# Welcome again!



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• Check out the "Orientation sheet" on Moodle

# Administrative details

- 3 homework problems: find on Moodle, hand in on Moodle
- Dates for paper presentations fixed (please be available)
- Exams will take place in last week of semester (precise schedule to be published)
- You should have all necessary information to decide whether you want to follow this course. If you don't want to get credit/take the exam, please sign out of the course by Tuesday, 29 Sep. (You are welcome to keep following the lectures and I can add you as a guest in case you want to access the Moodle.)

### Administrative details: Paper Presentations

- I will assign the students I haven't had feedback from
- I'll share the schedule as soon as possible

### Today's question



# Why do I not see the atoms that make up your skin when I look at you?

### Maxwell's equations for complex fields

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = \rho(\mathbf{r})$$
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = i\omega \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r})$$
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) = -i\omega \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r})$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

Note that I dropped the underscore for complex fields!

$$D(\mathbf{r}) \,=\, \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon(\omega) \, E(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu_0 \mu(\omega) \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r})$$

Spectral representation:

$$\hat{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r},\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t) e^{i\omega t} dt$$

For monochromatic fields:

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t) = \operatorname{Re}\left\{\mathbf{E}(r)\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\omega t}\right\}$$

#### The Helmholtz equation, plane and evanescent waves



# Simple imaging systems

# On the menu today

- Motivation: Why nano-optics?
- Repetition: electromagnetism
- Optical imaging:
  - Focusing by a lens
    - Angular spectrum
    - Paraxial approximation
    - Gaussian beams
    - Method of stationary phase
  - The diffraction limit
  - Fluorophores
  - Example: Fluorescence microscopy
  - Example: STED microscopy
  - Example: Localization microscopy
  - Example: Scanning probe microscopy



















MATH :

$$\hat{\mathbf{E}}(k_x, k_y; z) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{E}(x, y, z) e^{-i[k_x x + k_y y]} dx dy$$
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#### Paraxial approximation

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mit 
$$k_z = k \sqrt{1 - (k_x^2 + k_y^2)/k^2} \approx k - \frac{(k_x^2 + k_y^2)}{2k}$$

$$k_z = k \cos \theta = k [1 - \theta^2/2 + ..]$$

—> Fields propagate predominantly in z-direction !



#### Gaussian beams

$$\hat{\mathbf{E}}(x', y', 0) = \mathbf{E}_{o} e^{-\frac{x'^{2} + y'^{2}}{w_{o}^{2}}}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{E}}(k_{x}, k_{y}; 0) = \frac{1}{4\pi^{2}} \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{E}_{0} e^{-\frac{x'^{2} + y'^{2}}{w_{0}^{2}}} e^{-i[k_{x}x' + k_{y}y']} dx' dy'$$

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$$\longrightarrow \mathbf{E}(x, y, z) = \mathbf{E}_o \frac{w_o^2}{4\pi} e^{ikz} \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(k_x^2 + k_y^2)(\frac{w_o^2}{4} + \frac{iz}{2k})} e^{i[k_x x + k_y y]} dk_x dk_y +$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-ax^2 + ibx) dx = \sqrt{\pi/a} \exp(-b^2/4a)$$
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \exp(-ax^2 + ibx) dx = ib\sqrt{\pi} \exp(-b^2/4a)/(2a^{3/2})$$

#### The Gaussian Beam



Field in focal plane z=0:  $\mathbf{E}(x', y', 0) = \mathbf{E}_o e^{-(x'^2 + y'^2)/w_0^2}$ 

$$\mathbf{E}(\rho, z) = \mathbf{E}_o \frac{w_o}{w(z)} e^{-\frac{\rho^2}{w^2(z)}} e^{i[kz - \eta(z) + k\rho^2/2R(z)]}$$

$$\begin{split} w(z) &= w_o \, (1+z^2/z_o^2)^{1/2} & \text{Beam waist} \\ R(z) &= z \, (1+z_o^2/z^2) & \text{Wavefront radius} \\ \eta(z) &= \arctan z/z_o & \text{Phase correction (Gouy phase)} \\ z_o &= \frac{k \, w_o^2}{2} \\ \end{split}$$

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#### Far-field

$$\mathbf{E}_{\infty}(s_x, s_y) = -2\pi \mathrm{i}k \, s_z \, \hat{\mathbf{E}}(ks_x, ks_y; \, 0) \, \frac{\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}kr}}{r}$$



# Example

$$\hat{\mathbf{E}}(k_x, k_y; 0) = \frac{\mathbf{E}_0}{4\pi^2} \int_{-L_y}^{+L_y} \int_{-L_x}^{+L_x} e^{-i[k_x x' + k_y y']} dx' dy'$$
$$= \mathbf{E}_0 \frac{L_x L_y}{\pi^2} \frac{\sin(k_x L_x)}{k_x L_x} \frac{\sin(k_y L_y)}{k_y L_y}$$



$$\mathbf{E}_{\infty}(s_x, s_y) = -\mathbf{i}ks_z \mathbf{E}_0 \frac{2L_x L_y}{\pi} \frac{\sin(ks_x L_x)}{ks_x L_x} \frac{\sin(ks_y L_y)}{ks_y L_y} \frac{\mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{i}ky}}{r}$$



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# Example: Party-Party Goggles

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#### Party-Party





### SLM technology uses Fourier optics



#### Adaptive Version: Spatial light modulator (SLM)



# A better description of focused fields

Better than Gaussian beams, but not much to do analytically.

