Programmable Light Source, Function, Interface and Medium
VirtualLab offers always different ways for the specification of optical objects, e.g., light source, interface, and medium. We provide predefined objects, the objects can be specified by measurement data or the object can be described by using programmable objects. The programming language for these customized objects is C#. VirtualLab supports the development of the programmable items by the source code editor. Different object have different input and return parameters. This use case explains the most specific parameters of the programmable light source, interface, function and medium.
Programmable Light Source

- **Programmable Light Source** allows users to define the spatial distribution of a global polarized light mode in one plane. The mathematical representation is $\vec{E}_0(x, y, z, \vec{J}, \lambda, \tilde{n}(\lambda))$
- $(x, y, z)$ is the spatial coordinators
- $\vec{J} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{J}_x \\ \vec{J}_y \end{pmatrix}$ represents the Jones vector
- $E = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{E}_x \\ \vec{E}_y \end{pmatrix} = \vec{E}_0 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \vec{J}_x \\ \vec{J}_y \end{pmatrix}$
- $\lambda$ is wavelength
- $\tilde{n}(\lambda)$ is the refractive index of the surrounding medium

Input parameters: $x, y, z, J, \lambda, \tilde{n}(\lambda)$
Example of Programmable Light Source

C# snippet

```csharp
double realPart = 1.0;
double imaginaryPart = 0.0;
realPart = Math.Sin(y / 5e-3) * x;
return new Complex(realPart, imaginaryPart);
```

Source parameters

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electric field [V/m]

\[ \mathcal{R}(E_x) \]

\[ \mathcal{R}(E_y) \]

\[ \mathcal{R}(E_z) \]
Programmable Function

• Programmable function allows users to define a specific boundary response, which is mathematically represented as \( \mathbf{B} = f(x, y, \lambda, \hat{n}(\lambda)) \).

• Output field of **Programmable Function** is: \( E^{\text{out}}(x, y) = \mathbf{B} \cdot E^{\text{in}}(x, y) \)
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input field

output field

\( \Re(E_{x}^{in}) \)

programmable function

\( \Re(E_{x}^{out}) \)
Programmable Interface

- **Programmable Interface** allows users to define a height profile of an interface.
  - Height profile $h(x,y)$, e.g., $h(x,y) = \sin\left(\frac{y}{0.005}\right) \cdot x$
Programmable Interface: Properties

- **Programmable Interface** contains all properties of general interfaces in VirtualLab Fusion.
  - discontinuities: the interface can be quantized
  - scaling: stretch the interface in specific direction
  - periodization: make a repetition of the interface to generate a periodic interface.

More details can be found in “Getting started” tutorial, i.e., Catalogs II: Interfaces
Programmable Medium

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Programmable Medium

• **Programmable Medium** allows users to define an arbitrary, complex-valued refractive index distribution \( \tilde{n}(x, y, z, \lambda) \). \( \Delta \tilde{n}(x, y, z, \lambda) \) is programmed.

• There are two ways to define \( \tilde{n}(x, y, z, \lambda) \):
  
  - **Index Distribution**:
    \[
    \tilde{n}(x, y, z, \lambda) = \Delta \tilde{n}(x, y, z, \lambda)
    \]
  
  - **Index Modulation**:
    \[
    \tilde{n}(x, y, z, \lambda) = n_0(\lambda) + \Delta \tilde{n}(x, y, z, \lambda).
    \]

  \( n_0(\lambda) \) is given by **Base Material**.
Example of Programmable Medium

- **Programmable Medium** allows users to define an arbitrary, complex-valued refractive index distribution \( \tilde{n}(x, y, z, \lambda) \).
  
  - E.g., \( \tilde{n}(x, y, z, \lambda) = \tilde{n}^{FS}(\lambda) + \sin\left(\frac{y}{0.005}\right) \cdot x \), with \( \tilde{n}^{FS}(\lambda) \) denoting the refractive index of fused silica.
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