



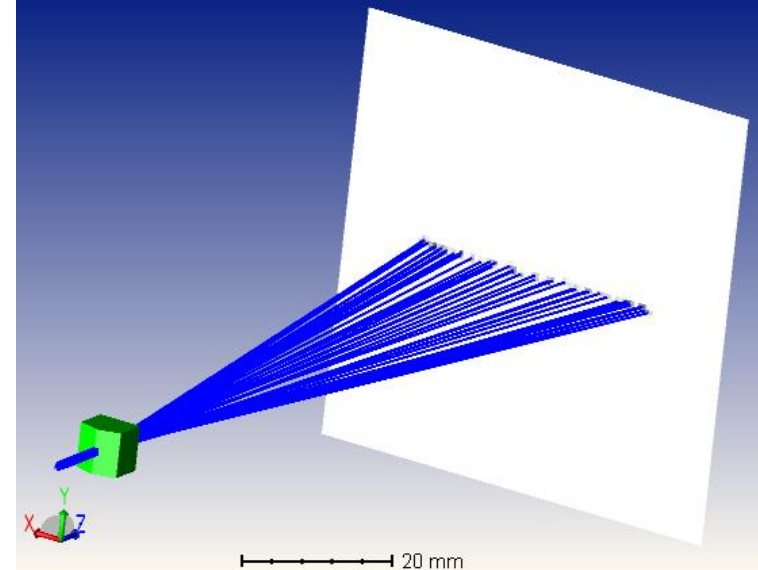
# Lectures Notes on Optical Design using Zemax OpticStudio

## Lecture 22

### *Some Non-Sequential Components*

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In this chapter we will investigate Folders and some NSC Components

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Folders

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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.

**Project Preferences**

**Address**

Program: C:\Program Files\Zemax OpticStudio

Colors

Editors

**Folders**

General

Graphics

Toolbar

Shortcut Keys

Message Boxes

Privacy

Data: C:\Documents\Zemax

Lens: C:\Documents\Zemax\SAMPLES

Objects: C:\Documents\Zemax\OBJECTS

ZPL: C:\Documents\Zemax\MACROS

Glass: C:\Documents\Zemax\GLASSCAT

Coating: C:\Documents\Zemax\COATINGS

Scatter: C:\Documents\Zemax\ScatterData

POP: C:\Documents\Zemax\POP\BEAMFILES

Images: C:\Documents\Zemax\IMAFILES

Inventor Files: C:\Documents\Zemax\OBJECTS\Inventor Files

Creo Files: C:\Documents\Zemax\OBJECTS\Creo Parametric Files

MATLAB Files: C:\Program Files\MATLAB

Undo: C:\Documents\Zemax\UNDO

Creo Path: C:\Program Files\PTC\Creo 7.0

Save Load Reset Reset All OK Cancel

Aranacak sözcükleri yazın:

Non-sequential Sources

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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](#)

Aranacak sözcükleri yazın:

Non-sequential Detectors

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Detector Color Object	OpticStudio ...	6
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Detector Volume Object	OpticStudio ...	10
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# 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](#)

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Görüntüle

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Non-sequential Geom...	OpticStudi...	1
Slide (non-sequential ...	OpticStudi...	2
Binary 1 (non-sequent...	OpticStudi...	3
Binary 2 (non-sequent...	OpticStudi...	4
Toroidal Hologram (no...	OpticStudi...	5
Sphere (non-sequenti...	OpticStudi...	6
Diffraction Grating (no...	OpticStudi...	7
Jones Matrix (non-seq...	OpticStudi...	8
Array (non-sequential ...	OpticStudi...	9
Cylinder 2 Volume	OpticStudi...	10
Tabulated Fresnel Ra...	OpticStudi...	11
ReverseRadiance Ta...	OpticStudi...	12
Annulus	OpticStudi...	13
Biconic Zemike Surfa...	OpticStudi...	14
Hologram Surface	OpticStudi...	15
Annular Aspheric Lens	OpticStudi...	16
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Paraxial Lens	OpticStudi...	21
Aspheric Surface 2	OpticStudi...	22
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Grid Sag Lens	OpticStudi...	24
Binary 2A	OpticStudi...	25
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# 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](#)

Açılacak sözcükleri yazın:

Polygon Objects

Konuların Listele

Görüntüle

Konu seçin:

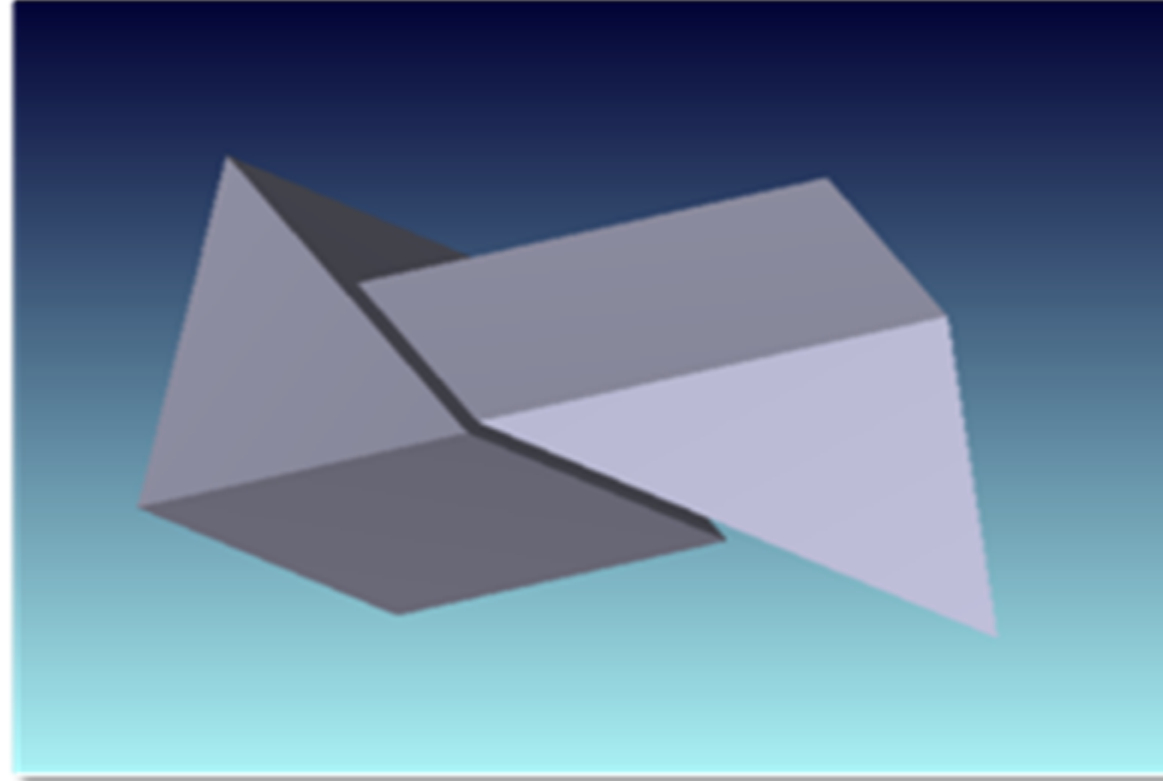
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Polygon Object	OpticStudi...	1
SETNSCPROPERTY...	OpticStudi...	2
Summary of NSC Obj...	OpticStudi...	3
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Benzer sözcükleri eşleştir

## 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](#)".

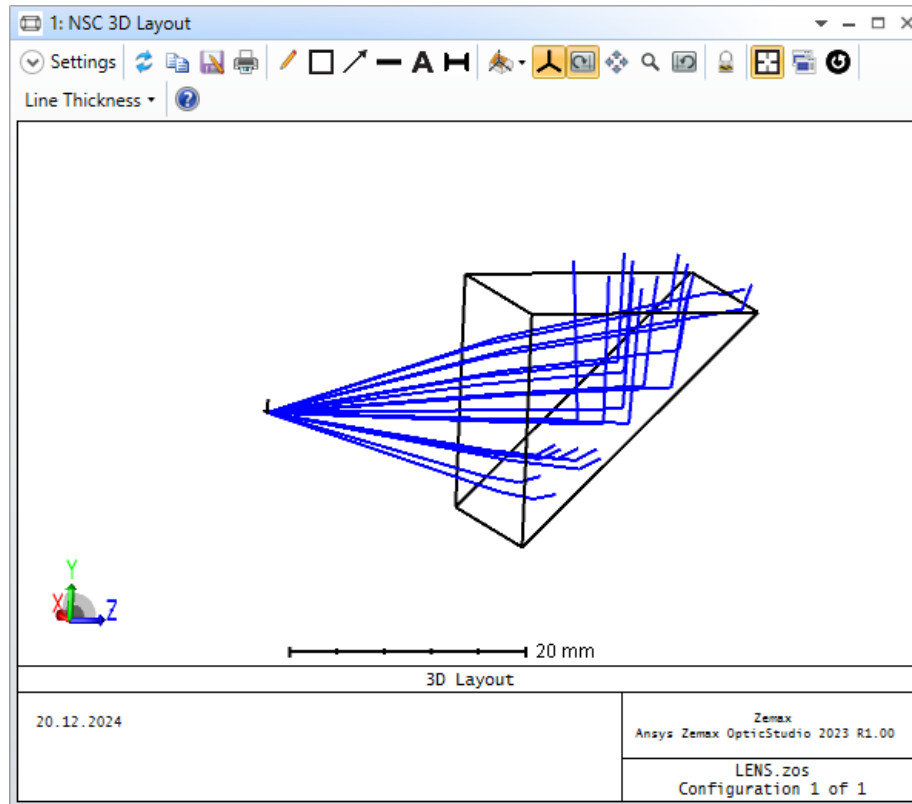
# Example 22.1: Source Point and a Prism

Non-Sequential Component Editor

Update: All Windows

Object 1 Properties Configuration 1/1

Object Type	Comment	Ref Object	Inside Of	X Position	Y Position	Z Position	Tilt About X	Tilt About Y	Tilt About Z	Material	# Layout Rays	# Analysis Rays	Power(Watts)	Wavenumber	Color #	Cone Angle
1 Source Point		0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-	20	1E+05	1.000	0	0	20.000
2 Polygon Object	Prism45.POB	0	0	0.000	0.000	20.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	BK7	10.000	1				
3 Null Object		0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-						





# Array of point sources

Consider we have a point source with cone angle  $20^\circ$ .

Non-Sequential Component Editor

Update: All Windows

Object 1 Properties Configuration 1/1

Type  
Draw  
Sources  
Coat/Scatter  
Scatter To  
Volume Physics  
Index  
Diffraction  
CAD

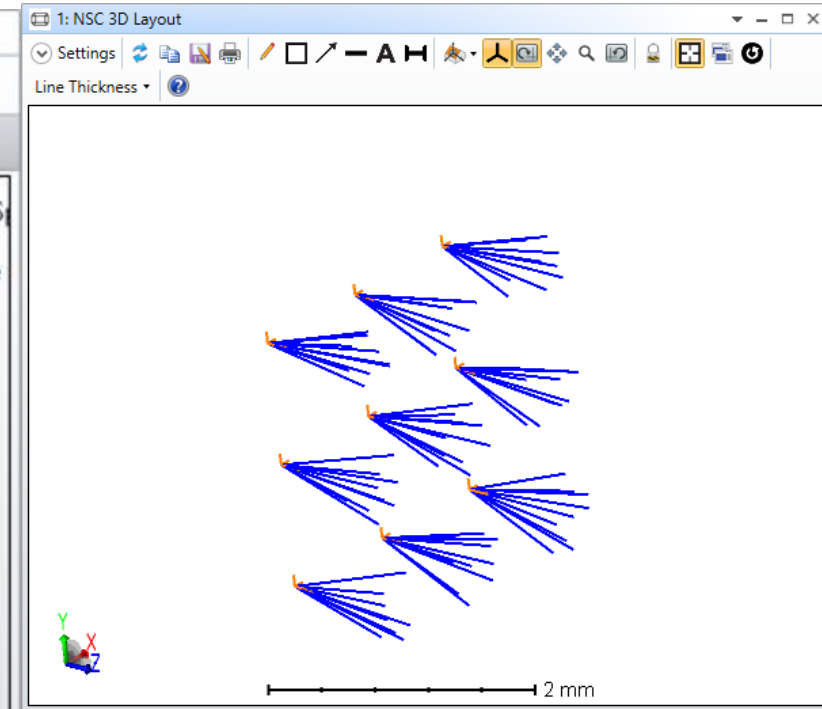
Polarization  
 Random Polarization  
Initial Phase (deg): 0  
Coherence Length: 0

Raytrace  
 Reverse Rays  
Pre-Propagation: 0  
Bulk Scatter: Many  
Sampling Method: Sobol

Array  
Array Type: Rectangular  
Number X: 3  
Number Y: 3  
Spacing X: 1  
Spacing Y: 1

Color/Source

Object Type	Inside Of	X Position	Y Position	Z Position	Tilt About X	Tilt About Y	Tilt About
1 Source Point	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000



# Example 22.2: Source Gaussian (Beam)

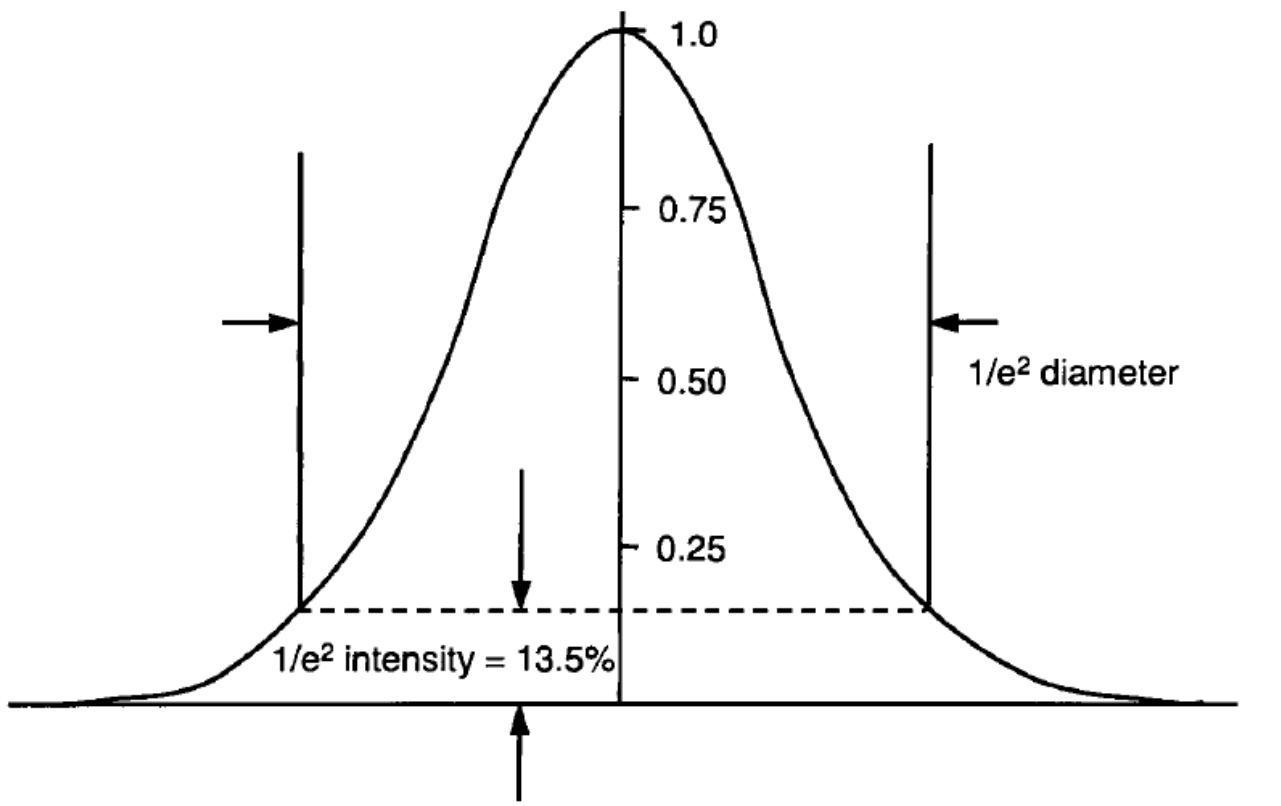
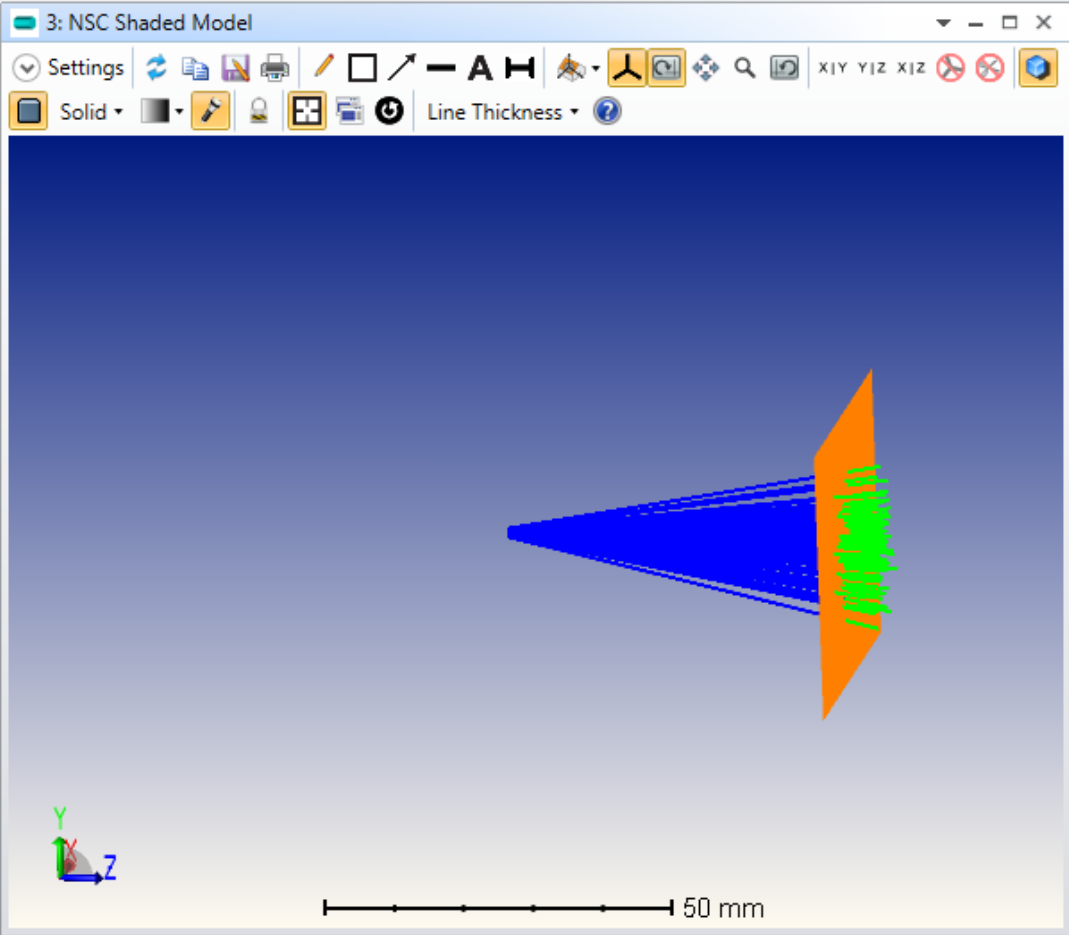
Non-Sequential Component Editor

Update: All Windows

Object 2 Properties Configuration 1/1

Object Type	Comme	Ref Object	Inside Of	X Position	Y Position	Z Position	Tilt About X	Tilt About Y	Tilt About Z	Material	X Half Width	Y Half Width	# X Pixels	# Y Pixels
1 Source Gaussian		0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-	100	1E+05	1.000	0
2 Detector Rectangle		0	0	0.000	0.000	50.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		20.000	20.000	100	100

3: NSC Shaded Model



1/e<sup>2</sup> intensity = 13.5%

1/e<sup>2</sup> diameter

50 mm

# 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

Thickness = 6 mm

Radius2 = -6 mm

Conic2 = 0 mm

## Detector

Z pos = 100 mm

X-Y Half Width = 100 mm

X-Y Pixel # = 100

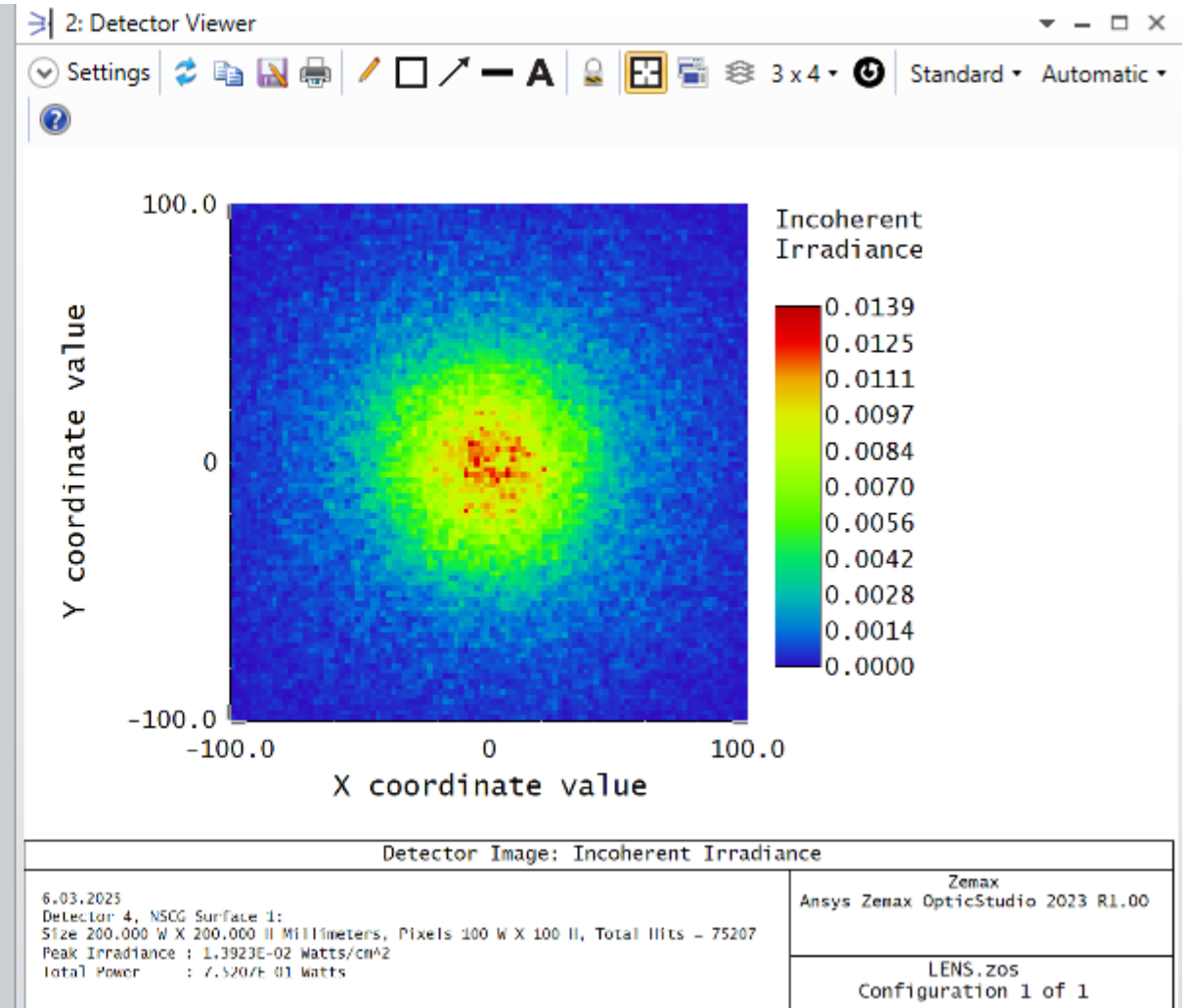
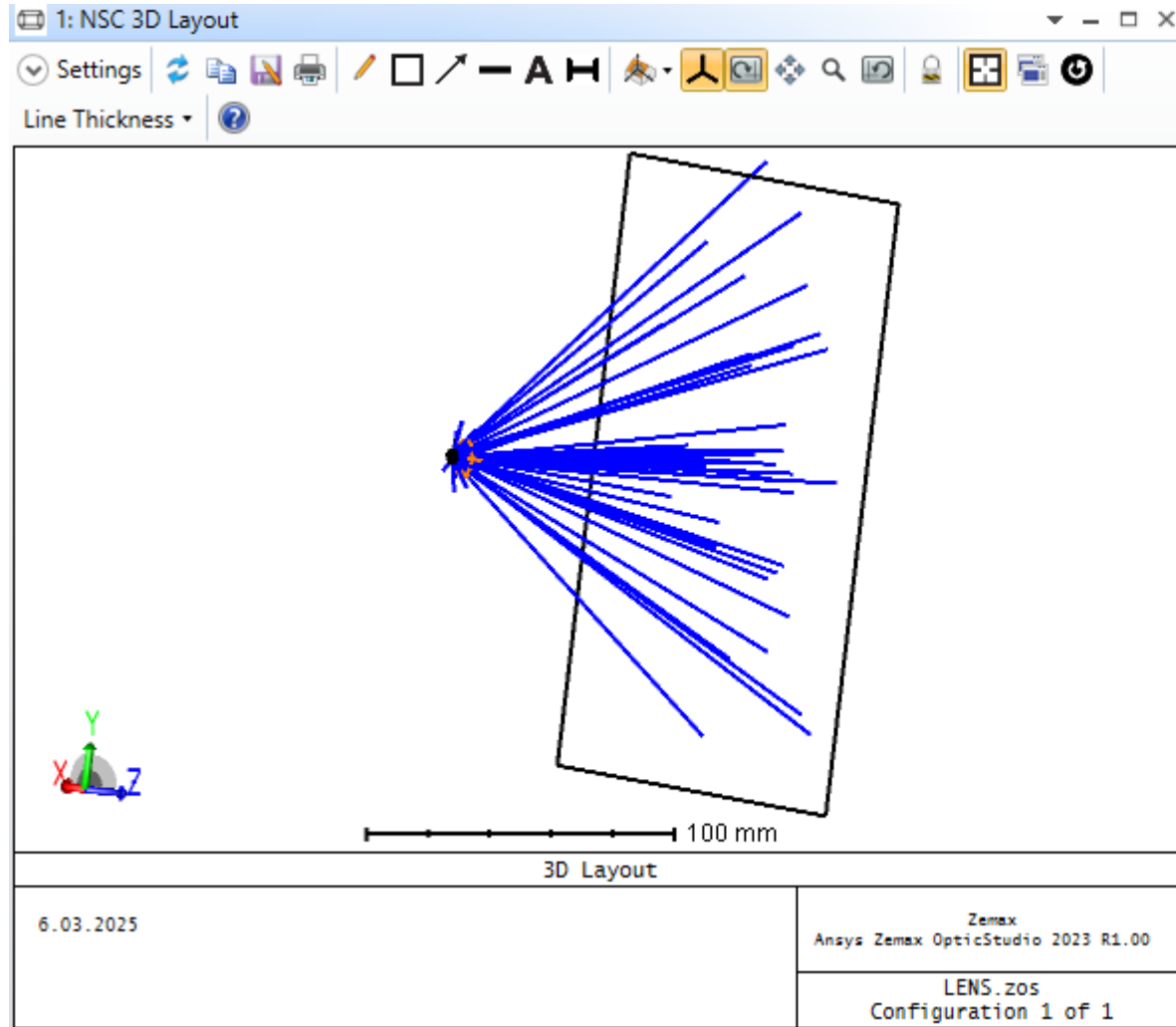
	Object Type	Comment	Ref	Insi	X Position	Y Position	Z Position	Tilt About X	Tilt About Y	Tilt About Z	Material	Radius 1	Conic 1	Clear 1	Edge 1
1	CAD Part: STEP/IGES/SAT	SFH_4718A_20220909_geometry.STEP	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		1.000	1	5	5
2	Source File	rayfile_SFH_4718A_100k_20220909_Zemax.DAT	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-	50	1E+05	1.000	0
3	Standard Lens		0	0	0.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	PMMA	0.000	0.000	6.000	6.000
4	Detector Rectangle		0	0	0.000	0.000	100.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		100.000	100.000	100	100

Merit Function Editor

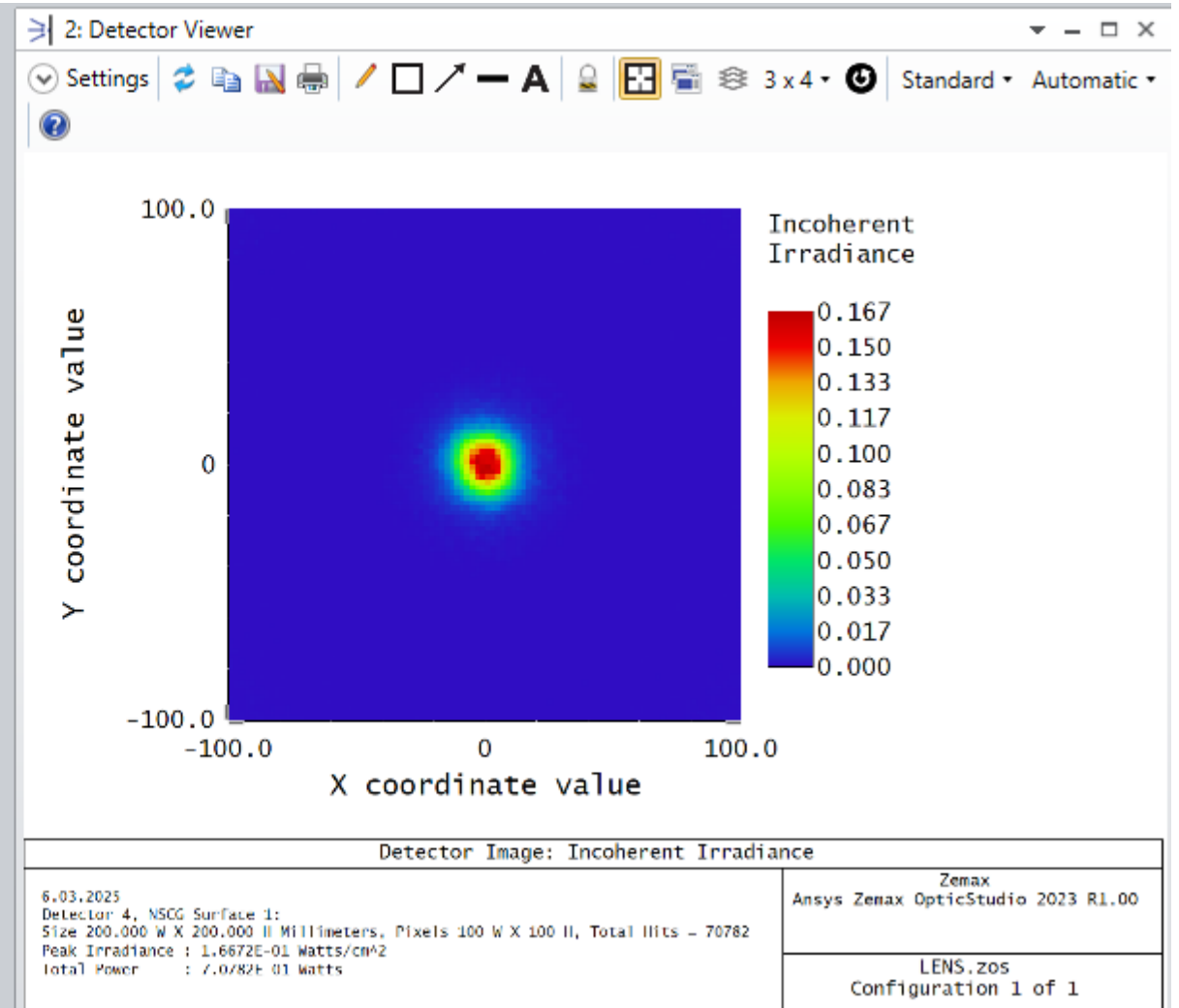
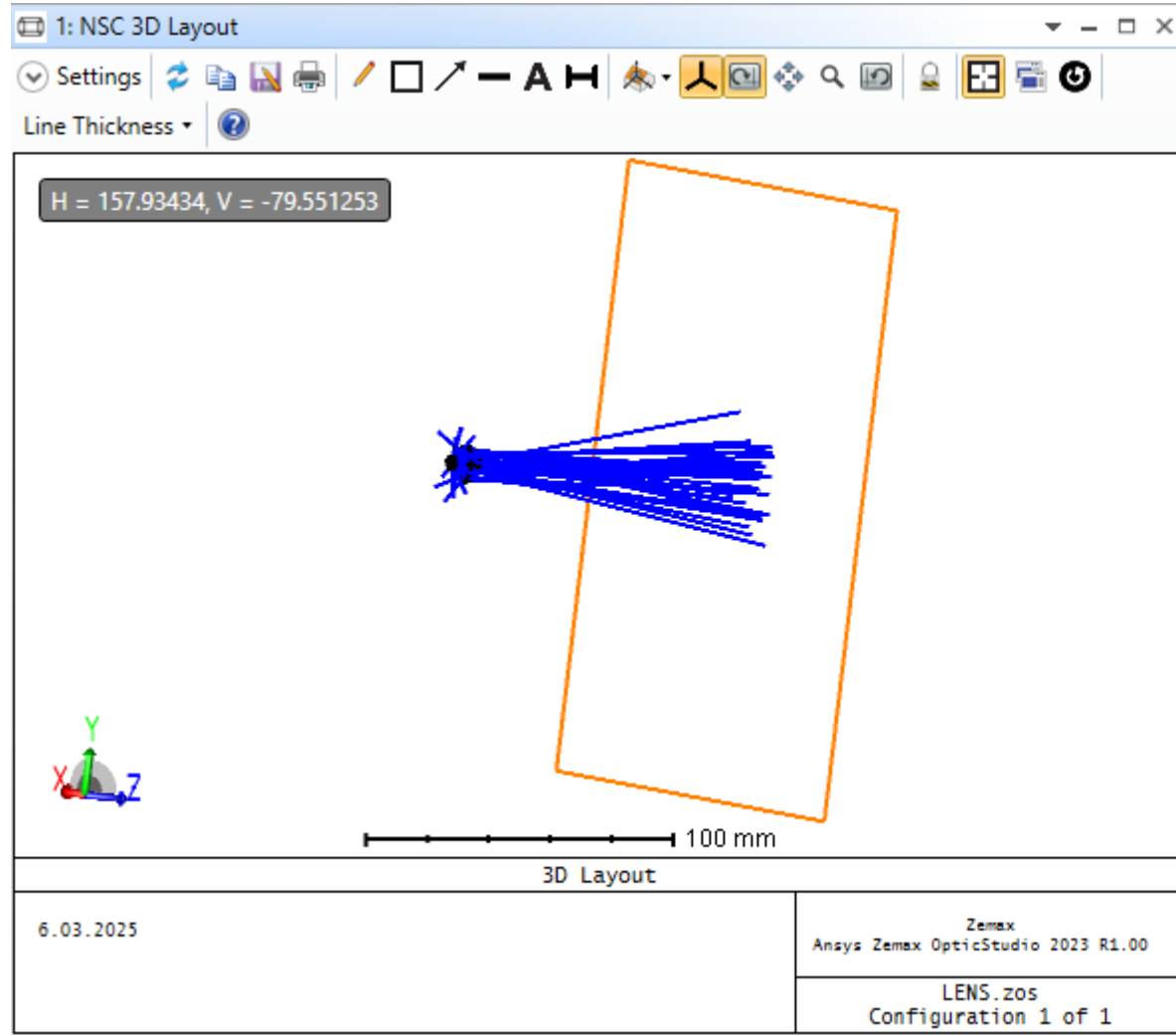
Wizards and Operands      Merit Function: 14.3097833683746

Type	Surf	Det#	Pix#	Data	# Ignored	Spatial Frequency	Target	Weight	Value	% Contrib
1 NSDD	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
2 NSTR	1	0	0	0	0	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
3 NSDD	1	4	-9	0	1	0.000	0.000	1.000	14.310	100.000

# Without collimating lens



# With collimating lens





# Universal Plot

File Setup **Analyze** Optimize Tolerance Libraries Part Designer Programming STAR Help

NSC 3D Layout NSC Shaded Model CAD Part Viewer Object Editor Geometric MTF Image Quality Ray Trace Lightning Trace Critical Ray Tracer Single Ray Trace Detector Viewer Detector Tools Ray Database Viewer Path Analysis Wavelength Analysis Flux vs. Wavelength Analysis NSC Sag Coatings Diffraction Efficiency Prescription Data Reports Universal Plot 1-D 2-D New... TestOld

3: Universal Plot 1D

Settings Settings 3 x 4 Standard Automatic

Independent Variable X

NSC Data Z Position Object: 3: Standard Lens

Start Value: 1 Stop Value: 10

# Steps: 15

Dependent Variable Y

Operand: Merit Line: 3. NSDD

0 0 0 0 0 0

Minimum Plot Value 0 Maximum Plot Value 0

Plot Title: Universal Plot

Save As New Universal Plot

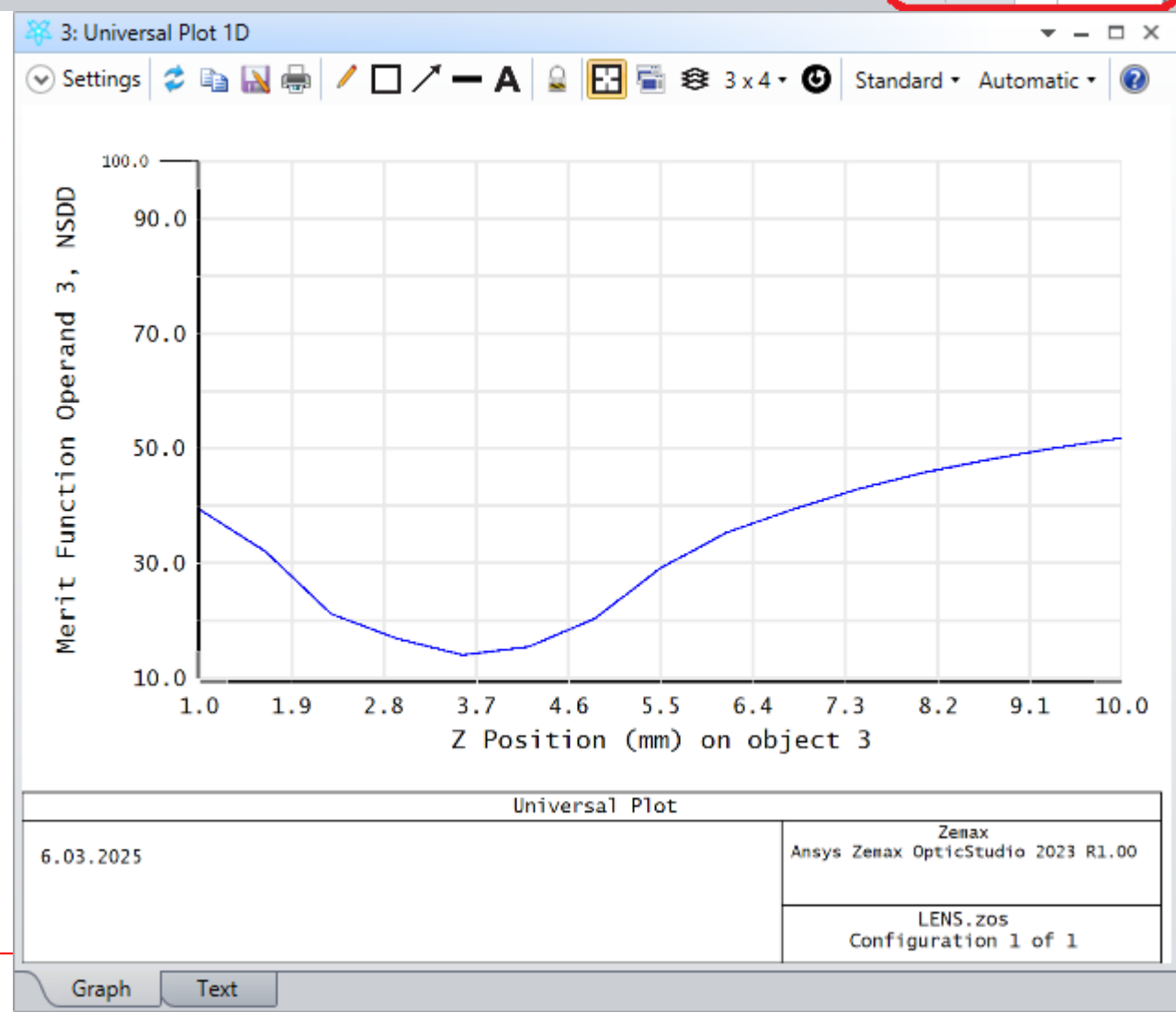
Load From -> None

Auto Apply Apply OK Cancel Save Load Reset

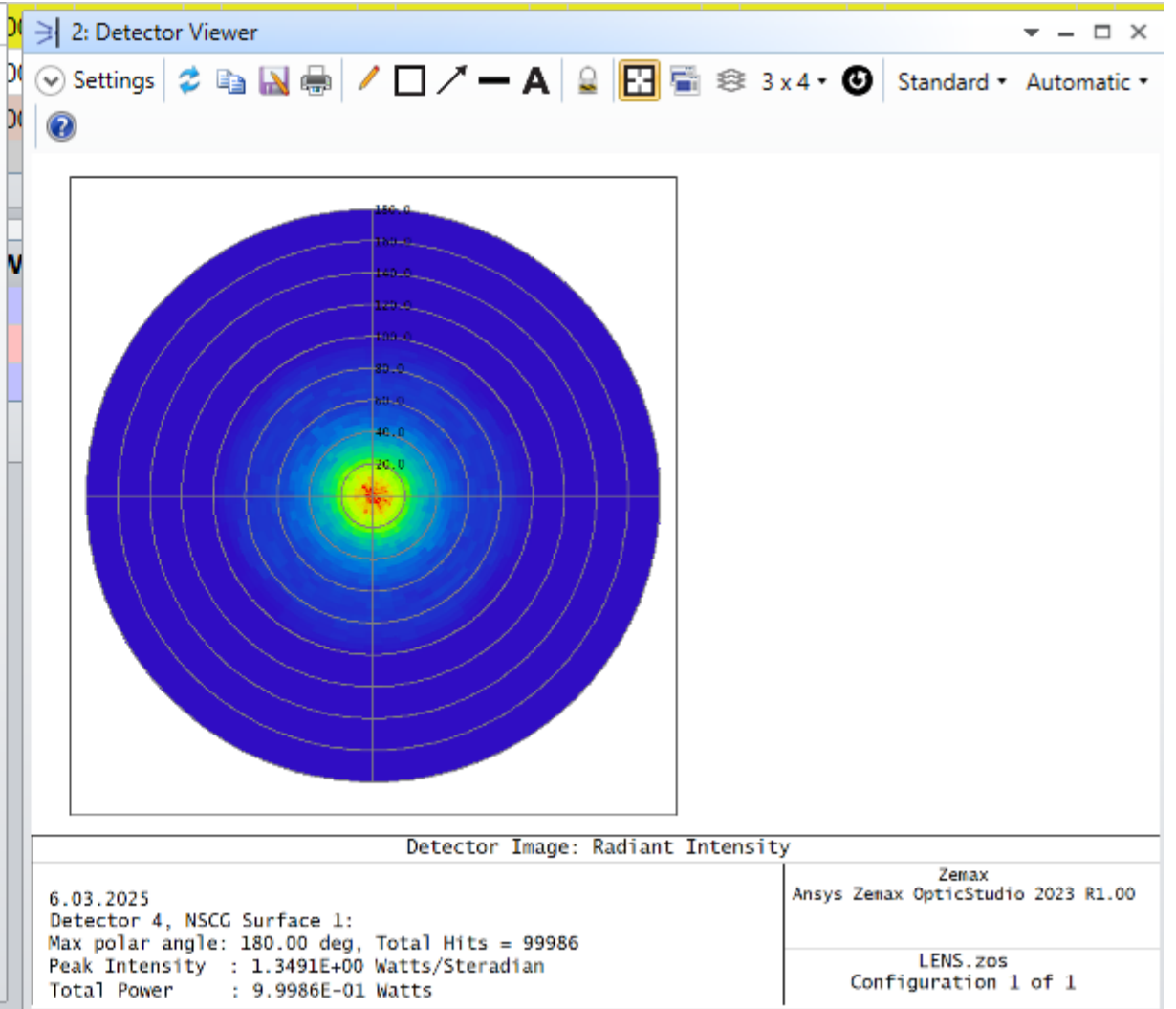
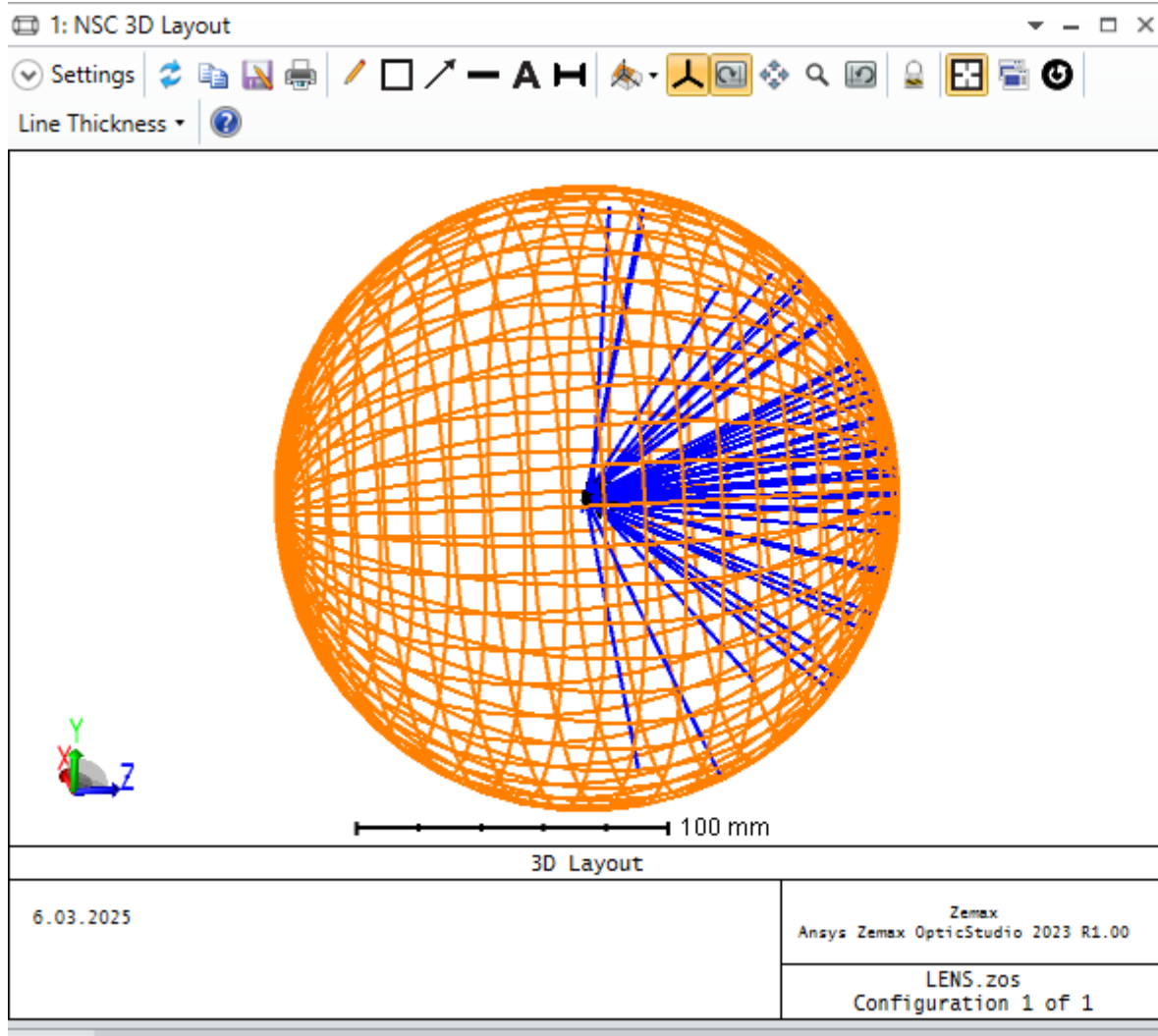
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Graph Text



# 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 l m n intensity wavelength`

where

<code>number_of_rays</code>	is the total number of rays in the file.
<code>dimension_flag</code>	is 0 for meters, 1 for inches, 2 for cm, 3 for feet, and 4 for mm.
<code>x y z</code>	are initial coordinates of the ray.
<code>l m n</code>	are direction cosines (unit vector) of the ray.
<code>intensity</code>	is the intensity of the ray in the range [0,1].
<code>wavelength</code>	is the wavelenth of the ray in micrometers.

*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
```

*See also course web page for Gaussian, Lambertian and Cherenkov 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.

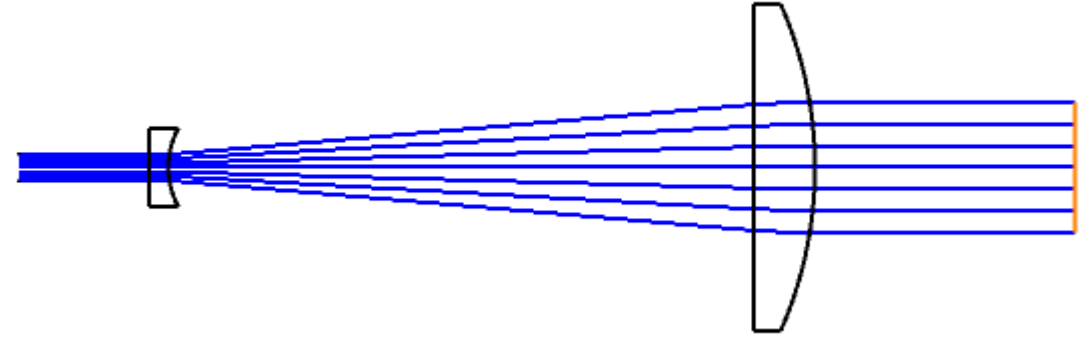
#45-127: EPD = 25 mm & EFL = +60 mm

$\lambda = 633$  nm

Input beam size is 2 mm.

Input beam size is 10 mm.

Optimize system to obtain 5x beam expander.



Surface	Surface Type	Comment	Radius	Thickness	Material	Clear Semi-Dia	Chip Zone	Mech Semi-Dia	Conic	Coating	TCE x 1
0	OBJECT	Standard	Infinity	Infinity		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		0.00
1	STOP	Standard	Infinity	10.000		1.000	0.000	1.000	0.000		0.00
2	(aper)	Standard	45008	1.500	N-BK7	2.700 U	0.300	3.000	0.000		
3	(aper)	Standard	6.200	45.014 V		2.700 U	0.300	3.000	0.000		0.00
4	(aper)	Standard	45127	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
6	IMAGE	Standard	Infinity	-		5.061	0.000	5.061	0.000		0.00

## Now, convert Sequential objects to NSC Group

The screenshot displays the Zemax OpticStudio software interface. The top menu bar includes File, Setup, Analyze, Optimize, Tolerance, Libraries, Part Designer, Programming, STAR, and Help. The ribbon below the menu bar is divided into several groups: Lens File (New, Open, Save, Save As, Insert Lens, File Comparator), Archive (Create Archive, Load Archive), Export (CAD Files, Point Cloud, DXF/IGES Linework, Zemax Black Box, Encrypted Coatings, Export to Speos Lens System, Export to PanDao), Convert (Convert to Project Directory, Convert To NSC Group, Prepare For OpticsBuilder, Convert File Formats), and Explode. The 'Convert To NSC Group' button is highlighted in yellow.

The System Explorer on the left shows the 'Aperture' object selected. The Lens Data Editor in the center shows a table with two surfaces:

Surface	Type	Comment	Radius	Thickness	Material	Clear Semi-Dia	Chip Zone	Mec
0	OBJECT	Standard	Infinity	Infinity		0.000	0.000	
1	STOP	Standard	Infinity	10.000		0.500	0.000	

The 'Convert To NSC Group' dialog box is open on the right, containing the following text:

**Convert To NSC Group**

Convert a range of surfaces in the Lens Data Editor into a group of components in a Non-Sequential Components surface or system. Allows full non-sequential analysis of an initially sequential optical system

No shortcut key assigned

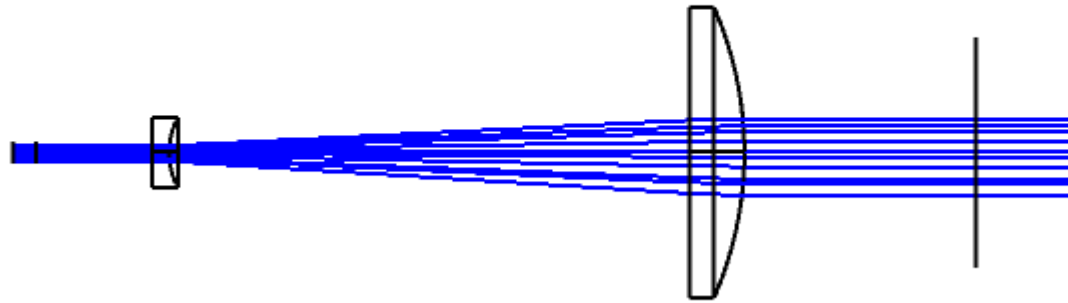
Non-Sequential Component Editor

Update: All Windows

Object 5 Properties

Configuration

	Object Type	Comment	Ref Object	Inside Of	X Position	Y Position	Z Position	Tilt About X	Tilt About Y	Tilt About Z	Material	F
1	Source Ellipse	Field 1	0	0	0.000	0.000	-2.000	0.000	0.000	-180.000	-	
2	Annulus	aperture 1	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	ABS...	
3	Standard Lens	surfaces 2-3	0	0	0.000	0.000	10.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	N-BK7	
4	Standard Lens	surfaces 4-5	0	0	0.000	0.000	56.514	0.000	0.000	0.000	N-BK7	
5	Null Object	Image Plane	0	0	0.000	0.000	81.214	0.000	0.000	0.000	-	
6	Detector Rectangle	Field 1	5	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		



Then,

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

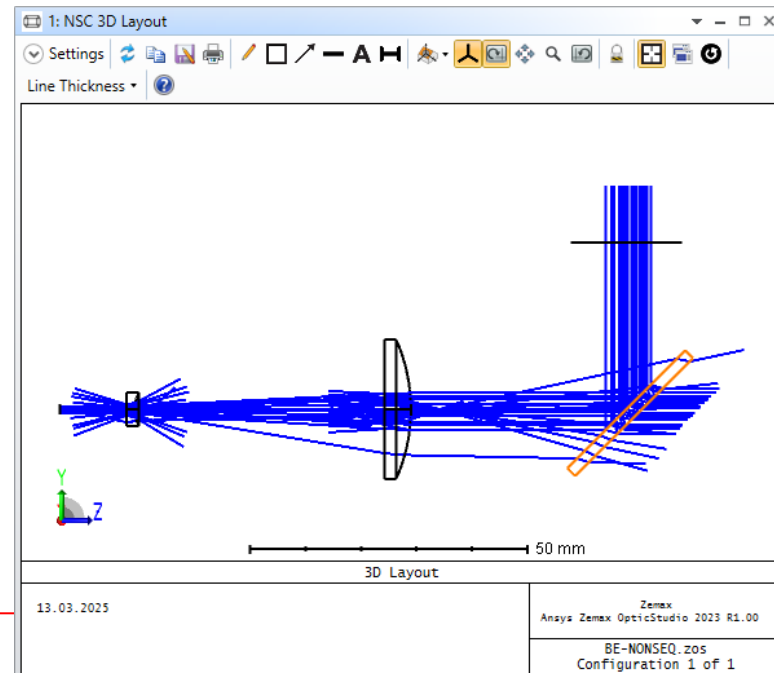
Non-Sequential Component Editor

Update: All Windows

Object 4 Properties

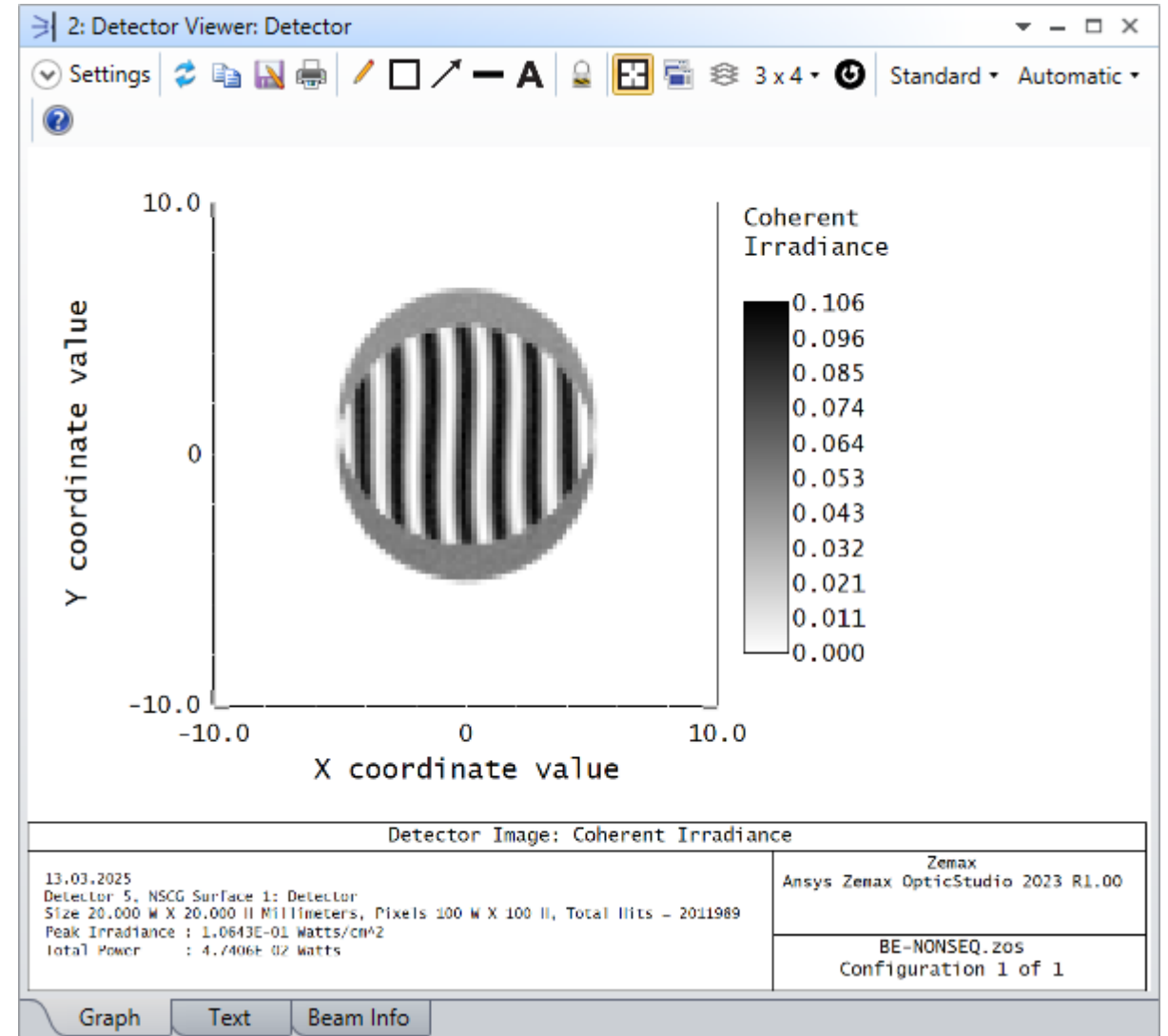
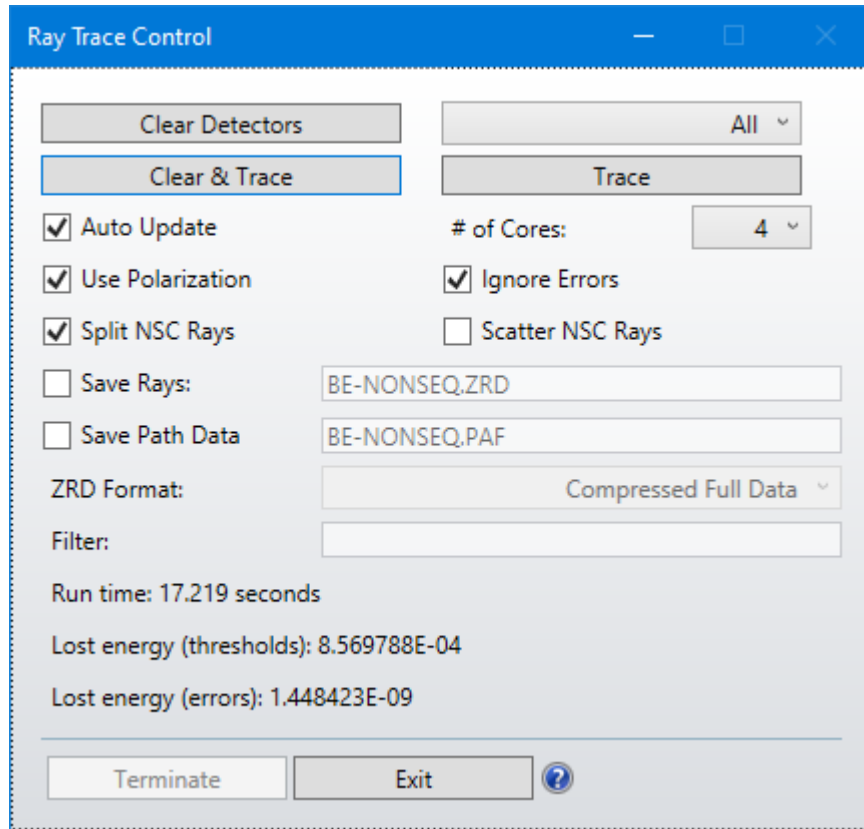
Configuration 1/1

Object Type	Comment	Ref Object	Inside Of	X Position	Y Position	Z Position	Tilt About X	Tilt About Y	Tilt About Z	Material	X1 Half Width	Y1 Half Width	Z Length	X2 Half Width	Y2 Half Width	Front X Angle	Front Y Angle	Rear X Angle
1 Source Ellipse	Source	0	0	0.000	0.000	-2.000	0.000	0.000	-180.000	-	10	1E+06	1.000	0	1	1.000	1.000	0.000
2 Standard Lens	Lens1	0	0	0.000	0.000	10.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	N-BK7	-0.000	0.000	3.000	3.000	1.500	6.200	0.000	3.000
3 Standard Lens	Lens2	0	0	0.000	0.000	57.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	N-BK7	-0.000	0.000	12.500	12.500	4.700	-31.010	0.000	12.500
4 Rectangular Volume	Beam splitter	0	0	0.000	0.000	100.000	45.000	0.000	0.000	N-BK7	15.000	15.000	2.000	15.000	15.000	0.000	0.000	1.000E-02
5 Detector Rectangle	Detector	0	0	0.000	30.000	100.000	90.000	0.000	0.000		10.000	10.000	100	100	0	0	0	0



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

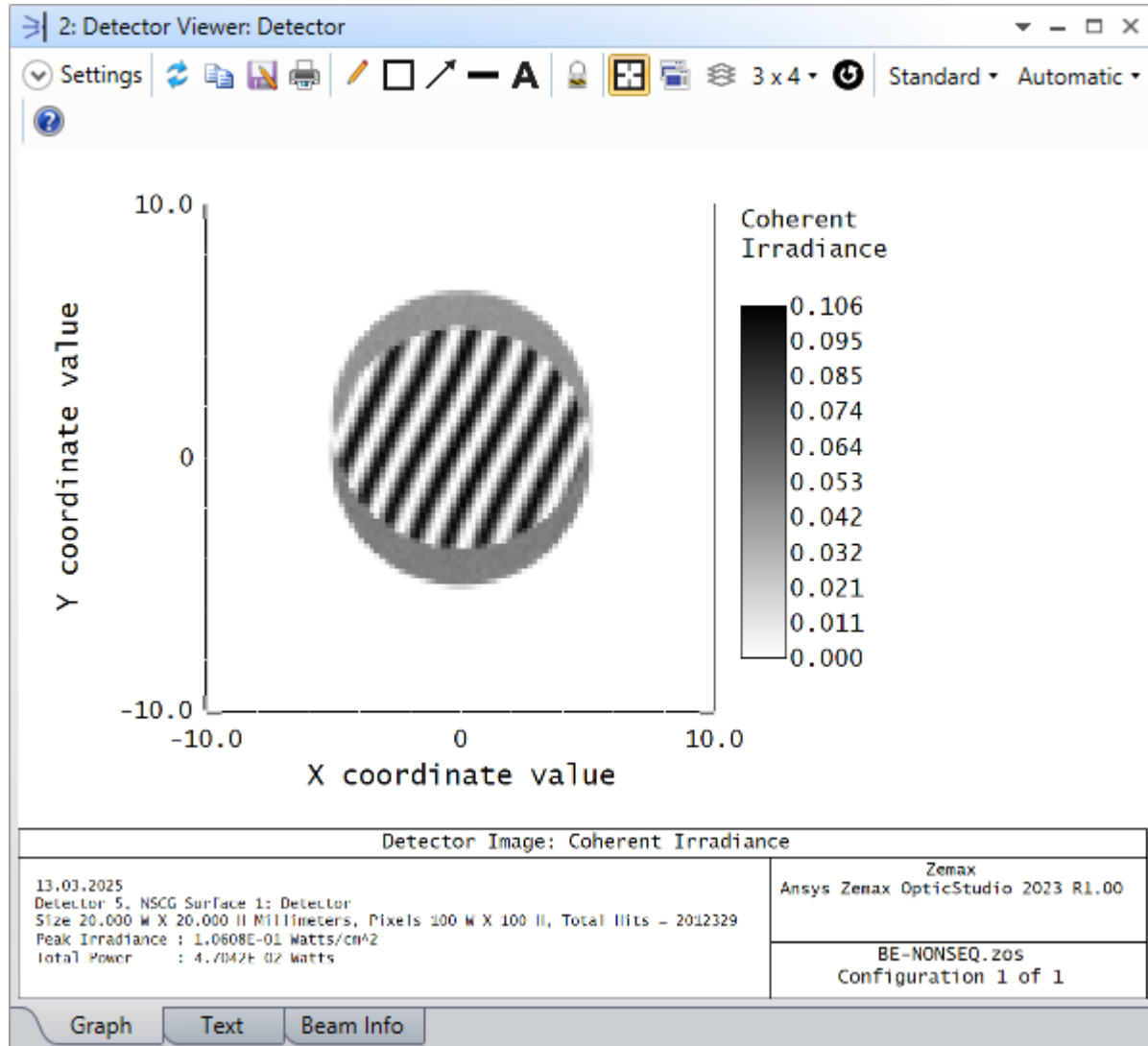
Z position of Lens2 is **56.514 mm**



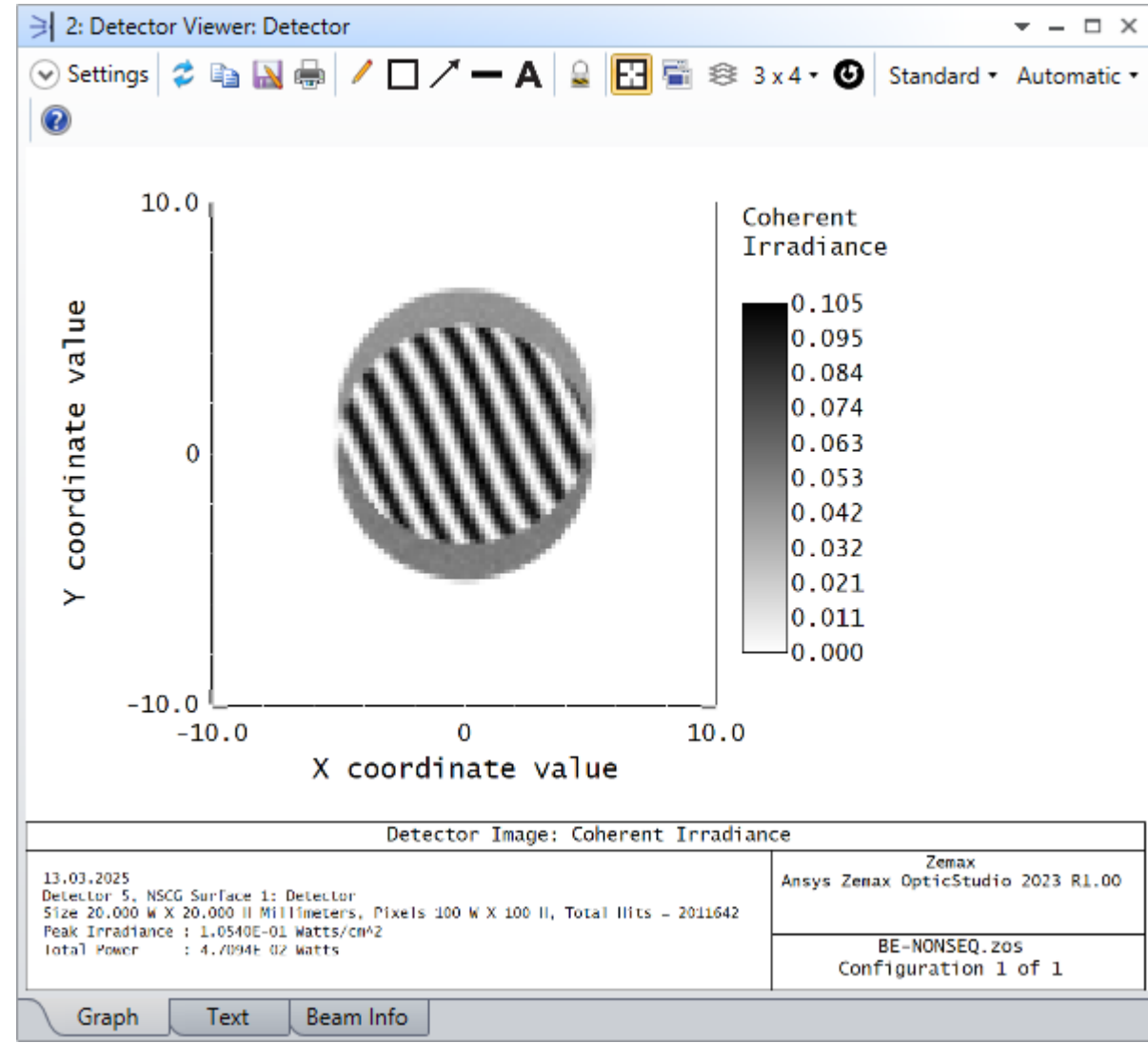


By changing Z position of Lens2 you can tilt the interference pattern on the detector!

Z position of Lens2 is **56.000** mm

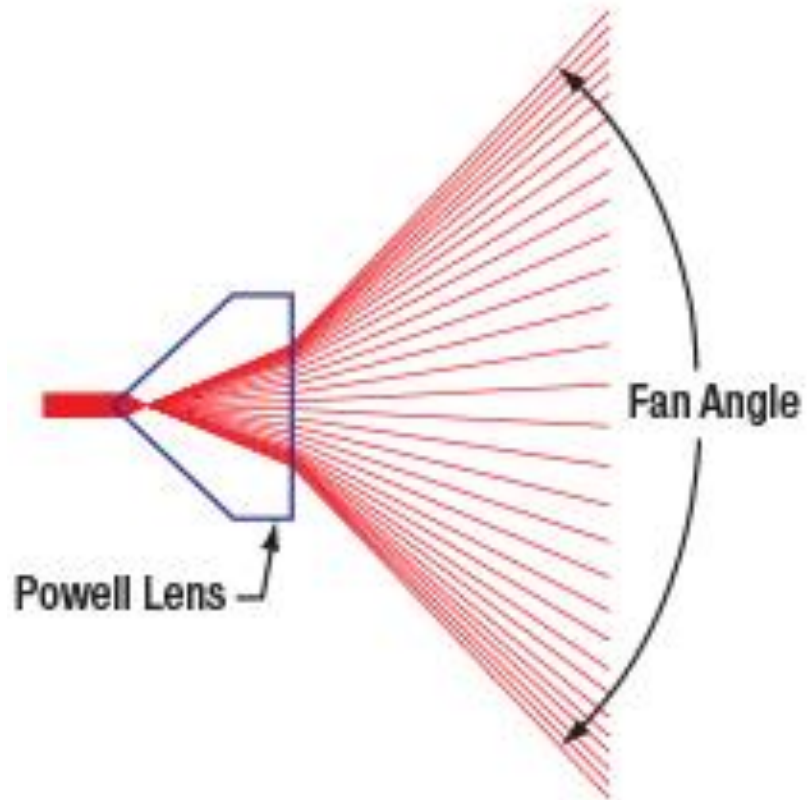
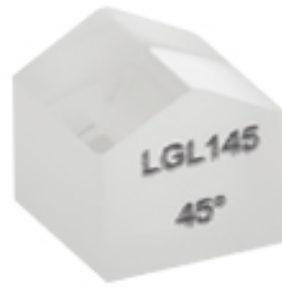


Z position of Lens2 is **57.000** mm



# 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](https://www.thorlabs.com/newgrouppage9.cfm?objectgroup_id=13875)

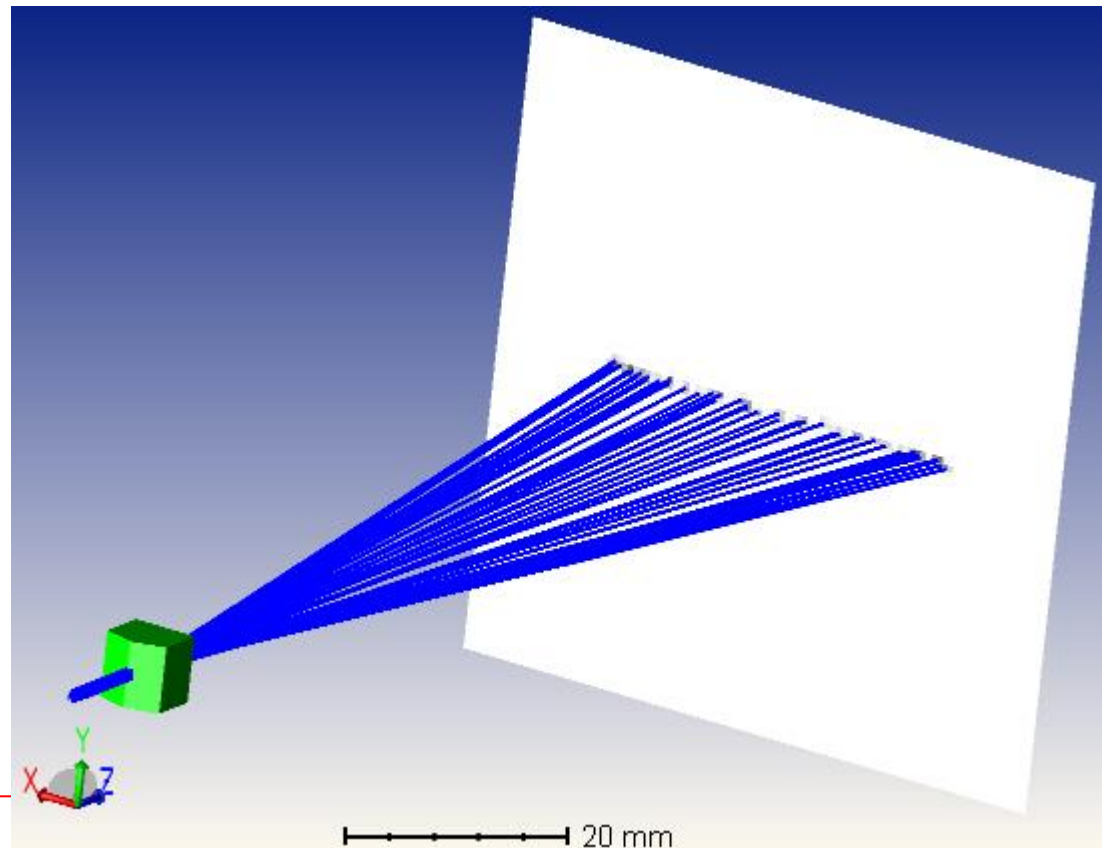
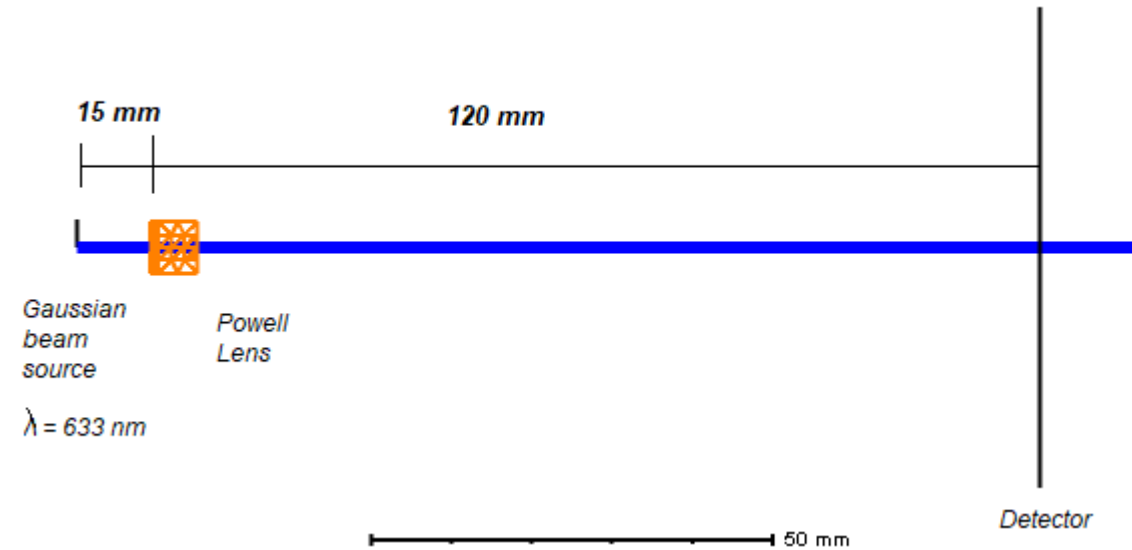
# Example 22.7: LGL130 Powell lens from Thorlabs

Non-Sequential Component Editor

Update: All Windows

Object 1 Properties Configuration 1/1

Object Type	f	X Position	Y Position	Z Position	Tilt About X	Tilt About Y	Tilt About Z	Material	# Layout Rays	# Analysis Rays	Power(Watts)	Wavenumber	Color #	Beam Size	Position
1 Source Gaussian	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-	50	1E+04	1.000	0	0	0.500	0.000
2 CAD Part: STEP/IGES/SAT	0	0.000	0.000	15.000	0.000	0.000	90.000	BK7	1.000	1	5	5	5		
3 Detector Rectangle	0	0.000	0.000	120.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		30.000	30.000	100	100	0	0	0

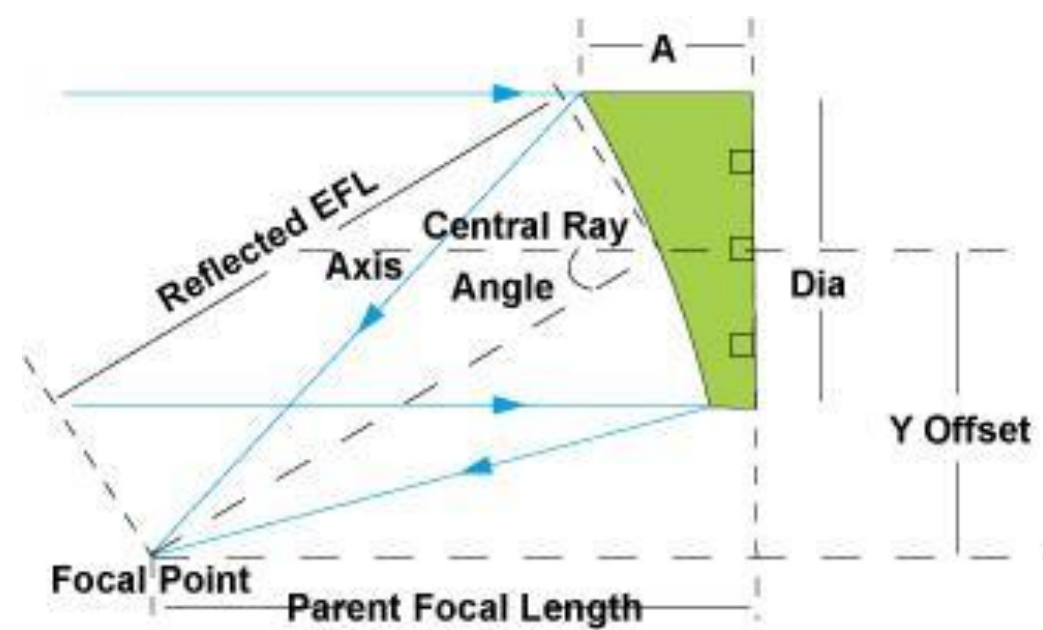


# Off-Axis Mirrors (OAP)

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.

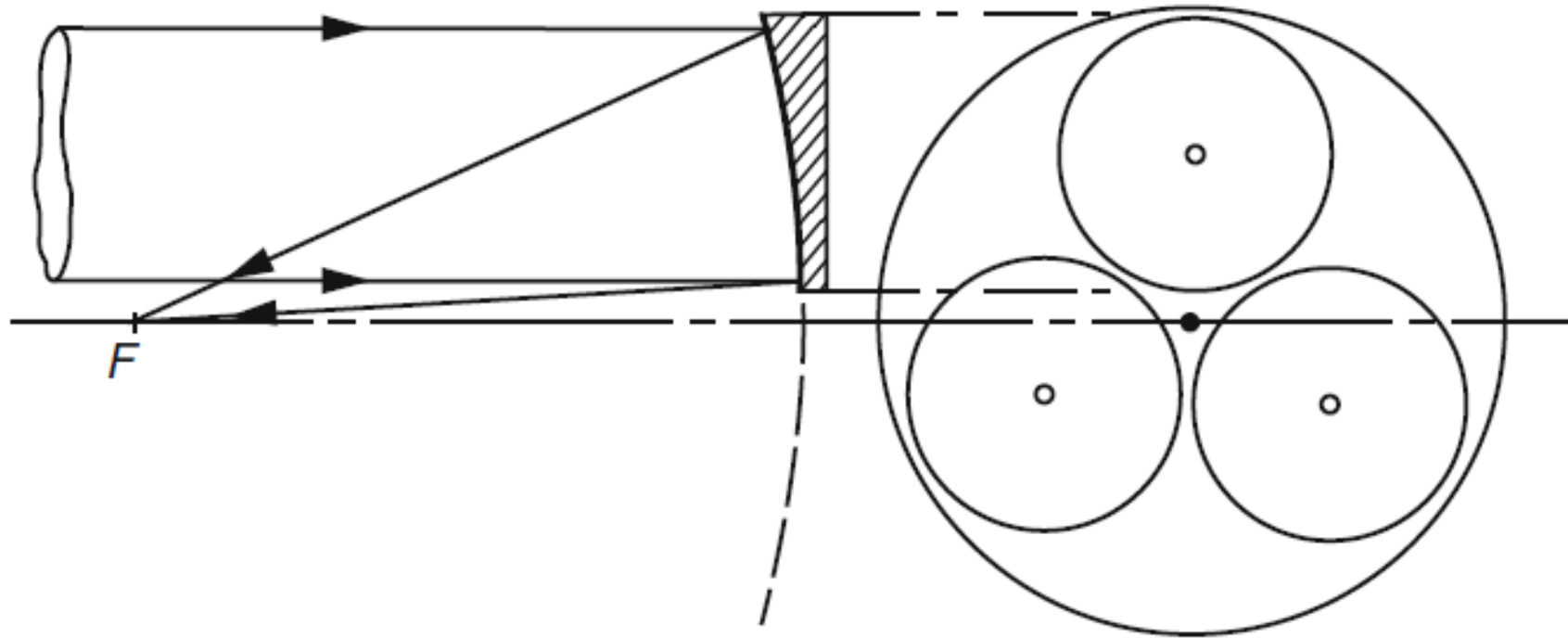
OAP mirror is simply a side section of a parent parabolic mirror. Collimated light that is incident to an OAP mirror is focused to a point. However, unlike a centered parabolic mirror, an OAP mirror has an advantage in that it allows more interactive space around the focal point without disrupting the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



## Commercial Products:

- Edmund Optics  
<https://www.edmundoptics.com/f/aluminum-off-axis-parabolic-mirrors/39488>
- Thorlabs  
[https://www.thorlabs.com/navigation.cfm?guide\\_id=15](https://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 22.8: Modeling an off-axis parabolic mirror

*This example is extracted from Zemax Knowledgebase*

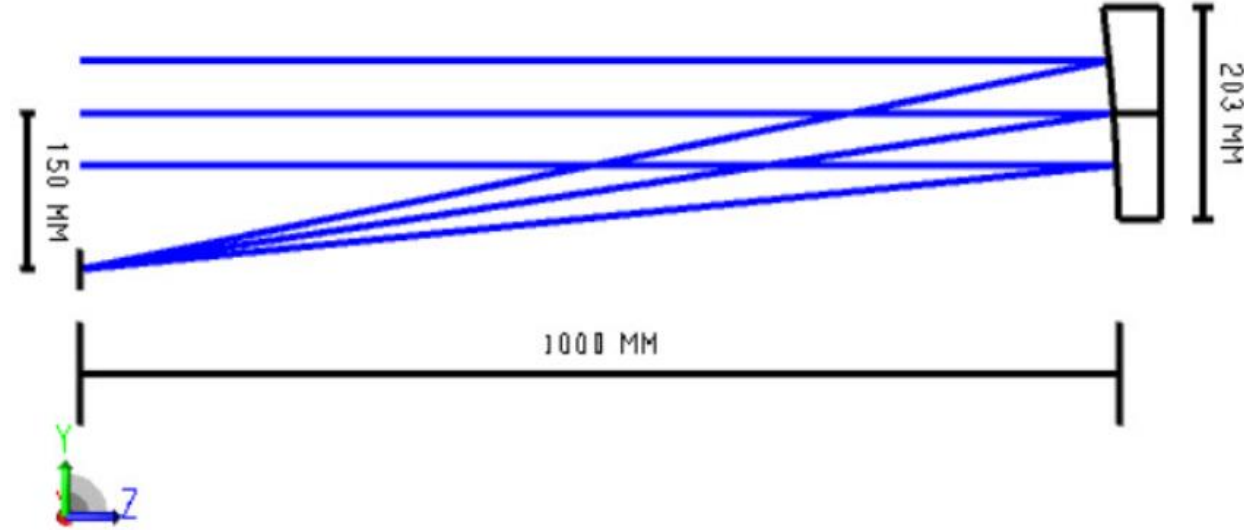
## Design specifications:

ENPD = 100 mm

EFFL = 1000 mm

Off-axis distance = 150 mm

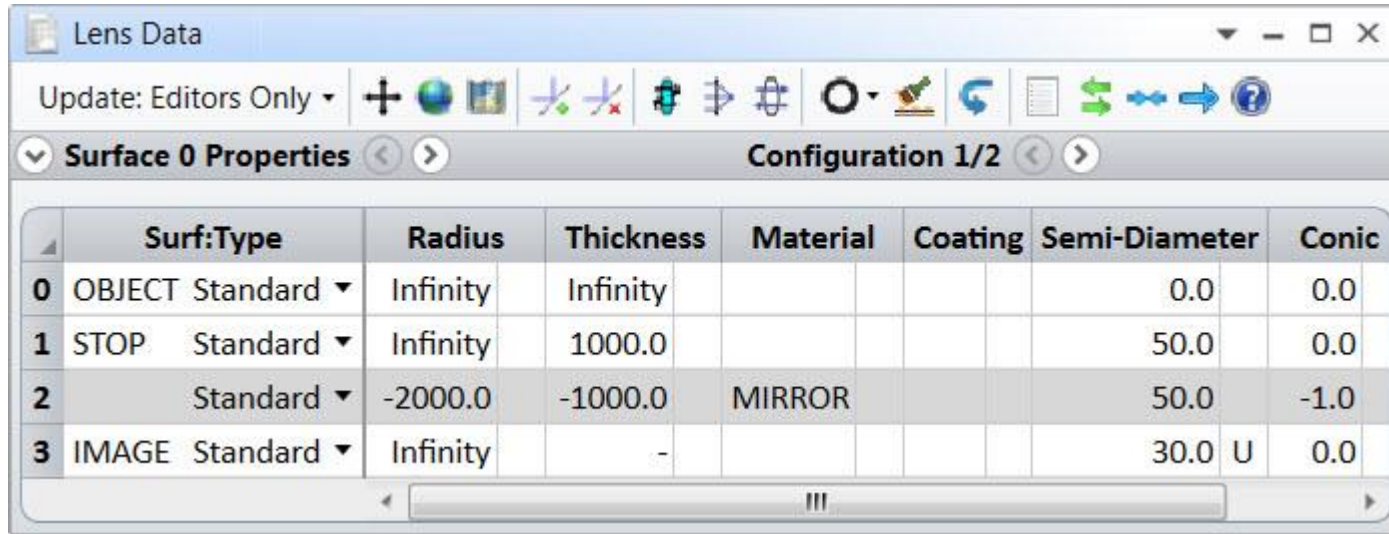
Component physical diameter = 203 mm



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

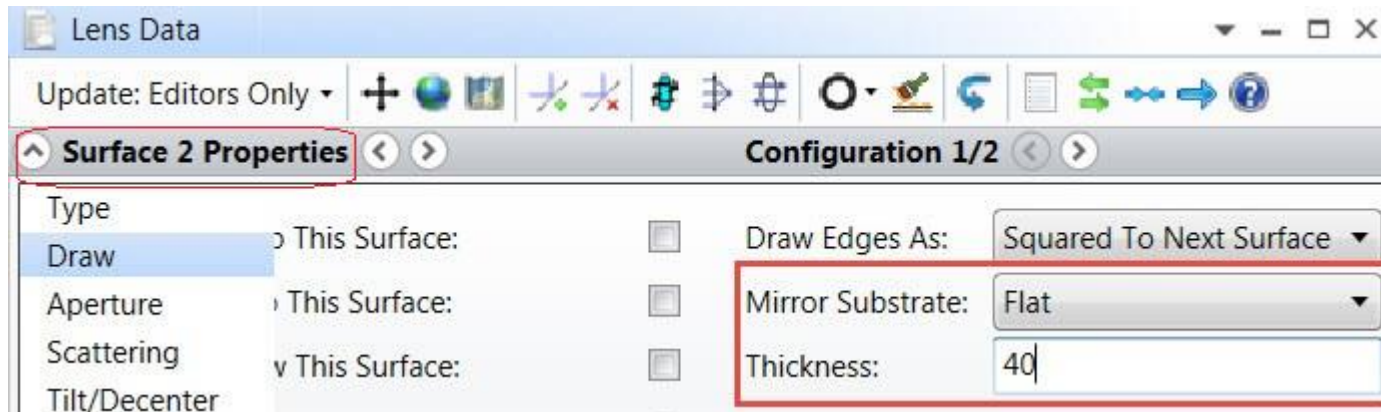
The goal of this example is to be able to tilt the mirror about the X axis at any point along the optical axis (Z axis). Back surface of the substrate is perpendicular to the optical axis.

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



The screenshot shows the 'Lens Data' window with a toolbar and a table of surface properties. The table has columns for Surf, Type, Radius, Thickness, Material, Coating, Semi-Diameter, and Conic. The data is as follows:

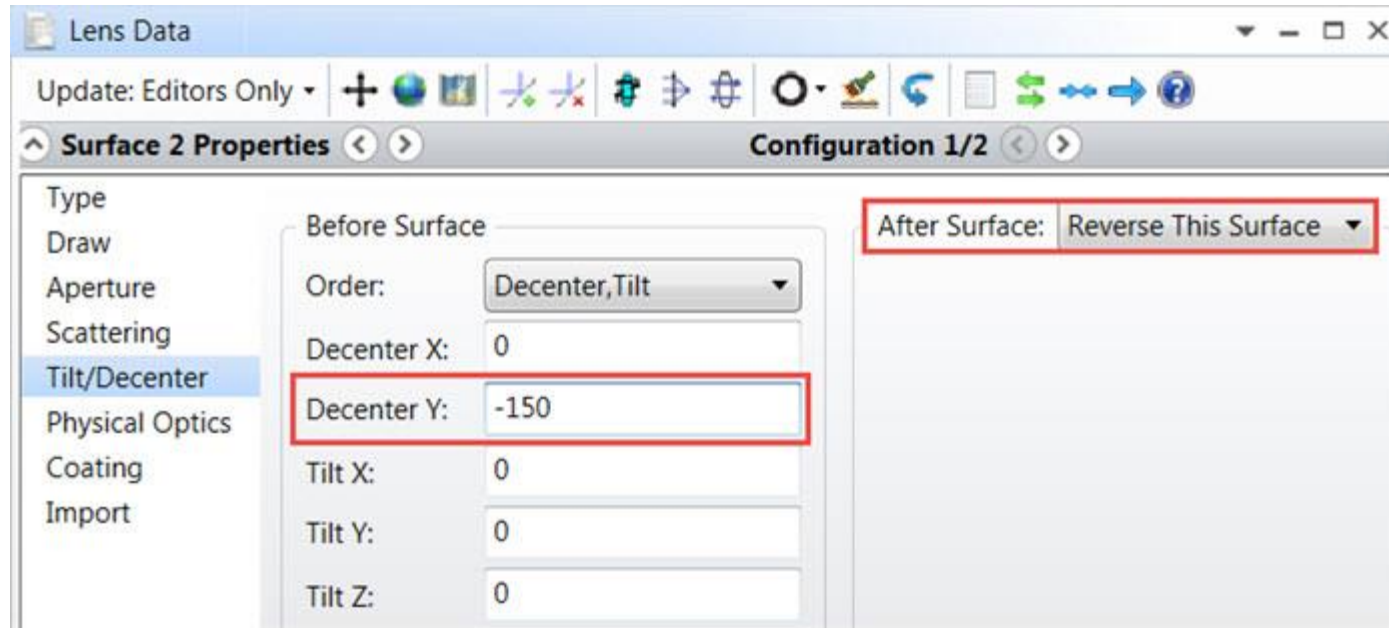
Surf	Type	Radius	Thickness	Material	Coating	Semi-Diameter	Conic
0	OBJECT Standard	Infinity	Infinity			0.0	0.0
1	STOP Standard	Infinity	1000.0			50.0	0.0
2	Standard	-2000.0	-1000.0	MIRROR		50.0	-1.0
3	IMAGE Standard	Infinity	-			30.0 U	0.0



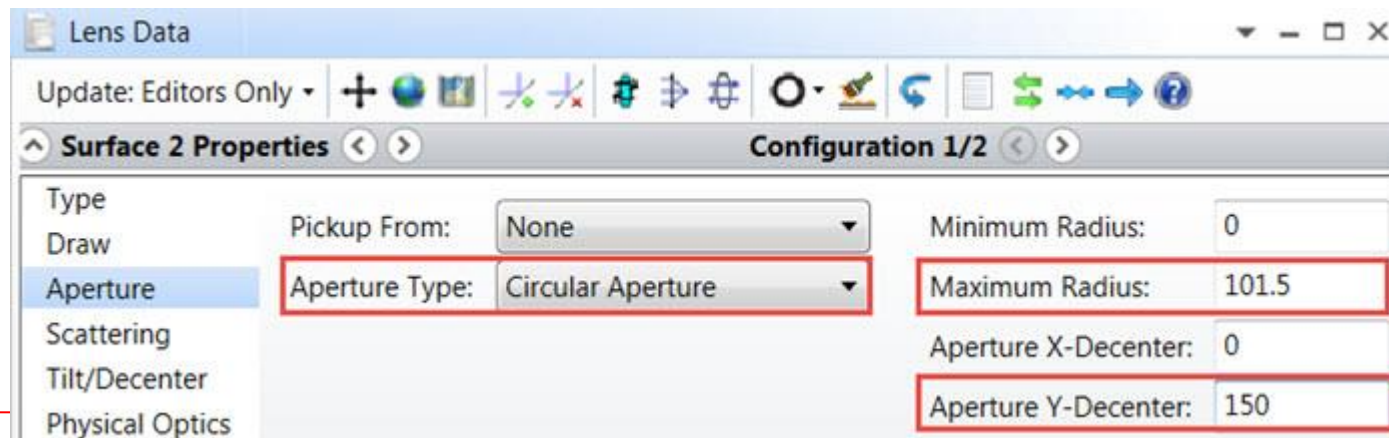
The screenshot shows the 'Surface 2 Properties' configuration window. The 'Type' is 'Mirror Substrate' and the 'Thickness' is set to 40. The 'Draw Edges As' is set to 'Squared To Next Surface' and the 'Mirror Substrate' is set to 'Flat'.

Type	This Surface:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Draw Edges As:	Squared To Next Surface
Draw	This Surface:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mirror Substrate:	Flat
Aperture	This Surface:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thickness:	40
Scattering	This Surface:	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Tilt/Decenter				

Add off-axis distance which is 150 mm

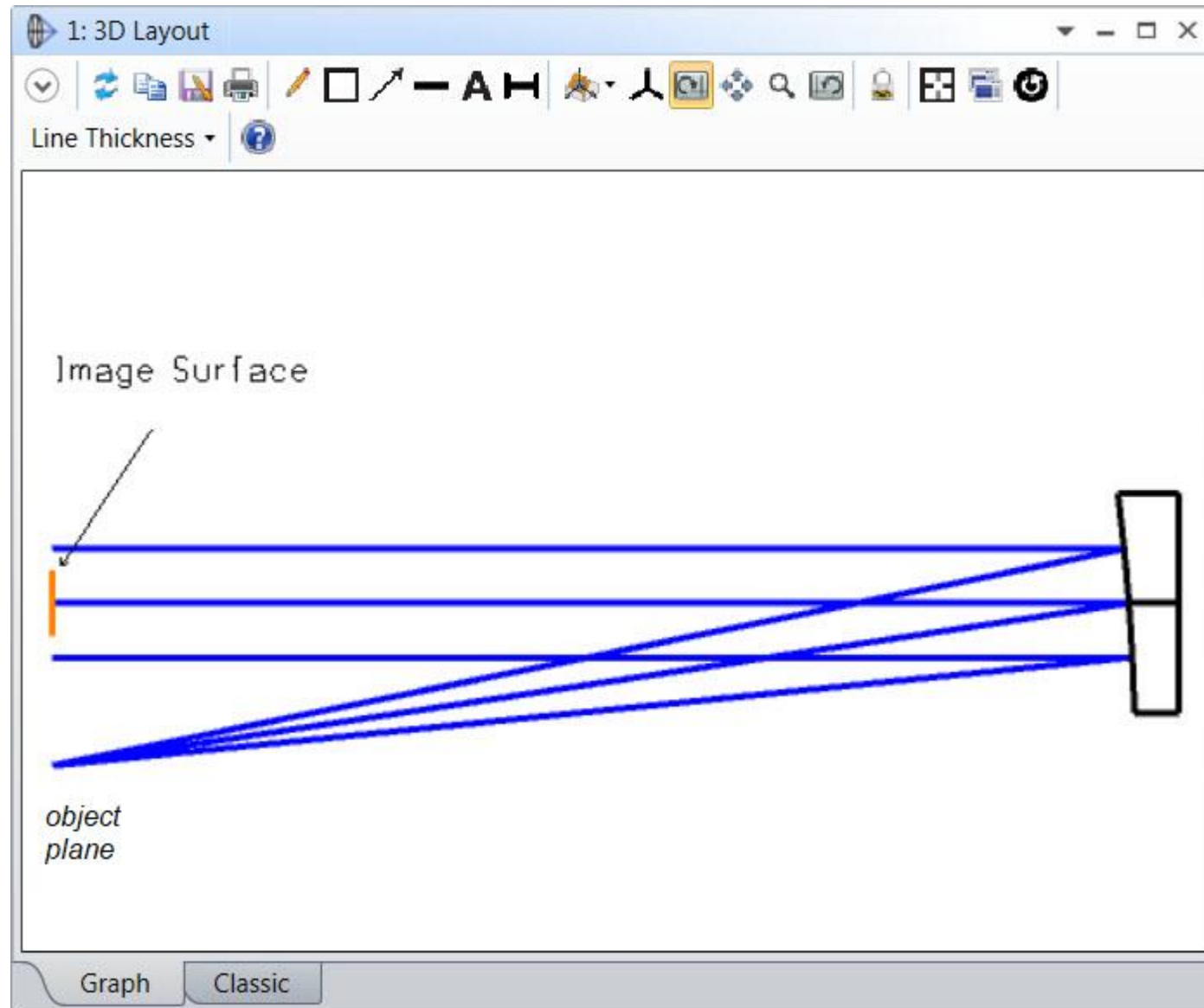


Specify the physical diameter of the mirror as 203 mm.





Final form of the design.



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

The screenshot displays the Zemax software interface. The 'File' menu is highlighted in the top-left corner. The 'CAD Files' button is also highlighted in the top toolbar. The 'Export CAD File' dialog box is open, showing the following settings:

- First Surface: 2
- Last Surface: 2
- Number Of Rays: 0
- Ray Pattern: XY Fan
- Ray Layer: 1
- Wavelength: All
- Field: All
- Spline Segments: 32
- File Type: STEP
- Dummy Thickness: 1
- Angular Tolerance: Low
- Configuration: Current
- Delete Vignetted
- Surfaces As Solids
- Scatter NSC Rays
- Export Dummy Surfaces
- Split NSC Rays
- Use Polarization

At the bottom of the screenshot, a ray diagram is visible, showing a series of blue lines representing rays originating from a source and converging towards a vertical rectangular component, likely a mirror or lens.

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

Non-Sequential Component Editor

Update: All Windows

Object 1 Properties Configuration 1/1

Object	Object Type	Comment	Ref Object	Inside Of	X Position	Y Position	Z Position	Tilt About X	Tilt About Y	Tilt About Z	Material	# Layout Rays	# A
1	Source Ellipse		0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-	20	
2	CAD Part: STEP/IGES/SAT	my-off-axis-mirror..stp	0	0	0.000	0.000	1000.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	MIRROR	1.000	
3	Detector Rectangle		0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		300.000	

1: NSC 3D Layout

2: NSC Shaded Model

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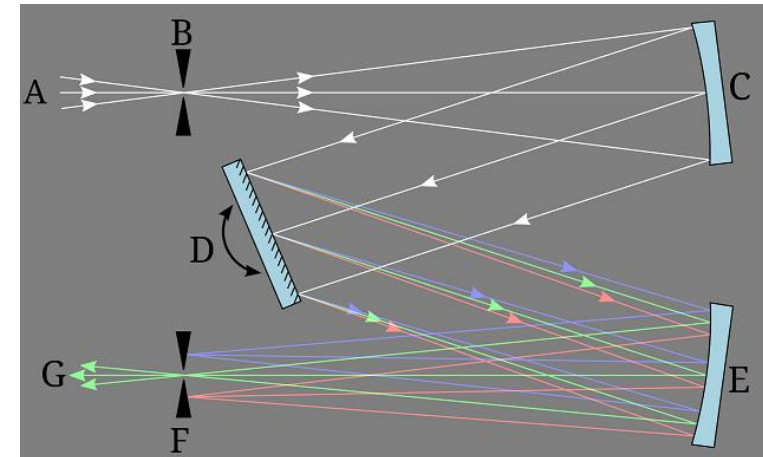
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Configuration 1 of 1

# Monochromator

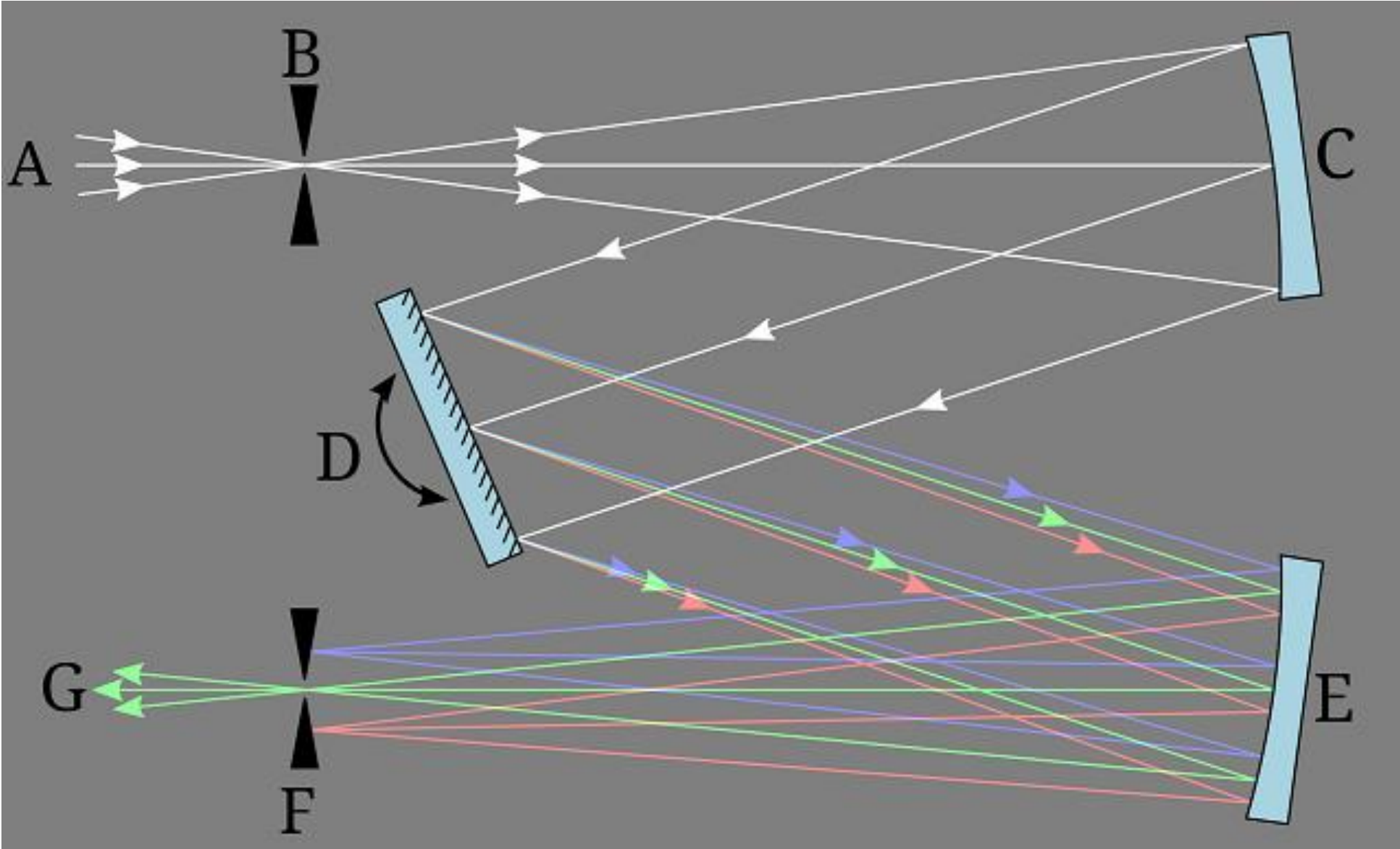
Wikipedia says:

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  $\times$  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.*

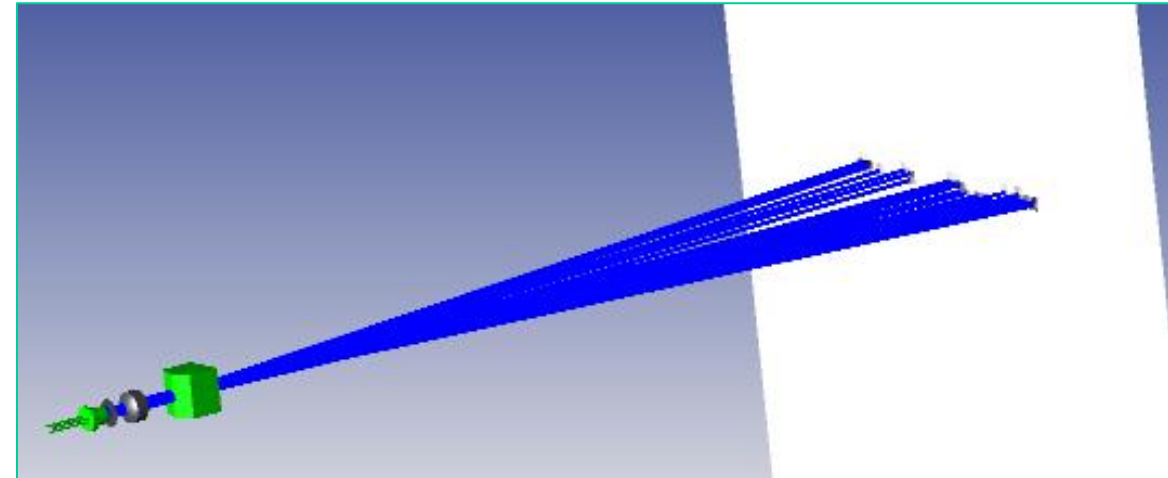
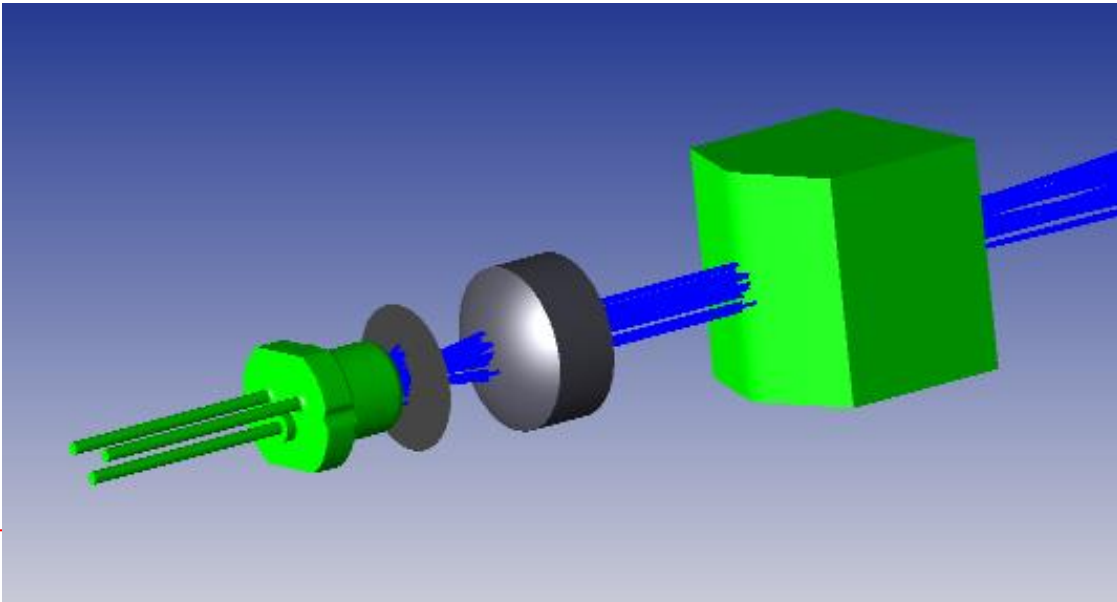
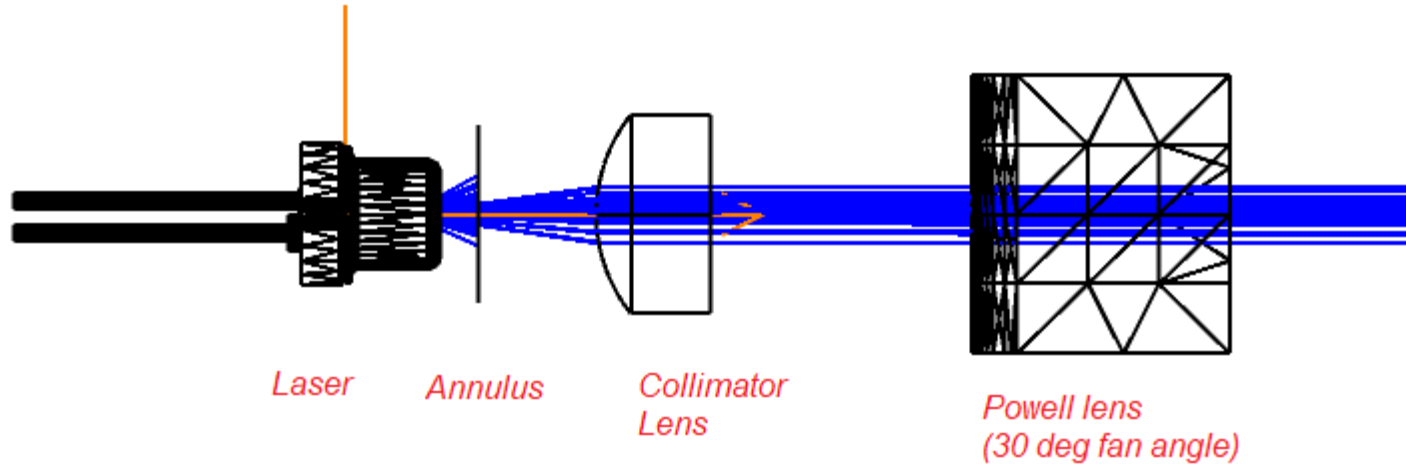


# Monochromator



# 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



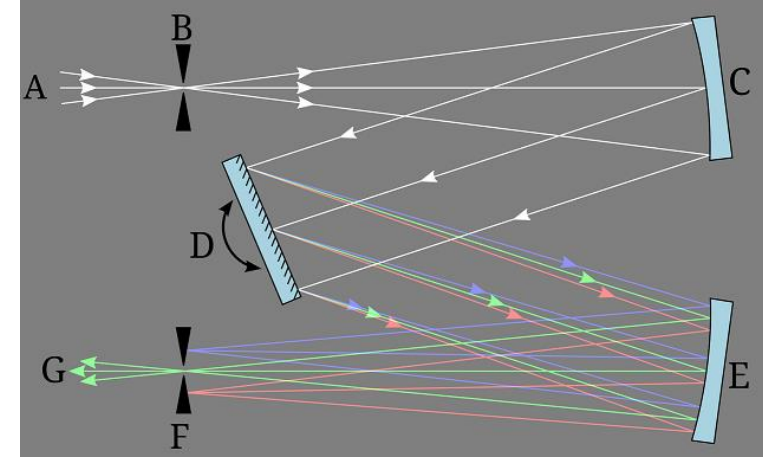
## Exercise 2

Implement Czerny–Turner design in Zemax.

For simplicity, you can put

- Point Source at point B (and set wavelength to Photopic Bright)
- Annulus at point F with a small diameter (to simulate slit)
- 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 sequential 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.