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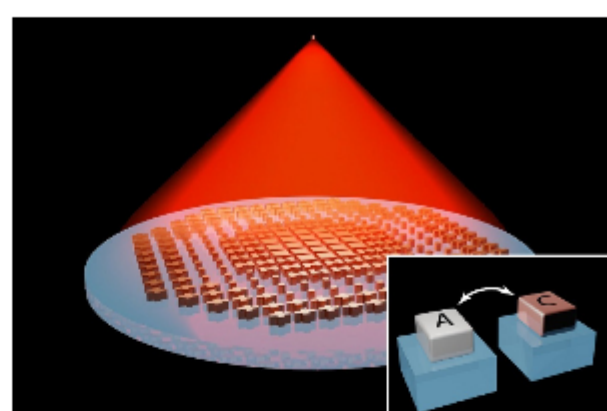
SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, and Photonics Media have recognized top optics and photonics products on the market in the 2021 Prism Awards. The event, in its 13th year, honored winners in 10 competitive categories. For consideration of this year's awards, SPIE received 149 applications from 18 countries. Finalists and winners were selected by a panel of international judges that included leaders from both the technology commercialization and funding sectors.



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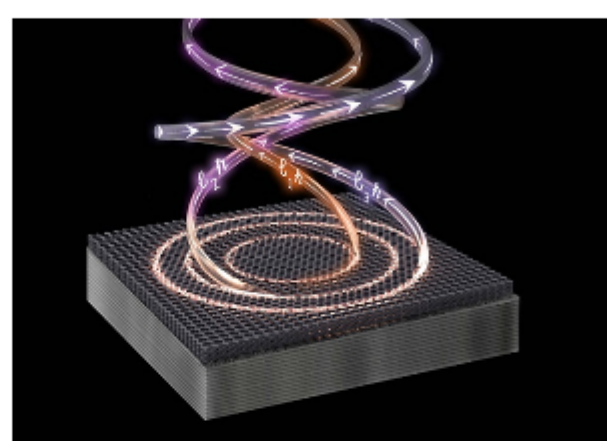
A new metalens design developed by researchers at MIT, which is able to change its focus without tilting or moving forward or backward, may find use in miniature heat scopes for drones, ultracompact thermal cameras for cellphones, and low-profile night-vision goggles, its developers said. The lens technology uses heat to focus in on different objects, operating in the infrared band.



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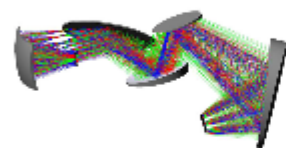
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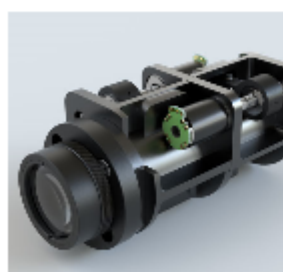
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