

Long working distance DHM for space application

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Space biological experiment





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Surface cracks of spacecraft





Surface explorations





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Microscopy is a powerful tool for Space S & T.



Microscopy usually refers to:

→Optical microscopy

Only obtain 2D information of the object

Resolution and image quality are restricted by object lens

→ Scanning microscopic techniques

Obtain 3D information of the object

Complex structure, trivial procedures and rigid working environment







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Digital holographic microscopy (DHM), which is based on digital holography, aims at investigating small samples, such as life cells, MEMS, micro-optics, etc.



DHM has numerous advantages:

◆ It is a noninvasive, noncontact and in-situ measurement technique.

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- ♦ It allows for 3D quantitative analysis.
- ◆ Since no scanning is involved, it may operate in real time.
- ◆ It is marker-free and no pretreatment is required.



DHM could be applied to:













Deformation & vibration measurement



Particle field observation



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Introduction to Digital Holography

→ Holography is a imaging technique that can recover the whole information of the object under inspection from the holographic interferogram.





Introduction to Digital Holography

Digital holography (DH) is based on the optical holography, which is a novel imaging technique that can quantitatively recover both the intensity and the phase information of the object under inspection with the simulated reference wave from the single the hologram recorded digitally by CCD and transferred to a computer.





Introduction to Digital Holography

Mathematical explanation of holography:

Recording: $H = |R + O|^{2} = (R + O)(R^{*} + O^{*})$ $= R^{2} + O^{2} + 2|RO|\cos(\Delta\varphi)$ $= R^{2} + O^{2} + OR^{*} + RO^{*}$ zero-order term conjugate terms

H denotes the intensity of hologram.

R and *O* denote the complex amplitude of reference and object wave, respectively.

Reconstruction:

$$RH = R(R^{2} + O^{2}) + O|R|^{2} + R^{2}O^{*}$$

If $|R|^{2} = 1$



Once O in hologram plane is obtained, it could be propagated to image plane by simulating a diffraction procedure:

Fresnel algorithm: 2D FFT

$$b'(n\Delta x', m\Delta y') = e^{i\pi d\lambda \left(\frac{n^2}{N^2 \Delta \xi^2} + \frac{m^2}{M^2 \Delta \eta^2}\right)} FFT \left[h(k\Delta \xi, l\Delta \eta)r^*(k\Delta \xi, l\Delta \eta)e^{\frac{i\pi}{d\lambda}(k^2 \Delta \xi^2 + l^2 \Delta \eta^2)}\right]$$
Convolution algorithm: 2D FFT & IFFT

$$b'(n\Delta x', m\Delta y') = FFT^{-1}\left\{FFT\left\{h(k\Delta\xi, l\Delta\eta) \cdot r^*(k\Delta\xi, l\Delta\eta)\right\} \cdot FFT\left\{g(k\Delta\xi, l\Delta\eta)\right\}\right\}$$

>Angular spectrum algorithm: 2D FFT & IFFT

$$b'(n\Delta x', m\Delta y') = FFT^{-1} \left\{ FFT\left\{h\left(k\Delta\xi, l\Delta\eta\right) \cdot r^*\left(k\Delta\xi, l\Delta\eta\right)\right\} \cdot e^{\frac{i2\pi d}{\lambda}\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{k\Delta\xi}{d}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{l\Delta\eta}{d}\right)^2}}\right\}$$

Then the amplitude and phase image could be calculated.

Amplitude: $I(n\Delta x', m\Delta y') = |b'(n\Delta x', m\Delta y')|^2$ **Phase:** $\phi(n\Delta x', m\Delta y') = \arctan \frac{\operatorname{Im} \{b'(n\Delta x', m\Delta y')\}}{\operatorname{Re} \{b'(n\Delta x', m\Delta y')\}}$



Digital Holographic Microscopy

Nowadays, there are two methods to increase the lateral resolution in DHM:

Pre-magnification approach:

A Microscopic Objective (MO) is used to obtain a magnified image of the sample. The resolution depends on the numerical aperture (NA) of MO.

Only one hologram is needed to retrieve both amplitude and phase image.

The aberrations induced by MO must be compensated.

♦Synthetic aperture approach:

A series of holograms are captured in different recording conditions. Then these holograms are synthesized to obtain resolution enhanced image.

Since no lenses are involved, the working distance of the system isn't constrained to can be much longer, and the reconstructed images doesn't subject to lens aberration.

The record and synthesis of several holograms are time consuming. http://www.buaa.edu.cn



> Research Purpose

• An three-dimensional in-situ microscopy imaging with high resolution based on the digital holography at long working distance for the space insuit microscopy measurement is proposed. Its superiorities are:

(1)It is a noncontact, in-situ measurement technique, which can obtain the **3D** quantitative information of the object under inspection;

(2)It is provided of the flexible working distance and high-resolution imaging;

(3)It is in accordance with the basic design requirements for the miniaturization and the integration of the Load space science exploration.

> Technical Specifications

•Capabilities of three-dimensional in-suit microscopy imaging at long work distance, which is varied from the 10*cm* to the 80*cm*;

•Lateral resolution could achieve to few tens of micrometers, and axial resolution could be increased to more than a dozen micrometers at the longest work distance.



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Long-working-distance Synthetic Aperture We developed a synthetic aperture method MDHM in our previous work. Different

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tilted plane wave illuminations were utilized in this approach.











Reflective complex field in the object plane:

Spatial frequency spectrum of the reconstructed image in the image plane:

Spatial frequency spectrum of the synthesized image:

Synthetic aperture function:

the
$$\tilde{U}_o(f_x, f_y) = A_0 C \tilde{b}(f_x + \gamma_i, f_y + \zeta_i) \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{\lambda df_x}{L}\right) \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{\lambda df_y}{L}\right)$$

 $U_i(x, y) = b(x, y) A_i(\gamma_i, \zeta_i)$

$$\begin{split} \tilde{U}_{o}^{sum}\left(f_{x},f_{y}\right) &= \sum_{i} A_{0}C'\tilde{b}\left(f_{x}+\gamma_{i},f_{y}+\zeta_{i}\right)\operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{\lambda df_{x}}{L}\right)\operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{\lambda df_{y}}{H}\right) \\ &= A_{0}C'\tilde{b}\left(f_{x},f_{y}\right)\mathbf{SA}\left(f_{x},f_{y}\right) \\ \mathbf{SA}\left(f_{x},f_{y}\right) &= \sum_{i}\operatorname{rect}\left[\frac{\lambda d\left(f_{x}+\gamma_{i}\right)}{L}\right]\operatorname{rect}\left[\frac{\lambda d\left(f_{y}+\zeta_{i}\right)}{H}\right] \end{split}$$







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795pixels ×795pixels







 $\sum_{i=1}^{5} = R1 + L1 + U1 + D1 + 0 \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{9} = R1 + R2 + L1 + L2 + U1 + U2 + D1 + D2 + 0$



Reconstructed with 9 holograms



169pixels × **216pixels**

Reconstructed with 1 hologram

Reconstructed with 5 holograms





effectively enhanced.

Pan Feng, Xiao Wen, Rong Lu. "Long-working-distance synthetic aperture Fresnel off-axis digital holography", Optics Express. 2009, 17(7):5473-5480, Virtual Journal of Biomedical Optics. 2009, 5(1).



Speckle noise reduction in digital holography by use of multiple polarization holograms

We propose a novel speckle reduction technique for digital holography by recording multiple polarization off-axis holograms. The speckle noise is suppressed by averaging the reconstructed intensity fields, and the resolution is improved.



Schematic diagram of experimental setup







Reconstructed with 1 hologram



Reconstructed with 3 hologram





Reconstructed with 9 hologram



Reconstructed with 18 hologram



- ✓ Lu Rong, Wen Xiao, Feng Pan, et al, "Speckle noise reduction in digital holography by use of multiple polarization holograms". Chinese Optics Letters. 2010, 8(7):653-655.
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Coherent noise reduction in digital holographic phase contrast microscopy by slightly shifting object

By slightly shifting the specimen, a series of digital holograms with different coherent noise patterns is recorded. Through averaging these images, the coherent noise is reduced and the quality of phase contrast image is improved.









(a) (b) Reconstructed phase image by the proposed method, (a): result of a single hologram, (b): result after averaging phase images.



Cross correlation between the phase distributions of a uniform region indicated by white rectangle in the left figure.

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Feng Pan, Wen Xiao, et al, "Coherent noise reduction in digital holographic phase contrast microscopy by slightly shifting object", (accepted by Optics Express)



Monitoring of Living Cells Growth under Microgravity

Gravity strongly influences the growth of living cells.

Microgravity environment was generated by a superconducting magnet system.

Mouse bone cells were cultivated at the 0g point, for 6 or 12 hours. Then we could monitor the growing procedure of bone cells after microgravity stimulation by DHM system.

The benefits of DHM system are as follows:

- It is noninvasive and noncontact.
- It works in real time.
- It permits **3D** quantitative analysis.



Superconducting magnet system



DHM living cell observation system:



Schematic diagram



Photograph of optical setup



Monitoring of Living Cells Growth under Microgravity

Living bone cell observation results (20x MO):

Phase image

Unwrapped phase image

3D rendering of phase image





Monitoring of Living Cells Growth under Microgravity

Dynamic analysis of the division procedure of mouse bone cell,

after 0g, 12 hours cultivation :





Biological Slices Observation Results

Amplitude image

Phase image

3D rendering of phase image







Onion

Paramecium







Profile and Defect Examination of Lens Surface

We have applied DHM to examine profile and defect of lens surface. The in-situ measurement of lens surface could be realized with DHM.



Object under testing





Profile and Defect Examination of Lens Surface

Testing results:



Phase image

Profile:

3D rendering of phase image



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Defect:

Fanjing Wang, Wen Xiao, Feng Pan, Shuo Liu, Lin Cong, Rui Li, Lu Rong. "Measurement of optic component by digital holography with least square method". (accepted by Optic laser Engineering)



Micro-deformation Measurement of the Resistance



Micro-deformation Measurement of the Aluminum





Conclusions

- Digital Holographic Microscopy (DHM) is a useful technique allowing for
 3D in-situ measurement. It could be adjusted and applied in space.
- With many advantages, DHM is highly suitable for dynamic observation of biological procedures. It is competitive in the morphological analysis of cells and tissues.
 - Although the resolution and image quality are restricted by CCD or CMOS, it would not be such a great problem because the performance of electronic devices will be remarkably improved in the future.

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