



# **Ultra-high transfer rate high capacity holographic disk digital data storage system.**

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- **Basic holographic disk data storage architecture;**
- **Optical system and holography;**
- **1 Gbit/sec HDSS electronics and synchronization;**
- **Polaroid CROP ULSH-500 recording media;**
- **1 Gbit/sec end-to-end demonstration;**
- **10 Gbit/sec ultra-high speed demonstration;**
- **Summary.**



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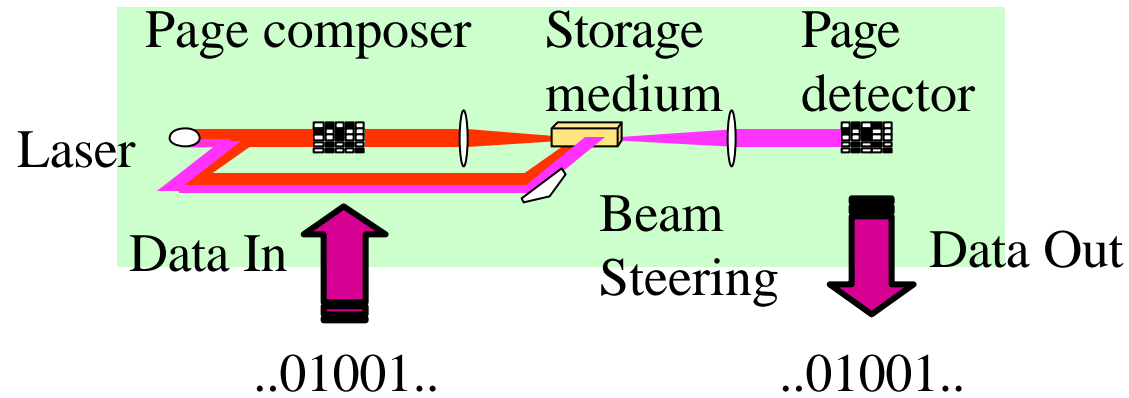
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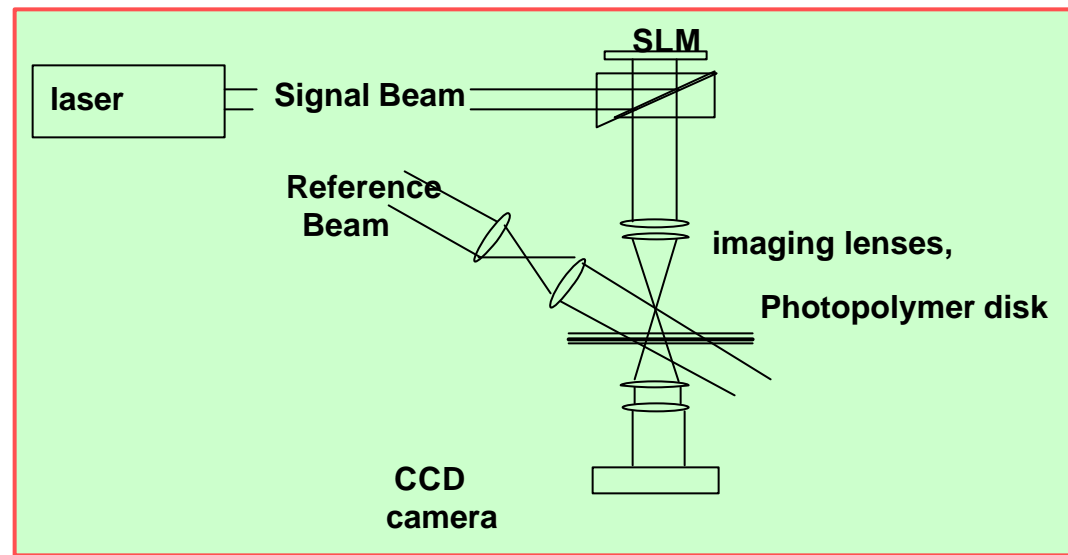
## Architectures for Thin and Thick Media

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**Thick** volume medium,  
angular/phase multiplexing,  
**high bit density**  
( $>100 \text{ bits}/\mu\text{m}^2$ ).

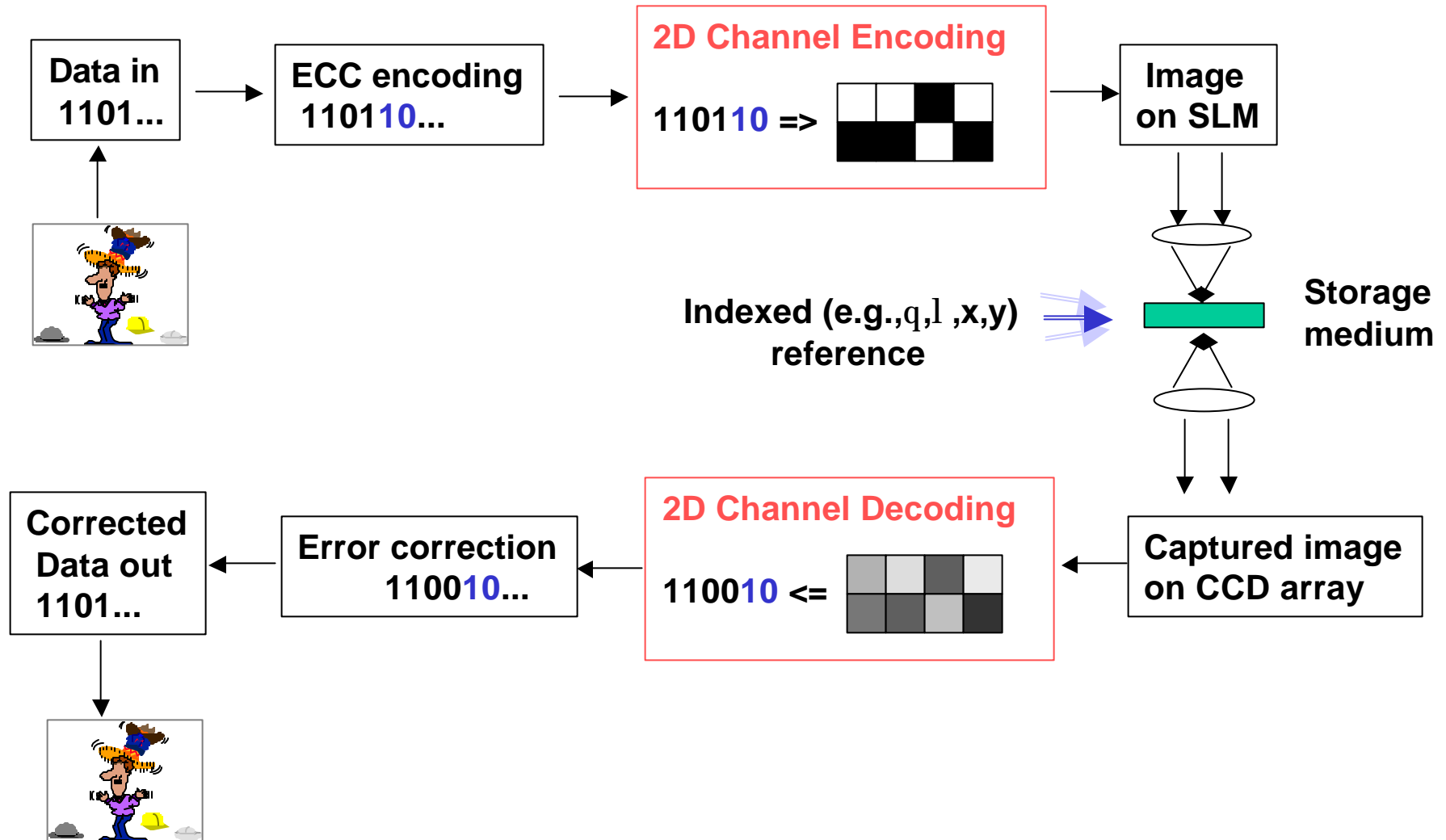
**Rotating disk** format,  
**thin** volume medium,  
massive spatial multiplexing,  
(shift or correlation),  
**high data rate, high capacity.**





## Digital holographic storage: binary patterns vs. analog images

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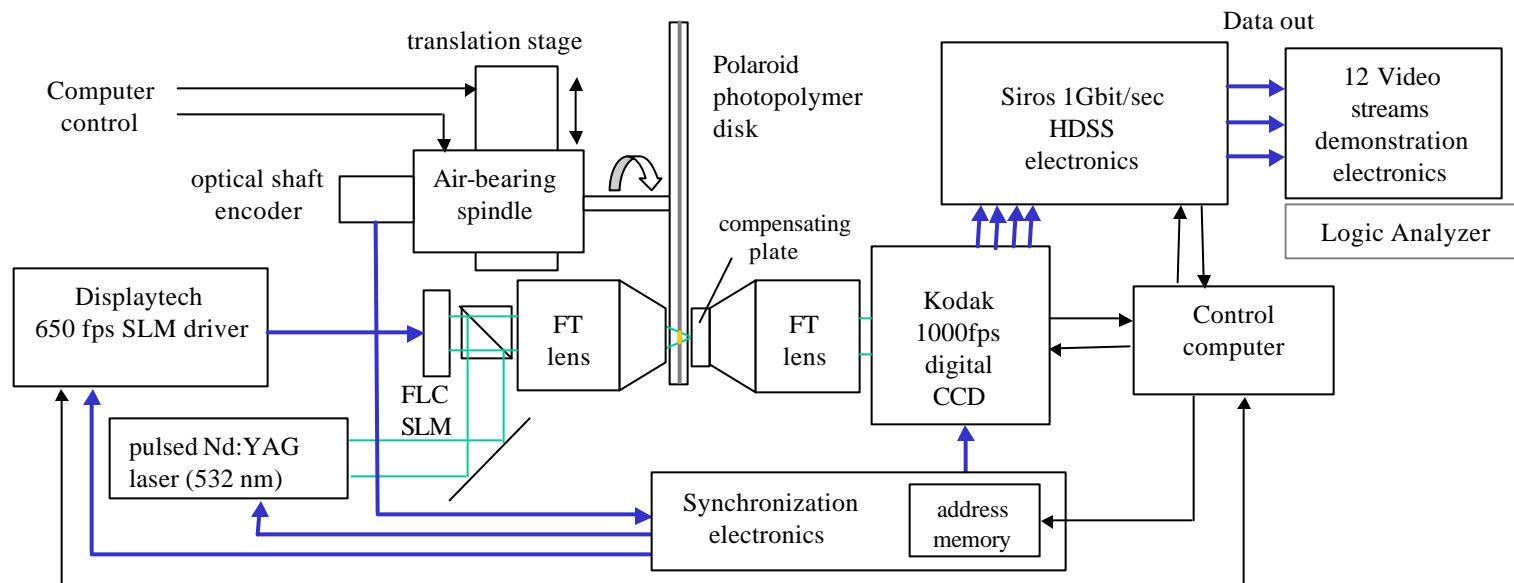
## Design considerations for high data rate high capacity system

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- **Holographic disk architecture:**
  - high data rate can be realized with rotating disk + pulsed laser source,
  - high capacity achieved by massive spatial multiplexing (large media area),
- **High NA low distortion imaging optics:**
  - high bit density per hologram for high capacity at high data rate;
  - $\sim 0.5$  bit/ $\mu\text{m}^2$  density per hologram;
  - shift/correlation multiplexing for multiple superimposed holograms.
- **Hardware implemented channel, ECC decoding, and deconvolution electronics (for 1 Gbit/s data rate)**
  - rate efficient channel code, implementable in FPGA electronics => **6:8 encoding**;
  - $3 \times 3$  deconvolution using COTS electronic components.
- **Material - Polaroid CROP photopolymer:**
  - large M/# ( $>10.0$  for plw), low shrinkage ( $<0.1\%$ ),
  - high sensitivity ( $S > 1000$  cm/J),
  - thickness 200 to 500  $\mu\text{m}$ .



## Overall architecture of Stanford/HDSS holographic disk system





## Stanford/HDSS holographic disk system

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## Holographic disk system components

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- **Low shrinkage material:**

- Polaroid ULSH-500 photopolymer disk
  - $S > 1000 \text{ cm/J}$
  - $M/\# > 2.4$ ;
  - thickness  $500 \mu\text{m}/200\mu\text{m}$ ;
  - thermal precure;
  - low shrinkage ( $\epsilon < 0.1\%$ ).

- **High NA imaging optics:**

- $F=17.1\text{mm}$  double Fourier transform;
- Total field of view 38 mm (dia)  
(including diffuser);
- Imaging area:  $13.1 \times 13.1 \text{ mm}^2$
- low distortions ( $< 0.25$  pixel);
- $\text{NA}_{\text{pix}} = 0.035$ ;
- $\zeta = 1.7$
- Fourier stop:  $1.1 \times 1.1 \text{ mm}^2$ ;
- Hologram spot area:  $\sim 2 \text{ mm}^2$ .

- **Electronics/laser/transport system:**

- Seagull air-bearing spindle 300 RPM,  
optical shaft encoder, 40 nm edge position accuracy;
- Newport PM600, 25 nm repeatability;
- laser:  $500\mu\text{J/pulse}$ , 25 nsec Nd:YAG;
  - $< 5$  nsec rms. timing jitter;
- 1000 fps CCD and
- 1 Gbit/s decoding electronics,
- Synchronization electronics,
- IBM FLC SLM.

- **Shift/correlation Multiplexing:**

- $4^\circ$  FWHM diffuser to generate speckle reference;
- Correlation distance  $\sim 1.2 \mu\text{m}$ ;
- $\delta x = 5 \mu\text{m}$ ;
- $\text{NA}_{\text{speckle}} = 0.4$
- Density =  $0.5 \text{ bits}/\mu\text{m}^2/\text{hologram}$ .

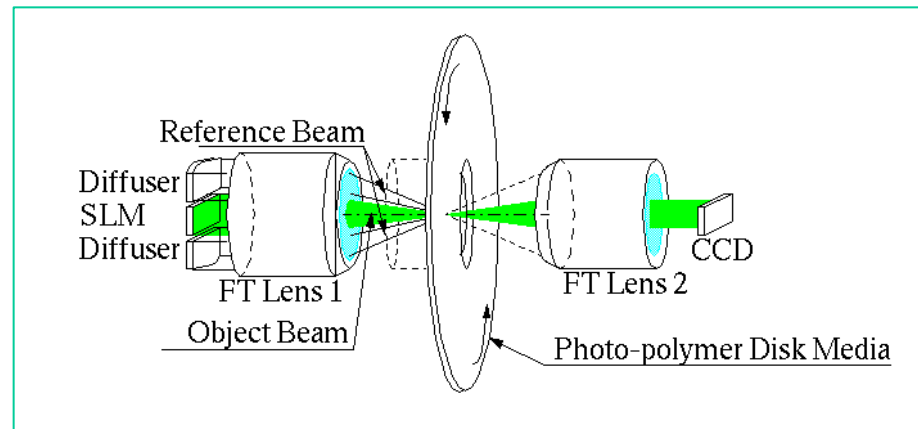


# **Optical system and holographic correlation multiplexing**



## Single-head optical design: High NA Double Fourier transform imaging with integrated reference optics

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### High NA imaging optics:

F=17.1mm double Fourier transform lens pair;  
12 element design, high-index glass (ORA, Stanford);  
Total field of view 38 mm (NA = 0.75)  
(including reference diffuser);  
Imaging area: 13.1×13.1 mm<sup>2</sup> (NA = 0.39)  
Low distortions (<0.25 pixel over entire SLM field);  
Fourier stop: 1.1 × 1.1 mm<sup>2</sup> ( $\zeta = 1.7$ );  
Hologram spot area: ~2 mm<sup>2</sup>,

**Storage density: 0.5 bits/mm<sup>2</sup> per hologram.**

Storage density:

$$D = \left( \frac{d}{z l F} \right)^2 \times N,$$

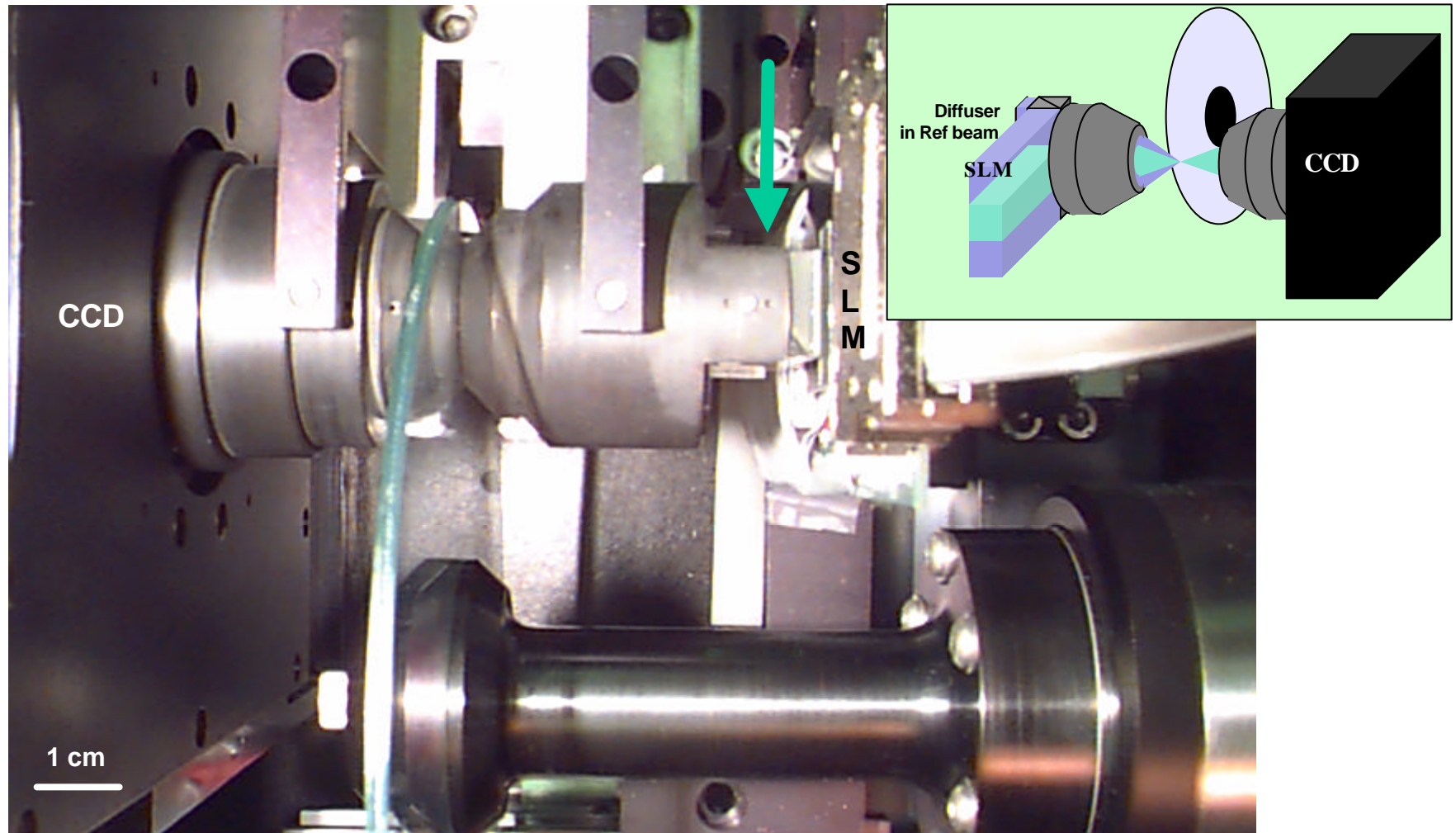
$$D = \left( \frac{2NA}{z l} \right)^2 \times N,$$

$N$  - number of superimposed holograms;  
Multiplexing using speckle correlation mux.



## Double Fourier transform lens pair (top view) manufactured by Coastal Optical Systems

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## Imaging, low distortion Double Fourier transform lens

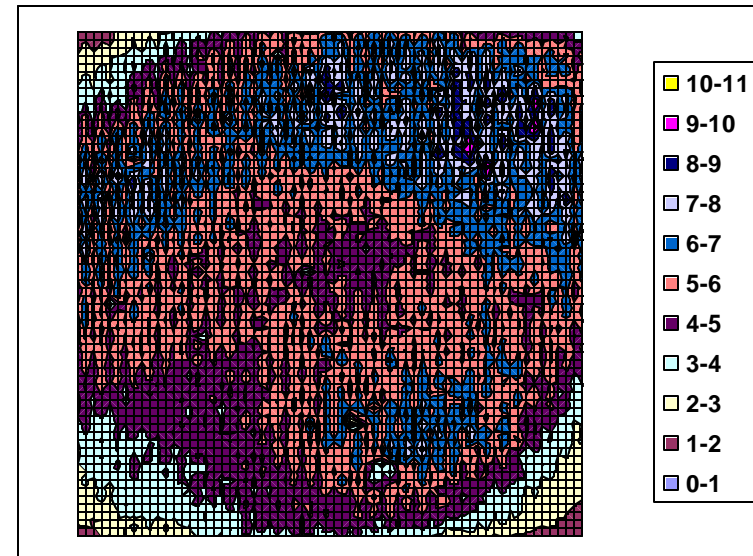
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Error map (0.1% area - corners)



SNR map

$$SNR = \frac{\langle S \rangle - \langle N \rangle}{\sqrt{s_S^2 + s_N^2}} \equiv \frac{\langle "1" \rangle - \langle "0" \rangle}{\sqrt{s_{"1"}^2 + s_{"0"}^2}}$$

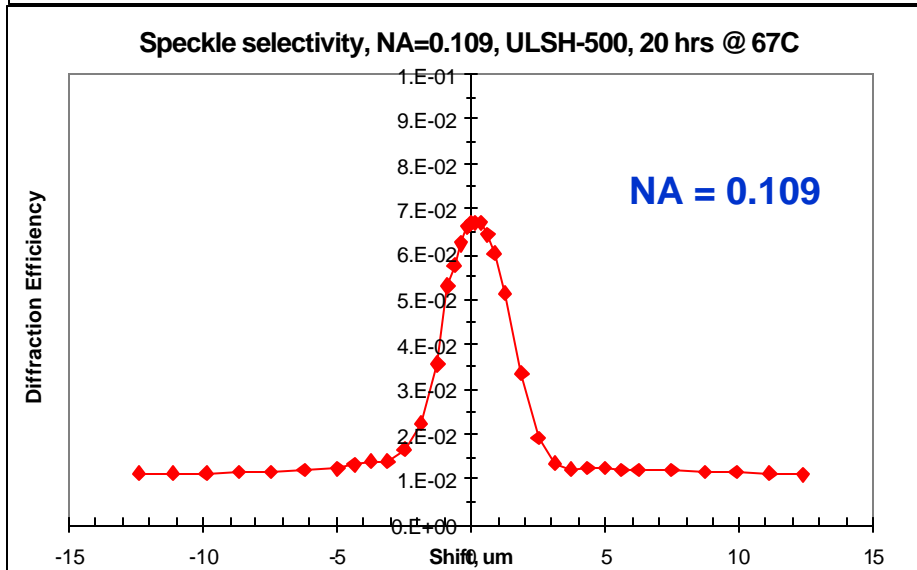
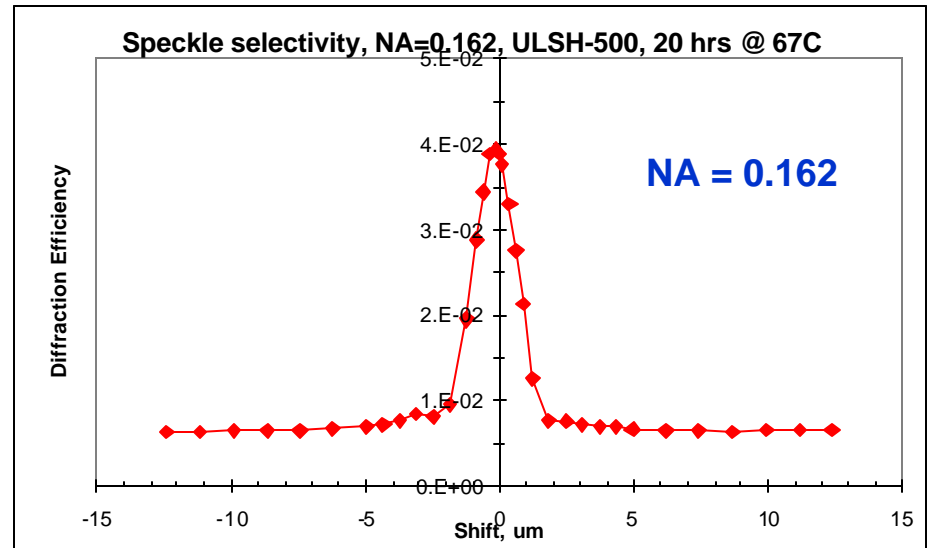
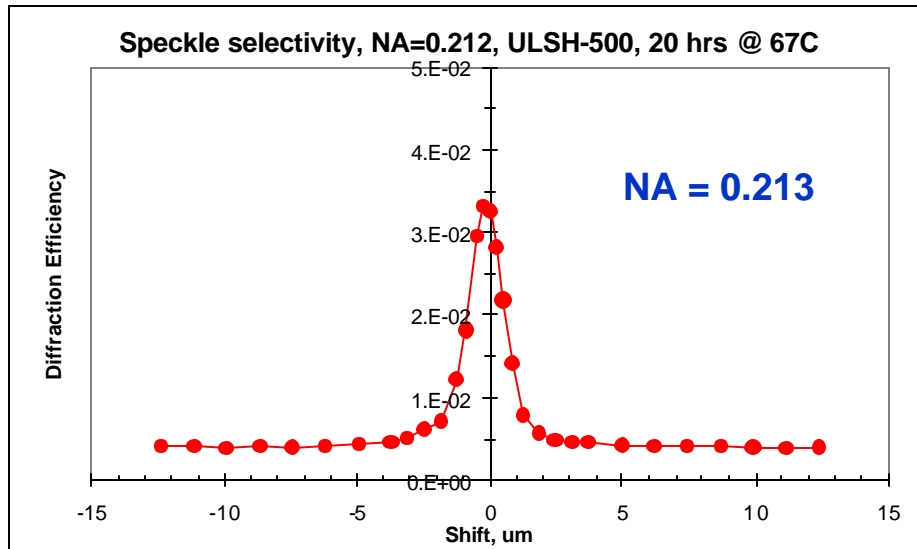


- Imaging distortion are  $< 0.25$  pixels over entire SLM format (from Moiré pattern meas.);
- Both magnification and decenter compensators are implemented on second objective;
- Further image correction using hardware implemented  $3 \times 3$  pixel deconvolution;
- **Data interleaving for uniform BER** (before ECC).



# Correlation shift speckle multiplexing (Gaussian speckle field as a reference beam)

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**Decorrelation** (A.Darskii and V.V.Markov, Proc. SPIE **1600**, 318 (1992)):

$$h(d) = h_0 \left| \frac{2 J_1(k NA d)}{k NA d} \right|^2$$

$$d_x \text{ (FWHM)} \sim 1.2 \lambda / NA ,$$

$$d_y \text{ (FWHM)} \sim 1.2 \lambda / NA .$$

- $d_x, d_y$  are determined by speckle autocorrelation;
- selectivity is **independent** of shift direction;
- selectivity is **independent** of media thickness;
- crosstalk buildup depends on shift direction and thickness.

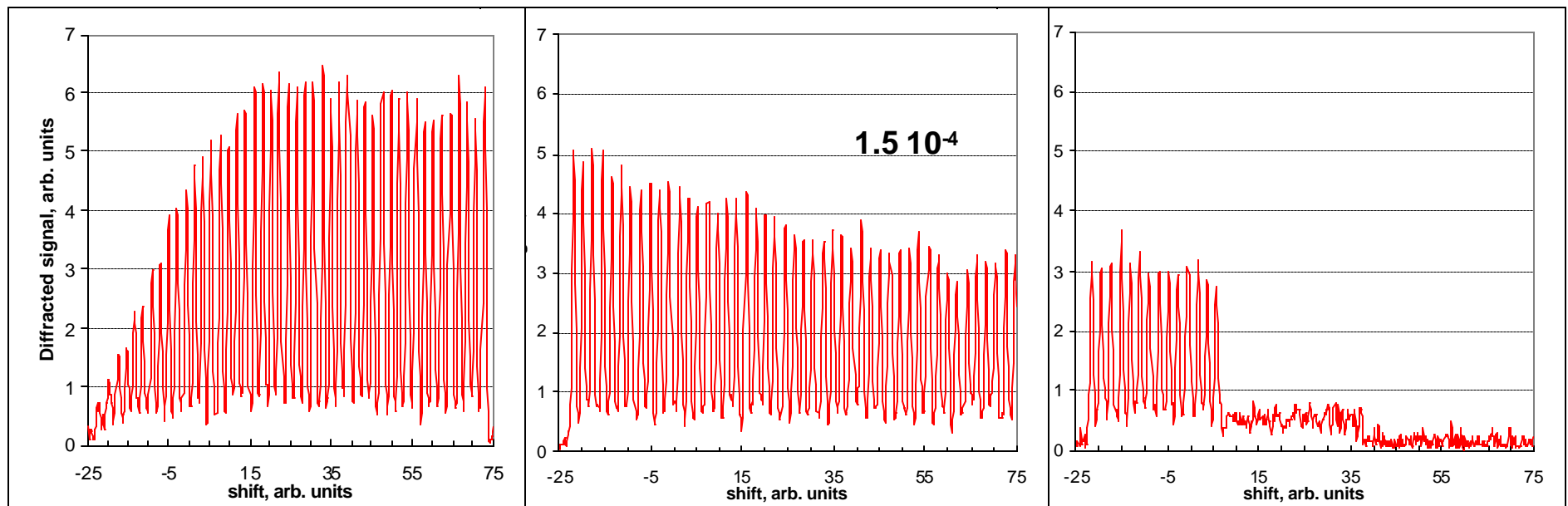


## Superimposed holograms recorded in Polaroid 200 mm photopolymer with speckle reference

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**100 Holograms** (exposure =  $0.5\text{mJ}/\text{cm}^2$  each)

Holograms are recorded with  $\sim 5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  shift of the media between each exposure.



$$M/\# = S h^{1/2} = \underline{0.98}; \quad NA_{\text{speckle}} = 0.21; \quad NA_{\text{signal}} = 0.015$$



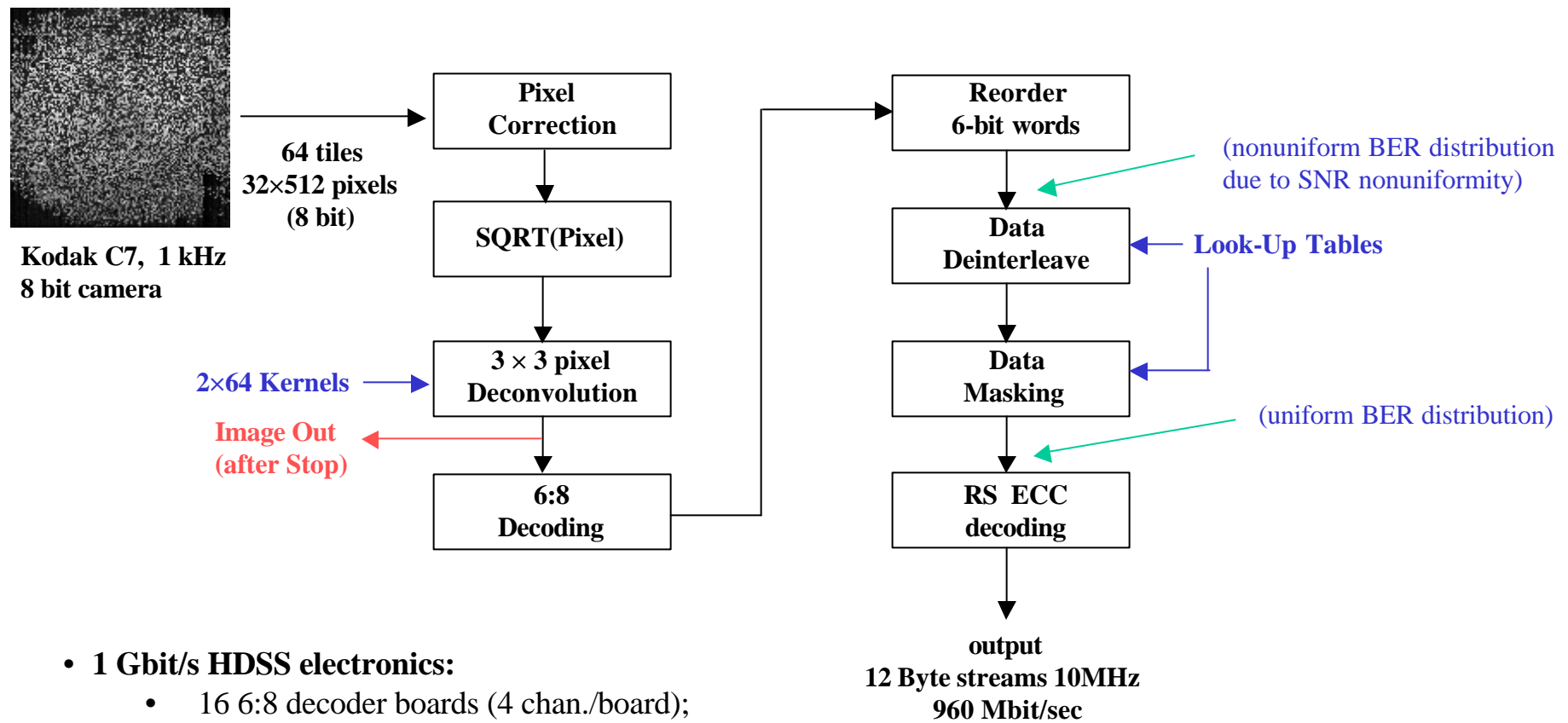
# HDSS Electronics





# 1 Gbit/sec Siros/Stanford/HDSS hardware electronics operation

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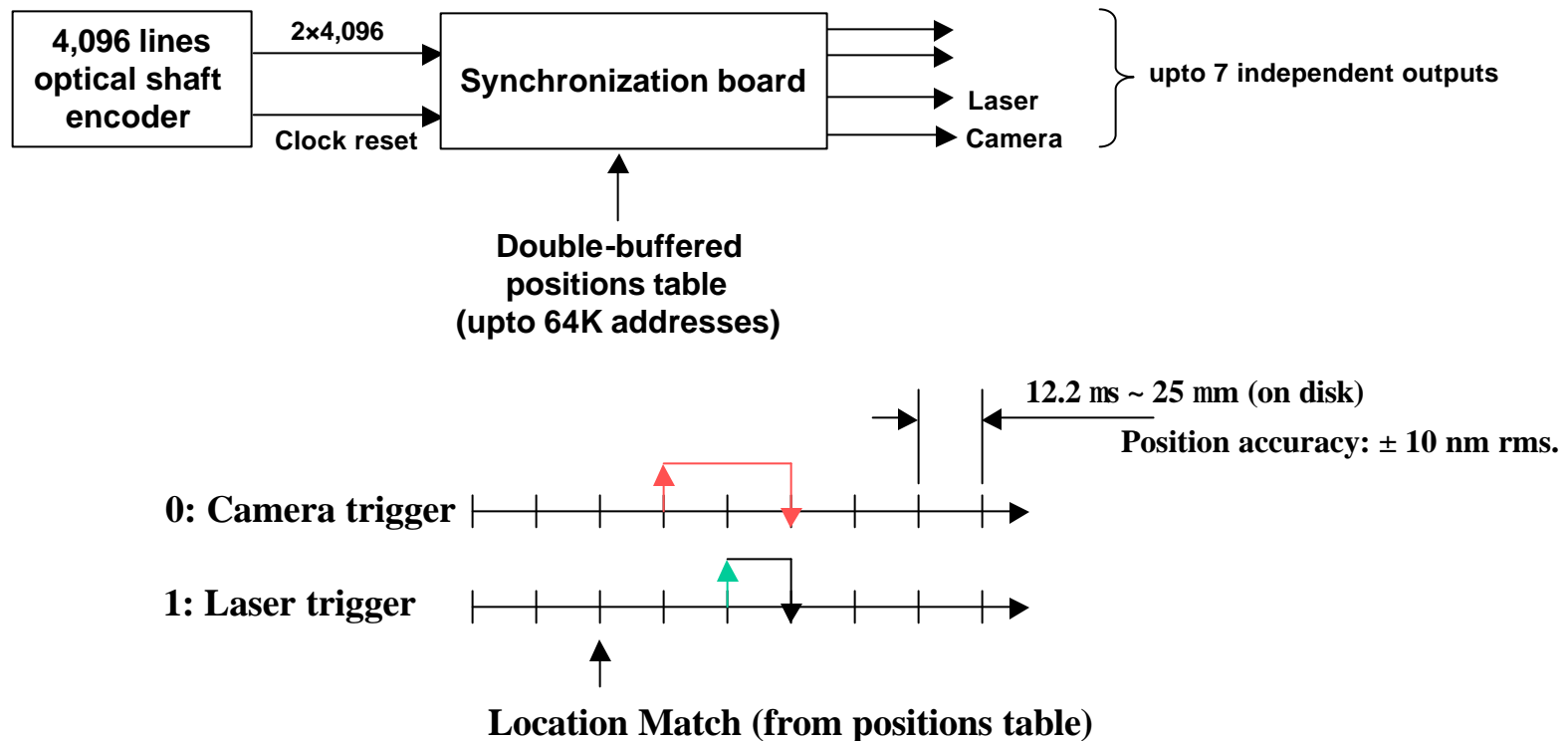
- **1 Gbit/s HDSS electronics:**

- 16 6:8 decoder boards (4 chan./board);
- 1 Multiplexer board;
- 1 ECC board (3 RS chips);
- 1 Synchronization board (disk/laser/camera/SLM);
- PCI-VME Bridge;
- Electronics is implemented using reprogrammable FPGA and CPLD electronic components.



## Rotating disk/laser/camera synchronization

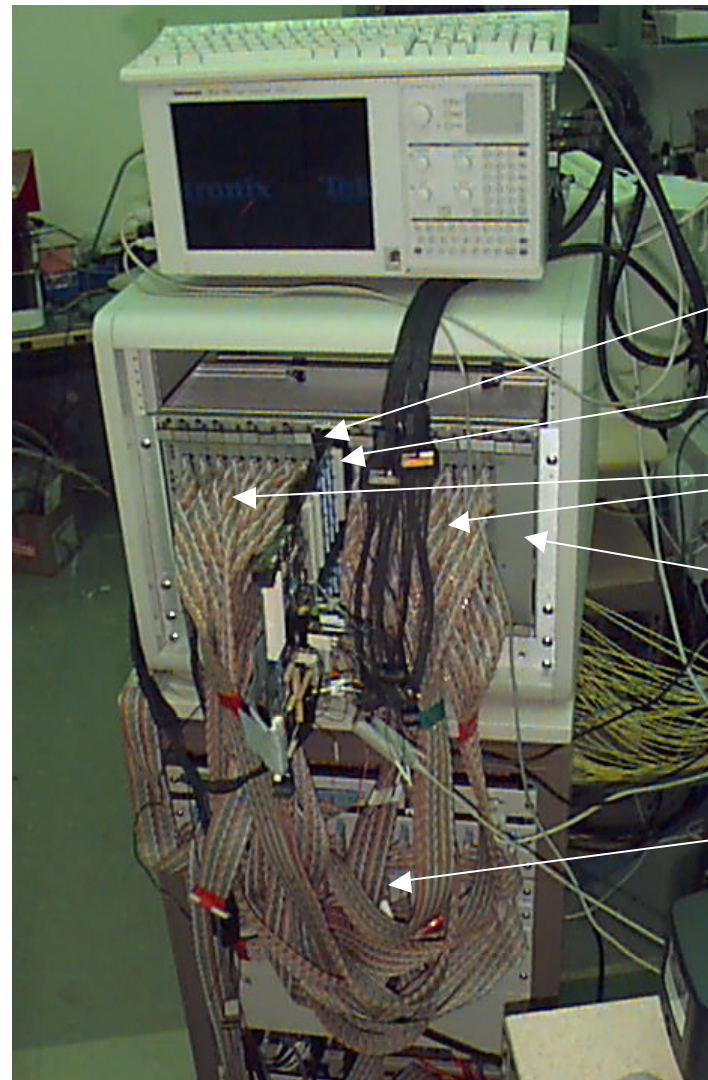
- Disk position is derived from optical shaft encoder (4,096  $2\times$  quadratures);
- Encoder: < 10 nsec rms edge jitter (i.e., <20 nm position error for 16,384 positions on the disk);
- Laser: 500mJ/pulse, 20 nsec Nd:YAG;  
< 5 nsec rms. timing jitter;





## Siros/Stanford/HDSS 1 Gbit/sec electronics

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ECC Board

Multiplexer board

Decoder boards (16)

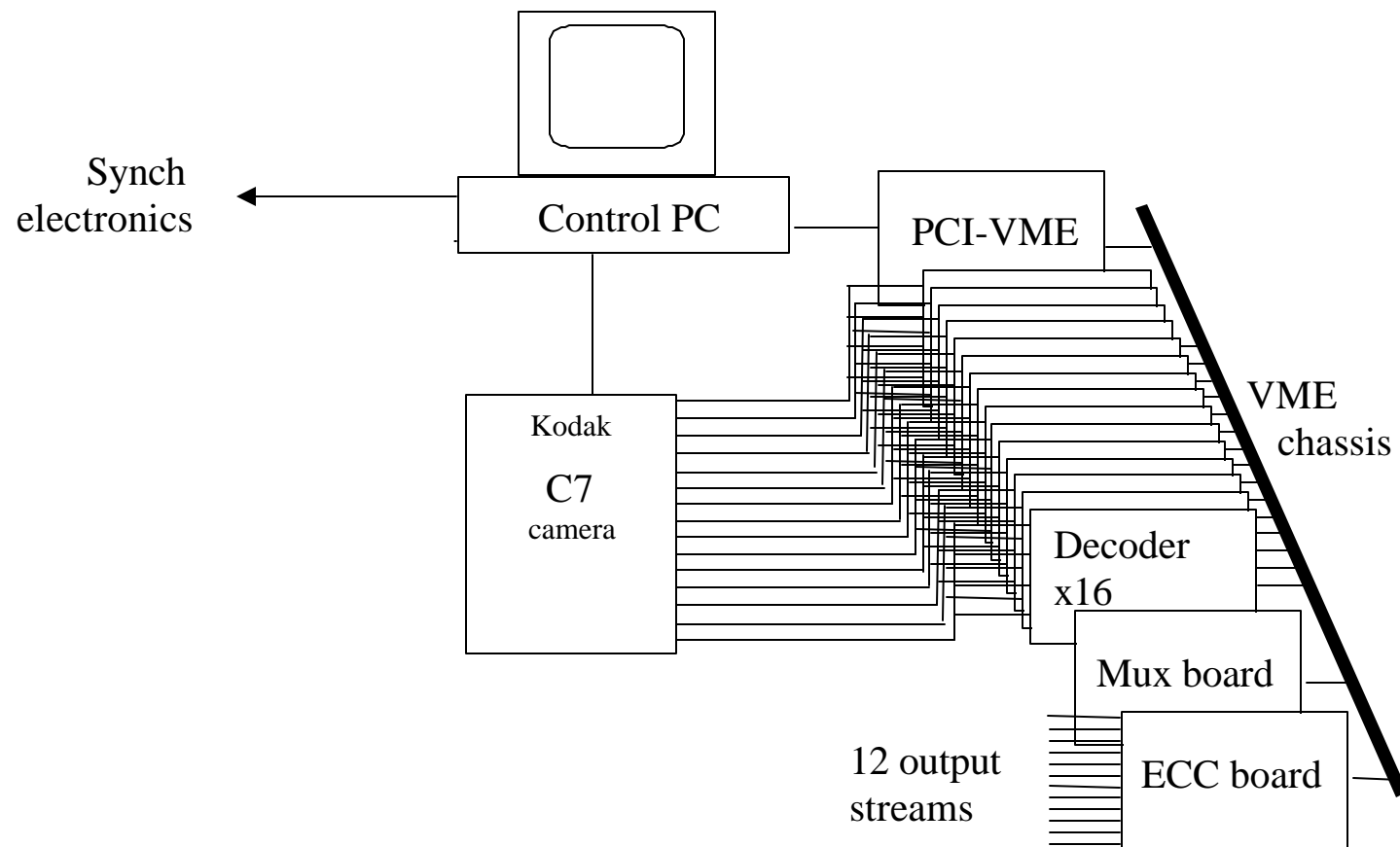
Synchronization board

Kodak C7 camera electronics



## Siros/Stanford HDSS electronics

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**Holographic recording  
material:  
Polaroid CROP photopolymer**



## Recording material: Polaroid CROP photopolymer

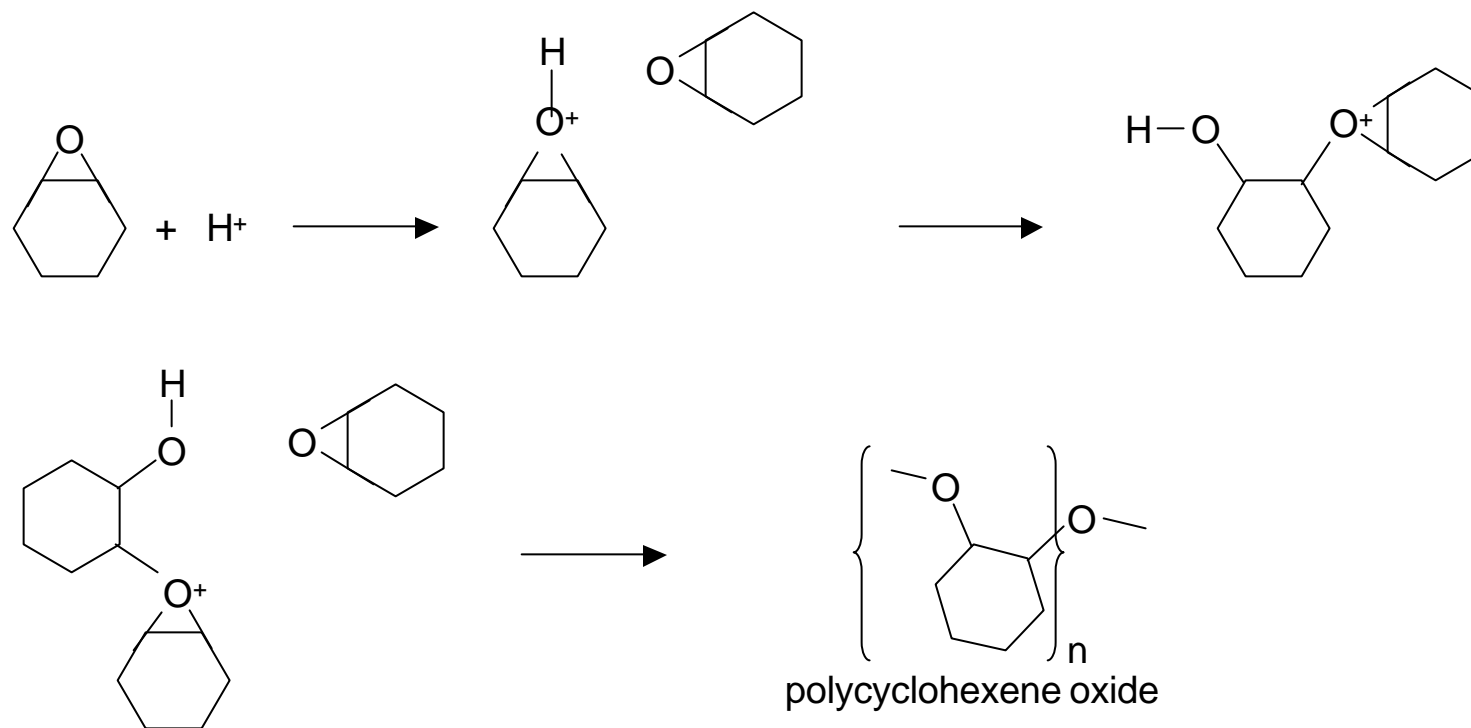
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- **Requirements:**
  - large M/# (>10.0 for plw), low shrinkage (<0.1%),
  - high sensitivity ( $S > 1000 \text{ cm/J}$ ),
  - thickness 200 to 500  $\mu\text{m}$ .
- **Material: Polaroid Cationic Ring-Opening Polymerization photopolymer;**
- **Composition:**
  - epoxy siloxane-based di- and multi-functional monomers;
  - photoacid generator;
  - photosensitizer dye;
  - binder (siloxane-based).
- **Recording characteristics:**
  - ultra-low shrinkage (after precure) < 0.1%;
  - sensitivity 500 to 3000  $\text{cm/J}$ ;
  - dynamic range  $(M/\#)_{\text{plw}}$  up to 20.0,  $(M/\#)_{\text{image}} \sim 2.0$ ;
  - thickness up to 500  $\mu\text{m}$ ;
  - optical homogeneity:  $\text{BER}_{\text{imaging}} < 10^{-14}$  (IBM HOST data);
  - scatter:  $1.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ srad}^{-1}$ .



## Polymerization and chain propagation in Polaroid CROP

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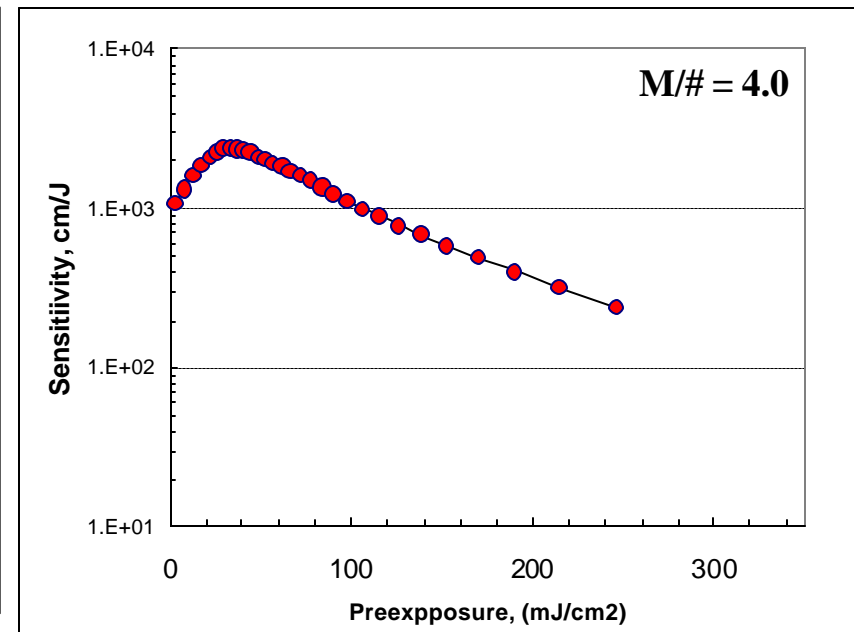
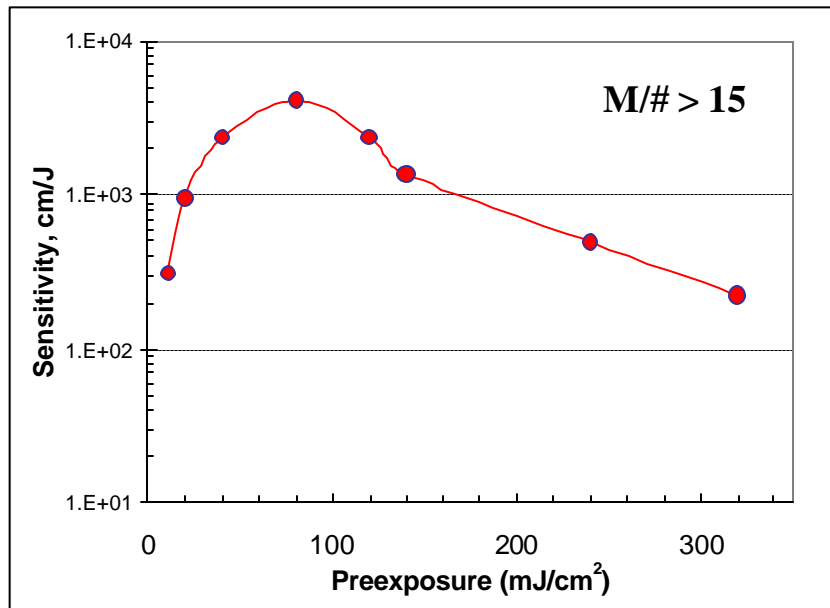


- **Termination:** self-entanglement; reaction with quenching centers, etc.
- Ring opening step reduces shrinkage upon polymerization ( $\epsilon < 0.1\%$ , at  $M/\# \sim 5.0$ );
- Index modulation due to diffusion and polymer/binder segregation.



## Sensitivity of Polaroid CROP photopolymer

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- **optical preexposure/scheduled exposure**  
early stage: viscosity buildup for hologram anchoring.

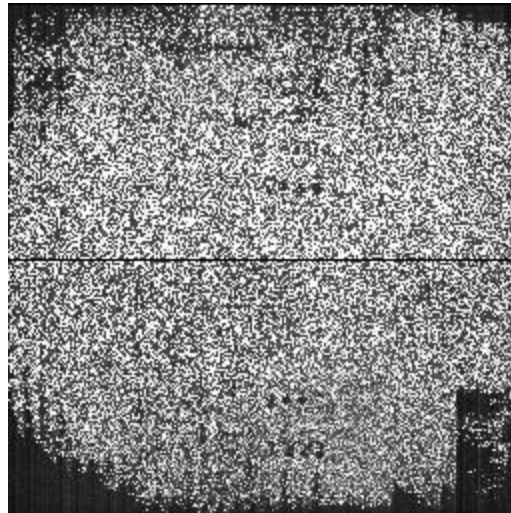
- **thermal precure/scheduled exposure**  
starting material is already a dry film;  
higher optical uniformity compared to  
optical preexposure.





## Sample multiplexed hologram recorded in Polaroid CROP using correlation multiplexing

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- 500 microns thick recording medium;
- Material thermally precured before recording;
- Image: 1024×1024 pixels, 6:8 encoding;
- Byte error rate:  $5 \cdot 10^{-3}$  ( ~ 5% area masked).



# Demonstrations



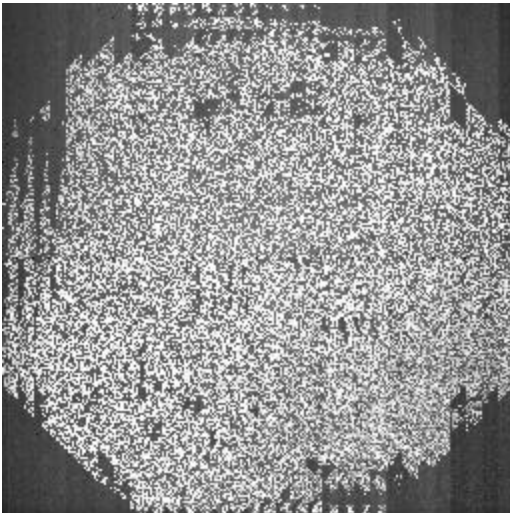
## 1Gbit/sec demonstration summary (10/99)

- JPEG image data encoded into SLM images (6:8 code);
- Page capacity = **65.3 Kbytes** (user);
- Holograms were sequentially recorded at 300 RPM disk rotation rate (each hologram was recorded with ~ 12 laser pulses);
- Material: 200  $\mu\text{m}$  Polaroid ULSH-500 6.5" diameter disk;
- Holograms were retrieved at 1 Gbit/sec and channel/ ECC decoded by hardware ;
- Data are captured by Tektronix logic analyzer and converted back to JPEG files.
- **Currently: 12 simultaneous video-streams playback from holographic disk (at 650 fps).**



## 1 Gbit/sec end-to-end demonstration in Stanford/HDSS holographic disk system

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**Sample retrieved hologram**  
**Raw Byte error rate:  $3 \times 10^{-3}$**   
 **$h \sim 5 \times 10^{-3}$**



**Sample Retrieved JPEG data**  
(data distributed between  
different holograms).

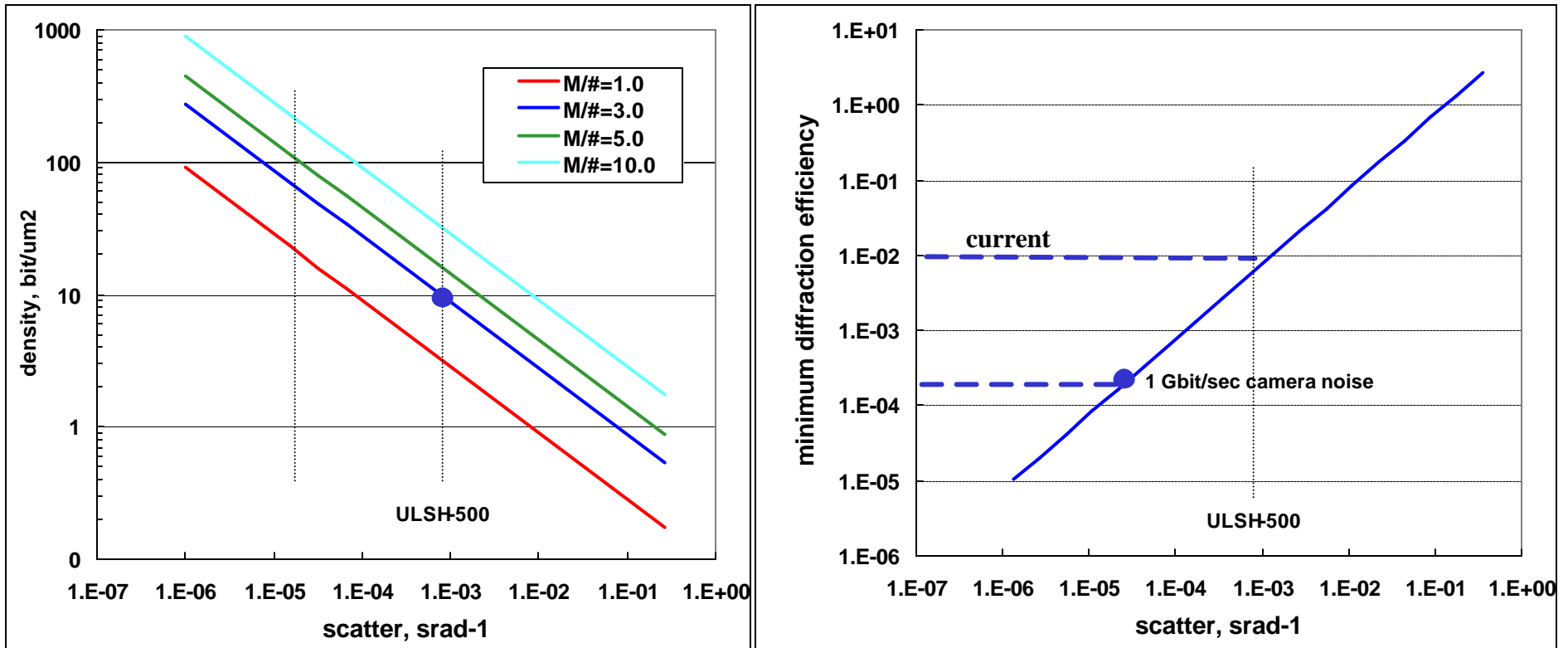


**Original JPEG data**



## Recording density vs. scatter; HDSS photopolymer disk system

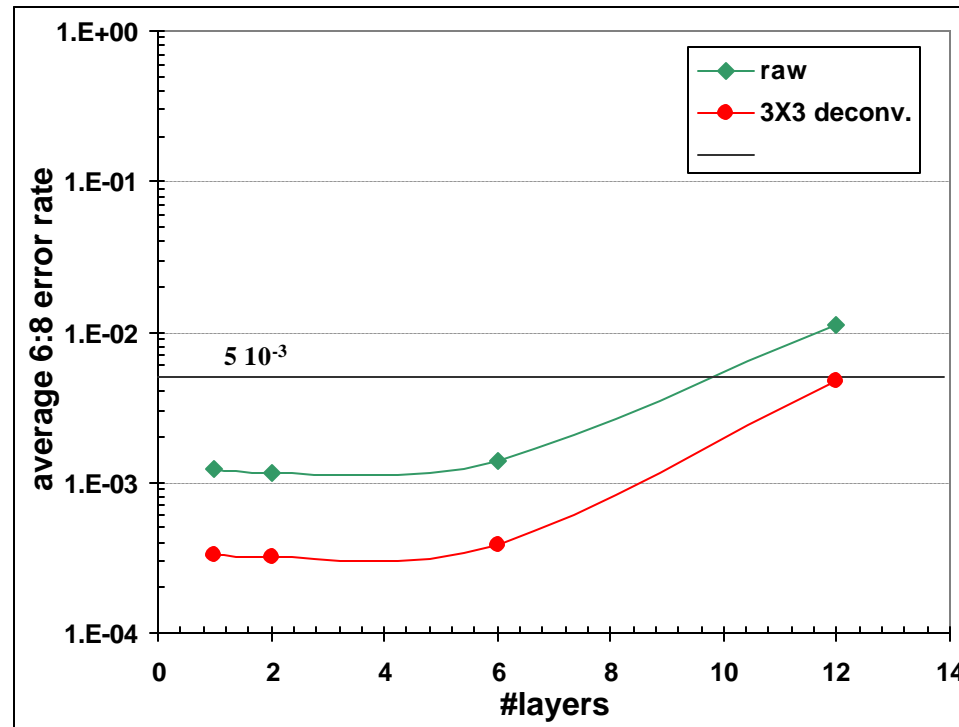
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- Material figure-of-merit  $\propto N$  of holograms, density  $\propto C \times (M/\#) / (\sqrt{\text{scatter}})$
- $M/\# > 3$  to 5 is not feasible due to shrinkage distortions.
- Recording density is currently  $\sim 10$  bits/mm<sup>2</sup>
- Signal strength allows faster transfer rates: 10 Gbit/sec and higher.



## Recording density in ULSH-500 photopolymer

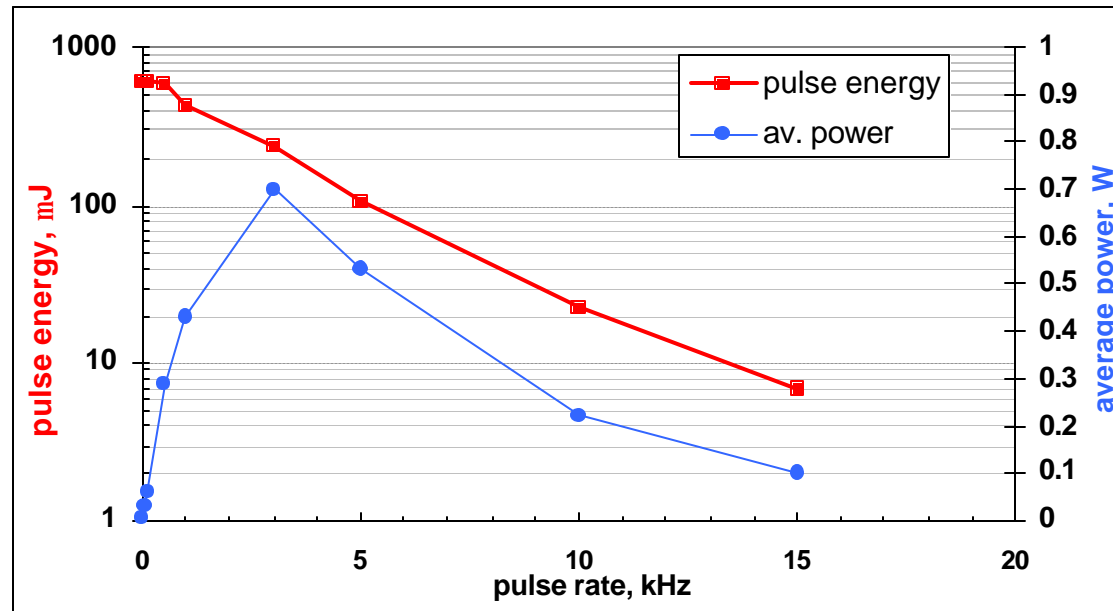


Error rate increases with density due to hologram distortions arising from material shrinkage.



## Ultra-high transfer rate demonstration (laser pulse energy consideration)

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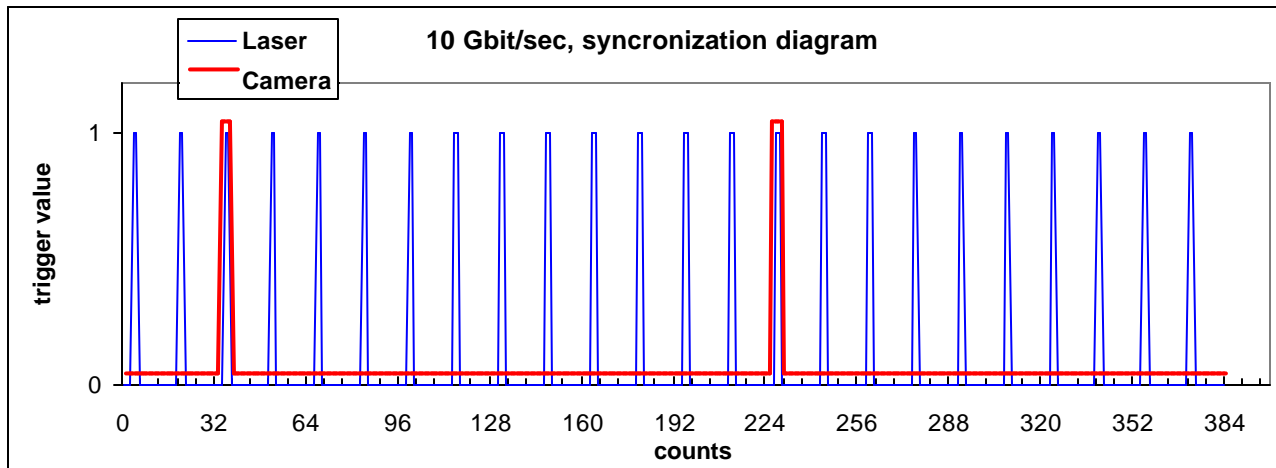
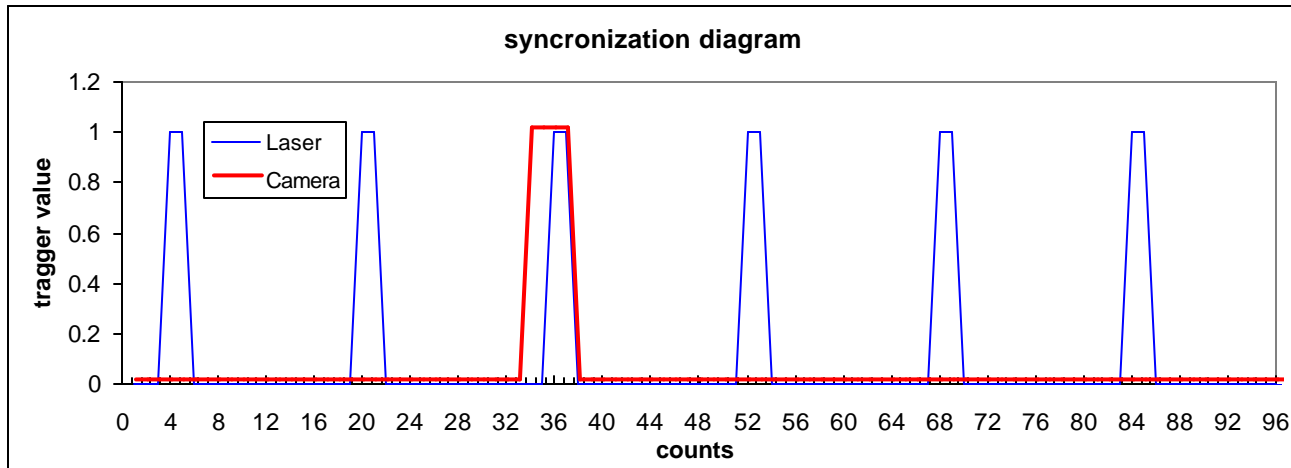


- Pulse energy decreases with repetition rate for  $f > 1$  kHz (weaker signal at higher rate (LightWave Electronics 210G, doubled Nd:YAG laser)).
- Required diffraction efficiency (due to scatter rather than signal strength limitations ) allows hologram readout even at faster rates (upto 10kHz).



## 10 Gbit/sec readout timing diagram (4/00 and 9/00)

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- Laser trigger frequency:  
every 8 counts;
- Camera trigger frequency:  
every 96 counts;
- Camera width:  
2 counts (50  $\mu$ sec).





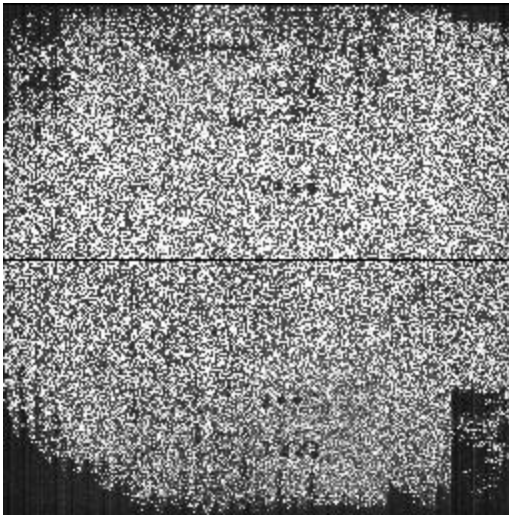
## 10 Gbit/sec transfer rate demonstration

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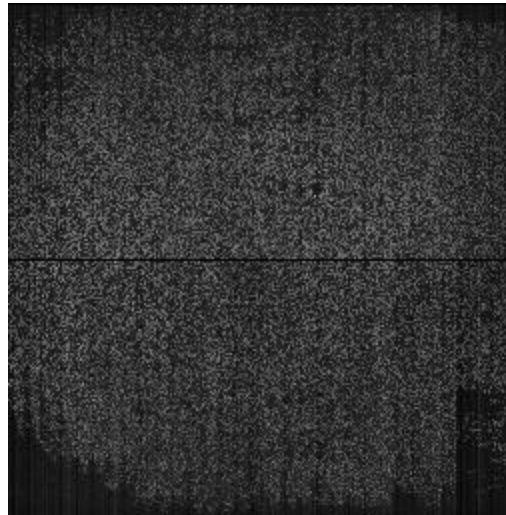
- Page capacity = **68.5 Kbytes** (user);
- Holograms incrementally recorded at 300 RPM disk rotation speed;
- Material: 200  $\mu\text{m}$  thick Polaroid ULSH-500, 6.5" dia disk;
- Holograms retrieved at **10 Gbit/sec (10,000 fps)**,
- Camera and electronics sampled holograms at  $\sim 1$  Gbit/sec (every 12th image, camera integration window = 25  $\mu\text{sec}$ ),
- Data captured with logic analyzer;
- Images uploaded from decoder boards memory to verify raw error rate ( $\sim 1\%$ ).



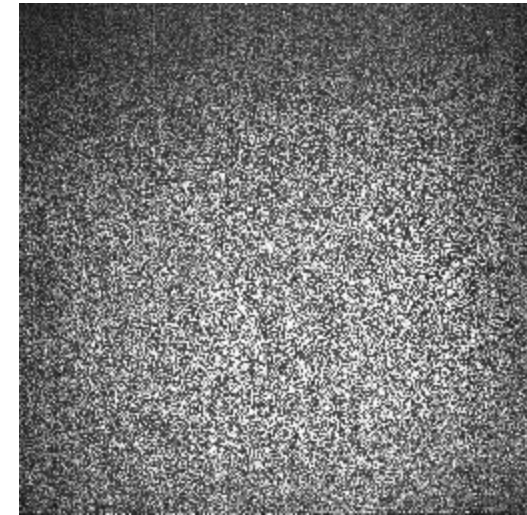
## Holograms read out at $> 1\text{Gbit/s}$ optical transfer rate



- 1 Gbps (0.8% raw Byte errors);



- 6 Gbps (~ 1% raw Byte errors)



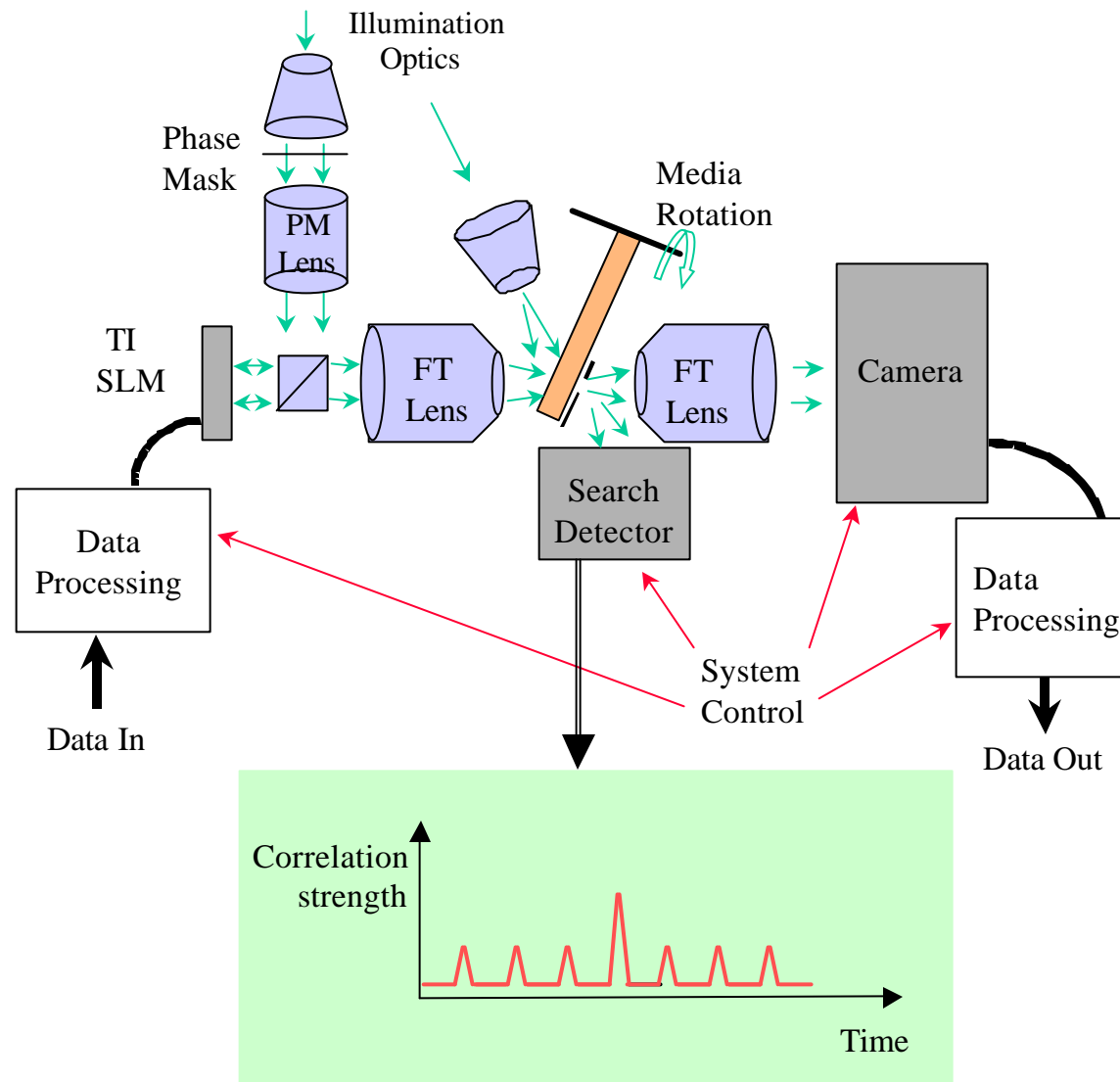
- 10 Gbps (~1.5% raw Byte errors);
- different set of optics: higher optical efficiency than 1 and 6 Gbit/sec.

**Material:** 200 mm and 500 mm thick CROP photopolymer, thermally precured.



## Search in rotating holographic disk system

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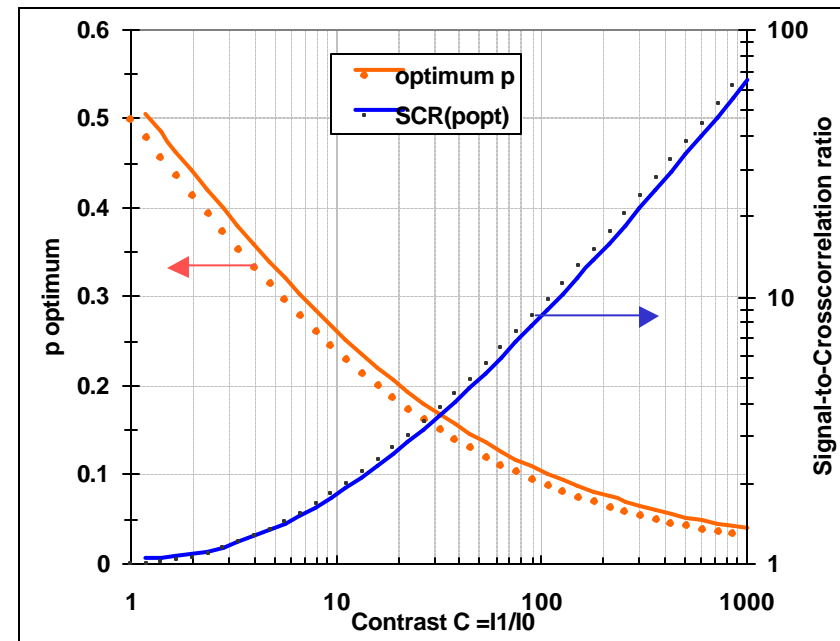
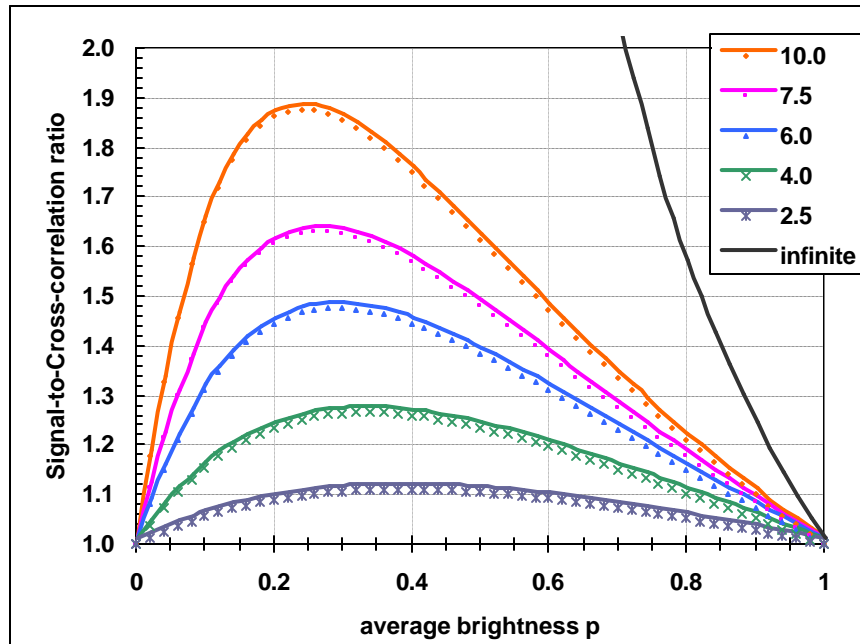




## Auto-and cross- correlation for binary images (amplitude modulation / confocal detection)

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SLM contrast:  $C = I_{11}/I_{00}$   
 $p$  - average number of 1's.



$$SCR = \frac{\langle signal \rangle}{\langle crosscorrelation \rangle} = \frac{[p(C-1)+1]^2}{[p(\sqrt{C}-1)+1]^4}$$

$$\left. \frac{\langle signal \rangle}{\langle crosscorrelation \rangle} \right|_{p=p_{optimum}} = \frac{(C-1)^4}{16C(\sqrt{C}-1)^4}$$

$$p_{optimum} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{C}-1} - \frac{2}{C-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C \otimes \infty, p_{optimum} \otimes 0 \\ C \otimes 1, p_{optimum} \otimes 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

- SLM contrast is a crucial parameter;
- For typical FLC  $C \sim 5$  to  $8 \Rightarrow SCR \sim 1.5$  at best.
- Stronger signal at higher  $p$ .



## Summary

- **1 Gbit/sec end-to-end demonstration in holographic disk system;**
- **Hardware implemented holographic channel decoding, deconvolution, and Reed-Solomon ECC electronics;**
- **10 Gbit/sec sustained optical transfer rate from a holographic disk system demonstrated** (end-to-end operation possible with faster camera, e.g., CMOS, and new HDSS electronics);
- **Density:  $\sim 10$  bits/mm<sup>2</sup> (at 1 to 10 Gbit/sec transfer rate);**
- **Higher bit density at present data rate is possible in reduced scatter materials.**
- **Potential application for relational data base search.**
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