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Extended Depth-Of-Field In Holographic Image Reconstruction Using Deep Learning-Based Auto-Focusing And Phase-Recovery

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SUMMARY

UCLA researchers in the Department of Electrical Engineering have developed a novel deep learning-based algorithm that digitally reconstructs images from holography over an extended depth of field.

BACKGROUND

Holographic imaging has many applications in the fields of engineering, research and medicine. A holography encodes the 3D information of a sample. However, it is time-consuming and cumbersome to digitally decode the original sample image from its hologram. This process requires auto-focusing and phase recovery, which are complex, computationally heavy and specific to the imaging set-up. This leads to limitations in the depth-of-field (DOF) in image reconstruction, which in turn limits the application of this imaging modality.

INNOVATION

A novel convolutional neural network (CNN)-based approach was developed to digitally decode holograms. It simultaneously performs autofocusing and phase recovery to significantly extend the DOF of holographic image reconstruction. This CNN was trained to quickly reconstruct
an in-focus image of a sample over an extended DOF from a single input of back-propagated hologram of a 3D sample. It improves upon the
algorithm time complexity of existing methods and is non-iterative. It can also be applied to other imaging modalities to extend their DOF.

APPLICATIONS

- ▶ Digital holography
- ▶ Other imaging modalities such as florescence imaging

ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Fast
- Non-iterative
- Extended DOF
- ▶ Widely applicable

PATENT STATUS

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OTHER INFORMATION

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CATEGORIZED AS

- **▶** Imaging
 - ▶ 3D/Immersive
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