

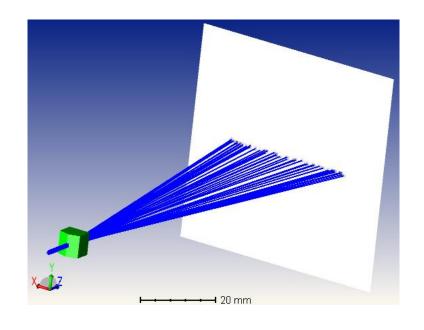
# Lectures Notes on Optical Design using Zemax OpticStudio

Lecture 22

Using Non-Sequential Components

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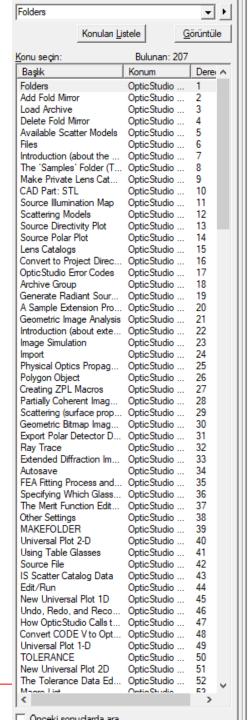


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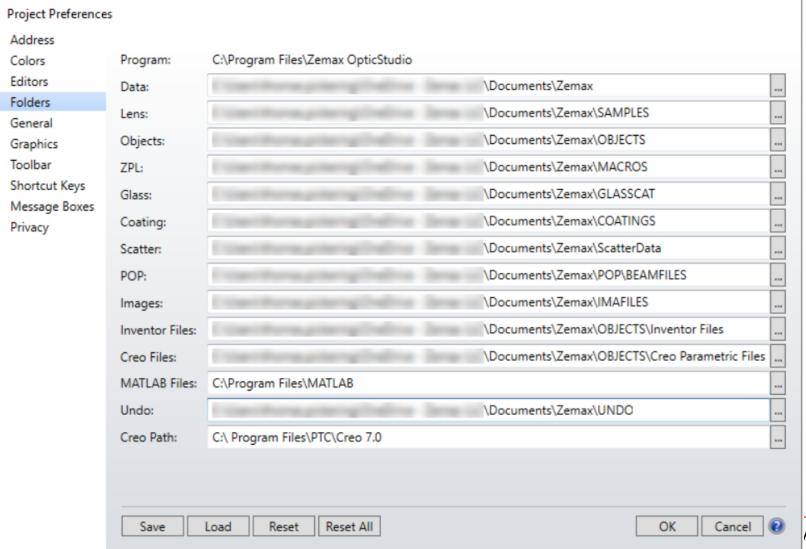
In this chapter we will investigate Folders and some NSC Components

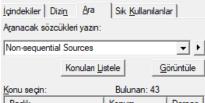
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### **Folders**

The Folders settings are available in the Project Preferences window, which can be displayed via a button in the System section of the Setup Tab. These settings determine where OpticStudio will place or search for certain types of files.





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### **Non-sequential Sources**

Sources include points, ellipses, rectangles, volumes, data files, and user defined types. Any source may be placed inside of any object, or not in any object, but not both (a source may not straddle an object boundary).

#### Next:

Summary of NSC Sources

Parameters Common to All Source Objects

Placing Sources Inside Objects

Adding New Source Types

Source Diffractive

Source Diode

Source DLL

Source Ellipse

Source EULUMDAT File

Source Filament

Source File

Source Gaussian

Source IESNA File

Source Imported

Source Object

Source Point

Source Radial

Source Ray

Source Rectangle

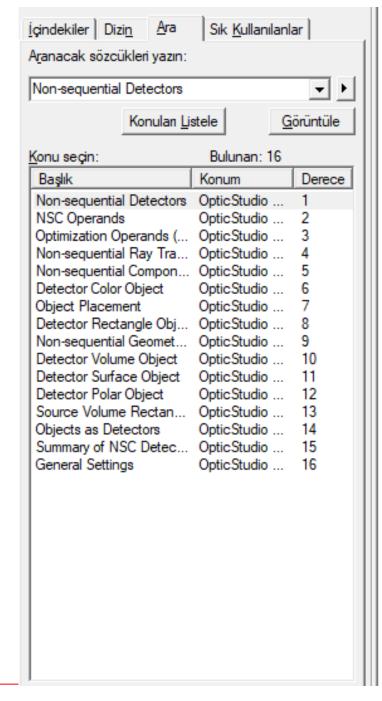
Source Tube

Source Two Angle

Source Volume Cylinder

Source Volume Ellipse

Source Volume Rectangle



## **Non-sequential Detectors**

The available types of detectors in OpticStudio are described in this section.

#### Next:

Summary of NSC Detectors

Detector Color Object

Detector Polar Object

Detector Rectangle Object

Detector Surface Object

Detector Volume Object

Objects as Detectors

Önceki sonudarda ara

Benzer sözcükleri eşleştir Yalnızca başlıklarda ara

The Setup Tab > Editors Group (Setup Tab) > Non-sequential Component Editor > Non-sequential Geometry Objects

### **Non-sequential Geometry Objects**

OpticStudio NSC object types include ellipses, triangles, rectangles, spheres, cylinders, and other basic shapes. Complex objects such as arbitrary prisms, aspheric lenses, torics, toruses, and other optical components are also available. The reflective, refractive, and absorptive properties of these objects are determined by the material assigned to the objects.

For details on reflective, refractive, and absorptive properties, see the sections called "Using Material Catalogs" and "Polarization (system explorer)".

Each NSC object type is described in the following summary table, and in greater detail in the following sections. Note these basic objects may be combined to form more complex objects. See the "Object Placement" section of the "Non-sequential Overview" for information on placing objects inside or adjacent to one another.

For information on sources and detectors, please see the sections "Non-sequential Sources" and "Non-sequential Detectors".

If an object type is required that is not listed, please email technical support to suggest the new object type be added to OpticStudio.

#### Next:

Summary of NSC Objects

Annular Aspheric Lens

Annular Axial Lens

Annular Volume

Annulus

Array (non-sequential geometry objects)

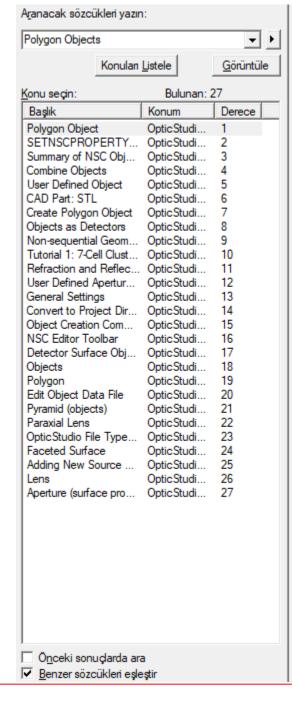
Array Ring

Aspheric Surface

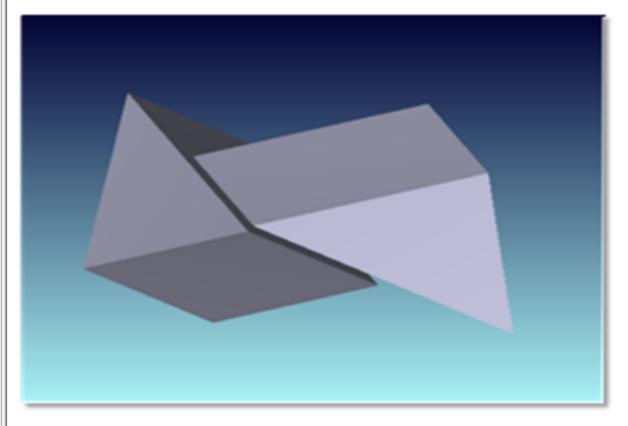
Aspheric Surface 2

Axicon Surface

Biconic Lens

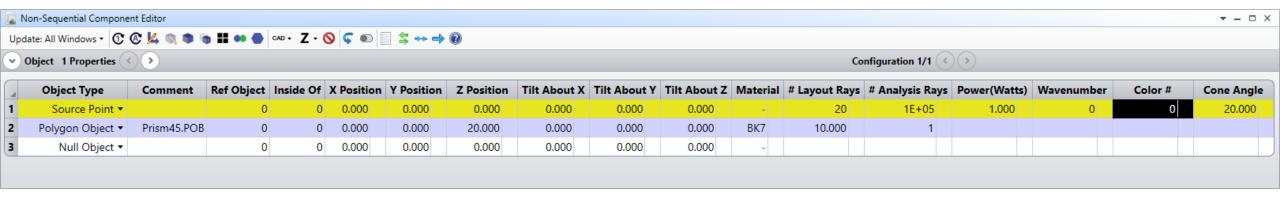


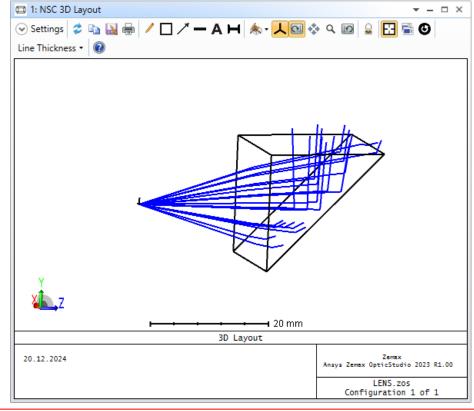
### **Polygon Object**



The polygon object is a very general user-defined object. It can be used to define an open polygon surface or a closed polygon volume with some portions reflective and others refractive or absorptive. The Polygon Object is based on a collection of 3D triangles whose vertices are placed in a file with the POB extension. See the "Defining Polygon Objects" for more details. Any Polygon Object may be used as a detector as described in "Objects as detectors".

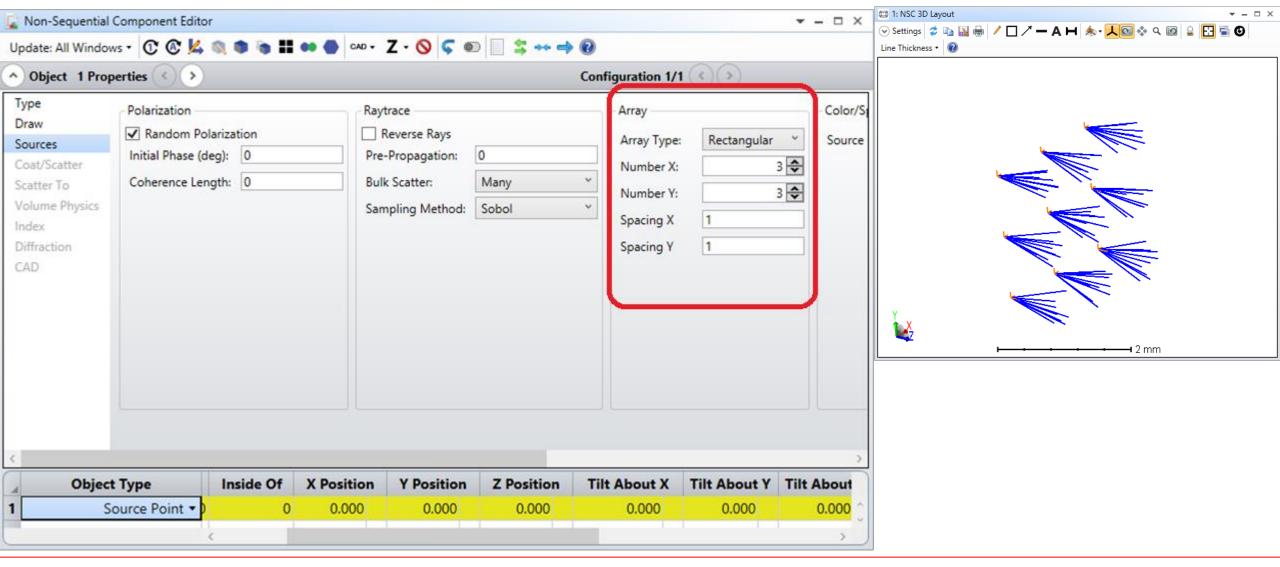
# **Example 22.1: Source Point and a Prism**



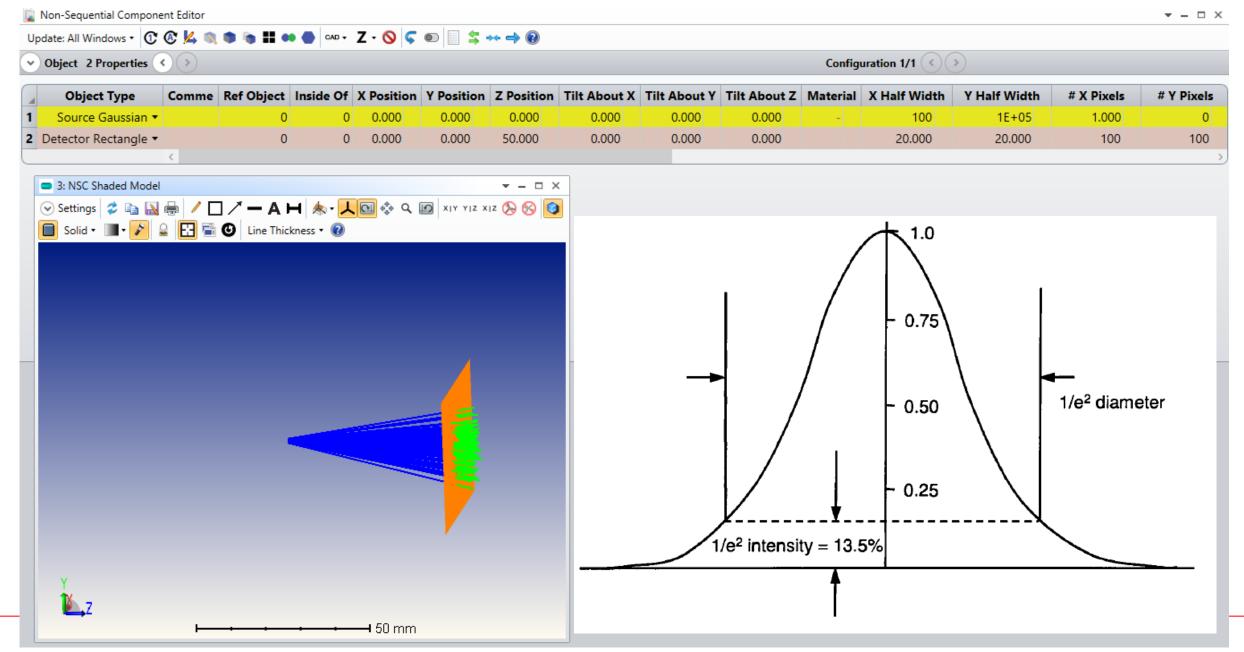


### **Array of point sources**

Consider we have a point source with cone angle 20°.



# **Example 22.2: Source Gaussian (Beam)**



### **Source File**

- The Source File is a source whose ray coordinates, cosines, and intensity are defined in a user supplied file.
- The file extension may be either DAT or SDF and the file must be placed in the <data>\Objects\Sources\Source Files folder (see "Folders").
- The file format may be either text or binary, both formats are in Help File.

We will see both formats.

# Example 22.3: How to use LED (a binary source file)

LED manufacturers (such as Osram Opto Semiconductors) distribute comprehensive ray-tracing data files to be used in optical simulations such as

eulumdat file, ray file and spectrum file.

- In principle, LED is considered as a point source in eulumdat file which is used for a quick analysis.
- The ray file represents actual spatial and angular distribution of rays originating from the outer surface of LED. Therefore, ray files can be used in more realistic simulations.
- The spectral distribution of LED (wavelengths emitted and corresponding weights) are stored in spectrum files.

Two types (White and IR) of LED provided by Osram Company will be presented. [If possible, show ray files and eulumdat files] Examples:

- LUW H9GP a white LED having color temperature of 6500 K.
- SFH 4718A which is an IR LED whose peak irradiance is at 850 nm

After downloading LED's simulation files, you should copy and paste files to the related folders:

Put Geometry files (igs or step) in

C:\<ZEMAX>\Objects\CAD Files

Put Spectrum files must be in

C:\<ZEMAX>\Objects\Sources\Spectrum Files

Put Ray files in

C:\<ZEMAX>\Objects\Sources\Source Files

# **Example 22.4: Simple LED Collimator**

We will use the LED (SFH4718A) placed at (0,0,0), a collimating plano-convex lens and a detector. In the lecture, I will show you both rectangular and polar detectors.

#### Standard Lens

Z pos = 4 mm (can be variable)

Clear1=Edge1=Clear2=Edge2 = 6 mm

Comment

Thickness = 6 mm

Radius2 = -6 mm

Conic2 = 0 mm

**Object Type** 

#### **Detector**

Z pos = 100 mm

X-Y Half Width = 100 mm

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X-Y Pixel # = 100

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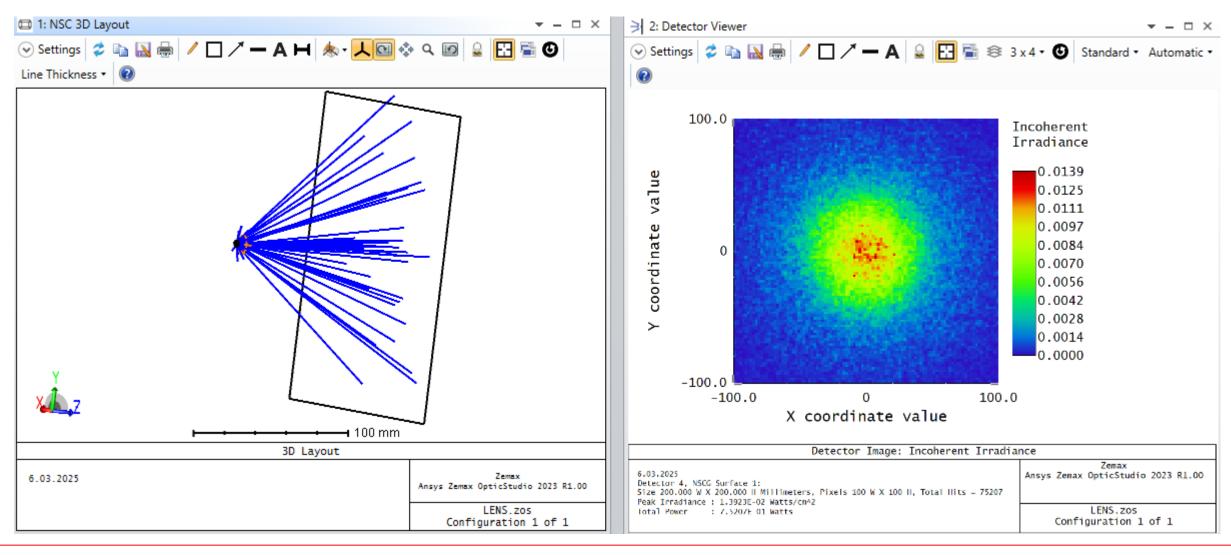
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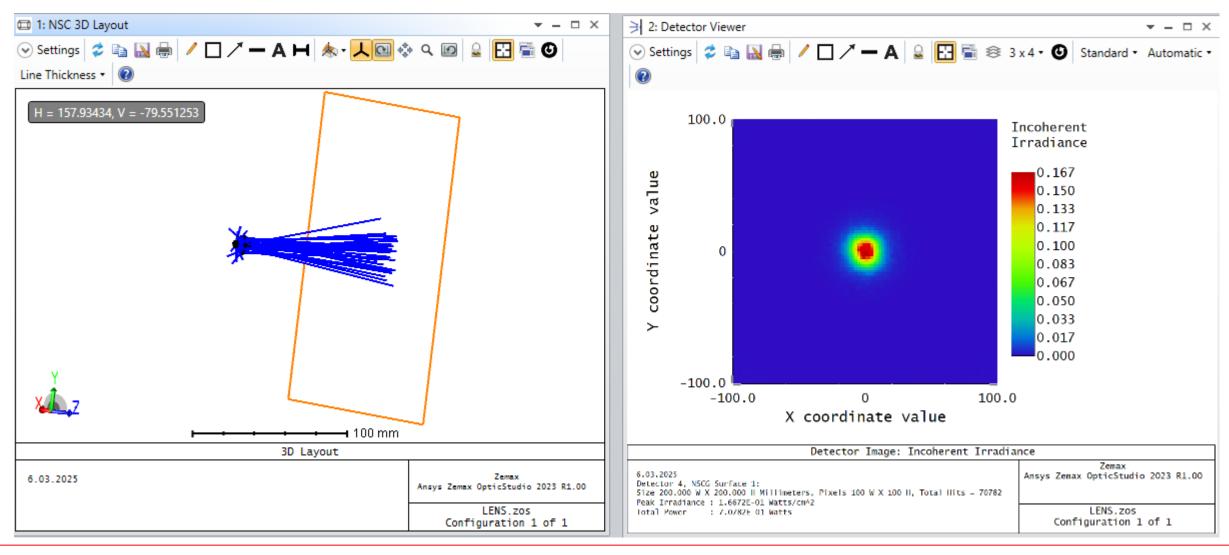
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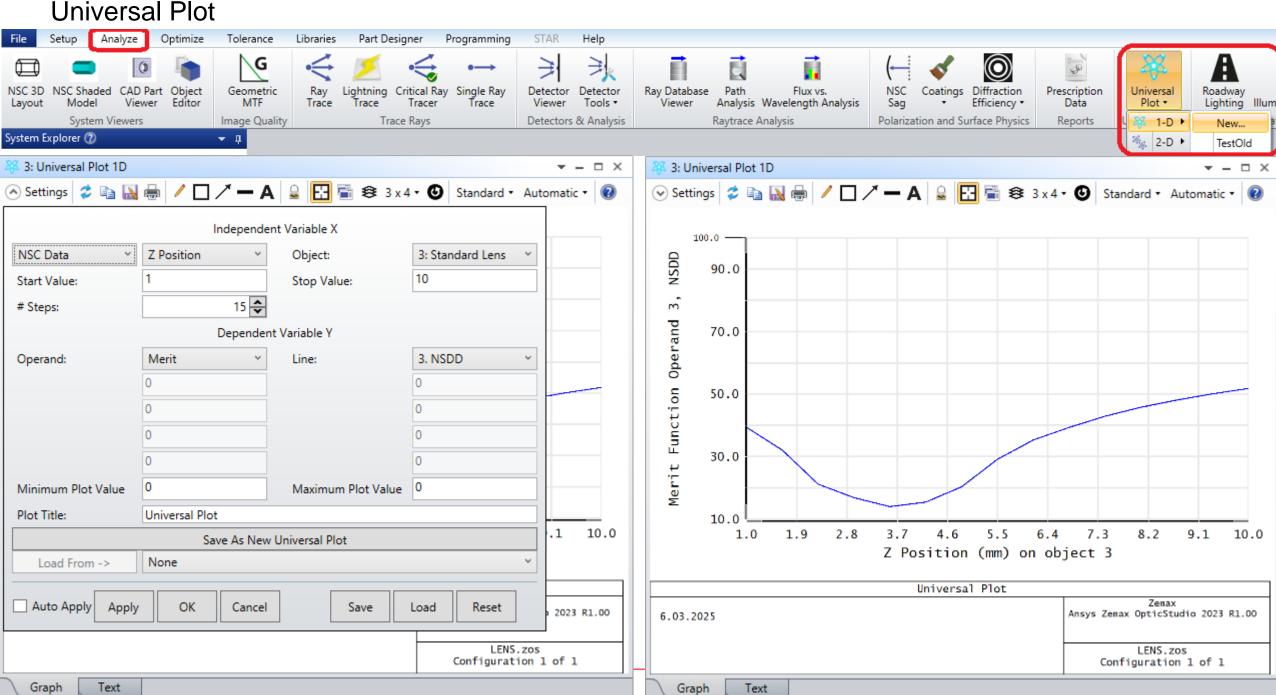
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### Without collimating lens

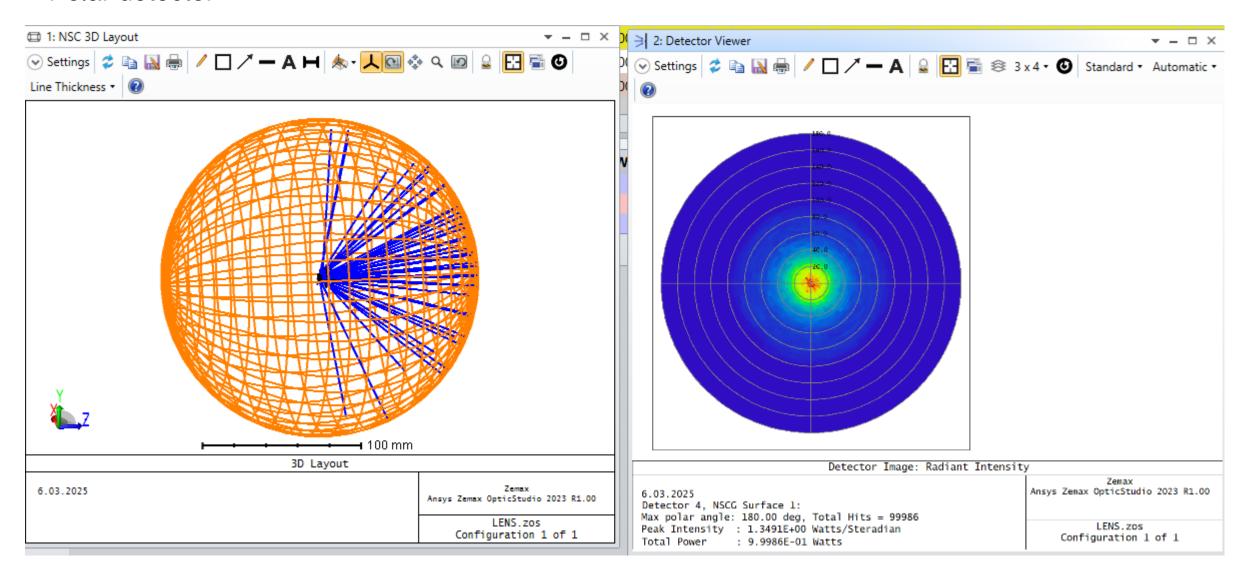


### With collimating lens





#### Polar detector



# **Example 22.5: Text Source File**

The text Source File consists of a single line of header data with just two integer numbers of the form:

```
number_of_rays dimension_flag
```

The remaining lines in the file are of the format:

```
x y z 1 m n intensity wavelength
```

#### Example source file:

```
5 4
2.53 7.53 12.98 0.59 0.49 0.63 1.0 0.444
2.50 7.77 17.36 -0.45 0.67 0.64 1.0 0.425
2.31 9.65 52.21 0.12 -0.70 0.69 1.0 0.407
2.34 9.41 47.81 0.47 -0.53 0.69 1.0 0.539
2.32 9.54 50.11 0.56 0.52 0.63 1.0 0.500
```

#### where

wavelength

is the wavelenth of the ray in micrometers.

See also course web page for Gaussian, Lambertian and Cherencov source file generators written in matlab.

# **Example 25.6: Beam Expander Performance**

#### See Chapter 7 before this example.

In Sequential mode, select two lenses from Edmund Optics stock.

#45-008: EPD = 6 mm & EFL = -12 mm.

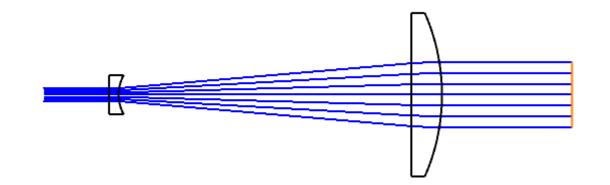
#45-127: EPD = 25 mm & EFL = +60 mm

 $\lambda = 633 \text{ nm}$ 

Input beam size is 2 mm.

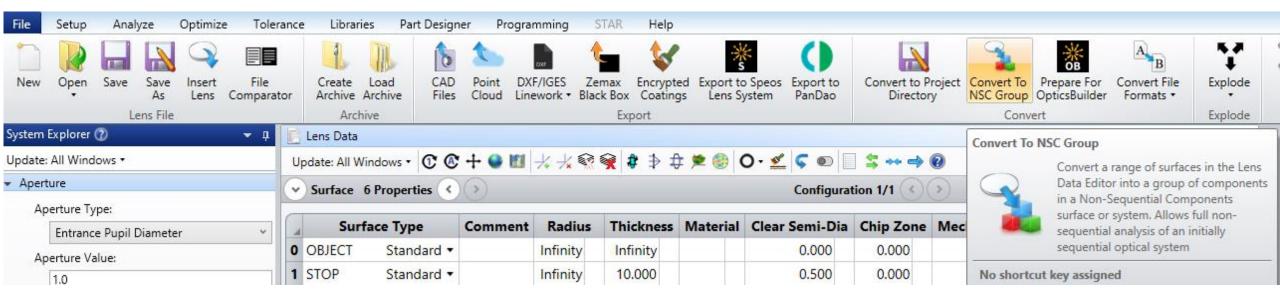
Input beam size is 10 mm.

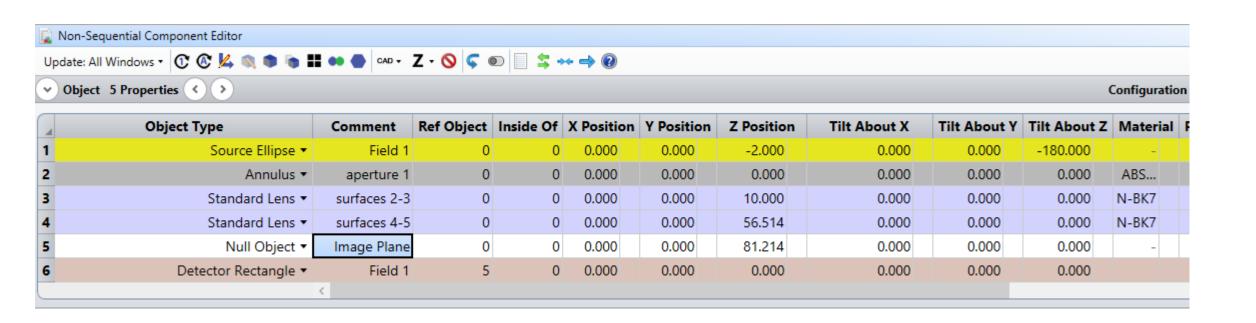
Optimize system to obtain 5x beam expander.

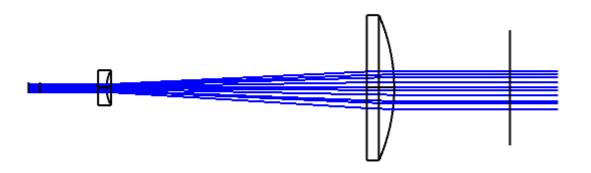


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3 (aper)	Standard ▼		6.200	45.014 V		2.700 U	0.300	3.000	0.000		0.00		
4 (aper)	Standard ▼	45127	Infinity	4.700	N-BK7	12.000 U	0.500	12.500	0.000				
5 (aper)	Standard ▼		-31.010	20.000		12.000 U	0.500	12.500	0.000		0.00		
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### Now, convert Sequential objects to NSC Group



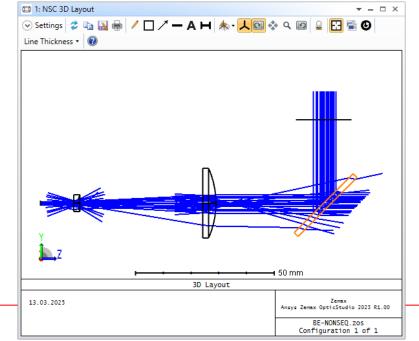




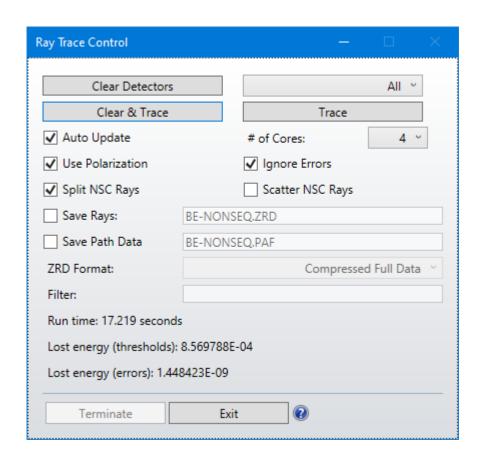
#### Then,

- Delete Annulus (this was aperture stop in sequential mode)
- Add Rectangular Volume to define a beam splitter
- Rotate and displace detector.

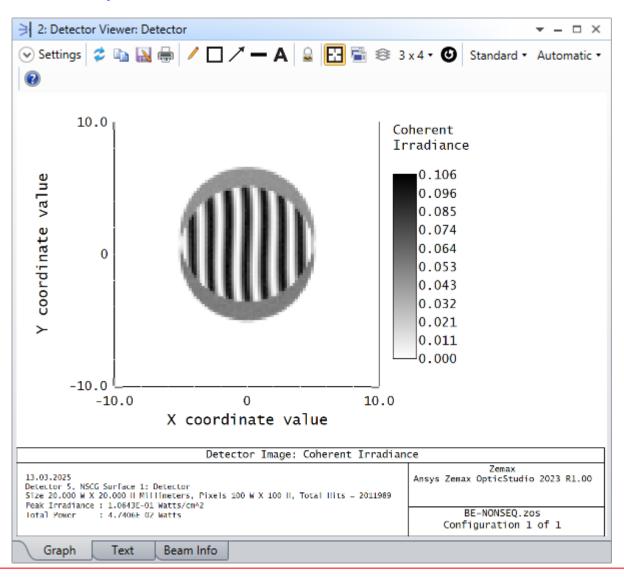




### After ray tracing, Show Data as Coherent Irradiance in Detector Viewer

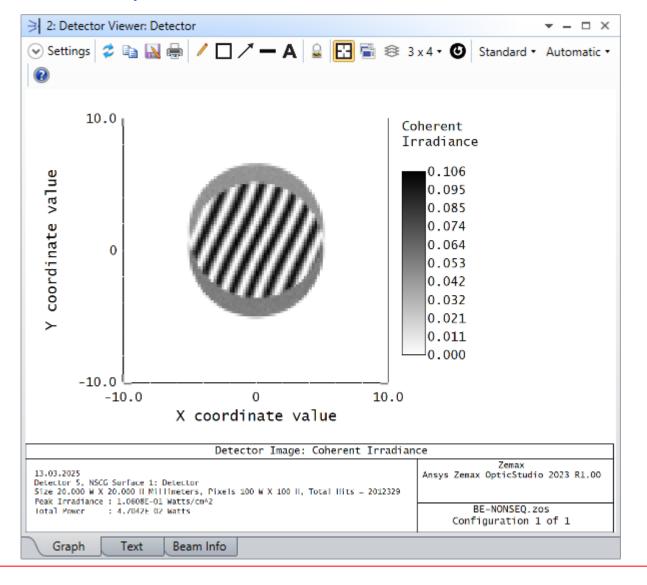


### Z position of Lens2 is **56.514** mm

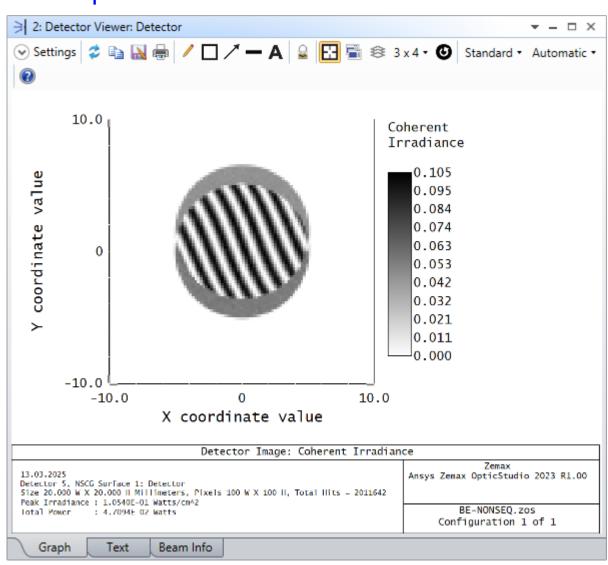


By changing Z position of Lens2 you can tilt the interferance pattern on the detector!

### Z position of Lens2 is **56.000** mm



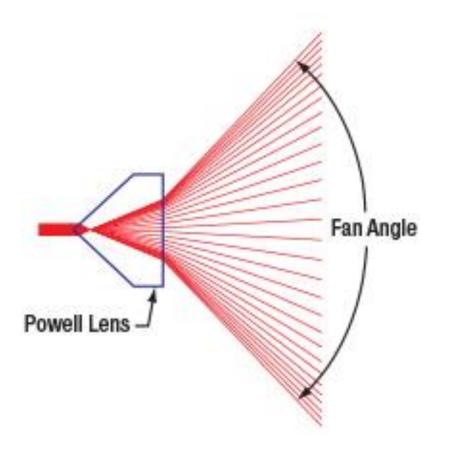
### Z position of Lens2 is **57.000** mm

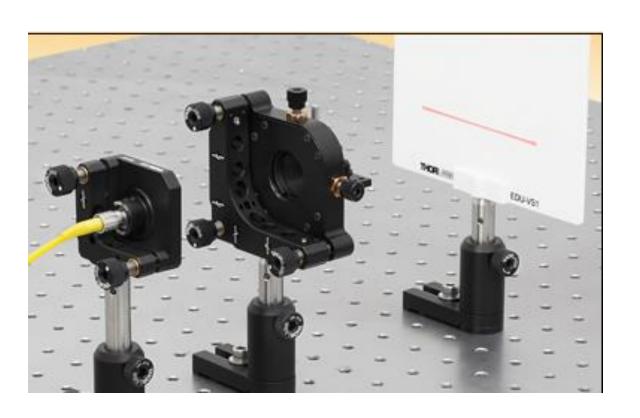


### **Powell Lens**

Powell Lenses, also known as laser line generating lenses, create straight and uniform laser lines by fanning out collimated beams in one dimension.

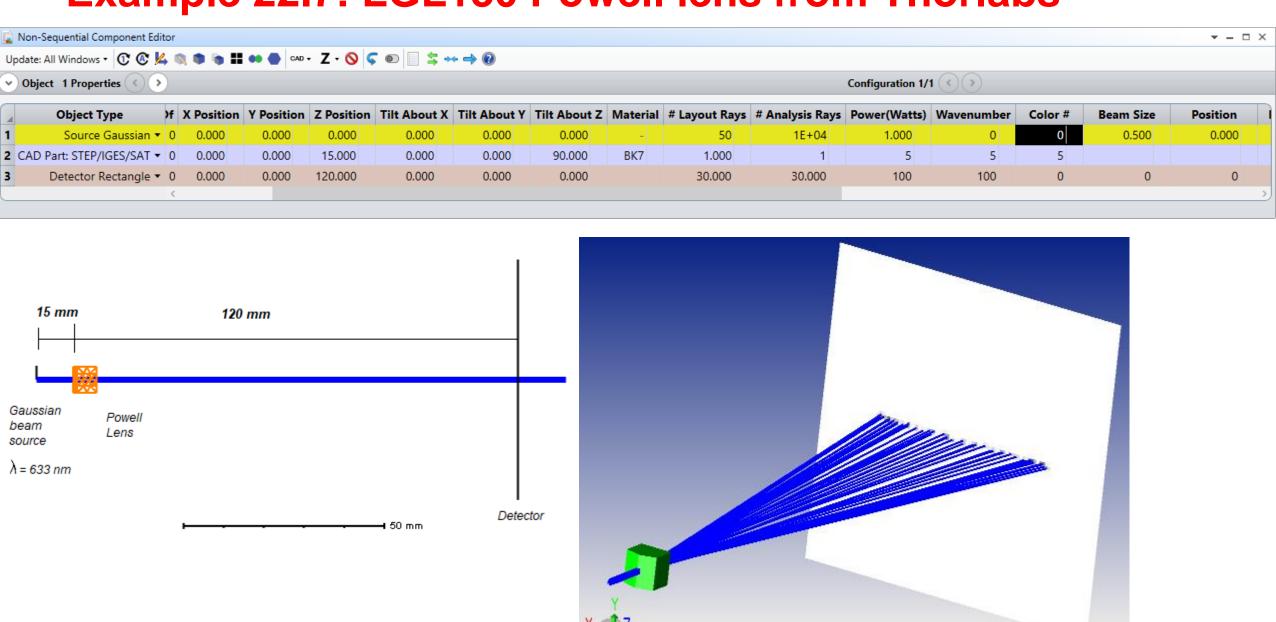






See also: https://www.thorlabs.com/newgrouppage9.cfm?objectgroup\_id=13875

# **Example 22.7: LGL130 Powell lens from Thorlabs**



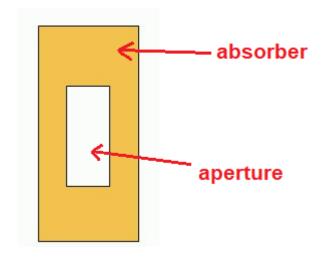
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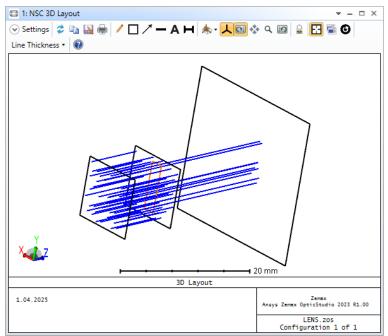
→ 20 mm

# **Example 22.8: Designing slits**



One can use two rectangles to simulate a slit:



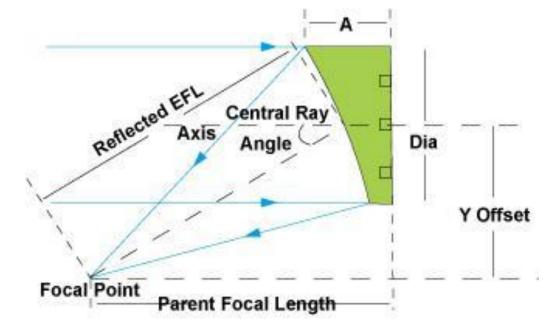


# Off-Axis Mirrors (OAP)

The off-axis parabolic mirror is an important design form in the optics industry.

Parabolic mirrors have the ability to focus collimated light without introducing spherical aberration.

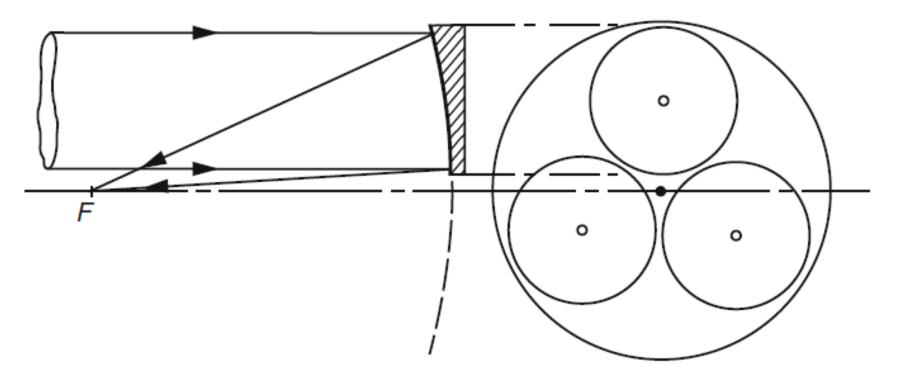
OAP mirror is simply a side section of a parent parabolic mirror. Collimated light that is incident to an OAP mirror is focused to a point. However, unlike a centered parabolic mirror, an OAP mirror has an advantage in that it allows more interactive space around the focal point without disrupting the beam.



#### **Commertial Products:**

- Edmund Optics
   https://www.edmundoptics.com/f/aluminum-off-axis-parabolic-mirrors/39488
- Thorlabshttps://www.thorlabs.com/navigation.cfm?guide\_id=15

If the obstruction caused by the image receiver is undesirable, an off-axis parabola may be used The only practical way to construct such a mirror is to make a large on-axis mirror and cut as many off-axis mirrors from it as are needed. Such mirrors are used in mirror monochromators and as Schlieren mirrors for wind tunnel applications.



Cutting three off-axis parabolic mirrors from one large paraboloid.

# Example 22.9: Modeling an off-axis parabolic mirror

This example is extracted from Zemax Knowledgebase

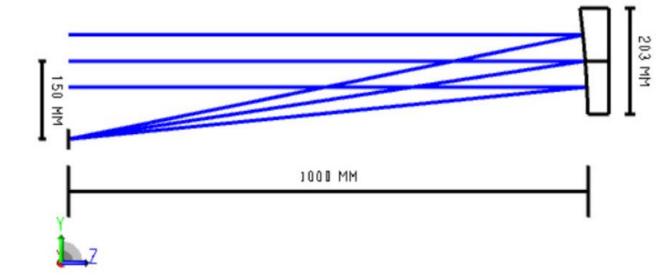
### **Design specifications:**

ENPD = 100 mm

EFFL = 1000 mm

Off-axis distance = 150 mm

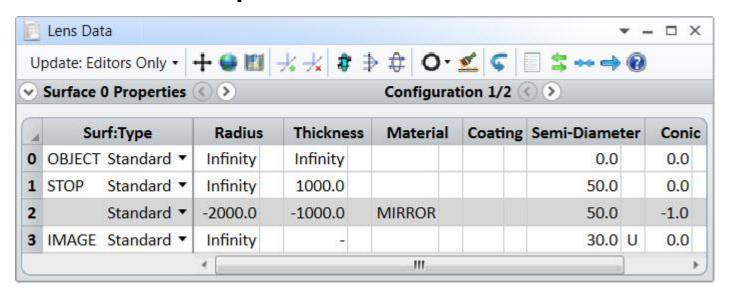
Component physical diameter = 203 mm

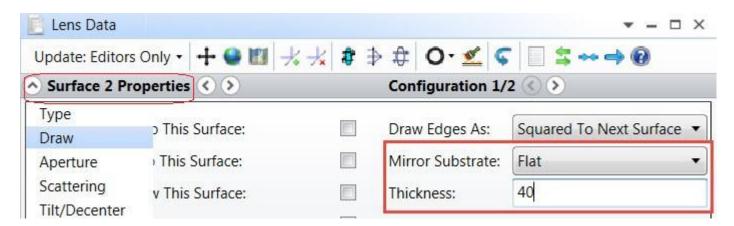


We will model a commercially-available off-axis parabolic mirror.

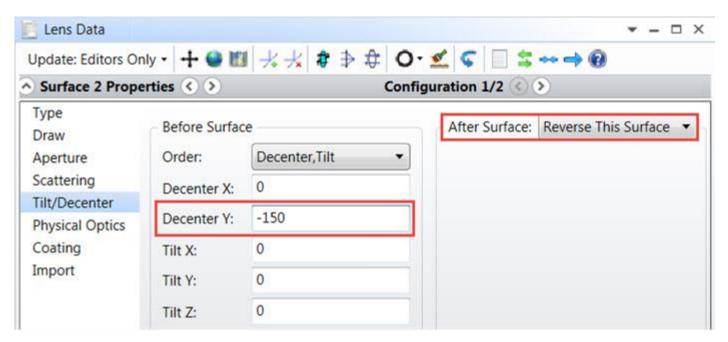
The goal of this example is to be able to tilt the mirror about the X axis at any point along the optical axis (Z axis). Back surface of the substrate is perpendicular to the optical axis.

### We will start a new **Sequential Mode** session:

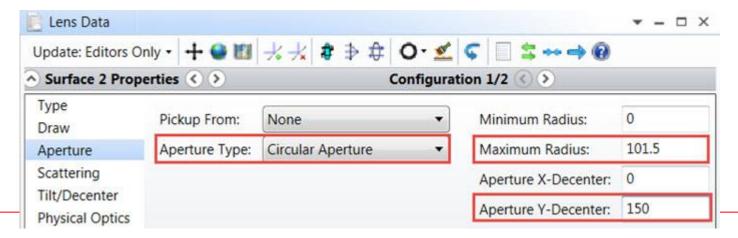




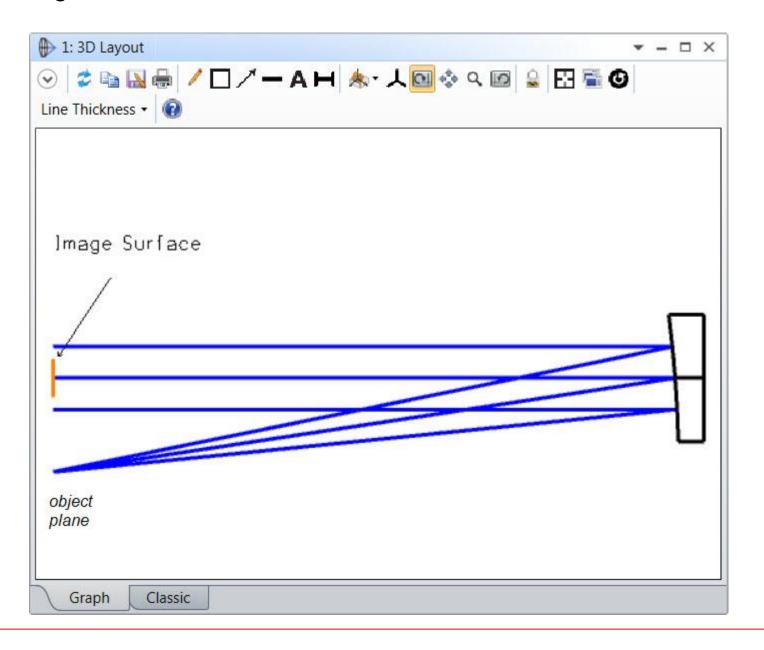
#### Add off-axis distance which is 150 mm



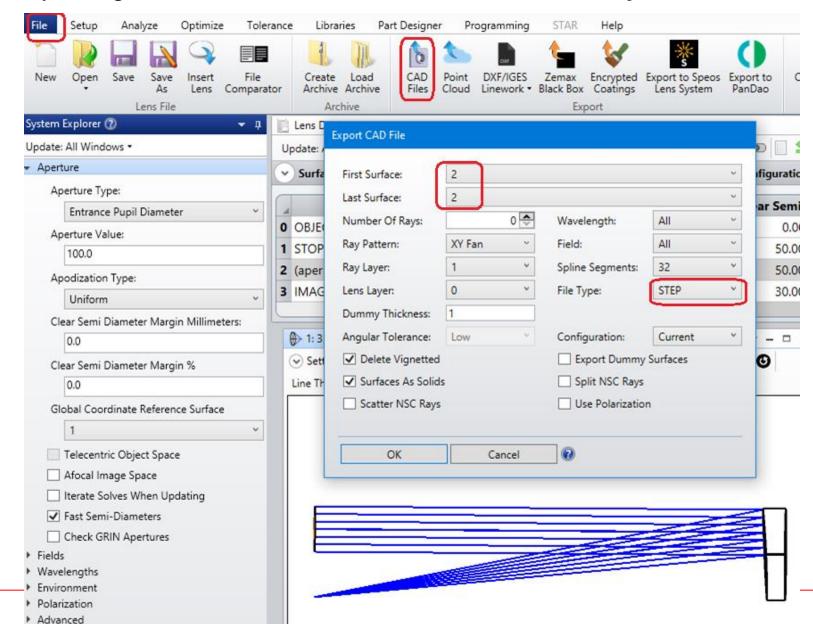
Specify the physical diameter of the mirror as 203 mm.



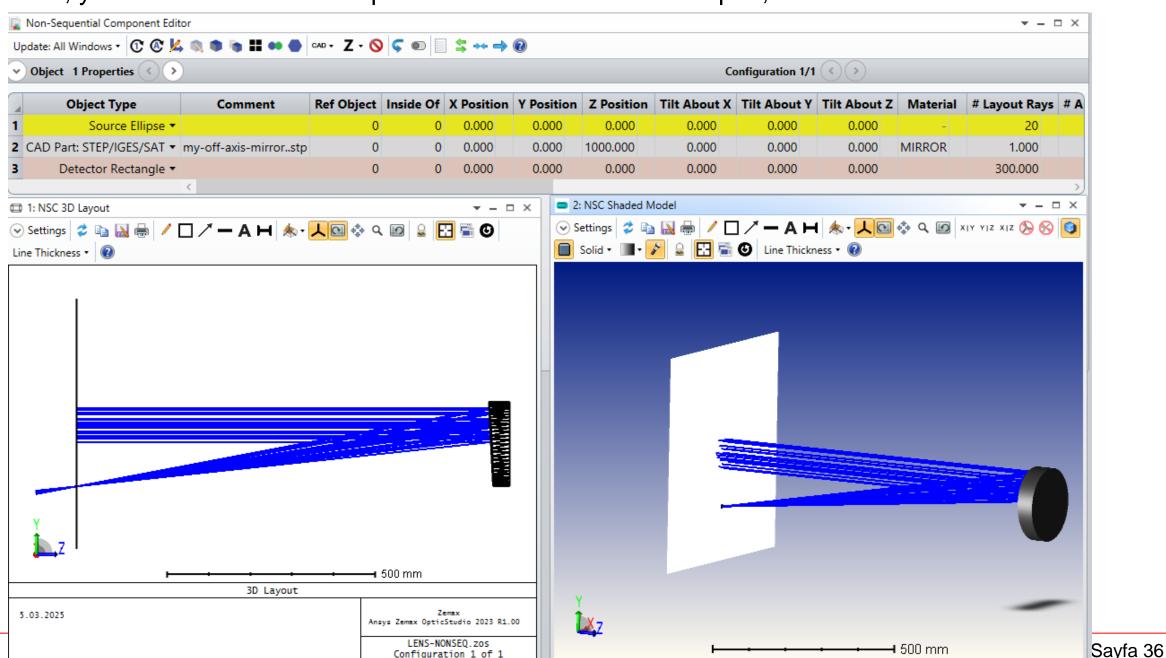
### Final form of the design.



We can convert design (mirror) to a CAD object to be used as non-sequentail component, by using **CAD Files** button in file menu. Save as **my-off-axis-mirror.stp** 



Now, you can switch to Non-squential mode. Add source ellipse, off-axis mirror and a detector.

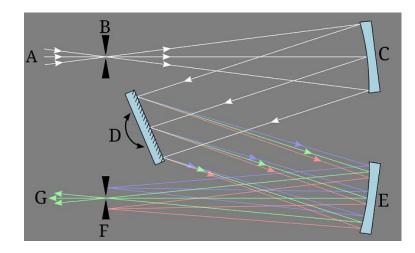


### **Monochromator**

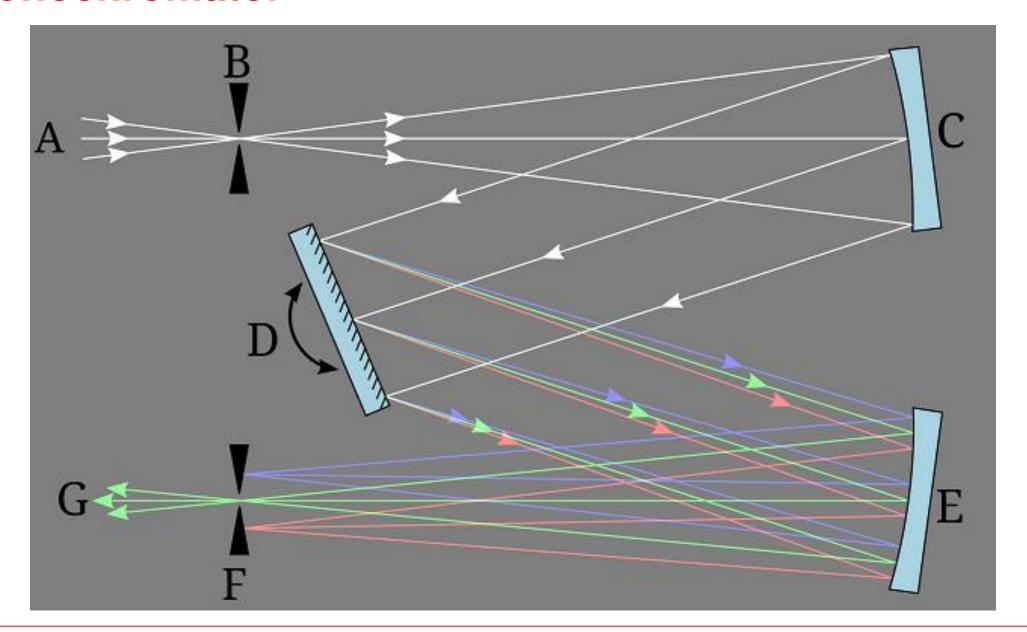
Wikipedia says:

A monochromator is an optical device that transmits a mechanically selectable narrow band of wavelengths of light chosen from a wider range of wavelengths available at the input.

In the common Czerny–Turner design, the broad-band illumination source (A) is aimed at an entrance slit (B). The amount of light energy available for use depends on the intensity of the source in the space defined by the slit (width × height) and the acceptance angle of the optical system. The slit is placed at the effective focus of a curved mirror (the collimator, C) so that the light from the slit reflected from the mirror is collimated (focused at infinity). The collimated light is diffracted from the grating (D) and then is collected by another mirror (E), which refocuses the light, now dispersed, on the exit slit (F). In a prism monochromator, a reflective Littrow prism takes the place of the diffraction grating, in which case the light is refracted by the prism.

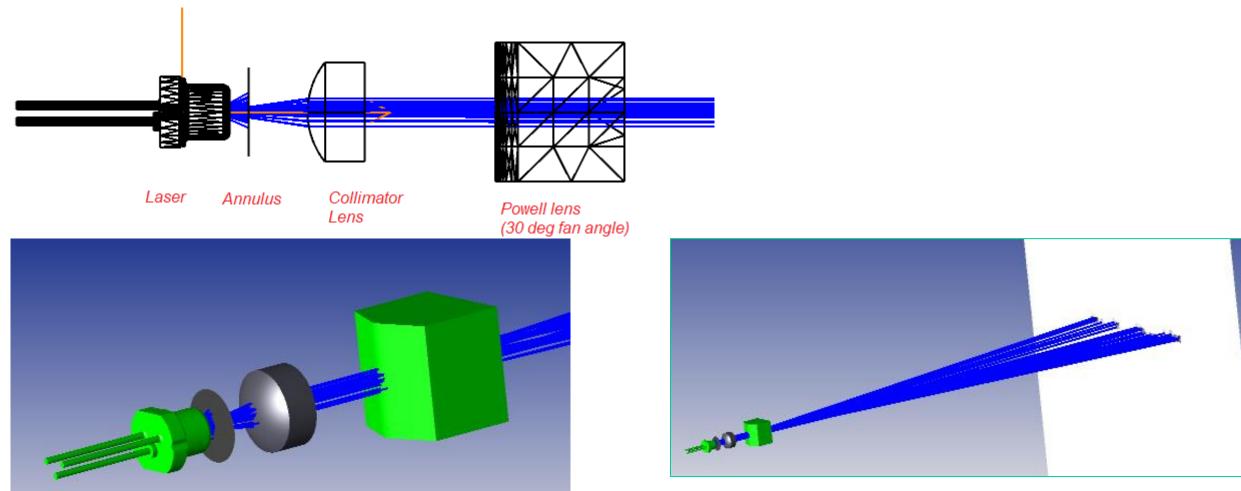


# **Monochromator**



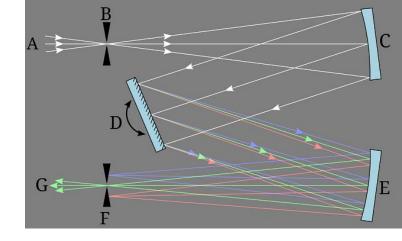
### **Exercise 1**

Consider OSRAM Metal Can TO38, PLT3 520D Laser at 633 nm, plano-convex lens from Edmund optics, and the LGL130 Powell lens. The lens will be used to collimate the laser beam, while an annulus will filter out (kill) larger-angle rays from the source. Implement the following design in Zemax



### **Exercise 2**

Implement Czerny–Turner design in Zemax.



For simplicity, you can put

- Point Source at point B (and set wavelength to Phtotopic Bright)
- A slit at point F with a small aperture
- Detector Color at point G

Then, you can play with angular position of the reflecting grating to select desired wavelength at the output slit.

### **Exercise 3**

Try to simulate a 8x beam expander similar to Exercise 25.6.

Use suitable lenses from Edmund catalog

Light source is a Gaussian beam with  $\lambda = 1064$  nm, beam size 2 mm and position 100 mm.

- In squential mode, define source using Object Cone Angle.
- Then, collimate the light with a plano convex lens.
- Then, use two more lenses to expand beam size to about 16 mm.
- In Nonsquential mode, investigate the performance of the beam exapander on the detector.