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Introduction

Today, despite many efforts by researchers world-wide, there are no holographic projectors that allow video-rate electronically controlled projection of complex holograms. Optically re-write-able holograms exist, but they are too slow; Acoustically-formed holograms can be switched fast but the image complexity is very limited. We identify the essential roadblock as one that we intend to clear by a breakthrough innovation coming from a combination of electronics, optics and material science. We propose a radically novel way to make and control holograms, that will be based on the direct, analog, nanometer-resolution and nanosecond-speed control over the local refractive index of a slab waveguide core over several square centimetres. Holograms will be formed by leaky waves evanescent from the waveguide, and controlled by the refractive-index modulation profile in the core. That profile will be controlled and modulated by electrical fields applied with nano-precision through one of the cladding layers of the waveguide. To that end, a novel metamaterial is proposed for this cladding. Also novel driving schemes will be needed to control the new holographic projecting method. With this combined radical innovation in architecture, materials and driving schemes, it is the goal of this project to fully prove the concept of video-rate electrically-controlled holographic projection. This will be the basis for many future innovations and applications, in domains such as augmented reality, automotive, optical metrology (LIDAR, microscopy, ...), mobile communication, education, safety, etc..., and result in a high economic and social impact.

project results

Main funding info

- Programme Funding: Horizon 2020
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- Contract type: ERC-ADG

VIDEO HOLOGRAPHY

1.1 Introduction

1.2 project results

2.1 Core Team

2.1.1 Principal Investigator: Jan Genoe

Prof. Jan Genoe is scientific director at the Host institution imec and has received all support from the Host institution to build the research team and execute the research. Prof. Jan Genoe also takes the scientific leadership of the Video Holography ERC research.

2.1.2 Senior academic staff in the team

Dr. Robert Gehlhaar provides scientific input on the optical stack design and characterization.

Dr. Zsolt Tokei provides technology input on the realisation of devices in the 300mm cleanroom.

Prof. Clement Merckling provides scientific input on the material growth conditions for the BTO and STO waveguide materials.

Prof. Paul Heremans provides scientific input on the device performance.

2.1.3 PhD students

Guillaume Croes is the PhD student elaborating the metamaterial stack and optical model for the optimization for driving the hologram.

Tsang-Hsuan Wang is the PhD student elaborating the optimized growth conditions for the BTO and STO waveguide materials.

2.2 Other contributors

Diana Tsvetanova provides input on the CMP processes in the 300mm line.

Yunlong Li provides input on the process sequence in the 300 mm line.

Renauld Puybaret is in charge of the daily supervision of the process in the 300 mm line.

Thomas Raes is in charge of the Mask preparation for the process in the 300 mm line.

Deniz Sabuncuoglu Tezcan is in charge of the supervision of the process in the 300 mm line.

Jeremy Segers is in charge of the oxide-oxide bonding process between the BTO wafer and the optical transparent metamaterial.

PUBLICATIONS

3.1 Journal papers

Tsang-Hsuan Wang, Po-Chun Hsu, Maxim Korytov, Jan Genoe, Clement Merckling, **Polarization control of epitaxial barium titanate (BaTiO₃) grown by pulsed-laser deposition on a MBE-SrTiO₃/Si(001) pseudo-substrate**, Journal of Applied Physics 128, 104104 (September 2020)

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3.2 Conferences

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Guillaume Croes, Nikolay Smolentsev, Tsang-Hsuan Wang, Robert Gehlhaar, Jan Genoe, **Non-linear electro-optic modelling of a Barium Titanate grating coupler**, Proc. SPIE 11484, 114840D :Optical Modeling and Performance Predictions XI (August 2020)

3.3 PhD thesis

Tsang-Hsuan Wang, **Study of Perovskite Oxide and Its Application on Video Holography** PhD Thesis, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, Monday, Feb 13, 2023 @17h00