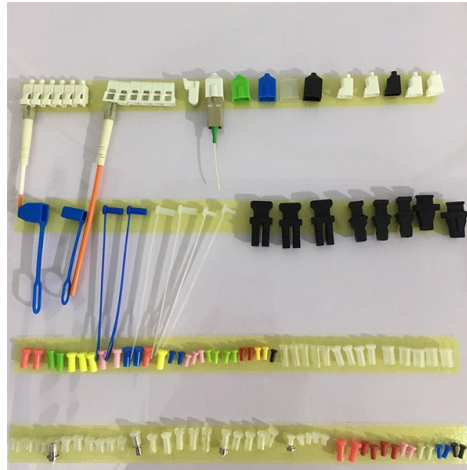


Principle of Photoelastic Modulator PEM



AI Overview

A photoelastic modulator (PEM) modulates the polarization of light by inducing a time-varying birefringence in a transparent optical element through mechanical stress. Fundamental Principle The operation of a PEM is based on the photoelastic effect, where a transparent material becomes birefringent when subjected to mechanical stress. This means that light polarized along different axes travels at slightly different speeds through the material, creating a phase difference between orthogonal polarization components. The induced birefringence is proportional to the applied stress, allowing precise control of the polarization state of transmitted light. Key Components Optical Element: Typically a bar of fused silica or calcium fluoride, which is isotropic when unstressed. Piezoelectric Transducer: Attached to the optical element, it converts an electrical signal into mechanical vibrations. Resonant Setup: The transducer is tuned to the natural resonant frequency of the optical element, usually along its longest dimension, to maximize the amplitude of oscillation. Most commercial PEMs operate around 50 kHz. Mechanism of Operation The piezoelectric transducer drives the optical element to oscillate longitudinally, stretching and compressing the material. This oscillation induces a time-varying birefringence, effectively making the PEM act as a tunable wave plate. When linearly polarized light enters the PEM at 45° to the optical axis, it can be decomposed into two orthogonal components. The oscillating birefringence retards one component relative to the other, modulating the polarization at the PEM's operating frequency. Compression causes the component parallel to the modulation axis to travel faster, while stretching causes it to lag, producing a sinusoidal modulation of the polarization state. Advantages and Applications PEMs offer high-frequency, precise polarization modulation without moving parts, covering a broad spectral range from ultraviolet to infrared. They are widely used in polarimetry, ellipsometry, stress analysis, and opt...

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The PEM200 photoelastic modulator is an instrument used for modulating or varying (at a fixed frequency) the polarization of a beam of light. The basic PEM system includes the PEM-200

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2.1. Working principle of photoelastic modulator (PEM) The core of the photoelastic modulator (PEM) is a stress birefringent crystal that is placed between two piezoelectric terminals.

Overview of Phase Modulation Technology

Both polarizers are held fixed during the measurement while the photoelastic modulator is used to induce a modulated phase shift of the reflected beam. The light is analyzed by a grating

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Photoelastischer Modulator - Wikipedia

Ein photoelastischer Modulator (abgekürzt: PEM) ist ein optisches Bauteil, welches den Polarisationszustand sichtbaren Lichts oder Infrarotstrahlung moduliert. Die Funktion beruht darauf,

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Photoelastic Modulator Technology This technology section describes the principles of operation, and modes and unique features of our photoelastic modulators. The Principles of Operation section

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This is why even an isotropic material like glass shows a first-order photoelastic effect, but cannot show a first-order electro-optical effect. If the input light to the elastic modulator is linear-polarized ®

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The photoelastic modulators (PEMs) are polarization modulation devices. The PEM is typically used as the key component for generating modulated polarization states of light in an integrated instrument.

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