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Application of Numerical Sensitivity Analyses in Advanced Optical Modeling & Design

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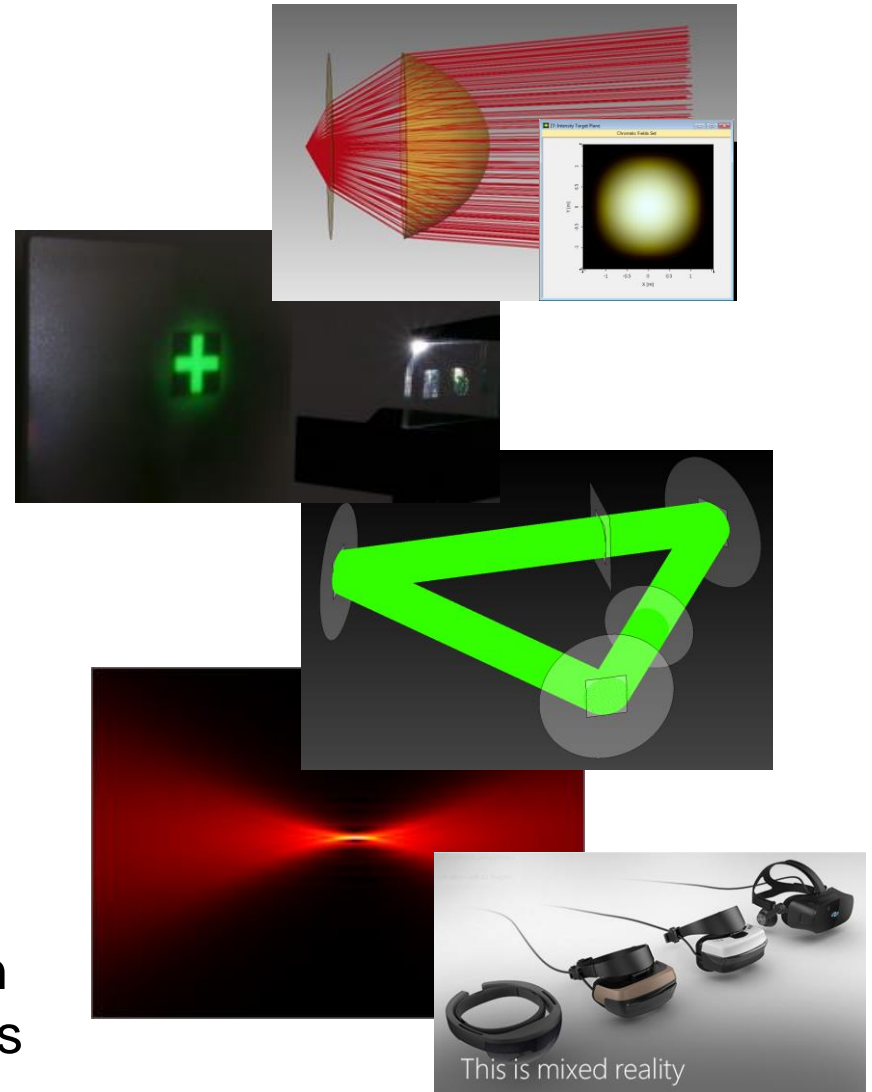
VirtualLab – Characterization

optical modeling, design and simulations

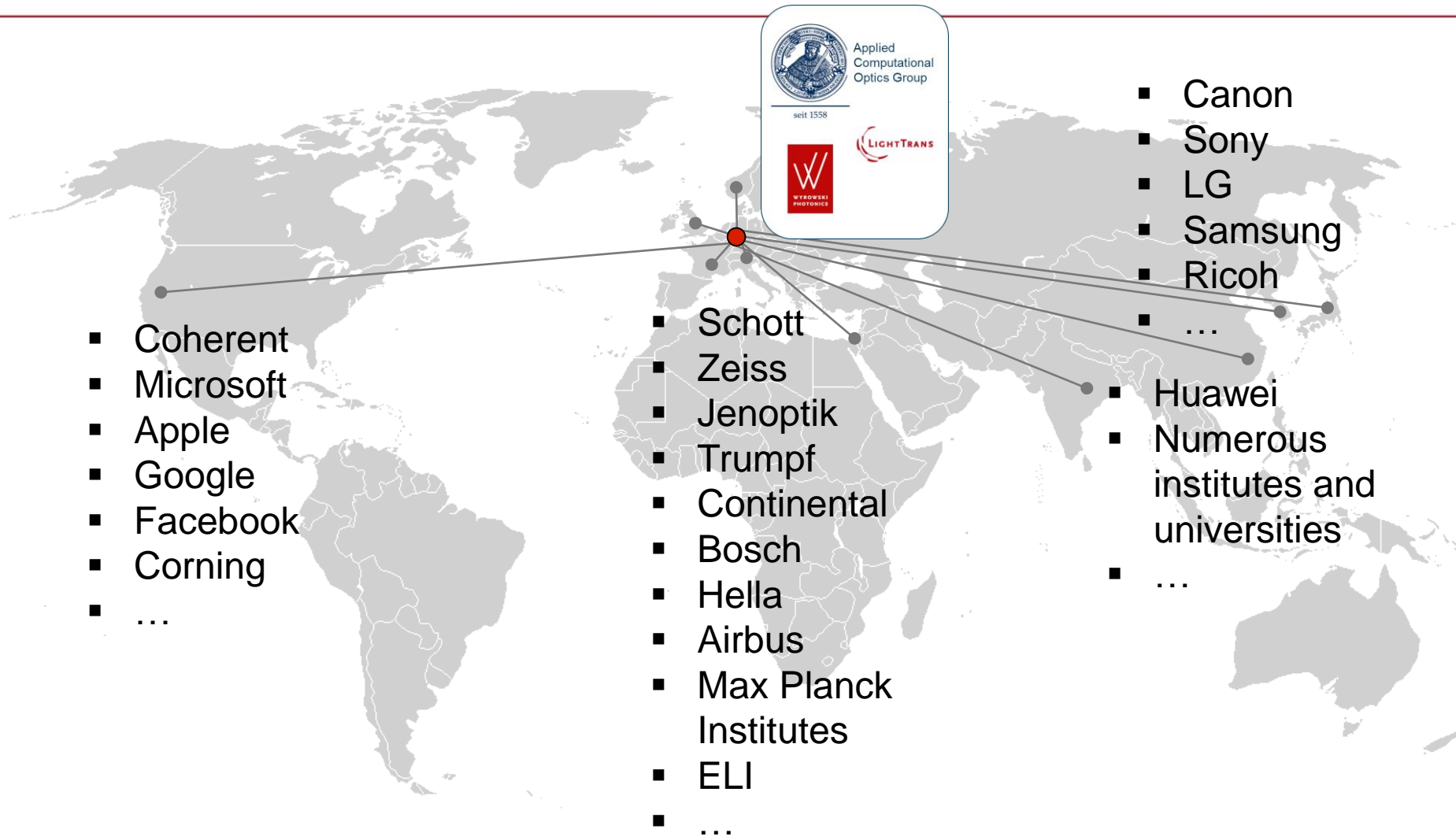
- predestined for **complex systems** which require **different modeling and simulation techniques**
- fast geometrical & physical optics engines
 - **Ray Tracing**
 - **Field Tracing**
- **modular, intuitive graphical user interface with many assisting tools**
- **toolbox concept** for user specific needs
- **development adjusted to current needs of industry and science**

VirtualLab – Typical Areas of Application

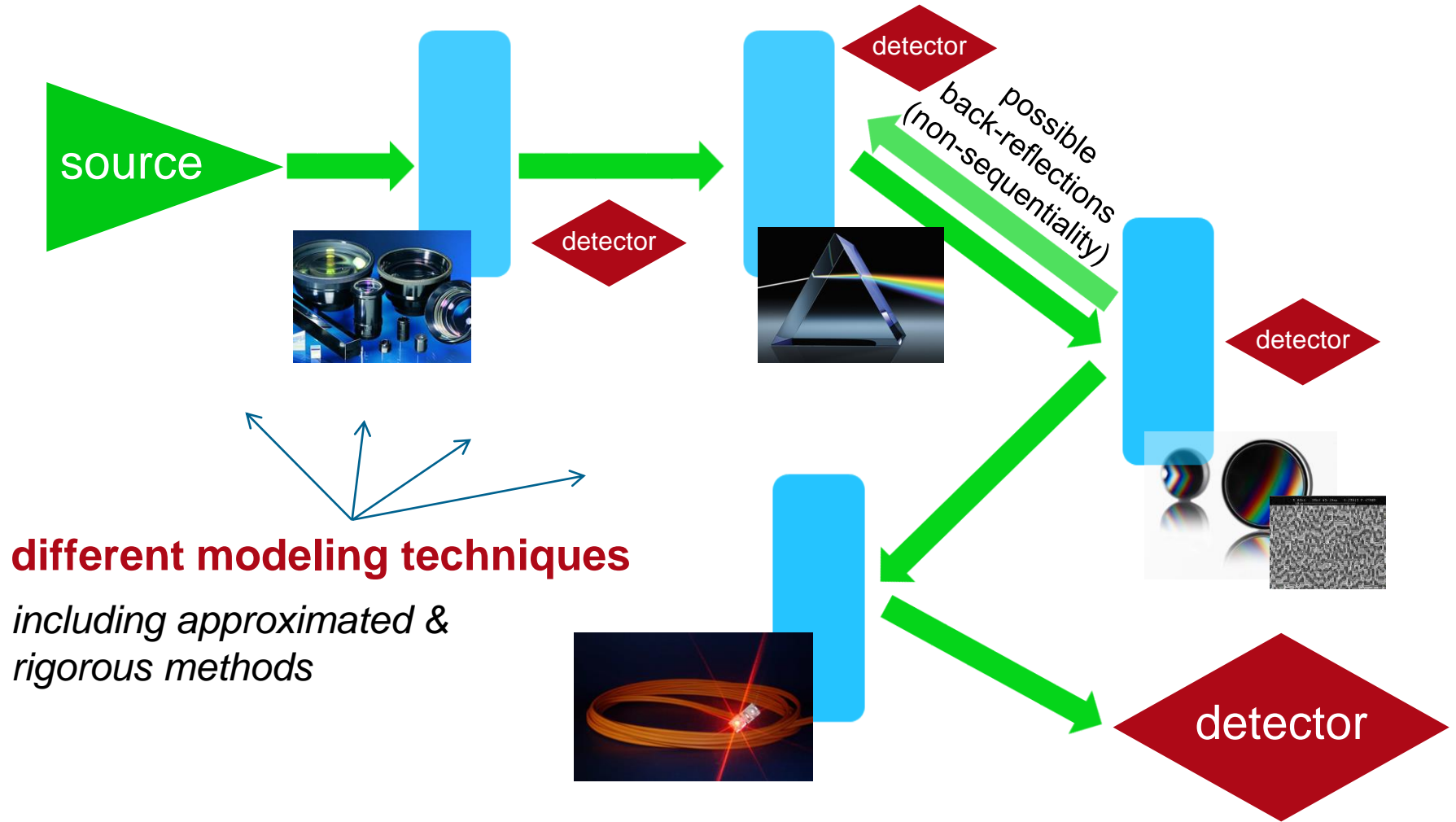
- Laser Systems and Ultra-Short Pulses
- Micro and diffractive optics freeform and gratings
- Illumination systems including functional surfaces
- Stable, unstable and ring resonators
- Imaging systems with diffractive and hybrid lenses, customized screens.
- Next version: Advanced simulation of Near Eye Display (NED) devices



Business by Applied Computational Optics

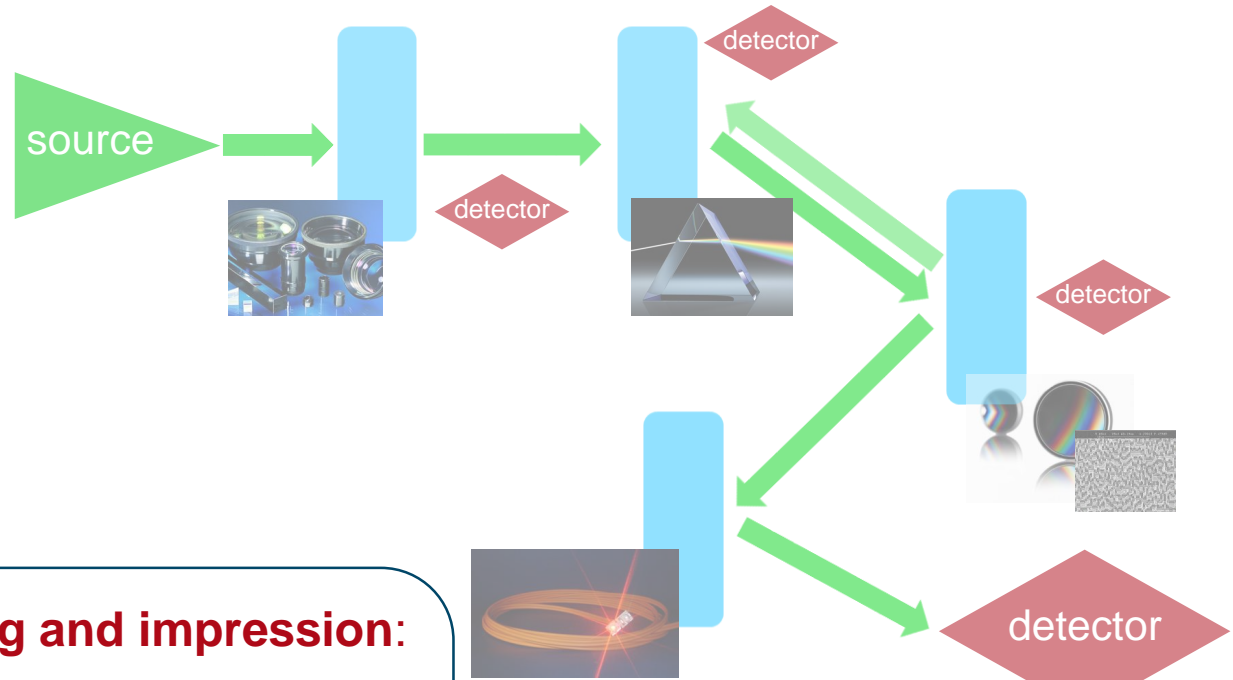


Flexibel Approach for All Kinds of Systems



Pictures from <http://de.wikipedia.org/>

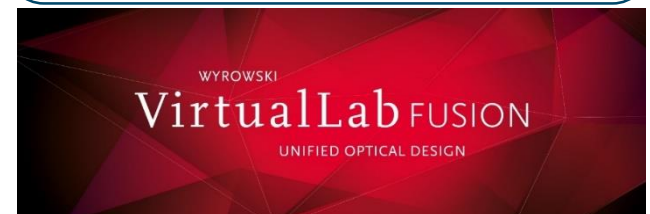
Physical Concept for Modeling



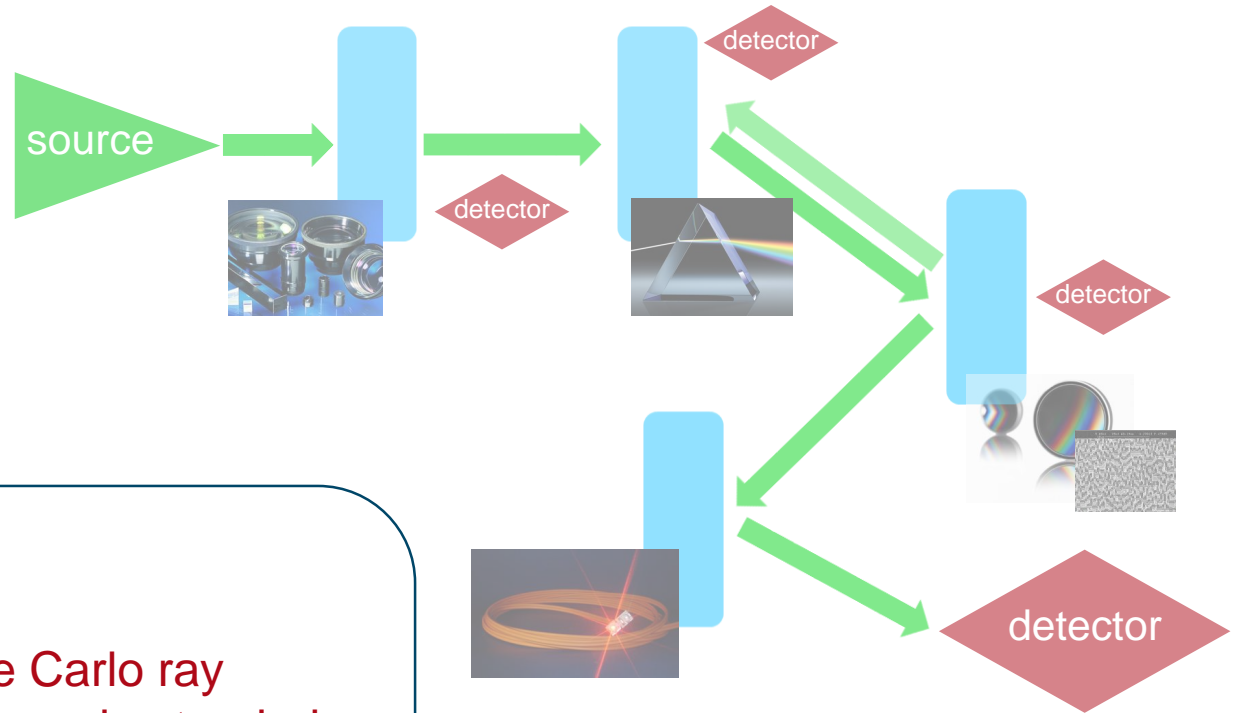
Typical understanding and impression:

- Physical optics modeling seems to be slow and often not practical!
- Ray optics modeling is fast and practical!

Ray tracing is still used in practice in most modeling situations.

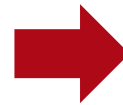


Physical Concept for Modeling



However:

- Application of Monte Carlo ray tracing for scattering and extended sources tends to be very slow!
- **Physical limitations of ray tracing has become more serious for innovative photonics products.**



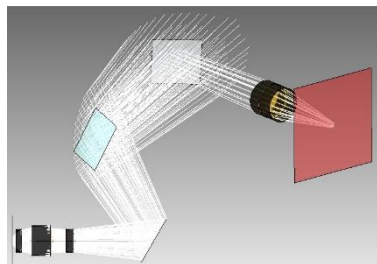
Increasing demand and interest in physical optics modeling and design based on **fast physical optics!**

VirtualLab

Starting Point

Optical System to be optimized/investigated

1. **VirtualLab** setup / modeling / simulation of system
2. **VirtualLab** optimization
3. **VirtualLab** evaluation of optimized system



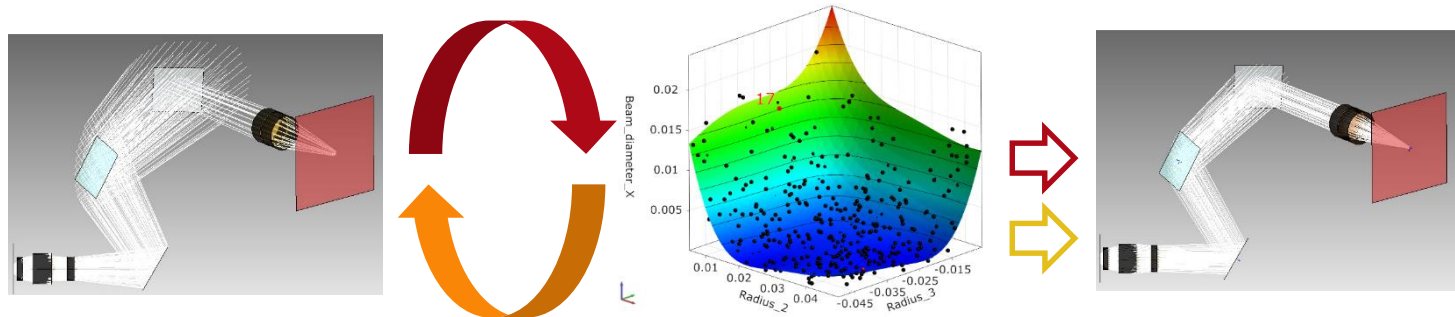
→ optimizing → evaluation

VirtualLab + optiSLang

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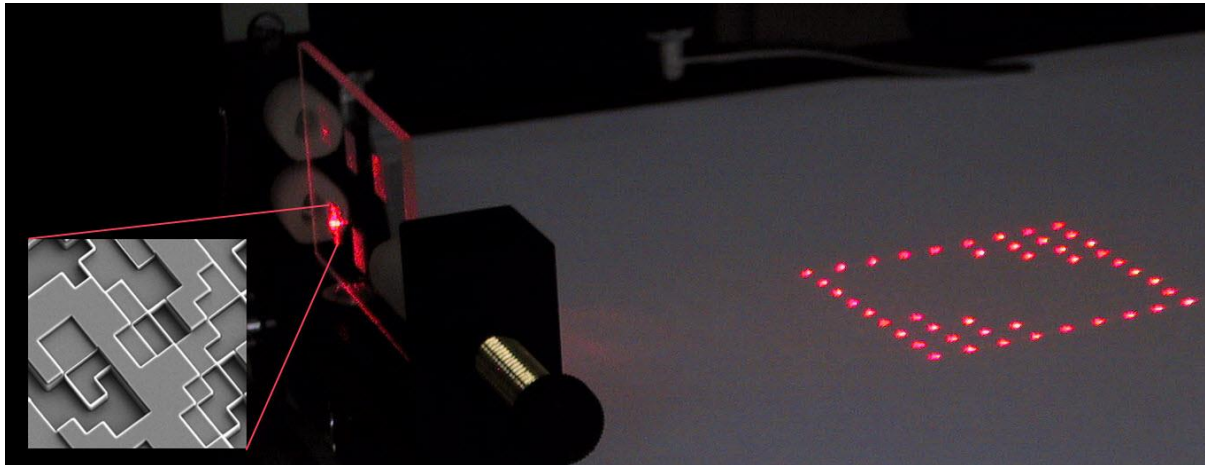
Optical System to be optimized/investigated

1. **VirtualLab** setup / modeling / simulation of system
2. **optiSLang** high end optimization & analysis
3. **VirtualLab** evaluation system optimized by **optiSLang**

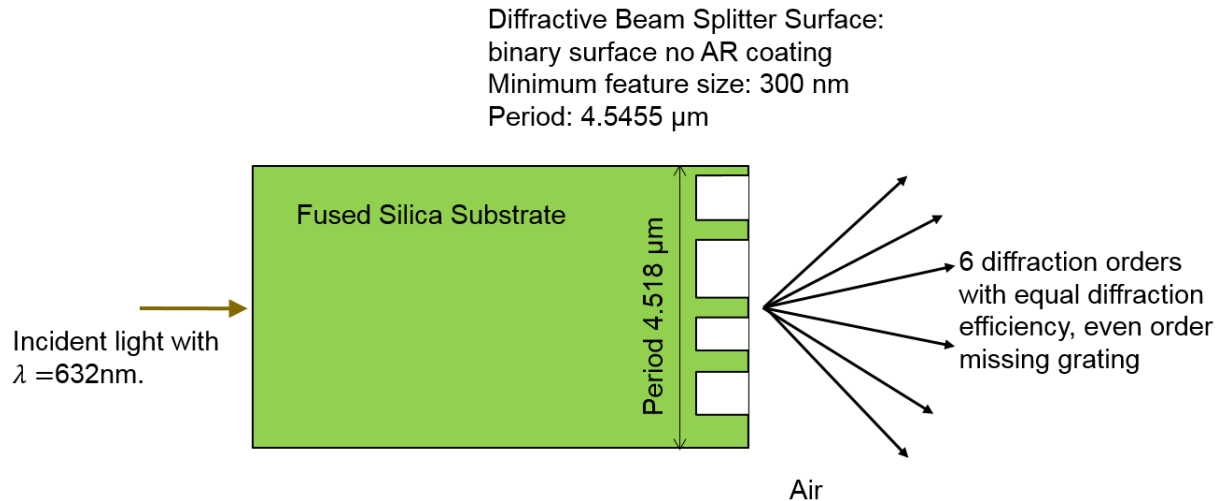


Example: Beam Splitter

- required for various applications, e.g. motion tracking (Microsoft Kinect), LIDAR and laser material processing
- optimization is challenging, especially for large diffraction angles (high NA)
- microstructures with structure sizes in range of wavelength



Setup & Requirements



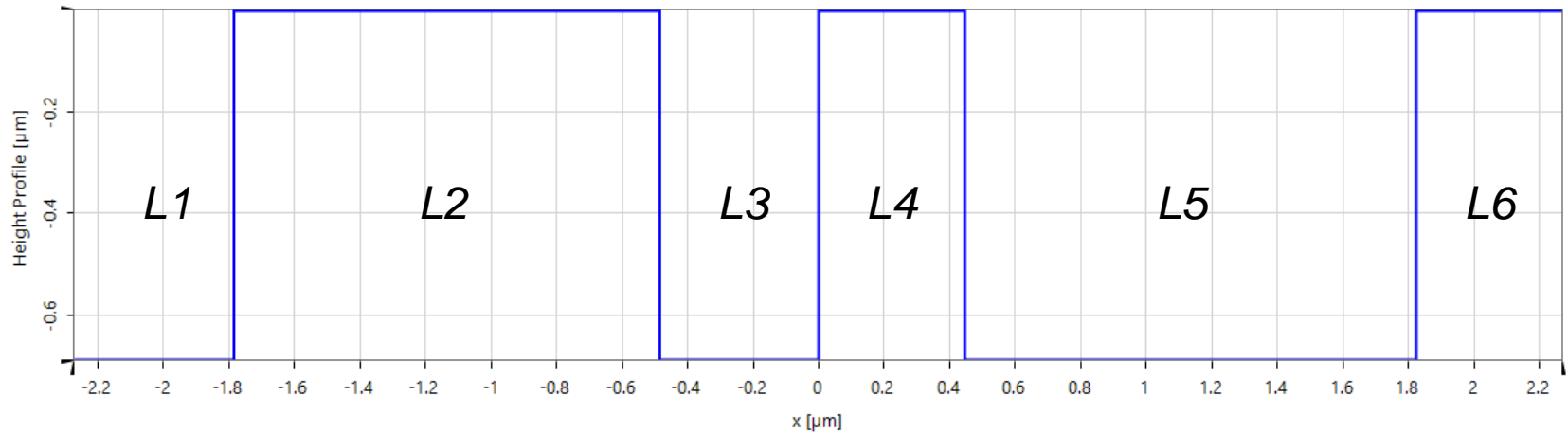
- definition of *TotalEfficiency*:

$$\eta = \eta_1 + \eta_{-1} + \eta_3 + \eta_{-3} + \eta_5 + \eta_{-5} > 80\%$$

- definition of *UniformityError*:

$$U = \frac{\eta_{\max} - \eta_{\min}}{\eta_{\max} + \eta_{\min}} < 0.5\%$$

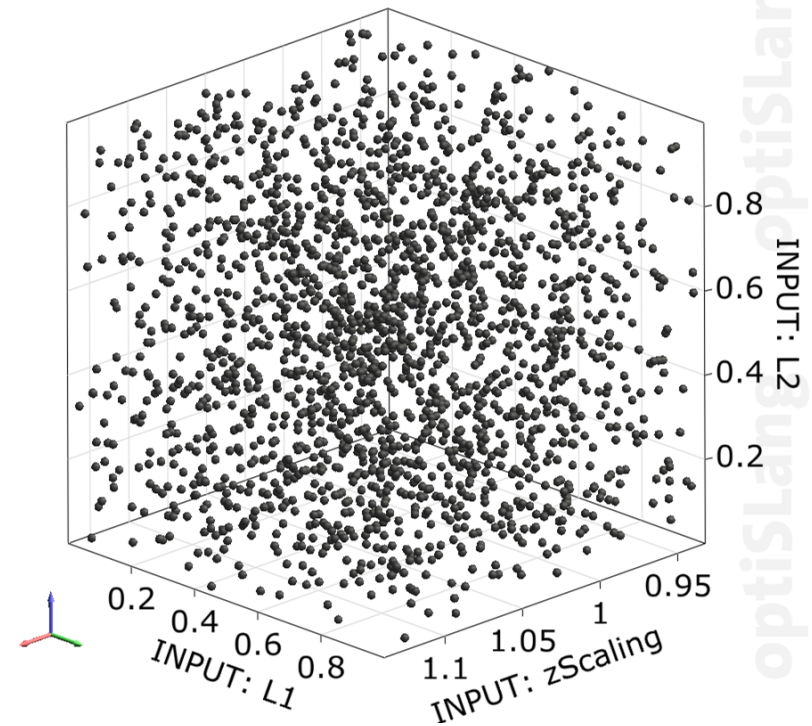
Definition of Parameters & Constraints



- introduction of 6 parameters: lengths $L1$, $L2$, $L3$, $L4$, $L5$ and $L6$
- minimal feature size
- total length is equal to period (thus only 5 of 6 lengths are free)
- modulation depth: *zScaling*

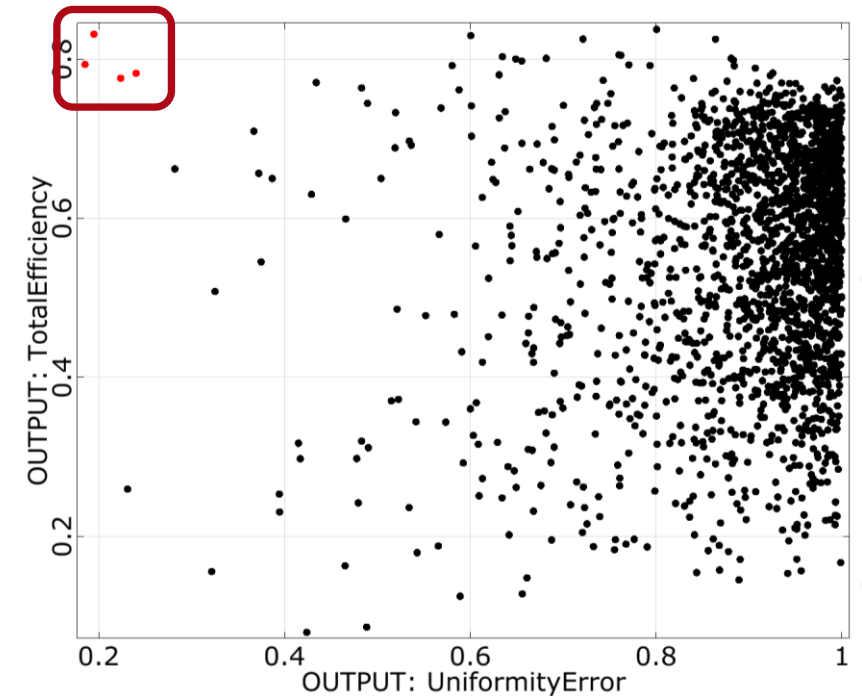
Sensitivity Analysis

- Advanced Latin Hypercube Sampling
- 2000 designs
- input parameter:
 - $L1-L6$: $0 \dots 2.74 \mu\text{m}$
 - $zScaling$: $0.93 \mu\text{m} \dots 1.14 \mu\text{m}$



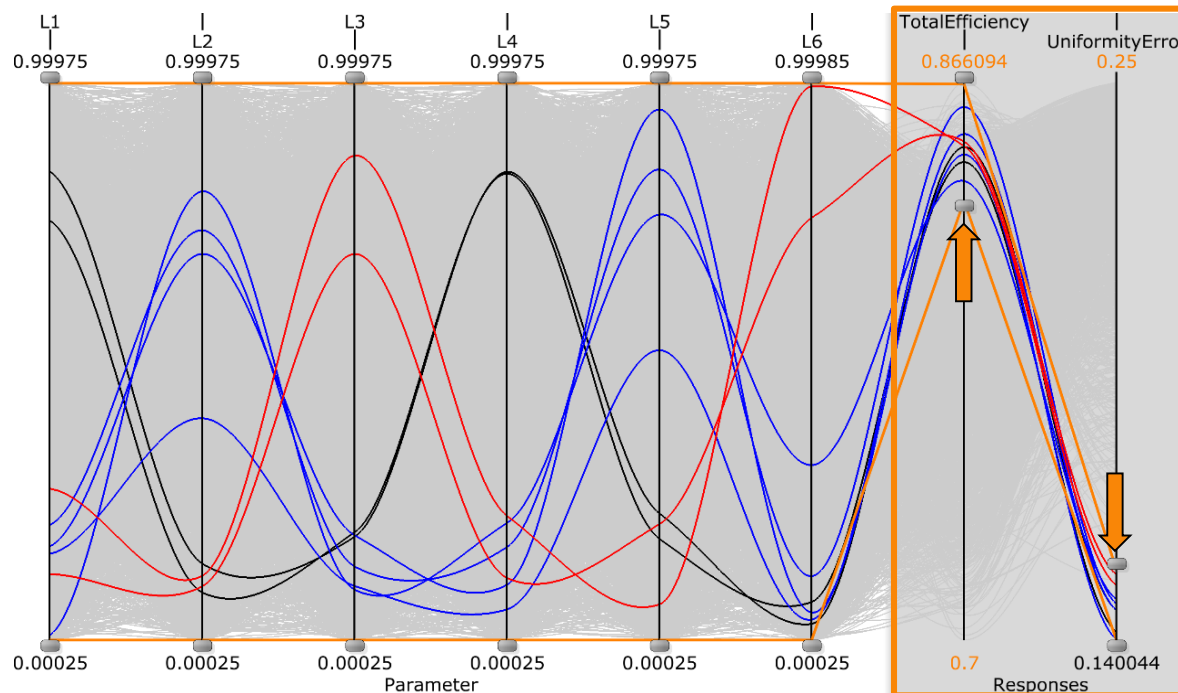
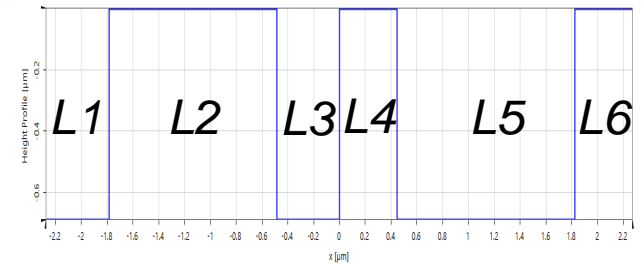
Result of Sensitivity Analysis

- 2000 designs
- only 4 results close to optimum
- reason: inadequate definition of parameters and/or objective function



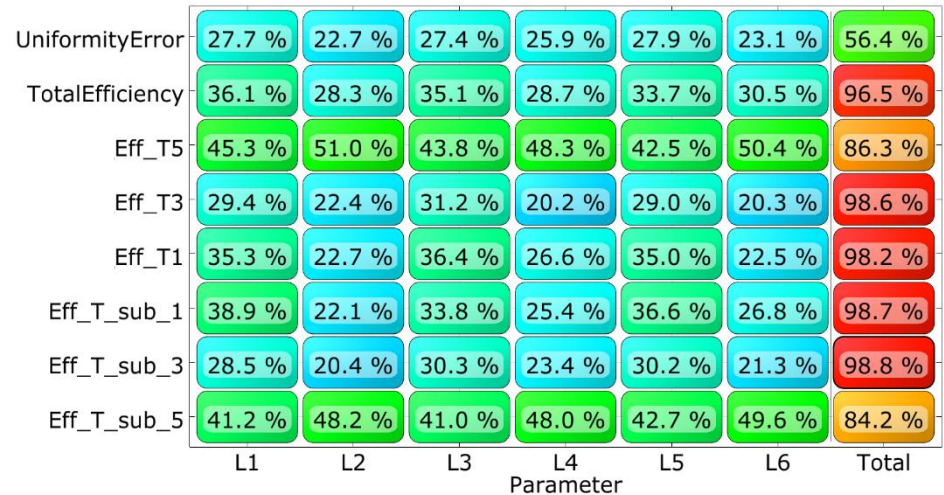
Sensitivity Analysis: Parallel Coordinate Plot

- close to optimum: $L1/L4$, $L2/L5$ and $L3/L6$ correspond to each other
- therefore: reduction of parameters
 $L2=L5$ and $L1=L2=L3=L4=L6$ and introduction of parameter **FreeLength**

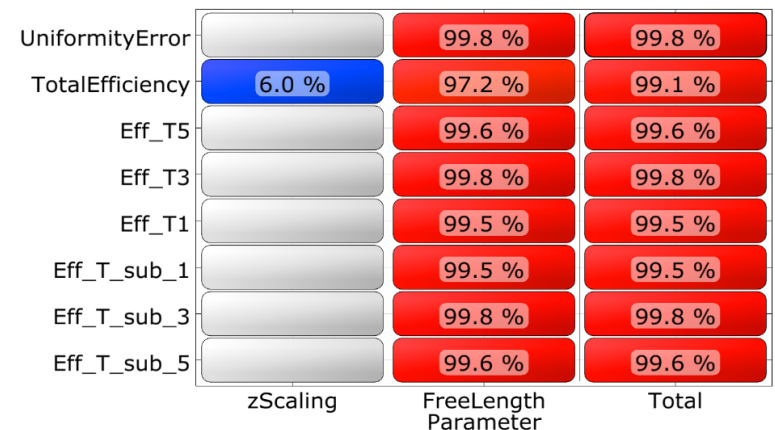


Sensitivity Analysis: Parameter Optimization

- sensitivity analysis based on 6 parameters
- 2000 designs
- CoPs between 56% and 99%
- no influence of *zScaling*

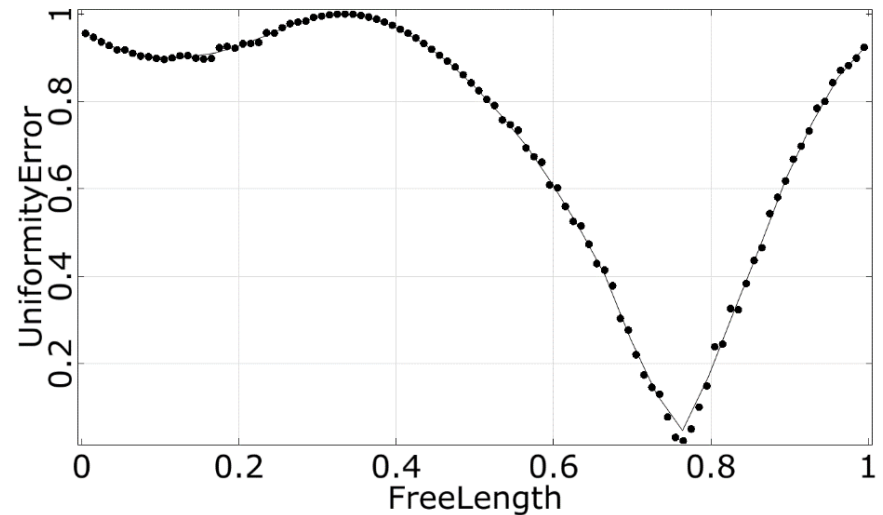
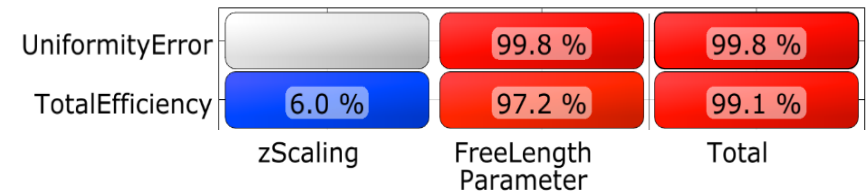
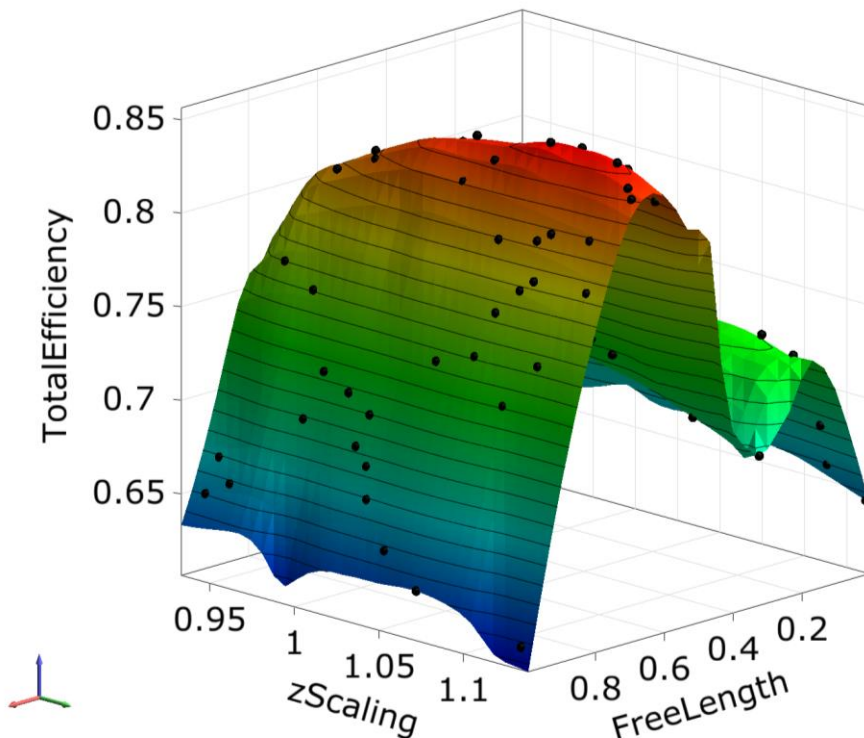


- sensitivity analysis based parameter ***FreeLength***
- 100 designs
- CoPs 99%
- *zScaling* shows small influence



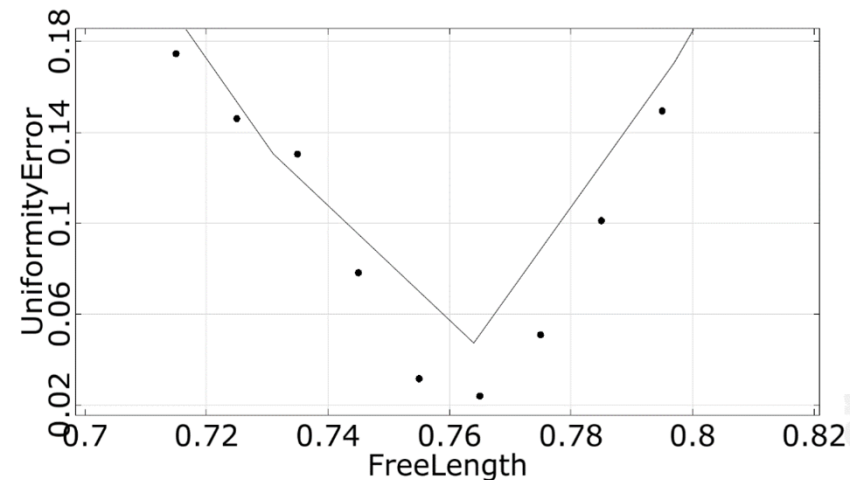
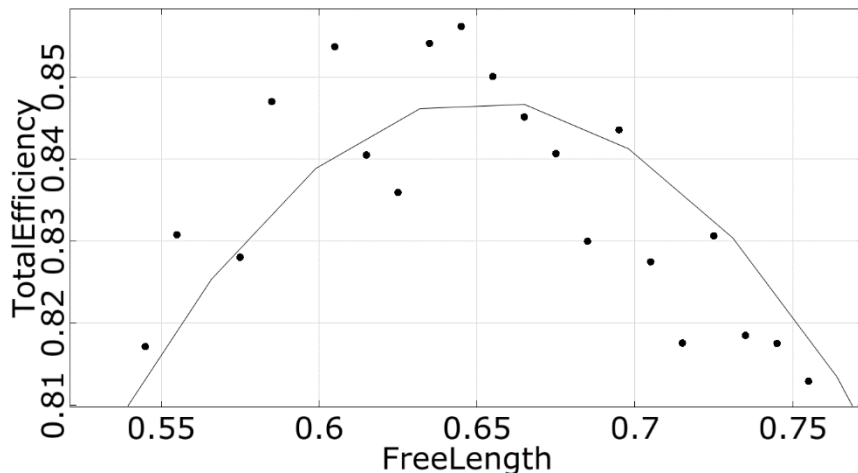
Sensitivity Analysis: Final Dependencies

- all response strongly depend on *FreeLength*
- *UniformityError* is independent of *zScaling*
- low noise level of VirtualLab model (less than 1%)



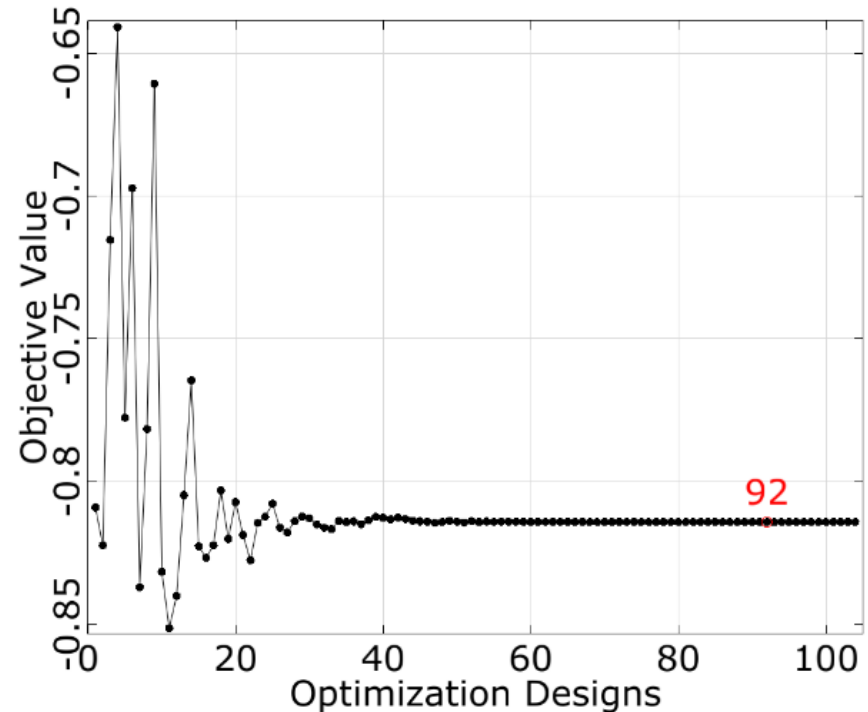
Sensitivity Analysis: Design Improvement

- UniformityError is independent of *zScaling*, thus only *FreeLength* is considered in range of optimum
→ reduction of number of input parameters
- *FreeLength* differs in optimum of *TotalEfficiency* and *UniformityError*
→ responses are slightly in conflict
→ definition of *UniformityError* as constraint for optimization



Optimization result

- Optimization based on Adaptive Response Surface Method (ARSM)
- *UniformityError* is reduced significantly



	Target Design	Initial IFTA Design	Rigorous Design
Total Efficiency	maximize	80.9%	81.4%
Uniformity Error	$\leq 0.5\%$	6.4%	0.498%

Summary

- analysis and understanding of parameter dependencies
- identification of optimization potential
- simplification the complexity of optical optimization problems
- optimization of parameters and optical function

