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The Future of Hard X-ray Astrophysics (1-500 keV): Science and Instrument Prospects, 13-14th January, Paris

• Detection techniques, coded mask vs focalisation



INTEGRAL coded mask (credit ISDC)

- + no energy limit
- + large FoV
- + simple system
- collecting area = detection area
- indirect imaging
- angular resolution



Chandra mirrors (credit NASA)

- + large collecting area
- + little detection area
- + good angular resolution
- complexe system
- small FoV
- mass, cost

- How to focus hard X-rays?
 - 1. Long focal length for grazing incidence





Chandra mirrors (credit NASA)

 $E_{max} \sim 1/\Theta c \sim d_f$ (focal length) $E > 100 \text{ keV}, d_f > 10 \text{ m}$

2. Special mirror coating



• Solutions for long focal length?

Formation flight



- focal length: 10 1000 m
- stability ∝ attitude control
- high mass
- complex system
- two spacecrafts
- + unlimited focal length

Deployable mast



- focal length: 10 60 m
- stability ∝ mast length
- + low mass
- + simple system
- + only one spacecraft
- limited focal length

• New mirror coatings



Reflectivity at the surface $R(E, \alpha)$:



Pt/C coating:

- 100 layers
- thickness d = 3.55 14.14 nm
- a = 3.55, b = 0, c = 0.3

Co/C coating:

- 1100 layers
- thickness d = 2.75 29.19 nm
- a = 6.33, b = -0.91, c = 0.25

• DynamiX: a Simulation Tool for the Next-gen Hard X-ray Telescopes

Objectives

- predict the telescope performance: deformations, sensors accuracy (image reconstruction), mirrors parameters

- optimize the performance: structure control, metrology system, mirror coating

Characteristics

TCP/IP sockets



Surface roughness Multilayer coating

Chauvin, M., Roques, J.P., "DynamiX, numerical tool for design of next-generation X-ray telescopes", Appl. Opt., 49, 4077 (2010)

DynamiX: a Simulation Tool for the Next-gen Hard X-ray Telescopes



DynamiX: a Simulation Tool for the Next-gen Hard X-ray Telescopes

- Outputs: positions, times, energies.
- Features: coating reflectivity, effective area, FoV, angular resolution, optic alignments, detection efficiency, sensitivity, formation flight, deployable mast, metrology, image reconstruction.
- Calculation time: 13000 ph/s on a single 2.4GHz processor



• What do we want?



FoV ~ $1/\alpha$ ~ 1/df

• Mirror coatings design



Reflectivity at the surface $R(E,\alpha)$:



Simulation inputs:

- high Z material (Pt)
- · low Z material (C)
- number of layers (100)
- 100 layers
- thickness range (d = 3.55 14.14 nm)
- distribution parameters
 (a = 3.55, b = 0, c = 0.3)

Simulation outputs:

Reflection coefficient matrix R(E,a)



• Mirror coatings design



Simulation inputs

Mirror Coating:

- material Co/C
- 1100 layers
- thickness d = 2.75 29.19 nm
- a = 6.33, b = -0.91, c = 0.25

Mirror parameters:

- 300 Wolter-I mirrors
- radius: 5 35 cm
- focal length: 40 m
- mirror length: 100 cm

Reflectivity at the surface $R(E, \alpha)$:

$$\begin{vmatrix} R = \left| R_0 \right|^2 \\ R_j = a_j^4 \left(\frac{R_{j+1} + r_j}{R_{j+1} \times r_j + 1} \right) \text{with} \\ g_j = \left(n_j^2 - \cos^2 \theta \right)^1 \end{vmatrix}$$
(Joensen et al., applied optics, 1995)



• Focal length choice

Simulation inputs

Mirror Coating:

- material Co/C
- 1100 layers
- thickness d = 2.75 29.19 nm
- a = 6.33, b = -0.91, c = 0.25

Mirror size:

- 300 Wolter-I mirrors
- radius: 5 35 cm
- focal length: 30 60 m
- mirror length: 100 cm



• Mirror radius and mass



To reduce mass -> remove the outer mirrors

- Number of mirror modules
 - + More effective area
 - + More sensitivity
 - + Redundancy
 - More mass

$$A_{total} = A_{eff} \times n$$
$$S_{total} = S \times \sqrt{n}$$

$$M_{total} = M_{module} \times n$$

Simulation inputs

Mirror Coating:

- material Co/C
- 1100 layers
- thickness d = 2.75 29.19 nm
- a = 6.33, b = -0.91, c = 0.25

2 mirror modules:

- 260 Wolter-I mirrors
- radius: 5 31 cm
- focal length: 40 m
- mirror length: 100 cm



Extending Focalization to 200 keV with PheniX



Mission proposal to ESA in the framework of the 2011 M3 call: Roques, J.P. et al., "PheniX: a new vision for the hard X-ray sky", Exp. Astron., DOI 10.1007/s10686-011-9236-3 (2011)

- Extending Focalization to 200 keV with PheniX
 - Detector design: Geant4 simulation

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Energy range	1 - 200 keV	
Size	8cm × 8cm × 1.5cm	
Strips	160 × 2	
3D resolution	0.4 mm \times 0.4 mm \times 1 mm	
Timing resolution	< 100 ns	
Energy resolution	400 eV @ 100 keV	





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Metrology:

- 1 star tracker
- 1 simple non imaging sensor for alignment



- Extending Focalization to 200 keV with PheniX
 - Structure control and metrology



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	Control	Metrology
Pointing	±20 arcsec	< 10 arcsec
Z alignment (focus)	±10 cm	-
X and Y alignment	±0.5 cm	0.1 mm



Simulated x y drift measurement



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- Extending Focalization to 200 keV with PheniX
 - Overview



- Extending Focalization to 200 keV with PheniX
 - Expected performance



The continuum sensitivity of PheniX for 100 ks observations, based on a 3σ detection with dE/E = 0.5 and an internal background of ~1e-5 c cm-2 s-1 keV-1. The shaded area demonstrates the sensitivity if the background is greater at ~5e-5 c cm-2 s-1 keV-1. For comparison the INTEGRAL and NuSTAR sensitivities are plotted for 100 ks and 1 Ms

- Extending Focalization to 200 keV with PheniX
 - Expected performance

20 arcsec @ 30 keV	

