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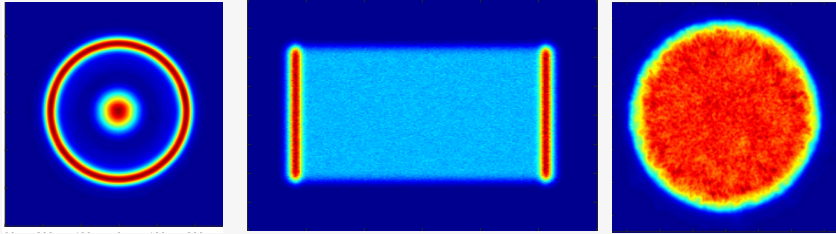
Enhancing beam performance for life sciences instrumentation

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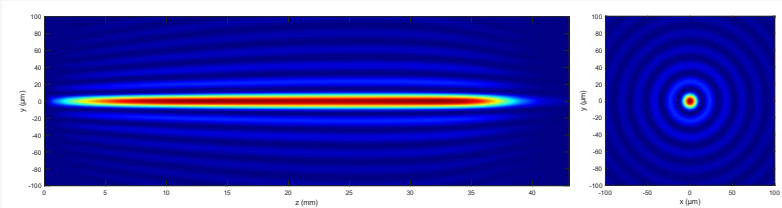
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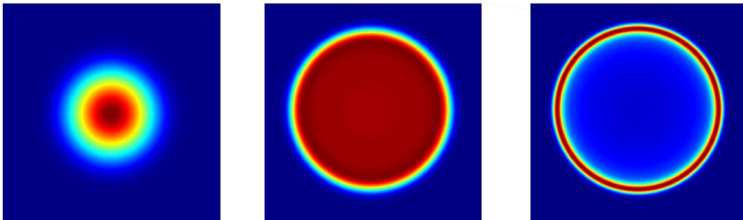
Single- and Multi-Mode Beamshapers



3D Beamshapers

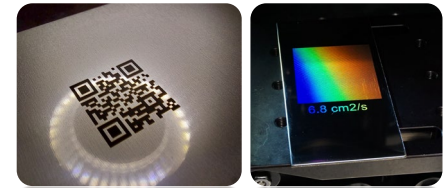


Variable Beamshapers

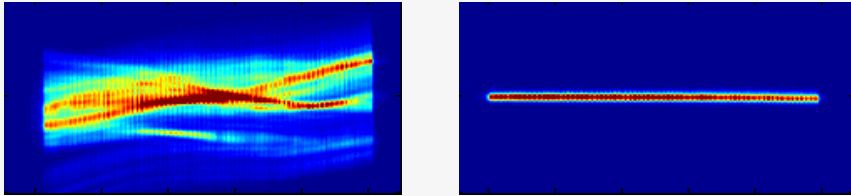


Beam Shaping – enhancing laser applications

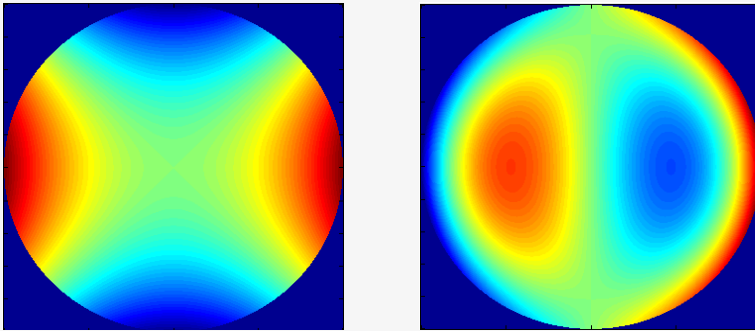
- Life sciences instrumentation
- Laser Projection
- Directed Energy systems
- Macro materials processing to >15kW
- Micro materials processing CW-ns-ps-fs



Collimation error correction



Aberration correction



Beam Correction – delivering performance edge

- Correcting & shaping diode laser array for diode pumping
- Aberration correction in life sciences instrumentation

Freeform design turning **ideas** to **products** using direct-write fabrication

Freeform = design freedom

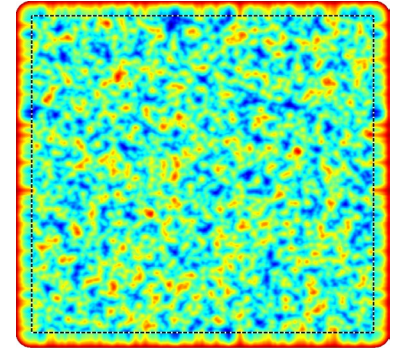
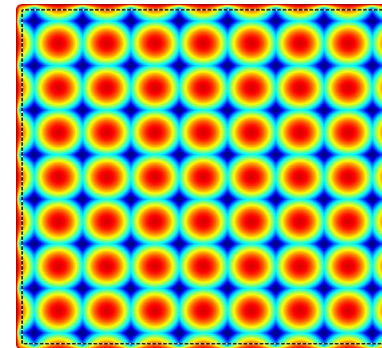
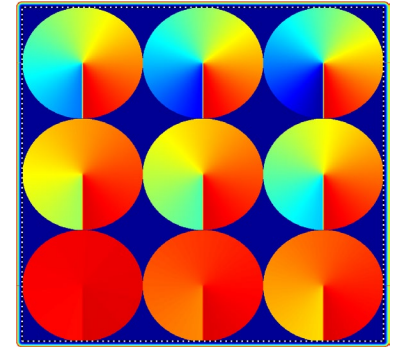
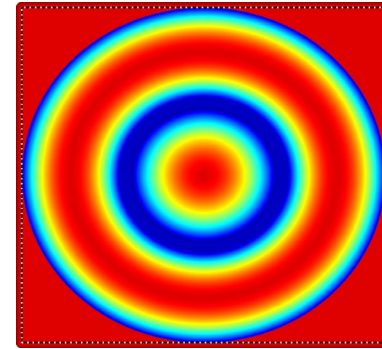
- No symmetry constraints
- Realise complex optical designs
- Wide range of functionality

Direct-write = flexibility

- No masks, no moulds
- Trial, iterate and optimise design
- Prototype to volume in one process

Laser-polished fused silica optics:

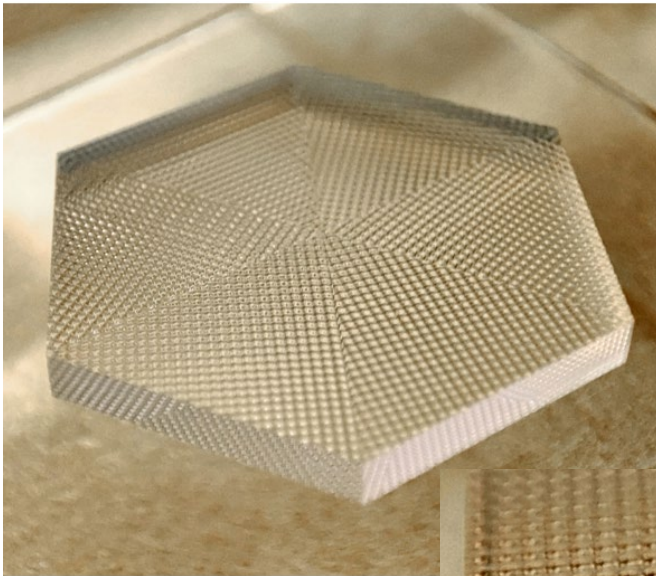
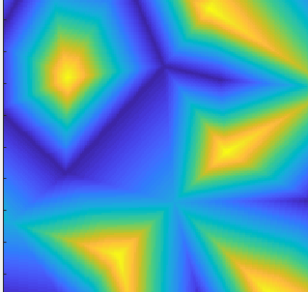
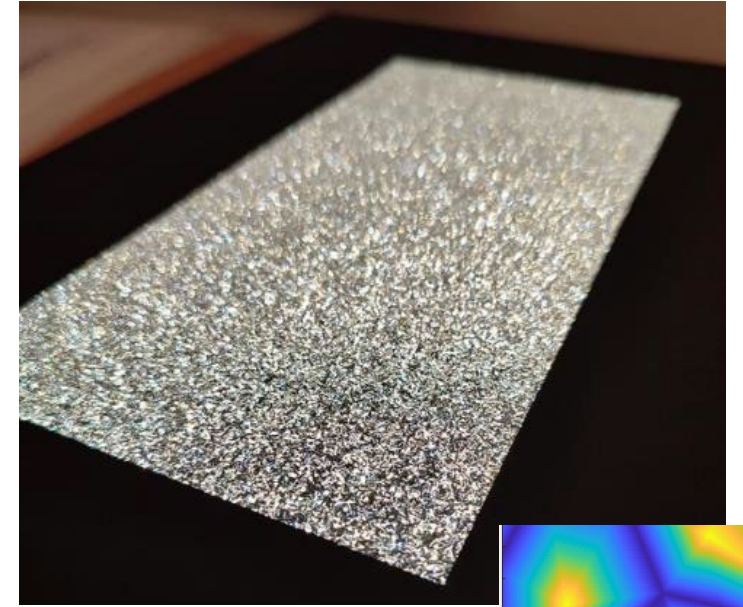
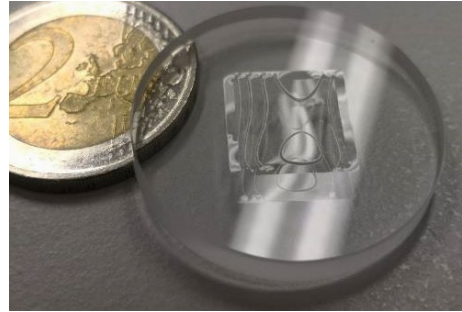
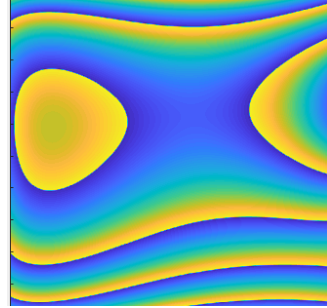
- Low roughness, $\sim 1\text{nm}$
- High transmission efficiency, $>99\%$
- High power handling



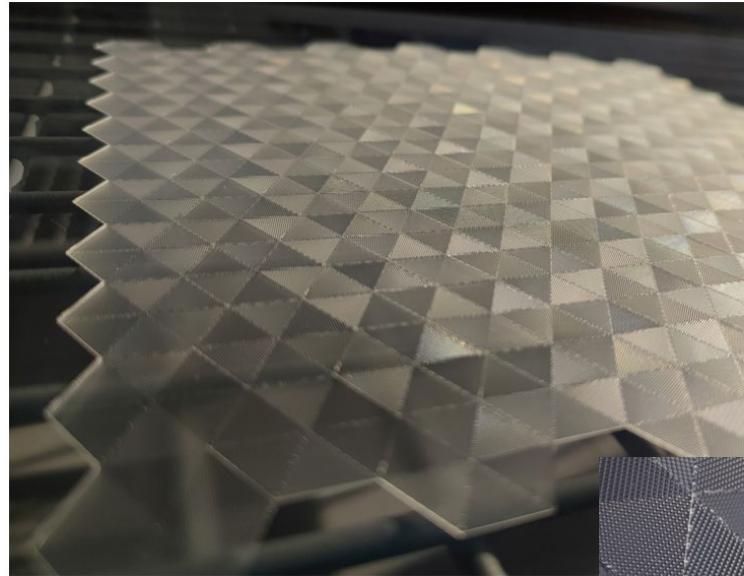
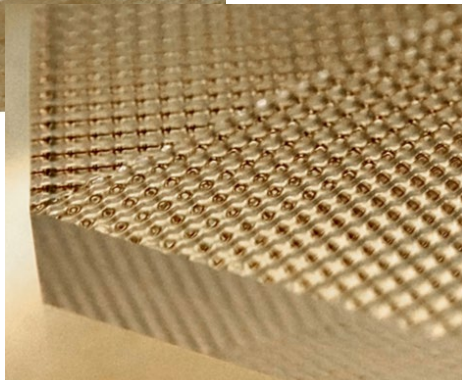
Origination for Phabulous pilot line

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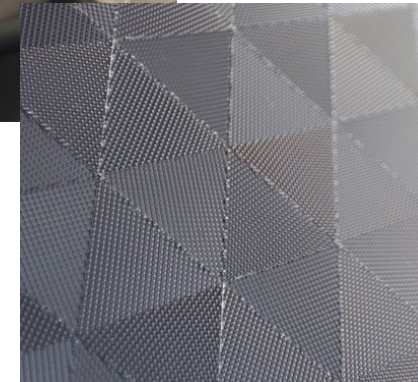
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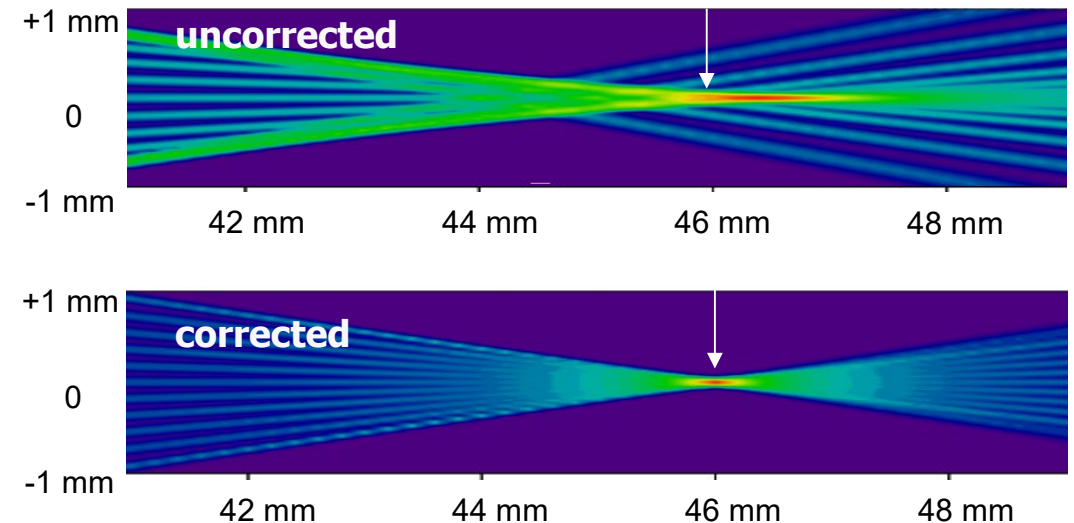
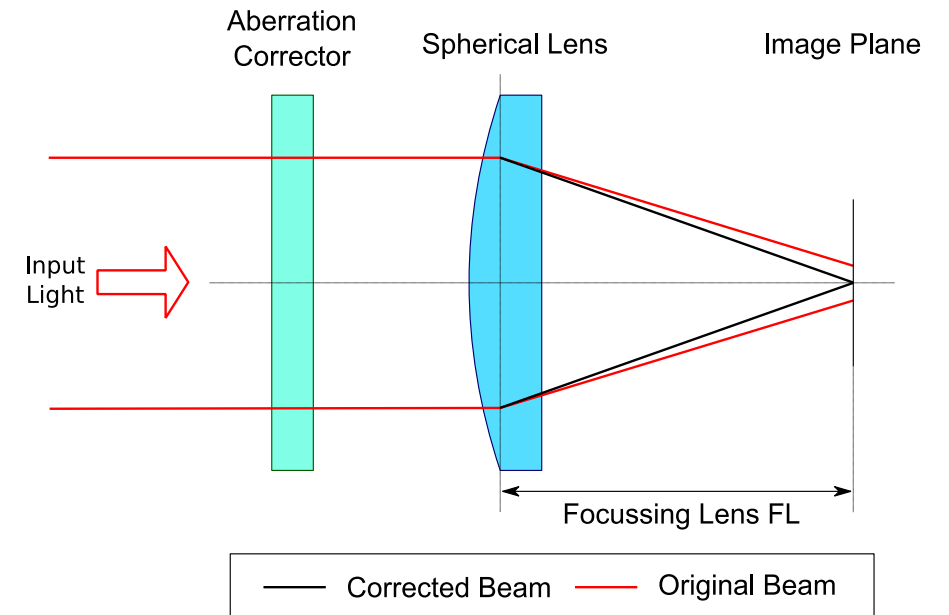
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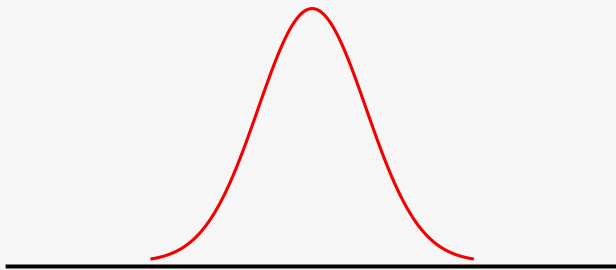
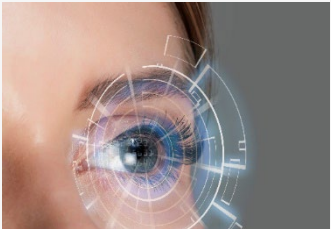
Stitched array of
replicated masters
performed by Joanneum



Enhancing beam performance for life sciences instrumentation (and other laser systems)



Performance of real life laser instrumentation



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What's needed?

To achieve:

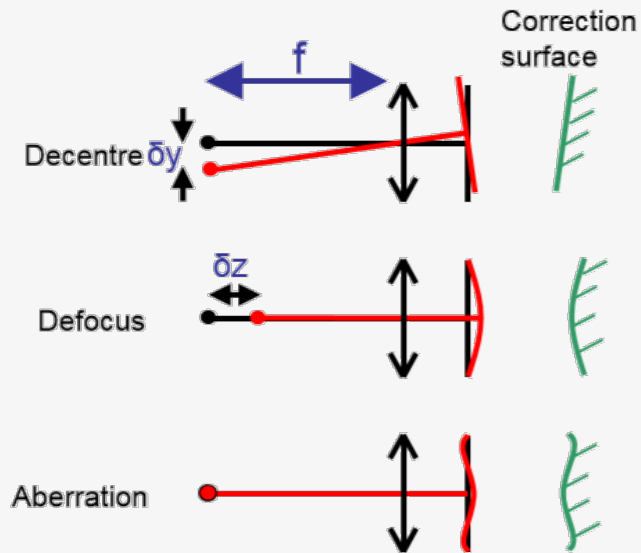
- High image quality
- Performance consistency
- System efficiency

We require:

- Consistent laser beam
- High beam quality
 - Pointing
 - Divergence
 - Intensity profile
 - Wavefront

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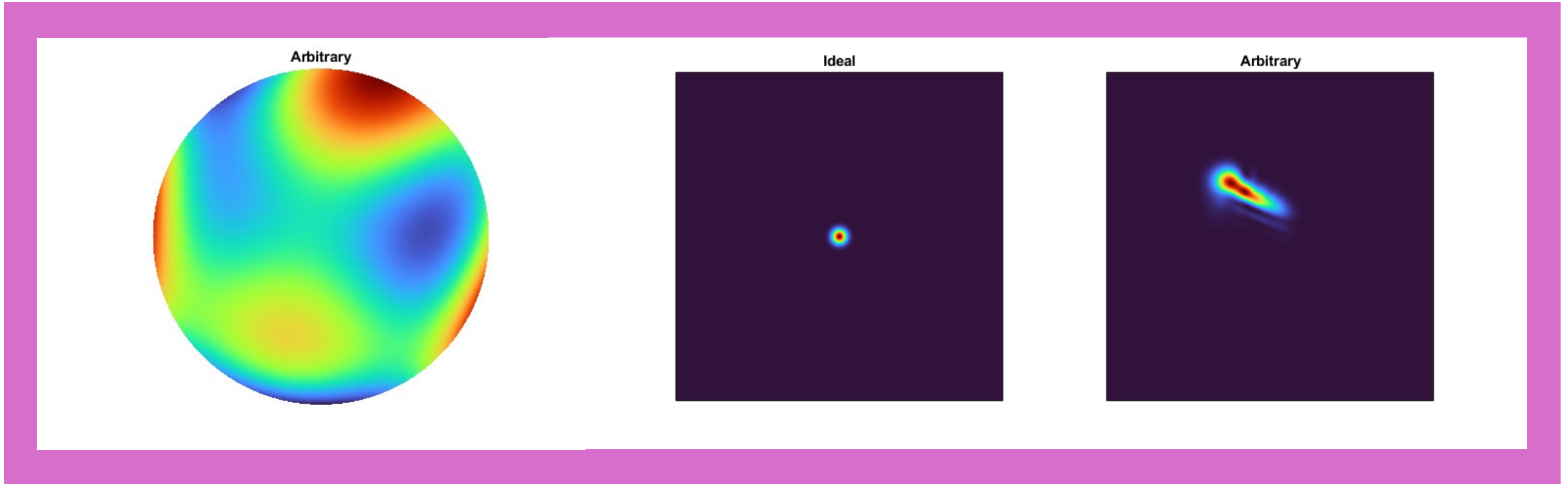
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What's in the way?

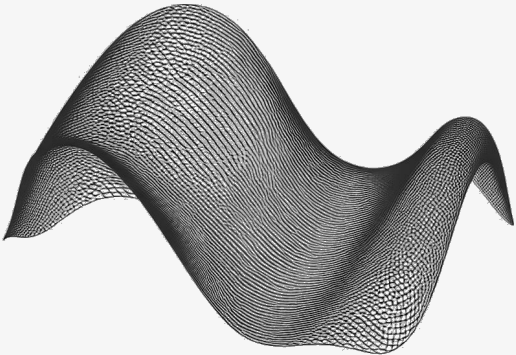
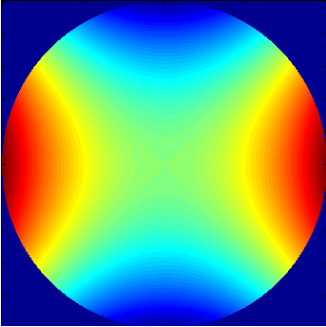
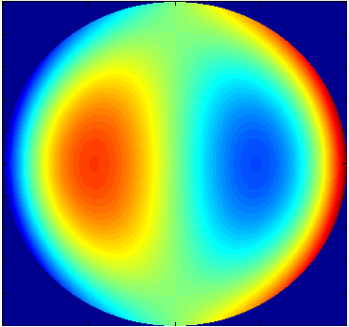
- Inconsistent laser output
- Optical mis-alignment
- Aberrations
- Distortions caused by operating conditions
- Coalignment errors between multiple laser sources

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Aberrations and impact on your beam



- Arbitrary wavefront distortions can be corrected with our ultra-smooth passive optical correctors.
- If we can measure – we can correct it!



Measuring wavefront errors

- Optical simulation

Knowing your optical path and the details of optical components, you can simulate the wavefront distortion.

- Wavefront measurement

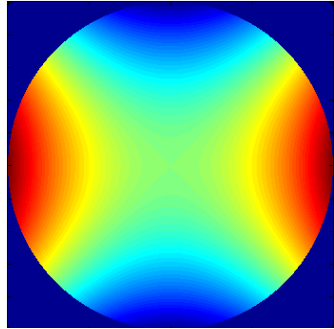
Using a wavefront sensor, you can measure the wavefront and calculate the delta from the target.

- Near-field or far-field measurement

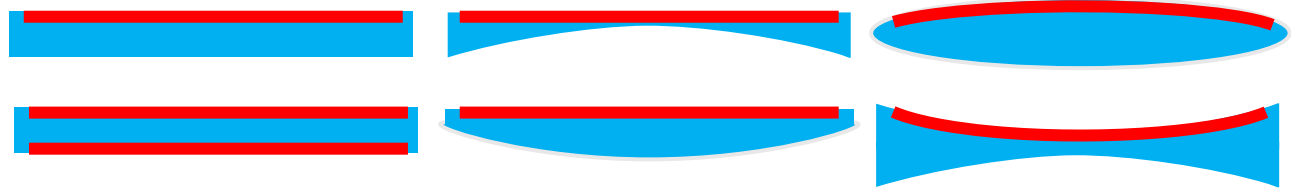
Using far-field and near-field measurement, you can assess defocus and pointing errors.

Now you know your wavefront error

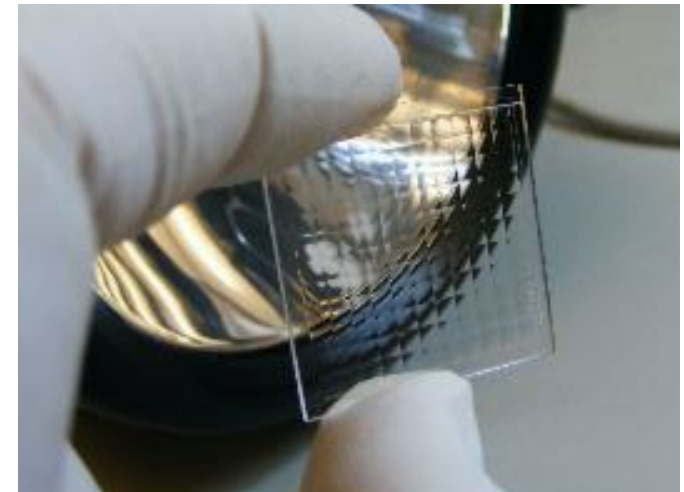
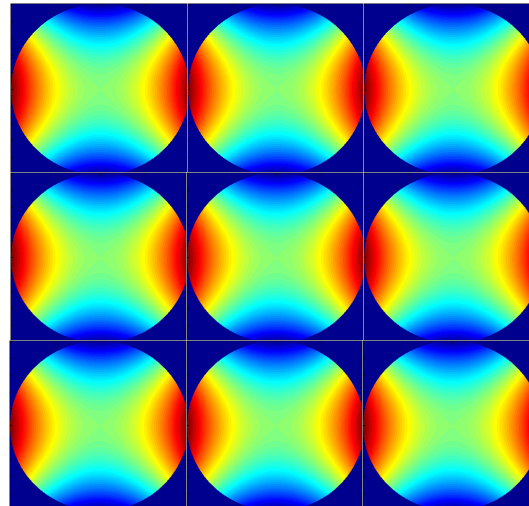
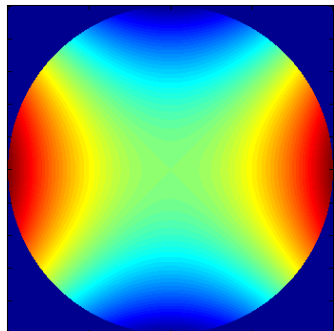
Monolithic beam correctors



Single aperture beam correctors

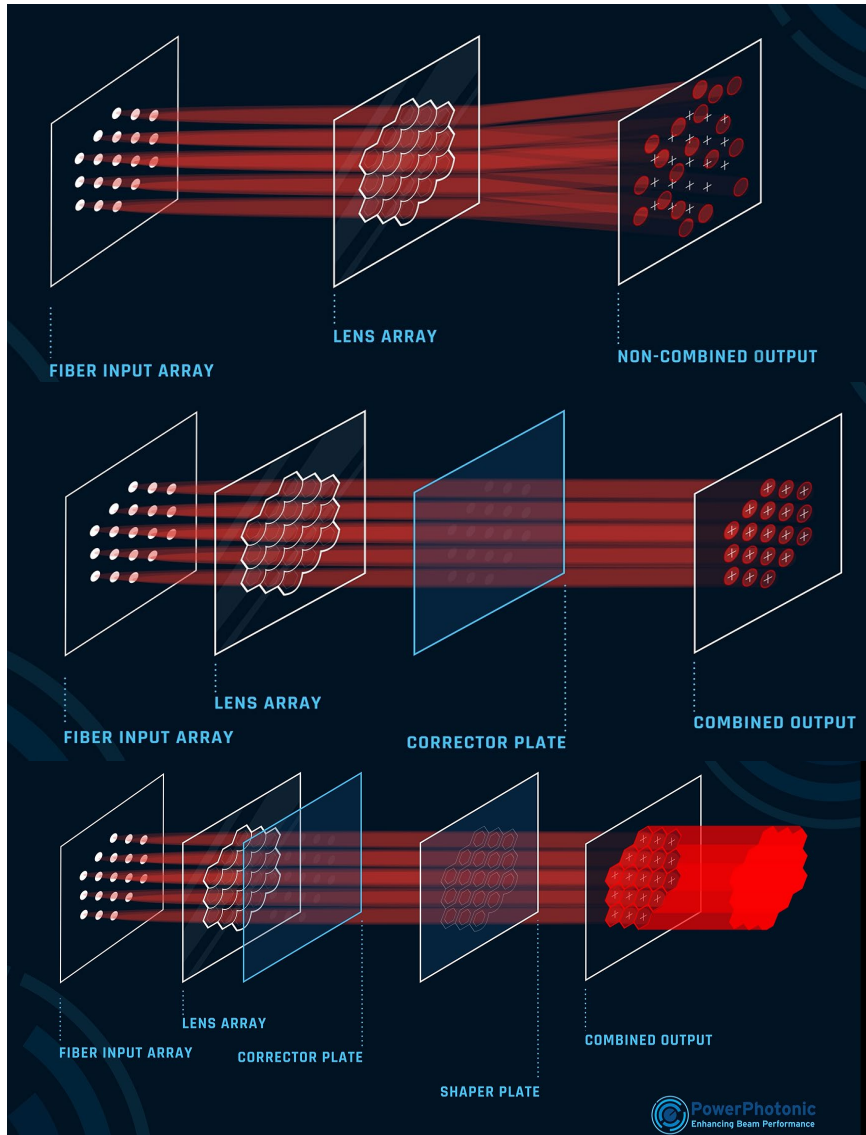


Array of corrective elements



Let's look at some examples

Application example: coherent beam combiner



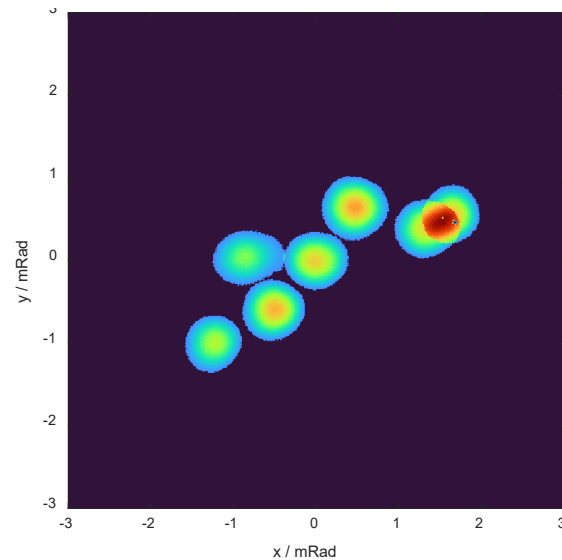
Pointing errors occur in hexagonal fiber laser after collimation.

A single beam corrector plate produces an array of parallel beams with flat top intensity profile.

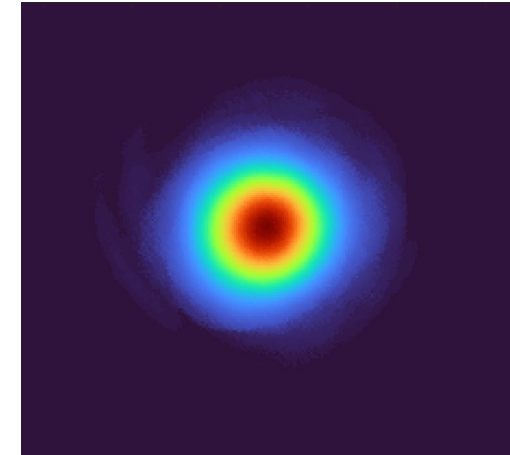
A second corrector plate creates flat wavefront.

Application example: coherent beam combiner

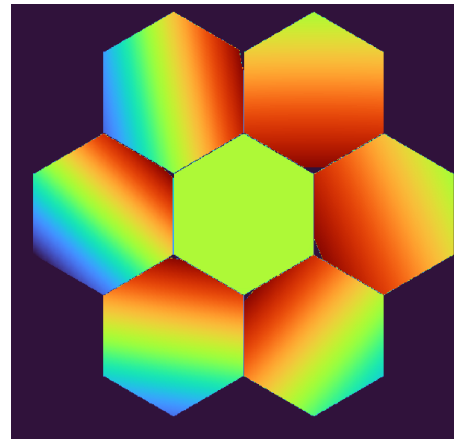
Far field pattern before correction



Far field pattern after correction

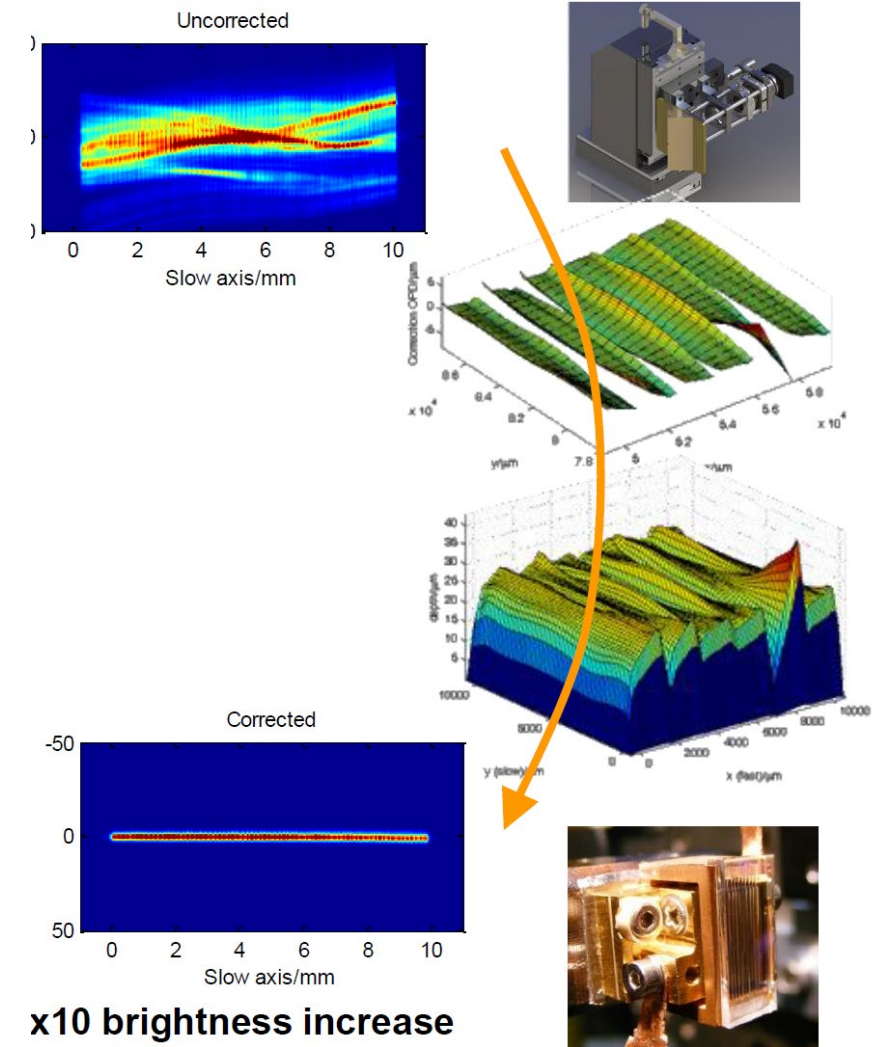


Corrector array



Application example: Low SWaP QCW Stack

- Initial diode laser array quality (extreme example)
- Map of the measured wavefront errors
- Automated design and fabrication of correction plate
- Improved beam quality



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Rapid Prototyping

- Upload design via web portal
- 2 week turn around for uncoated optic

Design Freedom

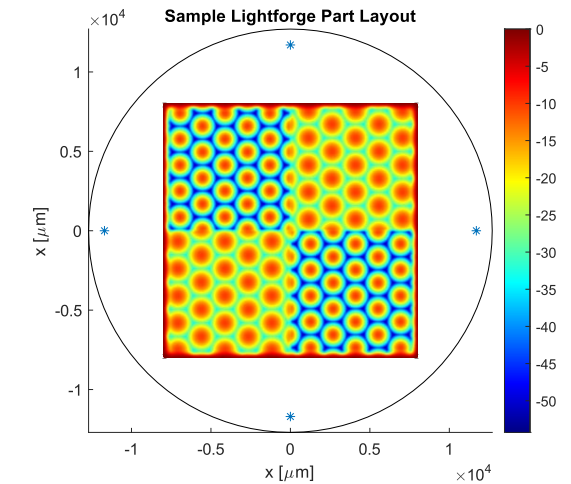
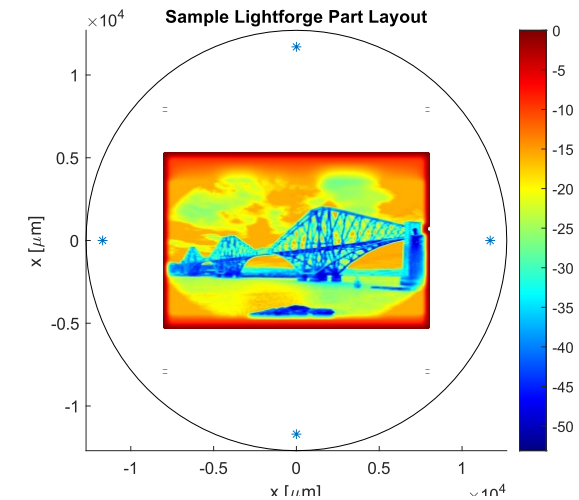
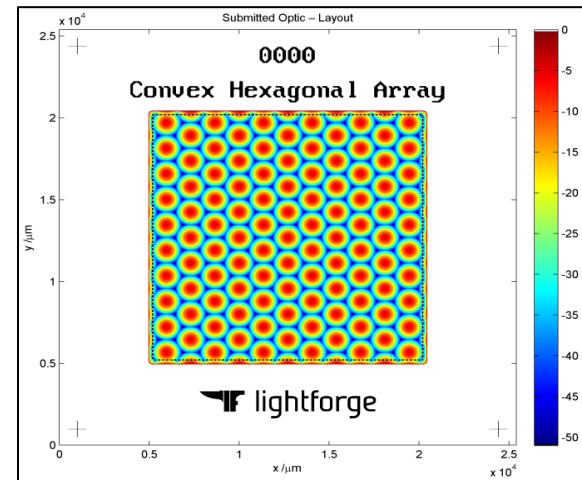
- 15x15mm CA
- 65um max Sagitta
- 45deg max slope

Cost Effective

- No mask
- No set up fee

Easy Installation

- 25.4mm square or round substrate



Thank you for your attention

Please get in touch to enhance beam performance in your laser system

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