

Soft X-ray Reflectivity and Scattering

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The reflectivity and non-specular scattering of soft x-rays from a rough surface will be reviewed. Just as in the conventional hard x-ray region, soft x-ray scattering measurements can be used to investigate the propagation and growth of roughness in thin films and multilayers. In addition, there is a practical need to understand the effects of scattering in a multilayer coated imaging system such as those being developed for EUV lithography. In this tutorial, the following topics will be touched upon:

- 1) The Statistical Description of a Rough Surface
 - a) The Power Spectral Density and Bandwidth-Limited Roughness
 - b) The Height Correlation Function
 - c) Self-Affine Surface Roughness
 - d) Examples of Typical Substrates
 - e) The Measurement of Surface Roughness
 - f) Roughness of a Thin Film

- 2) Scattering from Rough Interfaces
 - a) Diffraction Theory
 - b) Distorted Wave Born Approximation
 - c) Isotropic versus Anisotropic Roughness
 - d) Scattering from a Thin Film
 - e) Scattering from a Multilayer
 - f) Skew Replication of Roughness

- 3) Scattering in an Imaging System
 - a) Reduction in Multilayer Reflectivity
 - b) The Effect of Scattering on the Point Spread Function
 - c) Flare and Image Contrast Reduction