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Vortex beam characterization in terms of Hypergeometric- Gaussian modes

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ABSTRACT:

Q-plates are commonly used for uncomplicated generation of polarization controlled vortex beams. Here we show experimentally that the output is not a pure vortex but rather a Hypergeometric-Gaussian mode. Results are in good agreement with theory.