# Ellipse Distortion in FFAGs 

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- Longitudinal dynamics in FFAG lattice is parametrized by dimensionless parameters $a$ (scaled voltage) and $b$ (time offset)
- There is an allowed region in that parameter space
- I have a method for computing emittance growth as a function of $a$ and $b$, minimizing over ellipse orientation in phase space
- I can minimize that emittance growth over $b$, and find emittance growth as a function of $a$
- Emittance growth as computed is a funny parameter: it can be negative, for instance.
- Better to minimize "ellipse distortion": keep an ellipse elliptical
- Follow the same process with ellipse distortion




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Ellipse Distortion vs. $a$


- Note different qualitative behaviors
- Emittance growth was proportional to $\epsilon^{2}$; action distortion is proportional to $(2 J)^{3 / 2}$. Equivalently, radius distortion is proportional to $r^{2}$.
-Coefficient is proportional to $(a-1 / 24)^{-1}$, whereas for emittance growth it was $(a-1 / 24)^{-2}$
- Leaving out two effects
- Amplitude-dependent shift of the ellipse center
- Amplitude-dependent distortion of the ellipse shape
- If we include these, then we don't care where the center of the ellipse is; we only care about the outer boundary enclosing all particles
- Including these effects, action distortion will be proportional to $(2 J)^{5 / 2}$, or radius distortion proportional to $r^{4}$
- This gives significantly less distortion for small radii
- Still working on the computation. . .

Ellipse Distortion vs. Amplitude


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