



Light Field Methods for the Visual Inspection of Transparent Objects

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- Why bother about transparent object inspection?
 - Transparent objects are massively used in diverse industries and need to meet highest quality requirements.















- Important types of defects:
 - Opaque inclusions
 - Transparent, scattering inclusions



Why use light fields?



Because for some important kinds of material defects, the information about their presence is conveyed by the light's propagation direction.



- Why am I here?
 - We will come to that ... ③



Outline

State of the Art

Light Field Methods

- Basic Idea
- Deflection Maps
 - Acquisition
 - Processing
- Inverse Light Field Illumination
- Summary & Outlook



- Purity a multi channel inspection system
 - Bright field (red channel)
 Opaque contaminants
 - Dark field (blue & green channels): Transparent, scattering inclusions & scattering surface defects
 - Problem:
 - Requires well-designed arrangement and placement of light sources in order to avoid reflections.





Laser scanner system Purity



Dark field channel: transparent, scattering inclusions



Laser scanner system Purity – uncooperative test object



- Ray deflections caused by the test object's more complex geometry
 - ➔ False signals captured by the dark field detectors
 - ➔ Dark field detectors missed at all



Laser scanner system Purity with retroreflector



- Retroreflector
- mitigates influence of the test object's geometry +
 - → visualization of opaque defects
- compensates deflections caused by scattering defects —
 - → scattering defects are not visualized



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Light Field Methods

Basic ideas – consider a test object with a scattering defect



4D-Light field $\mathcal{L}(x, y, \theta, \varphi)$ contains the information for defect detection.



Light Field Methods – Deflection Map Acquisition

Acquisition of deflection maps using a laser deflection scanner



Light Field Methods – Deflection Map Acquisition

Deflection maps... sounds familiar?



Sudhakar, P., Jacques, L., Dubois, X., Antoine, P., & Joannes, L. (2015). Compressive imaging and characterization of sparse light deflection maps. SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences, 8(3), 1824-1856.





Search for defects in $\|\Delta_S\|$ using common image processing methods.

Which distance $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ to choose? \rightarrow Histogram distances!



- Possible choice for $d(\cdot, \cdot)$: Earth Mover's Distance $EMD(\cdot, \cdot)$
 - Distance measure between two histograms h_1 , h_2 .
 - $EMD(h_1, h_2) \approx$ minimal transformation costs between h_1 and h_2 .
 - Example for 1D-EMD:





- Generalized Cramér-von Mises Distance
 - Main ingredient: Localized Cumulative Distribution (LCD)
 - Random vector $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^N$, $N \in \mathbb{N}$ with probability density function $f: \mathbb{R}^N \to \mathbb{R}_+$ \rightarrow cumulative distribution not well-defined
 - Hanebeck et al. introduced well-defined LCD $F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{b})$:

$$F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{b}) = \int_{\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{b}}^{\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b}} f(\mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t}$$

LCD is kind of an integral transform with kernel **b**.

Hanebeck, Uwe D., and Vesa Klumpp. "Localized cumulative distributions and a multivariate generalization of the cramér-von mises distance." *Multisensor Fusion and Integration for Intelligent Systems, 2008. MFI 2008. IEEE International Conference on.* IEEE, 2008.



- Generalized Cramér-von Mises Distance
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For two random vectors $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{y}} \in \mathbb{R}^N, N \in \mathbb{N}$ with probability density functions $f(\mathbf{x}), g(\mathbf{x})$ and their LCDs $F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{b}), G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{b})$, the generalized Cramér-von Mises distance is defined as:

$$D(f,g) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N_+} \left(F(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{b}) - G(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{b}) \right)^2 d\mathbf{b} d\mathbf{x}$$







Experiments with the first prototype No defects



Two scattering defects



Experiments: Test object: cylindrical plano-convex lens Acquisition setup: early prototype of the laser deflection scanner

Earth mover's distance

Generalized Cramérvon Mises distance







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Defect-free

Two scattering defects



- Experiments:
 - Inferred defect size

Defect	Upper left	Lower right
Manually measured size	2.8 mm x 2.8 mm	4 mm x 4 mm
EM-distance based estimation	4 mm x 4 mm	4.68 mm x 4.68 mm
CVM-distance based estimation	3 mm x 3 mm	4.34 mm x 4.34 mm

Signal-to-noise ratio and peak signal-to-noise ratio

	SNR	PSNR
EM-distance	15.3	28.3
CVM-distance	18.1	39.8



- Experiments with another prototype
 - Test object: Cover glass of a washing machine
 - Image obtained using conventional scanner:





Image from conventional scanner:





Light field from laser deflection scanner:

Image from conventional scanner:

Light field from laser deflection scanner:





EM distance

GCVM distance









Light Field Methods -Inverse Light Field illumination

Acquisition of a reference light field L of a defect-free test object instance.



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Inspection of other test objects via illumination with *L* and image acquisition using a telecentric camera.

Simulation results

Defect-free test object

Test object with opaque inclusions

Test object with enclosed air bubbles

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Collimated illumination	Area illumination	Inverse light field illumination					





Summary & Outlook

Automated visual inspection of transparent objects

- High relevance for industry and academia
- Consideration of the light's propagation direction leads to promising results
- Light field methods
 - Acquisition and processing of deflection maps
 - Laser deflection scanner
 - Proof of concept done with first prototypes
 - Industrial sensor currently under construction
 - Processing methods and distance measures
 - 2D-Earth mover's distance, vector analysis, statistical methods
 - More experiments and comparison
 - Inverse light field illumination
 - Successfully evaluated by simulation
 - Practical evaluation
 - ➔ Prototype built (is currently being calibrated)

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