

Principle of Spatial Light Modulator



Overview

A spatial light modulator (SLM) is a device that can control the, or of in a spatially varying manner. A simple example is an. Usually when the term SLM is used, it means that the transparency can be controlled by a. SLMs are primarily marketed for, displays devices, and. SLMs are also used in and.

AI Overview

A Spatial Light Modulator (SLM) controls the phase, amplitude, or polarization of light by electrically or optically modulating individual pixels in a spatially varying manner. Basic Operation An SLM consists of a matrix of pixels, each acting as an independent modulator. In liquid crystal-based SLMs, the pixels contain birefringent liquid crystals whose refractive index changes when a voltage is applied. This change alters the phase retardation of the incident light without necessarily affecting its intensity, allowing precise spatial phase control across the optical wavefront (). Pixel Control Mechanism Each pixel is connected to a transparent electrode, typically made of indium tin oxide (ITO), patterned via photolithography. By applying a voltage to individual pixels, the orientation of the liquid crystal molecules is adjusted, which changes the optical path length for light passing through or reflecting off the pixel. This enables modulation of: Phase: Adjusting the optical path difference between pixels to shape wavefronts. Amplitude: Controlling light intensity in transmissive or reflective SLMs. Polarization: Modifying the polarization state of light for advanced optical applications (). Types of SLMs SLMs can be transmissive or reflective: Transmissive SLMs: Light passes through the liquid crystal layer, and modulation occurs as the light propagates. Reflective SLMs (LCoS): Light reflects off a mirror placed above the liquid crystal layer, allowing high-resolution phase and amplitude control. Mirrors can be aluminum for broad wavelength use or dielectric f...

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The Principle Behind Spatial Light Modulators At their core, SLMs are dynamic optical elements that can be electronically controlled to manipulate

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Spatial Light Modulation Principles

Correction is achieved using two spatial light modulators in series—the first performs amplitude modulation, while the second compensates for phase distortion,

Spatial light modulator

Spatial light modulator Schematic of a liquid crystal-based Spatial Light Modulator. Liquid crystals are birefringent, so applying a voltage to the cell changes the effective refractive index seen by the

Spatial light modulators and their applications

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SLMs function by dynamically altering the properties of light through a matrix of pixels. These pixels are controlled electrically or optically to influence how light is transmitted or reflected. The modulation

Liquid-Crystal Spatial Light Modulators 28 and Their Applications

Liquid-crystal spatial light modulators control the optical path of light waves by modulating the refractive index. They play an important role in adaptive optics as phase-correction devices. This chapter

Spatial light modulators

Spatial light modulators (SLMs) are two-dimensional objects, enabling to modulate, at any point of the SLM surface, through a local change of the optical path, the intensity, phase or polarization of an

Spatial light modulator

OverviewElectrically-addressed spatial light modulator (EASLM)Optically-addressed spatial light modulator (OASLM)Application in ultrafast pulse measuring and shapingExternal links

A spatial light modulator (SLM) is a device that can control the intensity, phase, or polarization of light in a spatially varying manner. A simple example is an overhead projector transparency. Usually when the term SLM is used, it means that the transparency can be controlled by a computer. SLMs are primarily marketed for image projection, displays devices, and maskless lithography. SLMs are also used in optical computing and holographic optical tweezers.

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A spatial light modulator (SLM) is a pixellated liquid crystal device that can individually control the phase value of each pixel. It imposes spatially varying modulation onto an incident beam, allowing for the

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