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Flat Optics – about Freeform, Fresnel, Diffractive and Meta Lenses

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Physical Optics Modeling and Design

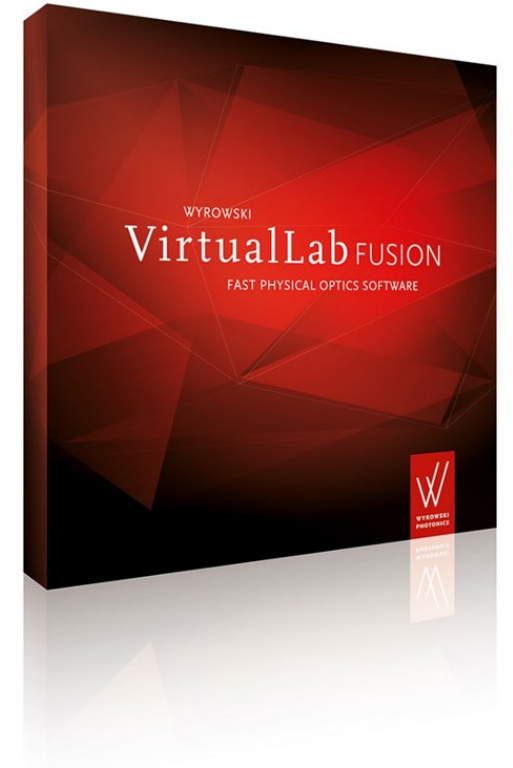
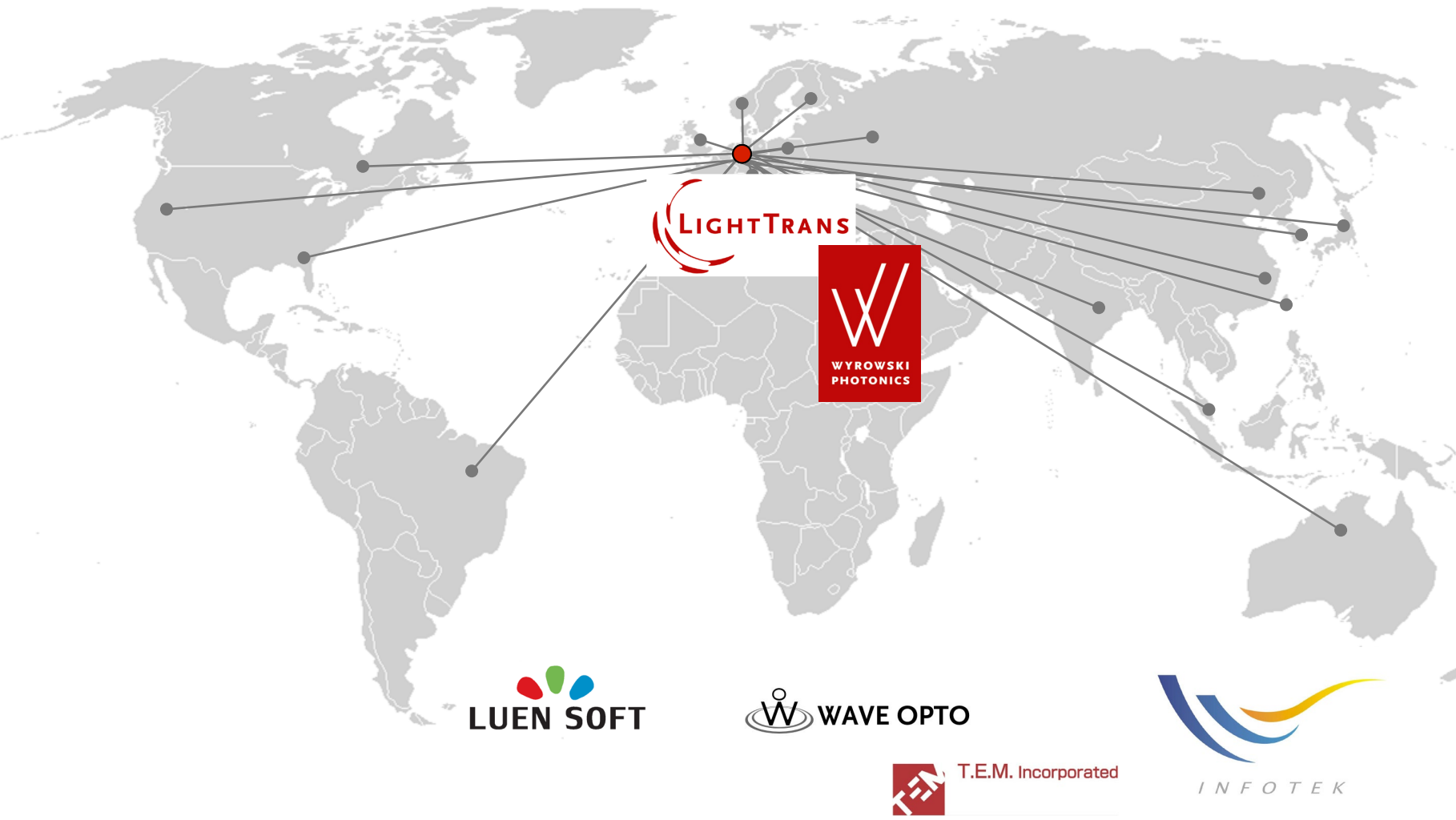


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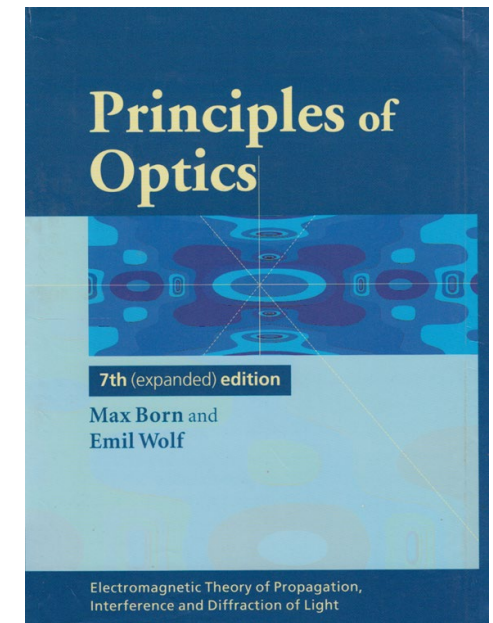


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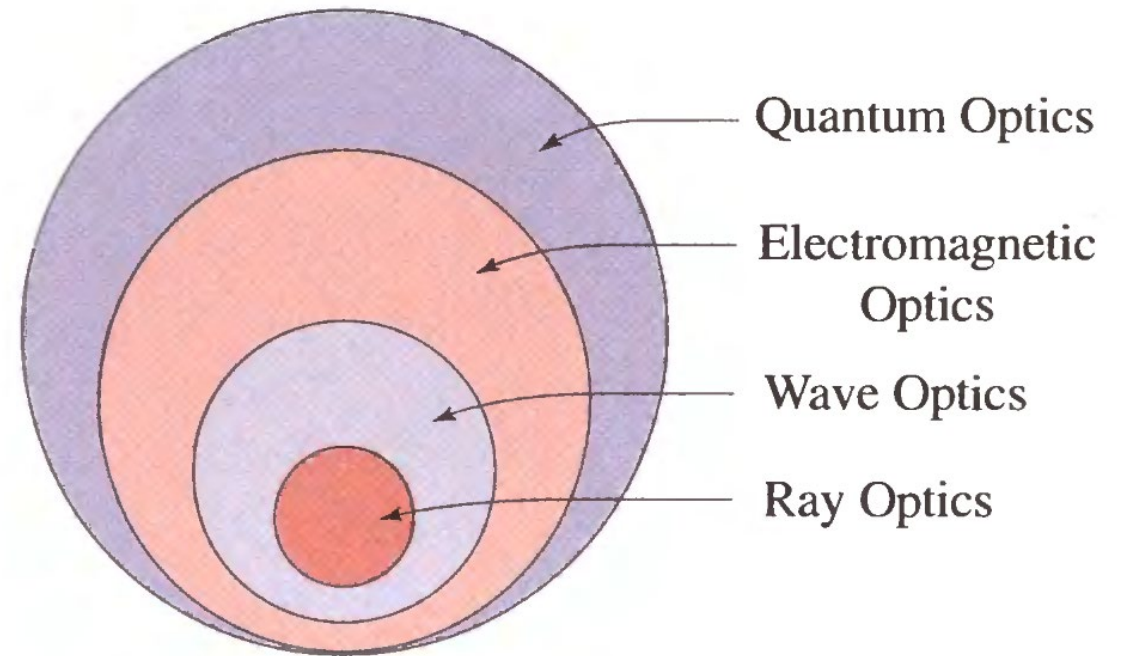
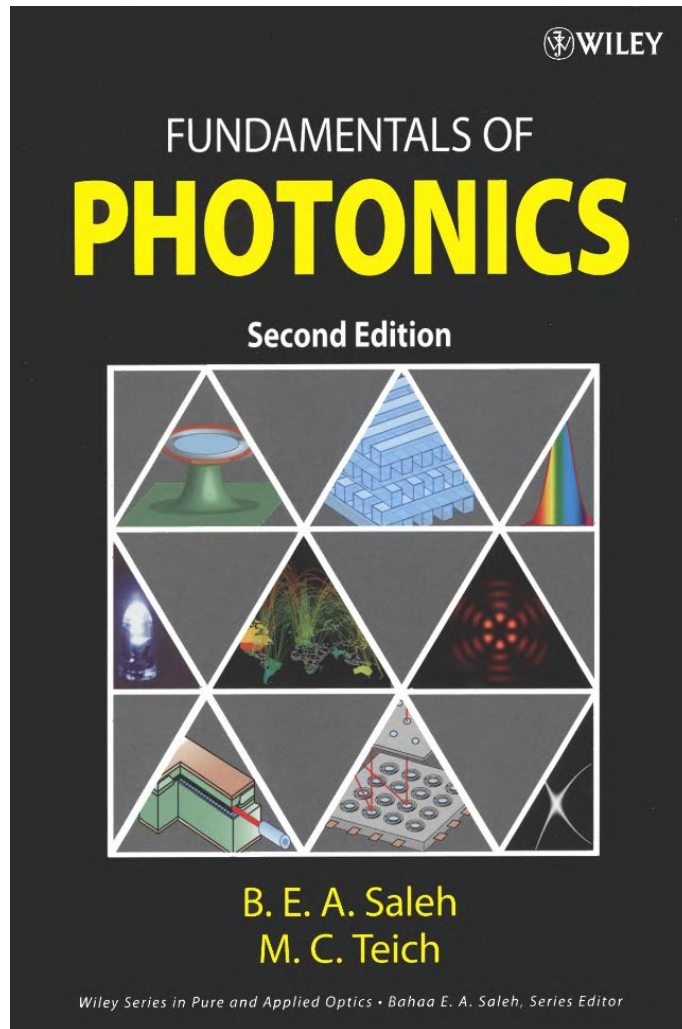


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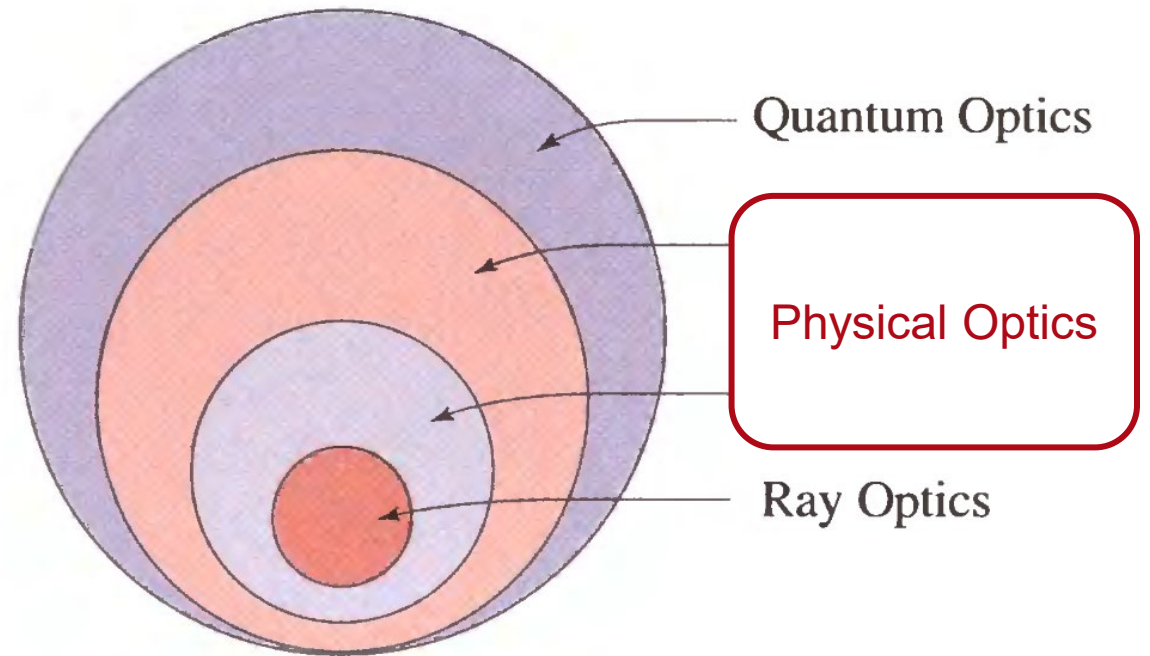
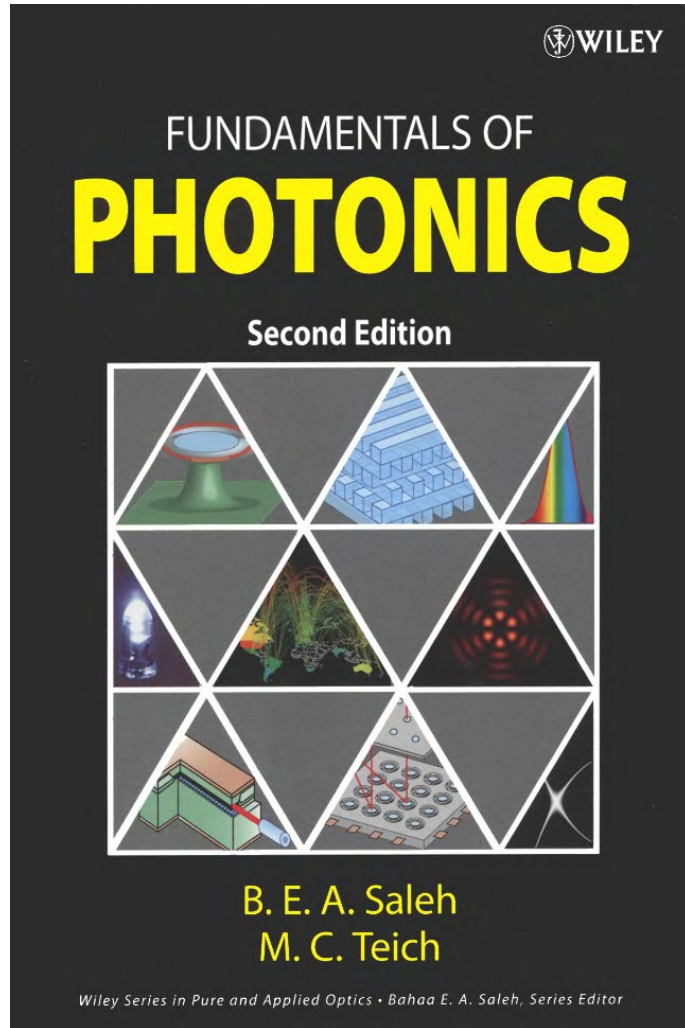
... learning from Max Born and Emil Wolf



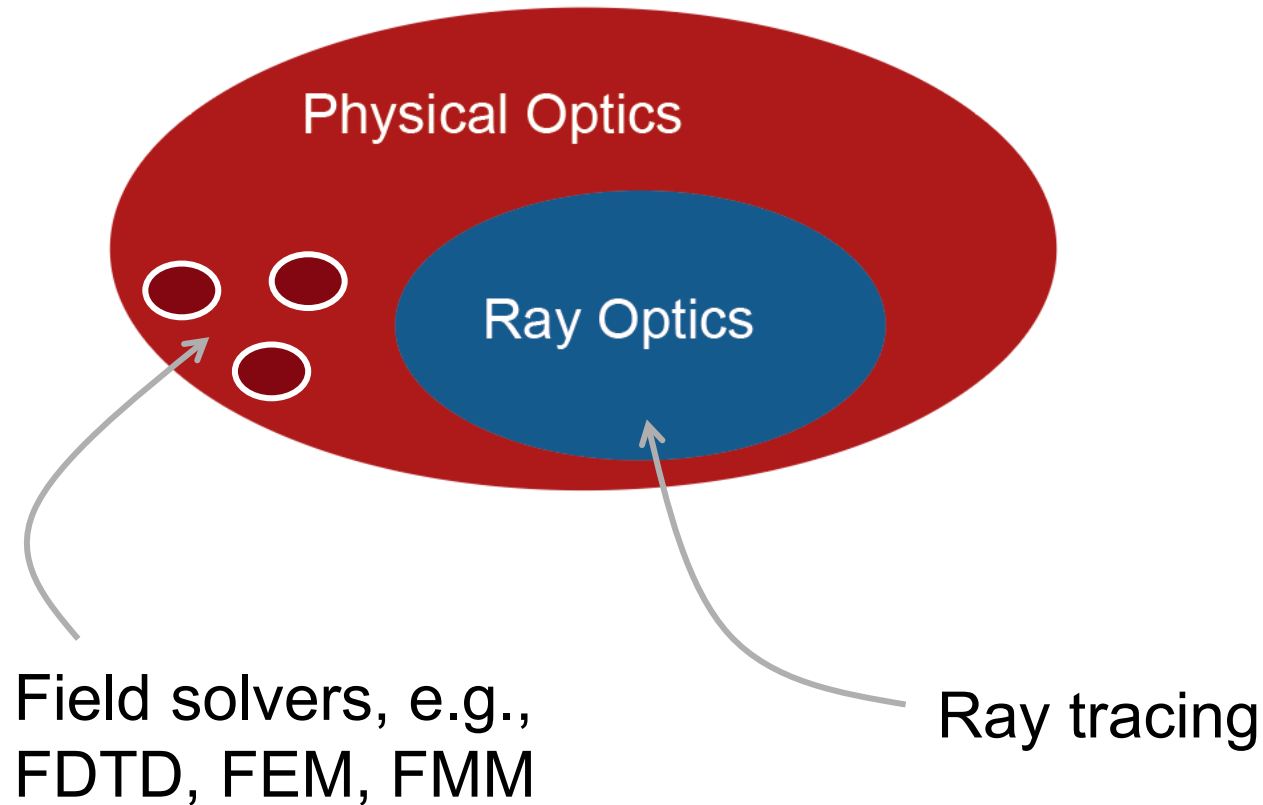
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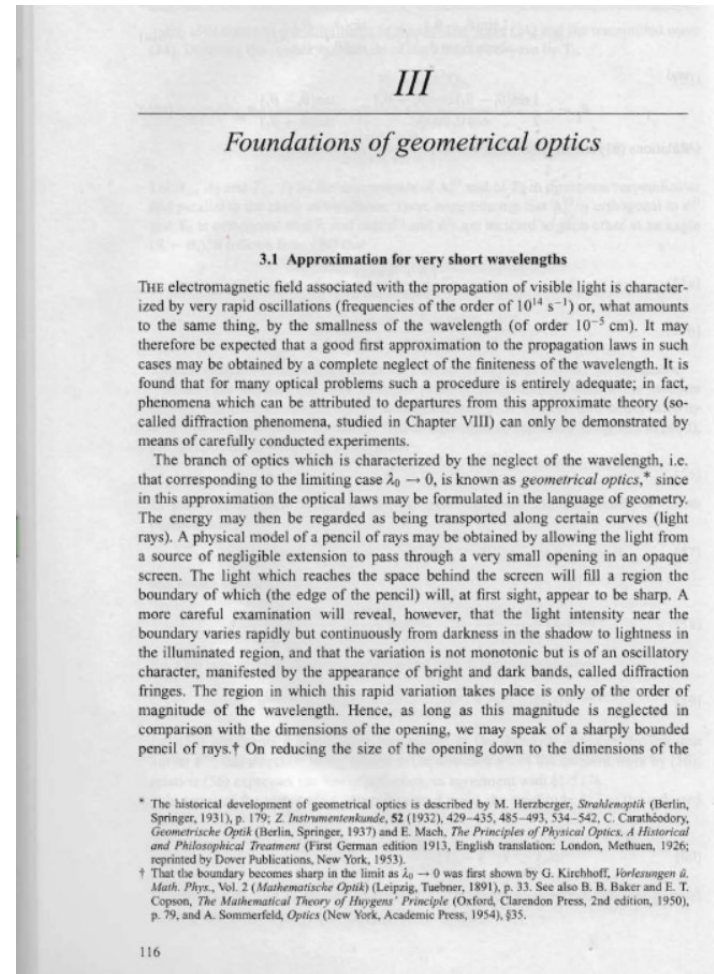
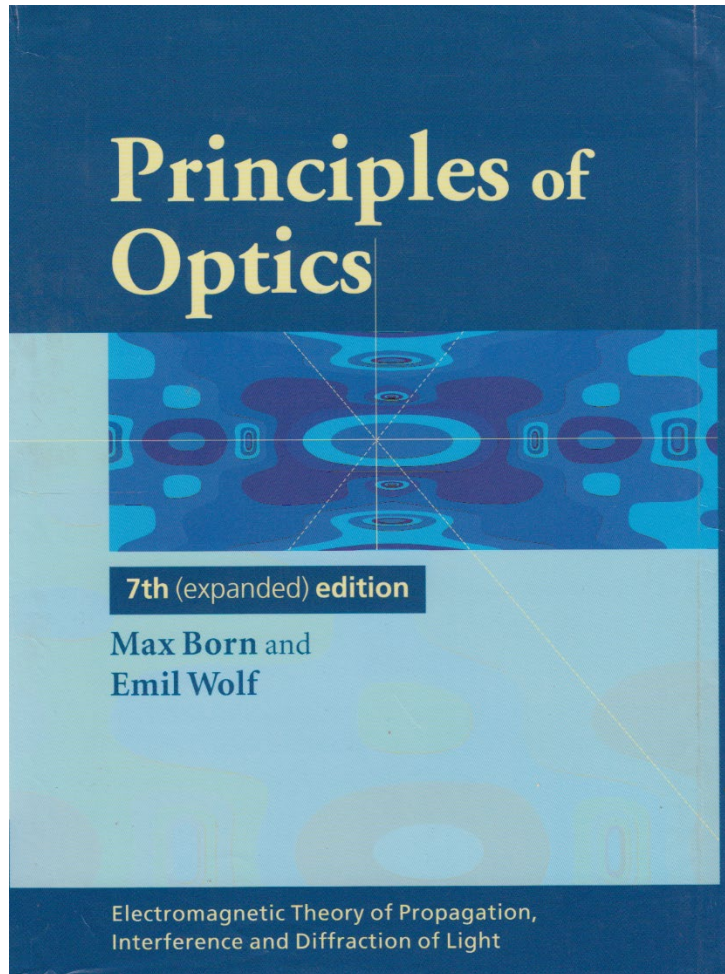


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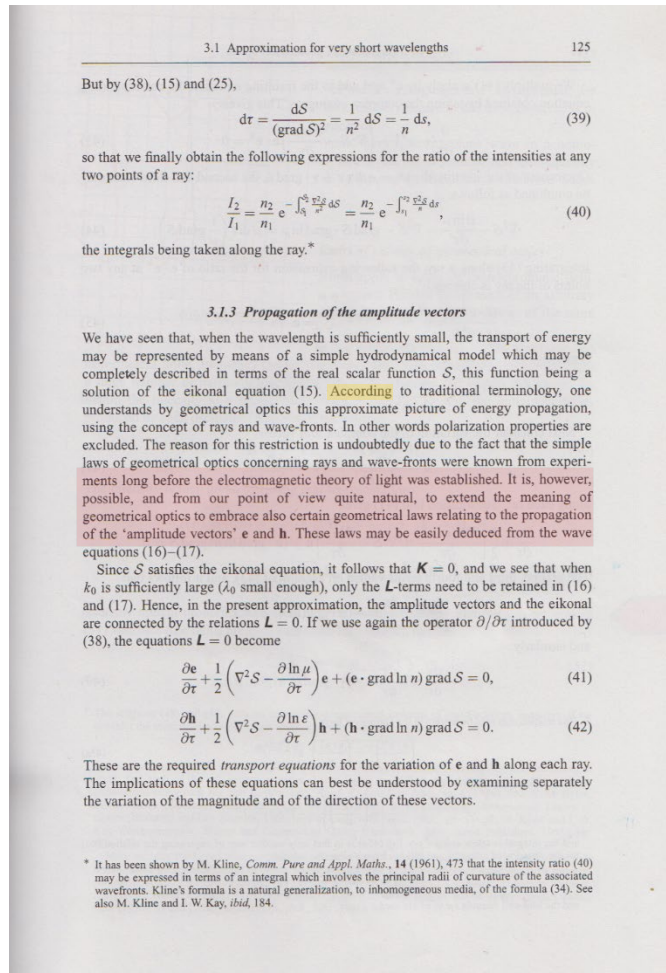


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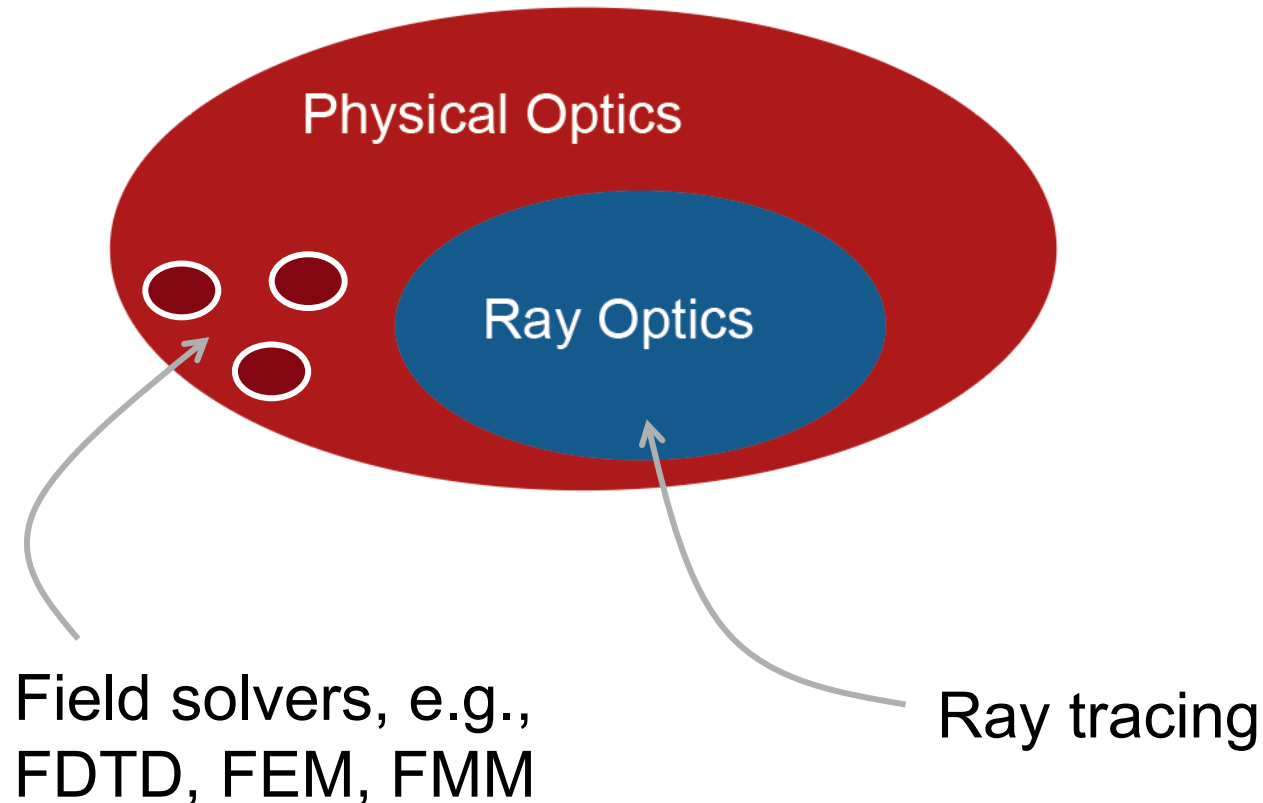
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“According to traditional terminology, one understands by geometrical optics this approximate picture of energy propagation, using the concept of rays and wave-fronts. In other words polarization properties are excluded. The reason for this restriction 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' \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{H} .**”

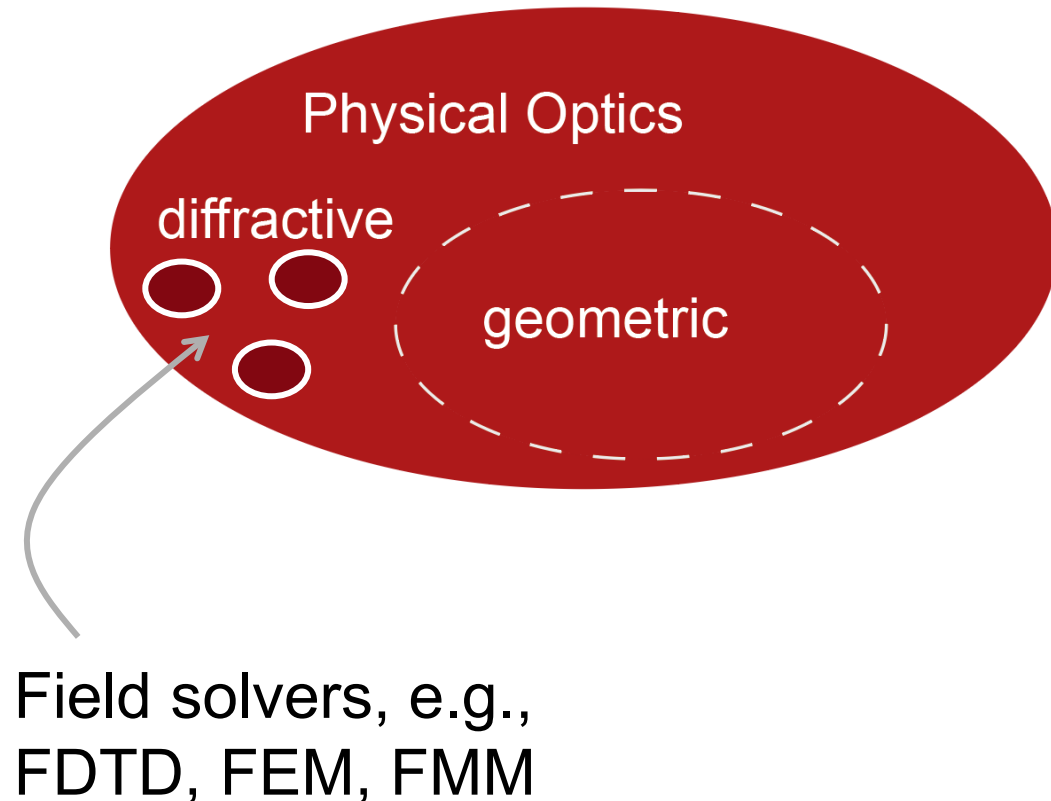
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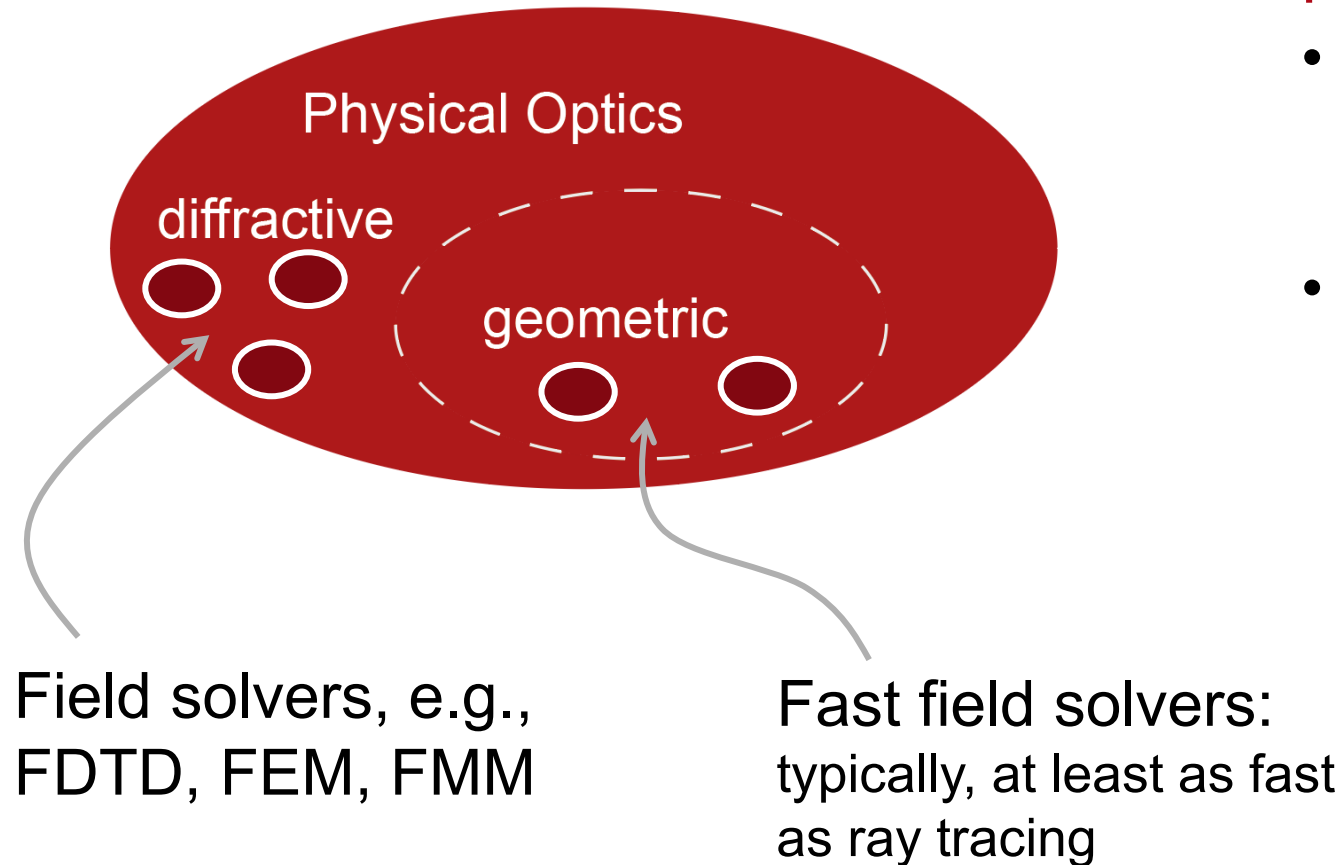


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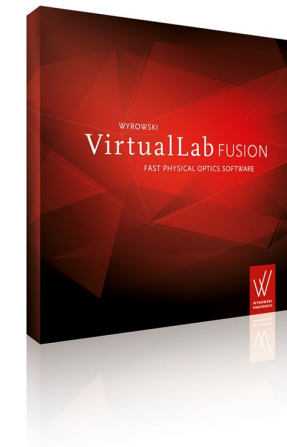
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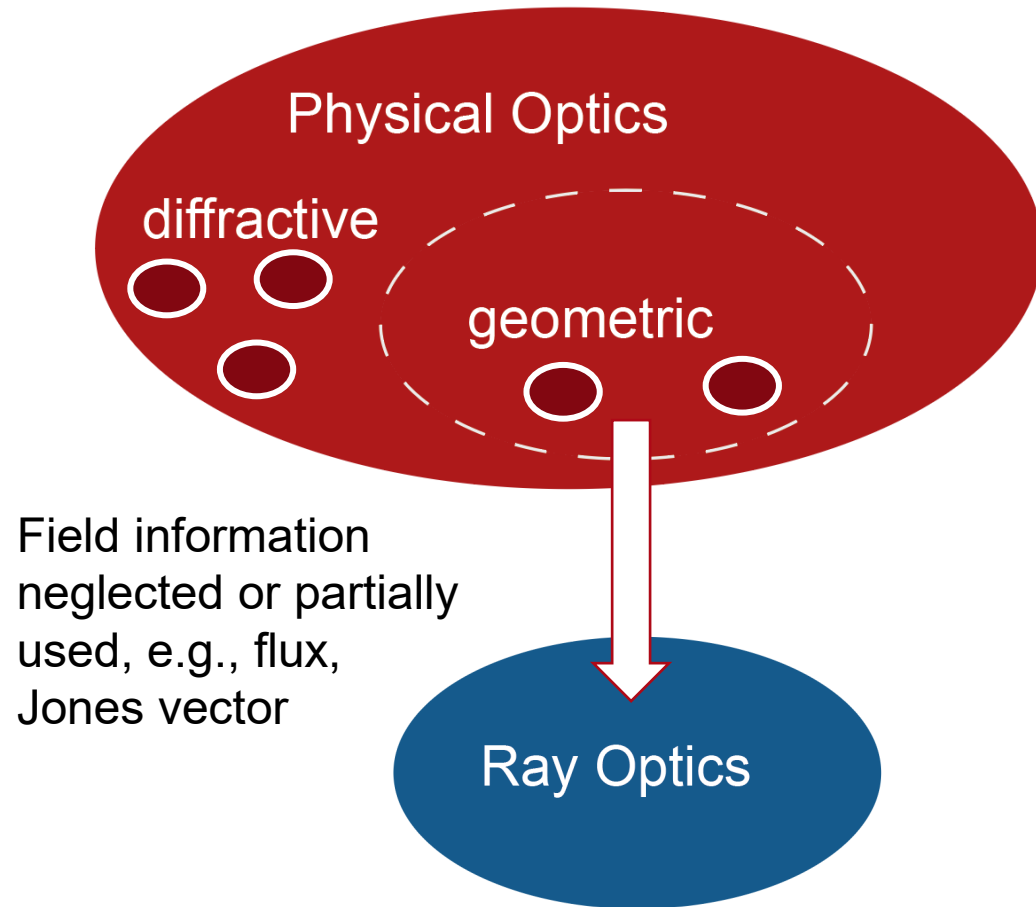


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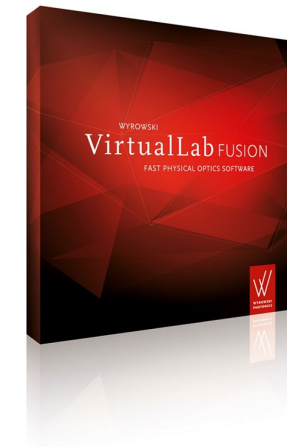


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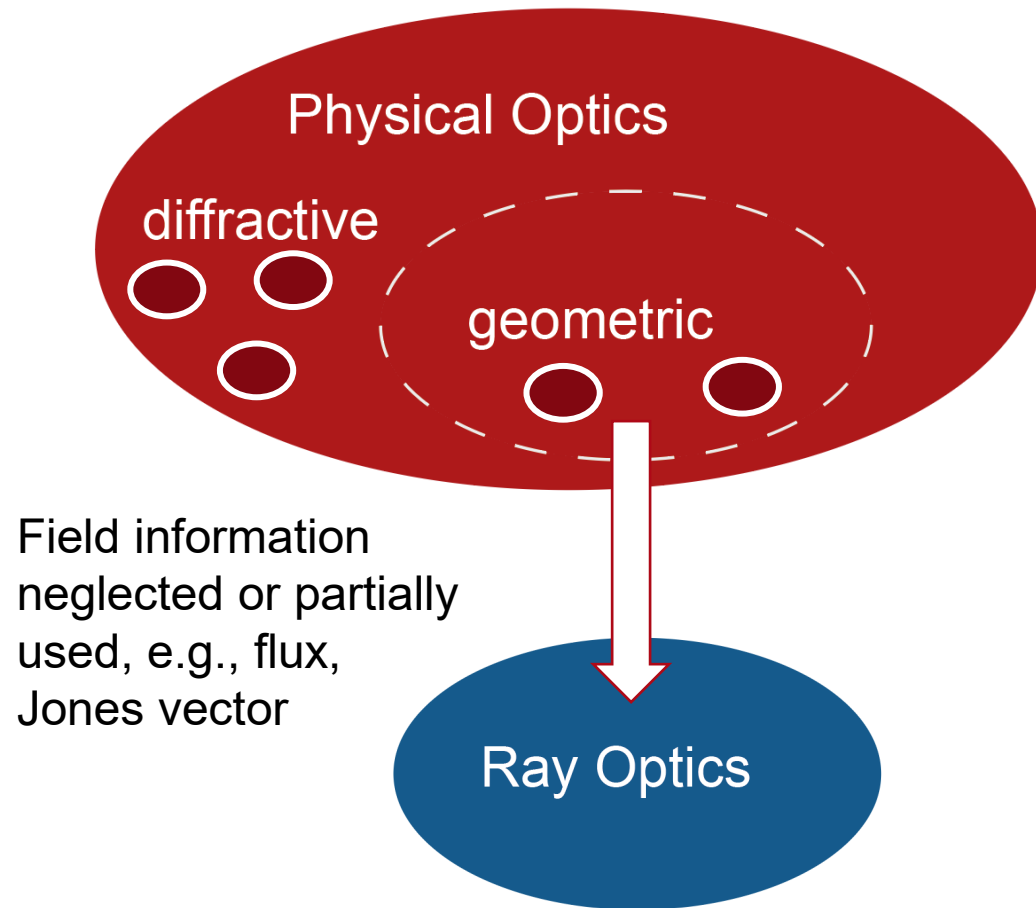


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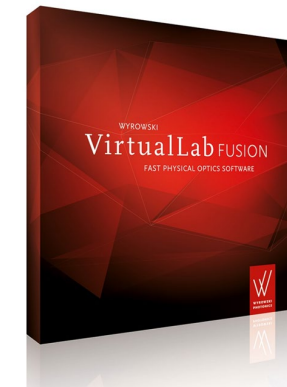
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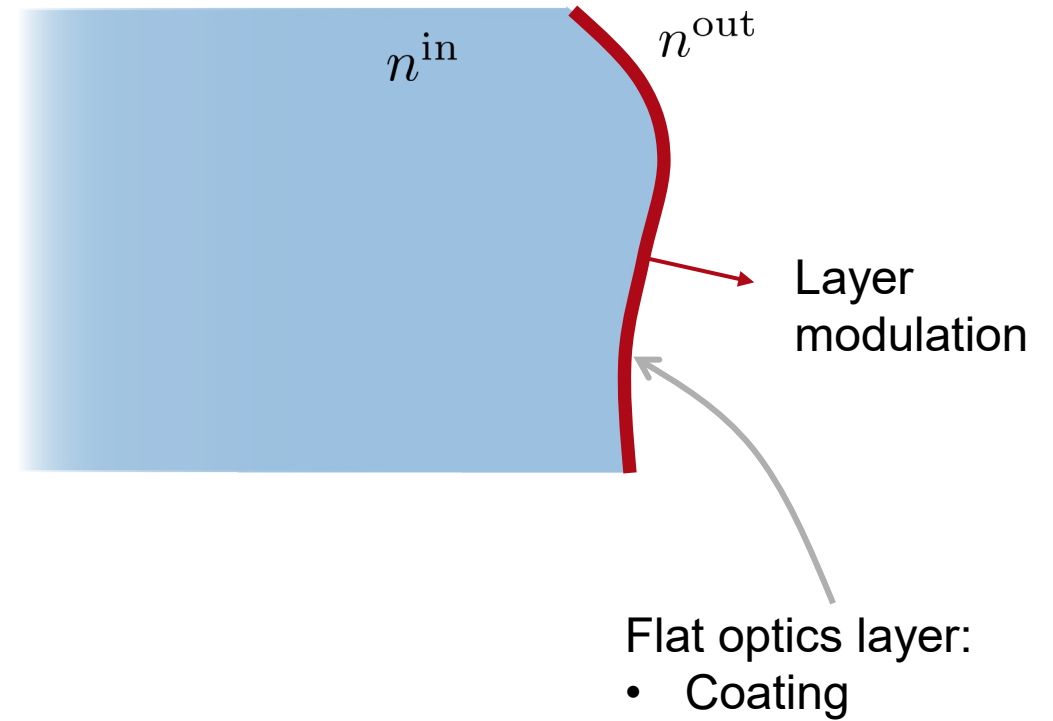
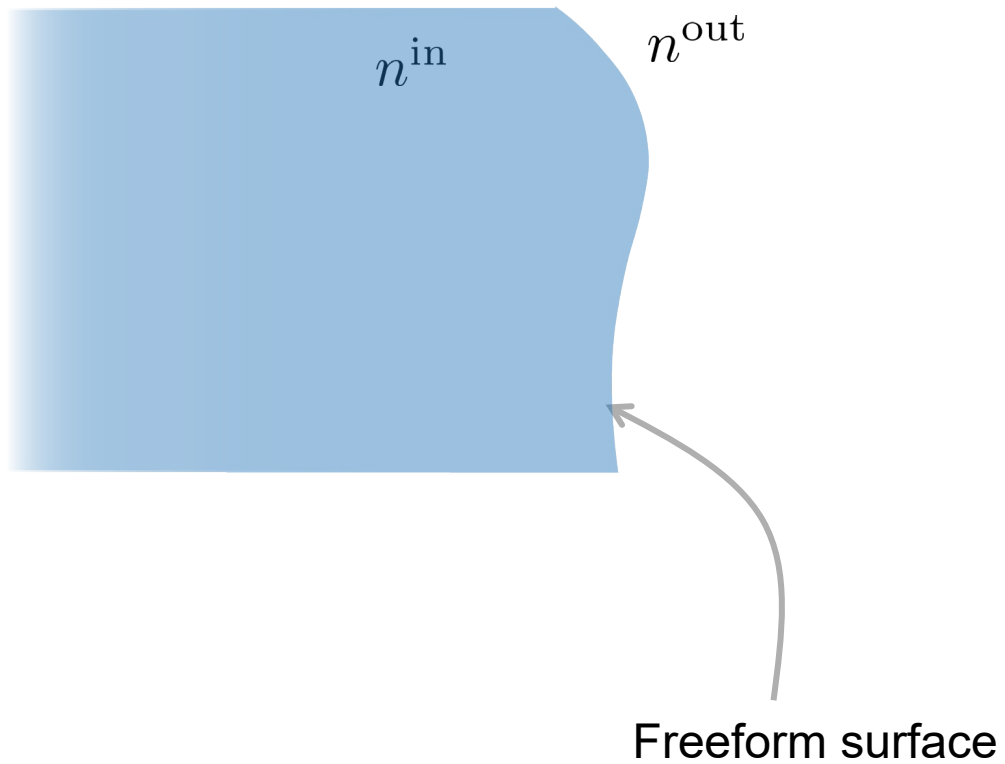
- All examples in webinar are done with the in-house version of VirtualLab Fusion!
- Typical speed of modeling and design tasks in talk: a few seconds to < 1 min
- Features already available or to be released in 2021.



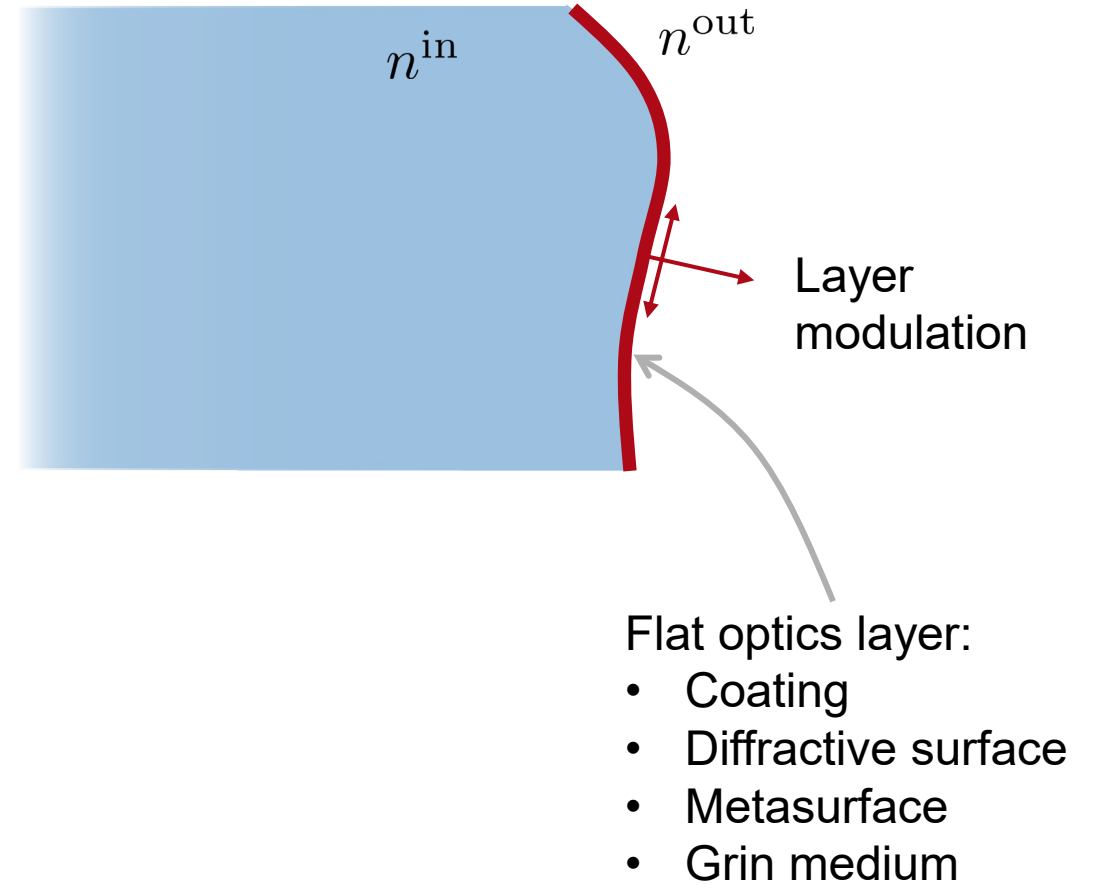
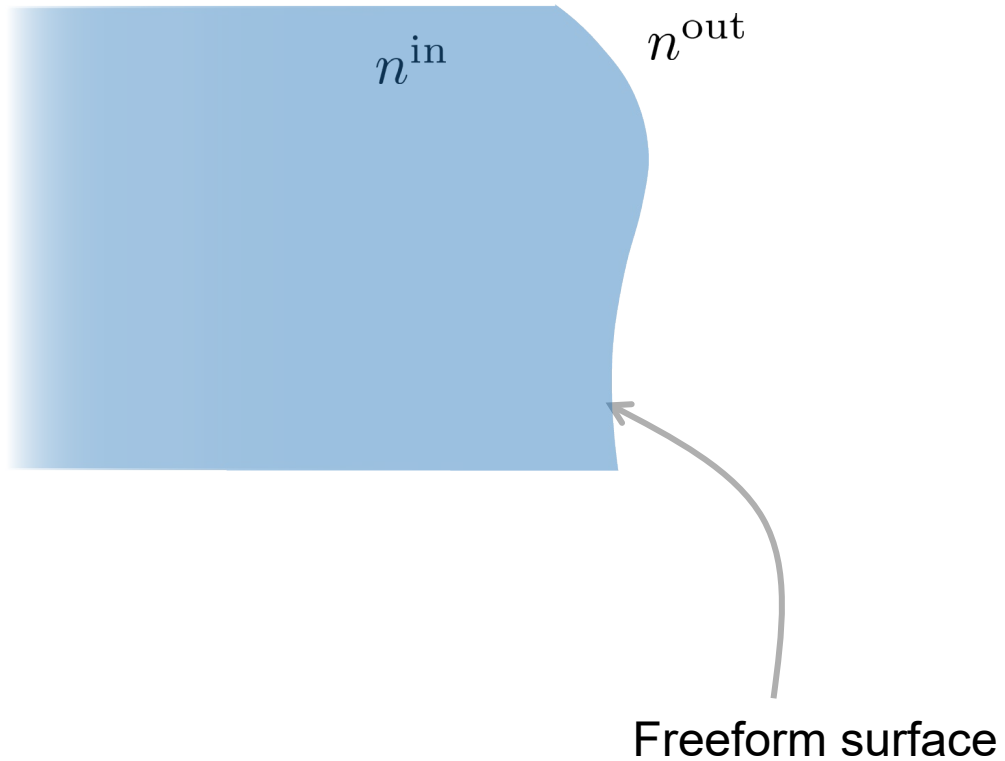
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Freeform and Flat Optics: What? Why? How?

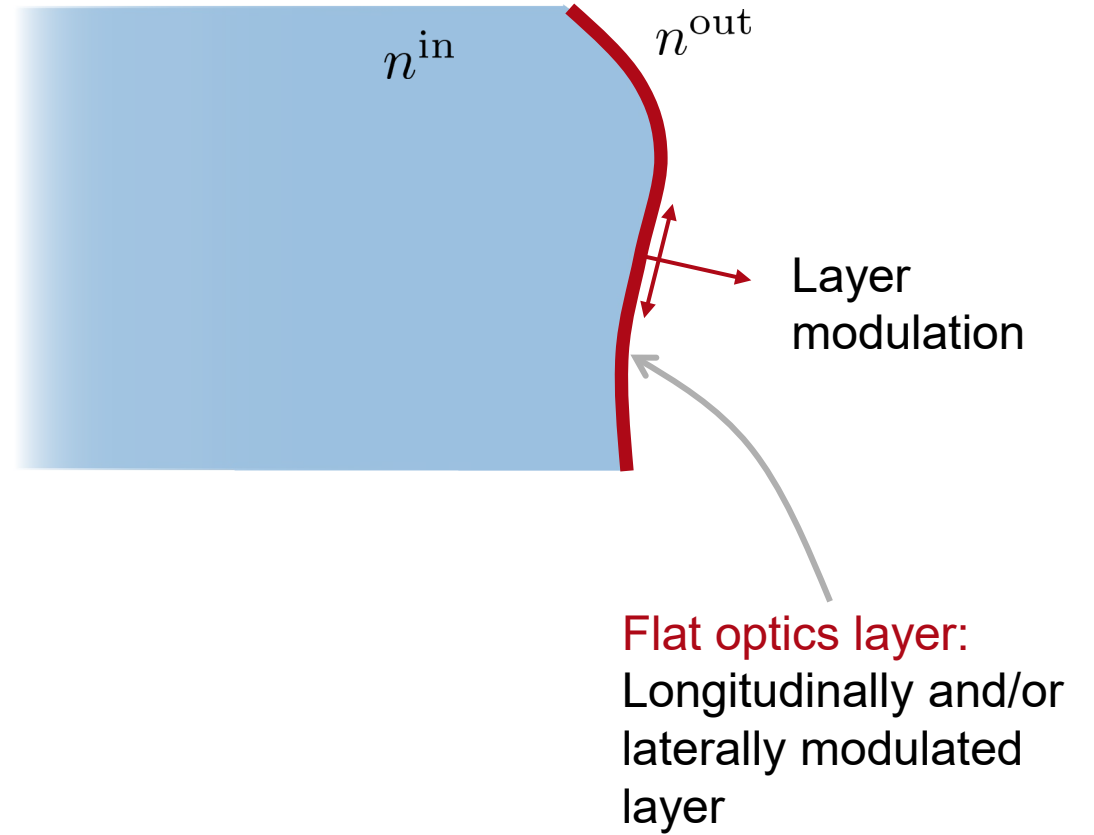
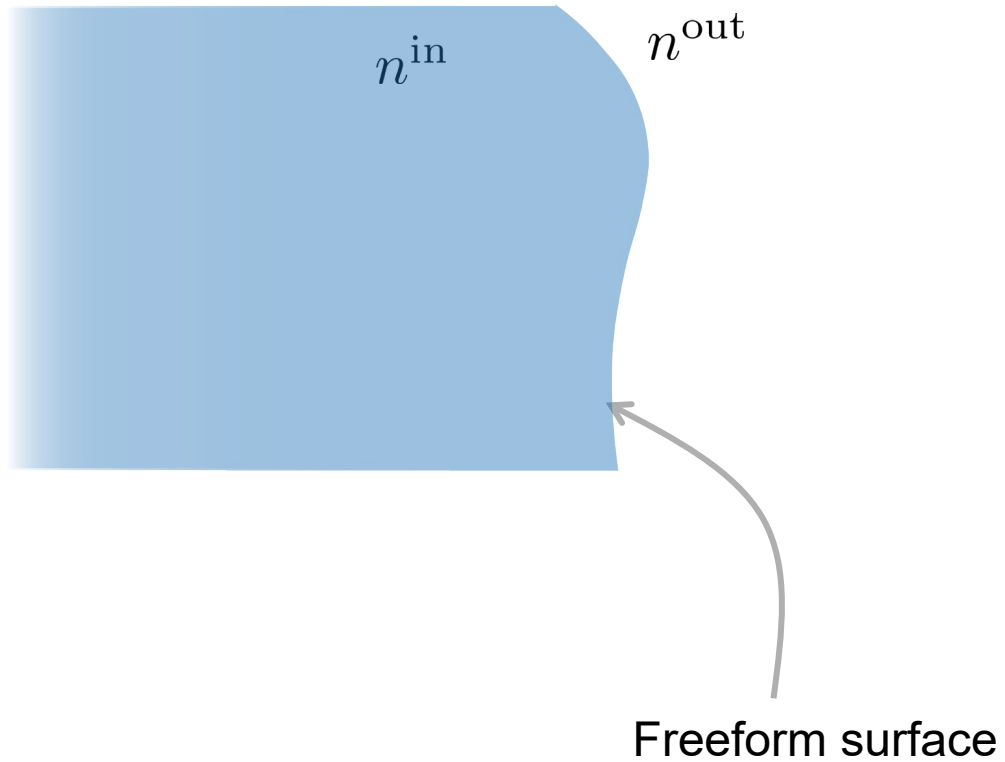
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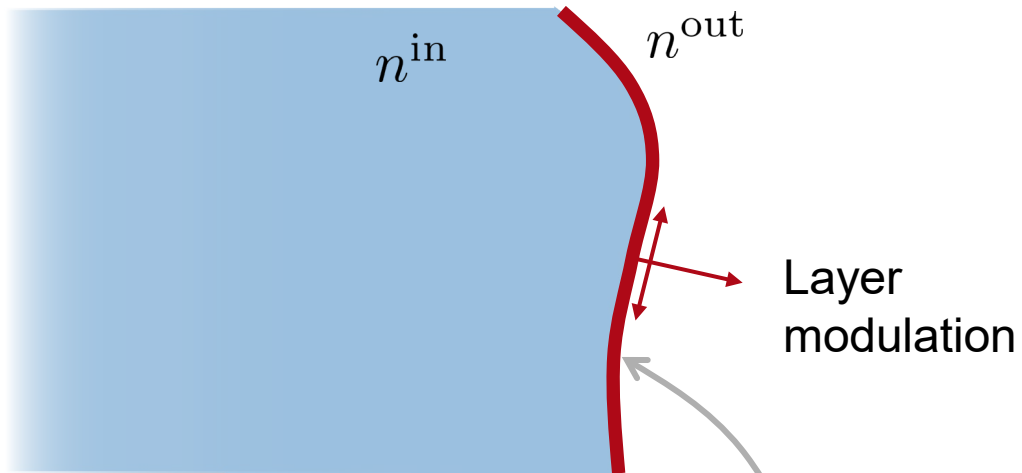
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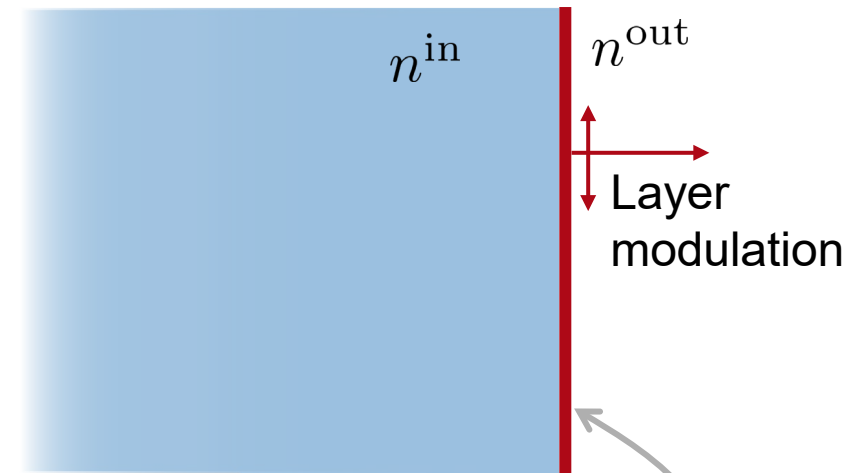
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Flat Optics Fabrication: Planar Surfaces

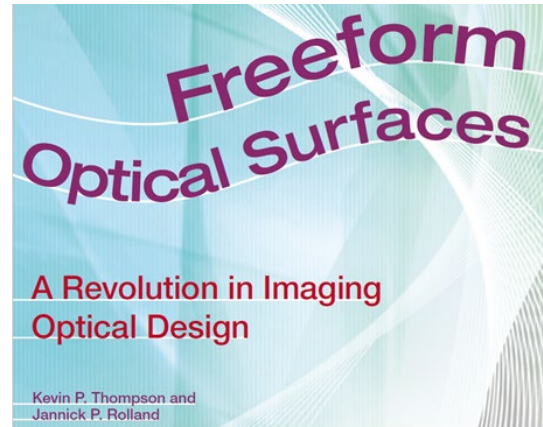
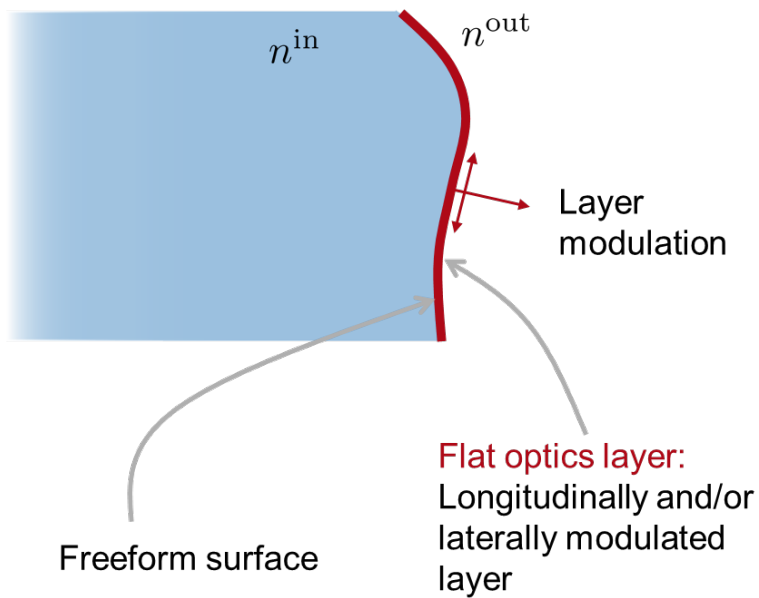


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Freeform and Flat Optics: Why?



OPN Optics & Photonics News,
June 2012

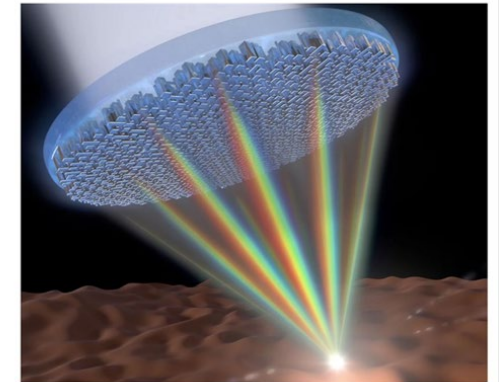
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'Metalens' breakthrough may bring a revolution in camera design

Physicists say wafer-thin device can do the job of today's bulky glass lenses.

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By Rafi Letzter, Live Science

January 2018



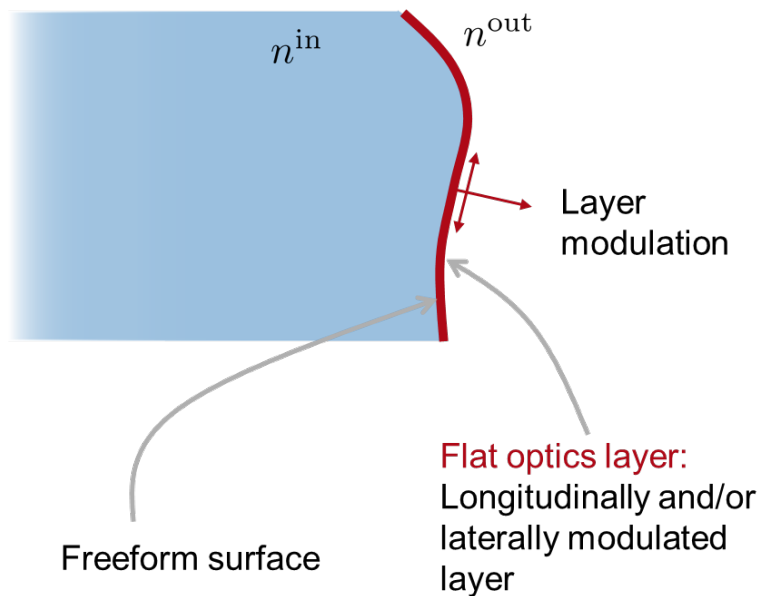
This flat metalens can focus nearly the entire visible spectrum of light in the same spot and in high resolution. Jared Sisker / Harvard SEAS

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Freeform and flat optics introduce new design freedoms!

Strongly dependent on available fabrication and further development.

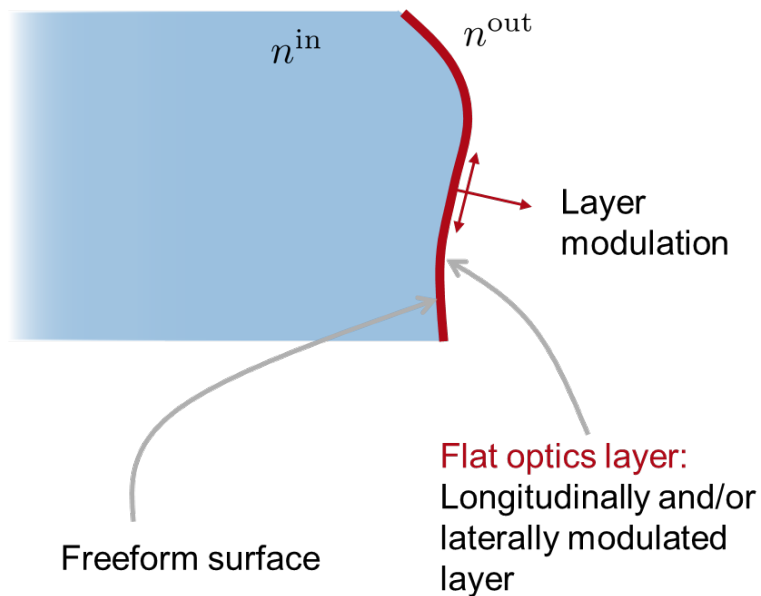
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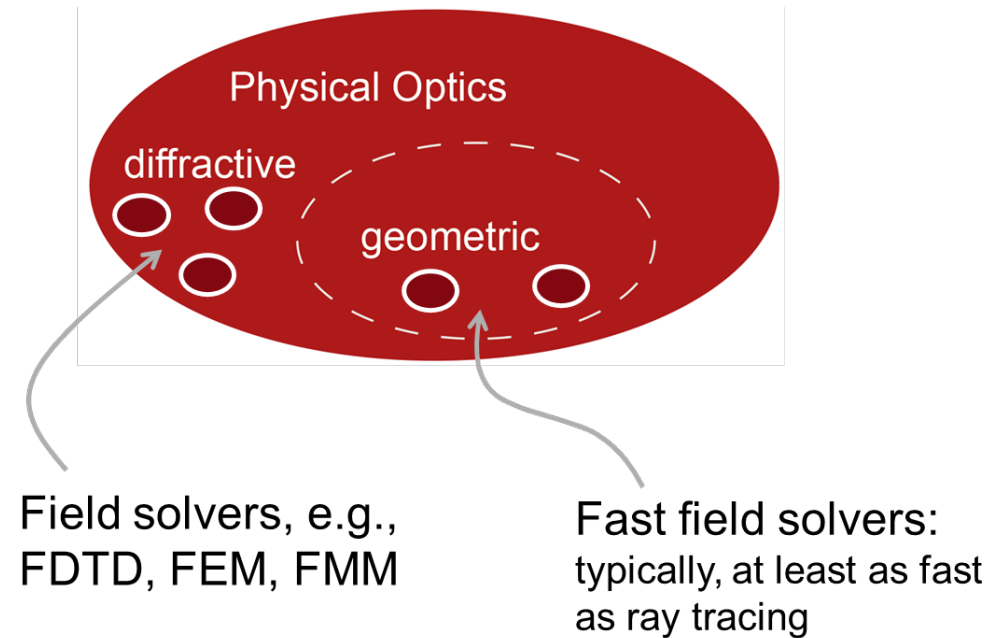
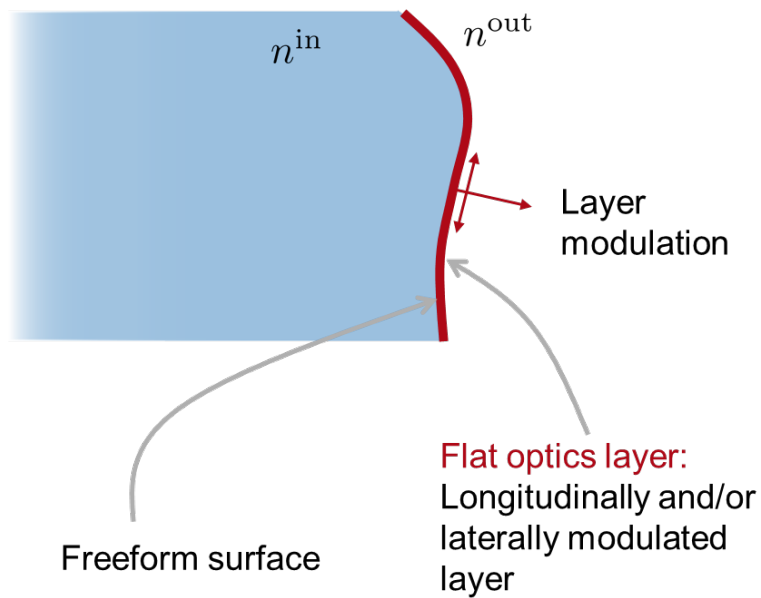
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“Is it possible to replace a bulky glass system by one metalens” ?

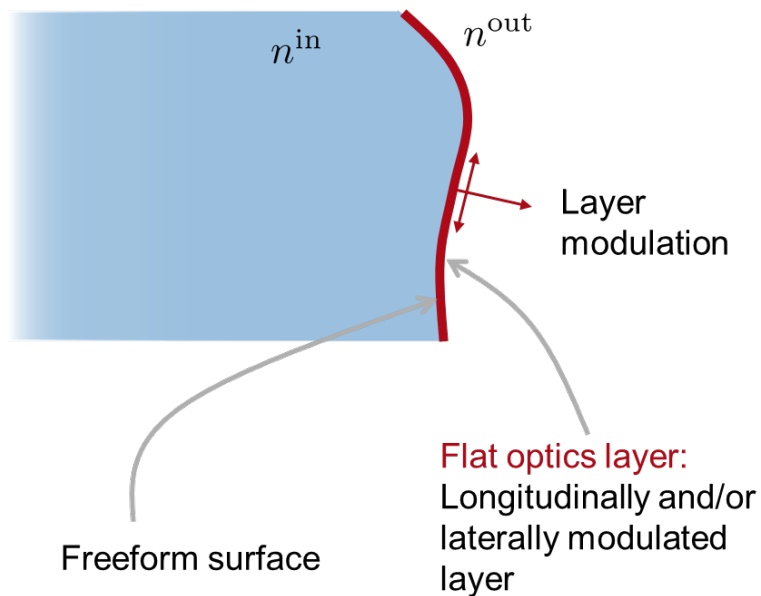
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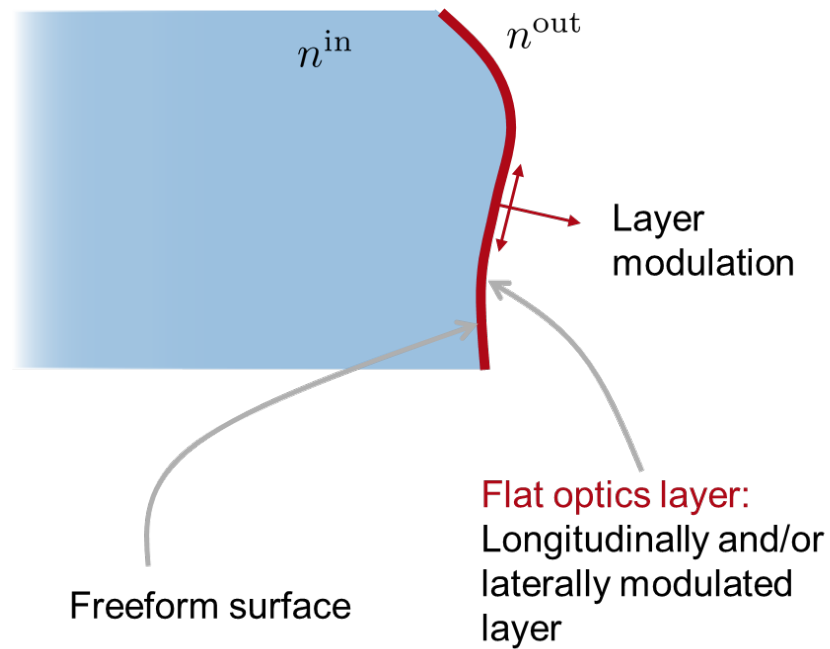
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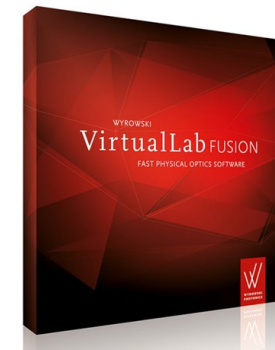
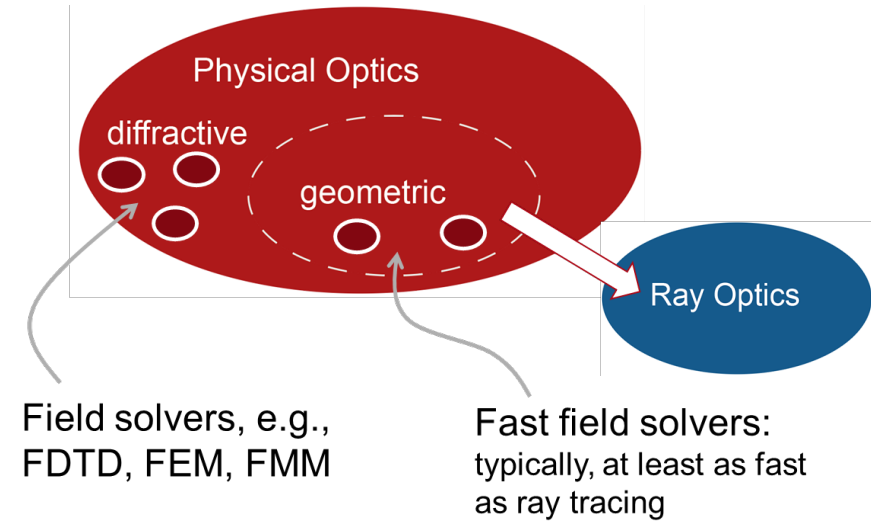
- Flat optics requires physical optics modeling.
- Typically, the large number of freeform and layer parameters is challenging for conventional parametric optimization.

Physical optics may give a fresh view and new ideas to optical design beyond conventional routines.

Freeform and Flat Optics: How?



Strategies and modern tools to investigate and exploit the potential of freeform and flat optics by physical optics.



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Optical Design Scenarios

... formulated by physical optics

Light Representation in Physical Optics

- In physical optics light is described by vectorial electromagnetic fields.
- The electric field is denoted by the three components

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \begin{pmatrix} E_x(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \\ E_y(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \\ E_z(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \end{pmatrix}. \quad \lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} n$$

- The components typically possess a common wavefront phase $\psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega)$ and we write

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \exp(i\psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega)) = \begin{pmatrix} U_x(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \\ U_y(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \\ U_z(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \end{pmatrix} \exp(i\psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega)),$$

with $(\ell = x, y, z)$

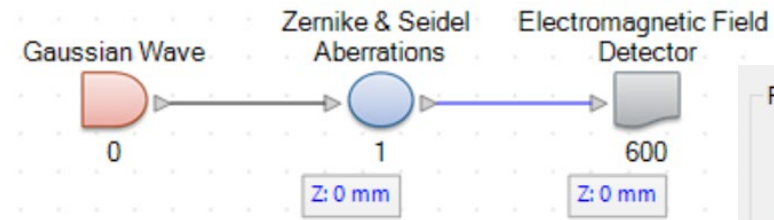
$$\psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \arg(E_\ell(\mathbf{r}, \omega)) - \arg(U_\ell(\mathbf{r}, \omega)).$$



1831 – 1879

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) &= i\omega\mu_0 \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) &= -i\omega\epsilon_0 \check{\epsilon}_r(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \\ \nabla \cdot (\check{\epsilon}_r(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, \omega)) &= 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Light Representation in Physical Optics: Example



Field Quantities

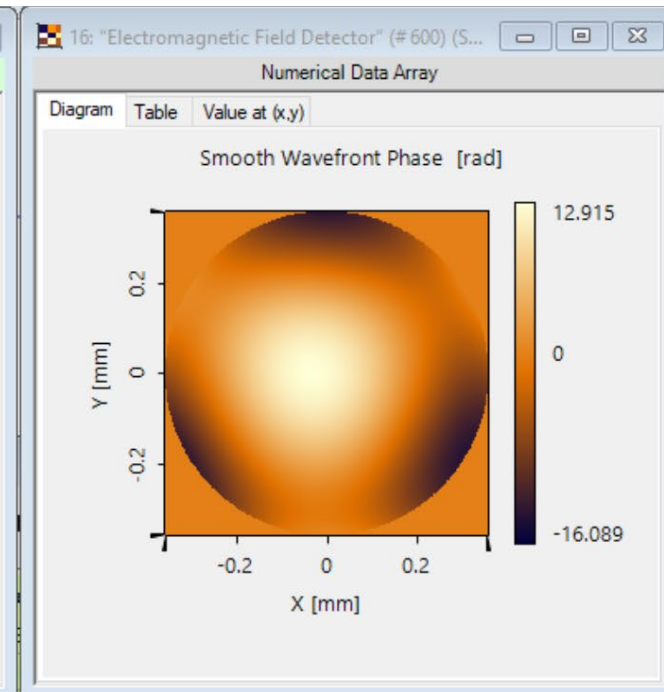
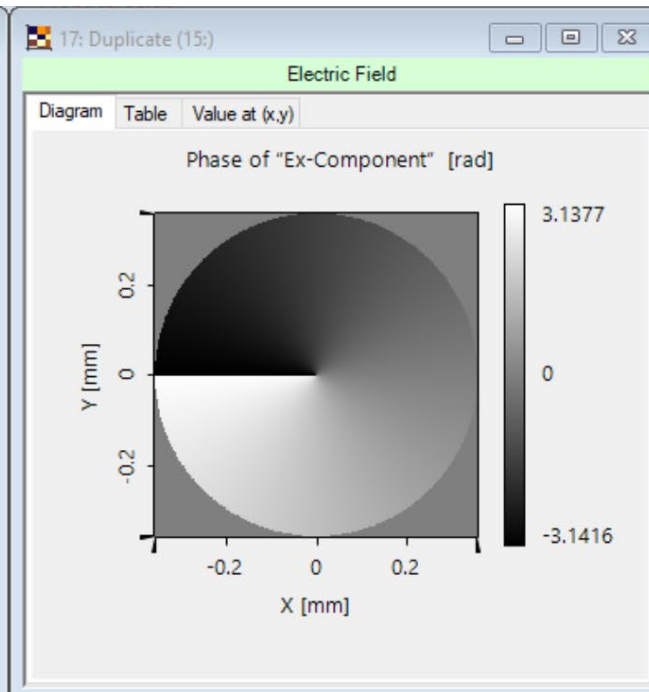
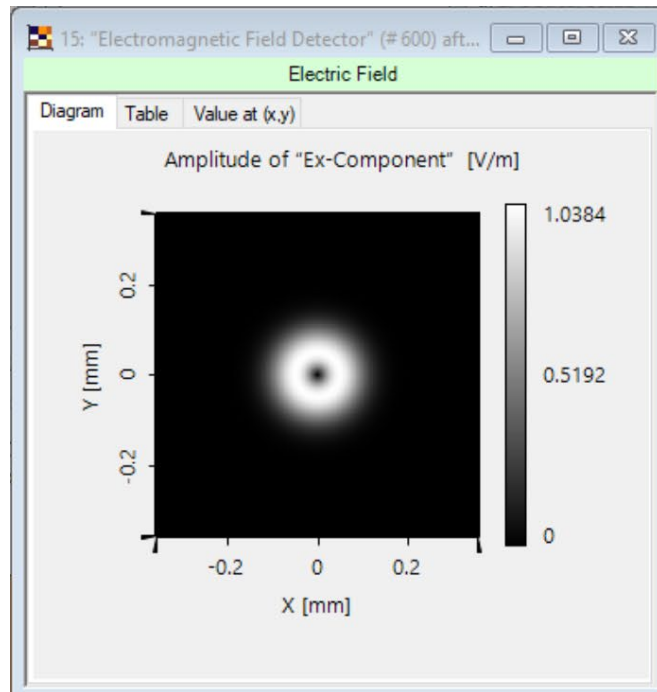
Amplitude Only

Amplitude and Phase

Wavefront Phase

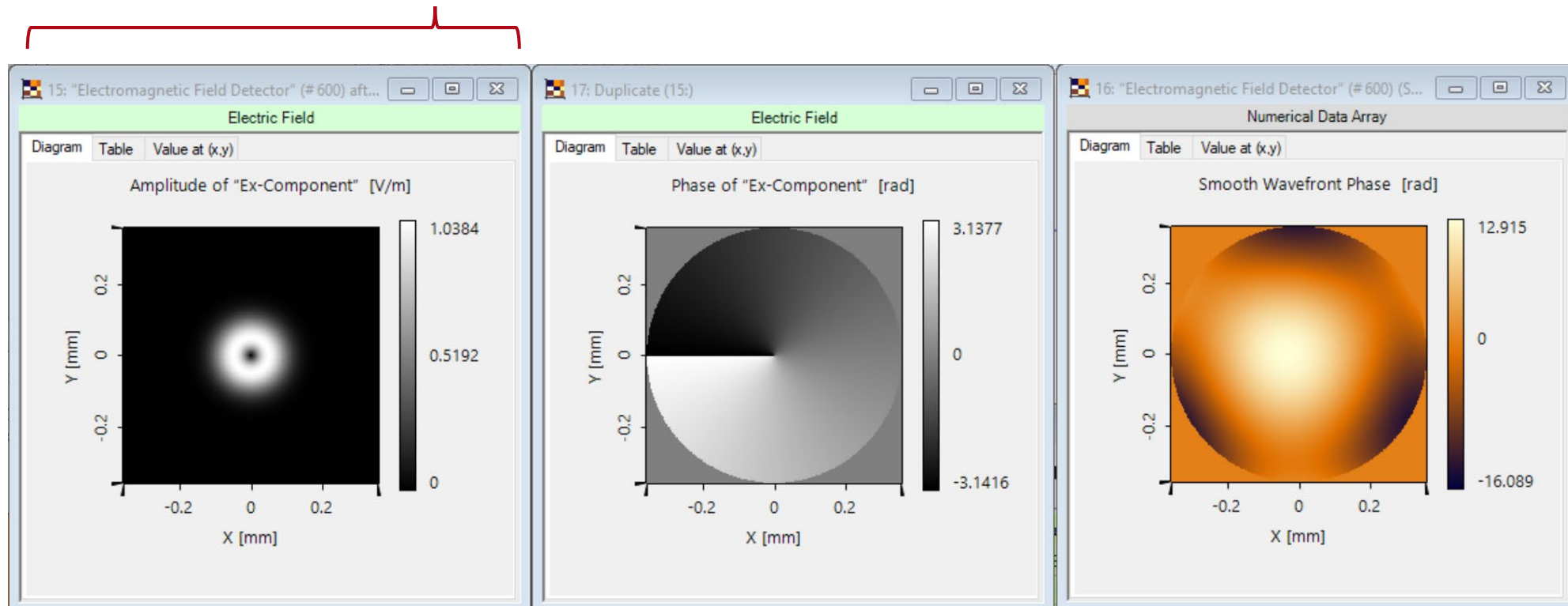
Extract

Show Separately



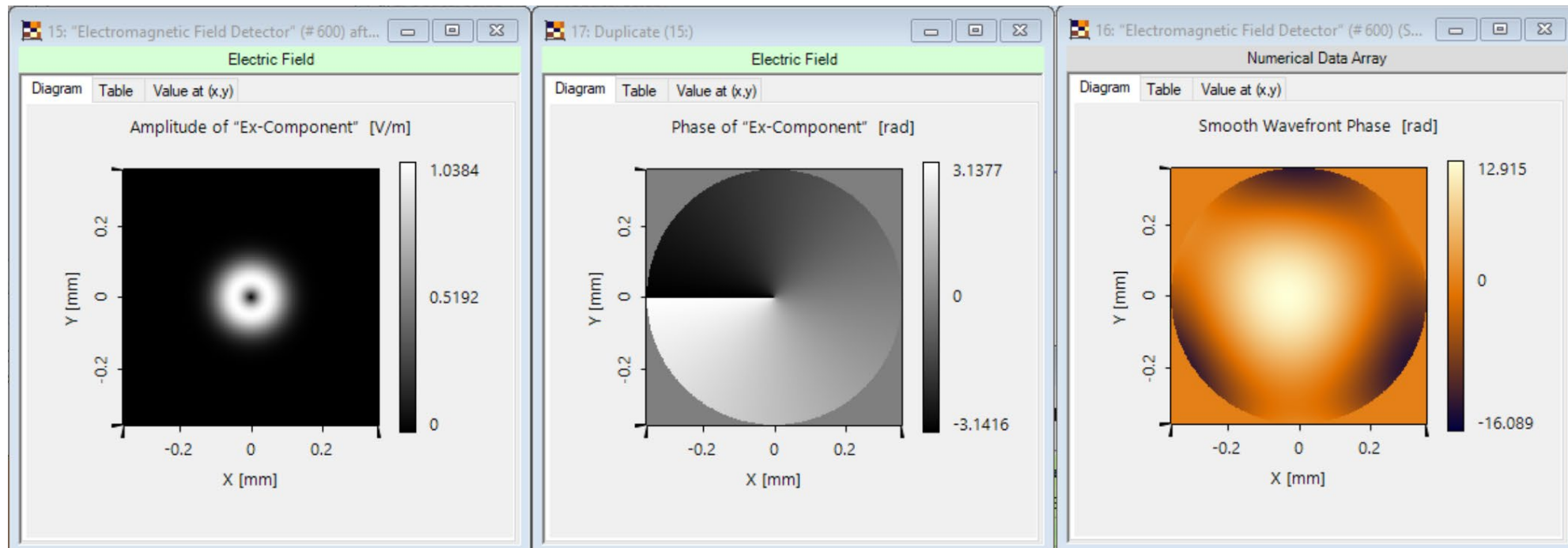
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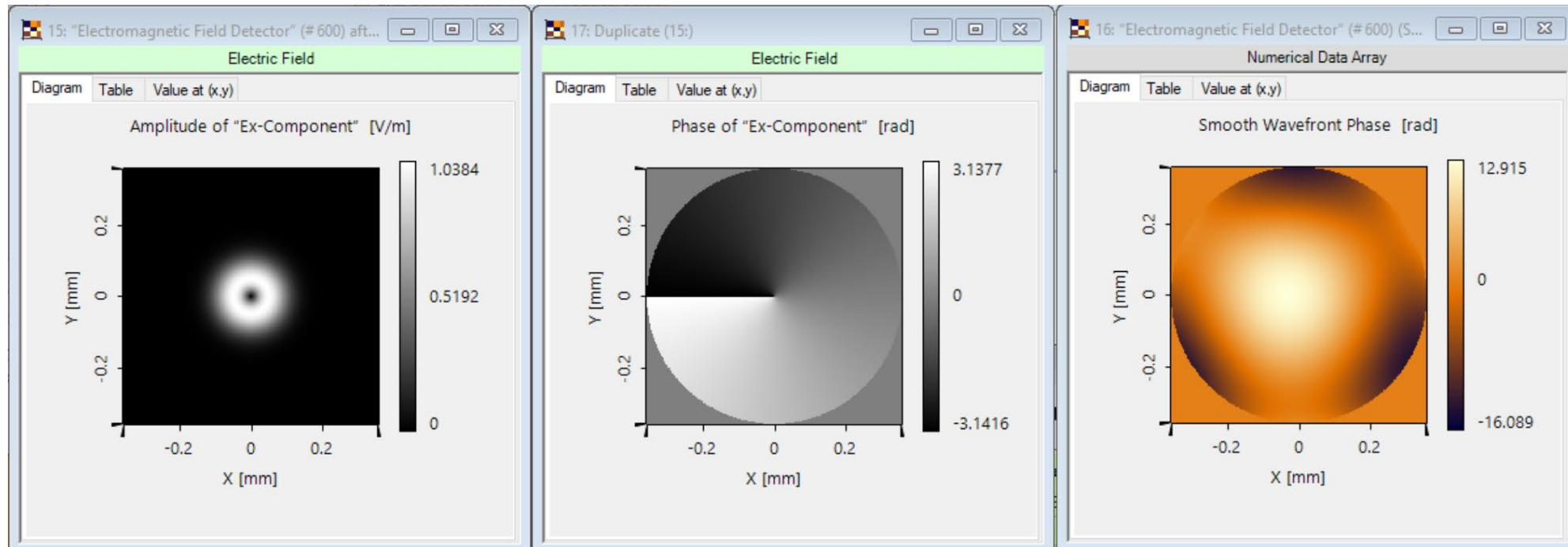
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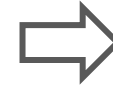
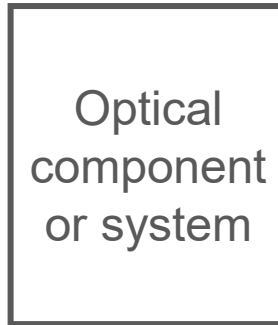


Design Scenarios: Field Transformation

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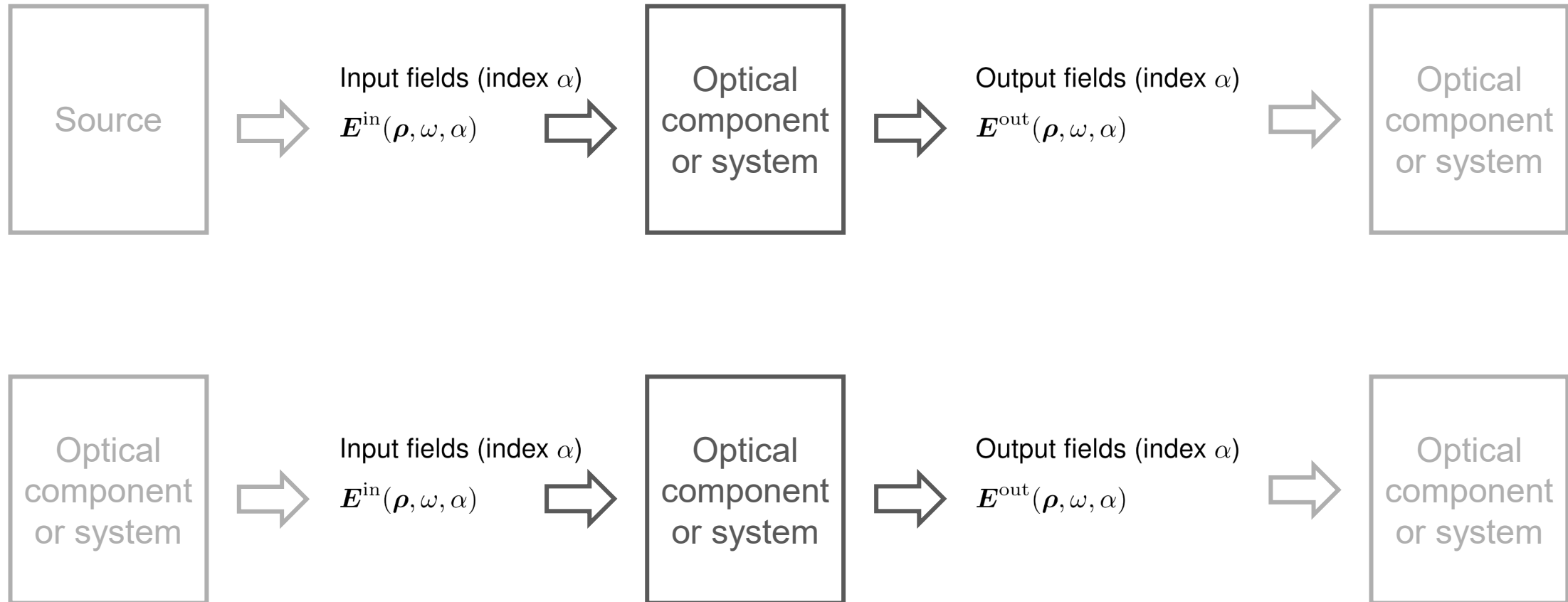
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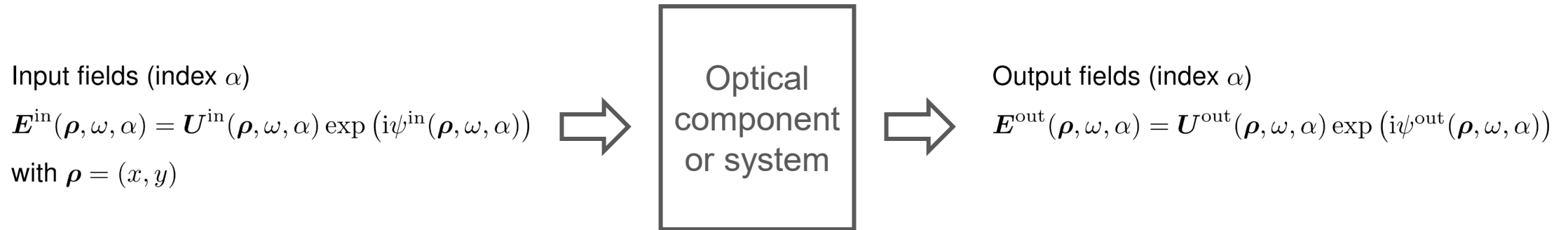
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Monochromatic or polychromatic design

Design Scenarios: Imaging

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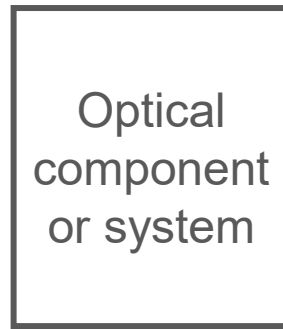
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Input fields with spherical wavefront phase

$$\psi^{\text{sph}, \text{in}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \omega, \alpha) = \text{sign}(z^{\text{in}}) k_0 n^{\text{in}} \sqrt{\|\boldsymbol{\rho} - \boldsymbol{\rho}^{\text{in}}(\alpha)\|^2 + (z^{\text{in}})^2}$$

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Fields with spherical wavefront phase

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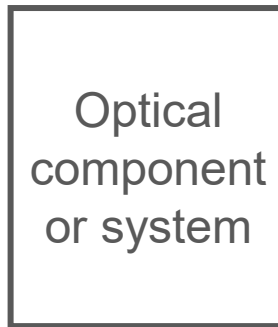
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Design Scenarios: Light Shaping

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Specification of energy quantity like

- Irradiance $E_e\{\mathbf{E}^{\text{out}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \omega, \alpha)\}$
- Radiant Intensity $I_e\{\mathbf{E}^{\text{out}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \omega, \alpha)\}$

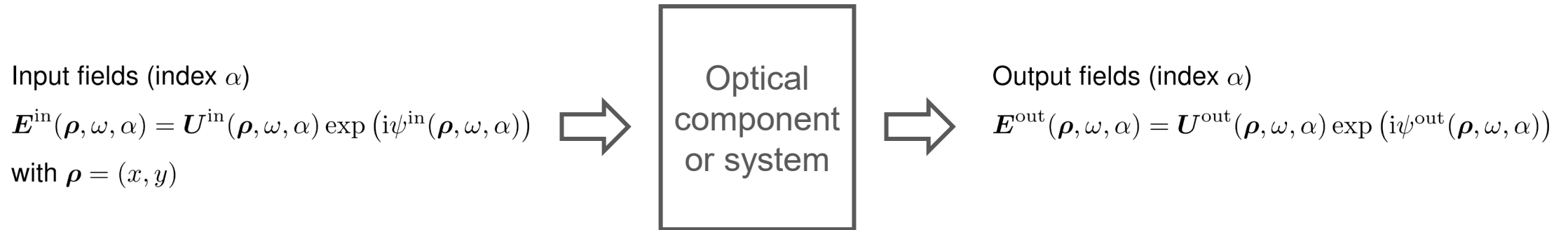
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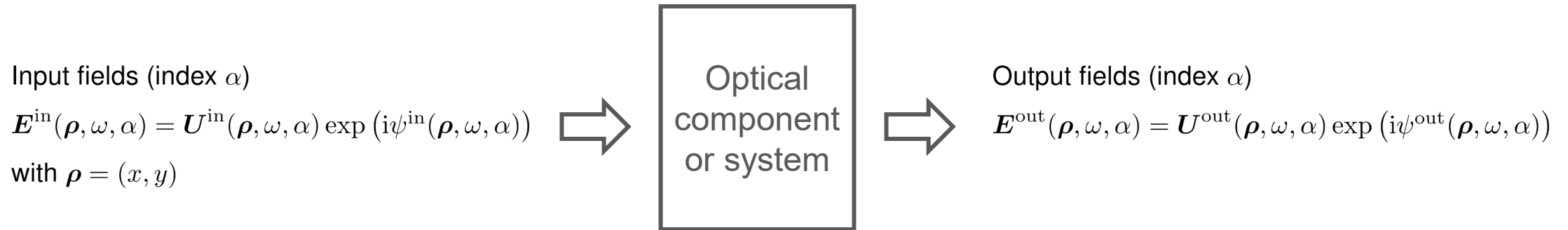
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Manipulation and Control of Input Fields



How to achieve the specified transformations with sufficient accuracy?

Manipulation and Control of Input Fields



Major manipulations of fields on their way through system:

- **Wavefront phase control:** $\psi^{\text{in}} \rightarrow \dots \psi_j \dots \rightarrow \psi^{\text{out}}$
- **Irradiance shaping:** $E_e^{\text{in}} \rightarrow \dots E_{e,j} \dots \rightarrow E_e^{\text{out}}$

Proposed Design Workflow

FUNCTIONAL DESIGN

Design the system by introducing functional components to achieve the demanded system functionality.

STRUCTURAL DESIGN

Replace functional components by smooth surface or flat optics components.

MODELING & EVALUATION

Model the system with ray tracing and physical optics. Evaluate the performance by suitable detectors and merit functions.

FURTHER OPTIMIZATION

Use the modeling techniques to further optimize the system by, e.g., parametric optimization.

SYSTEM TOLERANCING

Investigate the fabrication tolerances of components and the adjustment sensitivity of the system.

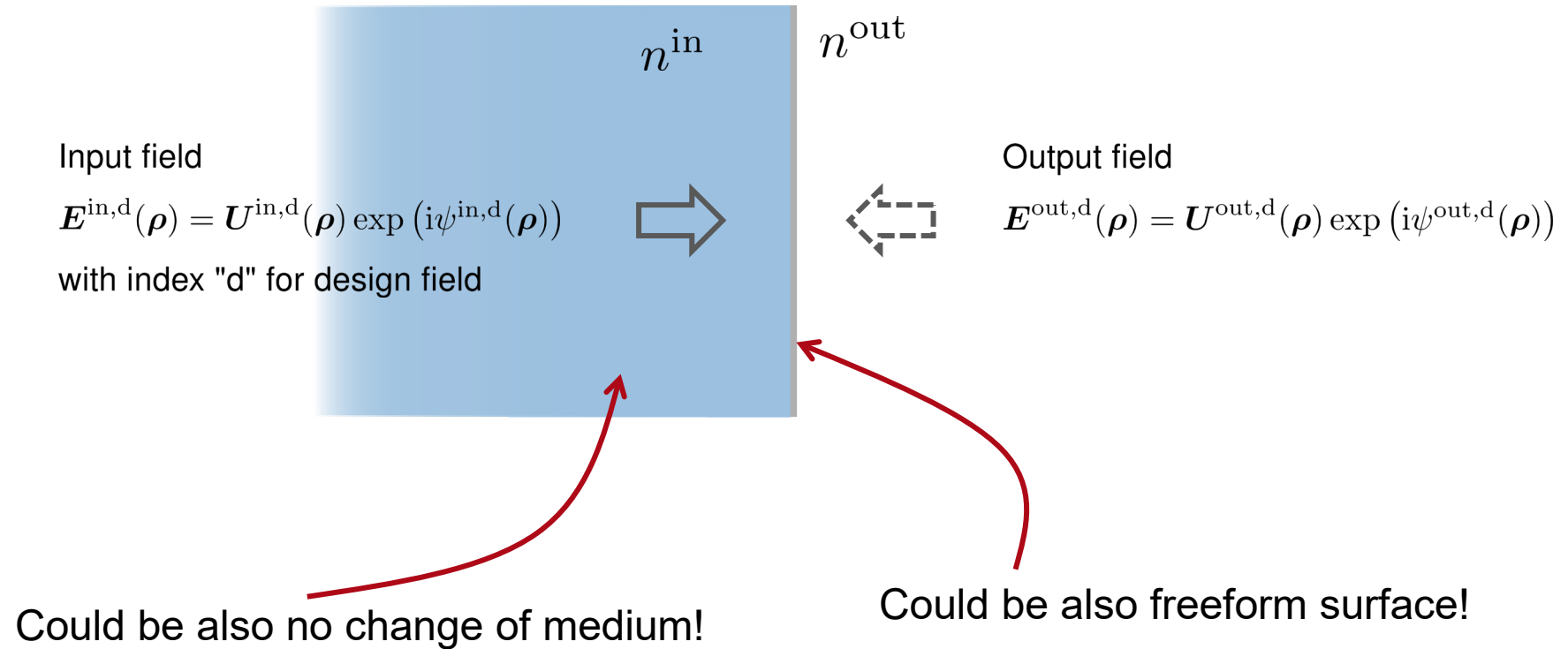
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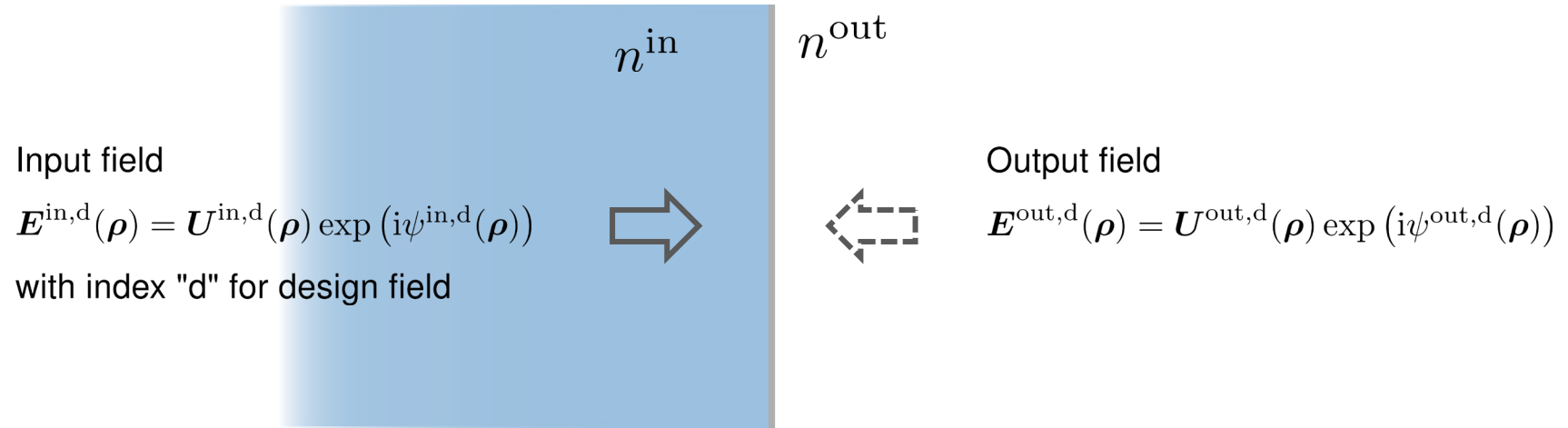
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Single Field Scenario

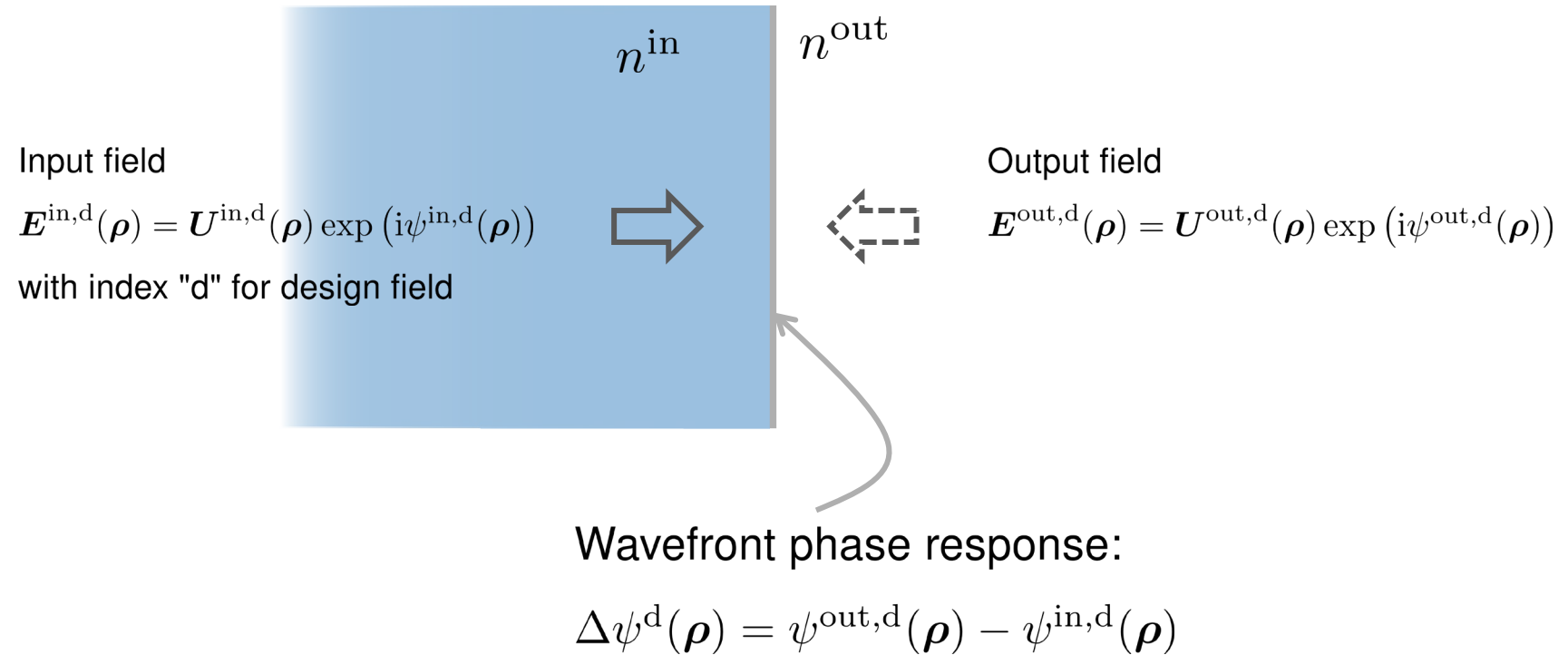
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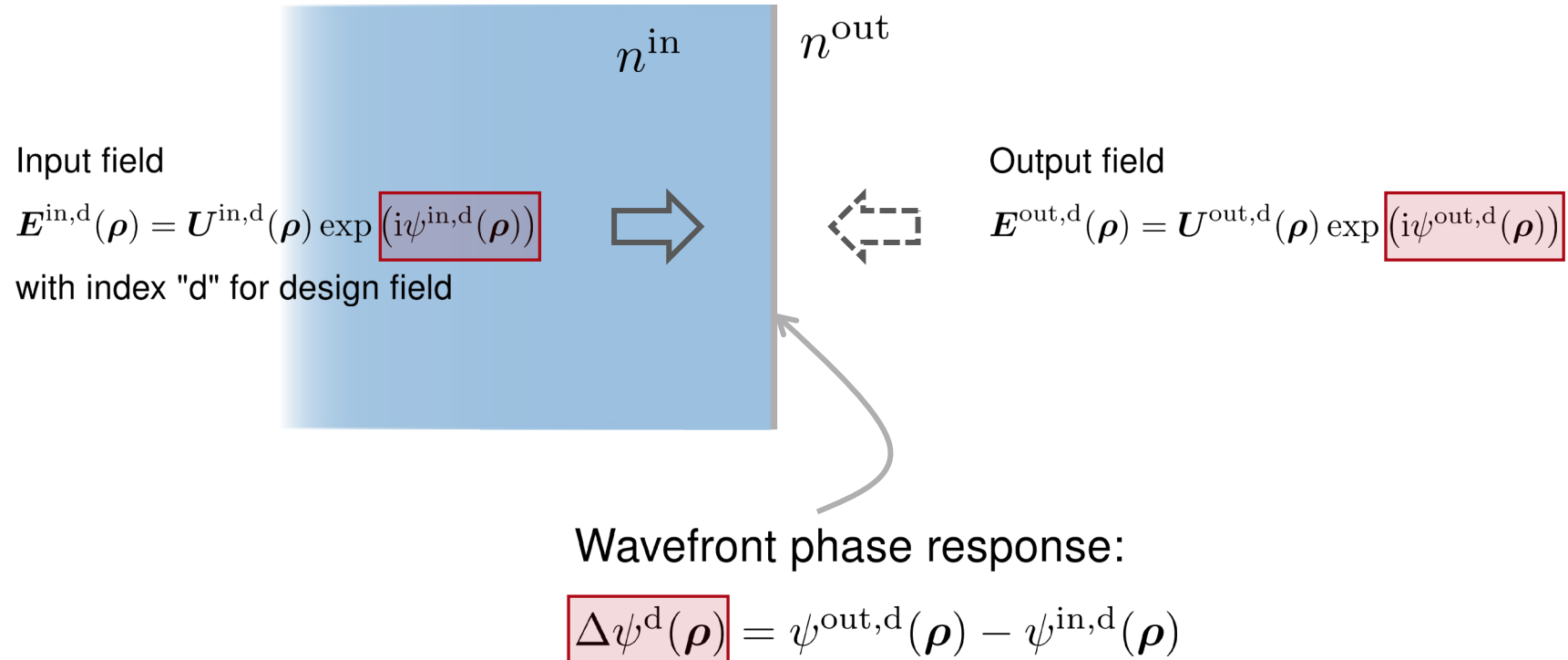
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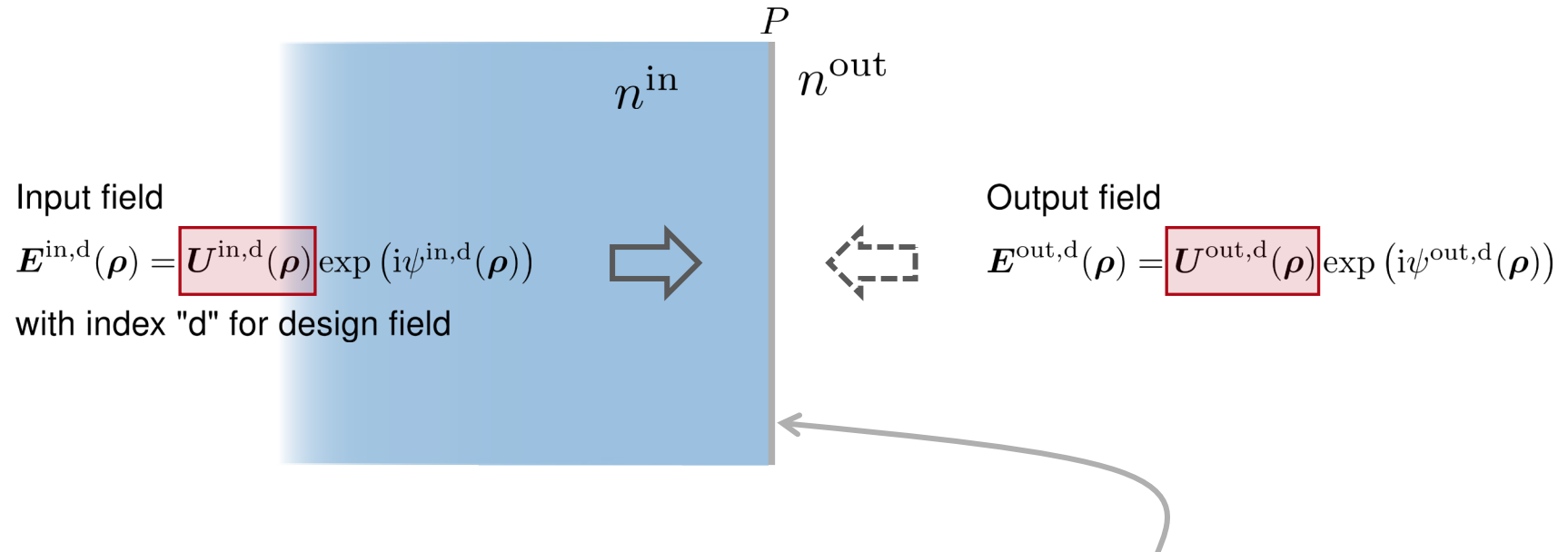
Functional Design



Wavefront Response Component (WRC)



Domain and Irradiance Matching

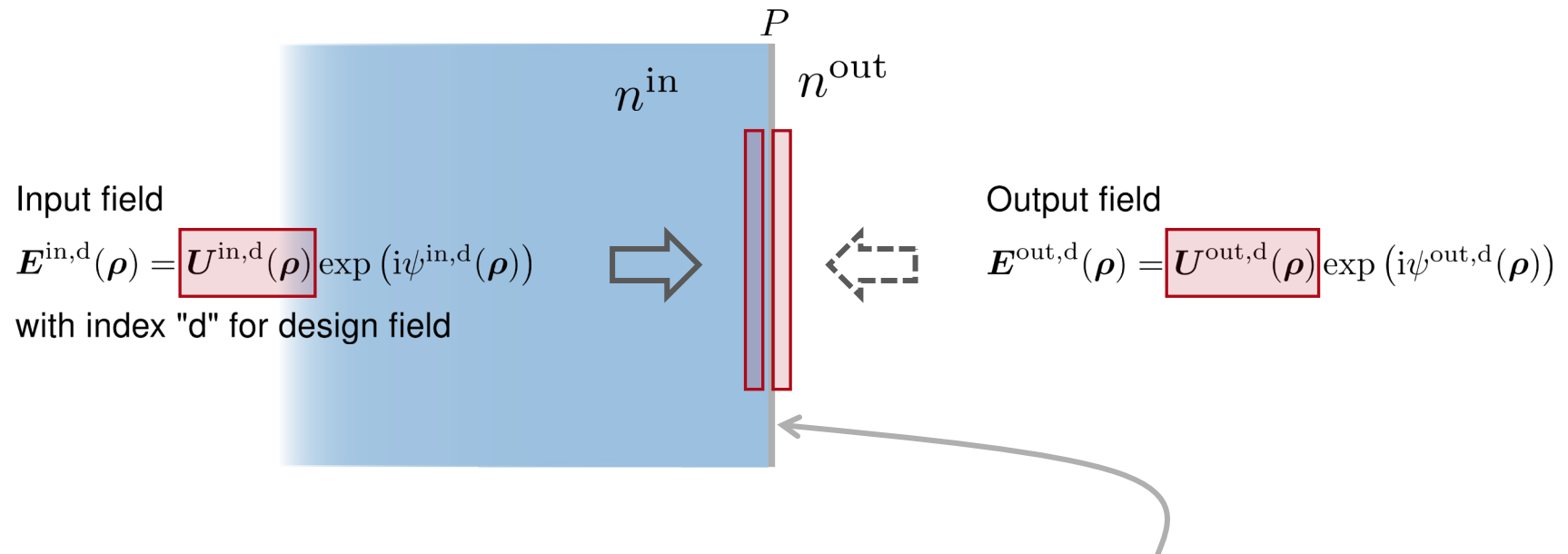


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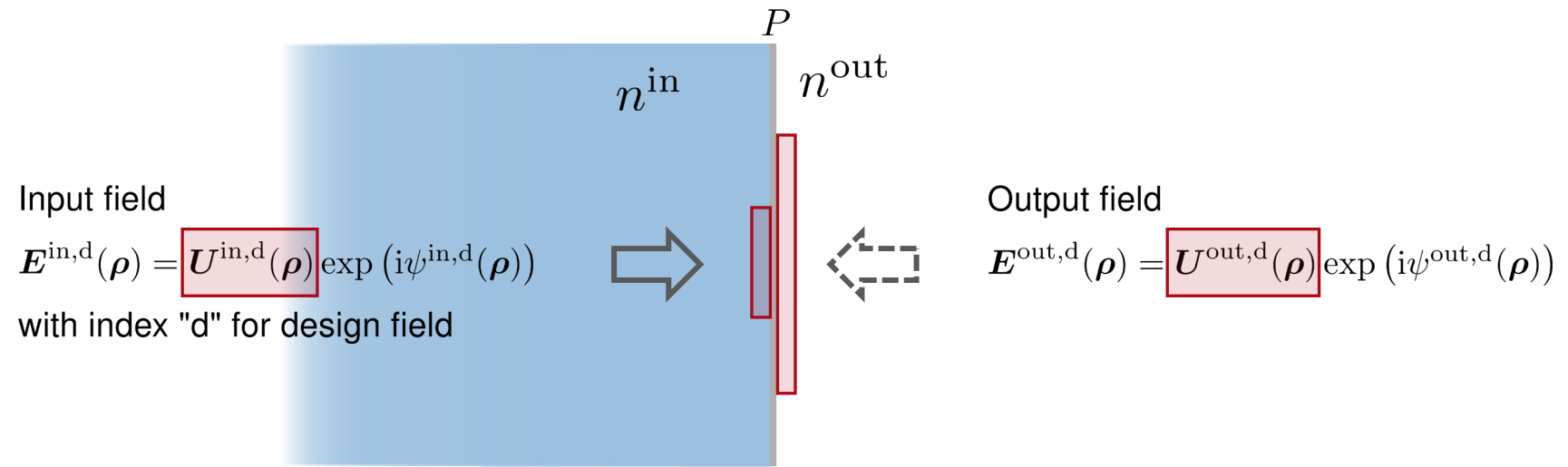


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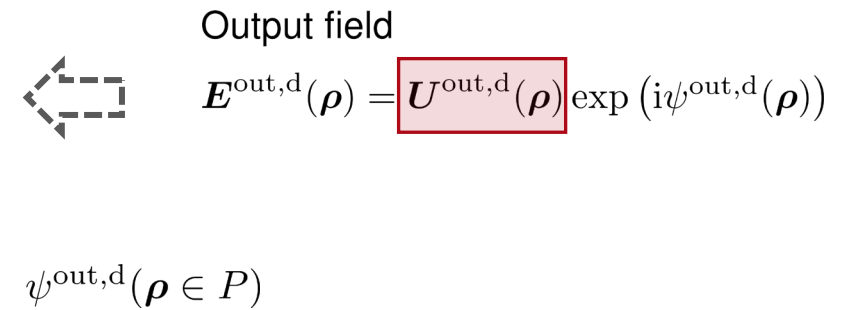
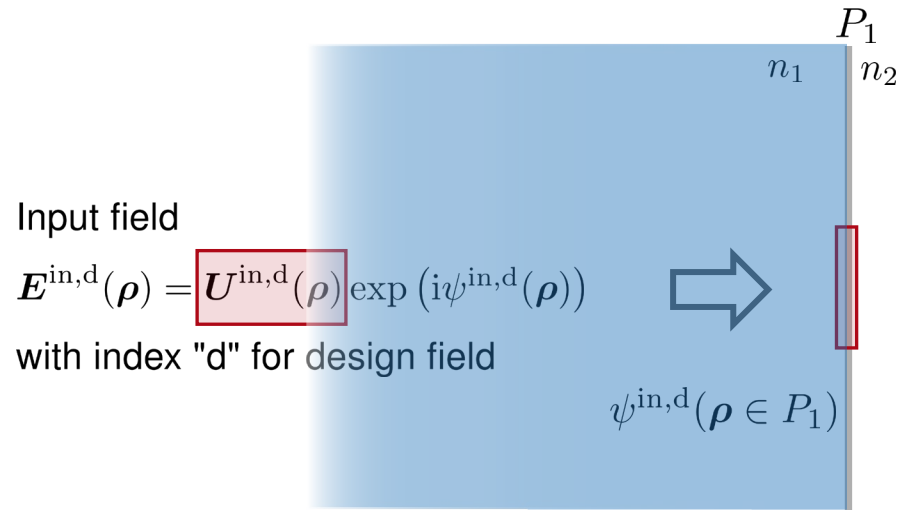
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Domain and Irradiance Matching



Domain and Irradiance Matching: Two Components (WRC)



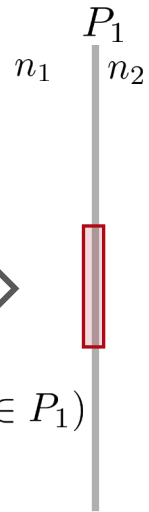
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Input field

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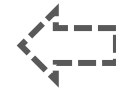
with index "d" for design field

$$\psi^{\text{in,d}}(\boldsymbol{\rho} \in P_1)$$



Output field

$$\mathbf{E}^{\text{out,d}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}) = \mathbf{U}^{\text{out,d}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}) \exp(i\psi^{\text{out,d}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}))$$



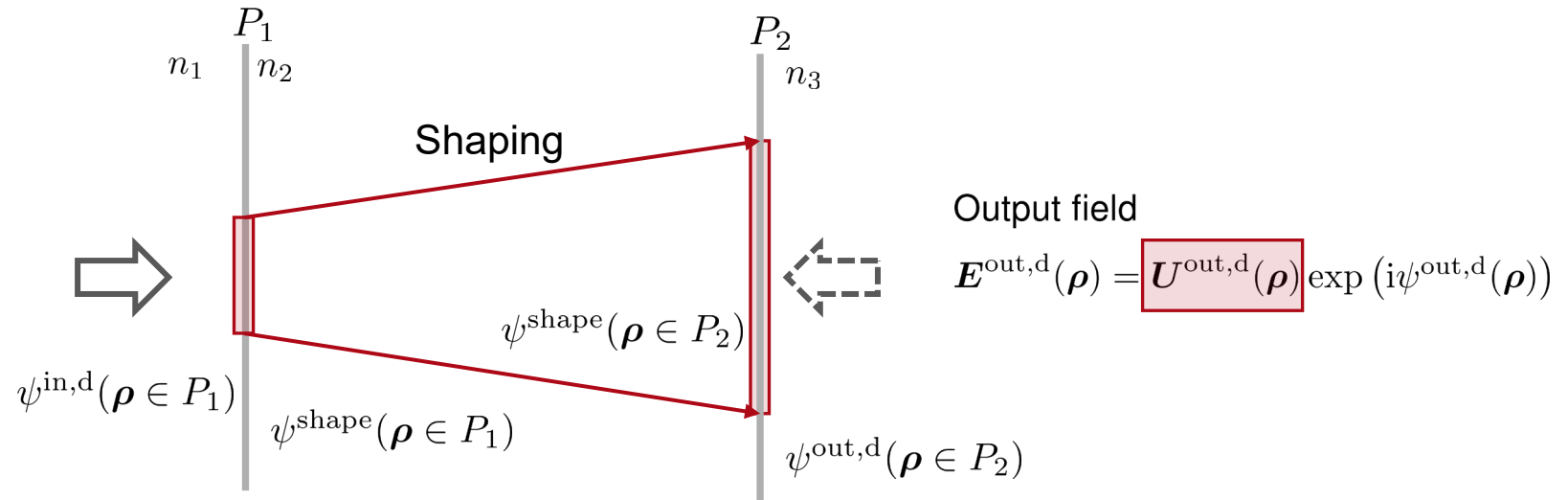
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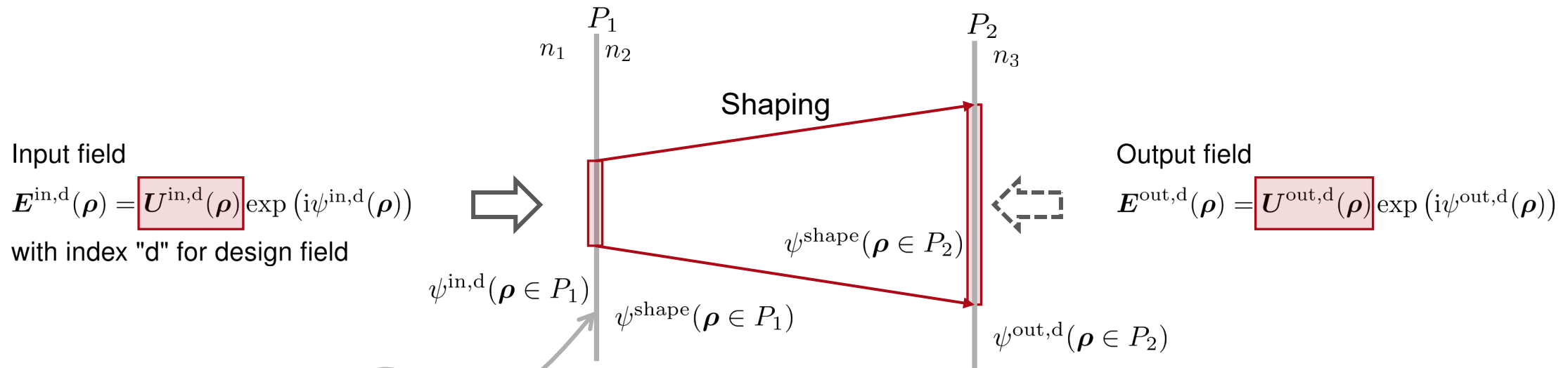
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Domain and Irradiance Matching: Two Components (WRC)



Wavefront phase response:

$$\Delta\psi_1^{\text{d}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}) = \psi^{\text{shape}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}) - \psi^{\text{in,d}}(\boldsymbol{\rho})$$

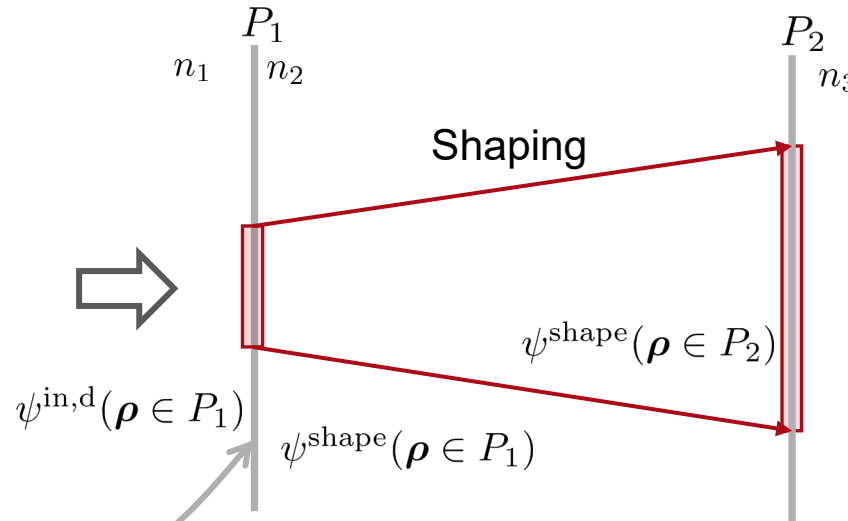
$\psi^{\text{shape}}(\boldsymbol{\rho})$ determined by domain/irradiance shaping algorithm.

Domain and Irradiance Matching: Light Shaping

Input field

$$\mathbf{E}^{\text{in,d}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}) = \mathbf{U}^{\text{in,d}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}) \exp(i\psi^{\text{in,d}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}))$$

with index "d" for design field



Specification of energy quantity like

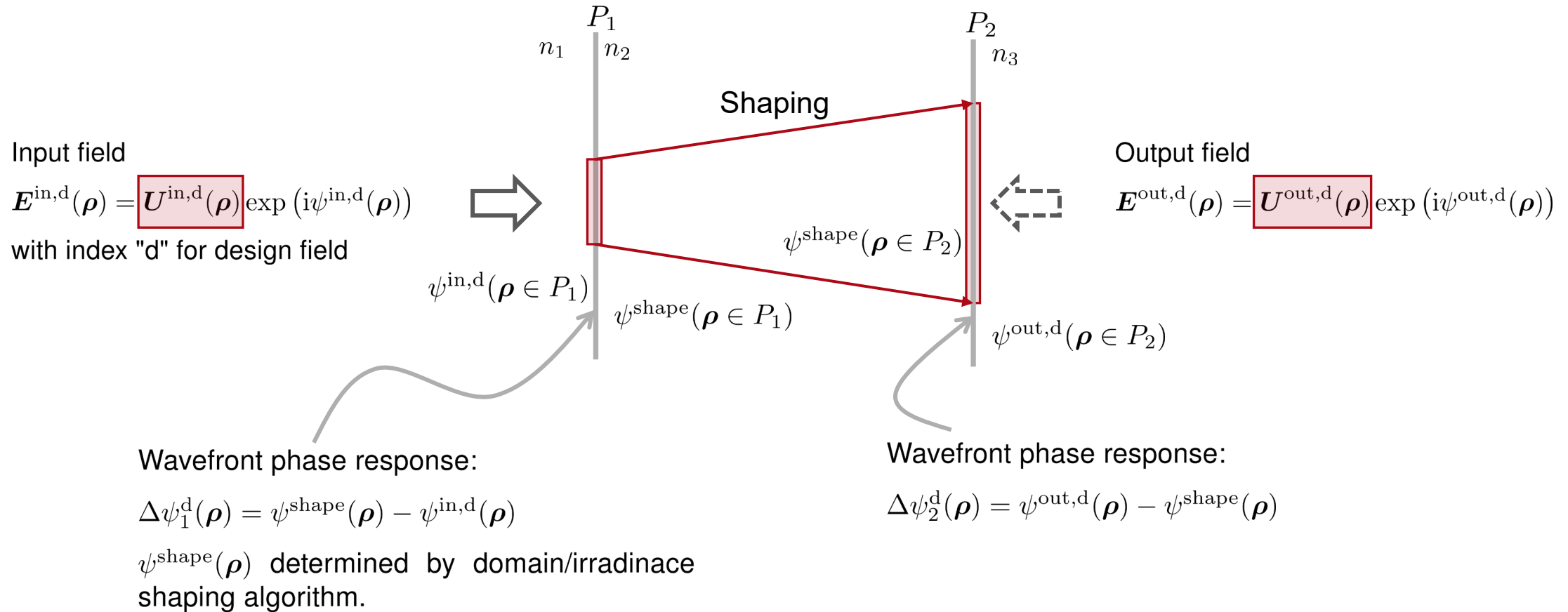
- Irradiance $E_e\{\mathbf{E}^{\text{out}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \omega, \alpha)\}$
- Radiant Intensity $I_e\{\mathbf{E}^{\text{out}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \omega, \alpha)\}$

Wavefront phase response:

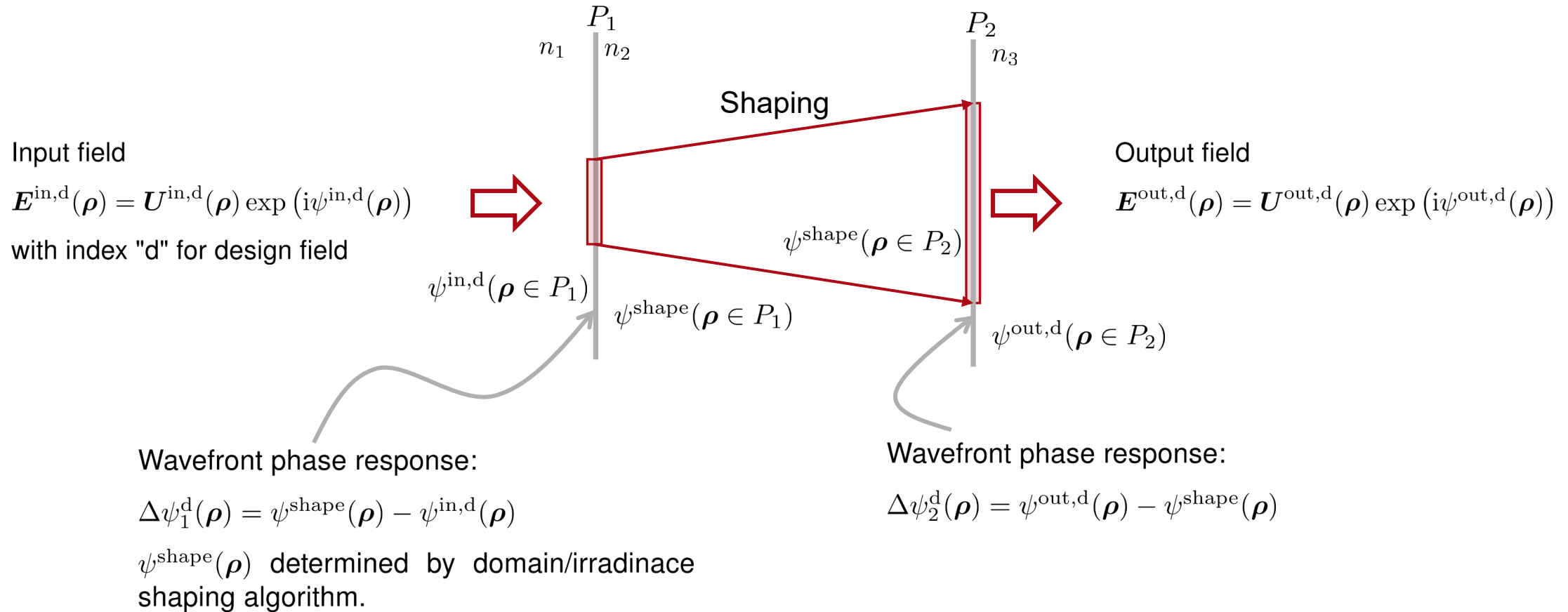
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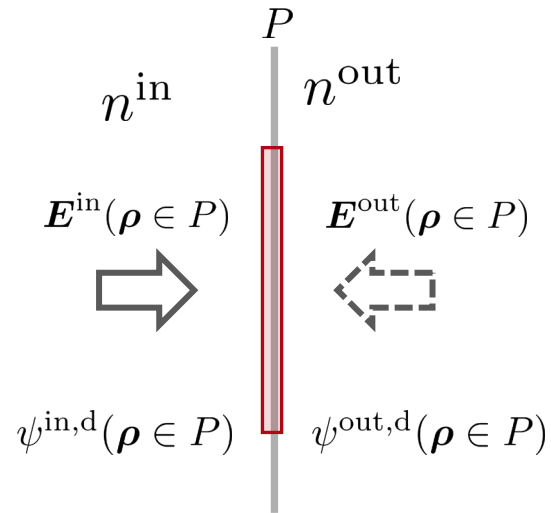
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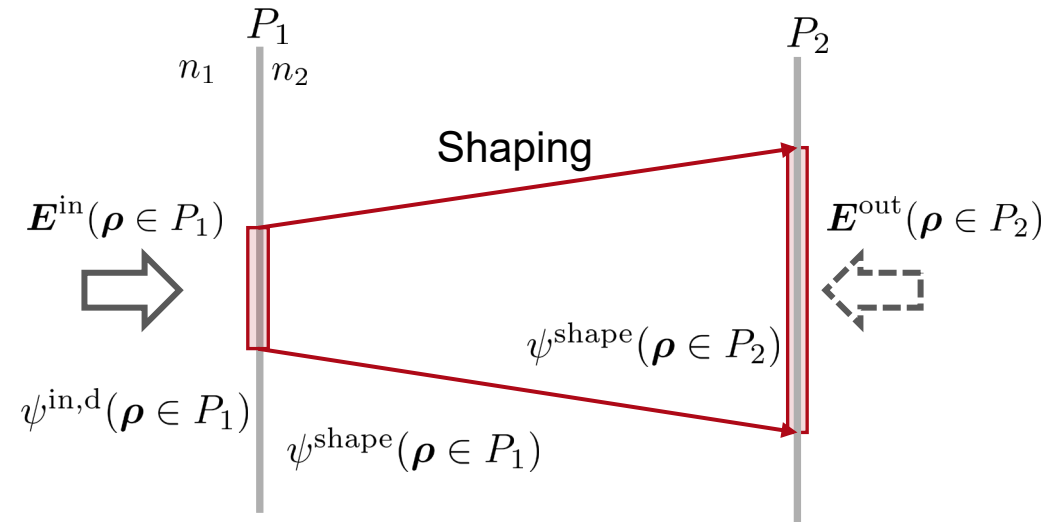


Functional Design: Single Field



Wavefront Response Component

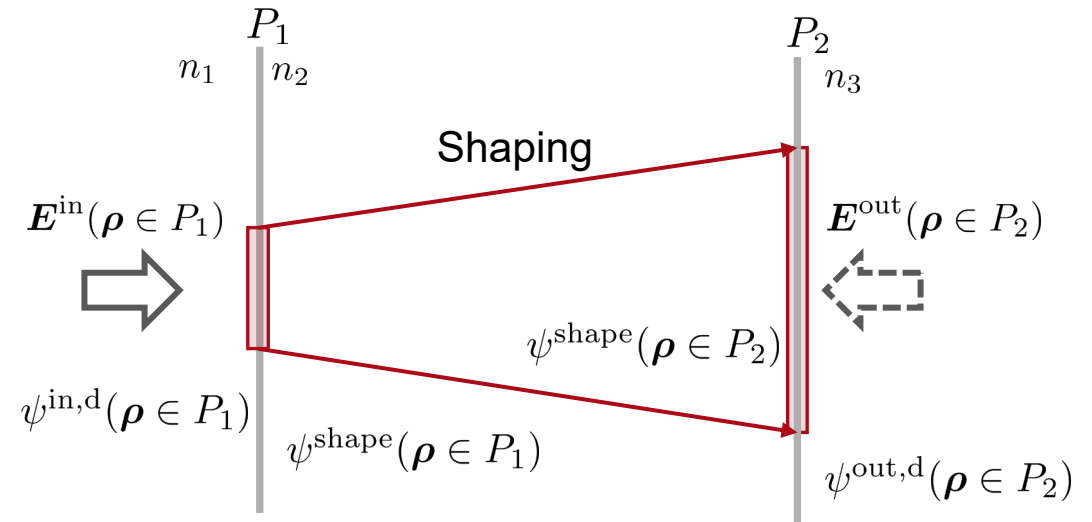
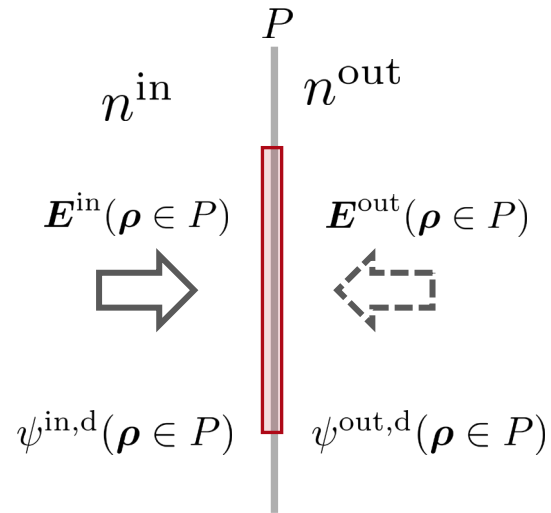
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Wavefront Response Component (combination)

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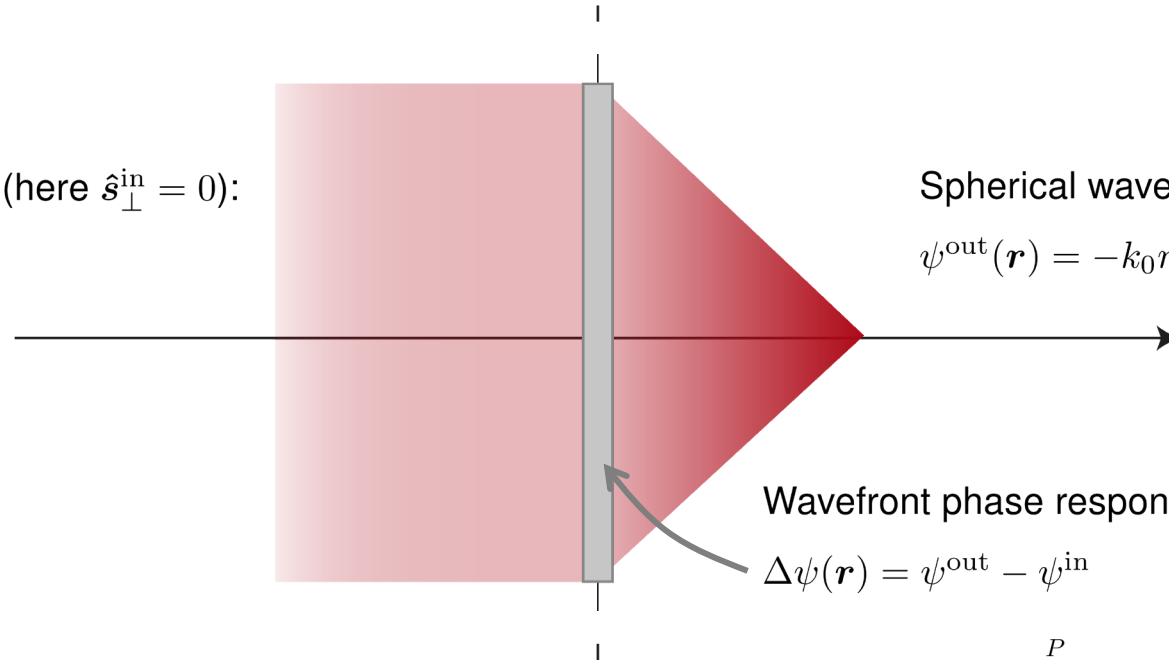
Example Focusing

Functional Design

Focusing Lens: Functional Design

Planar input wavefront phase (here $\hat{s}_{\perp}^{\text{in}} = 0$):

$$\psi^{\text{in}}(\mathbf{r}) = k_0 n \hat{s}_{\perp}^{\text{in}}(\alpha) \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}$$

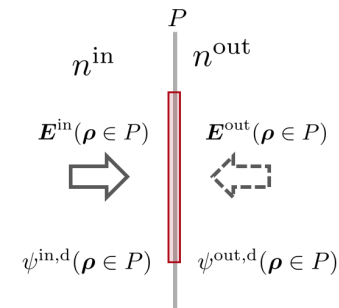


Spherical wavefront phase (here $\boldsymbol{\rho}^{\text{out}} = 0$):

$$\psi^{\text{out}}(\mathbf{r}) = -k_0 n \sqrt{\|\boldsymbol{\rho} - \boldsymbol{\rho}^{\text{out}}(\alpha)\|^2 + f^2}$$

Wavefront phase response function:

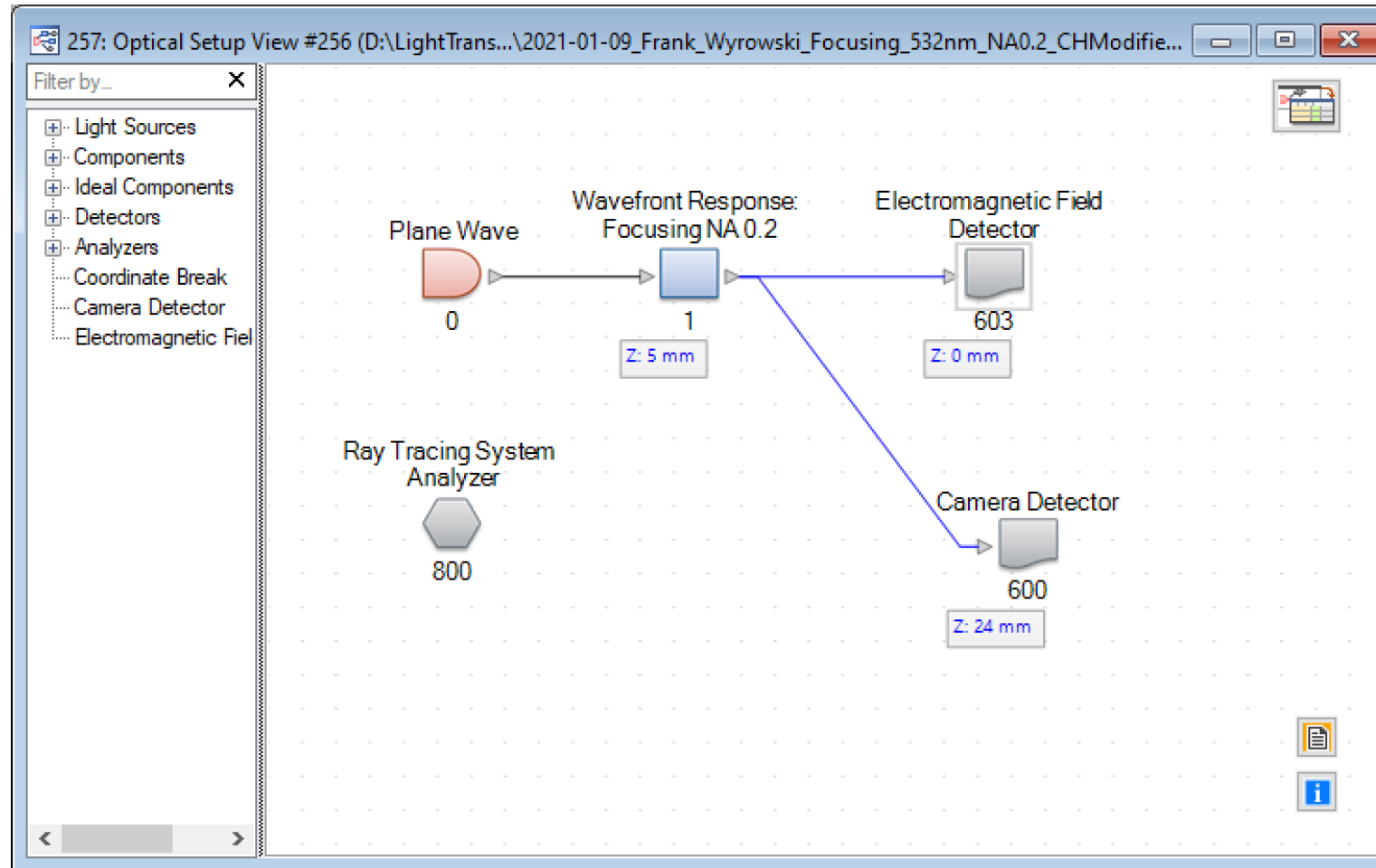
$$\Delta\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \psi^{\text{out}} - \psi^{\text{in}}$$



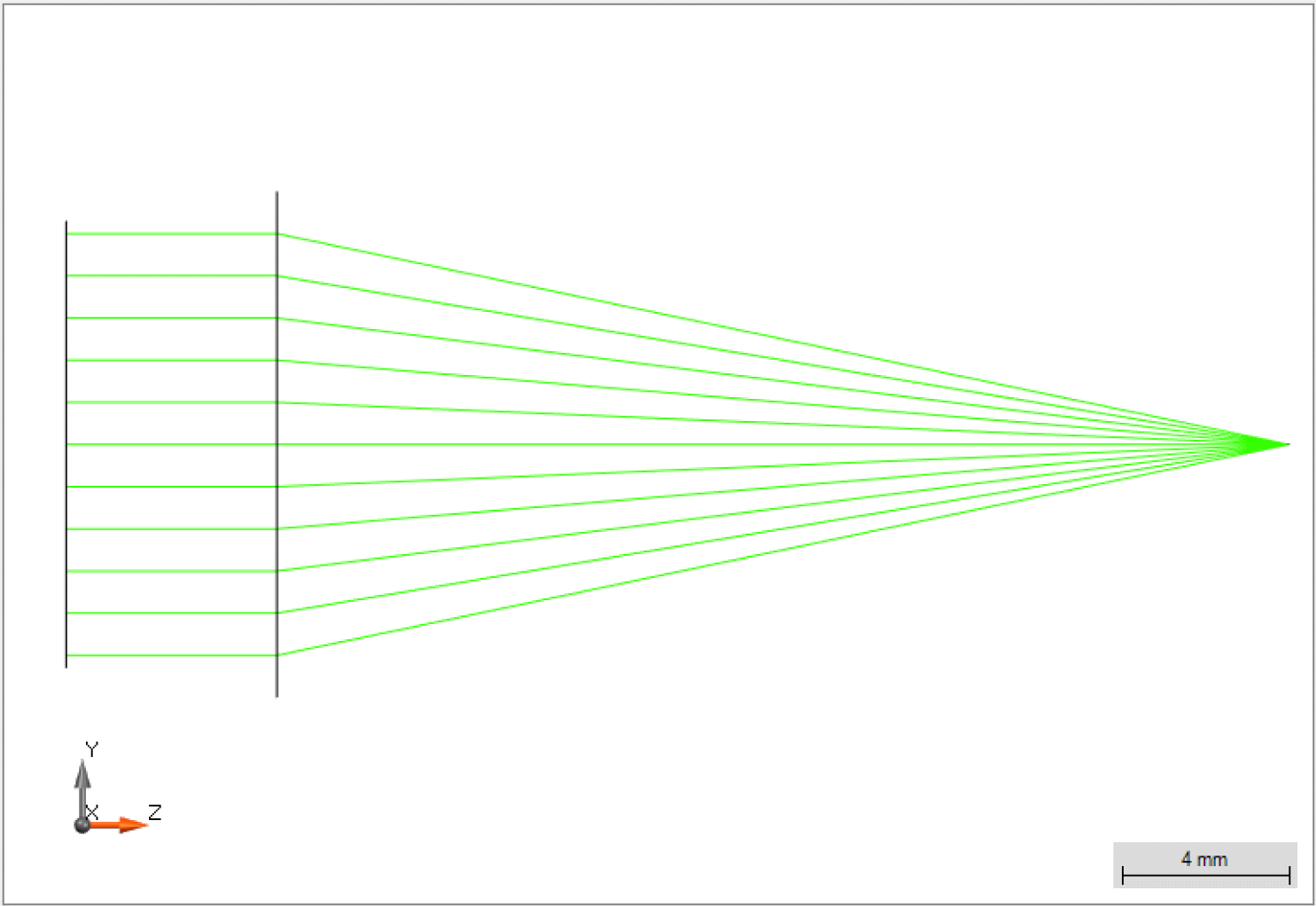
Wavefront Response Component

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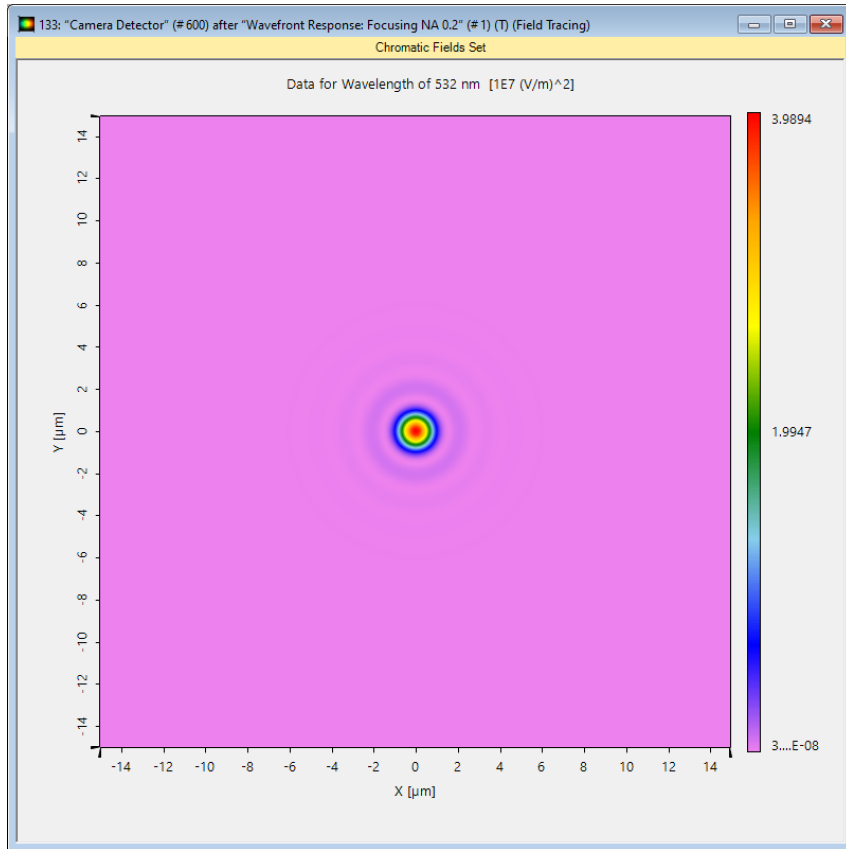
Functional Design: Focusing (NA = 0.2)



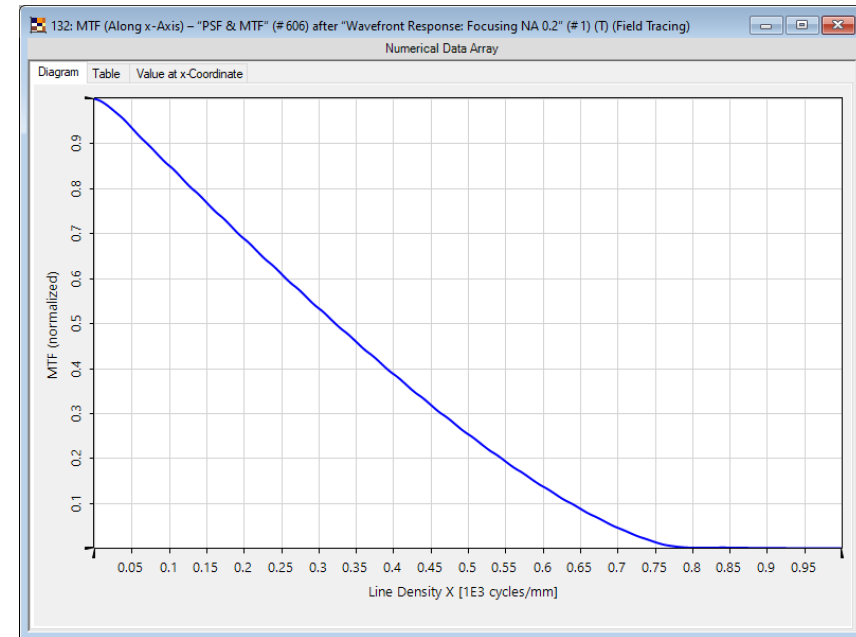
Functional Design: Focusing (NA = 0.2) – Ray Tracing



Functional Design: Focusing (NA = 0.2) – Field Tracing



Field in Focus (False Color)



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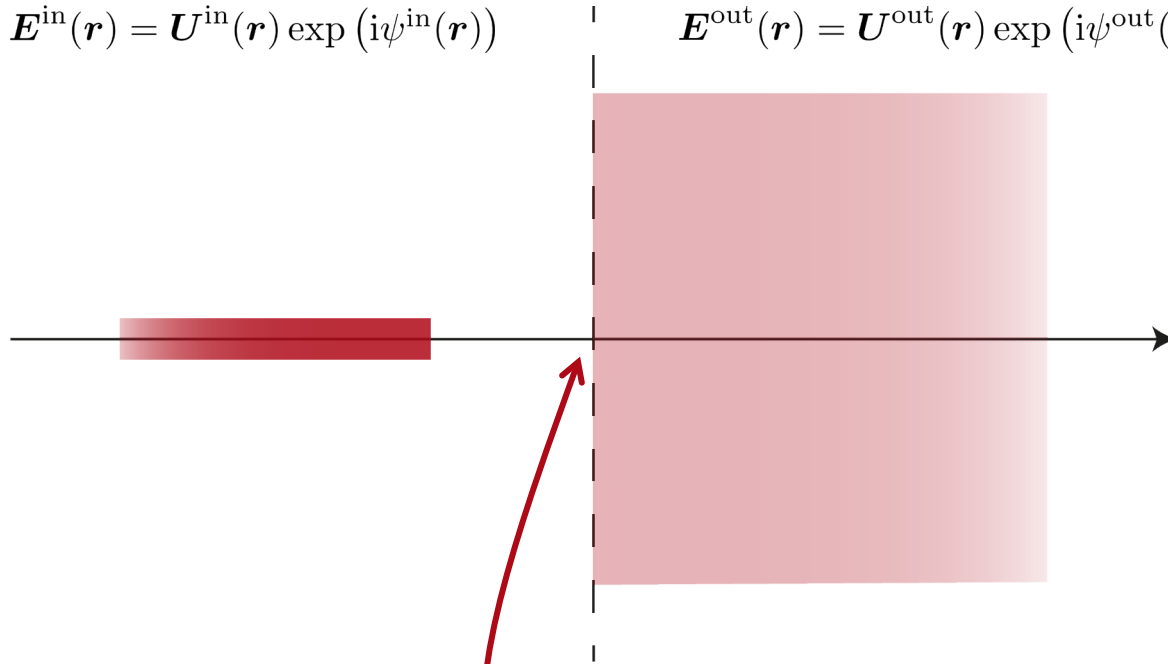
Beam Expander

Functional Design

Beam Expander: Scenario

$$E^{\text{in}}(\mathbf{r}) = U^{\text{in}}(\mathbf{r}) \exp(i\psi^{\text{in}}(\mathbf{r}))$$

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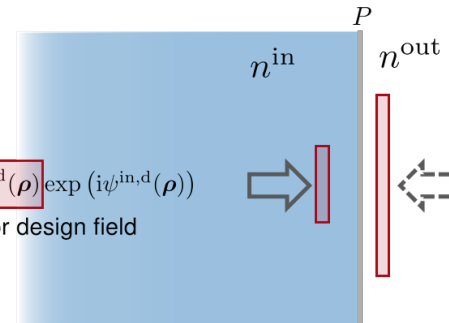


Domains do not match

Input field

$$E^{\text{in},d}(\rho) = U^{\text{in},d}(\rho) \exp(i\psi^{\text{in},d}(\rho))$$

with index "d" for design field



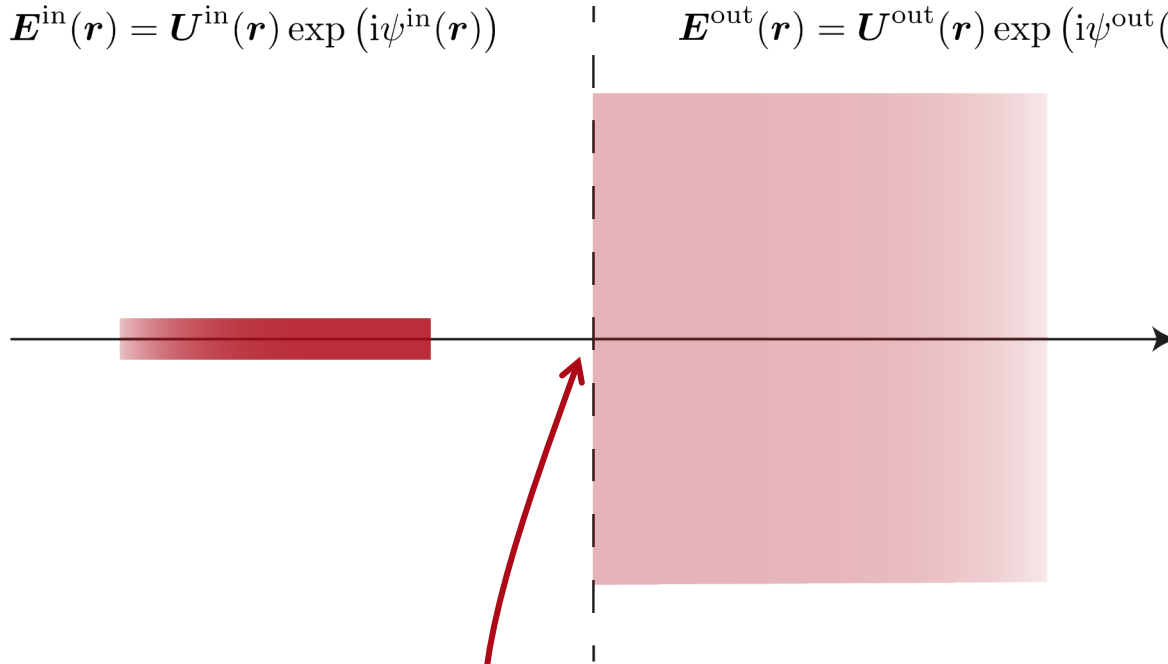
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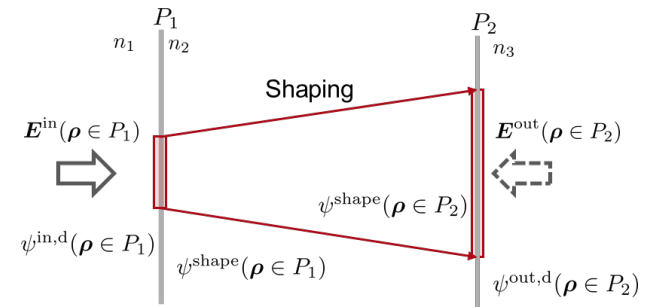
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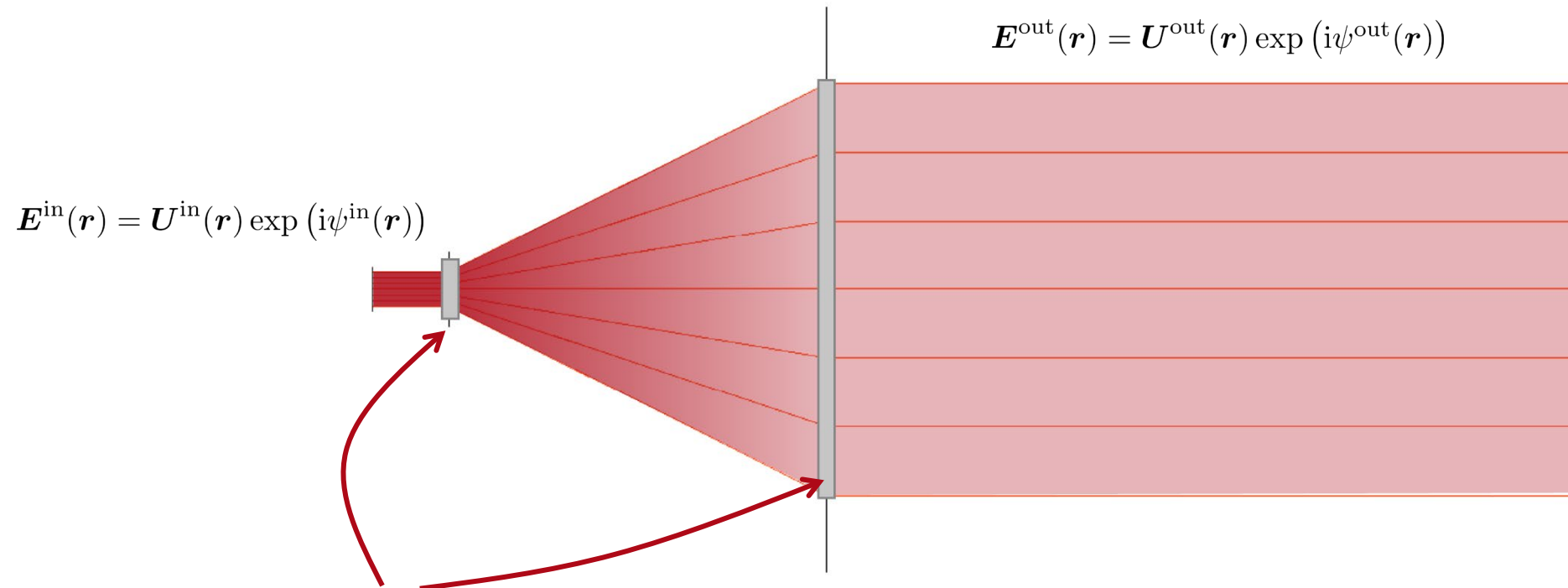
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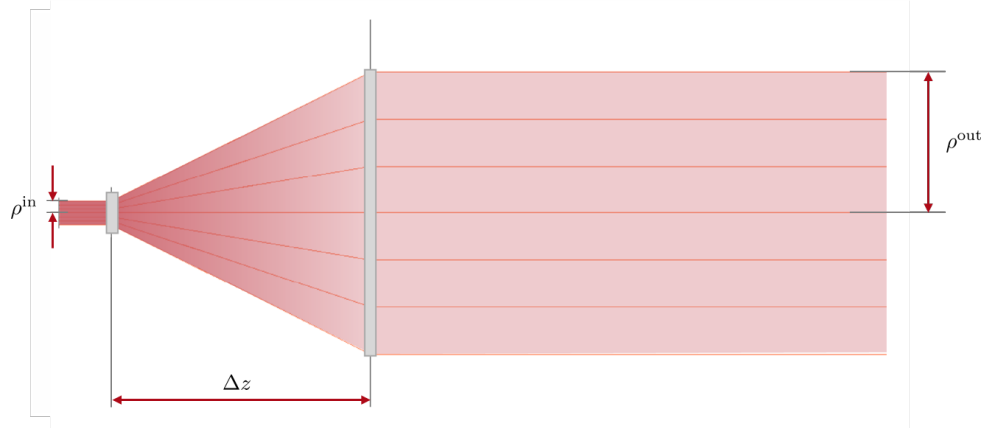
Beam Expander: Functional Design



Two functional components:

Divergent and convergent spherical wavefront phase responses.

Beam Expander: Functional Design



- Let assume the given parameters are the expander ratio $\zeta = \rho^{\text{out}}/\rho^{\text{in}}$ and the distance Δz .
- A straightforward evaluation leads to the equations

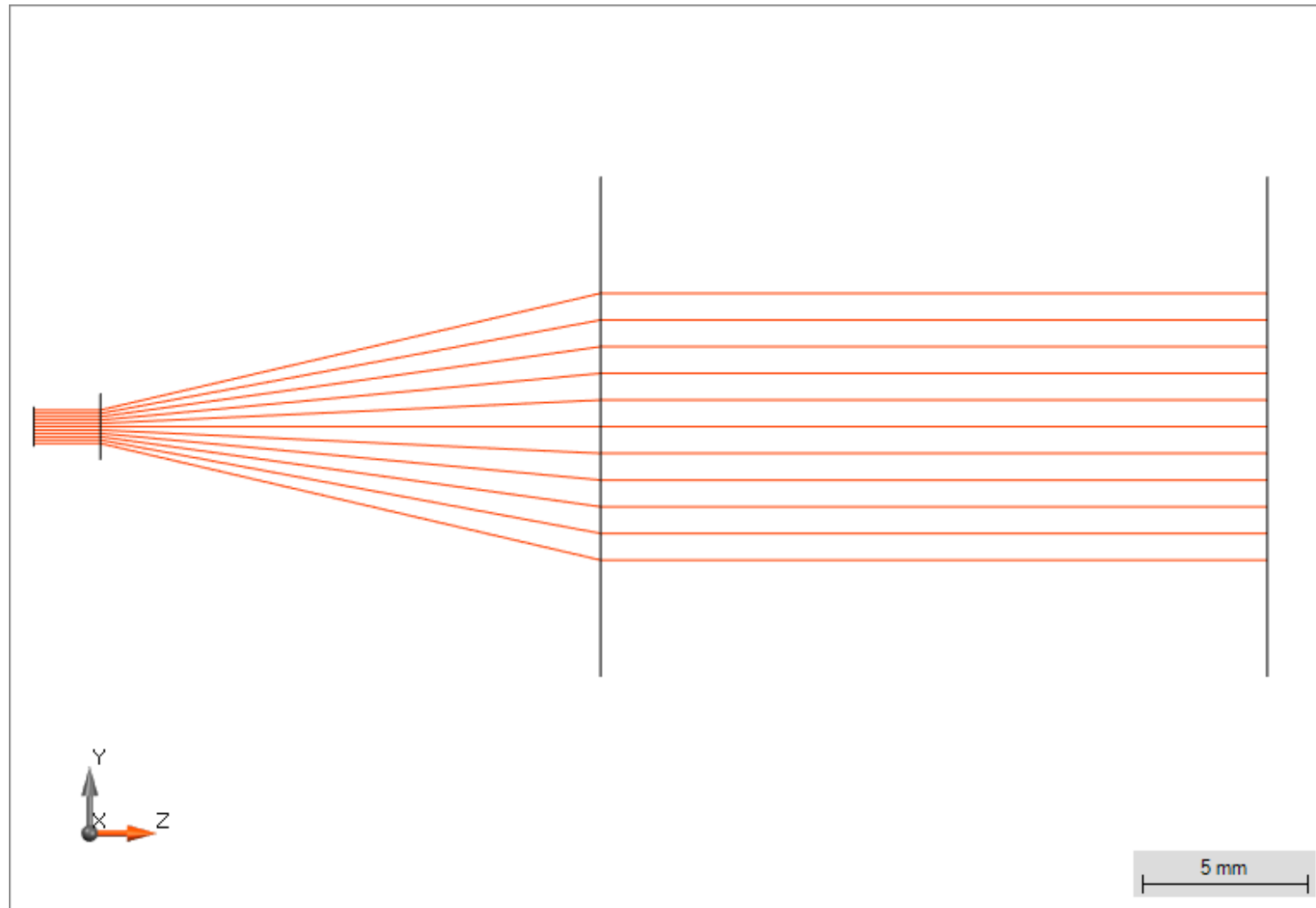
$$R_1 = \frac{\Delta z}{(\zeta - 1)}$$
$$R_2 = -(\Delta z + R_1)$$
$$\text{NA} = \frac{n}{\sqrt{1 + (\Delta z/\rho^{\text{out}})^2}}$$

for radii of the first and second spherical wavefront phase response and the related NA .

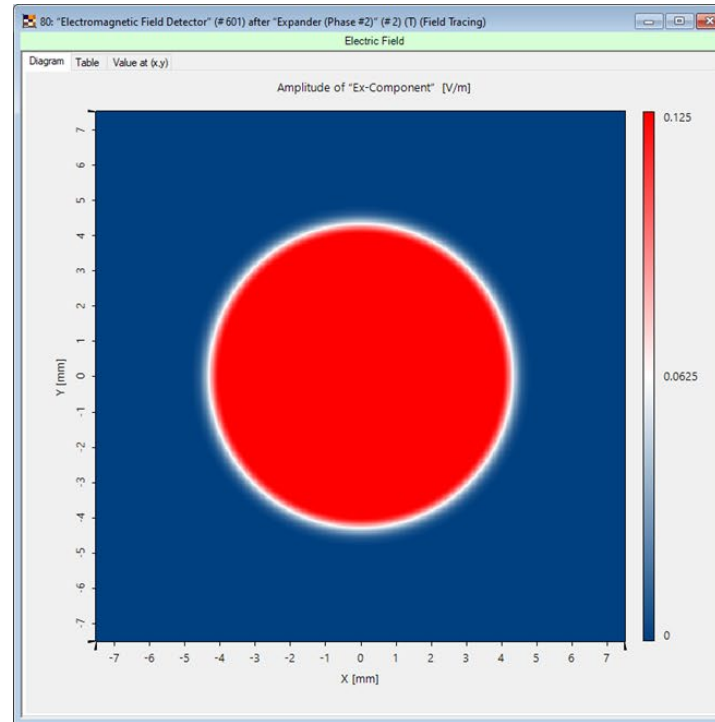
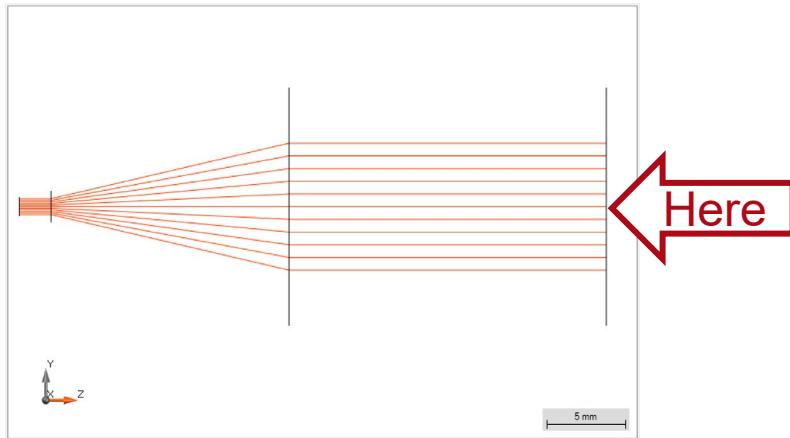
- Thus, the functional design results by analytical considerations to the wavefront phases:

$$\Delta\psi_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}, k_0) = k_0 n \sqrt{\|\boldsymbol{\rho}\|^2 + R_1^2}$$
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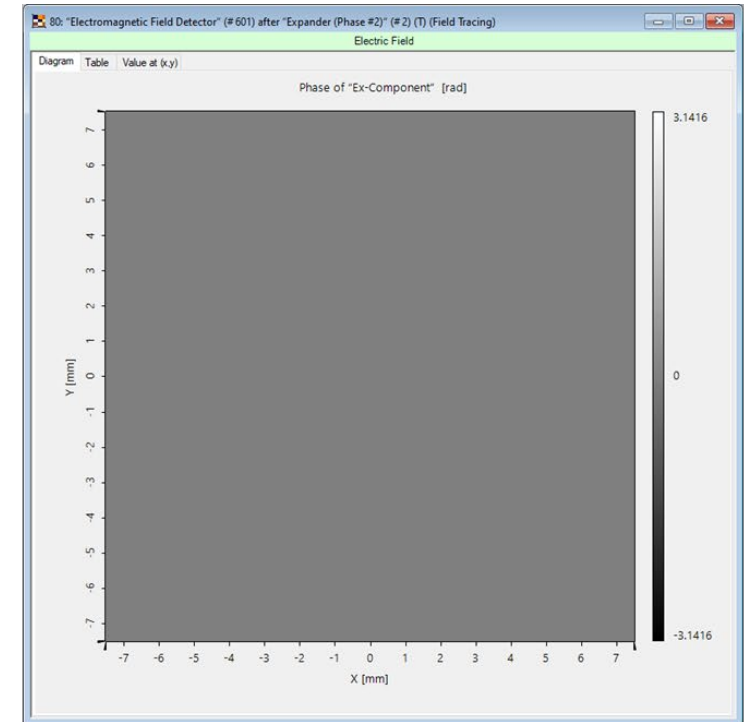
Beam Expander (1:5) – Functional Design: Ray Tracing



Beam Expander (1:5) – Functional Design: Output Beam



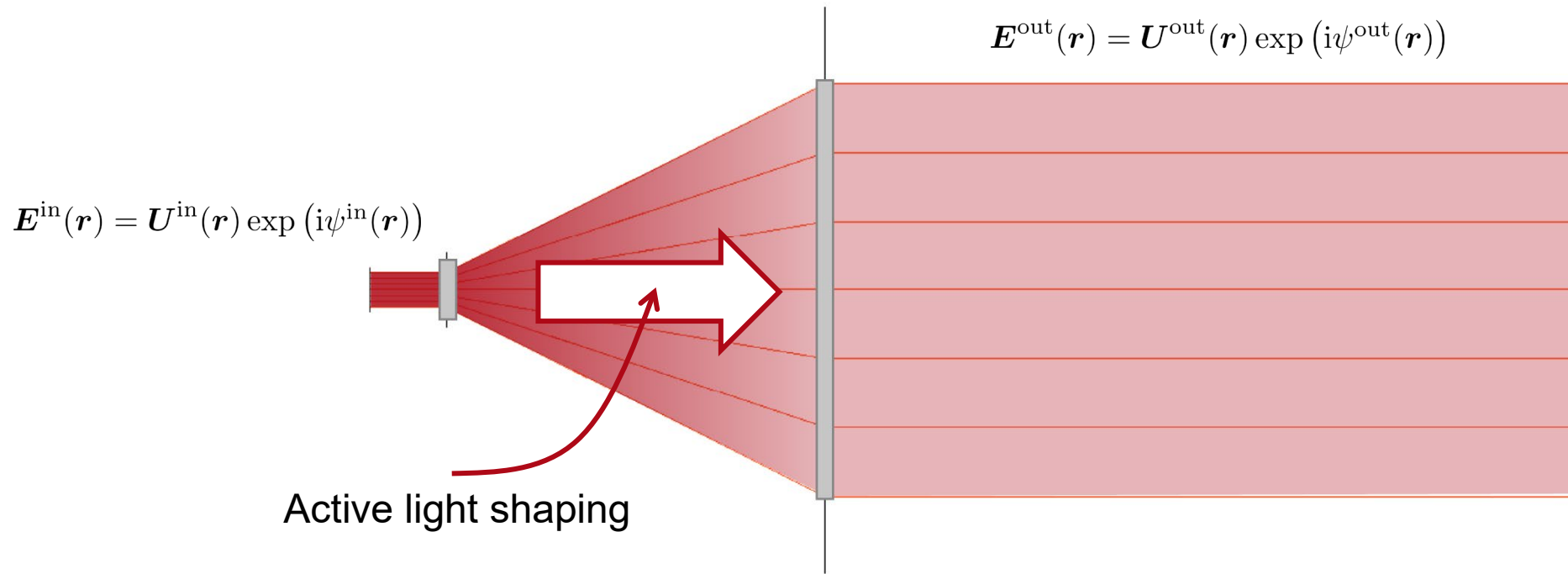
Amplitude after Beam Expander



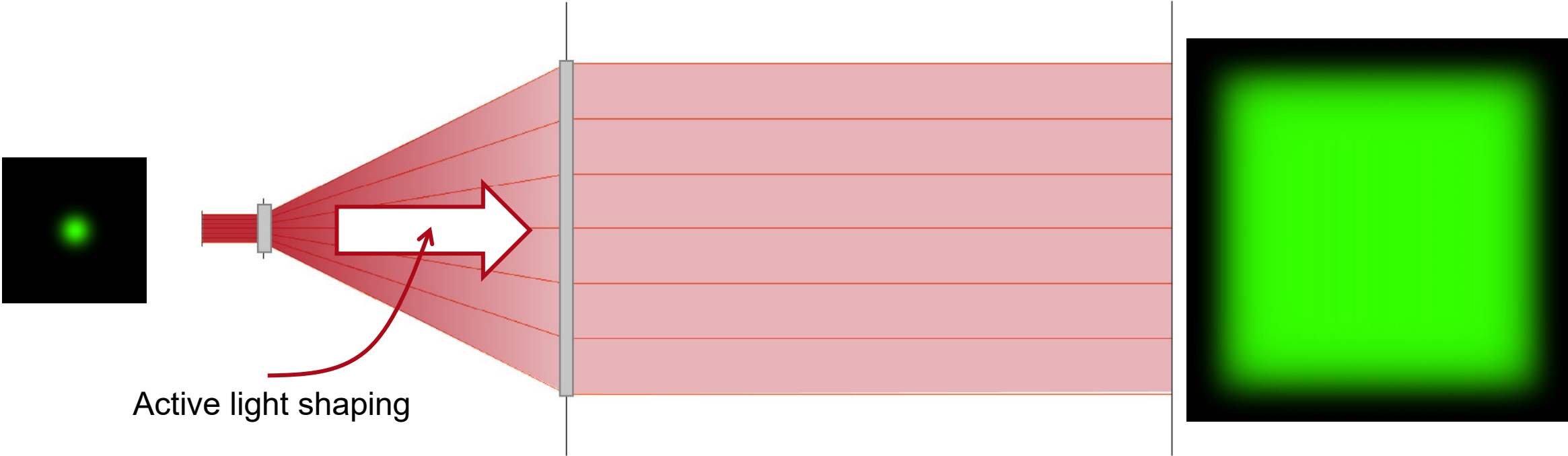
Phase after Beam Expander

Beam Expander Combined with Light Shaping

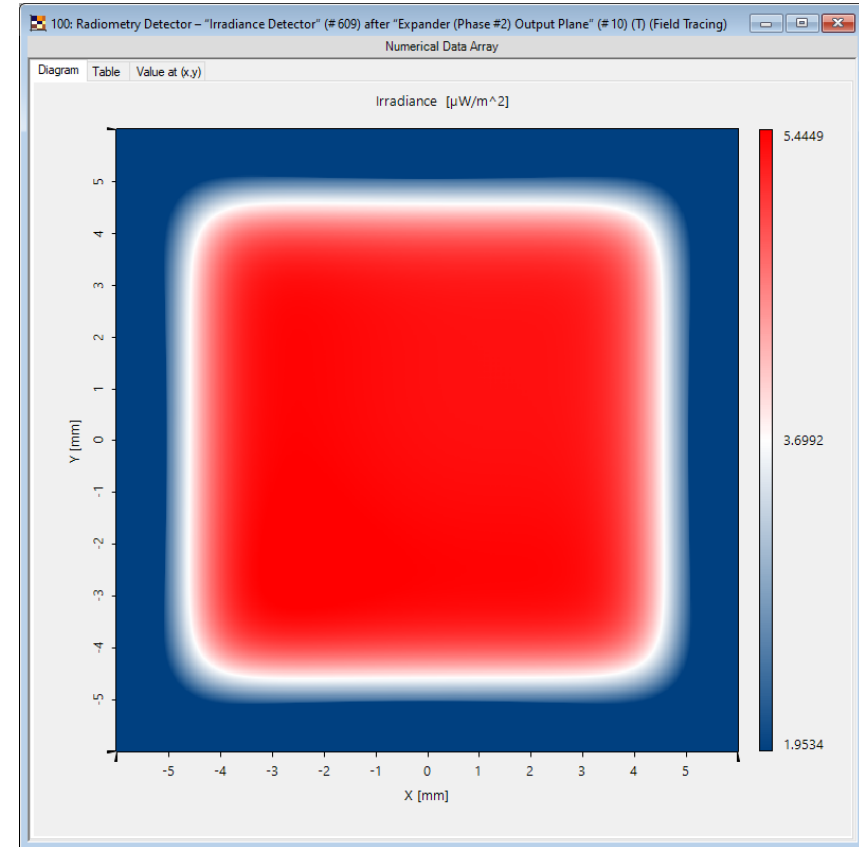
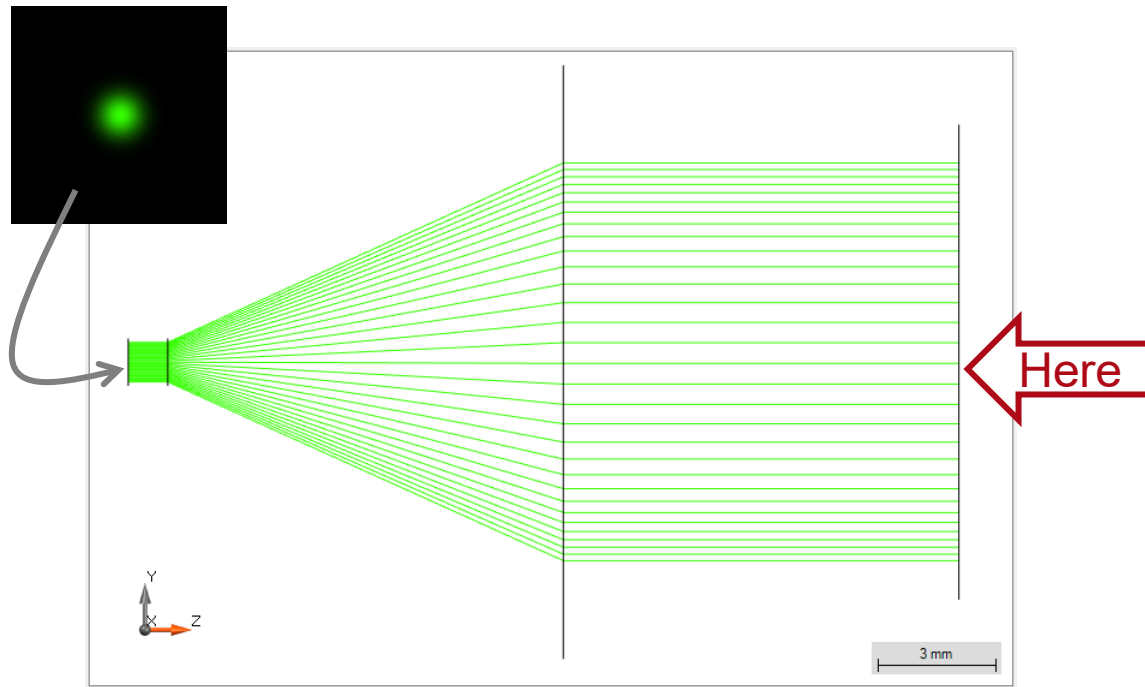
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Shaping Beam Expander: Functional Design



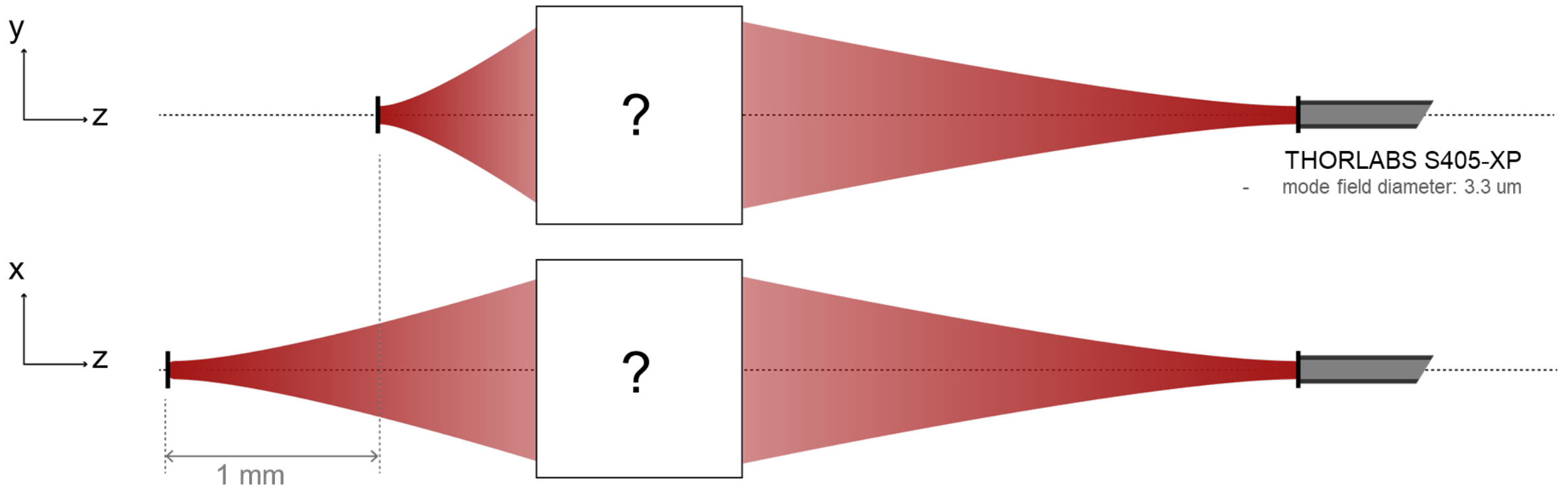
Irradiance (by field tracing)

Example Fiber Coupling

Scenario: Laser Diode Coupling Into Fiber

laser diode with astigmatism

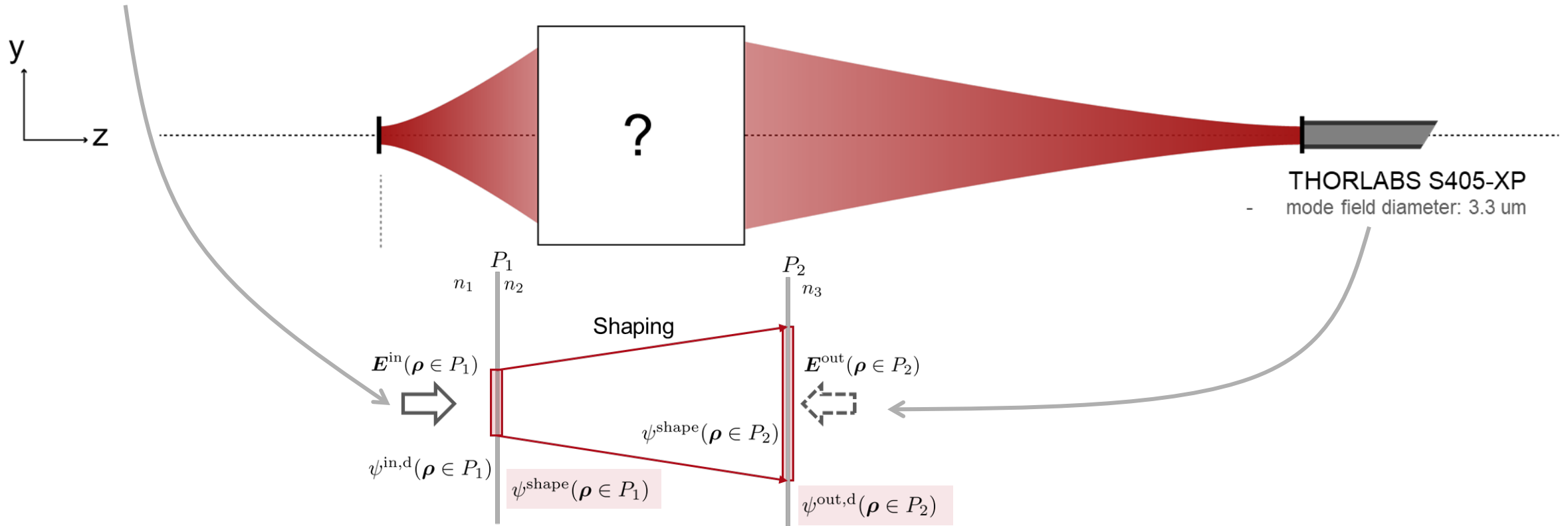
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- half divergent angle ($1/e^2$): $8.74^\circ \times 15.63^\circ$
- astigmatism between y and x: -1 mm



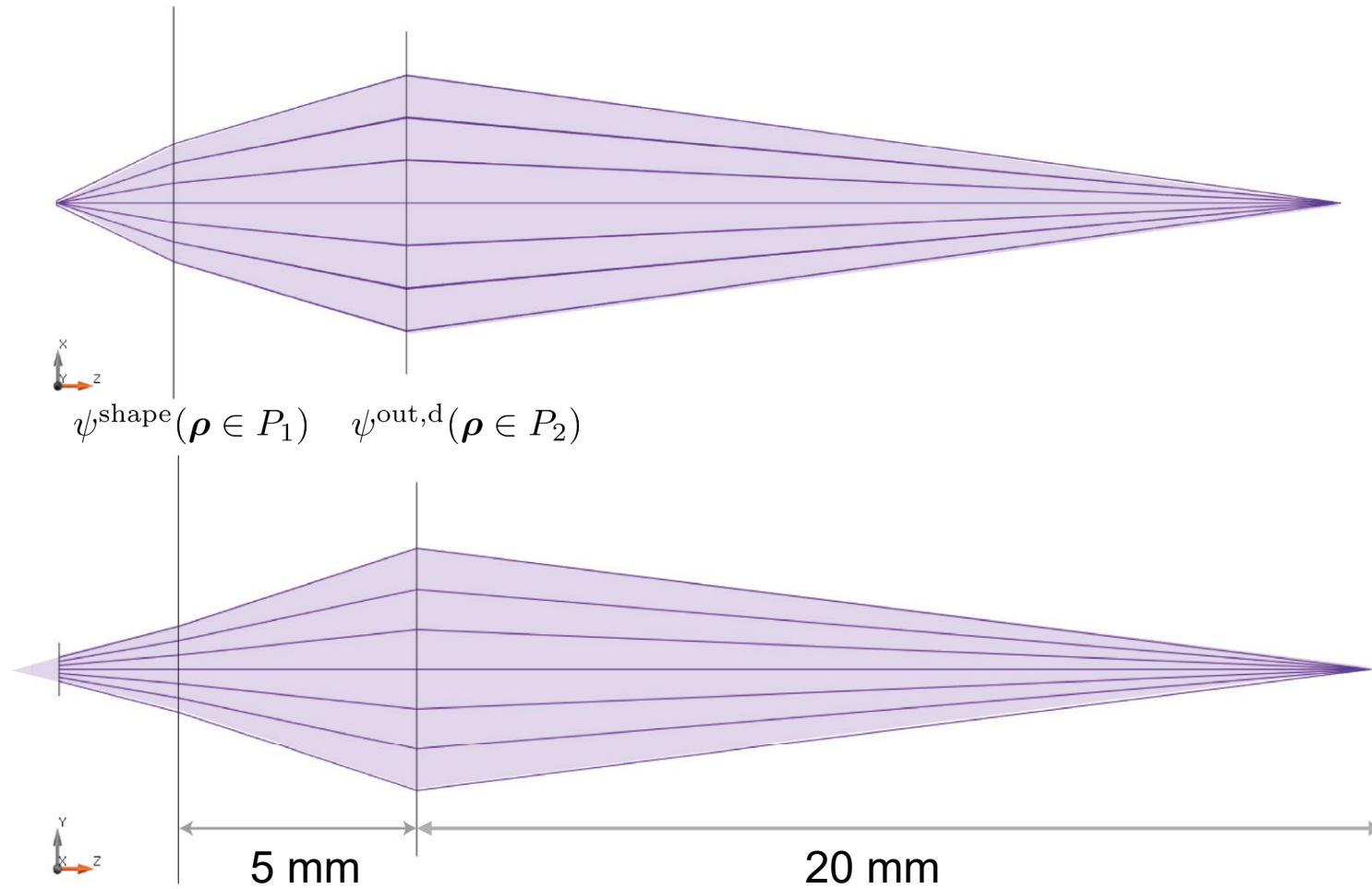
Functional Design: Laser Diode Coupling Into Fiber

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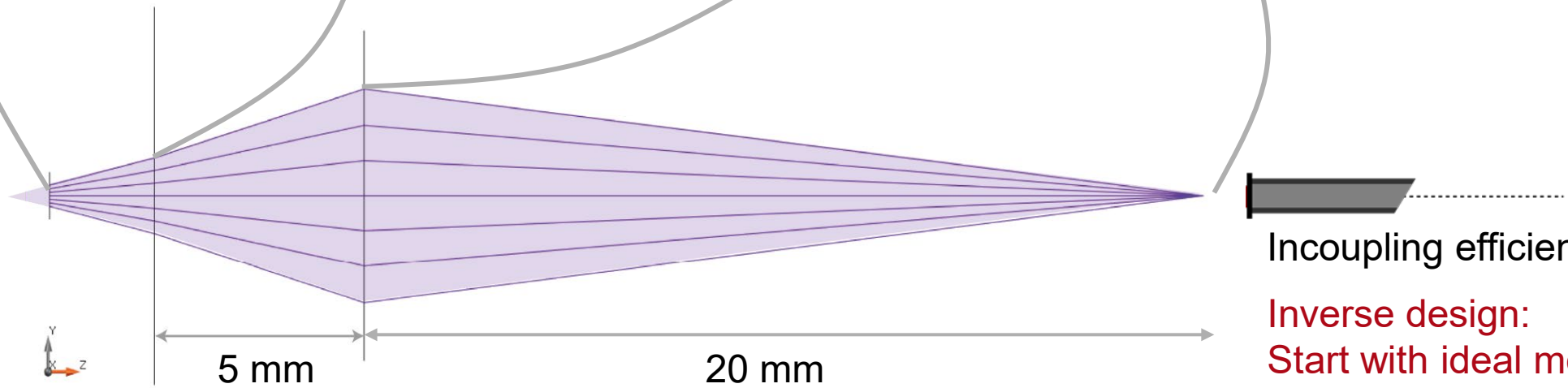
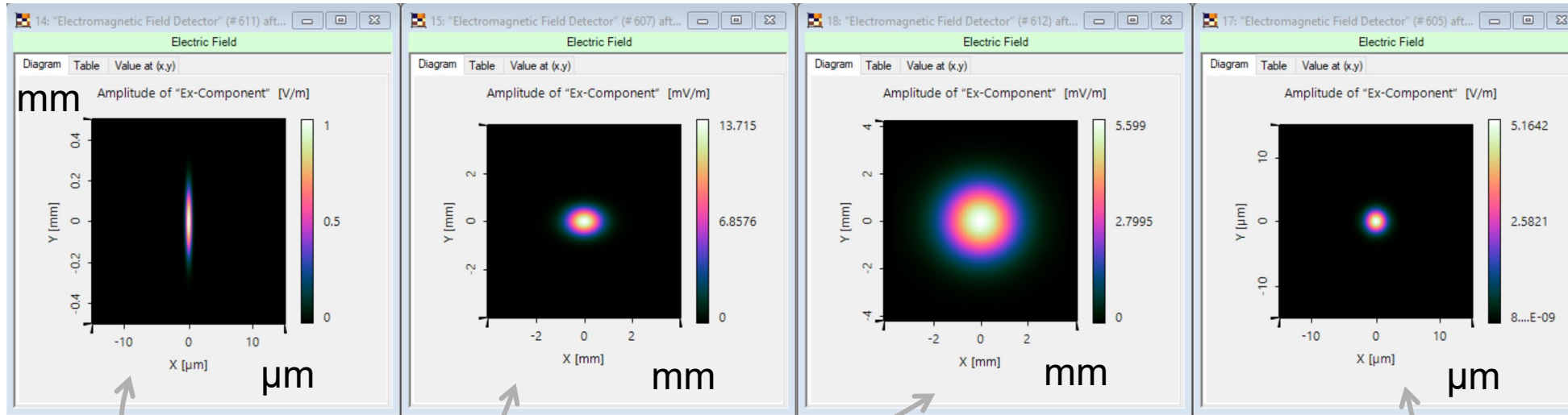
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Laser Diode Coupling Into Fiber: Ray Tracing



Laser Diode Coupling Into Fiber: Field Tracing



Incoupling efficiency : 99%

Inverse design:
Start with ideal mode

$$\psi^{\text{shape}}(\rho \in P_1) \quad \psi^{\text{out,d}}(\rho \in P_2)$$

Proposed Design Workflow

FUNCTIONAL DESIGN

Design the system by introducing functional components to achieve the demanded system functionality.

STRUCTURAL DESIGN

Replace components with freeform flat components.

Functional design provides Wavefront Response Components with specified $\Delta\psi^d(\rho)$

MODELING & EVALUATION

Model the system by suitable detectors and merit functions.

FURTHER OPTIMIZATION

Use the modeling techniques to further optimize the system by, e.g., parametric optimization.

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Investigate the fabrication tolerances of components and the adjustment sensitivity of the system.

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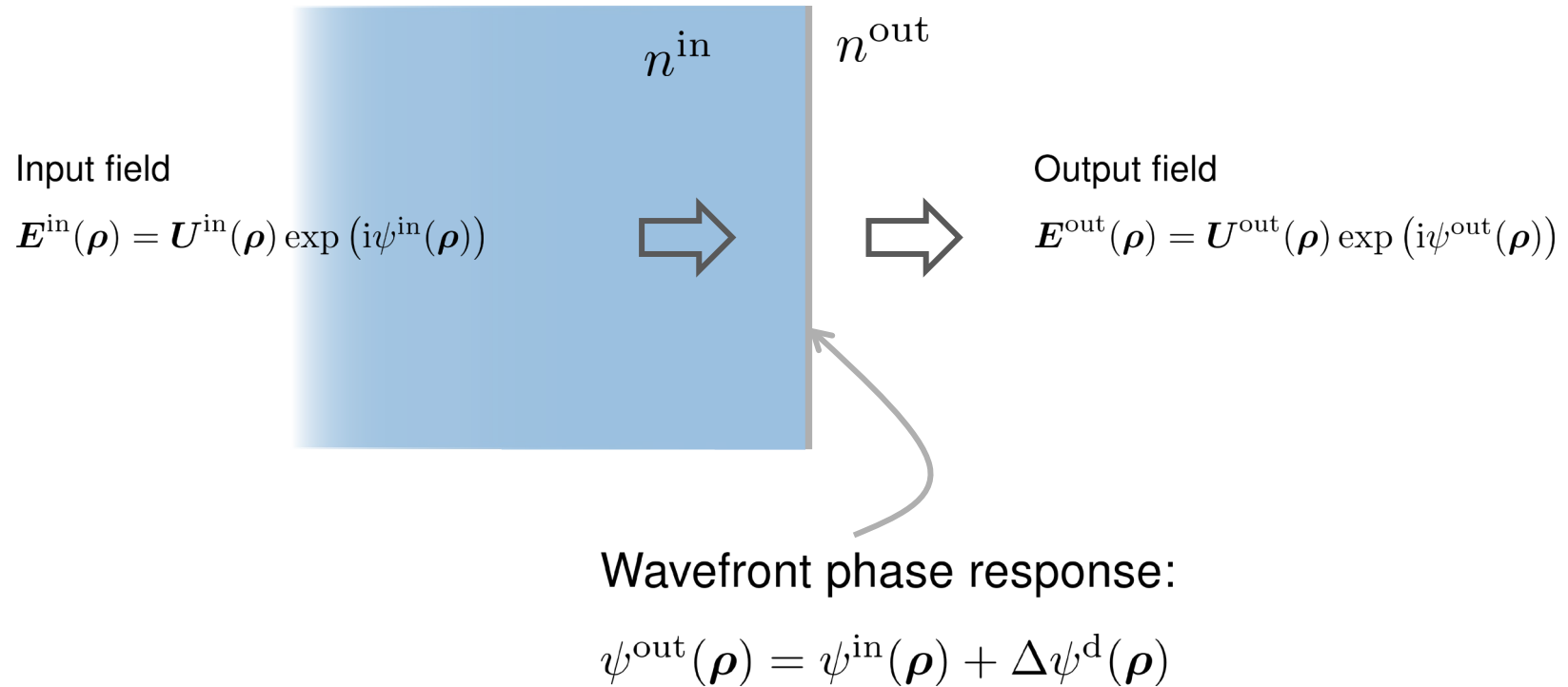
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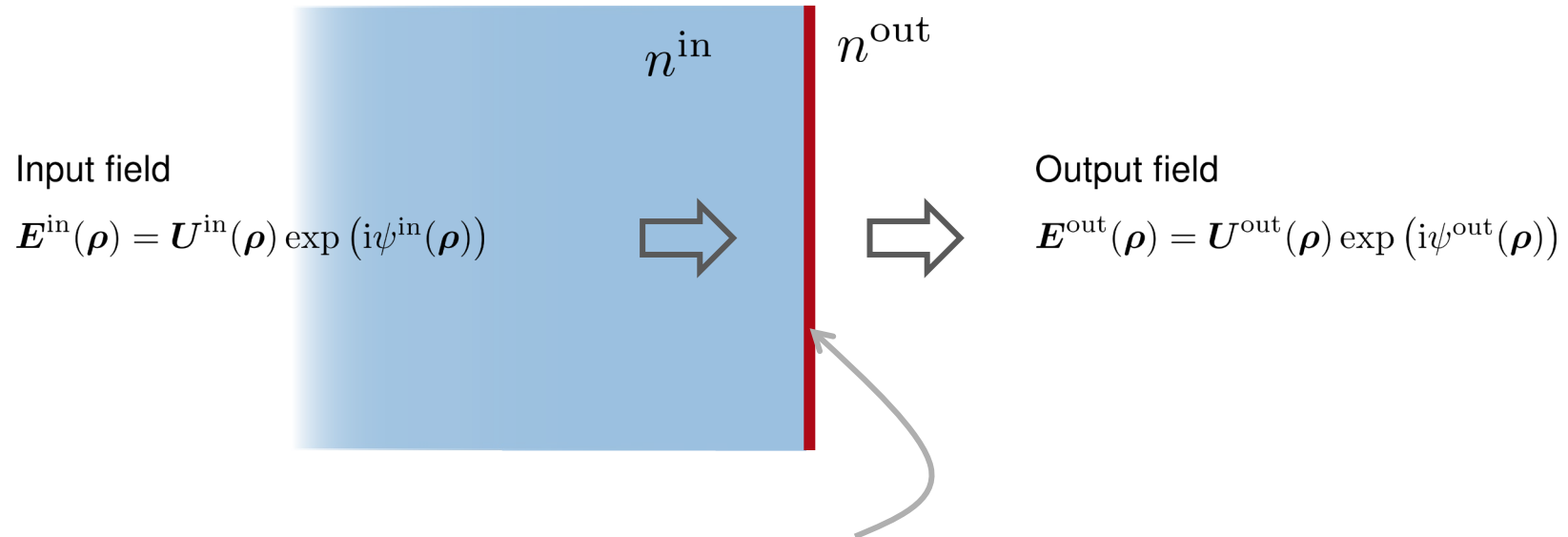
Structural Design

Single Field Scenario

Wavefront Response by Flat Optics



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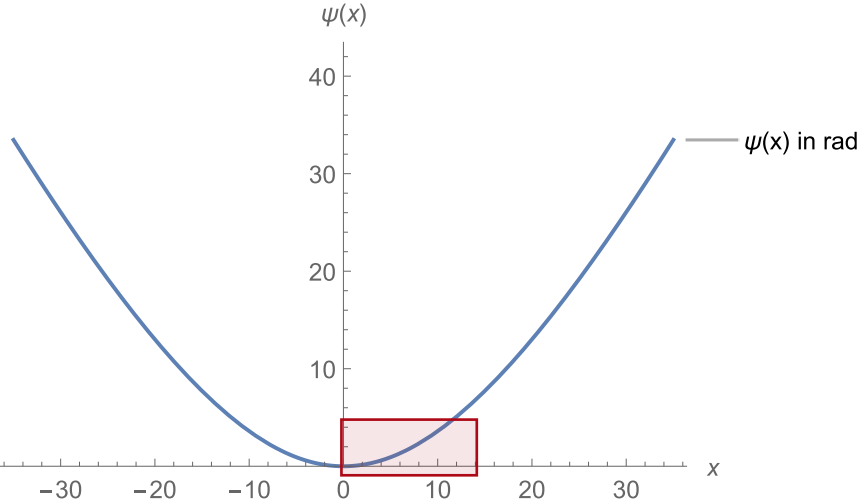
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How is it possible to realize a wavefront phase response by a **THIN** layer?

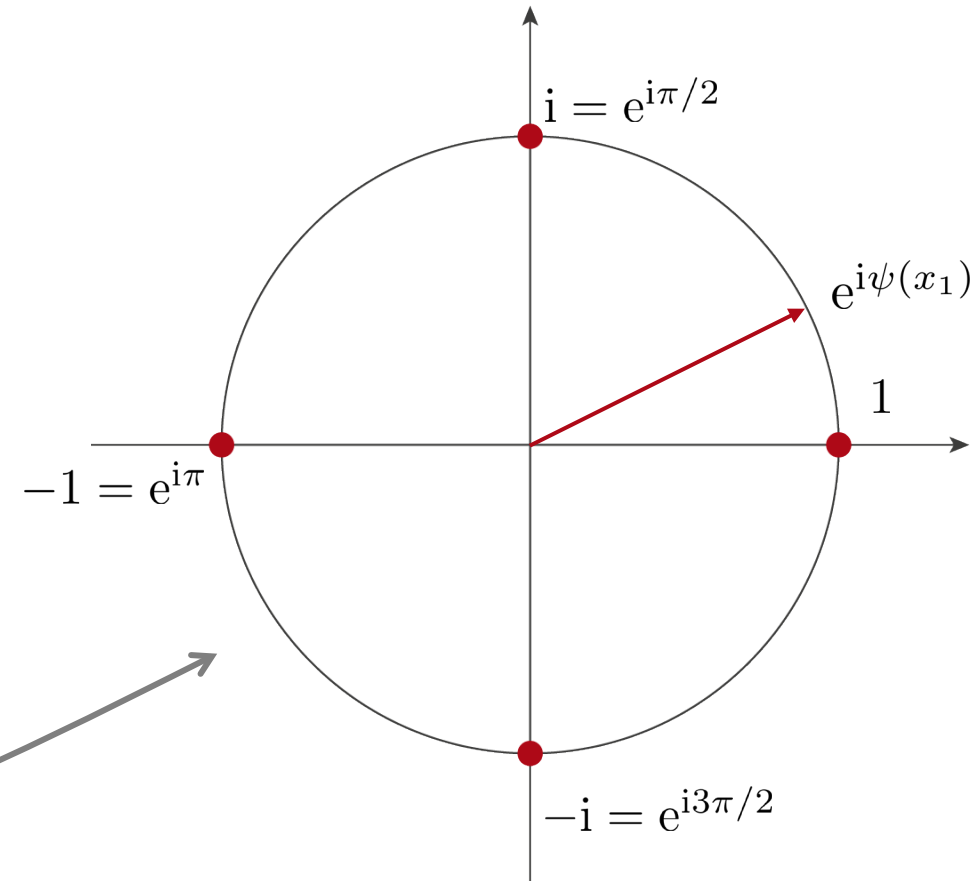
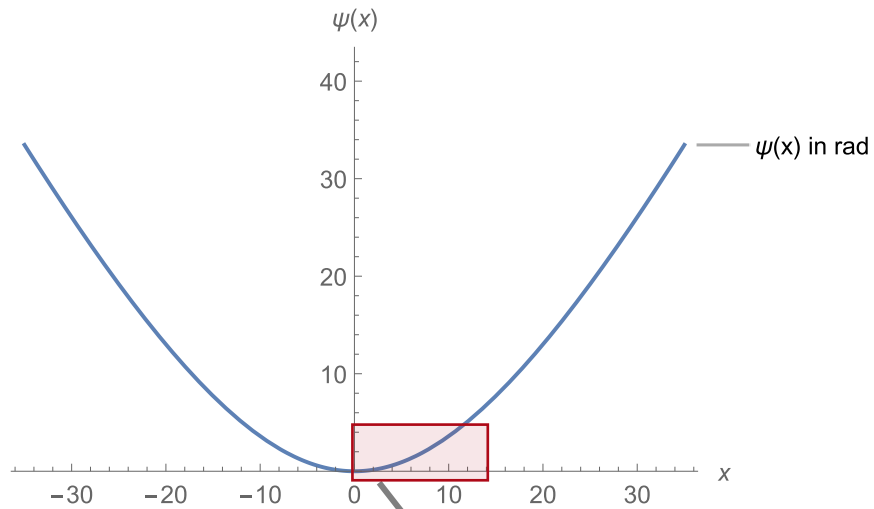
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Example 1D wavefront phase



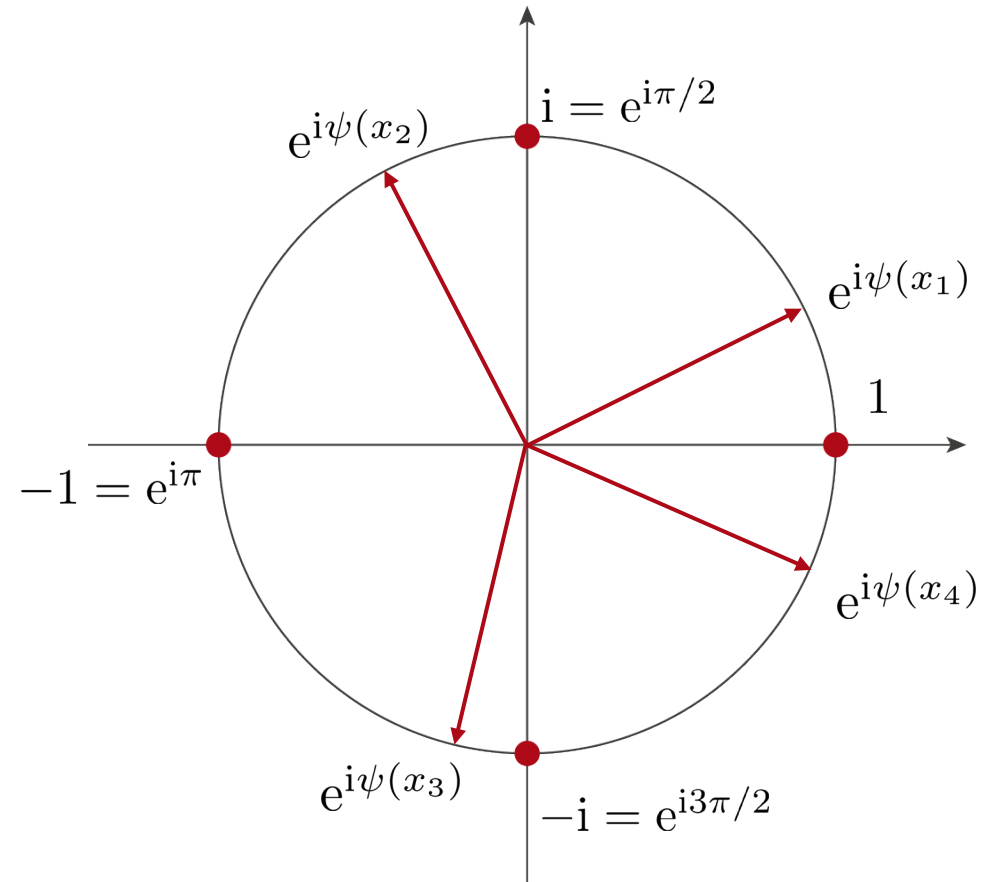
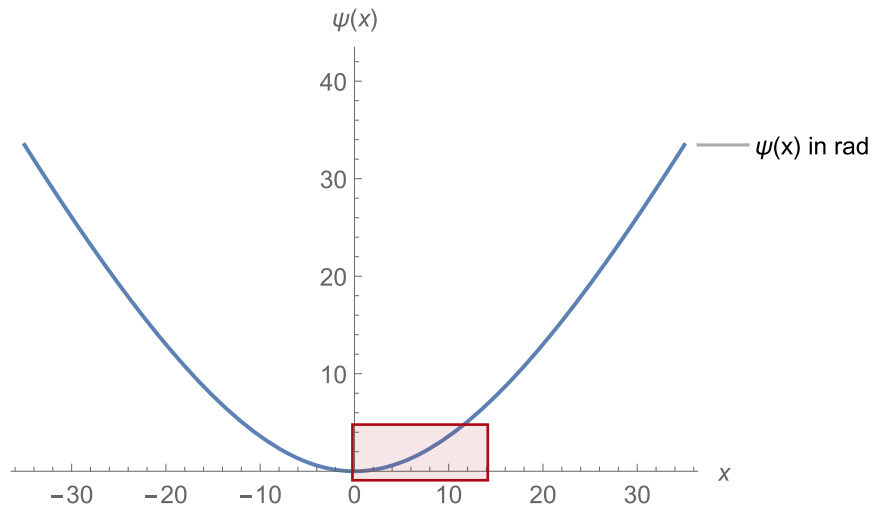
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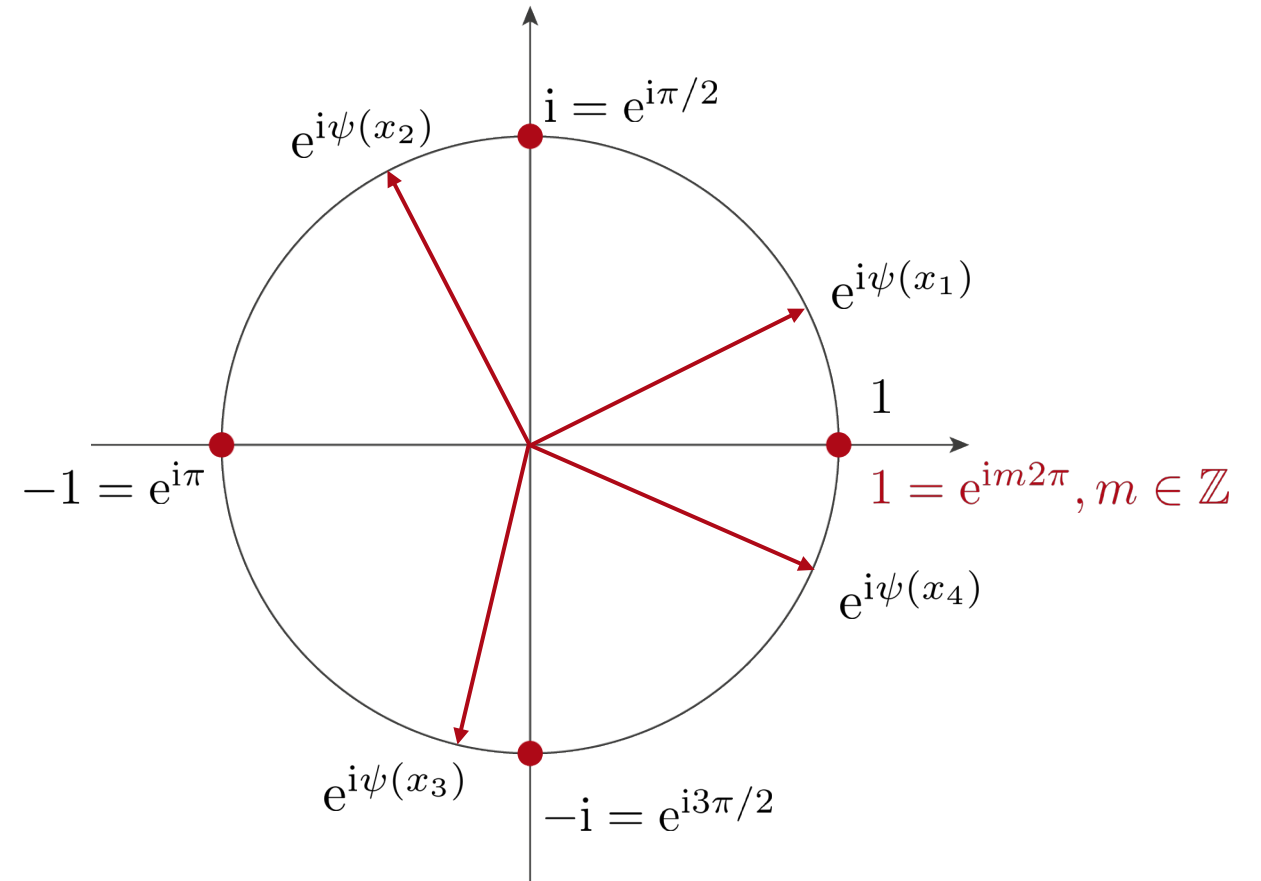
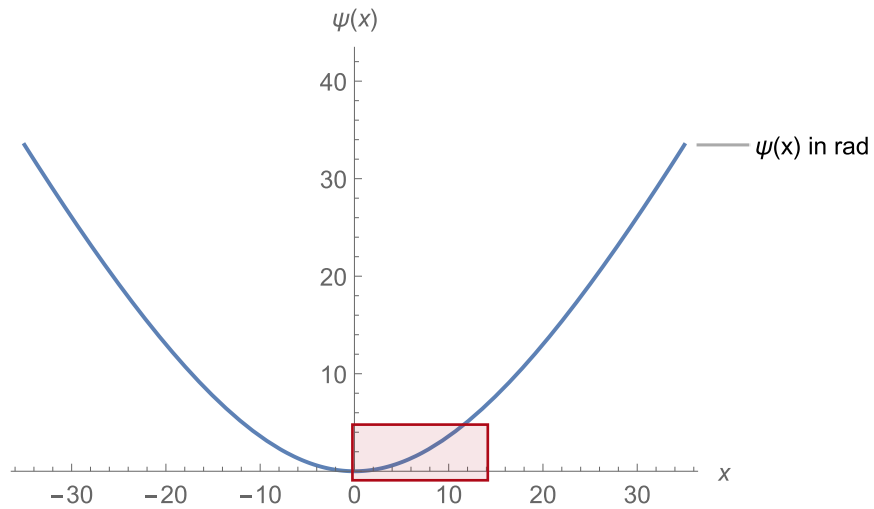
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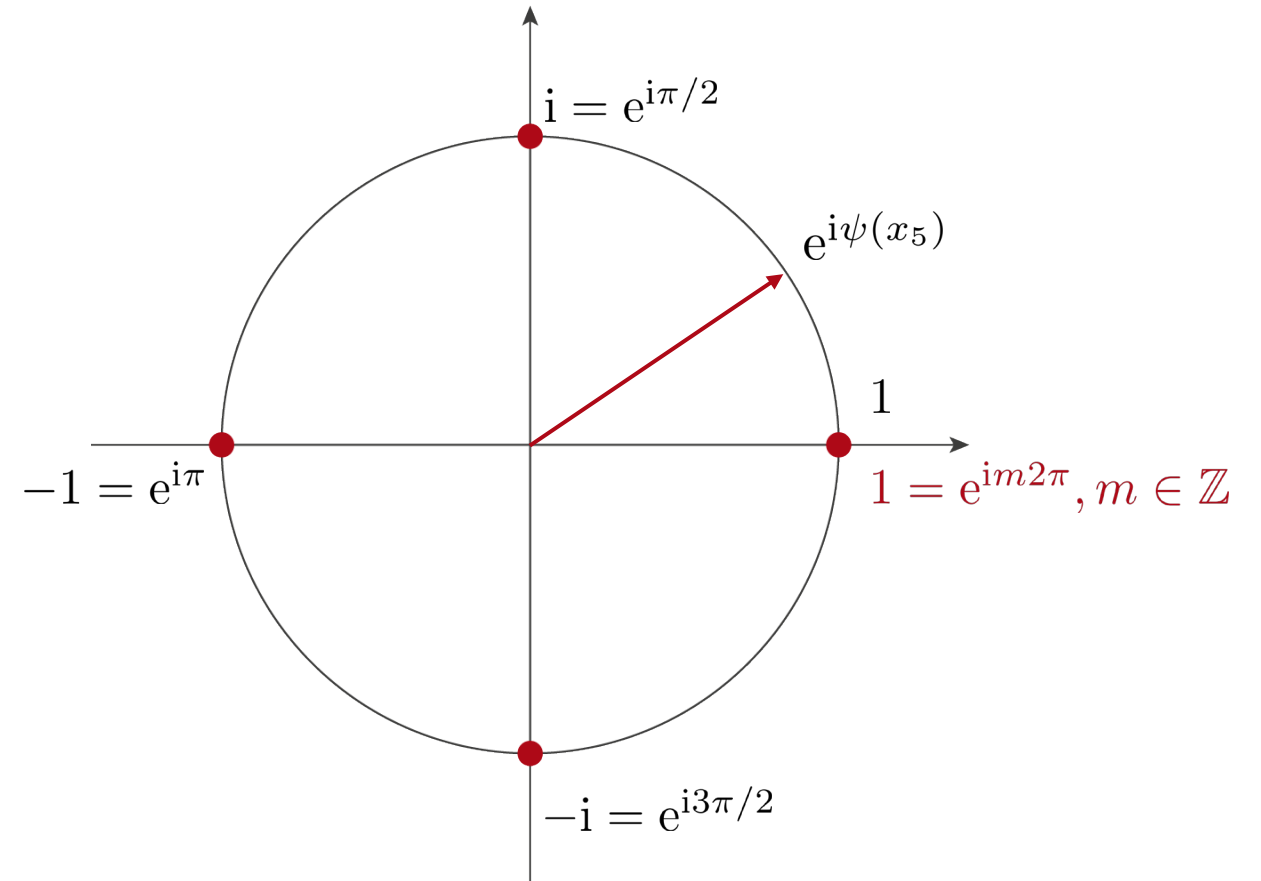
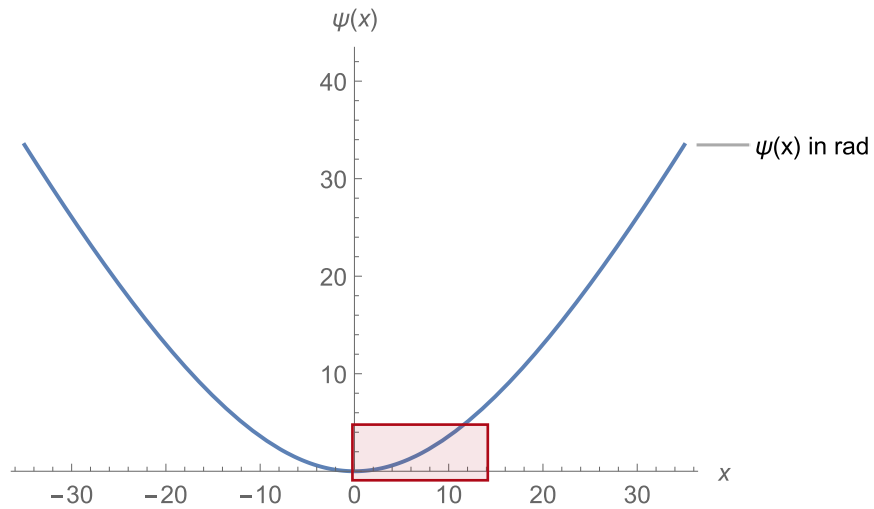
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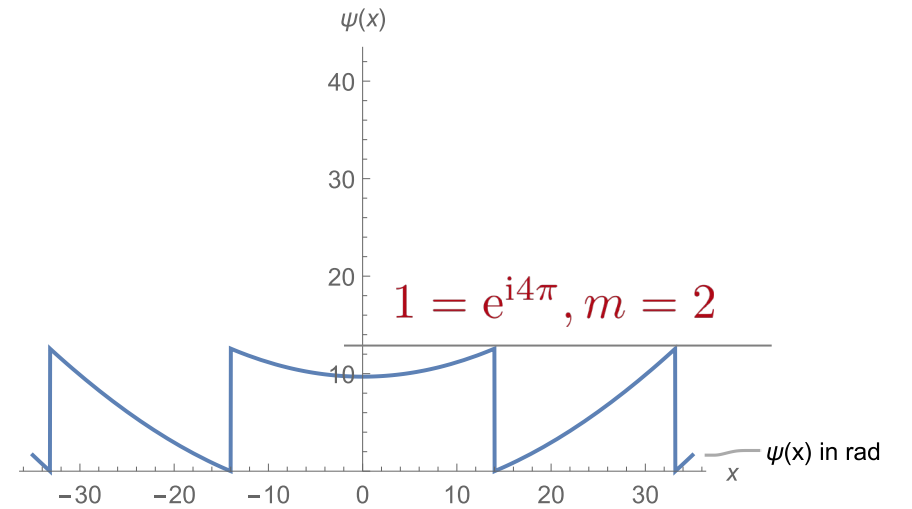
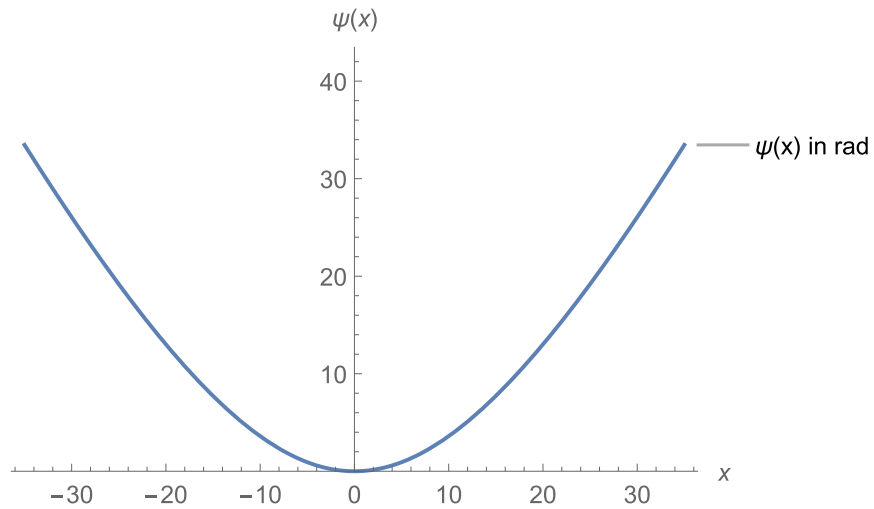
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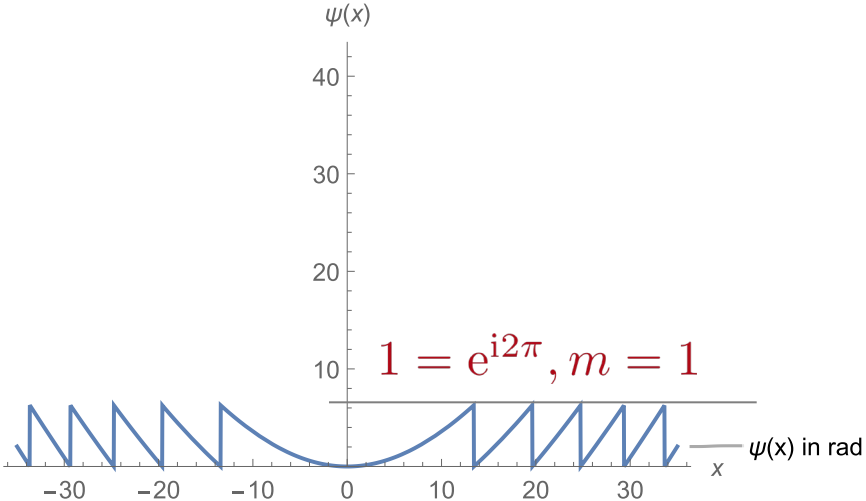
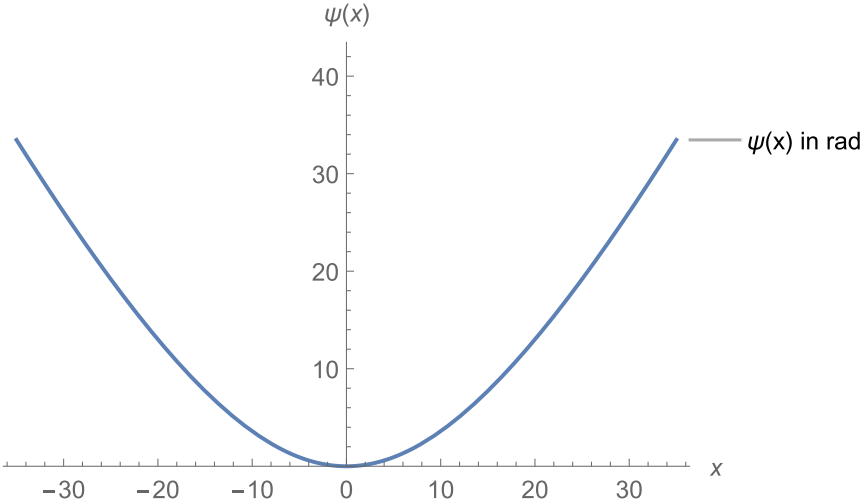
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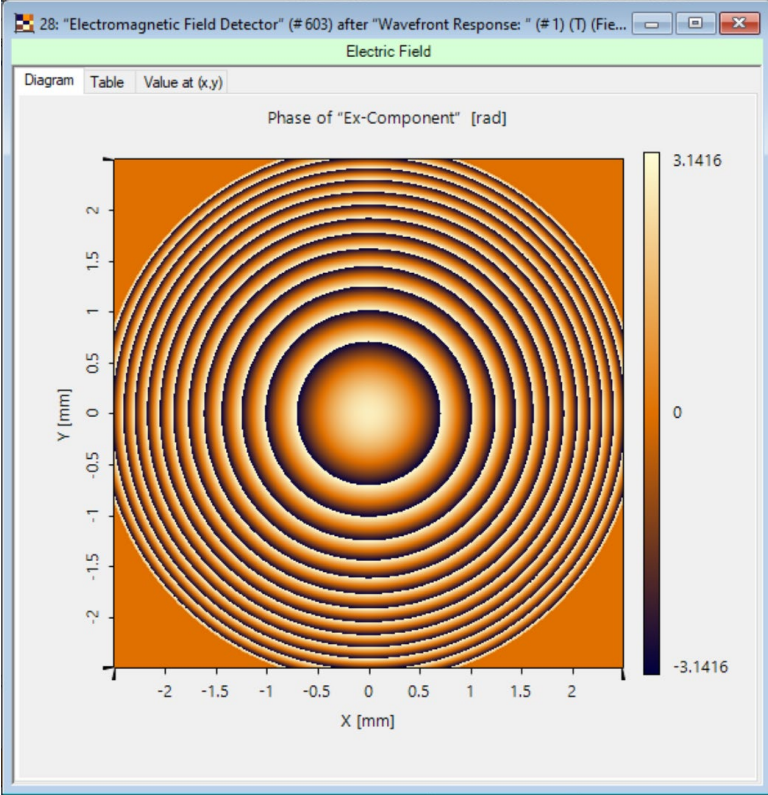
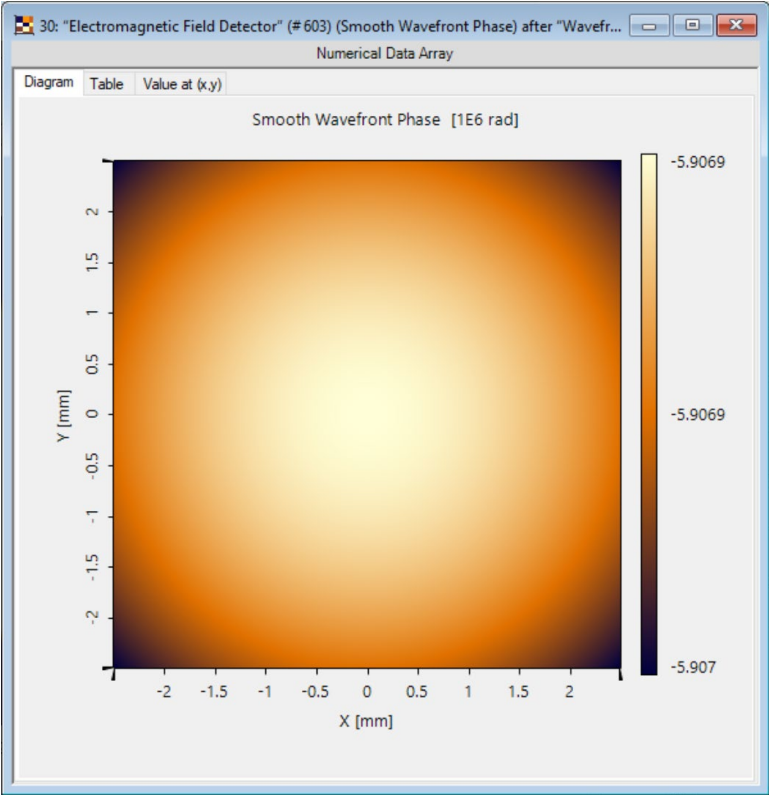
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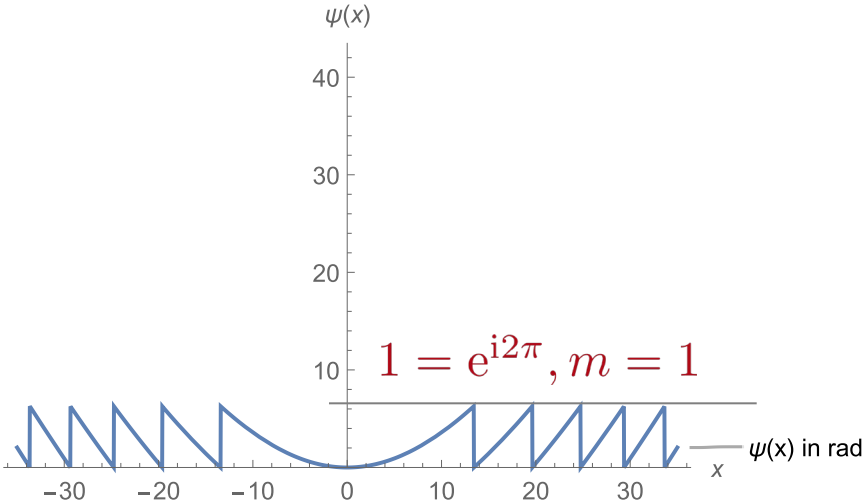
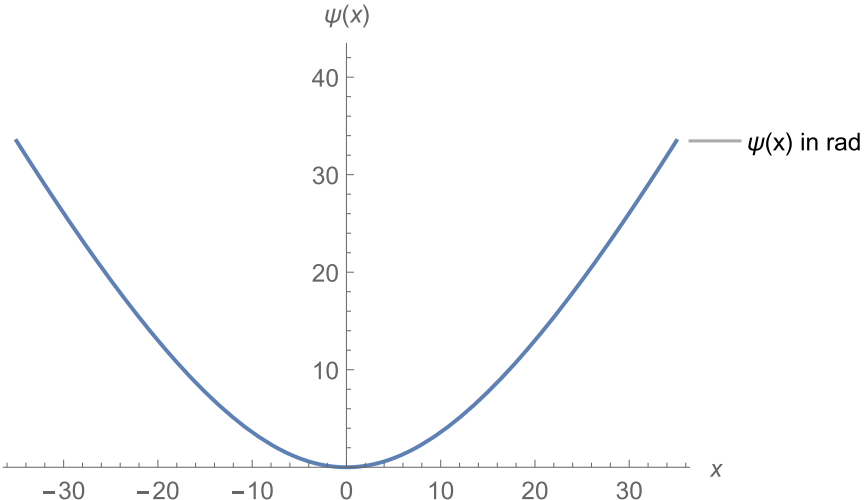
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$$1 = e^{i2\pi}, m = 1$$



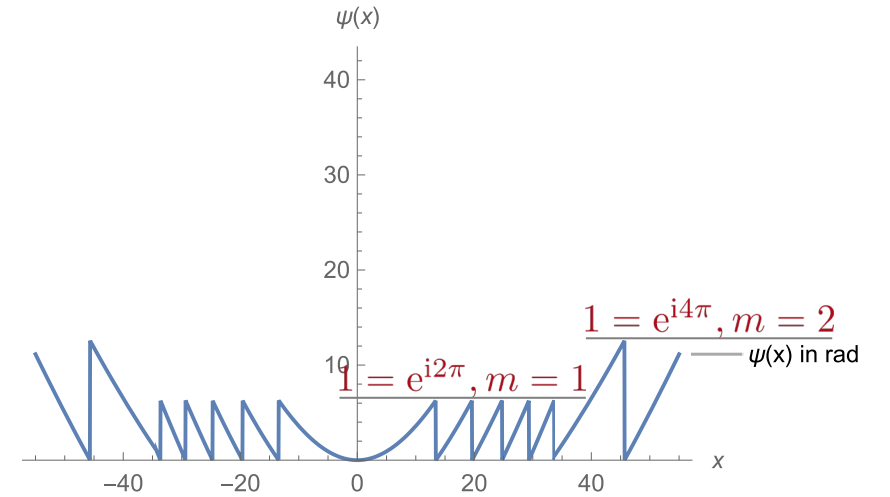
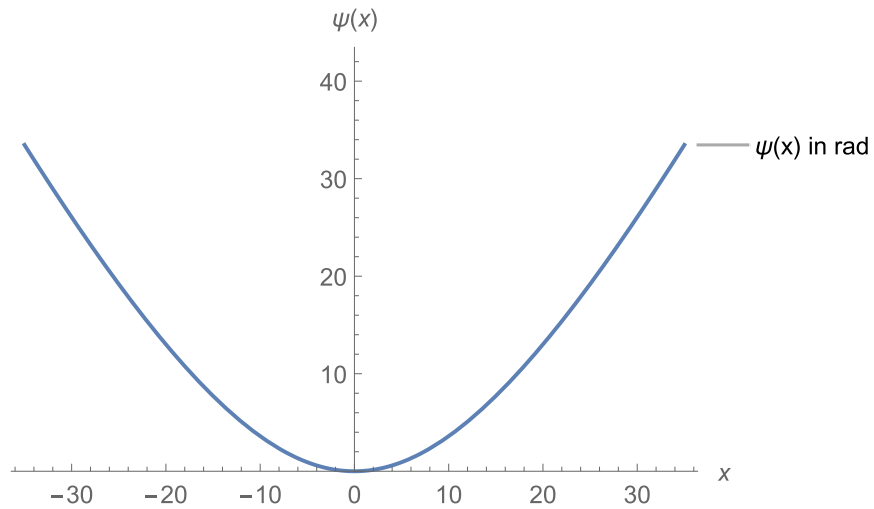
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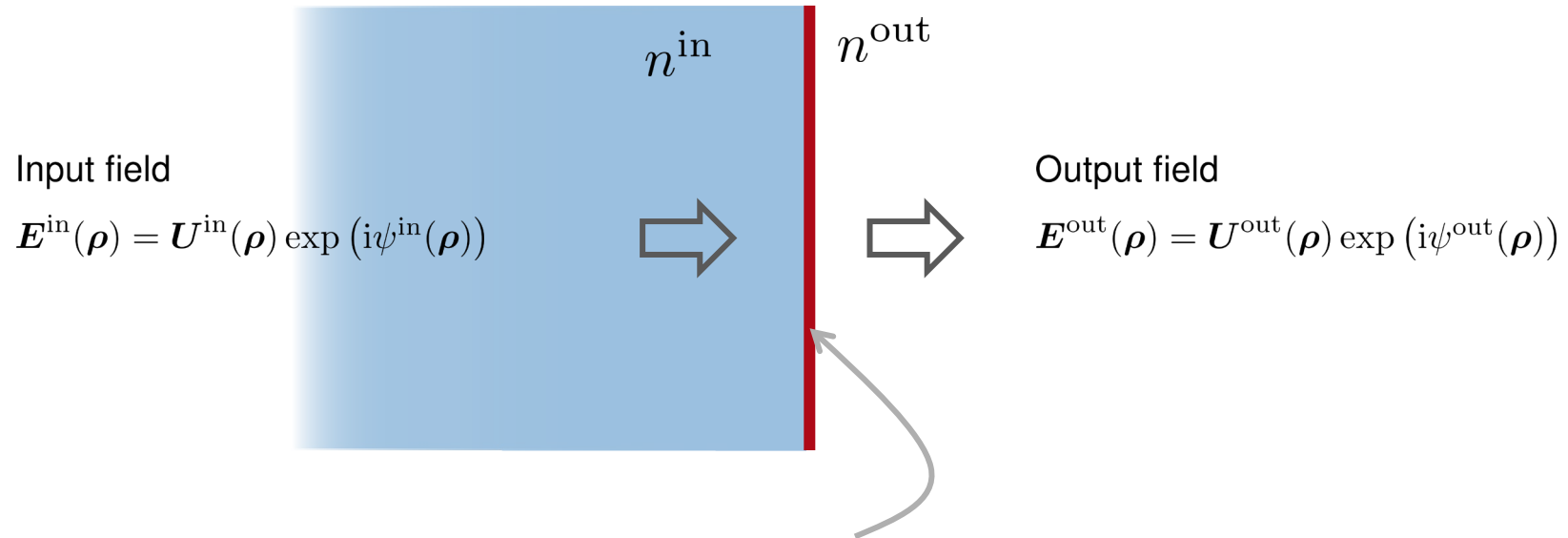


Segmented Phase Manipulation

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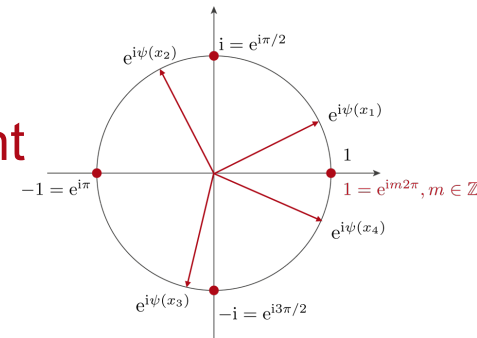
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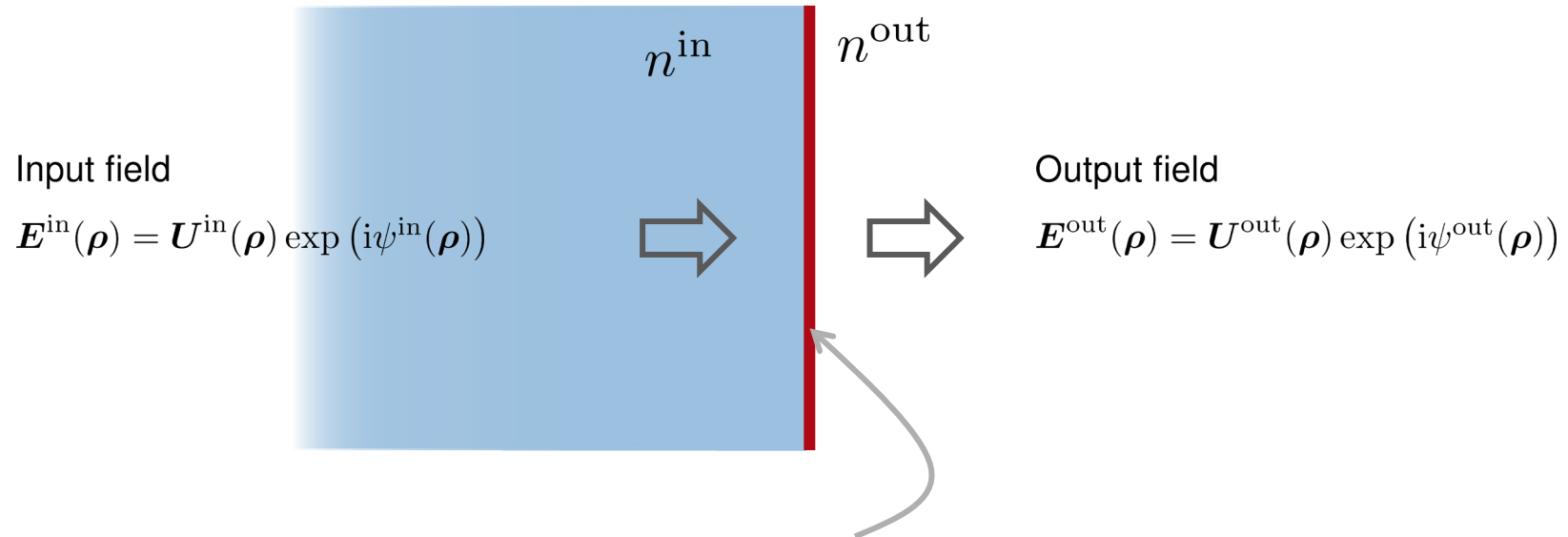
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Wavefront Response of Surface + Structured Layer

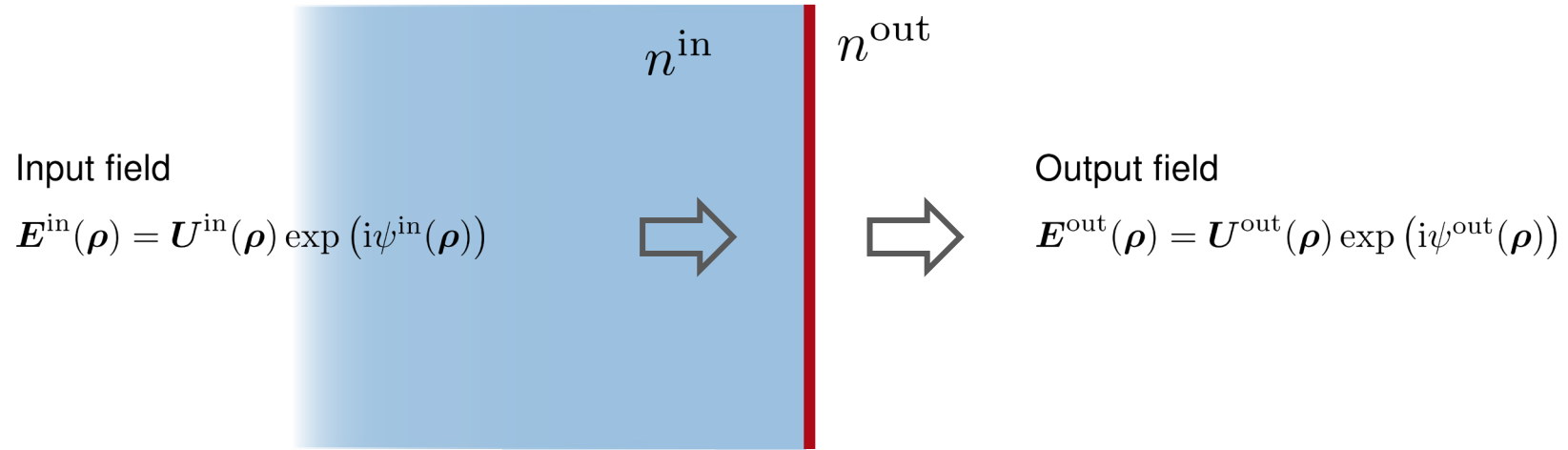


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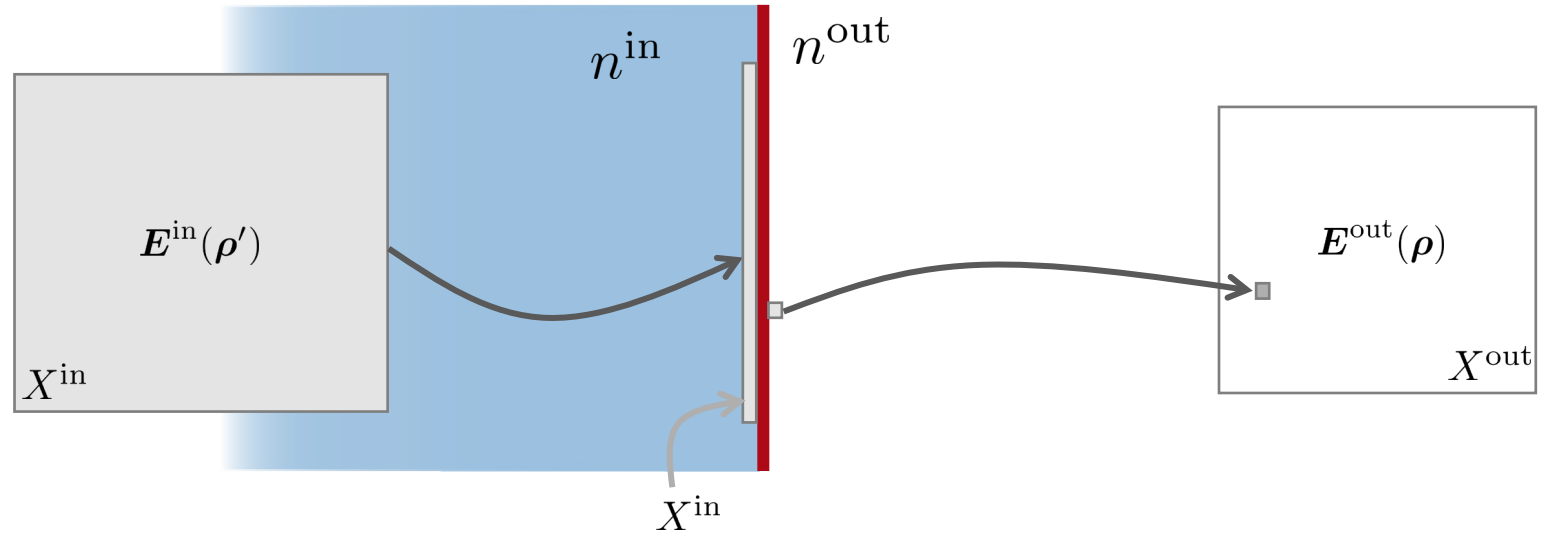
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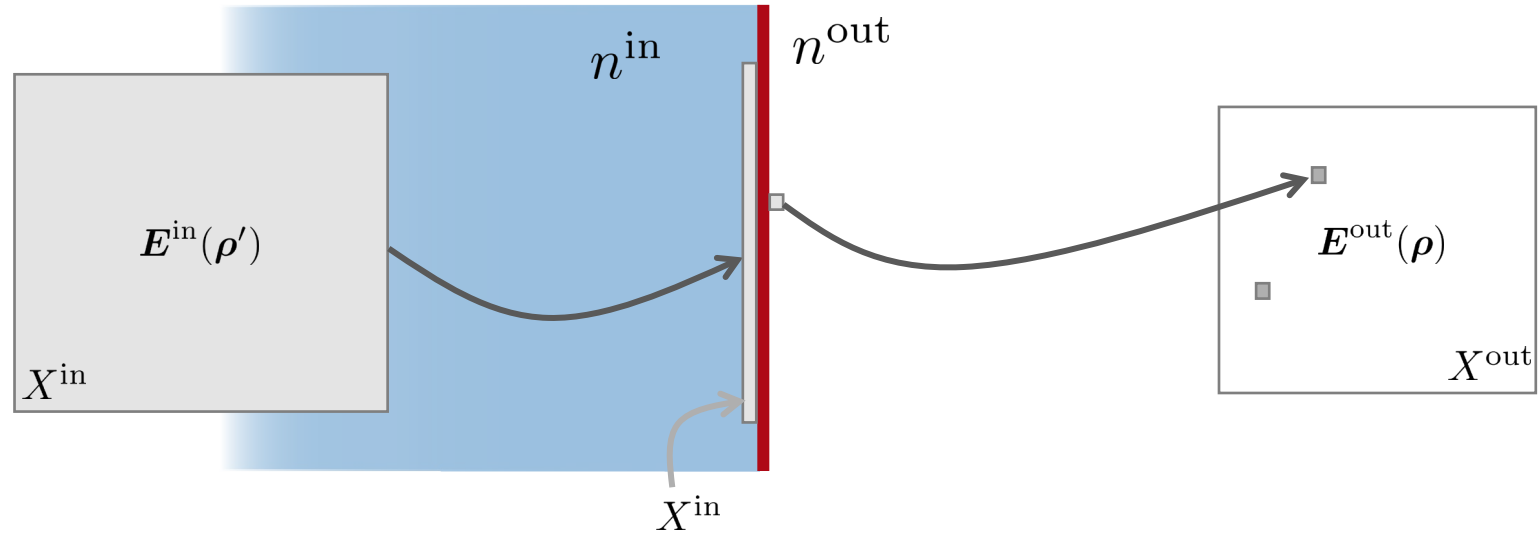
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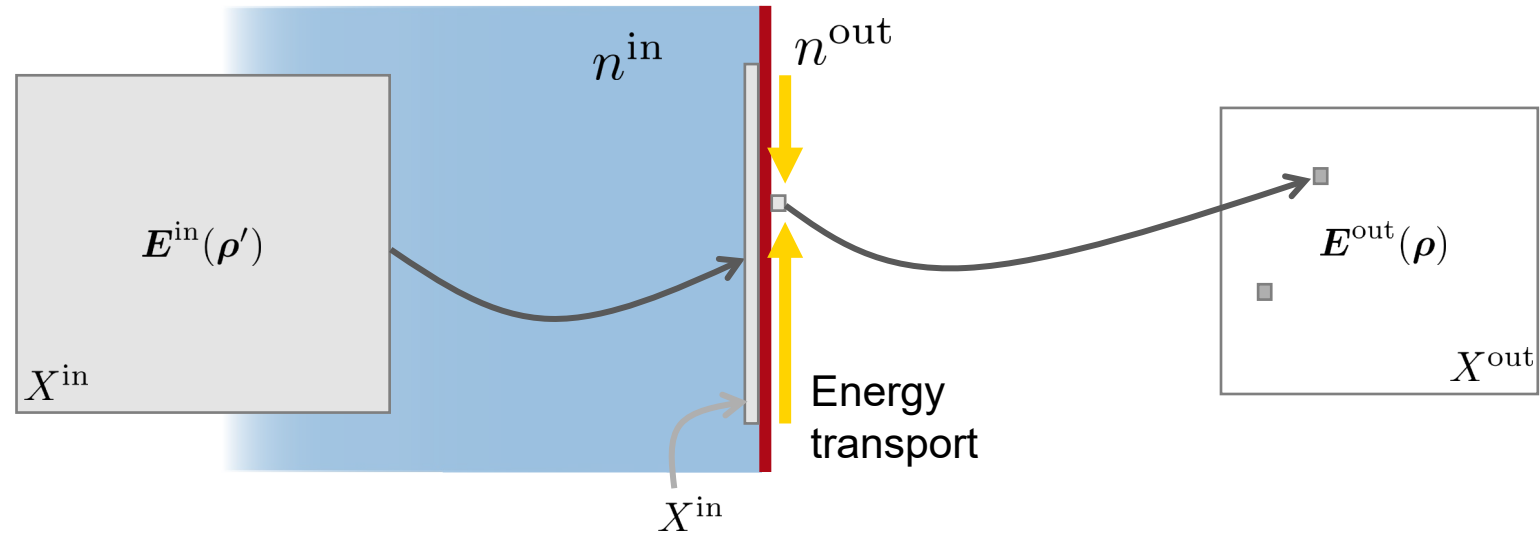
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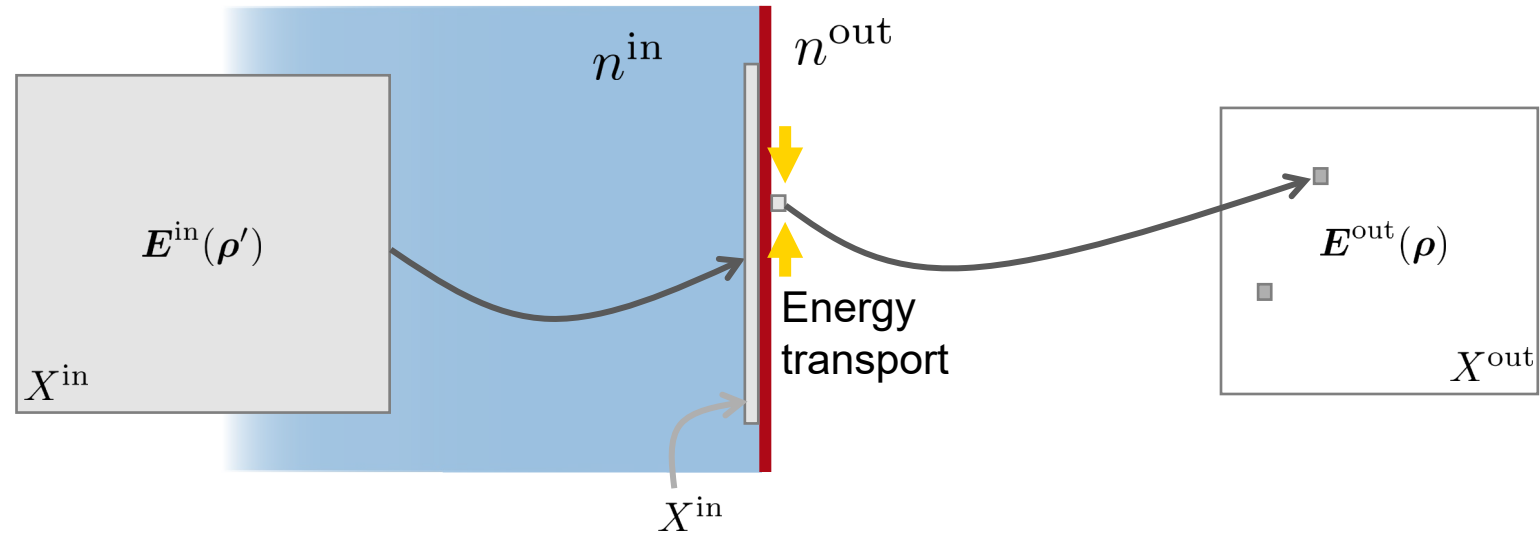
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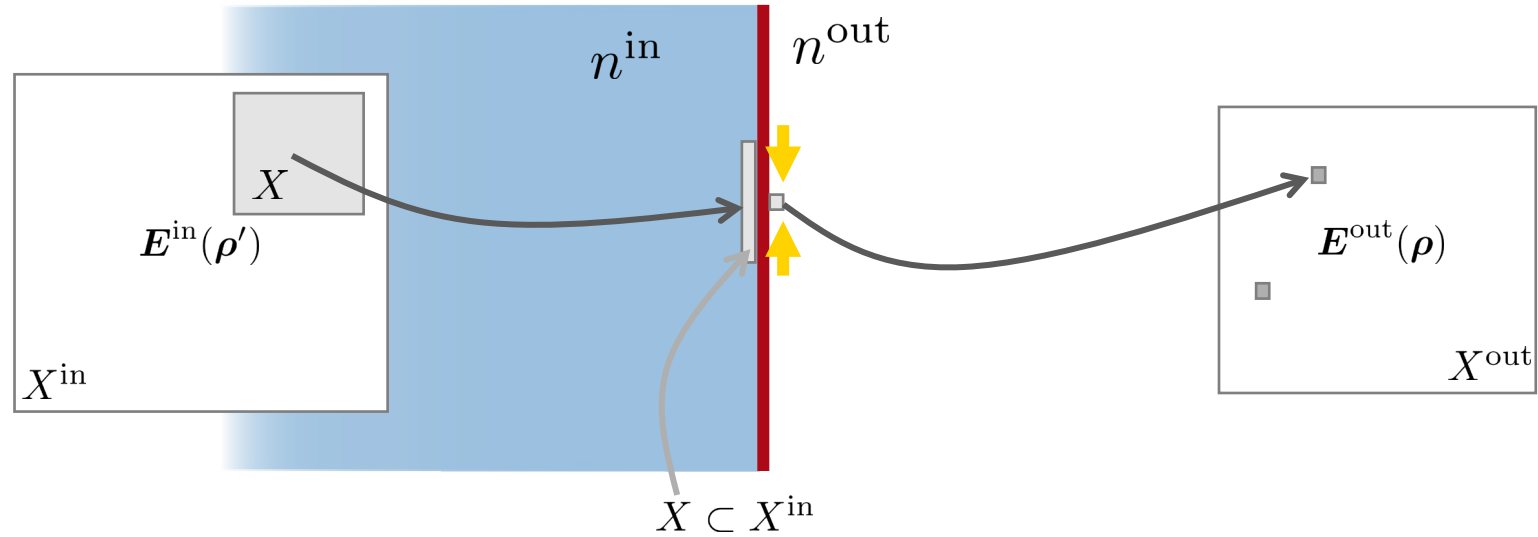
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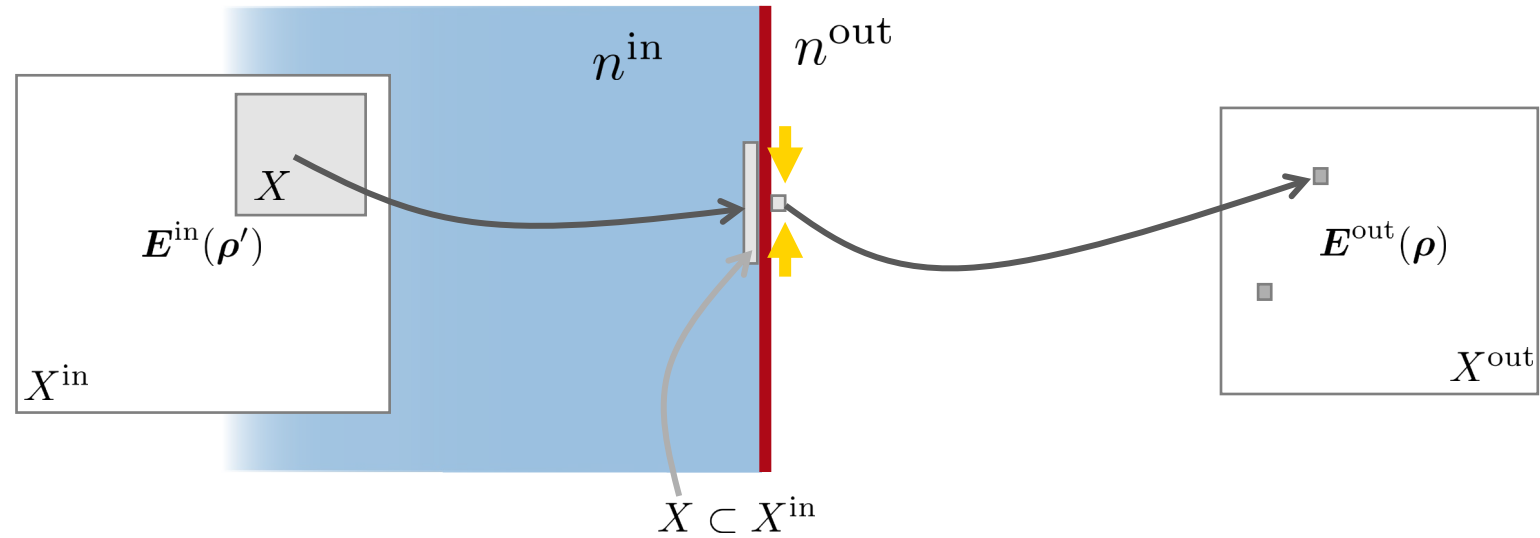
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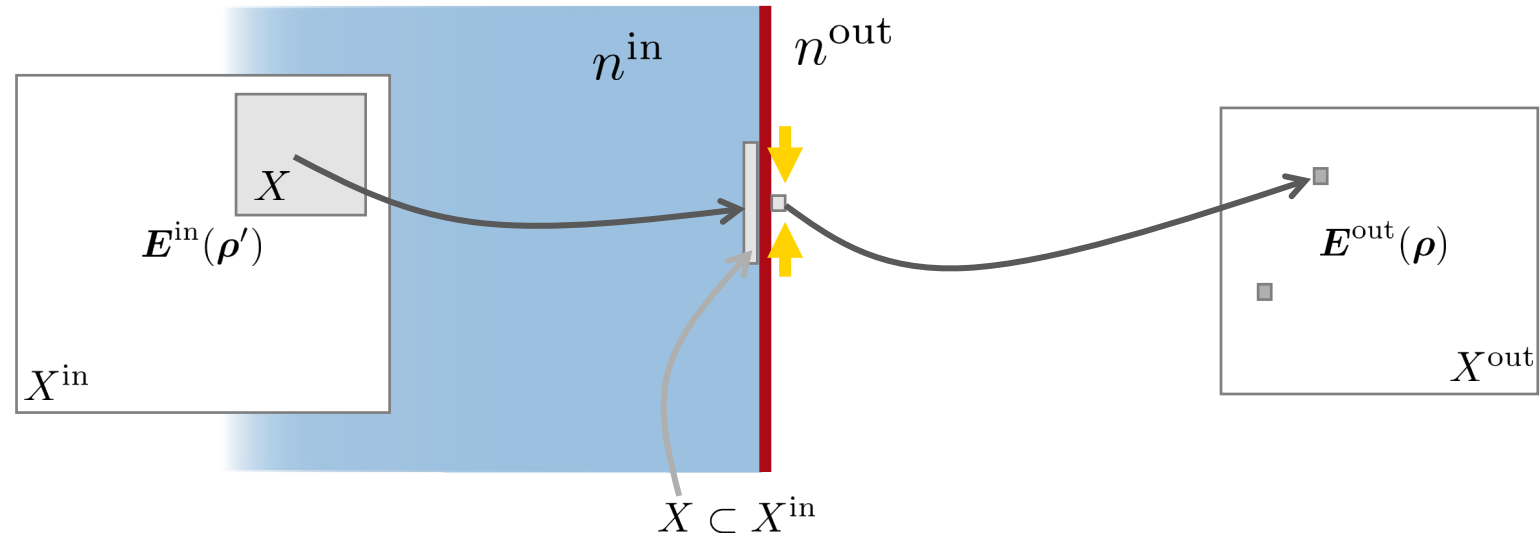
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Local use of FMM/RCWA
tested and in preparation

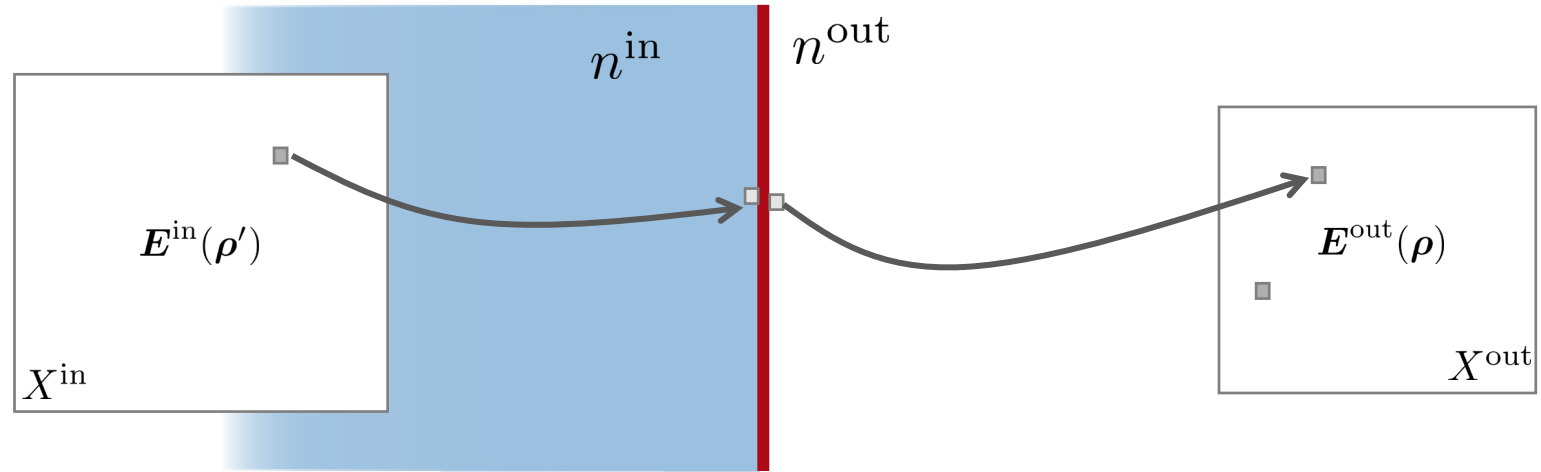
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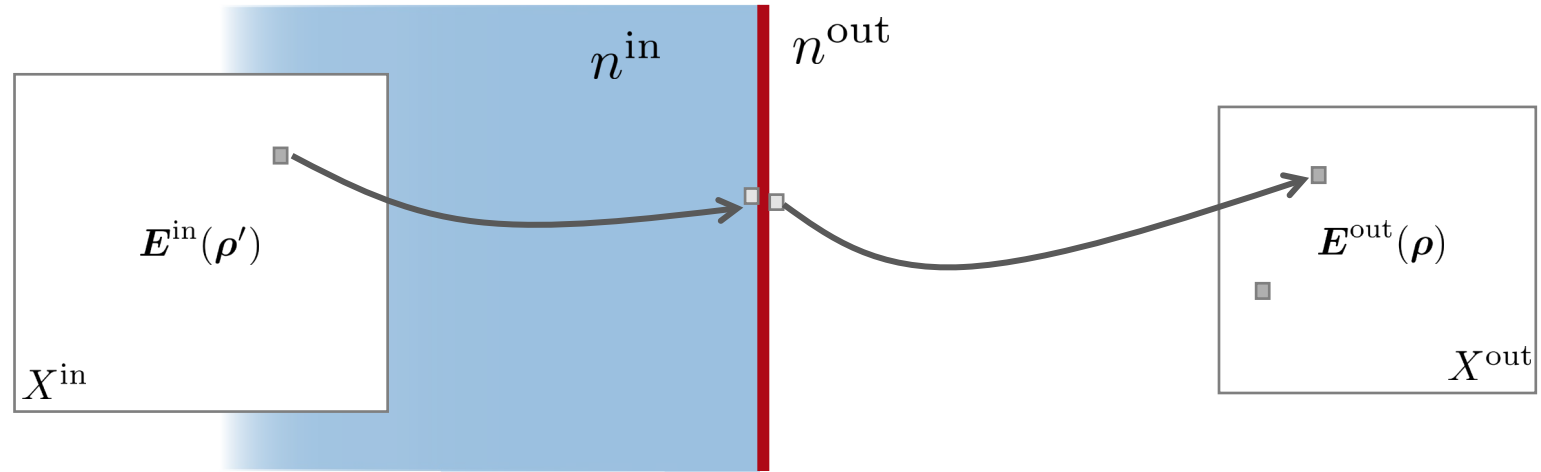
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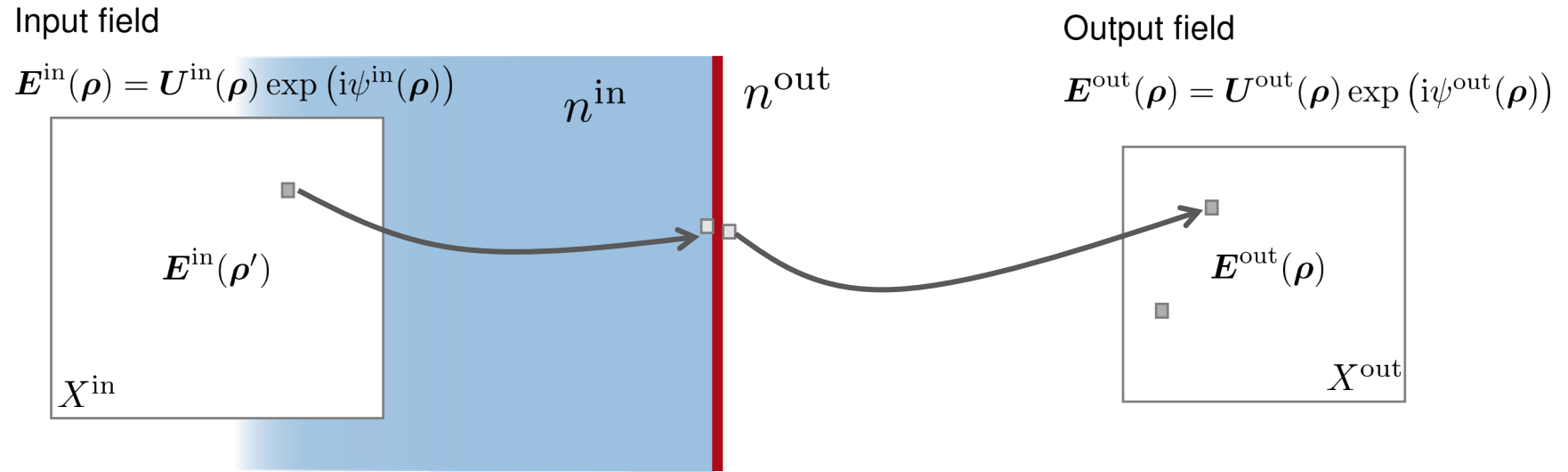
Vectorial Field Response: Pointwise



Field response: $\underline{\mathbf{B}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}')\mathbf{E}^{\text{in}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}') \mapsto \mathbf{E}^{\text{out}}(\boldsymbol{\rho})$

with the field response matrix $\underline{\mathbf{B}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{3 \times 3}$

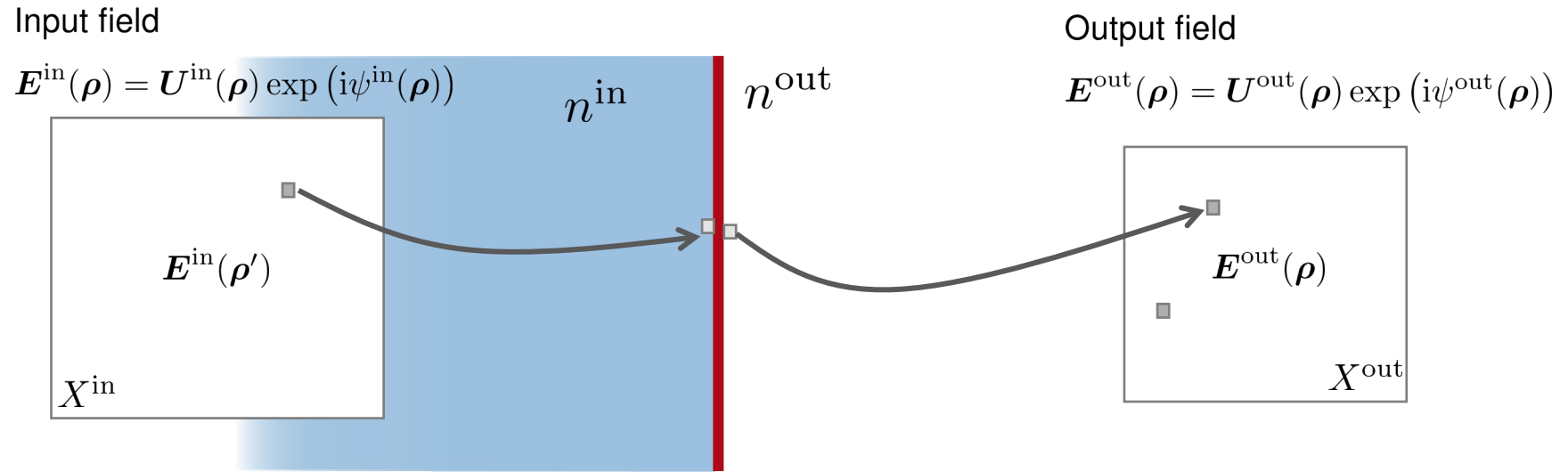
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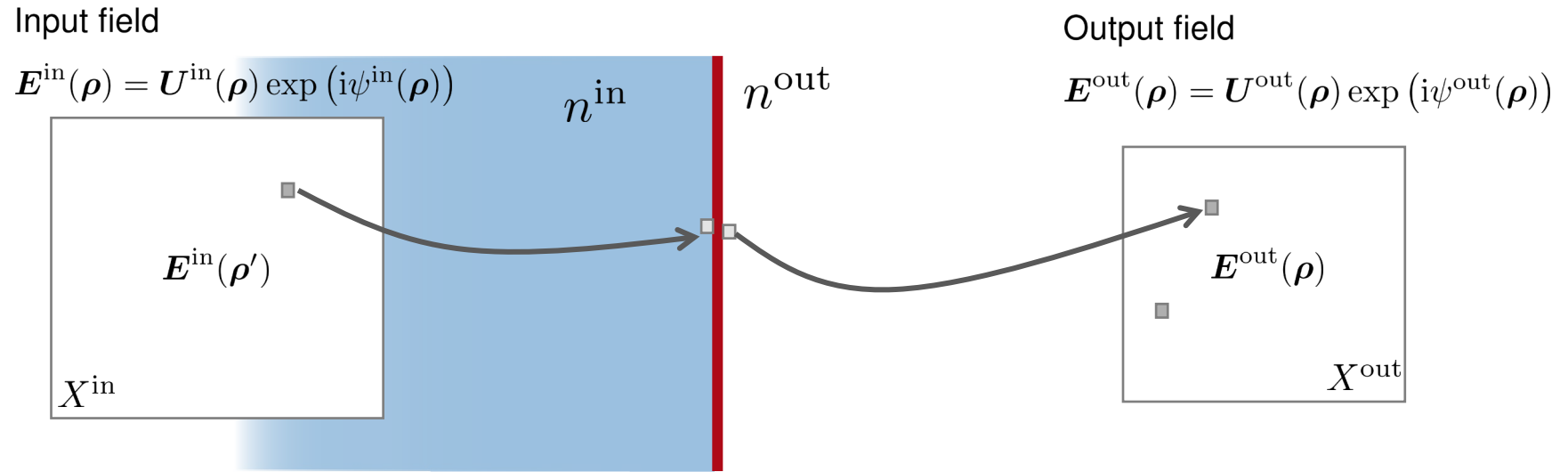
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Basic arguments and methods remain valid for

- Curved surfaces
- Transmission and reflection

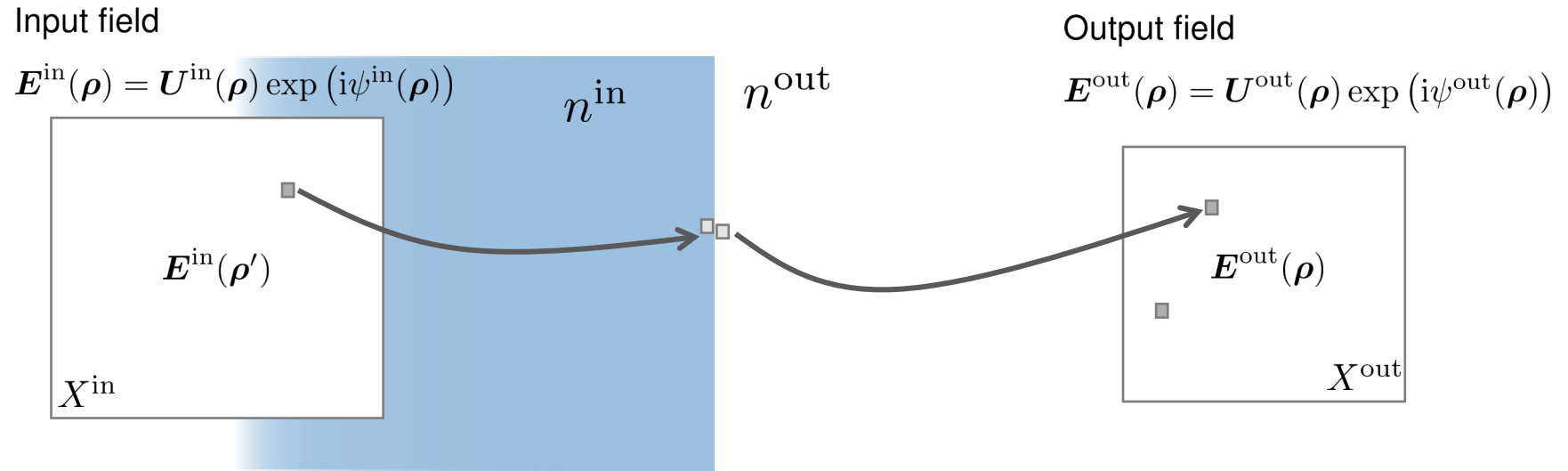
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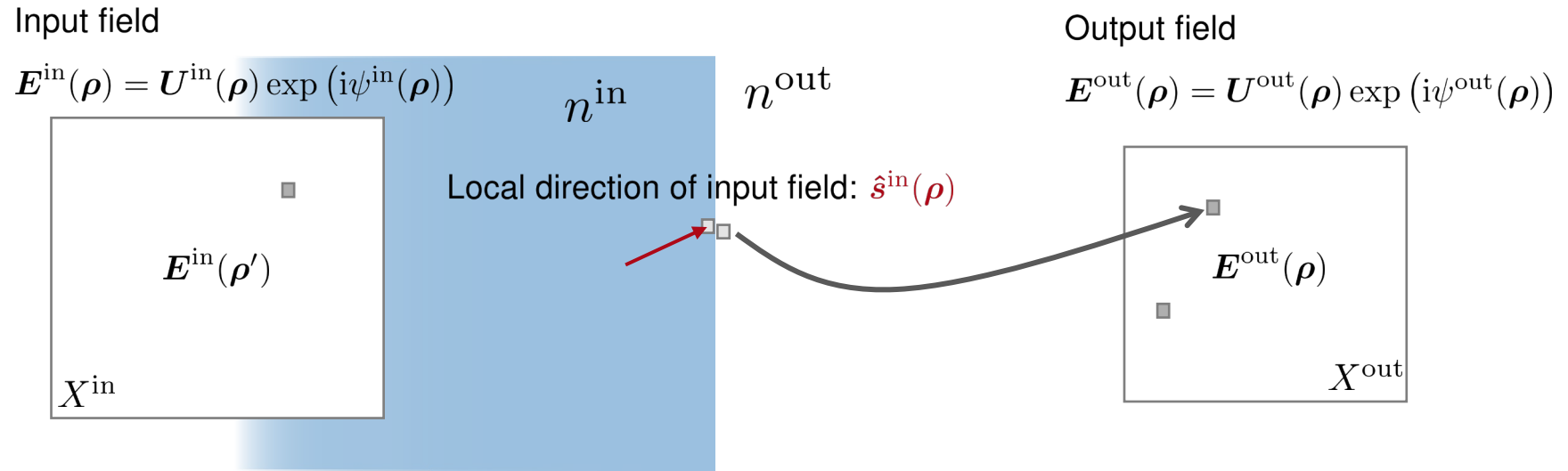


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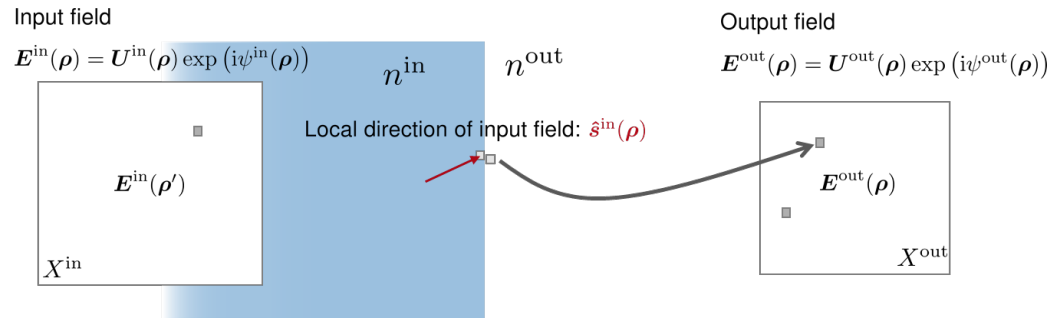
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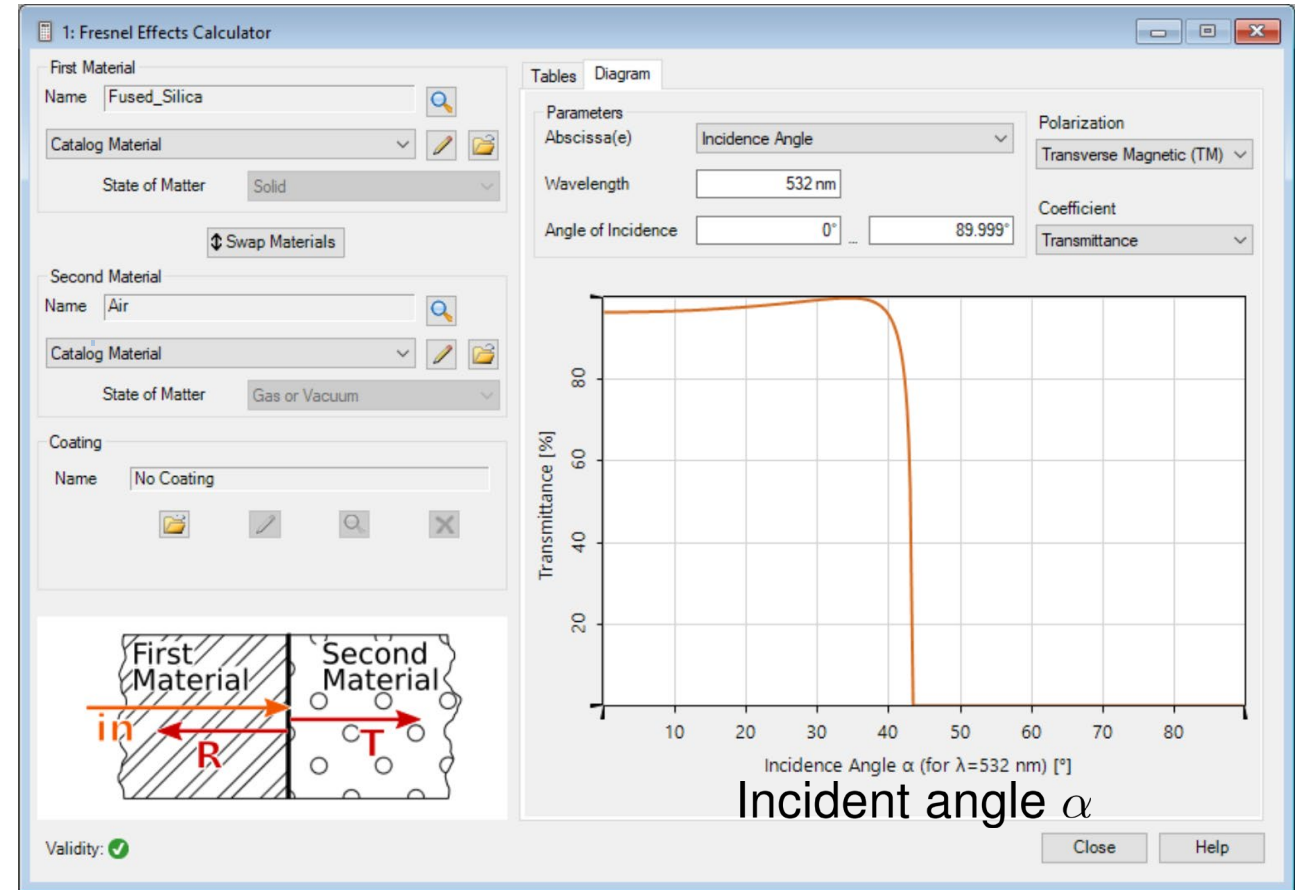
$$\underline{\mathbf{b}}(\alpha) \mathbf{U}^{\text{in}} \mapsto |\mathbf{U}^{\text{out}}| \text{ (TM mode)} \Rightarrow \text{Transmittance } T(\alpha)$$



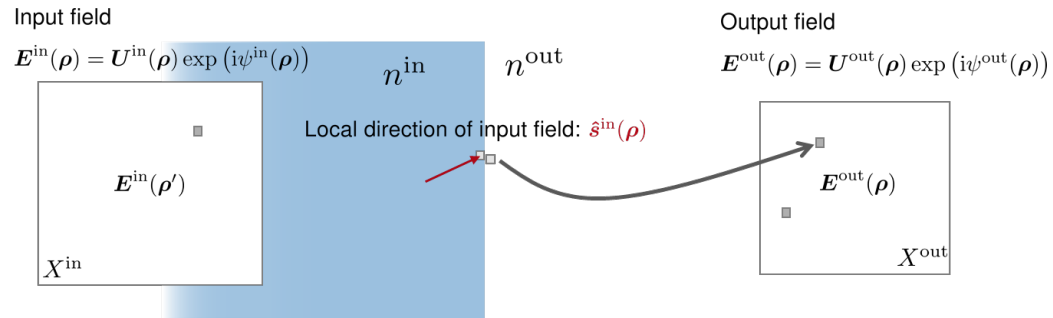
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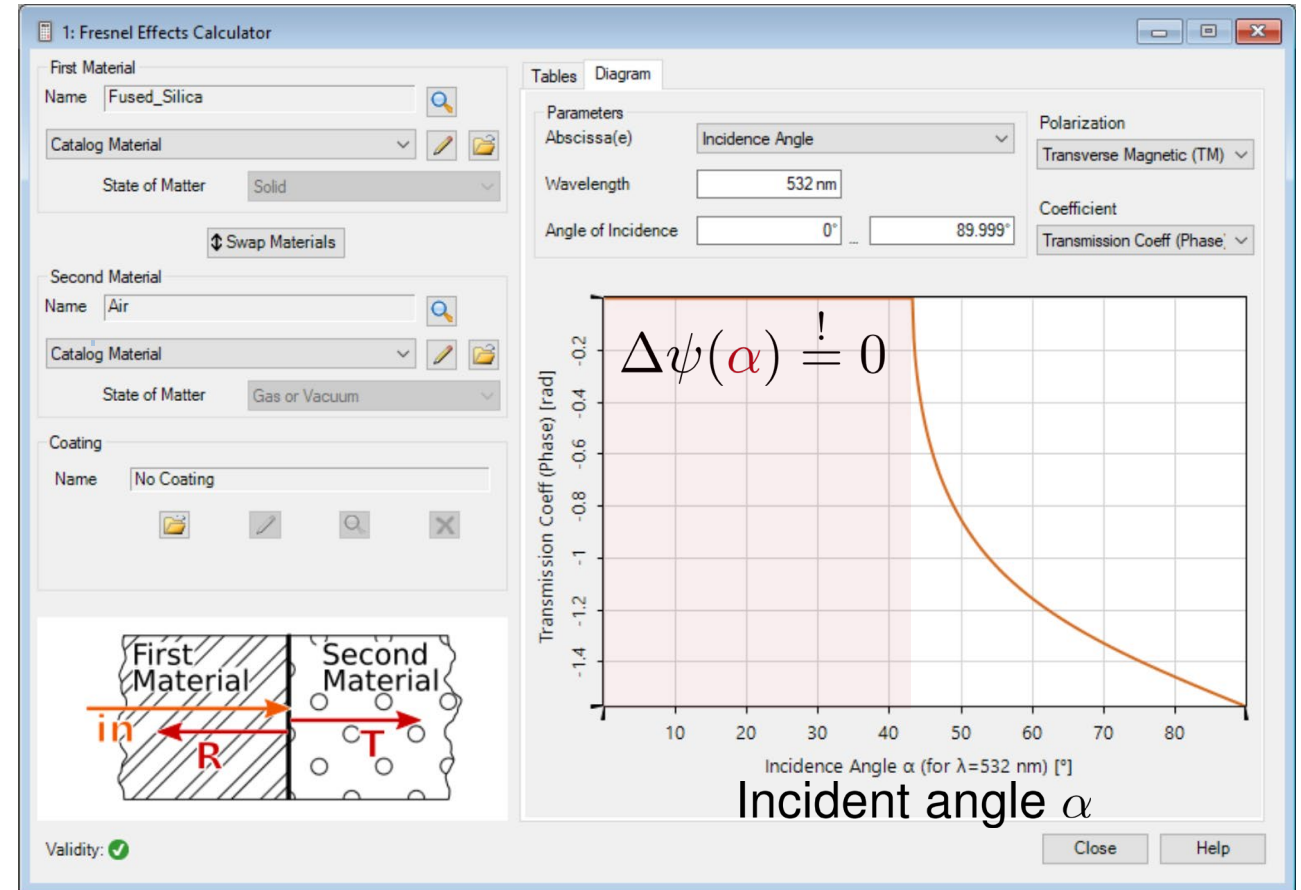


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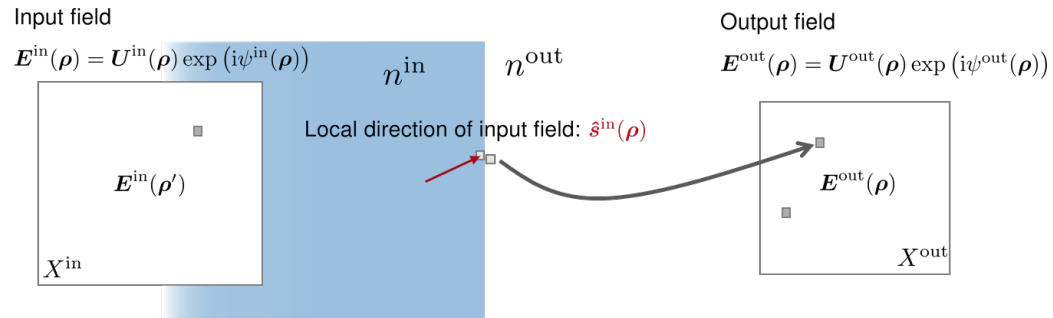
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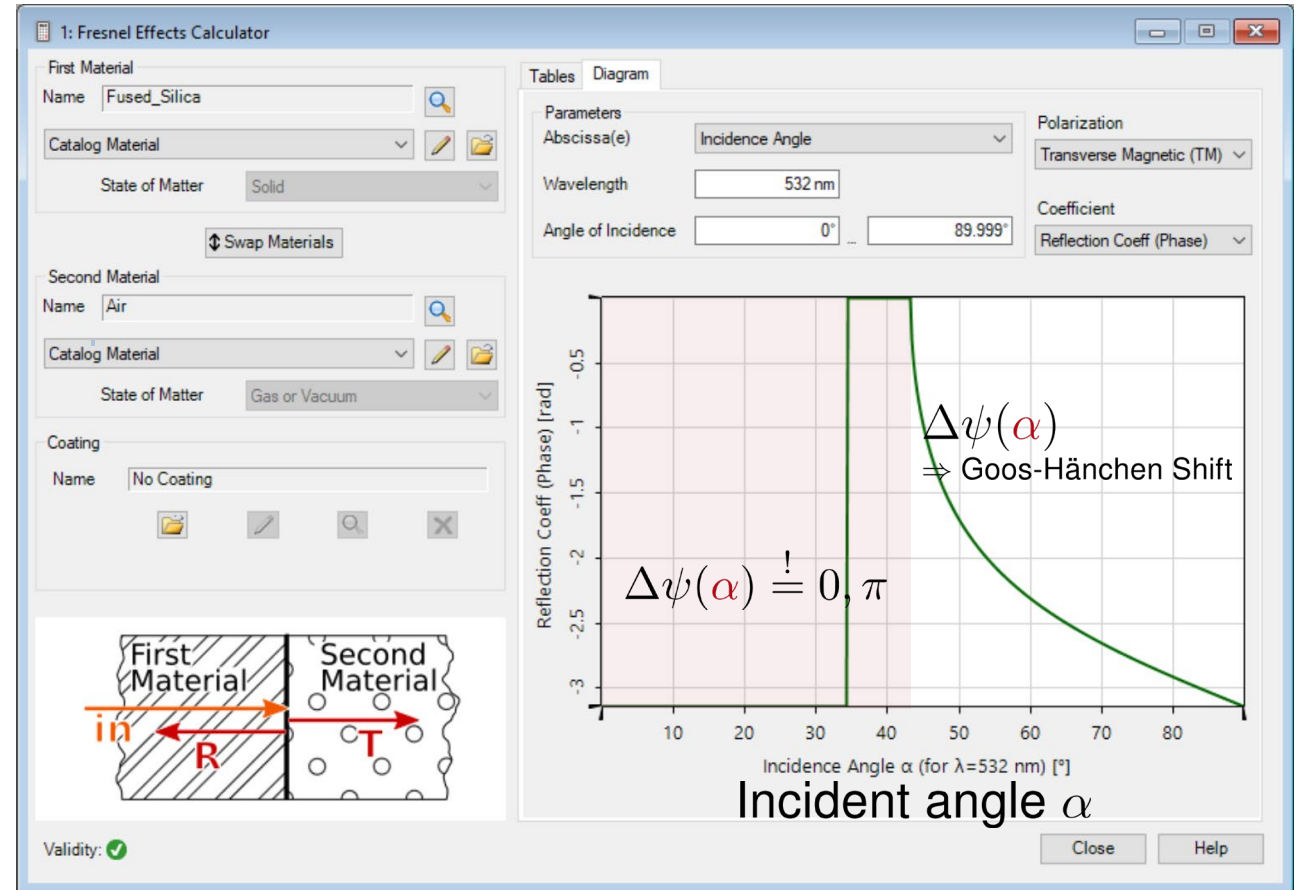


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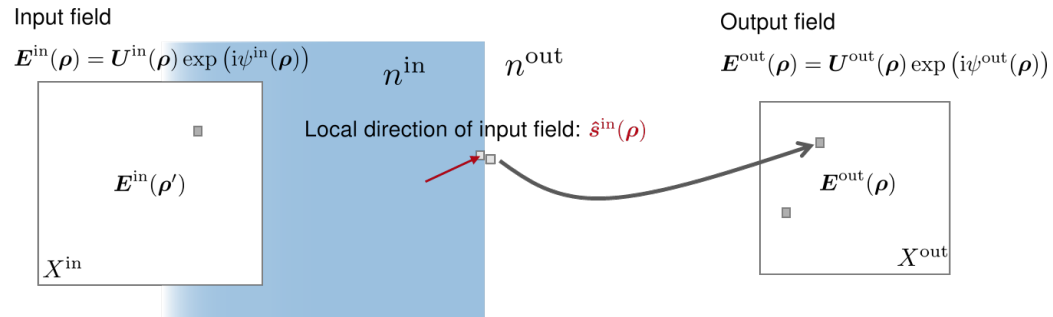
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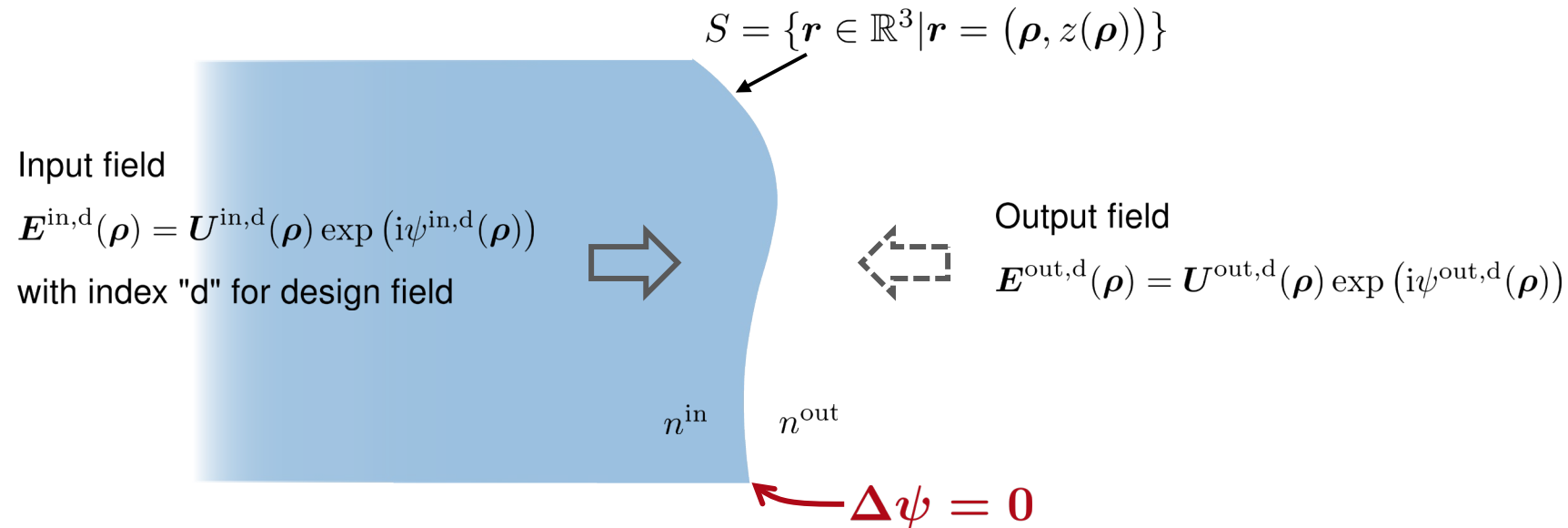
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Surfaces between Dielectrics (Transmission):

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- Wavefront response control not possible by surface effect!
- Wavefront control w/o structured layer requires CURVED surfaces.

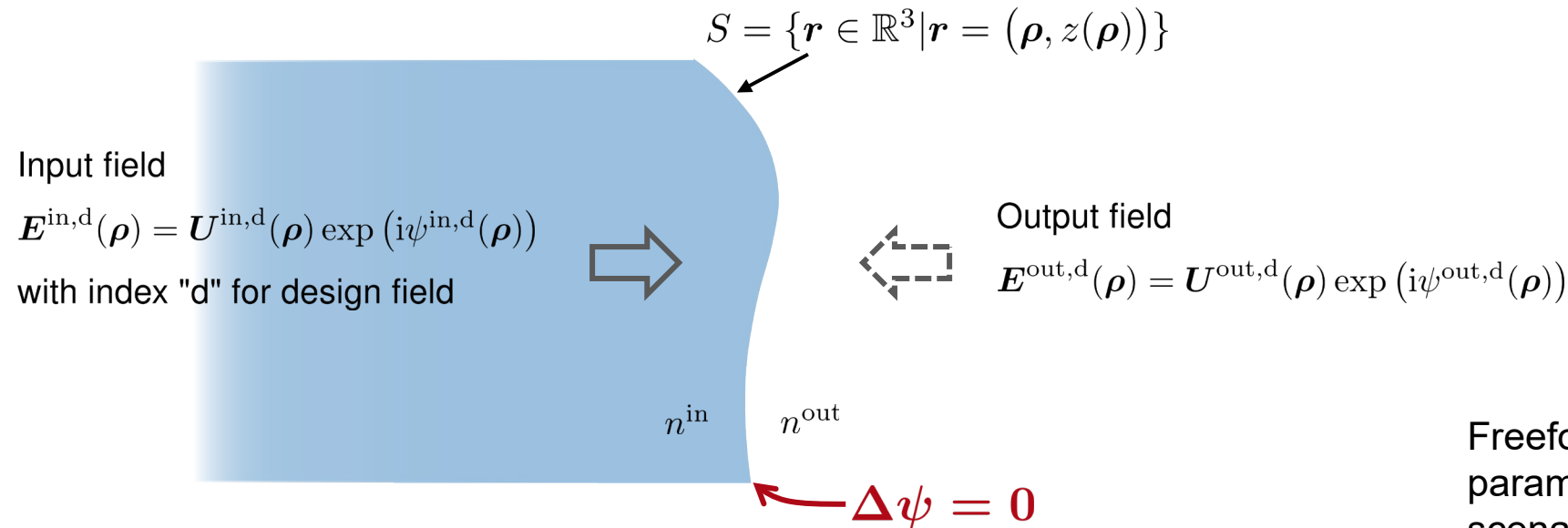
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Freeform surface design algorithm w/o parametric optimization for single field scenario.

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- Forbes polynomials
- Aspherical polynomial series
- Polynomial series

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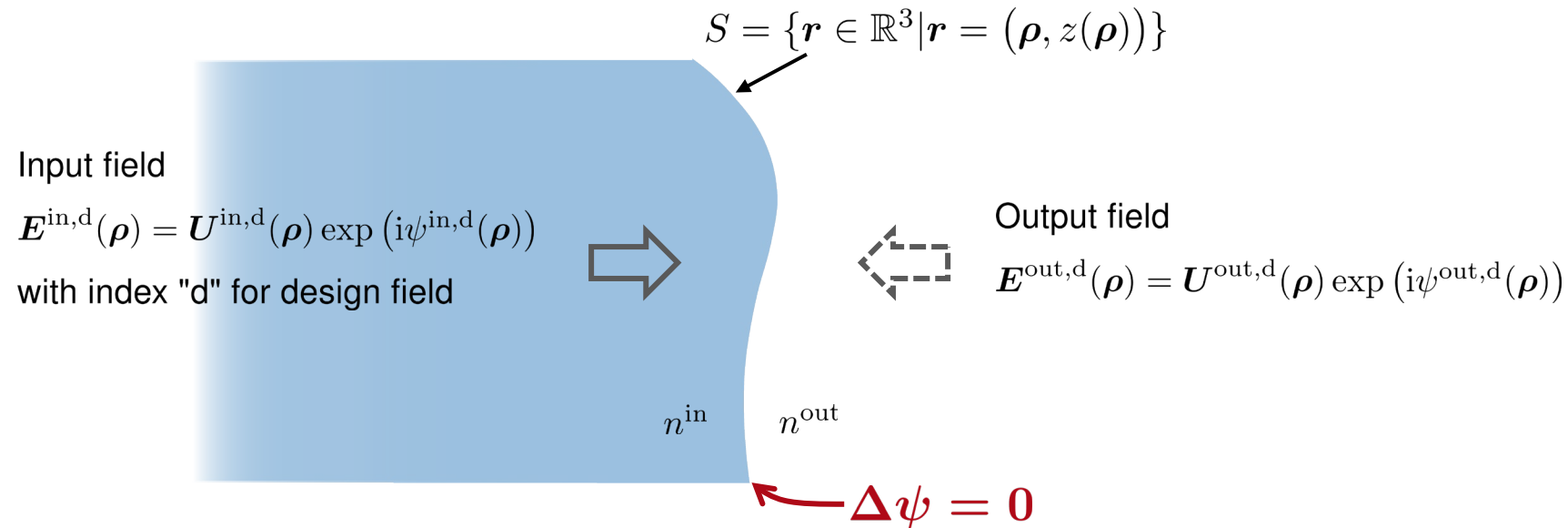
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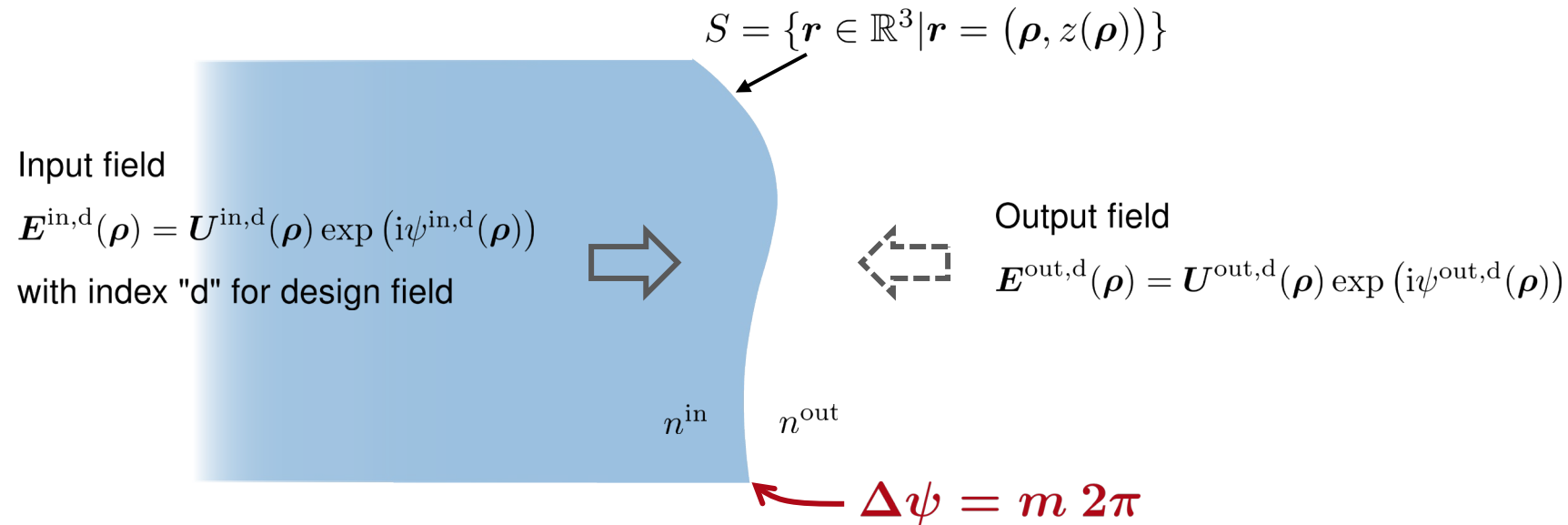
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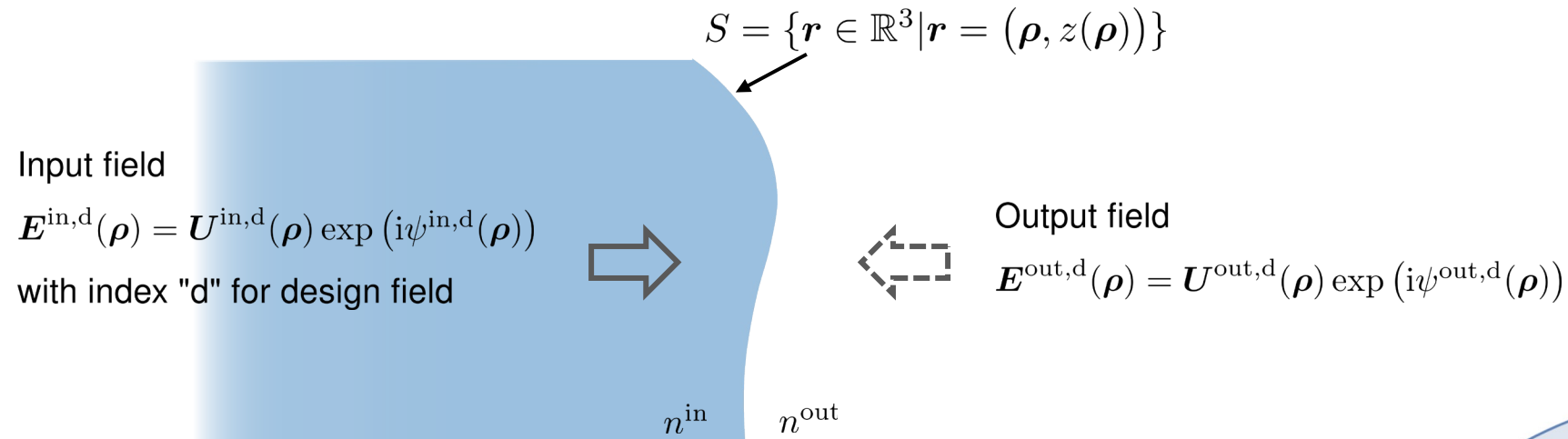
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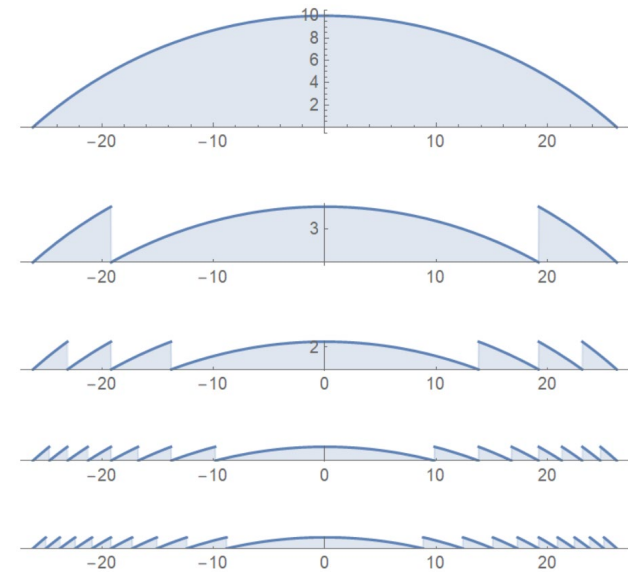
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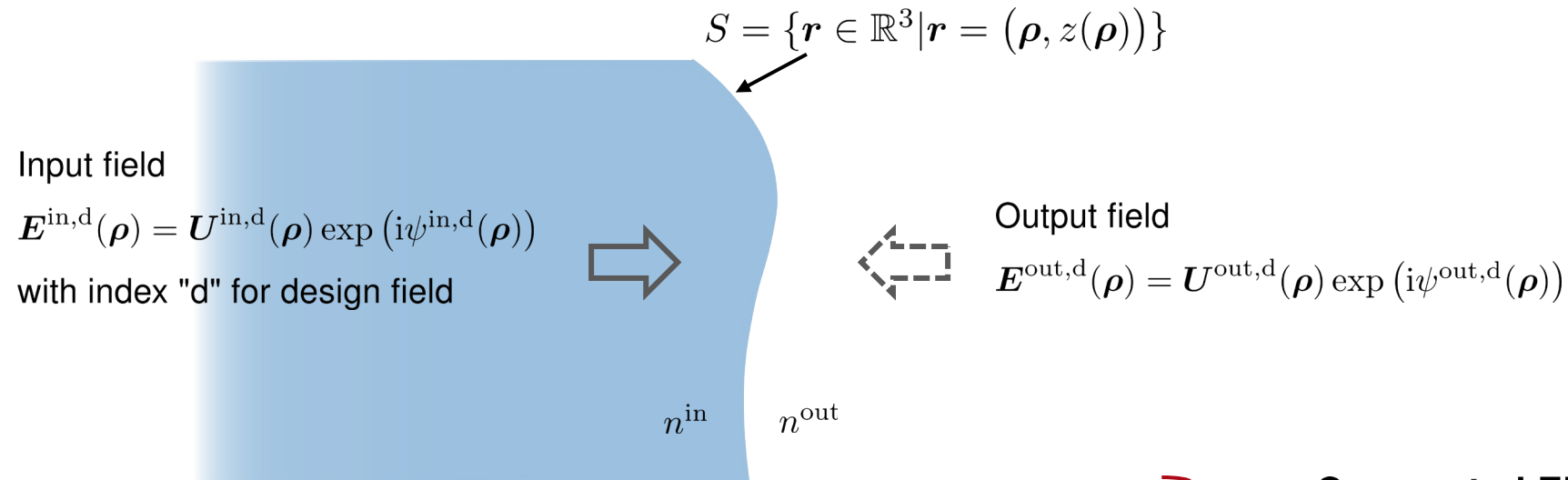
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with index "d" for design field

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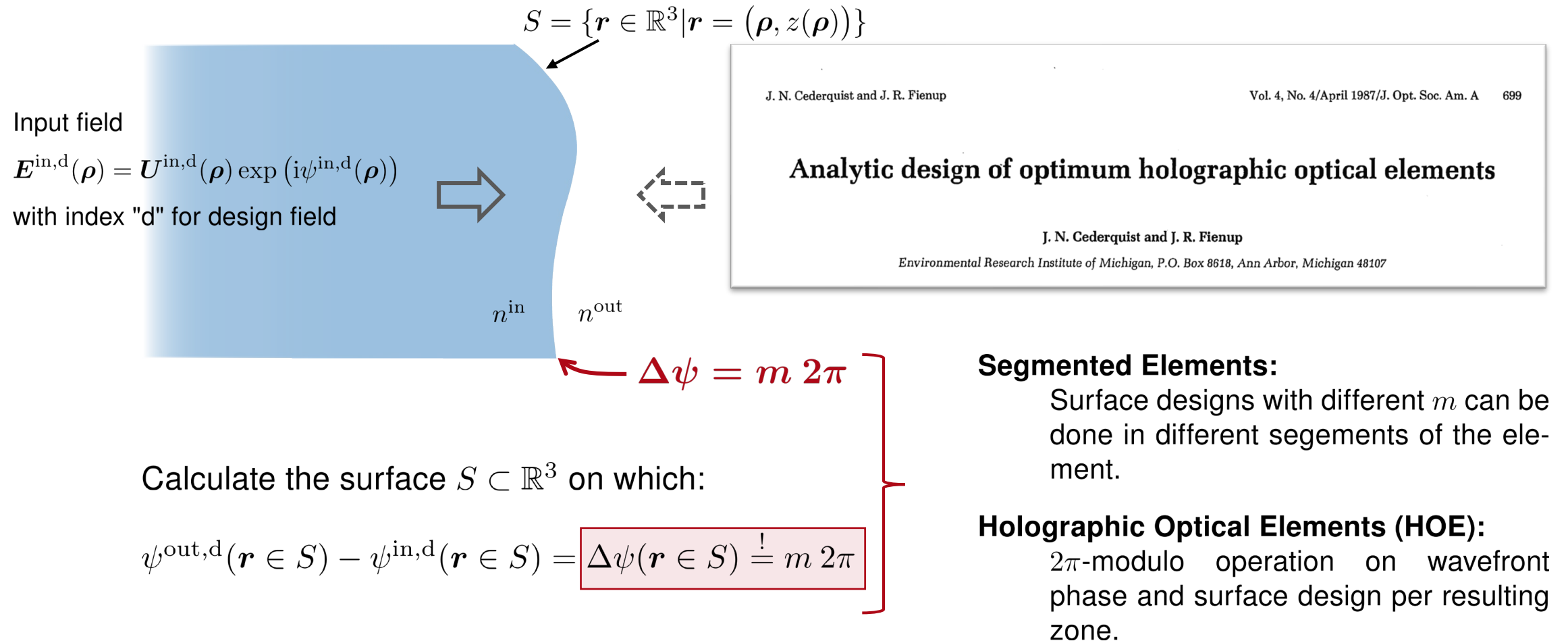
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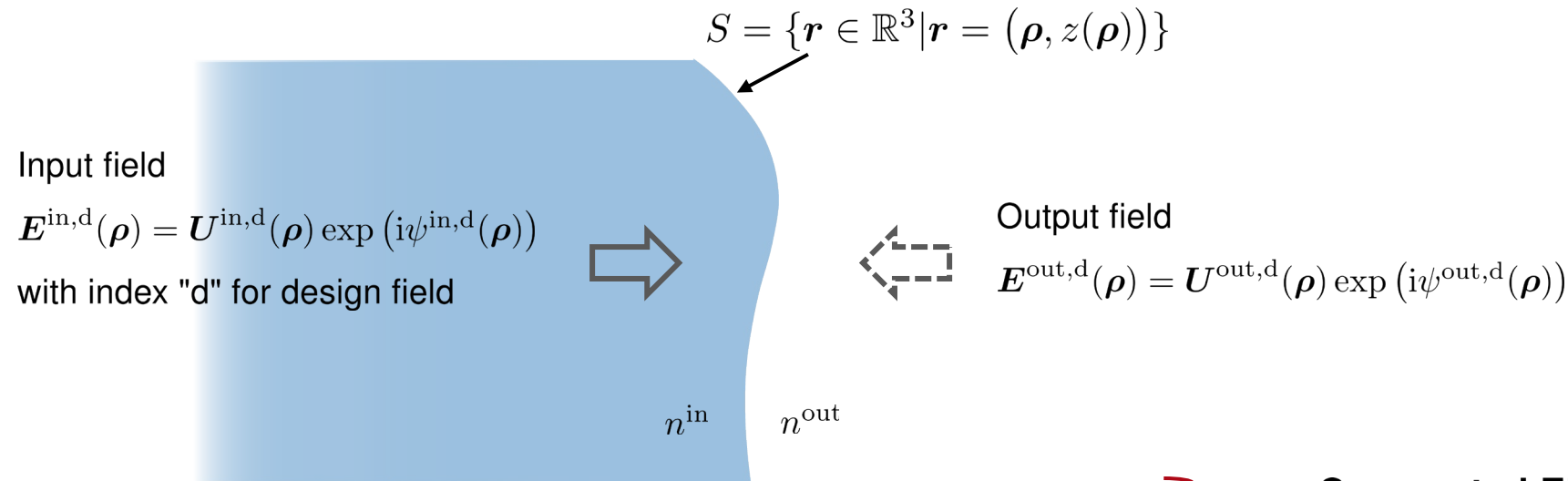
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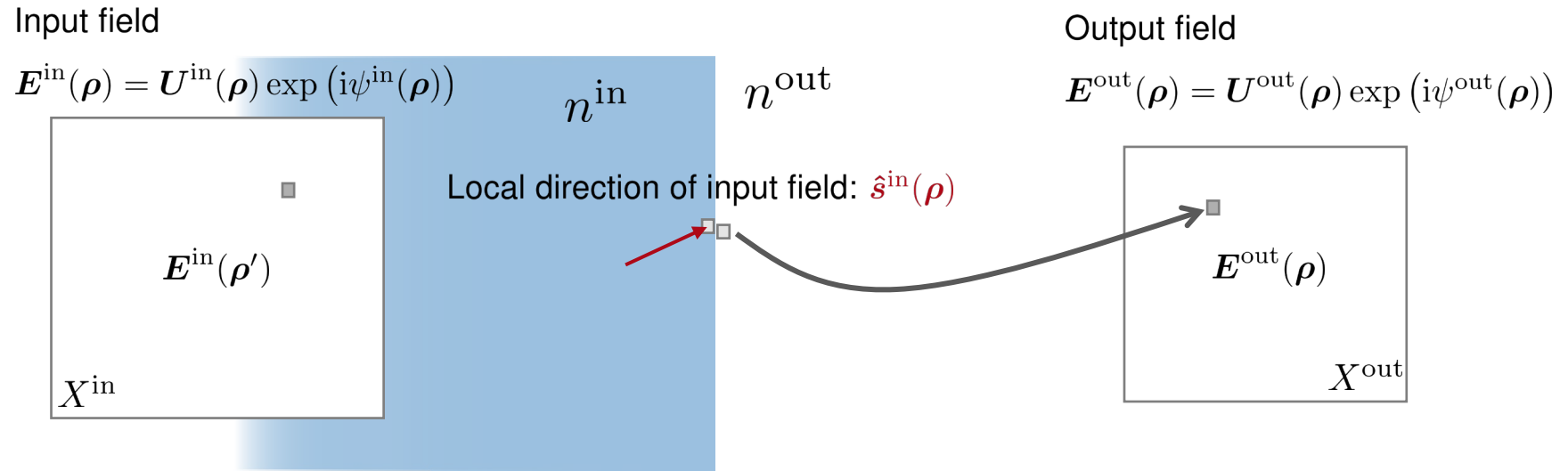
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All surfaces are designed with the same technique and follow the same physical principles: Wavefront phase response is realized by local optical path length differences!



Phase response by surface effects?

Vectorial Field Response: Surface w/o Layer

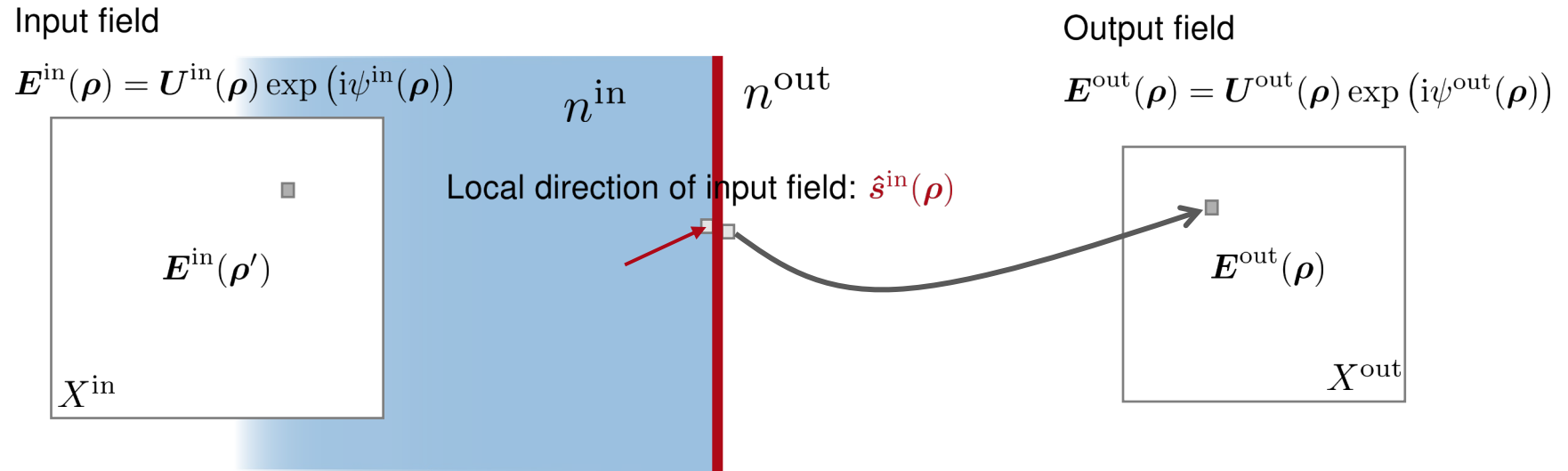


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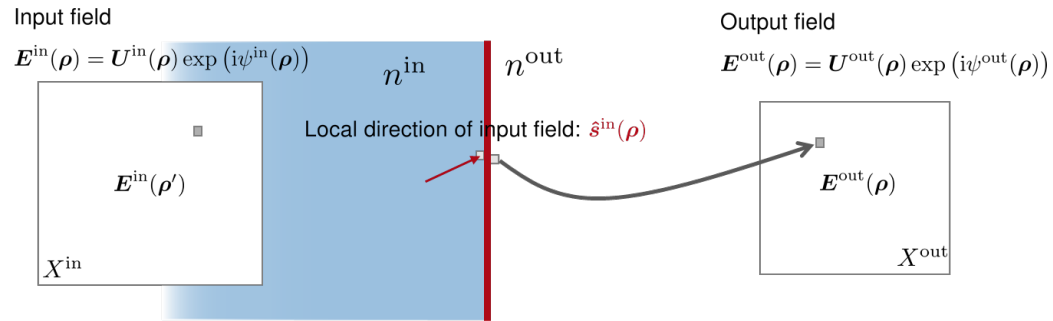


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Wavefront Response: Surface w/o Coating

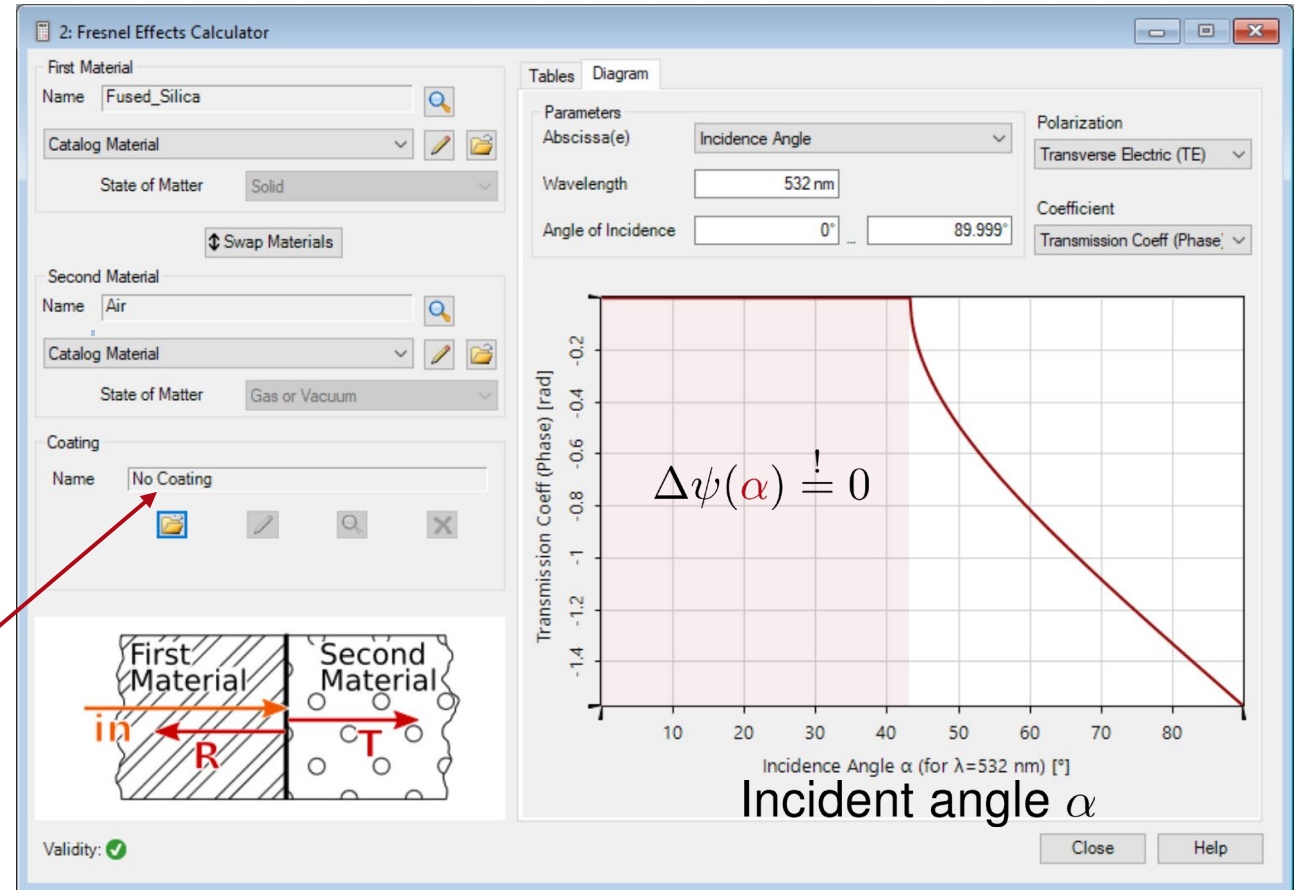


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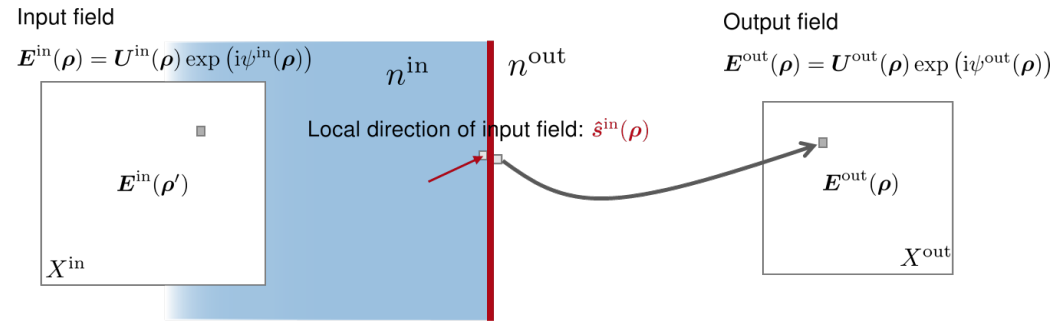
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w/o layer

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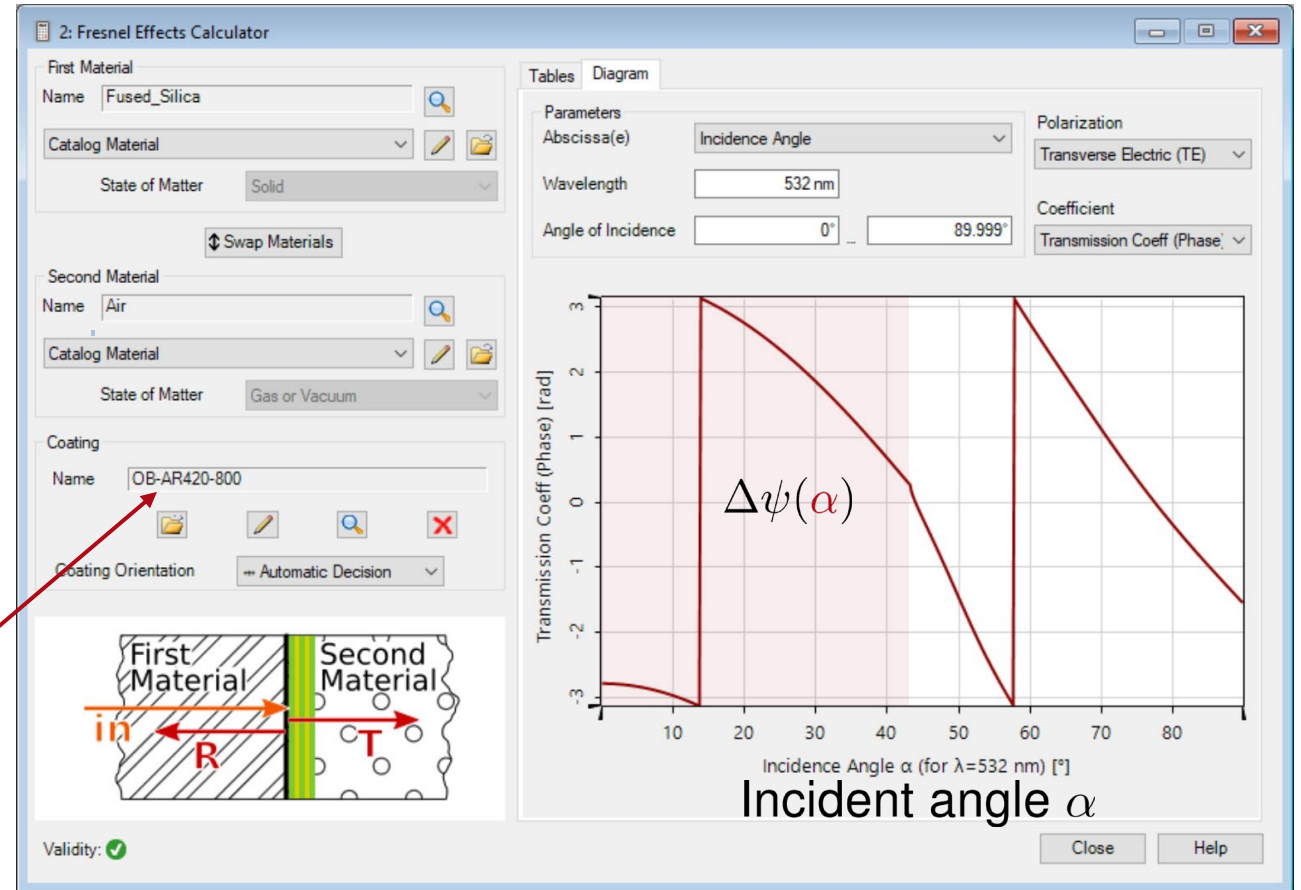


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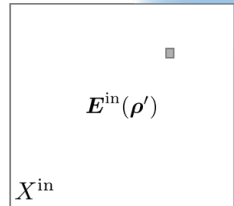


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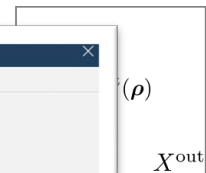
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U-field response: $\underline{b}(\rho', \delta)$

Wavefront phase response

Edit Parameters of Coating

Layer Definition Process Data

Index	Thickness	Distance	Medium
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2	16.44 nm	212.09 nm	Ta2O5-ThinFilm_MSO-measured in Homog
3	33.33 nm	245.42 nm	SiO2-ThinFilm_MSO-measured in Homog
4	120.25 nm	365.67 nm	Ta2O5-ThinFilm_MSO-measured in Homog
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6	15.5 nm	398.13 nm	Ta2O5-ThinFilm_MSO-measured in Homog
7	168.4 nm	566.53 nm	SiO2-ThinFilm_MSO-measured in Homog

Append Insert Delete Layer Tools

Wavelength Range of Media
 Minimum Wavelength: 300.09 nm
 Maximum Wavelength: 1 μm

OK Cancel Help

With layer

2: Fresnel Effects Calculator

First Material
 Name: Fused_Silica
 Catalog Material: [dropdown]
 State of Matter: Solid

Second Material
 Name: Air
 Catalog Material: [dropdown]
 State of Matter: Gas or Vacuum

Coating
 Name: OB-AR420-800
 Coating Orientation: Automatic Decision

Parameters
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 Angle of Incidence: 0° to 89.999°

Polarization: Transverse Electric (TE)
 Coefficient: Transmission Coeff (Phase)

Validity:

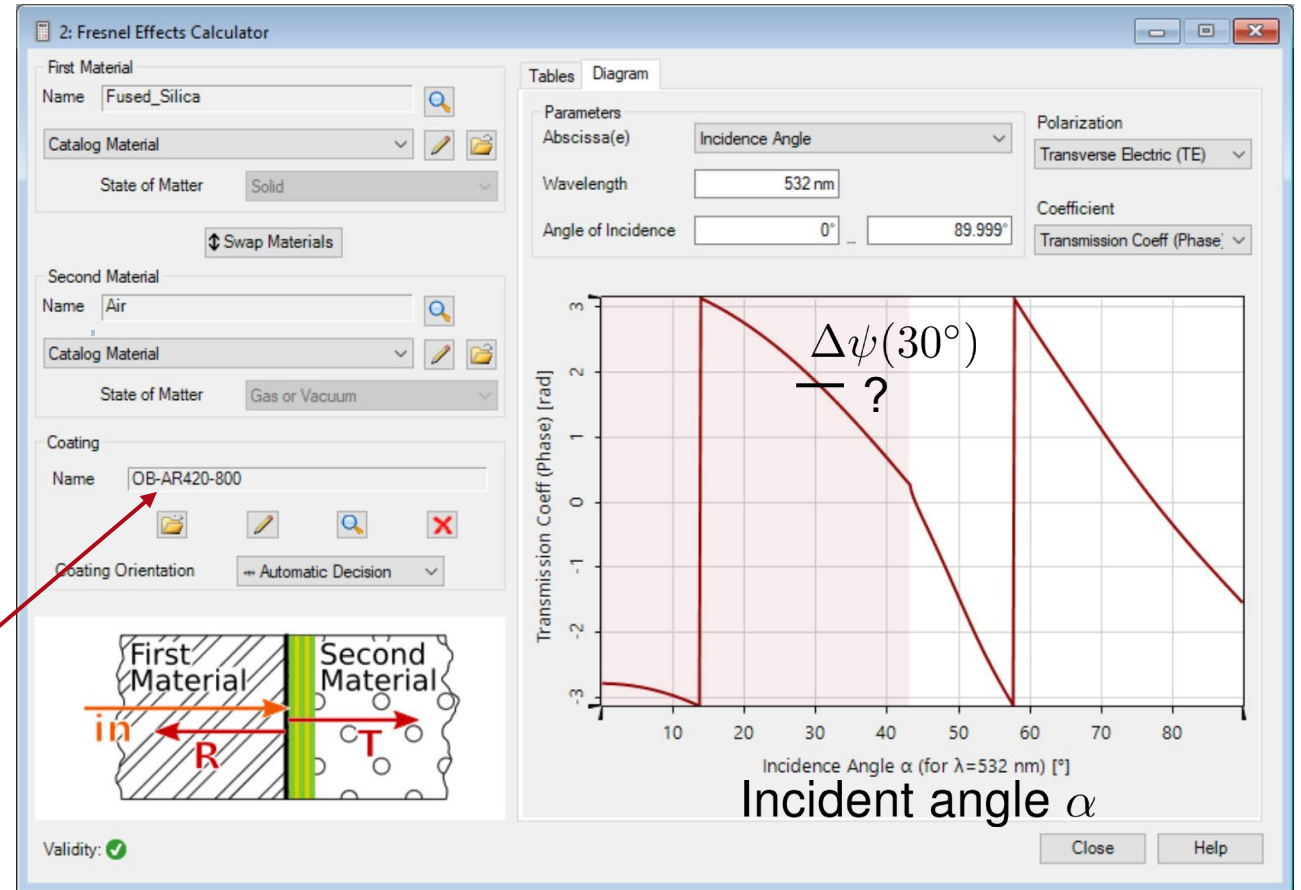
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Wavefront Response: Surface with Coating

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Transmission: $\Delta\psi(\alpha)$ (TE mode)

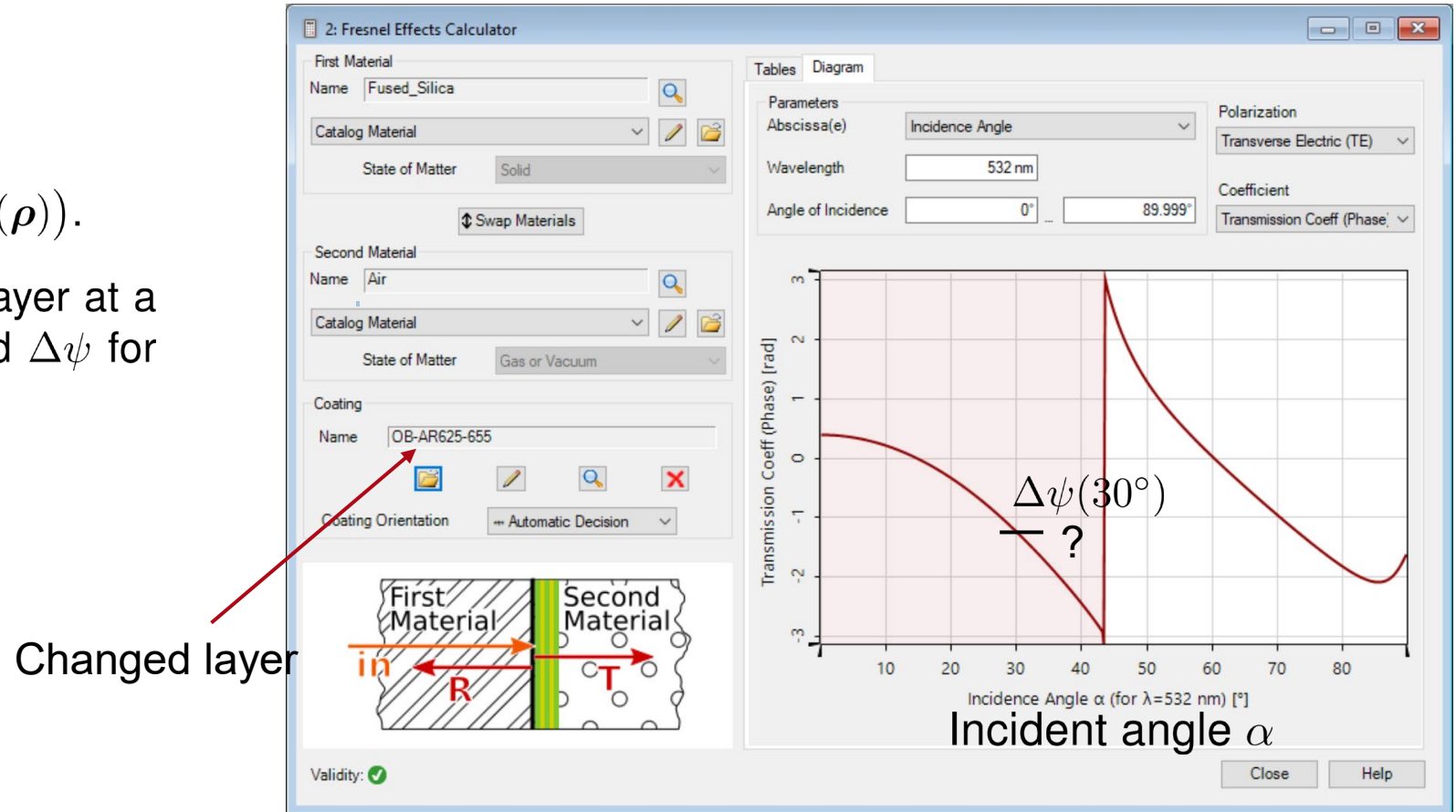
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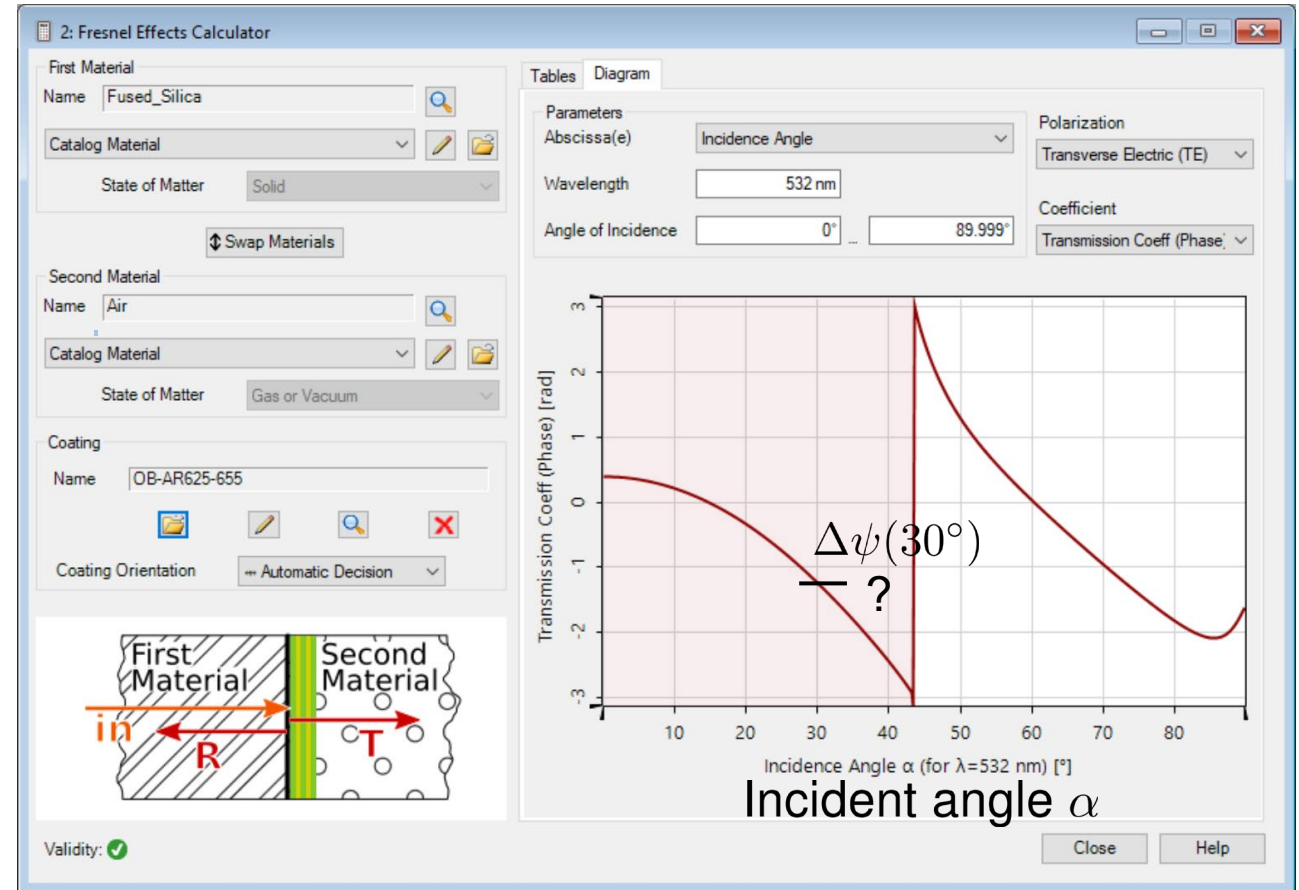
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Wavefront Response: Metasurface

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COMMENT

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The advantages of metalenses over diffractive lenses

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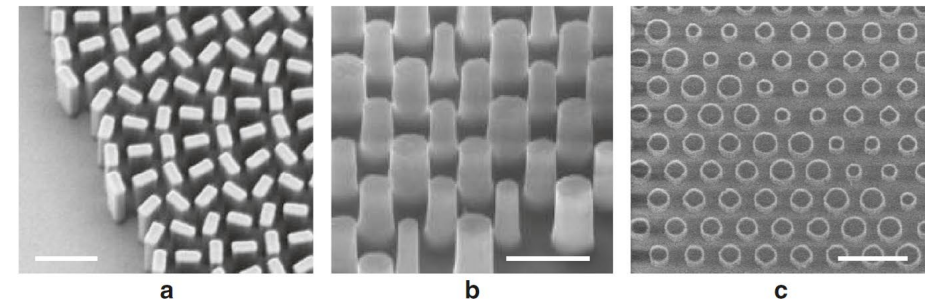
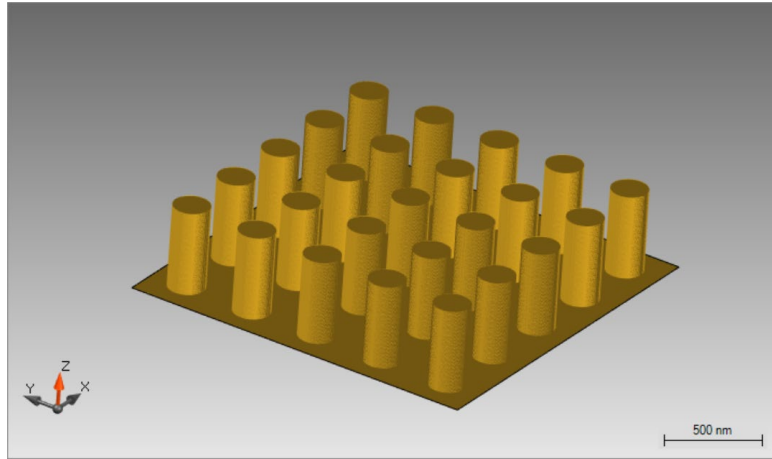
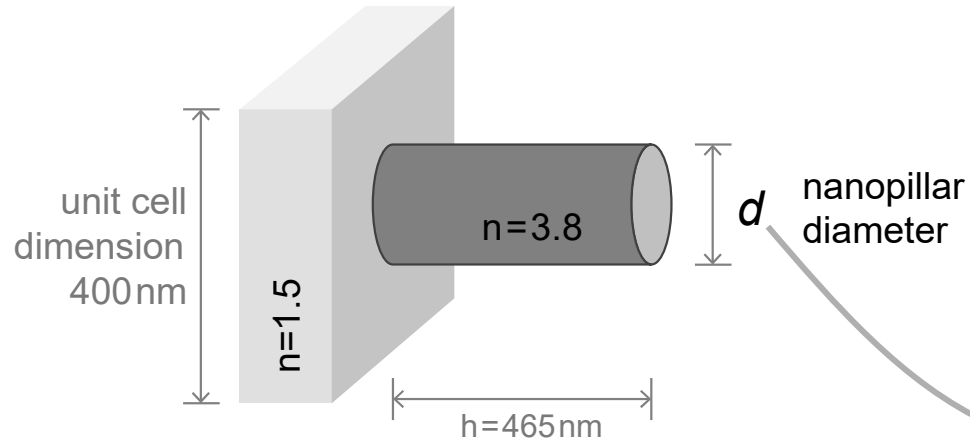
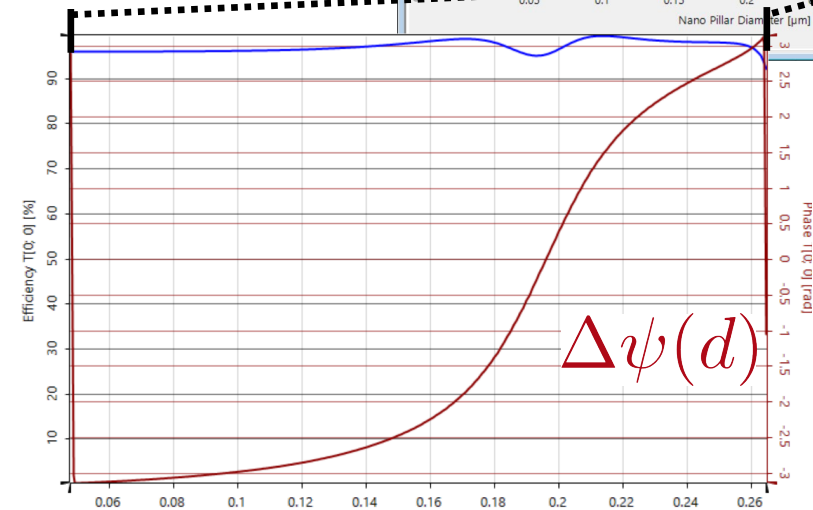
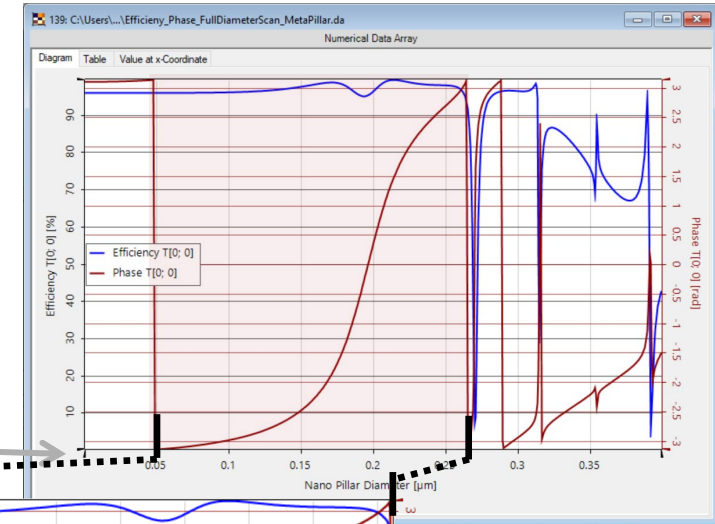


Fig. 2 Scanning electron microscope (SEM) images of several metalens antenna forms. a Nano-fins used for geometrical phase, reproduced with permission from ref. ⁹, Copyright 2016 AAAS. **(b)** Nano-rods used as truncated waveguides, reproduced with permission from ref. ⁷, Springer Nature and **c** Nano-disks used for Huygens metalens, reproduced with permission from ref. ¹², De Gruyter. Scale bar is 1 μm .

Analysis of Phase Response of Metasurface Unit Cell

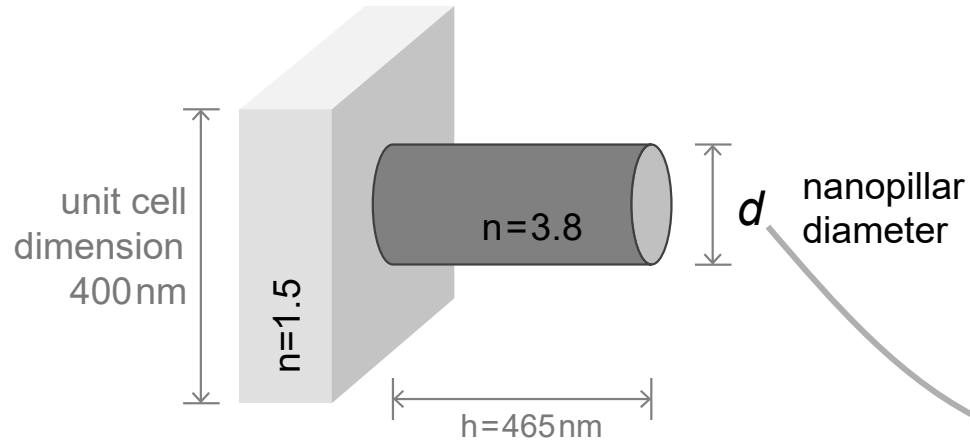


Efficiency & Phase vs. Pillar Diameter

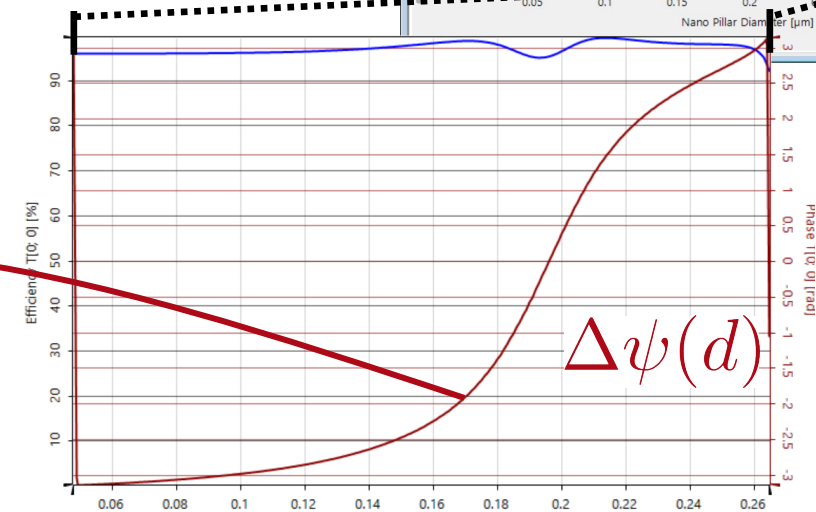
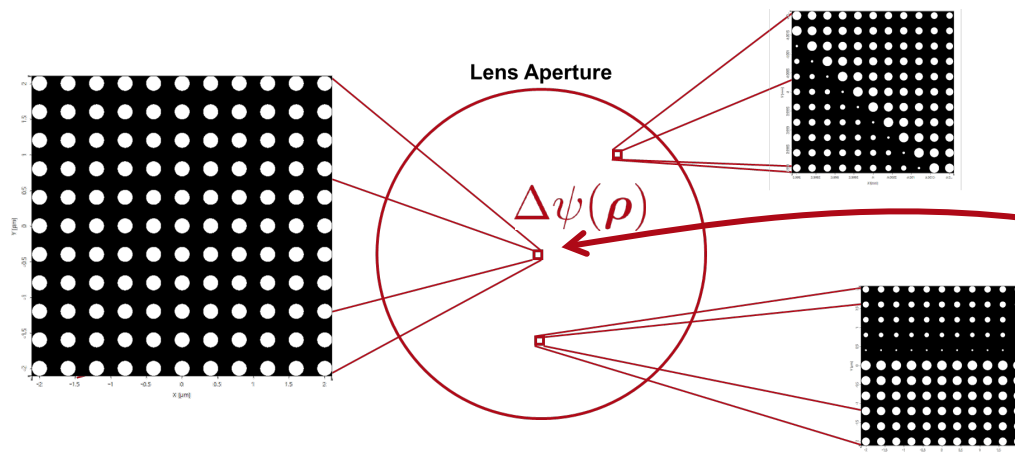
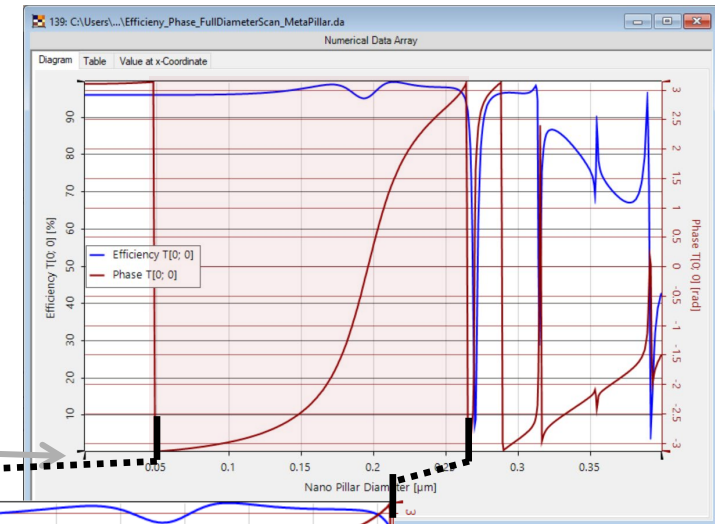


Incident angle $\alpha = 0$

Design of Metasurface for Specified Phase Response



Efficiency & Phase vs. Pillar Diameter



Proposed Design Workflow

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Design the system by introducing functional components to achieve the demanded system functionality.

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MODELING & EVALUATION

detectors and merit functions.

- Freeform design
- Segmented components
- Fresnel lenses
- HOE
- Metasurfaces

FURTHER OPTIMIZATION

SYSTEM TOLERANCING

Investigate the fabrication tolerances of components and the adjustment sensitivity of the system.

FABRICATION DATA

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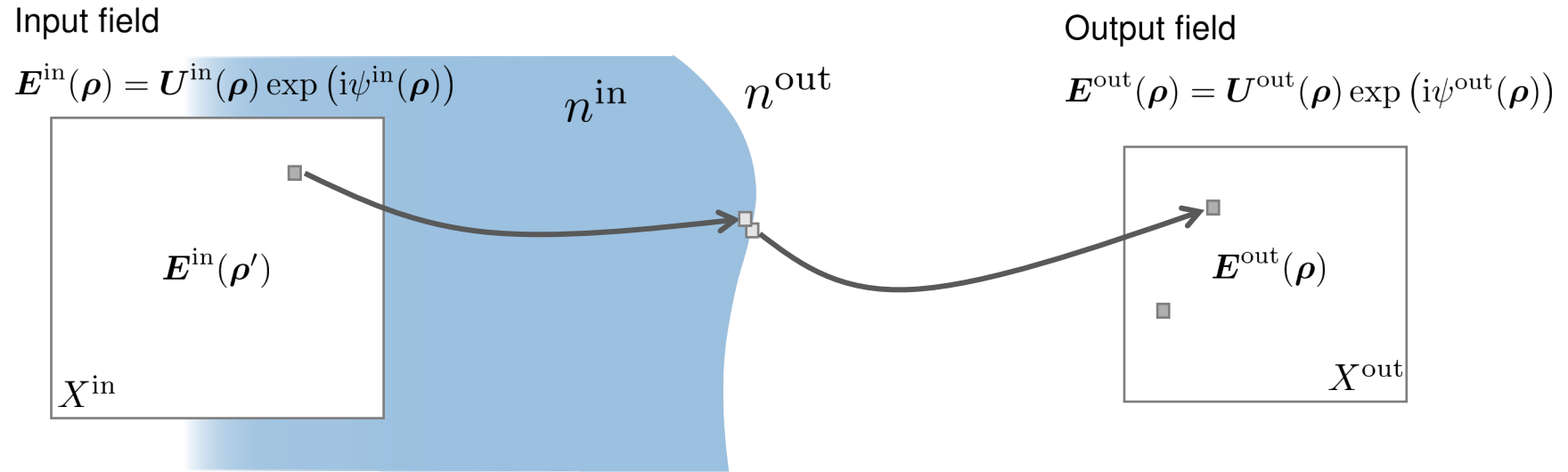
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Modeling

Modeling and evaluation of performance of surfaces which are obtained by structure design

Freeform Surface: Modeling



- Local application of S-matrix for curved surfaces: Local Plane Interface Approximation (LPIA).

Physical-optics propagation through curved surfaces

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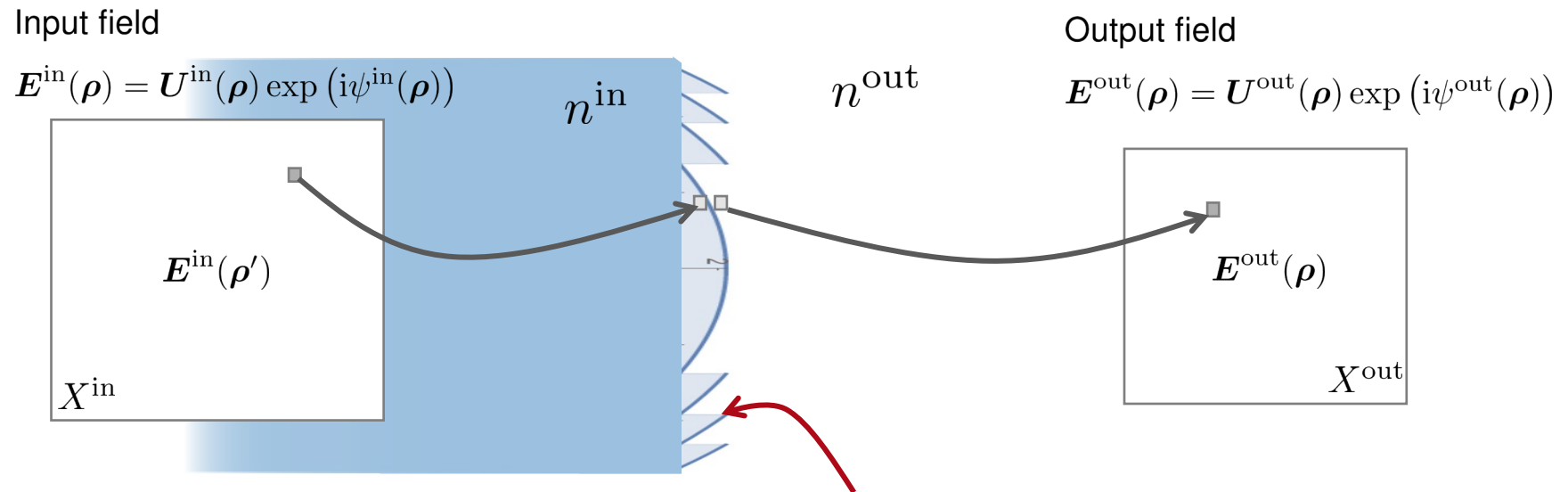
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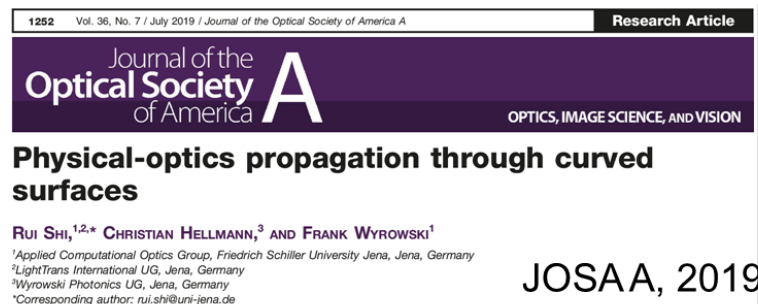
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Segmented Surface: Modeling



Include diffraction at jumps of profile.

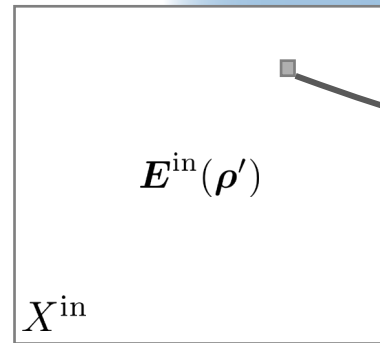
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Holographic Optical Element: Modeling

Input field

$$E^{\text{in}}(\rho) = U^{\text{in}}(\rho) \exp(i\psi^{\text{in}}(\rho))$$

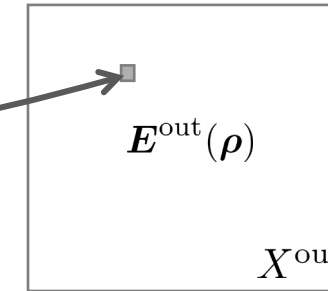


n^{in}

n^{out}

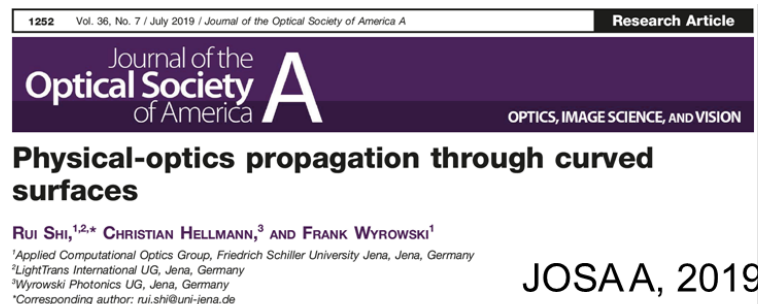
Output field

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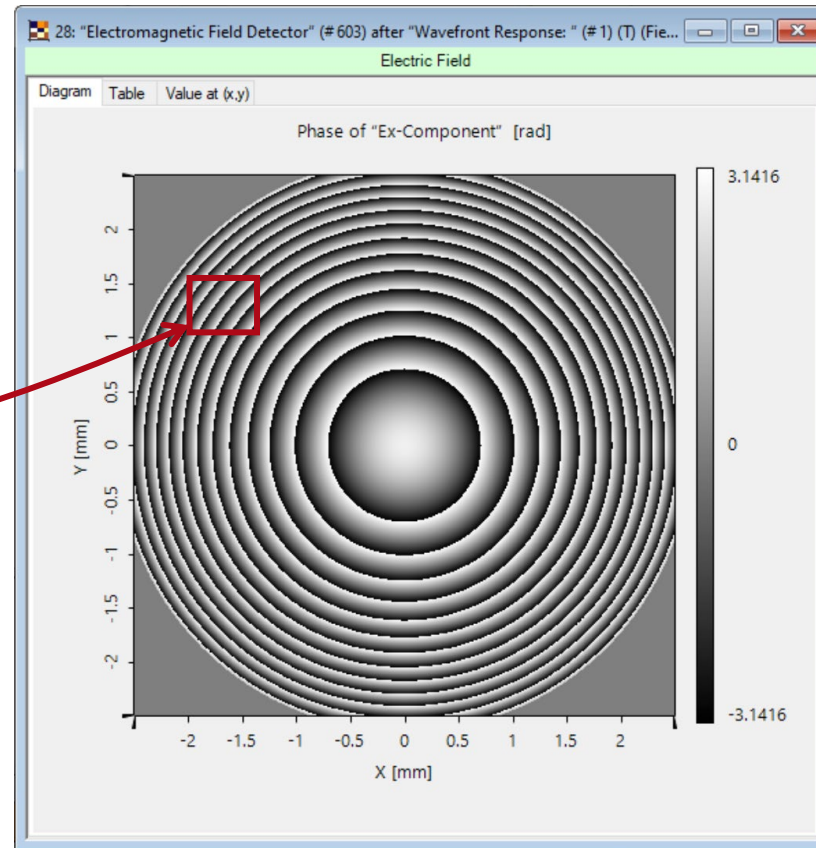
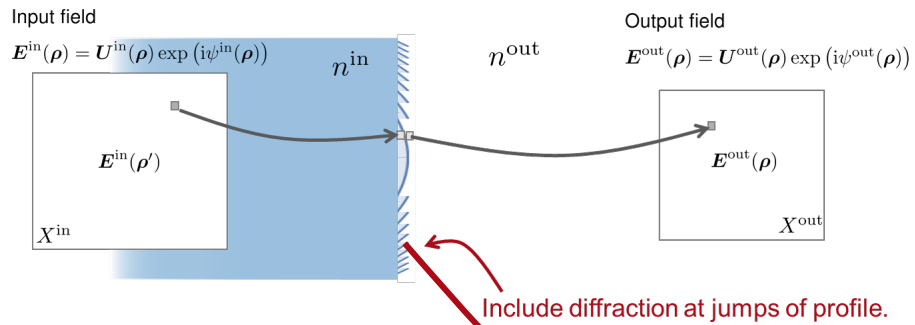


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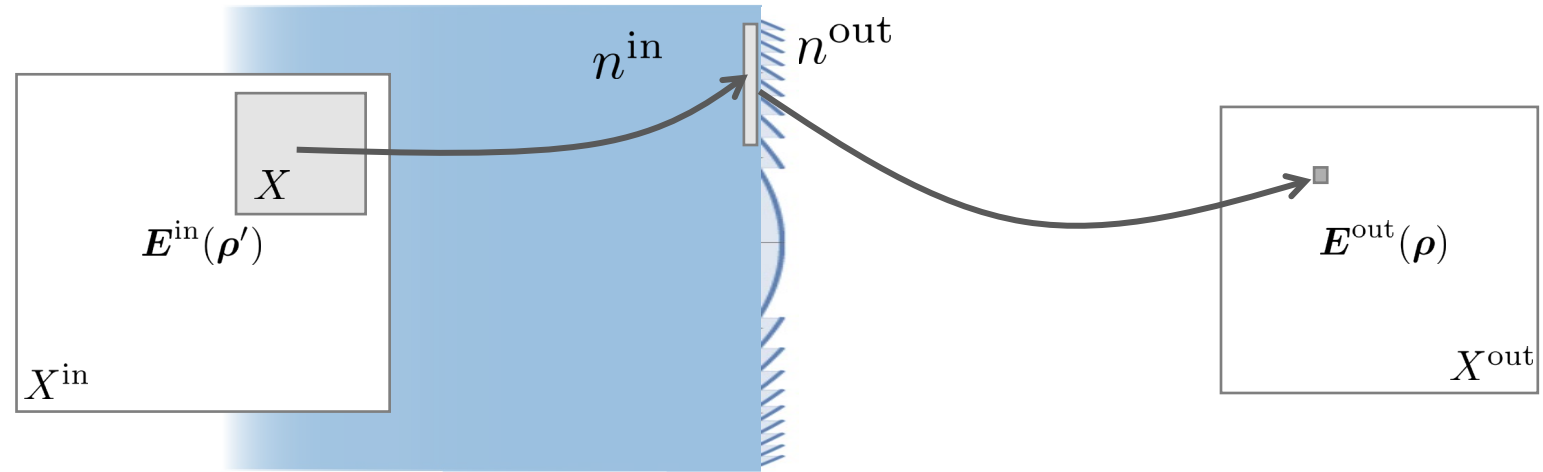
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Holographic Optical Element: Modeling



HOE Modeling: Local Integration

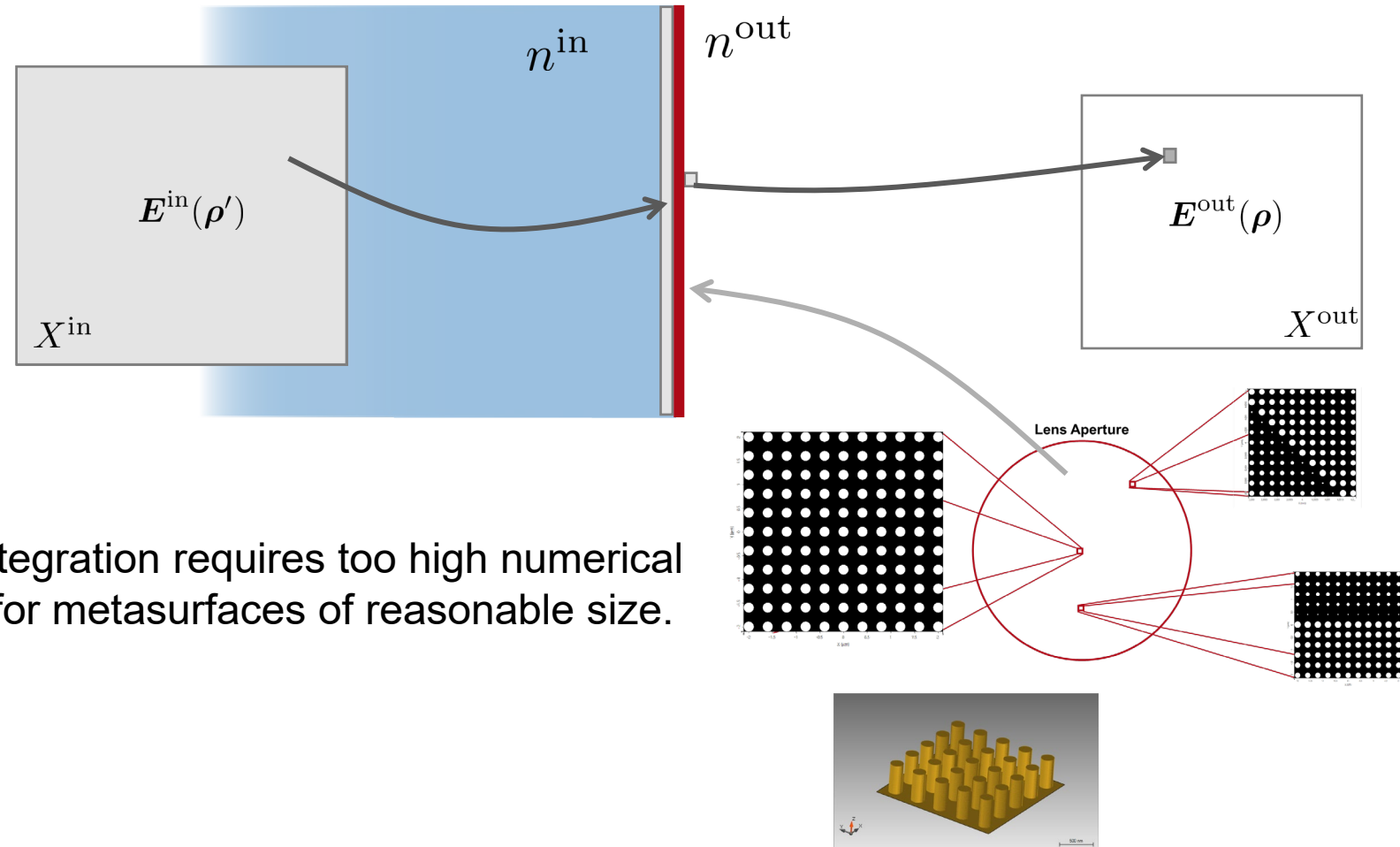


U-field response in outer zones is affected by the neighborhood in structure: **local grating**

Field response must be calculated by local application of the rigorous Fourier Modal Method (FMM) to include all effects: **Local Linear Grating Approach (LLGA)**

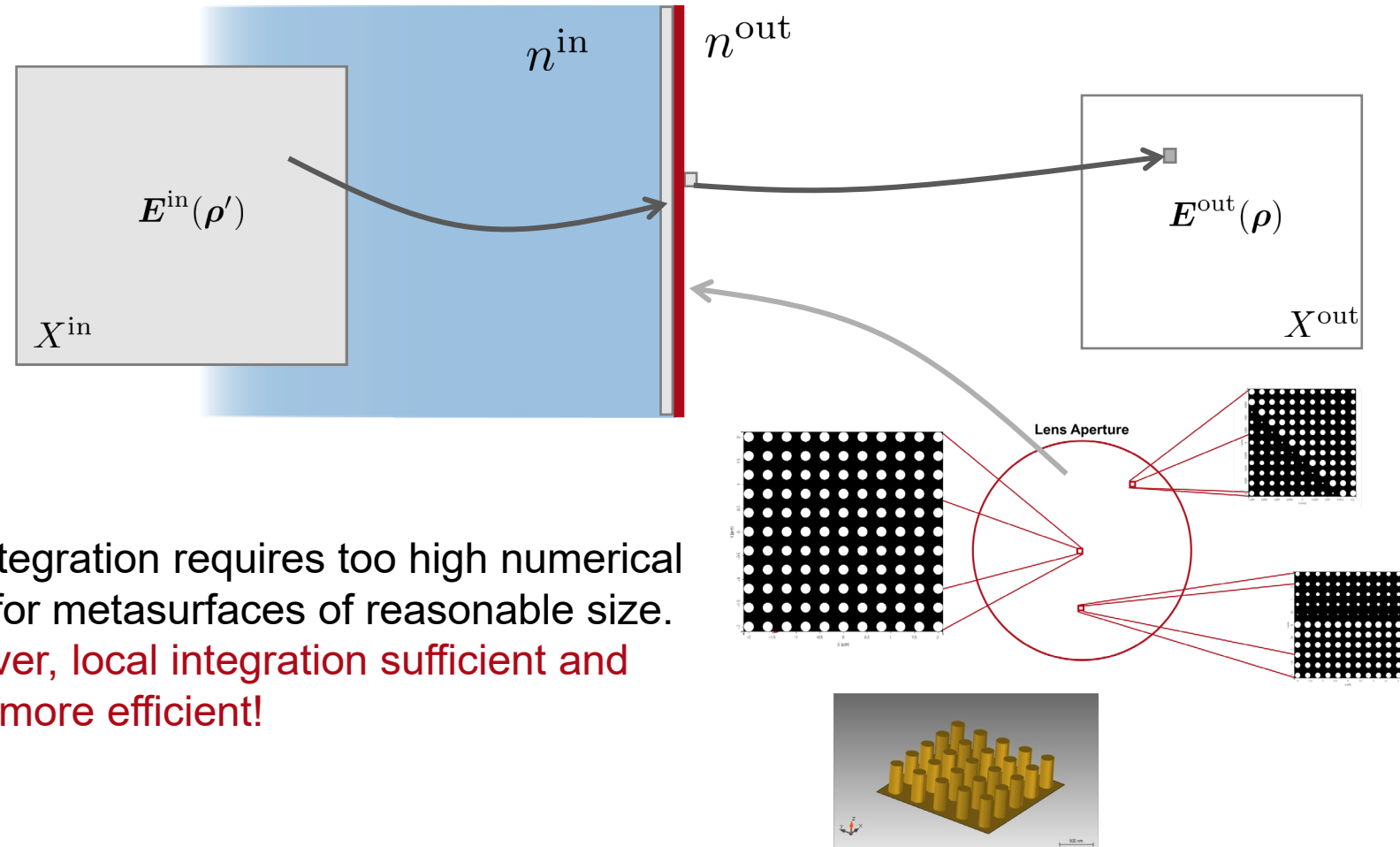


Metasurface Modeling: Full Integration Over Lens Diameter



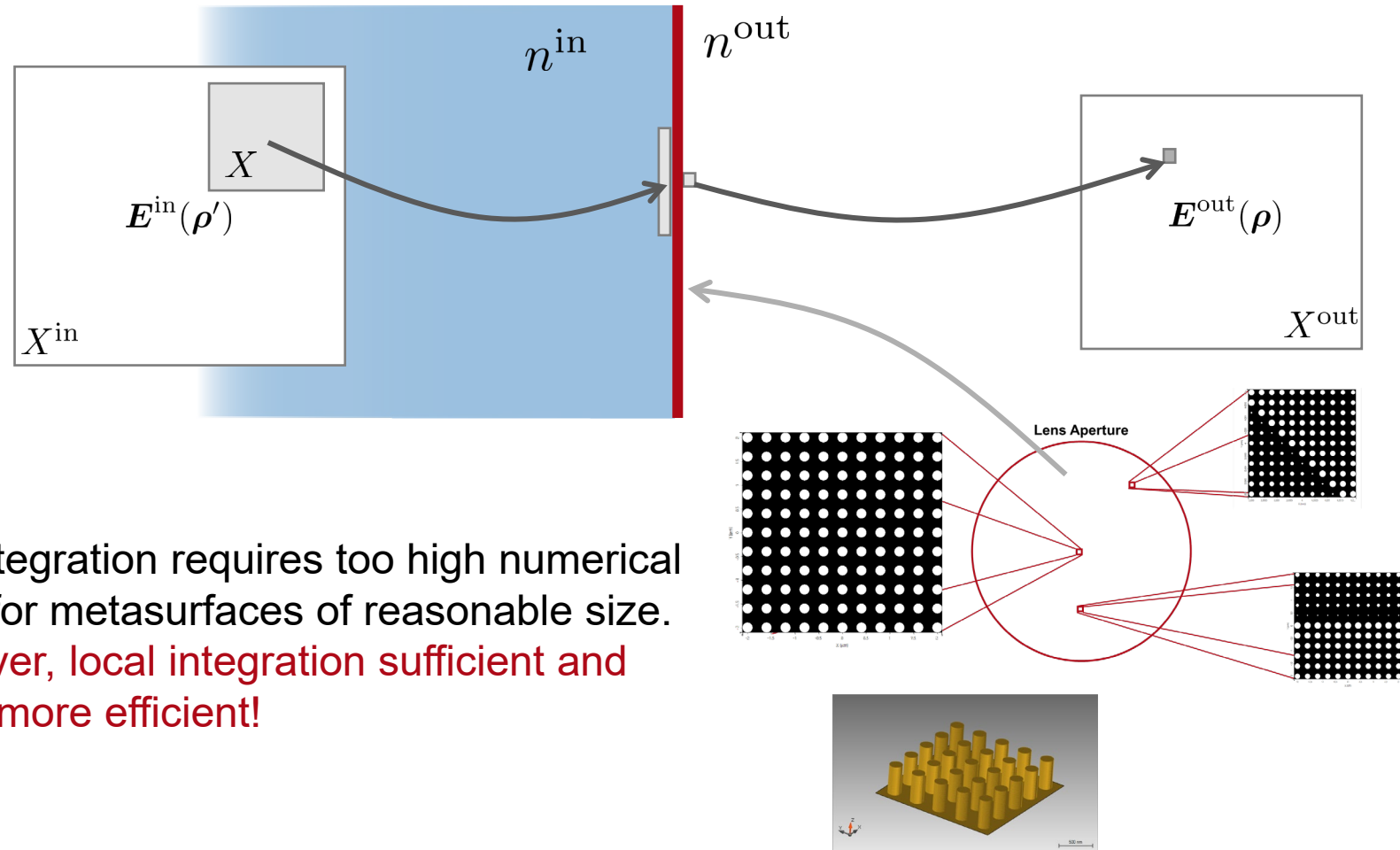
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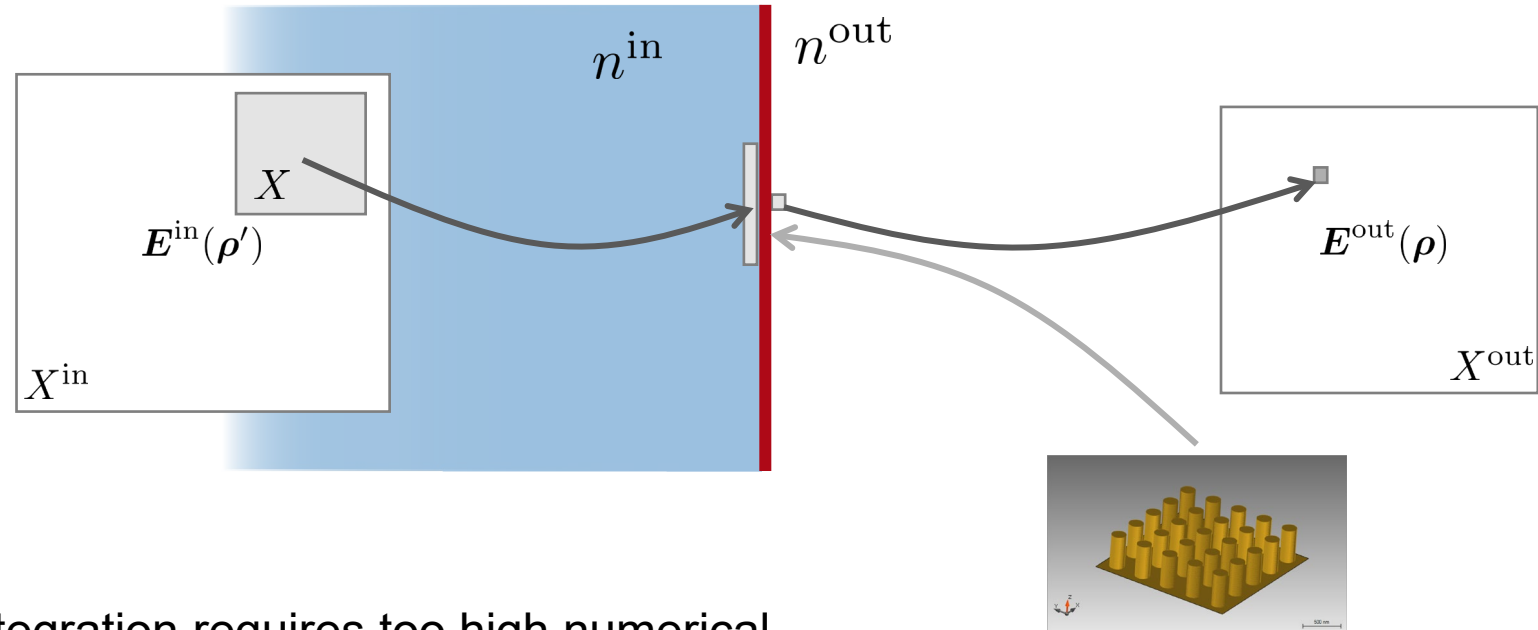
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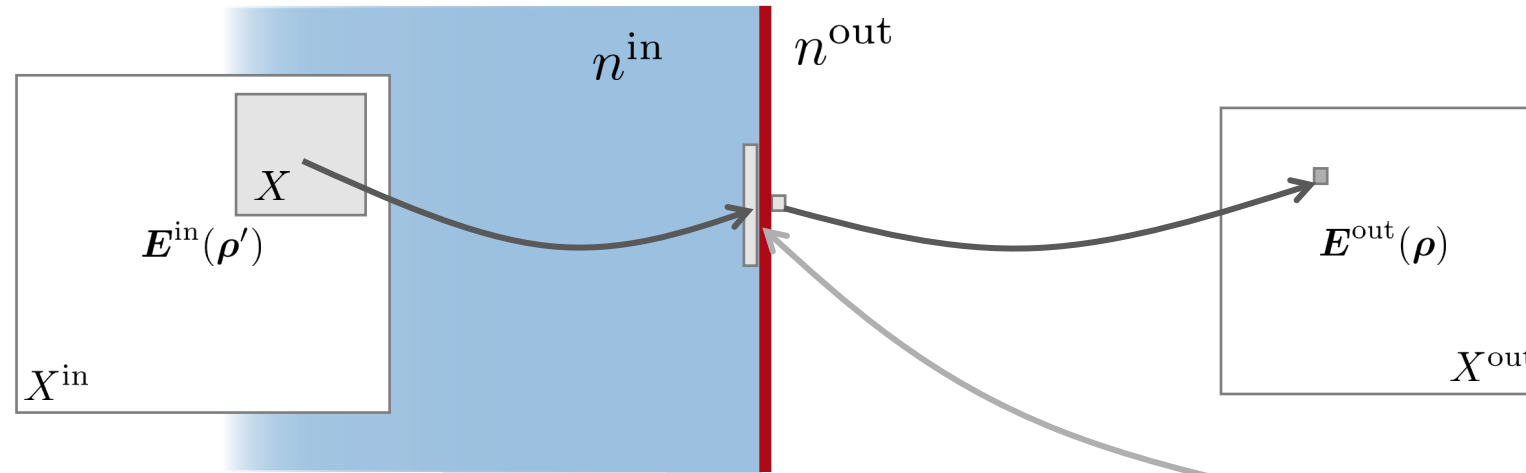
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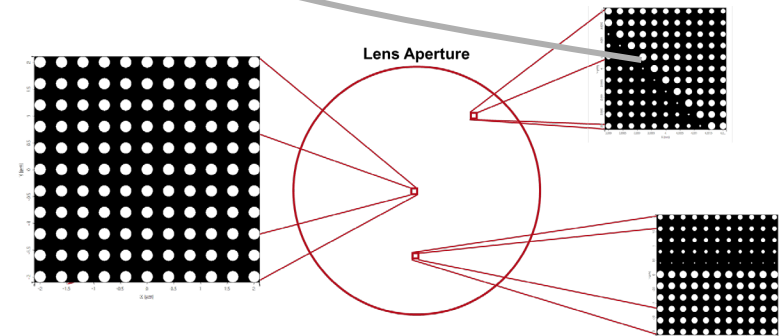
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Locally we assume subwavelength grating with local pillar size.

Metasurface Modeling: Local Integration Level II

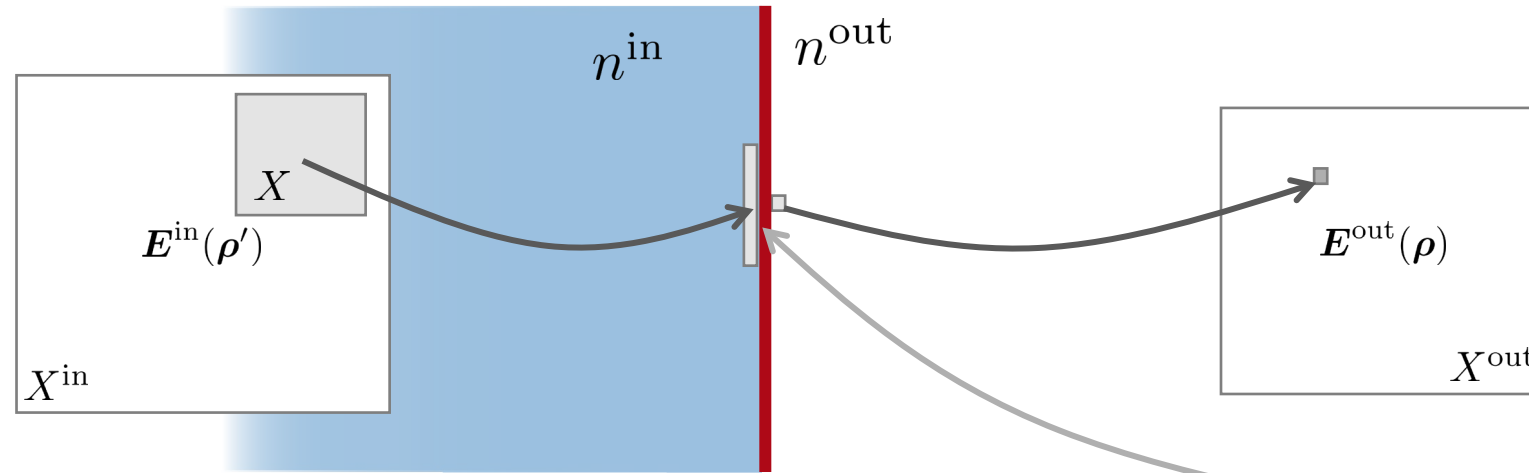


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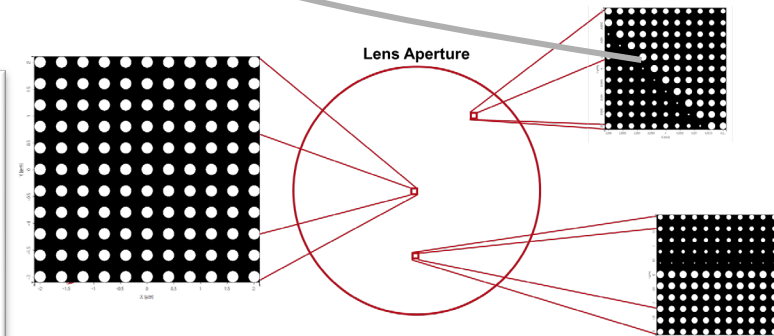
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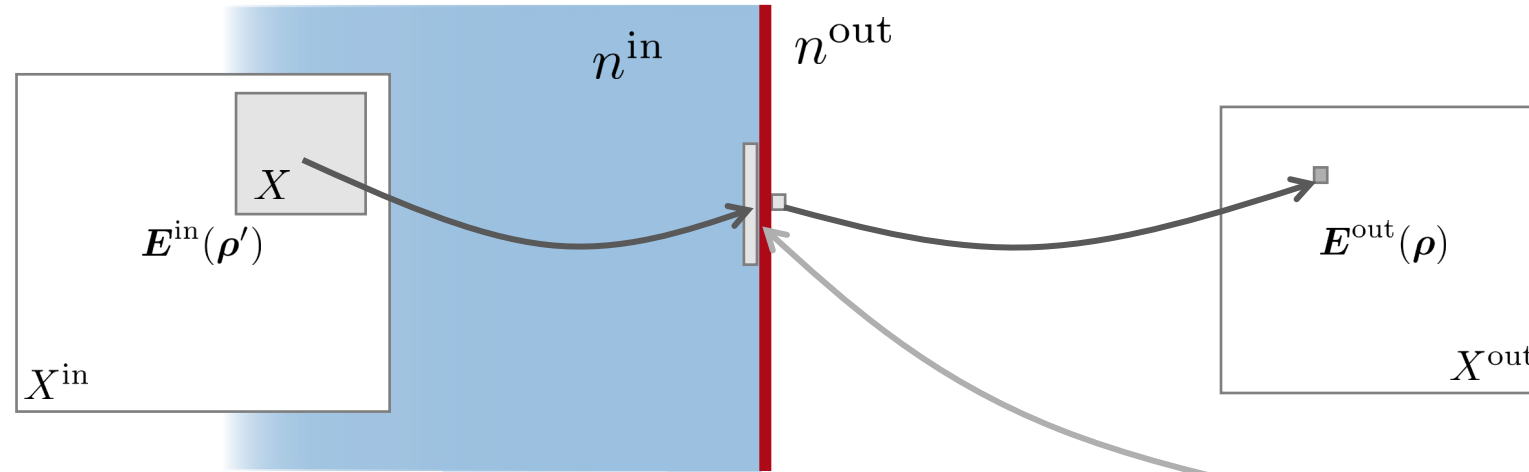
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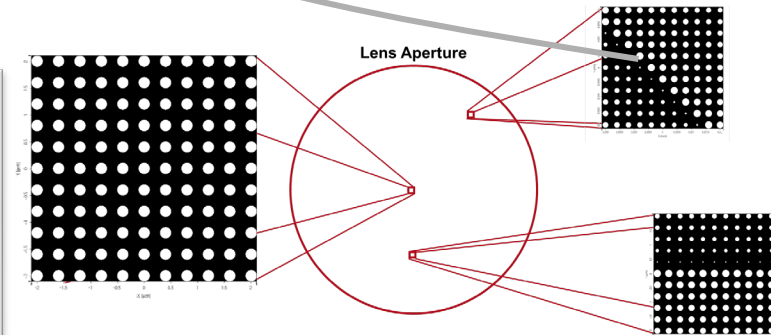
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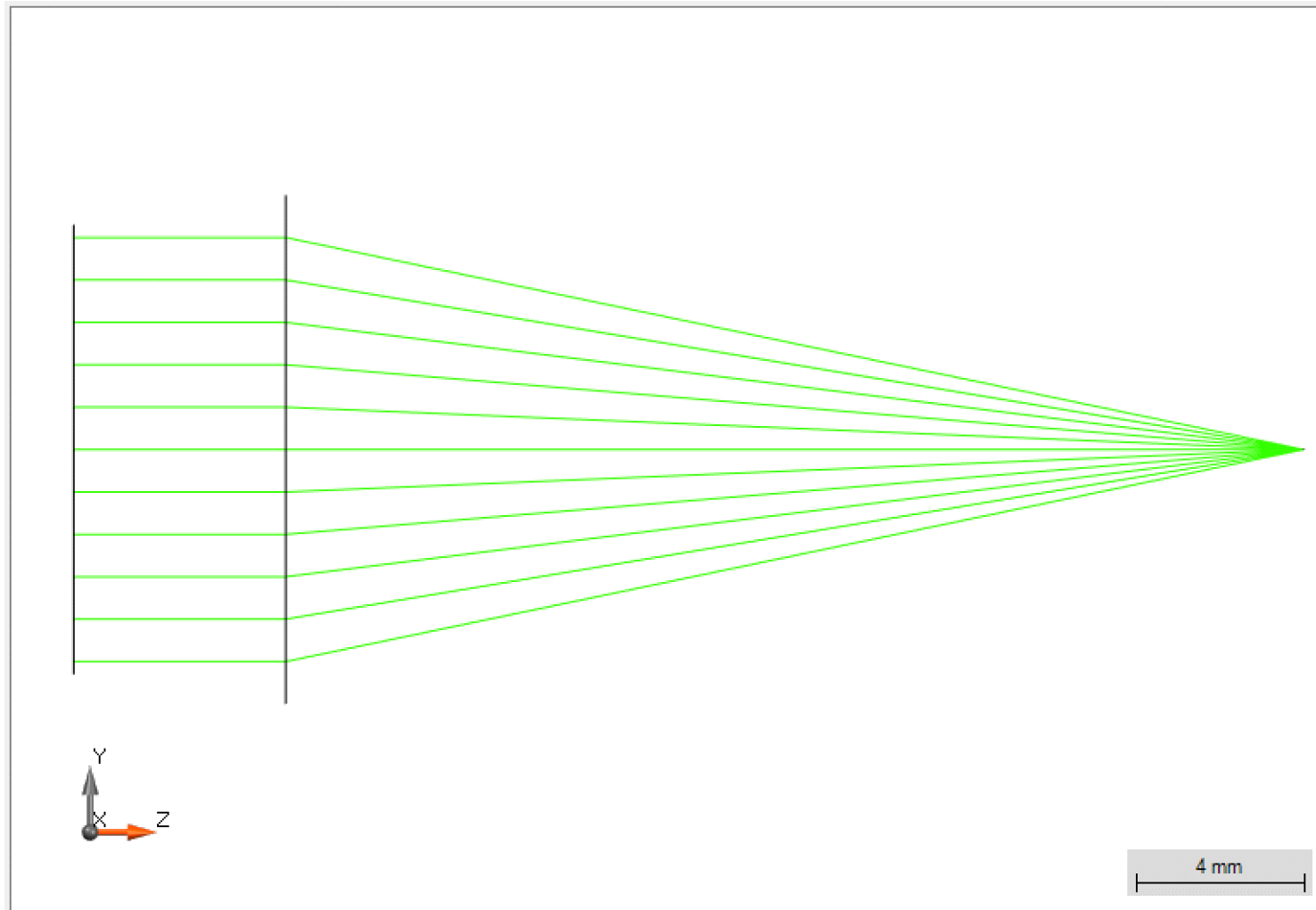
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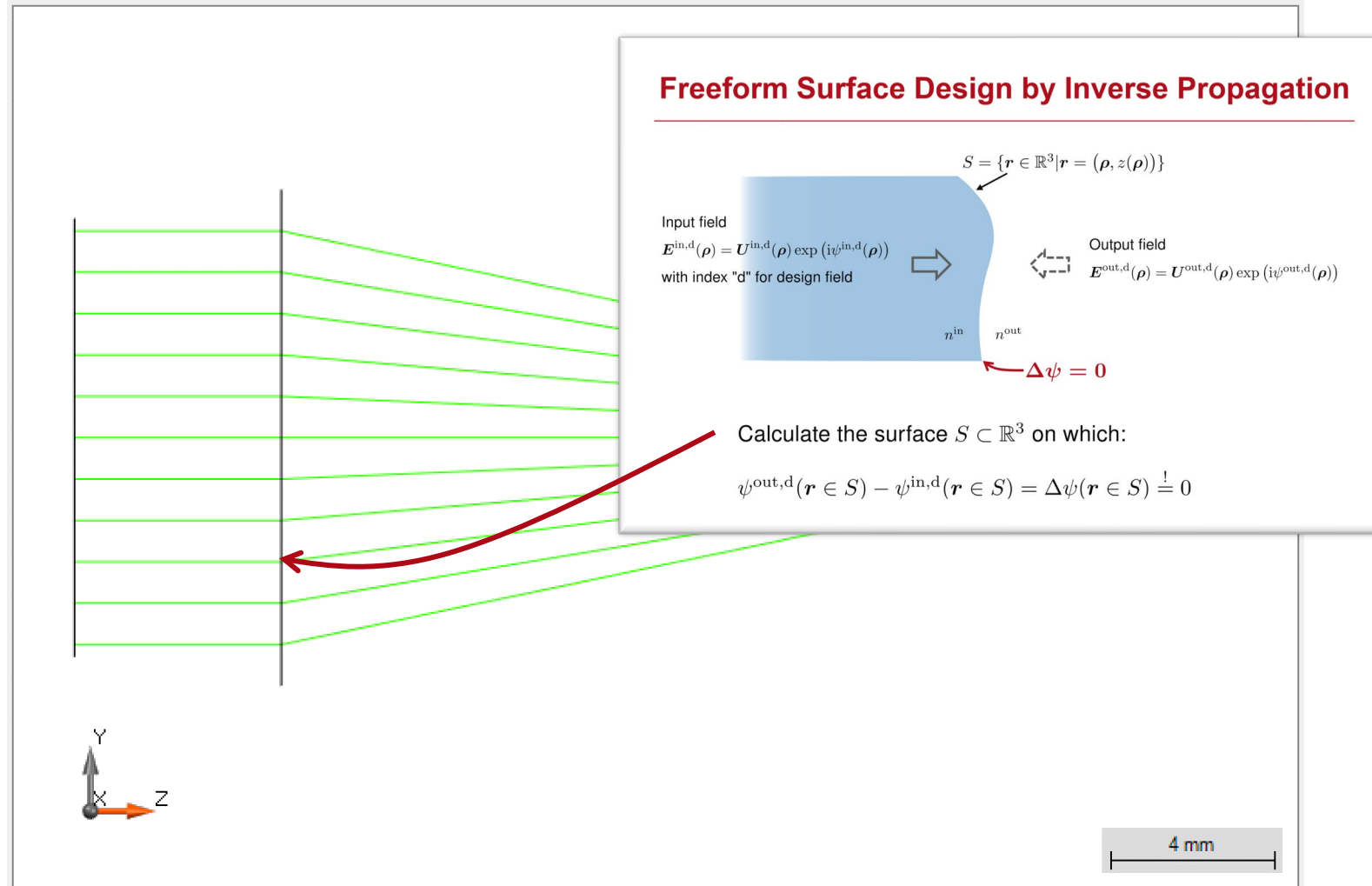
Example Focusing

Structural Design

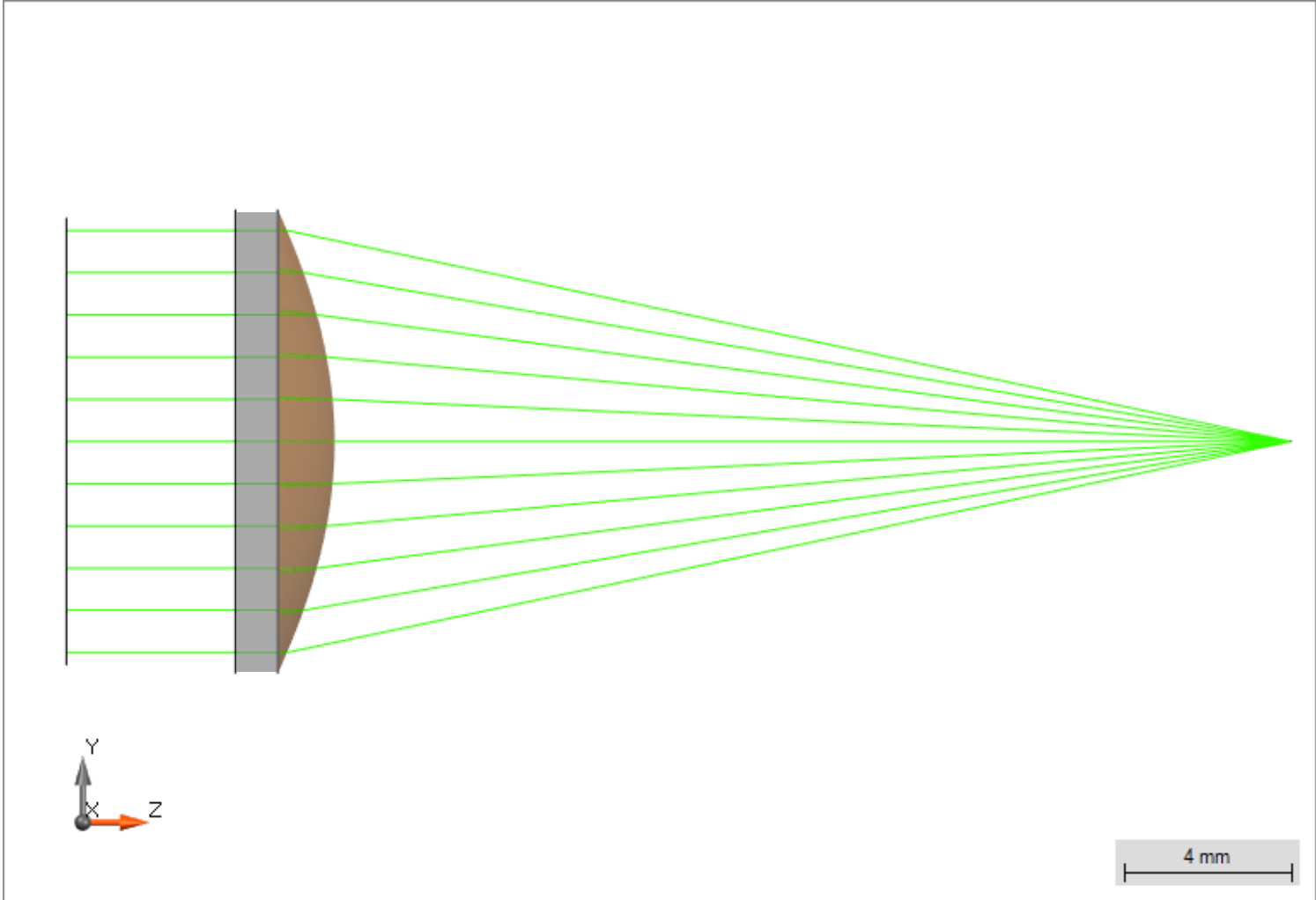
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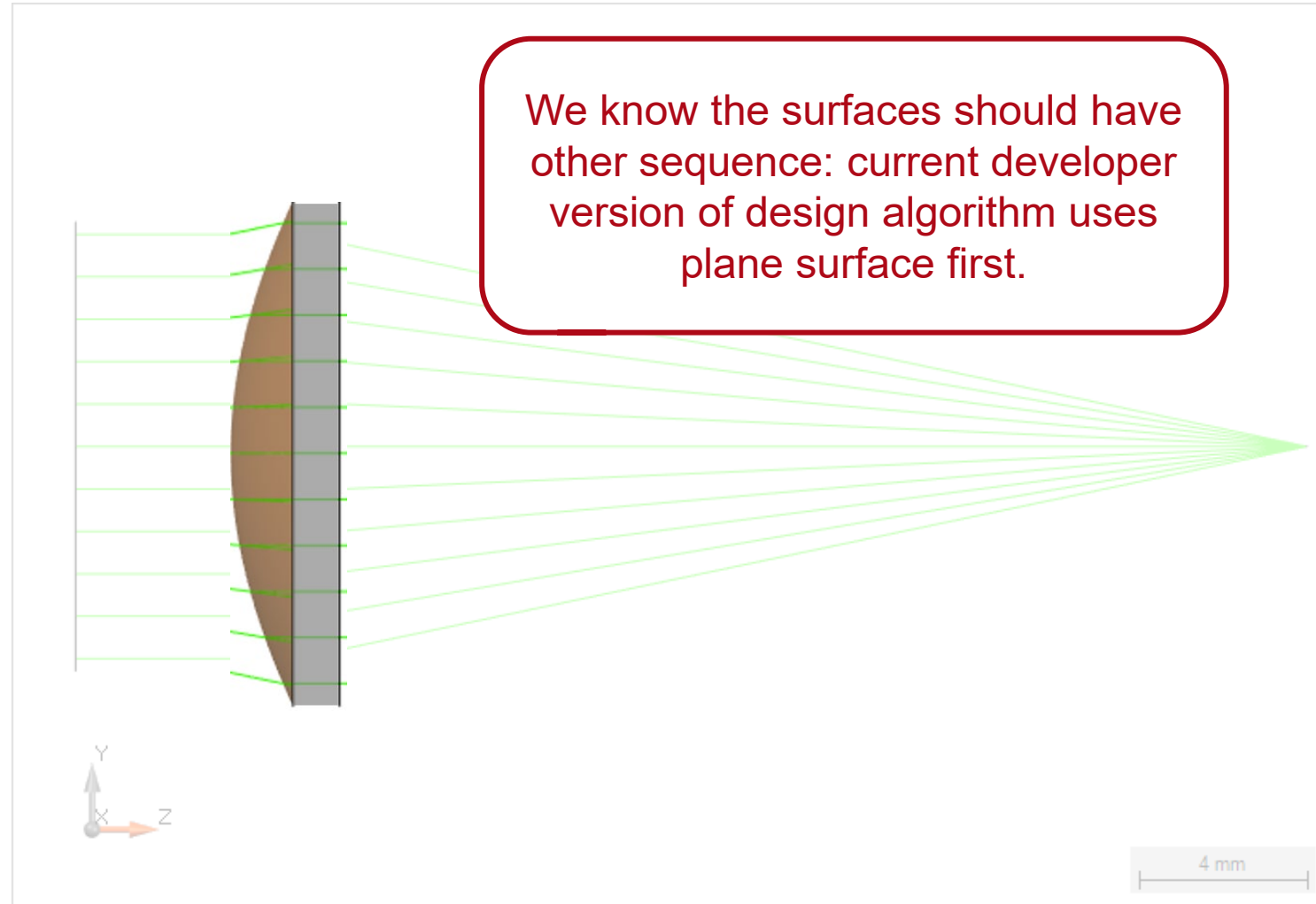
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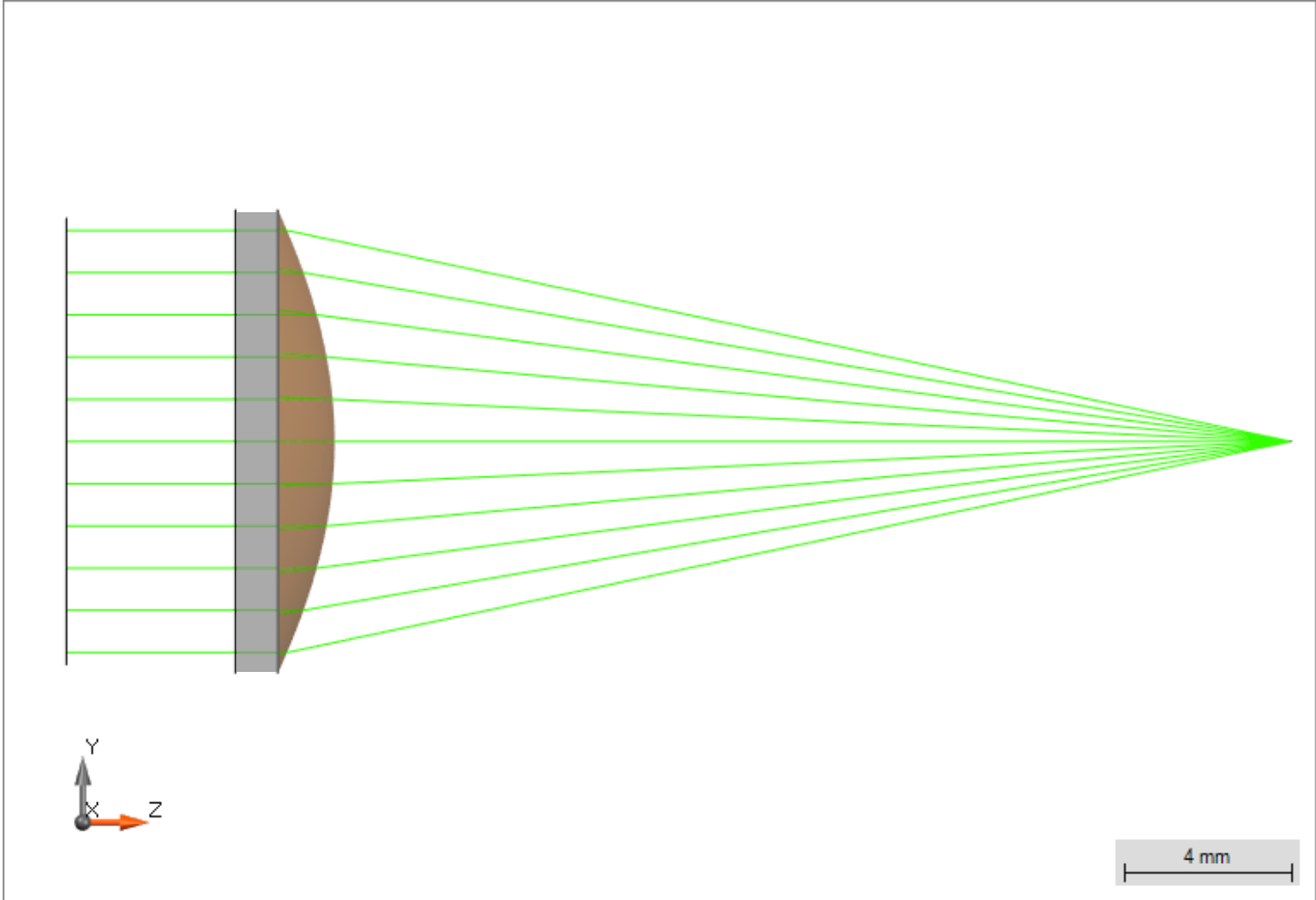
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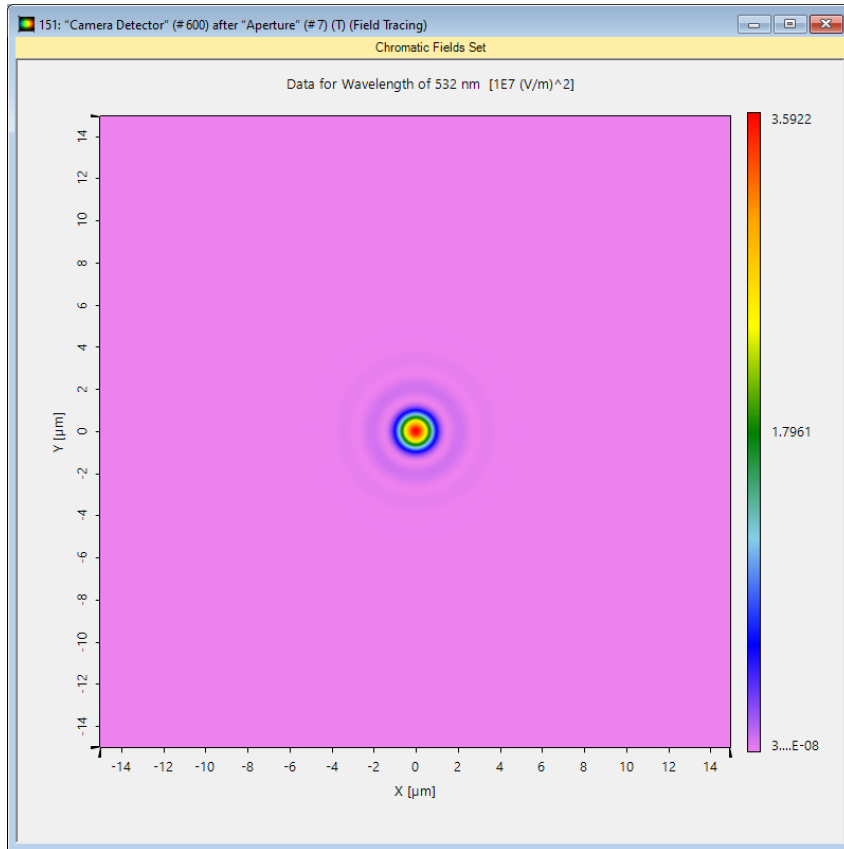
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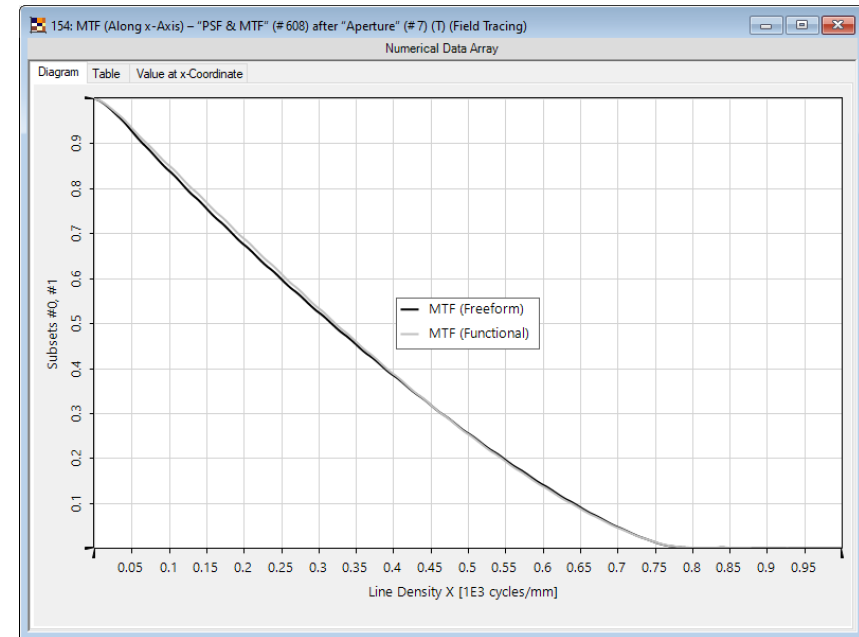
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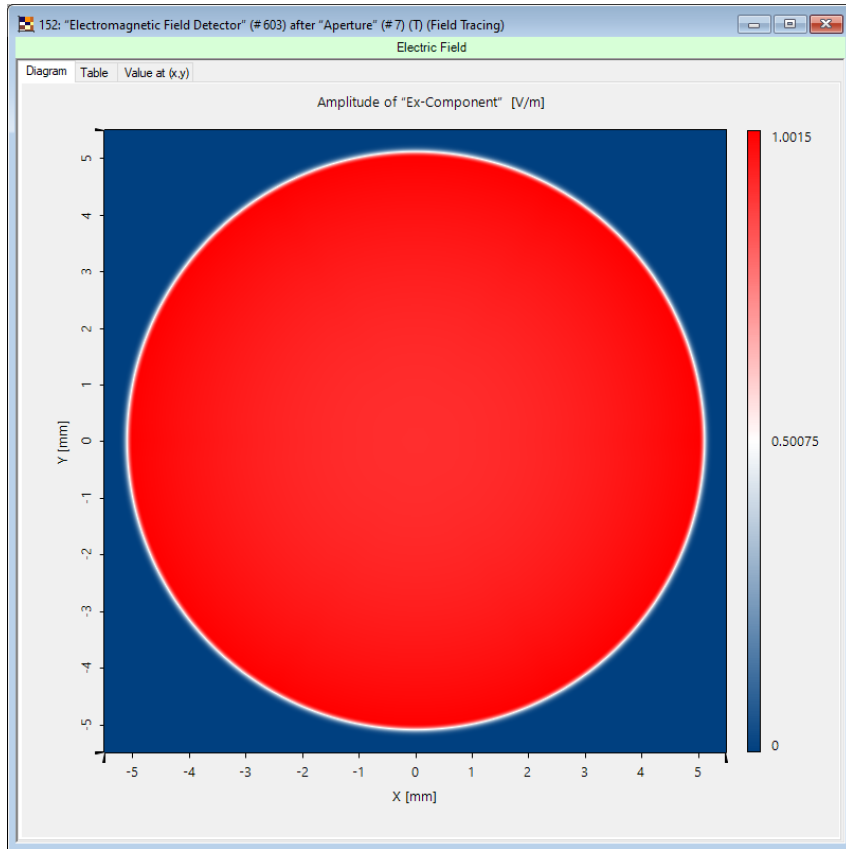
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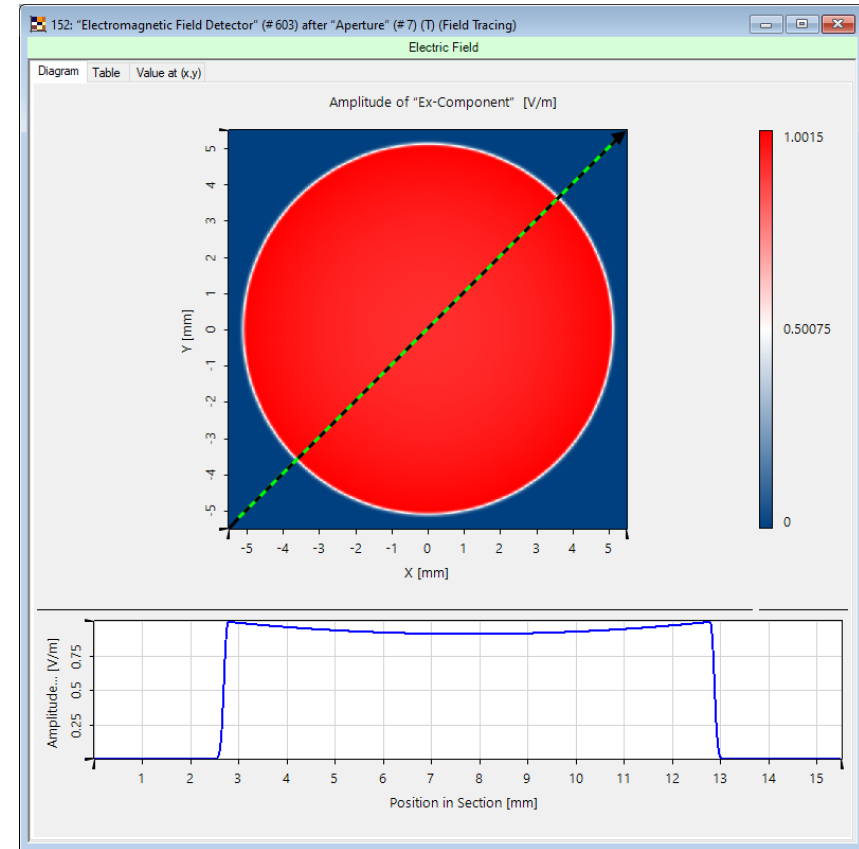
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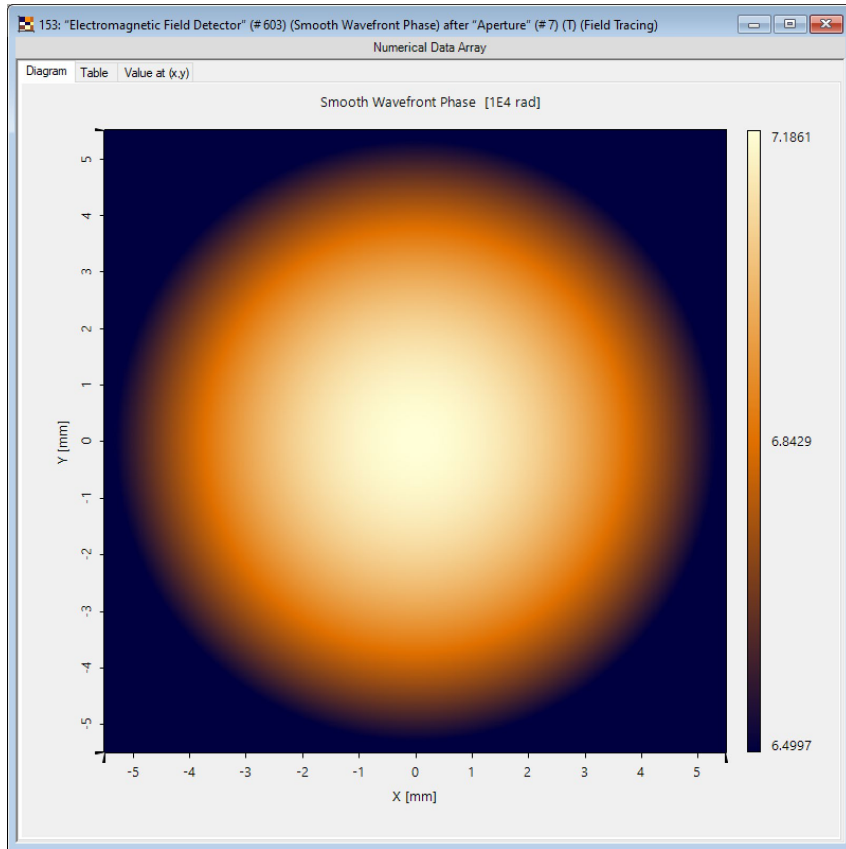


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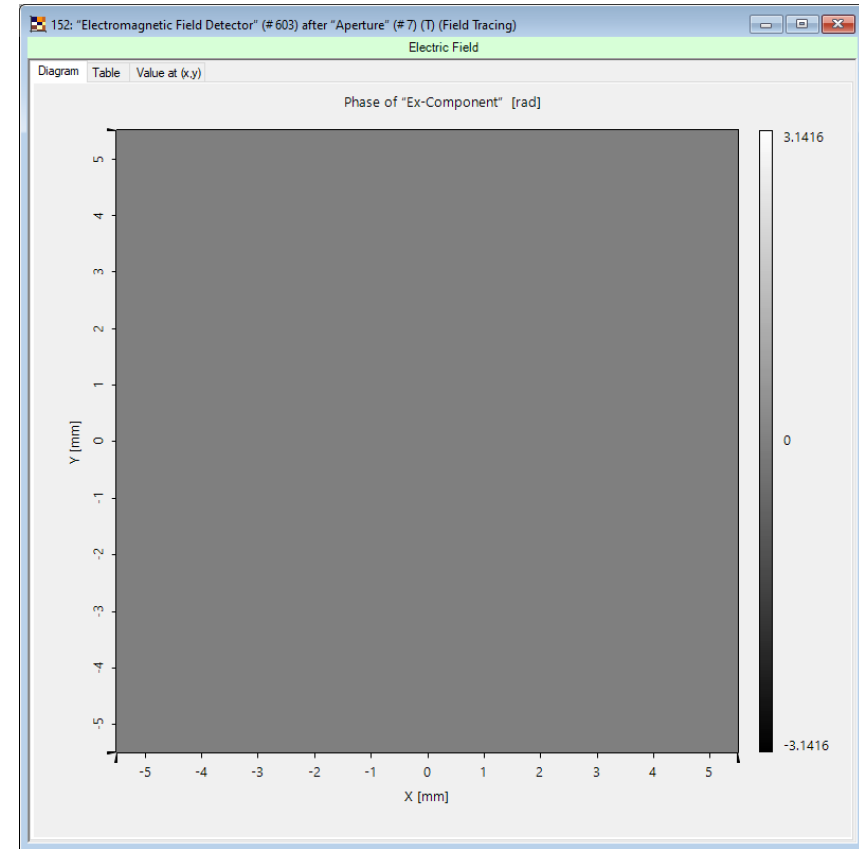


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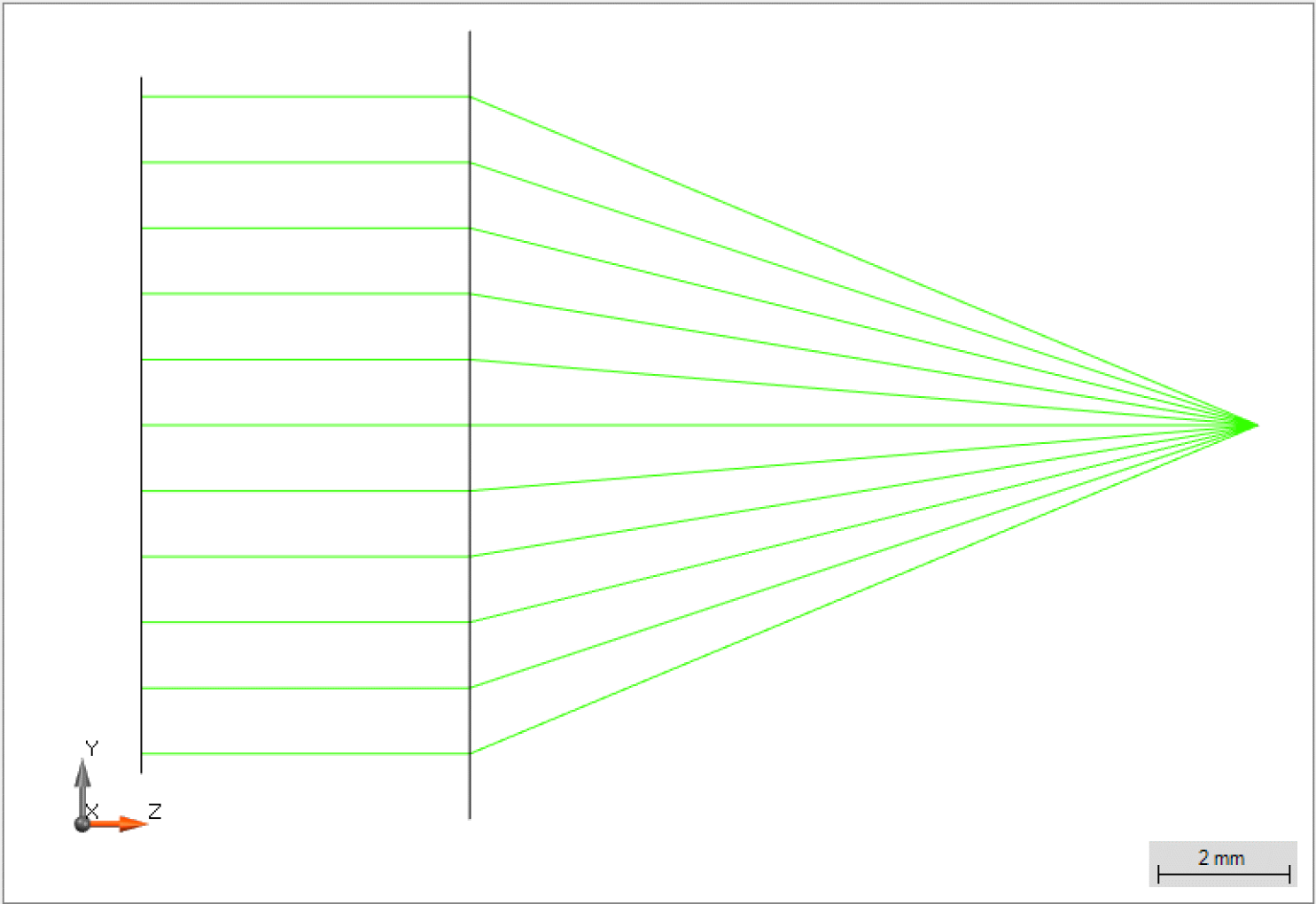


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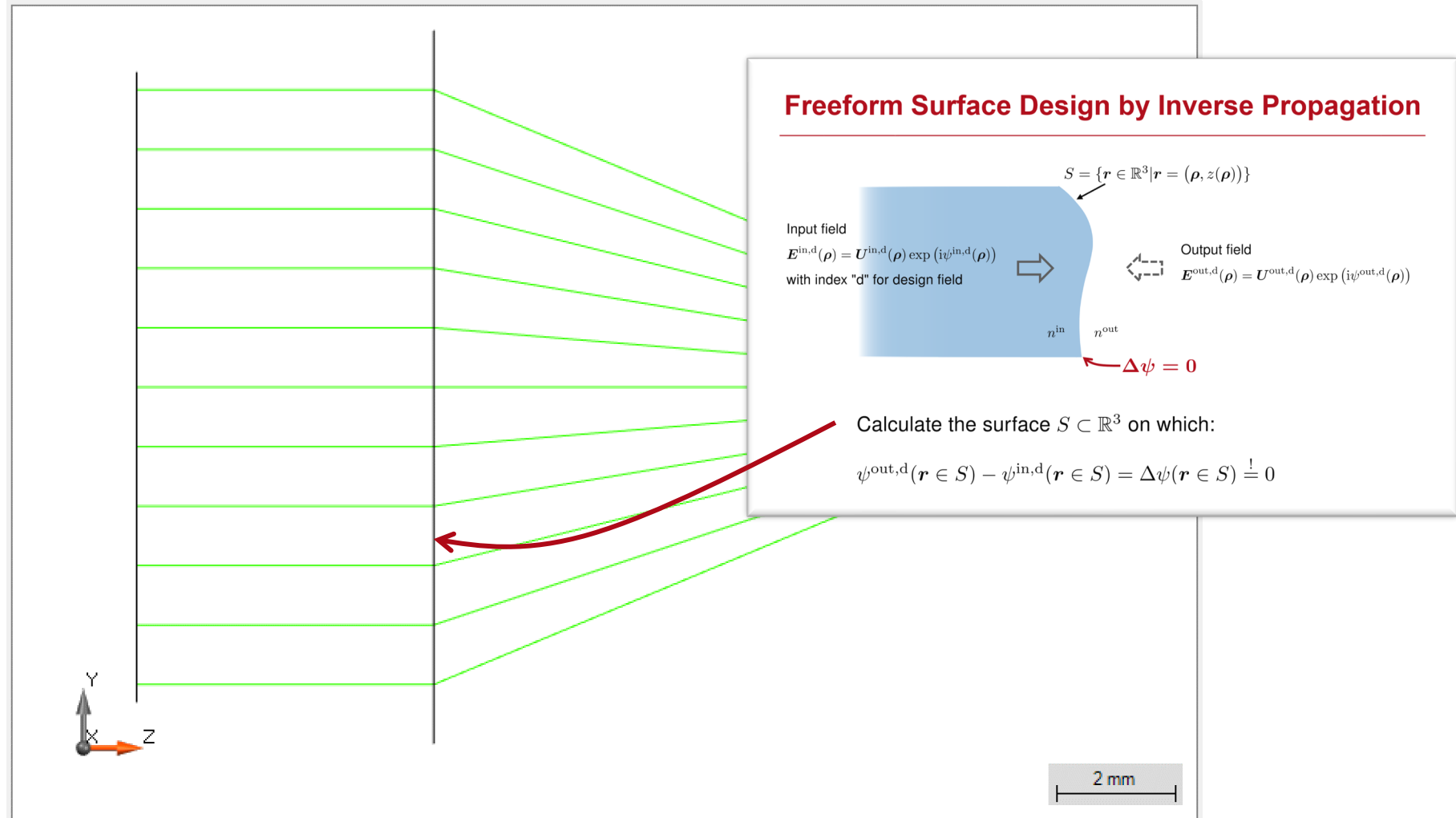


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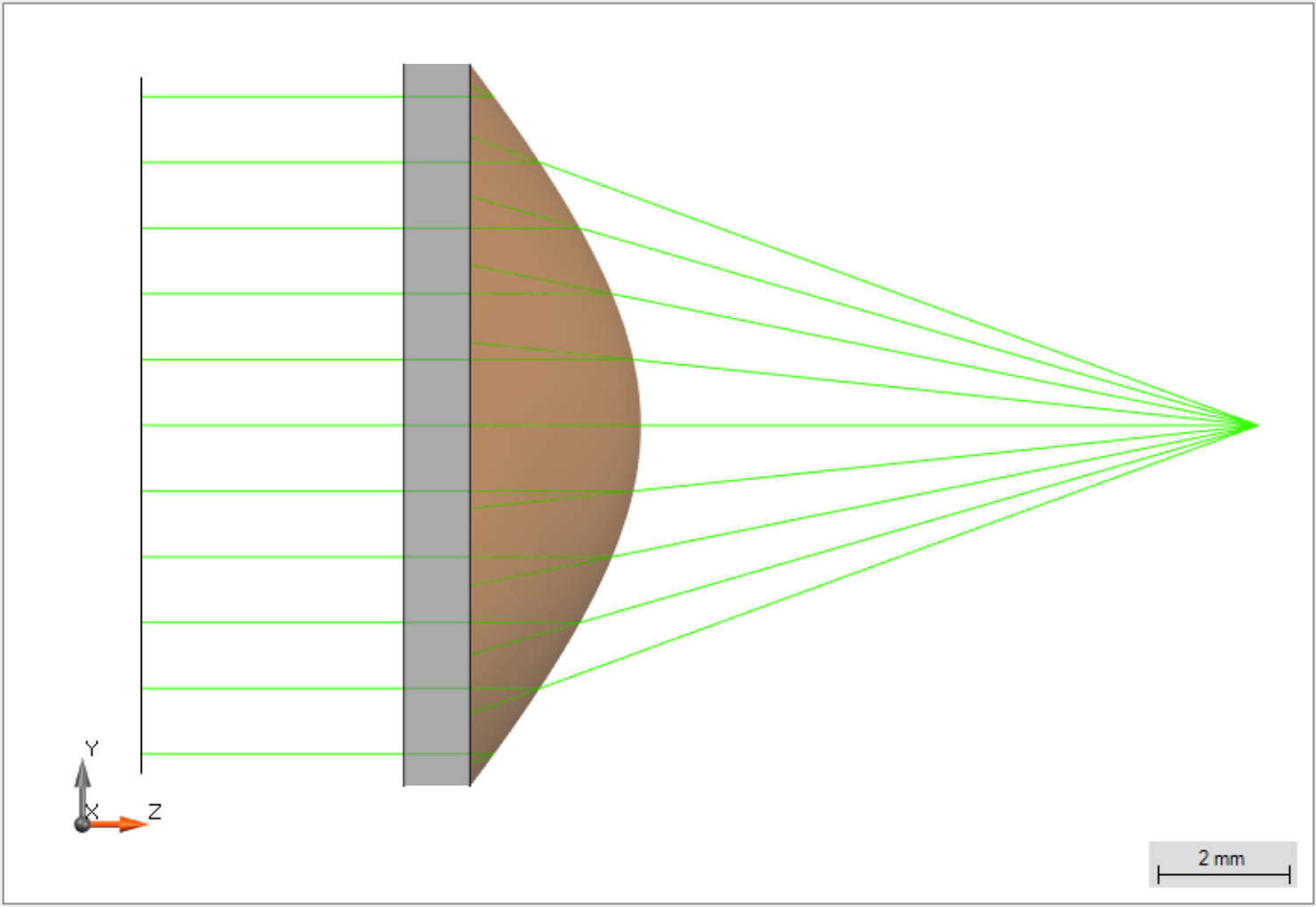
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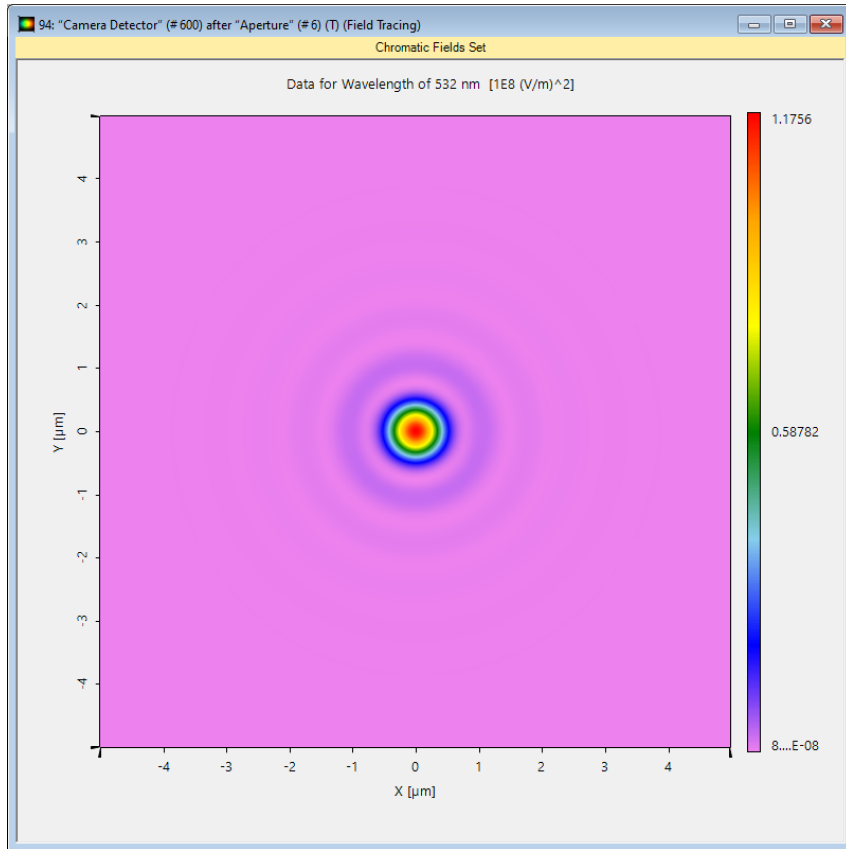
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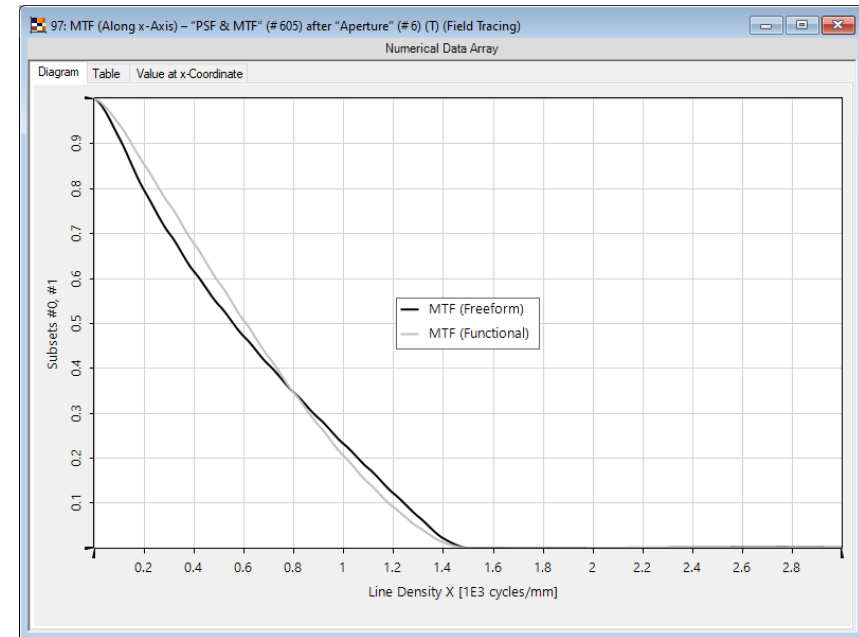
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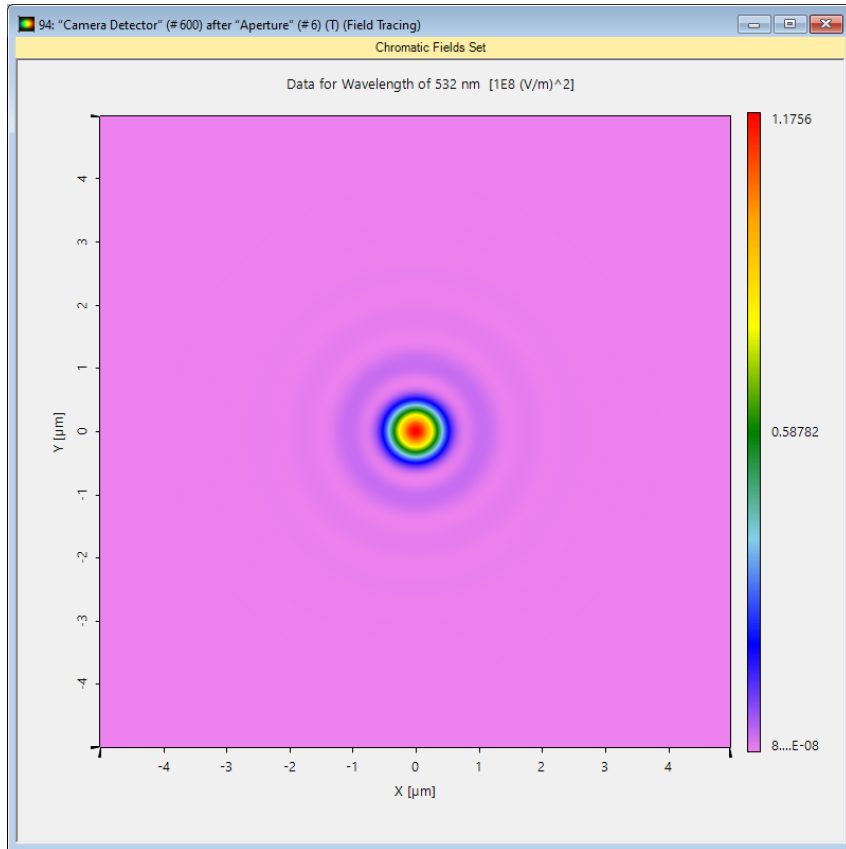
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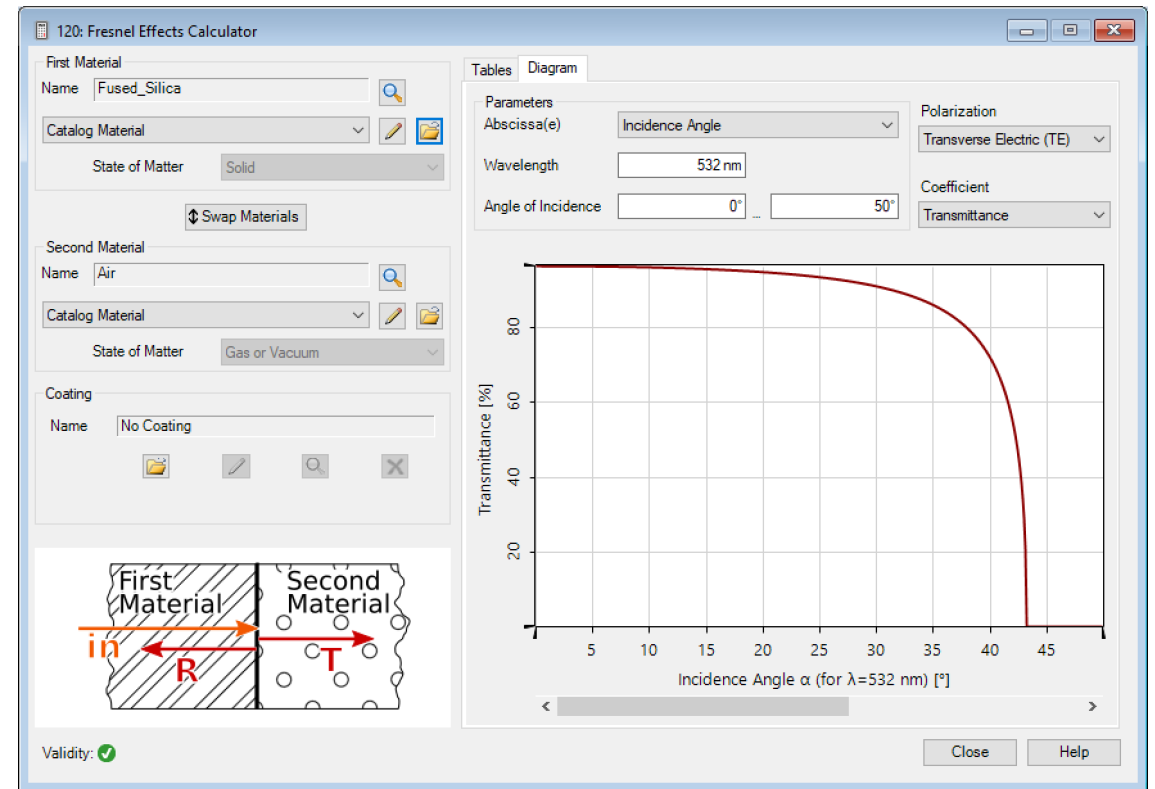
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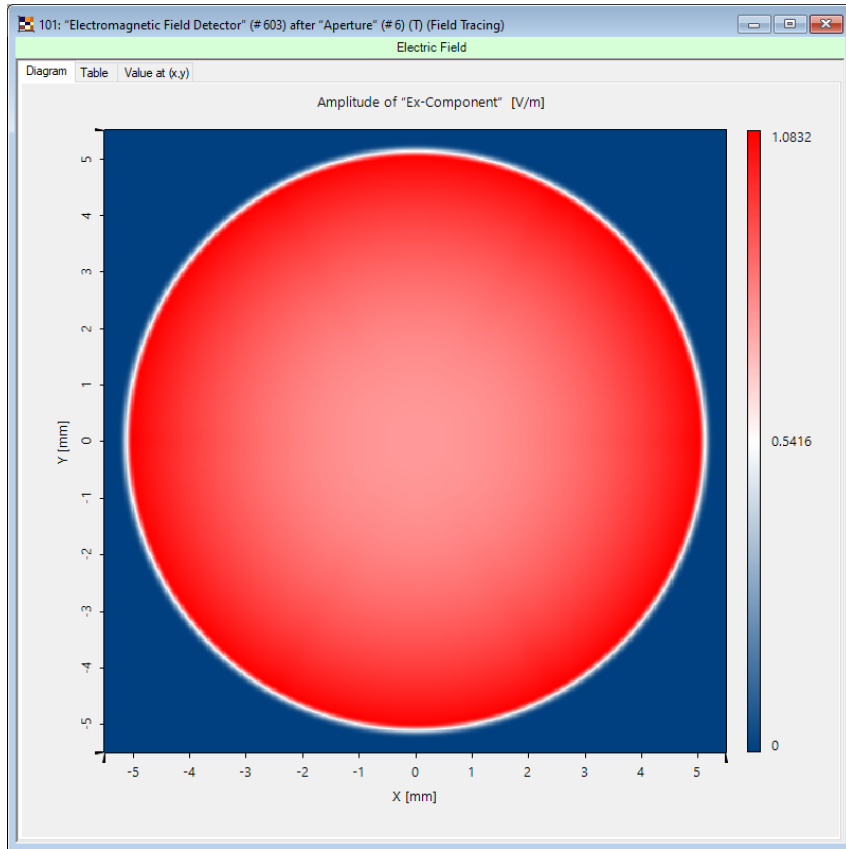
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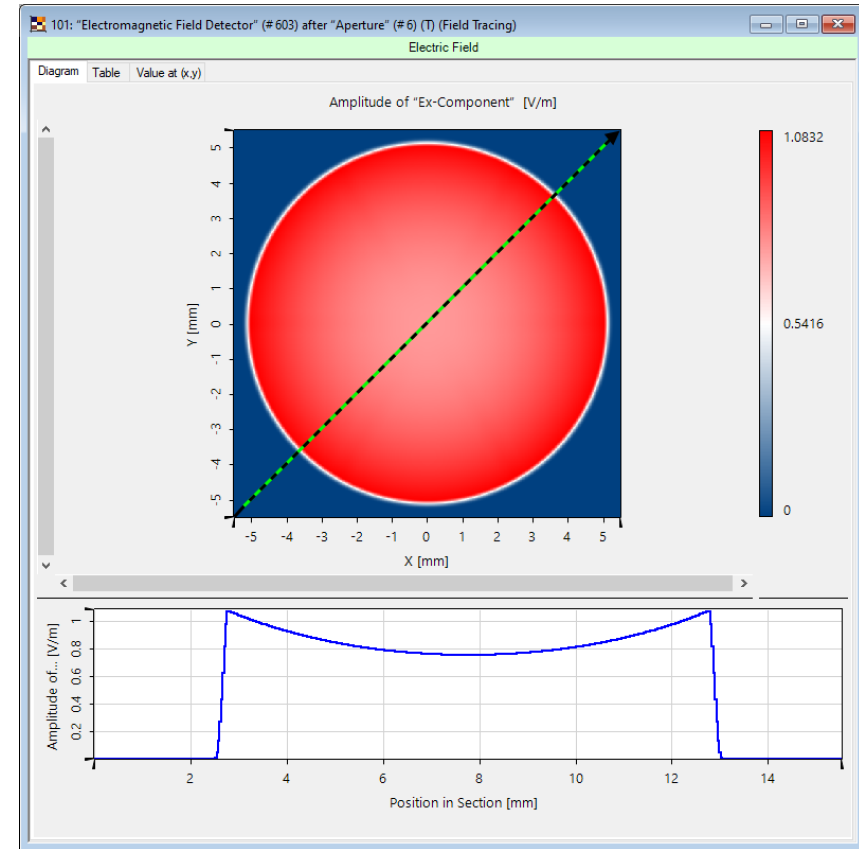
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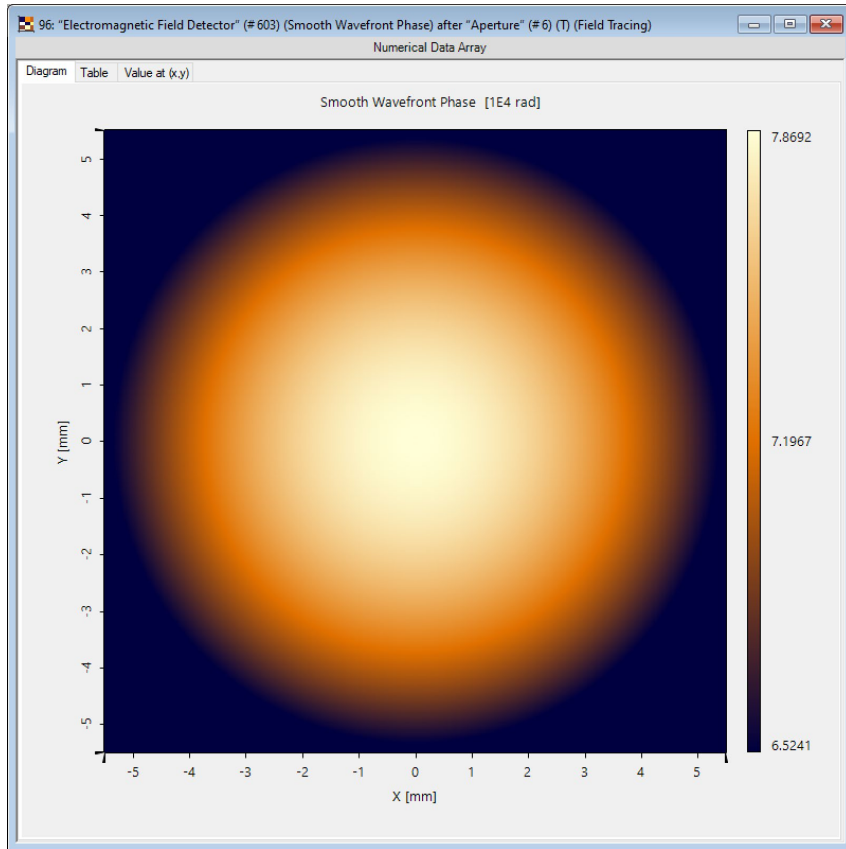


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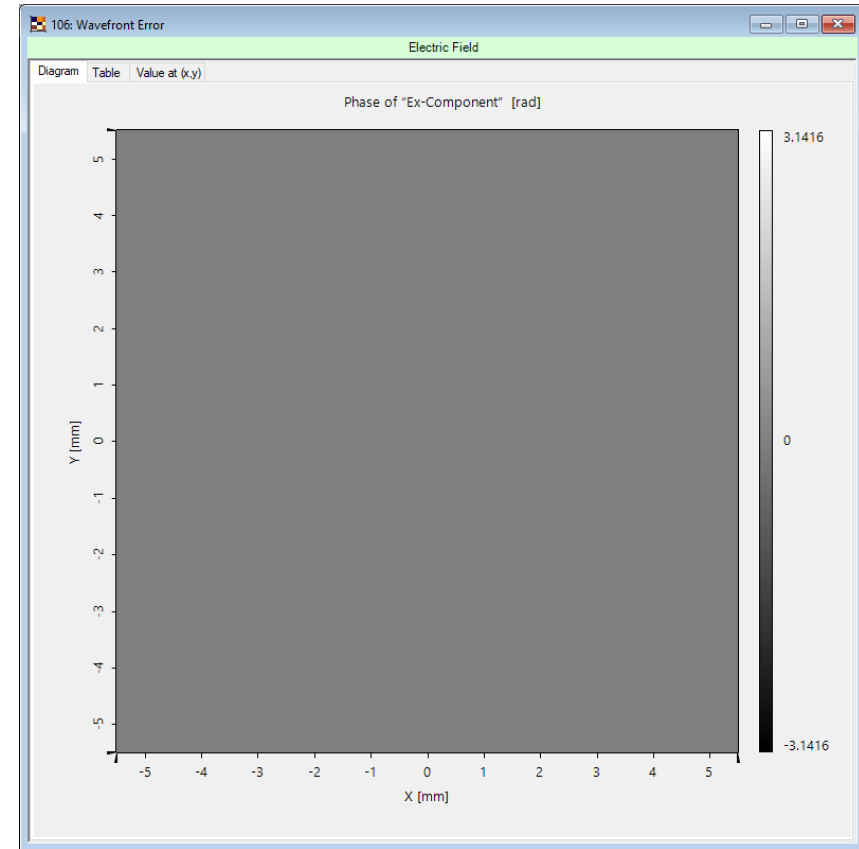


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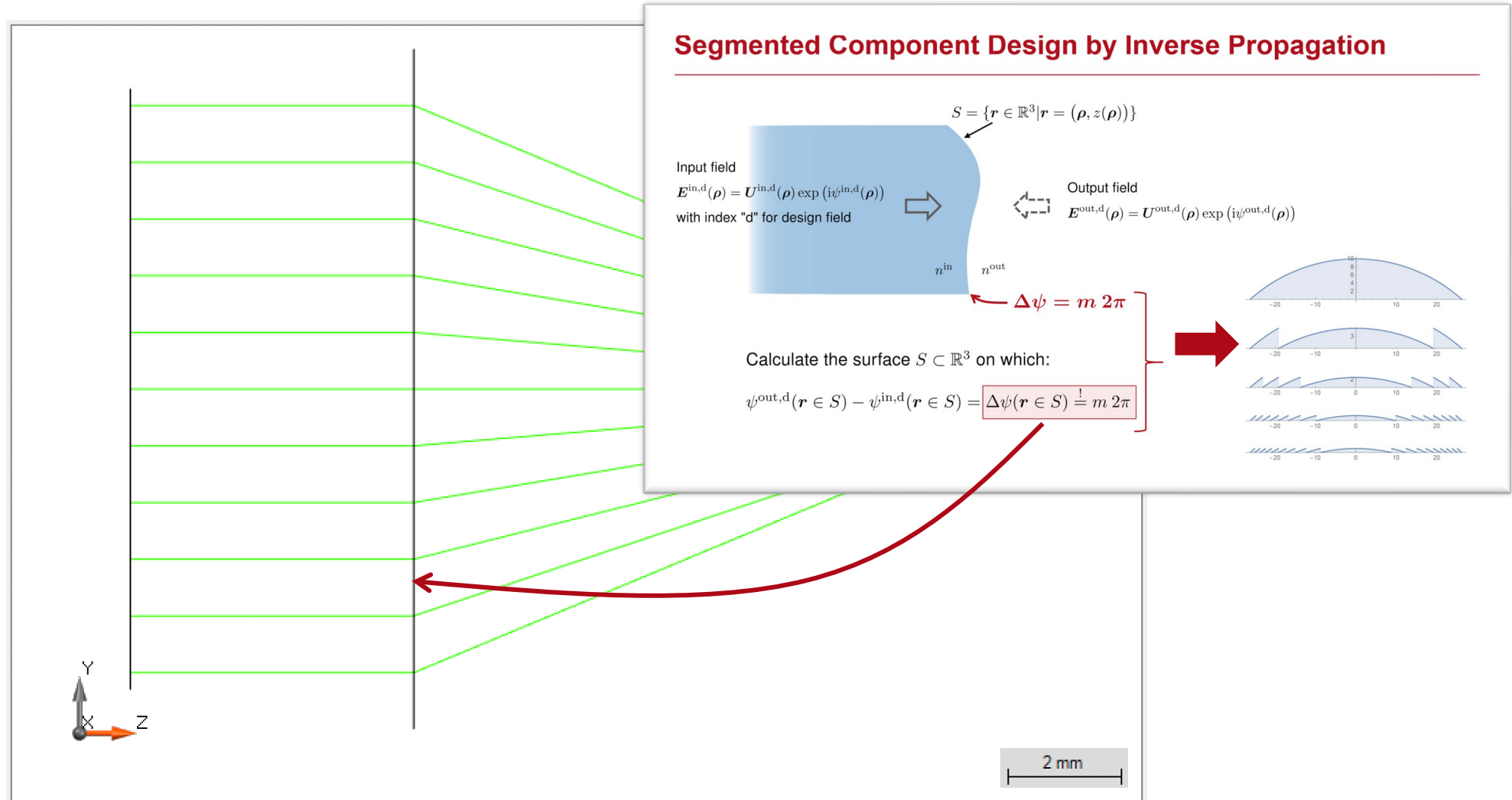


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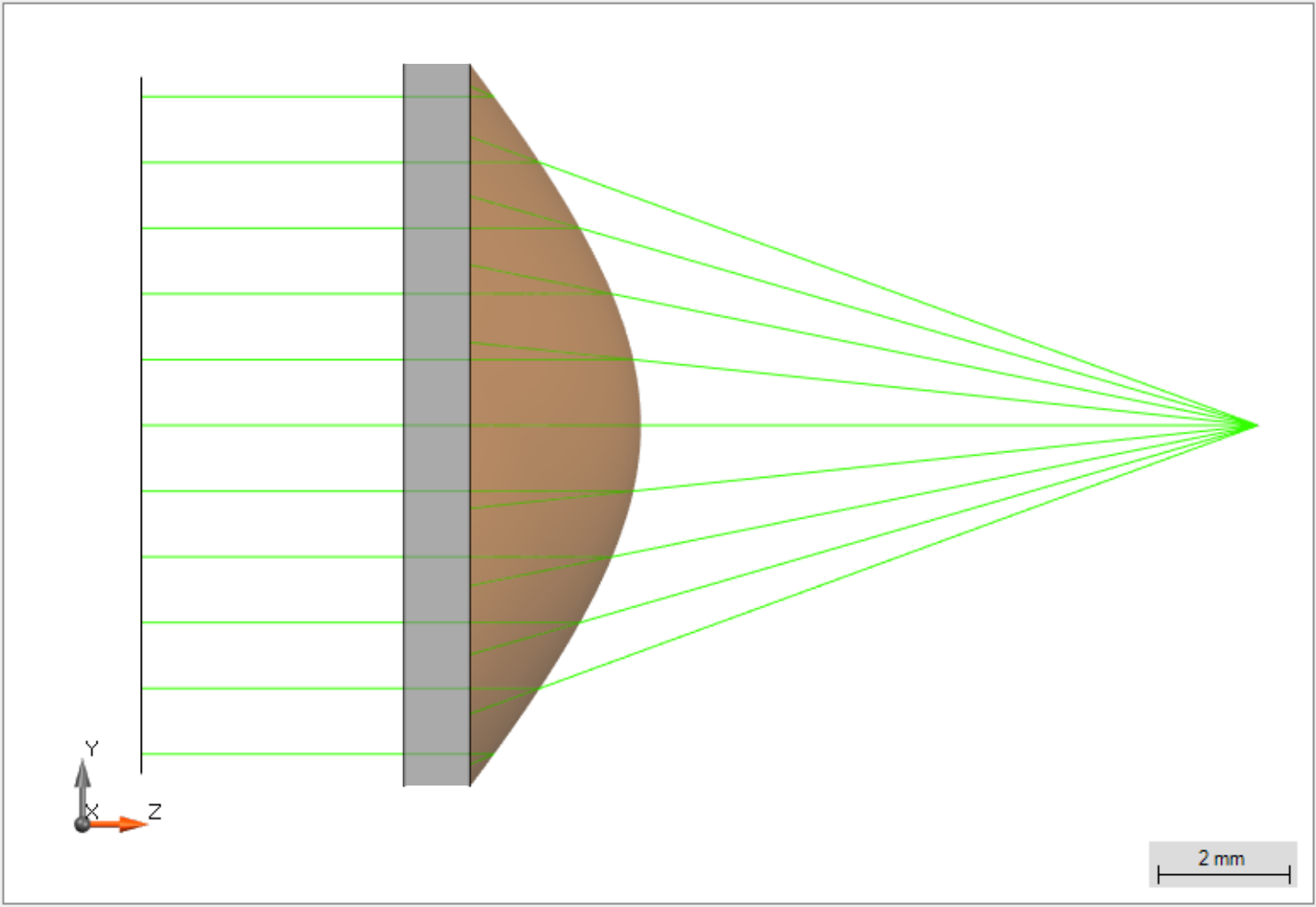


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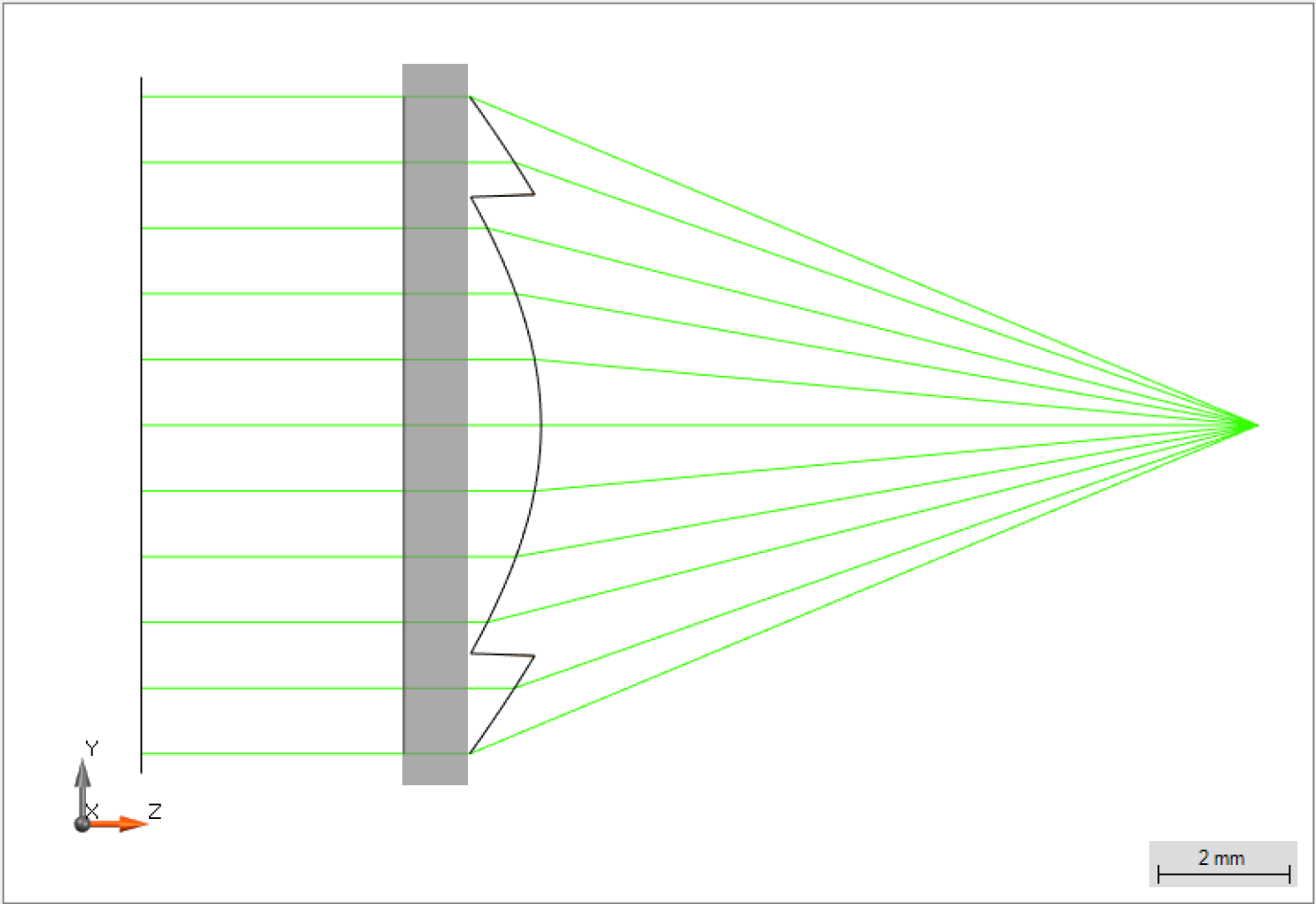
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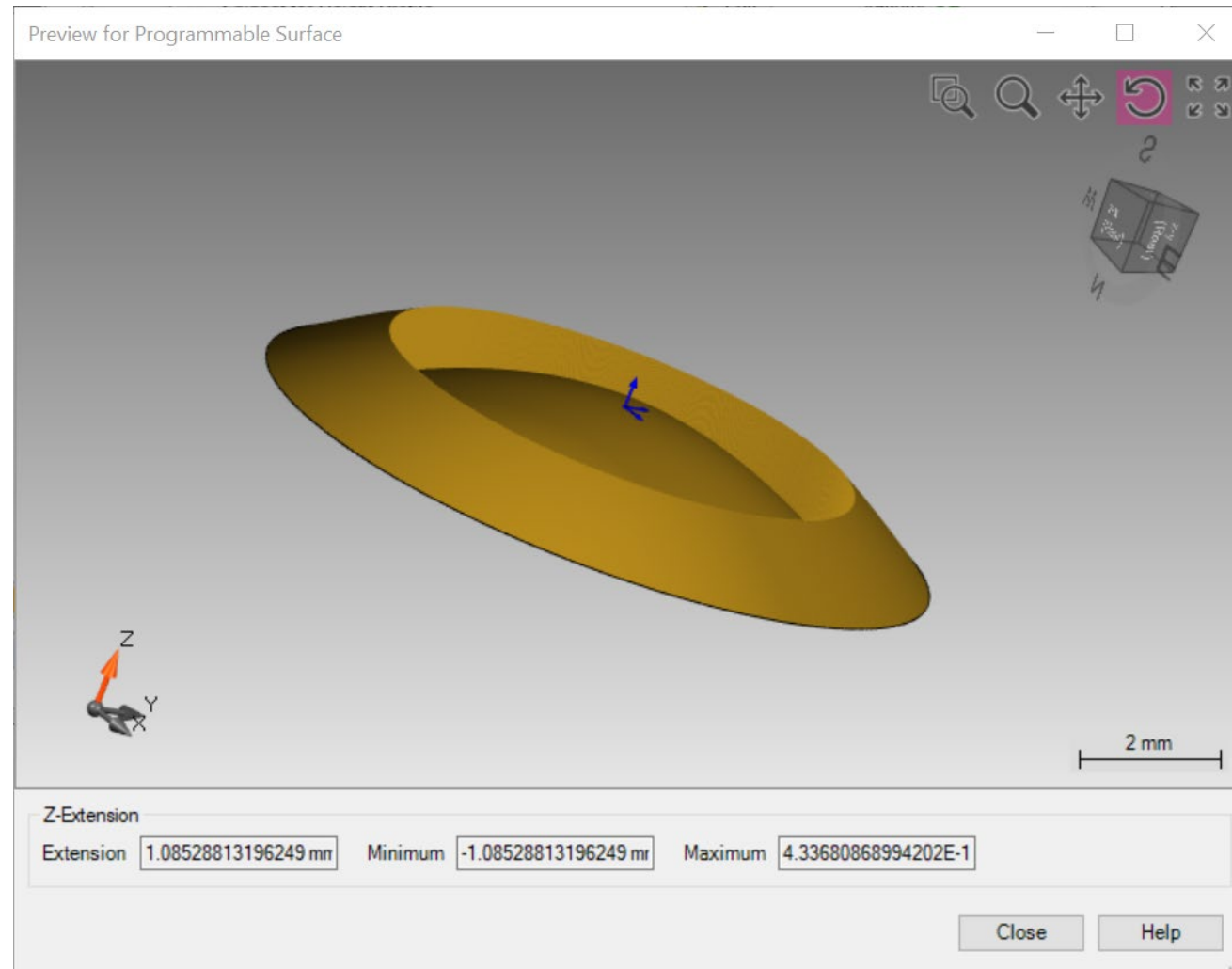
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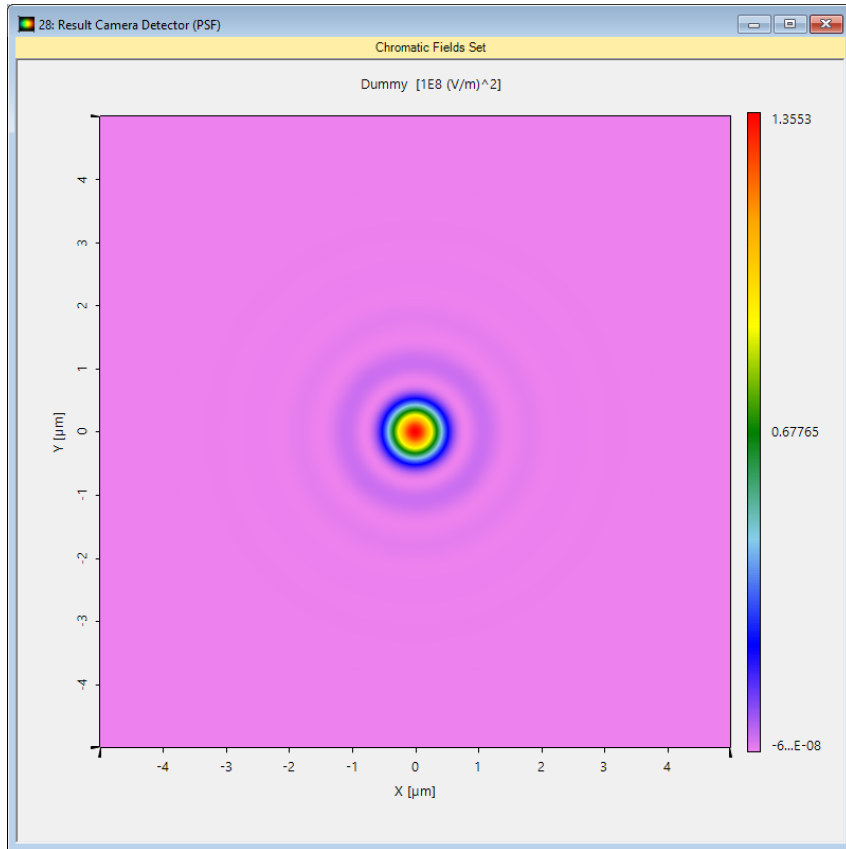
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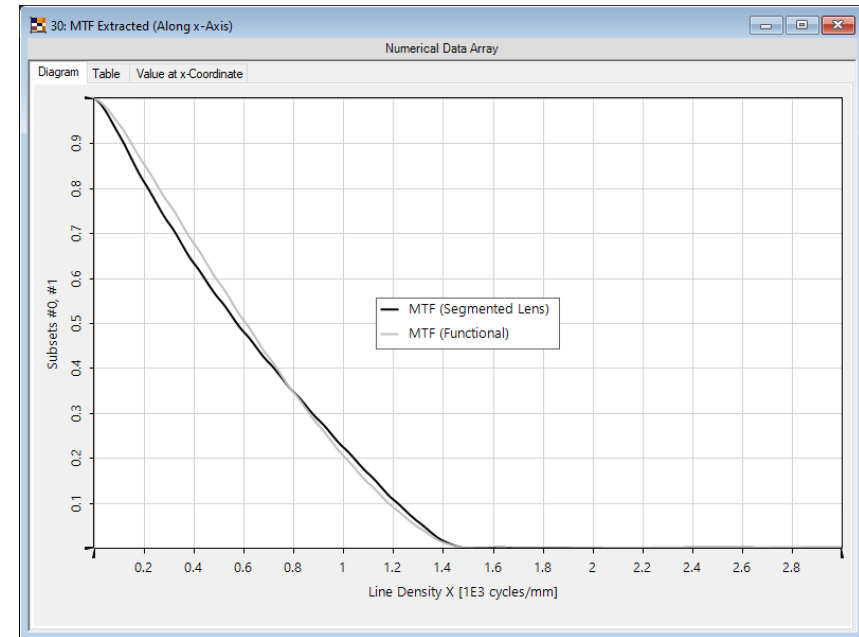
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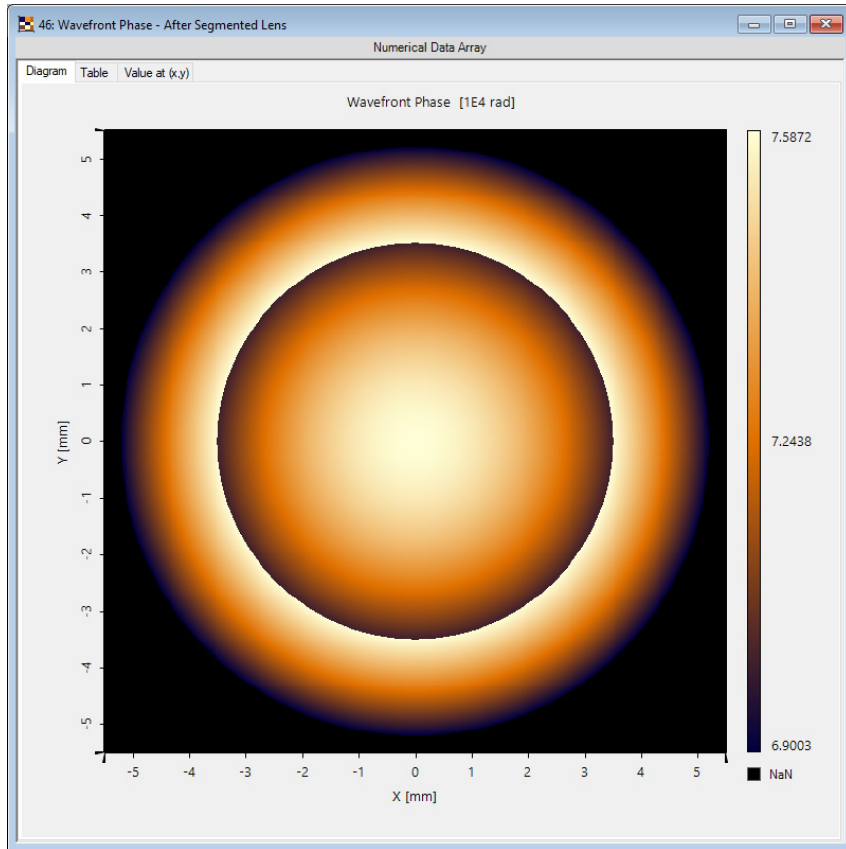


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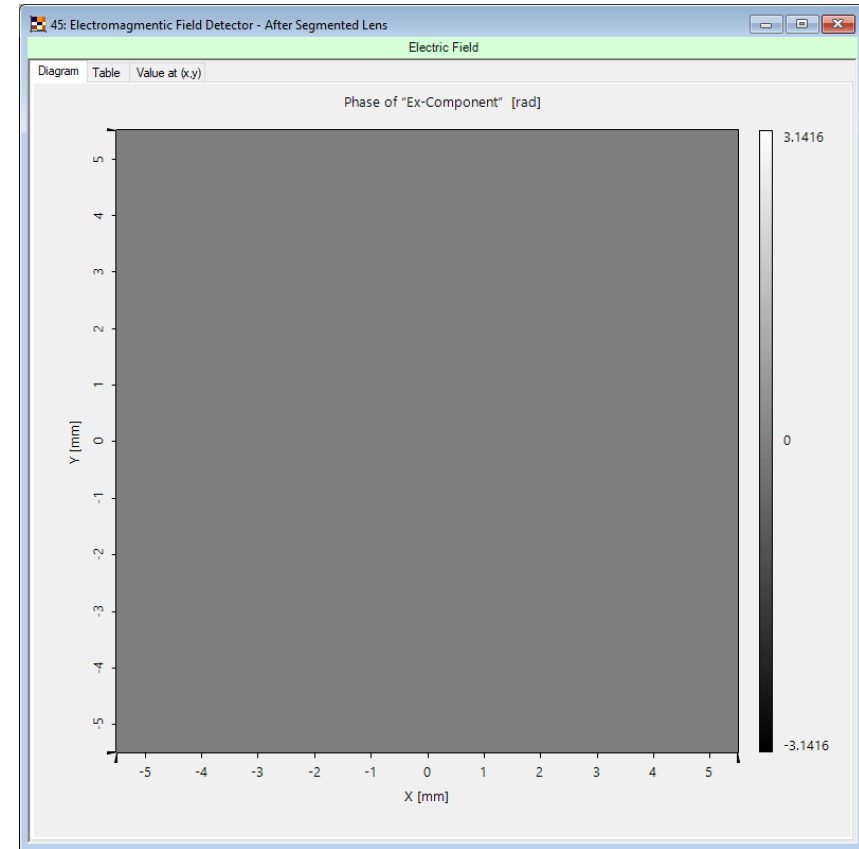


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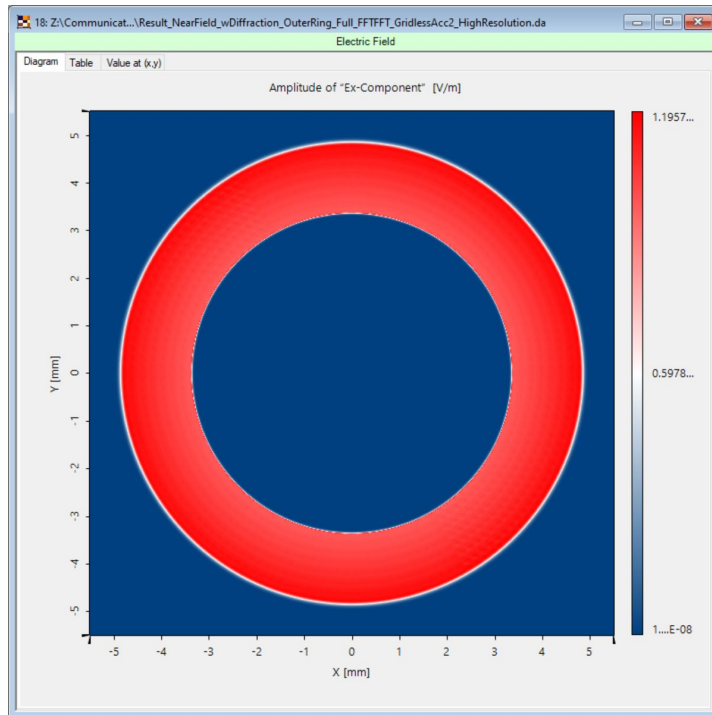
Wavefront Phase after Segmented Lens



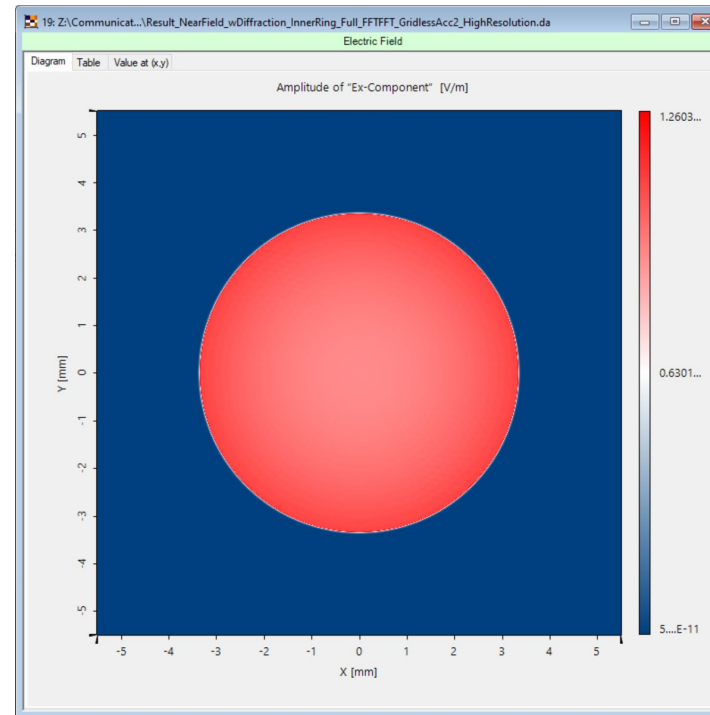
Wavefront Error after Segmented Lens

Focusing (NA = 0.4) Segmented Lens: Field Tracing

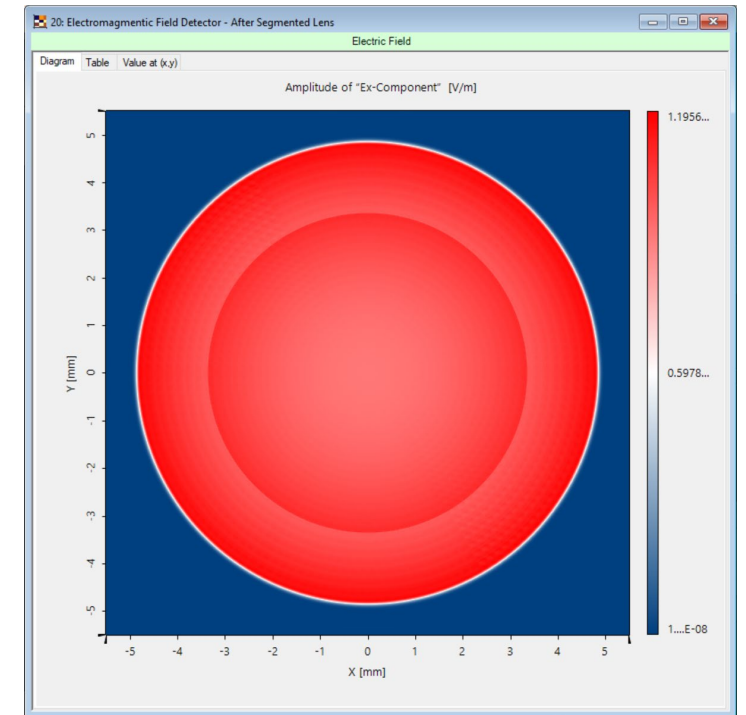
Near Field Analysis – 500 μ m after Segmented Lens:



Field (Ex) @ 500 μ m after Lens
(Outer Segment)



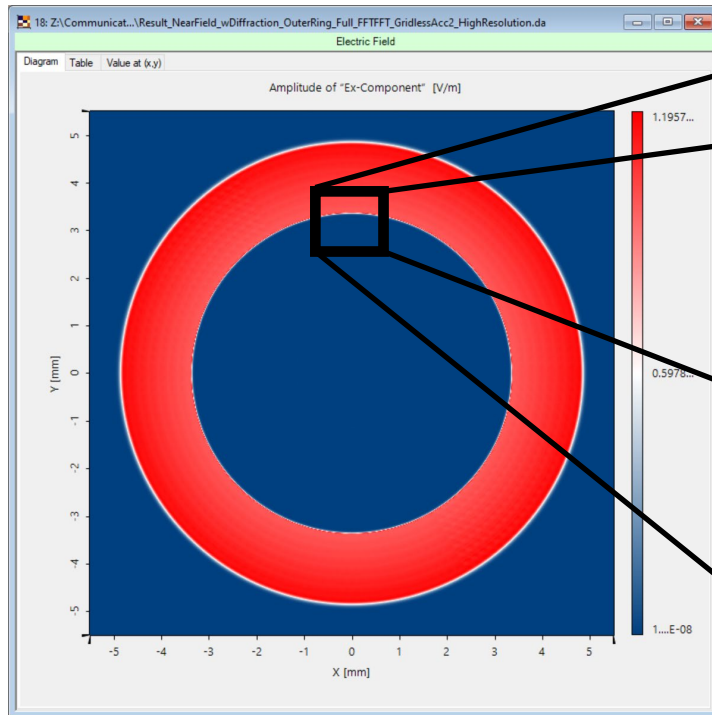
Field (Ex) @ 500 μ m after Lens
(Inner Segment)



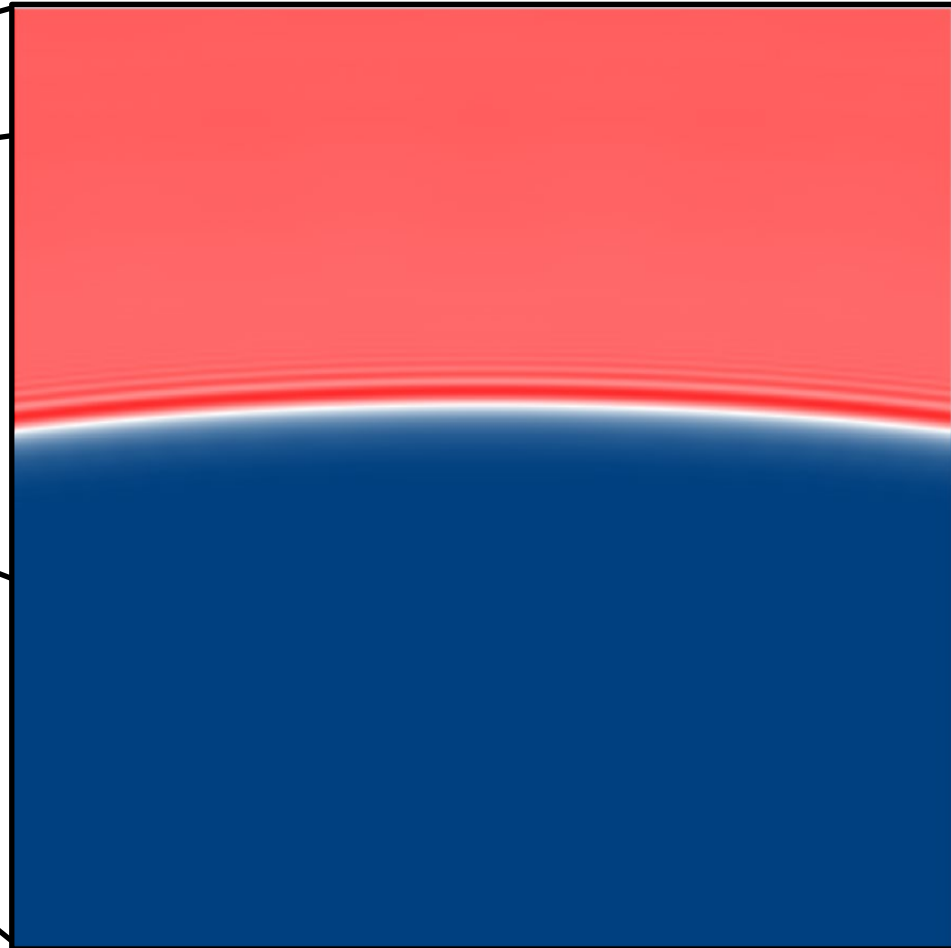
Field (Ex) @ 500 μ m after Lens
(Combined)

Focusing (NA = 0.4) Segmented Lens: Field Tracing

Near Field Analysis – 500 μ m after Segmented Lens:

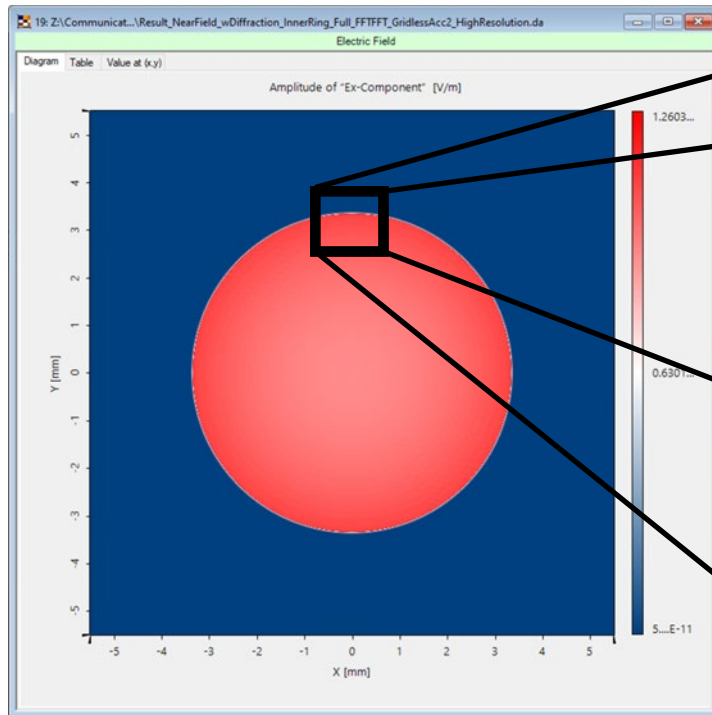


Field (E_x) @ 500 μ m after Lens
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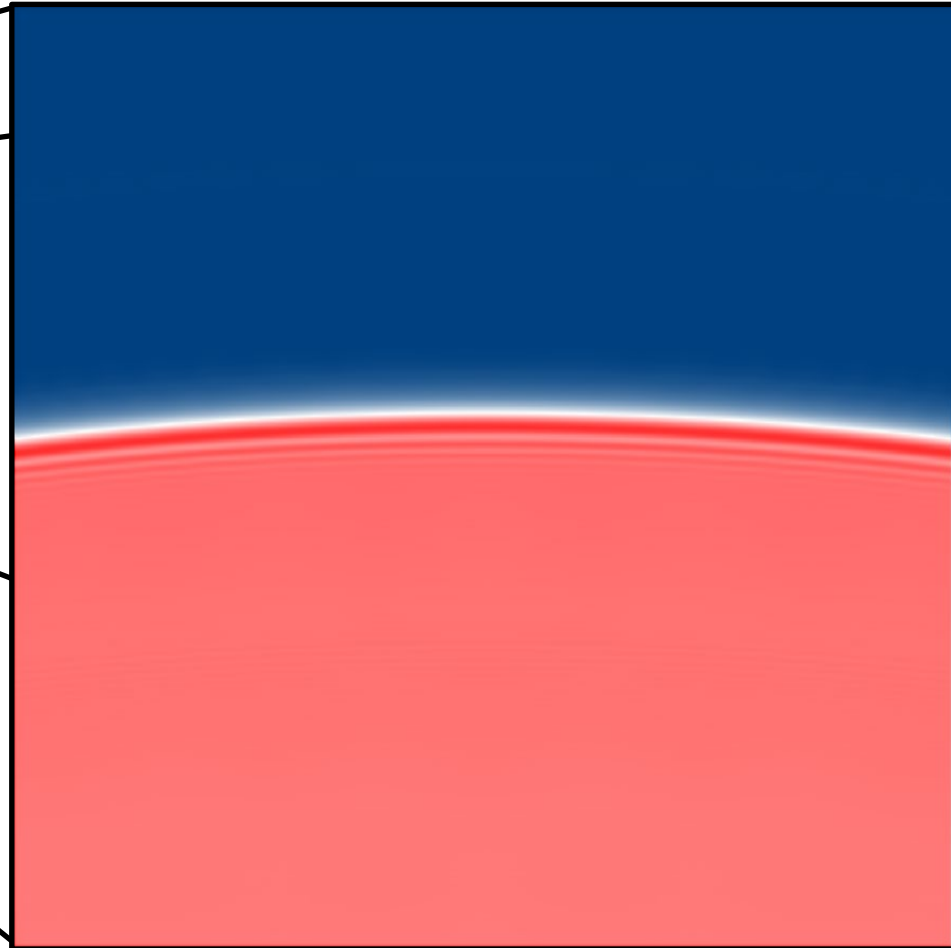


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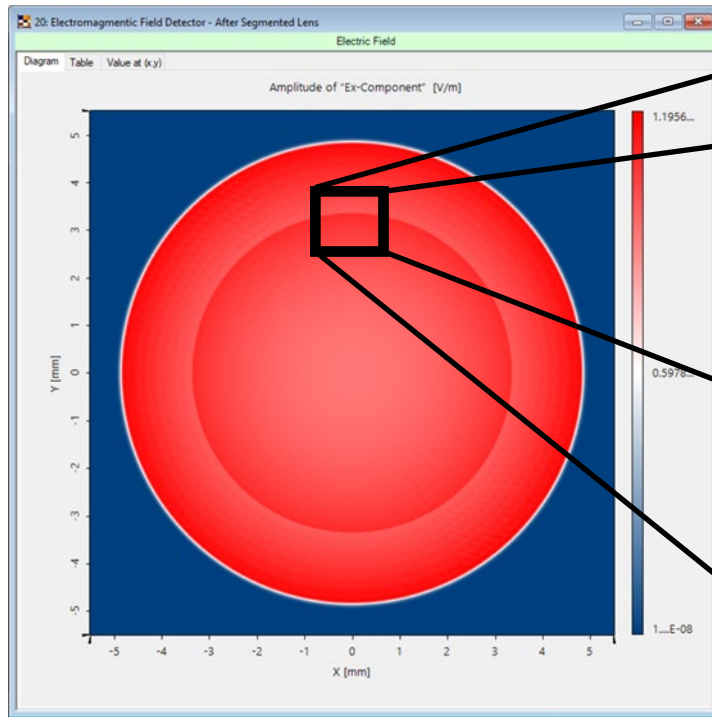


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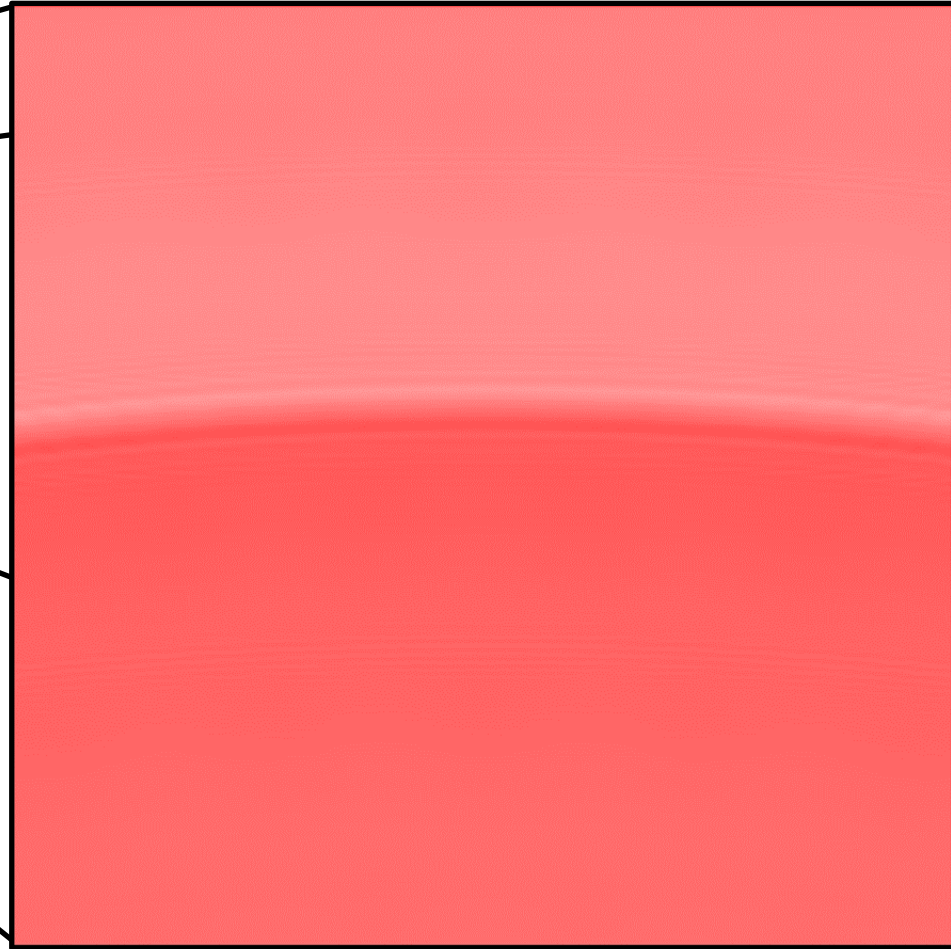


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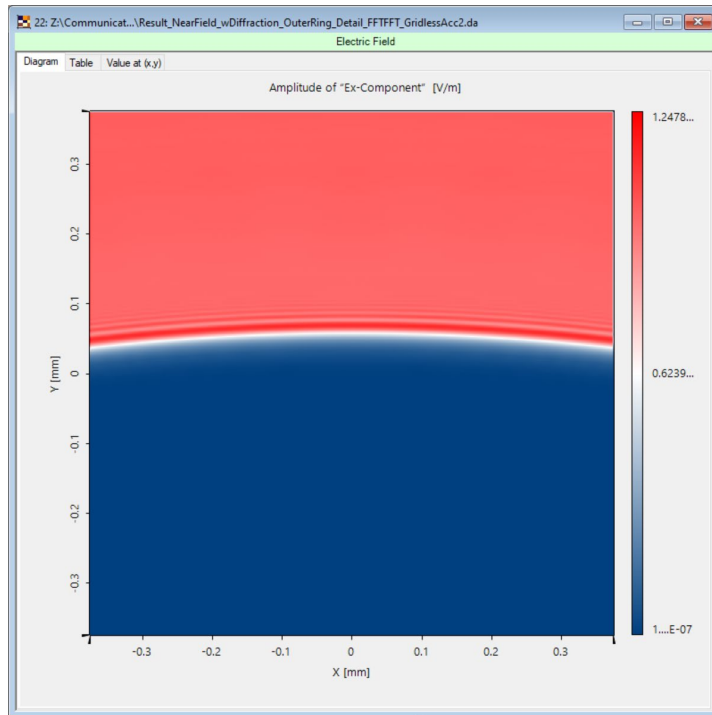


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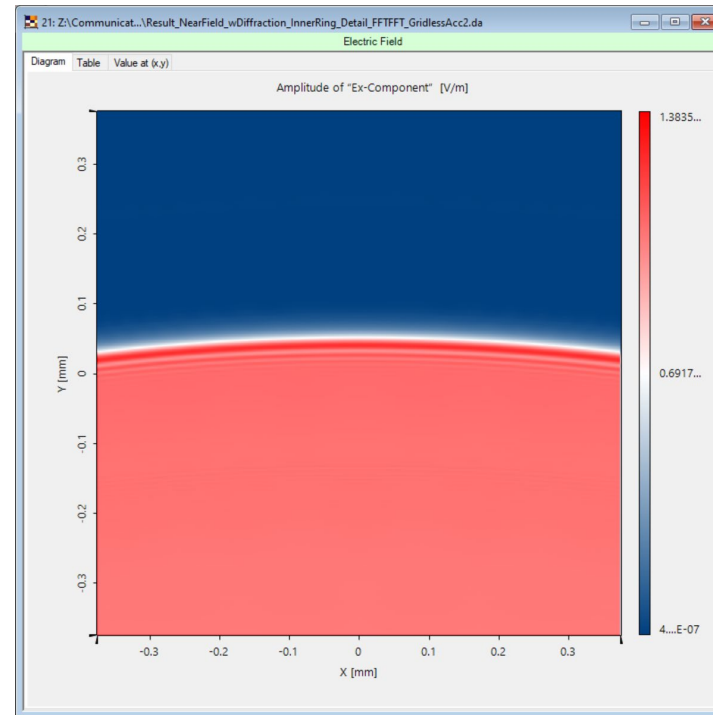


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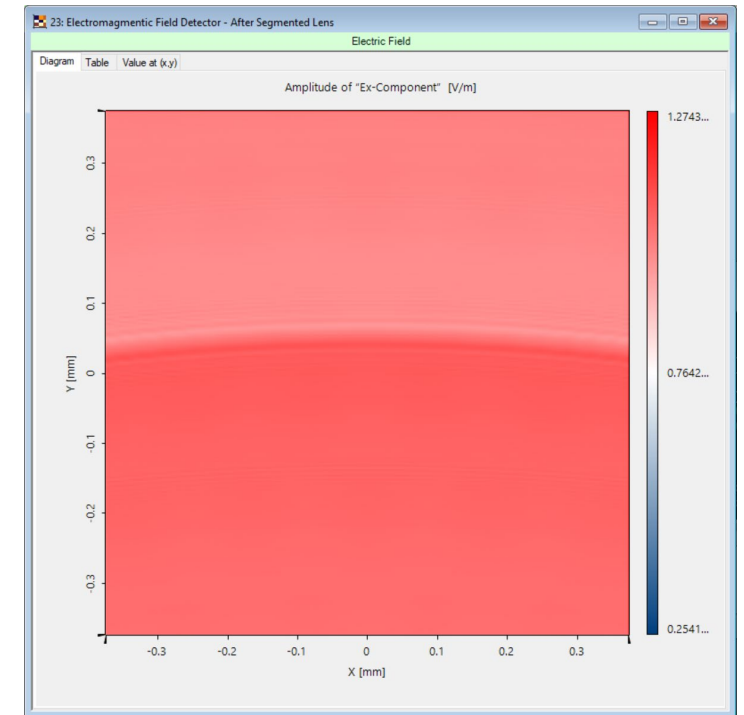
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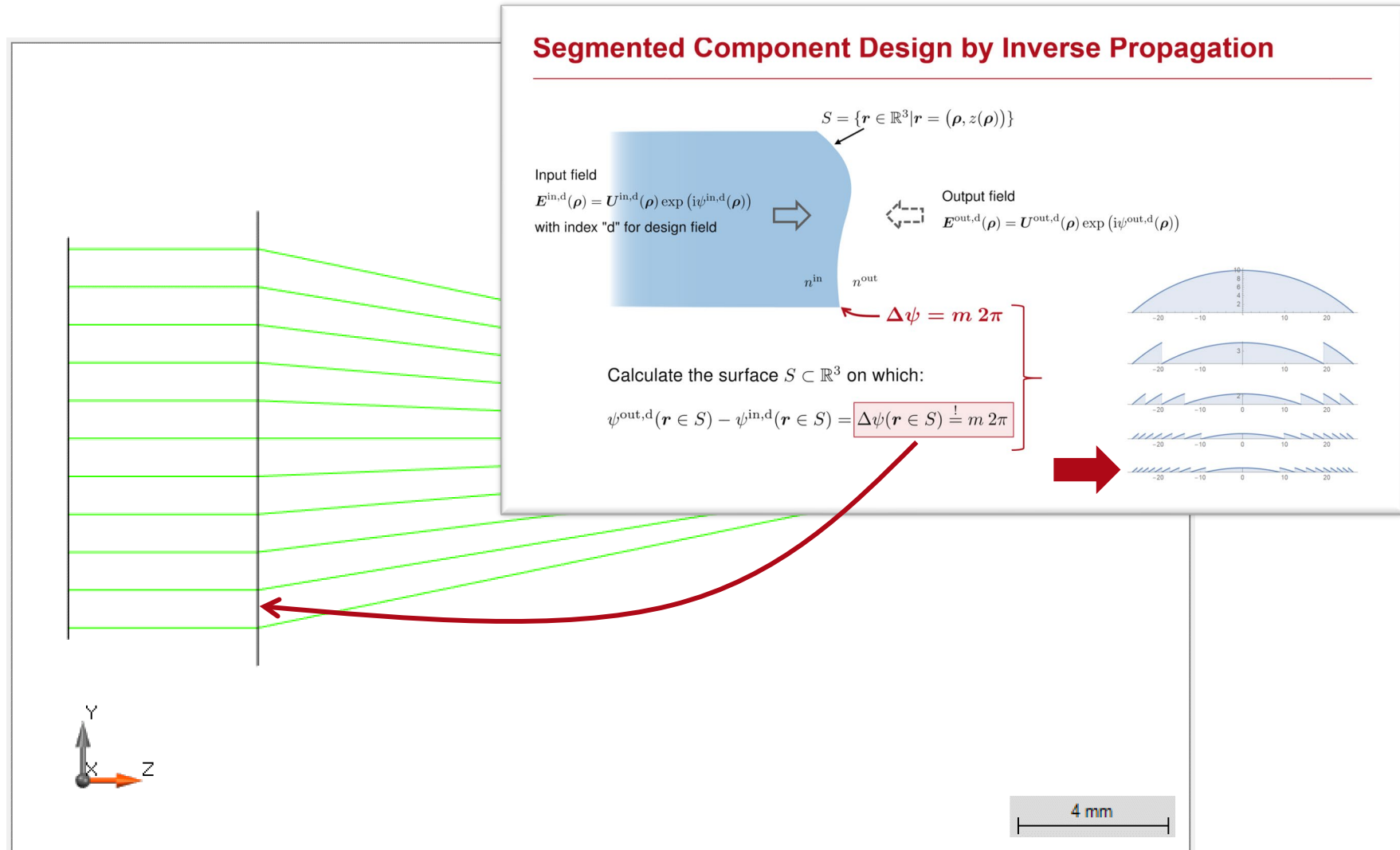


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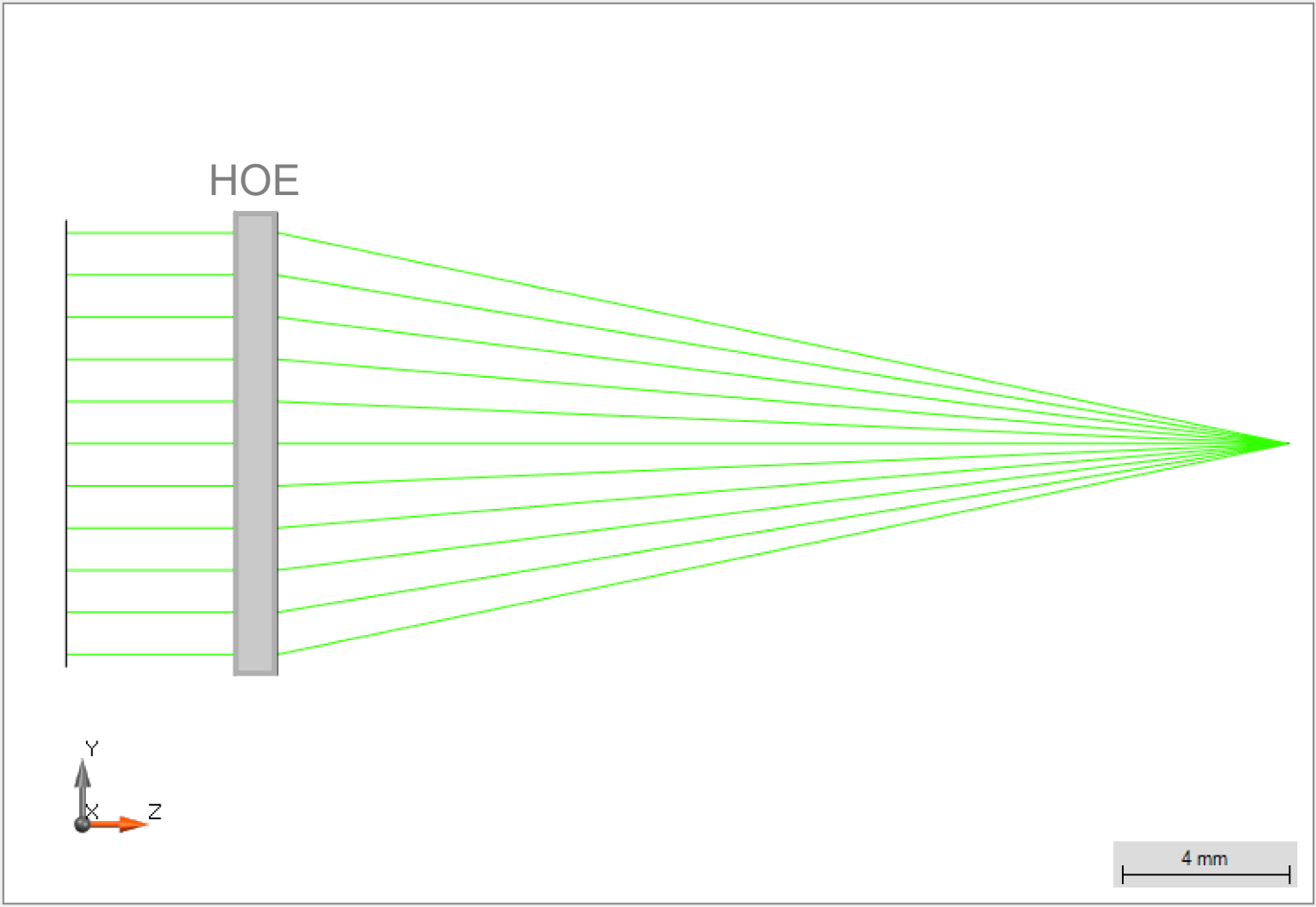


Field (Ex) @ 500 μ m after Lens
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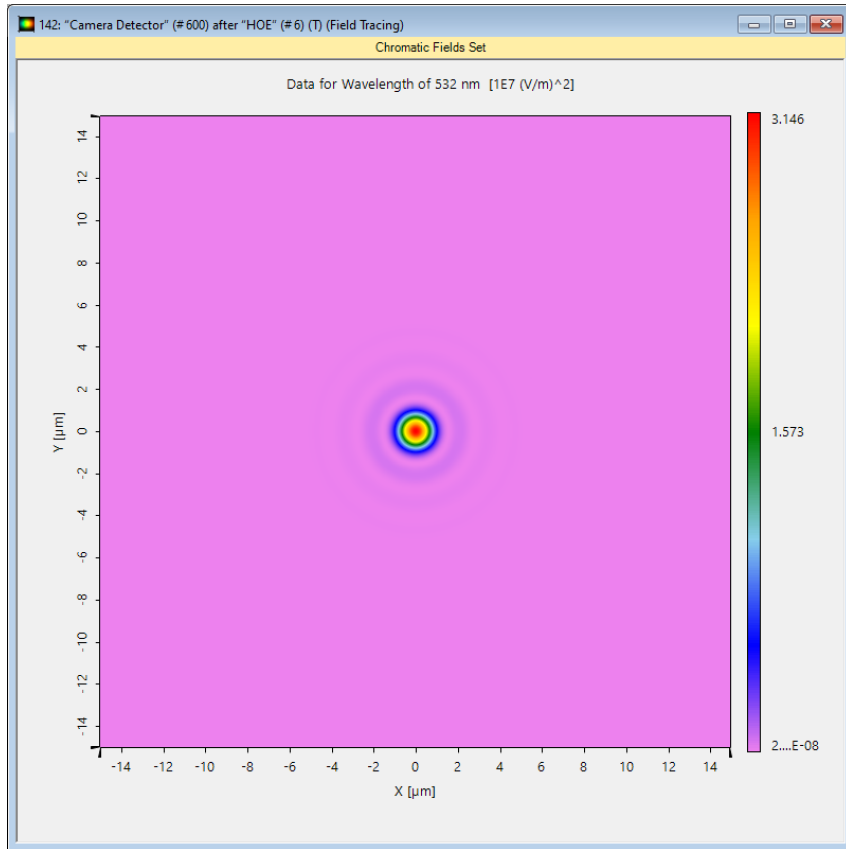
Structural Design HOE: Focusing (NA = 0.2)



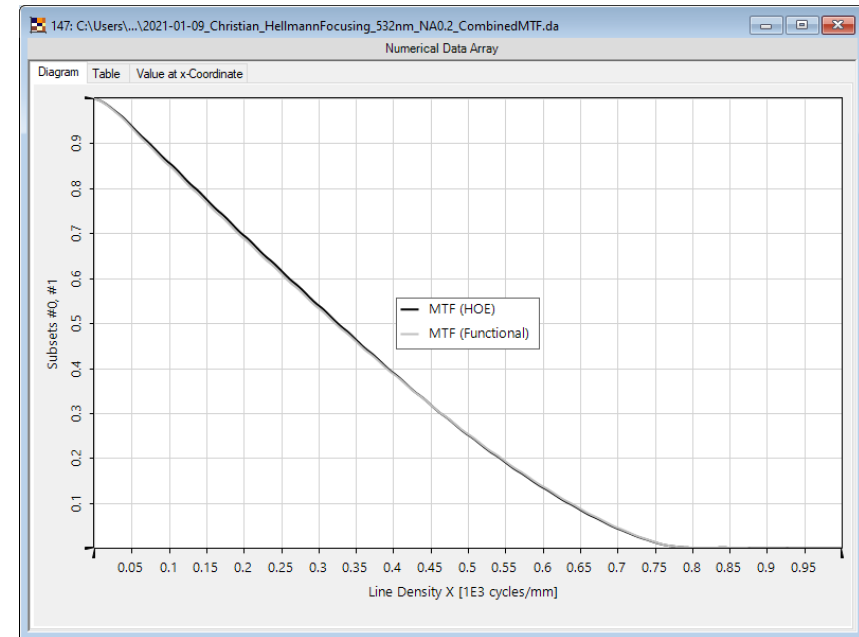
Focusing (NA = 0.2) HOE: Ray Tracing



Focusing (NA = 0.2) HOE: Field Tracing



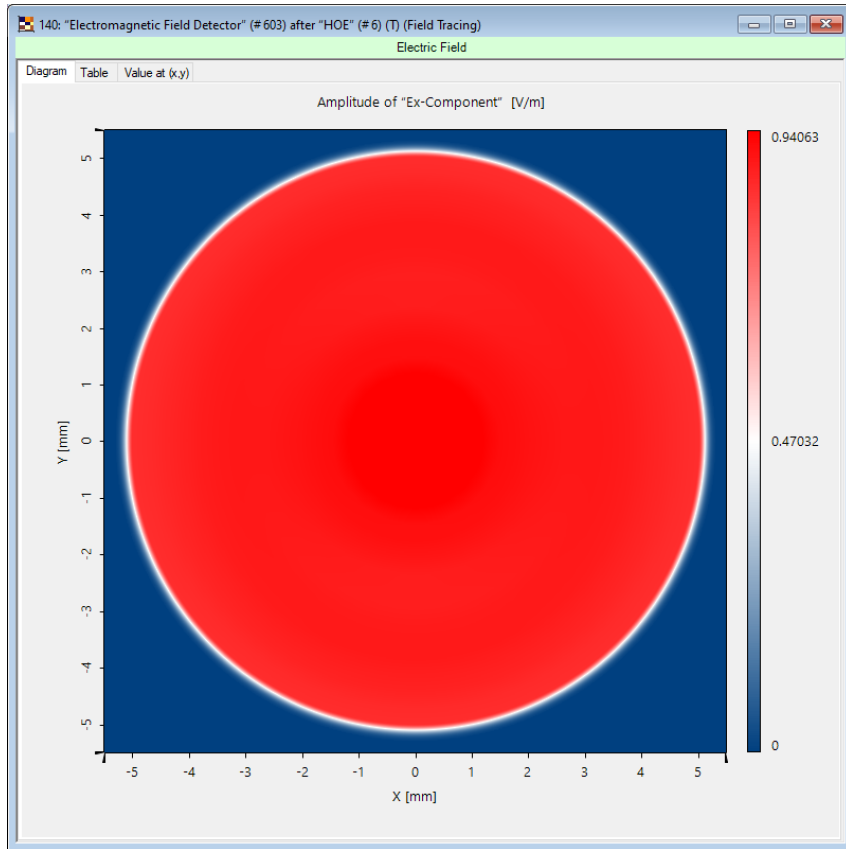
Field in Focus (False Color)



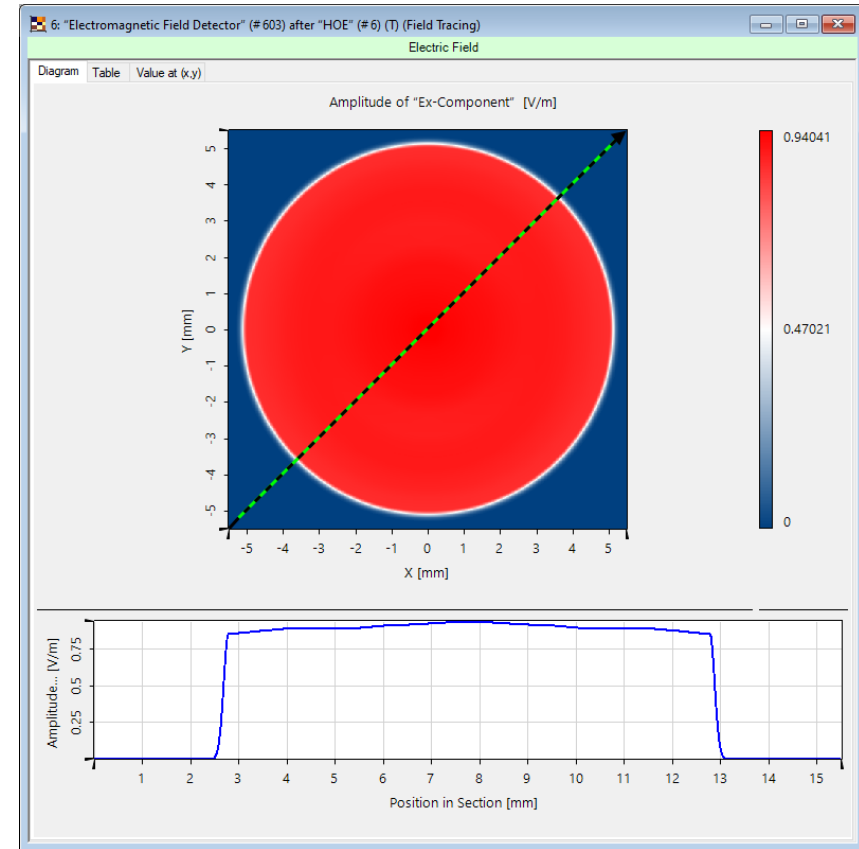
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Efficiency: 78.99% (Efficiency after First Plane: 96.5%)

Focusing (NA = 0.2) HOE: Field Tracing

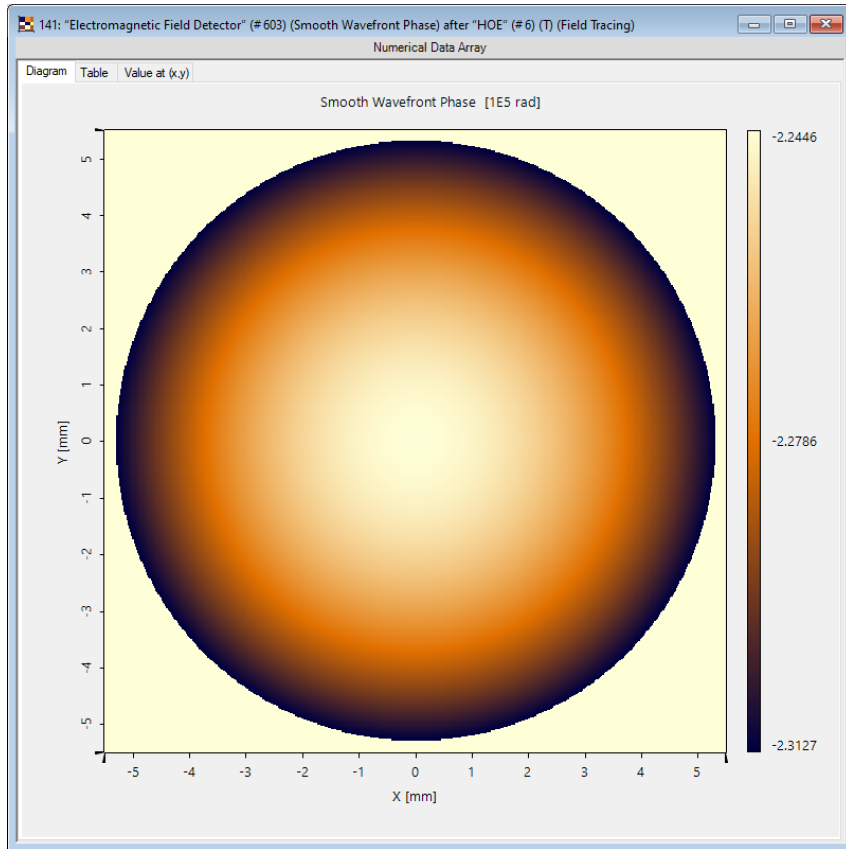


Amplitude after HOE

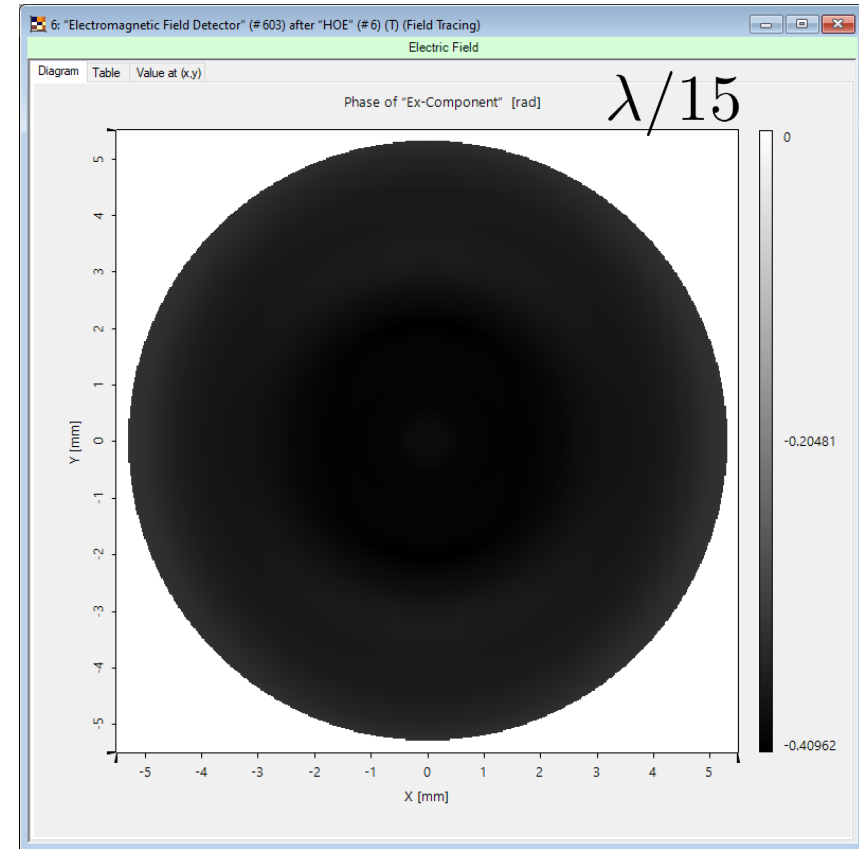


Amplitude after HOE

Focusing (NA = 0.2) HOE: Field Tracing

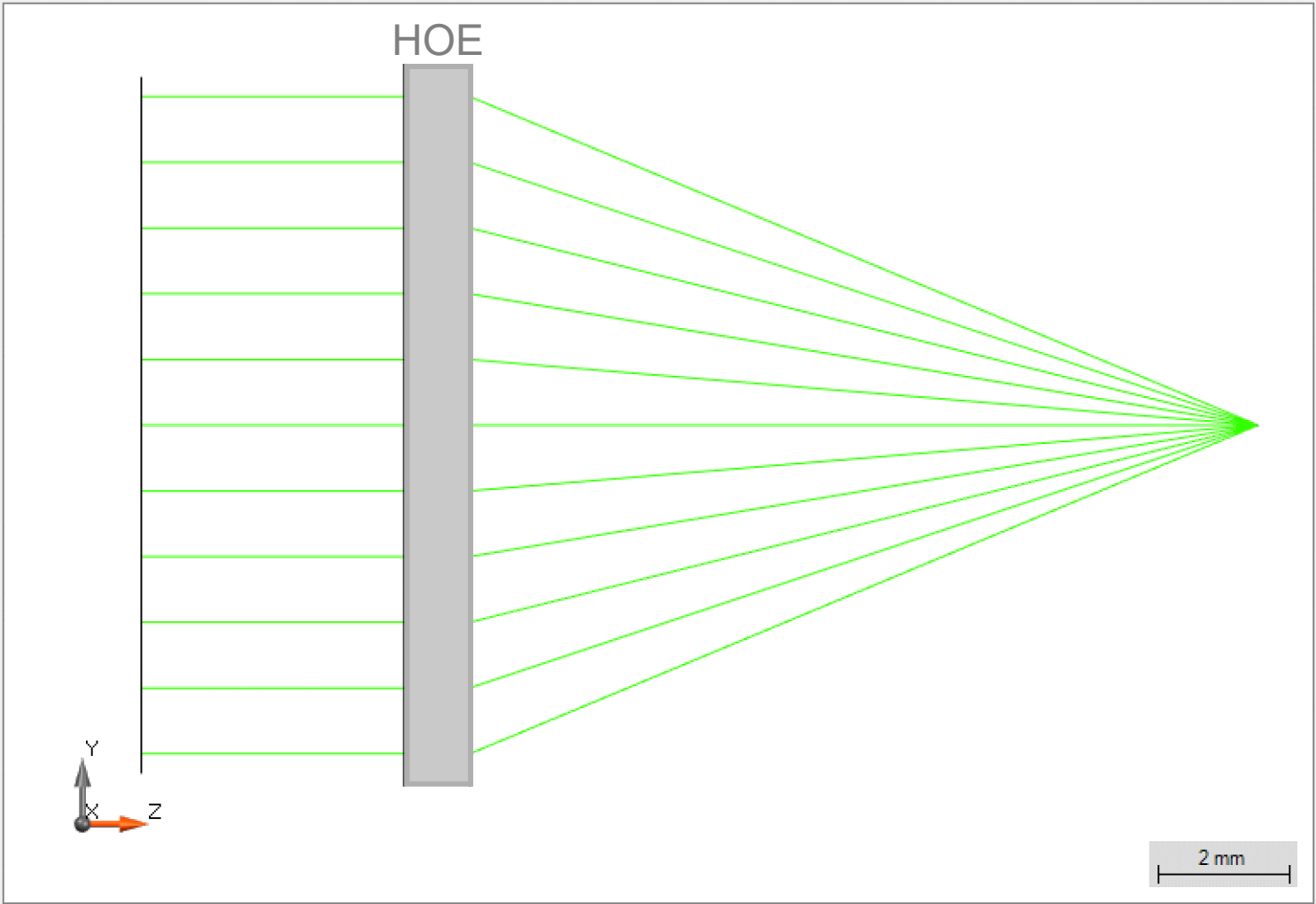


Wavefront after HOE

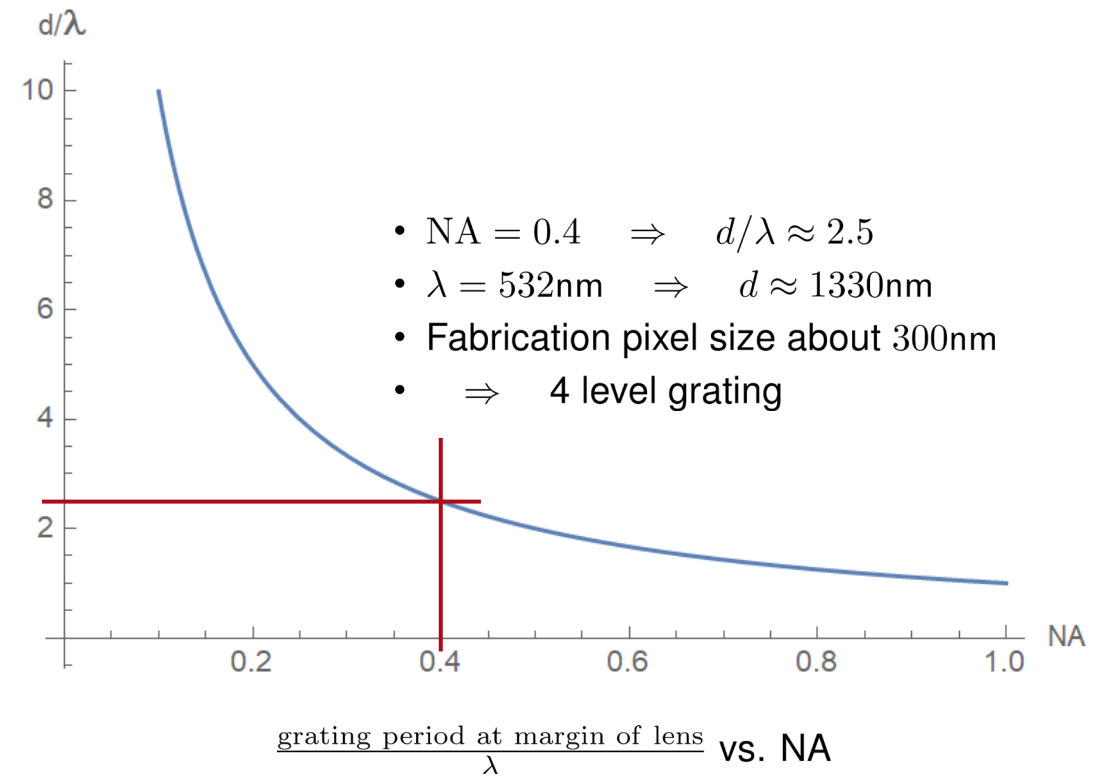
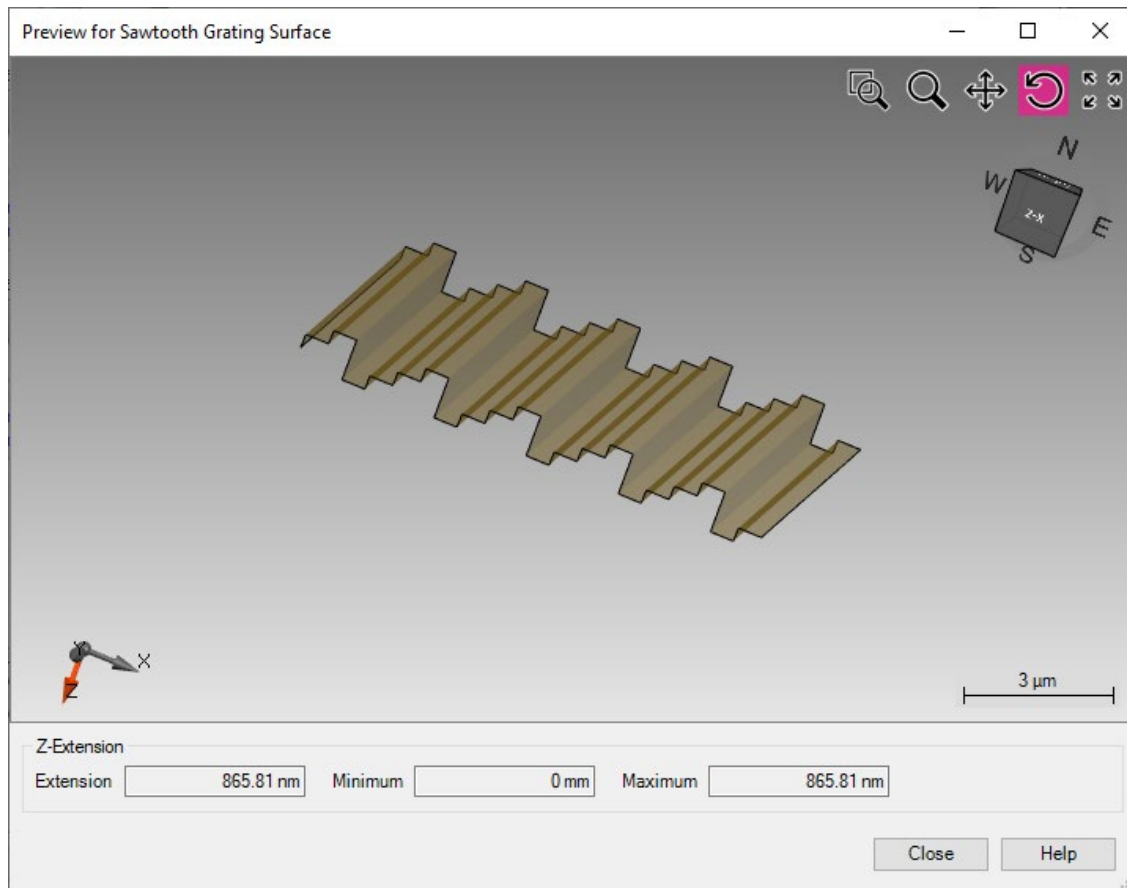


Wavefront Error after HOE

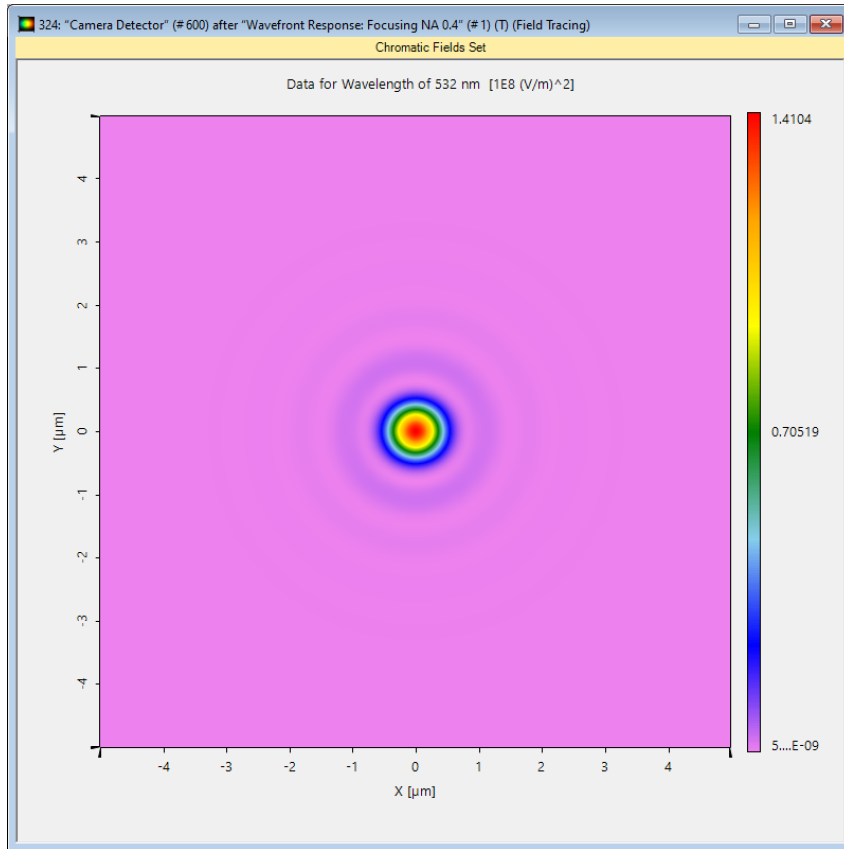
Focusing (NA = 0.4) HOE: Ray Tracing



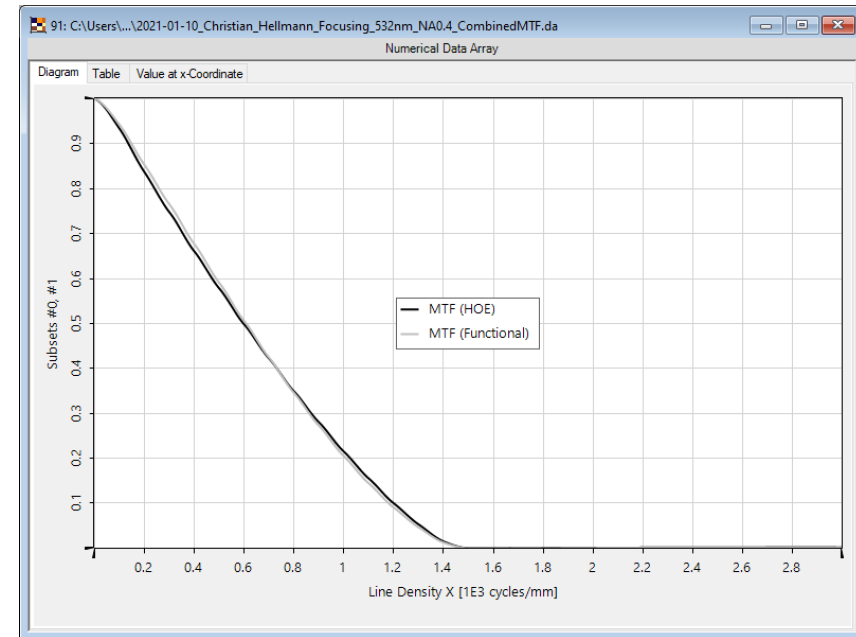
Grating Profile for HOE: Four Level



Focusing (NA = 0.4) HOE: Field Tracing



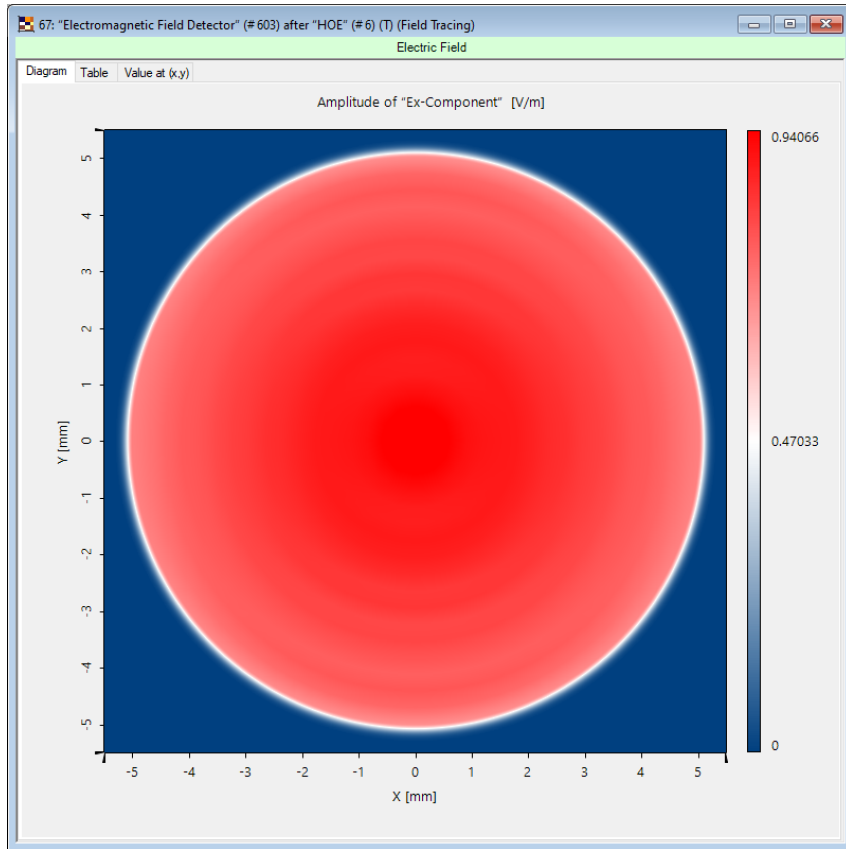
Energy Density in Focus (False Color)



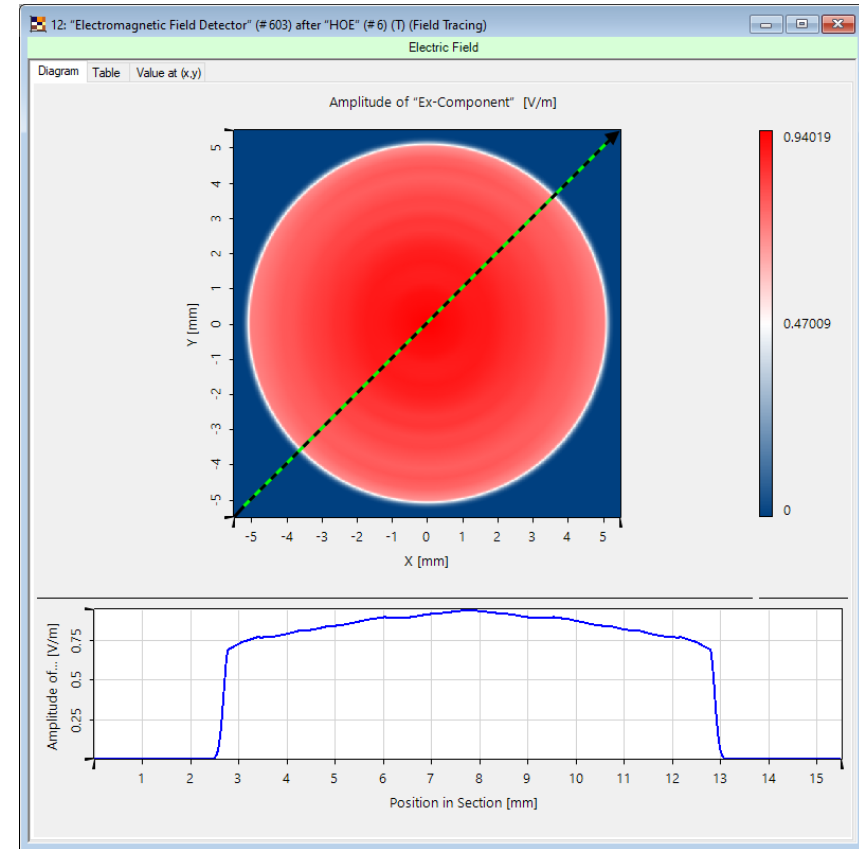
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Efficiency: 65.17% (efficiency after first plane: 96.5%)

Focusing (NA = 0.4) HOE: Field Tracing

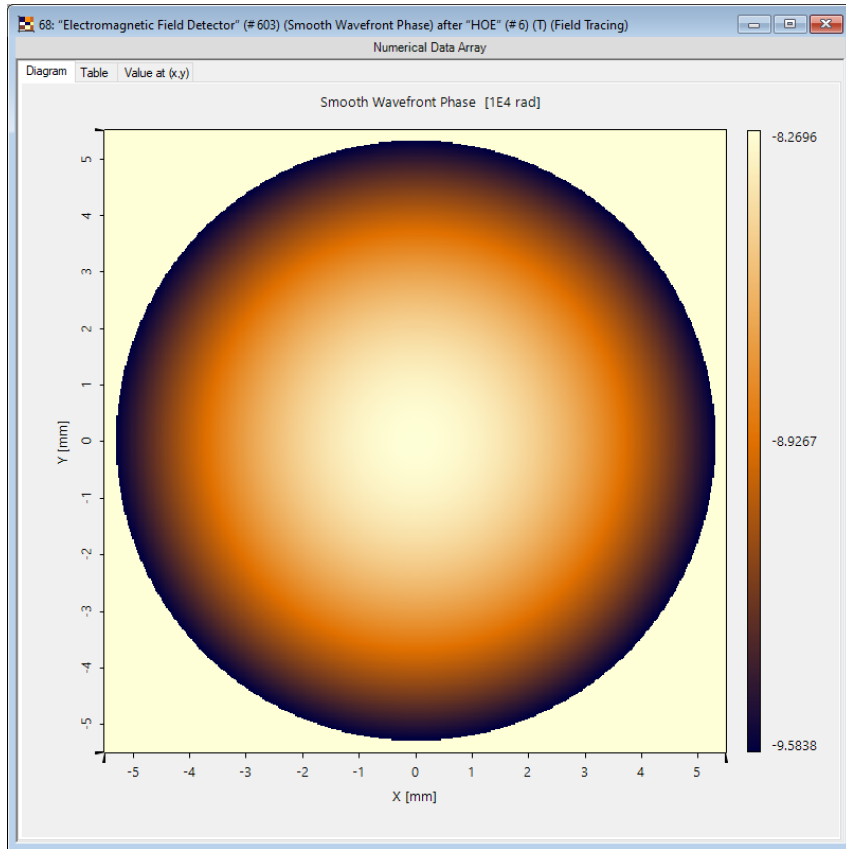


Amplitude after HOE

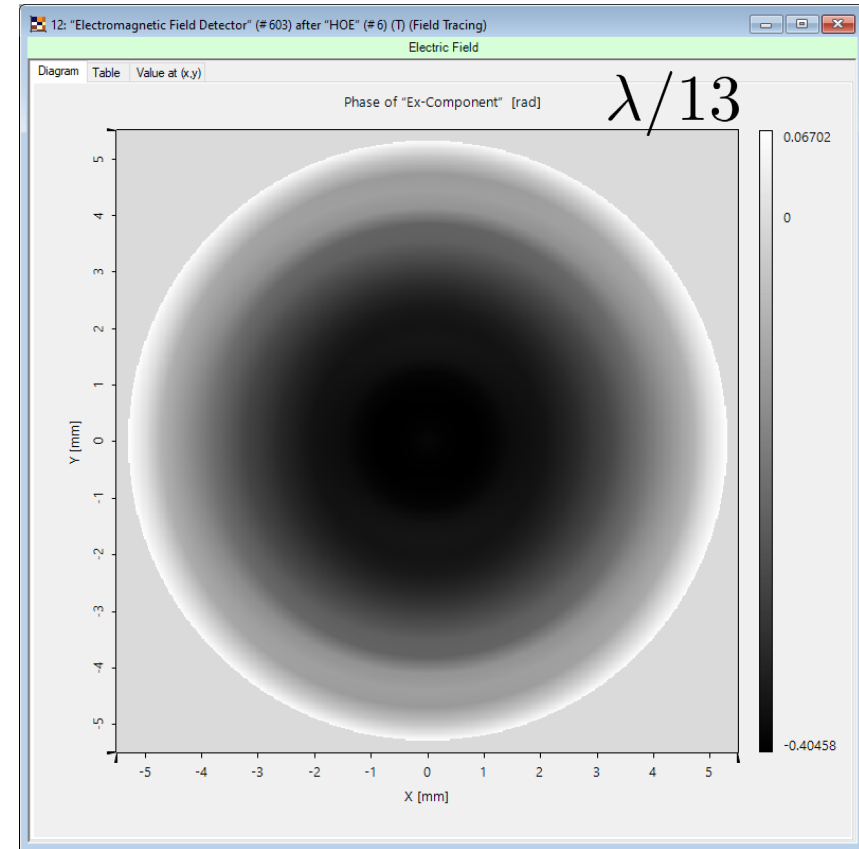


Amplitude after HOE

Focusing (NA = 0.4) HOE: Field Tracing

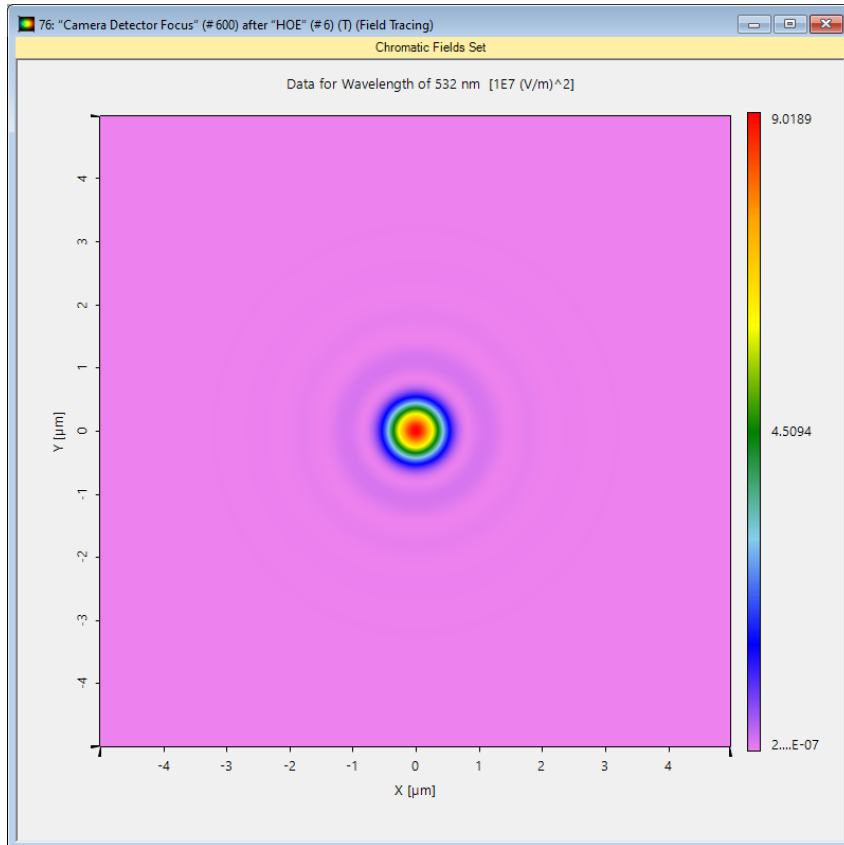


Wavefront after HOE



Wavefront Error after HOE

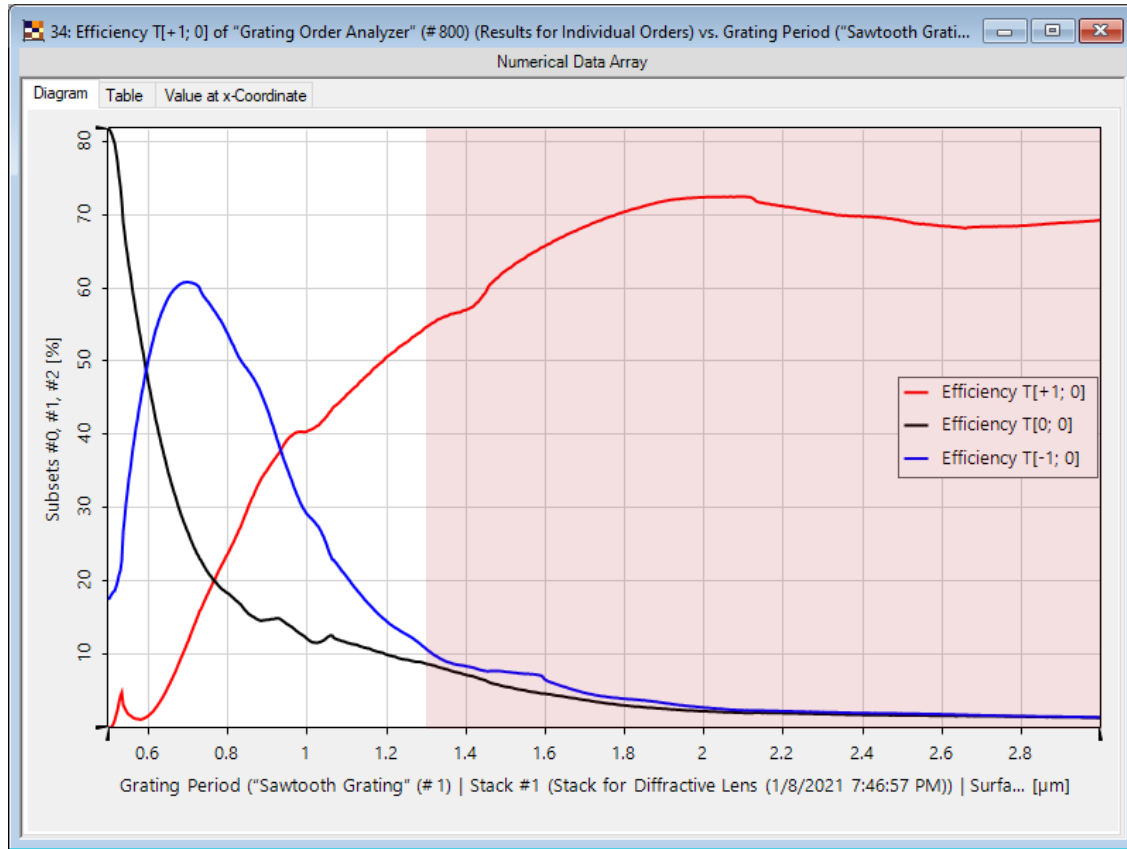
Focusing (NA = 0.4) HOE: Field Tracing \rightarrow -1st, 0th, +1st



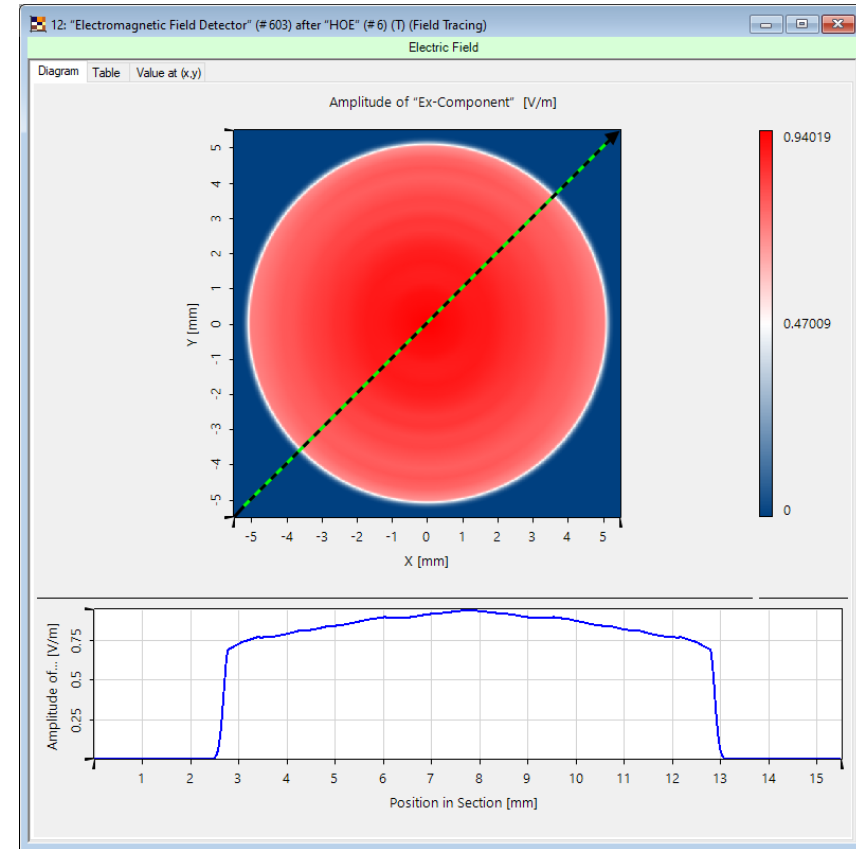
Energy Density in Focus (False Color)

Order HOE	Efficiency after HOE
-3	0.98%
-2	3.51%
-1	5.31%
0	3.46%
1	65.17%
2	6.17%
3	0.31%

Focusing (NA = 0.4) HOE: Field Tracing

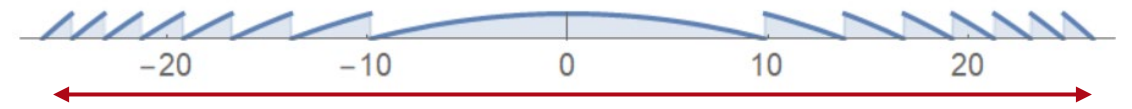
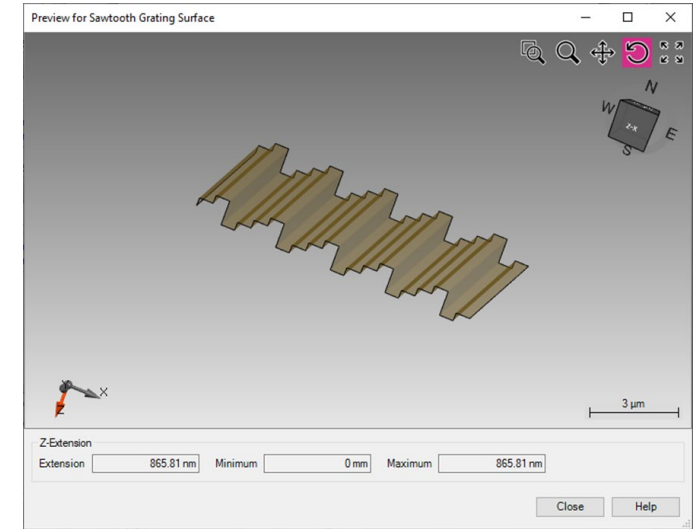
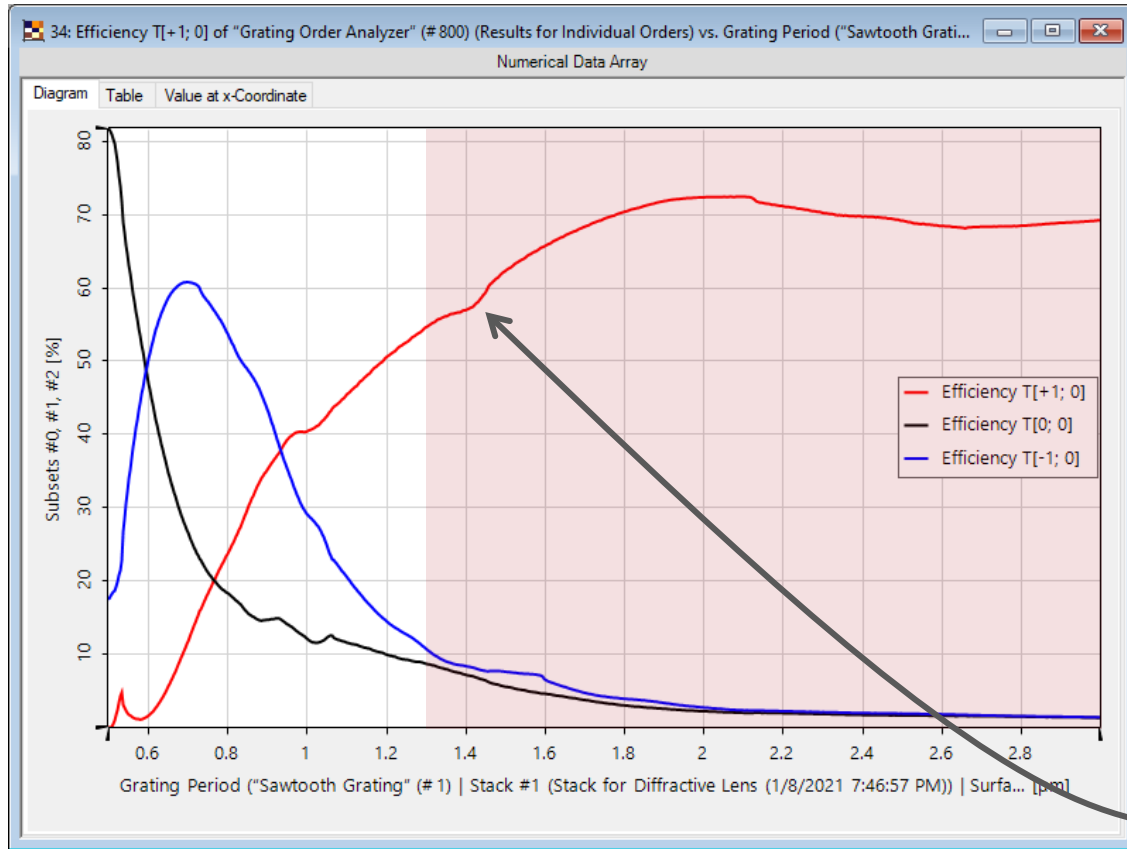


Efficiencies vs. Period



Amplitude after HOE

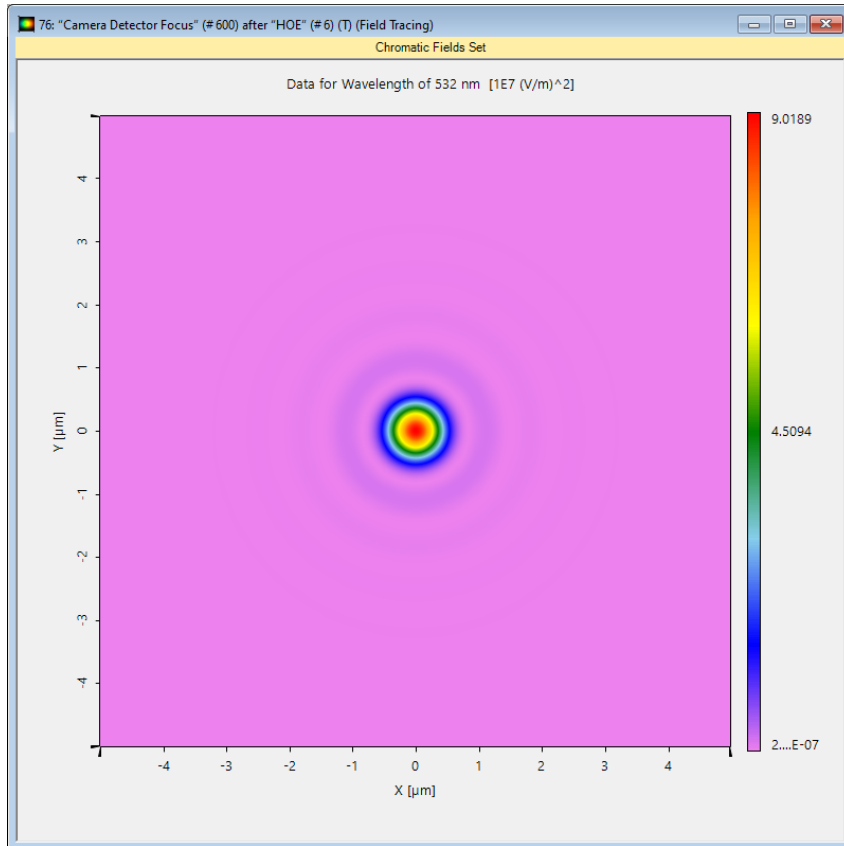
Focusing (NA = 0.4) HOE: Field Tracing



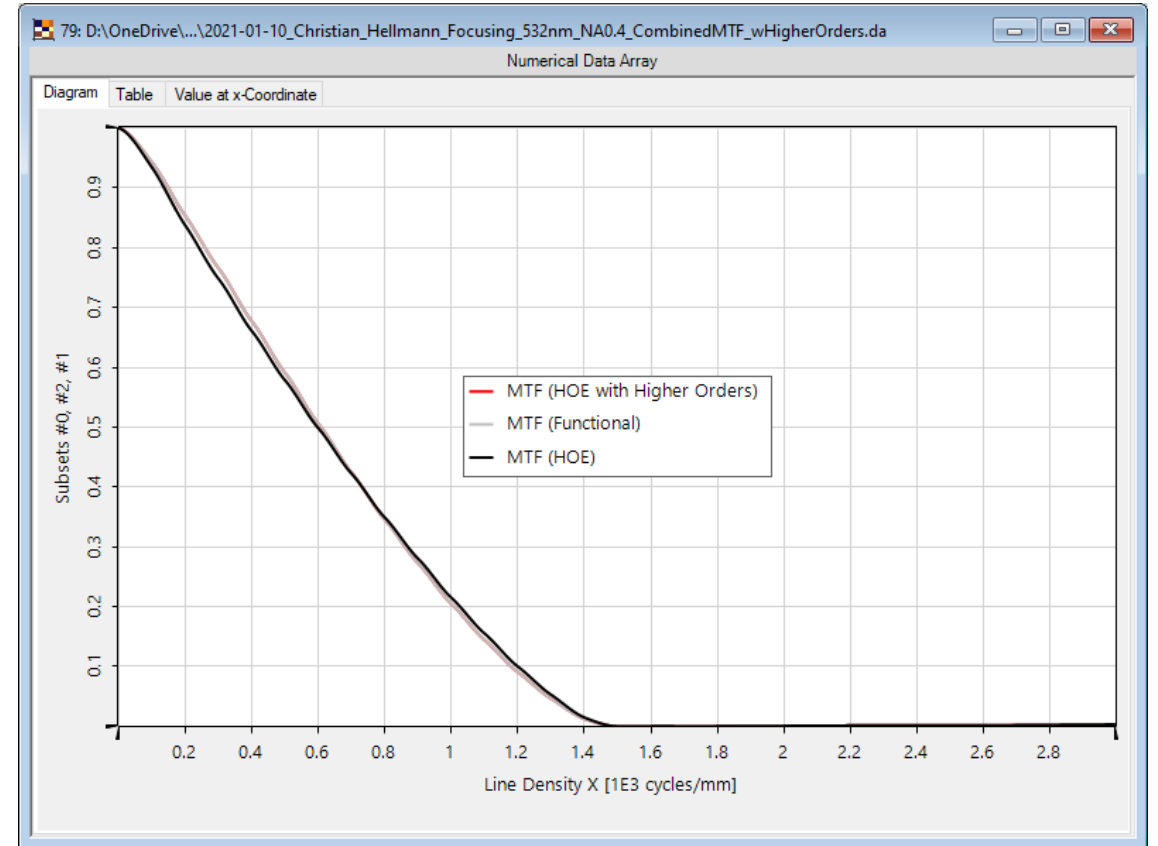
Applied fabrication constraint: no height modulation over lens diameter

Efficiencies vs. Period

Focusing (NA = 0.4) HOE: Field Tracing \rightarrow -1st, 0th, +1st

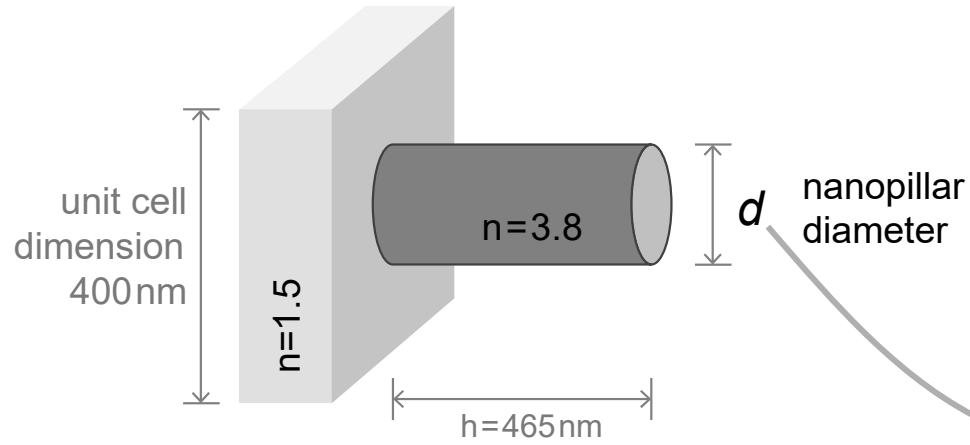


Energy Density in Focus (False Color)

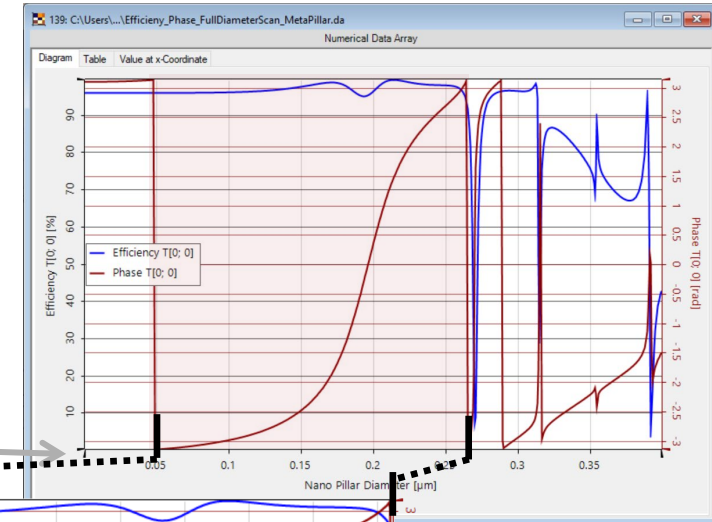


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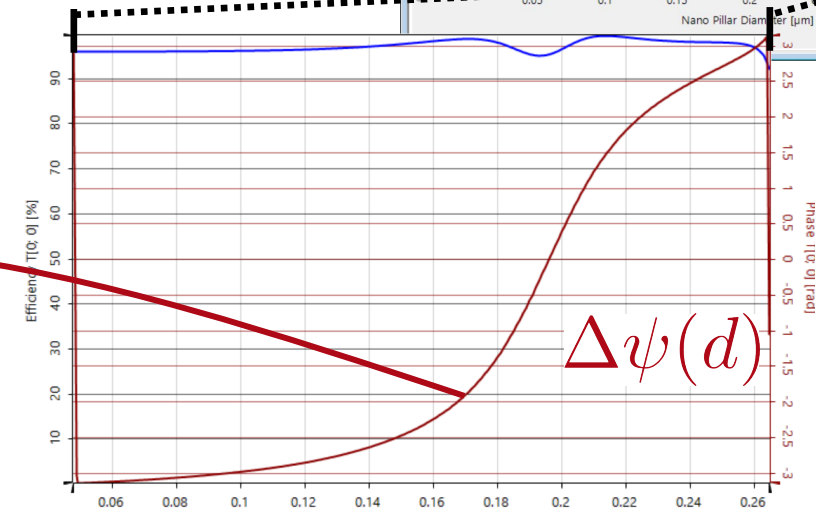
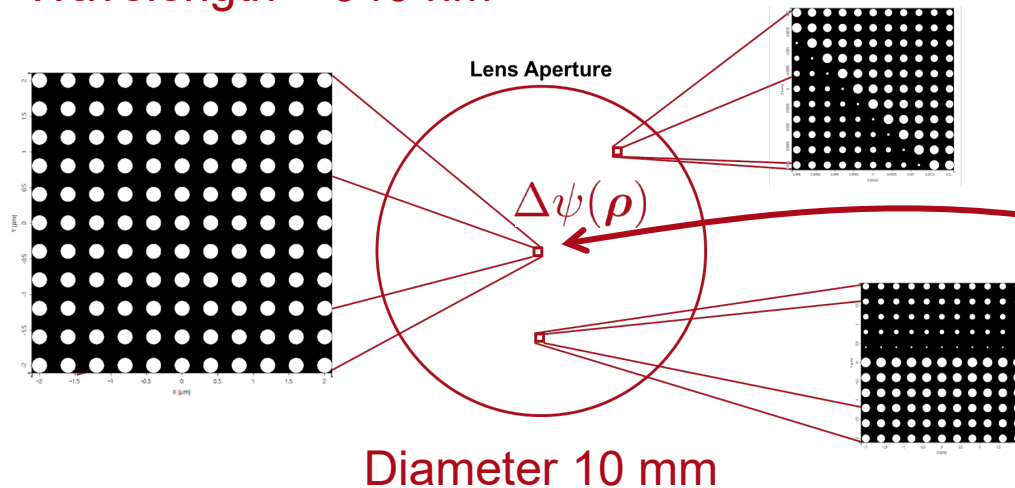
Design of Metasurface for Specified Phase Response



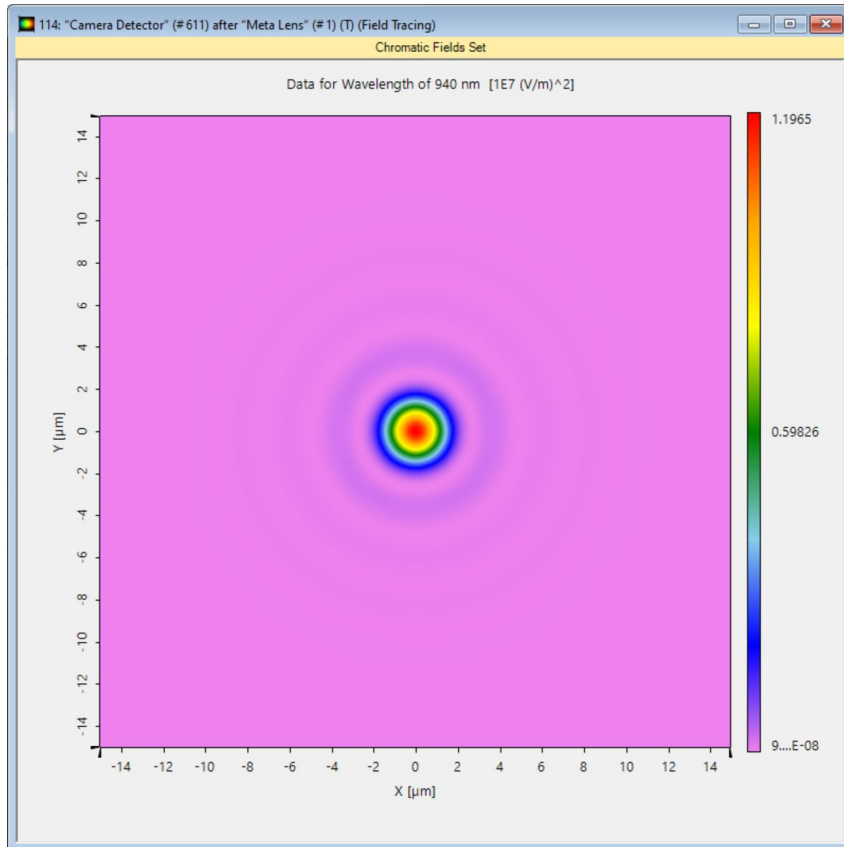
Efficiency & Phase vs. Pillar Diameter



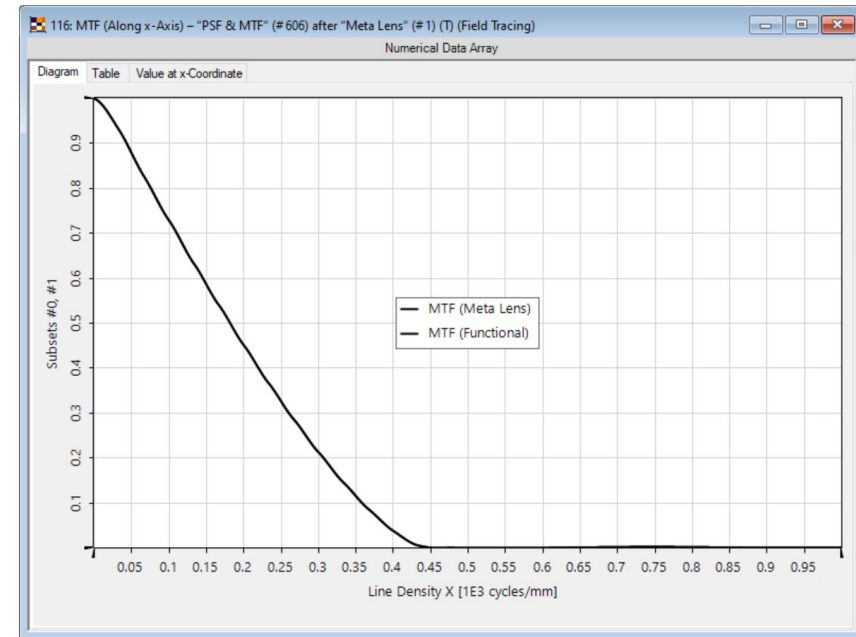
Wavelength = 940 nm



Focusing (NA = 0.2) Metalens: Field Tracing (Level I)



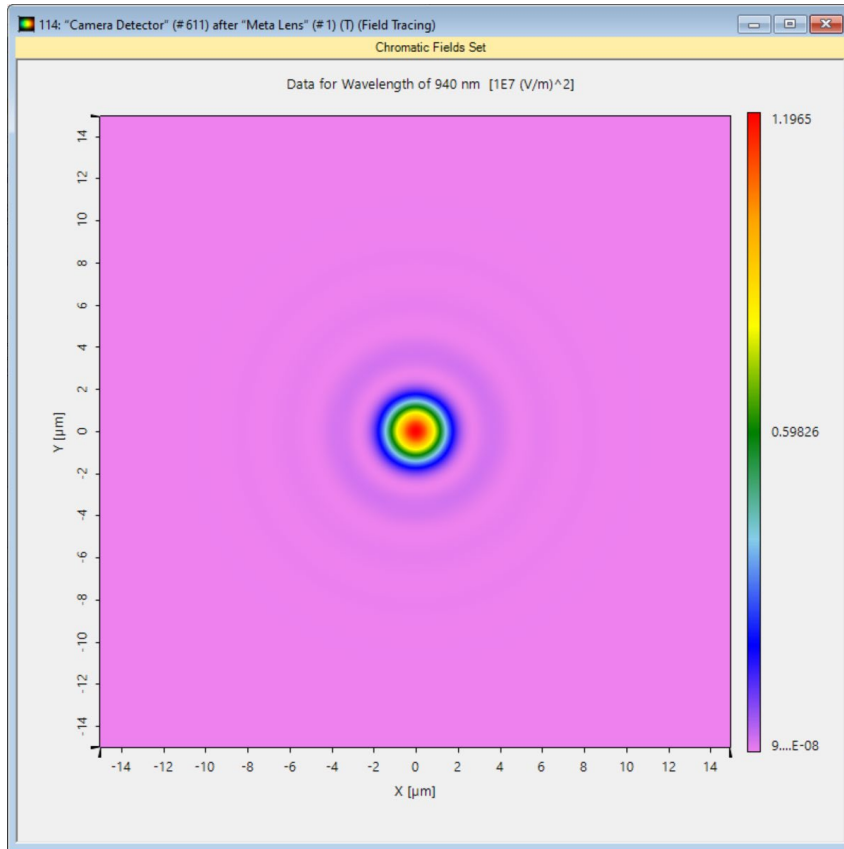
Energy Density in Focus (False Color)



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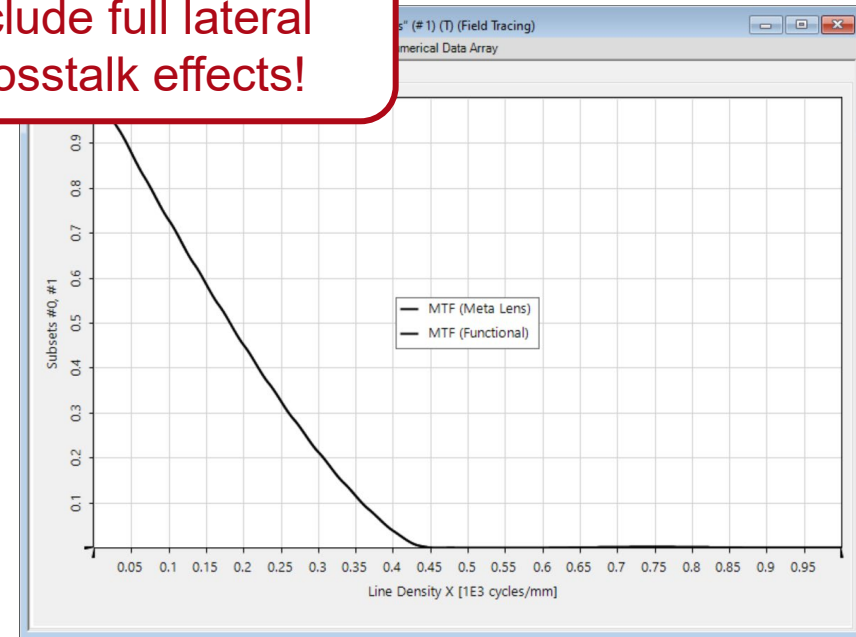
Efficiency: 93.64% (Efficiency after First Plane: 96.5%)

Focusing (NA = 0.2) Metalens: Field Tracing (Level I)



Energy Density in Focus (False Color)

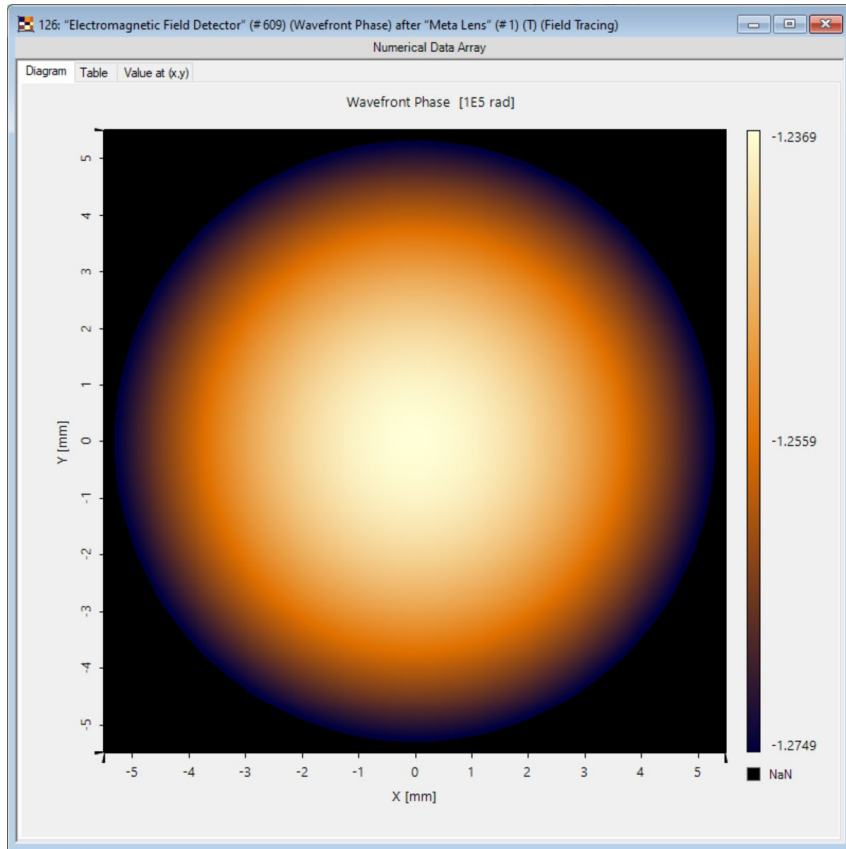
Modeling does not include full lateral crosstalk effects!



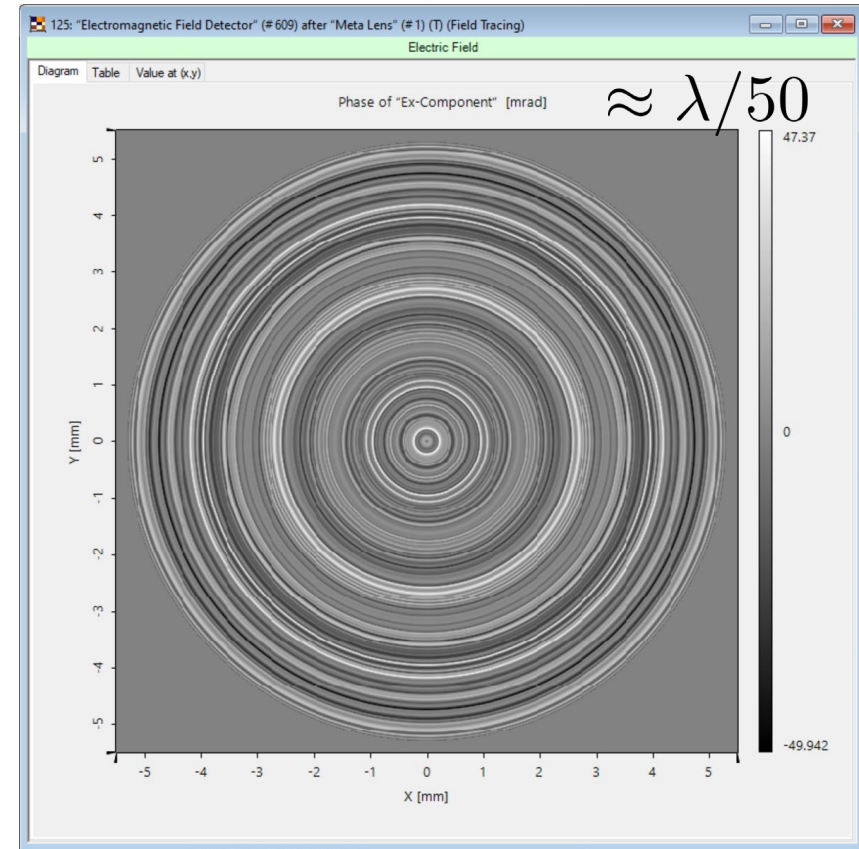
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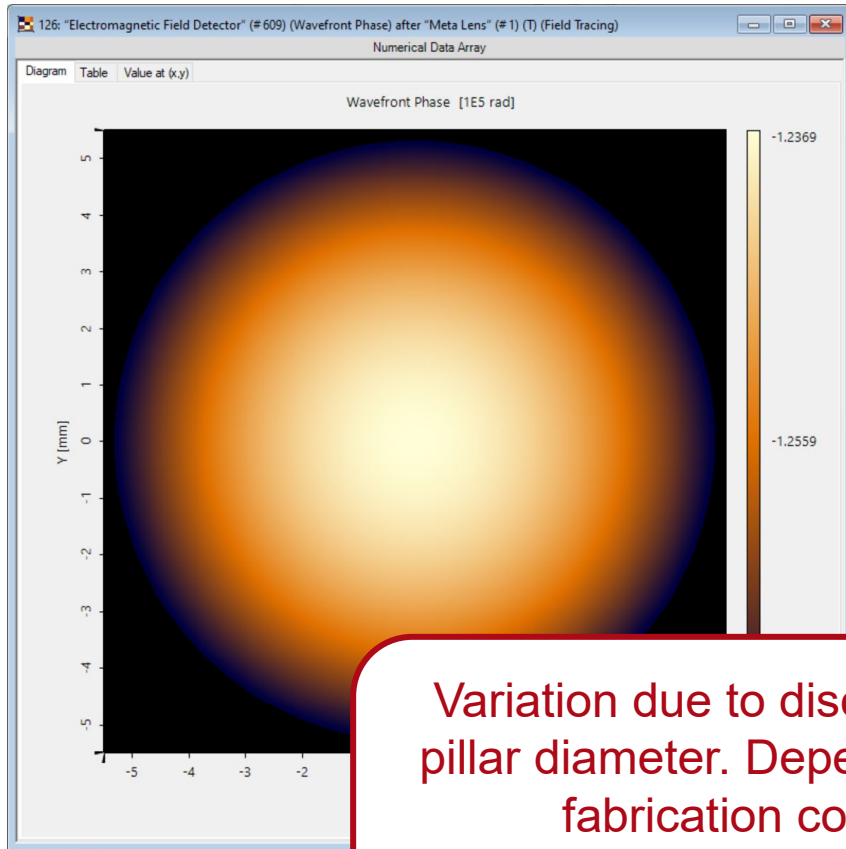


Wavefront after Meta Lens



Wavefront Error after Meta Lens

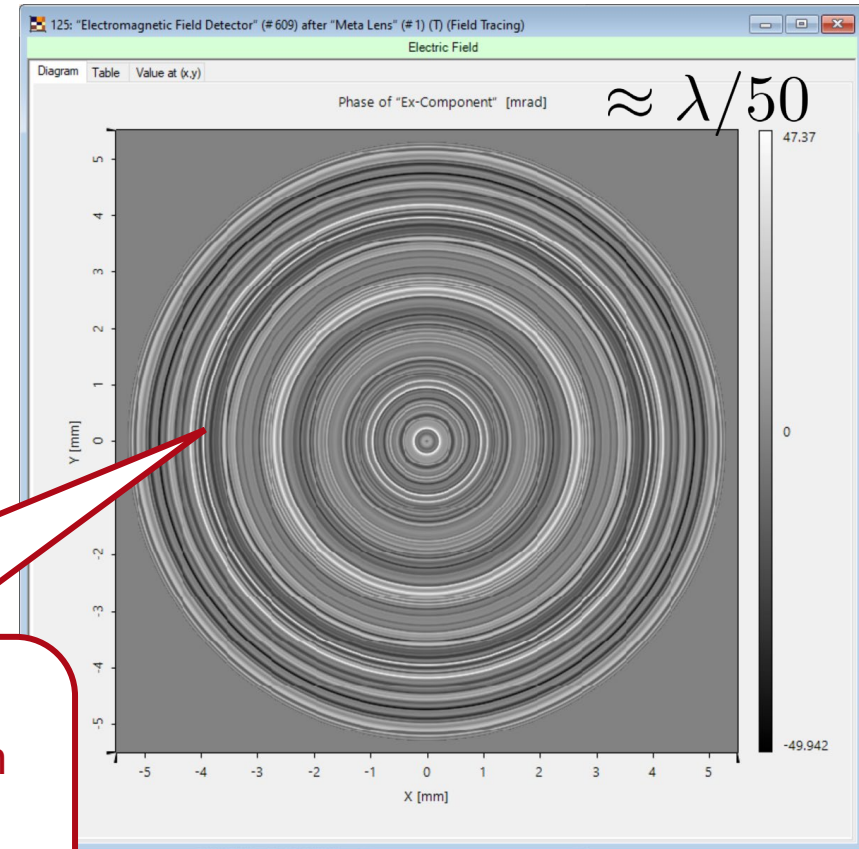
Focusing (NA = 0.2) Metalens: Field Tracing (Level I)



Wavefront

Variation due to discrete change of pillar diameter. Depends strongly on fabrication constraints.

Level II modeling smooths the result.

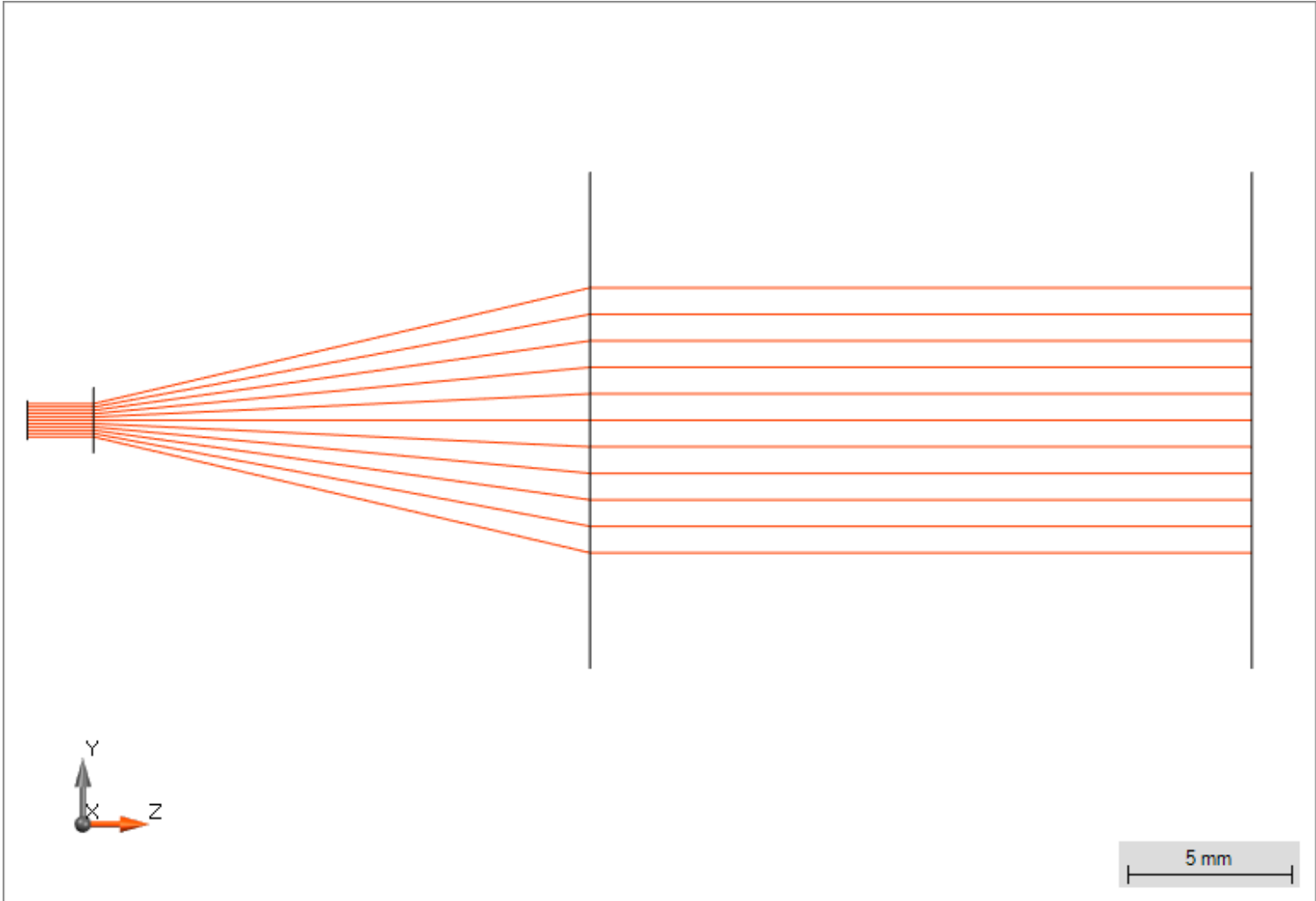


Wavefront Error after Meta Lens

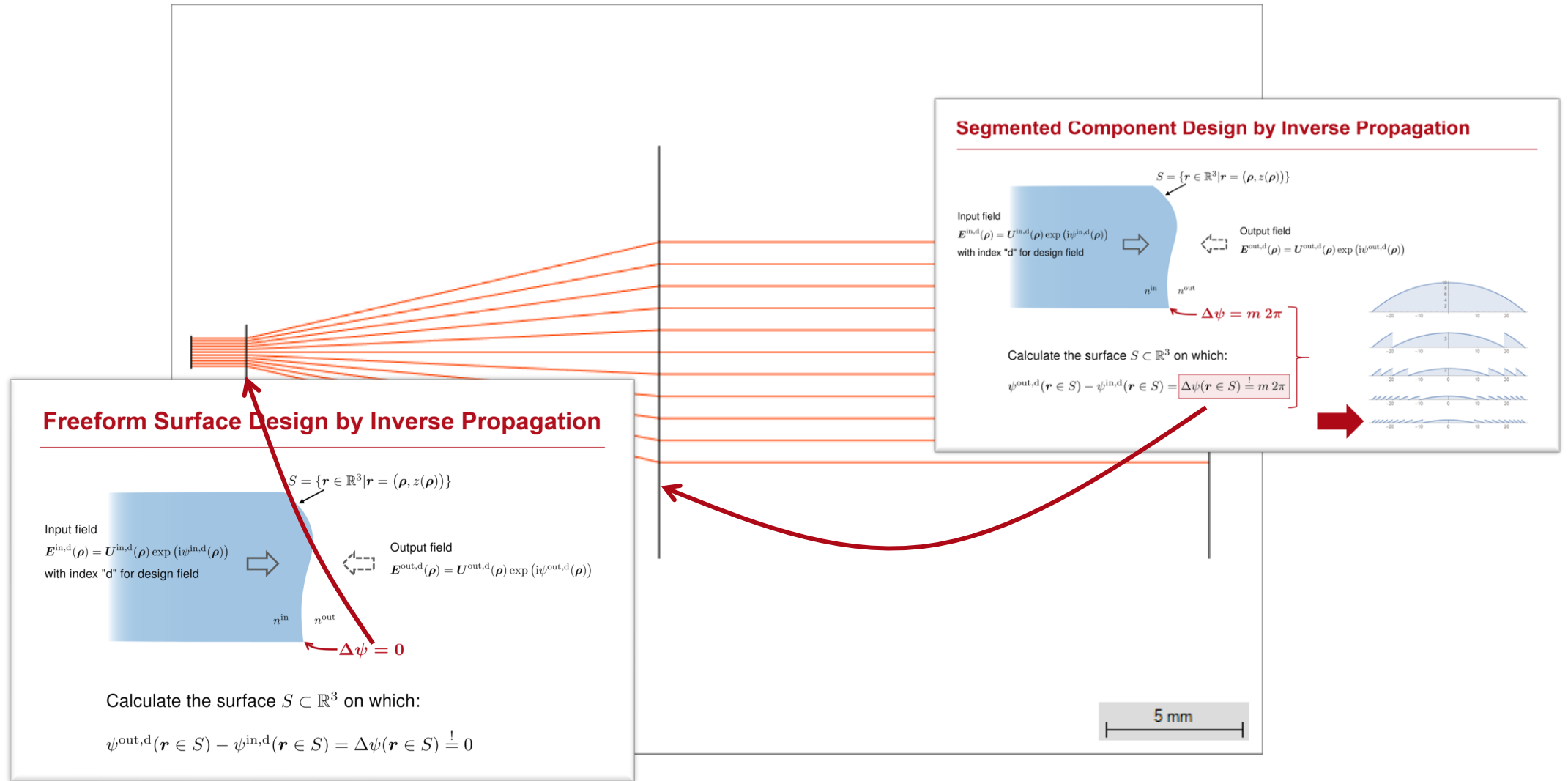
Example Expander

Structural Design

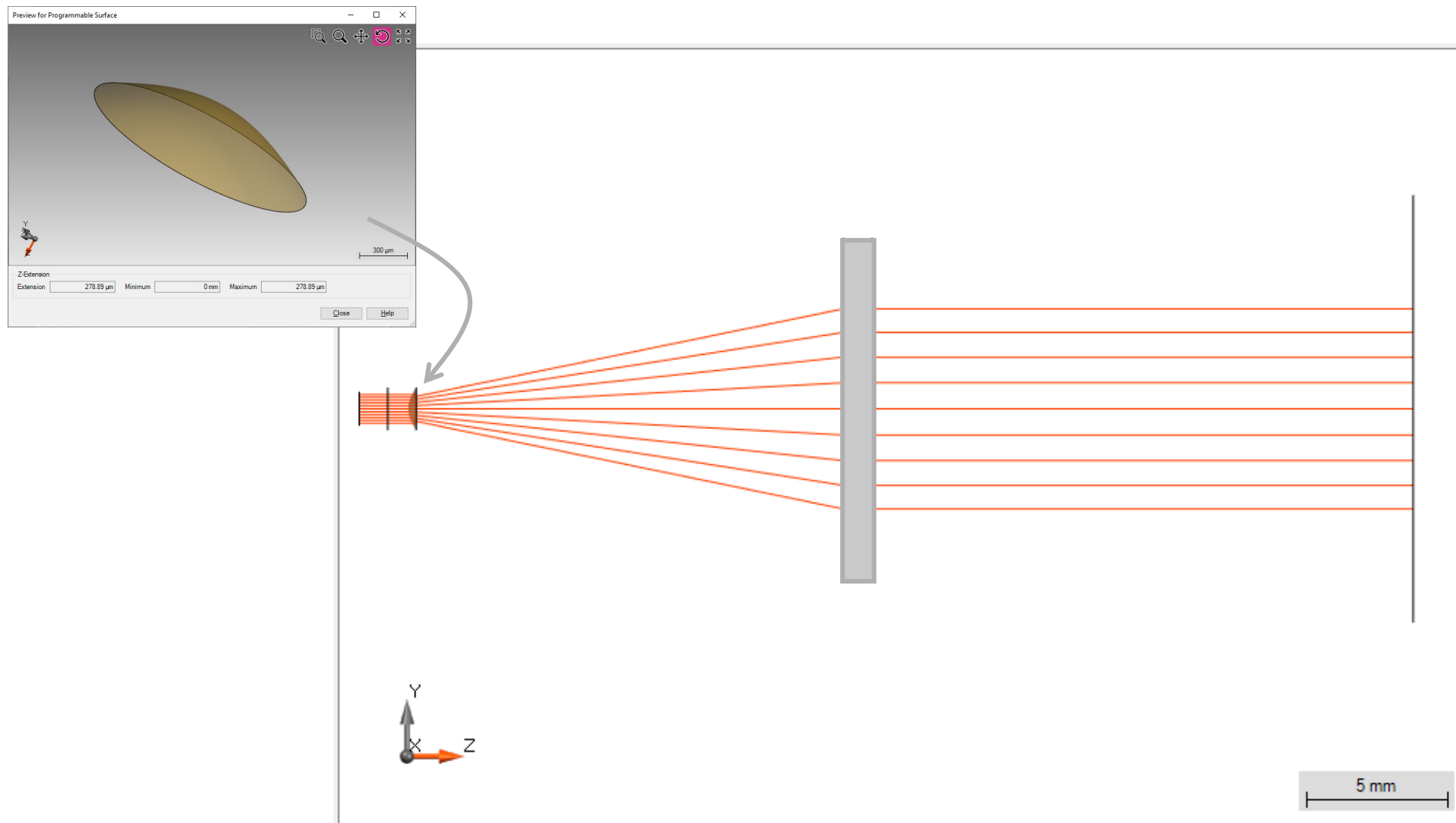
Structural Design Beam Expander (1:5): Freeform + HOE



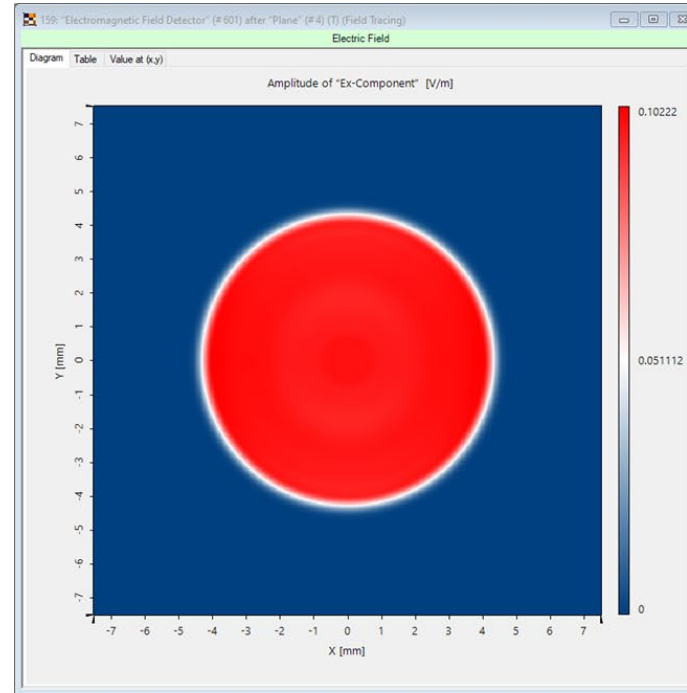
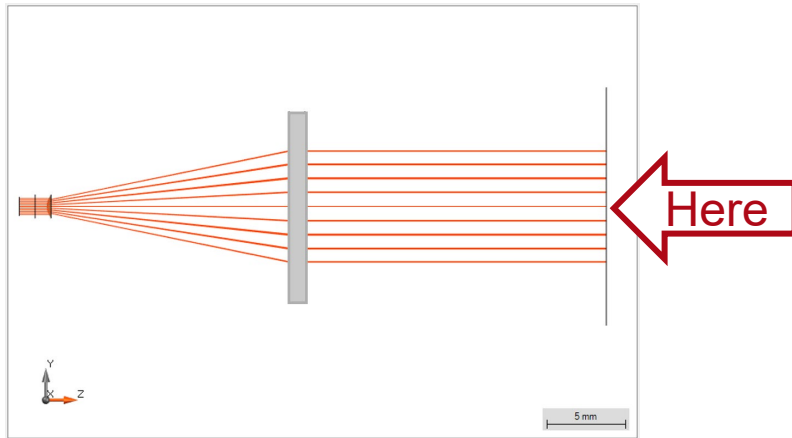
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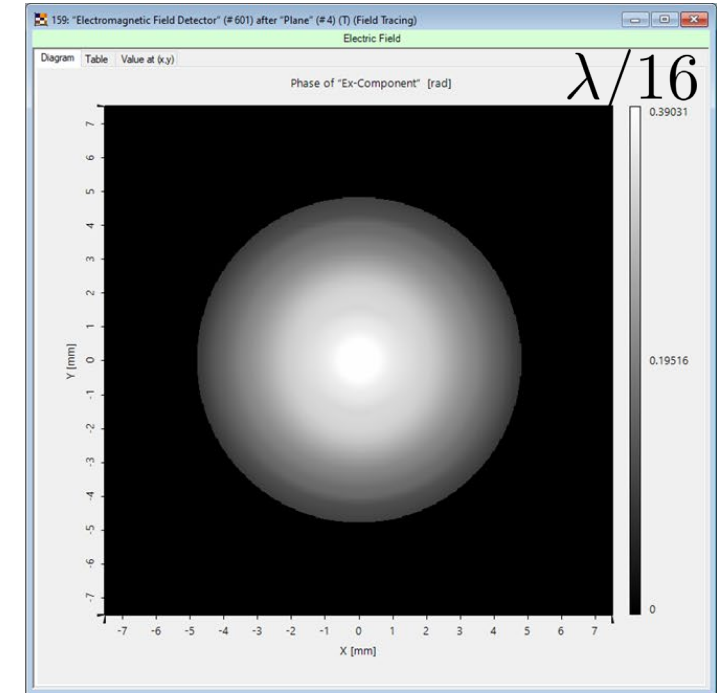
Beam Expander (1:5) Lens + HOE: Ray Tracing



Beam Expander (1:5) Lens + HOE: Field Tracing



Amplitude after Beam Expander



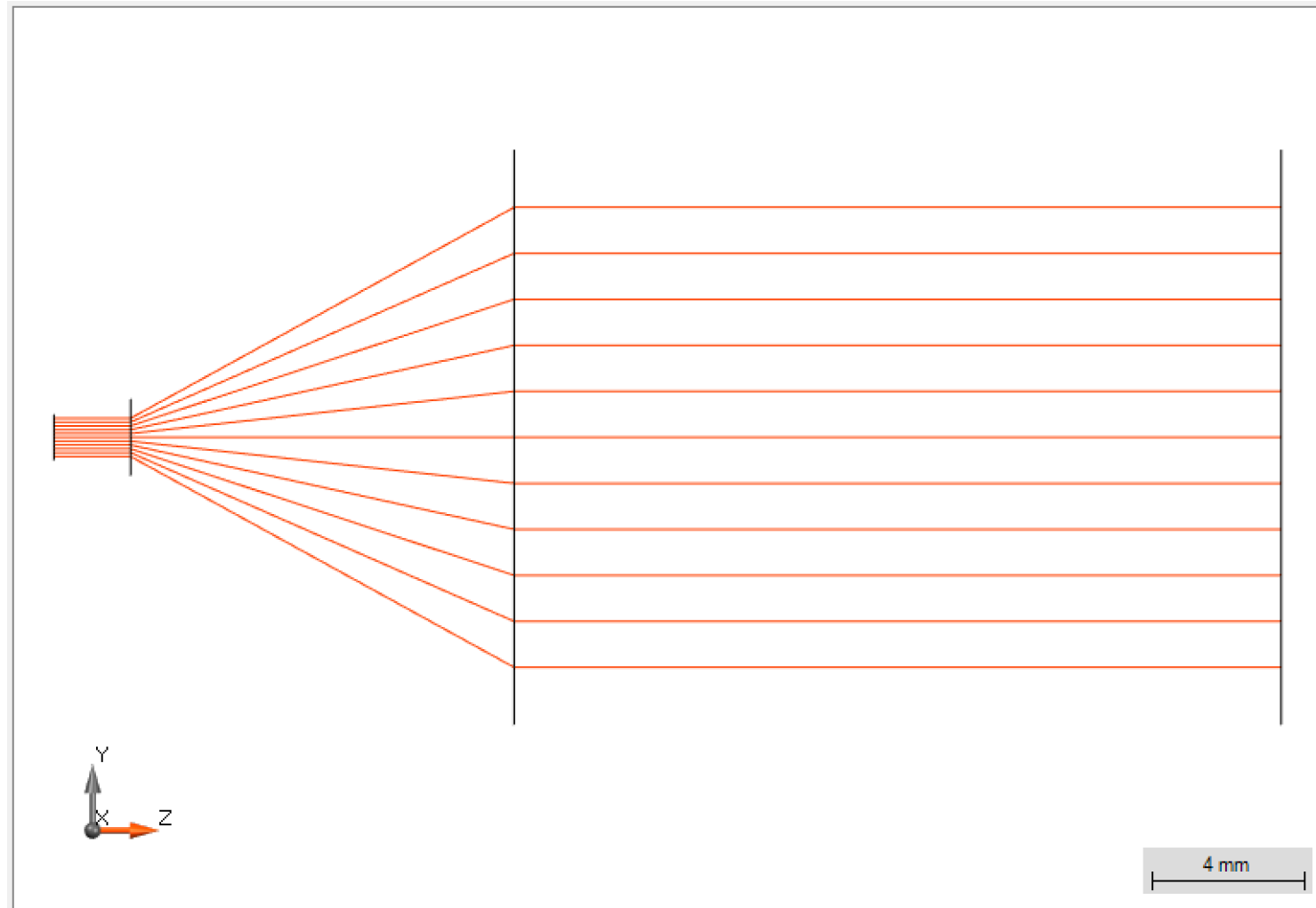
Phase after Beam Expander

Efficiency of Freeform: 93.09%

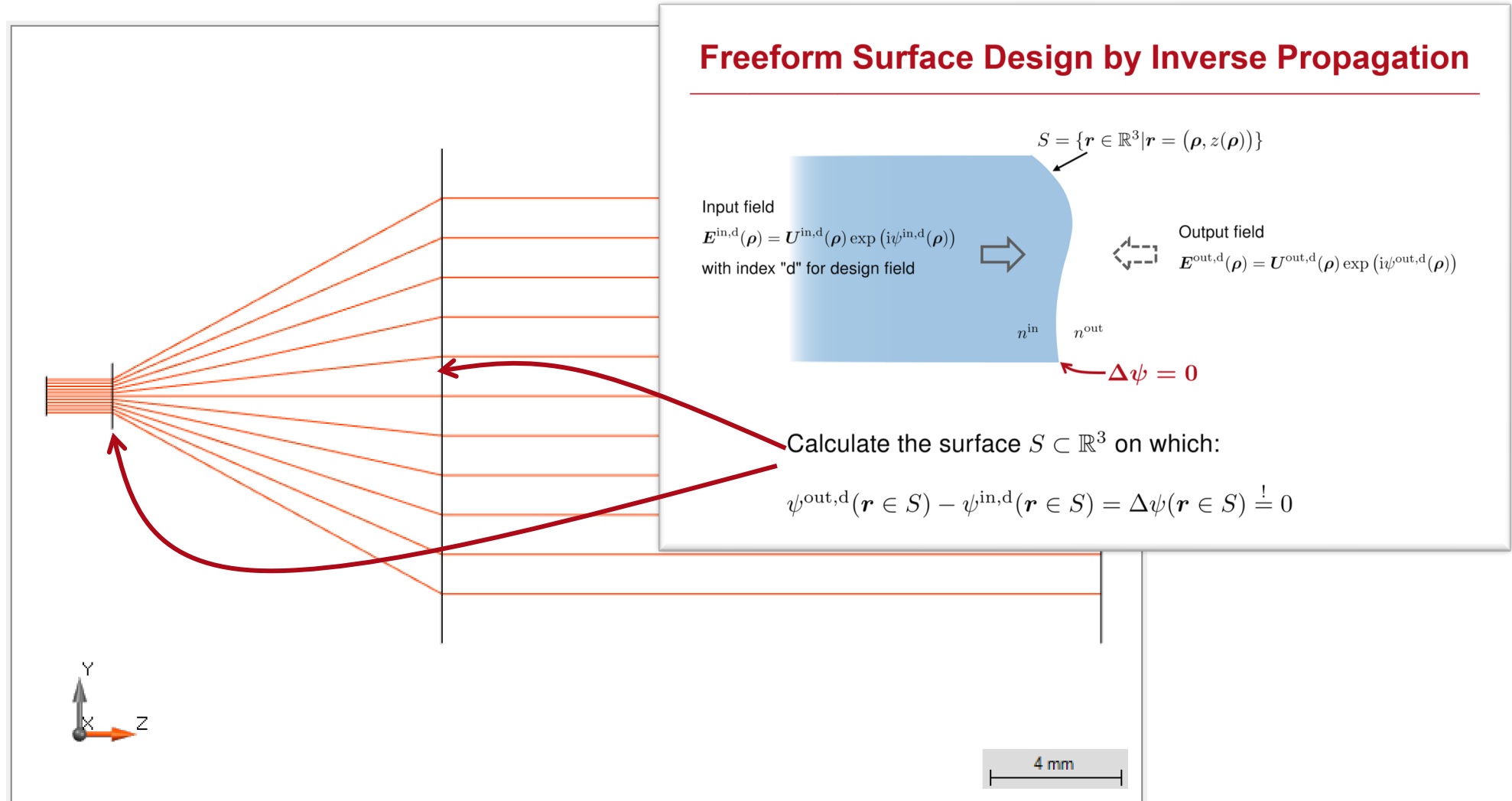
Efficiency of HOE: 77.15%

System Efficiency: 71.82%

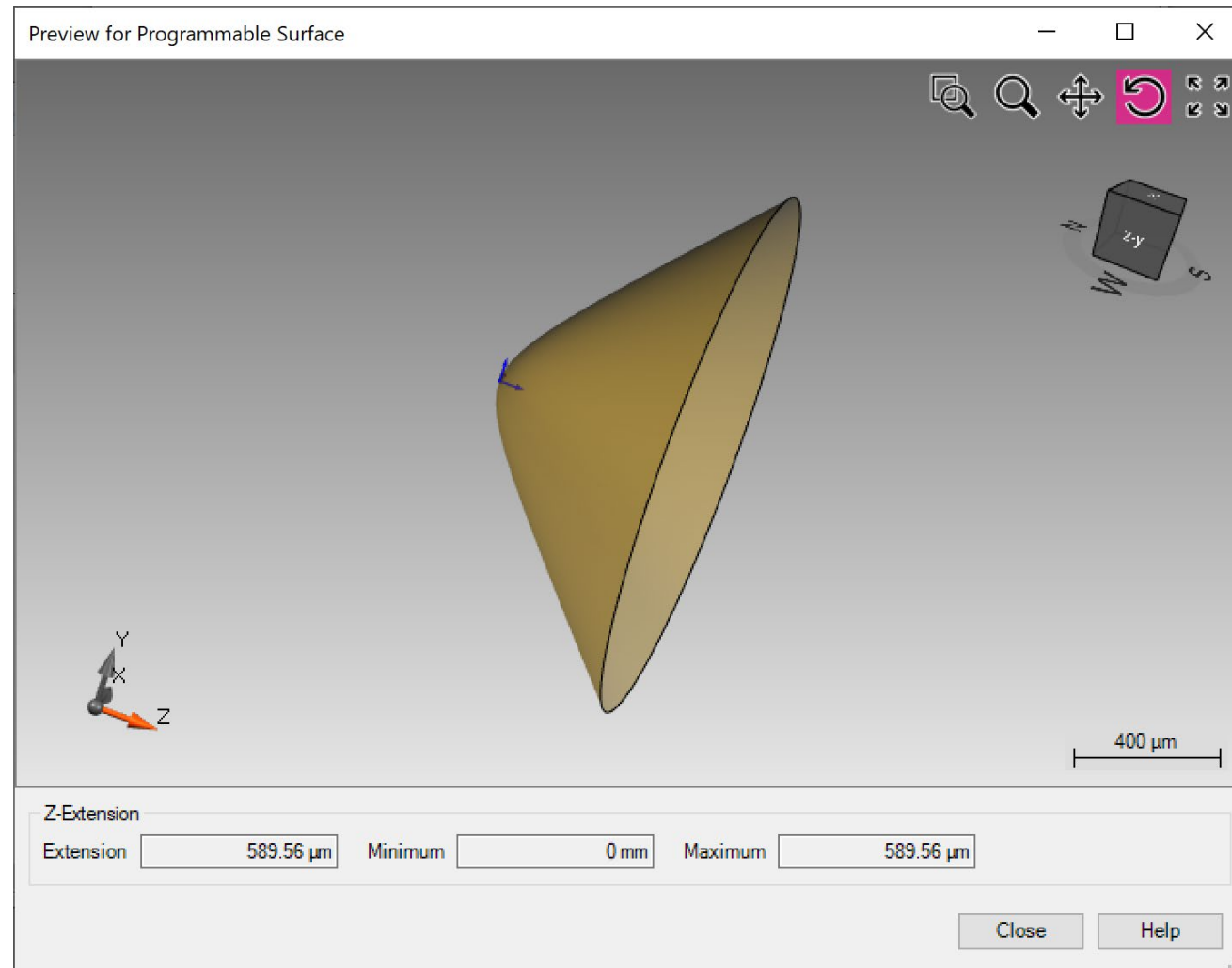
Beam Expander (1:10) – Functional Design: Ray Tracing



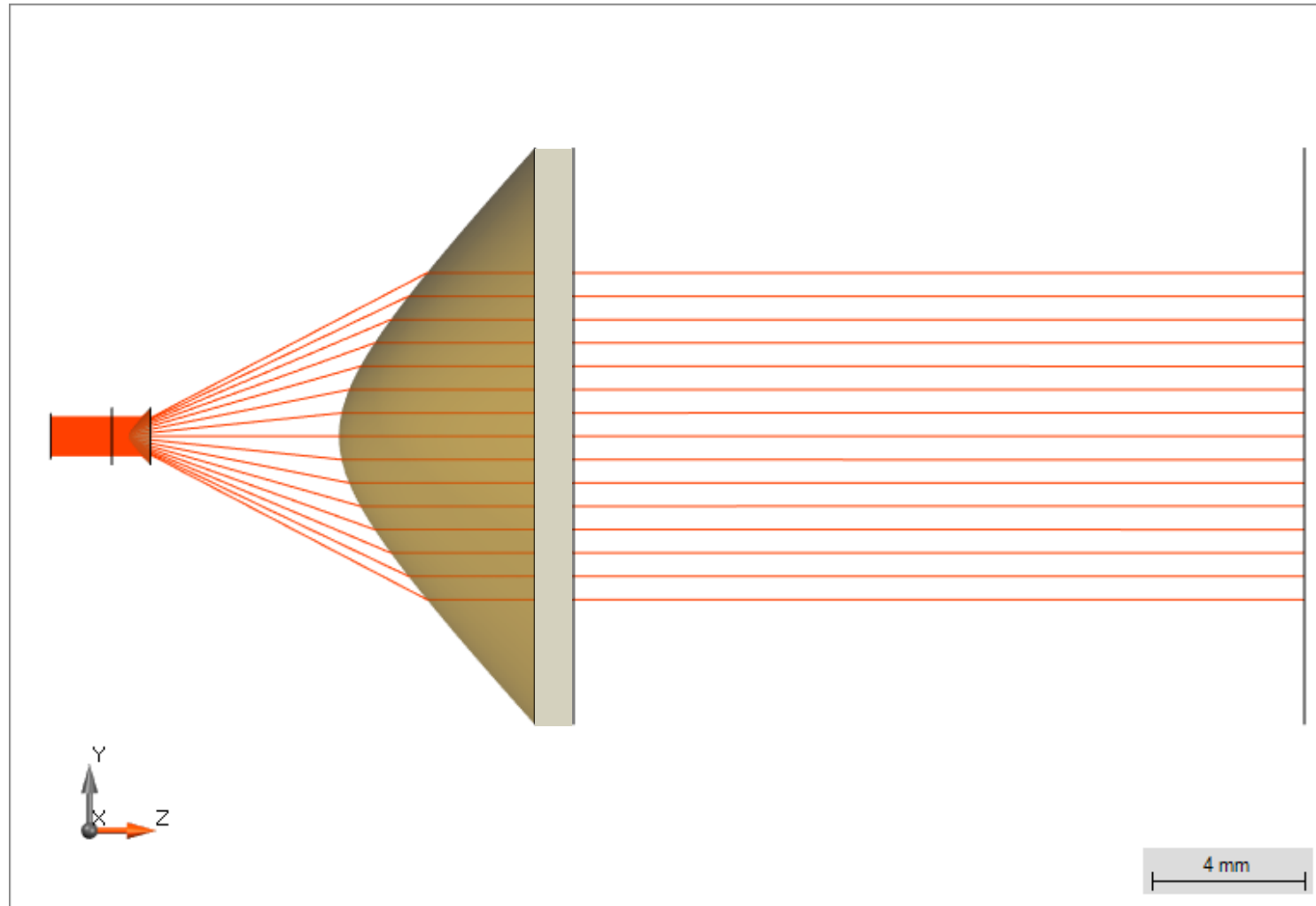
Structural Design Beam Expander (1:10): Lens + Lens



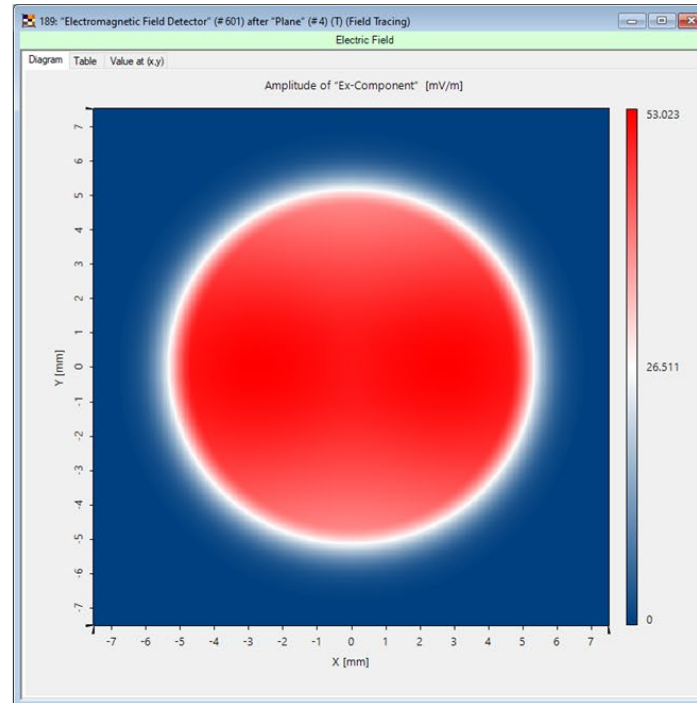
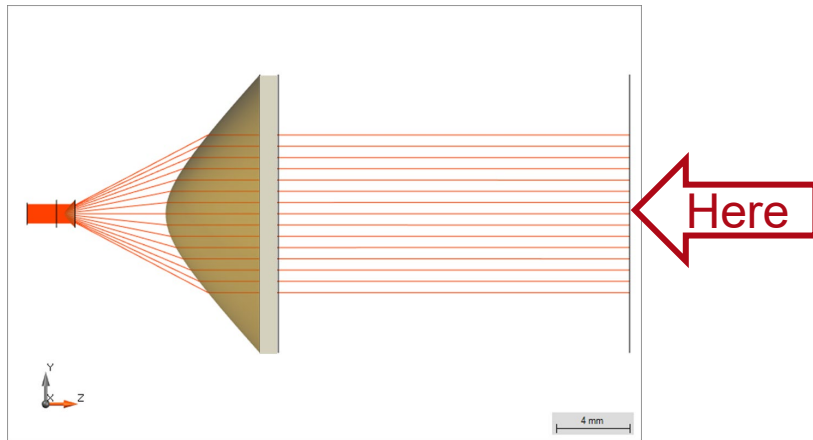
Beam Expander (1:10) – Structural Design: Lens



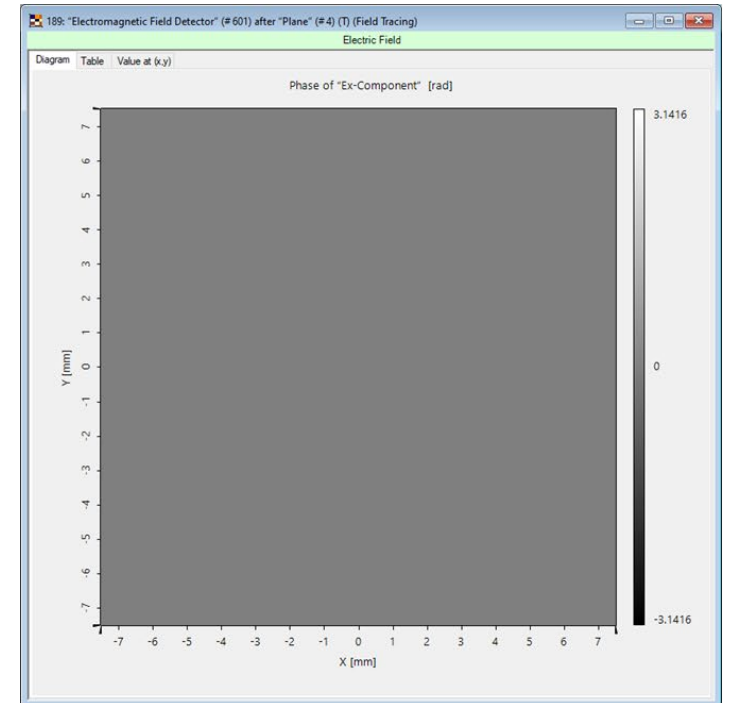
Beam Expander (1:10) Lens + Lens: Ray Tracing



Beam Expander (1:10) Lens + Lens: Field Tracing



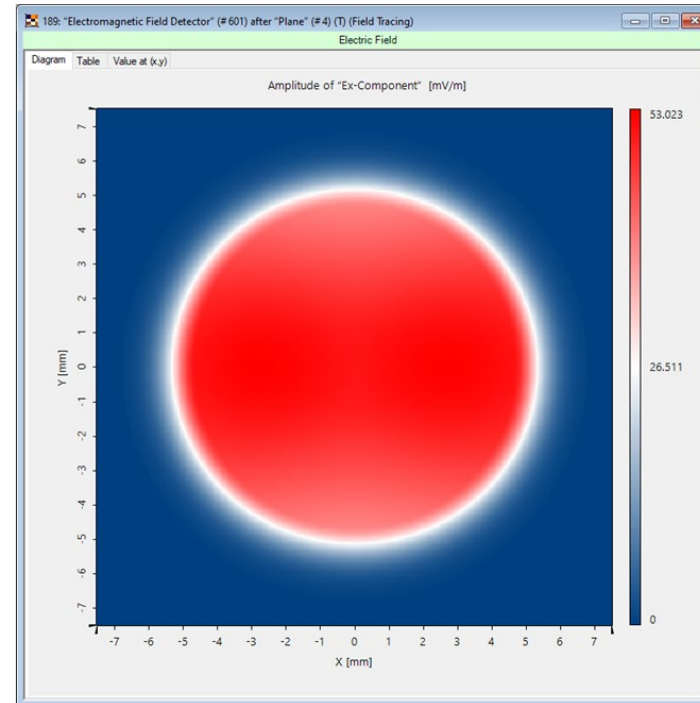
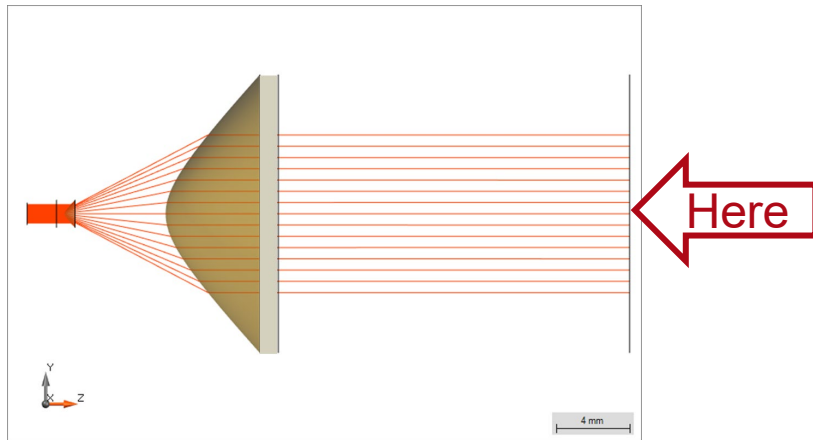
Amplitude after Beam Expander



Phase after Beam Expander

Efficiency of Freeform #1: 89.53%
Efficiency of Freeform #2: 89.53%
System Efficiency: 80.16%

Beam Expander (1:10) Lens + Lens: Field Tracing



Amplitude after Beam Expander

Irradiance shaping satisfying because of symmetric situation.

Iterative design not needed.

Efficiency of Freeform #1: 89.53%

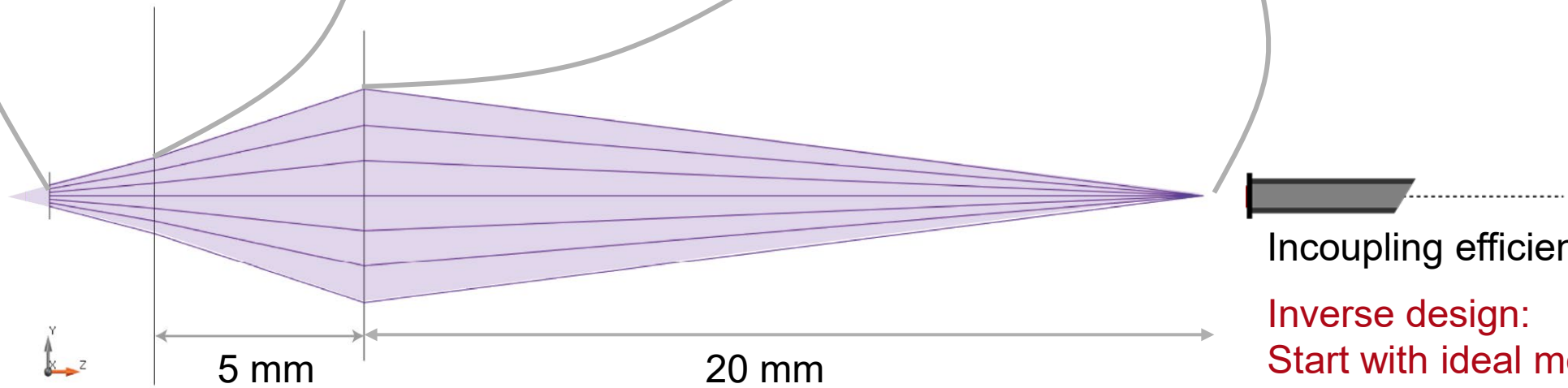
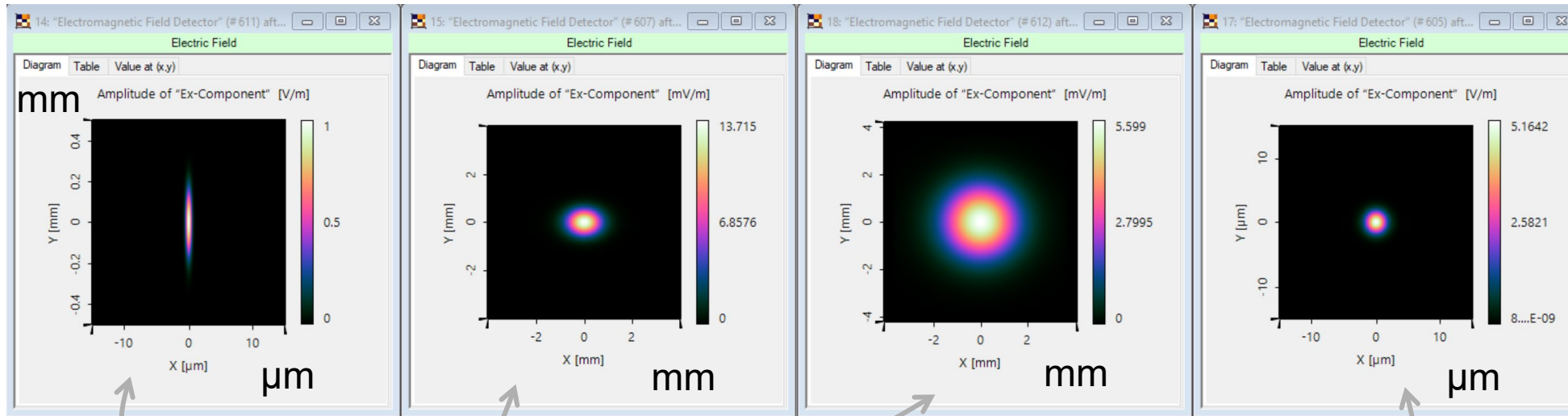
Efficiency of Freeform #2: 89.53%

System Efficiency: 80.16%

Example Fiber Coupling

Structural Design

Laser Diode Coupling Into Fiber: Functional Design

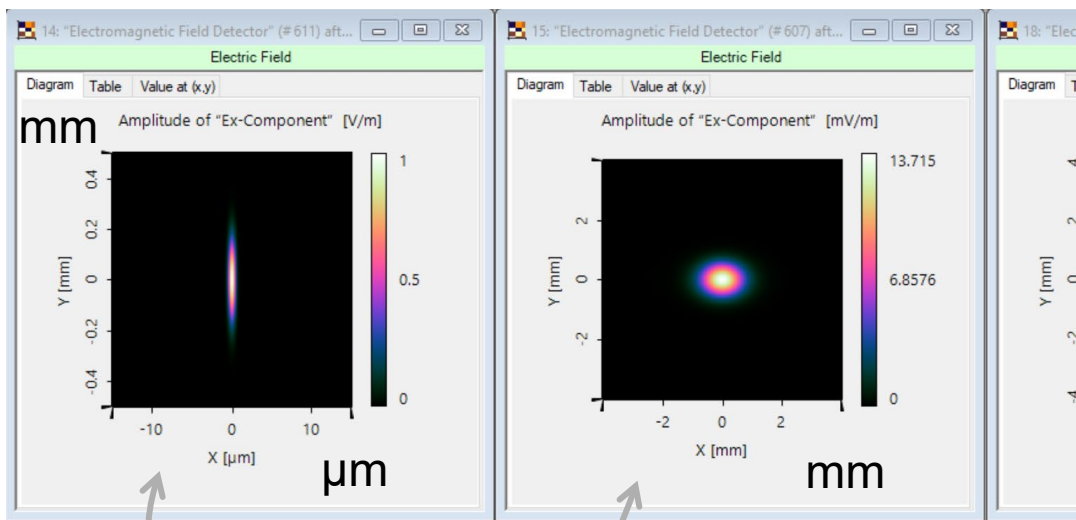


Incoupling efficiency : 99%

Inverse design:
Start with ideal mode

$$\psi^{\text{shape}}(\rho \in P_1) \quad \psi^{\text{out,d}}(\rho \in P_2)$$

Laser Diode Coupling Into Fiber: Freeform Design



Freeform Surface Design by Inverse Propagation

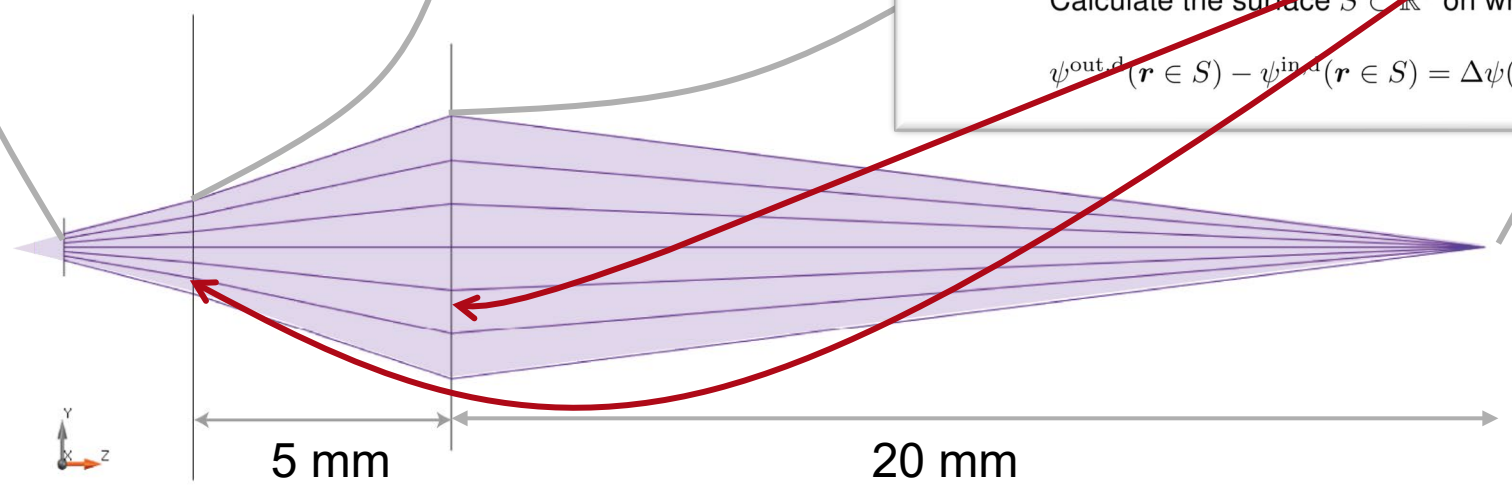
$S = \{\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^3 | \mathbf{r} = (\boldsymbol{\rho}, z(\boldsymbol{\rho}))\}$

Input field
 $\mathbf{E}^{\text{in},d}(\boldsymbol{\rho}) = \mathbf{U}^{\text{in},d}(\boldsymbol{\rho}) \exp(i\psi^{\text{in},d}(\boldsymbol{\rho}))$
 with index "d" for design field

Output field
 $\mathbf{E}^{\text{out},d}(\boldsymbol{\rho}) = \mathbf{U}^{\text{out},d}(\boldsymbol{\rho}) \exp(i\psi^{\text{out},d}(\boldsymbol{\rho}))$

$\Delta\psi = 0$

Calculate the surface $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ on which:
 $\psi^{\text{out},d}(\mathbf{r} \in S) - \psi^{\text{in},d}(\mathbf{r} \in S) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$

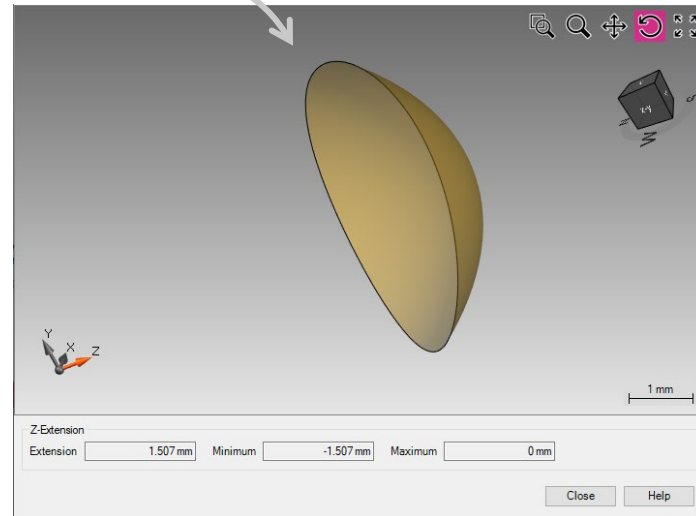
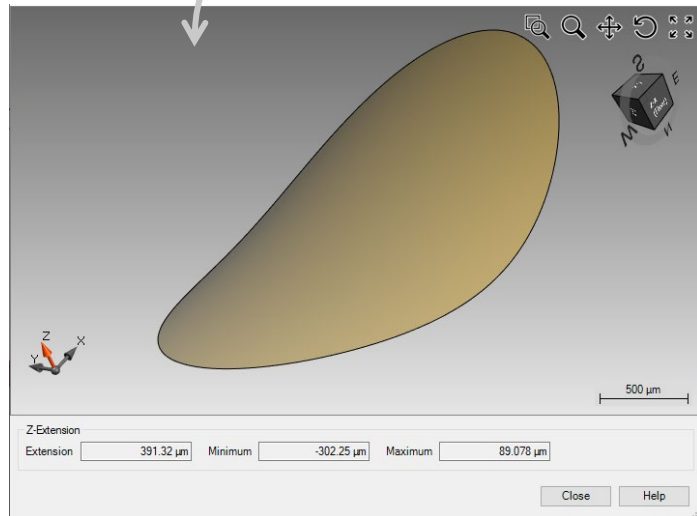
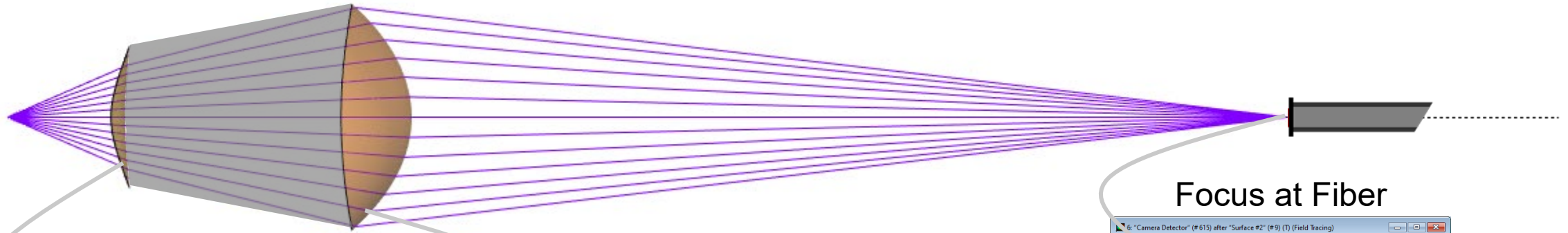


Incoupling efficiency : 99%

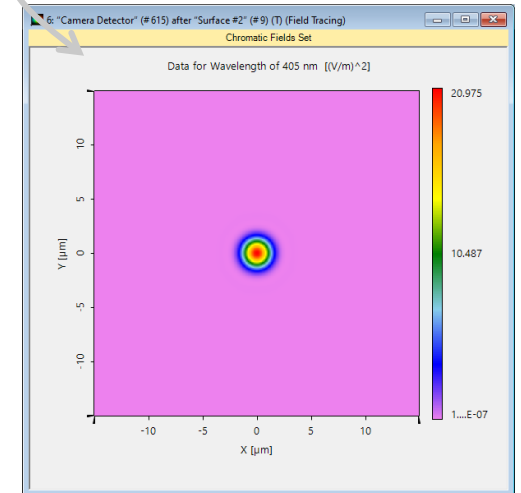
Inverse design:
Start with ideal mode

$\psi^{\text{shape}}(\boldsymbol{\rho} \in P_1) \quad \psi^{\text{out},d}(\boldsymbol{\rho} \in P_2)$

Laser Diode Coupling Into Fiber: Ray and Field Tracing



Focus at Fiber

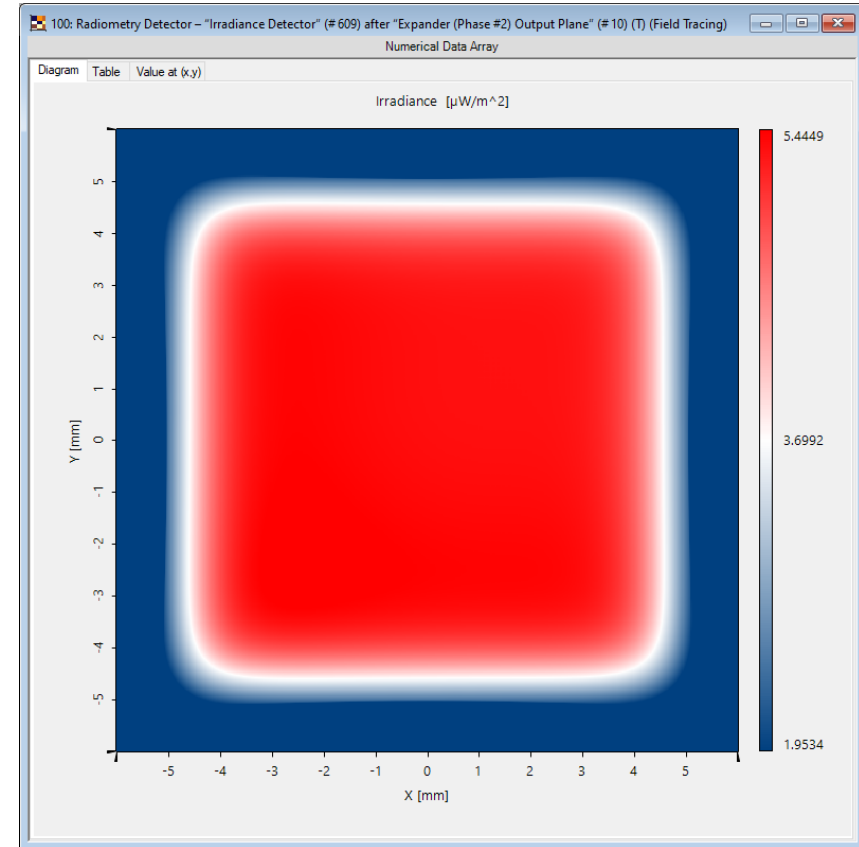
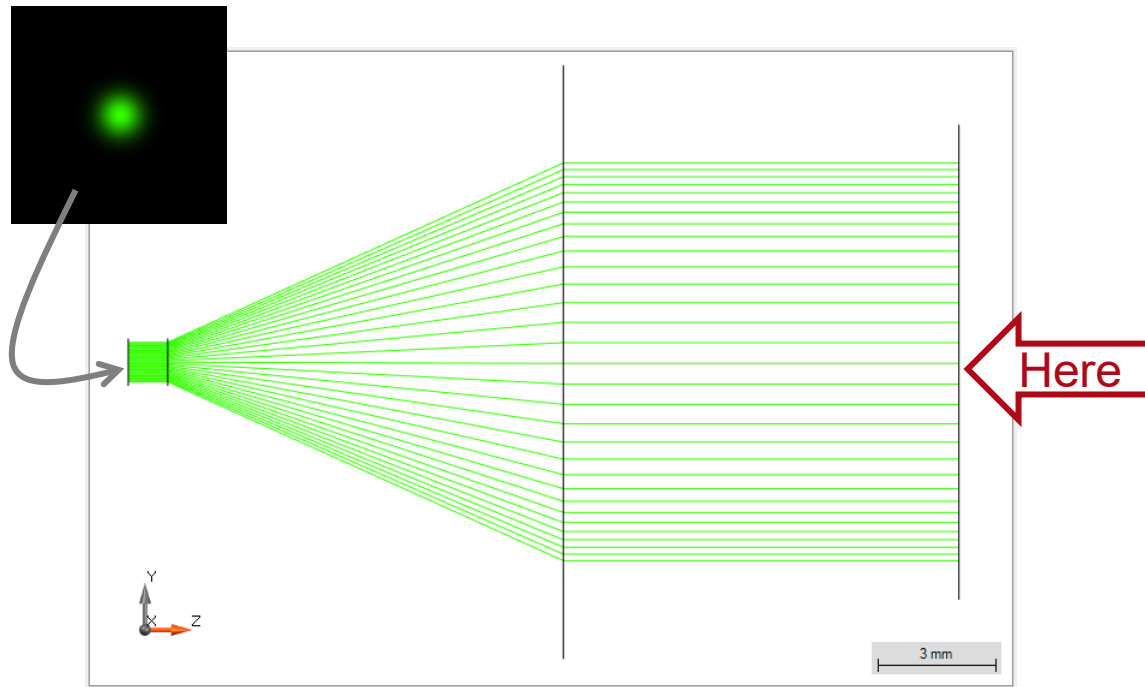


Incoupling Efficiency: 98%

Example Shaping Expander

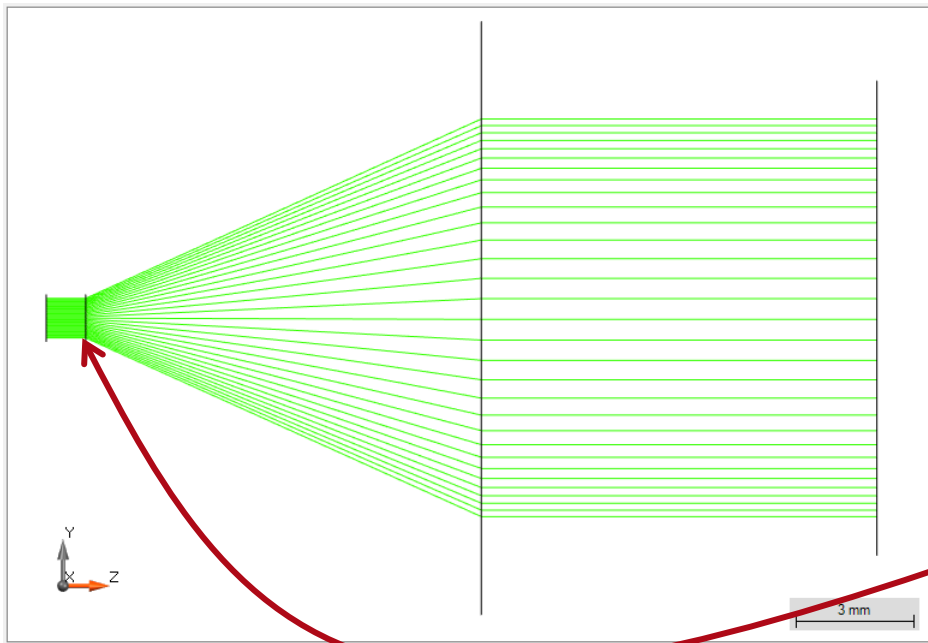
Structural Design

Shaping Beam Expander: Functional Design

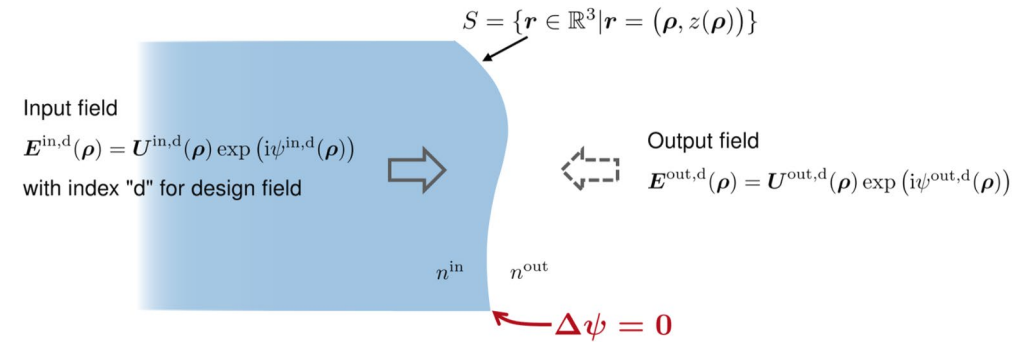


Irradiance (by field tracing)

Structural Design Shaping Expander: One Freeform



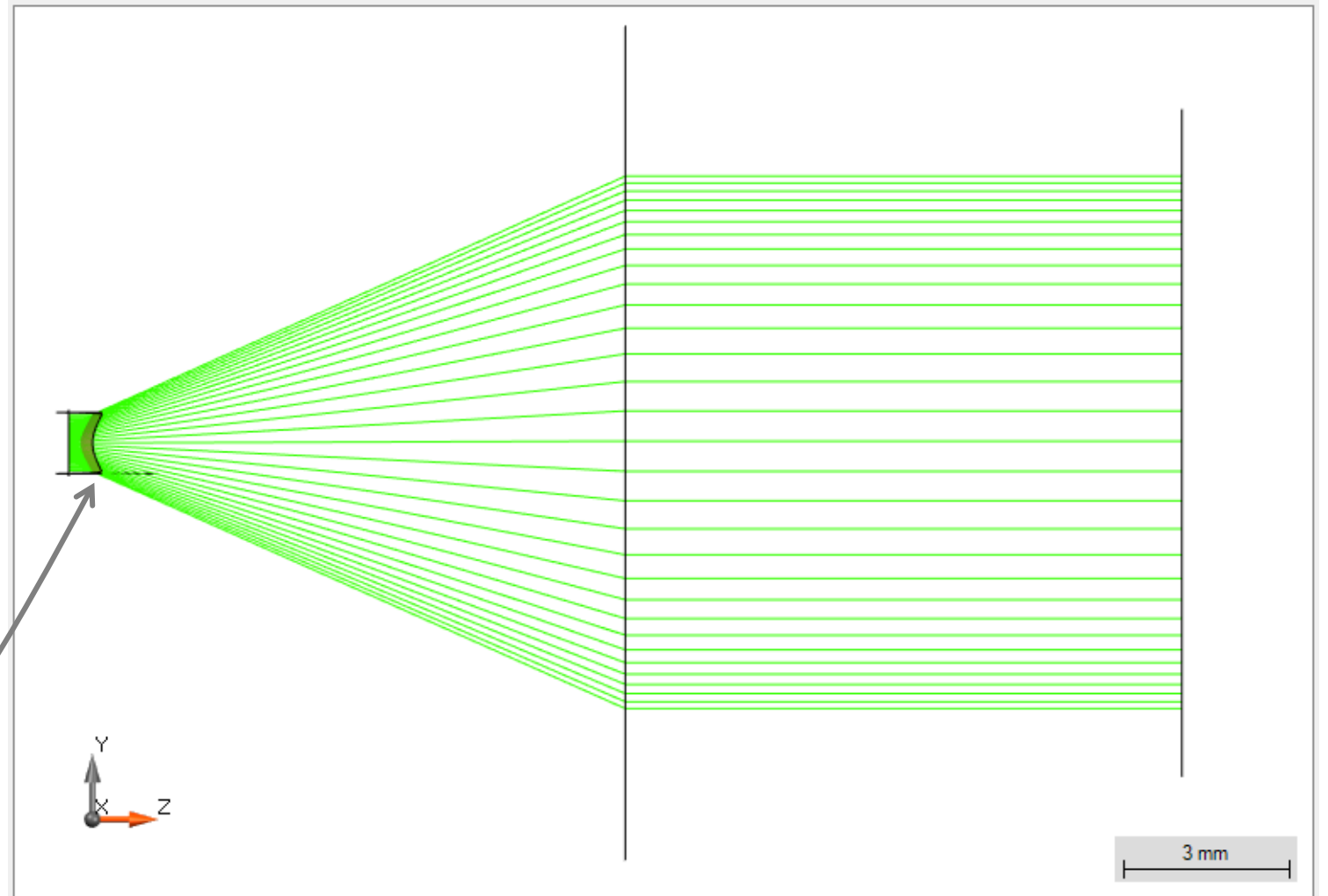
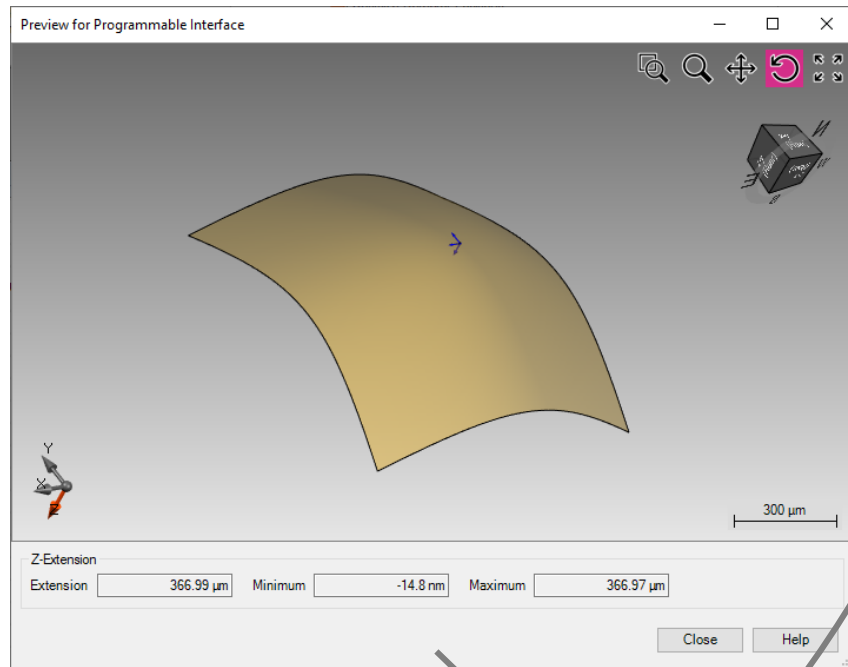
Freeform Surface Design by Inverse Propagation



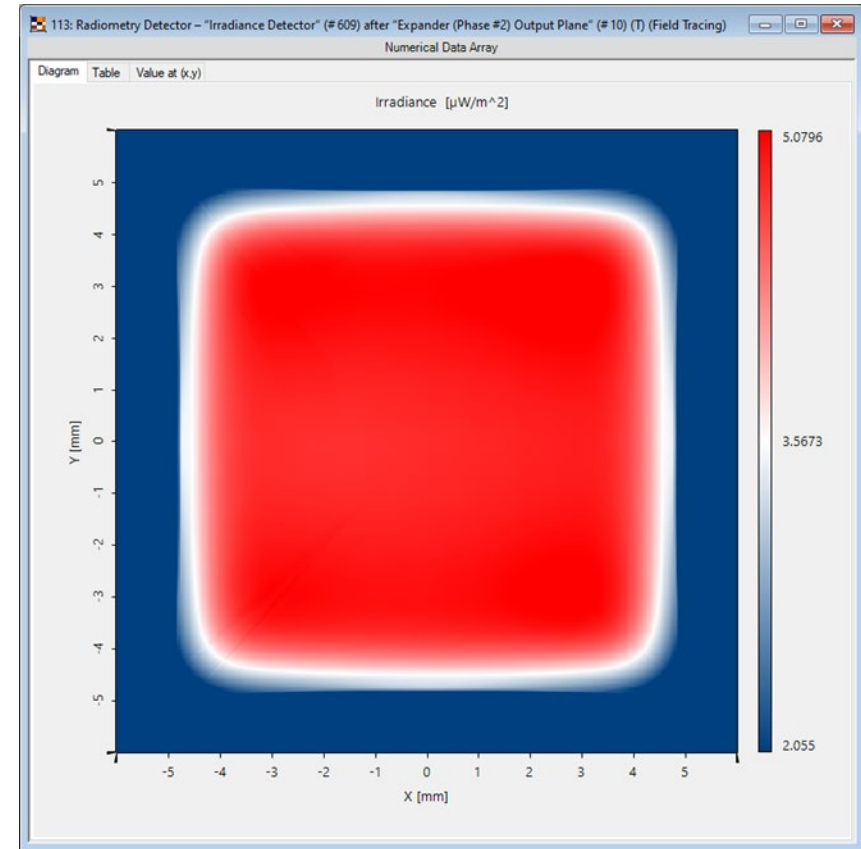
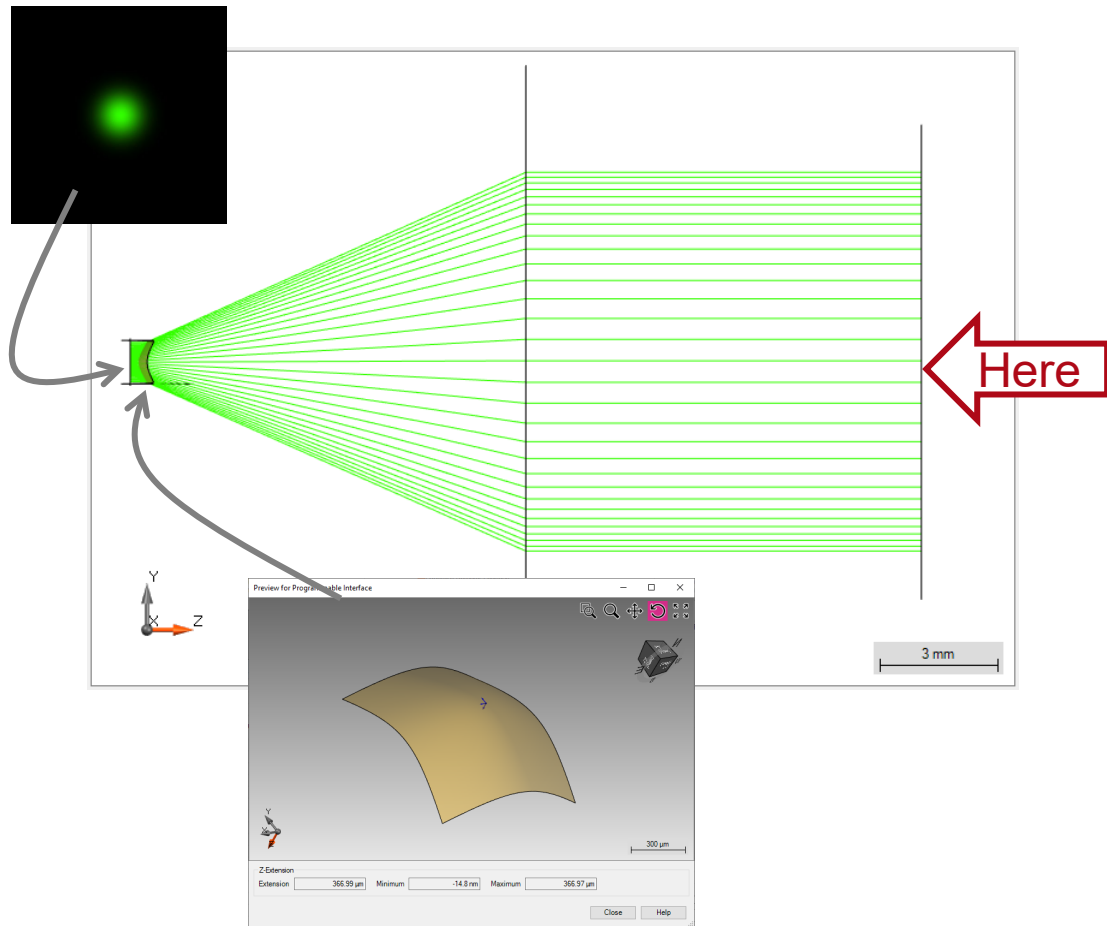
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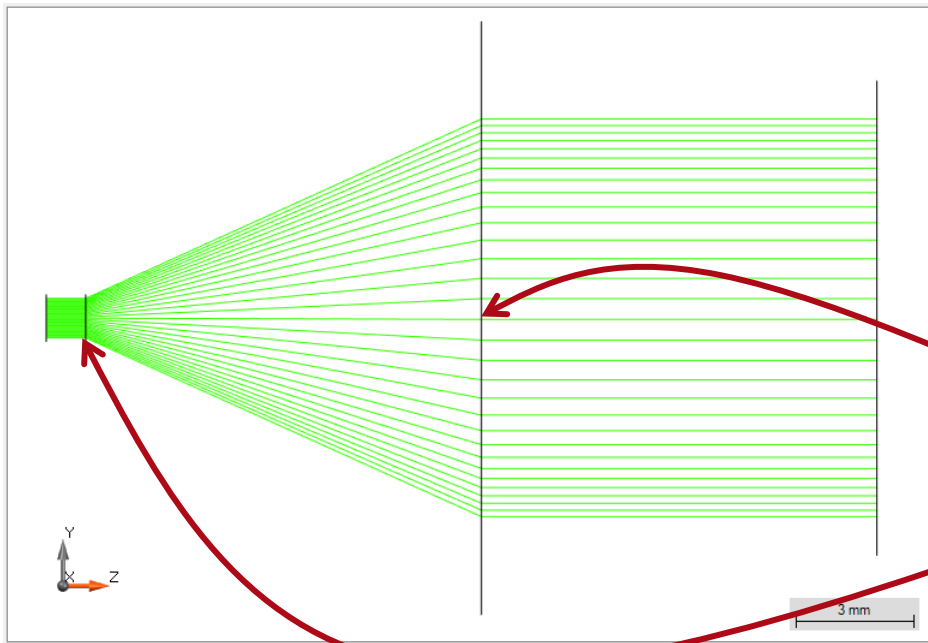


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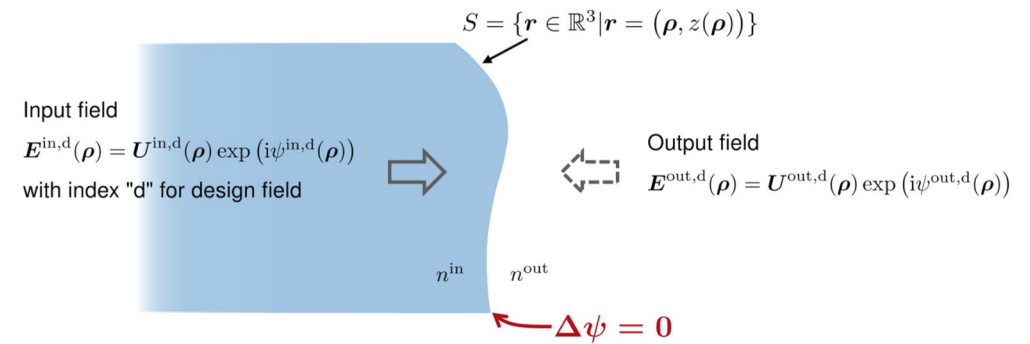


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Structural Design Shaping Expander: Two Freeforms



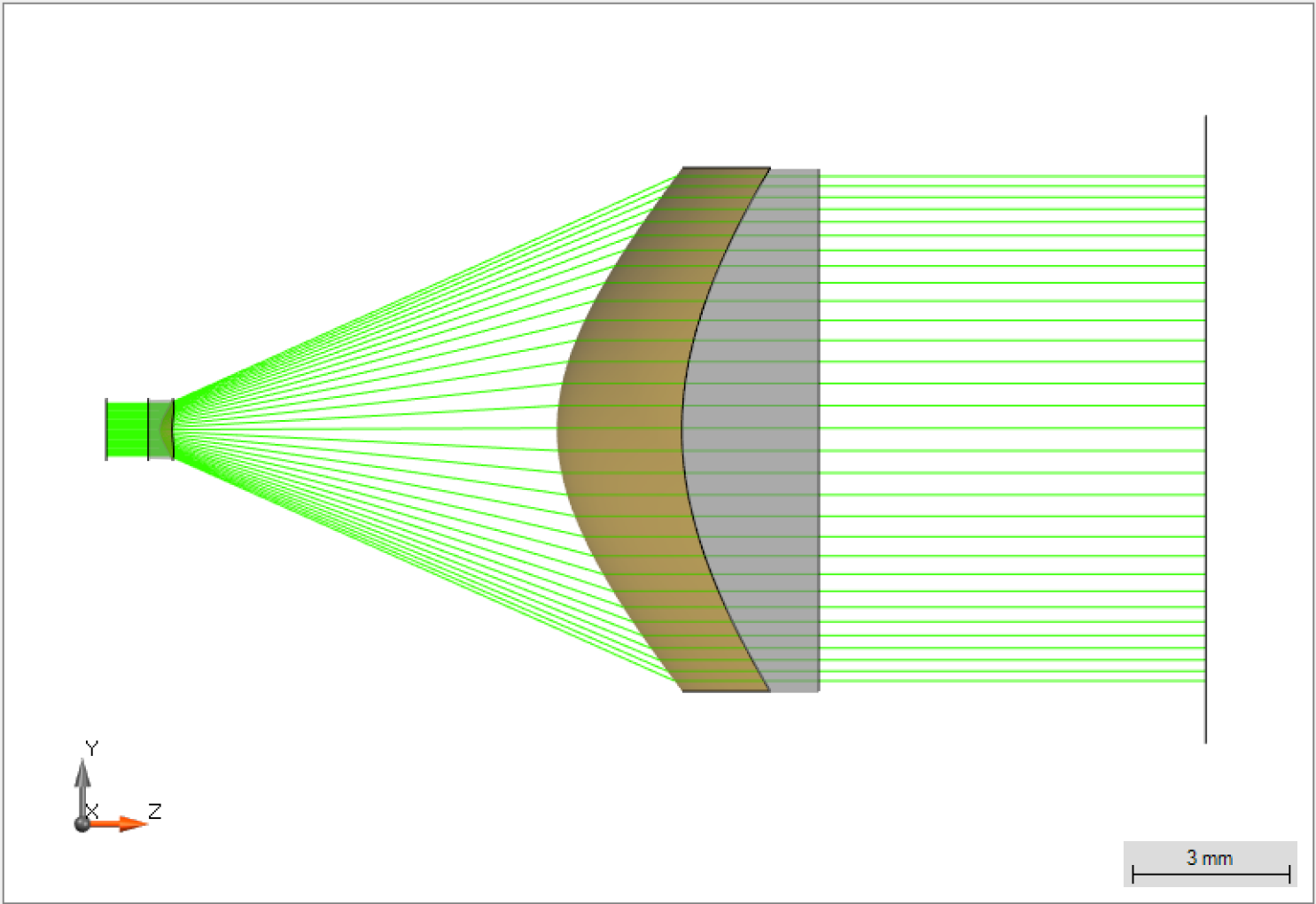
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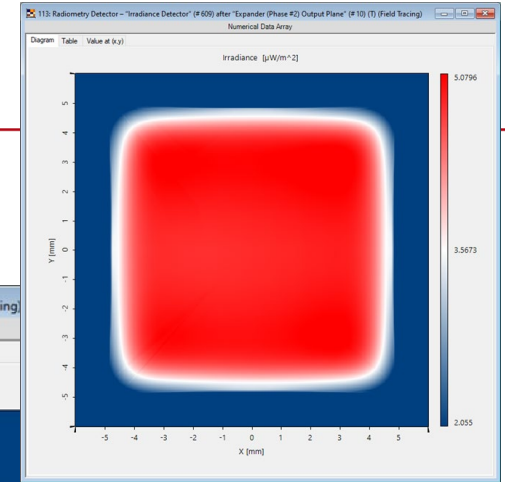
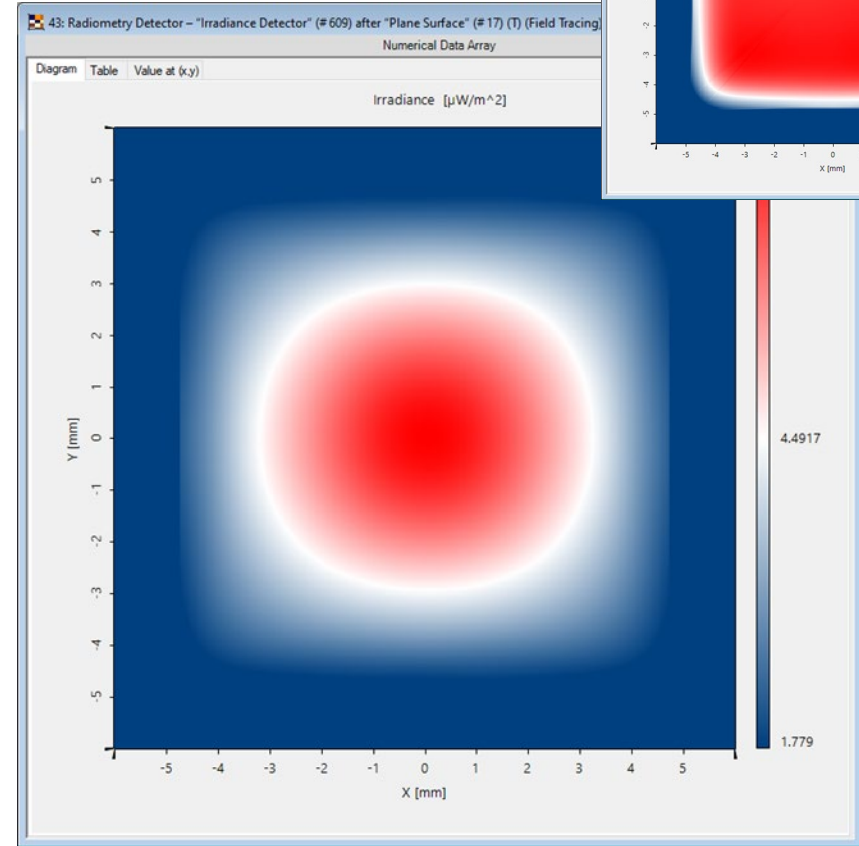
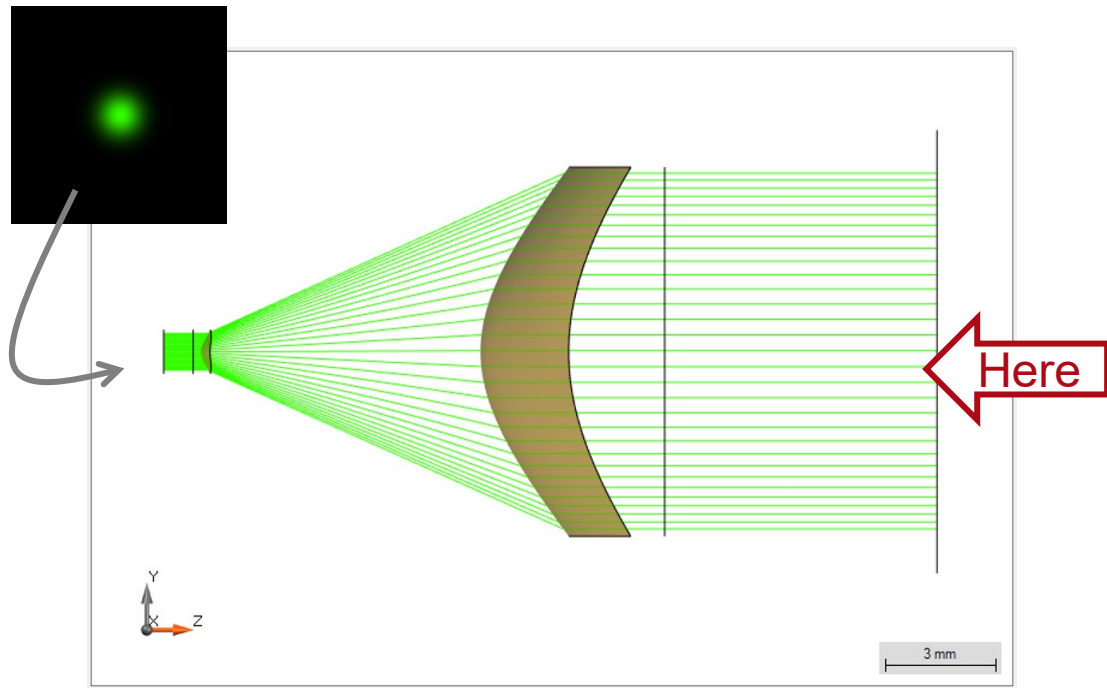
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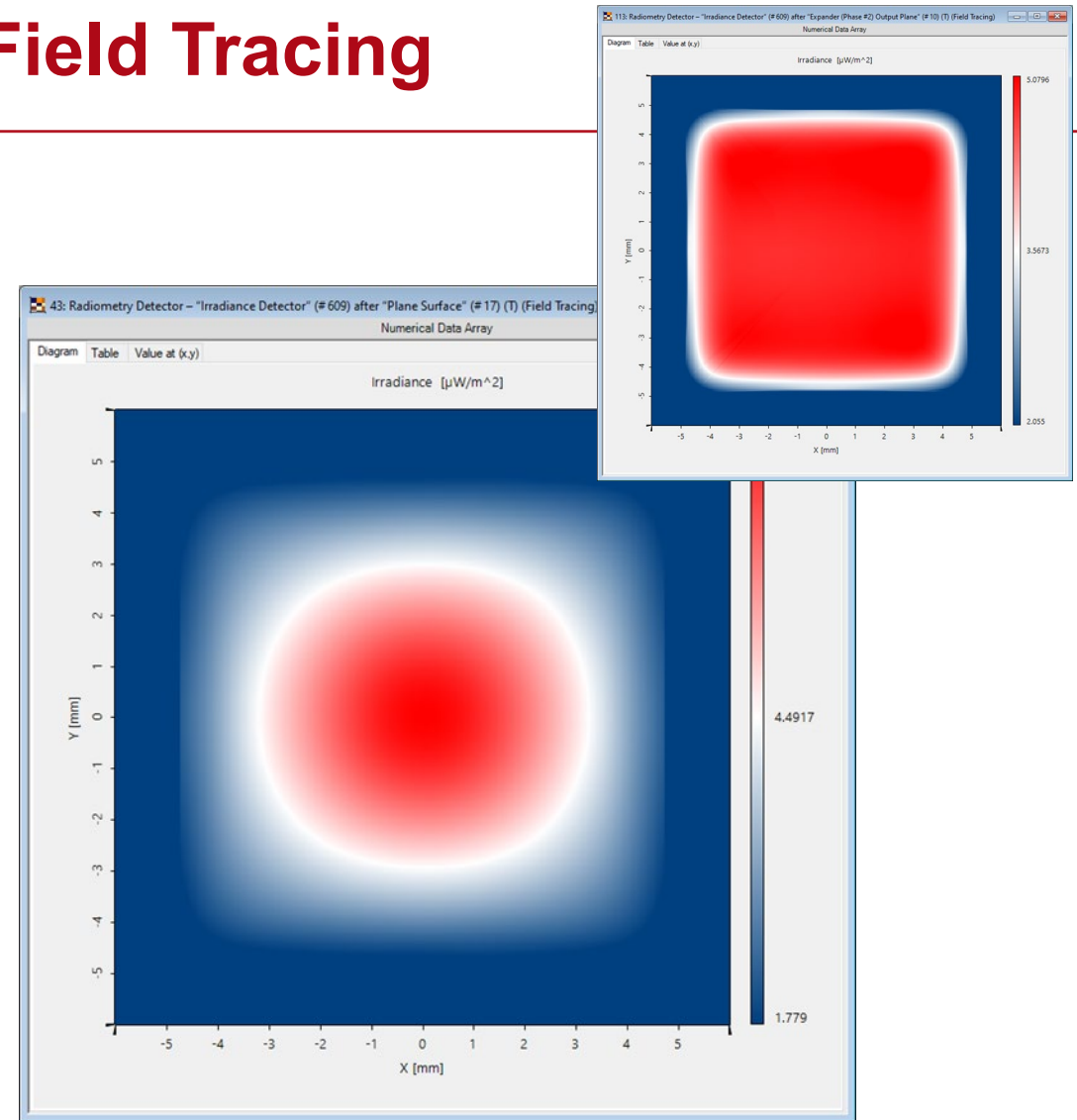
Shaping Expander Two Freeforms: Field Tracing



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Significant irradiance shaping often requires iterative optimization by several cycles of design workflow.



Irradiance (by field tracing)

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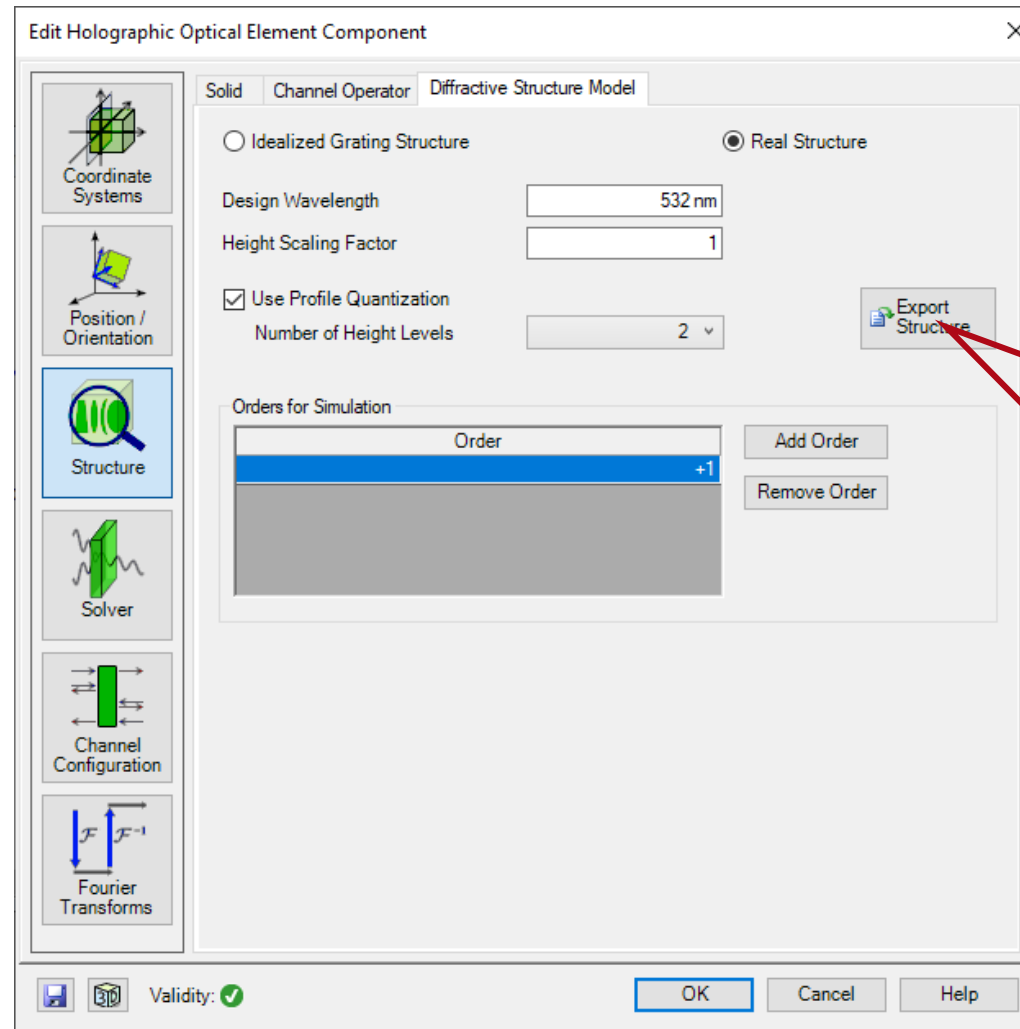
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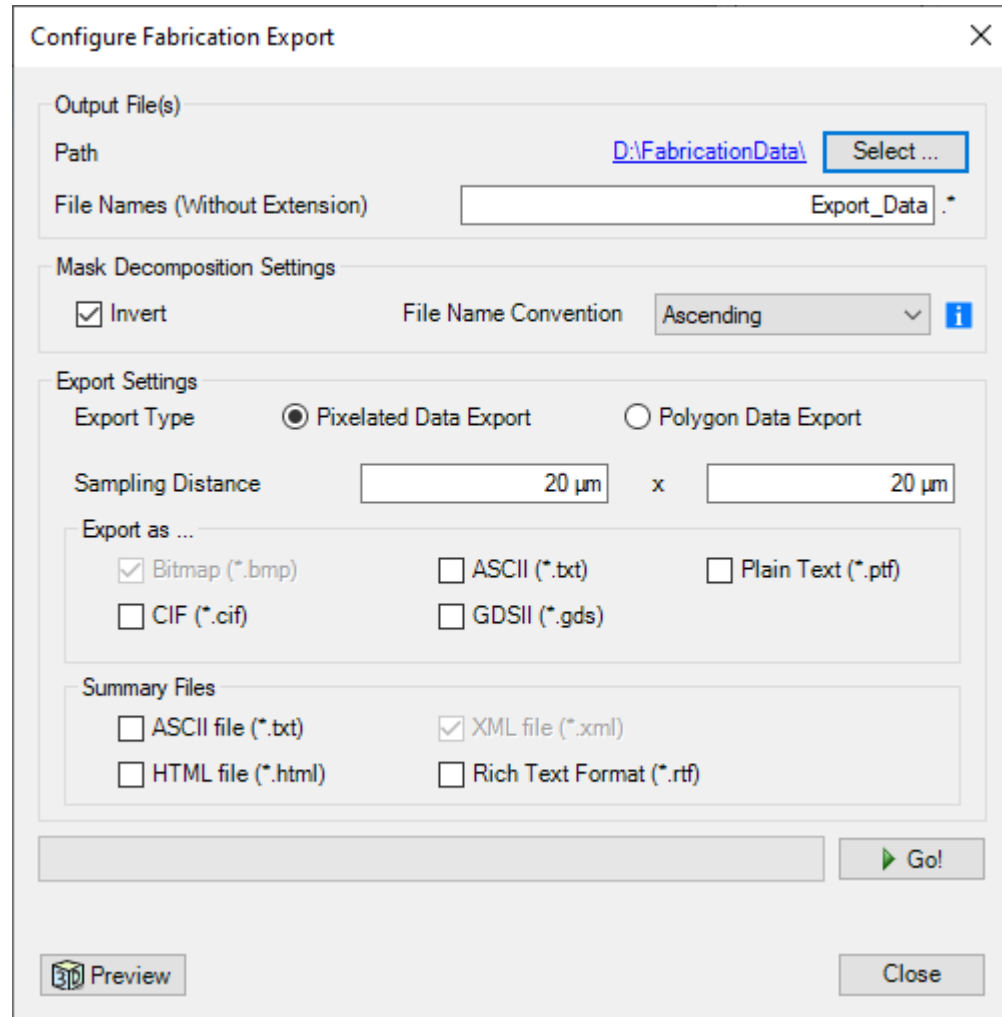
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HOE Fabrication Data Export



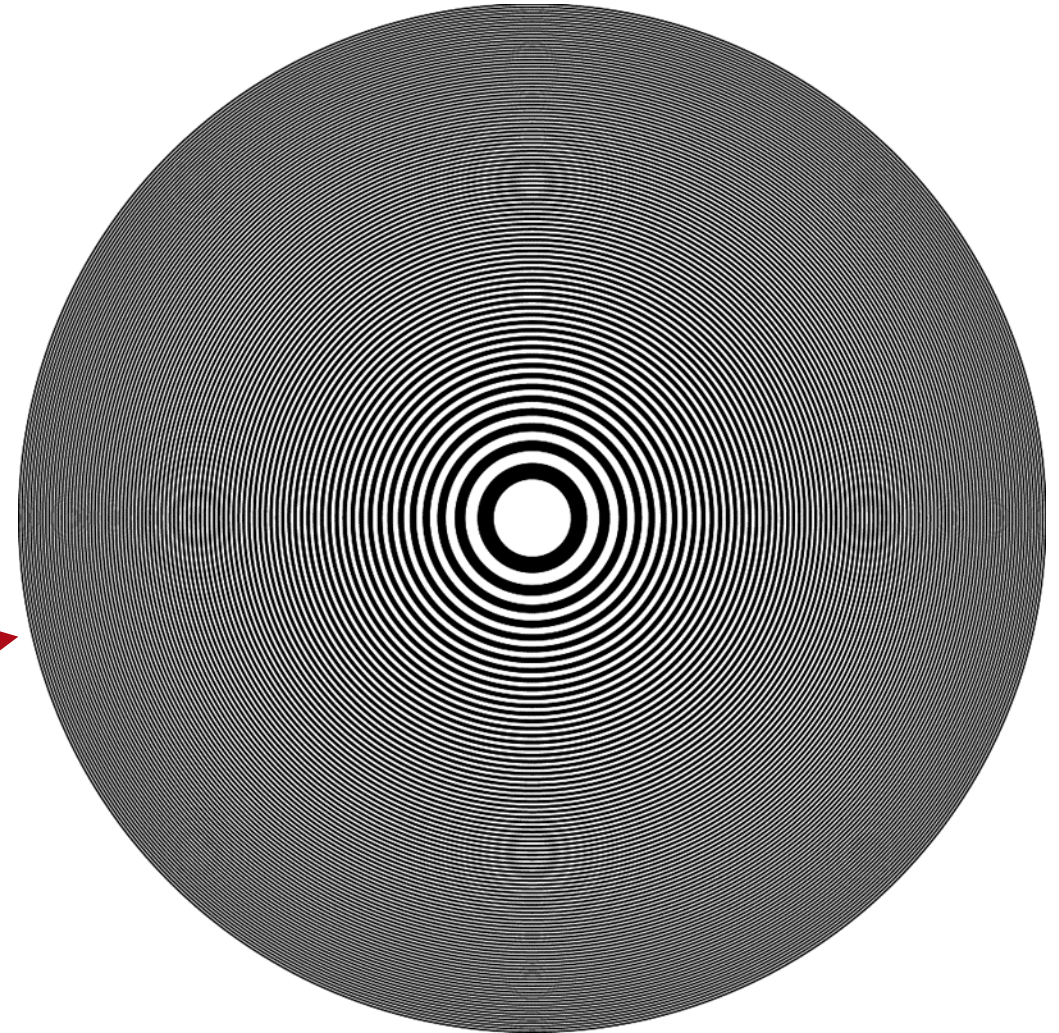
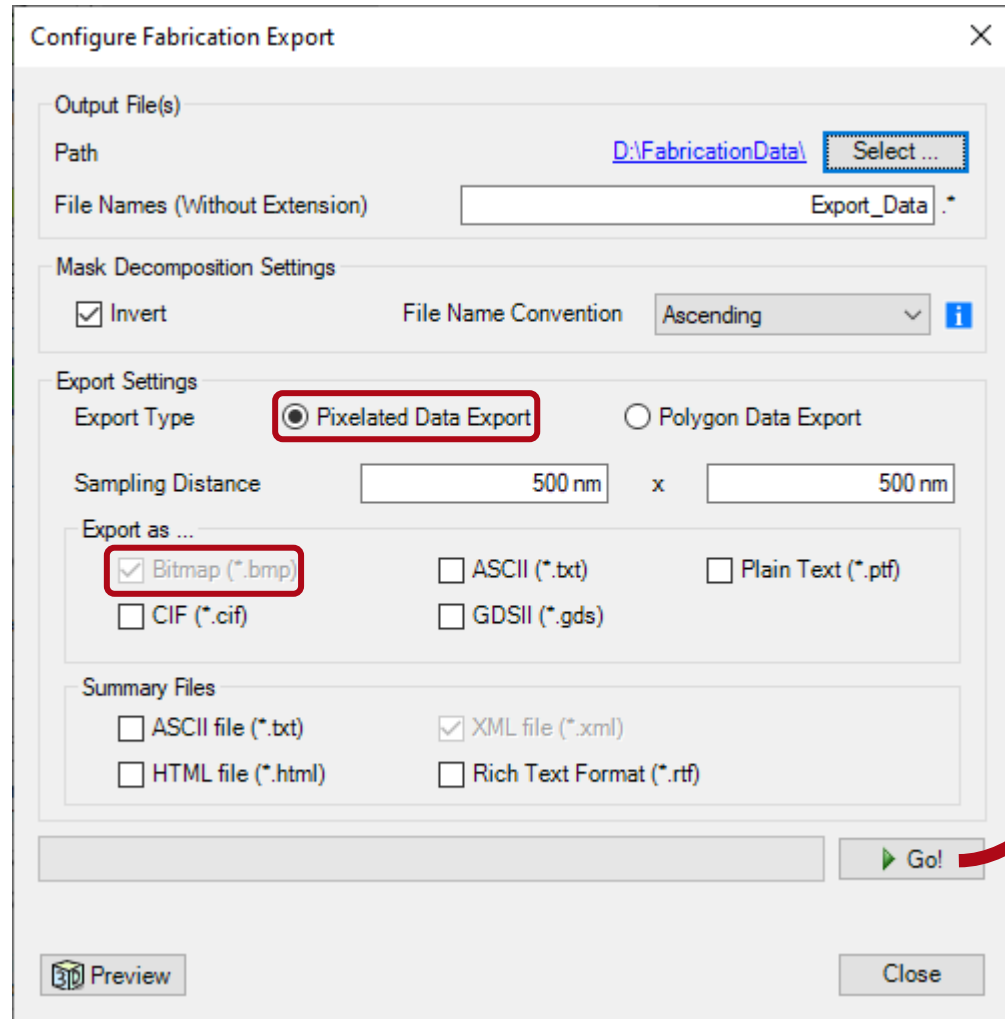
Structure export for quantized height structures can be performed by clicking on the corresponding button in the edit dialog of the HOE.

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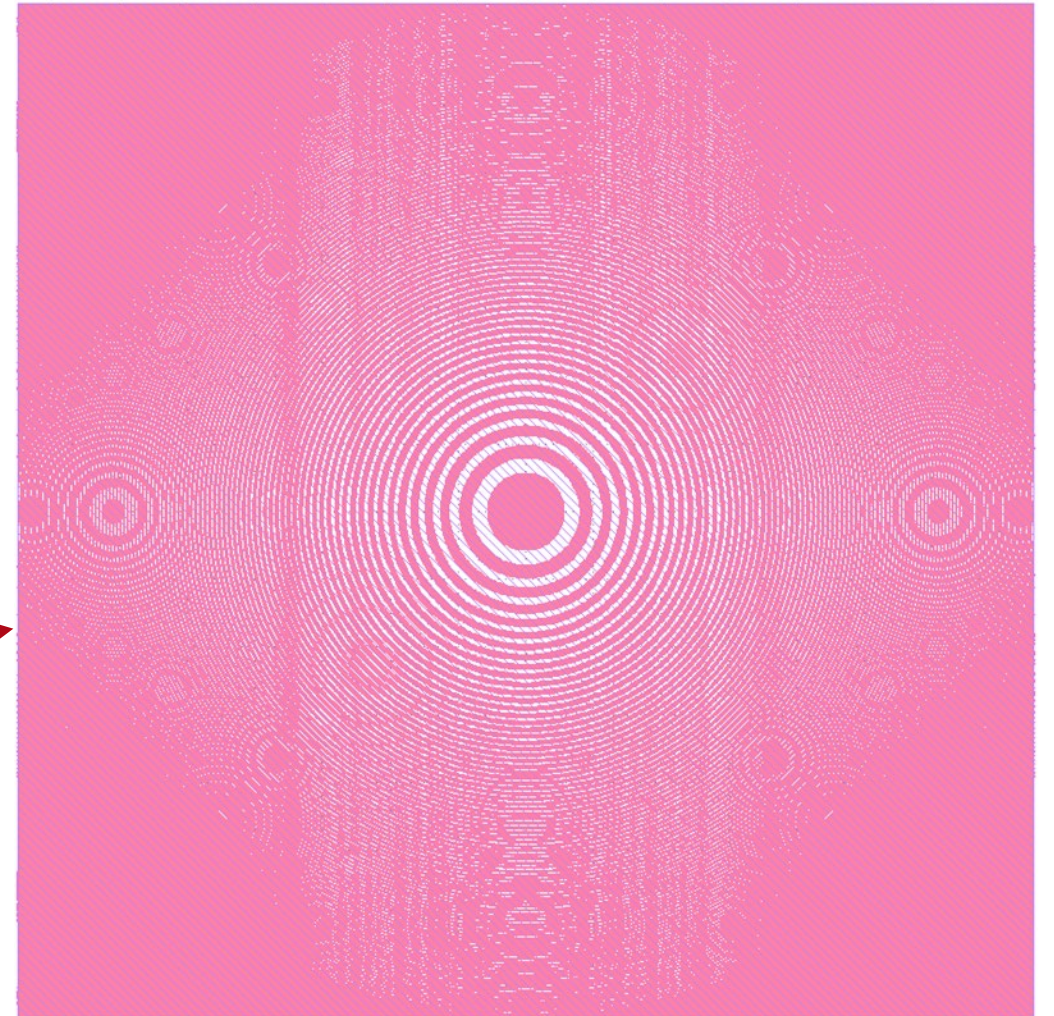
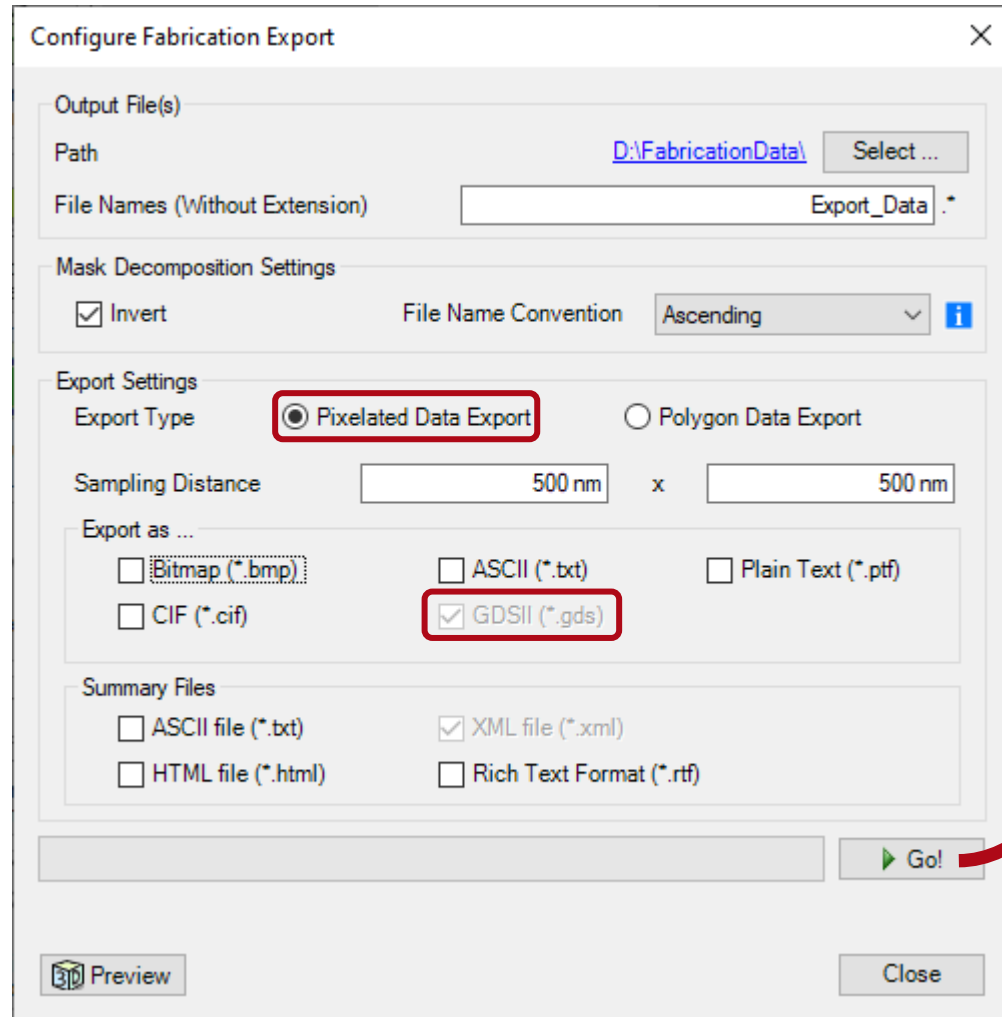


- Fabrication export supports specification of
 - Target directory
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 - Pixelated or polygon data export (+ export accuracy parameters)
 - File format (supported formats: bitmap, text files, GDISII or CIF)

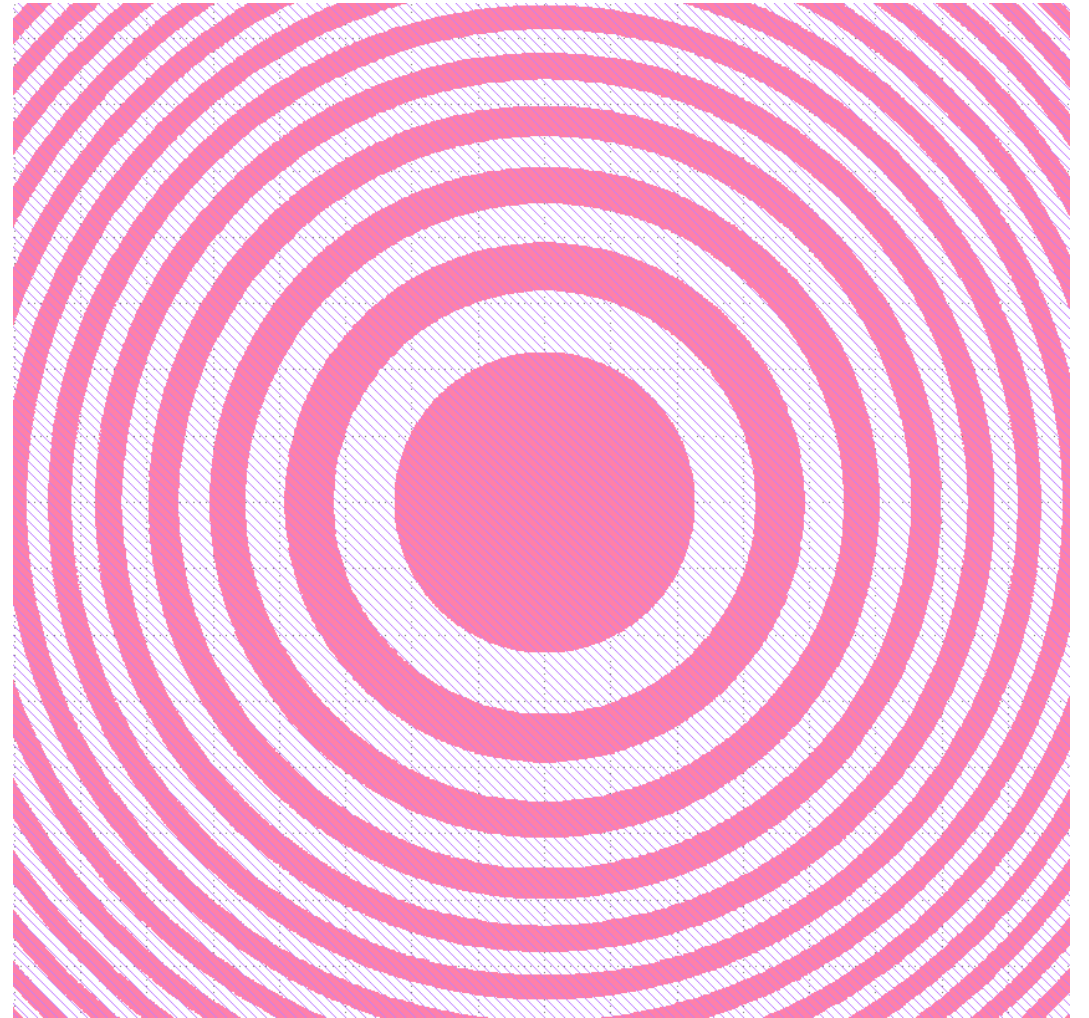
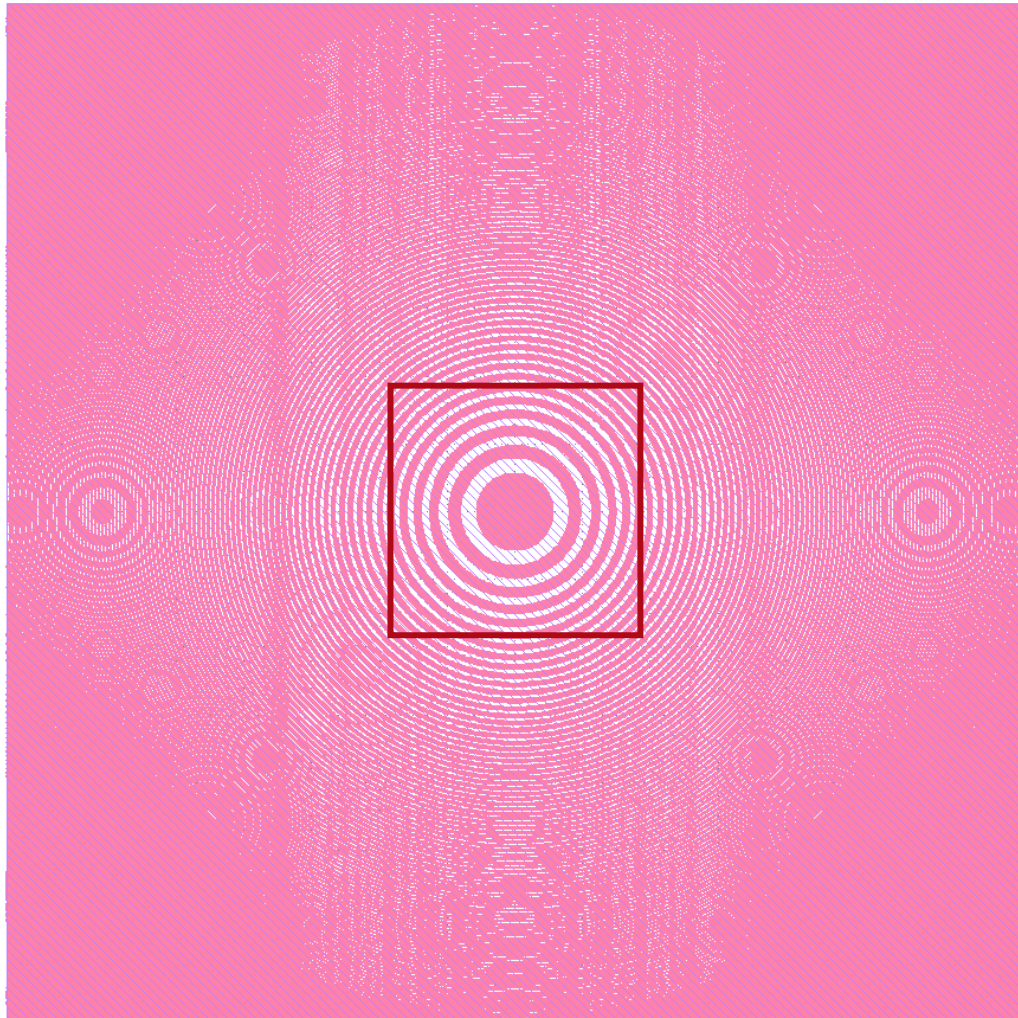
HOE Fabrication Data Export – Sample Data Pixelated Bitmap



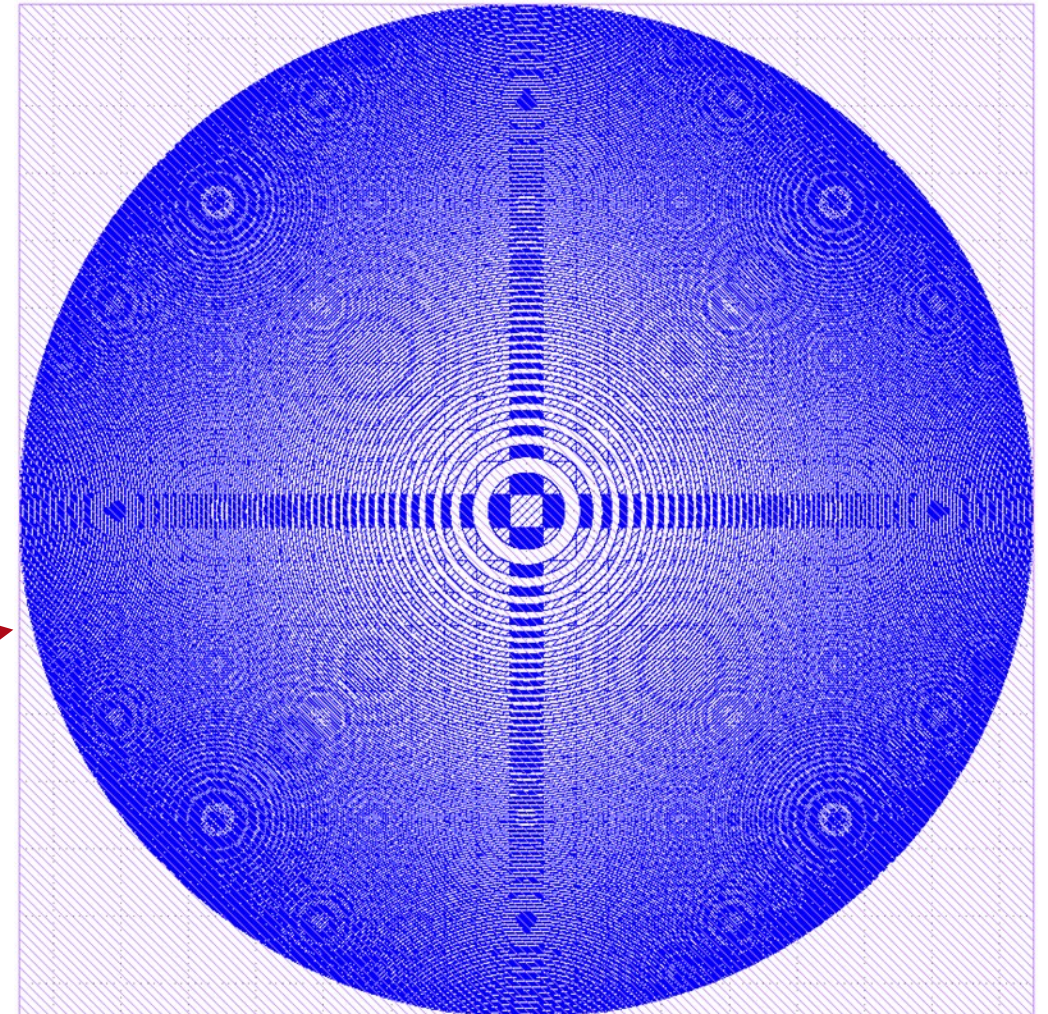
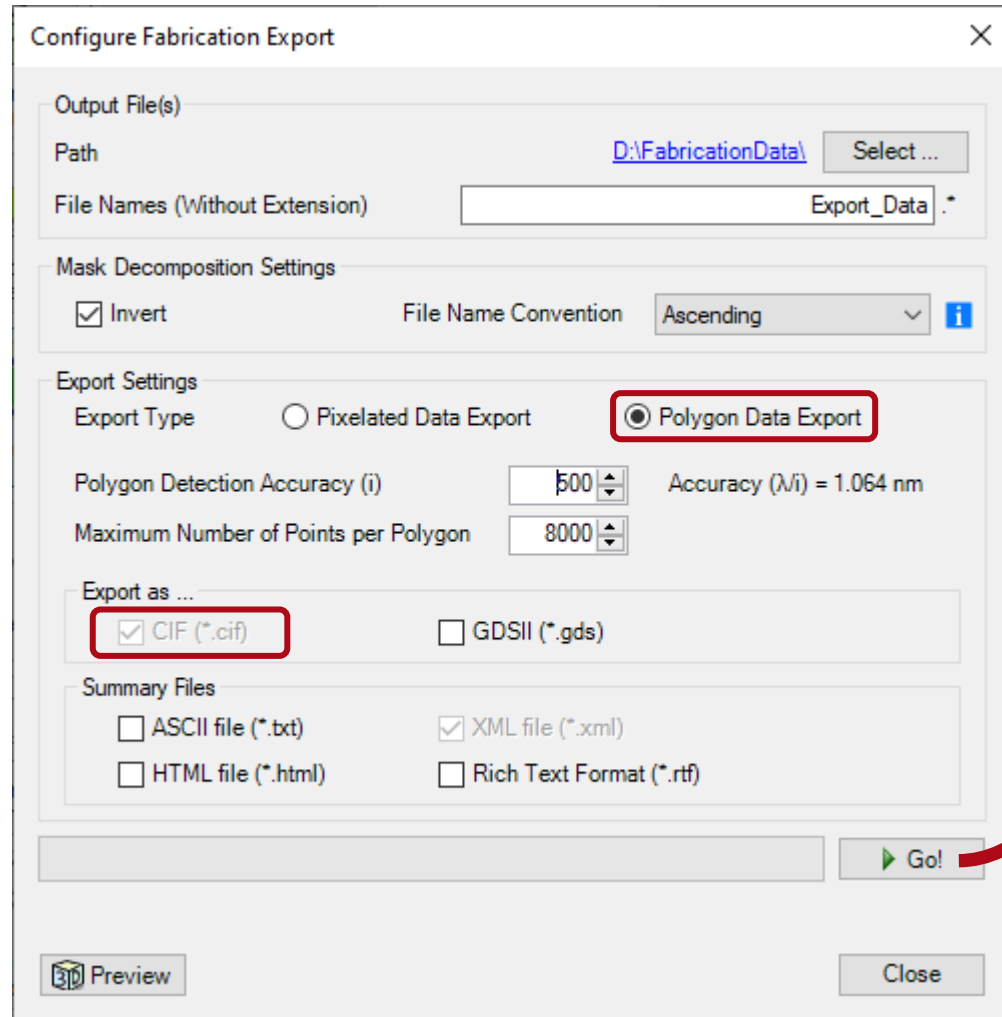
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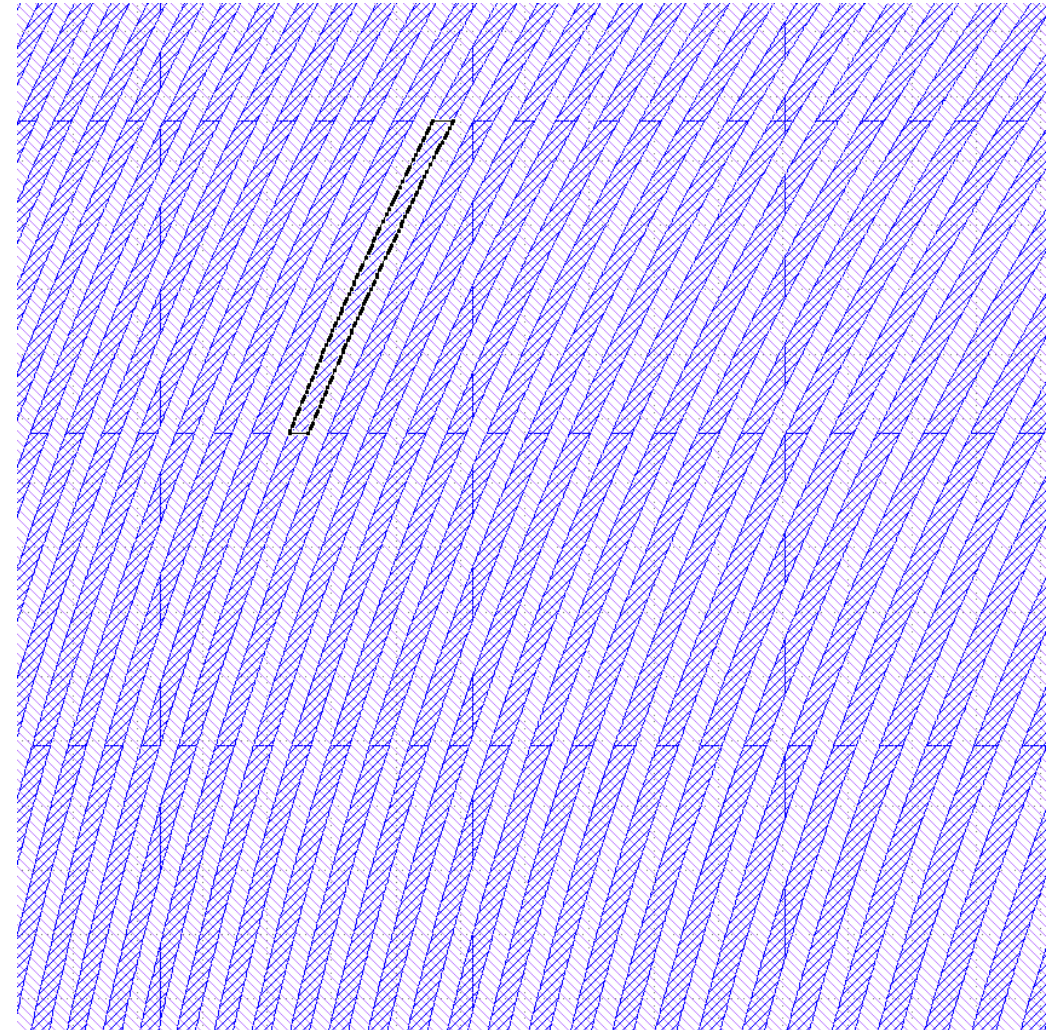
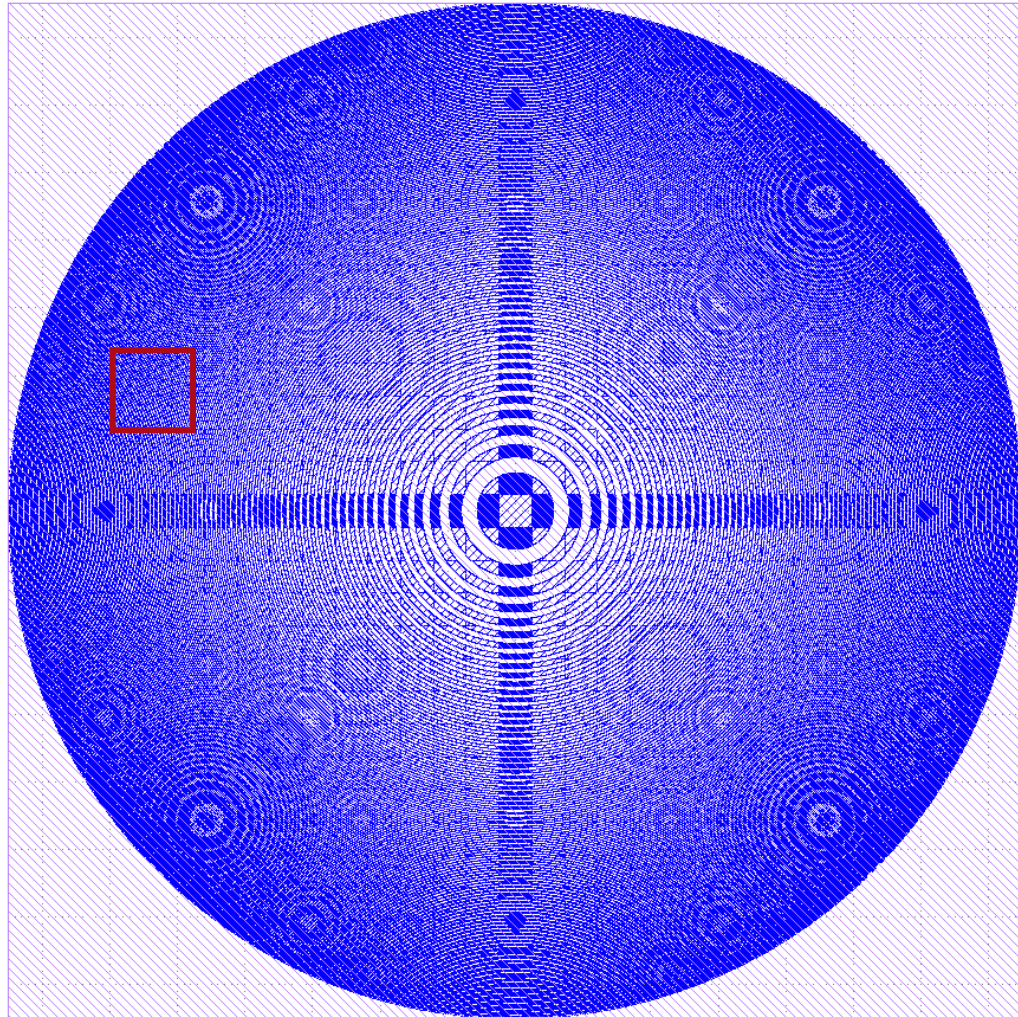
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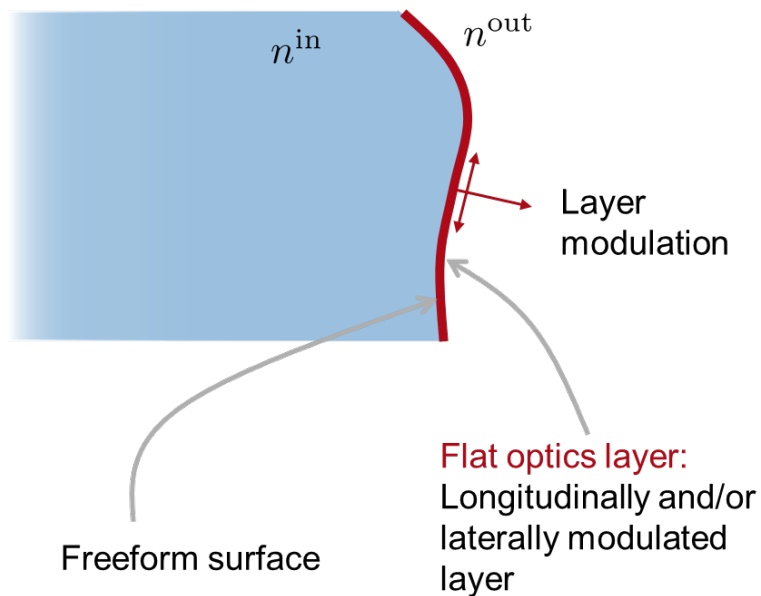
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Freeform and Flat Optics: Why?



Freeform and flat optics introduce new design freedoms:

- Improve performance
- Reduce size and weight
- Less components
- Cost reduction
- Add new functionality, e.g., bifocal lenses, polarization dependency, ...

“Is it possible to replace a bulky glass system by one meta lens” ?

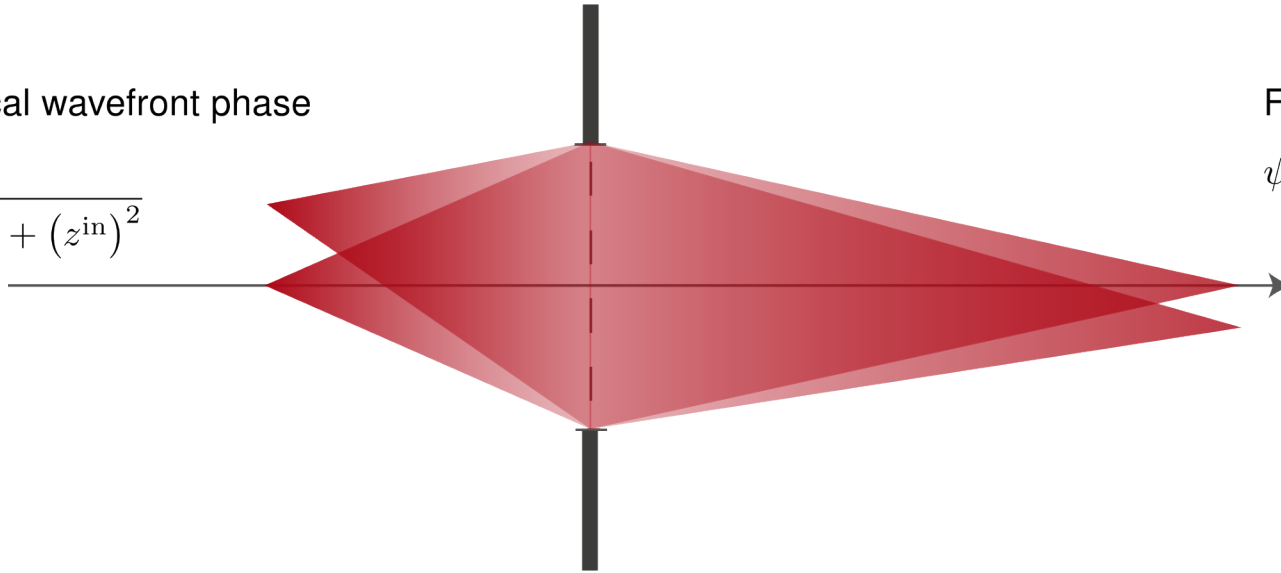
Imaging With One Component

Multifield scenario!

Imaging with One Component: Scenario

Input fields with spherical wavefront phase

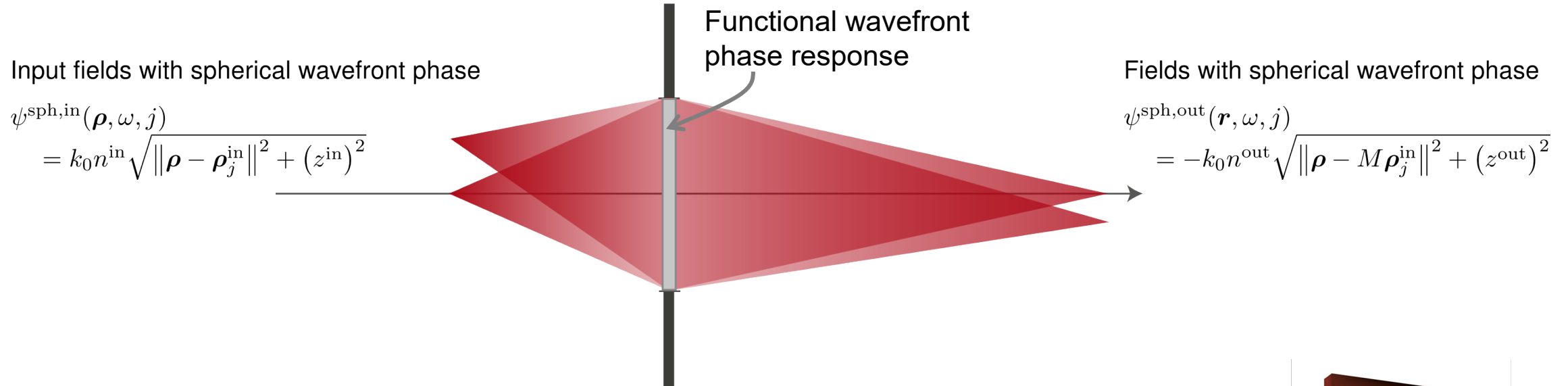
$$\psi^{\text{sph},\text{in}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \omega, j) = k_0 n^{\text{in}} \sqrt{\|\boldsymbol{\rho} - \boldsymbol{\rho}_j^{\text{in}}\|^2 + (z^{\text{in}})^2}$$



Fields with spherical wavefront phase

$$\psi^{\text{sph},\text{out}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega, j) = -k_0 n^{\text{out}} \sqrt{\|\boldsymbol{\rho} - M\boldsymbol{\rho}_j^{\text{in}}\|^2 + (z^{\text{out}})^2}$$

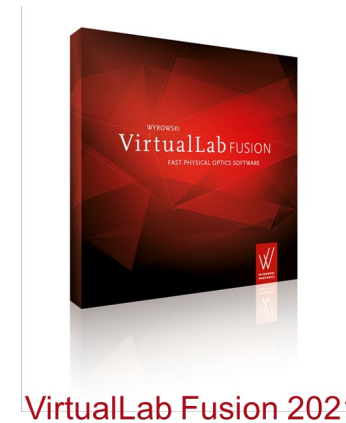
Imaging with One Component: Functional Design



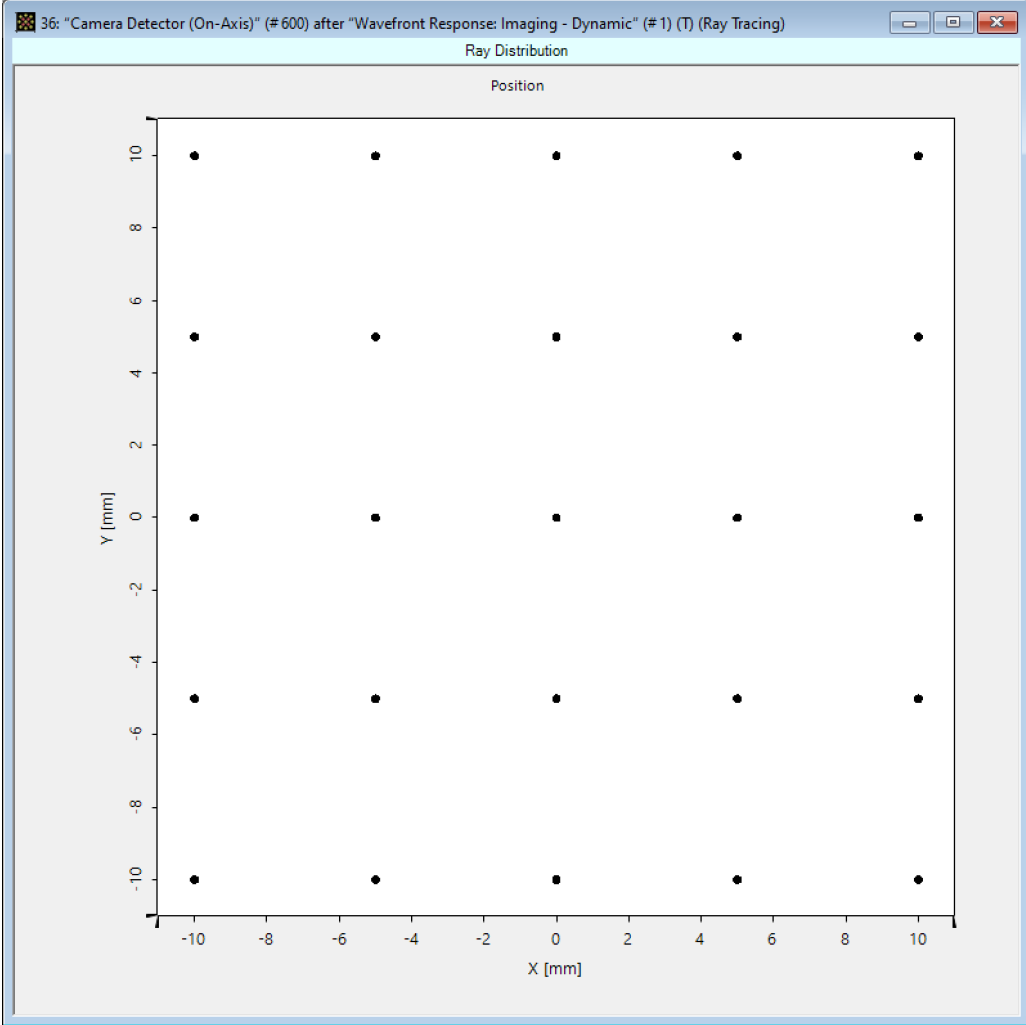
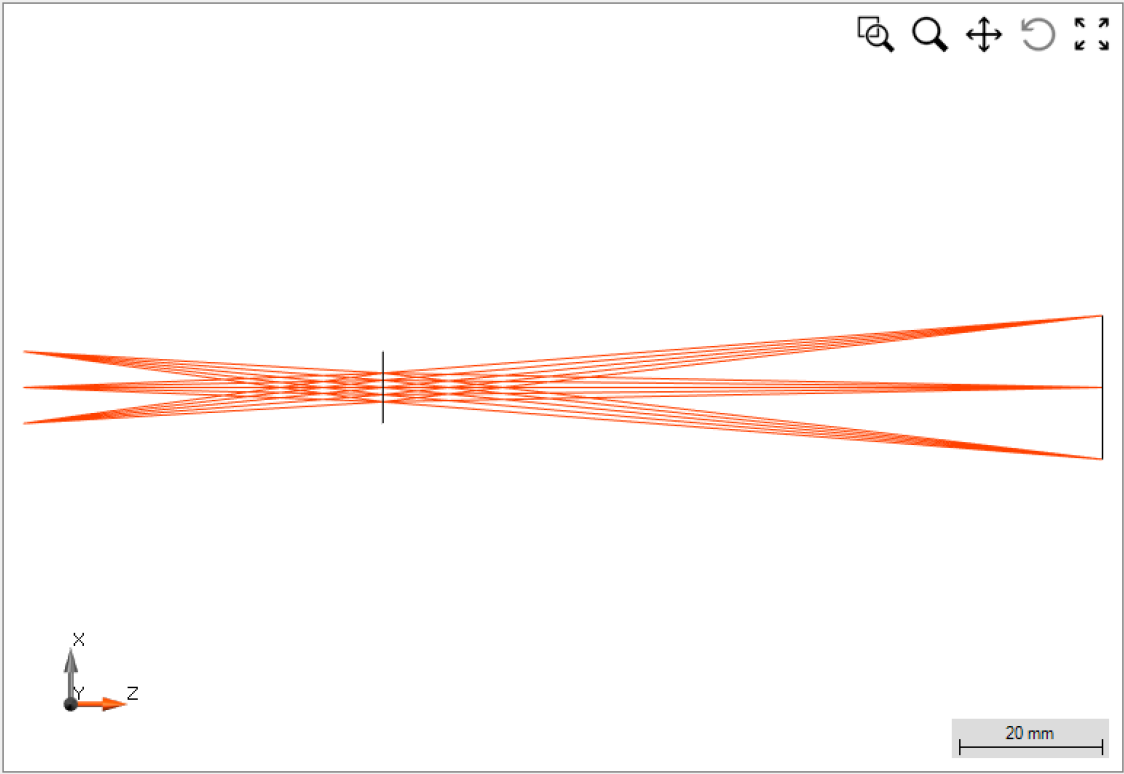
Theoretical result:

$$\Delta\psi_j(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \lambda) = -k_0 n \sqrt{\|\boldsymbol{\rho} - M\boldsymbol{\rho}_j^{\text{in}}\|^2 + (z^{\text{out}})^2} - k_0 n \sqrt{\|\boldsymbol{\rho} - \boldsymbol{\rho}_j^{\text{in}}\|^2 + (z^{\text{in}})^2}$$

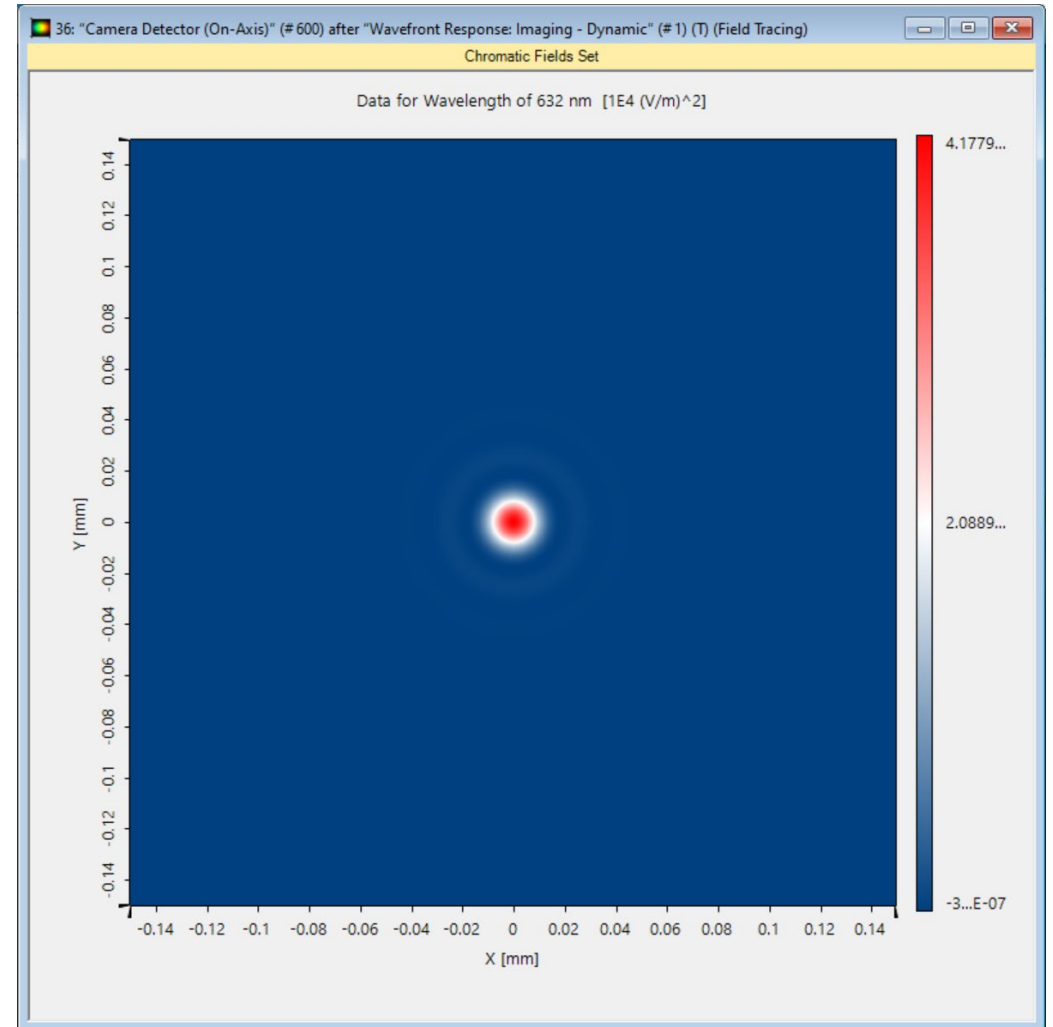
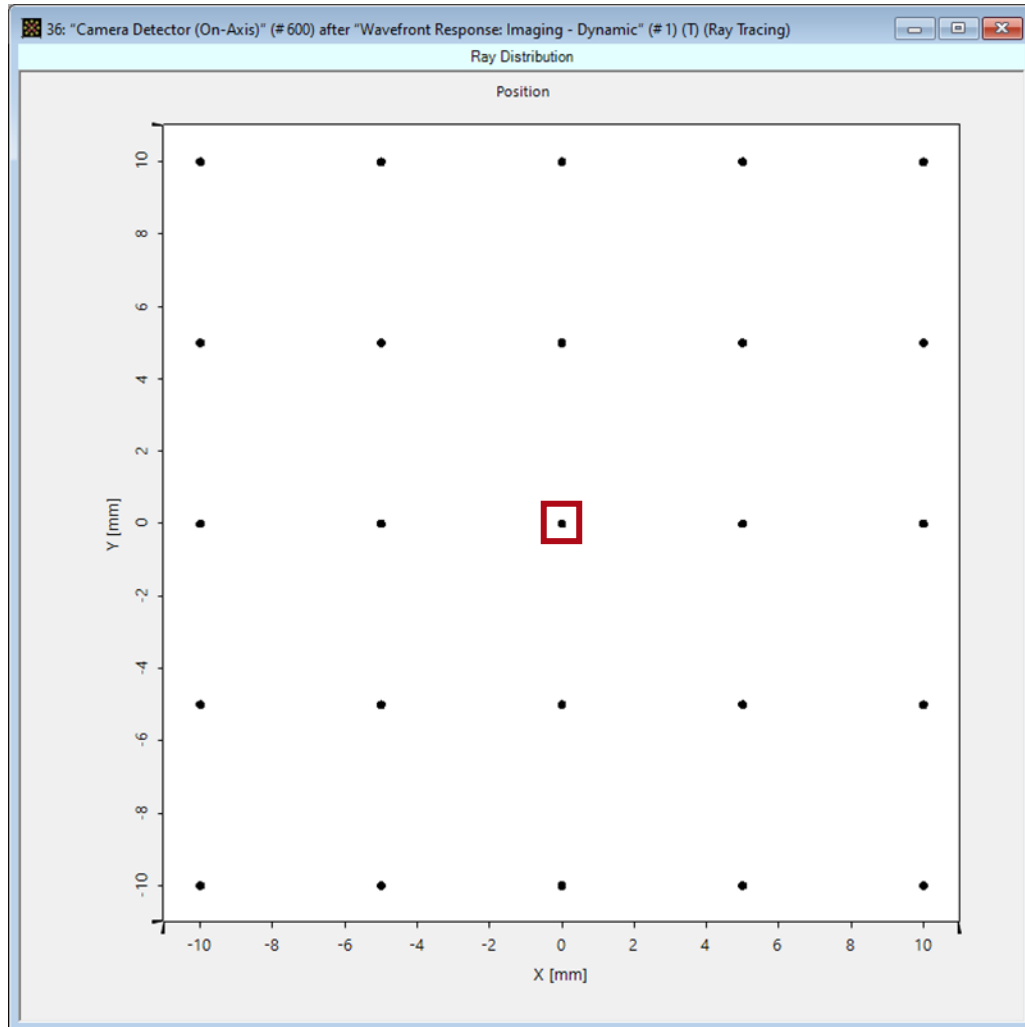
➔ Wavefront Response Component (Multifield)



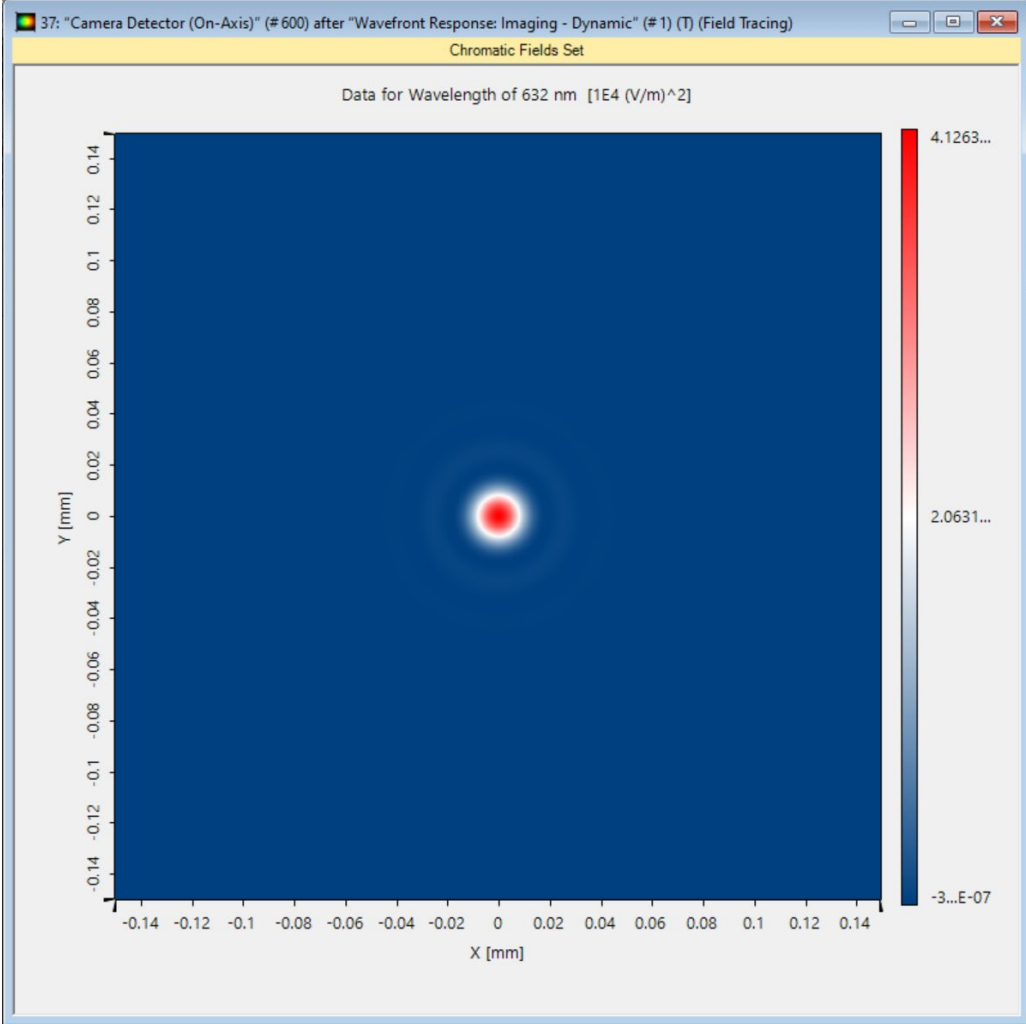
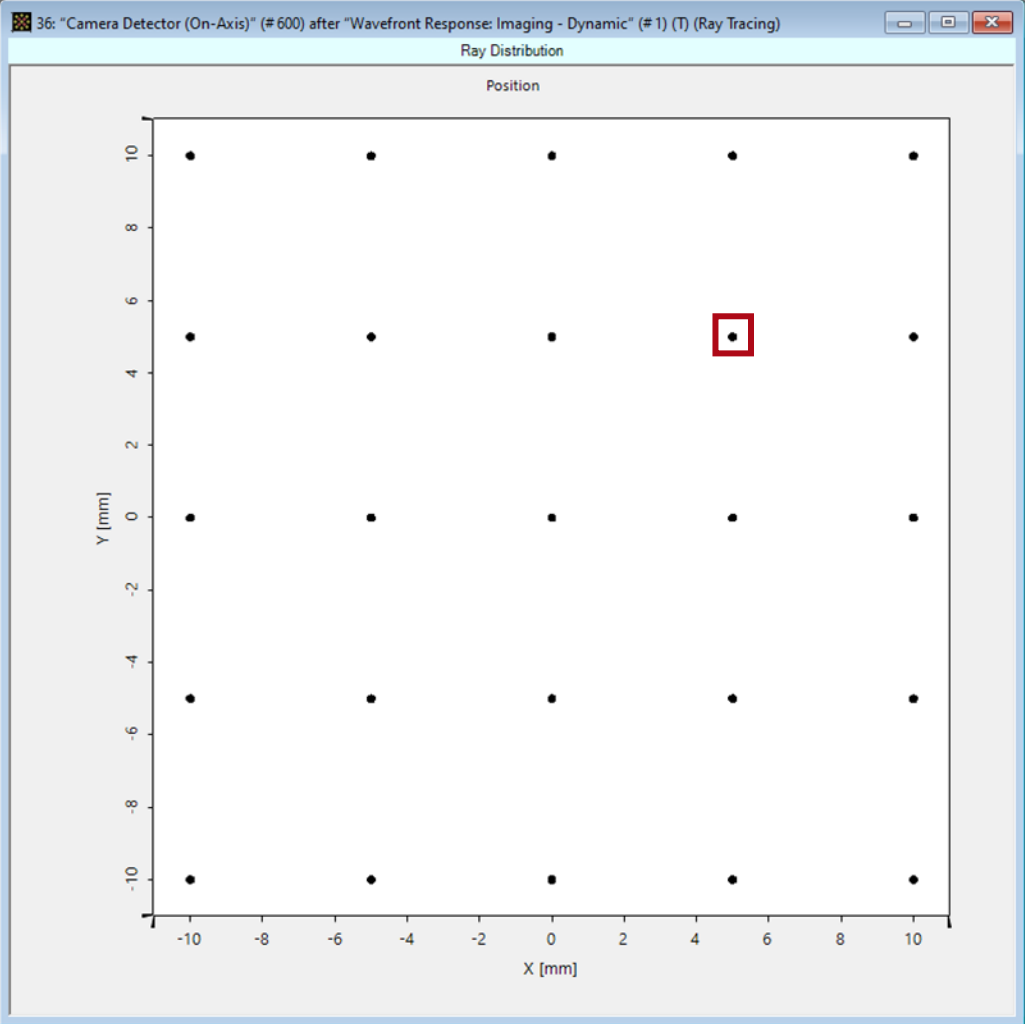
Wavefront Response Component (Multifield): Ray Tracing



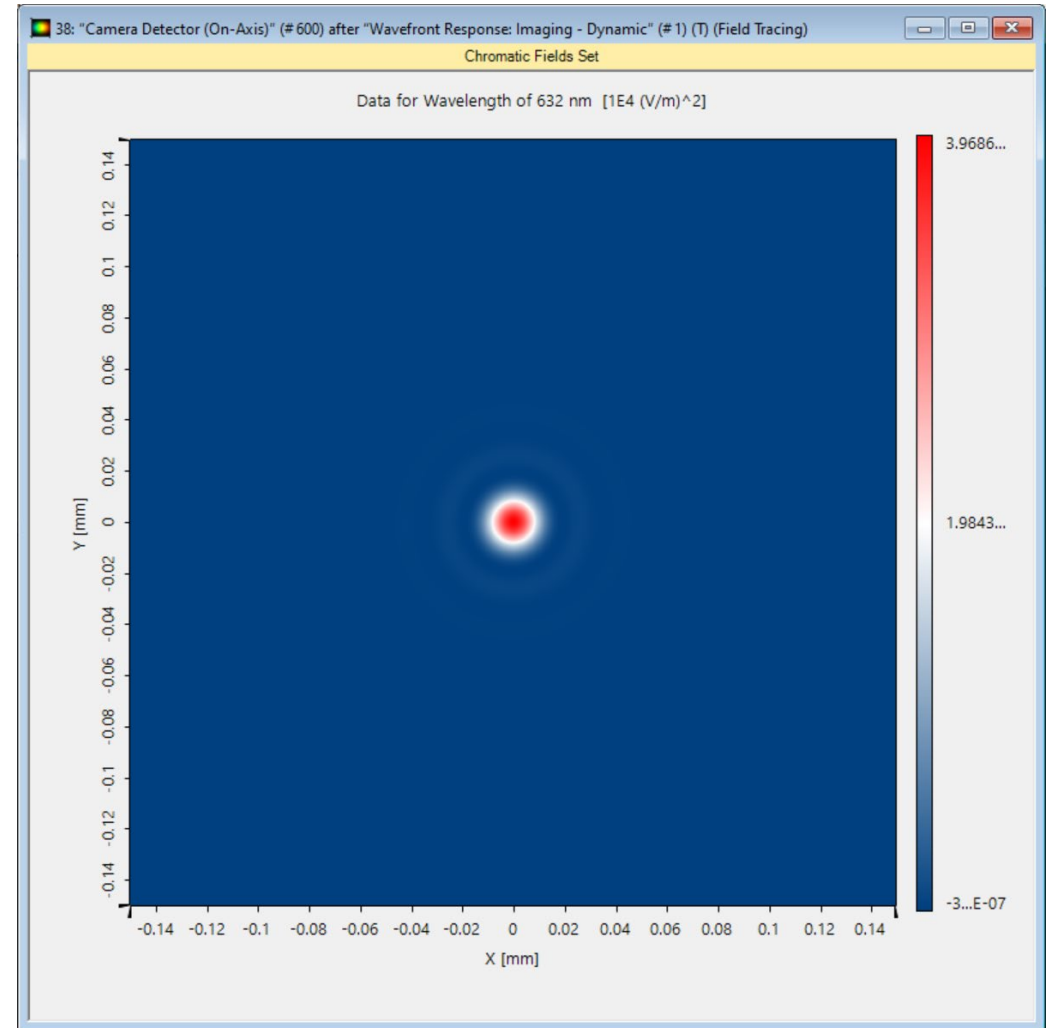
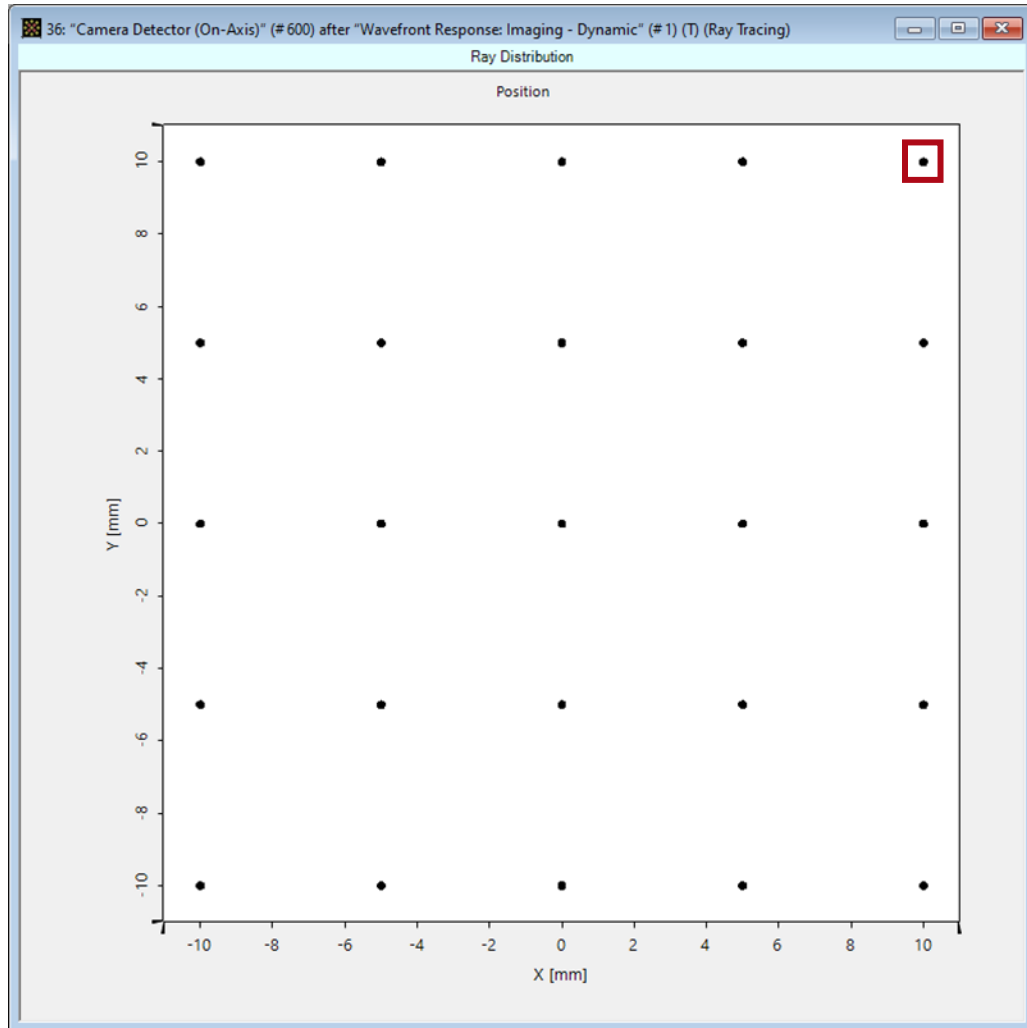
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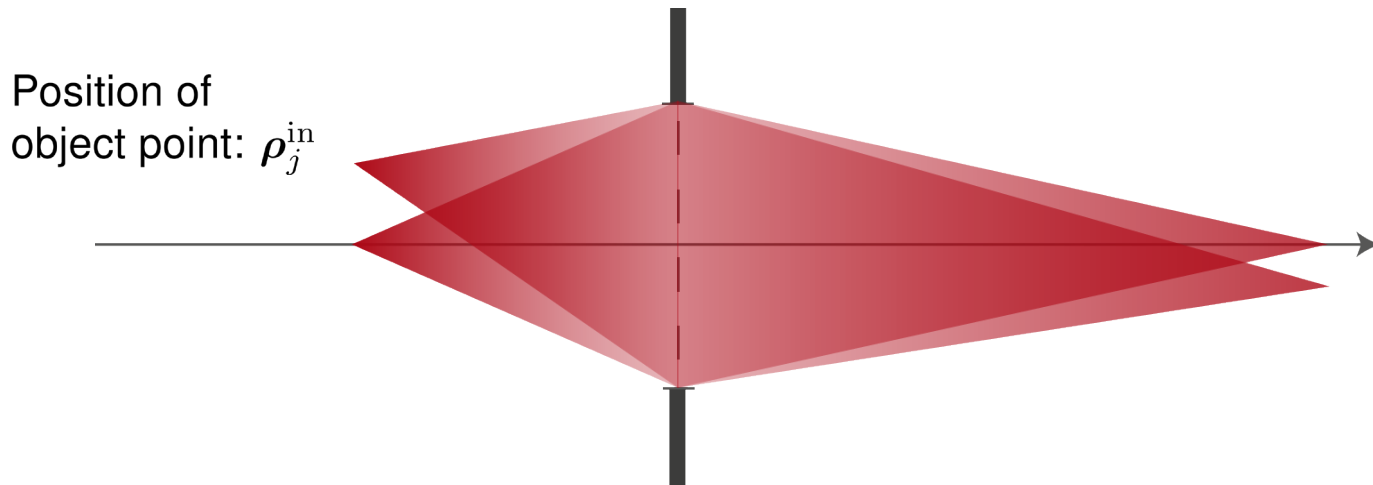
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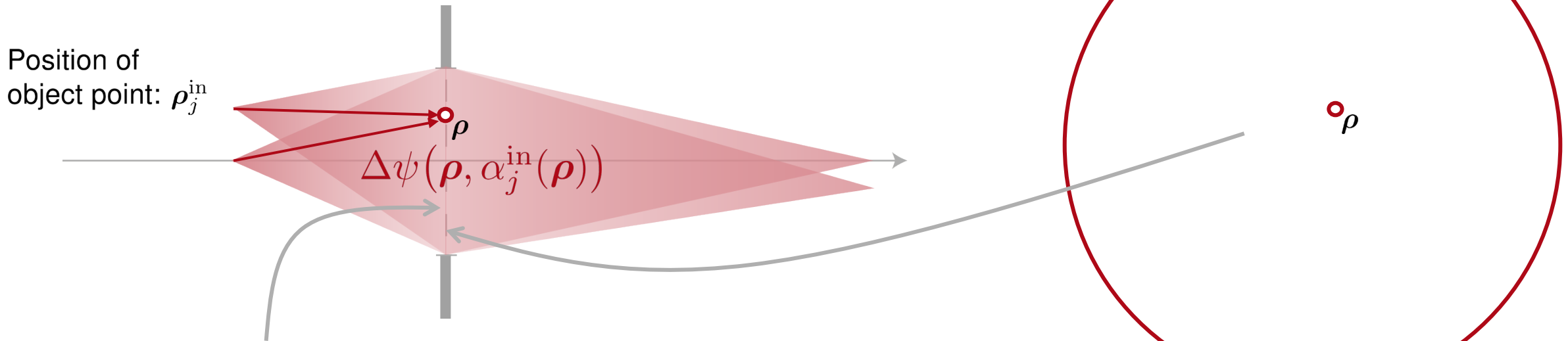
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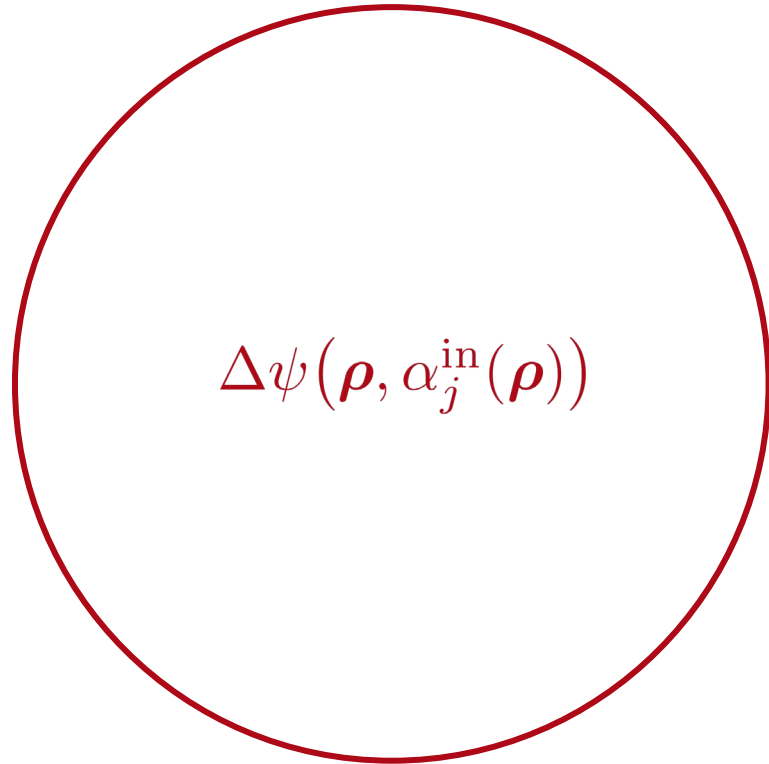
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In any position ρ we need to find a structure which has a specific phase response dependency of the local incident angle α : $\Delta\psi(\alpha_j^{\text{in}})$

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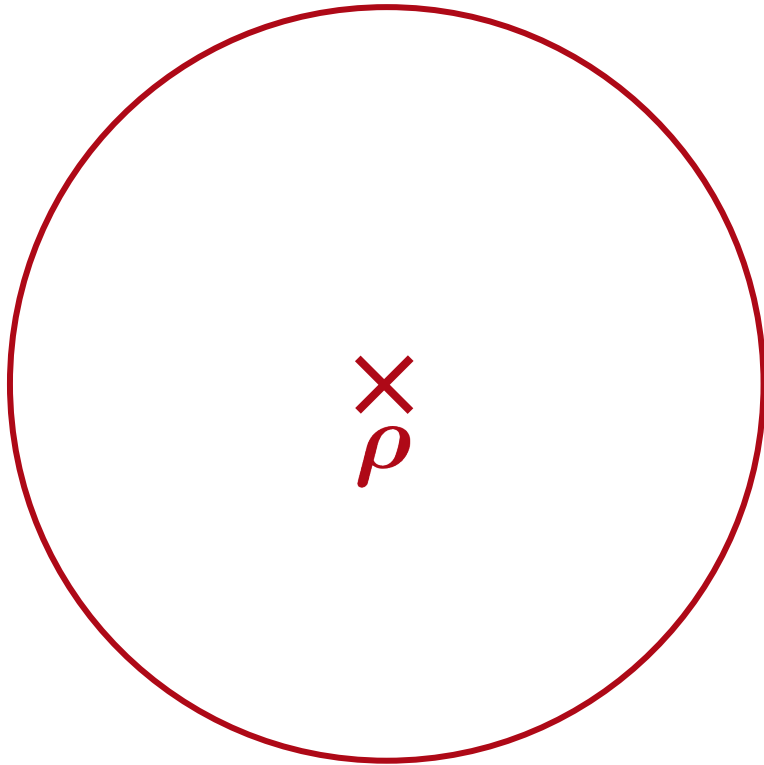
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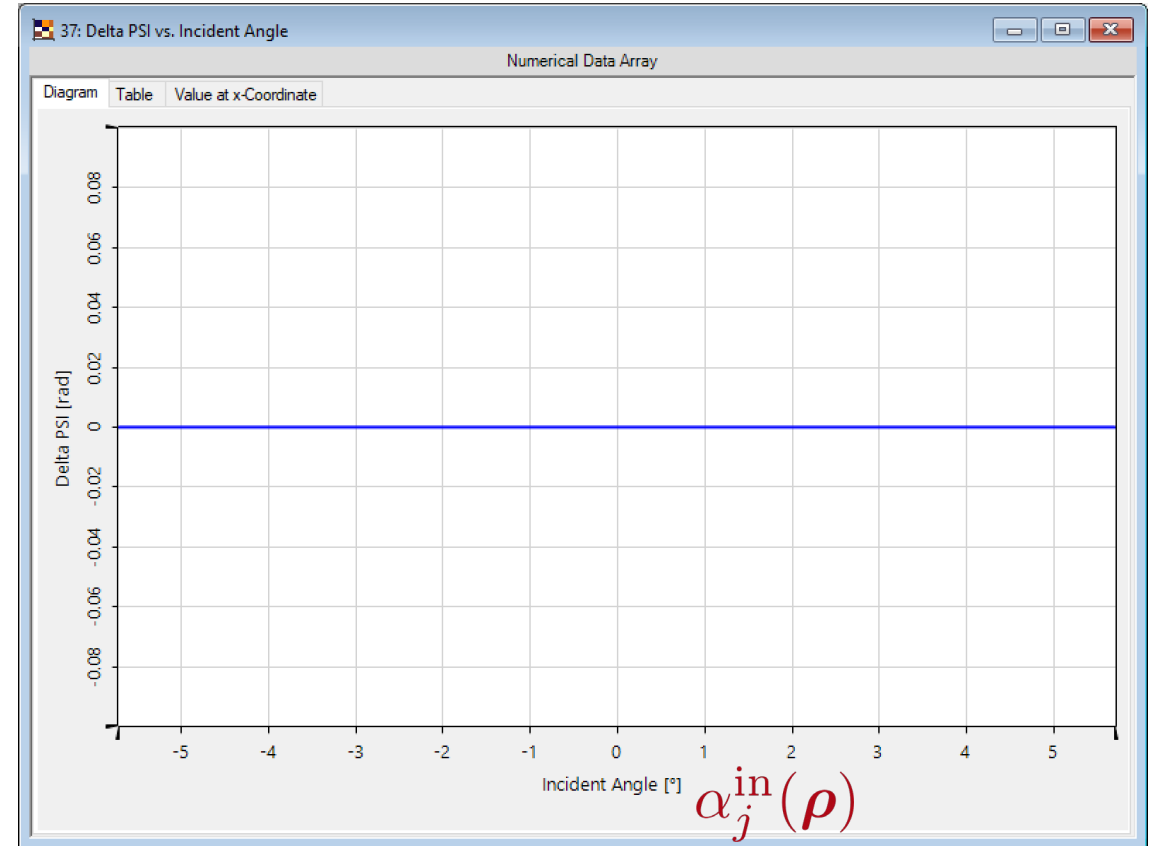
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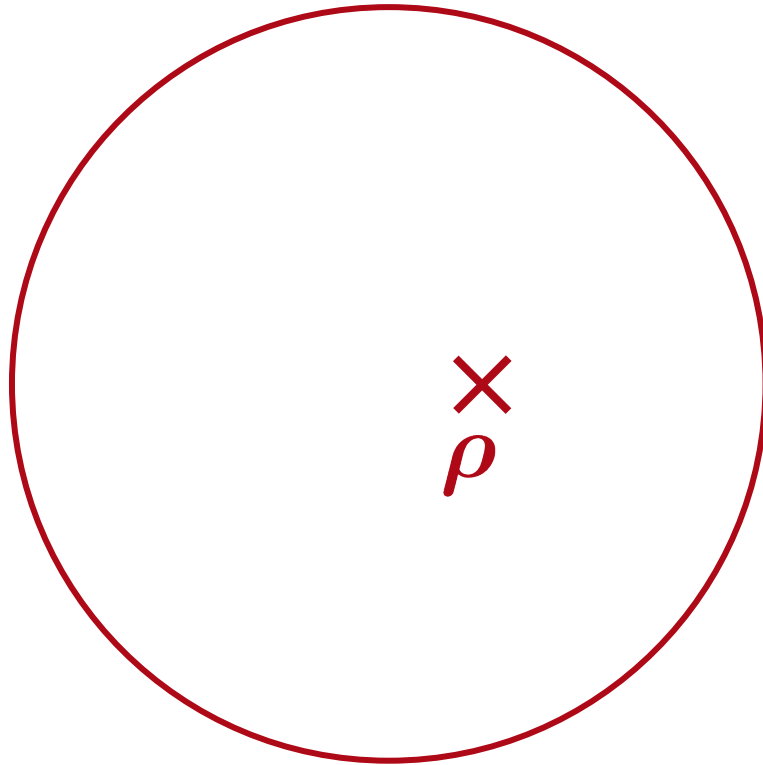
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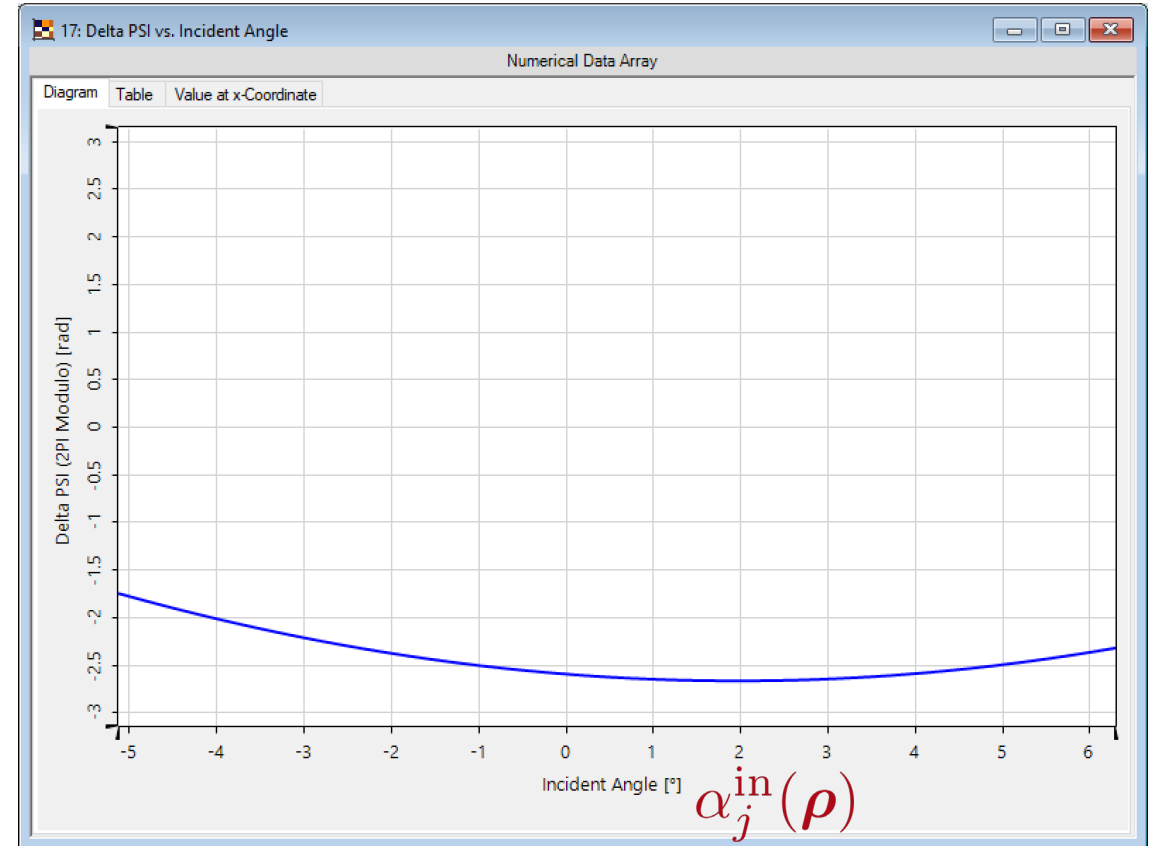
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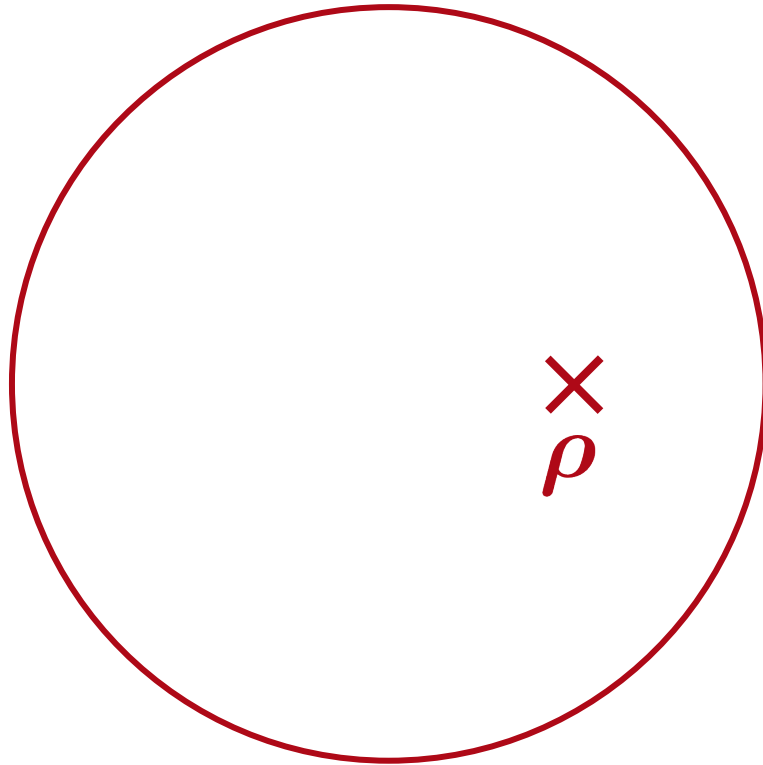


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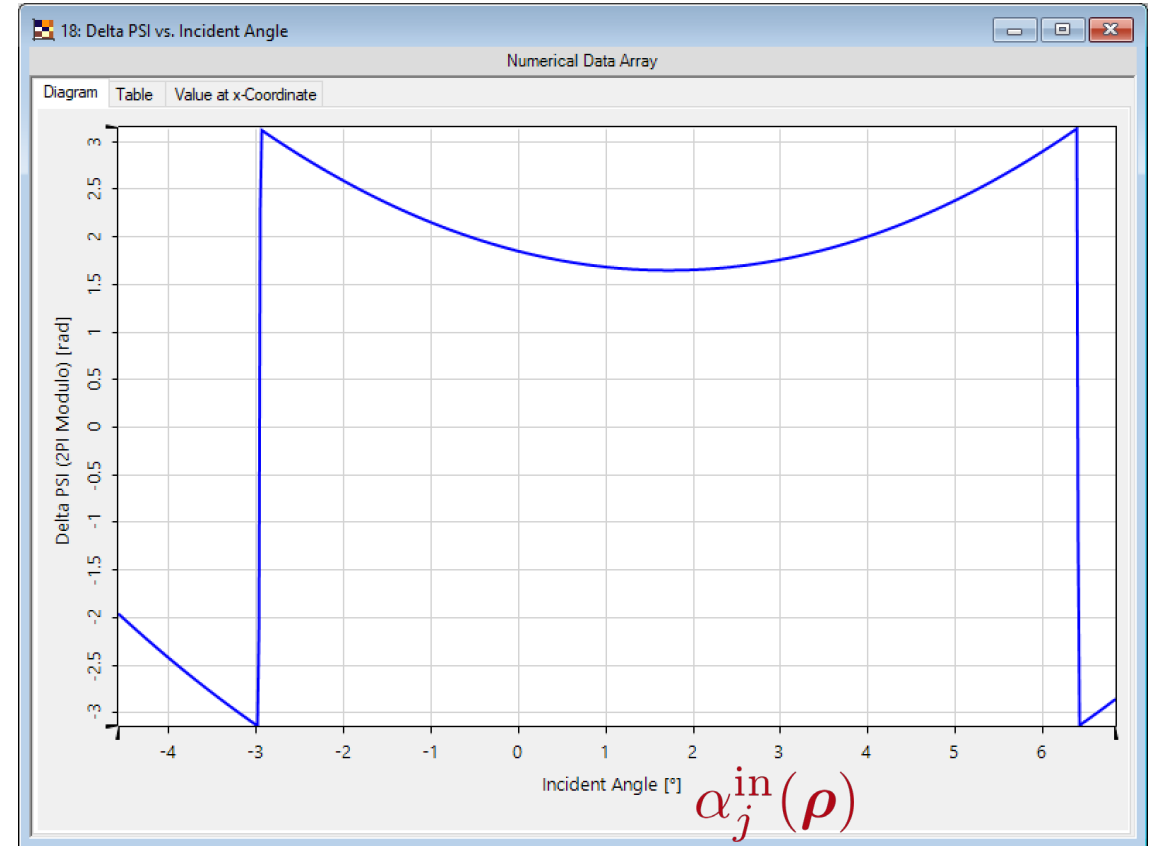


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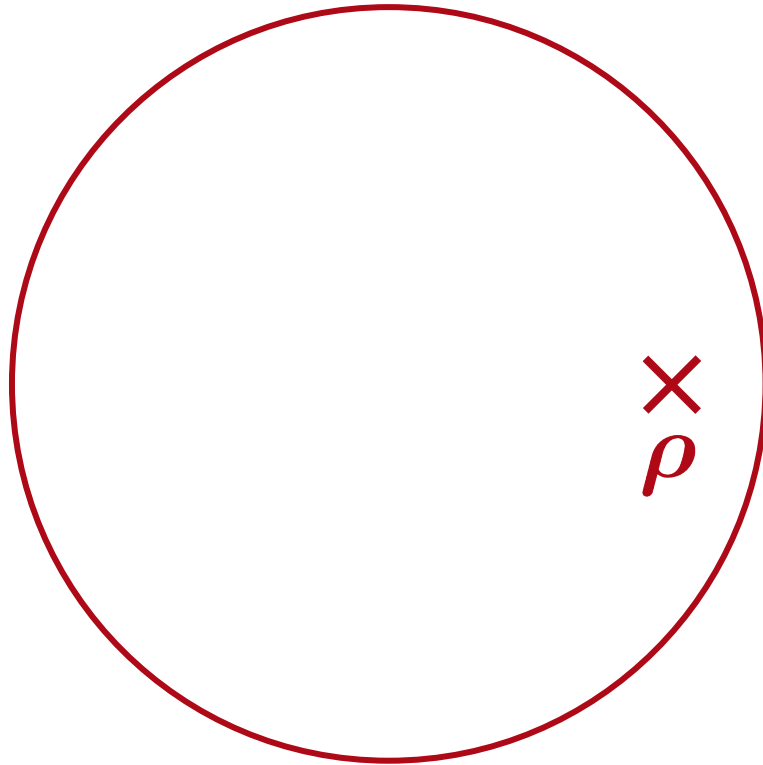


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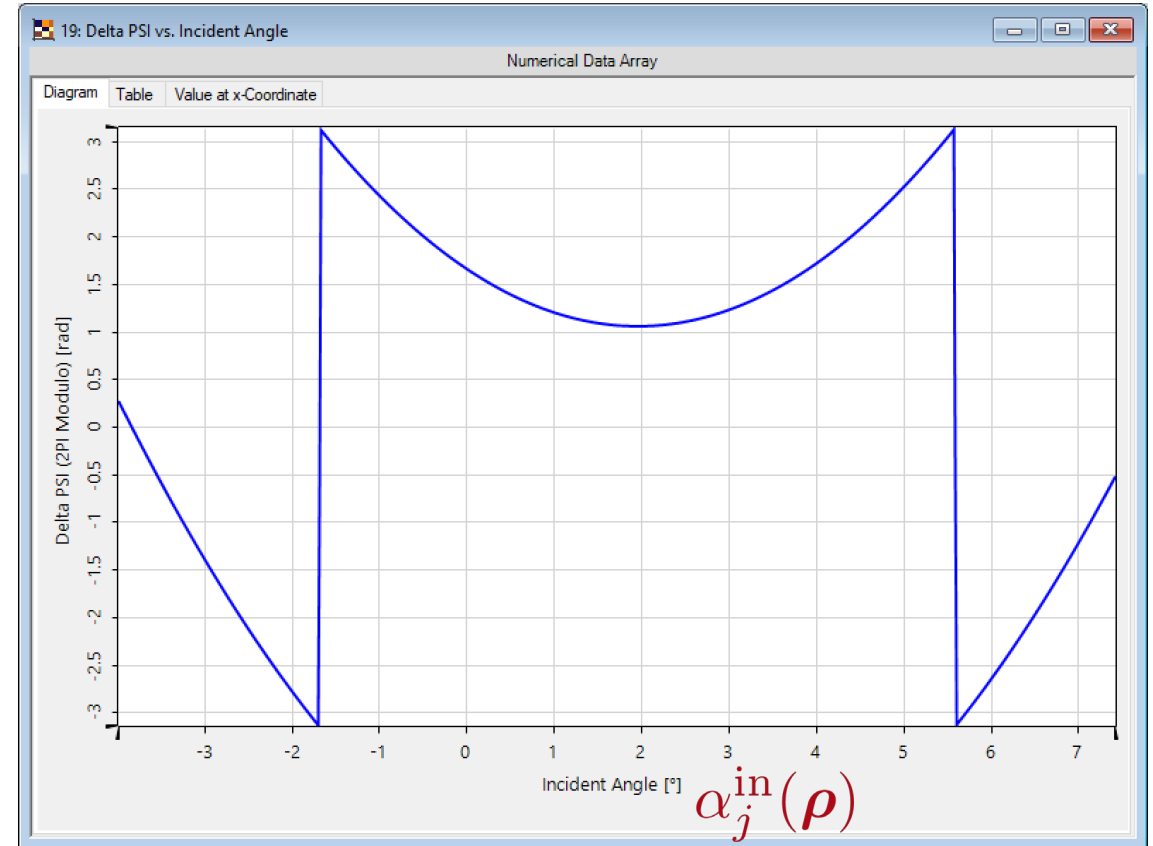


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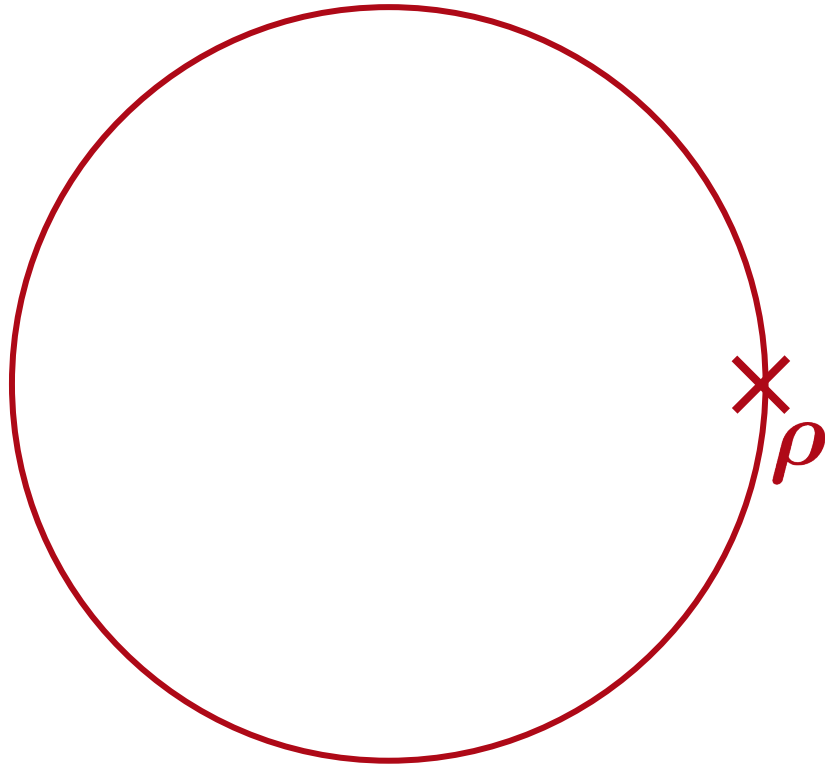


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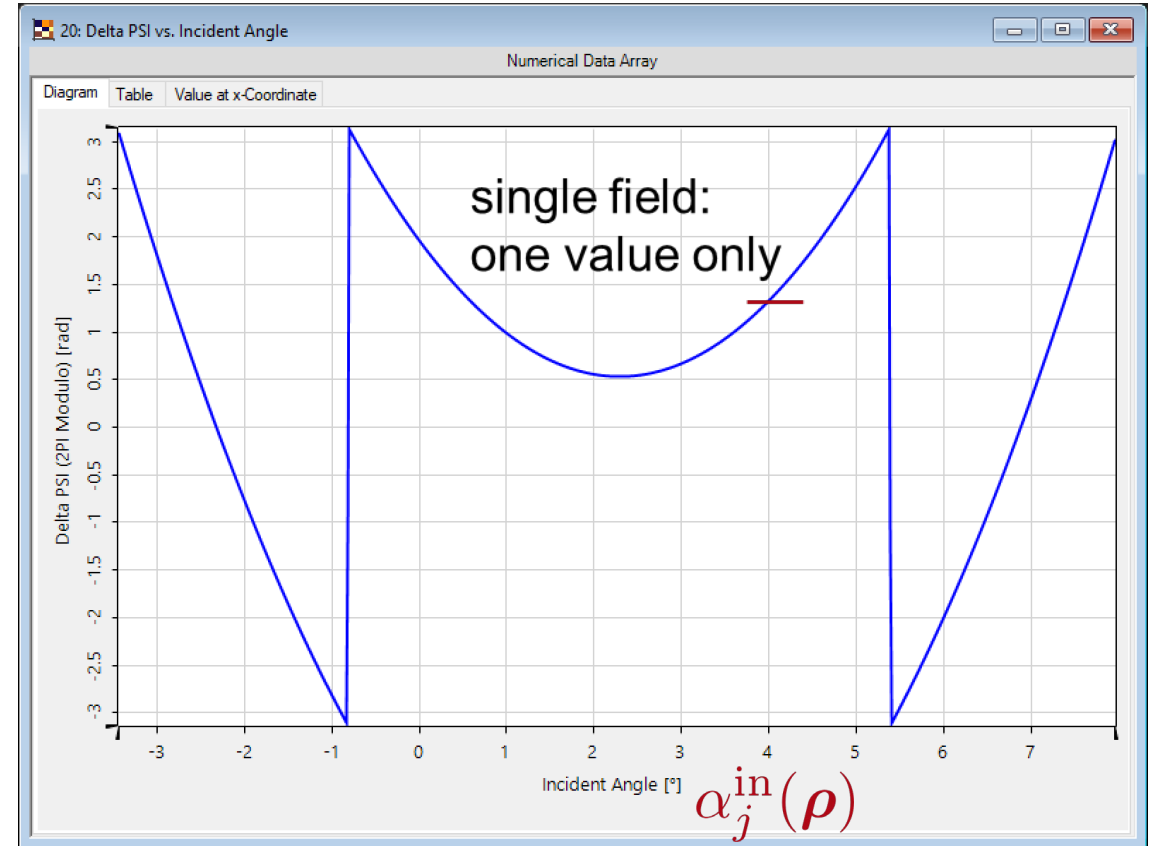


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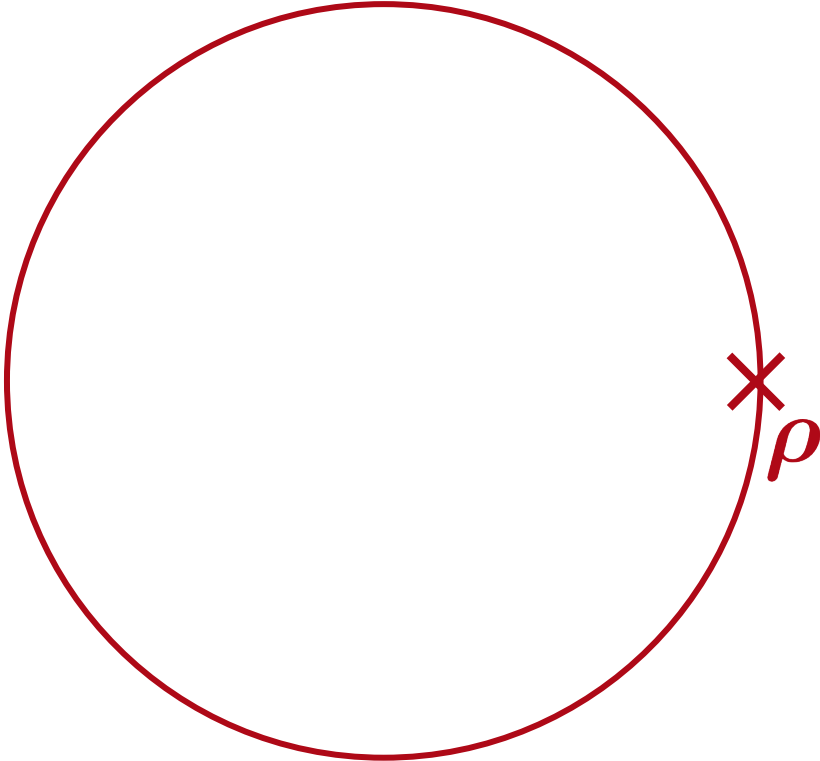


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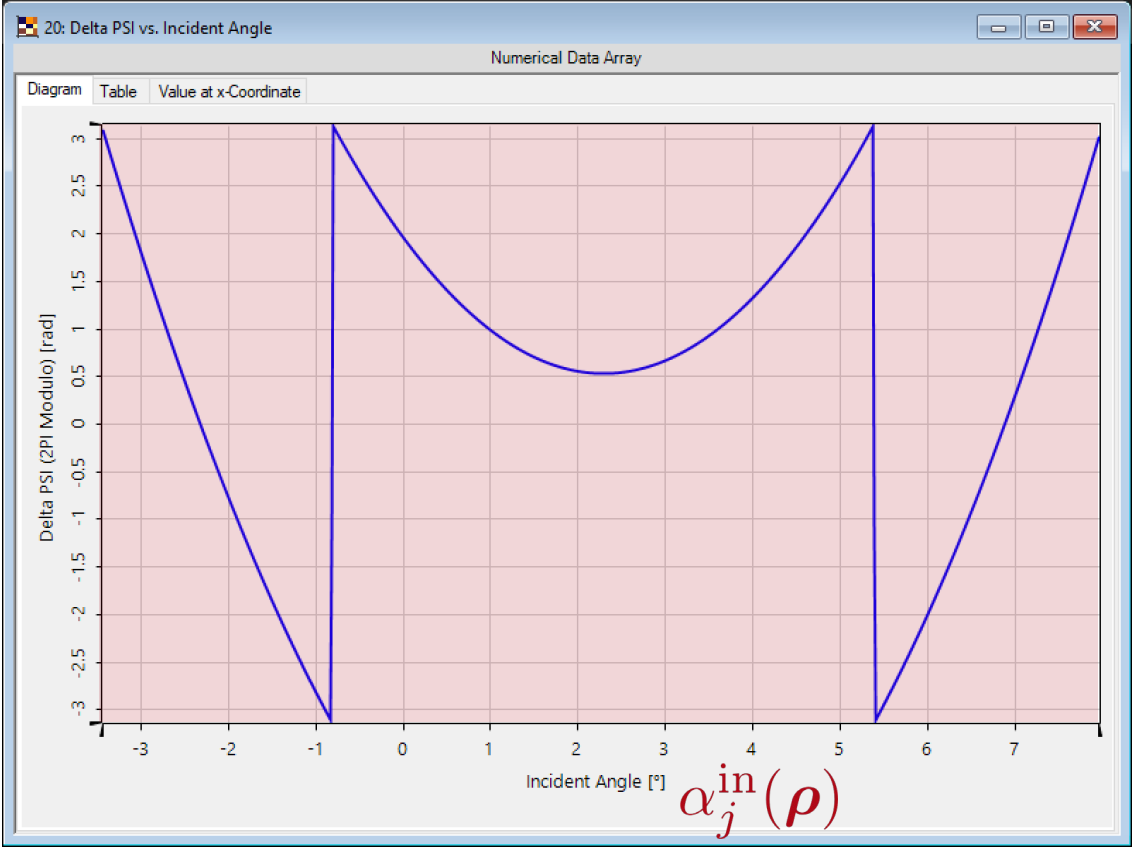


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Design Workflow in VirtualLab Fusion

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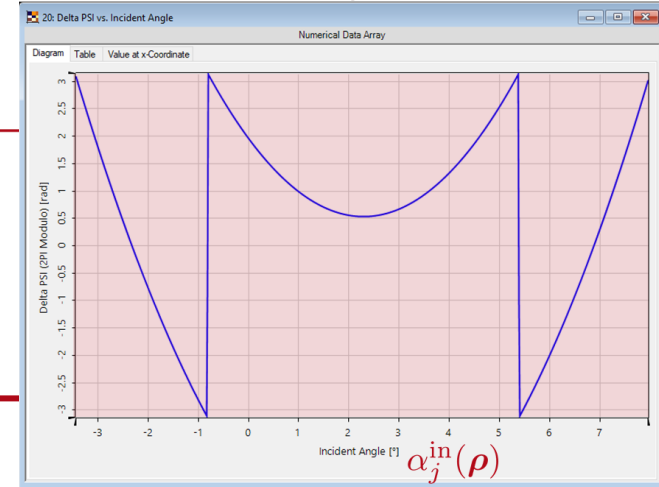
MODELING &

With the multifield functional design we can specify the demands on the flat optics!

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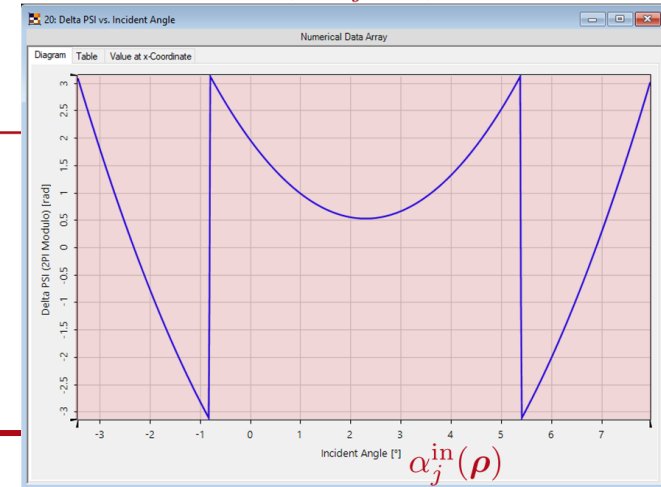
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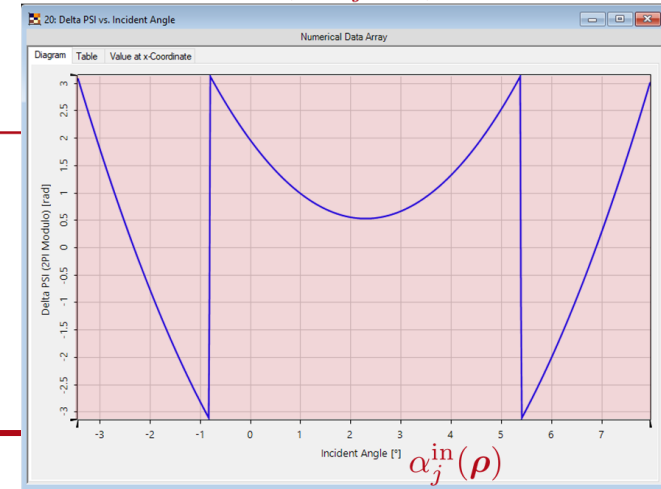
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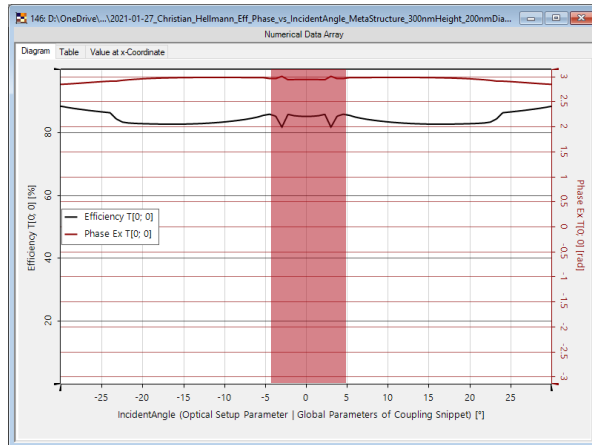
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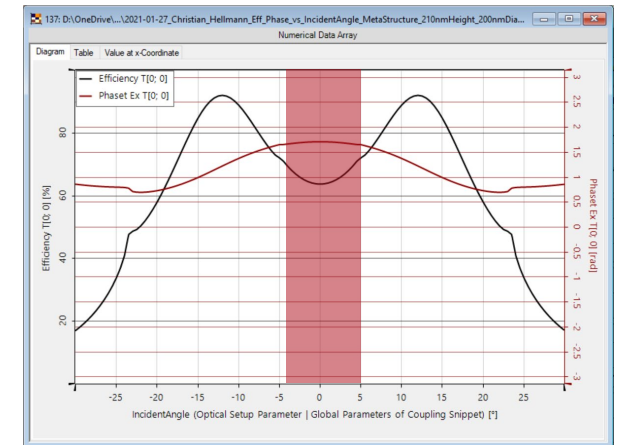
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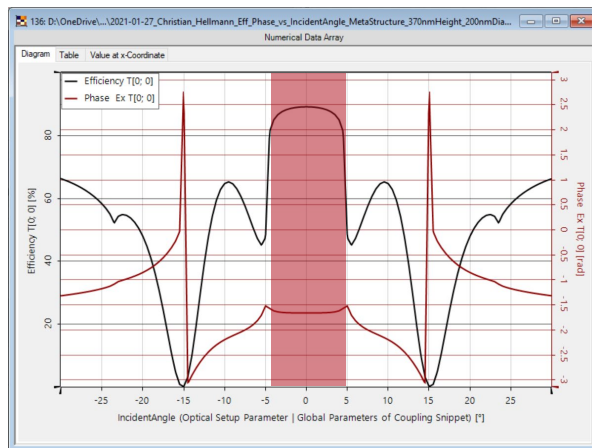
Metastructure: Efficiency & Phase vs Incident Angle (Heights)



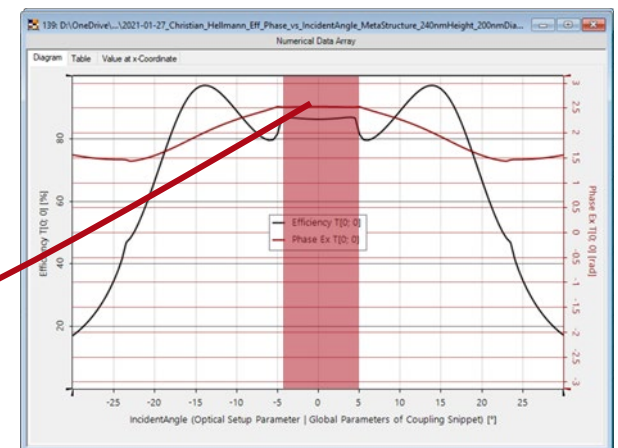
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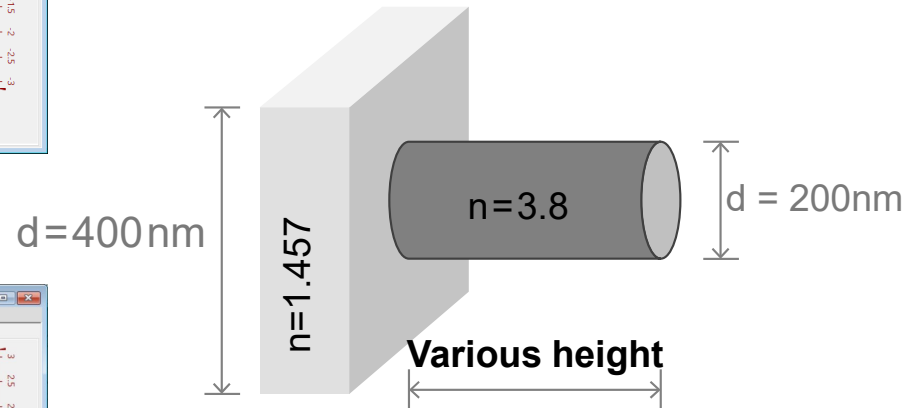
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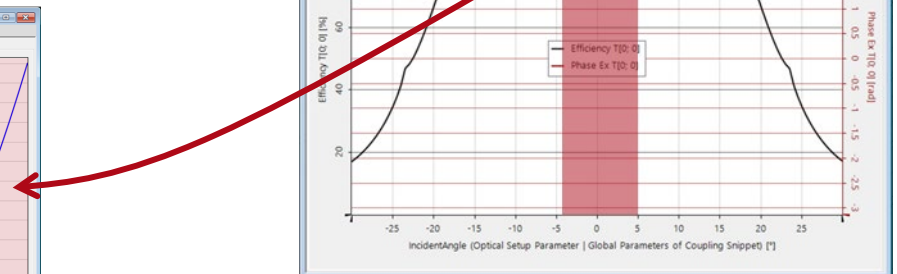
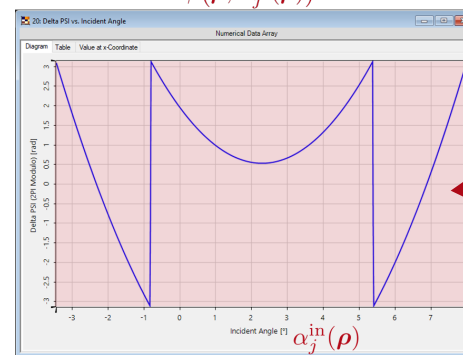
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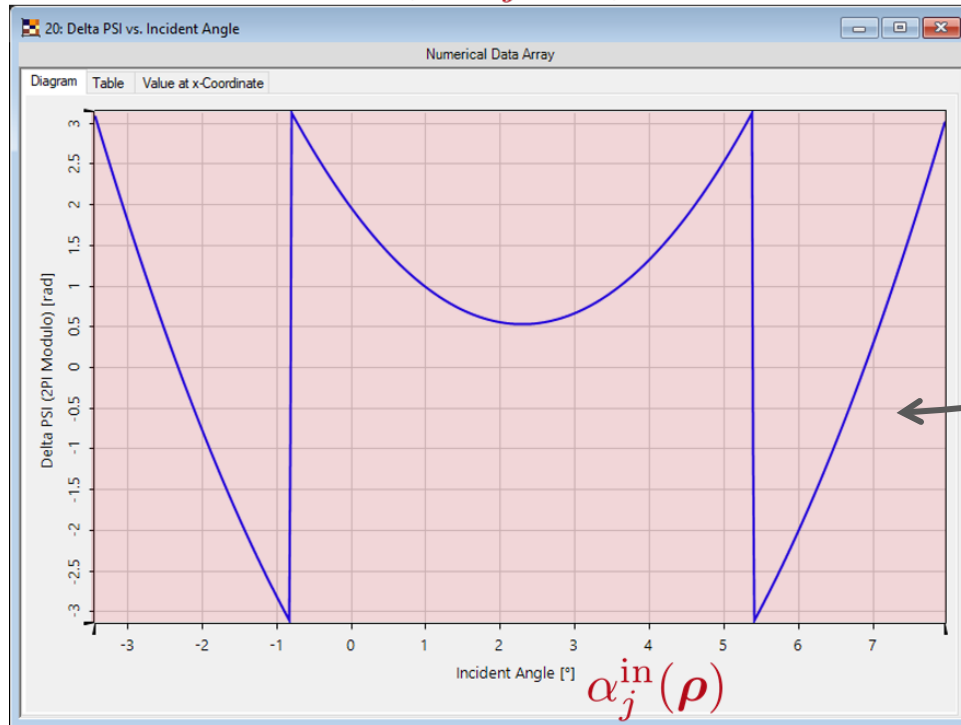


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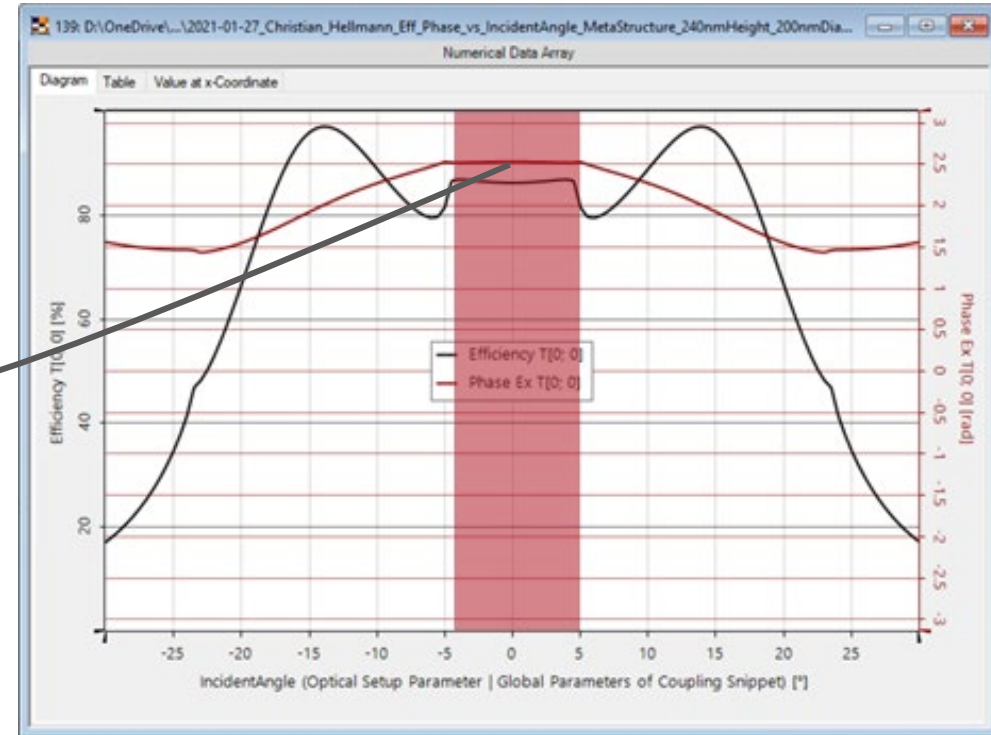


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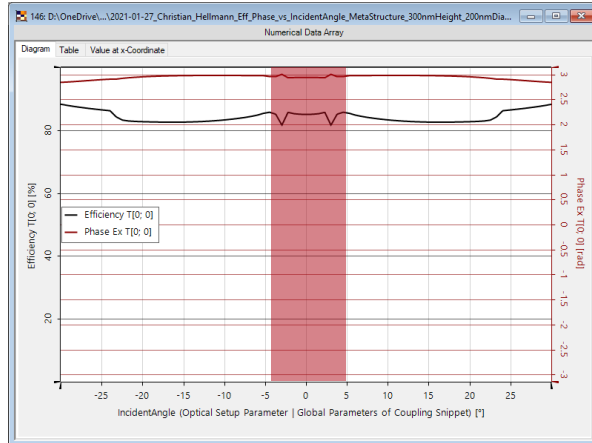
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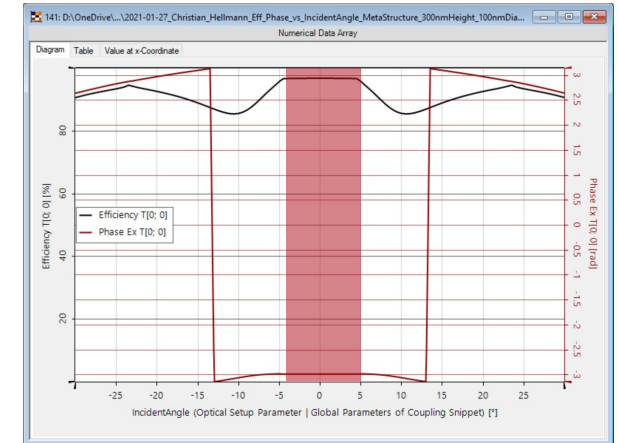
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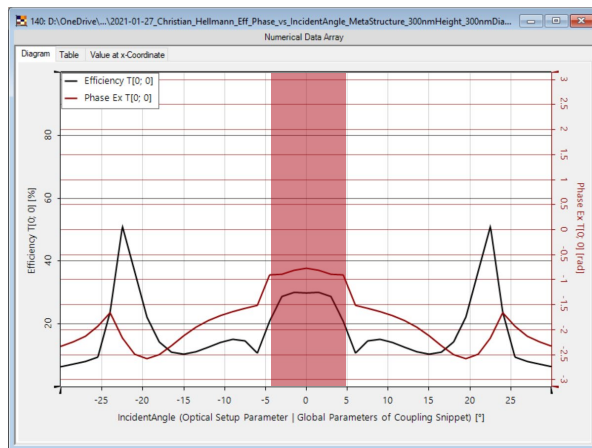
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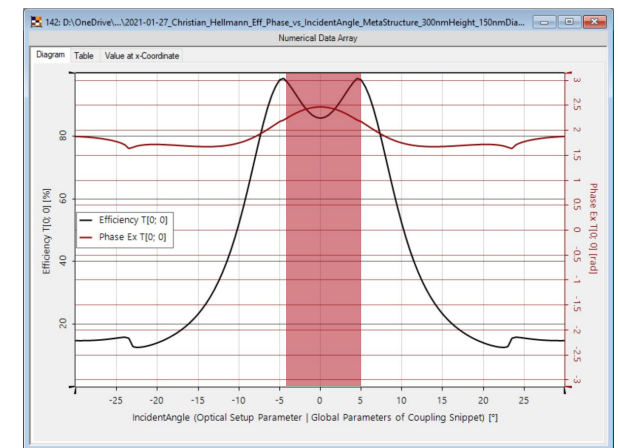
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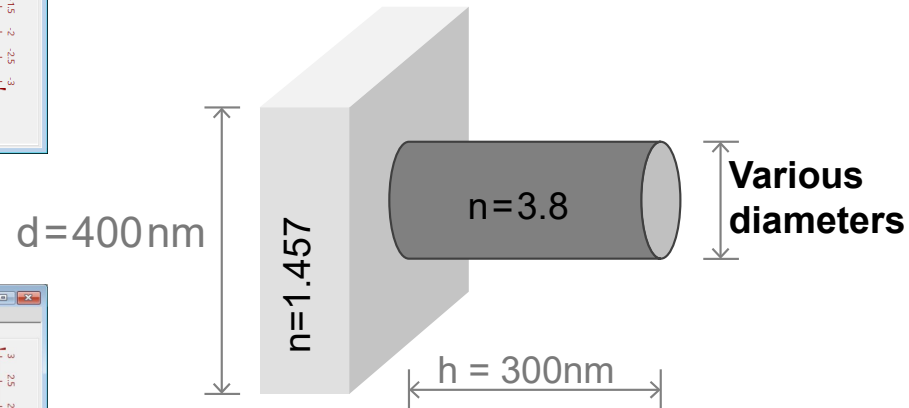
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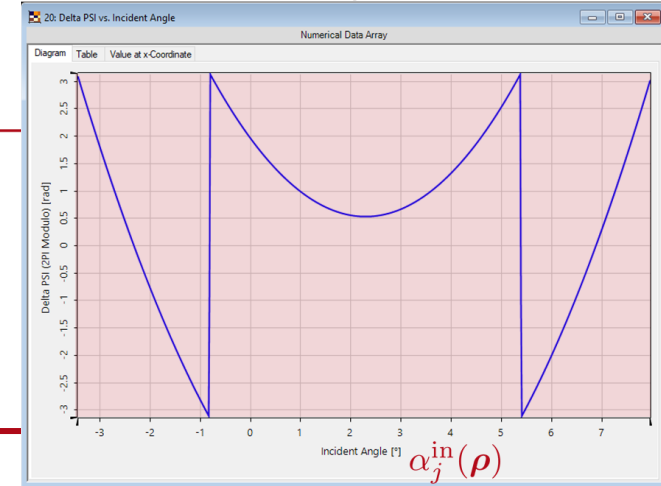
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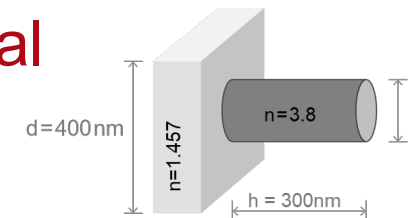
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Must be highly nanostructured cells to introduce enough freedoms for structural design!



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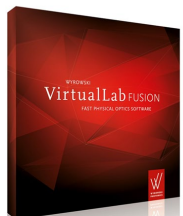
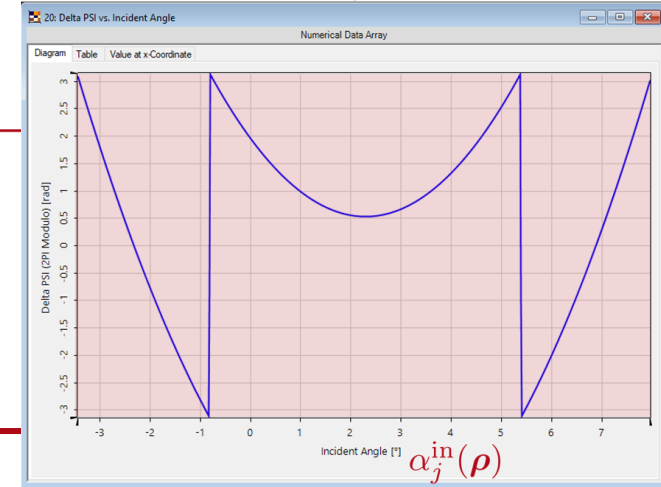
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- Also restricted control of angle dependency of interest.

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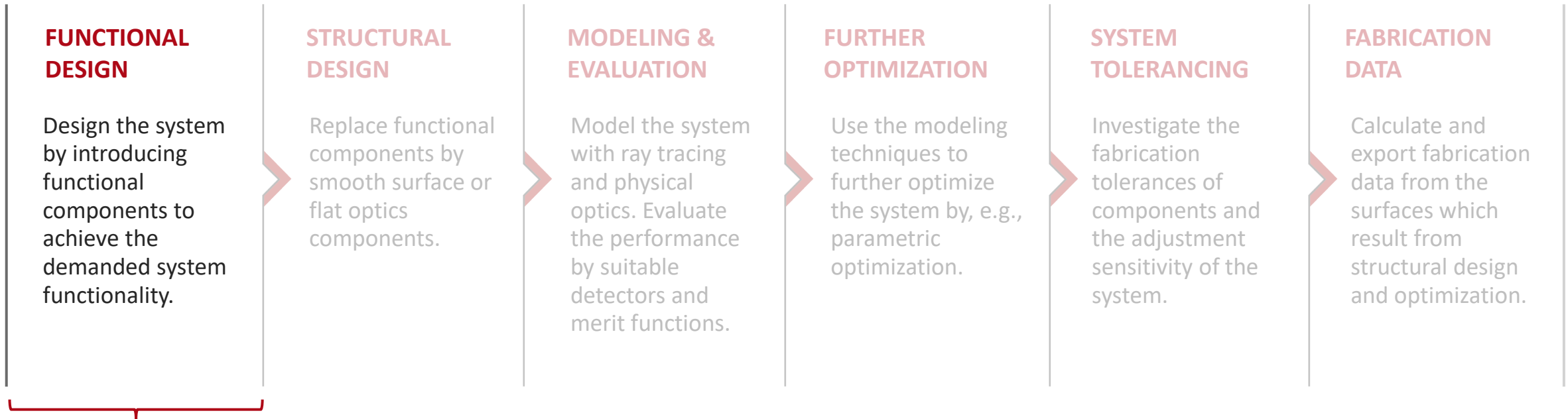
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Zemax® enables functional design of a wavefront phase response (binary surfaces) by parametric optimization

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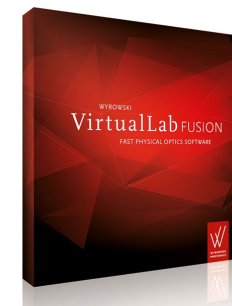
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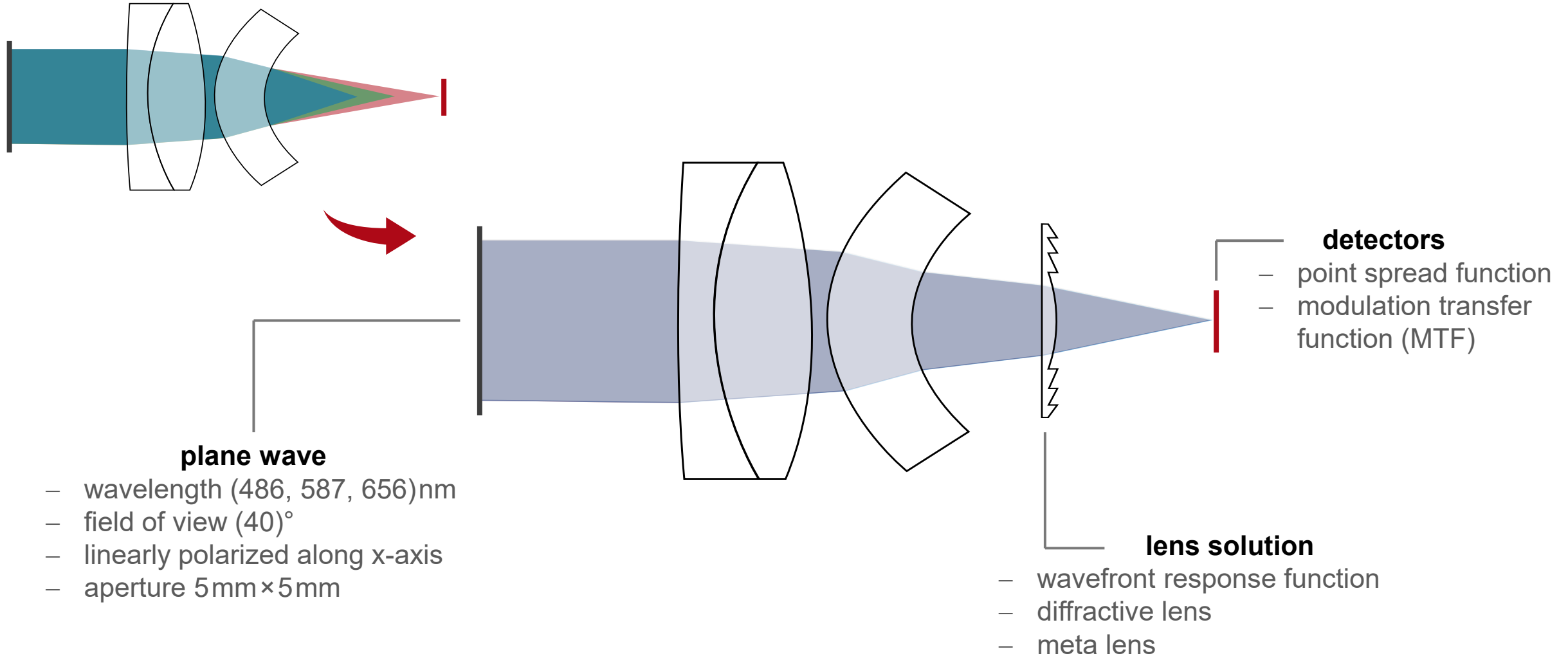


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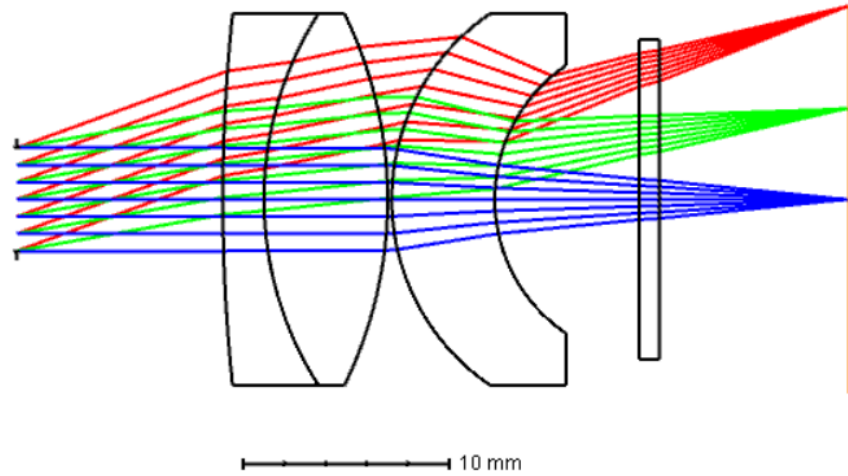
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Functional design in Zemax® OpticStudio®

Modeling and Design Scenario

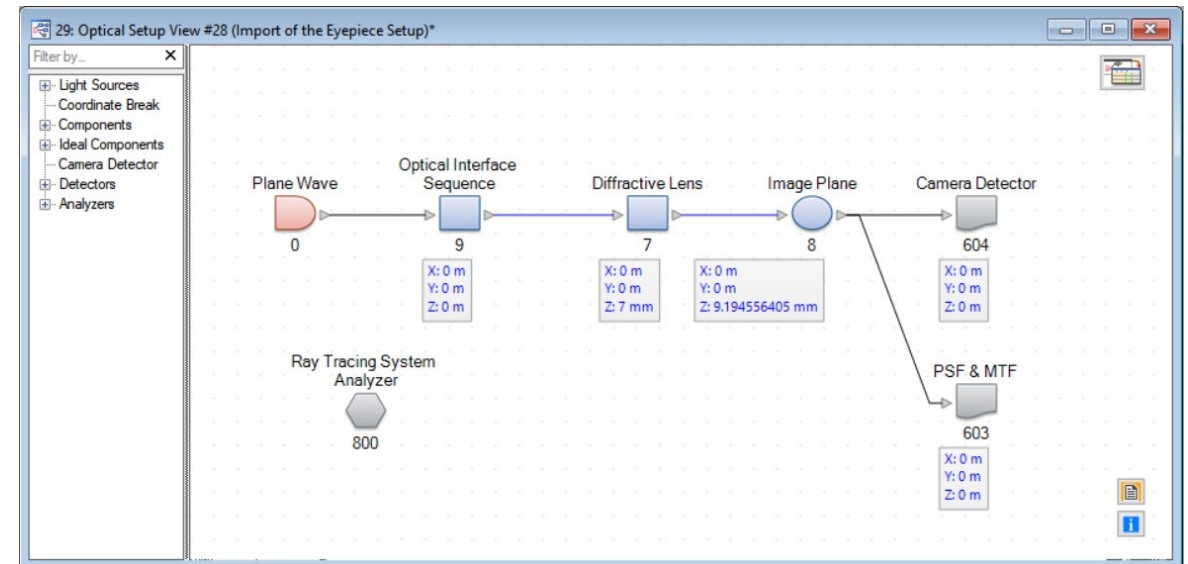


Design of Wavefront Surface Response in OpticStudio



Optical setup including the wavefront surface response was originally designed in OpticStudio

Import of the OpticStudio file to VirtualLab Fusion



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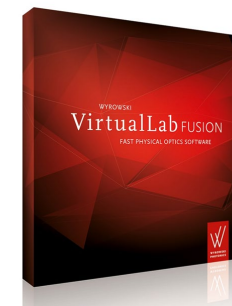
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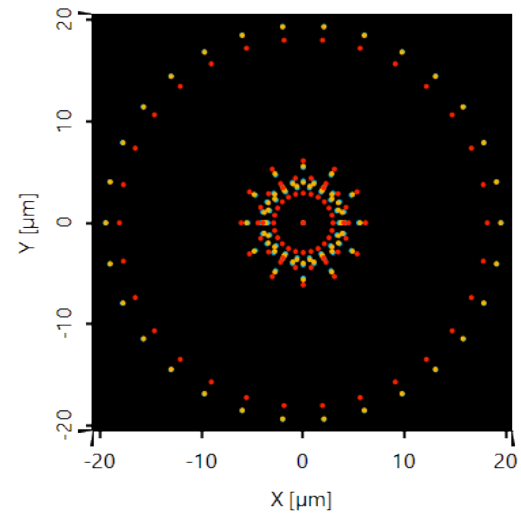
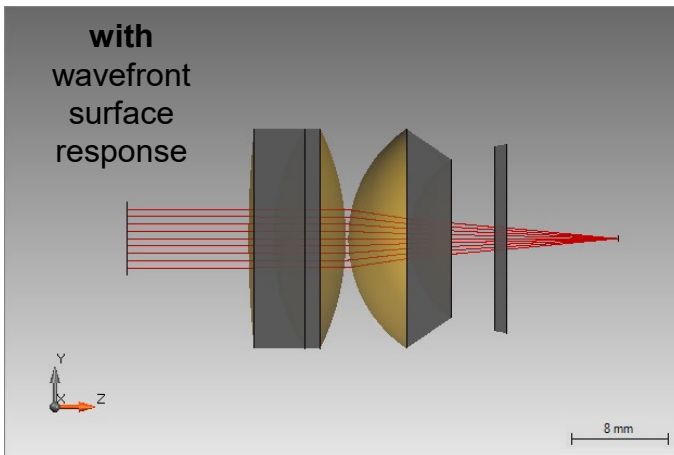
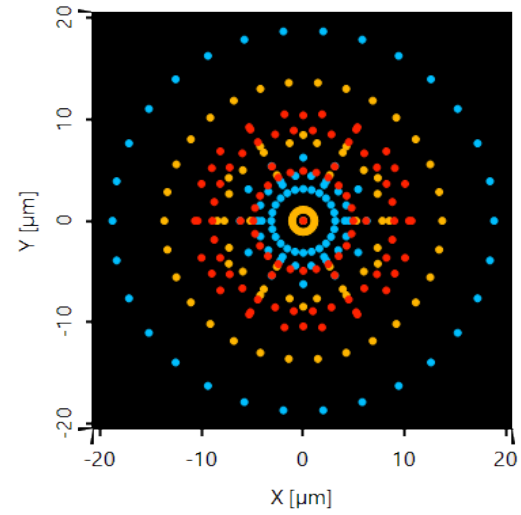
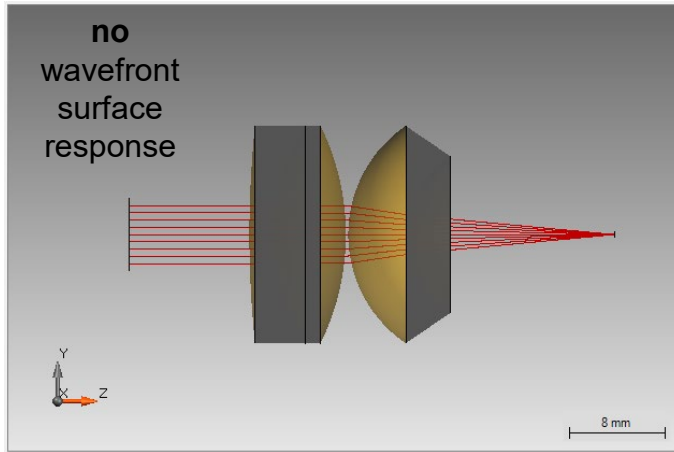
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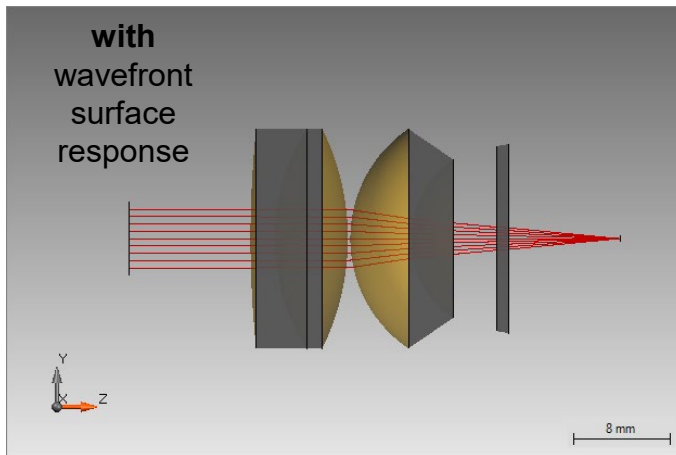
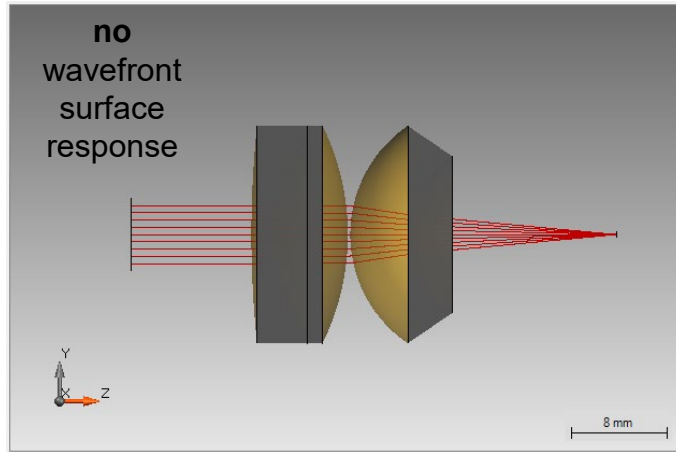
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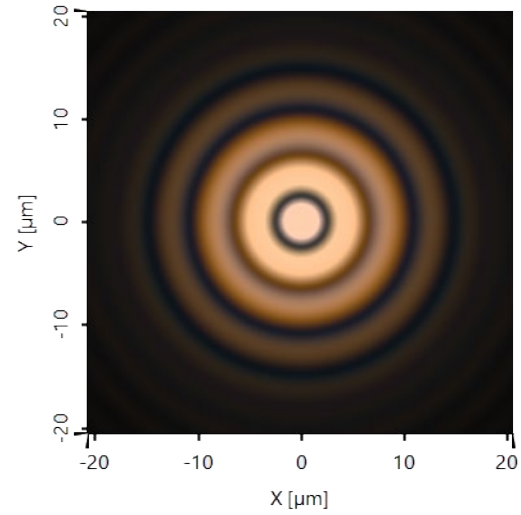
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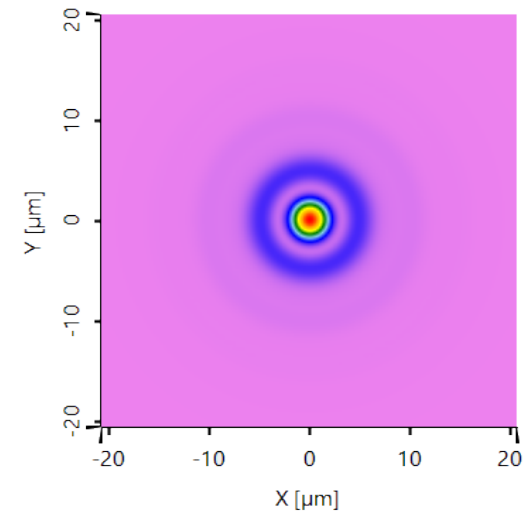
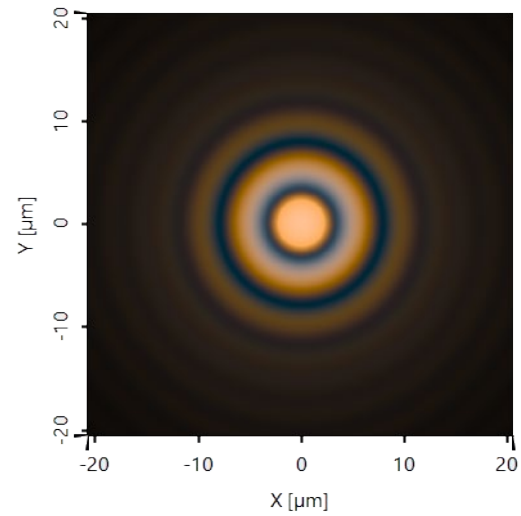
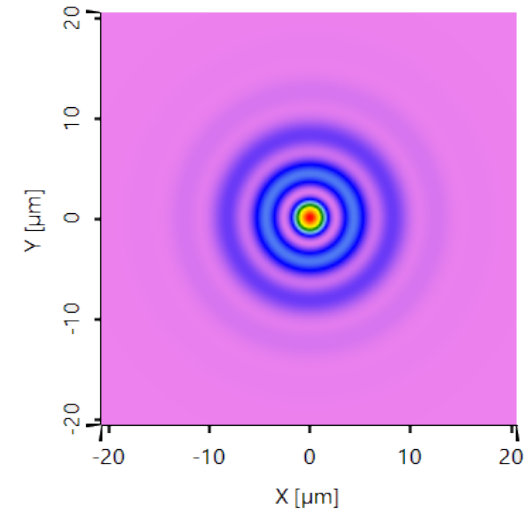
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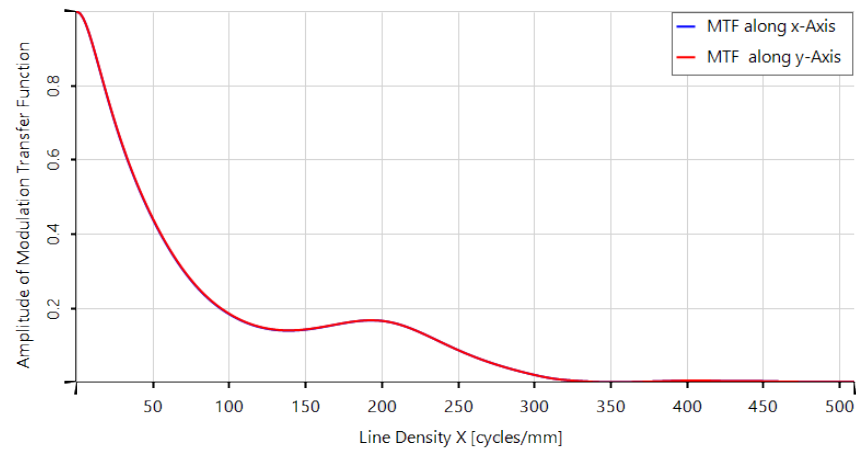
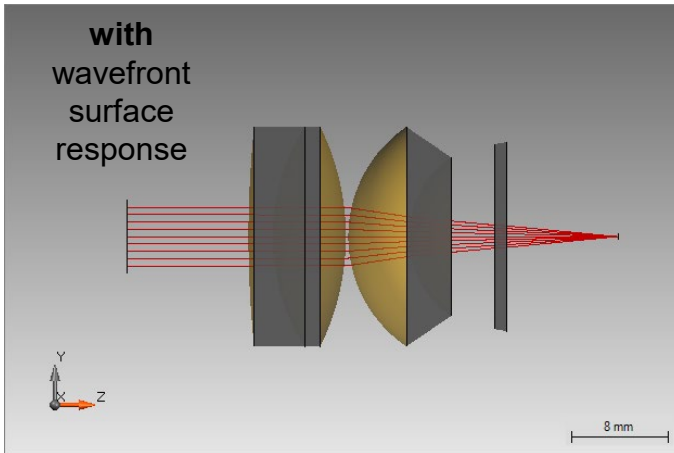
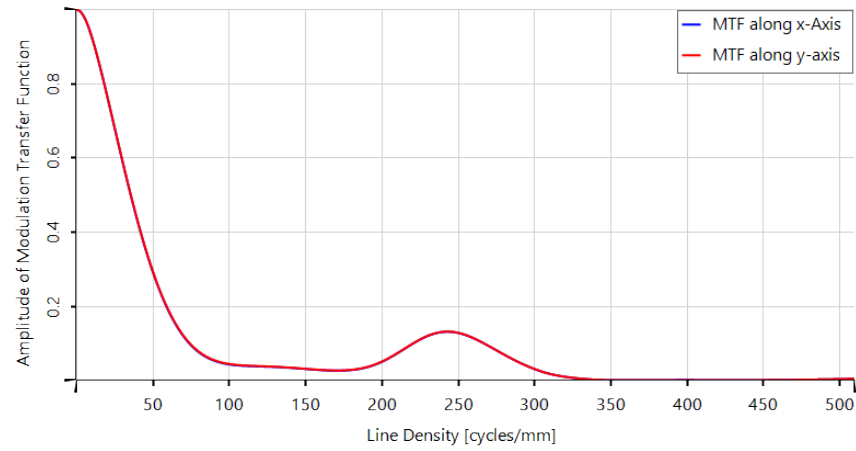
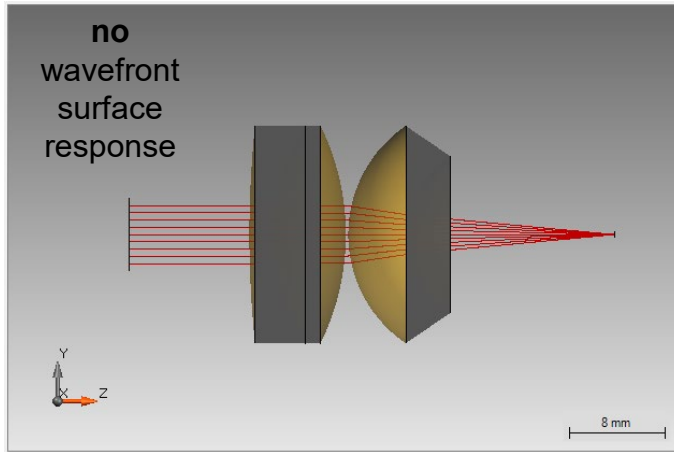
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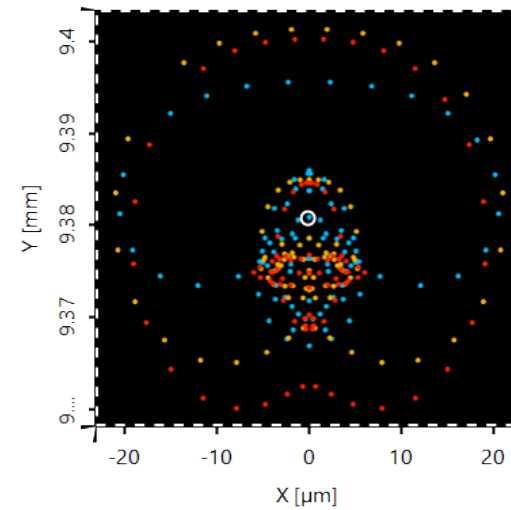
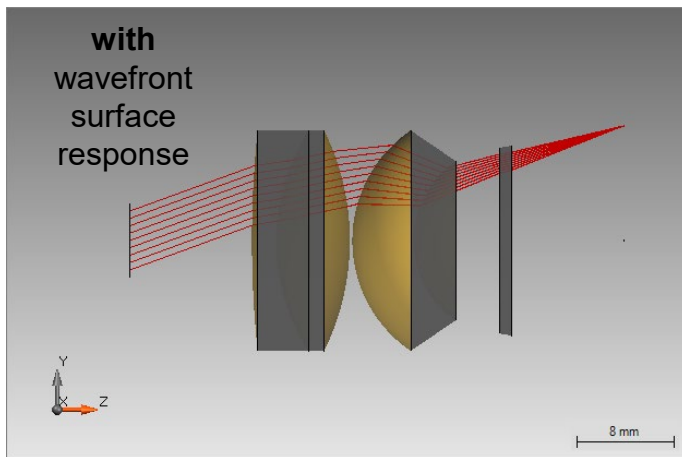
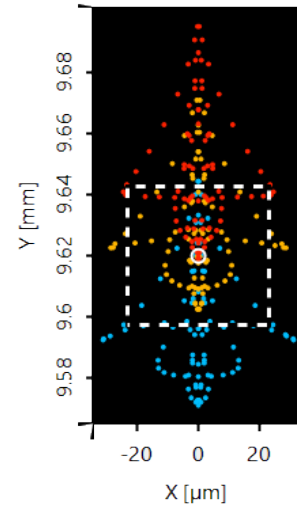
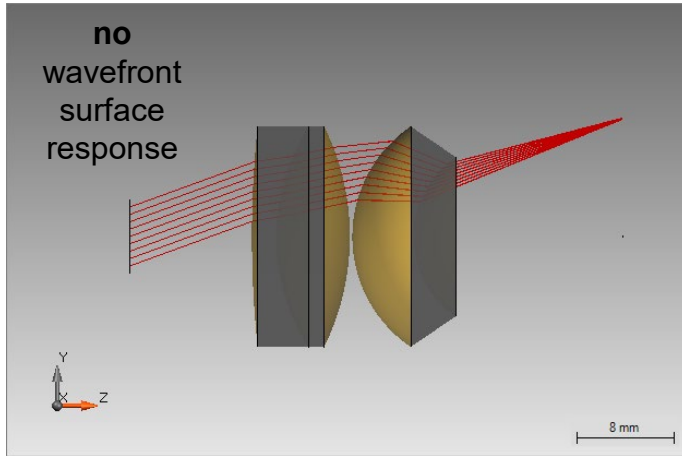
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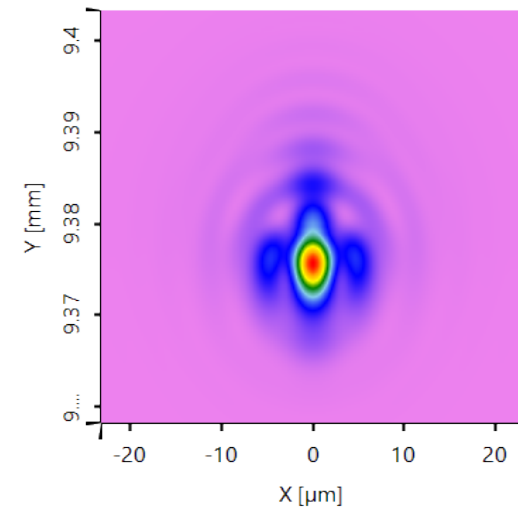
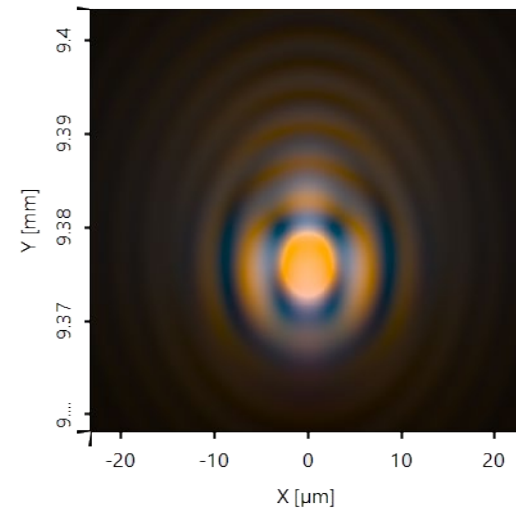
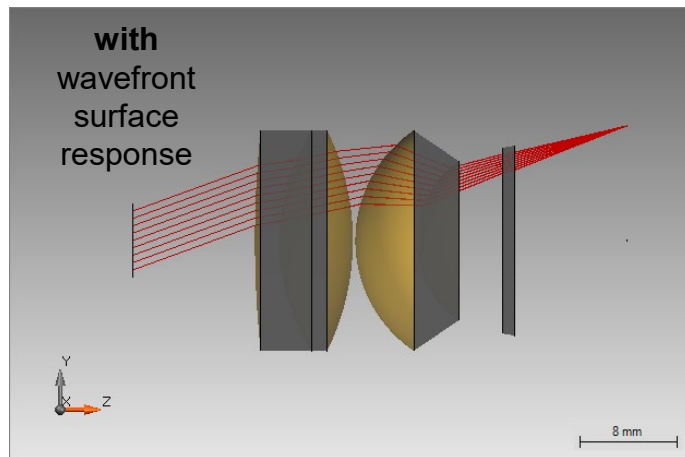
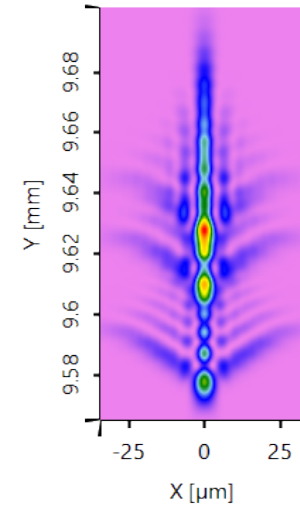
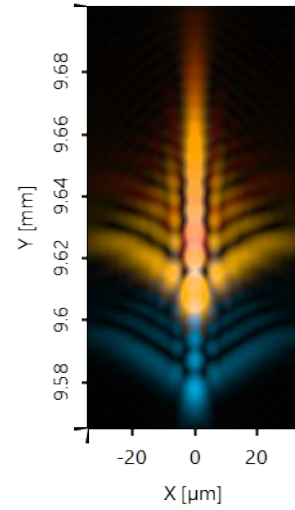
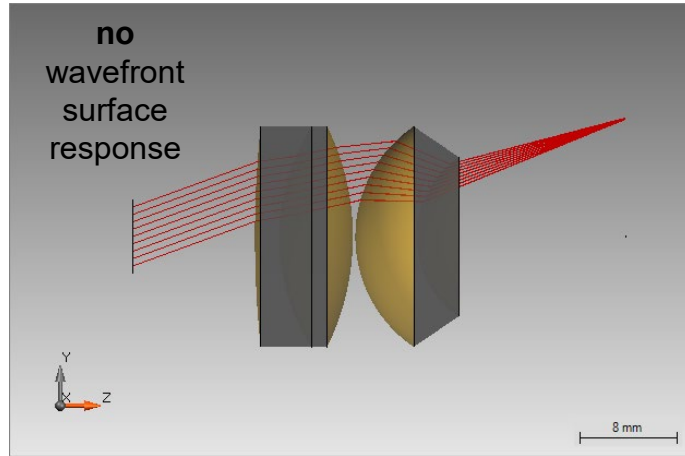
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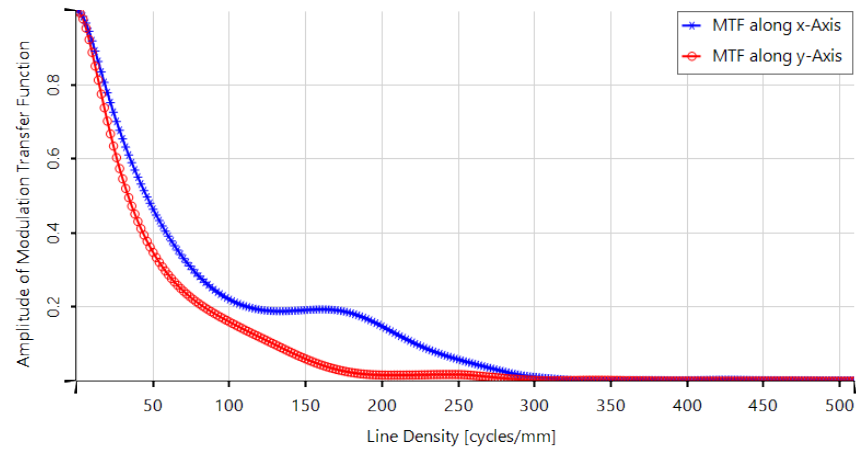
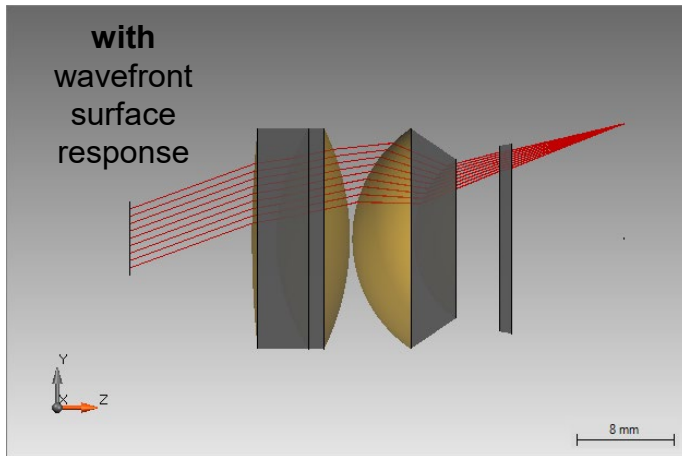
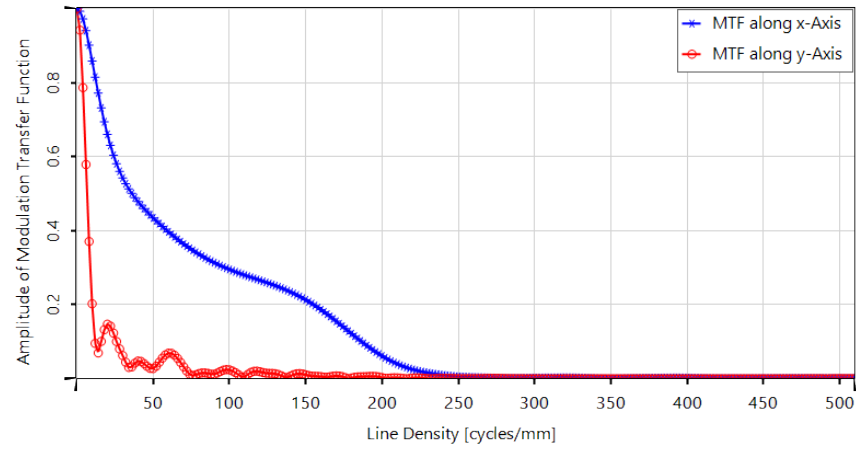
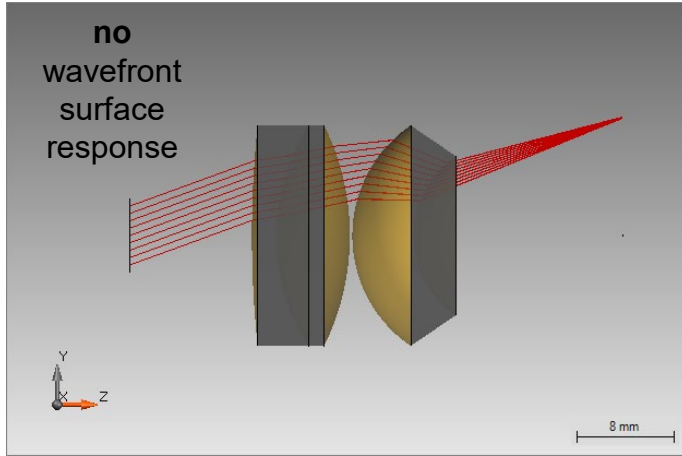
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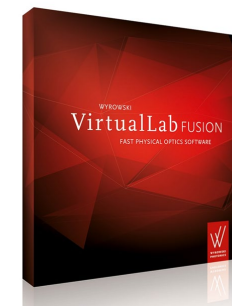
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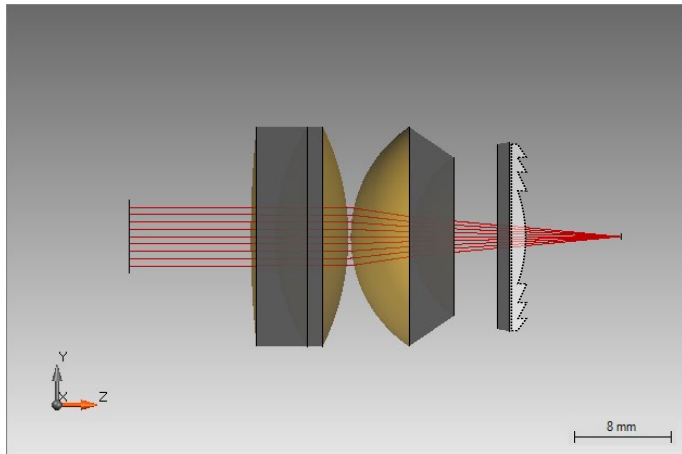
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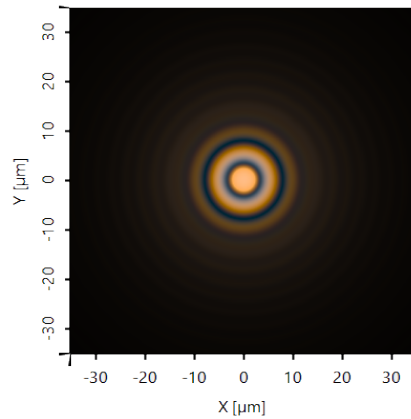
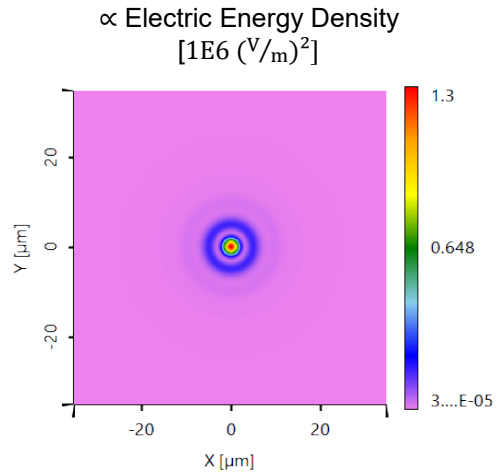
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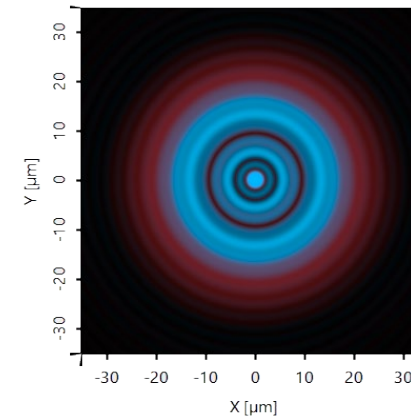
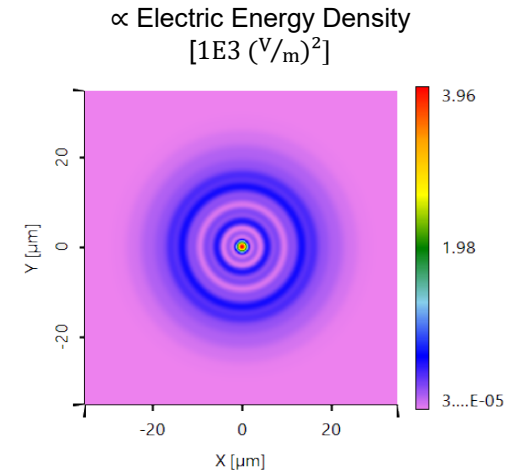
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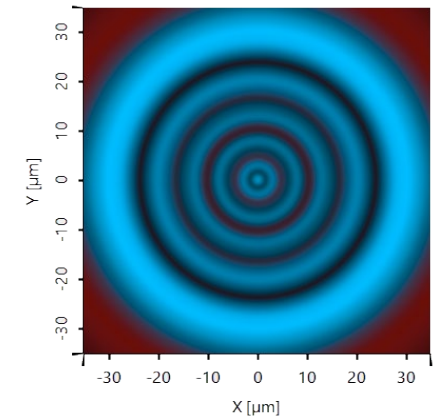
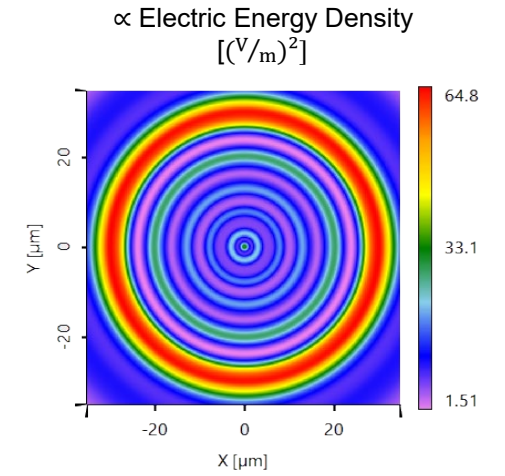
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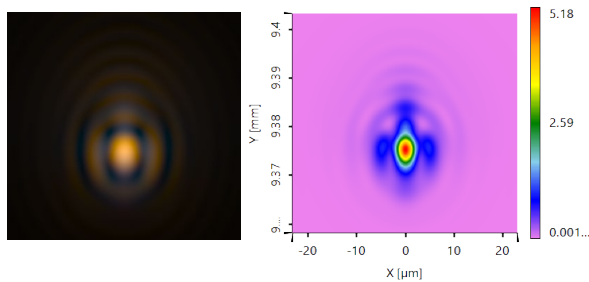
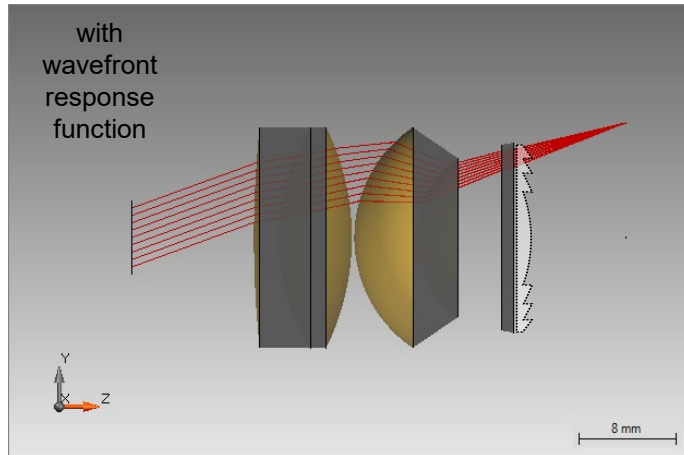


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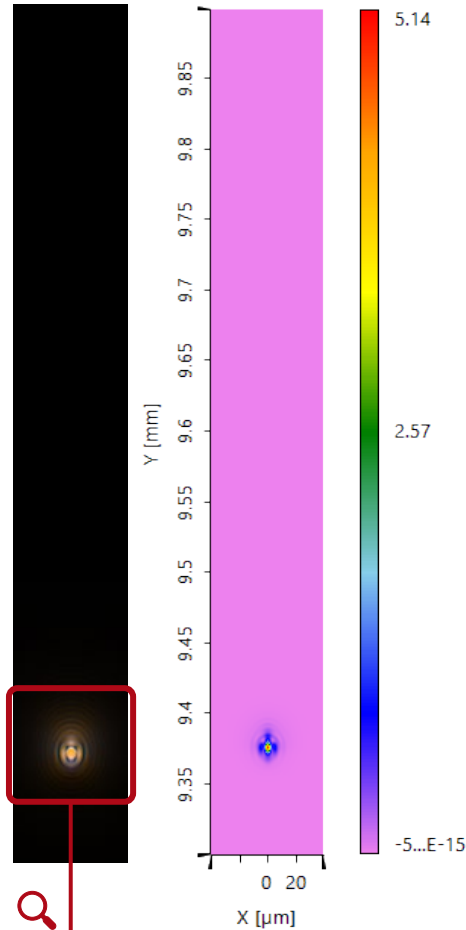


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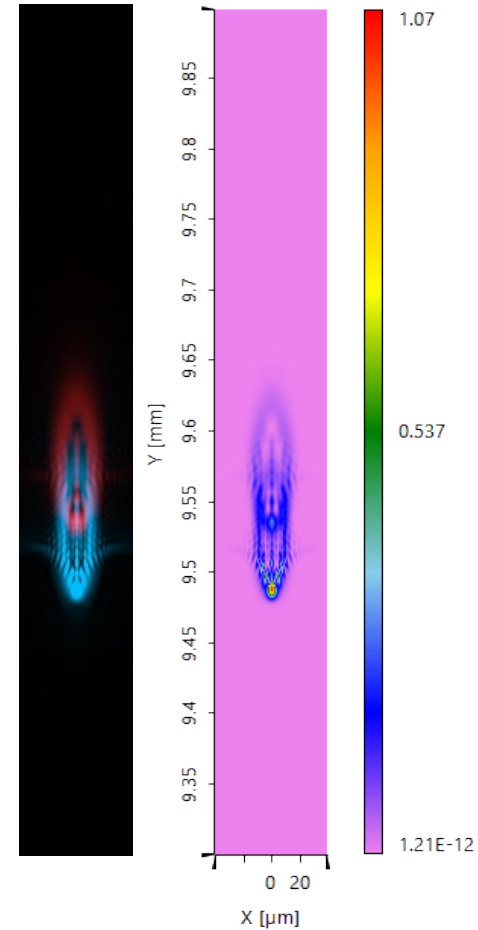


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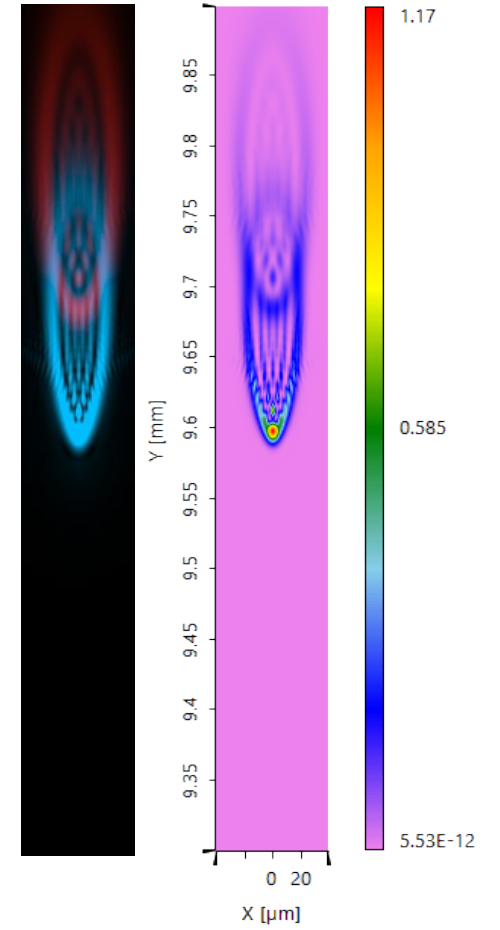
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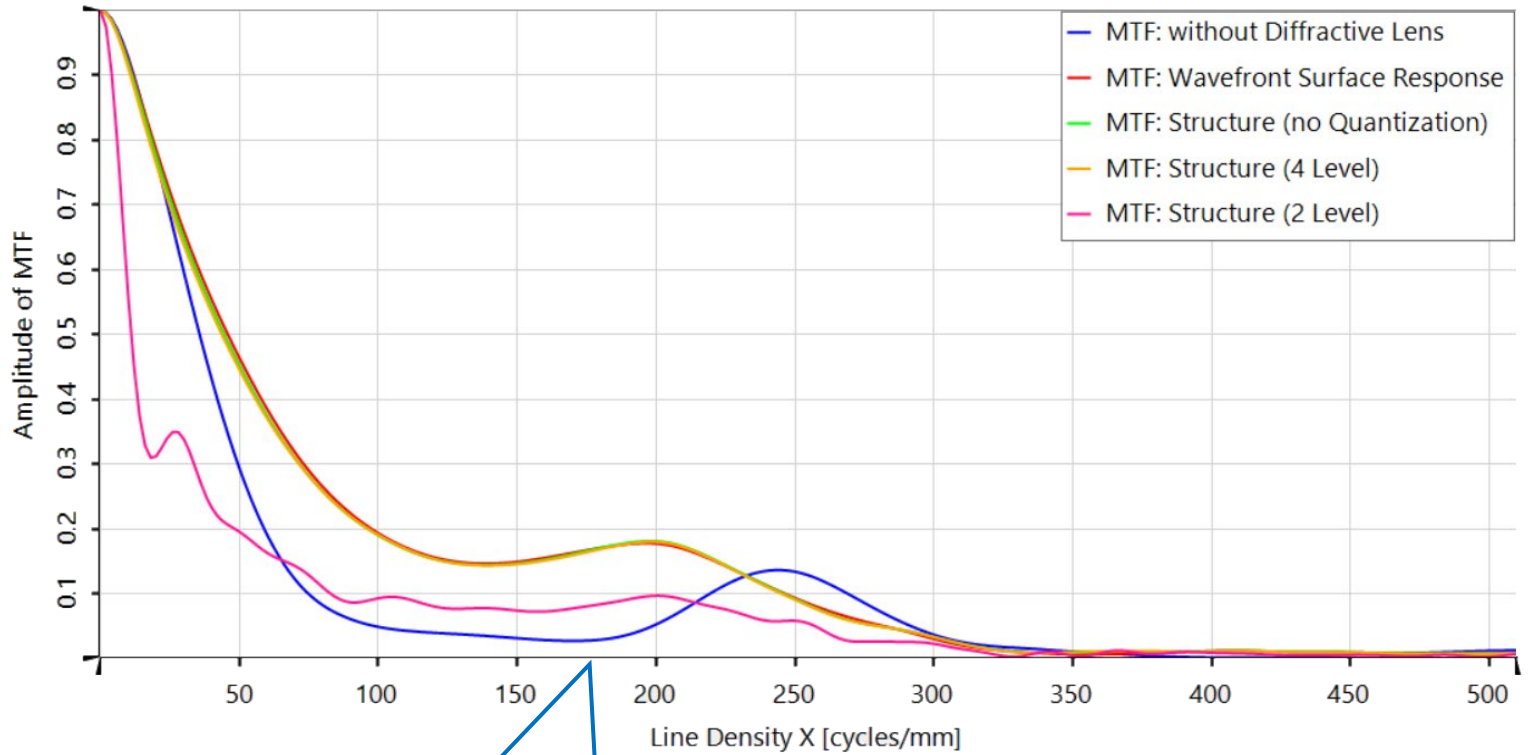
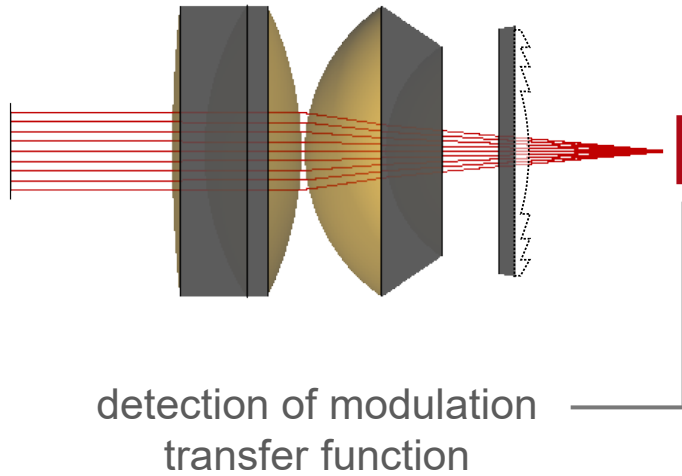
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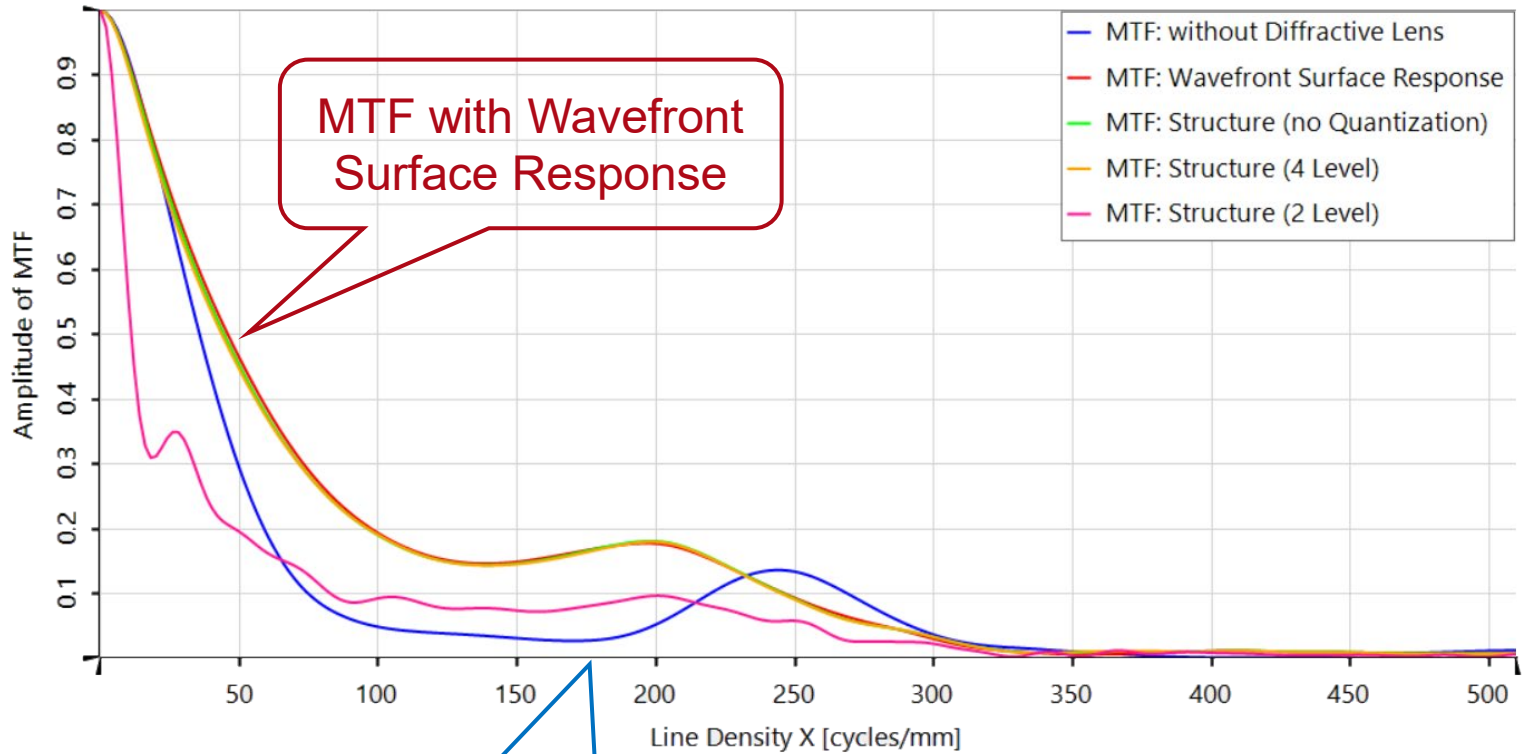
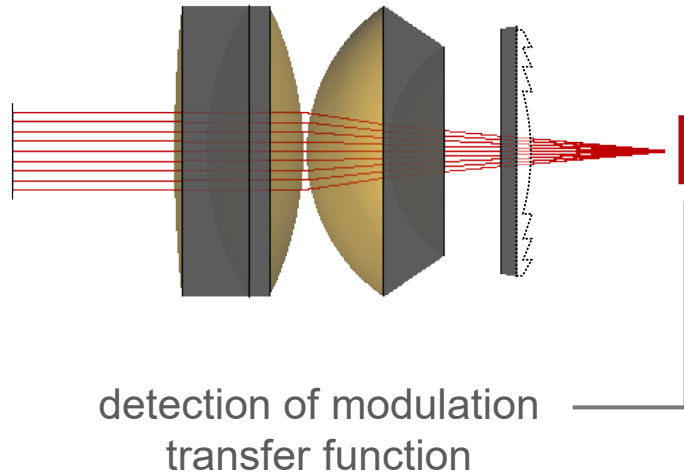
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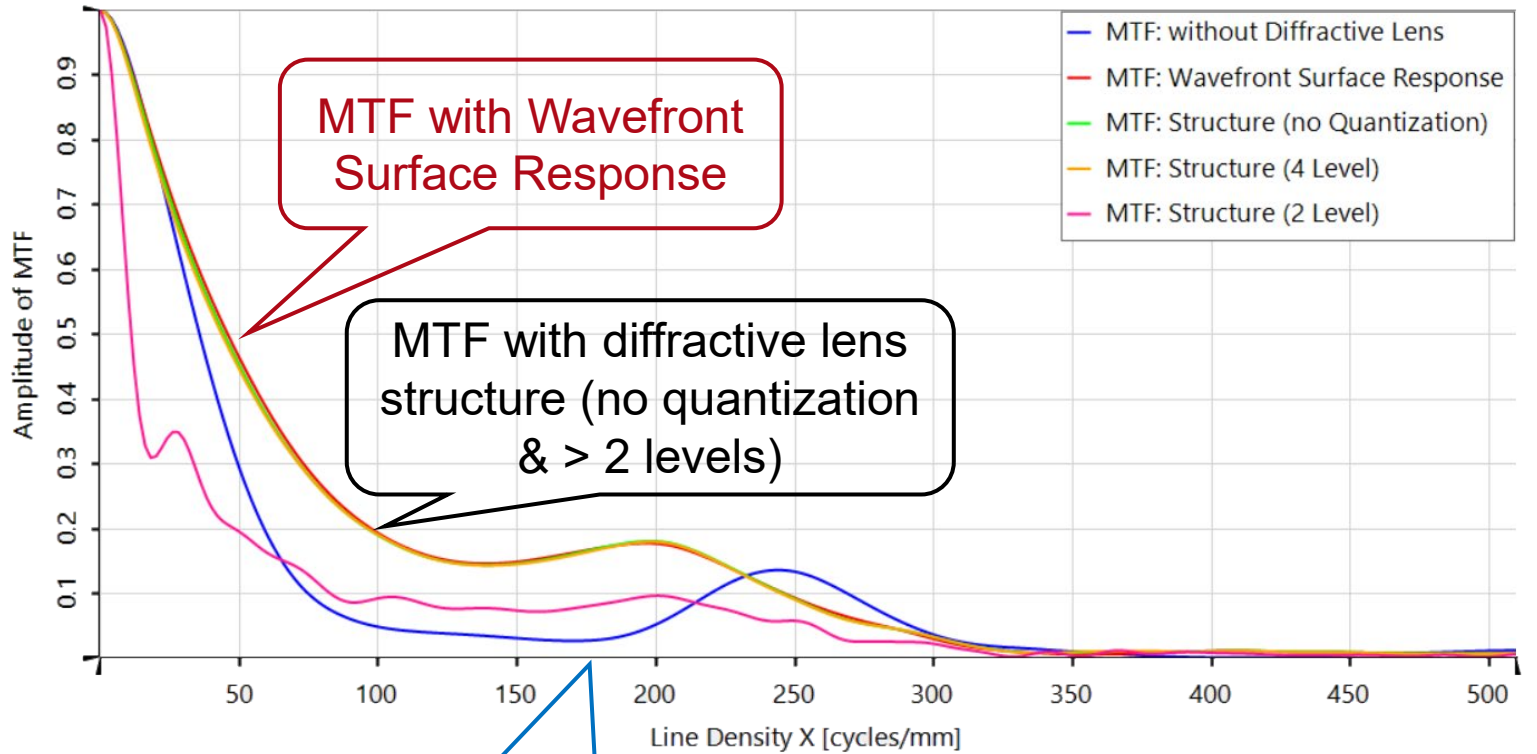
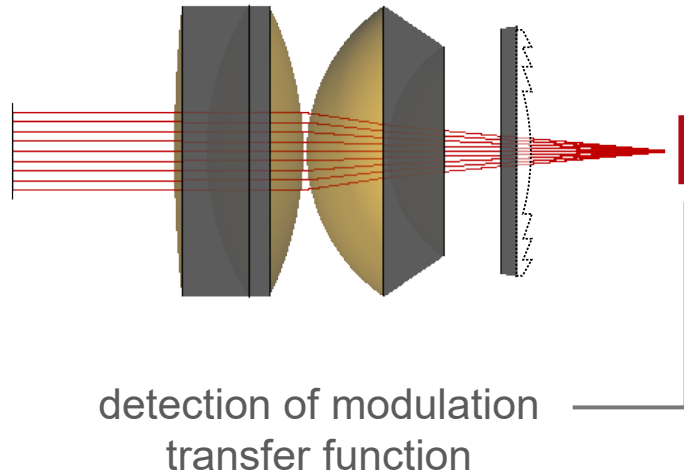


MTF without
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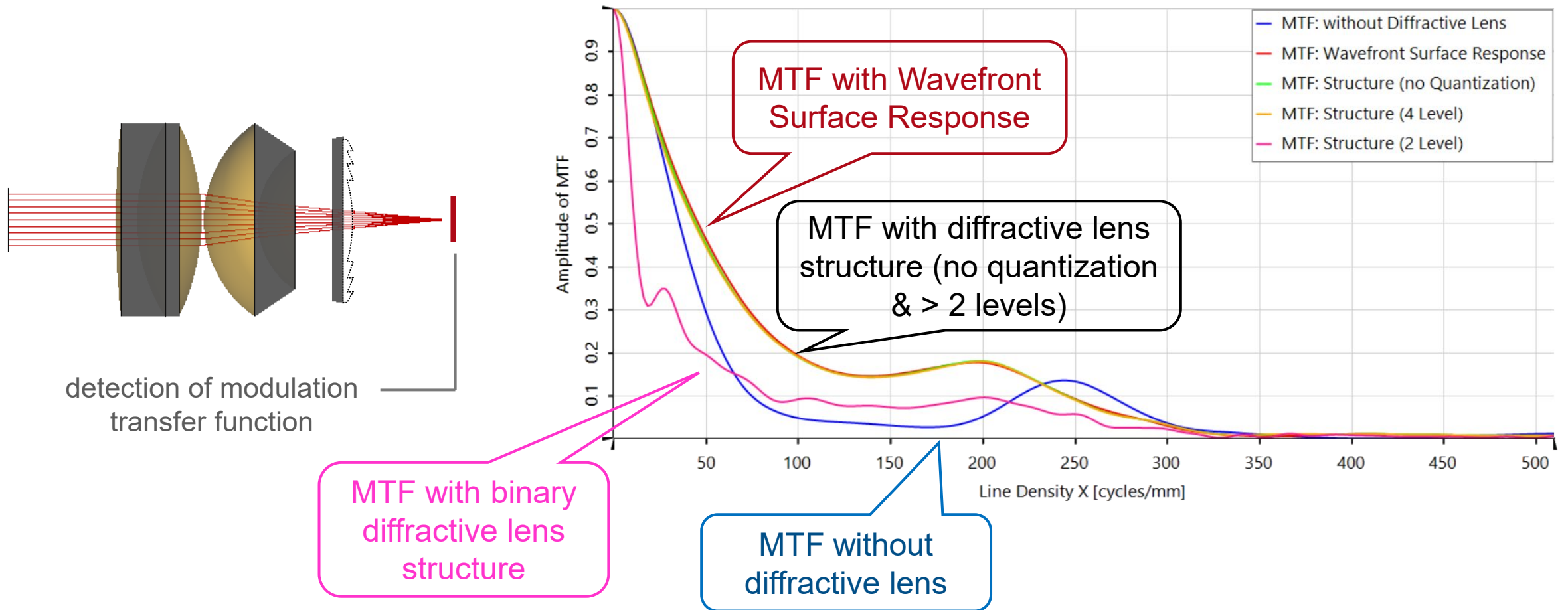
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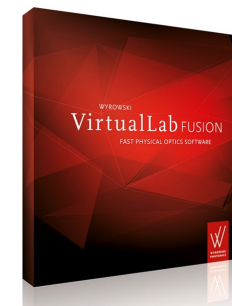
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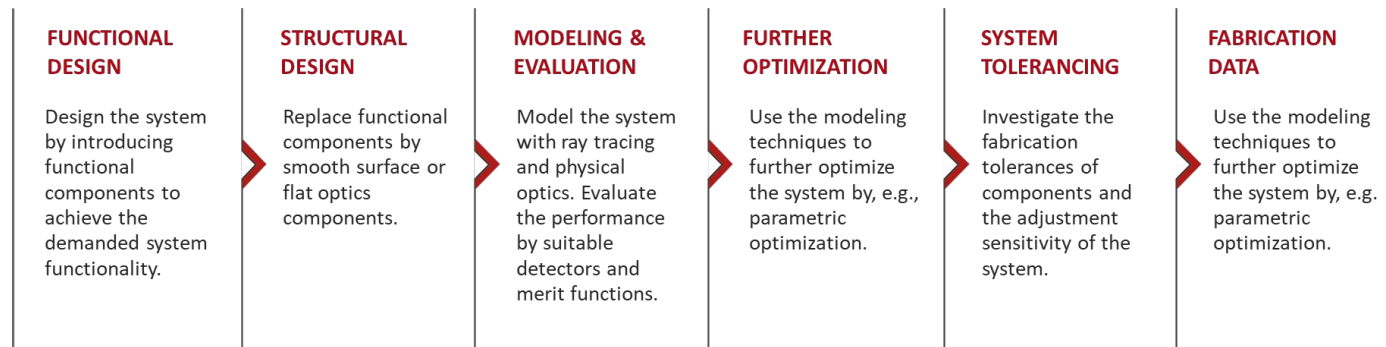
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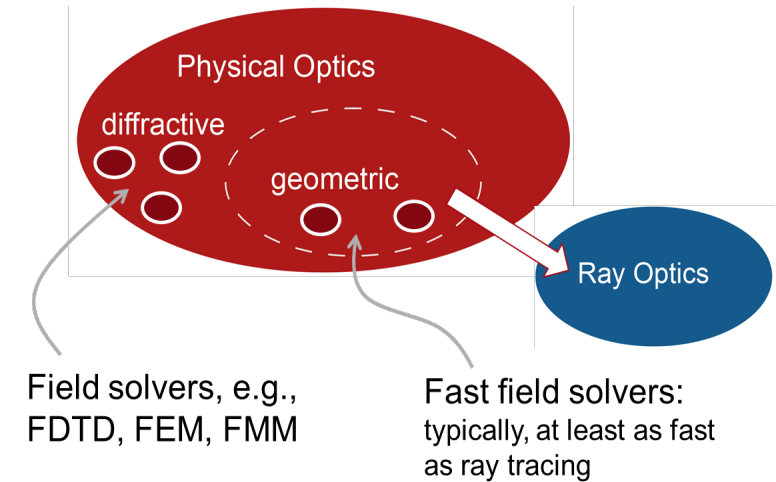


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