

Lectures Notes on Optical Design using Zemax OpticStudio

Lecture 9 Chomatic **Aberrations**



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Aberration Types



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What is Chromatic Aberration?

- A lens will not focus different colors (wavelengths) at the same place on the optical axis since focal length depends on refractive index of the material.
- This color dependent deficiency is called the <u>chromatic aberration</u>.





Example 1: Demo for Chromatic Aberration



Aberration Plots



How to Correct Chromatic Aberration

- One way to minimize this aberration is to use glasses of different dispersion in a doublet or triplet. We will mostly investigate Achromatic Doublet.
- The use of a strong positive lens made from a low dispersion glass like crown glass (like BK7) coupled with a weaker high dispersion glass like flint glass (like SF2) can correct the chromatic aberration for two colors; e.g., red and blue.
- Such doublets are often cemented together and called <u>achromatic lens</u>.



Suggested Glass Pairs for Achoromatic Lens

<u>Glass1</u>	<u>Glass2</u>
BK7	SF2
PSK52	SSKN8
FK54	KF9
FK52	KZFS1



Ray Fan Plots fot Glass Pairs



Achromatic Doublet Design

- Consider two thin lenses cemented as shown.
- For d-line (λ = 587.6 nm) Let P₁, P₂, V₁ and V₂ be powers and Abbe values of glasses, repectively.

Best correction occurs

for the condition:

 $P_1 V_2 + P_2 V_1 = 0 \text{ here } P_i = 1/f_i$ $P_1 = P \frac{-V_1}{V_2 - V_1} \qquad P_2 = P \frac{V_2}{V_2 - V_1}$ $P = P_1 + P_2$ $K_1 = \frac{P_1}{n_1 - 1} \qquad K_2 = \frac{P_2}{n_2 - 1}$

Suggested of radius of curvatures:

 $r_{11} =$ system focal length / 2

$$r_{12} = -r_{11}$$
$$r_{21} = -r_{11}$$
$$r_{22} = \frac{r_{12}}{1 - K_2 r_{12}}$$

Download achromate.m in course web page for implementation of the solution.



Achromatic Doublet Design

Procedure to obtain best acromatic lens for F, d, C (visible) in Zemax.

- Determine the glass pairs.
- Calculate radii of curvatures of lenses to get their initial values using the equations in the previous page.
- Insert these radii to LDE in Zemax.
- Set one, two or all radius of curvatures as variable in LDE.
- In MFE, Set EFFL as desired for d-line. (if necessary set AXCL = 0 for F and C lines)
- Use Zemax Optimization Tool to get smallest RMS radius for d-line.
- Investigate the optical performance of your design.

Example 2: 300mm-Doublet Design

Design an achromatic doublet to satisfy the following specifications:

EFFL = 300 mm ENPD = 30 mm Wavelengths = F, d, C (visible) Lens1: N-BK7, ct = 4 mm Lens2: N-SF2, ct = 3 mm Optimize doublet to get minimum spot size and minimum axial color error in

the image plane. [Hint: start with $R_{11} = EFFL / 2 = 150 \text{ mm}$]

Using thin lens equations, we can obtain radii of curvatures as follows:

 $R_{11} = +150.000$ $R_{12} = -150.000$ $R_{21} = -150.000$ $R_{22} = -602.307$



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Apochromatic Lenses (Triplet)

If we use thin lenses, Achromatic Doublet must satisfy:

$$\frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} = \frac{1}{f}$$
$$f_1 V_1 + f_2 V_2 = 0$$

In order to achieve Apochromatic Correction, a lens system with <u>three elements</u> and overall focal length of f must satisfy the following conditions chromatic lens must satisfy:



- P is partial dispersion and it is a linear function of Abbe Value: P = aV + b
- Suggested sturcture: PNP
- Suggested glasses: (PK51, KZFS4, SF15) (PK51, LAF21, SF15)





Spaced Doublet

Another method of making a system achromatic is to use two positive lenses made of <u>same type</u> of glass. Doublet must be separated by a distance equal to one-half the sum of their focal lengths.

$$d = \frac{f_1 + f_2}{2}$$

Effective focal length (f) of the lens system can be found by:

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} - \frac{d}{f_1 f_2}$$



Subsituting first equation into second one yields:

$$\frac{2}{f} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2}$$

The spaced doublets are mostly used in eyepieces.

Eyepieces

Eyepieces are used in microscpoes, telescopes, and binoculars. There are simple designs known as Huygenian and Ramsden. Both designs use two plano-convex lenses.

In Ramsden design, the following relation is suggested:

$$f_1 = \frac{3f_2}{2}$$

Final equations for each focal length become:

$$f_1 = \frac{5f}{4}$$
 $f_2 = \frac{5f}{6}$

where *f* is the eyepiece focal length.





Eyepieces

• Reticle:

is a pattern of fine markings built into the eyepiece.

• Eye relief (Göz konumu): is exit pupil position where you observe full FOV.





Example 3: Ramsden Eyepiece Design

We want to design f = 28 mm Ramsden Eyepiece using N-BK7 glasses. ENPD = 3.5 mm, λ = F,d,C, FOV = 10°, ER = 12 mm, TOTR < 60 mm.

Starting point is to use thin lens equations:

 $f_1 = 5f/4 = 35.0 \text{ mm}$ $f_2 = 5f/6 = 23.3 \text{ mm}$

If the lenses are plano-convex, then radius of curvatures for n = 1.52 are as follows:

 $|R_1| = (n-1)f_1 = 18.2 \text{ mm}$

$$|R_2| = (n-1)f_2 = 12.1 \text{ mm}$$

Distance between lenses:

$$d = (f_1 + f_2)/2 = 15.2 \text{ mm}$$



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Cassegrain Design with Field Corrector Lenses

The typical Cassegrain design is known for its excellent on-axis optical performance but tends to perform poorly in off-axis applications.

For parabolic mirror, third order angular aberration is given by:

 $AA3 = 3a_1y^2\theta/R^2 + 2a_2y\theta^2/R + a_3\theta^3$ coma + asti + dist



E.g. Cassegrain design with f/10, D= 120 mm, and FOV = 1° .

Cassegrain Design with Field Corrector Lenses

To improve off-axis performance usually a field corrector lens system is added to the mirror system before image sensor.

Note:

If we want to design Cassegrain Telescope whose target (final) focal length F with a corrector lens,

- 1. Design Cassegrain mirror system with focal length a bit grater or smaller than the target F. Namely, two-mirror focal length should be: $F' = F + \Delta F$ or $F' = F - \Delta F$
- 2. Add corrector lenses and optimize full system to reach target focal length, F.



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Example 4: Cassegrain Telescope with Corrector Design

Design a Cassegrain Telescope with corrector to satisfy the following specifications:

- EFFL = 1000 mm
- F/# = 10
- WAVE = F, d, C (visible)
- $FOV = 1^{\circ}$
- TOTR < 300 mm

Step 1: Design Cassegrain mirrors such that system focal length is F' = 1200 mm as follows:

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Step2: Add a doublet lens and optimize the system as follows. Notice F = 1000 mm.



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