

# Diffuse Reflection Imaging for Detection of Surface Defect Based on Machine Learning



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## ABSTRACT

Diffuse reflection imaging relies on the fundamental principles of light interaction with rough or matte surfaces, enabling light to scatter in various directions. Unlike specular reflection, which directs light in a single path, diffuse reflection occurs sporadically. Its distinctive quality lies in its effectiveness for imaging objects with irregular or non-reflective surfaces, offering comprehensive information challenging to attain through alternative imaging methods. As a burgeoning subfield within optical and computer vision technologies, diffuse reflection imaging holds immense potential across scientific, industrial, and medical domains. This abstract succinctly outlines the key aspects of diffuse reflection imaging and underscores its diverse applications, marking it as a promising and newly developed field with substantial implications.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Diffuse reflection occurs when light scatters from a surface at various angles, differing from the singular direction of specular reflection. Unlike specular reflection, which influences image perception by focusing incident light on an object's surface, diffuse reflection disperses light or waves across the surface, significantly impacting image visibility, realism, and vibrancy[1]. The concept of lambertian reflectance is crucial for understanding diffuse reflection and serves as the basis for achieving uniform lighting in various imaging applications. It helps in comprehending how non-emitting objects become visible, as our eyes interact with diffusely scattered light to form a coherent image of our surroundings[2][3]. In computer vision, computer graphics, and remote sensing, diffuse reflection imaging plays a pivotal role in capturing and analyzing the appearance of surfaces exhibiting diffuse reflection[3]. Unlike specular reflection,

which occurs at a fixed angle, diffuse reflection arises when light scatters in various directions upon striking a rough or irregular surface. This imaging technique is particularly valuable for examining surfaces with intricate textures and roughness, such as those found in paper, textiles, and natural materials like stone and wood. The microscopic interaction between light and a surface in diffuse reflection involves absorption and subsequent reemission in multiple directions, resulting in a smooth and uniform appearance without discernible highlights or shadows[7]. Ongoing advancements in diffuse reflection imaging techniques contribute to the realism of computer-generated images and the precision of surface analysis, shaping the evolution of computer vision, computer graphics, and remote sensing technologies. The innovations in this paper involve using both the grey code and a 4-step phase shift technique to accurately resolve the absolute segment of the considered image. The process of identifying image defects includes absolute segment conversion, gradient calculation, affine transformation for angle correction, a module matching approach for detecting diffuse reflection surface defects, and applying grey morphological opening and closing operations to the original image to obtain detailed information about the disorder's morphology and position[1][9]. Simulation results demonstrate that the proposed technique not only enhances the accuracy of diffuse reflection surface defect detection but also concurrently reduces the overall cost associated with disorder identification. These advancements hold practical significance, offering improved accuracy and cost-effectiveness in applications requiring diffuse reflection surface defect detection processes[6][10].

## 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

1. A Diffuse Reflection Approach for Detection of Surface Defect Using Machine Learning in 2022. the focus is on addressing the challenges posed by irregular diffuse reflection on surfaces, particularly in industrial settings where rapid advancements have become integral[15]. The presence

of particles on surfaces, as seen in frosted paint surfaces, introduces complexities to defect detection, as scattered light can obscure defect information and compromise accuracy. The paper aims to delve into a comprehensive approach for detecting surface defects in the context of diffuse reflection, leveraging machine learning techniques. To tackle the intricacies of diffuse reflection, the authors employ the Gray code and a four-step phase shift technique. These methods enable the resolution of the absolute phase of a reflection image. Subsequently, the determination of image defects is achieved by converting the gradient of the absolute phase[12]. An automatic edge-finding algorithm is then applied to identify the image vertices of the sample under examination. The correction of attitude is facilitated through affine transformation, and the module matching approach is adopted for precise localization of diffuse reflection surface defects.

2. A Diffuse Reflection Approach for Detection of Surface Defect Using Machine Learning in 2022. Diffuse reflection, characterized by the scattering of light, waves, or particles off a surface in multiple directions, presents a challenge in industrial settings, particularly with the emergence of irregular diffuse reflection resulting from surface particles like those found in frosted paint. This irregularity can obscure defect information by dispersing light, hindering detection and diminishing accuracy. Consequently, this paper endeavors to comprehensively explore a machine learning-based approach for detecting surface defects in the context of diffuse reflection. The methodology adopted in this study involves the utilization of the Gray code and a four-step phase shift technique to determine the absolute phase of a reflection image. Defects in the image are discerned by analyzing the gradient of the absolute phase. Subsequent steps include employing an automatic edge-finding algorithm to acquire the image vertex of the measured sample, utilizing affine transformation for attitude correction, and implementing a module matching approach for precise localization of diffuse reflection surface defects. To extract morphology and position information related to defects, the original image undergoes gray morphological opening and closing operations[3][4].

3. Review of surface defect detection of steel products based on machine vision in 2022. Steel holds a pivotal role in various industries, and over the past two decades, machine vision-based surface defect detection for steel products has become a widespread practice. This paper aims to provide a comprehensive review of the state-of-the-art in vision-based surface defect inspection technology for steel products, drawing insights from an analysis of approximately 170 publications. Encompassing diverse aspects, the review delves into the hardware systems, automated vision-based inspection methods, prevalent challenges, and the latest developments in the realm of vision-based surface defect inspection for steel products[14]. The discussion includes a detailed examination of the types of surface defects found in steel products, the composition of visual inspection systems, and the intricacies of image acquisition systems. Furthermore, the paper delves into the realm of image

processing algorithms designed for surface defect detection in steel products. This encompasses key stages such as image pre-processing, region of interest (ROI) detection, image segmentation for ROI, feature extraction and selection, and defect classification[19]. Notably, the review addresses critical challenges faced in steel surface defect detection, such as dealing with small sample sizes and achieving real-time detection.

4. Detection of Micro-Defects on Irregular Reflective Surfaces Based on Improved Faster R-CNN in 2019. In the realm of sanitary equipment production, the identification of defects on irregular surfaces marked by specular reflection characteristics is a critical facet of the manufacturing process. Presently, defect detection algorithms for most irregular surfaces heavily rely on manually crafted extraction of shallow features, leading to limitations in the ability to accurately recognize these defects[17]. In an effort to enhance the precision of micro-defect detection within an industrial setting, this study proposes an improved Faster R-CNN model. Acknowledging the diverse array of defect shapes and sizes present on irregular surfaces, the study opts for the K-Means algorithm to dynamically generate the aspect ratio of the anchor box based on the dimensions of the ground truth. Additionally, to augment the model's detection performance, feature matrices are fused, each derived from different receptive fields. This strategic fusion aims to address the variability in defect characteristics and enhance the model's adaptability[20][15].

## Existing System

The proposed system incorporates a diffuse reflection imaging approach, leveraging specialized lighting configurations to accentuate surface defects. Image preprocessing techniques, including filtering, normalization, and contrast adjustment, enhance image quality by mitigating noise. Dataset creation involves a diverse set of labeled images with and without defects, fostering model generalization. Feature extraction from preprocessed images encompasses texture, color, and other relevant characteristics pivotal for defect detection. The defect detection model is trained using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) with transfer learning, optimizing performance with limited data. Evaluation metrics such as precision, recall, F1 score, and accuracy are employed on a separate validation dataset. Seamless integration of the trained model with the diffuse reflection imaging system enables real-time defect detection, considering hardware constraints and model optimization. A feedback loop facilitates continuous improvement, involving regular data collection and labeling for model retraining and adaptation. The user interface, displaying detection results, allows user intervention if necessary. The system, deployed in the target environment, undergoes regular updates and maintenance to ensure adaptability to changing conditions, with due consideration to the latest advancements in the field.

### 3. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

1. Surface inspection: Help determine the surface characteristics of the product by capturing scattered light and provide information about roughness, texture and material.[4]

2. Material identification: Diffuse reflection imaging helps identify materials based on their specific needs. This is particularly useful in fields such as forensic science, art appraisal, and materials science.[1]

3. Non-destructive testing: It allows non-destructive testing and non-destructive testing of the product or products. This is very important in a business like manufacturing where quality or the measurement of quality is important.[12]

4. Biomedical Imaging: In medicine, diffuse reflection imaging techniques such as diffuse reflection optical tomography (DOT) are used to visualize tissue, diagnose diseases, and monitor changes in the body, especially in areas where other photography may not be as good.[17]

5. Remote Sensing: Common reflectance imaging technology is used in remote sensing applications such as satellite imaging or environmental monitoring to collect information about the Earth's surface area, vegetation, and atmospheric conditions.[3]

6. Photography and Visual Arts: In photography, the sense of diffuse reflection helps control and manipulate light to achieve desired results, such as reducing glare or capturing details of an obscure scene.[7]

7. Computer vision and imaging: Pervasive imaging plays an important role in computer vision; It helps object recognition, spatial perception and image enhancement.[13]

### 4. PROPOSED WORK

Diffuse reflectance and imaging work can span different fields of study or application. Here are some potential avenues you might consider:

Research and Development:

-New imaging techniques: Develop new methods or improve existing technologies to capture and analyze scattered reflections. This could include advances in imaging sensors, computational algorithms, or light-trapping methodologies.[18]

- Biomedical Applications: Explore the use of diffuse reflectance imaging in medical diagnostics, such as exploring its potential for non-invasive monitoring, tissue characterization or disease detection.[17]

- Material Science: Research on the behavior of different materials under different lighting conditions with the aim of creating a comprehensive database or model that can predict or characterize diffuse reflections for different surfaces.[11]

Industrial and practical applications:

- Quality control and manufacturing: Implement diffuse reflection imaging for quality assessment in manufacturing processes. This could include detecting defects or irregularities in product surfaces or materials.[14]

- Art and Cultural Heritage: Use diffuse reflection imaging to analyze and protect works of art, cultural artefacts or historical monuments. This may include understanding material degradation or identifying counterfeits.[11]

Technological innovations:

- Computer Vision Integration: Explore how diffuse reflection imaging can improve computer vision systems. This may include using diffuse reflectance data to improve object recognition or scene understanding.[5]

The diffuse reflection surface defect detection system is composed of a display, reflective object, and camera, which is shown in Figure 1. The defect detection system mainly adopts the diffuse reflection approach illustrated in Figure 1. The diffuse reflection image is collected through the object surface by the structured light projected by the display and the camera [13]. The three-dimensional information of the reflection surface is included in the diffuse reflection picture. Phase extraction and phase removal of the diffuse reflection picture may be used to get the gradient information of the diffuse reflection surface. At the defect, the phase shifts dramatically. The magnitude of the gradient shift can be used to establish whether it is a defect.

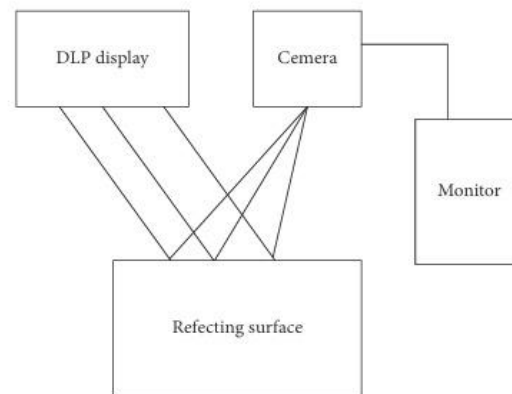


Figure 1: Defect detection system

### 5. WORKFLOW

Due to the limitations of the guide groove, the sample to be inspected will be deformed while being transported on the guide rail. As shown in Figure 2, the image point pixels are scanned from top to bottom and left to right to find the boundary points. Grayscale changes typically occur at the edges of the diffuse sample in the image. This indicates a grayscale transition whether the pixel point is a boundary point or not. For example, find the left edge and move the pixel point from left to right using the grayscale gradient from the starting point of the diffuse image. If the grayscale

transition is greater than the threshold and the scroll pixel, the coordinate value of the point is recorded[11].

Down is guided to obtain the coordinate values of the limit points. Other the coordinate values of the three edge points are also determined. The least squares method yields coordinate fitting lines that serve as the four boundaries, and the connections of the four lines serve as his four corners of the example diffuse reflectance image. Affine transformation is a linear transformation between two-dimensional coordinate values. Since affine transformation has parallelism and planarity, it is possible to diffuse map lines in linear reflection images and diffuse reflection images[18].

Diffuse image processing often involves matrix multiplication to apply various transformations to an image. Let's consider a 2x2 matrix  $M$  representing a transformation. For simplicity, we'll denote an input image as a column vector  $I$  with two elements (assuming grayscale intensity values for each pixel), and the transformed image as  $I'$

The matrix multiplication  $I'=M \cdot I$  represents the transformation applied to the input image.

The general form of the matrix multiplication is as follows:

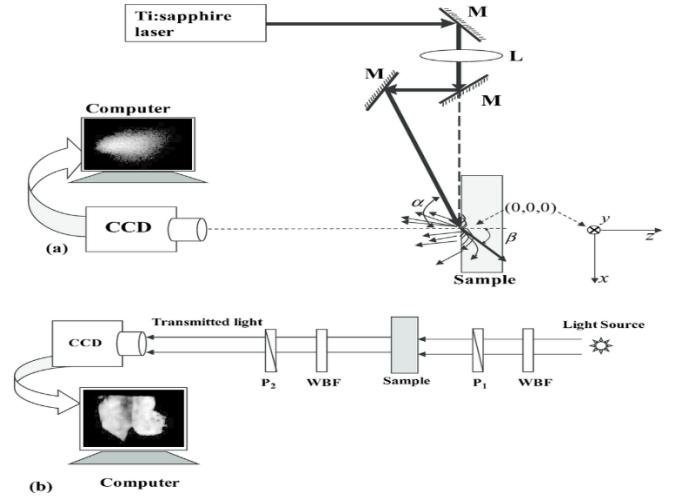
$$\begin{bmatrix} I'_1 \\ I'_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The transformed pixel values  $I'_1$  and  $I'_2$  are computed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} I'_1 &= M_{11} \cdot I_1 + M_{12} \cdot I_2 \\ I'_2 &= M_{21} \cdot I_1 + M_{22} \cdot I_2 \end{aligned}$$

In the context of diffuse image processing, the matrix  $M$  could represent various transformations such as scaling, rotation, shearing, or other linear transformations. Each element  $M_{ij}$  in the matrix contributes to the linear combination of the input pixel values to produce the corresponding output pixel value. For instance, if  $M$  is a scaling matrix, the diagonal elements  $M_{11}$  and  $M_{22}$  would control the scaling factors along the  $x$  and  $y$  axes, respectively, while the off-diagonal elements  $M_{12}$  and  $M_{21}$  could introduce shearing effects[10].

A systematic investigation of the absorption coefficient ( $\mu_a$ ), the scattering coefficient ( $\mu_s$ ), the reduced scattering coefficient ( $\mu_{s'}$ ), and the anisotropy factor ( $g$ ) of tissue is necessary for accurate modelling of light transport in tissues. The differences in the values of  $\mu_a$ ,  $\mu_s$ ,  $\mu_{s'}$ , and  $g$  between normal and cancerous tissues may provide a basis for biomedical imaging and potential diagnostics using optical techniques.



**Figure 2:** (a) Schematic diagram of the diffuse reflectance imaging experimental setup; (b) NIR spectral polarization imaging arrangement (CCD: charge-coupled device, M: mirror; L: lens, P1: polarizer, P2: analyser, and WBF: wide-band filter).

## 6. APPLICATIONS OF PROJECT

Imagine a world where imperfections are not hidden flaws, but opportunities for improvement. This is the vision brought to life by the powerful alliance of diffuse reflection imaging (DRI) and machine learning (ML). Their combined talents offer a groundbreaking approach to surface defect detection, transforming industries from automotive manufacturing to medical diagnostics.

1. **Automotive Industry: Ensuring a Flawless Finish**  
In the gleaming realm of car production, DRI and ML become the ultimate quality inspectors. By analyzing the subtle light reflections off a freshly painted car body, their discerning eyes detect even the tiniest paint chip, scratch, or dent.
2. **Food and Agriculture: Sorting the Good from the Bad**  
Fruit and vegetable grading takes a leap forward with DRI and ML. Imagine apples gliding down a conveyor belt, blemishes and imperfections instantly identified and sorted out.
3. **Medical and Pharmaceutical: Safeguarding Lives One Pill at a Time**  
The stakes are even higher in the realm of healthcare. DRI and ML become vigilant guardians, scrutinizing pharmaceutical tablets for cracks, color variations, and other potentially harmful defects.
4. **Cultural Heritage Preservation: Whispering Secrets of the Past**  
Beyond the realm of modern production, DRI and ML unveil the hidden stories of historical artifacts. By delicately analyzing the surface of ancient paintings and sculptures, they reveal cracks, fading, and even restoration history, offering vital insights into the artwork's journey through time.
5. **Robotics and Automation: Empowering Machines with Seeing Eyes**  
In the world of robotics, DRI and ML equip machines with discerning vision. Imagine robots

navigating their environment, their DRI eyes detecting potential hazards and guiding their movements with precision.

6. Construction and Infrastructure: Cracks in bridges, leaks in pipelines, and corrosion in structural beams can all be identified with newfound precision using DRI and ML.

## 7. CONCLUSION

Diffuse reflection is a phenomenon where light is reflected from a surface at multiple angles, contrasting with specular reflection. This occurs as an incident beam reflects in various directions, not determined by different material types. Industrial products are continuously advancing, particularly in terms of surface quality, due to the rapid expansion of modern industry. With increased production capacity, product surfaces have improved, making the processing process more challenging. In this study, the focus is on deep diffuse reflective surfaces. The goal is to solve the absolute phase of reflected images, employing techniques such as grey code and a four-stage phase-shifting approach. These methods are typically utilized to obtain information about defect morphology and location, with gradient and affine transformations correcting positional errors. The study employs a modular adaptive approach for analyzing diffuse reflective surfaces with defects, using morphological openings to enhance image quality. The proposed error detection approach for diffuse reflectors in this study meets the requirements for high detection rates and accuracy. It has the potential to improve recognition efficiency for industrial products in companies, thereby reducing labor costs. By supporting industrial companies in better summarizing and analyzing the causes of errors, this approach enhances related processes and manufacturing efficiency.

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