



# **High energy X-ray vortex generation using inverse Compton scattering**

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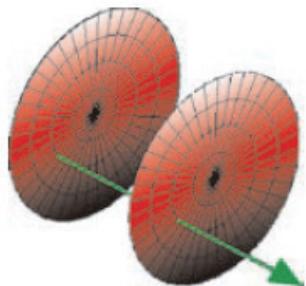
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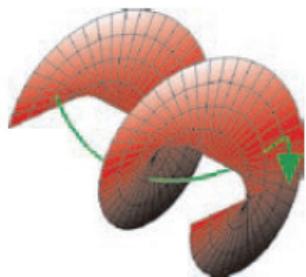
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# Optical vortex

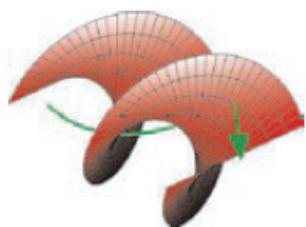
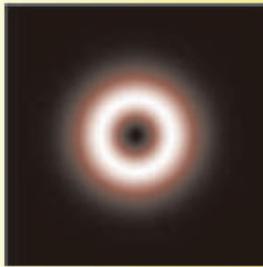
## Transverse profile      Interference pattern



$\ell = 0$



$\ell = 1$



$\ell = 2$



- **Forming a helical wave front.**

$$E \propto \exp(i\ell\phi)$$

- **Carrying orbital angular momentum (OAM)**

$$\ell\hbar$$

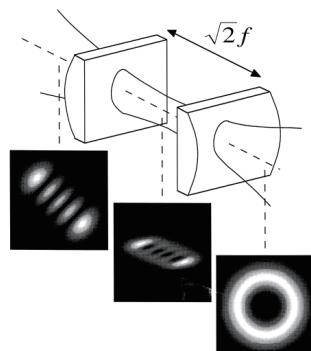
- **Total AM  
= OAM + spin AM  
=  $\ell\hbar + \hbar$**

M. Padgett et al., Phys. Today 57 (2004) 35.

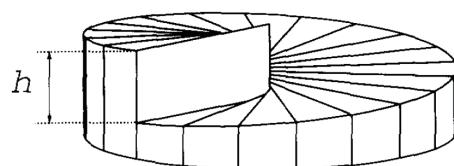
# Generation

## Special filters

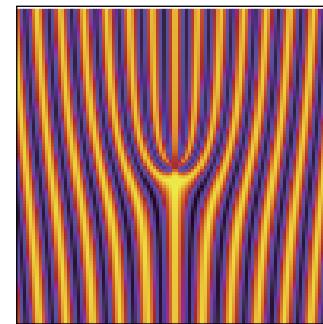
### Cylindrical lens



### Spiral phase plate



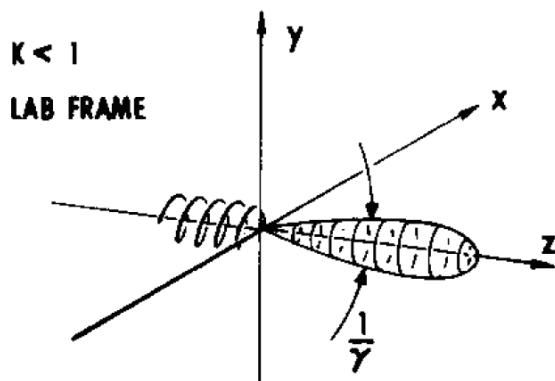
### Hologram



J. Courtial et al., Opt. Comm. 159 (1999) 13.

M. W. Beijersbergen et al., Opt. Comm. 112 (1994) 321.

## Without filters

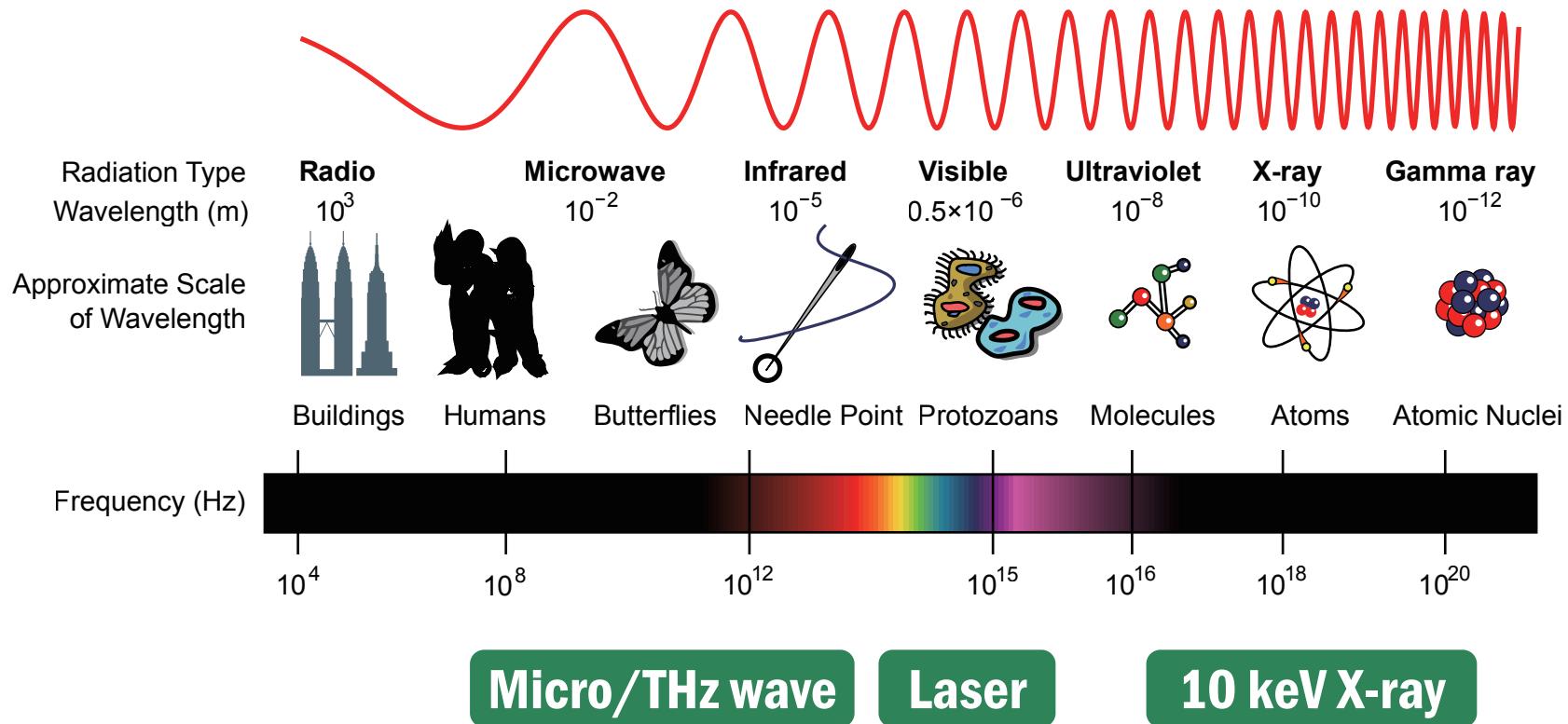


**Electromagnetic radiation  
from an electron**

**Main topic of this talk**

B. M. Kincaid et al., J Appl Phys 48 (1977) 2684.

# Vortex beams



300 kV electron

Cold neutron

Wikipedia.

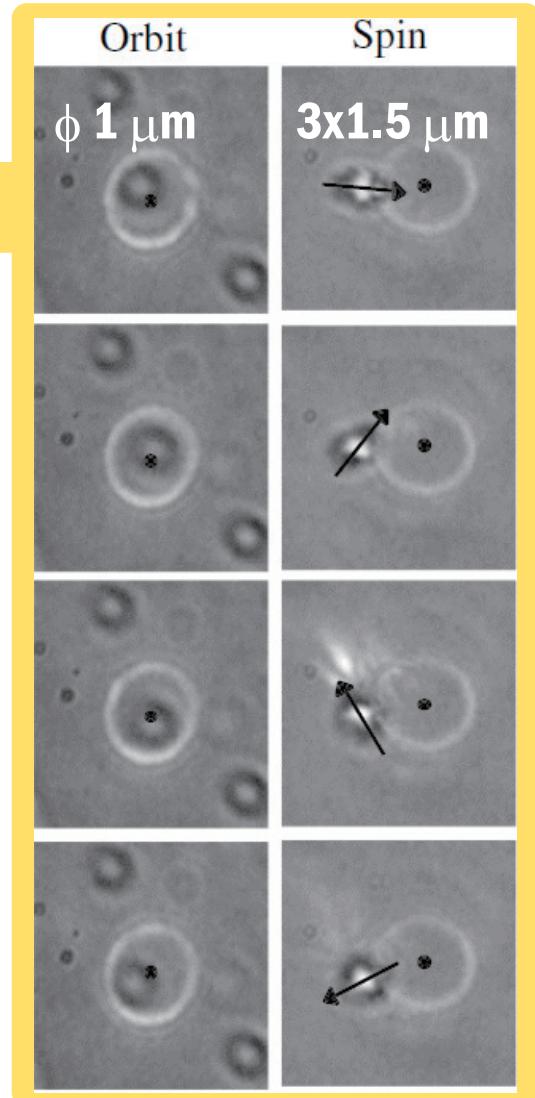
# Application of vortex beams

## Experimental demonstration

- OAM transfer to micro particle
- Quantum entanglement
- Creation of metal nano needle
- Terabit data transmission

## Theoretical proposal

- X-ray dichroism
- Magnetic mapping using electron vortex
- Direct observation of rotating black hole



A. T. O'Neil et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 88 (2002) 053601.

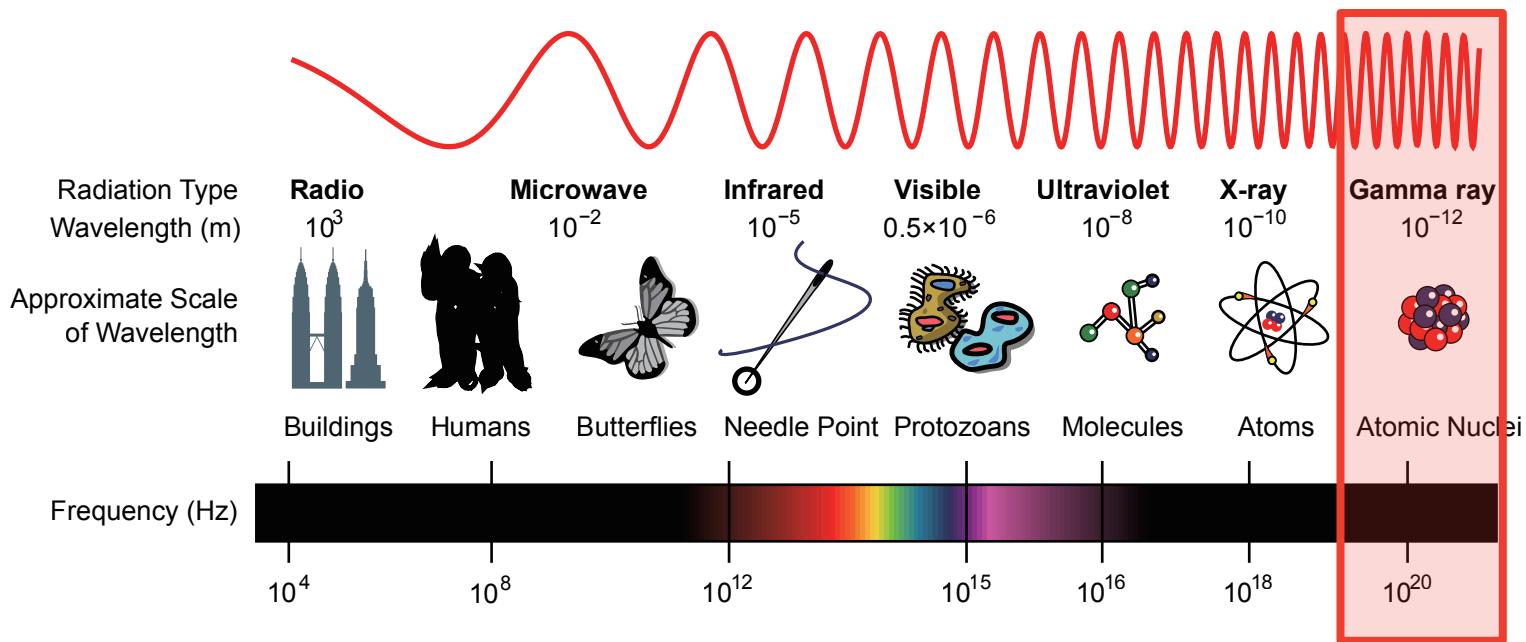
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# Purpose

**Generation of gamma ray vortex (> MeV)  
and development its application.**

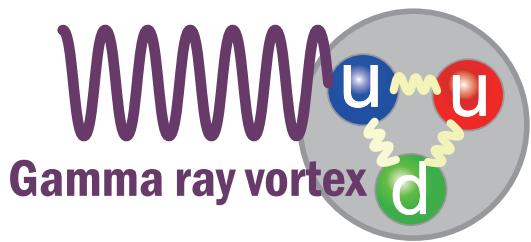


**Gamma-ray**

# Application possibility

Insight into the proton structure

I. P. Ivanov, Phys. Rev. D 83 (2011) 093001.



If the OAM of gamma ray is transferred to the quark/gluon, it becomes novel probe of the proton spin.

Nuclear physics

Y. Taira et al., arXiv 1608 (2016) 04894.

Excited states can be populated by high order transition.  
Photon-induced reaction cross section will be changed.

Generation of positron vortex via pair production

As a new particle source for high energy physics.

# How to generate gamma ray vortex ?

- 1 Frequency upconversion of an optical vortex laser by inverse Compton scattering (ICS)**

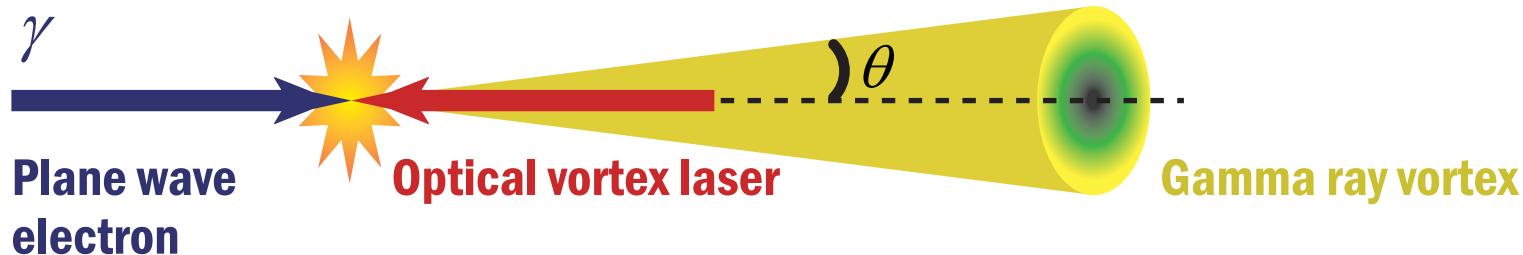
**U. D. Jentchura et al., PRL 106 (2011) 013001.**

- 2 Nonlinear inverse Compton scattering of intense circularly polarized laser (not vortex laser)**

**Y. Taira et al., arXiv 1608 (2016) 04894.**

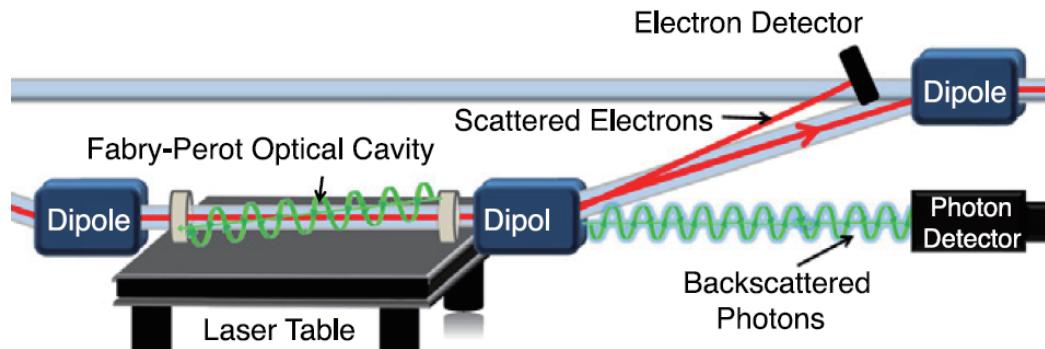
**Compton backward scattering of circularly polarized gamma ray**

# ICS of optical vortex laser



It was predicted that OAM of the laser is preserved at the very small angle  $\theta < 1/\gamma^2$ .

## JLab Compton polarimeter

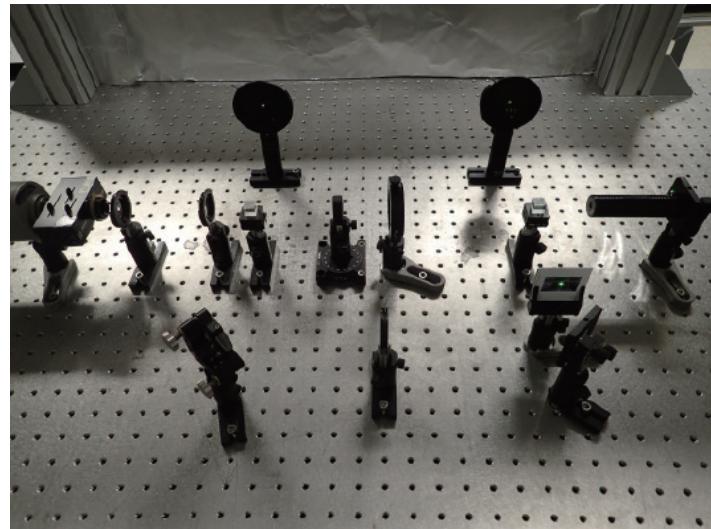
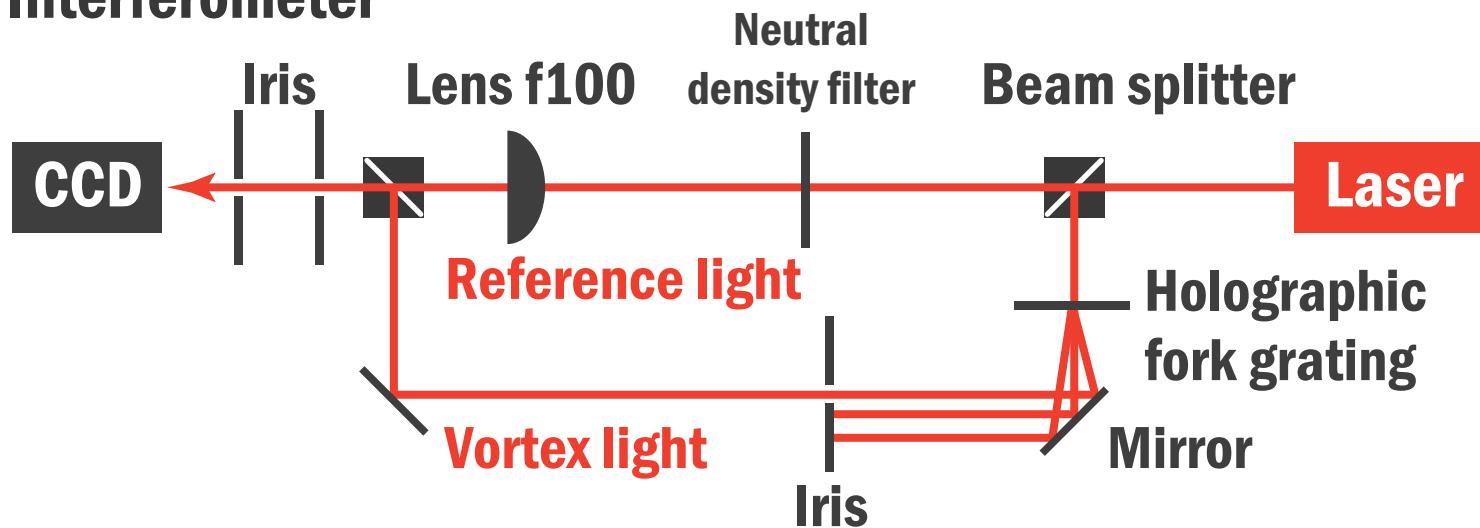


**Fabry-Perot cavity**  
**Stored power: 1000 W**  
**To exceed background, more than 100 W vortex laser is required.**

T. Allison et al., NIMA 781 (2015) 105.

# Measurement technique of vortex laser

## Interferometer

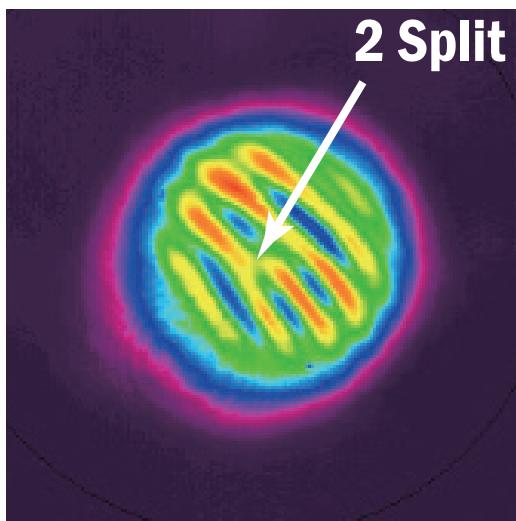


# Interference pattern

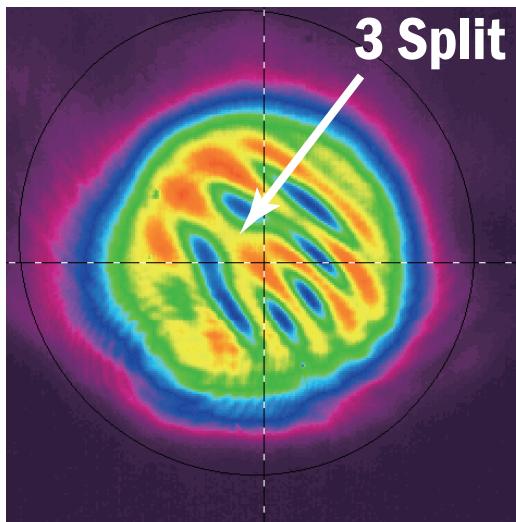
OAM value

Plane wave + vortex

1

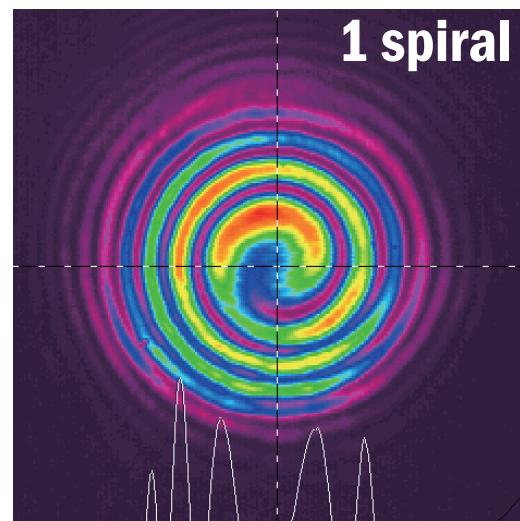


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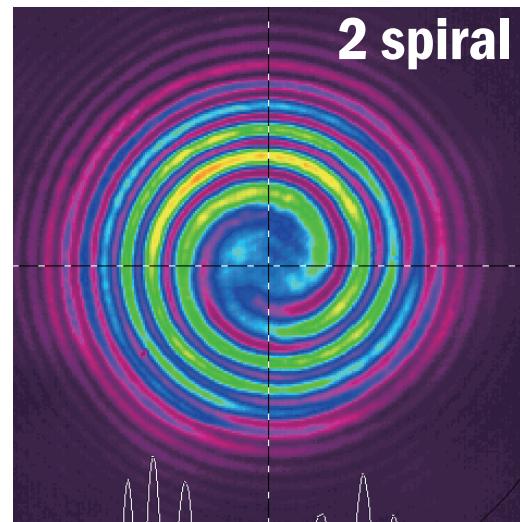


Spherical wave + vortex

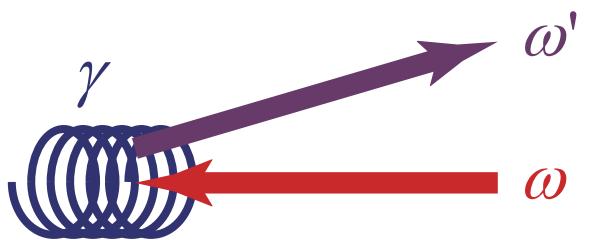
1 spiral



2 spiral



# Nonlinear ICS of circularly polarized laser

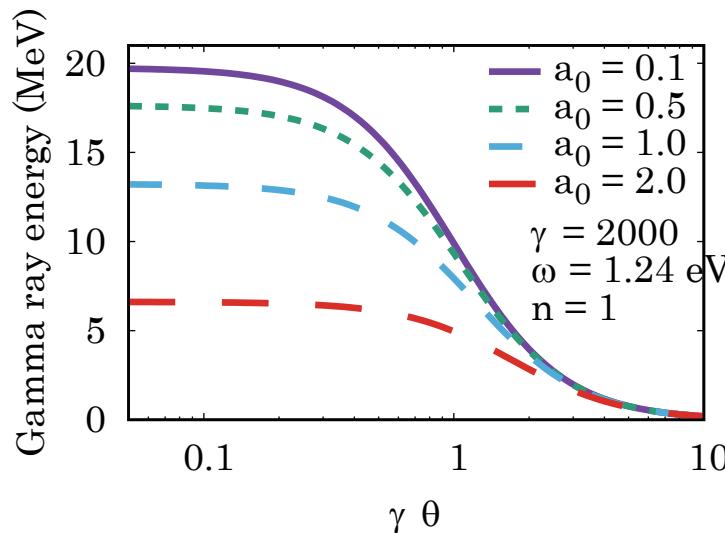


**Intense laser with a laser strength parameter,  $a_0$**

**Helical motion** is induced by the circularly polarized laser ( $a_0 \approx 1$ ) and this motion emits n-th higher harmonic and vortex radiation.

**Energy**

$$\omega' = \frac{8n\gamma^2\omega}{2\gamma^2\theta^2 + 2 + a_0^2}$$



# Electric field and Stokes parameter

## Electric field in the x-y plane

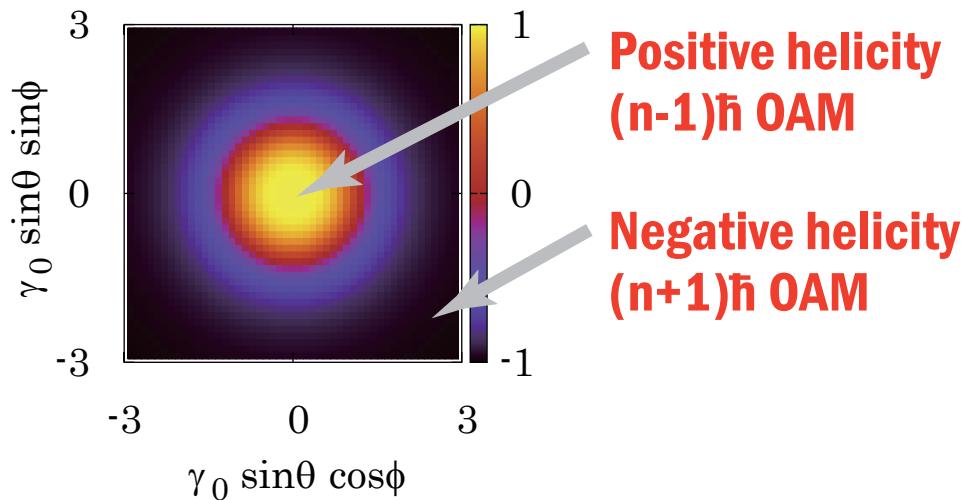
$$E = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (C_\theta \cos \theta + C_\phi) \exp \{i\psi_0 + ikR + i(n-1)\phi\} e_+$$
$$+ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (C_\theta \cos \theta - C_\phi) \exp \{i\psi_0 + ikR + i(n+1)\phi\} e_-$$

$$e_\pm = \frac{e_x \pm ie_y}{\sqrt{2}}$$

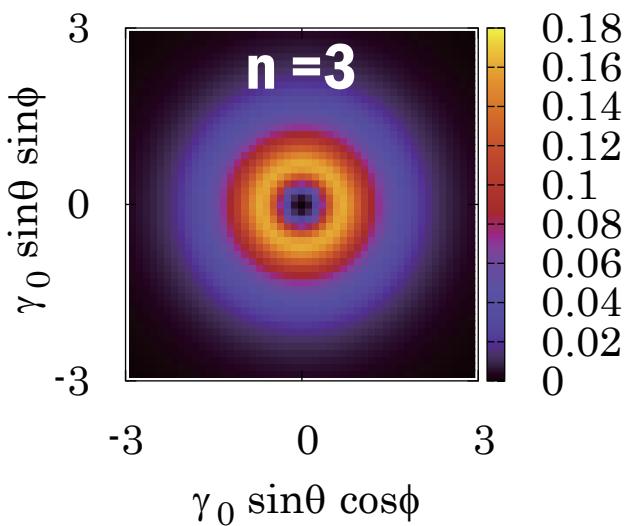
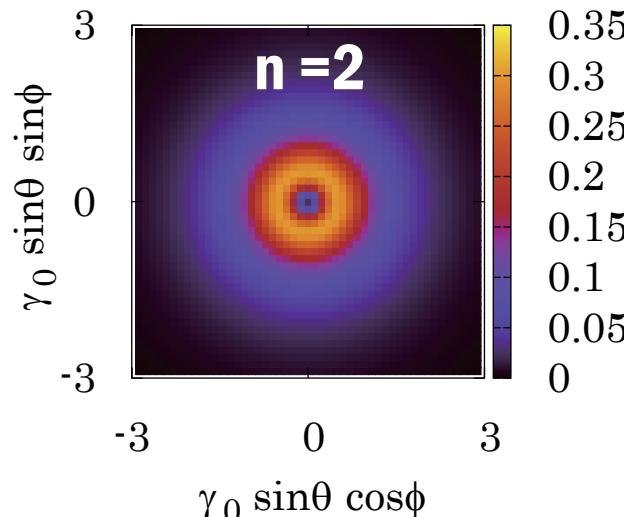
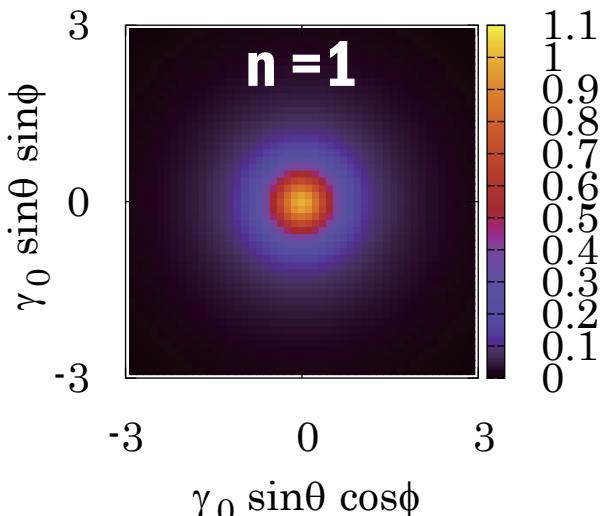
Positive helicity carry  $(n-1)\hbar$  OAM

Negative helicity carry  $(n+1)\hbar$  OAM.

## Degree of circular polarization



# Spatial distribution



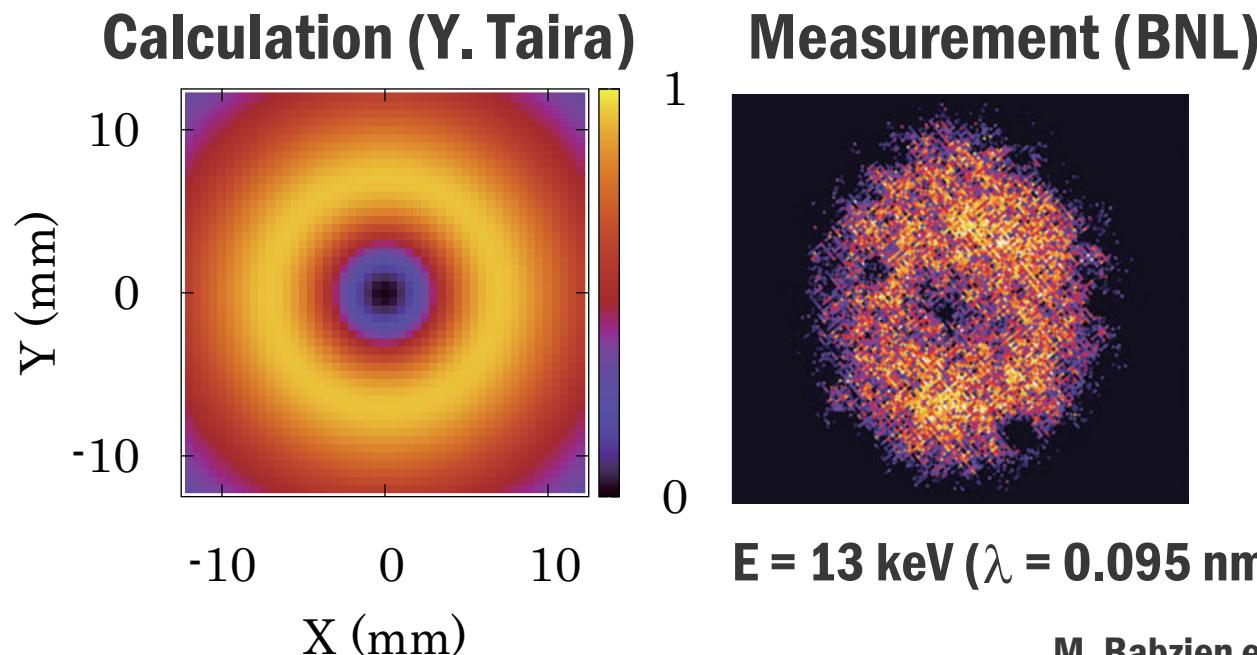
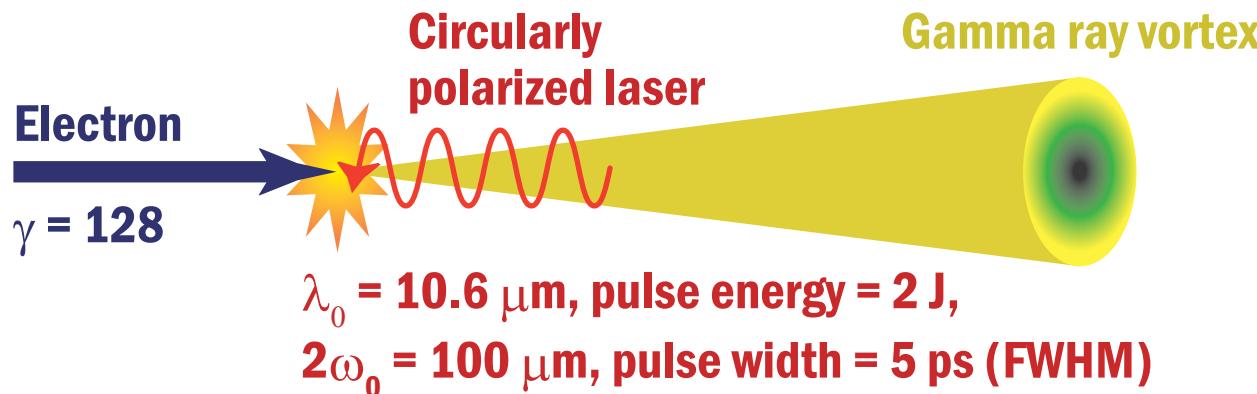
**Annular shape of higher harmonic  
is due to the helical wavefront.**

# Characteristics of nonlinear ICS gamma-ray

Helicity	Positive	Negative
Fundamental ( $n = 1$ )		
N	$60 \times 10^{10}$ photons/sec	$2 \times 10^{10}$ photons/sec
E	11-13 MeV	2.6-2.7 MeV
OAM	0	$2\hbar$
2nd harmonics		
N	$20 \times 10^{10}$ photons/sec	$2 \times 10^{10}$ photons/sec
E	21-26 MeV	5.2-5.5 MeV
OAM	$\hbar$	$3\hbar$

$$a_0 = 1.0, \lambda_0 = 1.0 \mu m, \gamma_0 = 2000, N_e = 10^9 \text{ electrons/sec}$$

# Second harmonic X-rays at BNL ( $a_0=0.6$ )



M. Babzien et al., PRL. 96 054802 (2006).  
Y. Sakai et al., PRSTAB 18 060702 (2015).

# Conclusion

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- **Gamma ray vortex providing an additional degree of freedom will open new research opportunities!**
- **Gamma-ray vortex can be generated by several methods using the Compton scattering.**
- **Measurement of gamma ray vortex is a big issue.**  
**Interferometry, Dichroism, and Pair production are candidates.**

**Thank you for your attention!**