

Feature.0011

## Channel Setting for Non-sequential Tracing

Explanation to the concept of channels, definition of channels on different levels, and how the channels settings influence the nonsequential tracing in VirtualLab

#### **About This Use Case**

- The following toolbox is required
  - Waveguide toolbox
- This use case is produced with VirtualLab Fusion (Build 7.0.0.35).

#### This Use Case Shows ...

 how to adjust the channels on surface and region levels, and the consequences from these settings.



Different channels of surfaces



Additional channel control from region(s) on surface(s)

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  - For better illustration, define an isolated Y-Axis Rotation of 30° for the waveguide.



- Channel definition
  - There are four possible channels for each surface, at least one should be activated for the tracing.
  - Channels can be defined for each surface individually.
  - Different settings on channels leads to different tracing logic in VirtualLab.



| Channel | Description             |
|---------|-------------------------|
| +/+     | transmission (forward)  |
| +/-     | reflection (forward)    |
| -/+     | reflection (backward)   |
| -/-     | transmission (backward) |

• Setting A



| Surface | +/+ | +/- | -/- | -/+ |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1st     | ×   |     |     |     |
| 2nd     | ×   |     |     |     |

• Setting B



| Surface | +/+ | +/- | -/- | -/+ |  |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| 1st     | ×   | ×   |     |     |  |
| 2nd     | ×   |     |     |     |  |

• Setting C



| Surrace | +/+ | +/- | -/- | -/+ |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1st     | ×   |     | ×   |     |
| 2nd     |     | ×   |     |     |

• Setting D

2nd



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• Setting E



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

- Region(s) on surface
  - It is possible to define individual *Regions* on a surface and define their optical properties individually, including the channel settings.



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  - Define this region as grating with single transmission order T0 = 50%, and single reflection order R0 = 50%, which makes a semi-reflective mirror.



Efficiencies are given with respect to incidence from back side; in this example, T and R corresponds to -/- and -/+ channels respectively.

- Region definition
  - Set up the channels for this region, following the same rule as for the surfaces.

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| Shape Region Channels Grating |                           | Shape Region Channels Grating  |                                    |         |
| Select Open Channels          |                           | Select Open Channels   |                                    |         |
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| Plus-Minus-Direction          | Minus-Minus-Direction     | Plus-Minus-Direction   | Minus-Minus-Direction              |         |
| 3D View                       | n Channel: -/+, -/-       | Note: region<br>channels provide<br>individual control<br>in addition to<br>surface channels | 20: Region Channel: -/+<br>3D View |         |
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|        | 1                |                 |       | 2    | Plane Interface | Edit Surface<br>Layout | Surface layout c | ontaining 1 regions. |                    |
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Region on surface 1: -/+ channel on Region on surface 2: +/+ channel on [with T0, T+1, T+2 diffraction orders]

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