

Reproducibility and Reliability

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What is reproducibility and reliability about?

- Do I believe my data and my interpretation?
- Can others generate the same results?
- What needs to be known about my measuring instrument to interpret the data?

Formal and informal activities

What is happening?

• Joe Kline:

Round-robin with grating – potential 'Standard Reference Material'

• USAXS/USANS:

Discussion on samples for comparison – minerals? polymer composites? Issues with orientation, alignment, suitability for different instruments and techniques.

New SAXS Calibration Standard (SRM 3605)

- Developed new SAXS q-calibration standard
 - Structure optimized for energies from EUV to hard X-ray
 - Strong scattering (under 1 min on lab source)
 - Q-range from 0.0006 Å⁻¹ to 0.1 Å⁻¹
 - Extensive pitch certification process with traceable SEM
 - Pitch goal ~ 100.0±0.1 nm
- Mass produced at wafer scale
 - 145 artifacts/wafer



NIST

Reference Material Production and Mounting NIST



- Chips are mounted on 14 mm aluminum frame with 10 mm spaced m2 thru holes
 - Will also be available as bare 5 mm chip
- Production delays due to membrane stress and particle contamination
- Prototype chips available for round robin

Proposed Round Robin Study





- Conduct a blinded round robin study
- Participants will receive unlabeled SRM 3605 and an unknown, wellcharacterized test sample
- Participants will calibrate using their normal method and provide their calibrated results for the test sample and the estimated pitch for SRM 3605
- After receipt of initial data, we'll provide the certified calibration of the SRM 3605

Goals for Round Robin Study





- Provide measurement usage uncertainty from use of SRM 3605 in real conditions
- Results will fine tune the recommended procedures for usage of SRM 3605
- Anonymous evaluation of reproducibility and resolution across SAXS beamlines

Questions and Protocols



- Test sample?
 - Nanoparticle, block copolymer, protein?
 - Needs to be stable and reproducible
- Several "identical" samples/reference standards in parallel
 - Would take too long to have a single sample travel between 10-15 facilities
 - Plan the sample travel based on beam availability
 - Samples would be well characterized and have some statistical oversampling

Beamlines and Facilities



Facility	Beamline	Contact
		Name & e-mail

What else is wanted? What else is needed? Who is willing to help?

Standards for resolution

Interaction with other working groups

Further standards for intensity?

USAXS/USANS

Further standards for momentum transfer?

Other?