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Dedicated to my grandfather.

Abstract

An all-reflective dispersion-free optical delay line was implemented with custom made mechanical parts. A custom *LabVIEW* program was written to automate the scanning of the delay steps with a resolution of 27 as over a range of 533 fs . The delay line was characterized for collinearity, delay steps, stability, and time zero. The stability of the delay line was found to be 57 as over a distance of 107 cm for about 40 s .

A motorized high-speed XY microscope stage was automated in *LabVIEW* to move on given (x, y) coordinate using both X and Y motors simultaneously. A high-speed electronic shutter was interfaced with the same *LabVIEW* program. A GUI *Python3* program was written to draw arbitrary patterns on an image of the region of interest.

Chapter 1

Mechanical design and characterization of automated optical delay line

1.1 Introduction

Optical delay lines (ODL) are similar to two beam interferometers. These are used to introduce the desired time delay in one beam by controlling the optical path length. ODLs of various designs are used in many application and optical devices [1]. ODLs are used in ultrafast pulse measurements with autocorrelator [2], optical coherence tomography [3], IR-IR and IR-XUV pump-probe experiments [4].

An all-reflective dispersion free ODL has been already developed and being used in autocorrelator for ultra-short pulse measurements in femtosecond laser lab at IISER Mohali. We have implemented the same idea of the ODL for IR-IR pump-probe experiments with fs pulses. We aimed to develop an ultra stable delay line with high precision, high repeatability, and with enough scanning range to capture ultra-fast phenomena. Piezoelectric stack actuator (PZT) for with strain gauge sensor is used to introduce delay. For quick, precise, and good repeatability of the delay steps we automated the scanning using *LabVIEW*.

1.2 Dispersion-free all-reflective optical delay line design

The main idea is to split the profile of the laser beam with a knife edge prism mirror shown in the Figure 1.1. The splitted beams travel through two arms implemented by two mirrors (V-block). Using an another knife edge prism mirror, the splitted beams are directed in the propagation direction. The spacing between splitted beams can be adjusted with second knife edge prism mirror. Figure 1.1 shows the design of the delay line based on knife edge prism mirrors. The idea is to split the laser beam profile with knife edge into two parts. The splitted beams then travels through two arms , using another knife edge prism mirror the splitted beams are directed in the propagation direction and the spacing between splitted beam can adjusted with placement of the second knife edge prism mirror.

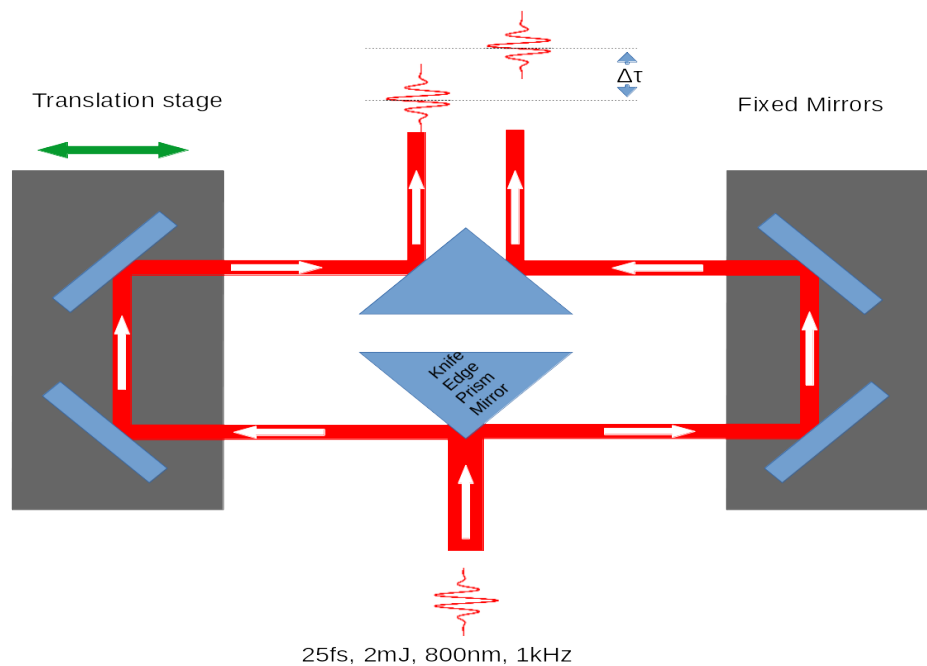


FIGURE 1.1: All-reflective dispersion-free optical delay line based on knife edge prism mirrors

V-block on the right side is mounted on manual linear translation stage for coarse adjustment. V-block on the left side of the knife edge is mounted on PZT which is used to introduce the optical delay.

If the left arm of the delay line is longer than the right arm by Δd then corresponding

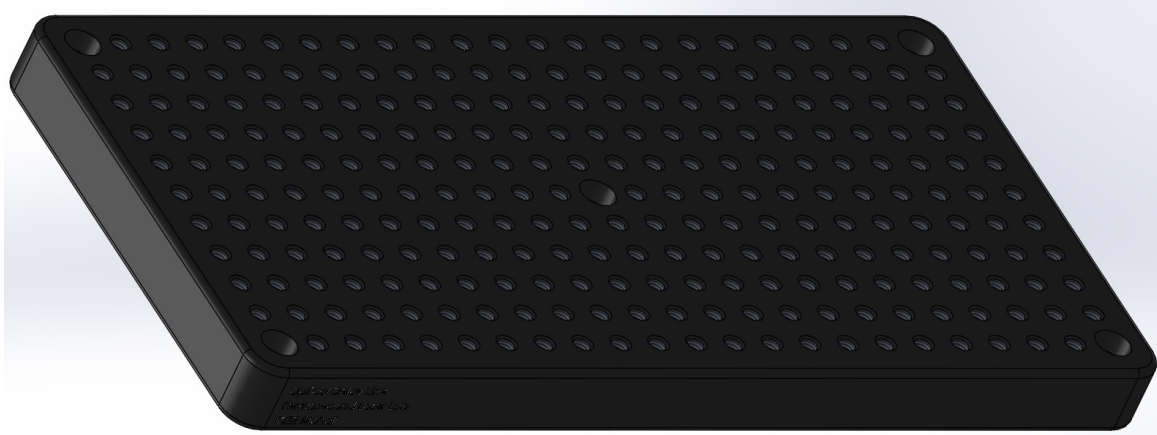
time delay $\Delta\tau$ is given by

$$\Delta\tau = \frac{2\Delta d}{c}, \text{ where } c \text{ is the speed of light.} \quad (1.1)$$

The factor of 2 in Equation 1.1 is because of the geometry of the delay line. The pulse traveling through the left arm has to go the twice the extra displacement of the left V-block. The PZT has a maximum stroke of $80 \mu m$ in closed-loop operation. Using Equation 1.1 the full scanning range of PZT corresponds to a time delay of $533.3 fs$.

1.3 Mechanical design of the delay line

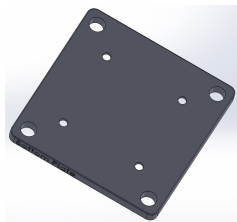
The beam height of fs laser from the optical bench is fixed ($\approx 202 mm$). So we had to design our own mechanical parts to meet this constraint. Designed mechanical parts in *Solid Works* are shown in Figure 1.2 with their dimensions. *Solid Works* assembly of the ODL is shown in Figure 1.3.



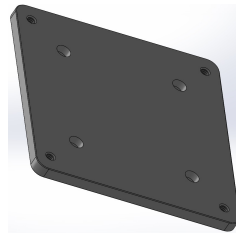
(A) Optical bench $304.8 \times 152.4 \times 22 \text{ mm}^3$ with 12.7 mm M6 grid



(B) Adaptor for PZT and V-block ($90 \times 88 \times 5 \text{ mm}^3$)



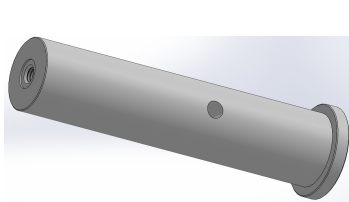
(C) Adaptor for ODL bench and PZT ($62 \times 62 \times 4.7 \text{ mm}^3$)



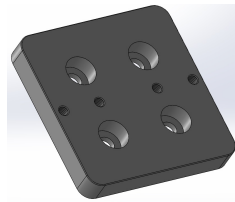
(D) Adaptor for LNR25M/M and V-block ($90 \times 88 \times 5 \text{ mm}^3$)



(E) Adaptor for LNR25M/M and Figure 1.2d ($60 \times 60 \times 18.7 \text{ mm}^3$)



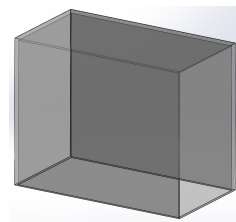
(F) Pedestal post $\text{Ø}25.4\text{mm}$ (115.30mm)



(G) Prism mounting plate ($60 \times 60 \times 9 \text{ mm}^3$)

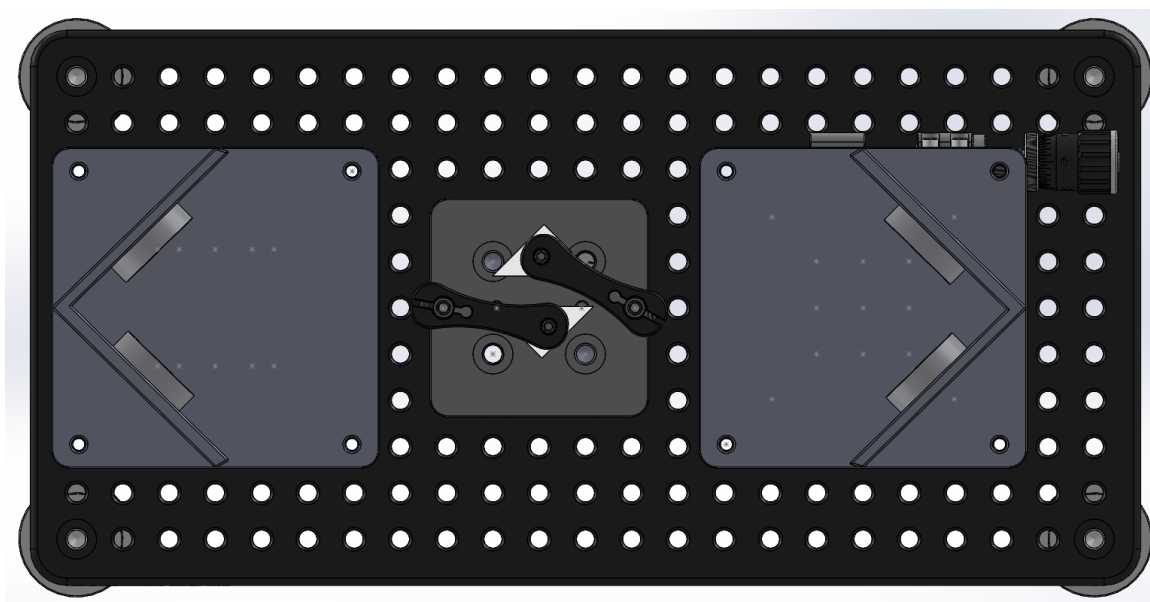


(H) Pedestal post $\text{Ø}25.4\text{mm}$ (45.70 mm)

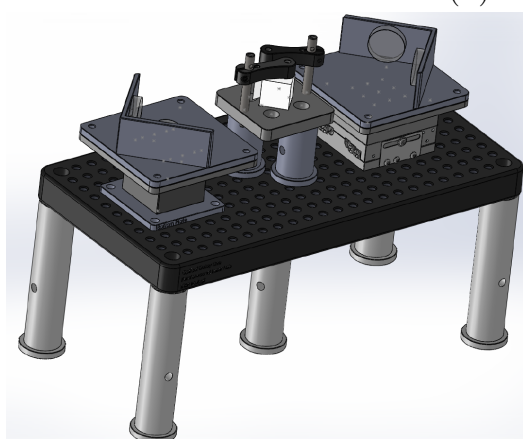


(I) Acrylic cover for ODL ($333 \times 265 \times 180 \text{ mm}^3$)

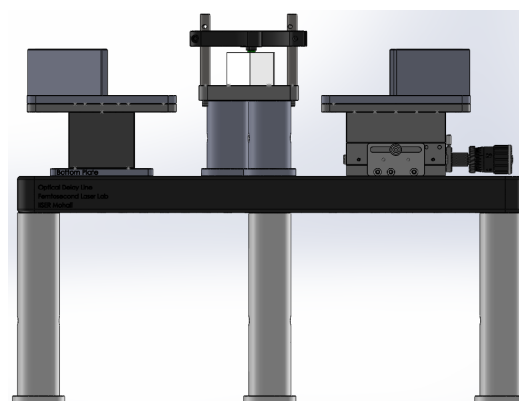
FIGURE 1.2: Custom made mechanical parts of the delay line (*Solid Works* design)



(A) Top view



(B) Isometric view



(C) Side view

FIGURE 1.3: *Solid works* assembly of the delay line

1.4 Automatizing the delay line

A custom-designed software based on *LabVIEW* is made to automate the delay line. It can communicate to the PZT controller through its system commands. A scan with discrete delay steps over a user-defined range can be initiated from this software. Figure 1.4 shows the overview of the scan tab. For more details of the program see Appendix C.

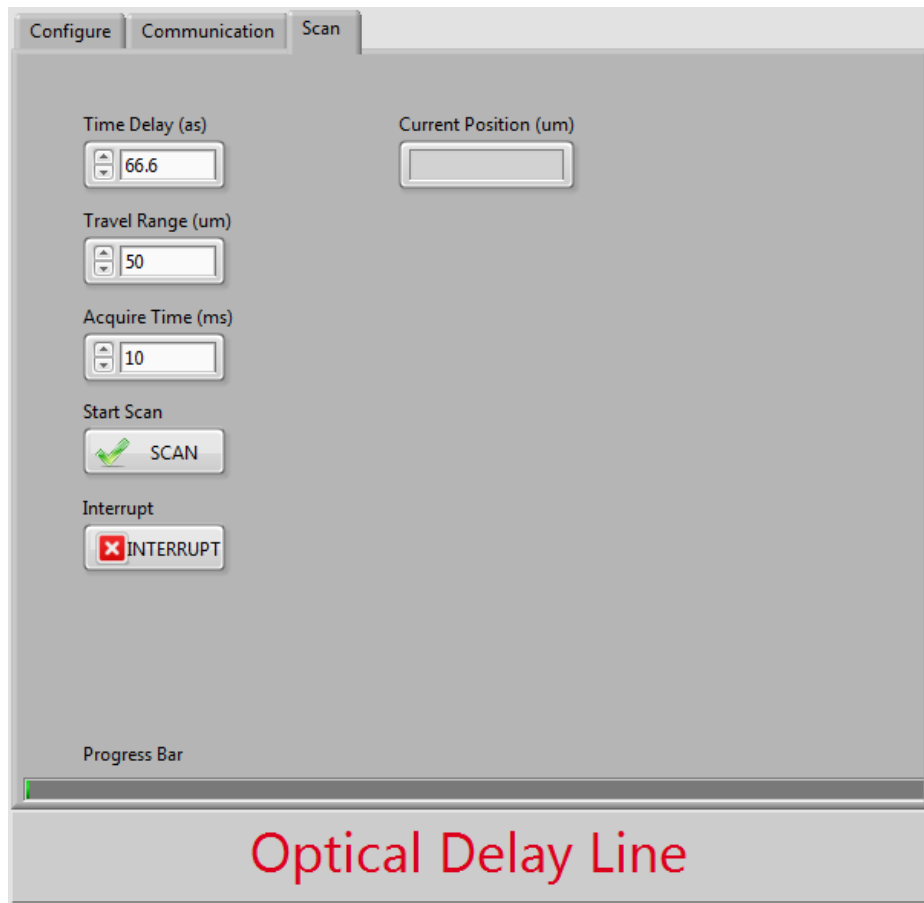


FIGURE 1.4: The scan tab of the *LabVIEW* program of optical delay line. **Delay Time (as)** is optical delay step required in *as*. **Travel Range** is the scanning range in μm . **Acquire Time (ms)** is the time for which PZT stays at a position during scan. **SCAN** button initiates the optical delay scan with steps of **Delay Time**. **Progress Bar** shows the scanning progress.

Figure 1.5 shows the schematic of the automated ODL. The setup consists of ODL, PZT controller, and a PC with *LabVIEW* installed.

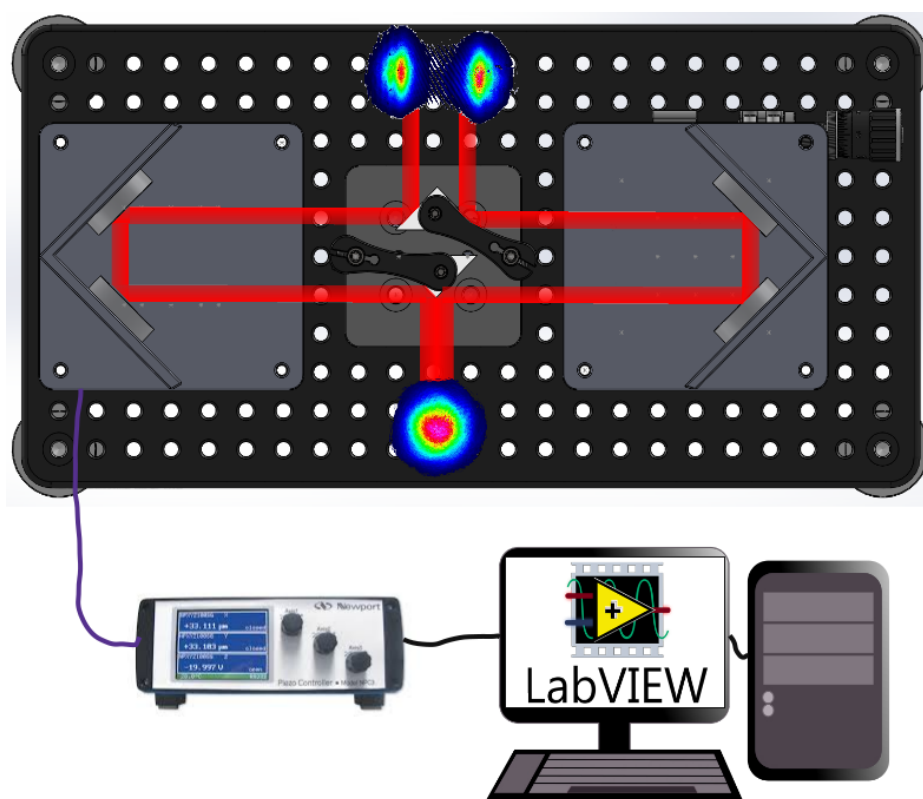


FIGURE 1.5: Schematic of the automated ODL

1.5 Characterization of the optical delay line

After assembling and automating the delay line, we aligned the setup and characterized the ODL for the following parameters:

1. Collinearity: Two emerging beams are parallel to each other and the optical bench.
2. Calibration of the delay steps.
3. Time zero calibration: To make the two arm lengths equal (within a few microns).
4. Stability of the system over a long period.

Height alignment, collinearity, strain gauge cross verification, and stability were easily tested with continuous wave HeNe laser ($\lambda = 632.8 \text{ nm}$) but time zero cannot be found

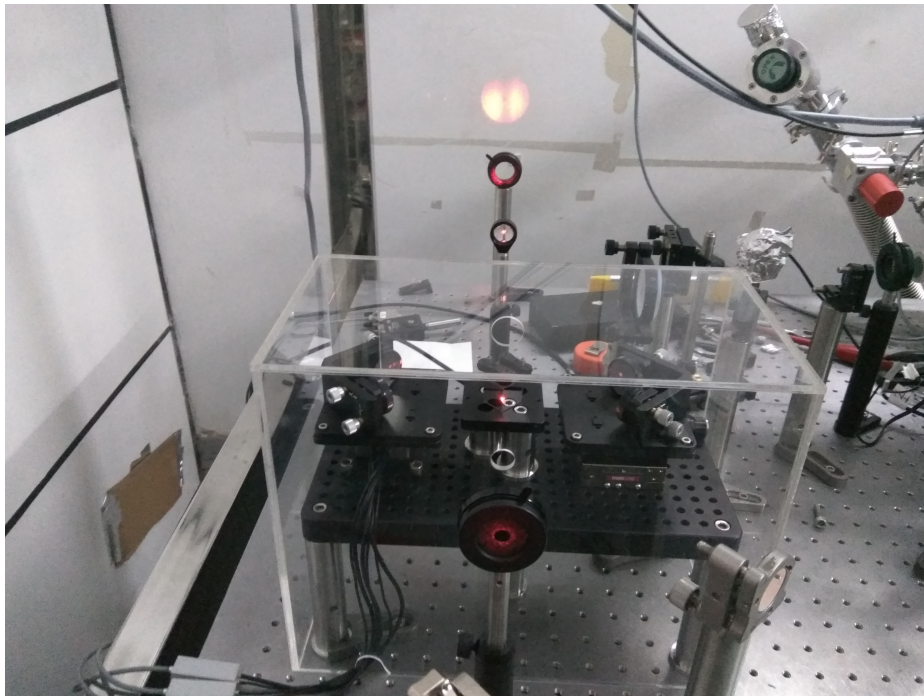


FIGURE 1.6: Actual setup of ODL (with HeNe laser).

using HeNe laser because of its long coherence length. To find time zero we used fs pulses, and estimated how close the arm lengths were.

1.5.1 Alignment of the delay line

Steps involved in alignment of the ODL

1. Used two irises of the same height ($\approx 202 \text{ mm}$) to align the HeNe laser beam.
2. Placed the delay line in between two irises as shown in Figure 1.6.
3. Adjusted the splitting knife edge prism mirror to split the beam into roughly two equal half, such that both splitted beams hit the mirrors at the center.
4. Fastened the CF-175 clamps on the pedestal posts to lock the delay line on the optical bench.
5. Placed the second knife edge prism mirror such that two splitted beams are as close possible.
6. Adjusted the kinematic V-block mirrors to make the beam collinear and pass through the second iris.

1.5.2 Cross verification of the delay steps

According to the specification of the PZT in closed loop the resolution is 4 nm , see the Table C.1. The displacement of PZT is internally measured with a strain gauge. To check the reliability of the strain gauge, we used the HeNe laser and obtained the interference pattern by deliberately misaligning the setup to get better fringe contrast.

Figure 1.7 shows the interference pattern with HeNe laser. One fringe shift (from bright to dark and bright fringe again) corresponds to $\lambda/2 \approx 317 \text{ nm}$ and by counting the fringe shifts, the information about change in path length can be obtained. Figure 1.8 is the plot of photodiode (PD) signal vs PZT position which shows periodicity (Λ) of the signal (one complete fringe shift) agrees with $\lambda/2$ within 1 nm .

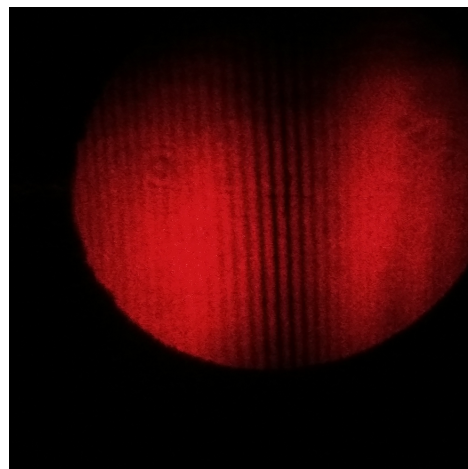


FIGURE 1.7: Fringes with HeNe laser.

Figure 1.9 shows the PD signal for a

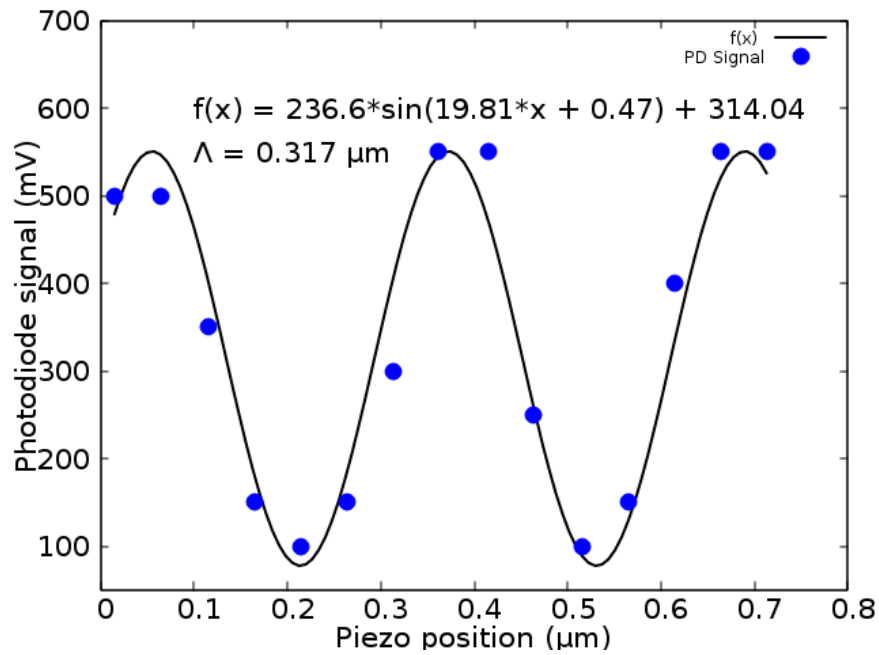
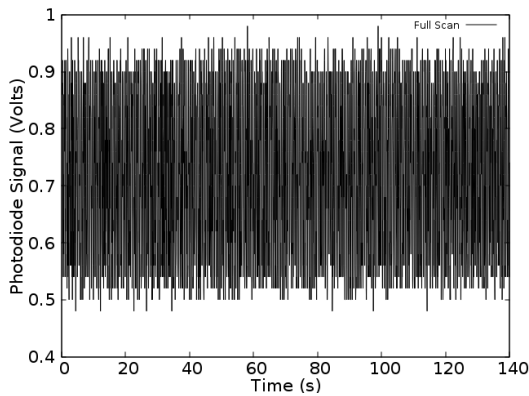
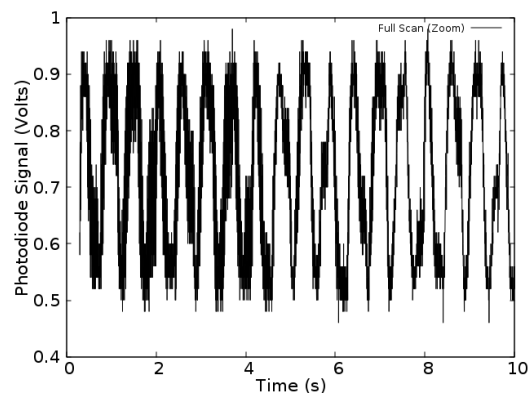


FIGURE 1.8: Cross verification of strain gauge with HeNe laser ($\lambda = 633 \text{ nm}$).



(A) Full scan of the piezo (0 to 80 μm).



(B) Inset plot of the full scan.

FIGURE 1.9: PD signal for full scan.

full scan range (0 – 533 $f\text{s}$ or 0 – 80 μm)

with 1 $f\text{s}$ delay steps and 10 ms acquire time. Oscillations due to fringe shifts are clearly visible in Figure 1.9b verifying the working of automated scanning with the *LabVIEW* program.

1.5.2.1 Comparison of set value and strain gauge reading

An offset of about 14.6 nm in the strain gauge reading displayed by the PZT controller and set value (command through the software) was observed (Figure 1.10).

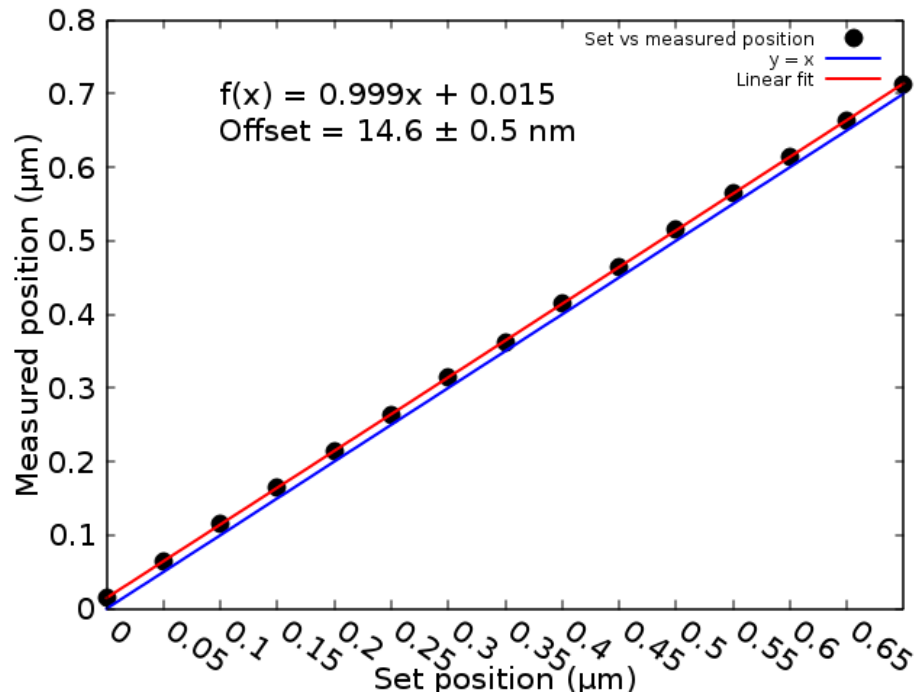


FIGURE 1.10: Comparison between set value and strain gauge reading. Blue line is the $y = x$ line, on which strain gauge readings were expected. Red line is the linear fit through the strain gauge readings.

This offset is not a problem for delay steps because of its consistency across the scanning range.

1.5.3 Stability of the delay line

We have obtained fringes with a HeNe laser and placed the PD in the interference pattern. Fringe width was made nearly equal to the active area of the PD using a diverging lens. Scanned few fringes and then fixed the set point in somewhere middle of the PD voltage and acquire the data for ≈ 50 s with the oscilloscope. Plot of the PD signal vs time is shown in Figure 1.11 red line in the plot shows the average PD signal after the set point and light yellow background show the $\pm\sigma$ about the average.

$$\text{Minimum voltage, } V_{min} = 0.114 \text{ V} \quad (1.2)$$

$$\text{Maximum voltage, } V_{max} = 0.574 \text{ V} \quad (1.3)$$

$$\Delta V = V_{max} - V_{min} = 0.46 \text{ V} \quad (1.4)$$

$$\text{Standard deviation in the data after the set point, } \sigma = 0.05 \text{ V} \quad (1.5)$$

ΔV corresponds to $\lambda/4 \approx 158.2 \text{ nm}$ (half fringe shift).

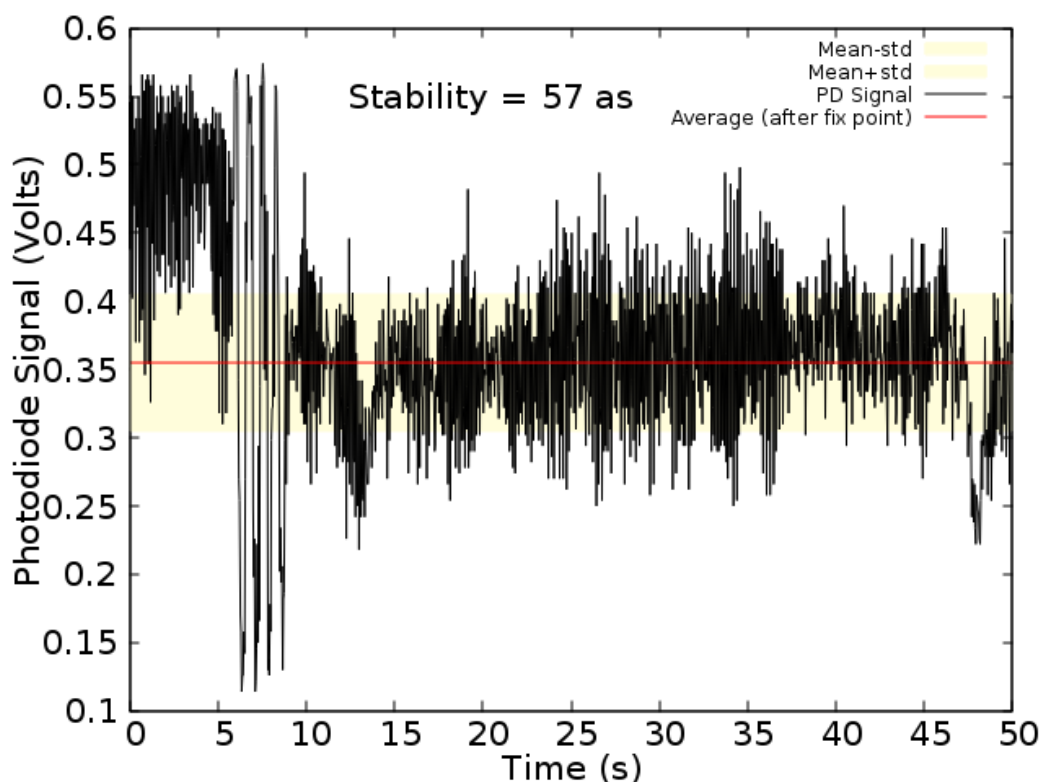


FIGURE 1.11: Stability of the delay line is 57 as or 17 nm fluctuation in path length over a distance of $\approx 107 \text{ cm}$ for $\approx 40 \text{ s}$.

$$\text{Fluctuation in path length} = \sigma \times \frac{\lambda}{4\Delta V} = 17.2 \text{ nm} \quad (1.6)$$

Now stability in time is calculated dividing the fluctuation in path length by the speed of light

$$\text{Stability} = 57.3 \text{ as} \quad (1.7)$$

Stability of the delay line is 57 *as* over a distance of $\approx 107 \text{ cm}$ for roughly 40 seconds.

1.5.4 Collinearity

To check the collinearity, we used a converging lens to focus the splitted beams and then placed beam profiler at the focus. For different PZT displacements the beam profile was captured at the focus. Figure 1.12 shows the captured images of the beam profile at the focus for different displacements of the PZT.

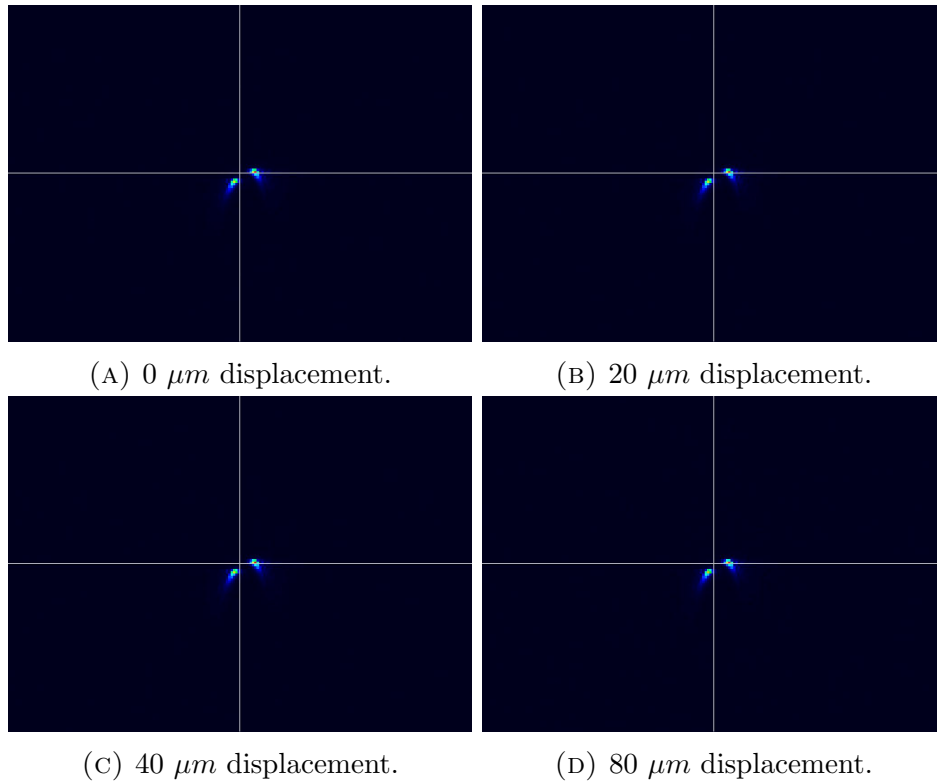
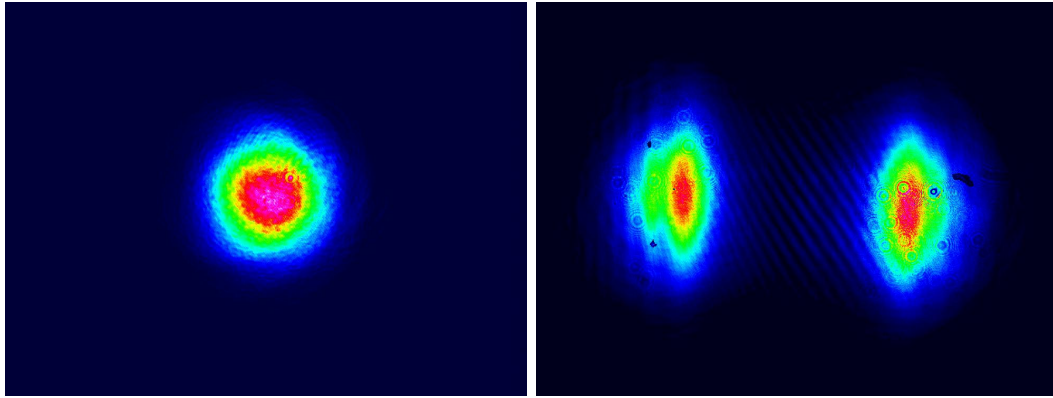


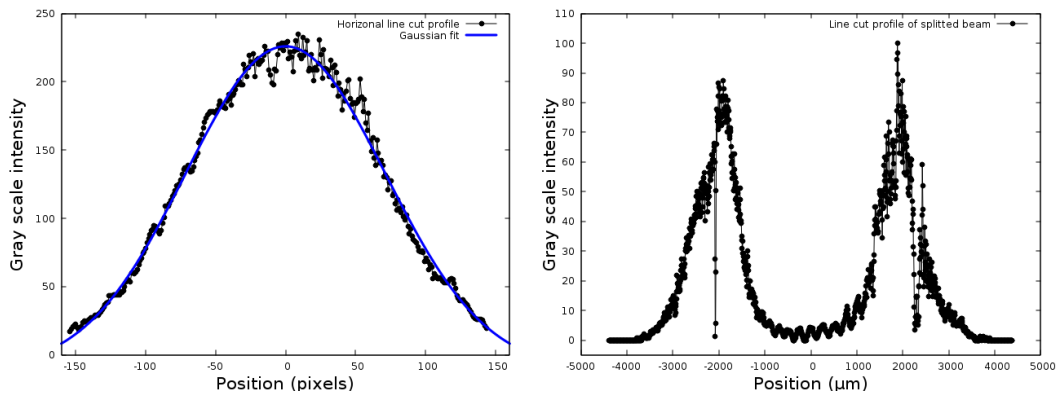
FIGURE 1.12: Beam profile images at focus for different displacements of PZT.

There is no noticeable change in the position of captured profiles indicating very good collinearity.

Figure 1.13 shows the profile of the input HeNe laser beam and profile after splitting with knife edge prism mirror. In Figure 1.13b interference pattern is due to a small overlap of the splitted beam caused by the divergence of the laser beam.



(A) HeNe laser beam profile at input of the delay line. (B) HeNe laser beam profile at output of the delay line (after splitting with knife edge prisms).



(C) HeNe line cut (along horizontal) profile. (D) Line cut (along horizontal) profile of the splitted beam.

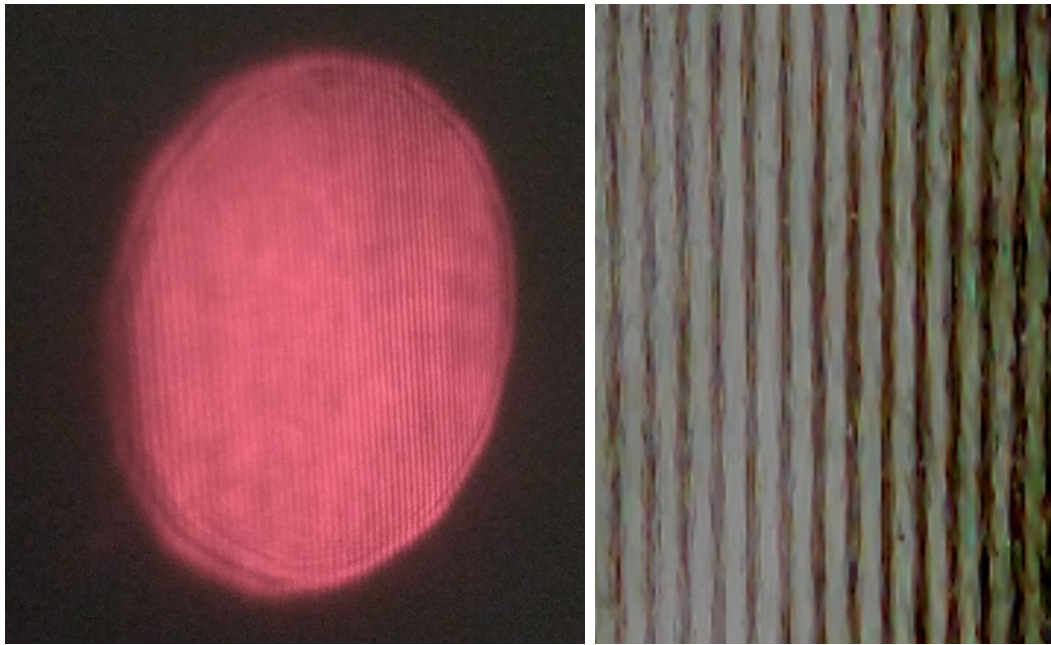
FIGURE 1.13: HeNe laser beam profile before and after splitting with knife edge mirror.

There is an unexpected dip in both the splitted parts of the laser beam visible in line cut profile shown in Figure 1.13d.

1.5.5 Time zero calibration

Time zero in optical delay line means when both arm lengths are exactly equal i.e. there is no time delay between the pulses. We have incorporated a linear translation stage (25 mm travel range) with 12.7 μm resolution.

Time zero cannot be found with HeNe laser because of its high coherence length (>



(A) Interference pattern with fs pulses (B) Close-up of interference pattern with fs pulses captured by WebCam.

FIGURE 1.14: Time zero fringes.

20 cm). We used ultrashort (fs) pulses to find the time zero. Figure 1.14a shows the interference pattern with fs pulses. We recorded a video of the fringes as PZT scanned for full range (0 to 80 μm). Figure 1.15 shows the contrast of a fixed pixel in the video as PZT was scanning. Change in the fringe contrast is visible in Figure 1.15 and we see that primary interference pattern appears in a range of 15 μm which means arm lengths are same within 15 μm .

1.6 Summary

An all-reflective dispersion-free optical delay line was implemented with custom made mechanical parts. A custom *Lab VIEW* program was written to automate the scanning

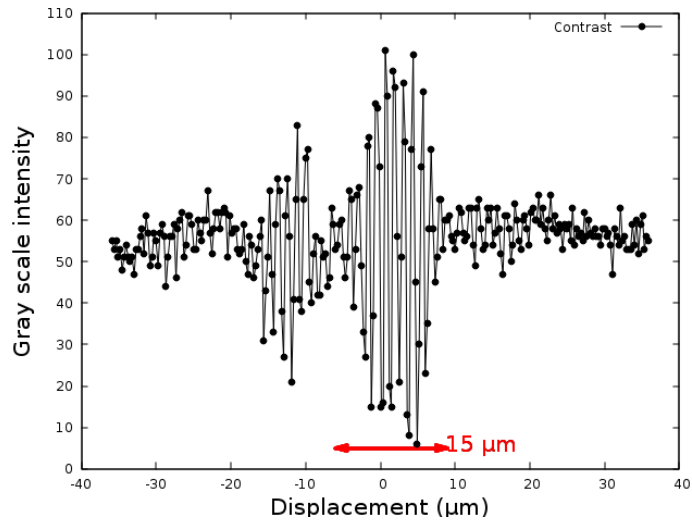


FIGURE 1.15: Gray scale value at a fixed point in the video as PZT was scanning.

of the delay steps with a resolution of 27 as over a range of 533 fs . The delay line was characterized for collinearity, delay steps, stability, and time zero. The stability of the delay line was found to be 57 as over a distance of 107 cm for about 40 s .

Chapter 2

Automatizing the laser processing stage

2.1 Introduction

A 2 mJ, 25 fs pulse has peak power of

$$P_{peak} = \frac{2\text{mJ}}{25\text{fs}} = 800\text{GW} \quad (2.1)$$

due to such high peak powers fs laser processing facilitates smooth cutting with minimal thermal (or collateral) damage. Here is comparison between holes drilled in a 100 μm thick stainless steel foil using 3.3 ns and 200 fs pulses. In both cases fluences just above the ablation threshold and 10,000 pulses have been used [5]. Time scale of

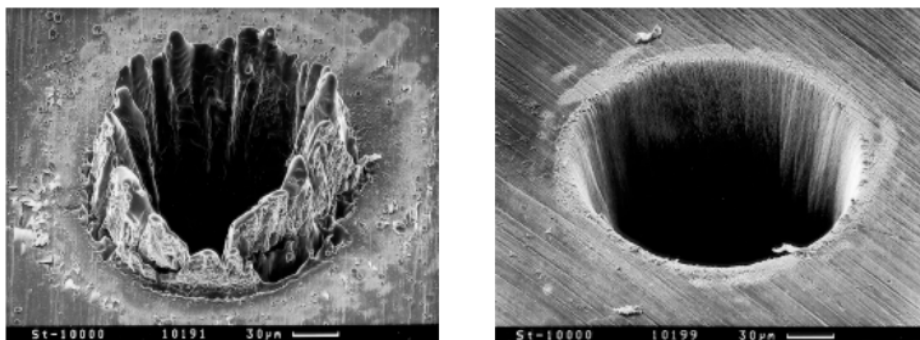


FIGURE 2.1: Comparison between ns and fs laser processing (adapted from [5])

ultra-short laser processing is shown in the Figure 2.2, energy diposition happens on

time scale of pulse duration (fs) while ablation can last upto microsecond regime [5].

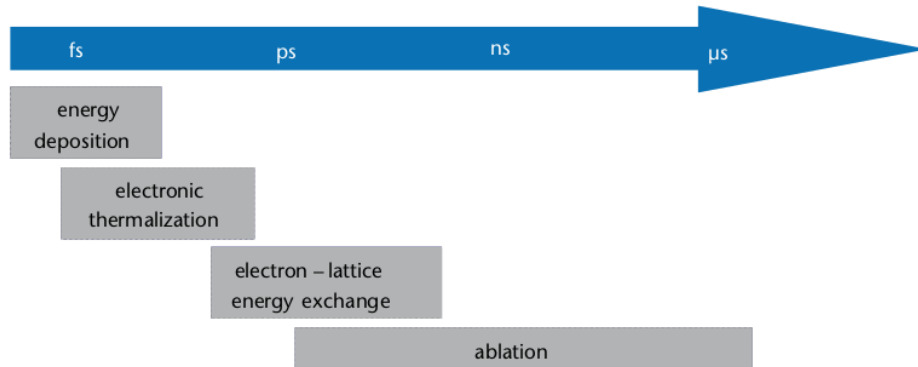


FIGURE 2.2: Schematic of time scale for ultra short pulse ablation (adapted from [5])

In this project we aimed at automating the fs processing setup in the Femtosecond Laser Lab at IISER Mohali.

2.2 Automated femtosecond laser processing setup

Femtosecond laser processing setup is shown in Figure 2.3. The setup consists of

1. Ti:Sapphire laser which generate 2 mJ , 25 fs pulses with central wavelength about 800 nm at repetition rate of 1 kHz .
2. High speed electronic shutter with 6 mm aperture.
3. Neutral density filter (NDF).
4. Microscope with 4x, 10x, 20x, 40x, and 100x objectives; integrated with CCD camera (5 MP), and motorized x-y-stage.
5. Stage controller
6. Shutter controller
7. Computer with LabVIEW and Python3 installed.

The duration of laser illumination was controlled by controlling the open duration of the shutter. The microscope stage, camera, shutter were controlled by custom-made *LabVIEW* based software which is described in Appendix B. The computer that we used had Intel core i5, 8 GB RAM and on-board integrated video card.

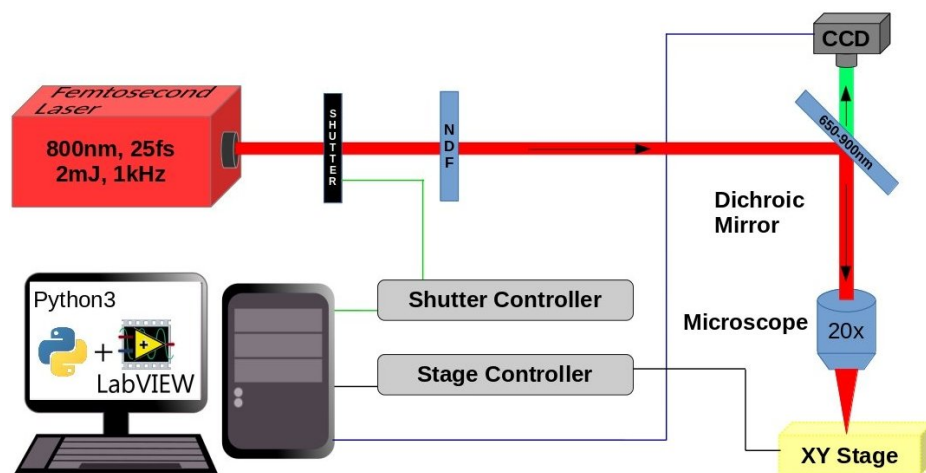


FIGURE 2.3: Schematic of the automated femtosecond laser processing setup

The software is written in two separate programming languages. *LabVIEW* based custom program `FSLProcessor.vi` controls several hardware components and `FSLPencil.py`

determine the laser illumination locations through the graphical software made in *Python3*.

2.3 Flow diagram of the software

The software consists of two separate programs written in *Python3* (`FSLPencil.py`) and *LabVIEW* (`FSLProcessor.vi`) given in Appendix A, Appendix B respectively. `FSLPencil.py` is GUI based on Tkinter [6] for *Python3*. With this program one can draw arbitrary patterns on an image of the ROI and writes the coordinates of drawn pattern into a text file. Figure 2.4 shows the flow diagram diagram of the combined software.

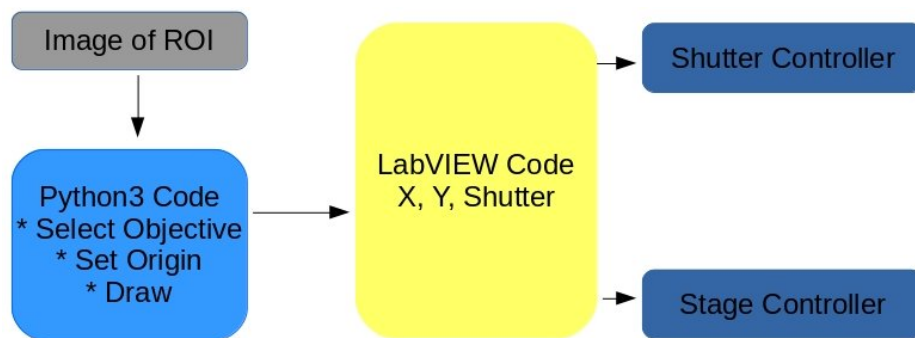
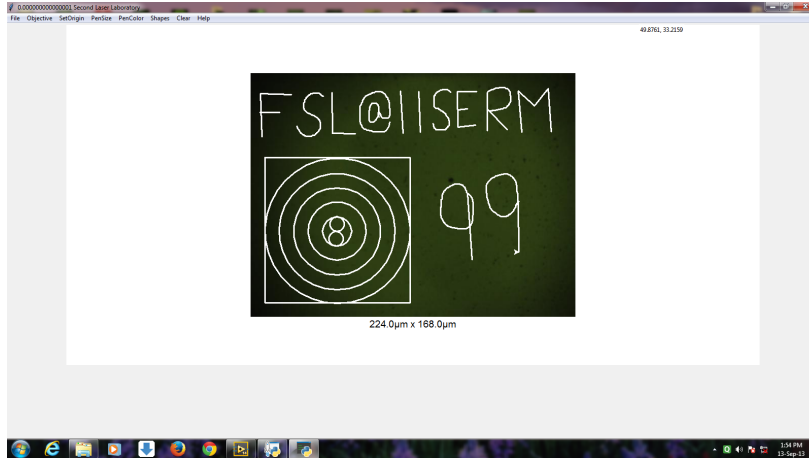


FIGURE 2.4: Flow diagram of the software

`FSLProcessor.vi` take the text file as input which has three columns (x, y, shutter state) and moves the stage to (x, y) position with the shutter stage (on/off).

2.4 Results

fs laser drawn pattern on glass slide using 20x objective.



(A) A pattern on ROI drawn in FSLPencil.py



(B) *fs* laser drawn pattern on glass slide (Objective: 20x, Spot size: $4.4\mu\text{m}$, Average power: 3mW, Processing time: 19min 20sec)

FIGURE 2.5: (A) Pattern drawn in computer and (B) *fs* laser drawn pattern on glass slide.

2.5 Summary

A motorized high-speed XY microscope stage was automated in *LabVIEW* to move on given (x, y) coordinate using both X and Y motors simultaneously. A high-speed electronic shutter was interfaced with the same *LabVIEW* program. A GUI *Python3* program was written to draw arbitrary patterns on an image of the region of interest.

Appendix A

Python program to draw arbitrary patterns on the ROI

This is the python3 [7] code FSLPencil.py to draw arbitrary pattern on the ROI image taken by the camera in the setup. The program is graphical user interface based on Tkinter [6] and Turtle graphics [8].

A.1 FSLPencil.py

```
1 from turtle import*
2 from tkinter import*
3 from tkinter import messagebox
4 from tkinter import simpledialog
5 from tkinter import filedialog
6 from tkinter.colorchooser import*
7 from PIL import Image
8
9 root = Tk()
10 root.title("0.0000000000000001 Second Laser Laboratory")
11 root.resizable(width=True, height=True)
12
13 MainFrame = Frame(root, borderwidth=1, padx=5, pady=5)
```

```
14 MainFrame.pack()
15
16 canvas = Canvas(master = root , width=1366, height=670)
17 canvas.pack()
18
19 var = StringVar()
20 xycor = Label(root , textvariable=var , bg="white" , fg="black")
21 xycor.place(x=1245, y=2)
22
23 t = RawTurtle(canvas)
24 t.speed(0)
25 screen = t.getscreen()
26 t.penup()
27 catFile = open("target.txt" , "w")
28 tclick = "right"
29 PreviousEvent = "jump"
30 width , height = 640, 480      #Dimensions of the image
31 origin = (55, 37.5)           #Origin of the region of interest
32 PixelLen = 0.15               #Length of a pixel in mm (depends
    of the objective)
33 def quit():
34     root.destroy()
35 def openfile():
36     filename = filedialog.askopenfilename()
37     Image.open(str(filename)).convert("RGB").save(str(
    filename)[: -4] + ".gif")
38     screen.bgpic(str(filename)[: -4] + ".gif")
39 def label_scale():
40     t.clear()
41     t.goto(0, -265)
42     t.pendown()
43     t.write("%.1f m x %.1f m" % (640 * PixelLen * 1000, 480 *
    PixelLen * 1000), align="center" , font=("Arial" , 14, "normal"
    ))
44     t.penup()
```

```
45     t.goto(0, 0)
46 def transform(coord):
47     global PixelLen, origin
48     x, y = origin[0] - coord[0]*PixelLen, origin[1] - coord[1]*
PixelLen
49     return (x, y)
50 def forx():
51     global PixelLen
52     PixelLen = 0.00176
53     label_scale()
54 def tenx():
55     global PixelLen
56     PixelLen = 0.000705
57     label_scale()
58 def twentyx():
59     global PixelLen
60     PixelLen = 0.00035
61     label_scale()
62 def fortyx():
63     global PixelLen
64     PixelLen = 0.000177
65     label_scale()
66 def hundredx():
67     global PixelLen
68     PixelLen = 7.6e-5
69     label_scale()
70 def set_origin():
71     global origin
72     ox = simpledialog.askfloat("Set origin", "Enter x
coordinate")
73     oy = simpledialog.askfloat("Set origin", "Enter y
coordinate")
74     if ox == None or oy == None or ox == 0.0 or oy == 0.0:
75         pass
76     else:
```

```
77         origin = (ox, oy)
78         catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t0\n"%(ox, oy))
79 def clear():
80     t.clear()
81 def drawcircle():
82     radius = simpledialog.askstring("Circle", "Enter radius
of the circle (mm)")
83     if radius == None or radius == '':
84         pass
85     else:
86         i = (t.xcor(), t.ycor())
87         i = transform(i)
88         catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t2\n"%(i[0], i[1]))
89         catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t1\n"%(i[0], i[1]))
90         t.begin_poly()
91         t.pendown()
92         radius = float(radius)/PixelLen
93         t.circle(radius)
94         t.penup()
95         t.end_poly()
96         coords = t.get_poly()
97         for i in coords:
98             i = transform(i)
99             catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t2\n"%(i[0], i[1]))
100            i = (t.xcor(), t.ycor())
101            i = transform(i)
102            catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t0\n"%(i[0], i[1]))
103 def drawpoly():
104     n = simpledialog.askstring("Regular Polygon", "Enter the
number of sides")
105     l = simpledialog.askstring("Regular Polygon", "Enter the
length of side (mm)")
106     if n == None or l == None or n == '' or l == '':
107         pass
108     else:
```

```
109     i = (t.xcor(), t.ycor())
110     i = transform(i)
111     catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t2\n"%(i[0], i[1]))
112     catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t1\n"%(i[0], i[1]))
113     t.begin_poly()
114     t.pendown()
115     l = float(l)/PixelLen
116     for i in range(int(n)):
117         t.forward(l)
118         t.left(360/int(n))
119     t.penup()
120     t.end_poly()
121     coords = t.get_poly()
122     for i in coords:
123         i = transform(i)
124         catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t2\n"%(i[0], i[1]))
125     i = (t.xcor(), t.ycor())
126     i = transform(i)
127     catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t0\n"%(i[0], i[1]))
128 def helpindex():
129     messagebox.showinfo("Help Index", "Sorry! No content
130         found.")
131 def about():
132     messagebox.showinfo("About...", "Author: Sanjay Kapoor\
133         nemail: sanjaykapoor@protonmail.com")
134 def help():
135     messagebox.showinfo("Help?", "Sorry! No content found.")
136 def pensize1():
137     t.pensize(1)
138 def pensize2():
139     t.pensize(2)
140 def pensize3():
141     t.pensize(3)
142 def pensize4():
143     t.pensize(4)
```



```
142 def pensize5():
143     t.pensize(5)
144 def getcolor():
145     color = askcolor()
146     if color[1] == None:
147         pass
148     else:
149         t.color(color[1], color[1])
150 def coordinates(event):
151     global var
152     i = (683-event.x, event.y-335)
153     i = transform(i)
154     xycoor = "%.4f, %.4f"%(i[0], i[1])
155     var.set(xycoor)
156 def line(x, y):
157     global tclick
158     click = "left"
159     i = transform(t.position())
160     t.pendown()
161     t.goto(x, y)
162     j = transform(t.position())
163     if tclick == click:
164         catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t2\n"%(j[0], j[1]))
165     else:
166         catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t2\n"%(i[0], i[1]))
167         catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t1\n"%(i[0], i[1]))
168         catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t2\n"%(j[0], j[1]))
169     tclick = click
170 def freehand(x, y):
171     global PreviousEvent
172     t.pendown()
173     t.goto(x, y)
174     i = transform(t.position())
175     catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t2\n"%(i[0], i[1]))
176     PreviousEvent = "freehand"
```

```
177 def jump(x, y):
178     global tclick, PreviousEvent
179     click = "right"
180     i = transform(t.position())
181     t.penup()
182     t.goto(x, y)
183     j = transform(t.position())
184     if tclick != click or PreviousEvent == "freehand":
185         catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t0\n"%(i[0], i[1]))
186     tclick = click
187     PreviousEvent = "jump"
188 screen.onclick(line)
189 screen.onclick(jump, btn=3)
190 t.ondrag(freehand)
191
192 menubar = Menu(root)
193 FileMenu = Menu(menubar, tearoff=0)
194 FileMenu.add_command(label="Open", command=openfile)
195 FileMenu.add_separator()
196 FileMenu.add_command(label="Exit", command=quit)
197 menubar.add_cascade(label="File", menu=FileMenu)
198 ObjectiveLens = Menu(menubar, tearoff=0)
199 ObjectiveLens.add_radiobutton(label="4x", command=forx)
200 ObjectiveLens.add_radiobutton(label="10x", command=tenx)
201 ObjectiveLens.add_radiobutton(label="20x", command=twentyx)
202 ObjectiveLens.add_radiobutton(label="40x", command=fortyx)
203 ObjectiveLens.add_radiobutton(label="100x", command=hundredx)
204 menubar.add_cascade(label="Objective", menu=ObjectiveLens)
205 SetOrigin = Menu(menubar, tearoff=0)
206 SetOrigin.add_command(label="SetOrigin", command=set_origin)
207 menubar.add_cascade(label="SetOrigin", menu=SetOrigin)
208 PenSize = Menu(menubar, tearoff=0)
209 PenSize.add_radiobutton(label="1", command=pensize1)
210 PenSize.add_radiobutton(label="2", command=pensize2)
211 PenSize.add_radiobutton(label="3", command=pensize3)
```

```
212 PenSize.add_radiobutton(label="4", command=pensize4)
213 PenSize.add_radiobutton(label="5", command=pensize5)
214 menubar.add_cascade(label="PenSize", menu=PenSize)
215 PenColor = Menu(menubar, tearoff=0)
216 PenColor.add_command(label="Choose Color", command=getcolor)
217 menubar.add_cascade(label="PenColor", menu=PenColor)
218 Shapes = Menu(menubar, tearoff=0)
219 Shapes.add_command(label="Circle", command=drawcircle)
220 Shapes.add_command(label="Polygon", command=drawpoly)
221 menubar.add_cascade(label="Shapes", menu=Shapes)
222 Clear = Menu(menubar, tearoff=0)
223 Clear.add_command(label="Clear", command=clear)
224 menubar.add_cascade(label="Clear", menu=Clear)
225 Help = Menu(menubar, tearoff=0)
226 Help.add_command(label="Help Index", command=helpindex)
227 Help.add_command(label="About...", command=about)
228 Help.add_command(label="Help?", command=help)
229 menubar.add_cascade(label="Help", menu=Help)
230
231 root.config(menu=menubar)
232
233 def refresh():
234     screen.tracer(100000)
235     canvas.after(1, refresh)
236 refresh()
237 canvas.bind('<Motion>', coordinates)
238 root.mainloop()
239 i = t.position()
240 i = transform(i)
241 catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t0\n"%(i[0], i[1])) #
242     close the shutter at last point
242 catFile.write("%.4f\t%.4f\t2\n"%(origin[0], origin[1])) #go
243     back to the origin
243 catFile.close()
244 #Sanjay Kapoor; ms14099; 16.07.2018
```

Appendix B

Custom *LabVIEW* program to automate fs processing

B.1 Thorlabs MLS203-1 high speed motorized stage

The motorized stage is driven by a brush-less motor DC servo controller BBD202. The

Parameter	Value
Travel	$110mm \times 75mm$
Max speed	$250mm/s$
Acceleration	$2000mm/s^2$
Min incremental movement	$0.1\mu m$
Home location accuracy	$0.25\mu m$
Max load	$1kg$
Setting time within $1\mu m$	$0.1s$
Setting time within $0.1\mu m$	$0.6sec$

TABLE B.1: Stage specifications

motorized stage (MLS203-1) specifications are given in the Table B.1. The stage can be controlled by a joystick from thorlabs MJC001, computer program from thorlabs *APT User* which controls one motor at a time or custom program made in *LabVIEW*. *LabVIEW* is instrument interfacing software [9]. Following are the commands of BBD202 used to made the part of *LabVIEW* program `FSLProcessor.vi`

1. `HWSerialNum`

2. StartCtrl
3. SetJogStepSize
4. SetVelParams
5. SetAbsMovePos
6. MoveAbsoluteEx
7. GetPosition
8. StopCtrl

The *LabVIEW* program take absolute x-y coordinates (mm) and moves the stage to the specified coordinates.

B.2 Uniblitz shutter driver VMMD-3

VMMD-3 is a three channel shutter driver it can control three LS6S2ZM1-100 shutters simultaneously. But we need only one shutter to stop the laser beam. The shutter is integrated with the setup through RS232 communication within same program `FSLProcessor.vi`, following are the serial port settings and RS232 and see Table B.2 for commands of shutter controller.

- Baud rate 9600
- 8 data bits
- 1 stop bit
- No parity
- No flow control
- 8 commands are available
- 1 global address location for commands
- 8 local address location for commands

Channel#	Event	Decimal	Hex	Octal	Binary	ASCII
1	Open	64	40	100	01000000	@
1	Close	65	41	101	01000001	A
2	Open	66	42	102	01000010	B
2	Close	67	43	103	01000011	C
3	Open	68	44	104	01000100	D
3	Close	69	45	105	01000101	E
All	Open	70	46	106	01000110	F
All	Close	80	47	107	01000111	G

TABLE B.2: Shutter commands



FIGURE B.1: Overview of *LabVIEW* program for automated fs processing.

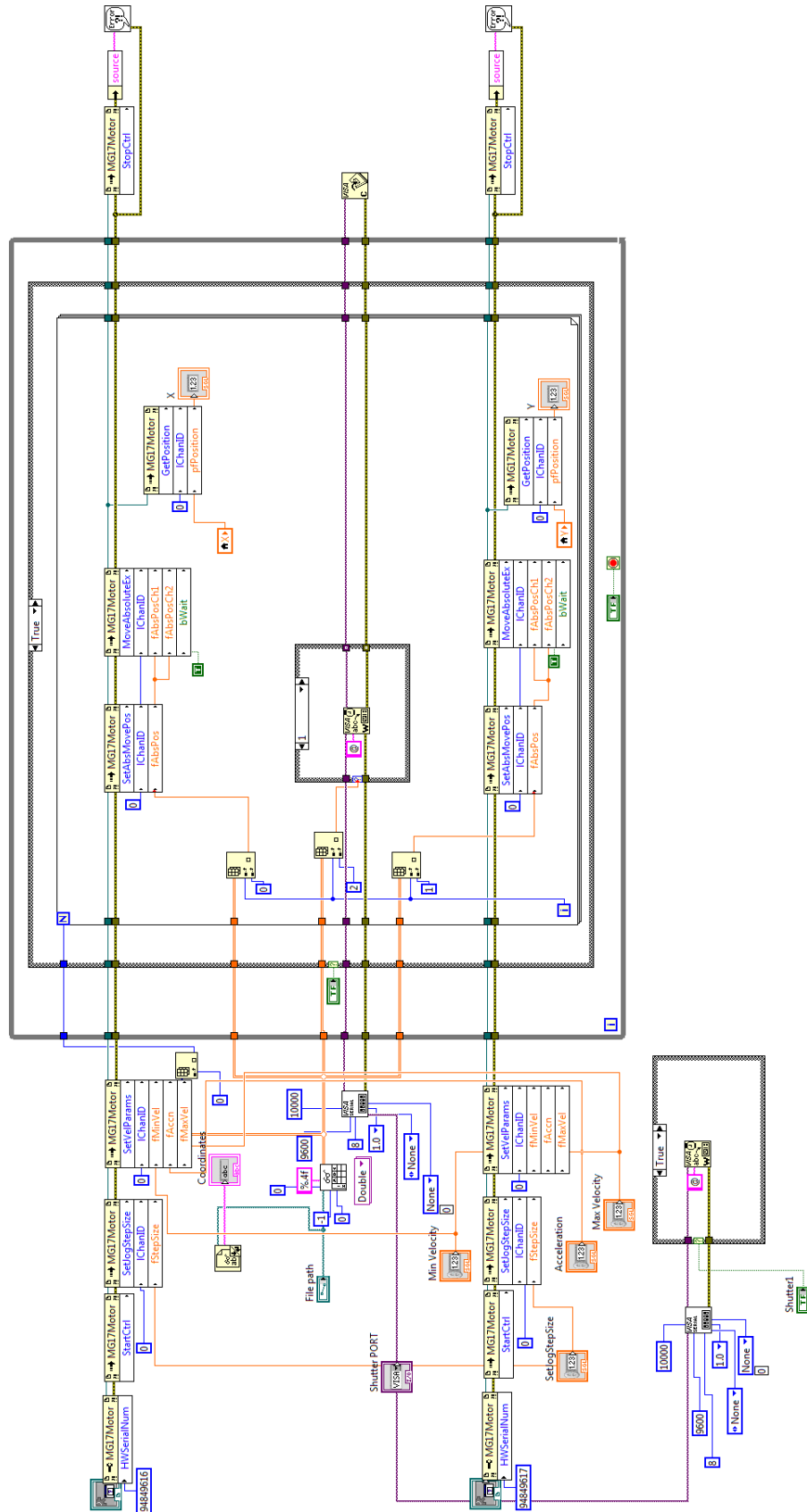


FIGURE B.2: Block diagram of the LabVIEW program.

Appendix C

Optical delay line software

C.1 Peizo electric stack actuator

Peizo electric stack actuators with strain gauge is used in the delay line to introduce time delay. Table C.1 shows the specifications of the PZT used.

Parameter	Value
Motorized axes	X, Y, Z
Travel range (open loop)	100 μm
Axial load capacity	40/40/32 N
Axial stiffness	1 $N/\mu m$
Vertical load capacity	30 N
Capacitance	1.8 μF
Close loop repeatability	30 nm
Closed loop resolution	4 nm
Closed loop travel	80 μm
Open loop resolution	0.4 nm
Resonant frequency at 105 g load	190/180/250 Hz
Resonant frequency at 300 g load	110/110/150 Hz
Resonant frequency at 80 g load	210/200/300 Hz
Resonant frequency unloaded	500/550/480 Hz
Weight	160 g

TABLE C.1: NPXYZ100SG specifications

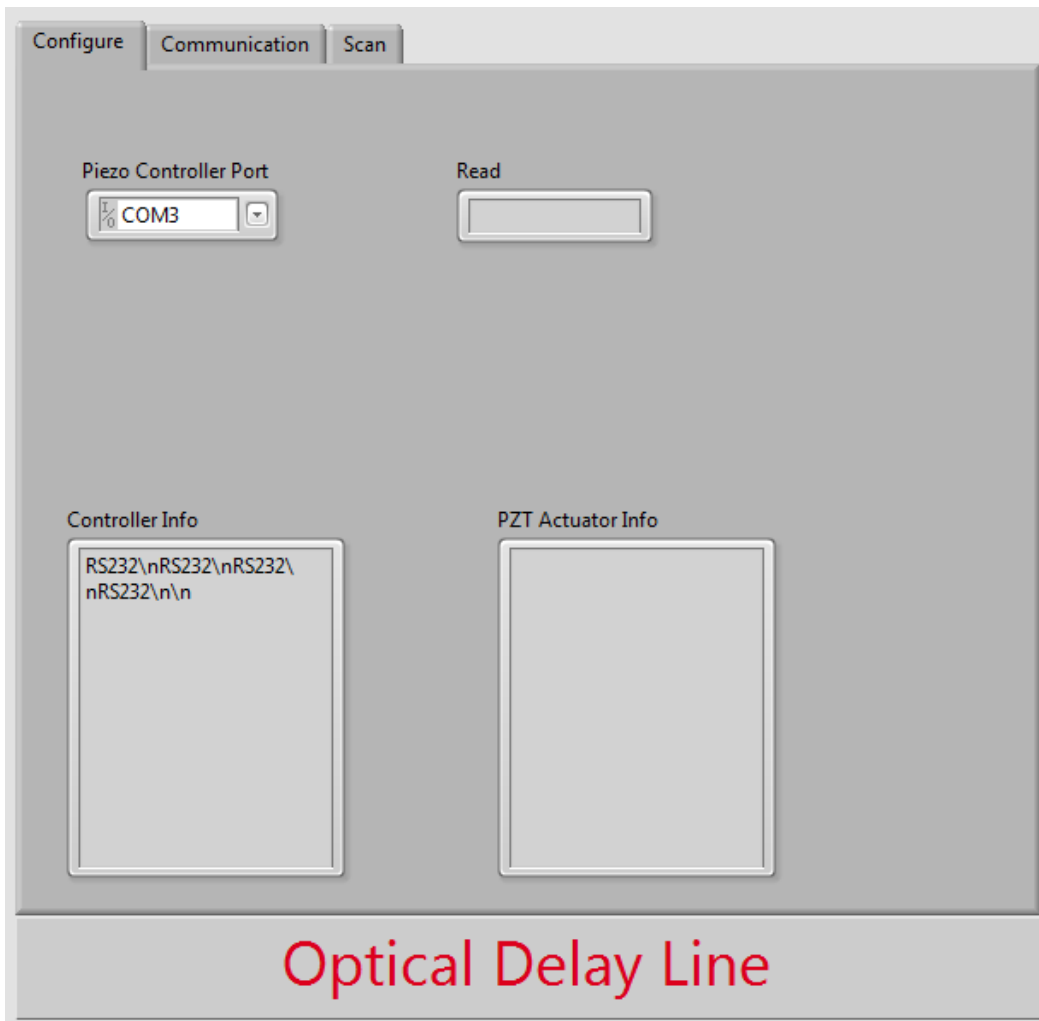


FIGURE C.1: Configure tab of the program

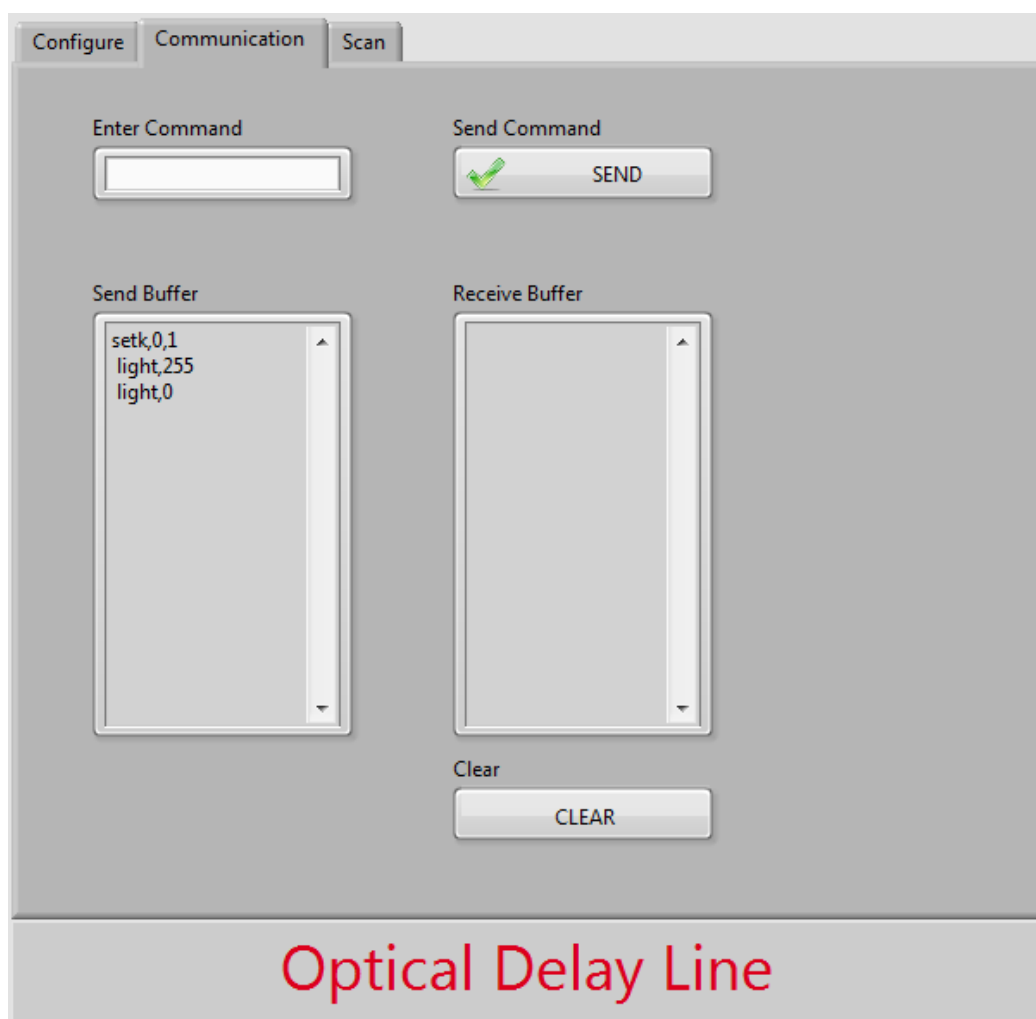


FIGURE C.2: Communication tab of the program

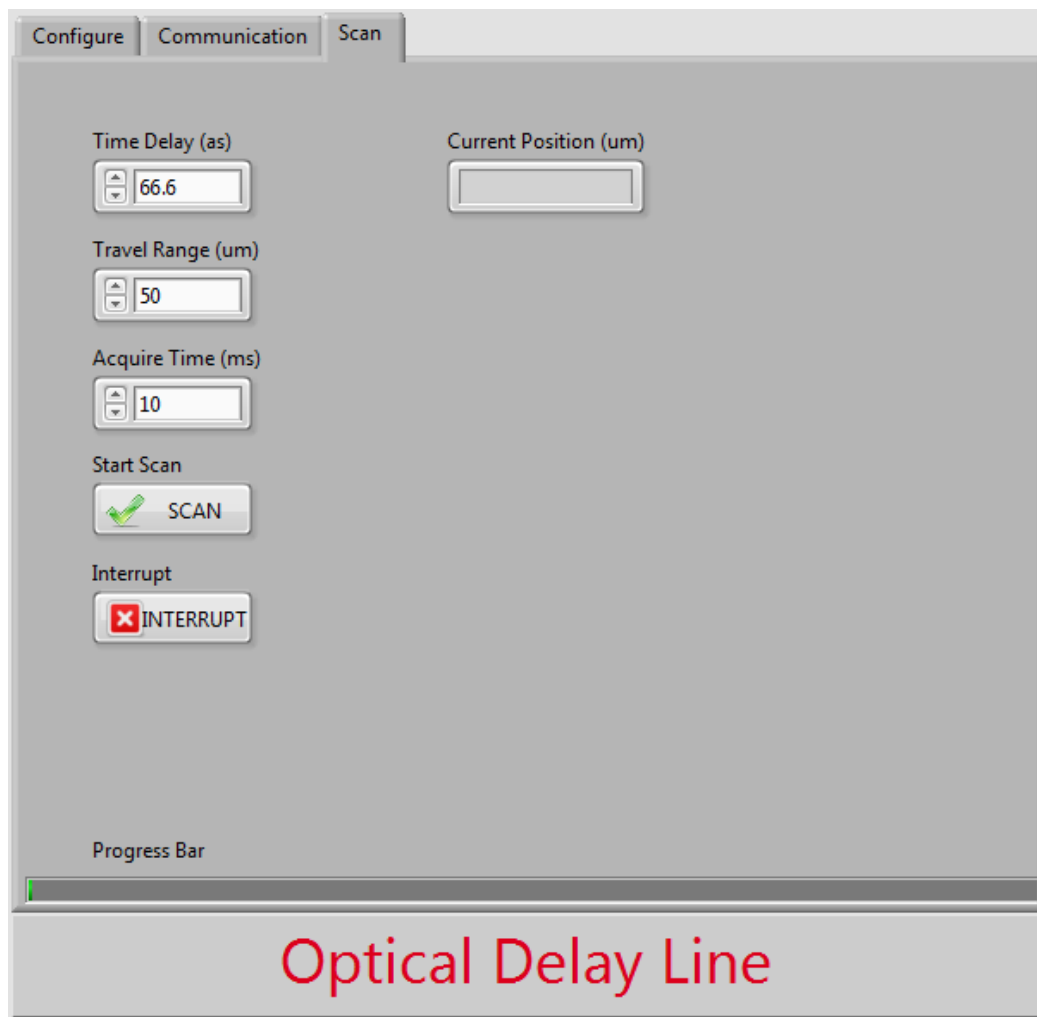


FIGURE C.3: The scan tab of the *LabVIEW* program of optical delay line. **Delay Time** (as) is optical delay step required in *as*. **Travel Range** is the scanning range in μm . **Acquire Time** (ms) is the time for which PZT stays at a position during scan. **SCAN** button initiates the optical delay scan with steps of **Delay Time**. **INTERRUPT** button to interrupt/stop scan the scan. **Progress Bar** shows the scanning progress.

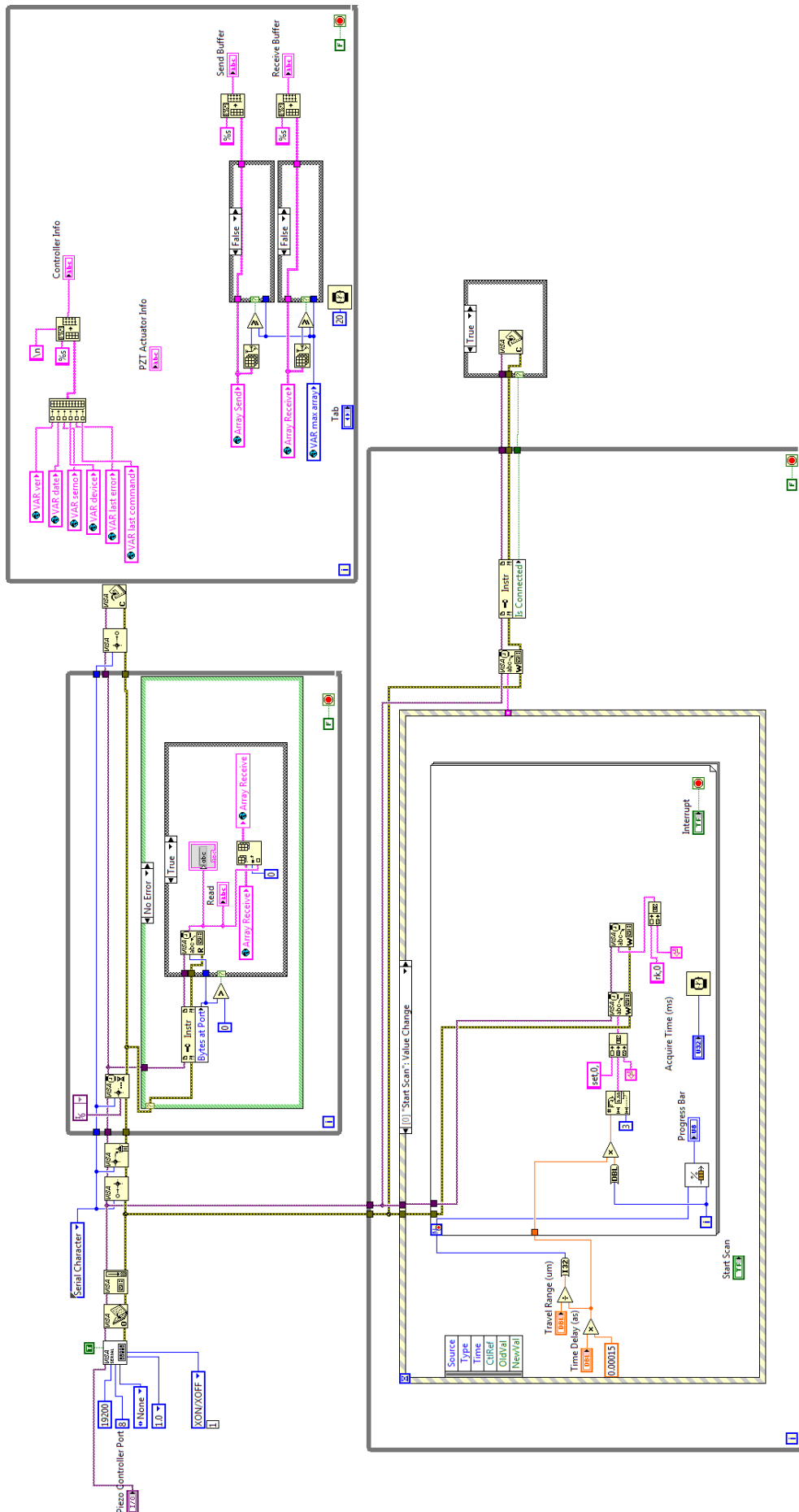


FIGURE C.4: Block diagram of the ODL LabVIEW program.

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