Substrate treatment and metrology



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Subaperture corrective polishing of optical elements for GW detectors





- Grinding: generation with brittle fracture (subsurface damage) ۰
- Polishing: smoothing and figure correcting at ductile regime ٠
- Surface pressure and dwell time ٠





stress

- Subaperture corrective polishing
 - Requires extended skills or CNC operated machines
 - Tool does not comply with shape
 - Requires subaperture tools
 - Requires removal function characterisation
 - Per tool type and material
 - Per process set point









• B-PHOT: corrective multi-axis and robotic polishing





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 Sequence







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- B-PHOT: corrective multi-axis and robotic polishing
 - Metrology: full field interferometer



Zygo Verifire HDx interferometer

- Full-field 4" and 6" aperture
- Surface shape
- Mid-spatial frequencies





- B-PHOT: corrective multi-axis and robotic polishing
 - Metrology: white light interferometry



B-PHOT: corrective multi-axis and robotic polishing
 Metrology: surface profiling





- B-PHOT: corrective multi-axis and robotic polishing
 - Metrology: atomic force microscopy





Test mass requirements (ETPathfinder)

- <100> high-purity FZ silicon (IKZ Berlin)
- D 150 mm, 80 mm thick
- Shape :
 - CC -14.5±0.1 m
 - CX +9.0±0.1 m
- Final telescope D550mm Si





Test mass requirements



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Test mass requirements



The polish ingredients used on S1 and S2 shall not include ingredients known to increase the optical absorption of polished silicon surfaces, where possible. The mechanisms that cause higher surface absorption after polishing are largely unknown.



Extreme precision technologies



Material Removal Rate (mm³/minute)

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IBF: Ion Beam Figuring**RAP**: Reactive Atom Plasma**MRF**: Magneto Rheological Fluid polishing

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- Initial state : CZ D100mm <100> Si
 - As cut $\sim 6 \text{ um } R_t$
 - Test samples for surface generation (grinding) and polishing strategies



Tool removal function characterisation

- Nickel or resin bonded fixed diamond abrasive
- DI water as coolant







Surface generation testing

- D100 CC -14.5m radius (~84 um sag)
- 80% of final sag before corrective polishing _
 - 400x 40um grit ٠
 - 20x 9um grit ٠





10 20 30

0

X (mm)

-30 -20 -10

-40

Surface generation testing

- D100 CC -14.5m radius (~84 um sag)
- 80% of final sag before corrective polishing
 - 400x 40um grit
 - 20x 9um grit
- Ra < 50 nm
- Mid-spatial zoom shows pattern
 - Needs randomisation of toolpaths







Freeform optics output mode cleaner

- Design: subject of iBOF
- Claim: freeform optics could reduce the OMC form factor
 - Reduction will lead to large optics angles = aberrations
 - Freeforms might enable more efficient mode rejection
- · Base material: IR-grade fused silica (amorphous SiO₂ with very low OH-content)



IR fused-silica freeform corrector



- ESA Envision VenSpec-H instrument
 - ESA/NASA EnVision planetary mission to Venus (2032)
 - Phase A and Phase B1: fully functional instrument, now towards C and D (engineering & flight)
 - Venspec-H high-resolution nadir echelle grating spectrometer instrument for 1.0-2.5 μm and 7.32° by 0.084° FOV (design by OIP n.v.)
 - Monitoring of volcanic activity
- Freeform IR fused-silica wavefront corrector plate
 - Compensation of downstream aberrations
 - < λ /10 RMS surface error , <5 nm RMS roughness
 - ~80um total sag
 - Full supply chain @ VUB B-PHOT







IR fused-silica freeform corrector



Freeform IR fused-silica wavefront corrector plate

- $< <\lambda/10$ RMS surface error , <5 nm RMS roughness
- Reached < $\lambda/17$ RMS error and 4 nm RMS rougness



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Scattering properties of structural elements





Workflow

- 1. Surface analysis
 - Geometrical: 1D and 2d surface profile at microscopic level, surface roughness, surface Power Spectral Distribution function
 - Optical: measures of scattering, transmittance, reflectance
- 2. Mathematical description of optical properties of surfaces
 - Surface roughness, Power Spectral Distribution function (PSD)
 - Bidirectional Scattering Distribution Function (BSDF)
 - Wavelength scaling
- 3. Ray-tracing simulations
 - Description of scattering properties with dedicated software tools
 - CAD representation of objects of interest
 - Specialised techniques for fast accurate simulations



- B-PHOT: surface roughness induced light scattering
 - Metrology: scatterometry





- illumination: white light source with filters
- transmission and reflection
- detection: integrated flux or spectral analysis
- calculation of BRDF/BTDF

400 – 1700 nm



• The ultimate goal is to calculate the **Bidirectional Scattering Distribution Function** (BSDF) of a surface

 $BSDF = \frac{scattered \, radiance}{incident \, irradiance} = \frac{P_s / \Omega_s}{P_i \cos(\theta_i)}$

- $P = light flux (Watts); i=incident, s=scattered; \Omega = solid angle$
- Describes how light incident from different angles is reflected (scattered) by a surface, in all directionsPerfectly specular reflection is an idealization
- A fraction, if not all, of the incident light is reflected away from the specular direction (scattering)
- The smoother a surface, the closer to an ideal specular reflector
- Two options to determine the BSDF
 - 1. Directly from scattering measurements
 - 2. By using scatter theories
 - when the sample does not fit into the scatterometer, or
 - when the wavelength of interest is not available in the lab.
 - Scattering theories determine BSDF from surface analysis

A quantity which is easily calculated from surface metrology and gives a first indication of the scatter properties of a surface is the **Total Integrated Scatter**



$$TIS(R_q) = R_0 \left(1 - e^{-\left(\frac{4 \pi R_q \cos \theta_i}{\lambda}\right)^2} \right)$$

- R_a : RMS roughness
- R_0 : theoretical reflectance
- θ_i : angle of incidence on the surface

 $\lambda/5$

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 λ : wavelength

Low roughness requirements in optics

- Scattered light reduction (halo and ghost effects, power loss & damage)
- Mirrors (high reflectivity): more affected
- Grazing angles: are less critical



H.E. Bennett et al. "Relation Between Surface Roughness and Specular Reflection at Normal Incidence," JOSA 51, 123, 1961.

100

90

 $\Theta = 0^{\circ}$

Э.=20°

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- Low roughness specification
 - A surface is considered smooth if (smooth surface criterion): $\left(\frac{4\pi R_q \cos \theta_i}{2}\right)^2 \ll 1$
 - Schröder: $\frac{R_q \cos \theta_i}{\lambda} < 0.02$
 - Astronomical telescope : Rq<0.1 nm, smoothness criterion <10⁻⁴; TIS 7 10⁻⁵%
 - Metallic, rough, surface : Rq=1.5 um, TIS 100% : diffuse scattering



- Scatter theories: about 30 methods (Elfouhaily 2004)
- Parent models:
 - Rayleigh-Rice (1951): only for smooth surfaces, any incident or scatter angle
 - Beckmann-Kirchhoff (1963): rough surfaces but not for large angles
 - Harvey-Schack (1976): no roughness limitations, only small angles
 - Generalized Harvey-Shack (2011): generic model
- Rayleigh-Rice and generalized Harvey-Shack requires
 PSD characterisation of the surface | FFT{z(x,y)}² |





Smooth surfaces

BSDF is proportional to the PSD BSDF characterisation at a given wavelength

can be converted to any other wavelength



Rough surfaces

PSD can be used to calculate the BSDF BSDF cannot be used to infer the PSD



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Simulated scattering example

- Goal: digital twin of a machine vision system for defect monitoring
- Method: PSD and BSDF characterisation of the surface elements ٠
- Simulation: physical raytrace model of the full structural element ٠

Defect is about 2 x 1 mm²

Low reflectance (10%), diffuse scatter

10 Cameras are arrayed on a ring, to image the sample when it is illuminated by an array of LEDs arranged on an arc





System parameters













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Conclusions

- Si surface generation: ongoing work, generation method is established
- OMC IR FS Freeform optics: proven supply chain for $<\lambda/10$ RMS surface error
- Scattering on structural elements: workflow from PSD to digital twin



