

Technology Offer

High resolution full material Fresnel Zone Plate array and process for its fabrication

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Background

X-ray microscopy has been shown to be an important imaging technology. The resolution of a microscope is limited by the wavelength of the used

radiation. In comparison to visible light, X-rays provide the advantage of a shorter wavelength, potentially allowing higher resolutions. However, refraction or reflection of X-rays by conventional lenses is very limited. Thus, the diffractive Fresnel zone plates have been established as the most popular and successful devices for focusing X-rays, especially in the soft Xray energies. A (full material) Fresnel Zone Plate is a diffractive lens, composed of multilayers of at least two materials to act as the zones of the FZP.

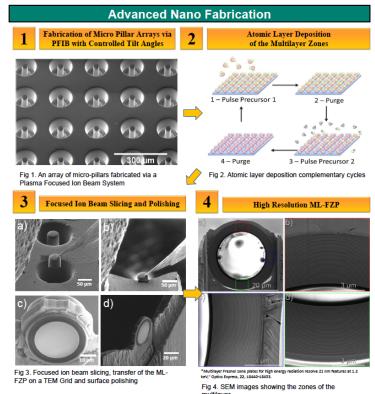
Technology

We fabricate our multilayer Fresnel zone plates (ML-FZPs) by depositing alternating layers over focused ion beam (FIB) milled micro pillars or over glass fibers by using atomic layer deposition (ALD) technique. We then slice the deposited micro pillars by using the FIB again. This method allows to fabricate FZPs having outermost zone widths as small as 5 nm with extremely high aspect ratios compared to the FZPs fabricated by lithography techniques.

The micro pillar arrays can be fabricated with the desired tapering angle *via* the Plasma FIB, and allows ML-FZPs to be fabricated with zones tilted to the Bragg angle, paving the way for high efficient focusing to sub 10nm resolution.

Patent Information:

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Advantages

	Conventional Sputter Sliced	ALD ML-FZP	
High Aspect Ratio	YES	YES	Unlimited number of FZP's can be fabricated from a single deposition
High Throughput	One FZP at a time	YES	ALD is very conformal, allowing FZP
Need for Rotation	YES	No	arrays to be fabricated
FZP Arrays	No	YES	With the PE-FIB, the tapering angles
Various Tilt angles	One angle at a time	YES	of micro-pillars can be controlled

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