MEMS Actuators for Optical Scanning & Imaging Applications

Abstract: This seminar will provide an overview of optical MEMS (micro-electro-mechanical systems) scanners, with an emphasis on devices actuated using electro-thermal transduction. These optical scanners have been packaged within slender endoscopes for in vivo imaging of pre-cancerous cells. Single and dual-axes micromirrors that enable optically scanning in the rotational and axial directions; as well as microlens scanners that can shift the image plane for microscopy applications will be discussed in detail. The small size and low operating voltage of these scanners make these devices ideal for use in endoscopic biomedical imaging applications.

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