

CATADIOPTRIC OPTICAL SYSTEM FOR SCATTEROMETRY

ABSTRACT

A catadioptric optical system having a high numerical aperture operates in a wide spectral range. The catadioptric optical system includes a correcting plate, a first reflective surface and a second reflective surface. The correcting plate conditions electromagnetic radiation to correct at least one aberration. The first reflective surface is positioned to reflect the electromagnetic radiation conditioned by the correcting plate. The second reflective surface is positioned to focus the electromagnetic radiation reflected by the first reflective surface onto a target portion of a substrate. The electromagnetic radiation reflected by the first reflective surface and focused by the second reflective surface is not refracted by a refractive element, thereby enabling the catadioptric optical system to operate in a broad spectral range.

[Figure 3]