

# Course Manual ABT

Theory of imaging

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## – General information

**Long name** Theory of imaging

**Approving CModule** [ABT\\_BaET](#), [ABT\\_BaOPT](#)

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**Valid from** winter semester  
2022/23

**Level** Bachelor

**Semester in the year** winter semester

**Duration** Semester

**Hours in self-study** 78

**ECTS** 5

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**Requirements** series expansion  
differential calculus  
multidimensional  
integral calculus  
basics of Fourier  
Transform  
geometrical optics  
basics of wave optics

**Language** German

**Separate final exam** Yes

## Literature

Pedrotti, Pedrotti, Bausch, Schmidt: Optik für Ingenieure. Grundlagen (Springer)

Hecht: Optik (Oldenbourg)

Perez: Optik (Spektrum Akademischer Verlag)

Goodman: Introduction to Fourier Optics (Roberts and Co. Publishers)

Kurz, Lauterborn: Coherent Optics (Springer)

## Final exam

## Details

As long as the number of participants is not too high, oral examination is preferred of written exams.

Lowest competence level checked is knowledge. This could be e.g. the names of the five Seidel aberrations, the reason of their occurrence, the structure of their point spread functions and strategy of tackling them.

The next competence level is related to skills. Examination could be done by showing a sketch of an optical setup and it has to be divided into functional groups and in each functional group the critical aspects regarding imaging quality have to be identified. Another skill to be tested could be the calculation of the incoherent optical transfer function from a given coherent optical transfer function.

The highest competence level addressed is methodical expertise. It can be checked by the task to do configure an optical imaging system or an analytical measurement setup for an optical imaging system. Alternatively a given system which does not meet the desired specifications has to be optimized: in a guided discussion it can be found out easily, if the underlying principles are understood and can be applied proactively, if intellectual transfer is made and if there is sufficient overview.

**Minimum standard**

Correct answer of at least 50 % of the questions

**Exam Type**

EN mündliche Prüfung, strukturierte Befragung

## – Lecture / Exercises

### Learning goals

Goal type	Description
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### Special requirements

none

<b>Accompanying material</b>	lecture notes as downloadable file
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<b>Separate exam</b>	No
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Knowledge

mathematics  
twodimensional Fourier transform  
linearity theorem  
similarity theorem  
shift theorem  
convolution theorem  
autocorrelation theorem  
Fourier transform of some special functions  
Hilber space  
inner product  
norm  
expansion in basis vectors  
completeness  
Delta functionals  
definition in multidimensional space, shifted  
sifting property  
mathematically equivalent representations

coherence  
representation as correlation function  
temporal coherence and Wiener-Chintschin theorem  
spatial coherence and Van-Cittert-Zernike theorem

two dimensional linear system theory applied to optical systems  
Point Spread Function (PSF) of electrical fields and of intensities  
Optical Transfer Function (OTF) for electrical fields and intensities  
Modulation Transfer Function (MTF) as amplitude of the OTF  
Phase Transfer Function (PTF) as phase of the OTF  
relation of OTF and PSF  
relation to pupil function  
relation to wave front aberration function  
mathematical relation of coherent and incoherent optical transfer function  
coherent and incoherent resolution limit  
relation of coherence and incoherence to fields and intensities

Aberrations  
Seidel aberrations  
point spread functions  
phase representations in the pupil plane  
causes of the aberrations  
strategies of prevention and compensation of the aberrations

Zernike polynomials

Methods for measuring phases  
Shack-Hartmann sensor  
shearing plate

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Skills

calculate Fourier transforms with  
extensive use of the Fourier  
theorems safely

analyse optical systems

identify coherent and incoherent  
optical systems

make use and apply coherent and  
incoherent optical system theory  
safely

recognize and name aberrations

design optical setups for the  
measurement of optical phases  
determination of aberrations

### Expenditure classroom teaching

Type	Attendance (h/Wk.)
Lecture	2
Tutorial (voluntary)	0

## – Practical training

### Learning goals

Goal type	Description
Skills	plan and build optical setups
	adjust optical setups
	use commercial software packages to analyse measured data to graph data
	measure impulse response function and transfer function
	calculate impuls response function from a given transfer function
	calculate transfer function from a given impulse response function
	build a light source with adjustable degree of coherence
	measure and interpret the transfer function of an objective in dependence of the degree of coherence
	measure and interpret the modulation transfer function of an objective in dependence of the aperture
	write scientific reports describe the task explain the idea of the solution illustrate the experimental setup explain the data processing make error analysis present the results and make a critical discussion

### Expenditure classroom teaching

Type	Attendance (h/Wk.)
Practical training	2
Tutorial (voluntary)	0

### Special requirements

none

### Accompanying material

Instrcutions for the experiments as downloadable files.

Operating manuals for complex equipment as downloadable files.

### Separate exam

Yes

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### Exam Type

EN Projektaufgabe im Team bearbeiten (z.B. im Praktikum)

**Details**

1) Written examination questions related to the experiment have to be prepared at home and shown at the beginning of the laboratory.

2) The underlying ideas of the experiment have to be explained at the beginning of the laboratory.

3) Make the experiment alone (preferred) or in a team of two.

- Build up and adjust your own setup
- Acquire / measure data with this setup

4) Write a documentation on the experiment. It will be checked with regard to

- completeness
- scientific and precise language
- correctness
- understanding of the interrelations and interpretation of the results

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**Minimum standard**

All written tasks must have been dealt with.

The basic ideas of the experiment must have been understood.

All experiments must have been performed.

The reports must be free of systematical errors.