

## Splicing exponential point spread function design for localization of nanoparticles: supplement

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In the field of particle three-dimensional positioning, the Double-helix point spread function (DH-PSF) is often used, so we compare our SE-PSF with various DH-PSFs in supplementary materials. In comparison, we choose three different Double-helix point spread functions, as follows,

$2\pi$ -DH-PSF[1]. The  $2\pi$ -DH-PSF is based on the Fresnel zone design, and it can rotate by  $2\pi$  radians, which is twice the rotation angle of the conventional DH-PSF.

Distorted Grating And Double-Helix Point Spread Function Combination Microscopy (DDCM)[2]. DDCM is a method of combining distortion grating with DH-PSF, which can generate three main diffraction orders, and further expand the detectable axial range of DH-PSF.

Combined DH-PSF[3]. Clemens Roeder used a special optical system to combine two single-helix PSFs into a DH-PSF, which rotates the DH-PSF by  $2\pi$  radians

Under the same axial detection range ( $10\mu\text{m}$  in  $100\times$  microscopy imaging system,  $\text{NA}=1.4$ ,  $\lambda=514\text{nm}$ ), we compared the three-dimensional localization precision of the SE-PSF ( $\alpha=40$ ,  $\beta=0.35$ ), the  $2\pi$ -DH-PSF, the DDCM, and the Combined DH-PSF. In the calculation, we set the detected number of photons as 3000, set the average background noise  $B$  as 15, and add Gaussian noise and Poisson noise as interference.

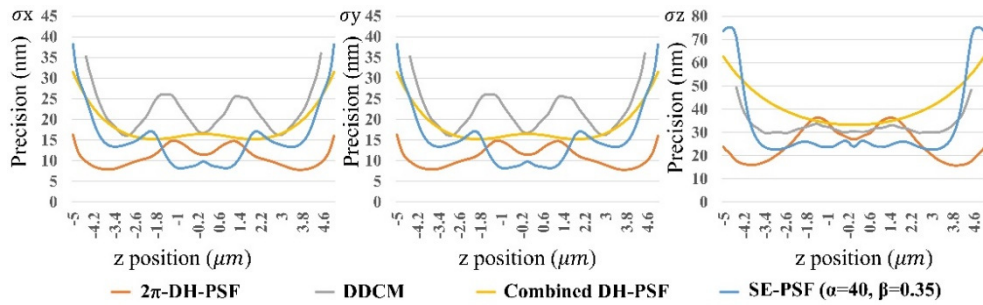


Fig. S1. Comparison of the localization precisions.

As shown in Fig. S1, the three-dimensional localization precisions of SE-PSF are significantly better than that of the DH-PSFs in the middle part, but at both ends, its three-dimensional localization precisions are lower than that of the  $2\pi$ -DH-PSF. Compared with the DDCM and the Combined DH-PSF, the SE-PSF performs better in three-dimensional localization precisions but has shortcomings in comparison with the  $2\pi$ -DH-PSF.

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