

$$L = q \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

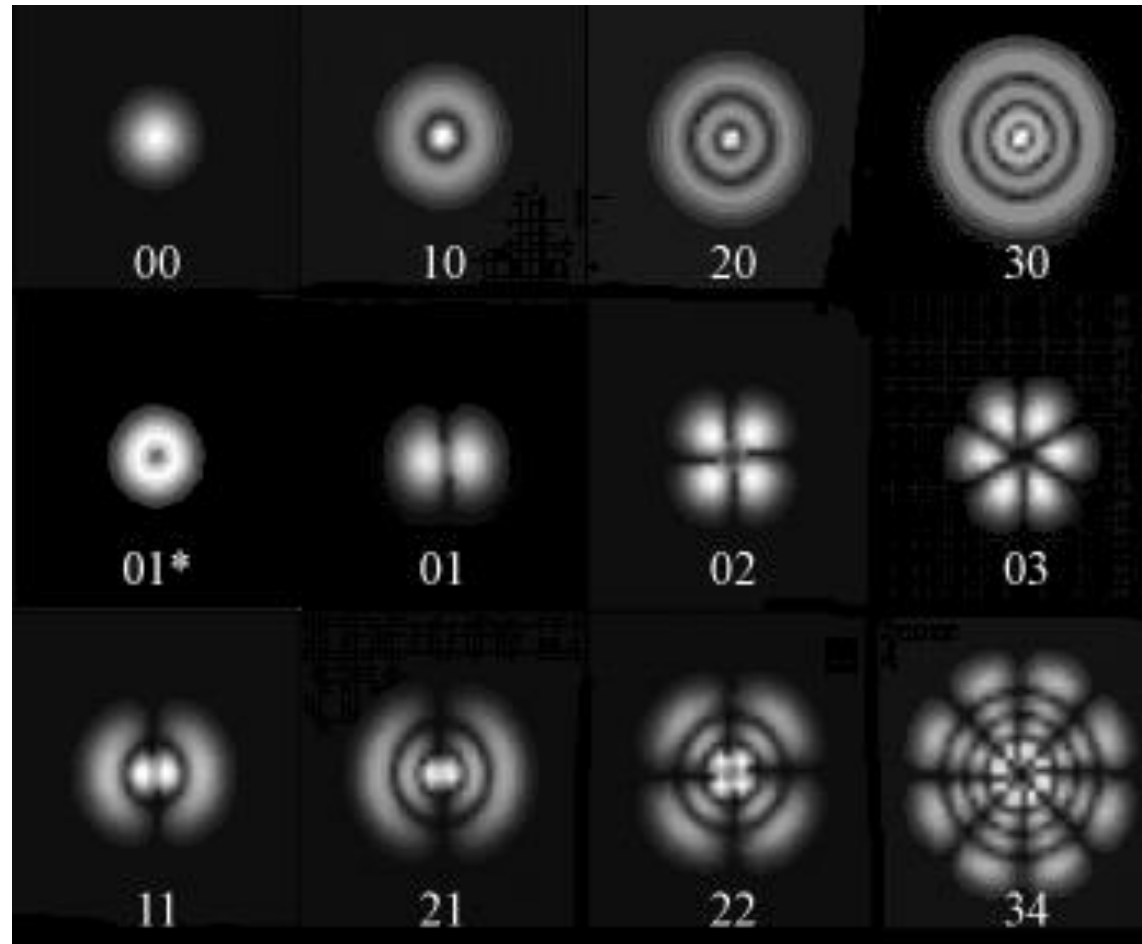
$$\Delta \nu = \frac{c}{2L}$$

## *Transversal Modes of a Laser Cavity (Cylindrical symmetry)*

**Gaussian beam profile with a Laguerre polynomial.**

$$I_{pl}(r, \phi) = I_0 \rho^l [L_p^l(\rho)]^2 \cos^2(l\phi) e^{-\rho}$$

where  $\rho = 2r^2/w^2$ , and  $L_p^l$  is the associate Laguerre polynomial of order  $p$  and index  $l$ .  $w$  is the spot size of the mode corresponding to the Gaussian beam radius.



### *Transversal Modes of a Laser Cavity (Rectangular symmetry)*

In many lasers, the symmetry of the optical resonator is restricted by polarizing elements such as Brewster's angle windows. In these lasers, transverse modes with **rectangular symmetry** are formed.

These modes are designated  $\text{TEM}_{mn}$  with  $m$  and  $n$  being the horizontal and vertical orders of the pattern. The intensity at point  $x, y$  is given by:

$$I_{mn}(x, y) = I_0 \left[ H_m \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}x}{w} \right) \exp \left( \frac{-x^2}{w^2} \right) \right]^2 \left[ H_n \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}y}{w} \right) \exp \left( \frac{-y^2}{w^2} \right) \right]^2$$

where  $H_m(x)$  is the  $m$ th order Hermite polynomial.

