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Optotune ELM-35-5.4-18-C

Test report

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Summary

- **Working distance (WD) range of 200mm-Inf (Shorter WD possible with a spacer)**
- **Performance close to the Nyquist rate of 2.74 μ m pixel size**
 - Resolution >170 lp/mm for center of the image across the WD tuning range
 - Resolution >=150 lp/mm across the field and WD tuning range
- **FP-sensitivity: 200mm-Inf WD with only 4.1dpt range**
- **Very negligible field curvature and distortion**
 - Distortion is <1%
- **Negligible vignetting (~13%)**
- **No resolution degradation due to the gravity-coma for horizontal optical axis**
- **Very good polychromatic performance**
 - Performance very similar between white and blue backlights



ELM-35-5.4-18-C Datasheet

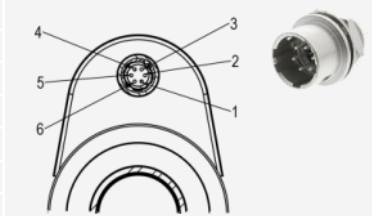
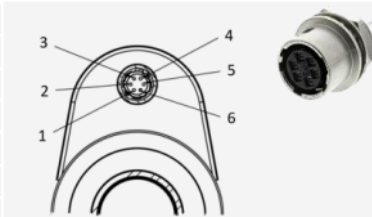
Lens module specifications

	EL-12-30-TC-VIS-16D	EL-7-20-TC-VIS-14D	
Effective focal length	34.5		mm
F/# (fixed)	3.2	5.4	
Maximum sensor format	1.1		inch
Maximum image circle (Φ)	18		mm
Lifecycles (10-90% sinusoidal)	>1'000'000'000		cycles
FOV for 1.1" sensor	Diagonal	28.9	°
	Horizontal	20.5	°
	Vertical	20.5	°
Back focal length (BFL)	13.53		mm (in air)
Optical distortion	<0.27	<0.22	%
Pixel size (recommended)	2.74		μm
Wavelength range	420-900		nm
Relative illumination	>92	>90	%
Max chief ray angle	3.1	3.5	°
Working distance (WD) range ¹	200 to inf		mm
Optimal WD	500		mm
WD at 0 dpt	1980		mm
Mount	C-mount		
Filter thread	M31.5x0.5		
Connector type	Hirose (6 pins)		
Total track length (TTL)	130.75		mm
Dimension (Φ x L)	47.0 x 113.2		mm
Weight	470		g
Operating temperature	-20 to +65		°C
Storage temperature	-40 to +85		°C

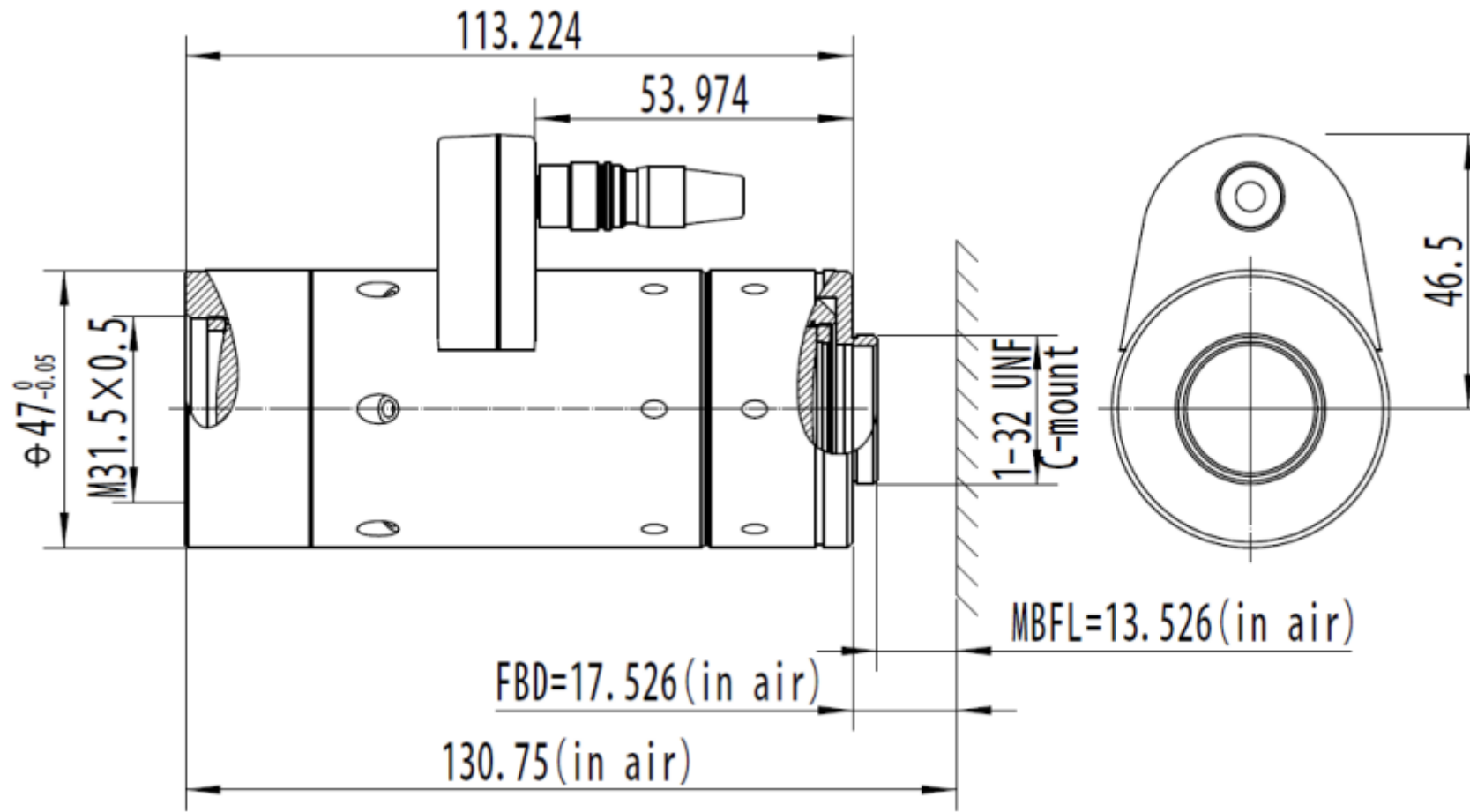
Focus tunable lens specifications

	EL-12-30-TC-VIS-16D	EL-7-20-TC-VIS-14D	
Focal power range (@25°C)	-6 to +10	-6 to +8	dpt
Focal power range for module WD range	-0.5 to 3.7		dpt
Temperature sensor and EEPROM	Yes		
Control current (typical)	-250 to +250		mA
Max. control current	-300 to +300		mA
Motor coil resistance @ 30°C	15	12	Ω
Absolute maximum voltage (coil)	6	6	V

Electrical layout

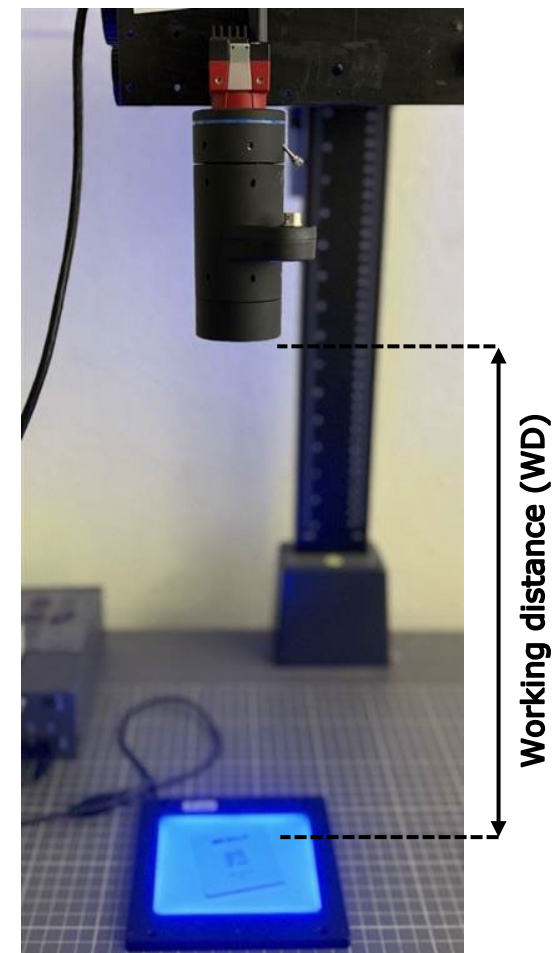
Hirose connector (HR10G-7R-6PB)	Function	Sensor pins	
Pin 1	Control current +	-	
Pin 2	Control current -	-	
Pin 3	Ground	1-4	
Pin 4	Vcc (3.0-3.7V)	8	
Pin 5	I²C SCL	6	
Pin 6	I²C SDA	5	
Hirose connector (HR10G-7R-6SB)	Function	Value	
Pin 1	GPIO Trigger	-	
Pin 2	Analog In	0-10V	
Pin 3	UART Tx / I²C SCL	TTL	
Pin 4	UART Rx / I²C SDA	TTL	
Pin 5	GND	-	
Pin 6	Vcc	5-24V	

Mechanical drawing



Test Setup

Camera:	Alvium 1800 C-2040 1.1" 4512 x 4512 px Pixel size = 2.74 μm Nyquist rate = 182 lp/mm C-mount
Lens:	ELM-35-5.4-18-C
Tunable lens:	EL-7-20-TC-VIS-14D SN: DHAA0249
Orientation:	Vertical Optical Axis
Driver:	ECC-1C SN: CXAB1454, FW: 2.0.741648
Target:	USAF chrome target, positive
Light:	White backlight (LED1-FLS-110x110W) Blue backlight



Field of view with 1.1" sensor

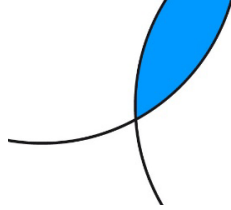
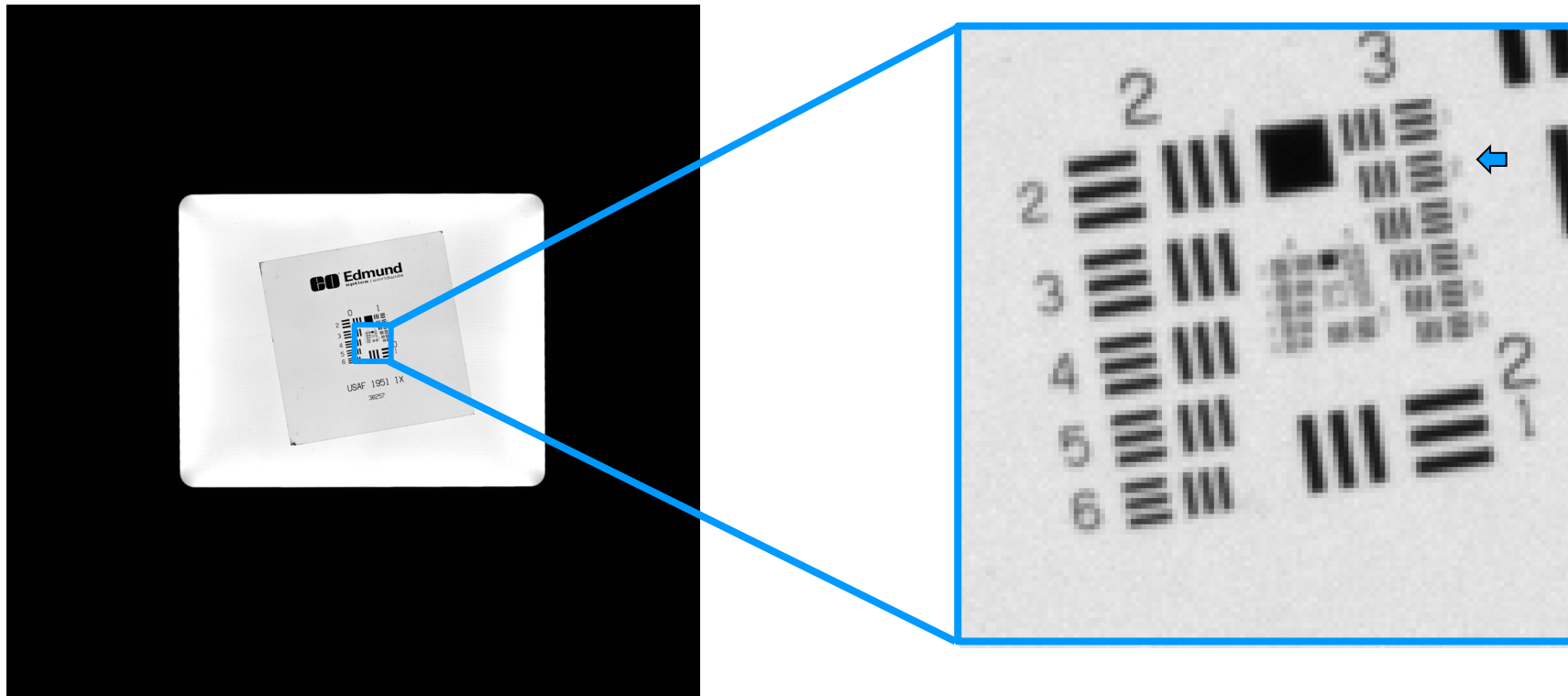


Image size (2.74 μm pixel size):

- Width = 12.4 mm
- Height = 12.4 mm
- Diagonal = 17.5 mm

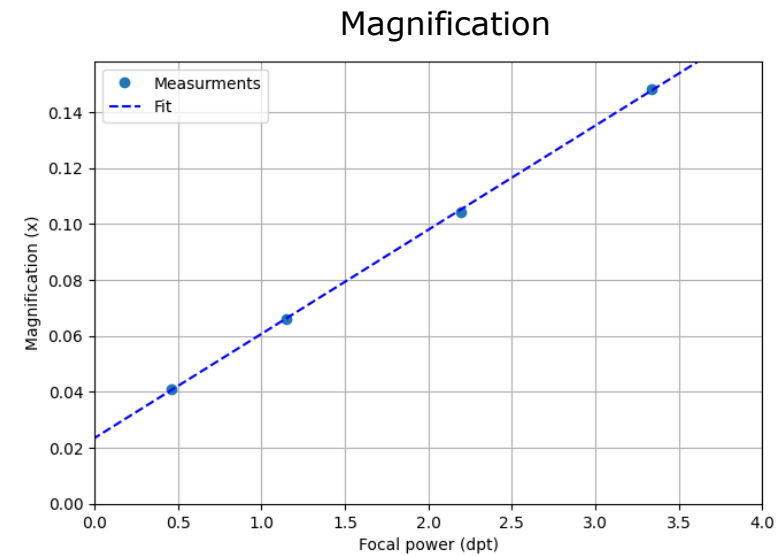
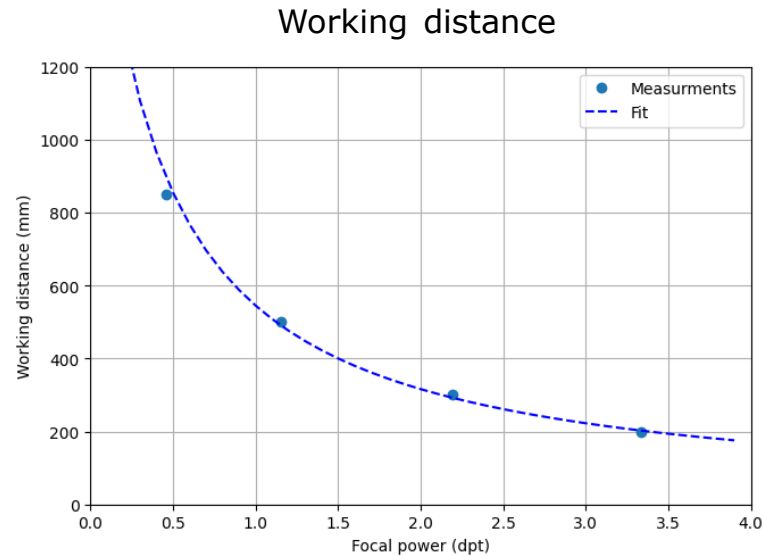
Image evaluation

- All the images are taken at Gain 0, and without gamma correction
- The intensity of illumination is controlled to adjust the histogram of the images
- After acquisition, images are zoomed in to show the resolution-limited element



Working distance, Magnification

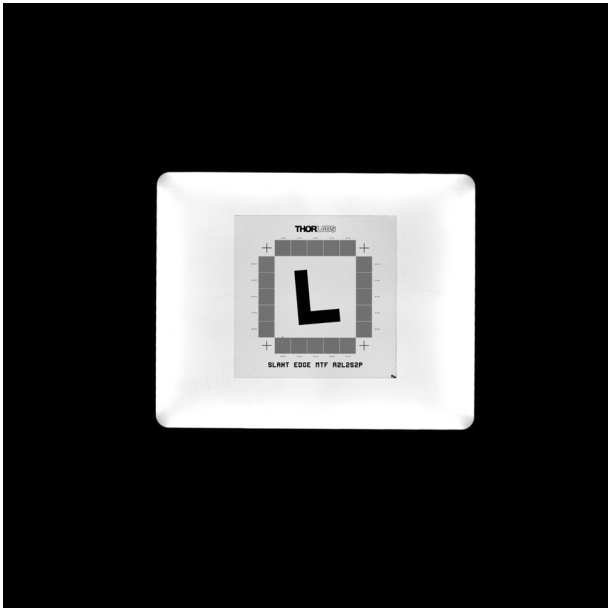
- Magnification and working distance of this ELM is very well aligned with an ento-centric lens



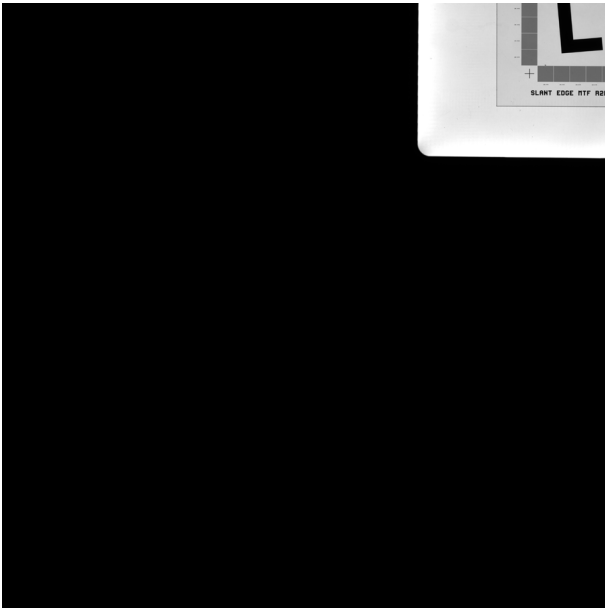
- * Measured with blue LED backlight
- * Magnification measured at the center of the image

Slanted-Edge MTF

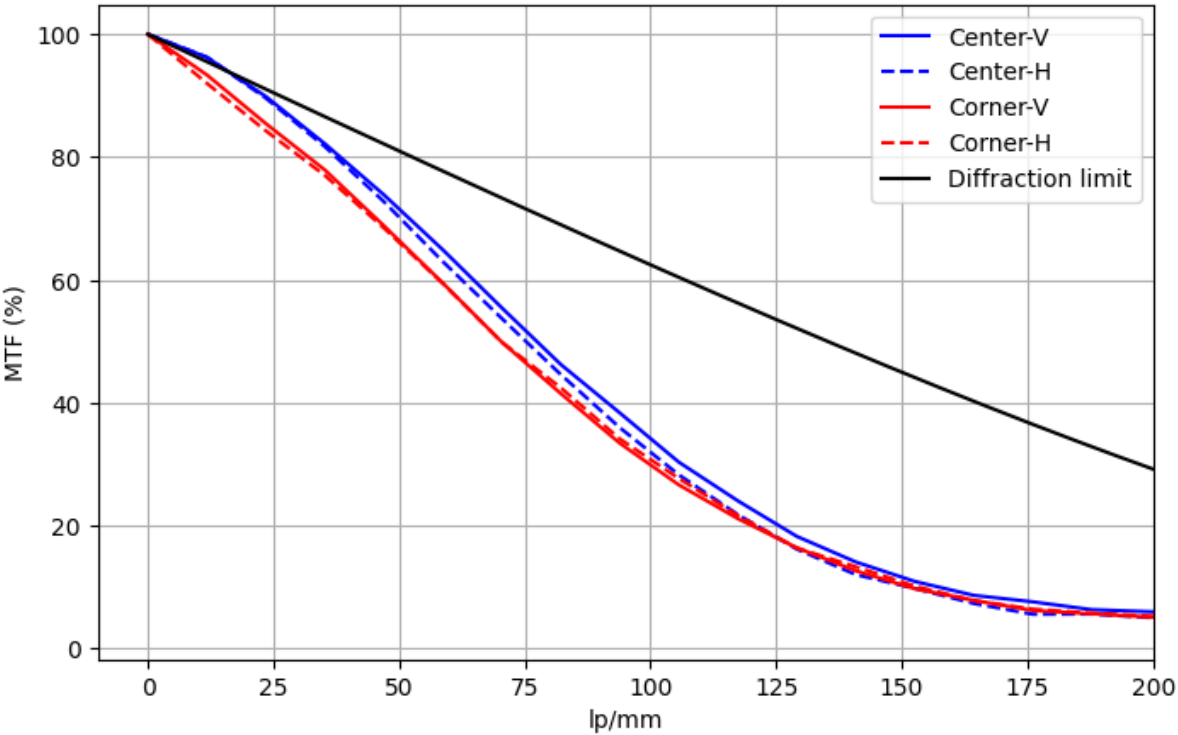
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Corner

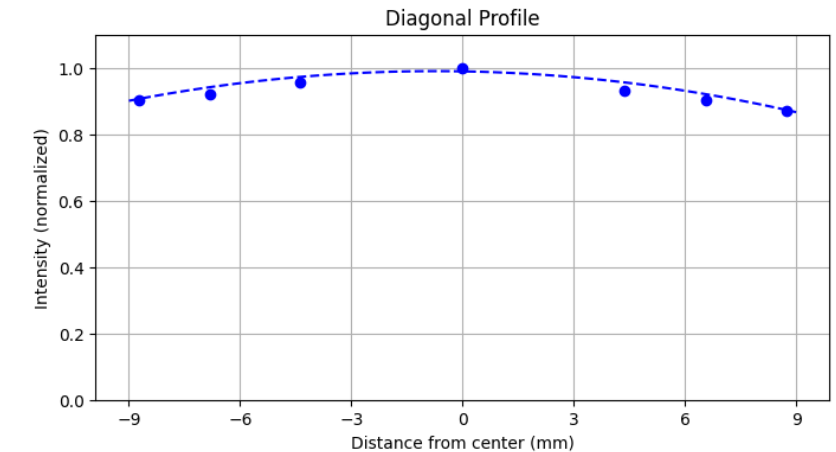
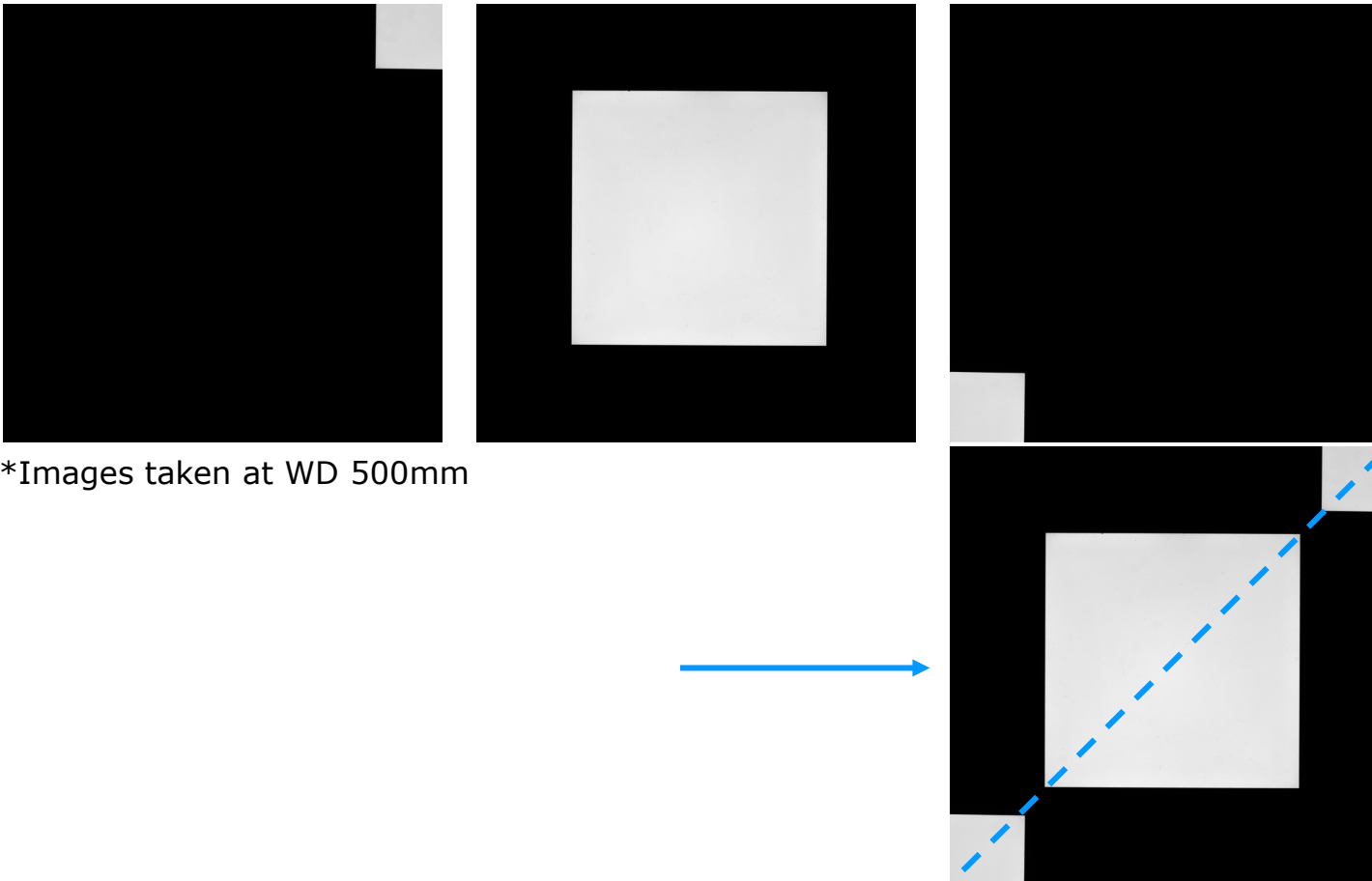


*Images taken with the blue LED at WD 500mm



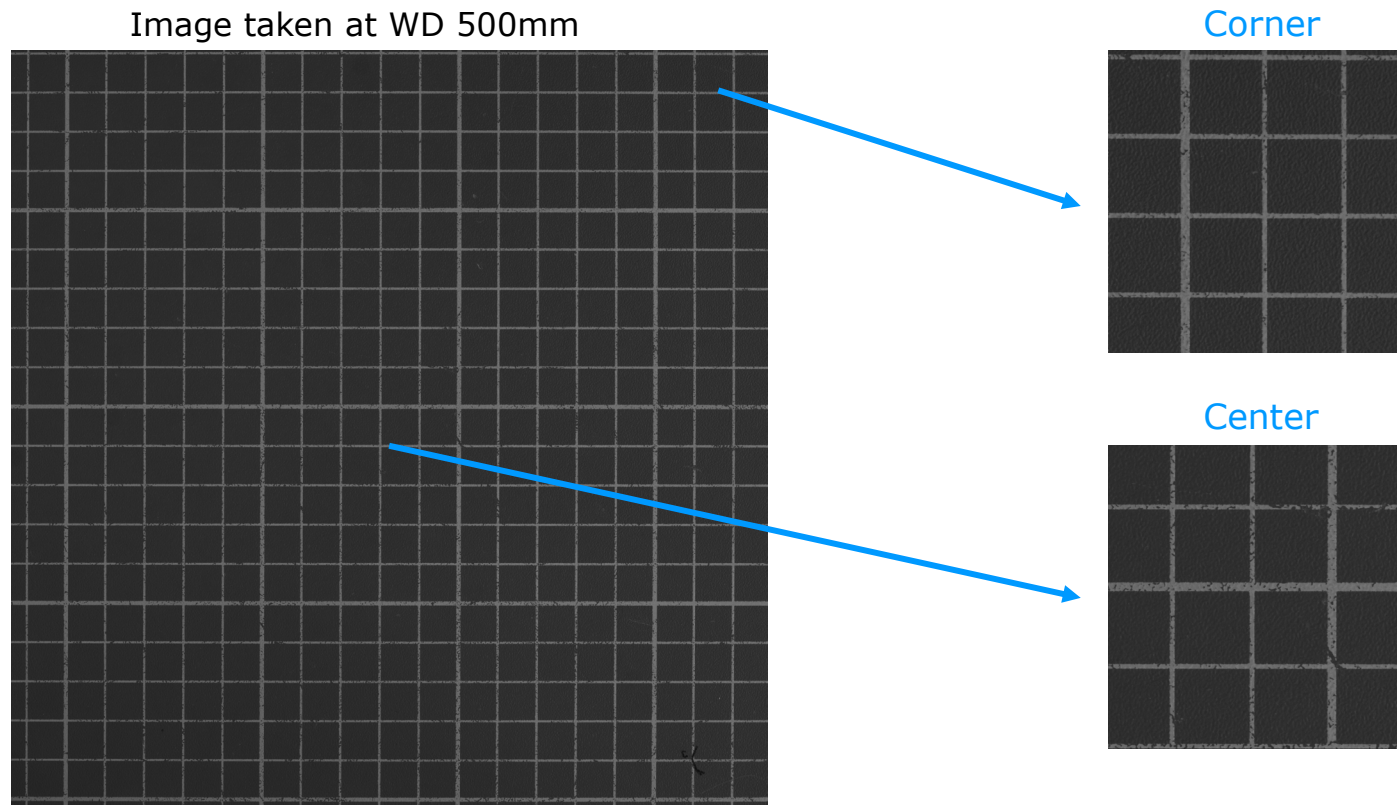
Relative illumination

- Due to the wide-angle FOV, we did image stitching for multiple measurements with a uniform LED
- Vignetting of this ELM is 0.2EV (13%) for 1.1" sensor
- There is a negligible dependence to the focal power/WD for the vignetting



Distortion and field curvature

- We see some distortion but no field curvature
- Geometrical distortion value: $\leq 1\%$



WD 850 mm: +0.44dpt, Blue light

Performance is close to Nyquist limit

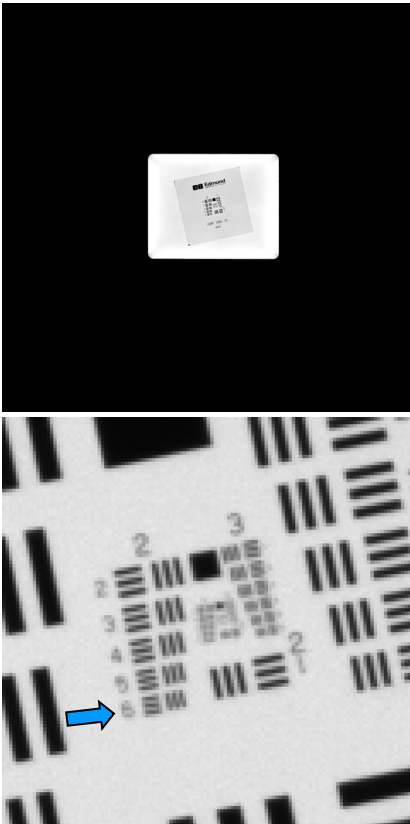
Camera

Sensor size = 4512 x 4512 px
Pixel size = 2.74 μm
Nyquist limit = 182 lp/mm

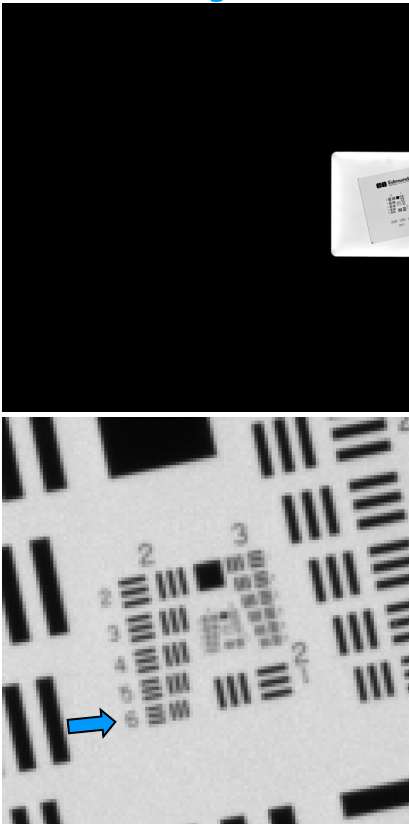
Light

Blue background illumination

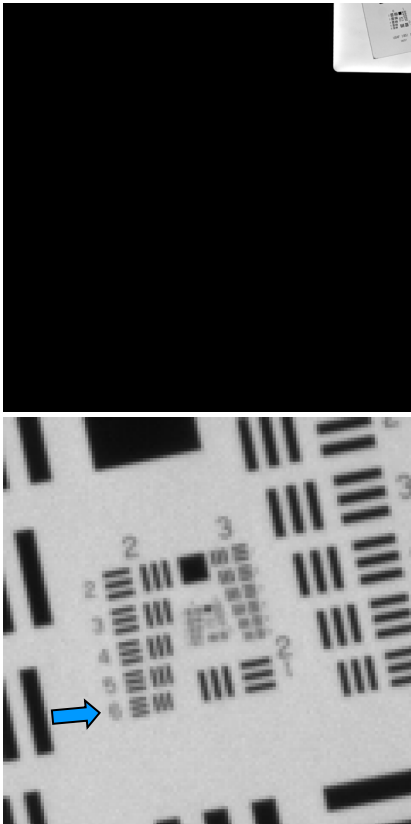
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Edge



Corner



USAF element:	2/6
Line width (μm):	70.15
Lp/mm (object):	7
Magnification:	0.041
Lp/mm (image):	174

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WD 500 mm: +1.15dpt, Blue light

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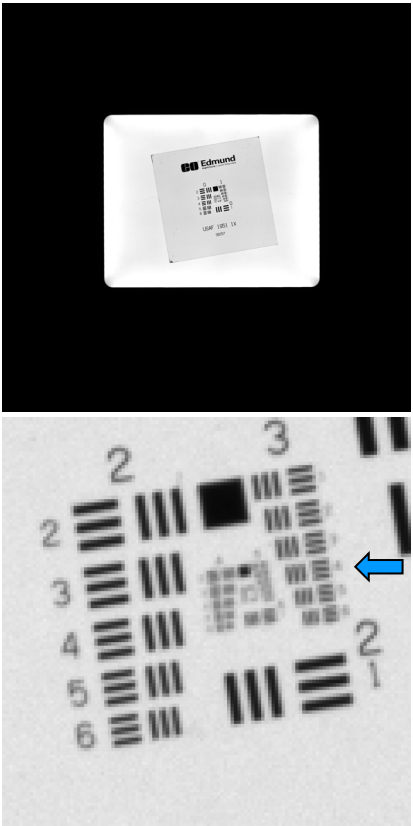
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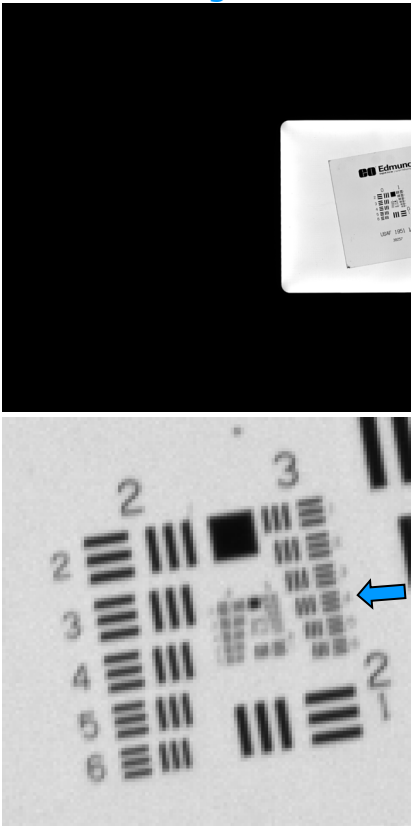
Light

Blue background illumination

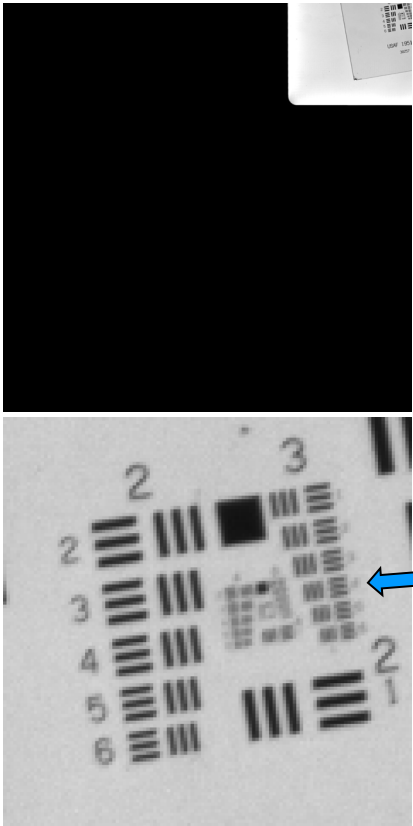
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Edge



Corner



USAF element:	3/4
Line width (μm):	44.19
Lp/mm (object):	11
Magnification:	0.066
Lp/mm (image):	171

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WD 300 mm: +2.19dpt, Blue light Performance is close to Nyquist limit

Camera

Sensor size = 4512 x 4512 px

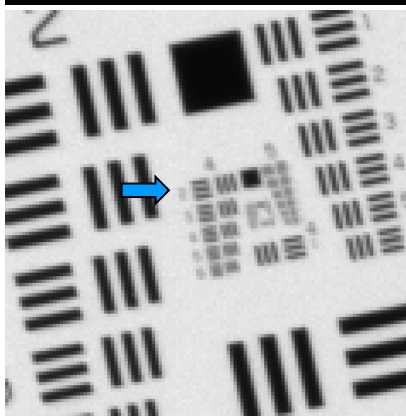
Pixel size = 2.74 μm

Nyquist limit = 182 lp/mm

Light

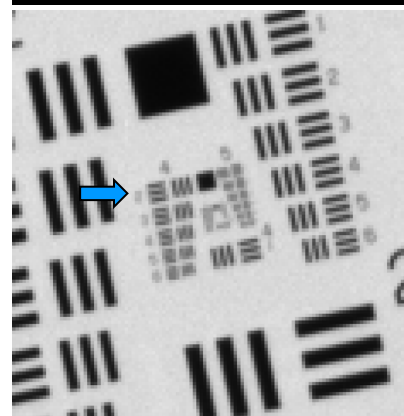
Blue background illumination

Center



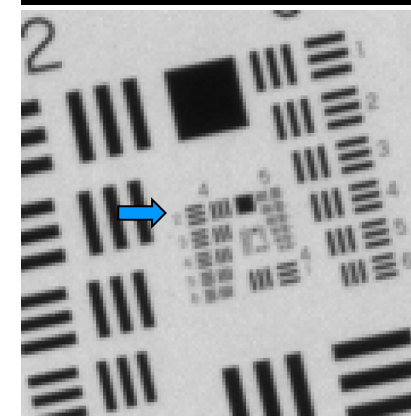
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Line width (μm):	27.84
Lp/mm (object):	18
Magnification:	0.104
Lp/mm (image):	172

Edge



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Corner



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Magnification:	0.104
Lp/mm (image):	172

WD 200 mm: +3.36dpt, Blue light Performance is close to Nyquist limit

Camera

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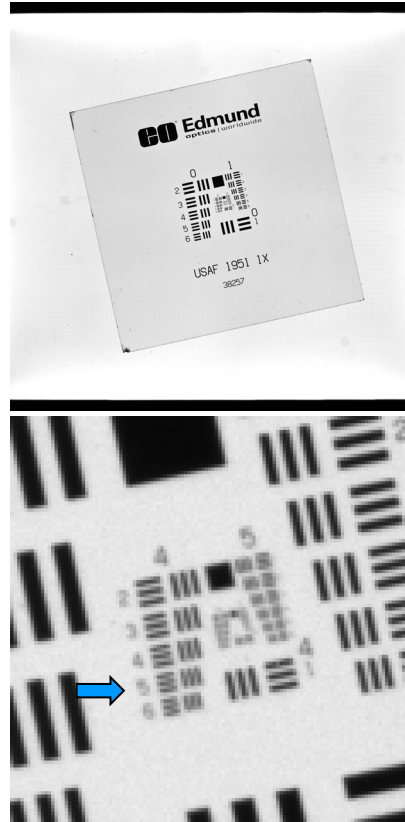
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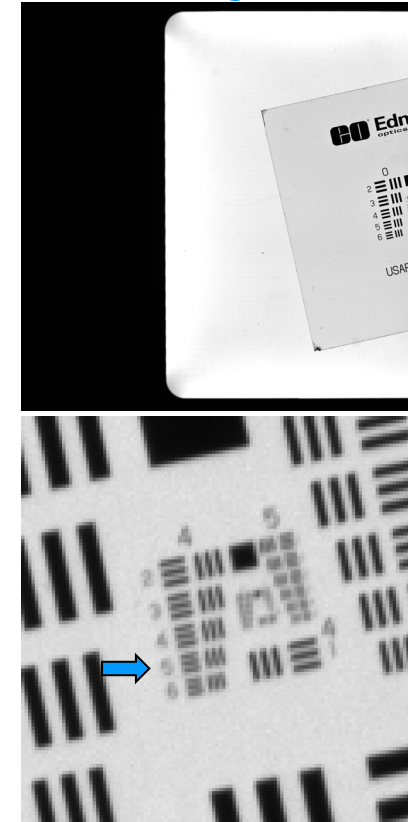
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Blue background illumination

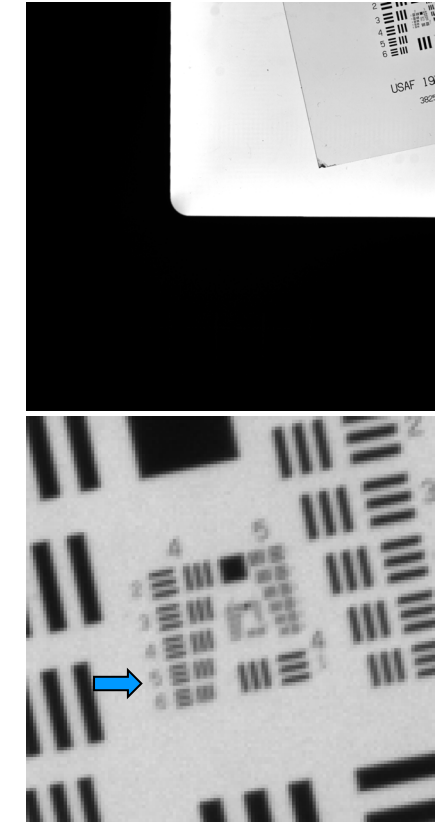
Center



Edge



Corner



USAF element:	4/5
Line width (μm):	19.69
Lp/mm (object):	25
Magnification:	0.148
Lp/mm (image):	171

4/5
19.69
25
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Polychromatic performance: White LED vs. Blue LED

WD 500mm, +1.15dpt

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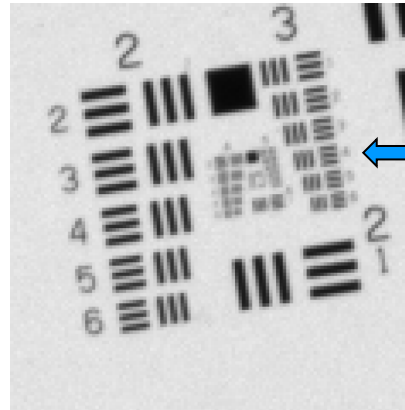
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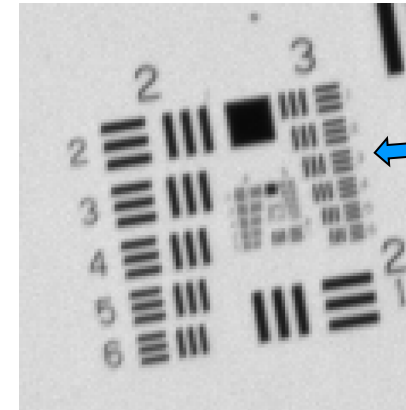
Blue

Center



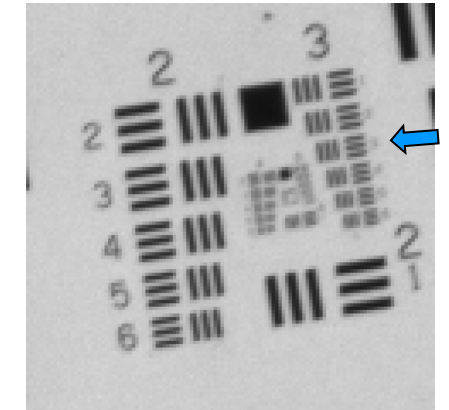
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Edge



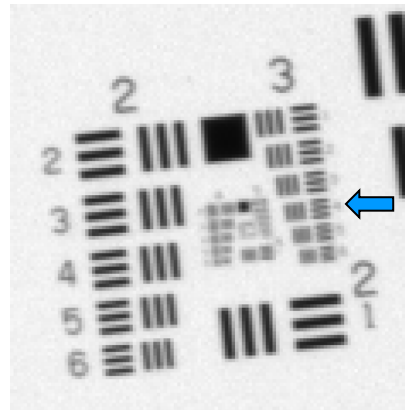
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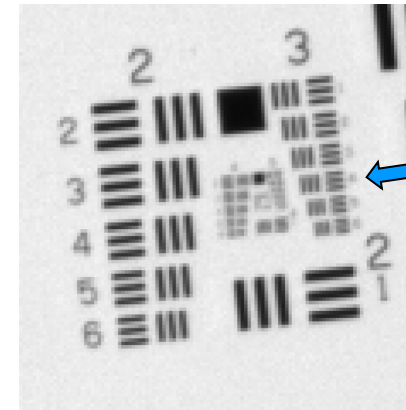


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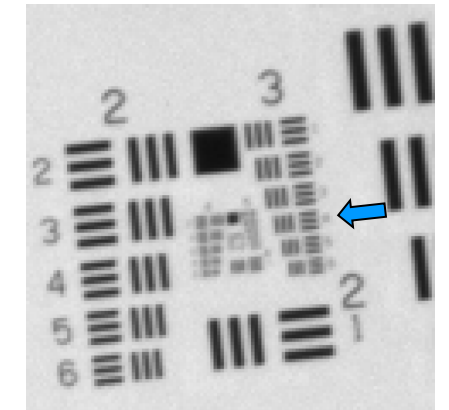
White



171 LP/mm



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Vertical vs. Horizontal optical axis

WD 500mm, +1.15dpt, White LED

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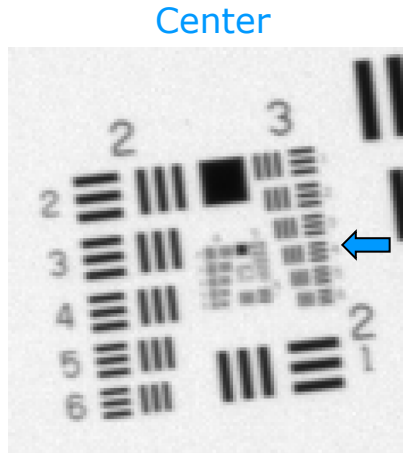
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Light

White background illumination

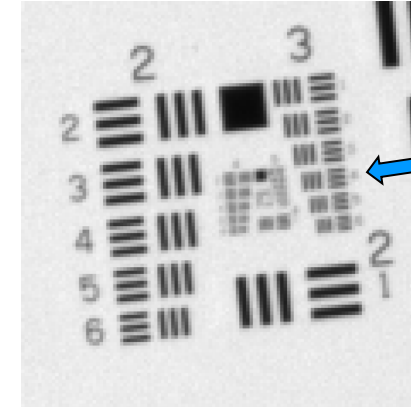
EL-7-20 Gravity coma: 0.05λ

Vertical OA



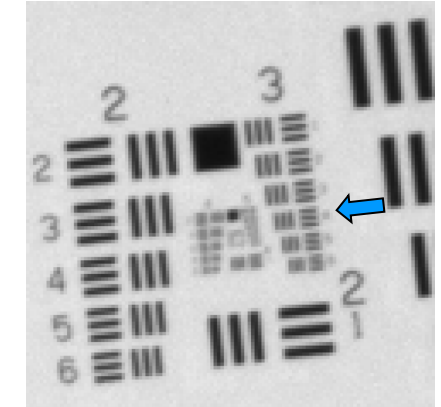
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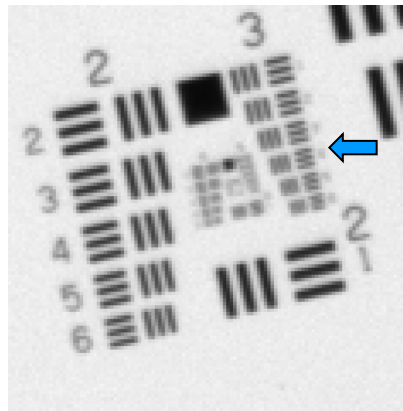
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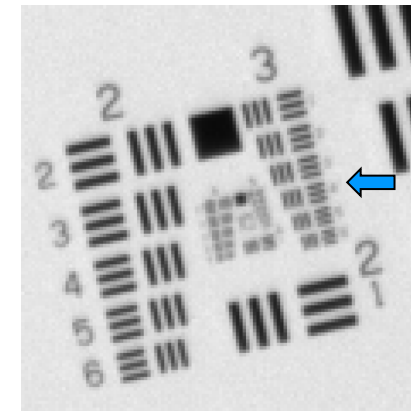


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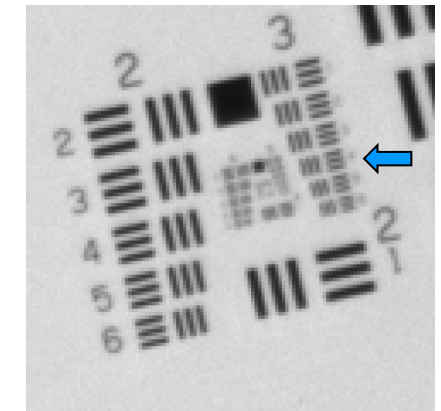
Horizontal OA



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