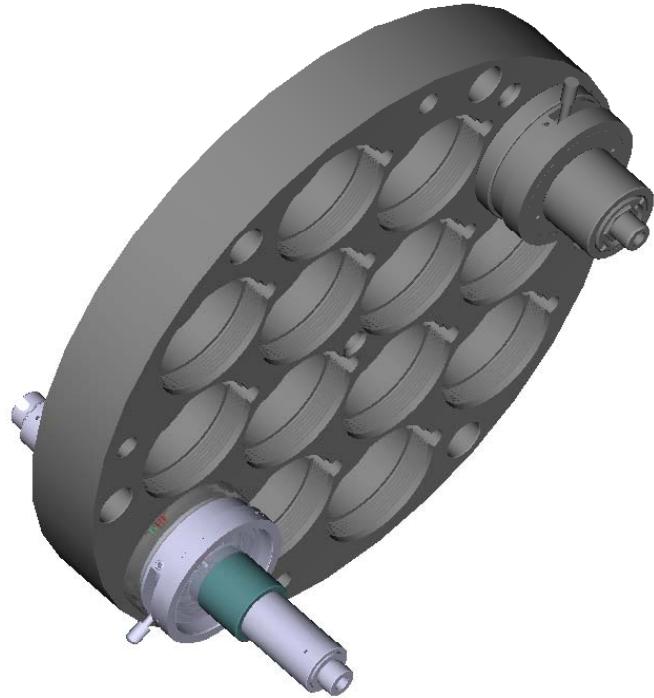


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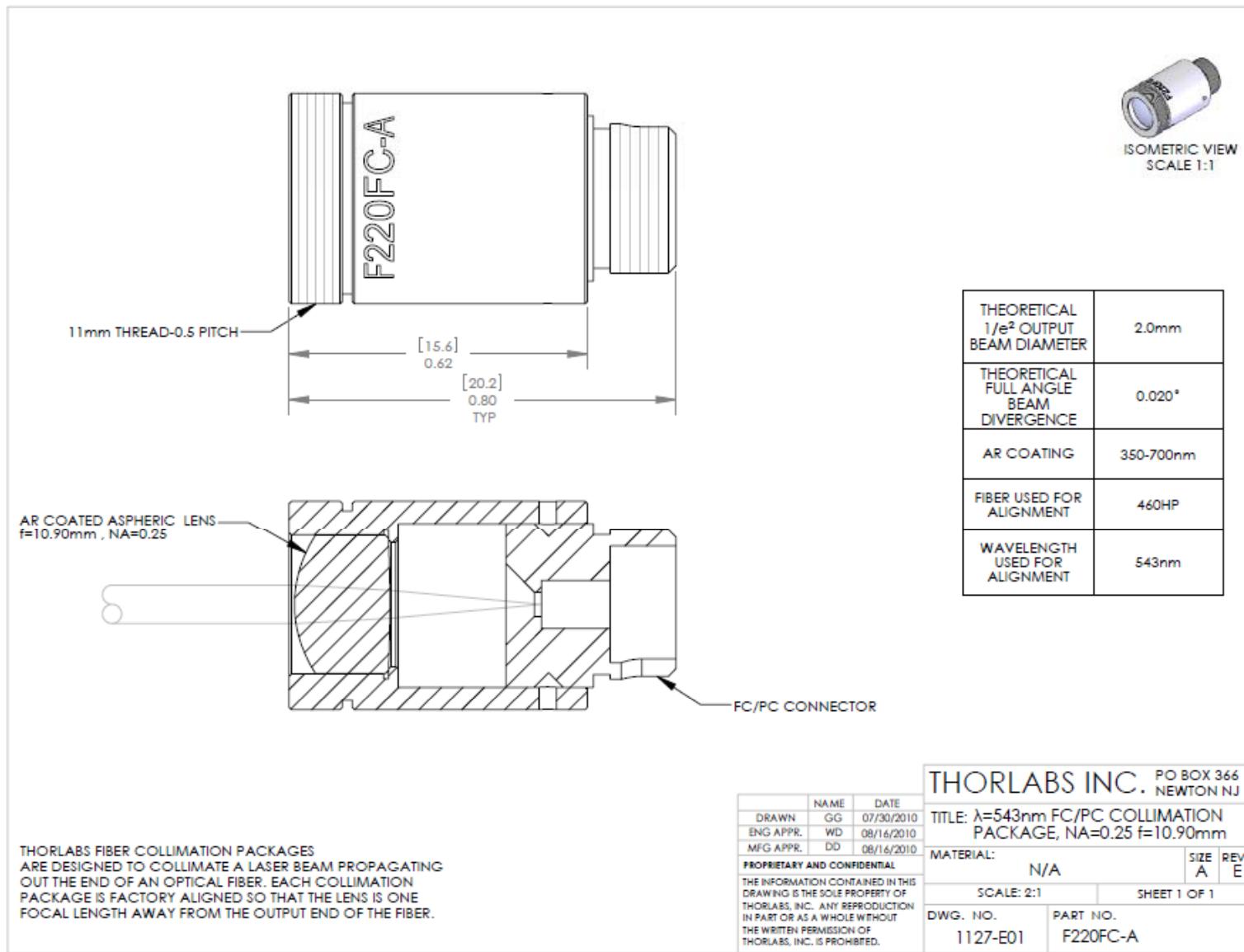
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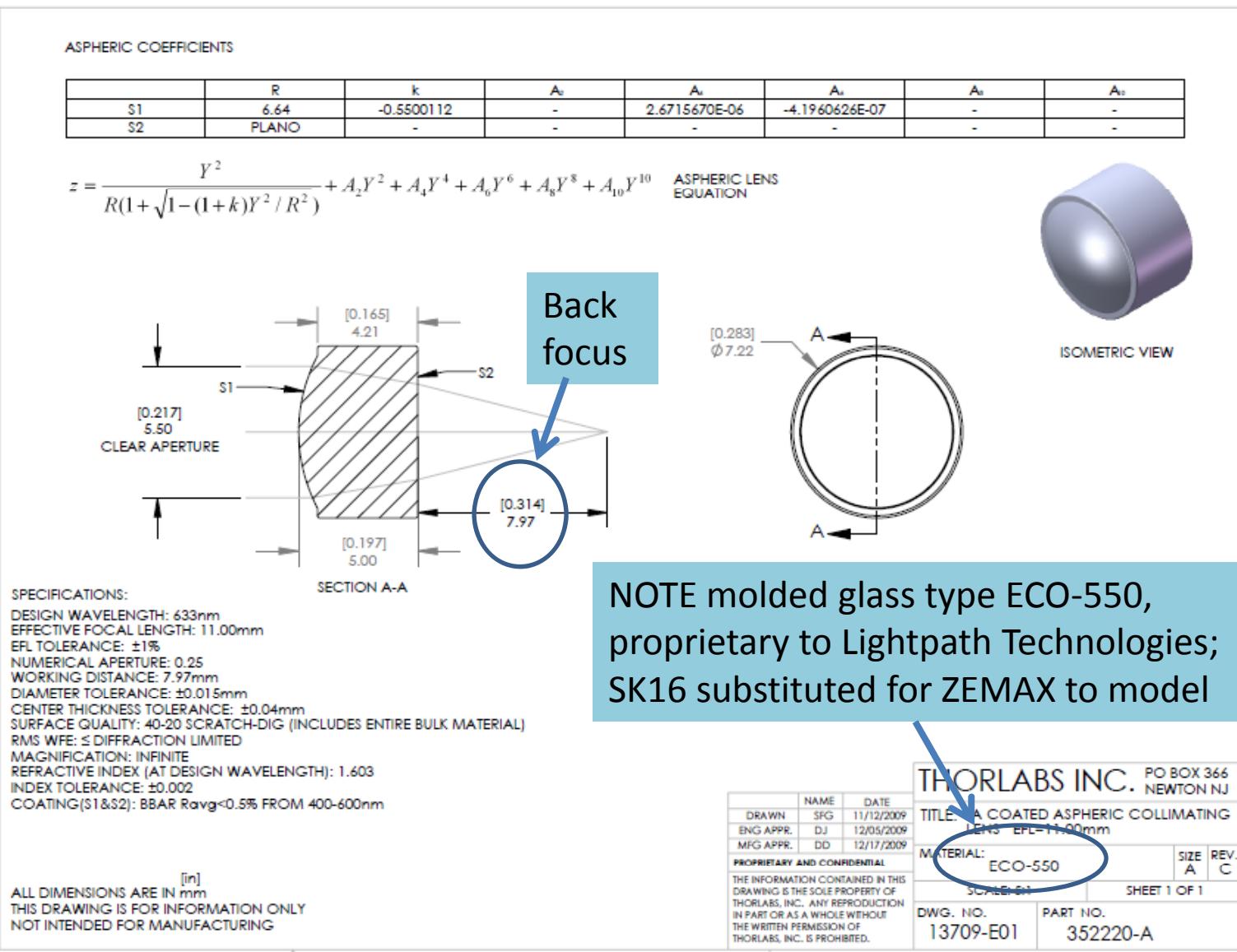
Parts List:Blue

- ThorLabs: F220FC-A, F260 SMA-A, AD1109F (2 per coupling), SM1D12 (or SM1D12SZ), SM1A6, SM1A1
- Shutter Assembly (MLML)
- Shutter and Shutter Retainer (MLML)

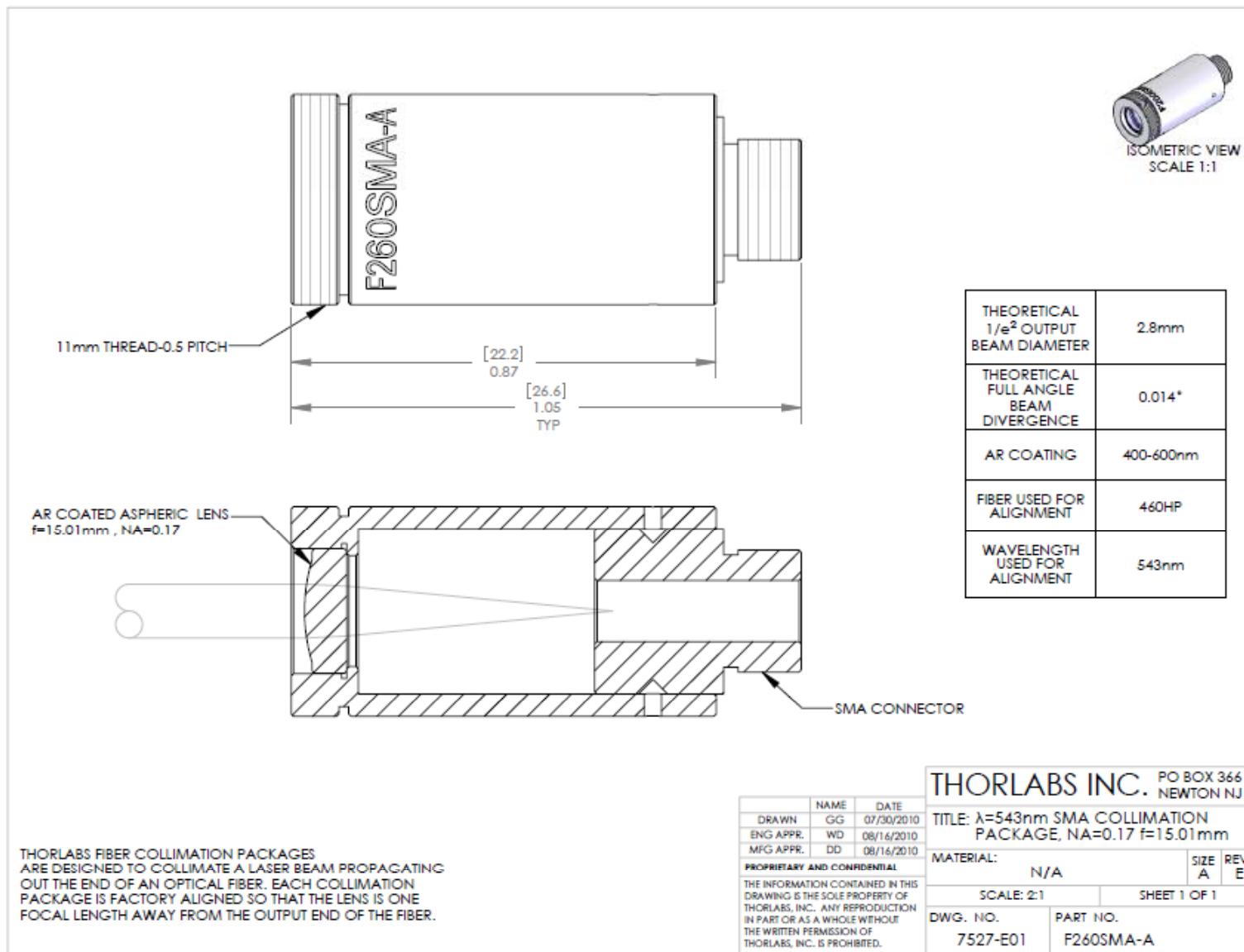
F220FC-A Housing



F220FC-A aspheric lens, best-guess

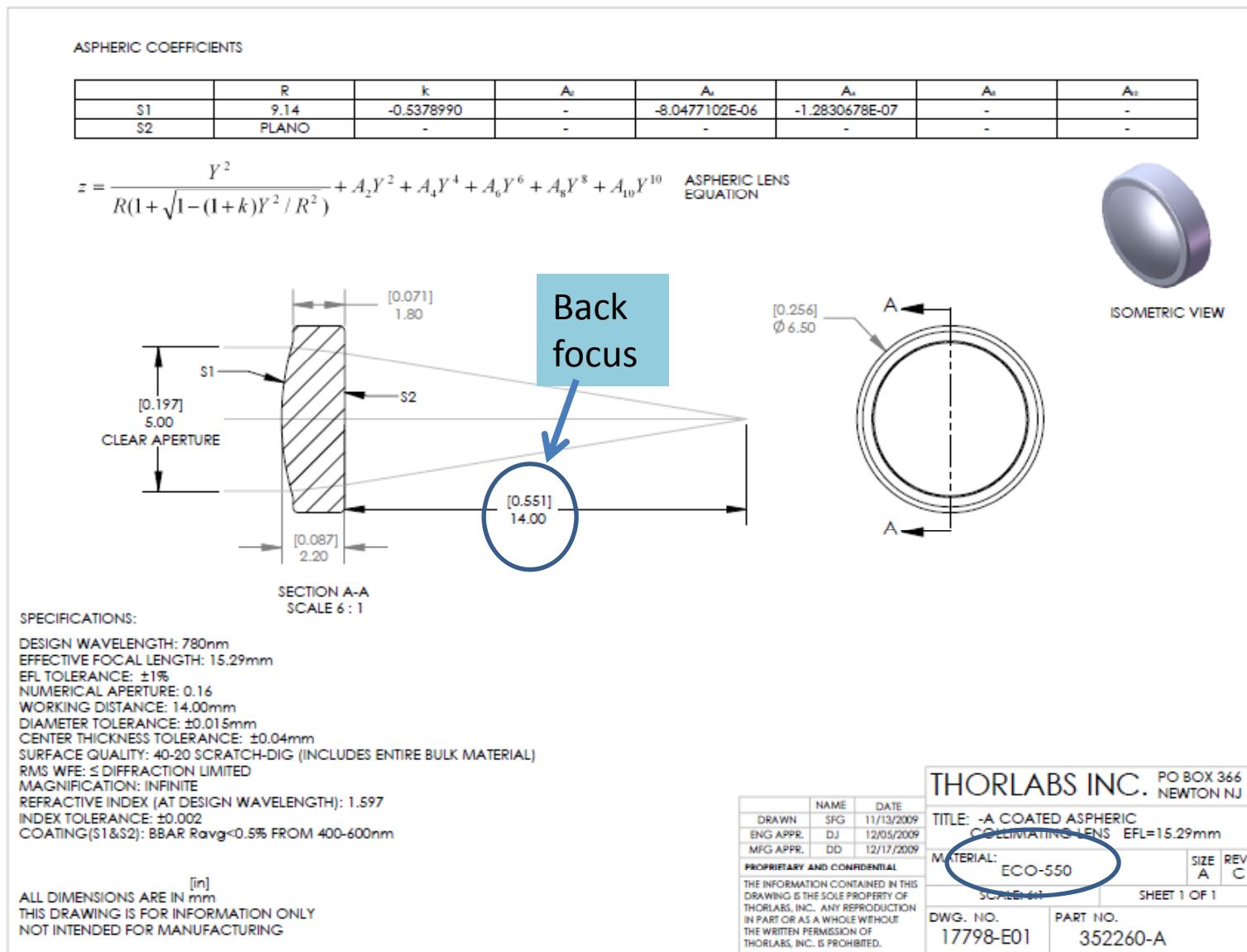


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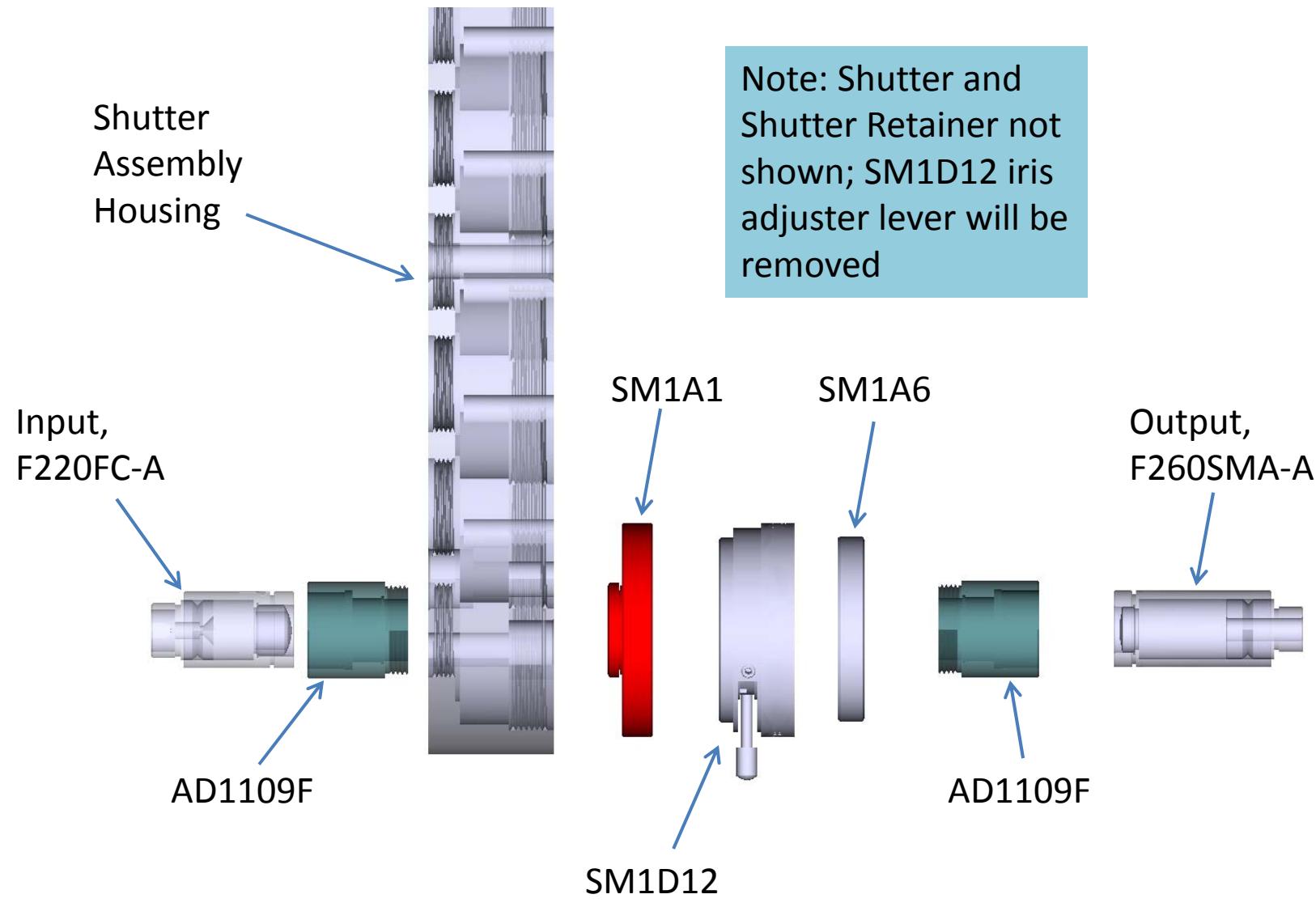


THORLABS FIBER COLLIMATION PACKAGES
ARE DESIGNED TO COLLIMATE A LASER BEAM PROPAGATING
OUT THE END OF AN OPTICAL FIBER. EACH COLLIMATION
PACKAGE IS FACTORY ALIGNED SO THAT THE LENS IS ONE
FOCAL LENGTH AWAY FROM THE OUTPUT END OF THE FIBER.

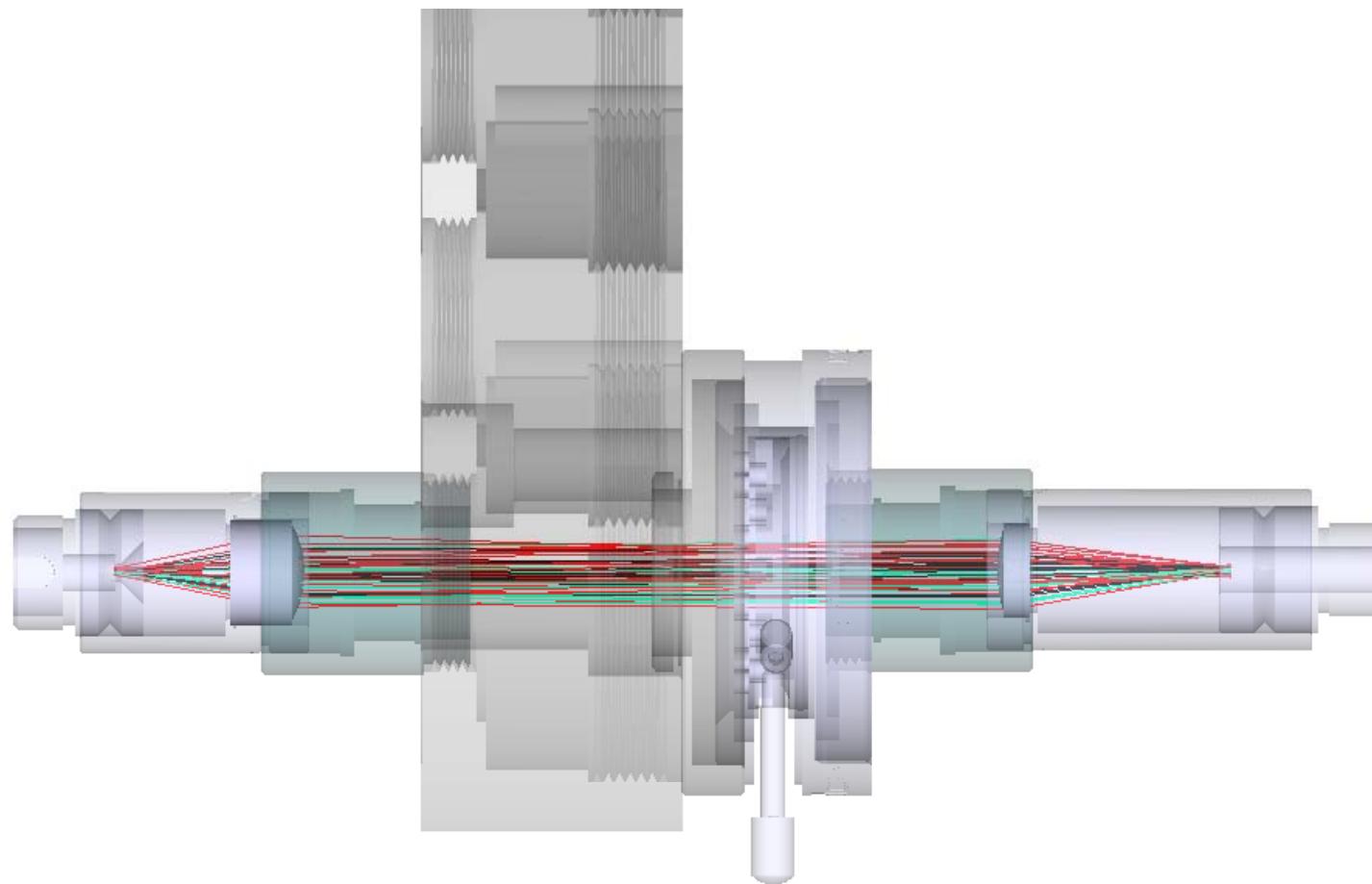
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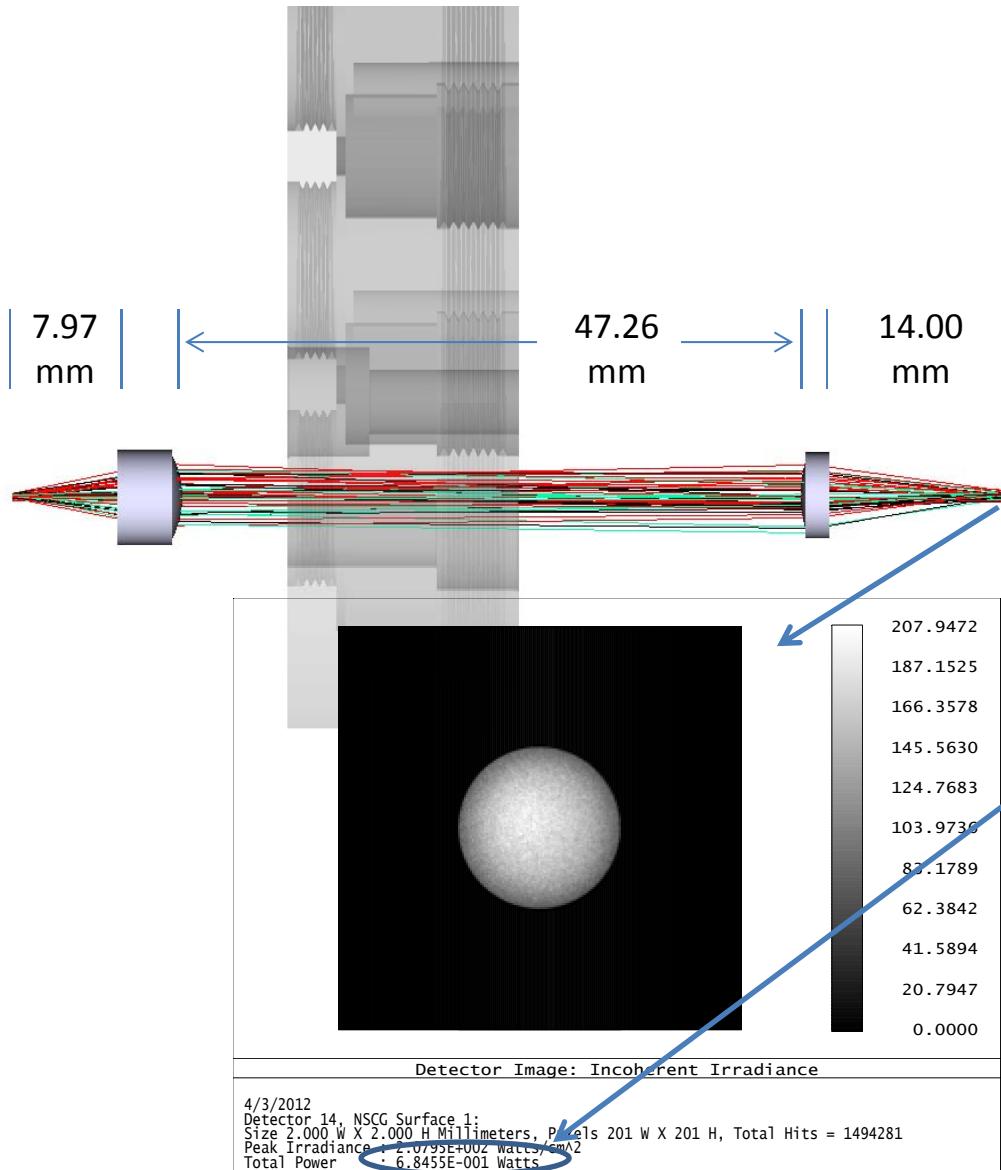
Exploded View, Blue



Assembled System and NonSequential Raytrace

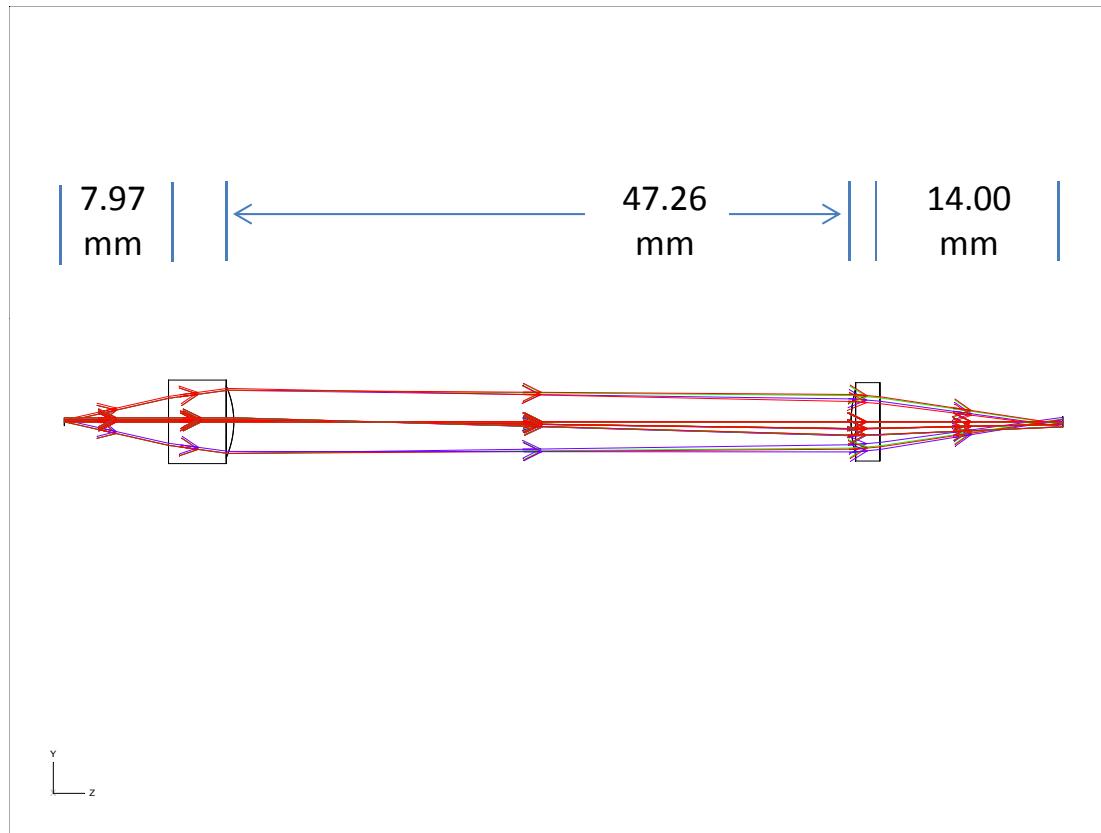


Throughput for nominal distances

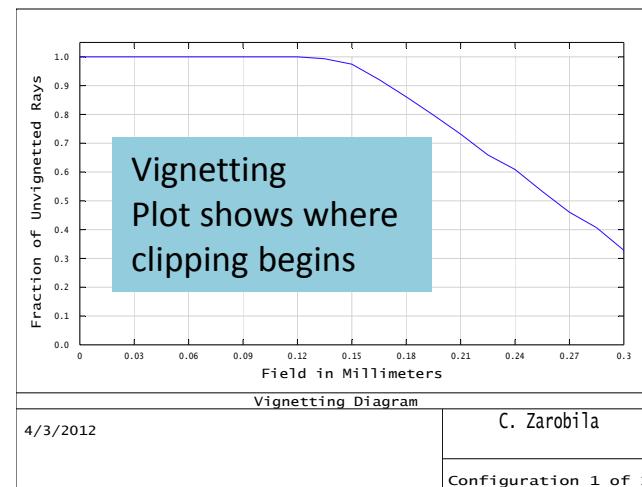
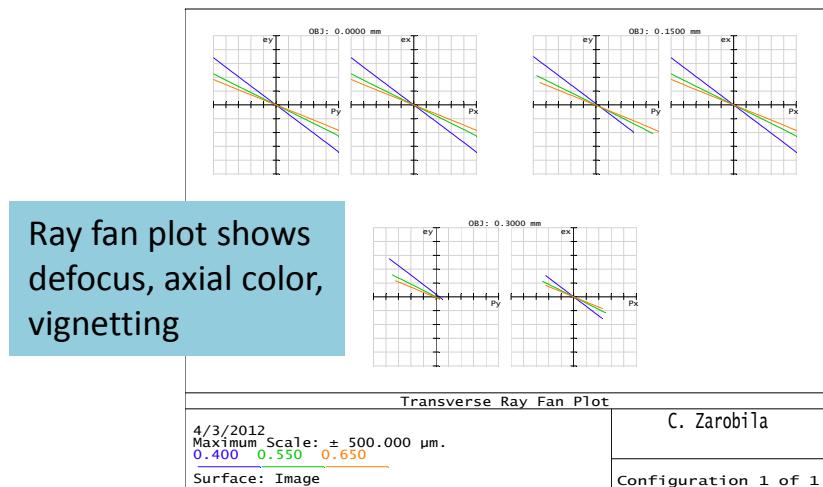
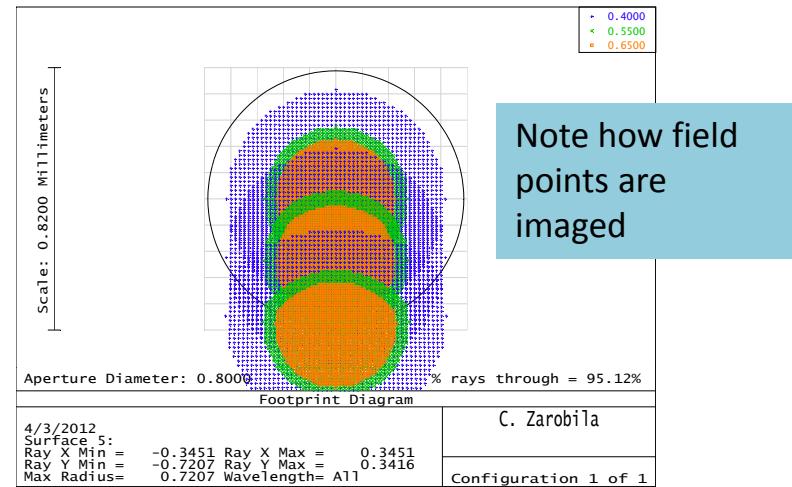
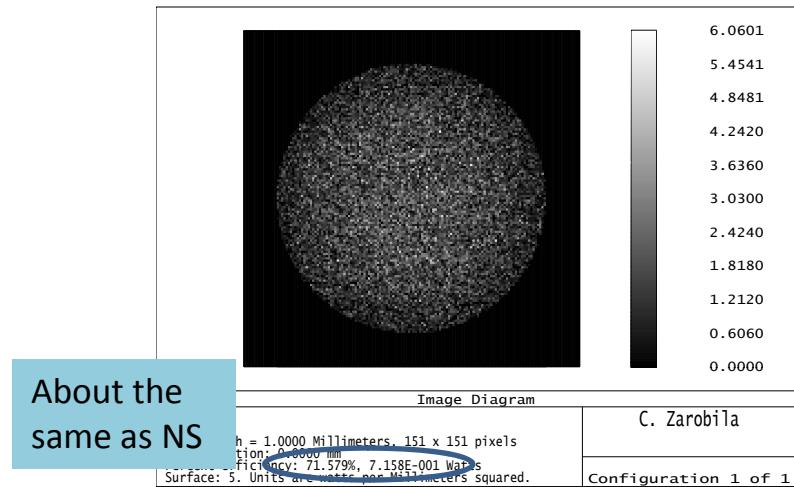


- The nominal separation between lenses is 47.26 mm
- 7.97 mm, 14.00 mm are back-focus distances of the lenses
- Given a fictitious 1 W of input power from the emitting fiber between 400 and 650 nm and simple AR coatings for the lenses...
- ...about 68% of the light gets through to the receiving fiber core
- Will check origin of loss with sequential raytrace, but it is probably due to the CA's of the lenses and the circular footprint of the image being larger than 800 microns (due to lens aberrations – remember the collimators are designed for single-mode fiber)

Sequential Raytrace

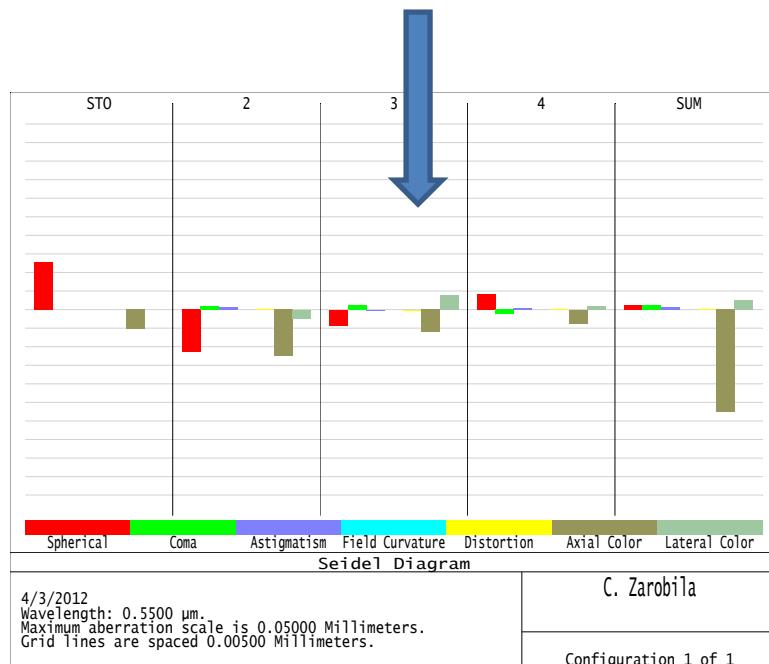


Results...



Sequential Conclusions

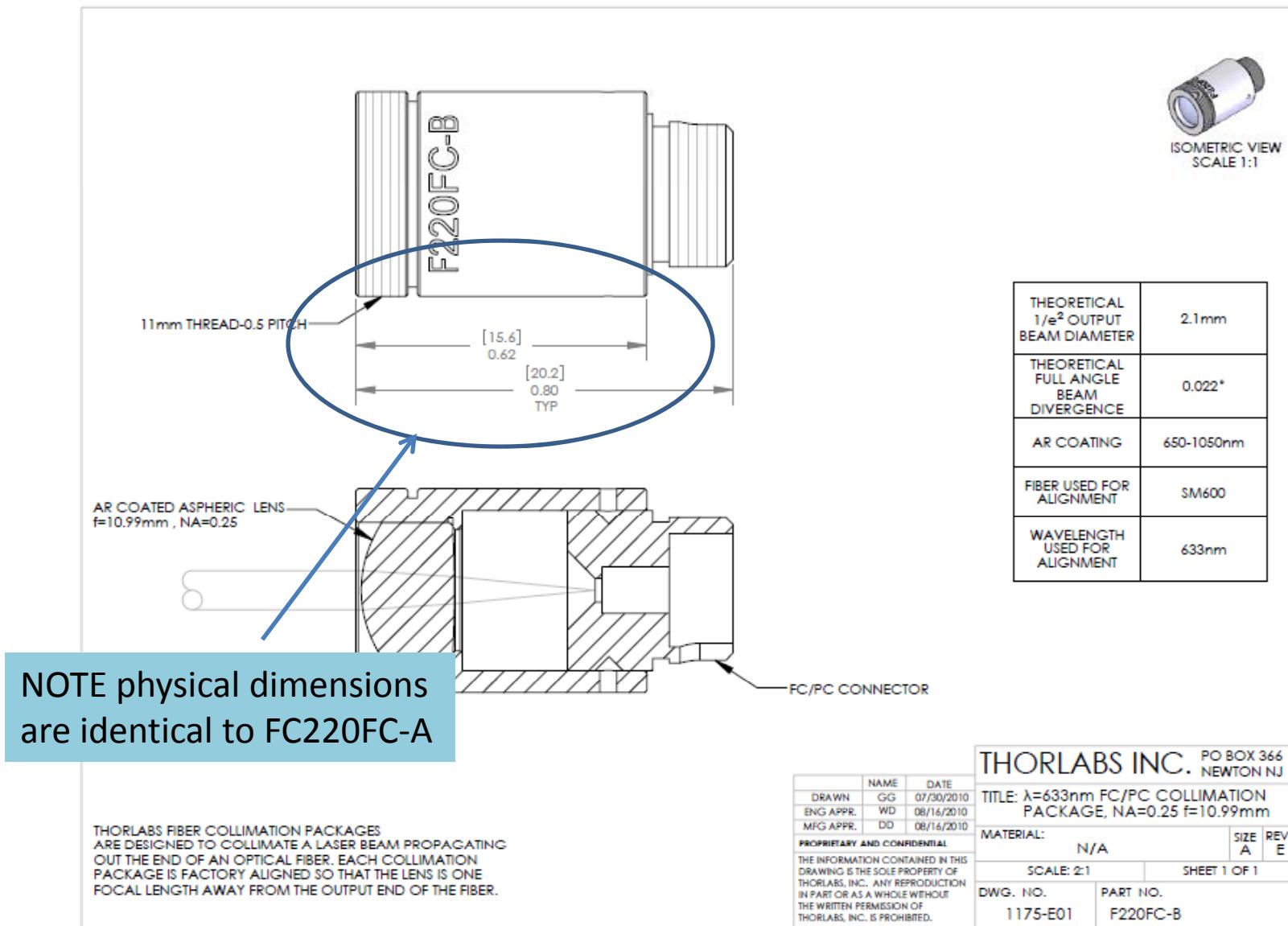
- The Clear Aperture (CA) of the lenses are a little small to permit all of the light through
- Defocus is shown; the only adjustment available is the inter-lens distance but this probably won't do much...tinker
- Axial color is the dominant aberration: check Seidel diagram



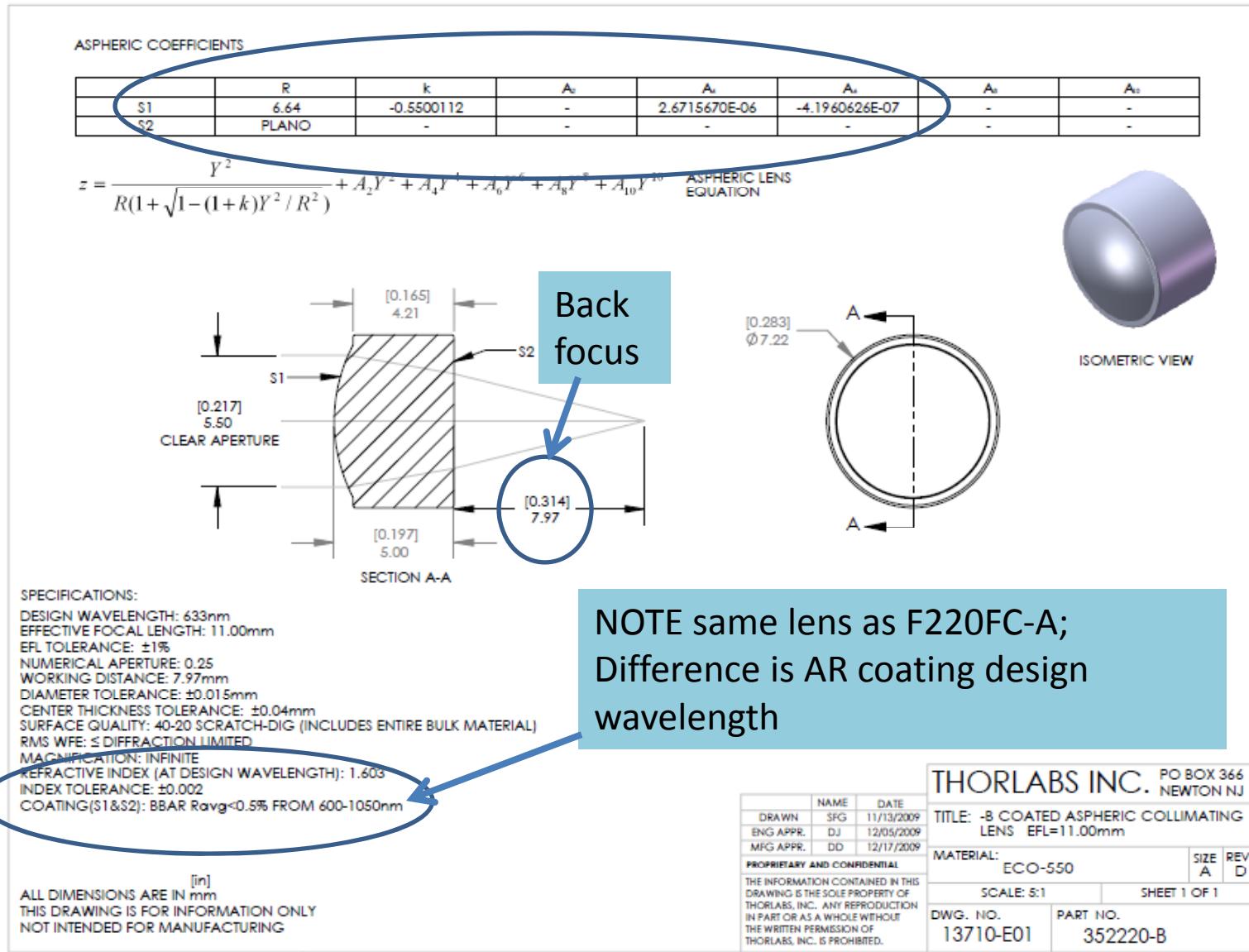
Expect to lose about 30% of the light from the emitting fiber (does not include 4% at RCVR air-glass fiber interface); BUT, for COTS collimators, OK. What other choice exists?

We should be able to do better with a custom design in the future if that is an option

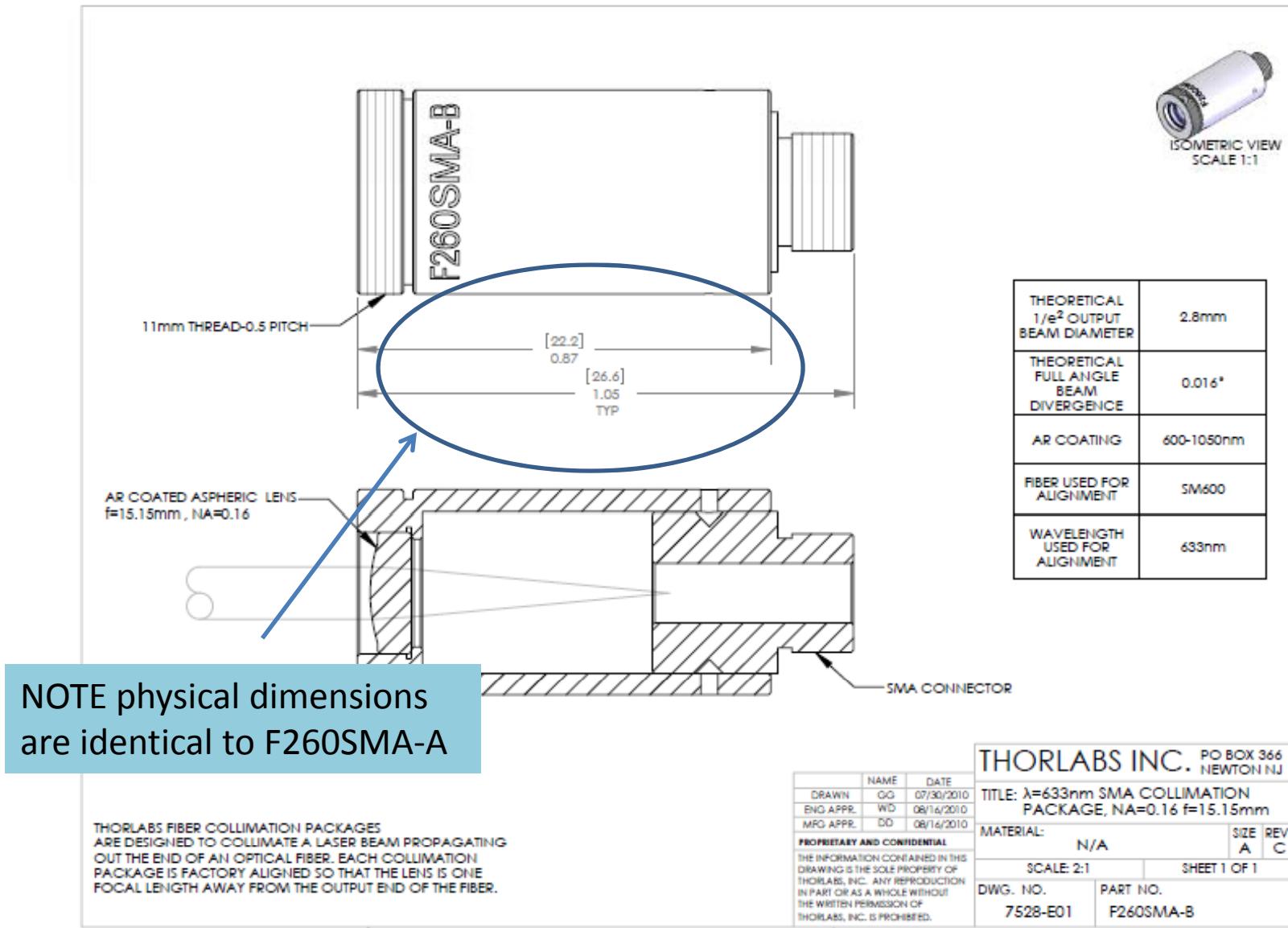
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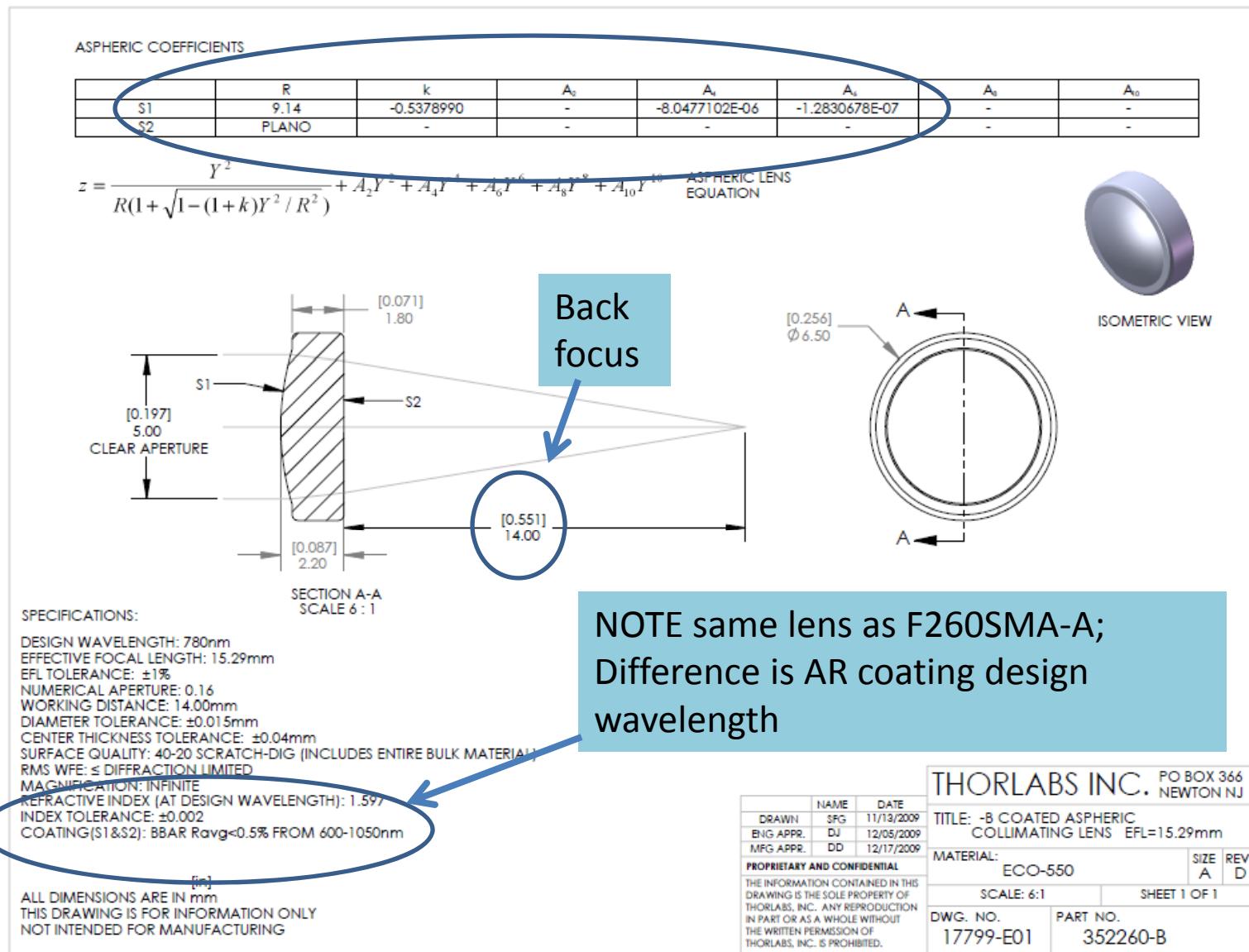
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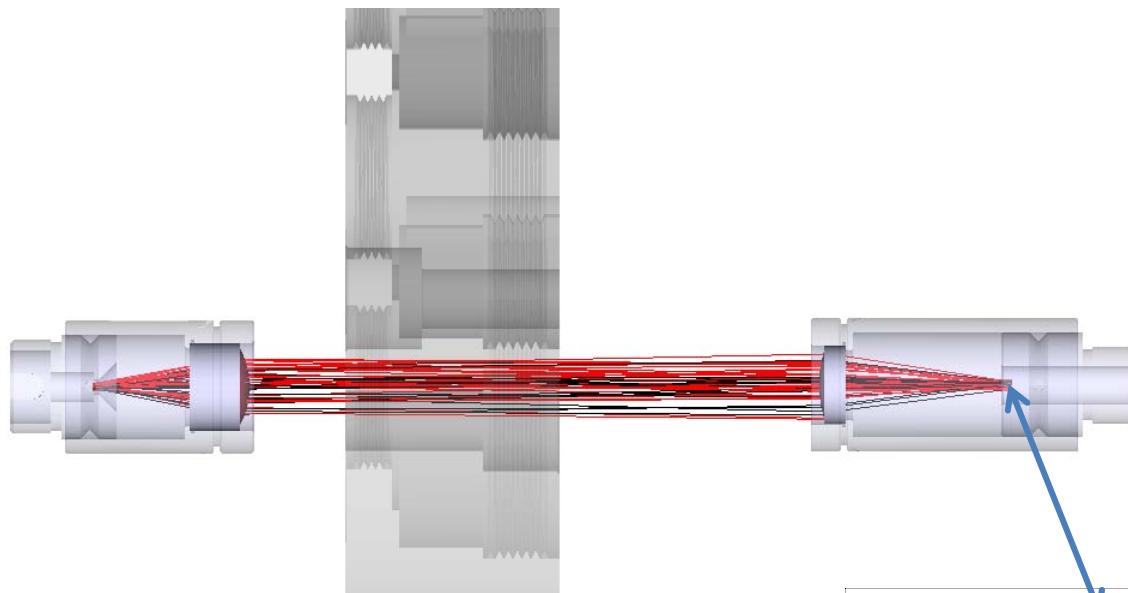
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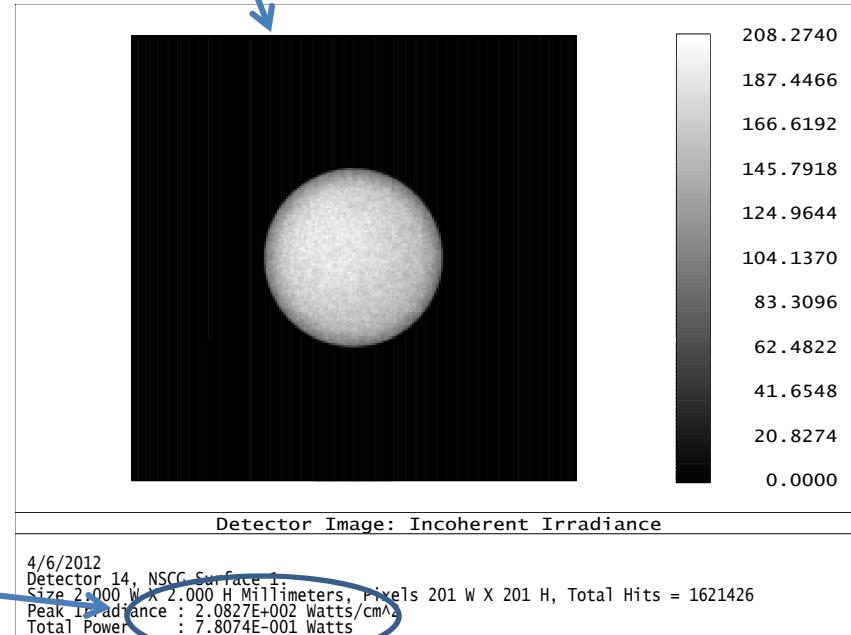


Red throughput



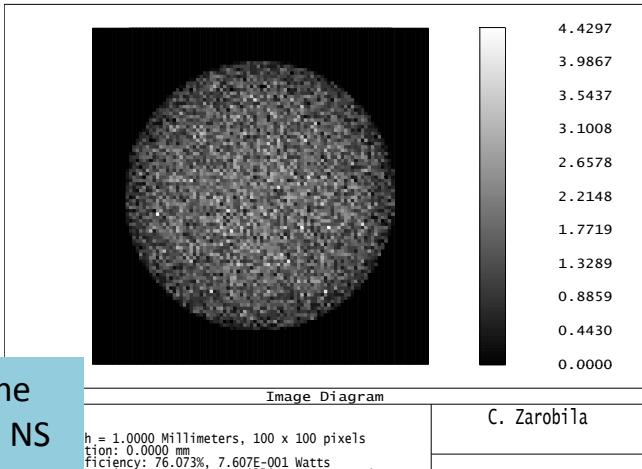
- The nominal separation between lenses is 47.26 mm as before
- 7.97 mm, 14.00 mm are back-focus distances of the lenses as before
- Given a fictitious 1 W of input power from the emitting fiber between 650 and 950 nm and simple AR coatings for the lenses...

...about 78% of the light gets through to the receiving fiber core. Better than before!

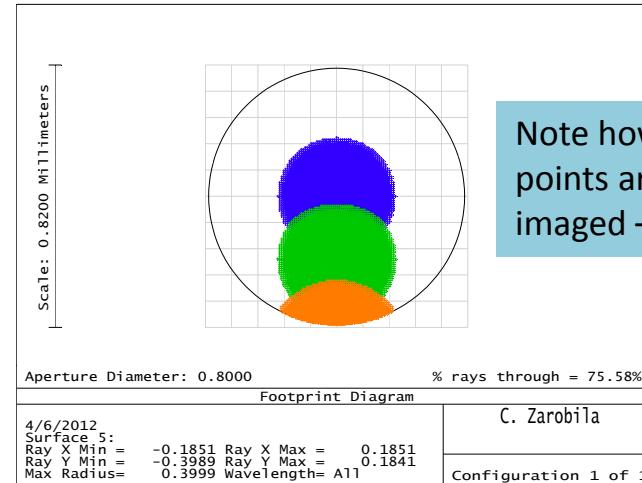


Red Sequential Results

About the same as NS
Good!



Note how field points are imaged – better!



Ray fan plot still shows defocus, axial color, vignetting

