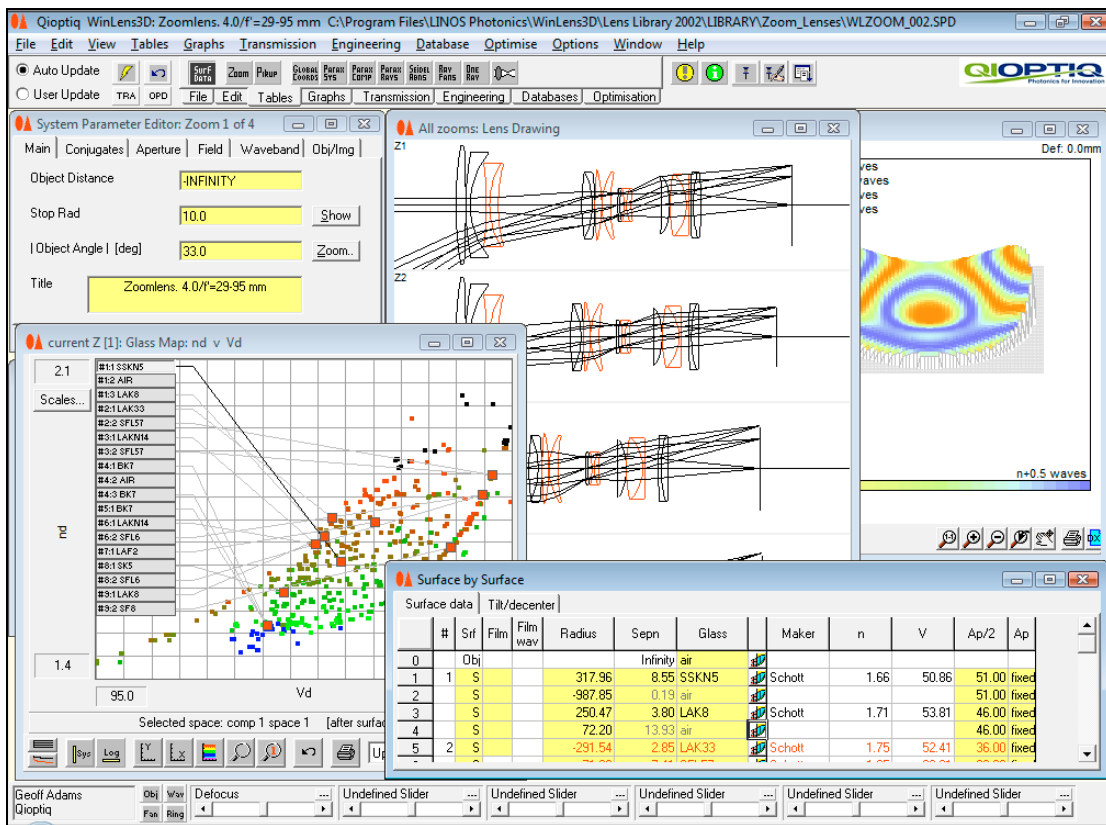


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User guide I - introduction



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Summary

This document provides a brief introduction to using WinLens; in particular:

- what it is & some of the basic features
- setting up a very simple system
- the main editors
- graphics & tables
- using sliders to change parameters
- glasses, including the active glass map
- databases, lens library & disk file viewer

It does not attempt to cover an optical theory, or the meaning of the various graphs & tables for which there is extensive help system available.

The document applies to WinLens3D and WinLens3DBasic [free version]. All screen dumps were taken from WinLens3D. There are some features which are only to be found in the more advanced version. These will be shown by **Full** [for WinLens3D only] Normally this will appear in a section title, but sometimes in the body of the text. An extensive on-line help system is also available.

Optimisation **Full** is described in detail in a separate manual, which is supplied on the WinLens suite CD, and can be freely downloaded from www.winlens.de.

Handling tilts & decenters are also described in detail in a further manual.

New features will be shown by **(vi,j,k)** where vi.j.k is the version when the new feature was introduced - these are now 'dated' from the introduction of WinLens3D.

Cross references are shown in ***Bold-Italics***. If you are reading this document on a PC, such cross references are hyper-linked to the relevant chapter or section.

We assume that the user:

- has a very modest knowledge of optics¹
- is reasonably familiar with Windows

¹ The WinLens help system contains a lot of useful background information on optical design concepts

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1. Introduction

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- *What systems can WinLens model?*
- *What can WinLens be used for?*
- *Quick guide to the manual*
- *List of new features*

NB There are separate manuals on optimisation and on tilts & decenters. These are included in the installation or can be downloaded from www.winlens.de.

"Science is a wonderful thing if one does not have to earn one's living from it."

Albert Einstein

WinLens is a program for modelling and optimising **real** optical systems. This manual provides a simple overview to WinLens and some of the things it can do. In particular, you will find a very simple series of examples of setting up a system.

WinLens is designed to make simple tasks easy – things like reversing a component at the single click of a button, checking a melt glass or finding alternative glasses. While WinLens cannot do all things, it aims to make it simple to do the things it can do. There are no obscure command codes to learn, just a simple toolbar or menu to access the different capabilities.

1.1 Who is WinLens designed for?

WinLens is designed for people who work with optical systems with any sort of symmetry. It is designed for professional optical designers, for optical engineers and for students. It is designed for people who need to model an optical system for themselves or to check someone else's work.

1.2 What systems can WinLens model?

WinLens is designed to handle systems which are composed of one or more optical components. These can be user defined components or Qioptiq parts.

User defined components can be lenses, mirrors, prisms or thin lenses². A lens component can be a singlet, doublet, air-spaced doublet or cemented triplet. Naturally for these you will need to enter full details [radius, thickness, glass names etc].

Qioptiq parts can be entered, in the component editor, by typing the part number alone, or by drag & drop from the component database. Qioptiq GRIN components can now be modelled.

The optical surfaces in a component can be spherical, conic or aspheric in cross section. Usually these will be surfaces of revolution, but can also be cylindrical or toroidal in form.

WinLens can handle zoom systems, with zooming gaps between any or all components. Conjugate, aperture, field and waveband values can differ totally from zoom to zoom.

1.3 What functions can WinLens perform?

WinLens can perform in a whole series of roles [in no particular order]:

- Optimise a new or existing design **real**
- Autofocus a design to minimise OPD or TRA
- Quickly model a chain of Qioptiq components for an experimental physicist
- Check data provided by an external consultant
- Import/export data from/to a CodeV, Oslo, Sigma or Zemax file
- Test out ideas for a new design
- Assess the possible effects of melt glass changing on a system
- Suggest alternative glasses
- Assess the effect of Qioptiq coatings on the transmission of a system
- Offer alternative glasses to real or 'optimised' glasses
- Assess the location/impact of single or multiple ghost images **real**
- Assess sensitivity³ of aberrations to manufacture error **real**
- Be an effective teaching tool for undergraduate/postgraduate studies

² WinLens3D can also model **thin lenses**. These are defined as two surfaces with zero separation. The user may define power, glass and bending for such components. Raytracing thru these uses the paraxial equations. TRA calculations for these are correct, but OPD calculations may not be trusted.

To create a thin lens, simply drag & drop from the thin lens icon at the bottom of the system data editor, into the component column. Then fill in the resulting dialog.

Thin lenses are drawn as a single line with arrow heads.

³ This is a simple paraxial/Seidels analysis. WinLens Tol is a fully featured tolerancing program with comprehensive sensitivity analyses, tolerance editors with statistical feedback, and Monte Carlo simulations

1.4 Quick guide to the manual

The manual is organised as follows:

Chapter	Purpose
Chapter 2: Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple Qioptiq doublet [<i>sec 2.1</i>] • Symmetric system of two Qioptiq doublets [<i>sec 2.2</i>] • Simple user defined lens [<i>sec 2.3</i>]
Chapter 3: Editors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System data editor [<i>sec 3.1</i>] • System parameter editor [<i>sec 3.2</i>] • Surface data editor [<i>sec 3.3</i>] • Zoom manager [<i>sec 3.4</i>] • Pickup editor [<i>sec 3.5</i>]
Chapter 4: Tables and graphs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review/change global options [<i>sec 4.1</i>] • Make multiple copies of a graph or table [<i>sec 4.2</i>] • Use zoom friendly graphs & tables [<i>sec 4.3</i>] • Freeze a graph or table for 'audit trail' purposes [<i>sec 4.4</i>] • Change format of data in tables [<i>sec 4.5</i>]
Chapter 5: Sliders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of sliders [<i>sec 5.1</i>] • Defining a slider [<i>sec 5.2</i>] • Notes on sliders [<i>sec 5.3</i>]
Chapter 6: Glasses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard, special & temporary glasses [<i>sec 6.1</i>] • Melt glasses [<i>sec 6.2</i>] • Finding an alternative glass [<i>sec 6.3</i>]
Chapter 7: Databases & Lens Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qioptiq components [<i>sec 7.1</i>] • Optical glasses [<i>sec 7.2</i>] • Qioptiq thin films [<i>sec 7.3</i>] • Qioptiq lens library [<i>sec 7.4</i>] • Disk file viewer [<i>sec 7.5</i>]
Chapter 8: Other resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Designer [<i>sec 8.1</i>] • Qioptiq capabilities [<i>sec 8.2</i>] • On-line resources [<i>sec 8.3</i>] • Book recommendations [<i>sec 8.4</i>] • Journals [<i>sec 8.5</i>] • Qioptiq offices [<i>sec 8.6</i>]
Chapter 9: Ghost analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ghosts – what are they [<i>sec 9.1</i>] • Ghost analysis tools – overview [<i>sec 9.2</i>] • Ghost table – paraxial analysis for screening of many ghosts [<i>sec 9.3</i>] • Ghost graph – lens drawing/footprint for detailed investigations [<i>sec 9.4</i>]

There are separate manuals on optimisation and tilts & decenters. These are included in the installation or can be downloaded from www.winlens.de.

1.5 New features

WinLens3D and WinLens3DBasic are often updated. The table below lists the latest additions to these programs.

Version	Feature
v1.1.11 [July 2010]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Latest glass data - Added FindGlass dialog to all forms where a glass may need to be selected. This dialog includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> list of recently selected glasses type ahead 'search' with up to 3 conditions selectable
v1.1.2-v1.1.10	Various bug fixes
WinLen3D v1.1.1 [June 2009]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Handles tilts and decenters - handles prisms - both Qioptic and user defined [via a wizard] - New wavefront plot <p>These are described in detail in a separate manual dealing with these subjects</p>
Other programs	GlassManager - significantly enhanced FindGlass dialog. Plus ability to clone graphs and tables and also to lock individual graph/table to display a specific glass

2. How to set up a simple lens system

This chapter contains very basic information on how to actually set up a lens system in WinLens.

- *Your first lens*
- *Changing the design*
- *Making a custom component*

"The scientist does not study nature because it is useful; he studies it because he delights in it, and he delights in it because it is beautiful. If nature were not beautiful, it would not be worth knowing, and if nature were not worth knowing, life would not be worth living."

Jules Henri Poincaré

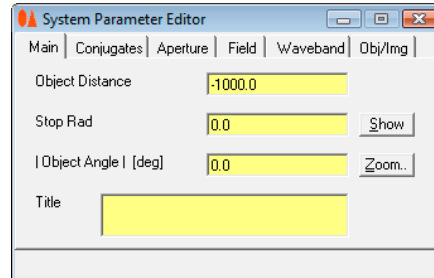
2: How to set up a simple system

In this chapter we will walk you through the very basics of using WinLens to set up a simple system from a Qioptiq component. This will then be converted into a symmetric system with two Qioptiq components. We will then show how to make a user defined component.

When you start WinLens, the program will fill the screen. At the top is a menu and toolbar. At the bottom are sliders. You can ignore all these for the moment.

2.1 System 1: Single Qioptiq lens

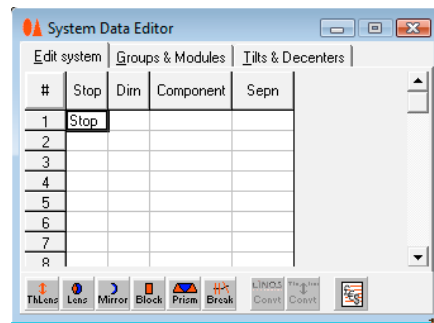
You will also see two windows:



The System Parameter Editor allows you to select the conjugates, aperture & field parameters and their magnitudes.

The 'main' page shows the current selection of the parameters, along with the values. These can be edited.

You can also specify the waveband.



The System Data Editor shows the sequence of components making up the system. These will be named in the 'Part' column.

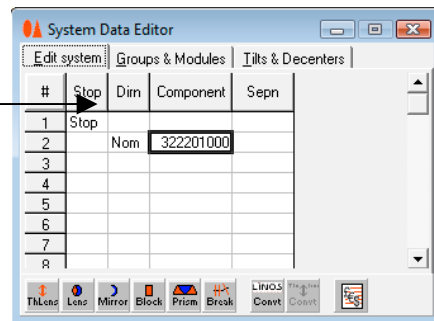
The distance between components is listed in the 'Sepn' column.

The spreadsheet will automatically grow in length if needed for more complex systems.

We will now create a system, using the Qioptiq component 322201 [a doublet].

When you have entered the component, try clicking on the 'dirn' cell, marked 'nom' to change the orientation of the lens.

[Note: you can also drag & drop components from the component database table: see [section 7.1](#)]



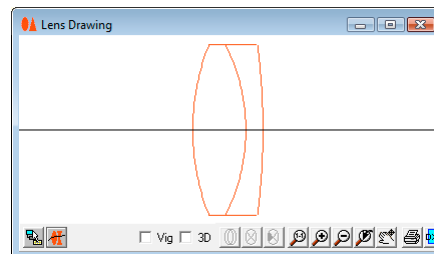
Simply type the part number [322201] into a cell in the 'Part' column. It is NOT very important which cell you use!

WinLens will get the data for this component automatically from the database.

The 'Dirn' column shows the direction of the component:

- 'Nom' - normal
- 'Rev' - reversed

Click to change component orientation



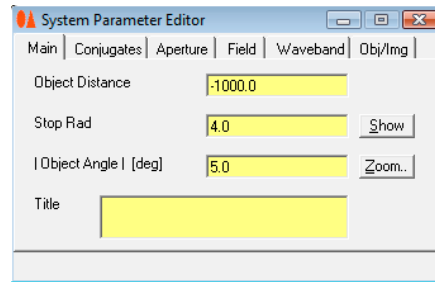
The lens drawing will automatically appear when you load a system or enter the first component of a new system.

Note: you can change the properties of this drawing by:

- right click the drawing, then
- choose 'Select local options for this drawing...' from the popup menu

This is simple so far, but the system has an aperture size of zero, so no light will get through. It also has a zero field size. We need to enter some values for both.

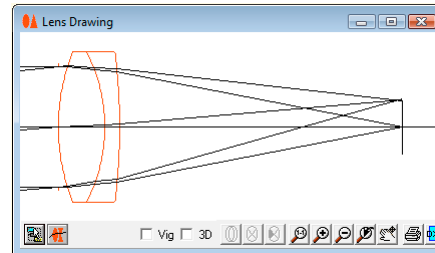
2: How to set up a simple system



We will specify that the system has:

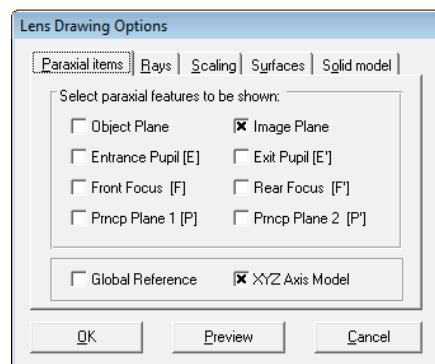
- Stop radius of 4mm
- Object angle of 5deg

Simply type the values into the fields shown in the System parameter editor.



This shows the lens drawing for the new stop and aperture setting.

Note that the image surface and extreme rays in the fan are now drawn.



To change the paraxial items drawn, types of rays shown or other lens drawing options, simply:

right click the drawing, then choose *'Select local options for this drawing...'* from the popup menu

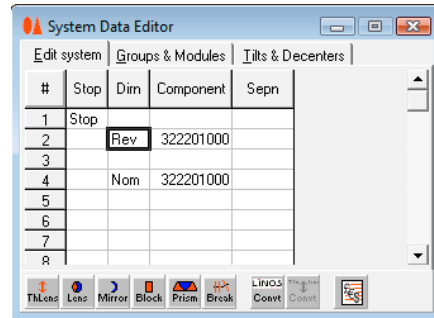
Alternatively, click the leftmost icon at the bottom left of the drawing

At this point in the walk thru, you might want to load other graphs & tables, such as the Seidel aberrations table, the spot diagram or transverse ray aberration plot. These can be accessed either from the 'tables' or 'graphs' menu, or via icons in the 'tables' or 'graphs' section of the toolbar directly under the menu

Try reversing the component several times and see how the diagrams are automatically updated. Note how you can instantly see that this component has a 'right' and a 'wrong' direction!

2.2 System 2: Two Qioptiq lenses

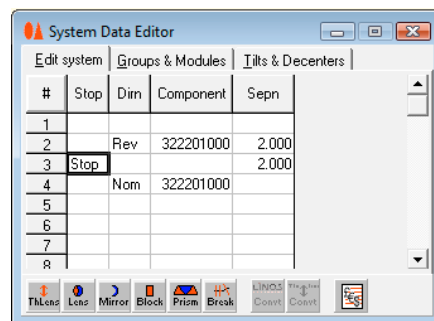
In this example we are going to make the lens into a symmetric system with unit magnification [$\text{mag} = -1$]. The system will be composed of two Qioptiq components with a central stop. First we will enter the components:



Add another 322201 part after the first.

Make sure there is a cell free between the two! [the stop is going to go here]

Reverse the FIRST component

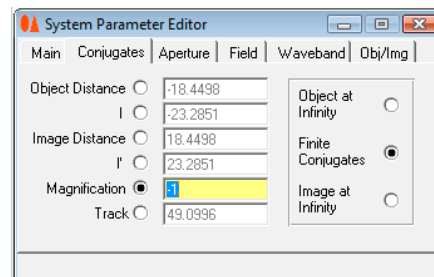


Now add in two separations of 2mm, as shown

At the moment the stop is right at the front of the system.

So finally, position the stop between the two components by clicking the cell in the 'Stop' column between the two components.

Now we need to change the conjugate from controlling object distance to controlling magnification.

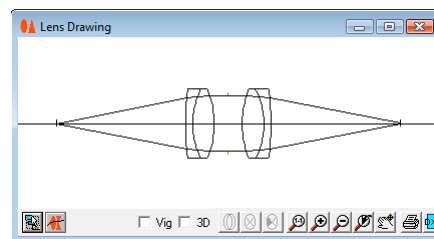


Select the 'conjugate' tab in the system data editor. Here you may choose the independent parameter.

Click on the 'Mag' option & enter a value of -1

Note how the other dependant parameters are automatically updated

If you now look at the 'Main' tab, note that 'Mag' has replaced 'Stop Rad'



Here we see the final lens drawing of the symmetric system.

Note that we have again changed the drawing options to include the object plane.

Now reverse both components to see the huge increase in spherical aberration!

There are two comments to make:

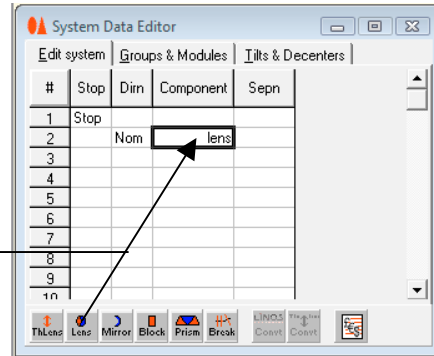
1. You can do this in any order, e.g. set magnification first.
2. So far we have been dealing on a component level. However there is a spreadsheet editor which will allow you to see the system on a surface by surface basis. [see [section 3.3](#)]

2.3 System 3: User defined lens

Now we are going to create a system from a user defined plano convex lens.

First, let's clear the last system. Pull down the 'File' menu and click on the 'New' option. It is up to you whether you save the old system!

In the System Parameter Editor, set the stop radius to 4mm and the object angle to 5deg.

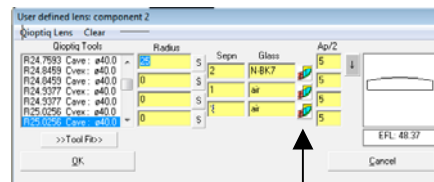


Alternatively, drag & drop from the lens icon, to the desired cell in the 'parts' column

Now in the System Data Editor, type the word 'lens' in a cell in the 'Part' column, end press the enter key.

This tells WinLens that you want to create a user defined lens.

WinLens will launch a simple lens editor.



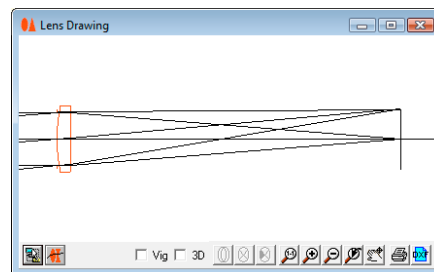
At the right of the glass name cells, you will see glass map icons.

If you are not sure of the glass, click on this icon and you will see the very helpful FindGlass dialog.

In this editor, set:

- first radius to 25mm
 - first separation to 2mm
 - first glass to N-BK7
- click on the OK button

NB the lens can be a singlet, a cemented doublet, an air spaced doublet or a cemented triplet.



WinLens will add the resulting singlet – the right way round, given the distant object [as shown here].

If you reverse the lens, the performance does drop off, though it is not so obvious from the lens drawing. You would need to look at the TRA curves.

If you wish to re-edit the lens then either:

1. Double click on the 'lens' in the 'part' column of the System Data Editor
2. Use the full surface editor table [see section 3.3]

The former reloads the simple editor, and allows you to edit this lens only, but you can make it into a doublet or triplet.

The later allows you to edit surface data for the whole system, but does not allow you to insert surfaces or components.

3. The editors

WinLens contains a number of different editors.

- *System parameter editor*
- *System data editor* [component level view]
- *Surface data editor* [surface by surface view]
- *Zoom manager*
- *Pickup editor*

"Nothing tends so much to the advancement of knowledge as the application of a new instrument. The native intellectual powers of men in different times are not so much the causes of the different success of their labours, as the peculiar nature of the means and artificial resources in their possession."

- Sir Humphrey Davy

3: The editors

WinLens contains a number of editors for different purposes. You have already met the System Data Editor and the System Parameter Editor. In this chapter we will provide more information on these and some others

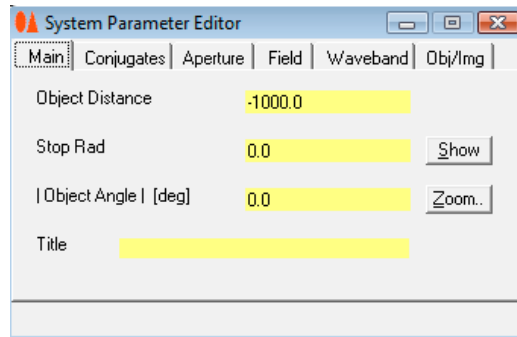
- System parameter editor
- System data editor [component level view]
- Surface data editor [surface by surface view]
- Zoom manager
- Pickup editor

3.1 System parameter editor

Whatever system is designed, whether simple singlet or complex zoom system, you will need to specify, in some way, where the object is, what size it is and the aperture of the system. You will also need to specify the waveband in which the system is operating.

These may all be selected in the system parameter editor, a tabbed form which is permanently loaded.

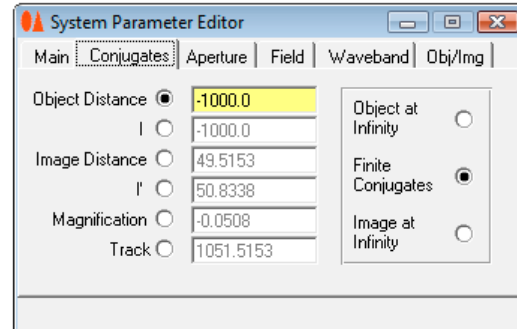
This is permanently loaded



There are several ways of controlling conjugate, aperture & field size. For example, conjugates might be expressed in terms of object distance from first surface, image distance from last surface, magnification etc.

For each class [conjugate, field & aperture] one of these options is the current selection. This is shown on the 'main' tab.

All other options [which are controlled by that choice] are shown on the appropriately named tab.



On these other tabs, you can only change the value of the selected option - the dependant parameters will be updated automatically.

Obviously, the value of the dependant parameters will change from system to system!

To change selection, click on the option button for the choice appropriate to your system.

Zoom systems. This editor always shows the parameters for the **current zoom**. Both values and options can change from zoom to zoom.

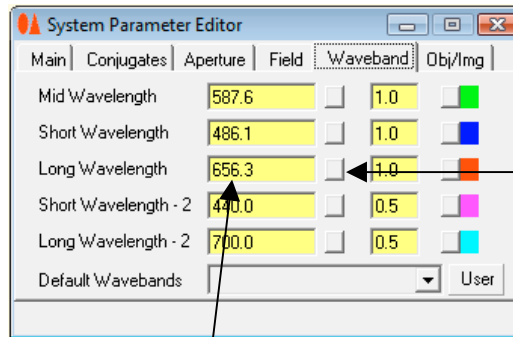
To create a zoom system, insert/delete a zoom, or look at the parameters for all zooms, simply click the 'Zoom' button. This will load the 'Zoom Manager', which is discussed in [section 3.4](#).

3.1.1 Wavelength definition

Since refractive index of any material varies with wavelength, the wavelengths required for analysis must be defined.

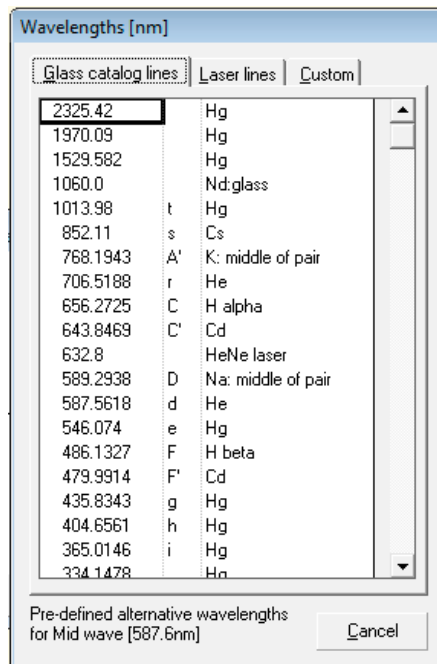
You may specify up to 5 wavelengths in any one zoom. The mid wavelength is the primary wavelength for analysis.

You may also define a colour for each wavelength. These colours will be used in the various graphs for identification. To define the colour simply click on the button beside the colour sample area at right for the wavelength of interest.



To change a wavelength value you may type in a value [in nm] in the appropriate text box.

Alternatively, WinLens maintains a list of standard wavelengths. To access this list, click on the button beside the text box, and you will see:



Simply click on the wavelength you want, and it will appear in the wavelength text box.

This form is split into several tabs:

1. standard glass catalogue wavelengths.
2. Standard laser wavelengths
3. any custom wavelengths that you have defined before.

These custom wavelengths are defined in a simple text file [WaveLen.LST], which lives in the UserData subdirectory.

Each wavelength is defined in a single line. An example of 3 wavelengths is shown below:

```
1060.0| 1060.0
t| 1014.0
s| 852.1
```

Note the first part is the 'name', and the second part [after the '|' character] is the actual value.

WinLens also contains a few standard wavebands. You can select these from the drop down list at the bottom of the system parameter editor, in the waveband tab. This will set the wavelengths appropriately.

Alternatively, you may set up a custom set of wavelengths, and then define these as the 'user' waveband. Simply click on the button beside the list. These may then be recalled by selection from the list at a later date.

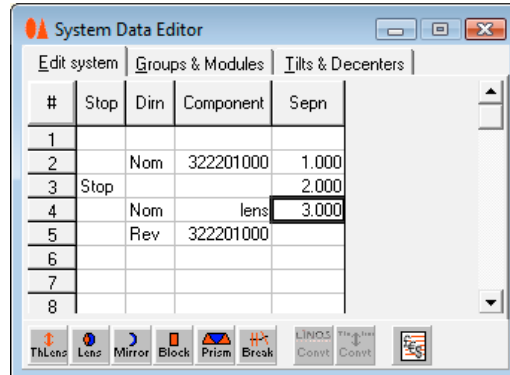
3.2 System data editor

As noted in the examples, this editor allows you to specify/edit the basic structure of the system in terms of components and separation between components.

System Data Editor is permanently loaded

It is a tabbed form, but we will only use the first tab here.

Tilts and decenters are covered in their own manual.



#	Stop	Dirn	Component	Sepn
1				
2		Nom	322201000	1.000
3	Stop			2.000
4		Nom	lens	3.000
5		Rev	322201000	
6				
7				
8				

In this illustration, the system consists of:

- Qioptiq doublet #322201
- Stop in air
- User defined lens
- Qioptiq doublet #322201 [reversed]

The stop is 1mm after the first doublet, and is in turn 2mm before the user-defined lens. Following the user lens is a 3mm gap before the final Qioptiq doublet

3.2.1 System data editor icons

We have shown how you can setup a lens by typing 'lens' in the component column.

You also can use the lower left hand block of icons if you want to create a user defined thin lens, lens, mirror, block, prism or coordinate break. Simply drag & drop from the icon into the desired cell in the 'part' column. WinLens will then load a dialog, to enable you to define that component

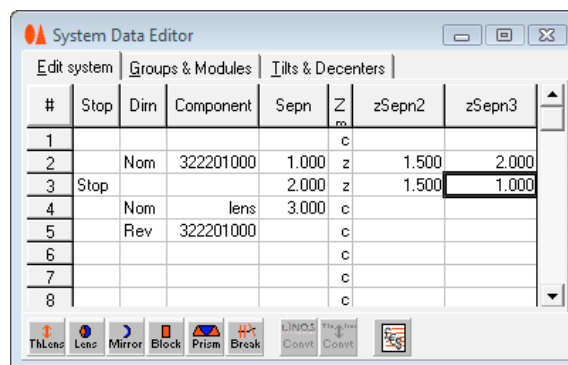
The right hand block of icons are for:

1. Conversion of a Qioptiq component into a user defined component [with same parameters, but editable]
2. Conversion of a thin lens into a user defined lens
3. Generate a request for a quotation for your system. This can be emailed directly to Qioptiq.

3.2.2 System data editor and zoom systems

In WinLens all gaps between components can be made zoom-able, i.e. have different values for the separation in each zoom. These separations are shown in the system data editor.

If we make the system shown above have three zooms [see [section 3.4](#)], then the system data editor will have some extra columns, to display the zoom separations. we might end up with:



#	Stop	Dirn	Component	Sepn	Z _m	zSepn2	zSepn3
1					c		
2		Nom	322201000	1.000	z	1.500	2.000
3	Stop			2.000	z	1.500	1.000
4		Nom	lens	3.000	c		
5		Rev	322201000		c		
6					c		
7					c		
8					c		

First note the new thin column to the right of the 'Sepn' column. Each cell has one of two possible codes:

- 'z' for zoom-able
- 'c' for constant [i.e. same for all zooms]

Click to toggle between these two states.

Once a gap is marked as zoom-able, you may enter values for the separations in the extra zooms in the space provided.

Thus here, the gap between the first Qioptiq doublet, 322201, and the stop has the value of 1.0mm in zoom 1, 1.5mm in zoom 2 and 2.00mm in zoom 3.

3.3 Surface data editor

On many occasions it is convenient to see all the component data [radii, separation, glasses, apertures etc] in one spreadsheet. This view is provided by the Surface data editor. Here we show the editor for the system outlined in section 3.2

To load, either:
 - Select 'Surface' from the 'Tables' menu
 - Click 'Surf Data' icon in the 'Tables' tab of the main tool bar

This is a tabbed dialog, but we will only cover the first tab.

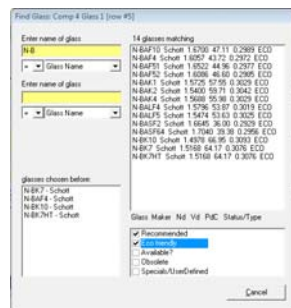
Tilts and decenters are covered in detail in their own manual

#	Srf	Film	Film wave	Radius	Seprn	Glass	Maker	n	V	Ap/2	Ap
0	Obj				-1000.00	air			0.00		
1	2	S	ARB2	530d	13.47	3.10 N-SSK8	Schott	1.62	49.81	5.00	
2		S			-10.98	1.00 N-SF6	Schott	1.81	25.35	5.00	
3		S	ARB2	530d	-39.53	1.00 air				5.00	
4	3	*S			Plane	2.00 air				0.00	
5	4	S			50.00	1.00 N-BK7	Schott	1.52	64.14	5.00 fixed	
6		S			Plane	3.00 air				5.00 fixed	
7	5	S	ARB2	530d	39.53	1.00 N-SF6	Schott	1.81	25.35	5.00	
8		S			10.98	3.10 N-SSK8	Schott	1.62	49.81	5.00	
9		S	ARB2	530d	-13.47	5.30 air				5.00	
10	Img				Plane	0.00 mm - def			0.00		

There are many things to note:

1. Data for surfaces & spaces inside a component are colour coded. Thus the first, third, fifth etc. components will be black. Data for the second, fourth, sixth etc. component will be in red. The stop [if in air] counts as a component.
2. The first column [headed #] shows the row number of the parent component, in the systems data editor [see section 3.2]
3. Data for spaces between components [separations & materials] will be in grey.
4. Editable data is shown by cells with a yellow background [please note: Qioptiq components cannot be edited unless they are first converted⁴ into user components in the system data editor]
5. Films can be entered from the Qioptiq film database, either by name or by drag & drop from the thin film database form⁵ into the film column.
6. Entering a value of zero for the radius defines a plane surface.
7. Separations are for distance after the surface.
8. Separations shown are for the current zoom [see section 3.4]
9. To change an editable glass, either:
 - type its name directly
 - click on a glass map icon to load the FindGlass v1.1.11 dialog.
 - drag & drop from the glass database. This form is searchable and can be sorted in many ways
10. You can enter materials between components.
11. Apertures on editable surfaces can either be fixed or variable. If variable, then the aperture will be adjusted⁶ to allow the passage of all rays from each object point, given the system stop and other fixed apertures. To toggle between the two states, simply click on the cell.
12. If the system contains toroid/conic or aspheric surfaces then extra columns will appear at the right of the form

FindGlass dialog:



- history log
- type ahead list
- up to 3 search conditions

3.3.1 Hidden features

There are a number of 'hidden' features to this editor. You may find these useful. All can be accessed by clicking on particular cells.

1. Surface dialog to change surface type: click an editable cell in the 'Srf' column
2. Melt glass entry: click in the 'Maker' column for an editable glass. All you need is the melt glass index at two wavelengths.
3. List of indices at the waveband wavelengths. Click on a glass cell in the 'n' or 'V' columns.

⁴ To convert a Qioptiq component into an editable user lens, simply select the component in the system data editor and press F12. Alternatively, click the conversion icon at mid bottom of the system data editor.

⁵ The various databases can be easily displayed. Either select an option from the 'Database' menu or click on icon in the 'Database' tab in the main toolbar.

⁶ Various options are available for this procedure, e.g. rounding, extra space etc. To see these options, select 'Aperture control' from the 'options' menu.

3.4 Zoom manager

This editor has one purpose only – to allow you to create and specify zoom systems.

In WinLens a zoom system usually [but not always] has one or more spaces whose separation changes with the zoom number. However, you can also have completely different:

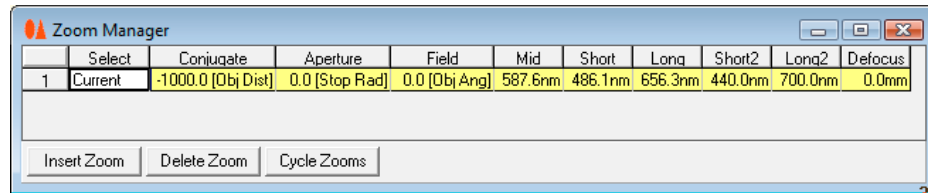
- conjugates [object/image distance]
 - field size
 - aperture size
 - wavebands
- for each zoom.

Lets make a single zoom system. To load the Zoom Manager, either:

1. Click on the 'zoom...' button on the System parameter editor
2. Pull down the 'tables' menu and select the 'Zooms' option
3. Click the 'Zoom' icon in the 'tables' tab of the main toolbar

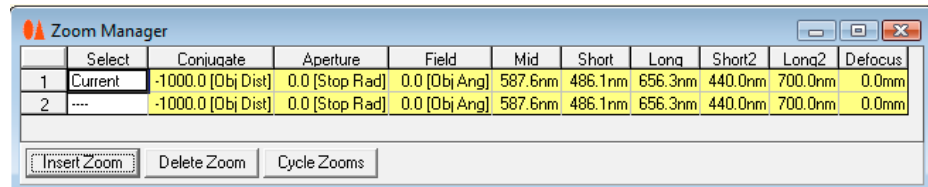
You will see something like:

To load either:
 - Select 'Zooms' from the 'Tables' menu
 - Click 'Zoom' icon in the 'Tables' tab of the main tool bar
 - Click 'Zooms...' button on the System parameter editor



There is just one row, for the single zoom. In it are the editable parameters for that zoom. You can change the values [but not the parameter types] here.

To add a zoom, simply click the 'Insert Zoom' button.



Now there are two zooms. Initially the new zoom is a copy of the previous zoom, in terms of system parameters. As explained above, you can edit the values here, or change the parameter types for the 'current' zoom in the System parameter editor.

Initially graphs and tables⁷ show data for the current zoom, when the current zoom is changed, these will be updated accordingly.

The current zoom is shown by the word 'current' in the 'Select' column. To change the current zoom, simply click on a cell in the that column

To change the parameter types you must use the System parameter editor, where you can change the parameter types for the current zoom – for example, you could control object distance in zoom1 and magnification in zoom 2.

We have already shown how the zoom separations are entered [see [section 3.2.2](#)]

⁷ We will discuss how to make graphs & tables show data for any specific zoom whether or not, or even for multiple zooms! [See [sections 4.2 & 4.3](#)]

3.5 Pickup editor

Pickups are ways of enforcing permanent links between data. For example, you may wish to ensure that two separations are kept at identical values, no matter what happens.

WinLens has a number of pickups, ranging from single parameter pickups, such as separation and glass, through surface pickups, to complete component pickups.

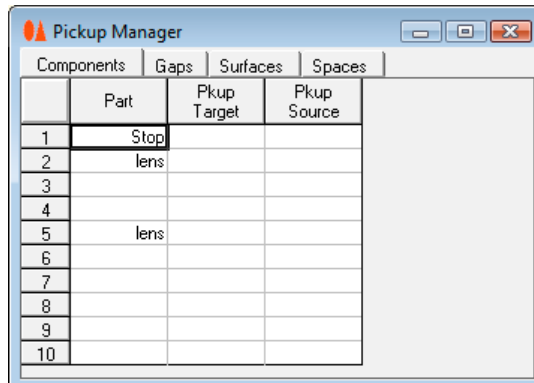
Each pickup has a master or source component/parameter and a slave or target component/parameter. Changes in the master are automatically repeated in the slave. The master component/parameter is always 'earlier' in the optical chain than the target.

Most pickups, with the exception of glass, can have a scale factor. For example, if two components are linked, you may force the target component to be twice the size of the source pickup. A component scale factor of -ve, means that the the component is rotated [mirrors excepted!]

Finally, you can build chains of pickups! Thus one component may be master to another, which is in turn master to a third and so on. Pickups do not have to be between 'adjacent' components. This chaining can be very useful when dealing with systems with repeating modules.

Here we see the pickup editor, for a system with two components.

To load either:
 - Select 'Pickups' from the 'Tables' menu
 - Click 'Pickup' icon in the 'Tables' tab of the main tool bar



	Part	Pkup Target	Pkup Source
1	Stop		
2	lens		
3			
4			
5	lens		
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

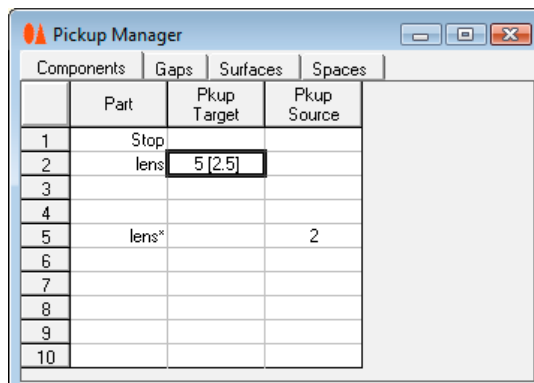
To make a pickup, simply drag from the 'Pkup Target' column and drop into the 'Pkup Source' column.

Naturally, you must drag from the cell in the row of the source component [in this case row 2]

Equally naturally you must drop in the row where the target component should be

if you do not drop it in row of an existing component [row 4 in this case], then it will create a linked component in that target row!

When you drop, you will be asked to enter the scale factor [unless this is a glass pickup]. After the link is made you will see:



	Part	Pkup Target	Pkup Source
1	Stop		
2	lens	5 [2.5]	
3			
4			
5	lens*		2
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

The value in the 'Pkup target' column (4/2.5) tells you that lens in cell 2 is the master component in a link to the lens in row 4, with a scale factor of 2.5

The value in the 'Pkup source' column (2) tells you that lens 5 is the slave or target in a link from component 2.

Note that the slave component's name has changed to 'lens*'.

To edit the pickup scale factor or delete it, simple click on the cell in the 'Pkup target column'. A value of zero will delete the pickup.

WinLens will perform checks to make sure that pickups are valid and comply to the rules!

4. Graphs & tables

How to:

- *Review/change global options*
- *Make multiple copies of a graph or table*
- *Use zoom friendly graphs & tables*
- *Freeze a copy of a graph or table for 'audit trail' purposes*
- *Change format of data in tables*

"There are many examples of old, incorrect theories that stubbornly persisted, sustained only by the prestige of foolish but well-connected scientists. ... Many of these theories have been killed off only when some decisive experiment exposed their incorrectness. ... Thus the yeoman work in any science, and especially physics, is done by the experimentalist, who must keep the theoreticians honest."

- Michio Kaku

Editors allow you to make changes to the optical system and its environment. Graphs and tables show you the effects, mainly optical, of those changes.

In this section, we are not going to discuss individual graphs & tables, instead we shall look at some generic items of interest. We shall see how to:

- Review/change global options
- Make multiple copies of a graph or table
- Use zoom friendly graphs & tables
- Freeze a copy of a graph or table for 'audit trail' purposes
- Change format of data in tables

These are all things which will be useful, but are not immediately obvious.

4.1 Review/change global options

Local options⁸ apply to a single graph or table and will be located in clear view on that graph or table. For example the scale of the spot diagram can be edited by directly typing into a text box on the spot diagram graph.

Global options apply to several graphs. This includes things like:

- number of wavelengths at which to trace rays
- number of rays in a fan for TRA, OPD, Longitudinal aberrations etc
- number of ray rings for spot diagrams, MTF's etc

To review and edit such global options, either:

- Select 'Options' from the main menu
- Right click a graph/table and select 'Global parameters, from the popup menu

Any changes will be applied straight away to all appropriate graphs/tables.

4.2 Multiple copies of a graph or table

Some times it can be very useful to have multiple copies of a graph or table. For example, you might have one lens drawing showing the entire system, while another shows the small portion round the stop or is zoomed in to the image plane.

Most graphs and tables can be 'cloned'. To clone a graph/table, right click on that form and select the option '*Make another graph [table]*' from the popup menu. WinLens will then create a new graph/table as appropriate.

Once 'cloned' the new graph/table is independent of its parent. You may then change its scales & local options independently. For zoom systems, you may get the cloned graph/table to show results for a different zoom [discussed below]

This has an important consequence for graphs. Because we want to maintain this independence of local scales for a graph, any changes to scales do NOT automatically become the new default scales for that graph type. You must deliberately choose to do this.

To force local set of options to become the new defaults, right click on the form and select the '*Make local scales the new defaults*'.

On the other hand, if you wish to reset the graph to the old defaults, right click on the form and select the '*Reset local scales to defaults*'

4.3 Zoom friendly graphs & tables

All graphs & tables can be set to show the data for one zoom – the current zoom or a specified zoom. When the current zoom is changed in the Zoom manager [Section 3.4], the graphs & tables will be automatically updated.

A few tables [the paraxial system data table and the Seidels table] can be set to show data for one zoom or all zooms. The options are directly visible on the form and so will not be discussed further.

Most graphs, including the lens drawing' can be set to show data for one, several or all zooms simultaneously.

⁸ The exception to this rule is the lens drawing. Here there are so many options that they have been collected into a dialog. To access this dialog [as we have seen in the examples [Ch 2], right click on the drawing and choose '*Select local options for this drawing*'.

To change the zoom[s] displayed, right click on the graph and select the '*Change zoom for graph [table]*' option from the popup menu. A dialog will appear with the choices available for that form.

One final note, for the lens drawing, when showing multiple zooms, you may choose which datum the graphics may be aligned to. The choices include:

- Object or image
- Any physical surface in the system
- One of the optical points, such as principle planes, object or entrance pupil etc.

This can look particularly neat when the zooms are drawn one beneath the other [as on the front cover to this document]. These choices are held in the lens drawing option dialog. Right click the lens drawing and choose the 'Select local options for this drawing' item

4.4 Freeze a graph or table

Sometimes you may want to have a copy of a graph or table, to compare with the results for a modified system later on. You could print out the table/graph. Alternatively, you can 'freeze' a copy of the form.

Once frozen the graph/table will no longer be updated by any changes to the system. Its caption will note the time of freezing.

Please note that you can load further unfrozen copies of that form using the normal menu or icon.

To freeze a form, right click on the form and select the 'Freeze' option from the menu.

4.5 Change format of data in tables

All tables show numerical data in spreadsheet form. Sometimes the number of decimal places in a particular column does not need to vary. But sometimes you may wish to see more or less information.

To change the number of decimal places in a column, right click the spreadsheet and select the 'Change column formats' option.

WinLens will launch a dialog showing all columns in the source spreadsheet. Underneath the caption for each column, you will either see a '\$' or a number. The '\$' sign means that column is in alphanumeric format and is fixed. However any number can be edited. Thus 2 means two decimal places. You could then change this to 4 and then see 4 decimal places in that particular column.

5. Sliders

How to use sliders to rapidly change variables over a range of values

- *Purpose of sliders*
- *Defining a slider*
- *Notes on sliders*

"The labelling of any engineering project with the epithet 'simple' is more often than not the result of the feeling of confidence that springs from inadequate comprehension of the situation".

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- Purpose of sliders
- Defining a slider
- Notes on sliders

5.1 Purpose of sliders

In the last chapter we saw how the editors could be used to alter parameters. This is quite alright, but can be very time consuming, when making repeated adjustments to one or two variables.

To help with this task, sliders have been introduced to WinLens. Sliders can now be 'linked' to parameters of your choice, for example, the power of a particular component, the radius of a surface or the space between two surfaces. Here we see two sliders, one linked to the radius of curvature of the third surface.



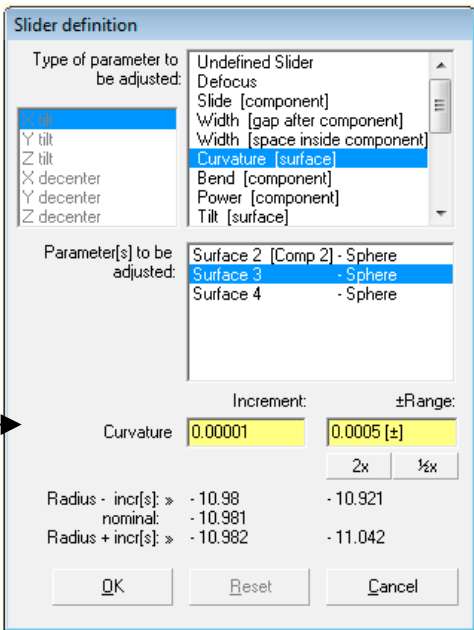
As the slider position is altered, so the parameter is updated along with all visible graphs and tables. This allows for rapid adjustment of a variable, with increments chosen by you.

Quite often, optical design requires the alteration of one parameter followed by some compensatory adjustment of another. In such a case, simple define as many sliders as are required. There is no restriction on the order in which sliders may be used.

5.2 Defining a slider

A number of sliders are located in a bar along the bottom of WinLens. Obviously these are initially undefined, i.e. not linked to any specific parameter.

To define the purpose of the slider [i.e. link it to a parameter], click on the '...' button at top right of a slider. You will see the slider definition dialog appear.



This area shows the change in the parameter resulting from:

- ±1 increment
- ±50 increments [entire range]

Because this area is intended to make clear the effect of a change, the data displayed may not be quite the same as the chosen parameter. For example, for curvature changes, the effect on radius is shown. While for an aspheric coefficient, the effect on surface sag is shown.

To define the slider:

- 1) Select type of parameter to be used, from the top most list.
- 2) Once this is selected, all available options⁹ for the particular parameter will appear in the list below.
- 3) Select the exact parameter to be adjusted from the second list.
- 4) Enter either the parameter increment, or the range that you want.
- 5) Click the OK button.

The dialog will disappear. Now if you drag the slider bar, that parameter will be incremented and the graphs & tables updated accordingly.

To alter the definition or reset back to the starting position, simply click on the '...' button again, and the dialog will reappear, but showing the current definition.

⁹ The options will depend upon the parameter type, AND the specific system. Thus if you have chosen radius, the second list will display all surfaces whose radius can be altered. Qioptiq components are fixed and therefore surfaces from Qioptiq components will NOT appear in the list.

It is easy to convert a Qioptiq component into 'user' defined component, which will be listed and can be adjusted by slider. Simply select the component in the System Data Editor and press F12

5.3 Notes on sliders

In this section, we discuss various aspects of sliders in more detail.

5.3.1 Rules on 'availability'

When you select a particular parameter type, you may wonder why some components or surfaces are not available. The following rules may help.

- Qioptiq components have a fixed design and therefore you cannot alter power, bending, curvatures, aspheric or internal separations.
- Blocks must have plane surfaces and therefore you cannot alter power, bending or curvatures
- Mirrors have a single surface and therefore you cannot alter power or bending. Alter curvature instead.

5.3.2 Setting slider increments

This is a powerful tool, and can, if not used with some care, make massive changes to a system! Therefore be careful in your choice of increment/range.

The effect of some parameter changes is immediately obvious, such as a change in width. However others, such as power or bending, are not so obvious. The following table therefore defines the various types of adjustment possible.

Parameter Type	Action	Notes	Trial increment size
Bend	Add increment value to curvature of all surfaces in the selected component	$= [C_f + C_l] / [C_f + C_l]$ C_f is curve of first surface C_l is curve of last surface	.01 - .0001
Power	Add equal and opposite increment to curvature of first & last surfaces of the selected component	Power is 1/focal length of the component in air	.01 - .0001
Slide	Add [subtract] increment to space before component] & Subtract [add] increment to space after component]		.1
Width [gap after component]	Add increment to space after component.		.1
Width [space inside component]	Add increment to a space inside component		.1
Curvature	Adds increment to the curvature of the selected surface	Curvature is 1/ radius of the selected surface	.01 to .0001
Conic constant	Adds increment to the conic constant of the selected surface		.01
Aspheric Coefficient A4 -A12	Adds increment to the nominated aspheric coefficient of the selected surface		Small!
Defocus	Adds increment to the defocus of the system		.1

When specify the parameter increment or range, look carefully at the effects displayed underneath. These will give you a clear indication of the scale of the effects, especially for items like power, curvature, conic constants & aspheric coefficients.

Note that the effects may not be the same as the parameter type, but some dependant quantity that is more obvious. Thus when altering the curvature, we show the effect of adding curvature increments on the radius of the surface. Similarly for aspheric coefficients and conic constants, we show the impact on the surface sag. This gives a much clearer idea whether these changes are massive or insignificant –

this is especially important since both cases are very likely to occur when manipulating aspheric coefficients!

5.3.3 Unlinking sliders

You can unlink a slider manually, by selecting the 'Undefined slider' from the parameter type list in the slider definition dialog.

WinLens also automatically unlinks sliders on various occasions. These include:

- Creating a new lens [all sliders]
- Loading a lens from disk [all sliders]
- Deleting a component [sliders relating to that component]
- Inserting a blank row in the system data editor
- Inserting a component [group of components]
- Reversing a component [group of components]

So don't be surprised if a slider you have defined clears after you have done some editing in the system data editor. In general, this occurs after structural changes to the lens.

5.3.4 Automatic re-centering

Please note, any changes you make to the data in the surface data editor will not clear the slider [provided they do not alter the structure of the lens, which can sometimes happen if you change a glass in a component to air].

However, after such an action, a slider directly linked to the edited parameter [such as a specific radius] will be 're-centered'. The slider will be returned to its central position.

After such a re-centering, the slider will then use the value that you entered as its new default or center point.

6. Optical glasses

This chapter is devoted to glasses within WinLens.

- *Standard, special & temporary glasses*
- *Melt glasses*
- *Finding an alternative glass*

"I do not know what I appear to the world; but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on a seashore, and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me."

Sir Isaac Newton

In this chapter we shall briefly cover optical glasses and related features:

- Standard, special & temporary glasses
- Melt glasses
- Finding an alternative glass

6.1 Standard, special & temporary glasses

Standard glasses: WinLens has a large and up to date database of optical glasses from the major glass manufacturers. These are known as the standard glasses. This includes data on obsolete glasses, to help with setting up patents and finding new alternatives.

Special glasses: WinLens has a smaller database of special materials, mostly infra-red. You can add to these glasses using the material editor utility [a separate program]

Temporary glasses: there are times when you may wish to model a glass, just knowing one value of the refractive index, or the index and v-value. WinLens allows you to 'create' such glasses on the fly.

When you change a material¹⁰ WinLens will search through the database [standard glasses first, then special glasses, then temporary glasses].

If one match is found, data for that glass is used.

If more than one match is found, then a dialog will present the options [i.e. list the makers names]. You then simply choose the appropriate make.

If no glasses match the name you supplied, then WinLens assumes that you wish to create a temporary glass, and loads a dialog. You then supply indices as appropriate.

One final note: please do not replace temporary glasses with real glasses before committing a design to manufacture!

6.2 Quick melt glasses

Glass manufacturers provide refractive index data in great detail. However, optical glass is created in individual melts. The index will vary slightly from melt to melt. This may cause significant performance changes in some systems.

You can create a special glass for each melt in the Material Editor [see side box]. MatEd comes as part of the WinLens suite

There is a quicky method [technical details are given in the help system], which is based upon the fact that there is a relation between the indices of a melt glass and the catalogue values.

Using this relation, it is possible to predict melt glass behaviour, just knowing the melt index at two wavelengths. Given this, and the catalog data, WinLens can predict the indices at other wavelengths, and therefore model the effects of a particular melt.

To create a melt glass, simply click on the Maker name of the glass in the Surface Data table [sec 3.3]. WinLens will then launch the melt dialog. Once specified, you may choose to apply this data to the one space, or all spaces using that material [either including or excluding other melts]

Rules for melt glasses

- You cannot create melt data for Qioptiq components. If you wish to then you must convert the component into a user defined lens first [sec 3.2.1]
- You must supply index data at two wavelengths for the melt
- You must supply a melt code [either official or your own invention]. This is very useful because you can apply different melts to the same material at different places in the system.

Once defined, you will see an extra column in the Surface Data table to the right of the Maker column. This melt column shows the melt code you supplied.

¹⁰ Materials are changed either in the Surface Data editor, or in the lens & block dialogs launched from the System Data editor. You may also change object and image space in the 'Obj/Img' tab on the System parameter editor.

To change a material you simply type in the name of the new material in place of the old name.

Full Melt glasses

You can create melt glasses in Material Editor.

Select the parent glass from the standard catalog. MatEd allows you to enter index values at any wavelengths specified on the melt sheet [*Schott melt glasses have a special format which is handled*].

MatEd will then do a fit to the index differences and generate a new polynomial for the melt.

The melt glass can then be exported to WinLens. It will appear in the lists and can be referred to by its new name - a combination of the parent glass and a user supplied melt code, e.g. BK7-m123

6.3 Finding an alternative glass

There are several circumstances in which you will want to find an alternative glass:

- To replace an obsolete glass
- To replace a glass with an ECO¹¹ friendly glass
- To replace a temporary glass with a real glass
- To replace an 'optimised'¹² glass with a real glass **full**
- To change the performance of a system.

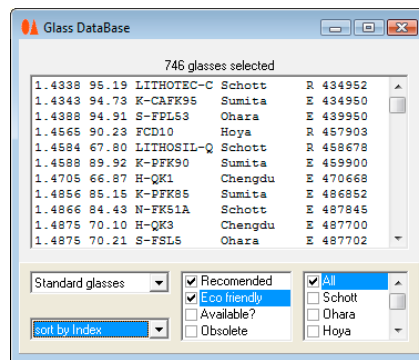
Obviously you could just type in a new name into the appropriate cell. However if you need a more scientific approach then WinLens can help.

There are four helpful tools:

- Glass Database
- Alternate Glass Finder
- Active Glass Map
- FindGlass dialog **new WL3D 1.1.11**

6.3.1 Glass Database

First the glass database itself. This is not just a simple list, but can be searched and sorted. It is available through the database menu, or via an icon in the database tab of the main toolbar.



You can sort this list in many ways - name, index, V-value etc - here we are sorting by index.

You can also specify which broad classes of glass [recommended, available?, ECO and/or obsolete] from one or more manufacturers are shown¹³.

Both this [and the tool discussed next] may be found by pulling down the 'Database' menu, or by clicking an icon in the 'Database' tab of the main toolbar.

Glasses can be dragged from this to the Surface data table ['Glass column']

¹¹ 'ECO glass'. Many manufacturers now supply a range of eco friendly glasses which contain no lead or arsenic.

¹² 'Optimised' glass **full**. In optimisation it is possible to make a glass into a variable. Optimisation variables require a continuous range of values.

Since there is only a finite number of real glasses, the best we can do is restrain the variable glass to lie within the real glass region, and use a glass model. After the optimisation, we will want to replace the optimised theoretical glass with the nearest real glass.

¹³These options do not limit the glasses you can use in the design! It is merely to help you list alternatives from a more focused selection.

6.3.2 Alternate Glass Finder

A more sophisticated glass replacement tool. It is available through the database menu, or via an icon in the database tab of the main toolbar.

Glasses in current system →

#	Glass	Maker	n	Disp	Pxy
1	air				
2	N-SSK8	Schott	E 1.6177	0.0124	0.7003
3	N-SF6	Schott	E 1.8052	0.0318	0.7136
4	air				
5	air				
6	air				
7	N-SSK8	Schott	E 1.6177	0.0124	0.7003
8	N-SF6	Schott	E 1.8052	0.0318	0.7136
9	air				

Sorted list of glasses meeting current search criteria →

Glass	n	Disp	Pxy	Sort Factor	
1	N-SSK8	E 1.6177	0.0124	0.7003	0.0000
2	S-BSM28	E 1.6177	0.0124	0.7005	0.0078
3	E-SSK8	E 1.6177	0.0124	0.7006	0.0980
4	K-SSK9	E 1.6201	0.0125	0.7004	1.9705
5	S-BSM71	E 1.6485	0.0122	0.6991	62.7442
6	E-BACED20	E 1.6485	0.0122	0.6992	63.0877
7	BAF4	R 1.5827	0.0125	0.7020	69.3443
8	E-BAF3	E 1.5827	0.0125	0.7016	70.6901
9	S-BAM3	E 1.5827	0.0126	0.7019	73.4853
10	K-SSK3	E 1.6148	0.0120	0.6985	87.8149
11	H-LAK11	E 1.6646	0.0122	0.6981	140.3537

Plot of index for:

- F4 [space 2 in lens]
- BASF4 [a poor alternative?]

Plot of change in index difference →

Sort criterion →

Glass type & maker preferences – to determine glasses shown in list →

This dialog shows the current system, highlighting its glasses. Select a system glass, & the dialog can sort and search the glasses in the glass database.

If you then click on a glass in the list, you will see comparative index plots for the system glass and the alternate glass.

When you are satisfied with the match [whether by total overlay, parallelism of the two curves or merely intersection at a specific wavelength], you can then replace the glass.

6.3.3 Active Glass Map

There is also the **Active Glass Map** – here we see the standard Nd-Vd plot, but with glasses colour coded for density.

System Bar – showing names of glasses in current system. Click on this tree list to highlight one, some or all glasses in the system

History Logs – showing most recent selections for X & Y axis defn, colour code and search type. Simply click on a list to recall & redisplay an item from the logs

Display options – choose to show/hide glass names, pointers to system glasses

Child graph – shows index & transmission v wavelength for current glass

Child table – shows x, y & colour values for selected glasses

Show/hide system bar and/or history logs

To select a space for update. Click on tree display or the a system pointer bar

To update a glass in the selected space – click on the map. The nearest glass to the pointer will be used

Zoom into graph by 'selecting' an area with the mouse.

High resolution printout – uses full size of printer

Update options

6.3.4 FindGlass Dialog

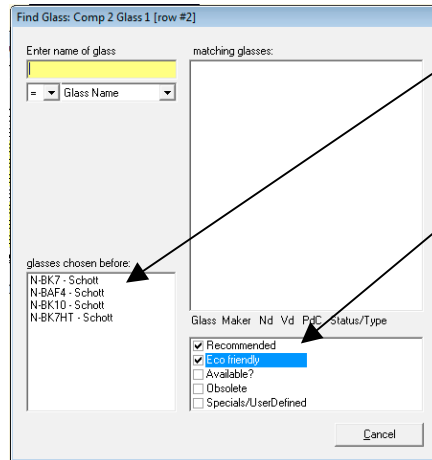
Finally there is the FindGlass ^(v1.1.11) Dialog. Wherever there is an editor where a glass can be changed by typing we have added a glass map icon [s]

Radius	Seprn	Glass	Maker
	-1000.00	air	
Plane	0.00	air	
13.47	3.10	N-SSK2	Schott
-10.98	1.00	N-SF6	Schott
-39.53	1.00	air	
Plane	3.00	air	
33.67	7.75	N-SSK2	Schott
-27.45	2.50	N-SF6	Schott
-98.81	5.40	air	
Plane	0.00	mm - def	

Her, for example, we show the Surface Data Table - where there is an icon beside each glass name.

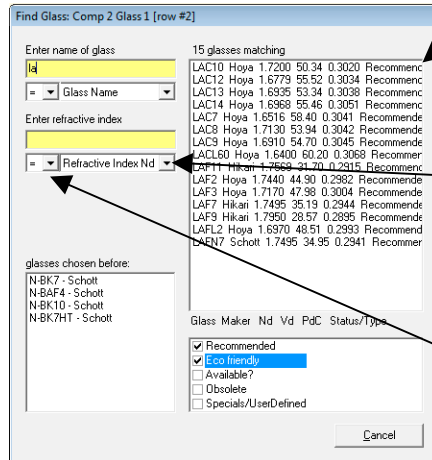
But it can also be found in the 'lens' dialog, 'block' dialog, 'prism' dialog etc.

To change the glass in one space, you can still type the name manually; alternatively you may click the icon. If you do you will see something like:



First of all, there is a list of) List of most recently used glasses -bottom left - simply click to select

You can also select different classes of glass, e.g. ECO glasses etc.



There is a 'type ahead' feature. As you type in a glass name, so WinLens creates a list of glasses which match the characters entered. Simply click to select the glass of interest.

Alternate search types. Besides searching for a glass name, you can also select glass maker, refractive index at the d or mid wavelength, V-Value, etc etc. You can have up to three 'restrictions' simultaneously, each entered via its own text box [we show 2 here].

Alternate search conditions. By default the search condition is '=' or equality. However you may also select various inequalities, such as 'greater than' and even 'range'.

Tip 1: When using 'range' you must enter the lower value, then a colon sign, then the upper value. For example entering '1.45 : 1.55' - would be a good range when searching for refractive index.

Tip 2: when using 'equality', you can enter several values, each separated by a colon, e.g. 'a : l : p' might be one used when searching for glass names

7. Databases, Lens Library & Lens Files

This chapter covers the three databases within WinLens.

- *Qioptiq components*
- *Glasses*
- *Qioptiq thin films*

It also discusses the Qioptiq lens library and the disk file viewer [a preview option]

"Nature composes some of her loveliest poems for the microscope and the telescope."

-Theodore Roszak

In this chapter we shall look at the three databases used by WinLens, and see how they can make your work much simpler.

- Qioptiq components
- Glasses
- Qioptiq thin films

These can all be loaded by selecting an option from the 'Database' menu or clicking an icon on the 'Database' tab of the main toolbar.

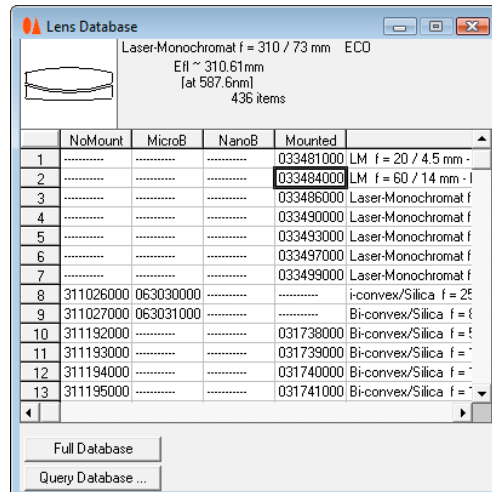
We will also mention the Qioptiq lens library and the disk file viewer.

7.1 Qioptiq components

You may want or need to model a system containing one or more of the Qioptiq range of components. Obviously you could type in all the parameters by hand. However that would indeed be a huge waste of time.

WinLens can access a database of the Qioptiq components. All you have to do is enter the part number [as illustrated in the simple example *section 2.1*] into the system data editor. WinLens will then automatically create a lens with the correct design parameters.

If you are not quite sure which is the appropriate Qioptiq part to use, then view the component database form. This contains a list of the Qioptiq parts.



Each part has a separate row. You can see that sometimes a part has 1, 2 or even 3 part numbers.

The lens prescription is the same, but the mount type is different. From left to right, the different columns refer to:

- Part#: lens with no mount
- Part#: lens in microbench mount
- Part#: lens in standard mount

When you click on a row, the component is drawn and details of aperture and focal length are shown in the form header.

This list can be searched by:

- type [singlet, doublet etc]
- focal length
- aperture size

To search the component

database, click on the 'Query Database' button. WinLens will load a simple dialog, in which you can specify your requirements.

Toggling the 'Any Type' box will clear or check the check boxes for all other component shape options.

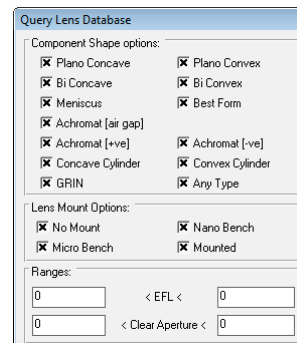
When your requirements have been entered, press 'OK'. WinLens will then hide the dialog, search the database and display those components which satisfy your specifications.

As before you can scroll through the list until a suitable component is found. You can then simply **drag and drop** it on the 'Part' column in the system data editor. WinLens will insert that component into your design.

One final note: obviously Qioptiq components cannot be edited [unlike user defined lenses]. Sometimes however, you will want to use a Qioptiq part as the start of a design, i.e. you will want to edit it. You can simply convert a Qioptiq to a 'user' lens, by:

- Select the lens in the system data editor
- Press F12

WinLens will then convert the fixed Qioptiq part to an editable user lens of the same prescription.

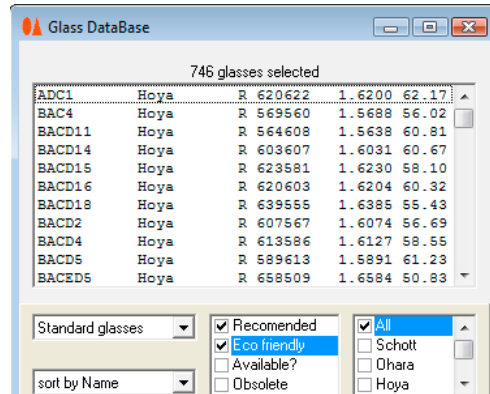


7.2 Glasses

Optical materials are a critical part of any lens design. Correct values for refractive index are crucial for correct analysis.

In the old days, each time a prescription was set up, the user had to enter the data by hand, with all the consequent possibilities for error.

In WinLens, however, all you need to do is enter the glass name in the appropriate place [see *sections 2.3 & 3.3*]. You can either type names in directly, or drag & drop from the **Glass database form** [F4] [shown below].



As you can see, the glass database, can be searched for:

- glass category
- glass maker

And sorted by:

- name
- maker
- 6 figure code
- index [d wavelength]
- V-value [d, C, F wavelength]

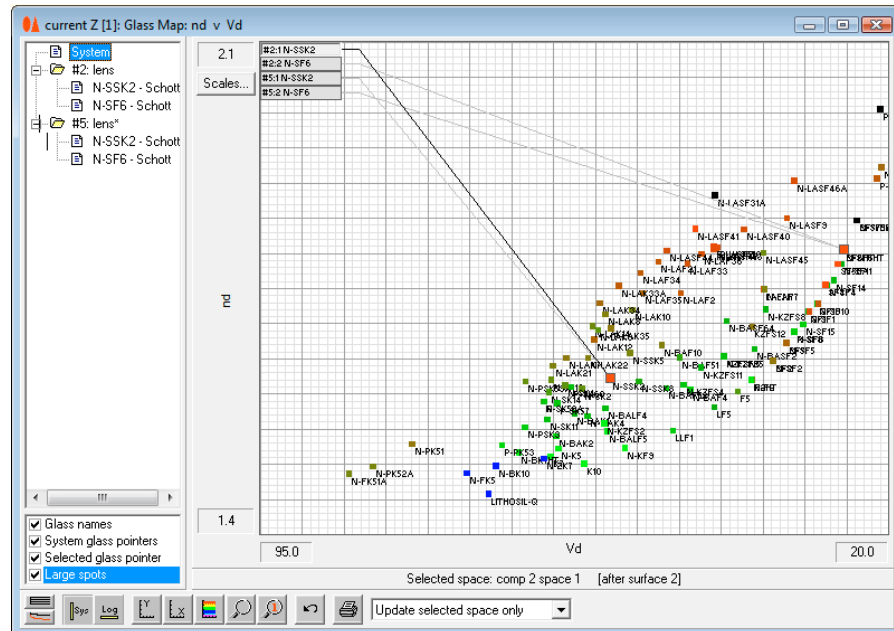
Once sorted you can simply drag and drop a glass from the database to the 'glass' column in the surface data editor.

WinLens will then directly replace/update the material data for that space.

Alternatively you may use the **Active Glass Map** [Ctrl+F4].

Glass map

- Display current system on map
- Click on tree-view to select a space for update
- Click on map to change a glass in that space
- Custom axes from wide range of properties
- Custom colour coding of glasses
- Powerful search
- High res printout
- History logs – for axes, colour & search
- Child graph - index & trans v wavelength
- Child table with data for displayed glasses
- Zoom in/out



This is a highly customisable glass map, with many useful features, which is described in more detail in section 6.3].

However, for the purposes of this section, a significant benefit is you can see the location of the glasses in the current system. **The main feature is that you can update a glass in that system by simply clicking on the map.**

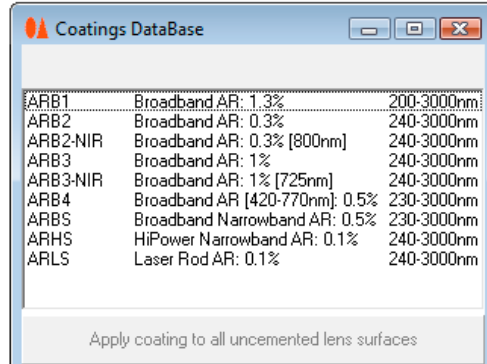
Of course, you will want to select the space which is to be updated. This is just as simple! Either click a glass in the tree view or one of the glass pointer bars at top left of the map. The current glass has a bold pointer line, compared to the other pointer lines.

The Glass Map is also discussed in section 6.3.3.

7.3 Qioptiq thin films

Qioptiq components can be supplied with or without anti-reflection coatings. These coatings do not alter the basic optical design but can make a significant improvement to the transmission of a system.

Qioptiq has developed a set of optimised coatings, e.g. ARB1, ARB2 etc. These coatings are listed in a simple form, which shows the Film name and some details of the film.



You can simply drag and drop a film from the database to the 'film' column in the surface data table.

If you do this WinLens will apply the coating to that surface only.

Alternatively, you can select a coating and then click the button at the bottom of this form. WinLens will then apply that coating to all un-cemented surfaces. Pre-existing coatings on

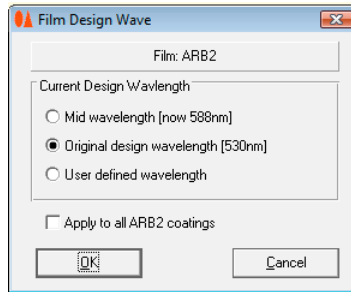
lens surfaces will be replaced.

Each film name actually refers to a family of coatings whose actual details will vary according to:

- refractive index of substrate, i.e. of the lens element
- design wavelength of the film

WinLens knows the refractive index of the element. However you can alter the design wavelength for the coating [this will shift the peak transmission in the waveband].

To alter the design wavelength, simply, click on the 'film wave' column in the surface data editor.

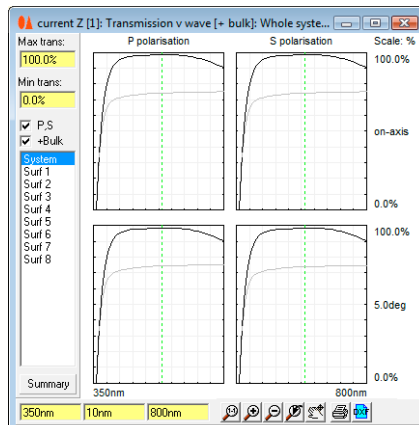


	#	Srf	Film	Film wave	Radius
0		Obj			
1	1	*S			0.00
2	2	S	ARB2	530d	13.47
3		S			-10.98
4		S	ARB2	530d	-39.53
5	4	S			0.00
6	5	S	ARB2	530d	33.67
7		S			-27.48
8		S	ARB2	530d	-98.81
9		Imm			0.00

WinLens will display the dialog shown left. The altered design wavelength will be applied either to:

- coating for selected surface
- all surfaces with same coating

To review the impact of coating on transmission, look at the transmission graph or table, loaded via the 'transmission' menu [or by clicking on the equivalent icon in the 'transmission' tab of the main toolbar].



A typical example is shown left. In this graph, the transmission for the un-coated system is shown in light grey, while for the transmission for the system coated with ARB2 is shown in black.

You may choose

- the waveband for analysis
- separate S & P plots
- include bulk absorption effects

by using the various text boxes and check boxes on this form.

7.4 Qioptiq lens library

The component database only contains the prescriptions of single Qioptiq components. Qioptiq also provides prescriptions for a number of complete systems. These are held in the Qioptiq lens library. The library contains:

- systems composed entirely of Qioptiq components¹⁴
- systems taken from the patent literature¹⁵

All systems in the library are held as SPD files [SPD is the file format for WinLens designs]. Any system in the library can be loaded into WinLens using the standard 'File' menu options.

The lens library can be freely downloaded from the Qioptiq website [www.winlens.de]. It is provided in the form of a self extracting zip file [WinLensLibrary.EXE].

When you have downloaded the library file, run it [either use the 'Run' option from the start menu, or double click on WinLensLibrary.EXE in the windows explorer. It will then start to extract all the files from the library.

As part of this process, you can then select the folder for the library. Usually you would expect to put the library in a sub folder from the WinLens folder, however this is entirely up to you!

The library consists of a number of nested folders. Please feel free to explore the contents.

¹⁴ These may be freely used and modified.

¹⁵ Notes on systems from patent files: Qioptiq makes no guarantees of any kind regarding the performance of the lens files. It is the user's responsibility to ensure that he is not in violation of the authors patents rights. Qioptiq cannot be held responsible for any violation of patent rights by the user.

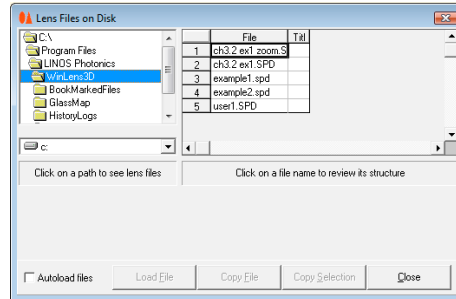
7.5 Disk file viewer

WinLens has standard 'File' menu options for loading systems from disk. These can be files from the Qioptiq lens library or files that you have saved yourself.

These options are fine in themselves, but there are some circumstances in which they are rather limited:

- Reviewing many files to find the correct system.
- Inserting all of an existing system on disk into the current system
- Inserting part of an existing system on disk into the current system

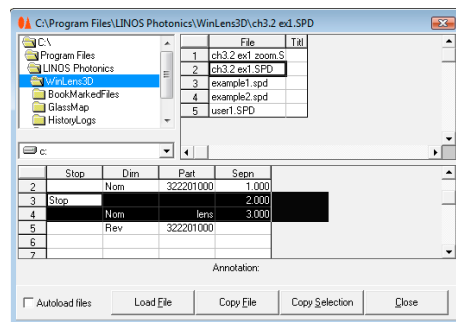
To help in this case there is the 'disk file viewer' dialog. From the 'File' menu, select the 'Disk file viewer' option. WinLens will load the form. This has a folder selector [top left]



Select the folder containing the file[s] of interest. The spreadsheet to the right, will then show all WinLens files in that folder [listed by name and internal title]

In the example shown here, we are looking at some of the double gauss systems in the lens library.

If you now select a file [by simply clicking on a row in the spreadsheet], you will then see the details of the system, laid out in a similar fashion the system data editor.



When you have selected the correct file, you can:

- Load the entire system into WinLens [replacing existing system]
- Copy the entire system into the 'clipboard', ready for pasting
- Copy part of this system into the 'clipboard', ready for pasting.

In this example, we see three rows of the system selected. If you click the

'Copy selection' button then these lines will be copied to the 'clipboard'

It is very simple to paste elements within WinLens. Go to the System data editor. Place the cursor in the row at which you want the paste to start from. Either:

- pull down the 'Edit' menu and select the 'Paste' option
- click the 'Edit' tab in the main toolbar, and click the 'Paste' icon.

The data on the 'clipboard' will then be inserted, moving down any components after that point, to make space for the new components.

A final note: if you have selected several rows in the System data editor, then the selected rows will be overwritten by the 'clipboard' contents.

There are similar forms to import/export lens data from third party file formats - Code V, Kidger, Oslo, Optalix, Zemax.



File Import icon in File toolbar



File Export

8. Resources

A few concluding thoughts and information on

- *Pre-Designer*
- *Qioptiq capabilities*
- *On-line resources*
- *Book recommendations*
- *Journals*
- *Qioptiq offices*

"In all science, error precedes the truth, and it is better it should go first than last."

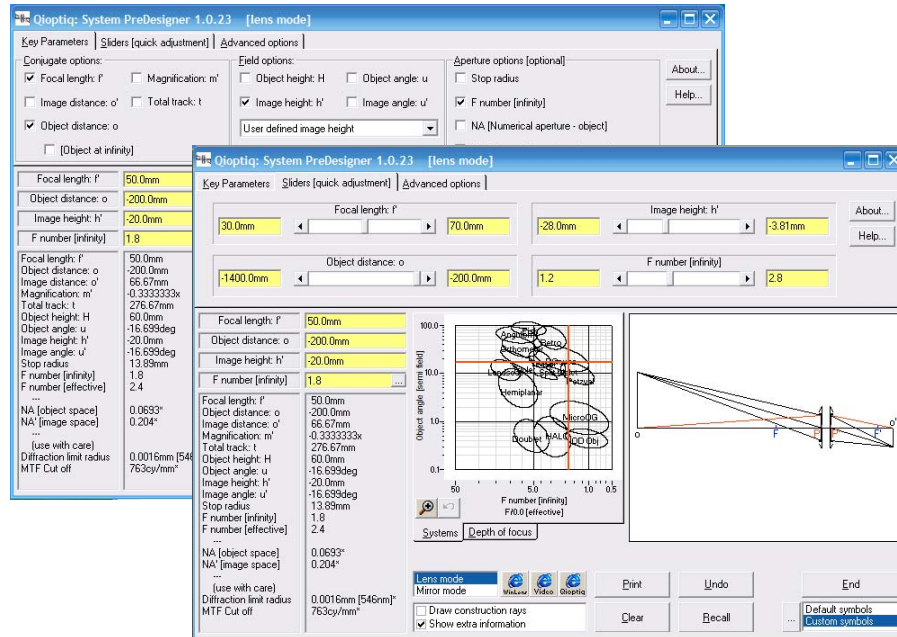
- Hugh Walpole

This manual provides a brief introduction to WinLens. For more information on WinLens in particular and optical design in general, we suggest that you look at the WinLens help file. There is also a separate manual available which deals with optimisation in WinLens.

In the following sections, we will discuss other tools and resources.

8.1 Pre-Designer

This is a simple free utility from Qioptiq which is designed to help with the stage before lens design. It will enable you to investigate the overall system parameters, before you actually commit any effort to the design phase.



Given any three conjugate and field requirements, this program can calculate the other dependant parameters. For example, if you know that your optical system must have, a focal length of f , a magnification of m' and an object height of h , Pre-Designer will draw the system paraxial layout and calculate the related object/image distances, magnification throw, image height and angles.

However you are not limited to that particular combination of parameters. You may select the key parameters from a comprehensive list. Pre-Designer will work through the appropriate sums for you, and display the results.

You may also select an aperture parameter, such as stop radius, or f-number. If you do then the drawing will also show aperture rays, and other aperture related parameters will be calculated and displayed.

Once parameters are chosen, sliders are available for real time changes to any of the values of the parameters.

Finally, some special features are available for handling some particular situations or requirements. These include:

- object at infinity
- standard image formats [film & CCD]
- principal plane separation
- non unity index object or image media
- custom symbols [useful for teaching purposes]
- option to draw cardinal points [focal, principal and nodal points]

It is suitable for lens designers, optical engineers and teachers & students of optics. It can be freely downloaded from <http://www.winlens.de>.

8.2 Qioptiq capabilities

Qioptiq is a world leading manufacturer of opto-mechanical components and systems. We offer both off-the-shelf components and complete OEM systems designed from scratch by our widely experienced R&D department.

Qioptiq: component catalogue

We have an extensive catalogue of optical and opto-mechanical components. Contact us for a copy or look on our website. In addition, WinLens contains the data for most of our catalogue lenses, achromats etc. Just type in the part number[s], build up an optical system and see the performance. Whichever method you use, you will find excellent components to suit your requirements

Qioptiq: OEM

Qioptiq is not just a supplier of off-the-shelf components. We have a long history of working with customers to implement existing designs. Alternatively, we are happy to take your basic requirements and transform these into suitable designs & equipment. As a system partner and OEM supplier in the area of precision optics, mechanics and laser technology, Qioptiq is a one stop shop, from consulting stage to complete production of your product. Right from the start we make available to our OEM partners, the complete know-how of our company. Qualified engineers and experienced practical designers follow the product from planning through development to the finished product. We use modern CNC techniques which can handle quantities from single items to mass production. We guarantee a high quality standard. Many OEM customers, in such demanding industries as photolithography and telecoms, no longer require an incoming inspection of Qioptiq parts because of our proven quality track record. Finally, timely deliveries are assured because of our up to date production methods and flexibility.

Qioptiq: PROMPT

Progressive Methods of Production Technology, established by Qioptiq. For very rapid turn round of optical systems using the in house optical & mechanical design and manufacture. Complete systems can be produced within days.

8.3 On-line resources

The Qioptiq home page can be found at <http://www.linos.de/>. More information about optics [useful equations, drawings etc] may be found within the Qioptiq website at <http://www.linos-photonics.de/en/homefr8.html>

WinLens3DBasic can be downloaded free of charge from <http://www.winlens.de>.

The WinLens suite can also be downloaded from the same site. This is an inexpensive set of programs composed of:

- WinLens3D: for optical design
- WinLens Tolerancer: for tolerancing
- Glass Manager: a powerful glass database
- Material Editor: utility for managing optical materials for the suite

Program updates, the glass and component databases and a library of designs in WinLens format are here and can be downloaded free of charge.

8.4 Book and paper recommendations

Papers:

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- R. Schuhmann, G. Adams, 'Software for tolerance analysis of optical systems', Proc. SPIE, 4093 (2000)
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- G. Adams, R. Schuhmann, 'Enhancements to the optimisation process in lens design (II)', Proc. SPIE, 4441 (2001)

Encyclopedia:

- K. Mütze (Editor), 'ABC der Optik', Verlag Werner Dausien
- H. Paul (Editor), 'Lexikon der Optik', Spektrum Akademischer Verlag Heidelberg
- G. Litfin, R. Schuhmann, 'Optical components and systems', Encyclopedia of Applied Physics, Vol. 12 (1995), VCH Publishers

Introduction to *Physical Optics*:

- F. L. Pedrotti, L. S. Pedrotti, 'Introduction to Optics', Prentice-Hall International

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- H. Niedrig (Editor), 'Bergmann, Schaefer, Lehrbuch der Experimentalphysik' Vol. III, 'Optik', Verlag Walter De Gruyter
- M. Born, E. Wolf, 'Principles of Optics', Pergamon Press

Introduction to *Optical Imaging/ Technical Optics*:

- W.T. Welford, 'Aberrations of optical systems', Adam Hilgar
- A. E. Conrady, 'Applied Optics & Optical Design', Dover Publications
- Chr. Hofmann, 'Die optische Abbildung', Akademische Verlagsgesellschaft Geest & Portig, Leipzig
- H. Haferkorn, 'Optik', Verlag Harry Deutsch
- G. Schröder, 'Technische Optik', Vogel-Buchverlag Würzburg
- H. Naumann, G. Schröder, 'Bauelemente der Optik', Carl Hanser Verlag München Wien
- G. Litfin (Editor), 'Technische Optik in der Praxis', Springer Verlag

Introduction to *Optical Design*:

- D. C. O'Shea, 'Elements of Modern Optical Design', John Wiley & Sons
- M. Berek, 'Grundlagen der praktischen Optik', Verlag Walter de Gruyter
- D. Malacara, Z. Malacara, 'Handbook of Lens Design', Marcel Dekker
- M. Laikin, 'Lens Design', Marcel Dekker
- H. Haferkorn, W. Richter, 'Synthese optischer Systeme' VEB Deutscher Verlag der Wissenschaften
- R. R. Shannon, 'The Art and Science of Optical Design', Cambridge University Press

8.5 Journals and Periodicals:

- 'Applied Optics', Optical Society of America - OSA (*Applied Optics*)
- 'EuroPhotonics', Laurin Publishing (*Europien Optics Scene*, , *Laser, Fibers, Imaging Optics, Electrooptics-Photonics*)
- 'F&M', Carl Hanser Verlag (*Optical Devices*)
- 'LASER', b-Quadrat Verlags GmbH (*Industrial Laser Technology*)
- 'Laser Focus World', PennWell, (*Photonics*)
- 'LaserOpto', AT-Fachverlag GmbH (*Industrial Laser Technology*)
- 'OPN - Optics & Photonics News', Optical Society of America - OSA (*Photonics*)
- 'Optical Engineering', International Society for Optical Engineering - SPIE (*Applied Optics*)
- 'Optik', Urban & Fischer Verlag (*Physical Optics*)
- 'Photonics', Laurin Publishing (*International Optics Scene, Laser, Fibers, Imaging Optics, Electrooptics-Photonics*)

8.6 Qioptiq offices

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9. Ghost Analysis

In this chapter we discuss ghost analysis, a significant optical engineering tool within WinLens3D. Two tools are available:

- Table with paraxial/real analysis for rapid screening of multiple paths
- Graph with lens drawing/footprint for detailed analysis of one or more ghosts

At present this tool does not work with systems with tilt and decenter!

The table includes an optional real ray based calculation of the **relative energy** in a ghost path – perhaps the best way of assessing the ‘danger’ of a given ghost path.

Ghost analysis was added to WinLens3D in 2005. This enables you to quickly assess and analyse single & double reflection ghosts in an optical system.

9.1 Introduction – what is a ghost

“Ghost. Secondary image of a bright object, caused by reflections, such as that from an uncoated or poorly coated filter.”

Ghost paths can arise within any optical system. They are caused by reflections within the system at any optical surface. The reflected light then follows unplanned paths through the optical system. Some eventually get back to the detector, where it can cause odd grey blobs, faint secondary images or generally reduce contrast.

We will start with ghosts which can reduce performance. Clearly, in order to get back to the image [detector], two reflections are needed, as shown below.

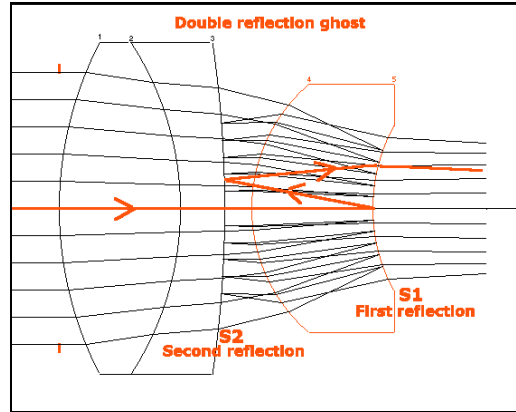
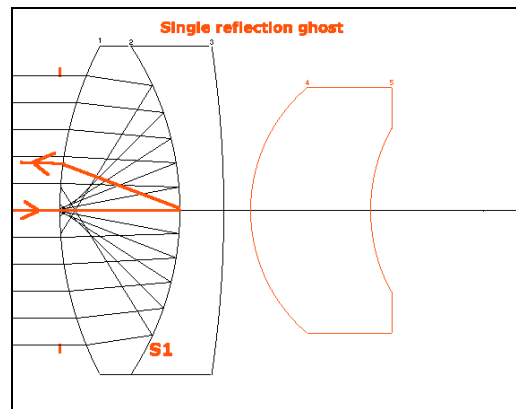


Image degradation is not the only problem. Ghost paths can form internal images, and if these images fall inside a glass then physical damage can occur [at least in high power laser systems]!

If damage is a danger, then single reflection ghosts must also be included in the analysis, even though they will not degrade the proper image.



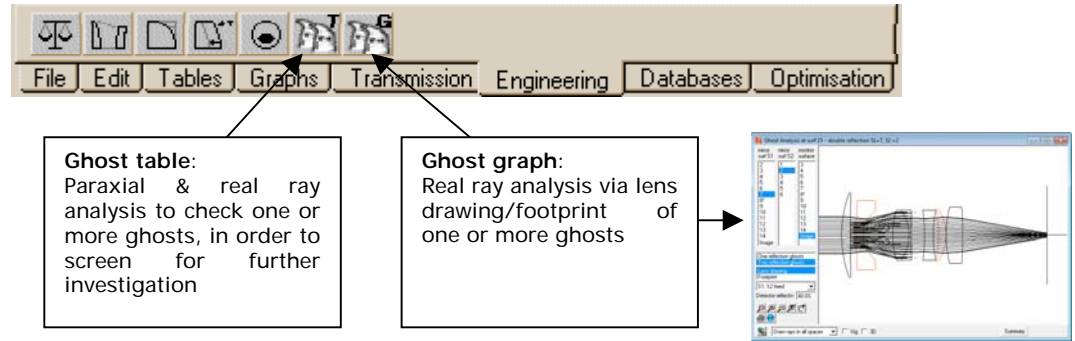
The task of assessing ghost paths is greatly complicated by their large numbers. For a system with n surfaces, there are $n^2 - n$ double reflection ghosts. A twenty surface system will have nearly 400 ghosts, all of which require checking.

Furthermore, the image surface itself, can act as a source of ghosts [this is known as narcissus – from the greek myth, concerning the youth Narcissus who spent all his time looking at himself]! Many CCD's have a high reflectivity, often 40%, and these reflections can cause particularly intense ghosts.

Therefore, we have created two new tools to make this task as easy as possible. In the following sections you will find notes on how to use them.

9.2 Ghost analysis tools

Ghost analysis is not part of the initial design process, but may be a vital optical engineering task. The tools are therefore located within the 'engineering' menu/tool-tab.



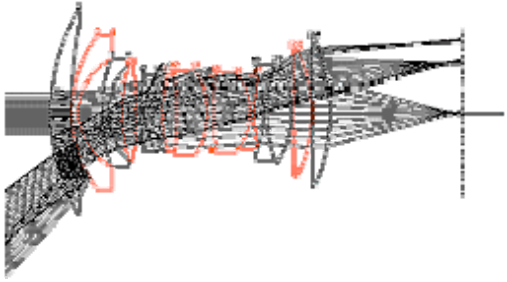
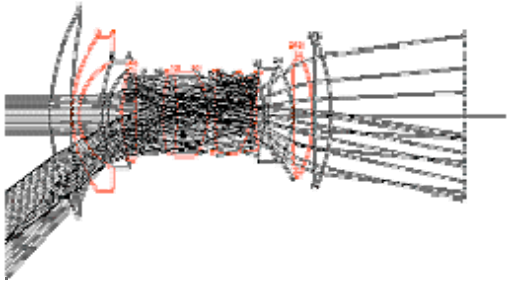
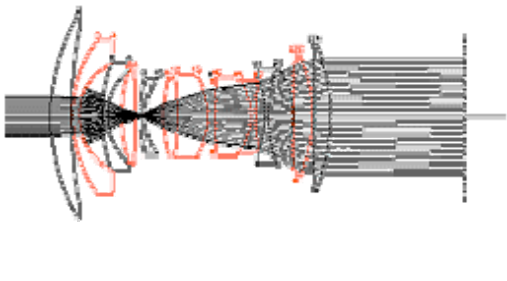
These two tools have some controls in common, located down the left hand side. These allow you to access the main options very rapidly, and are documented in the table below:

Control	Notes
	<p>Allows you to select the 'mirror' surface[s], S1 & S2, and also the monitoring surface. <i>[The monitoring surface is normally the Image surface, but can be anyone after the last 'reflector'. In the graph, rays are drawn up to the monitoring surface. In the table, beam diameters are given on that surface.]</i></p> <p>Each list contains all system surfaces that are available for that item. S1 can be any surface including the image. S2 can only be less than S1. Monitoring surface is always greater than S2.</p> <p>Simply click on a list to select that item. The table or graph will then be updated accordingly. If appropriate the other lists will be updated.</p> <p>The S2 list is not available when analysing single reflection ghosts.</p>
	<p>Choose between single and double reflection ghosts [default is double reflection, as these degrade the image]</p>
	<p>Select whether to analyse a single ghost or combinations of ghosts. For double reflection ghosts, there are four options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One ghost, with 'mirrors' at S1 & S2. - S2 is fixed, S1 varies from selected value to S2+1 - S1 is fixed, S2 varies from selected value to S1-1 - S2,S1 both vary, all possible combinations <p>Be careful when choosing this option for the lens drawing. An update with many ghosts can be slow!</p>

What are the symptoms of ghosts? The most obvious is the ghost image – a ghost path whose final image falls near the detector surface. In such as case, a small bright object is likely to create highlights which can obscure parts of the final image.

By contrast, if the ghost image is formed well away from the detector, then the stray light will be uniformly spread out over the image. This is known as flare, it causes a general degradation in image quality over much or all, of the image.

We will illustrate these graphically on the next page.

Ghost Path Type	Comment [generally used name]
	<p>Ghost image</p> <p>Final image formed near detector surface leading to clear highlights when bright objects fall in the field of view.</p>
	<p>Flare</p> <p>Final image formed well away from detector. Light is well spread out across entire detector, so no bright highlights.</p> <p>It causes a general degradation of image quality over the image.</p>
	<p>Internal Image</p> <p>Here, although the final ghost image is formed well away from the detector, there is still a potential problem.</p> <p>An internal image is formed almost on surface 9. With high power systems, internal images on surfaces or within glass can cause physical damage, when the light is focussed down.</p>

Having provided a quick overview of ghost images, we will now look at the analysis tools in detail:

- Section 9.3 – the ghost table. Paraxial analysis of one [or more] ghosts to allow you to make a swift initial assessment of possible dangerous ghosts. This can be enhanced with an optional real ray analysis of the axial fan, which gives a relative energy value for each ghost, as well as real beam size.
- Section 9.4 – the ghost graph. Detailed real ray analysis of one [or more] ghost paths – via lens drawing or footprint diagram.

9.3 Ghost table



To load the ghost 'table tool, simply click on this icon in the 'engineering' tab or pull down the 'engineering' menu and select the 'ghost analysis table – paraxial' option.

We will discuss:

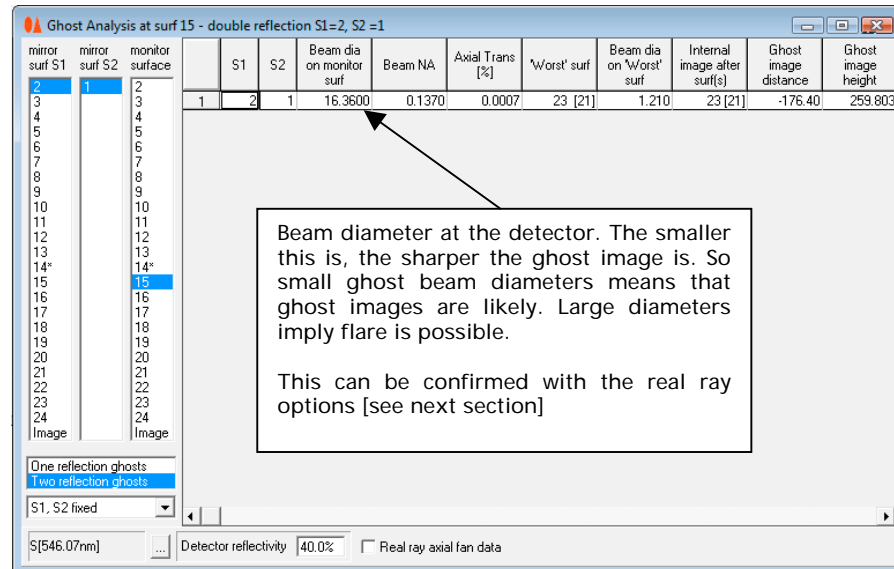
1. basic table layout
2. real ray data
3. getting a child table of the paraxial/real ray trace for a ghost
4. assessing multiple ghosts simultaneously

9.3.1 The basic table layout

The ghost table allows you to perform paraxial analysis on one or more ghosts at a time. The standard controls, at left, have already been discussed. The results are displayed in the spreadsheet.

Within the spreadsheet, you will see information for the selected ghost[s]. The data for each ghost path occupies a single row.

By default, the spreadsheet displays data for a single ghost, as shown below [we will deal with multiple ghosts later].



Ghost Analysis at surf 15 - double reflection S1=2, S2=1

mirror surf S1	mirror surf S2	monitor surface	S1	S2	Beam dia on monitor surf	Beam NA	Axial Trans [%]	'Worst' surf	Beam dia on 'Worst' surf	Internal image after surf(s)	Ghost image distance	Ghost image height
2	1	2	1	2	16.3600	0.1370	0.0007	23 [21]	1.210	23 [21]	-176.40	259.803

Beam diameter at the detector. The smaller this is, the sharper the ghost image is. So small ghost beam diameters means that ghost images are likely. Large diameters imply flare is possible.

This can be confirmed with the real ray options [see next section]

One reflection ghosts
 Two reflection ghosts
 S1, S2 fixed
 S[546.07nm] ... Detector reflectivity 40.0% Real ray axial fan data

From left to right the columns show

1. S1 & S2 – the 'mirror' surfaces that you have chosen
2. The ghost beam diameter on the standard image [detector]. ***The smaller this value is, the sharper the ghost and the more likely that ghost images will result. Larger values mean flare is more likely.***
3. The beam NA [paraxial ray 'angle'] after the surface
4. The final transmission along the optical axis [this is a very very rough guide to the energy in a ghost – a much better value is described in the real ray option [see next section]
5. the 'worst'¹⁶ surface number along that path [both the surface number in the ghost path – and the conventional surface number]
6. the beam diameter at that 'worst' surface
7. [7] any space[s] along the path which contain an internal image
8. The distance between the ghost image and the design image
9. The height of the ghost image at the ghost image plane

Note: absorption & transmission calculations include any coatings, and will vary with the ray angle on the surface [as elsewhere in the program]

9.3.2 Real ray extensions

Although the main analysis is paraxial, it is possible to add an extra real ray based analysis, just to assure the paraxial analysis.

¹⁶ The 'worst' surface is the surface in a specified ghost path at which the beam diameter is smallest. This can be of value when considering internal damage.

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If you check the 'real ray axial fan data' then the program traces a fan of rays from the axial object along the ghost path.

Important
Relative energy in ghost – this is probably the best measure of how dangerous a ghost is.

As you add/change thin film coatings, so this may change dramatically by many orders of magnitude.

Three extra columns will be added to the spreadsheet. These will show:

1. Percent of fan reaching the image [monitoring] surface
2. **Relative energy in this ghost path [compared to designed path]**. This includes bulk absorption and coating effects.
3. Average beam diameter of the fan at that point
4. Maximum diameter of the beam at that point

The last two values are based upon rays that reach that point.

This is an optional extra, simply because of the time scales, when analysing the full set of ghost paths in a complex system [though we are talking of seconds rather than many minutes or hours!].

9.3.3 Child table – paraxial raytrace

If you click on a row then you will see a full paraxial raytrace for that ghost path appear in a child table:

	surf in ghost path	surf nominal	clear rad	h axial	u axial	h chief
1	1	[1]	120.0	23.904	-0.0372	106.670
2	[S1] 2	[2]	100.0	22.995	-0.0439	86.156
3	[S2] 3	^ [1]	120.0	24.067	-0.1579	73.066
4	4	[2]	100.0	20.211	-0.2302	45.016
5	5	[3]	90.0	20.043	-0.1874	43.715
6	6	[4]	62.5	18.579	-0.1222	34.939
7	7	[5]	62.5	15.236	-0.1065	-9.083
8	8	[6]	55.0	14.612	-0.0242	-14.150
9	9	[7]	55.0	14.210	-0.0493	-42.882
10	10	[8]	50.0	13.415	-0.0956	-56.516
11	11	[9]	45.0	12.808	-0.0780	-66.092
12	12	[10]	45.0	12.428	-0.0215	-69.820
13	13	[11]	44.2	11.990	-0.0413	-109.357
14	14	[12]	45.3	11.285	-0.0538	-123.665
15	15	[13]	48.9	9.319	-0.1374	-156.761
16	16	[14]	0.0	8.749	-0.1374	-158.588
17	[Mon] 17	[15]	45.7	8.179	-0.0808	-160.414
18	18	[16]	43.3	4.863	-0.0821	-167.737
19	19	[17]	42.5	4.463	-0.1299	-168.515
20	20	[18]	47.0	3.079	-0.0614	-177.435
21	21	[19]	56.0	2.779	-0.0709	-182.578
22	22	[20]	58.0	0.684	-0.1087	-227.872
23	23	[21]	75.0	0.604	-0.0640	-228.784
24	24	[22]	75.0	-0.772	-0.1057	-244.006
25	25	[23]	86.0	-0.849	-0.0596	-244.158
26	26	[24]	86.0	-2.042	-0.0987	-246.876
27	Image			-17.405		-149.594

This shows the surface number in the ghost path [a strict sequence], and the equivalent conventional surface number. It then shows the height and angle of the paraxial marginal ray and the height of the paraxial chief ray. It shows the transmission/reflection at each surface and absorption in each space.

Finally if the real ray option is selected, it shows the height of each ray at that surface. Once a real ray crashes the data ceases.

9.3.4 Multiple ghost analysis

So far this table has only been used to analysis a single ghost. However we can get it to analyse some or all-possible ghosts simultaneously.

To see all possible ghost paths:

- set S1 to number of surfaces in the system.
- set S2=1 [first surface in system]
- select the 'all paths' option in the dropdown list at bottom left.

For this example system, there are 300 possible ghost paths, some of which are shown in the graphic below.

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Ghost Analysis at surf 25 - double reflection S1:[2->25], S2:[1->24]

mirror surf S1	mirror surf S2	monitor surface	S1	S2	Beam dia on monitor surf	Beam NA	Axial Trans [%]	'Worst' surf	Beam dia on 'Worst' surf	Internal image after surf(s)	Ghost image distance	Ghost image height	
2	1	2	1	2	34.8100	0.0990	0.0007	23 [21]	1.210	23 [21]	-176.40	259.1	
3	2	3	2	3	1.2300	0.2990	0.0012	29 [img]	1.230		-2.06	85.0	
4	3	4	3	4	39.0600	0.4140	0.0012	27 [img]	39.060		47.18	61.0	
5	4	5	4	5	81.1400	0.8390	0.0012	31 [img]	81.140		48.37	30.0	
6	5	6	5	6	141.3800	0.8510	0.0012	7 [3]	55.720		83.06	30.0	
7	6	7	6	7	96.0500	0.6670	0.0021	6 [4]	56.570		72.01	38.0	
8	7	8	7	8	17.5300	0.6250	0.0013	33 [img]	17.530		14.03	41.0	
9	8	9	8	9	89.2300	0.7920	0.0014	9 [3]	79.610		56.35	32.0	
10	9	10	9	10	22.8300	0.5330	0.0024	29 [img]	22.830		21.41	48.0	
11	10	11	10	11	136.7700	0.0540	0.0025	10 [8]	2.340	10 [8]	1263.77	473.0	
12	11	12	11	12	96.6200	1.4830	0.0013	35 [img]	96.620		32.57	17.0	
13	12	13	12	13	232.4200	1.6770	0.0013	11 [3]	140.120		69.29	15.0	
14*	13*	14*	13	14	116.6500	1.2190	0.0024	31 [img]	116.650		47.84	21.0	
15	14	15	14	15	149.3200	0.1920	0.0024	18 [14]	1.710	18 [14]	-388.43	133.0	
16	15	16	15	16	130.6100	0.5370	0.0028	8 [6]	62.470		121.65	47.0	
17	16	17	16	17	52.2400	1.2930	0.0013	37 [img]	52.240		20.21	19.0	
18	17	18	17	18	190.5800	1.5790	0.0013	13 [3]	150.520		60.34	16.0	
19	18	19	18	19	65.3600	1.0900	0.0023	33 [img]	65.360		29.99	23.0	
20	19	20	19	20	232.0600	0.0190	0.0024	16 [10]	3.400	16 [10]	6152.36	1359.0	
21	20	21	20	21	37.9200	0.5190	0.0028	29 [img]	37.920		36.53	49.0	
22	21	22	21	22	180.2000	0.1300	0.0028	14 [12]	2.790	14 [12]	-692.13	196.0	
23	22	23	22	23	16.5800	0.3950	0.0013	39 [img]	16.580		-20.97	64.0	
24	23	24	23	24									
Image	Image	Image											
One reflection ghosts													
Two reflection ghosts													
all combinations of S1, S2													

S[546.07nm] Detector reflectivity 40.0% Real ray axial fan data

Option for all ghost path combinations

Now we can scan the beam diameter column to find the worst [smallest] ghosts. Note that some of these are highlighted in varying shades of red. These are, roughly speaking, the worst 20% of ghosts. Note that the worst surface beam diameter is also highlighted in a similar way.

Further, if we click on a column header, the results are then sorted by the values in that column. Therefore if we click on the beam diameter column header, it will be sorted with the smallest [worst ghosts] first.

Click column headers to sort rows by the values in that column.
Click again to reverse the order

Ghost Analysis at surf 25 - double reflection S1:[2->25], S2:[1->24]

mirror surf S1	mirror surf S2	monitor surface	S1	S2	Beam dia on monitor surf	Beam NA	Axial Trans [%]	'Worst' surf	Beam dia on 'Worst' surf	Internal image after surf(s)	Ghost image distance	Ghost image height	
3	2	3	1	3	1.2300	0.2990	0.0012	29 [img]	1.230		-2.06	85.0	
4	3	4	2	25	1.8500	0.2560	0.0694	71 [img]	1.850		-3.61	100.0	
5	4	5	3	22	5.6400	0.5100	0.0014	51 [img]	5.640		5.53	50.0	
6	5	6	4	13	6.0700	0.5300	0.0023	37 [img]	6.070		5.73	48.0	
7	6	7	5	24	7.0300	2.0000	0.0008	71 [img]	7.030		1.76	12.0	
8	7	8	6	9	8.7900	0.8560	0.0007	41 [img]	8.790		5.14	29.0	
9	8	9	7	20	10.8800	0.1030	0.0000	33 [img]	10.880		-52.93	249.0	
10	9	10	8	14	11.3400	0.1730	0.0000	45 [img]	11.340		32.88	148.0	
11	10	11	9	9	13.9900	0.7430	0.0013	37 [img]	13.990		9.41	34.0	
12	11	12	10	17	14.7200	0.4050	0.0019	43 [img]	14.720		-18.19	63.0	
13	12	13	11	8	16.5800	0.3950	0.0013	39 [img]	16.580		-20.97	64.0	
14*	13*	14*	12	8	16.9800	0.3610	0.0023	35 [img]	16.980		-23.51	71.0	
15	14	15	13	24	17.3400	1.7490	0.0015	67 [img]	17.340		4.96	14.0	
16	15	16	14	5	17.5300	0.6250	0.0013	33 [img]	17.530		14.03	41.0	
17	16	17	15	15	18.0100	0.2370	0.0021	31 [img]	18.010		-37.99	108.0	
18	17	18	16	22	19.0800	1.6880	0.0011	67 [img]	19.080		5.65	15.0	
19	18	19	17	18	20.1000	0.1500	0.0014	41 [img]	20.100		-67.22	171.0	
20	19	20	18	19	20.1700	2.1840	0.0033	57 [img]	20.170		-4.62	11.0	
21	20	21	19	18	22.7200	0.4820	0.0024	51 [img]	22.720		23.59	53.0	
22	21	22	20	5	22.8300	0.5330	0.0024	29 [img]	22.830		21.41	48.0	
23	22	23	21	18	24.5900	0.2510	0.0025	47 [img]	24.590		-49.00	102.0	
24	23	24	22	11	24.8800	0.8920	0.0020	37 [img]	24.880		-13.94	28.0	
Image	Image	Image											
One reflection ghosts													
Two reflection ghosts													
all combinations of S1, S2													

S[546.07nm] Detector reflectivity 40.0% Real ray axial fan data

It is now trivial to see which ghost may be dangerous and then check them with the ghost graph.

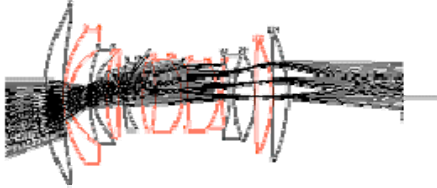
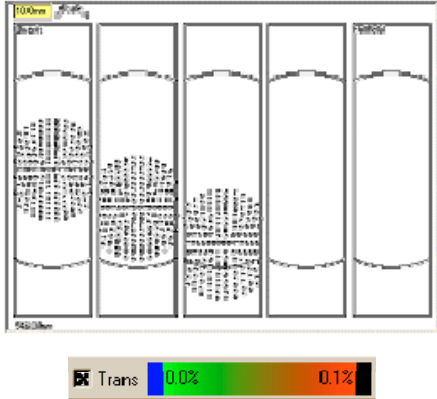
Note if S1 and S2 are other than the last and first surface respectively, then a smaller subset of ghosts will be analysed.

If you choose to use the real ray option, advised, then it is most useful to sort by the relative energy, as this will give an idea of how much light goes into that path. If you have not done so, then you can apply coatings to see how effective they will be in controlling ghosts. Sometimes, coatings are not as effective in controlling some ghosts where the rays are refracted at very large angles of incidence [as can be seen in the lens drawing].

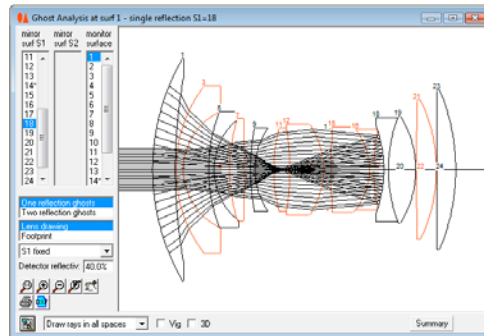
9.4 Ghost graph

The main controls for the ghost graph have been described in an earlier section 9.2] and the basic operations are the same as the ghost table [section 9.3].

However there are differences. The most obvious is that the results are shown in graphical form. Currently there are two choices available for this:

Graphic option	Comments
	<p>Lens drawing</p> <p>Drawing of cross section thru lens.</p> <p>If desired you may zoom in on the drawing in the normal way.</p> <p>Lens drawing options can be altered by clicking on the button at the bottom left of the form.</p> <p>You may also select which portions of the rays to draw from the drop down list beside that button.</p>
	<p>Footprint</p> <p>Beam footprint on 'monitoring' surface.</p> <p>Note that you can plot the footprints relative to the optical axis or to the chief ray [un ghosted]</p> <p>You may also elect to colour code each 'spot' by its transmission. To do this, check the 'trans' checkbox at bottom right. To alter the colour coding, click on the colour bar that appears. In the resulting dialog, you can define the various colour options.</p>

For high power systems, you will be interested in ghosts which form internal images inside an element. Here we see a 'nice' example:



This was discovered by looking for internal images, as listed in the ghost table.

So by using the ghost table, we can screen all possible ghost for more detailed study of the worst cases, by the ghost graph.

How such ghosts are controlled is then a task for the designer. One useful approach is a proper coating of the system surfaces, reducing their reflectivity, and hence the energy in the ghost.

Though as we noted earlier, in some ghosts these may not be as effective as a simple minded analysis might suggest.

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