

Gregory-Maksutov Telescope

The Gregory–Maksutov telescope is a simple catadioptric telescope comprising a spherical corrector lens and a spherical primary mirror. In this example, the corrector lens and mirror are formed using the 'Spherical Lens 3D' and 'Spherical Mirror 3D' parts, respectively, from the Ray Optics Module Part Library. A cross-section of the optical design is shown in Figure 1.

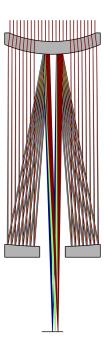


Figure 1: Overview of the Gregory-Maksutov telescope.

The origin of the Gregory–Maksutov telescope was a desire to avoid the aspheric corrector used in the Schmidt family of telescopes. An example of this type of telescope, the Schmidt-Cassegrain Telescope, can also be found in the Ray Optics Module Application Library. At least four optical designers, including Dmitri Maksutov, found a solution involving a meniscus corrector lens in the early 1940s, and it was John Gregory who, in 1957, popularized the design used in this tutorial.

Details of the Gregory–Maksutov telescope used in this tutorial can be found in Ref. 1. This telescope has a 200 mm entrance aperture and an f/15 focal ratio. The detailed optical prescription is given in Table 1.

TABLE I: GREGORY-MAKSUTOV TELESCOPE OPTICAL PRESCRIPTION.

| Details | | Material | Radius (mm) | Thickness (mm) | Diameter (mm) |
|---------|-------------------------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Object | | _ | _ | Infinity | 0 |
| I | Reference surface | _ | _ | 75.0000 | 0 |
| 2 | Central obstruction | _ | _ | 20.0000 | 70.0000 |
| Stop | Corrector, surface I | N-BK7 | -268.6151 | 30.0000 | 200.1688 |
| 4 | Corrector, surface 2 | _ | -286.1193 | 453.0476 | 208.0594 |
| 5 | Primary mirror ^a | Mirror | -1111.6100 | -453.0476 | 217.0732 |
| 6 | Secondary mirror ^b | Mirror | -286.1193 | 453.0476 | 48.2704 |
| 7 | Primay mirror vertex | _ | _ | 200.0000 | 0 |
| Image | Image surface | _ | _ | _ | 26.0556 |

a. The primary mirror central hole diameter is d = 60.0 mm.

The telescope geometry is constructed using parts from the Ray Optics Module Part Library. The meniscus corrector is created using an instance of the Spherical Lens 3D part, whereas the Spherical Mirror 3D part is used to create the primary mirror. The secondary mirror is defined by an aperture on surface 2 of the meniscus corrector. That is, the surface is intended to be reflective within this aperture. Other predefined selections on this part are used to define the corrector clear apertures as well as the central obstruction.

When constructing a geometry in COMSOL to be used in a Geometrical Optics ray trace, it is important to appreciate that the order in which optical elements are placed in a geometry sequence does not affect the results of the trace. However, it is convenient to place optical elements relative to one another. This can be achieved by taking one of the built-in work planes in a Part Instance as the reference for the placement of the next Part Instance. The resulting Gregory-Maksutov telescope geometry sequence is shown in Figure 2. Detailed instructions for creating the geometry can be found in Appendix — Geometry Instructions.

b. The secondary mirror surface is on surface 2 of the corrector.

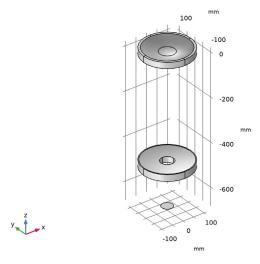


Figure 2: The Gregory-Maksutov telescope geometry sequence.

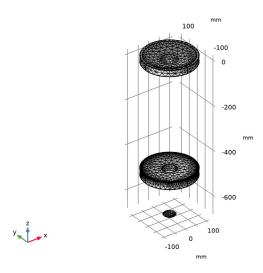


Figure 3: The mesh for the Gregory–Maksutov telescope. Note that the default Physics-based mesh should be slightly refined in order to improve the ray tracing accuracy.

A ray trace has been performed using three wavelengths (486 nm, 546 nm, and 656 nm) at three field angles (0, 0.125, and 0.25 degrees). Figure 4 shows the resulting ray trajectories; the **Color Expression** represents the ray positions on the image surface.

In Figure 5, the intersection of the rays with the image surface is shown. This spot diagram shows each of the three field angles, where the Color Expression is the wavelength.

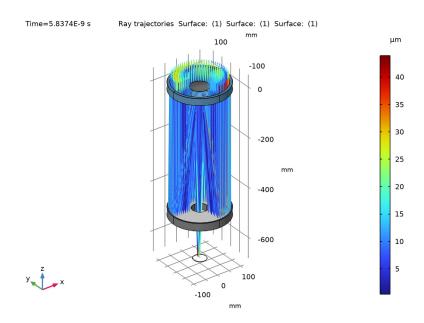


Figure 4: Ray diagram for the Gregory-Maksutov telescope colored by radial distance from the centroid.

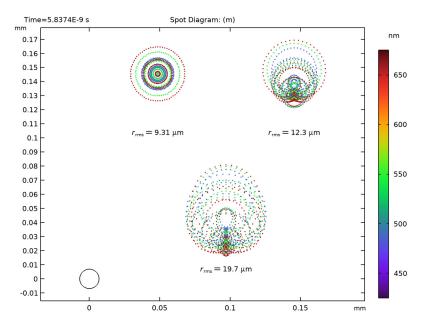


Figure 5: Spot diagram for the Gregory–Maksutov telescope colored by wavelength. For reference, the Airy disc is shown in the lower-left corner.

Reference

1. G.H. Smith, R. Ceragioli, and R. Berry, *Telescopes, Eyepieces, and Astrographs: Design, Analysis, and Performance of Modern Astronomical Optics*, Willmann-Bell, 2012.

Application Library path: Ray_Optics_Module/Lenses_Cameras_and_Telescopes/gregory_maksutov_telescope

From the File menu, choose New.

NEW

In the New window, click Model Wizard.

MODEL WIZARD

- I In the Model Wizard window, click **3D**.
- 2 In the Select Physics tree, select Optics>Ray Optics>Geometrical Optics (gop).
- 3 Click Add.
- 4 Click Study.
- 5 In the Select Study tree, select Preset Studies for Selected Physics Interfaces>Ray Tracing.
- 6 Click **Done**.

GLOBAL DEFINITIONS

Parameters 1: Lens Prescription

- I In the Model Builder window, under Global Definitions click Parameters I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Parameters, type Parameters 1: Lens Prescription in the Label text field. The lens prescription will be added when the geometry sequence is inserted in the following section.

Parameters 2: General

The simulation parameters can be loaded from a text file.

- I In the Home toolbar, click Pi Parameters and choose Add>Parameters.
- 2 In the Settings window for Parameters, type Parameters 2: General in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Parameters section. Click **Load from File.**
- 4 Browse to the model's Application Libraries folder and double-click the file gregory_maksutov_telescope_parameters.txt.

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Insert the prepared geometry sequence from file. You can read the instructions for creating the geometry in the appendix. Following insertion, the lens definitions will be available in the Parameters node.

I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Geometry I.

- 2 In the Settings window for Geometry, locate the Units section.
- **3** From the **Length unit** list, choose **mm**.
- 4 In the Label text field, type Gregory-Maksutov Telescope.
- 5 In the Geometry toolbar, click Insert Sequence and choose Insert Sequence.
- **6** Browse to the model's Application Libraries folder and double-click the file gregory maksutov telescope geom sequence.mph.
- 7 In the Geometry toolbar, click **Build All**.
- 8 Click the Orthographic Projection button in the Graphics toolbar. Compare the resulting geometry to Figure 2.

ADD MATERIAL

- I In the Home toolbar, click **Add Material** to open the Add Material window.
- 2 Go to the Add Material window.
- 3 In the tree, select Optical>Schott Glass>Schott N-BK7 Glass.
- 4 Click Add to Component in the window toolbar.
- 5 In the Home toolbar, click **‡ Add Material** to close the **Add Material** window.

MATERIALS

Schott N-BK7 Glass (mat I)

- I In the Settings window for Material, locate the Geometric Entity Selection section.
- 2 From the Selection list, choose All (Corrector).

GEOMETRICAL OPTICS (GOP)

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Geometrical Optics (gop).
- 2 Select Domain 2 only.
- 3 In the Settings window for Geometrical Optics, locate the Ray Release and Propagation section.
- 4 From the Wavelength distribution of released rays list, choose Polychromatic, specify vacuum wavelength.
- 5 In the Maximum number of secondary rays text field, type 0. In this simulation stray light is not being traced, so reflected rays will not be produced at the lens surfaces.

Medium Properties I

I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Geometrical Optics (gop) click Medium Properties 1.

- 2 In the Settings window for Medium Properties, locate the Medium Properties section.
- 3 From the Refractive index of domains list, choose Get dispersion model from material. The material added above contains the optical dispersion coefficients which can be used to compute the refractive index as a function of wavelength.

Material Discontinuity I

- I In the Model Builder window, click Material Discontinuity I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Material Discontinuity, locate the Rays to Release section.
- 3 From the Release reflected rays list, choose Never.

Mirrors

- I In the Physics toolbar, click **Boundaries** and choose Mirror.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mirror, type Mirrors in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Boundary Selection section. From the Selection list, choose Mirrors.

Obstructions

- I In the Physics toolbar, click **Boundaries** and choose Wall.
- 2 In the Settings window for Wall, type Obstructions in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Boundary Selection section. From the Selection list, choose Obstructions.
- 4 Locate the Wall Condition section. From the Wall condition list, choose Disappear.

- I In the Physics toolbar, click **Boundaries** and choose Wall.
- 2 In the Settings window for Wall, type Image in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Boundary Selection section. From the Selection list, choose All (Image plane).

Release from Grid 1

Release rays from a set of hexapolar grids using quantities defined in the **Parameters 2**: General node.

- I In the Physics toolbar, click **Solution** Global and choose Release from Grid.
- 2 In the Settings window for Release from Grid, locate the Initial Coordinates section.
- 3 From the Grid type list, choose Hexapolar.
- **4** Specify the \mathbf{q}_c vector as

| dx1 | x |
|-----|---|
| dy1 | у |
| dz | z |

5 Specify the $\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{c}}$ vector as

| 0 | x |
|---|---|
| 0 | у |
| 1 | z |

- **6** In the $R_{\rm c}$ text field, type P_nom/2.
- **7** In the $N_{\rm c}$ text field, type N_ring.
- 8 Locate the Ray Direction Vector section. Specify the \boldsymbol{L}_0 vector as

| vx1 | x |
|-----|---|
| vy1 | у |
| ٧Z | z |

- 9 Locate the Vacuum Wavelength section. From the Distribution function list, choose List of values.
- 10 In the Values text field, type lam1 lam2 lam3. These wavelengths were defined in the Parameters 2: General node.

Release from Grid 2

- I Right-click Release from Grid I and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Release from Grid, locate the Initial Coordinates section.
- **3** Specify the $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{c}}$ vector as

4 Locate the **Ray Direction Vector** section. Specify the \mathbf{L}_0 vector as

| vx2 | x |
|-----|---|
| vy2 | у |

Release from Grid 3

- I Right-click Release from Grid 2 and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Release from Grid, locate the Initial Coordinates section.
- **3** Specify the $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{c}}$ vector as

| dx3 | x |
|-----|---|
| dy3 | у |

4 Locate the **Ray Direction Vector** section. Specify the \mathbf{L}_0 vector as

| vx3 | x |
|-----|---|
| vy3 | у |

MESH I

Next, build the mesh. First, slightly refine the mesh to improve the ray tracing accuracy.

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Mesh I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mesh, locate the Physics-Controlled Mesh section.
- 3 From the Element size list, choose Finer.
- 4 Click **Build All**. The mesh should looks like Figure 3.

STUDY I

Step 1: Ray Tracing

- I In the Model Builder window, under Study I click Step I: Ray Tracing.
- 2 In the Settings window for Ray Tracing, locate the Study Settings section.
- 3 From the Time-step specification list, choose Specify maximum path length.
- 4 From the Length unit list, choose mm.
- 5 In the Lengths text field, type 0 1750.
- 6 In the Home toolbar, click **Compute**.

RESULTS

Ray Diagram

Now, make some modifications to the default Ray Trajectories plot.

- I In the Settings window for 3D Plot Group, type Ray Diagram in the Label text field.
- **2** Locate the **Color Legend** section. Select the **Show units** check box.

Ray Trajectories 1

In the Model Builder window, expand the Ray Diagram node.

Color Expression 1

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Ray Trajectories I node, then click Color Expression I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Color Expression, locate the Expression section.

- 3 In the Expression text field, type at ('last', gop.rrel). This expression gives the radial distance from the centroid of the spot on the image plane generated by each release feature.
- **4** From the **Unit** list, choose μm.

Filter I

- I In the Model Builder window, click Filter I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Filter, locate the Ray Selection section.
- 3 From the Rays to include list, choose Logical expression.
- 4 In the Logical expression for inclusion text field, type at(0, atan2(qy,qx)>-pi/2). This filter removes 1/4 of the rays so that the optical geometry is visible.

Ray Diagram

In the following we add and color surface plots to show the various telescope optical elements.

Surface I

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Ray Diagram and choose Surface.
- 2 In the Settings window for Surface, locate the Coloring and Style section.
- 3 From the Coloring list, choose Uniform.
- 4 From the Color list, choose Custom.
- 5 On Windows, click the colored bar underneath, or if you are running the crossplatform desktop — the **Color** button.
- 6 Click Define custom colors.
- 7 Set the RGB values to 54, 140, and 203, respectively.
- 8 Click Add to custom colors.
- **9** Click **Show color palette only** or **OK** on the cross-platform desktop.

Selection I

- I Right-click Surface I and choose Selection.
- 2 In the Settings window for Selection, locate the Selection section.
- **3** From the **Selection** list, choose **Exterior** (**Corrector**).
- 4 Select Boundaries 5–9, 11, 18, 19, 22, and 24 only. Remove the central obstruction and mirror surfaces from this selection.

Transparency I

In the Model Builder window, right-click Surface I and choose Transparency.

Surface 2

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Ray Diagram and choose Surface.
- 2 In the Settings window for Surface, locate the Coloring and Style section.
- **3** From the **Coloring** list, choose **Uniform**.
- 4 From the Color list, choose Gray.

Selection 1

- I Right-click Surface 2 and choose Selection.
- 2 In the Settings window for Selection, locate the Selection section.
- **3** From the **Selection** list, choose **Mirrors**.

Surface 3

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Ray Diagram and choose Surface.
- 2 In the Settings window for Surface, locate the Coloring and Style section.
- 3 From the Coloring list, choose Uniform.
- 4 From the Color list, choose Custom.
- 5 On Windows, click the colored bar underneath, or if you are running the crossplatform desktop — the **Color** button.
- 6 Click Define custom colors.
- **7** Set the RGB values to 105, 105, and 105, respectively.
- 8 Click Add to custom colors.
- **9** Click **Show color palette only** or **OK** on the cross-platform desktop.

Selection I

- I Right-click Surface 3 and choose Selection.
- 2 In the Settings window for Selection, locate the Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Obstructions.
- 4 In the Ray Diagram toolbar, click Plot.
- 5 Click the 2 Zoom Extents button in the Graphics toolbar. Compare the resulting image to Figure 4.

Spot Diagram

- I In the Home toolbar, click **Add Plot Group** and choose **2D Plot Group**.
- 2 In the Settings window for 2D Plot Group, type Spot Diagram in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Color Legend** section. Select the **Show units** check box.

Spot Diagram 1

- I In the **Spot Diagram** toolbar, click More Plots and choose Spot Diagram.
- 2 In the Settings window for Spot Diagram, locate the Layout section.
- **3** From the **Origin location** list, choose **Average over area**. This option centers each spot on the midpoint of all rays.
- **4** Click to expand the **Annotations** section. Select the **Show circle** check box.
- 5 In the Radius text field, type r Airy. The Airy disc radius was defined in the Parameters node.

Color Expression 1

- I Right-click Spot Diagram I and choose Color Expression.
- 2 In the Settings window for Color Expression, locate the Expression section.
- 3 In the Expression text field, type gop.lambda0.
- 4 From the **Unit** list, choose **nm**.
- 5 Click to expand the Range section. Select the Manual color range check box.
- 6 In the Minimum text field, type 425.
- 7 In the Maximum text field, type 675.
- 8 Locate the Coloring and Style section. Click Change Color Table.
- 9 In the Color Table dialog box, select Rainbow>Spectrum in the tree.
- IO Click OK.
- II In the Spot Diagram toolbar, click **Plot**.
- 12 Click the 2 Zoom Extents button in the Graphics toolbar. Compare the resulting image to Figure 5.

Appendix — Geometry Instructions

From the File menu, choose New.

NEW

In the New window, click Model Wizard.

MODEL WIZARD

- I In the Model Wizard window, click **3D**.
- 2 Click **Done**.

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- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Geometry I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Geometry, type Gregory-Maksutov Telescope Geometry Sequence in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Units section. From the Length unit list, choose mm.

GLOBAL DEFINITIONS

Parameters 1

- I In the Model Builder window, under Global Definitions click Parameters I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Parameters, locate the Parameters section.
- 3 Click Load from File.
- **4** Browse to the model's Application Libraries folder and double-click the file gregory maksutov telescope geom sequence parameters.txt. This file contains details of the telescope optical prescription.

PART LIBRARIES

- I In the Home toolbar, click Windows and choose Part Libraries.
- 2 In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Gregory-Maksutov Telescope Geometry Sequence.
- 3 In the Part Libraries window, select Ray Optics Module>3D>Spherical Lenses> spherical_lens_3d in the tree.
- 4 Click Add to Geometry.
- 5 In the Select Part Variant dialog box, select Specify clear aperture diameter in the Select part variant list.
- 6 Click OK.

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Corrector

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Gregory-Maksutov Telescope Geometry Sequence click Spherical Lens 3D I (pil).
- 2 In the Settings window for Part Instance, type Corrector in the Label text field. An aperture on the rear surface of the corrector is also used to define the secondary mirror.

3 Locate the **Input Parameters** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name | Expression | Value | Description |
|----------|------------|------------|--|
| RI | R1_corr | -268.62 mm | Radius of curvature, surface I (+ convex/-concave) |
| R2 | R2_corr | -286.12 mm | Radius of curvature, surface 2 (-convex/+concave) |
| Tc | Tc_corr | 30 mm | Center thickness |
| d0 | d0_corr | 225 mm | Lens full diameter |
| dl | d1_corr | 205 mm | Diameter, surface I |
| d2 | d2_corr | 0 m | Diameter, surface 2 |
| d1_clear | d1c_corr | 70 mm | Clear aperture diameter, surface I |
| d2_clear | d2c_corr | 60 mm | Clear aperture diameter, surface 2 |
| nix | nix | 0 | Local optical axis, x-component |
| niy | niy | 0 | Local optical axis, y-component |
| niz | niz | -1 | Local optical axis, z-component |

PART LIBRARIES

- I In the Home toolbar, click Windows and choose Part Libraries.
- 2 In the Model Builder window, click Gregory-Maksutov Telescope Geometry Sequence.
- 3 In the Part Libraries window, select Ray Optics Module>3D>Mirrors>spherical_mirror_3d in the tree.
- 4 Click Add to Geometry.
- 5 In the Select Part Variant dialog box, select Specify clear aperture diameter in the Select part variant list.
- 6 Click OK.

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Primary mirror

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Gregory-Maksutov Telescope Geometry Sequence click Spherical Mirror 3D I (pi2).
- 2 In the Settings window for Part Instance, type Primary mirror in the Label text field.

3 Locate the **Input Parameters** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name | Expression | Value | Description |
|---------|------------|------------|--|
| R | R_prim | -1111.6 mm | Radius of curvature (+convex/-concave) |
| Tc | Tc_prim | 25 mm | Center thickness |
| d0 | d0_prim | 225 mm | Mirror full diameter |
| dl | d1_prim | 217.5 mm | Mirror surface diameter |
| d_clear | dc_prim | 0 m | Clear aperture diameter |
| d_hole | dh_prim | 60 mm | Center hole diameter |
| nix | 0.0 | 0 | Local optical axis, x-component |
| niy | 0.0 | 0 | Local optical axis, y-component |
| niz | 1.0 | 1 | Local optical axis, z-component |

- 4 Locate the Position and Orientation of Output section. Find the Coordinate system to match subsection. From the Take work plane from list, choose Corrector (pil).
- 5 From the Work plane list, choose Surface 2 vertex intersection (wp2).
- 6 Find the Displacement subsection. In the zw text field, type z prim.

PART LIBRARIES

- I In the Home toolbar, click Windows and choose Part Libraries.
- 2 In the Model Builder window, click Gregory-Maksutov Telescope Geometry Sequence.
- 3 In the Part Libraries window, select Ray Optics Module>3D>Apertures and Obstructions> circular_planar_annulus in the tree.
- 4 Click Add to Geometry.

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Image plane

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Gregory-Maksutov Telescope Geometry Sequence click Circular Planar Annulus I (pi3).
- 2 In the Settings window for Part Instance, type Image plane in the Label text field.

3 Locate the **Input Parameters** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name | Expression | Value | Description |
|------|------------|-------|-----------------|
| d0 | dO_img | 50 mm | Diameter, outer |
| dl | 0.0 | 0 m | Diameter, inner |

- 4 Locate the Position and Orientation of Output section. Find the Coordinate system to match subsection. From the Take work plane from list, choose Primary mirror (pi2).
- 5 From the Work plane list, choose Mirror vertex intersection (wpl).
- 6 Find the Displacement subsection. In the zw text field, type z_img+delta_z_img. The image plane z-coordinate is offset to account for the fact that the ray trace is performed in a vacuum.
- 7 Click **Build All Objects**.
- 8 Click the Orthographic Projection button in the Graphics toolbar.
- 9 Click the Zoom Extents button in the Graphics toolbar.

In the following sections we create selections that can be used to define the physics and during postprocessing. Note that the predefined Boundary Selections can be used to create custom definitions of clear apertures and obstructions.

Corrector (bil)

- I In the Model Builder window, click Corrector (pil).
- 2 In the Settings window for Part Instance, click to expand the Domain Selections section.
- 3 In the table, select the **Keep** check box for **All**.
- 4 Click to expand the **Boundary Selections** section. In the table, select the **Keep** check boxes for Exterior and Surface 1.
- **5** Click to select row number 2 in the table.
- 6 Click New Cumulative Selection.
- 7 In the New Cumulative Selection dialog box, type Obstructions in the Name text field.
- 8 Click OK.
- 9 In the Settings window for Part Instance, locate the Boundary Selections section.
- **10** In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name | Кеер | Physics | Contribute to |
|-------|------|---------|---------------|
| Edges | | | Obstructions |

- II Click to select row number 3 in the table.
- 12 Click New Cumulative Selection.
- 13 In the New Cumulative Selection dialog box, type Mirrors in the Name text field.
- I4 Click OK.
- 15 In the Settings window for Part Instance, locate the Boundary Selections section.
- **16** Click to select row number 4 in the table.
- 17 Click New Cumulative Selection.
- 18 In the New Cumulative Selection dialog box, type Clear Apertures in the Name text field.
- 19 Click OK.
- 20 In the Settings window for Part Instance, locate the Boundary Selections section.
- **21** In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name | Кеер | Physics | Contribute to |
|-----------------------|------|-----------|-----------------|
| Surface 2 obstruction | | $\sqrt{}$ | Clear Apertures |

Primary mirror (pi2)

- I In the Model Builder window, click Primary mirror (pi2).
- 2 In the Settings window for Part Instance, locate the Boundary Selections section.
- **3** In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name | Кеер | Physics | Contribute to |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Mirror surface | | \checkmark | Mirrors |
| Mirror rear surface | | \checkmark | Obstructions |
| Mirror edges | \checkmark | \checkmark | Obstructions |

Image plane (pi3)

- I In the Model Builder window, click Image plane (pi3).
- 2 In the Settings window for Part Instance, locate the Boundary Selections section.
- 3 In the table, select the **Keep** check box for **All**.