Calibration of the Cryogenic Target Optical Shadowgraphic Characterization System at LLE



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- Need to accurately measure sub-1- μ m rms ice layers in our system with ~1 μ m/pixel magnification.
- Backlit shadowgraphic target images show rings from various reflections/refractions at the inner ice surface.
- Major sources of data collection error have been identified, measured, and compensated.
- The errors in outer edge perturbation and bright ring position measurements were ~0.1 $\mu m.$



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Analysis of simulated shadowgraphs shows that error due to the analysis algorithm is very small





• Analysis precisely determines bright ring mode amplitudes "identical" to image simulation specifications for a typical OMEGA target shadowgraph

> P_n spectrum error: ≤4.3 × 10⁻⁴ μm² Bright ring rms error: 4.5 × 10⁻⁴ μm²

Measurement Error The image blurring due to target vibration is negligible



- High-intensity
 LED
- 50-*µ*s pulse

Luxeon III Star 627 nm

Radial pincushion distortion due to lens imperfection is characterized, minimized, and compensated using a precision dot-matrix target



- Distortion is minimized by aligning the target with the optical axis.
- The absolute magnification also determined.

Nonparallelism between the image plane and target plane is measured and compensated using a precision dot-surrogate target



Dot-surrogate target

Chrome on glass

"Perfect" circular edge

Rings calculated for a given ice surface with 1-µm rms

Manufacturing tolerance 0.1 μ m



- The n = 2 Fourier mode of the outer edge is used to determine the image/target-plane tilt.
- The target is also used to determine the accuracy of the edge/ring measurements.

Distortion compensation has been verified using a precision dot-surrogate target LLE 453.0 452.5 452.0



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Mean bright ring error: 0.06 μ m Ice-surface rms error: 0.02 μ m

A sapphire calibration target confirms the accuracy of the outer surface measurements



• Sapphire sphere with two gold dots deposited on it

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- AFM & shadowgraph characterizations for "similar views" are compared
- ~0.1-μm error (outside of dots)
- Differences partially due to uncertainty in views and AFM data

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