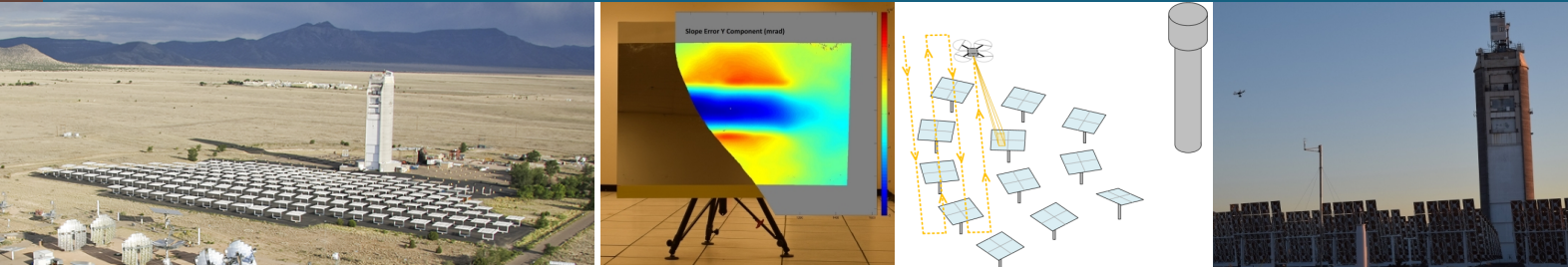




# OpenCSP: Collaborative Code and Data for CSP



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# Why OpenCSP?

From the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change:<sup>1</sup>

**"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.

<sup>1</sup> 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
- pvlb





# 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.

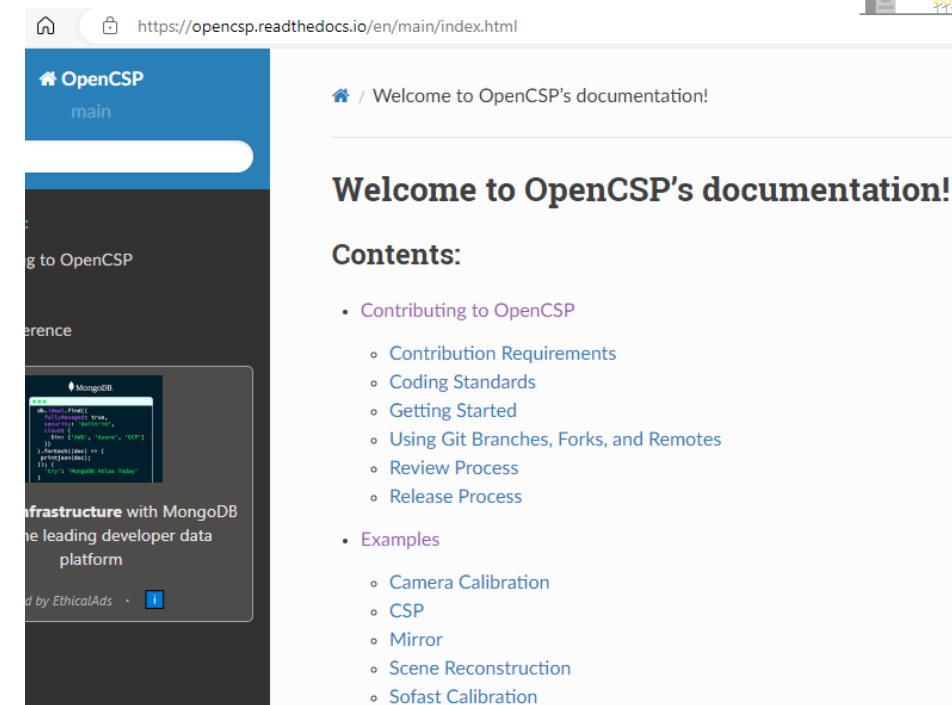
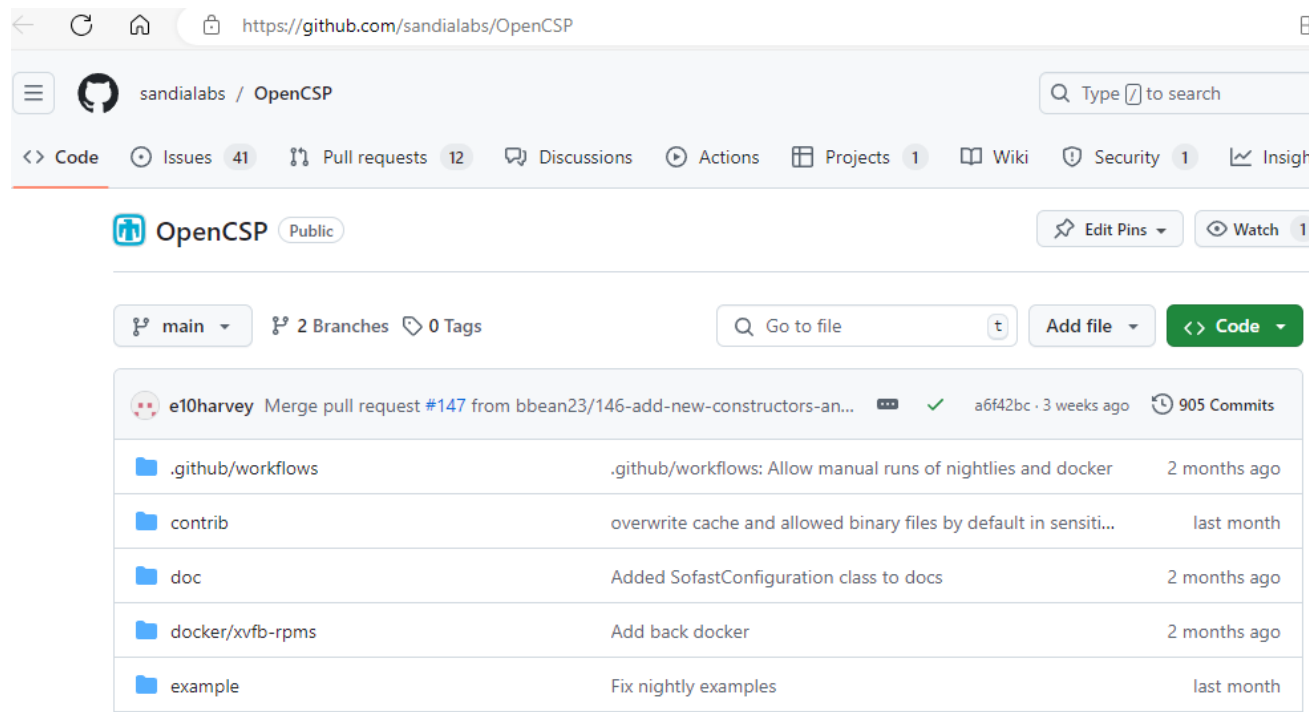
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# Example OpenCSP Content

# OpenCSP Code



# Collaborative Code Development Environment



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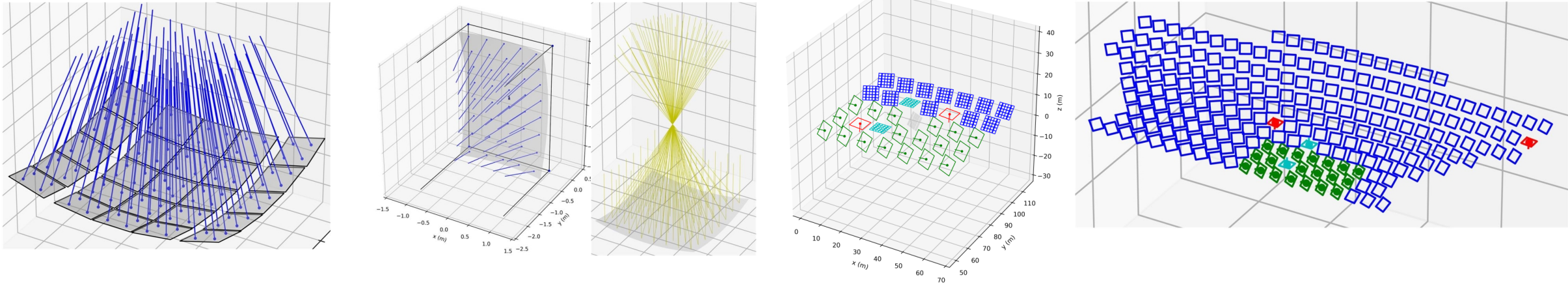
The OpenCSP code development environment supports team development of high quality code across institutions.

- 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  $\rightarrow$  Facet  $\rightarrow$  FacetEnsemble  $\rightarrow$  Heliostat  $\rightarrow$  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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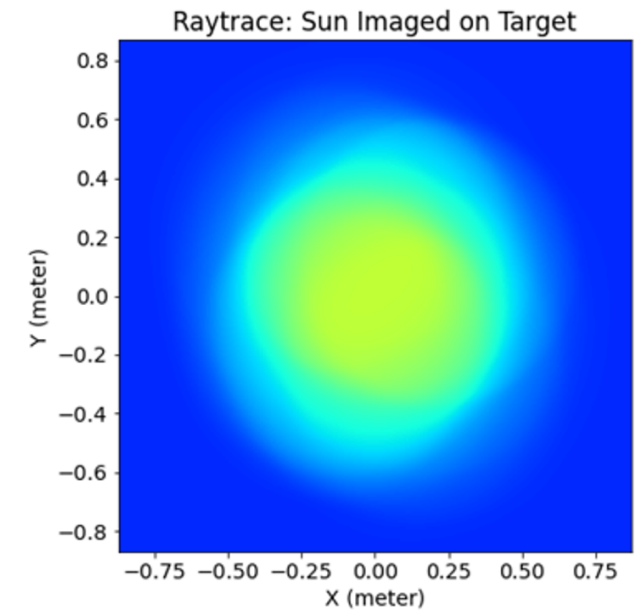
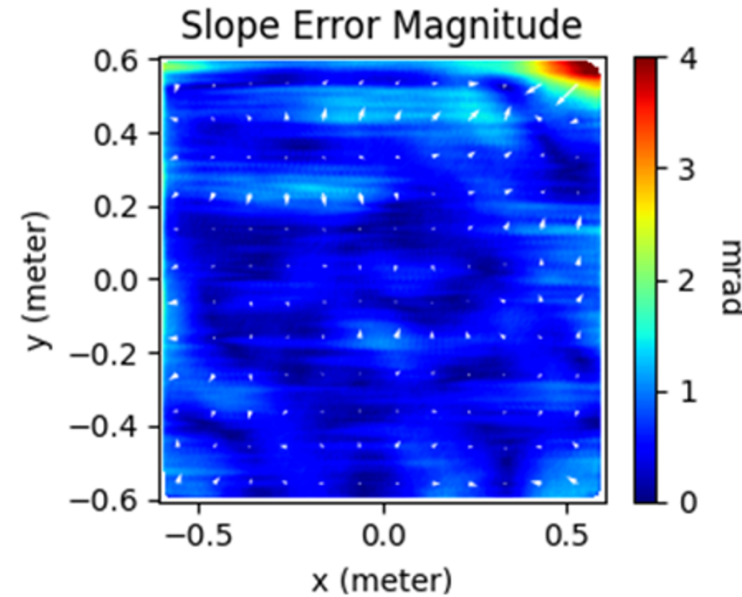
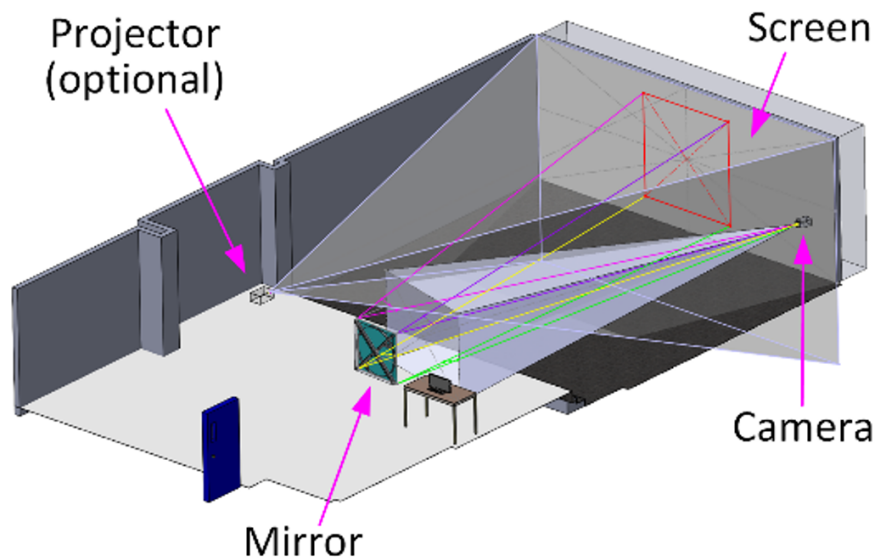
Generalized analysis of a beam of light on an optical target.

## 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.

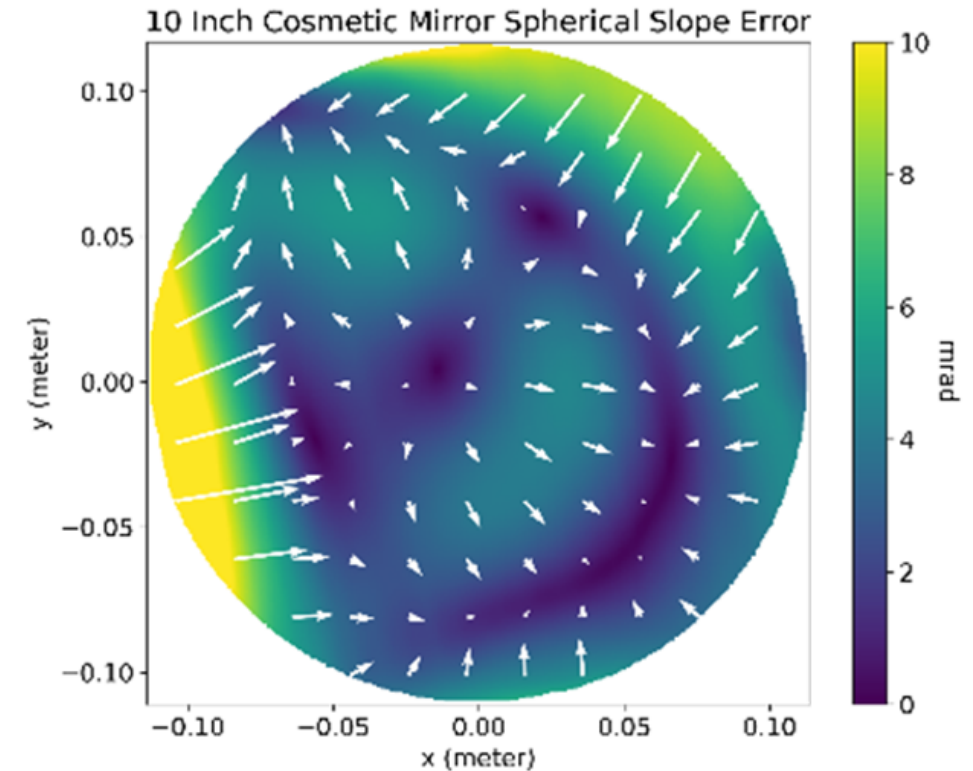
See posters:

- SOFAST 2.0
- Hybrid Deflectometry

Status: Operational.



# Laptop SOFAST



## Description:

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

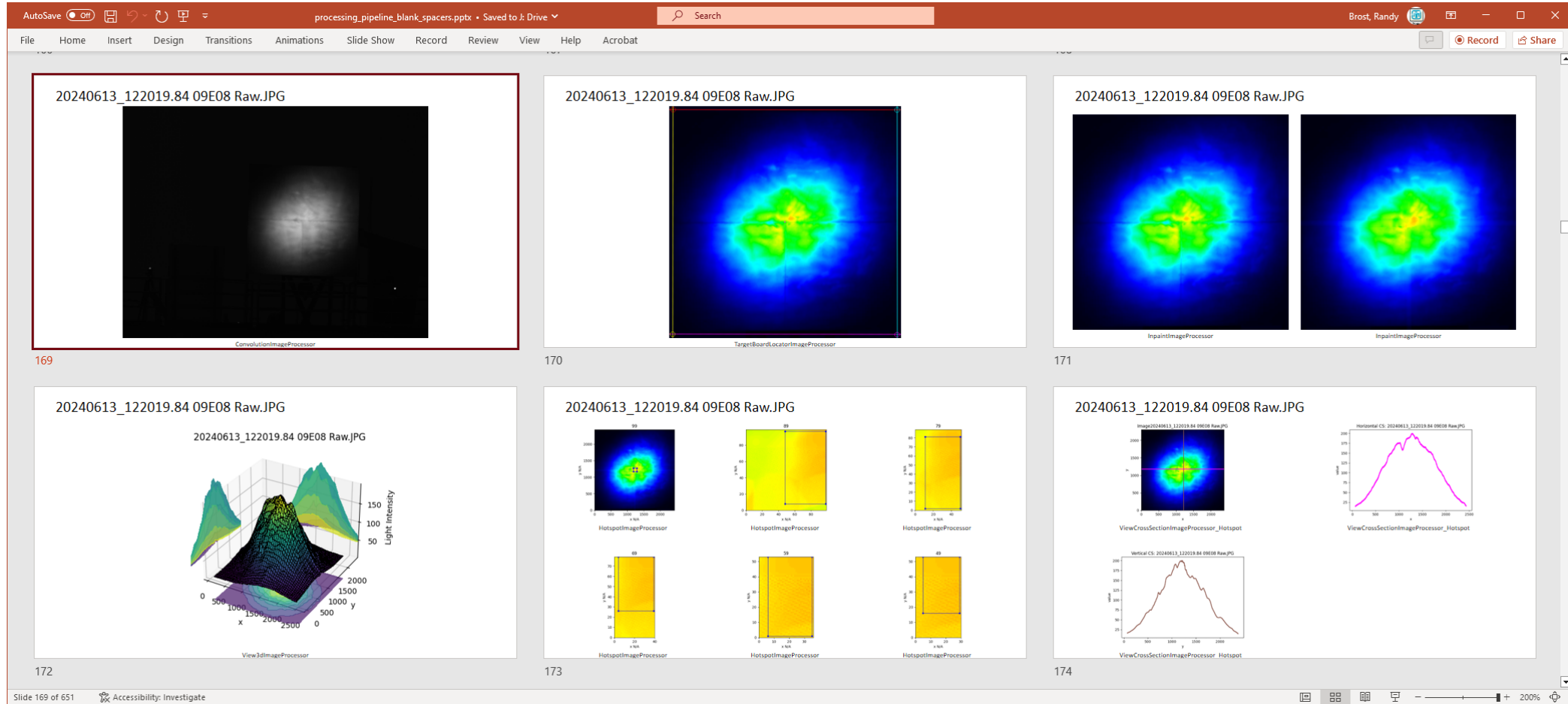
Readily accessible, great for CSP education.

Status: Operational, but not documented.

See posters:

- SOFAST 2.0
- Hybrid Deflectometry

# PowerPoint Slide Generation



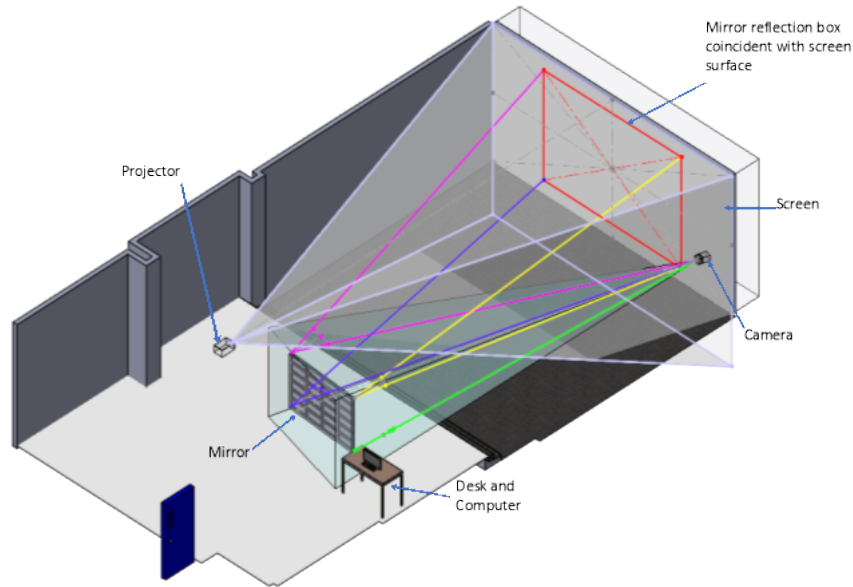
## Description:

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

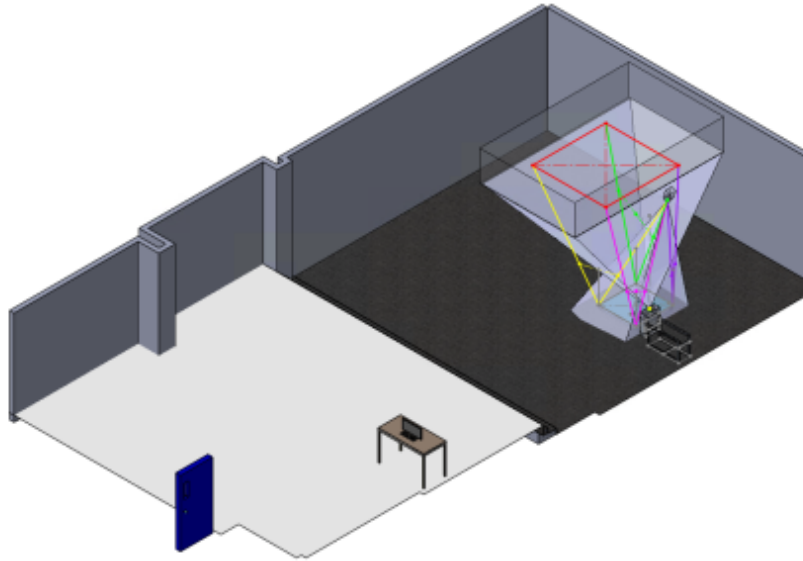
Status: Operational.

# OpenCSP Mechanical

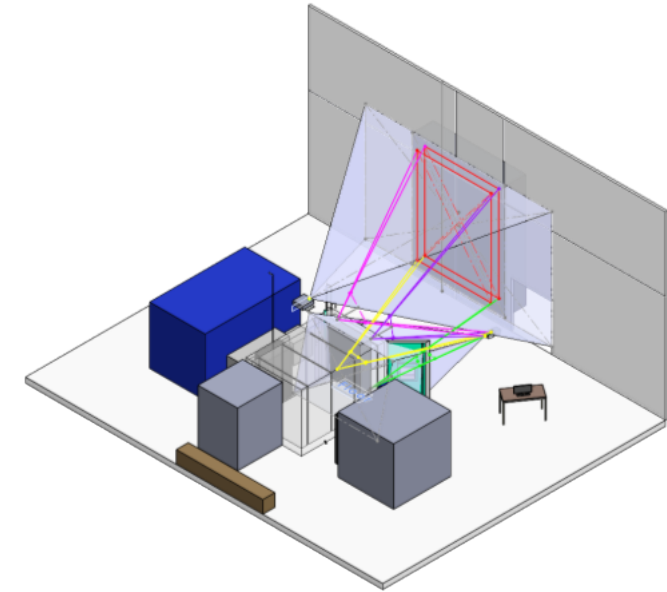
# SOFAST CAD Layout Tool



Landscape



FaceUp



CFV Labs

## Description:

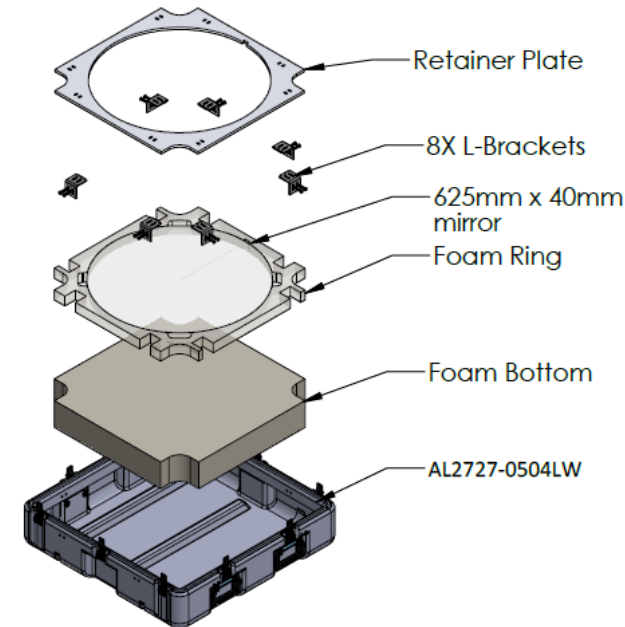
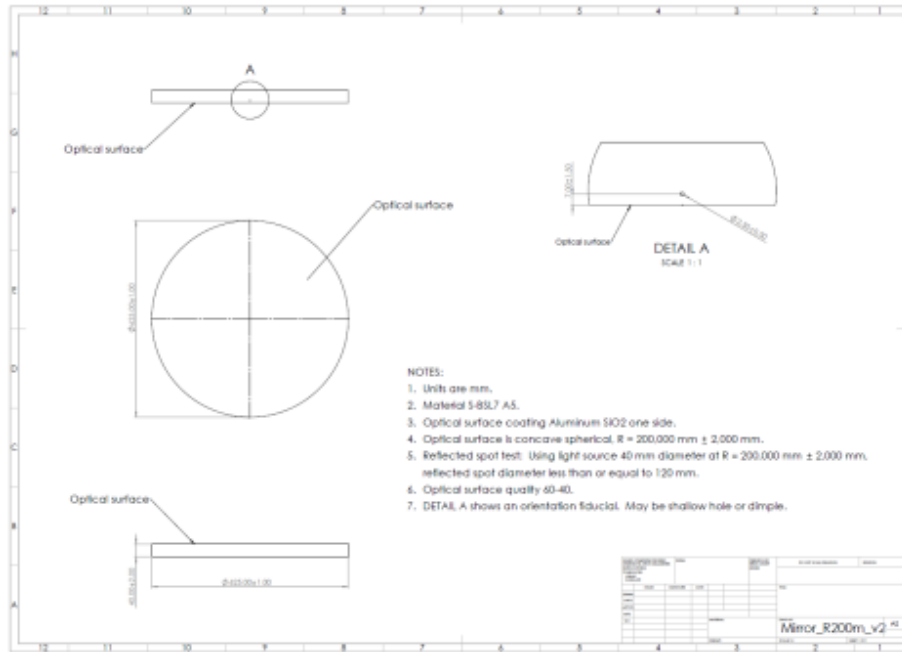
An interactive SolidWorks tool for designing a SOFAST layout.

- 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.

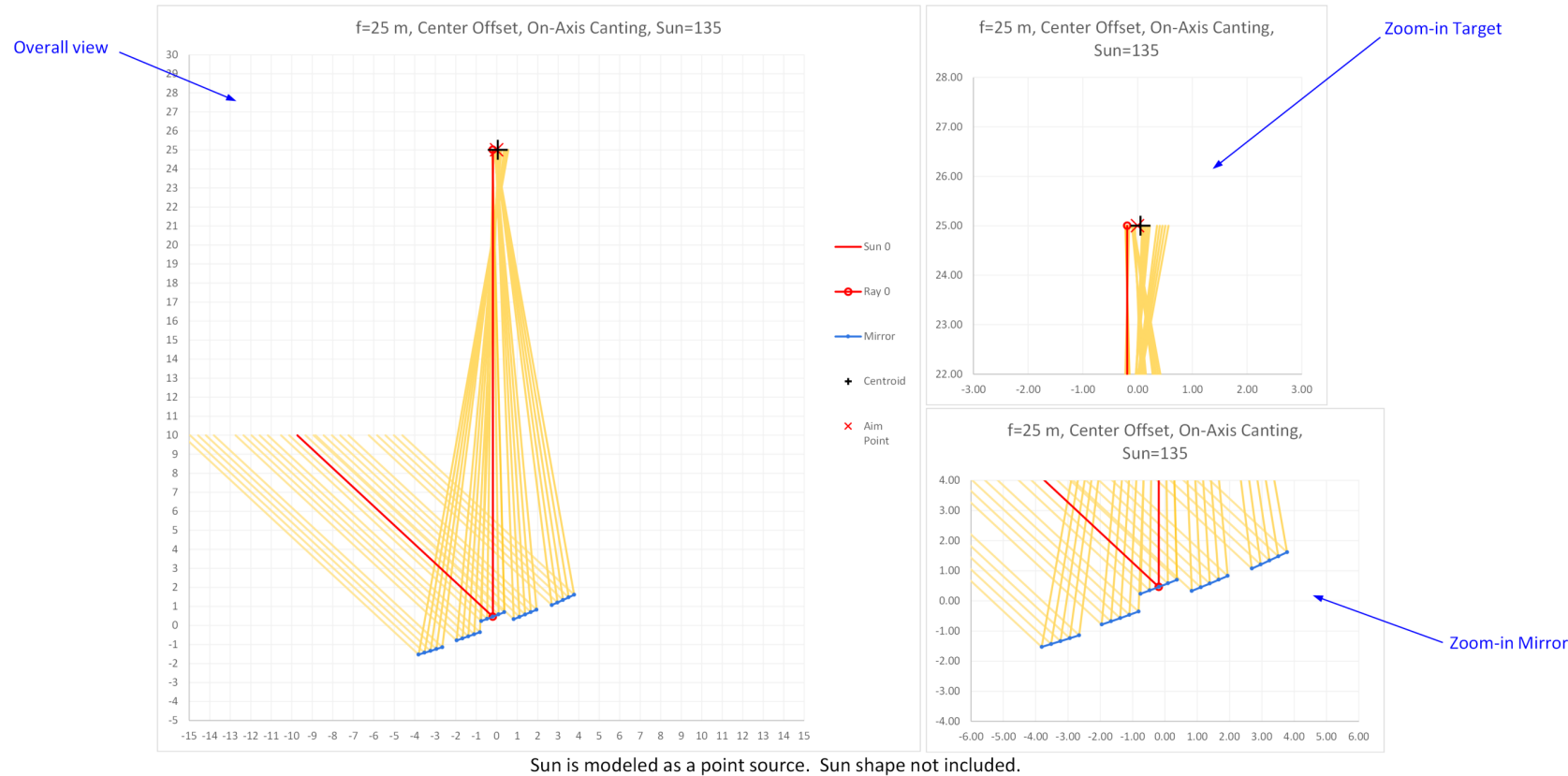
- High dimensional stability.
- Manufactured using optical imaging methods.
- Very high accuracy (evaluation still in progress).
- Custom-designed case for both transport and use.
- Complete design and vendor information.

Status: Operational.



# OpenCSP Tools

# Interactive 2-d Ray Trace



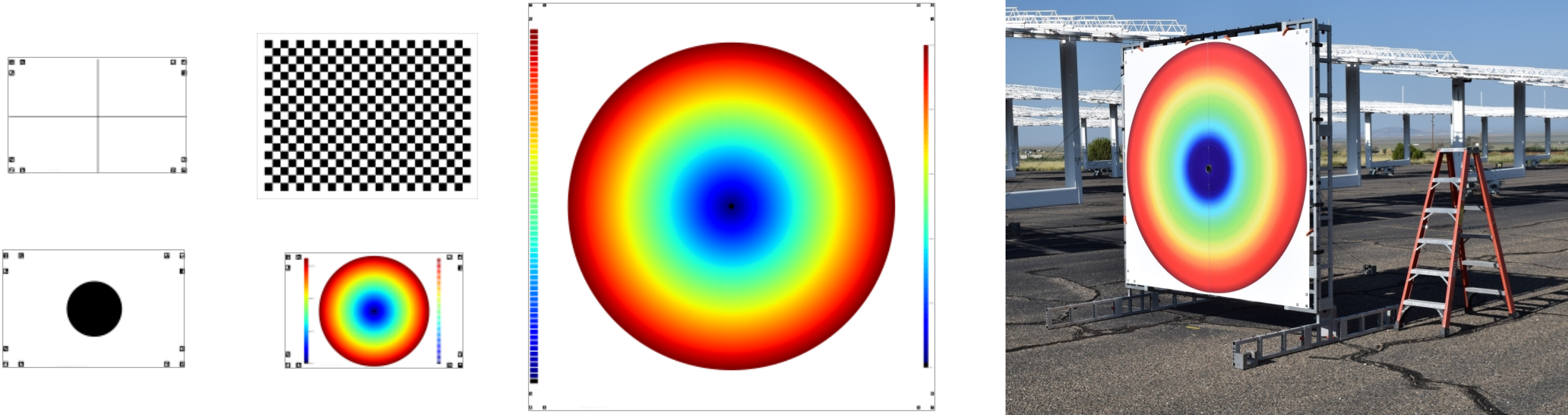
## Description:

- 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



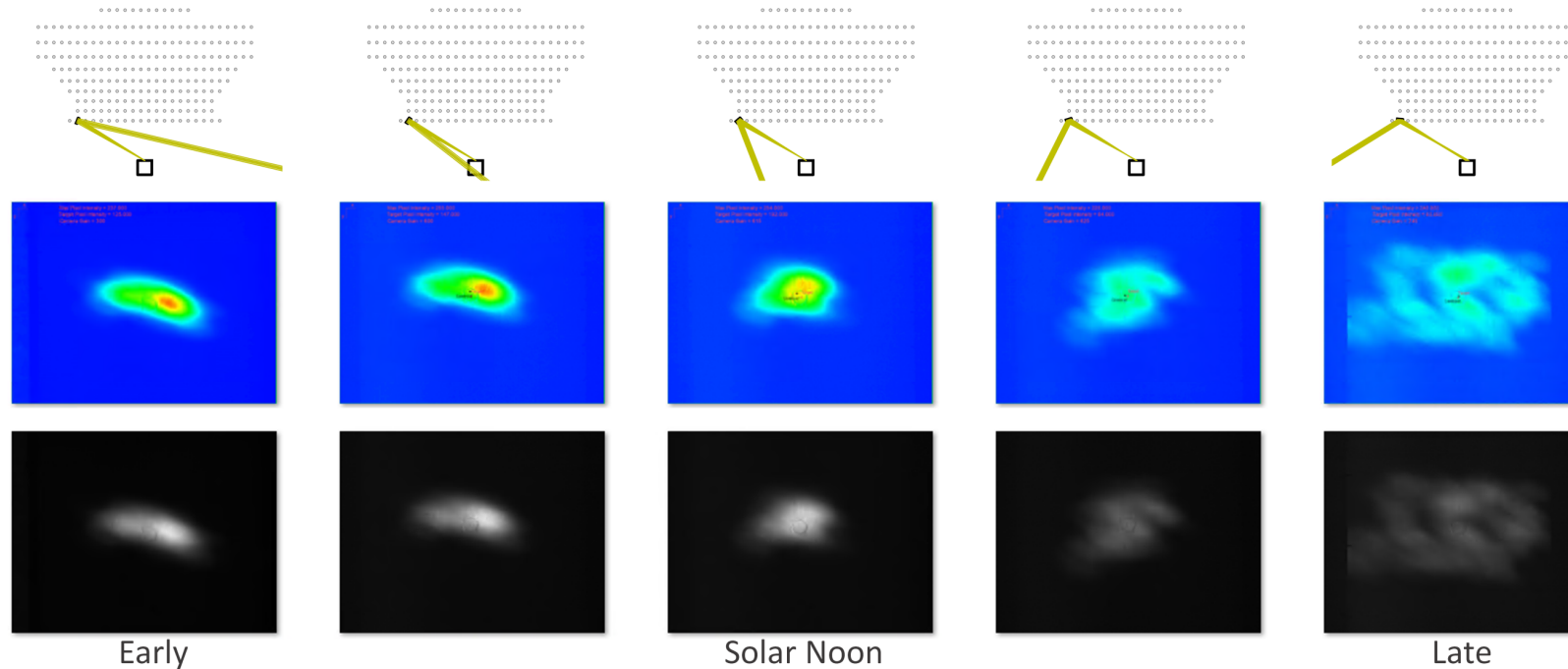
## Description:

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

Status: Operational.

# OpenCSP Data

# BCS Data: Beam Shape Variation Across Time



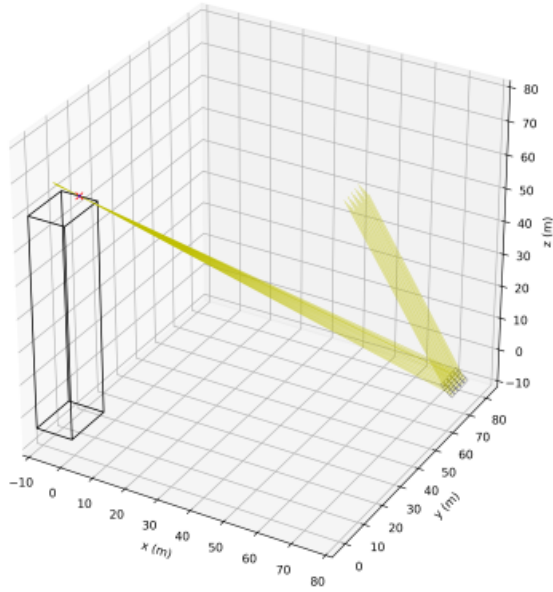
## Description:

- 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.

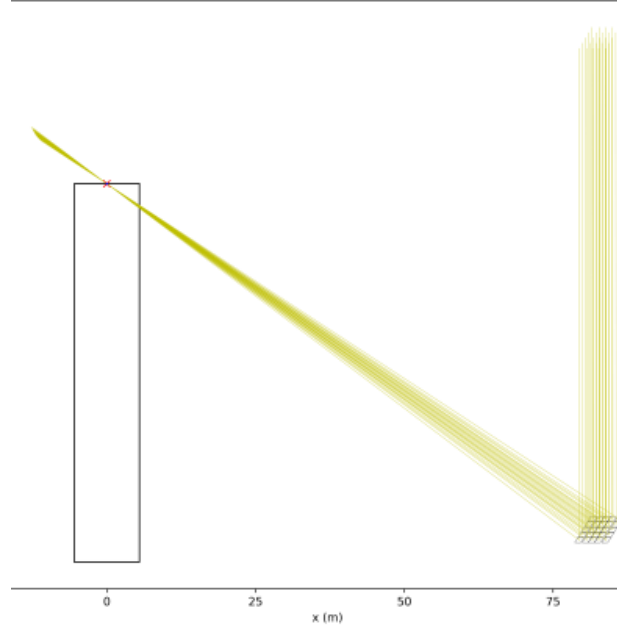
Status: Posted and documented.

# Sandia Heliostat Canting Prescriptions

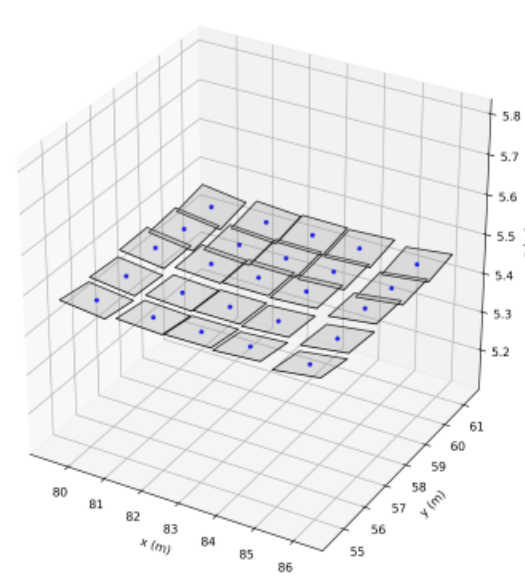
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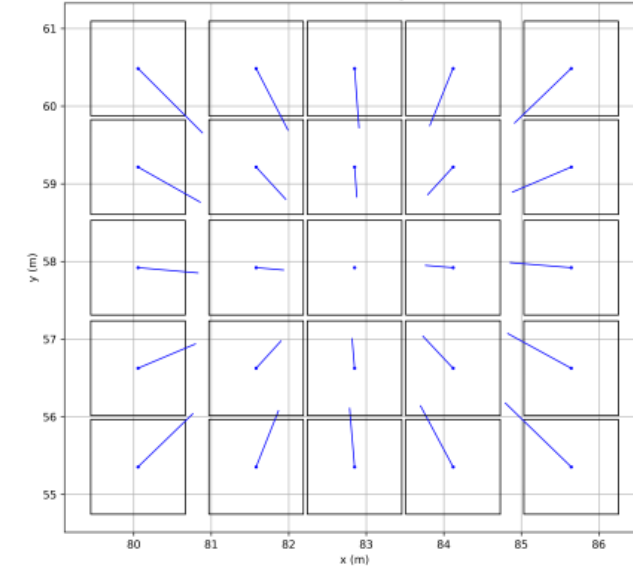
Off-Axis Canted Heliostat 5E9with Ray-Trace



Off-Axis Canted NSTTF Heliostat 5E9 (exaggerated z)



Off-Axis Canted NSTTF Heliostat 5E9 (long normals, 1 for each facet)



## 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](#)
- [SOFAS 2.0 User Guide and Technical Description](#)
- [OpenCSP Deflectometry Technical Description](#)
- [Scene Reconstruction User Guide](#)
- [OpenCSP Camera Calibration](#)
- [SOFAS CAD Layout Tool Overview and User Guide](#)
- [NSTTF Technical Information for OpenCSP](#)

## ByDate:

- [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](#)



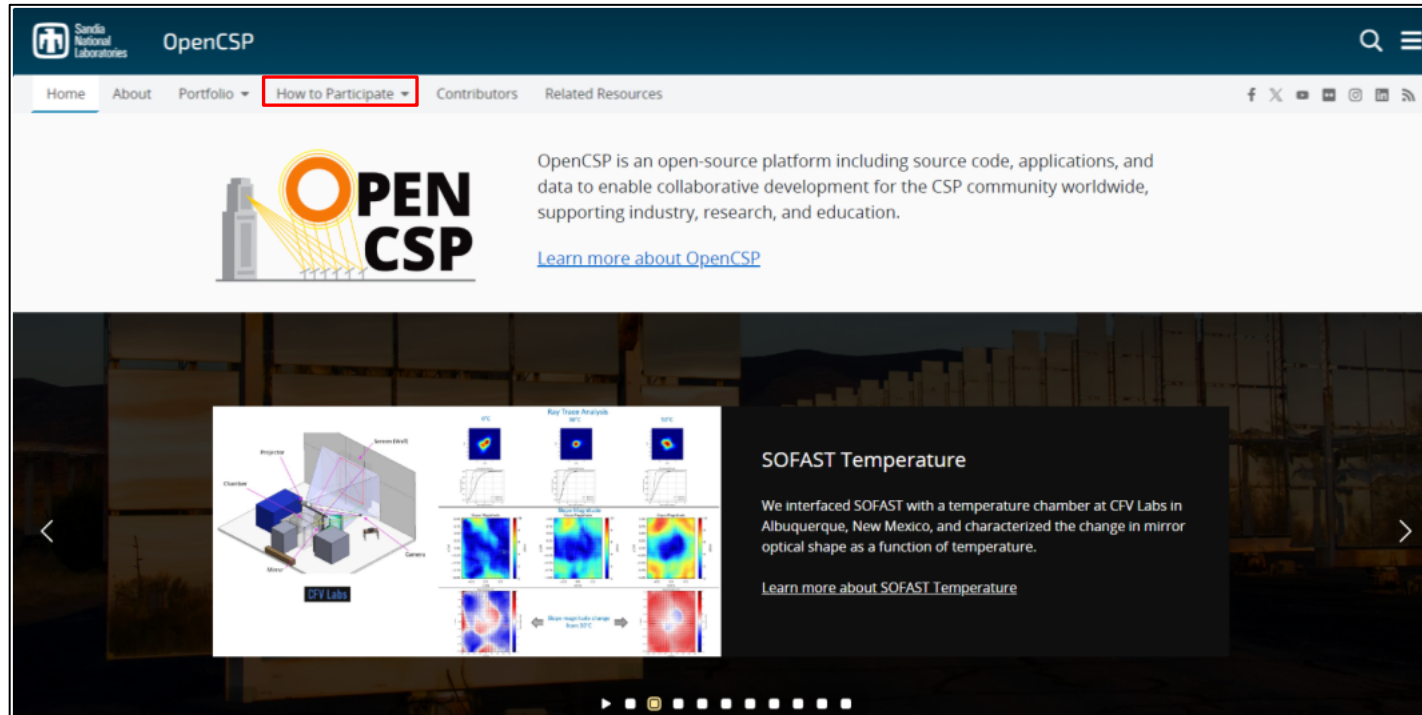
# How to Access OpenCSP

**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](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/iftmhdkhgjnfmfgefsfmkid011dtv8n3g>



# Thanks

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We thank those who helped improve OpenCSP!



# Conclusion

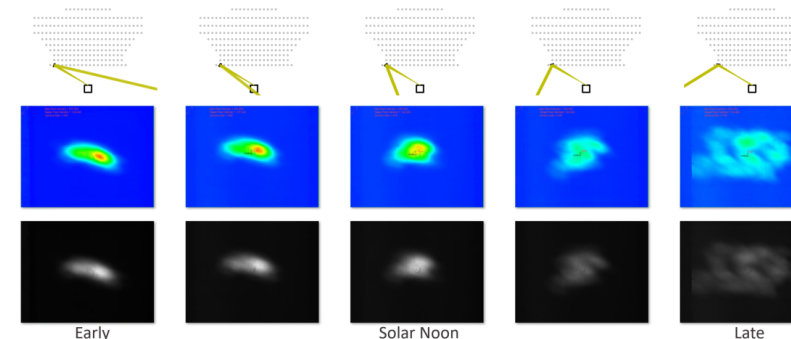
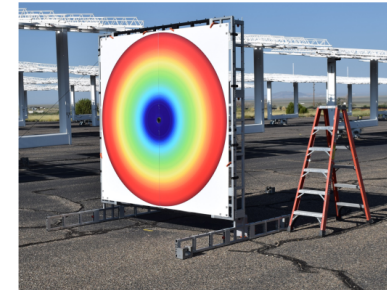
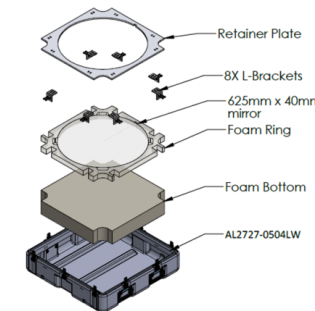
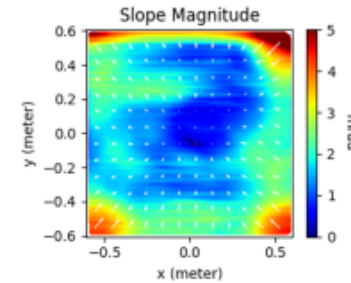
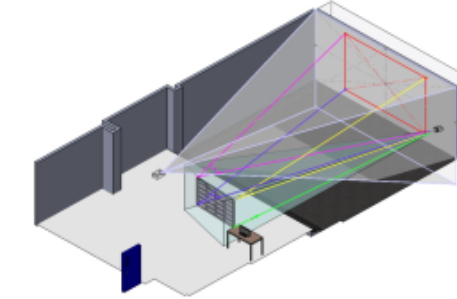
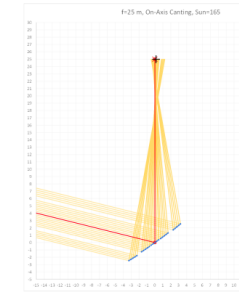
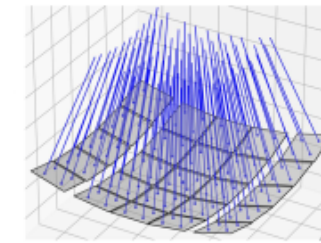
## OpenCSP is:

- 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.

# BACKUP SLIDES

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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
17	-31.602	33.329	13.216	10	-106.5099531	34.96257596	353.852737	70.5

⋮

(See “UFACET Flight Planner” slide.)

## UFACET Flight Video



[Click on picture to play video.](#)

### 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.



# 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.

# Sandia NSTTF Technical Information



		The Sandia National Laboratories logo, consisting of a stylized "S" icon and the text "Sandia National Laboratories".	
<h2>NSTTF Technical Information for OpenCSP</h2>		A photograph showing a large field of heliostats (mirrors) under a blue sky with white clouds.	
A photograph of the central tower of the solar power plant, surrounded by a field of heliostats.	A thermal map or heatmap showing a color gradient from blue to red, likely representing temperature distribution.	A schematic diagram showing the arrangement of heliostats and their reflection paths towards a central receiver.	Another photograph of the central tower, showing its structure and the surrounding heliostat field.
<p>Randy C. Brost</p> <hr/> <p>September 27, 2023</p>		An aerial photograph of the entire solar power plant facility, showing the tower, heliostat field, and surrounding landscape.	
1		Logos for the U.S. Department of Energy and NASA. <p><small>Sandia National Laboratories is a multimission laboratory managed and operated by National Technology &amp; Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Honeywell International Inc., for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration under contract DE-NA0003525.</small></p> <p>SAND2023-11303PE</p>	

## 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.