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超分辨弱旁瓣硅基超构透镜

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摘要:超表面是一种空间变化的超薄纳米结构,在光学超分辨聚焦透镜或系统中已经得到广泛研究和应用。然而,随着超构透镜聚焦光斑缩小,不可避免产生大旁瓣,限制了透镜视场和应用潜力。本文提出了一种设计大数值孔径 (NA=0.944)超分辨弱旁瓣超构透镜的方法。针对波长 A=632.8 nm 的圆偏振光,基于硅基超表面 PB 相位调控,实现 了超分辨弱旁瓣点聚焦超构透镜。实验证明,可以实现聚焦光斑半高全宽 FWHM=0.45A,小于衍射极限 0.53A (衍射 极限为 0.5A/NA),旁瓣比 Sidelobe Ratio (SR)=0.07。该透镜的应用有望实现超分辨光学器件或系统微型化、轻量化 和集成化。

关键词:超分辨; 弱旁瓣; 超表面; 超构透镜 中图分类号: O436.3

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Silicon-based super-resolution metalens with weak sidelobe

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Abstract: Metasurface is a spatially varying ultrathin nanostructure that has been widely studied and used in optical super-resolution focusing, either in lenses or in systems. However, with the decrease of the focal spot size of the metalens, large sidelobes are inevitably generated, limiting the field of view and potential applications of the lens. In this paper, a method for producing super-resolution metalens with a large numerical aperture (*NA*=0.944) and weak sidelobe is presented. For a circularly polarized light with the wavelength of λ =632.8 nm, a super-resolution point-focusing with a weak sidelobe is realized based on PB phase regulation of silica-based metasurface. Experimental results show that the FWHM (full-width at half maximum) of our focusing spot is 0.45 λ , which is less than the diffraction limit of 0.53 λ (the diffraction limit is 0.5 λ /*NA*), and the sidelobe ratio (SR) is 0.07. Our proposed super-

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Keywords: super-resolution; weak sidelobe; metasurface; metalens

1 引 言

由于光学衍射的波动特性, 传统光学器件或系统 无法实现完美成像,分辨率仅为 0.5λ/NA (λ 为工作波 长, NA 为数值孔径)^[1]。利用具有高空间频率的倏逝 波可以突破衍射极限,但倏逝波一般存在于物体近场 表面,随远离物体距离的增加呈指数衰减。因此,倏 逝波所携带的物体精细信息无法传递到远场区域。近 年来,为了实现突破衍射极限,研究人员开展了大量 研究。如近场光学显微[2],完美透镜[3-4],双曲超透 镜^[5-7],荧光超分辨显微镜^[8-12]。然而,这些方法要么 需要在近场环境下工作,要么需要荧光标记,无法满 足纯光学意义上远场超分辨成像需求。微球辅助显微 技术将透明介质微球置于成像样品表面,结合显微成 像系统,可以实现超分辨成像,目前实验上已经获 得 25 nm 分辨率^[13-15]。虽然上述研究工作都实现了超 分辨,但从远场光学器件层面看,依然是衍射受限的。 光学超振荡基于光波的远场传播特性,为远场光学器 件突破衍射极限提供了新的路径。光学超振荡是远场 局域振荡频率大于最高傅里叶频率的现象,理论上, 光学超振荡可以产生任意小的聚焦光斑,光学超振荡 判据为 0.38λ/NA^[16]。但是,随着聚焦光斑减小,主瓣 周围会产生大旁瓣或边带。因此,根据实际的超分辨 光学器件或系统的应用场景,聚焦光斑大小与旁瓣和 边带需要做出相应的权衡[17-18]。近年来,基于光学超 振荡思想,研究人员开发了各种类型的超分辨光学透 镜,如基于振幅或相位掩膜版实现横向偏振超振荡聚 焦[19-23] 和矢量光场超振荡聚焦透镜[24-26]; 产生超振荡 光针[27-30] 或超振荡无衍射光束[31-33]。在参考文献 [33] 中,作者提出了一种沿y轴对称弯月状振幅型掩膜版, 产生超振荡类贝塞尔光束,基于干涉相消原理,可实 现沿 y 轴方向基本无旁瓣, 但器件本身非圆周对称, 聚焦光斑和旁瓣从设计上就不是圆周对称。超表面由 一系列纳米结构超原子构成,可以在亚波长尺度上对 振幅、相位和偏振灵活操作,对构造复杂超分辨光场 特别适用。采用双折射超表面集成偏振转换功能,可 产生矢量超分辨聚焦光场[34-36]。采用几何相位超表 面[37-38] 可实现横向偏振深度超振荡聚焦[39], 校正离轴 像差^[40] 或抑制旁瓣^[41]。光学超分辨透镜应用于显微系统中显示出巨大的超分辨成像潜力。2012年, Rogers等利用存在大边带超振荡透镜照明样品,结合 共焦显微系统,依然在实验上实现了λ/6的分辨本 领^[42]。2016年,Qin等为解决超振荡透镜大边带或大 旁瓣抑制视场问题,提出了超临界透镜,在共焦显微 系统中利用超临界透镜照明样品,实验上演示了 0.16λ的分辨本领^[43]。

本文针对超分辨透镜大旁瓣限制器件视场和成像 伪影问题,提出了基于硅基^[44]超表面 PB 相位调控的 超分辨弱旁瓣点聚焦超构透镜。基于电子束光刻和正 胶刻蚀工艺制备超构透镜。利用大数值孔径显微探测 系统对超构透镜光场进行探测^[45],结果表明,在波 长λ=632.8 nm 圆偏振光入射下,聚焦光斑半高全宽 *FWHM*=0.45λ,小于衍射极限为 0.53λ (衍射极限为 0.5λ/NA),旁瓣比 *SR*=0.07。

2 理论设计

图 1(a) 给出了 PB 相位超原子示意图。图中显示, 超原子由石英玻璃 (SiO₂) 基底和长条形无定形硅 (α-Si) 两种材料组成; P、L_x、L_y和H分别表示硅基超原 子周期、长、宽和高,优化超原子长、宽、高可以实 现高效振幅透率;超原子通过旋转实现相位调控,超 原子不同旋向 θ_i,理论可实现 φ_i=2θ_i相位调控能力; 图 1(b) 给出了基于硅基超表面 PB 相位调控的超构透 镜聚焦示意图。透镜半径为 R_{lens},长条形超原子按周 期网格环绕透镜中心排布,周期网格中超原子根据透 镜相位分布 φ(r) 旋转不同角度 θ_i。圆偏振光垂直入射 到玻璃基底,从玻璃基底穿出,过硅基超表面,网格 周期不同旋向超原子改变入射光相位分布,在焦平面 位置精细相干,产生弱旁瓣超分辨聚焦光斑。

本文基于矢量角谱衍射方法 (vectorial angular spectrum method, VASM)^[46] 和粒子群优化算法^[47],采用 32 值相位调控,以圆偏振光作为入射光源,设计 弱旁瓣超分辨聚焦透镜。根据矢量角谱衍射方法,光 源偏振态为圆偏振光, *z=z_f*处衍射场的电场分量可由 式 (1) 计算:



图 1 硅基超构透镜。(a) 硅基长条形超原子示意图;(b) 聚焦示意图 Fig. 1 Silicon-based metalens. (a) Schematic diagram of silicon-based metaatoms; (b) Schematic diagram of the focusing

$\int E_{x}(r, z_{\rm f}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} A_{x,0}(\rho) \exp[j2\pi q(\rho)z_{\rm f}] J_{0}(2\pi\rho r) 2\pi\rho d\rho$	
$E_{y}(r,z_{\rm f}) = j \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} A_{x,0}(\rho) \exp[j2\pi q(\rho)z_{\rm f}] J_{0}(2\pi\rho r) 2\pi\rho d\rho$	
$\begin{cases} E_z(r,\phi,z_f) = -\frac{j}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(j\phi) \end{cases}$	
$\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\overline{\rho}}{q(\rho)} A_{x,0}(\rho) \exp[j2\pi q(\rho)z_{\rm f}] J_1(2\pi\rho r) 2\pi\rho d\rho$,
$\left[A_{x,0}(\rho) = \int_0^\infty t(r)g(r)\mathbf{J}_0(2\pi\rho r)2\pi r dr\right]$	
, (1)

(x, y, z)方向的电场; g(r)和 t(r)分别为入射电场的空间分布和器件透射函数; z_f 为计算光场离开器件表面距离; J_0 和 J_1 分别为零阶和一阶 Bessel函数; $q(\rho) = \sqrt{1/\lambda^2 - \rho^2}$ 为波矢量的纵向分量。

为了详细说明弱旁瓣超分辨透镜设计过程,本文 给出了优化流程图,如图 2 所示。设置透镜目标参数: 波长 λ,透镜半径 R_{tens},透镜焦距 z_f,目标半高全宽 *FWHM*_t,目标旁瓣比 SR_t,目标光强 I_t,并随机产生 N个透镜,使用式(1)计算每一个透镜焦平面光场,





图 2 弱旁瓣超分辨透镜优化流程图

Fig. 2 Flowchart of the optimization process to achieve super-resolution focusing with weak sidelobes

通过迭代不断优化焦平面光场参数 FWHM, SR, I, 直 到满足设计要求。

根据上述方法,针对波长 λ=632.8 nm,设定透镜 半径 R_{lens}=57λ,焦距为 z_i=20λ,对应数值孔径 NA= 0.944,相应衍射极限为 0.53λ,对透镜透射函数 t(r) 进行优化设计。表 1 给出了透镜透射函数沿径向相位 数 N_i,相位数与相位分布关系为 φ_i=2πN_i/32。表中显 示,透镜包含 115 个周期环带,周期 P=315 nm, i 表 示周期环带序号,相位数 N_i 从 0 到 31,按 32 进制 编号,当相位数 N_i=10,11,…,31 时,相位数用 A, B,…, V 表示。通过迭代优化,在焦平面位置实现弱 旁瓣超分辨聚焦光斑。图 3 给出了弱旁瓣超分辨超构 透镜的设计结果。图 3(a)为焦平面光场二维分布,图 中显示,中心存在一个亮度很强的聚焦光斑,周 围环绕着强度很弱的旁瓣,按照焦平面上中心 (3×FWHM)²大小区域内 (FWHM 为聚焦光斑半高 全宽)光功率与透镜区域内入射光功率的比值定义聚 焦效率^[48-49],本文超构透镜的聚焦效率为 0.94%。 图 3(b)给出了过光斑中心的强度曲线,图中显示,中 心主瓣半高全宽 FWHM=0.43λ,最大旁瓣比 SR=0.05。 图 3(c)为沿 xz 传播面光场二维分布,图中显示,在 z=15λ~25λ 的 10λ 范围内,存在 4 个焦深不同的聚焦 光斑,在设计焦距 z_i=20λ 处存在一个相对较强光斑, 并且沿着 x 轴方向明显看出周围旁瓣强度很弱。 图 3(d)给出了沿 xz 传播面轴上聚焦光斑强度 (红色实 线),半高全宽 FWHM (蓝色实线)和旁瓣比 SR (绿色 实线)参数曲线。黑色和酒红色点划线分别表示衍射 极限 (0.5λ/NA)和超振荡判据 (0.38λ/NA)。图中显示, 轴上强度出现多个峰值,在设计焦距 z_i=20λ 处存在焦 深为 1λ 的强度峰值。

表 1 超构透镜相位数 N_i Table 1 Phase number of the metalens



图 3 硅基超构透镜理论设计结果。(a) 焦平面光场二维分布;(b) 焦平面强度曲线;(c) XZ 平面光场二维分布; (d) XZ 平面轴上聚焦光斑强度 (红色实线), 半高全宽 FWHM (蓝色实线) 和旁瓣比 SR (绿色实线) 参数曲线 Fig. 3 Theoretical results of silicon-based metalens. (a) Two-dimensional intensity distribution in the focal plane; (b) The corresponding intensity curve in the focal plane; (c) Two-dimensional intensity distribution on xz plane; (d) Intensity (red), FWHM (blue), and SR (green) parameter on the xz plane

3 FDTD 仿真

为了进一步分析超分辨超构透镜聚焦光场,基于 硅基超表面,利用软件 FDTD Solutions 对透镜进行仿 真验证,其中石英玻璃折射率参数为 1.457+ 0i (@632.8 nm), 无定形硅长方形超原子尺寸为长 (L_x)×宽 (L_y)×高 (H)=210 nm×90 nm×400 nm, 折射率 参数为 3.0906+i0.00062 (@632.8 nm)。图 4 给出了弱 旁瓣超分辨超构透镜的 FDTD 仿真结果。图 4(a) 为 焦平面光场二维分布,图中显示,相似于图 3(a),外 围旁瓣强度很弱,环绕着一个中心亮斑。区别于焦平 面光场完全圆周对称的理论计算结果,FDTD 仿真结 果外围旁瓣沿圆周存在明暗变化,这是由于超原子网 格排布导致超表面透镜不严格圆周对称造成的。 图 4(b) 给出了沿 x 轴 (红色) 和 y 轴 (黑色) 的强度曲 线,图中显示,沿 x 轴方向半高全宽 FWHM_x=0.433λ, 旁瓣比 SR_x=0.08。沿 y 轴方向半高全宽 FWHM_v= 0.431λ, 旁瓣比 SR,=0.09。半高全宽与旁瓣比都略高 于理论设计,这是由于超原子旋转过程中振幅透过率 起伏造成的。图 4(c) 给出了沿 xz 传播面光场二维分 布,图中显示,在z=15λ~25λ的10λ范围内,同样存 在 4 个焦深不同的聚焦光斑。图 4(d) 给出了沿 xz 传 播面轴上强度 (红色实线),半高全宽 FWHM (蓝色实 线) 和旁瓣比 SR (绿色实线) 参数曲线。黑色和酒红色 点划线分别为衍射极限 (0.5λ/NA) 和超振荡判据 (0.38λ/NA)。图中显示,轴上强度出现多个峰值,在 z=20λ 处存在焦深为 1.2λ 的强度峰值。

4 实验结果与分析

本文采用电子束光刻和正胶刻蚀工艺完成超构透 镜制备。首先,500 µm 厚石英玻璃基底分别通过食 人鱼溶液 (浓硫酸 (H₂SO₄) 与 30% 双氧水 (H₂O₂) 以 3:1 混合) 和有机溶液 (丙酮或异丙醇) 超声清洗去除 表面污渍;使用 PECVD 工艺 (Sentech SI 500D, SENTECH Instruments GmbH) 在玻璃基底上表面沉 积 400 nm 厚无定形硅薄膜;之后使用磁控溅射工艺 (KJLC LAB18) 在无定形硅薄膜上沉积 50 nm 铝膜; 通过电子束光刻工艺 (Vistec EBPG 5000 plus ES, Vistec Electron Beam GmbH) 在光刻胶上完成图形成 像,并通过干法刻蚀工艺 (Sentech PTSA SI 500, SENTECH Instruments GmbH) 将图形转移到无定形硅 薄膜,最终完成弱旁瓣超分辨透镜制备。图 5(a) 给出



图 4 硅基超构透镜 FDTD 仿真结果。(a) 焦平面光场二维分布;(b) 焦平面强度曲线;(c) xz 平面光场二维分布; (d) xz 平面轴上聚焦光斑强度 (红色实线),半高全宽 FWHM (蓝色实线) 和旁瓣比 SR (绿色实线) 参数曲线 Fig. 4 FDTD simulation results of silicon-based metalens. (a) Two-dimensional intensity distribution in focal plane; (b) Focal plane intensity curve; (c) Two-dimensional intensity distribution on xz plane; (d) Focal spot intensity (red), FWHM (blue) and SR (green) parameter curves on the xz plane

了弱旁瓣超分辨透镜电镜图。

本文采用大数值孔径显微探测系统实验研究超分 辨超构透镜光场分布。显微探测系统如图 5(b) 所示, 系统包含无限远物镜 (CF Plan 150×/0.95, Nikon),纳 米位移台 (No. 85-008, Edmund Optics), 筒镜 (ITL200, Thorlabs, Inc.), CCD相机 (acA1920-25gm, Basler, Inc.)。物镜安装在纳米位移台上,通过沿轴向移动, 捕获不同衍射面处光场信息。实验过程为氦氖激光 (波长 λ=632.8 nm, HNL210L, Thorlabs) 经过线偏振片 (WP25M-VIS, Thorlabs, Inc.)和四分之一波片 (WPQ10M-633, Thorlabs, Inc.) 产生圆偏振光,圆偏振 光垂直入射到超构透镜上,经过透镜的光场被显微探 测系统捕获。图 6 给出了焦平面 z_f=20λ 处光场分布。 图 6(a) 为 xy 面光场二维分布,中心存在聚焦亮斑, 周围有较弱旁瓣环绕,并且中心亮斑和旁瓣都不完全 圆周对称。过焦斑中心等间隔角度取 10 条强度曲线 平均获得平均强度曲线 (红色虚线),如图 6(b) 所示。

作为对比,过聚焦中心沿 x 轴 (绿色虚线)、y 轴 (蓝色 虚线) 实验测试强度曲线和设计结果强度曲线 (黑色虚 线) 也呈现在图 6(b) 中。从图中可以看出,实验与设 计吻合良好。沿 x 轴方向、y 轴方向和平均强度实验 测试结果半高全宽分别为 $FWHM_x=0.43\lambda$ 、 $FWHM_y=$ 0.49 λ 和 $FWHM_{ave}=0.45\lambda$;旁瓣比分别为 $SR_x=0.13$, $SR_y=0.16$ 和 $SR_{ave}=0.07$ 。实验测试结果的半高全宽和 旁瓣比均略高于设计值,这主要是由于硅基超表面制 备误差和入射光源波前误差引起的。

为了详细研究弱旁瓣超分辨超构透镜光场分布, 沿传播面逐面捕获光场信息。图 7 给出了沿 xz 面光 场分布。图 7(a)显示,沿传播面 z=15λ~25λ 的 10λ 范 围内有多个聚焦光斑, z_i=20λ 处强度最强。图 7(b)、 7(c)、7(d)分别给出了沿传播面实验与理论设计关于 强度、半高全宽和旁瓣比的曲线对比。红色球表示实 验数据,绿色实线表示理论设计数据。图 7(b)中强度 分布显示,实验光强分布与理论设计有差距,但与理



图 5 超构透镜电镜图与实验测试原理图。(a) 超构透镜电镜图;(b) 基于大数值孔径显微系统光场实验测试示意图 Fig. 5 The SEM and experimental schematic of metalens. (a) The SEM of the metalens; (b) Experimental schematic based on optical microscopy system with a large numerical-aperture objective



图 6 硅基超构透镜焦平面实验结果。(a) 焦平面光场二维分布;(b) 焦平面实验测试沿 X 轴 (绿色), V 轴 (蓝色) 强度曲线,实验测试平均强度曲线 (红色) 和设计结果强度曲线 (黑色)

Fig. 6 Experimental results of silicon-based metalens on the focal plane. (a) Two-dimensional intensity distribution on the focal plane; (b) The corresponding intensity curves along the *x*-axis (green) and *y*-axis (blue), mean intensity curves (red) and the design results (black)

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Fig. 7 Experimental (red) and design (green) results of silicon-based metalens on the *xz* plane. (a) Two-dimensional Intensity distribution on the *xz* plane; (b) The corresponding intensity; (c) *FWHM*; (d) Sidelobe ratio

论设计类似,实验光强沿传播面同样具有多焦点特性, 只是相对于理论设计存在沿传播面压缩现象。z=20λ 处存在聚焦光斑,满足设计要求,焦深为 0.4λ,小于 理论设计焦深 1λ;图 7(c)、7(d)显示,在 z=20λ 处附 近,半高全宽 FWHM 与旁瓣比 SR 与理论设计基本相 符,略微增加。这主要是由于硅基超表面制备误差和 入射光源波前误差造成。硅基超表面制备误差导致每 个周期内超原子振幅和相位与理论值存在误差,入射 光源波前相对于理论设计的平面波存在振幅和相位的 波动误差,由于弱旁瓣超分辨超构透镜聚焦光场是精 细相干的结果,上述误差,导致实验与理论设计存在 差距。

5 结 论

综上所述,本文针对随着聚焦光斑变小,不可避 免产生大旁瓣或边带,限制了透镜视场问题,根据焦 斑尺寸与旁瓣相互平衡策略,提出了大数值孔径 (*NA*=0.944)超分辨弱旁瓣超构透镜设计方法。针对波 长 λ=632.8 nm 的圆偏振光,基于硅基超表面 PB 相位 调控,设计并制备了半径 *R*_{lens}=57λ,焦距 *z*=20λ 的硅 基超构透镜。实验结果显示,在焦平面处,聚焦光斑 半高全宽 *FWHM*=0.45λ,小于衍射极限 0.53λ (衍射极 限为 0.5λ/*NA*),旁瓣比 *SR*=0.07,焦深 0.4λ。实验结 果半高全宽和旁瓣比略高于理论设计,焦深仅为理论

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设计四分之一,这主要是超表面制备误差和入射波前 误差造成。该透镜可应用于非标记透射式或反射式超 分辨显微成像系统或光刻成像系统。可实现成像系统 的微型化、轻量化和集成化。

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Silicon-based super-resolution metalens with weak sidelobe

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The experimental intensity distribution on the focal plane of our proposed metalens

Overview: Optical super-resolution lenses have shown great potential in super-resolution microscopic systems and nano-fabrication systems. With the decrease of the focusing spot of the super-resolution lens, it is inevitable that large sidelobes and sidebands will be generated, which will lead to a limited field of view and imaging artifacts. Therefore, when designing super-resolution optical devices, it is necessary to adopt a balanced strategy between focusing spot and side lobe according to the practical applications. Metasurface is a planar structure composed of nanoscale meta-atoms, which can flexibly regulate the amplitude, phase and polarization of the optical field, being beneficial to construct complex super-resolution optical fields. The PB phase meta-atom is comparatively easy to fabricate due to its simplicity. Using Finite-Difference Time-Domain (FDTD) solutions to optimize the size of the meta-atom, we can get a structure with high transmittance. By rotating the angle of the meta-atom, we can achieve linear phase control. The application of PB phase metasurface has been demonstrated in the field of super-resolution focusing devices with suppressed sidelobe. Based on the vector angular spectrum method and particle swarm optimization (PSO) algorithm, a super-resolution point focusing lens with a large numerical aperture and weak sidelobe is optimally designed with a 32-valued phase control at the wavelength of λ =632.8 nm. Based on the silicon-based PB phase metasurface, our metalens was fabricated by electron beam lithography and orthoplastic etching. The lens radius $R_{\text{iens}}=57\lambda$, focal length $z_t=20\lambda$, corresponding to the numerical aperture of NA=0.944. The optical field distribution of the super-resolution metalens was measured experimentally by a large-numerical-aperture microscopy system. The results show that, at the focal plane, the FWHM of the focal spot is 0.45 λ , which is less than the diffraction limit of 0.53 λ (the diffraction limit is 0.5 λ/NA), the side-lobe ratio SR is 0.07, and the depth of focus is 0.4λ . Our proposed metalens can achieve a small depth of focus, a weak sidelobe ratio, and super-resolution point focusing. Our proposed super-resolution metalens bears the potential to realize the miniaturization, lightweight, and integration of super-resolution optical devices or systems.

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