

#### **Four-Mirror Freeform Design**

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#### NASA Technology Roadmap

2015 NASA Technology Roadmaps TA 8: Science Instruments, Observatories, and Sensor Systems

<ul><li>8.1 Remote Sensing Instruments and Sensors</li><li>8.1.3 Optical Components</li></ul>	nsing Instruments and 8.1.3.8 Wide Field of View Reflective Imager								
TECHNOLOGY									
Technology Description: Allow the formation of an image on a flat detector to image near-Earth space from highly elliptical orbits.									
Technology Challenge: Requires very clean facilities.									
Technology State of the Art: Wide field-of-view imagers.	(FOV) auroral	Technology Performance Goal: Develop fast wide FOV optics.							
Parameter, Value:	TRL	Parameter, Value:	TRL						
FOV: 20 degrees; Aperture: 3 cm	9	FOV: 30 degrees; Aperture: > 60 cm; FOV: 5 degrees; Aperture: 200 cm	6						
Technology Development Dependent Upon Basic Research or Other Technology Candidate: None									

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### **Project Overview**

- Central objective: survey of the four-mirror freeform solution space that considers geometries that could be advantageous for system constraints, such as mass, volume, stray light control, or radiation shielding.
- Methods/techniques: use analytically designed starting points before adding/varying freeform terms to explore different design forms.





#### **Parts of the Design Process**





### **Procedure Overview: Off-Axis Conics** with Aspheric Caps on Top

- Choose first order layout, and model as Cartesian reflectors, also known as confocal conics (If a flat-field is desired, mirror powers need to be balanced in this step).
- 2. Solve for 4<sup>th</sup> order aspheric terms on top of Cartesian reflector to correct third-order aberrations.
- 3. Choose tilts for the surfaces such that the system is unobscured and fieldasymmetric field-linear astigmatism is canceled.





## Key Points from Literature (Steps 1&2)

- Correcting Seidel third-order aberrations in a given first-order layout for 4 mirrors using aspheric deformations (aperture^4) is a linear system of equations [Korsch, 1973].
- A system made of Cartesian reflectors (conics with stigmatic imaging at each individual surface for the base field point, also known as confocal conics) can only be corrected through third-order if the system has a magnification of 1X, or if the system is afocal [Korsch, 1991].
- To make a focal system, with an infinite conjugate, that is corrected through third-order, you cannot use only Cartesian reflectors/confocal conics
  - For example: a classic Cassegrain with a stigmatically imaging parabolic primary and stigmatically imaging hyperbolic secondary, cannot correct for coma. A Ritchey-Chretien has spherical aberration introduced at the primary and canceled at the secondary in a way that cancels coma).

Korsch, Dietrich. "Closed-form Solutions for Imaging Systems, Corrected for Third-order Aberrations." Journal of the Optical Society of America 63.6 (1973): 667.

Korsch, D. Reflective Optics. Boston: Academic, 1991. Print.







## Key Points from Literature (Step 3)

- It is possible to find tilted/decentered systems that exhibit aberrations of the "ordinary" kind (where two astigmatism nodes collapse to single node at center of field, while keeping the coma node at the center of field as well) [Rogers, 1986].
- Tilted aspheric term (looks like spherical aberration) produces aberrations of the "ordinary kind", meaning field-linear coma, and field-quadratic astigmatism [Rogers, 1986].



Rogers, John R. "Vector Aberration Theory And The Design Of Off-Axis Systems." 1985 International Lens Design Conference (1986).

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# Key Points from Literature: Aberration Coefficients for Plane-Symmetric

#### **Systems**

- Constraining a surface to be a stigmatically imaging off-axis conic eliminates [Sasian, 1994]:
  - Spherical Aberration
  - Field-Constant Coma
  - Field-Constant Astigmatism
  - Anamorphism
- Ignoring distortion and piston terms, the remaining image degrading aberrations are:
  - Field-Linear Coma
  - Field-Asymmetric Field-Linear Astigmatism (FAFL)
  - Field-Quadratic Astigmatism
  - Field Curvature
- The designer needs to eliminate FAFL Astigmatism to make the aberrations "ordinary" and correctable using aspheric caps.

Sasian, Jose M. "How to Approach the Design of a Bilateral Symmetric Optical System."Optical Engineering 33.6 (1994): 2045.







#### **Four-Mirror Example**



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#### **Create On-Axis Equivalent, Third-Order Corrected**



- K is the conic constant that corresponds to a <u>stigmatic imaging conic</u> for the axial field point.
- On top of these stigmatic conics is a 4<sup>th</sup> order "A" asphere coefficient that is used to correct the third-order field aberrations (field-linear coma, field-quadratic astigmatism) while leaving third-order spherical corrected.

#### Save "Aspheric Caps" For Later Step

Create Chain of Stigmatic Imaging Conics (Aspheric Caps Removed), with Tilts That Cancel FAFL Astigmatism According to Aberration Coefficients



#### "Tune" the Angle of the Last Mirror to Bring Astigmatism Nodes Together



#### Put "Aspheric Caps" Back On



#### Aberrations Before and After Caps: Spherical Aberration





#### Aberrations Before and After Caps: Coma





#### Aberrations Before and After Caps: Astigmatism (Coddington)



#### **RMS Wavefront Error Before and After** Caps





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#### **Four-Mirror Freeform Spot Diagram**

FIELD POSITION				5Mp	09-Nov	,Q <sub>2</sub> 0₽5024
-1.50,-1.50 DG			-	100% BMS	=	0.013877
0.60,-0.60 1.500,-1.50 DG			_	100%	=	0.013877
0.00,-0.60 0.000,-1.50 DG			-	RMS 100%	=	0.004164
0.80, 0.60 2.000,1.500 DG		÷	-	RMS 100%	=	0.004202
-0.80, 0.60			-	RMS	=	0.004202
-2.00,1.500 DG		<u> </u>		100% RMS	=	0.011846
-2.50,0.000 DG		<b>2</b>	-	100% RMS	=	0.014401 0.005956
1.00, 0.00 2.500,0.000 DG		•	-	100% DMC	=	0.014401
0.00,-1.00 0.000,-2.50 DG			-	100%	=	0.012755
0.00, 1.00 0.000, 2.500 DG		<b>.</b>	-	RMS 100%	=	0.006/5/
-1.00,-1.00			-	RMS	=	0.005537
1.00,-1.00				RMS	=	0.005537
2.500,-2.50 DG				100% RMS	=	0.013123 0.004172
-1.00, 1.00 -2.50, 2.500 DG			-	100%	=	0.012032
1.00, 1.00 2.500,2.500 DG			_	RMS 100%	=	0.012032
0.00, 0.00				RMS	=	0.003949
0.000,0.000 DG			.482E-01 MM	100%	=	0.008402
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Four-M	Airror Freeform	200mm EPD				





#### Freeform "Caps" on Original Base Off-Axis Conic



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### Summary

- Several analytical starting point design methods exist with various symmetries and states of correction.
- A combination of these methods can allow for unobscured starting points that are corrected for third order image degrading aberrations, which will be used to facilitate a survey of the four-mirror freeform solution space.



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#### Put "Aspheric Caps" Back On

	M1	M2	M3	M4
Radius	-743.522	-186.402	-448.082	-1246.81
К	-1	-0.11681	-0.0161	-40.8171
А	6.46E-12	-5.05E-09	-7.06E-10	-6.38E-09

"A" Coefficients from On-Axis Equivalent from Before

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		M1		M2	M3			M4				
	Asphere	6.46E-12		Asphere	-5.05E-09		Asphere	-7.06E-10		Asphere	-6.38E-09	
	Existing	Needed	Sum	Existing	Needed	Sum	Existing	Needed	Sum	Existing	Needed	Sum
x^4	2.94E-10	6.46E-12	3.00E-10	8.10E-10	-5.05E-09	-4.24E-09	-2.93E-11	-7.06E-10	-7.35E-10	2.66E-09	-6.38E-09	-3.72E-09
x^3*y	0.00E+00	0	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0	0.00E+00
x^2*y^2	5.47E-10	1.29E-11	5.60E-10	2.97E-09	-1.01E-08	-7.13E-09	7.78E-12	-1.41E-09	-1.40E-09	4.99E-09	-1.28E-08	-7.77E-09
x*y^3	0.00E+00	0	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0	0.00E+00
y^4	2.55E-10	6.46E-12	2.61E-10	2.14E-09	-5.05E-09	-2.91E-09	3.63E-11	-7.06E-10	-6.70E-10	2.34E-09	-6.38E-09	-4.04E-09
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3.1585 waves

Spherical Aberration Contribution of Caps



-0.1375 waves

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-2.0949 waves

-0.9260 waves









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# Aberration Coefficients (Spherical Contribution)

$$A = ni = n\left(u + \frac{x \cos(I)}{R}\right)$$
 and  $\overline{A} = n\overline{i} = n\left(\overline{u} + \frac{\overline{x} \cos(I)}{R}\right)$ 

 $S_{\rm I} = -\frac{1}{8} A^2 \Delta \left(\frac{u}{n}\right) x ,$   $S_{\rm II} = -\frac{1}{4R} \Psi^2 \Delta \left(\frac{\cos(I)}{n}\right) ,$   $J_{\rm I} = -\frac{1}{2} n^2 \sin^2(I) \Delta \left(\frac{u}{n}\right) x ,$   $J_{\rm II} = -\frac{1}{2} n \sin(I) A \Delta \left(\frac{u}{n}\right) x ,$   $J_{\rm III} = -n \sin(I) \Psi \Delta \left(\frac{u}{n}\right) ,$  $J_{\rm III} = -\frac{1}{2} n \sin(I) \Psi \Delta \left(\frac{u}{n}\right) ,$ 

$$J_{\rm IV} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{n \sin(T)}{R} \Psi \Delta\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) x ,$$
$$J_{\rm V} = -\frac{1}{2} n \sin(I) \Psi^2 \Delta\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \frac{1}{x} ,$$

$$W_{02002} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=j} \{J_{I}\}_{i} \text{ Constant astigmatism },$$

$$W_{11011} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=j} \left\{ 2\frac{\overline{x}}{x}J_{I} \right\}_{i} \text{ Anamorphism },$$

$$W_{20020} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=j} \left\{ \left(\frac{\overline{x}}{x}\right)^{2}J_{I} \right\}_{i} \text{ Quadratic piston },$$

$$W_{03001} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=j} \{J_{II}\}_{i} \text{ Constant coma },$$

$$W_{12101} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=j} \left\{ 2\frac{\overline{x}}{x}J_{II} + J_{III} \right\}_{i} \text{ Linear astigmatism },$$

$$W_{21001} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=j} \left\{ \left(\frac{\overline{x}}{x}\right)^{2}J_{II} + \frac{\overline{x}}{x}J_{III} + J_{V} \right\}_{i}$$
Quadratic distortion I ,  

$$W_{12010} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=j} \left\{ 2\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{x}\right)^{2}J_{II} + \frac{\overline{x}}{x}(J_{III} + 2J_{V}) \right\}_{i}$$
Field tilt ,  

$$W_{21110} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=j} \left\{ 2\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{x}\right)^{2}J_{II} + \frac{\overline{x}}{x}(J_{III} + 2J_{V}) \right\}_{i}$$

$$W_{30010} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=j} \left\{ \left(\frac{\overline{x}}{x}\right)^3 J_{\mathrm{II}} + \left(\frac{\overline{x}}{x}\right)^2 (J_{\mathrm{III}} + J_{\mathrm{IV}}) + \frac{\overline{x}}{x} J_{\mathrm{V}} \right\}_i$$

Cubic piston,

 $W_{04000} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=j} \{S_i\}_i$  Spherical aberration,

$$W_{13100} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=j} \left\{ 4\left(\frac{\overline{A}}{A}\right)S_{I} \right\}_{i}$$
 Linear coma,

$$W_{22200} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=j} \left\{ 4 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{A} \right)^2 S_{\mathrm{I}} \right\}_i \quad \text{Quadratic astigmatism },$$

$$W_{22000} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=j} \left\{ 2 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{\overline{A}} \right)^2 S_{\mathrm{I}} + S_{\mathrm{II}} \right\}_i \quad \text{Field curvature} ,$$

$$W_{31100} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=j} \left\{ 4 \left(\frac{\overline{A}}{\overline{A}}\right)^3 S_{\mathrm{I}} + 2 \left(\frac{\overline{A}}{\overline{A}}\right) S_{\mathrm{II}} \right\}_i \quad \text{Cubic distortion}$$

$$W_{40000} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=j} \left\{ \left(\frac{\overline{A}}{A}\right)^4 S_{\rm I} + \left(\frac{\overline{A}}{A}\right)^2 S_{\rm II} \right\}_i \text{ Quartic piston }.$$



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Quadratic distortion II,

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#### **Non-Spherical Contributions**

$$Z_{\alpha} = \alpha \Delta [n \cos(I)] x^{2} ,$$

$$Z_{\beta} = \beta \Delta [n \cos(I)] x^{3} ,$$

$$Z_{\gamma} = \gamma \Delta [n \cos(I)] x^{4} .$$

$$\Delta W_{11011} = 2 \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{x}\right)^{2} Z_{\alpha} \quad \text{Anamorphism} \quad \Delta W_{13100} = 4 \frac{\bar{x}}{x} Z_{\gamma} \quad \text{Linear coma} ,$$

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$$\Delta W_{20200} = \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{x}\right)^{2} Z_{\gamma} \quad \text{Quadratic piston} ,$$

$$\Delta W_{20200} = \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{x}\right)^{2} Z_{\gamma} \quad \text{Quadratic astigmatism} ,$$

$$\Delta W_{20000} = Z_{\beta} \quad \text{Constant coma} ,$$

$$\Delta W_{20000} = 2 \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{x}\right)^{2} Z_{\gamma} \quad \text{Field curvature} ,$$

$$\Delta W_{12010} = 2 \frac{\bar{x}}{x} Z_{\beta} \quad \text{Linear astigmatism} ,$$

$$\Delta W_{31100} = 4 \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{x}\right)^{3} Z_{\gamma} \quad \text{Cubic distortion} ,$$

$$\Delta W_{31100} = 4 \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{x}\right)^{3} Z_{\gamma} \quad \text{Quadratic piston} ,$$

$$\Delta W_{31100} = 4 \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{x}\right)^{3} Z_{\gamma} \quad \text{Quadratic piston} ,$$

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$$\Delta W_{21110} = 2 \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{x}\right)^{2} Z_{\beta} \quad \text{Quadratic distortion II} ,$$

$$\Delta W_{21110} = 2 \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{x}\right)^{2} Z_{\beta} \quad \text{Quadratic distortion II} ,$$

$$\Delta W_{30010} = \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{x}\right)^{3} Z_{\beta} \quad \text{Cubic piston} ,$$



#### Remaining Coefficients after Adding Non-Spherical Contributions from Off-Axis Conics

$$\begin{split} A &= ni = n \left( u + \frac{x \cos(l)}{R} \right) \text{ and } \overline{A} = n\overline{i} = n \left( \overline{u} + \frac{\overline{x} \cos(l)}{R} \right) \\ S_{1} &= -\frac{1}{8} A^{2} \Delta \left( \frac{u}{n} \right) x \text{ ,} \\ S_{II} &= -\frac{1}{8} A^{2} \Delta \left( \frac{u}{n} \right) x \text{ ,} \\ S_{II} &= -\frac{1}{4R} \Psi^{2} \Delta \left( \frac{\cos(l)}{n} \right) \text{ ,} \\ A_{III011} &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_{i=1}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2x^{2} \sqrt{l}} \right\}_{i}^{i} \text{ Assacrphism ,} \\ Anamorphism conveniently cancels too \\ W_{20000} &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_{i=1}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2x^{2}} \right\}_{i}^{j} \text{ Assacrphism ,} \\ J_{II} &= -\frac{1}{2} n^{2} \sin^{2}(l) \Delta \left( \frac{u}{n} \right) x \text{ ,} \\ M_{10011} &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_{i=1}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2x^{2}} \right\}_{i}^{j} \text{ Assacrphism ,} \\ Anamorphism conveniently cancels too \\ W_{20000} &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_{i=1}} \left\{ 1 \sqrt{l} \right\}_{i}^{j} \text{ Spherical observation ,} \\ W_{04000} &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_{i=1}} \left\{ s_{1} \right\}_{i}^{j} \text{ Spherical observation ,} \\ W_{10000} &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_{i=1}} \left\{ 4 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{A} \right) S_{1} \right\}_{i}^{j} \text{ Linear coma ,} \\ W_{20000} &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_{i=1}} \left\{ 4 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{A} \right)^{2} S_{1} \right\}_{i}^{j} \text{ Quadratic astigmatism ,} \\ W_{20000} &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_{i=1}} \left\{ 4 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{A} \right)^{2} S_{1} \right\}_{i}^{j} \text{ Quadratic astigmatism ,} \\ W_{20000} &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_{i=1}} \left\{ 4 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{A} \right)^{2} S_{1} \right\}_{i}^{j} \text{ Quadratic astigmatism ,} \\ W_{20000} &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_{i=1}} \left\{ 2 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{A} \right)^{2} S_{1} + S_{III} \right\}_{i}^{j} \text{ Field curvature ,} \\ W_{20000} &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_{i=1}} \left\{ 2 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{A} \right)^{2} S_{1} + S_{III} \right\}_{i}^{j} \text{ Cubic distortion I ,} \\ W_{20000} &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_{i=1}} \left\{ 4 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{A} \right)^{2} S_{1} + S_{III} \right\}_{i}^{j} \text{ Cubic distortion I ,} \\ U_{20000} &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_{i=1}} \left\{ 4 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{A} \right)^{2} S_{1} + 2 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{A} \right) S_{I} \right\}_{i}^{j} \text{ Quadratic distortion I ,} \\ U_{20000} &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_{i=1}} \left\{ 4 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{A} \right)^{2} S_{I} + 2 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{A} \right) S_{I} \right\}_{i}^{j} \text{ Quadratic distortion I ,} \\ U_{20000} &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_{i=1}} \left\{ 4 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{A} \right)^{2} S_{I} + 2 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{A} \right) S_{I} \right\}_{i}^{j} \text{ Quadratic distortion I ,} \\ U_{20000} &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_{i=1}} \left\{ 4 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{A} \right)^{2} S_{I} + 2 \left( \frac{\overline{A}}{A} \right) S_{I} \right\}_{i}^{j} \text{ Quadratic piston ,} \\ U$$





#### **Screenshot of Geogebra Tool**

