## Introduction to Optics: basics, components, diffraction





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## Introduction to Optics: overview





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Why study optics?



### Light matters...

**Optics:** the study of the behaviour and properties of light, including the transmission and deflection of radiation

underpins

# *photonics*: the science and technology of generating, controlling, and detecting photons

- Our modern world relies on light-based technologies:
  - Smart phones, laptops, displays and data storage
  - Fast internet, fibre-optic and satellite telecommunications
  - Medical applications, advanced imaging, metrology
  - Media production and broadcasting, 3D cinema
  - Energy from solar power, lighting technology...



Expected Growth of Global Photonics Segments 2011–2020 compared to GDP Growth

**Photonics** market is € 300 billion: double that by 2020.

bble size indicates worldwide production volume in 2020

ource: BMBF, SPECTARIS, VDMA, ZVEI (pub.), 'Branchenreport Photonik 2013', Optech Consulting, Study 'Photonik 2013'/Own calculation





### **Centrality to modern physics...**

Strontium ion traps for optical frequency standards



Laser cooling in atomic traps:



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**Optics is an essential for most research in physics:** 

- Astronomy and cosmology
- Microscopy and crystallography
- Spectroscopy and atomic theory
- Quantum theory
- Quantum optics, quantum computing
- Relativity theory
- Ultra-cold atoms
- Laser nuclear ignition
- Particle accelerators present and future
- Holographic imaging



#### National Ignition Facility, US



#### European Southern Observatory

## Why study optics?



### **Beauty of optical phenomena**









### ... giant lenses are awesome?!



Spotted on a visit to KEK



## CAS optics course aims



These 3 lectures aim to equip you with enough knowledge of optics, lasers and practical setups to understand and start to develop your own versatile and precise beam diagnostics.

- Lecture 1 [Wed 12h]: Introduction to Optics: basics, components, diffraction
  - Fundamental concepts, how light behaves in different circumstances.
  - How to calculate, and create good optics design.
- Lecture 2 [Thurs 11h]: Lasers, technologies and setups
  - How lasers work, different types, understanding their parameters and cost.
  - Including optical fibres for data transmission and readout.
- Lecture 2 [Fri 12h]: Applications of lasers in beam instrumentation
  - Examples of some optical and laser based beam diagnostics and what type of precision is achievable.



## ...and there was light

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- Starting from James Clerk *Maxwell's equations* (1865) for electric E and magnetic B fields, in the absence of charge (ρ=0) and currents (J=0):

Gauss's law for electricity:

No magnetic monopoles:

Faraday's law of induction:

Ampère's law:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} = 0$$
  

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$
  

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$
  

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}.$$

• Take the curl and use vector identity  $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A}$ 

to show:

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} \qquad \nabla^2 \mathbf{B} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{B}}{\partial t^2}$$



## ...and there was light

• Starting from James Clerk *Maxwell's equations* (1865) for electric **E** and magnetic **B** fields, in the absence of charge ( $\rho$ =0) and currents (J=0): Gauss's law for electricty:  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{-} = 0$ 

No magnetic monopoles:

Faraday's law of induction:

Ampère's law:

$$\begin{aligned} & \epsilon_0 \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}. \end{aligned}$$

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• These are wave equations with velocity:  $v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ Light is an electromagnetic wave



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## Basis of Geometric Optics

• One solution of the 3-dimensional wave equation is plane waves

$$U(x, y, z, t) = U_0 \exp[i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)]$$

- In optics, typically consider simplified solution to a 1D wave equation:
  - k is wave number,  $2\pi/\lambda$ Z is the direction of travel  $U(\lambda)$  $\lambda$  the wavelength c, speed of light  $\omega = 2\pi c/\lambda$ , the angular frequency [Note, no phase offset in this solution]

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$$U(z,t) = U_0 \cos\left[\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(z-ct)\right] = U_0 \cos\left[(kz-\omega t)\right]$$

- In an isotropic media, light travels in straight lines, known as rays. -
- Geometric optics is a technique for determining the light path through multiple interfaces between media of different refractive indices.







Two basic assumptions:

- 1. light travels in straight lines, known as **rays**, in each uniform medium.
- 2. light **reflects** and/or **refracts** at an interface between different media
- Huygens' construction can be used to derive Snell's law of refraction at an interface:



Valid for isotropic media and apertures much larger than the wavelength of light.

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Light has different speeds in each medium v = c/n.

Distances travelled are  $v_1 t \\ \text{and} \ v_2 t \text{ in same time } t.$ 

 $\sin \theta_1 = v_1 t / D$   $\sin \theta_2 = v_2 t / D$  $n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$ 

Snell's Law of refraction



### Basic components: lenses





- 2. A ray parallel to the principal axis before refraction, travels through  $F_2$  after refraction.
- 3. A ray passing through P is undeviated.

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## Basic components: Lens types and systems





- Constructing an optical instrument typically requires multiple lenses.
- One can apply the lens equation multiple times, or use the effective focal length of the combination.
- However, there is a better way...



Two thin lenses in contact:





## Matrix method of ray tracing

- A ray is described by the height h<sub>1</sub> from the optical axis and angle h<sub>1</sub>'
- Optical components described by their transfer matrix:

 $M_D(x_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ Free space drift Action at thin lens  $M_L(F) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f} & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -F & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ **= = =** <del>,</del> h<sub>2</sub> h<sub>1</sub>  $X_1$ **X**<sub>2</sub>

Example of drift-lens-drift:

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_2 \\ h_2 \\ \end{pmatrix} = M_D(x_2)M_L(F)M_D(-x_1) = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_1 \\ \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_D(x_2)M_L(F)M_D(-x_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -F & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -x_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{TR} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -x_1 \\ -F & Fx_1 + 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{TR} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - Fx_2 \\ -F & Fx_1 + 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

 Similar in concept to accelerator optics lattice, note lenses typically focus in both planes simultaneously (unlike quadrupoles)

Angle independent image formation:

 $-x_1 + Fx_1x_2 + x_2 = 0$ 

The lens equation!





### **Reflection transformations**



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Reflect across x=0



## Optical design with ray tracing software



Ray tracing divides the real light field into discrete monochromatic rays that are propagated through the system. Can input real light distribution. Several professional software suites available, e.q. ZEMAX **OSLO: Optics Software for Layout** https://www.zemax.com/ and Optimization \_ensMechanix<sup>®</sup> https://www.lambdares.com/oslo/ USP# 6,590,715 Carl Zeiss UNITS: MM FOCAL LENGTH = 6179 NA = 0.725DES: OSLO WinLens3D - lens design & optimization software

http://www.opticalsoftware.net/index.php/how\_to/lens\_design\_software/winlens3d/



## Physical optics: Interference basics

- The wave properties of light gives rise to interference between multiple paths, where each path has a phase advance.  $\delta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} d = \frac{2\pi n}{\lambda_{o}} d$
- Consider two sinusoidal disturbances at a point at time t, having travelled different distances,  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ :  $E_1 = a_1 e^{i(\omega t - kx_1)} = a_1 e^{i(\omega t - \delta_1)}$  $E_1 = a_1 e^{i\phi_1} \text{ and } E_2 = a_2 e^{i\phi_2}$  $E_2 = a_2 e^{i(\omega t - kx_2)} = a_2 e^{i(\omega t - \delta_2)}$ instantaneous phase,  $\phi = \omega t - kx$
- By the principle of superposition the resulting disturbance is the sum of the complex spatial amplitudes  $E = E_1 + E_2$ . We measure the intensity, the square of the sum of E-fields:

 $I = |E_1 + E_2|^2$ Note for identical amplitudes  $a_1 = a_2$ 

$$I = |E|^{2} = a_{1}^{2} + a_{2}^{2} + 2a_{1}a_{2}\cos(\delta_{2} - \delta_{1})$$

 $I = 4a^2 \cos^2\left(\frac{\delta_2 - \delta_1}{2}\right)$ 

Constructive 
$$o.p.d. = m\lambda$$
  
Destructive  $o.p.d. = (m+1/2) \lambda$ 





## Physical optics: Phasors

• Reminder of phasors, visualisation of the superposition principle,

$$E_{1} = a_{1}e^{i(\omega t - kx_{1})} = a_{1}e^{i(\omega t - \delta_{1})} = a_{1}[\cos(\phi_{1}) + i\sin(\phi_{1})]$$
  
$$E_{2} = a_{2}e^{i(\omega t - kx_{2})} = a_{2}e^{i(\omega t - \delta_{2})} = a_{2}[\cos(\phi_{2}) + i\sin(\phi_{2})]$$







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## Physical optics: double slit interference



• For infinitesimal slit size, see interference fringes in far field:

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### Physical optics: 2 source interference



• Where should Hermann sit to maximize the volume?









## Michelson Interferometer

- Interferometers are used widely for accurate distance measurements:
  - If the length of each interferometer arm is fixed we observe some phase  $\Phi$  at the detector, due to the optical path difference,  $L = I_1 I_2$
  - If one mirror is moved some distance x, we observe a phase change at the detector:



 $\Delta \Phi = [2\pi/\lambda]\Delta L$ 



Essentially we count fringes as the path difference is changed.

Interference fringe counting:

change in phase proportional to change in optical path length

 $\Phi$  is the detected phase L is the optical path difference (n=1)



## Interferometer Types

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- The interferometer is an amazingly versatile instrument
- Various configurations to create interference by division of amplitude, e.g.:

Check surface quality of a lens or optical flat can be tested with interference fringes.



## **Direct detection of Gravitational Waves**

*Exquisite sensitivity: gravitational wave typically lengthens and contracts each arm of the interferometer by length of* **10**<sup>-21</sup> **\*** *arm length* First signal from a binary black-hole







Quadrupole oscillation of space-time



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#### Gravitational Wave Event GW150914

Hanford, Washington (H1)

Data bandpass filtered between 35 Hz and 350 Hz Time difference 6.9 ms with Livingston first

Second row – calculated GW strain using Numerical Relativity Waveforms for quoted parameters compared to reconstructed waveforms (Shaded)

Third Row -residuals

bottom row - time frequency plot showing frequency increases with time (chirp)

#### 11-Feb-16

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Barry Barish (LIGO) CERN seminar 11/2/16

Time (s)

www.ligo.caltech.edu/video/ligo20160211v10



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Livingston, Louisiana (L1)

Time (s)

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## **Finnish Diffraction**



• What happens when waves meet an aperture or obstacle in Finland?

The calm before the storm in Tuusula...





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## Wave Diffraction



• Diffraction occurs wherever there is an obstacle or aperture



### From Teaching waves with Google Earth doi:10.1088/0031-9120/47/1/73



### Light on the edge



• Diffraction fringes at a razor's straight edge:





## Light on the edge

Diffraction fringes at a razor's straight edge:

We see similar fringes at the corner...



...and at the curved cut out in the centre of the razor:

#### Diffraction at a pinhead

Diffraction effects may be helpful or problematic when constructing optical instruments



### Light on the edge

• Diffraction fringes: circular, triangular and rectangular apertures:





Beugung an einer runden Öffnung in zwei Stellungen des Beobachtungsschirmes • Diffraction par une ouverture circulaire pour 2 positions de l'écran d'observation • Diffraction by a circular aperture for two positions of the plane of observation



Beugung an einer dreieckigen Öffnung Diffraction par une ouverture triangulaire Diffraction by a triangular aperture



Beugung an einer rechteckigen Öffnung Diffraction par une ouverture rectangulaire Diffraction by a rectangular aperture





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- Consider plane waves incident on a straight-edged obstacle:
- We aim to evaluate the intensity at P, by summing all contributions that pass the obstacle





### A thing of beauty: the Cornu spiral

• The phasor will trace out a spiral (with tangent at phase angle  $\phi \sim h^2$ )

Usually define a dimensionless variable which represents the distance along the spiral,

 $v = h \left(\frac{2}{\lambda s}\right)^{1/2}$ 

• The spiral coordinates are given by the Fresnel integrals

$$x = \int_{0}^{v} \cos \frac{\pi {v'}^{2}}{2} dv'$$
$$y = \int_{0}^{v} \sin \frac{\pi {v'}^{2}}{2} dv'$$

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Marie Alfred Cornu (1841-1902)

Note if phase were linear in h we would have a circle



### A thing of beauty: the Cornu spiral

The arrow length traces out the straight edge pattern, with resultant normalized intensity  $I = (x^2+y^2)/2$ 



Straight edge In geometric shadow Not in geometric shadow





Start in geometric shadow... length of arrow grows as we move within the shadow





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Predicts that the intensity at P, in line the straight edge is  $\frac{1}{2}(AZ)^2=0.25$ , or one quarter of that when no obstacle is present.



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Straight edge In geometric shadow Not in geometric shadow





Reach first maximum: Note it is larger than if the obstacle were not present!





### A thing of beauty: the Cornu spiral

The arrow length traces out the straight edge pattern, with resultant normalized intensity  $I = (x^2 + y^2)/2$ Intensity

Straight edge In geometric shadow Not in geometric shadow





Just past the first maximum:





### A thing of beauty: the Cornu spiral

The arrow length traces out the straight edge pattern, with resultant normalized intensity  $I = (x^2+y^2)/2$ 









Reach first minimum



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### A thing of beauty: the Cornu spiral

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Reach second maximum



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### A thing of beauty: the Cornu spiral

The arrow length traces out the straight edge pattern, with resultant normalized intensity  $I = (x^2 + y^2)/2$ Intensity -0 75 Straight edge In geometric shadow Not in geometric shadow





Tends to the centre of the spiral, where the intensity = 1.



### Far field intensity for a widening slit:





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## General Fraunhofer Diffraction in 1D



• To calculate the far field diffraction pattern take the **Fourier Transform** of the transmission function of the diffracting aperture:

$$I(\theta_x) = \left| E_{res}(\theta_x) \right|^2 = \left| \int_{S} A(x_s) \exp\left[-ikx_s \sin\theta_x\right] dx_s \right|^2$$

#### **Common examples**





### Diffraction in 2D

• Rectangular slit:

$$I(\theta_x) = \left| \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} A(x_s) \exp\left[-ikx_s \sin\theta_x\right] \exp\left[-iky_s \sin\theta_y\right] dx_s \, dy_s \right|^2$$

$$I = A_0^2 \frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\alpha^2} \frac{\sin^2 \beta}{\beta^2}, \text{ where } \alpha = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} a \sin \theta_x \text{ and } \beta = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} b \sin \theta_y$$

• *Circular aperture:* 

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$$E_{res}(\rho_d, \theta_d) = \int_{0}^{\overline{\rho}} \int_{0}^{2\pi} A(x_s) \rho_s \exp\left[-\frac{ik}{L}\rho_s \cdot \rho_d \cdot \cos(\theta_s - \theta_d)\right] d\rho_s d\theta_s$$
  

$$E_{res} = A_0^2 \frac{J_1^2(\alpha)}{\alpha^2}, \text{ where } \alpha = \frac{ka\rho_d}{L}$$
  

$$\theta = \frac{1.22 \cdot \lambda}{\rho_d}$$



• *The convolution function:* 

$$h(x) = f(x) \otimes g(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x')g(x'-x) \, dx'$$

The convolution theorem:

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- F(k) is the Fourier Transform of f(x)
- G(k) is the Fourier Transform of g(x)
- H(k) is the Fourier Transform of h(x)
- Then:

$$H(k) = F(k) \cdot G(k)$$







### Convolution theorem







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### Spatial filtering

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The 4F system (telescope with finite conjugates one focal distance to the left of the objective and one focal distance to the right of the collector, respectively) consists of a cascade of two Fourier transforms



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## Pin hole as a low pass filter

- A pinhole aperture placed at the focus of the lens acts in the Fourier plane:
  - This eliminates structure with higher spatial frequencies, which produce light furthest from the central position.
  - A microscope objective and pinhole is typically used to remove aberrations and improve the quality of a Gaussian laser beam.





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## Spatial filtering in image processing







### Halo monitoring: core masking





The Sun's chromosphere is 4 orders of magnitude less dense than the photosphere (which itself is three to four orders less dense than air at sea level).

The chromosphere becomes directly visible during an eclipse.

J. Egberts, et al., JINST **5** P04010 (2010) H. Zhang, R. Fiorito, et al., Phys. Rev. STAB 15 (2012)





### Application: Coronagraph for LHC beam halo





- **Observe synchrotron light form LHC:** 
  - Opaque disk blocks the beam core.
  - However, the limited diameter of the object lens creates unwanted diffraction, which overlays the halo.
  - By adding the field lens to image the objective lens, the unwanted diffraction moves radially out.
  - A Lyot stop is then used to block the diffraction, allowing only the LHC halo to be imaged.





G. Trad, **T. Mitsuhashi**, E. Bravin, A. Godblatt, F. Roncarolo First Observation of the LHC Beam Halo Using a Synchrotron Radiation Coronagraph http://inspirehep.net/record/1626217/files/tuoab2.pdf



- The simple **refractive nature** of electromagnetic waves enables complex optical instruments to be designed from multiple elements:
  - Light propagation is typically calculated by dedicated ray tracing software, based on matrix methods.
- Interference is a powerful tool for precise displacement measurements with sensitivities at a fraction of the wavelength of light
  - we we explore some relevant examples in the following lectures.
- Diffraction effects must be considered when designing instruments, with numerical calculations based on the Fourier Transform of the transmission function of the aperture.
  - Spurious effects can typically be spatially filtered in the Fourier plane, or by applying a mask on the Fourier Transform in software to reconstruct only the image of interest.
- Next time: lasers, fibre optics and applications.

