The transformation of a DECA is given as

$$\exp(: F_{\text{in}} :) \exp(: aL :) \exp(: H_4/2 :) \exp(: bL :)$$

 $\times \exp(: V_4 :) \exp(: aL :) \exp(: H_4/2 :) \exp(: bL :) \exp(: F_{\text{out}} :),$

where L and H_4 are the Hamiltonians of a drift of length L and a thin decapole kick with integrated strength K4:

$$H_4 = \frac{\mathrm{K4}}{5!} \Re(x - iy)^5 \,,$$

respectively. The coefficients are $a = 1/2 - 1/\sqrt{12}$ and b = 1/2 - a. Terms exp(: F_{in} :) and exp(: F_{out} :) are transformation nonlinear fringes. The term exp(: V_4 :) is a correction to adjust the third-order terms in L:

$$V_4 = \sum_{j=(x,y),k=(x,y)} -\frac{\beta}{2} H_{4,k}^2 + \gamma H_{4,j} H_{4,k} H_{4,j,k} ,$$

where , i represents the derivative by x or y. We have also introduced two coefficients $\beta \equiv 1/6 - 1/\sqrt{48}$ and $\gamma = 1/40 - 1/2$