

Wavefront control for high contrast imaging

Exo-planet imaging workshop

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Purpose of this lecture: wavefront sensing and control

This lecture is **not** an exhaustive review of all the concepts / instruments that have been proposed / are being built to address this problem .

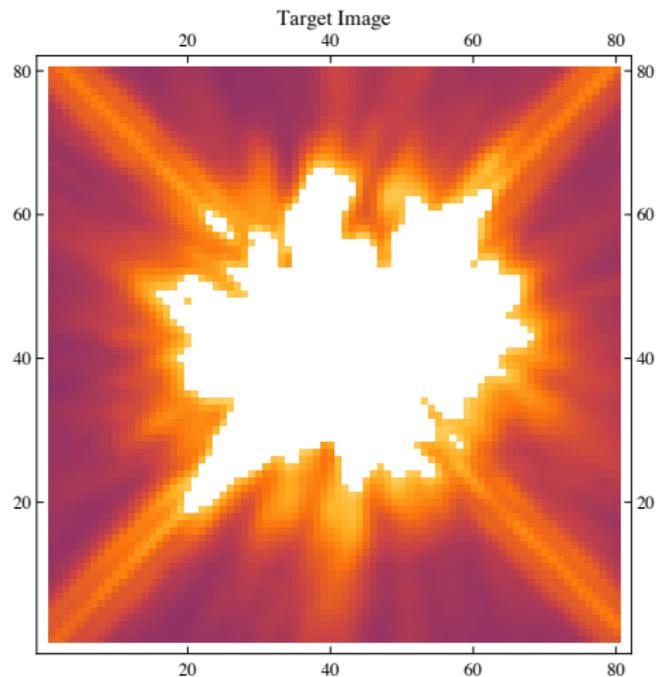
This lecture is an attempt to look at wavefront control from the angle of the post-processing.

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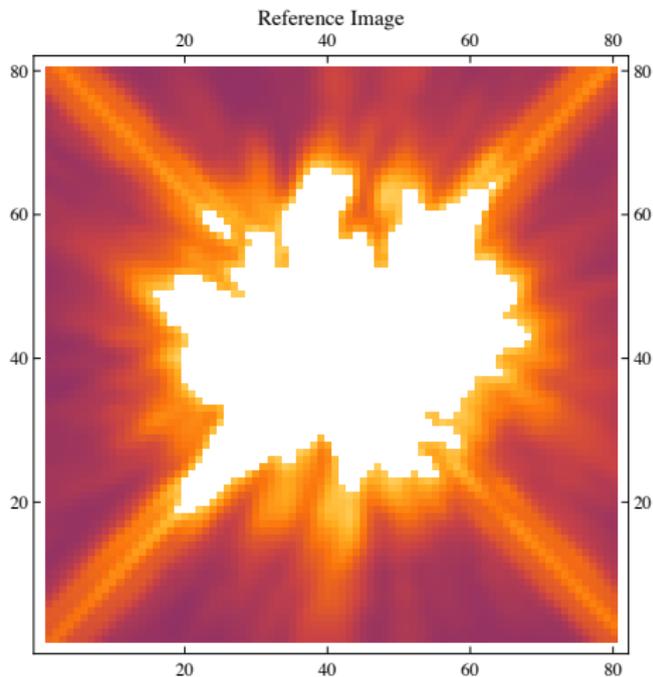


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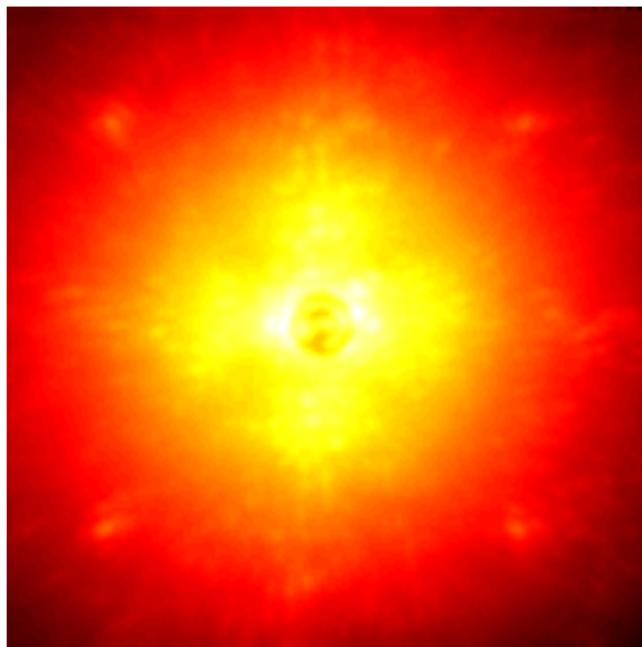
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From the ground: Project 1640 PSF.

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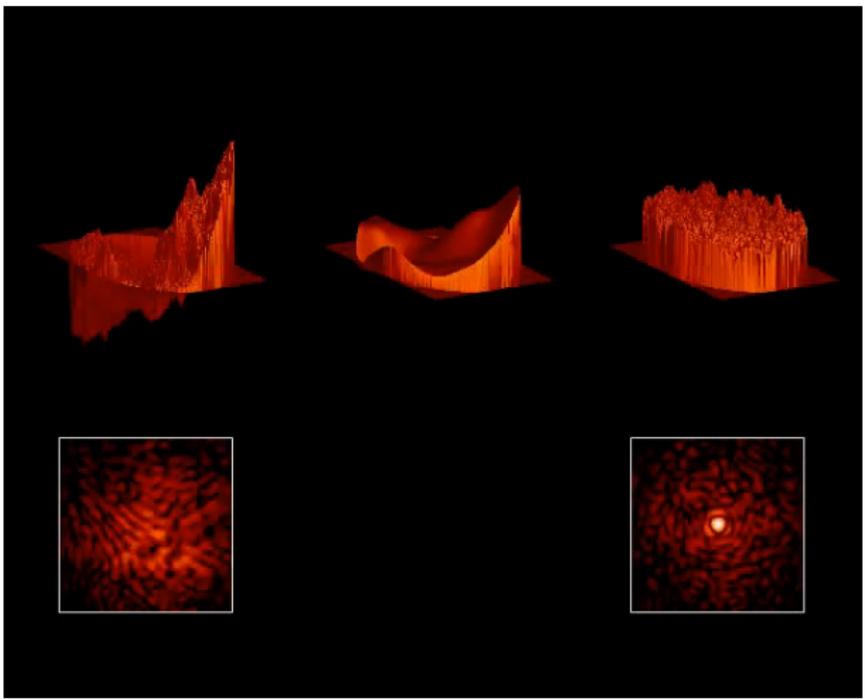


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AO and wavefront control

Courtesy of B. Oppenheimer



Orders of magnitude for wavefront sensing and control

Time constants

- ① **From the ground:** Speckles de-correlate in a matter of minutes \sim exposure time, the correction has to occur during a science observing sequence.
- ② **From space:** Speckles de-correlate in a matter of hours $\sim >$ exposure time, sensing can occur between observing sequences.

Contrast and non-common path

- ① **From the ground:** Self-luminous Jupiters, contrast $\sim 10^7$.
- ② **From space:** Reflected light earth-like planets, contrast $\sim 10^{10}$.
- ③ These constraints drive optical design: minimize the number of optics between the wavefront sensor and the science camera.

Underlying principle: interferences

The goal is to measure the wavefront but an images is the square modulus of the field

$$I = |a e^{i\phi}|^2$$

Solution: add a set of **known** wavefront disturbance in the plane of the camera

$$I_k = |a e^{i\phi} + b_k e^{i\psi_k}|^2$$

$$I_k = a^2 + b_k^2 + 2ab_k \cos(\phi - \psi_k)$$

Inverse problem

Solve for the ϕ , and a if needed, based on the know disturbances (b_k, ψ_k) .

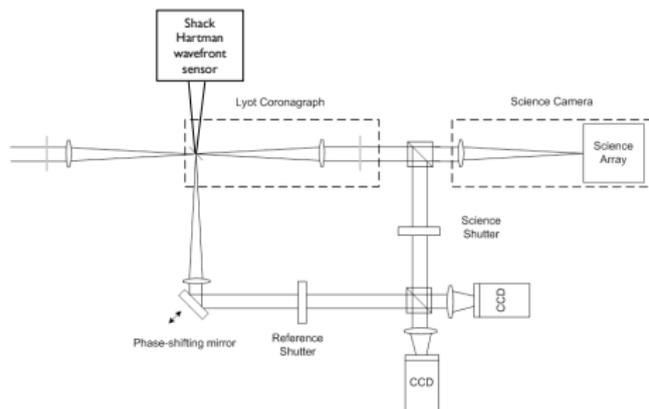
Depending on the configuration (b_k, ψ_k) might not be well known: modeling can play a crucial part in the wavefront sensing problem.

Trade-offs

Choosing the a wavefront sensing architecture is a trade-off between: the contrast constraint, time dependence constraint, and sensitivity to modeling.

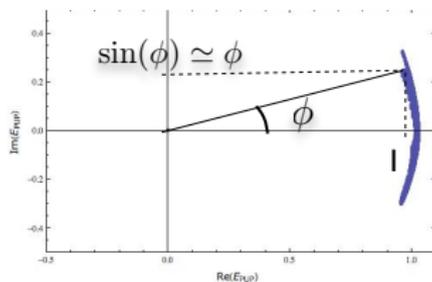
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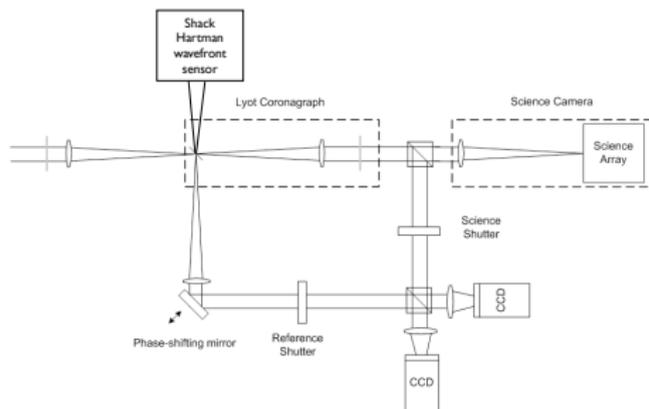
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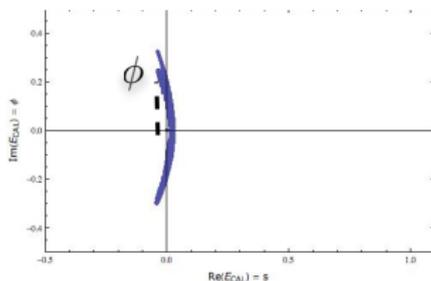
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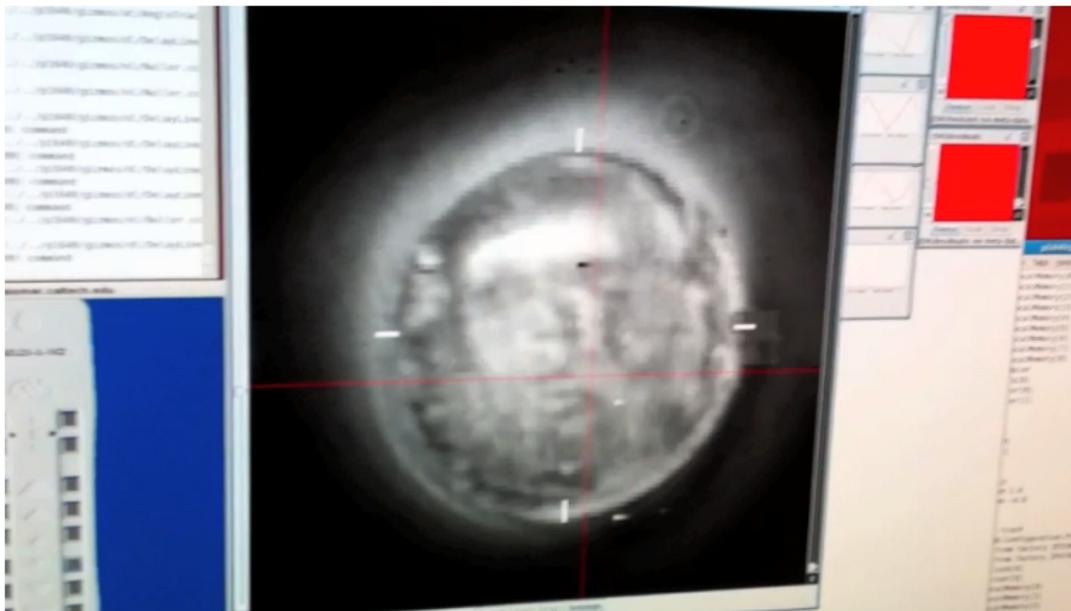
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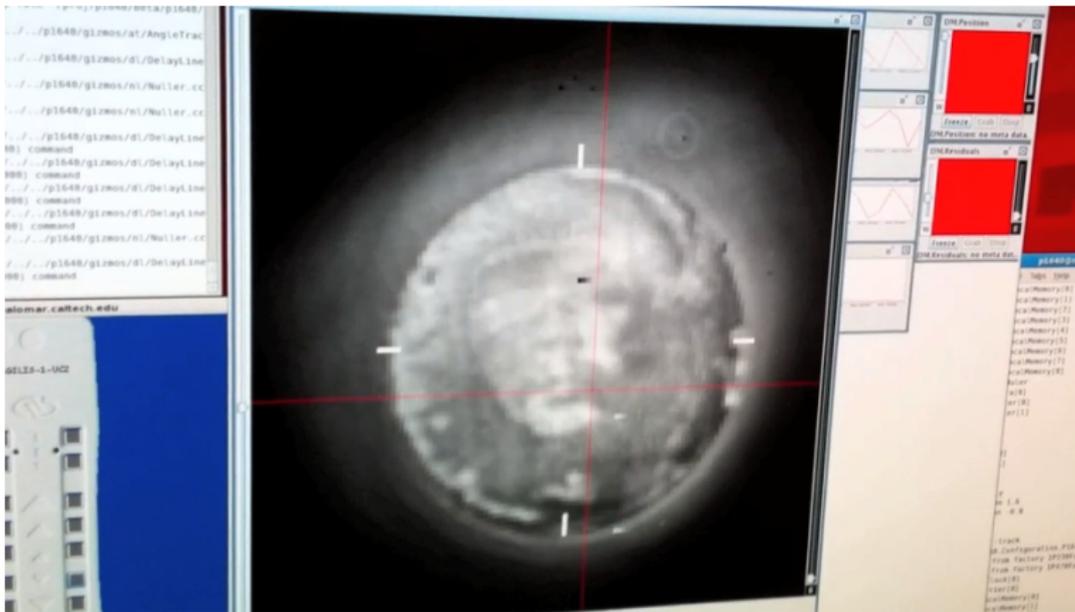
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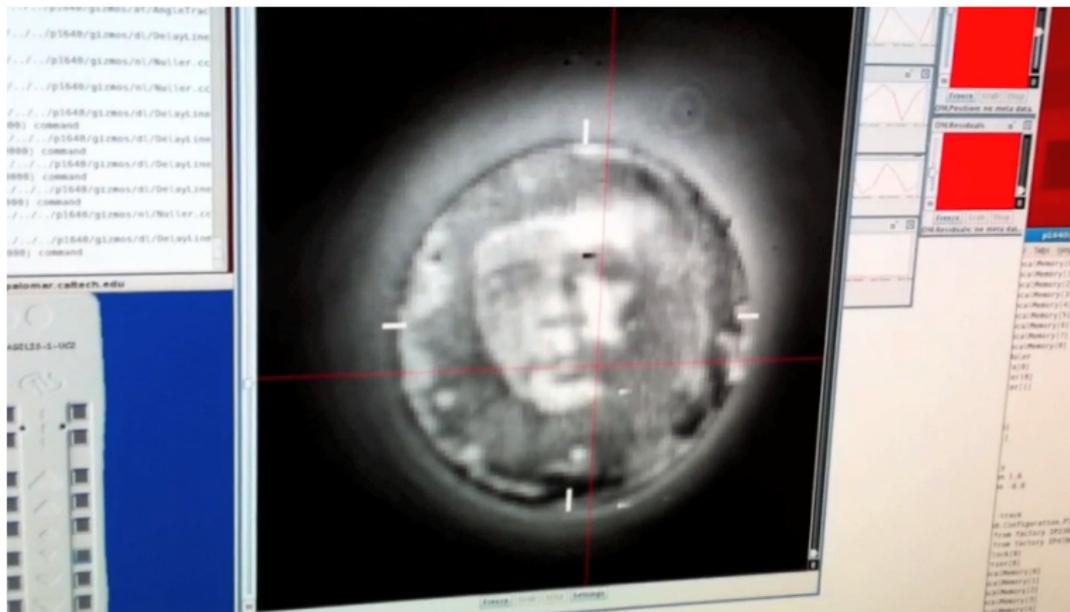
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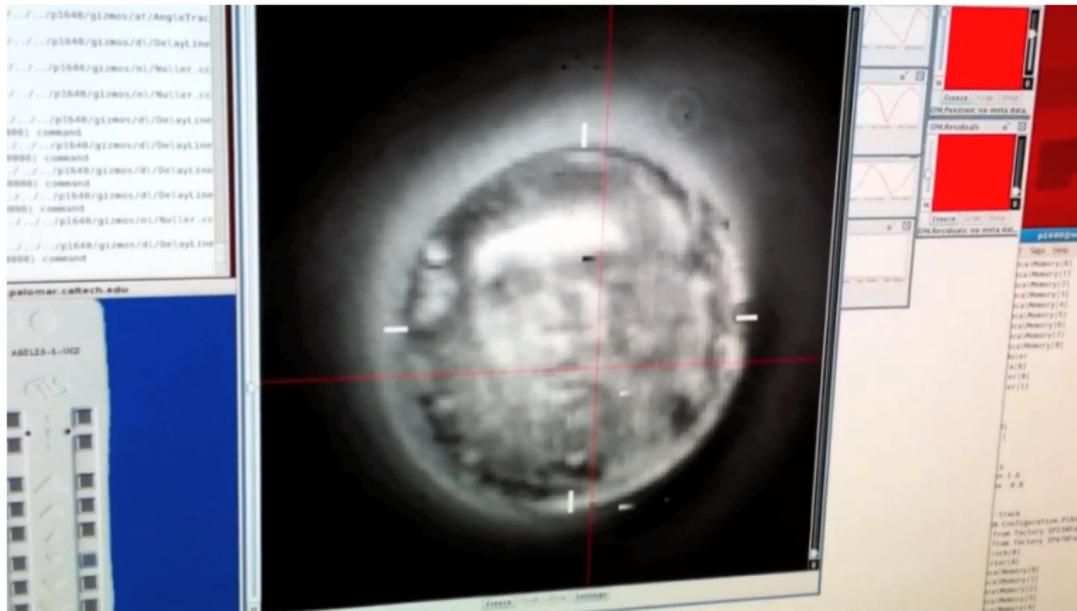
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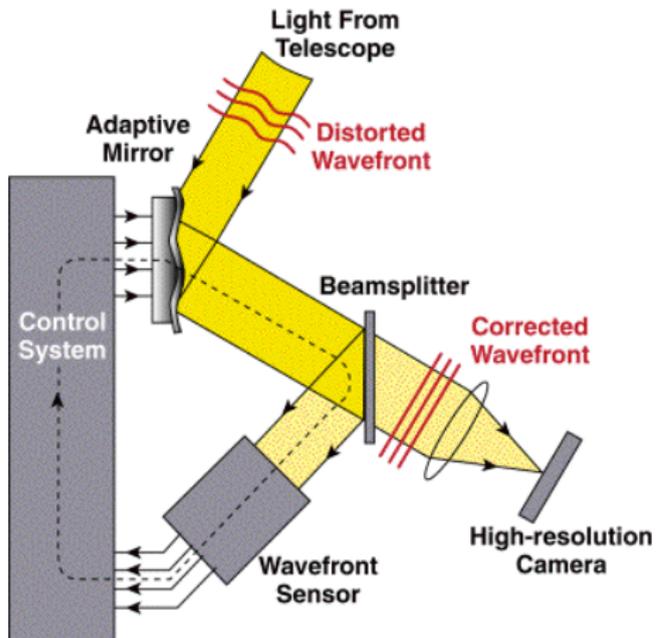
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Focal plane sensing

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Trade Offs

- ① Sensing cannot occur during a science exposure: good for space based with long time constants.
- ② No non-common path errors.
- ③ *Usually we do not know perfectly DM actuators to focal plane transfer function, sensitive to modeling.*

The light at the science camera is interfered with a tiny amount of light scattered by the DM.

Focal plane sensing in practice

The field at the camera is a non-linear function of the voltages:

$$E_{cam}(\xi, \eta) = \mathcal{G}(V_1, \dots, V_n, \dots, V_N)$$

We discretize the focal plane in and linearize this function:

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Modelling tools

The modeling tools presented in the previous lecture are critical to compute a “G” matrix that is accurate enough.

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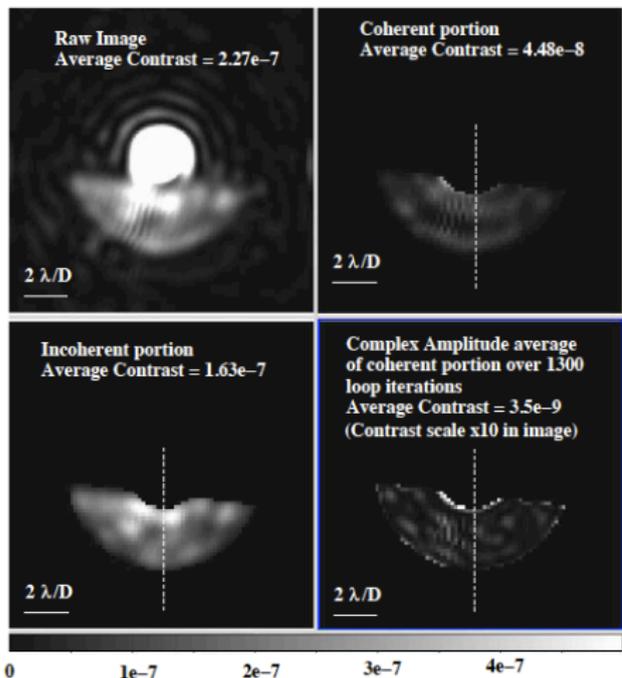
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$$I_k = |E_{abb}|^2 + |\mathbf{G}\mathbf{V}_k|^2 + 2 * \text{Re}(E_{abb} \mathbf{G}\mathbf{V}_k)$$

- 2 We solve for $(\text{Re}[E_{abb}], \text{Im}[E_{abb}])$ for each point in the focal plane array.

Focal plane sensing as a detection method

Guyon et al. (2010)



- 1 A planet is not coherent with the starlight.
- 2 It does not interfere with the light from the probes.
- 3 The signal from a planet does not appear in the coherent estimate.

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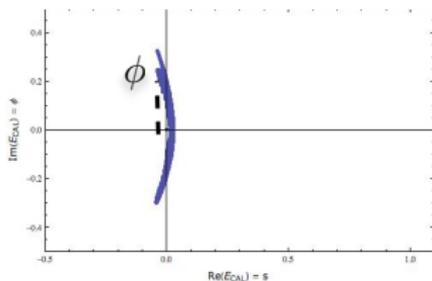
- In general any information on the structure of the aberration can be included in a detection algorithm.
- However the speckles are not fully deterministic, so this approach will be limited by photon noise.
- For this reason we try to suppress these speckles coherently.

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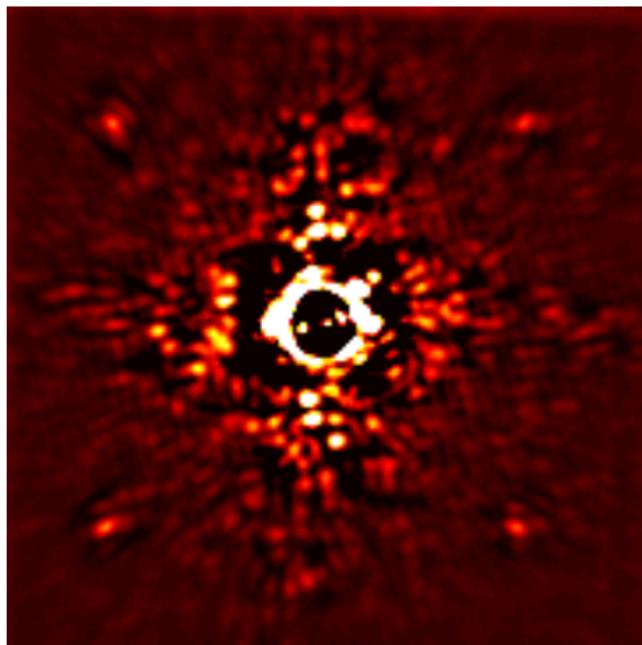
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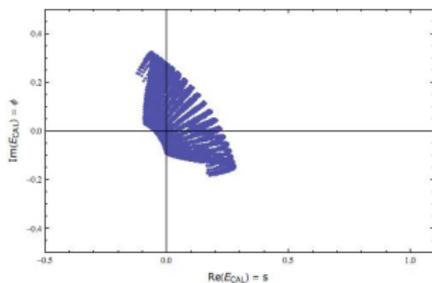


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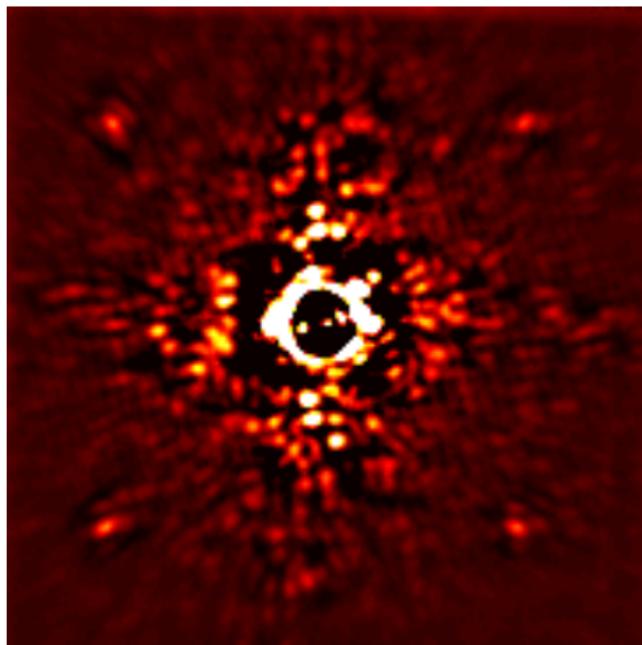


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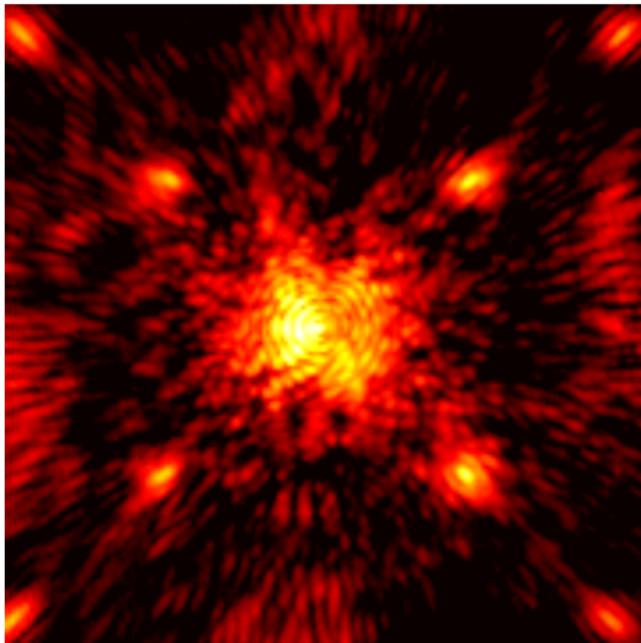


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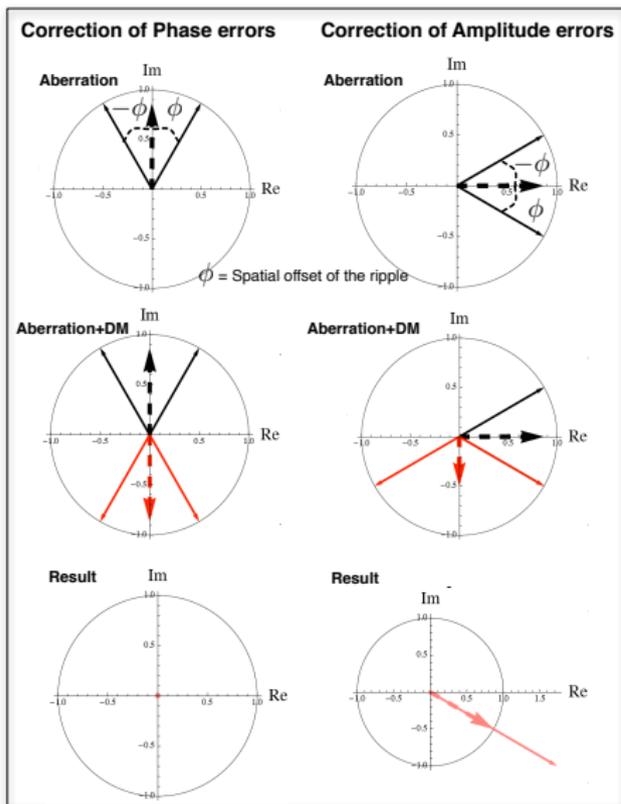
P1640, Courtesy of G. Vasisht.

Residual speckles are amplitude

- Amplitude errors arise from reflectivity non uniformities and free space propagation of phase errors, Pueyo and Kasdin (2007).
- Deformable Mirror is a phase only actuator.
- Even if the interferometer can measure amplitude the Deformable Mirror cannot “fully” correct such errors.



Half dark hole, theory



The field after the coronagraph or at the image plane can be written under the linear approximation as:

$$(1+r)e^{i\phi} \simeq 1+r+i\phi$$

- Amplitude in the plane of the Deformable Mirror creates an hermitian pattern in the image plane.
- Phase in the plane of the Deformable Mirror creates an anti-hermitian pattern in the image plane.
- Phase on the Deformable Mirror can correct for half of the amplitude errors
- This leads to a dark hole only on one side of the optical axis.

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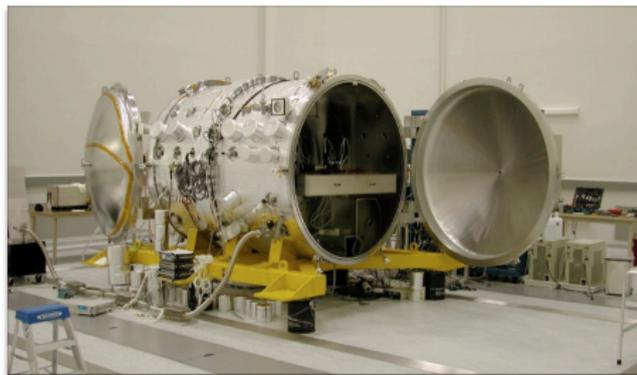
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High Contrast Imaging Testbed, JPL



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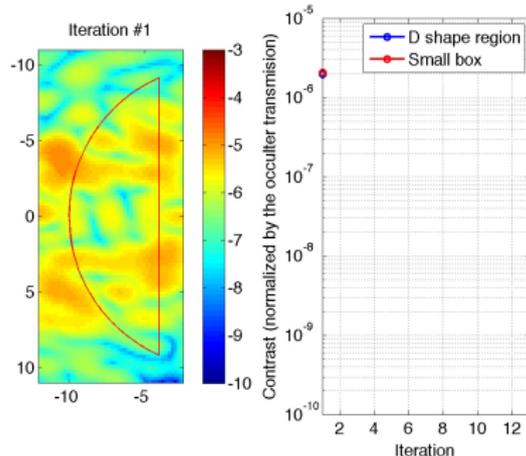
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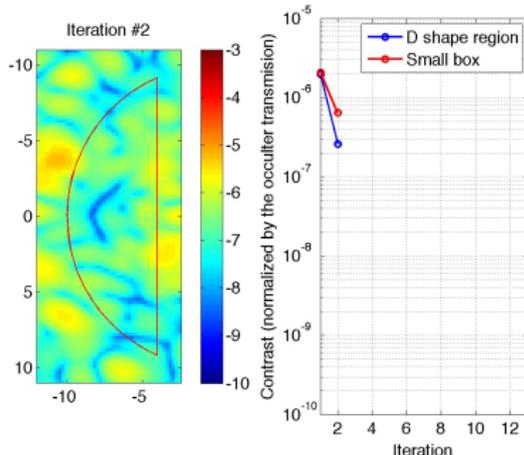
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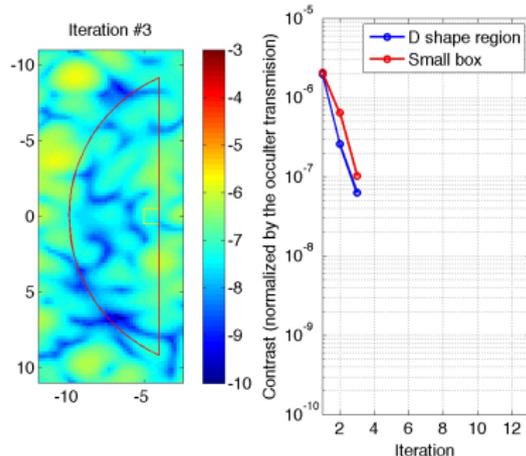
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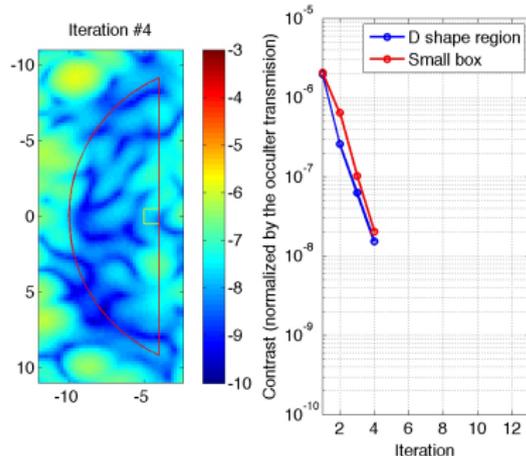
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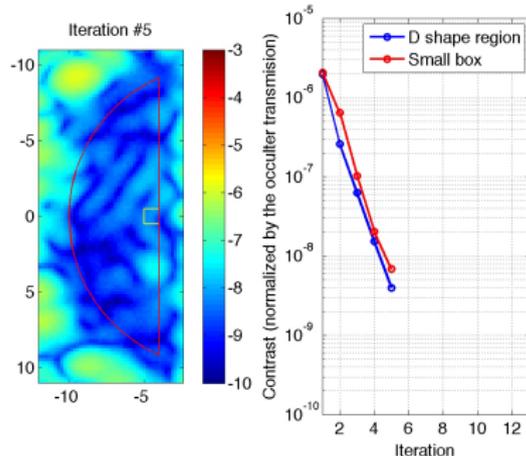
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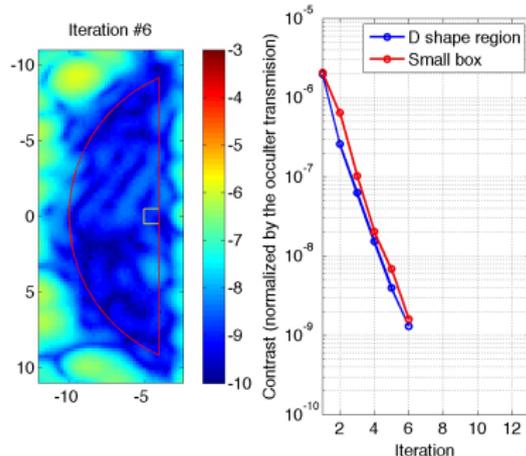
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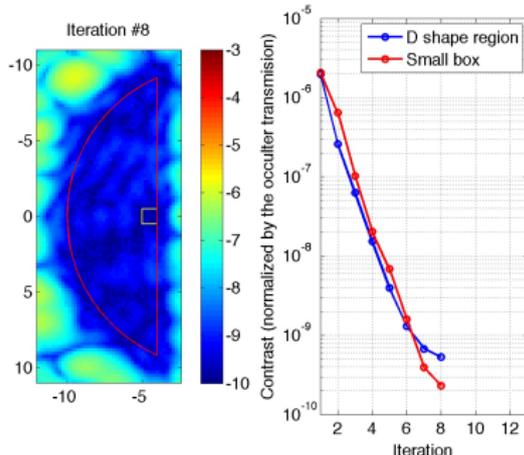
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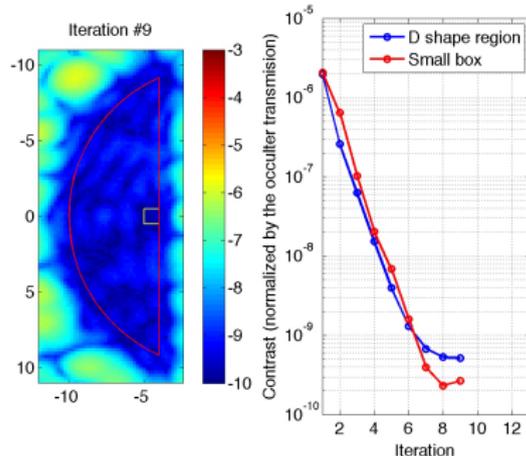
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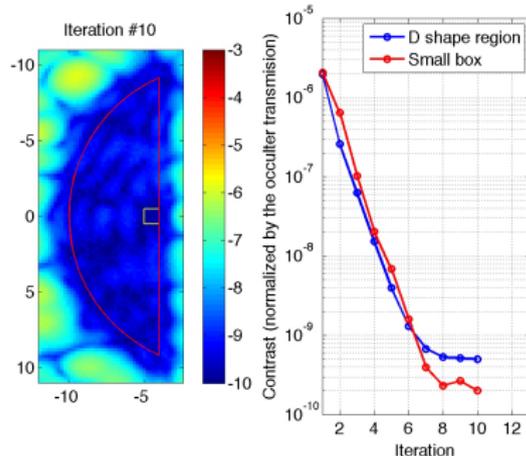
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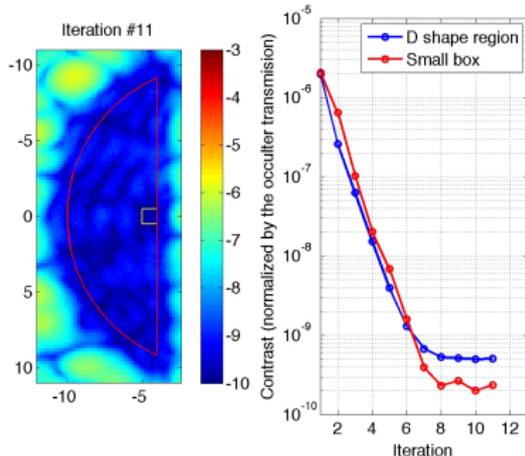
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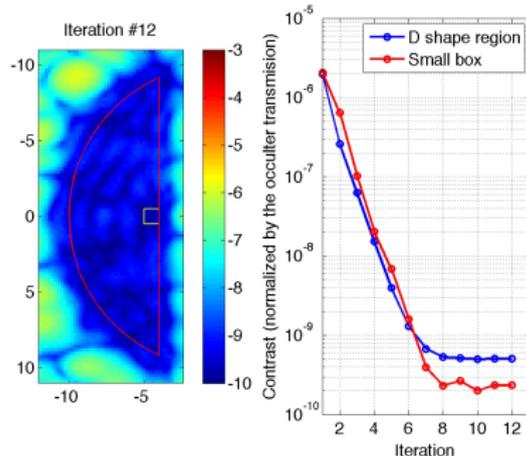
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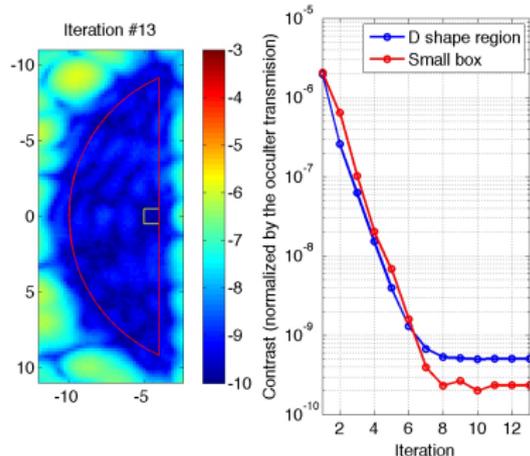
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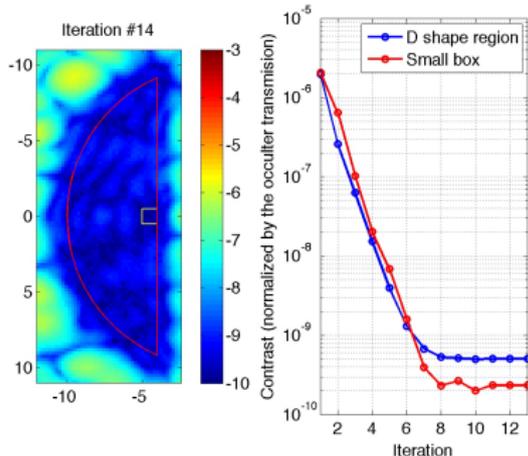
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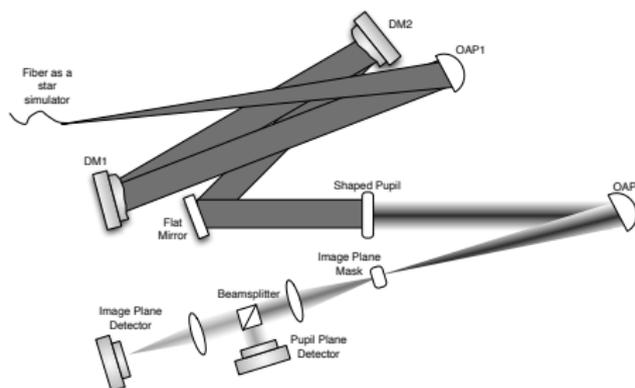
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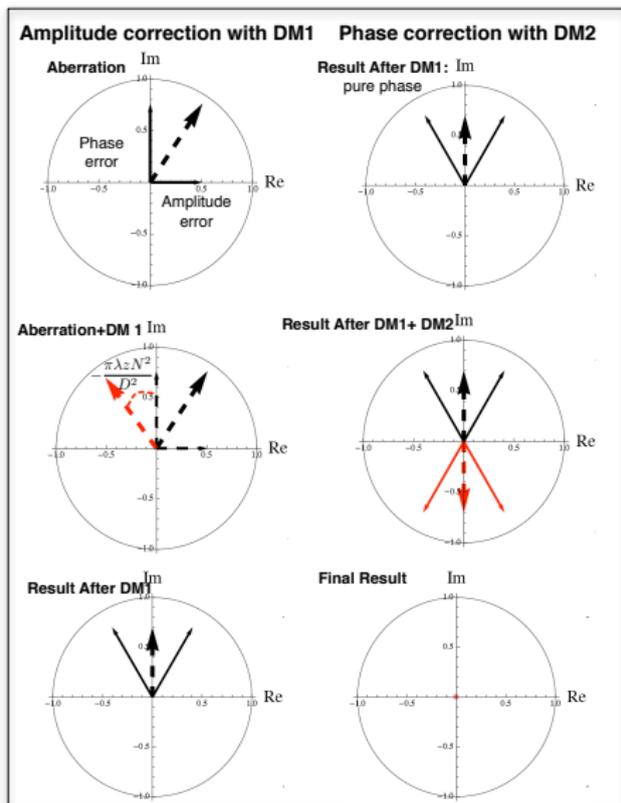
Use two deformable mirrors in series

One of the deformable mirrors is not placed at a conjugate of the pupil.



Weak coupling

The coupling between phase and amplitude is weak, a large phase deformation is needed to create a small amplitude term.



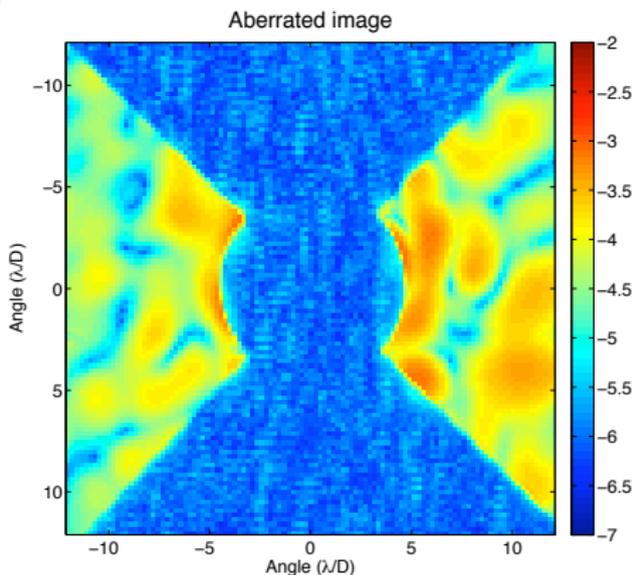
Model based correction

We calculate G_{DM1} and G_{DM2} using a high fidelity model and concatenate them in a $2N$ dimensional G .

- ① We estimate $(\text{Re}[E_{abb}^{\lambda_p}], \text{Im}[E_{abb}^{\lambda_p}])$ for a series of wavelength λ_p in the bandpass.
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- ③ Since the coronagraph suppresses the low order modes, the linear problem associated with this minimization is ill-posed.
- ④ We proceed through a careful inversion that seeks to minimize the surface deformations of the DM to circumvent the weak coupling.
- ⑤ We iterate.



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Correction methodology

- At a given iteration we choose a target contrast.
- We estimate $(\text{Re}[E_{abb}^{\lambda_p}], \text{Im}[E_{abb}^{\lambda_p}])$ for a series of wavelength λ_p in the bandpass.
- **Minimize** $\sum_k |V_k^{(1)}|^2 + |V_k^{(2)}|^2$ **under the constraint** $\sum_p I^{\lambda_p} < 10^C$: use the two DMs to correct the amplitude part.
- In this case the intensity in the Dark Hole is still a quadratic form

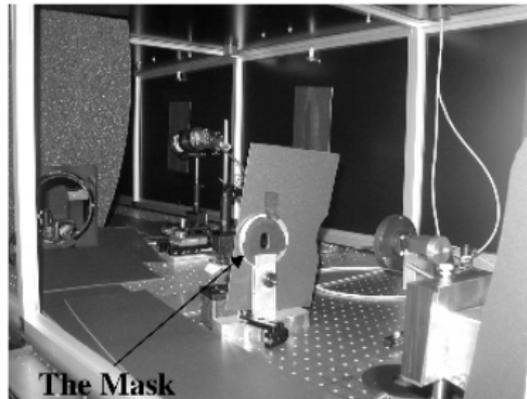
$$I^{\lambda_p} = \sum_p \left(\frac{2\pi\lambda_0}{\lambda_p} \right)^2 [\mathbf{V}_1 \ \mathbf{V}_2] \begin{bmatrix} M_{11}^{(\lambda_p)} & M_{12}^{(\lambda_p)} \\ M_{12}^{(\lambda_p)} & M_{22}^{(\lambda_p)} \end{bmatrix} [X_1 \ X_2]^T \\ + 2 \frac{2\pi\lambda_0}{\lambda_p} [\mathbf{V}_1 \ \mathbf{V}_2] \cdot \Im([b_1^{(\lambda_p)} \ b_2^{(\lambda_p)}]^T)$$

Where the M 's are the self correlation of the G^{λ_p} 's with themselves and b 's are the correlation of the G^{λ_p} 's with $(\text{Re}[E_{abb}^{\lambda_p}], \text{Im}[E_{abb}^{\lambda_p}])$

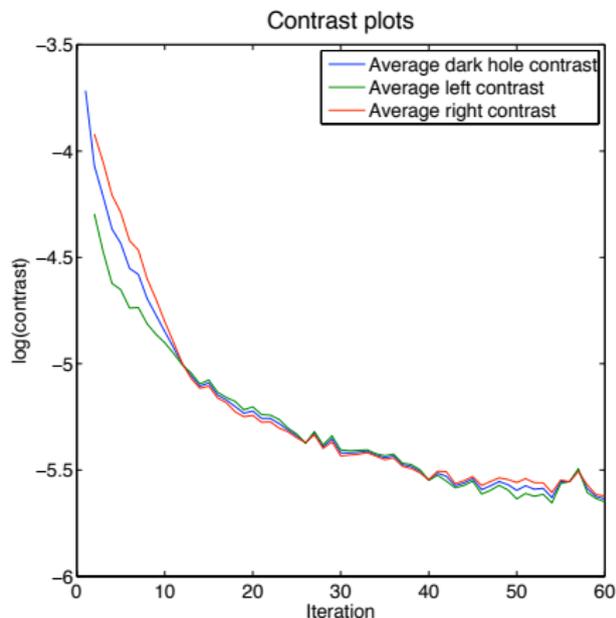
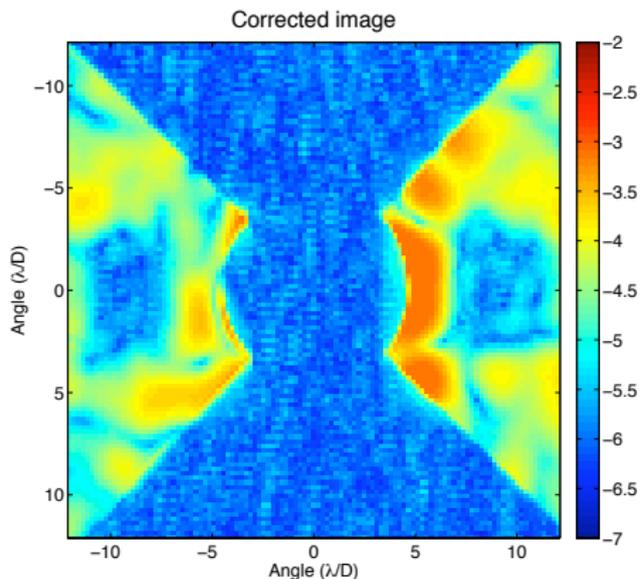
- Once the correction has been applied we iterate to a lower contrast target. This ensures convergence.

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Convergence is slower because of the extra care with which the weak coupling was treated.

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Wrap up

Wavefront correction changes chromaticity

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Whether one or two Deformable mirrors are used, various weights are given to wavelength in the correction.

The wavefront control makes the speckles smaller but much more chromatic and thus a lot harder to model in order use chromaticity priors for detection.

Wavefront sensing is an “optical solution” of the detection problem

For focal plane wavefront sensing: if the speckles can be perfectly estimated at a given contrast, then a planet can be detected at that contrast.

For non focal plane sensing: the estimate can be used to inform the detection algorithm about the potential PSF structures due to aberrations.

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