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Beyond Ray Tracing: Innovative Optical Simulations with Fast Physical Optics

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4 (*) except for those of explicit comparison simulations.

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LightTrans – Short Overview

DNA of LightTrans

Understand and exploit physical optics effects for optical design applications

products and services

Software. Engineering. Prototyping.

core product

VirtualLab Fusion: fast physical optics design & simulation software

What's Coming Next #1 ...

- classification of physical optics vs ray optics
- first demo of VirtualLab and its usage concept
- our view about the demands on an optical simulation & design software
- our basic simulation approach
- limitations of conventional ray tracing

Clarification of the Basics of VirtualLab

Diffractive and Geometric Branches of Physical Optics





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Geometrical Optics for Electromagnetic Fields





character, manifested by the appearance of bright and dark bands, called diffraction fringes. The region in which this rapid variation takes place is only of the order of magnitude of the wavelength. Hence, as long as this magnitude is neglected in comparison with the dimensions of the opening, we may speak of a sharply bounded pencil of rays.[†] On reducing the size of the opening down to the dimensions of the

* The historical development of geometrical optics is described by M. Herzberger, Struhlengotti (Berlin, Springer, 1931), p. 179; Z. Instrumentenkunde, 52 (1932), 429–435, 485–493, 534–542, C. Carathéodory, Geometrische Optik (Berlin, Springer, 1937) and E. Mach, The Principles of Physical Optics. A Historical and Philosophical Treatment (First German edition 1913, English translation: London, Methuen, 1926; reprinted by Dover Publications, New York, 1953).

† That the boundary becomes sharp in the limit as λ₀ → 0 was first shown by G. Kirchhoff, *Vorlesungen ũ. Math. Phys.*, Vol. 2. (*Mathematische Optik*) (Leipzig, Tuebner, 1891), p. 33. See also B. B. Baker and E. T. Copson, *The Mathematical Theory of Higgens' Principle* (Oxford, Clarendon Press, 2nd edition, 1950), p. 79, and A. Sommerfeld, Optics (New York, Academic Press, 1954), §35.

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Geometrical Optics for Electromagnetic Fields



Since S satisfies the eikonal equation, it follows that $\mathbf{A} = 0$, and we see that when k_0 is sufficiently large (λ_0 small enough), only the *L*-terms need to be retained in (16) and (17). Hence, in the present approximation, the amplitude vectors and the eikonal are connected by the relations $\mathbf{L} = 0$. If we use again the operator $\partial/\partial \mathbf{r}$ introduced by (38), the equations $\mathbf{L} = 0$ become

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial \tau} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla^2 S - \frac{\partial \ln \mu}{\partial \tau} \right) \mathbf{e} + (\mathbf{e} \cdot \operatorname{grad} \ln n) \operatorname{grad} S = 0, \quad (41)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial \tau} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla^2 S - \frac{\partial \ln e}{\partial \tau} \right) \mathbf{h} + (\mathbf{h} \cdot \operatorname{grad} \ln n) \operatorname{grad} S = 0. \quad (42)$$

These are the required *transport equations* for the variation of e and h along each ray. The implications of these equations can best be understood by examining separately the variation of the magnitude and of the direction of these vectors.

* It has been shown by M. Kline, Comm. Pure and Appl. Mathx., 14 (1961), 473 that the intensity ratio (40) may be expressed in terms of an integral which involves the principal radii of curvature of the associated wavefronts. Kline's formula is a natural generalization, to inhomogeneous media, of the formula (34). See also M. Kline and J. W. Kav, india (184).

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"According to traditional terminology. one geometrical understands by this optics approximate picture of energy propagation, using the concept of rays and wave-fronts. In other words polarization properties are excluded. The reason for this restriction is undoubtedly due to the fact that the simple laws of geometrical optics concerning rays and wave-fronts were known from experiments long before the electromagnetic theory of light was established. It is, however, possible, and from our point of view quite natural, to extend the meaning of geometrical optics to embrace also certain geometrical laws relating to the propagation of the 'amplitude vectors' E and <mark>H.</mark>"



• Physical Optics:

Principles of

Optics

7th (expanded) edition Max Born and Emil Wolf

Electromagnetic Theory of Propagatio

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Physical optics in geometric zones can be as fast as ray tracing sometimes even faster!



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- VirtualLab Fusion deals with the transitions between diffractive and geometric branches of physical optics automatically (steady development).

Modeling and Design with Fast Physical Optics

- Compared to ray tracing no light information is lost by fast physical optics.
- Ray tracing is included in VirtualLab Fusion software on a solid base knowing about the power and the limitations of ray optics.

• By going beyond ray tracing

- You win more information about the light in your system
- You get better insight into the performance of your system
- You can include and investigate more effects
- You can model with higher accuracy
- You are ready for new optical design concepts and by that for innovative optical solutions



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Easy Setup & Simulation



No matter if it's

- Ray Tracing or Field Tracing
- in **2D** or **3D**,

VirtualLab allows an easy, quick and intuitiv approach to setting up and simulating optical systems.

 \rightarrow Demo example with simple plane wave light source

Optical System in VirtualLab's Light Path View

1. To build a system elements are just added via drag'n'drop.



2. To simulate a system the desired simulation engine is chosen, then Go!

Simulation Engine Ray Tracing System Analyzer

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Simple Simulation Results



... VirtualLab is comparatively easy to be used.

No matter, if it's conventional Ray Tracing or any Field Tracing method...





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Requirements for an Optical Design & Simulation Software

What Is to Be Regarded for Optical Simulations?

An optical software programm should be able to model ...

- 1. ... systems consisting of all kinds of
 - a) light sources
 - b) optical elements
 - c) detectors
- 2. ... the light propagation in the different regions of the system.
- 3. Furthermore, the design and optimization of diverse optical elements or systems is of interest.
- \rightarrow What does this mean?

1.a Advanced Source Modeling

- Coherent laser beam propagation
- Partially coherent source modeling and propagation:
 - Temporal coherence
 - Spatial coherence
- Ultrashort pulse
- Rigorous regard of polarization



1.b Modeling of Elements and Systems

Different elements are differently to be modeled, e.g.:

- lenses, prisms, etalons
- micro/nano/diffractive optical elements
- holographic and grin elements
- waveguides
- freeforms and scatterers
- multi-layer structures, gratings
- coatings



1.c Access to Any Light Field Parameter

- Innovative optical design often requires accurate access to e.g.
 - intensity, amplitude
 - wavefront, phase
 - aberrations (e.g. Zernike & Seidel)
 - beam parameters
 - polarization
 - degree of coherence
 - efficiency, power, stray light
 - poynting vector, energy flow
 - pulse duration, chirp, ...
- Definition of customized merit functions
- Export of laser data to Matlab ...



2. Light Propagation

Adequate light propagation models are required for diverse conditions:

- Enormous variety of different types of optical surfaces & media
 - smooth freeform surfaces
 - microstructured surfaces
 - multilevel surfaces
 - miniaturized components
 - inhomogeneous media
- Simulations of Complex Systems
 - varying sizes and dimensions



3. Design, Optimization & Tolerancing



- diverse design approaches (IFTA, inverse design, parametric optimizations, cells array designs, ...)
- local and global optimization algorithms
- simulation series by parameter run
- position, tilt and fabrication tolerances
- Monte-Carlo simulations



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Optical Simulation Approach

Optical Areas of Application



Simulation Approach

One modeling technique for all fields of application?


Limitations of Simulation Approaches

Geometric Optical Solutions with Conventional Ray Tracing

- If light is just represented by conventional rays and is propagated by geometric optical rules, several physical optical effects cannot be regarded.
- I.e. diffraction effects (deflection and energy distribution due to sharp/small structures), Fresnel effects (interaction with media interface), polarization effects (cross talk between E_x and E_y) are neglected.

Rigorous Solutions

- Even with today's PC technology: Rigorous modeling is restricted to small volume regards.
- A rigorous modeling of entire systems is not practical!



As expected, neither the most approximated nor the rigorous modeling approach alone are suited for many of today's applications.

In order to **simulate full optical systems** we need to be able to use **different methods** adapted to the particular regard – within one simulation process. = VirtualLab's Approach

Optical Areas of Application: Approaches



Ray Tracing

uses ray bundles and is based on geometric optics

System Modeling and Physical Optics

- Ray Tracing is based on geometrical optics and often gives a very good impression of more complex systems' behaviour, too.
- **Field Tracing** and its diverse propagation techniques (from geometrical to physical optical) gives you much more information.
- → Geometrical optics stays an important basis and is used if appropriate.
- → Field Tracing allows to use alternative propagation methods in case geometrical optics is not accurate enough.

Physical optics and geometrical optics techniques must work smoothly together in modern system modeling and design!

Flexibel Approach for All Kinds of Systems



+ non sequential propagations (not shown here)

2nd Generation Field Tracing Specifics



Adjacent figure depicts the concept that VirtualLab handles the last propagation to each detector with special regard. Either...

- geometrically
- semi-analytically
- rigorously

The current 2nd Generation Field Tracing simulation engine is the beginning of a new simulation concept.

Currently it uses geometrical optics rules in most parts of the system except for:

- a Gaussian source
- the last propagation distance

where a diffractional regard is applied if required.

VirtualLab Fusion automatically switches between these different light handling.

Classic Field Tracing Techniques in VirtualLab

- 1. Free-space propagation
 - a. Spectrum of plane wave integral (SPW)
 - b. Fresnel integral
 - c. Far field integral
 - d. Geometrical optics propagation
 - e. Automatic selection operator
 - f. further specialised methods
- 2. Rotation operators (electromagnetic fields on arbitrary planes)
- 3. Rigorous modeling for plane interfaces, prisms, cubes etc.
- 4. Geometrical optics field tracing
- 5. Thin element approximation (TEA)
- 6. Beam propagation method (BPM) (split-step)
- 7. Fourier modal method (FMM)
- 8. Finite Element Method (FEM) (with JCMWave)
- 9. ... More are added steadily ...

For **Field Tracing 2nd Generation** for many of these methods we use new and more efficient algorithmic approaches.

Benefit from Field Tracing

As the name suggests, **field tracing** allows to regard and evaluate the light as **complex electromagnetic field throughout the system**, thus

- amplitude
- phase

data of the E field are stored.

And due to diverse applicable physical optics algorithms accurate investigations of

- polarisation
- interference
- coherence
- diffraction

effects is made possible and all other derivable optical quantities can be calculated.



Ray Tracing Engine Comparison: VirtualLab Fusion vs Code V vs Zemax

Zongzhao Wang, Tingcheng Zhang and Irfan Badar Date: 2017, Dec, 31th Applied Computational Optics Group, Jena China Aerospace Science and Technology (CAST) Corporation

System Illustration (Lens System with Tilted Surface)



Specification of Simulation Parameters

- working wavelength: 587nm
- polarization: E_x-polarized
- effective focal length: 100.00049mm
- NA of System: 0.2499
- diameter of plane input wave (entrance pupil): 50mm
- field of view (FOV): 0°
- vignetting: 0
- tilt angle of 7th surface about its x-axis: -3°

Dot Diagram Comparison: Target Plane







Code V

VLF

Zemax

Precise Comparison: Positions all in Accordance

	Ray position at initial plane						
No.	Lateral coordinates	No.	Lateral coordinates				
1	(0, 15 mm)	4	(0, 7.5 mm)				
2	(0, -15 mm)	5	(0, -7.5 mm)				
3	(7.5 mm, 7.5 mm)	6	(7.5 mm, -7.5 mm)				

Ray position at imaging plane

No.	VLF	Code V	Zemax
1	(0, 2.1524 mm)	(0, 2.1524 mm)	(0, 2.1524 mm)
2	(0, 2.1536 mm)	(0, 2.1536 mm)	(0, 2.1536 mm)
3	(52.07 µm, 1.927 mm)	(52.07 µm, 1.927 mm)	(52.07 µm, 1.927 mm)
4	(0, 1.905 mm)	(0, 1.905 mm)	(0, 1.905 mm)
5	(0, 1.8825 mm)	(0, 1.8825 mm)	(0, 1.8825 mm)
6	(56.77 µm, 1.9162 mm)	(56.77 µm, 1.9162 mm)	(56.77 µm, 1.9162 mm)

Ray Tracing in VirtualLab Fusion

- Ray Tracing System Analyzer
- Detector
 - Spot size
 - Wavefront error (Zernike polynomials)
 - Focal length analyzer
 - ...
- Parametric optimization



Parametric Optimization of An Achromatic Doublet

Schematic and Light Path Diagram



Set Optimization Target

e #1 (Conical Interface) Radius of Curvature e #2 (Conical Interface) Radius of Curvature e #2 (Conical Interface) Distance	 ✓ ✓ 	1	Range	-1E+300 m	1E+300 m
e #2 (Conical Interface) Radius of Curvature e #2 (Conical Interface) Distance		1	Range	1E, 200 m	
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	✓	1	Range	0 m	1E+300 n
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• Focal Length Analyzer

- Effective Focal Length is set to 50 mm: for all chosen wavelengths

Optimization Result

Simulation Step									
Detector	Subdetector	301	302	303	304	305	306	307	
	Distance (Achromatic Dou	2.1836 mm	2.1853 mm	2.1843 mm	2.185 mm	2.1834 mm	2.184 mm	2.185 mm	
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	Radius of Curvature (Achro	-28.221 mm	-28.233 mm	-28.224 mm	-28.231 mm	-28.219 mm	-28.223 mm	-28.231 mm	after optimiza
	Radius of Curvature (Achro	-25.627 mm	-25.633 mm	-25.628 mm	-25.632 mm	-25.625 mm	-25.628 mm	-25.632 mm	
	Radius of Curvature (Achro	-56.804 mm	-56.784 mm	-56.8 mm	-56.787 mm	-56.81 mm	-56.801 mm	-56.787 mm	
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Dot Diagram (initial setup)



Dot Diagram (optimized)





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Limitations of Conventional Ray Tracing

Ray & Field Tracing



Ray & Field Tracing



Ray Optics Modeling ...

- gives great basic insight into light propagation.
- often sufficient for optical design, e.g. in standard lens design.
- suffers from serious limitations...

Ray Tracing Concept



Ray Tracing Concept: Collimated Light



Ray Tracing Concept: Point Source (Spherical Wave)











Ray Tracing Limitations: Focusing → Diffractive Zone



Ray Tracing Limitations: Vectorial Modeling



Ray Tracing Limitations: Vectorial Modeling



Ray Tracing Limitations: Energy



Fresnel Effect: Reflectance for TE/TM

air vs. BK7 glass



air vs. silver



Fresnel Effect: Reflectance for TE/TM

air vs. BK7 glass



air vs. silver

Ray Tracing Limitations: Polarization Effects


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Ray Tracing Limitations: Gratings / DOE



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Demand for physical optics modeling and design!

What's Coming Next #2 ...

- different toolboxes of VirtualLab
- non-sequentiality
- fast physical optics



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VirtualLab Toolboxes

Overview



- Different toolboxes provide different functionalities. Users can select those they need.
- Each toolbox adds more tools to your VirtualLab.
- Any toolbox works also as a stand-alone software package, e.g., you may work with the Grating Toolbox without a Starter Toolbox.
- Toolboxes work smoothly together in your VirtualLab.
 Some toolboxes' power is greatly increased if combined with other toolbox(es).
- Typically customers use Starter Toolbox + additional one(s).

VirtualLab Toolboxes



Starter Toolbox (1)

Analysis and parametric optimization of optical systems including:

- refraction
- diffraction
- interference
- polarization
- coherence
- color
- ultrashort pulses (USPs)
- coatings

allows sequential and non-sequential sim







Starter Toolbox (2)

You benefit in particular in different optical areas:

- micro and diffractive optics
- laser optics
- partial coherent source modeling, e.g. excimer and LED
- information and Fourier optics
- interferometry
- polarization optics
- near field optics
- high NA optics
- wavefront engineering
- ultrafast optics
- parametric optimization



Diffractive Optics Toolbox

design and analysis of

- diffractive optical elements (DOE)
 - Diffractive light diffusers
 - Diffractive beam splitters
 - Diffractive beam shapers
 - different common names:
 - computer generated holograms (CGHs)
 - kinoforms
 - phase plates
- refractive beam shapers



Grating Toolbox

- electromagnetic analysis of periodic structures with the Fourier Modal Method (FMM):
 - diffraction efficiency, near field, field inside grating and polarization analysis
 - simulation of 2D & 3D periodic surface and volume gratings
 - analysis of gratings with sub-wavelength features and above
- modular setup concept
- parametric optimization





Laser Resonator Toolbox

- analysis of eigenmodes of stable and unstable resonators
- modeling of active media
- simulation of diffraction effects at apertures and micro structures
- investigation of tolerances
- shaping of fundamental mode by micro-structured mirrors
- LASCAD import



Lighting Toolbox

- design and analysis of grating, prism and mirror cells arrays for light deflection:
 - shaping and homogenization of LED light
 - generation of light marks and light patterns
- includes diffraction, interference, and partial coherence effects



Waveguide Toolbox enables ...

- non-sequential simulations with many configuration options
- special waveguide component
 - complete control of simulated light paths
 - inclusion of ideal and real gratings
 - rigorously calculated grating efficiencies
 - arbitrarly shaped & positioned grating regions
 - gratings on curved surfaces
- powerful modeling & simulation options
 - allow fully/partially illuminated arbitrarily shaped apertures
 - full regard of coherence effects
- ideal for NEDs & HUDs





Non-Sequential Optical Modeling with VirtualLab Fusion

about the Non-Sequential Extension

Non-Sequential Extension (NSE)

Since 2018 VirtualLab introduced the so-called

Non-Sequential Extension (NSE).

VirtualLab *without* NSE also allows non-sequential simulations namely by explicit specification of all light paths of interest.

→ With the NSE, setting up systems and analyzing the different light paths for investigational purposes become much easier, intuitive and adjustable.

Overview of Content

Two questions are answered and further information and examples are shown.

- Q1: What is sequential tracing?
- consequences for setup of systems
- energy regard
- Q2: How to enable & control/specify the non-sequential light paths of interest?
- some examples

Question 1: What is Sequential and Non-Sequential Tracing?

Optical Modeling Task



Optical Modeling: Sequential



Optical Modeling: Non-Sequential



Collimation System: Sequential Simulation



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Collimation System: Non-Sequential Simulation



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Conclusion of Question 1

What is sequential and non-sequential tracing?



- Users predefine the sequence of the components, and the light propagation through them follows this sequence.
- Light propagates through / reflects from one component just once.



- Light propagation does not follow any sequence.
- Light propagates through / reflects several times from one component.

Note: Linkages are still used, but only for the purpose of referencing (position/orientation).

Different Needs for Non-Sequentiality

A) for evaluation of undesired (detrimental) reflections

- ghost image effects
- stray light orders in waveguides
- ... (any back reflections between different surfaces in a system)
- B) for simulation of intended (necessary) reflections
 - systems with splitted light paths (e.g. any interferometer setup)
 - systems with folded light paths (e.g. diverse telescope setups)
 - etalons
 - ... (whatever system makes use of multiple or reflected light paths)

A) Unwanted Multiple Reflections / Light Paths

Setup with & without Non-Sequential Extension (NSE)

Back Reflection in Bi-Convex Lens

ray & field tracing simulation without back reflections







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Setup in VirtualLab without Non-Sequential Extension (NSE)

without reflections





with reflections





sequential setup \Rightarrow sequential simulation

complex setup WAS necessary for non-sequential simulation

Setup in VirtualLab with Non-Sequential Extension (NSE)





Flag: Non-Sequential Tracing = <u>False</u>







Flag: Non-Sequential Tracing = True

difference for setup = 1 Double CLICK !

i.e. easy switching between sequential & non-sequential simulations

Energy Consideration

- collimation objective lens example
- near-eye display (NED) waveguide example

Accurate Representation of Resulting Light





- Non-sequential simulations require the accurate consideration of energy conservation.
- It is of paramount importance to know how much energy the different deflected light portions carry.

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Knowing Which Light Paths Are of Significance



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2. Question: How to Enable & Control Sequential and Non-Sequential Tracing?

- → Non-Sequential Tracing flag
- → Channel Concept

Surface Channels

• Setting A



Surrace	+/+	+/-	-/-	-/+
1st	\checkmark			
2nd	\checkmark			

• Setting B



 Surface
 +/+
 +/ -/ -/+

 1st
 ✓
 ✓
 ✓
 ✓
 ✓

 2nd
 ✓
 ✓
 ✓
 ✓
 ✓
 ✓

• Setting C



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1st	\checkmark		\checkmark	
2nd		\checkmark		

Surface Channels

• Setting D



• Setting E



Note: An activated channel does not necessarily lead to corresponding light path(s). E.g., the -/- and -/+ channel of the 2nd interface do not influence the tracing, because there is no backward incidence.

Conclusion of Question 2

How to enable & control sequential and non-sequential tracing?


B) Intended Multiple Reflections / Light Paths

Etalon, Interferometer, Telescope

Etalon Example

with regard of polarization of incident light

Optical Etalon

- Configuration of input field
 - plane wave
 - polarization
 - a) E_x -polarized
 - b) E_y -polarized
- Configuration of etalon
 - cylindrical-planar
 - center thickness 700 µm
 - cylindrical surface radius 1 m



Optical Etalon with Field Tracing Results

- Configuration of input field
 - plane wave
 - polarization
 - a) E_x -polarized
 - b) E_y -polarized
- Configuration of etalon
 - cylindrical-planar
 - center thickness 700 µm
 - cylindrical surface radius 1 m

There is no 3rd light mode, because the next back reflected light portion carries no significant efficiency any more!



Interferometer Example

Michelson type

Michelson Interferometer Specification



Michelson Interferometer Setup



Michelson Interferometer Simulation \rightarrow Result (3D Ray Tracing)





Michelson Interferometer Simulation → Results (Field Tracing) 1



simulation time without NSE: ~3s simulation time with NSE: ~ 2s





inverse rainbow colors

Michelson Interferometer Simulation → Results (Field Tracing) 2



simulation with

 varying distances of movable mirror (from -600 μm to +600 μm)



Michelson Interferometer Simulation → Results (Field Tracing) 3



simulation with

- varying distances of movable mirror (from -600 μm to +600 μm)
- and fixed mirror with slight curvature (10m radius)



Telescope Example

Herrig Schiefspiegler type

Modeling Task



Ray Tracing System Analyzer Result



Field Tracing Results (PSFs) with Different Incident Angles







Non-sequential field tracing for the PSF calculation, including double-pass between two mirrors, takes less than 10 seconds





(0.6°, 0.6°)

Conclusion

- VirtualLab Fusion offers both, sequential and non-sequential ray & field tracing!
 - with total control of investigations of relevant light paths (energy consideration)
- Modeling of a lot of applications take advantages of non-sequential tracing.



What Does Fast Physical Optics Mean?

In Fast Physical Optics we comply with the following strategies:

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 - \rightarrow guarantees physical optics
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Concept: Different Propagation Techniques (Maxwell Solvers)

• Field tracing concept



Free space: Diffraction integral

- 2 Lens & mirror: Geometrical optics
- **3** Grating: Fourier Modal Method (FMM)
- A Resonator: Fully vectorial Fox and Li algorithm

5 Crystals: fully vectorial field propagation, and include any types of anisotropies

Demonstrational Example:

Dynamics in Linear Polarization Conversion in Uniaxial Crystals

Comparing Experimental with Our Simulation Results

Modeling Task



Results



et al., Opt. Express **17**, 18196-18208 (2009)

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Interconnection of Regional Maxwell Solvers



VirtualLab uses equidistant and non-equidistant sampling
 as well as gridded and non gridded data representations.
 → suitable data transfer and clever interpolation techniques are required

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Surface Channels

• Setting A



• Setting B



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• Setting E



Collimation System: Non-Sequential Simulation



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Non-Sequential Field Tracing

Coupled Surfaces Analysis by Using Non-sequential Field Tracing

Theory Background

• Global S matrix



 Recursion with respect to number of regions / layers Non-sequential field tracing



 Recursion with respect to number of light paths

Planar Surface + Planar Surface

• Structure • Non-sequential field tracing



Rectangular + Sawtooth Grating (parallel)

• Non-sequential field tracing



... with sawtooth coating



Т	Eff.	R	Eff.
-1	28.1%	-1	0.65%
0	18.2%	0	0.923%
+1	51.4%	+1	0.74%

Rectangular + Sawtooth Grating (parallel)

• Non-sequential field tracing



... with sawtooth coating

R

-1

0

+1

550 nm

*

700

T+1

Τ0

T-1

Eff.

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0.923%

0.74%

Computational Effort

• Parallel gratings



Global S matrix	Non-sequential field tracing		
$\sim M^3$ (scaling with number of layers)	$\sim M^3$ (scaling with number of light paths)		
with M as the number of diffraction (evanescent included) orders used in calculation			

• Crossed gratings



Global S matrix	Non-sequential field tracing		
$\frac{\sim (M_{\chi} \times M_{y})^{3}}{\text{(scaling with number of layers)}}$	$\sim (M_x^3 + M_y^3)$ (scaling with number of light paths)		
with M_x and M_y as the number of diffraction (evanescent included) orders in both directions			
Rectangular + Sawtooth Grating (crossed)

- Structure
 - Front: rectangular grating (along *x* direction)
 - Back: sawtooth grating (along y direction)





Rectangular + Sawtooth Grating (crossed)





1, 0

5.4%

1, 0

5.7%

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• Non-sequential field tracing (TM)

Rectangular + Sawtooth Grating (crossed)





Non-sequential field tracing (TE)

Rectangular + Sawtooth Grating (45° rotated)

- Structure
 - Front: rectangular grating (along *x* direction)
 - Back: sawtooth grating (along x-y diagonal direction)





Global S matrix (TM)

- ➔ No common period!
- → Huge computational effort even with approximated common period

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Rigorous Propagation in Homogeneous Media

 The rigorous propagation in the <u>x-domain</u> (Rayleigh-Sommerfeld integral) has the complexity (i.e. numerical effort) of N² with N ... the sampling number.

 N^2 operation

- In the <u>k-domain</u> the propagation reduces to a simple product → linear in N.
- But two Fast Fourier Transforms are required (FFT & FFT⁻¹), which each requires a sampling effort of N log(N).

 $2 \cdot N \log(N) + N$ operation

can be extended to propagation between tilted planes



Field Tracing in Different Domains



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What does it mean for the Fourier transform?

Explanation for Numerical Effort

- In physical optics' algorithms a complex field representation is advantegeous (e.g. for the Fourier transform calculations). Then field components are represented by their amplitude and phase values (A and φ) in the form V = A ⋅ e^{iφ}. Thus phase modulations are handled in a 2π modulo mode.
 → To fulfill the Nyquist-Shannon sampling theorem each phase deviation of 2π radians requires at least 2-3 data points in 1D regard.
- Below the 2π modulo vs the unwraped phase representation is shown. The unwraped version requires view data points for sufficient sampling together with a suitable interpolation.



Representation of Fields by Separately Handled Phase Factors



Example: Phase Aberrations Are Handled in Geometric Factor



Example: Spherical Field with Stop



→ finding efficient ways to handle/store wavefront phase factors

- by analytical spherical phase factor (classic field tracing option; not always possible)
- by extracting a quadratic phase factor (semi analytical approach)
- by mapping concept (geometrical approach)

Needed Sampling of Spherical Field with Stop



Example: Spherical Field with Stop



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Results of Fourier Transform



weak wavefront factor

$$V_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\rho}, z, \omega) = |V_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\rho}, z, \omega)| \exp(\mathrm{i}\varphi_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\rho}, z, \omega)) \exp(\mathrm{i}\psi(\boldsymbol{\rho}, z, \omega))$$

spherical wavefront

initial field with spherical phase \rightarrow FT

spherical wavefront with decreasing radius of curvature; increasing NA

strong wavefront factor



Types of Fourier Transforms for Field without Diffractive Factor

Regular FFT: Requires sampling of full phase information according to Nyquist- Shannon theorem (number of sampling points $N^{Nyq}(\psi)$). \rightarrow suited for weak wavefront phase factors only.

Semi-Analytical FFT: Can analytically handle a wavefront phase represented by $\psi^q(x, y) = A + B \cdot (x; y) + C \cdot x \cdot y + D \cdot (x^2; y^2)$, thus up to a quadratic phase factor. Only the remaining/residual phase differences need to be sampled (number of sampling points $N^{\text{Nyq}}(\psi^{\text{res}}))$.

 \rightarrow suited for weak to moderate wavefront phase factors.

Geometric FT: wavefront can be sampled in its unwrapped real (non-complex) data representation $N(\psi)$.

 \rightarrow suited for fields with strong wavefront phase factors.



Minimization of N enables fast physical optics!

Triad of Fourier Transform Techniques



Triad of Fourier Transform Techniques



- Techniques have been implemented in 2nd generation field tracing engine in VirtualLab Fusion.
- Algorithm is based on a hybrid sampling: combination of equidistant sampling, non-equidistant sampling, analytical expressions.
- Automatic selection of techniques per operation.

Fast Physical Optics Modeling Zones

Physical Optics Modeling	
Diffractive Field Zone (DFZ)	Geometric Field Zone (GFZ)

Fast Physical Optics Modeling Zones



Fast Physical Optics Modeling Zones



 $N(\psi) \ll N^{\text{Nyq}}(\psi^{\text{res}}) \ll N^{\text{Nyq}}(\psi)$


























Example: Free-Space Propagation





What's Coming Next #3 ...

- propagation techniques with examples
- sources (demonstrational examples)
- detectors (some impressions)

Information about Propagation Techniques

Different Specialized Solvers of Maxwell's Equations

Optical Components

- elements with planar interfaces
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Fresnel Effects

• Fresnel effects calculator with different diagram, and possibilities to include coatings





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Extreme Case of a Lens

Investigation of a Ball Lens of Different Size → Mie Scattering

Radius = 10nm

Ex-amplitude





Radius = 100nm

Ex-amplitude





Radius = 300nm

Ex-amplitude







Ex-amplitude







Ex-amplitude





Radius = 10µm

Ex-amplitude





Radius = 100 µm

Ex-amplitude



Ex-amplitude



Examplary Evaluations: Computational Time

Sampling Points (SP) X × Y	Considered Number of Orders (Nt)(*)	Time
2000 × 2000	2200	?
1000 × 1000	1150	4d10h
2000 × 2000	150	1d 14h 40m
1000 × 1000	125	7h12m
1000 × 1000	80	2h 50m
1000 × 1000	30	21m
1000 × 1000	10	8m11s

(*) number of considered orders necessary for accurate computation: numerical effort is proportional to

For large spheres, Mie theory is numerically time consuming. For lenses without high symmetry, Mie theory is not valid.

Further Tearing

- 1. Field propagation through a curved surface
- 2. Free space propagation
- 3. Field propagation through a curved surface
- 4. Further non-sequentially propagation



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Local Plane Interface Approximation (LPIA)



- For each k-value the so-called bidirectional (B) operator(*) in space domain is the response of the surface on a plane wave.
- Response is obtained by local satisfaction of boundary condition.

(*) generalization of the bidirectional scattering distribution function (BSDF)

LPIA: FEM Reference Sinusoidal Grating



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Comparison of Near Field: LPIA vs. FEM

[depth: 2 µm]

- Incident field:
 - TE polarized plane wave;
 - Wavelength: 532 nm;
 - Normal incidence;
- Structure:
 - Sinusoidal grating 2D;
 - Air/Fused silica;
 - Period: 10.64 um= 20λ ;
- Output:
 - Amplitude of the electric field behind the grating(LPIA);
 - Amplitude of the electric field behind the grating(FEM);









- GFT

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Freeform 1: Simulation through Freeform Interface



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High-contrast Computational Caustic Design



Freeform 1: Developing Result behind Freeform Interface



Freeform 2: Research Design Topic: Plane Wave → "IAP"



Freeform 2: Mesh Design



Freeform 2: Current Simulation Results from Freeform Design



Freeform Example 3: Measurement of Orbital Angular Momentum (OAM)

Martin P. J. Lavery, *et al.*, "Refractive elements for the measurement of the orbital angular momentum of a single photon," Opt. Express 20, 2110-2115 (2012)

Simulation in VirtualLab Fusion



Laguerre-Gaussian

• Light source







• Amplitude distributions before and after transformation



• Phase distribution before and after transformation


Detection Part

- Shift theorem
 - A linear phase in one domain leads to a lateral shift in the other domain according to Fourier transformation



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- Shift theorem
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System Functioning



- An input orbital angular momentum (OAM) is firstly transformed to transverse momentum by the mode transformer, which is composed of two freeform refractive optical elements
- The transverse momentum is then transformed into lateral position shift by a Fourier lens
- By precise measurement of the lateral shift, one reads the OAM state i.e. the encoded information

Visualization of Surface Profiles in 1D, 2D and 3D

Demo of Customization \rightarrow here: Conversion Module

Task: Visualization of Surface Profiles

- To define the structure of any optical system it is pretty typical to define components, which are oriented within the system.
- Each component can by typically defined by combining optical surfaces and media.
- The visualization of these building blocks is very important.
- VirtualLab provides several options to visualize surfaces in 1D and 3D.
- In addition a 2D visualization of surfaces is possible.



Standard Surface Visualization



3D view of optical surfaces

Edit dialog of optical interface sequence including 1D profile

Customized Surface Visualization



2018-01-30_Christian_Hellmann_DisplayOfSurfaceSagInVirtualLab

Source Code	Advanced Settings		
13	using VirtualLabAPI.Core.LightPath;		
14	using VirtualLabAPI.Core.Materials;		· · · · ·
15	using VirtualLabAPI.Core.Modules;		
16	using VirtualLabAPI.Core.Numerics;		
17	using VirtualLabAPI.Core.OpticalSystems;		
18	using VirtualLabAPI.Core.Propagation;		
19			
20 🕀	namespace OwnCode {		
21 🛱	/// <summary></summary>		
22	/// this module can be used to visualize a surface selected from th	e user defined cata	alog
23	<pre>/// the user can select whether to visualize the interface as 2D or</pre>	1D data array	
24	///		
25 🗐	<pre>public class VLModule : IVLModule {</pre>		
26 🛱	/// <summary></summary>		
27	<pre>/// the name of the interface within the user defined catalog w</pre>	hich shall be visua	alized
28	///		
29	<pre>string surfaceNameInUserDefinedInterfaceCatalog = "Sinusoidal G</pre>	rating Interface wi	ith 1D 🔊
<			>
Error Descrip	tion	Line	
Module start	ed		
Thread finish	ed normally		
		Ln 48	Ch 23

Select name of surface which should be load from user defined catalog.

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Modeling Technologies

- Electromagnetic analysis of gratings by
 - Fourier Modal Method (FMM)
 - (also called) Rigorous Coupled Wave Analysis (RCWA)
 - Integral Method
- Approximated analysis by Thin Element Approximation
- Merit functions:
 - Diffraction efficiency
 - Near field
 - Far field
 - Field inside grating
 - Polarization analysis
 - Customized merit functions
- Grating analysis for plane and general incident waves
- Analysis include degree of coherence, color, polarization.



Modeling Technologies

Grating analysis for general incident waves.

- Typically gratings are only a part of an entire optical system
- In addition to the grating there are e.g. illumination and detector optics
- Simulation of multi-scale optical systems including macroscopic optical components and gratings.
- Fourier Modal Method for general incident waves in combination with other field tracing techniques enables the simulation of such multi-scale optical setups.



Ultra-Sparse Dielectric Nano-Wire Grid Polarizers

1D photonic crystal

Abstract



Ultra-sparse dielectric nanowire grids show strongly polarization-dependent properties and they can be employed as wideband reflectors [J. W. Yoon *et al.*, Opt. Express **23**, 28849-28856 (2015)]. The polarization-, wavelength-, and angle-dependent properties of selected nanowire grids are investigated by using the Fourier modal method (FMM). Visualization of the interaction between electric field and the nanowire grids are presented.

Modeling Task



Results

• Reflectance vs. wavelength for different structures



reference results from J. W. Yoon *et al.*, Opt. Express **23**, 28849-28856 (2015)

Nanowire No.	#1 ——	#2 ——	#3 ——
refractive index n	10	7.07	3.16
height h	269nm	270nm	292nm
filling factor F	0.01	0.02	0.1

Results

• Reflectance vs. wavelength & incident angle



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FMM simulation in VirtualLab

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• Visualization of fields inside a nanowire grid



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Imaging Systems > Inclusion of Gratings

Rigorous Simulation of Holographic generated Volume Grating

Task/System Illustration



reflection efficiency



volume grating

Specification: Volume Grating



Parameter	Description / Value & Unit
type	holographic generated
index modulation	0.01 (increased due to exposure)
thickness	70µm
period in x-direction	507.6nm
period in z-direction	292.5nm
tilt of modulation	59.9°

Result: Angular Dependency of Reflection



Result: Wavelength Dependency of Reflection



Fields in Focal Regions

Example Wafer inspection system

Example of Multi-scale Optical System



Base Grating Structure



Base Structure Analysis

Intensity Image of Grating after Polarizer in X-Direction

Intensity Image of Grating after Polarizer in Y-Direction



Modified Grating Structure



Modified Structure Analysis

Intensity Image of Grating after Polarizer in X-Direction





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Nutshell (Hartwig Crailsheim v0.2)

Analysis of Sub-Wavelength Beam Splitter Structure with Approximated, Rigorous and Semi-Rigorous Method

Light, Structure & Analysis Methods



wavelength: 532nm

Diffractive 1 : 7 × 7 Splitter

period: 7.56µm smallest feature size: 360nm on-axis order separation: ~4°

Analysis Methods

- Thin Element Approximation (**TEA**)
- Rigorous Fourier Modal Method (FMM)
- Semi Rigorous Split Step Method (with Periodic Boundary Conditions?)

Analysis Results



Result Compilation

Field Inside > Split Step & FMM > Amplitudes

Period = 50µm; Smallest Feature = 4.7410µm



Period = 20µm; Smallest Feature = 1.8964µm



Period = 10µm; Smallest Feature = 0.9482µm



Period = 5µm; Smallest Feature = 0.4741µm


Result Compilation

Field Inside

- > Split Step & FMM
- > Phases

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Result Compilation

Field Inside + Efficiencies
> Split Step & FMM
> Phases

Efficiency Calculation

- For the calculation based on TEA and FMM, the Grating Toolbox was used.
- In case of the Split Step method the Starter Toolbox was used. But this analysis method is still in the investigational phase. E.g. the result evaluation has to be improved.

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Design and Modeling of a Diffractive Lens

Based on Local Linear Grating Approximation (LLGA)

Task Description



 For a given input spherical wave, to design an optical element to focus the input beam with a specific numerical aperture (NA=0.3) and a required working distance (50mm).

Design Process: Functional Embodiment



The element is consider as a phase only function, which is the subtraction of the phase from input and output field: $\varphi(x, y) = \varphi^{out}(x, y) - \varphi^{in}(x, y)$

Design Process: Structure Embodiment



Simulation with Designed Result



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Scenario 90 (3.0)

Simulation of Scattering at Rough Surface with Thin Element Approximation (TEA)

Surfaces in VirtualLab are usually smooth. In contrast, real surfaces are always rough to a certain degree.

This application scenario demonstrates the simulation of a Gauss beam that passes a glass plate with a rough surface according to measured height profile data. In 1m distance the scattered light is analyzed.

Modeling Task



Measured Surface Profile Data



Result: Diffraction Pattern

in real colors

in false (reverse rainbow) colors







Exercise (v0.9.1)

Analysis of System with Binary Lens

Modeling Task



plane wave wavelength: 532nm \emptyset 2.5mm with 5% edge width diffractive lens (based on conical surface)

• 2 levels

effective focal length f=200mm

focal plane

Expected Result: Phase Directly after Lens



phase of field after lens

Expected Result: PSF & MTF



🛃 6: Modulation Transfer Function #604 after Foc... 🗖 💷 💌 Numerical Data Array Diagram Table Value at (x,y) Modulation Transfer Function [%] 100 20 Cycles per mm in Y-direction 9 50 0 9 20 -5...E-05 T -20 -10 10 20 0 Cylces per mm in X-direction

PSF

2D MTF



AppS.0009 (1.1)

Simulation of a Bifocal Hybrid Lens

Keywords: bifocal Lens, combined Interface, hybrid lens, multifocal lens, multifocal, bifocal

Task Description



plane wave

bifocal lens with hybrid surface

target plane

Task Description



- Center thickness of lens: 1mm.
- Diameter: 2.3mm
- Radius of curvature of the spherical surface: 10mm
- Hybrid surface modeled as a superposition of a spherical and a diffractive lens surface.
- Superposition of surface profiles by combined interface of VirtualLab.
- Diffractive lens parameters:
 - Radius: Infinity
 - A2: 0.0022608
 - A4: 0.00038131
 - A6: 2.74E-06

On-Axis Intensity

The **intensity along the optical axis** can be taken as indicator for the focal positions. Via **parameter run** the position behind the lens is varied. **To speed up** the simulation, a **separate LPD** with the light distribution 9.37 mm behind the lens as input field is used. Hence, the **muliple propagation through this hybrid lens is avoided**.



On-axis intensity depending on distance from lens. The two focal points in a distance of 550 µm (at 9.37 mm and 9.91 mm) are visible.

Ray Tracing System Analyzer: Results





Left figure: 3D ray tracing result

Right figure: Spot diagram somewhere between the intended two focal planes.

The **position of the two focal planes** and the **point spread function (PSF)** can only be analyzed by classic **field tracing** which includes the consideration of **diffraction effects** due to the microstructured surface part of the hybrid lens (diffractive lens surface).

Field Tracing: Point Spread Functions







PSF in 1st focal plane, 9.37 mm after lens PSF between focal planes, 9.67 mm after lens PSF in focal plane 2, 9.92 mm after lens

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Light Shaping > Aperiodic Microlens Array

LED Top Hat Generation using Aperiodic Refractive Beam Shaper Array

Task/System Illustration



Specs: Light Source



Parameter	Description / Value & Unit
name/type	Seoul Z-LED P4 from Seoul Semiconductors
partially coherent source type	Gaussian type planar source
collimation	TIR lens from Carclo Optics (part no. 10003)
spectrum	pure white light spectrum
FWHM radiant intensity	9°

Specs: Light Source



Specs: Aperiodic Refractive Beam Shaper Array


Specs: Evaluation



Desired	Target Pattern	

Position	Type of Evaluation	Description / Value & Unit
а	camera detector	evaluates intensity pattern
b	performance criteria evaluation	evaluates conversion & window efficiency and uniformity error regarding the desired target pattern

Results: Intensity Pattern (real color view)



Results: Performance Criteria Evaluation



Highlights

- fast and accurate modeling of a white light LED
- design and analysis an aperiodic refractive beam shaper array to optimize a top hat intensity pattern

Parameter	Value & Unit Aperiodic Beam Shaper Array	Value & Unit Microlens Array
window efficiency	92.23%	99.93%
conversion efficiency	89.34%	80.18%
uniformity error	17.92%	49.08%



Modeling of Microlens Array with Different Lens Shapes

Abstract



Microlens arrays are useful in many applications, such as imaging, wavefront sensing, light homogenizing, and so on. Due to different fabrication techniques and for different purposes, the microlenses can appear in different shapes. In this example, microlens array with different lens shapes square and round – are modeled. That leads to apertures in different shapes, and the difference in the focal plane due to aperture effects is shown clearly. The change of the focal spots with respect to the imposed aberration in the input field is demonstrated.

Modeling Task













Optical Components

- elements with planar interfaces
- lenses
- freeforms
- gratings
- diffractive optical elements / lenses
- lens arrays
- crystals
- GRIN media







[1] IMS-Mechatronics Lab











Example – Stress Birefringence

- Laser-based soldering
 - Contact free heating, versatile to use
 - Localized and minimized input of energy
 - Flux-free processing, no contamination

P. Ribes-Pleguezuelo et al., Opt. Express 25, 5927-5940 (2017)



Photo from Fraunhofer IOF

- ANSYS
 - Structural/material definition
 - Transient thermal analysis
 - Stress simulation inside crystal component

- VirtualLab
 - Convert stress into optical permittivity data
 - Simulation of field propagation through birefringent materials

• Convert stress to optical permittivity (for each layer inside stratified medium)



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Stress tensor $\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{1} & \sigma_{6} & \sigma_{5} \\ \sigma_{6} & \sigma_{2} & \sigma_{4} \\ \sigma_{5} & \sigma_{4} & \sigma_{3} \end{pmatrix}$ Piezo-optic constant $\Delta B_{m} = \pi_{mn} \sigma_{n}$ Changes in impermeability tensor

 $\begin{pmatrix} \Delta B_1 & \Delta B_6 & \Delta B_5 \\ \Delta B_6 & \Delta B_2 & \Delta B_4 \\ \Delta B_5 & \Delta B_4 & \Delta B_3 \end{pmatrix}$

• Convert stress to optical permittivity (for each layer inside stratified medium)



Edit General Parameter: Double Array 2D X								
Array Dimension Specification Number of Entries Make Entries Available in Parameter Run								
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Example: piezo-optic constant tensor for YAG crystal

• Convert stress to optical permittivity (for each layer inside stratified medium)

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VirtualLab Simulation

• Convert stress to optical permittivity



Conversion from stress tensor to the corresponding permittivity tensor is implemented by using the programmable component in VirtualLab

Input field

lacksquare

1) @1064 nm I $|E_{\chi}|$ $|E_y|$ (waist radius 50 µm) 2) @532 nm $|E_{\chi}|$ $|E_y|$ (waist radius 50 µm)

Note: we set the polarization according to the SHG configuration

- Applied stress ullet
 - (a) no stress (b) actual stress (c) 10x stress

Output field ullet



• YAG crystal with 1064 nm input field (Ey)



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- YAG crystal with 1064 nm input field (Ey)
 - Further check on the influence of stress-induced birefringence, we perform parameter run from 1x to 201x stresses (with 101 steps)



• YAG crystal with 532 nm input field (Ex)



- YAG crystal with 532 nm input field (Ex)
 - Further check on the influence of stress-induced birefringence, we perform parameter run from 1x to 51x stresses (with 101 steps)





(logarithm color for better visibility)

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[2] ISUZU GLASS



Laser Systems > Beam Delivery System

Modeling of Graded-Index (GRIN) Multimode Fiber

Task/System Illustration



- ray propagation through a GRIN fiber
- electromagnetic field propagation through a GRIN fiber by
 - a rigorous Maxwell solver, the Fourier Modal Method (FMM) with Perfectly Matched Layers (PMLs)
 - our newly developed very fast approximated Maxwell solver

Specifications: Light Source



Specifications: GRIN fiber

• refractive index n(x, y)

$$n(x, y) = n_0 \sqrt{1 - 2 \cdot \Delta \cdot \frac{r^2}{r_0^2}}$$
$$= \frac{n_1^2 - n_2^2}{r_0^2}$$

with
$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$
 and $\Delta = \frac{n_1^2 - n_2^2}{2n_1^2}$

• in this case,
$$n_1 = 1.3$$
, $n_2 = 1.0$, $r_0 = 50 \,\mu\text{m}$



Results: 3D System Ray Tracing



Results: Switching to Our Fast Approach



Results: Our Fast Approach



Results: Our Fast Approach vs FMM





Source and detector modeling




Video of sources



Messages	Detector Results			
		CPU Usage: 0	100% Physical Memory: 0	12 GB

Partially Coherent Source: Lateral Modes



a set of point sources



Partially Coherent Source: Lateral Modes



[3] Tervo, J., Turunen, J., Vahimaa, P. and Wyrowski, F. J. Opt. Soc. Am. A 27(9)(2014)

Gaussian Type Planar Source (Example)

Spatial Parameters Polarization	Spectral Pa Mode Selection	arameters	Numb – Weig
Generate Cross Section			Spec
Source Field Parameters			
Size of Source Plane	100 µm	100 µm	
Reference Wavelength (Vacuum)		532 nm ∨	
Select Achromatic Parameter:			
HWHM Divergence Angle (max. 45 degree)	1°	1°	
O Spatial Coherence Length	4.0383 µm	4.0383 µm	
◯ Waist Radius (1/e^2)	5.711 µm	5.711 µm	

Definition of Lateral Me	odes			
Definition Strategy		Random		~
Number of Lateral Modes (max: 2147483647))	9	
Weight Function				
Specification Type	Cons	stant Weight	⊖ User	-Defined Weight
	Weight \	Value		1



Modelling of Source

- Modelling of Source
 - Transfer the 1D data(a) into 2D field data (b)
 - Calculate the source modes by using Parametric Optimization.
 - The source contains two Gaussian Laguerre modes (d).
 - The intensity distribution is (c)





Pulse in Frequency Domain

- In frequency (wavelength) domain
 - Gaussian pulse



- In time domain (envelop)
 - Fourier transform



Pulse in Frequency Domain

- In frequency (wavelength) domain
 - Gaussian pulse



- In time domain
 - Fourier transform



Detectors - Examples



Detector of ray quantities

- Ray tracing system analyzer
- Spot diagram
- Spot size

3D Ray Tracing Analyzer: VLF



Dot Diagram Comparison: Target Plane

- VLF spot size (Beam diameter RMS): <u>581.25</u> µm (Centroid as reference)
- Code V spot size (RMS): <u>580.62</u> μm
- VLF spot size (Beam diameter RMS): <u>880.42</u> µm (Chief ray as reference)
- Zemax spot size (RMS): <u>880.114</u> μm



Code V



VLF

Zemax

Detector of ray quantities

- Ray tracing system analyzer
- Spot diagram
- Spot size
- Wavefront error

System Illustrations



Modeling & Design Results



Field Detectors

• Electromagnetic field: amplitude / phase/ real and imaginary part





Spatiotemporal Evolution of Femtosecond Pulse Focus

Overview



Laser beam

Aspherical lens

Focal plane

NA=0.68

Input Beam Pulse



Simulation: Ex, Ey and Ez

• Enable the detectors Ex, Ey and Ez



Simulation: Pulse at Point (0,0)

• Enable Detector Pulse Evaluation



 E_{χ}



Envelope



Field

Simulation: Pulse along *x***-Axis**







Imaging and laser systems

Specification: Collimating Lens





Parameter	Value & Unit
types of lens surfaces	3 lenses with 6 spherical surfaces
numerical aperture (NA)	0.63
materials	M ₁ : N-SF6* M ₂ ,M ₃ : N-BK7*

* from catalog "Schott_2014"

Specification: Focusing Asphere



Parameter	Value & Unit
name/type	convex-plano aspherical lens from Asphericon: ALL12-25-S-U (A12-25LPX)
numerical aperture	0.23
material (M)	N-BK7

Specification: Detectors



Position	Modeling Technique	Detector/Analyzer
full system	3D system ray tracing	general overview of light behavior in system
а	ray tracing	residual phase aberrations
b	ray tracing	dot diagram & focal beam size (x × y)
b	field tracing	intensity distribution
b	field tracing	focal beam size, M^2 value (x × y)
С	field tracing	focal region analysis by multiple 1D cross sections in x- & y-direction

Results: 3D System Ray Tracing



Results: Field behind Asphere



Results: Comparison with/without Astigmatisms



Results: Focus Spot (PSF) & Parameters



Results: Field Analysis in Focal Region 1D



z axis

(amplitudes in grey and inverse rainbow colors)

Results: Field Development in front of Focus 2D



principal axis of beam ellipse changes from y- to x-direction.



Results: Focus Position in X vs Y Direction



z-position of smallest spot diameter is different for x- and y-direction

Document & Technical Info

code	BD.0002
version of document	1.0
title	Focus Investigation behind Aspherical Lens
category	Laser Systems > Beam Delivery (BD)
author	Hartwig Crailsheim (LightTrans)
used VL version	7.0.0.29

Specifications of PC Used for Simulation		
Processor	i7-4910MQ (4 CPU cores)	
RAM	32GB	
Operating System	Windows 10	



Mach-Zehnder Interferometer Using Coherent Light

Task/System Illustration


Results: 3D System Ray Tracing



Results: Field Tracing with Tilt of the Object



Results: Field Tracing Lateral Shift of the Object





Interaction of Highly Focused Azimuthally polarized Field with Nano Particle

Task/System Illustration



Dot Diagram at Focal Plane: NA=0.85



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Field at Focal Plane: NA=0.85



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Transmitted Near Field



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Light Shaping

Light shaping by inverse approach

Concept of amplitude matching and consequences

















Imaging System Examples

1. single lens design
2. off-axis aberration control

• Desing task: For a given spherical wave input, how to design a diffractive lens to focus it with required NA and focal length.



a. functional embodiment : a phase-only functional component

The phase function $\varphi(x, y)$ is obtained by the subtraction of the input field and the required signal field.

The functional component gives the required phase for the input spherical wave, and keep the input irradiance as remained according to energy conservation.





b. structure: HOE

ray tracing result with HOE (with the working order of +1 order)







Task description: design a optical element to correct the aberration of a spherical lens illuminated with offaxis input plane wave



a. functional embodiment





the +1 order is used as working order

c. design freeform surface



Light Shaping Concepts

- tailored aberrations (beam shaping)
- stored scanning process (diffuser & splitter)
- multichannel concept (cells array)

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Light shaping by tailored aberrations

Refractive and diffractive optical elements

Beam Shaping: The Task



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Basic "Beam Shaping" Task: Focusing


Basic "Beam Shaping" Task: Focusing



Basic "Beam Shaping" Task: Focusing



Basic "Beam Shaping" Task: Focusing



Light Shaping by Aberrations



Beam shaping can be understood as the introduction of aberrations to shape the focus!

Ideal Lens vs. Spherical Aberrations





Ideal Lens vs. Astigmatism





Ideal Lens vs. Coma





Ideal Lens vs. Mixed Aberration





Conclusions for Beam Shaping

• Aberrations enlarge and reshape the focal spot of the ideal lens system



- The focal spot of the ideal lens system must be
 - Smaller than the demanded shaped spot
 - Not bigger than the smallest feature in the shaped spot
- Designing a beam shaping system must always be started with selecting a lens system the NA of which enables the required focal spot size
- Remark: Aberrations of lens systems are allowed, because beam shaper can compensate that

Introduction of Aberrations



What Kind of Aberrations Are Needed?

- Dependent on the input beam and the required beam profile in the target plane aberrations must be introduced
- A basic approach to estimate the required aberrations for a given beam shaping problem is based on
 - Determination of geometrical distortion to redistribute energy
 - Calculation of phase function, which realizes the geometrical distortion

Geometrical Distortion Concept

Analytical beam shaping with application to laser-diode arrays

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Geometrical Distortion Concept



Fig. 1. Distortion transforming a Gaussian beam to a uniform distribution.

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Light Shaping > Refractive Optics

Design of a Refractive Beam Shaper to Generate a Circular Top-Hat

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Task Illustration



 Design a beam shaping element to shape a laser beam (fundamental mode) to a circular Top-Hat.

Specification: Light Source



Parameter	Description / Value & Unit
type/number	Gaussian beam
coherence/mode	single Hermite Gaussian (0,0) mode
wavelength	632.8nm
beam diameter (1/e ²)	8 mm x 8 mm

Specification: Beam Shaper Element



• Aspherical interface:

$$h(x, y) = \sum_{i} a_{i} r^{i}$$

with $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and *i* is polynormial order index

Parameter	Value & Unit
name/type	Aspherical lens
material	N-BK7
thickness	5 mm
size (diameter)	23 mm
Distance to detector	200 mm

Specification: Desired Pattern



Parameter	Description / Value & Unit
type/number	Top-Hat (Super-Gaussian Wave)
wavelength	632.8nm
beam diameter (1/e ²)	400 μm x 400 μm
edge width	40 µm

Specifications: Merit Functions for Design



Parameter	Description / Value & Unit
conversion efficiency	> 90%
signal to Noise Radio (SNR)	> 22 dB
maximum relative intensity of stray light	< 10%

Specifications: Detector



Position	Modeling Technique	Detector/Analyzer
а	field tracing	Intensity
b	field tracing	Value of merit functions

Optimization Process



- Design Process is easily done by using the *Refractive Beam Shaping* Session.
 - Fill the parameters in illustration
 - Next!
- Click *Finish*, the beam shaper design is done immediately.

Design time \rightarrow ~0.016 s !!!

Results: Refractive Beam Shaper





Light Shaping > Refractive Optics

Modeling of a Refractive Beam Shaper with Measured Height Profile

LightTrans International UG

Task/System Illustration







• simulation of fabrication tolerances by importing measurement data of height profiles

Specification: Light Source



Parameter	Description / Value & Unit
type/number	Gaussian beam
coherence/mode	single Hermite Gaussian (0,0) mode
wavelength	632.8nm
polarization	linear in x-direction (0°)
waist radius (1/e ²)	4mm × 4mm

Specification: Focusing Asphere



Parameter	Value & Unit
name/type	convex-plano aspherical lens
first interface	plane interface
second interface	aspherical interface with measured height profile error
material (M)	N-BK7

Specification: Detectors



Position	Modeling Technique	Detector/Analyzer
а	field tracing	intensity distribution
b	field tracing	merit function detector

Results: Intensity Distribution



Results: Merit Function Detector





Detector/Analyzer	Result (without fabrication error)	Result (with fabrication error)
signal-to-noise ratio (SNR)	26.49dB	14.66dB
conversion efficiency	91.21%	87.15%
uniformity error	93.65%	99.73%

Modeling Task



Modeling Task

- The following tolerances of the system are to be analyzed.
- The \pm tolerance values are regarded as 3-times \pm the standard deviation σ .

Varied Parameters	Value and Tolerances
Waist Radius of Input Beam	(500 ± 25) μm
Etching Depths of all 4 Binary Masks	± 2 % of original height
x-Position of Beam Shaper	(0 ± 10) μm
y-Position of Beam Shaper	(0 ± 10) μm
Focal Length of Lens	(50 ± 0.5) mm

Simulation of Alignment Tolerances

Edit Stored Function	
Geometry / Channels	Isolated Positioning Position Information (Absolute) Position and Orientation Image: Comparison of the second se
Position / Orientation	Translation Parameters Translation Directions Axes Selection Axes of the Internal Coordinate System Image: Coordinate System
Function	Translation Values Delta X 0 m Delta Y 0 m Delta Z 0 m

- Simulation of shift tolerances must be activated on *Tolerancing* page of *Stored Function* component and *Target Plane* component.
- Tolerance values are varied by *Parameter Run.* The values set in the component dialog are ignored.

Simulation of Etching Depth Tolerances

Edit Stored Function	
	Stored Transmission
	Type of Transmission Regularly Quantized Phase-Only Transmission
Geometry / Channels	Set
Position /	Pixelation Factor 1 + 1 +
	Scale Errors
	Impose Linear Scale Error by Scale Factor
Function	V Impose Mask Scale Errors
	Mask Phase Modulation Mask Scale Factor
	pi / 2 1 Binary Masks
	pi/8 1
	OK Cancel Help

- Simulation of mask etching depth errors must be activated on *Function* page of *Stored Function* component.
- Tolerance values are varied by *Parameter Run*. The respective settings in the component dialog are ignored.
- A tolerance value of 1 represents an optimum etching depth.

Single Parameter Variation

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			Weight		1E-307	1E+300	2	1E+300	1	
			Polarization Angle		0°	360°	2	360°	0°	
			Distance to Input Plane		-1E+300 m	1E+300 m	1	2E+300 m	0 m	
			Lateral Offset X		-1E+300 m	1E+300 m	2	2E+300 m	0 m	
			Lateral Offset Y		-1E+300 m	1E+300 m	2	2E+300 m	0 m	
			Oversampling Factor		1E-300	1E+300	2	1E+300	1	
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			Input Field Size Y		1 pm	1E+300 m	2	1E+300 m	2 mm	
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			Order X		0	2E+09	1	2E+09	0	
			Order Y		0	2E+09	1	2E+09	0	
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- The laser beam radius has typically a strong influence on the optical performance of a beam shaping system.
- The Usage Mode: Standard must be selected for the variation of a single parameter.
- Waist Radius X parameter must be selected.

Single Parameter Variation



- The beam shaping system shows a strong sensitivity for a variation of the laser beam radius.
- The Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) will drop to 28.8dB.
Monte-Carlo Simulation



Monte-Carlo Simulation



- Variation of the SNR depending on the random parameter set.
- The minimum SNR can be found from the diagram via the menu entry Detectors > Minimum.
- Minimum SNR: 24.9 dB
- Average SNR: 33.7 dB

Resulting Field Distributions





- Left: Ideal output intensity (SNR = 42.2 dB).
- Right: Light pattern with lowest SNR (SNR = 24.9 dB)
- Export of Monte-Carlo simulation results to external software (for example Microsoft Excel) allows further statistical evaluations.

Light shaping by stored scanning process

Diffractive optical elements

Light Shaping Concepts

- tailored aberrations (beam shaping)
- stored scanning process (diffuser & splitter)
- multichannel concept (cells array)

Function Principle of DOE















Basic Design Situations: Splitting

Diffractive Beam Splitting: Deflected output fields (beams) do not overlap



Light Diffusing: Deflected output fields overlap and (partially) coherent interference is not controlled but speckle pattern appears $\cdot z_{\rm out}$ -134.86 µm 134.86 µm

Basic Design Situations: Diffusing



Illustration of Diffuser Concept



Amplitude



Intensity in Target Plane



Illustration of Diffuser Concept



Intensity in Target Plane







Phase

Advanced diffractive optics design techniques

Design technique (IFTA) implemented in VirtualLab™



Micro-structured surface profile

Fabricated at IAP, University of Jena

Feature Sizes of Element



Feature size about 400 nm

4 height levels

Optical Experiment







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Shaping a VCSEL Array to an High-NA Top Hat Pattern

Abstract



Modeling a Single VCSEL

• The presented VCSEL source is a multimode source consisting of two superimposed Laguerre Gaussian modes, which are shown below.



Laguerre Gaussian Mode 00 at 100 µm Distance with 18.14° Divergence (1/e²)



Laguerre Gaussian Mode 01 at $100 \mu m$ Distance with 25.67° Divergence (1/e²)

Modeling a Single VCSEL

• The radiant energy density of a single VCSEL at a propagation distance of 100 µm is shown below.



Simulation of a VCSEL Array



Pattern Generation for the Diffuser Design

As a next step, an optical diffuser is designed using the IFTA algorithm. Therefore, the design target pattern is compensated regarding field pincushion distortion and radiant flux orthogonal to the detector plane.



Parameter	Value & Unit
Angular Size Design Pattern	120°×90°
Feature Size	270nm×330nm
Period	538.38µm×538.56µm
Operation Orders	1994×1632
Order Separation	0.1×0.1°
Number Phase Level	16

Simulation Result without Collimation

Radiant Energy Density [V/m²]



The radiant energy density of a single VCSEL propagating through the designed diffuser at the detector plane is shown on the left.

100mm

Finding the Plane of Collimation



Each VCSEL is separated by a pitch of 50 µm. In order to collimate the beam of each VCSEL they must be separated first before a diffuser can shape the beam. Therefore, a plane is determined at a z-position of 100 µm, where the VCSELs are well separated before they overlap. There, e.g. a microlens array can be placed for collimation.

Simulation Result with Collimation (NA 0.12)

Radiant Energy Density [V/m²]



An ideal focal lens function with a focal length of $200 \mu m$ is used to collimate the beam of a VCSEL to a divergence of 8.91° (Mode 00). The result at the detector plane is shown on the left.



Simulation Result with Collimation (NA 0.24)

Radiant Energy Density [V/m²]



An ideal focal lens function with a focal length of $100 \mu m$ is used to collimate the beam of a VCSEL to a divergence of 2.34° (Mode 00). The result at the detector plane is shown on the left.

100mm

Diffuser

Ideal

Lens

Simulation Result with Collimation (NA 0.24)



The detector result of the collimated

Radiant Energy Density [V/m²]

Micro Optical Component

Modeling of Rounding of Pixels

Modeling of Rounding of Pixels

- Several micro structured surfaces consists of rectangular pixels.
- It is typically assumed that pixels have rectangular side walls and sharp edges.
- Exposure and etching processes during the fabrication of micro structured surfaces can lead to a rounding of pixel edges.
- The edge rounding can be modeled in a good approximation by convolution with a Gaussian beam.

Example with Data from Scenario 23.01





- VirtualLab Module
 Module_RoundedEdge_Tolerances.c
 s can be used to calculate from a perfect
 profile a profile with rounded edges.
- Calculation steps:
 - Get a *Data Array* with the perfect profile from the sampled interface.
 - Apply the module.
 - Set the *Data Array* with the modified profile into the sampled interface.
- Left side: edge rounding 2 µm, sampling distance 400 nm.

Results with 4x Increased Brightness

Simulation Result of Designed DOE



Simulation Result of DOE with Rounded Edges


Comments on Diffuser Technology

- Very flexible in light pattern generation
- Robust against adjustment problems
- Coherent light leads to speckle pattern
- Size of speckle features can be adjusted by focusing system
- Diffusers work for partially coherent beams
- Partially coherent beams smooth the speckle pattern; effect can be simulated with VirtualLab

Laser Show China



Spatial Light Modulator



Spatial Light Modulator



Light shaping by multichannel concept

Diffractive and refractive optical elements







Cells Arrays are used typically for generation of binary light patterns



GCA - Green LED (Distinct Spot Overlap)



Task/System Illustration



Specification: Light Source



Parameter	Description / Value & Unit
type	RGB LED
emitter size	100x100µm
wavelength	(473, 532, 635)nm
polarization	right circularly polarized light
number of lateral modes	3x3
Total number of lateral and spectral modes	27

Specification: Cell Array



Parameter	Value & Unit
number of cells	100×100
cell size	125x125µm
array aperture	12.5x12.5mm

Results: 3D System Ray Tracing



Results: Grating Cells Array



Results: Prism Cells Array



Results: Mirror Cells Array



White Light Simulation





Virtual And Mixed Reality > Pattern Generation

High-NA Pattern Generation Using Two Beam Splitter Elements

LightTrans International UG

Specification: First Beam Splitter



Parameter	Value & Unit
number of orders	11 x 11
order separation	1x1°
period	30.35x30.35µm
pixel size	690x690nm
discrete height levels	8
material	fused silica



Specification: Second Beam Splitter



Parameter	Value & Unit
number of orders	5x5
order separation	11 x 11 °
period	2.73 x 2.73 µm
pixel size	130x130nm
discrete height levels	8
material	fused silica



Results: Spot Diagram



Results: Output Evaluation





Light Shaping Concepts

- Tailored aberrations
- Stored scanning process
- Multichannel concept: Single Deflection
- Multichannel concept: General





Final part











Integrated Diffractive Optics



Integrated Diffractive Optics



Integration of diffractive and refractive elements: micro-optical system

Integrated Diffractive Optics



Integration of diffractive and refractive elements: micro-optical system

Integrated Diffractive Optics for Mixed Reality



Integrated Diffractive Optics for Mixed Reality



Virtual and Mixed Reality: Imaging Systems



- VR/MR glasses are sophisticated imaging devices.
- Development of VR/MR glasses demands advanced modeling and design of imaging systems.
- What are the special challenges in the modeling?

Typical Imaging Quality Criteria










Challenges in Modeling of VR/MR

• PSF/MTF calculation for partially filled exit pupils

Results: 3D System Ray Tracing



Results: Illumination of Pupil



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Results: PSF & MTF



Highlight

advanced PSF and MTF evaluation of fully or partly illuminated apertures



Results: PSF & MTF – Comparison



Spatial Guiding of Imaging Channel



Spatial Guiding of Imaging Channel



Spatial Guiding of Imaging Channel



Gratings, Detrimental Orders and Ghost Images



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Result: 2D PSF & 2D MTF



Simulation of Waveguide with Curved Surfaces



Parameter	Value & Unit		
type surface(s)	conical		
radius of curvature	500 mm		
size of surface(s)	40 x 5 mm		
total profile height	6.2500391 µm		

- For waveguide applications it is very important to investigate the effect of surface deformations.
- Therefore we introduce curved surfaces instead of planar surfaces to describe the waveguide stack.

Result: 3D Ray Tracing



Result: 2D PSF & 2D MTF for Curved Surfaces



Result: 1D MTF Curved vs. Planar



Evaluation of FOV Effects



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Result I: Only 0th Non-Reflected Orders



Highlights

tailored light guiding within a waveguide using surface gratings

Region	Channel	Order	Efficiency
input	forward	Т0	20%
output	forward	Т0	20%

individual specification option for simulated diffraction order for each region

intensity pattern (inverse rainbow colors) with modulation due to polarization effects from lens surfaces

Result II: Plus +1st Non-Reflected Orders





Highlights

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Region	Channel	Order	Efficiency
input	forward	Т0	20%
input	forward	T+1	20%
output	forward	Т0	20%
output	forward	T-1	20%

intensity pattern (inverse rainbow colors) different order modes are summed coherently

Result III: Plus Back Reflections





Highlights

tailored light guiding within a waveguide using surface gratings

Region	Channel	Order	Efficiency
input	forward	T0	20%
input	forward	T+1	20%
input	backward	R0	10%
output	forward	Т0	20%
output	forward	R0	10%
output	forward	T-1	20%

intensity pattern (inverse rainbow colors) with multiple reflected light modes

Result IV: Further Multi-Reflected Orders





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input	forward	T-1	20%
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Exit Pupil Expansion



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2D Exit Pupil Expansion (Levola)



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Modulated Grating Regions


Aperture Effects at Region Boundaries



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Results: 3D System Ray Tracing



Results: One Outcoupling Grating



intensity pattern (false color view)



Highlights

 waveguide simulations including rigorously calculated efficiencies of sub-wavelength grating structures

Grating Parameter	Value & Unit
type	sawtooth grating
period	395nm
height	140nm

Results: Four Optimized Outcoupling Gratings



Results: Optimized Output Uniformity



intensity pattern (false color view)



Highlights

- waveguide simulations including rigorously calculated efficiencies of sub-wavelength grating structures
- specification & optimization of multiple grating regions for tailored output generation

Grating Parameter	Value & Unit
type	sawtooth grating
period	395nm
depth G1	140nm
depth G2	145nm
depth G3	155 nm
depth G4	165 nm

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3D Ray Tracing Analyzer

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Result: Spots & Intensity at Pupil



Result: PSF at Retina

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Highlights

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- non-sequential ray and field tracing • analysis of waveguide optics including coherence, polarization and energy effects
- calculation of **PSF** and MTF of arbitrary ٠ shaped and illuminated apertures

PSF coherent

Chromatic Fields Set

532 nm [(V/m)^2]



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PSF incoherent

Result: MTF at Retina



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Result: MTF at Retina





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The non-sequential physical optics modeling must be **fast** to enable practical work.



Efficiency Calculation in Optical Systems

Abstract

- In modern optical system design it is always important to evaluate the efficiency of the system.
- If the efficiency in the detector signals is significantly smaller than 100% it is also important for the optical engineer to understand where the rest of the light is going to.
- VirtualLab allow the automatic evaluation of the efficiency of an optical system.



Modeling Task: Waveguiding without Outcoupling



Simulation Results



Detector	Efficiency
Transmission	0,53691%
Reflection	4,4525%
Top Sidewall	93,206%
Bottom Sidewall	1,7849%
Total	99,981%

Efficiency is calculated by building the ratio between the source flux and the flux at the detector.

Summation of all detector signal gives the efficiency of the complete system.

Some Info

- Webpages:
 - <u>Applied Computational Optics Group (http://www.applied-computational-optics.org)</u>
 - Wyrowski Photonics UG (www.wyrowski-photonics.com).
 - <u>LightTrans</u> (http://www.lighttrans.com/)

