

# Trends in Optics and Lasers at Chico State



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# Photonics enabled technologies

## Medicine

- diagnostics, therapy, surgery



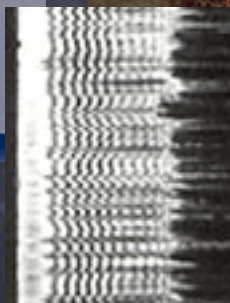
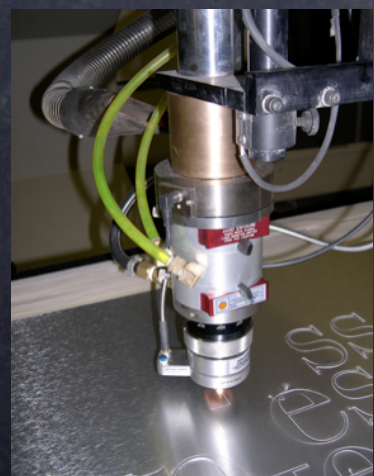
## Environmental monitoring

- remote sensing, spectroscopy

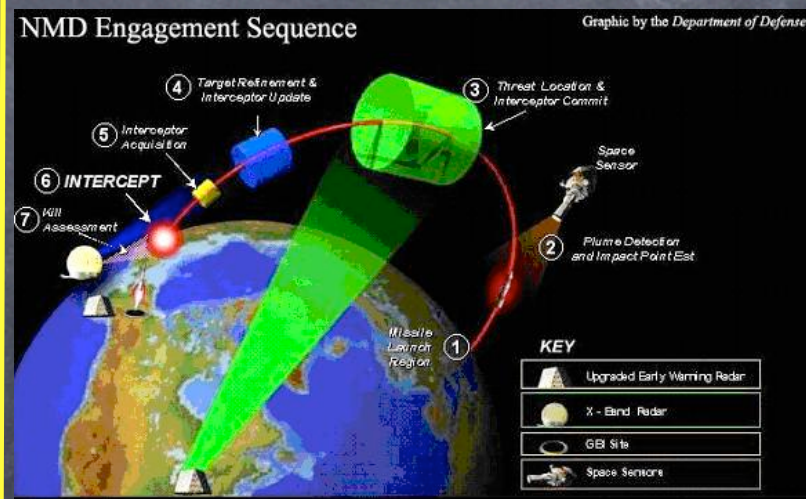


## Manufacturing

- welding, surface treating
- drilling, cutting, marking
- interferometric methods
- nondestructive testing



## Defense





# Our optics and lasers labs

Physics Department

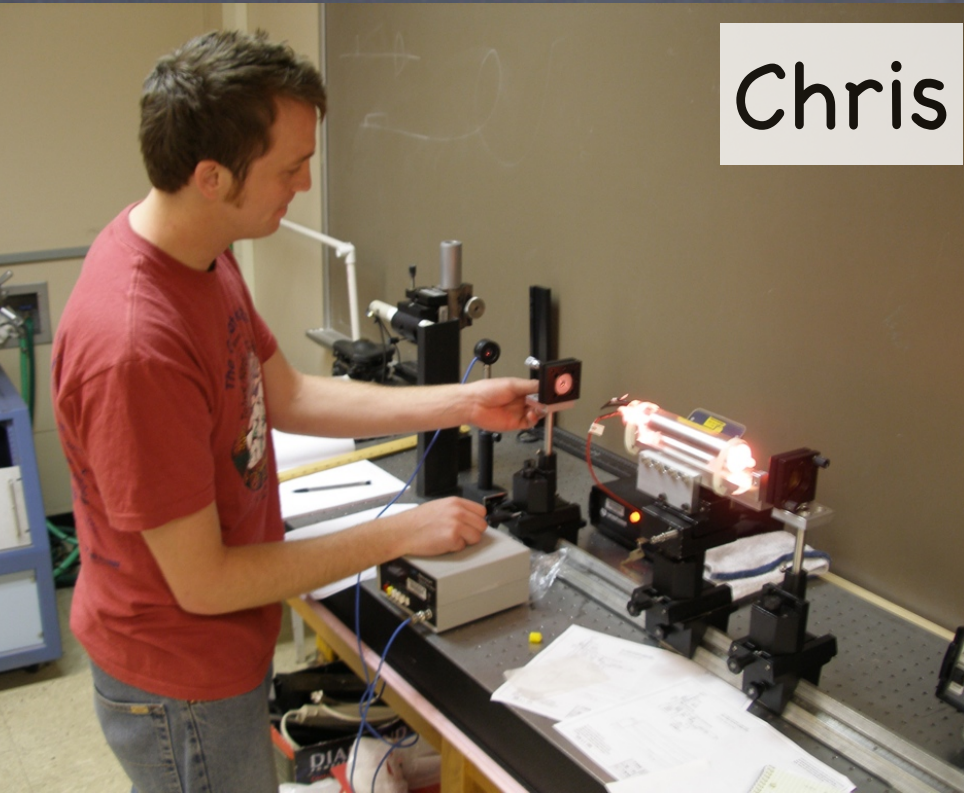
Dr. Cheuk-Kin Chau

Former students working in industry

Sponsor - Brian Pierce, Advanced Light  
Technology



# Existing experiments



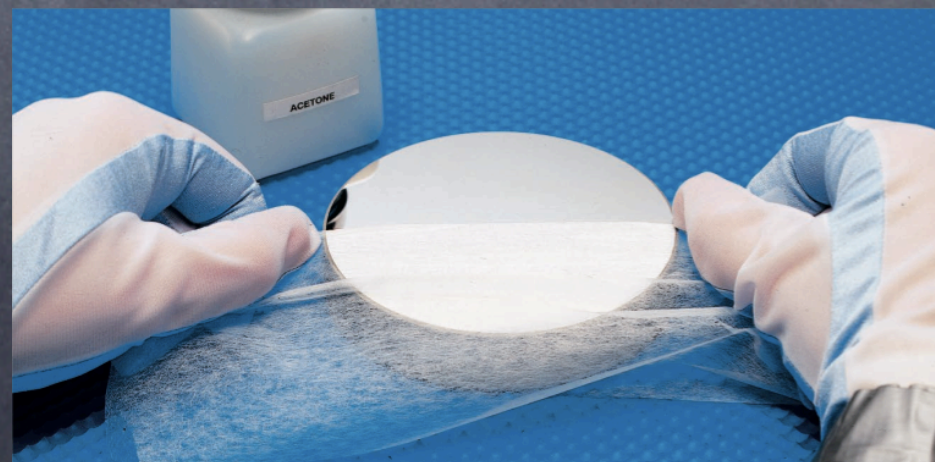
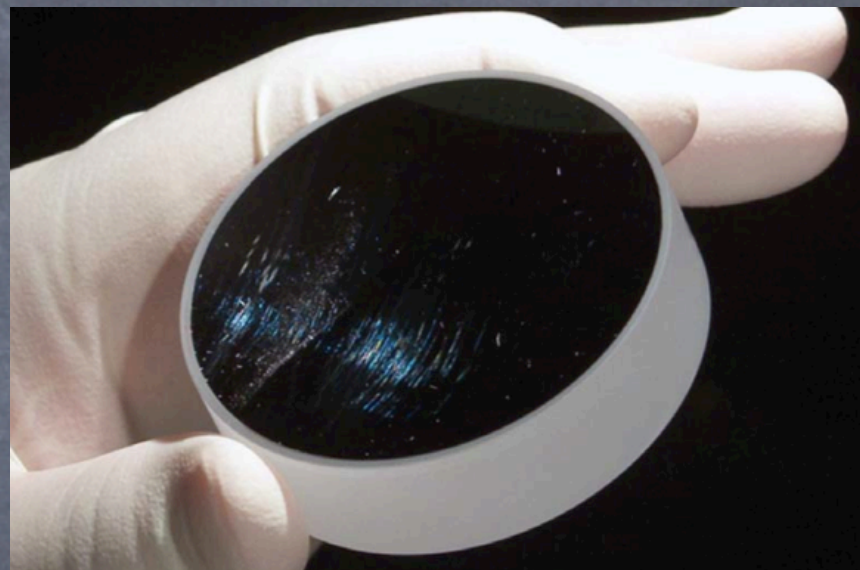


# Skills for working with optics and lasers

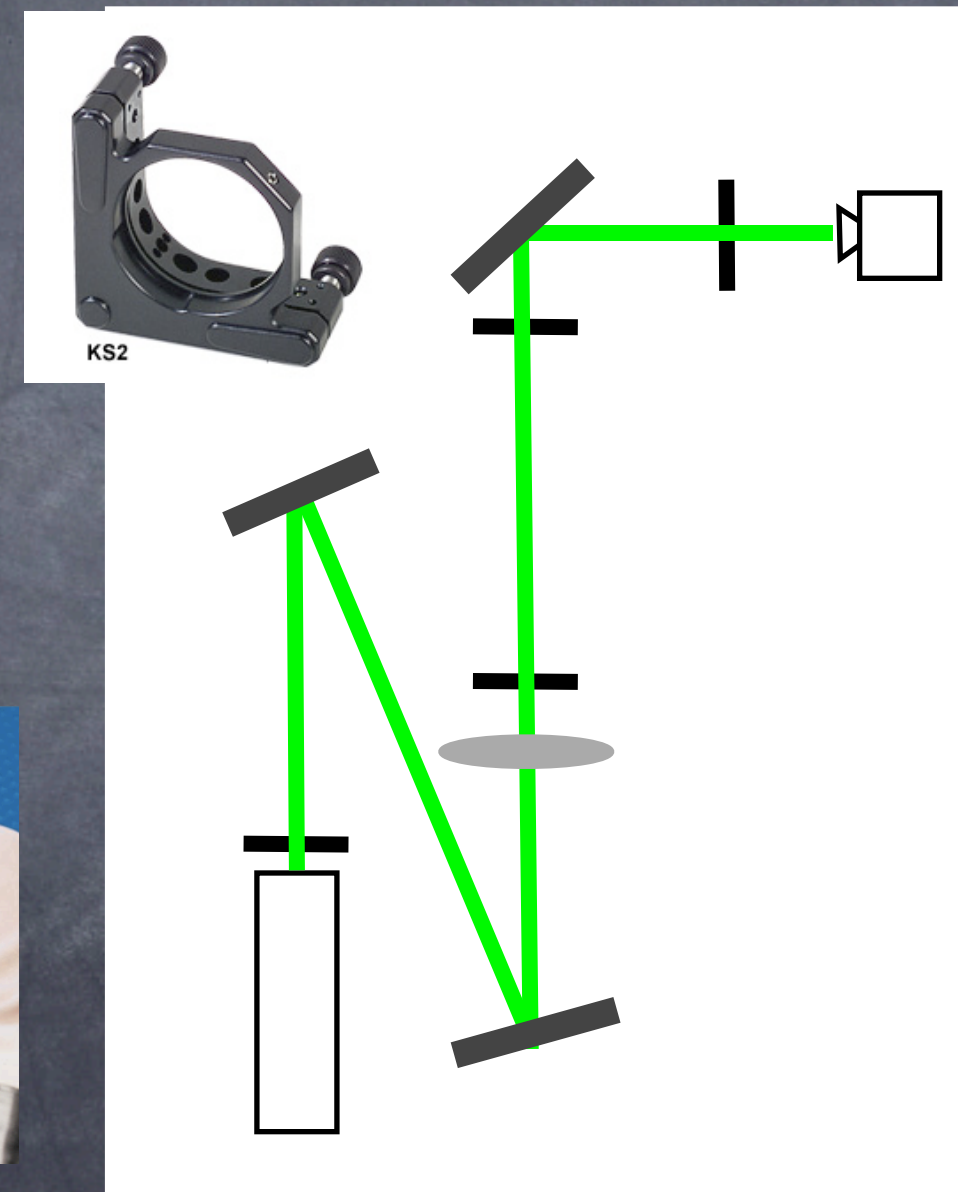
## Safety practices



## Handling optical components



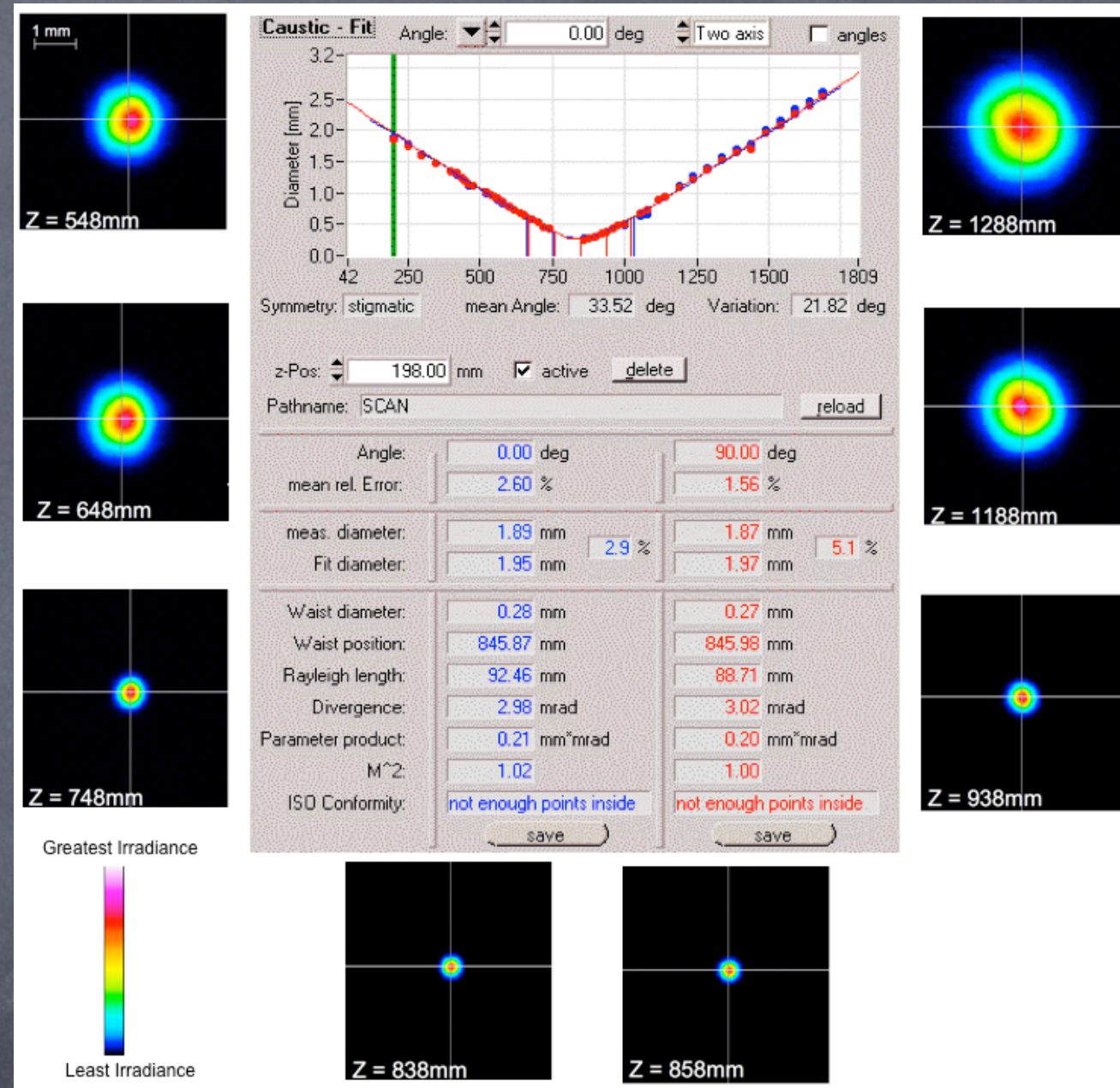
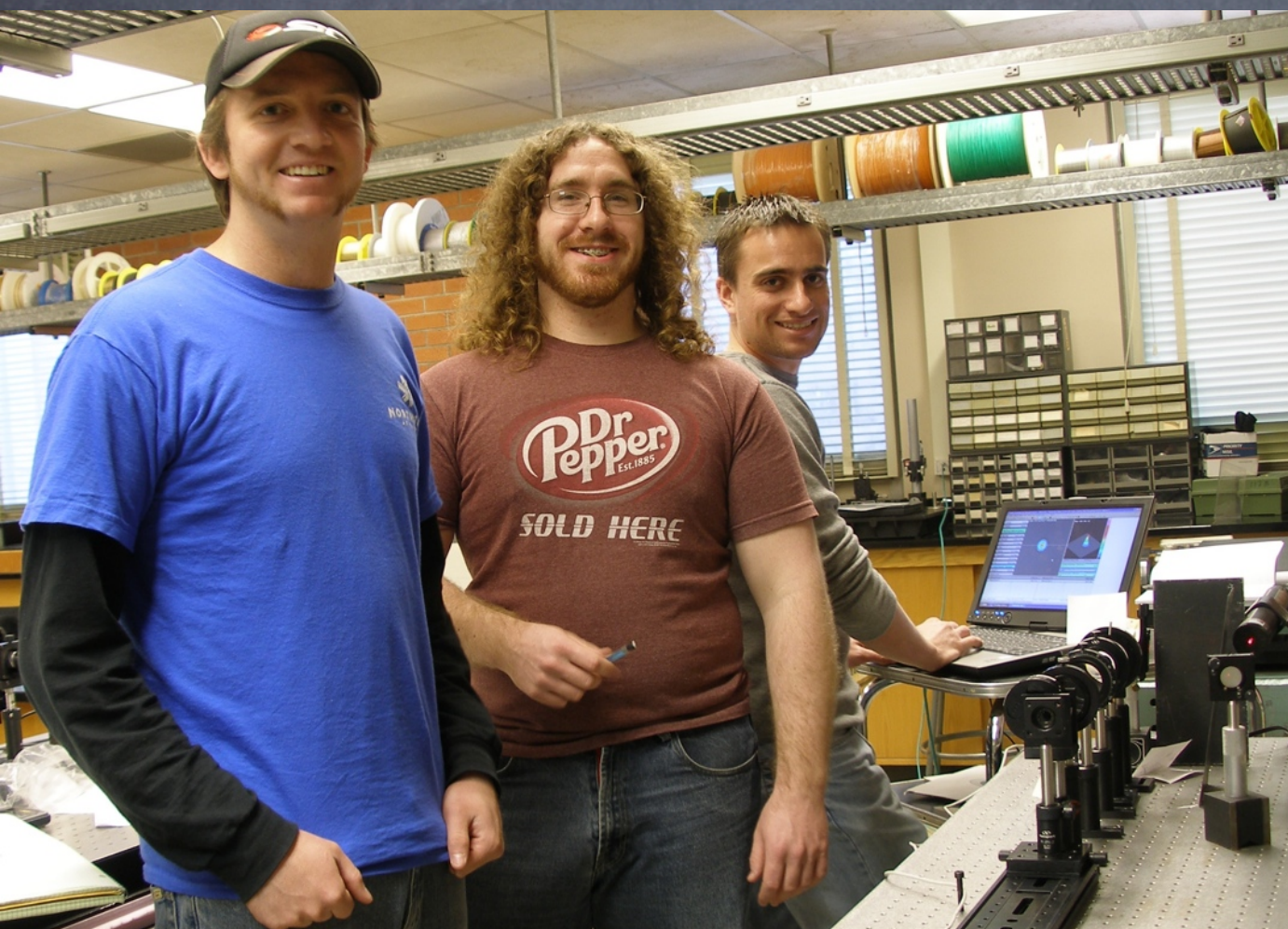
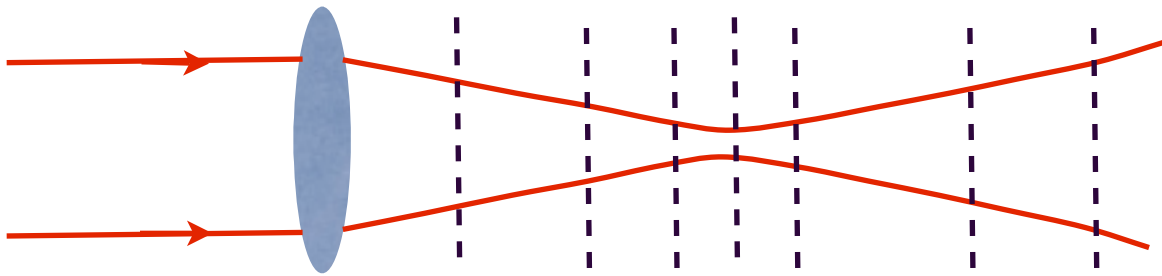
## Alignment procedures





# Laser beam characterization

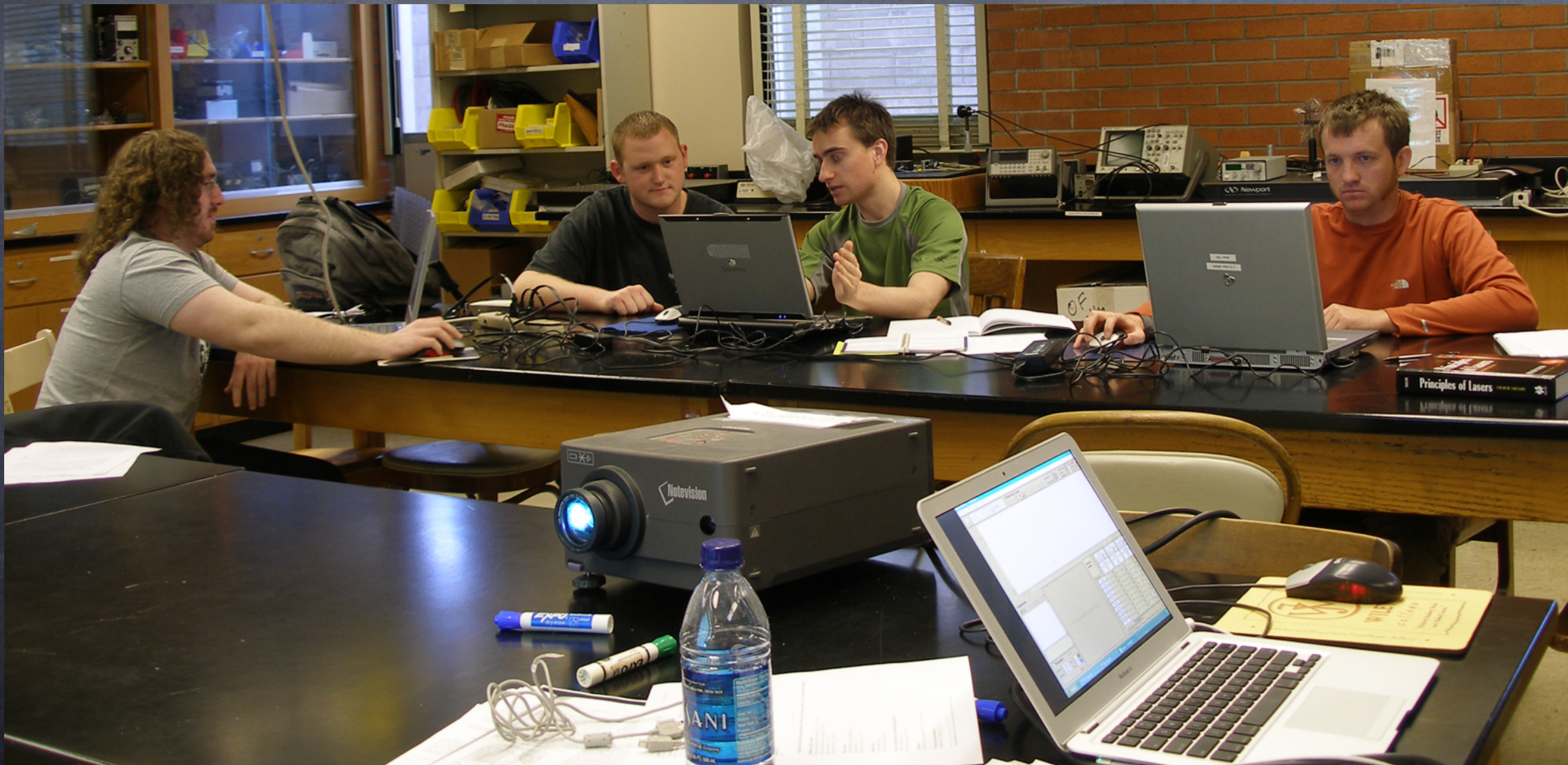
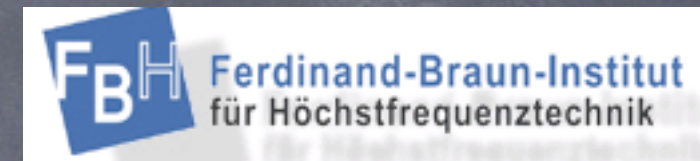
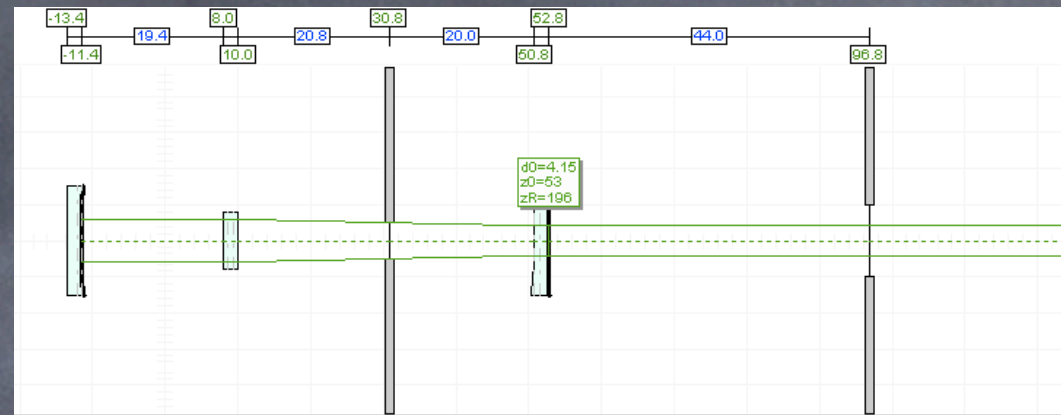
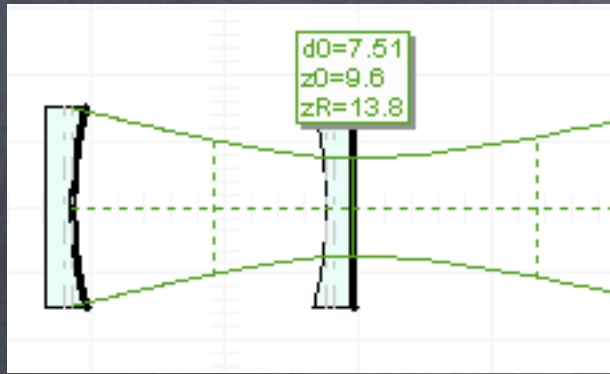
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CCD beam profiler  
Beam Analyzer program



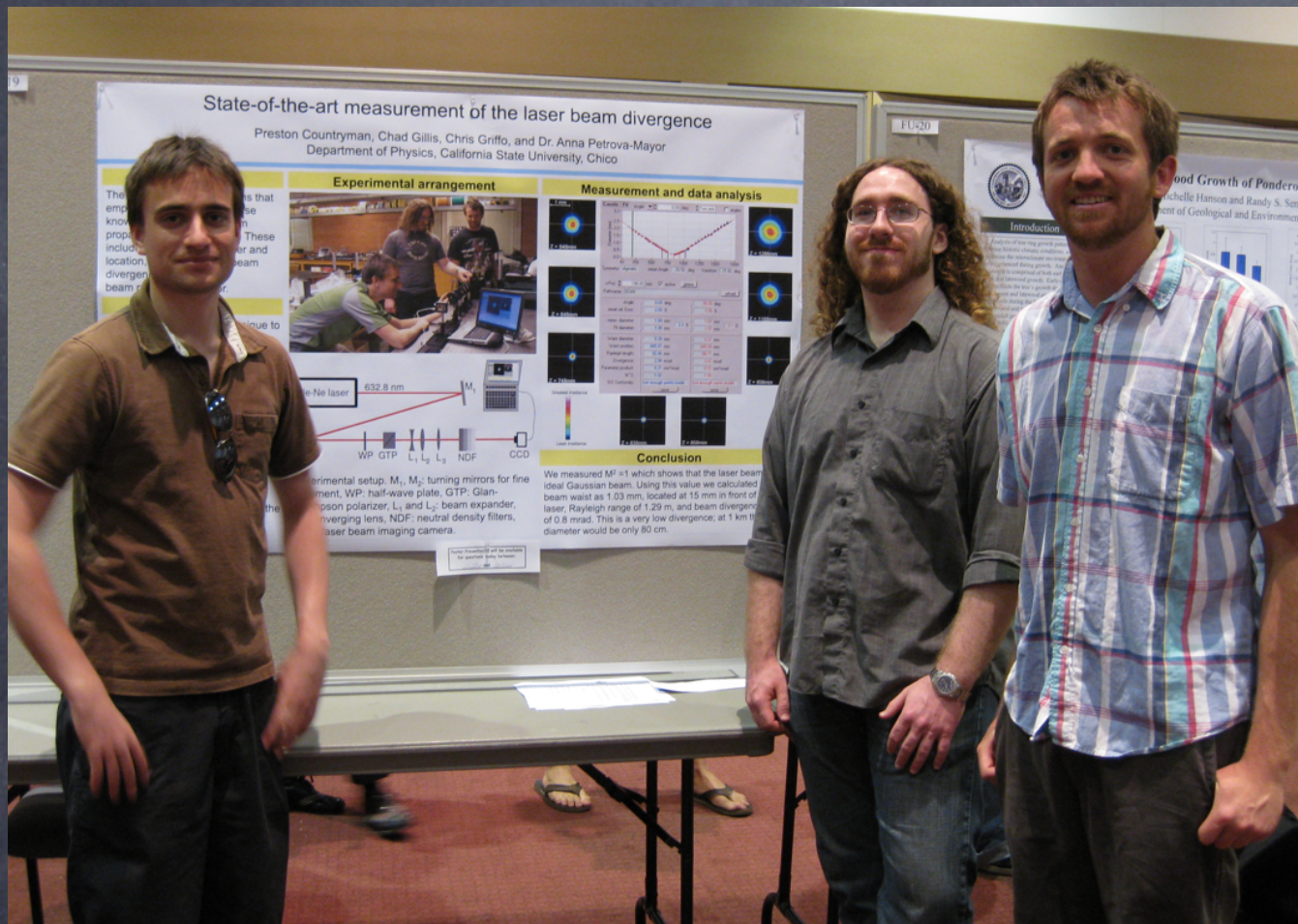
# Laser resonator design with WinABCD





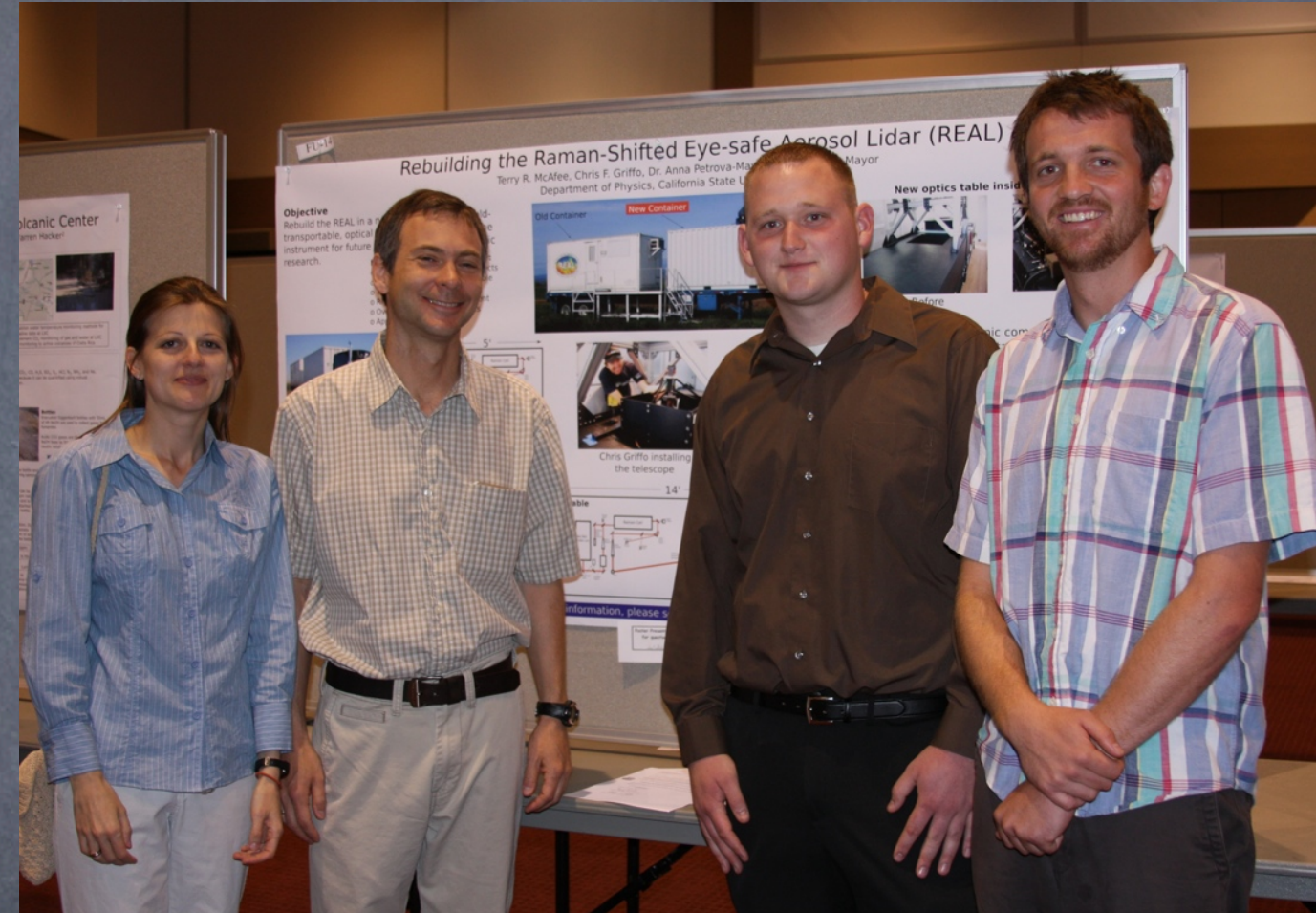
# NSC 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Poster Session

## Laser beam characterization



Preston Countryman, Chad Gillis, Chris Griffo

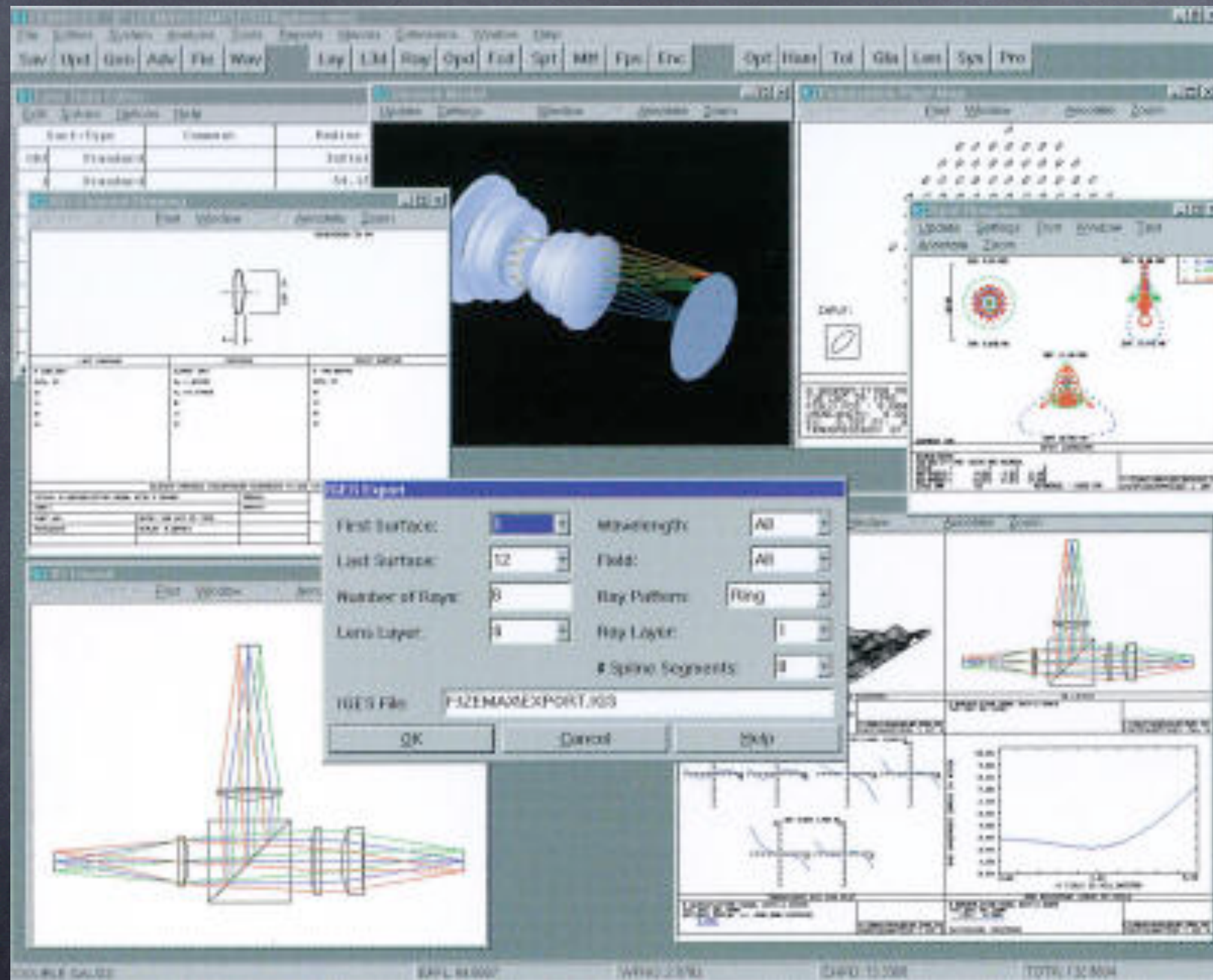
## Rebuilding the REAL lidar



Dr. Shane Mayor, Terry McAfee, Chris Griffo



# Ray tracing with ZEMAX



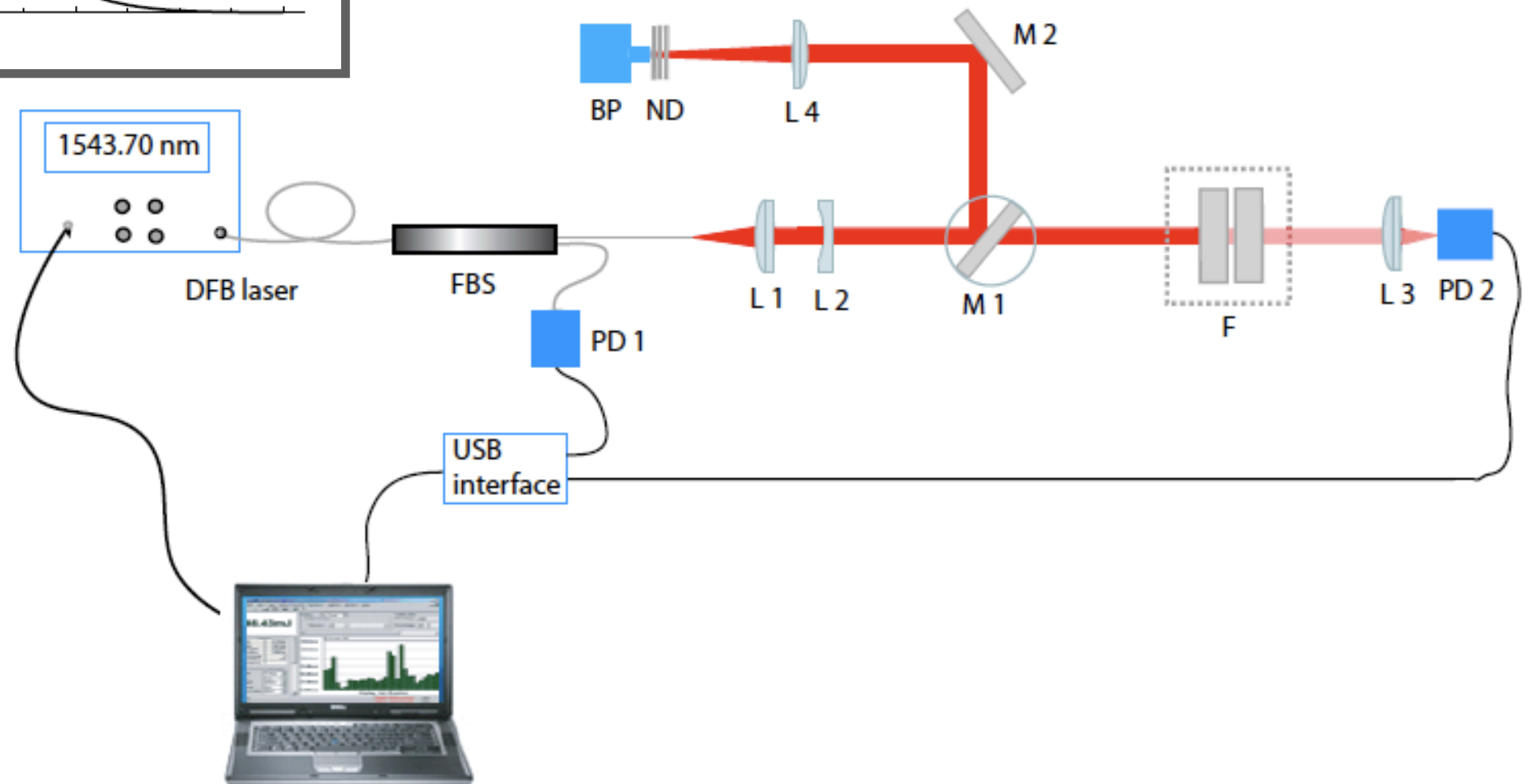
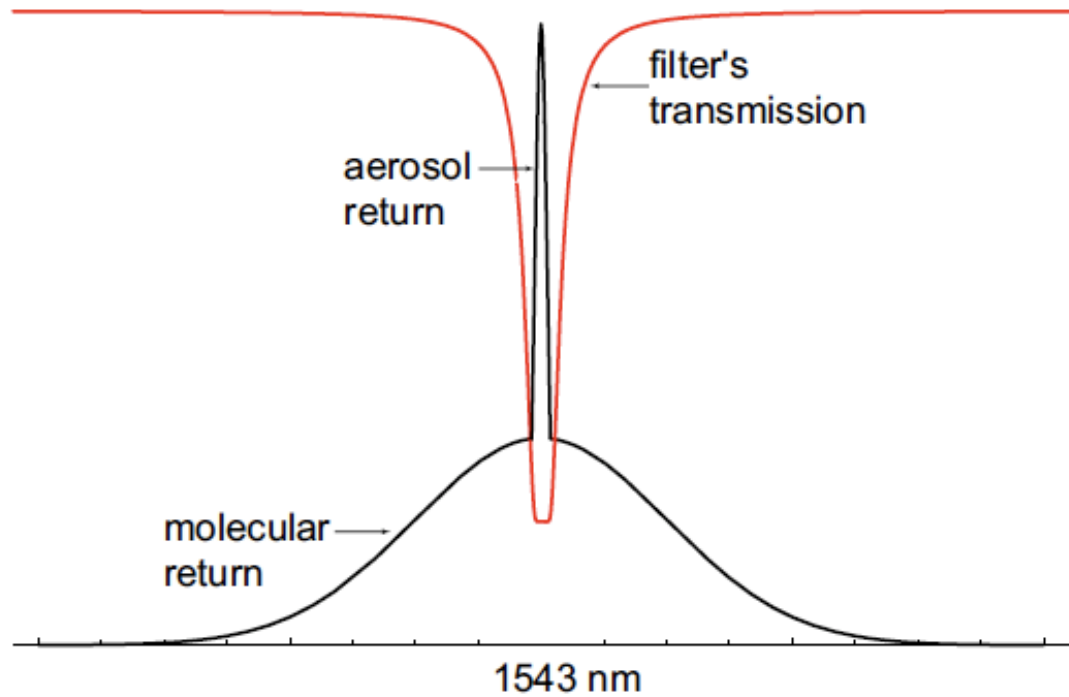
## Key capabilities

- lens design
- laser beam propagation
- system optimization
- stray light
- fiber optics



# Research

Spectral notch filter for  
1543-nm eye-safe  
high spectral resolution lidar





Physics department faculty and staff  
Physics major students from 450 | 499





# Ray tracing with WinABCD