

SPIE Paper 10694-21 11:10-11:30

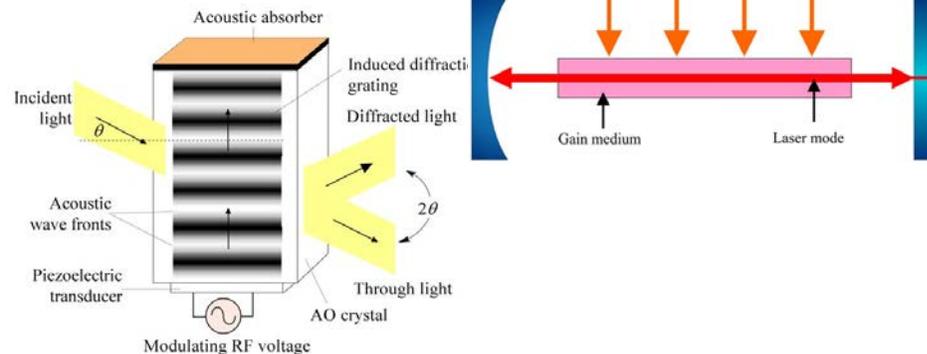
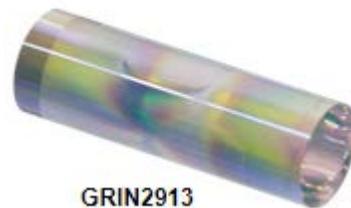
Fast Propagation of Electromagnetic Fields through Graded-Index (GRIN) Media

Huiying Zhong^{1,2}, Site Zhang^{1,2}, Rui Shi¹, Christian Hellmann³, Frank Wyrowski¹

1. Friedrich Schiller University Jena
2. LightTrans International UG
3. Wyrowski Photonics UG

Introduction: GRIN Media in Real Life

- Graded-Index (GRIN) media are widely used for modeling different situations
 - Applications
 - multi-mode fiber
 - optical lenses
 - acousto-optical modulators
 - Undesired situations
 - stress or heating induced GRIN variations
 - turbulence in air



Introduction: GRIN Media in Real Life

- Graded-Index (GRIN) media are widely used for modeling different situations
 - Applications
 - multi-mode fiber
 - optical lenses
 - acousto-optical modulators
 - Undesired situations
 - stress or heating induced GRIN variations

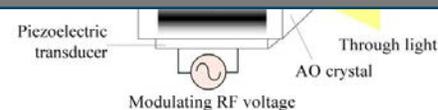


Task: How to model light propagation in GRIN media?

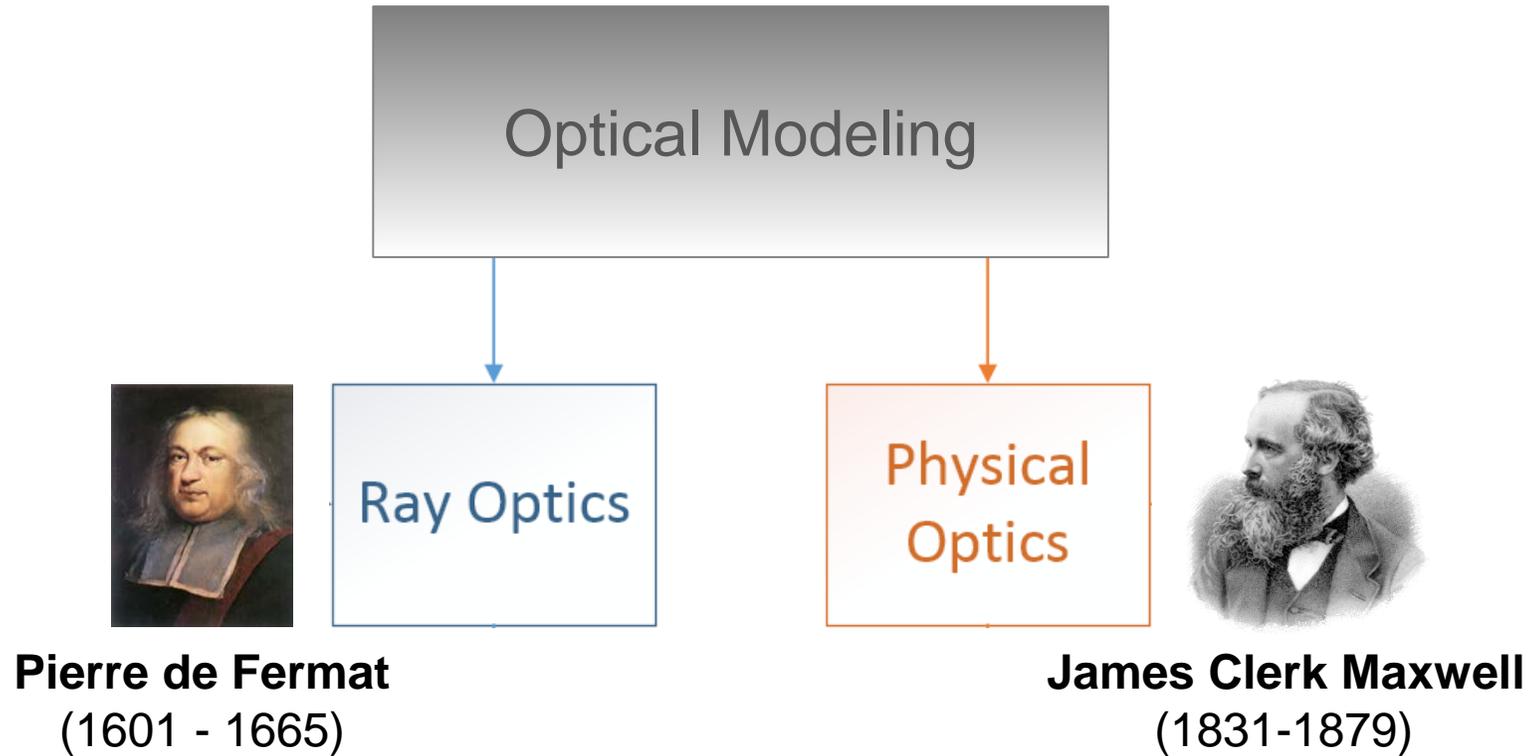


GIF50D

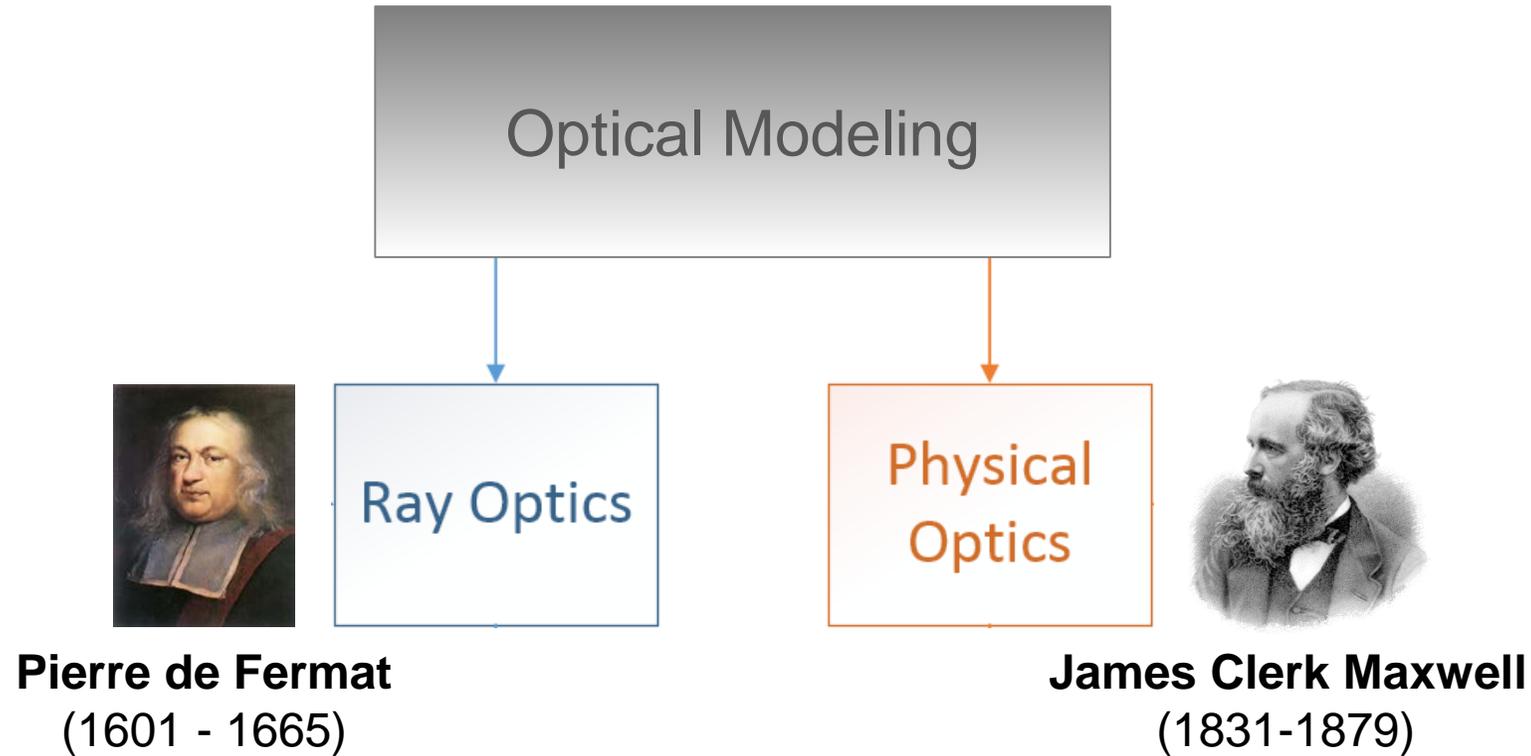
GRIN2913



Ray and Physical Optics



GRIN Media: Ray Optics



Ray equation for GRIN media

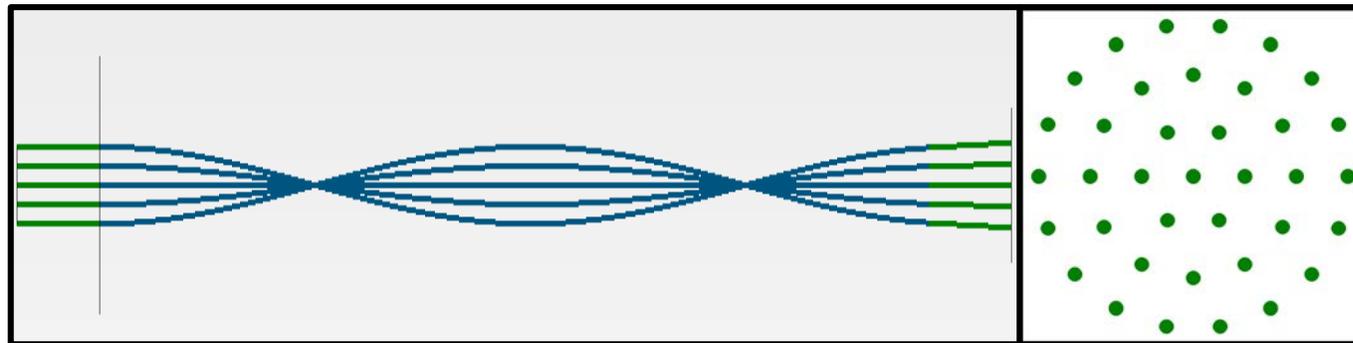
$$\frac{d}{ds} \left[n(\mathbf{r}) \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds} \right] = \nabla n(\mathbf{r})$$

Solution of the Ray Equation

Ray equation for GRIN media

$$\frac{d}{ds} \left[n(r) \frac{dr}{ds} \right] = \nabla n(r)$$

Runge-Kutta methods



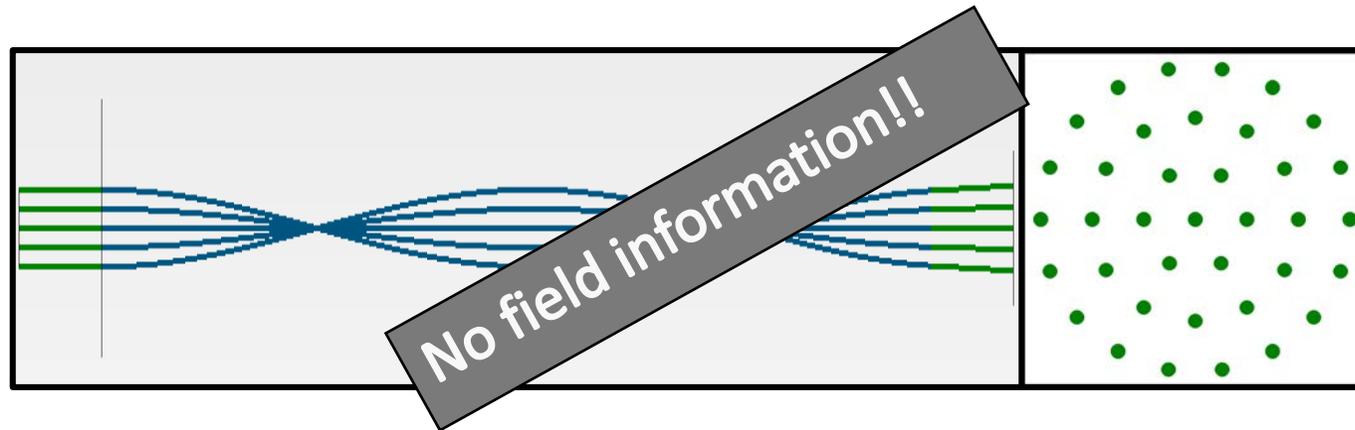
[5] A. Sharma *et al.* Tracing rays through graded-index media: a new method. *Appl. Opt.*, **21**(6): 984-987 **1982**

Solution of the Ray Equation

Ray equation for GRIN media

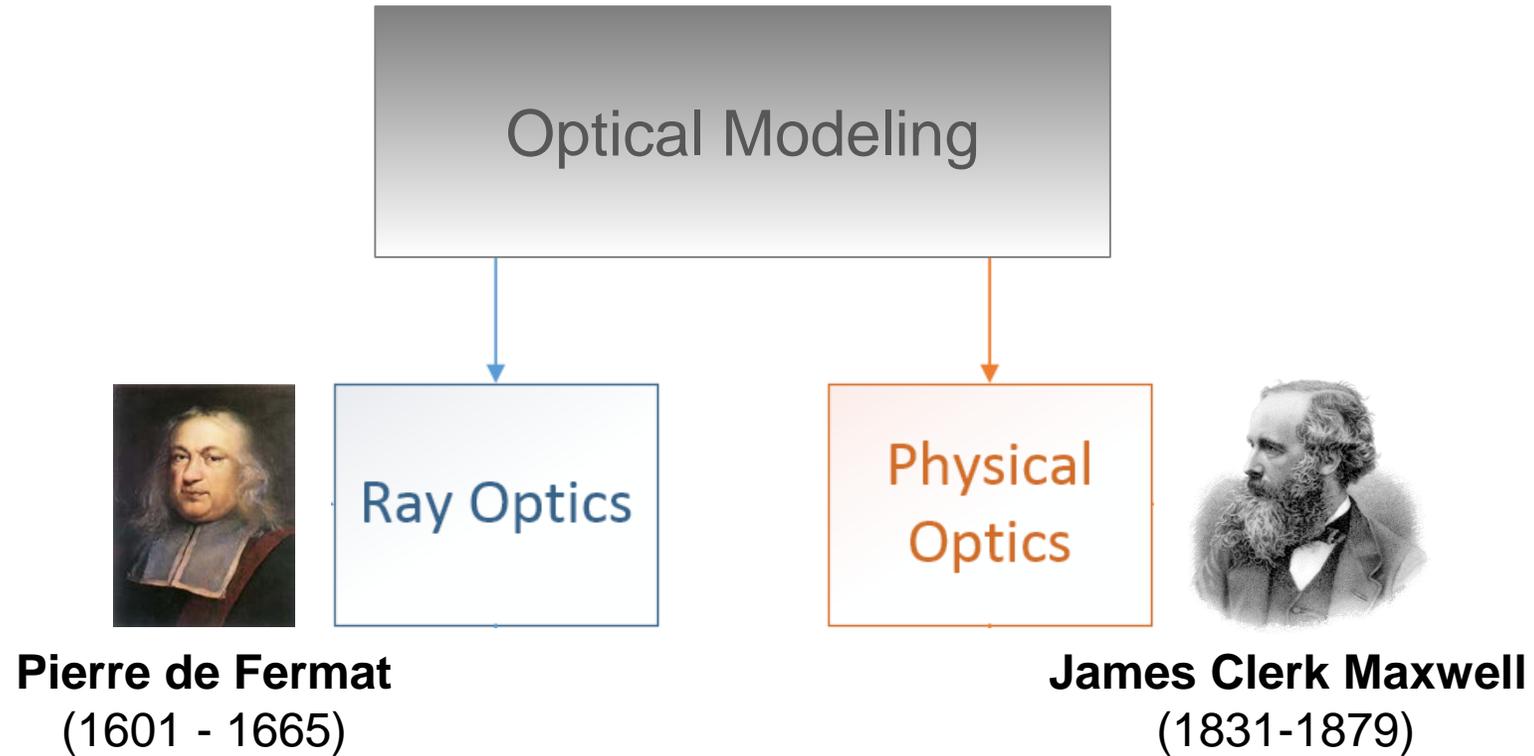
$$\frac{d}{ds} \left[n(\mathbf{r}) \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds} \right] = \nabla n(\mathbf{r})$$

Runge-Kutta methods



[5] A. Sharma *et al.* Tracing rays through graded-index media: a new method. *Appl. Opt.*, **21**(6): 984-987 **1982**

GRIN Media: Physical Optics



Solution of Maxwell Equations

- Mode solvers for highly symmetric structure
 - Not valid when symmetry decreases
 - Numerical effort is high when size of structure increase
- Universal Maxwell solvers: Finite element method (FEM) and Fourier modal method (FMM) + perfectly matched layers (PMLs)
 - Numerical effort is quite high when size of structure increase

Develop a fast approach to model electromagnetic field through GRIN media!

Field Representation

A rigorous representation of the electromagnetic fields

$$E(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = E_0(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \exp[i\psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega)], \quad (1)$$

$$H(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = H_0(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \exp[i\psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega)]. \quad (2)$$

$\psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega)$ is a common phase function, extracted from electromagnetic field. No approximation!

Geometric Field Zone

A rigorous representation of the electromagnetic fields

$$E(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = E_0(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \exp[i\psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega)], \quad (1)$$

$$H(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = H_0(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \exp[i\psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega)]. \quad (2)$$

For some EM-field, we could find a proper $\psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega)$ so that the field behaviour is dominated by the phase part. More specifically,

- $E_0(\mathbf{r}, \omega)$ and $H_0(\mathbf{r}, \omega)$ varies slowly
- $\psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega)$ varies much faster

 Geometric field zone

Geometric Field Equations

$$E(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = E_0(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \exp[i\psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega)], \quad (1)$$

$$H(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = H_0(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \exp[i\psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega)]. \quad (2)$$

$$\cancel{\nabla \times E_0(\mathbf{r})} + i\nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}) \times E_0(\mathbf{r}) - i\omega\mu_0 H_0(\mathbf{r}) = 0,$$

$$\cancel{\nabla \times H_0(\mathbf{r})} + i\nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}) \times H_0(\mathbf{r}) + i\omega\epsilon_0 n^2(\mathbf{r}) E_0(\mathbf{r}) = 0,$$

$$\cancel{\nabla \cdot E_0(\mathbf{r})} + iE_0(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}) + E_0(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \cancel{\nabla \ln n^2(\mathbf{r})} = 0,$$

$$\cancel{\nabla \cdot H_0(\mathbf{r})} + iH_0(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}) = 0.$$

geometric field
approximation

Maxwell Eqs.

$$\nabla \times E(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = i\omega\mu_0 H(\mathbf{r}, \omega),$$

$$\nabla \times H(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = -i\omega\epsilon_0 n^2(\mathbf{r}, \omega) E(\mathbf{r}, \omega),$$

$$\nabla \cdot [n^2(\mathbf{r}, \omega) E(\mathbf{r}, \omega)] = 0,$$

$$\nabla \cdot H(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = 0,$$

Geometric field Eqs.

$$\nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}) \times E_0(\mathbf{r}) = \omega\mu_0 H_0(\mathbf{r}),$$

$$\nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}) \times H_0(\mathbf{r}) = -\omega\epsilon_0 n^2(\mathbf{r}) E_0(\mathbf{r}),$$

$$\nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}) \cdot E_0(\mathbf{r}) = 0,$$

$$\nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}) \cdot H_0(\mathbf{r}) = 0.$$

Solve the Geometric Field Eqs. for GRIN Media

- To solve geometric field equations for GRIN media, we get solution of how geometric field propagating through GRIN media.

Geometric field Eqs.

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{E}_0(\mathbf{r}) &= \omega\mu_0\mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{r}), \\ \nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{r}) &= -\omega\epsilon_0n^2(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{E}_0(\mathbf{r}), \\ \nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{E}_0(\mathbf{r}) &= 0, \\ \nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{r}) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Eikonal Eq.

$$(\nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}))^2 = k_0^2n^2(\mathbf{r}).$$

Ray Eq.

$$\frac{d}{ds}[n(\mathbf{r})\hat{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{r})] = \nabla n(\mathbf{r}).$$

Eq. of normalized field

$$n(\mathbf{r})\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{r})}{ds} = -\left[\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \frac{\nabla n(\mathbf{r})}{n(\mathbf{r})}\right]n(\mathbf{r})\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds}$$

Solve the Geometric Field Eqs. for GRIN Media

- To solve geometric field equations for GRIN media, we get solution of how geometric field propagating through GRIN media.

Geometric field Eqs.

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{E}_0(\mathbf{r}) &= \omega\mu_0\mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{r}), \\ \nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{r}) &= -\omega\epsilon_0n^2(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{E}_0(\mathbf{r}), \\ \nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{E}_0(\mathbf{r}) &= 0, \\ \nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{r}) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Eikonal Eq.

$$(\nabla\psi(\mathbf{r}))^2 = k_0^2n^2(\mathbf{r}).$$

Ray Eq.

$$\frac{d}{ds}[n(\mathbf{r})\hat{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{r})] = \nabla n(\mathbf{r}).$$

$\hat{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{r})$ is ray direction

Eq. of normalized field

$$n(\mathbf{r})\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{r})}{ds} = -\left[\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \frac{\nabla n(\mathbf{r})}{n(\mathbf{r})}\right]n(\mathbf{r})\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds}$$
$$\mathbf{E}_0(\mathbf{r}) = \|\mathbf{E}_0(\mathbf{r})\|\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{r})$$

Solve the Geometric Field Eqs. for GRIN Media

- Rewrite field representation by using gradient theorem

$$E(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = E_0(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \exp[i\psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega)], \quad (1)$$

$$H(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = H_0(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \exp[i\psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega)]. \quad (2)$$

Solve the Geometric Field Eqs. for GRIN Media

- Rewrite field representation by using gradient theorem

$$E(\mathbf{r}) = E_0(\mathbf{r}) \exp \left\{ i \left[\psi(\mathbf{r}_0) + \int_{\mathbf{r}_0}^{\mathbf{r}} \nabla \psi(\mathbf{r}) \cdot d\mathbf{r} \right] \right\},$$

$$H(\mathbf{r}) = H_0(\mathbf{r}) \exp \left\{ i \left[\psi(\mathbf{r}_0) + \int_{\mathbf{r}_0}^{\mathbf{r}} \nabla \psi(\mathbf{r}) \cdot d\mathbf{r} \right] \right\}.$$

Eq. of normalized field

$$n(\mathbf{r}) \frac{d\hat{u}(\mathbf{r})}{ds} = - \left[\hat{u}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \frac{\nabla n(\mathbf{r})}{n(\mathbf{r})} \right] n(\mathbf{r}) \frac{dr}{ds}$$

Energy conservation

$$\nabla \cdot \langle S(\mathbf{r}) \rangle = 0.$$

Ray Eq.

$$\frac{d}{ds} [n(\mathbf{r}) \hat{s}(\mathbf{r})] = \nabla n(\mathbf{r}).$$

Solving Ray & Normalized Field Eq.

Eq. of ray path

$$\frac{d}{ds} \left[n(\mathbf{r}) \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds} \right] = \nabla n(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\begin{cases} dt = \frac{ds}{n} \\ T(\mathbf{r}) = n(\mathbf{r}) \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds} \\ D(\mathbf{r}) = n(\mathbf{r}) \nabla n(\mathbf{r}) \end{cases}$$

Eq. of norm. field

$$n(\mathbf{r}) \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{r})}{ds} = - \left[\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \frac{\nabla n(\mathbf{r})}{n(\mathbf{r})} \right] n(\mathbf{r}) \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds}$$

Runge-Kutta methods

$$\begin{cases} A &= \Delta t D(\mathbf{r}_i) \\ B &= \Delta t D(\mathbf{r}_i + \frac{\Delta t}{2} T(\mathbf{r}_i) + \frac{1}{8} \Delta t A) \\ C &= \Delta t D(\mathbf{r}_i + \Delta t T(\mathbf{r}_i) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t B) \\ T(\mathbf{r}_{i+1}) &= T(\mathbf{r}_i) + \frac{1}{6} (A + 4B + C) \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{i+1} = \mathbf{r}_i + \Delta t \left[T(\mathbf{r}_i) + \frac{1}{6} (A + 2B) \right]$$

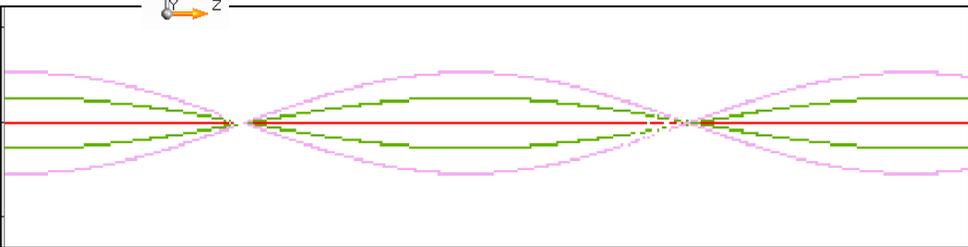
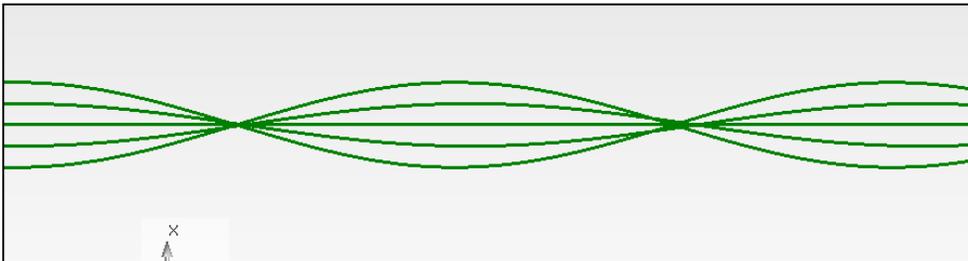
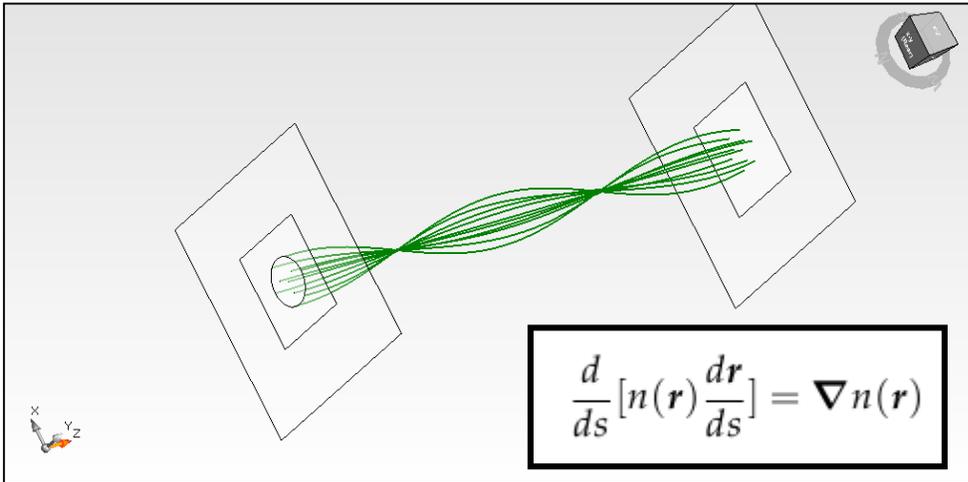
$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{r}_{i+1}) = \frac{T(\mathbf{r}_{i+1})}{n(\mathbf{r}_{i+1})}$$

Runge-Kutta methods

$$\begin{cases} k_1 &= - \left\{ \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{r}_i) \cdot \frac{D(\mathbf{r}_i)}{n^2(\mathbf{r}_i)} \right\} T(\mathbf{r}_i) \\ k_2 &= - \left\{ \left[\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{r}_i) + \frac{\Delta t}{2} k_1 \right] \cdot \frac{D(\mathbf{r}'_i)}{n^2(\mathbf{r}'_i)} \right\} T(\mathbf{r}'_i) \\ k_3 &= - \left\{ \left[\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{r}_i) + \frac{\Delta t}{2} k_2 \right] \cdot \frac{D(\mathbf{r}'_i)}{n^2(\mathbf{r}'_i)} \right\} T(\mathbf{r}'_i) \\ k_4 &= - \left\{ \left[\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{r}_i) + \Delta t k_3 \right] \cdot \frac{D(\mathbf{r}_{i+1})}{n^2(\mathbf{r}_{i+1})} \right\} T(\mathbf{r}_{i+1}) \\ \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} &= \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i + \frac{\Delta t}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \end{cases}$$

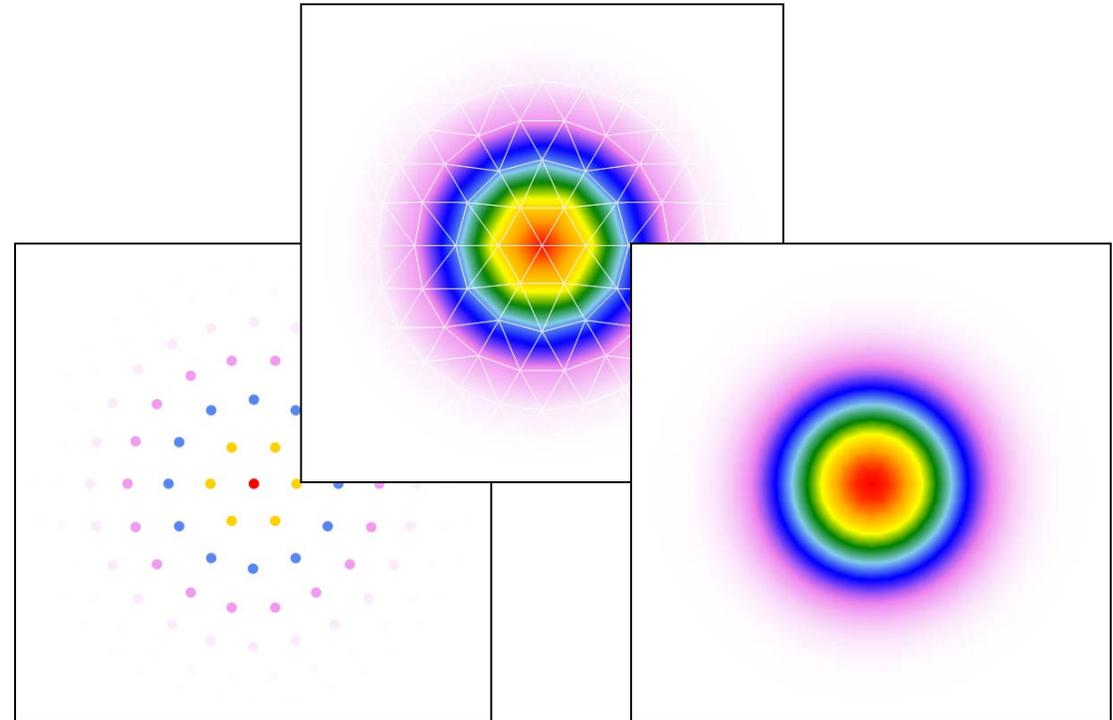
$$\mathbf{r}'_i = \mathbf{r}(t_i + \frac{\Delta t}{2})$$

Summary of Geometric Solver in GRIN

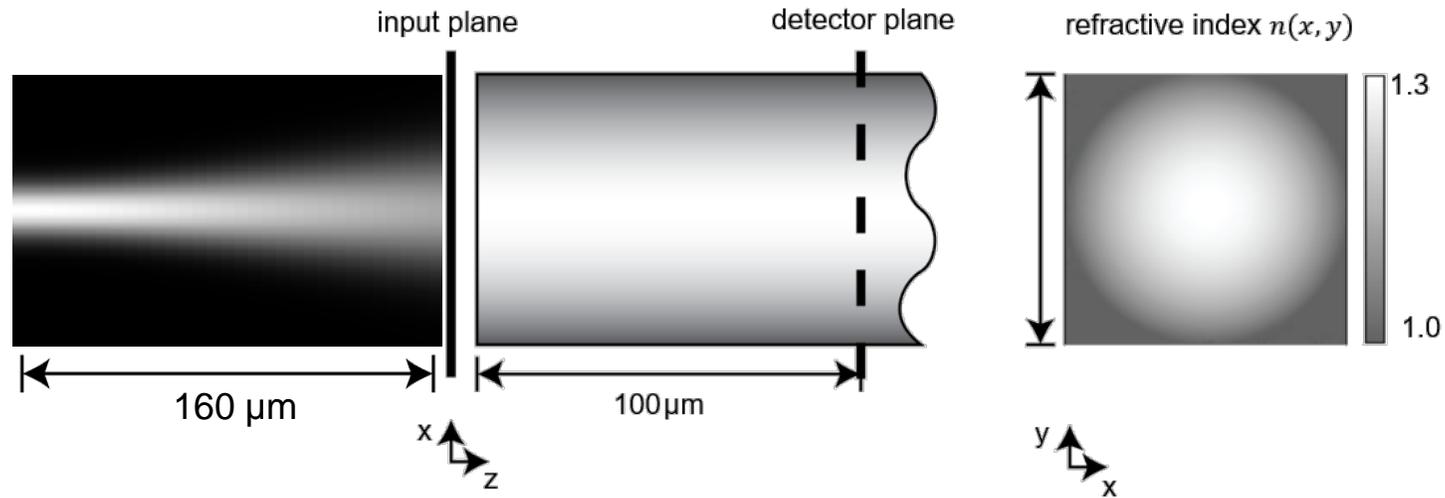


$$n(\mathbf{r}) \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{r})}{ds} = - \left[\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \frac{\nabla n(\mathbf{r})}{n(\mathbf{r})} \right] n(\mathbf{r}) \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \langle \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}) \rangle = 0.$$

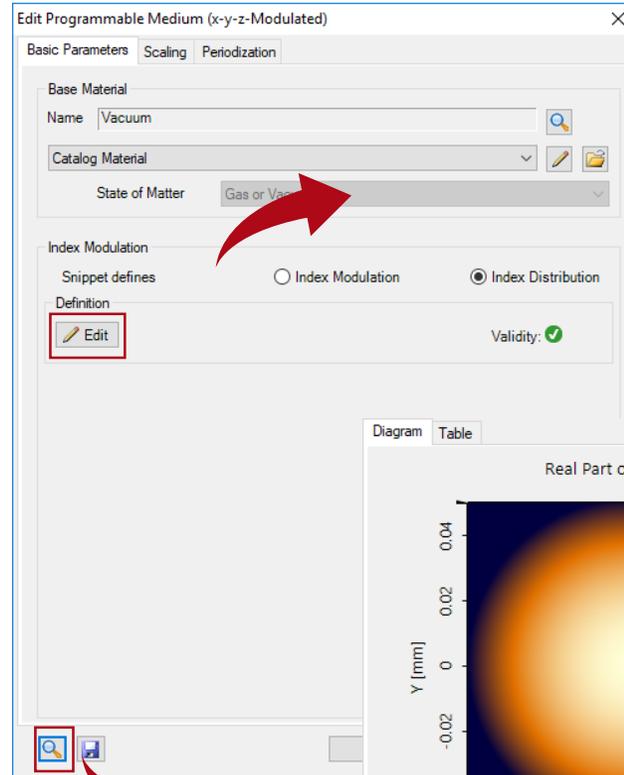


Example: Multimode Fiber



- 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

Implementation of Refractive Index Distribution

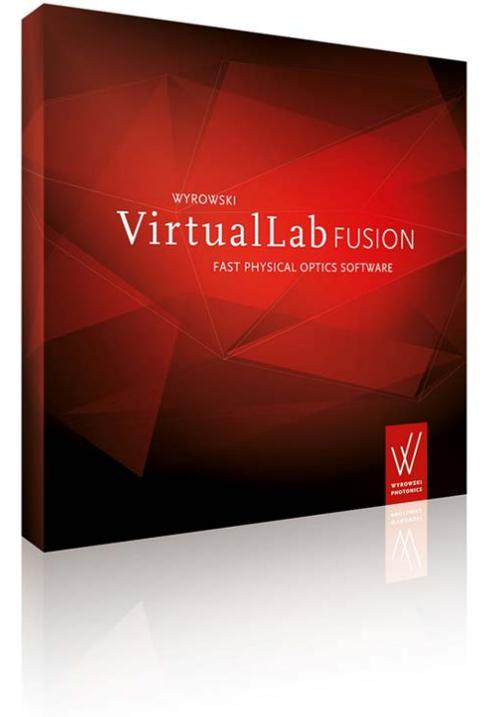
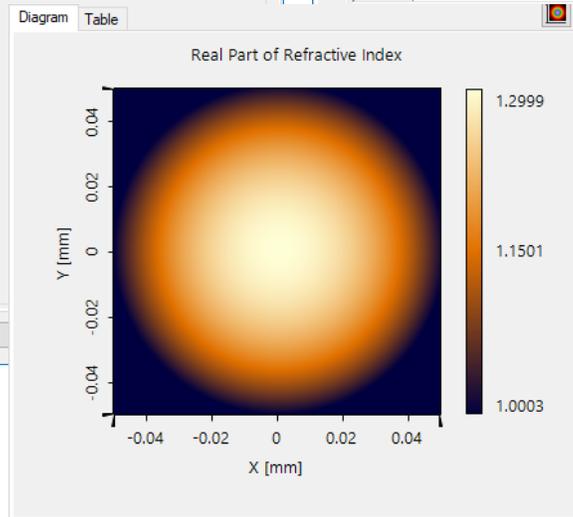


```
Source Code Editor
Source Code Global Parameters Snippet Help Advanced Settings

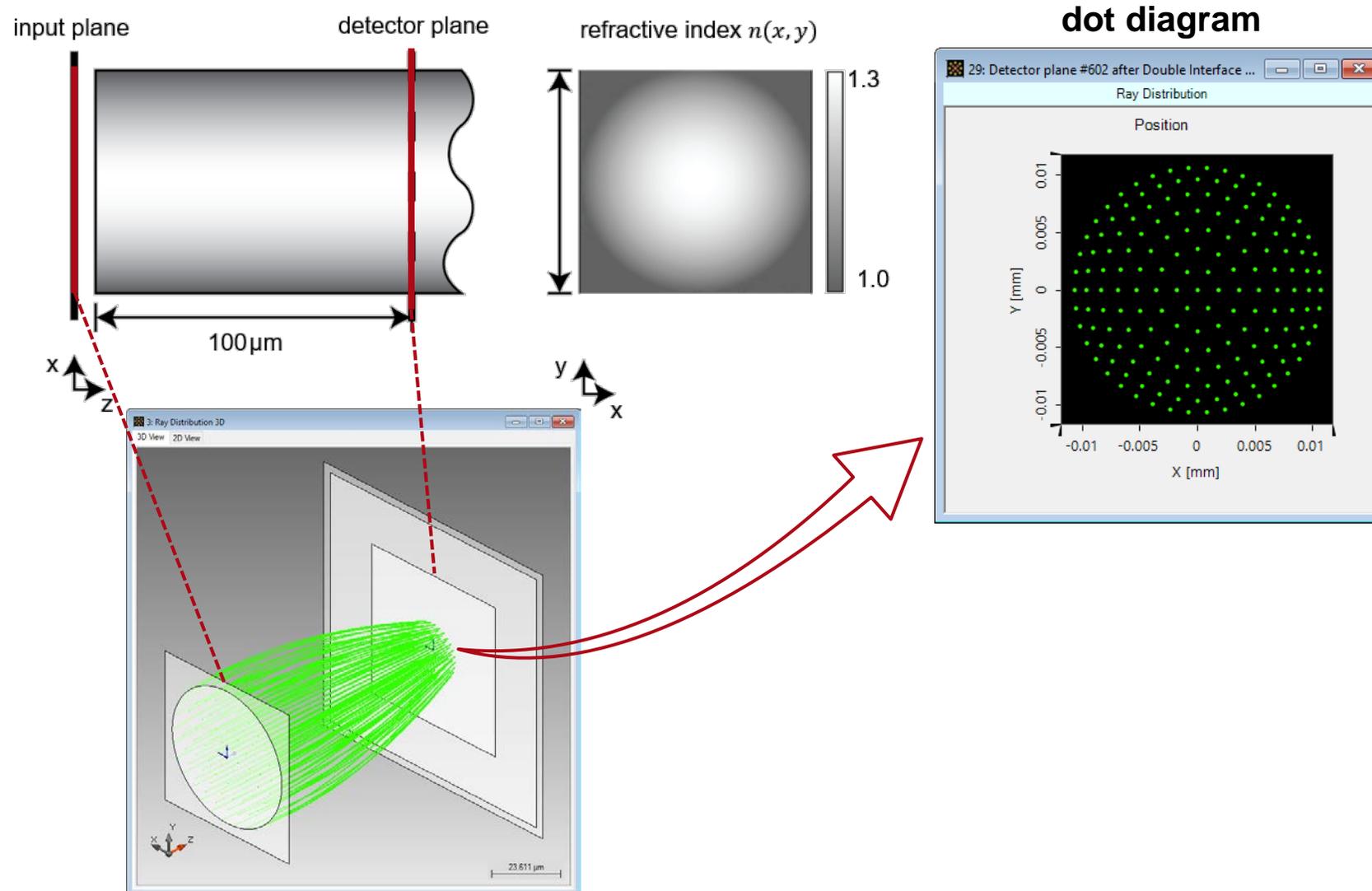
1
2
3 double n = 0.0;
4 double imaginaryPart = 0.0;
5
6 double n1 = 1.3;
7 double n2 = 1.0003;
8 double r0 = 50E-6;
9 double r = Math.Sqrt(x * x + y * y);
10 double Delta = (Math.Pow(n1, 2) - Math.Pow(n2, 2)) / (2.0 * n1 * n1);
11 if (r > r0)
12 {
13     n = n2;
14 }
15 else
16 {
17     n = n1 * Math.Sqrt(1 - 2.0 * Delta * Math.Pow((r / r0), 2.0));
18 }
19
20
21 return new Complex(n, imaginaryPart);
22
23
```

$$n(r) = n_1 \sqrt{1 - \frac{2\Delta r^2}{r_0^2}} \text{ with } \Delta = \frac{n_1^2 - n_2^2}{2n_1^2}$$

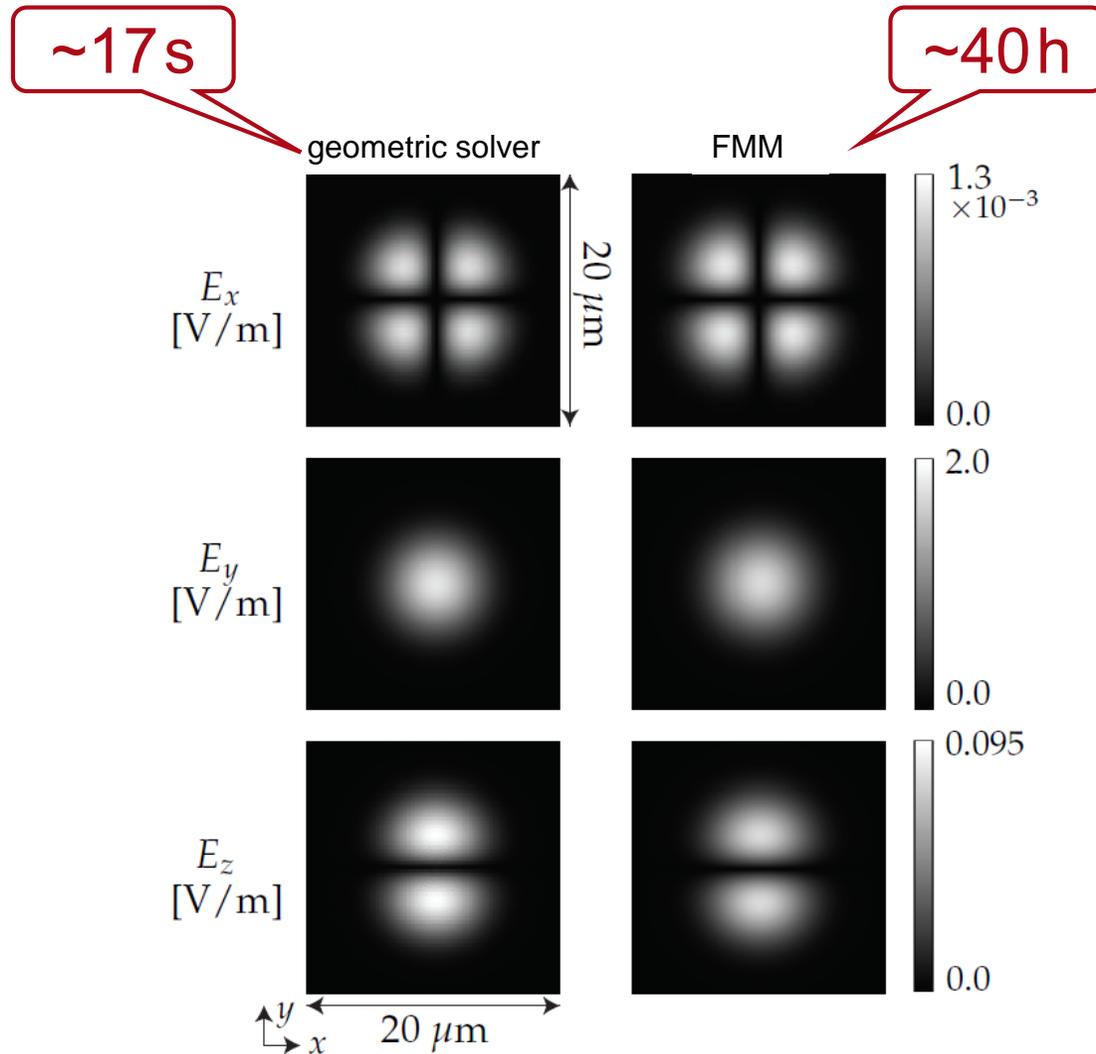
here
 $r_0 = 50 \mu\text{m}$
 $n_1 = 1.3$
 $n_2 = 1.0$



Results: 3D System Ray Tracing

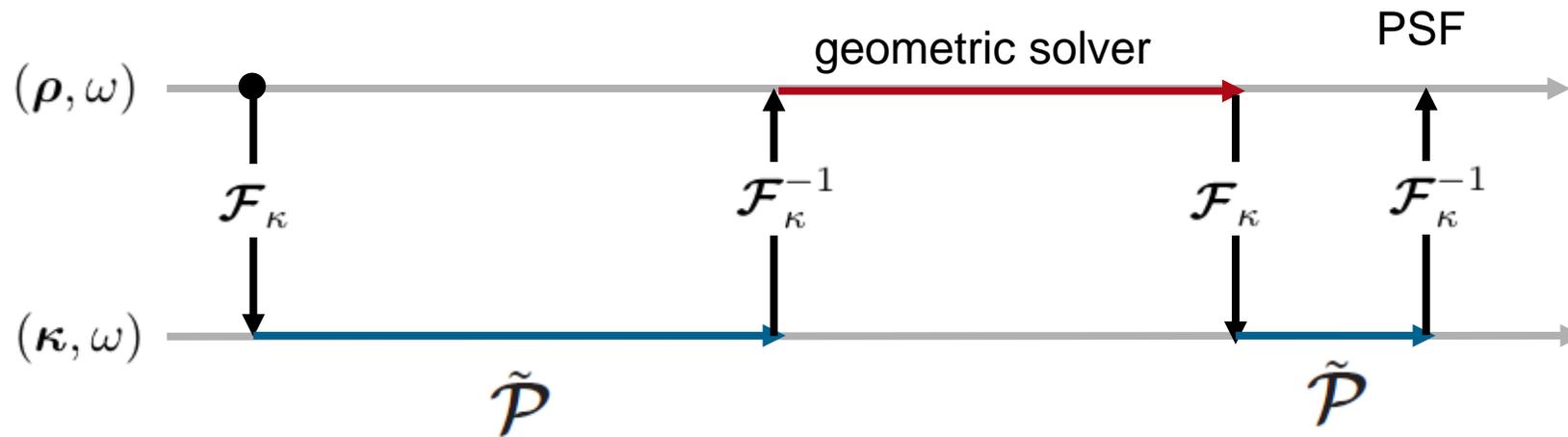
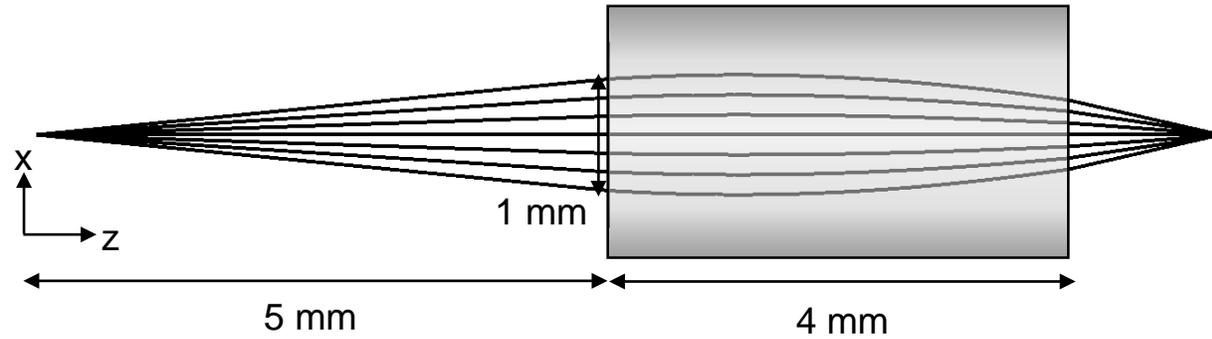


Results: Our Fast Approach vs FMM

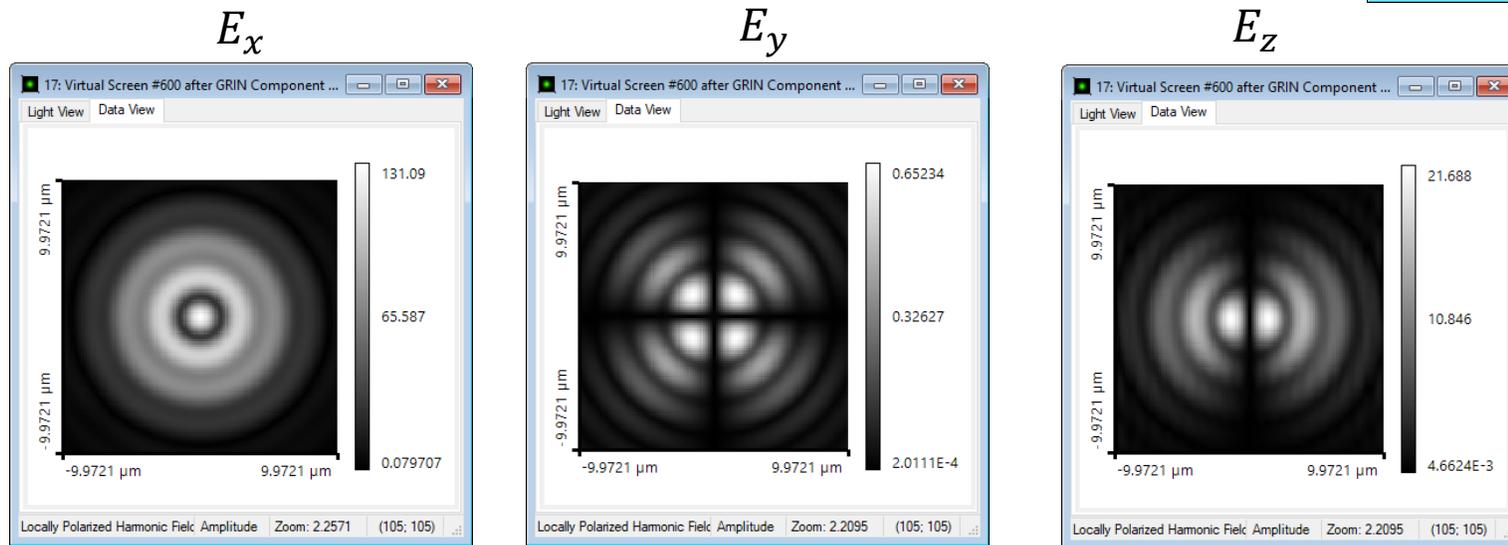
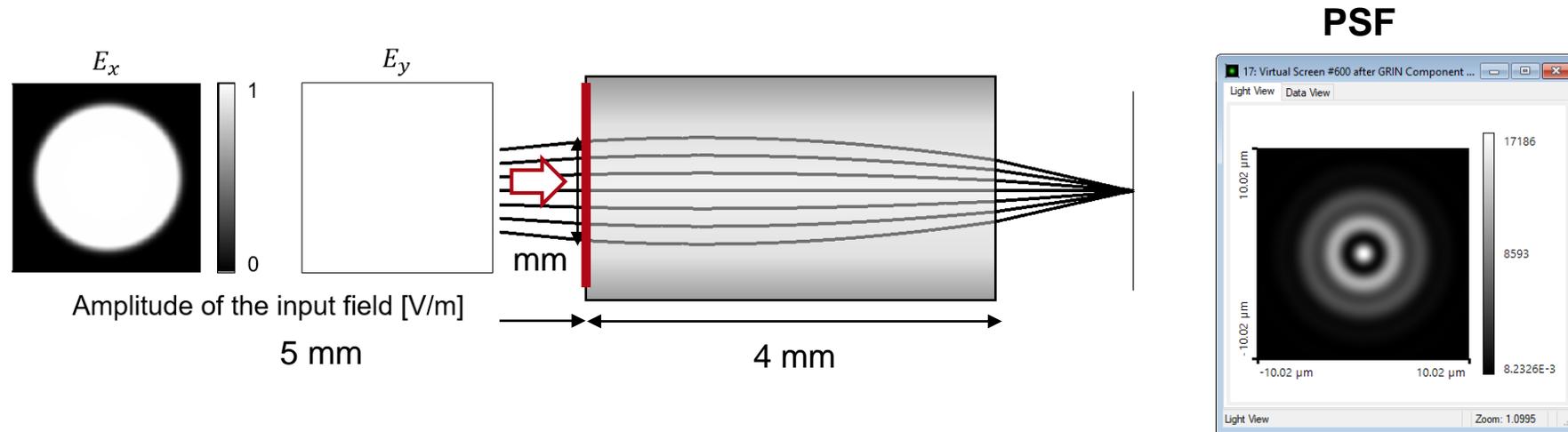


Deviation between results of both approaches is $\sim 1\%$

Example: PSF of GRIN Lens

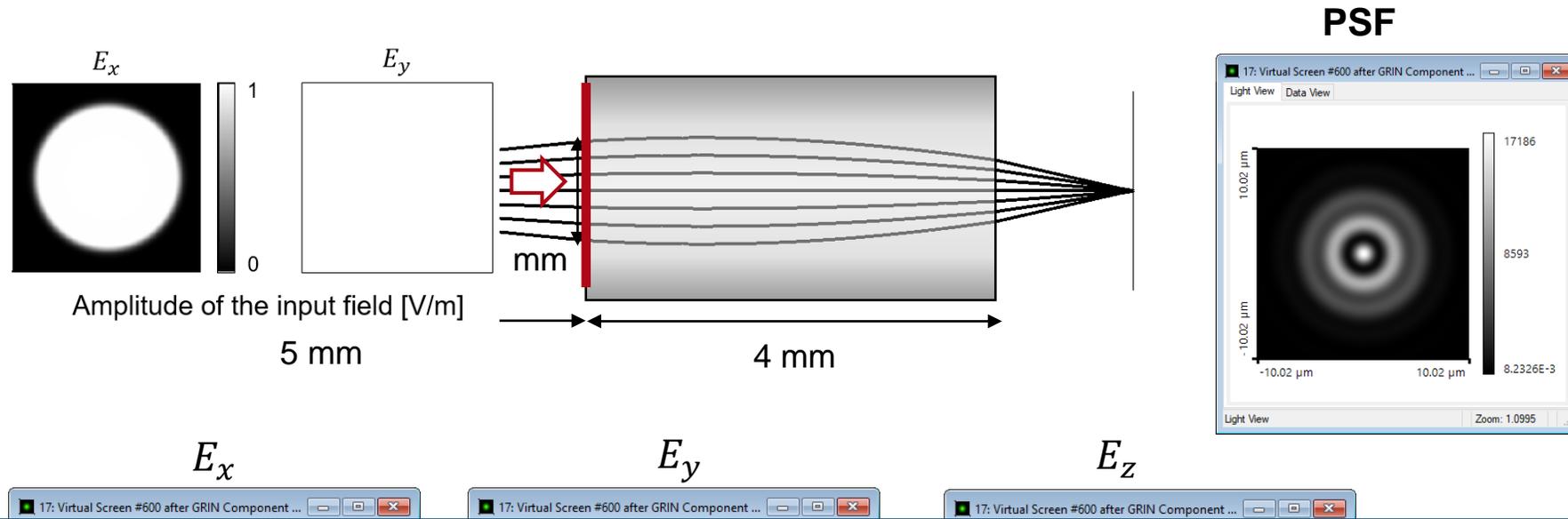


Example: PSF of GRIN Lens



Amplitude of the image [V/m]

Example: PSF of GRIN Lens

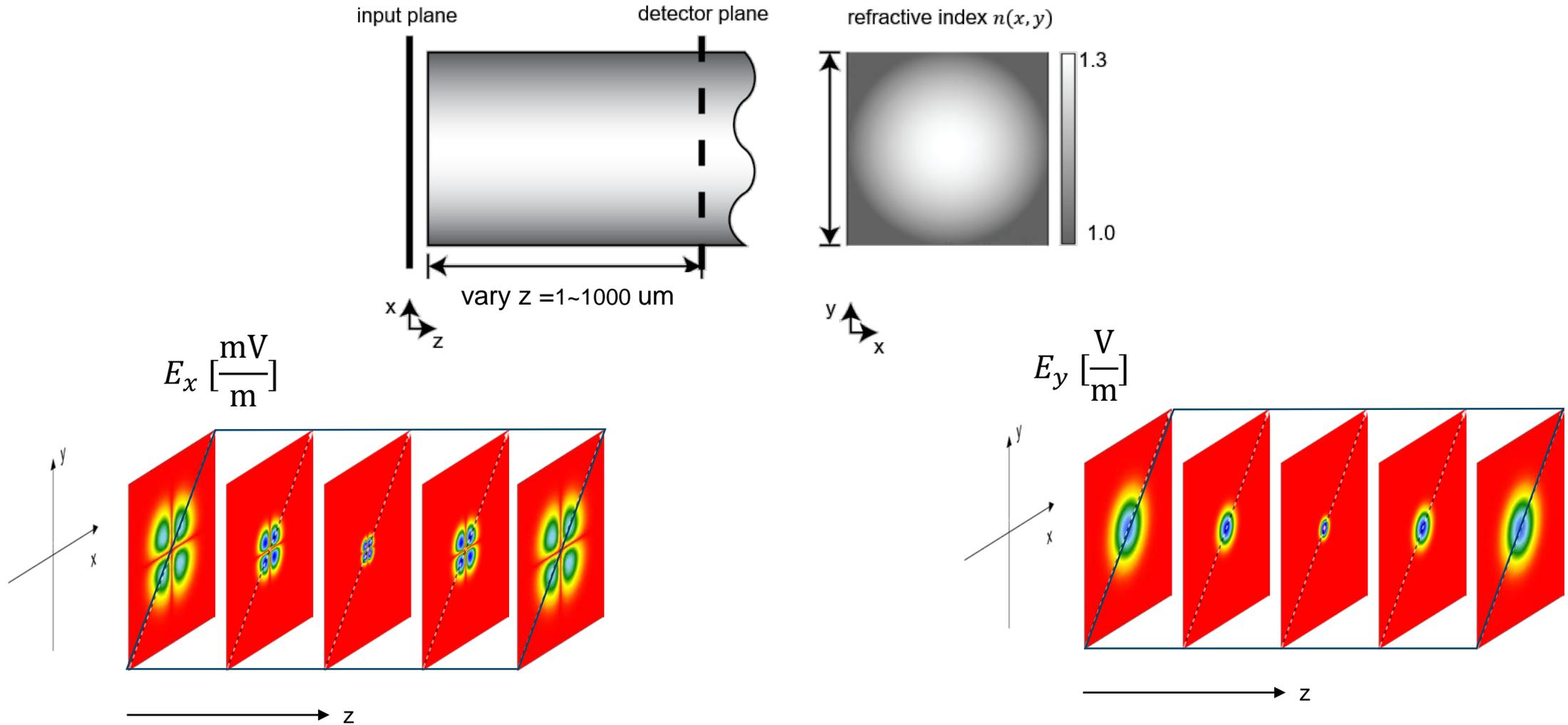


How to model such case that the input or output field is not geometric field?

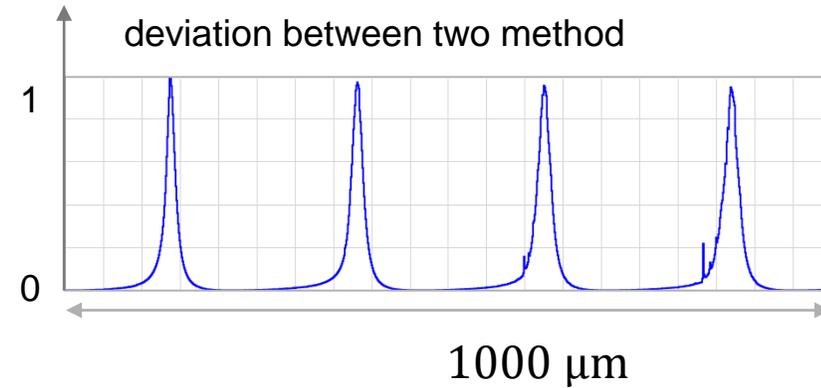
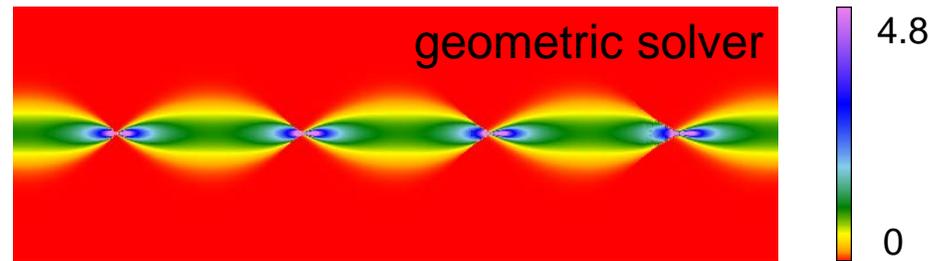
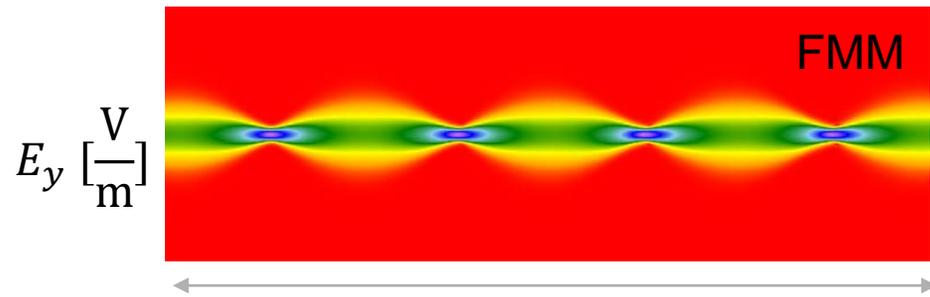
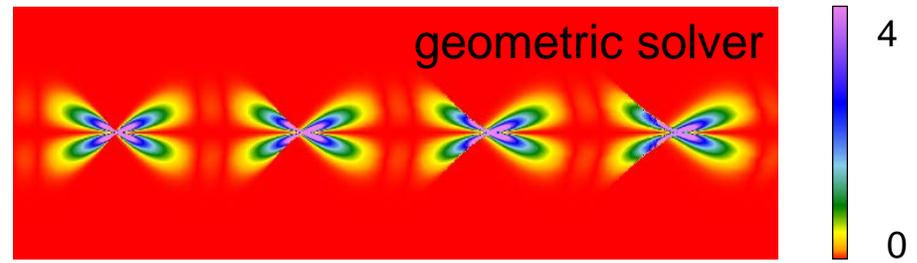
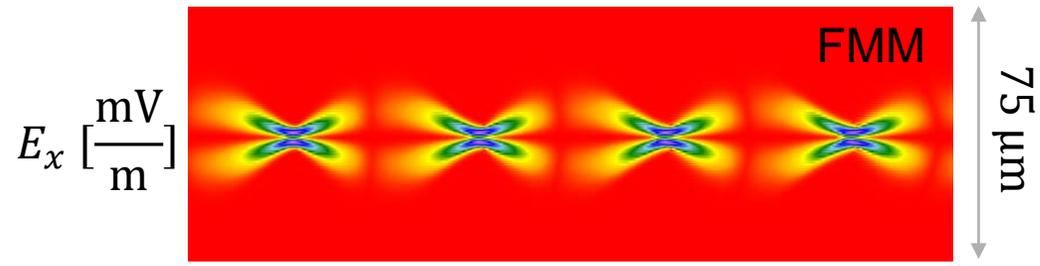


Amplitude of the image [V/m]

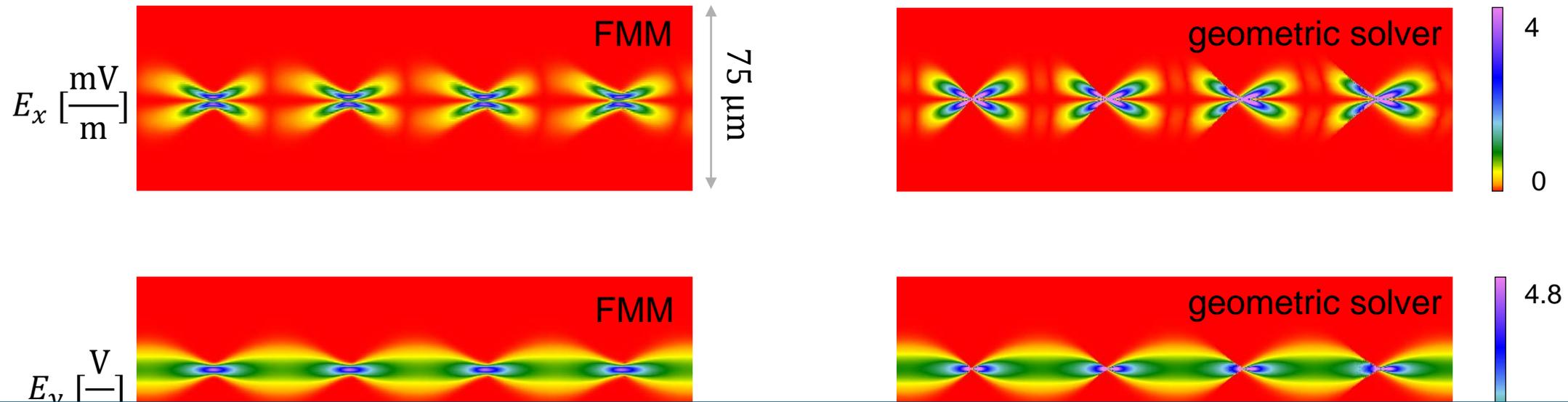
More Exploration of the Fast Solver



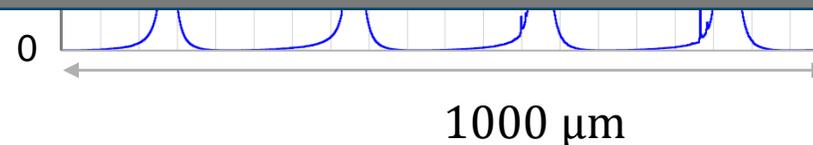
Result



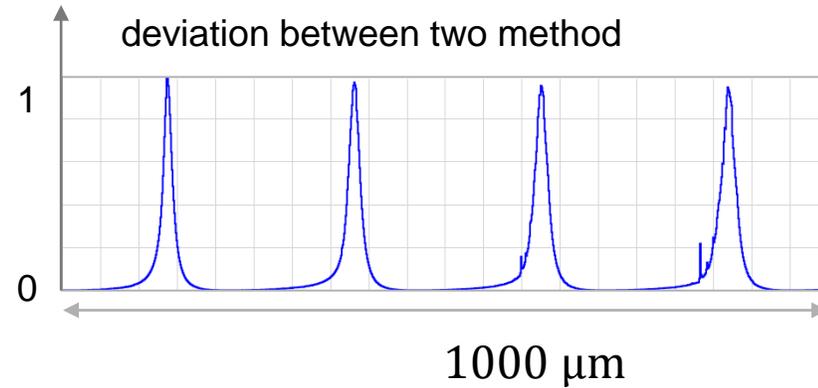
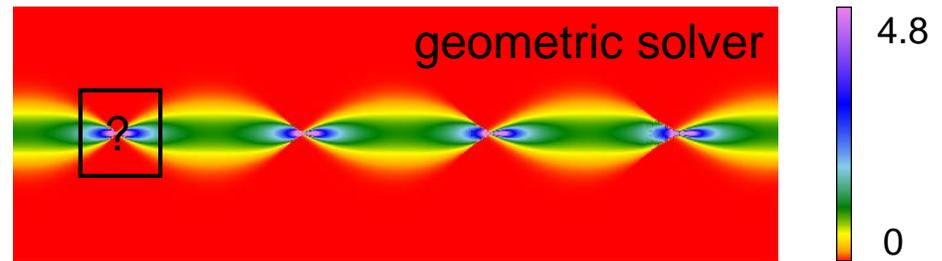
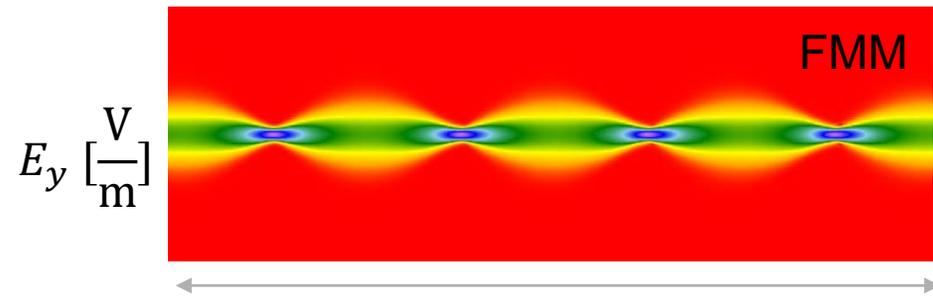
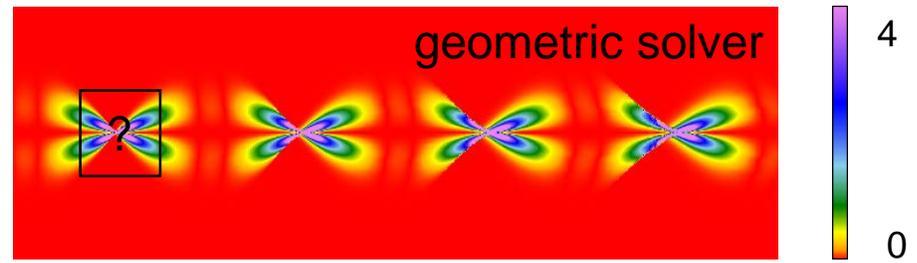
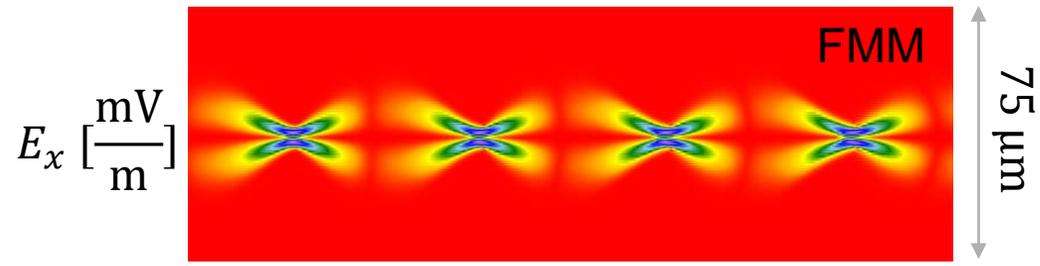
Result



Paper 10694-26: The Gouy phase shift reinterpreted via the geometric Fourier transform (Olga Baladron-Zorita)



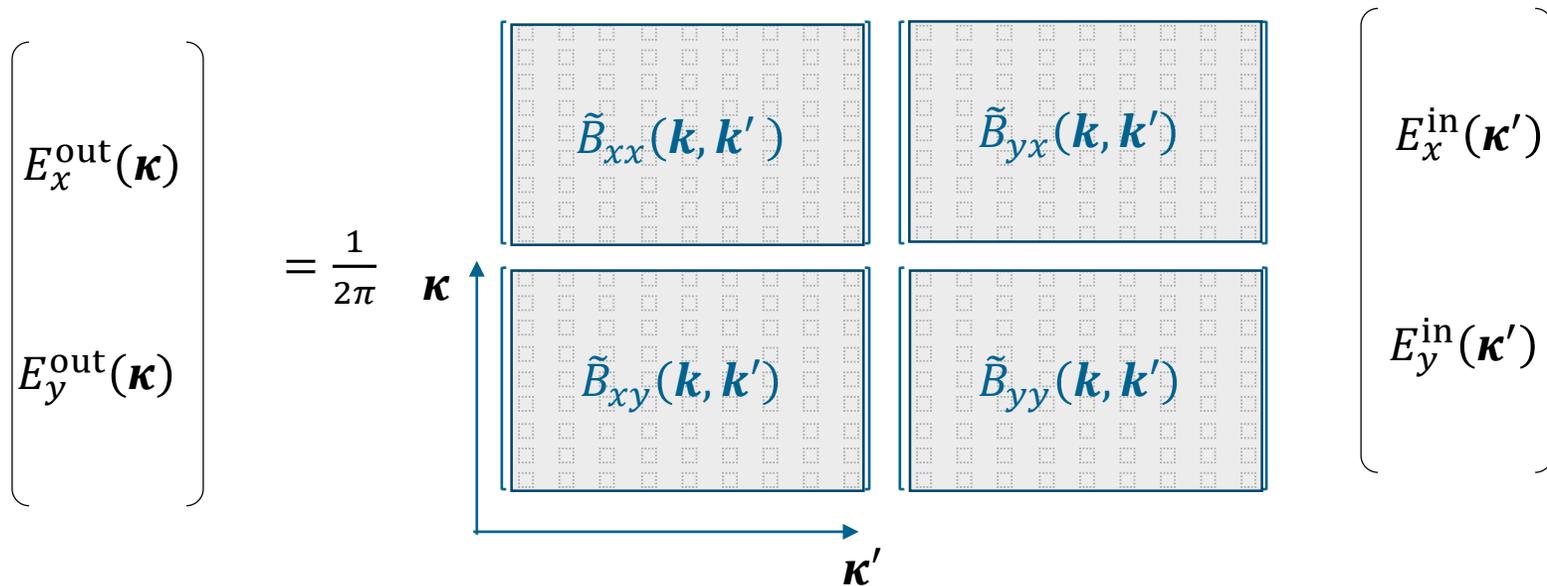
Result



Concept of B-Operator

- B-operator

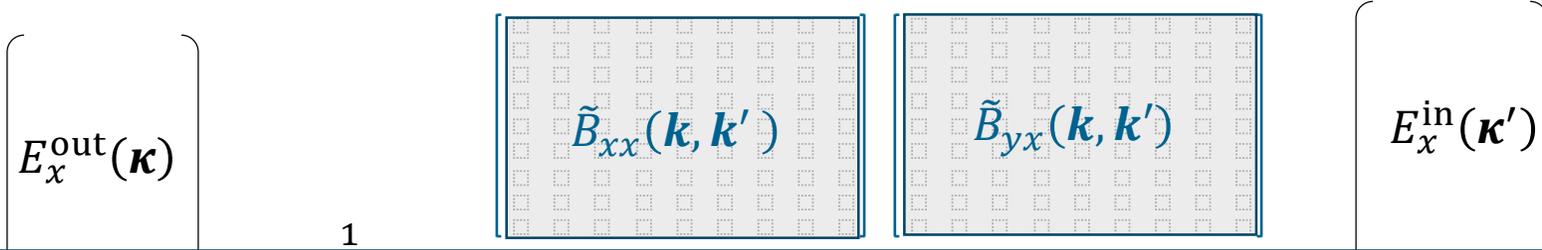
$$E^{\text{out}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \iint \tilde{\mathbf{B}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}') E^{\text{in}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}') d\boldsymbol{\kappa}'$$



Concept of B-Operator

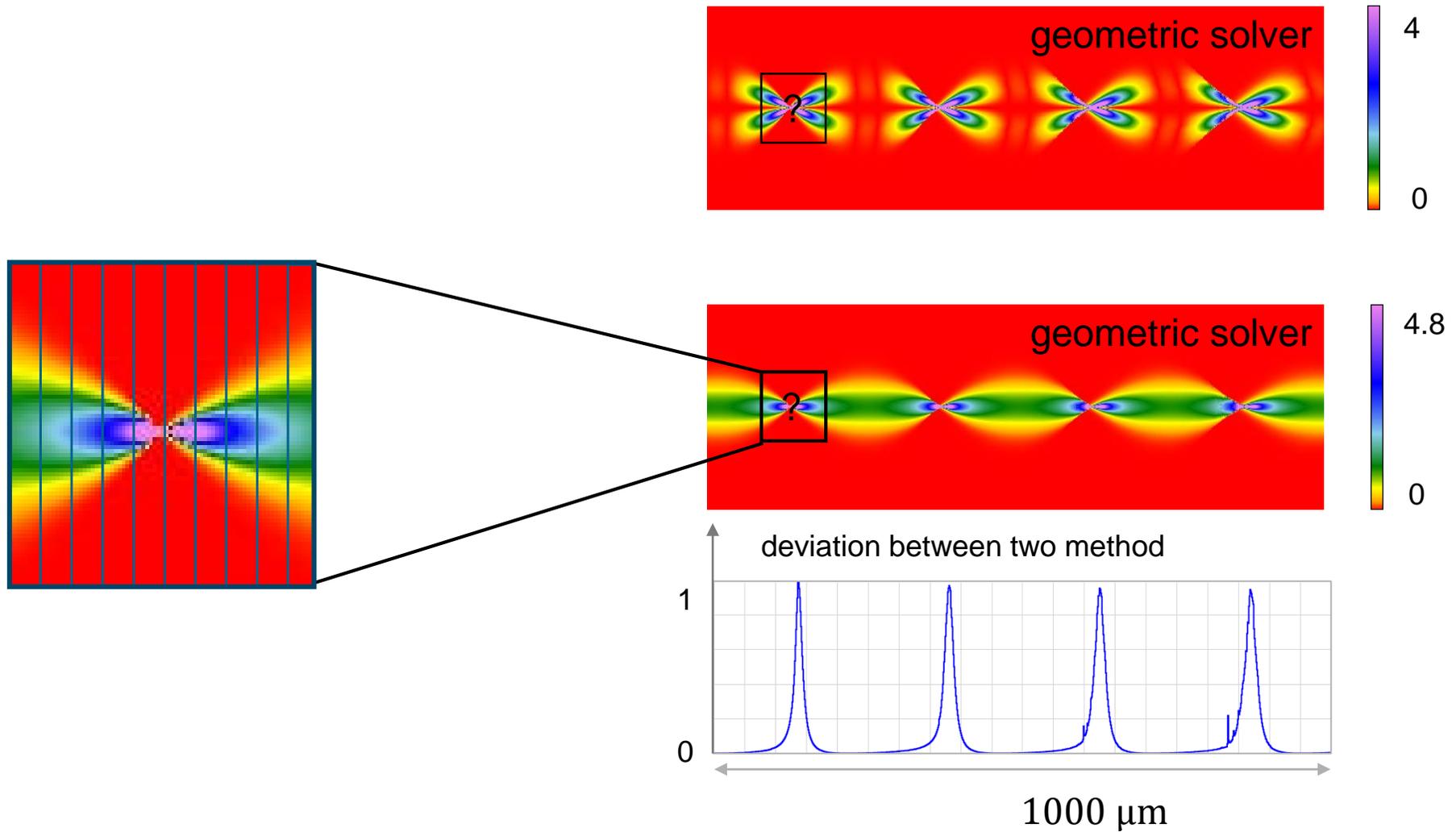
- B-operator

$$E^{\text{out}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \iint \tilde{\mathbf{B}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}') E^{\text{in}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}') d\boldsymbol{\kappa}'$$



How to calculate B-matrix?

B-Operator of Slab



B-Operator: Split-Step Method

- Review of split-step method

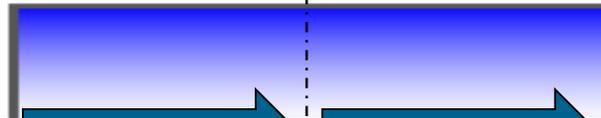
$$E(x, y, z + \Delta z) = \exp \left\{ \frac{-i\Delta z}{2} \left[\frac{\nabla_{\perp}^2}{(\nabla_{\perp}^2 + k_0^2)^{1/2} + k_0} \right] \right\}$$

$$\exp(-i\Delta z\chi)$$

$$\chi(x, y) = k_0 \left[\frac{n(x, y)}{n_0} - 1 \right]$$

$$\exp \left\{ \frac{-i\Delta z}{2} \left[\frac{\nabla_{\perp}^2}{(\nabla_{\perp}^2 + k_0^2)^{1/2} + k_0} \right] \right\} E(x, y, z)$$

Thin element approximation

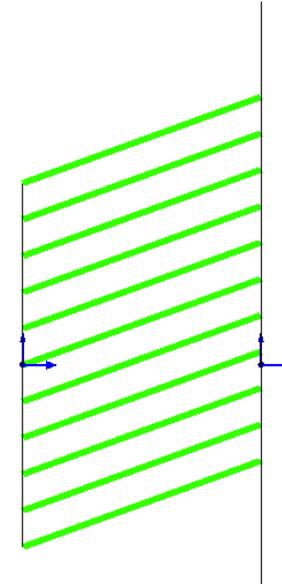


so the slab should be quite thin. Linear operation in spatial domain.

B-Operator: Wave Propagation Method

- Review of wave propagation method

$$\tilde{\mathbf{E}}^{\text{out}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \iint \tilde{\mathbf{E}}^{\text{in}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}') e^{ik_z(\boldsymbol{\kappa}')\Delta z} \delta(\boldsymbol{\kappa}' - \boldsymbol{\kappa}) d\boldsymbol{\kappa}'$$



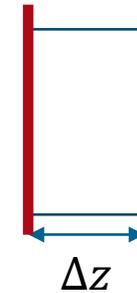
- Elementary B-operator is Parabasal TEA

Neglect the curvature of each ray, so the slab should be quite thin!

B-operator

- Input plane, define a grid of $\boldsymbol{\kappa}'$
- For each $\boldsymbol{\kappa}'$
 - Define input plane waves
 - $\mathbf{E}_1^{\text{in}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}') = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} e^{i\boldsymbol{\kappa}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}'}$
 - $\mathbf{E}_2^{\text{in}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}') = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{i\boldsymbol{\kappa}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}'}$
 - Calculate the output field $\mathbf{E}_1^{\text{out}}(\boldsymbol{\rho})$ and $\mathbf{E}_2^{\text{out}}(\boldsymbol{\rho})$
 - Calculate the spectrum $\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_1^{\text{out}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa})$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_2^{\text{out}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa})$

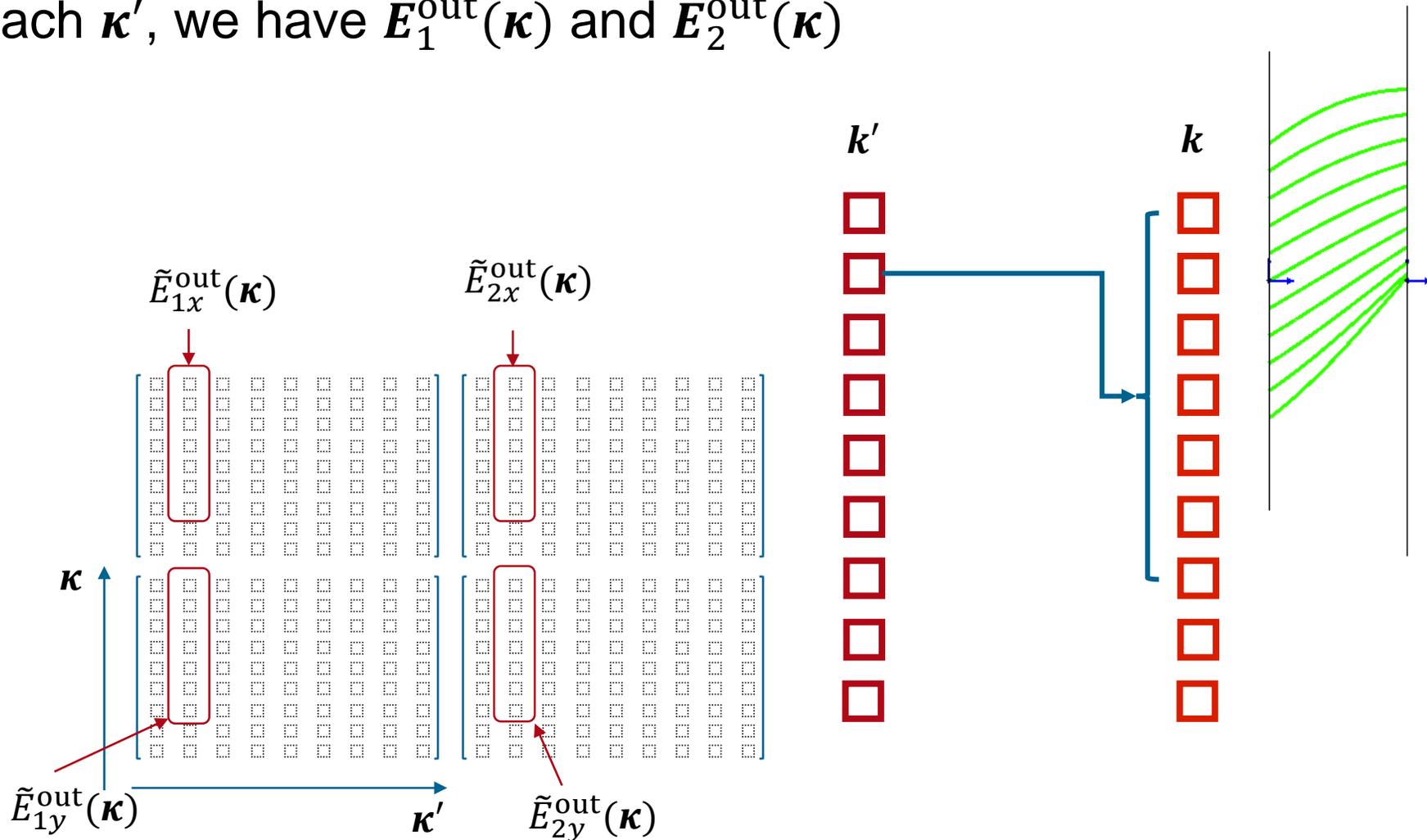
Input plane Output plane



with $\boldsymbol{\rho}' = (x', y')$

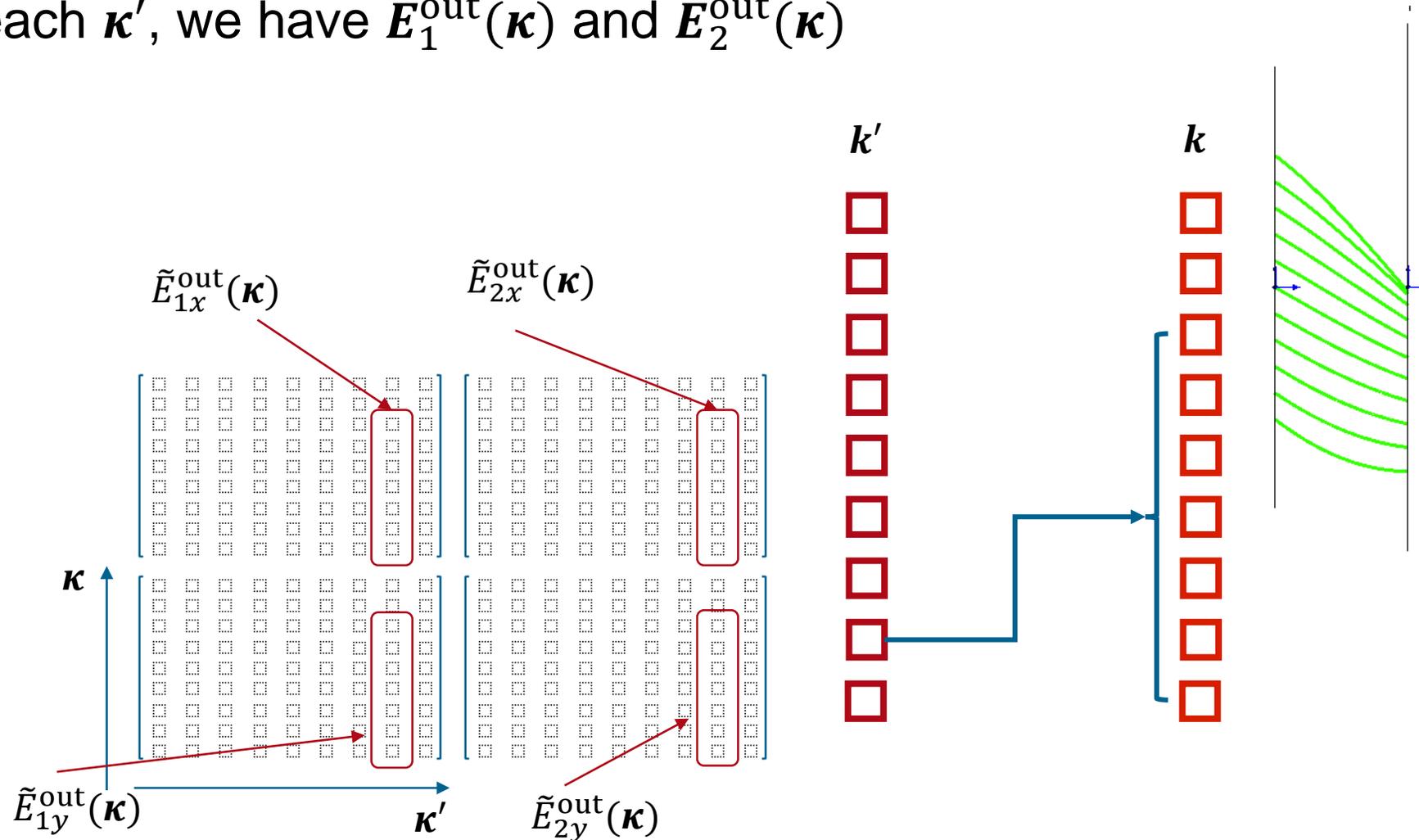
B-Operator

- For each κ' , we have $\tilde{E}_1^{\text{out}}(\kappa)$ and $\tilde{E}_2^{\text{out}}(\kappa)$

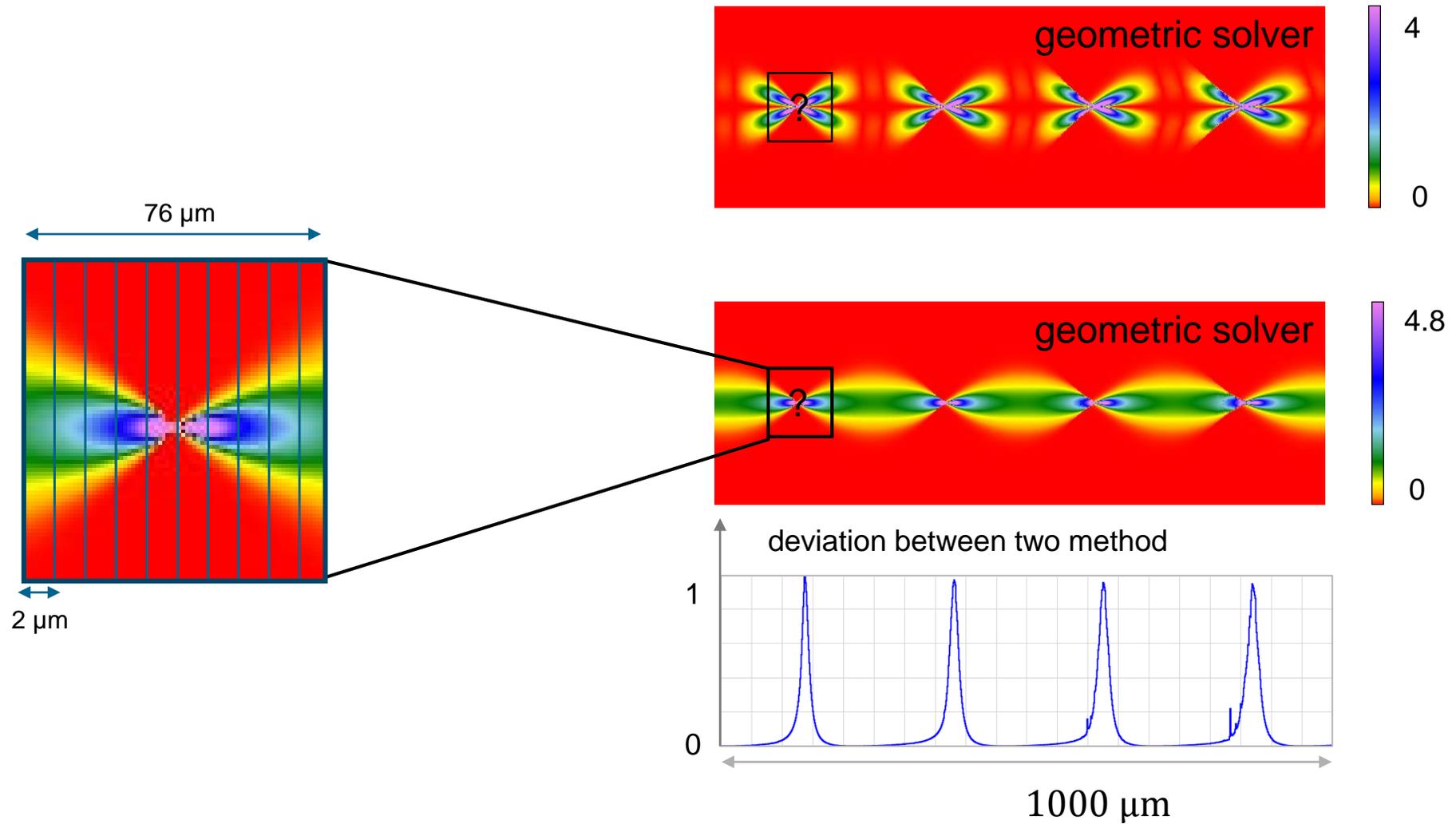


B-Operator

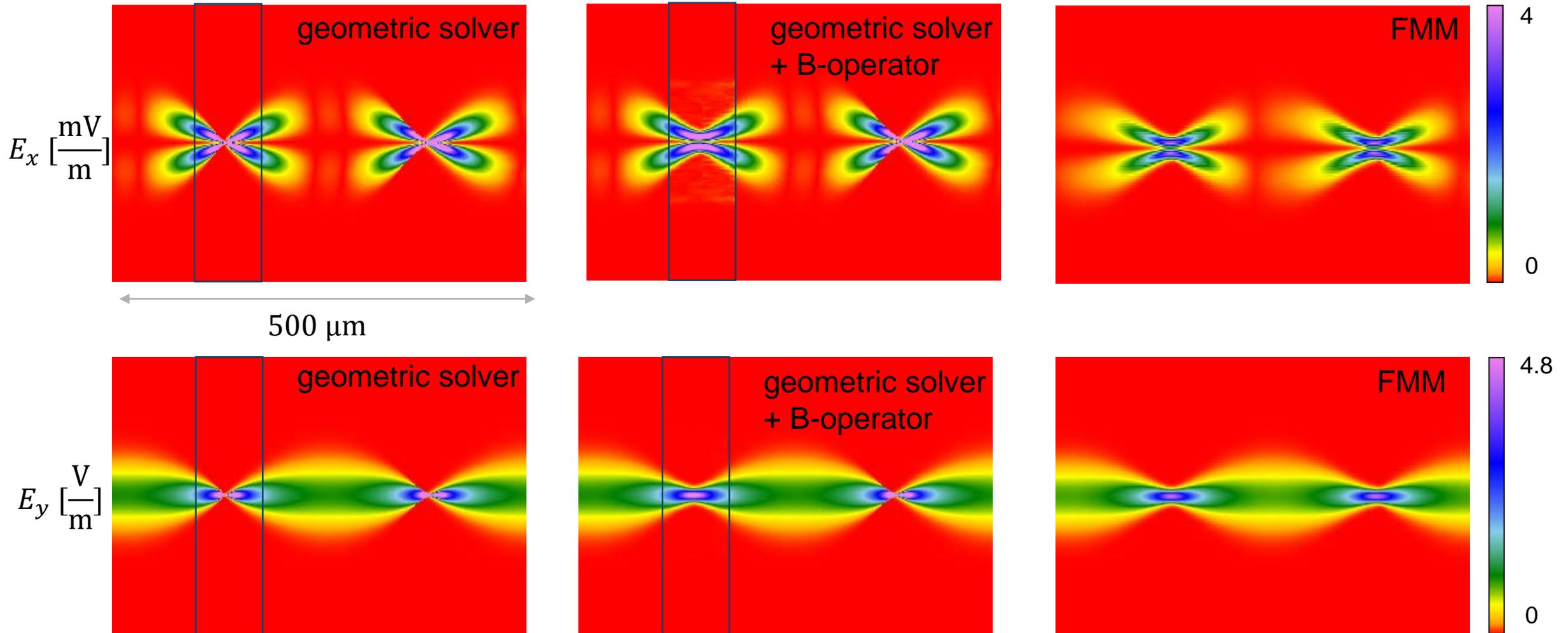
- For each κ' , we have $\tilde{E}_1^{\text{out}}(\kappa)$ and $\tilde{E}_2^{\text{out}}(\kappa)$



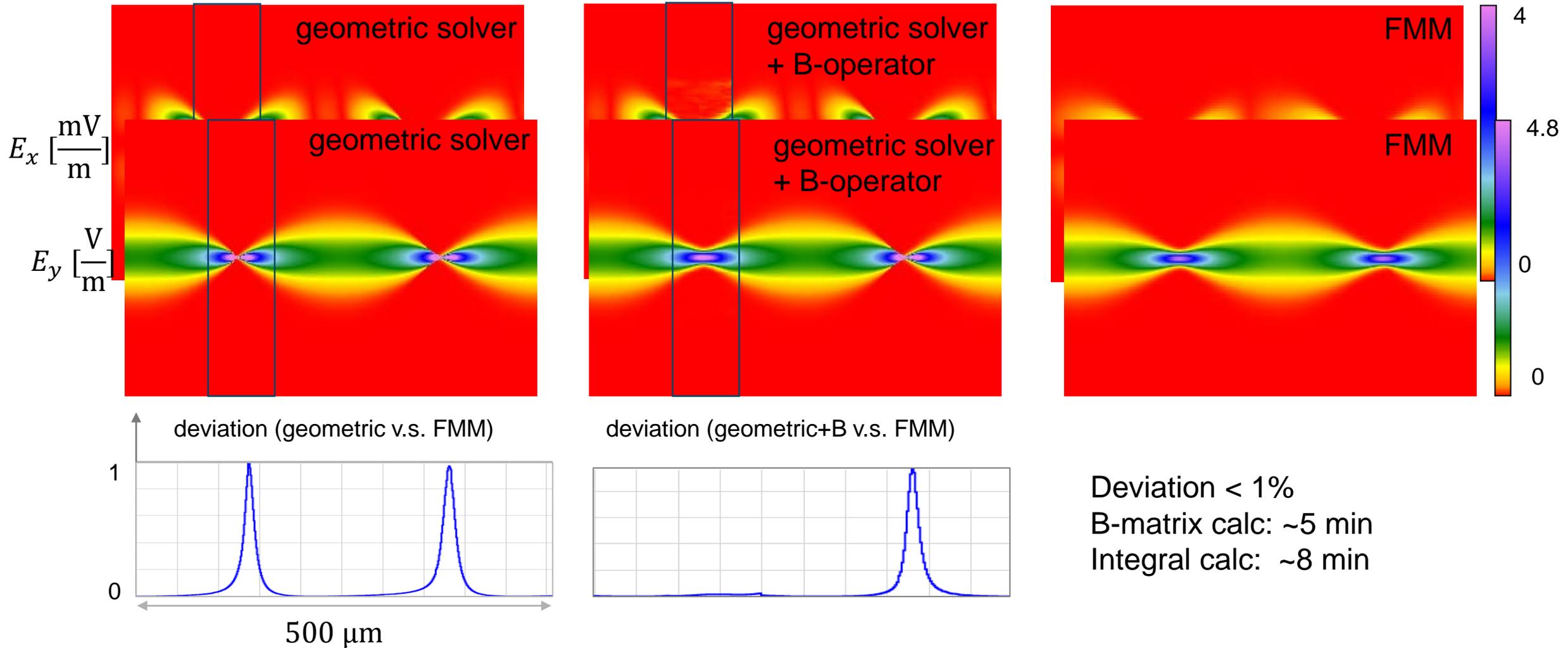
Result



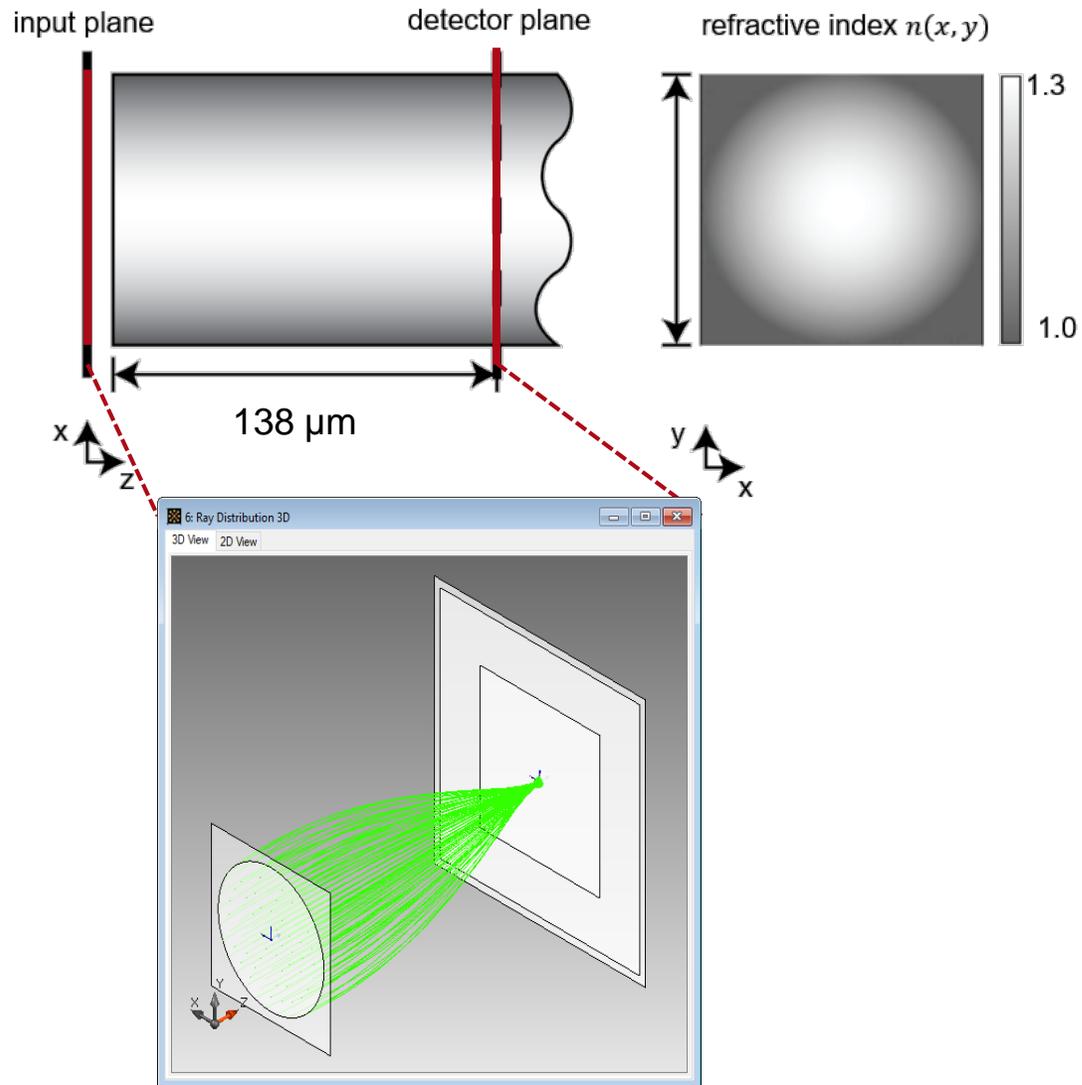
Diffraction Field: Fiber



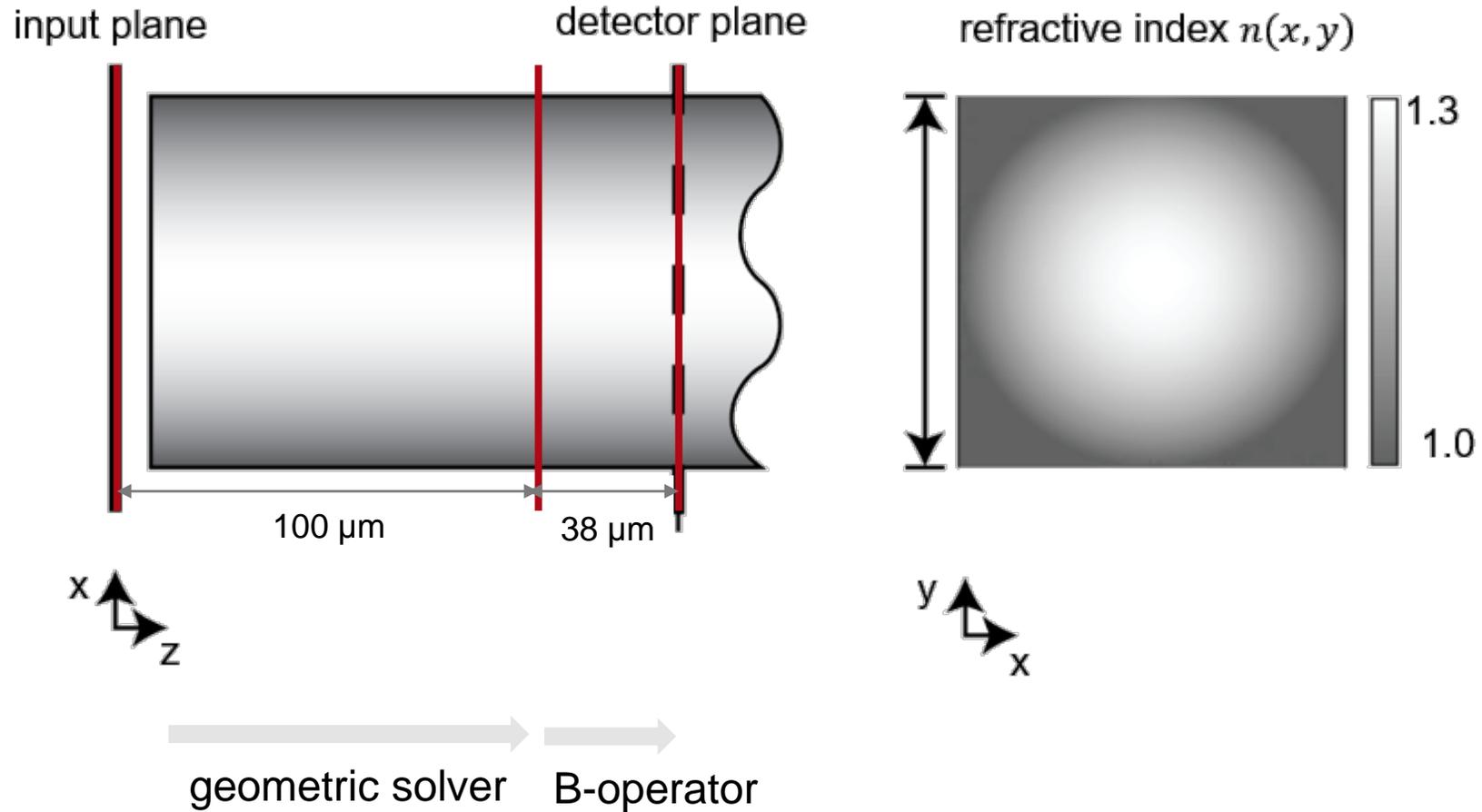
Diffractive Field: Fiber



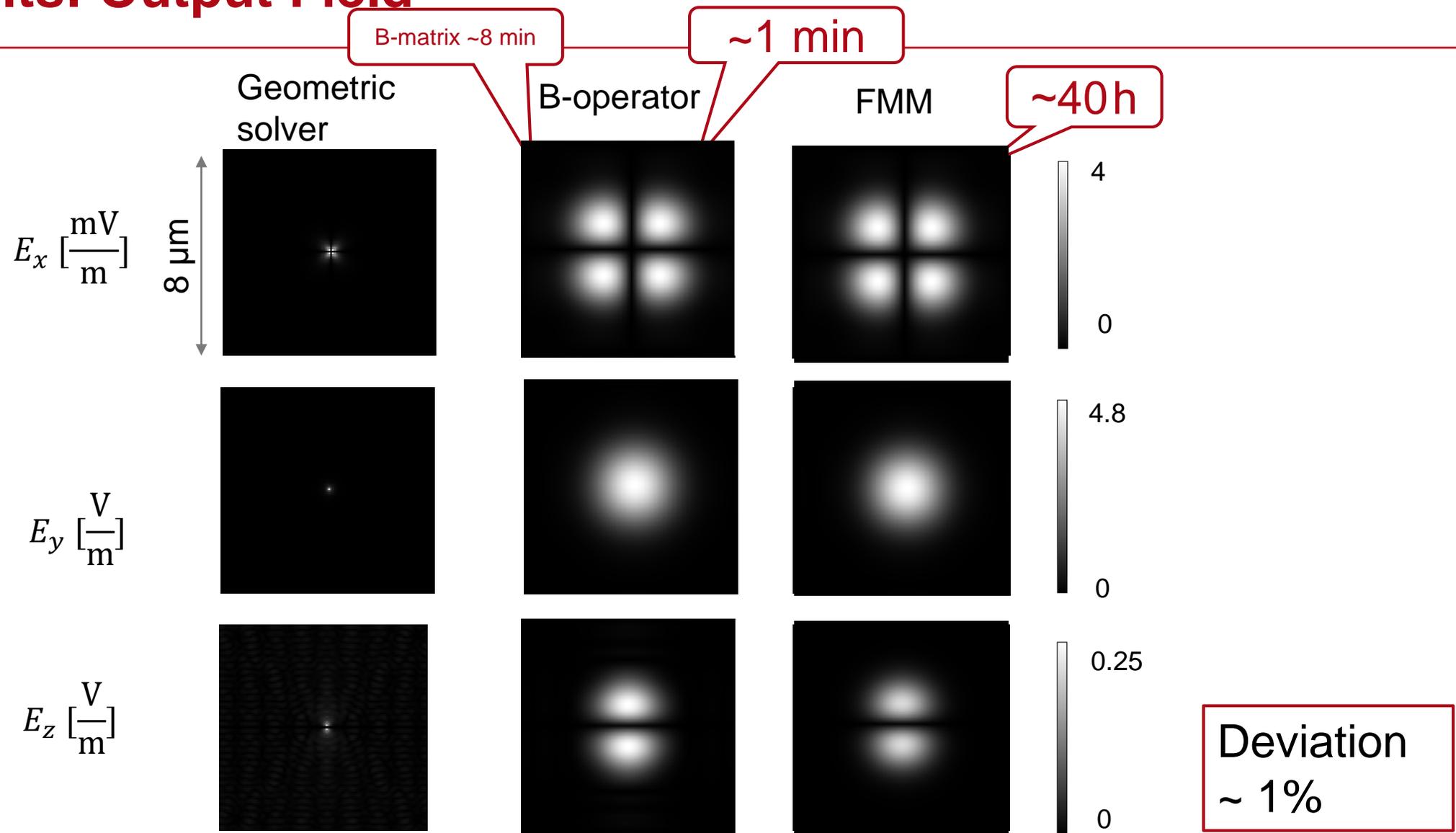
Calculation of Focus in Multimode Fiber



Problem Statement



Results: Output Field



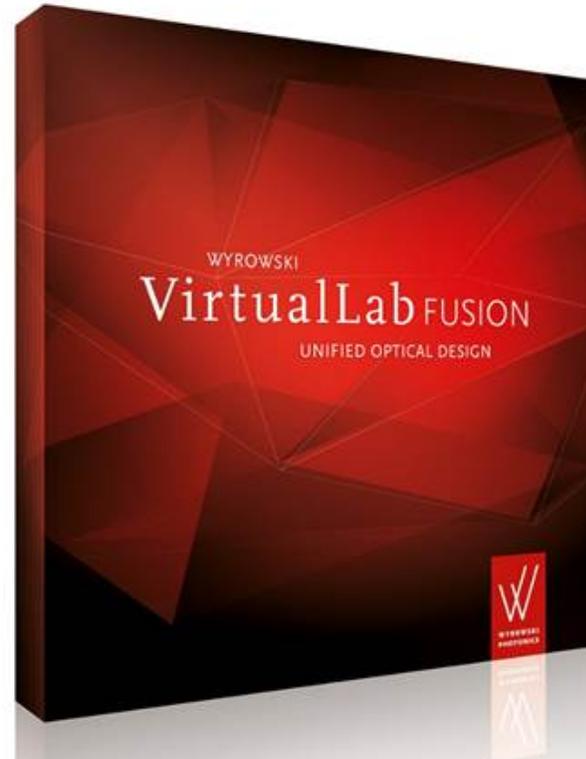
Conclusion and Outlook

- Field propagation through GRIN media
 - Geometric solver
 - B-operator of GRIN media
 - Elementary B: geometric solver
 - What is the elementary B-operator of split-step method and wave propagation method
- Calculation of B-operator need most time.
 - Just calculate $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}')$ for a few $\boldsymbol{\kappa}'_0$
 - $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}') =: \tilde{\mathbf{B}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}'_0)$ for $||\boldsymbol{\kappa}' - \boldsymbol{\kappa}'_0|| < \delta$
 - $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}') =: \tilde{\mathbf{B}}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}'_0 + \delta\boldsymbol{\kappa}')$ with $\delta\boldsymbol{\kappa}' = \boldsymbol{\kappa}' - \boldsymbol{\kappa}'_0$

Thank you!

Implementation

- All algorithms are implemented in the physical optics simulation and design software **VirtualLab Fusion**
- VirtualLab Fusion is developed, following the field tracing concept, by Wyrowski Photonics UG, Jena, Germany
- Visit our booth @ **booth B63** for more information



Reference

- [1] www.thorlab.de
- [2] <https://lp.uni-goettingen.de>
- [3] www.bgr.com
- [4] slideplayer.com/slide/8658764/
- [5] A. Sharma *et al.* Tracing rays through graded-index media: a new method. *Appl. Opt.*, **21**(6): 984-987 (1982)
- [6] M. Born and E. Wolf, Principles of Optics, Cambridge University press (1999)
- [7] Huiying Zhong *et al.*, Fast propagation of electromagnetic fields through graded-index media, *J. Opt. Soc. Am. A* 35, 661-668 (2018)
- [8] M. D. Feit and J. A. Fleck, “Light propagation in graded-index optical fibers,” *Appl. Opt.* **17**,3990–3998 (1978).
- [9] Brenner, K.-H. & Singer, W. Light propagation through microlenses: a new simulation method *Appl. Opt.*, OSA, **1993**, 32, 4984-4988