



# Laser-Based Communications

## Description

The Goddard Space Flight Center has developed a wealth of wavefront sensing technologies, algorithms, optical components and design, test and simulation tools useful in a wide range of laser-based or free space optics applications. These technologies have been utilized on a number of NASA missions and development programs including the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST). Although originally designed for use in space-based adaptive optics applications, these technologies are highly applicable to the documented needs for free space optics by providing enhanced wavefront sensing algorithms, components and tools to better account for environmental or optical disturbances that can limit the effectiveness of optical data links.

## Markets & Applications

- Tactical Data Links (ground to ground, air to ground, air to sea)
- Academic, Government and Commercial Complex Data Links
- Satellite to Satellite Data Links
- Rural Community Networking

## GSCF Technologies Available for License

### Wavefront Detection Algorithms:

- **GSC-14900-1**, Filter Function For Wavefront Sensing & Control Over An Extended Field Of View
- **GSC-15208-1**, Direct Solve Image Based Wavefront Sensing
- **GSC-15464-1**, PseudoDiversity - Direct Wavefront Control and Image Restoration at High Bandwidth
- **GSC-15693-1**, Variable Sampling Mapping
- **GSC-15963-1**, Iterative Transform Phase Diversity

### System Operating Software:

- **GSC-14725-1**, Wavefront Sensing And Optical Control Software (WSOC)
- **GSC-14982-1**, Alignment Insensitive Active Control-of-Curvature Wavefront Sensing and Control Architecture
- **GSC-15399-1**, James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) Wavefront Sensing Software

### Lenses, Gratings & Mirrors:

- **GSC-14901-1**, Fixed Lens Wavefront Sensing
- **GSC-16008-1**, Phase Controlled Magnetic Mirror for Wavefront Correction

### System Design Simulation & Testing Tools:

- **GSC-15138-1**, Matlab-OSLO Toolkit
- **GSC-15151-1**, Matlab-Zemax Toolkit
- **GSC-15567-1**, Wavefront Control and Optimization Toolbox
- **GSC-15676-1**, Computer Generated Hologram System for Wavefront Measurement System Calibration

## For More Information

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To view Goddard's entire portfolio of wavefront sensing technologies, please visit:

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