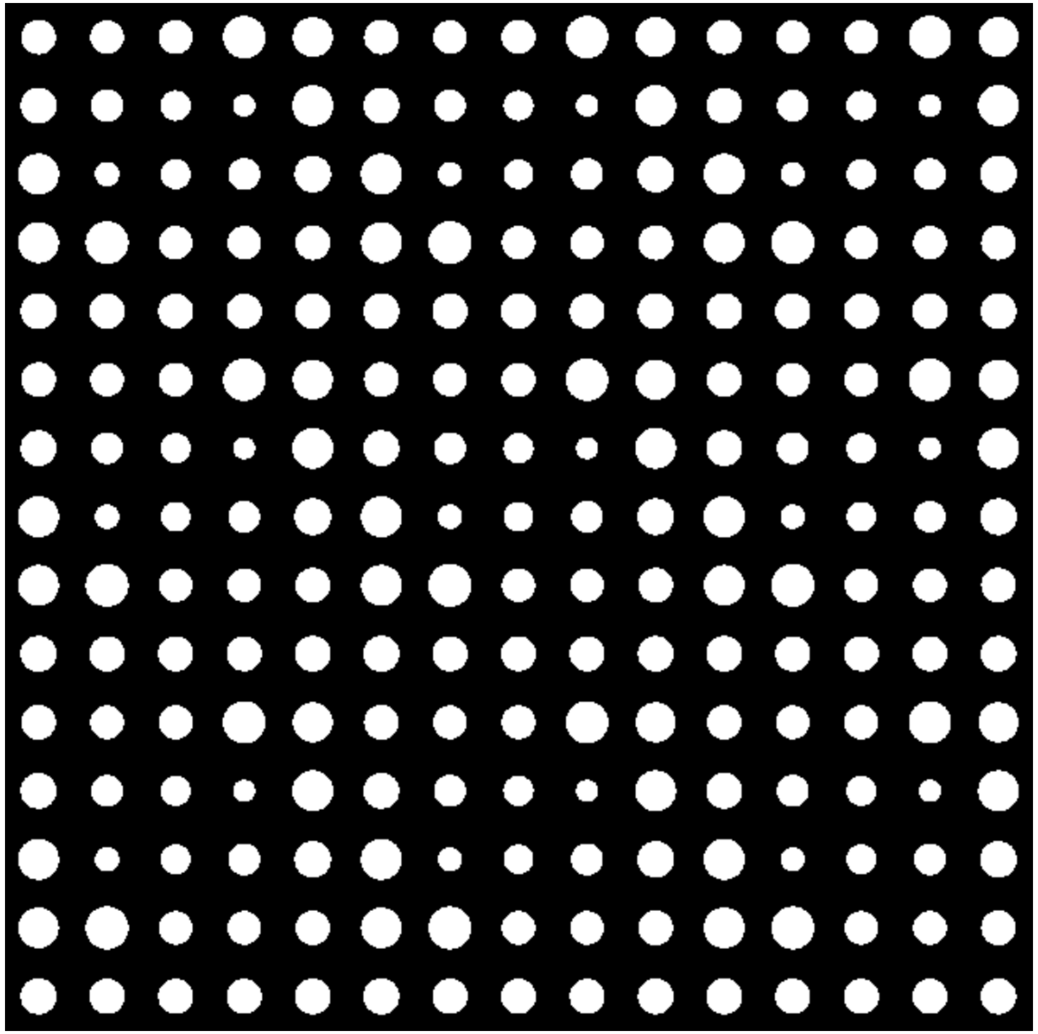
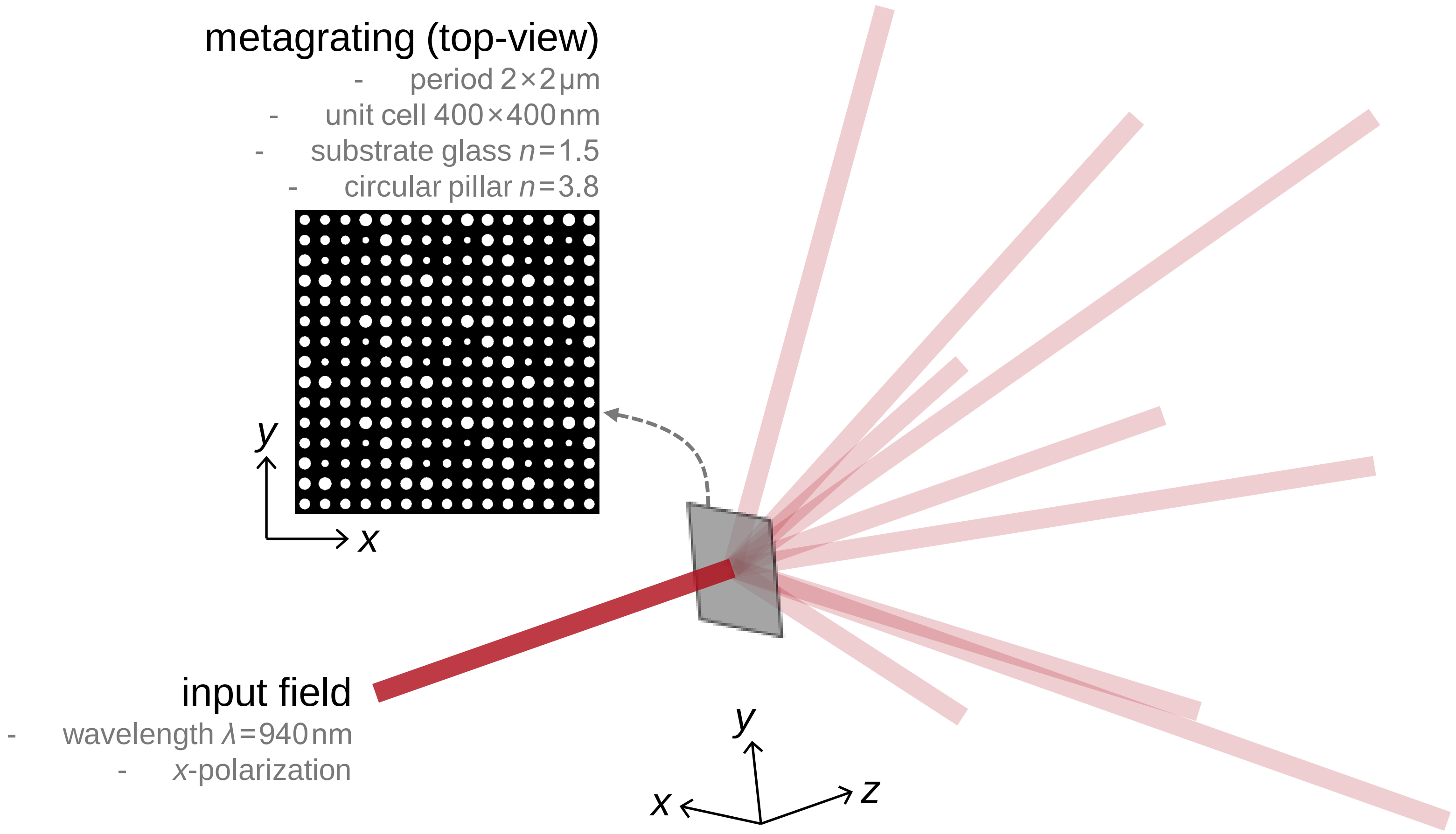
Design of 2D Non-Paraxial Beam-Splitting Metagrating

Abstract



Metagratings are shown to have advantages when comparing with traditional gratings, especially in non-paraxial cases. In this example, we design a two-dimensional (2D) metagrating that splits the input into 3x3 beams. The metagrating is constructed with circular nano pillars, and in VirtualLab Fusion, we use FMM/RCWA to evaluate the diffraction efficiency of the metagrating. And, we show how to use the parametric optimization tool to improve the uniformity of the diffraction efficiencies.

Design Task



How to design a metagrating that splits the input into 3×3 beams, with

- uniform power distribution into the 3×3 beams, and
- high overall transmission power of the 3×3 beams?

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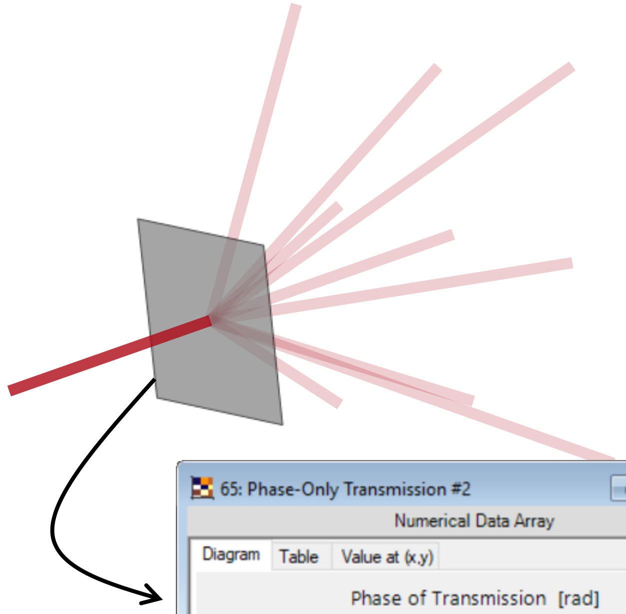

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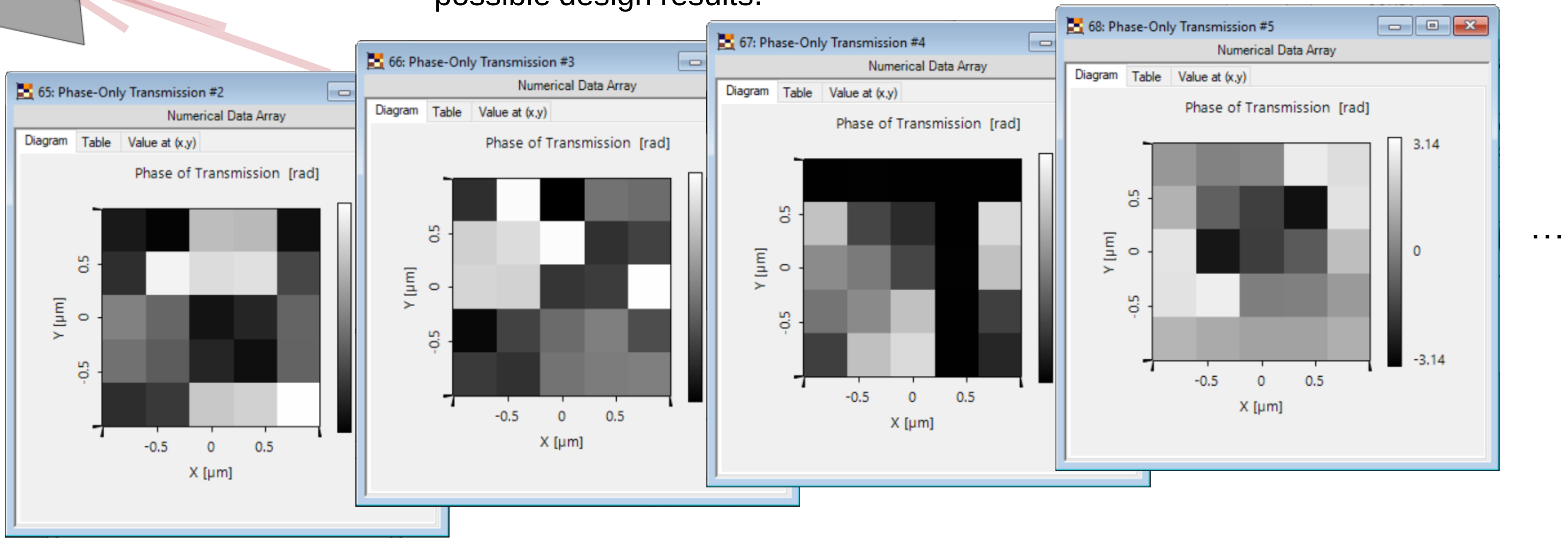

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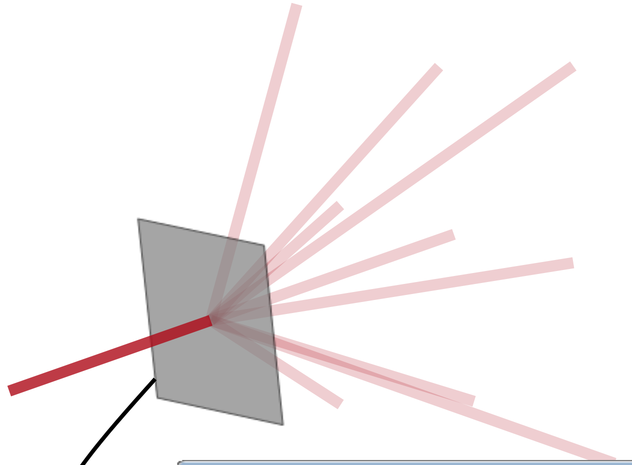

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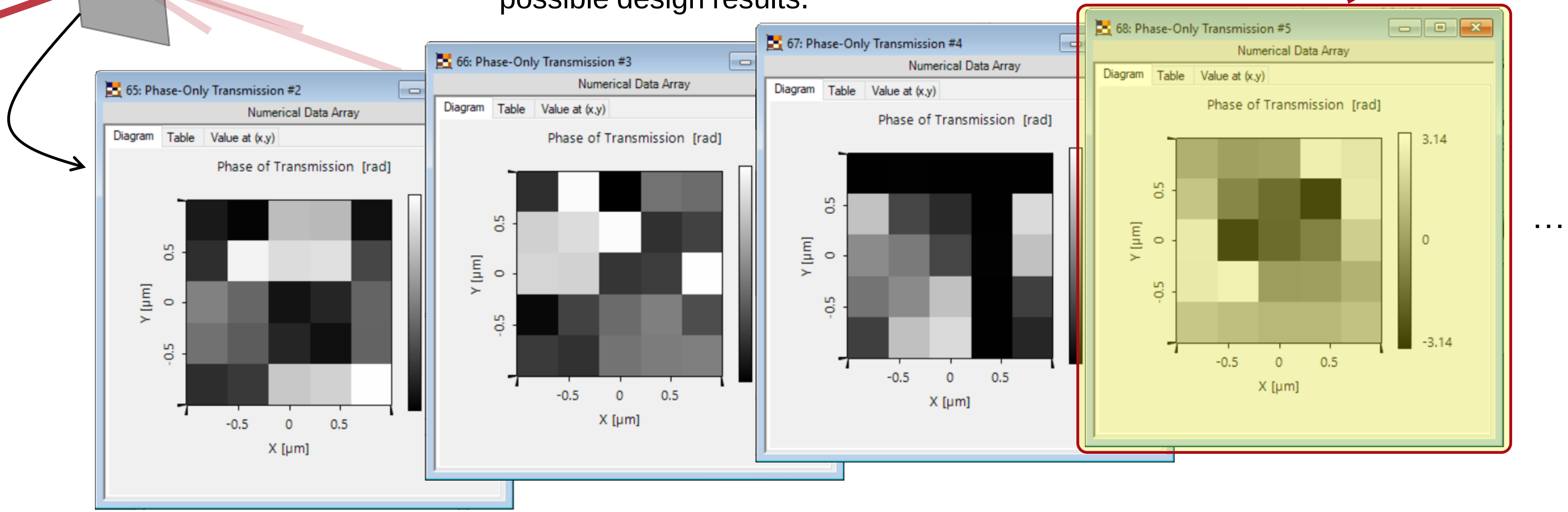
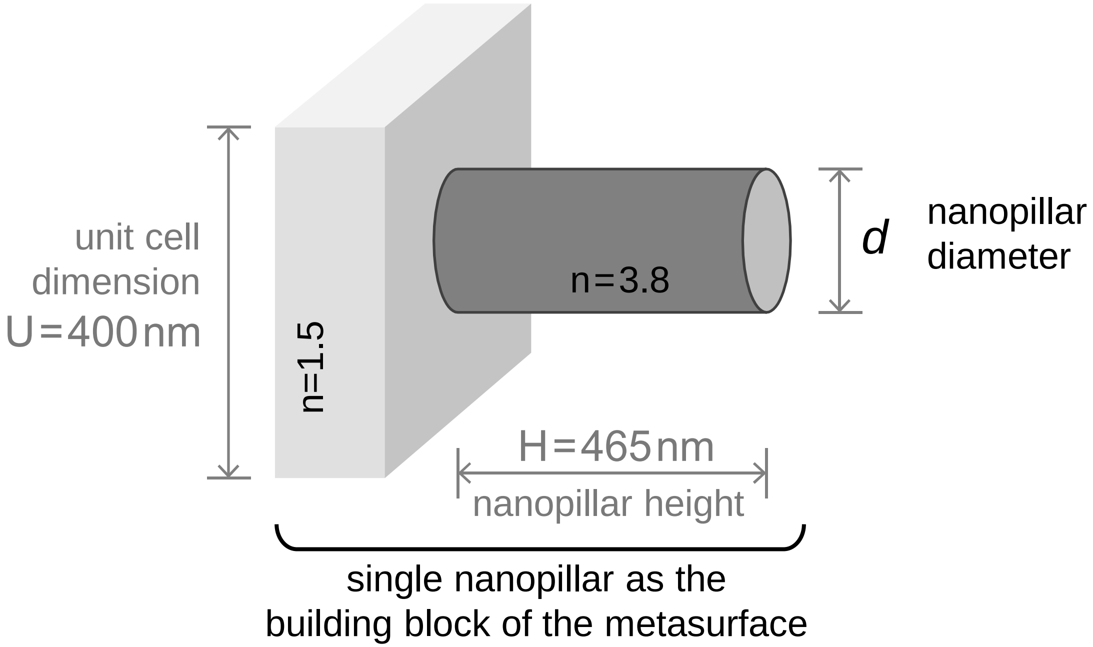
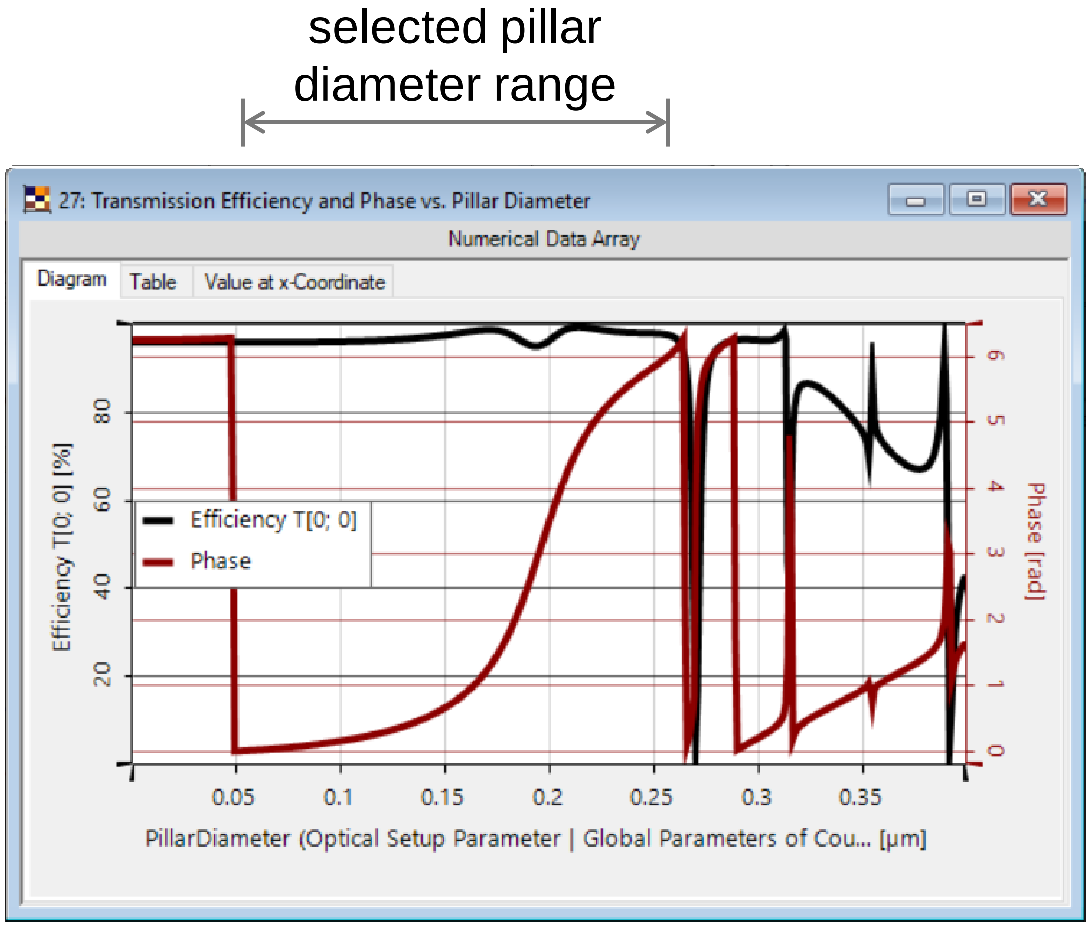
Select one of the results for further design

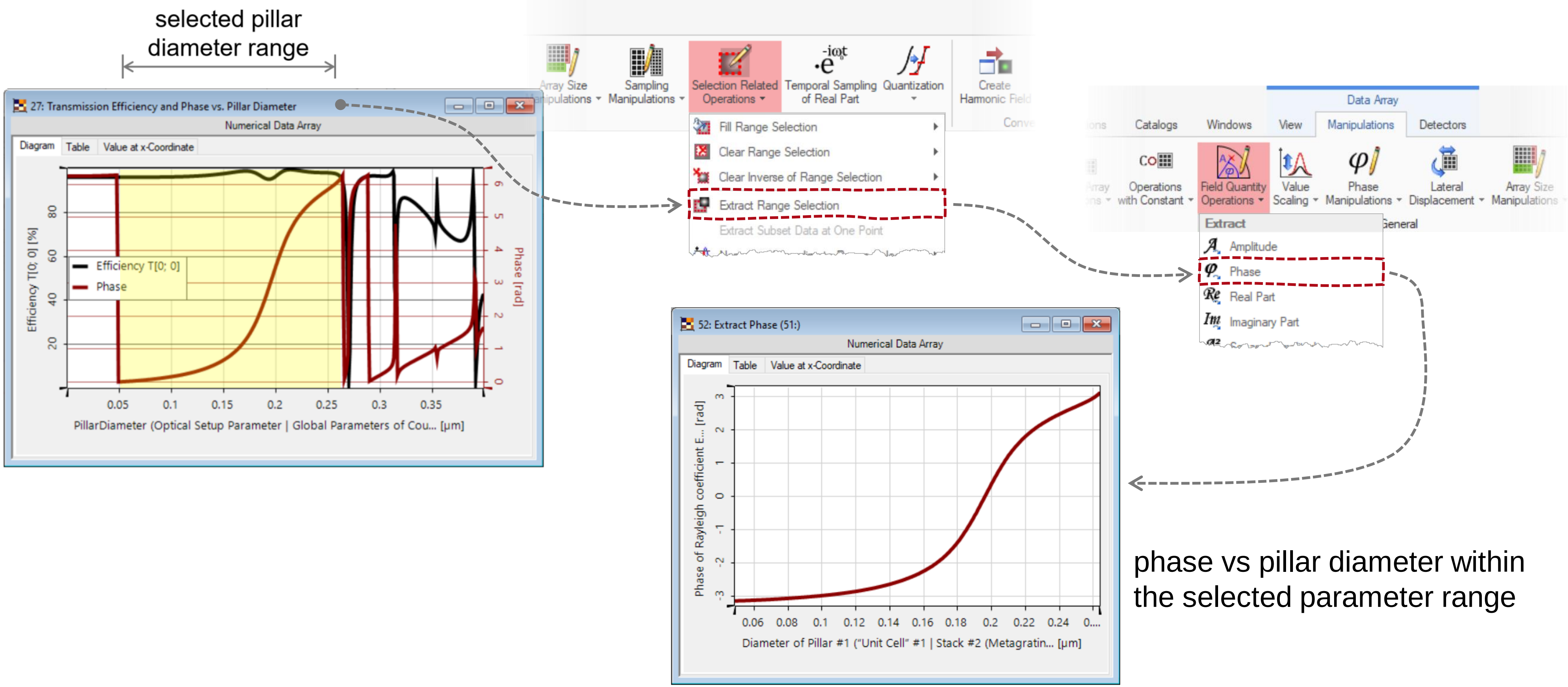


Metasurface Unit Cell Analysis



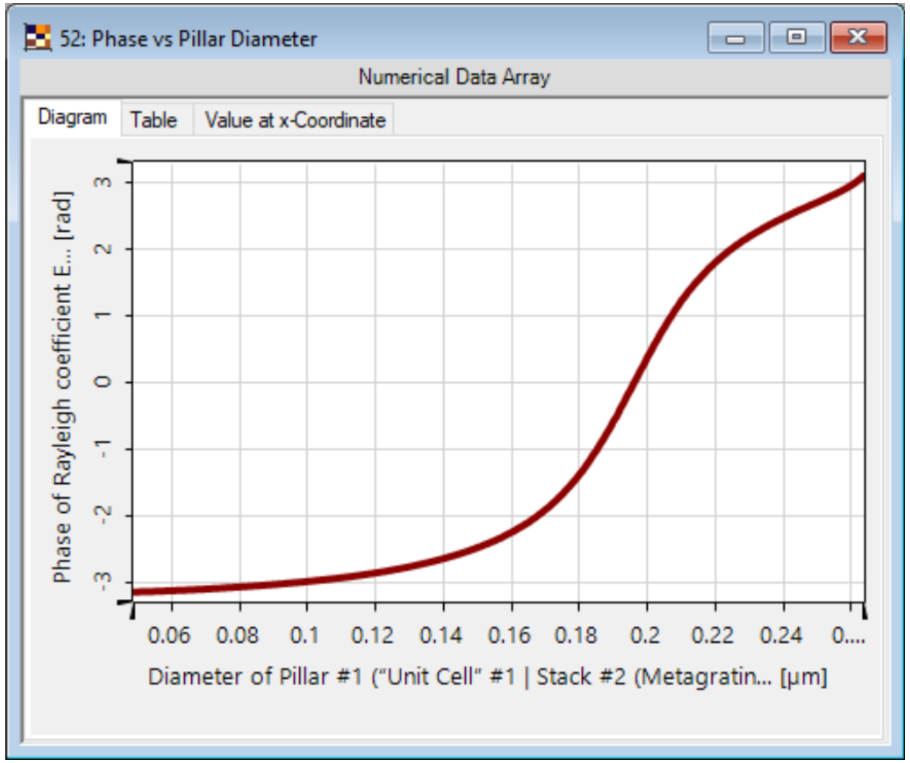


Unit Cell Parameter Range Selection



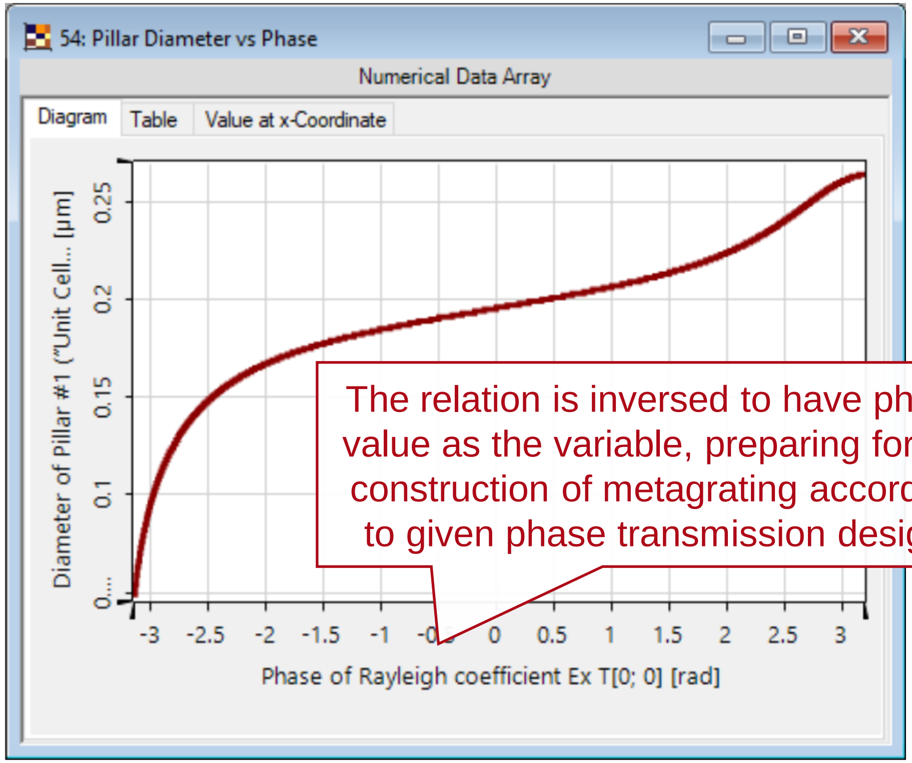
Phase vs Pillar Diameter and Its Inverse

phase value vs pillar diameter
(result from last step)



inverse

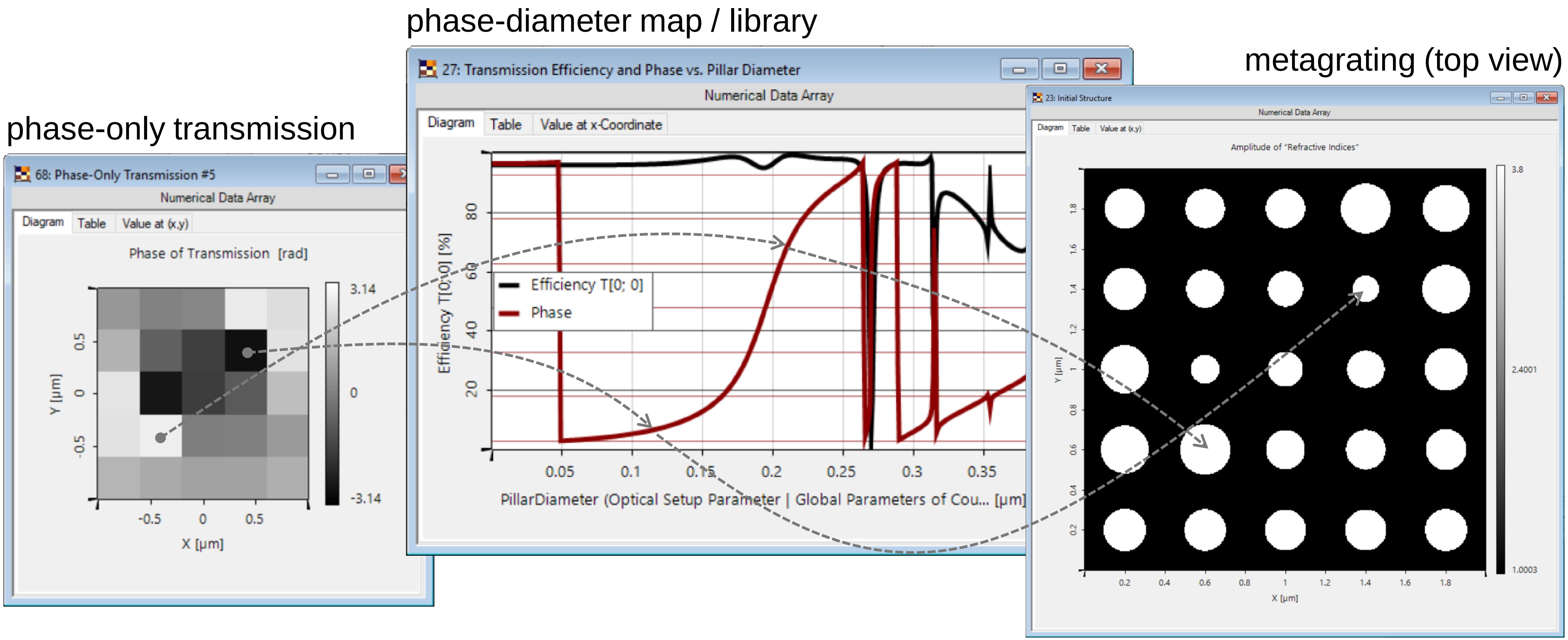
pillar diameter vs phase value



The relation is inversed to have phase value as the variable, preparing for the construction of metagrating according to given phase transmission design.

In this example, function inversion can be done with the VirtualLab C# Module: Appx_01_Calculate Inverse of 1D Function.cs

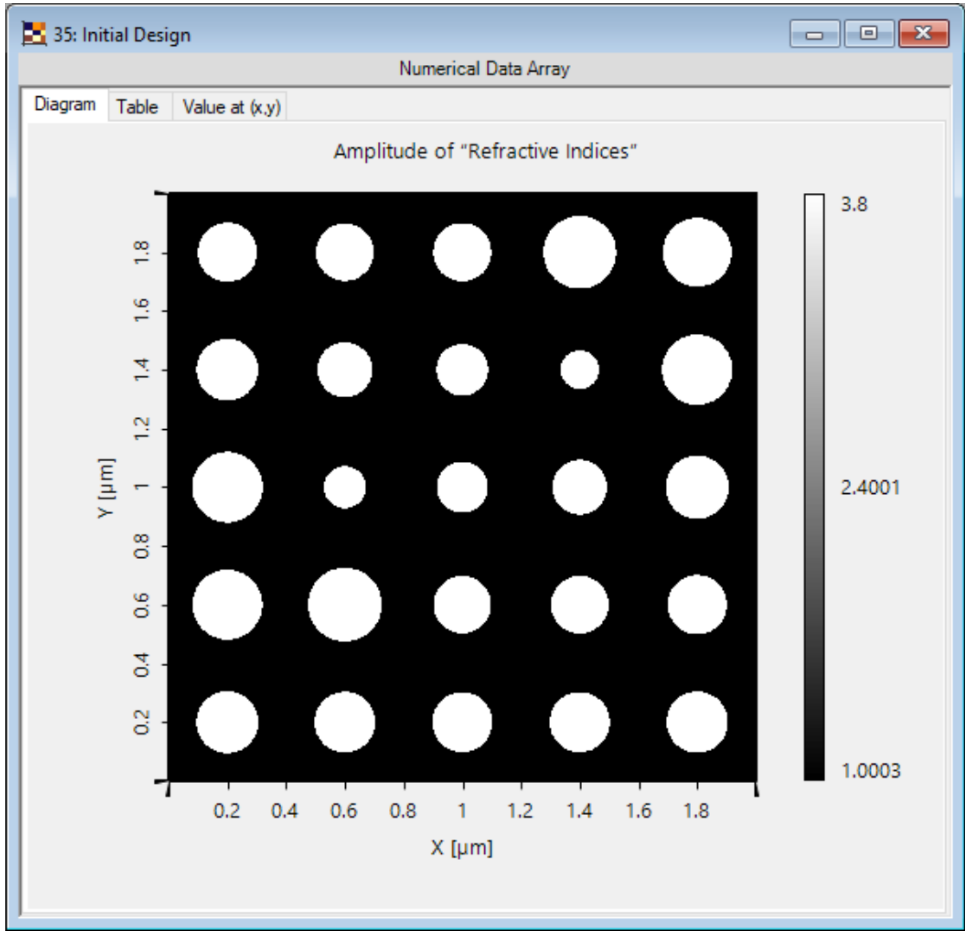
Metagrating Construction



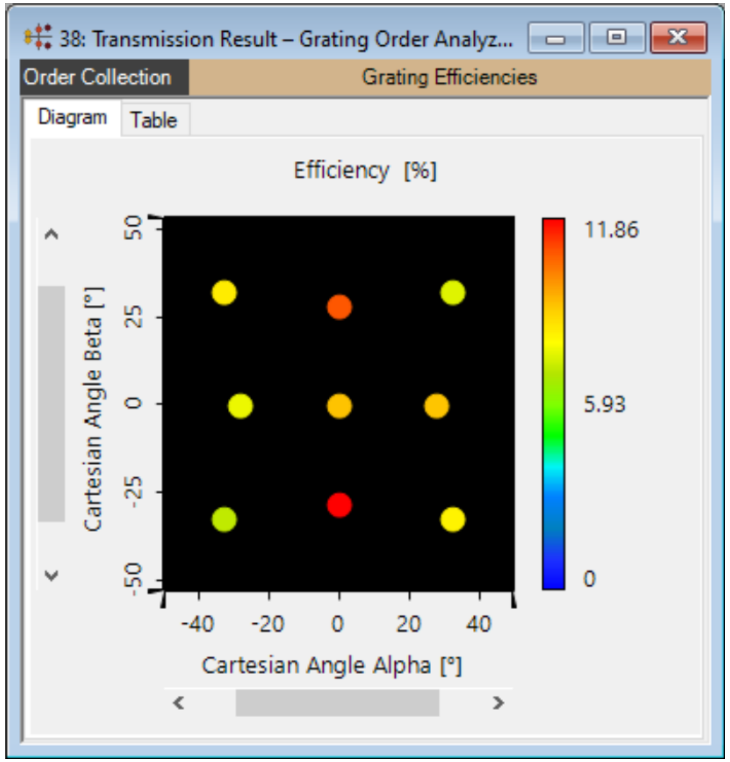
In this example, pillar distribution can be done with the VirtualLab C# Module: Appx_02_Calculate Pillar Diameters from Phase Profile.cs

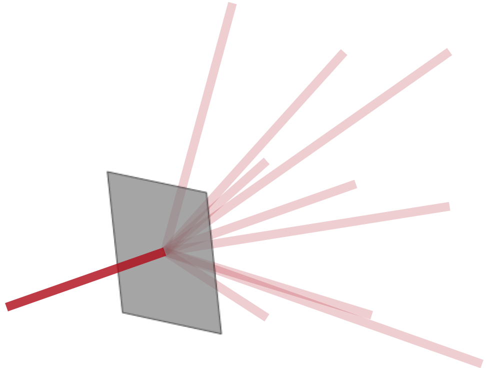
Evaluation of Initial Metasurface Design

initial metagrating (top-view)



diffraction efficiencies

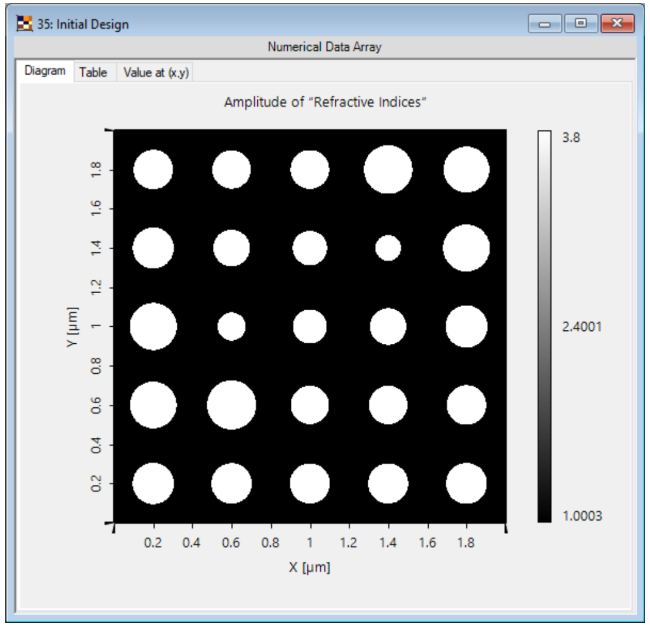




overall efficiency	79.6 %
uniformity error (PV)	25.3 %
uniformity error (RMS)	16.9 %

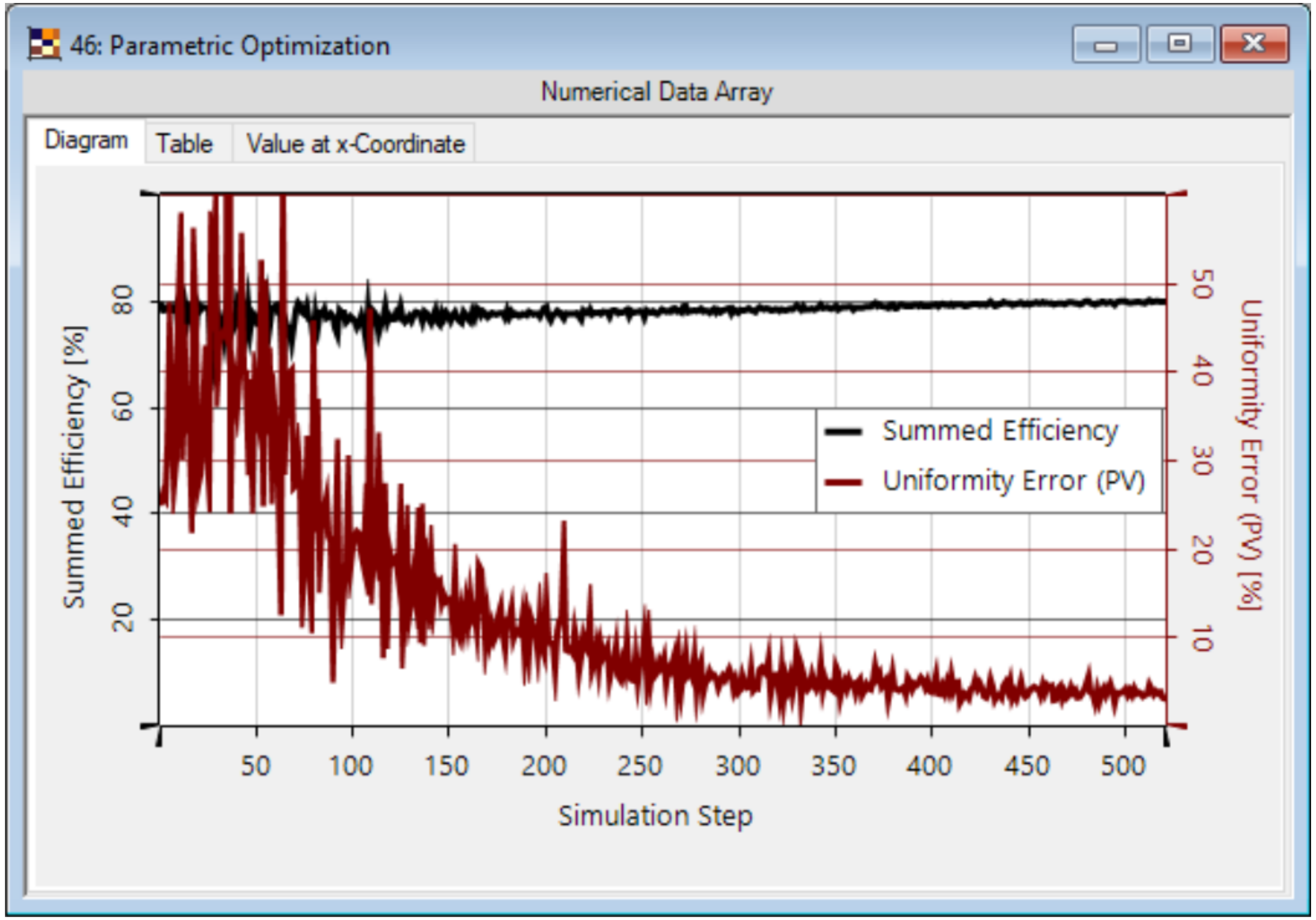
Parametric Optimization

initial metagrating



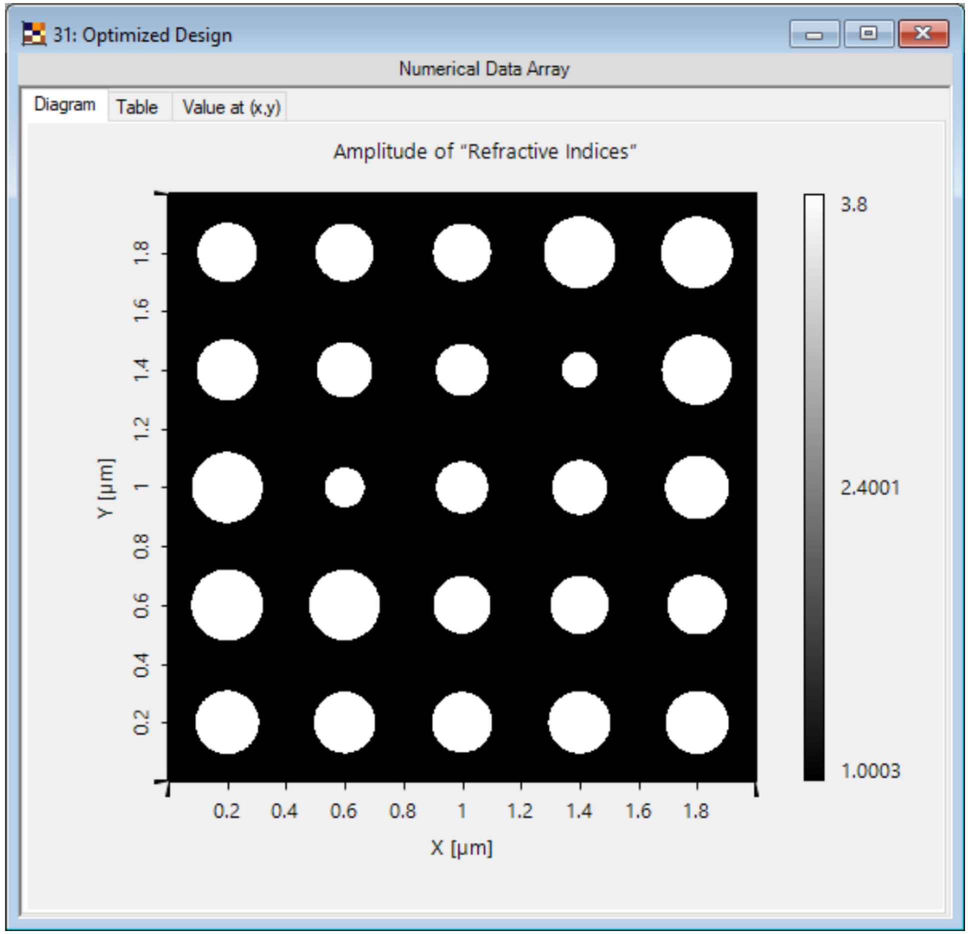
- keep pillar positions
- **vary** pillar diameters (25 variables)

downhill simplex optimization with FMM/RCWA for grating analysis



Evaluation of Optimized Metagrating Design

optimized metagrating (top-view)



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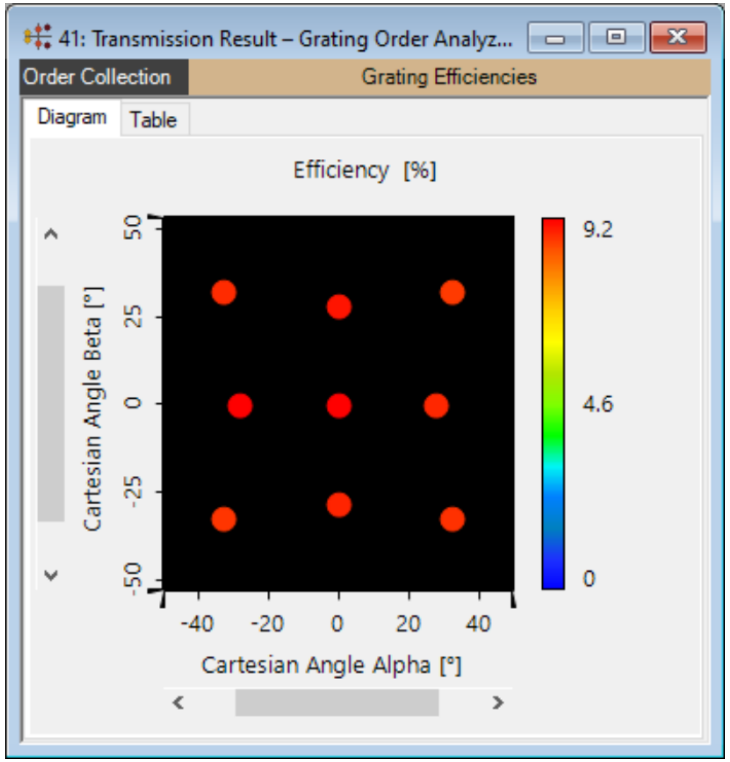
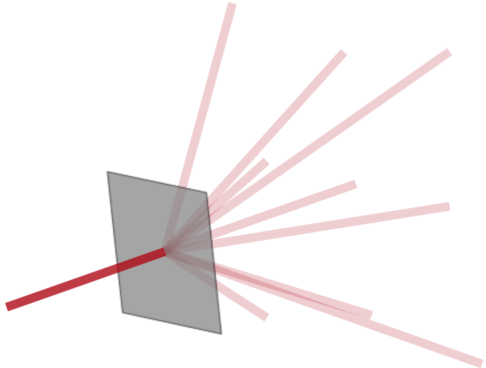
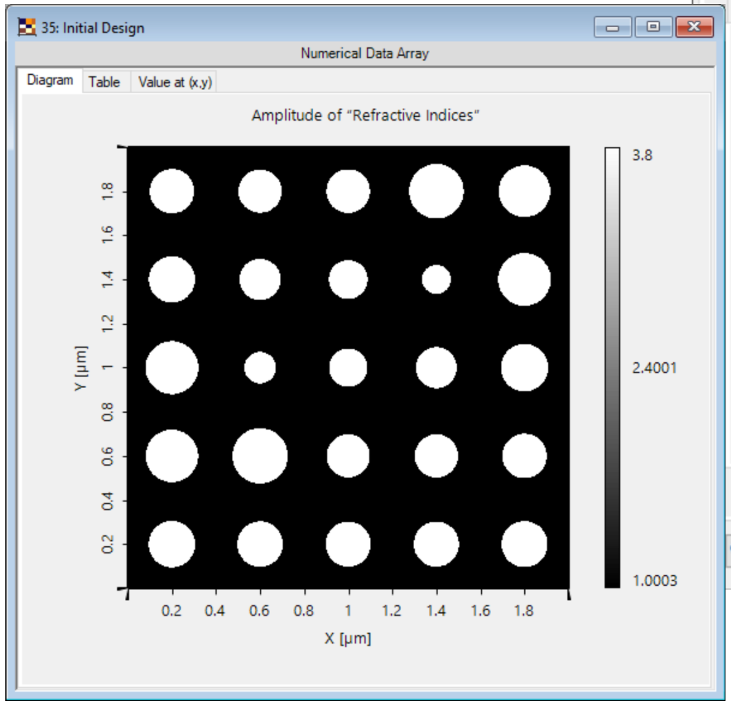


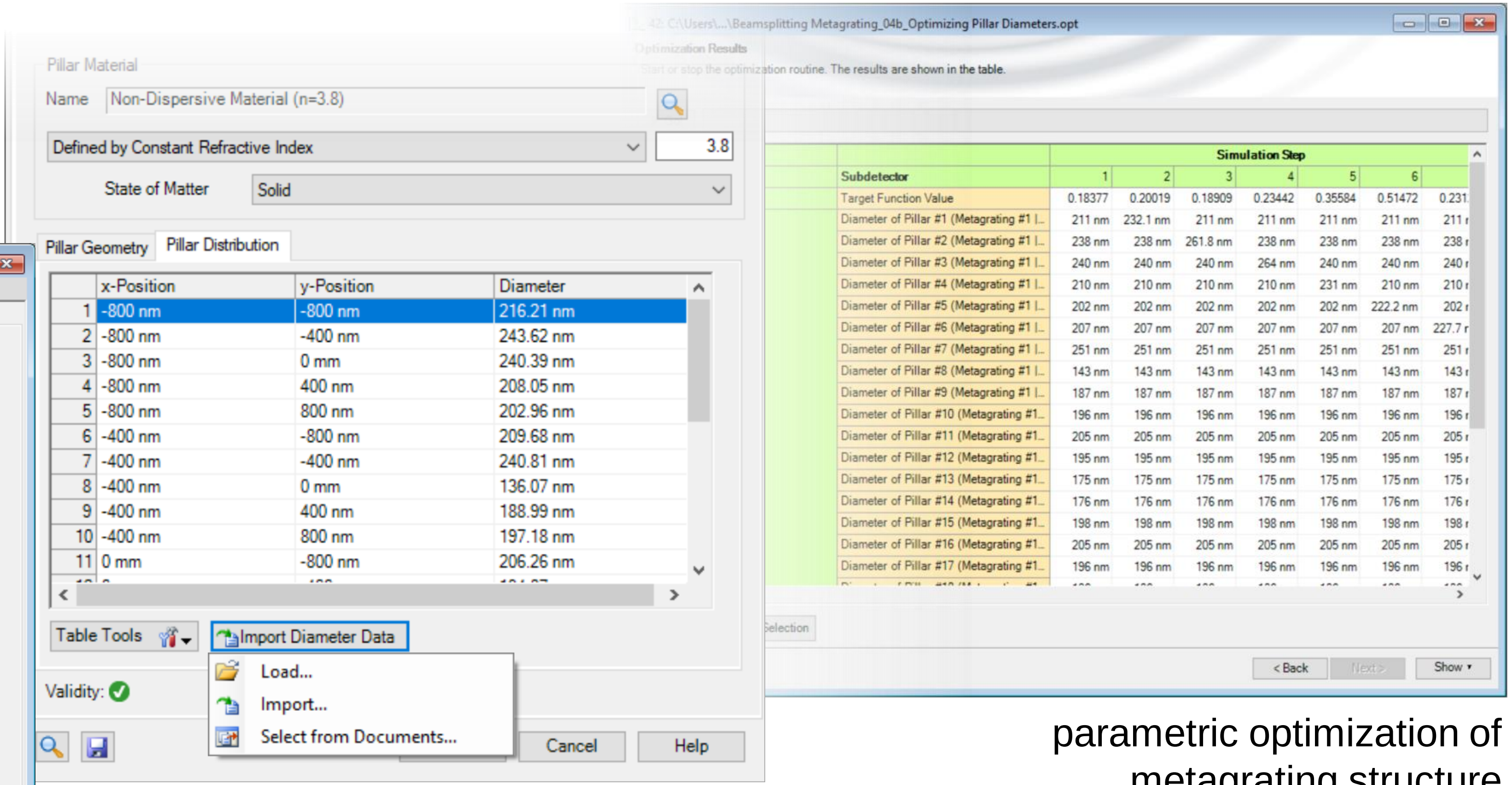


overall efficiency	80.0%
uniformity error (PV)	**3.1%**
uniformity error (RMS)	**2.2%**

Peek into VirtualLab Fusion

flexible definition of 2D metagrating surface

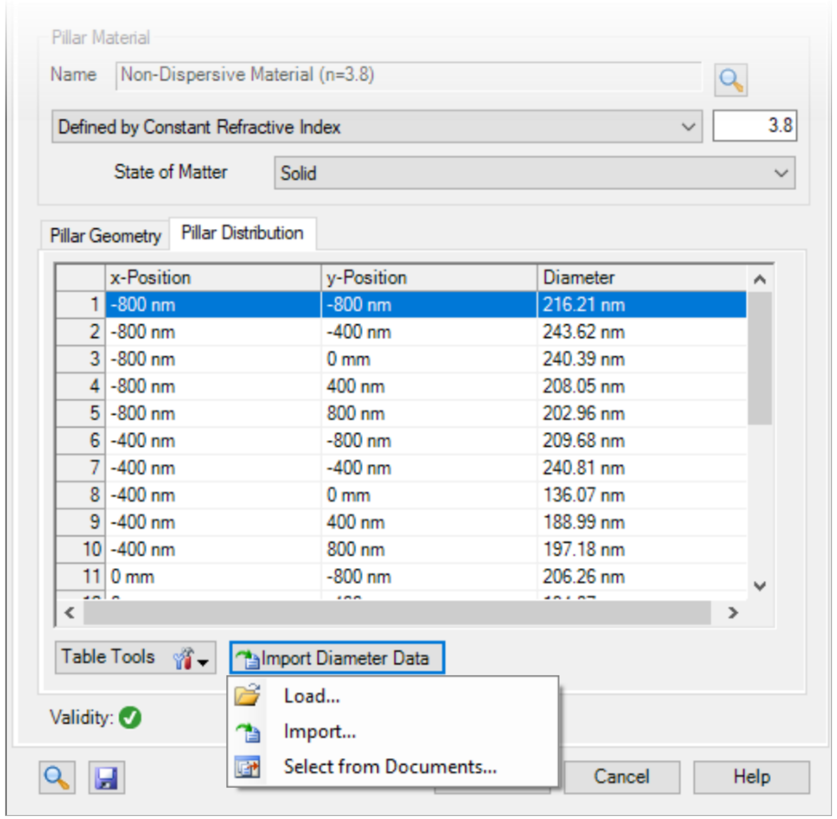




parametric optimization of metagrating structure

Workflow in VirtualLab Fusion

- Analyze metasurface unit cell
  - Rigorous Analysis of Nanopillar Metasurface Building Block [Use Case]
- Construct metagratings
  - Metagrating Construction - Discussion at Examples [Use Case]
- Analyze grating diffraction efficiency
  - Grating Order Analyzer [Use Case]
- Parametric optimization of grating structure
  - Parametric Optimization [Tutorial Video]



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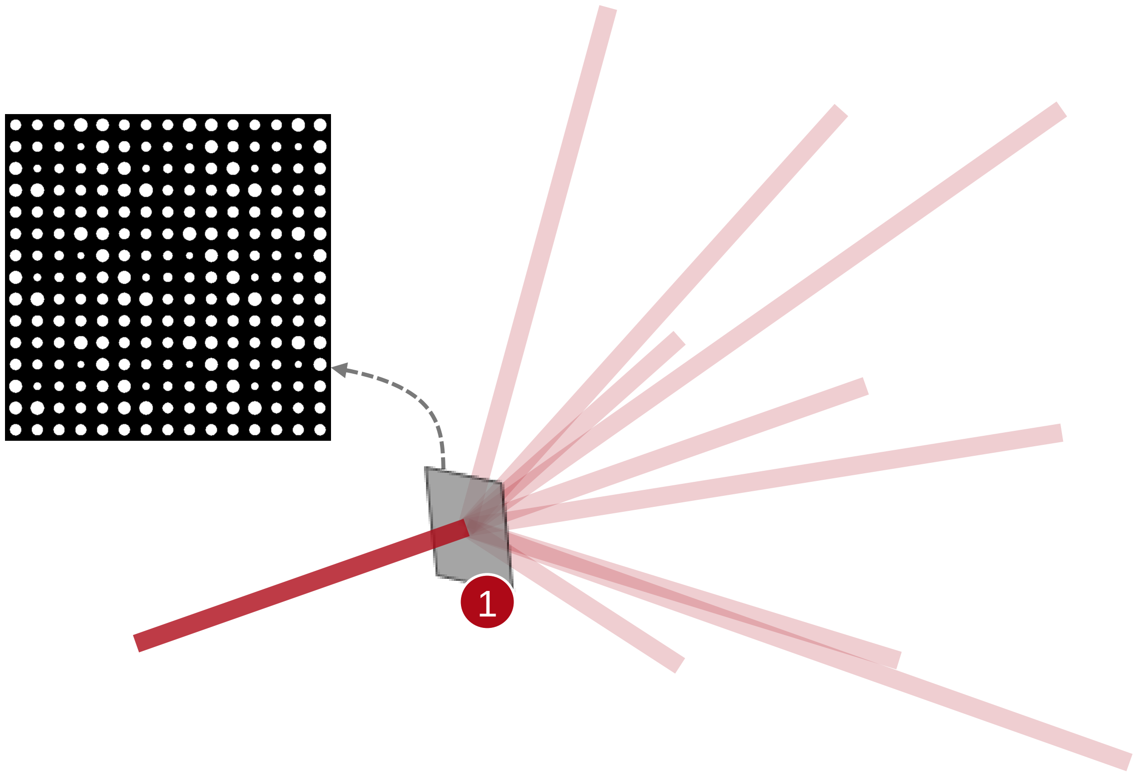

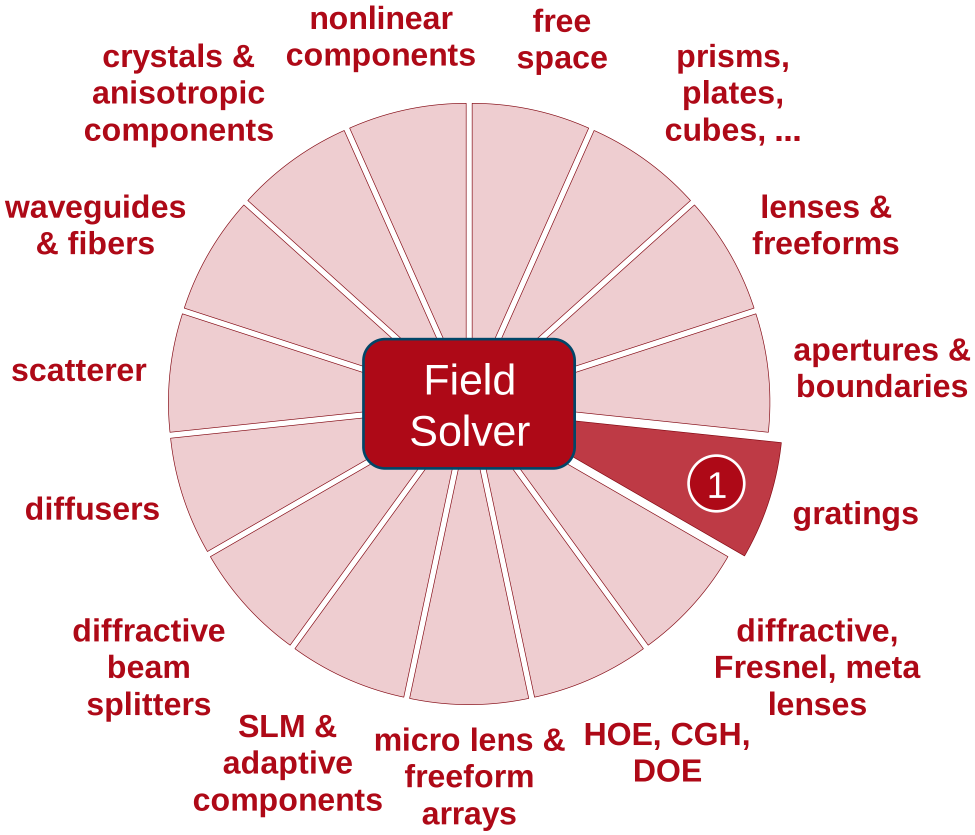

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