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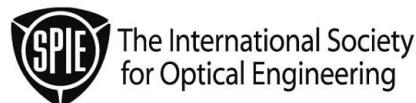
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Introduction

Fabrication and metrology are essential components in industrial design and production engineering. Because of their outstanding advantages in comparison to conventional tactile measuring instruments, optical methods are playing an increasing role in measurement and testing for sophisticated production processes. However, the continued miniaturisation in micro and nanotechnologies and the increasing demands on the quality of industrial products present optical researchers with new challenges. What is required are measurement and inspection techniques that are very fast, robust, high-resolution, and of reasonable cost compared to the value of the products being investigated.

Optical methods combine the classical concepts of geometrical optics, interference and diffraction with the technological progress in optical system design. New light sources, beam shaping and guiding components, spatial light modulators, smart digital imaging systems, and microprocessors enable an extremely high degree of flexibility, processing speed, accuracy and measurement repeatability. Thanks to these innovative techniques, the efficiency and ease of use of optical sensors can contribute significantly to the productivity and profitability of manufacturing processes.

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