

NewView[™] Surface Profiler Presentation

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Basic Theory of NewView Operation

• Hardware introduction

- Wave theory and interferometry
- Microscopy basics
- Scanning white light interferometry
- Practical Concerns



Terms and Definitions

Accuracy

The degree to which the measurement (value of the quantity as determined from an instrument) represents the *true value* of the quantity which is being measured.

Precision (repeatability)

Represents the variance of measurement, including all random and cyclic error; statistical quantity which is **not** related to the **true value** of the quantity being measured.

Resolution

As applied to interferometers, resolution might refer to the number of bits used to digitize interferogram intensities or final phase values, or spatial sampling of the detector array for optical resolution.

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NewView 7300 System Overview





NewView Optical Setup

- "Scanning White Light Interferometer"
- Microscope + interferometer combined in a single instrument
- Three-dimensional surface structure analysis





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Wave Nature of Light

- Light is a wave, thus light can interfere (under the correct conditions).
- No detector can directly measure the oscillations of light, we measure time averaged intensity, $I \propto \langle E^2 \rangle$.
- By varying the relative phase of two beams of light, interference will produce bright or dark spots at a detector!



Wave Propagation Direction

A Basic Interferometer

The difference in distance between the two legs of the interferometer (the optical path difference, OPD) will determine whether the detector sees a bright or dark spot.

Moving one surface relative to the other will cause the spot to vary in intensity like a sinusoid.





Interference over an extended surface

If the light beam has a size (as all real beams do), variations in the OPD between different parts of the surface will result in an **interference pattern** at the detector, which will describe the **cavity** between the test and reference surface.

This pattern is simply interference as described before happening at every point on the surface.





Fringes as contours: intuitive height visualization

The intensity of the resulting light at any point is a function of the optical path difference. Thus, for points where the optical path difference is the same, the intensity will be the same.

Continuous fringes are surfaces of constant height on the test part.





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Microscopes

- The purpose of a microscope is to examine small objects!
- The magnification (or power), field of view, resolution, working distance, and numerical aperture are all related and dependent upon the objective you choose to use.
- Picking the proper objective for your sample is very important!

20 = θ Working/focal distance Focal plane Field of view



Optical Resolution: The Airy Disk

Diffraction of light through a circular aperture (like a lens) limits the resolution of any optical system.

The best focus of a point source of light from a lens system will form an Airy disk due to this diffraction, rather than the idealized point source.







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Optical Resolution

- Optical resolution is usually defined as the ability to distinguish two objects which are close together, which is difficult due to the overlap of the Airy disks.
- Common criteria for the resolution R:
 - The Rayleigh Criterion: $R = 0.61\lambda/NA$
 - The Sparrow Criterion: R = 0.5λ/NA (used by Zygo)
- Note: This resolution is in the lateral (parallel to the focal plane) direction – it is not related to the vertical resolution of the NewView's measurements.









Spatial Sampling

The detector in the NewView system is a CCD camera with a finite number of pixels. Thus, the optical resolution is also limited by the spatial sampling of the system, i.e. the field of view divided by the number of pixels.

Objective selection tip: Select an objective with sufficient optical resolution and spatial sampling to image the smallest feature size you are interested in.





Importance of Numerical Aperture

The numerical aperture of a lens system is a descriptor of the size of the cone which light is collected from.

A high NA lens will collect a larger cone angle, which allows for collection of light on **steeper slopes**.

Objective selection tip: If you are having difficulty capturing data on a part with steep valleys or high slope, try a higher NA objective.





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Coherence length vs. bandwidth

- Coherence (between two waves) refers to the ability of the waves to interfere with each other in an observable way; a property which naturally diminishes as a beam propagates.
- 'Coherence length' is the length over which a beam remains coherent – the distance over which interference may occur.
- The coherence length of a beam is inversely related to the bandwidth, or the spread of different frequencies, of the light.
- Coherence length of white light sources (lightbulbs) is typically 1-5 microns, while stabilized lasers can have coherence lengths of hundreds of meters.

Operational tip: If you are measuring a very rough surface, the use of a narrowband 'rough' filter can make it easier to find fringes and make measurements, by increasing the coherence length.



• Laser interferometers have long been the standard. But what happens when we have a rough surface?

•There is ambiguity in the fringes when the sample height changes by more than $\lambda/4$ between pixels, due to the (essentially infinite) coherence length of a laser: we have no way to tell how many fringes are "jumped" at this discontinuity.





Why White Light?

 The short coherence length of white light compared to laser light reduces the intensity of the interference rapidly as the OPD increases from zero. Outside the coherence length the light loses the ability to interfere in an observable way. Thus, the maximum of intensity occurs at the zero OPD point.



Combining interferometry and microscopy

- The interferometric microscope objective comes in two flavors: Michelson (left) and Mirau (right).
 - Michelson objectives have longer working distances and wider fields of view, while Mirau objectives are used when higher magnification and NA are needed.
- The objectives are calibrated* so that the point of zero OPD is the same as the focal distance, i.e. the distance from the beamsplitter to the reference surface is the same as the focal length.

*Warning: The 50x and 100x objectives are equipped with a focusing knob to account for thermal expansion – make sure your objective is in focus before use!





Scanning White Light Interferometry

By measuring the intensity of the fringes over the entire range of the interferogram, we can determine the point of zero OPD. The measurement is accomplished by scanning the objective in the z-axis.







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Scanning White Light Interferometry

Doing this scan for every point (pixel) in the field of view allows us to create a relative height map of the entire FOV.

The zero OPD points map the surface of the test part.

Note: the zero OPD point is found using FDA (frequency domain analysis) when the highest accuracy is required.





Examples of Applications



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Anything that might look cool.



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Examples of Applications: Microgeometry *Critical Dimensions*

• Step Height, Coplanarity

• Angle

• Power, Curvature





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Fringe Contrast

Fringes are caused by the interference of light – but what if the two interfering beams are not of equal intensities?

Fringes end up in low contrast, varying between shades of grey rather than sharp black and white.

Low contrast fringes are usually caused by either reflective mismatches or aliased fringes.









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Reflectivity Mismatch

If the light:

- is evenly split along each path (bad assumption!!),
- and a perfect mirror is used for the reference surface (also a bad assumption),

the reference beam will return at ½ the initial intensity.

The test beam will return at ½ times whatever the reflectivity of the test part is, so a low reflectivity part will cause low contrast fringes.

(In reality the objectives are in more of a middle ground, realizing that few parts are perfectly reflective!)

So what can we do?





Minimum Modulation (Min Mod%)

The MinMod% control specifies how much oscillation is required for data to be accepted.

Poorly modulating signals (low contrast fringes) will be excluded if this control is set too high, but noise can be misinterpreted as data if the control is set too low.





Scan Types



Camera Dynamic Range





Aliasing



Nyquist Limit -- the shortest detectable wavelength for a given sampling interval or rate (pixel spacing or filter window size)

Aliased Fringes



Nyquist Limit



Aliased Fringes (Average Light Intensities)



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MetroPro Surface Texture Parameters



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Frequency Domain Analysis (FDA)

Surface structure analysis is discussed in frequency (or wavelength) space.

The **Fourier Decomposition** of a function is its expression as a series of sine and cosine functions of different frequencies (or wavelengths). General form:



 $f(x) = \sum (a_j \cos[k_j x] + b_j \sin[k_j x])$

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Form and Texture

Surface characteristics are often grouped by wavelength. A part measurement (in cross-section) may look like the graph on the left.

- Long wavelength features, i.e. the general shape of a part, are called **form**. (Black dashed line.)
- Mid-wavelength features are called waviness. (Green line; vertically offset for clarity.)
- Short wavelength features are **roughness**. (Blue line; vertically offset for clarity.)
- Waviness and roughness are jointly called **surface texture**. ٠



Power Spectrum

The Power Spectrum is a way to visualize the amount of each frequency in a signal.

In real signal processing, the signal is discrete, and has values only at points determined by the sampling frequency.

Filtering can be understood easily in terms of the power spectrum / Fourier transform!



Terminology (1 of 2)

- Surface Texture
 - The topography of a surface composed of certain deviations that are typical of the real surface. It includes roughness and waviness.
- Profile
 - A two dimensional slice through an area.
- Areal
 - A three dimensional surface area.
- Roughness Parameters
 - The non-periodic finer irregularities in the surface texture which are inherent in the production process. These are a measure of the vertical characteristics of the surface. Sampling Length- The area selected for assessment and evaluation of the roughness parameter having the cutoff wavelength. Any surface irregularities spaced farther apart than the sampling length are considered waviness. Also known as cutoff length.



Terminology (2 of 2)

- Waviness Parameters
 - A larger component of surface texture upon which roughness is superimposed.
- Cutoff Filter
 - Determines the wavelength at which the surface structure is differentiated between roughness and waviness data. Proper selection of the correct filter cutoff in software is critical to measurement accuracy. (λc)
- Hybrid Parameters
 - These parameters are combinations of spacing and roughness parameters.
- Evaluation Length
 - The area from which data is obtained. It is a three dimensional area that corresponds to the instrument field of view, or a two dimensional profile that corresponds to the length of the slice as defined in the filled plot.



Roughness Parameters

Examples

R_{3z}

Base roughness depth. The distance between the third highest peak and the third lowest valley. A peak is a portion of the surface above the mean line and between center line crossings. Available for profile and areal data.



Rt (PV) Maximum peak-to-valley height. The absolute value between the highest and lowest peaks. Available for profile and areal data.

 $R_t = R_p + R_v$



Roughness Parameters

Examples

Ra

Arithmetical mean deviation. The arithmetic average of the absolute values of the roughness profile. Available for profile and areal data.

$$R_{a} = \frac{1}{L} \int_{0}^{L} |z(x)| dx$$



R_q (rms)

Root-mean-square (rms) roughness. The average of the measured height deviations taken within the evaluation length or area and measured from the mean linear surface. Available for profile and areal data. Rq is the rms parameter corresponding to Ra.

$$R_{q} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{L} \int_{0}^{L} z^{2}(x) dx}$$



Waviness Parameters

Examples

W_a Arithmetical mean deviation. The arithmetic average of the absolute values of the waviness profile.

$$W_{a} = \frac{1}{L} \int_{0}^{L} |z(x)| dx$$



W_q The root-mean-square (rms) roughness of all points from a plane fit to the waviness data.

$$W_{q} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{L} \int_{0}^{L} z^{2}(x) dx}$$

WyThe maximum height of the
waviness data.









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MetroPro Data Flow





MetroPro Data Flow (continued)



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Noise, Its Effects, Its Sources, and Countermeasures



Noise Categories

- Noise that can compromise metrology
 - Vibration
 - Seismic
 - Acoustic
 - Air turbulence
 - Thermal stresses



Noise Sources

- Foot traffic
- Machinery
- Building modes or harmonics
- Air circulation systems
- Closing doors
- Paging systems



Minimizing Seismic Vibrations

- Isolate floor
 - Select room away from vibration sources, put saw cuts in the slab

• Locate optical table on ground floor

- Place optical table near wall
 - May avoid building modes to some degree



- Always use a commercially available vibration isolation table
 - Make sure it is floating properly, strain relieve cables



Minimizing Acoustic Vibrations

- Locate optical table in a quiet area
- Use acoustic absorbing material on the walls, floor and ceiling
- Construct a tent of soft material or screen mesh around the optical table
 - Plexiglass boxes are not very effective
- Replace doors with curtains
- Mechanically de-couple the ventilation system from the room structure
- Reduce noise during data acquisition





Noting and Minimizing Air Turbulence

 Air turbulence will appear as "smoke" in a nulled interference pattern

- Sources that vary the index of refraction of the air
 - Normal room air flow
 - Heat sources/sinks near the interferometric cavity
 - Equipment fans

- Combating air turbulence
 - Remove equipment with fans from the immediate area
 - Cover ventilation ducts near the interferometer
 - Install diffusing baffles in the ventilation ducts
 - Tent the cavity and/or curtain the table area





Minimizing Thermal Stress

• Fabrication generates heat

• Thermal stresses will deform the cavity

• Allow the system to come to equilibrium

Use equipment in a controlled environment





End Part I

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MetroPro Operation



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Overall Operator Process Flow

Load Application Select Objective Load Sample Set Z Stop Set Light Level Set Measurement Controls Set Analyze Controls MEASURE Save Results



Load Application

- Open the MetroPro Shortcut on the Desktop
- Click on the desired application to open



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Load Application

• If application not on desktop, right-click to "Load Application"





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NewView Procedure Step by step

- Select and mount appropriate objective
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- Move slightly closer than objective working distance; set "z" stop
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NewView Accessory Guide





Select Objective

- Click the Objective Button to select the objective
- For automated turret, ensure sample stage is clear first
- Choose objective based on resolution and desired field of view
 - Tradeoff: Lower magnification yields a wider field of view but provides coarser lateral resolution





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• Place part on motorized stage





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Motion Controller/Joystick





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Set Light Level

- Set automatically by pressing "F5"
 - Must be centered on the brightest fringe
- Set manually by pressing "F4"
 - Use numeric keypad to set peak intensity to approx 90 99 %
 - Make sure there is no saturation (red)

| Кеу | Function | Light Level |
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| / * | Coarse down (/) and up (*). | Adjust light level until Intensity all outputs are green |
| - + | Fine down (-) and up (+). | Saturation: 0.00 % Peak Intensity 97 % |
| 1 2 9 | Adjust level in 10% steps, 1 = 10%, 3 = 30%, 9 = 90% | Filled Plot |
| Tab | Toggle between last two light settings. | |
| Esc | Cancel current action and abort measurement. | |
| | | 10.2 % |
| | | Set Plots Cancel |

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Field Stop Employment

- For a highly reflective part, it is easiest to use an edge to find focus
- The field stop can be used as a focus aid
 - A "halo" will appear near focus







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Focus Sample

- Adjust z using the focus joystick until sample is focused
- Focus is found when fringes appear on Live Display
 - Fringes are the light and dark bands produced by the interference of light
- *Hints:* if having trouble focusing, press "F5" to set the light level automatically for viewing, or try using the field stop



Example: Part focused with fringes



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Roll & Pitch to Minimize Scan Length





"Nulling" the Cavity





Null Fringes

- Nulling is the process of minimizing the number of fringes
- Null sample by adjusting tip/tilt or "R P" using the joystick
- As the tip/tilt is adjusted, it may be necessary to make fine zadjustments to keep the fringes viewable on the live display monitor









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Null Fringes

- Note: The null fringe location will look different depending on the part
 - in most cases, think of "spreading out" the fringes
 - for a spherical part, center the bulls eye

Example of Nulled Parts



Smooth Flat Part Adjust for high contrast and the least number of fringes.



Rough Flat Part

The fringes are in smaller isolated areas. Center the fringes and adjust focus between the high and low fringes.



Spherical Part Adjust the stage and focus to center the circular fringe pattern.



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Set Measurement Controls





Measurement Controls

- Image Zoom to increase or decrease field of view, if available
 - 1X standard; 0.5X, 0.75X, 1.5X and 2.0X optional
- <u>FDA Res</u> control sets how the software processes the data collected
 - "High 2G" for smooth surfaces
 - "Normal" for rough surfaces, typically > 75 nm Ra
 - "Low" required for extended scans
- <u>Camera Mode</u>
 - Selects effective camera size for collecting data
 - More pixels resolve smaller details but result in increased processing time



Measurement Controls

- <u>Scan Length</u>
 - Select length of measurement scan
 - Ranges from 5 um to 15 mm
 - Longer scan = Longer acquisition time
 - Bipolar Scan: from initial position, objective moves down half the scan length and then scans upward
 - Extended Scan scans upward only



Measurement Controls

- <u>Min Mod (%)</u>
 - Specifies minimum modulation or intensity range for a valid data point
 - Setting can range from 0 to 100 %





| Camera Mode Setting | Maximum Number of Pixels | Pixel Spacing (um) | Scan Speed (um/sec) | Comments |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|
| 640x480 210 Hz | 307,200 | 44 | | Most common use case |
| 320x240 380 Hz | 76,800 | 22 | | Can use for stitching larger regions |
| 160x120 380 Hz | 19,200 | 11 | | Not commonly used |
| 640x160 515 Hz | 102,400 | 44 | | "Strip mode" primarily used by Zygo personnel for diagnostics |



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The Importance of Fringe Visibility

No Fringes, No Data.



- Part out of focus
- Incorrect part tip/tilt
- Part too rough
- Part reflectivity is low
- 2.5x and 5x objectives -- Beam block blocking reference path





HIGH FDA Res / Phase1 / Phase 2 - 0.1- 0.3 nm

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Measure

• Press "F1" or click

MEASURE

button to measure

- System will scan then display results
 - Do not touch vibration isolation table or sample stage until measurement is complete



MetroPro Plots, Displays, and Results



MetroPro Plots, Displays, and Results

- The two most common plots are the Filled Plot and the Profile Plot, which work in tandem
- The Filled Plot is a two-dimensional areal plot representing the height data
- The Profile Plot is a one-dimensional linear plot representing the height data across the line drawn on the Filled Plot





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Plot Controller

- Each plot has a Controller which is used to manipulate the plot
- The Plot Controller can be brought up by right-clicking on the plot or by clicking on the map using the center mouse button



The plot controller varies based on which plot the operator is manipulating





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Analyze Controls

Changes to these controls can be made after Note: // - ~ " Removes "form" zygo Analyze Controls from the data Plane Remove: Min Area Size: Sphere Radius: Removes edge effects Trim Mode: Fill holes in Data Fill: Off the data Data Fill Max: 25 Off Filter: Filtering controls Filter Type: Average are used to select Filter Window Size: 3 and analyze the various spatial Filter Low Wavelen: Filter Low Wavelen: nm frequency Filter High Wavelen: Filter High Wavelen: mm nm components that Filter Low Freq: 1/mmFilter Low Freq: 1/mmmake up the 1/mm1/mmFilter High Freq: Filter High Freq: test part.





Analyze Controls

- <u>Remove specifies the surface to remove to minimize form</u>
 - As a general rule of thumb, remove a plane for flatness or a cylinder for roughness
- Turn <u>Data Fill</u> On to fill missing data points; The maximum number of pixels that will be filled is based on the <u>Data Fill Max</u> control
- <u>If Remove Spikes</u> is On, a pixel will be removed if its height is greater than the surrounding pixel heights by the <u>Spike Height</u> value



Analyze Controls

- <u>Filtering</u>
 - Low pass, high pass, band pass or band reject filters are available in the <u>Filter</u> control (Off by default)
 - Low pass highlights waviness or form; high pass highlights roughness
 - Use <u>Filter Type</u> to choose an average, median, 2 sigma, FFT or Gaussian type filter
 - For FFT fixed, enter cutoff values in the high and low wavelength (or frequency) controls





Fundamentals of Spatial Data Filtering



Standards based filtering

- Where are the filters defined
 - Worldwide ISO 13565-1
 - USA ASME B46.1
 - Japan

JIS B0601



INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ISO 13565-1

> Pirst edition 1996-12-01

Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method; Surfaces having stratified functional properties —

Part 1:

Filtering and general measurement conditions

Spécification adométrique des produits (GP3) — État de surface: Methode du préfit, surfaces avant des propriètes fonctionnelles différentes suivent les niveaux —

Partie 1: Filtrage et conditions générales de mesurage



Reference number ISO 13565 1996(E)



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Standard Nomenclature

- If this $\bigvee^{0.2}$
 - 0.2um Roughness limit
 - 0.8mm filter cutoff

- If this 0.2 0.08
 0.2 0.08
 0.2 0.08
 - 0.08mm filter cutoff

- ISO Default
 - Roughness = Ra
 - Cutoff = 0.8mm



- Unless otherwise specified
 - Roughness is Ra
 - Units are um for limit
 - Units are mm for cutoff





Why do we filter?

- Filters are used to separate the long wavelengths from the short wavelengths
 - Long wavelengths are "Form" or "Shape"
 - Mid wavelengths are "Waviness"
 - Short wavelengths are "Roughness"

- In the simplest sense, a filter can be thought of as a "moving average".
 - As the moving average is run through the data, the extreme, local peaks and valleys are "smoothed out".



Simple Example Low Pass Average Filter

- Average Every 5 data points
 - Averages can be plotted to form the "waviness" profile





Simple Example Low Pass Average Filter

- Average Every 5 data points
 - Averages can be plotted to form the "waviness" profile





Simple Example Low Pass Average Filter

• The difference between the measured (Value) data and the waviness (MA) data is the roughness data





A better moving average

- A Gaussian and FFT weighted average
 - The standard filter type (ISO and ASME)





Changing the cutoff

• Changing the cutoff of the moving average changes the separation between roughness and waviness.





Implementing ISO filters in MetroPro

• You can quite closely match the ISO requirements using standard filter controls in MetroPro

- Basics
 - Filter is of type FFT Fixed
 - in many cases Gaussian Spline is also accepted
 - Filter Cutoff is of type Gaussian for FFT
 - Old versions of MetroPro used a sinusoidal cutoff this should not be used now
 - High and low wavelengths are used to set the cutoffs



Implementing ISO filters in MetroPro

- $\lambda_c = 0.025$ mm
 - Roughness use High Pass with Low Wavelength
 - Waviness use Low Pass with High Wavelength





Roughness


Implementing ISO filters in MetroPro

- $\lambda_c = 0.025$ mm and $\lambda_s = 0.0025$ mm
 - Roughness profile is maintained, while noise is removed by the λ_s cutoff





Roughness with Noise cutoff

There are more options than ISO...

• Some applications or customers will require ISO filtering

- There are other ways to apply filtering
 - How you filter depends on the part, the application, and the expectations of the customer

- There are other types of filters you can use
 - Simple smoothing filters
 - Complex form removal
 - Limit measurement to optical resolution
- More!



Basic Filtering Guidelines

- Roughness
 - You need to remove form either through the Remove control, or through a bandpass / high pass filter
 - Usually you want to remove the primary waviness too
 - High pass or band pass filter is generally used
 - High pass by itself may remove too much structure
 - Sometimes just a low pass filter is still ok when you are measuring areal roughness it all depends on the application and the sample



Basic Filtering Guidelines

Waviness

- You want to at least level the data
 - Usually on NewView this is remove plane higher order form may be a part of the waviness.
 - This depends on the sample
- You may want to remove the roughness component
 - Residual roughness will have less impact on waviness results than form
- Usually, a low pass or band pass filter is used to isolate waviness



Simple Smoothing filters

- Low Pass filter
 - Median, Average, 2Sigma
- All of these apply a 'moving average' style filter over a user defined window size
- Usually used to 'remove noise' or 'smooth' data
 - These filters 'knock down' the noise



No Filtering



Low Pass Median



Gaussian Spline Filters

- Spline filters behave similarly to FFT filters
 - They can be used for band pass and band reject filters, as well as Low and High pass
- Advantage over FFT filters is that they do not 'ring' or 'roll off' at the edge of the data
 - They can sometimes have problems with holes in the data though, which can usually be fixed using a specific MetroPro setting
 - Spline Fill = -2
- When might I use a GS filter?
 - Remove Complex form
 - Band Pass filtering
 - Anytime you might otherwise use an FFT and want to avoid roll off at the edge of the data





Gaussian Spline Filters

- You can use Gaussian Spline filters to remove complex form that the bulk "Remove" control will not eliminate
- Rules of thumb for measuring texture on a complex form
 - Band pass Gaussian spline
 - High wavelength
 - 3x camera resolution if pixel limited
 - Optical resolution if diffraction limited
 - Optical res = 0.5 λ / N.A.
 - Low wavelength
 - HFOV/4



No Filtering HFOV = 60um CR = 0.2um



BandPass $\lambda h = 0.6$ um $\lambda_l = 15$ um

How to Customize MetroPro Applications



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How to Customize MetroPro Applications

• MetroPro applications are highly customizable depending on the need



Surface Segmentation Fundamentals



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MultiSurf Application



- Isolate areas of interest
- Divide a single data set into multiple individual ("Test") areas



Segmentation

• Separation of data into areas of interest --







- Separate analysis controls for each test surface
- Multiple segmentation methods
 - By height
 - By lateral area

• Height methods overcome mask alignment difficulties



MultiSurf Application Window





- Use non-segmented data to determine proper settings
- Base segmentation mode on part characteristics
- Know what surfaces you want to isolate
- Experiment



Test/Reference Controls





Test Surface Controls

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Plane Remove: Trim: 0 Trim Mode: A11 Remove Spikes: Off Spike Height (xRMS): 7.50 Data Fill: Off Data Fill Max: 25 Min Area Size: High Clip: um Low Clip: um

| st Surface Controls | | - |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Filter: Off | | |
| Filter Type: Average | | |
| Filter Window Size: 3 | | |
| Filter Trim: On | | |
| Filter Low Freq: | 1/mm | |
| Filter Low Wavelen: | nm | |
| Filter High Freq: | 1/mm | |
| Filter High Wavelen: | nm | |
| Filter Cutoff: Gaussian | N R Z490 ł | plot J |
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Segmentation Data Flow





Segmentation Process





Segmentation Modes

- Manual:
 - Editor
 - Histogram
 - Peaks Relative
- Automatic:
 - Peaks Midpoints
 - Full Width, Half Maximum (FWHM)
 - Islands



- Selects areas of interest based on location
- Requires user-drawn reference and test masks



Segmentation Mode: Editor

- Strictly manual
- Selects areas of interest based on location
- Advantage: segmented surfaces are guaranteed to be those defined by the masks





Segmentation Mode: Editor

•Disadvantages:

- Part must be precisely aligned in the field of view each time
- Only one Test Mask allowed





Editor Mode Procedure

- Set Mask Mode control to Editor
- Open Mask Editor window
- Locate surfaces visually
- Choose shapes
- Draw masks onto part
- Define Test and Reference regions
- Analyze

Note: Test and Reference regions may include some, or even all, of the same data cells / pixels



• Selects areas of interest based on heights

• Manual segmenting technique that defines reference and test areas based on control settings

• Control settings are relative to the best fit surface specified by the "Remove" control



Segmentation Mode: Histogram

- Manual
- Advantage: Surfaces are segmented more accurately than with the Editor mode -- does not depend on operator manual dexterity and hand-eye coordination





Histogram





Histogram Controls

| × Zygo | Test/Reference | e Controls | R |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Remove: Plane Trim | : 0 | Segmentation Controls | |
| Remove Mode: On Trim | Mode: All | Segmentation Mode: Peaks Midpoint | |
| | | Expected Peak Number: 3 | |
| Filter: Off Data | Fill: Off | Histogram Filter Window Size: 11 | |
| Filter Type: Average Data | Fill Max: 25 | Min Peak Separation: 500.00 nm | |
| Filter Window Size: 3 | | Histogram Threshold (%): 0.010 | |
| Filter Trim: Off | | Histogram N Bins: 0 | |
| | | Minimum Peak Area: O | |
| Min Area Size: 0 | | | |
| | | Histogram | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Reference Peak Number: 3 | Test Peak Number: | 2 Test3 Peak Number: | |
| Reference Sigma Clip: 2 | Test Sigma Clip: | 2 Test3 Sigma Clip: 0 | |
| Reference Surface: Plane | Test Surface: Plan | ane Test3 Surface: Plane | |
| | | | |
| | Test2 Peak Number: | 1 Test4 Peak Number: | |
| | Test2 Sigma Clip: | 2 Test4 Sigma Clip: 0 | |
| | Test2 Surface: Pla | Plane Test4 Surface: Plane | |
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Histogram Controls

| Histogram Filter Window | Size: 11 | |
|--------------------------|----------|----|
| Min Peak Separation: | 500.00 | nm |
| Histogram Threshold (%): | 0.0 | 10 |
| Histogram N Bins: | 0 | |
| Minimum Peak Area: | 0 | |

- Histogram Filter Window Size
 - Smooths the histogram
 - User-specified
 - The value of a bin



• Histogram Threshold (%) -- Sets a minimum size for any bar on the histogram; any single bin in the histogram must have at least as much as the specified percentage of the TOTAL number of data points to be included in a peak.





Histogram Controls

| Histogram Filter Window | Size: 1 | 1 |
|--------------------------|---------|------|
| Min Peak Separation: | 500.00 | nm |
| Histogram Threshold (%): | 0 | .010 |
| Histogram N Bins: | 0 | |
| Minimum Peak Area: | 0 | |



- Histogram N Bins -- Height values are separated into bins of size N/PV; multiple steps with wide range on each step require a larger number of bins:
 - Default: 64
 - Max: 1024
- Minimum Peak Area -- Sets minimum number of data points to define a level (histogram peak); sum of all the bars to be included in a peak; bars are counted only if they meet the threshold criterion.



Peak Definition







Peaks Not Well-Defined!! (No Zeros)



Histogram Mode Procedure



- Set Segmentation Mode control to Editor
- Set Remove control to shape of Reference Surface
- Open Histogram plot; use inspectors to determine the heights for each surface
- Set Segmentation Mode control to Editor

Note: Test and Reference regions may include some, or even all,of the same data cells / pixels



Histogram Mode Procedure



- Set Test & Reference Mask High and Low limit controls
- Set Test & Reference Mask Mode controls (Fill)
- Set Segmentation Mode control to Histogram
- Analyze

Histogram Mode





• Selects areas of interest based on heights

• Designed for relatively smooth parts with clearly separated height areas

• Not recommended for rough surfaces or surfaces with slopes


Segmentation Mode: Peaks Midpoint

• Advantage:

- Segmentation is automatic
- Works well on relatively smooth parts with clearly separated height areas
- Disadvantage: Not recommended for rough parts or parts with slopes



Peaks Midpoint Mode





Peaks Midpoint Mode Procedure

- Set Segmentation Mode control to Editor
- Set Remove control to shape of Reference Surface
- Set ExpectedPeak Number control to the number of surfaces/levels you expect to find
- Set Segmentation controls
- If the surfaces are not distinct or the data is noisy, you may want to help the algorithm by entering a Minimum Peak Separation value
- Set Peak Number controls
- Set Reference and Test Sigma Clips -- imperative for surfaces connected by slopes
- Analyze

Note: Test and Reference regions may include some, or even all, of the same data cells / pixels



• Selects areas of interest based on heights

• Designed for parts with steps and and parts with slopes between steps

• Control settings are relative to the histogram peak at a given vertical level



Segmentation Mode: Peaks Relative

- Advantage:
 - Segmentation is automatic
 - Recommended for steps on rough parts
 - Recommended for parts with slopes between steps



Peaks Relative Mode





Peaks Relative Mode Procedure

- Segment using Peaks Midpoint mode
- Slice data set
- In Test/Reference Control Window, add:
 - Ref Mask Low & Ref Mask High
 - Test Mask Low & Test Mask High
 - Test2 Mask Low & Test2 Mask High
 - Test3 Mask Low and Test3 Mask High
 - Test4 Mask Low & Test4 Mask High
- Use Profile Plot Inspectors to set these values
- •Set Expected Peak Number control
- Set Reference and Test Peak Number controls
- Set Reference and Test Sigma Clips
- Analyze

Note: Test and Reference regions may include some, or even all, of the same data cells / pixels



• Selects areas of interest based on heights

• Ref/Test Mask High/Low values determined automatically at Full Width Half Maximum of a given peak



Segmentation Mode: Peaks FWHM

- Advantages:
 - Surfaces are segmented automatically, as in Peaks Midpoint mode
 - Differentiation between adjacent peaks is clearer than with Peaks Midpoint mode
- Disadvantage:
 - It is likely that less data will be available for each surface







- Set Segmentation Mode control to Editor
- Set Remove control to shape of Reference Surface
- Open Histogram plot
- Set Expected Peak Number control
- Set Reference & Test Peak Number controls
- Set Reference and Test Sigma Clips
- Set Segmentation Mode control to FWHM
- Analyze

Note: Test and Reference regions may include some, or even all, of the same data cells / pixels



• Selects areas of interest based on size; does not use Histogram

• Designed only for parts with discontinuous or isolated islands of data

• Automatically numbers islands from largest (1) to smallest (N)



Segmentation Mode: Islands



• Advantage: Enables you to analyze discontinuous regions that may or may not be at the same height



Segmentation Mode: Islands





Test Surface Controls

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| Remove: Plar | ıe | Filter: Off | |
| | | Filter Type: Average | |
| Trim: O | | Filter Window Size: 3 | |
| Trim Mode: All | | Filter Trim: On | |
| | | Filter Low Freq: | 1/mm |
| Remove Spikes: C |)ff | Filter Low Wavelen: | nm |
| Spike Height(xRMS | 3): 7.50 | Filter High Freq: | 1/mm |
| | | Filter High Wavelen: | nm |
| Data Fill: Off | | Filter Cutoff: Gaussian | |
| Data Fill Max: | 25 | | |
| | | | |
| Min Area Size: | 0 | Auto Aperture: Off | Save Each Data |
| | | Aperture OD (%): 100 | |
| High Clip: | um | Aperture ID (%): 0 | |
| Low Clip: | um | | |
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Islands Reference Surface





Islands Surfaces





Test 2







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Islands Mode Procedure

- Set Segmentation Mode control to Editor and Analyze
- <u>Set Remove control to "None."</u>
- In the Test Controls window, add and press the Save Each Data button
- Press the Load Data button
 - Look for data sets named "area0," through "area*n*," where *n* is the number of discontinuous areas of data
 - Area 0 is the entire data set; areas 1 through *n* are the individual regions in order of size
- Set the Segmentation Mode control to Islands
- For each Test area you'd like to analyze, enter the area number ("*n*") into the appropriate Test Peak Number control.
- You may enter any number *n* for the reference area, or 0, in which case all the areas combined will be the reference.

Note: Use of "Save Each Data" control is <u>necessary only</u> if the number of islands is greater than four



Segmentation Concepts

Masks

- Fill / Unfill / Fill No Holes
- Sigma Clip
- Remove Mode



Masks

- Closed lines that separate areas of the data / field of view
- NOT the enclosed area





Mask Editor Shapes





Mask Editor Manipulations





Fill and Unfill with Color





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Masking More Complex Areas

- Use multiple masks
- Fill and unfill each as necessary to eliminate undesired data





Fill / Unfill Using Histogrammed Data

• Allows definition of even more complicated areas, even areas discontinuous laterally and in height





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Fill – No Holes



Without "Fill - No Holes"

Not considered part of either surface





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Sigma Clipping



Sigma Clipping





Modal Surface Removal



Leave "Remove Mode" OFF unless in Editor Segmentation Mode



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Modal Surface Removal





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Test/Reference Controls









Test Surface 2 Controls

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|---------------------|------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Remove: Plane | | Filter: Off | |
| | | Filter Type: Average | |
| Trim: O | | Filter Window Size: 3 | |
| Trim Mode: All | | Filter Trim: On | |
| | | Filter Low Freq: | 1/mm |
| Remove Spikes: Off | | Filter Low Wavelen: | nm |
| Spike Height(xRMS): | 7.50 | Filter High Freq: | 1/mm |
| | | Filter High Wavelen: | nm |
| Data Fill: Off | | Filter Cutoff: Gaussian | |
| Data Fill Max: 25 |] | | ⊠Fi ZY90 Plot 🔩 |
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| Low Clip: | um | | .194.04 |
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Histogram Plot





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Peaks Midpoints Product





Peaks Relative Product



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Peaks FHWM Product







To create a new process statistics window, right-click in the application-level window and navigate to New Process Window.





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| | | New Annotation | | |
| | | New Bitmap | | |
| | | Copy to Clipboard | | |
| | | Window Control 🗘 | | |

Options for storing results in the Process Stats window are "Off" (no logging), "On" (Measure or Analyze operations), or "On Load" (for the operation of loading data)

Right-click in the Process Statistics window and select "Copy Output Box" to add results. An asterisk (*) will appear next to the mouse; click on the individual results to add them to the window.





Right-click and navigate to New Result > Process Stats to create a new table for logging results.





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To save the tabulated results, click on the 'zygo' icon in the upper left-hand corner of the window. This will bring up a dialog box, allowing users to save the table in a column-, tab- or comma-delineated file.





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Save Data: Store screenshot

- Options to Save Data: Save a screenshot, save the raw data or save process stats
- To acquire a <u>screenshot</u> from MetroPro
 - 1. Click on the Zygo button on the upper left corner of the application
 - 2. Choose File, .bmp, Color from the Print Panel then click Print

3. Save the file with a .bmp extension





Save Results: Data

• Press Save Data button

- In the file handler, enter a name for the file ending with ".dat"
- Raw data is saved; Can be post-analyzed



MetroPro Metrology Report Generation



MetroPro Metrology Report Generation

To create a new Report window, right-click in the application-level window and navigate to New Report Window.





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MetroPro Metrology Report Generation

| 8 Zygo | | Report | - |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Save Report | Logging: Off | Log File: MyReport.rep | |
| Log Report | Printing: Off | File Format: As Displayed | |
| Print Report | Edit Report | | |
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| | New Control 🗘 | | |
| | New Attribute 🗘 | | |
| | Copy Output Box | | |
| | New Annotation | | |
| | Copy to Clipboard | | |
| | Window Control 🗘 | | |

Right-click in the Report window and select "Copy Output Box" to add results. An asterisk (*) will appear next to the mouse; click on the individual results to add them to the window.

Options for storing results in the Report window are "Off" (no logging), "On" (Measure or Analyze operations), or "On Load" (for the operation of loading data)





Troubleshooting

- What to do if MetroPro returns "No Valid Data" error or if there is too much data dropout
 - Check Focus: Do you see fringes and are they nulled? (Or for an extended scan, are you positioned below focus?) 3 or fewer fringes is a good rule of thumb
 - Check Scan Length: Is your scan long enough? Do you see all of the fringes go by?
 - Check Light Level (F4): Is light level in green zone?
 - Check Min Mod %: Does it need to be lowered?



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Summary

Zygo NewView profilers can support metrology for a variety of applications

Most common

- Surface texture
 - Smooth surfaces
 - Rough surfaces
- Form

More unique

- Microgeometry
 - Critical dimensions
- And beyond!

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