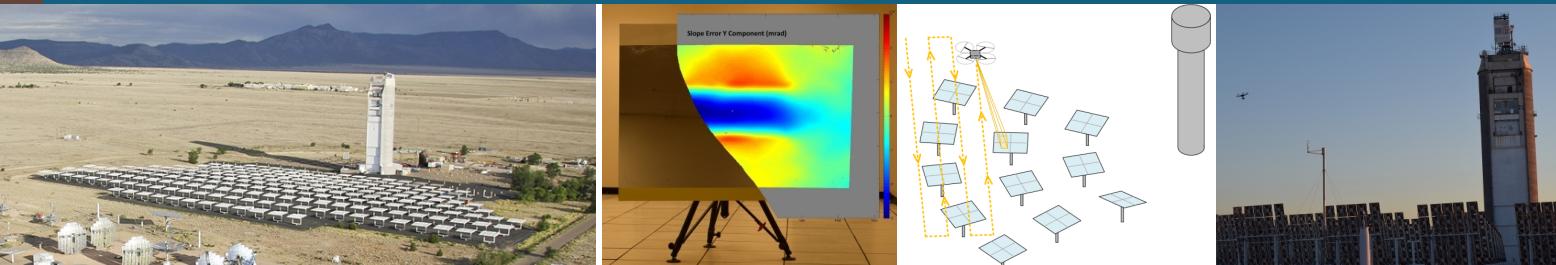




OpenCSP: Collaborative Code and Data for CSP



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Why OpenCSP?

From the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change:¹

"To limit global warming to 1.5°C, greenhouse gas emissions must peak before 2025 at the latest and decline 43% by 2030."

It is now late 2024. If the CSP community is to contribute to meeting this goal, it must proceed with great urgency.

¹ United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The Paris Agreement.

<https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement>.



OpenCSP Goals

- 1. Accelerate** transfer of state-of-the-art CSP metrology and analysis tools to industry.
- 2.** Provide a collaborative development environment to aid collaborative CSP research.
- 3.** Support CSP education.

- ❖ Remove barriers to access.
- ❖ Make widely available.
- ❖ Provide an effective collaboration environment.

Inspired by other successful open-source collaborative projects:

- Linux
- Pyomo
- OpenCV
- pvlib



OpenCSP Components

- **OpenCSP_Code** Foundation classes for building new code, plus ready-to-run programs, including SOFAST 2.0.
- **OpenCSP_Data** Large data sets to support collaborative research, plus code test data.
- **OpenCSP_Mechanical** Interactive CAD tool for SOFAST layout, plus gallery of CAD models.
- **OpenCSP_Tools** Non-code tools to aid CSP analysis and understanding.
- **OpenCSP_Documents** Supporting OpenCSP and related topics.
- **Web Portal** Welcomes users and developers to OpenCSP.

All under an open-source license allowing unlimited use.



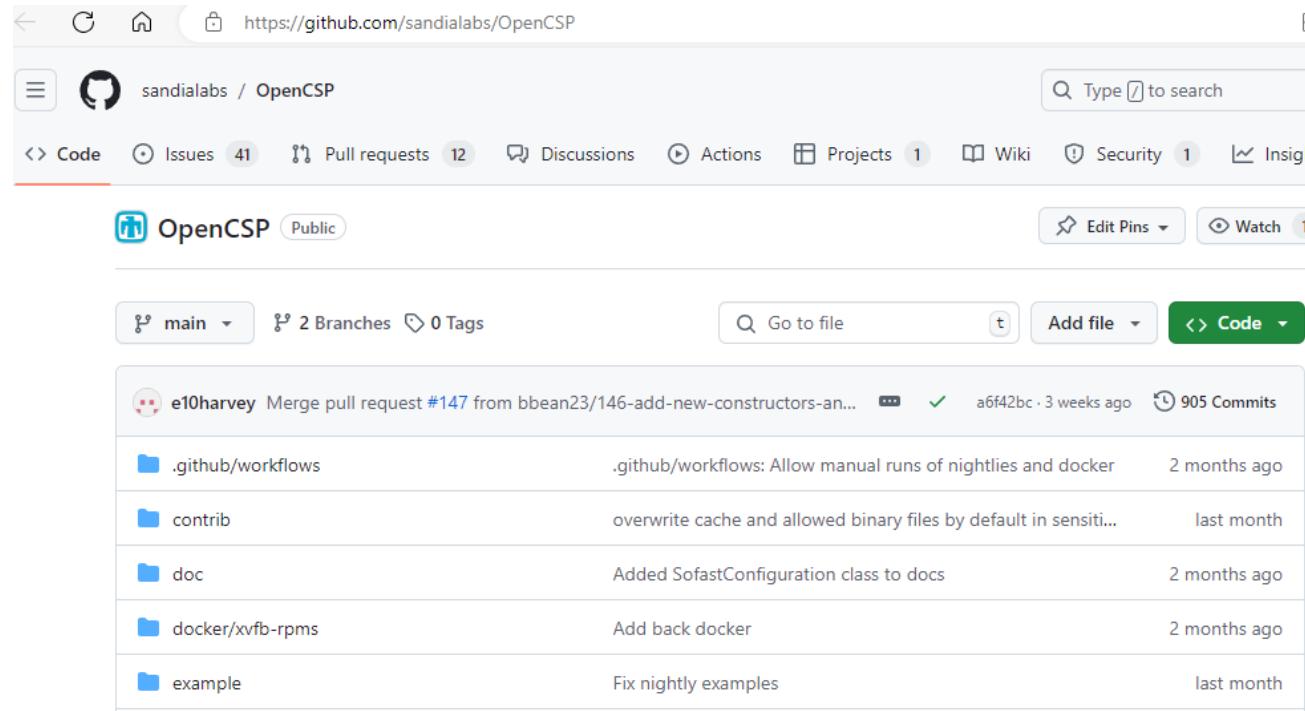
Example OpenCSP Content



OpenCSP Code

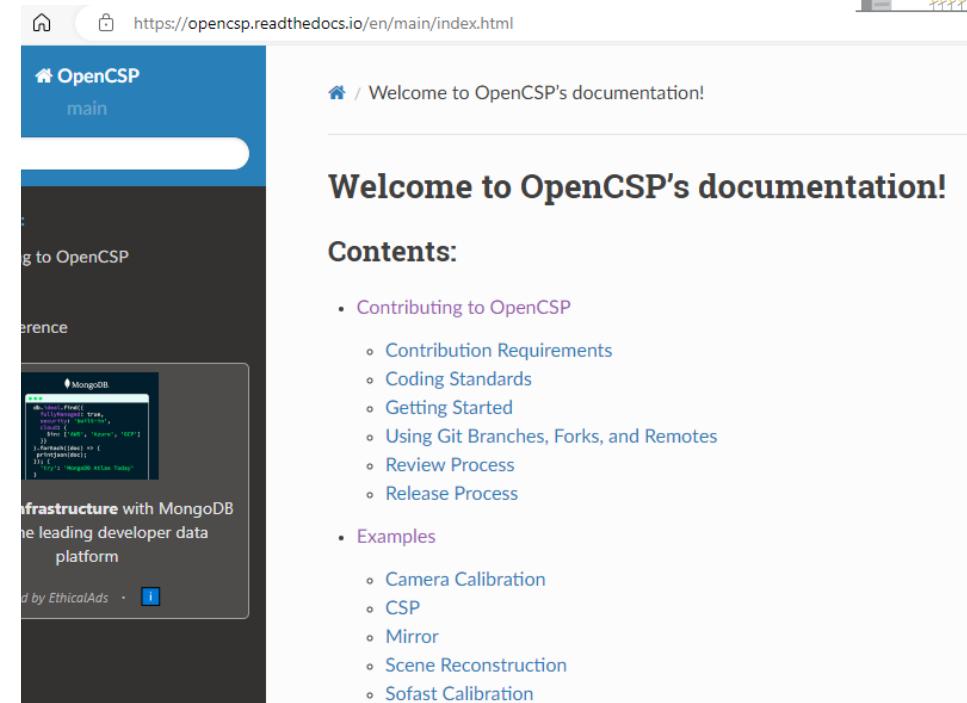


Collaborative Code Development Environment



A screenshot of the GitHub repository for OpenCSP. The repository is public and has 41 issues, 12 pull requests, and 1 discussion. The main branch is 'main' with 2 branches and 0 tags. The repository has 905 commits. A list of recent commits is shown:

Author	Commit Message	Time
e10harvey	Merge pull request #147 from bbean23/146-add-new-constructors-an...	3 weeks ago
	.github/workflows: Allow manual runs of nightlies and docker	2 months ago
	contrib: overwrite cache and allowed binary files by default in sensit...	last month
	doc: Added SofastConfiguration class to docs	2 months ago
	docker/xvfb-rpms: Add back docker	2 months ago
	example: Fix nightly examples	last month



A screenshot of the OpenCSP documentation website. The main page features a header with the OpenCSP logo and a sub-header 'main'. Below the header, there is a section titled 'Welcome to OpenCSP's documentation!' and a 'Contents' section with a list of topics:

- Contributing to OpenCSP
 - Contribution Requirements
 - Coding Standards
 - Getting Started
 - Using Git Branches, Forks, and Remotes
 - Review Process
 - Release Process
- Examples
 - Camera Calibration
 - CSP
 - Mirror
 - Scene Reconstruction
 - Sofast Calibration

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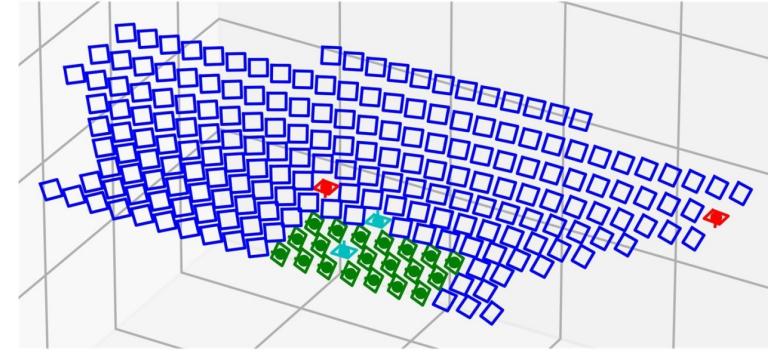
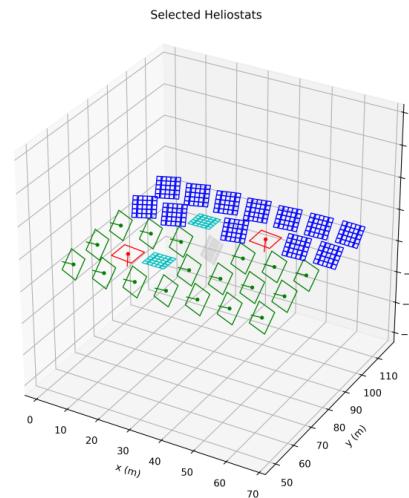
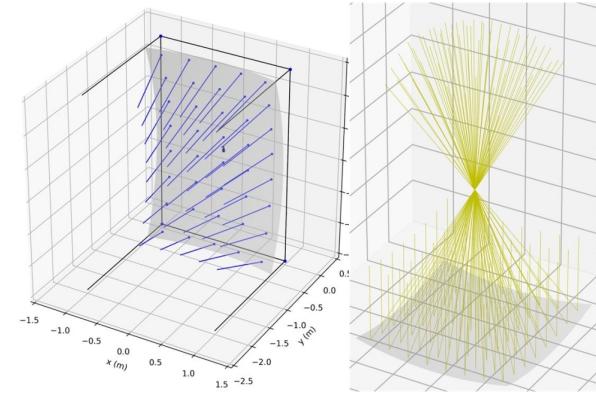
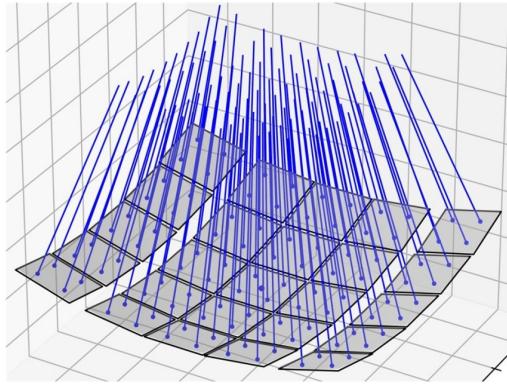
The OpenCSP code development environment supports team development of high quality code across institutions.

- Git fork/branch protocol
- Code style standards
- Fast development cycle automated testing
- Detailed overnight automated testing
- Pull request reviews
- Issue tracking/management
- Automatic documentation generation
- Rich set of code examples
- Supplementary documents (Getting started guide,...)

Status: Operational.

OpenCSP encourages interested developers to join the CSP team.

Foundation Classes



Description:

General-purpose representation of collector objects:

Mirror → Facet → FacetEnsemble → Heliostat → SolarField

These offer a variety of supporting functions.

Utility examples: Ray tracing, video handling.

Status: Operational, extensions welcome.

Mirrors may be defined by analytic functions, measured data, or a combination of both.

SpotAnalysis



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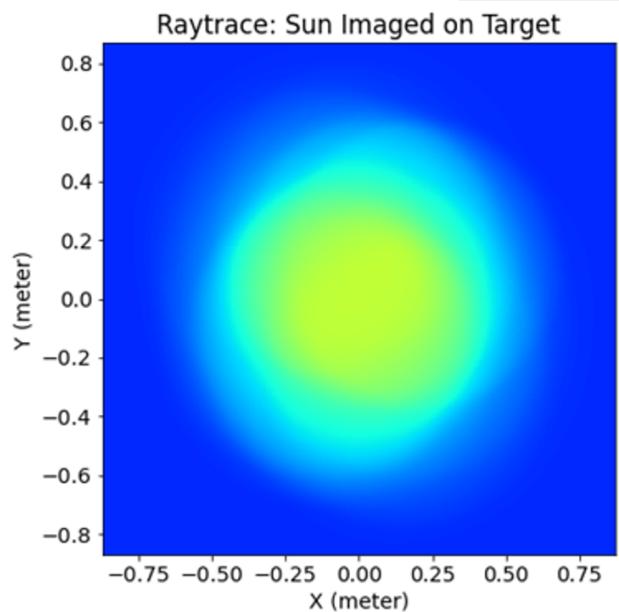
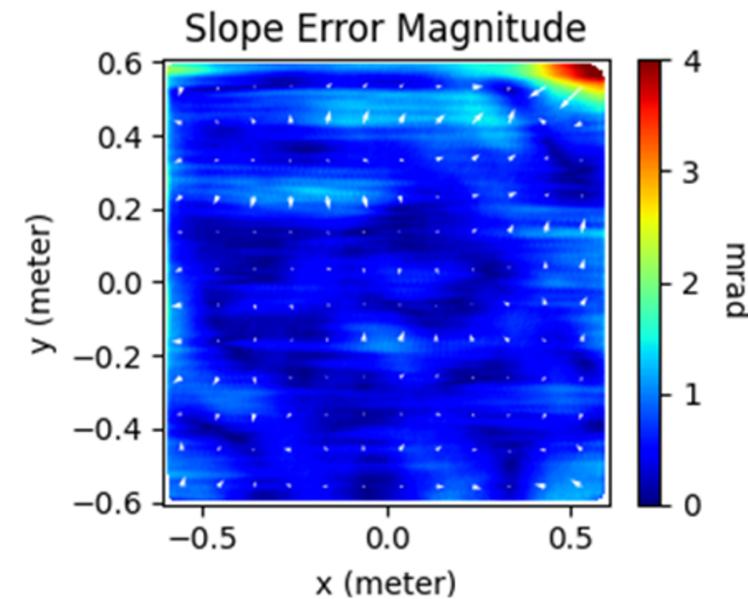
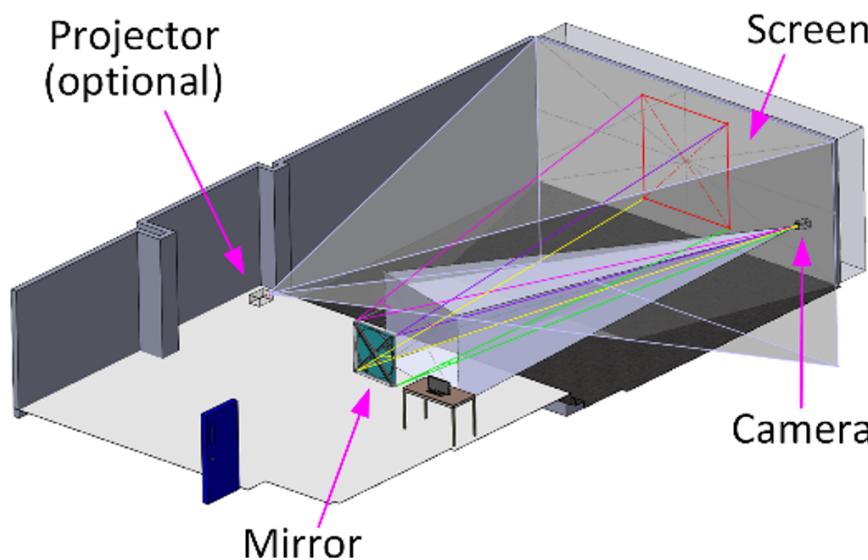
Generalized analysis of a beam of light on an optical target.

Examples:

- Beam Characterization System (BCS).
- Returned-spot analysis.
- Laser measurement methods.

Status: Functional, still in development.

SOFAST 2.0



Description:

Measures maps of mirror optical slope.

- High-resolution fringe (projector) or medium-resolution fixed (daylight) modes.
- Variety of analytic outputs (absolute slope, slope deviation, curvature, comparison, ensquared energy,...).
- Built-in ray-tracing analysis.
- High speed.
- Script or GUI control.
- Flexible for a variety of environments.

Status: Operational.

See posters:

- SOFAST 2.0
- Hybrid Deflectometry

Laptop SOFAST

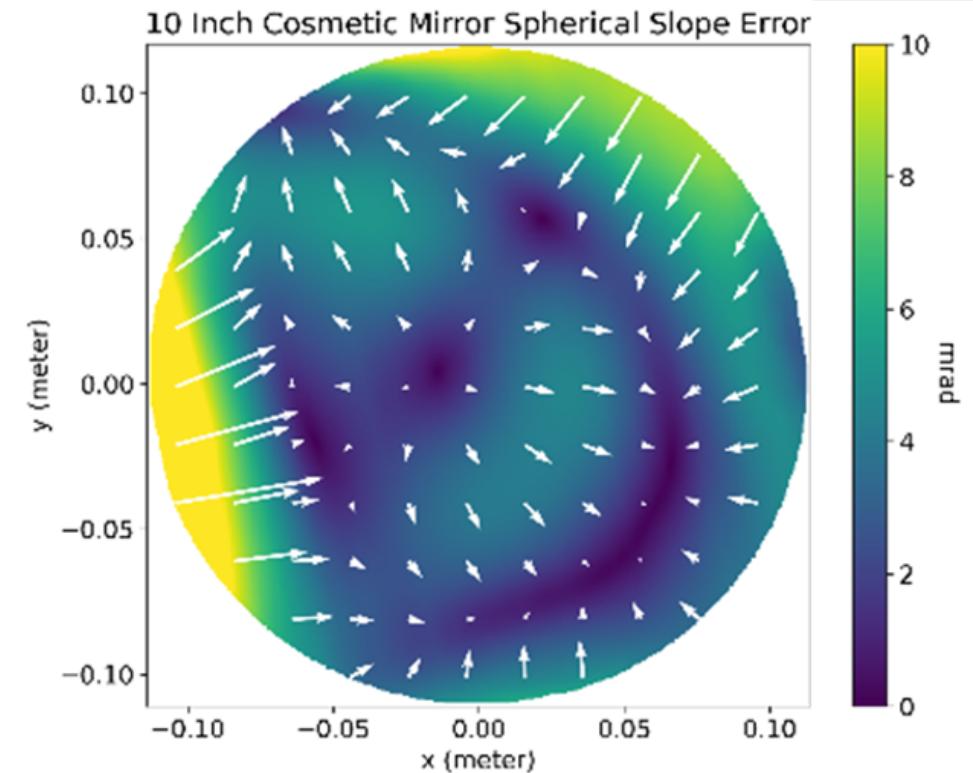


Description:

SOFAST 2.0 can run on many laptops, using built-in screen and camera.

Readily accessible, great for CSP education.

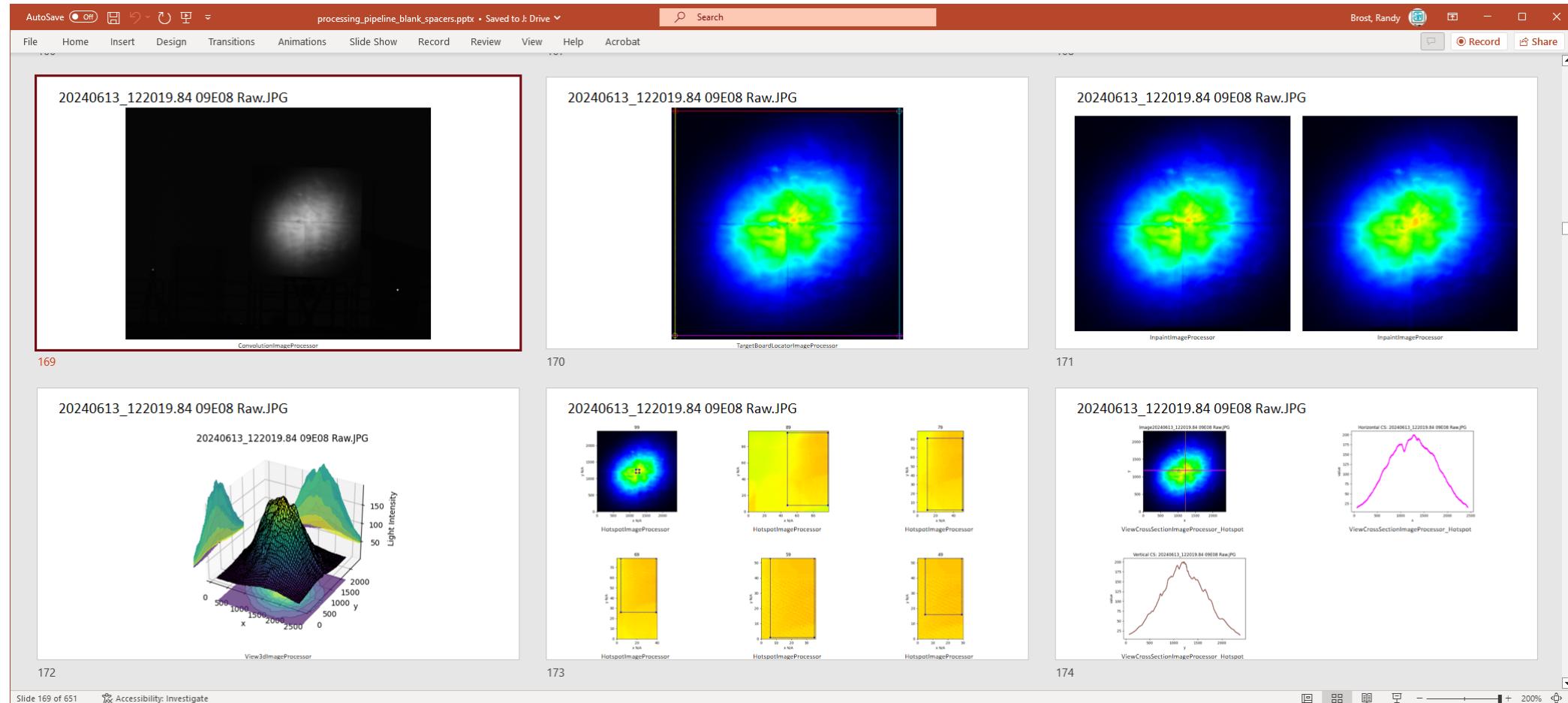
Status: Operational, but not documented.



See posters:

- SOFAST 2.0
- Hybrid Deflectometry

PowerPoint Slide Generation



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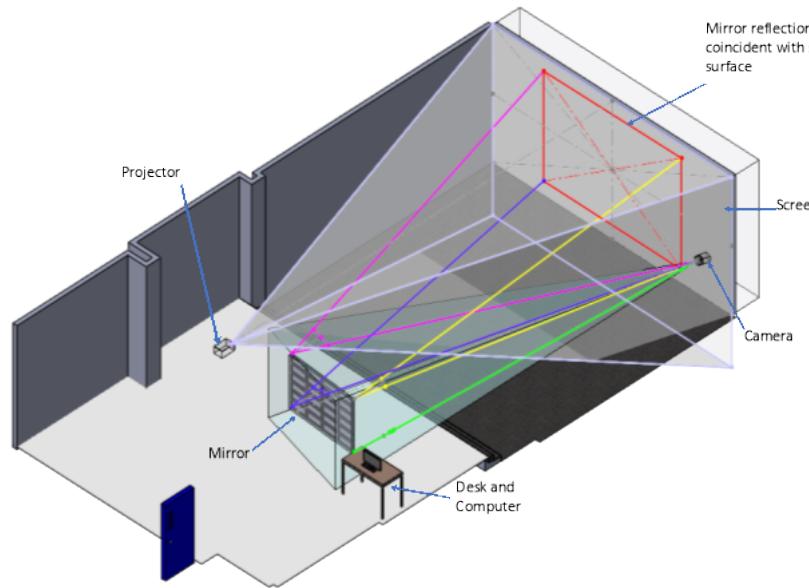
- Automatic rendering of analysis in PowerPoint.
- Above excerpt from automatically-generated presentation with 651 slides.

Status: Operational.

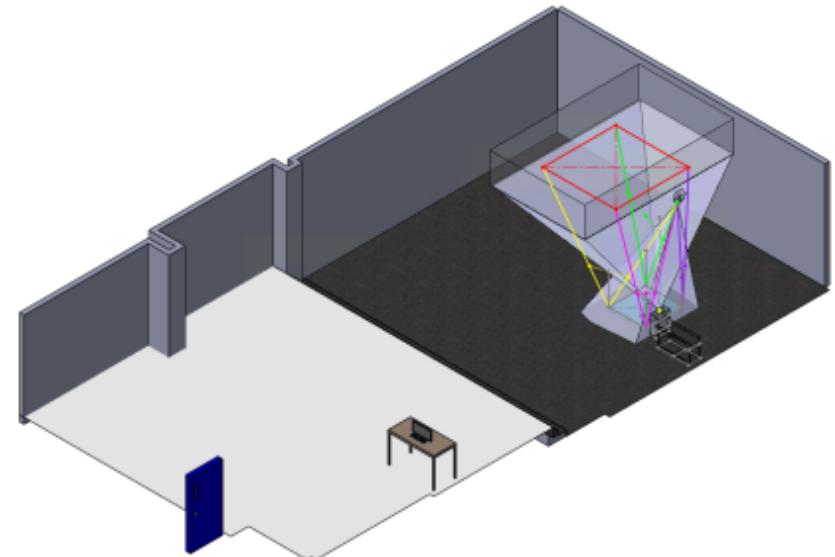


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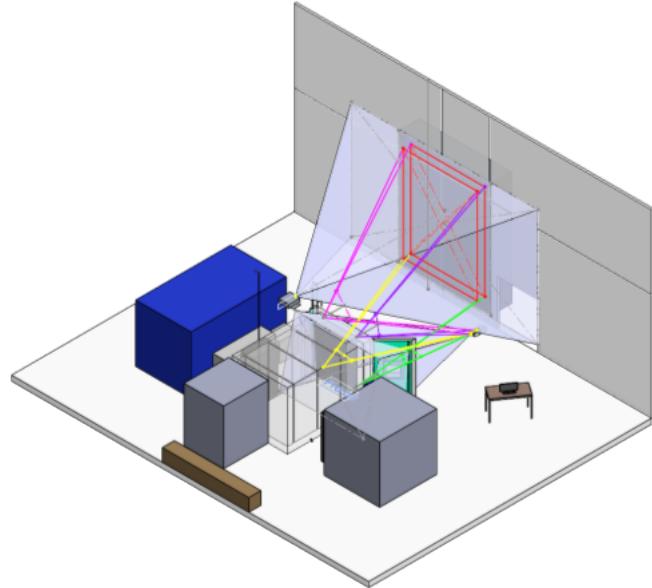
SOFAST CAD Layout Tool



Landscape



FaceUp



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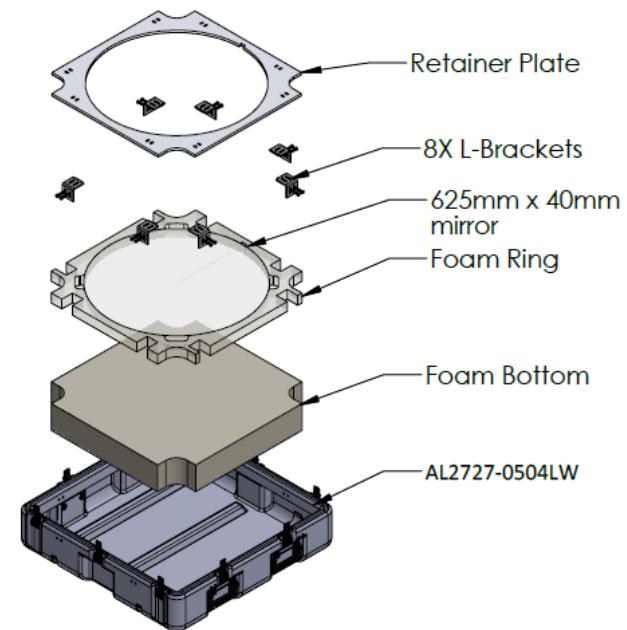
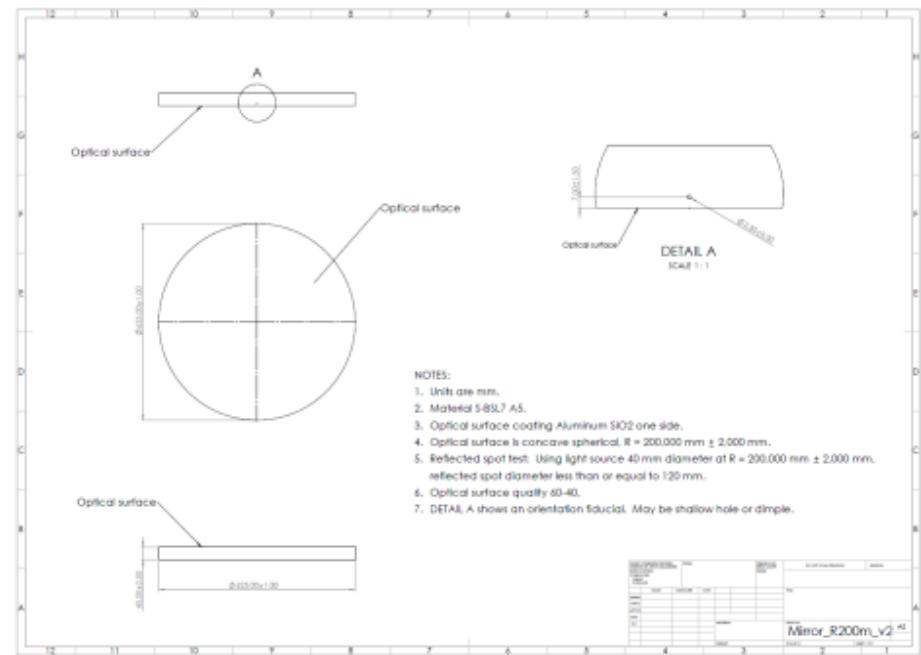
An interactive SolidWorks tool for designing a SOFAST layout.

- Automatic reflection construction
- Visualization of optical constraints

It has been successfully used to design several challenging SOFAST installations.

Status: Operational.

High-Precision Calibration Mirror Design



Description:

A high-precision reference mirror for cross-checking complex metrology systems.

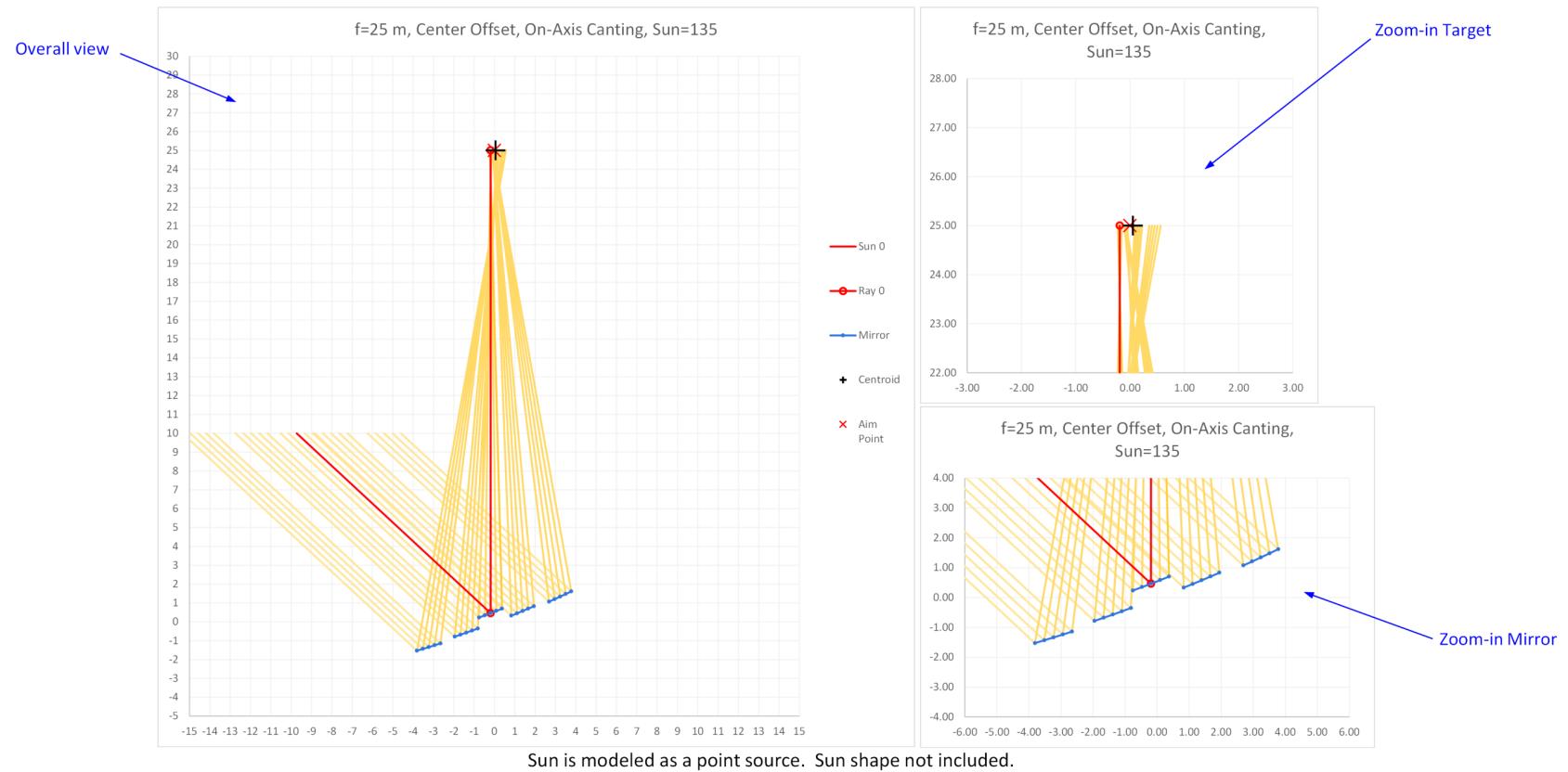
- High dimensional stability.
- Manufactured using optical imaging methods.
- Very high accuracy (evaluation still in progress).
- Custom-designed case for both transport and use.
- Complete design and vendor information.

Status: Operational.



OpenCSP Tools

Interactive 2-d Ray Trace

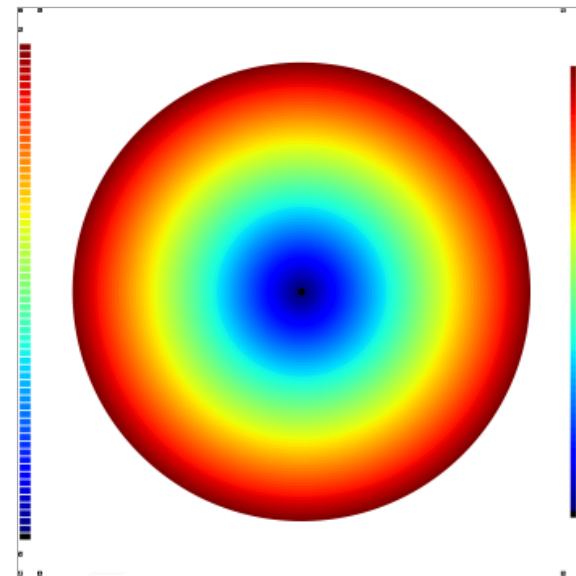
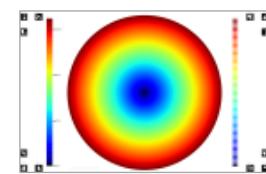
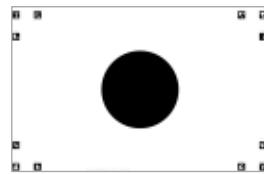


Description:

- Simple interactive tool for visualizing concentrating reflections in 2-d.
- Varying mirror design or sun angle produces instant visualization of reflected beam.
- An ordinary Excel spreadsheet with no macros.
- Great for interactive study and CSP education.

Status: Operational.

Optical Targets



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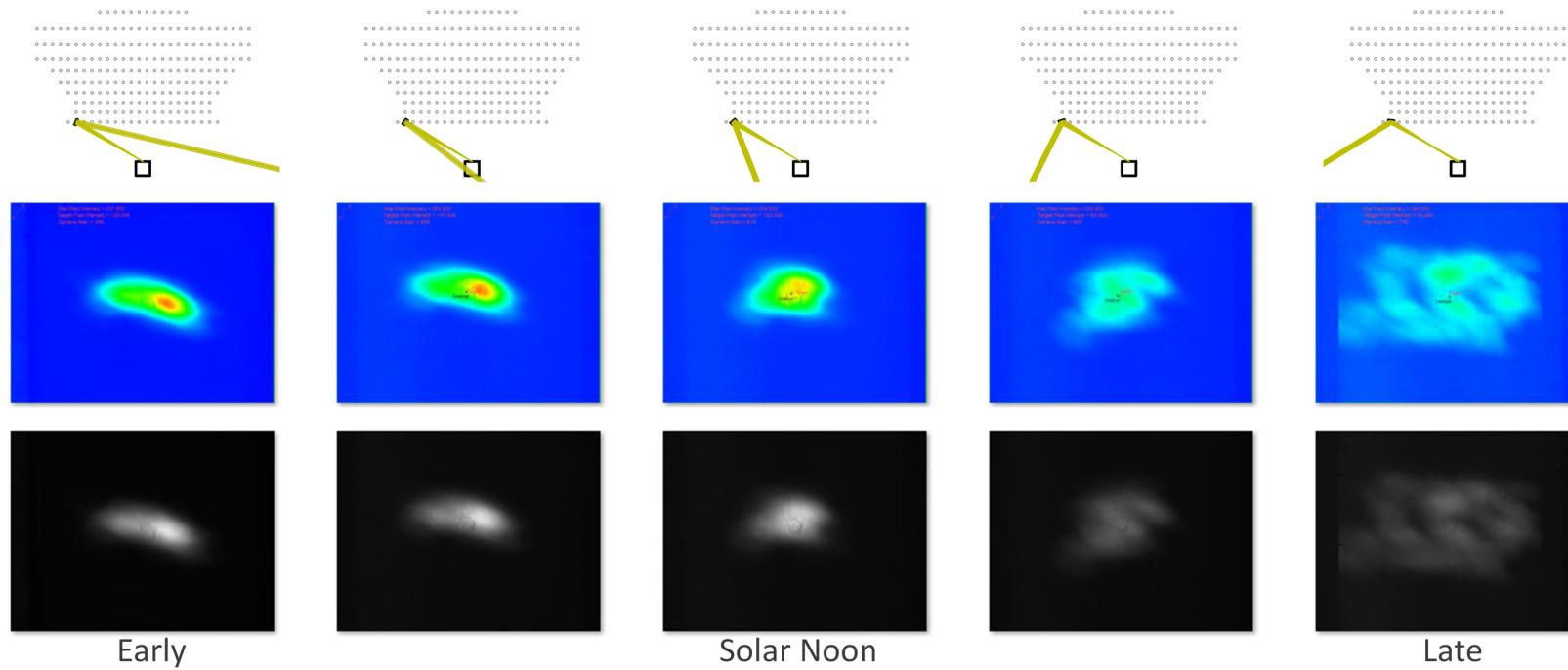
- Optical targets to support various metrology tests.
- Both manual and computer-generated examples.

Status: Operational.



OpenCSP Data

BCS Data: Beam Shape Variation Across Time

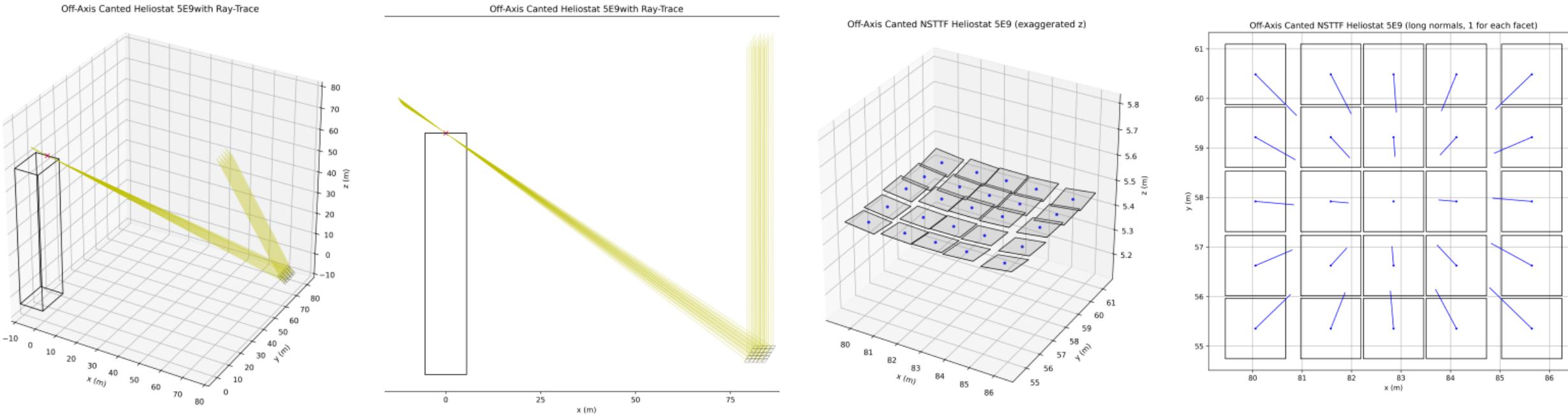


Description:

- Over 100,000 Beam Characterization System (BCS) images collected at the Sandia heliostat field.
- Captured from near-sunrise to near-sunset.
- Multiple days spanning the solar year.
- Images show stark variation in beam shape that can occur as sun incidence angle changes.

Status: Posted and documented.

Sandia Heliostat Canting Prescriptions



Description:

- Sandia heliostats have 25 facets each.
- To maximize solar flux during tests, set to *off-axis* canting prescription.
- Different from simpler *on-axis* canting prescription often assumed.

Status:

- Data for 9 key heliostats posted.
- Remaining field, and on-axis prescriptions for comparison anticipated soon.



OpenCSP Documents



OpenCSP Documents

Current:

- [OpenCSP Getting Started Guide](#)
- [OpenCSP Contributor's Guide](#)
- [OpenCSP Code Documentation](#)
- [OpenCSP Base Classes and Ray Tracing](#)
- [OpenCSP Portfolio](#)
- [SOFAST 2.0 User Guide and Technical Description](#)
- [OpenCSP Deflectometry Technical Description](#)
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- [OpenCSP Camera Calibration](#)
- [SOFAST CAD Layout Tool Overview and User Guide](#)
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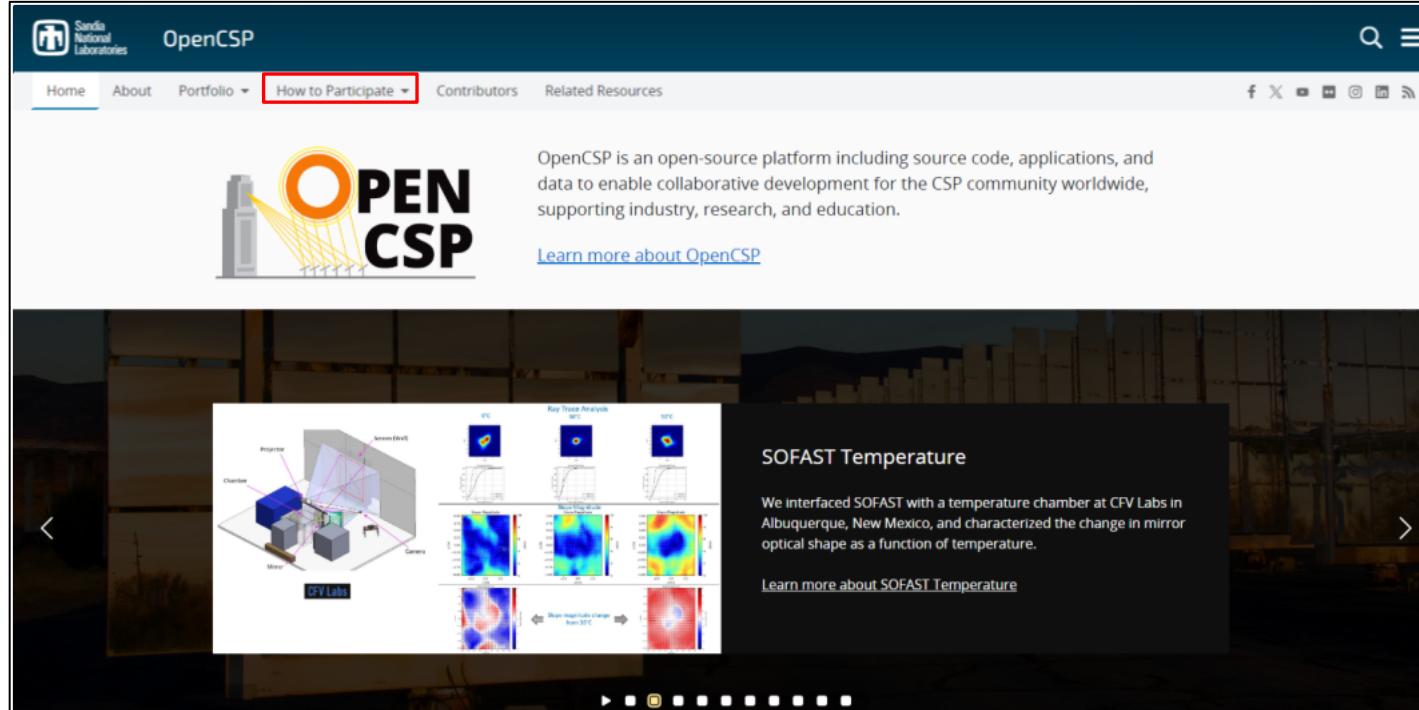
By Date:

- [Optical Effects of Temperature Change for Heliostat Mirrors](#)
- [High-Speed UAV Assessment of Heliostat Fields](#)
- [Interactive CAD Layout of Reflection-Based Mirror Metrology Systems](#)
- [Distortion Effects in CSP Mirror Reflections](#)
- [Challenges and Solutions in Heliostat Optical Metrology](#)
- [Interactive Heliostat 2-d Ray Trace Tool](#)
- [Equinox Data Set Analysis](#)
- [Dual-Image Color Normalization to Enable High-Performance Concentrating Solar Optical Metrology](#)
- [Revisiting the BCS, a Measurement System for Characterizing the Optics of Solar Collectors](#)



How to Access OpenCSP

OpenCSP Website: <https://opencsp.sandia.gov>



See:

[How to Participate → Access OpenCSP](#)
[How to Participate → Contribute OpenCSP](#)

- **Code:**
<https://github.com/sandialabs/OpenCSP>
Documentation: <https://opencsp.readthedocs.io/en/main/index.html>
Class Overview: https://github.com/sandialabs/OpenCSP/blob/main/doc/source/example/csp/base_classes_and_ray_trace.ipynb
- **Non-Code (OpenCSP Mechanical, Tools, Data, Documents):**
<https://sandia-csp.app.box.com/s/iftmhdkhgjnmfgefsfmkid011dtv8n3g>

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Conclusion

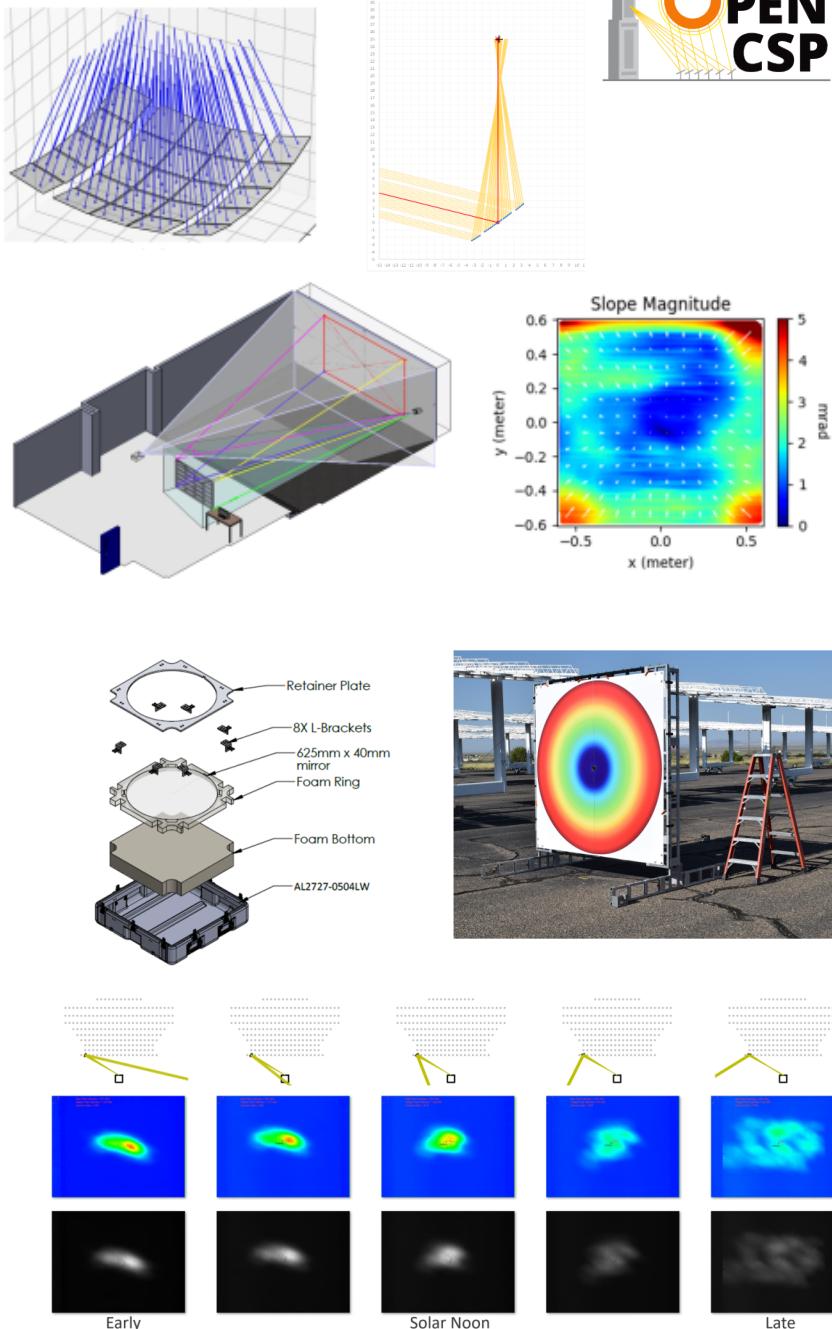
OpenCSP is:

- An effective team code development environment.
- A rich set of CSP code building blocks.
- Ready-to-run apps, including SOFAST 2.0 deflectometry.
- SOFAST CAD layout tool, plus metrology component models.
- Research data: BCS data, heliostat prescriptions, flight data.*
- A work in progress – rough drafts to polished products.

To access or contribute: <https://opencsp.sandia.gov>

We hope you will find it useful, and we hope you will join us!

This is just the beginning...



* Flight data is pending upload.



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UFACET Flight Data

UFACET Flight Plan

Waypoint	x (m)	y (m)	z (m)	z_AHL (m)	longitude (deg)	latitude (deg)	heading (deg)	gimbal pitch (deg)
1	-94.657	34.061	11.837	10	-106.5106455	34.96258255	345.42335	70.5
2	-126.138	155.122	11.755	10	-106.5109912	34.9636721	345.42335	70.5
3	-119.485	174.267	11.997	10	-106.5109182	34.9638444	347.0548	70.5
4	-87.209	33.853	11.999	10	-106.5105637	34.96258068	347.0548	70.5
5	-78.886	33.828	12.181	10	-106.5104723	34.96258046	347.805854	70.5
6	-109.231	174.25	12.222	10	-106.5108056	34.96384425	347.805854	70.5
7	-98.957	174.33	12.448	10	-106.5106927	34.96384497	348.618071	70.5
8	-70.647	33.701	12.362	10	-106.5103818	34.96257931	348.618071	70.5
9	-62.552	33.662	12.539	10	-106.5102929	34.96257896	349.499281	70.5
10	-88.621	174.306	12.674	10	-106.5105792	34.96384476	349.499281	70.5
11	-78.243	174.276	12.902	10	-106.5104653	34.96384448	350.449611	70.5
12	-54.562	33.526	12.713	10	-106.5102052	34.96257773	350.449611	70.5
13	-46.752	33.484	12.884	10	-106.5101194	34.96257735	351.494226	70.5
14	-67.818	174.337	13.131	10	-106.5103508	34.96384503	351.494226	70.5
15	-57.328	174.287	13.36	10	-106.5102356	34.96384458	352.624427	70.5
16	-39.097	33.448	13.052	10	-106.5100354	34.96257703	352.624427	70.5
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(See “UFACET Flight Planner” slide.)

Description:

The UFACET system is designed to fly a scanning passes over a heliostat field, to obtain a video of heliostats with the backs of preceding heliostats seen in reflection, sweeping across. OpenCSP_Code contains related code implementations, and OpenCSP_Data contains related data, including flight plans, captured videos, flight logs, and other data.

Status: Code in rough prototype state. Data in review for posting.

UFACET Flight Video



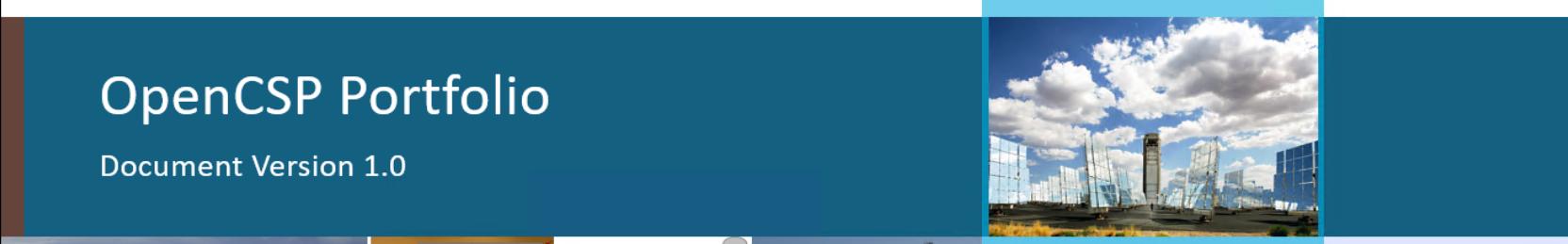
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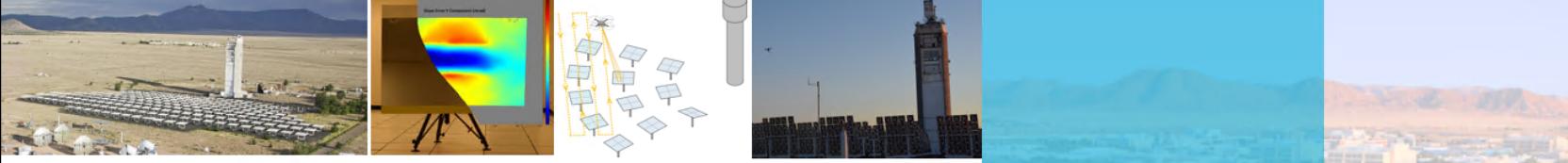
OpenCSP Portfolio











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Description:

Catalog of OpenCSP items, and pointers to where to find them in OpenCSP.
Designed to support browsing.

Status: Posted.

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Sandia NSTTF Technical Information



NSTTF Technical Information for OpenCSP



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Description:

Information useful for working with OpenCSP data and collaborating with the Sandia. Basic information about the site, tower, heliostats, heliostat field, and more.

Status: Posted.