Metasurface, Metalens, and Metalens Array with Controllable Angular Field-of-View

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ABSTRACT

Researchers at the University of California, Davis have developed an optical lens module that uses a metalens or a metalens array having a controllable angular field-of-view.

FULL DESCRIPTION

The technology uses a metalens or a metalens array to achieve high quality large field-of-view imaging with a compact device. Each metalens or metalens array uses a 2D array of meta-units where each meta-unit includes a nanostructure and a portion of a substrate that supports the nanostructure. Each meta-unit is configured with an angular-dependent transmission or reflection intensity that decreases with an increasing incident angle of an illumination. The metalens passes an incident light having an incident angle less than a cutoff angle and rejects an incident light having an incident angle greater than the cutoff angle. The metalens can be used as a base unit for constructing many different metasurfaces designed to achieve various 2D or 3D imaging goals.

APPLICATIONS

- Miniaturized imaging devices
- Light-field cameras
- Compact cameras
- Endoscopy
- Biomedical imaging
- Consumer electronics
- Surveillance

FEATURES/BENEFITS

- Design flexibility
- Angle-dependent transmission or reflection intensity
- Extended depth of view for light field imaging
- Solves the trade-off between in-focus imaging resolution and the depth of view
- Addresses signal ambiguities in single lens design

PATENT STATUS

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OTHER INFORMATION

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  - All Optics and Photonics
- **Imaging**
  - 3D/Immersive
  - Medical
  - Other
- **Medical**
  - Imaging
- **Nanotechnology**
  - Materials
  - Other
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- **Sensors & Instrumentation**
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