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Mechanical Properties Measurement of Polymer Films by Bulge Test and Fringe Projection

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This paper aims at determining the mechanical properties such as Poisson ratio, biaxial modulus, and residual stress of polymer membranes using the bulge test and fringe projection. Under this idea, a bulge test apparatus has been developed for robust usage, under the room temperature, in industrial environments that are usually noisy and full of all kinds of vibrations. A setup of the bulge test, consisting of single chips and digital on-off valves, was used to achieve automatic precision control of pressure application to gas chamber with a circular polyimide (PI) test film fixed on the opening of it. A deformed image was then obtained via fringe projections with a series of optical apparatuses, and a 3D membrane deformation distribution was further achieved from this deformed image by some image processes that are chiefly through wavelet transformation and phase expansion. With the measurements of maximum membrane deformation versus applied pressure and given the Young's modulus of test membrane, we could further calculate the Poisson ration (and then biaxial modulus) and residual stress of the film. Also, the measurements were validated to be highly accurate by comparison with a finite element analysis.

1. Introduction

Nowadays, polyimide (PI) films have become a popular material because they are thin, light, flexible, and high-impact resistant [1, 2]. Also, PI films have been wildly applied to replace glass material in liquid crystal displays in the trend of using soft display, flexible printed and integrated circuits, and memory devices. PI films are generally manufactured by a roll-to-roll process, which might affect their mechanical properties and cause unwanted residual stresses that would significantly degrade the quality of display. A variety of methods can be used to analyze the mechanical properties of thin films, such as optical fringe, nanoindentation test, tensile test, bulge test, microcantilever bending test, and acoustic resonance inspection [3–8]. Among methods mentioned above, the frequently used tensile test can only measure Young's

modulus. Additional important mechanical properties, such as biaxial modulus and residual stresses, are mostly measured by bulge test via the relationship of pressure applied and film deformation. Therefore, accurate measurements of film deformation and precise control of pressure application are key technologies for bulge test.

Many methods, such as laser interferometry, atomic force microscopy, white light interferometry, mechanical profilometry, Michelson interferometry, coherent gradient detection, and electronic speckle interferometry, have been proposed to measure film deformation [9]. Since these methods all use interferometry, they are very sensitive to environmental noises and vibrations. Hence, the measurement range and resolution could thus be limited, and using these methods in generally noisy industrial environments could be difficult. By contrast, moiré fringes projection technology has the advantage of resistance to the environmental disturbances and is widely used for 3D surface measurements [10]. This motivates the current study to adopt fringe projection for the measurement of film deformation.

As mentioned above, precise pressure controlling is important for bulge test. Generally, pressure controlling system can be divided as hydraulic pressure system and pneumatic pressure system. The incompressibility of hydraulic system would make the pressurization slow but stable, which is easier for accurate control. However, if the entrained bubbles inside the hydraulic fluid are not thoroughly removed, it would cause air lock and therefore nonuniform pressurization of membrane [11]. As to the pressure regulation, it can be done either by servo or manual control. Using feedback control, servo system has the merits of accuracy and stability but is also pricy. On the contrast, manual control is less accurate but more economic.

Considering all factors mentioned above, here we propose an accurate, efficient, and economic bulge test equipment, basically consisting of an automatic pneumatic pressure regulating system, a fringe projection system, and an image capturing and processing system to measure the Poisson ration (and then biaxial modulus) and residual stresses of PI films. Young's modulus, biaxial modulus, and Poisson ratio are basic mechanical properties of thin films, which tell you the elastic modulus and hardness of a thin film. These properties further reveal the load-displacement curve of a thin film. As to the residual stresses, They are usually low in the manufacturing of thin films. However, if it is large, it will cause deformation and defect, which would further affect the reliability and stability of thin films in application. To elaborate, we used nitrogen as the working gas in our pneumatic system. It has the advantage of low density, requests smaller driving force, and responds quickly to deform the membrane. A single-chip microprocessor was deliberately used for the automatic pressure regulation in order to avoid dramatic changes of deformation of the test membrane.

In the optical fringe projection system, a specially installed telecentric lens, together with four-step phase shift method, was employed for the projection in order to retrieve accurate and real-time phase data of the deformed surface. The phase data was further captured, processed, and transformed into the distribution of film deformation by the image capturing and processing system.

Through our equipment, data of maximum deformation versus pressure was measured and curve-fitted into a cubic polynomial. From it, together with Young's modulus measured by microtensile test in advance, the Poisson ratio (and then biaxial modulus) and residual stresses can then be determined. Here, we also verified the accuracy of our measurements by comparing with finite-element simulations. The proposed low-cost automatic setup and measuring method were shown to be capable of obtaining accurate measurements of the desired mechanical properties, and it particularly functions robustly well under noisy industrial environments.

2. Principles

2.1. Fringe Projection. Fringe projection system, as shown schematically in Figure 1, casts cosine-distributed gray-level fringes onto the membrane surface. The fringe image is then captured by charge-coupled device (CCD) of a camera. The fringe image is distorted on the membrane surface due to its deformation caused by pressurization. The degree of distortion is related to the deformation of the membrane, which we can use to rebuild the 3D deformation distribution of membrane [12, 13]. Generally, the intensity distribution of image can be expressed as

$$I(x, y) = I_a(x, y) + I_b(x, y) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{P_0}x + \Delta\phi(x, y)\right), \quad (1)$$

where $I_a(x, y)$ is average intensity, $I_b(x, y)$ is amplitude of modulation strength, P_0 is period of the projected fringe, and $\Delta\phi(x, y)$ is phase difference due to distortion.

Figure 2 shows the geometric relation among components of the projection system. Setting the unpressurized film surface as the reference plane centered at O, the digital light projector (DLP) and CCD are, respectively, located at O_p and O_c . The line of $\overline{OO_c}$ is normal to the reference plane, and the angle between $\overline{OO_c}$ and $\overline{OO_p}$ is θ . The vertical distances between DLP to the reference plane and CCD to the reference plane are L_p and L_c , respectively. The horizontal distance between DLP and CCD is *L*. Accordingly, the height of the distorted film z (x, y) can be derived and related to the intensity phase difference distribution of fringe image as [14]

$$z(x, y) = \frac{P_0}{2\pi \cos \theta} \frac{L_P}{L} \Delta \phi(x, y) = k \Delta \phi(x, y), \quad (2)$$

where the proportional constant k depends solely on geometric setting of the projection system and phase difference distribution $\Delta \phi(x, y)$ can be obtained by a phase retrieval method using four-step phase shifting which will be described in the following section.

2.2. Four-Step Phase Shifting Method. Four-step phase shifting method [15] is applied here for the retrieval of phase information of fringe image cast on a test film. Besides the reference fringe projection, three additional projected fringes with a $\pi/2$ increment of phase each time are continuously cast on test film. Therefore, four intensity distributions of fringe images can be written as

$$I_{1}(x, y) = I_{a}(x, y) + I_{b}(x, y) \cos(\phi(x, y)), \quad (3)$$

$$I_{2}(x, y) = I_{a}(x, y) + I_{b}(x, y) \cos\left(\phi(x, y) + \frac{\pi}{2}\right), \quad (4)$$

$$I_{3}(x, y) = I_{a}(x, y) + I_{b}(x, y) \cos(\phi(x, y) + \pi), \quad (5)$$

$$I_{4}(x, y) = I_{a}(x, y) + I_{b}(x, y) \cos\left(\varphi(x, y) + \frac{3\pi}{2}\right), \quad (6)$$

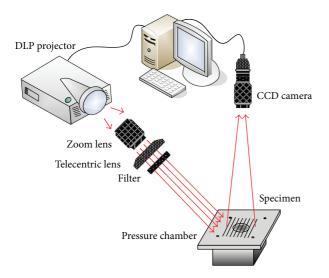


FIGURE 1: An illustration of fringe projection system.

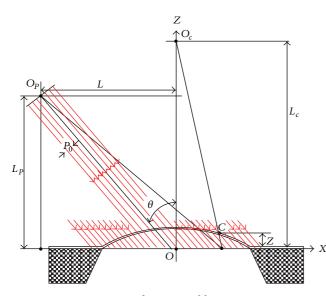


FIGURE 2: Geometric configuration of fringe projection system.

where $I_a(x, y)$ and $I_b(x, y)$ are defined the same as in (1), and $\Delta\phi(x, y)$ is the phase of image at the position (x, y). From trigonometric identities,

$$I_{2}(x, y) = I_{a}(x, y) + I_{b}(x, y) \cos\left(\varphi(x, y) + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

= $I_{a}(x, y) - I_{b}(x, y) \sin\left(\varphi(x, y)\right),$ (7)

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= $I_{a}(x, y) + I_{b}(x, y) \sin\left(\varphi(x, y)\right).$ (8)

Subtracting (8) from (7), we obtain

$$I_{4}(x, y) - I_{2}(x, y) = 2I_{b}(x, y)\sin(\varphi(x, y)), \quad (9)$$

and likewise subtracting (5) from (3), we get

$$I_{1}(x, y) - I_{3}(x, y) = 2I_{b}(x, y)\cos(\varphi(x, y)).$$
(10)

Further divining (9) by (10), we have

$$\frac{I_4 - I_2}{I_1 - I_3} = \tan\varphi\left(x, y\right),\tag{11}$$

where phase can be retrieved by

$$\varphi(x, y) = \tan^{-1} \frac{I_4 - I_2}{I_1 - I_3}.$$
(12)

Note that there will be a 2π discontinuity in the distribution of $\phi(x, y)$ due to the range of arctangent. For this, phase unwrapping is further applied to obtain the continuous distribution of $\phi(x, y)$.

2.3. Bulge Test. Figure 3 is a schematic representation of bulge test. A test film is fixed on the circular opening, with radius *a*, of the gas chamber that is pressurized by a uniform pressure *P*. The deformation of film can be expressed as [16]

$$w = \sqrt{(R^2 - r^2)} - (R - w_0), \qquad (13)$$

where *R* is the radius of curvature of the deforming film, *w* is the height of the film at radial position *r*, and w_0 is the height of the film right at the center. Generally speaking $R \gg a \gg$ w_0 , $\sqrt{(R^2 - r^2)}$ can therefore be approximated by

$$\sqrt{\left(R^2 - r^2\right)} \approx R\left(1 - \frac{r^2}{2R^2}\right),\tag{14}$$

and (13) can then be simplified to

$$w \approx R\left(1 - \frac{r^2}{2R^2}\right) - (R - w_0) = w_0 - \frac{r^2}{2R}.$$
 (15)

Applying Pythagorean theorem to the right triangle OAB in Figure 3, we can have

$$(R - w_0)^2 + a^2 = R^2, (16)$$

or

$$R = \frac{w_0}{2} + \frac{a^2}{2w_0} \approx \frac{a^2}{2w_0}.$$
 (17)

Substituting (17) into (15), we obtain

$$w = w_0 - \frac{r^2}{2} \frac{2w_0}{a^2} = w_0 \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{a^2}\right),$$
 (18)

which basically states that the axis-symmetric deformation distribution with respect to r is parabolic.

According to Timoshenko's assumption [17], the deforming circular film would have no radial displacement at positions of r = 0 and r = a. Therefore, the radial displacement u can be approximated by

$$u = r (a - r) (K_1 + K_2 r), \qquad (19)$$

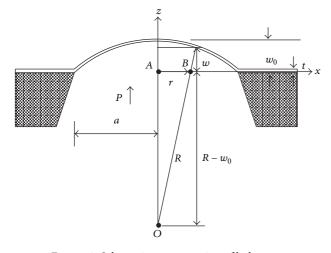


FIGURE 3: Schematic representation of bulge test.

where K_1 and K_2 are constants remaining to be determined. Applying Hook's law and considering the residual stress of film, its radial force N_r and tangential force N_t , per unit length, can be related to their counterparts in strain ε_r and ε_t as

$$N_r = t\left(\sigma_r + \sigma_0\right) = \frac{Et}{1 - \nu^2} \left(\varepsilon_r + \nu\varepsilon_t\right) + t\sigma_0, \qquad (20)$$

$$N_t = t\left(\sigma_t + \sigma_0\right) = \frac{Et}{1 - \nu^2} \left(\varepsilon_t + \nu \varepsilon_r\right) + t\sigma_0, \qquad (21)$$

where σ_0 is residual stress, *t* is the thickness, *v* is the Poisson ratio, and *E* is the Young's modulus of the film. Further, ε_r and ε_t can be related to vertical and radial displacements, *w* and *u*, as

$$\varepsilon_r = \frac{du}{dr} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{dw}{dr}\right)^2,\tag{22}$$

$$\varepsilon_t = \frac{u}{r}.$$
 (23)

Neglecting the strain energy of bending due to its smallness, the total strain energy V_{system} of the film would be just the strain energy of stretching $V_{\text{stretching}}$:

$$V_{\text{system}} = V_{\text{Stretching}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{a} \left(N_{r} \varepsilon_{r} + N_{t} \varepsilon_{t} \right) r dr \, d\theta$$
$$= \frac{\pi E t}{1 - \nu^{2}} \int_{0}^{a} \left(\varepsilon_{r}^{2} + \varepsilon_{t}^{2} + 2\nu \varepsilon_{r} \varepsilon_{t} \right) r dr \qquad (24)$$
$$+ \pi \sigma_{0} t \int_{0}^{a} \left(\varepsilon_{r} + \varepsilon_{t} \right) r dr.$$

 K_1 and K_2 can be decided from energy variation principle, and V_{system} can be further derived to depend on maximum deformation w_0 :

$$V_{\text{system}} = \frac{\pi E t w_0^4 (7 - \nu)}{24 a^2 (1 - \nu)} + \pi \sigma_0 t w_0^2.$$
(25)

By principle of least action, for a given virtual displacement δw_0 , the corresponding virtual work would be equal to δV_{system} :

$$\delta V_{\text{system}} = \frac{dV_{\text{system}}}{dw_0} \delta w_0 = \int_o^{2\pi} \int_0^a P(\delta w_0) \, r dr \, d\theta, \quad (26)$$

from which

$$P = \frac{2\delta V_{\text{system}}}{\pi a^2 \delta w_0} = 4 \frac{t\sigma_0}{a^2} w_0 + \left(\frac{7-\nu}{3}\right) \left(\frac{E}{1-\nu}\right) \frac{t}{a^4} w_0^3. \quad (27)$$

Equation (27) means that once we obtain the data of *P* (pressure applied to film) versus w_0 , we can do curve fitting to obtain the coefficients of the cubic polynomial in (27). With given *t*, *a*, and *E*, we can find out the Poisson ratio ν from these coefficients. Biaxial modulus $M = E/(1 - \nu)$ can then be found out too.

3. System Configuration

The system of bulge test is shown in Figure 4, which includes three subsystems: optical, pressure loading, and control subsystems. Each subsystem is described in the following.

3.1. Optical System. The optical system consists of fringe projection part and image capturing part. The fringe projection system is composed of a digital light projector (PJ503D, ViewSonic Co., Ltd., Japan), a zoom lens (AF Micro-Nikkor 60 mm f/2.8 D, Nikon Co., Ltd., Japan), a teleconverter lens (TC-E2, Nikon Co., Ltd., Japan), and a neutral density filter (ND8 Filter 52 mm, Kenko Co., Ltd., Japan). The digital light projector (with its built-in fisheye lens replaced by a zoom lens) projects cosine-distributed gray-level fringes, amplified by the telecentric lens [18], onto the test film and then the deformed fringe image is reflected and captured, through a zoom lens (GMZ18108, Goyo Optical Inc., Japan), by a 256 RGB full color CCD (scA640-74fc, Basler Co., Ltd., German) with a resolution of 640×320 pixels. The fringe period was set to 0.5624 mm and projection angle θ (as shown in Figure 2) was 25°.

As shown in Figure 2, the test film was fixed onto an aluminum plate that is used as the reference plane. The CCD was mounted right above the reference plane. The RGB image captured by CCD was further reduced to a 256×256 image with its field of view being 18.56 mm and centered at pixel coordinate (320, 160). Using the formula below, we can transform this color image into a gray-level image that is ready for further image processing [19]:

$$Gray = 0.2989 \times R + 0.5870 \times G + 0.1140 \times B.$$
(28)

3.2. Loading System. The pressure loading system, shown in Figure 5, used high-pressure nitrogen as the pressure source, which is reduced to 150 KPa under room temperature through pressure regulator. The test film was fixed to the top opening of a circular aluminum-made pressure chamber of 15 mm in diameter. White paint was particularly sprayed onto the test film to increase its reflectivity. A large-volume

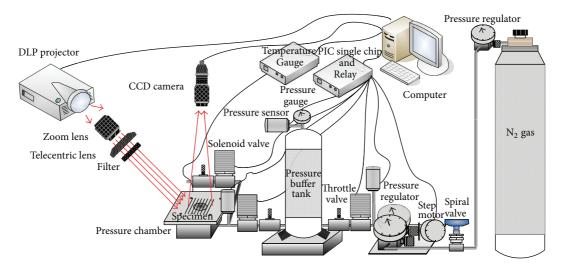


FIGURE 4: System configuration of bulge test including three subsystems: optical, pressure loading, and control subsystems.

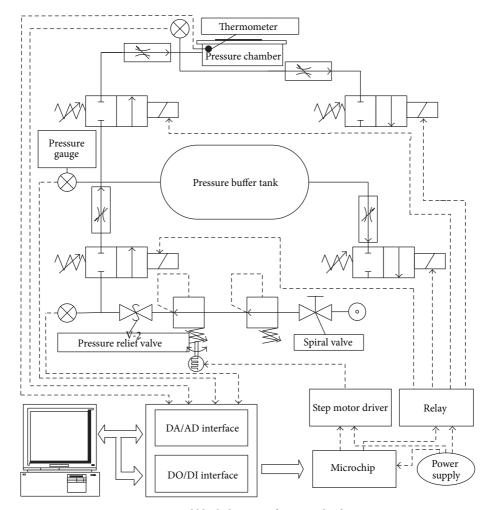


FIGURE 5: A control block diagram of pressure loading system.

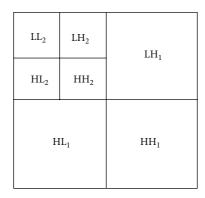


FIGURE 6: A schematic presentation of multiwavelet transformation.

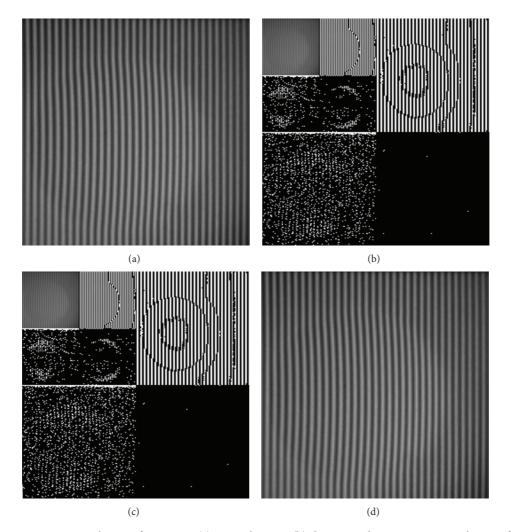


FIGURE 7: Denoising via Haar-wavelet transformations: (a) original image; (b) decomposed images using wavelet transformation before denoising; (c) decomposed images after denoising; (d) image reconstruction after denoising.

buffer tank was installed between the gas chamber and the pressure source, connected to them via a pneumatic solenoid valve and a pressure sensor (see Figure 5). The pressure sensor (AST4000AV15P4E0, American Sensor Technologies, Inc., American) has a working pressure range of $-101.35 \sim 103.42$ KPa with an accuracy of $\pm 0.5\%$ BFSL (Best Fit Straight

Line, BFSL). The volume of the pressure buffer tank used here is 12.00 liters, and the volume of the gas chamber is 0.05 liters approximately. Since the volume of the pressure buffer tank is much larger than that of gas chamber, the pressure of the gas chamber would be almost the same as that of pressure buffer tank by Boyle's law once their connection is on. When

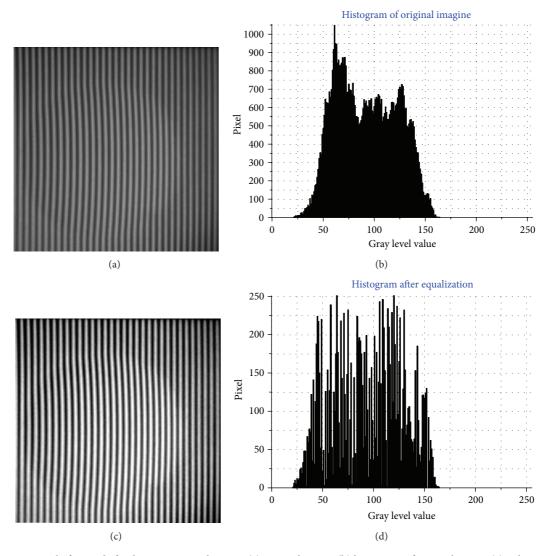


FIGURE 8: Fringe image before and after histogram equalization: (a) original image; (b) histogram of original image; (c) enhanced image after histogram equalization; (d) histogram of enhanced image.

applying pressure, the solenoid valve between pressure source and pressure buffer tank is opened, while the one between pressure buffer tank and gas chamber is closed. This is to avoid a direct pressure impact onto the test film. After the desired pressure in the buffer tank is reached and kept steady for a while, the solenoid valve between pressure buffer tank and test chamber is then opened to exert the designated pressure onto the test film.

3.3. Control System. The current control system uses a personal computer (with a C++ program) and PIC controller (connected to the RS232 port of computer) to actuate the solenoid valve. The pressure is regulated by a feedback control through a pressure-sensing circuit connected to an analogdigital converter card (PCI-1802, ICP DAS Co., Ltd., Taiwan) mounted on the computer. The pressure-sensing circuit consists of a pressure sensor and a 0.5 K Ω resistor connected in series. The pressure sensor measures the pressure and output an electric current with a range of 0~20 mA, and this output current further transforms to a voltage signal with the range 0~10 V when passing through the resistor. The voltage signal serves as the input into analog-digital converter card that measures the pressure and records it into the computer with the relation between pressure and voltage calibrated to be

$$P = (V - 6.330) \times 25.876 + 1.310, \tag{29}$$

where *P* is the pressure (in kPa) and *V* is the voltage (in volt). As to the PIC controller, the signal from RS232 of computer is 5 V voltage signal that is output to a single-chip controller (Microchip PIC16F877). This controller further outputs signals to drive the stepper motor (Oriental motor Co., Ltd, Japan) and control solenoid valves. The stepper motor connects to the pressure-regulating valve, and it drives the valve through a pair of gears with gear ratio being 3.55.

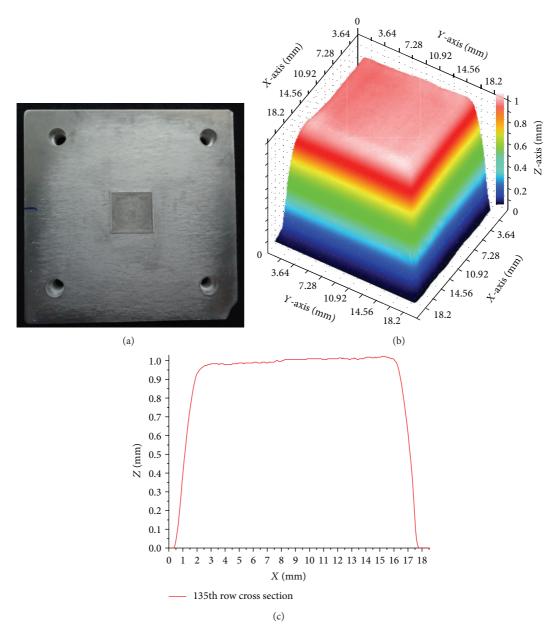


FIGURE 9: Calibration with an acrylic trapezoid with the height of 1.000 mm: (a) acrylic trapezoid located at the center of testing plate; (b) the measured 3D surface of trapezoid; (c) the measured height distribution on the x-x cross-section plane passing through the center of trapezoid.

4. Image Processing Methods

Here we used Haar wavelet to denoise the fringe image. The basic idea of the wavelet transform is to decompose a signal into different scales and resolution. The fringe image after first Haar-wavelet transformation would be decomposed into four subbands: LL_1 , LH_1 , HL_1 , and HH_1 , where the first L (or H) denotes the low-frequency (or high-frequency) mode in x direction, while the second L (or H) denotes the same as above but in y direction. 1 means the first transformation. We then again applied Haar-wavelet transformation to LL_1 and further decomposed LL_1 into LL_2 , LH_2 , HL_2 , and HH_2 as illustrated in Figure 6.

When doing denoising, all subbands in Figure 6 except LL_2 will be filtered with a Donoho frequency threshold expressed as follows [20, 21]:

$$\delta = s\sqrt{2\log N},\tag{30}$$

where *s* is the standard deviation of the gray-scale image and *N* is the number of pixels of image.

Denoising can effectively eliminate unwanted periodic patterns and render homogeneous illumination on the fringe image. The denoising process of the current fringe image using 2D Haar-wavelet transform and inverse transform is

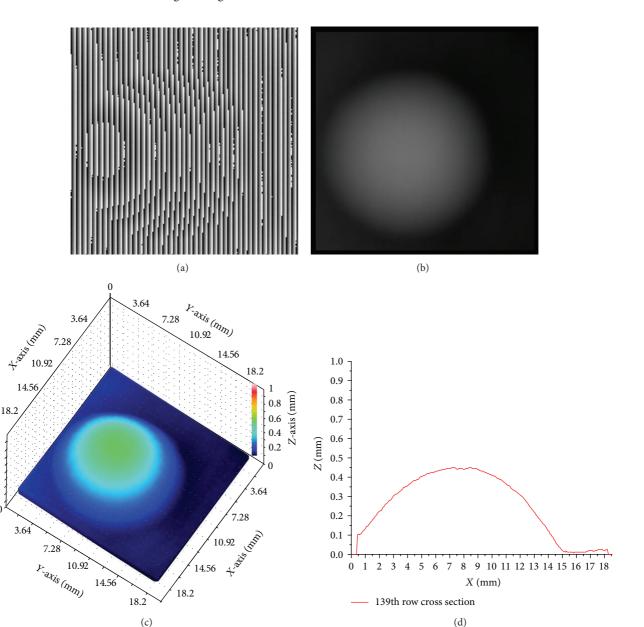


FIGURE 10: 3D surface construction of test film: (a) phase distribution before phase unwrapping and extension; (b) phase distribution after phase unwrapping and extension; (c) constructed 3D surface of the test film; (d) the deformation distribution on a cross-section plane, parallel to *yz*-plane and through the axisymmetric center, of 3D surface.

shown in Figure 7. Due to highly accurate optical measurements, one might notice that the difference between images of Figures 7(a) and 7(d), noted as before and after denoising, is actually minute.

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Besides denoising, we need to enhance the contrast of image, which would help to retrieve the phase more accurately. Here, we used histogram equalization to do the contrast enhancement [22, 23]. First, we obtained the gray scale distribution in histogram of the fringe image as shown in Figures 8(a) and 8(b) and then adjusted the gray scale of each pixel by the following formula:

$$u_k = \operatorname{int}\left((L-1)\sum_{i=0}^k \frac{N_k}{N}\right), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, L-1, \quad (31)$$

where k is the shifted gray scale; N_k is the number of pixels in shifted gray scale k; N is the total number of pixels; int(.) denotes the integer function by rounding; u_k is the adjusted gray scale after equalization for pixels originally in shifted gray scale k. The meaning of shifted gray scale is that if i = m, m+1, ..., n is the gray scale with nonzero population, then k = i-m, with L = n-m+1. The fringe image after adjustment would have better contrast as shown in Figures 8(c) and 8(d).

5. Results and Discussions

5.1. Calibration. Before conducting measurements, the system needs to be calibrated to obtain the coefficient k in (2) [24]. Here we used an acrylic trapezoid with the height known

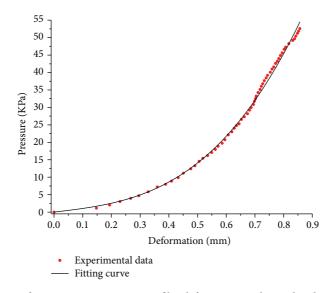


FIGURE 11: The measurements of pressure versus maximum film deformation and its 3rd-order-polynomial least-square fit.

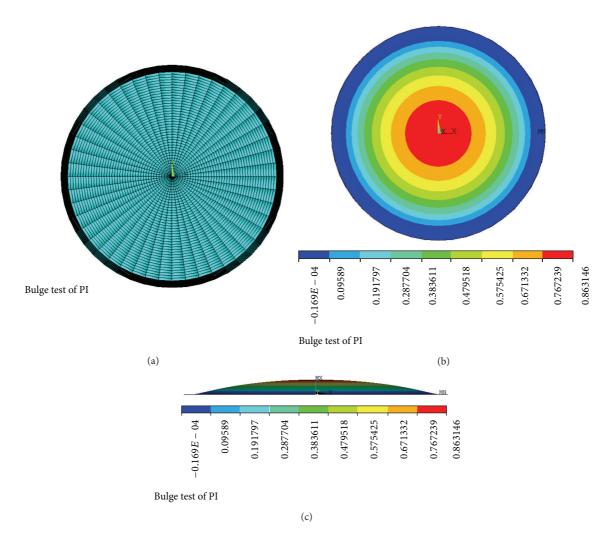


FIGURE 12: ANSYS finite element analysis: (a) mesh plot of the circular membrane; (b) an example of the deformation distribution in top view; (c) the side-view counterpart of (b).

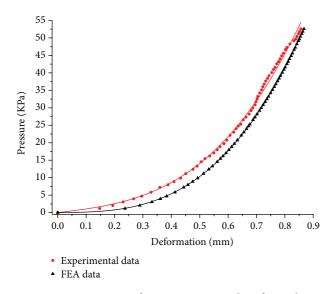


FIGURE 13: Comparison of measurements with a finite element simulation. The error between them is within 8%.

to be 1.000 mm as shown in Figure 9 to do the calibration. The value of *k* is obtained to be $0.15647 \pm 0.00218 \text{ mm/rad}$ with the height of trapezoid being measured to be $1.00000 \pm 0.00087 \text{ mm}$.

5.2. Polyimide Film Measurement. From (12), the computed phase angle is always between $-\pi$ and π , as shown in Figure 10(a). To be able to compute the deformation by (2), we need to unwrap and extend the phase distribution beyond $[-\pi,\pi]$ as shown in Figure 10(b). Finally the computed film deformation distribution is shown in Figure 10(c) with a cross-section of it parallel to *yz*-plane and through the axisymmetric center shown in Figure 10(d).

Here we used polyimide (PI) films with thickness of 25 μ m (manufactured by PERM TOP Co. Ltd., Taiwan) for measurement experiments. The PI films were pressurized substantially from 0 KPa to 52 KPa with an interval of 1 KPa. The maximum pressure was set to be 52 KPa, since films tend to rupture if the pressure is larger than 52.57345 ± 0.02194 KPa. The measured maximum membrane deformation versus pressure, together with its 3rd-order-polynomial least-square fitting, is shown in Figure 11. The fitted 3rd-order polynomial is

$$P = (9.83501 \pm 0.65178) \times w_0$$

$$+ (73.33203 \pm 1.20469) \times w_0^3, \text{ (KPa-mm)},$$
(32)

where *P* is the measured pressure and w_0 is the measured maximum film deformation. Young's modulus of the PI film was a priori measured to be 2.830 ± 0.025 GPa by the microtensile test. Applying (27), we can compute the Poisson ratio to be 0.32116 ± 0.00528 and the residual stress to be 5.53219 ± 0.36668 MPa. Biaxial modulus can then be computed to be 4.168876 ± 0.06850 GPa.

5.3. Comparison with FEA. In this study, ANSYS finite element analysis is used to verify the accuracy of our measurements. A circular plate was divided into 17,283 elements as shown in Figure 12(a). Applying various pressures to this finite element model, with the inputs of residual stress, Young's modulus and Poisson ratio from our measurements, a series of computational data of maximum deformation versus pressure was obtained with an example of deformation distribution shown in Figures 12(b) and 12(c). The finite-element simulation result agrees very well with our measurements as shown in Figure 13. The error between them is within 8%. The figure also hints that the agreement would even be better if the pressure applied is larger. However, we did not pursue that, since pressure too large might rupture the film.

6. Conclusions

This paper introduced a real-time automatic setup for bulge test, which is integrated with fringe projection to measure the Poisson ration, biaxial modulus, and residual stress of a PI film. The accuracy of measurements was further verified by a finite element analysis. The results have concluded the feasibility of the proposed method. Besides the high accuracy, low cost of setup and endurance to environmental disturbances are also the merits of our apparatus. Generally speaking, it is suitable for all PI film's measuring task either in a laboratory or manufacturing factory.

Conflict of Interests

The authors declare that there is no conflict of interests regarding the publication of this paper.

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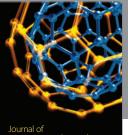
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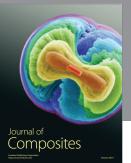


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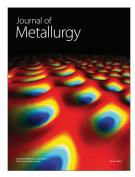
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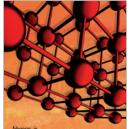
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