

# X-Ray reflection process

Ideas as presented in the [59th Geant4 Technical Forum on April 6](#)

implementation strategy further discussed with  
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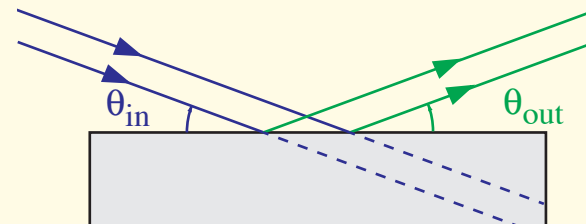
basic implementation concepts and naming for new process  
discussed and agreed in the [EM physics meeting in June](#)

electromagnetic/xrays/src/G4XrayReflection.cc, hh      G4EmProcessSubType   fGammaReflection = 26

extend TestEm16 (Synchr.Rad.) to test X-Ray reflection

GetMeanFreePath      calling Reflectivity routine providing value between 0 and 1      to reflect or just continue

PostStepDoIt      reflect on surface



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Strong motivation : FCC-ee studies, with in particular FCC-MDI Manuela Boscolo et al.

B.L. Henke, E.M. Gullikson, and J.C. Davis. *X-ray interactions: photoabsorption, scattering, transmission, and reflection at  $E=50-30000$  eV,  $Z=1-92$* , [Atomic Data and Nuclear Data Tables Vol. 54 \(no.2\), 181-342](#) (July 1993) used here ; appears to be the accepted standard, see [X-ray data booklet X-Ray Interactions With Matter](#), by the [LBNL](#) based [CXRO](#) Centre for X-Ray-Optics

plenty of other related literature, for example :

H. Kissing, *Untersuchungen zur Totalreflexion von Röntgenstrahlen*, [Annalen der Physik](#) (1931)

L.G.Parratt, *Surface studies of solids by total reflection of X-rays*, [Phys. Rev., 95:359–369](#), (1954)

D.H. Bilderback and S. Hubbard, *X-ray mirror reflectivities from 3.8 to 50 keV*, [NIM, NIM](#) (1982)

Batterman and Bilderback in *Handbook on Synchrotron Radiation Vol.3* North Holland (1991) p. 120-124

E.-J. Buis and Giuseppe Vacanti, *X-ray tracing using Geant4*, [NIMA 599](#) (2009)

G. Dugan and D. Sagan. *Simulating SR in Acc including diffuse and specular reflections*, [PRACC](#) (2017)

Penkov, Kopylets, Khadem, Qin. *X-Ray Calc*, [SoftwareX, 12:100528](#) (2020)

E. La Francesca et al. *Reflectivity and photoelectron yield from copper in accelerators* [PRACC](#) (2020)

Roughness:

L. Nénot, L. and P. Croce, *Characterisation des surfaces par reflexion rasante de rayons X*. [Rev. Phys. Appl.](#) (1980)

S. K. Sinha, E. B. Sirota, S. Garoff, H. B. Stanley. *X-ray and neutron scattering from rough surfaces*. [PRB](#) (1988)

I. Feranchuk, AA Minkevich, Alex Ulyanenkov. *Debye-Waller factor at large scattering vectors*, [EuPhysJAppPhys](#) (2003)

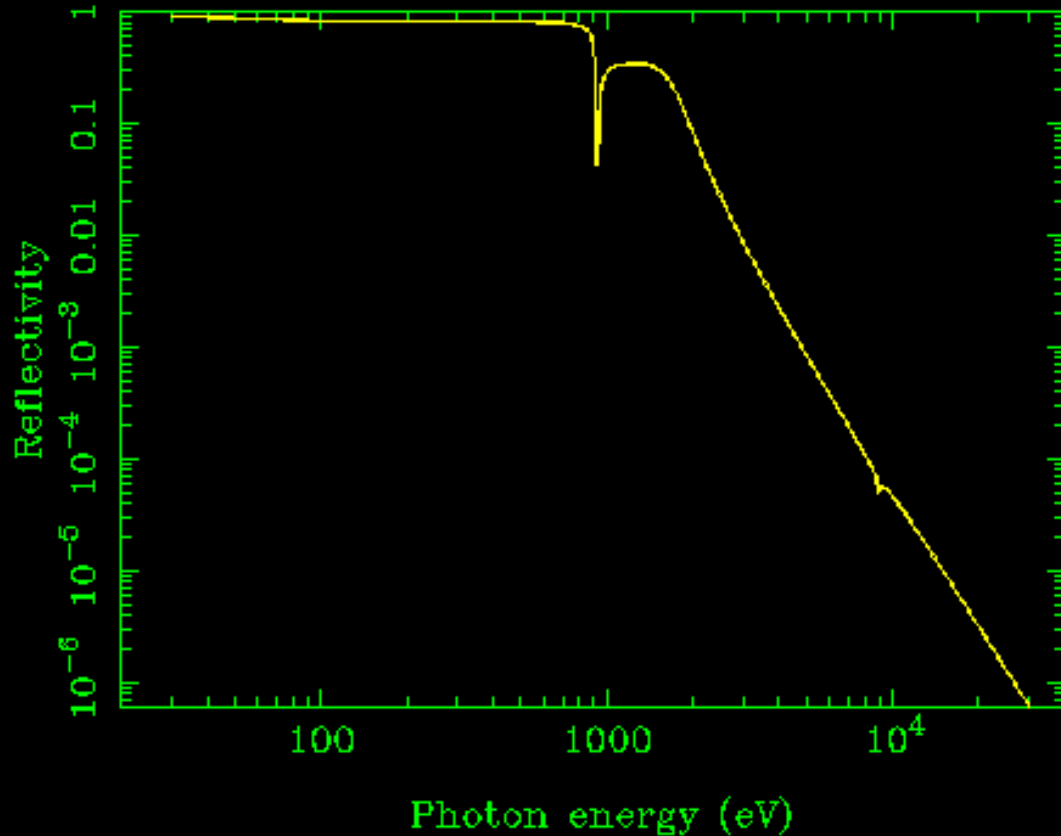
M. Wen, I. V. Kozhevnikov Z. Wang. *Reflection of X-rays from a rough surface ....* [Opt. Express](#) (2015)

Y. Fujii. *Analysis of surface roughness correlation function by X-ray reflectivity* [48\(11\):1136–1138](#) (2016)

Yuka Esashi et al., *Influence of surface and interface roughness .. comparison ...*, [OSA Continuum](#) (2021)

[https://henke.lbl.gov/optical\\_constants/mirror2.html](https://henke.lbl.gov/optical_constants/mirror2.html)

Cu Rho=8.96, Sig=0.nm, P=1., 2.deg



### Mirror Reflectivity

- Choose from a list of common material:
- Chemical Formula:
- Density:  gm/cm<sup>3</sup> (enter negative value to use tabulated densities.)
- RMS Roughness:  nm.
- Polarization:  (-1 < pol < 1) where s=1, p=-1 and unpolarized=0.
- Scan  from  to  in  steps (< 500).  
(NOTE: Energies must be in the range 30 eV < E < 30,000 eV, Wavelength between 0.041 nm < Wavelength < 41 nm, and Angles between 0 & 90 degrees.)
- At fixed  =

To request a   press this button:

To reset to default values, press this button:

### Explanation of Tables

#### Reflectivity

Calculated using the Fresnel equations for a semi-infinite medium.

#### Material

The chemical formula is required here. Note that this is case sensitive (e.g. CO for Carbon Monoxide vs Co for Cobalt).

#### Density

If a negative value is entered, the chemical formula is checked against a list of some [common materials](#). If no match is found then the density of the first element in the formula is used.

#### Grazing Angle

In keeping with the standard notation for the x-ray region the incidence angle is measured relative to the surface (NOT the surface normal).

#### Roughness

The effect of roughness is included in the approximation given by the Nevot-Croce factor.

#### Polarization

Pol = 1 corresponds to s-polarization (electric field perpendicular to the plane of incidence). Pol=-1 corresponds to p-polarization (electric field in the plane of incidence). Pol=0 for unpolarized radiation.

#### Output

A GIF plot may be generated for quick viewing of the results. If you need anything fancier, the results are provided as a text file for use with your favorite plotting package.

folder with **README**  
and data for **92 elements**

Example copper **cu.nff** **505 lines**

		E (eV)	f1	f2
<b>ac.nff</b>	<b>Actinium</b>	10.0000	-9999.	1.30088
		10.1617	-9999.	1.33374
<b>ag.nff</b>	<b>Silver</b>	...		
...		28.8337	-9999.	4.62195
<b>cs.nff</b>	<b>Caesium</b>	29.3000	1.55250	4.70800
		29.7739	1.65095	4.79565
<b>cu.nff</b>	<b>Copper</b>	30.2555	1.75782	4.88494
...		...		
<b>zn.nff</b>	<b>Zinc</b>	29052.6	29.2669	0.502455
		29522.5	29.2617	0.487378
<b>zr.ff</b>	<b>Zirconium</b>	30000.0	29.2564	0.472735

formatted text files, total **2.1 MByte** or small compared to G4DATA, already 2 GByte

[Henke](#), p 193 C. *Non-Bragg Fresnel Reflection at Small Angles for the Semi-Infinite Solid*  
 1. *Reflection from an Ideally Smooth Surface*

$$\delta = \frac{N r_e \lambda^2}{2\pi} f_1 \quad \lambda \text{ wavelength} \quad r_e \text{ classical electron radius}$$

$$\beta = \frac{N r_e \lambda^2}{2\pi} f_2 \quad f_1, f_2 \text{ Henke element data}$$

$n = 1 - \delta - i\beta$   
 complex refractive index  
 not directly used here

$N$  number of atoms per unit volume

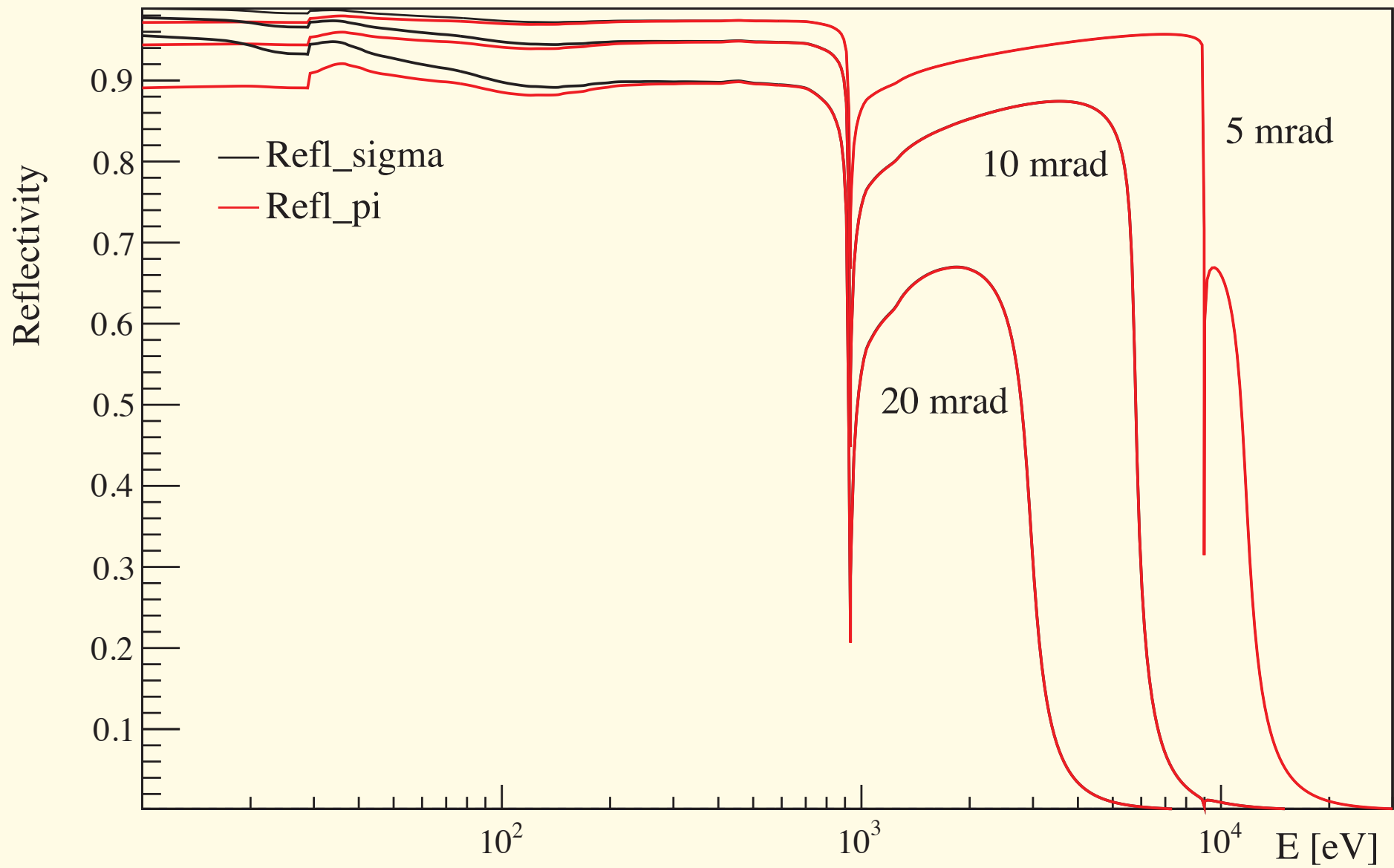
$$\rho^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sin^2 \theta - 2\delta + \sqrt{(\sin^2 \theta - 2\delta)^2 + 4\beta^2} \right] \quad \theta \text{ angle to surface}$$

$$R_\sigma = \frac{\rho^2 (\sin \theta - \rho)^2 + \beta^2}{\rho^2 (\sin \theta + \rho)^2 + \beta^2}$$

X-ray reflectivity for  $\sigma$  and  $\pi$  polarization  
 unpolarized  $R = (R_\sigma + R_\pi) / 2$

$$R_\pi = R_\sigma \frac{\rho^2 (\rho - \cos \theta \cot \theta)^2 + \beta^2}{\rho^2 (\rho + \cos \theta \cot \theta)^2 + \beta^2}$$

$\exp(-2k_{i,z} k_{j,z} \sigma^2)$  roughness  $\sigma$  if  $> 0$  apply additional simple Névt-Croce factor attenuation



goals : simple, efficient and flexible    use existing data structures when possible  
 after DetectorConstruction::ConstructVolumes() with gdml geometry+media loading  
 when all media defined, call

```
void G4XrayReflection::SaveHenkeDataAsMaterialProperty()
{ // loop through the material table and load set up MaterialPropertiesTable
  // with Henke data used to calculate the reflection
  auto materialTable = G4Material::GetMaterialTable();
  for (auto matItr = materialTable->begin(); matItr != materialTable->end(); ++matItr) {
    auto N = (*matItr)->GetTotNbOfAtomsPerVolume(); // N number of atoms per unit volume
    if ((*matItr)->GetNumberOfElements() == 1 && (*matItr)->GetDensity() > 1)
      .. // for the moment do only for medium of single element
      ReadHenkeXrayData(theElement->GetName(), Ephot, f1, f2);
      ..
    calculate  $\delta$ ,  $\beta$  as function of  $\lambda \sim 1/E_{\text{phot}}$ 
    .. save  $\delta$ ,  $\beta$  in the existing MaterialPropertiesTable structure
    auto property = new G4MaterialPropertiesTable();
    property->AddProperty("REALINDEX", Ephot, RealIndex);
    property->AddProperty("IMAGINARYINDEX", Ephot, ImagIndex);
    (*matItr)->SetMaterialPropertiesTable(property);
  }
}
```

in G4XrayReflection::GetMeanFreePath

at entry to dense medium call

**Reflectivity(GamEner, SinIncidentAngle, theMat)**

```

G4double G4XrayReflection::Reflectivity(const G4double GamEner, const G4double SinIncidentAngle,
                                       const G4Material* theMat) const
{
  G4double theReflectivity = 0;
  const G4MaterialPropertiesTable* theMatProp = theMat->GetMaterialPropertiesTable();
  if (SinIncidentAngle < 0.9 && theMatProp)
  { // avoid perpendicular refl. at straight entry and require
    // data available
    G4MaterialPropertyVector* RealIndex = theMatProp->GetProperty("REALINDEX");
    G4MaterialPropertyVector* ImagIndex = theMatProp->GetProperty("IMAGINARYINDEX");
    const G4double delta = RealIndex->Value(GamEner);
    const G4double beta = ImagIndex->Value(GamEner); //  $\delta, \beta$  from PropTable
    const G4double sin2 = std::pow(SinIncidentAngle, 2);
    const G4double rho2 =
    0.5 * (sin2 - 2 * delta + std::sqrt(std::pow(sin2 - 2 * delta, 2) + 4 * beta * beta)); //  $\rho^2$ 
    const G4double rho = std::sqrt(rho2);
    const G4double Refl_sigma =
    (rho2 * std::pow(SinIncidentAngle - rho, 2) + std::pow(beta, 2))
    / (rho2 * std::pow(SinIncidentAngle + rho, 2) + std::pow(beta, 2));
    const G4double coscot = std::sqrt(1 - sin2) / SinIncidentAngle;
    const G4double pi_over_sigma = (rho2 * std::pow(rho - coscot, 2) + std::pow(beta, 2))
    / (rho2 * std::pow(rho + coscot, 2) + std::pow(beta, 2));
    const G4double Refl_pi = Refl_sigma * pi_over_sigma; // Reflectivity calculation
    theReflectivity = 0.5 * (Refl_sigma + Refl_pi); // unpolarized
    G4double RoughAtten = 1;
    if (fSurfaceRoughness > 0) {
      G4double kiz = SinIncidentAngle * GamEner / CLHEP::hbarc;
      G4double kjz = SinIncidentAngle * (1 - delta) * GamEner / CLHEP::hbarc;
      RoughAtten = G4Exp(-2 * kiz * kjz * fSurfaceRoughness * fSurfaceRoughness); // Nevot-Croce
      theReflectivity *= RoughAtten; // simple surface roughness attenuation
    }
  }
  return theReflectivity;
}

```



[geant4-dev/-/merge\\_requests/3932](https://github.com/geant4-dev/-/merge_requests/3932) submitted 20/09/2023

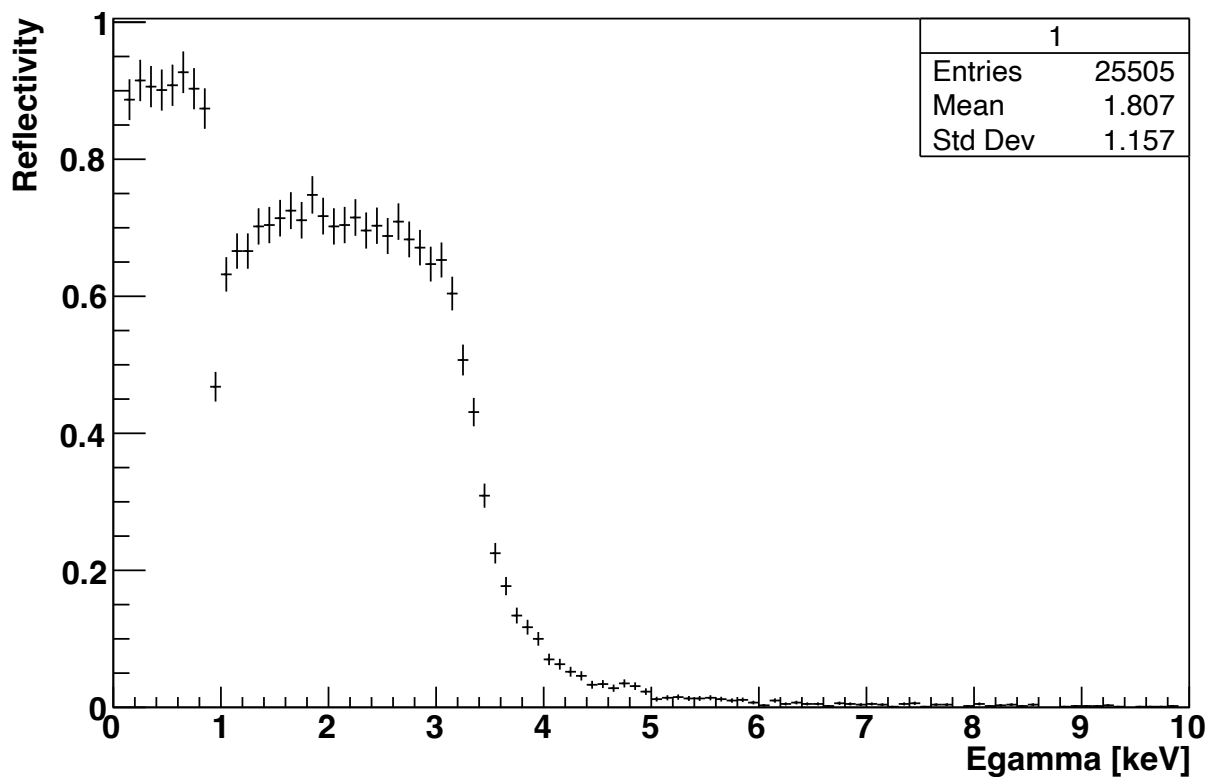
emutils-V11-01-15, xrays-V11-01-01, testem16-V11-01-01: new process XrayReflection for the moment data TestEm16, copied to local directory on cmake level

with TestReflection.mac :

```

/testem/det/GeomFile Box_1m_Cu.gdml # load geometry to test reflection
/run/initialize
/testem/phys/SetXrayReflectionRoughness 5 nm # set optional surface roughness
/gun/particle gamma
/analysis/h1/set 1 100 0 10 keV # set up histogram
/gun/direction 0 -0.0174524064372835 0.999847695156391 # 1 degree angle
/gun/position 0 0.00872620321864176 -0.499923847578196 m # to hit at origin
# loop over photon energy
/gun/energy 0.05 keV
/run/beamOn 1000
/gun/energy 0.15 keV
/run/beamOn 1000
..

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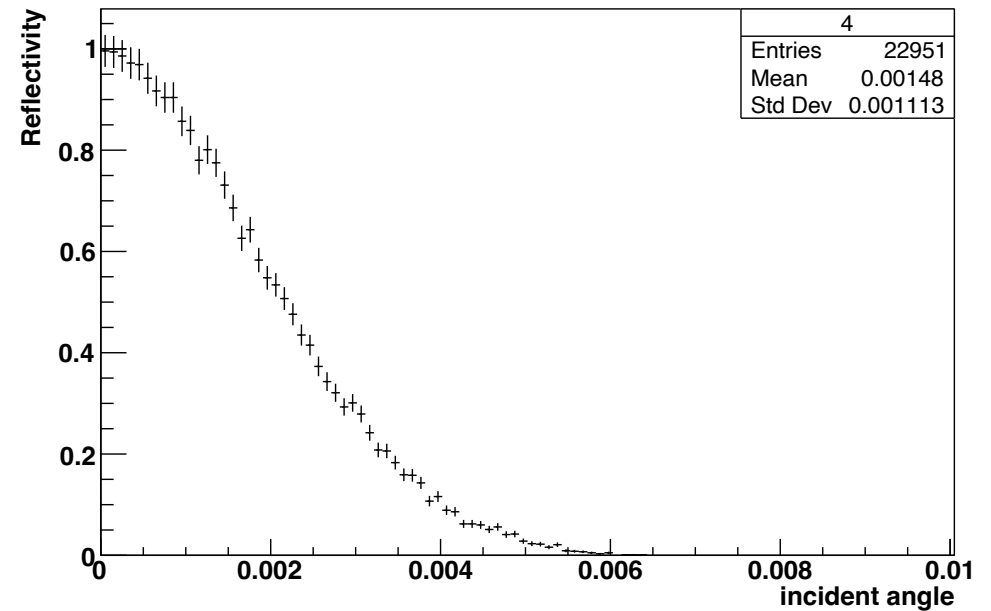
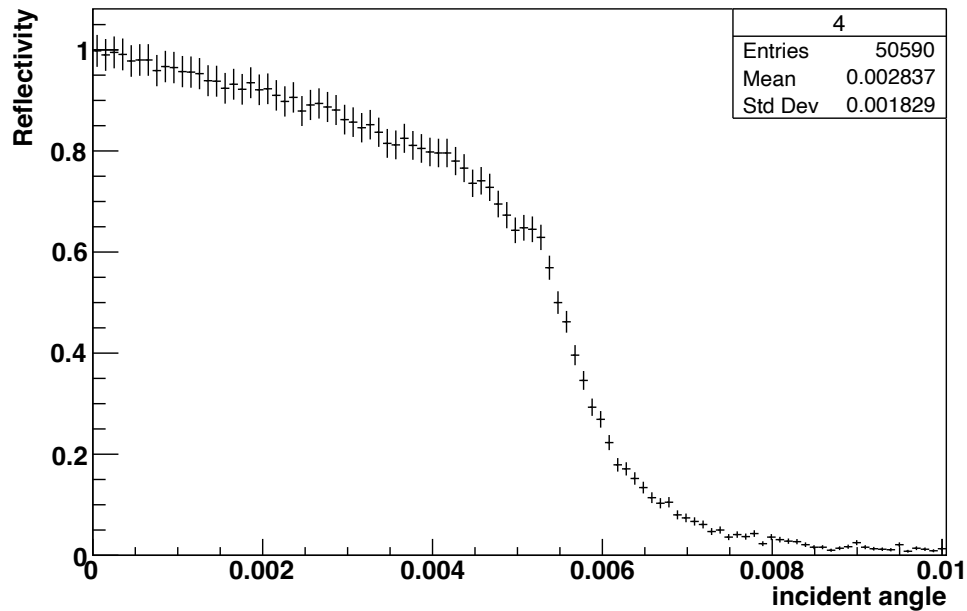
/testem/det/GeomFile Box_1m_Cu.gdml
/gun/energy 10 keV
/analysis/h1/set 4 100 0 0.01005 # histogram for angle scan
# angle=5e-05
/gun/position 0 2.49999999895833e-05 -0.499999999375 m
/gun/direction 0 -4.99999999791667e-05 0.99999999875
/run/beamOn 1000
# angle=0.00015
/gun/position 0 7.499999971875e-05 -0.499999994375 m
/gun/direction 0 -0.0001499999994375 0.99999998875
/run/beamOn 1000

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/testem/phys/SetXrayReflectionRoughness 5 nm

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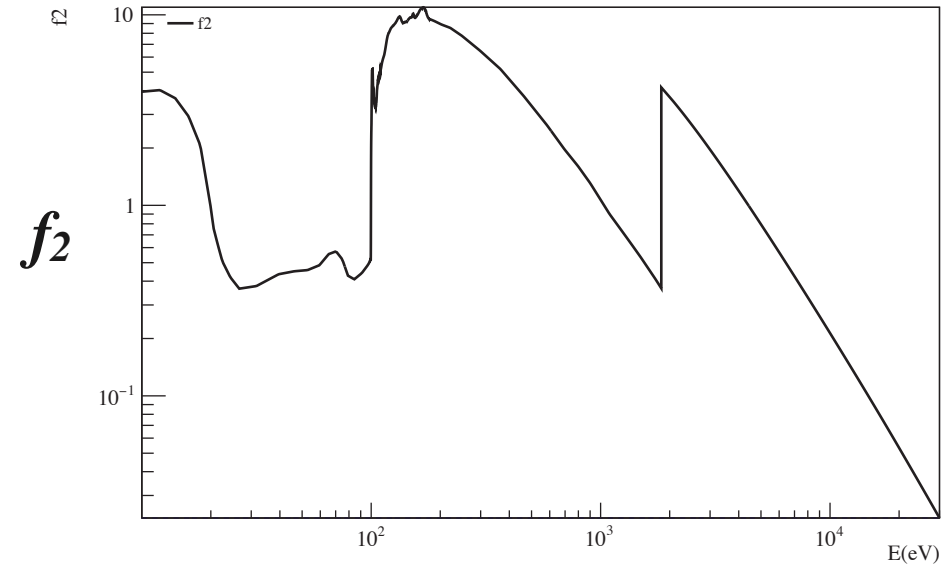
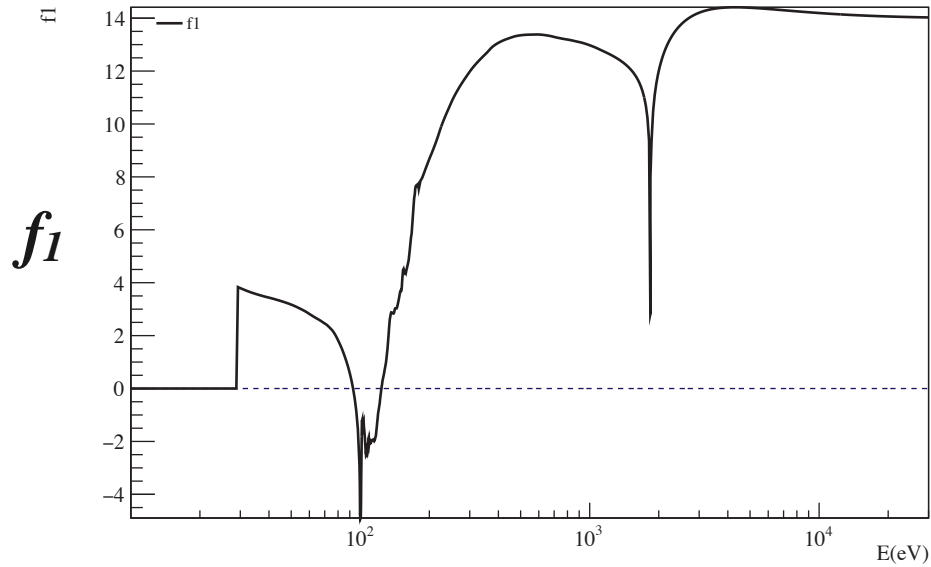


A first implementation of the process of **specular X-Ray reflection** has just been submitted for merging into the G4 repository, for **first tests and use, for the moment via TestEm16**

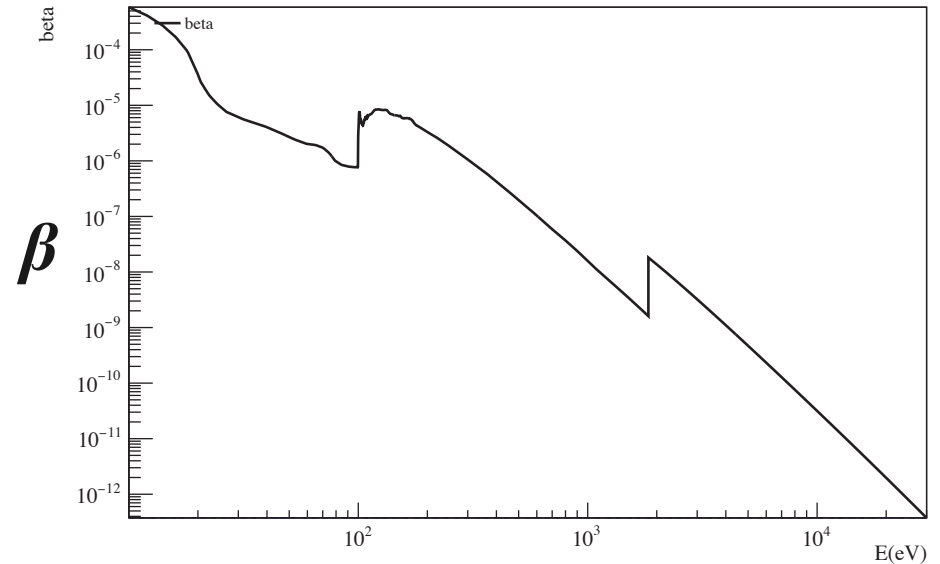
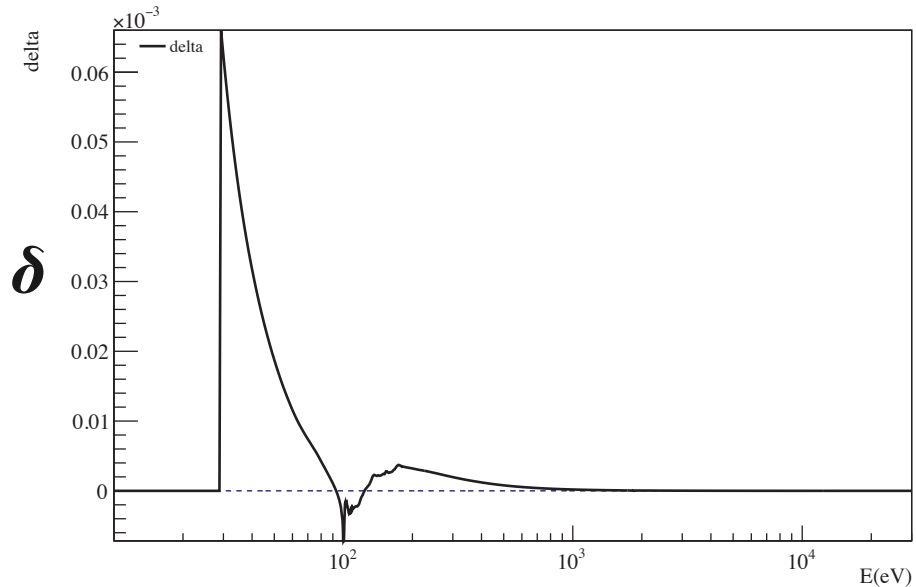
The reflection model is based on the Henke et al. model with element data ( 10 eV to 30 keV ) for specular reflection from low density (vacuum, air ) onto solid surfaces  
+ optional very simple exponential surface roughness attenuation

Written in a modular way, such that extension for specific cases like multi-layer surfaces should be rather straight-forward ( provide a specific reflectivity function )

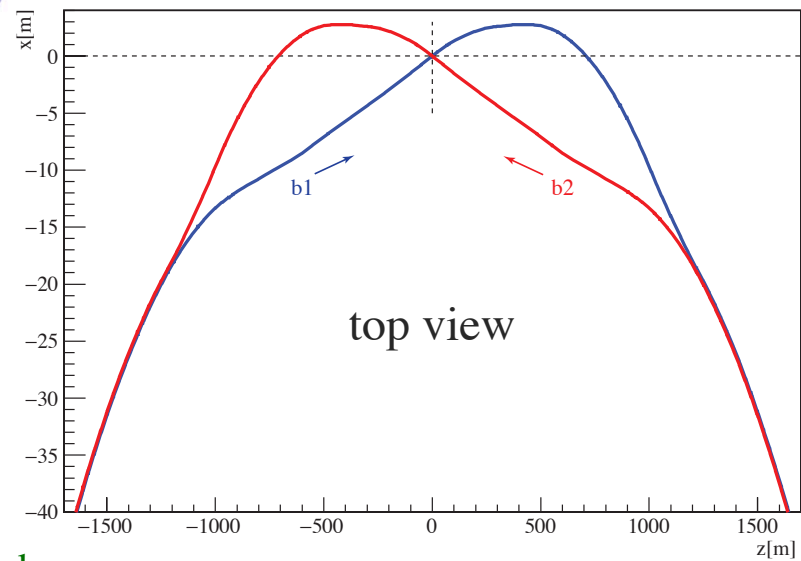
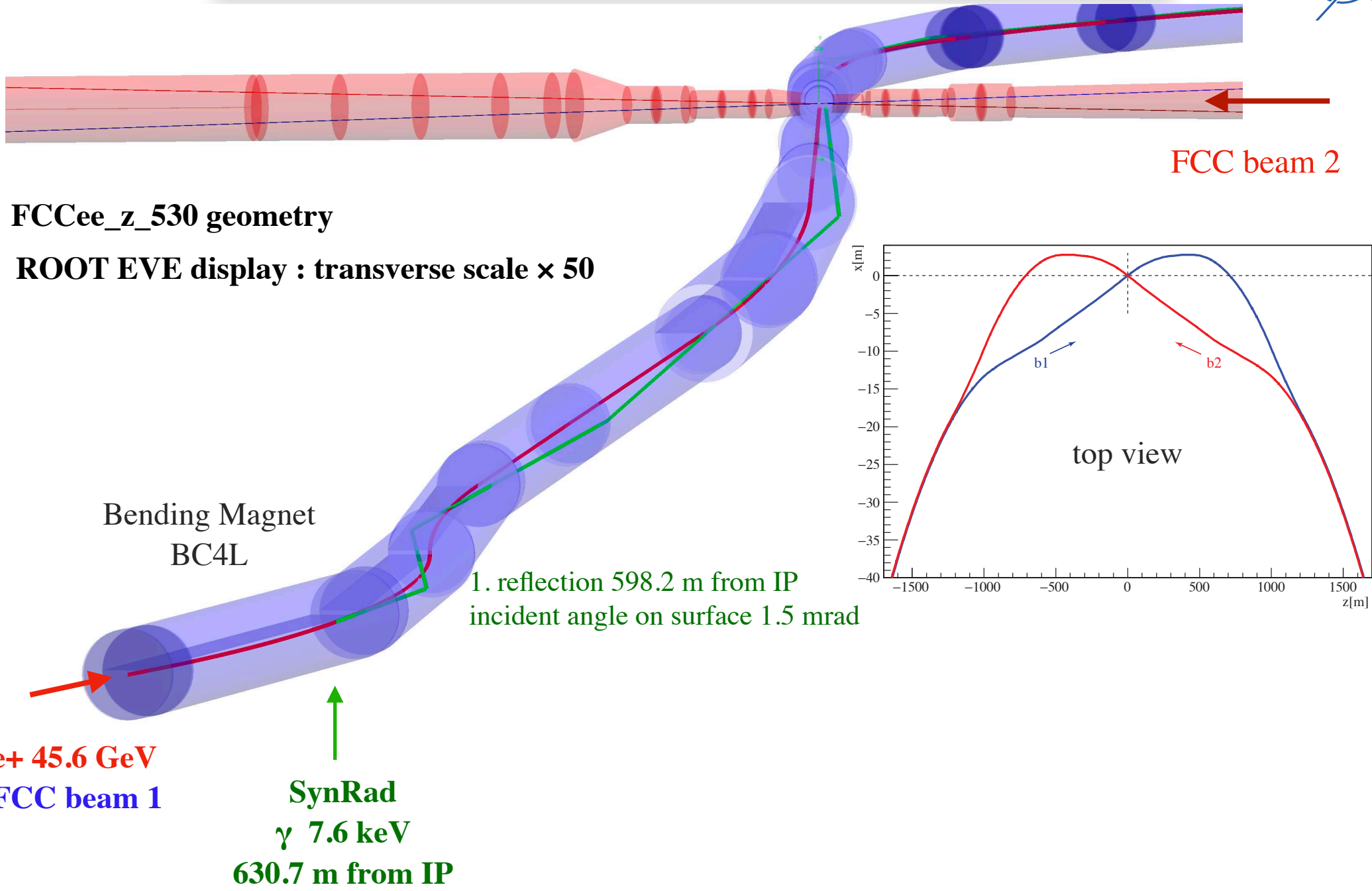
# Backup



Henke physical reference Si  $f_1$   $f_2$ ,  $f_1$  can go negative,  $f_2$  always positive



Henke physical reference Si refractive index real and imag parts



```

G4double G4XrayReflection::GetMeanFreePath(const G4Track& aTrack, G4double previousStepSize,
G4ForceCondition* condition) {
    *condition = NotForced;
    G4double GamEner = aTrack.GetDynamicParticle()->GetTotalEnergy();
    if (GamEner < 10. * eV || GamEner > 30. * keV)
        return DBL_MAX; // do nothing below 10 eV and above 30 keV
    G4double MeanFreePath = DBL_MAX; // by default no reflection
    G4VPhysicalVolume* Volume = aTrack.GetVolume();
    if (fLastVolume && Volume != fLastVolume && aTrack.GetTrackLength() > 0) { // at a boundary
        const G4Material* theLastMat = fLastVolume->GetLogicalVolume()->GetMaterial();
        const G4Material* theMat = Volume->GetLogicalVolume()->GetMaterial();
        G4double last_density = theLastMat->GetDensity();
        G4double density = theMat->GetDensity();
        if (density > last_density) { // density has increased
            G4Navigator* theNavigator =
                G4TransportationManager::GetTransportationManager()->GetNavigatorForTracking();
            G4bool valid = false;
            G4ThreeVector theSurfaceNormal =
                theNavigator->GetGlobalExitNormal(aTrack.GetPosition(), &valid);
            if (valid) fSurfaceNormal = theSurfaceNormal;
            G4double SinIncidentAngle =
                aTrack.GetDynamicParticle()->GetMomentumDirection() * fSurfaceNormal;
            if (G4UniformRand() < Reflectivity(GamEner, SinIncidentAngle, theMat)) MeanFreePath = 0;
        }
    }
    fLastVolume = Volume;
    return MeanFreePath;
}

```

```
G4VParticleChange* G4XrayReflection::PostStepDoIt(const G4Track& aTrack, const G4Step& aStep)
{
    aParticleChange.Initialize(aTrack); // copy the current position to the changed particle
    G4ThreeVector PhotDir = aTrack.GetDynamicParticle()->GetMomentumDirection();
    G4ThreeVector para_part = (PhotDir * fSurfaceNormal) * fSurfaceNormal;
    G4ThreeVector photon_reflected = PhotDir - 2 * para_part; // invert the parallel component
    aParticleChange.ProposeTrackStatus(
        fStopAndKill); // needed when working with primary gamma to get rid of
    // primary
    G4DynamicParticle* ReflectedPhoton = new G4DynamicParticle(
        G4Gamma::Gamma(), photon_reflected, aTrack.GetDynamicParticle()->GetTotalEnergy());
    aParticleChange.AddSecondary(ReflectedPhoton);
    return &aParticleChange;
}
```



```
G4int G4XrayReflection::ReadHenkeXrayData(std::string ElName, std::vector<G4double>& Ephot,
                                          std::vector<G4double>& f1, std::vector<G4double>& f2)
{
    std::transform(ElName.begin(), ElName.end(), ElName.begin(),
                  ::tolower); // henke_physical_reference uses lower case filenames
    G4String XrayReflectionDataDir = "henke_physical_reference/";
    const std::string InpFname = XrayReflectionDataDir + ElName + ".nff";
    std::ifstream infile(InpFname);
    if (!infile.is_open()) {
        G4cout << "ReadHenkeXrayReflData " << InpFname << " not found" << G4endl;
        return 1; // failure
    }
    std::vector<std::string> VarName(3);
    infile >> VarName[0] >> VarName[1] >> VarName[2];
    G4double E_eV_i, f1_i, f2_i;
    Ephot.resize(0);
    f1.resize(0);
    f2.resize(0);
    for (;;) {
        infile >> E_eV_i >> f1_i >> f2_i;
        if (infile.eof()) break;
        Ephot.push_back(E_eV_i * eV);
        f1.push_back(f1_i);
        f2.push_back(f2_i);
    }
    return 0; // success
}
```