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THE POLARIZATION EXPERTS

## Interactive Analysis of Complex Optical Phenomena

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# Overview

Airy Optics Inc. develops Polaris-M, a polarization ray-tracing software written completely in Mathematica. This talk has three parts:

- Visualizations of Polarization and Polarized Rays
- Dealing with Polarization Ray-Tracing Data
- Bringing it All Together

These tools have helped us provide analysis to our customers, including contributions to the development of the next generation of AR/VR headsets.



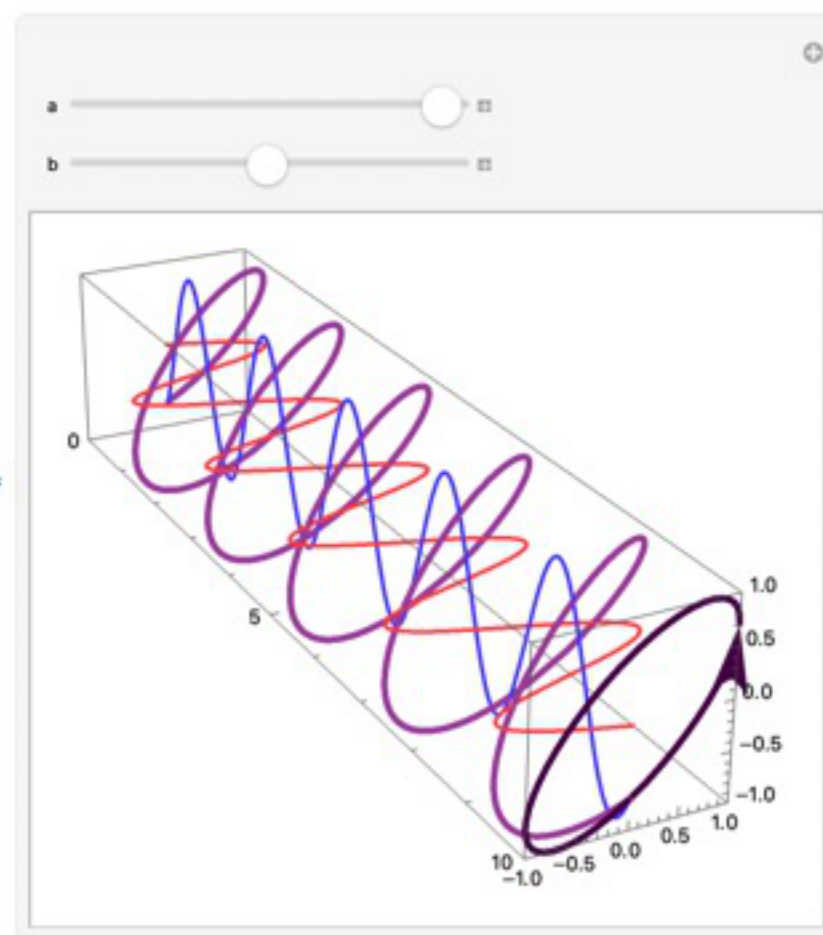
# Dynamic Learning Tools

## Polarization Ellipses

Though one can often think of a single axis of linear polarization, in general polarization can be described using ellipses.

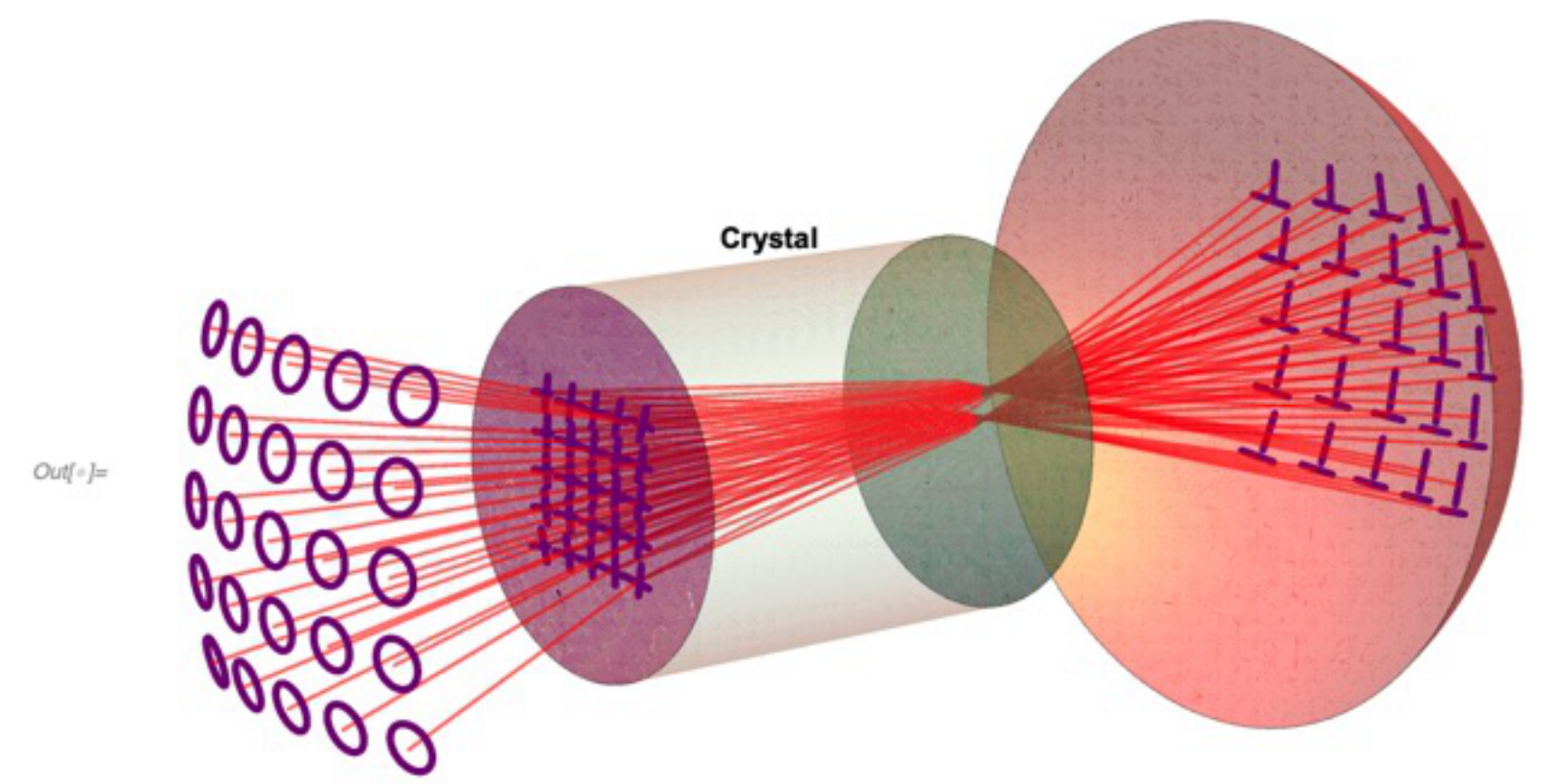
```
In[139]:= Manipulate[Show[ParametricPlot3D[{{Sin[s Pi], 0, s}, {0, a Sin[(s - b) Pi], s}, {Sin[s Pi], a Sin[(s - b) Pi], s}}, {s, 0, 10},  
  PlotStyle -> {Directive[Lighter[Red]], Lighter[Blue], Directive[Thickness[0.01], Lighter[Purple]]}, PlotRange -> {{-1, 1}, {-1, 1}, {0, 10}},  
  Graphics3D[Ellipse3D[{1, a Exp[I b Pi], 0}, {0, 0, 10}, Color -> Darker[Purple]], ViewVertical -> {0, 1, 0}, ViewPoint -> {-1, 1, 2}], {a, 0, 1},  
  {b, 0, 0.5}]
```

Out[139]=



In[74]:=

# Polarization Raytracing



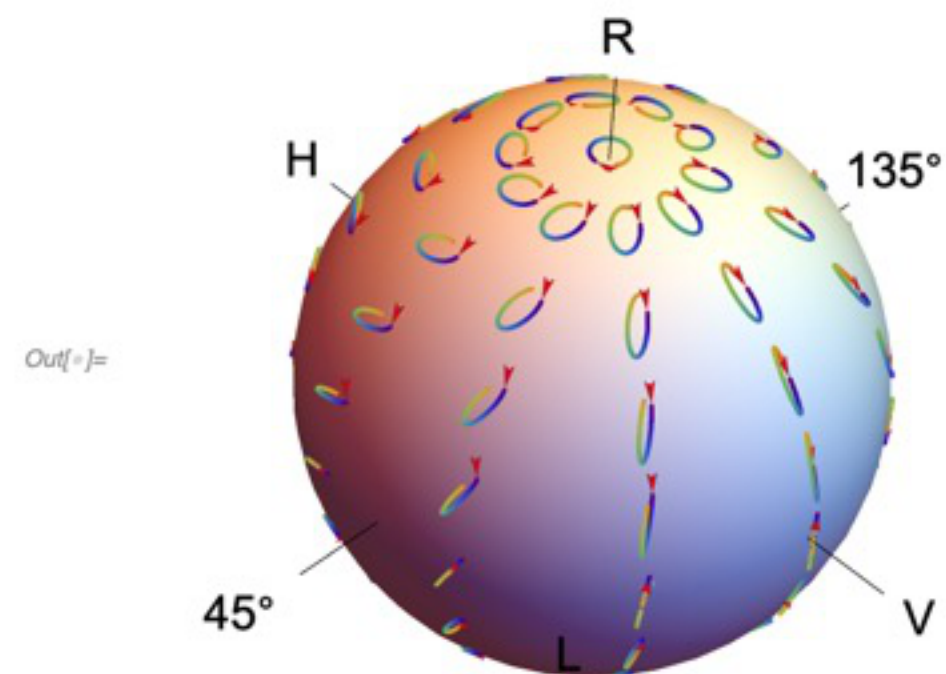
Out[ ]:=

In[74]:=

## The Poincare Sphere

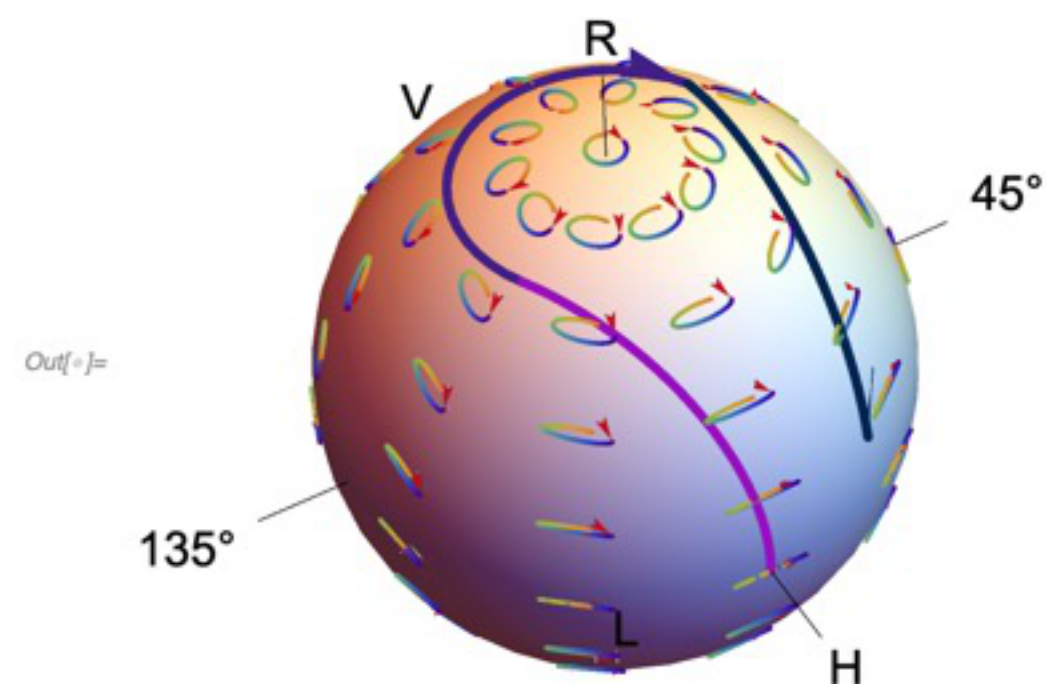
The Poincare Sphere is a useful way to visually represent different polarization states of light.

```
In[68]:= Graphics3D[{Sphere[], PoincareEllipses[10, 10, ScaleEllipse -> 1.3, RadiusFunction -> 0.005],  
PoincareAxes}, Boxed -> False]
```



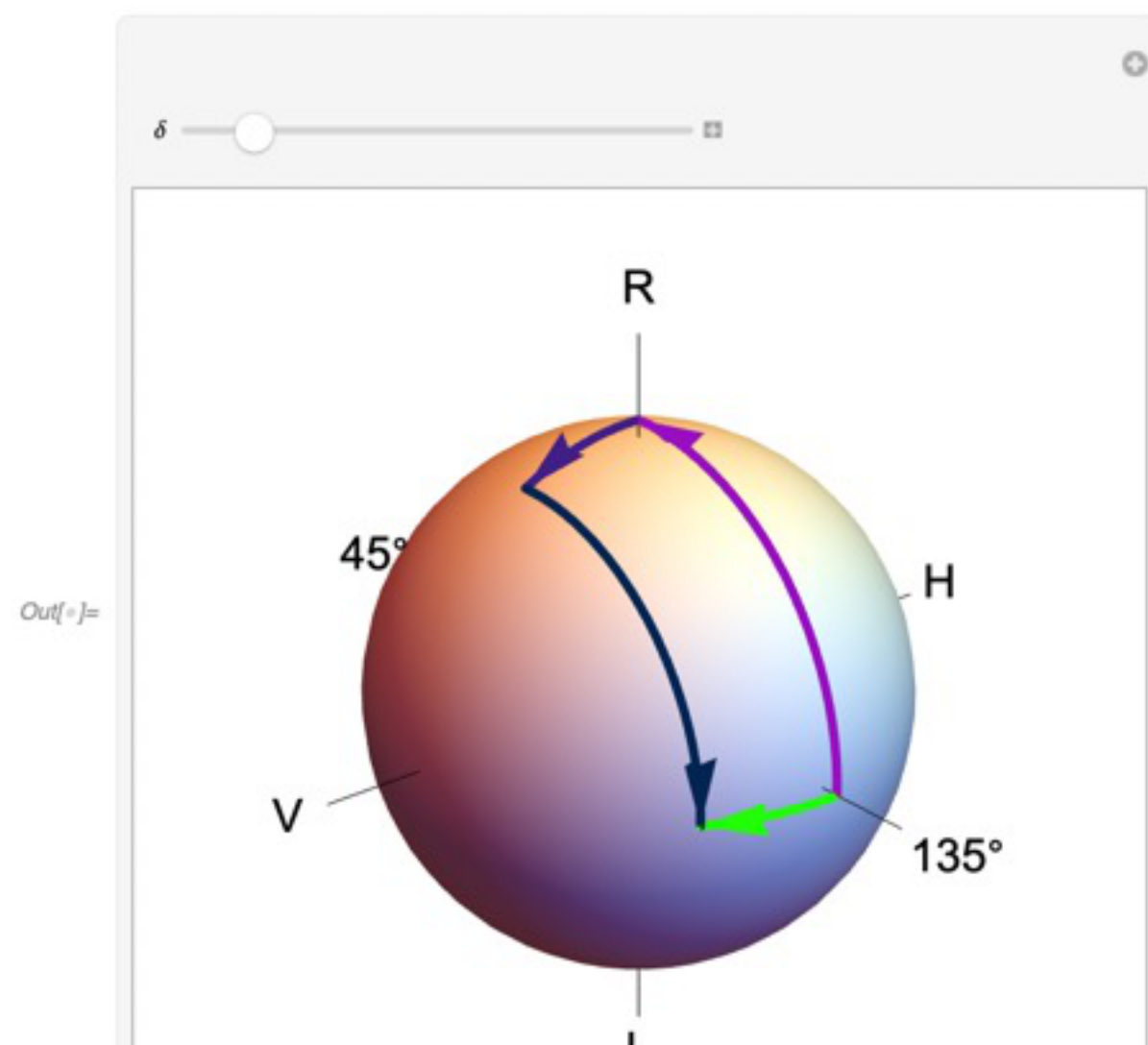
```
In[69]:= Retlist = {{ $\pi/2$ ,  $\pi/3$ , 0}, { $\pi$ , 0,  $\pi/2$ }, { $\pi/2$ ,  $-\pi/4$ , 0}};
```

```
Graphics3D[{RetarderTrajectory[Retlist, {1, 1, 0, 0}, ShowSphere  $\rightarrow$  False], Sphere[],  
PoincareEllipses[10, 10, ScaleEllipse  $\rightarrow$  1.3, RadiusFunction  $\rightarrow$  0.005], PoincareAxes}, Boxed  $\rightarrow$  False]
```



```
In[71]:= horizontalret = { $\pi/2$ , 0, 0};  
verticalret = { $\pi/2$ ,  $\pi/2$ , 0};  
Manipulate[
```

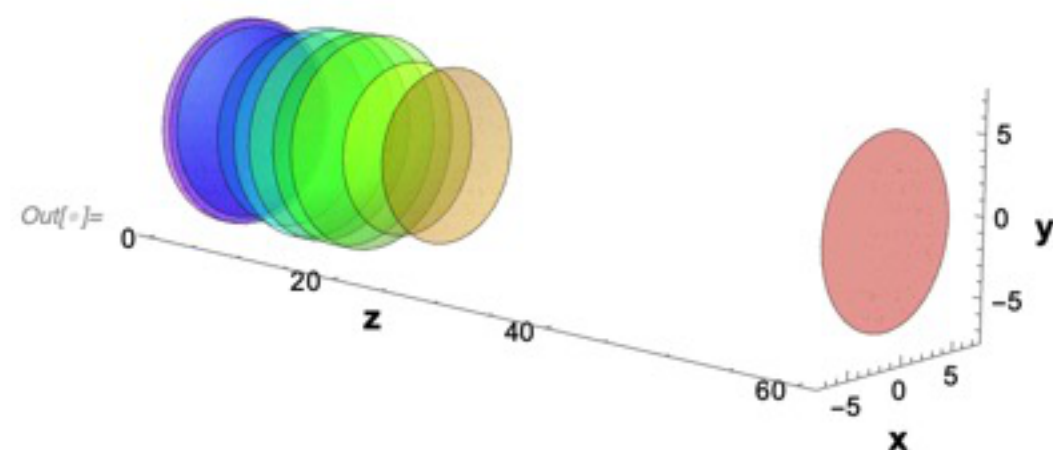
```
In[71]:= horizontalret = { $\pi/2$ , 0, 0};  
verticalret = { $\pi/2$ ,  $\pi/2$ , 0};  
Manipulate[  
  Graphics3D[{RetarderTrajectory[{horizontalret, { $\delta$ ,  $\pi/4$ , 0}, verticalret}, {1, 0, -1, 0},  
    Opts`ShowSphere  $\rightarrow$  False], RetarderTrajectory[{ $\delta$ , 0,  $\pi/2$ }, {1, 0, -1, 0}, Opts`Color  $\rightarrow$  Green,  
    Opts`ShowSphere  $\rightarrow$  False], Sphere[{0, 0, 0}, 0.95], PoincareAxes}, Boxed  $\rightarrow$  False,  
  ViewPoint  $\rightarrow$  {-2.0, -2.4, 1.5}], {{ $\delta$ ,  $\pi/4$ },  $\pi/16$ ,  $\pi$ ]
```



# Flexible Styling of Plots with Many Surfaces

## Plot System

```
In[97]:= OS = TutorialOS ;  
PlotSystem[os]
```



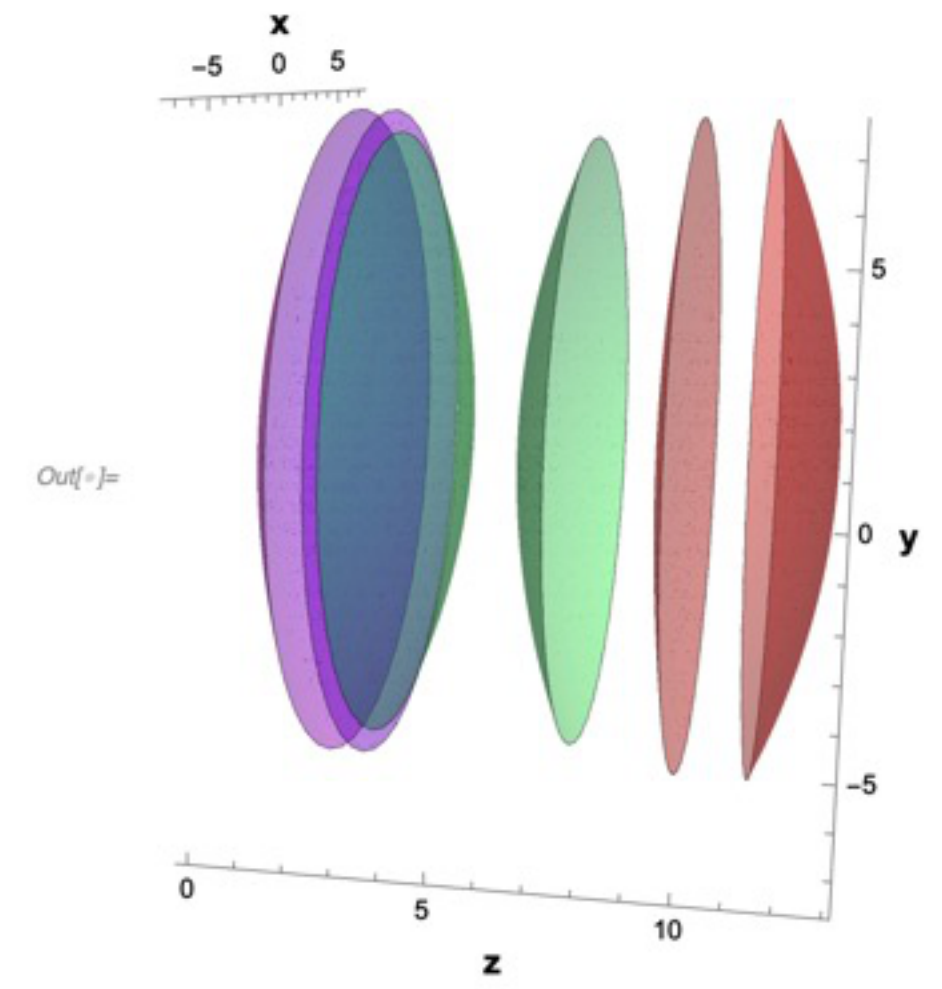
```
In[99]:= PlotSystem[os[[1 ;; 6]], SurfaceGroups -> {{1, 2}, {3, 4}, {5, 6}}]
```

x  
-5 0 5





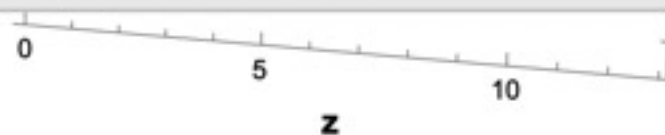
```
In[99]:= PlotSystem[os[[1 ;; 6]], SurfaceGroups -> {{1, 2}, {3, 4}, {5, 6}}]
```



```
In[100]:=
```

```
In[101]:=
```

```
In[102]:= Grid[RenderBox[1, {2, 2}], Dividers -> All]
```



In[100]:=

In[101]:=

In[102]:= `Grid[RandomReal[1, {2, 2}], Dividers → All]`

Out[ ]:=

0.130405	0.773566
0.968951	0.471584

In[103]:= `Grid[RandomReal[1, {2, 2}], Dividers → {{All, 2 → Red}, {All, 1 → Blue}}]`

Out[ ]:=

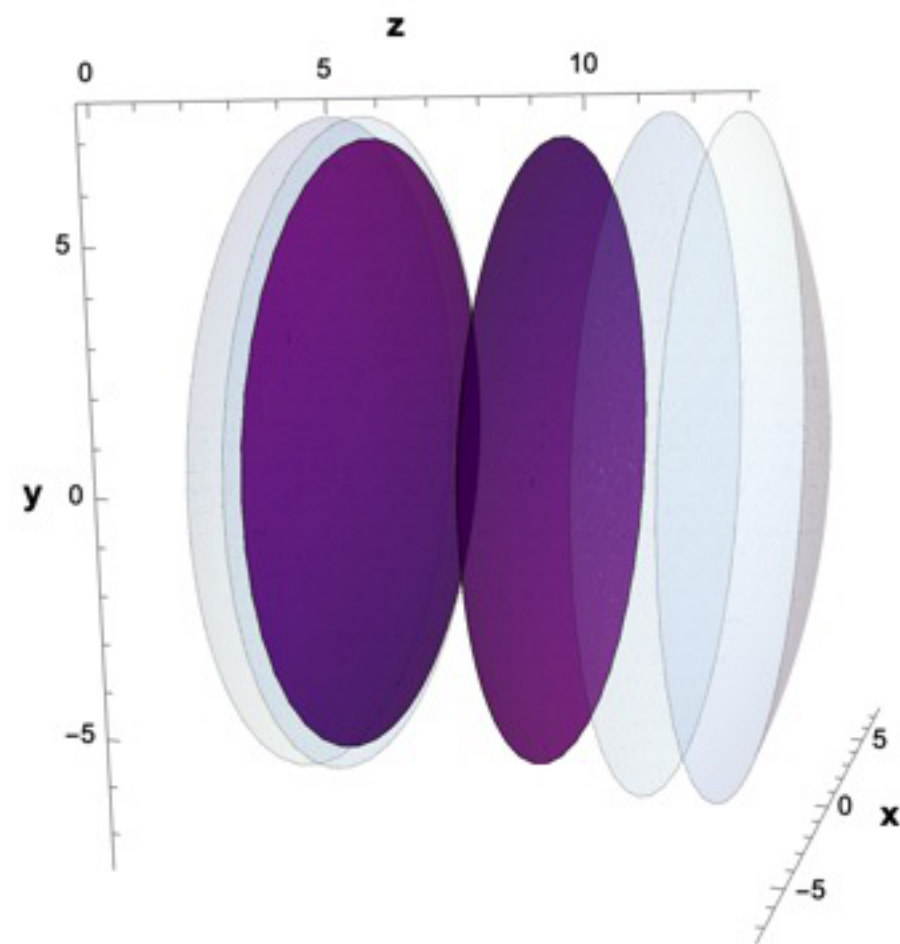
0.639211	0.989318
0.707121	0.362454

Why not use this input form for multi-surface plots?

In[104]:= `PlotSystem[os[[1 ;; 6]], SurfaceGroups → {{1, 2}, {3, 4}, {5, 6}},  
SurfaceStyle → {Directive[Purple, Opacity[0.8]], 1 → Opacity[0.2], 3 → Opacity[0.2]}]`

Why not use this input form for multi-surface plots?

```
In[104]:= PlotSystem[os[[1 ;; 6]], SurfaceGroups → {{1, 2}, {3, 4}, {5, 6}},  
SurfaceStyle → {Directive[Purple, Opacity[0.8]], 1 → Opacity[0.2], 3 → Opacity[0.2]}]
```



```
In[105]:=
```

## Style Lists

The style list is a list of instructions for the style of each part of the plot.

```
In[106]:= {groups, styles} = PlotSystemParams[os[[1 ;; 4]], SurfaceGroups -> {{1, 2}, {3, 4}}];
FormattedTable[Keys[styles[[1]]], Values /@ styles]
```

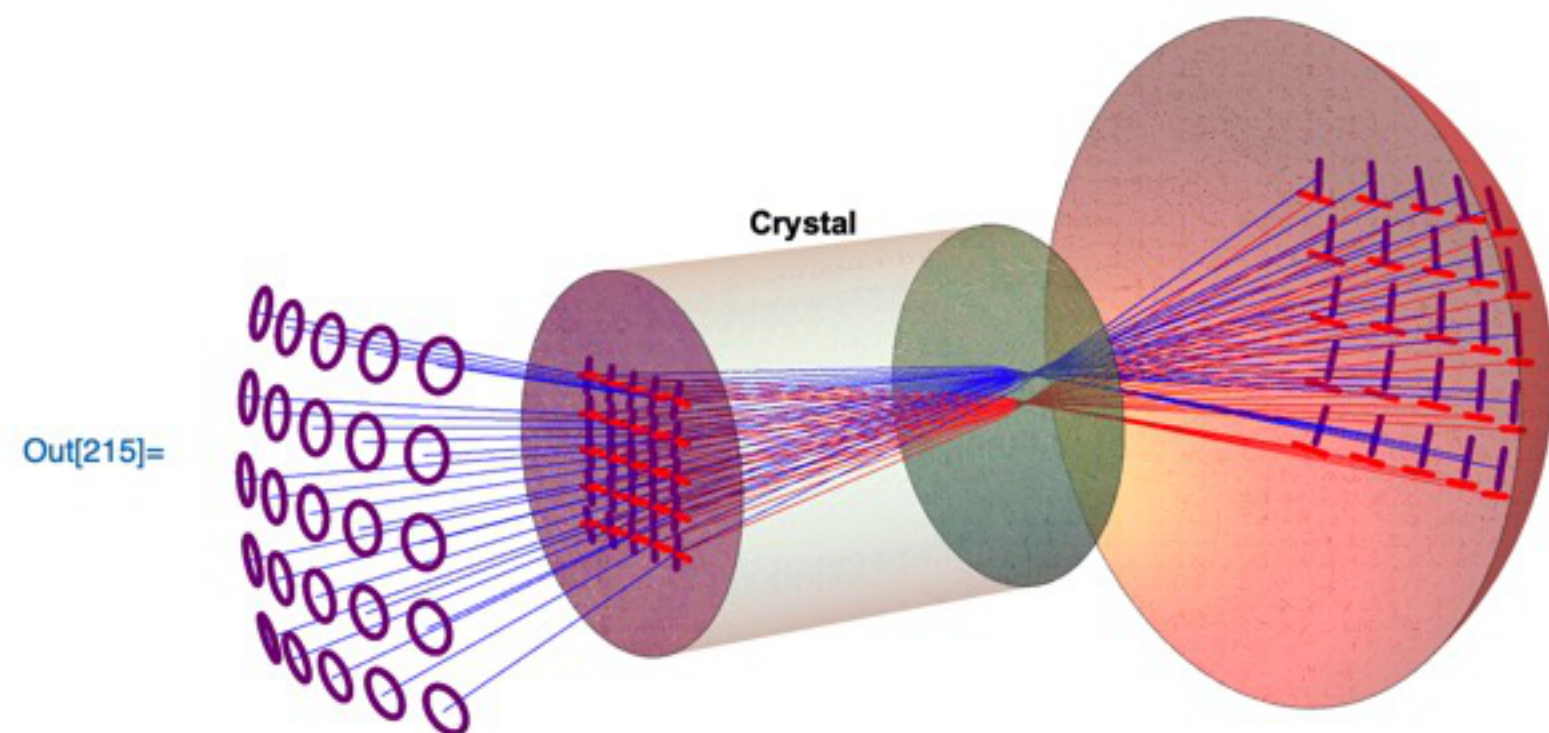
	SurfaceStyle	SurfaceStyleInherit	LineStyle	LineSt
	Directive[Glow[█], Opacity[0.4], Specularity[█, 10], █]	None	█	
Out[ ]:=	{}	1	{}	
	Directive[Glow[█], Opacity[0.4], Specularity[█, 10], █]	None	█	
	{}	3	{}	

We can use the style list to do even more specific styling tasks.

```
(* Plot *)
```

```
Show[label,
```

```
PlotSystem[groupedRays, crystal, RayStyleList → styles]]
```



Now, how do we deal with all of this data?

# Interactive Data Tables

## FormattedTable

```
In[85]:= heads = {"String", "Number", "Matrix", "List", "Label"};
data =
  Transpose@{{"apple", "banana", "orange", "pear", "tangerine", "persimmon", "pineapple",
    "prickly pear"}, RandomReal[1, 8], RandomReal[1, {8, 2, 2}], RandomReal[1, {8, 10}],
  {"Keeps the Doctor away", "Part of a healthy breakfast", "The color and the fruit",
  "A great shape to be", "Isn't that just another orange?",
  "Okay, you're just making things up now", "This one is not actually like an apple",
  "Desert pokey bois with good juice"}};
```

```
FormattedTable[heads, data]
```

String	Number	Matrix	List	Label
			( 0.0294918 )	

**FormattedTable[heads, data]**

Out[ ]=

String	Number	Matrix	List	Label
apple	0.560857	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.969355 & 0.410601 \\ 0.902506 & 0.40227 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.0294918 \\ 0.0898914 \\ 0.4497 \\ 0.452227 \\ 0.494272 \\ 0.503242 \\ 0.246522 \\ 0.177347 \\ 0.00142325 \\ 0.11999 \end{pmatrix}$	Keeps the Doctor away
banana	0.195707	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.473527 & 0.220787 \\ 0.245463 & 0.552219 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.915132 \\ 0.908592 \\ 0.694552 \\ 0.312436 \\ 0.812013 \\ 0.0256433 \\ 0.185176 \\ 0.266113 \\ 0.181368 \\ 0.358157 \end{pmatrix}$	Part of a healthy breakfast

In[89]:=

```
In[286]:= Manipulate[FormattedTable[heads, data,  
  Opts`RowOrientation → a0,  
  Opts`HeightLimit → b0,  
  Opts`ShowFullTable → c0,  
  Opts`MaxRowNumber → d0,  
  Opts`TrimDigits → e0,  
  Opts`RoundingPrecision → f0,  
  Opts`ClickToCopy → g0,  
  Opts`UseMatrixForm → h0,  
  Opts`UseMulticolumn → i0], {{a0, Horizontal, "RowOrientation"}, {Horizontal, Vertical}},  
{{b0, 0.7, "HeightLimit"}, {0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1}},  
{{c0, True, "ShowFullTable"}, {False, True}}, {{d0, 5, "MaxRowNumber"}, {3, 4, 5, 6}},  
{{e0, False, "TrimDigits"}, {False, True}}, {{f0, 4, "RoundingPrecision"}, {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}},  
{{g0, False, "ClickToCopy"}, {False, True}}, {{h0, False, "UseMatrixForm"}, {False, True}},  
{{i0, False, "UseMulticolumn"}, {False, True}}]
```



Out[286]=

RowOrientation Horizontal Vertical

HeightLimit 0.7

ShowFullTable

MaxRowNumber 3 4 5 6

TrimDigits

RoundingPrecision 2

ClickToCopy

UseMatrixForm

UseMulticolumn

String	Number	Matrix	List	Label
apple	0.31	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.45 & 0.35 \\ 0.5 & 1. \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.31 & 0.22 & 0.38 \\ 0.87 & 0.2 & 0.03 \\ 0.34 & 0.62 & \\ 0.44 & 0.34 & \end{pmatrix}$	Keeps the Doctor a
banana	0.6	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.54 & 0.82 \\ 0.42 & 0.57 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.93 & 0.41 & 0.95 \\ 0.26 & 0.95 & 0.69 \\ 0.59 & 0.08 & \\ 0.32 & 0.08 & \end{pmatrix}$	Part of a healthy bro
orange	0.55	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.79 & 0.21 \\ 0.66 & 0.88 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.18 & 0.23 & 0.26 \\ 0.06 & 0.08 & 0.04 \\ 0.42 & 0.65 & \\ 0.4 & 0.06 & \end{pmatrix}$	The color and the

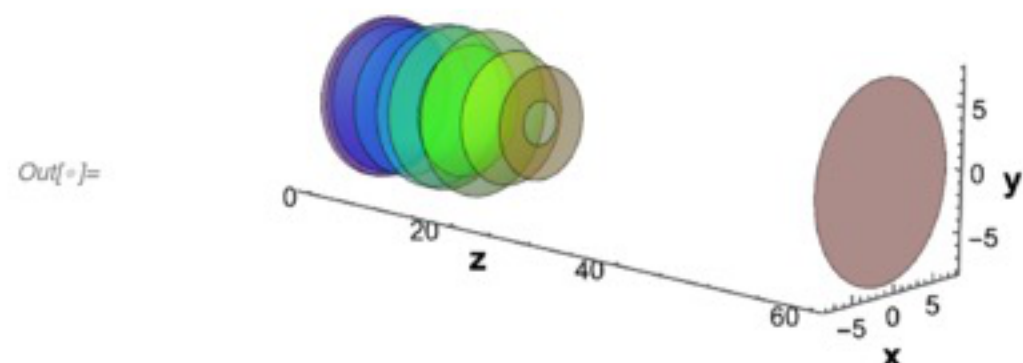
Left click an element to copy the full data to the clipboard.

In[91]:=

```
{{0.45111, 0.354491}, {0.498887, 0.998764}}
```

## PrintSystem

```
In[92]:= opticalSystem = Example Optical System + ;  
PlotSystem[opticalSystem]
```



```
In[96]:= PrintSystem[opticalSystem, CollapseNamedLists → True, UseInfoButtons → True, UseMatrixForm → False]
```

### Display Options

Geometric:

sys`v sys`a sys`shape sys`aperture

Identification:

sys`surfID sys`surfaceLabel

Material Information:

sys`material1 sys`material2 sys`coating

Interaction Mode:

sys`mode sys`surfaceScatter

surfID ⓘ

mode ⓘ

surfaceScatter ⓘ

surfaceLabel ⓘ

In[96]:= `PrintSystem[opticalSystem, CollapseNamedLists → True, UseInfoButtons → True, UseMatrixForm → False]`

Display Options

Geometric:

`sys`v` `sys`a` `sys`shape` `sys`aperture`

Identification:

`sys`surfID` `sys`surfaceLabel`













Material Information:

`sys`material1` `sys`material2` `sys`coating`

Interaction Mode:

`sys`mode` `sys`surfaceScatter`

Out[96]=

	surfID 	shape 	material1 	material2
Surface1	1	Sphere 	Air	const_{isotropic, {1.460
Surface2	2	Sphere 	const_{isotropic, {1.46096}}	air
Surface3	3	Sphere 	Air	const_{isotropic, {1.498
Surface4	4	Asphere 	const_{isotropic, {1.49800}}	air
Surface5	5	Sphere 	$\{Asphere, \frac{1}{100}, 3.5, \{0., 2.5 \times 10^{-6}, -1.25 \times 10^{-6}\}\}$	pic, {1.460
Surface6	6	Sphere 	const_{isotropic, {1.46096}}	air
Surface7	7	Sphere 	Air	const_{isotropic, {1.460
Surface8	8	Sphere 	Crystal 	air

# Stokes Vectors

In[287]:= StokesEllipticalSelect[]

$S_0$

$\psi$

$\epsilon$

DoP

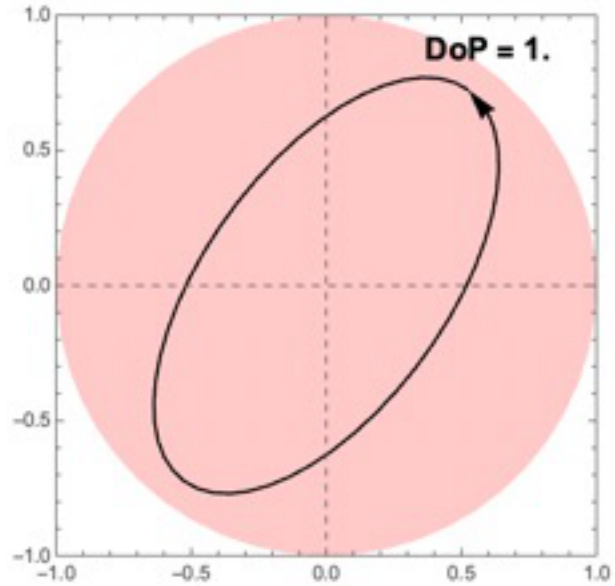
## Stokes Elliptical Select

$$\begin{pmatrix} S_0 \\ S_1 \\ S_2 \\ S_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1. \\ -0.19 \\ 0.57 \\ -0.8 \end{pmatrix}$$

[Copy result](#)

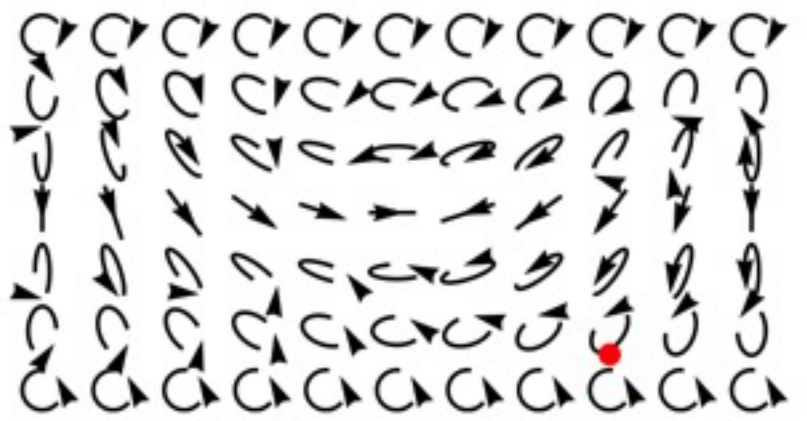
### Polarization State on Poincare Sphere

### Amplitude Polarization Ellipse



[Show ψ](#) [Show ε](#)

### Polarization State on Poincare Sphere



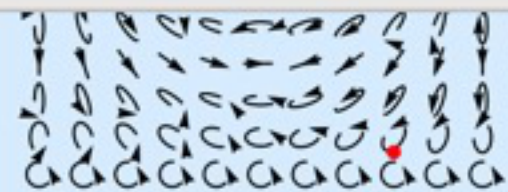
Out[287]=

In[76]=

```
In[288]:= StokesProperties[{1., -0.18541019662496827`, 0.5706339097770922`, -0.7999999999999997`}]
```

Stokes Properties					
Click Cell to Copy Value To Clipboard					
Property	Value				
Stokes Parameters	$\begin{pmatrix} S_0 \\ S_1 \\ S_2 \\ S_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1. \\ -0.19 \\ 0.57 \\ -0.8 \end{pmatrix}$				
Amplitude Polarization Ellipse					
Polarization State on 2D Poincare Map					
Flux, $S_0$	1.				
Major Axis Orientation $\psi$	<table style="border: none;"> <tr> <td>radians</td> <td>degrees</td> </tr> <tr> <td><math>0.3\pi</math></td> <td><math>54.^\circ</math></td> </tr> </table>	radians	degrees	$0.3\pi$	$54.^\circ$
radians	degrees				
$0.3\pi$	$54.^\circ$				

Out[288]=



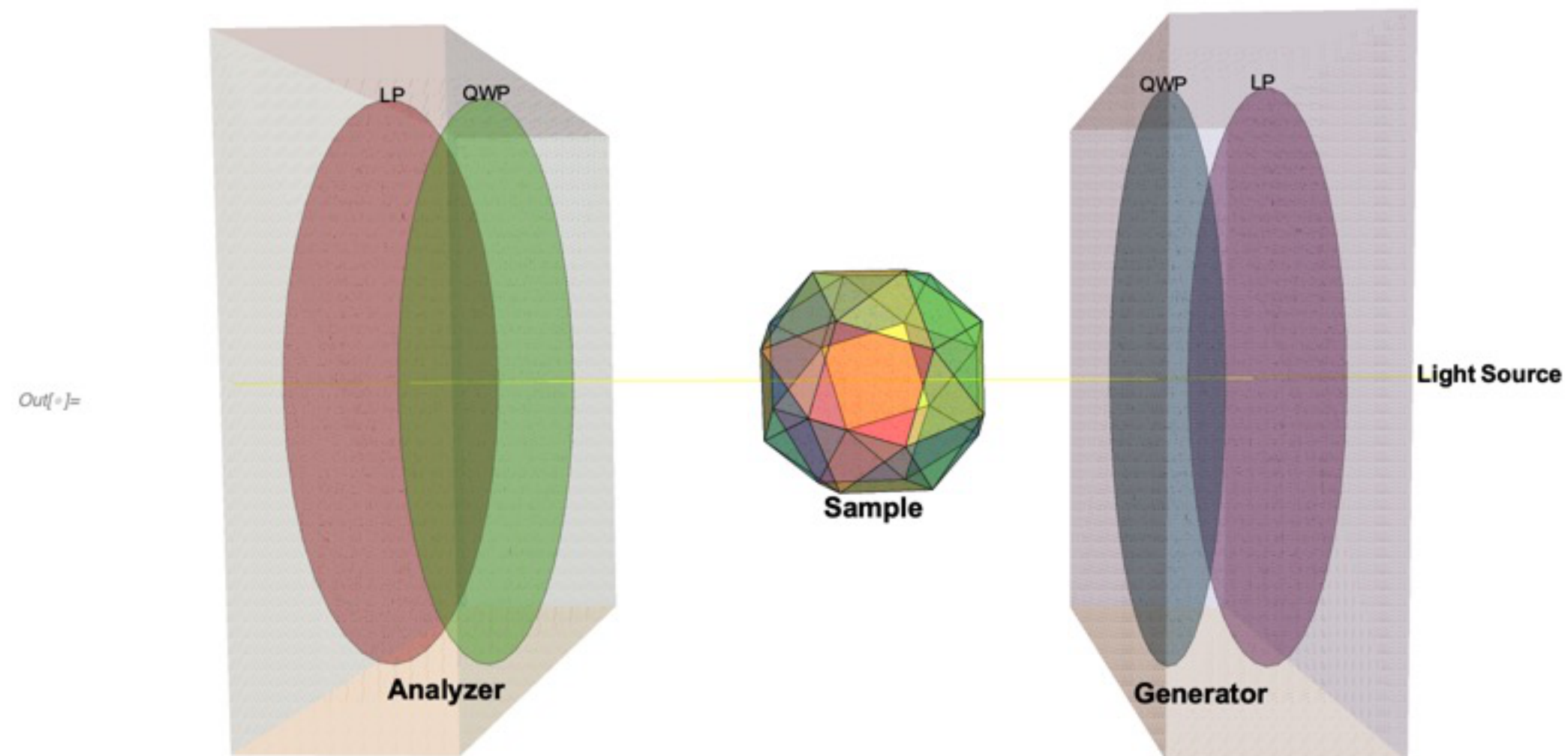
Out[288]=

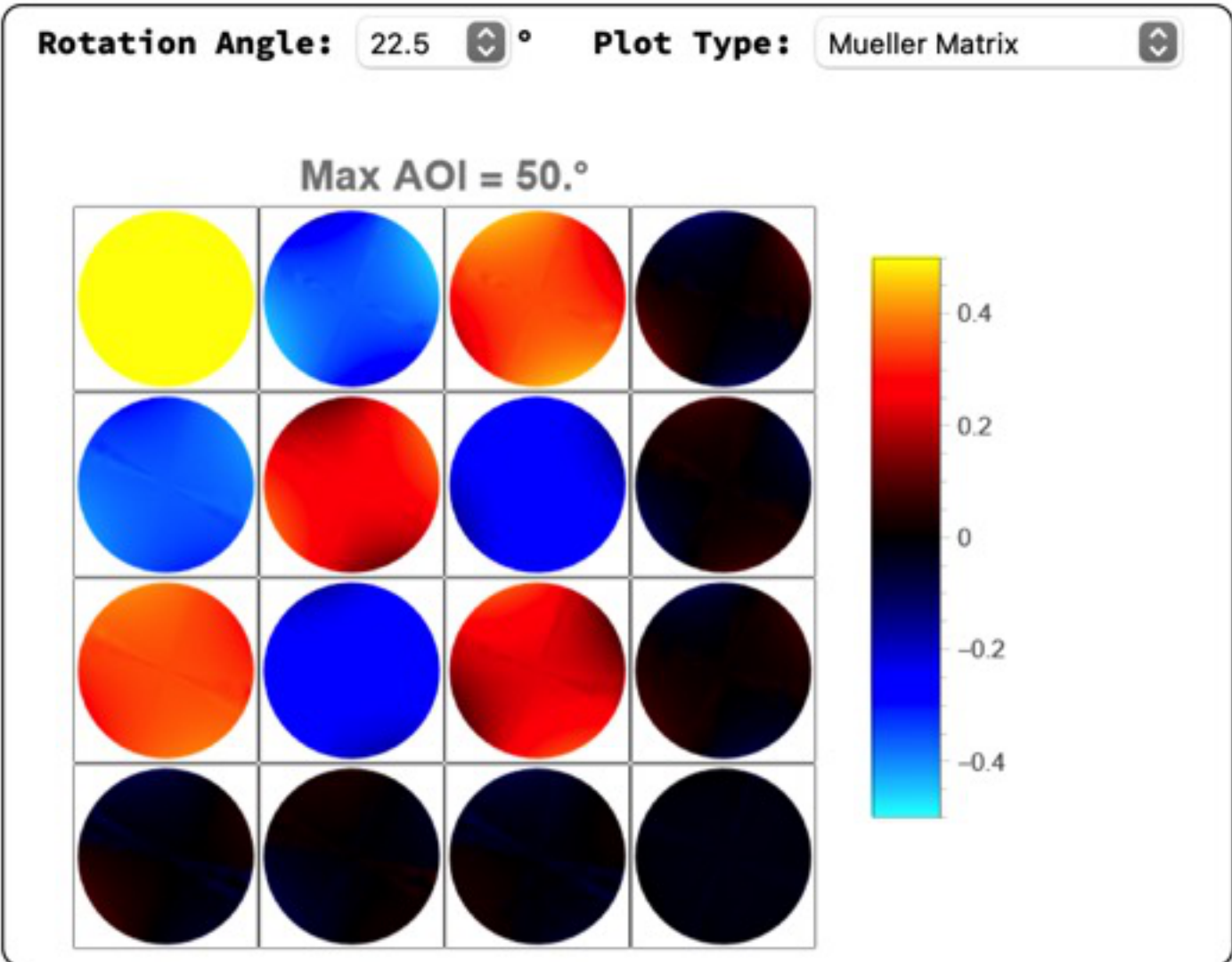
Polarization State on 2D Poincare Map					
Flux, $S_\theta$	1.				
Major Axis Orientation $\psi$	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>radians</td> <td>degrees</td> </tr> <tr> <td><math>0.3\pi</math></td> <td><math>54.^\circ</math></td> </tr> </table>	radians	degrees	$0.3\pi$	$54.^\circ$
radians	degrees				
$0.3\pi$	$54.^\circ$				
Ellipticity	-0.5				
Degree of Polarization	1.				
Degree of Linear Polarization	0.6				
Degree of Circular Polarization	-0.8				
Polarized Flux Vector	$\begin{pmatrix} I_H \\ I_V \\ I_{45} \\ I_{135} \\ I_L \\ I_R \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.41 \\ 0.59 \\ 0.79 \\ 0.21 \\ 0.1 \\ 0.9 \end{pmatrix}$				
Jones Vector	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Cartesian</td> <td>Polar</td> </tr> <tr> <td><math>\begin{pmatrix} 0.64 \\ 0.45 + 0.63 i \end{pmatrix}</math></td> <td><math>\begin{pmatrix} 0.64e^{i0.3\pi} \\ 0.77e^{i0.3\pi} \end{pmatrix}</math></td> </tr> </table>	Cartesian	Polar	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.64 \\ 0.45 + 0.63 i \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.64e^{i0.3\pi} \\ 0.77e^{i0.3\pi} \end{pmatrix}$
Cartesian	Polar				
$\begin{pmatrix} 0.64 \\ 0.45 + 0.63 i \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.64e^{i0.3\pi} \\ 0.77e^{i0.3\pi} \end{pmatrix}$				
semi-major and semi-minor axis length	$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.69 \\ 0.45 \end{pmatrix}$				

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# Analyzing Real Polarization Data

Spreadsheets full of measured polarization data can be visualized and analyzed in a single view.





Out[ ]=



# Conclusion

Mathematica's capabilities for interactivity have helped us provide faster analysis to our customers in visually engaging ways, contributing substantially to the development of the next generation of AR/VR headsets as well as many other exciting applications.

Questions?