Industry Fields

Transport

Developing green, safe, efficient and accessible transport networks



NDT of composites and GLARE

Advanced measurement techniques for materials and structures in structural design, composite manufacturing and aircraft maintenance and repair

Energy

Developing green energy solutions and improving energy efficiency



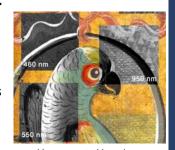
Structural health monitoring

Strain and vibration monitoring and sensor networks for oil/gas pipelines, wind turbines

Cultural Heritage

Preservation of cultural heritage for education and future generations

Developing sensor systems and classification algorithms for movable cultural heritage



Hyperspectral imaging

Task? The solution!

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Aerospace NDT Laboratory Objective

Research and innovation of instrumentation and algorithms for characterisation of materials and structures

Vision

To develop the next generation of advanced optical and ultrasonic sensors and sensor systems which can measure more accurately, faster and with better resolution

Who are we?

- Established in 2008 in the Faculty of Aerospace Engineering at TU Delft
- 20+ researchers and project students developing instrumentation, algorithms and applications
- Interdisciplinary and international research team

Capabilities

- Advanced research in optics and ultrasonics
- Custom measurement solutions
- Pre-industrial prototyping
- Development of control and data processing algorithms
- Experimental design
- Data fusion and visualisation
- Prototypes environmental testing

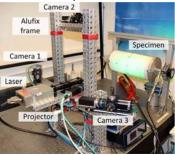
Main Current Projects

- ☐ H2020 EXTREME Project
- □ DTP Bonded Repair Project
- ☐ World Class Composites Solutions (WCCS)
- ☐ Dutch Aerospace TAPAS2 Project
- ☐ Dutch NICAS Gilt Leather and Rembrandt Projects
- ☐ Dutch NWO Climate4Wood Project

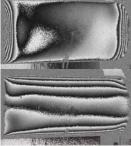
Optical Metrology

Research of optical measuring techniques for experimental mechanics and non-destructive testing:

- Shearography
 - Non-destructive testing and defect detection
 - Strain characterisation
 - Vibration characterisation (full-field)
- ☐ Fringe projection and structured light
 - 3D shape measurement
- ☐ Line scan and point shape sensors
 - Shape measurement and fusion with strain data



3D shape shearography setup with structured light projector



X- and Y-shear phase maps during inner pressure loading

Ultrasonics

OCT measurement of crack propagation in a glass fibre composite plate

Fibre Optic Sensing

• During manufacturing, assembly, use and

Research of fibre optics sensors and applications:

☐ Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)

Coating thickness measurement

Strain and temperature sensors

☐ Structural Health Monitoring (SHM)

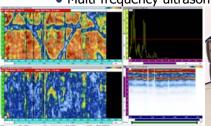
service of composites structures

• 3D materials characterisation

☐ Fibre Bragg Gratings (FBGs)

Research of ultrasonics and guided waves:

- Lamb wave ultrasonics
- NDT/SHM of composite plates
- Time-reversal Lamb waves
- Air-coupled ultrasonics
- ☐ C-scan ultrasonics: including data fusion from different sources (e.g. C-scan + shape)
 - Phase-array ultrasonics
 - Multi-frequency ultrasonic inspection



C-scan of a carbon plate with complex structure



Setup for air-coupled ultrasonics flaw detection

Spectral Imaging

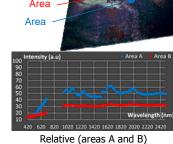
Research of multi and hyperspectral imaging systems:

- ☐ Spectral imaging: VIS, NIR and SWIR
 - Imaging spectrographs and tunable filters
- Spectral processing
 - Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
- ☐ Fibre Optic Reflectance Spectroscopy (FORS)
- Terahertz imaging

• LWIR/microwave tomography



SYDDARTA prototype in use



Relative (areas A and B)
VIS and IR reflection spectrum