Polarimetric study of the liquid crystal panels. Optimization for diffractive optics

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LCDs applications



Basic holographic data storage set-up



LCDs applications

Diffractive Optics



Medical Optics: Polarimeters



Mueller matrix images of the optic nerve head.



LCD from Video projectors

Transmission Twisted Nematic Liquid Crystal devices



TN-LCSLM: Sony Model LCX012BL; VGA (640 x 480) Videoproyector Sony VPL-V500



LCoS display

Reflective Liquid Crystal on Silicon devices

Twisted Nematic kit LC-R2500 by Holoeye



Parallel Aligned kit Pluto by Holoeye





• Polarimetric study of the liquid crystal panels

- Non Depolarizing devices
- Depolarizing devices
- Modulation Optimization

• Use of commercial LCDs in diffractive Optics

- Color Pattern Recognition
- Apodization
- Lens multiplexing



 Polarimetric study of the liquid crystal panels

Non Depolarizing devices



Polarimetric study of the liquid crystal panels





Transmission Twisted Nematic Liquid Crystal devices

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Simplified model



$$\frac{1}{n_e^2(\theta)} = \frac{\cos^2(\theta)}{n_{\rm H}^2} + \frac{\sin^2(\theta)}{n_{\rm L}^2}$$



Simplified model





Jones Matrix

$$M'_{LCSLM}(\alpha,\beta,\delta) = exp(-i(\beta+2\delta))R(-\alpha)\begin{pmatrix} X'-iY' & Z\\ -Z & X'+iY' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X' = X \cos 2\delta - Y \sin 2\delta$$

$$Y' = Xsin2\delta + Ycos2\delta$$

$$Z = \frac{\alpha}{\gamma} \sin \gamma$$

$$X = \cos \gamma$$

$$Y = \frac{\beta}{\gamma} \sin \gamma$$
$$\gamma = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}$$

$$\delta(V) = \pi d_1(V) \Delta n_{max}/\lambda$$

$$\beta(V) = \pi d_2(V) \Delta n(V) / \lambda$$



Measured Parameters







Predictive capability of the model





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Depolarizing devices



Technical features of the used TNLCoS

Twisted Nematic LCoS display



Twist of the LC molecules director along the cell



- Philips model X97c3A0.
- Kit LC-R2500 by Holoeye
- 2.46 cm diagonal reflective LCoS display of the 45° twisted nematic type.
- XGA resolution (1024x768)
- Digitally controlled gray scales with 256 gray levels.
- Square pixels with a center to center separation of 19mm.
 93% fill factor.



Technical features of the used PALCoS

Parallel Aligned LCoS display



LC molecules parallel aligned



- PLUTO Spatial Light Modulator (SLM) distributed by Holoeye.
- Diagonal display of 1.8 cm.
- High resolution: 1920 x 1080.
- Small pixel size : 8µm.
- Fill factor of 87%.
- Different gamma corrections and electrical sequences available.



Time-fluctuations in LCoS displays





Time-fluctuations in LCoS displays





Twisted Nematic





Parallel Aligned





Time-fluctuations in LCoS displays

• Reflected intensity measurements (incident angle equal to 2°) acquired with a Tektronix TDS3012B Digital Oscilloscope





• Fixed polarizers (at 0° with respect to the vertical of the lab)

 Fixing gray level (at 200) and output polarizer (at 0° Vertical-Lab)

Intensity oscillates with a period of ~17 ms (~60 Hz), with a sub period of ~8 ms (~120 Hz)



LCoS display characterization set-up



LCoS Mueller matrices validation





Degree of Polarization (DOP)



Degree of polarization as a function of the gray level and the incident state of polarization for quasi-normal incidence.



 $M=M_{\Delta}M_{R}M_{D}$ Depolarization, retardance, and diattenuation

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_{\Delta} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{R}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \vec{0}^T \\ \vec{P}_{\Delta} & m_{\Delta} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \vec{0}^T \\ \vec{0} & m_R \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \vec{0}^T \\ \vec{P}_{\Delta} & m_{\Delta} m_R \end{pmatrix}$$

The Jones matrix of a non-absorbing polarization element

$$\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{R}} = e^{-i\beta} \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ -B^* & A^* \end{pmatrix} = e^{-i\beta} \begin{pmatrix} A_{\mathrm{Re}} - iA_{\mathrm{Im}} & B_{\mathrm{Re}} - iB_{\mathrm{Im}} \\ -B_{\mathrm{Re}} - iB_{\mathrm{Im}} & A_{\mathrm{Re}} + iA_{\mathrm{Im}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{
m Re}^2 + A_{
m Im}^2 + B_{
m Re}^2 + B_{
m Im}^2 = 1$$



Phase measurement set-up



Interference method based set-up for experimental phase measurements.



Phase measurement set-up



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$$I(x) = 2I_o(I + \cos(2\pi px + \Phi))$$

Interference method based set-up for experimental phase measurements.

Time-fluctuations of the phase



Phase fluctuation phenomenon

Intensity measurements at the zero and first diffraction orders for binary diffraction gratings with two different gray levels:



(a) (0,120), (b) (0,211) and (c) (0,255). (d) Instantaneous phase values as a function of time for different grey levels

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Modulation Optimization



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Modulation Optimization



LCoS display response optimization

Optimized results for : 633 nm; Only polarizers and 2° incident angle.





LCoS display response optimization

Optimized results for : 633 nm; Polarizers and Wave plates and 2° incident angle.





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LCoS display response optimization



Beam-splitter based set-up.



LCoS display response optimization

Optimized results for : 633 nm; Polarizers and Wave plates and Beamsplitter.





Use of commercial LCDs in diffractive Optics

Pattern recognition















Use of commercial LCDs in diffractive Optics

Apodizing filters

Apodizing filters

The **<u>3-D Point Spread Function</u>** (PSF) of an optical system is given by:

$$\mathbf{G}(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \mathbf{W}_{20}) = \left(1/\lambda^2\right) \left| F_{\lambda}\left(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \mathbf{W}_{20}\right) \right|^2$$

 $F(\rho, W_{20})$ monochromatic amplitude (optical system with radial symmetry) :



Apodizing filters





$$\tau(r) = 1 - r^2$$
 and $\tau(r) = r^2$

50 μm

$t(r) = 1 - r^2$ (transverse response)								
Position	$\rho'(\mu m)$	Intensity N2	$\rho'(\mu m)$	Intensity N2				
Center	0	1	0	1				
1 ^{rst} min.	84.1	0	88.3	0				
1^{rst} max.	105.9	0.004						

$t(r) = r^2$ (transverse response)								
Desition	ρ' (μm)	Intensity	ρ' (μm)	Intensity				
POSITION	(theory)	N2	(exper)	N2				
Center	0	1	0	1				
1 ^{rst} min.	49.8	0	54.3	0				
1 ^{rst} max.	74.7	0.08	79.9	0.07				



$$\tau(r) = 1 - r^2$$
 $\tau(r) = r^2$



Clear aperture Axial apodizing filter: $\tau(r) = 6.75 r^2 - 13.5 r^4 + 6.75 r^6$





Axial hyperresolving filter: $\tau(r) = 1 - 4r^2 + 4r$





Use of commercial LCDs in diffractive Optics

Multiplexed lenses



• Lens with a focal length of 1000 mm for the blue line of an Ar laser (λ = 458 nm)





Single lens



Multiplexed Lens











Randomly multiplexed lenses



Randomly multiplexed 33 lenses



position along optical axis (mm)



Randomly multiplexed 33 lenses



Single lens

Multiplexed lens



Randomly multiplexed 33 lenses











Encoding Complex pupils in Phase Only SLMs

NARROW RECTANGLE



modulus



phase



encoded pupil

TRIANGLE





phase



encoded pupil



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Z = -12 Z = -10 Z = -8 Z = -6 Z = -4 Z = -2 Z = 0



UNIFORM PUPIL





Z = -18 Z = -16 Z = -14 Z = -12 Z = -10 Z = -8 Z = -6 Z = -4 Z = -2



NARROW RECTANGLE









WIDE RECTANGLE





Z = -48 Z = -44 Z = -40 Z = -36 Z = -32 Z = -28 Z = -24 Z = -20 Z = -16

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Z = -12	Z = -8	Z = -4	Z = 0	Z = 4	Z = 8	Z = 12	Z = 16	Z = 20



TWO RECTANGLES







Anamorphic Zoom





Phase fluctuation phenomenon

Effects on Diffractive Optics





3 multiplexed Blazed grating





3 multiplexed Blazed grating

o Period (18), angle (0,45,90), focal spherical lens (200)

Random Multiplex





Phase hologram







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1) LCD characterization and Diffractive Optics

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