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Diffractive and geometric branch of physical optics

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* The historical development of geometrical optics is described by M. Herzberger, Strahlemoptik (Berlin, Springer, 1931), p. 179; Z. Instrumentenkunde, 52 (1932), 429–435, 485–493, 534–542, C. Carathedoory, 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).

the illuminated region, and that the variation is not monotonic but is of an oscillatory 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

† That the boundary becomes sharp in the limit as λ₀ → 0 was first shown by G. Kirchhoff, Vorlesungen â. Math. Phys., Vol. 2. (Mathematische Optik) (Leiptaj, Tuebner, 1891), p. 33. See also B. B. Baker and E. T. Copson, The Mathematical Theory of Huygens' 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 $\mathbf{K} = 0$, 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

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial \tau} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla^2 S - \frac{\partial \ln \mu}{\partial \tau} \right) \mathbf{e} + (\mathbf{e} \cdot \operatorname{grad} \ln n) \operatorname{grad} S = 0, \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial \tau} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla^2 S - \frac{\partial \ln e}{\partial \tau} \right) \mathbf{h} + (\mathbf{h} \cdot \operatorname{grad} \ln n) \operatorname{grad} S = 0. \quad (4)$$

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 heen 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 auvature of the associated wavefronts. Kline's formula is a natural generalization, to inhomogeneous media, of the formula (34). See also M. Kline and U. W. Kav. (ivid. 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>"



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Example Spherical Field with Stop



Results of Fourier Transform

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

Decreasing radius of cruvature; increasing NA



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- In the **geometric zone** of a field the geometric Fourier transform is valid for a predefined accuracy level.
- That can be interpreted as the decomposition of a field into local plane waves!

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Physical optics in geometric zones is as fast as ray tracing (with potential to be faster)!



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

Physical Optics Modeling: Regional Maxwell's Solver



Physical Optics Modeling: Non-sequential Solver Connection



Task/System Illustration



Results: Ray Dot Diagram at Detector



Results: Field at Detector



Results: Field Tracing with Tilt of the Object



Example of Multi-Scale Optical System



Base Grating Structure



Base Structure Analysis

Intensity Image of Grating after Polarizer in X-Direction

0.2 0.2 0.1 0.1 ۲ [mm] 0 ۲ [mm] 0 -0.1 -0.1 -0.2 -0.2 7 7 -0.2 -0.1 0.1 0.2 -0.2 -0.1 0.1 0.2 0 0 X [mm] X [mm] Simulation time few seconds

Intensity Image of Grating after Polarizer in Y-Direction

Base Grating Structure



Modified Grating Structure



Modified Structure Analysis

Intensity Image of Grating after Polarizer in X-Direction





Fast Physical Optics: Freeform Surfaces



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cpu time per simulation < 1 sec

Light Shaping



Light Shaping From a Physical Optics Perspective

Diffractive and geometric concepts





- Input field consists of one source mode
- No restrictions of input field type

Diffractive Field Zone (DFZ)



 Shaper in geometric field zone (GFZ)



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• Shaper in diffractive field zone (DFZ)



 Shaper in geometric field zone (GFZ) • Target in diffractive field zone



 Shaper in geometric field zones (GFZ) Target in diffractive field zone (DFZ)

Light shaping in geometric zones

Diffractive (HOE) and refractive (freeform) approaches



 Shaper in geometric field zone (GFZ) • Target in diffractive field zone (DFZ)









1. single lens design



Example: Focusing Lens w/o Freeform



Design Concept: HOE and Freeform



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Design step 1: Design in the functional embodiment

- Determination of phase in shaper plane!
 Design step 2: Design in structural embodiment
- Design of HOE or refractive surface in order to obtain the required phase change

Signal field

Freeform Design Algorithm: Example



Design step 1: Design in the functional embodiment

- Inverse field propagation approach
 Design step 2: Design in structural embodiment
- Fast recursive design of freeform surface using spline interpolation approach based on full phase information (no parametric optimization)

Signal field

Example: Focusing Lens w/o Freeform



Example: Focusing Lens w/ Freeform



Example: Focusing Lens Off-Axis



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 Shaper in geometric field zone (GFZ)



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Analytical beam shaping with application to laser-diode arrays

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



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 - Design of diffractive beam-shaping elements for non-uniform illumination waves

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An efficient approach for the numerical solution of the Monge–Ampère equation

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Gaussian to Top-Hat (Non-paraxial)



The Rayleigh lengths of the input Gaussian is 555.6µm

Gaussian to Top-Hat (Non-paraxial): Phase Design via Meshes



Gaussian to Top-Hat (Non-paraxial): Functional Embodiment



Gaussian to Top-Hat (Non-paraxial): Functional Embodiment





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- Structural design altrnatives
 - Freeform surface design (convergent, iterative algorithm)
 - HOE design (direct design)

Gaussian to Top-Hat (Non-paraxial): Freeform Surface


Elliptical Gaussian to Top-Hat (Non-paraxial): Freeform Surface





cross-section (normalized)



Plane Wave to Far Field Pattern (Non-paraxial)



Plane Wave to Far Field Pattern (Non-paraxial): Functional Design



Plane Wave to Far Field Pattern (Non-paraxial): Functional



Plane Wave to Far Field Pattern (Non-paraxial): Freeform Surface



Gaussian to Top-Hat (Paraxial): Freeform Surface





cross-section (normalized)



Gaussian to Top-Hat (Paraxial): Freeform Surface

0.0918

0.0459



- Because of paraxial field (slow beams) shaper is in DFZ and not GFZ.
- That results in slight diffractive effects which are not included in design.
- By subsequent iterative Fourier transform algorithm which takes DFZ into account that can be corrected.

Gaussian to Top-Hat (Non-paraxial): HOE



Gaussian to Top-Hat (Non-paraxial): HOE

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



Investigate Rayleigh Coefficient



Gaussian to Top-Hat (Non-paraxial): HOE



Gaussian to Top-Hat (Non-paraxial): Lens + HOE



Gaussian to Top-Hat (Non-paraxial): Lens + HOE



Gaussian to Top-Hat (Non-paraxial): Lens + HOE

The result irradiance on target plane is compared with the previous case without the lens.



without the lens

Light Shaping Tasks: Cases



 Shaper in geometric field zone (GFZ) Target in geometric field zone (GFZ)

Light Shaping Tasks: Gaussian to Ringmode



Gaussian to Ringmode: Refractive Approach (GFZ)



Gaussian to Ringmode: Refractive Approach (GFZ)



Gaussian to Ringmode: Diffractive Approach (DFZ)



Gaussian to Ringmode: Diffractive Approach (DFZ)



Diffractive light shaping by coherent superposition

Diffractive beam splitter and diffuser

Shaping by "Beam Scanning"



Shaping by "Beam Scanning"















Basic Design Situations: Splitting





• Spots in target pattern do not overlap: diffractive beam splitter

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Intensity in Target Plane



Iterative Fourier Transform Algorithm



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



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[™]
Diffractive Optics: Pattern Generation



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Solution by Integrated Diffractive Optics



High NA Beam Splitter by Two DOE's



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 with FMM





Light shaping by lateral decomposition

Elementary cell array components

Array of Deflectors



Array of Deflectors



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	100x100
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



Light shaping by lateral decomposition

Lens and freeform array components

Array of Micro-optical Components



Task/System Illustration



Specs: Light Source



Results: Intensity Pattern (real color view)



Summary

- Introduction of a geometric branch of physical optics with the help of the geometric Fourier transform.
- Refractive and diffractive light shaping concepts follow a unified theory in physical optics.
- Classification of light shaping concepts dependent of positions of shaper(s) and target in field zones.
- Elementary shaping concepts can be combined
 - Superposition in same area, e.g. beam splitter
 - Laterally combined, e.g. cell array-type components
- Further investigations on the basis of the unified theory will reveal further concepts and deeper understanding of light shaping.

 Designs and simulations done with VirtualLab Fusion software.

