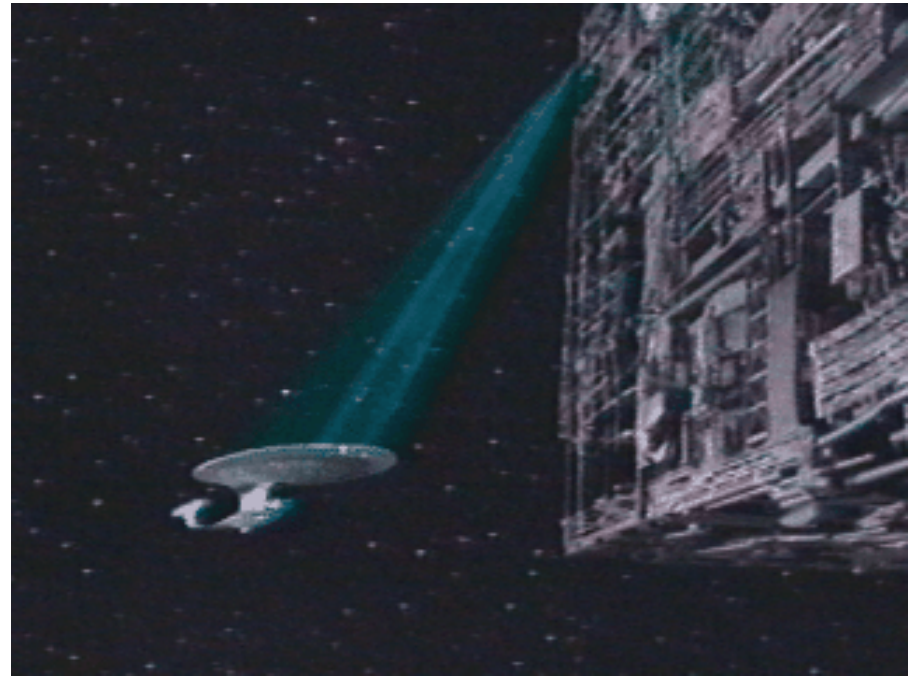


# optical tweezers



# tractor beams

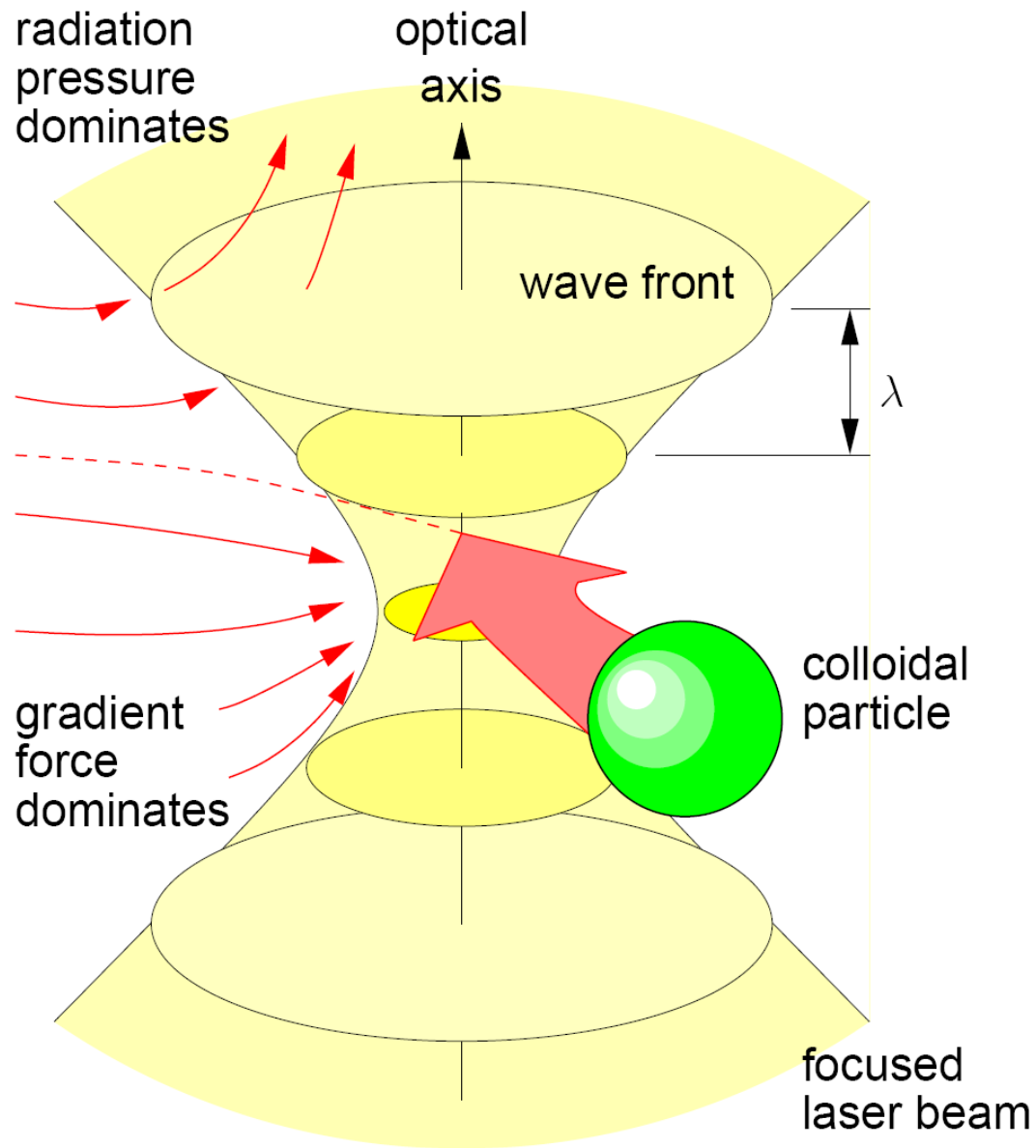


# outline

What it is, how it works, how to make it

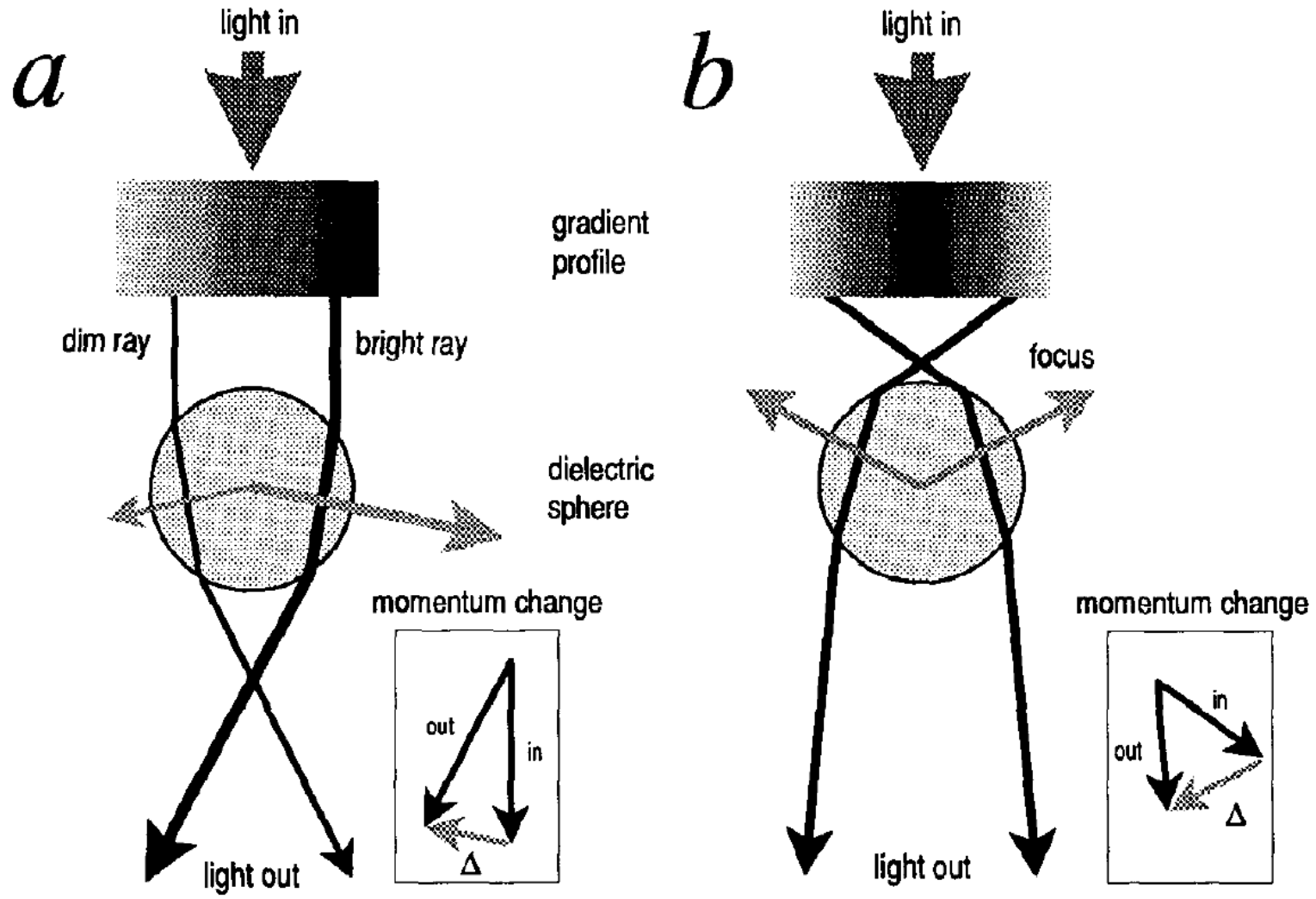
My favourite setup... holograms.

Why care? applications etc. Movies!



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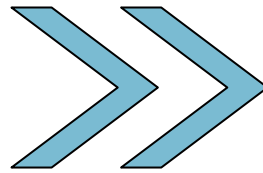
# ray optics $a \gg \lambda$



# Rayleigh $a \ll \lambda$

gradient  
force

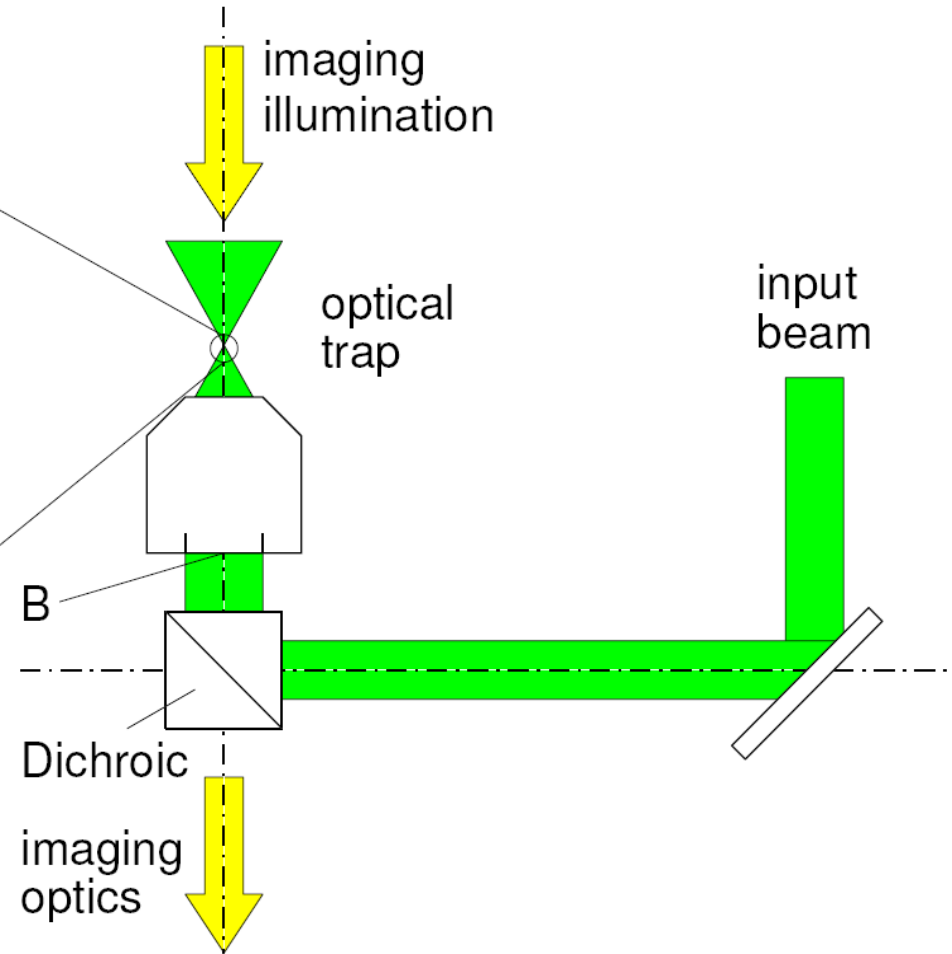
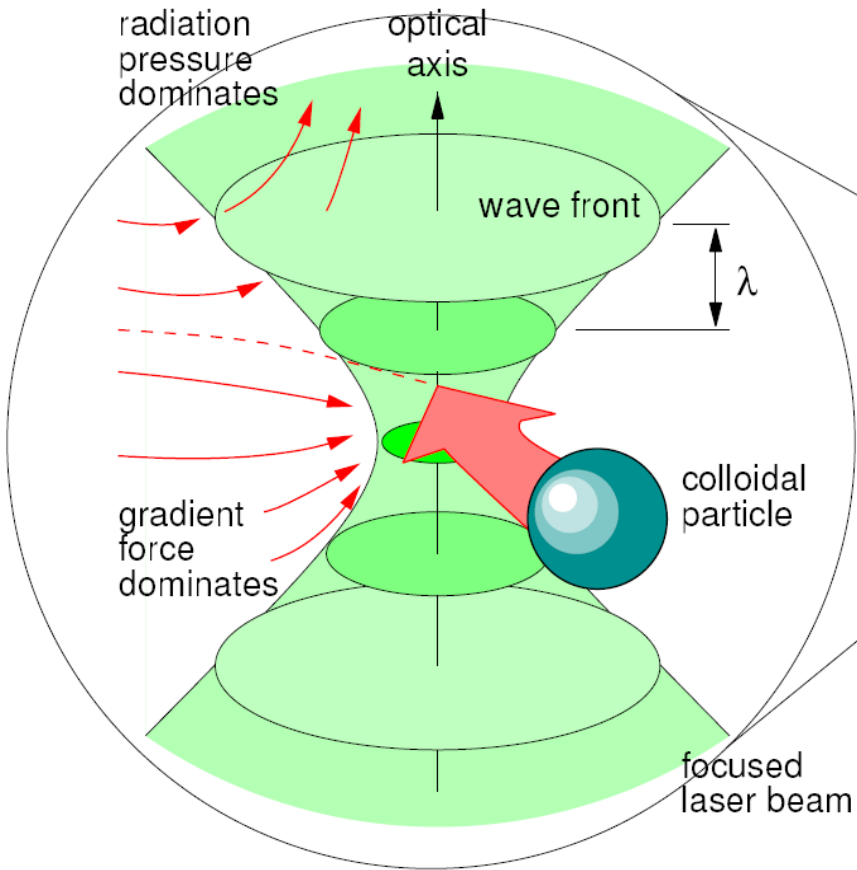
$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{grad}} = \frac{2\pi}{c} a^3 \left( \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1 + 2\epsilon_2} \right) \nabla |\mathbf{S}|.$$



radiation  
pressure

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{scat}} = \frac{8\pi}{3} k^4 a^6 \frac{\sqrt{\epsilon_2}}{c} \left( \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1 + 2\epsilon_2} \right)^2 \mathbf{S},$$

# how to make one

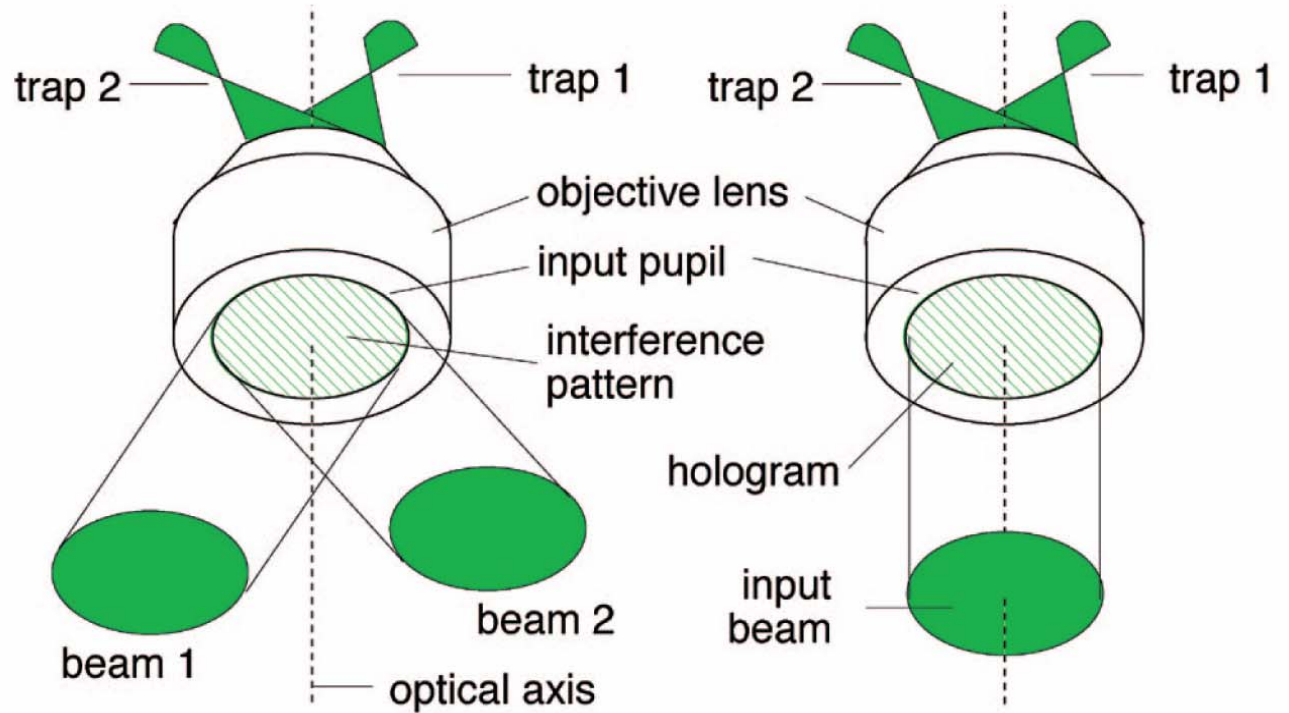


# how to make many

Beam splitting

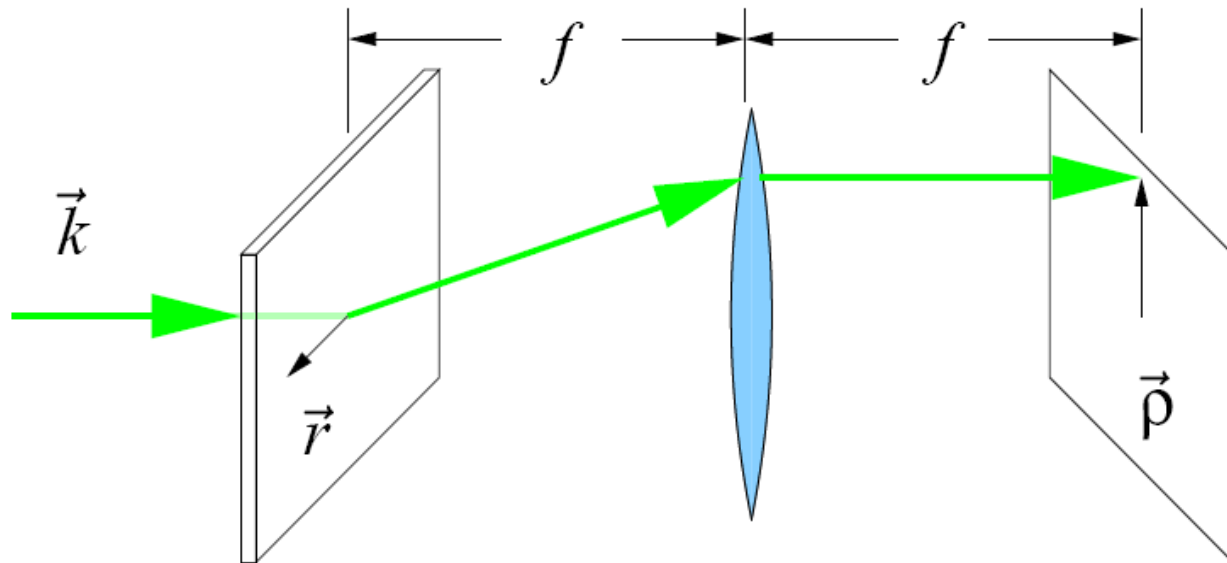
Time sharing (2D)

DOE – HOT





# diffraction in action



$$E(\vec{r}) = A_0(\vec{r}) e^{i\phi(\vec{r})}$$

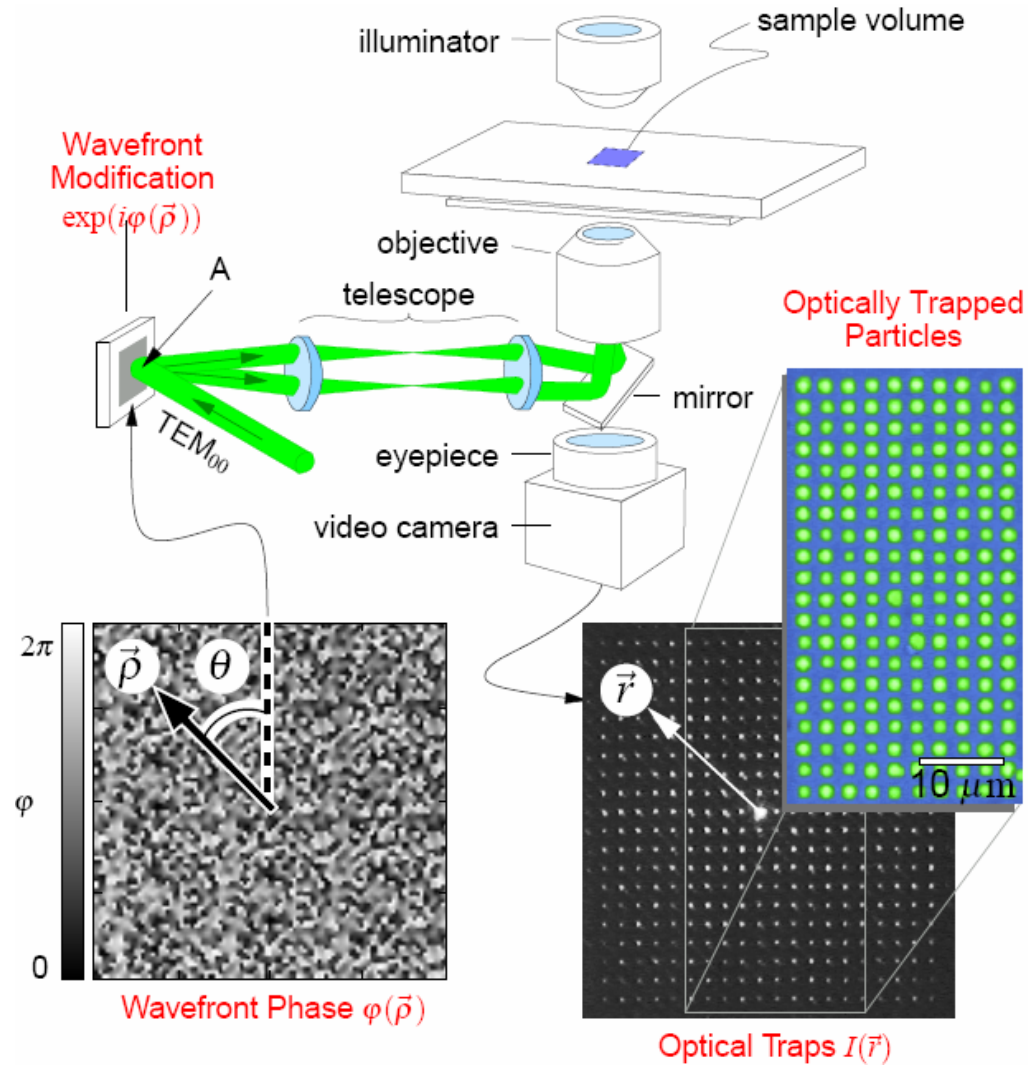
Input  
(DOE)

Lens

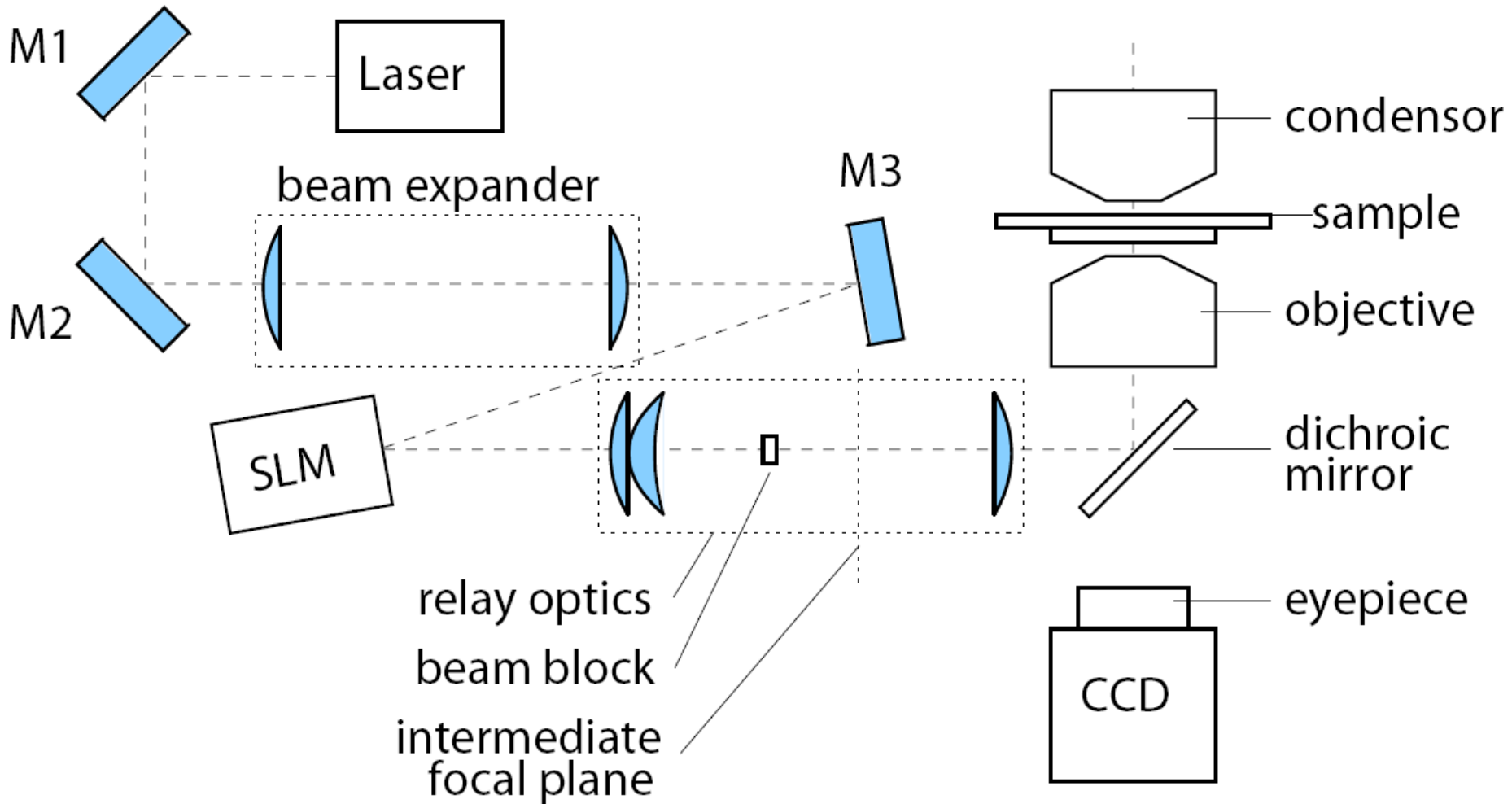
$$E(\vec{\rho}) = \mathcal{A}(\vec{\rho}) e^{i\phi(\vec{\rho})}$$

Output  
(Tweezer Array)

# holographic optical tweezers (HOT)

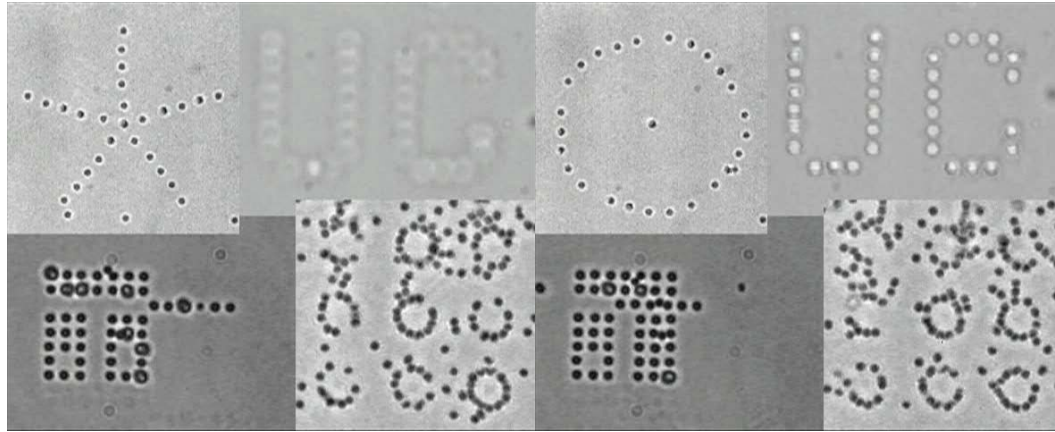


# setup (HOT)

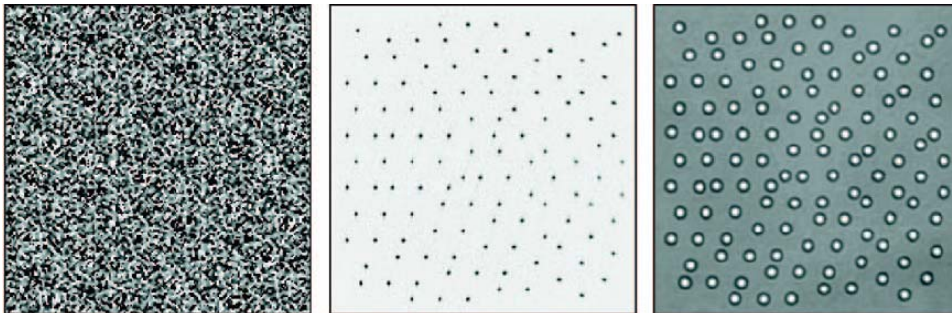


# showtime (HOT)

pre-calculated holograms



find (calc) trap (calc) sort

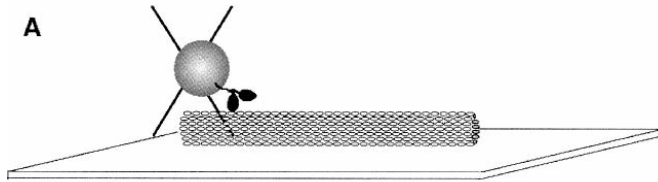


griergroup @ nyu

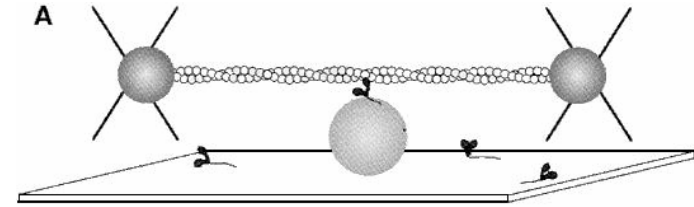
Dufresne group @ yale



# applications – bio



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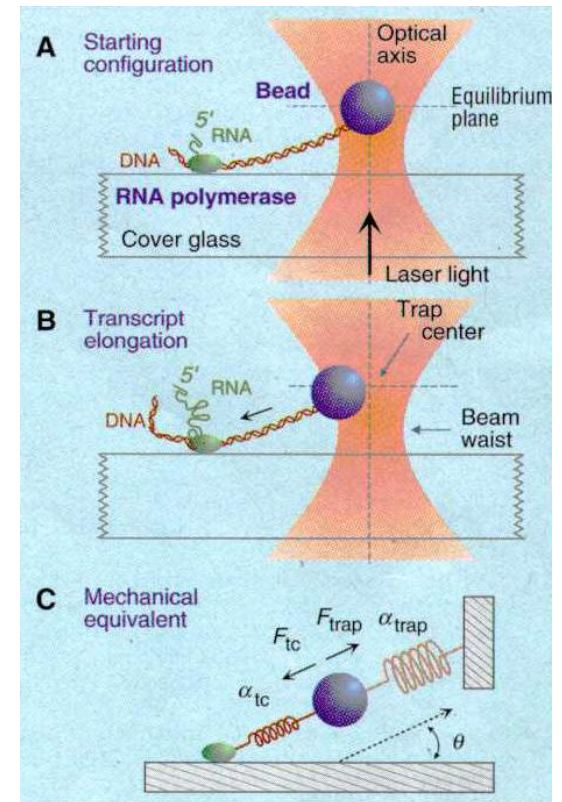


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- DNA elasticity (stretch – release; force/extension)
- cell membrane mech props
- molecular motors (kinesin stepping on microtubules)
- In vitro fertilization; sperm cell motility
- optical scissors (chromosomes dissection + manipulation)

In vivo..?

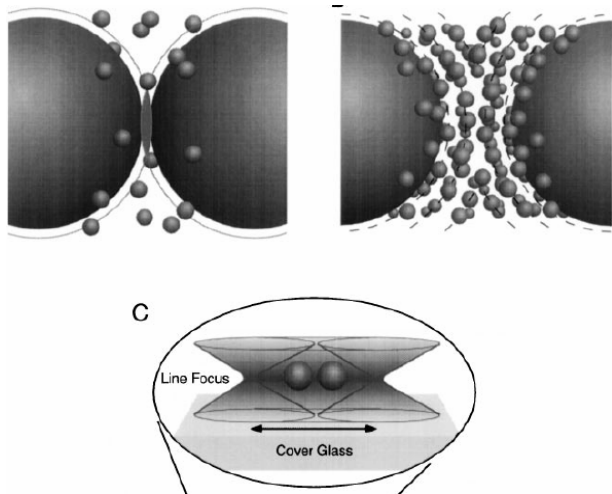
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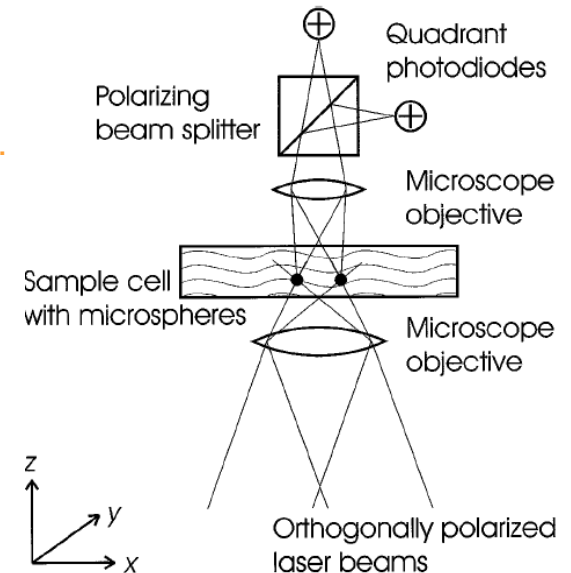
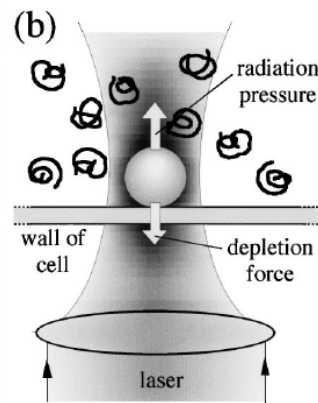
# applications – colloids

Direct measurements of colloidal interactions:

- electrostatic: Like charges attraction etc. (hold two and release crocker grier 94 dlvo ok, in confinement 96 attraction...)
- hydrodynamic (Quake '99 two ptcles, Polin '06 10ptcles) (close to wall(s) Dufresne PhD)
- entropic (blow away = depletion force; line tweezer; )
- optical



Ohshima *et al. Phys. Rev. Lett.* **78**, 3963–3966 (1997).



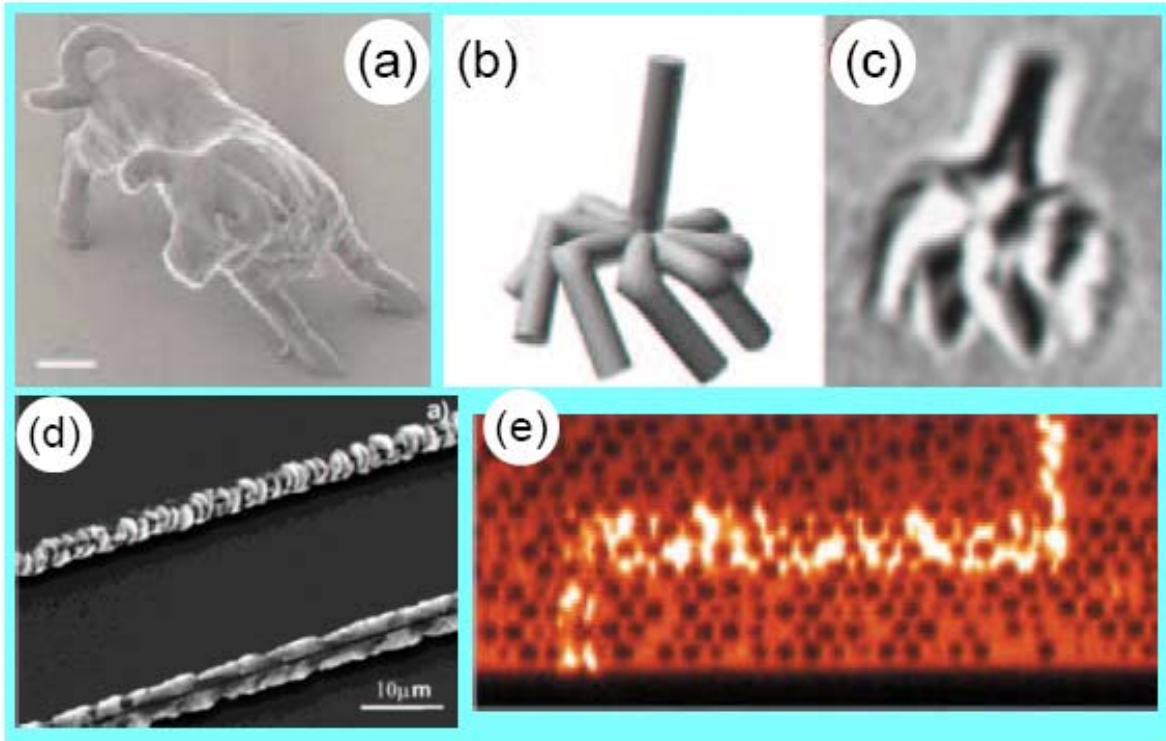
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Meiners, J. C. and Quake, S. R., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **82**, 2211–2214 (1999).



# microfabrication

- (a,b,c) twophoton photopolymerization, scanned tweezers. (a)  $2\mu$  bar  
(d) photochemistry salt deposition  
(e) photopolymerization, waveguide



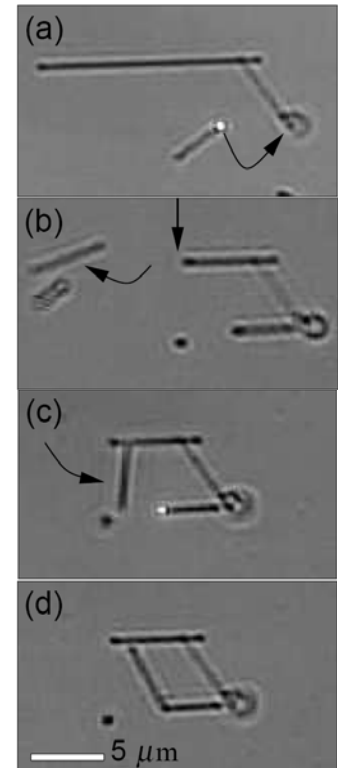
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more...

trap in gel + polymerize

controlled seeding of colloidal crystals

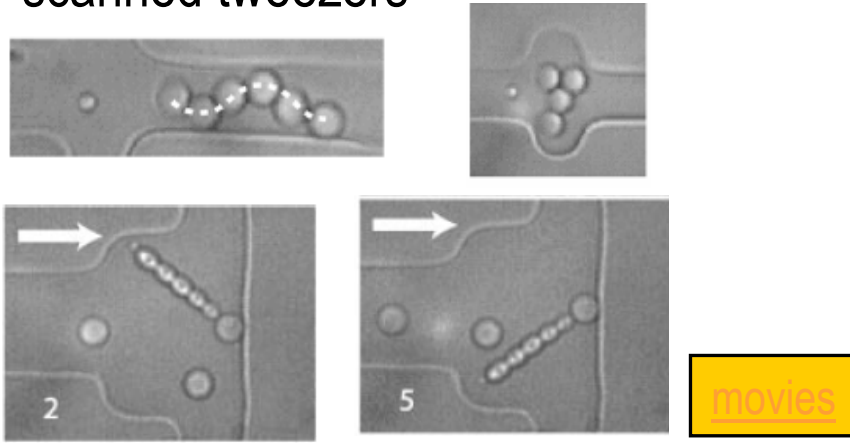
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R. Agarwal *et al*, *Optics Express*  
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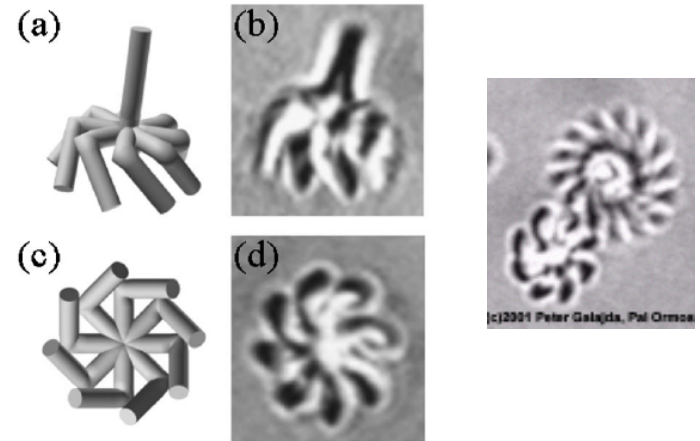
# MEMS

scanned tweezers



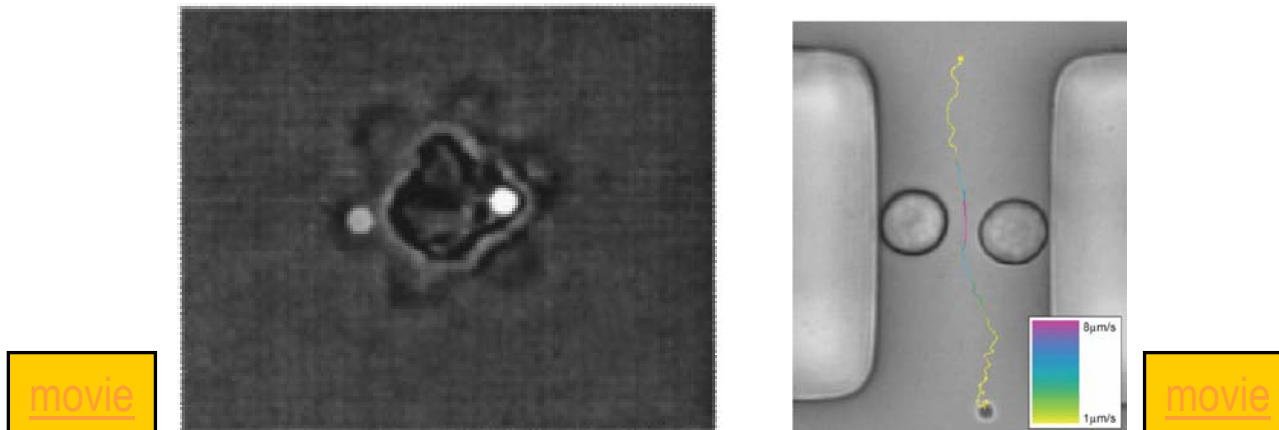
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circular polarized



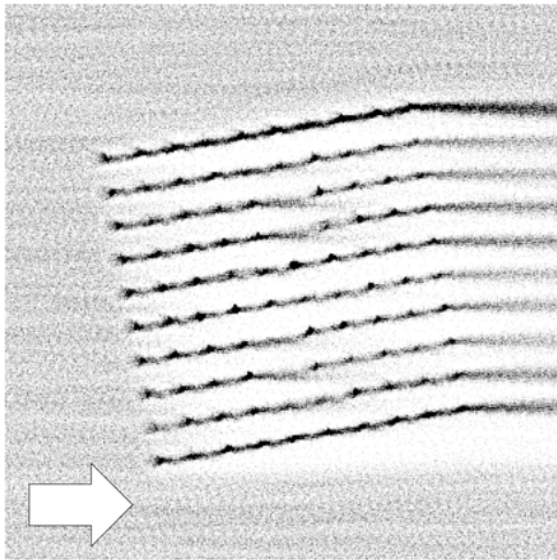
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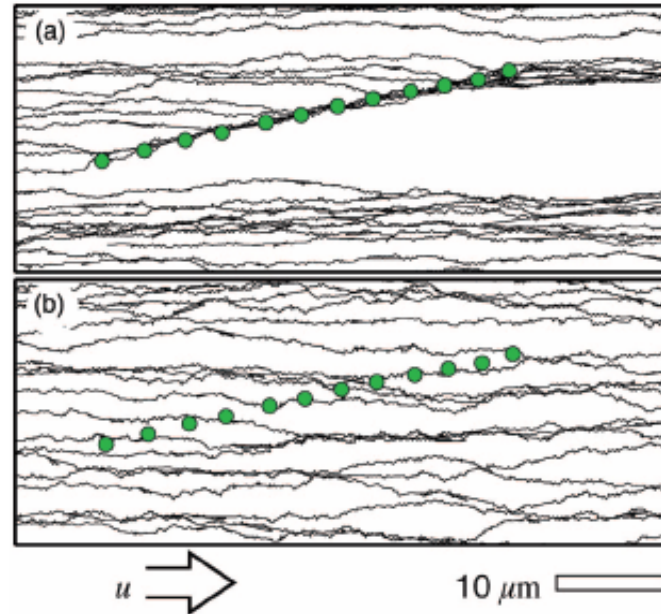
# sorting

kinetic lock-in



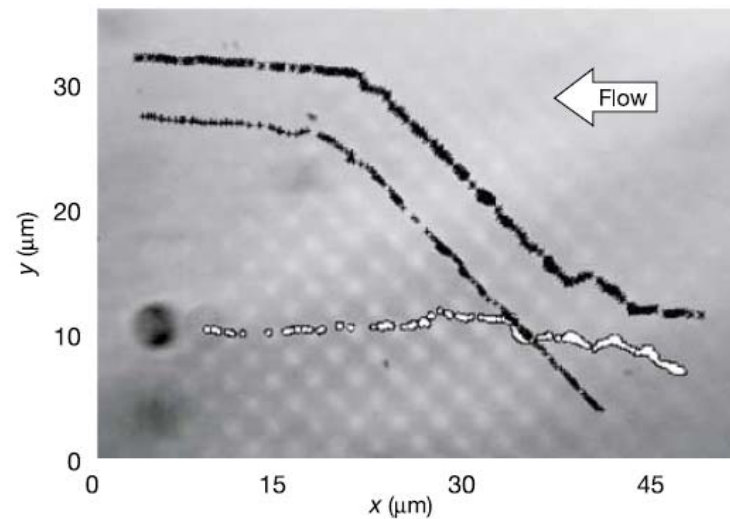
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*Phys. Rev. Lett.* **89**, 128301 (2002).

colloids (1 and 1.5  $\mu$ )



K. Ladavac,  
K. Kasza  
and D. G. Grier,  
*Phys. Rev. E* **70**,  
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protein capsules (2 and 4  $\mu$ )

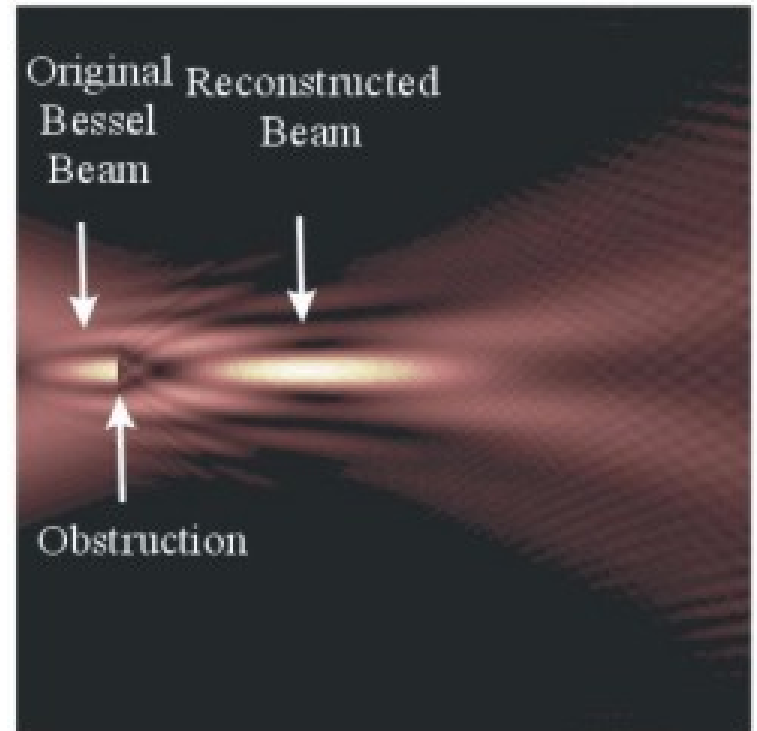
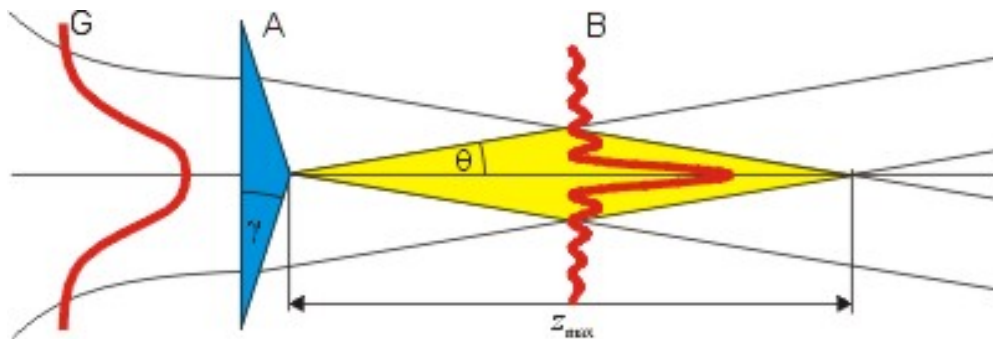


M.P. MacDonald,  
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and K. Dholakia,  
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# beyond plane waves

## - bessel beams -

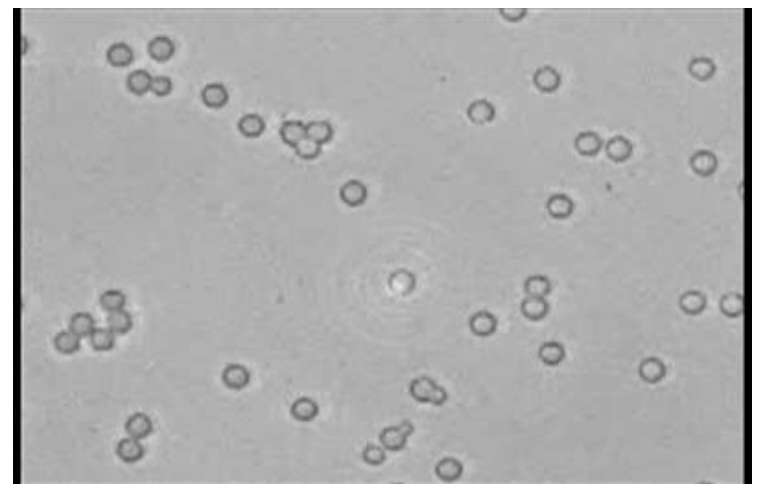
$$\varphi(\vec{\rho}) = \gamma\rho$$



bessel beams – non-diffracting + reconstructing

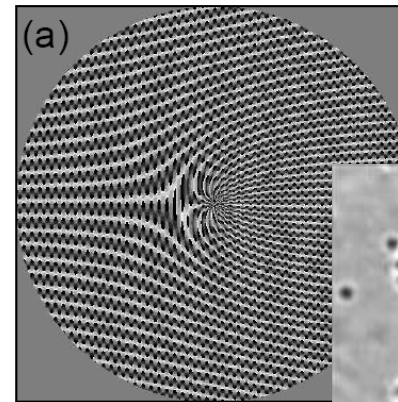
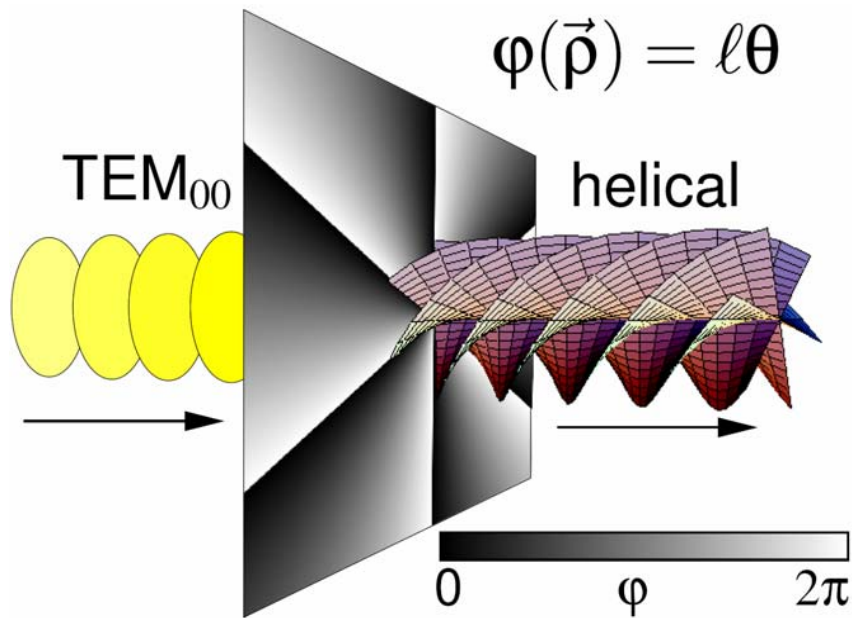
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movie

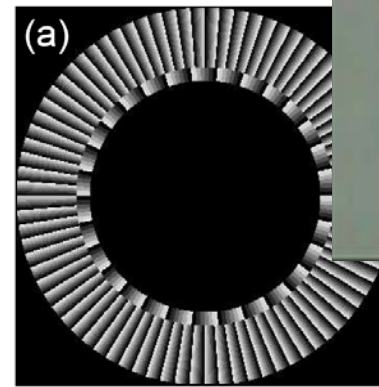
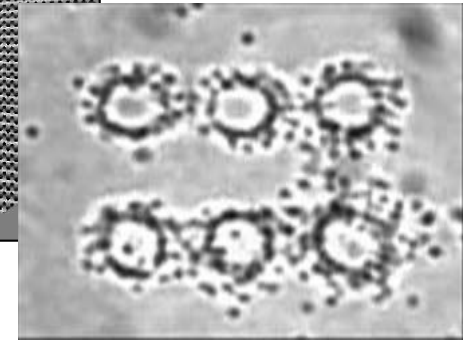


# beyond plane waves

- optical vortices -



movie



0  $\varphi$  [radians]  $2\pi$

movie

## even more you can do (...via SLM)

- make general patterns of light
- flip holograms – move traps
- correct for aberrations
- 1D amplitude modulation

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