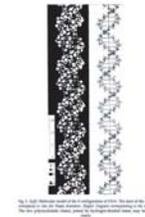
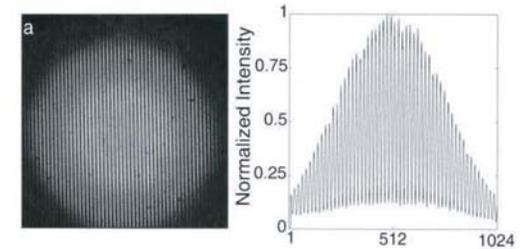
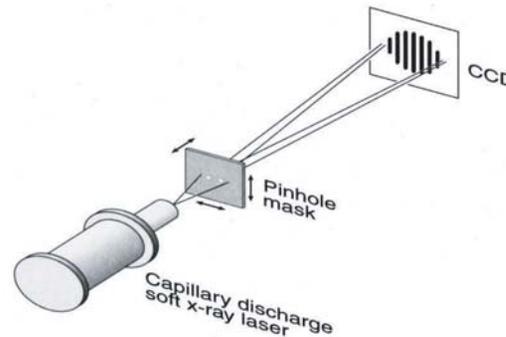


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## **Abstract**

Since the pioneering work of Max von Laue on interference and diffraction of X-rays carried out almost a hundred years ago, numerous attempts have been made to determine structures of crystalline media from X-ray diffraction experiments. Usefulness of all of them has been limited by the inability of measuring phases of the diffracted beams.

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## **Biography**

Emil Wolf is Wilson Professor of Optical Physics at the University of Rochester, and is reknowned for his work in physical optics. He has received many awards, including the Ives Medal of the Optical Society of America, the Albert A. Michelson Medal of the Franklin Institute, and the Marconi Medal of the Italian Research Council. He is the recipient of seven honorary degrees from universities around the world. He co-authored the well-known text *Principles of Optics* (with Max Born, seventh edition, Cambridge University Press, 1999) and *Optical Coherence and Quantum Optics* (with Leonard Mandel, Cambridge University Press, 995). He has also been editor of a well-known series *Progress in Optics* since its inception. Fifty volumes of *Progress in Optics* have been published to date. This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of his joining the faculty of the Institute of Optics.