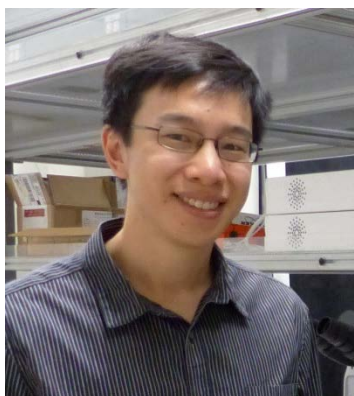




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High Performance Meta-optical Systems for Extreme Waveform Control

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In this talk, I will show that new classes of ultra-high efficiency dielectric metasurfaces, based on topology optimization, can be realized for extreme waveform control. These devices utilize qualitatively new types of light-matter interactions based on strong near-field interactions between dielectric nanostructures, and they enable new diffractive optics phenomena compared to the current state-of-the-art. A theoretical analysis of the supermodes supported by these devices elucidates the underlying physical mechanisms that make such beam deflection possible. To demonstrate the power and versatility of our design approach, I will present devices that can efficiently deflect light to extreme angles, exhibit anomalous refraction, and multiplex different beam steering functions for differing wavelengths. I will also discuss and demonstrate how these concepts can generalize to ultra-high efficiency, large numerical aperture metalenses. We envision that high performance computational design and big data approaches will be essential to defining and designing the next generation of nano-based optical devices.