

от классической оптики к новым рентгеновским экспериментам и методам

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Зеркала, линзы -

???

Дифракционные решетки, Френелевские зонные пластинки Relay, Fresnel, Wood

Лазеры - Голография 3D дифракция и оптика

Когельник, Денисюк

(18)-19 век

20 век



1895 W. C. Roentgen W.C. Roentgen 1898

discovery no refraction – no X-ray lens

- 1912 Friedrich&Knipping Braggs
- Laue 3D diffraction 1917

crystals !

Dynamical diffraction, Pendellosung fringes, Interferometers Lang, Kato, Bonse, Hart, Indenbom, Afanasiev, Iveronova X-ray crystal optics

1948 -Kirkpatrick&Baez : mirrors

1996 - A. Snigirev, V. Kohn, refractive optics – X-ray lens I. Snigireva, B. Lengeler Nature

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Pendellösung Fringes for X-ray Spherical-Wave Diffraction in a Perfect Crystal

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Formation of Optical Images by X-Rays

JOSA, Sept 1948

PAUL KIRKPATRICK AND A. V. BAEZ Stanford University, Stanford, California (Received March 12, 1948)

X-RAY LENSES

Roentgen's¹ first experiments convinced him that x-rays could not be concentrated by lenses; thirty years later his successors understood why. X-ray refractive indices are less than unity by an amount δ which for common solids and x-rays of general practice has a value of the order of 10^{-5} . It may readily be shown that the focal length f of a single refracting surface of radius R is approximately R/δ . For several surfaces in series, arranged cooperatively, we have $1/f = \delta(1/R_1+1/R_2)$ +etc.). To make a successful lens we require a large δ and slight absorption. Unfortunately ma-

¹W. C. Roentgen, Sitzungsberichte der Würzburger Physikalischen-Medicinischen Gesellschaft (1895). terials of large δ are also strong absorbers, the absorption coefficient increasing much more rapidly than δ with increasing atomic number. An element of low atomic number, such as beryllium, is indicated.

In choosing a usable x-ray wave-length we note that δ is proportional to λ^2 and the absorption coefficient to λ^3 . This makes long waves undesirable. For concreteness of argument let the wave-length be that of the K_{α} lines of molybdenum (0.71A), which in beryllium gives $\delta = 1.13$ $\times 10^{-6}$. For one refracting surface we shall have $f \approx 10^6 R$. If a radius of one centimeter be assumed it is found that about one hundred lens surfaces in series would be required to bring the focal length down to one hundred meters. This would produce a cumbersome and very weak lens system of poor transparency. These discouraging considerations incline us toward other methods.



no X-ray lens

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- 1898 W. C. Roentgen:
- 1948 Kirkpatrick&Baez :

first idea about compound refractive lens but: "...x-ray refractive lens is impractical"

Neutron refractive lens of quartz (*ILL*)

- 1980 R. Gähler et al J. Phys. E: Sci. Instr. 13, 546, 1980.
- 1991 S. Suehiro et al. *Nature*

high-Z refractive lens

1991 - A. Michette *Nature* no X-ray lens

1996 - A. Snigirev, V. Kohn, first experiment with compound refractive lens
I. Snigireva, B. Lengeler
Nature

1996 - 2012 more than 1000 articles



200 mA





European Syr

Coherent Imaging of Non-absorbing Samples



100 µm

Polished Be : 0.1µm 2 000 kFF



Be windows



Green paper

Polished filters (Si) FE- diamond (no graphite)

Multilayers



Multilayers



Mirrors



Dust particles

Super Polished mirrors <1Å, <1µrad horiz. deflection

Cleaning !?

Micro-scratches Chemical etching



Crystals

A. Strategy for refractive x-ray lenses

- > have been considered as not feasible for a long time
- > visible light: index of refraction $n = 1 + \delta$ with $\delta \sim 0.5$ for glass
 - * refraction strong
 - * absorption weak
 - * focal length short
 - * focusing lens convex

> **x-rays**: $n = 1 - \delta + i\beta$ with δ , β

- * refraction weak
- * absorption strong
- * focal length long
- * focusing lens concave





Design of refractive x-ray lenses

lensmaker formula:
$$\frac{1}{f} = (1-n)\frac{2}{R}$$
 or $f = \frac{R}{2\delta}$

$$\delta = 2.70 (\lambda^2 \rho Z / A) 10^{-6}$$

To obtain a **small focal length**:

- i) small radius of curvature R: typical: R = 50 to 1500µm
- ii) high density of lens material
- iii) profile must be parabolic: no spherical aberration

 λ in Angstrom ρ in g/cm³ Z atomic number A atomic mass in g



X-rays versus Light

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Snell's law: $n_1 cos(\theta_1) = n_2 cos(\theta_2)$





X-ray Compound Refractive Lenses

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New Lens Focuses X-Rays

By Malcolm W. Browne New York Times Service

EW YORK — A team of physicists in France and Russia has invented a new kind of lens that promises to make Xray focusing easier, cheaper and accessible to many more users than in the past.

The invention may help in the creation of finer photolithography masks for cramming more circuits on a silicon chip, as well as in exploring the arrangement of atoms in crystals and other materials in much finer detail.

X-rays have much shorter wavelengths than visible light, and can therefore "resolve," or form images, of much smaller objects than those seen in visible light. But forming magnified images of objects using X-rays requires X-ray focusing, a longstanding problem because X-rays pass through most substances without being appreciably deflected.

The new device was built by drilling a

row of very thin holes in a block of aluminum. It can focus an X-ray beam to a spot a few millionths of an inch in diameter, and because it is so much simpler to make than comparable devices developed at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and elsewhere, it is expected to make X-ray analysis and chip lithography much more accessible to users.

The lens, which was invented by Dr. Anatoly Snigirev, his wife, Dr. Irina Snigireva, and their colleagues at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility in Grenoble, France, and at the Kurchatov Institute of Atomic Energy in Moscow, was described in the journal Nature.

HE focusing ability of any optical system based on lenses depends on the difference in the refractive indexes, or abilities to bend beams, between the lenses themselves and the matter surrounding the lenses: glass and air, in the case of visible light. The X-ray focusing system devised by the Grenoble group exploits the differences in refractive indexes between the empty holes and the aluminum surrounding them to bend the beam. Aluminum, although opaque to light, is nearly transparent to X-rays.

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No single hole in the aluminum block has much bending effect on an X-ray beam, but when many holes are arrayed in front of the beam, their cumulative effect is to bring the beam to a sharply focused spot only a few yards from its origin.

A single row of cylindrical holes produces a flattened beam, but if one or more additional rows of holes are placed in the beam path, either perpendicular to the plane of the first row or set at angles of 120 degrees from it, the beam can be squeezed to a tiny circular spot.

X-ray lenses are not new. Several Xray telescopes and microscopes embody X-ray counterparts of lenses or focusing mirrors, but they are far more expensive to build than the Grenoble device.



Refractive lenses

Be, $R = 500 \mu m$

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drilling

anisotropic chemical etching



printing/molding







microfabrication (lithography, RIE)

Al,

 $R = 300 \mu m$



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extrusion





Front-end Compound Refractive Lenses



P. Elleaume, J. Synchrotron Radiation, 5, 1998.

1997 FE refractive lenses at 5 ESRF beamlines





Refractive as a collimator

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from 10-20 µrad to 1-2 µrad

ESRF: Spring 8: APS:

Chumakov et al Baron et al A. Alp et al

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PREFOCUSING with

rotationally parabolic Be lenses (R = 1500µm)

Image of the ID18 source at ESRF

14.4125eV 39 Be lenses R = 1500µm

f = 11.718m geometric aperture: 2.5mm

(A. Chumakov ESRF)





Spherical aberrations

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Parabolic Compound Refractive Lenses A Light for Science

 $\frac{R}{2N\delta}$

Collab. B.Lengeler, *RWTH, Aachen, Germany*

stack of lenses: compound refractive lens (CRL)

Al, Be, Ni

R = 0.2 mm $2R_0 = 0.9 \text{mm}$ $d \approx 5 \mu \text{m}$

single lens

R = 0.5 - 1.5mm $2R_0 = 2-3 mm$

variable number of lenses: N = 10...300





Be / AL parabolic lenses (Aachen)





Lens holders for CRLs

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Parabolic lenses

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Effective aperture A eff







Choice of material for X-ray parabolic lenses

Effective aperture A_{eff}

V. Kohn, I. Snigireva and A. Snigirev, Opt. Comm. 216 (2003), 247

$$A_{eff} = \left(\lambda f \frac{\delta}{\beta}\right)^{1/2} = \left(4\pi f \frac{\delta}{\mu}\right)^{1/2}$$

 λ - wavelength

f - focal length

 δ - real part of decrement of refraction index

 β - imaginary part of decrement of refraction index

 μ - linear attenuation coefficient



Effective aperture for the focal length F = 1 m





Трансфокатор

CRL transfocator Energy range 10 -100 keV



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Cinel X-ray Refractive Lens Transfocator



cartridge and lenses

cartridges with Be lenses



(in-vacuum/white beam) ID11

lens and cartridges assembly5.12.08chamber assembly8.12.08

installation at ID11 test / commissioning January 2009 Jan-Feb 2009



32 + 64 = 96 Al lenses 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + 32 = 63 Be lenses



Cost Action MP0601, Paris 16-18 vacuum chamber November 2011



actuators

aboard view



lens assembly layout

IAT transfocator



IVT transfocator





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$E = 12 \text{ keV}, N = 10 \text{ lenses}, R = 300 \ \mu\text{m}$







MASSIF layout based on linear CRLs (astigmatic focusing)



Linear parabolic lens



New transfocators

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Focusing monochromators

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Low energy resolution monochromator (longitudinal)



G. Vaughan et al., J. Synchrotron Rad., to be published.

High energy resolution monochromator (transversal)



V. Kohn, A. Chumakov, R. Ruffer, J. Synchrotron Rad., 16, 635-641, 2009.



Microbeam






Focusing Optics for Hard X-rays (E > 6 keV)

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		reflecti	diffractive	refractive		
	Kirkpatrick Baez systems		Capillaries	Waveguides	Fresnel Zone plates	Refractive lenses
	mirrors Kirkpatrick Baez, 1948	multilayers Underwood Barbee, 1986	Kreger 1948	Feng et al 1993	Baez 1952	Snigirev et al, 1996
Energy	< 30 keV	< 80keV	< 20keV	< 20keV	< 30 keV (80)	<1 MeV
Bandwidth ∆E/E	w. b.	10 ⁻²	w.b.	10 ⁻³	10 ⁻³ - 10 ⁻⁴	10 ⁻³
resolution	25 nm @15keV Mimura 2006 8 nm !	41x45nm² @24keV Hignette 2006	50 nm Bilderback 1994	40x25 nm² Salditt 2004	30 nm @20 keV Kang, 2006 <u>17 nm</u> , 2007 ??	50 nm @20keV Schroer, 2004 150nm @50keV Snigirev,2006



Applications

 Beam diagnostics Beam conditioning optics condensers, collimators monochromators Micro (nano)-beam diffraction, scattering & spectroscopy Microscopy full-field imaging and diffraction

Interferometry

Interfacial Melting of Ice in Contact with SiO₂

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The physical behavior of condensed matter can be drastically altered in the presence of interfaces. Using a high-energy x-ray transmission-reflection scheme, we have studied ice-SiO₂ model interfaces. We observed the formation of a quasiliquid layer below the bulk melting temperature and determined its thickness and density as a function of temperature. The quasiliquid layer has stronger correlations than water and a large density close to $\rho_{\rm HDA} = 1.17 \text{ g/cm}^3$ of high-density amorphous ice suggesting a structural relationship with the postulated high-density liquid phase of water.



X-ray standing wave microscopy

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European Synchrotron Radiation Facility

(APL, 81(12), 2279-2281, 2002)



X-ray microscopes











X-ray High Resolution Diffraction Using Refractive Lenses



E = 28 keV AI CRL, N = 112, F = 1.3 m

CCD resolution $2 \mu m$ pixel / Θ = d

Resolution is limited by angular source size: s/L ~ 1 μrad

Momentum transfer Resolution: 10⁻⁴ nm⁻¹ Si photonic crystal

 $a=b=4.2 \ \mu m \ d_{01}=3.6 \ \mu m \ d_{11}=2.1 \ \mu m$



Lattice vectors $g_{01} = 1.75 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ nm}^{-1}$ $g_{11} = 3 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ nm}^{-1}$

M. Drakopoulos, A. Snigirev, I. Snigireva, J. Schilling, Applied Physics Letters, 86, 014102, 2005.



Mesoscopic materials

Man-made

- Mineral (Zeolites, Opals, Quartz, Clays)
- Single Cell (Lipid, Protein, Cellulose, Silica)
- Exoskeleton (Sea shells, crabs, butterflies)
- Connective Tissues (Collagens, Fibers)
- Endoskeleton (Cartilage, Bone, Teeth)
- Epithelial (Skin, Hair, Feathers)

Natural

- Photonic crystals:
 - microfabrication-lithography and etching
 - self-assembled colloidal crystals
- Self-organized anodic alumina
- Microporous silicon etc.



structure period from 100 nm to 1000 nm. diffraction angles 10⁻⁴ 10⁻³ radian

require high resolution in reciprocal space !



Why X-rays?

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Electron microscopy:

tiny sample surface structure in-situ investigation hardly possible

Light microscopy:

- confocal optical microscopy:

limited sample volumes too strong scattering! not applicable for inverted photonic crystals

Laser diffraction:

too high refractive index contrast can be applied for periodic structures with sufficiently <u>large periodicity</u>

Neutrons:

- small-angle neutron diffraction:

poor resolution unable to reveal important details in the diffraction patterns



Transmission Electron Microscope

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Conceptual layout of HRXRM

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Images of opal sample

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10 μm

Optical microscope

X-ray image





Scanning electron microscope



Diffraction patterns

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Forbidden reflections (HKL+1/2)



X-ray microscopy on opal sample

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High-Resolution Transmission X-ray Microscopy: A New Tool for Mesoscopic Materials

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Si nanolenses

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Lens chip design

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F = 10cm @ E = 10 - 50 keV



NN	Energy	Single lens	Number of	Radius of parabola	Total lens
	🔓 (keV)	length (µm)	lenses	apex (µm)	length (µm)
1	10	50	12	6.25	620
		100	6	3.13	614
2	15	50	28	6.25	1436
2	15	100	14	3.13	1422
2	20	50	52	6.25	2660
3	20	100	26	3.13	2634
4	25	50	80	6.25	4088
		100	40	3.13	4048
F	20	50	116	6.25	5924
3	30	100	58	3.13	5866
G	25	50	160	6.25	8168
0	33	100	80	3.13	8088
7	40	50	208	6.25	10616
6	40	100	104	3.13	10512
0	45	50	264	6.25	13472
0	45	100	132	3.13	13340
0	50	50	324	6.25	16532
9	50	100	162	3.13	16370
40		50	392	6.25	20000
10	55	100	196	3.13	19804

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22 mm



10 lenses per set

7 sets ~ 70 CRLs !

ID11 Toward the < 100 nm Frontier



Nano-fluorescence using Si nano-lenses gives a vertical spot 90nm at 35 keV

• A scan of a 130 nm thick *In* film gives ~160 nm wide peak. Deconvolution indicates an 90 nm bean height.

• In this configuration:

- Diffraction limit ~ 45 nm
- •Geometrical limit < 20 nm (considering 20 micron source size as measured)
- •Vertical vibrations in prototype assembly ~50 nm (measured)
- •Band-pass broadening ~ 80 nm probably dominates at this point.

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Focusing Hard X Rays to Nanometer Dimensions by Adiabatically Focusing Lenses

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Billet split lens

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to pay a tribute to Professeur Felix Billet (1808 -1882) *la Faculté des sciences de Dijon depuis 1843*





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Neutron Interference by Division of Wavefront

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A novel type of neutron interferometer was constructed and tested employing a split cylindrical zone plate with neutrons of 20 ${\rm \AA}$ wavelength. Its performance and relative merits are discussed.



(a) positive separation of lens, (b) negative separation

with overlapping region removed, (c) special case of

(b) which gives constant fringe spacing and employing

a zone plate instead of a lens.



FIG. 2. Split-lens geometric pattern for a cylindrical zone plate.

tern. This gives rise to a much higher intensity in the focused beams. Furthermore, since a primary source in the form of a narrow slit is preferable to a pinhole, cylindrical zone plates were used in order to get a higher intensity.¹¹ Instead



X-ray bilens





X-ray bi-lens interferometer: far-field interference







Near-field imaging mode

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200 nm bar / 200 nm slit













 $\Lambda_5 - \Lambda_4 = 5 \text{ nm }!$

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X-Ray Nanointerferometer Based on Si Refractive Bilenses

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We report a novel type of x-ray interferometer employing a bilens system consisting of two parallel compound refractive lenses, each of which creates a diffraction limited beam under coherent illumination. By closely overlapping such coherent beams, an interference field with a fringe spacing ranging from tens of nanometers to tens of micrometers is produced. In an experiment performed with 12 keV x rays, submicron fringes were observed by scanning and moiré imaging of the test grid. The far field interference pattern was used to characterize the x-ray coherence. Our technique opens up new opportunities for studying natural and man-made nanoscale materials.



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Solution of the Phase Problem in the Theory of Structure Determination of Crystals from X-Ray Diffraction Experiments

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We present a solution to a long-standing basic problem encountered in the theory of structure determination of crystalline media from x-ray diffraction experiments; namely, the problem of dete ing phases of the diffracted beams.





FIG. 1. Illustrating notation relating to Young's interference experiment.

Emil WOLF San Jose, USA 2009











HEXALENS: Six-lens system

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"Nano-comb"

- in-line
- high energy
- remote distance
- tunability: 10 nm 10 μm
- large depth of field
- large energy bandwidth (~ 1%)

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ELECTRON BEAM SIZE AND PROFILE MEASUREMENTS WITH REFRACTIVE X-RAY LENSES

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CRL based emittance diagnostics



first test 25 Jan, 2011 7 pm – 35 μm (FWHM) (25 pm - 65 μm)





25 pm – 20 μ m (FWHM) 5 pm – 9 μ m 1 pm – 4 μ m -diffraction limited source!



Pascal ELLEAUME

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CRL 1 – 100 – (1000) keV



- Few thousand linear and two-dimensional lenses have been delivered to 7 SR sources in 5 countries:
 - ESRF Grenoble France
 - HASYLAB Hamburg Germany
 - Diamond Oxford UK
 - ALBA Barcelona Spain
 - APS Argonne Chicago USA
 - NSLS Brookhaven USA
 - SSRL Stanford USA / XFEL
- Others who took over the development
 - SPRing8
 - ANKA Karlsruhe Germany
 - Kurchatov SR center Moscow Russia

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Vision of the future

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OPTICS

X-ray lenses near reality

Jerome Hastings

X-RAY sources have already evolved from the original sealed vacuum tubes into sophisticated electron-storage rings, and free-electron X-ray lasers may be just beyond the horizon. These advances promise intense, highly parallel and tuneable photon beams. To focus and manipulate this radiation, a variety of X-ray optical devices have been developed, ranging from concentrators, in the form of tapered capillaries', to Fresnel zone plates. But a dream of X-ray opticians for some time has been to make a refractive



pean Synchrotron Radiation Facility in Grenoble. France. Compound refractive lenses may soon make its intense X-ray beams much more effective.

lens, the X-ray equivalent of conventional optics for visible light. On page 49 of this issue3, Anatoly Snigirev and colleagues describe the first significant step towards that goal. This should allow us to reach a submicrometre focus with much greater pages 49 and 50, respectively). efficiency than before.

The desire in a multitude of scientific disciplines for intense submicrometre Xnew electron-storage-ring X-ray sources can imagine extending these lenses from in Europe (the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility in Grenoble, France). the United States (the Advanced Photon Source in Argonne, Illinois) and Japan (the Spring-8 Project in Harima). The objective is to perform the various 'standard' X-ray analytical techniques of diffraction and spectroscopy on individual particles or grains.

These measurements could provide information about the atomic and electronic structure of systems of chemical, biological and technological interest, ranging from the characterization of an individual grain in a commercial catalyst to measuring the strain in the metallic interconnections of large integrated circuits. But the limited ability of available X-ray optics to focus the X-ray

beams prohibits such applications. The existing optics fall into a few categories: reflecting optics such as grazingincidence X-ray mirrors; tapered capillaries; and various types of Fresnel zone plates. Refractive lenses, routinely used in visible-light optics, had been thought to be impractical at X-ray wavelengths. In the X-ray regime, the difference in the index of refraction between air and ordinary materials is tiny - typically of the order

of 10-9 --- which appeared to present an

insurmountable problem. To maximize

the effect, heavy-element materials were proposed, but they have high absorption. Light elements do not, but with their low refractive-index decrement they would have long focal length and thus provide little practical focusing of the X-ray source.

Snigirev and colleagues have now proposed and demonstrated a compound refractive lens for hard (14 keV) X-rays that overcomes the difficulties of earlier schemes. A series of N refractive lenses has a focal length shorter than a single lens by a factor of N, and, in aluminium, absorption is slight for X-ra wavelengths below one angström, so

series of tens to hundreds of lenses can be used. The authors made their lens by simply drilling small round holes aluminium block (see Figs 1 a

This 'crude' technology permitted a demonstration of their ideas and showed the potential for future optics. With more ray beams has driven the construction of sophisticated fabrication techniques, one cylinders to spheres to o dimensions. Such lenses should be commonplace at synchrotron source and the full potential of the X-ray beams already available will be realized. This development bodes well for the future of synchrotron-based microanalytical techniques that are impossible today but uld be standard in the future.

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Such lenses should then be commonplace at synchrotron sources, and the full potential of the X-ray beams already available will be realized. This development bodes well for the future of synchrotron-based microanalytical techniques that are impossible today but should be standard in the future. Jerry HASTINGS, Nature 1996





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