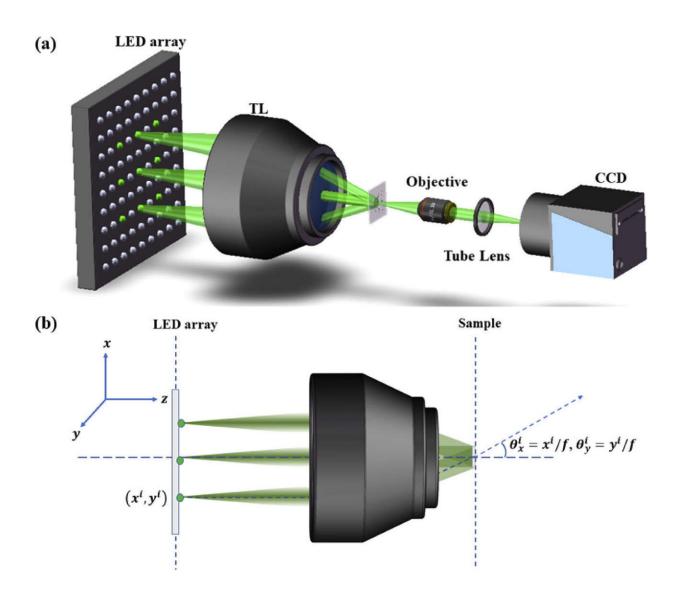


Researchers realize single full field-of-view reconstruction fourier ptychographic microscopy

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Fourier ptychographic microscopy (FPM) is a recently developed computational imaging technique, which has high-resolution and wide field-of-view (FOV). However, due to the lower light efficiency of the off-axis LEDs, the exposure time of dark-field images has to be extended to improve the signal-to-noise of dark-field images. In addition, effected by the spherical illumination wavefronts of LEDs, the wavevectors of full-FOV are different.

Therefore, the full-FOV has to be divided into sub-fields and reconstructed sequentially, and then stitch them to obtain a full-FOV high-resolution images. It is necessary to develop a new illumination method to provide plane wave illumination with uniform intensity and different angles.

In a study published in *Biomedical Optics Express*, a research group led by Prof. MU Quanquan from the Changchun Institute of Optics, Fine Mechanics and Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences realized a single full-FOV reconstruction FPM, which is termed full-FOV Fourier ptychographic microscopy (F³PM).

This novel illumination method is achieved by combing LED array and telecentric lens.

The role of telecentric lens is to collect the wavefronts from LEDs and collimates them into <u>plane waves</u>. The telecentric character and excellent plane wavefront of telecentric lens are the key elements in wavefront modulation. Excellent plane wavefront guarantees that the wavevectors are the same for full-FOV and the reconstruction process becomes more flexible, therefore the reconstruction size can be larger, and even the



single full-FOV reconstruction can be implemented.

For conventional FPM, the full-FOV images reconstruct process consists of multiple reconstructions, intensity correction for different sub-fields and image stitching. In order to meet the needs of image stitching and light intensity correction, the overlap rate between adjacent sub-fields should be guaranteed 30% or more.

Compared with the conventional FPM, $F^{3}PM$ improves the size of single reconstruction from $0.25\mu m^{2}$ to 14.6 mm², and eliminates the steps of image stitching and calculation redundancy. Without these steps, the reconstruction process for full-FOV high-resolution images becomes simpler. Based on multi-coding light scheme and <u>wavefront</u> modulation of telecentric lens, the single full-FOV <u>reconstruction</u> enables the dynamic imaging of FPM.

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