

reflection high energy electron diffraction (RHEED)

Any technique which measures the angular intensity distribution of electrons 'reflected' from a crystalline surface under bombardment with high energy electrons near grazing incidence. The diffraction pattern provides very surface sensitive information (information depth 1 nm) on the atomic arrangement of the top layers of a solid.

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