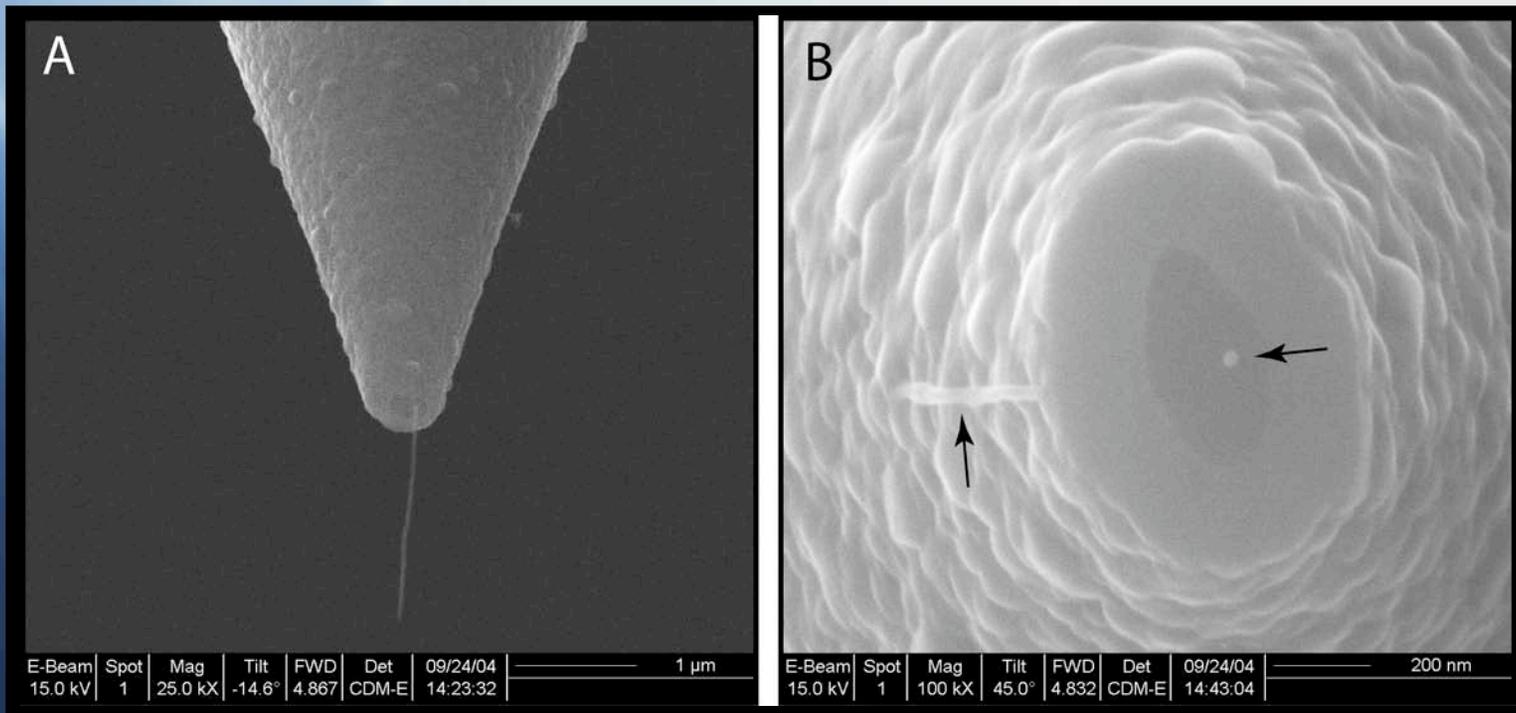
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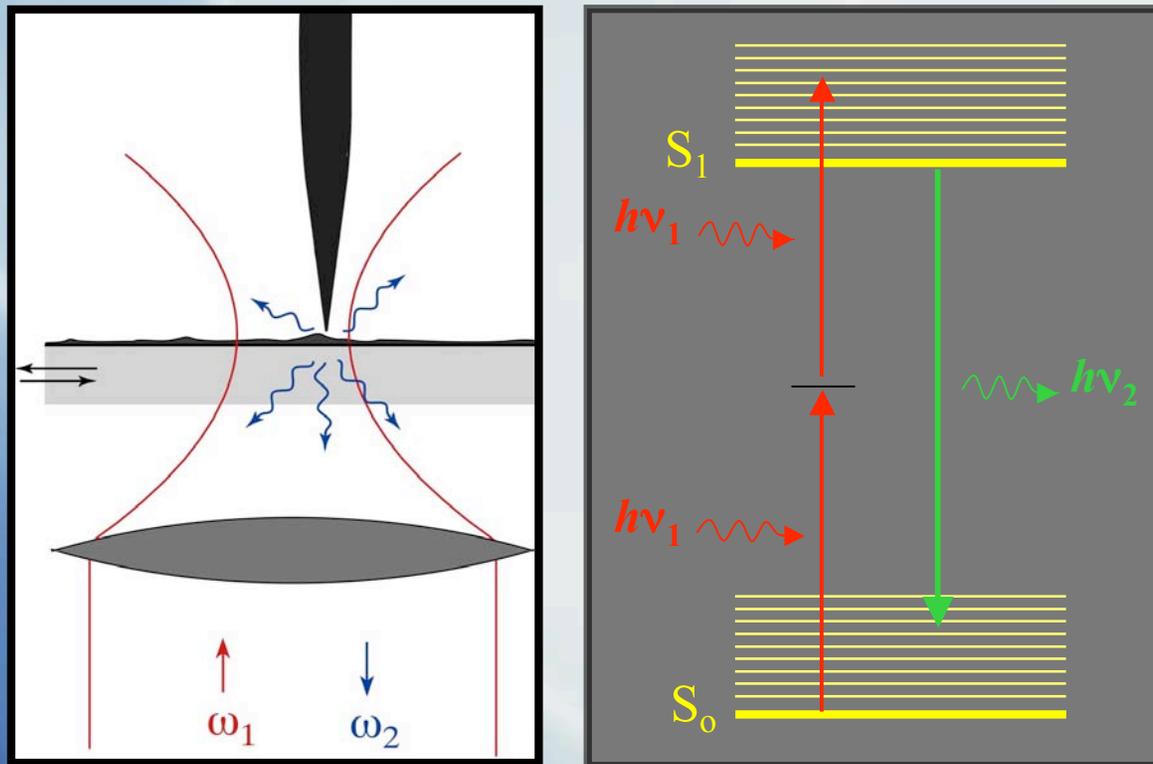
# DOES IT WORK ?



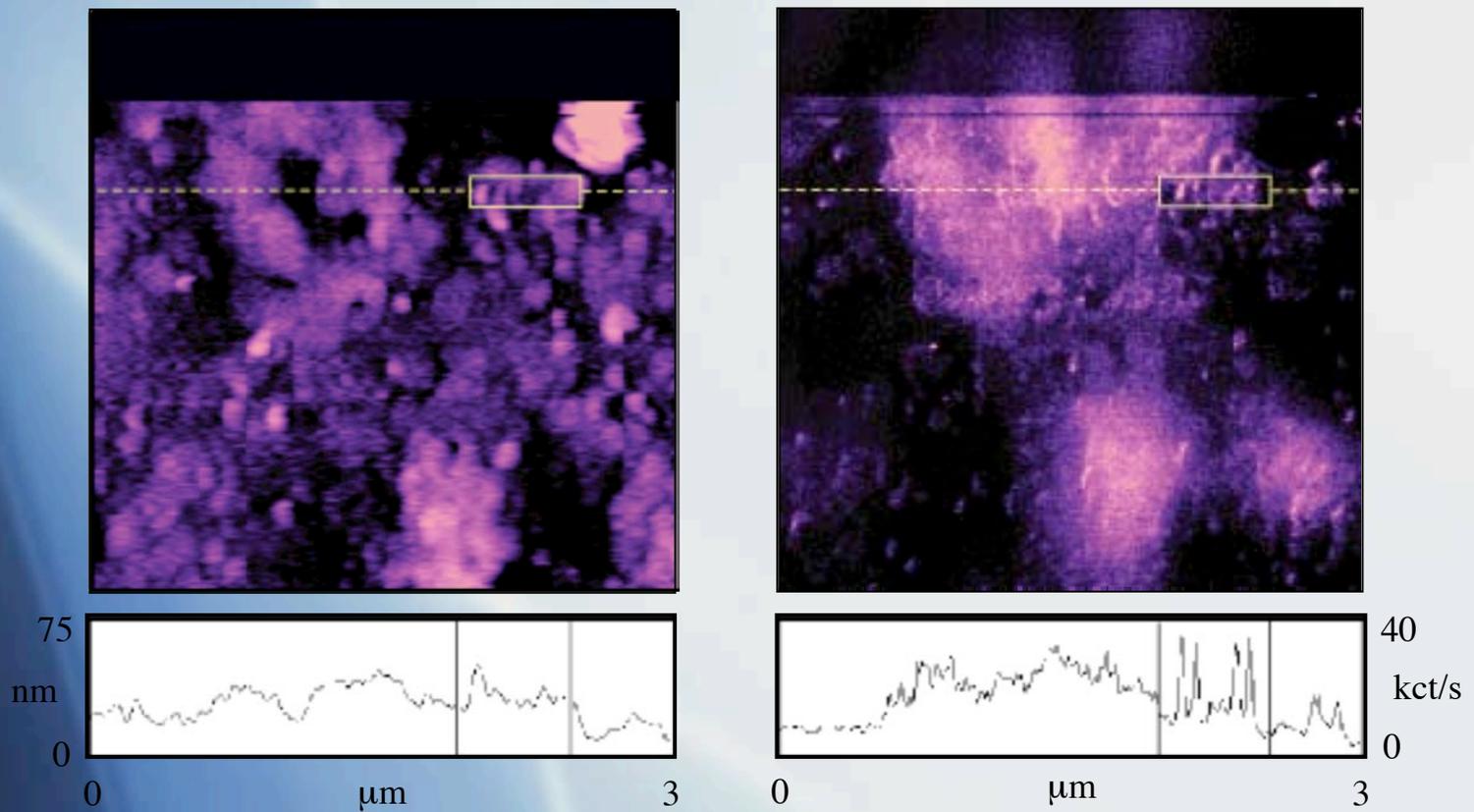
# NEW GENERATION



# NEAR-FIELD TWO-PHOTON EXCITED FLUORESCENCE

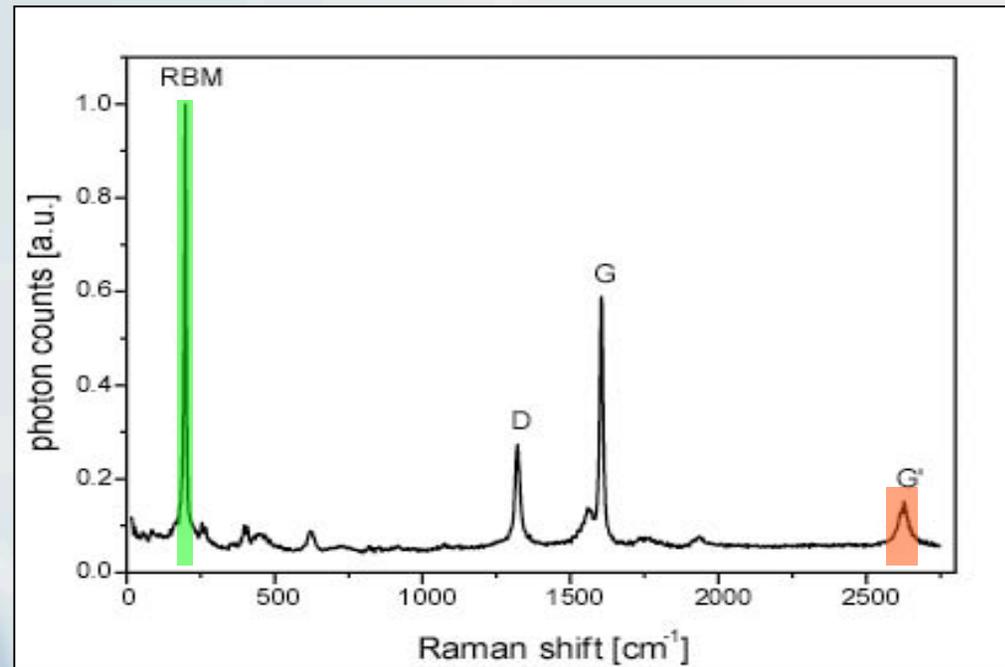
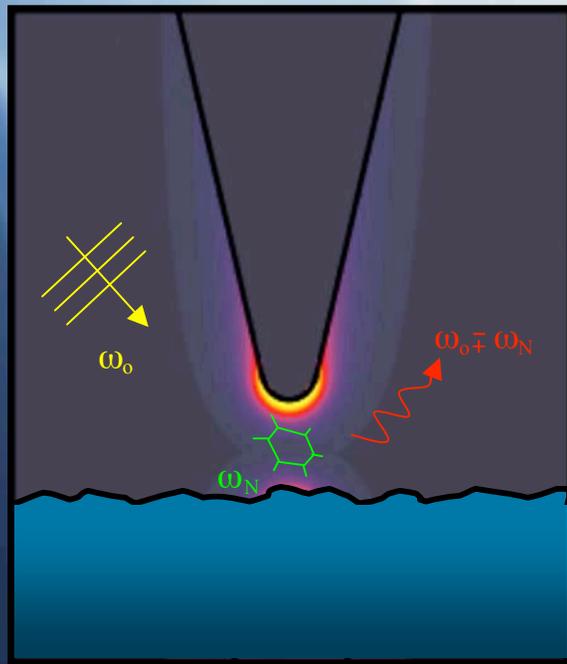


# PHOTOSYNTHETIC MEMBRANE



*PRL* 82, 4014 (1999).

# NEAR-FIELD RAMAN SCATTERING ?



*PRL* **90**, 95503 (2003)

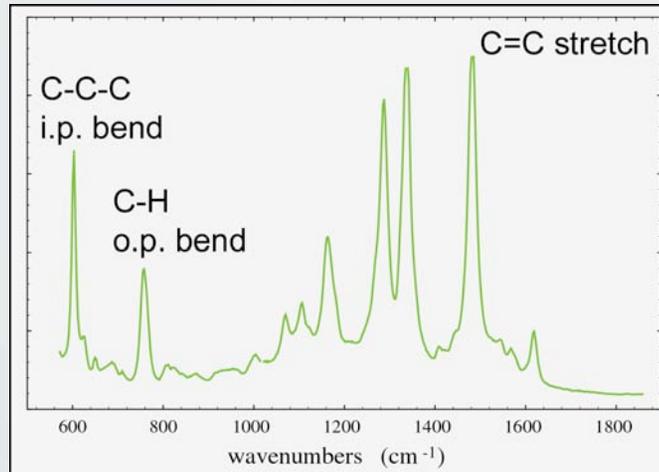
## WHY RAMAN SCATTERING ?

Chemically specific (“fingerprint”)

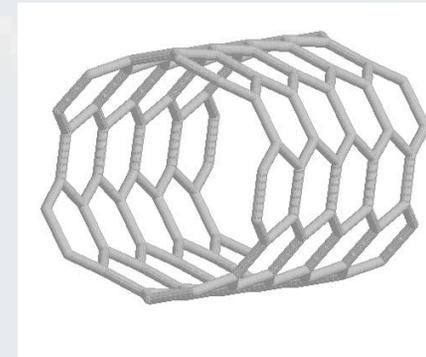
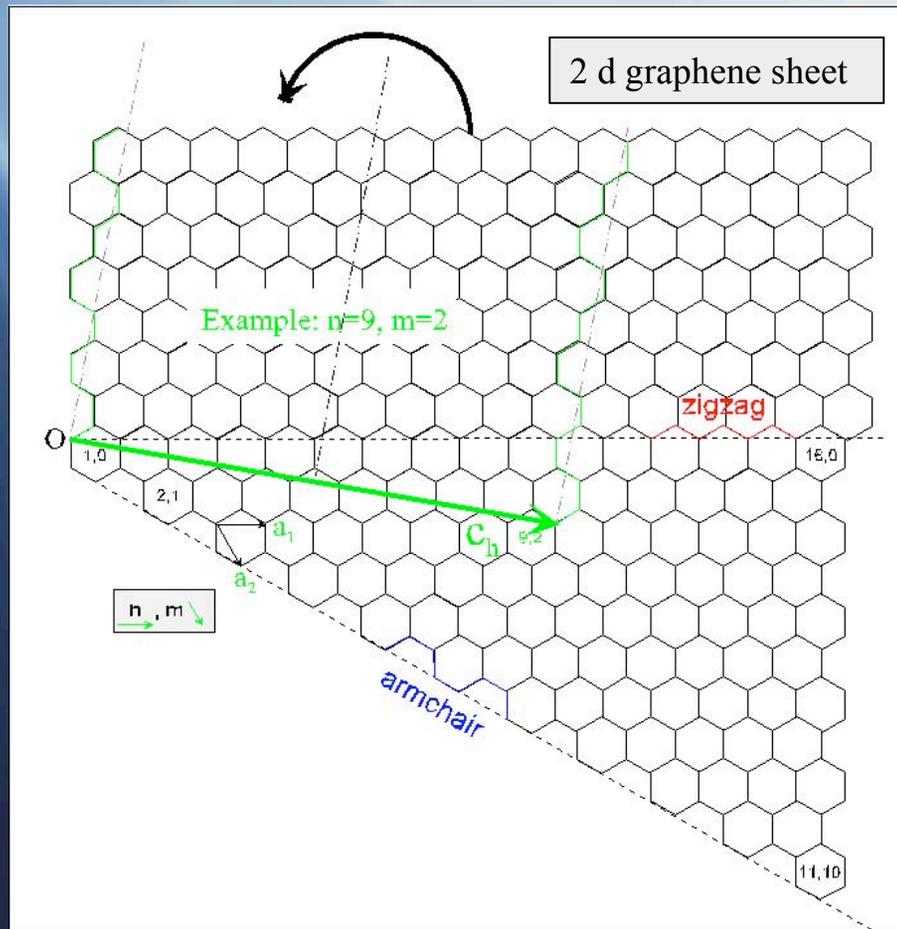
Intrinsic properties of molecular structures (no need for labels)

“No” photo-bleaching.

Raman signals can be locally enhanced by up to  $10^{14}$  (SERS).



# LEARN WITH EFFICIENT MOLECULES ..



diameter: 0.7 - 2nm  
length: up to several 10  $\mu\text{m}$

→ one dimensional systems

- well defined topography
- large  $\sigma_{\text{Raman}}$
- resonance enhancement

# THE ACTORS

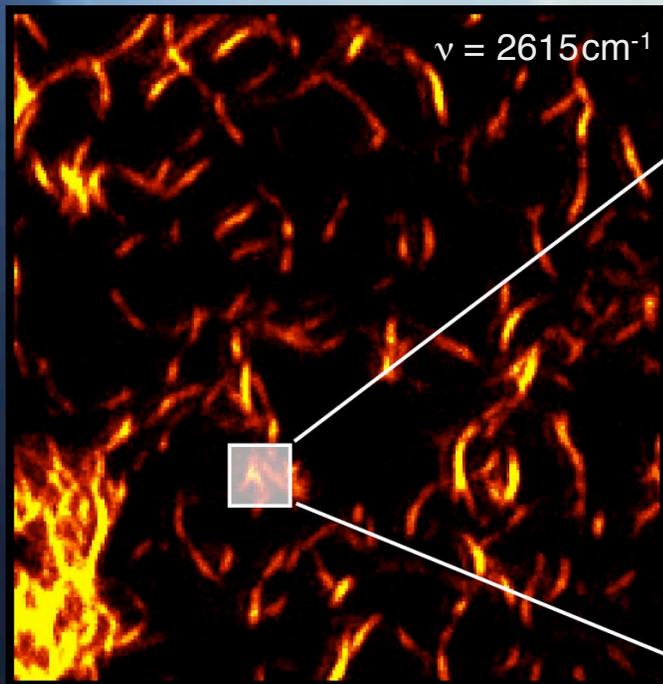


A. Hartschuh

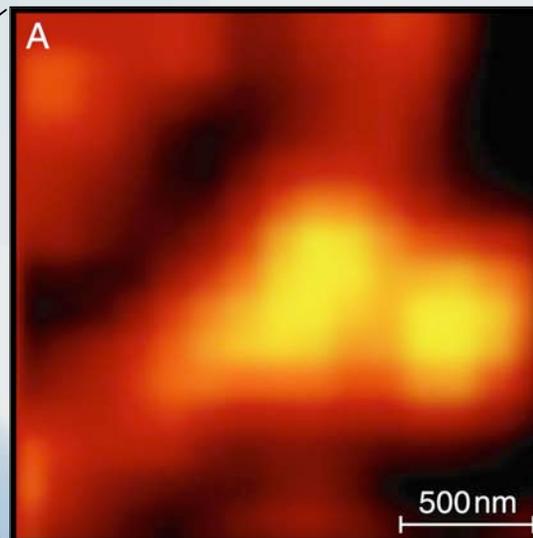


N. Anderson

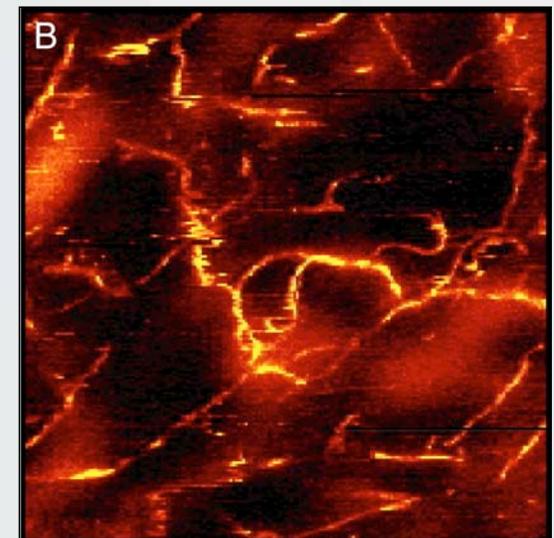
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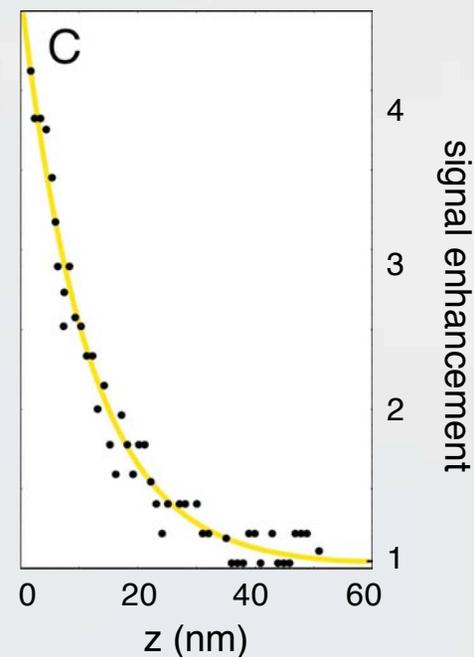
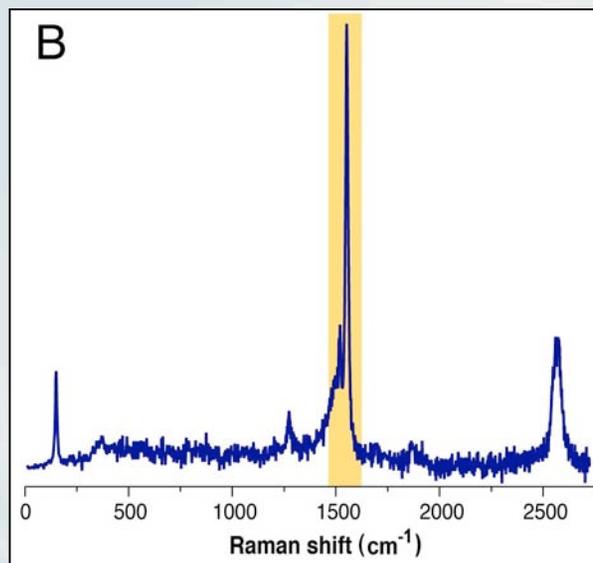
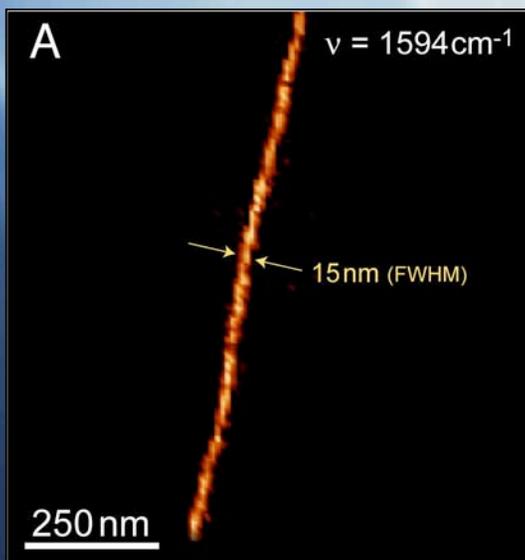
Diffraction limited :



Near-field :

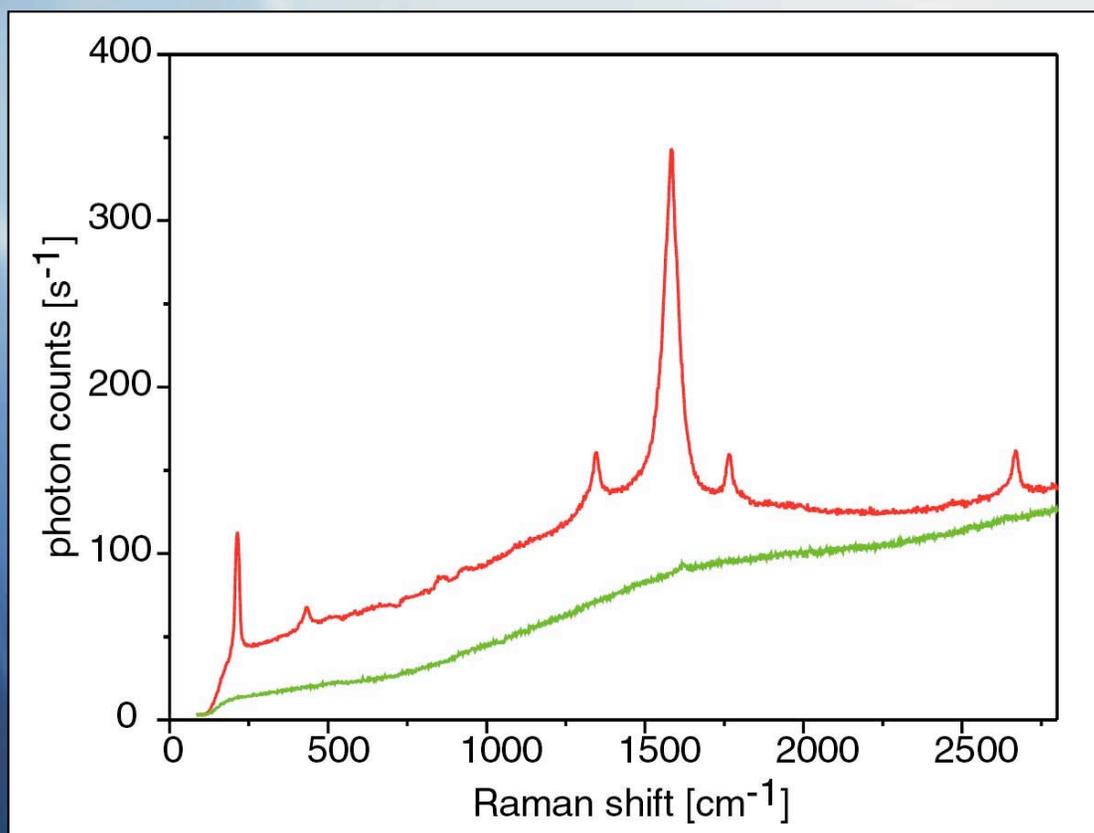


# HIGH-RESOLUTION OPTICAL SPECTROSCOPY

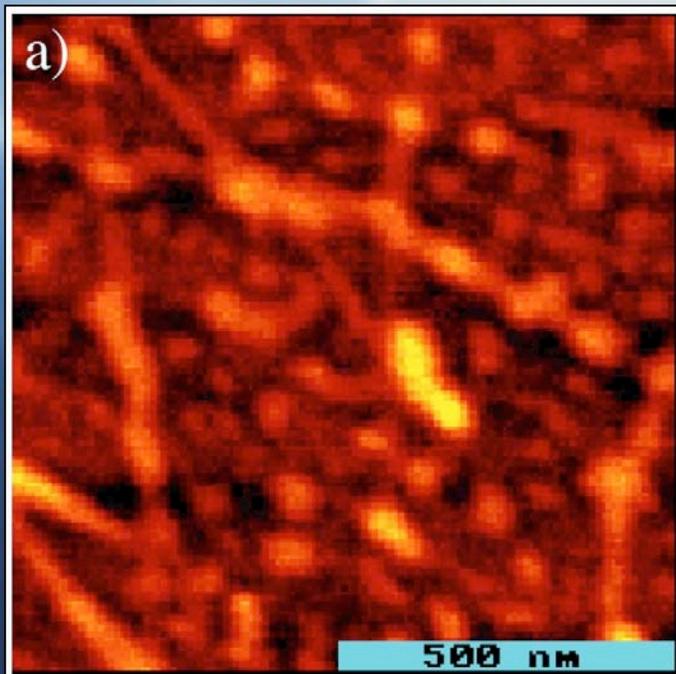


Featured in 2005 Guinness Book of World Records.

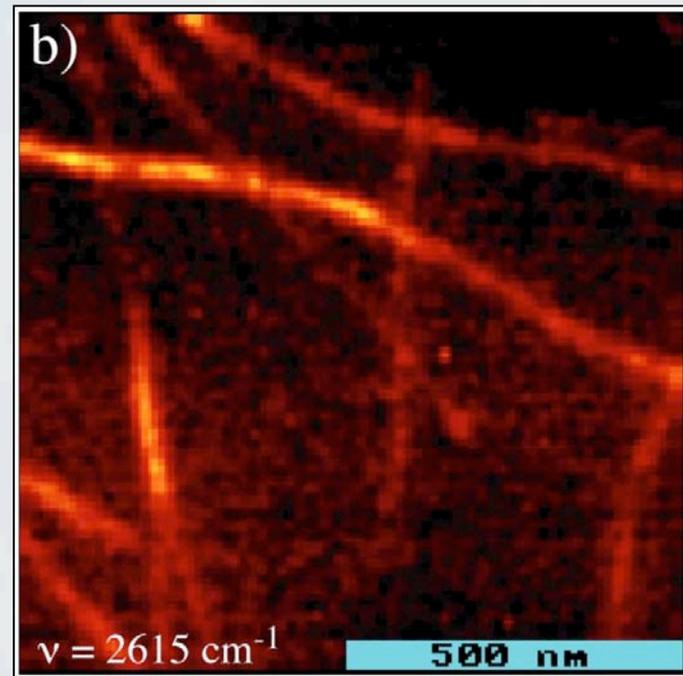
# NEAR-FIELD SIGNAL ENHANCEMENT



## CHEMICAL SPECIFICITY



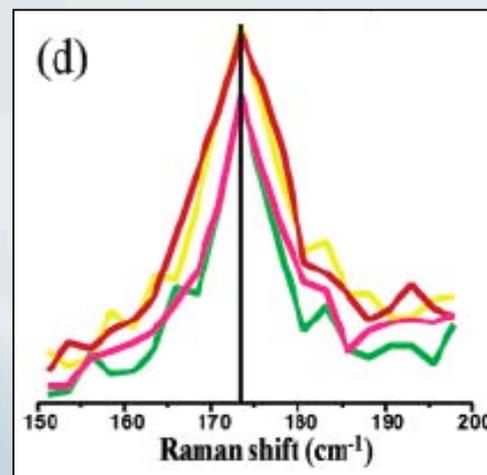
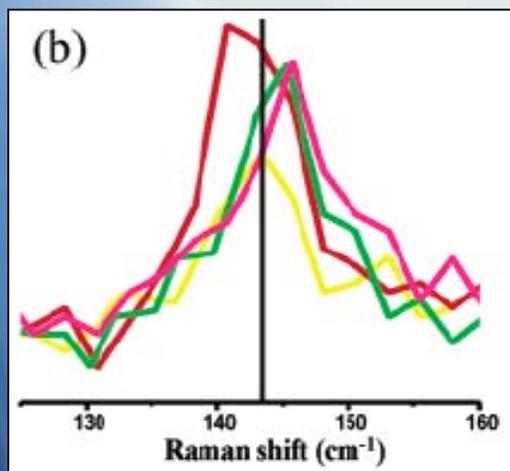
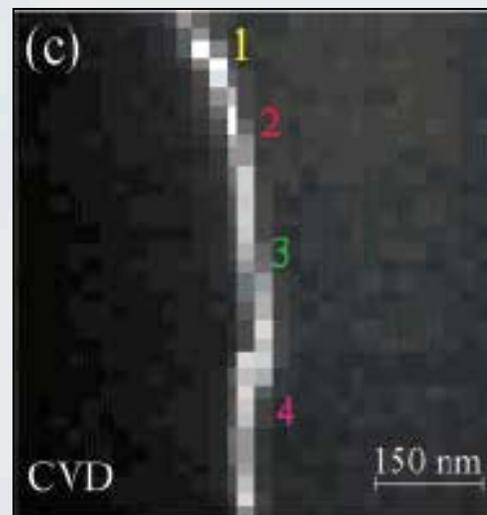
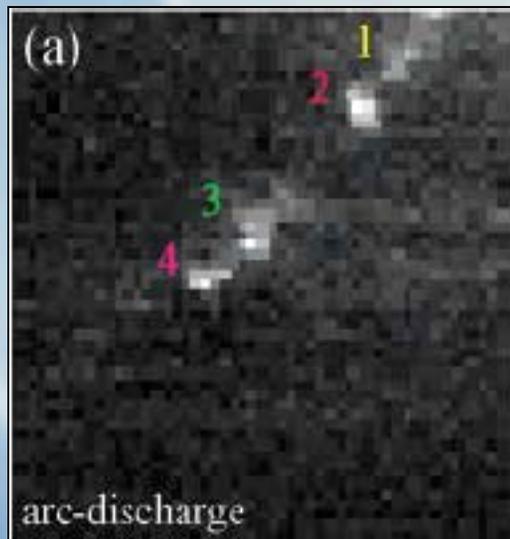
Topography



Raman scattering

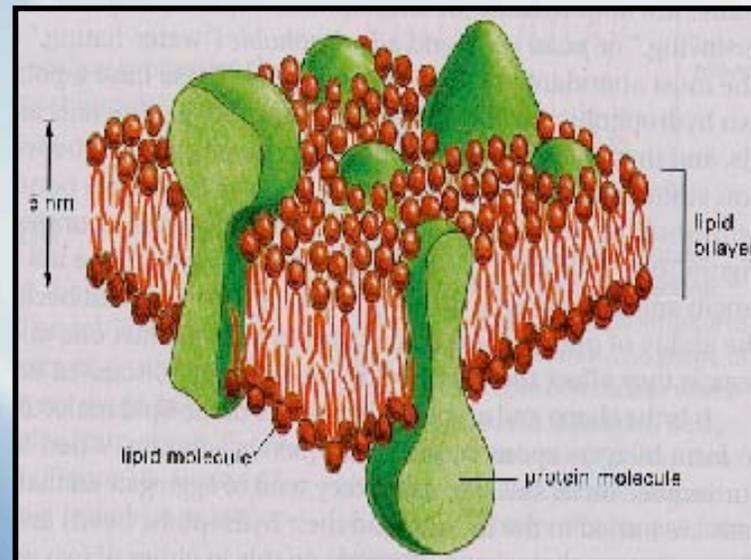
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# LOCALIZATION OF DEFECTS AND DOPANTS



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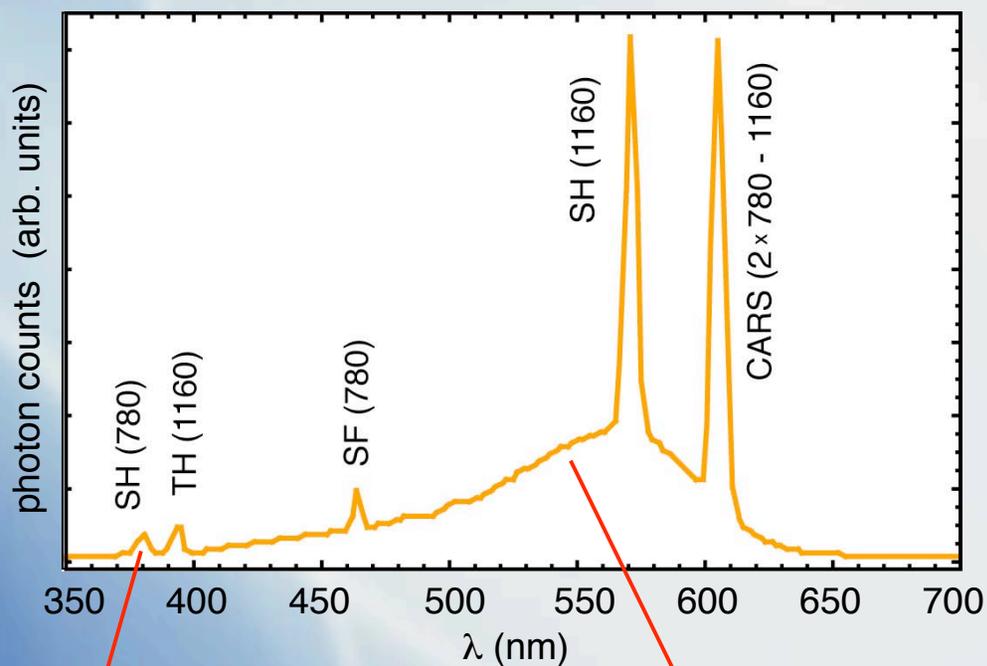
## SO WHAT ABOUT PROTEINS ??



WHERE ARE THE MISSING **10** ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE ?

# DIFFERENT APPROACH

# METAL TIP AS A LOCALIZED PHOTON SOURCE



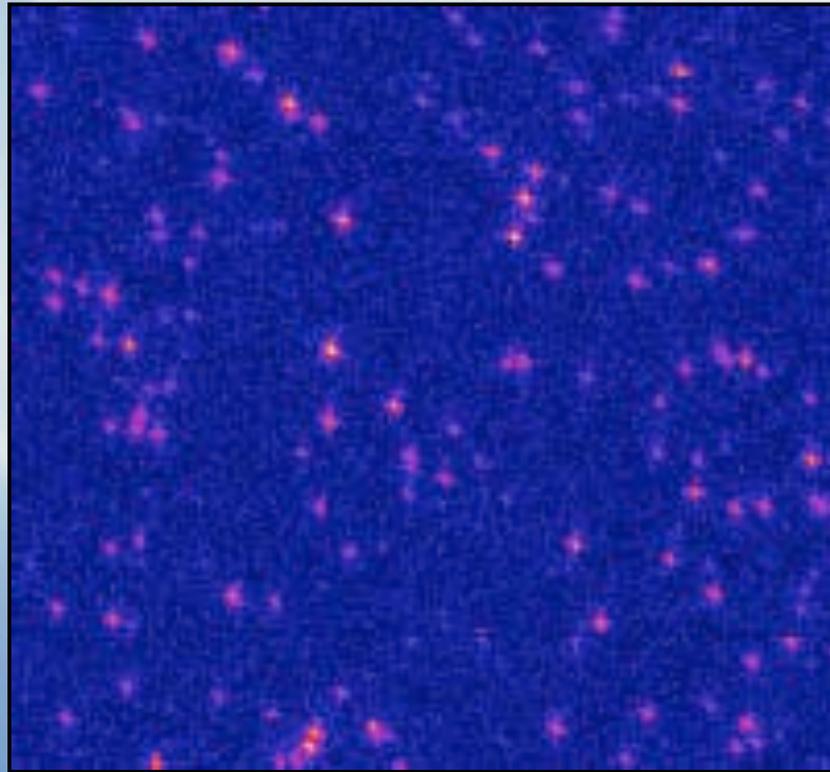
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LET'S BE REALISTIC ..

# FLUORESCENT LABELING



# TEXTBOOK (Cambridge Univ. Press)

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PRINCIPLES  
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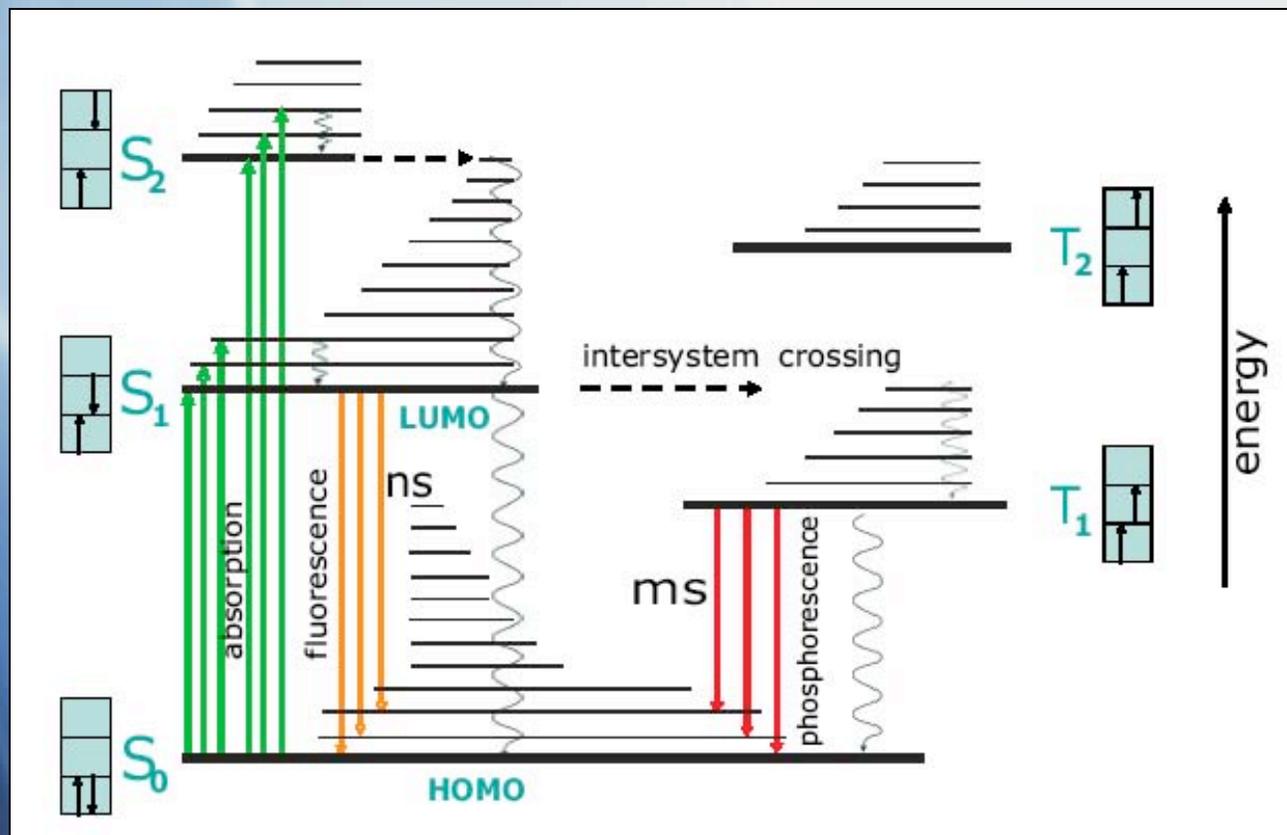
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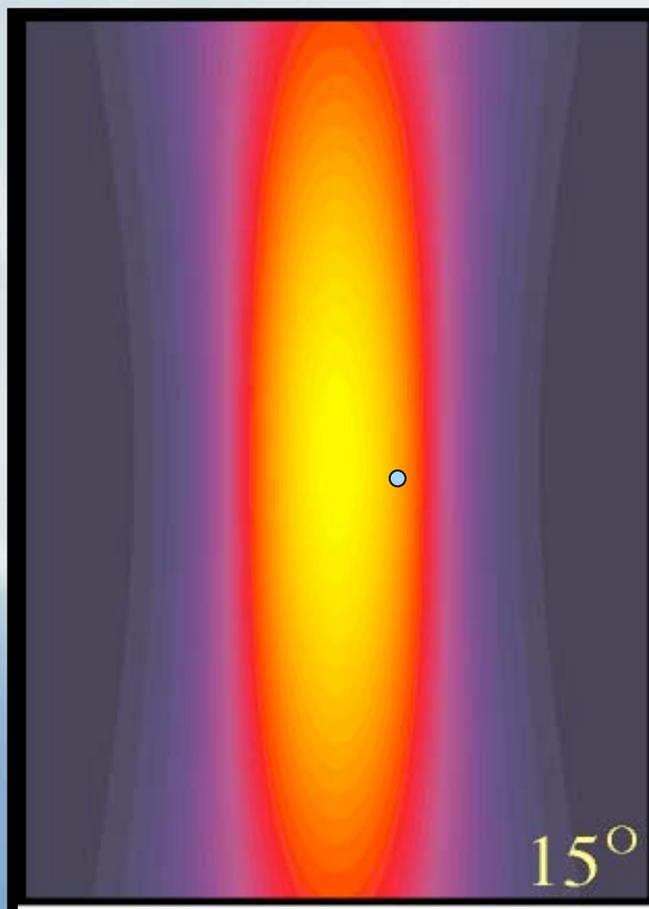
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# FLUORESCENT MOLECULES

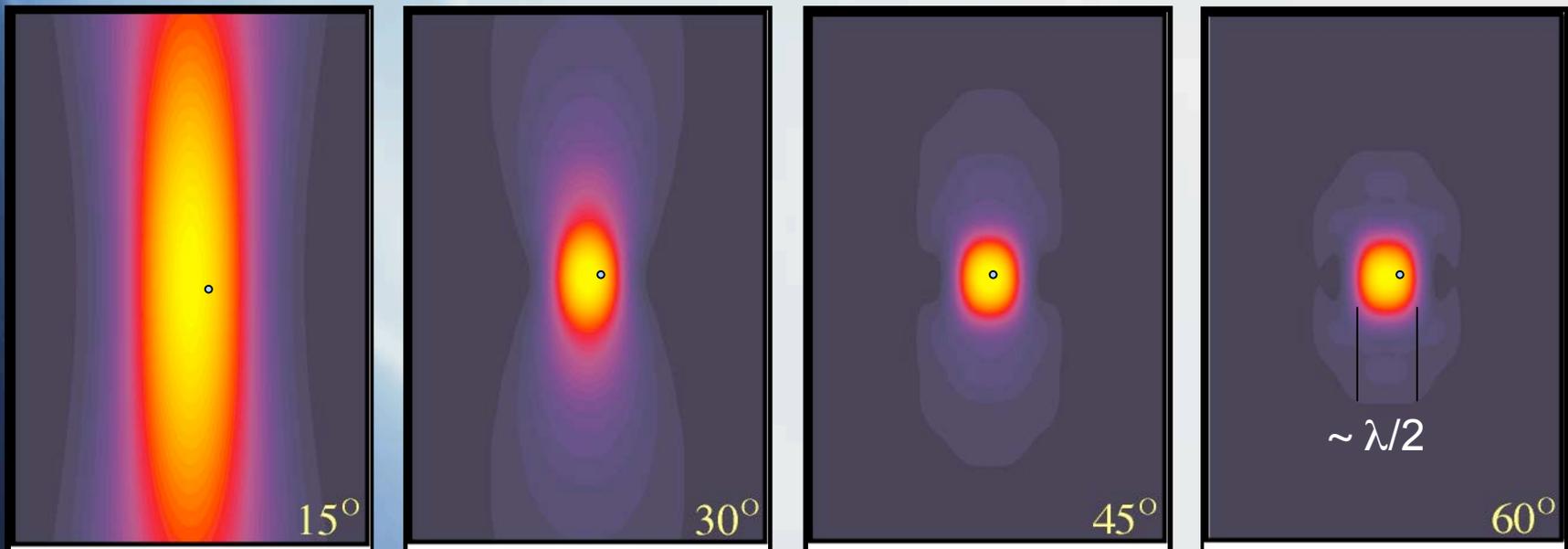


$$\text{Excitation rate} : \sim |\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{E}|^2$$

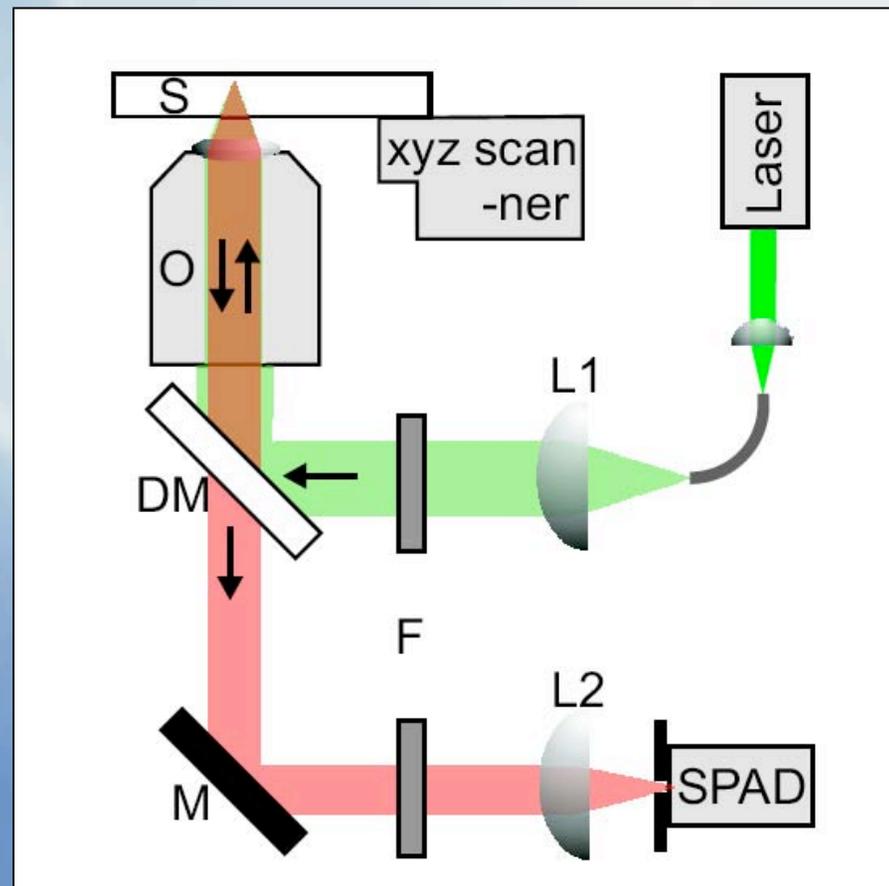
# EXCITATION/DETECTION OF SINGLE MOLECULES



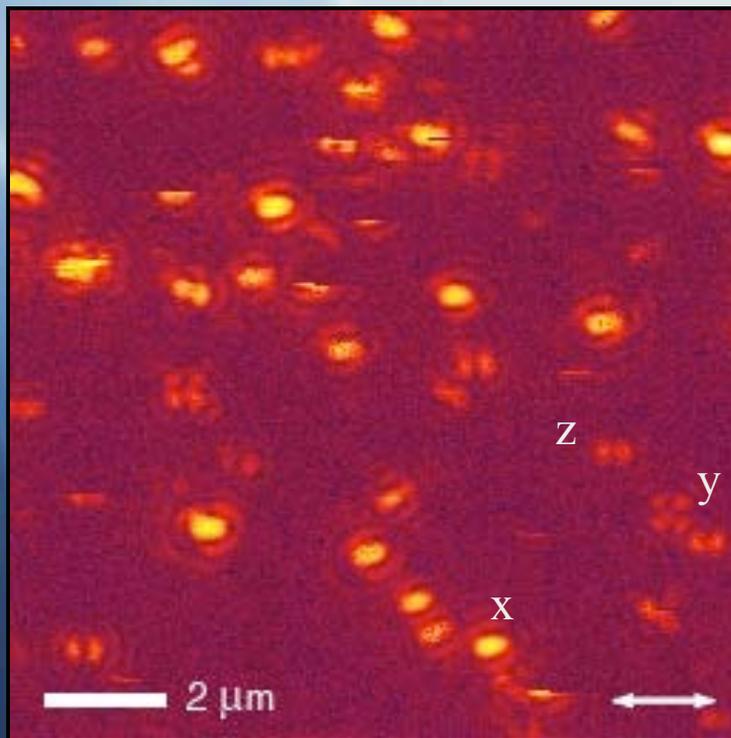
# REDUCING INTERACTION VOLUME



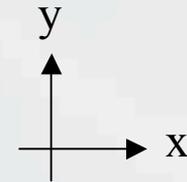
# SINGLE MOLECULE DETECTION



# EXAMPLE



Nile Blue molecules



fluorescence rate  $\sim$  excitation rate

$$\text{contrast} \sim |\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{E}(x,y;z_0)|^2$$

FIELDS NEAR A STRONGLY  
FOCUSED BEAM ?!

## PLANE WAVES

$$\mathbf{E}(x) = \mathbf{E}_o e^{i k_x x}$$

→

$$\mathbf{E}(x, t) = \text{Re} \{ \mathbf{E}(x) e^{-i \omega t} \}$$

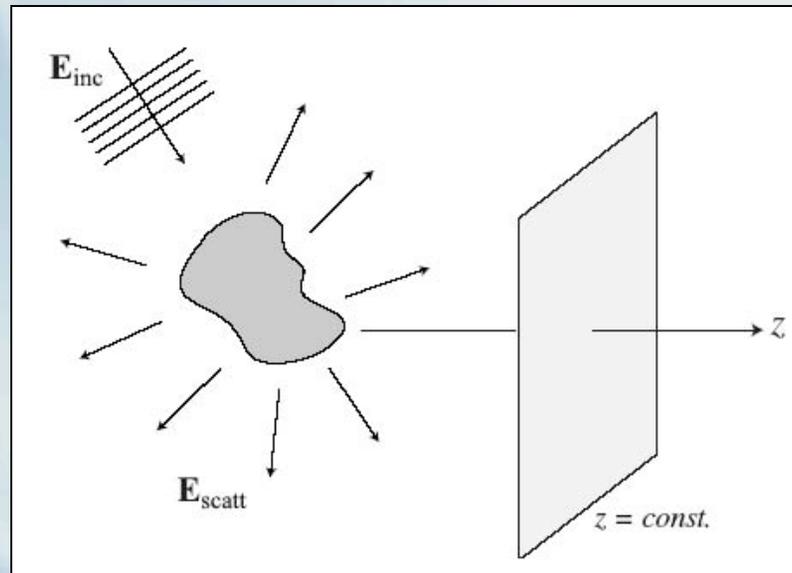
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$$\mathbf{E}(x, y, z) = \mathbf{E}_o e^{i(k_x x + k_y y + k_z z)} = \mathbf{E}_o e^{i \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

$$k^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} = k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2$$

!

# ANGULAR SPECTRUM REPRESENTATION



$$\hat{\mathbf{E}}(k_x, k_y; z) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{E}(x, y, z) e^{-i[k_x x + k_y y]} dx dy$$

$$\mathbf{E}(x, y, z) = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{\mathbf{E}}(k_x, k_y; z) e^{i[k_x x + k_y y]} dk_x dk_y$$

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = 0 \quad !$$

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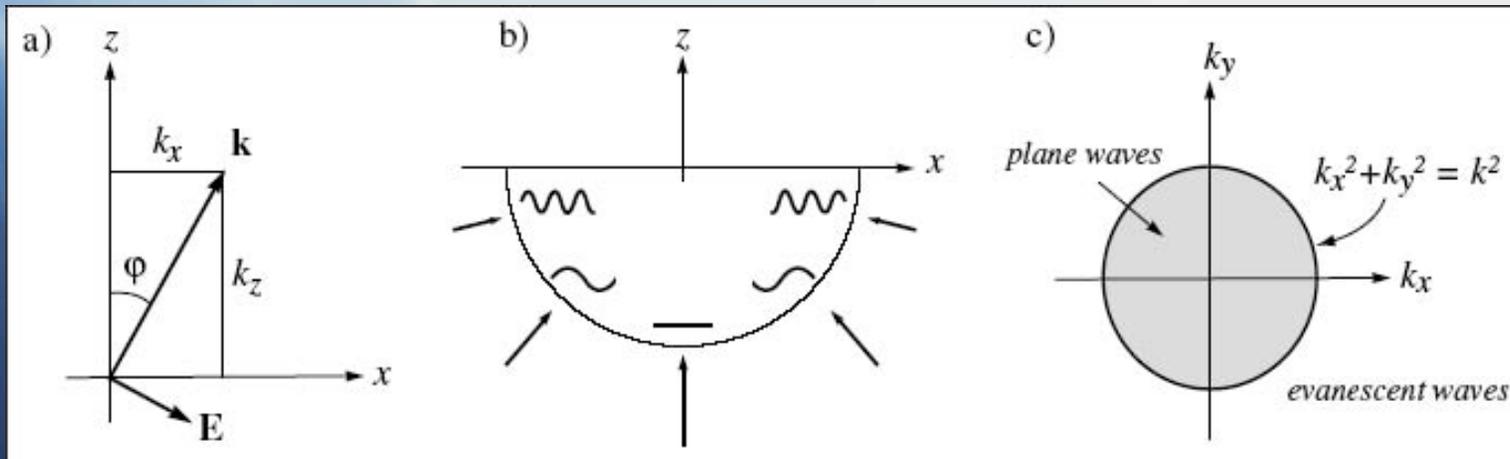
$$\hat{\mathbf{E}}(k_x, k_y; z) = \hat{\mathbf{E}}(k_x, k_y; 0) e^{\pm i k_z z}$$

$$k_z \equiv \sqrt{(k^2 - k_x^2 - k_y^2)} \quad \text{with } \text{Im}\{k_z\} \geq 0$$

$$\mathbf{E}(x, y, z) = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{\mathbf{E}}(k_x, k_y; 0) e^{i[k_x x + k_y y \pm k_z z]} dk_x dk_y$$

Plane waves :	$e^{i[k_x x + k_y y]} e^{\pm i  k_z  z},$	$k_x^2 + k_y^2 \leq k^2$
Evanescent waves :	$e^{i[k_x x + k_y y]} e^{- k_z   z },$	$k_x^2 + k_y^2 > k^2$

# ANGULAR SPECTRUM REPRESENTATION



# PARAXIAL APPROXIMATION / GAUSSIAN BEAMS

$$k_z = k \sqrt{1 - (k_x^2 + k_y^2)/k^2} \approx k - \frac{(k_x^2 + k_y^2)}{2k}$$

$$\mathbf{E}(x', y', 0) = \mathbf{E}_o e^{-\frac{x'^2 + y'^2}{w_o^2}}$$

→

$$\hat{\mathbf{E}}(k_x, k_y; 0) = \mathbf{E}_o \frac{w_o^2}{4\pi} e^{-(k_x^2 + k_y^2) \frac{w_o^2}{4}}$$

$$\mathbf{E}(x, y, z) = \mathbf{E}_o \frac{w_o^2}{4\pi} e^{ikz} \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(k_x^2 + k_y^2) (\frac{w_o^2}{4} + \frac{iz}{2k})} e^{i[k_x x + k_y y]} dk_x dk_y$$

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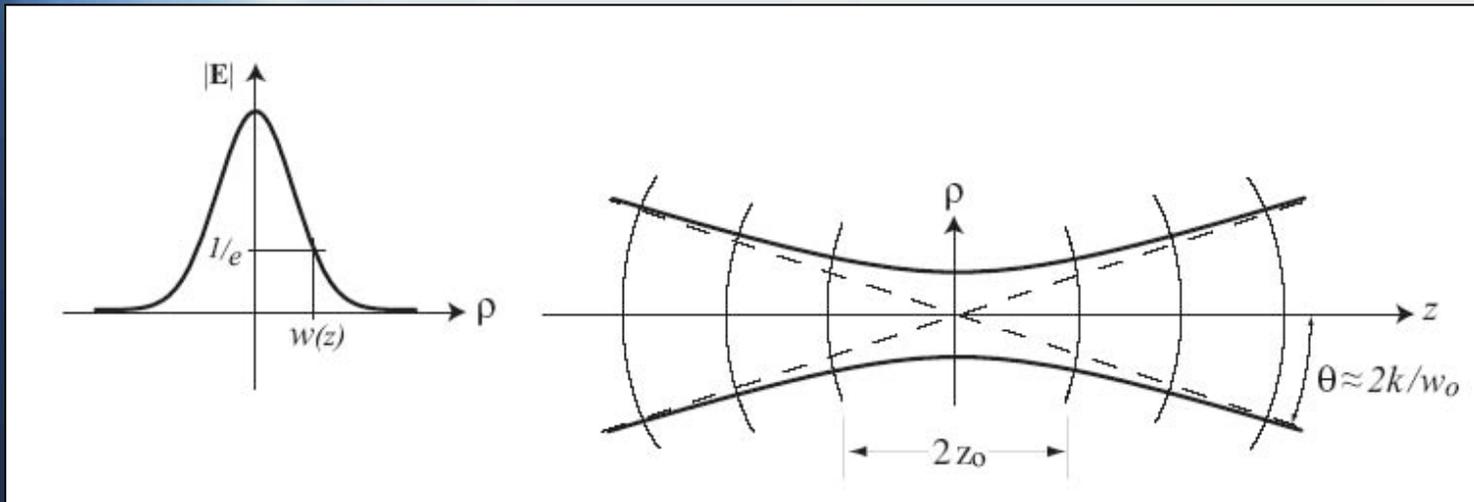
$$\mathbf{E}(\rho, z) = \mathbf{E}_o \frac{w_o}{w(z)} e^{-\frac{\rho^2}{w^2(z)}} e^{i[kz - \eta(z) + k\rho^2/2R(z)]}$$

$$z_o = \frac{k w_o^2}{2}$$

$$w(z) = w_o (1 + z^2/z_o^2)^{1/2} \quad \text{beam waist}$$

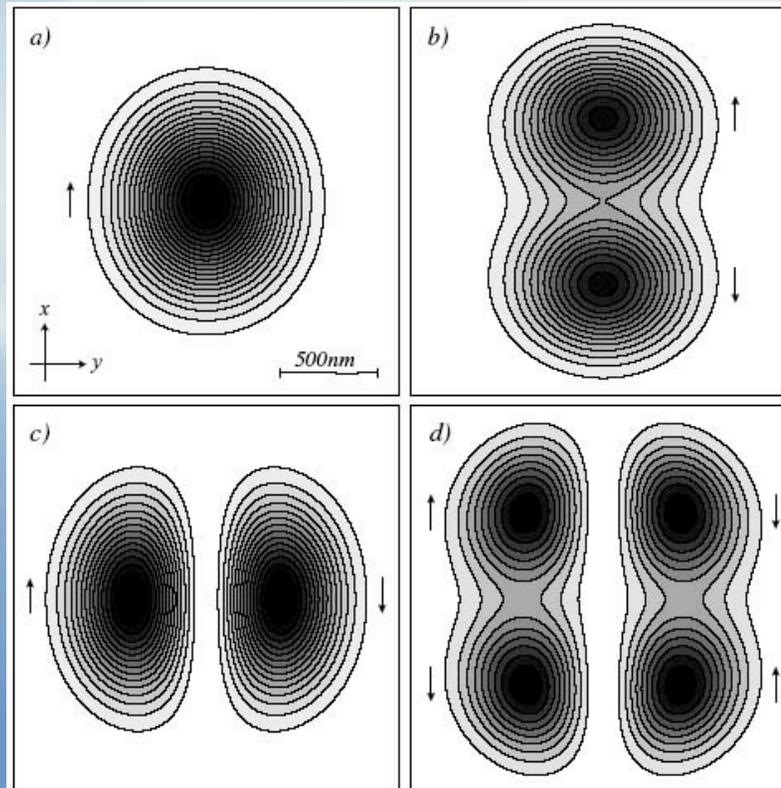
$$R(z) = z (1 + z_o^2/z^2) \quad \text{wavefront radius}$$

$$\eta(z) = \arctan z/z_o \quad \text{phase correction}$$



# HIGHER-ORDER PARAXIAL BEAMS

$$\mathbf{E}_{nm}^H(x, y, z) = w_o^{n+m} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^n} \frac{\partial^m}{\partial y^m} \mathbf{E}(x, y, z)$$



# FARFIELDS OF THE ANGULAR SPECTRUM

$$\mathbf{E}_\infty(s_x, s_y, s_z) = \lim_{kr \rightarrow \infty} \iint_{(k_x^2 + k_y^2) \leq k^2} \hat{\mathbf{E}}(k_x, k_y; 0) e^{ikr \left[ \frac{k_x}{k} s_x + \frac{k_y}{k} s_y \pm \frac{k_z}{k} s_z \right]} dk_x dk_y$$

$$\mathbf{s} = (s_x, s_y, s_z) = \left( \frac{x}{r}, \frac{y}{r}, \frac{z}{r} \right)$$

Method of stationary phase:

$$\mathbf{E}_\infty(s_x, s_y, s_z) = -2\pi i k s_z \hat{\mathbf{E}}(k s_x, k s_y; 0) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

$$\mathbf{s} = (s_x, s_y, s_z) = \left( \frac{k_x}{k}, \frac{k_y}{k}, \frac{k_z}{k} \right)$$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{E}}(k_x, k_y; 0) &= \frac{\mathbf{E}_o}{4\pi^2} \int_{-L_y}^{+L_y} \int_{-L_x}^{+L_x} e^{-i[k_x x' + k_y y']} dx' dy' \\ &= \mathbf{E}_o \frac{L_x L_y}{\pi^2} \frac{\sin(k_x L_x)}{k_x L_x} \frac{\sin(k_y L_y)}{k_y L_y}, \end{aligned}$$

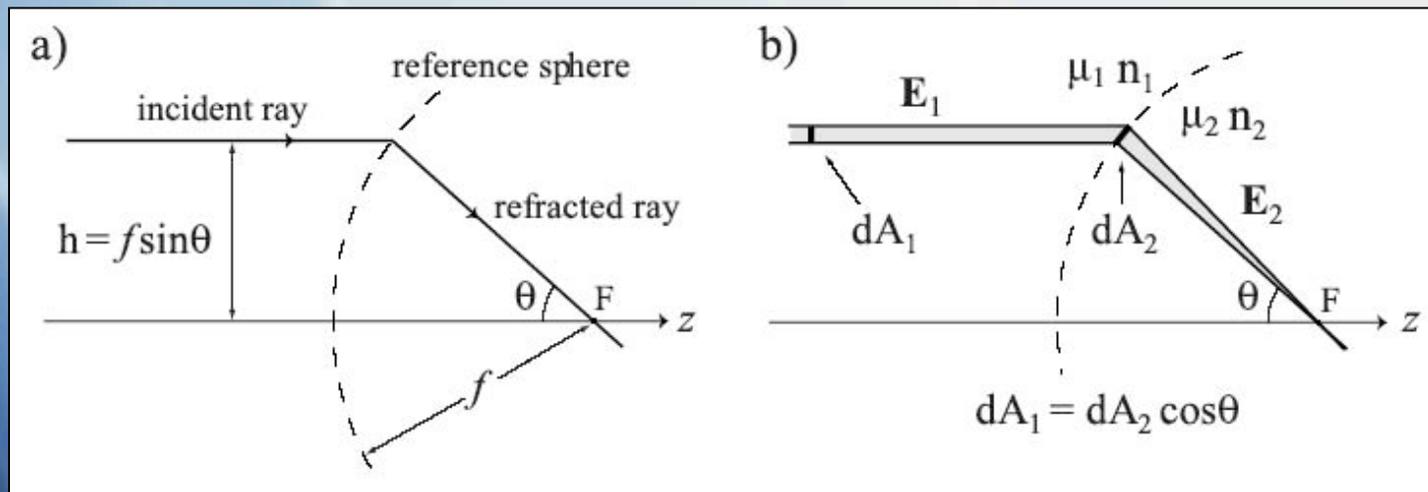
# ANGULAR SPECTRUM IN TERMS OF FARFIELD

$$\hat{\mathbf{E}}(k_x, k_y; 0) = \frac{ir e^{-ikr}}{2\pi k_z} \mathbf{E}_\infty(k_x, k_y)$$

$$\mathbf{E}(x, y, z) = \frac{ir e^{-ikr}}{2\pi} \iint_{(k_x^2 + k_y^2) \leq k^2} \mathbf{E}_\infty(k_x, k_y) e^{i[k_x x + k_y y \pm k_z z]} \frac{1}{k_z} dk_x dk_y$$

For  $k_z \sim k$ : Fourier Optics !!

# REFRACTION AT LENS



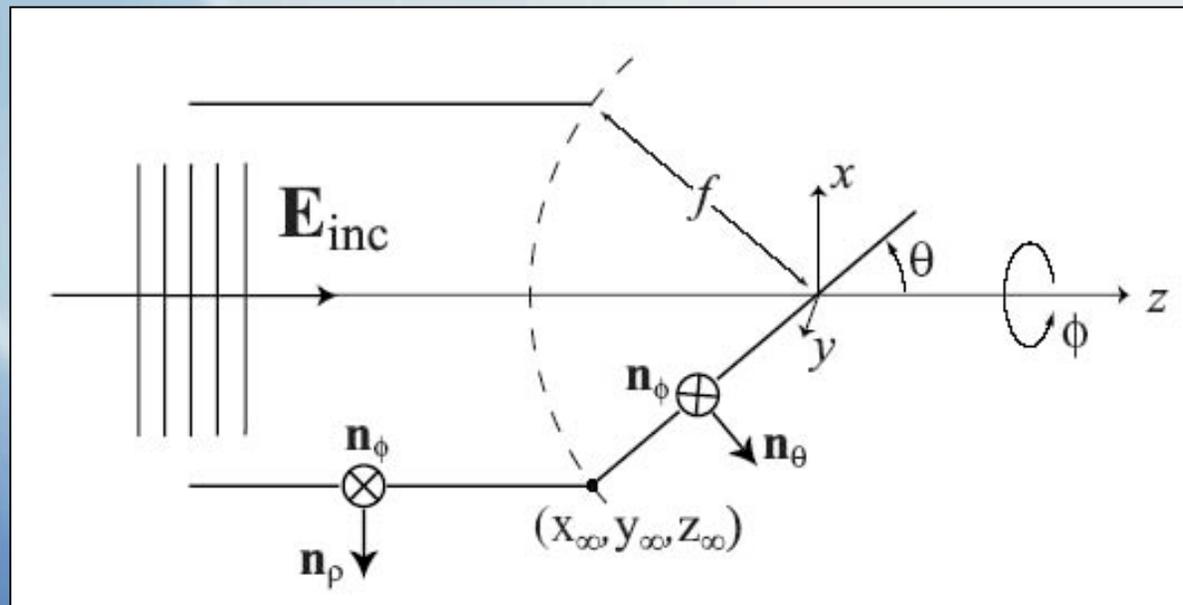
Sine Condition  
 (aplanatic system)

$$h = f \sin(\theta)$$

Ray Continuity  
 (energy conservation)

$$|\mathbf{E}_2| = |\mathbf{E}_1| \sqrt{\frac{n_1}{n_2}} \sqrt{\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}} \cos^{1/2} \theta$$

## FOCUSING OF FIELDS



$$\mathbf{E}_{\infty} = \left[ t^s [\mathbf{E}_{inc} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\phi}] \mathbf{n}_{\phi} + t^p [\mathbf{E}_{inc} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\rho}] \mathbf{n}_{\theta} \right] \sqrt{\frac{n_1}{n_2}} (\cos \theta)^{1/2}$$

## EXPRESS IN TERMS OF ANGLES

$$\mathbf{n}_\rho = \cos \phi \mathbf{n}_x + \sin \phi \mathbf{n}_y ,$$

$$\mathbf{n}_\phi = -\sin \phi \mathbf{n}_x + \cos \phi \mathbf{n}_y ,$$

$$\mathbf{n}_\theta = \cos \theta \cos \phi \mathbf{n}_x + \cos \theta \sin \phi \mathbf{n}_y - \sin \theta \mathbf{n}_z$$

$$k_x = k \sin \theta \cos \phi, \quad k_y = k \sin \theta \sin \phi, \quad k_z = k \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{k_z} dk_x dk_y = k \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$x = \rho \cos \varphi, \quad y = \rho \sin \varphi .$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\rho, \varphi, z) = \frac{ikf e^{-ikf}}{2\pi} \int_0^{\theta_{max}} \int_0^{2\pi} \mathbf{E}_\infty(\theta, \phi) e^{ikz \cos \theta} e^{ik\rho \sin \theta \cos(\phi-\varphi)} \sin \theta d\phi d\theta$$

## DEFINE INCIDENT FIELD

$$\mathbf{E}_{inc} = E_{inc} \mathbf{n}_x \quad t_{\theta}^s = t_{\theta}^p = 1 \quad :$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_{\infty}(\theta, \phi) &= E_{inc}(\theta, \phi) [\cos \phi \mathbf{n}_{\theta} - \sin \phi \mathbf{n}_{\phi}] \sqrt{n_1/n_2} (\cos \theta)^{1/2} \\ &= E_{inc}(\theta, \phi) \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} (1 + \cos \theta) - (1 - \cos \theta) \cos 2\phi \\ -(1 - \cos \theta) \sin 2\phi \\ -2 \cos \phi \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{n_1}{n_2}} (\cos \theta)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

$(0, 0)$  mode :

$$E_{inc} = E_o e^{-(x_{\infty}^2 + y_{\infty}^2)/w_o^2} = E_o e^{-f^2 \sin^2 \theta / w_o^2}$$

## INTEGRATE OVER $\phi$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos n\phi e^{ix \cos(\phi-\varphi)} d\phi = 2\pi(i^n) J_n(x) \cos n\varphi$$
$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin n\phi e^{ix \cos(\phi-\varphi)} d\phi = 2\pi(i^n) J_n(x) \sin n\varphi$$

## SOLUTION

(0,0) mode :

$$\mathbf{E}(\rho, \varphi, z) = \frac{ikf}{2} \sqrt{\frac{n_1}{n_2}} E_o e^{-ikf} \begin{bmatrix} I_{00} + I_{02} \cos 2\varphi \\ I_{02} \sin 2\varphi \\ -2iI_{01} \cos \varphi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{H}(\rho, \varphi, z) = \frac{ikf}{2Z_{\mu\epsilon}} \sqrt{\frac{n_1}{n_2}} E_o e^{-ikf} \begin{bmatrix} I_{02} \sin 2\varphi \\ I_{00} - I_{02} \cos 2\varphi \\ -2iI_{01} \sin \varphi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_w(\theta) = e^{-\frac{1}{f_o^2} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta_{max}}}$$

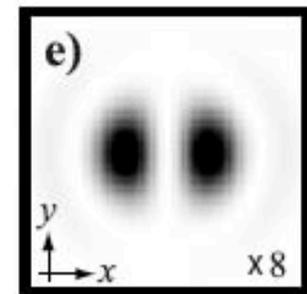
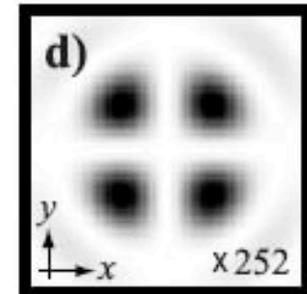
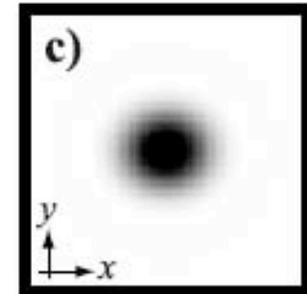
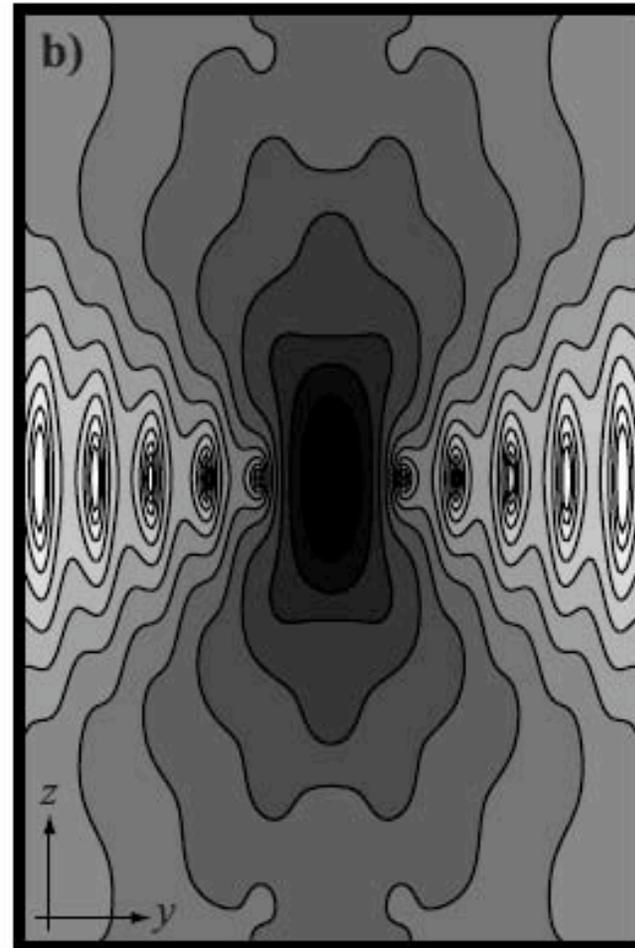
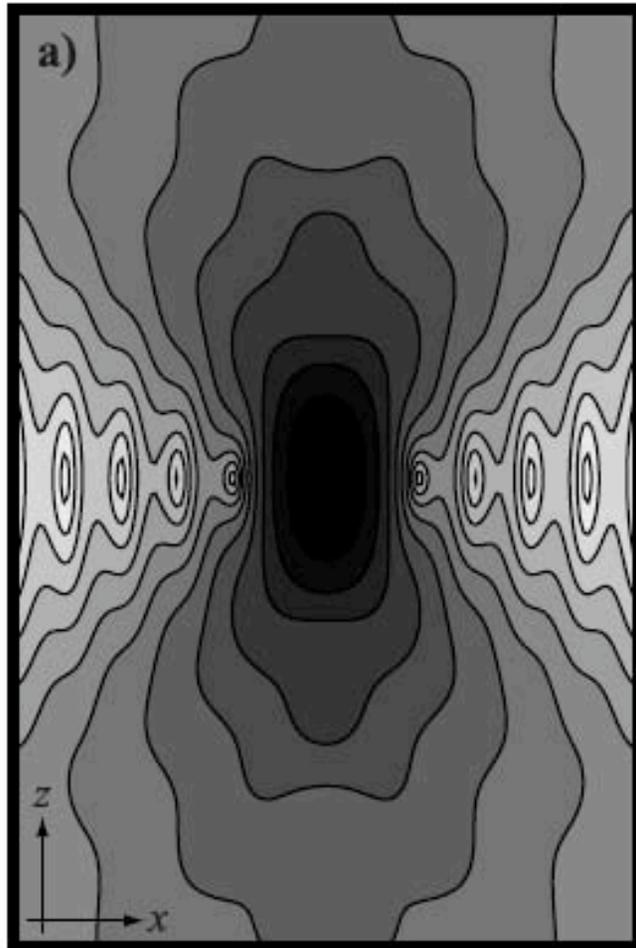
Fields given by  
3 integrals :

$$I_{00} = \int_0^{\theta_{max}} f_w(\theta) (\cos \theta)^{1/2} \sin \theta (1 + \cos \theta) J_0(k\rho \sin \theta) e^{ikz \cos \theta} d\theta$$

$$I_{01} = \int_0^{\theta_{max}} f_w(\theta) (\cos \theta)^{1/2} \sin^2 \theta J_1(k\rho \sin \theta) e^{ikz \cos \theta} d\theta$$

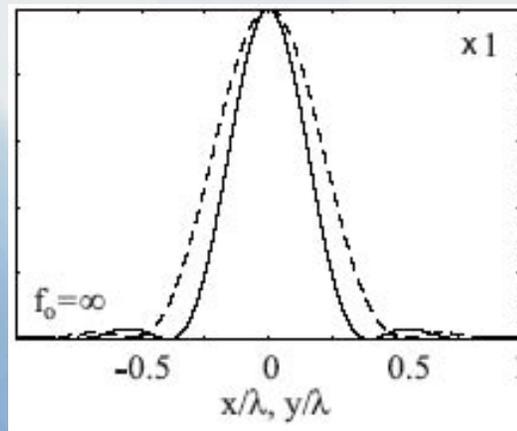
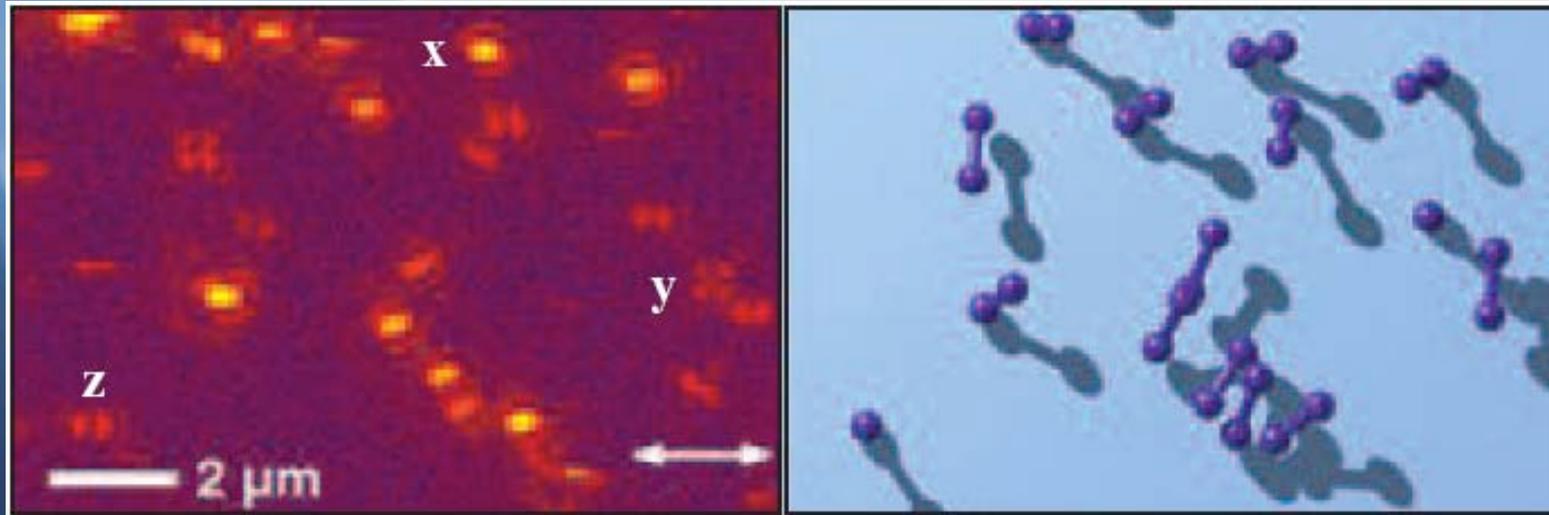
$$I_{02} = \int_0^{\theta_{max}} f_w(\theta) (\cos \theta)^{1/2} \sin \theta (1 - \cos \theta) J_2(k\rho \sin \theta) e^{ikz \cos \theta} d\theta$$

# FOCAL FIELDS



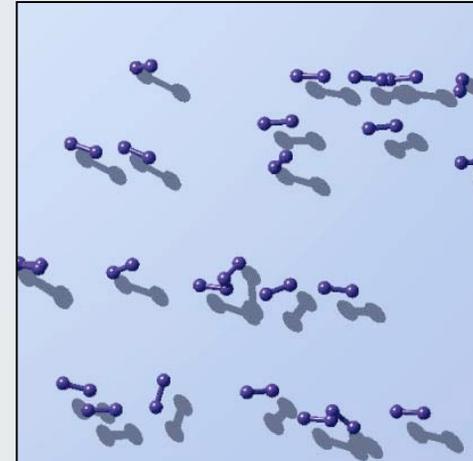
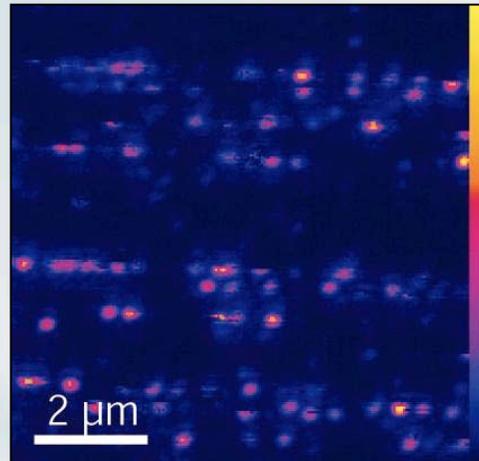
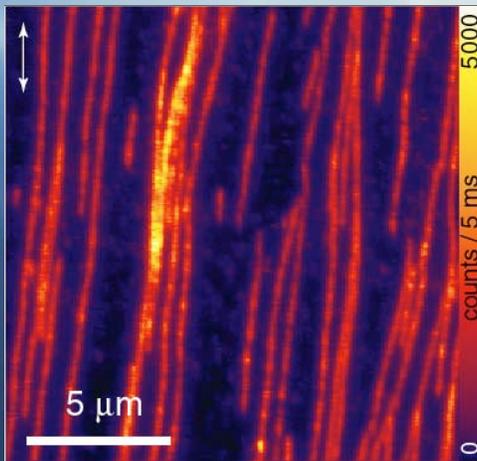
$1.8\lambda$

# FOCAL FIELDS SAMPLED WITH SINGLE MOLECULES



**Elongated spot !!**

# $\lambda$ -PHAGE DNA LABELED WITH YOYO-1



## WEAKLY FOCUSED BEAMS

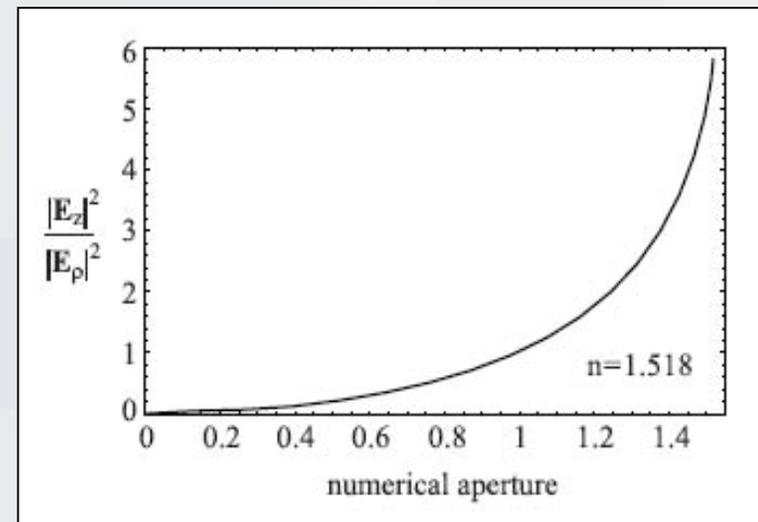
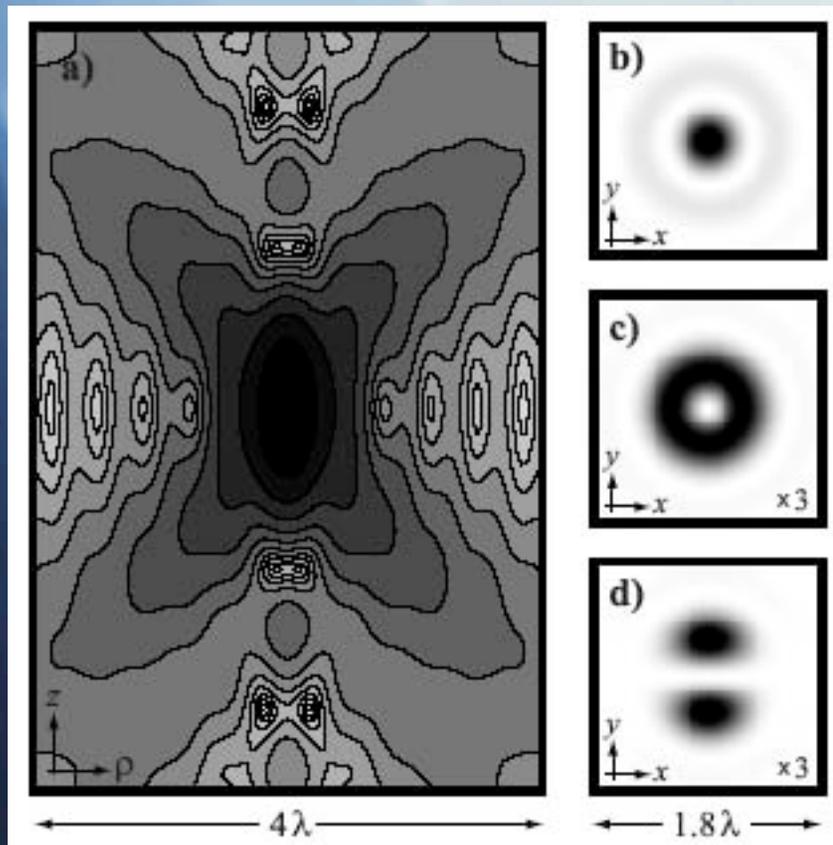
Focal plane ( $z=0$ ):

$$I_{00} \approx \frac{2}{k\rho} \int_0^{k\rho\theta_{max}} x J_0(x) dx = 2\theta_{max}^2 \frac{J_1(k\rho\theta_{max})}{k\rho\theta_{max}}$$

$$E \approx ikf\theta_{max}^2 E_o e^{-ikf} \frac{J_1(k\rho\theta_{max})}{k\rho\theta_{max}} \mathbf{n}_x$$

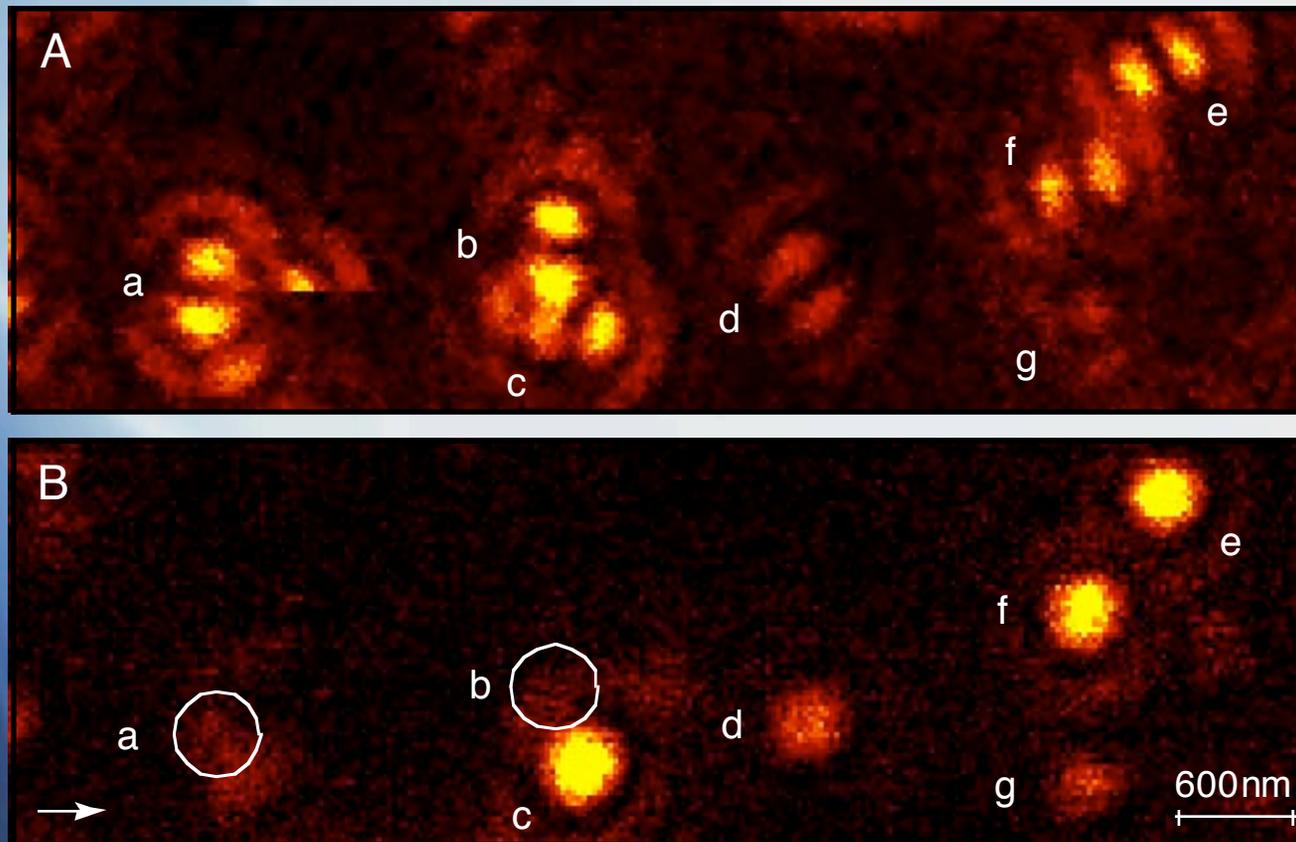
Not Gaussian !

# FOCUSED RADially POLARIZED BEAMS

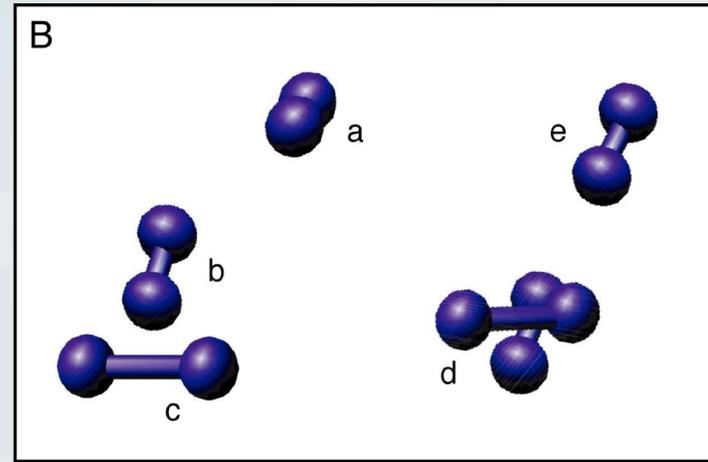
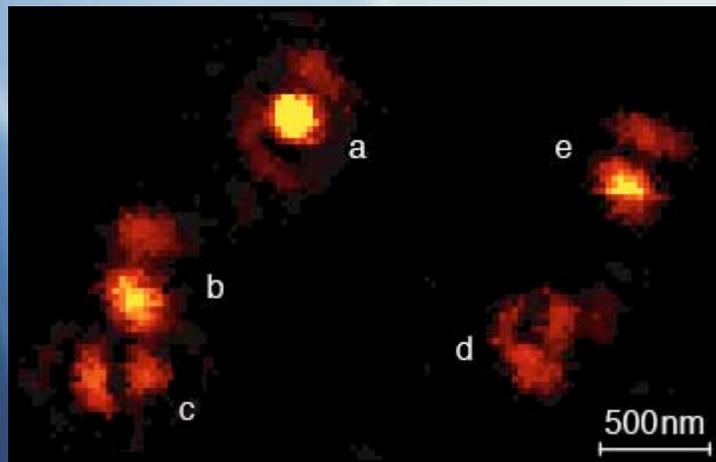


mostly longitudinal fields in focus !

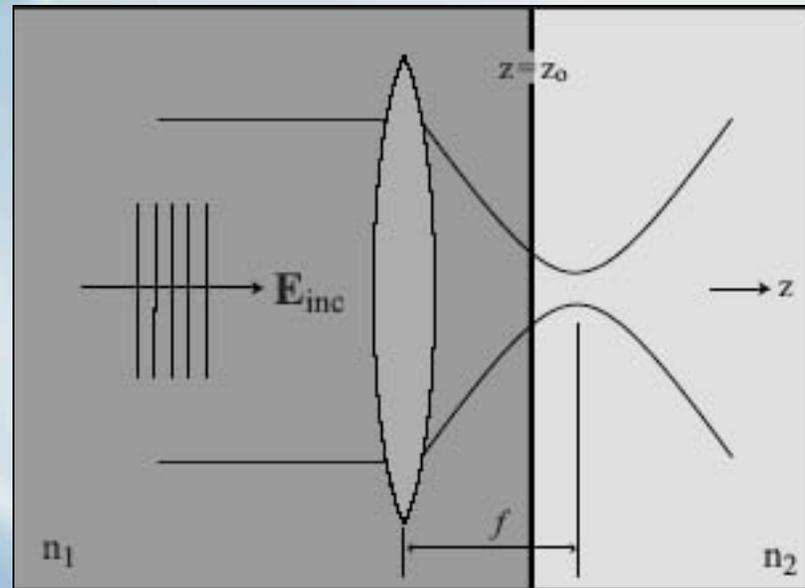
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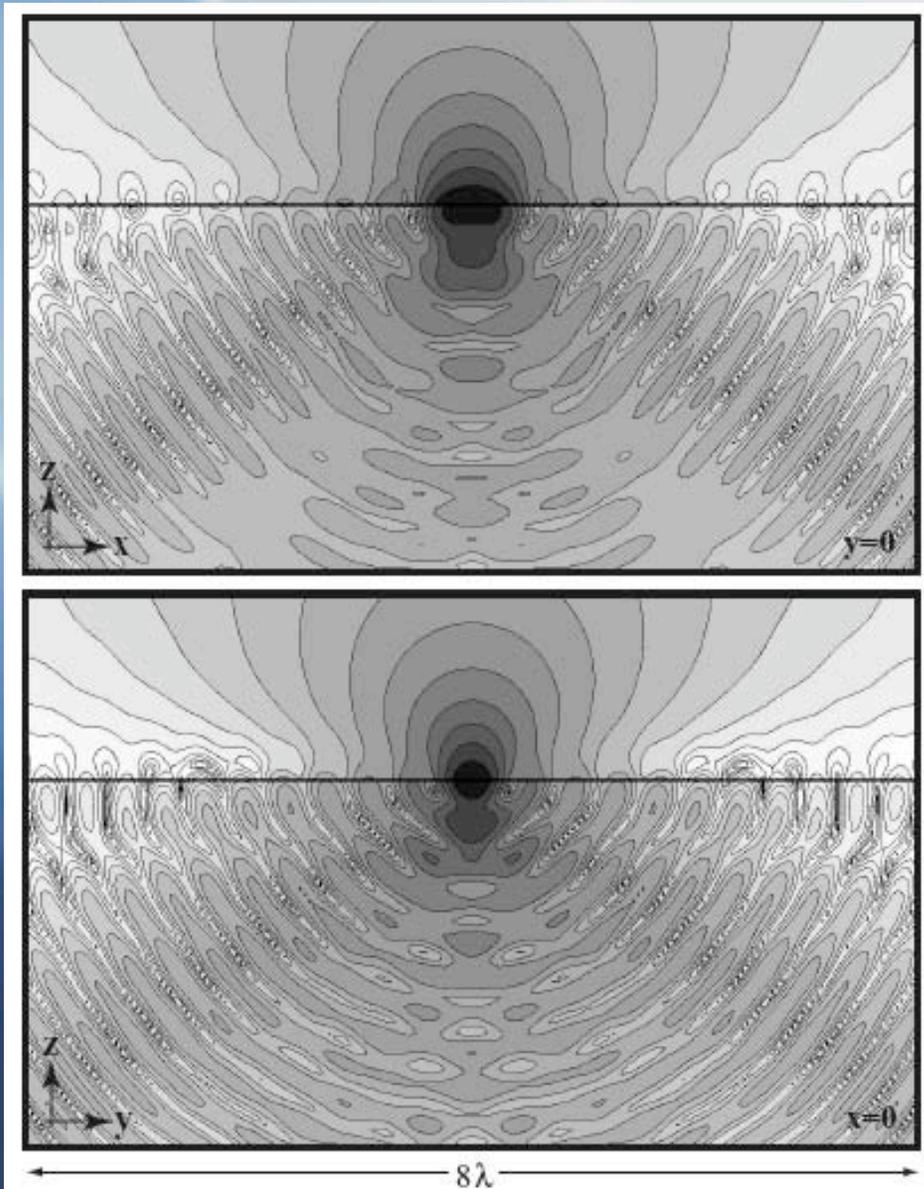


## WHAT ABOUT INTERFACE ?



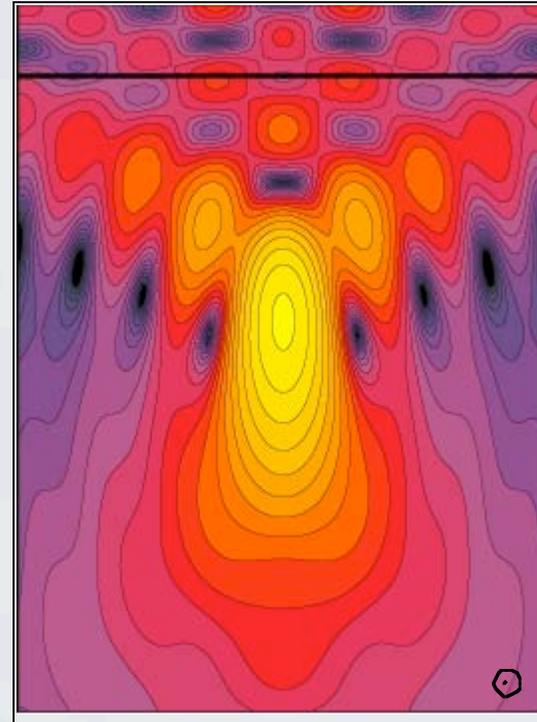
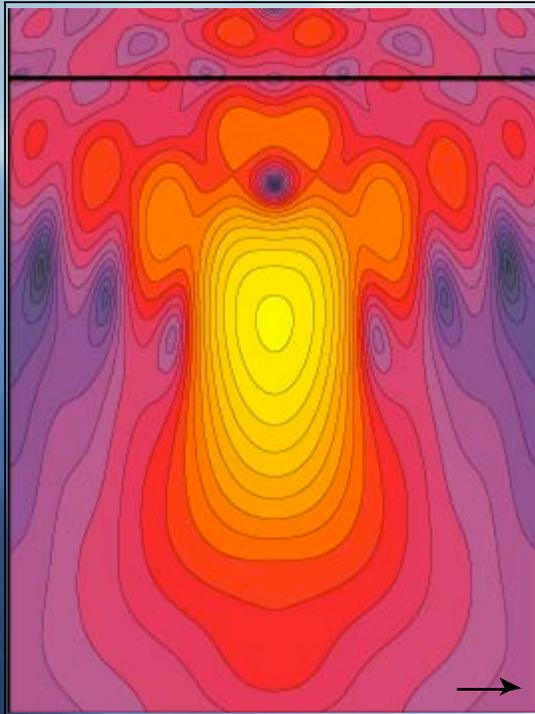
$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{E}_f + \mathbf{E}_r & : z < z_0 \\ \mathbf{E}_t & : z > z_0 \end{cases}$$

Angular spectrum representation with Fresnel reflection / transmission coefficients.

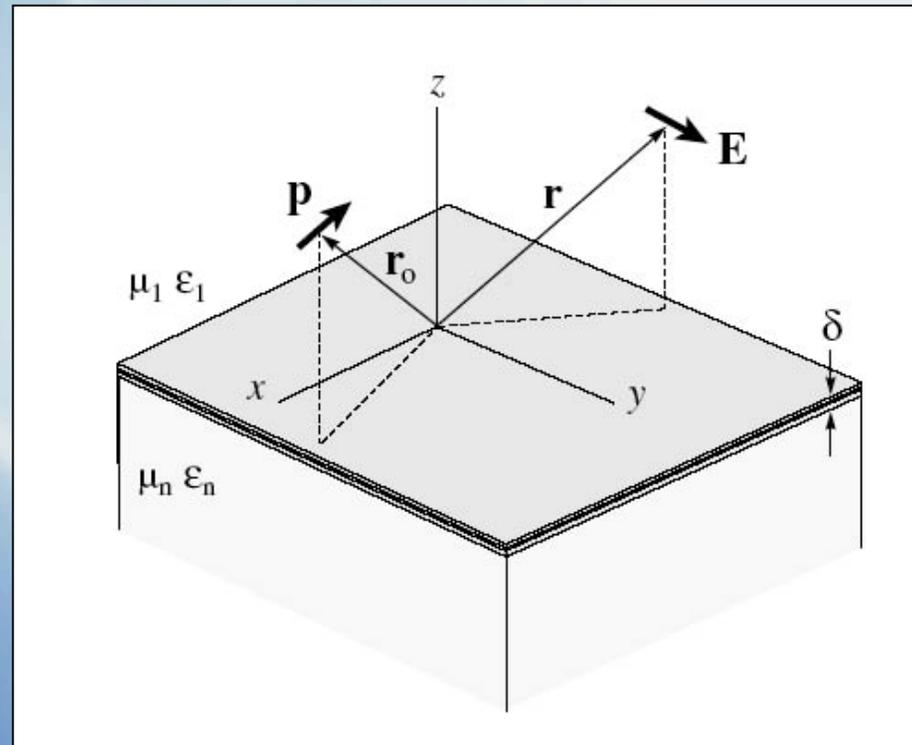


$$k_{z2} = k_2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{k_1^2}{k_2^2} \sin^2 \theta}$$

# EXAMPLE: LASER TWEEZERS

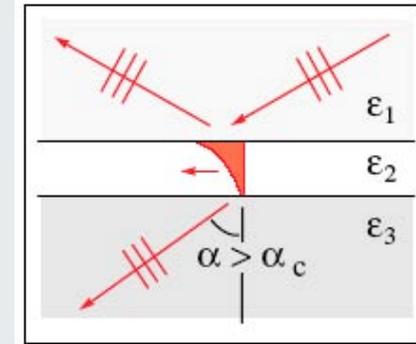
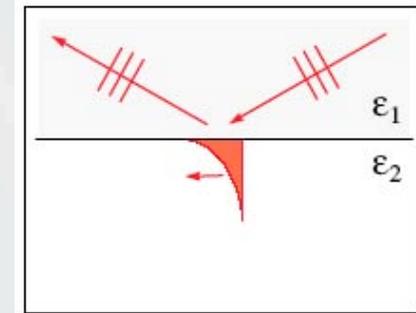
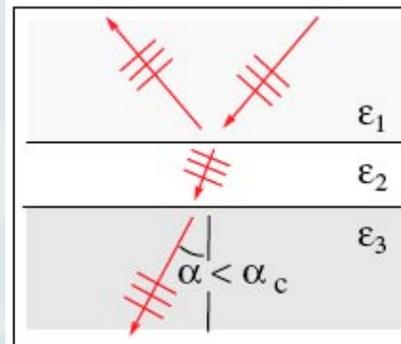
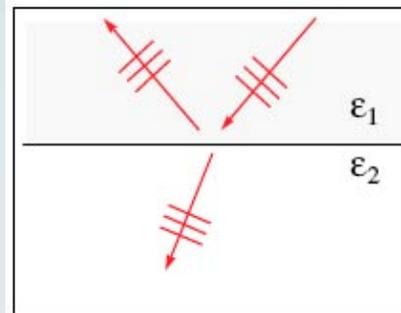
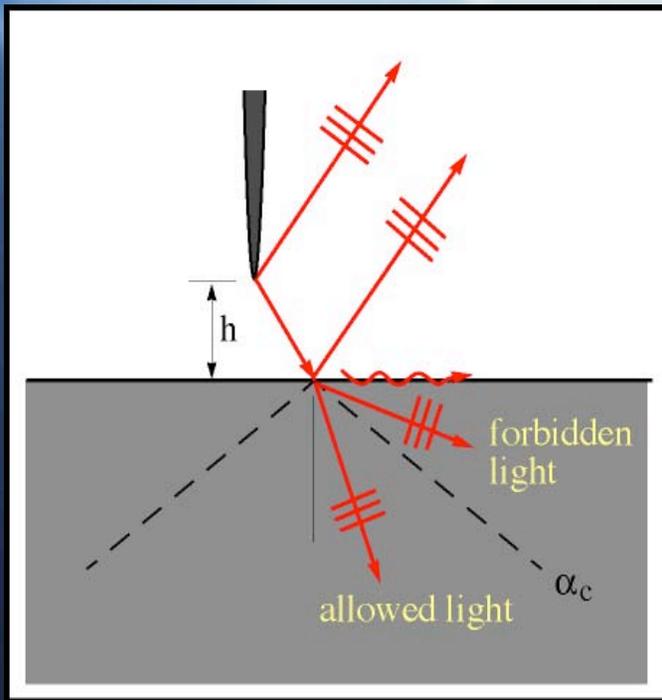


# WHAT ABOUT EMISSION ?

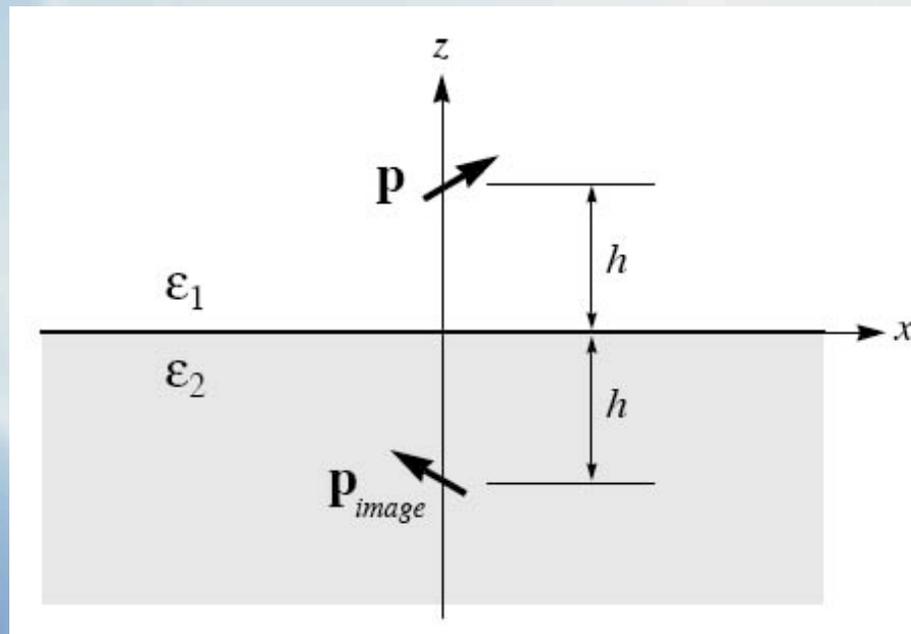


Molecules radiate like oscillating dipoles !!

# COUPLING OF EVANESCENT WAVES

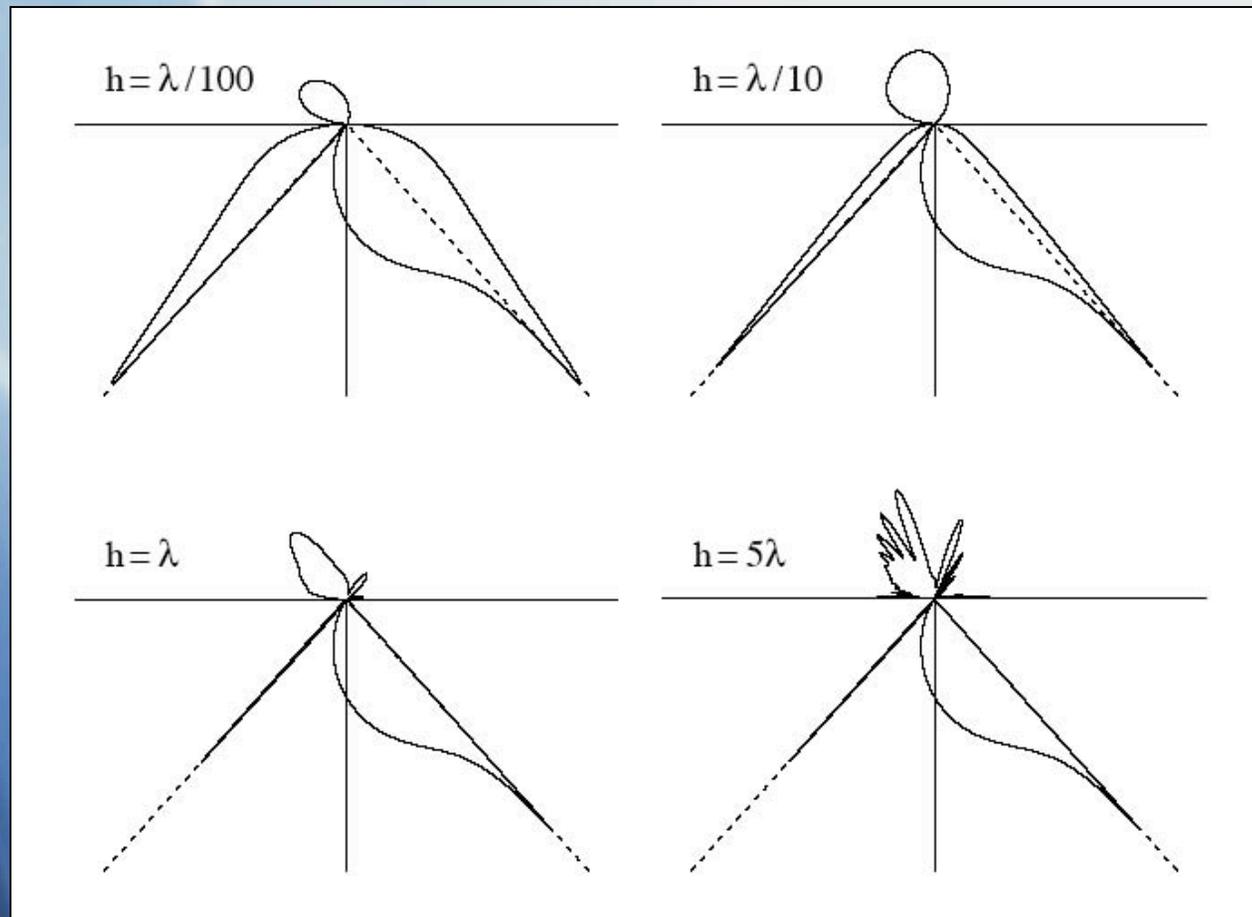


## FARFIELD SOLUTION



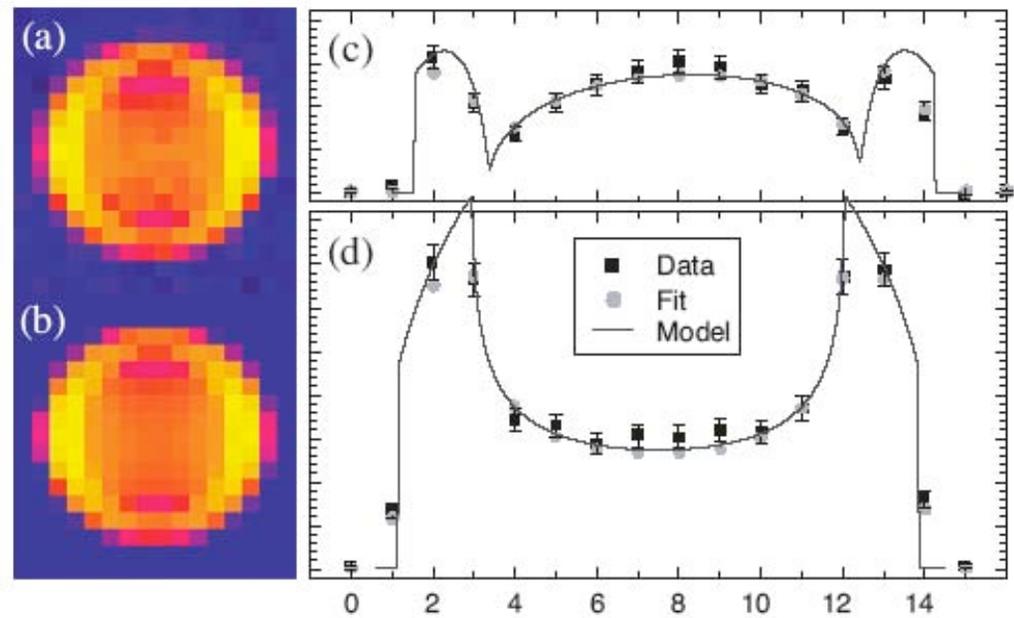
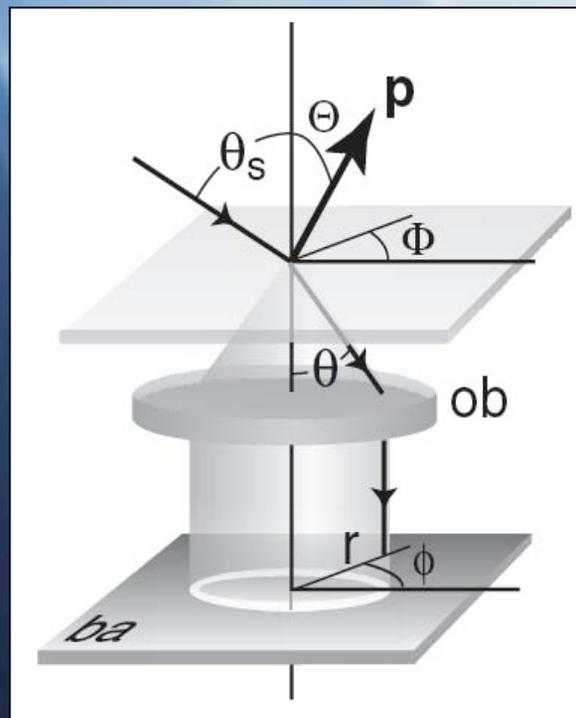
Exact solution = radiation from molecule and its image

# RADIATION PATTERNS



Need to sample the critical angle !!

# DEMONSTRATION WITH SINGLE MOLECULES



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# SUMMARY

BIOPHYSICAL PROCESSES ARE VISUALIZED USING  
SINGLE MOLECULES AS PROBES

## EXCITATION OF SINGLE MOLECULES

- Angular Spectrum Representation
- Application to Strongly Focused Laser Beams
- Experimental Mapping using Single Molecules as Probe Dipoles

## DETECTION OF SINGLE MOLECULES

- Molecule Radiates like Oscillating Dipole
- Interface Perturbs Radiation Pattern
- Collection Optics needs to include Critical Angle