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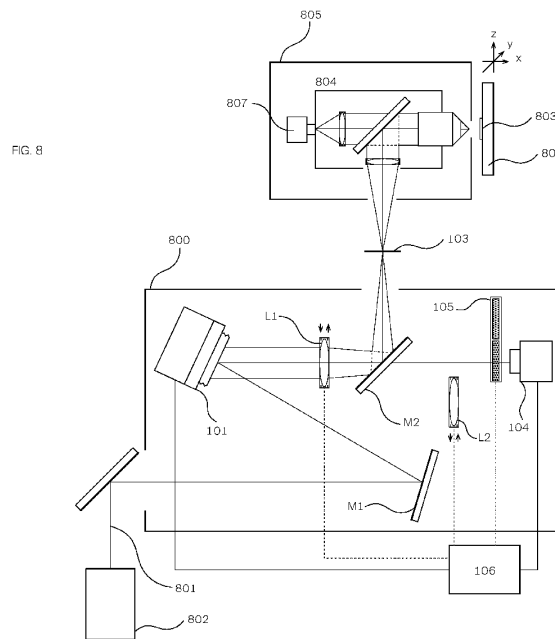
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(57) Abstract: A method for adaptively splitting a coherent primary light beam, comprising producing a desired far-field distribution by phase modulating the primary light beam with a Spatial Light Modulator (SLM), the primary coherent light beam being directed to reflect on a display element of the spatial light modulator, thereby avoiding any moving elements to shape the primary coherent light beam, extracting from the primary light beam, after it has passed the spatial light modulator, a monitoring beam and a main beam, measuring the monitoring beam with a camera, directing the desired far-field distribution in the monitoring beam on a sensor surface of the camera. In a first option, the method comprises guiding the primary beam through a first focusing element (L1) that is configured to focus the far-field distribution onto a focusing plane of the first focusing element as a real output distribution, and focusing the far-field distribution in the monitoring beam onto the sensor surface of the camera by means of the first focusing element. In a second

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option, the method comprises guiding the monitoring beam through a second focusing element (L2) that is configured to focus the far-field distribution on the sensor surface of the camera. For either the first or the second option, the method further comprises adjusting a dynamic range of the camera using a variable intensity regulator to control the intensity of the incoming monitoring beam as a function of the far-field distribution, and configuring a closed loop to enable a phase calculation for the display element of the spatial light modulator, whereby an output signal from the camera is input into the closed loop for a plurality of iterations of a phase-calculation algorithm performed by a controller, wherein in the first option, the first focusing element is used, excluding the second focusing element, and in the second option, the second focusing element is used, excluding the first focusing element.