Revolutionizing Micro-Array Technologies: A Microscopy Method and System Incorporating Nanofeatures

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SUMMARY

UCLA researchers in the Department of Electrical Engineering have developed a novel lensfree incoherent holographic microscope using a plasmonic aperture.

BACKGROUND

Lensfree imaging has gained interest due to the potential to eliminate bulky optical components and to develop on-chip microscope systems, which would be beneficial for microfluidic systems used in medical diagnostics and cytometry applications. A lightweight and compact, lensfree-imaging modality would also be a cheaper alternative to conventional lens-based microscopy, especially for telemedicine applications. Current imaging modalities that are compact, cost-effective, and easy to use either have poor performance or low resolution, limiting their practical use.

INNOVATION

Researchers led by Professor Aydogan Ozcan have invented a novel lensless incoherent holographic microscope with a resolution of ~500 nm over a field of view (FOV) of ~5 mm^2 and can achieve subcellular resolution over a large FOV of 24 mm^2. This compact and lightweight microscope does not require any lenses, lasers, or other bulky optical and mechanical components and instead, utilizes a simple light emitting diode and a compact optoelectronic sensor-array.

APPLICATIONS

- On-chip microscopy
- Medical diagnostics
- Cytometry
- Telemedicine applications involving global health problems (i.e. malaria, TB, and HIV)

ADVANTAGES

- Minimally trained personnel to operate
- Subcellular resolution with large FOV
- Compact, cheap, and lightweight
- Lensfree holographic imaging
- Does not need lenses, lasers, or bulky components

PATENT STATUS

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United States Of America	Issued Patent	9,202,835	12/01/2015	2009-454

RELATED MATERIALS

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OTHER INFORMATION

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ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES BY THESE INVENTORS

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- Detection and Spatial Mapping of Mercury Contamination in Water Samples Using a Smart-Phone
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- Lensfree Tomographic Imaging
- Single Molecule Imaging and Sizing of DNA on a Cell Phone
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