



# Perfect Optical Vortex to Produce Controllable Spot Array

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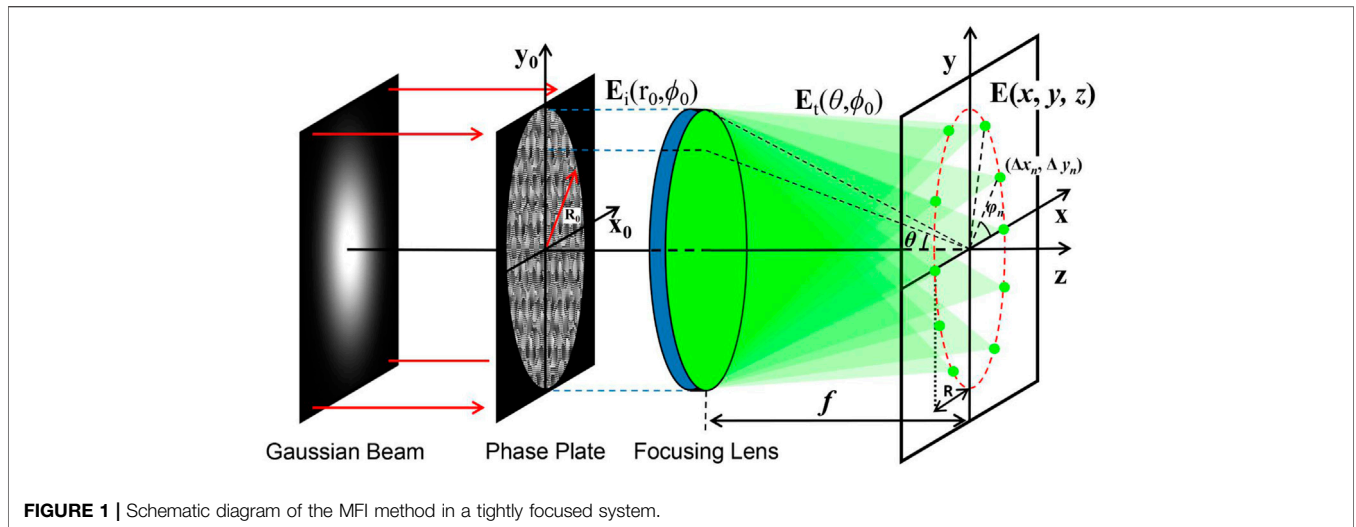
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The perfect optical vortex has successfully aroused substantial interest from researchers for its central dark hollow caused by spatial phase singularity in recent years. However, the traditional methods of combining the axicon and helical phase to generate the perfect optical vortex lead to an additional focus deviation in the tightly focused systems. Here, we report a multi-foci integration (MFI) method to produce the perfect optical vortex by accumulating a finite number of foci in the focal plane to overcome the additional focus deviation. Furthermore, based on MFI, we superposed two perfect optical vortices to obtain the spot array with controllable phase distribution and the number of spots. This work deepens our knowledge about superposed vortices and facilitates new potential applications. The micromanipulated experimental results agree well with our theoretical simulation. The spot array field provides new opportunities in direct laser writing, optical tweezers, optical communications, and optical storage.

**Keywords:** perfect optical vortex, orbital angular momentum, interference superposition, spatial light modulator, optical manipulation

## INTRODUCTION

Research on vortex beams has attracted increasing attention since L. Allen et al. proved that optical vortex carried orbital angular momentum [1]. Owing to its special optical character and dynamic property by phase gradient [2], vortex beams expanded their applications in various areas, including optical communication [3, 4], micromanipulation [5–8], direct laser writing [9–13], multiple spot arrays [14–19], and complicated optical vortex fields [20–22]. The concept of the perfect optical vortex (POV) has been proposed among vortex beams, whose dark hollow radius does not depend on the topological charge [2, 23, 24]. In 2015, Vaity et al. demonstrated that a POV is the Fourier transform of a Bessel beam [25]. Since then, research has been performed on POV generation [26], modulation [19, 27, 28], and measurements [29, 30]. Particularly, many complicated vortex beam geometries can be obtained through the superposition of Bessel beams and were applied in diverse research fields such as propagation property measurement [31, 32] and the femtosecond two-photon polymerization [33]. In practice, an ideal Bessel beam cannot be created due to the infinite lateral extent of the energy, while the bounded visions of the Bessel beam can be generated by various methods, such as axicon lens [34–38], computer-generated hologram [39–42], focusing of ring-shaped narrow aperture [43–45], and curved fork grating [46, 47]. In addition, the ring-toric lens can also form the annular beam in the focal plane [48–50]. Among the aforementioned methods, the versatile axicon phase hologram can provide more flexibility for generating the Bessel beam. However, the focus deviation caused by the axicon phase was aggravated in the focused field of the high-NA objectives. The dispersive three-dimensional (3D) intensity distribution around the focal region may



cause the loss of stability and accuracy in micromanipulation and fabrication. Hence, this focus deviation issue remains in the further superposition of POVs to generate more complicated optical fields.

In this article, we reported a multi-foci integration (MFI) method to overcome the focus deviation. A POV with tunable radius and topological charge can be generated directly by creating a large number of foci with a diffraction limit size at the focal plane. In practice, a similar method to create the ring-shaped field and the accumulation of multiple concentric rings has been reported in [51]. These methods provide a new solution for (de)multiplexing beams [52, 53]. Based on MFI, we also superposed the complex field of two complete POVs to produce the spot array. The multiple spots are equally spaced arrangements in an annular region of the original POV, and the different spot numbers and phase gradient distribution cannot change the profile of the array. Here, we further investigate the degrees of freedom of the array, including the radius, number of spots, and the periods of phase gradient. The dynamic and static trapping results yield good agreement with theoretical analysis, and it significantly developed the orbital angular momentum and intensity distribution structure controllability of the beam in the tightly focused field.

## METHODS

As previously reported in [25], the POV in the focusing field of an objective lens can be described as a Dirac delta function  $\delta(r)$  with a helical phase, that is,

$$E(r, \varphi) = \frac{j^{l-1}}{k_r} \delta(r - R) \exp(jl\varphi). \quad (1)$$

Herein,  $(r, \varphi)$  are the polar coordinates of the focal plane,  $k_r$  is the radial wave vector, and  $l$  is the topological charge. The delta function defines the annular amplitude range of POV, and  $R$  is the radius of POV. It is clear from Eq. 1 that an ideal annular

amplitude (i.e., the delta function) is impossible to achieve in the experiment. Generally, the axicon lens phase  $\exp(jk\alpha r)$  is frequently utilized to generate the annular amplitude, where  $\alpha$  is the angle parameter of the axicon lens. Subsequently, the POV can be produced *via* an axicon and helical phase, that is,  $\exp(jk\alpha r + jl\varphi)$ . In some applications, such as micromanipulation and microfabrication, the axicon and Fourier lens (or objective) must be combined to realize the microscopic imaging, and then we can obtain the annular intensity in the focal plane. Unfortunately, the additional axicon phase of  $\exp(jk\alpha r)$  produces focus deviation into the focal region of the focusing lens, which leads to the maximum intensity deviating from the focal plane. The deviation becomes more serious in a tightly focused system with a high-NA objective.

To overcome the focus deviation caused by the axicon phase, we proposed the MFI method, which is accumulated by abundant foci to form the annular amplitude. In theory, the premise of this method is that the annular intensity region is decomposed to obtain an abundant number of diffraction limit foci, and we reverse this process to reconstruct the annular beam. As shown in Figure 1, 10 foci were generated in a circular trajectory. Theoretically, the electric field distribution in the focal region of an aberration-free high-NA objective can be calculated by the Richards–Wolf vectorial diffraction theory [52].

$$\mathbf{E}(x, y, z) = A \int_0^\beta \int_0^{2\pi} P(\theta) \mathbf{E}_t(\theta, \phi_0) \times \exp\{-jk\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \sin \theta \cos[\tan^{-1}(y/x) - \phi_0]\} \exp(jkz \cos \theta) \sin \theta d\phi_0 d\theta, \quad (2)$$

where  $A$  is a constant related to the focal length  $f$  and the wavelength  $\lambda$ ,  $k = 2\pi/\lambda$  is the wavenumber,  $(r_0, \phi_0)$  are the polar coordinates of the incident plane, and  $x, y,$  and  $z$  are the Cartesian coordinates in the focal region.  $P(\theta)$  is the apodization function of the incident pupil, which can be expressed as

$$P(\theta) = \begin{cases} 1, & \theta \leq \beta \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where  $\beta = \sin^{-1}(NA/n_t)$  is the maximum aperture angle of the objective.  $\theta$  is the deflection angle, which has the relationship  $\sin\theta = r_0NA/(R_0n_t)$ , where  $R_0$  is the aperture stop radius,  $n_t$  is the refractive index behind the objective, and  $NA$  is the numerical aperture of the objective lens.  $\mathbf{E}_t(\theta, \phi_0)$  is the transmitted field, which has a relationship of the input field, that is

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_{tx} \\ E_{ty} \\ E_{tz} \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{\cos\theta} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + (\cos\theta - 1)\cos^2\phi_0 & (\cos\theta - 1)\cos\phi_0\sin\phi_0 & -\sin\theta\cos\phi_0 \\ (\cos\theta - 1)\cos\phi_0\sin\phi_0 & 1 + (\cos\theta - 1)\sin^2\phi_0 & -\sin\theta\sin\phi_0 \\ \sin\theta\cos\phi_0 & \sin\theta\sin\phi_0 & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} E_{ix} \\ E_{iy} \\ E_{iz} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Here,  $E_{tx}$ ,  $E_{ty}$ , and  $E_{tz}$  are the components of the Cartesian coordinate system, that is,  $\mathbf{E}_t = E_{tx}\mathbf{e}_x + E_{ty}\mathbf{e}_y + E_{tz}\mathbf{e}_z$ , where  $\mathbf{e}_x$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_y$ , and  $\mathbf{e}_z$  are the unit vectors.  $E_{ix}$ ,  $E_{iy}$ , and  $E_{iz}$  are the polarized components of the incident field  $\mathbf{E}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{E}_i = E_{ix}\mathbf{e}_x + E_{iy}\mathbf{e}_y + E_{iz}\mathbf{e}_z$ . In the Debye approximation, the electric field of **Eq. 2** can be further expressed as the Fourier transform of the weighted field  $\mathbf{E}_t$ :

$$\mathbf{E}(x, y, z) = F\{P(\theta)\mathbf{E}_t(\theta, \phi_0)/\cos\theta \times \exp(jk_z z)\}, \quad (5)$$

where  $F\{\cdot\}$  denotes the Fourier transform (FT). Then, based on the shift theorem of the FT, a phase-only analytical expression for controlling the 2D lateral displacement of the highly focused spot can be given as (17, 53)

$$\psi(x_0, y_0, \Delta x_n, \Delta y_n) = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda f} (x_0\Delta x_n + y_0\Delta y_n), \quad (6)$$

where  $(x_0, y_0)$  are the Cartesian coordinates of the incident plane,  $f = R_0n_t/NA$  is the focal length of the objective, and  $\Delta x_n$  and  $\Delta y_n$  are the shifted displacements of the  $n$ th deviated focus versus the original focal center in the focal plane. Based on the phase-only distribution calculated using **Eq. 6**, the position of the highly focused spots can be controlled in the focal region of a high-NA objective. As shown in **Figure 1**, the positions of the shifting spots are set along a circular trajectory, the  $n$ th focus coordinates  $\Delta x_n = R\cos\varphi_n$ ,  $\Delta y_n = R\sin\varphi_n$ ,  $\varphi_n = 2\pi n/N$ , and  $R$  is the radius of the circle in the focal plane. Then, we can obtain a superposition field by summing up the finite foci, that is,

$$U_i(x_0, y_0) = \sum_{n=1}^N \exp\left[j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda f} (x_0R\cos\varphi_n + y_0R\sin\varphi_n)\right]. \quad (7)$$

Using **Eq. 7**, multifocal spots along the circular trajectory can be generated. Furthermore, in theory, annular amplitude will be achieved when the number of foci is infinite. After combining a helical phase, a POV with an arbitrary topological charge can be generated. Thus, **Eq. 7** can be rewritten as an integral form, that is,

$$U_i(x_0, y_0) = \int_0^{2\pi} \exp\left[j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda f} (x_0R\cos\varphi + y_0R\sin\varphi)\right] \times \exp(jl\varphi) d\varphi, \quad (8)$$

where  $\exp(jl\varphi)$  is the helical phase with a topological charge  $l$ . **Eq. 8** is the key formula of the multi-foci integration (MFI) method to produce the field of the POV. Consequently, when the incident field of the objective lens is modulated by the optical distribution of **Eq. 8**, the electric field of **Eq. 5** in the focal plane can be expressed as

$$F\{U_i(x_0, y_0) \times G(\theta, \phi_0)\} = F\{U_i(x_0, y_0)\} * F\{G(\theta, \phi_0)\}, \quad (9)$$

where  $G(\theta, \phi_0) = P(\theta)\mathbf{E}_0(\theta, \phi_0)\exp(jk_z z)/\cos\theta$ , and  $\mathbf{E}_0(\theta, \phi_0)$  indicates the transmitted field when the incident optical field is a plane wave without any phase modulation. Therefore, in this case, the focal field can be expressed as  $F\{G(\theta, \phi_0)\} = E_{\text{Airy}}$ , which indicates an Airy spot with a diffraction limit size without modulation. The symbol  $*$  denotes the convolution operation. Based on the convolution theorem of the Fourier transform, **Eq. 9** means that the focal field can be expressed as a convolution of the Airy spot and the Fourier transform of the superposition field calculated by **Eq. 8**. Then, based on the shift theorem of the Fourier transform, the additional phase shift introduces a linear displacement in the spatial domain, that is, the Fourier transform of the superposition field is

$$\begin{aligned} F\{U_i(x_0, y_0)\} &= \int_0^{2\pi} F\left\{\exp\left[j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda f} (x_0R\cos\varphi + y_0R\sin\varphi)\right]\right\} \\ &\times \exp(jl\varphi) d\varphi = \int_0^{2\pi} \delta(x - R\cos\varphi, y \\ &\quad - R\sin\varphi) \times \exp(jl\varphi) d\varphi \\ &= \delta(r - R) \times \exp(jl\varphi). \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

From **Eq. 10**, we can observe that an ideal annular amplitude with helical phase can be produced when the incident field is modulated by the superposition field. Finally, the electric field of **Eq. 9** in the focal plane can be given as

$$F\{U_i(x_0, y_0) \times G(\theta, \phi_0)\} = \delta(r - R) \exp(jl\varphi) * E_{\text{Airy}}. \quad (11)$$

Thus, from **Eq. 11**, we can observe that an annular amplitude with diffraction limit width and helical phase has been generated by the MFI method. In the experiment, due to the diffraction limit of the focal spot, an annular intensity distribution with a smooth profile can be formed by finite value  $N$  (for example,  $N = 100\text{--}200$  corresponding to the radius  $R = 5\text{--}10\ \mu\text{m}$ ). According to **Eq. 2** and **Eq. 11**, we can observe that a POV with a controllable radius  $R$  and topological charge  $l$  can be generated in the tightly focused plane through the MFI method.

To verify that the MFI method does not cause the focus deviation, we theoretically simulated the POV intensity distribution in the longitudinal and transverse plane using the axicon phase method and MFI method generated phase pattern, respectively. In this case, we supposed the incident beam is a plane wave, and the simulation parameters are  $\lambda = 532\ \text{nm}$ ,  $NA = 1.4$ ,  $n_t = 1.518$ ,  $R = 3.5\ \mu\text{m}$ , and  $l = 5$ . When the incident beam is modulated by the axicon phase, the optical field can be expressed as  $U_i = \exp(jkar + jl\varphi)$ . **Figure 2A** shows the simulated results of the axicon phase method with  $\alpha = 0.065$ . Thus, the incident field is

only modulated by the axicon phase, so the amplitude distribution is a constant, as shown in the top-left of **Figure 2A**. From **Figure 2A**, we can observe that the maximum intensity deviates from the focal plane, although the radius of the POV is the same as designed.

**Figure 2B** shows the simulated results of the MFI method. It should be noted that the MFI method generates a complex field; thus, the incident field can be modulated by amplitude and phase. As shown in the top-left of **Figure 2B**, a Bessel amplitude can be generated by the MFI method. In the experiment, we used the complex field encoding method to obtain the phase-only patterns [54]. From **Figure 2B**, we can observe that the modulated field produced by the MFI method can lead to symmetrical intensity distribution in the focal region. In addition, the desired radius and the maximum intensity distribution of the POV are precisely located at the focal plane. Thus, the MFI method provides an alternative scheme to produce the POV in the tightly focused plane.

Based on the aforementioned calculation, we obtain the POV with the tunable parameter of radius and topological charges in the tightly focused system. Then, we take the superposition of two POVs calculated by the MFI method to obtain the spot array field and possess a controllable phase gradient. The number of spots and phase gradient periods depends on the topological charges of two POVs. To describe the character of the phase gradient of the spot array, we begin with the definition of topological charge. It is defined as a closed path integral of the gradient of the wavefield phase in the transverse plane [21]:

$$l = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_C \nabla \zeta(s) ds, \quad (12)$$

where  $\zeta(\cdot)$ ,  $C$ , and  $\nabla$  are the wavefield phase, closed path around the phase singularity, and vector differential operator, respectively.

The superposition of two POVs can be considered as coaxial interference. Then, the phase of the array at any position on the annular region can be expressed as

$$\text{Ph}_{Array}(\varphi) = \text{mod}[\text{Ph}_{l_1}(\varphi) + \text{Ph}_{l_2}(\varphi), 2\pi]. \quad (13)$$

Here, the  $\text{Ph}(\varphi)$  is the phase distribution in polar coordinate  $(R, \varphi)$  of the focal plane, and  $\text{mod}[\text{Ph}(\varphi), 2\pi]$  denotes the remainder of the division of  $\text{Ph}(\varphi)$  by  $2\pi$ . Then, the  $\eta$  can be calculated by

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_C \nabla \zeta_{Array}(s) ds. \quad (14)$$

In practice, the  $\eta$  can be calculated directly by

$$\eta = \begin{cases} \frac{l_1 + l_2}{2}, \text{sgn}(l_1) = \text{sgn}(l_2) \\ l_1 + l_2, \text{sgn}(l_1) \neq \text{sgn}(l_2) \end{cases}, \quad (15)$$

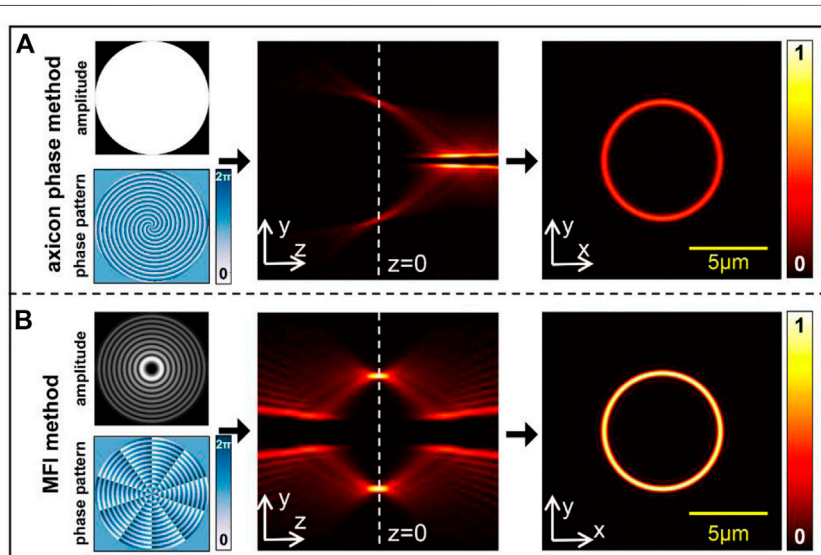
where  $\text{sgn}(\cdot)$  is the signum function, and zero is considered a positive. In addition, the number of spots is  $\gamma$ , and it is calculated by

$$\gamma = \text{abs}(l_1 - l_2). \quad (16)$$

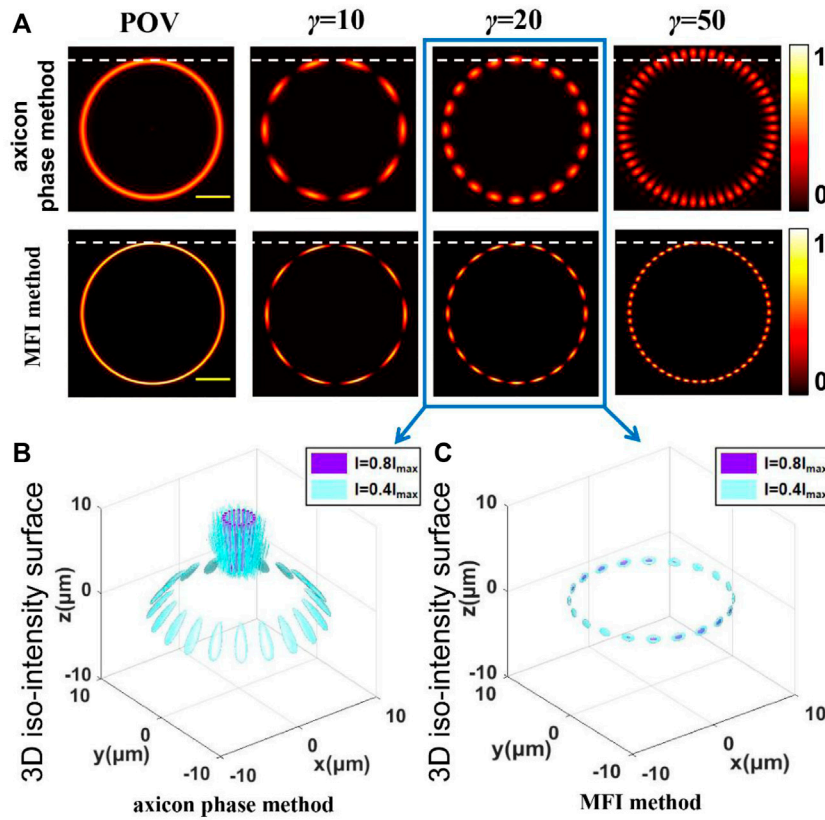
To generate the spot array field, we take the superposition method using two complex amplitudes of POVs; the transmission function for superposed POVs is

$$T_\gamma(x_0, y_0) = U_{l_1}(x_0, y_0) + U_{l_2}(x_0, y_0). \quad (17)$$

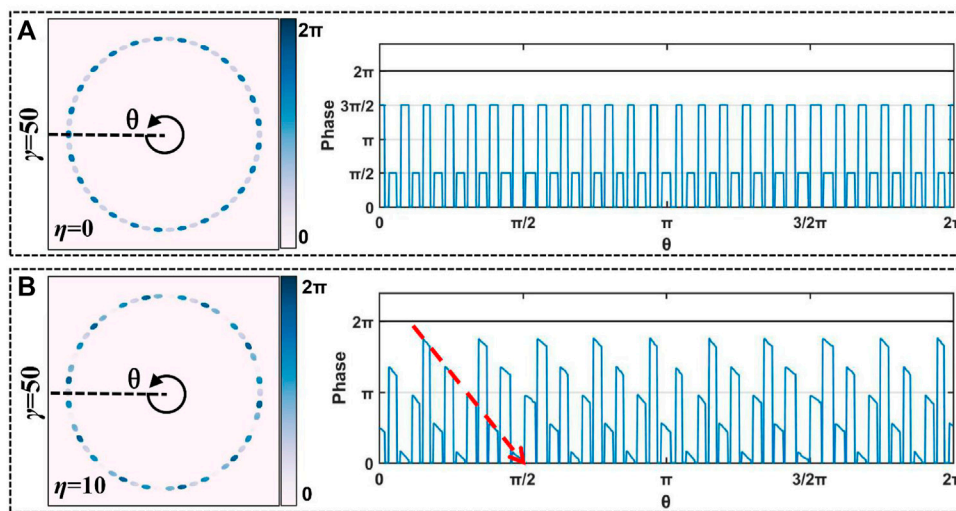
According to **Eq. 17**, the spot array field can be generated in the tightly focused plane using the MFI method. In **Figure 3A**, the



**FIGURE 2 |** Phase pattern, amplitude, and intensity distribution of generated POV by different methods. **(A)** Axicon phase method. **(B)** MFI method. Scale bar: 5 μm.



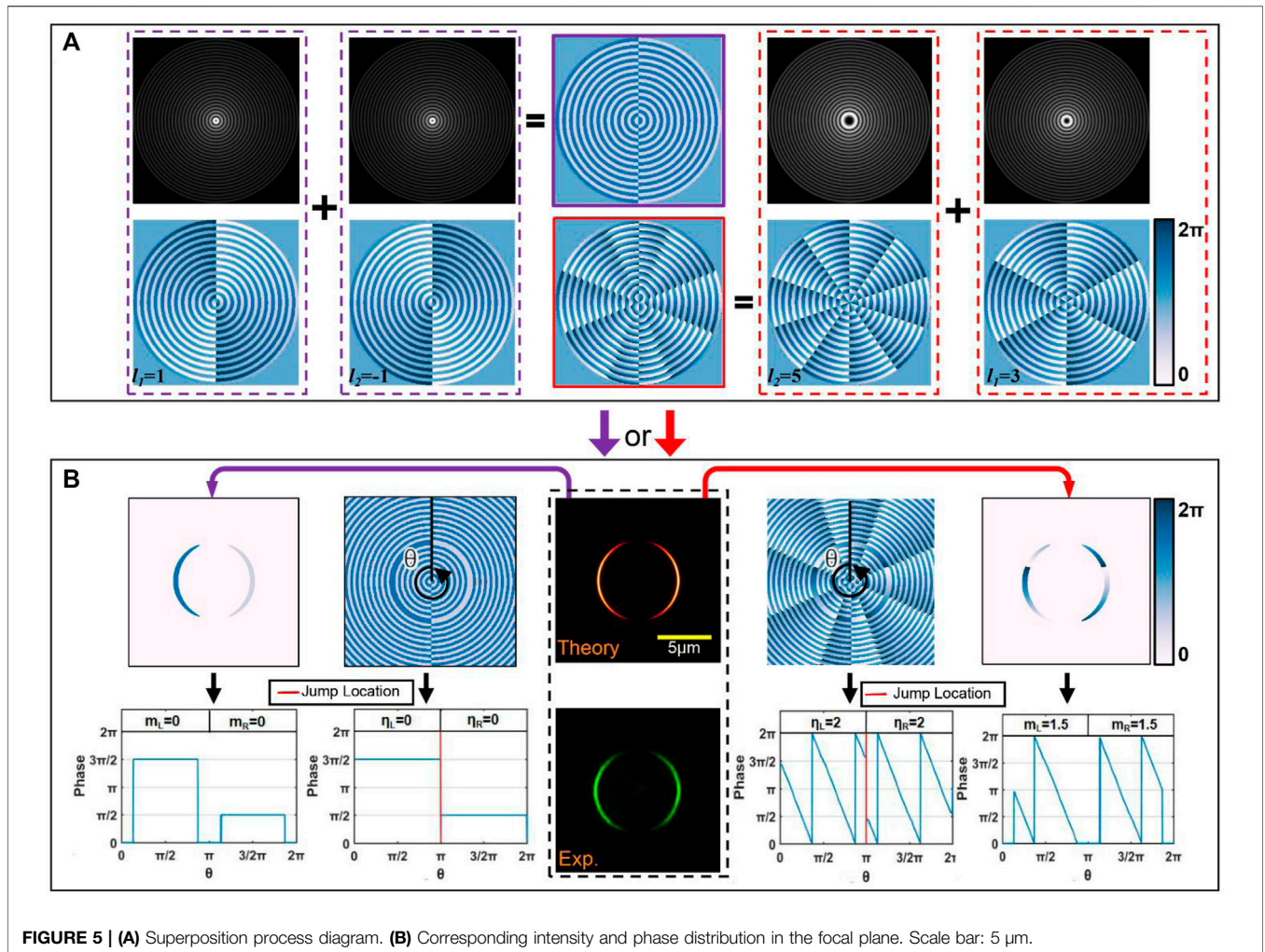
**FIGURE 3 | (A)** Simulated intensity distribution of POV and spot array field in the focal plane produced by the axicon phase method and MFI method. **(B,C)** Simulation result of the normalized 3D intensity distribution of 20 spots produced by different methods. Scale bar: 4  $\mu\text{m}$ .



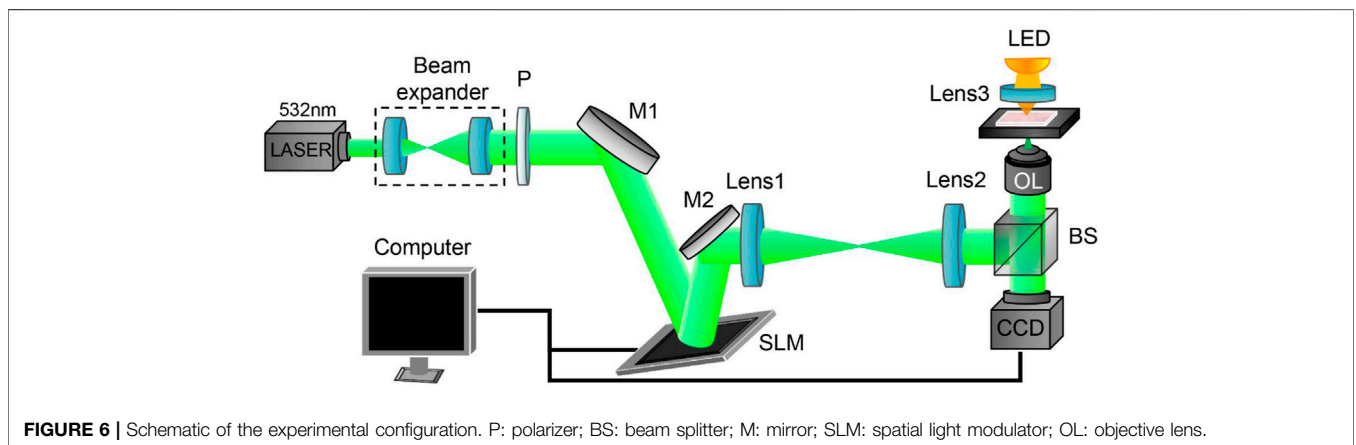
**FIGURE 4 |** Simulation results of decomposed phase distribution in 50 spots with different total phase gradient periods. **(A)**  $\eta = 0$ , **(B)**  $\eta = 10$ .

two methods show similar intensity distribution in the focal plane when there are fewer spots, but in the case of the beam having dozens of spots, the generated array *via* the axicon

phase method is shown to be defocusing with inconstant radius. In contrast, the MFI method maintains the superior focusing property in all situations. In **Figures 3B,C**, the



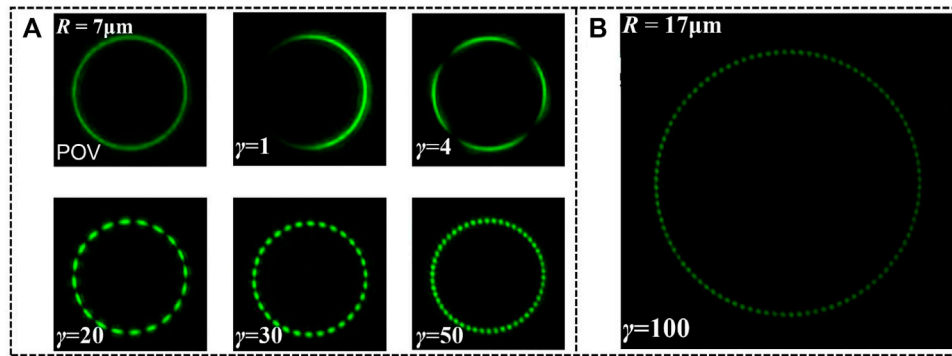
**FIGURE 5 | (A)** Superposition process diagram. **(B)** Corresponding intensity and phase distribution in the focal plane. Scale bar: 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .



**FIGURE 6 |** Schematic of the experimental configuration. P: polarizer; BS: beam splitter; M: mirror; SLM: spatial light modulator; OL: objective lens.

normalized 3D intensity distribution of 20 spots produced by different methods demonstrates this problem more intuitively. As discussed previously, the issue of deviation caused by the axicon phase still exists, demonstrating that the axicon phase

method is not suitable for generating high-order POVs, while the MFI method shows a splendid capability to maintain the focusing property in the tightly focused plane of the superimposed POVs.

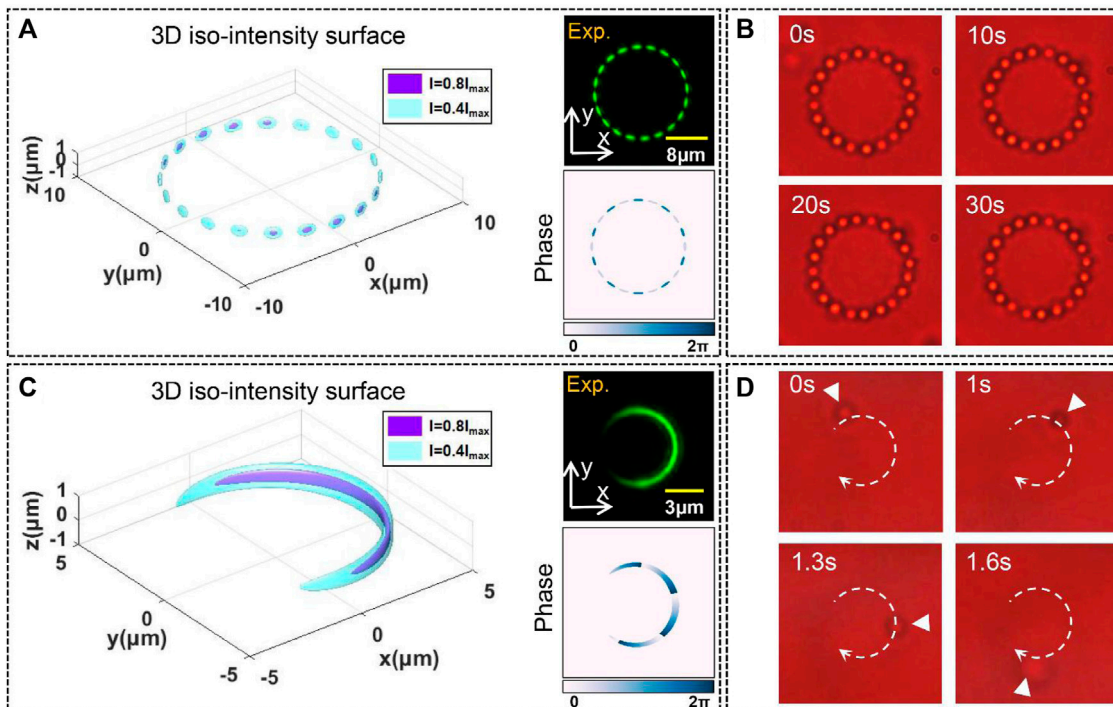


**FIGURE 7 | (A)** Experimental contrast of intensity distribution of POV and spot array. **(B)** Intensity distribution of high-order spot array with 100 spots.

Except that perfect focusing property in the tightly focused plane, the spot array field has a tunable phase gradient. We envision that the intensity gradient and phase gradient forces are competitive [55], that is, more spots lead to affect the orbital transport (driven by the phase gradient). In the case that  $\eta < \gamma$  (meaning that the number of spots is greater than the total phase gradient periods), it will show the decomposition of phase gradient in the spot array field. As shown in **Figure 4A**, when  $\eta = 0$  and  $\gamma = 50$ , the phase is decomposed to  $3\pi/2$  and  $\pi/2$ , respectively. When the total periods of phase gradient  $\eta = 10$  in **Figure 4B** ( $l_1 = 30$  and  $l_2 = -20$ ), each of the same phases of spots is repeated 10 times, and the 10 periods of  $0 \sim 2\pi$  will be evenly decomposed into 50 spots. Each period occupies five spots, and they were mutually crosswise; the phase distribution cannot be

continuous. However, the red dotted line in **Figure 4B** shows the phase continuity of five spots, even though one period of the phase gradient is decomposed. Such multiple spots with phase step profiles is more beneficial to capture particles.

In addition, when there are few spots in the array, they will have stripe-shaped profiles. Here, we demonstrate the diagram of the superposition method and take  $\gamma = 2$  as an example. In **Figure 5A**, the figures with purple edges indicate that the topological charges of superposed POVs are  $l_1 = 1$  and  $l_2 = -1$ , and the red edge figures mean  $l_1 = 3$  and  $l_2 = 5$ . It shows that when  $\eta > \gamma$ , each stripe-shaped focus carries more than one phase gradient period. Moreover, the different phase gradients do not affect the intensity of the spot array. We define  $m$  to represent the phase gradient periods carried by the



**FIGURE 8 | (A,C)** Intensity and phase distribution of spot array in the focal region. **(B,D)** Corresponding trapping snapshots.

spot array since the noncontinuous intensity distribution in the original annular region cannot carry the total topological charge. In **Figure 5B**, the intensity and phase distribution of the spot array are given; the first and second columns show the phase distribution corresponding to the procedure marked in purple, and the fourth and fifth columns correspond to the red-marked procedure.  $\eta_L$ ,  $\eta_R$ ,  $m_L$ , and  $m_R$  are the left and right half-section of  $\eta$  and  $m$ . The phase in some positions is not jumped from 0 to  $2\pi$  but from  $3\pi/2$  to  $\pi/2$ ; the phase jump location is marked by the red line in the line chart of **Figure 5B**. Due to the phase start location of two superposed POVs being in different azimuthal positions, the position difference is  $\pi$  (it also can explain the line chart in **Figure 4A**). To obtain the designed phase gradient of the spot array, appropriate topological charges should be chosen. From the competition of intensity- and phase-gradient forces, this has great significance for the arbitrary selection of phase-gradient forces to manipulate micro-objects on stripe-shaped spot fields.

## EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

We perform the optical imaging experiment with our homemade setup shown schematically in **Figure 6**. The beam with a wavelength of 532 nm (LWGL532, Beijing Laserwave Optoelectronics Technology Co., Ltd., China) is expanded and collimated onto a spatial light modulator (Pluto2-NIR-011, HOLOEYE Photonics AG, Germany) and then relayed to the back-aperture plane of a  $\times 100$  magnification, NA = 1.4 oil immersion objective (UPlanSApo  $\times 100$ , Olympus, Japan), using a 4f filter system. The LED lighting source is used to illuminate the microparticle-trapping plane. A CCD (EO-5012, Edmund Optics, US) camera is utilized to record the images of the focal spots and the trapping particles.

The spot array field produced by the superposition of two POVs maintains the focusing property in the tightly focused plane as the spot number increases, as shown in **Figure 7A**. It has an application value to improve the efficiency of optical imaging, micromanipulation, direct laser writing, etc. In **Figure 7B**, we produced 100 spots, and  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  were chosen to be  $\pm 50$  (the maximum spot number  $\gamma_{\max}$  is limited by the radius of the array, see **Supplementary Material**). The experimental results substantiate that the high order spot array can be achieved and observed (here, the order of spot array is equal to the spot number). It is one particular advantage of the spot array based on the MFI method.

A spot array field carrying arbitrary orbital angular momentum should have the capability to manipulate the microparticle. In the following optical trapping experiment, silica beads with a diameter of 1  $\mu\text{m}$ , dispersed in deionized water within a glass chamber (100  $\mu\text{m}$  thickness), are applied as the sample for trapping. As shown in **Figure 8A**, we can observe the intensity and phase distribution of the spot array with 20 spots ( $R = 8\mu\text{m}$ ,  $\eta = 0$ , topological charges of superposed POVs  $l_1 = 10$  and  $l_2 = -10$ ) in the focal plane. This spot array field with multi-spot intensity distribution could capture the particles steadily; the corresponding experiment snapshots are shown in **Figure 8B**.

As the spot number decreases, the phase gradient force could contribute more to the time-averaged optical force

acting on a particle. The field with one spot ( $R = 3\mu\text{m}$ ,  $\eta = 5.5$ ,  $m = 4$ ,  $l_1 = 6$  and  $l_2 = 4$ ) is chosen to achieve the orbital transportation; the intensity and phase distribution in the focal region are shown in **Figure 8C**. The snapshots of the experiment in **Figure 8D** show that one silica particle was moving along the orbital-shaped spot, which was then released rapidly (see Video 2). This unique orbital-shaped spot may have a significant contribution to the application of particle sorting [56, 57] and optical storage [58, 59]. Moreover, more types of spot array beams with different parameters were used to investigate the effects of different experimental parameters on trapping (for more experimental details, see **Supplementary Material**). The stabilization and dynamic manipulation in the tightly focused plane indicate that the spot array field has independent controllable multiple parameters with radius, number of spots, and phase gradient, greatly expanding the degree of freedom of focusing vortex beams.

## DISCUSSION

In this study, we have presented and demonstrated the MFI method for generating POV in the focal plane of tightly focused systems. By creating a finite number of diffraction limit foci at the focal plane, we formed the annular ring with arbitrary radius and combined the helical phase to construct a POV. Subsequently, we took the superposition procedure of two POVs and created a spot array in the focal plane. The independent multiple parameters of spot arrays include radius, number of spots, and distribution of phase gradient. In particular, in the superposition of high-order beams, we also produced a 100-order array, which has no deviation and maintains a clear profile in the focal region. In the further trapping experiment, the behavior of trapped particles showed that the spot array has more “perfect” focusing properties than the traditional superposed Bessel beams. Such a complicated vortex beam with a dynamically controlled structure and phase gradient providing a novel optical field deepened the research into the orbital angular momentum communication, fast femtosecond two-photon polymerization, micromanipulation, and optical momentum measurement.

## DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

The original contributions presented in the study are included in the article/**Supplementary Material**, further inquiries can be directed to the corresponding authors.

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