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# Robust design optimization for optical systems

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## Workflow Automation

Process Integration, Simulation Workflow Building & Automation





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## Robust Design Optimization Strategy





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# Test Data Analysis

**Example:** Laser Ablation Process



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# Coupled Robust Design Optimization

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- Decision making is possible by illustrating this trade-off



B. Albuquerque, 2014, dissertation, "Multi-objective Memetic Approach for the automatic design of optical systems"





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## optiSLang's Robustness Analysis is more than a Tolerance Analysis

- Results for each output/ merit:
  - 1. Observed scattering
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  - 3. Global sensitivities of inputs
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## Analysis of Light Distribution

- Analysis of scalar data (e.g. efficiency)

   = efficient to gain design understanding
   -> BUT: only a simplified representation of light distribution
- Analysis of the whole available information

   (2D light distribution) can be very helpful to understand
   WHICH input parameter is influencing
   WHERE on the light distribution map,
   HOW it influences and
   HOW STRONG this influence is.







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# Opto-Thermo-Mechanical Simulation

## **1. Automation of workflows**

- Integration optical and mechanical simulation tools in optiSLang
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- Sensitivity Analysis
- Optimization
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# **Optimization of a Binary Grating for Lightguide** Coupling

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## Optimization Task: Binary Grating Coupling

• How to design a binary grating structure to couple a set of plane waves into a planar lightguide?





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## Problem description: Inputs

• Parameters to be varied for optimization

#### Inputs

- variation of the fill factor c/p with the slit width c and the period p
  - ➢ 0.1% to 99.9%
- variation of the **modulation depth** *h* 
  - 50 nm to 1500 nm

Initial Configuration of Grating	
fill factor	50.00%
modulation depth	400.00 nm
period	410 nm
operating order	1 <sup>st</sup> transmitted

#### grating efficiencies detector





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## Problem description: Outputs

## • Aim of the optimization over the desired FOV:

- Maximize Mean Efficiency
- Minimize Uniformity Contrast





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## Optimization Results

- Pareto Front of two contradicting objectives:
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- Pareto Front illustrates optimal compromise between objectives
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• Cluster Analysis of Fill Factor (3 clusters)





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## Results: Coupling Efficiency after Optimization

• As a result, the uniformity contrast was significantly reduced but to the cost of the entire efficiency



Use Case: https://www.lighttrans.com/use-cases/application-use-cases/optimization-of-binary-grating-for-lightguide-coupling-over-desired-fov.html



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# Optimization of a Slanted Grating for Lightguide Coupling

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## Optimization Task: Slanted Grating Coupling

• How does the additional free parameter of the slant angle affect the design of the incouple grating?





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## Optimization Result of optiSLang

• The additional freedom of the slant angle provides additional solutions



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## Results: Coupling Efficiency after Optimization

- Best solution can be selected according specific constraints
- Either uniformity contrast or mean efficiency might be prioritized



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## Further work and outlook

• 2D data analysis for further understanding and improved optimization results, e.g. to obtain a desired angular efficiency



Calculated Angular Efficiency at Eye-Box Assumed Desired Angular Efficiency at Incouple Region



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## Further work and outlook





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## Similar applications with Statistics on Structures







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# ZKW headlamp tolerance analysis

## **Customer benefits**

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### Challenge

- Future driving enables high definition illumination of the road
- The optical module projects a DMD with 1,3 million micro-mirrors on the road utilizing an achromatic three lens system
- Therefore we have to understand tolerances in three-lens manufacturing process based on a Zemax lens model
- High resolution of the system requires advanced tolerancing method → standard tolerancing techniques do not work any longer







## Robustness analysis for headlamp systems @ ZKW

### Challenge

- Understand tolerances in DLP manufacturing process using a Zemax lens model
- process was based on subjective estimations for tolerances and performance measures, no objective data available



- Explore new technologies (DLP module) in lighting with optiSLang robustness analysis: find adequate input tolerances by defining limits for performance measures based on data from the analysis
- Even the adjustment process during manufacturing can be modelled with optiSLang for highly accurate results
- Implement tolerances in optimization process with automated RDO loop

#### **Benefit**

- Tolerances of existing module were tailored to be not too high and not too low
- Realistic estimate of the performance of the system under tolerance influences
- Work on objectified data with suppliers (tolerances) and customers (performance variation)
- Use tolerance workflow for the next generation of lighting systems







### Solution

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#### **Solution**

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- Lens adjustment process during manufacturing can be modelled with optiSLang and production capability values can be deduced







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- Easy to check performance of different designs of the tolerancing in Zemax (MTF) or other raytracing software



### Optical design with tolerances





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#### Benefit

- Tolerances of existing module were tailored to be not too high and not too low → cost savings
- Realistic estimate of the performance of the system under tolerance influences
- Easy to check performance of different designs of the tolerancing in Zemax (MTF) or other raytracing software
- Easy to verify most important surfaces and where to put emphasis in lens manufacturing process
- Work on objectified data with suppliers (tolerances) and customers (performance variation)









#### **Future use**

- Same workflow can be used for the next generation of lighting systems and different light-modules
- Robust design optimization will be implemented via OptiSLang workflow and promises even better and more feasible optical solutions
- Tolerancing can be implemented at an early stage for high performance within a complex field of requirements
- Further functionalities enable even more advanced tolerancing studies within different raytracing environments



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## Robust Design Optimization of optical systems

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# Problem Description

- Collimation of Diode Laser Beam by Objective Lens
- Optimization objective:
  - Minimize *divergence angle* in x and y direction
  - Minimize  $m^2$  to be close to 1 in x and y direction
- Robustness criteria:
  - Coefficient of Variation (CoV) of *divergence angle* and  $m^2$  in x and y direction should not exceed 20%





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## Optical Design Optimization

Metamodel of Divergence Angle X

The lower radius 5 the lower the divergence angle!

An intermediate radius 4 leads to a low divergence angle!





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# Optical Design Optimization

Pareto optimization on metamodel

Best design can be chosen from the Pareto front and used as start design for further direct optimization



**Optimization criteria** 



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## Robustness Analysis

Optical design is not robust in terms of m<sup>2</sup> (CoV =71%!) due to the variation of the lateral shift



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## Coupled Robust Design Optimization

- Optimization criteria: weighted merits in one objective function
- Robustness criteria: weighted standard deviation of merits in second objective function





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## Coupled Robust Design Optimization

## • Further steps:

- Check value of inputs
- Check performance of each output parameter





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## Summary – Robust Design Optimization

## Workflow

- 1. Sensitivity analysis
  - Correlation and cluster analysis
  - MOP generation
- 2. Optimization on MOP using best design from sensitivity analysis
- 3. Optimization with direct solver calls using start design from previous optimization on MOP
- 4. Robustness analysis
- 5. Coupled or iterative Robust Design Optimization



### Opto-Thermo-Mechanical Simulation

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## **Opto-thermo-mechanical simulation**

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# Optical Design Optimization

- Optimization objective:
  - Minimize *divergence angle* in x and y direction
  - Minimize  $m^2$  to be close to 1 in x and y direction
- Constraints:
  - Thermal load shouldn 't interfere with *divergence* and  $m^2$





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# Thermo-Mechanical Design Optimization

## • Innovation steps:

- 0. Improve optical design without optiSLang
- 1. Use optiSLang for optical design optimization
- 2. Use optiSLang for thermo-mechanical design optimization
- 3. Use optiSLang for opto-thermo-mechanical design optimization





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## Thermo-Mechanical Design Optimisation

Static-structural analysis for the determination of lens deformations due to lens mounting and inhomogeneous temperature distribution



Simulation in Ansys Mechanical



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## **Opto-thermo-mechanical design simulation**

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## Opto-Thermo-Mechanical Design Optimization

- Mechanical inputs to optical outputs show different influences compared to separate analysis of optical and thermo-mechanical design
  - Local distribution of the deformation plays an important role!
  - Not only maximum value of the deformation gives insights about the system behavior





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Dytimization and June 25 – 26, 2020 Stochastic Days 2020 Virtual Conference Ansys Solution for Opto-Thermo-Mechanical simulation



• Ansys Workbench acts as Workflow manager to connect SPEOS and Mechanical

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• Additionally, optiSLang can be used for Robust Design Optimization

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## Application: Laser Material Processing setup Measurement of thermal lens, beam caustic, focus shift





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Beam caustic at 25W and 500W → Difference between both = Focus shift

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## Calculation of focus shift with thermo-mechanical analysis Workflow in Ansys Workbench

- 1. Reading measurement data (temperature profile of the lens)
- 2. Mechanical analysis
- 3. Export of the deformed lens geometries in ASCII format (= input for optical analysis)



# optiSLang Tutorials with optics solvers

- SPEOS:
  - Lightguide
  - SPEOS for NX and Ansys SPEOS (Workbench)
  - Sensitivity Analysis & Optimization
  - Ansys Learning Hub
- Zemax OpticStudio:
  - Cooke Triplet
  - Sensitivity Analysis & Optimization
  - available on request







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