

94% efficiency DOE fan-out demonstrated for NIR

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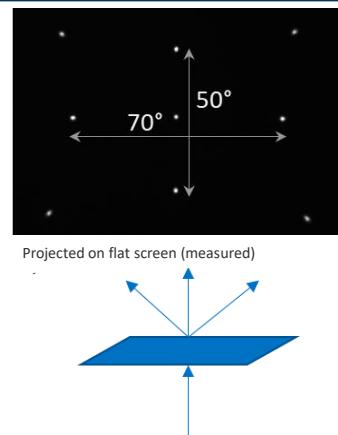
NILT has designed, built, and characterized multiple diffractive optical elements (DOE) fan-outs with over 94% absolute field of illumination (FOI) efficiency and high spot uniformity for NIR.

The demonstrated high efficiency makes the DOE fan-out ideal for sensing and machine vision applications across multiple, innovative markets: Consumer

electronics, industrial, medical and automotive.

The DOE fan-outs can be tailored to customer specifications and manufactured today by nano wafer-level optics replication.

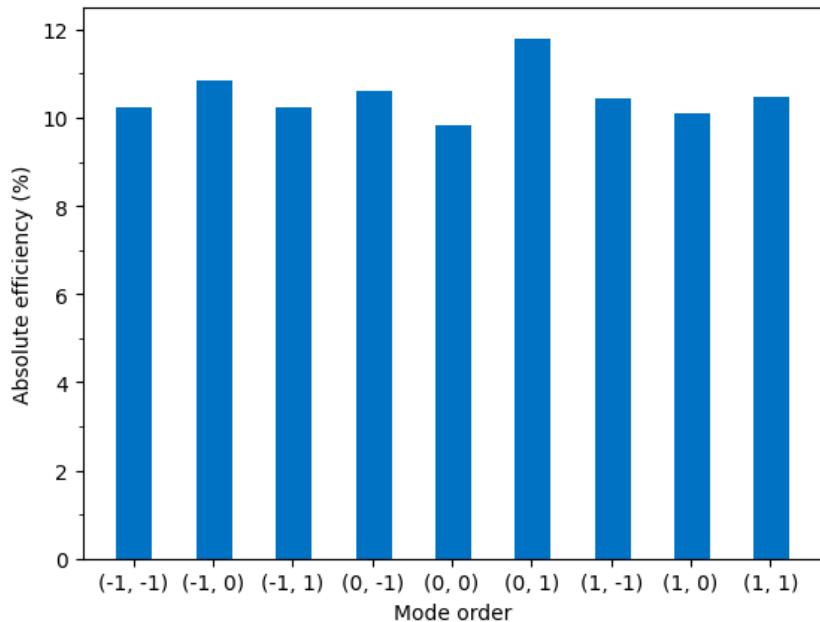
NILTs DOE fan-outs are made using polymer-on-glass technology. Custom anti-reflective coatings and eye-safety features are implemented according to specifications.



Specifications of the high efficiency DOE fan-out demonstrator

Parameter	Units	Specifications
Dot spacing	[°]	35x25
Number of dots		3x3
Target wavelength	[nm]	940
Absolute FOV efficiency @940nm	[%]	94.6
Non-uniformity error	[%]	9.1
Material		Polymer on glass with AR coated backside
Active area	[mm ²]	2.5 x 2.5
Optimization condition		Optimized for unpolarized light at normal incidence
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Grating mode efficiencies

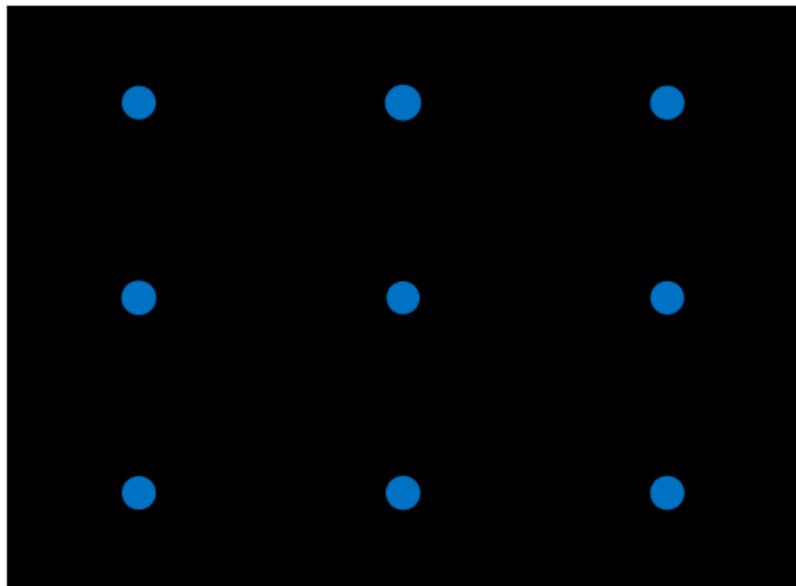


Measured absolute mode efficiencies for all grating modes for unpolarized light measured at 940nm for normal incidence.

The mode efficiencies correspond to a non-uniformity error of 9.1% ($\text{max-min}/\text{max+min}$).

The mode efficiencies are very close to the theoretical physical limit, where 100% efficiency corresponds to an average mode efficiency of 11.1%.

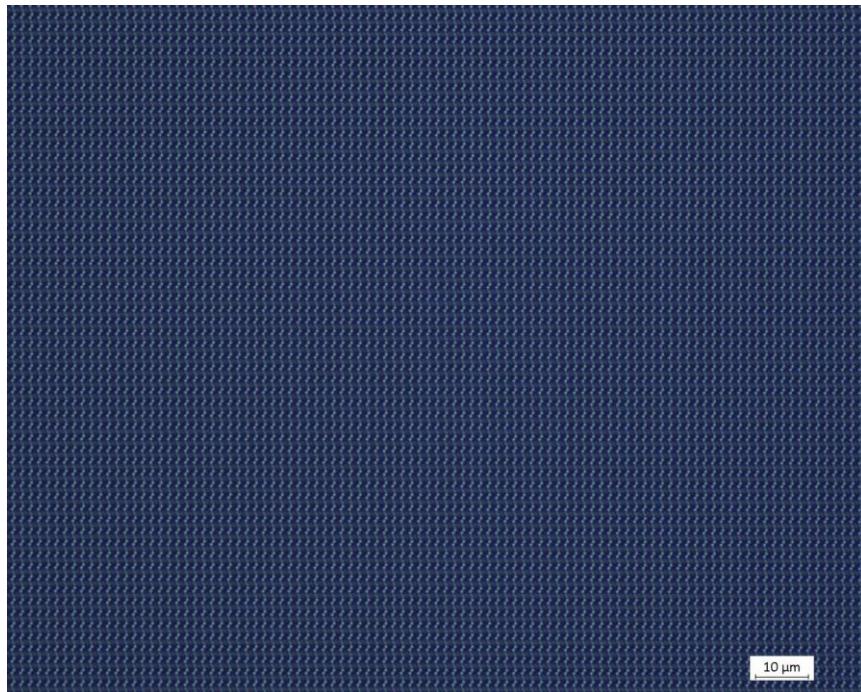
Visualization of dot pattern uniformity



Visualization of the measured mode efficiencies for unpolarized light at 940nm for normal incidence. The area of the circles represent efficiency.

Optical microscope image of DOE fan-out

Representative bright field optical microscope image, 50X magnification, of 94% efficiency DOE fan-out. NILTs proprietary technology allow for highly controlled, precise and uniform DOE fan-out structures at the nano-scale



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