

D7 Interferometer a Milestone in Optical Metrology

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PSPDI Technology

PSPDI: Phase Shifting Common Path Point Diffraction Interferometer innovative interferometer principle for measuring and testing optical surfaces

Working Principle:

Two wavefronts are generated by pinhole diffraction → coherent beam paths: test wavefront + reference wavefront







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Basic Setup





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suitable for flats up to 220mm diameter



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with DA1 (subsystem) Max Diameter 210 mm, Max Radius 700 mm

Example: Measurement using different wavelengths





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Example: Measurement of optical lens systems

AR-coated surface with low reflection < 0.5% located in the mounted lens and is measured by lenses placed between the interferometer and the surface to be tested.







Result: Surface shape

Medium Frequency Features of the Surface





Mirror with aspherical spacing 16 μ m, inclination approx. 2 μ m/mm

D7 measurements were compared with contact measurements carried out by the customer



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Mirror_#3 (3D maps of the difference between real and designed forms within real aperture)

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Comparison with other interferometer systems



	Fizeau und andere Interferometer	PSPDI D7
External Optical Reference necessary	YES	NO
Optical components required for the measurement of CC objects	YES	NO
Auto-calibration for phase shifting	N/A	YES
Simple tests for low and high reflection surfaces (0.05 – 100%)	???	YES
Near-zero traceability error	(???)	YES
Test of optical systems in transmitted light	(limited)	YES
Use of different wavelengths, easy change	(???)	YES
Use of Low Coherence Light Sources (LC Sources)	(???)	YES

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Summary



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Possible applications:

Testing of surfaces with a reflection of 0.05 % to 100 % while maintaining a high contrast of the interferograms Evaluation of shape and quality of AR coated surfaces alone or in composite optical systems.

Advantages:

No separate reference surfaces as the examined wavefront is compared with self-generated perfect reference spheres Precision and robustness of the self-referencing approach exceed the capabilities of other existing interferometers.

Typical applications

Testing of optical surfaces for VIS, X-ray and EUV applications ranging from telescopes to small and micro optics including contact lenses with specially shaped surfaces.

The examples show that PSPD interferometry is as easy to use as standard interferometry techniques and yet offers nano and sub-nano precision that exceeds that of other techniques.

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