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Polarized Photoelectrons from Converging Vector Waves

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We investigate the photoelectron spin characteristics when hydrogenic ions are centro-symmetrically irradiated with converging vector waves — a non-paraxial form of structured light. A photon with given total angular momentum j and azimuthal mode number m generates photoelectrons with both helicities, in contrast to the fixed helicity produced by left- or right circularly polarized light. The angular distribution of the degree of polarization is broadly tunable through the radiation mode numbers, and the opposite helicities can be extracted in synchronism.

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