

DELTA 7²⁰

TRANSMISSIVE WAVEFRONT MODULATOR

DPP TECHNOLOGY

The Delta 7²⁰ is based on Deformable Phase Plate (DPP) technology, exclusively developed by Phaseform GmbH. A DPP comprises a fluidic chamber enclosed by a thin membrane that is deformed by electrostatic force. This force is generated by a two-dimensional array of transparent electrodes embedded within the optical aperture of the DPP. The sophisticated optofluidic design of the DPP enables high-quality, real-time wavefront modulation in a fully refractive architecture.

KEY FEATURES

Complex wavefront modulation

63 electrodes enabling replication of up to the 7th radial order of Zernike polynomials (>35 modes) with high fidelity

Straightforward system integration

Compact housing compatible with the standard cage system with native M32 lens tube threading

Linear & hysteresis-free response

Electrostatic actuation suited for open-loop wavefront control

Remarkable optical quality

Active best flat with an induced RMS wavefront error of less than $\lambda/40$

Polarization-independent

Wavefront modulation independent of the light polarization for maximized efficiency



SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

Modulator type

Clear aperture diameter

Number of actuators

Connectivity

Included in the Delta 7 package

Optofluidic DPP (Deformable Phase Plate),
electrostatically actuated, factory calibrated

20 mm

63

USB 2.0

Driving electronics, control software, cables, manual

OPTICAL

Wavefront RMS error of best flat

Maximum peak-to-valley of the generated wavefronts

Maximum spatial frequency of the correction

Wavefront RMS drift

Laser Induced Damage Threshold (LIDT)

Optical transmission

< 15 nm (DPP horizontal, optical axis vertical)

> 10 μm

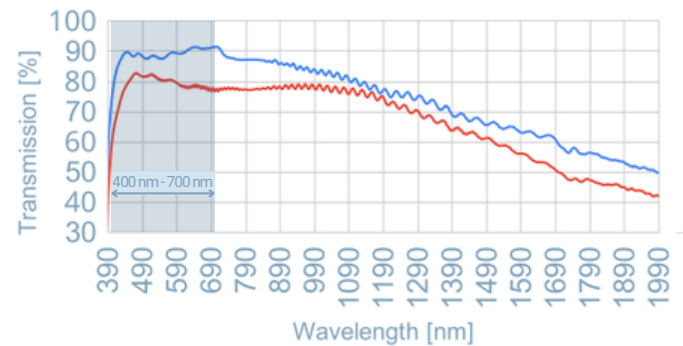
7th radial order of Zernike modes

< 5% after 60 min

10 W/cm² for 10s @ 1070 nm CW

Without AR coating

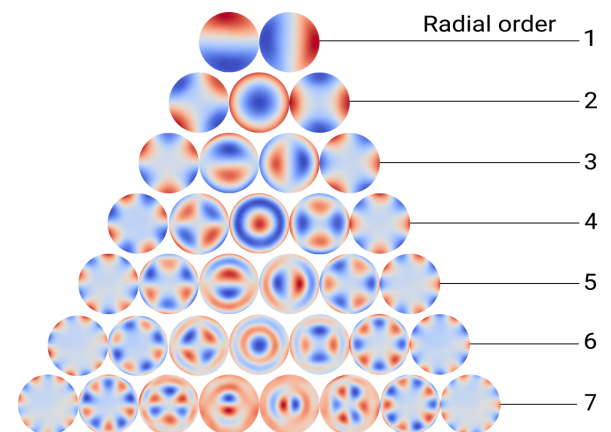
With AR coated membrane



GENERATED ZERNIKE MODES IN OPEN LOOP

Max amplitude RMS, peak-to-valley, and purity of generated Zernike modes

Z (n,m)	RMS [μm]	PV [μm]	Purity [%]	Z (n,m)	RMS [μm]	PV [μm]	Purity [%]
Z (1,-1)	3	10	97	Z (5,3)	0.2	1.0	92
Z (1,1)	3	10	97	Z (5,5)	0.22	1.5	92
Z (2,-2)	1.3	5.0	98	Z (6,-6)	0.12	0.8	92
Z (2,0)	1.3	5.0	98	Z (6,-4)	0.12	0.8	92
Z (2,2)	1.3	5.0	98	Z (6,-2)	0.1	0.6	82
Z (3,-3)	0.6	3.1	95	Z (6,0)	0.1	0.6	82
Z (3,-1)	0.6	2.5	95	Z (6,2)	0.1	0.6	82
Z (3,1)	0.6	2.5	95	Z (6,4)	0.12	0.8	92
Z (3,3)	0.6	3.1	95	Z (6,6)	0.12	0.8	92
Z (4,-4)	0.35	2.0	94	Z (7,-7)	0.1	0.6	90
Z (4,-2)	0.35	1.5	94	Z (7,-5)	0.1	0.6	90
Z (4,0)	0.35	1.5	94	Z (7,-3)	0.07	0.5	70
Z (4,2)	0.35	1.5	94	Z (7,-1)	0.07	0.5	70
Z (4,4)	0.35	2.0	94	Z (7,1)	0.07	0.5	70
Z (5,-5)	0.22	1.5	92	Z (7,3)	0.07	0.5	70
Z (5,-3)	0.2	1.0	92	Z (7,5)	0.1	0.6	90
Z (5,-1)	0.2	1.0	92	Z (7,7)	0.1	0.6	90
Z (5,1)	0.2	1.0	92				



*Purity is defined as the fraction of the target Zernike mode relative to the root-square-sum of all modes.

**The Zernike-tree shows experimentally measured replicated Zernike modes up to the 7th order, in open-loop, using an interferometric setup.

SPECIFICATIONS, CONT.

MECHANICAL

Thickness (within clear aperture)
Response time (best flat to maximum deformation)
Hysteresis
Linearity
Mounting orientation
Mounting capability

0.87 mm
< 40 ms
< 1%
> 92%
Recommended horizontal only (optical axis vertical)
Native M32 x 0.75 female threading, custom female to male thread adapters for other standard optics threads available upon request
1.5 m

ELECTRICAL

Actuator voltage
Maximum power consumption
Power supply

up to 295 V DC
< 9 W
120/230 VAC

THERMAL

Storage temperature
Operating temperature

10 °C to 35 °C
20 °C to 25 °C

SOFTWARE

Graphical User Interface (GUI)

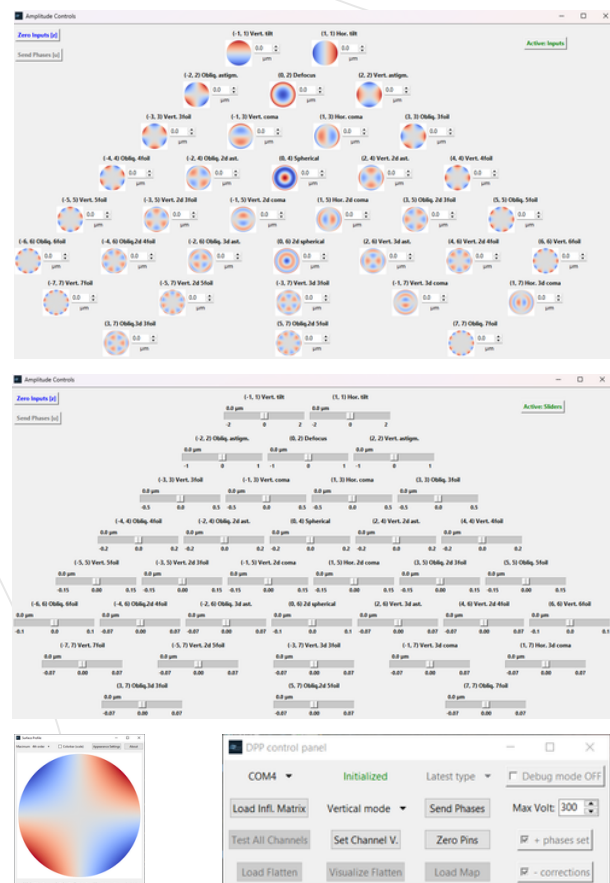
- Python-based interface using serial communication
- Direct application of phase profiles using Zernike polynomial descriptions

Software Development Kit (SDK)

- Python scripting control interface
- MATLAB wrappers to execute Python functions
- Easy integration into custom control software
- Reference implementation of the serial communication protocol included

Phinden (optional add-on for Delta 7)

- Turnkey software for real-time, image-based adaptive optics in microscopy
- Automated aberration correction improving resolution, SNR, and contrast
- Runs seamlessly alongside native microscope control software



System Requirements

Operating system: Windows, Linux, macOS
Python: Minimum version 3.8, recommended - 3.11
MATLAB: Minimum version R2020b



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