

Illumination Optics IV

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Trial-1 [Source Size Y_1=70]



Trial-1 [Target_W=150] [Target_H=10] [TargetMin=1]



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Background

Task: derive the shape to direct light from a given source to a desired target distribution





Freeform Design Algorithm

- In this talk, Freeform surfaces are computed assuming a point source
 - Robust and Fast
 - Refractive and Reflective
 - Illuminance and Intensity targets



Non-uniform Target

High Aspect Ratio Target



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Freeform design tradeoffs

- Freeform illumination optics couple light from a source to a target using freeform surfaces. The designer has to balance performance criteria like collection efficiency and achieving an ideal target distribution with the way that the freeform surface(s) must change.
- Although the increasing power of freeform illumination design tools allows freeform surface to be computed automatically, the designer must still contend with how freeform surfaces change to achieve the desired performance.
- This paper examines some of the common tradeoffs with special emphasis on how the shape of the freeform surfaces changes.



Reflector: Vary Distance to Target

- Reflector becomes flatter as distance to target increases
 - -More like parabola
- Reflector can block reflected light with close targets





Trial-1 [Target Z=-100]



+/-60° collection

Clarification Slide: Grid lines on optical surface



- Grid lines on optical surface match correspond to target grid lines.
 - To avoid complexity, the target always uses equi-spaced grid lines in this talk.



Reflector: Vary Target Size

- Reflector becomes flatter as target size decreases
- Reflector can block reflected light
 with large targets



Trial-1 [TargetSize_1=100]

Trial-1 [TargetSize_1=100]

50.00 25.00

-25.00

TargetGrid

Reflector: Vary Source Collection Angle

- Reflector diameter decreases as collection angle decreases
- Reflector looks similar to a rotationally symmetric reflector.







Reflector: Vary Source Intensity

- Intensity=Cos^N(φ)
 Cos⁴(60)~0.06
- Small reflector shape change as source intensity becomes more peaked.
 - -But, grid line spacing changes







Reflector: Vary Target Aspect Ratio

- High aspect target results in 'Football/Rugby' shape.
- High aspect increases odds of rays hitting reflector twice.





Trial-1 [Target_W=50] [Target_H=10] [TargetMin=1]

Off-Axis Reflector: Vary Target Aspect Ratio

 High aspect target results in 'Football' shape; albeit, one end.





Reflector: Multiple Facets

- Multiple reflector segments.
 - Each providing same distribution.
- Allows light distribution to 'clear' the source!



Reflector: Vary Target 'Y'

• Shifting target decenter can result in 'football' shape

Trial-1 [TargetMin=1] [SrcHalfAng=15] [Target Y=5] TargetGrid





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Trial-1 [TargetMin=1] [SrcHalfAng=15] [Target Y=5]



Trial-1 [TargetMin=1]

Reflector: Vary Contrast Ratio

• Overall shape of reflector does not vary much for targets where FWHM of remains similar.



Trial-1 [TargetMin=1]



Magic mirrors





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Lens: Vary Contrast Ratio

- FWHM changes by small amount
 - Lens shape changes accordingly
 - Significant changes to grid mapping



15X15 Target



Trial-1 [Target Min Value=1]



Lens: Vary Collection Angle, 1:1 Target

• Lens changes from concave to convex as collection efficiency increases

Trial-1 [Source Size Y_1=70]





Lens: Two Surfaces to Increase Collection

• Adding a second lens surface allows increase in collection efficiency, but also impacts shape of the other surface.



Trial-1 [Target Y=0] [Virtual Source Z=0]





Lens: Vary Collection Angle, 3:1 Target



Lens: Vary Target Width with 3:1 Target

• Varying FWHM of the target distribution can push 3:1 aspect ratio target to look more like a 2:1 aspect ratio target.





Lens: Vary Target 'Y' Decenter

- Decentering the target results in more asymmetric design
- One side of the lens has high Fresnel losses.
 - Approaching TIR condition





Lens: Vary Target 'Y' Decenter + Source Tilt

- Rotating the source so it is aimed toward center of target can avoid 'using up' the lens bending power.
 - Reduce Fresnel Loss issues





Summary

- Macroscopic Freeform Shape/Size changes significantly when
 - Range of source collection angles change
 - Target location/size changes
- The target distribution often has 2nd order impact on the Freeform Shape/Size
 - Difference often small unless target FWHM changes significantly.
- Reflective Freeform designs are limited by
 - Avoiding light passing back through the source
 - Design specifications result in a 'Football/Rugby' shape.
 - -Rays hitting reflector twice
- Refractive Freeform designs are limited by
 - Bending power of a refractive surface
 - Often forces use of 2 surfaces and/or aiming source toward target center

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– Design specifications often result in a 'Peanut' shape.