

Grating Analysis and Smoothly Modulated Grating Parameters on Lightguides

Abstract



In order to control the uniformity and efficiency in a lightguide device for AR/MR applications, it is necessary to vary grating parameters, such as fill factor and grating height, over certain areas, e.g. in the expansion and outcoupling grating regions. For this purpose, VirtualLab Fusion enables the introduction of smoothly varied grating parameters inside one region, where the desired variation can be configured in very different ways. This also includes a tool to investigate the provided diffraction efficiencies for the specific incident conditions and grating parameters. This example explains, how to apply these tools.

Illustration of the Modeling Task

introduction of continuously modulated grating parameters on lightguides (e.g., fill factor)



General Workflow with Additional Guidance

 Configuration of base optical lightguide setup (not part of this use case)

2. Application of the *Footprint and Grating Analysis* tool including the generation of the optical setup equipped with all requirements for the parameter modulation

3. Definition of desired grating parameter modulation

The starting point is an existing, executable lightguide system, which has the basic geometries (desired distances and positioned grating regions) and grating specifications (orientation, period, orders).

- Construction of a Light Guide [Use Case]
- Light Guide Layout Design Tool [Use Case]

The regions for which a modulation of parameters is desired must be configured using real grating structures.

- How to Set Up a Lightguide with Real Grating Structures [Use Case]
- Simulation of 1D-1D Pupil Expander with Real Gratings [Use Case]

The *Footprint and Grating Analysis* tool is used to specify the desired range for the variation of the grating parameters, calculate rigorously the according Rayleigh coefficients for the specified conditions of the light-grating interactions and generate an optical setup where the actual parameter variation can be defined.

Footprint Analysis of Lightguides for AR/MR Applications [Use Case]

Note:

The grating modulation is defined for individual grating regions.

Open Footprint and Grating Analysis Tool & Set Optical Setup



Footprint and Grating Analysis Tool

For a general workflow and overview of this tool see the following use case:

Footprint Analysis of Lightguides for AR/MR Applications

Selection of Grating Parameters and Associated Ranges

- It is possible to vary one or two grating parameters at the same time.
- The sampling of the parameter space can be relatively coarse, since afterwards interpolation techniques will be applied in between the calculated points.
- The table lists all available parameters of the grating. For the introduction of modulated grating parameters within a region, it is not allowed to use a parameter that changes the light paths (e.g., such as the period).

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After configuring the desired variation of the grating parameters, the resulting grating characteristic can be calculated and stored in lookup tables by clicking on *Calculate Lookup Tables*.

Calculation of Lookup Tables

The lookup tables are calculated for the defined variation of the grating parameters and FOV modes determined in the first step of the *Footprint and Grating* Analysis tool. The look up tables are automatically saved to the specified folder:

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Investigation of Grating Behavior

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The efficiency of the grating is shown for different polarization states (TE, TM, left circular, right circular polarization, as well as unpolarized light). In the simulation of the full lightguide, the local occurring polarization states of the incident light will be considered automatically.

Note: In case of two varied grating parameters, the result are 2D color plots.

Load Rayleigh Matrices from Lookup Tables

The Rayleigh matrices saved in the defined folder can be loaded in VirtualLab Fusion and reveal the complex-valued entries of this 2×2 matrices.

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- Finally, an adapted optical system can be generated, where the real grating structures have been replaced by the calculated lookup tables, which enable the configuration of the continuously modulated parameters.
- The *Optical Setup* with modulated grating regions is first generated with an interpolated variation from a finite set of local positions. The user can configure the desired sampling and interpolation before the *Optical Setup* is generated. This can also be modified later, including setting a programmable modulation).

Generation of Updated Optical System

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The parameter modulation in the region can be configured in detail by clicking on *Edit*. Here you can also find the local positions, that were chosen in the *Generate OS* dialog.

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Modulation Based on Sampled Positions or a Grid

- One possibility to configure the lateral modulation is by using local positions (support points).
- For each position (or support point), a certain value of the grating parameter can be set.
- Points can be added or removed. For an automatic equidistant grid of points, please repeat the steps covered in slide #15.
- In between the support points, an interpolation of the data of the grating parameter(s) is used. There are two options:
 - Spline interpolation
 - Nearest neighbor (hard boundaries)

Modulation Based on Sampled Positions or a Grid

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Modulation Based on Sampled Positions or a Grid

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- Now, the modulation of the grating parameter can be adapted by changing the values at the given positions.
- By clicking on *View*, the resulting variation is shown:

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Modulation Based on Analytical Description

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- The second possibility for defining a smooth modulation of the grating parameters is the application of an analytical modulation function.
- In this example, we demonstrate a linear variation in the horizontal direction of the EPE grating region, as this is the expected main direction of light propagation.
- The function and its parameters can be configured by clicking on *Edit*.

Modulation Based on Mathematical Description

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- In this example, a snippet for a linear modulation is provided alongside this document.
- Import the snippet by using the import button.
- In more general, a function has to be defined, that provides the desired grating parameter for the current position (x,y).

Modulation Based on Mathematical Description

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51	<pre>//setting the orientation of the modulation</pre>						
52	<pre>Matrix2x2D rotationMatrix = Matrix2x2D.RotationMatrix(angle);</pre>						
53	<pre>VectorD positionInLineCS = rotationMatrix * new VectorD(x, y);</pre>						
54	<pre>double relPos = (positionInLineCS.X - StartPositionLine.X) / P1P2.Abs();</pre>						
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56	<pre>//initialization the dimension of expected parameters</pre>						
57	<pre>double[] returnValue = new double[1];</pre>						
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- In this example, the resulting modulation is defined by:
 - starting position
 - end position
 - the grating parameter at the stating position
 - the grating parameter at the end position
- Between the two defined positions the grating parameter is increased or decreased linearly.

Modulation Based on Mathematical Description

Edit Grating Parameter Modul	ation Function		×
Define Grating Parameter Settings for Grating Parameter Name Relative Property Percenta Minimum Maximum	Function for Two Grating Paran r #1 Slit Width Ige ~ 10 % 90 %	neters	
Modulation Defined by	◯ Sampled Data	Programmable Function	
StartPositionLine EndPositionLine ValueAtStartPosition ValueAtEndPosition		-7 mm	-5 mm -5 mm 10 % 90 %
View		OK Cancel	Help

- The modulation has been configured and can be modified by changing the defined variables of start and end position and the value range of the varied parameter.
- By clicking on *View*, the resulting smooth modulation of the corresponding grating parameter is shown:

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