

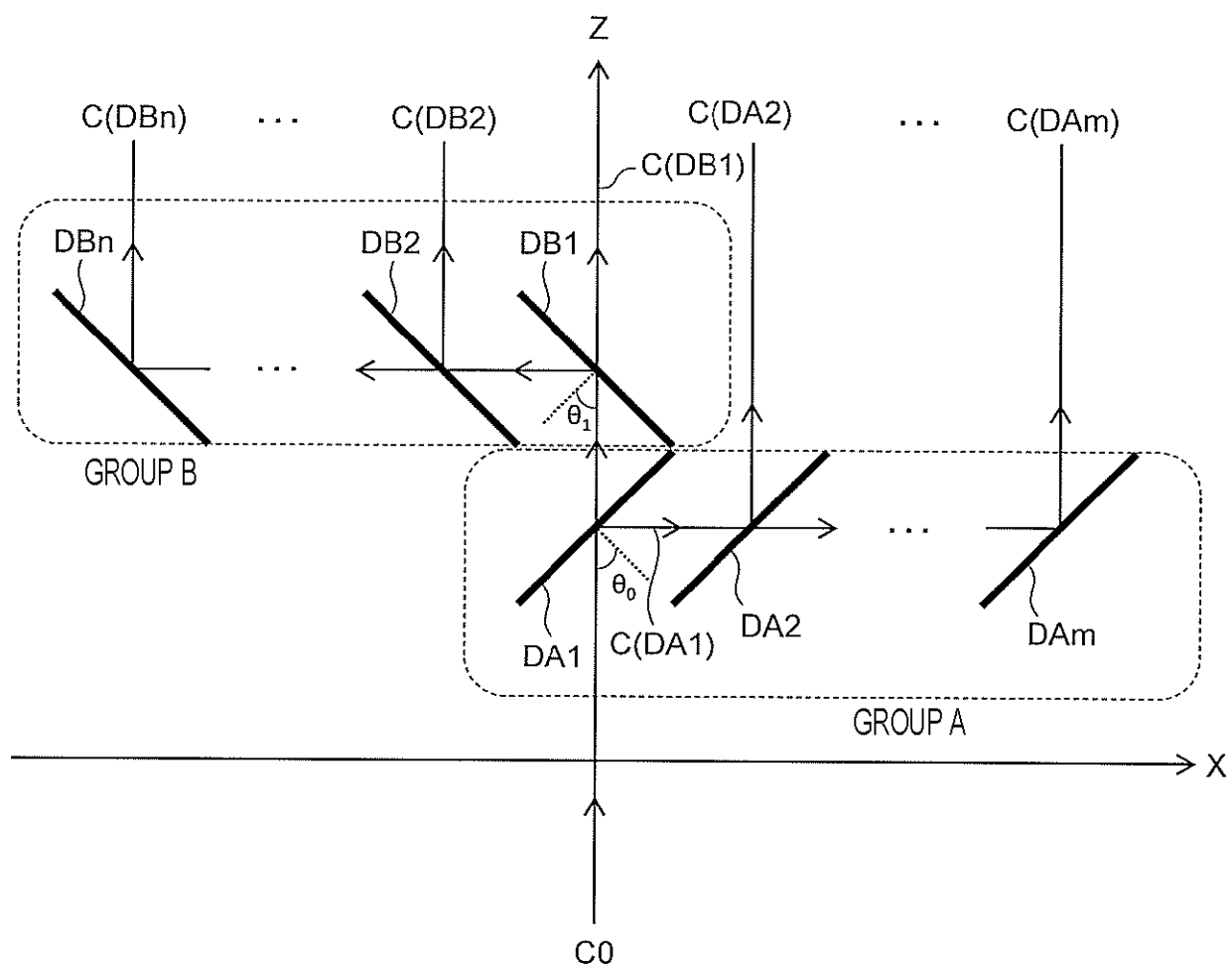
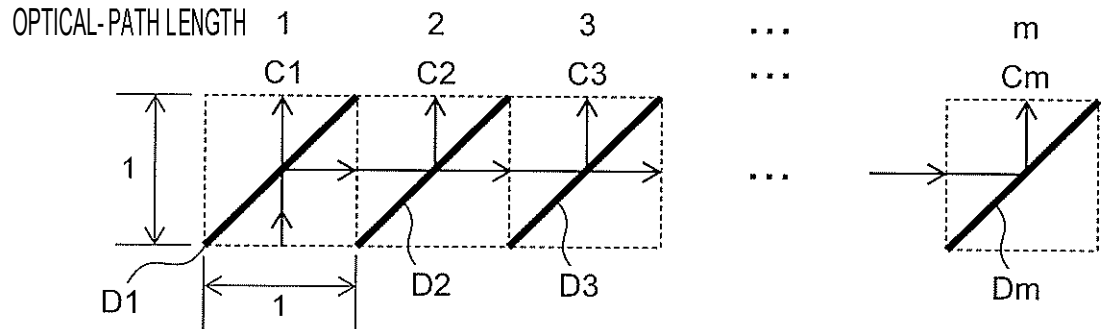
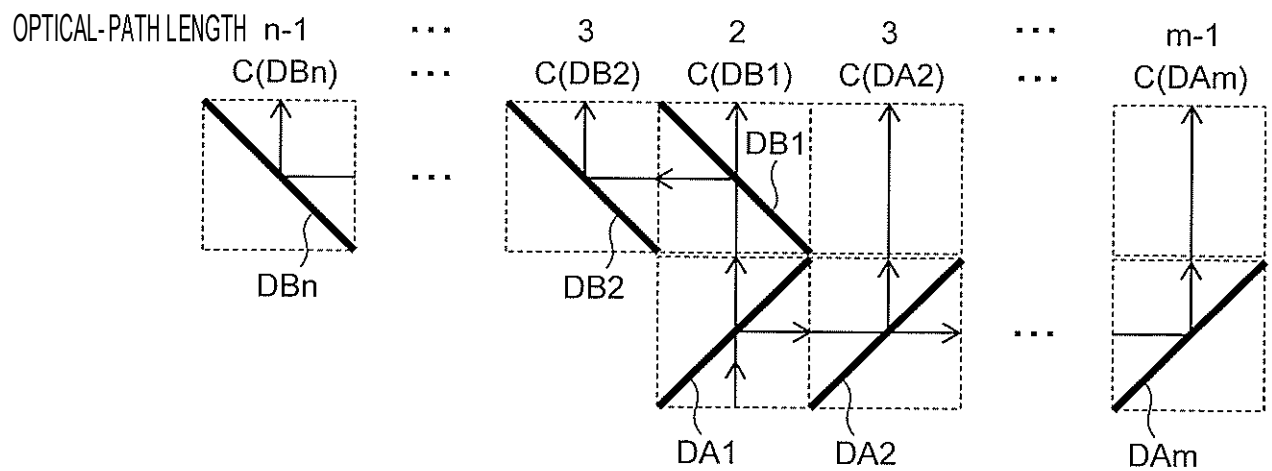
FIG. 1

FIG. 2

(a)



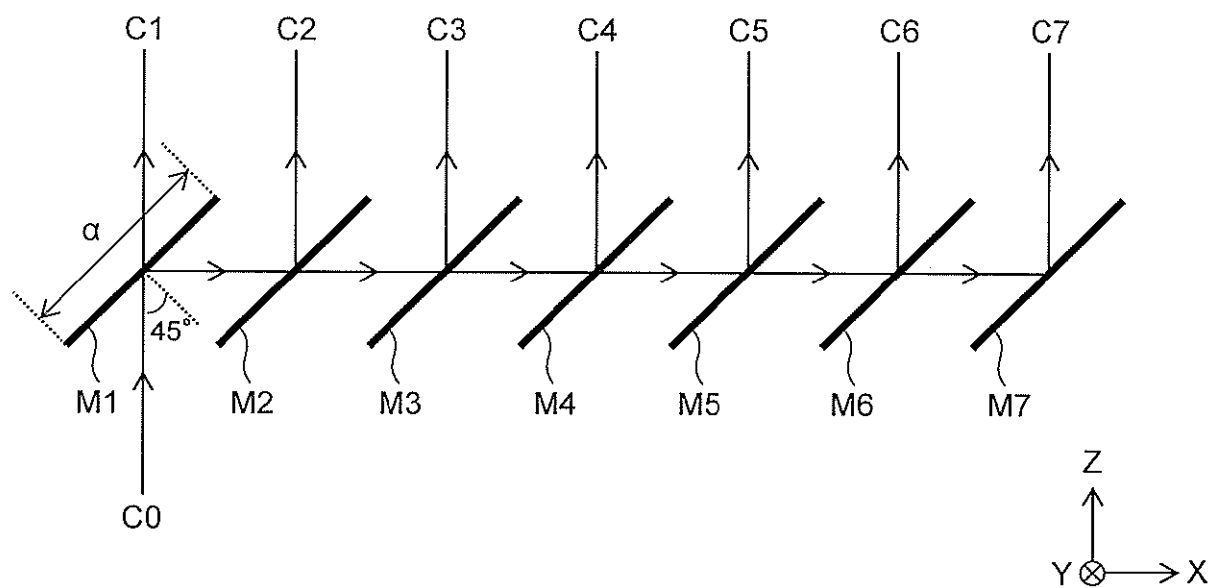
(b)

**FIG. 3**

NUMBER OF SPLITS	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	MAXIMUM OPTICAL-PATH LENGTH										
CONVENTIONAL EXAMPLE	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
PRESENT EMBODIMENT	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	8
	OPTICAL-PATH-LENGTH DIFFERENCE (MAXIMUM OPTICAL-PATH LENGTH — MINIMUM OPTICAL-PATH LENGTH)										
CONVENTIONAL EXAMPLE	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
PRESENT EMBODIMENT	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6

FIG. 4

(a)



(b)

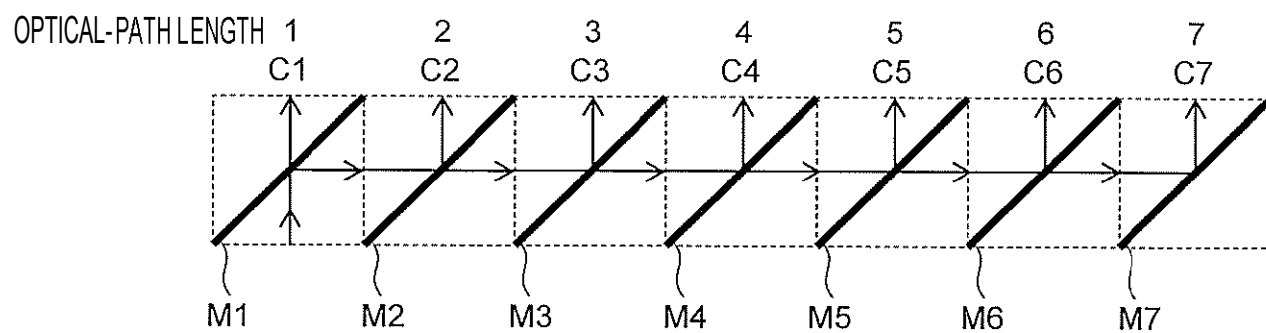
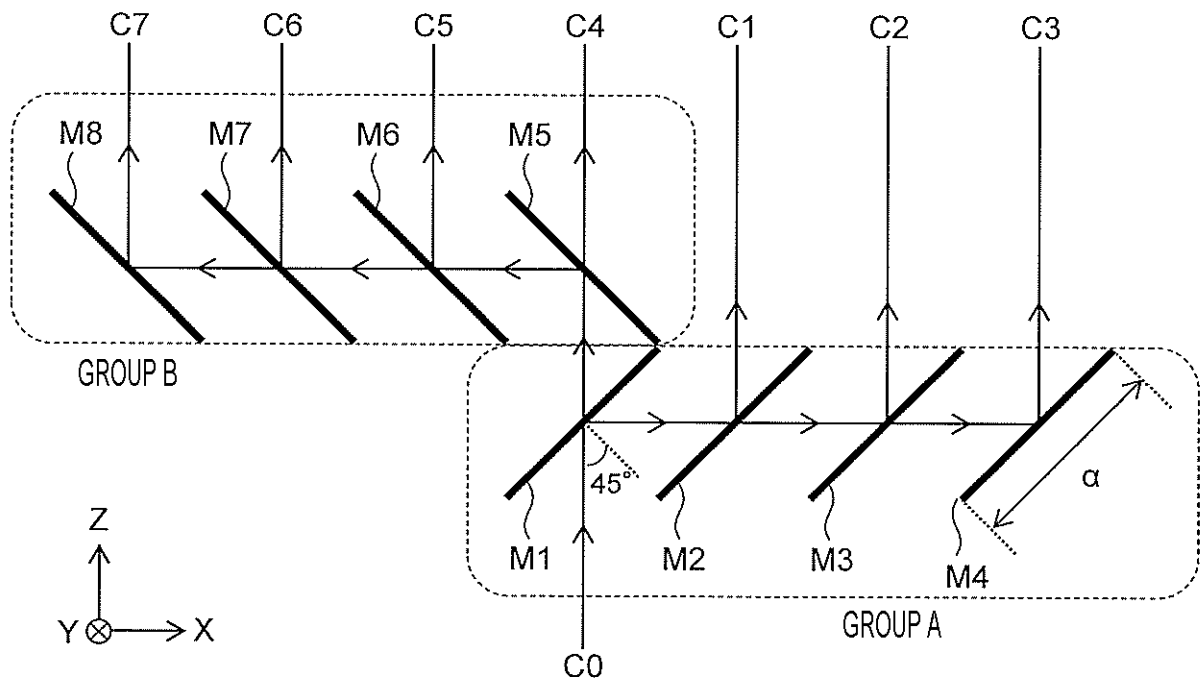


FIG. 5

(a)



(b)

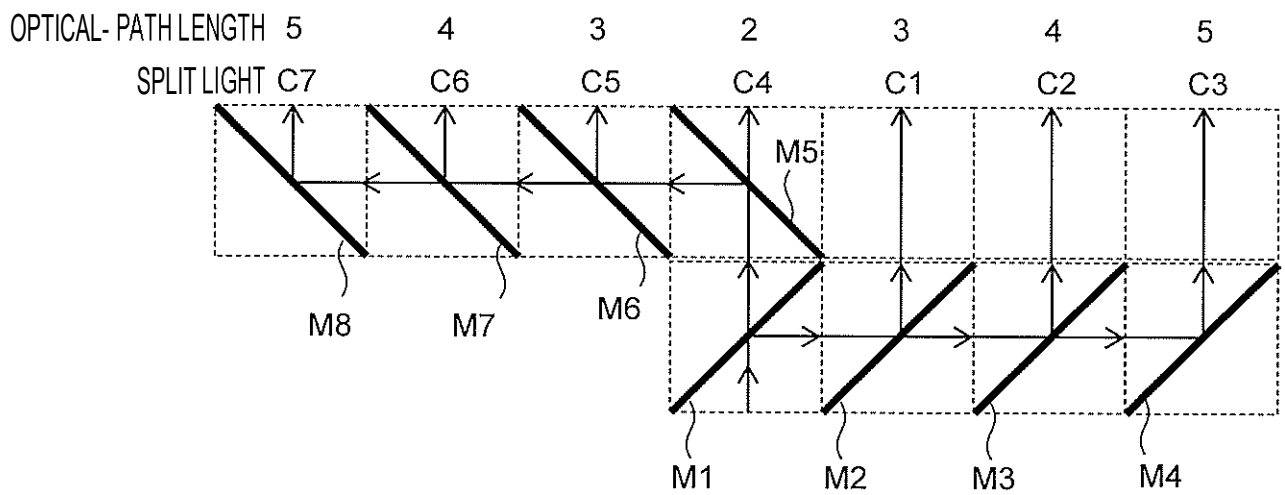
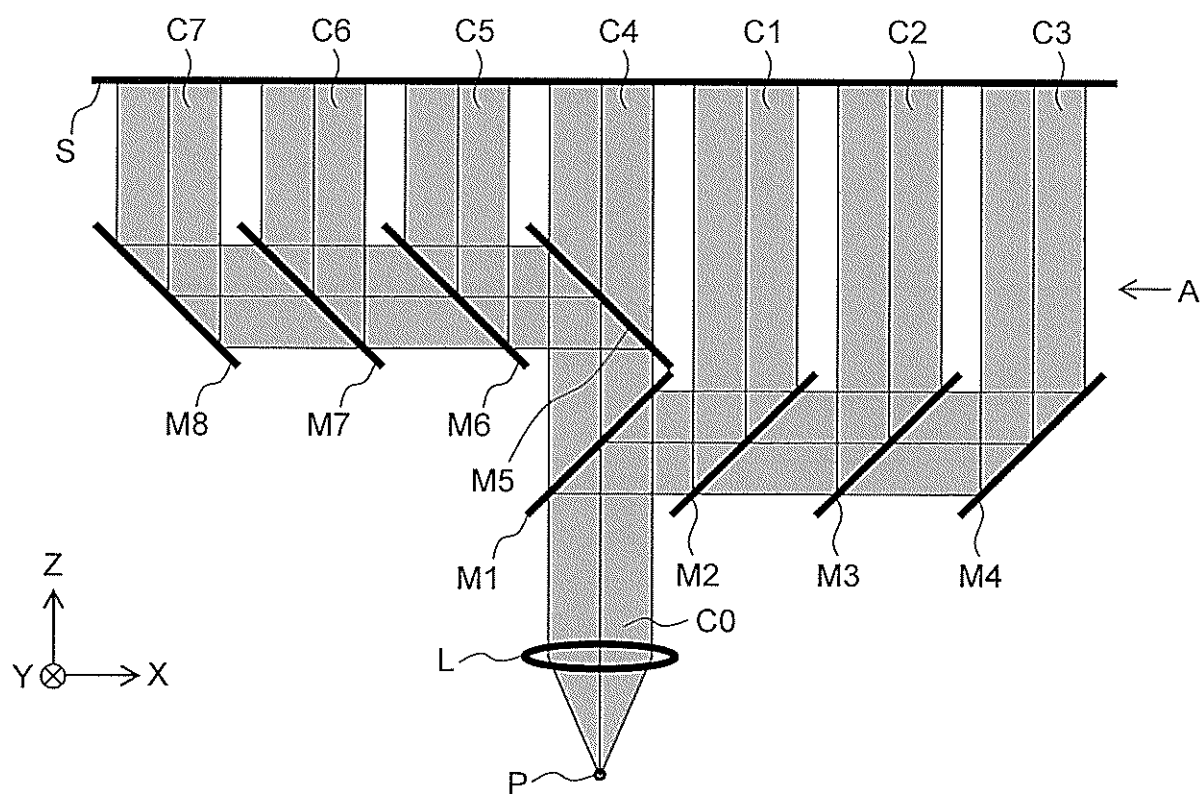


FIG. 6

(a)



(b)

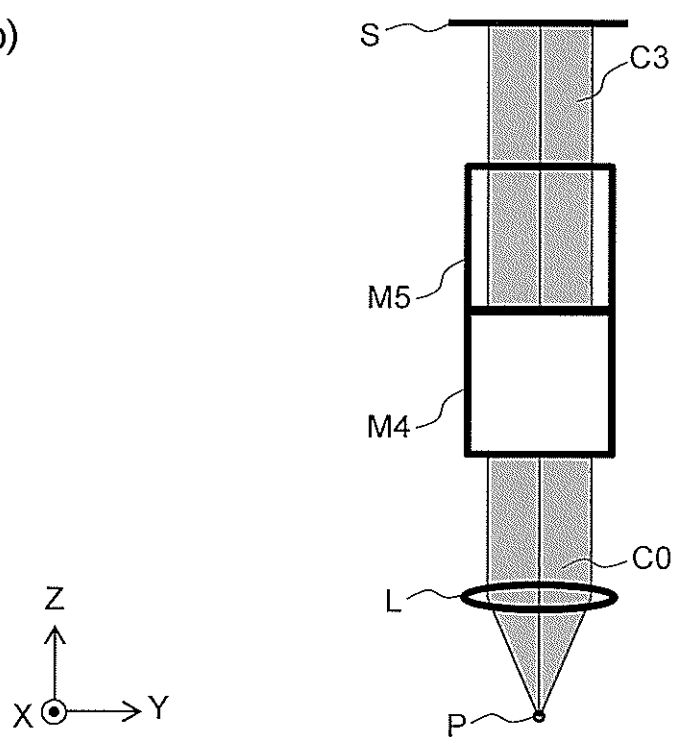
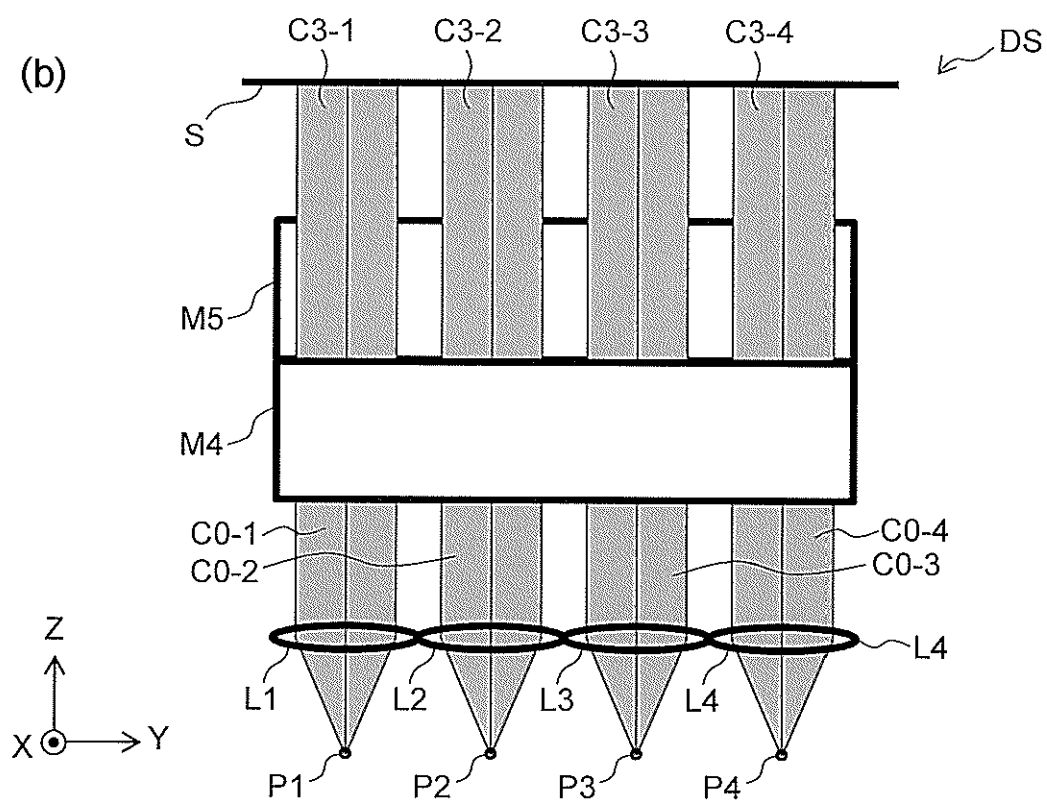
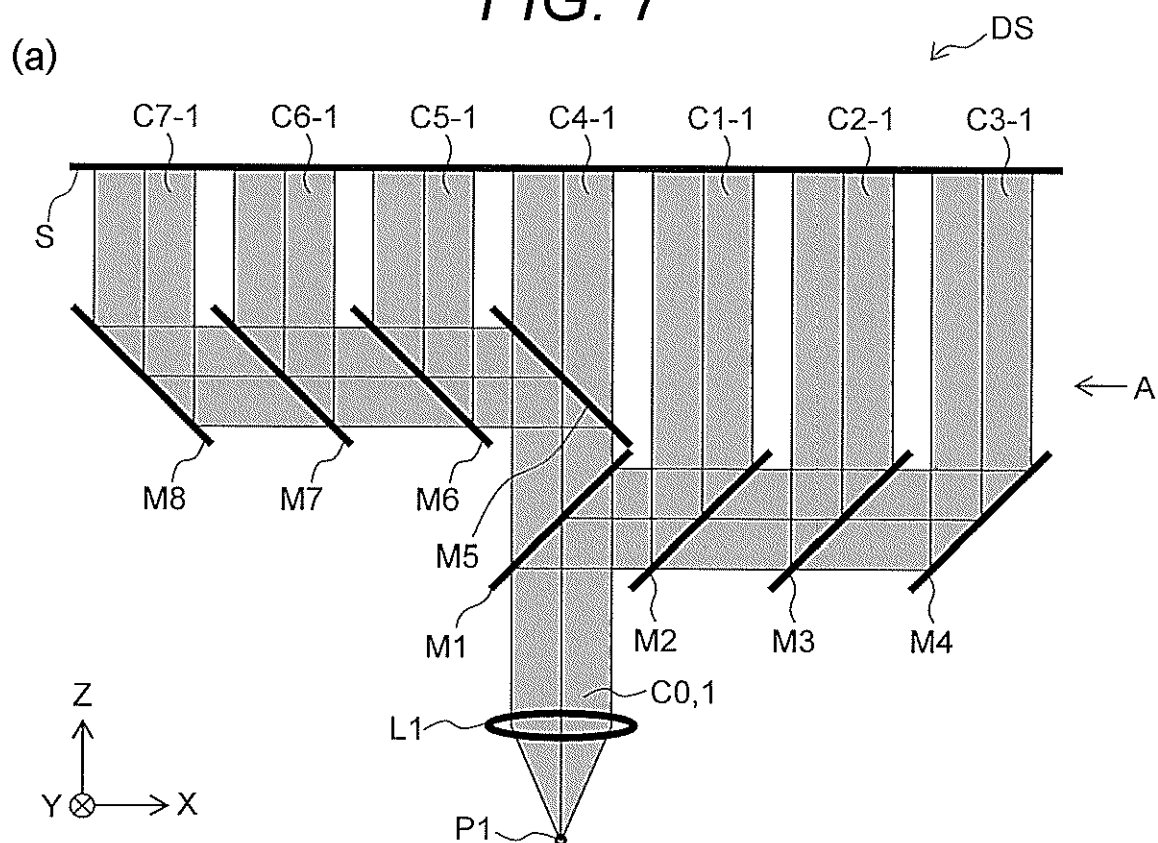
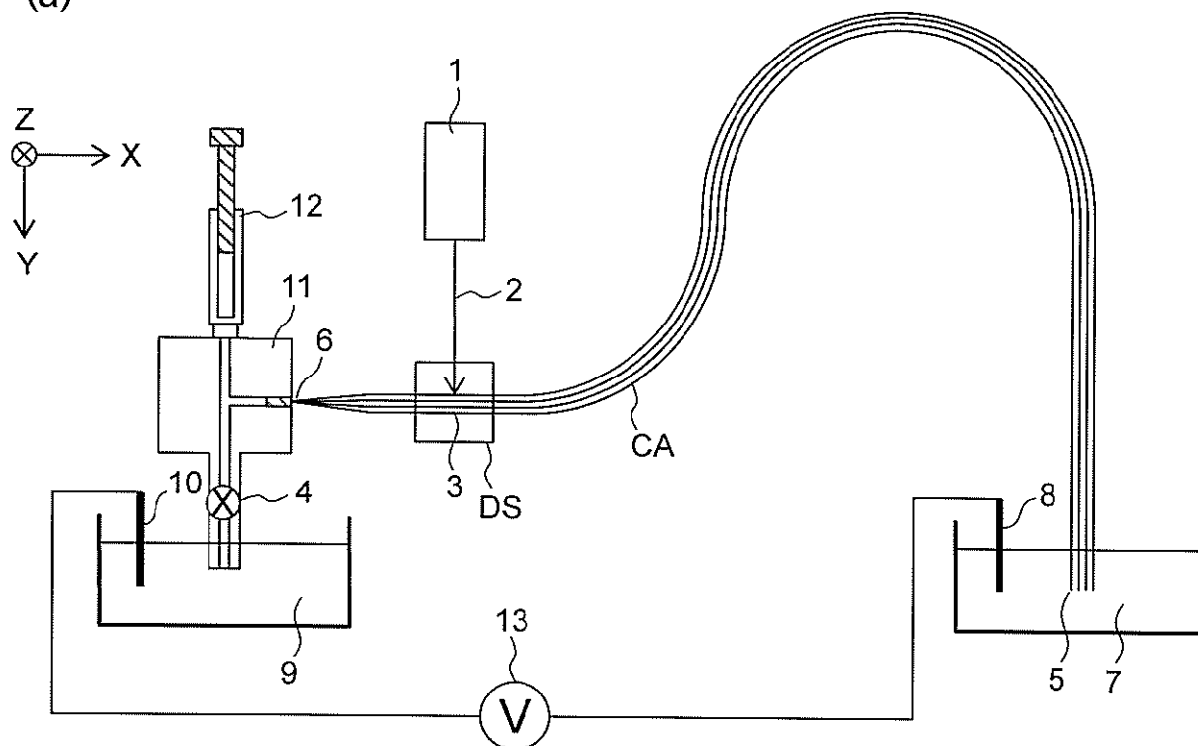


FIG. 7



(a)



(b)

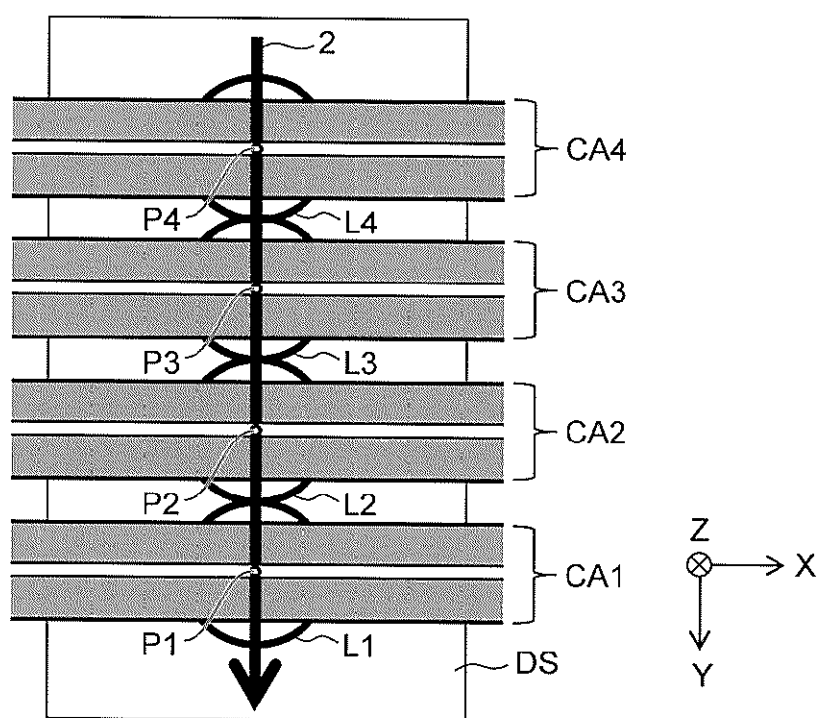


FIG. 9

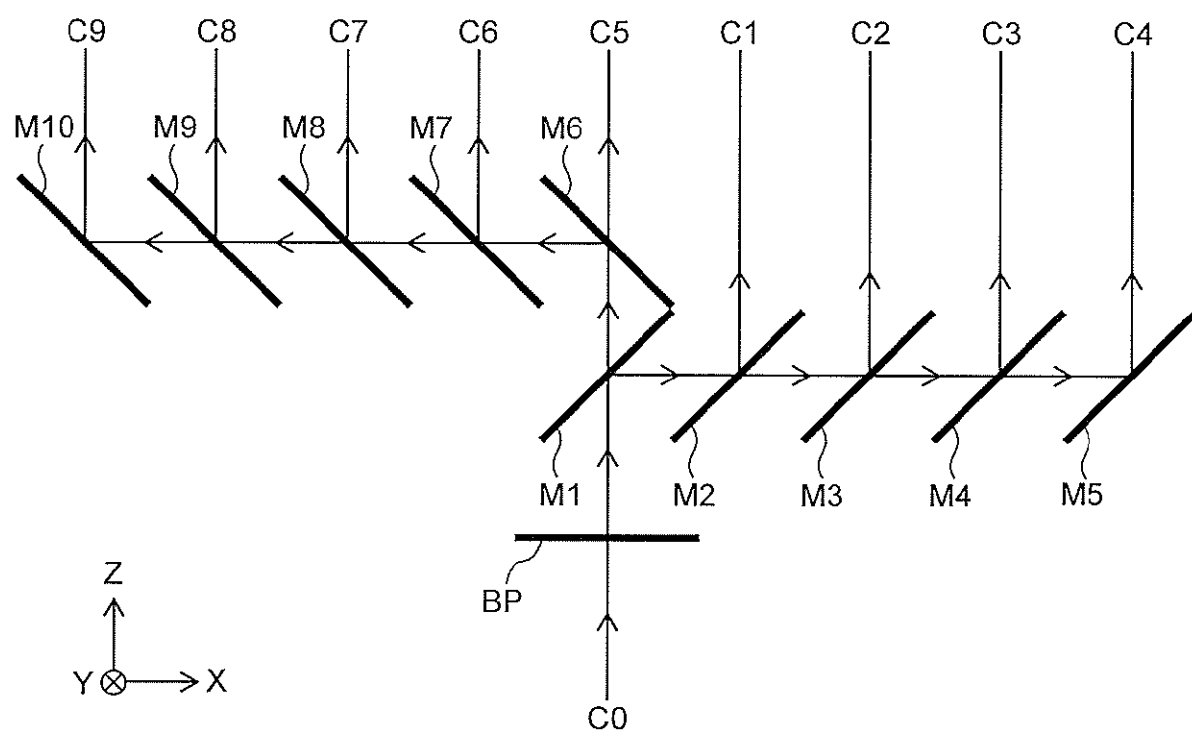


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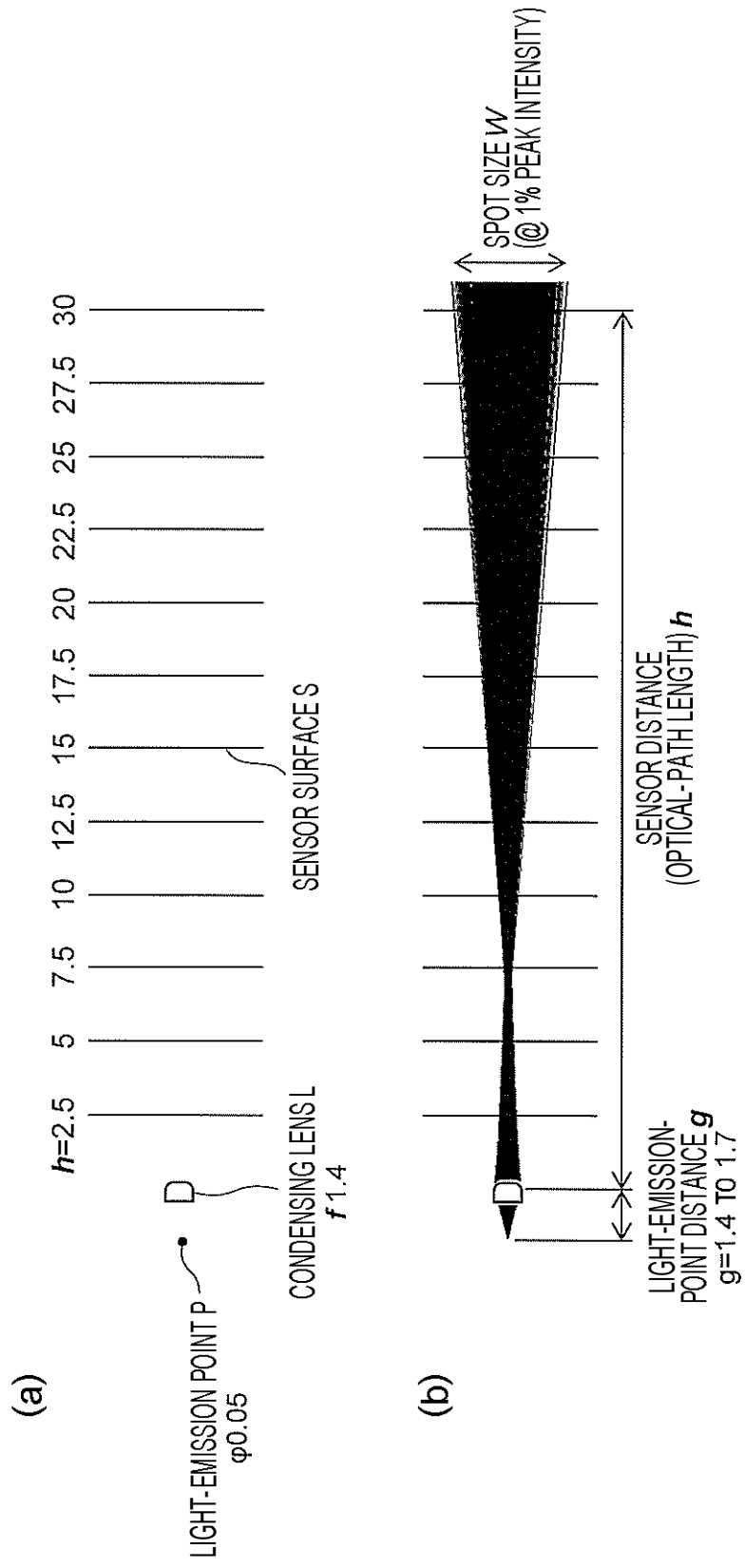


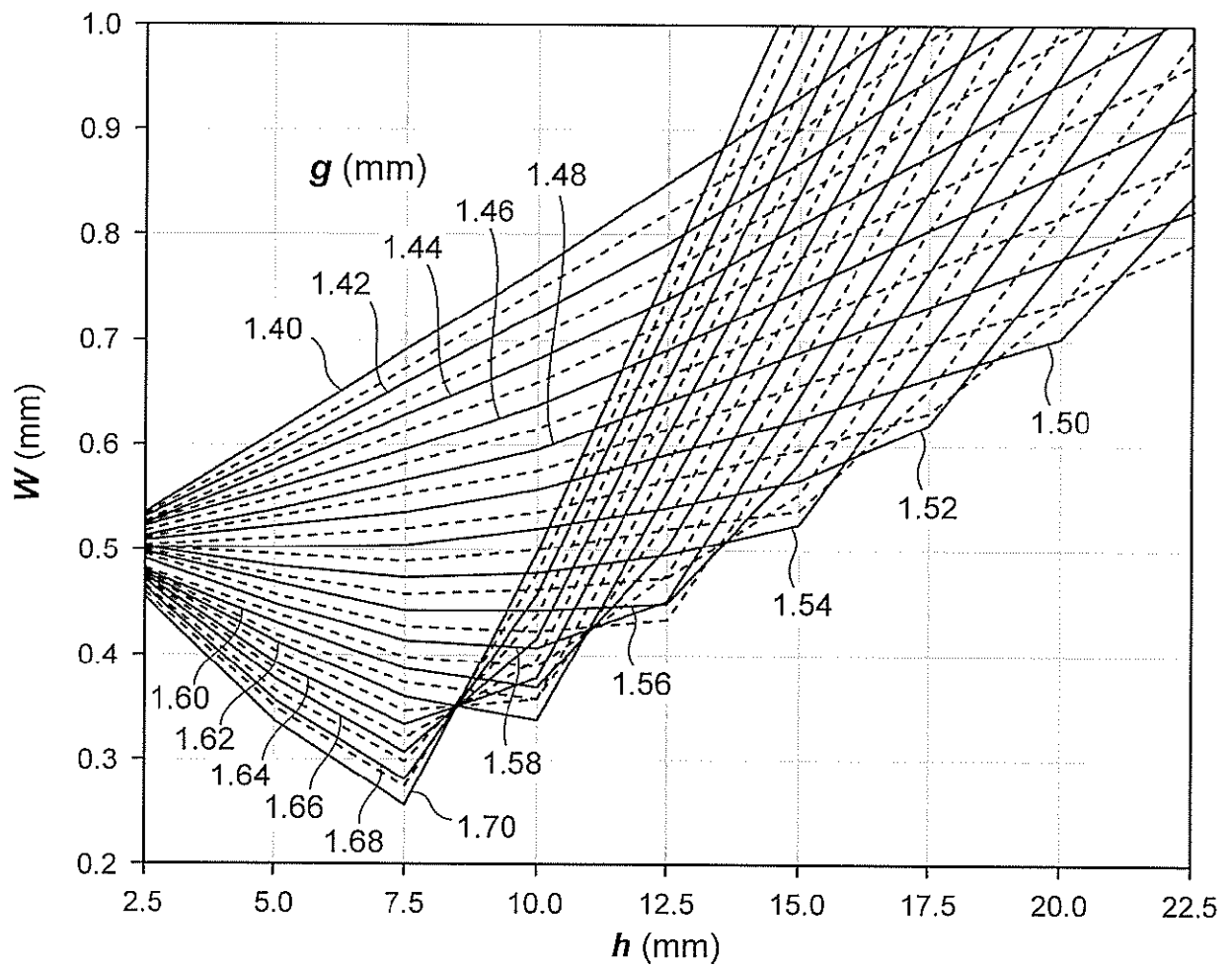
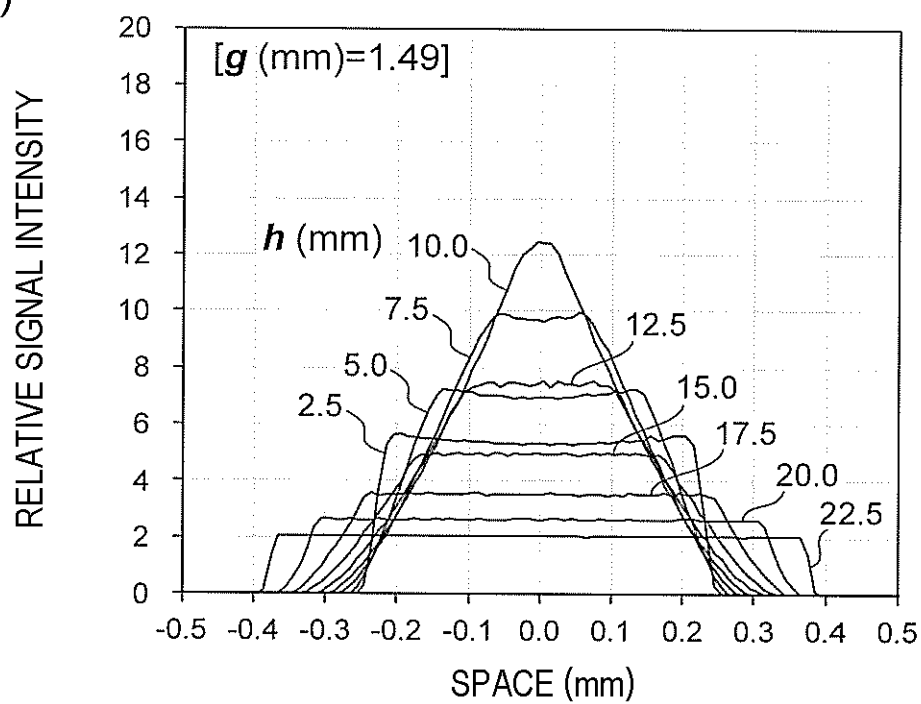
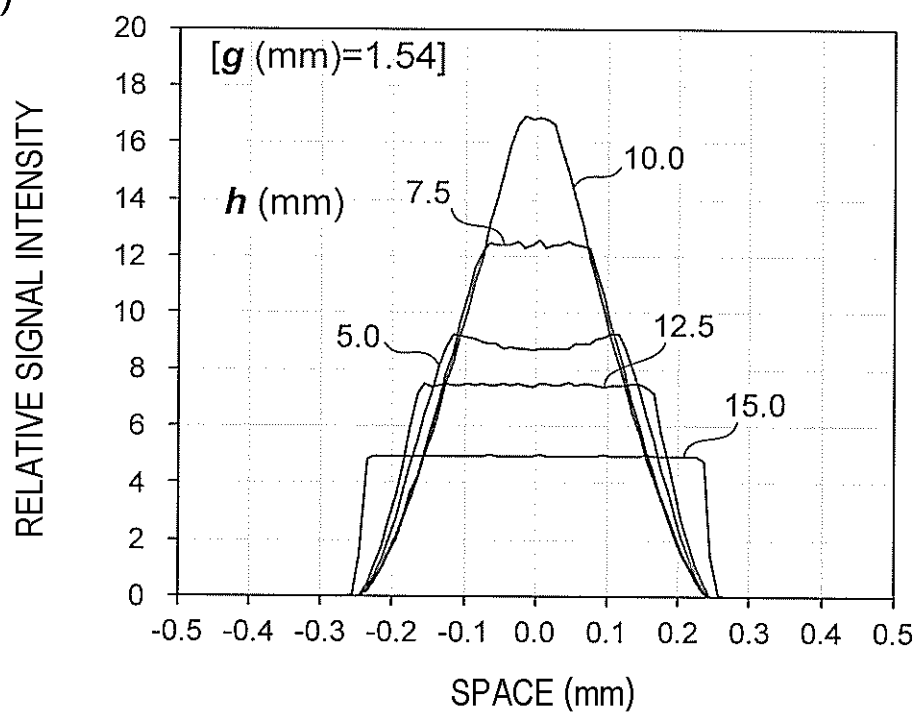
FIG. 11

FIG. 12

(a)



(b)



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FIG. 13

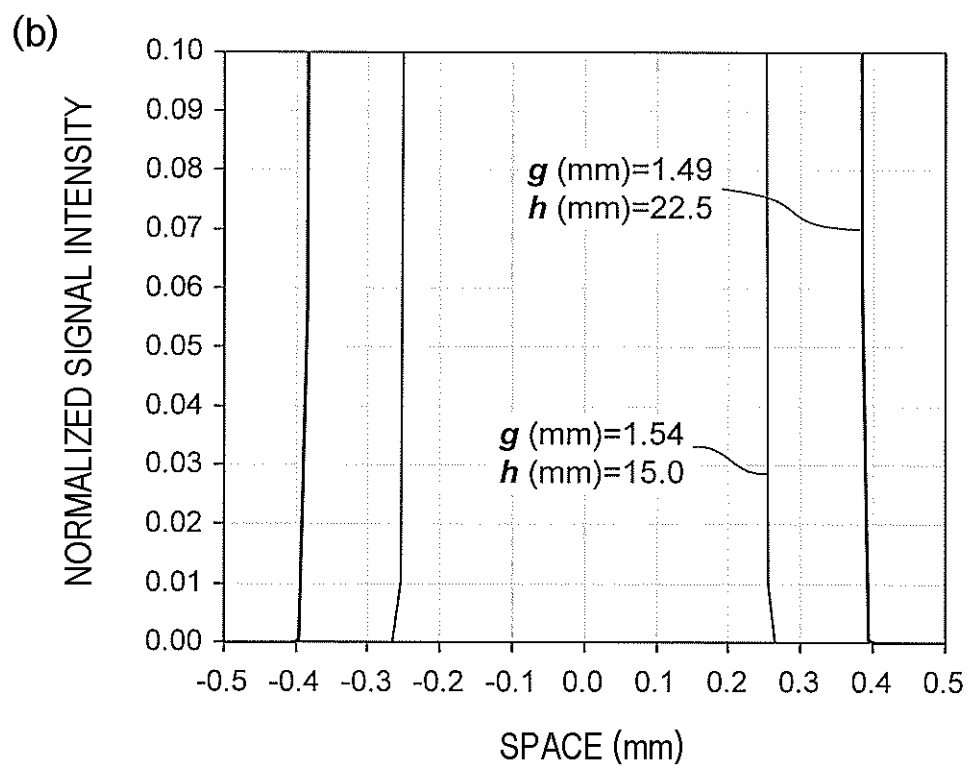
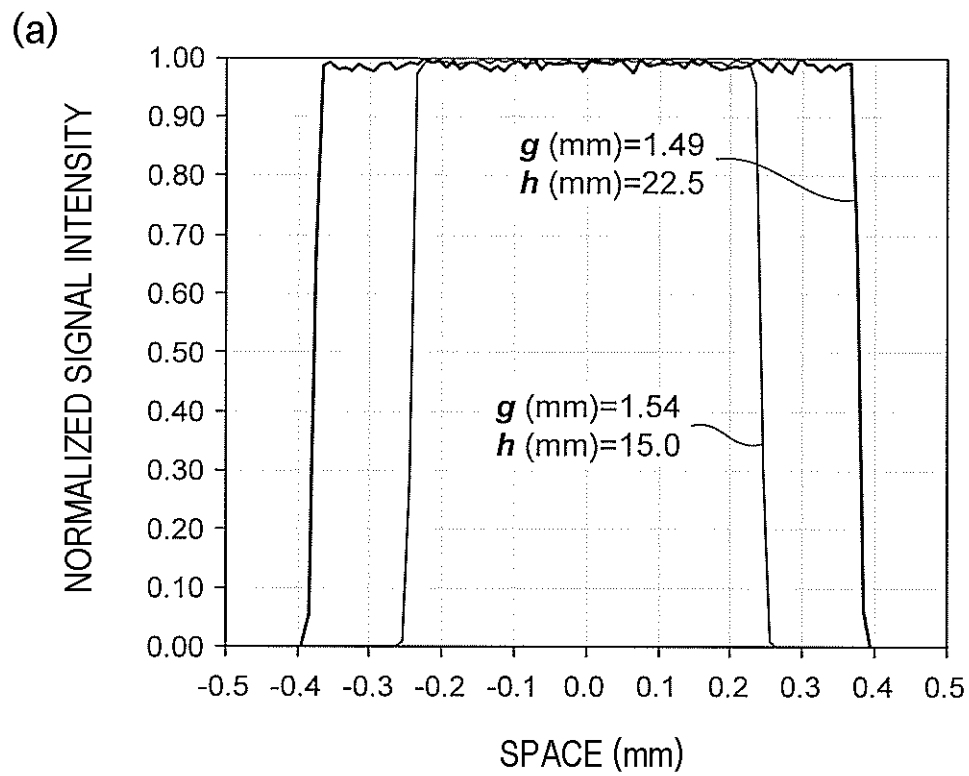


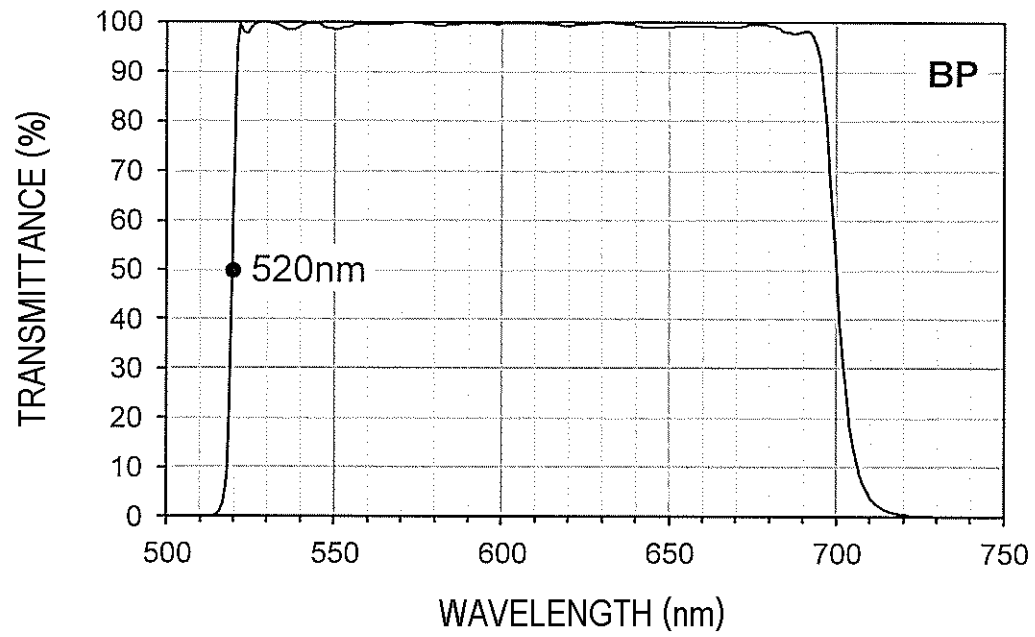
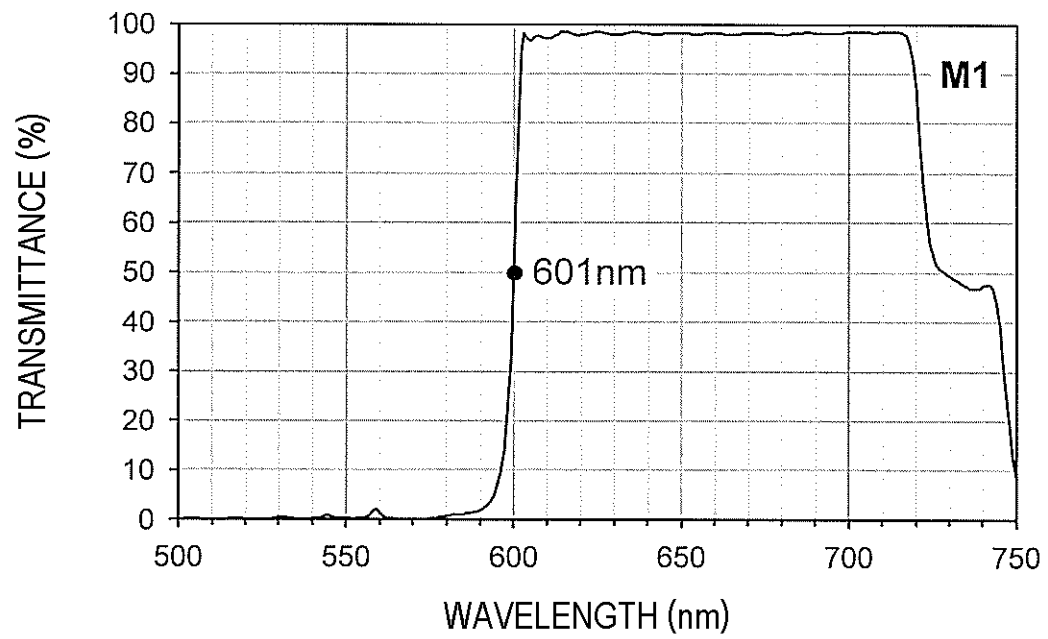
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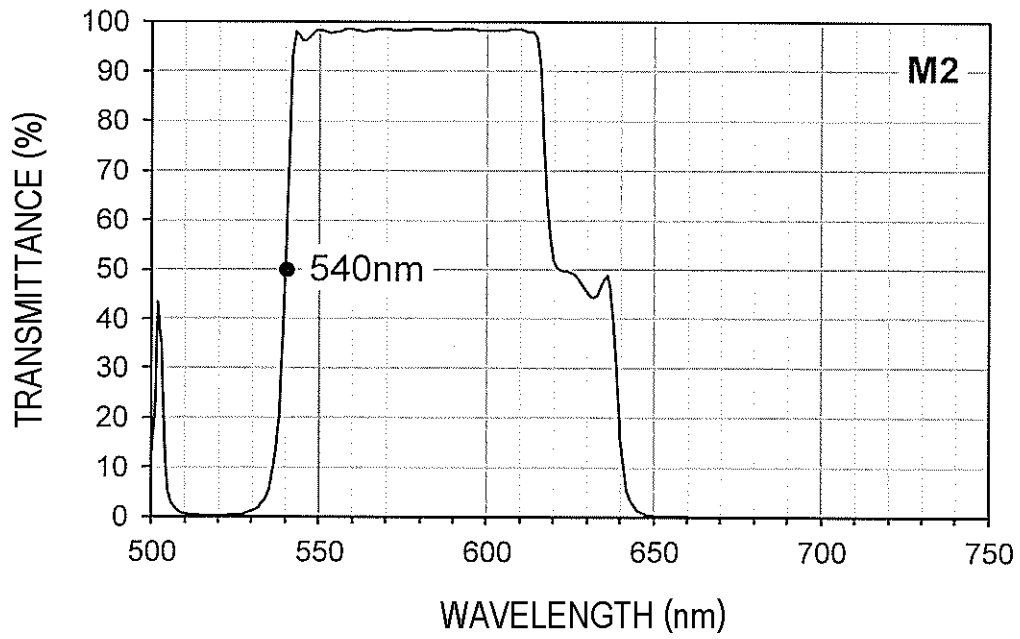
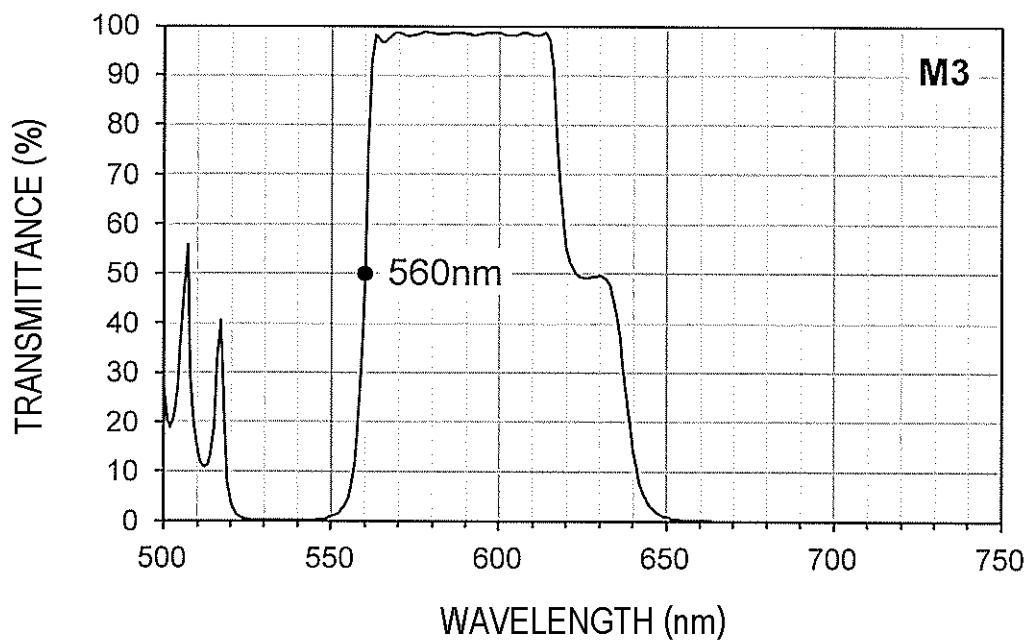
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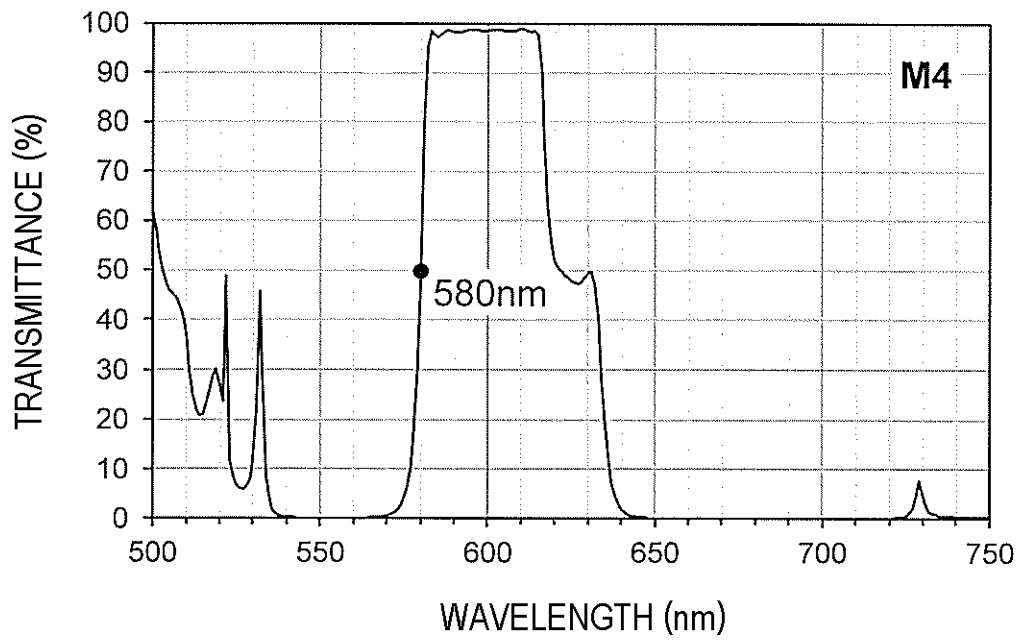
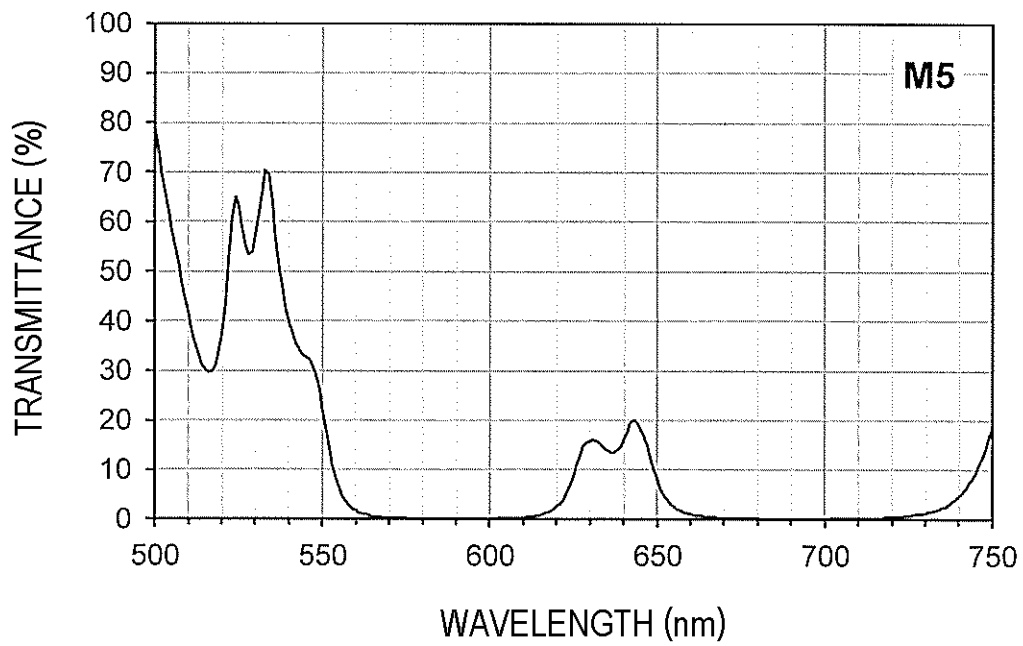
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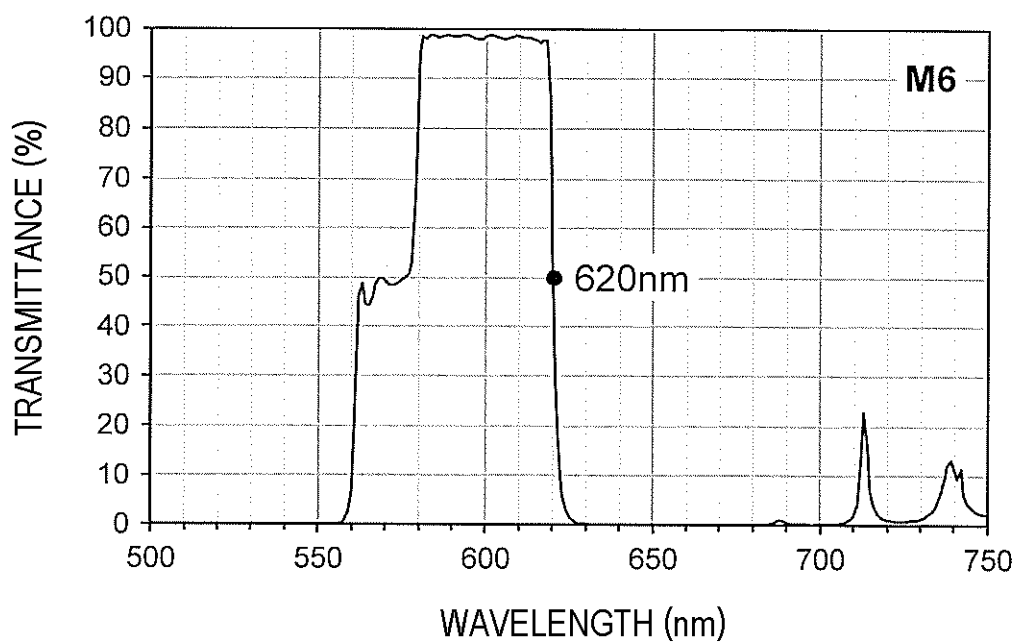
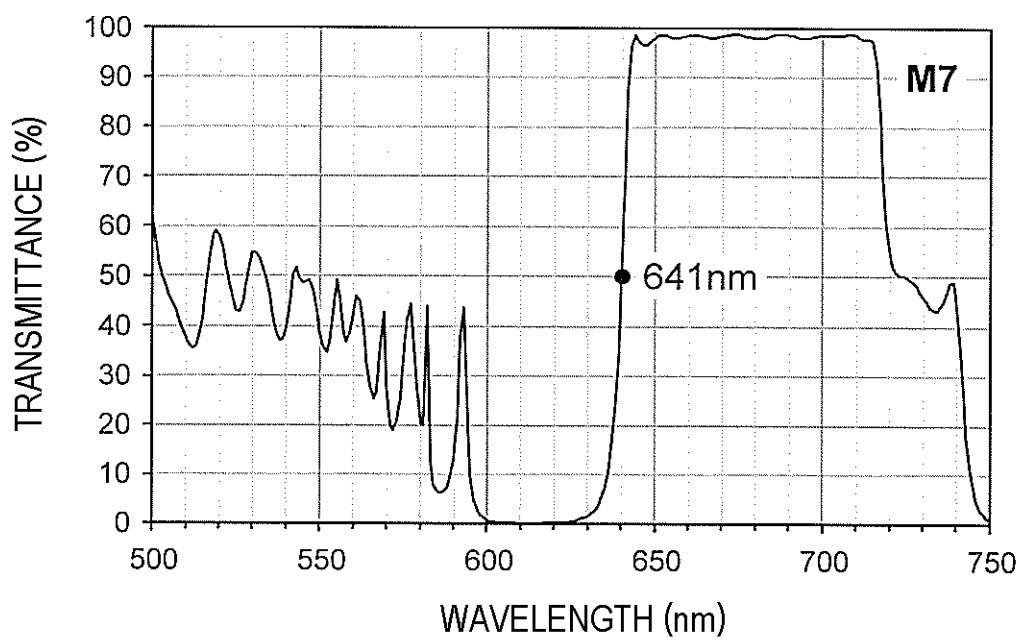
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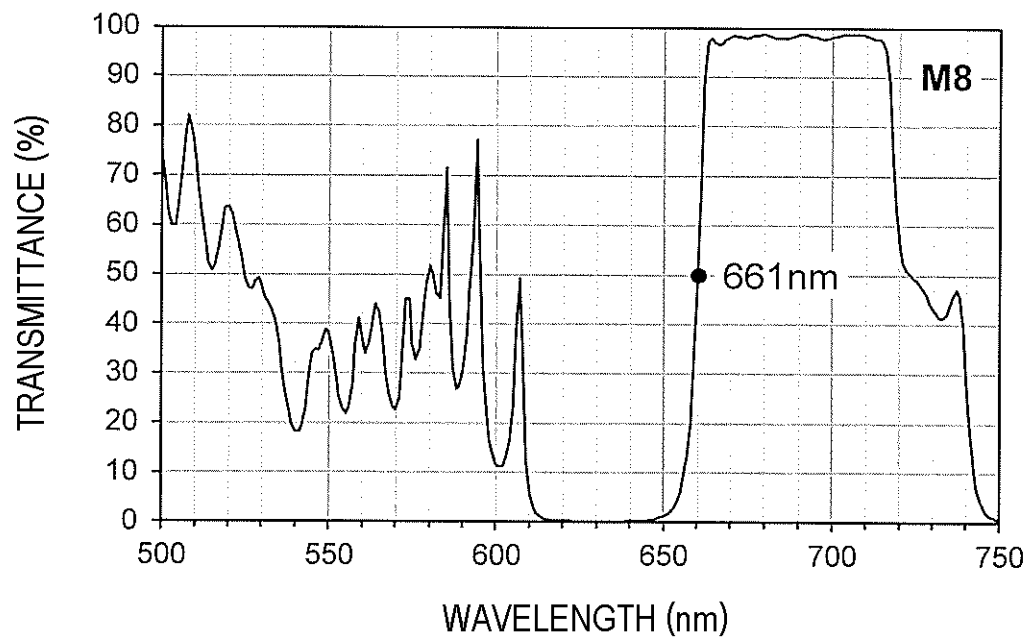
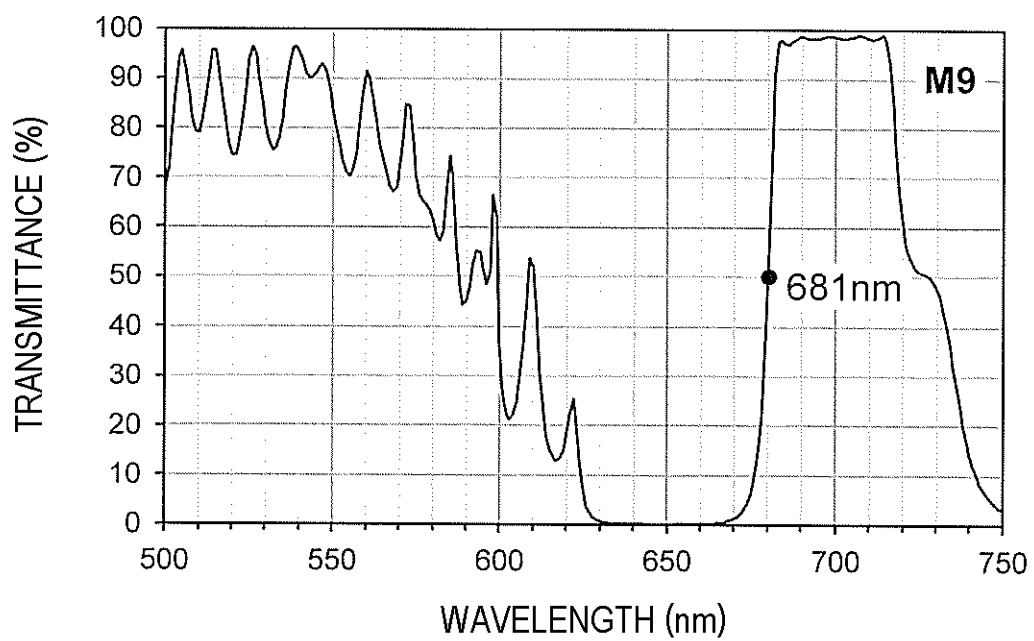
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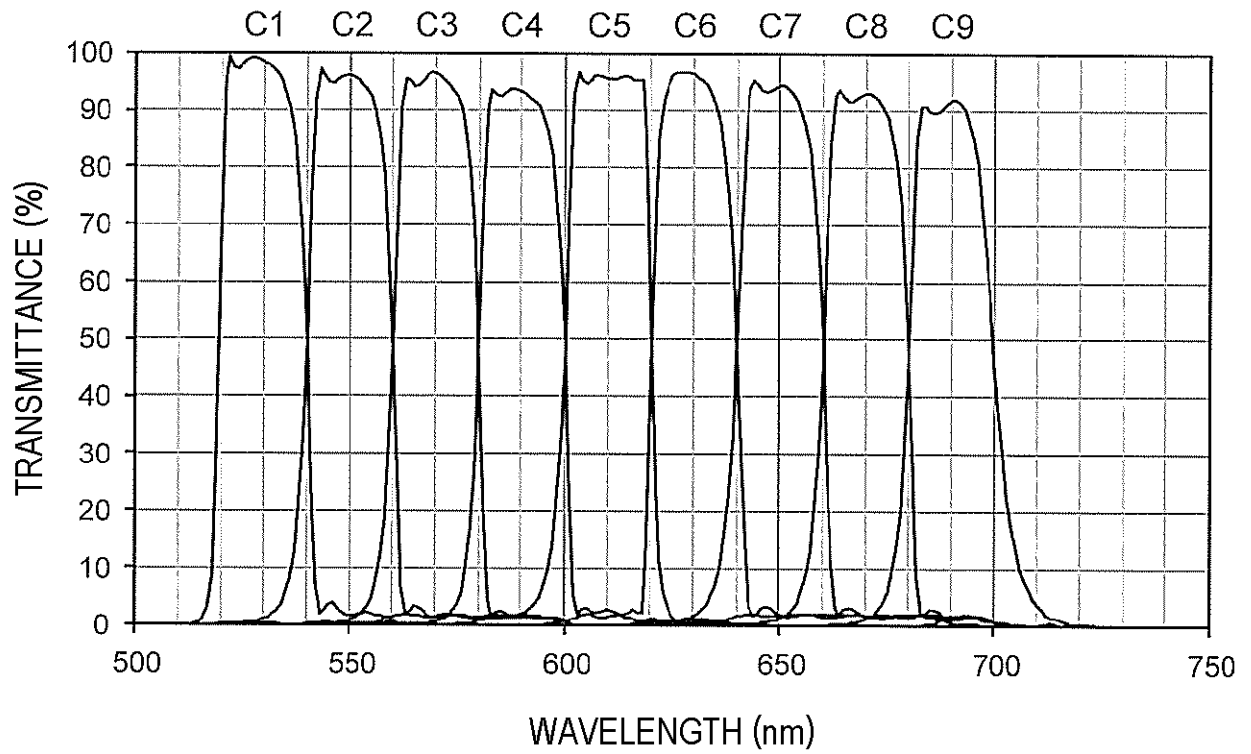
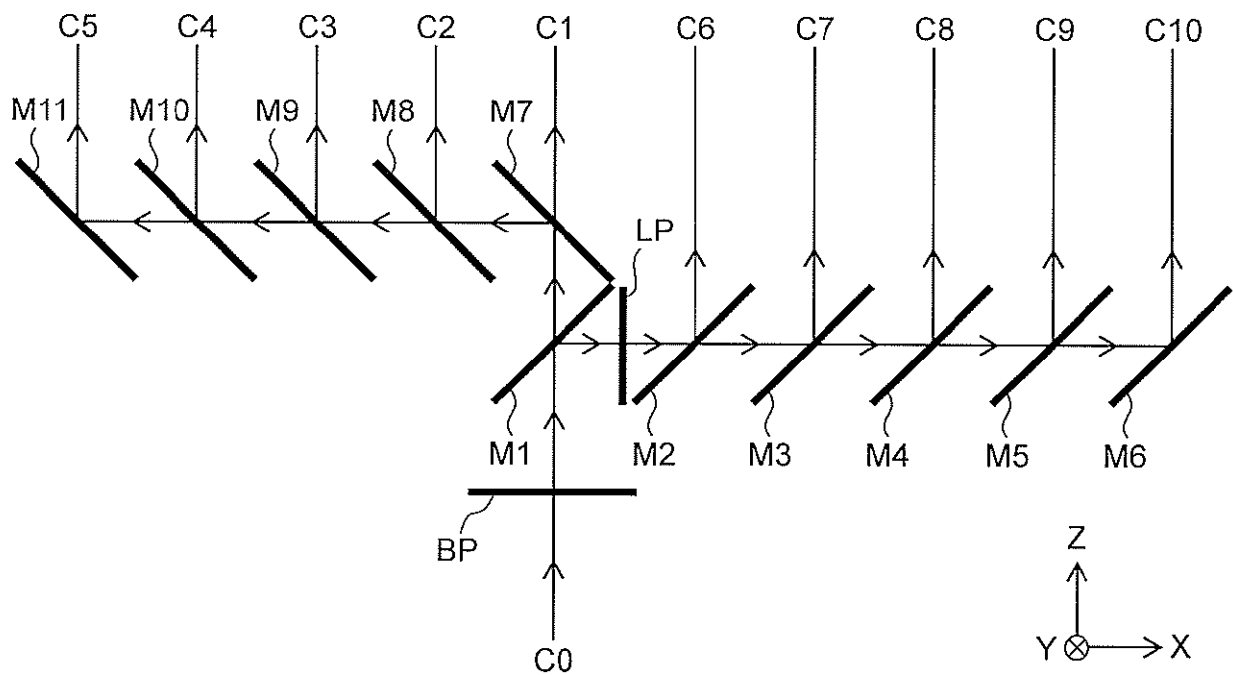
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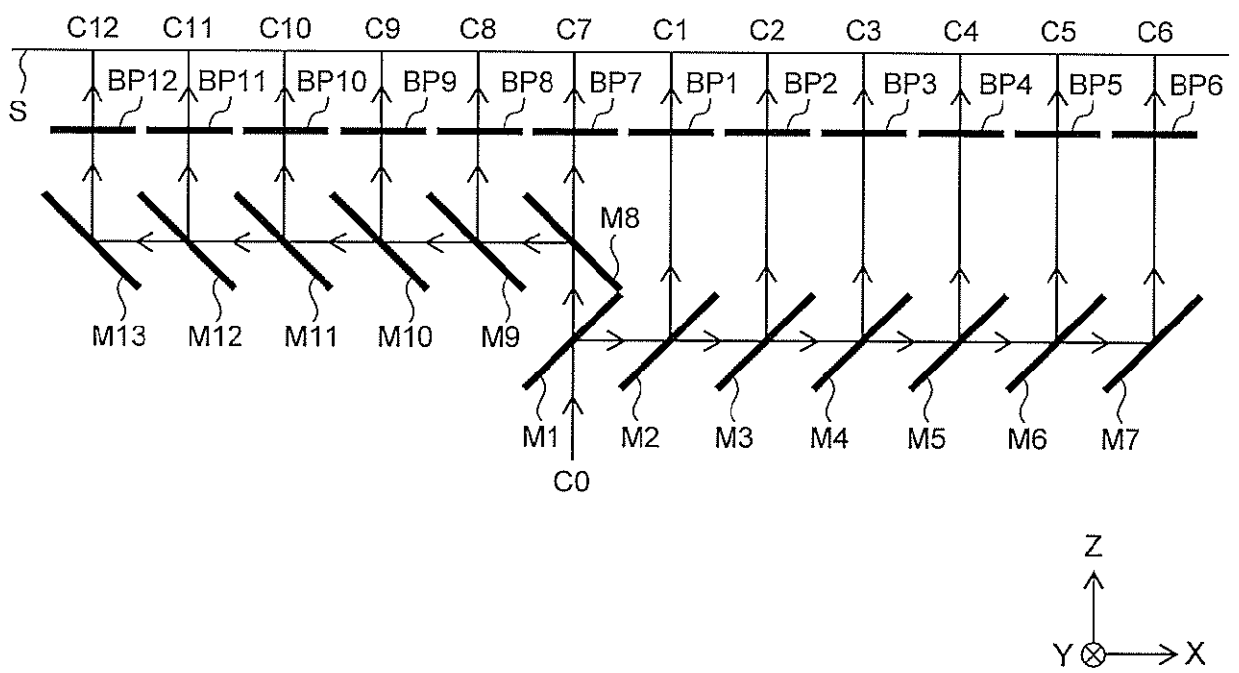
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FIG. 27

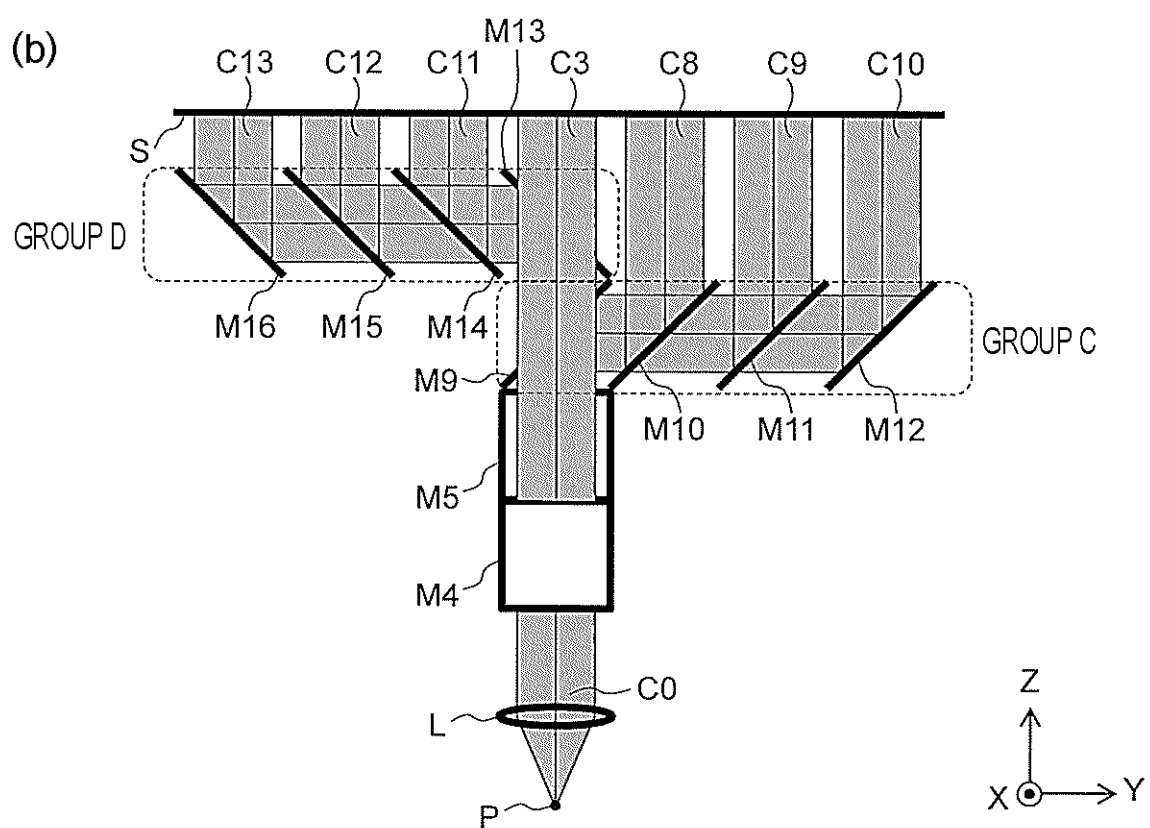
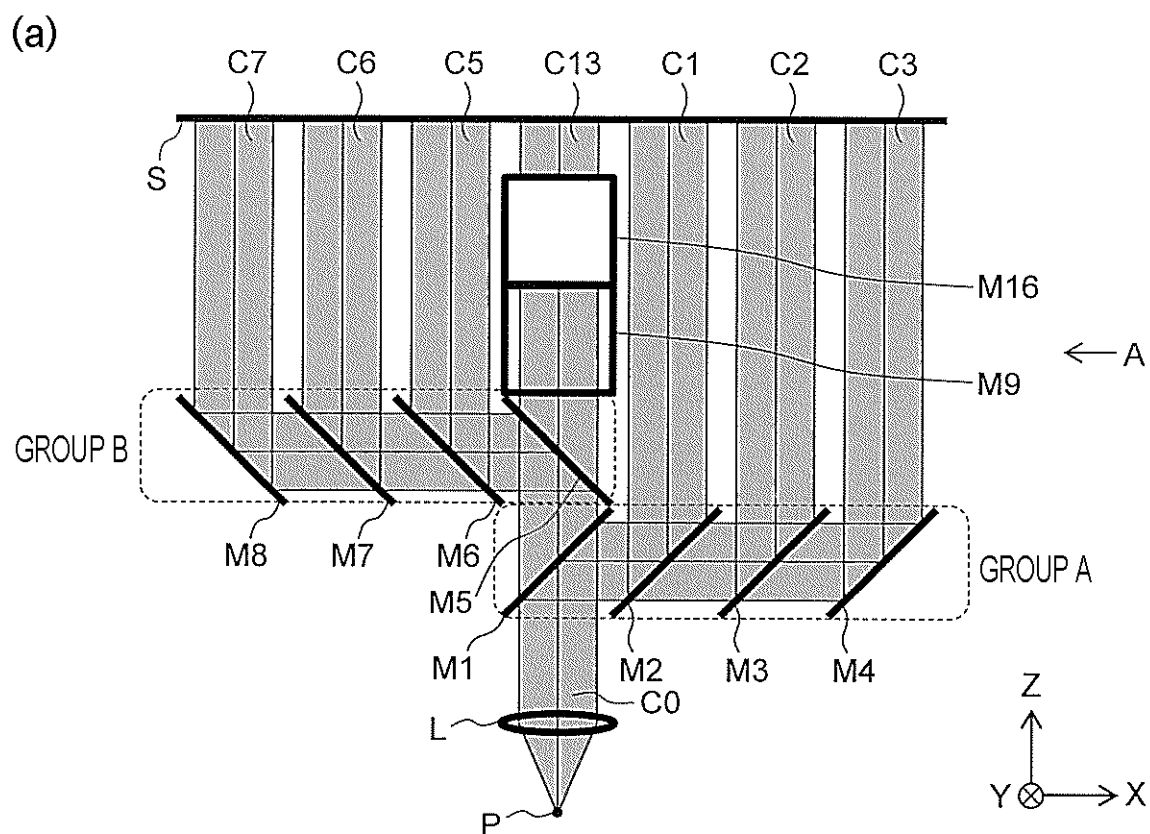


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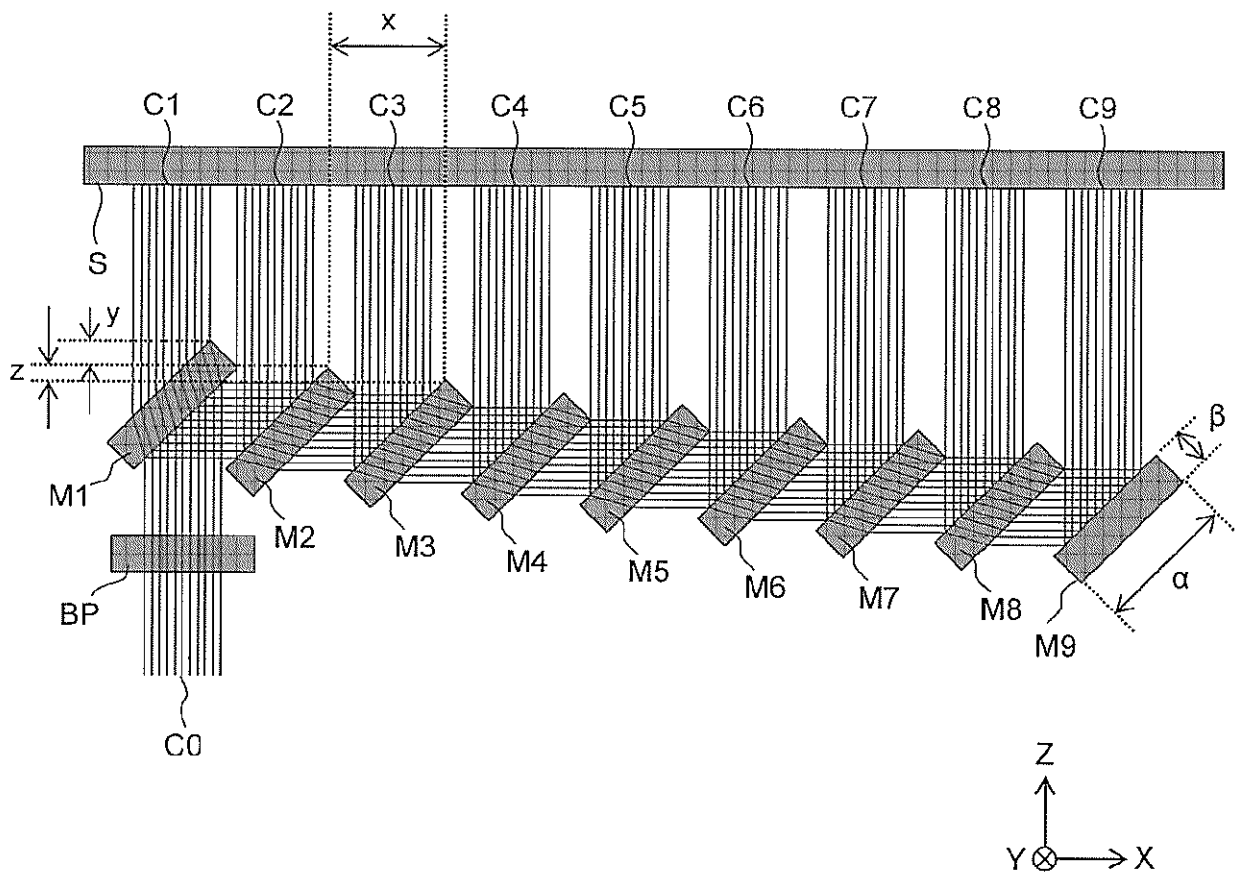


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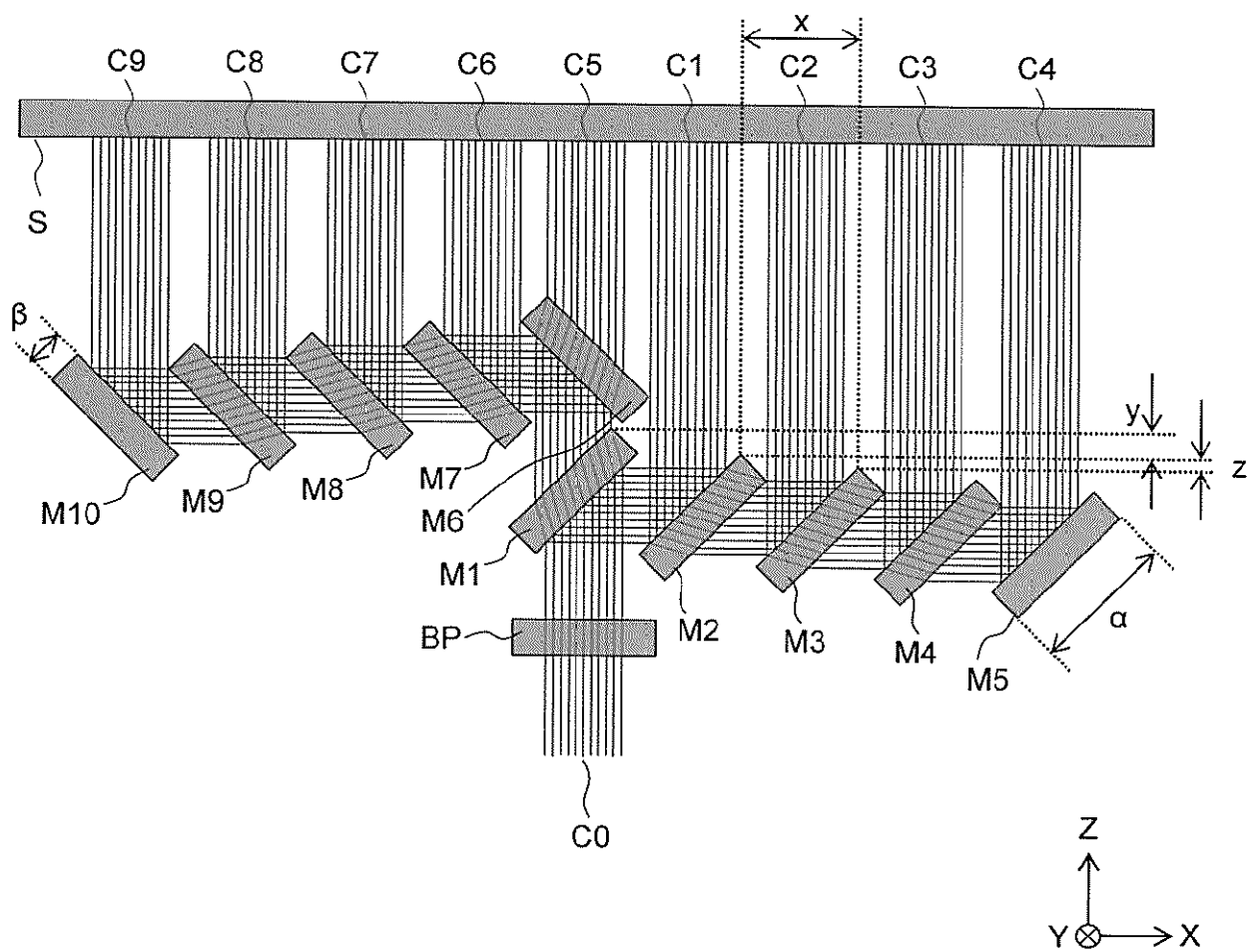


FIG. 30

