# **Diffraction Lloyd Mirror Interferometer**

### Introduction

A new type of Interferometer realized with a Lloyd mirror along with a diffracting element. The interferometer suitably explains various key features of diffraction and interference of light. These are main optical processes underlying the important area of communication, sensing, imaging, etc.

## Features

Suitable for simultaneous study of diffraction and interference phenomena of light.Only interferometer worldwide to generate different shapes of fringes in single interferogram.

## **Specifications**

- Double lens in-line configuration
- Light source: 10mW, visible Laser
- Lenses: Achromatic collimating
- Spatial filter: 5µm pinhole with 40 x microscope objective
- Diffracting aperture: sharp edged or tipped aperture
- XYZ translations and tilts for optical alignment
- Mirror: front surface coated plane mirror, R>90%

## Applications

The interferometer is suitable for performing a number of optical experiments in single setup. It is an ideal candidate for Optics & Photonics or General Physics Laboratory Courses of various Universities and Colleges.

## General list of Experiments possible with this system:

- Knife-edge diffraction pattern as two beam interference.
- Independent existence of boundary diffraction wave after the diffracting apertures.
- Diffracting apertures as real sources of boundary diffraction wave.
- Generation of different shapes of fringes in single interferogram.

- Studies on knife-edge, single-slit, double-slit and wire diffraction patterns.
- Demonstration of Poisson Arago spot.
- Lloyd's mirror interferometer.
- Uniform nature of boundary diffraction wave.
- Same system can be used for optical image processing/spatial filtering.

#### Users

Colleges and Universities imparting basic knowledge about the diffraction and interference of light and related phenomena.

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