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**Adaptation of Gerchberg-Saxton algorithm**  
**to aberration measurement of high-aperture optical systems**

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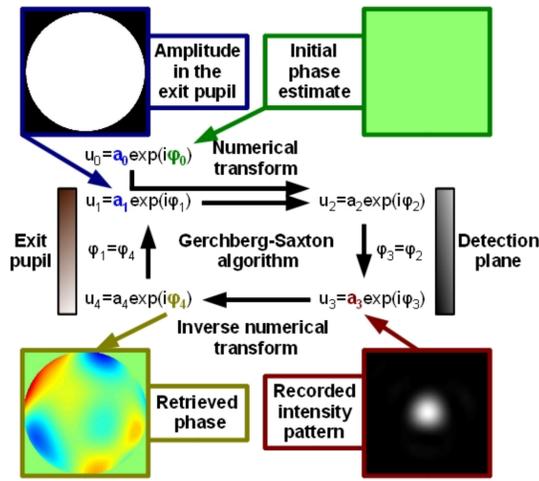
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**Introduction:** Gerchberg-Saxton (GS) algorithm allows the phase reconstruction of light from detected intensity patterns without using any additional optics. In this paper, various adaptations of GS algorithm applicable to the aberration measurement of high-aperture objectives are discussed.

**Methods**

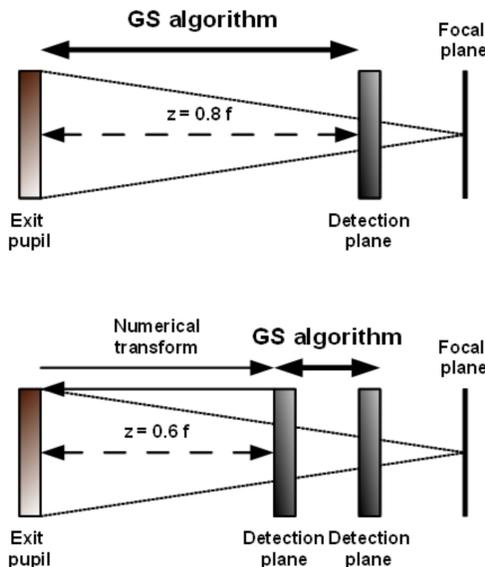
**Principle of the GS algorithm**

The GS algorithm uses the intensity spot acquired in the detection plane and the retrieved phase in the exit pupil of the tested objective is obtained as the result of the iteration process [1].



**Paths of the GS algorithm**

Two different paths of the GS algorithm are studied.



**Numerical transform**

Fast Fourier transform is used for calculation of free space propagation of light. The angular spectrum is multiplied by transfer function  $H$  [2].

$$u_2 = \text{IFFT}\{H \cdot \text{FFT}\{u_1\}\}$$

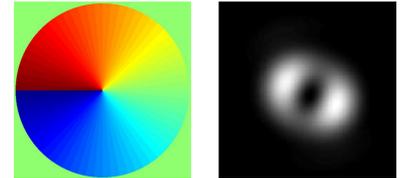
$$u_4 = \text{IFFT}\{H \cdot \text{FFT}\{u_3\}\}$$

$$H = \exp\left[i2\pi \frac{z}{\lambda} \sqrt{1 - \lambda^2 (f_x^2 + f_y^2)}\right]$$

**Spiral phase modulation**

Spiral phase modulation in the exit pupil was examined as the initial phase constraint [3].

$$t(\varphi) = \exp(im\varphi)$$



**Zernike polynomials**

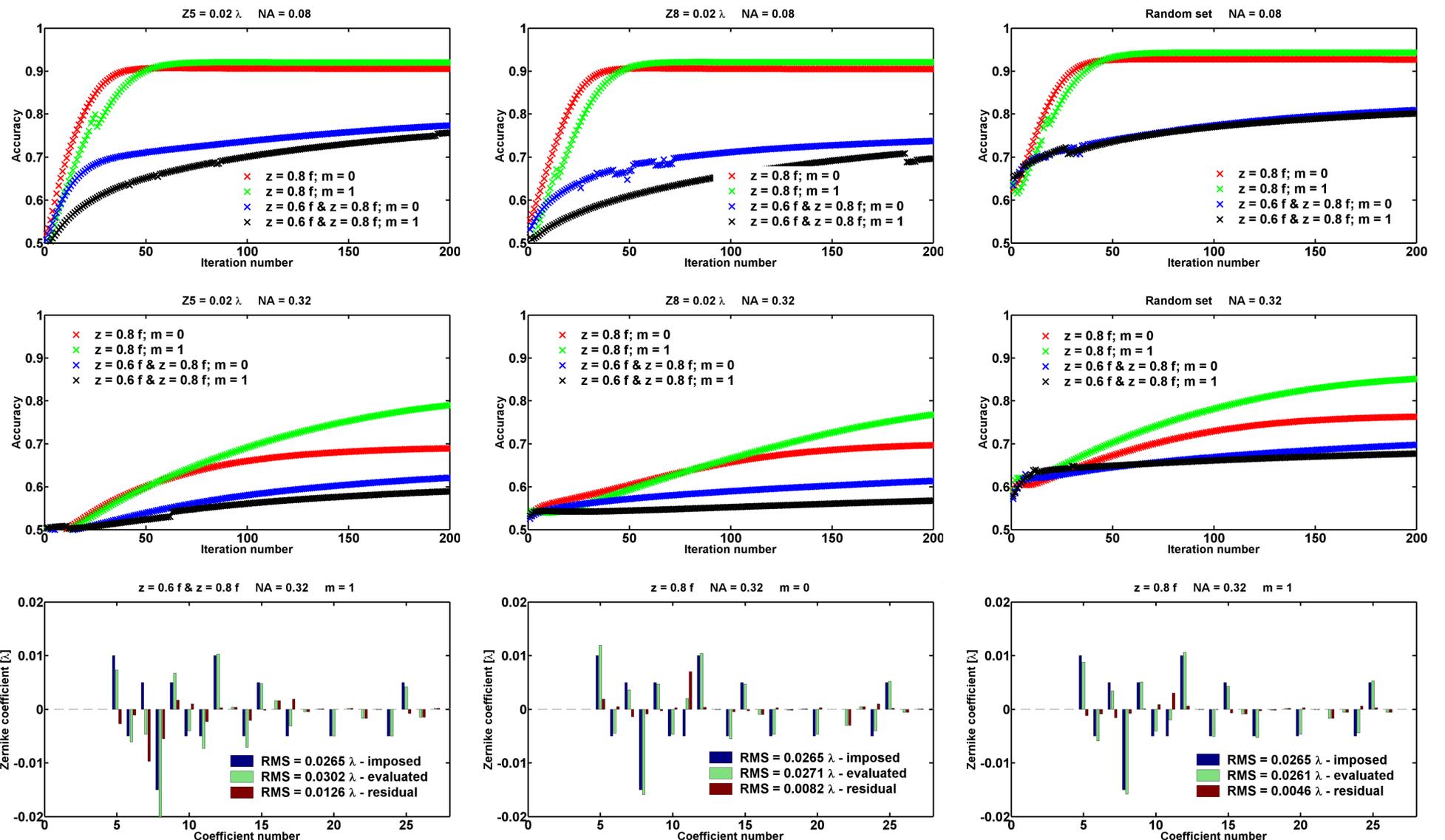
Zernike polynomials are used for the quantification of wavefront deformation [4]. Accuracy coefficient  $E$  is defined for the evaluation of the iteration process.

$$E = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n |Z_j^1|^2}}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n |Z_j^1|^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n |Z_j^2 - Z_j^1|^2}}$$

$$W(\rho, \varphi) = \sum_{j=1}^{28} Z_j Z p_j(\rho, \varphi)$$

$$\text{RMS} = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n |Z_j|^2}$$

**Results**



**Conclusions:** The aberration measurements of high-aperture lenses based on the adapted GS algorithm are presented. The defocused diffraction patterns and the initial spiral phase constraint are examined as modification of the GS algorithm used for the wavefront reconstruction.

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