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Analyze quasi-optical systems using Gaussian beam analysis

Quasi-optical analysis is important whenever the wavelength is comparable to the size of the optical components. Gaussian beam analysis of quasi-optical systems assumes that the transverse amplitude profile (the E- or H-field) of the beam is similar to a Gaussian function. This is roughly true for beams originating from waveguide horn antennas.

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CHAPTER 1

Gaussopt Example

- This example will walk through the basics of setting up a Gaussian telescope.
- Note: All distances are in mm and all frequencies are in GHz unless specified otherwise.

```
# Import the gaussopt package
from gaussopt import *

# Import modules for this notebook
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
from IPython.display import Image
```

- Gaussian telescopes use two mirrors to couple energy between two horn antennas. If the mirrors have focal lengths f , then the mirrors should be separated by $2f$ and the distance between each horn's beam waist and its respective mirror should be f .

1.1 Define frequency sweep

- The standard way to initialize this class is to define the start and end frequency.
- This class assumes GHz unless a unit is provided.

```
freq = Frequency(150, 300, comment='rf sweep')
```

```
Frequency sweep: rf sweep
f = 150.0 to 300.0 GHz, 301 pts
```

1.2 Define horns

```
slen = 22.64 # slant length (in mm)
arad = 3.6   # aperture radius (in mm)
hfac = 0.59  # horn factor
horn_tx = Horn(freq, slen, arad, hfac, comment='Trasmitting')
horn_rx = horn_tx.copy(comment='Receiving')
```

```
Horn: Trasmitting
    slen = 22.64 mm
    arad = 3.60 mm
    hf   = 0.59

Horn: Receiving
    slen = 22.64 mm
    arad = 3.60 mm
    hf   = 0.59
```

1.3 Define optical components

- These classes will assume mm unless a unit is provided.

```
d = Freespace(160)
m1 = Mirror(16, units='cm', radius=8, comment='M1')
m2 = Mirror(16, units='cm', radius=8, comment='M2')
```

```
Freespace:
    d = 160.0 mm

Mirror: M1
    f = 16.0 cm

Mirror: M2
    f = 16.0 cm
```

- Note that the distance between the horn and the mirror needs to be reduced because the actual beam waist will be behind the horn aperture.

```
z_offset = horn_tx.z_offset(units='mm')[freq.idx(230)]
d_red = Freespace(160 - z_offset, comment='reduced')
```

```
Freespace: reduced
    d = 155.8 mm
```


1.4 Build Optical System

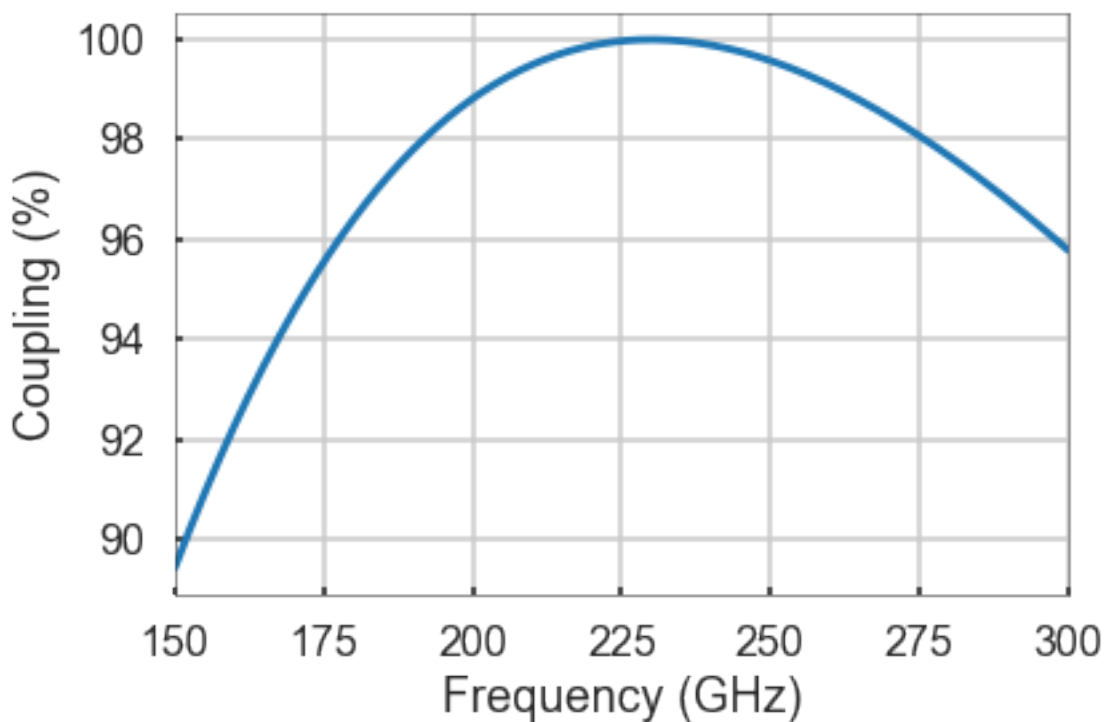
```
component_list = (d_red, m1, d, d, m2, d_red)

system = System(horn_tx, component_list, horn_rx)
```

```
System:
[[-1.          0.00848684]
 [ 0.         -1.          ]]
```

1.5 Plot Coupling

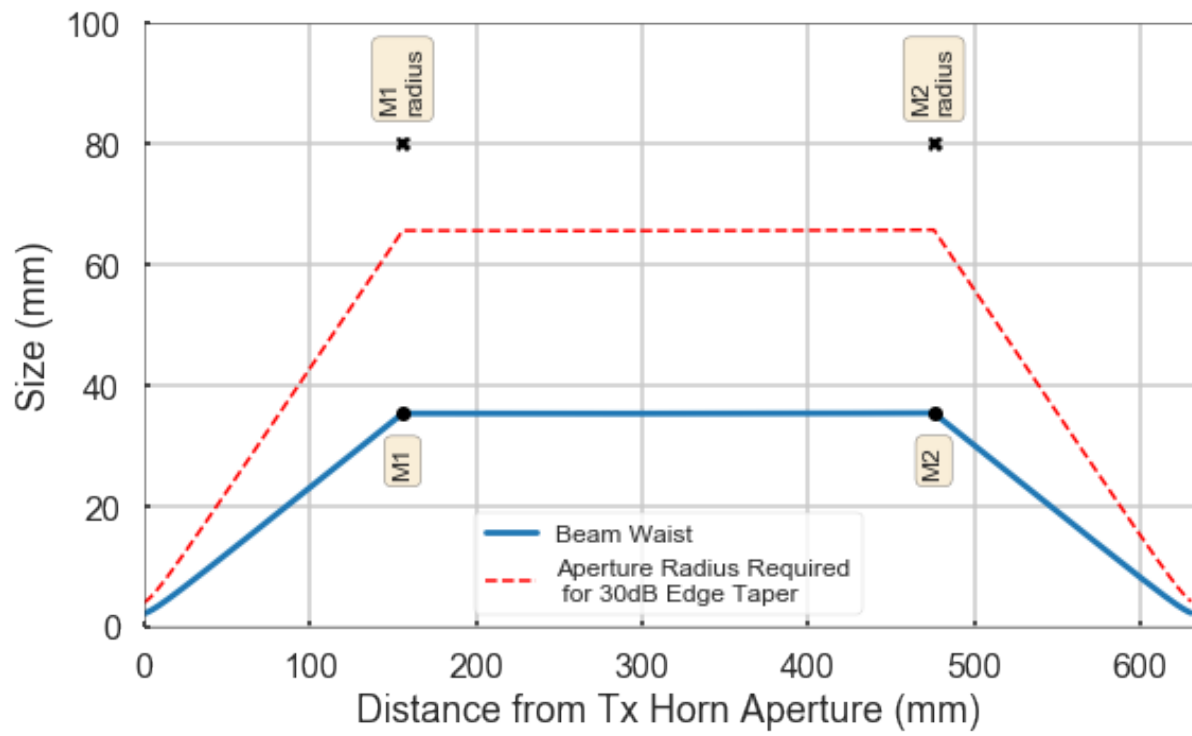
```
system.plot_coupling()
system.print_best_coupling()
```



```
Best coupling: 100.0 % at 230.0 GHz
```

1.6 Plot Beam Propagation

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8,5))
system.plot_system(ax=ax)
```



2.1 Submodules

2.2 gaussopt.component module

Classes for optical components.

class `gaussopt.component.Component` (*matrix=None, **kwargs*)

Bases: `object`

Base-class for a generic component in a Gaussian optical system.

To get initialization information, see `__init__()`.

matrix

ndarray – beam transformation matrix, 2x2

Component constructor.

Parameters

- **matrix** (*ndarray*) – beam transformation matrix, 2x2
- ****kwargs** – key word arguments, such as ‘comment’, ‘units’, ‘radius’ and ‘verbose’

class `gaussopt.component.Dielectric` (*thickness, n=1.0, **kwargs*)

Bases: `gaussopt.component.Component`

Propagation through a dielectric slab.

To get initialization information, see `__init__()`.

matrix

ndarray – beam transformation matrix, 2x2

Dielectric constructor.

Parameters

- **thickness** (*float*) – thickness of dielectric slab
- **n** (*float*, *optional*) – index of refraction
- ****kwargs** – key word arguments, such as ‘comment’, ‘units’, ‘radius’ and ‘verbose’

class `gaussopt.component.Freespace` (*distance*, ***kwargs*)

Bases: `gaussopt.component.Component`

Freespace propagation.

To get initialization information, see `__init__()`.

matrix

ndarray – beam transformation matrix, 2x2

Freespace constructor.

Parameters

- **distance** (*float*) – freespace propagation distance
- ****kwargs** – key word arguments, such as ‘comment’, ‘units’, ‘radius’ and ‘verbose’

class `gaussopt.component.Horn` (*freq*, *slen*, *arad*, *hf=0.59*, ***kwargs*)

Bases: `object`

Waveguide horn antenna.

To get initialization information, see `__init__()`.

f

ndarray/float – frequency

w

ndarray/float – beam waist at aperture

z

ndarray/float – z-offset

q

ndarray/complex – beam parameter at aperture

Horn constructor.

Parameters

- **freq** (*class* ‘`gaussopt.frequency.Frequency`’) – frequency class
- **slen** (*float*) – slant length

- **arad** (*float*) – aperture radius
- **hf** (*float*, *optional*) – horn factor
- ****kwargs** – key word arguments, such as ‘comment’, ‘units’, and ‘verbose’

copy (***kwargs*)

Copy horn to new instance.

Parameters ****kwargs** – keyword arguments to pass to new instance

Returns new instance of the Horn class

Return type class

plot_properties ()

Plots beam waist and z-offset over frequency range.

waist (*units='mm'*)

Beam waist at aperture.

Parameters **units** (*str*, *optional*) – units to use for returned values

Returns waist at aperture

Return type float

z_offset (*units='mm'*)

Get distance between horn aperture and beam waist (a.k.a. z-offset).

Parameters **units** (*str*, *optional*) – units to use for returned value

Returns z offset

Return type float

class `gaussopt.component.Mirror` (*focal_length*, ***kwargs*)

Bases: `gaussopt.component.Component`

Reflection off of a parabolic mirror.

To get initialization information, see `__init__()`.

matrix

ndarray – beam transformation matrix, 2x2

Mirror constructor.

Parameters

- **focal_length** (*float*) – mirror focal length
- ****kwargs** – key word arguments, such as ‘comment’, ‘units’, ‘radius’ and ‘verbose’

class `gaussopt.component.Window` (***kwargs*)

Bases: `gaussopt.component.Component`

A window.

To get initialization information, see `__init__()`.

matrix

ndarray – beam transformation matrix, 2x2

Window constructor.

Parameters ****kwargs** – key word arguments, such as ‘comment’, ‘units’, ‘radius’ and ‘verbose’

2.3 gaussopt.frequency module

Class for frequency sweep.

class `gaussopt.frequency.Frequency` (*start=None, stop=None, npts=301, units='GHz', **kwargs*)

Bases: `object`

Class for frequency sweep.

f

float/ndarray – frequency array (in Hz)

w

float/ndarray – wavelength array (in m)

idx_center

int – index of center value

Frequency constructor.

Parameters

- **start** (*float, optional*) – start frequency
- **stop** (*float, optional*) – stop frequency
- **npts** (*int, optional*) – number of points
- **units** (*str, optional*) – frequency units (e.g., ‘GHz’, ‘MHz’)
- ****kwargs** – keyword arguments `center/span` can be used to specify frequency `single` can be used to use a single frequency `verbose` and `comment`

idx (*freq, units='GHz'*)

Get index of value closest to specified frequency.

Parameters

- **freq** (*float*) – target frequency
- **units** (*str*) – units for the frequency

Returns index of value closest to given frequency

Return type int

2.4 gaussopt.system module

Build optical system and analyze.

class `gaussopt.system.System` (*horn_tx*, *component_list*, *horn_rx=None*,
 ***kwargs*)

Bases: object

Entire optical system.

matrix

ndarray – cascaded beam transformation matrix

f

ndarray/float – frequency

wout

ndarray/float – output beam waist

qout

ndarray/complex – output beam parameter

rou

ndarray/float – output beam radius

System constructor.

Parameters

- **horn_tx** (*class*) – transmitting horn
- **component_list** (*tuple/list*) – list of optical components
- **horn_rx** (*class*) – receiving horn
- ****kwargs** – keyword arguments (comment, verbose)

best_coupling()

Get best coupling.

Returns best coupling

Return type float

best_coupling_frequency()

Get best coupling frequency.

Returns frequency where best coupling is found

Return type float

coupling()

Get coupling between the horns.

Returns coupling between the antennas

Return type ndarray

plot_aperture_30db (*ax=None*)

plot_coupling (*ax=None*)

Plot coupling (in percentage) versus frequency.

plot_coupling_db (*ax=None*)

Plot coupling (in dB) versus frequency.

plot_coupling_mag (*ax=None*)

Plot coupling versus frequency.

plot_edge_taper_db (*ax=None*)

plot_system (*freq=None, ax=None, figname=None*)

plot_waists (*ax=None*)

print_best_coupling (*units='GHz'*)

Print best coupling and frequency where it is found.

Parameters **units** (*str, optional*) – units for frequency

gaussopt.system.transform_beam (*sys_matrix, q_in*)

Transform a beam using the beam transformation matrix.

Parameters

- **sys_matrix** (*ndarray*) – beam transformation matrix
- **q_in** (*complex/ndarray*) – input beam parameter (q)

Returns output beam parameter (q)

Return type complex/ndarray

2.5 gaussopt.util module

General utilities.

gaussopt.util.set_d_units (*units*)

Read distance units.

Parameters **units** (*str*) – distance units (e.g., 'mm', 'um', 'cm')

Returns multiplier

Return type float

gaussopt.util.set_f_units (*units*)

Read frequency units.

Parameters **units** (*str*) – frequency units (e.g., 'THz', 'GHz', 'MHz')

Returns multiplier

Return type float

`gaussopt.util.set_verbosity(verbosity)`

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