

Learning Outcome: Identify the fundamental principles of photon optics & quantify photon properties

* Light as electromagnetic waves

- satisfy Maxwell's eqn.

- represented by wave eqn.

for a plane EM wave

propagating in +z direction

$$\vec{E} = (\hat{a}_x E_x + \hat{a}_y E_y e^{j\phi}) e^{-jkz}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} + k^2 \vec{E} = 0 \quad \nabla^2 \vec{H} + k^2 \vec{H} = 0$$

If $\phi = 0 \Rightarrow$ linear polarization

If $\phi = \pm \pi/2 \Rightarrow$ circular polarization
 $E_x = E_y$

Any other \Rightarrow Elliptical polarization

* For a given structure,

only specific field configurations are allowed

\Rightarrow Eigenmodes or Modes of the structure

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \vec{D} &= \rho_v \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \\ \nabla \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \vec{H} &= \vec{J}_c + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$$

Photon Optics

$$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J-s}$$

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$1 \text{ eV} = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$E = h\nu$$

$$= \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

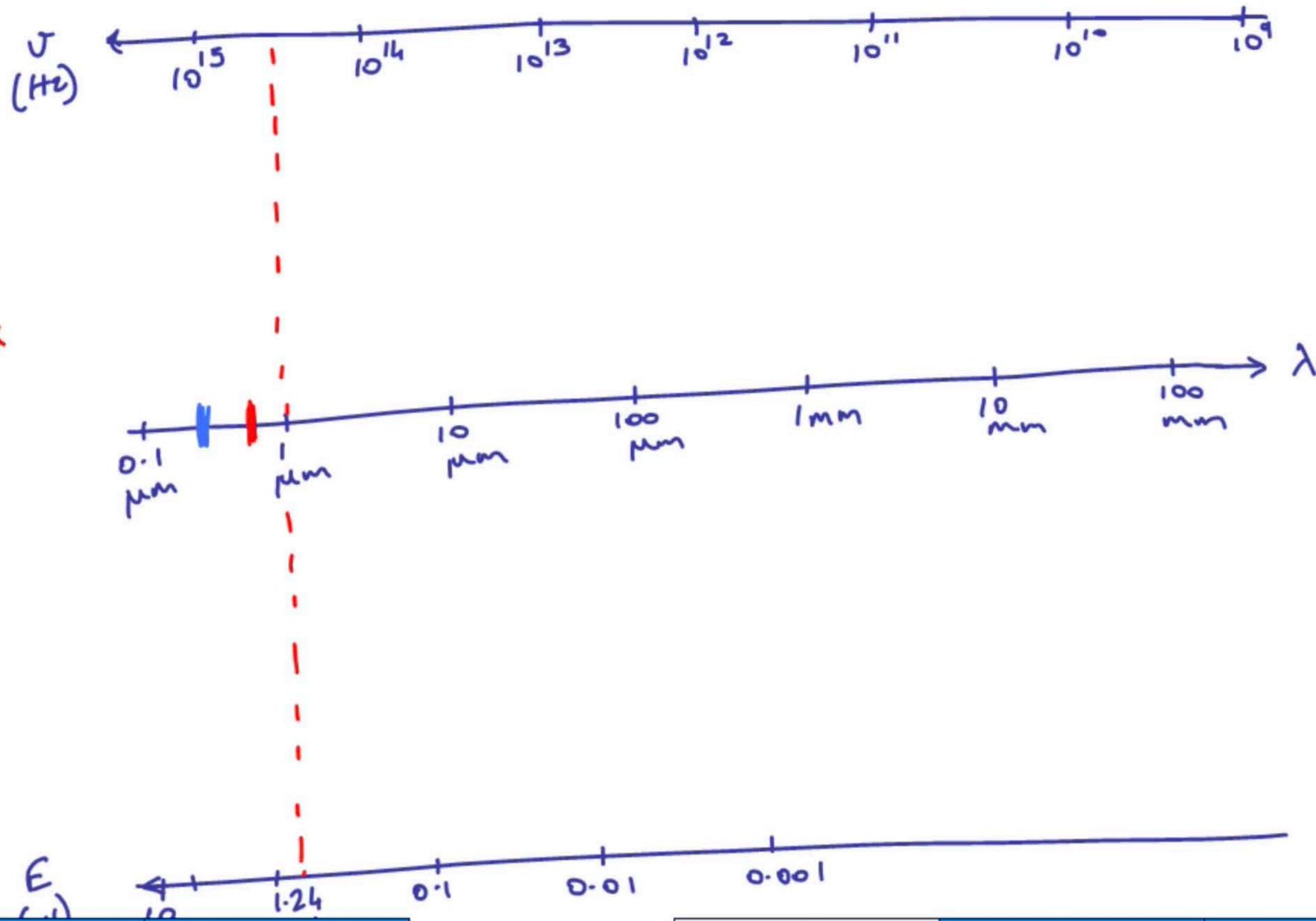
Wavelength (μm), $\lambda = \frac{1.24}{E(\text{eV})}$

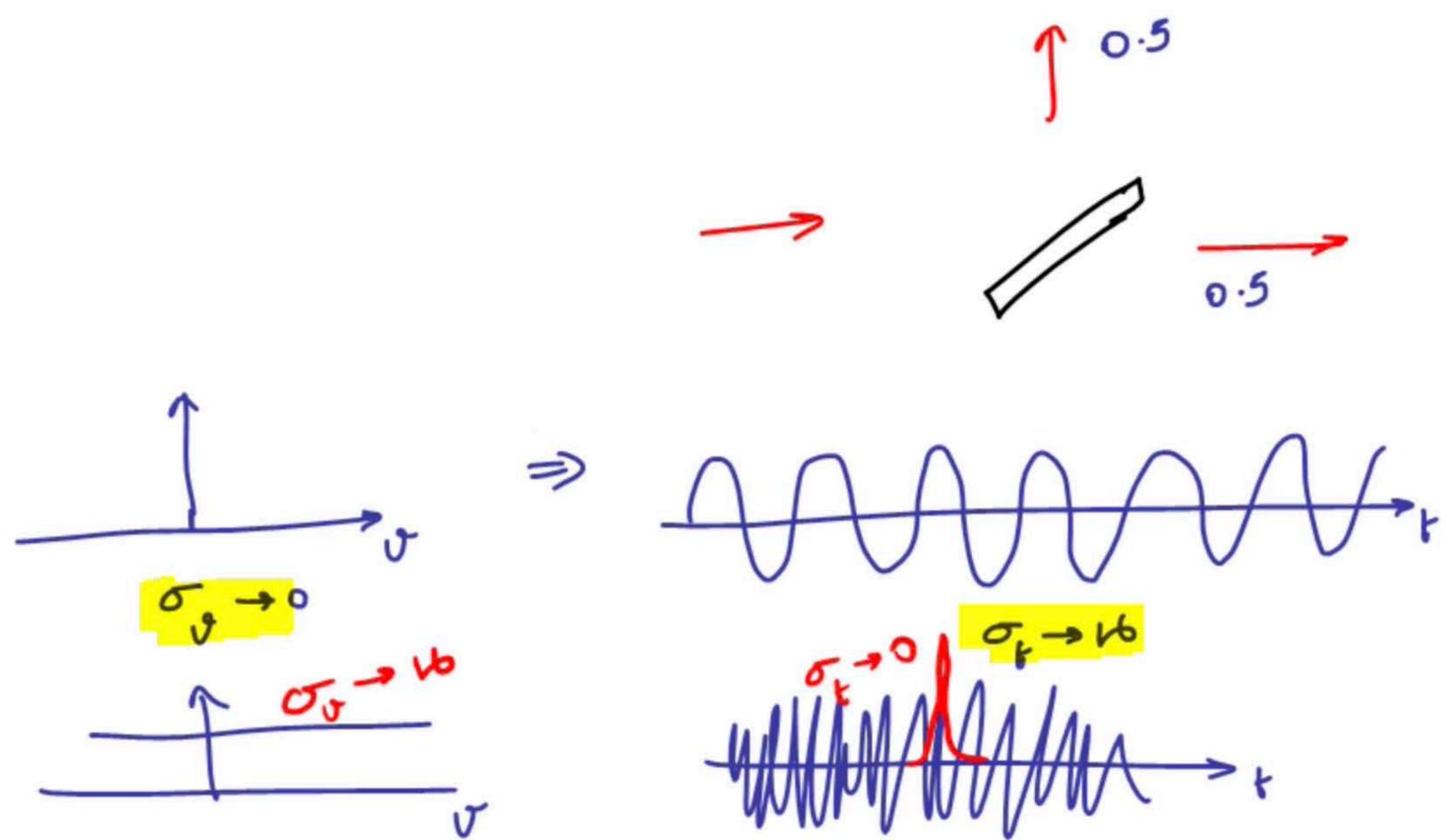
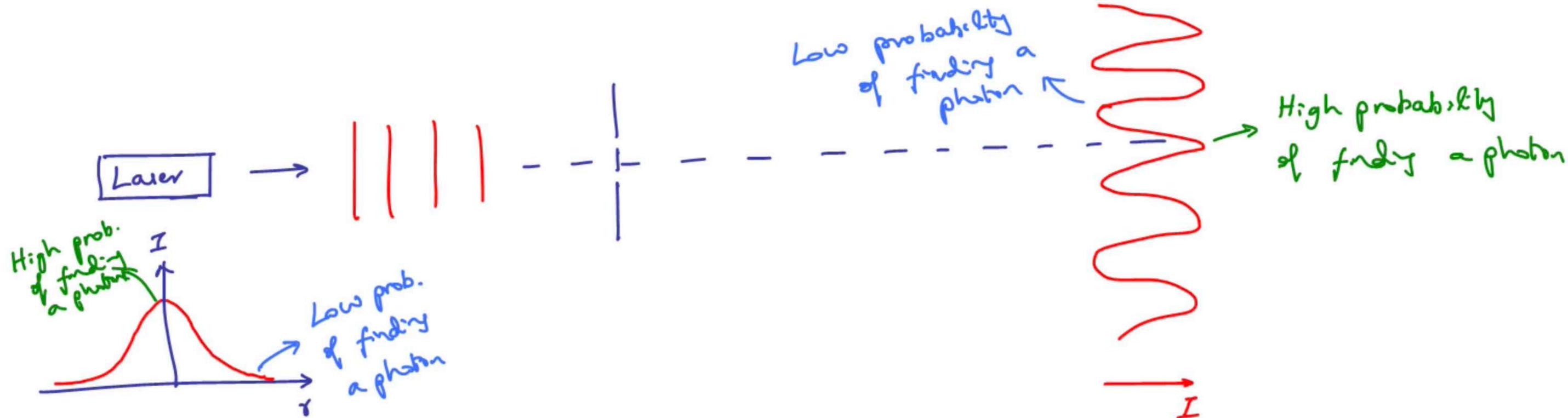
Photons have zero rest mass $\rightarrow \frac{h}{2\pi}$

Photon momentum, $p = \frac{E}{c} = \frac{h}{\lambda} = \hbar k$

Photon probability

$$p(\sigma) dA \propto I(\sigma) dA$$

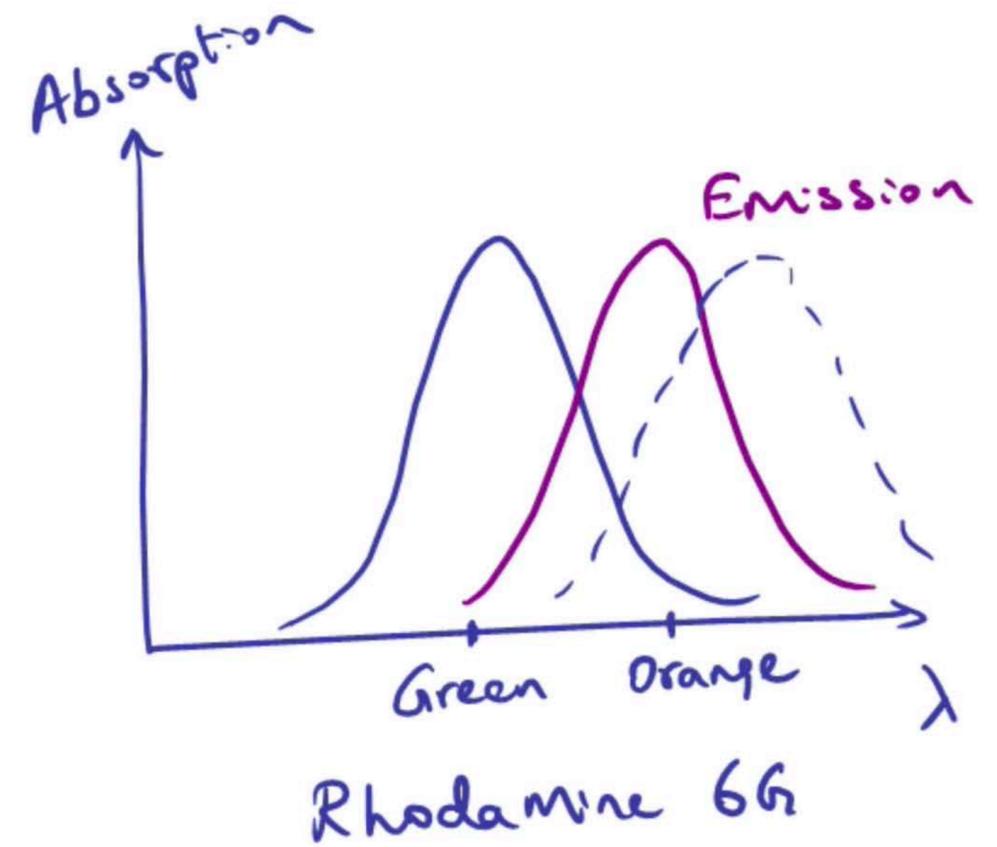
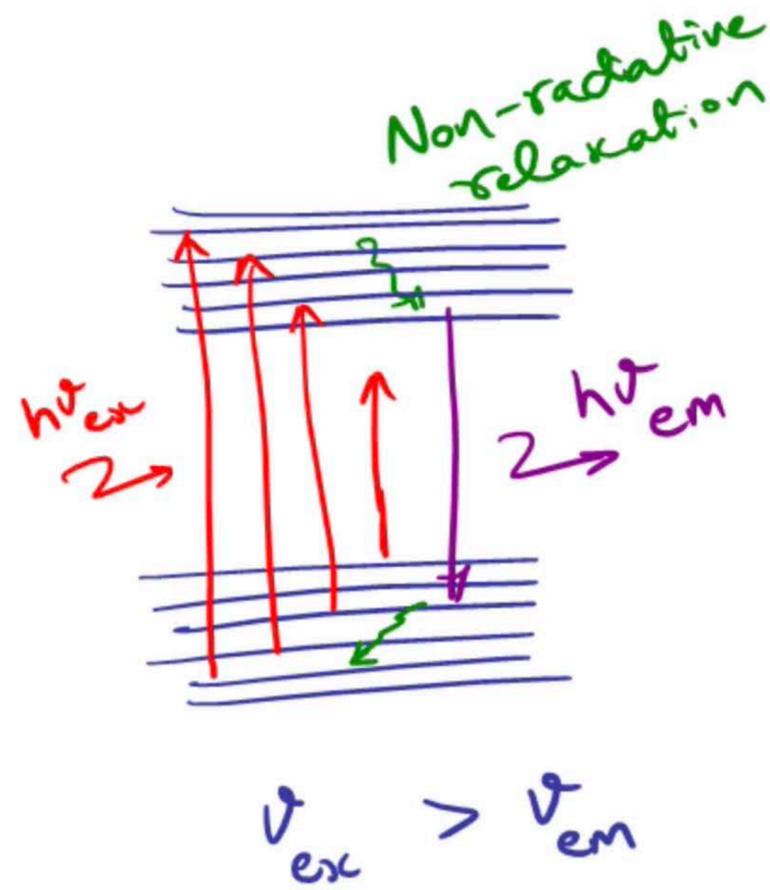
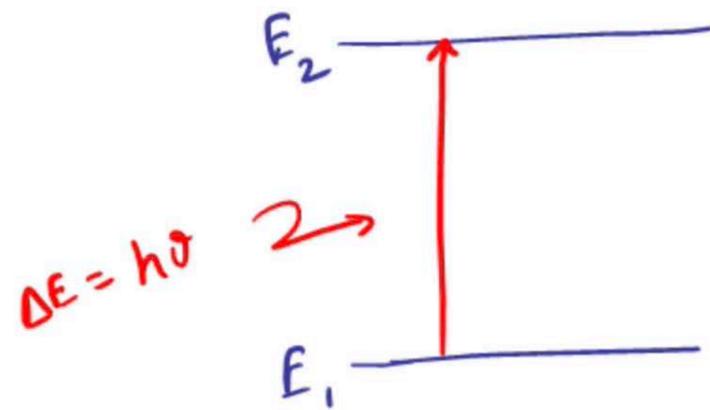




Photon uncertainty

$$\sigma_E \cdot \sigma_t \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

Photon Absorption:



Photon Polarization:

Photon spin \rightarrow LCP, RCP \Rightarrow Spin angular momentum $s = \pm \hbar$

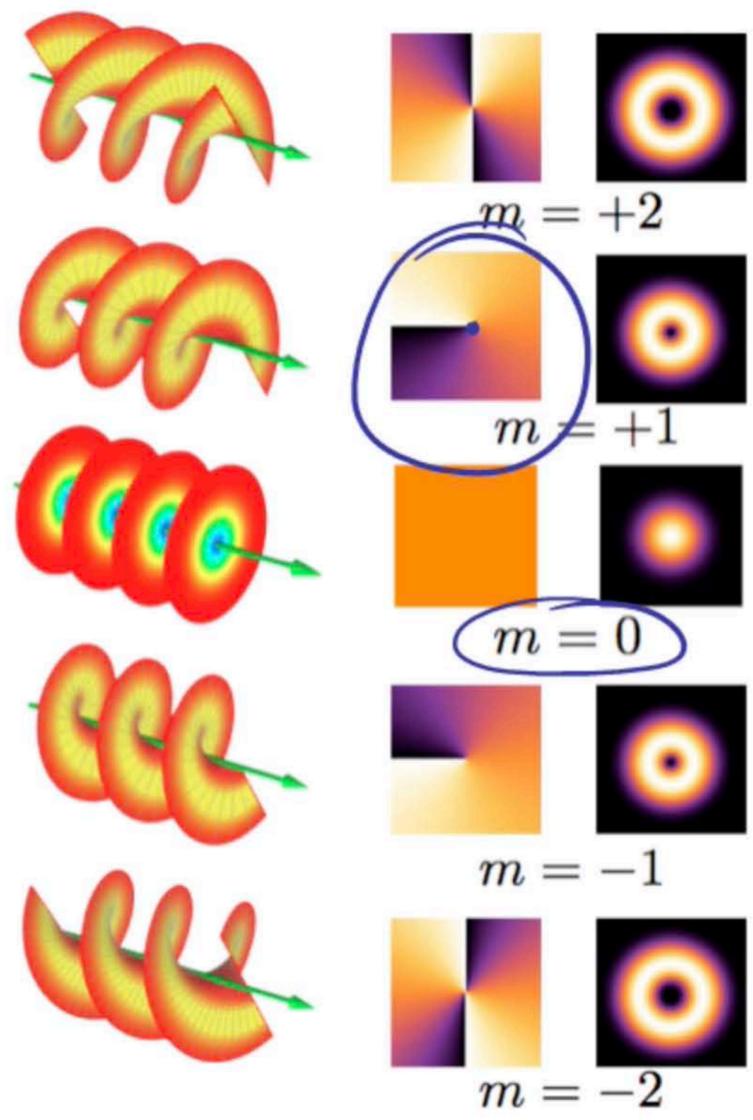
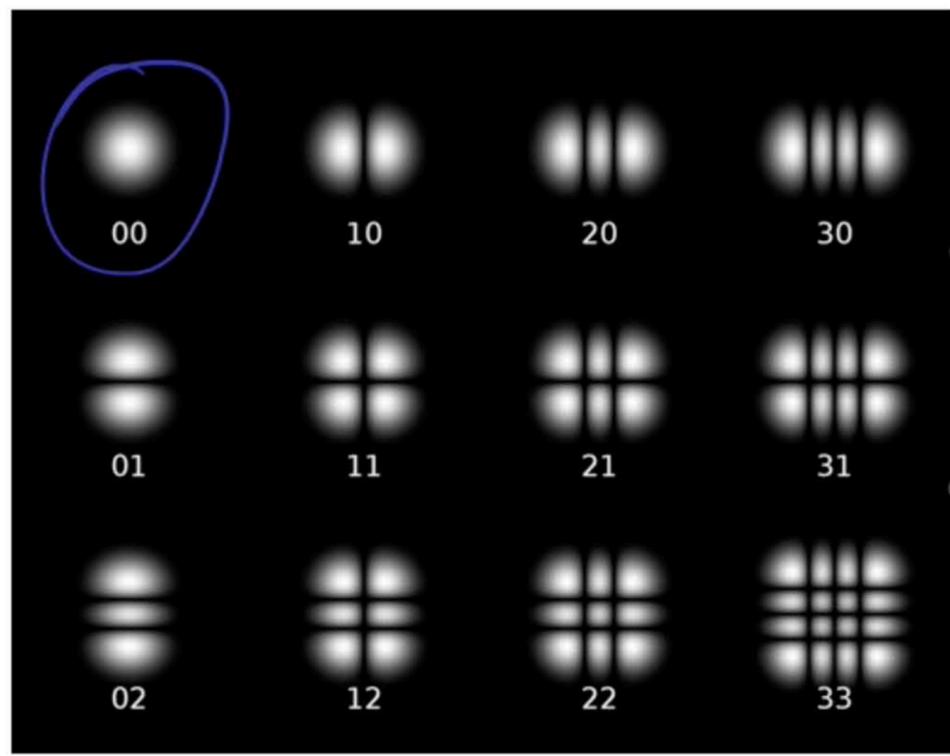
Orbital angular momentum, $L = l\hbar$ $l \rightarrow$ charge

Colour Filters

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} + k^2 \vec{E} = 0$$

Cartesian

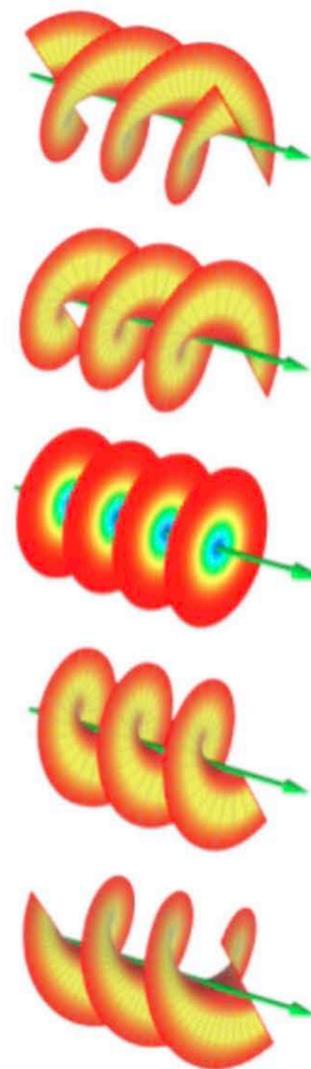
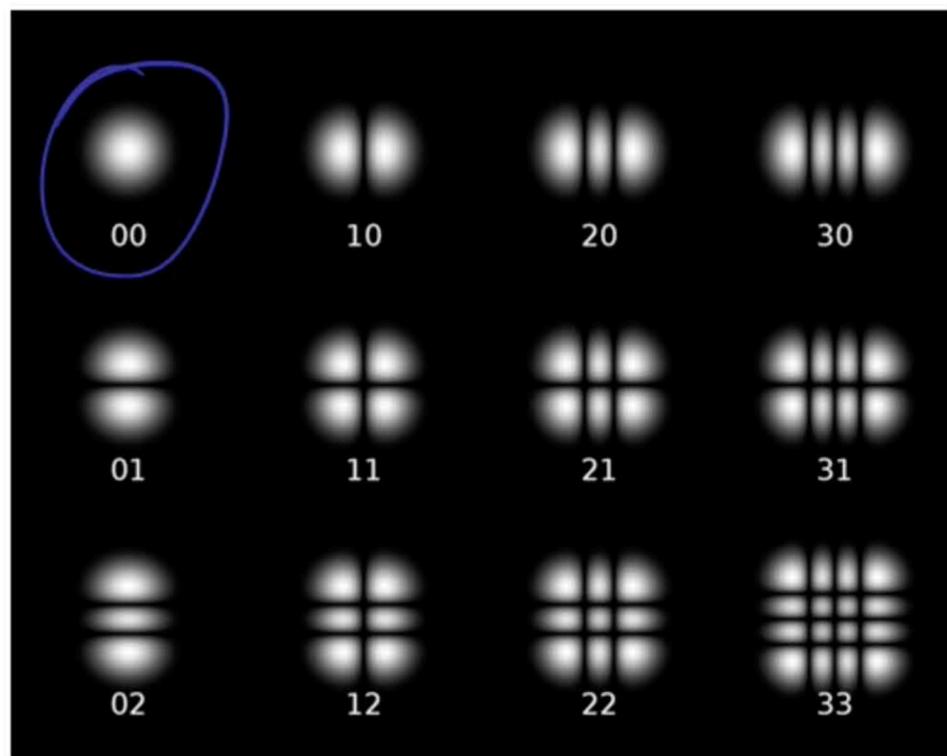
Cylindrical



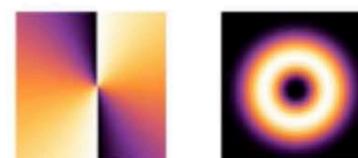
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Cartesian
Hermite - Gaussian

Cylindrical
Laguerre Gaussian



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$m = +2$



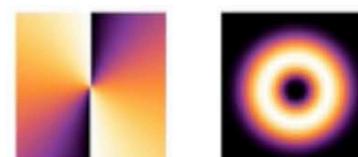
$m = +1$



$m = 0$



$m = -1$



$m = -2$