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## Surface Plasmon Vortices

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Surface plasmon polaritons (SPPs) are excitations of surface charge that propagate as waves over the surfaces of metals with wavelengths at the sub-micron scale. Under suitable excitation conditions, SPPs can carry orbital angular momentum. The SPPs form a rotating vortex that has been observed experimentally with an optical pump-probe technique coupled with electron microscopy (2PPE-PEEM). This method enables both amplitude and phase information of the surface plasmon wave to be obtained experimentally, allowing us to study the properties of the SPP vortex. The vortex has a phase singularity at its centre where the phase wraps around by integer multiples  $l$  of  $2\pi$ . The integer  $l$  is called the topological charge.

The question is: what happens if we try to induce non-integer orbital angular momentum?

In this talk I will discuss the theory of surface plasmon vortices and their properties for both integer and non-integer orbital angular momentum and show some of the results of measurements on them using the 2PPE-PEEM method here at the University of Duisburg-Essen.

**Für diese Zeit steht eine Kinderbetreuung nach vorheriger Anmeldung zur Verfügung.**

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