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EUV微細加工技術に向けた SXFELと物質・材料の相互作用に関する研究

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Motivation for the understanding of EUV laser ablation







M. Ishino et al., Appl. Phys. A 110, 179 (2013).

The law ablation threshold of a material for an XRL beam has a possibility of efficient machining by a lithography process and an ablation process.

Requirement for High power EUV source





Next generation photon source for EUVL ?



The EUV source power is need further improvement to HVM requirements.





2. Interaction with SXFEL SXFEL ablation (Al & Si)

[2016B8006]

超短パルス高輝度コヒーレント軟X線レーザーによる超微細加工に向けたアブレーション現象の解明 Nanoscale surface modifications and formation induced by ultra-short soft x-ray laser pulse [2017A8026]

SXFEL光源を用いた極端紫外線リソグラフィー技術の課題調査

Challenging survey of Extreme Ultraviolet Lithography Using SXFEL Source

[2017B8004]

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Study on dependence of pulse duration is enable

SXFEL experiment

Experimental setup at SACLA-BL1





Irradiation condition

Focal spot size at FWHM (typical): Horizontally: 10.5µm Vertically: 8.5 µm Fluence: 5 – 1000 mJ/cm² Target: Al, Si, Mo, Mo/Si, Resist etc...



X-ray filter & CCD camera were calibrated at KEK-PF BL11D.





Spallative ablation structures on Al surfaces



SXFEL: λ = 13.5 nm, τ = 100–300 fs



SXRL: λ = 13.9 nm, τ = 7 ps



- Attenuation length : ~40 nm
- Rim structure
- Nano scale conical structure
- Threshold fluence :15~20 mJ/cm²

#ps-XRL results

- M. Ishino et al., J. Appl Phys (2011)
- S. V. Starikov et al., Appl. Phys. B 116, 1005 (2014).



M. Ishino et al., JSAP Meeting (2017)

Theoretical calculation of spallation process



Al attenuation length: ~40 nm



Nucleation of interatomic size form
 (c) Inflation of the foams
 Run away of the spallative layer

y Appearance of surface nano-relief

Spallation is long term process in comparison with SXRL pulse width.

Process duration >> Pulse width (more than 100 ps) (7 ps)

M. Ishino et al., J. Appl. Phys. 109, 013504 (2011).

Deep hole on Si surfaces



SXFEL: $\lambda = 13.5 \text{ nm}, \tau = 100-300 \text{ fs}$



[#]ps-XRL results
M. Ishino et al., Appl Phys A(2013)

SXRL: $\lambda = 13.9$ nm, $\tau = 7$ ps

Comparison of Simulation result



Evaluation from simulation result



FIG. 10. (Color online) Damage threshold fluences for silicon corresponding to the low-density liquid and high-density liquid formation as a function of photon energy.

MD simulation



FIG. 11. (Color online) Nonthermal phase transition: snapshots of atomic positions in silicon irradiated with 10 fs laser pulse of $\hbar\omega = 1$ keV photon energy at the absorbed dose of 2.5 eV/atom: (a) t = 0 fs, (b) t = 300 fs, (c) t = 0.5 ps, and (d) t = 1 ps. *X*, *Y*, and *Z* axes are shown (left bottom of each panel).

N. Medvedev PRB91, 054113 (2015)



2. Interaction with SXFEL SXFEL ablation (Mo/Si & Resist)

Collaboration with NTT-AT, Waseda Univ., Utsunomiya Univ., and EIDEC

Damage induced by ps-XRL



ps-XRL: Single shot (20~ mJ/cm²) Normal incidence



S. Ichimaru et al., Proc. ICXRL 2016 (will be published).

Ablation threshold of Mo/Si multilayers evaluated by EUV lights

- ~45 mJ/cm²: FEL (FLASH), λ = 13.5 nm, τ = 10 fs [A. R. Khorsand *et al.*, Opt. Express 18, 700 (2010).]
- ~200 mJ/cm²: Plasma source, λ = 13.5 nm, τ = 8.8 ns [M. Müller *et al.*, Appl. Phys. A 108, 263 (2012).]

SXFEL experiment

Experimental setup at SACLA-BL1





S. Ichimaru et al., JSAP Meeting (2017)

Summary



Nano-scale surface modifications

- •We show the surface ablation/modifications formed on Al and Si induced by single or multiple SXFEL pulse irradiations.
- •Surface modification thresholds of SXFEL pulse for materials are essentially lower than those of optical lasers.
- •The MD simulation developed for soft x-ray ablation reveals the spallation process for surface modifications.

EUV lithography components test

- •We started the EUV damage test on multi-layered mirrors and EUV lithography components. •The surface damage are occurred in essentially *lower* fluence than those of
- ns-plasma x-ray source.
- •There is a possibility that the exposure sensitivity is also lower than a ablation threshold.

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