

Hello and welcome to this presentation on Optical and Lighting Software, part of OSRAM Opto Semiconductors' LED Fundamentals series.

In this presentation we will look at the differences between optical and lighting software, when each type of software should be used, and appropriate light source models for each software type.



Optical software is used to design optics and optical systems, model optical effects according to the laws of physics, and use precision source models, such as rayfiles.

Lighting software is used to model the application environment, such as a roadway or room. Assumptions are made about optical properties in order to speed calculations. The light source models only contain intensity vs angle information and can be anything from a lighting fixture to an individual LED. While optical software can perform the same functions as lighting software, lighting software can produce results much faster.



Optical software is needed to design the individual optical elements in your system. It is also needed to model the effects of different optical surfaces and materials, and to make realistic predictions about lit appearance. Optical software requires detailed source models, such as rayfiles, for accurate results.



An LED rayfile contains detailed information about the source. Each ray in the file contains its starting coordinate, ray vector, optical power, and in some cases, the wavelength.



Rayfiles are generated through either computer simulation or measurement.



For simulation, a complicated model is built and raytraced in optical software. Detailed optical properties and physical phenomena must be considered.



For measured data, a near field goniometer is used to measure the light distribution of the LED. A collection of luminance images is recorded and converted into ray data suitable for use with a number of different software brands.

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Once you have navigated to the rayfiles of your LED of interest, you will see links to a number of ZIP files. Each ZIP file contains ray data in a different software format. In addition, each ZIP file contains an informational document, 3-D CAD data, and in some cases, spectral information and library files.



"Lighting software" is used to demonstrate the performance of your fixture or prototype within the application environment. It calculates illuminance and luminance values throughout the scene, and can produce high-quality lit renderings. Both interior and exterior scenes can be created.



For lighting software, the light source files are either IES or Eulumdat files. An IES file contains intensity vs angle data for the light source, which can be anything from a single LED to an entire fixture. This ASCII text file is in a standard format developed by the IESNA, and is commonly used by North American fixture manufacturers to distribute photometric information.

An Eulumdat is similar to an IES file in that it is also a text file with intensity vs angle information, but the formatting is different. The Eulumdat format is typically used in Europe.



Like rayfiles, IES files are generated through either computer simulation or measurement. For simulation, a detailed model is built and raytraced in optical software, and the output data is structured into IES format. For measured data, a far field goniometer is used to measure the light distribution.

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IES and Eulumdat files for OSRAM Opto Semiconductor LEDs can be found along with our rayfiles. They can also be found on OSRAM's LED Light For You website.



Please refer to the application note "**Importing OSRAM Opto Semiconductors Rayfiles**" on the main OSRAM website for additional information.

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