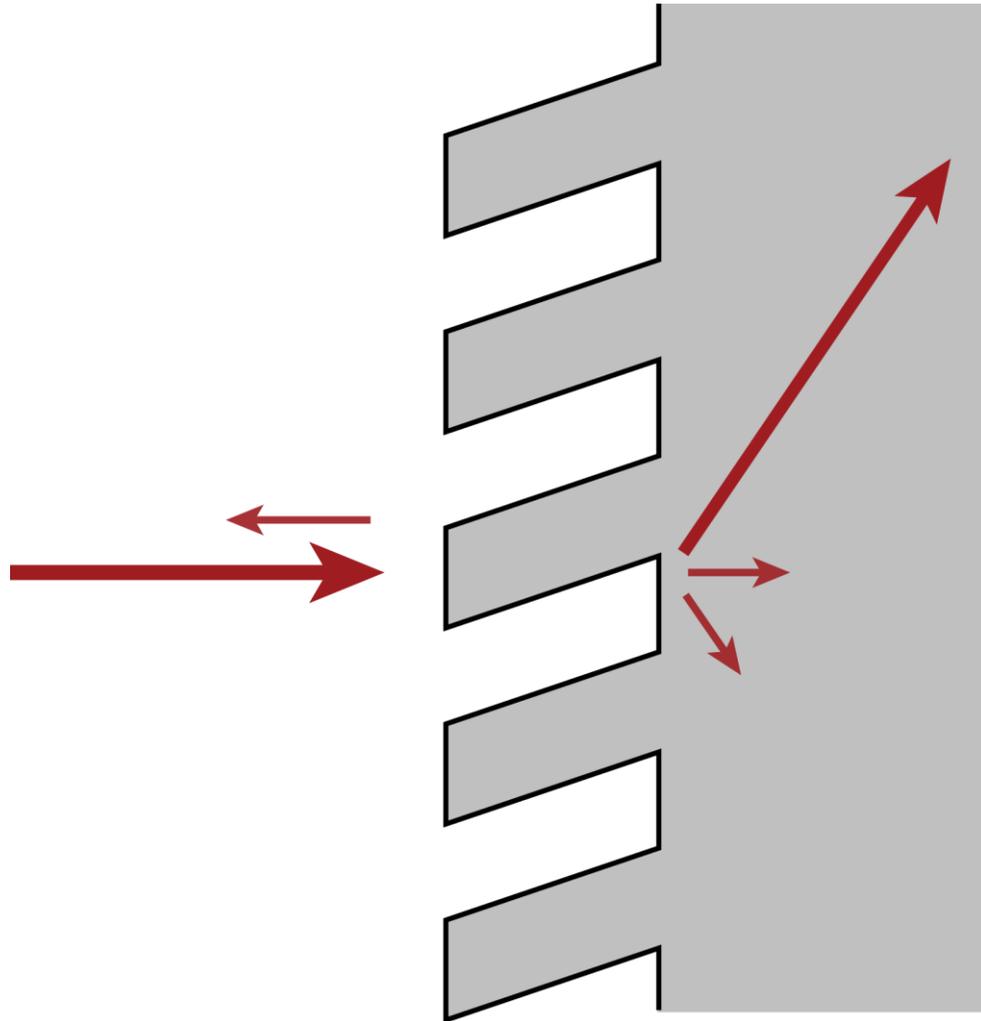


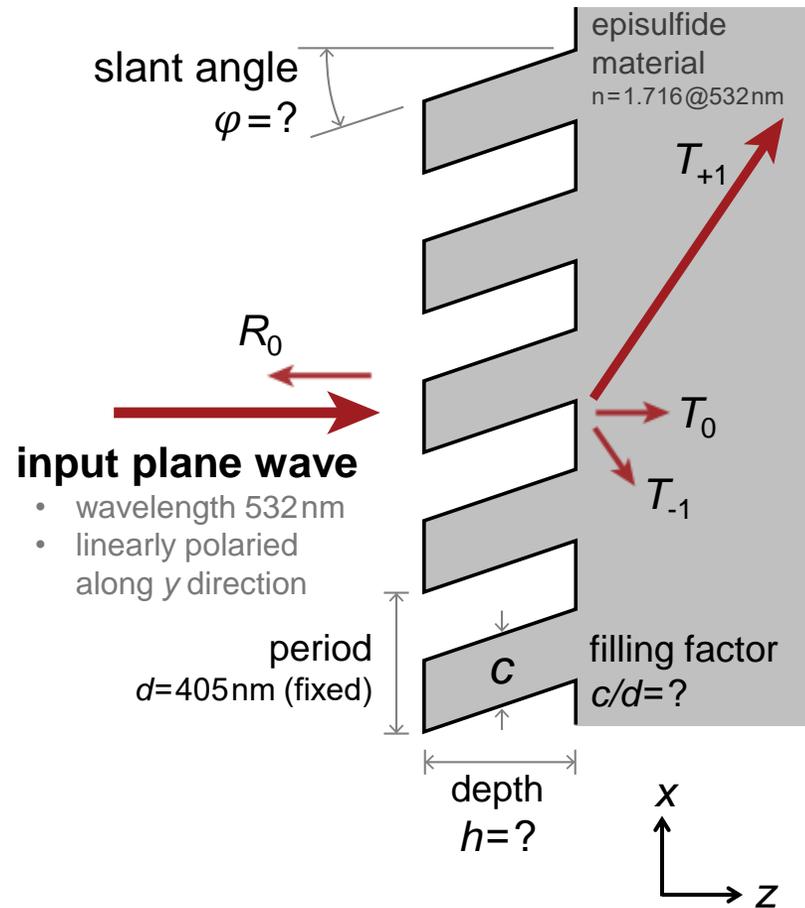
Parametric Optimization and Tolerance Analysis of Slanted Gratings

Abstract

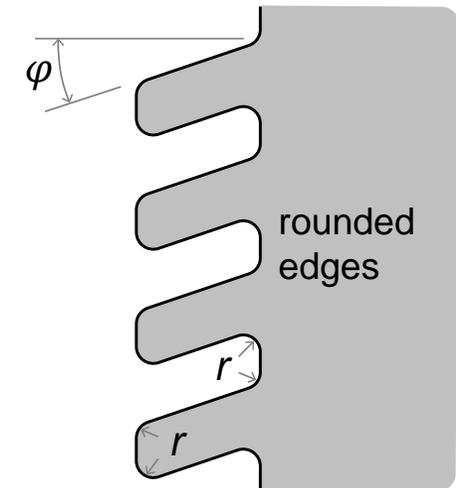
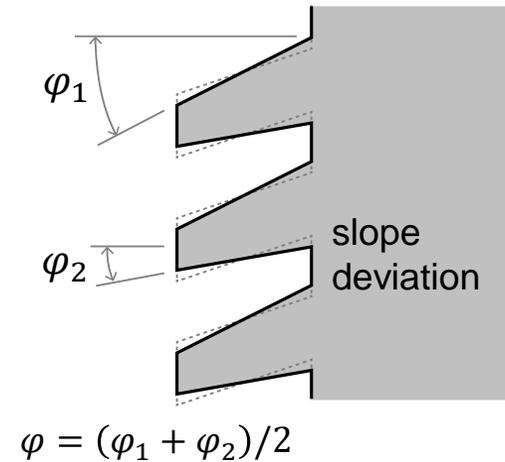


Coupling of light into guiding structures with high efficiency is an important issue for many applications, like backlight, optical interconnector, and near-to-eye displays. For such applications, slanted gratings are well-known for being capable to couple monochromatic light with high efficiency. In this example, the optimization of a slanted grating with the rigorous Fourier modal method (FMM, also known as RCWA) is presented. The optimized grating shows a diffraction efficiency of over 90% for a predefined direction order. In addition, the influence from the slope deviation and the rounded edges of the grating are investigated.

Modeling Task

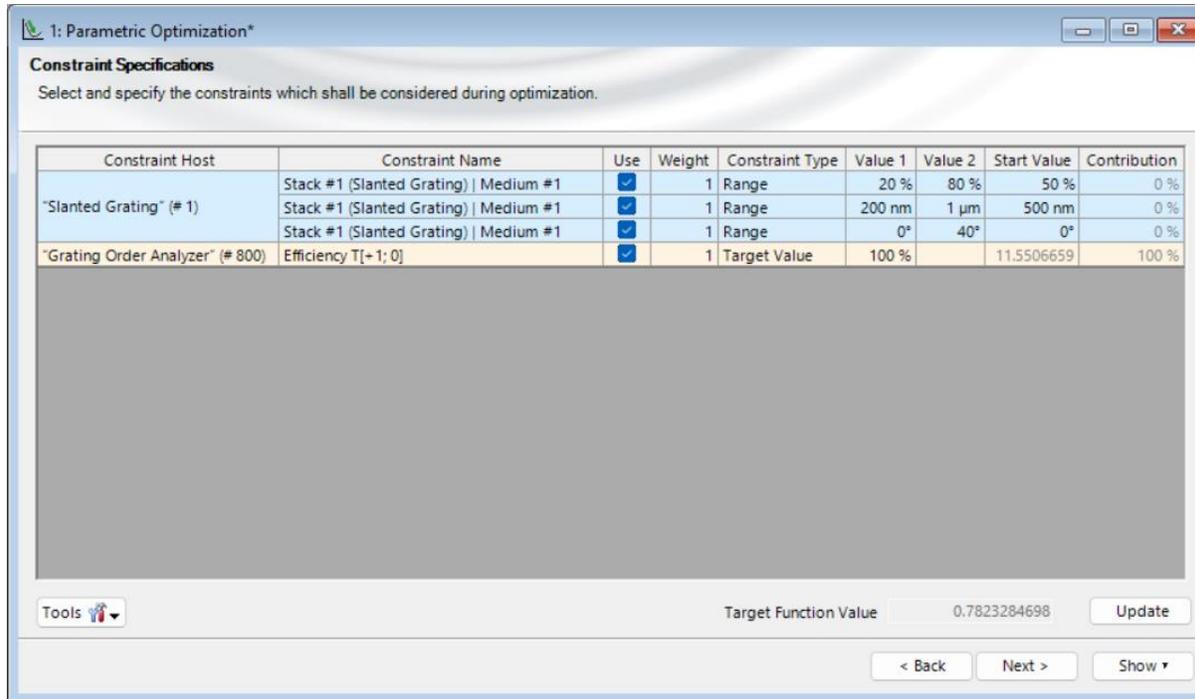


How to optimize the diffraction efficiency of the T_{+1} order, by adjusting the slant angle φ , grating depth h , and filling factor c/d ?



In addition, how to evaluate the grating performance with the slope deviation and the rounded edges due to fabrication processes taken into account?

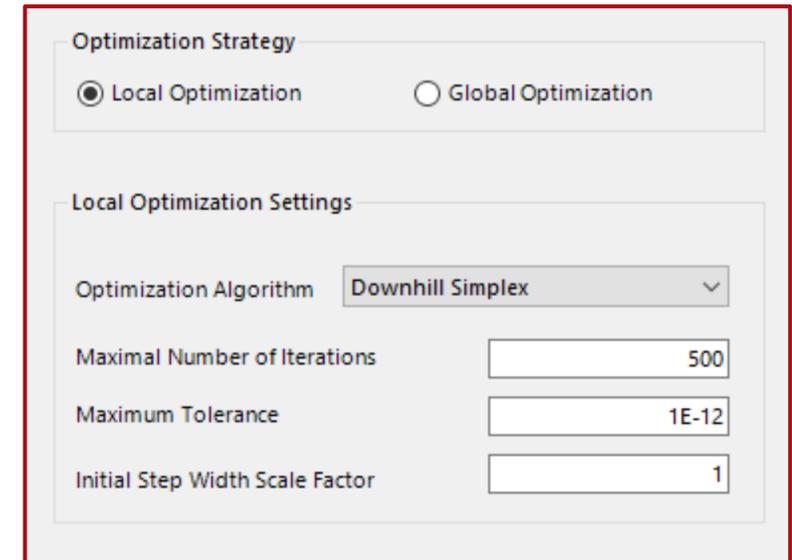
Optimization



The screenshot shows a software window titled "1: Parametric Optimization*" with a "Constraint Specifications" section. Below the title bar, there is a text instruction: "Select and specify the constraints which shall be considered during optimization." A table lists the constraints with columns for Constraint Host, Constraint Name, Use, Weight, Constraint Type, Value 1, Value 2, Start Value, and Contribution.

Constraint Host	Constraint Name	Use	Weight	Constraint Type	Value 1	Value 2	Start Value	Contribution
"Slanted Grating" (# 1)	Stack #1 (Slanted Grating) Medium #1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	Range	20 %	80 %	50 %	0 %
	Stack #1 (Slanted Grating) Medium #1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	Range	200 nm	1 μ m	500 nm	0 %
	Stack #1 (Slanted Grating) Medium #1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	Range	0°	40°	0°	0 %
"Grating Order Analyzer" (# 800)	Efficiency T[+ 1; 0]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	Target Value	100 %		11.5506659	100 %

At the bottom of the window, there is a "Tools" dropdown menu, a "Target Function Value" field showing "0.7823284698", an "Update" button, and navigation buttons: "< Back", "Next >", and "Show ▾".



The screenshot shows a settings panel for optimization. It is divided into two main sections: "Optimization Strategy" and "Local Optimization Settings".

Optimization Strategy: Two radio buttons are present: "Local Optimization" (selected) and "Global Optimization".

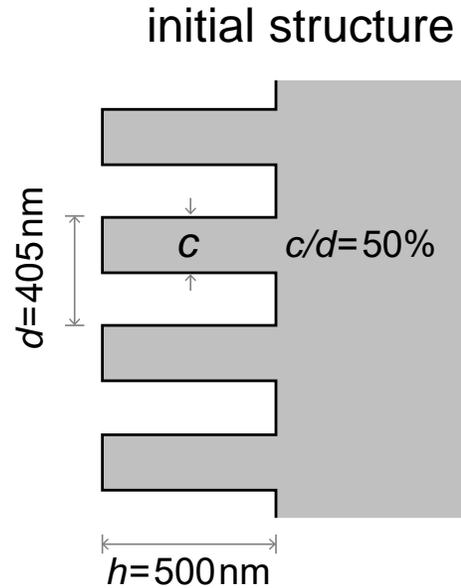
Local Optimization Settings:

- Optimization Algorithm:** A dropdown menu set to "Downhill Simplex".
- Maximal Number of Iterations:** A text input field containing "500".
- Maximum Tolerance:** A text input field containing "1E-12".
- Initial Step Width Scale Factor:** A text input field containing "1".

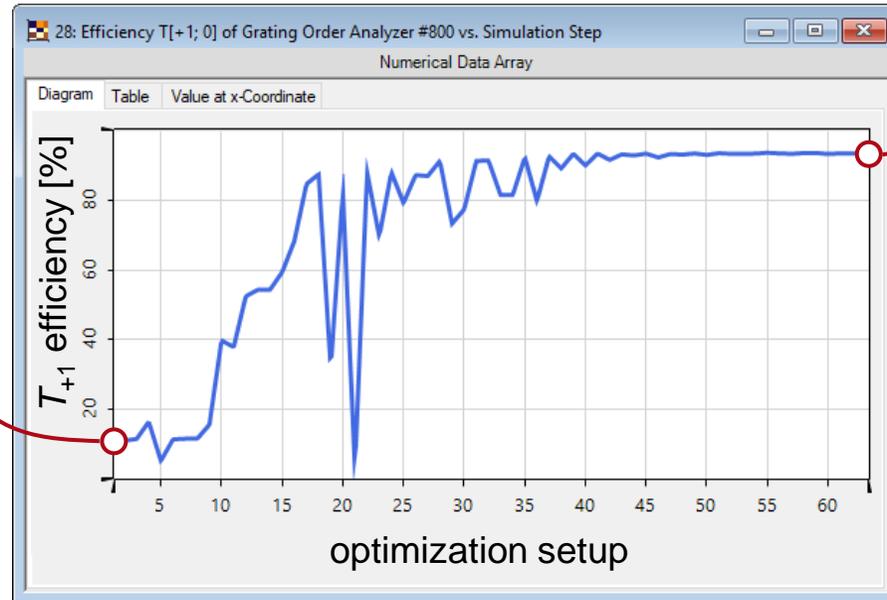
In order to find an optimized set of parameters for the slanted grating, the *Optimization* document enables the definition of parameter constraints and weights for the target values. Find more information under:

 [Introduction to the Parametric Optimization Document](#)

Parametric Optimization for 1st Order

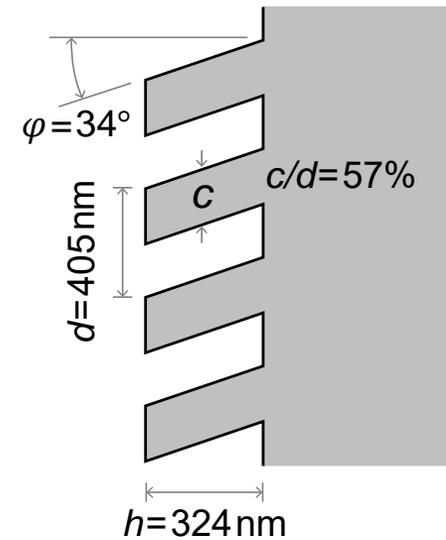


Order	Efficiency
-1	11.551%
0	72.795%
+1	11.551%



parametric optimization – downhill simplex method – with rigorous Fourier modal method (FMM) used for grating efficiency calculation

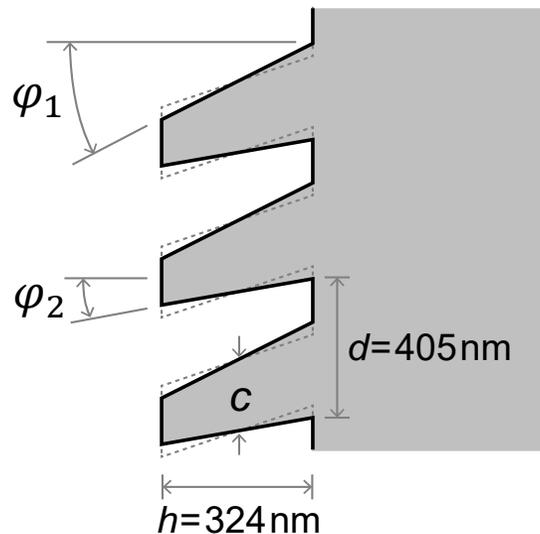
optimized structure



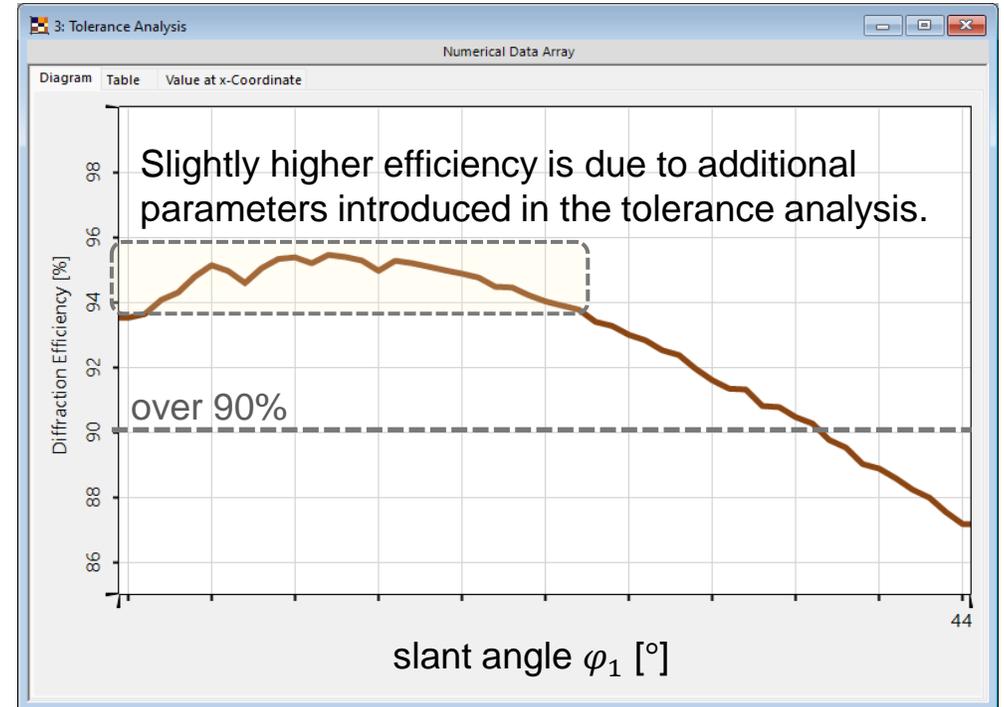
Order	Efficiency
-1	3.257%
0	0.365%
+1	93.659%

Results – Tolerance Analysis

The fabricated slanted gratings often shows a deviation from the perfect parallel grating lines. Such deviations of the angles of the sidewalls should be taken into account for the tolerance analysis.



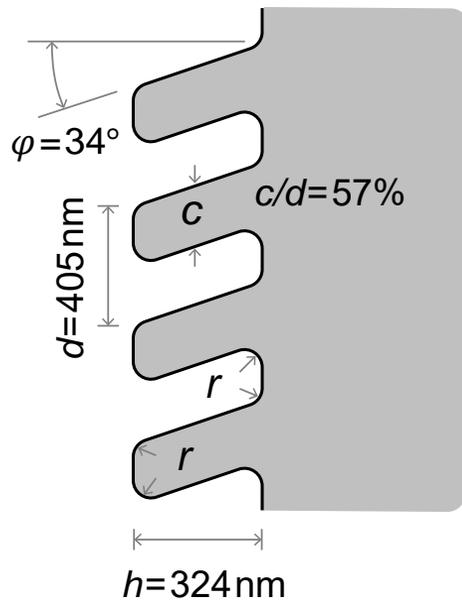
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- fixed filling factor (average) $c/d = 57\%$
- varying φ_1 from 34 to 44°



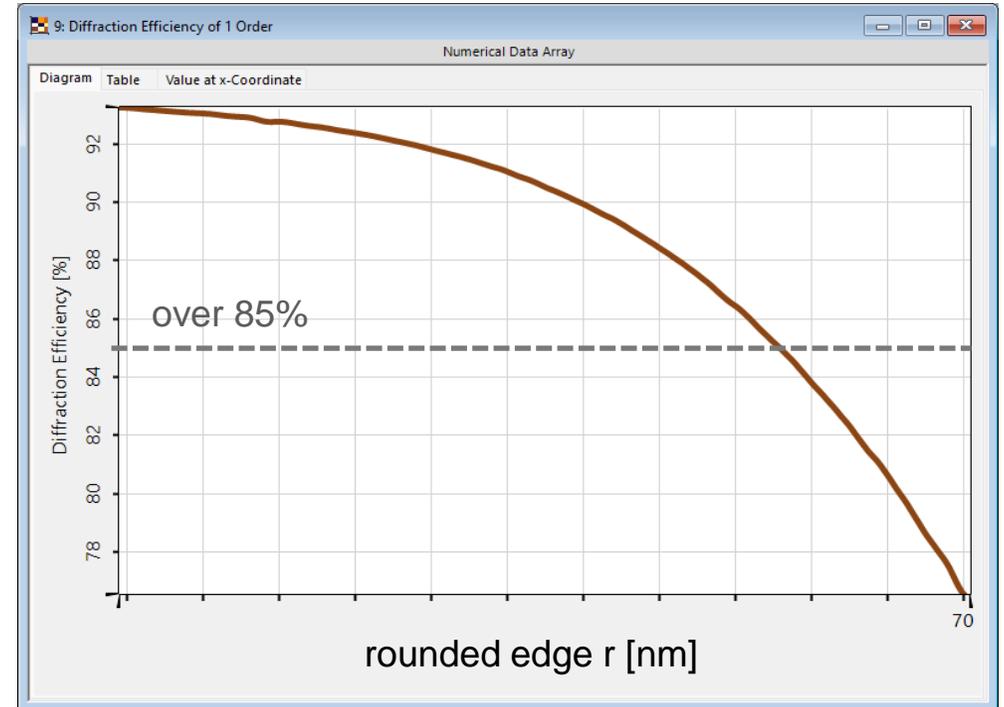
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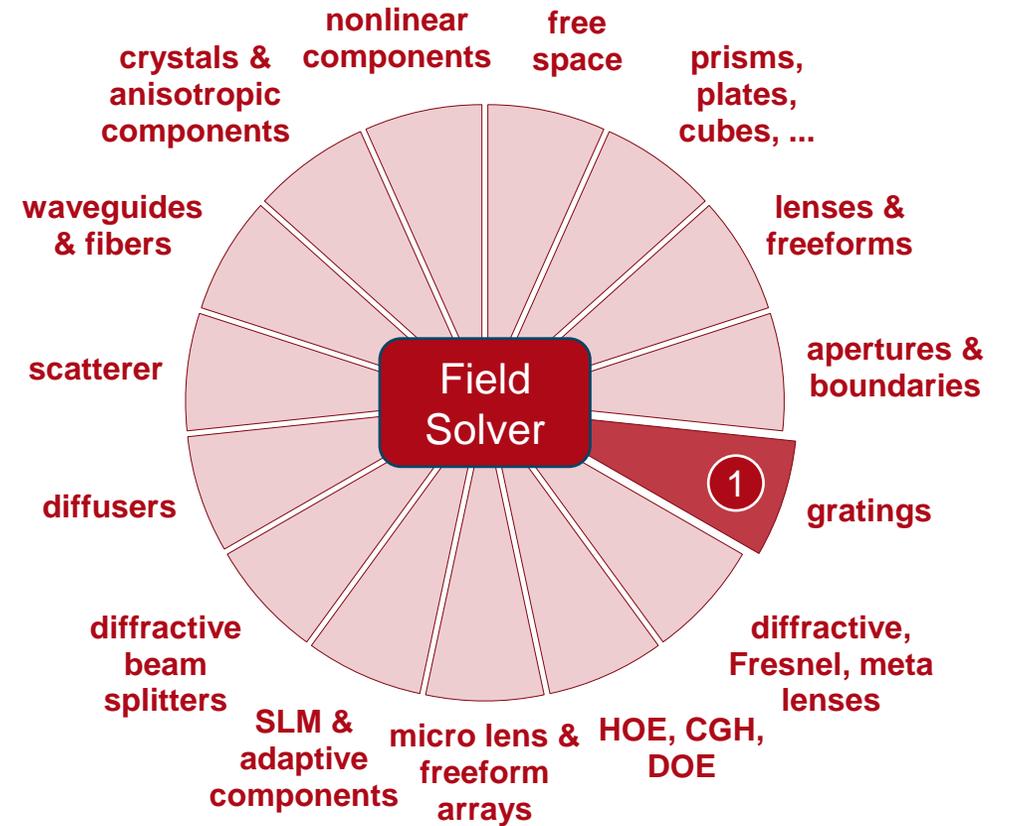
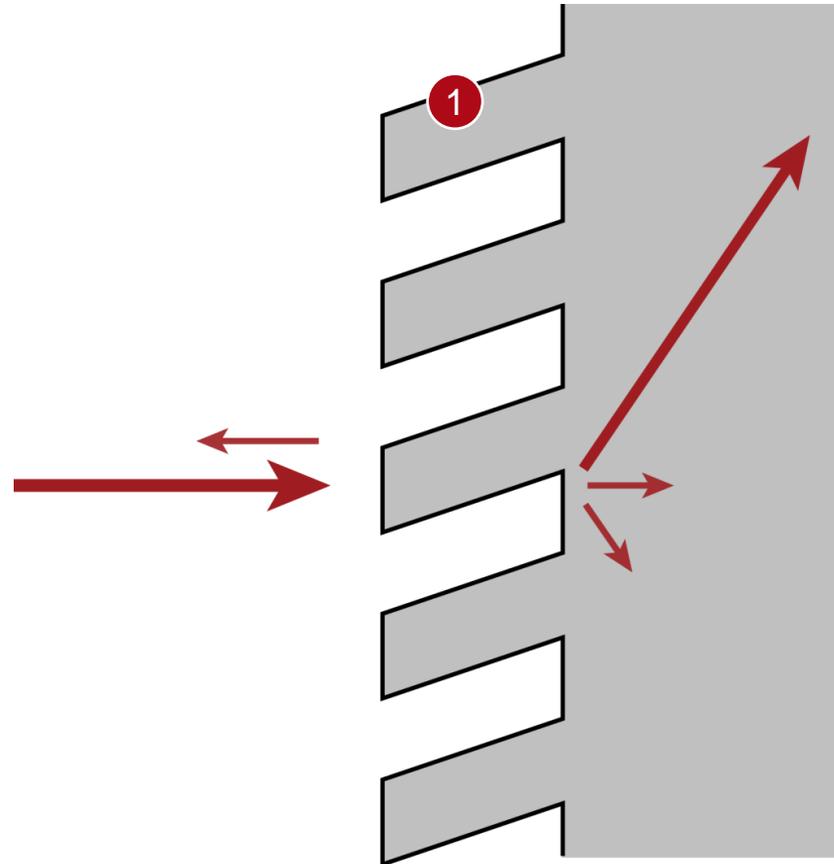


- fixed average slant angle $\varphi = 34^\circ$
- fixed filling factor $c/d = 57\%$
- varying r from 15nm 70nm



Rigorous simulation with Fourier modal method (FMM).

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