SIMBOL-X optics: design and implementation

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Outline

• the SIMBOL-X optical design

• the replication approach for the realization of the SIMBOL-X mirrors

• possible design improvements based on multilayer coatings

• conclusions



X-ray optical constants



• at a boundary between two materials of different refraction index n1, n2 reverse of the momentum P in the z direction:



• the amplitute of reflection is described by the Fresnel's equations:

$$r_{12}^{s} = \frac{n_{1}\sin \boldsymbol{q}_{1} - n_{2}\sin \boldsymbol{q}_{2}}{n_{1}\sin \boldsymbol{q}_{1} + n_{2}\sin \boldsymbol{q}_{2}}$$

$$r_{12}^{p} = \frac{n_{1}\sin \boldsymbol{q}_{2} - n_{2}\sin \boldsymbol{q}_{1}}{n_{1}\sin \boldsymbol{q}_{2} + n_{2}\sin \boldsymbol{q}_{1}}$$



Total X-ray reflection at grazing incidence

• if we assume vacuum as a 1st material $(n_{1=} 1) \rightarrow$ the phase velocity in the 2nd medium increases \rightarrow the beam tends to be deflected in the direction opposite to the normal.





The focusing problem in the hard X-ray region (> 10 keV)



SIMBOL-X mirror module: driving design criteria

- use of high density materials coatings (**>** *increase of the reflection angles*)
- possibility to use the Ni replication technology for <u>monolithic</u> optics (> already available and consolidated technology)
- maximum diameter compatible with the standard superpolishing techniques already used for XMM
- *low reflecting angles* but, at the same time, large collecting areas
 long focal length

the Formation Flight gives the opportunity to implement this concept!



Table 1. Main parameters of the SIMBOL-X		
mirror module.		
Max/Min Diameter	600/290 mm	
Focal Length	30000 mm	
Mirror Heigth	600 mm	
Configuartion	Wolter I	
Number of mirror modules	1	
Number of Mirror shells	100	
Reflecting coating	Pt	
Min/Max inc. angles	0.07°/0.142°	
Material of mirror walls	Ni	
Min/Max wall thickness	0.12/0.30 mm	
Mass of the mirror module	213 Kg	
Field-of-View (FWHM)	6 arcmin	
Expected resolution (HEW)	30 arcsec	
Effective area @30 keV	550 cm^2	



Focal Length Vs. Diameters for SIMBOL-X and other X-ray telescopes





The Platinum choice as a reflecting coating



Platinum can act, like Gold, as a release agent in the replication process



Refraction Index measurement of Platinum in the hard X-ray region



Windt et al., SPIE Proc. 5168, 2004 (*data from an sinchrotron radiation experiment at ESRF, ID15 beamline*)



SIMBOL-X: on-axis effective area





Replication methods applied to grazing-incidence optics

• <u>Ni electroforming</u> <u>replication</u> (SAX, JET-X/Swift, XMM, ABRIXAS)

• <u>epoxy replication</u>: EXOSAT (Be), WFXT (Alumina & SiC prototypes)





Beppo-SAX soft X-ray (0.1 – 10 keV) concentrators

- Wolter I double-cone approx. Au coating
- 4 modules 30 shells/mod.
- *F.L.* = 180 cm Max diam = 16.1 cm
- $A_{eff} @ 1 \ keV = 85 \ cm^2 \ /module$
- *HEW*= 60 arcsec (mainly corresponding to the double-cone geom. aberration!)







Ref.: Citterio, et al., Appl. Opt., 27, 1470, (1988)

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JET-X (optics ready since1996) / Swift-XRT (2004) optics



- Wolter I profile Au coating (pathfinder of XMM)
- 2 mod. (*JET-X*) / 1 mod (*Swift*) 12 shells/mod.
- *F.L.* = 350 cm Max diam = 30 cm
- $A_{eff} @ 1 \ keV = 150 \ cm^2 \ /module$
- *HEW*= 15 arcsec





Source separation: 20"



XMM-Newton (operative since Dec. 1999)

- Wolter I profile Au coating
- 3 mod. 58 shells/mod.
- *F.L.* = 750 cm Max diam = 70 cm

- A_{eff} @ 1 keV= 1500 cm² /module
- *HEW*= 15 arcsec









Credits: ESA

Thickness Vs. Diameter trend for Ni-replicated optics



Fabrication of a thin (130 mm) MS from the largest JET-X mandrel



To verify the imaging capabilities of thin Ni electroformed mirrors, we realized a **0.13 mm** Au coated shell exploiting <u>the largest JET-X</u> <u>mandrel</u>

→ the thickness has been diminished of a factor 8.5 with respect JET-X/SWIFT

 $I\!\!E$ = 30 cmHeight = 60 cmFocal Length = 3.5 mHirror mass = 660 g





The thin mirror shell with stiffenning rings before integration



Two stiffenning rings are inserted to restore and to maintain the MS roundness;

• The rings are removed after integration.



X-ray imaging test of a thin JET-X mirror shell (July '02)



- diam. = 30 cm
- thickness = $130 \,\mu m$
- wall thickness *8.5 times* less than JET-X



HEW_{meas} = 25 arcsec

HEW vs. the Mass/Collecting-Area Ratio for past and future X-ray telescopes



Mandrel superpolishing at OAB





Mandrel superpolishing

• A crucial point is given by the surface quality of the mandrel (*that has to be <u>much</u> <u>better</u> compared to the soft X-ray mirror with Au coating case).*

• A superpolishing method has been developed at INAF OAB for this specific task. The Zeiss machines developed for the XMM project (now installed at OAB) are used for this application.



In the table the rms roughness values achieved by the new lapping method on a prototype mandrel surface are compared to those of the SAX mandrel #12

Instrument	Scan Length <i>(mm)</i>	Roughness rms (Å) SAX #12 mandr.	Roughness rms (Å) Superpolish. mandr.
WYKO -2.5 X	6000.0	N. A.	10.1
WYKO -20 X	660.0	7.6	3.0
AFM	10.0	6.2	2.4
AFM	1.0	3.4	1.8

Existing Coating Facilities at Media Lario

Media Lario has, at his premises, two Coating facilities already installed in a Clean Room class 1000.

The coating facilities are not standard: they have been produced appositely by BALZERS for Media Lario for the XMM mirror Production

Capacity

Diameter	1210 mm
Width	1148 mm
Height	1250 mm
Volume	2150 litres





Ni electroforming baths at Media Lario (Italy)



(Credits: Media Lario)



Optical bench to align mirror shells during integration at Media Lario









Wide Band multilayers for hard X-ray (> 10 keV) optics



• if the d-spacing is changed in continuous way along the sequence, and the photoelectric absorption is not too large, (E > 10 keV) it is possible to get reflection windows 3-4 times larger than in total reflection regime.

• The distribution of *d-spacings* follows in general a power law: in

d(i) = a / (b+i)^c

i = bilayer index a $\approx \lambda/(2 \sin \theta_c)$ c ≈ 0.25 b> -1



Ni replication of Multilayer coated optics



"direct" replication of the multilayer film

Ion Assisted e-beam evaporation



Ni/C multilayer onto a Si wafer substrate





Ni/C multilayer 20 bilayers Dec 2003 E-beam depositionby OAB/Media Lario





Conclusions

• the "*Formation Flight*" architecture opens the opportunity to realize hard X-ray (E > 10 keV) telescopes based on <u>low grazing</u> <u>angles</u> and <u>large focal lengths</u> Wolter I optics

• the design of the SIMBOL-X baseline relies on Pt single-layer mirrors with a 30 m focal length, with shell diameters similar to those assumed for XMM *(but with much smaller reflection angles)*

• the Ni electroforming replication is the *consolidated approach* assumed for the realization mirror shells

• possible improvements of the design can be achieved by increasing the external diameter and using multilayer reflecting coatings for more external shells



The End

