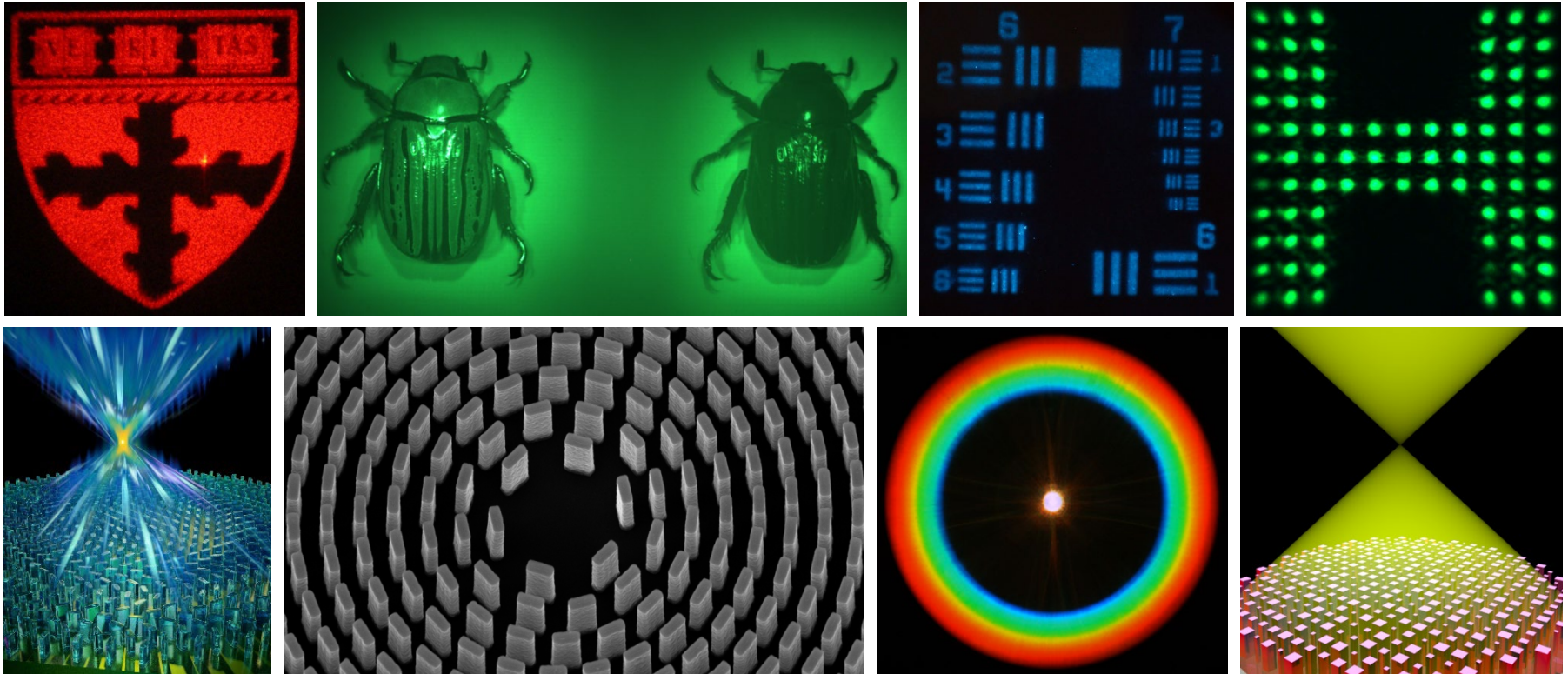


Metasurface Flat Optics



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Vision for Flat Optics

F. Capasso, *Nanophotonics*, **6** 953 (2018)

- Planar technology is central to IC technology: Technology platform
- **Same foundries will manufacture camera sensor and lenses using same technology (deep-UV stepper)**
- **Single phase mask (lithographic level) generates the metaoptical component**
- **Metasurfaces that give arbitrary control of the phase, amplitude and polarizations of light**

➤ **Our goals:**

CMOS compatible flat optics platform for high volume markets:

cameras (cell phone camera modules, laptops, automotive, biometrics), displays, wearable optics (augmented reality).

TiO₂ : high quality material platform for visible

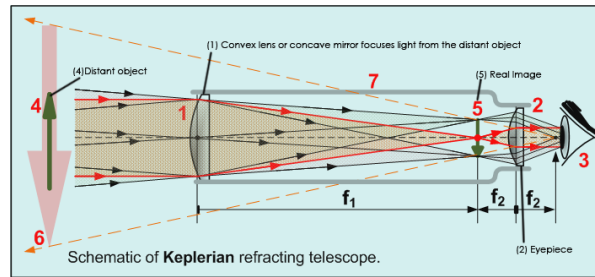
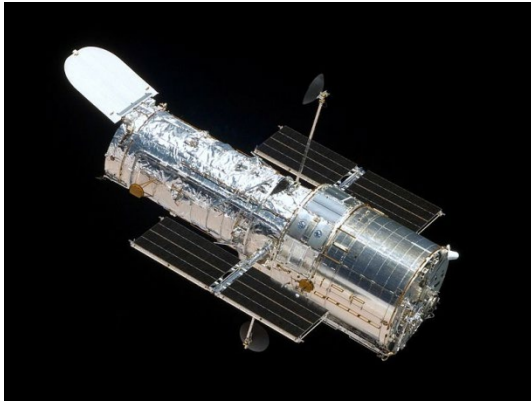
Amorphous Si: same for near IR

Fused Silica (SiO₂)

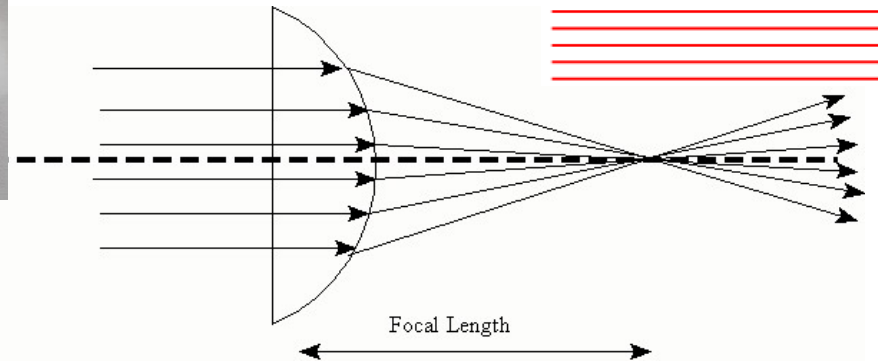
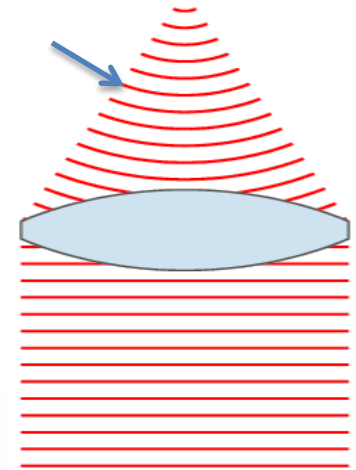
Example: lenses in cell phone camera modules will be replaced by metalenses fabricated by deep UV steppers (same foundry that makes the sensor chip): thinner, easier fabrication and alignment

- **Flat Optics for a wide range of optical components** (lenses, holograms, polarizers, phase plates, etc.) machine vision, biomed imaging, scientific applications (OCT), drones, polarimetry laser lithography, OEM markets
- **Multifunctionality: single flat optical components replaces multiple standard components with attendant reduction of system complexity and footprint**

Why Lenses are thick ? Can we make a flat lens?



Propagating
Wavefront



- All lenses suffer from distortions in the way they focus
- Focal point is blurred by aberrations (spherical, astigmatism, coma, etc.)
- Can be corrected by using multiple lenses, which however makes the optics much thicker, bulky and heavier

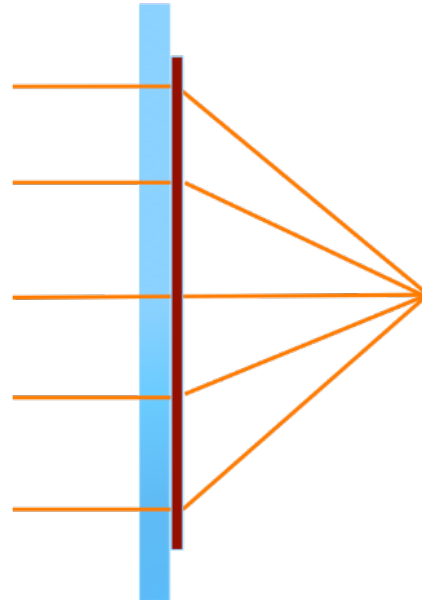
Lens becomes more demanding

- Conventional lens manufacturing: grinding, polishing and plastic molding



- Largan Precision company (major cell phone lens supplier) produces ~ 17 billions plastic lens modules
- These lenses are for various applications: cellphone/NB lenses, webcam lenses, car and camera lenses etc.

Can we make a flat lens with no aberrations?



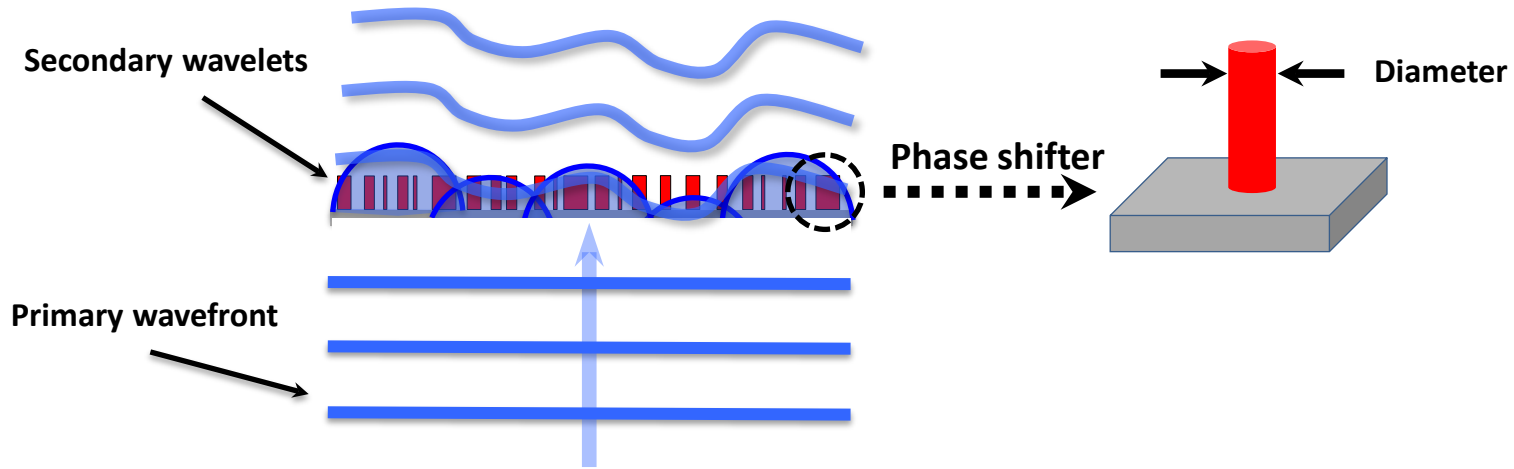
- All rays focused to the same point? i.e. diffraction limited.
- Two challenges: doing it first for “single” wavelength and then for a broad spectrum?
- By structuring with nanotechnology a planar surface so that all rays converge to the same focus

The surface is nanostructured: **METASURFACE**



Metasurfaces: complete wavefront control

➤ Huygens-Fresnel Principle



Benefits

- **Straight-Forward Fabrication**
 - One mask level, cost effective
- **Compact**
 - Light weight, capability to be vertically integrated
- **Unprecedented Control of Dispersion**
- **Overcome Limitations of Conventional Optics**
 - Aberrations, multifunctionality

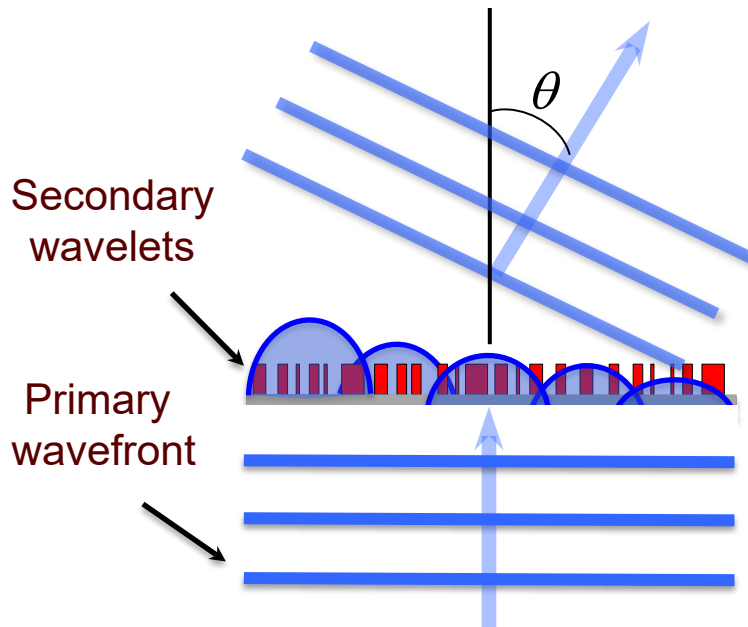
Metasurface: Manipulating phase using nanostructures

- Control **Amplitude**, **phase**, **polarization** and **wavenumber** of light

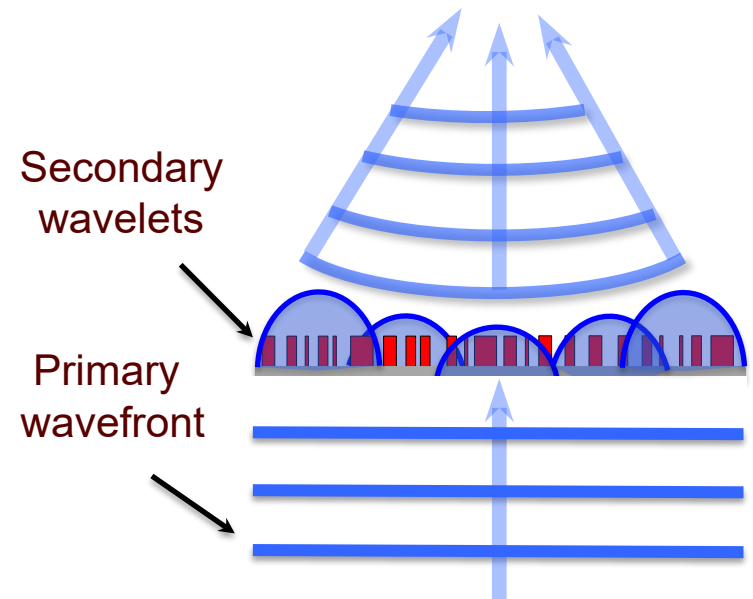
$$\vec{E} = A \cdot \exp^{i(k_z \cdot z + \varphi)} \hat{y}$$

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Amplitude Phase Polarization Wavenumber

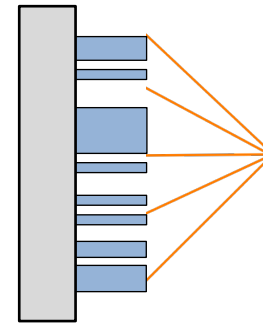
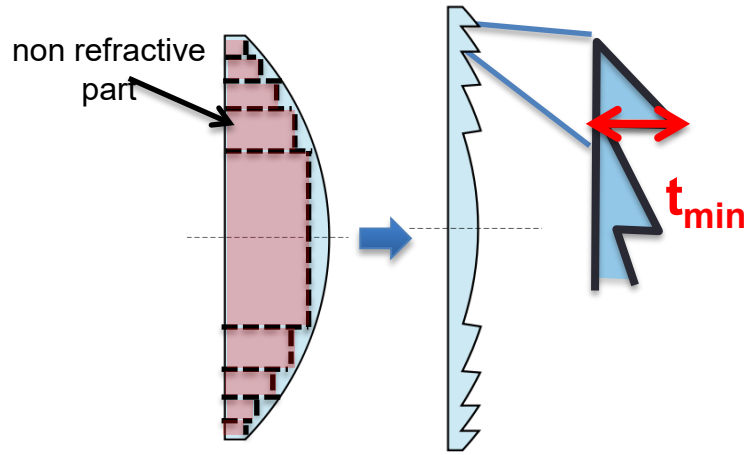
➤ Example: Beam deflector



➤ Example: Lens



Fresnel Optics vs Metasurface Based Optics

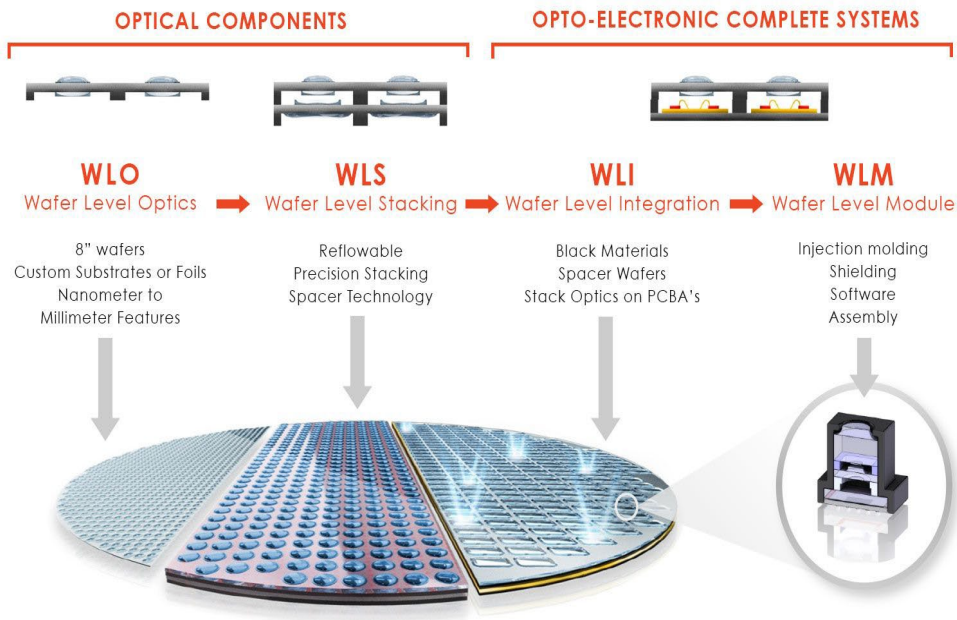


Fresnel Optics	Metasurface
finite lateral phase control	sub wavelength phase control
polarization insensitive	polarization control
multi wavelength operation hard	controlled dispersion: achromatic
multiple steps of lithography: N phase level \rightarrow $\log_2 N$ steps Limited functionality	single lithographic step multifunctional

A single digital pattern (one mask level) can create an arbitrary analog phase profile

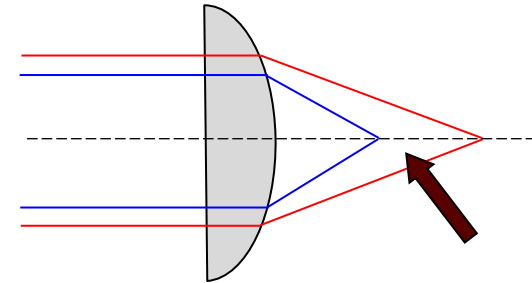
Unique properties of metalens

- **Lithography-based Fabrication:**
nano-meter precision with high throughput
- **Flat and Compact:**
compatible with wafer packing



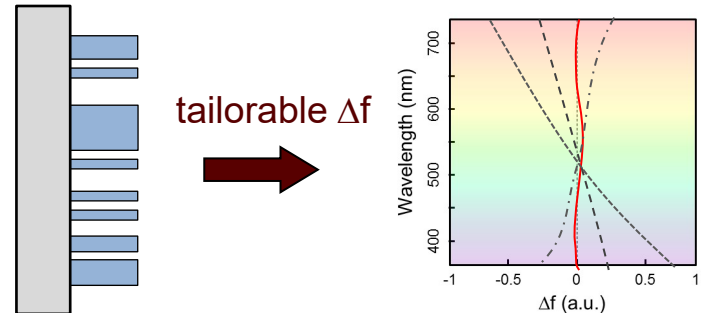
Ref: Heptagon Inc. (Wafer level optics packaging)

- **Tunable dispersion:**
 - ▣ **Refractive lens:**
dispersion is given by glass material



Lens maker equation:
$$F(\lambda) = \frac{R}{n(\lambda) - 1}$$

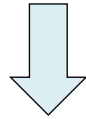
- ▣ **Metals:**
Tailorable through nanostructures



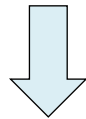
General design process

➤ Flow of convention metasurface design

1. Target phase profiles from analytical solution or raytracing



2. Build a nanostructure library by parameter sweep



3. Matching target phase with nanostructure phase for each spatial coordinate

- Most cases are related to geometric optics
- Hologram is an exception, which requires diffraction calculation to obtain target phase profile.
- Solving Maxwell's equations by a simulation software
- Choosing elements from the library based on a figure of merit

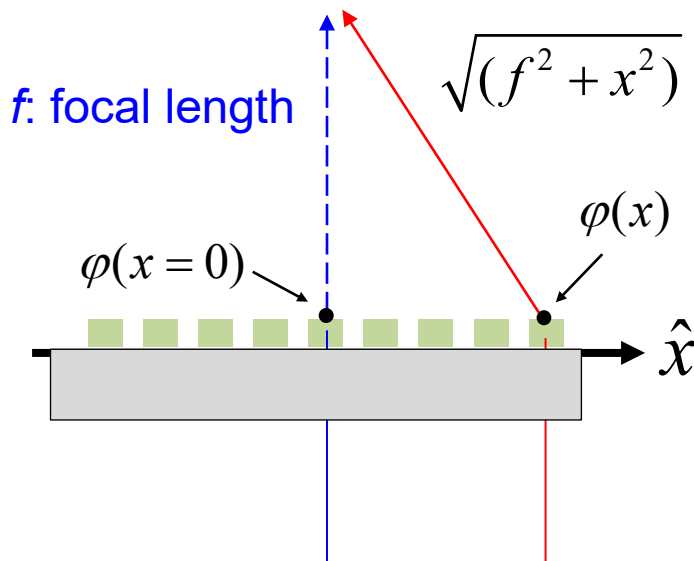
General principle

➤ Light rays propagate to the direction where there are in-phase.

➤ Phase $\varphi = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \cdot n \cdot L$

Wavelength
Refractive index
Propagation length

➤ Example: Lens



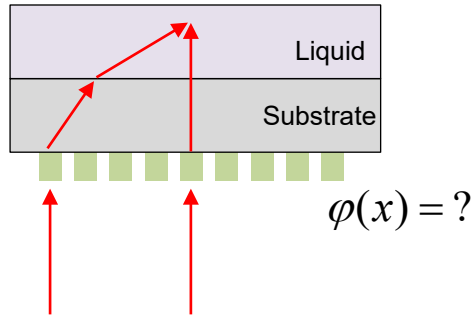
$$\varphi(x=0) + \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_d} f = \varphi(x) + \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_d} \sqrt{(f^2 + x^2)}$$

Set $\varphi(0) = 0$, because only relative phase matters

$$\varphi(x) = -\frac{2\pi}{\lambda_d} (\sqrt{(f^2 + x^2)} - f)$$

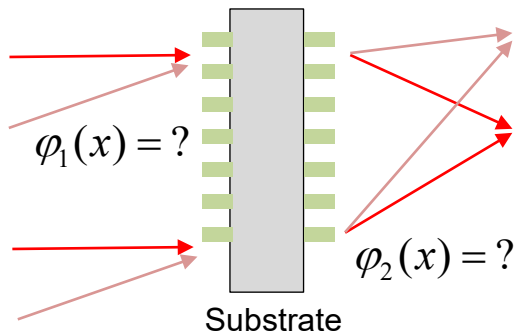
More complicated cases

➤ Immersion metalens



Ref: Chen, W. T. et al. Immersion Meta-Lenses at Visible Wavelengths for Nanoscale Imaging. *Nano Lett.* 17, 3188-3194 (2017)

➤ Doublet metalens



Ref: Groever, B., Chen, W. T. & Capasso, F. Meta-Lens Doublet in the Visible Region. *Nano Lett.* 17, 4902-4907 (2017).

Ref: Arbabi, A. et al. Miniature optical planar camera based on a wide-angle metasurface doublet corrected for monochromatic aberrations. *Nat. Commun.* 7, 13682 (2016).

➤ Raytracing software (Zemax: OpticsStudio, Synopsys: CodeV etc):

- Binary 2 surface in OpticsStudio

Taylor expansion of $\varphi(x)$:

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_n a_n \left(\frac{x}{R}\right)^{2n}$$

Only considers even terms, because lens phase profile is symmetric

The software tunes a_n to minimize figure of merit

Normalization constant

Available simulation packages

➤ Simulation packages (solving full Maxwell's Equations)

CST : <https://www.cst.com/>

COMSOL: <https://www.comsol.com/>

Lumerical: <https://www.lumerical.com/>

➤ Our codes are developed based on Lumerical. However, the simulation principle is valid using other simulation packages.

➤ Other useful information:

Nano-hub: <https://nanohub.org/courses/NPM>

EM lab: On Youtube, search CEM lectures

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Photonic Crystal Bandstructures

- Periodic (crystalline) media
- Periodic atoms
- Periodic structures with electronic bandgaps
- Periodic dielectrics
- Photonic crystals with photonic bandgaps
- Many potential applications for both

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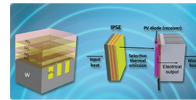
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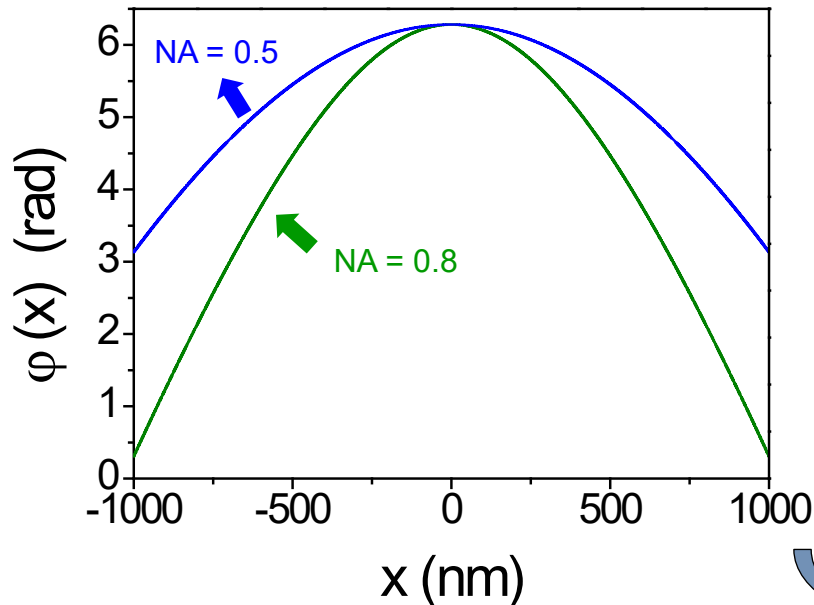
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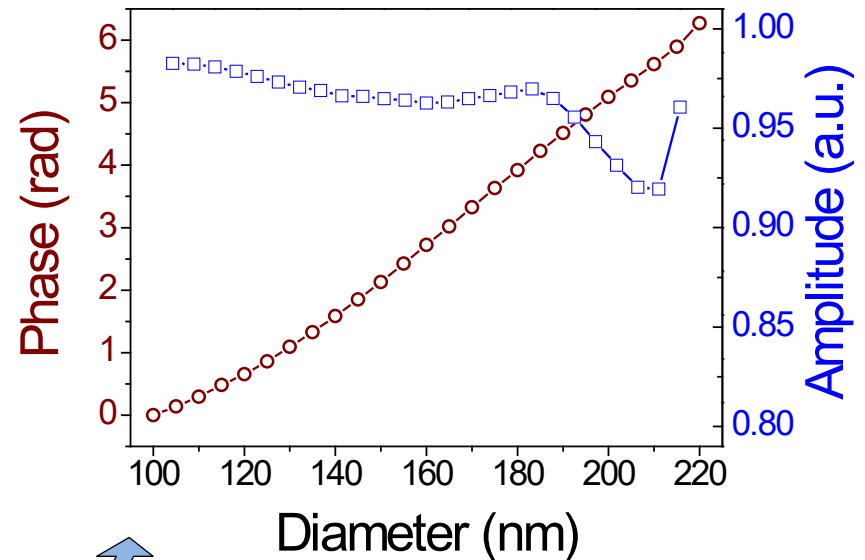
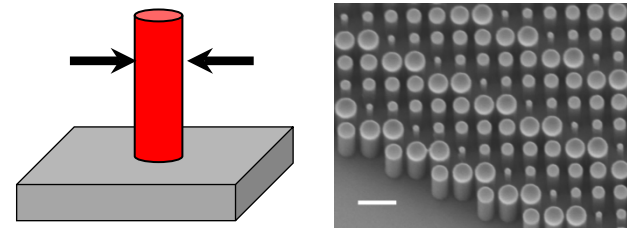
Choose element based on merit functions

➤ Target phase

$$\varphi(x) = -\frac{2\pi}{\lambda_d} (\sqrt{(f^2 + x^2)} - f)$$



➤ Structure phase

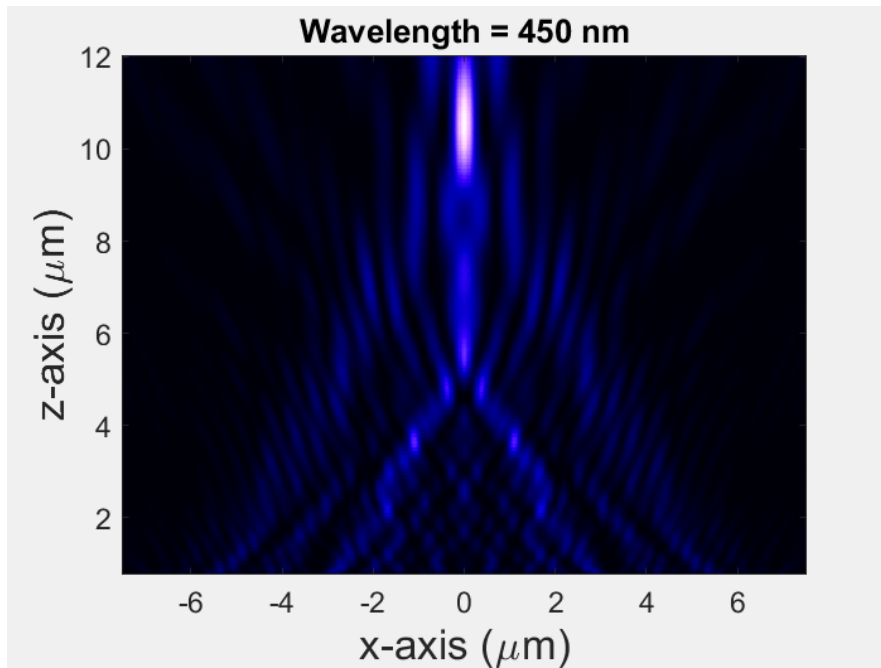


$$FOM = \min(|\varphi_{structures} - \varphi_{target}(x_0)|)$$

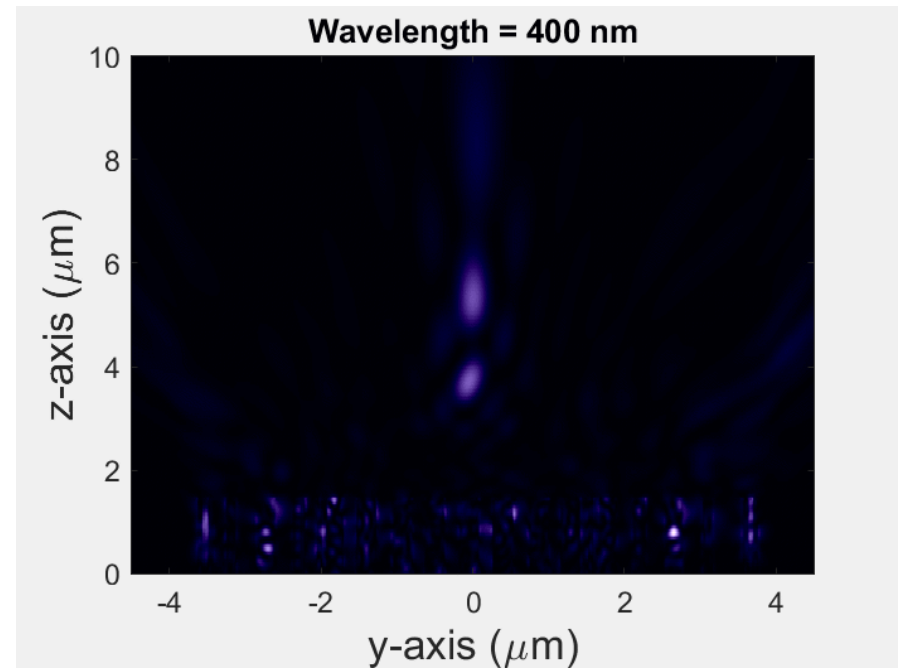
- Repeat this for all coordinates to choose proper structure

Chromatic response of metalenses

- Polarization-insensitive chromatic metalens



- Polarization-sensitive achromatic metalens

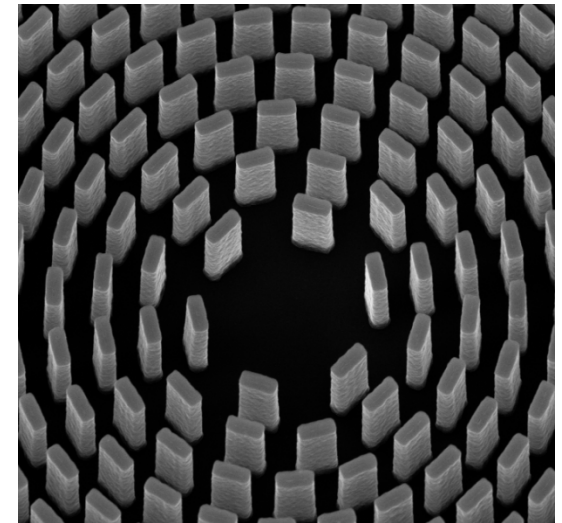
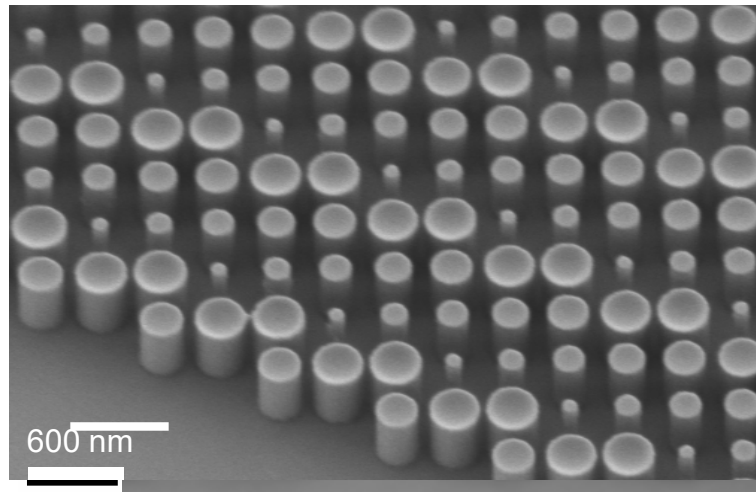
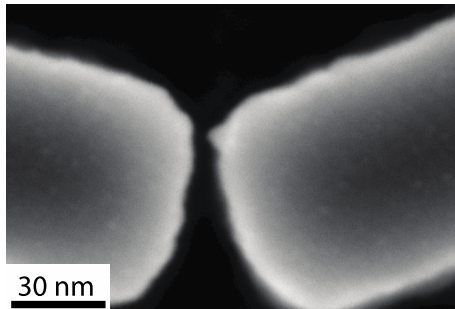
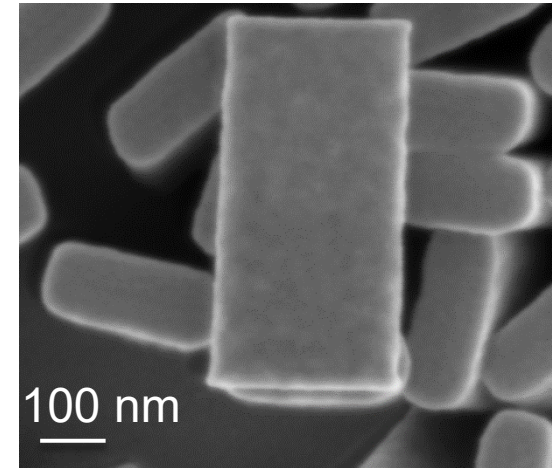
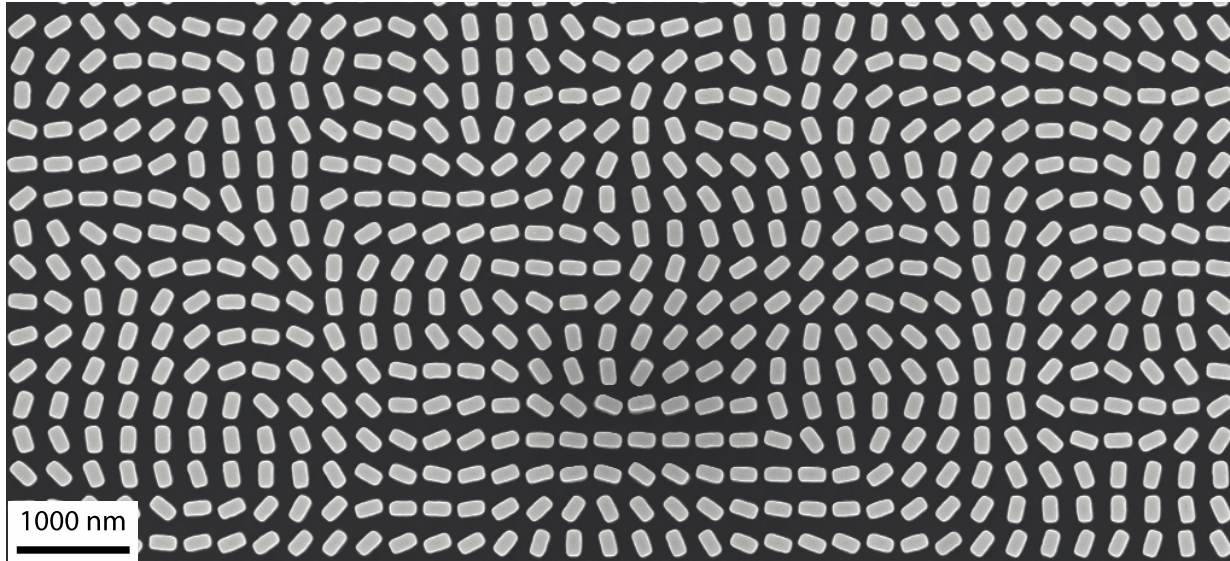


TiO₂ Metasurfaces by Atomic Layer Deposition:

Completely transparent in the visible;

Negligible roughness, Vertical walls

Side view

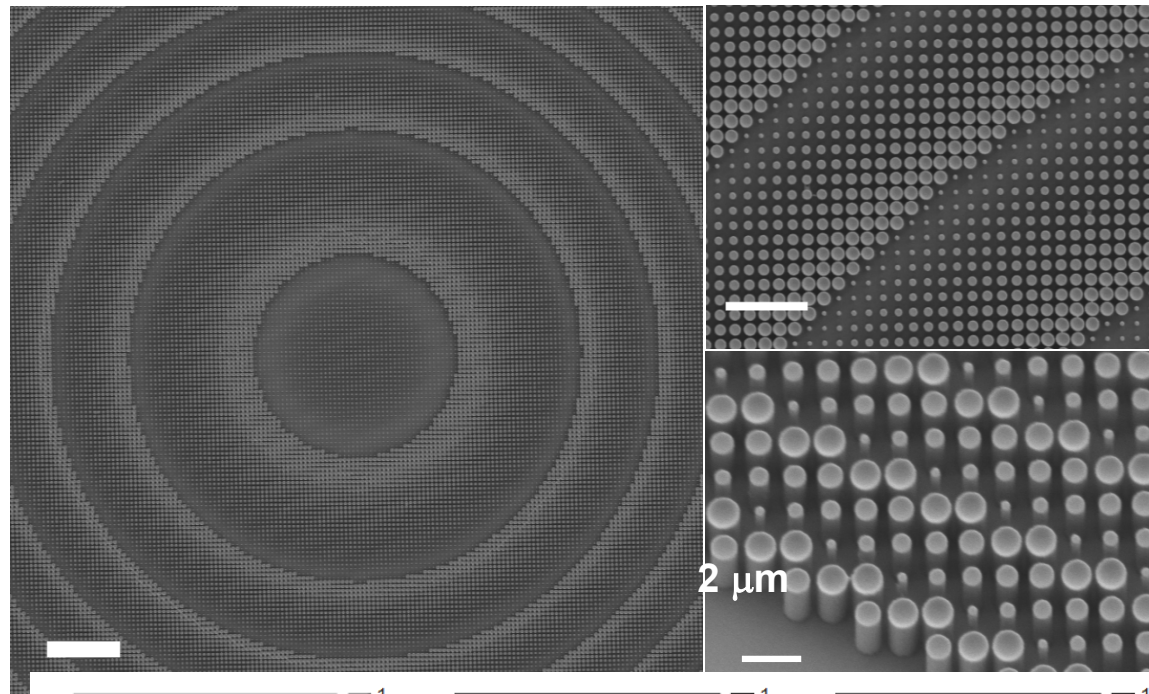
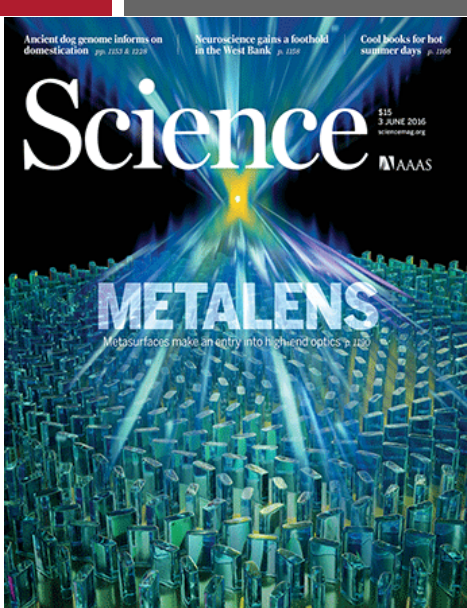


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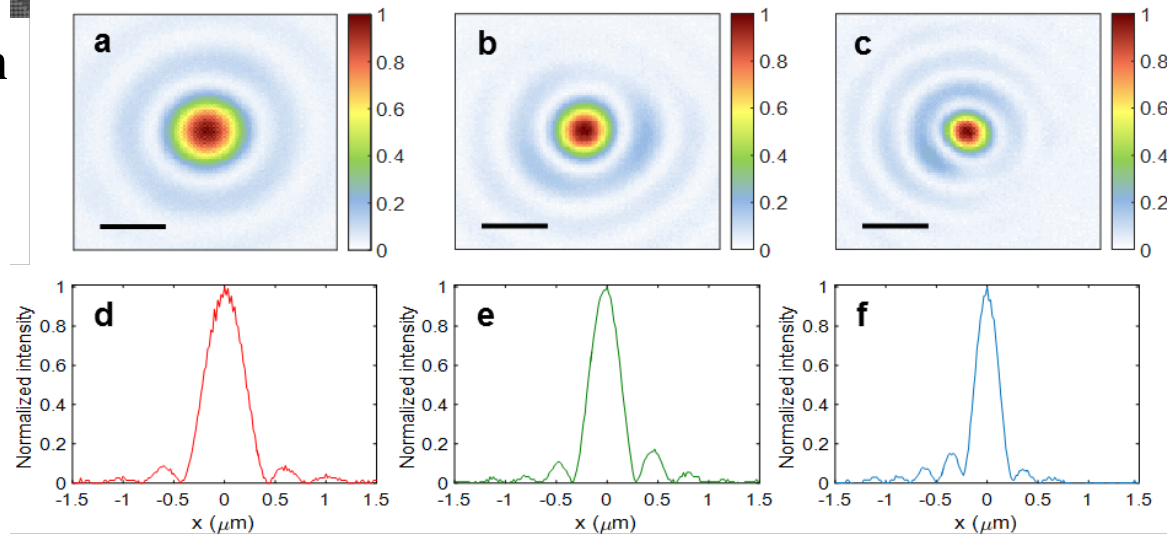
Diffraction Limited High NA Metalenses

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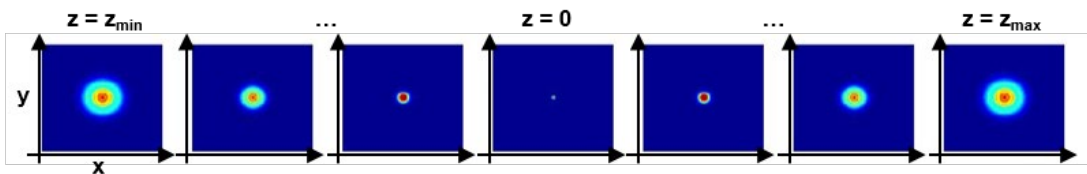
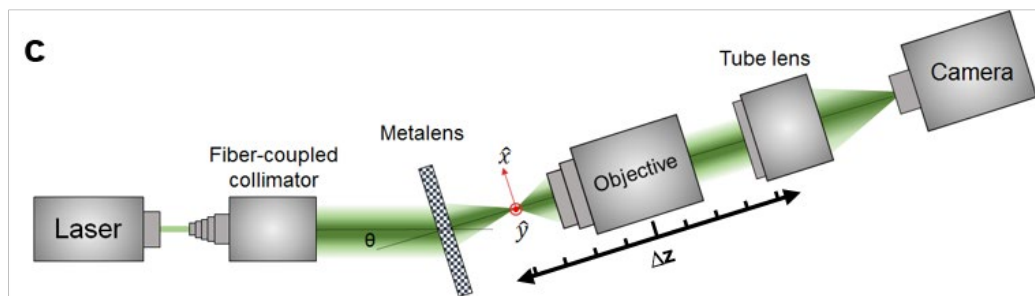
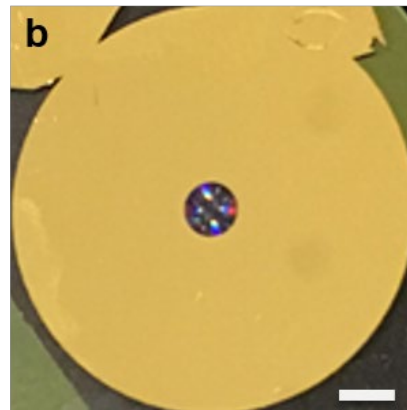
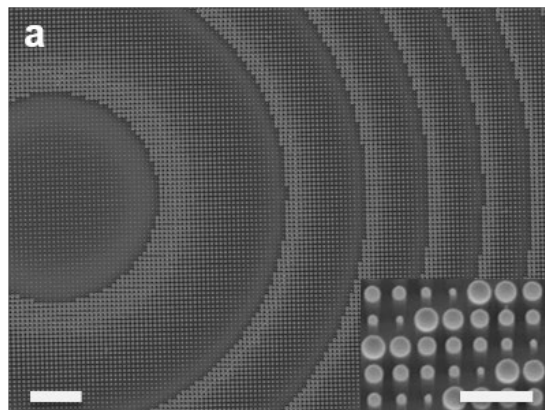


$\text{\O} = 2 \text{ mm}; f = 800 \mu\text{m}$
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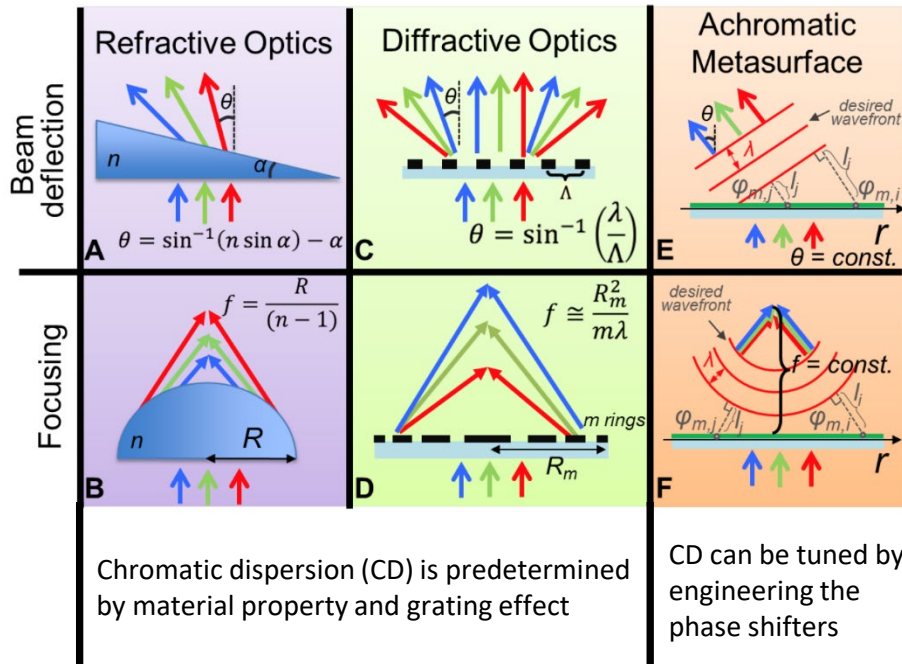
Focusing efficiency:
60% to 80% depending
For NA in 0.8 to 0.6 range



Experimental Setup for Point Spread Function Measurement



Chromatic dispersion control with Metasurfaces

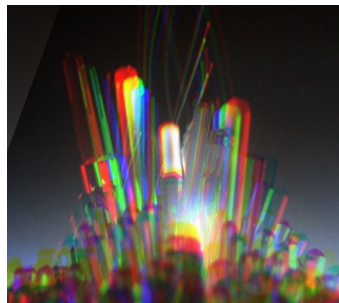


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Controlling chromatic dispersion is critical in

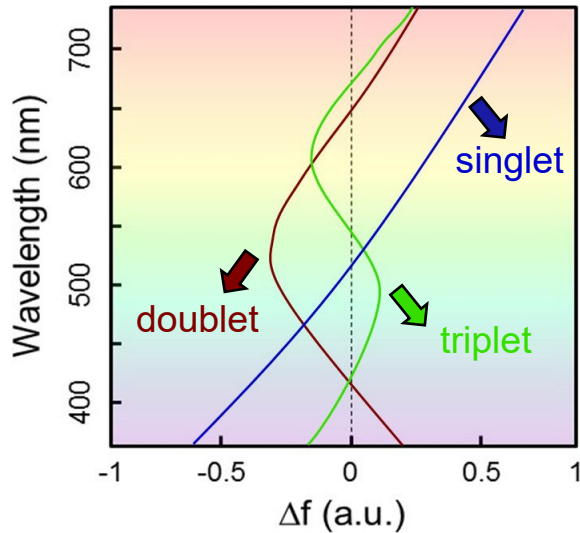
- Maintaining the same functionality over a bandwidth (important for imaging applications)
- Implementing different functionalities at different wavelengths (spectral multifunctionalities)

Effect of chromatic aberration

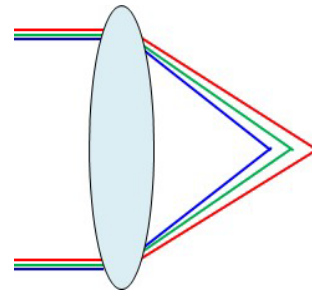


Complexity of Achromatic Lens Design

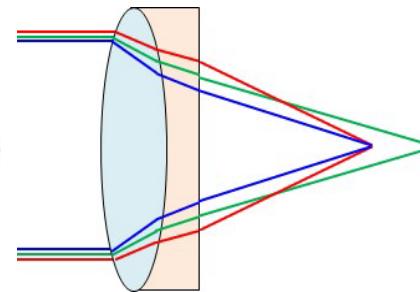
- Conventional approaches for reducing chromatic aberration



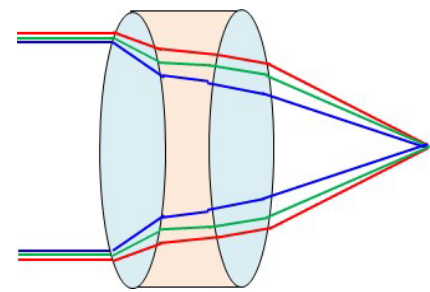
➤ Singlet



➤ Doublet



➤ Triplet



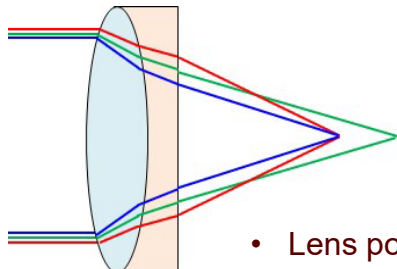
Crown glass



Flint glass

- Conventional design approaches (doublets for example)

Under thin lens approximation, lack of clear physical insights



$$\begin{cases} \phi_1 + \phi_2 = \phi_{total} \\ \frac{\phi_1}{V_1} + \frac{\phi_2}{V_2} = 0 \end{cases}$$

• Lens power $\phi = \frac{1}{f}$ Abbe number $V = \frac{n_{587.6nm} - 1}{n_{486nm} - n_{656nm}}$

- Limited choices of glass

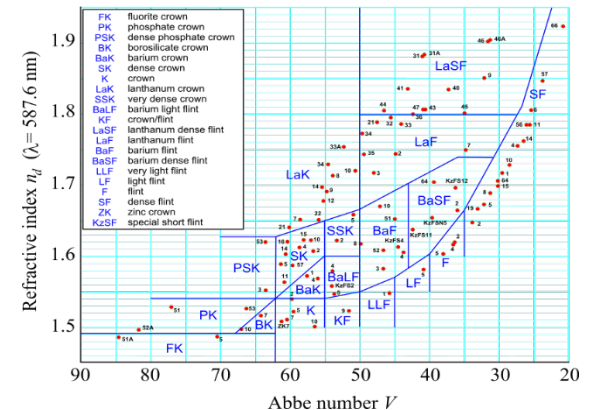
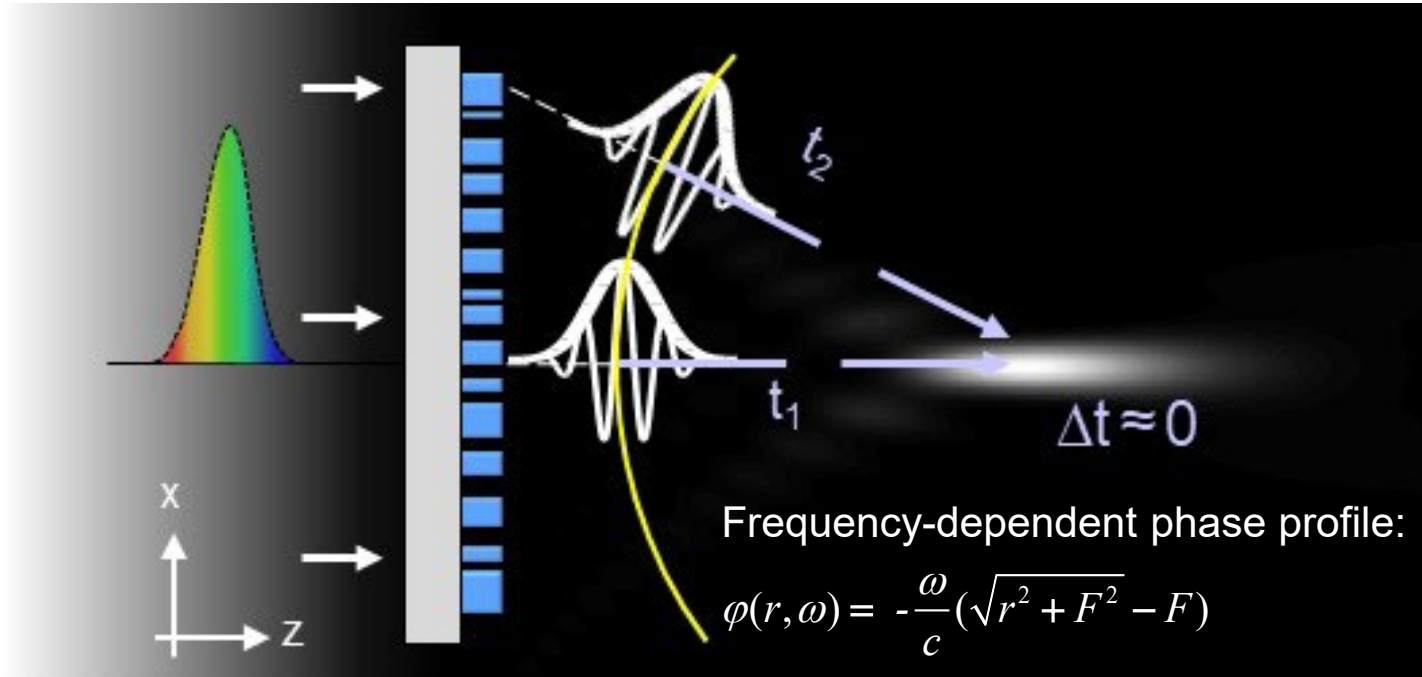


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Achromatic metalens

- To realize achromatic focusing, one needs to manipulate wavepackets in both spatial and time domains.



$$\varphi(r, \omega) = \varphi(r, \omega_d) + \left. \frac{\partial \varphi(r, \omega)}{\partial \omega} \right|_{\omega=\omega_d} (\omega - \omega_d) + \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{\partial^2 \varphi(r, \omega)}{\partial \omega^2} \right|_{\omega=\omega_d} (\omega - \omega_d)^2 + \dots$$

gives lens function

Group delay (GD): time delay

Group delay dispersion (GDD): temporal width

Ref: W. T. Chen ...and F. Capasso et. al. *Nature Nanotechnology*, **13**, 220–226 (2018)

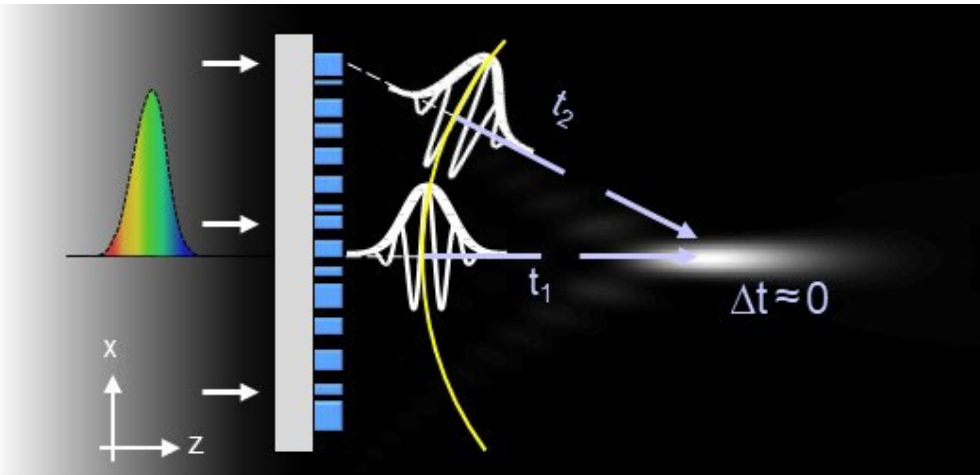
Broadband Achromatic Metalenses

W-T Chen et al. *Nature Nanotechnology* Jan 1 (2018) doi:10.1038/s41565-017-0034-6

- Frequency-dependent phase profile:

$$\varphi(r, \omega) = -\frac{\omega}{c} (\sqrt{r^2 + F^2} - F)$$

gives lens function



$$\varphi(r, \omega) = \boxed{\varphi(r, \omega_d)} + \left[\frac{\partial \varphi(r, \omega)}{\partial \omega} \right]_{\omega=\omega_d} (\omega - \omega_d) + \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi(r, \omega)}{\partial \omega^2} \right]_{\omega=\omega_d} (\omega - \omega_d)^2 + \dots$$

Time delay

Wave packet width

determines dispersion

- Dispersion requirements for achromatic:

$$\text{Group delay: } \frac{\partial \varphi(r, \omega)}{\partial \omega} = -\frac{\sqrt{r^2 + F^2} - F}{c}$$

$$\text{Group delay dispersion: } \frac{\partial^2 \varphi(r, \omega)}{\partial \omega^2} = 0$$

$$F \rightarrow F(\omega) = k\omega^n \quad (k \text{ is a constant})$$

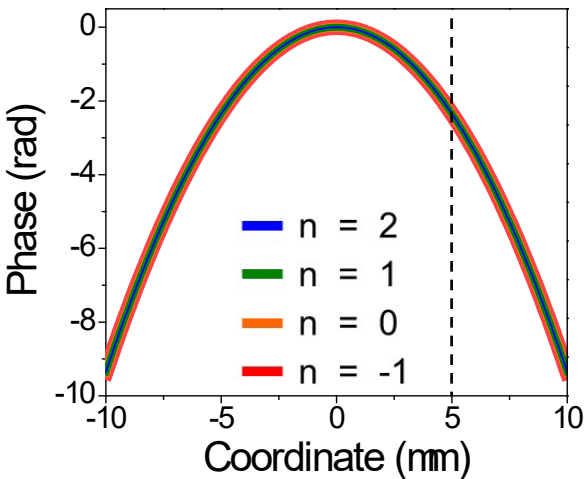
Achromatic $n = 0$, Conventional diffractive $n = 1$, Anomalous diffractive $n = 2$, Refractive $n = -1$

Requirement for GD and GDD

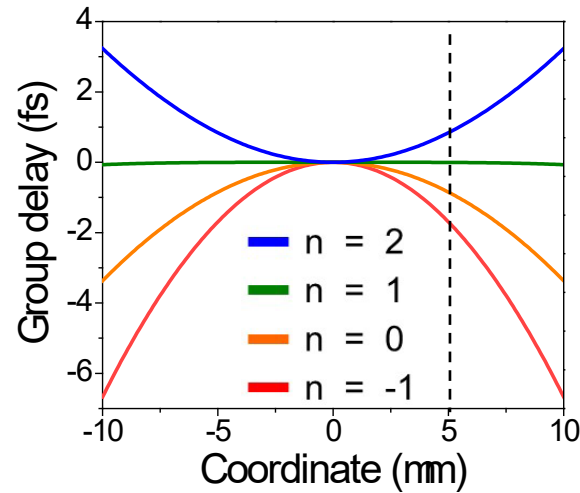
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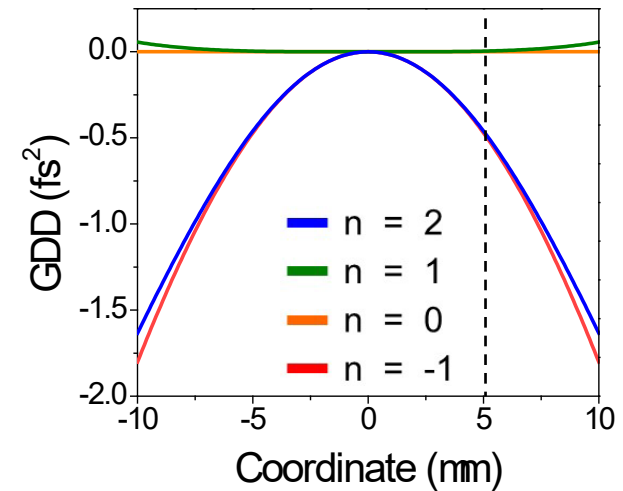
➤ Required phase at 530 nm



➤ Group delay (GD)

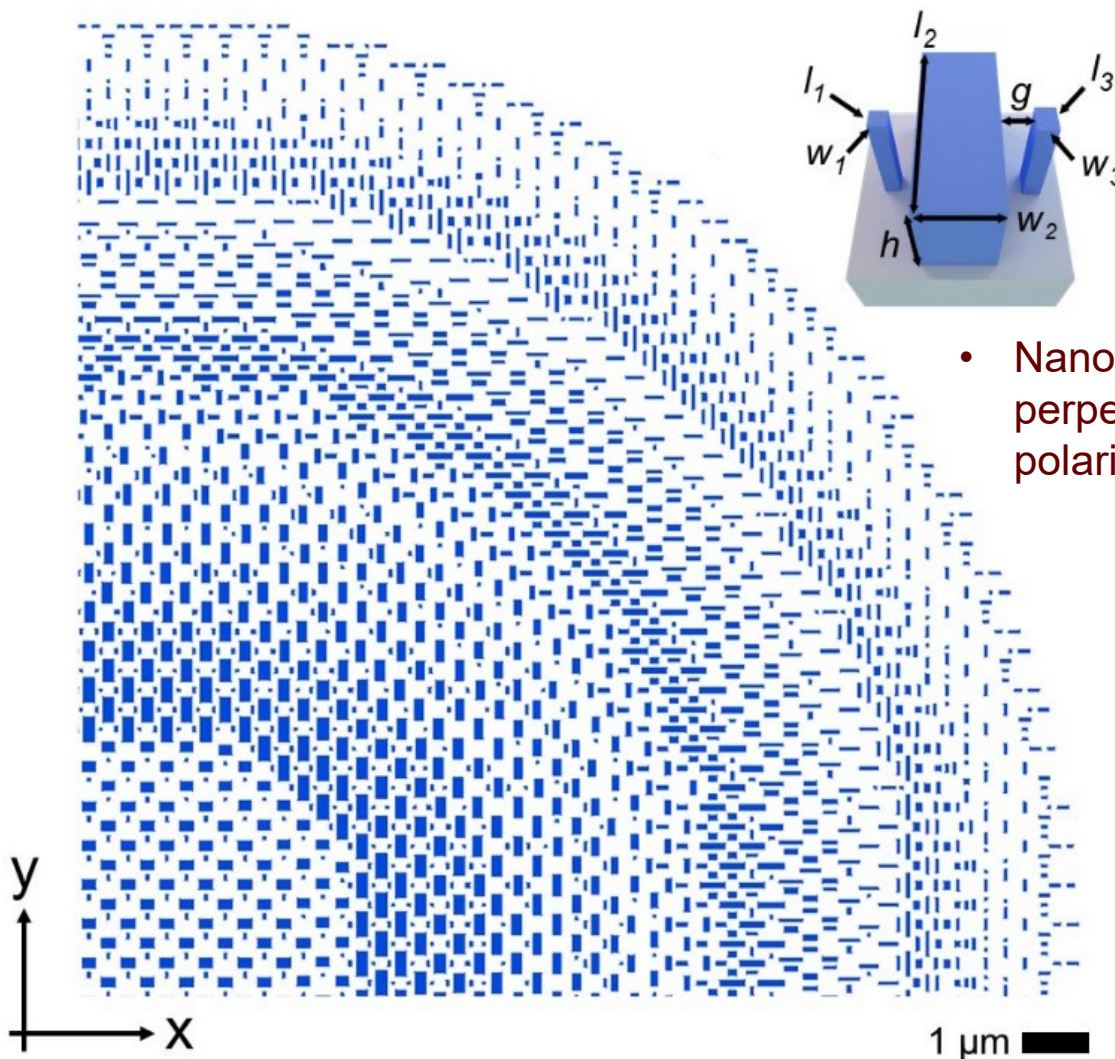


➤ Group delay dispersion (GDD)

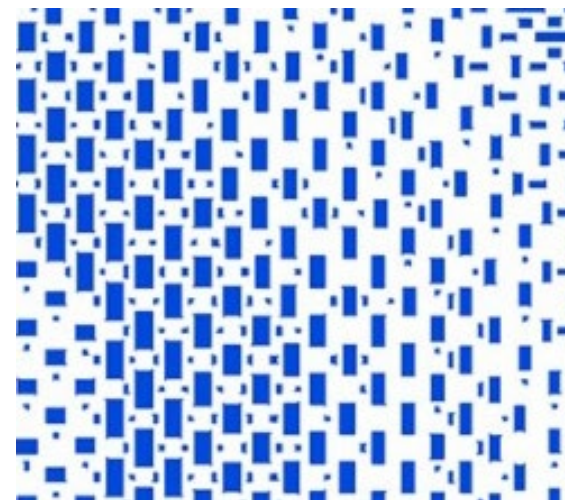


- NA = 0.2, $F = 64 \mu\text{m}$ at 530 nm

Polarization-insensitive lens consisting of anisotropic nanostructures



- Nanostructures are either parallel or perpendicular to their neighbor to ensure polarization insensitivity.



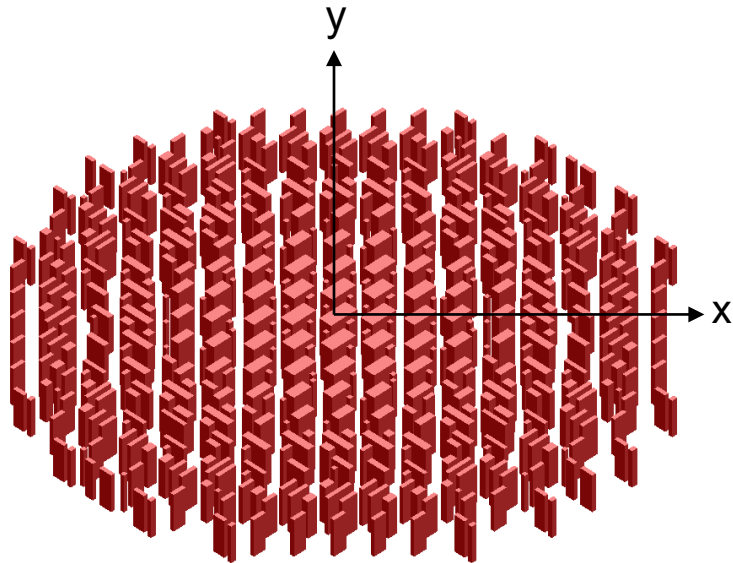
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Full lens simulation

➤ NA = 0.55, Dia = 6.5 μm

- Layout: Achromatic and polarization-insensitive metalens

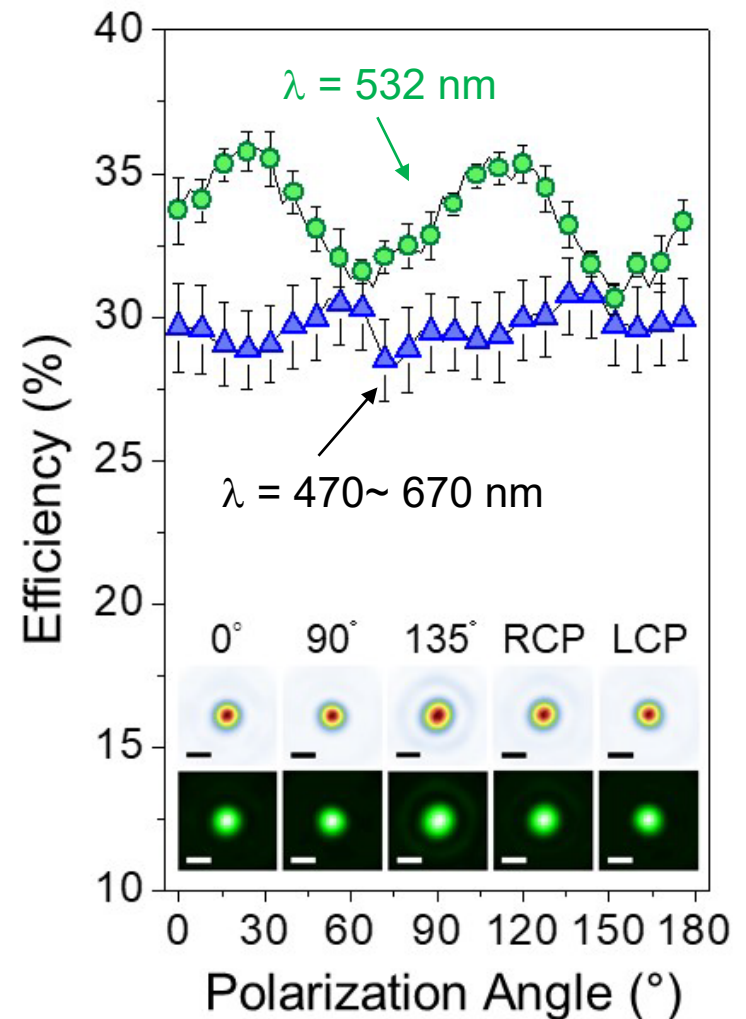
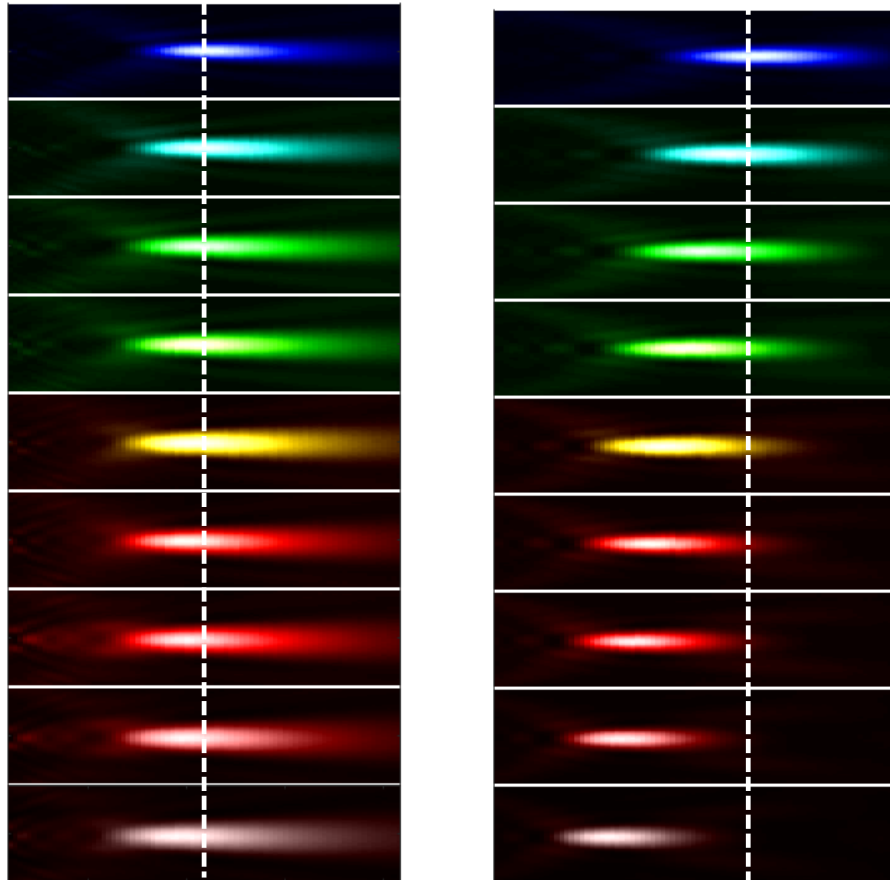
- FDTD simulation



Chromatic
(Without dispersion
Engineering)

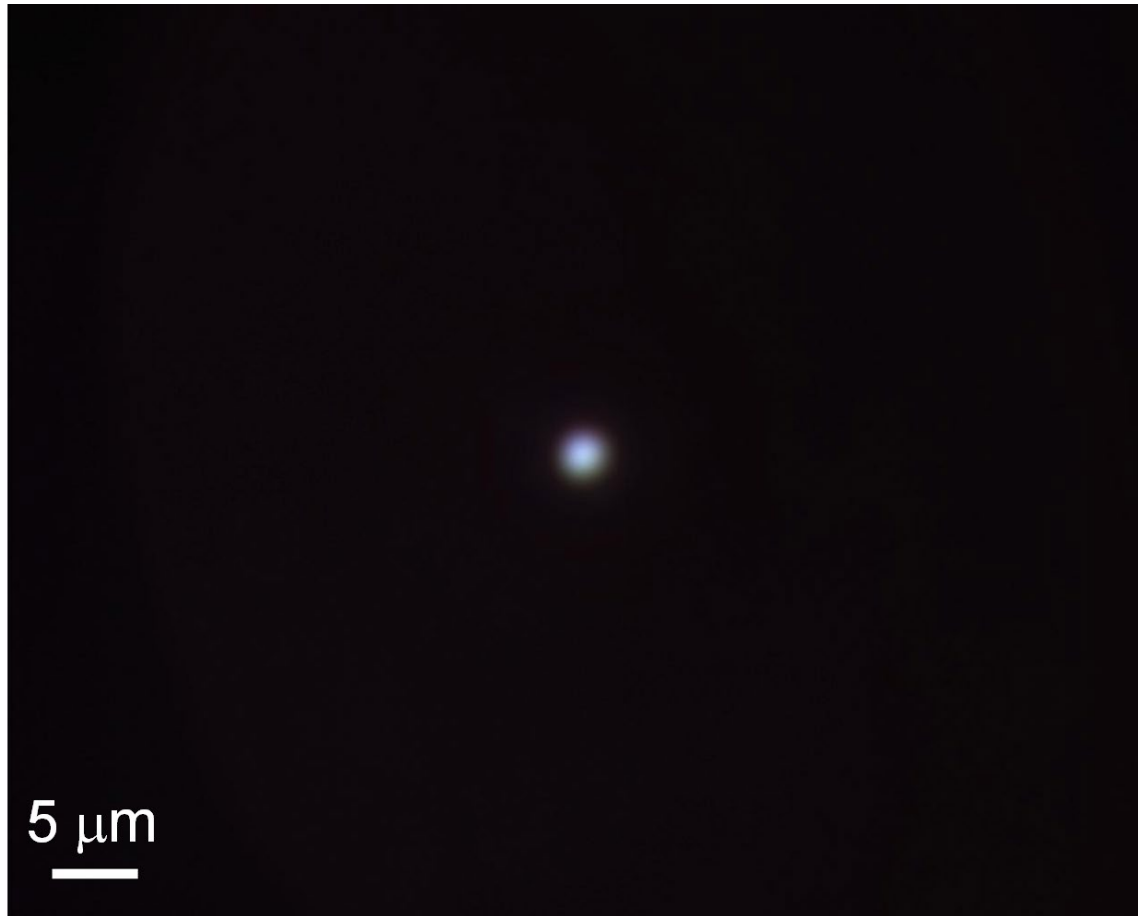
Polarization-insensitive and Achromatic Metalens

➤ Metalens (NA = 0.2, Diameter = 26 μm)



- Capable of focusing any incident polarization
- Doubled efficiency compared to our previous results published in Nature Nano.

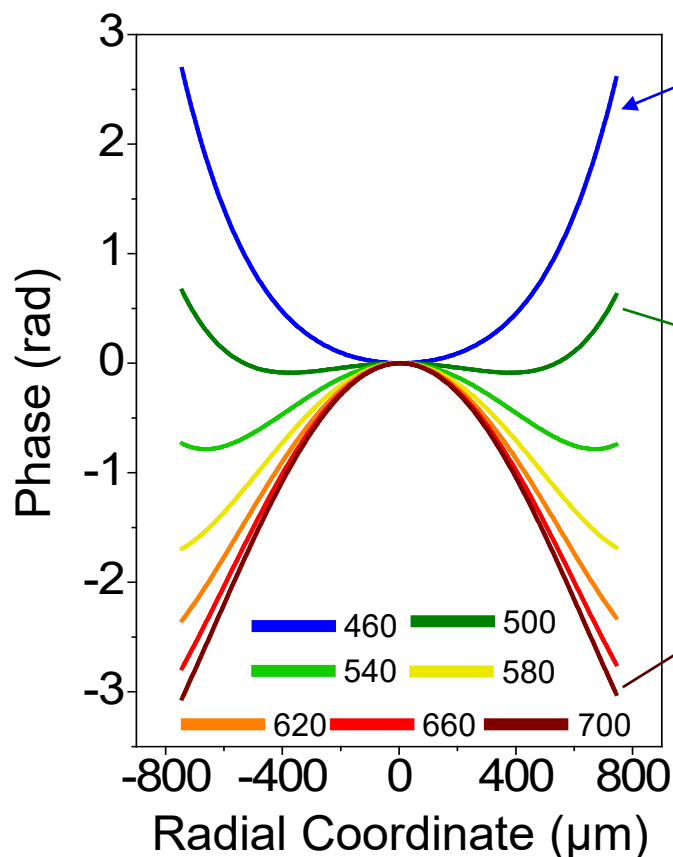
White light focusing



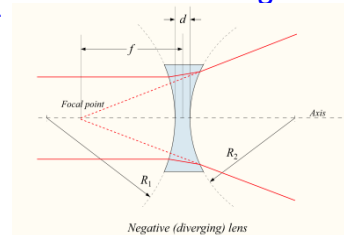
Dispersion Engineered Metasurfaces for Hybrid Design

➤ Phase profile of metacorrector

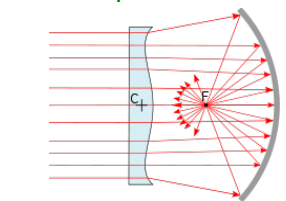
$$\varphi(r, \omega) = \varphi(r, \omega_d) + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \omega} (\omega - \omega_d) + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{2 \partial \omega^2} (\omega - \omega_d)^2$$



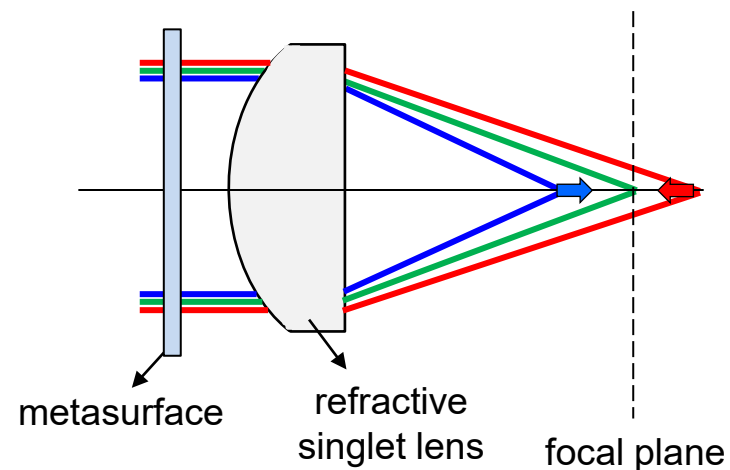
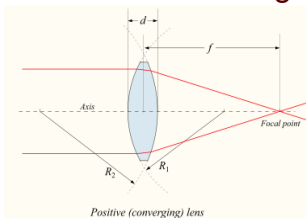
Concave lens
Increase focal length



Schmidt plates
reduce spherical aberration

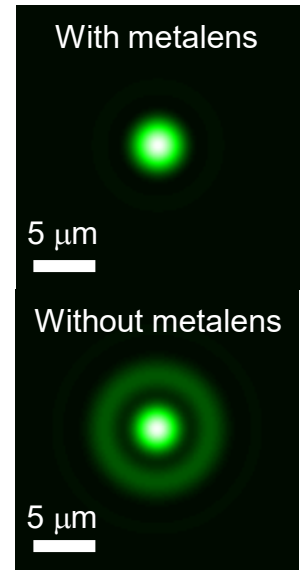
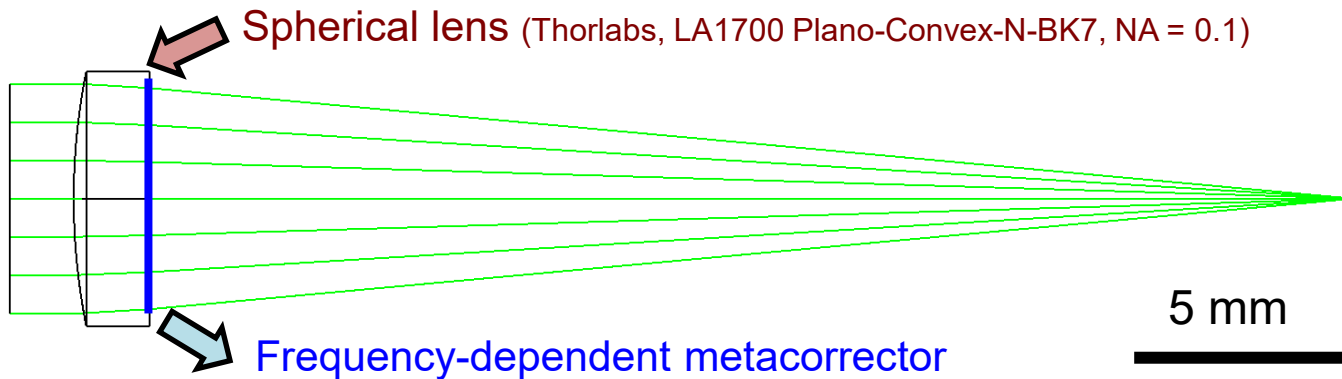


Convex lens
decrease focal length

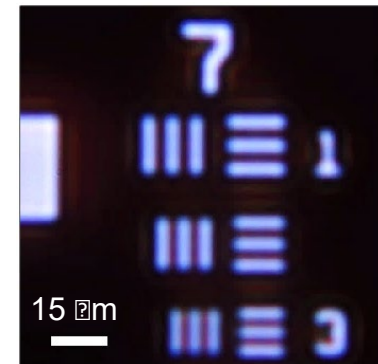
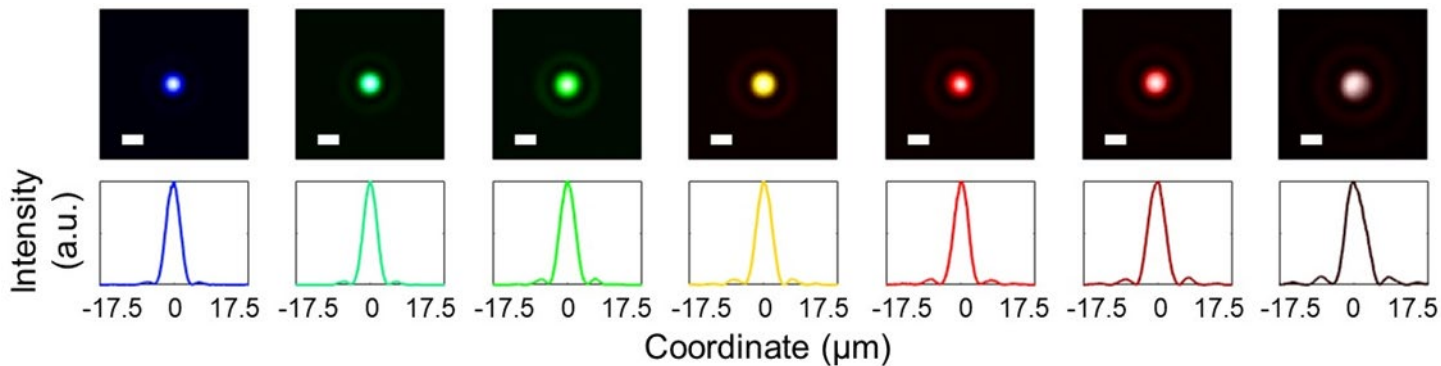


Hybrid Metalens Design

➤ Ray-tracing simulation



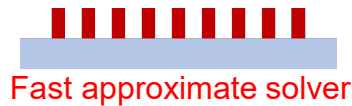
- Spherical lens + metacorrector (Dia = 1.5 mm, NA = 0.075)



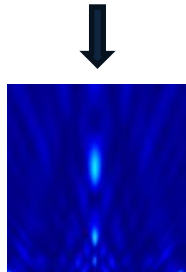
Inverse design of large-area multi-wavelength (RGB) metalenses

Design flow:

1. Determine objective function
2. Initial random design



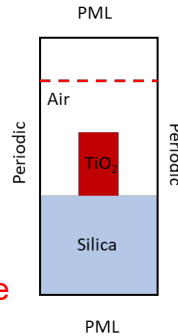
3. Objective function evaluation



$$\max \left(\min_{\lambda \in \lambda_s} (I_\lambda(\vec{x}_{target}, \vec{p})) \right)$$

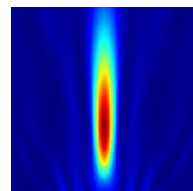
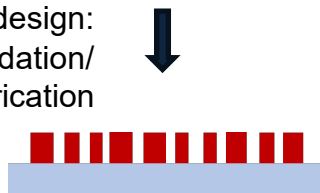
Target position Design parameters

4. Re-design unit-cell parameters for the whole lens simultaneously



Fast approximate solver

5. Final design: validation/fabrication

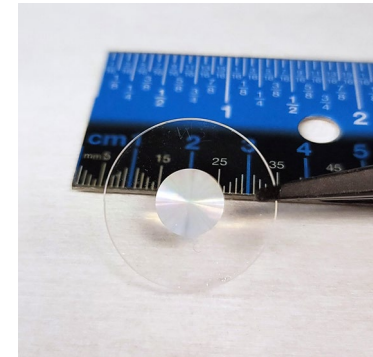


*Collaboration with Raphael Pestourie, Steven Johnson, MIT

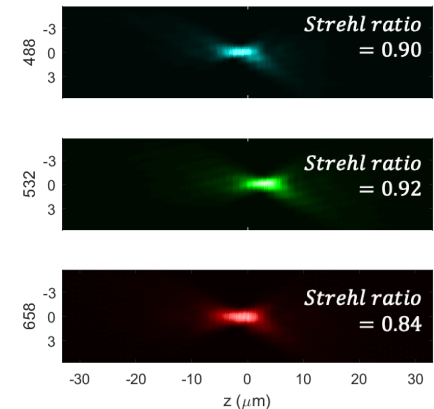
- Diameter: 1 cm
- NA: 0.3
- TiO₂ on fused silica
- Polarization insensitive

- RGB-achromatic
- Maximum focal shift: 4.5 μm (0.03% of design focal length)
- Diffraction-limited focusing

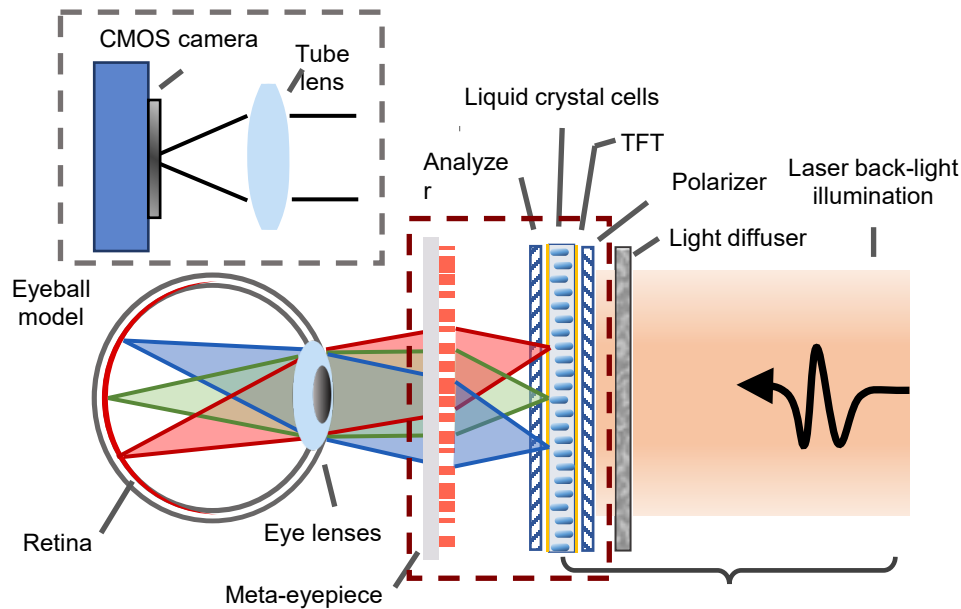
Device image



Measurements: Focal shift



Meta-eyepiece X laser-illuminated micro-LCD

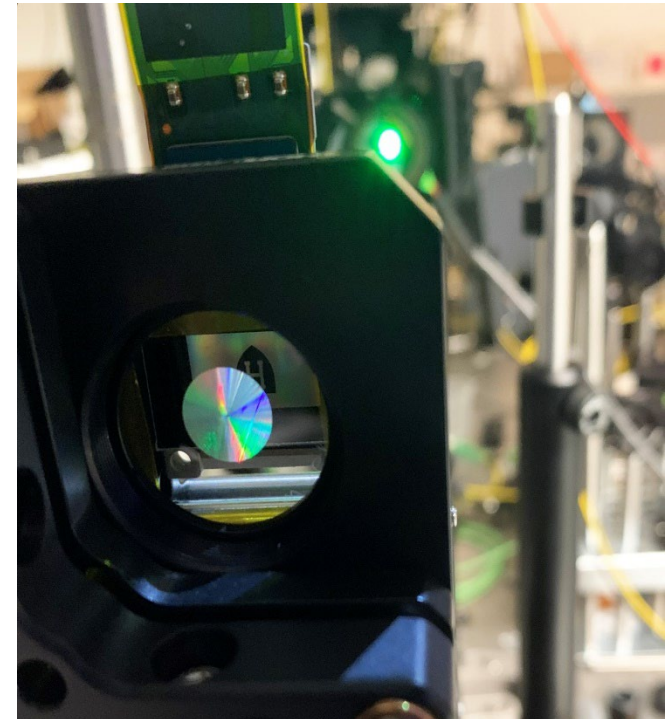


Eyepiece:

- Compact and lightweight
- High-resolution
- RGB-achromatic

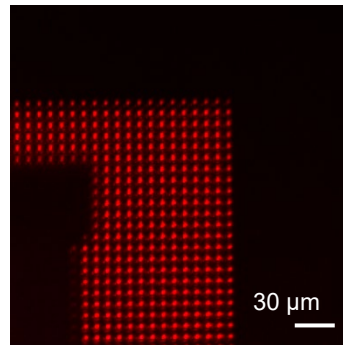
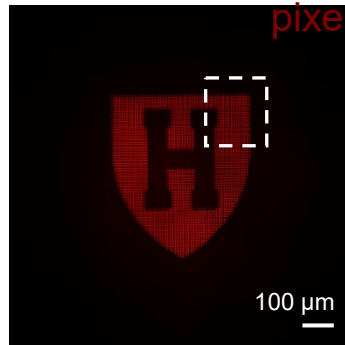
Near-eye display:

- Pixel size: $8\ \mu\text{m}$
- High brightness
- Wide Color gamut

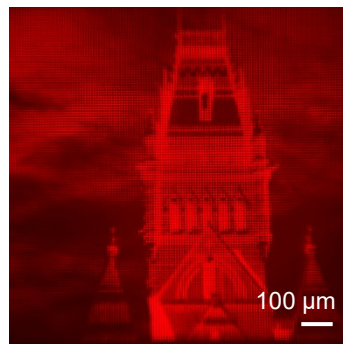


Binary VR images resolving

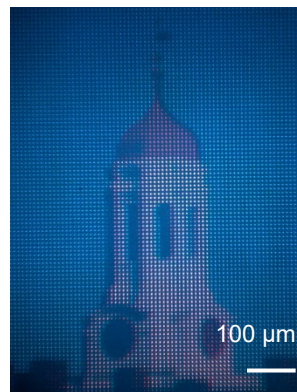
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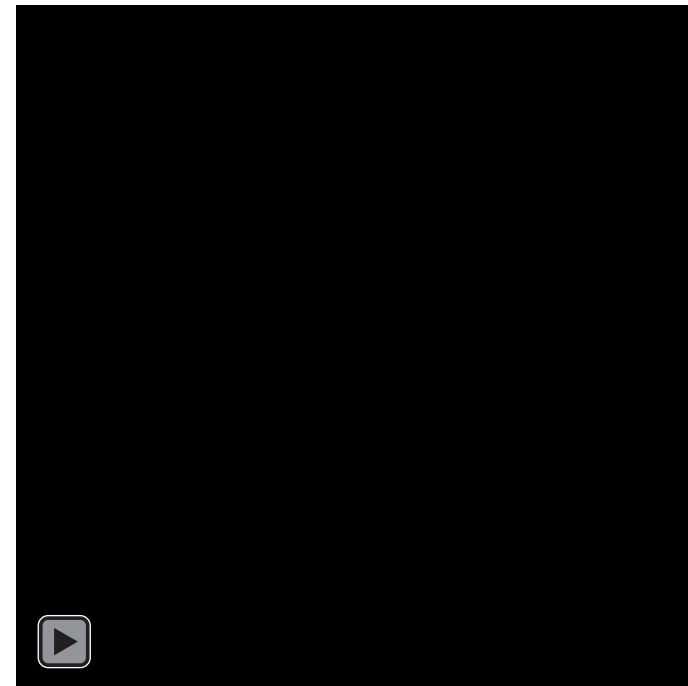
Greyscale VR
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Color-mixing results



VR movie: a running cat

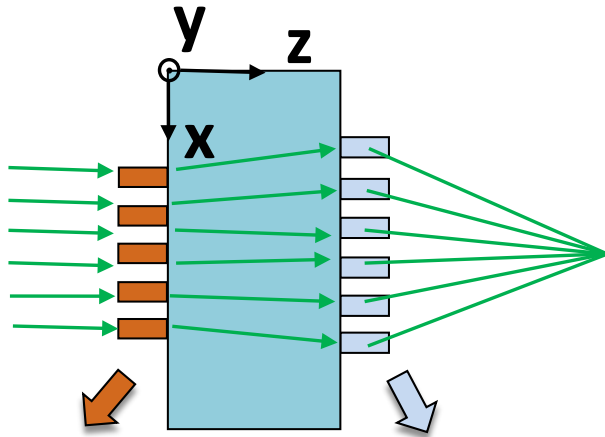


- Frame refresh rate: 60Hz

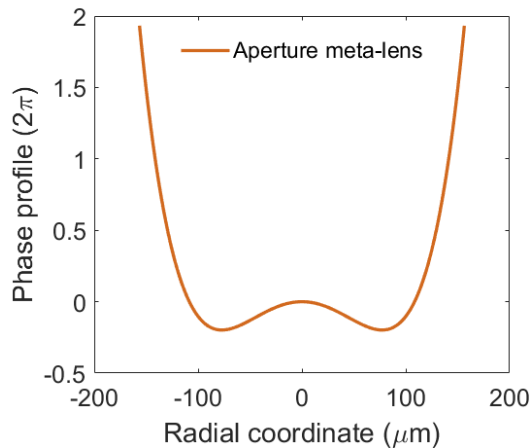
Metalens Doublet to correct monochromatic aberrations (spherical, coma, astigmatism and field curvature)

➤ Doublet metalens: NA = 0.45, FOV = 50°

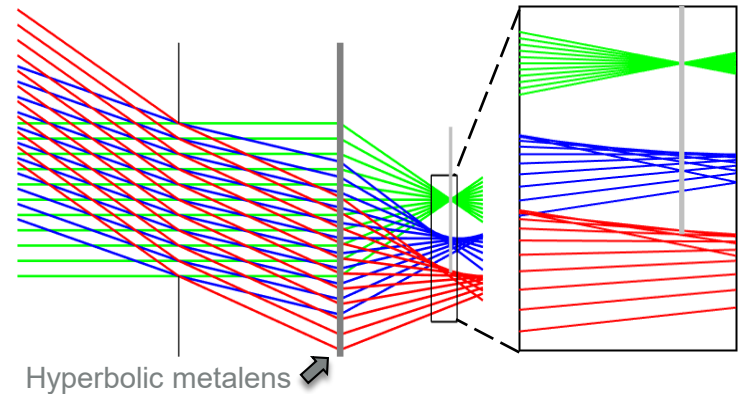
➤ Ray-tracing diagrams:



Aperture metalens

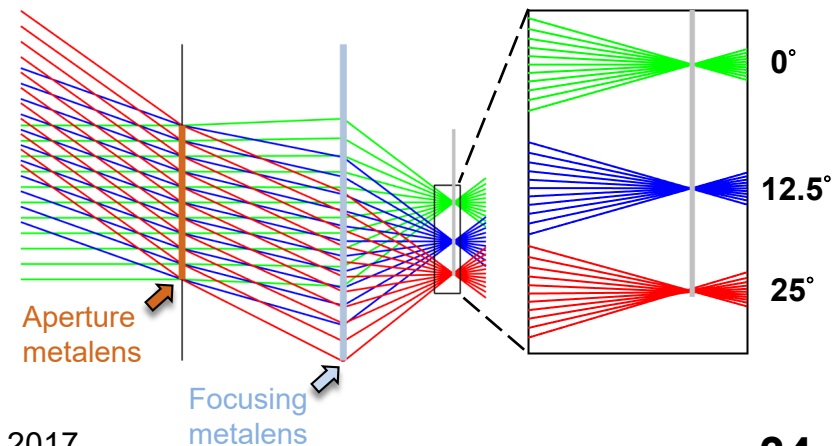


- Singlet metalens



Hyperbolic metalens

- Doublet metalens

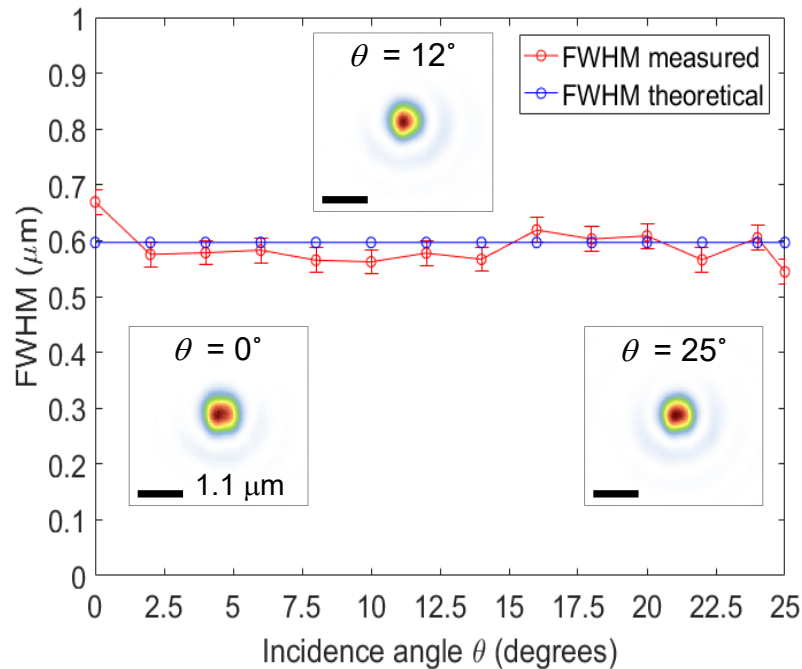
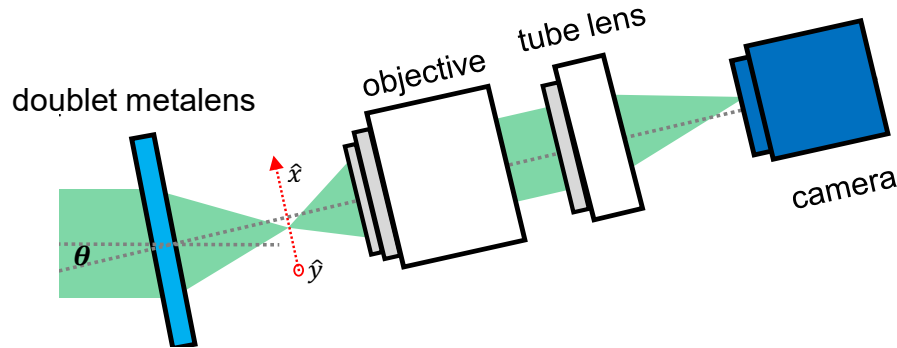


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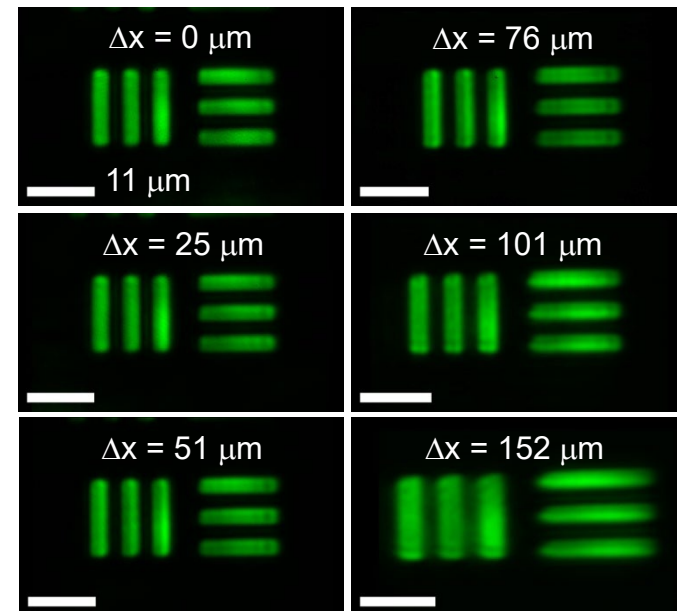
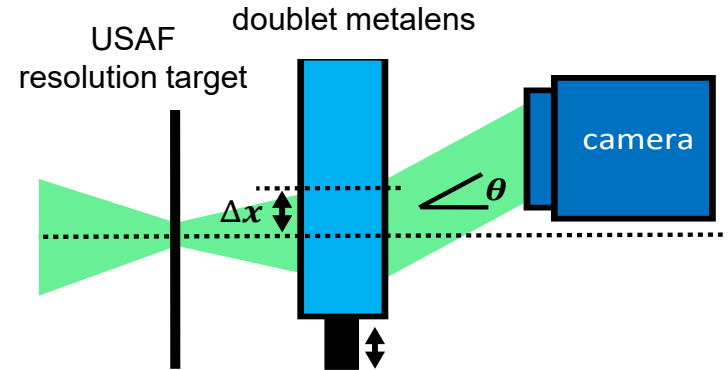
Focusing metalens

Focal spot and imaging

➤ Lens test set-up:



➤ Imaging set-up:

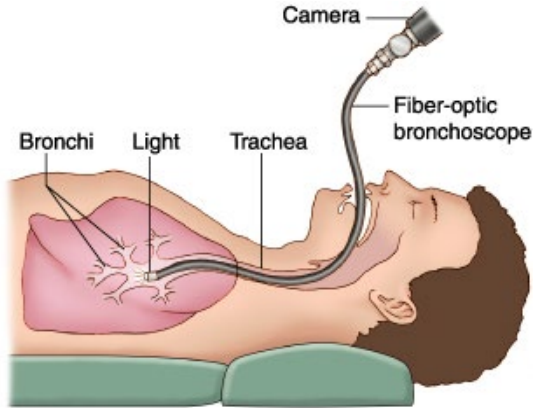


Scale bar: 11 μm

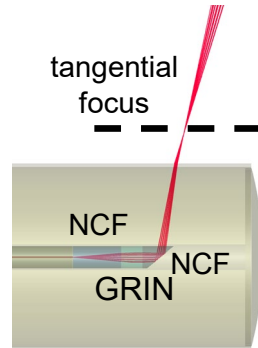
Metalens for High Resolution Bronchoscopes

Hamid Pahlevani et al. Nature Photonics <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41566-018-0224-2>

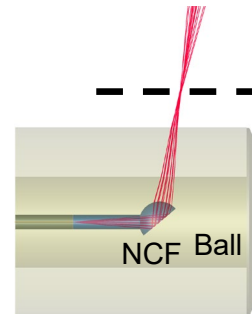
➤ Collaboration with Mass General Hospital, Prof. Melissa Suter



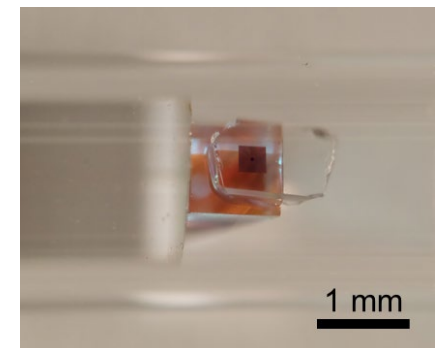
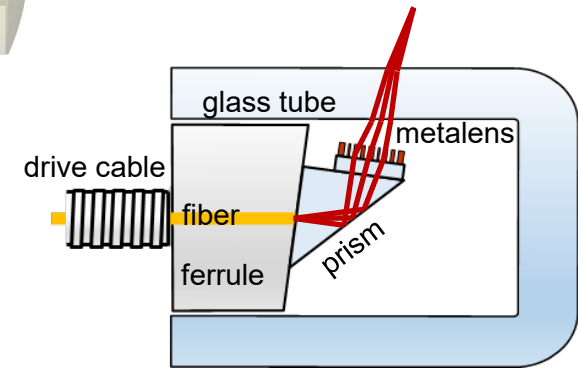
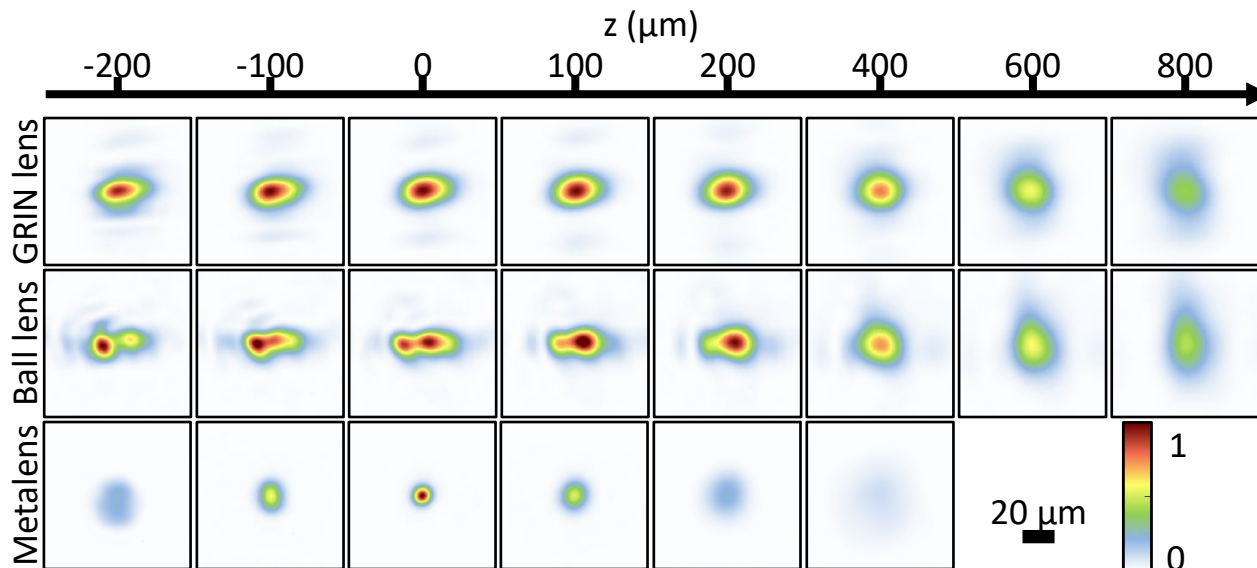
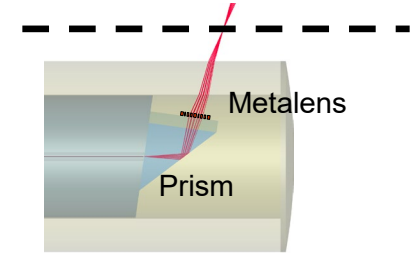
GRIN lens catheter



Ball lens catheter



Metalens catheter

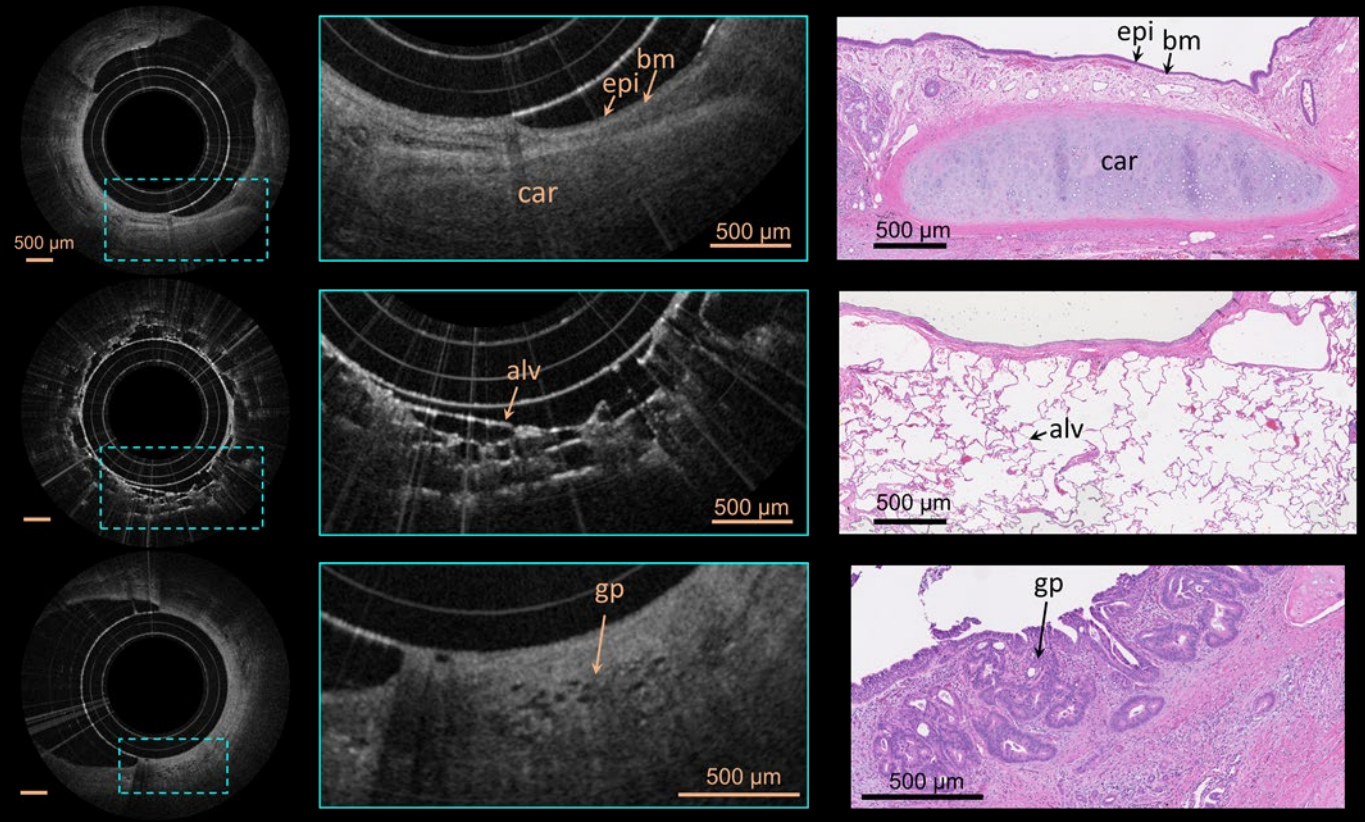


Endoscopic imaging using metalens catheter

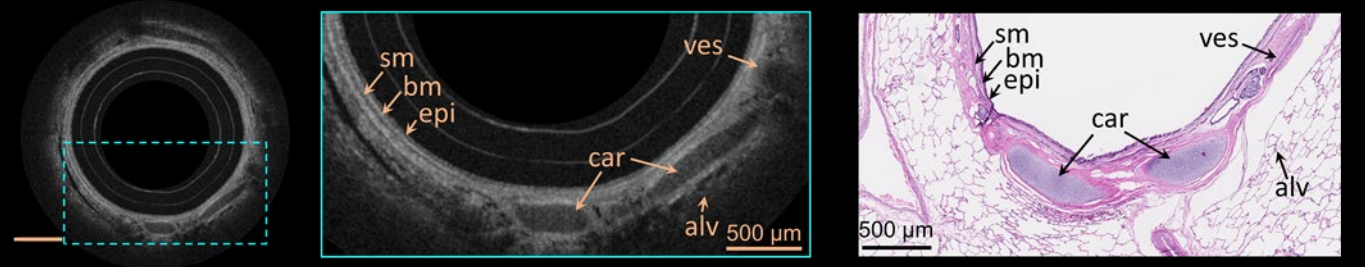
OCT images

Histological images

Ex vivo human lungs



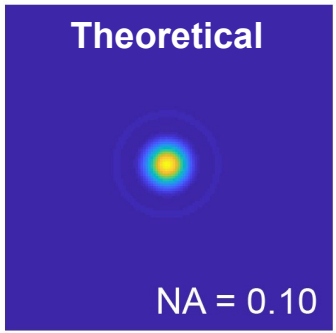
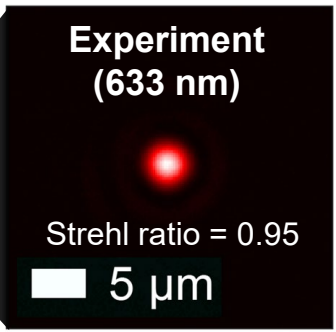
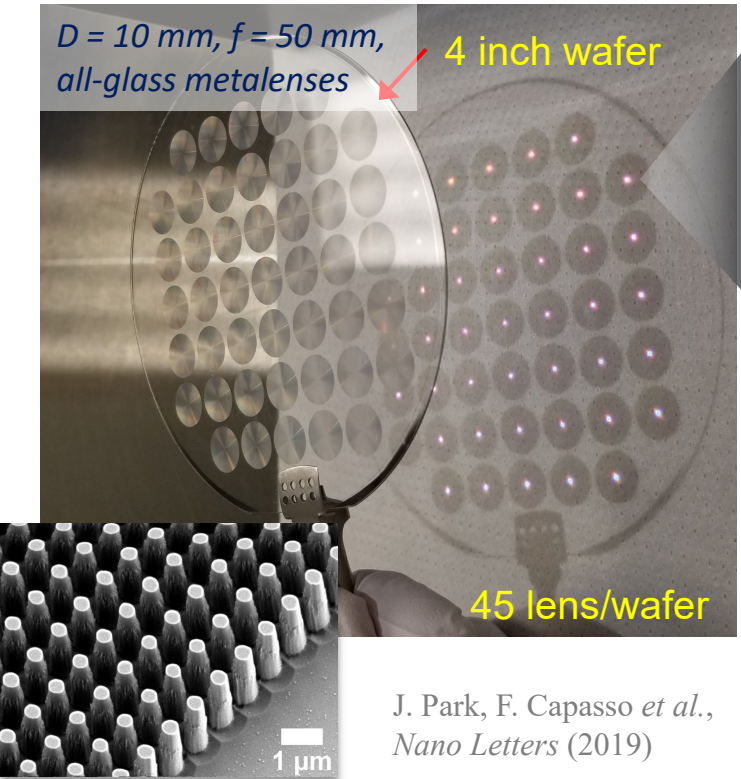
in vivo sheep lung



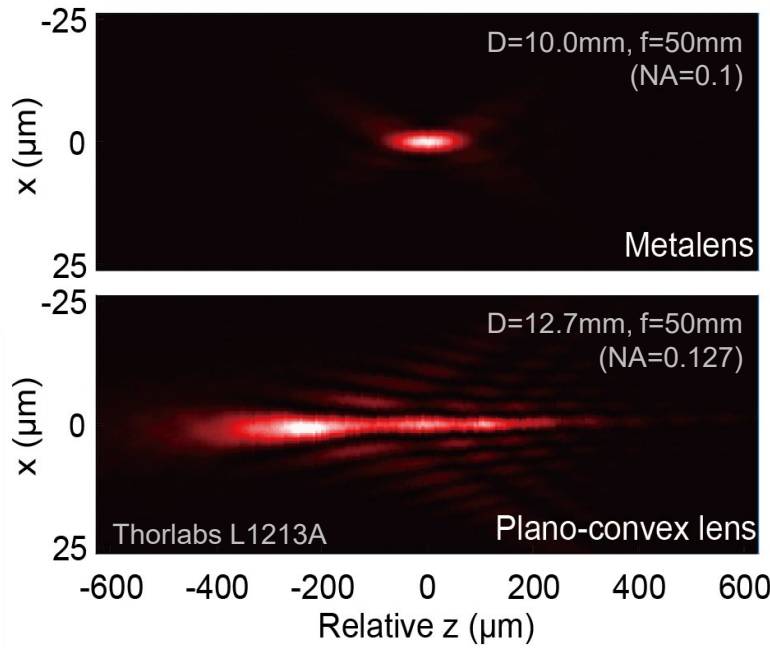
epi: epithelium; bm: basement membrane; car: cartilage
 ves: blood vessels; alv: alveolar; gp: glandular patterns



❑ Fabrication with deep-UV (DUV) projection lithography (Fused silica nanostructures etched into a fused silica wafer)



Focusing profile along optic axis



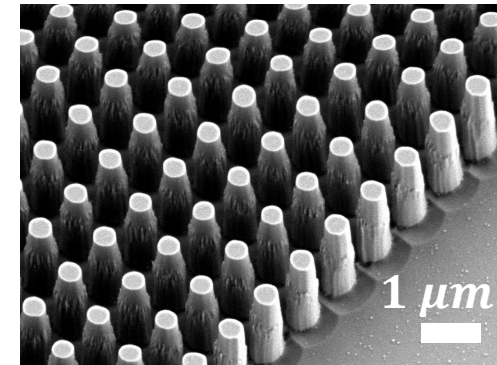
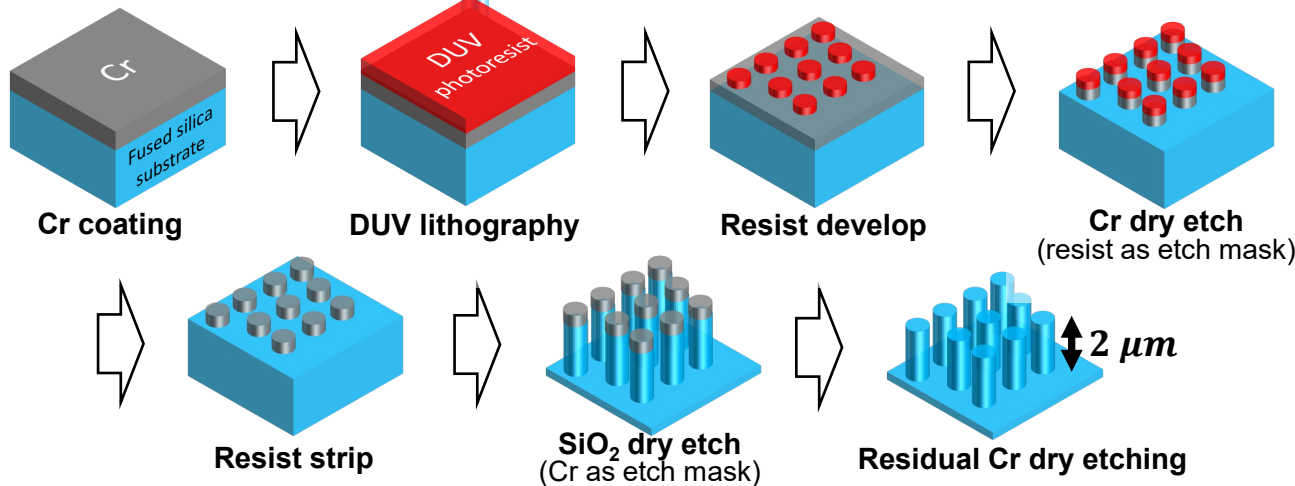
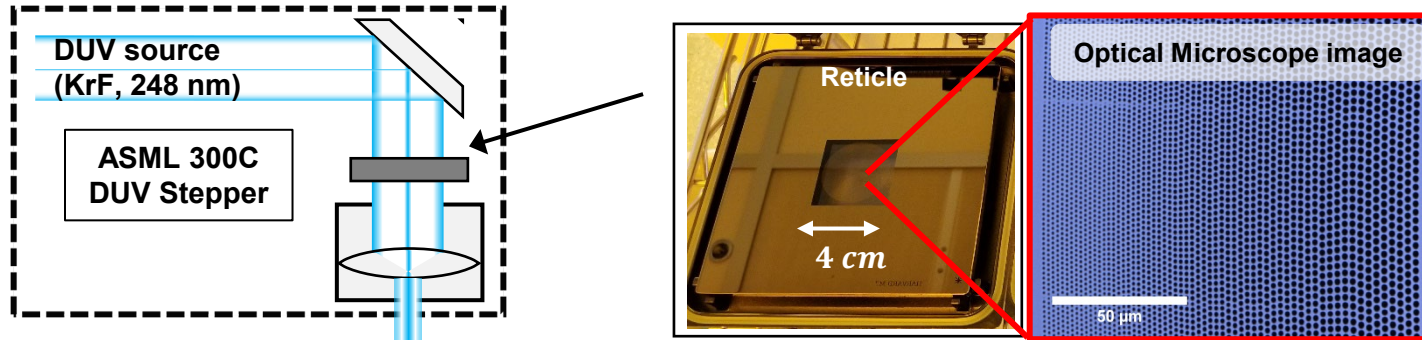
Metalens exhibits low spherical aberration

J. Park, F. Capasso *et al.*,
Nano Letters (2019)

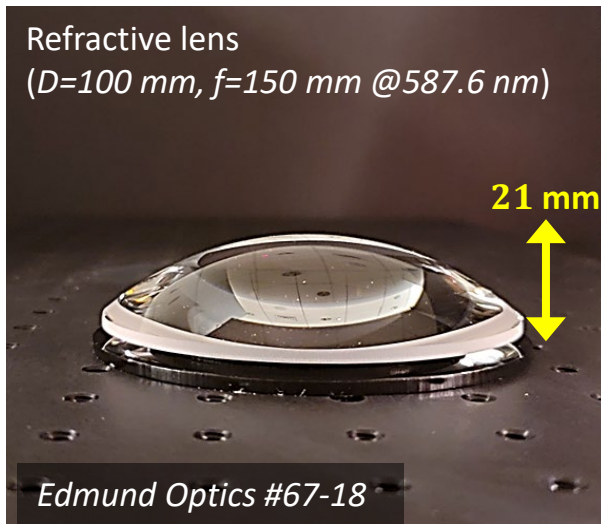
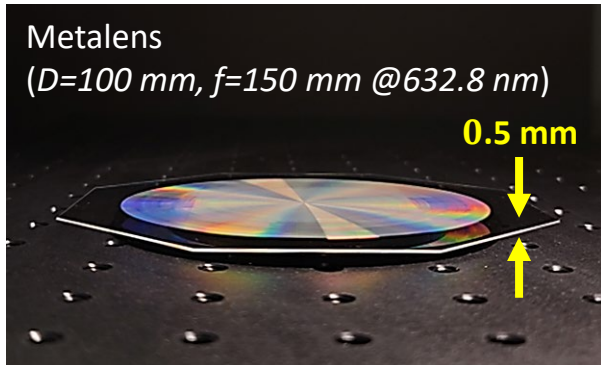
Fabrication process

➤ Fabrication process (on 4-inch SiO_2 wafer)

Projection lithography (same technique used in chip manufacturing)



Large diameter (10cm) metalens: Comparison with Similar Optical Power Refractive Lens

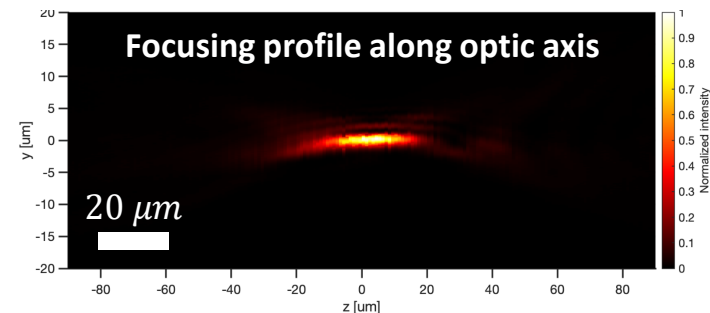
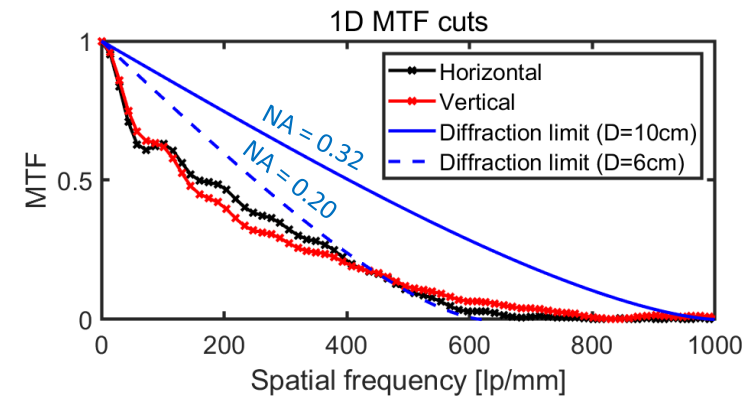
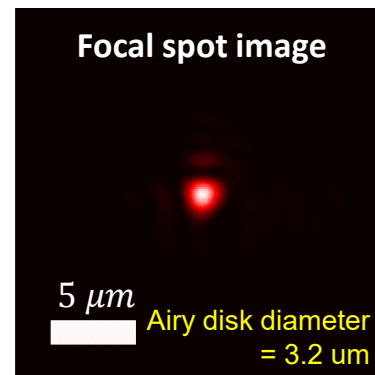
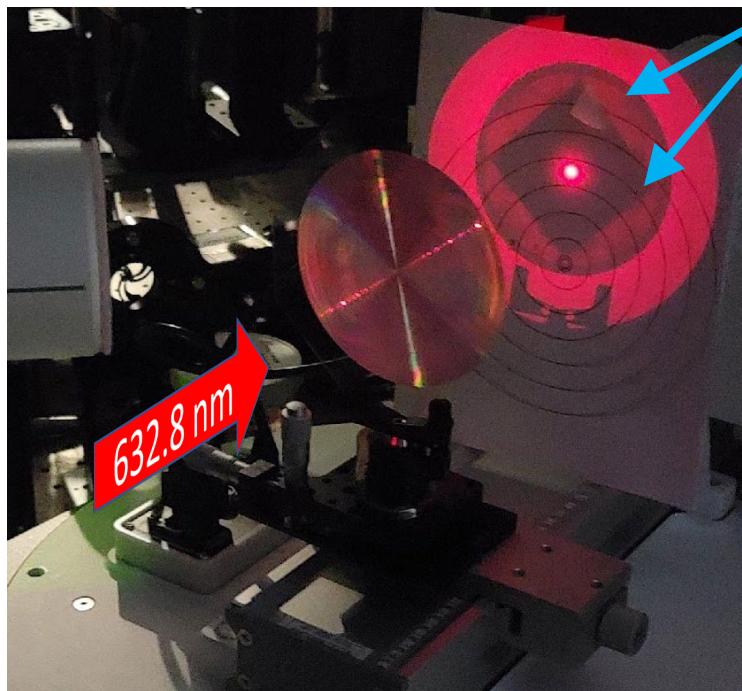


- **42x reduction in thickness, 16.5x reduction in weight**
- **Entire lens is monolithic fused silica.**
 - Low thermal expansion coefficient, high laser damage threshold.
- **Substrate's backside** can be used for anti-reflective coating, color filter stack, polarization filter, etc.

<https://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acsnano.3c09462>

□ Focusing Quality Measurement

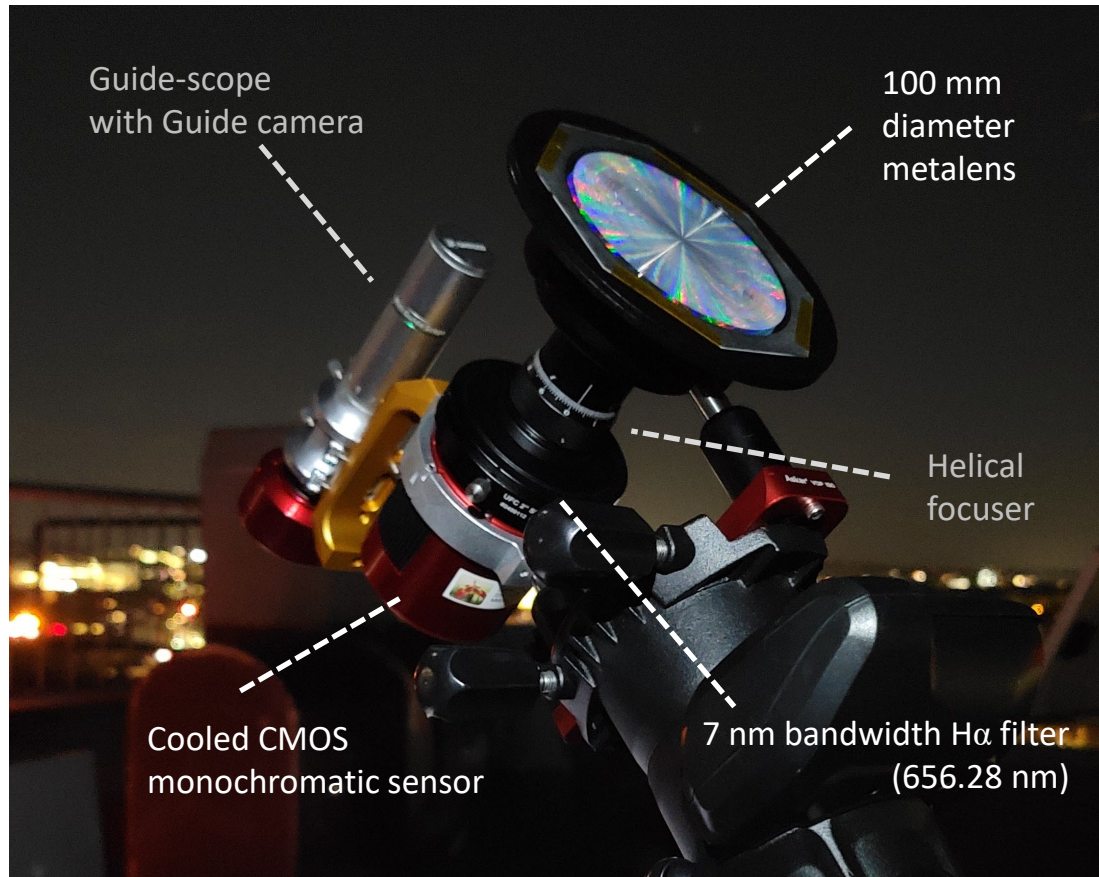
- Apparent reticle quality difference between inner/outer fields.
- Low-quality reticle did not resolve small-diameter nanopillars.
- Results in low diffraction efficiency at outer region.



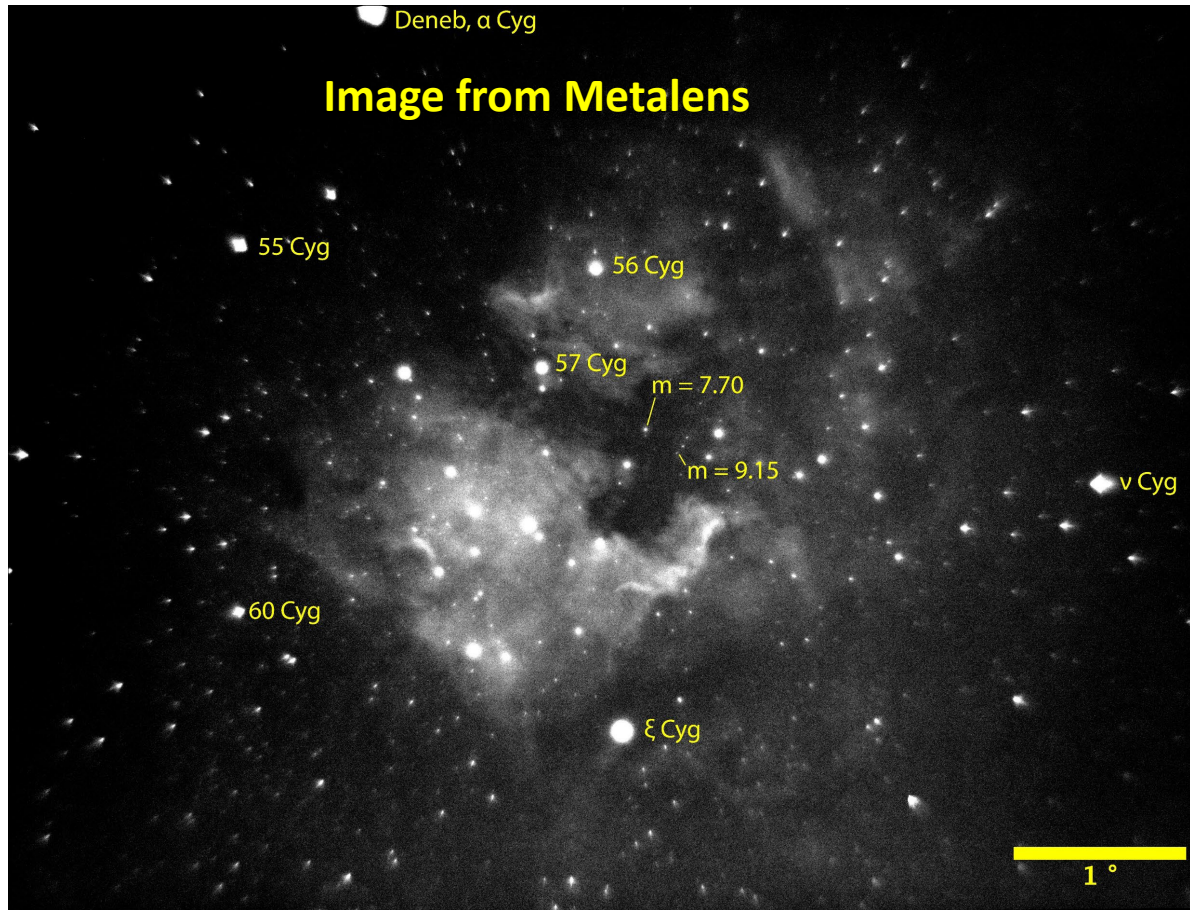
- Total metalens focusing efficiency: 40.4%
- Central area focusing efficiency: 63.1 %

This 100 mm diameter metalens has 19 Billion glass nanopillars

Meta-imaging the Heavens



➤ North America Nebula (NGC7000), Cambridge, MA

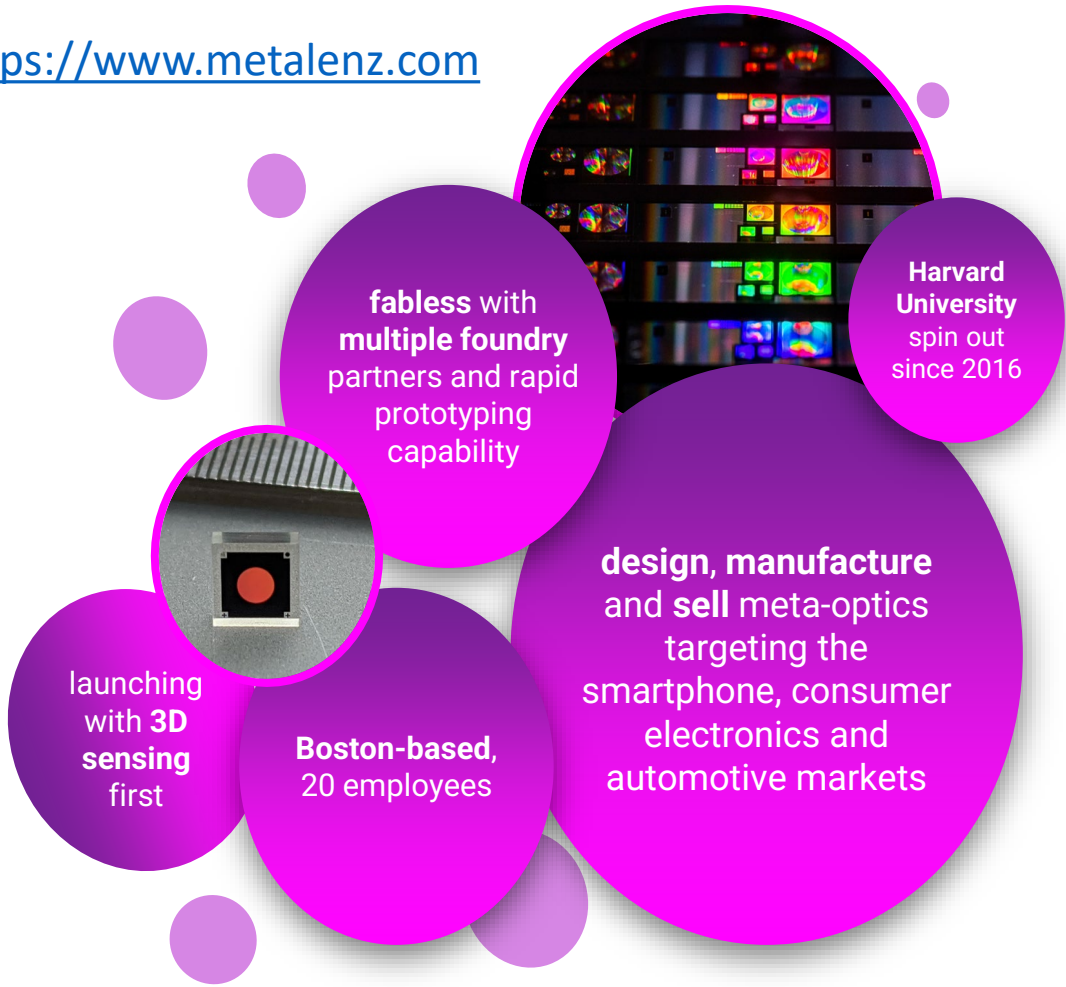


Metalenz Inc.: spin-off (2016) from the Capasso group



<https://www.metalenz.com>

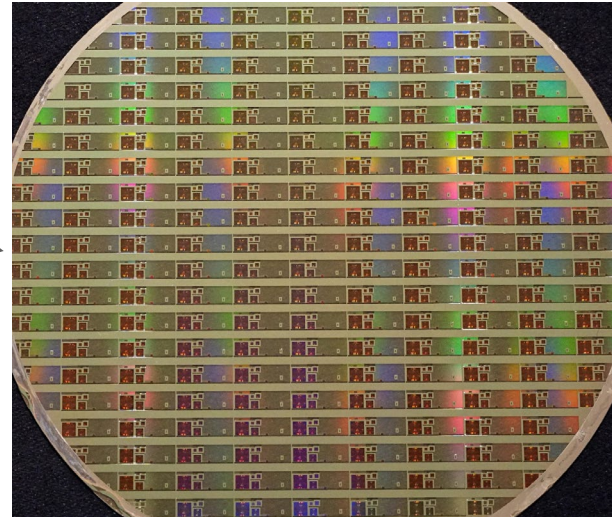
CEO Robert Devlin



Enabling the future of metaoptics in the semiconductor foundry

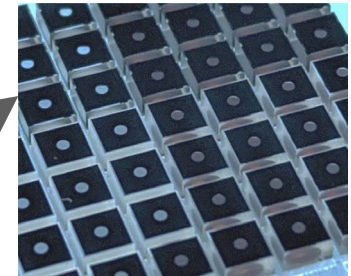


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12 inch wafer
~10,000 meta-optics

1000s of lens chips



Singulation

Back-end integration

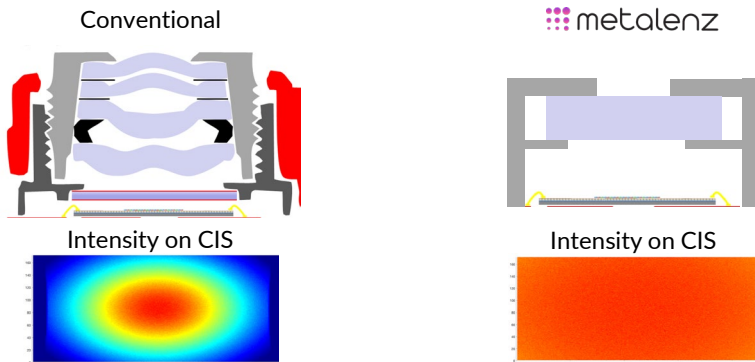


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optic design file

Applications: Depth sensing

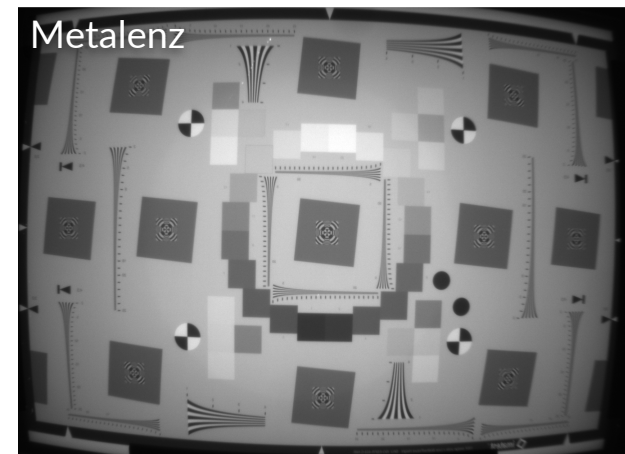
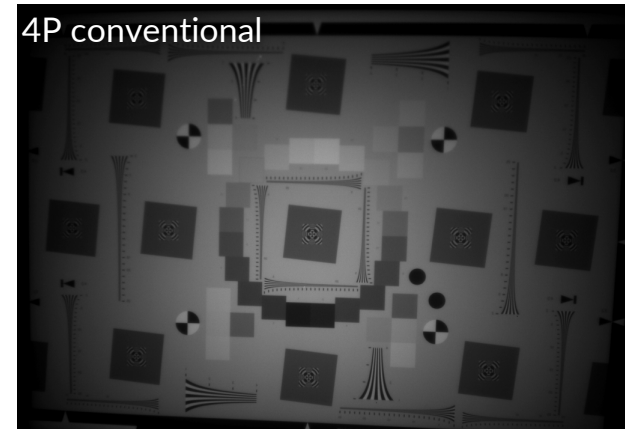
- Front facing dot pattern projector for face recognition in cell phones
- World-facing dot pattern projector for motion detection
- LIDAR

metalenz <https://www.metalenz.com/>
CEO: Robert Devlin, Ph.D. Harvard



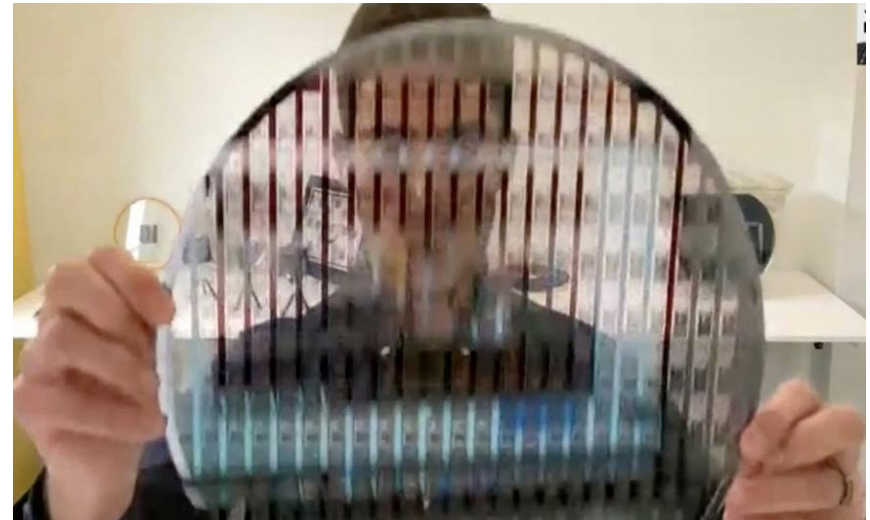
Metrics	4P	WLO	metalenz
Design	4P	2P	1M
Track Length (mm)	3.5	3.1	3.0
Module MTF 0F/0.7F (%) @nyq/2	36/26	15/10	38/32
RI (%)	40	20	70
Total intensity (a.u.)	1	0.75	2
Distortion (%)	2	17	20
Chief ray angle (deg)	30	30	0

Relative Illumination (RI) represents the combined effects of vignetting and roll-off % of illumination at any point on the sensor, normalized to the with maximum illumination





- Metalenz and STMicroelectronics deliver world's first optical metasurface technology for consumer electronics devices
June 09, 2022 STMicroelectronics N.V.

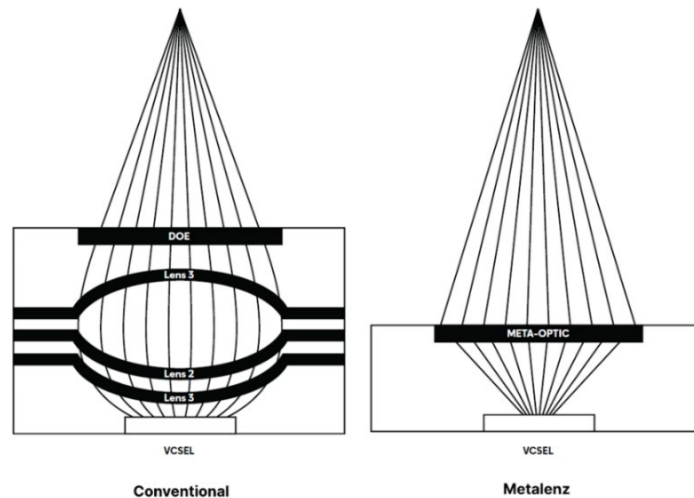


Metalenz co-founder Rob Devlin holds up a 12-inch wafer of printed metalenses

Forbes Jun 8, 2022

World's First Printable Optical Metasurface For Vision, 3D Sensing, LIDAR Now Shipping In Consumer Products

John Koetsier, Senior Contributor

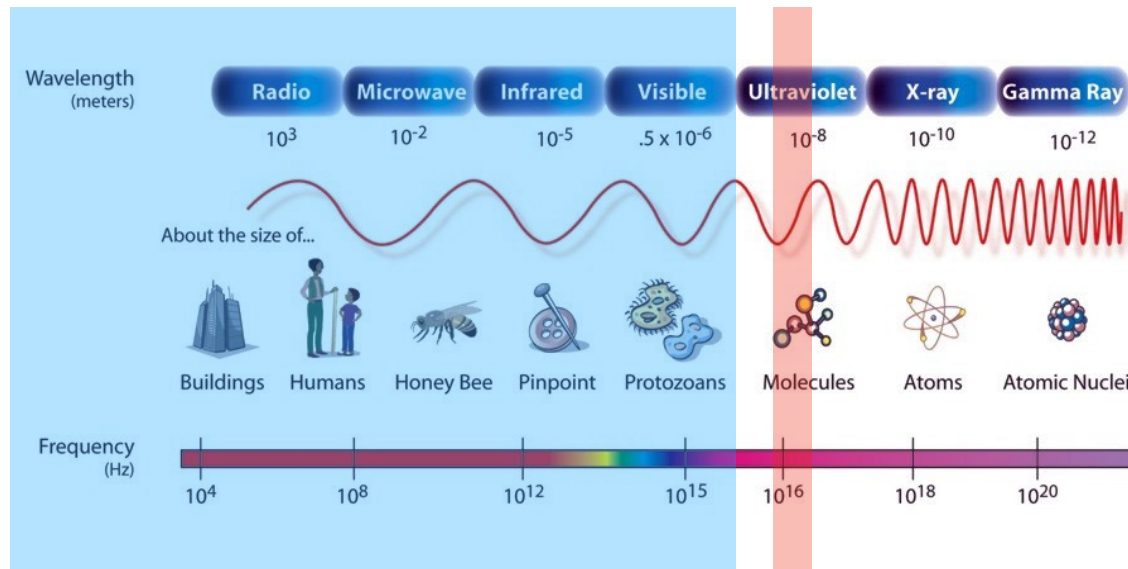


- Metalenz announced a partnership with UMC (major foundry) for high-volume manufacturing of optical lenses using commercial semiconductor processing platforms. UMC is amongst the largest semiconductor foundries in the world .
- The partnership enables high-volume manufacturing of optical lenses for 3D imaging in applications ranging **from smartphones and laptops to IoT (Internet of Things) and automotive sensing.**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/sabbirangwala/2023/07/05/metalenz-pioneers-high-volume-semiconductor-foundry-based-lens-manufacturing/?sh=f5e36d423bde>



Extreme Ultraviolet Metalenses

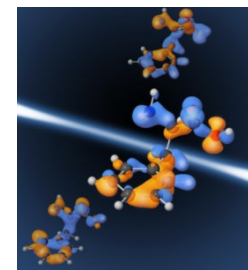
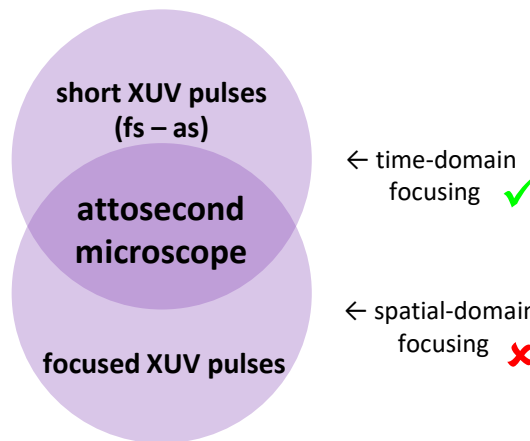


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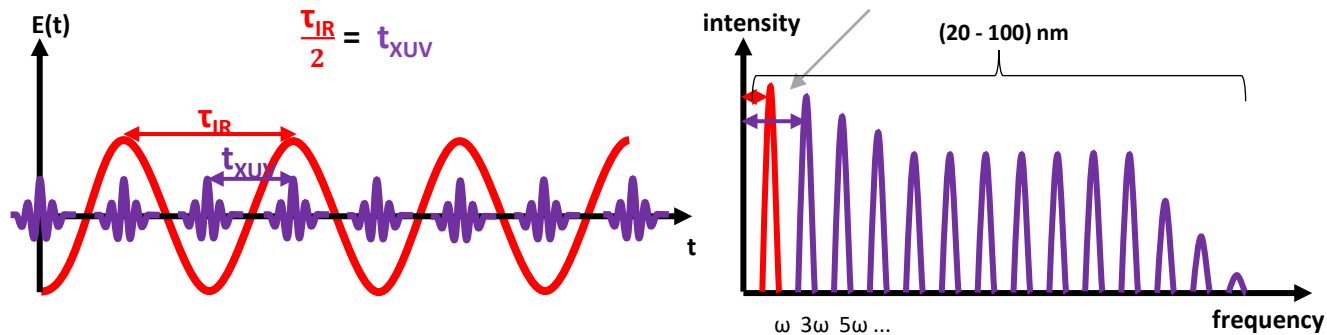
Extreme ultraviolet radiation

- Why focus XUV?
 - manipulate and observe electron motion in atoms and molecules
 - nonlinear attosecond dynamics
 - XUV semiconductor lithography
- **Goal of this project: design and test a transmitting XUV-focusing metaoptic**
- XUV Sources:
 - synchrotrons
 - free electron lasers
 - tin-droplets plasma
 - high harmonic generation

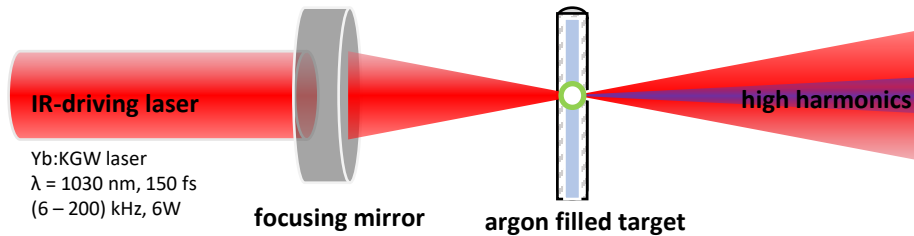


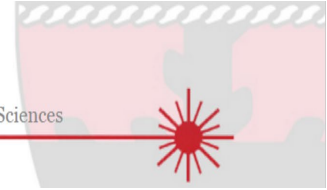
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High harmonic generation: spectrum

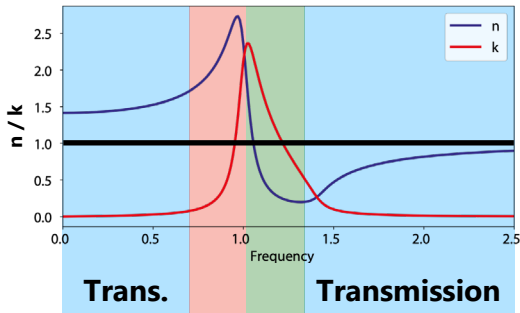


one attosecond pulse is generated every half-cycle of the driving laser
 -> extreme ultraviolet harmonics are spaced by two fundamental photon energies
 (Fourier transform)



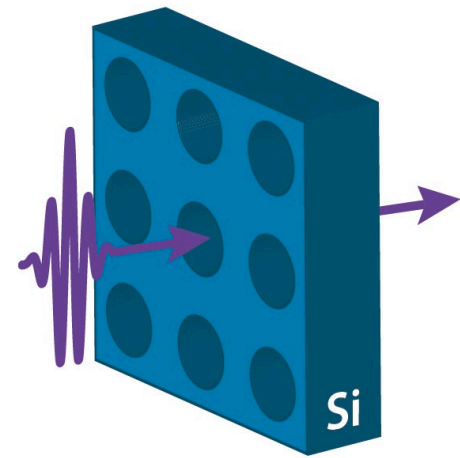
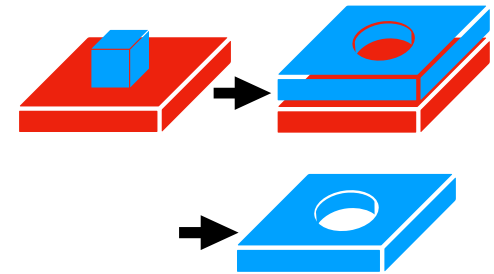


EUV Material Properties

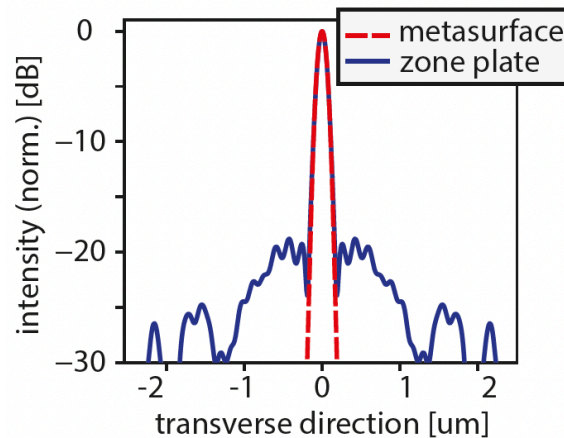
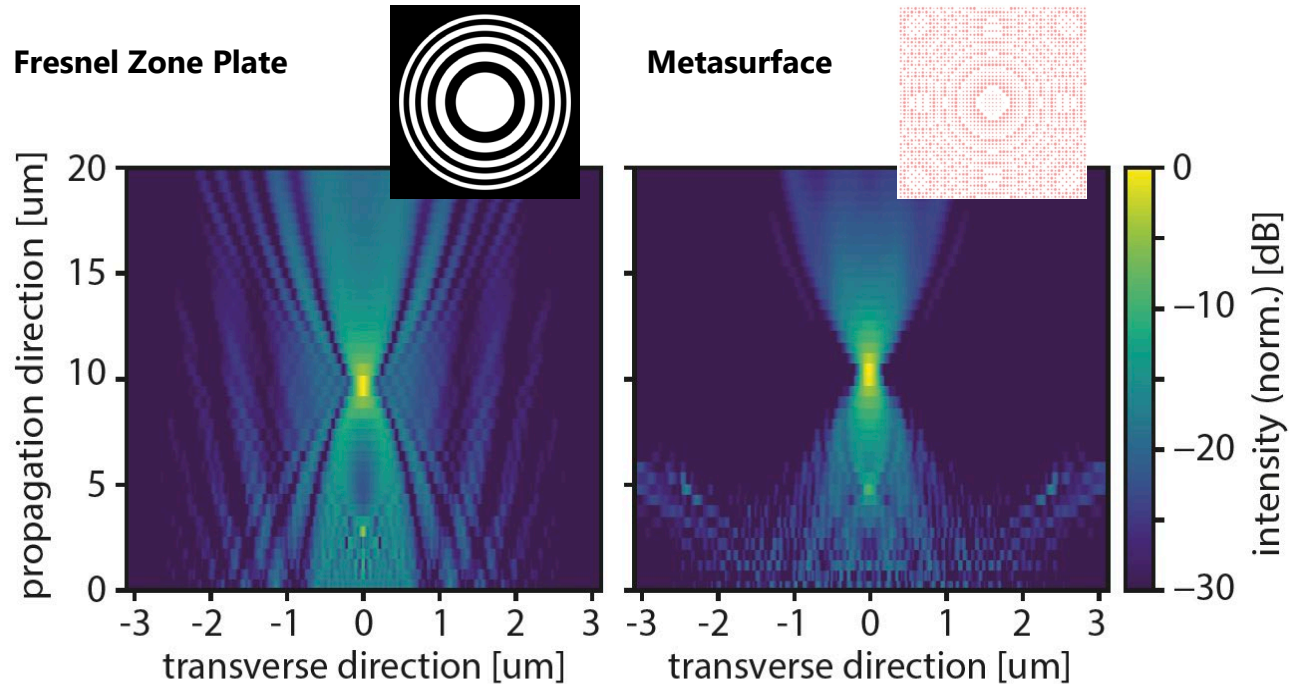


$n_{\text{material}} < n_{\text{vacuum}}$
→ vacuum suddenly guiding

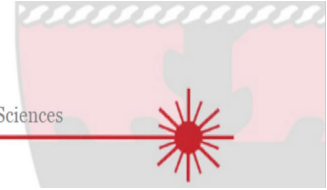
$k_{\text{material}} > 0$
→ thin device
→ thin / no substrate



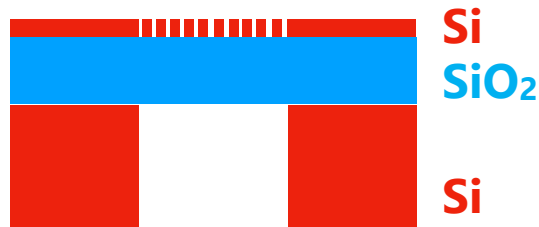
But is it worth it?



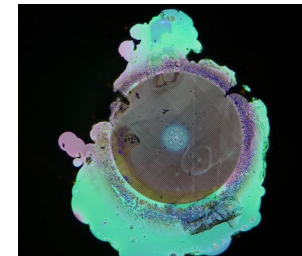
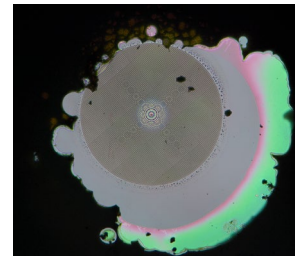
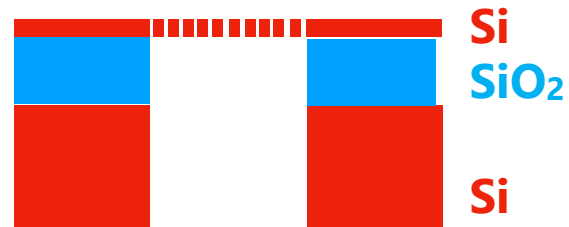
EUV Metasurface Fabrication



back side spin coat
MLA membrane area
RIE-10, Bosch etch



BHF wet etched



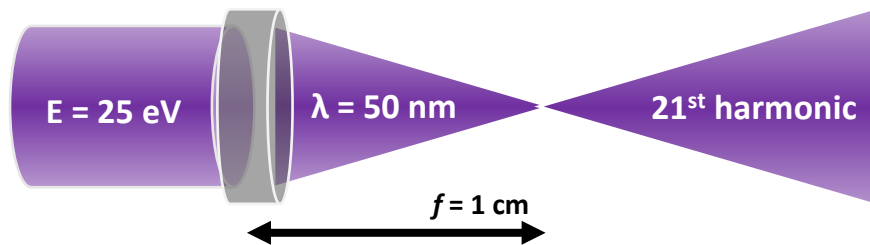
Focussing of XUV radiation

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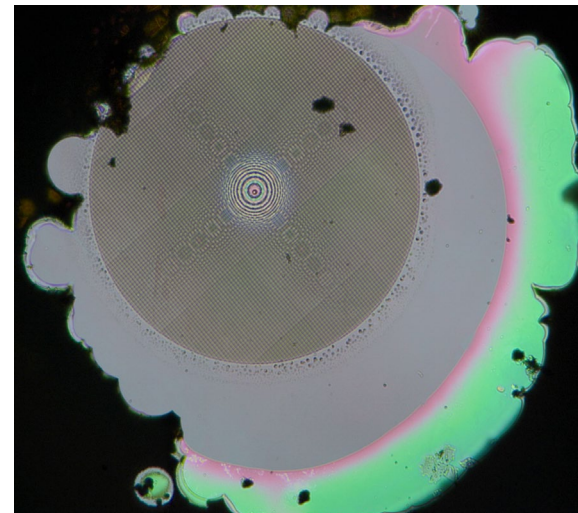
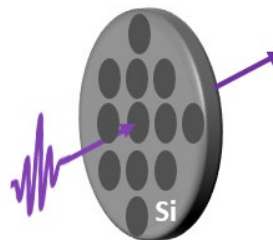
- transmitting metaoptics
 - wavelength-scale structures made of Si
 - optimized for 50 nm radiation:



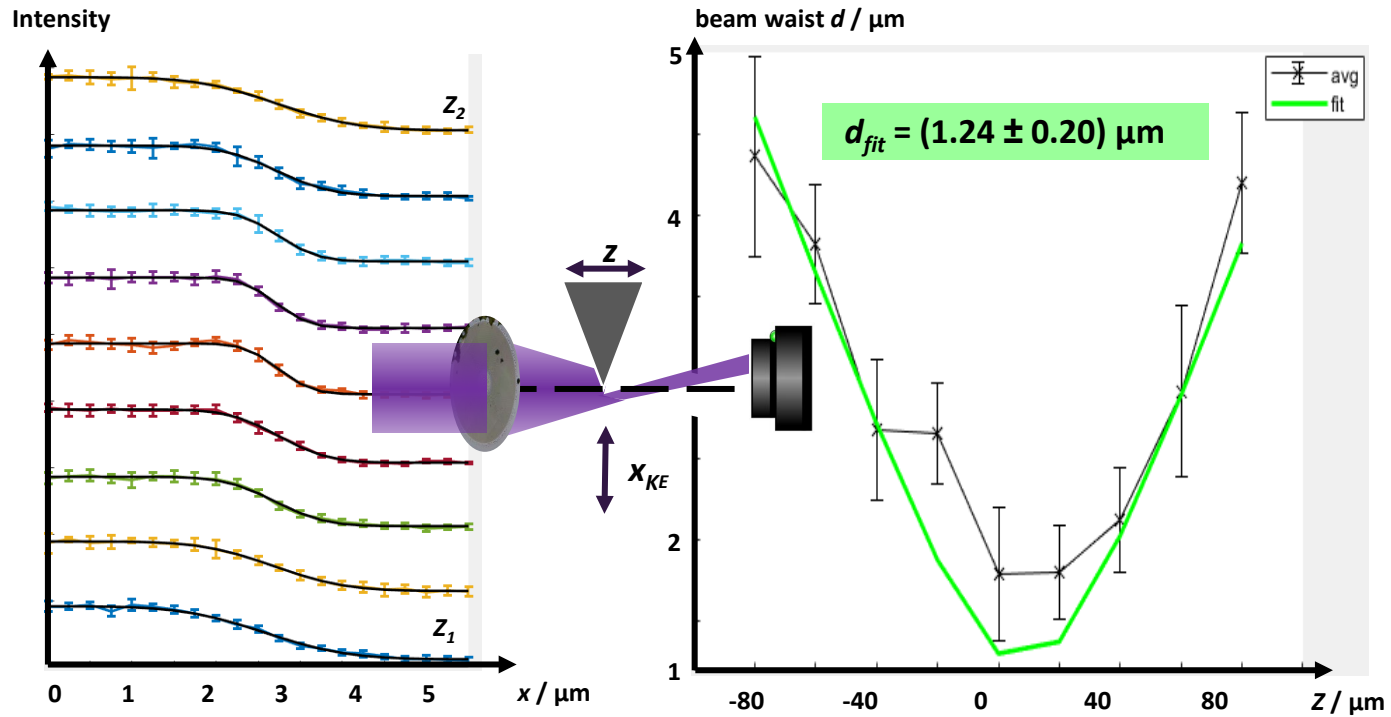
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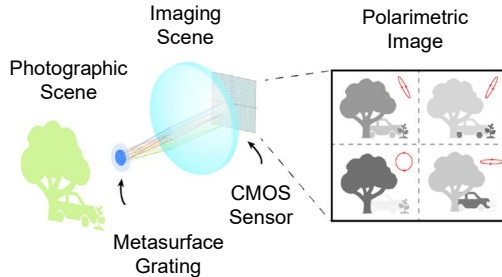


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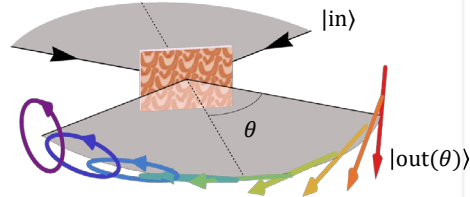
Multifunctional Meta-Optics

Imaging Polarimetry



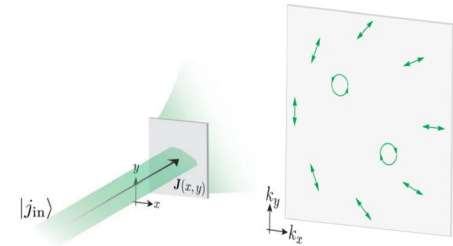
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Angle-Tunable Birefringence



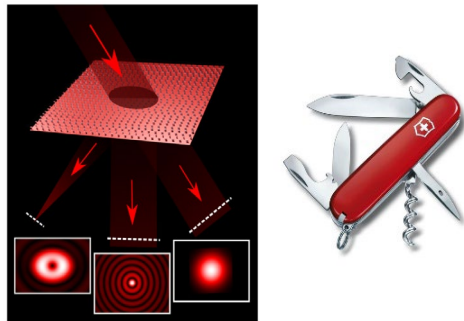
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Jones Matrix Holography



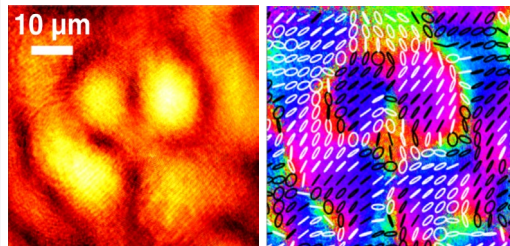
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Multifunct. Wide-Angle Optics



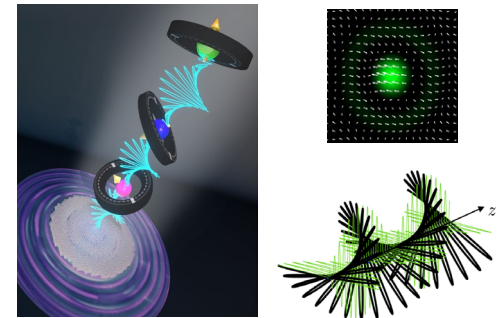
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Singularities



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Structured Polarization in 3D



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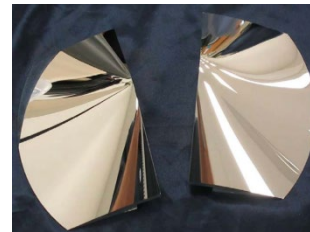


Miniature spectrometers

- Recently freeform optics have emerged as a potential solution – these are off-axis, non-rotationally symmetric components
- Examples include e.g. toroidal gratings, aspherical off-axis mirrors
- Difficult to fabricate and generally bulky/expensive



Diamond machining of off-axis mirrors



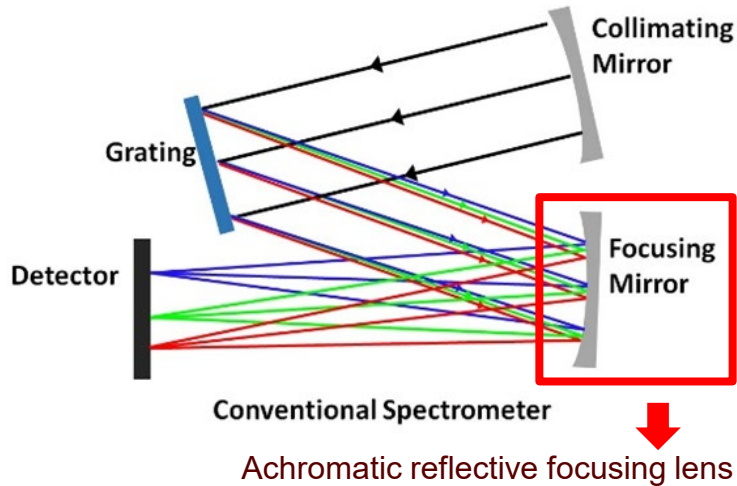
Rotationally symmetric,
non-standard shapes



Other complex shapes
and concave/toroidal
gratings

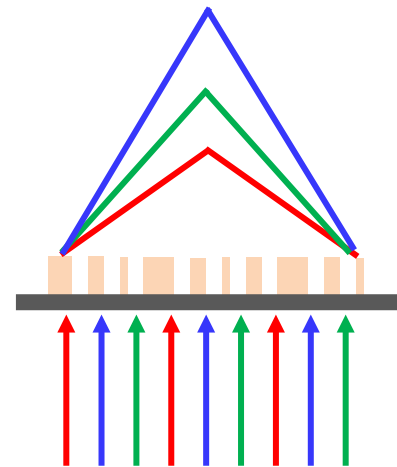
Meta-spectrometers: Making good use of Chromatic Effect

- Conventional grating-based spectrometers



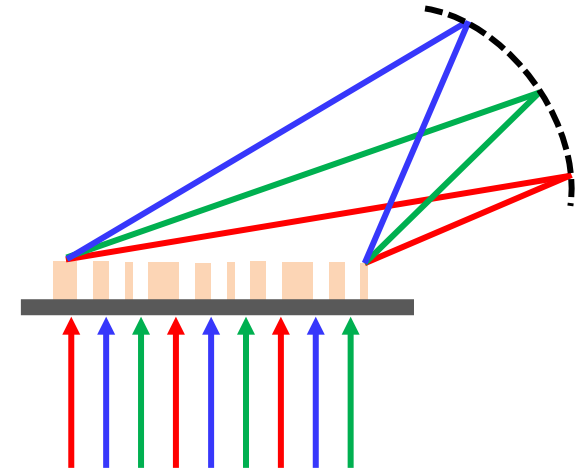
- angular dispersion

- On-axis focusing metalens



- longitudinal dispersion

- Off-axis focusing metalens

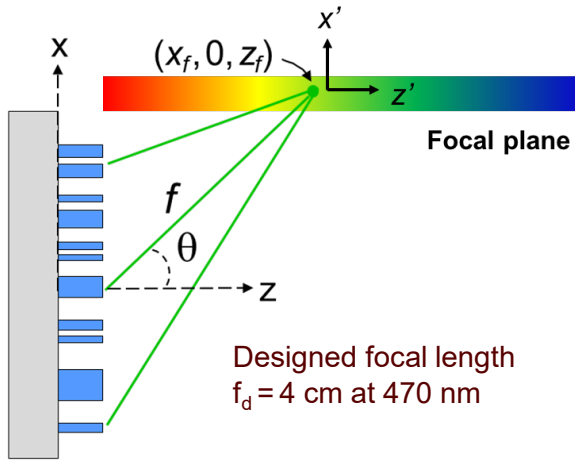


- angular dispersion + longitudinal dispersion

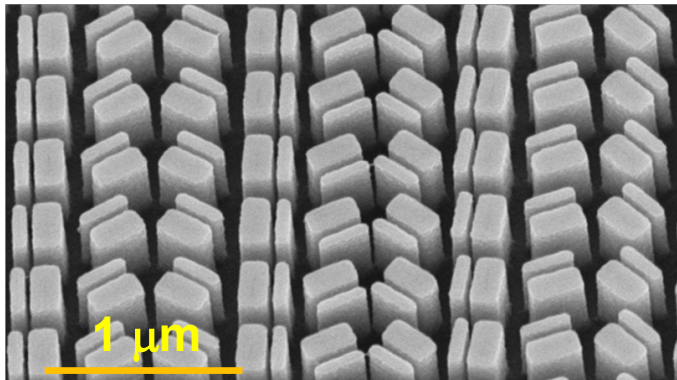
- Off-axis metalens has better spectral resolution because of angular and longitudinal dispersions.
- Off-axis metalens suffers two major aberrations (field curvature and astigmatism), which limit its spectral resolution and range in a narrow bandwidth.

Aberration-corrected metalens spectrometer

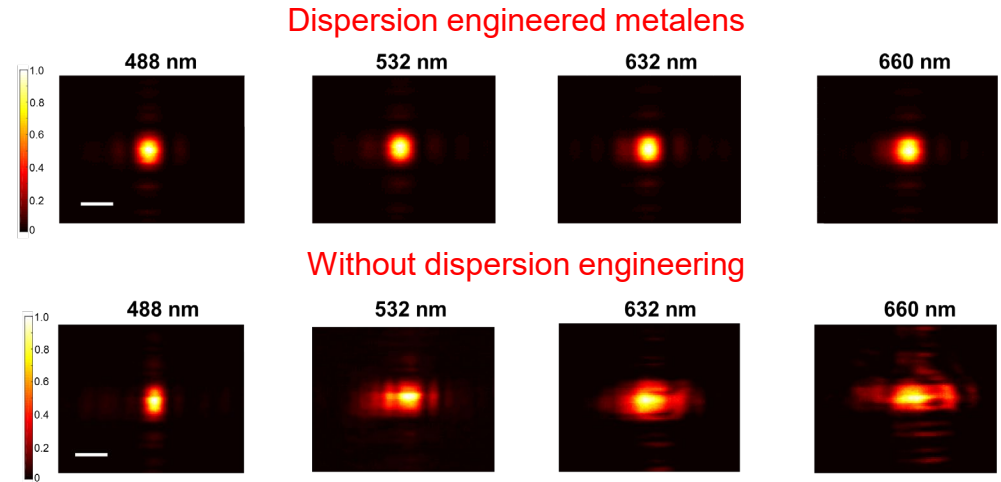
- Flat and perpendicular focal plane realized by dispersion-engineered metalens



- Coupled TiO_2 waveguide for fine tuning dispersion

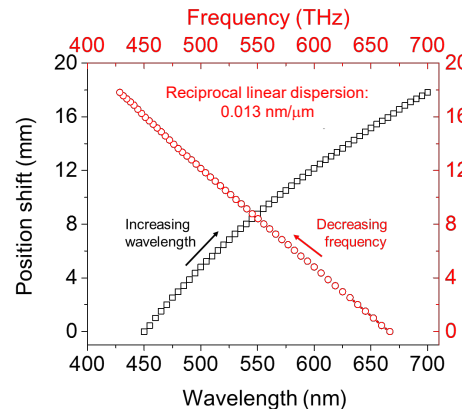


- Measured focal spots (FWHM $\sim 56 \mu\text{m}$)



- Metalens dispersion and spectral resolution

- Dispersion



- Spectral resolution

(Reciprocal linear dispersion \times Focal spot size)

↓
0.013 $\text{nm}/\mu\text{m}$ ↓
56 μm

$\sim 0.73 \text{ nm}$ spectral resolution from 470 to 660 nm in the visible

Light is subject to the diffraction limit.

There is a smallest angle or volume it can be localized in.

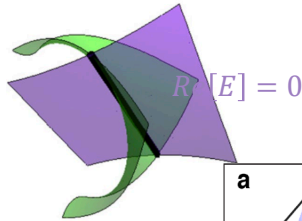
There is no diffraction limit for dark.

Singularities can be arbitrarily localized.

Structuring Dark via Phase Singularities

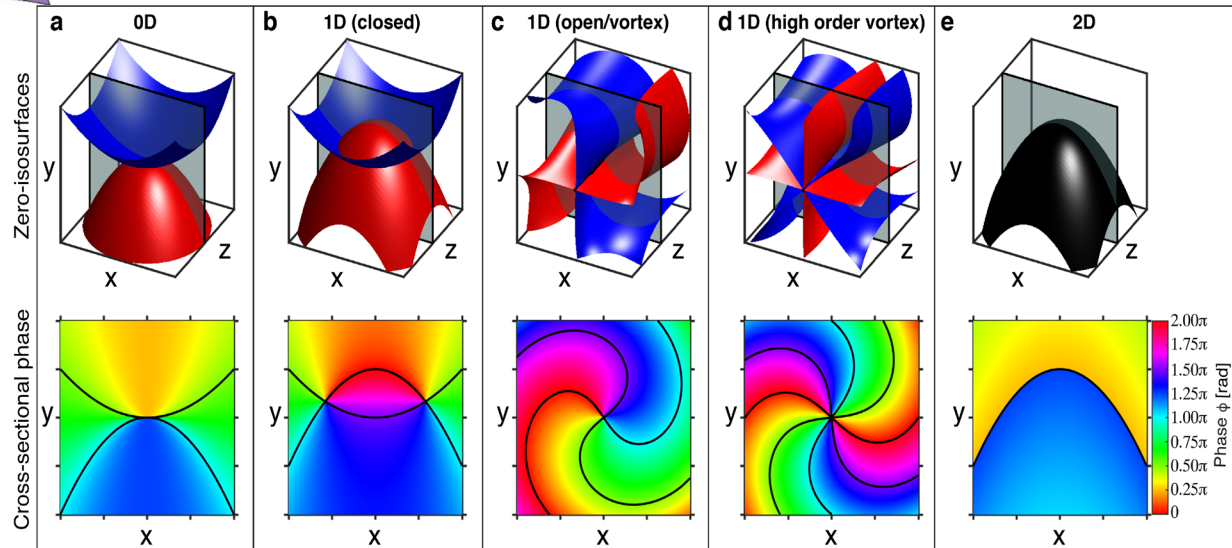
$$Im[E] = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



- Consider complex scalar field $E(\mathbf{r}) = Re[E(\mathbf{r})] + i \cdot Im[E(\mathbf{r})] = 0$
- Intersection of surfaces $Re[E(\mathbf{r})] = 0$ and $Im[E(\mathbf{r})] = 0$ gives singularity.
 - Two surfaces typically intersect on a line.

- 1D first-order singularities are robust against small field perturbations.
- 1D first-order singularity existence is preserved under small deformations or displacements of the zero-surfaces (topologically-protected).

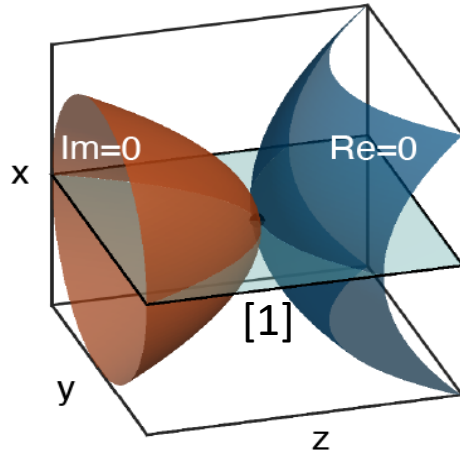


Our Recipe for sheet singularities: *maximize phase gradient orthogonal to desired sheet!*

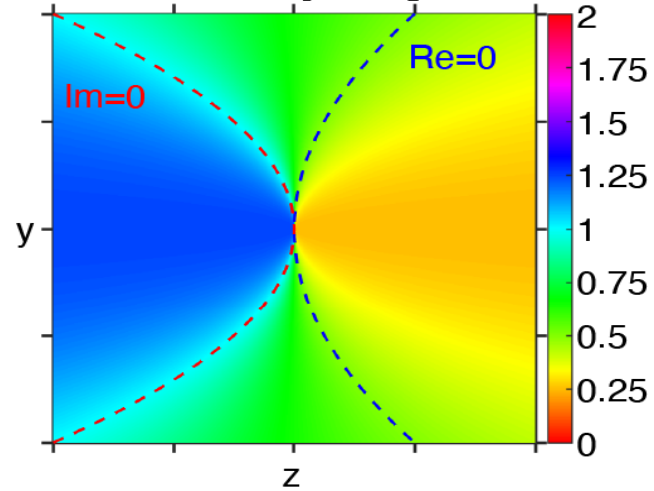


Point Singularities

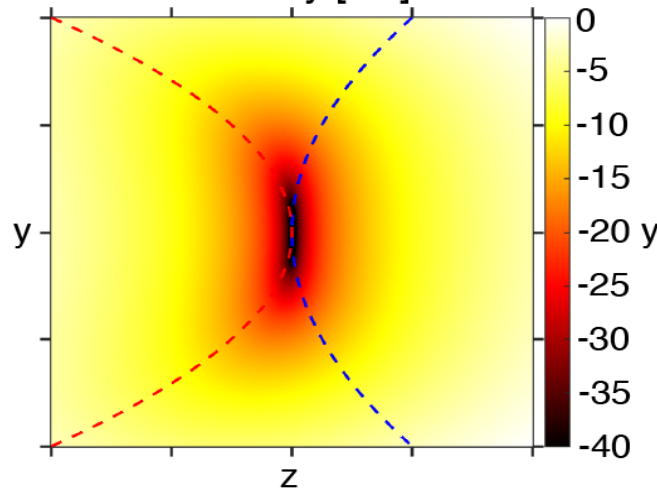
a Zero-isosurfaces



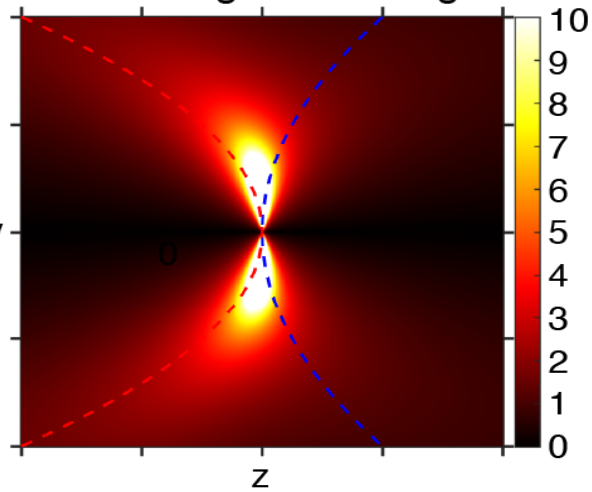
b Phase [π rad]



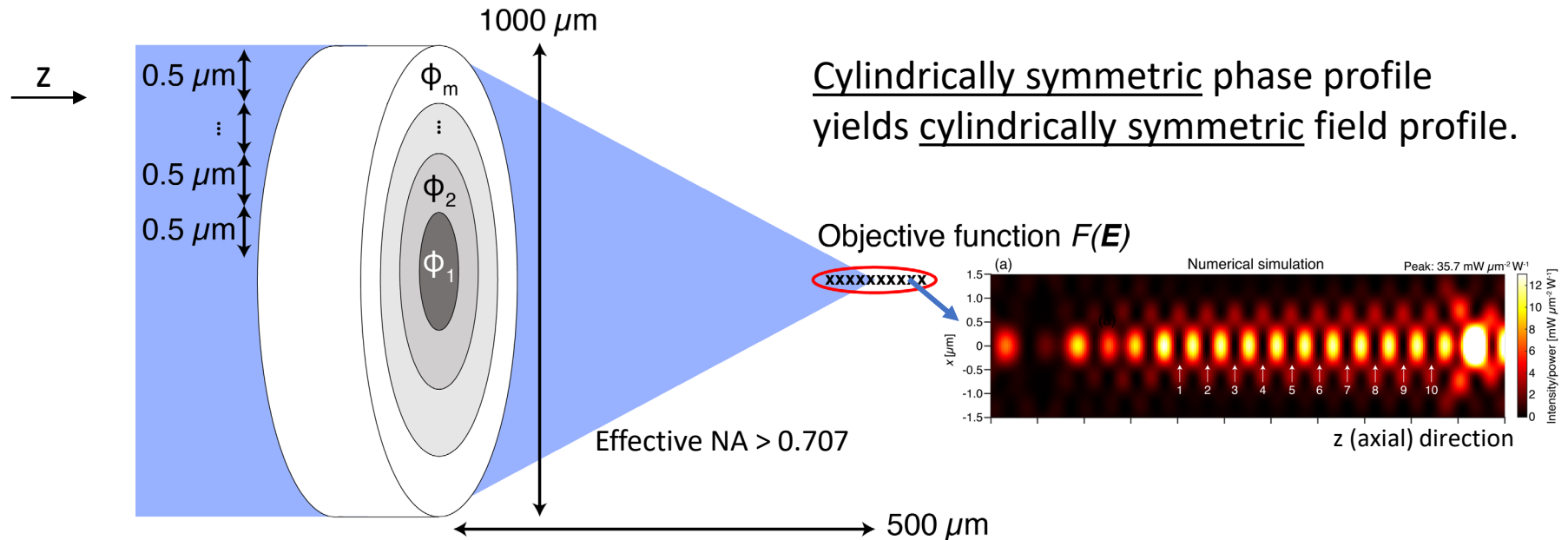
c Intensity [dB]



d Phase gradient mag.



Inverse design of point singularities



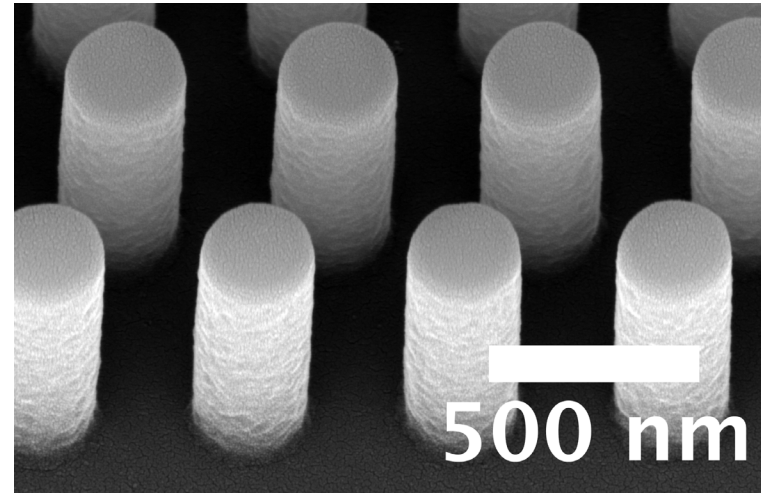
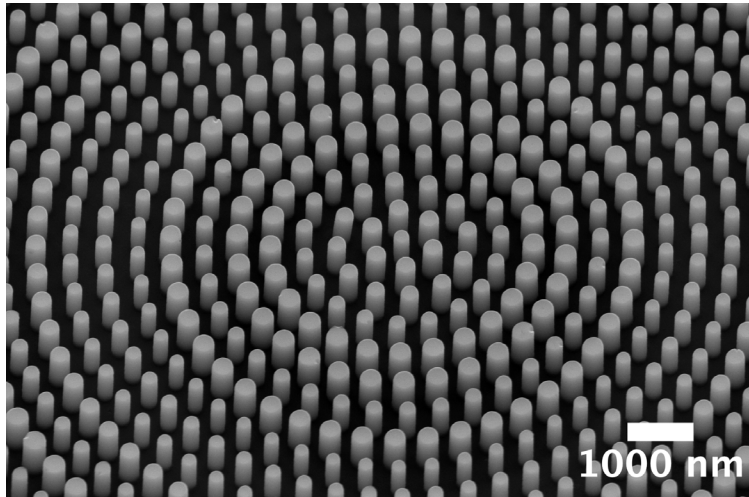
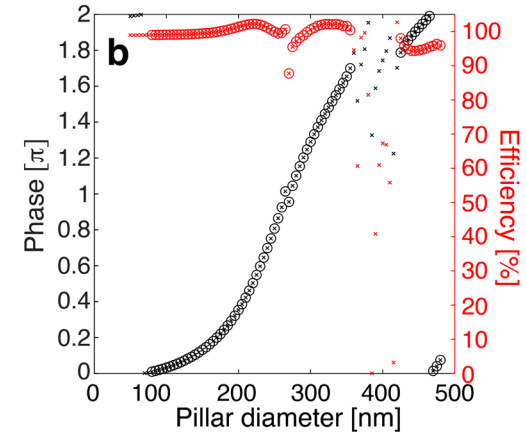
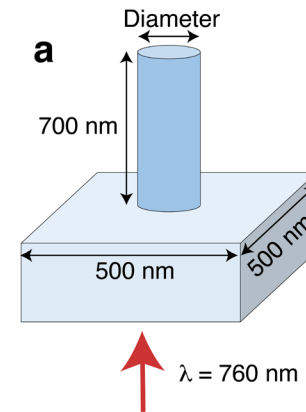
- Design strategy:
 - Step 1: Produce point singularities at each position.
 - Step 2: Equalize optical environment across positions.

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Experimental realization

- Phase-only metasurface using TiO₂ nanopillars on SiO₂.
- Protocol [1]:
 1. Electron beam lithography to produce nano-holes.
 2. Backfill of holes with TiO₂ using atomic layer deposition.
 3. Etch back of excess TiO₂ with reactive ion etching.
 4. Deposition of gold aperture mask to eliminate stray light.

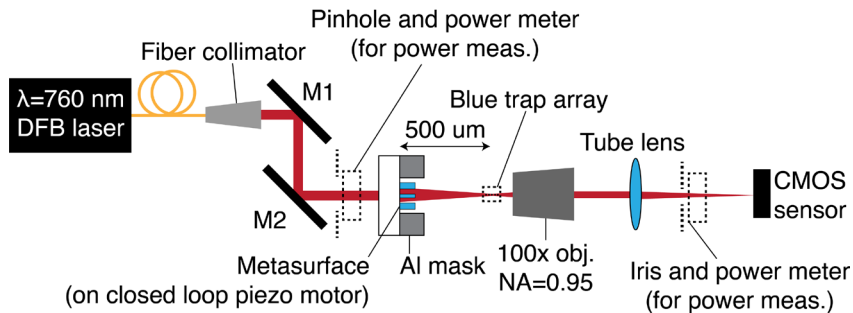


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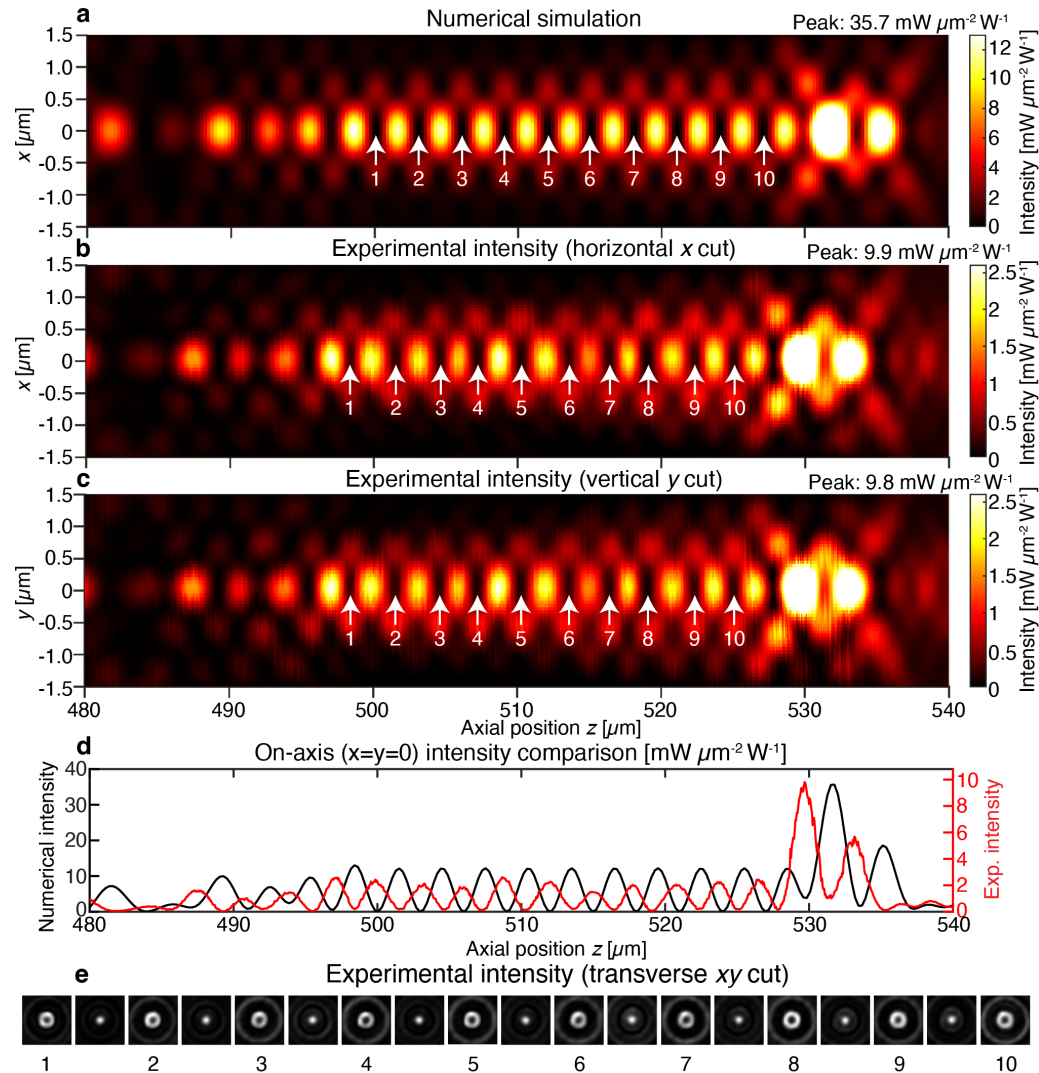


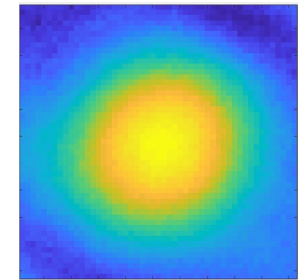
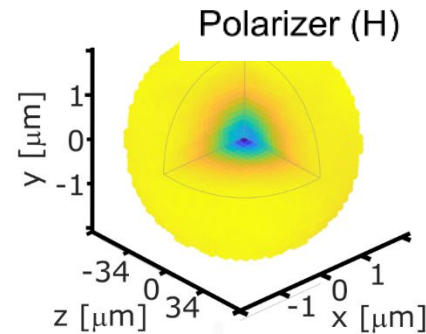
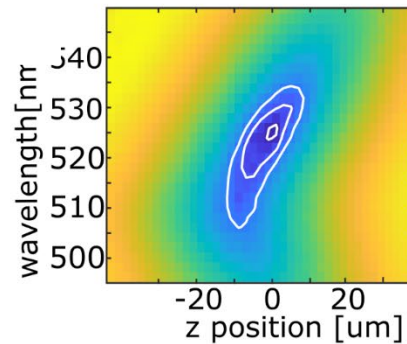
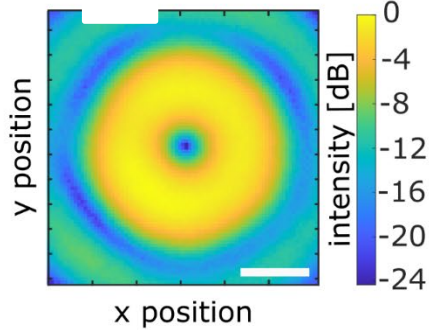
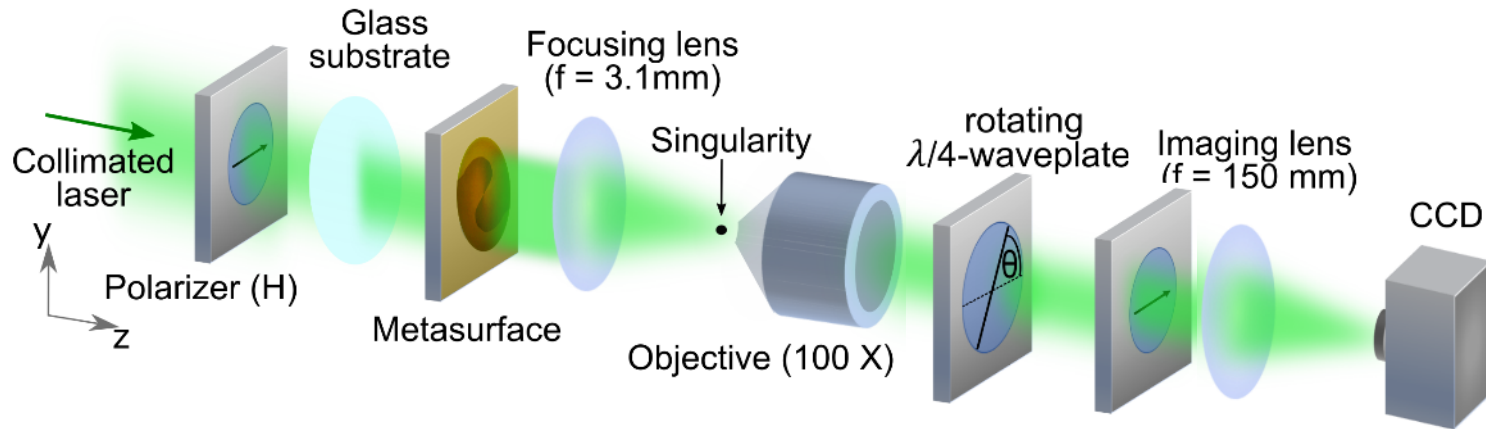
Experimental results

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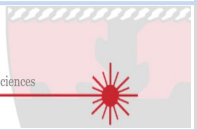


- Slight axial displacement due to $\lambda = 760.9$ nm used instead of target $\lambda = 760$ nm.





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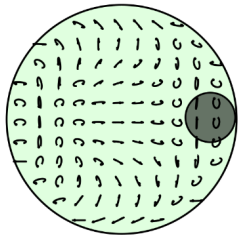


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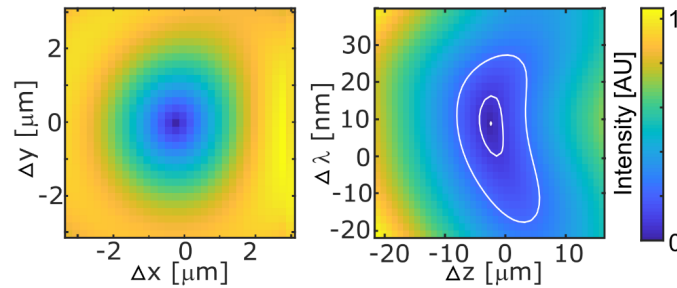
Simulation

Experiment

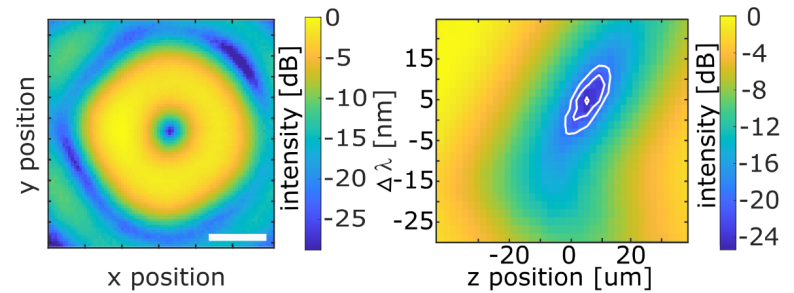
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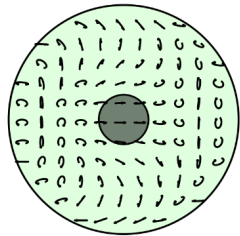
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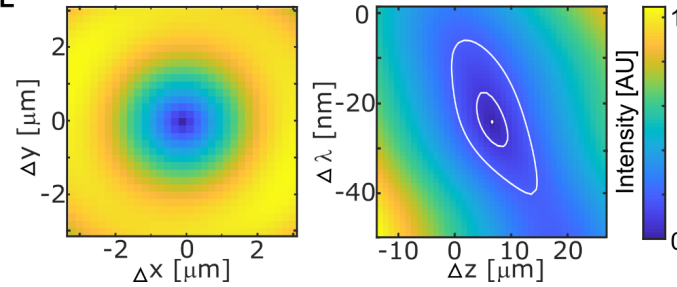
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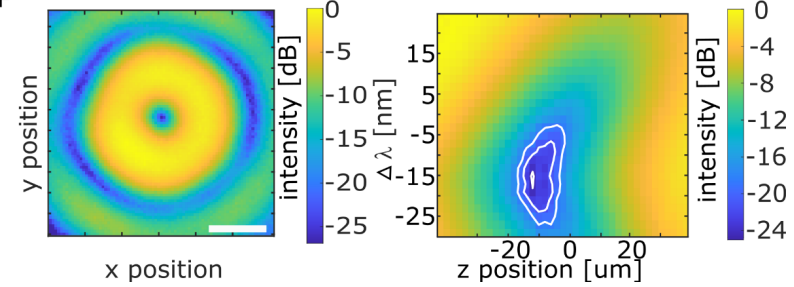
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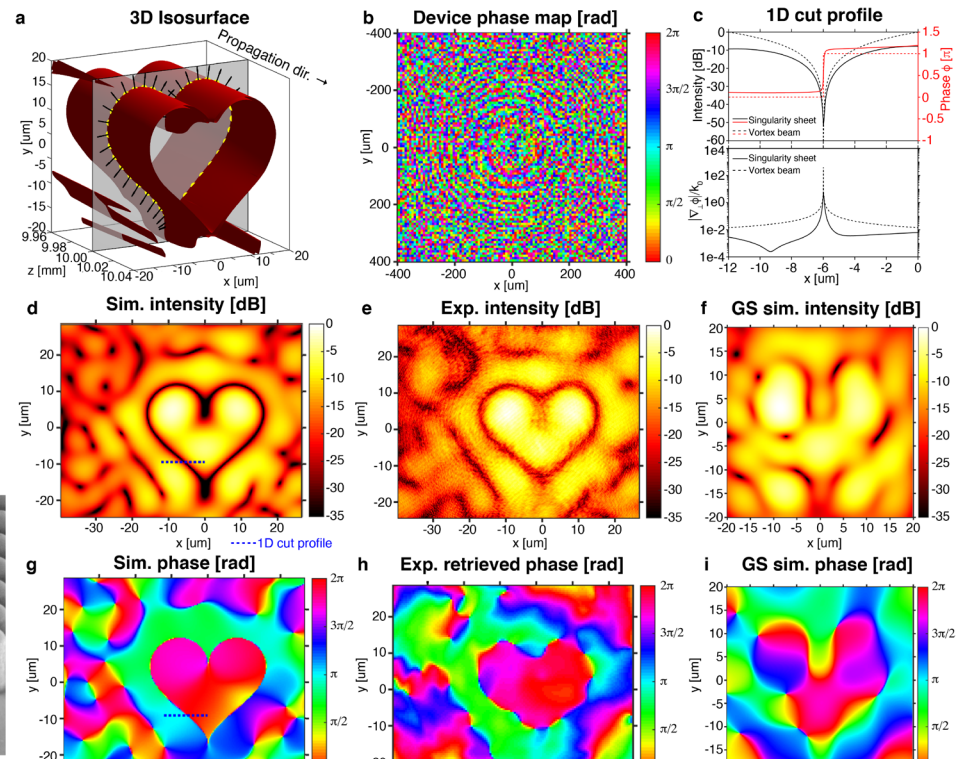
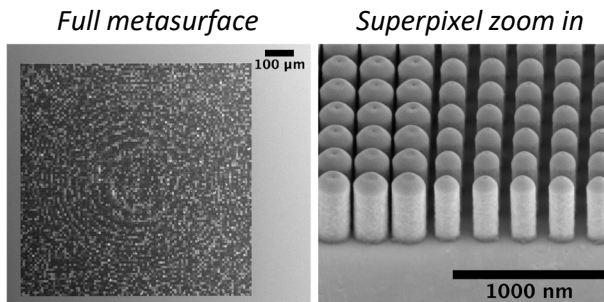
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Sheet phase singularities



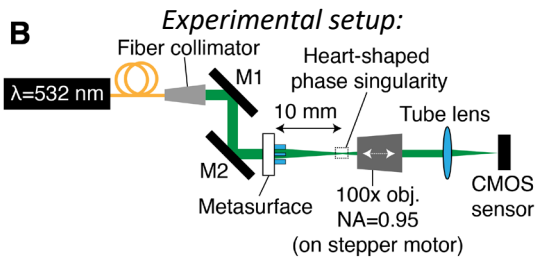
- Sheet singularity with heart-shaped cross-section designed using phase gradient maximization and fabricated.
 - For 532 nm wavelength.
 - Metasurface platform: TiO_2 nanopillars on SiO_2
- Fidelity and contrast attained is superior to that obtained using the Gerchberg-Saxton (GS) algorithm.



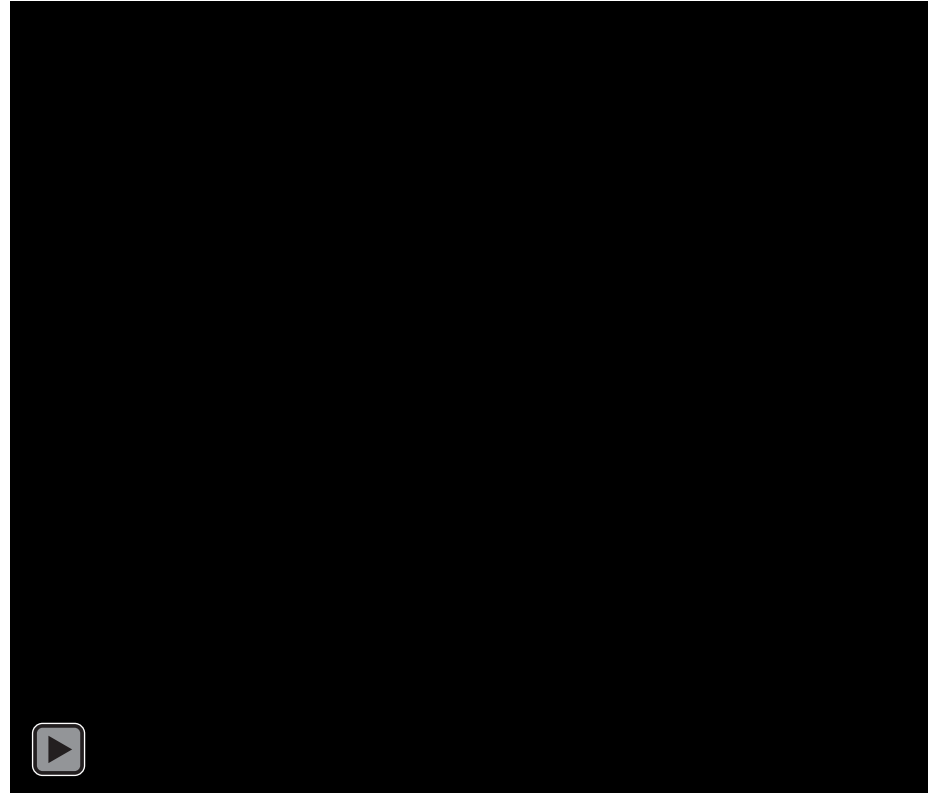
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3D singularity sheet structure flythrough



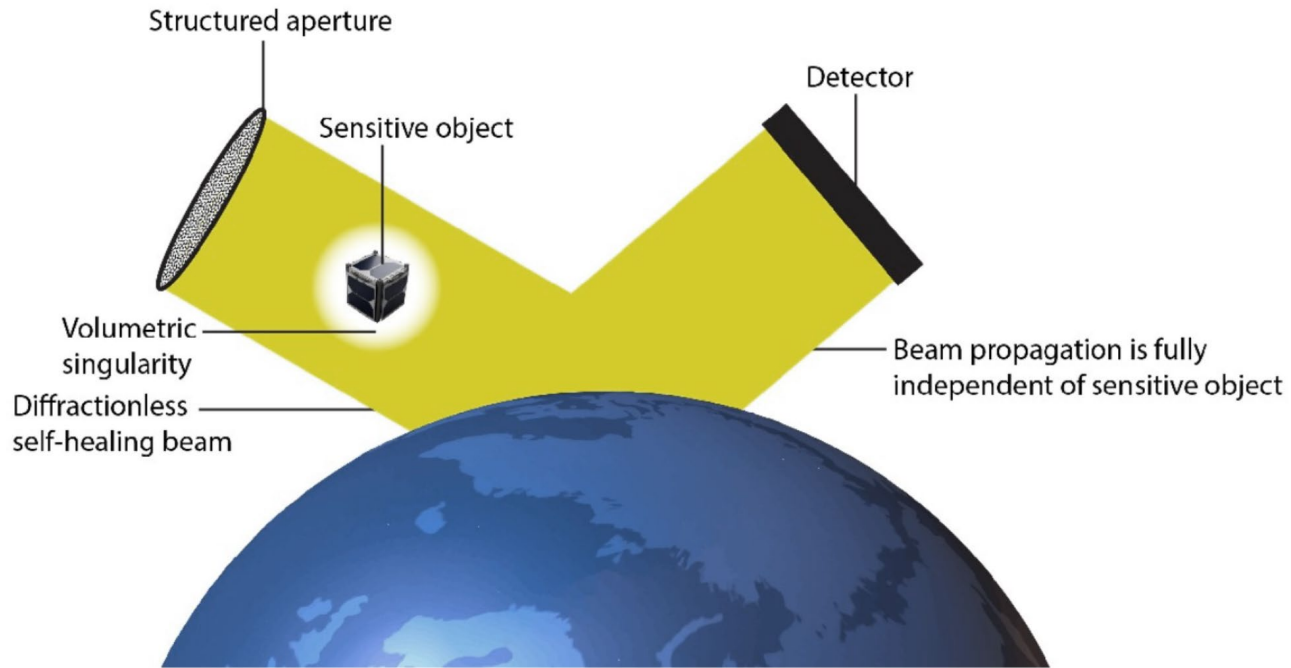
- Close correspondence between simulated and experimental intensity and phase profiles as a function of axial position (z).
- This sheet singularity is unstable with propagation, like fractional topological charge vortices [1-2] and high-order vortices.
 - But some highly symmetric sheet singularities are stable: e.g., 1D diffraction fringes, Bessel beam nodes.



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Structuring dark around obstacles



Vision for Planar (“Flat”) Optics based on Metasurfaces



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- **Metasurfaces provide arbitrary control of the wavefront (phase, amplitude and polarization)**
- **Metasurfaces enable flat optics:** compact, thinner, easier fabrication and alignment
- **Multifunctionality: single flat optical components can replace multiple standard components**
- **Flat Optics for a wide range of optical components** (lenses, holograms, polarizers, phase plates, etc.) and applications: machine vision, biomed imaging, drones, polarimetry, polarization sensitive cameras
- **Same foundries will manufacture camera sensor and lenses using same technology (deep-UV stepper) CMOS compatible flat optics platform for high volume markets:**
Examples: lenses in cell phone camera modules will be replaced by metalenses fabricated by
DUV lithography (same foundry that makes the sensor chip)
Displays, wearable optics (augmented reality).
- **Metasurfaces can generate arbitrary vector beams** (structured light) well beyond the capabilities of SLM
- **Importance of inverse design, co-design of hardware & software, impact of AI on optics**

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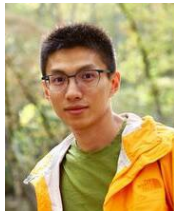
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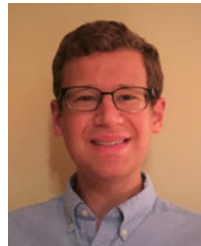


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