

# Probe phase estimation

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Using the convention in Give'on, Kern and Shaklan 2011, the pairwise probing creates an approximate probe field  $\Delta p$  with a relationship to intensity images as:

$$I_0 = |C[E_0]|^2 + I_{inc} \quad (1)$$

$$I_{+,1} = |C[E_0 e^{i\Delta\psi_1}]|^2 + I_{inc} \approx |C[E_0] + iC[E_0 \Delta\psi_1]|^2 + I_{inc} \equiv |C[E_0] + i\Delta p_1|^2 + I_{inc} \quad (2)$$

$$I_{-,1} = |C[E_0 e^{-i\Delta\psi_1}]|^2 + I_{inc} \approx |C[E_0] - iC[E_0 \Delta\psi_1]|^2 + I_{inc} \equiv |C[E_0] - i\Delta p_1|^2 + I_{inc} \quad (3)$$

If we have a model for  $C$ , we don't have necessarily play approximation games, but what we do need to do is give the model what it wants. We have defined

$$\text{From } I_{+,1} : \Delta p_1 = \frac{C[E_0 e^{i\Delta\psi_1}] - C[E_0]}{i} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{From } I_{-,1} : \Delta p_1 = \frac{C[E_0] - C[E_0 e^{-i\Delta\psi_1}]}{i} \quad (5)$$

on the assumption the two are the same. We want to estimate probe phase (angle of  $\Delta p_1$ ) while reconciling these two. Easiest way is to average the two:

$$\Delta p_{1,\text{effective}} = \frac{(C[E_0 e^{i\Delta\psi_1}] - C[E_0]) + (C[E_0] - C[E_0 e^{-i\Delta\psi_1}])}{2i} \quad (6)$$

$$= \frac{(C[E_0 e^{i\Delta\psi_1}] - C[E_0 e^{-i\Delta\psi_1}])}{2i} \quad (7)$$

This will be an identity operation if the positive and negative probe effect on the field is in fact the same, and will split the difference otherwise.

To get a model-based probe phase (and probe amplitude), use `np.abs()` and `np.angle()` on  $\Delta p_{1,\text{effective}}$ , which is complex-valued.