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(54) Variable radius taper X-ray window support structure

(57) A support structure (10) for an x-ray window comprising a support frame (11) defining a perimeter (11p) and an aperture (11a), a plurality of ribs (12) extending across the aperture of the support frame and carried by the support frame, and openings (13) between the plurality of ribs. A rib taper region (12t) can extend

from a central portion (12c) of the ribs to the support frame. The taper region can include a non-circular, arcuate pair of fillets (fig. 3,(33a), (33b)) on opposing sides of the ribs and an increasing of rib width from the central portion to the support frame.

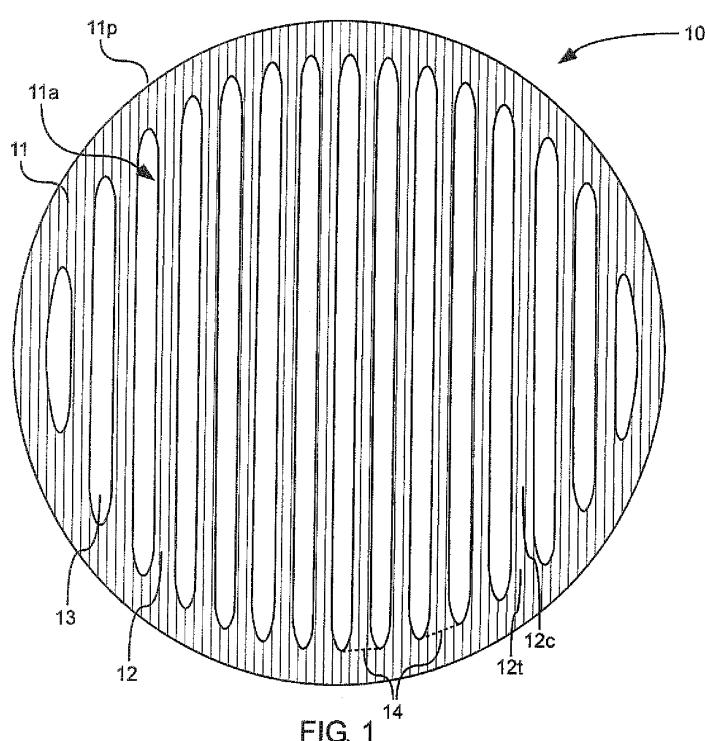


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