

Determination and compensation of the "reference surface" from redundant sets of surface measurements

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- We want to characterize the departure of optical surfaces to ideal geometry (flat, sphere, ellipse) with accuracy << 1nm
- No one is able to produce such a surface
 - Manufacturing problems
 - Stability on the long term (thermal, supporting)
- Measurement are always made with respect to a Reference
- Reference can be
 - A particular surface : interferometry
 - A calibration result : (LTP)
- Invariance properties can be used to generate an estimate of the reference
 - Flat surface, sphere and cylinder
- Self referencing can be generalized to any shape (with help of computers)
 - Using the self-consistency of a measurement set
 - Akin to stitching problem



Modeling the reference problem

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Interferometric measurements

- Measures the wavefront difference between the surface under test (SUT) and a reference (Ref)
- Extra unknowns : tilts (T) & mean distance (d)
- M = S R + (T + d)
- Other instrumental issues:
 - Linearity and uniformity of the phase shifts
 - Distorsion of the imaging system

Slope measurements (LTP)

- Measures directly the local slope to a linear constant k
- k must be experimentally determined
- unknown : the linearity correction (and Tilt)
- M = k S L(M) + T
- Origin of the correction:
 - Variation of the optical path with local slopes







- Object and Reference functions are unique
- Any measurement is a point to point linear combination of the object and reference
- By taking measurements at different position the point to point relationship is broken and shared with a larger set of points



- The data from such sets of points should be consistent with the uniqueness of the Object and Reference
 + unique distances and tilts for each frame
- This allows for determining extra experimental parameters, tilts, distances and recovering the two functions
- The problem is solved globally avoiding propagations of errors which distort the reconstruction
- Consistency is never perfect, noise, incomplete description of the acquisition
- Solution need to be found in a maximum likelihood sense



Analogy with ptychography

- Ptychography is a technique of CDI (computed diffraction imaging) where a light probe of llimited area is scanned on a sample, and far field diffraction recorded
- Each subfield is reconstructed with CDI reconstruction algorithm
- Constraints coming from the overlapping area and the constant probe function are use to refine iteratively the unknown phases
- As an outcome, both object and probe functions are reconstructed
- Difference with reference problem
 Ptychography is non-linear (multiplicative).
 Reference problem is linear (additive), so in principle simpler



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- The LTP calbration curve: slope = f(spot position) is not a straight line
 - Non linearity deviation $\pm 2 \mu rad typ$. on the full 8 mrad stroke
 - Many evidences from Round Robins and periodic controls of ref . artifacts

Causes

- The slight position change of the return pencil beam and
- Imperfect optical elements : lens, prisms, mirrors
- Presence of local defects (in thick glass elements)

Stability

- Calibration curves are stable on short term (measurement of 1 piece)
- Variable on long term with configurations
- Redundant measurement allow altogether
 - To characterize the deviation from linearity
 - Recover the surface profile
 - Extend the angular range of measurement by stitching



- Record a dense set of slope profiles
 - tilting the SUT incrementally between 2 profiles
 - In order to cover most of the rectangle defined by the length of the SUT and the LTP slope range
- Establish the equations relating the measured slope values M(x,p) to the unknowns
 S(x) real SUT Slope profile
 C(m) linearity Correction of the LTP
 T(p) tilt angle of the optics table
 M(x,p) = S(x) C(M(x,p)) + T(p)
- Discretize the equations for computer solving
 - Measurements can be taken on a discrete set of position points x_i
 - C(*m*) needs to to be interpolated between the slope points *m_i* of a discretization grid

If the tilt rotation axis is not on the SUT the x positions should be corrected and interpolated







- Interpolation should be local to preserve a "point" to "point" relationship
 - Eg. polynomial approximation on a small number of neighboring points

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$$t \in [t_i, t_{i+1}] \Rightarrow f(t) = \sum_{i=k}^{i+k} F_n P_n(t-t_i)$$

 Then, assuming that the rotation axis is on the surface ¹ the variables can be written in vector form as

$$[S] = \begin{bmatrix} S(x_1) \\ \\ S(x_n) \end{bmatrix} \qquad [C] = \begin{bmatrix} C(m_1) \\ \\ C(m_q) \end{bmatrix} \qquad [T] = \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ \\ T_p \end{bmatrix}$$

and the set of equations as

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q \\ \begin{bmatrix} S \\ \begin{bmatrix} C \\ T \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_1 \\ \\ \\ \begin{bmatrix} M_1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \\ \begin{bmatrix} M_p \end{bmatrix}$$

Where [Q] is large sparse matrix and [M] the vector of all measured points

- This set of equations is overdefined iI can be only solved in a maximum likelihood sense
 - 1. If not, a local interpolation should be also applied in x to care for irregular sampling positions



ESRF and SOLEIL results on a spherical mirror

M43 mirror (R≈43.3m) was measured independently with ESRF and SOLEIL LTPs (2009)

Because of the short radius a stitching procedure is used.

When global redundancy based stitching is applied a close agreement is found (red and blue curves)

Discrepancies are found when conventional end to end stitching is used







- The linearity correction should be a constant of the optical system
- Small variations may come from different X positions of the SUT on the LTP bench, since the return optical path is slightly different.
- A reasonable day to day consistency is observed





Round Robin example Zeiss calibration sphere

- HZB, ESRF, Elettra measurements of the Zeiss sphere
- Redundant stitching procedure applied to SOLEIL data

ZEISS Calibration Sphere Si:145mm (L)x45mm(W)x40mm (t)



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 It should be noted that the NOM autocollimator (HZB) from Elcomat receives a precise linearity compensation



Application to stitching interferometry

Method

Record several 16 x 12 mm frames

tiled with 2 – 3 mm steps (Dx)

The measured heights are related to the unknowns

- S(x,y) real height map of the SUT
- R(x,y) real height map of the Reference
- T(n) spurious displacement vector of the translation table at each step (Z and tilt angles)

by

 $M(x+n Dx, y)=S(x, y) - R(x, y) + (T_0(n) + T_1(n) x + T_2(n) y)$

No special discretization step needed if the step Dx is an integer number of pixels otherwise a local polynomial interpolation might be applied

Generate and solve the corresponding system of equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q \\ \begin{bmatrix} S \\ R \\ T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_1 \\ \\ \end{bmatrix}$$



EOTECH NanoPro micro-interferometer



• The matrix Q is a huge but very sparse matrix

- eg recording a 150 mm X 12 strip in 3 mm (144 px) steps requires recording 44 frames, amounting to 20 M data points =number of equations
- The reconstructed image is 6970 x 580 = 4 M points
- The reference is 780 x 580 = 0.3 M points, + 130 tilt-displacements
- But Q has only 5 non null element per row
- The equation matrix is solved iteratively under Matlab
 - It requires ~ 10-15 minutes on the computer cluster of SOLEIL
- Convergence requires some caution
 Namely, starting from reasonable estimates of the reference and tilts
 - Reference is estimated by averaging all the frames together and is subtracted from the measurements. The computed Ref is actually a correction.
 - This way of estimating the reference implies that reference and SUT are reconstructed to a unknown uniform curvature (namely the average SUT radius)



Stitching measurement of a Ø200 zerodur flat

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Profiles from stitching interferometry and LTP

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AXOC¹ Mirror

Ion beam polished mirror on a 2 mm track



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- The principle of using a set of redundant measurements to recover both, the measured object, and a reference or correction function, has been proved effective.
- It can be applied to stitching measurement problems
 - on slope (LTP)
 - on surface heights (interferometry)
- Work is still needed to
 - improve the convergence
 - condition the equation matrices (a key point not yet studied)
 - refine the frame spacing to avoid periodic artifacts