



RSXS specular reflectivity alignment

The goal is to align θ and χ at several 2θ and θ angles, such as 20/10, 50/25 and 100/50 at specular reflectivity geometry. Accurate χ and θ alignment are critical for wide-range reflectivity measurement. Φ alignment is not crucial for this experiment.

Use following steps to prepare the instrument for reflectivity scans:

1. Perform the sample alignment as described in “RSXS sample alignment” procedure.
2. Verify the photodiode on the scattering plane (**umv detz 40**) and the appropriate slit of aluminum filter of 10 mm diameter wide (slit number #9) at the front of the photodiode (**slitselect 9 pd**).
3. Move 2θ and θ to 20° and 10° (**uan 20 10**).
4. Align θ (**lup θ**). Move θ to centre and set θ 10° (**set θ 10**).
5. Move 2θ and θ to 50° and 25° (**uan 50 25**).
6. Align χ (**lup χ**). Move χ to centre (but no need to set χ).
7. Verify θ alignment is good.

If needed, move θ to centre and set θ 30° (**set θ 30**). Verify that the new θ offset is still good for the outcome of the Step 3.

8. Move 2θ and θ to 0°. Verify x alignment (**lup x**).

The following steps are optional:

9. Move 2θ and θ to 100° and 50° (**uan 100 50**).
10. Verify χ alignment is good. If needed, move χ to centre. Verify that the new position is still good for the outcome of the Step 5.
11. Verify θ alignment is good.

Now, the θ and χ are aligned with respect to the specular reflections so the instruments and sample are ready for reflectivity scans.