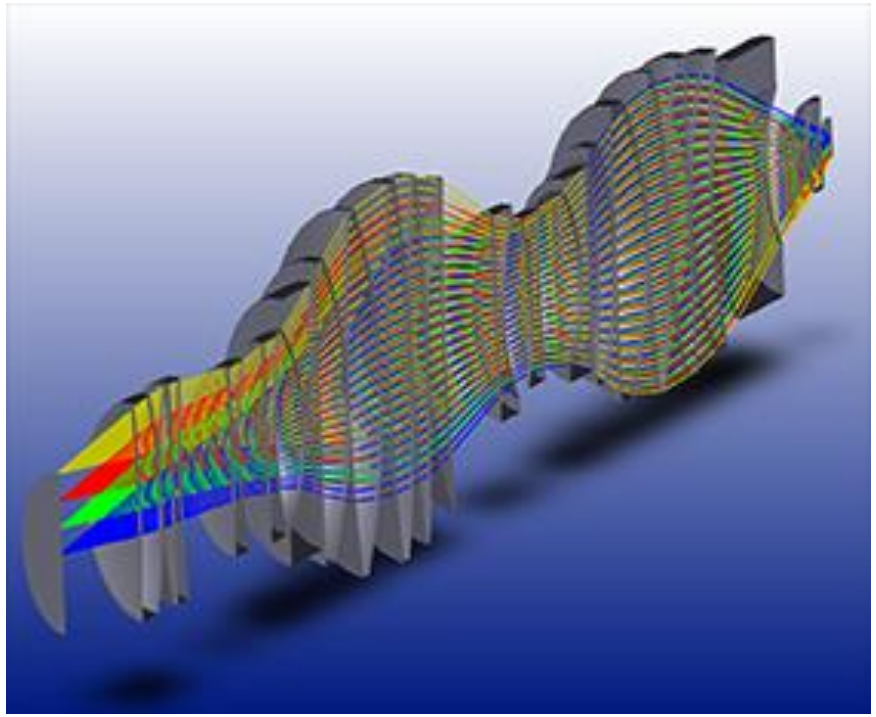
Lectures Notes on Optical Design using Zemax OpticStudio

Lecture 1

Introduction to Optical System Design



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The course

In this course, the student will be able to approach some optical design problems from a computational point of view.

The aim of this course is to implement solutions in Zemax OpticStudio Software.

We will mostly deal with Imaging Optical System Design.

Resources

Course Web Page:

http://www1.gantep.edu.tr/~bingul/opac202

Books:

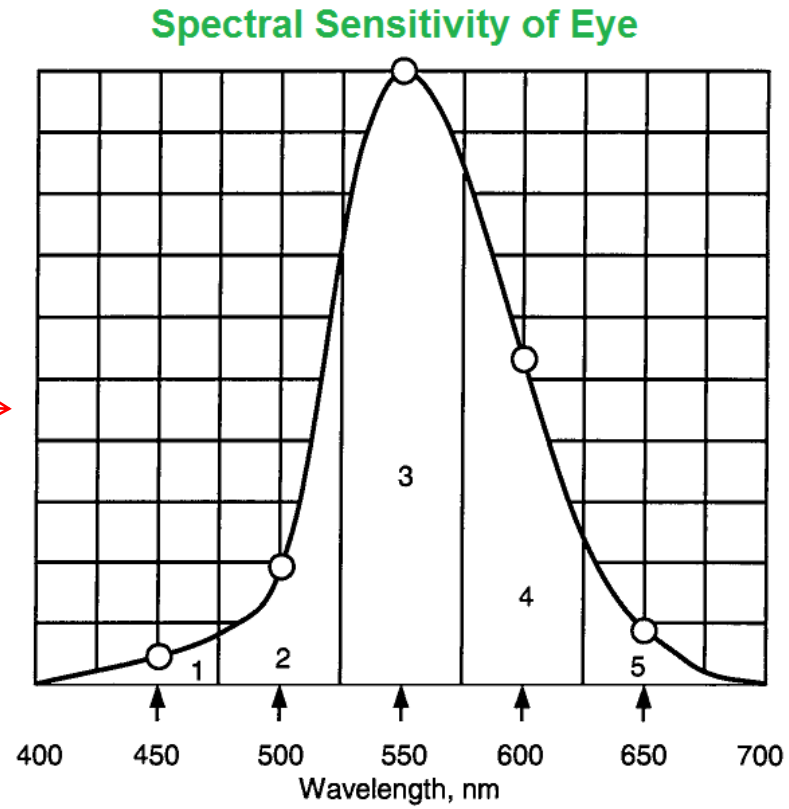
http://www1.gantep.edu.tr/~bingul/opac202/OD.zip

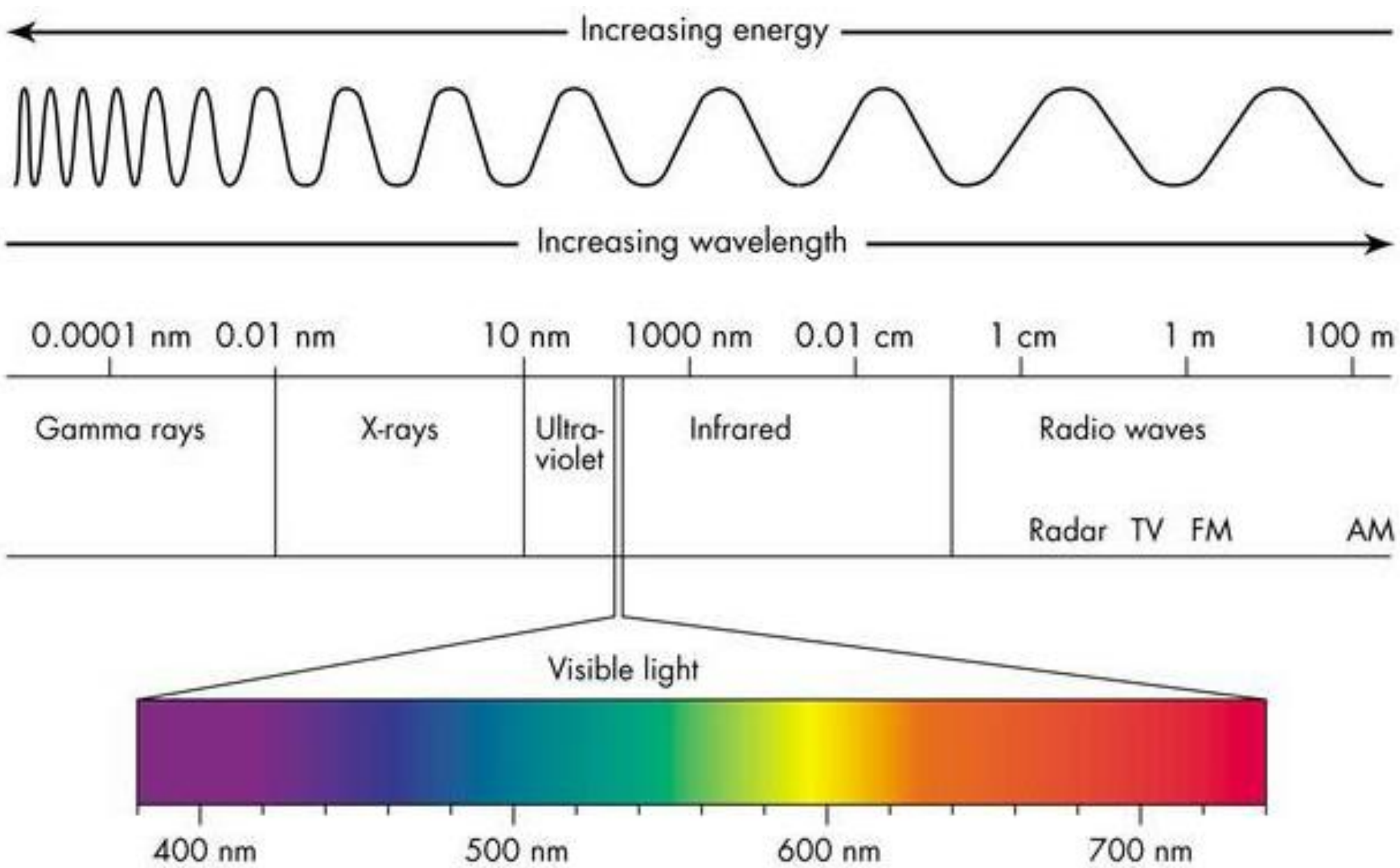
Electromagnetic Spectra

Optics is a branch of physics. It is the science of light.

It covers the wavelength (λ) range of electromagnetic spectrum from 10 nm to 1 mm.

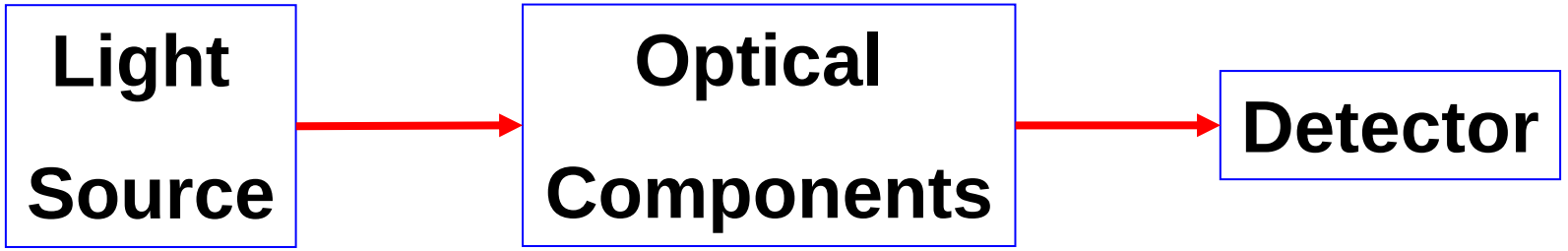
- **Ultraviolet UV: λ = (0.01 μm, 0.380 μm)**
  - UV-A (0.380-0.315 μm)
  - UV-B (0.315-0.280 μm)
  - UV-C (0.280-0.010 μm)
- **Visible, VIS: λ = (0.380 μm, 0.750 μm)**
- **Infrared, IR: λ = (0.750 μm, 1000 μm)**
  - Near IR [NIR] : (0.75 - 0.9 μm)
  - Short-Wavelength IR [SWIR]: (0.9 - 1.7 μm)
  - Mid-Wavelength IR [MWIR]: (3-8 μm)
  - Long-Wavelength IR [LWIR] : (8-15 μm)
  - Far Infrared [FIR]: (15-1000 μm)




Increasing energy
Increasing wavelength
0.0001 nm
0.01 nm
10 nm
1000 nm
0.01 cm
1 cm
1 m
100 m
Gamma rays
X-rays
Ultra-violet
Infrared
Radio waves
Radar
TV
FM
AM
Visible light
400 nm
500 nm
600 nm
700 nm

Optical System

There are mainly three components of an optical system:



Laser
LED
Lamb
Star
Heat Source
Scenery
…

Lens
Mirror
Prism
Grating
Polarizer
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Eye
CCD
CMOS
Photo Diode
Wall
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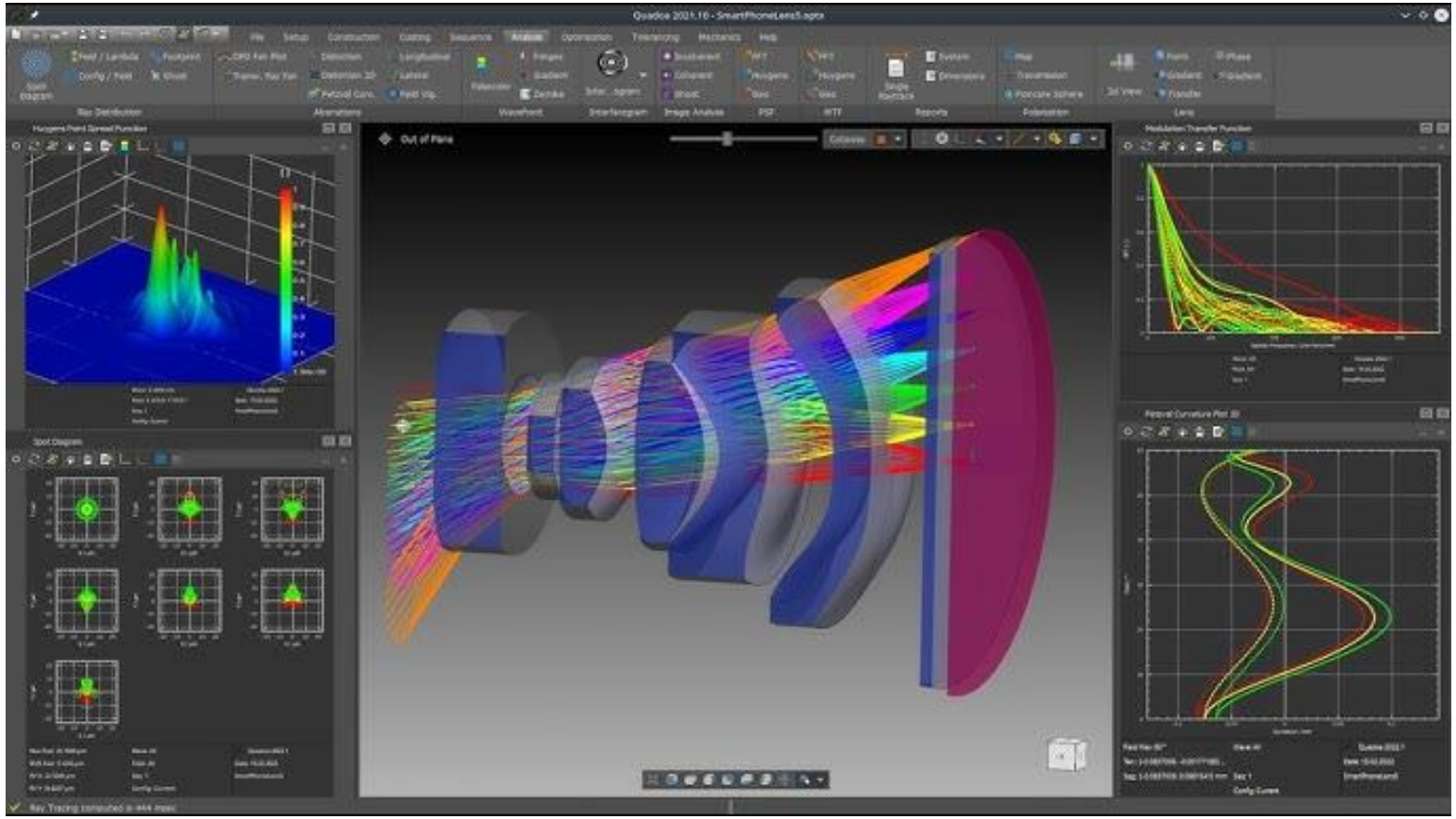
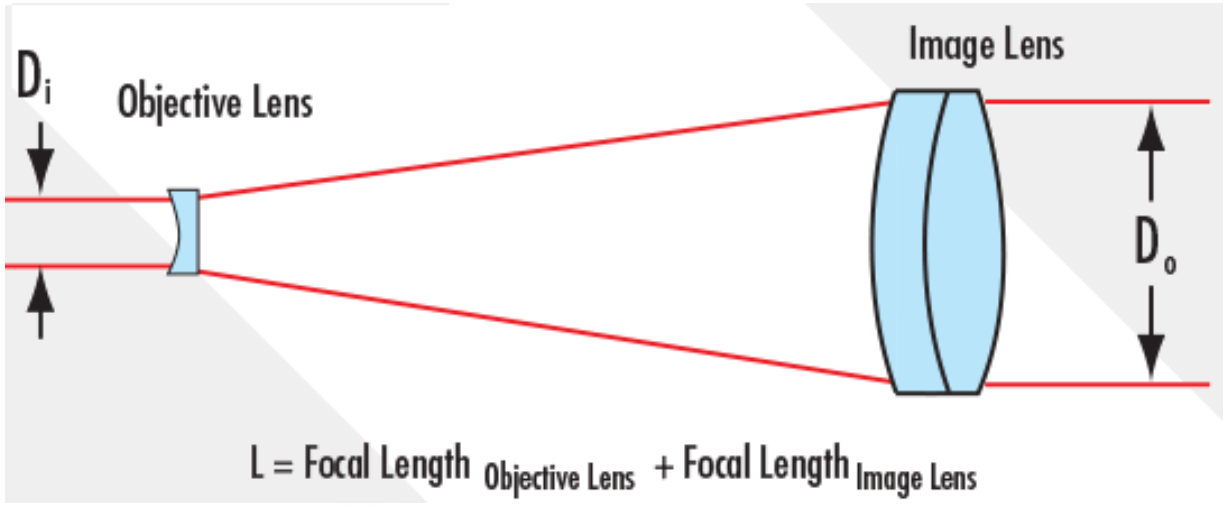
Optical System Design

- Optical Design is the process of designing optical components to meet a set of performance requirements and constraints, including cost and manufacturing limitations.

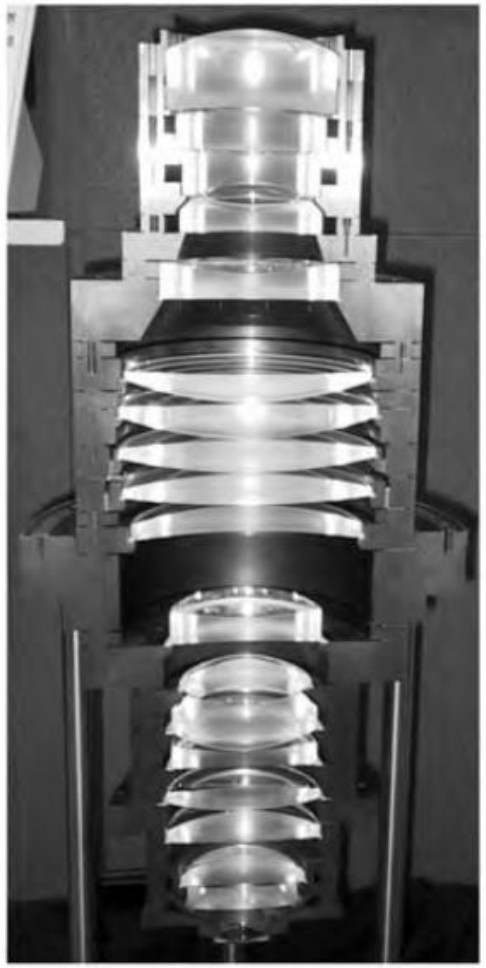


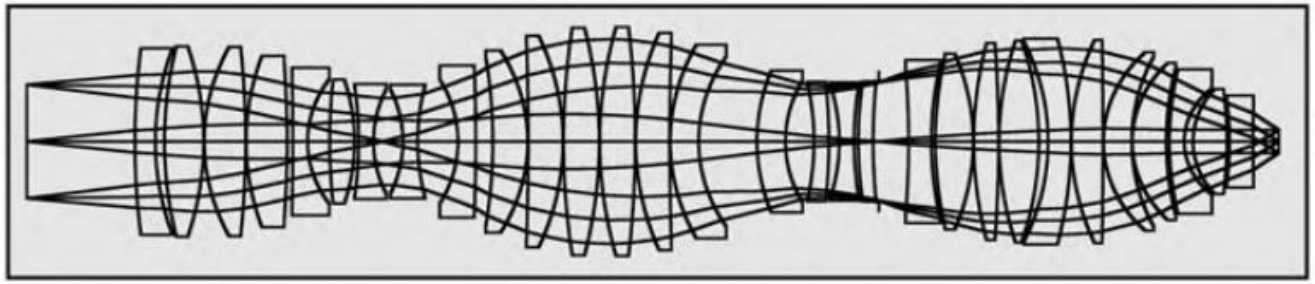
A system may contain a few lenses like a beam expander



or many lenses!

This is a 30-Element Lithography Lens from the Patent Literature

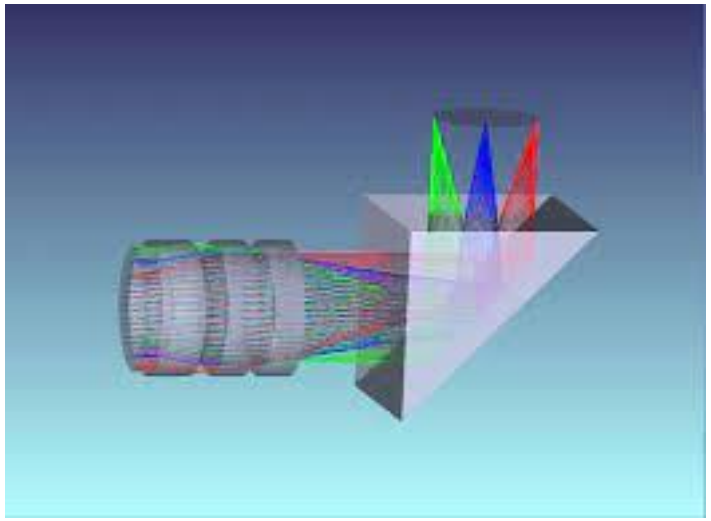




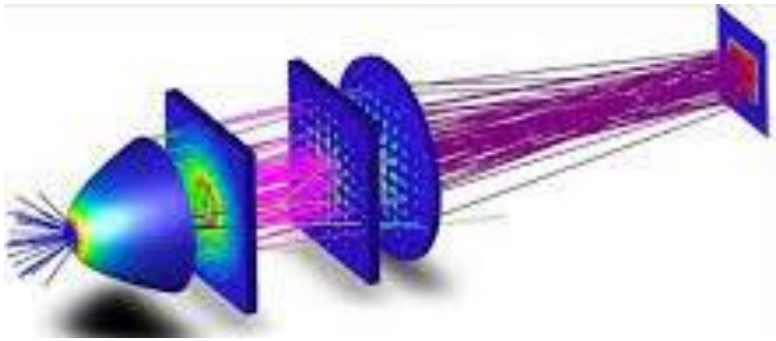
Types of Optical System

There are two categories:

- **Imaging Optical Systems**
  is concerned with resolving a specified minimum-sized object over a desired field of view.
  Main goal is to form sharp images.
  - Camera
  - Telescope
  - Microscope

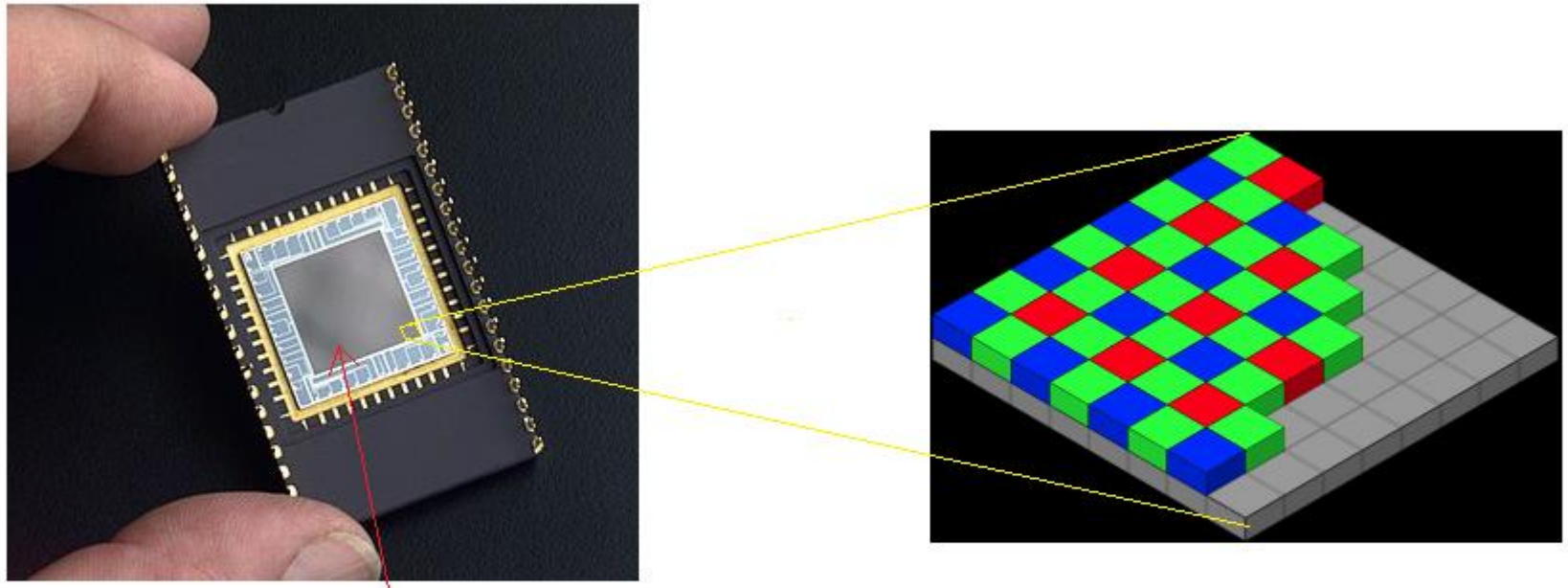


- **Non-imaging Optical Design**
  is concerned with the optimal transfer of light radiation between a source and a target.
  - Tunnel, Street or Automotive illumination
  - Focusing Sun Energy
  - Free-Form Lens Design



Detectors

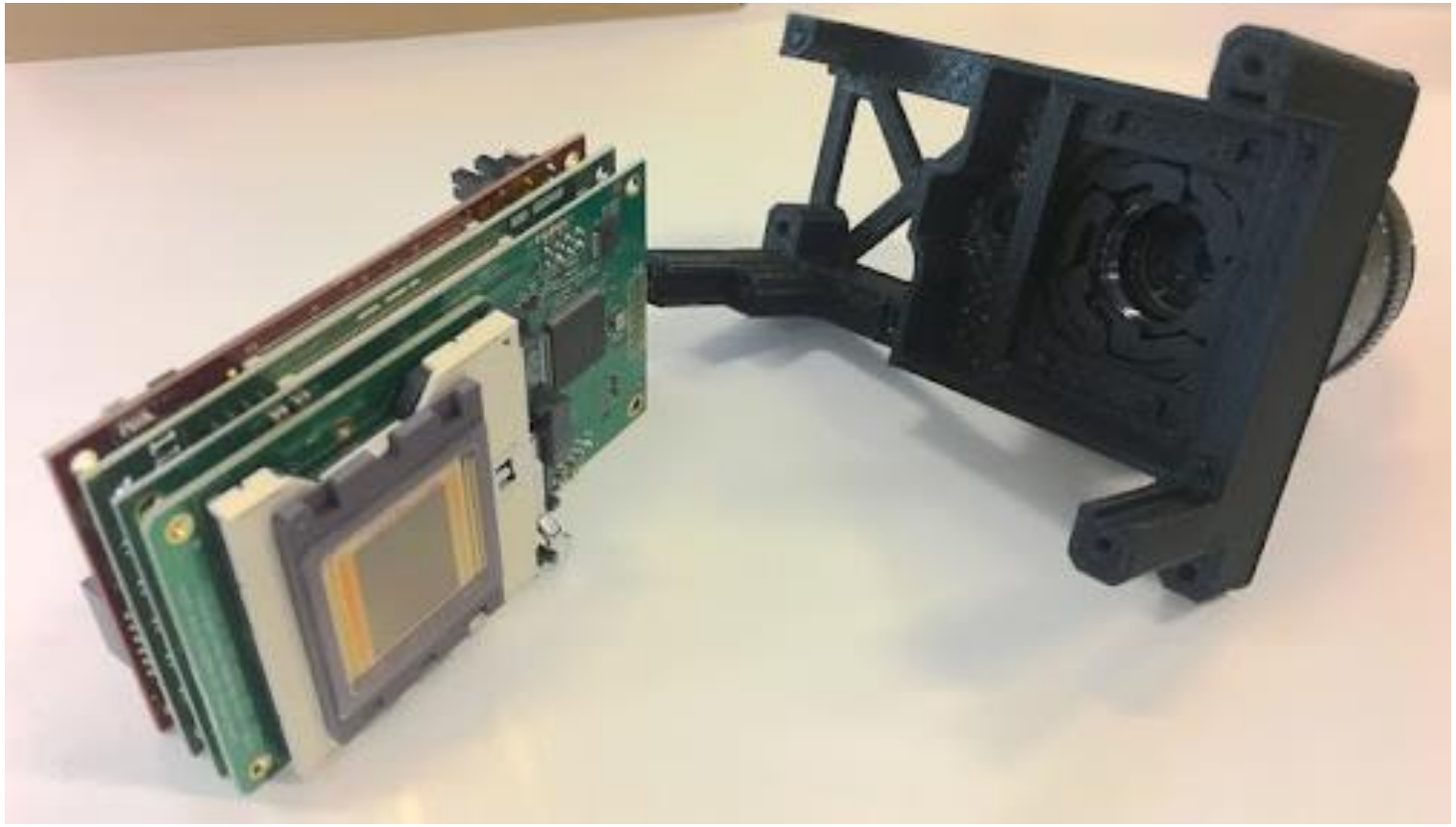
- Final element of an imaging system can be Eye, CCD, CMOS sensor or photodiode.



There are many phostodiodes as in matrix form

Detectors

The first step of the system engineering for an electro-optic camera development is **selecting a proper imaging sensor** according to the mission requirements.
(In general, imaging sensor specification is a leading input for an optical design)

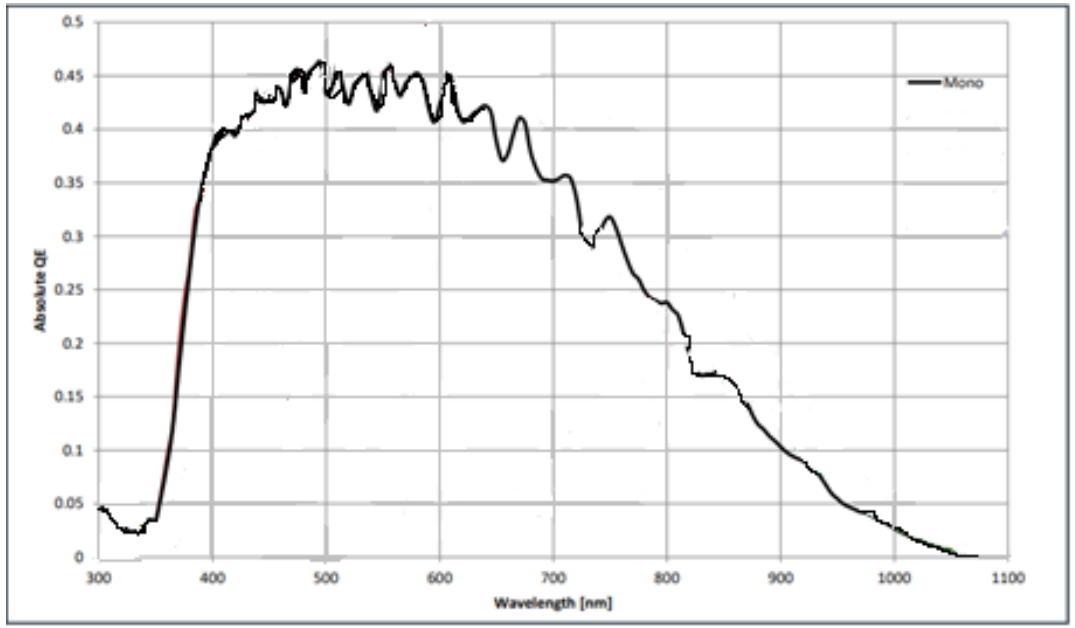


e.g. Osram CMV12000 CMOS Image Sensor

Specifications:

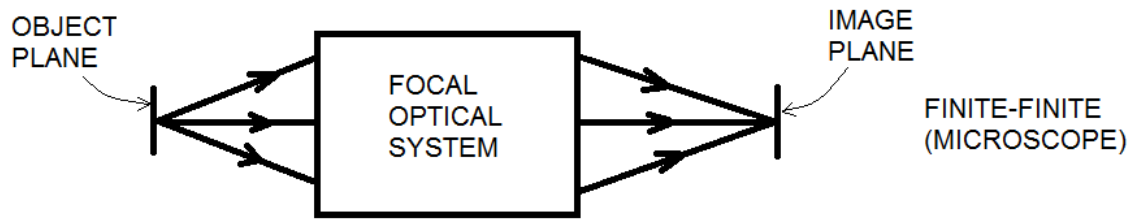
Parameters	Symbol	Value
Detector Type	-	CMOS
Pixel Pitch	p	5.5 µm
Spectrum	λ	450 - 700 nm
Quantum Efficiency (@500 nm)	QE	>46%
Dimension	Pixel x Pixel	4096(H) X 3072 (V)
		22.5(H') X 16.9 (V')
Readout Noise	σ_{read}	13 ē
Full Well Charge	N_{FWC}	13,500 ē
Modulation Transfer Function	MTF	58%

Quantum Efficiency*

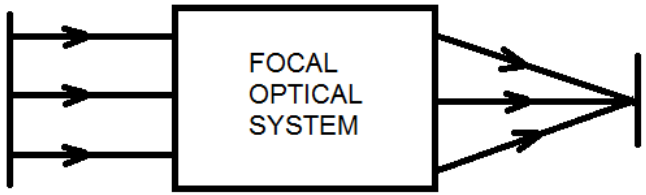


**QE represents the ratio of the number of incident photons that are transformed into electrons concerning the wavelength*

Generalized Imaging Systems



FINITE-FINITE
(MICROSCOPE)



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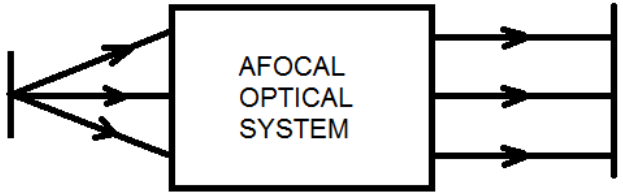

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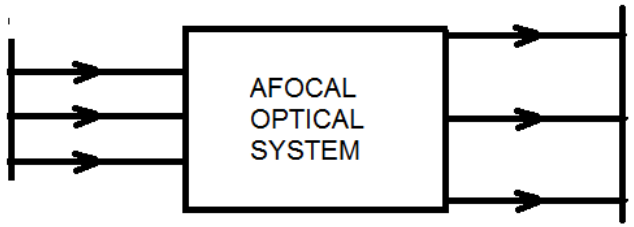


INFINITE-INFINITE
(BEAM-EXPANDER)

Specifying the Image Quality

The following list contains some of the more common ways of specifying the image quality.

Each of these will be discussed later.

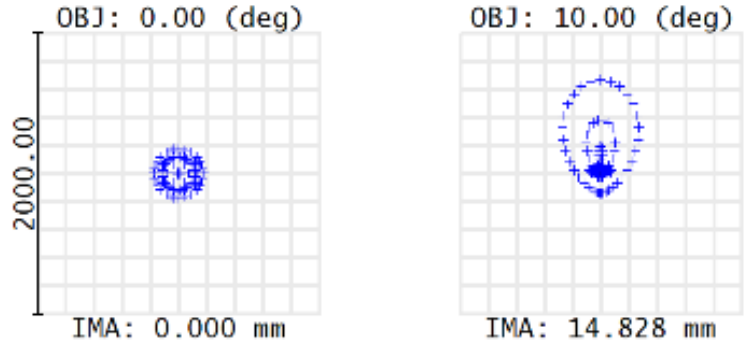
- **RMS blur diameter**
  The diameter of a circle containing approximately 68% of the energy imaged from a point source.

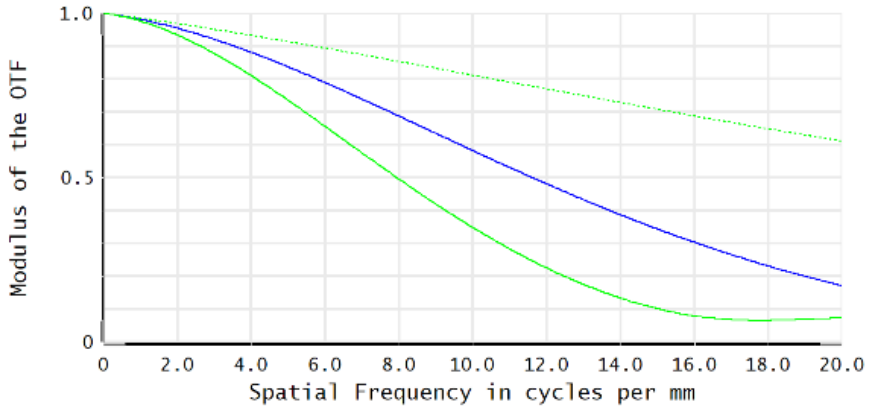
- **Modulation transfer function (MTF)**
  The modulation (contrast) versus the number of line pairs per millimeter in the image.

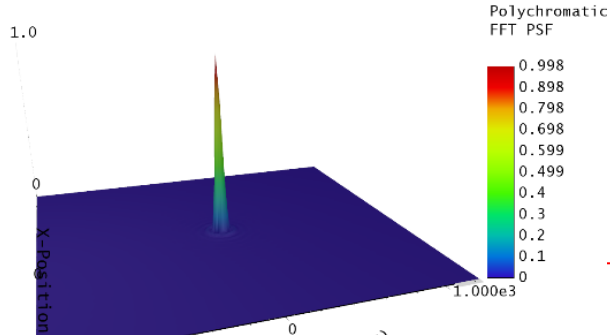
- **Encircled energy (or ensquared energy)**
  The diameter of a circle (or side of a square such as a pixel) containing a given percent of energy.

- **Root-mean-square (rms) wavefront error**
  The rms departure of the real wavefront from a perfect wavefront.

- **Other**
  Depending on the functional requirements of the system, there may be other performance requirements relating to image quality, for example, point spread function (PSF), control of specific aberrations, etc.

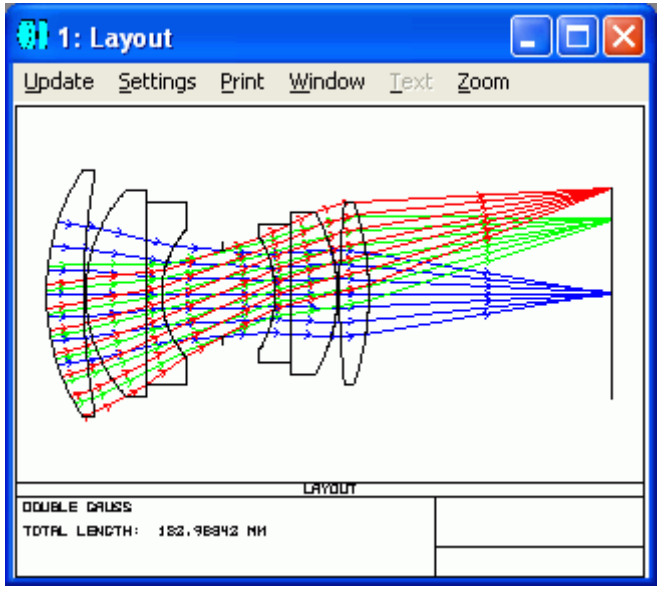


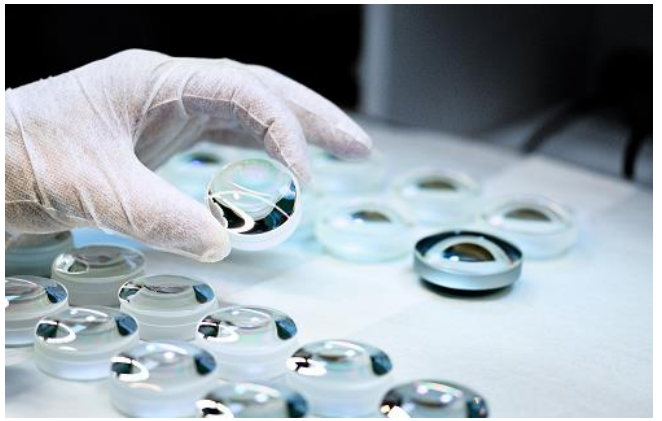




Summary of Optical Design Steps

1. Define the problem
2. Determine pre-design (detector, componets, etc)
3. Select starting point (design form, patent, etc)
4. Perform initial analysis (implement your starting issues)
5. Optimize the system (use software)
6. Fulfill final analysis (optical, thermal, mechanical, …)
7. Prepare for fabrication





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