

Hybrid Electrostatic Actuator

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The Invention

A hybrid electrostatic actuator for use in conjunction with microfluidic devices, microlenses, optical irises and flat panel displays is provided. The hybrid electrostatic actuator includes a substrate having an upper surface and an electrical conductor supported in spaced relation to the substrate. A fluid is received between the substrate and the electrical conductor. An electrostatic generator is configured to selectively apply a variable electrostatic force on the electrical conductor. The application of the variable electrostatic force on the electrical conductor displaces the fluid from between the substrate and the electrical conductor.

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