

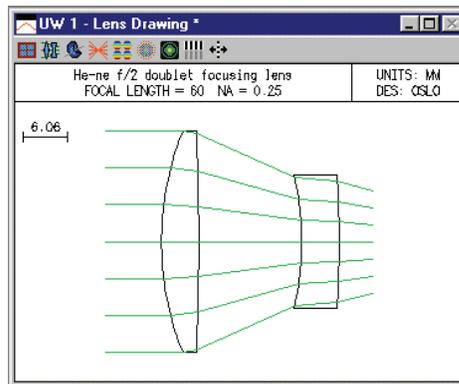
Tolerancing

User-defined tolerancing

User-defined tolerancing is a term used in OSLO to describe the process of setting tolerances when optical performance is measured by a user-defined error function. This may be the same function used to design the system, or a different function intended to represent as-used performance. In user-defined tolerancing, compensators are adjusted using the design optimization routines. This is slower than MTF/wavefront tolerancing by a wide margin, but it provides great flexibility. There are two levels of user-defined tolerancing in OSLO, depending on whether the tolerance operands are implemented as CCL or built-in operands. Of course, built-in operands provide increased speed.

Using CCL tolerance operands

As an example of the use of CCL operands, we consider tolerancing the air-spaced doublet (lasrdbl1.len) supplied in the demo/lt directory. The air space in this design can be expected to be critical, since it controls the ray height on the overcorrecting surface. To get an idea of the tolerance on thickness 2, you can use the User-defined tolerance routine in OSLO.

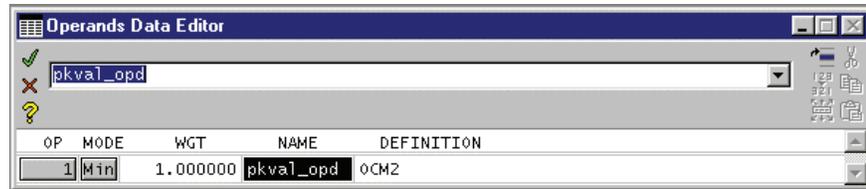


To run a tolerance analysis on a lens, use a copy of the lens, not the original file. OSLO uses the same data structure for optimization and tolerancing, so tolerancing data will overwrite optimization data. After you have opened a separate copy of the lens, you should follow the steps below.

- 1) Remove any variables, then make the thickness of the image surface a variable, which will be used as a compensator during tolerancing.
- 2) Click Tolerance>>Update Tolerance Data>>Surface to open the tolerance data spreadsheet. The only tolerance of present interest is the second thickness. The ISO 10110 default value for this thickness is 0.2 mm, which is much too loose for the present system. As a general rule, it is best to start with tolerances that are too small and then increase them as you become familiar with their effect on performance. Change the tolerance to 0.05 mm, and close the spreadsheet.
- 3) Enter the star command *opsettol. The star command will set up the proper callback function, and the operands spreadsheet will open. The various options for tolerance operands, labeled Ocmx, will be shown in the text output window, to help you in choosing the desired one for your application.

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*opsettol (operand numbers in parentheses)
GEO_RMS_R(1) PKVAL_OPD(2) RMS_OPD(3) STREHL(4)
0.000692 0.033080 0.011037 0.995416
```

- 4) In the spreadsheet, enter **ocm2** for the tolerance operand, and enter the name **pkval_opd** to provide a mnemonic description of the operand.



- 5) Now, to compute the effect of a .05 mm tolerance on the peak-to-valley opd, click Tolerance>>User-Defined Tolerancing. Choose *Sensitivity* from the dialog box, and select Air space from the options list, then click OK.

What happens is that OSLO computes the present value of the tolerance error function with the nominal system, then changes the tolerance of the second thickness by 0.05, and re-optimizes the system to restore the original error function value (n.b. it does not minimize the function). Both positive and negative perturbations are evaluated. After a short time, the text window should contain an analysis similar to the following.

```
*TOLERANCE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS
ERROR FUNCTION FOR NOMINAL SYSTEM:    0.033080

AIR SPACE TOLERANCE
SRF  TOLERANCE  ERROR FUNCTION CHANGE  COMPENSATED CHANGE
      0.05      PLUS PERT  MINUS PERT  PLUS PERT  MINUS PERT
2      0.05      6.953074   6.973735   0.259757   0.294596

STATISTICAL SUMMARY
                                UNCOMPENSATED  COMPENSATED
WORST CASE CHANGE                6.973735    0.294596
STANDARD DEVIATION
  RSS                            6.973735    0.294596
  UNIFORM                       4.026288    0.170085
  GAUSSIAN                       3.067138    0.129567

COMPENSATOR STATISTICS
COMP  MEAN      STD DEV  MAX      RSS
TH   5   0.000122  0.149552  0.149674  0.149674
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The analysis shows the effects of a .05 air space tolerance on the error function, which represents the peak-to-valley opd. The error function changes are shown for both positive and negative perturbations, and for both compensated (i.e. adjustment of the image distance) and uncompensated (fixed image distance) conditions. Then comes a statistical analysis of the probable effects of this tolerance specification on a large number of systems, assuming various probability distributions.

The above analysis shows the change for a given tolerance. You may instead be interested in the tolerance that can be allowed to produce a given change, say 0.15, which would bring the system to (approximately) the diffraction limit. Click Tolerance>>User-Defined Tolerancing again, but this time select *Inverse Sensitivity*. Select Air Space from the list, then enter 0.15 as the allowed change in the error function. The text window will then show that the allowed tolerance is about 7 microns if the focus is not adjusted, or 35 microns if the focus is used to compensate for a spacing error.

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*INVERSE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS
ERROR FUNCTION FOR NOMINAL SYSTEM:    0.033080
ALLOWED CHANGE IN ERROR FUNCTION:    0.150000

AIR SPACE TOLERANCE
                                ALLOWED TOLERANCE
SRF  UNCOMPENSATED  COMPENSATED
2    0.007301      0.035245
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The above analysis, while simple, shows the essential steps in tolerancing.

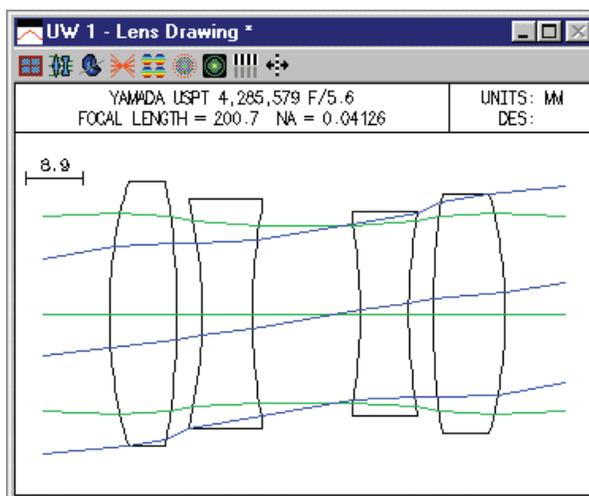
Using built-in operands

As an example of using built-in operands with the user-defined tolerancing routines, we will compute power (spherical) error tolerances for a four-element copy lens from the OSLO lens library. Open the lens “public\len\lib\toolbox\yama001.len.” Before saving the lens to a temporary file, move the thickness of the next to last surface to the image surface and then delete the surface, so that your results will correspond to the ones below. In tolerancing, particularly in user-defined tolerancing, you should not expect exact duplication of results. This is because tolerancing involves optimization routines that may be set up slightly differently, or use different parameters, from the ones use to make the example output.

- 1) Note the lens is designed for a magnification of -1 . As a first step in tolerancing (after saving the file under a new name), we will assign apertures to the elements so that there is no vignetting. Close the lens spreadsheet if it is open, then use Optimize>>Support Routines>>Vignetting>>Set Apertures, and accept the default values shown in the dialog box. The resulting lens is

```
*LENS DATA
YAMADA USPT 4,285,579 F/5.6
SRF      RADIUS      THICKNESS  APERTURE RADIUS      GLASS  SPE  NOTE
OBJ      --          406.280280  56.340000  AIR
AST      --          -36.854492  17.000000  AK    AIR
2        71.953519      10.404504   20.300000  LAKN13 C
3        -112.429158     3.825293    20.300000  AIR
4        -78.402563      7.660029    17.600000  LF5  C
5        84.822117      16.593731   15.600000  K    AIR
6        -80.540361      7.411215    13.900000  LF5  C
7        82.495107      3.759799    15.600000  AIR
8        121.677279    11.054088   18.400000  LAKN13 C
9        -70.206359     373.312870  18.400000  AIR
10       --          0.001155    57.000000  K    AIR
IMS      --          --          56.852074  S
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*PARAXIAL CONSTANTS
Effective focal length: 200.690160  Lateral magnification: -1.009090
Numerical aperture:    0.041257      Gaussian image height: 56.852145
working F-number:      12.119077      Petzval radius: -2.0564e+03
Lagrange invariant:    -2.347600
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- 2) For tolerance operands, we will use the field-averaged RMS spot size, computed in three wavelengths. Since this is a rotationally-symmetric lens and we are only perturbing the curvatures, we can use the OSLO error function generator with the default field and pupil sampling options. In the dialog box for the Optimize>>Generate Error Function>>OSLO Spot Size/Wavefront dialog box, accept all the defaults except for the

color correction method, which should be set to *Use All Wavelengths*. After generating the error function, you can compute the operands using the Ope button in the text output window, which should produce the following.

```
*OPERANDS
OP  MODE  WGT  NAME  VALUE  %CNTRB  DEFINITION
O 20  M  0.750000  Yrms1  0.015309  12.71  RMS
O 61  M  1.500000  Xrms2  0.012533  17.03  RMS
O 102 M  1.500000  Yrms2  0.017178  31.99  RMS
O 143 M  0.375000  Xrms3  0.012813  4.45  RMS
O 184 M  0.375000  Yrms3  0.035323  33.82  RMS
MIN RMS ERROR: 0.017534
```

- 3) We will assume that we are going to allow a focus adjustment in the final lens assembly, so next you should designate that the back focus (the thickness of surface 10) is a variable to be used as a compensator.

```
*VARIABLES
VB  SN  CF  TYP  MIN  MAX  DAMPING  INCR  VALUE
V 1  10  -  TH  --  --  1.000000  0.001693  0.001155
```

- 4) Now use Lens>>Show Tolerance data>>Surface to display the default (ISO110) tolerances for the lens in the text output window:

```
*SURFACE TOLERANCES
YAMADA USPT 4,285,579 F/5.6
      RADIUS  RD  TOL  FRINGES  THICKNESS  TH  TOL  GLASS  RN  TOL  DEGEN  TILT
SRF  CON  CNST  CC  TOL  PWR  IRR  TLC  TOL  DZ  TOL  V  TOL  Y/X  A/B
-----
1  --  --  --  --  --  --  -36.8545  0.4000  AIR  --  --  --  --  --
2  71.9535  --  10.00*  2.00*  10.4045  0.4000  LAKN13  0.0010  --  0.1667
   --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  0.8000  --  0.1667
3 -112.4292  --  10.00*  2.00*  3.8253  0.4000  AIR  --  --  0.1667
   --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  0.1667
4  -78.4026  --  10.00*  2.00*  7.6600  0.4000  LF5  0.0010  --  0.1667
   --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  0.8000  --  0.1667
5  84.8221  --  10.00*  2.00*  16.5937  0.4000  AIR  --  --  0.1667
   --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  0.1667
6  -80.5404  --  10.00  2.00  7.4112  0.2000  LF5  0.0010  --  0.3333
   --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  0.8000  --  0.3333
7  82.4951  --  10.00*  2.00*  3.7598  0.4000  AIR  --  --  0.1667
   --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  0.1667
8  121.6773  --  10.00*  2.00*  11.0541  0.4000  LAKN13  0.0010  --  0.1667
   --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  0.8000  --  0.1667
9  -70.2064  --  10.00*  2.00*373.3129  0.4000  AIR  --  --  0.1667
   --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  0.1667
10  --  --  --  --  0.0012  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --  --
FRINGE WAVELENGTH: 0.546070
Fringes measured over clear aperture of surface unless indicated.
* Fringes measured over 30 mm diameter test area, per ISO 10110.
Tilt tolerances are specified in degrees.
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Examination of the above listing reveals that the spherical error tolerance is 10 fringes, measured over a 30 mm diameter test area for each surface. For this example, we will use the default of 10 fringes, but specify that the error is to be measured over the entire area of each surface.

- 5) To do this, we open the tolerance data spreadsheet and enter “10” for the spherical form error for surfaces 2 through 9. You can enter the values one by one in the spreadsheet, but it is easier to close the spreadsheet and use the Tolerance>>Update Tolerance Data>>Set Tolerance Value command, which can change all surfaces at once. After making the change, reopen the spreadsheet, which should appear as follows.

SRF	RADIUS	RD TOL	PWR FR	IRR FR	THICK	TH TOL	GLASS	RN TOL	DY TOL	TA TOL
1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-36.854	0.4000	AIR	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	71.954	0.0	10.00	2.00*	10.405	0.4000	LAKN13	0.0010	0.0	0.1667
3	-112.429	0.0	10.00	2.00*	3.825	0.4000	AIR	0.0	0.0	0.1667
4	-78.403	0.0	10.00	2.00*	7.660	0.4000	LF5	0.0010	0.0	0.1667
5	84.822	0.0	10.00	2.00*	16.594	0.4000	AIR	0.0	0.0	0.1667
6	-80.540	0.0	10.00	2.00	7.411	0.2000	LF5	0.0010	0.0	0.3333
7	82.495	0.0	10.00	2.00*	3.760	0.4000	AIR	0.0	0.0	0.1667
8	121.677	0.0	10.00	2.00*	11.054	0.4000	LAKN13	0.0010	0.0	0.1667
9	-70.206	0.0	10.00	2.00*	373.313	0.4000	AIR	0.0	0.0	0.1667
10	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.001	0.0			0.0	0.0

FRINGE WAVELENGTH: 0.546070

Fringes measured over clear aperture of surface unless indicated.
 * Fringes measured over 30 mm diameter test area, per ISO 10110.
 Tilt tolerances are specified in degrees.
 Display all surface tolerances: Yes No

- 6) Note that the lack of the asterisk next to the spherical fringe tolerance means that the fringes are measured over the clear aperture of the surface, as we want. Now we perform a sensitivity analysis for the spherical form error by selecting Tolerance>>User-defined Tolerancing >> Surface, choosing *Sensitivity* and selecting Power fringes from the options list.

*TOLERANCE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS
 ERROR FUNCTION FOR NOMINAL SYSTEM: 0.017534

POWER ERROR TOLERANCE

SRF	TOLERANCE	ERROR FUNCTION CHANGE		COMPENSATED CHANGE	
		PLUS PERT	MINUS PERT	PLUS PERT	MINUS PERT
2	10.0	0.015823	0.014216	0.000250	-0.000224
3	10.0	0.016268	0.013579	0.001278	-0.001205
4	10.0	0.014128	0.017034	-0.001387	0.001514
5	10.0	0.016408	0.017957	-0.000143	0.000174
6	10.0	0.023312	0.025297	-0.000605	0.000647
7	10.0	0.020602	0.022830	-0.000778	0.000967
8	10.0	0.020502	0.018393	0.000791	-0.000686
9	10.0	0.021476	0.019538	0.000582	-0.000544

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	UNCOMPENSATED	COMPENSATED
WORST CASE CHANGE	0.157189	0.006203
STANDARD DEVIATION		
RSS	0.056306	0.002517
UNIFORM	0.032509	0.001453
GAUSSIAN	0.024764	0.001107

COMPENSATOR STATISTICS

COMP	MEAN	STD DEV	MAX	RSS
TH 10	0.005922	1.536235	1.847792	4.347659

As expected, the change in performance is much less when we allow for refocusing. Assuming that the errors have a uniform distribution, the standard deviation of the change in the average spot size is reduced from 33 μm to 1.5 μm if back focus adjustment is allowed. However, to achieve this performance level, we need to allow for a (2σ) range in focus of ± 3 mm. This provides the data we need to build a focusing mechanism.

For this lens, we will assume that the maximum allowed spot size, average over the field and chromatic range, is 20 μm . Since this value for the nominal system is 17.5 μm , this means the maximum allowed change is 2.5 μm . If we desire a probable success rate of 99%, the table presented above indicates that we need a ratio of maximum allowed change to standard deviation of 2.5, i.e., a standard deviation of 1.0 μm . We want to redistribute the tolerances to target this standard deviation and also to balance the contributions of the surfaces to this target. Using $\sigma_{\delta S} = 0.001$, $\kappa = 0.58$ (uniform distribution) and $n = 8$ in Eq. (9.57) yields a target contribution of $\Delta S_{tar} = 0.0006$. We use this value as the requested change in an *Inverse Sensitivity* analysis.

*INVERSE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS
 ERROR FUNCTION FOR NOMINAL SYSTEM: 0.017534

ALLOWED CHANGE IN ERROR FUNCTION: 0.000600

SRF	POWER ERROR TOLERANCE	
	UNCOMPENSATED	COMPENSATED
2	1.749036	22.487217
3	1.604631	4.765315
4	1.550645	4.064342
5	1.656797	29.400028
6	1.380191	9.298149
7	1.425375	6.426525
8	1.506102	7.705936
9	1.490417	10.304978

Without back focus adjustment, we see that the allowed spherical error tolerance is about 1.5 fringes for surface 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 and 2 fringes for surfaces 2 and 5. We now set the tolerances to these values, and re-run the *Sensitivity* analysis.

*TOLERANCE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS
ERROR FUNCTION FOR NOMINAL SYSTEM: 0.017534

SRF	TOLERANCE	ERROR FUNCTION CHANGE		COMPENSATED CHANGE	
		PLUS PERT	MINUS PERT	PLUS PERT	MINUS PERT
2	2.0	0.001122	0.000552	4.8010e-05	-4.6960e-05
3	1.5	0.000834	0.000105	0.000187	0.000105
4	1.5	9.6535e-05	0.000896	9.6535e-05	0.000220
5	2.0	0.000705	0.001284	-3.1057e-05	3.2300e-05
6	1.5	0.000563	0.001238	-9.3445e-05	9.4393e-05
7	1.5	0.000415	0.001128	-0.000129	0.000134
8	1.5	0.000988	0.000343	0.000112	-0.000110
9	1.5	0.001019	0.000411	8.4944e-05	-8.4107e-05

STATISTICAL SUMMARY		
	UNCOMPENSATED	COMPENSATED
WORST CASE CHANGE	0.008507	0.000912
STANDARD DEVIATION		
RSS	0.003037	0.000365
UNIFORM	0.001753	0.000211
GAUSSIAN	0.001336	0.000161

COMPENSATOR STATISTICS				
COMP	MEAN	STD DEV	MAX	RSS
TH 10	0.025265	0.236382	0.290346	0.673286

The standard deviation for the uncompensated case is now about 1.5 μm . This value is larger than the expected value of 1 μm because of deviations from the linear dependence of the spot size on the surface perturbations.

Based on the earlier inverse sensitivity analysis for the compensated case, we will assign tolerances of 5 fringes to surfaces 3, 4, 7, and 8, 10 fringes to surfaces 6 and 9, and 20 fringes to surfaces 2 and 5, and repeat the sensitivity analysis.

*TOLERANCE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS
ERROR FUNCTION FOR NOMINAL SYSTEM: 0.017534

SRF	TOLERANCE	ERROR FUNCTION CHANGE		COMPENSATED CHANGE	
		PLUS PERT	MINUS PERT	PLUS PERT	MINUS PERT
2	20.0	0.040977	0.039167	0.000527	-0.000422
3	5.0	0.005663	0.003696	0.000631	-0.000613
4	5.0	0.003848	0.005989	-0.000711	0.000743
5	20.0	0.044052	0.045786	-0.000255	0.000379
6	10.0	0.023312	0.025297	-0.000605	0.000647
7	5.0	0.006392	0.008149	-0.000414	0.000461
8	5.0	0.007201	0.005568	0.000383	-0.000357
9	10.0	0.021476	0.019538	0.000582	-0.000544

STATISTICAL SUMMARY		
	UNCOMPENSATED	COMPENSATED
WORST CASE CHANGE	0.160539	0.004352
STANDARD DEVIATION		
RSS	0.071154	0.001577
UNIFORM	0.041081	0.000910
GAUSSIAN	0.031294	0.000694

COMPENSATOR STATISTICS

COMP	MEAN	STD DEV	MAX	RSS
TH 10	0.007251	1.723657	2.922255	4.879934

With these tolerances, the standard deviation of the performance changes is slightly less than our target of 1 μm . Also note that the individual contributions are more evenly distributed than in the previous analysis. The range of focus adjustment that is required has increased slightly to about ± 3.5 mm.

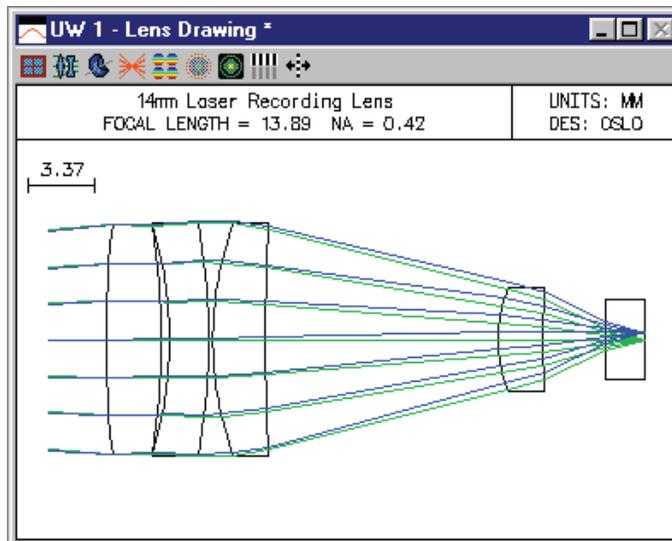
Change table tolerancing

An example of the use of change tables is given in the paper by Smith(2). In this paper, Smith presents an analysis of the following laser recording lens, which is designed to work at a wavelength of 0.82 μm .

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*LENS DATA
14mm Laser Recording Lens
SRF      RADIUS      THICKNESS  APERTURE RADIUS  GLASS  SPE  NOTE
OBJ      --          76.539000  1.949220        AIR
AST      50.366000    2.800000   5.825000 A      SF11  C
2        -39.045000    0.435265   5.810000        AIR
3        -19.836000    2.000000   5.810000        SF11  C
4        -34.360000    0.200000   5.950000        AIR
5        17.420000    2.650000   5.905000        SF11  C
6        79.150000    11.840000  5.610000        AIR
7        7.080000    2.240000   2.620000        SF11  C
8        15.665000  3.182000   2.065000        AIR
9        --          2.032000   2.000000        ACRYL  C
10       --          --          2.000000        AIR
IMS      --          --          0.350759 s
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*WAVELENGTHS
CURRENT  WV1/WW1
1        0.820000
         1.000000
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*PARAXIAL CONSTANTS
Effective focal length:  13.888494  Lateral magnification:  -0.179559
Numerical aperture:    0.420000    Gaussian image height:  0.350000
working F-number:      1.190476    Petzval radius:         -15.782541
Lagrange invariant:    -0.147420
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The performance specification for this lens is that the Strehl ratio must be at least 0.75 over the entire field. Working from this requirement and the nominal design prescription, Smith shows that the tolerance budget must produce no more than 0.173 λ (peak-to-valley) of OPD.

Following the discussion in Section IV, we assign the following initial tolerances to the lens in order to compute the change tables. Note that the fringes are specified at a wavelength of 0.58929 μm (Sodium yellow). The sign of the spherical error fringes has been chosen to better match the change table in Table 2 of the paper. Using all positive values only changes the sign of the

2 W. J. Smith, "Fundamentals of establishing an optical tolerance budget," Proc. SPIE Vol. 531, pp. 196-204 (1985).

corresponding change table entry and thus has no effect on the statistical sum (RSS) value. The tilt tolerance of 0.057 degrees is equal to 1 milliradian.

SRF	RADIUS	RD TOL	PWR FR	IRR FR	THICK	TH TOL	GLASS	RN TOL	DY TOL	TA TOL
1	50.366	0.0	-10.0	1.00	2.800	0.2000	SF11	0.0010	0.0	0.0570
2	-39.045	0.0	10.00	1.00	0.435	0.2000	AIR	0.0	0.0	0.0570
3	-19.836	0.0	10.00	1.00	2.000	0.2000	SF11	0.0010	0.0	0.0570
4	-34.360	0.0	10.00	1.00	0.200	0.2000	AIR	0.0	0.0	0.0570
5	17.420	0.0	-10.0	1.00	2.650	0.2000	SF11	0.0010	0.0	0.0570
6	79.150	0.0	-10.0	1.00	11.840	0.2000	AIR	0.0	0.0	0.0570
7	7.080	0.0	-10.0	1.00	2.240	0.2000	SF11	0.0010	0.0	0.0570
8	15.665	0.0	-10.0	1.00	3.182	0.0	AIR	0.0	0.0	0.0570
9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.032	0.0	ACRYL	0.0010	0.0	0.0
10	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	AIR	0.0	0.0	0.0
11	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			0.0	0.0

FRINGE WAVELENGTH: 0.589290

Fringes measured over clear aperture of surface unless indicated.
Tilt tolerances are specified in degrees.

Display all surface tolerances: Yes No

Table 2 of Smith's paper is given in terms of peak-to-valley OPD, so when we compute the change tables, we enter a scale factor of 0.25 for the tolerance units. We need to compute change tables for power (spherical) error, element thickness, air spaces, index of refraction, and surface tilt to obtain the data presented in Table 2. (In the interest of clarity and since we are only interested in spherical aberration, coma, and astigmatism, only the first group of 9 tolerance aberrations is displayed in the output below. OSLO always displays a change table containing entries for all 18 aberrations and system quantities.)

*CURVATURE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

TOLERANCE UNITS
T (Trans.) = 0.007787 L (Long.) = 0.018488 W (Wvfr.) = 1.0
TOLERANCE THRESHOLD = --

SRF	TOL	VAL	TR	SPH	AX	DMD	COMA	FLD	DMD	YFS	XFS	DEL	BF	AX	OPD	FLD	OPD
NOM				0.02	--	--	-0.05	--	--	-0.92	-0.72	-0.59		0.03		0.15	
1	-10.000		0.01	--	--	--	0.00	--	--	-2.69	-2.70	0.00		0.01		0.00	
2	10.000		-0.00	--	--	--	-0.01	--	--	2.68	2.69	-0.00		-0.00		-0.00	
3	10.000		-0.05	--	--	--	0.02	--	--	-2.59	-2.59	0.00		-0.00		0.00	
4	10.000		0.01	--	--	--	-0.01	--	--	2.60	2.61	-0.01		0.01		0.00	
5	-10.000		-0.03	--	--	--	-0.01	--	--	-2.58	-2.58	0.00		-0.01		-0.01	
6	-10.000		0.03	--	--	--	0.00	--	--	2.52	2.52	-0.00		0.03		0.01	
7	-10.000		-0.01	--	--	--	0.00	--	--	-2.53	-2.53	0.01		-0.01		-0.00	
8	-10.000		0.06	--	--	--	0.01	--	--	2.35	2.36	-0.01		0.06		0.03	
RSS			0.09	--	--	--	0.03	--	--	7.27	7.28	0.02		0.07		0.04	

*ELEMENT THICKNESS SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

SRF	TOL	VAL	TR	SPH	AX	DMD	COMA	FLD	DMD	YFS	XFS	DEL	BF	AX	OPD	FLD	OPD
NOM				0.02	--	--	-0.05	--	--	-0.92	-0.72	-0.59		0.03		0.15	
1	0.200		-0.00	--	--	--	0.00	--	--	-0.01	-0.01	0.00		-0.00		-0.00	
3	0.200		-0.03	--	--	--	-0.00	--	--	-0.61	-0.62	0.01		-0.01		-0.01	
5	0.200		0.00	--	--	--	-0.04	--	--	-5.80	-5.81	0.01		0.00		-0.01	
7	0.200		-0.02	--	--	--	-0.04	--	--	-18.17	-18.18	0.02		-0.01		-0.01	
RSS			0.04	--	--	--	0.06	--	--	19.09	19.10	0.02		0.01		0.02	

*AIR SPACE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

SRF	TOL	VAL	TR	SPH	AX	DMD	COMA	FLD	DMD	YFS	XFS	DEL	BF	AX	OPD	FLD	OPD
NOM				0.02	--	--	-0.05	--	--	-0.92	-0.72	-0.59		0.03		0.15	
2	0.200		-0.02	--	--	--	0.02	--	--	-1.91	-1.92	-0.00		-0.01		0.00	
4	0.200		0.01	--	--	--	-0.02	--	--	-0.14	-0.14	0.00		0.01		-0.00	
6	0.200		0.01	--	--	--	-0.06	--	--	-6.91	-6.92	0.01		0.01		-0.01	

*REFRACTIVE INDEX SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

SRF	TOL	VAL	TR	SPH	AX	DMD	COMA	FLD	DMD	YFS	XFS	DEL	BF	AX	OPD	FLD	OPD
NOM				0.02	--	--	-0.05	--	--	-0.92	-0.72	-0.59		0.03		0.15	
1	0.0010		0.01	--	--	--	0.00	--	--	-0.92	-0.92	0.00		0.01		0.00	
3	0.0010		0.00	--	--	--	-0.00	--	--	0.40	0.41	-0.00		0.00		0.00	
5	0.0010		-0.01	--	--	--	-0.00	--	--	-0.91	-0.92	0.00		-0.00		-0.00	
7	0.0010		-0.00	--	--	--	0.00	--	--	-0.31	-0.31	0.00		-0.00		-0.00	
9	0.0010		0.00	--	--	--	0.00	--	--	0.10	0.10	-0.00		0.00		0.00	
RSS			0.01	--	--	--	0.00	--	--	1.40	1.40	0.00		0.01		0.00	

*SURFACE TILT SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

SRF	TOL	VAL	TR	SPH	AX	DMD	COMA	FLD	DMD	YFS	XFS	DEL	BF	AX	OPD	FLD	OPD
NOM				0.02	--	--	-0.05	--	--	-0.92	-0.72	-0.59		0.03	0.15		
1		0.057		0.00	--	--	0.04	--	--	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01		0.02	0.01		
2		0.057		-0.00	--	--	-0.07	--	--	0.05	0.03	0.04		0.04	-0.02		
3		0.057		0.00	--	--	0.17	--	--	-0.06	-0.04	-0.05		0.13	0.11		
4		0.057		0.00	--	--	-0.08	--	--	0.05	0.03	0.04		0.05	-0.01		
5		0.057		-0.00	--	--	0.11	--	--	0.02	0.00	0.02		0.08	0.05		
6		0.057		-0.00	--	--	-0.11	--	--	0.02	0.01	0.01		0.08	0.00		
7		0.057		-0.00	--	--	0.02	--	--	-0.03	-0.00	-0.01		0.00	0.02		
8		0.057		-0.00	--	--	-0.06	--	--	0.01	-0.01	0.00		0.04	-0.02		
RSS				0.00	--	--	0.27	--	--	0.10	0.06	0.08		0.19	0.13		

As mentioned in the paper, the aberrations of concern for this lens are spherical aberration, coma, and astigmatism (since the lens will be refocused for off-axis image points). We can convert the change table values for YFS and XFS to astigmatism by taking their difference. The resulting RSS astigmatism values for the five analyses are

Perturbation	Astigmatism RSS (λ)
Curvature	0.022
Thickness	0.012
Air space	0.015
Refractive index	0.003
Surface tilt	0.060

The RSS totals by aberration are

Aberration	RSS Total (λ)
Spherical	0.103
Coma	0.283
Astigmatism	0.067

The RSS totals by perturbation class are

Perturbation Class	RSS Total (λ)
Radius	0.099
Thickness/Air space	0.103
Refractive index	0.011
Surface tilt	0.273

Thus, the RSS = $\sqrt{.099^2 + .103^2 + .011^2 + .273^2} = 0.308 \lambda$, in excellent agreement with the analysis in Table 2 of Smith’s paper. This value already exceeds the 0.173λ that we have available in our budget. If we consider the additional affect of one fringe of irregularity, the total OPD variation becomes 0.84λ .

The art of tolerance budgeting comes in when we must reassign the tolerances in an attempt to reduce the total OPD to an acceptable level. The approach taken by Smith is given in Section VI, “Adjusting the Tolerance Budget”, which is reproduced below.

The OPD of 0.84 wavelengths exceeds the value of 0.288 which we determined in Section III to be the maximum which we could allow in order to maintain the Strehl ratio of 0.75. Since it is too large by a factor of $.84/.288 = 2.9X$, we could simply reduce our trial budget by this factor across the board. This is not usually the best way.

An inspection of Table 2 and its footnotes [the change table] indicates that the sensitivity of the tolerances varies widely, ranging from the total insensitivity of coma to the indicated index changes, to significant effects from the radius and thickness changes and very heavy contributions from the assumed surface tilts (or decentrations).

We have previously (in the last paragraph of Section II) noted that the RSS process indicates that the larger tolerance effects are much more significant than the smaller; the significance varies as the square of the size. Thus, a rational approach is to reduce the tolerances on those parameters which are the most sensitive. Conversely, one might also consider increasing the tolerances on those parameters which are relatively insensitive.

This is the technique which we shall apply here. However, there are practical considerations which should be observed. In most optical shops there is a fairly standard tolerance profile. For example, a shop may do most of its work to a five ring test glass fit, a thickness tolerance of ± 0.1 mm, and centering to a one minute deviation. If a larger tolerance is allowed, there will be a saving, but it will not be proportional to the increase in the tolerance. This is because the shop will still tend to produce to its customary profile. They may be able to relax their procedures a bit, and their usual percentage of rejections will drop, but the tendency will be very strong to produce the usual profile whether it has been specified or not. Thus, there is a limit on the increase in tolerance size which will produce a real savings. As another example, many optical glasses are routinely produced to an index tolerance of $\pm .001$ or $\pm .0015$. There is no saving in cost if the tolerance is increased beyond the standard commercial tolerance.

When tolerances are reduced below the "standard profile" however, the cost of fabrication begins to climb. This results from the additional care and effort necessary to hold the tighter tolerances and/or an increase in the rejection rate. In most shops there is effectively a practical limit to the smallness of a given class of tolerance, since the cost of fabrication rises asymptotically toward infinity as this limit is approached.

Thus, for most shops there is both a high limit on tolerances, beyond which there is no savings, and a low limit, which the shop is barely capable of meeting. Obviously, one should confine the tolerance specifications to this range (or find another shop whose capabilities encompass one's requirements).

If we take the RSS of the contributions of each parameter tolerance individually, as we have done in the last column of Table 2 [see the RSS totals by perturbation class table above], then we get a convenient measure of the sensitivity of each tolerance. Examination of the table indicates that the variations of radius, thickness, index and especially surface tilt are all significant contributors to the final RSS OPD. If there are a few very large contributors, a possible general technique would be to reduce any dominant tolerances by a factor approximating the factor by which the OPD of [the] trial budget exceeds the acceptable OPD. Another technique is to make the tolerance size inversely proportional to its sensitivity, so that each tolerance produces the same OPD; this is obviously subject to the limitations outlined above, as well as the necessity to weigh each class of tolerance in some way so as to take into account their different natures and costs.

Following this line, we get the following budget, for which the RSS OPD is 0.167λ , just slightly better than the 0.173λ required for our Strehl ratio specification of 75%.

*TOLERANCES

14mm Laser Recording Lens

SRF	RADIUS		FRINGES		THICKNESS		GLASS	INDEX	DECEN	TILT
	TOL	TOL	SPH	IRR	THICKNESS	TOL		TOL	TOL	TOL
1	50.36600	0.0	1.00	0.20	2.80000	0.1000	SF11	0.0010	0.0	0.011
2	-39.04500	0.0	1.00	0.20	0.43527	0.0200	AIR	0.0	0.0	0.011
3	-19.83600	0.0	1.00	0.20	2.00000	0.0500	SF11	0.0010	0.0	0.011
4	-34.36000	0.0	1.00	0.20	0.20000	0.0400	AIR	0.0	0.0	0.011
5	17.42000	0.0	1.00	0.20	2.65000	0.0500	SF11	0.0010	0.0	0.011
6	79.15000	0.0	1.00	0.20	11.84000	0.0300	AIR	0.0	0.0	0.011
7	7.08000	0.0	1.00	0.20	2.24000	0.0700	SF11	0.0010	0.0	0.011

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8	15.66500	0.0	1.00	0.20	3.18200	0.0	AIR	0.0	0.0	0.011
9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.03200	0.0	ACRYL	0.0	0.0	0.0
10	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	AIR	0.0	0.0	0.0
11	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			0.0	0.0

FRINGE WAVELENGTH: 0.589290

Fringes measured over clear aperture of surface unless indicated.

Wavefront/MTF tolerancing

As an example of using these tolerance routines, we will compute tolerance effects for a scaled version of a laser collimating lens from the OSLO library. The base lens we want to open is the public lens file “\len\lib\smithgen\ch22\ho5mmc.len”. When opened, this lens has a focal length of 100 mm. The system notes tell us that the lens was designed for a focal length of 5 mm. We can restore this focal length by right-clicking in the surface data spreadsheet, selecting Scale Lens from the menu, and choosing “Scale lens to new focal length” from the fly-out menu, and entering “5” for the new focal length. This lens is designed for use with a Helium-Cadmium laser at a wavelength of 0.4416 μm , so only 1 wavelength is defined. Also, since we are working with a collimator, we will only consider the on-axis performance. Click the Field Points button in the surface data spreadsheet to open the Field Points spreadsheet, and delete field points 2 and 3. In the Setup spreadsheet, set the object distance to 1.0×10^{20} and the field angle to 5.7×10^{-5} degrees (n.b. if you enter 0.0 for the field angle, it will be set automatically to this value, since 0.0 field is not allowed). In order to compare the your results to the ones shown here, move the focus shift (0.014 mm) from surface 13 to the image surface, and delete surface 13. The specification for the modified lens is given below.

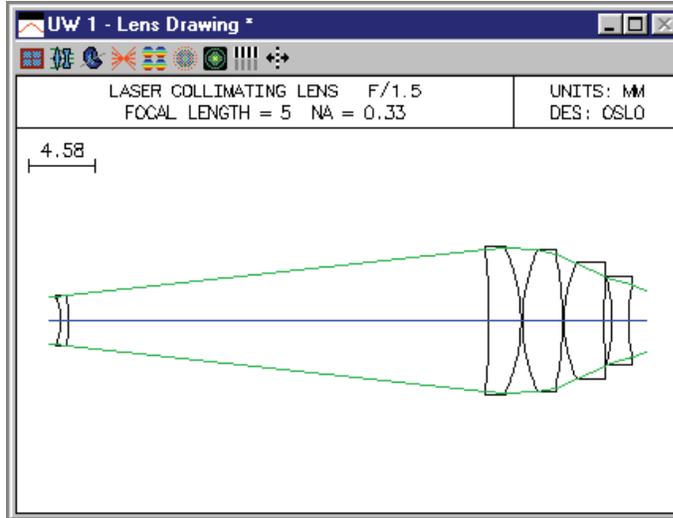
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*LENS DATA
LASER COLLIMATING LENS F/1.0000
SRF RADIUS THICKNESS APERTURE RADIUS GLASS SPE NOTE
OBJ -- 1.0000e+20 1.0000e+14 AIR
AST -- -- 1.666655 AK AIR
2 -4.241940 0.552322 1.666655 K BK7 C
3 -8.586057 28.962576 1.769039 K AIR
4 -57.502645 2.209292 4.952020 K BK7 C
5 -12.502519 0.110464 5.088569 K AIR
6 12.244025 2.761618 4.915560 K BK7 C
7 -22.689595 0.110464 4.668527 K AIR
8 9.937532 2.761613 4.001831 K BK7 C
9 139.154768 0.546917 3.111206 K AIR
10 -11.530153 1.104643 3.026087 K BK7 C
11 11.290666 -- 2.494580 K AIR
12 -- 7.733278 S 2.578630 K AIR
IMS -- -0.014000 0.004625 S

*WAVELENGTHS
CURRENT WV1/WW1
1 0.441600
1.000000

*PARAXIAL CONSTANTS
Effective focal length: 5.000000 Lateral magnification: -5.0000e-20
Numerical aperture: 0.329998 Gaussian image height: 5.0000e-06
Working F-number: 1.515161 Petzval radius: 226.799242
Lagrange invariant: -1.6500e-06
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From a spot diagram, we see that the on-axis RMS OPD for the nominal design is 0.05 waves.

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*WAVEFRONT
WAVELENGTH 1
PKVAL OPD RMS OPD STREHL RATIO YSHIFT XSHIFT RSZ
0.214591 0.049599 0.908313 -- -- --
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We will compute the sensitivity of the on-axis RMS OPD to decentration of the five components in the lens. We assign a trial decentration tolerance of 10 μm to surfaces 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 (i.e., the front surfaces of the components). OSLO assumes that the component decentrations have a Gaussian distribution that is truncated at the $2\sigma = 10 \mu\text{m}$ point.

SRF	DECENTRATION		CLEAR APERTURE TILT		CENTER OF CURV TILT	
	DCY	DCX	ALPHA	BETA	ALPHA	BETA
2	0.010000	0.010000	0.000000	0.000000	0.500000	0.500000
3			0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
4	0.010000	0.010000	0.000000	0.000000	0.120000	0.120000
5			0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
6	0.010000	0.010000	0.000000	0.000000	0.320000	0.320000
7			0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
8	0.010000	0.010000	0.000000	0.000000	0.500000	0.500000
9			0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
10	0.010000	0.010000	0.000000	0.000000	0.250000	0.250000
11			0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000

Tilt tolerances are specified in degrees.

From the Options menu, select MTF/Wvf Tolerancing. In the spreadsheet, select RMS wavefront tolerancing, sensitivity mode, and perturbation equation output. The tolerance item is component decentration and we want to compute the wavefront in wavelength 1. The resulting sensitivity output is shown below.

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*RMS WAVEFRONT SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS - WAVELENGTH 1
THRESHOLD CHANGE FOR INDIVIDUAL TOLERANCE DISPLAY: 0.010000
TOLERANCE SRF/ TOLERANCE CHANGE IN RMS
ITEM GRP VALUE GRD CFG FPT PLUS MINUS A B
CMP DEC Y 2 0.01 A 1 1 0.014 0.014 0.001572 -4.7537e-19
CMP DEC Y 4 0.01 A 1 1 0.058 0.058 0.009040 -4.3880e-19
CMP DEC Y 6 0.01 A 1 1 0.098 0.098 0.019341 9.5073e-19
CMP DEC Y 10 0.01 A 1 1 0.131 0.131 0.030168 -1.1701e-18
    
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Note: Only tolerances that result in a performance change of at least 0.01 are displayed.
No compensators have been used for this analysis.

RMS WAVEFRONT ERROR					NOMINAL	HIGH RMS	MEAN	STD DEV
CFG	FPT	FBY	FBX	FBZ	RMS	W/ TOLS	CHANGE	(SIGMA)
1	1	--	--	--	0.050	0.222	0.054	0.060

From the sensitivity data, we note that all of the B coefficients are zero and that all of the A coefficients are positive. This means there is no linear term in the second-order expansion of RMS

OPD as a function of component decentration. These results are not surprising, since any decentration destroys the rotational symmetry of the system and we would expect that this would degrade the performance of the lens. This analysis is a good example of the inadequacy of a linear perturbation model for some tolerance criteria. As discussed above, the non-zero *A* coefficients result in a non-zero average change in performance, in this case, of about 0.12 λ .

After the display of the sensitivity data, a performance summary is shown. For each field point, four items are displayed. First is the nominal value of the RMS wavefront error. Second is the estimated high value of RMS wavefront error, with the tolerances applied. This value is taken to be the mean-plus-two-sigma value of the resulting distribution of systems. Finally, the mean change and standard deviation (sigma) of the performance measure are shown.

The level of performance degradation indicated above is probably not acceptable for this lens, which should operate at diffraction-limited or near diffraction-limited performance. We will attempt to rebudget the component decentration tolerances such that the upper limit of the RMS wavefront change corresponds to the Strehl tolerance limit of 0.8, or an RMS wavefront error of 0.07 λ . Since the nominal design has an RMS OPD of 0.049 λ , the maximum change is 0.021 λ .

Before carrying out this analysis, it is necessary, because of the short focal length of the lens, to reset the smallest allowed tolerance and the tolerance increment, which are nominally both 0.01. Use the Tolerance>>Update Tolerance Data>>Grades command to open the spreadsheet, and reset the minimum component decentration to 0.001, and the increment to 0.0001, as shown below.

CMP DECEN	0.0010	0.5000	0.0001	0.0300	0.2000	Gaussian
CMP TILT	0.0100	0.5000	0.0100	0.0500	0.3333	Gaussian

Now run the tolerancing analysis again, but this time in inverse sensitivity mode, with a requested change in RMS OPD of 0.01 λ .

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*RMS WAVEFRONT INVERSE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS - WAVELENGTH 1
DIFFERENTIAL CHANGE FOR CALCULATION: 0.010000
THRESHOLD CHANGE FOR INDIVIDUAL TOLERANCE DISPLAY: 0.001000
TOLERANCE SRF/ ALLOWED CHANGE IN RMS
ITEM GRP TOLERANCE GRD CFG FPT PLUS MINUS A B
CMP DEC Y 2 0.0083 A 1 1 0.010 0.010 0.001083 -3.9455e-19
CMP DEC Y 4 0.0035 A 1 1 0.010 0.010 0.001107 -1.5358e-19
CMP DEC Y 6 0.0024 A 1 1 0.010 0.010 0.001114 2.2818e-19
CMP DEC Y 8 0.0141 A 1 1 0.010 0.010 0.001092 5.1559e-20
CMP DEC Y 10 0.0019 A 1 1 0.010 0.010 0.001089 -2.2232e-19
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Note: Only tolerances that result in a performance change of at least 0.001 are displayed.
No compensators have been used for this analysis.

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RMS WAVEFRONT ERROR
CFG FPT FBY FBX FBZ NOMINAL HIGH RMS MEAN STD DEV
1 1 -- -- -- RMS W/ TOLS CHANGE (SIGMA)
0.050 0.082 0.008 0.012
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From the above, we see that that the fourth component is the least sensitive to decentration, while the fifth component is most sensitive. The computed allowed tolerances yield a maximum (mean plus two standard deviations) change of 0.08 λ , mor than we want. Based on this, we try the following budget

SRF	DECENTRATION		CLEAR APERTURE TILT		CENTER OF CURV TILT	
	DCY	DCX	ALPHA	BETA	ALPHA	BETA
2	0.005000	0.005000	0.000000	0.000000	0.500000	0.500000
3			0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
4	0.003000	0.003000	0.000000	0.000000	0.120000	0.120000
5			0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
6	0.002000	0.002000	0.000000	0.000000	0.320000	0.320000
7			0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
8	0.010000	0.010000	0.000000	0.000000	0.500000	0.500000
9			0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
10	0.002000	0.002000	0.000000	0.000000	0.250000	0.250000
11			0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000

Tilt tolerances are specified in degrees.

The resulting sensitivity analysis is shown below.

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*RMS WAVEFRONT SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS - WAVELENGTH 1
THRESHOLD CHANGE FOR INDIVIDUAL TOLERANCE DISPLAY: 0.001000
TOLERANCE SRF/ TOLERANCE CHANGE IN RMS
ITEM GRP VALUE GRD CFG FPT PLUS MINUS A B
CMP DEC Y 2 0.005 A 1 1 0.004 0.004 0.000393 -2.3768e-19
CMP DEC Y 4 0.003 A 1 1 0.008 0.008 0.000814 -1.3164e-19
CMP DEC Y 6 0.002 A 1 1 0.007 0.007 0.000774 1.9015e-19
CMP DEC Y 8 0.01 A 1 1 0.005 0.005 0.000550 3.6567e-20
CMP DEC Y 10 0.002 A 1 1 0.011 0.011 0.001207 -2.3403e-19
    
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Note: Only tolerances that result in a performance change of at least 0.001 are displayed.
 No compensators have been used for this analysis.

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RMS WAVEFRONT ERROR
CFG FPT FBY FBX FBZ NOMINAL HIGH RMS MEAN STD DEV
1 1 -- -- -- RMS W/ TOLS CHANGE (SIGMA)
0.050 0.073 0.006 0.009
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```

The upper end of the range of RMS wavefront change with this budget is 0.028 λ , slightly larger than our target of 0.021 λ . We have not allowed for any compensating parameters during this analysis, so the resulting tolerances are extremely small. This example has been presented to illustrate the types of calculations and analysis that can be performed, not as an example of a complete analysis of a manufacturable lens.