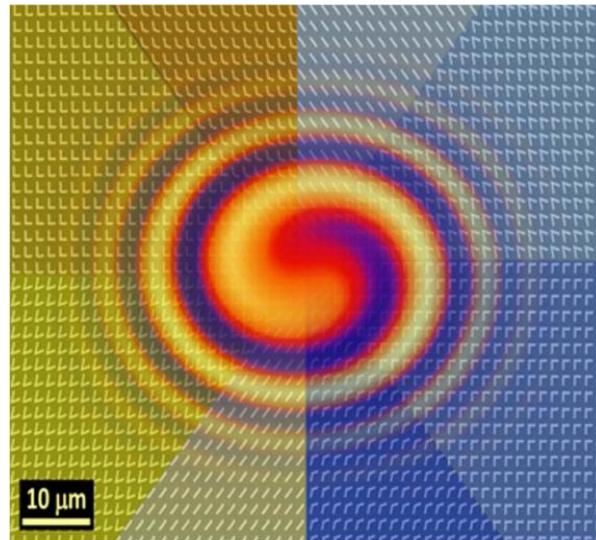




# Singular Metaphotonics: A framework to address light scattering



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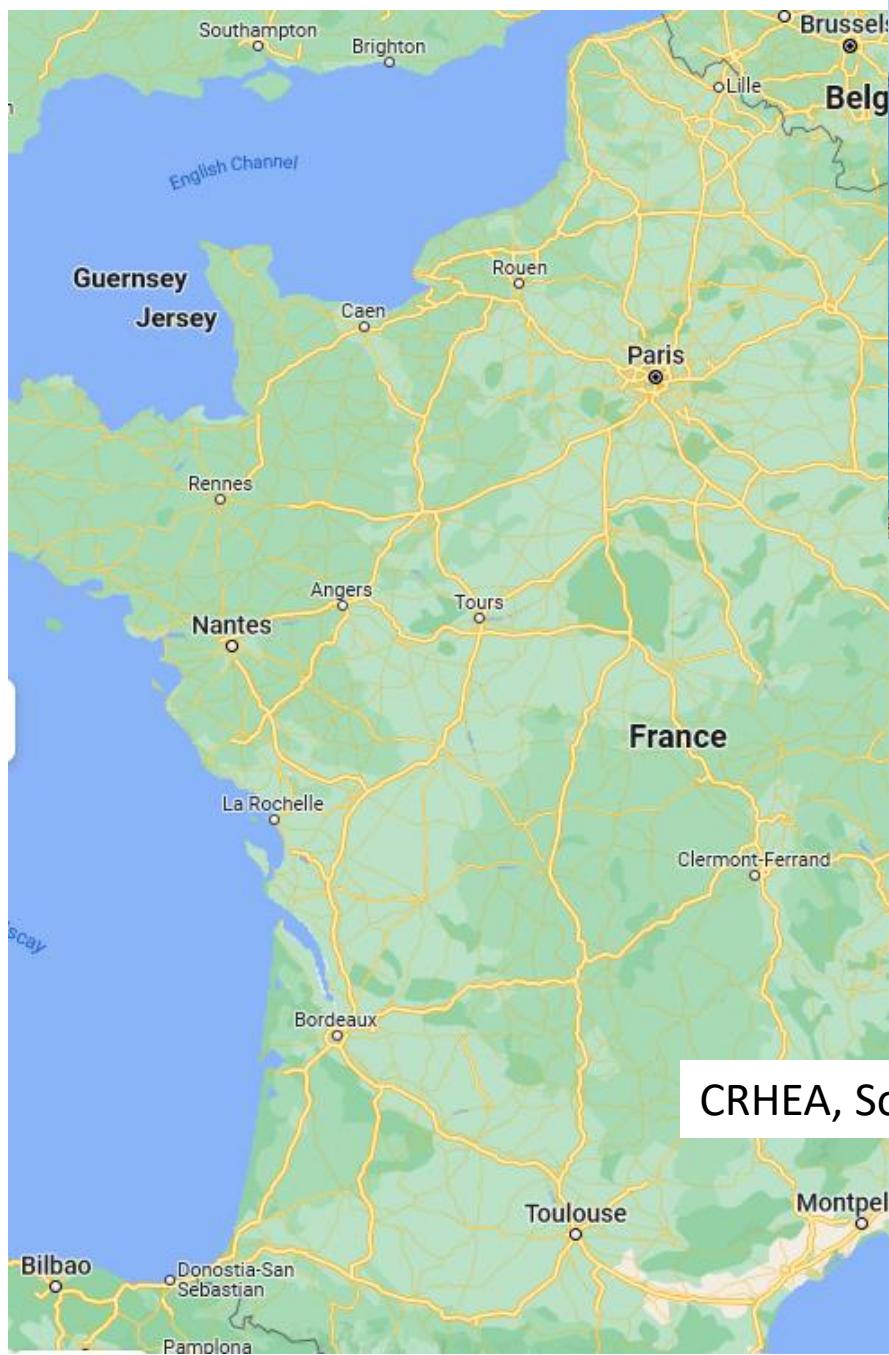
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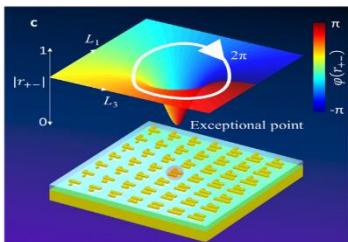
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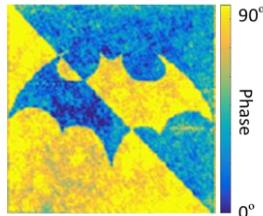
## From fundamental concepts to the conception of devices

### Topological Metasurfaces

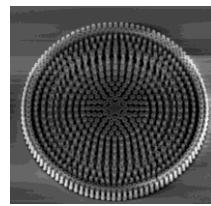


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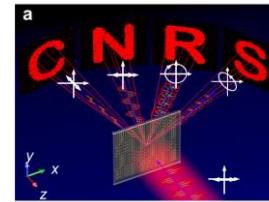
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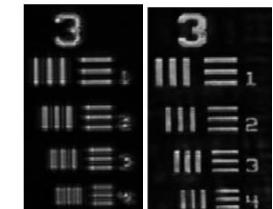
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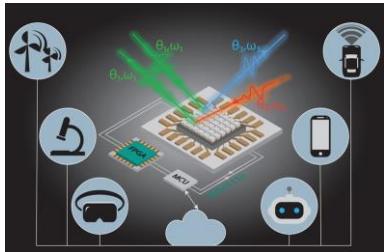
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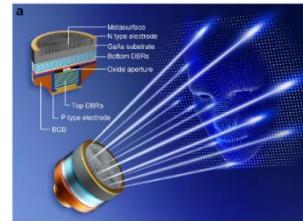
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### Programmable Active Metasurfaces

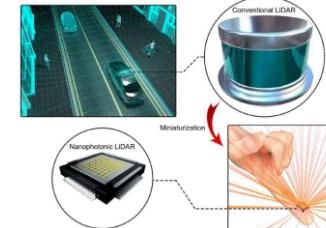


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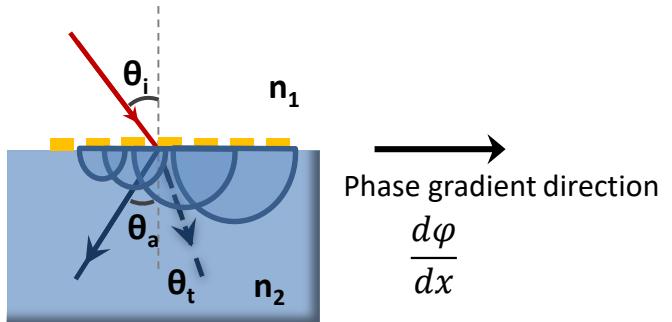


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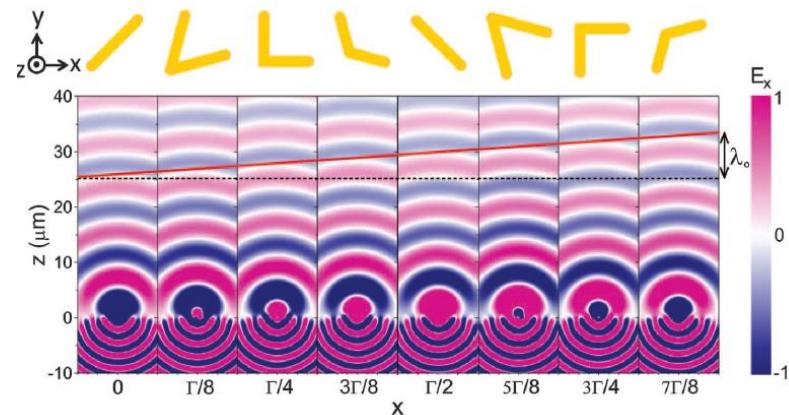
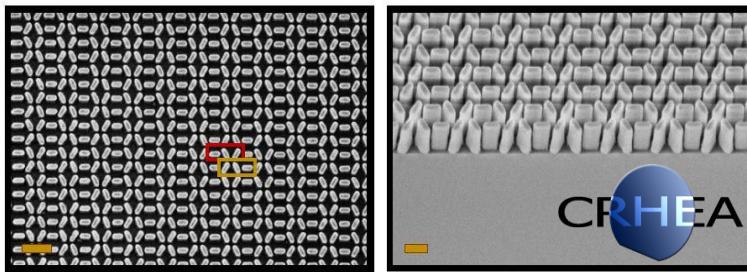
# Metaphotonics, a brief introduction

## Locally engineering of the surface response



### Generalized Snell laws

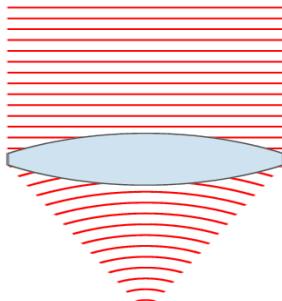
$$n_2 \sin \theta_2 - n_1 \sin \theta_1 = 1/k_0 \cdot \partial \phi / \partial x$$



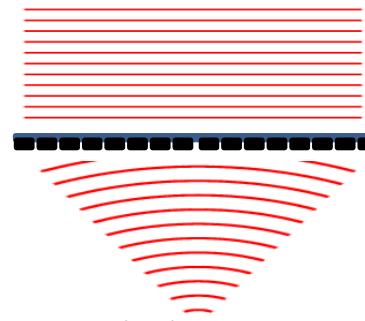
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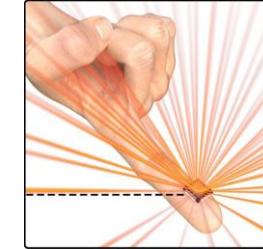
## Wavefront control



Classical lens (~ cm)

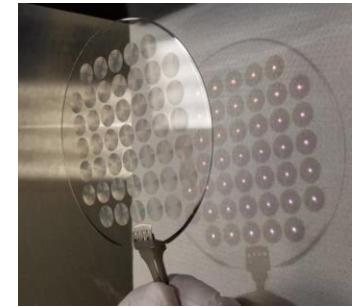
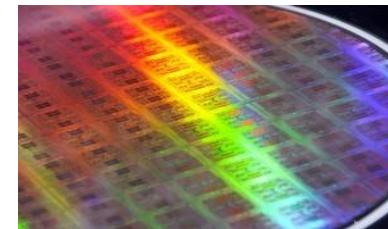
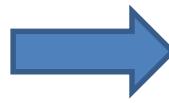


Meta-lens (~nm)



Engineering of the phase, amplitude, and polarization of light at an interface

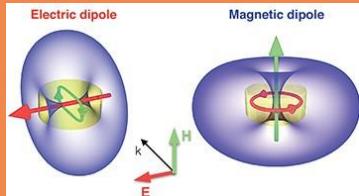
## Wafer level fabrication of optical components



# Generalities

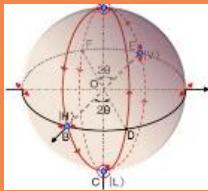
## Phase Addressing Mechanisms

### SINGULAR SCATTERING



Decker et al., 2015

### Pancharatnam-Berry (PB) Phase

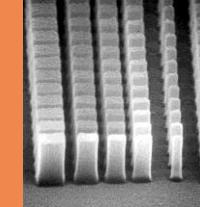


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$2\pi$  Topological phase  
encircling singularities

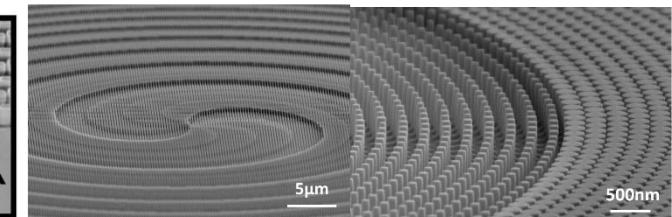
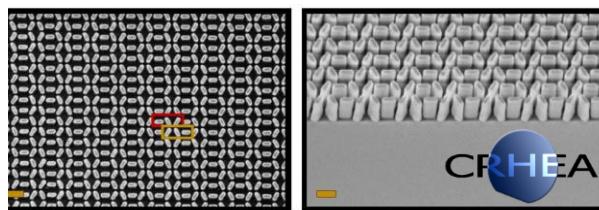
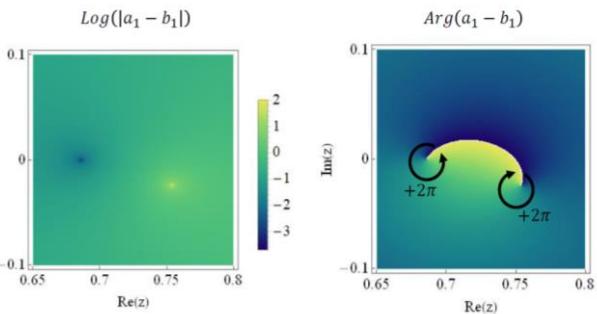
- Polarization conversion
- Birefringent plasmonic or Dielectrics
- full  $2\pi$  phase coverage

### Effective index waveguides



P. Lalanne, & al. *Opt. Lett.* 23, 1081-1083 (1998)  
C. Chang Hasnain et al. .

- Not subwavelength in thickness
- Strong NF coupling



Y. Xie et al., *Nat. Nanotechnol.* 15, 125–130 (2020)

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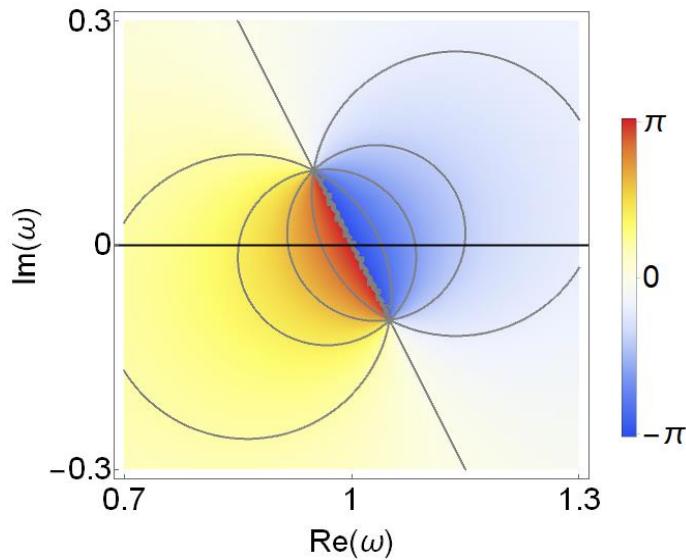
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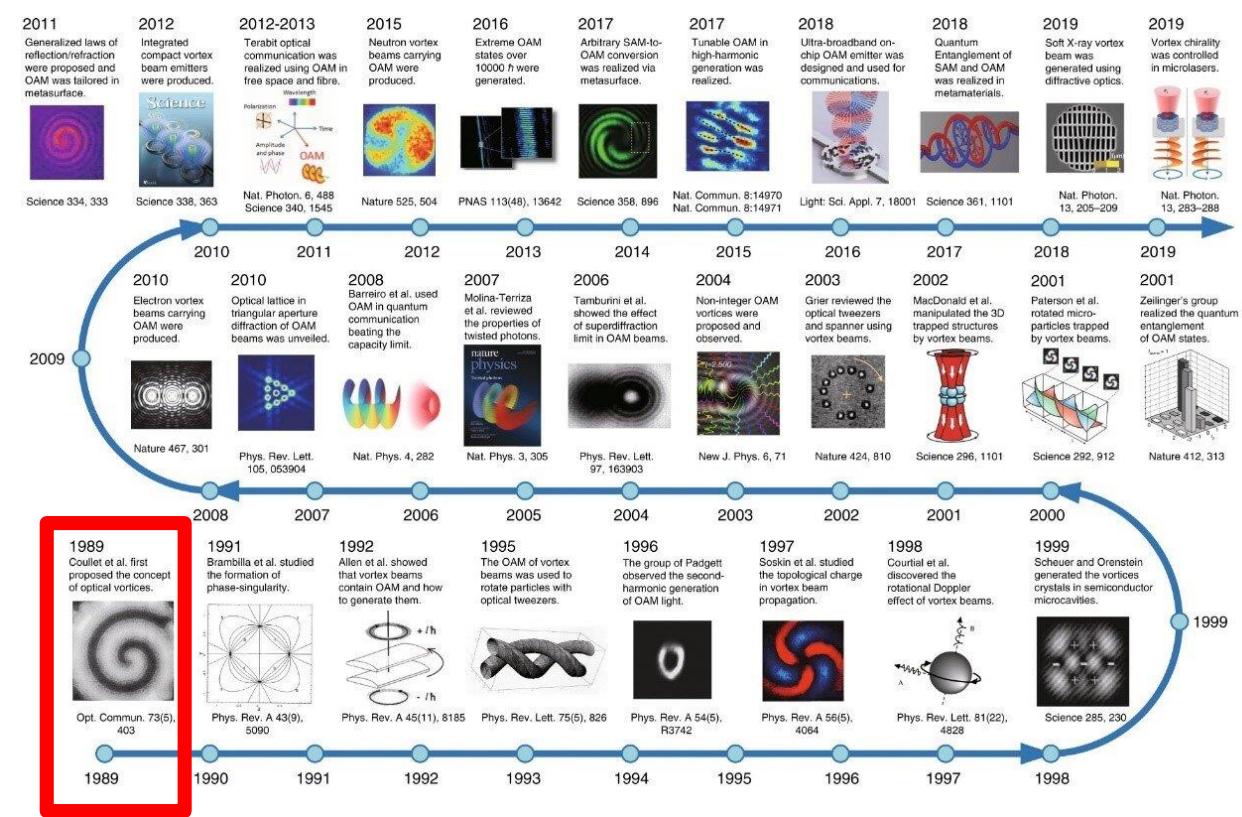
# Motivation

- ❖ Understand which are the tuning mechanisms available for the design of MS

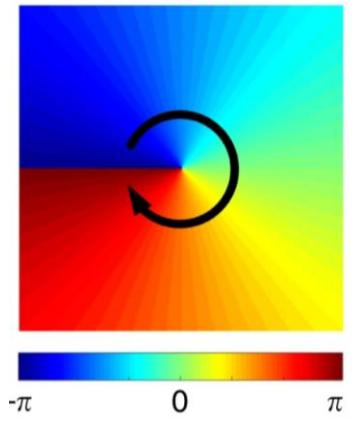


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# Singularities in Photonics



Pierre Coullet



Optical vortices 30 years on: OAM manipulation from topological charge to multiple singularities, *Light: Science & Applications* (2019). [DOI: 10.1038/s41377-019-0194-2](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41377-019-0194-2)

$2\pi$  –Phase circulation and region of undefined amplitude



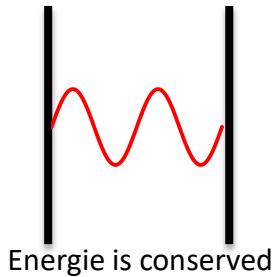
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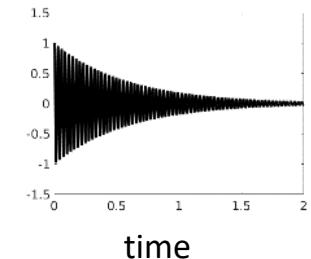
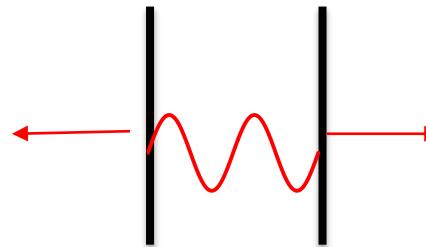


# How Metasurfaces are related to singular physics ?

**Hermitian system** = Cavity with perfectly mirrors

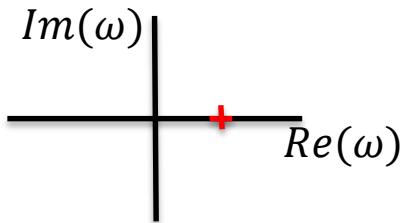


**Non-Hermitian system** = transmission or absorption losses

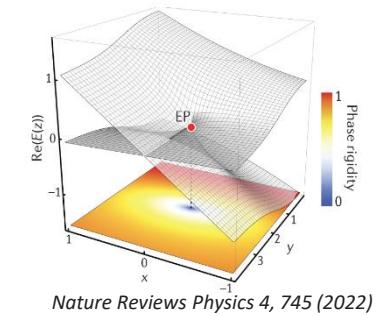
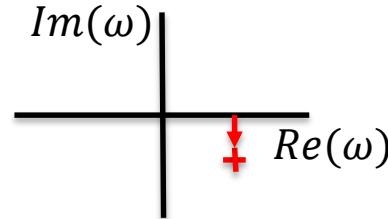


time

**Real Eigenfrequency**



**Complex Eigenfrequencies**



## Optical systems are generally non-Hermitian

- Existence of parametric singularities where multiple eigenstates become coalescent (EPs)
- Completeness of corresponding Hilbert space breaks down.

=> anomalous effects (spontaneous symmetry-breaking phase transition, direction selectivity, chiral state transfer, & divergent resonance shifts)



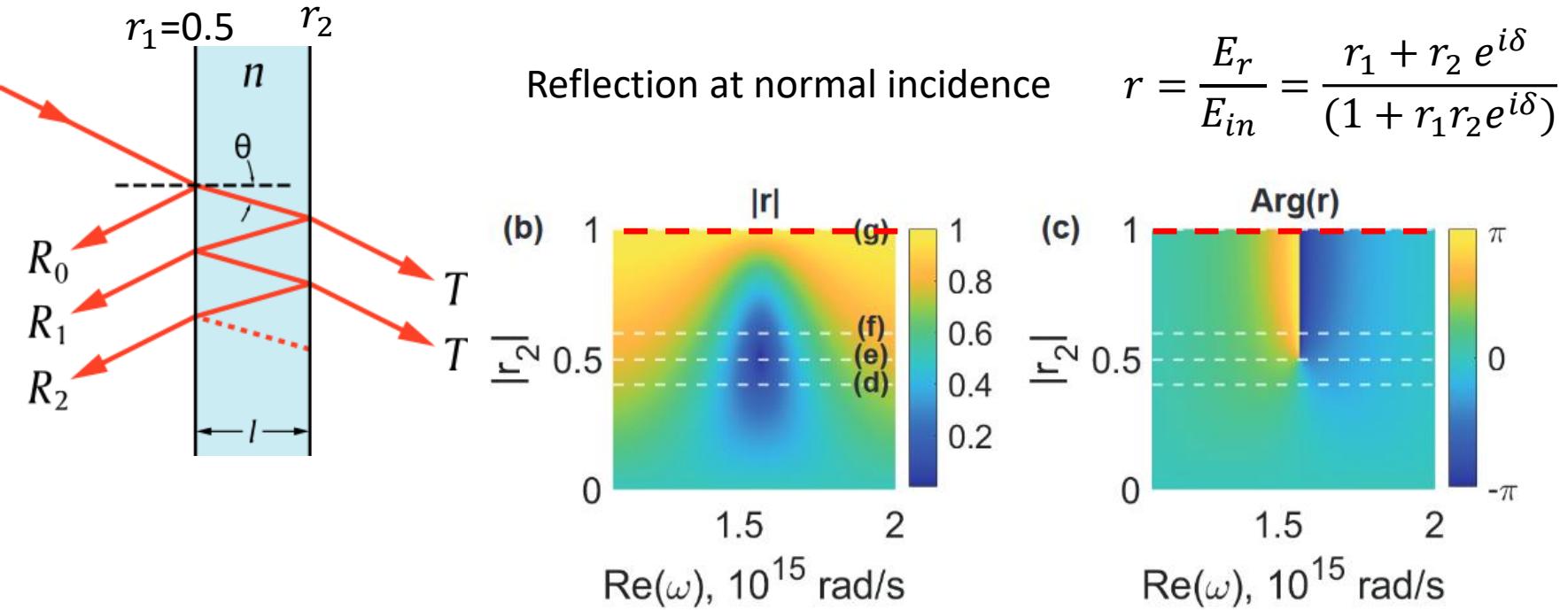
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## Fabry-Pérot is a non-Hermitian system

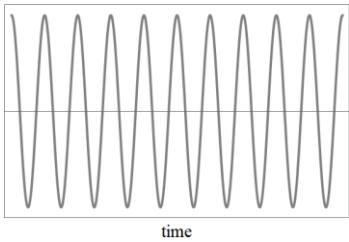


R, T , ... have complex eigenfrequencies

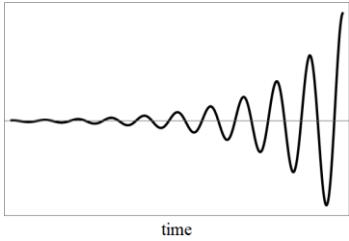
$$r(\omega) = \prod_m \frac{\omega - \omega_{z,m}}{\omega - \omega_{p,m}}$$

→ Zeros and poles singularities => Complex plane analysis

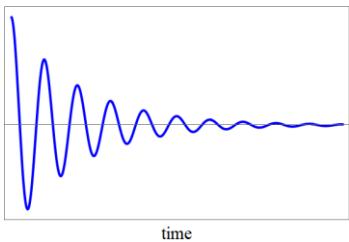
# Study of the response at complex frequencies



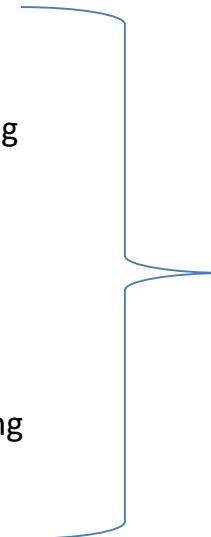
$e^{-i\omega t}$        $\omega$  real : steady state response



$\omega = \omega_r + i\omega_i$  exponentially increasing



$\omega = \omega_r - i\omega_i$  exponentially decreasing



Virtual loss or gain

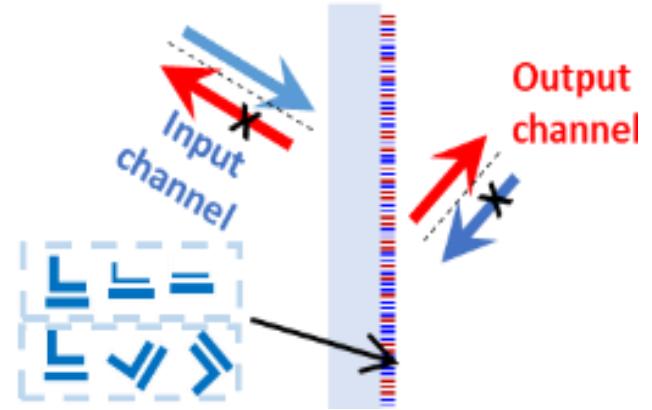
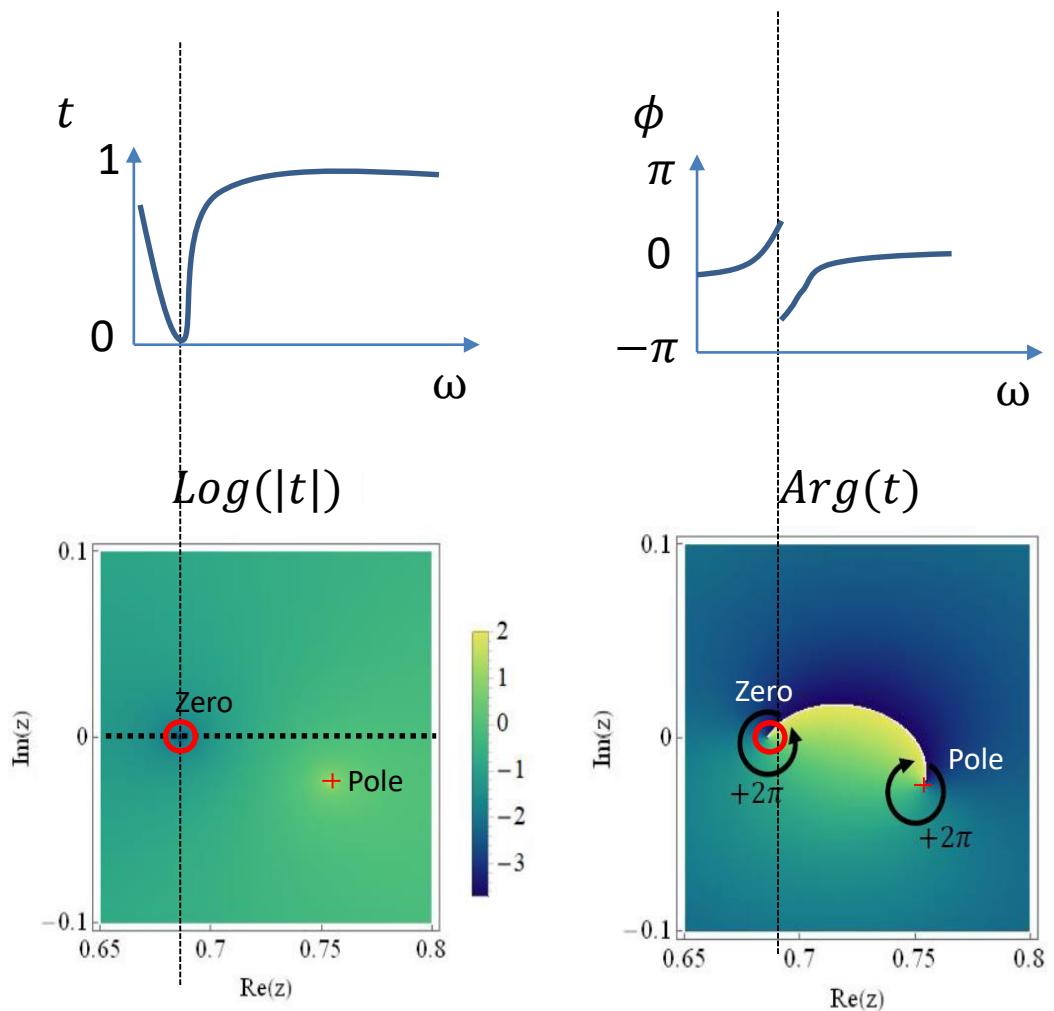
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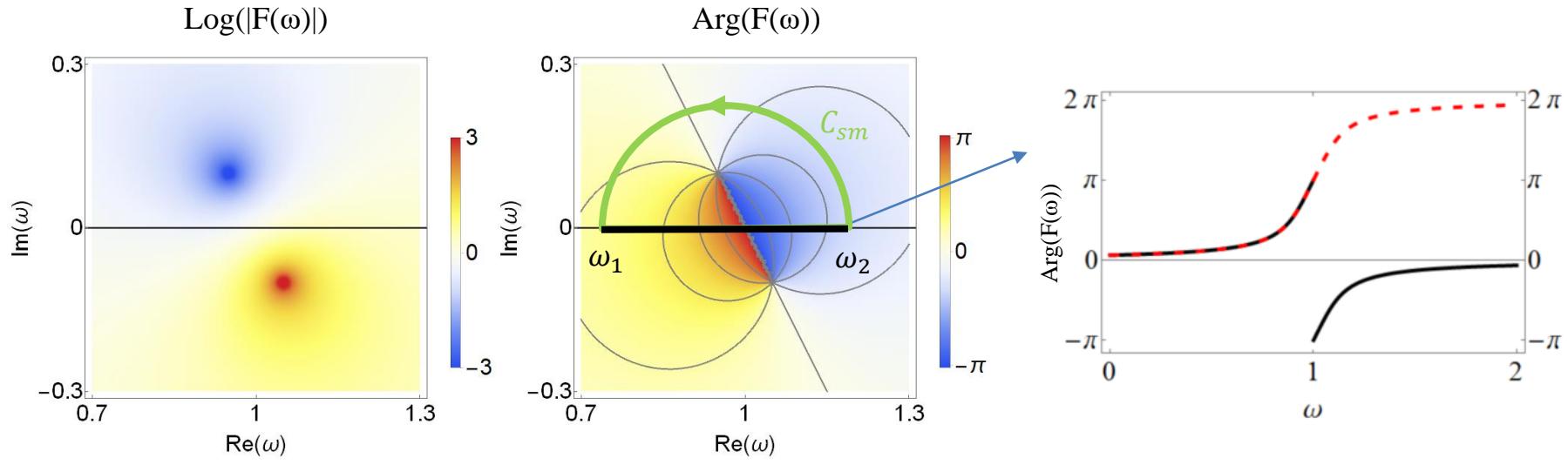
# 1. How to exploit singularities?



Detecting singularities

$$\text{Log}(t) = \text{Log}(|t|) + i \text{ Arg}(t)$$

# How relative position of singularities influence the phase



Pole and zero should be separated by the real axis  
 $\Rightarrow \text{Im}(\omega_z) > 0$

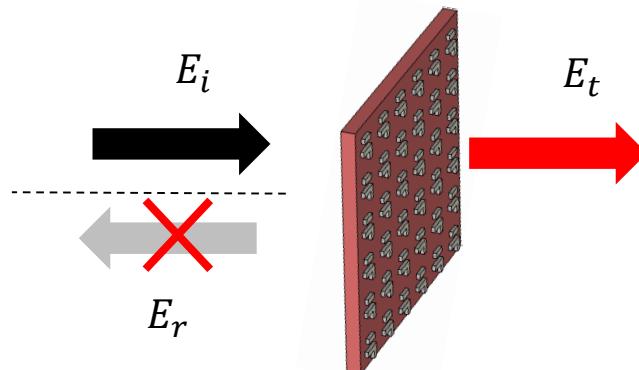
$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{C_l} \frac{d\text{Arg}(F(\omega))}{d\omega} d\omega : \text{topological charge of a phase singularity}$$

= +1 for zeros  
= -1 for poles

[Crossing of the branch cut: the topological origin of a universal  \$2\pi\$  –phase retardation in non-Hermitian metasurfaces](#)

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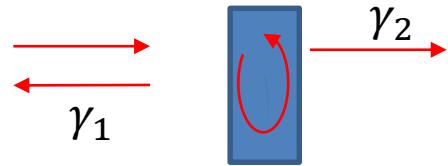
# Reflection zero



Condition for  $2\pi$  resonant phase gradient  
in reflection?

# What do we learn from these expressions?

Assume one input and one output channels, 1 resonance, no absorption losses



Reflection zeros:

$$\omega_{RZ} = \omega_0 + i\frac{|d_1|^2}{2} - i\frac{|d_2|^2}{2}$$

$\gamma_1$                            $\gamma_2$

effective gain                          effective loss

Reflection poles:

$$\omega_P = \omega_0 - i\gamma_1 - i\gamma_2$$
$$Im(\omega_P) < 0$$

$$Im(\omega_{RZ}) < 0$$

$$\gamma_1 < \gamma_2$$

Undercoupling

$$Im(\omega_{RZ}) = 0$$

$$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2$$

Critical coupling

$$Im(\omega_{RZ}) > 0$$

$$\gamma_1 > \gamma_2$$

Overcoupling

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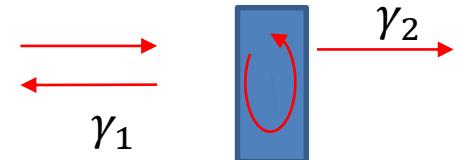
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# Simple example with a Faby-Pérot cavity

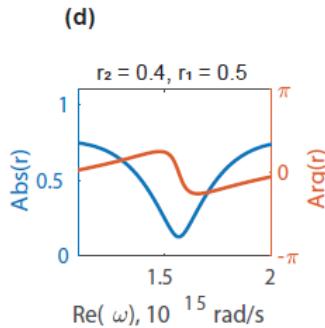
Zeros of a simple Fabry-Perot resonator with only one input and output channels



$$\omega_{RZ} = \omega_0 + i\gamma_1 - i\gamma_2$$

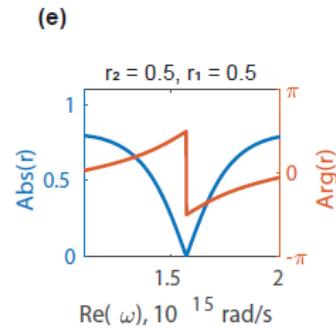
## Undercoupling

$$Im(\omega_{RZ}) < 0$$



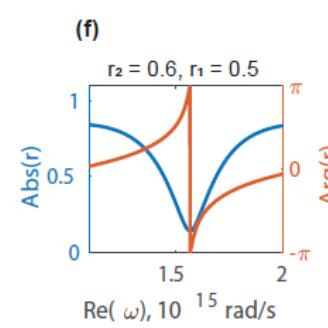
## Critical coupling

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## Overtuning

$$Im(\omega_{RZ}) > 0$$



Overcoupling creates resonant phase jump of  $2\pi$

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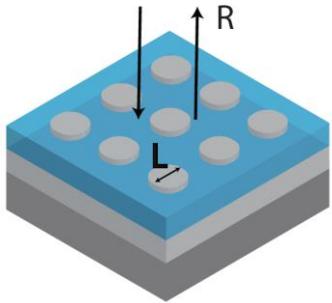
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# Absorption loss: an additional channel

Suppose we have a structure with a mirror (only one scattering channel,  $\gamma_2 = 0$ ) and absorption losses  $\gamma_0$ :



Reflection zeros:

$$\omega_{RZ} = \omega_0 - i\gamma_0 + i\gamma_1 - i\gamma_2$$

absorption loss      scattering gain

Reflection poles:

$$\omega_P = \omega_0 - i\gamma_0 - i\gamma_1 - i\gamma_2$$

Note that in this example with 1 channel and absorption system, the complex values of poles and zeros can be used to calculate the losses

$$\begin{cases} \omega_{RZ} = \omega_0 + i\gamma_1 - i\gamma_0 \\ \omega_P = \omega_0 - i\gamma_1 - i\gamma_0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} Im(\omega_{RZ}) = \gamma_1 - \gamma_0 \\ |Im(\omega_P)| = \gamma_1 + \gamma_0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} \gamma_1 &= \frac{|Im(\omega_P)| + Im(\omega_{RZ})}{2} \\ \gamma_0 &= \frac{|Im(\omega_P)| - Im(\omega_{RZ})}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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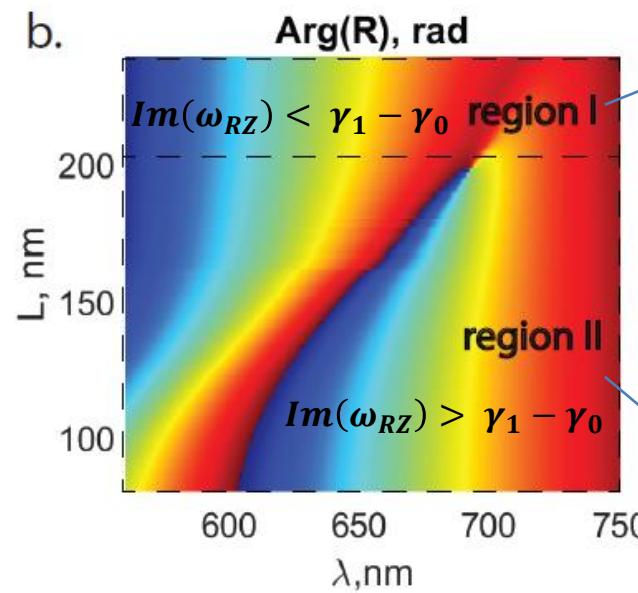
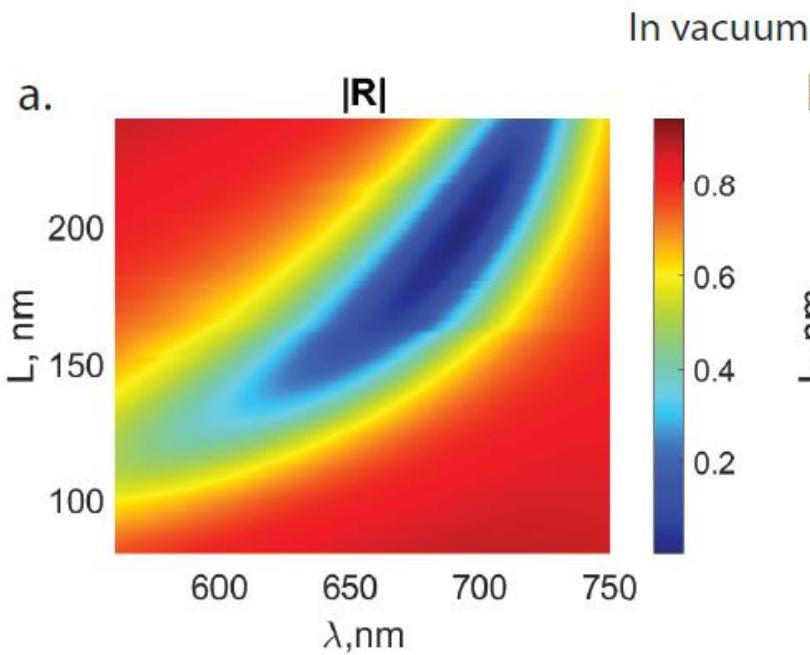
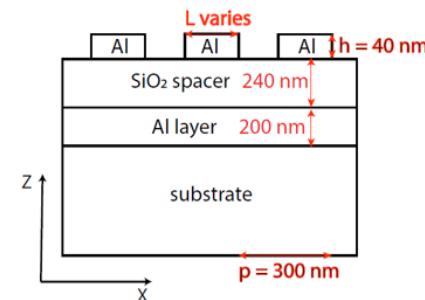
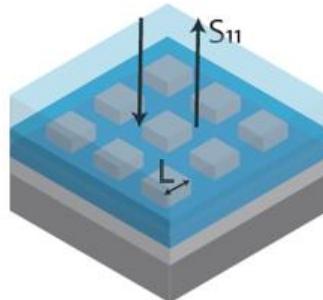


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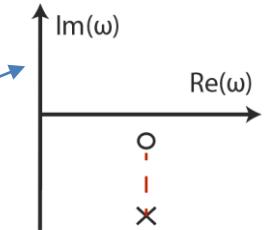
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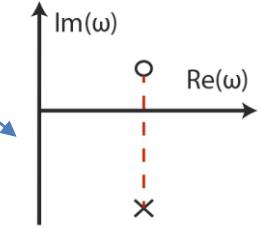
# Role of singularities via complex analysis



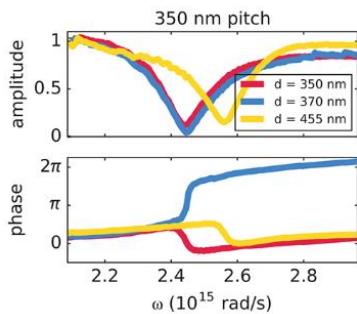
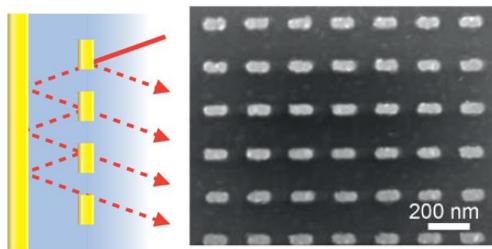
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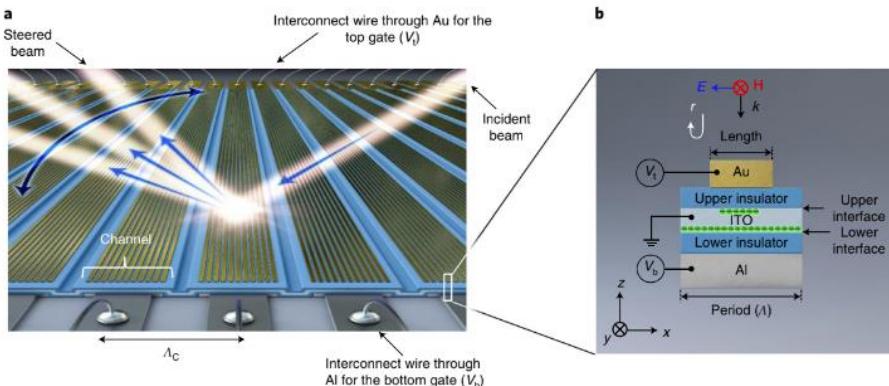
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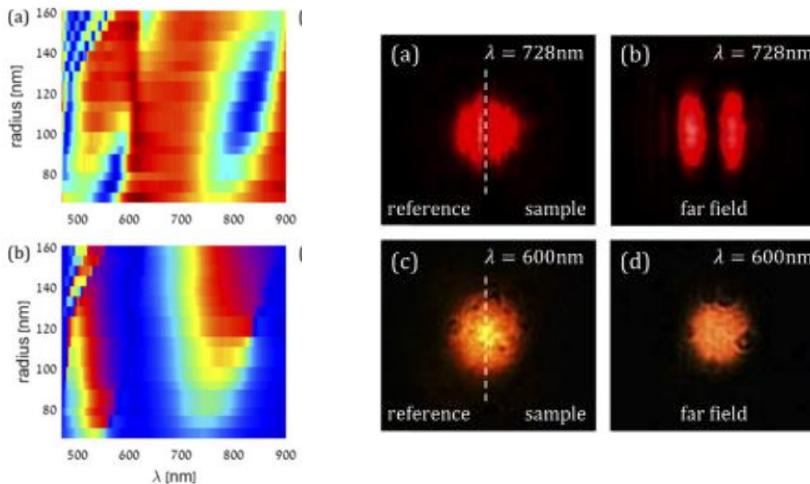
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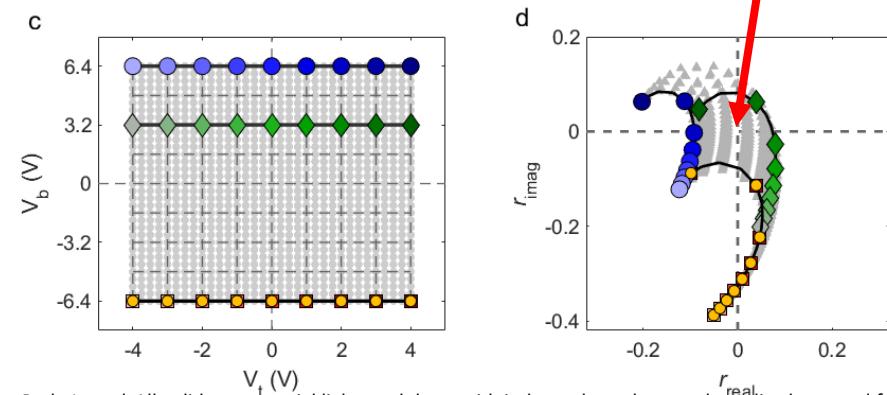


HG10 beam-shaping using binary phase mask of 0 and  $\pi$ .



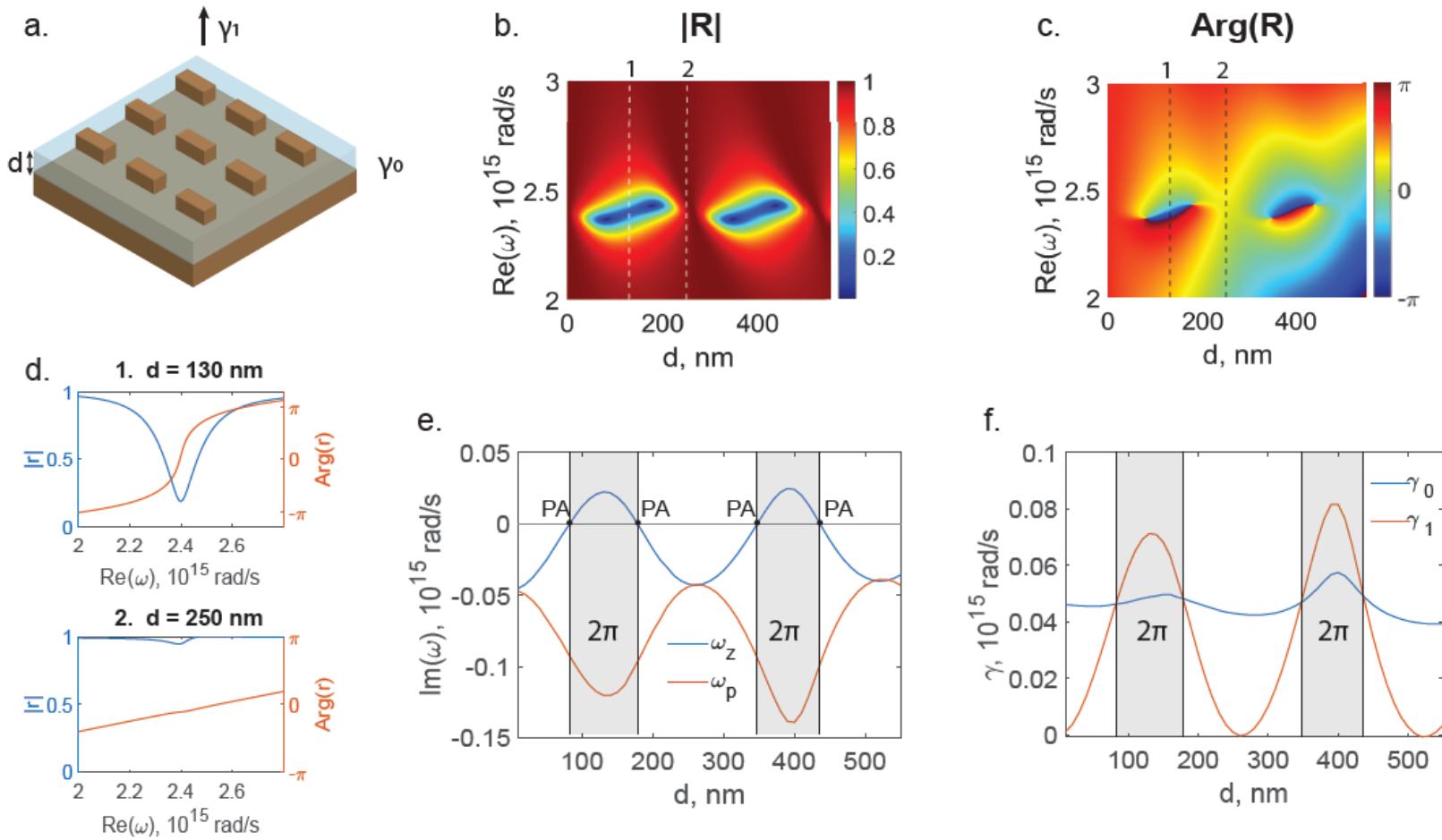
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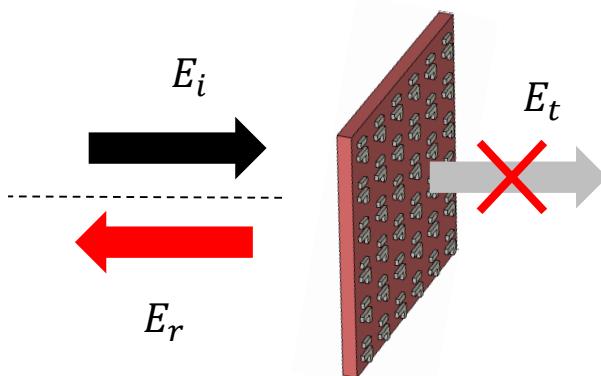


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# Generalization of multimode MIM metasurfaces

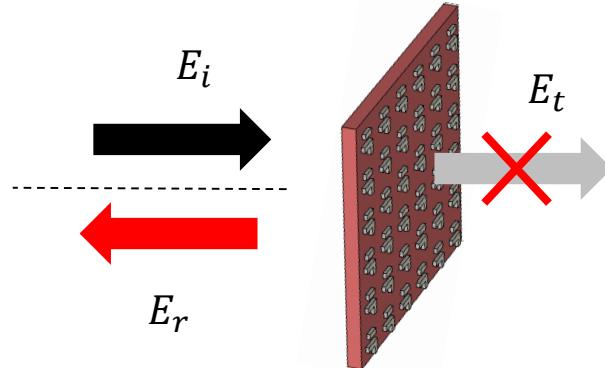


# Transmission zero

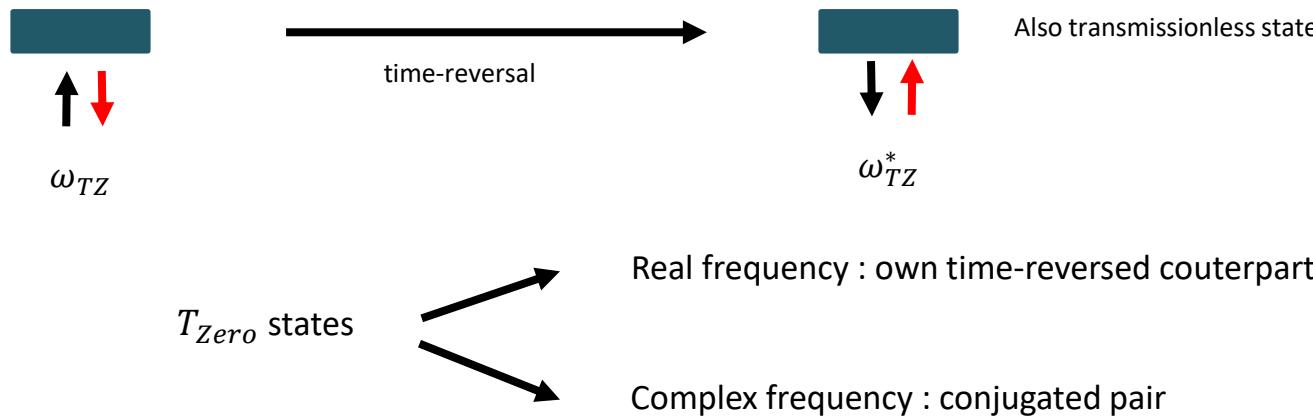


$2\pi$  resonant phase gradient in transmission?

## Symmetry considerations for $T_{Zero}$

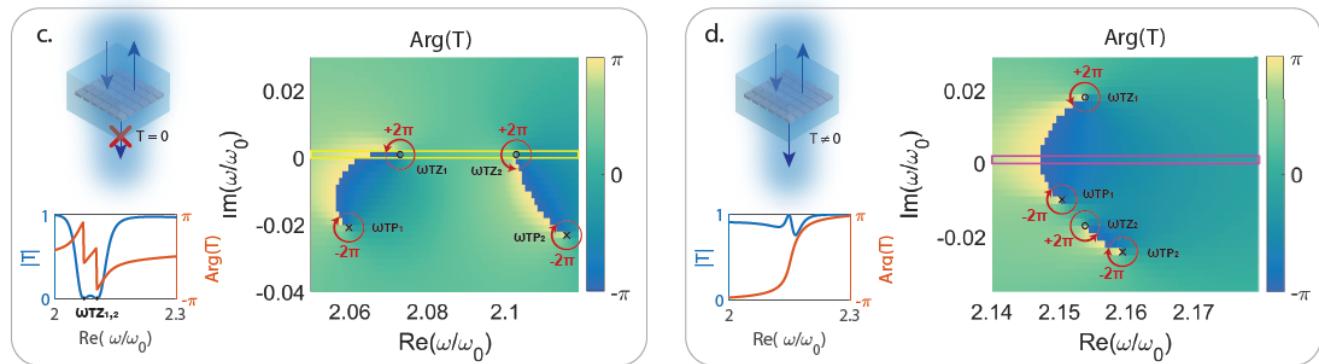
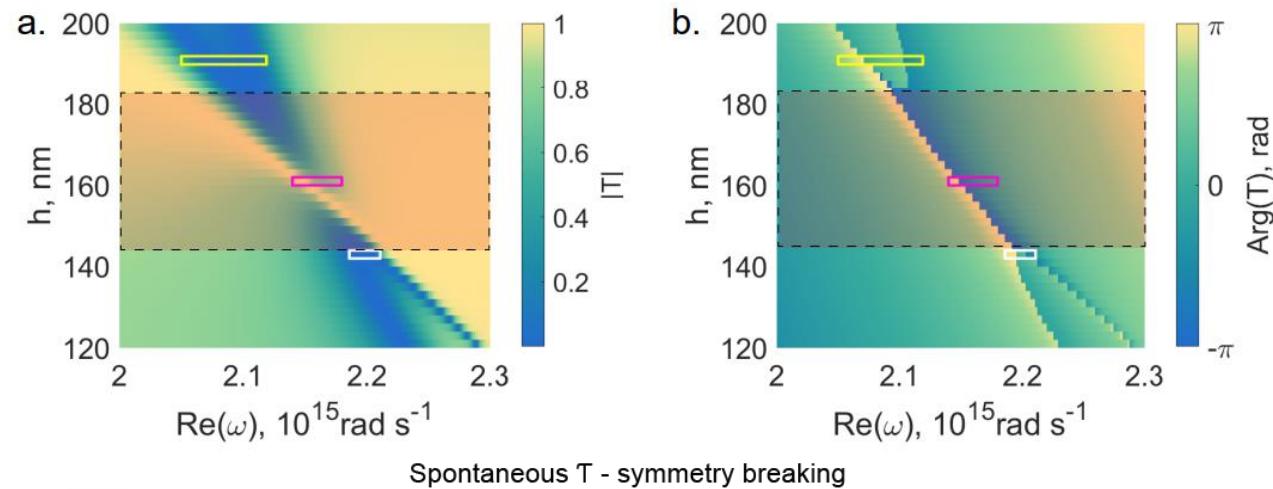
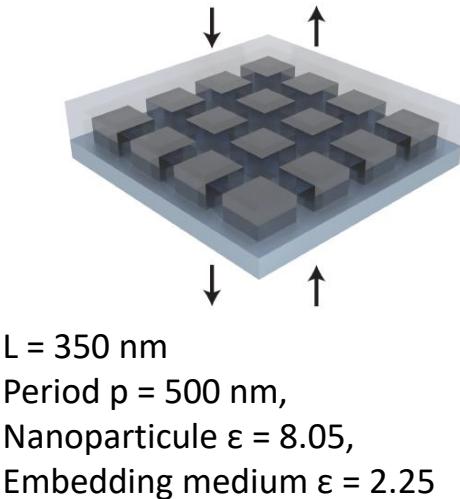


$T_{Zero}$  states for lossless structures: Time-reversal symmetry



# Explaining the Huygens Metasurface with singular optics

## Link between $T_{Zero}$ and Huygens MS



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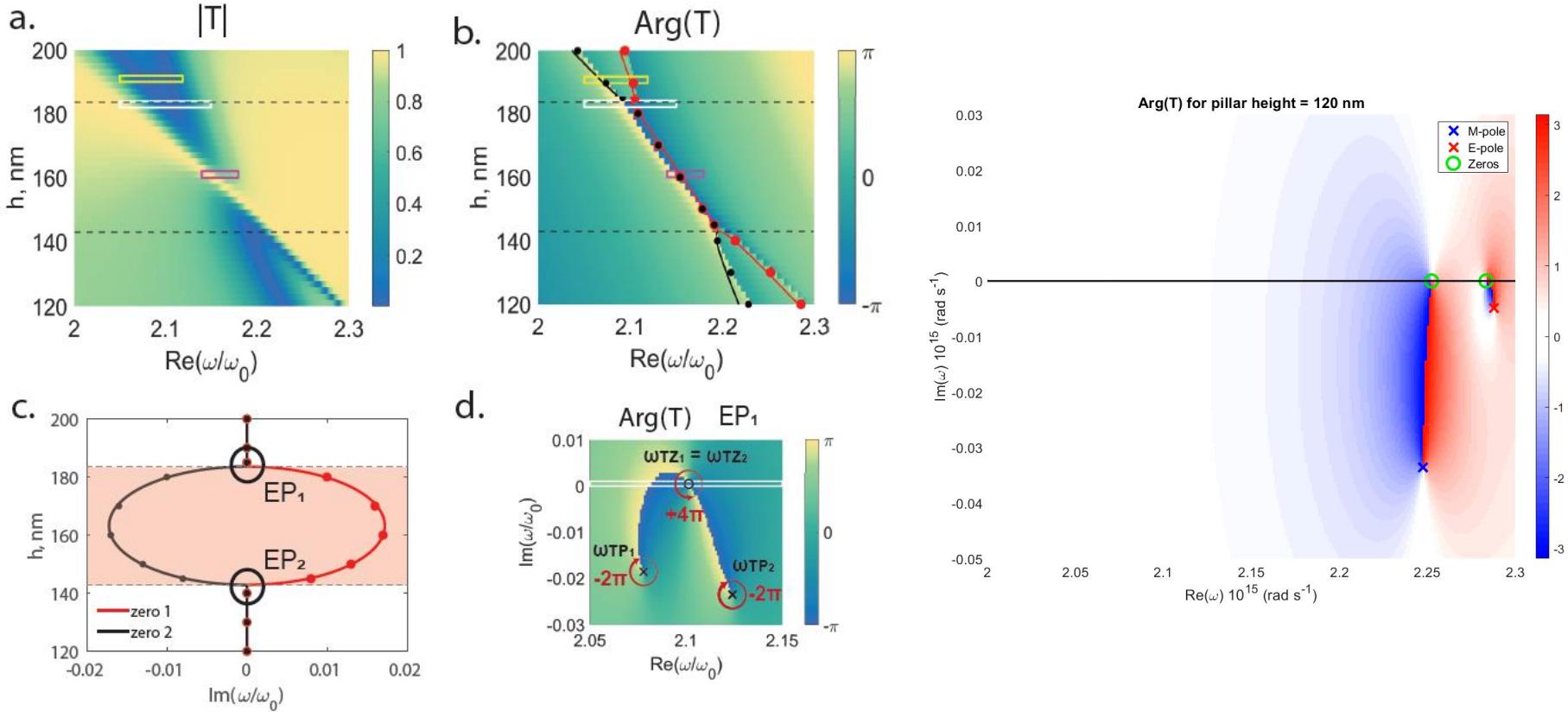
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# Explaining the Huygens Metasurface with singular optics

## Huygens MS regime has topological origin



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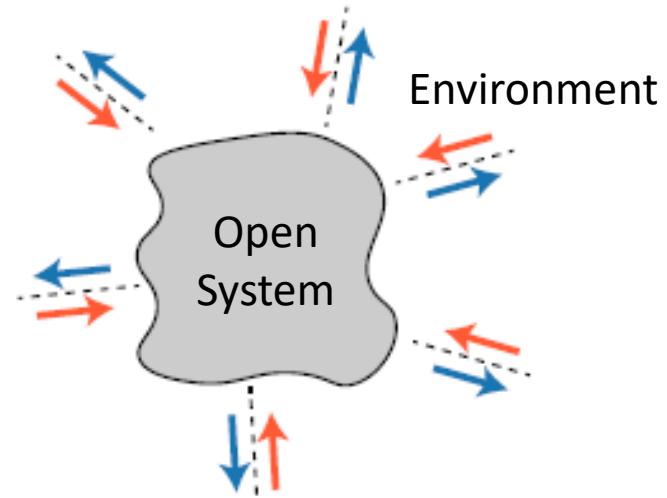
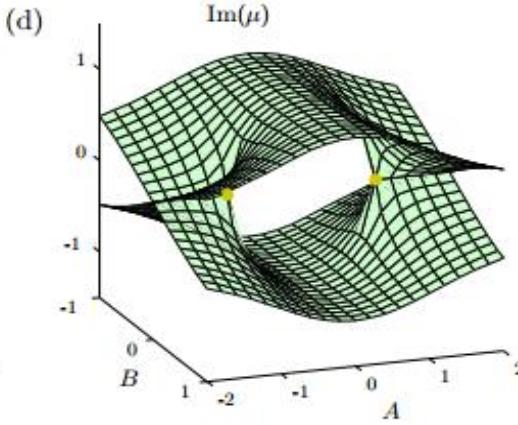
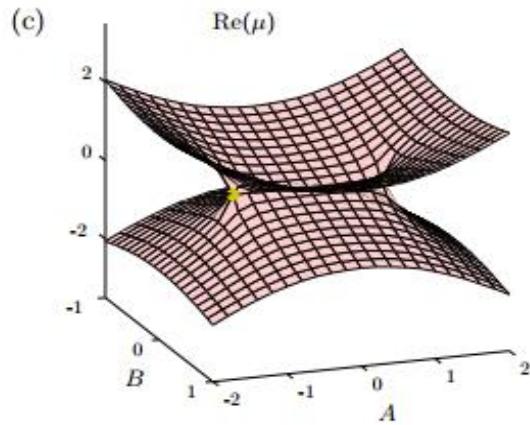


Any other types of zeros around ?



# EV Degeneracy: another way of creating zero

MS behaves are Non-Hermitian system



**Scattering: Radiation losses  
induces non-Hermiticity**

$$V_1, \lambda_1 = V_2, \lambda_2$$



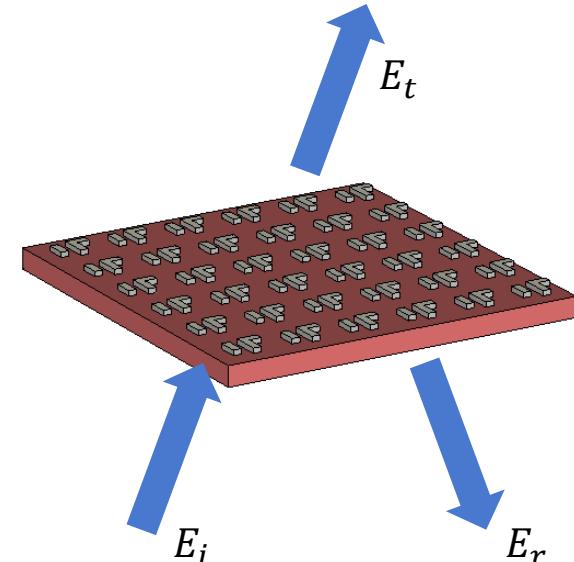
**Extremely rich Physics:**  
Non-Hermitian Hamiltonian  
Complex eigenenergies: **Zero and Poles**

# Encircling Singularities at polarization EP ?

Mathematical point of view:  $E_{r,t} = \hat{J}(\omega)E_{in}$

Consider a complex Jones matrix  $\hat{J}$  with  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$ :

$$\hat{J} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$



Therefore, all the matrix can be degraded as the form of:  $\hat{J} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix}$

The eigenvalues are:

$$\mu_{1,2} = \pm\sqrt{a^2 + bc},$$

In case of degeneracy:

$$\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0, \quad \sqrt{a^2 + bc} = 0.$$

We get:

$$a = i\sqrt{bc}, \quad \text{or} \quad a = -i\sqrt{bc}.$$

With degenerate eigenstates  $\vec{J}$  are given as:  $\vec{J}_{1,2} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{b} \\ -i\sqrt{c} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{J}_{1,2} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{b} \\ i\sqrt{c} \end{pmatrix}.$

# Encircling Singularity at polarization EP

## Exceptional Points in Metasurface

Jones Matrix

$$\hat{J} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix},$$

Eigenvalues

$$\mu_{1,2} = \pm \sqrt{a^2 + bc},$$

Eigenstates

$$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{b} \\ \mp i\sqrt{c} \end{pmatrix}.$$

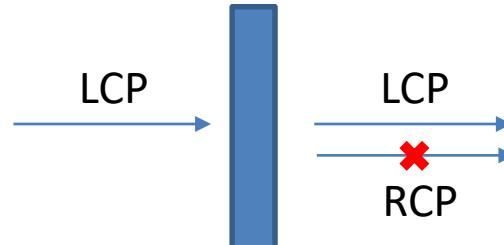
Degeneracy Condition

$$a = \pm i\sqrt{bc},$$

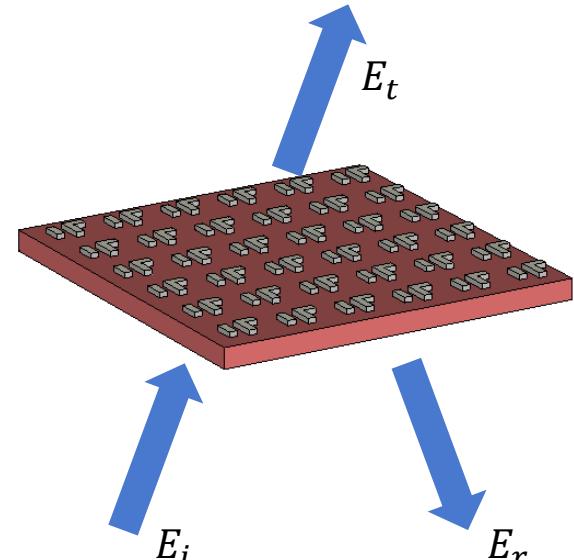
If  $b = c$  (*reciprocity*), the eigenstates are  $\vec{v} \propto \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mp i \end{pmatrix}$  circularly polarized.

$$b = c, a = -i\sqrt{bc} = -ib,$$

$$\vec{v}_{1,2} \propto \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} \text{ (LCP)}$$



$$\rightarrow J_{-+} = 0$$



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# Encircling Singularity at polarization EP

$J_{-+} = 0$  at the exceptional point.

Considering  $J_{-+}$  in an arbitrary parameter space  $\mathbf{R}$

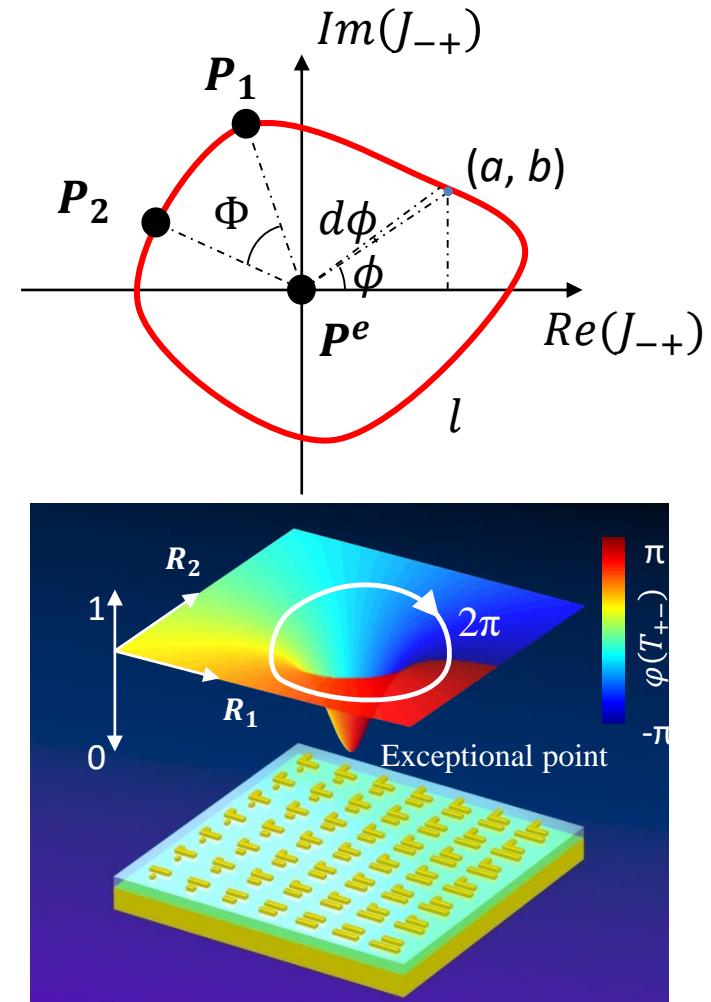
$$J_{-+}(\mathbf{R}) = Re(J_{-+}) + i Im(J_{-+})$$

At the exceptional point  $\mathbf{P}^e$ , we have a singularity

$$J_{-+}(\mathbf{P}^e) = 0$$

Encircling with closed path  $l$ , the winding number around the origin is 1, and thus the accumulated phase is:

$$\Phi = \oint_l d\phi = 2\pi$$



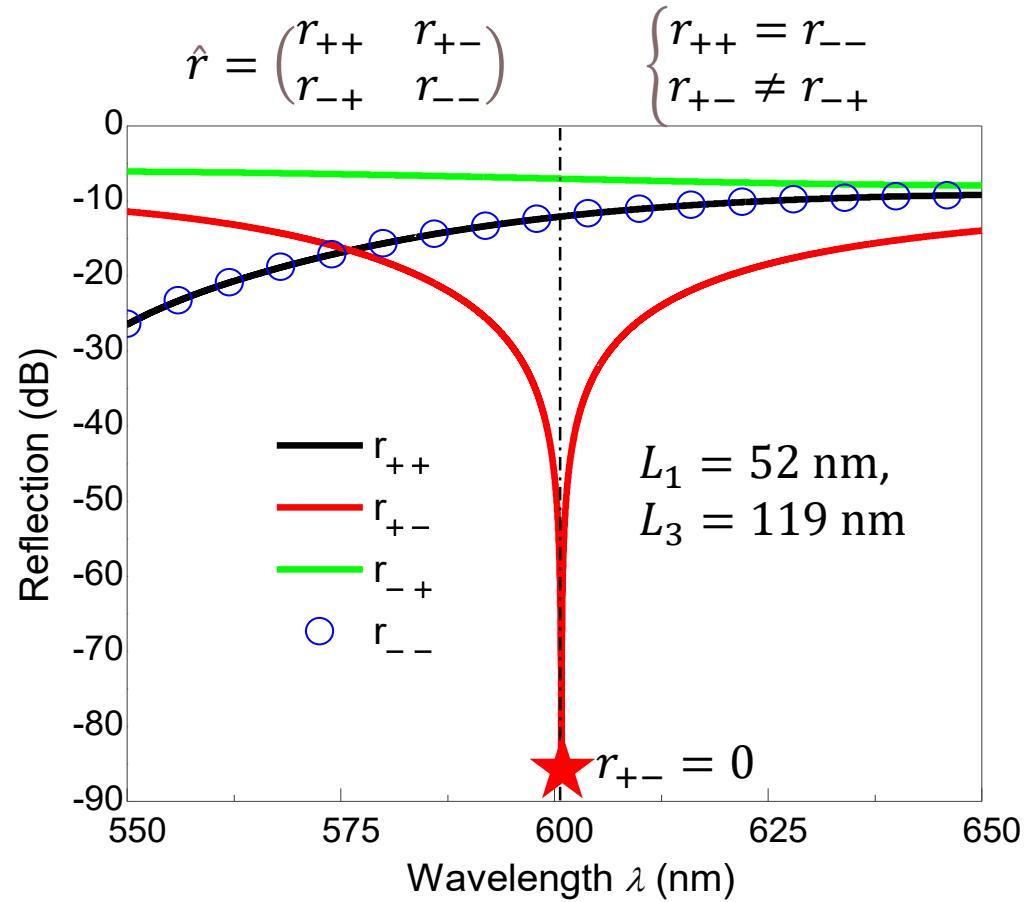
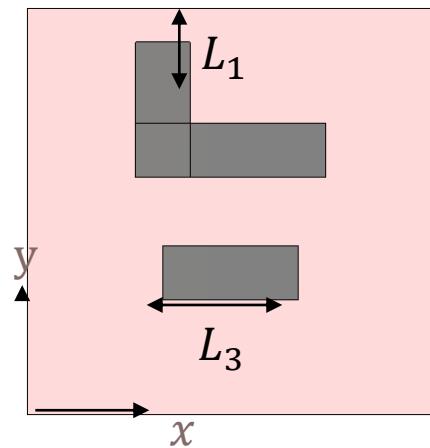
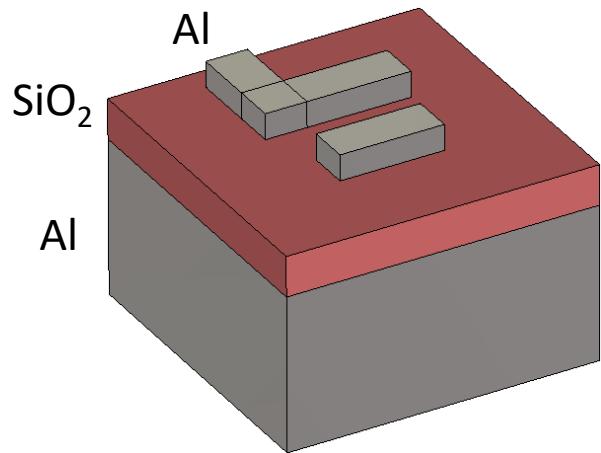
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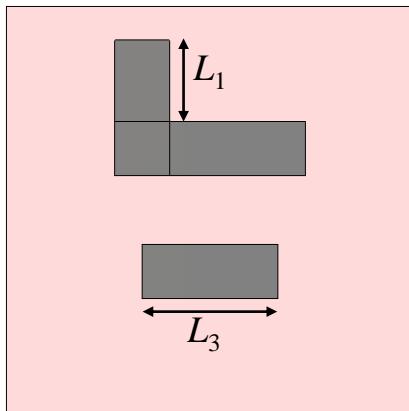
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## Reflection in Circular Polarization Base



# Eigenvalues at $\lambda = 600$ nm

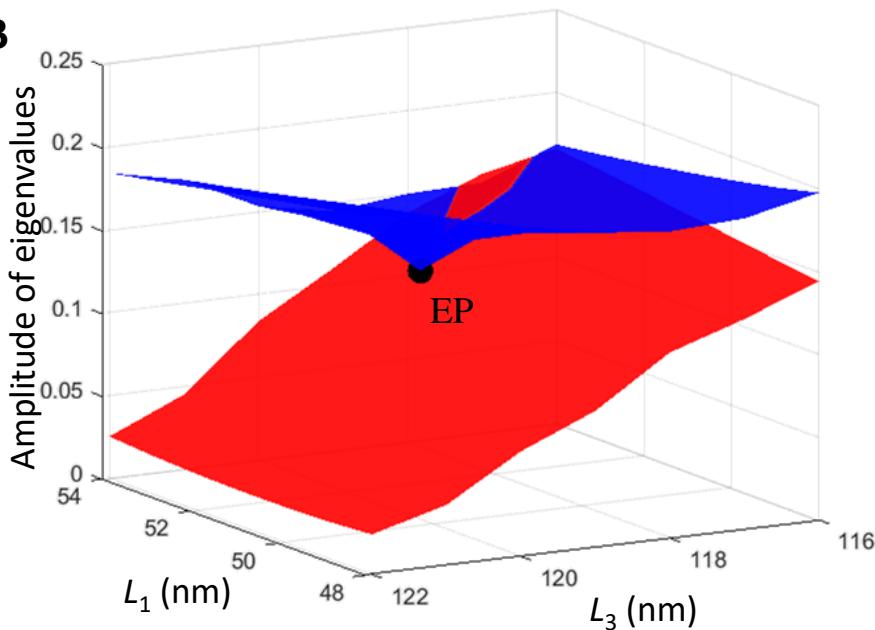
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A self-intersecting Riemann surface is shown for the two eigenvalues in the parameter space ( $L_1, L_3$ ).

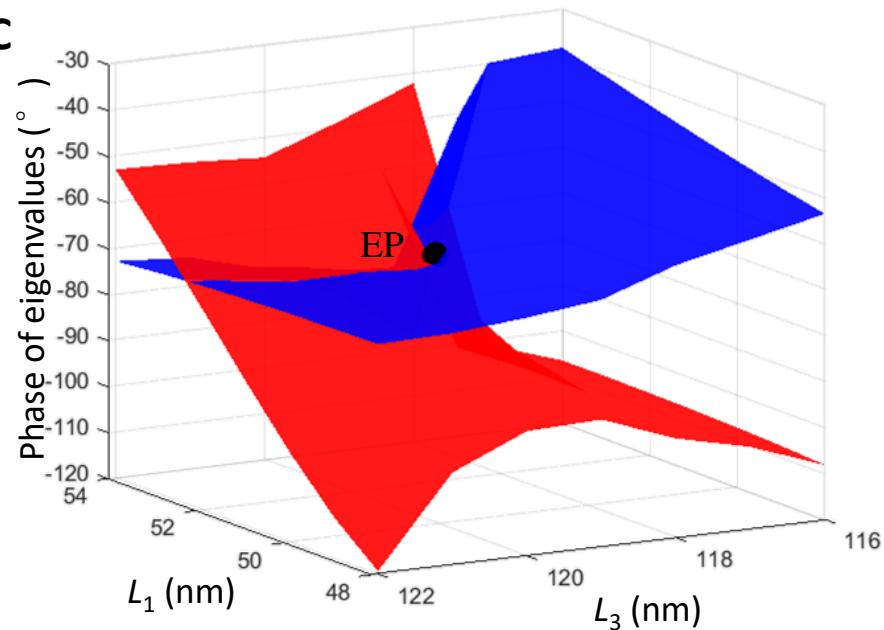
At the exceptional point (EP), the eigenvalues degenerate.

B



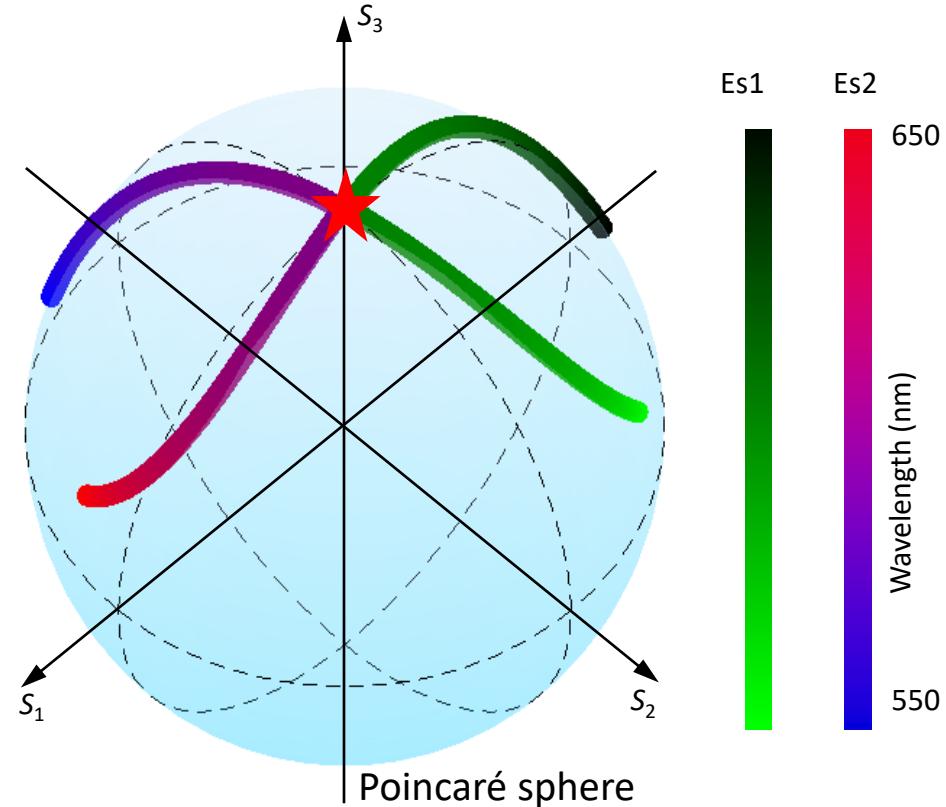
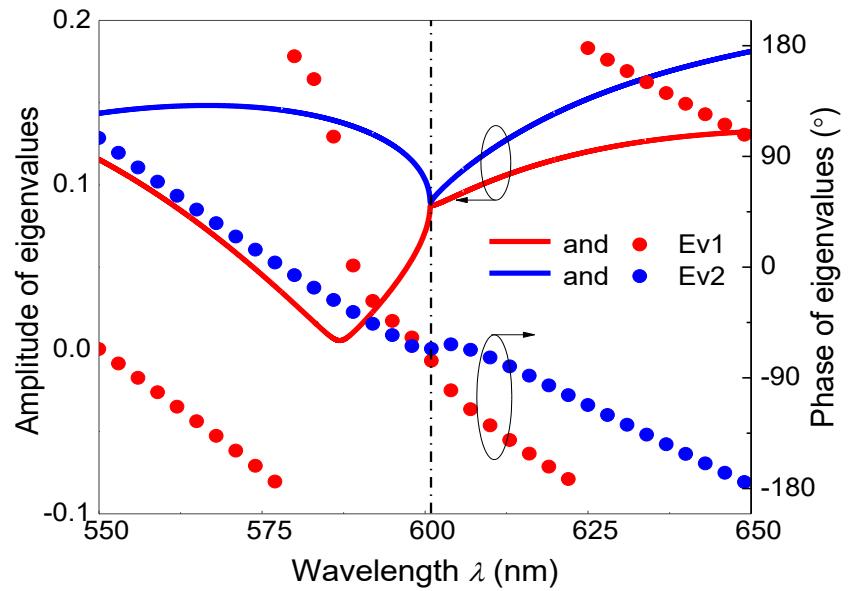
EP at  $L_1 = 52$  nm,  $L_3 = 119$  nm

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# Encircling Singularity at polarization EP

## Degenerated Eigenvalues and Eigenstates

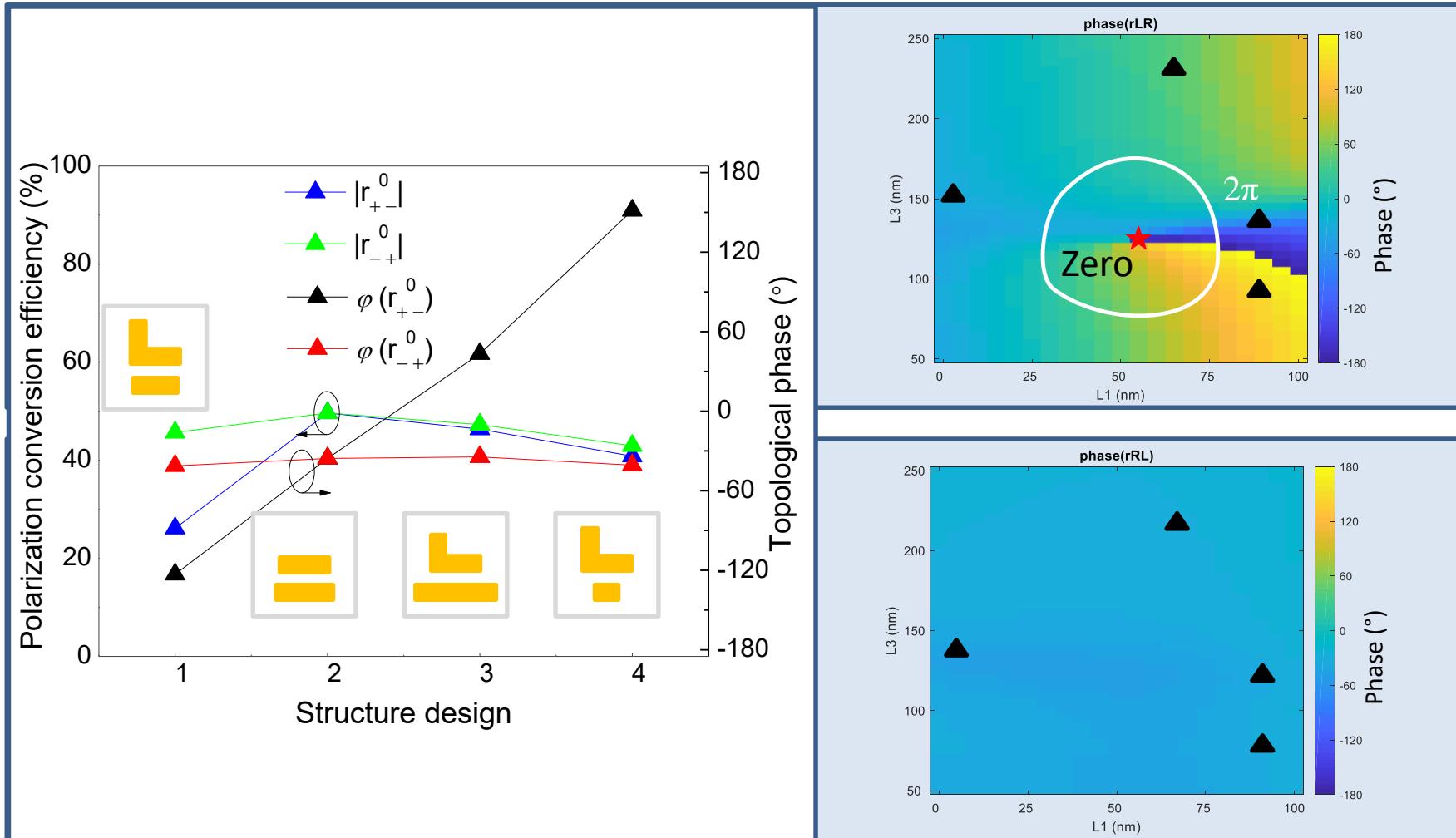


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# Encircling Singularity at polarization EP

## Circular Polarization conversion at $\lambda = 600$ nm

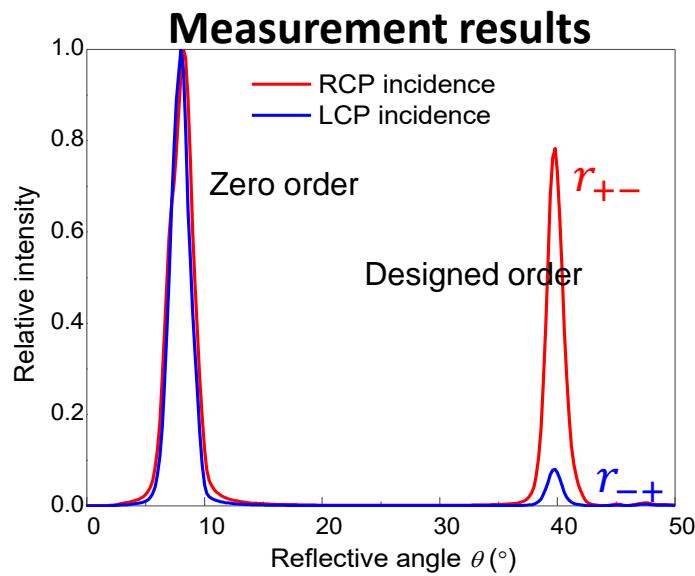
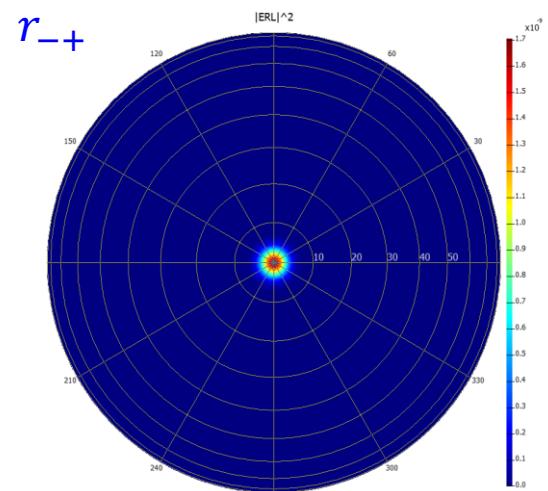
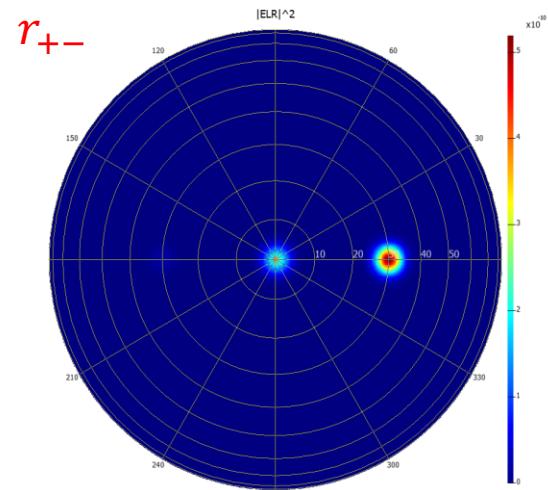
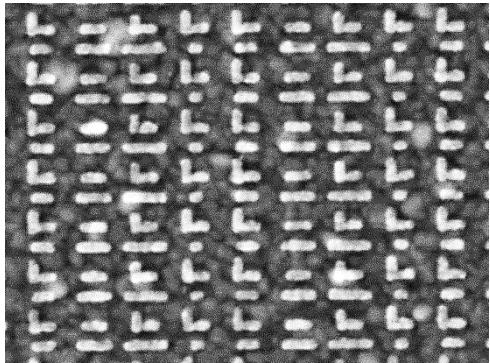


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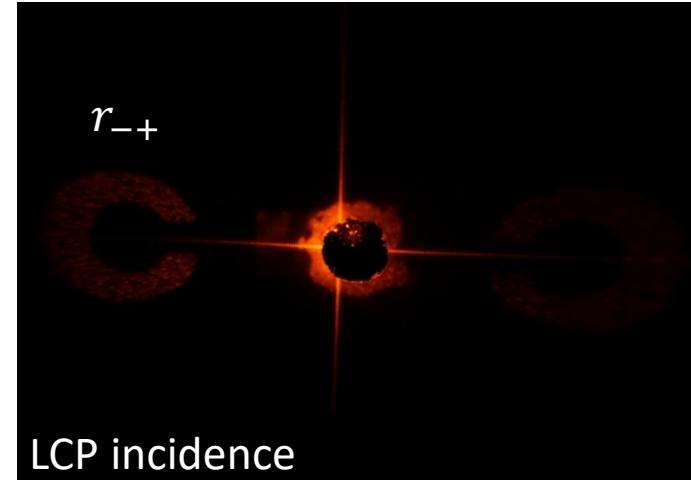
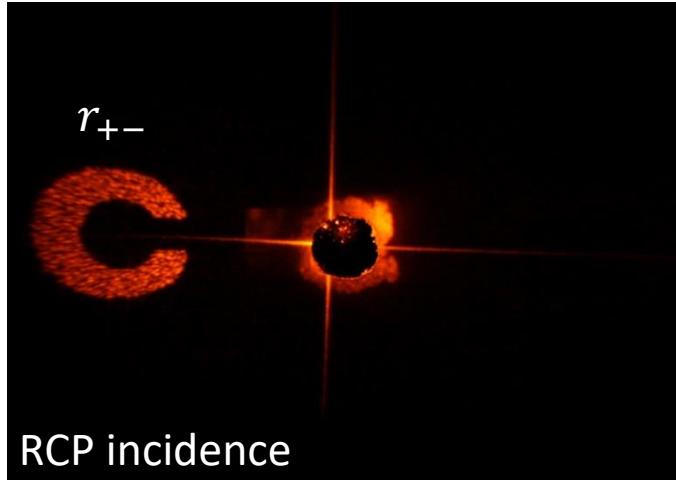
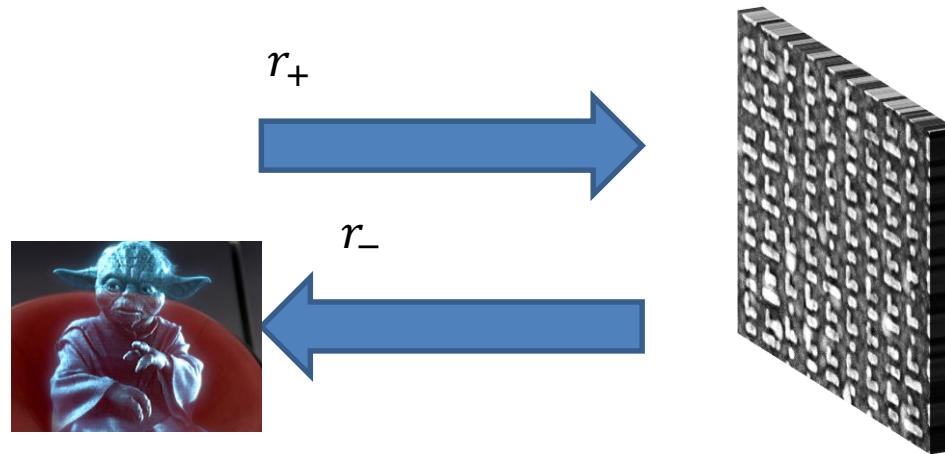
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# Encircling Singularity at polarization EP

## Wavefront Control - Beam Steering



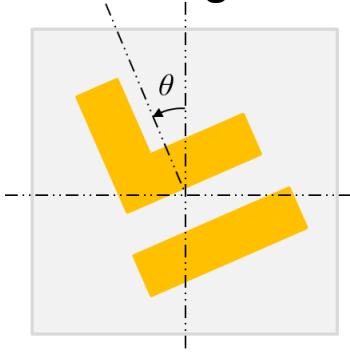
## Wavefront Control - Meta-Hologram



# Encircling Singularity at polarization EP

## EP+PB phase

Adding rotation angle of  $\theta$ :



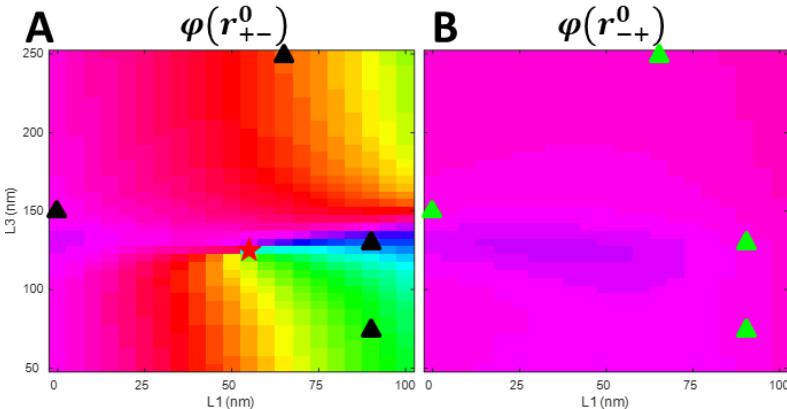
CP conversion:

$$r_{\pm\mp}^\theta(\mathbf{R}) = |r_{\pm\mp}^0(\mathbf{R})| e^{i\varphi(r_{\pm\mp}^0(\mathbf{R}))} e^{\mp i2\theta}$$

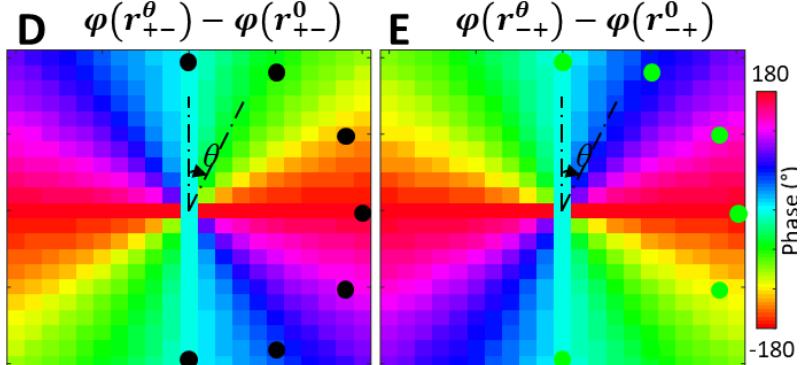
The total phase is the sum of ET and PB phase:

$$\varphi(r_{\pm\mp}^\theta(\mathbf{R})) = \varphi(r_{\pm\mp}^0(\mathbf{R})) \mp 2\theta$$

Exceptional topological (ET) phase



Pancharatnam-Berry (PB) phase



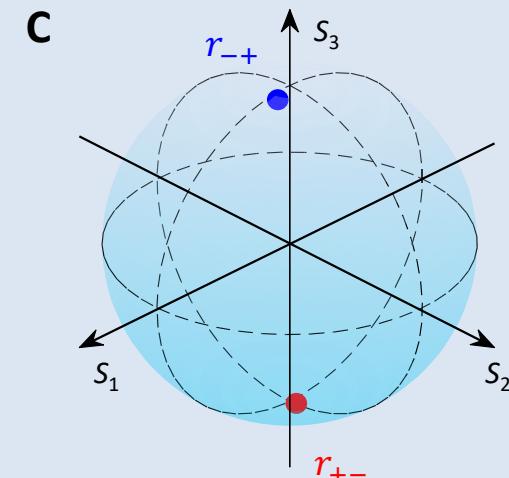
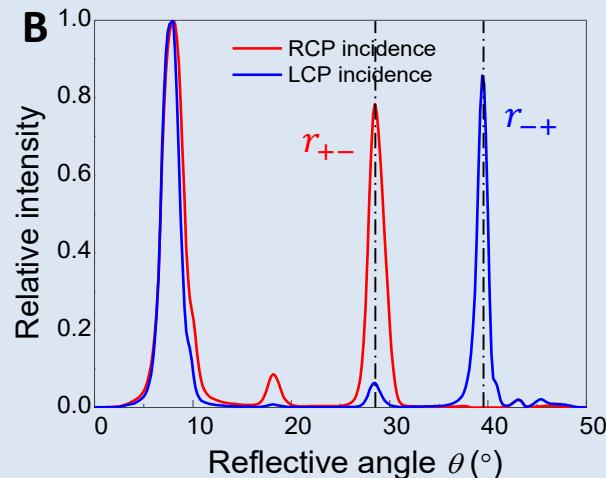
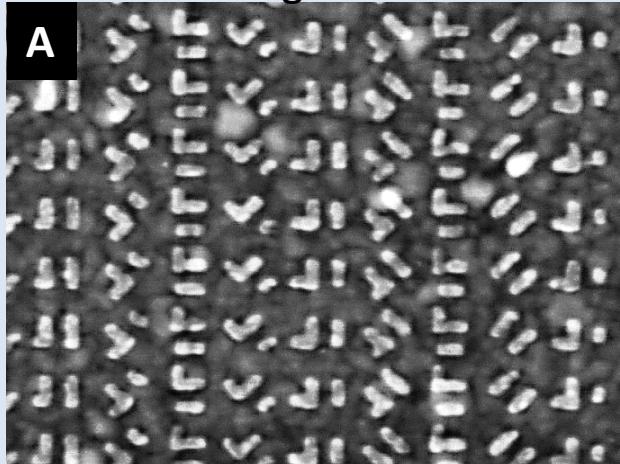
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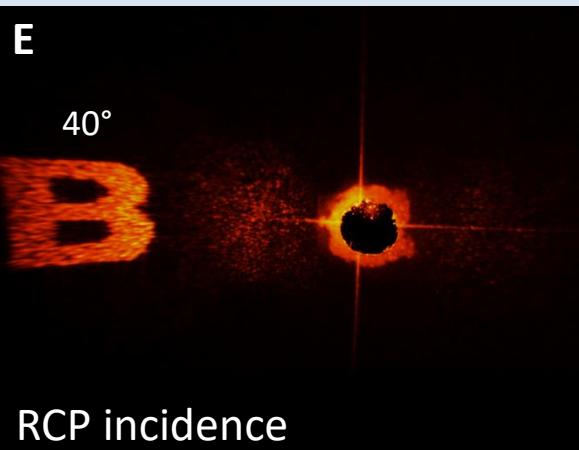
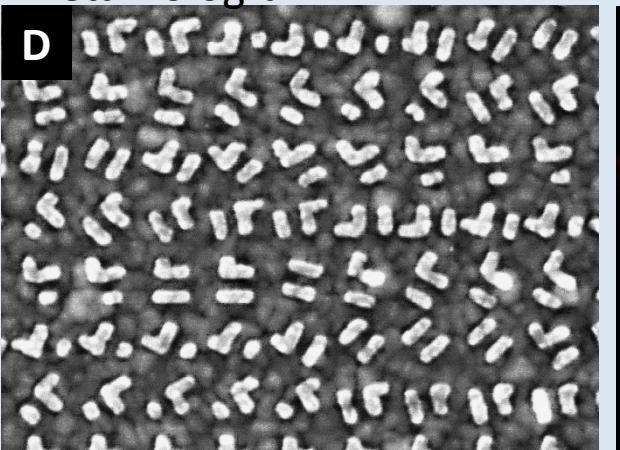
# Encircling Singularity at polarization EP

## Asymmetric Wavefront Control

Beam steering



Meta-hologram

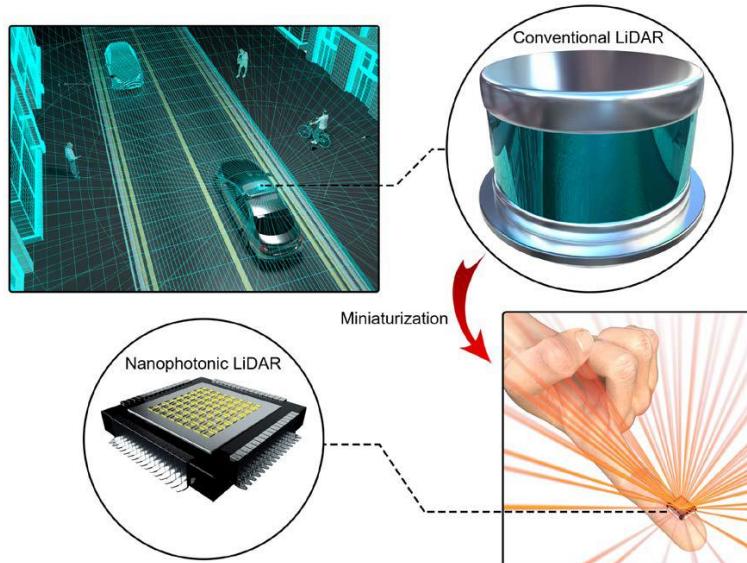


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# Metasurface integration

## Metasurface-enhanced LiDAR

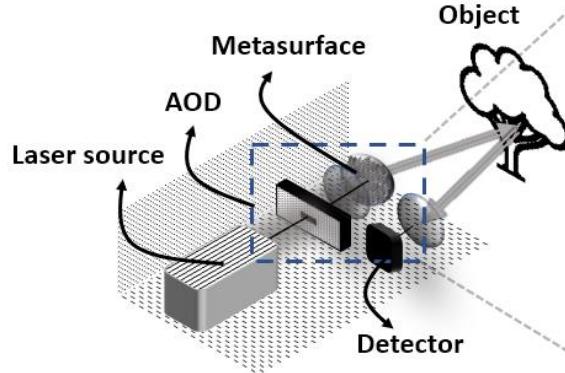


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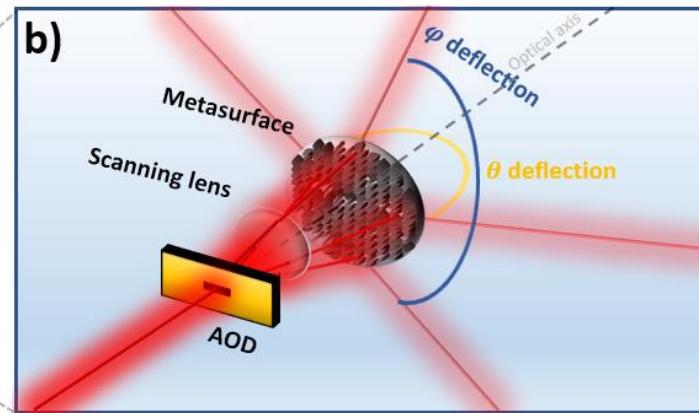
# CRHEA MS LiDAR

## LiDARs applications (MHz beam steering)

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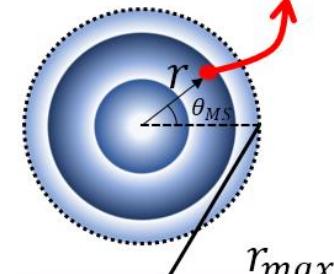


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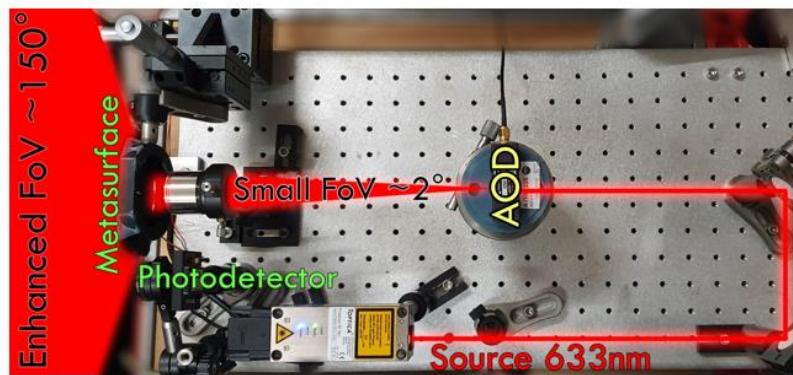


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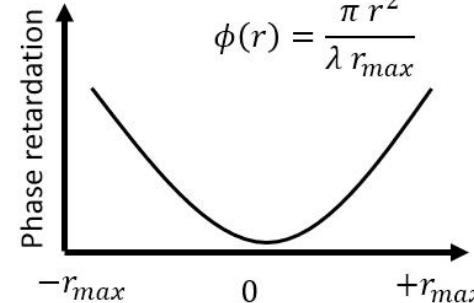
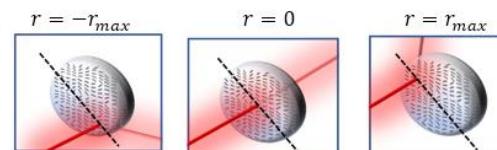
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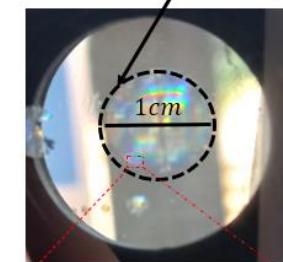
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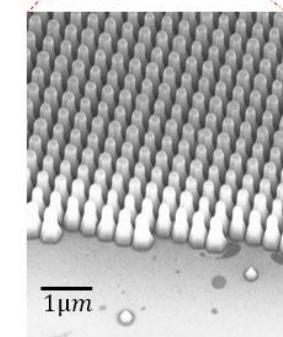
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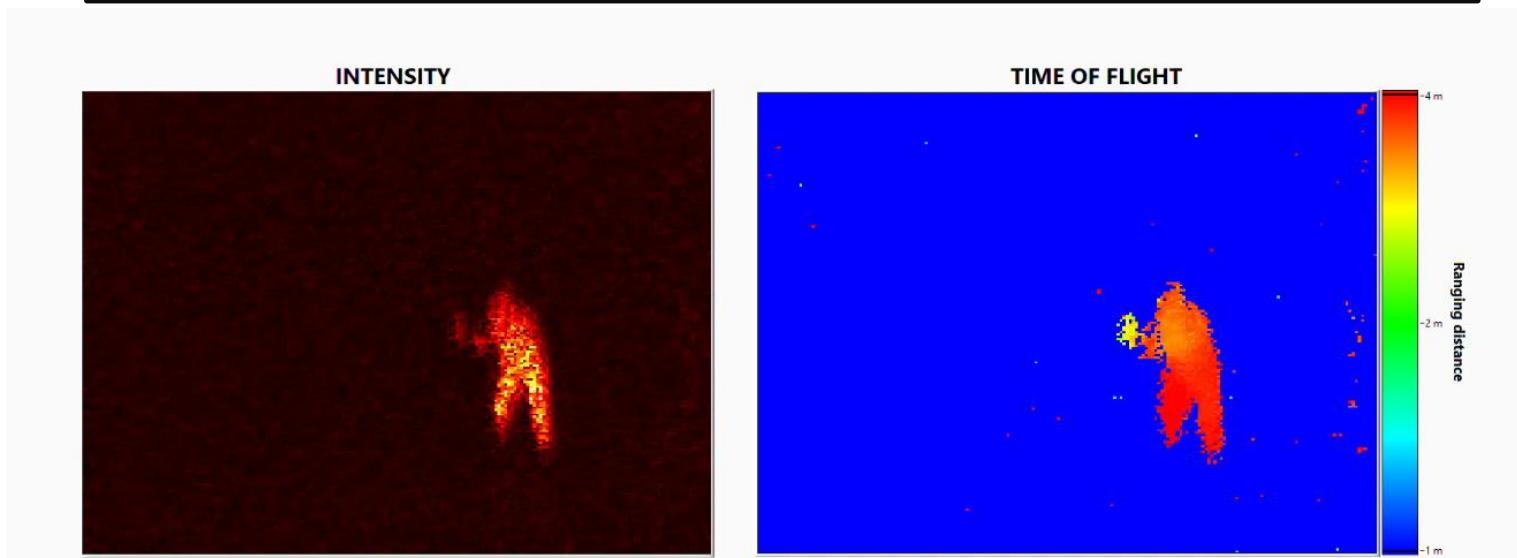
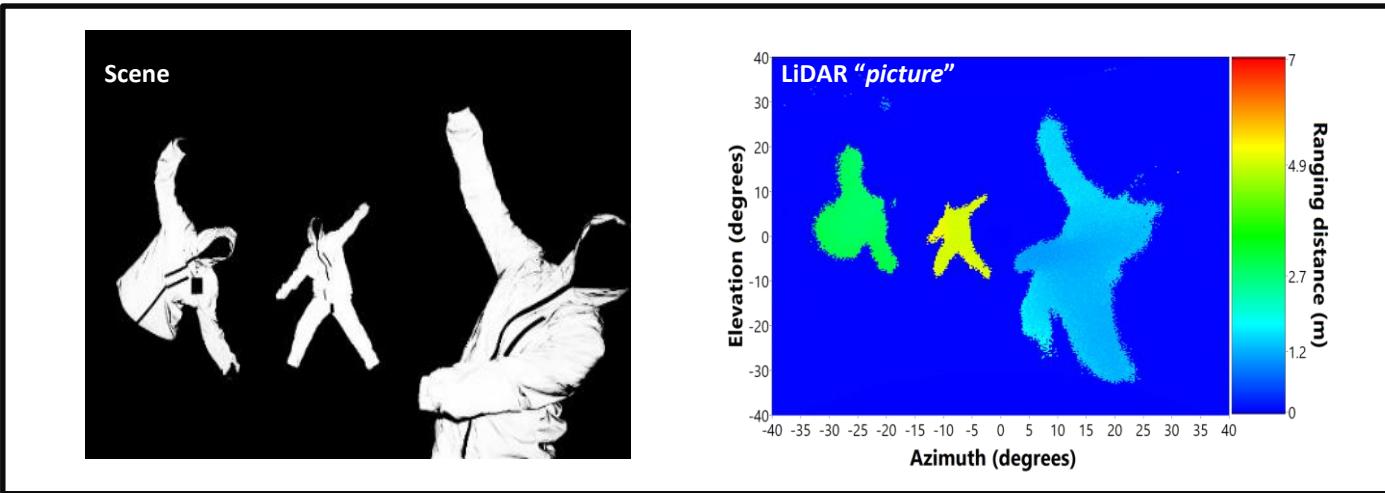


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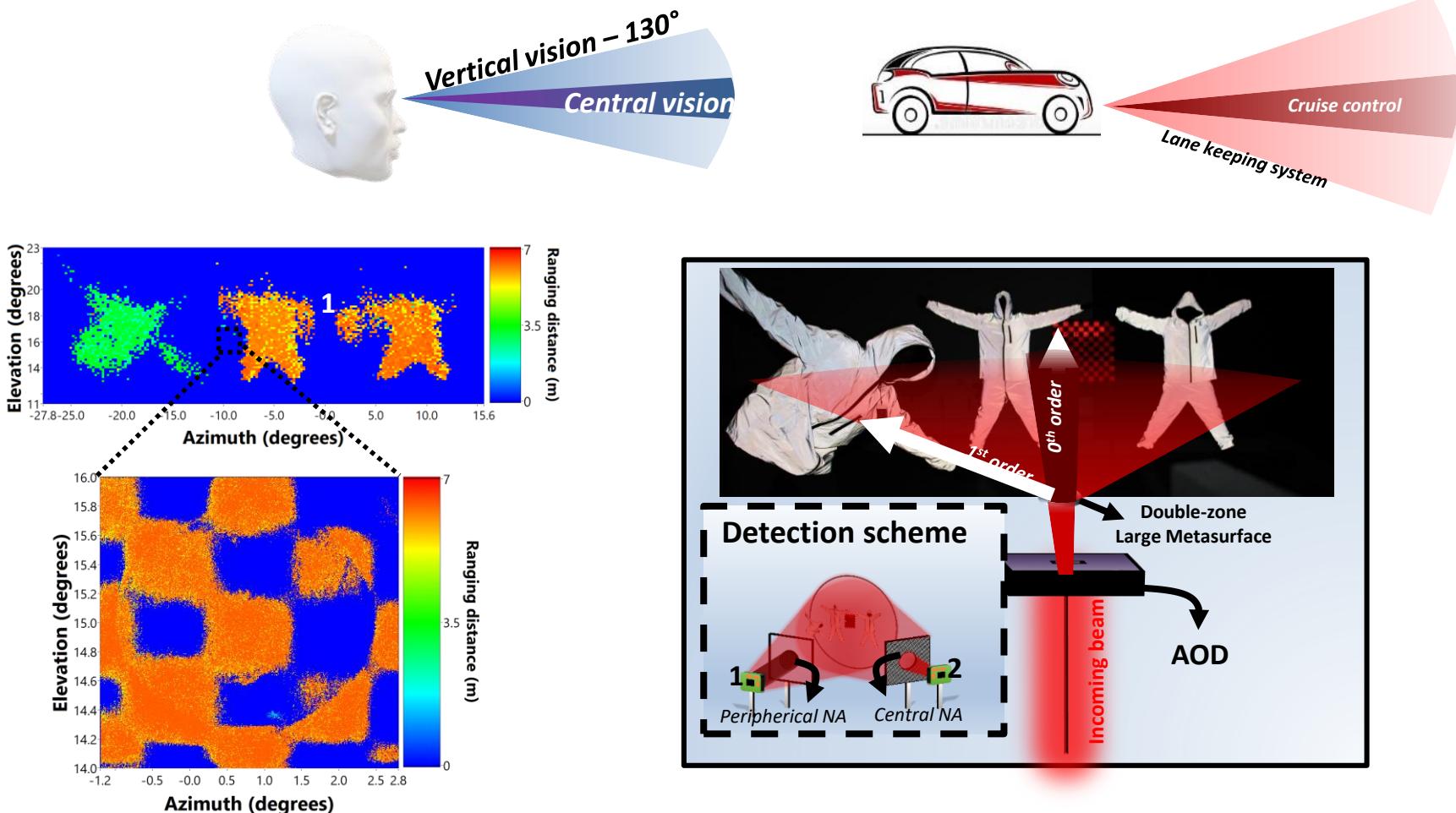
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# MS LiDAR to mimic human vision

## Multi-zones ToF LiDAR



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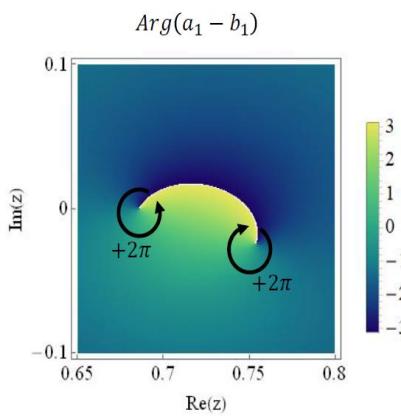
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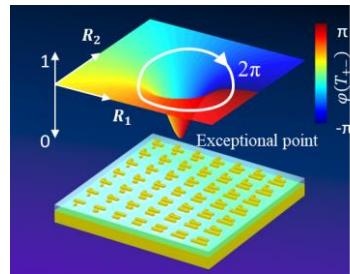
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Deep fundamental understanding of the underlying scattering mechanisms



- ❖ Crossing branch cut provides  $2\pi$ -phase accumulation
  - ⇒ Zero and Pole located across the real axis
- ❖ Formal explanation of Huygens MS
  - ⇒ Important role of phase singularities

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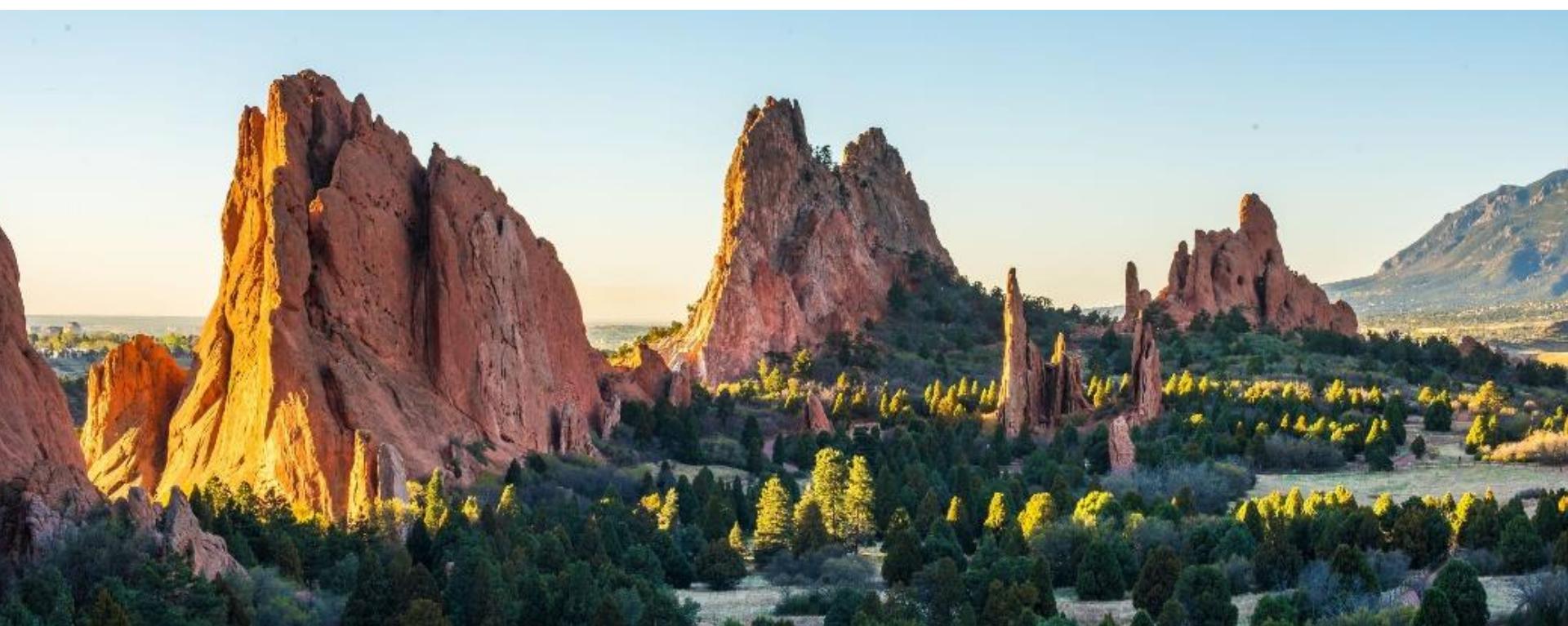


- ❖ Encircling singularities for wavefront engineering.

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