Computational Multi-spectral Imaging

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Our Goal: Compact snapshot hyper- (or multi-) spectral camera



Spatially-variant & spectrally-variant PSFs

Step 2 – Mathematical description



The architecture of our multi-spectral imager



Diffractive-Filter Array (DFA)



Spatial-Spectral Response Calibration



Results





Reconstructed RGB image



Multi-spectral video is possible



Spectral Response: 25 bands, FWHM ~ 12nm



Note low sensor QE limits SNR for λ >~700nm.

Spectral Reproduction Error < 8%



Spatial Resolution



Modulation Transfer Functions



C. G. Ebeling, A. Meiri, J. Martineau, Z. Zalevsky, J. M. Gerton and R. Menon, "Increased localization precision by interference fringe analysis," *Nanoscale*, 7, 10430-10437 (2015)

Imaging NIR & Vis bands with single sensor



Multi-spectral image

NIR image





Reconstructed RGB

No discernible crosstalk

Computationally trade-off spatial & spectral resolutions Same hardware



50 X 50 pixels X 9 bands







 $\lambda = 580$ nm



 $\lambda = 670$ nm



Imaging with non-equal bands: same hardware



Computational spectral filtering: same hardware





NIR laser spot

Multi-spectral image: 288X288 pixels X 25 bands Higher NA lens



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Rendered RGB Image (288 X 288 pixels)

Raw sensor Image



solid lines = reconstructed

each circle represents value in 16 X 16 pixel patch



We demonstrated:

- compact
- lightweight
- multi- or hyper-spectral
- programmable spectral bands (no change in hardware)
- low-cost

Commercializing a system like this with > 8 spectral bands Lumos Imaging



Flat Lightweight Optics



- Thin, lightweight
- Broadband (UV, Vis, IR)
- High NA possible
- Full wavefront control
- High efficiency
- Transmissive or Reflective
- Inexpensive to mass manufacture

Applications:

- Flat lens imaging
- IR projectors
- Holograms
- Security devices

Flat-lens camera

Demo camera with single flat lens (focal length=1mm, f/#=10)

PCB





Video under sunlight



- Reduced thickness
- Fewer lens elements → less expensive assembly
- High NA → thinner HMDs
- Novel form factors

Flat broadband MWIR lenses possible $\lambda = 8\mu m$ to $12\mu m$

Example PSFs at NA = 0.05. Material used is polymer.





Depth-of-field



Dynamic range



Spectral response for NIR-VIS imaging

