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Technology

Meter Class Mirror Surface Metrology

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Temporal Phase Shifting Laser Interferometer



Collimator

Temporal Phase-Shifting Fizeau Interferometer

Characteristics of Temporal Phase Shifting

- Provides 3D surface data with high out-of-plane resolution (nm) and repeatability (<nm)
- Isolation from Mechanical Vibration Required.
 - Air Isolation Table
 - Rigid coupling between test part and interferometer
- Isolation from Air Flow Required.
 - Enclosure over entire test area.

Large Mirror Metrology Challenges

- Large mirrors are difficult to isolate from mechanical vibrations.
- Large distances between metrology and part allows environmental issues with air turbulence.

Vibration and Air Flow

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Dynamic Phase Shift Method

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Use polarizer as phase shifter



Kothiyal and Delsile, Appl. Opt. V24 n24 p4439 (1985) Kemo, et. al, Appl Opt. V41 n 13 p2448 (2002)

Pixelated Phase Mask



All frames acquired in one camera integration time!

Dynamic Interferometry Advantages

- Overcomes poor environments
 - Insensitive to vibration, air turbulence, other noise
- Excels in challenging test configurations
 - Large optics, long paths, test chambers
- Coated/Uncoated mirrors can be measured without attenuation filters.



Research environment: 0.0008λ rms 1σ repeatability

PhaseCam Twyman-Green Interferometers

PhaseCam 4020

- Concave mirrors with reflectivity from 1- 100%
- Flats < 7 mm diameter
- Modal analysis of concave mirrors or flats
- IR wavelengths available



PhaseCam 5030



- Adds motorized zoom, focus, beam ratio and beam block
 - For use in remote installations, pressure vessels, environment chambers
 - 4M-pixel option for high spatial sampling

30 Meter Test Tunnel





Cryogenic Figure Tests

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Figure testing of 300 mm Zerodur mirrors at cryogenic temperatures, Baer & Lotz, SPIE 4822-4 July 2002



Low Return Tests

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4020HP

 Excellent for low reflectivity (low return) test setups requiring dynamic performance



Applications of Multi-Wavelength Dynamic Interferometry



- Phasing of multi-segment mirror arrays
- Surface shape of individual mirror segments.

Single Wavelength Measurements for Segmented Mirrors

- Single wavelength techniques cannot accurately measure steps between mirror segments greater than $\frac{1}{4} \lambda$.
- Mirror segments may have step discontinuities of microns to millimeters.



Two-Wavelength Measurement for Segmented Mirrors



 Dynamic range of interferometric measurements can be increased by measuring step discontinuity using two different wavelengths sequentially.

Importance of Fast Acquisition

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 Rapid acquisition required to minimize changes in step height between frames in the presence of non-common mode vibrations.

PhaseCam MW



• Extends range from nm to mm

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- 3 Laser Sources, two fixed, one tunable
- Synthetic wavelengths from 18um to 10 mm
- Fundamental at 637 nm



MultiWave Dynamic Measurement



Parabola cut in half with section translated +/- 2 mm

FizCam 2000

- Dynamic Fizeau Interferometer
- 4, 6 and 12 inch apertures available
- Short Coherence Source
- Measure transparent samples with multiple surfaces
 - Sample Thickness from <200 µm to 400 mm
 - Prisms
 - Remote cavity testing
 - Index of homogeneity
 - Beam expanders



FizCam and James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)

JWST Secondary Mirror Test Configuration 80cm diameter hyperboloid surface



Figure courtesy of K. Smith, Ball Aerospace

FizCam 2000 Interferometer

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Conclusion

- Dynamic interferometry is award winning technology, proven daily in demanding roles worldwide
- Accurately measures surface shape in challenging environments
- Enables difficult measurements in tough testing configurations

