

MQ Photonics Research Centre Seminar

When: Tuesday 13 August 2019 Time: 11 am Where: Multipurpose room, 2.300 7WW



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Title: Orbital Angular Momentum for Holography and Onchip Applications

Orbital angular momentum (OAM), manifested by a twisted helical wavefront of light, is a new way to boost the information capacity of light due to an unbounded set of OAM modes. However, OAM of light has not been implemented as an independent information carrier for optical holography, mainly due to the lack of mode selectivity in conventional holograms. Without careful design, a digital hologram destroys the extrinsic OAM property in the holographic reconstruction process. We have developed orbital angular momentum holography by using strong OAM selectivity in the spatial-frequency domain with no theoretical upper limit to the number of modes. This demonstration allows the encoding and multiplexing of 10 OAM-dependent holographic images from a single hologram, opening the possibility of high-capacity holographic information storage and displays using the OAM degree of freedom. Implementing OAM holography with high-resolution metasurfaces allows subwavelength-scale-digitization of an OAM-multiplexing meta-hologram, paving the way for ultrahigh-capacity holographic applications.

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