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Designing and Tolerancing for Space Optics



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- Introduction
- Practical Optics and Engineering
- Back to basics
- Optical simulation in practice
- Space missions

The Company I am working for



Scoptique:

Created in 2011 by an optical engineer

Where:

- Headquarters in Bordeaux (France)
- one office in Saint-Etienne
- one office in Jena (Germany)

What do we do ?

- Optical design and tolerancing
- Optical calculation
- Support to optical benches assembly and control





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SCOPTIQUE is a consulting company specialising in optical engineering. We offer you the services in optical engineering that you look for when running your projects. Our specialisation allows us to **better understand your needs** bringing you **our expertise and reactivity.**

We have experience in working with a **broad range of optical design software** and we **adapt to your needs and software.**

Exploratory studies



R&T

Evaluation of opportunities coming from new technological developments

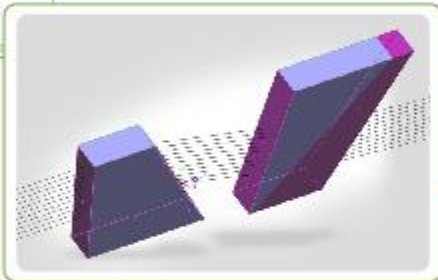
UPSTREAM R&D

Progression of technological readiness level
Evaluation of architectures

TECHNOLOGY SURVEY

Collection and analysis of information :
patents, exhibitions, other

Optical design



SEQUENTIAL OPTICAL DESIGN

Imaging → *CodeV, Zemax, VirtualLab, other*

NON SEQUENTIAL OPTICAL DESIGN

Lighting, Stray light

→ *LightTools, Tracepro, Zemax, other*

SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING

Analytical. Numerical → *Matlab, Metropro, other*

Optical bench



SPECIFICATIONS

Definition of functions and requirements

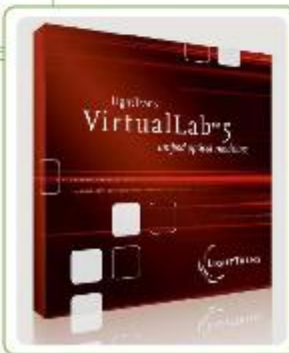
SIZING CALCULATIONS

Architecture definition, uncertainty calculation

COMPUTING

Motion control, acquisition, image processing
human-machine interface

VirtualLab



UNIFIED OPTICAL MODELING

Simulation techniques ranging from geometrical optics to electromagnetic approaches → *Diffraction, Partial Coherence, Polarization, Interferences*

Systems → *Laser Systems, Lighting, Interferometers, Laser Cavities, other*

DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF A LARGE VARIETY OF OPTICAL COMPONENTS

Optical components → *Diffraction, Nano- and Micro-optic, GRIN, Hybrid, Fresnel, Phase Plates, Gratings, Free-form, Photonic Crystals, other*

Light sources → *LEDs, Excimer Laser, Ultra-short Pulses, Laser Resonator*

Computing



MACROS WRITING

Development of macros using different optical design software

DEVELOPMENT OF VBA APPLICATIONS

Development of applications using Excel VBA to gain in efficiency and interactivity

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Development of software according to your specifications

What is designing ?

- **Propose a simulation starting from a set of requirements:**

- Field of view
- Resolution
- Wavelength
- Sensitivity
- Mechanical constraints
- Environment

- **Other considerations:**

- Cost
- Timescale
- Complexity

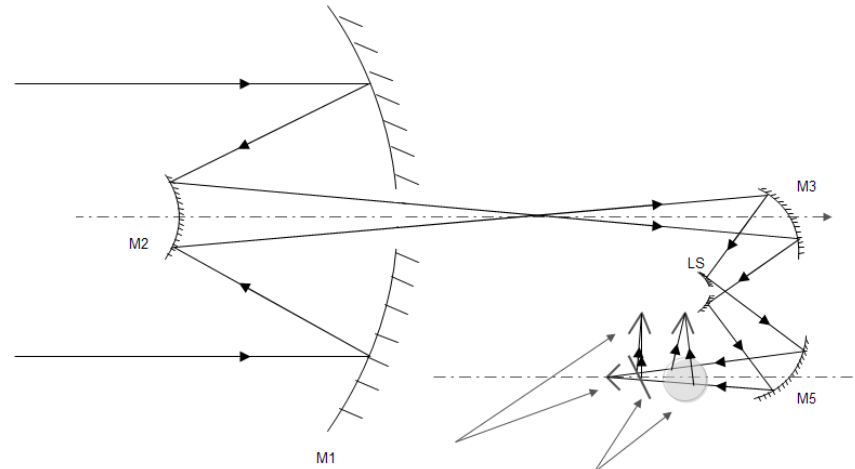
- **Depending on the application:**

- Astronomy
- lithography in the industry
- ground or space based system...

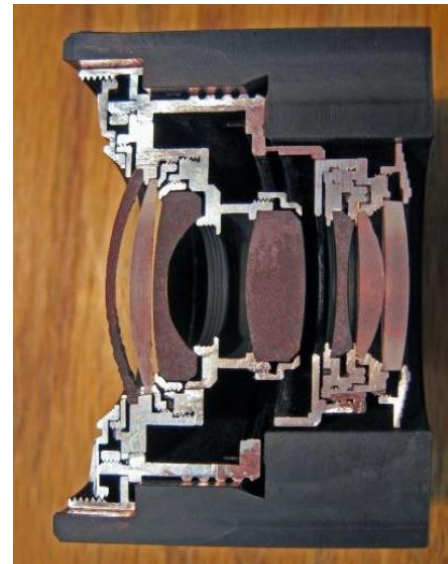
- spectroscopy ?
- imaging ?
- vision ? Integrated optics ? Fiber optics ?

- **And then the first studies:**

- design
- tolerancing



Cosmology: OLIMPO, Far-Infra-red and submillimeter telescope

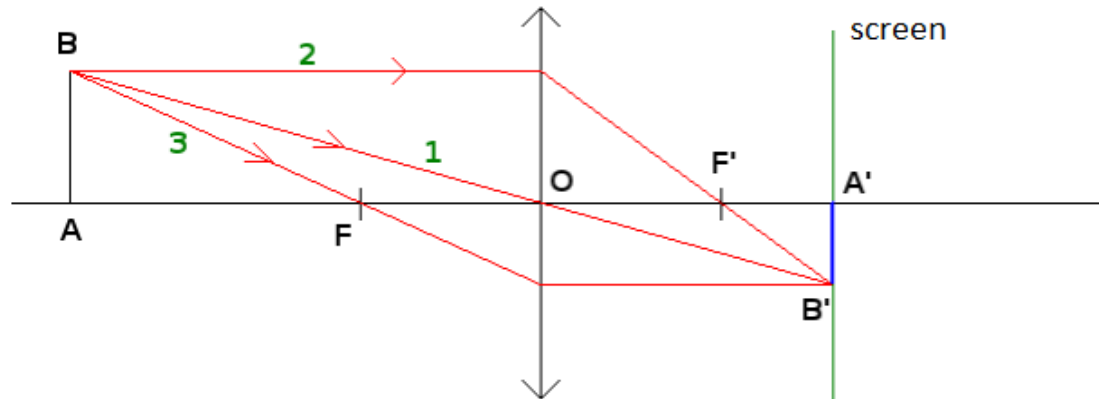


Photography: Fischer objective

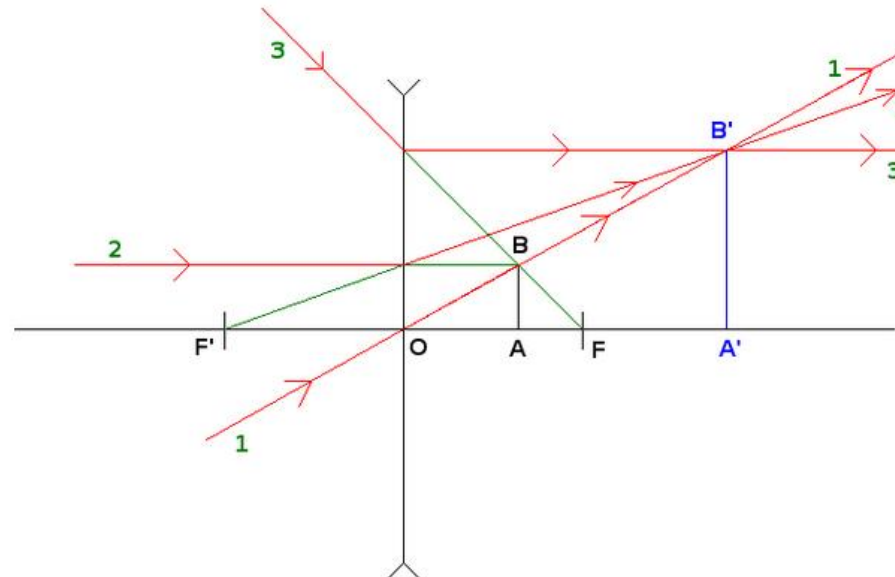
Back to basics...

- Law of Descartes-Snell: $n_1 \sin(i_1) = n_2 \sin(i_2)$
- Thin Lens Equation: $\frac{1}{OA'} - \frac{1}{OA} = \frac{1}{OF'} = \frac{1}{f'}$

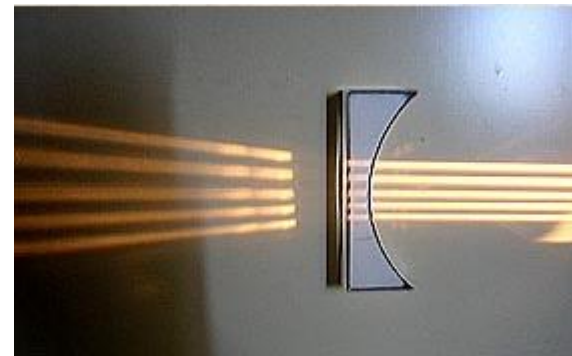
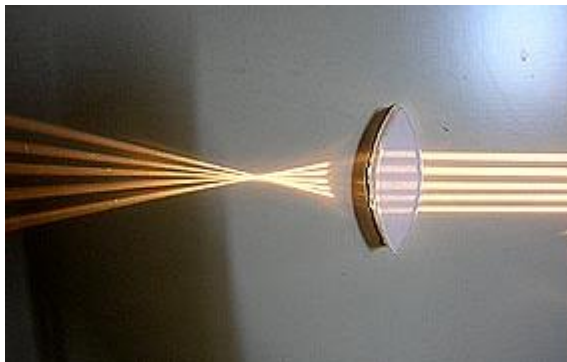
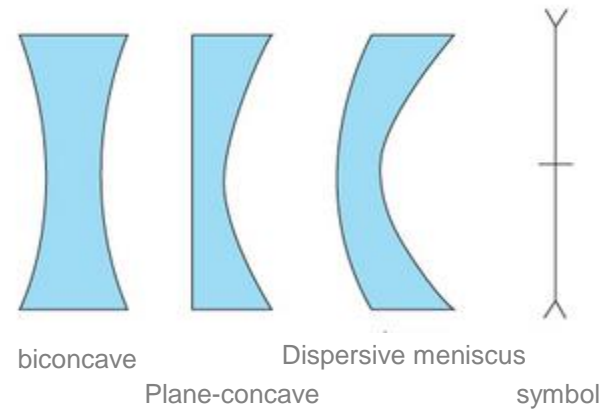
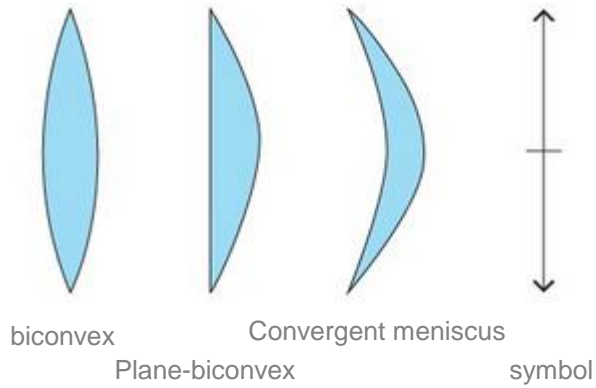
1. Convergent lens:



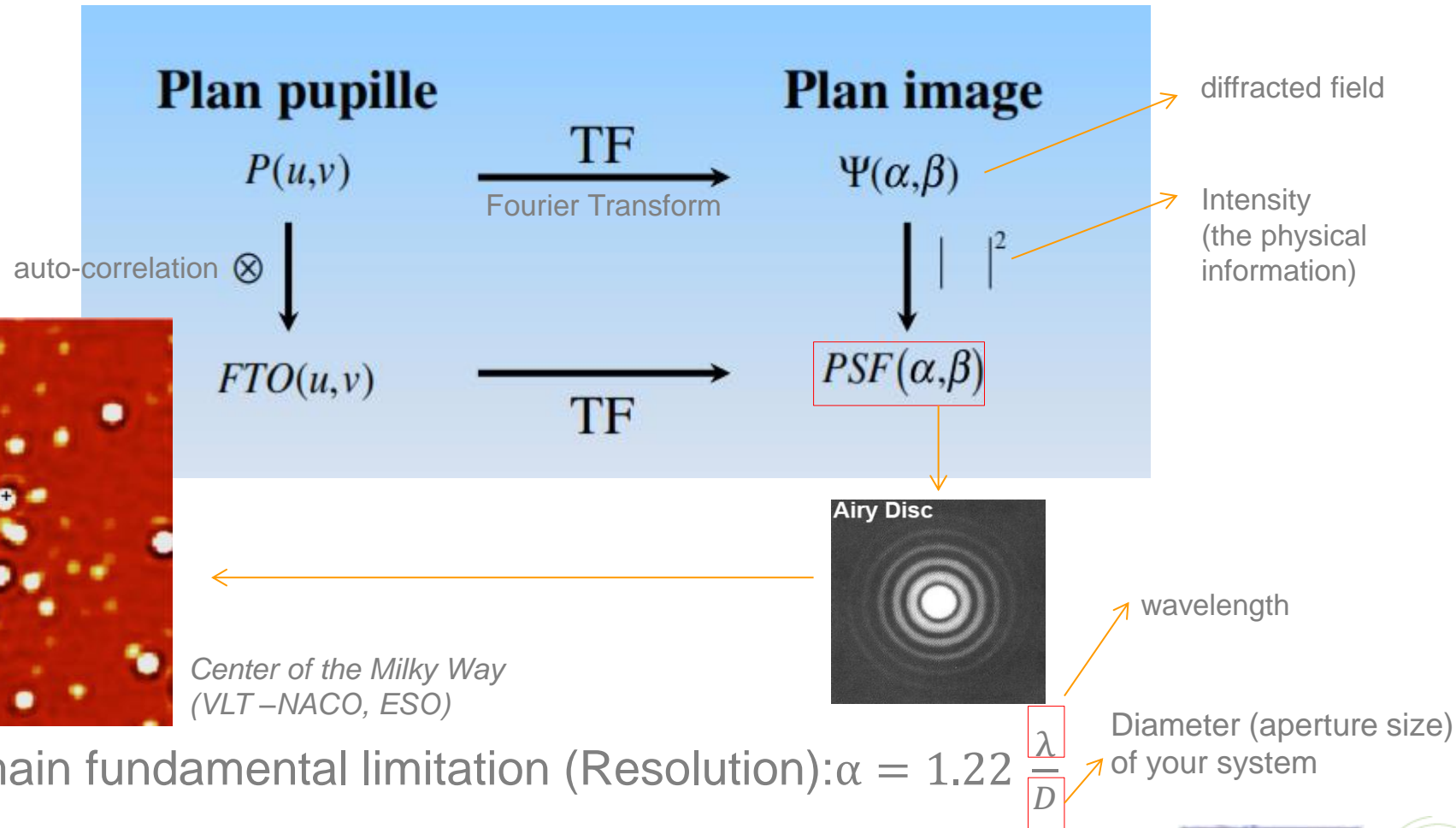
2. Dispersive lens:



Lenses:



From the **object space** to the **image space**: the 'Point Spread Function' (PSF)

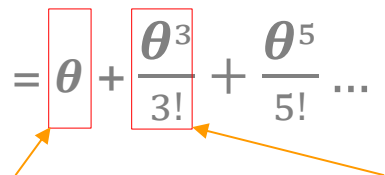


Aberrations

Approximations and aberrations...

Law of Descartes-Snell: $n_1 \sin(i_1) = n_2 \sin(i_2)$

Approximation of the sinus:

$$\sin(\theta) = \theta + \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} \dots$$


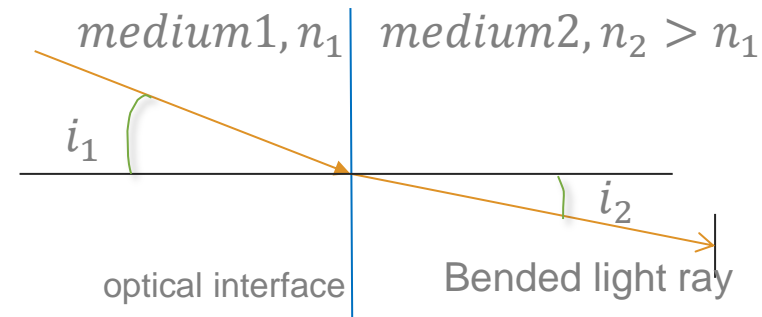
Paraxial Optics (1st order) Geometric aberrations (3rd order)

Geometric aberrations:

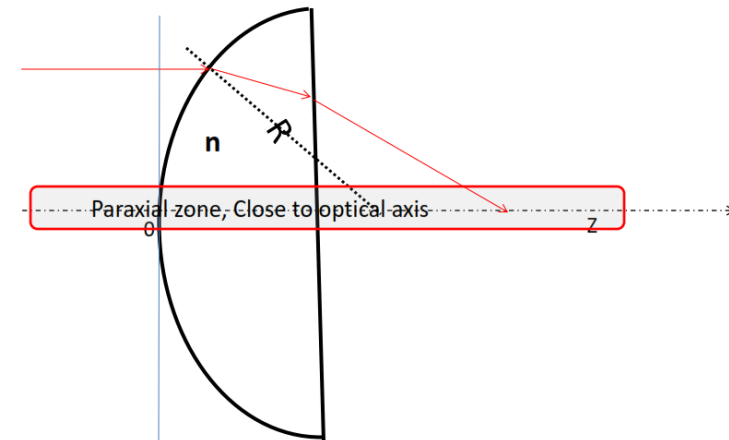
- at large incident angles with respect to the normal of the optical surface
- at larger distances from the optical axis

→ That's why, to avoid them: in the paraxial conditions (the so-called **Gauss conditions**) (not large angles with respect to the normal of the optical surface ; not far from the optical axis)

→ Geometrical limitations : minimized during manufacturing of the optical elements but we have first to study **the tolerances**...



Gauss conditions:



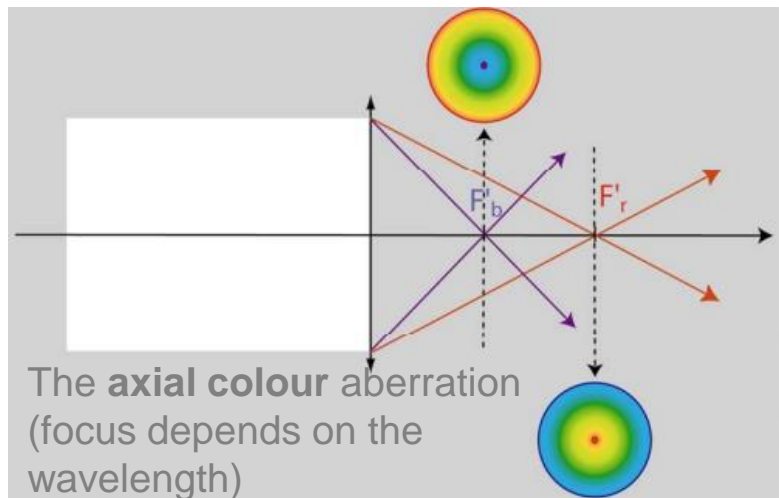
Main aberrations:

- Spherical aberration
- Coma
- Field curvature
- Astigmatism
- distortion

Monochromatic aberrations
(3rd order aberrations)

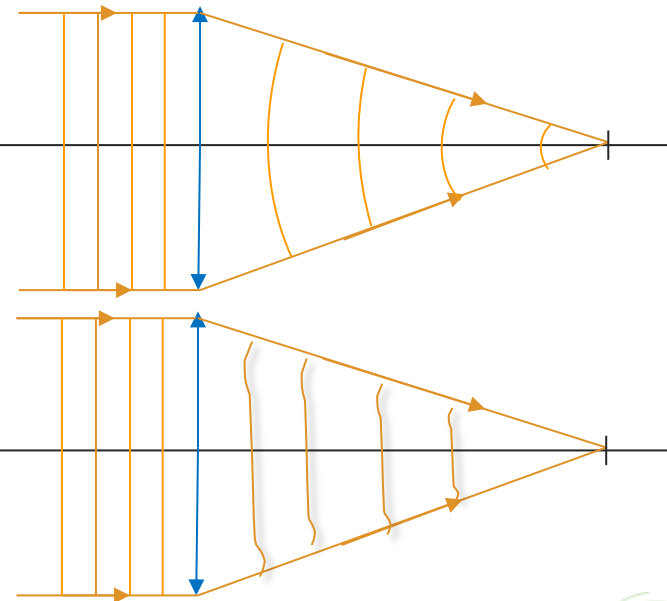
- Axial colour
- Lateral colour

Chromatic aberrations



Perfect wavefront

Realistic wavefront



Aberrations: Zernike Polynomials

Mathematical formalism to model the wavefront error:

- Orthogonal polynomials on the unity disc;
- Describing quite well the different types of aberrations

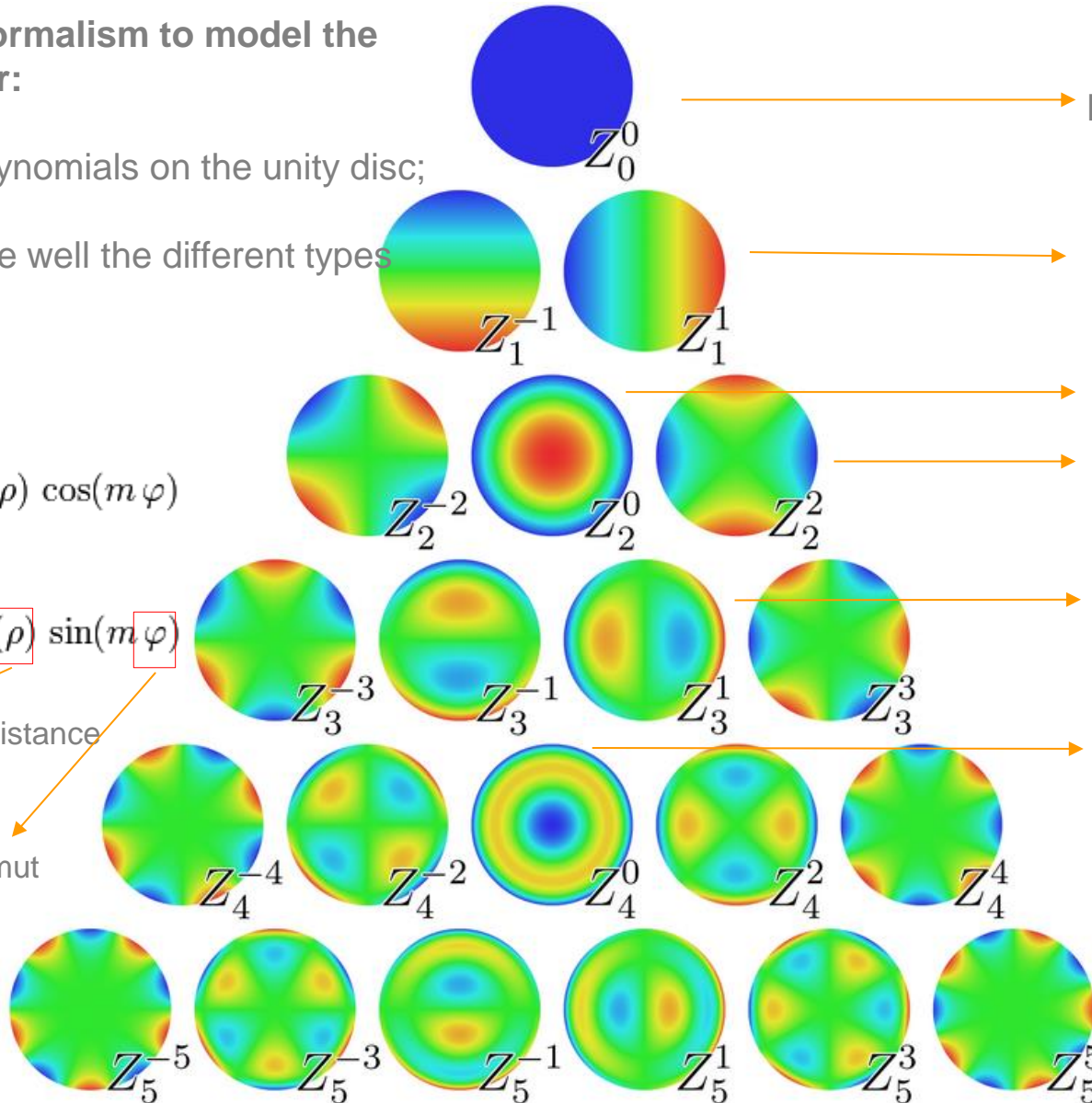
Described by:

$$Z_n^m(\rho, \varphi) = R_n^m(\rho) \cos(m\varphi)$$

$$Z_n^{-m}(\rho, \varphi) = R_n^m(\rho) \sin(m\varphi)$$

Normalized radial distance

Azimuth



Piston (perfect image)

Tilt along the X and/or Y-axis

Focus

Astigmatism

Coma

Sphericity

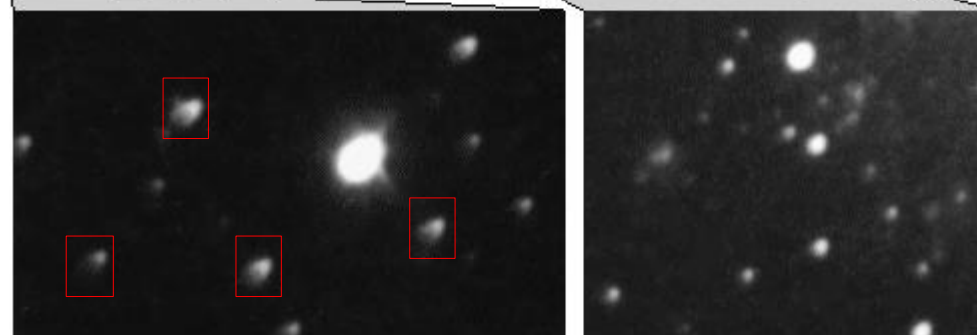
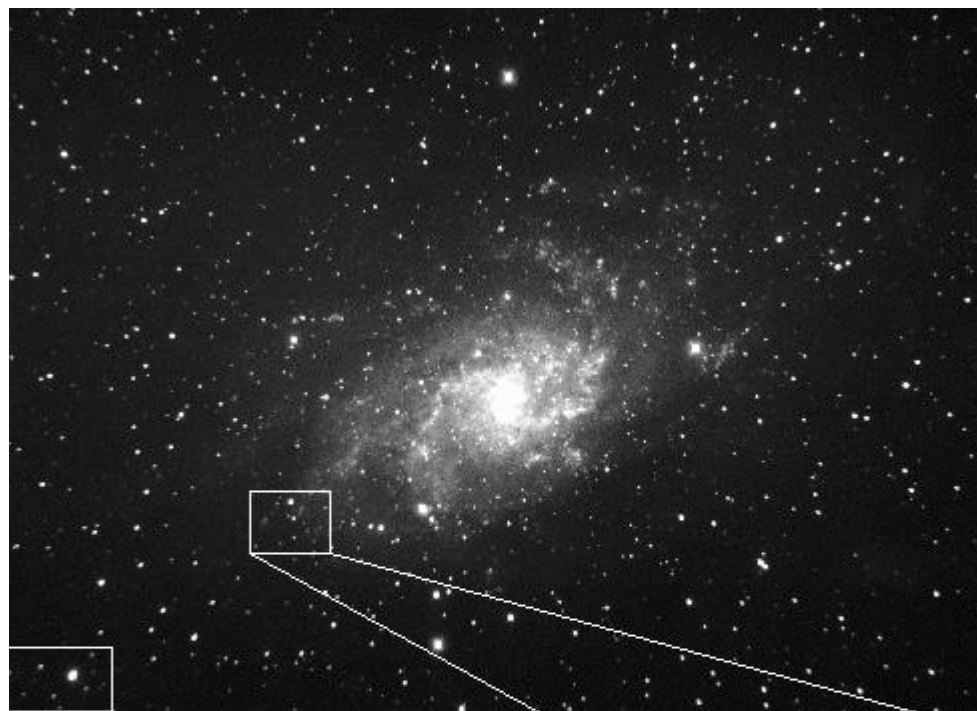
Aberrations: A few examples



1. Chromatic aberration on the image of the Moon
2. Distortion and vignetting on the image of a cathedral



3. Astigmatism and Distortion on the image of the Eiffel Tower



4. Coma on the image of a galaxy (stars look like comets... The farther we are from the center of the image, the stronger the effect is)

Simulation: a commonly used software as an example for ray-tracing

Sequential and Non-Sequential ray-tracing:

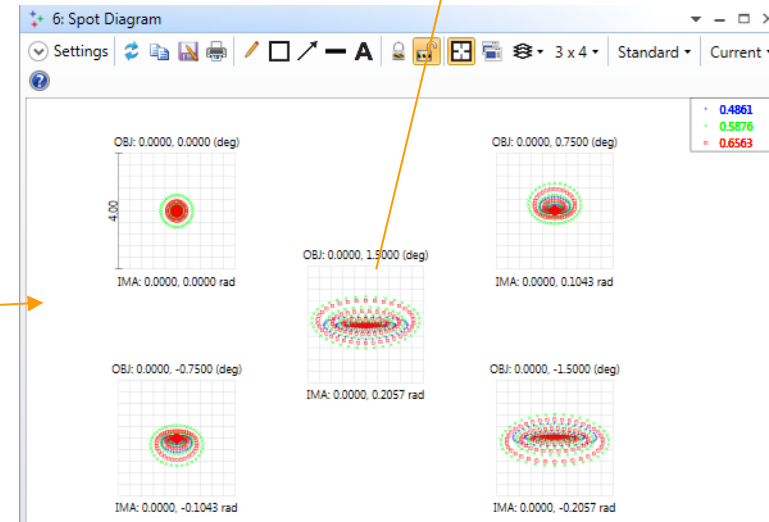
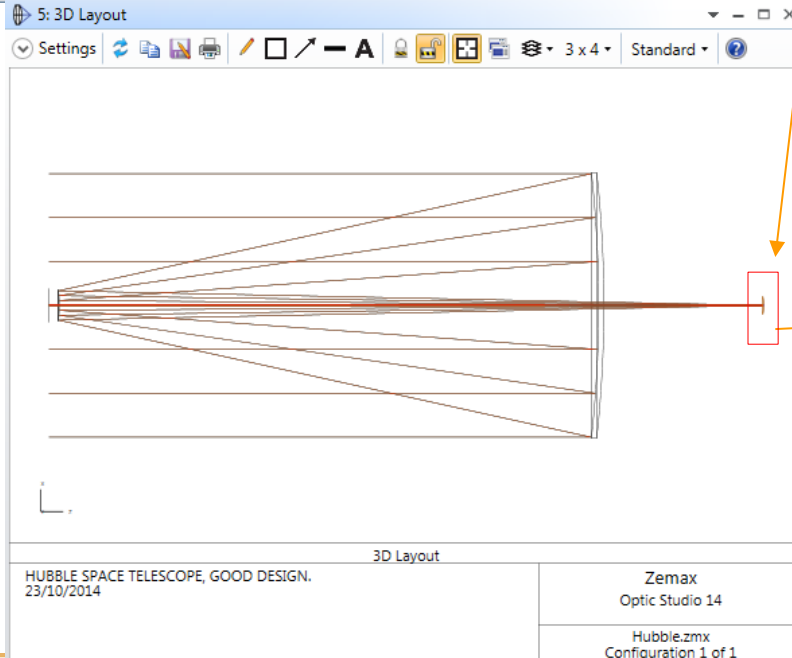
Lens Data

Surface 4 Properties Configuration 1/1

	Surf.Type	nt	Radius	Thickness	Material	Coating	Semi-Diameter
0	OBJECT Standard		Infinity	Infinity			Infinity
1	(aper) Standard		Infinity	5.000			0.155 U
2	STOP (aper) Standard		-11.040	-4.906	MIRROR		1.200
3	Standard		-1.358	6.406 M	MIRROR		0.141
4	IMAGE Standard		-0.631 V	-			0.080

Sequential listing of the elements and surfaces

Spot of the light rays on the image plane



Steps to simulation and tolerancing



What you can study with such a software:

- The optical path delay, the wavefront error
- The distortion
- The spot size on the image plane
- ...

First step: You design the system

Second step: You simulate it

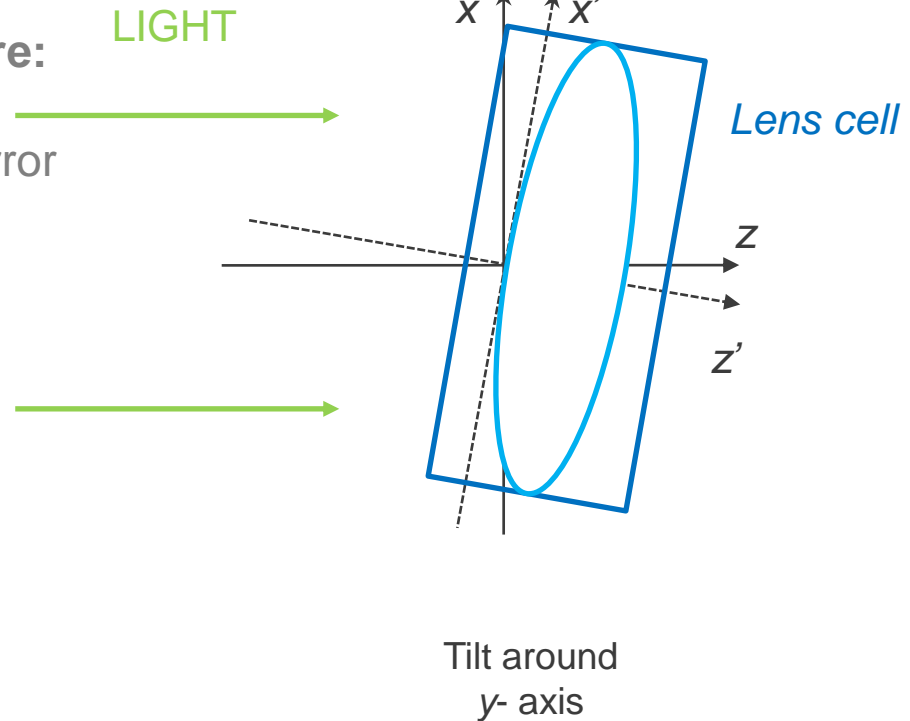
Third step: You tolerance it

Tolerancing is to get close enough to reality before manufacturing

Listing of tolerances:

- decenter/tilt of surfaces/elements/groups of elements
- Radius inaccuracy
- Spacing between the different elements
- ...

- Tolerances on elements
- Tolerances on spacing between the elements



Tolerancing

Tolerancing is basically like building a house:

How to do so:

- Chose a criterion or several for the image quality
- Simulate the deformation of the light wavefront
- All the different aberrations we know
- List the tolerances
- See how sensible is the system wrt the tolerances

We want to avoid that (but for the image quality):



The Tolerance Data Editor:

Type		Nominal			Comment
1	TOFF				COMPENSATOR
2	TOFF				WAVELENGTH
3	TWAV		0.546		test wavelength in microns (ISO xxx given by
4	TOFF				RADIUS-TOLERANCE (IN FRINGES)
5	TFRN	2	0.000	-1.000 1.000	surface TES1a
6	TFRN	3	0.000	-1.000 1.000	surface TES1b
7	TFRN	4	0.000	-1.000 1.000	surface TES2a
8	TFRN	5	0.000	-1.000 1.000	surface TES2b
9	TFRN	6	0.000	-1.000 1.000	surface TES3a
10	TFRN	7	0.000	-1.000 1.000	surface TES3b
11	TFRN	8	0.000	-1.000 1.000	surface TES4a

Test wavelength for manufacturers (ISO standard)

Tolerances chosen with respect to what can be done, It has to be **realistic**

We choose a **Maximum and a Minimum**

We apply them to the elements or surfaces we want (here surface of lenses)

Criterion for tolerancing

The quality criterion:

To compute the values of the different aberrations:

- Distortion
- Magnification factor
- Intra-band or Inter-band spectral co-registration
- ...

We can have:

- Values just for **readout** (performance parameters)
- Values for **optimization**

We set a 'Merit Function' to follow the behavior of our system:

Type	Cfg#									
1	CONF	1								
2	BLNK	UVVIS conf. average EPFL								
3	ZPLM	1	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	215.016	0.000
4	CONF	2								
5	BLNK	NIR conf. average EPFL								
6	ZPLM	1	1				0.000	0.000	214.703	0.000
7	BLNK	Ratio of the 2 average EPFL								
8	ZPLM	1	2				0.000	0.000	1.001	0.000
9	BLNK	Max of all distortion values on all the FoV and all the wavelengths for the NIR channel								
10	ZPLM	3	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-4.312E-014	0.000
11	BLNK	Max of all distortion values on all the FoV and all the wavelengths for the UVVIS channel								
12	ZPLM	5	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.609E-014	0.000
13	BLNK	IB-distortion								
14	ZPLM	6	1				0.000	0.000	8.259E-005	0.000
15	BLNK	Spectral co-registration for the NIR channel								
16	ZPLM	7	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.806E-004	0.000
17	ZPLM	7	1				0.000	0.000	1.806E-004	0.000
18	ZPLM	7	2				0.000	0.000	1.806E-004	0.000

The value of the Merit function is a an evaluation of the quality of the system

Values of average focal lengths

Value of distortion (in microns)

Value of spectral co-registration (in microns)

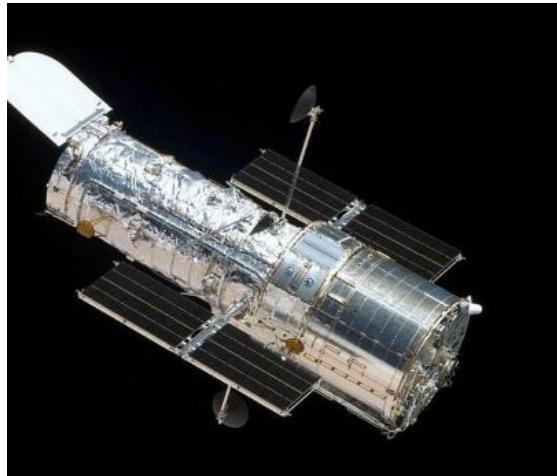
Criterion for optimizing

It is important to choose well **the criterion for the image quality** with respect to what you are asked:

- relevant (and realistic) to comply with the requirements
- used to modify somehow the preliminary designed system

2 main sets of tolerances:

- For the **as-built system (Manufacturing)**
- **Stability:** For the behavior of the system under different conditions (pressure, temperature) and through time



Hubble Space Telescope

*M100 as seen by Hubble before
and after the set-up of the optical corrector*



Before

After

For a space mission:

- Several years of exploitation
- No way to go and fix a trouble once it is launched → **so tolerancing is useful** (remember Hubble...)

We have 2 main analysis to go through during the studies:

- The **Sensitivity analysis**: we want to see how sensible your system is with respect to your defined quality criteria:

$$S = \frac{\text{criterion}}{\text{Max_tol} - \text{Min_tol}}$$

Defined in the Merit Function

Amplitude of the different tolerance

→ These tolerances are **deterministic**

→ To be evaluated **for each surface/element** or set of element of the optical system

The **Monte-Carlo analysis**: see how behave the system putting tolerances (uncertainties) in the range we define.

Goal: To get the closest possible to the real system (simulating as many situations as we can, e.g; for a Monte-Carlo run: $(\# \text{ tolerances})^2 = \# \text{ files generated}$)

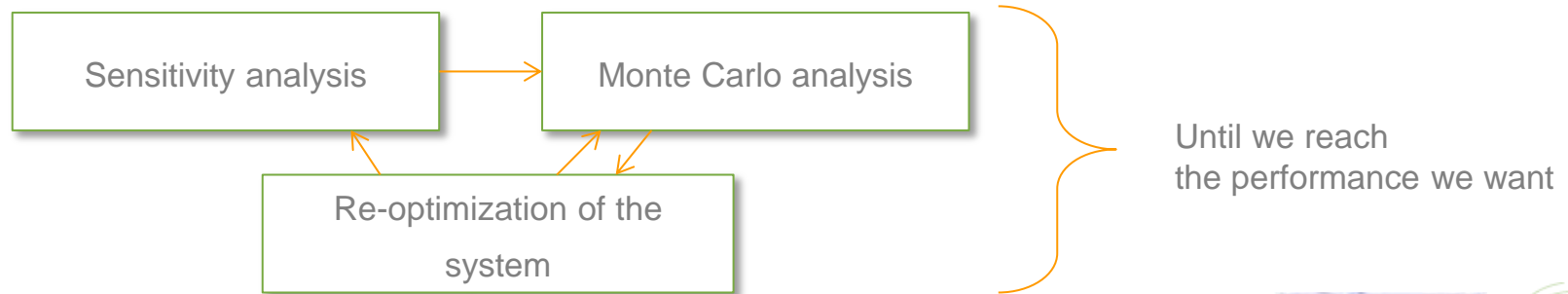
→ this time tolerances are applied **randomly**

Step of the analyze process:

- see **how sensible** the system is with respect to the tolerances and criteria
- **re-optimize** the Monte-Carlo files generated by the software putting the uncertainties in the system

For a space mission:

- tolerances are chosen **to the tenth of the values for manufacturing** (e.g.: we take a few microns for decentering of elements and of few arcmin for their tilting)
- simulate the (severe) changes in temperature and to know if the system will behave the same during all the time of the mission.





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Questions ?

