High angular resolution optics for the next generation of Wide Field X-ray Telescopes (WFXT): beyond eROSITA

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X-ray optics with polynomial profile

• Mirrors are usually built in the Wolter I (paraboloid-hyperboloid) configuration that provides, in principle, perfect on-axis images.

 Wolter I design exhibits no spherical aberration on-axis but suffers from <u>field curvature</u>, <u>coma</u> and <u>astigmatism</u>

the angular resolution degrades rapidly with increasing off-axis angles

• More general mirror designs than Wolter's exist, in which the primary and secondary mirror profiles are expanded as a **power series**;

• These polynomial solutions, together with the use of short mirror shells (wrt the focal length), are well suited for optimization purposes, which may be used to increase the angular resolution at large off-axis positions, degrading the on-axis performances (Burrows, Burg and Giacconi 1992)

Thin glass shell oriented to Wide Field X-Ray Telescope (P.I. S. Murray; Sen. Scient. R. Giacconi)



N.B.: same mirror height/FL aspect ratio =0.07

WFXT being proposed to NASA in the context of the RFI call (Sept 2011)- P.I. S. Murray

WFXT Telescope Configuration

Parameter	Design
Number of Modules	3
Material	Fused Silica
Configuration	Polynomial Profile
Focal Length	5.5 m
MAX & min top diameters	0.36 & 1.1 m
MAX and min mirror Length (2 reflections)	408 & 220 mm
Coating	Pt + C overcoating
Wall Thickness	3 – 1.7 mm
Number of mirror shells / module	55
Total Weight	900 kg (3 modules including structure)

HEW across the FOV: WFXT vs. eRosita



N.B.: Aspect ratio WFXT = 0.07 – Aspect ratio eRosita = 0.16

HEW for the mirror module (theoretical design)



N.B.: Manufacturing and integration errors not yet included

On-axis effective area



WFXT Vignetting



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MERIT FACTOR FOR SURVEY = $GRASP / HEW^2$

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Cluster Science



- Temperatures critical to cluster cosmology
- Profiles permit cluster physics
- Large samples allow study of systematics
- WFXT can reach into early groups

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Science Highlights: AGN and Galaxies



WFXT will be an "X-ray GALEX", detecting >10⁷ AGN, >10⁵ galaxies

- Luminosity function
- Minimal bias
- Environment and evolution
- Variability in AGN, galaxies (XRB and tidal captures)
- Deep survey will reach

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Optimization with <u>POLYNOMIAL</u> profiles increase the angular resolution at large off-axis positions but degrading the on-axis performances

See Burrows, Burgh and Giacconi (1992), Conconi et al. (2010)

Small aspect ratio optics

- \rightarrow Increased difficulty in reaching very good angular • mesnahical behavior closer to a "belt-like" configuration rather than a "tube-like"
- border effect errors with a much higher weight in determining the PSF
- angular resolution more strongly affected by the slope errors caused by out-of-phase azimut



Edge load: outward tangential moments (10Nmm each) applied at front section in 12 point 30° spaced. O. Citterio, SPIE 2011, San Diego

WFXT prototypes in SiC by epoxy replication

Polynomial mirrors developed in Italy (1998-2001)



Quartz Direct Polishing Approach





Temporary stiffening





-Temperature effects -Gravity effects -Integration errors



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Integration effects

12 points astatic support – friction free



PtoV = $0.51 \ \mu m$

Corresponding spot diagram at the nominal focus



HEW = 0.70 arcsec 90% EE = 1.97 arcsec

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Production Flow (1/2)

@Heraeus

A quartz shell manufactured by Heraeus under grinding operations





The shell is characterized in terms of out of roundness errors on an astatic support jig



The shell is integrated in the Shell Support Structure.



Production Flow (2/2)

@LT-Ultra



A shell mounted on the Lt-Ultra precision lathe ready for the fine grinding process to correct Out-Of-Roundness

@Zeeko



A shell in its support structure mounted on the Zeeko polishing machine for surface damage removal and longitudinal profile correction

Out of Roundness (OOR) correction with fine grinding process





OOR PtV: $35\mu m \rightarrow 1.5\mu m$



Ray tracing simulations show that with present values of OOR and assuming correct profiles longitudinal, the theoretical optical quality of the shell is almost reached (in the graph it is considered a flat focal plane).

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Operations with Zeeko IRP 600



- surface damage (due to the fine grinding) removal
- "Bonnet " polishing for the "moderation" of longitudinal and azimuthal profiles -> needed for getting the polynomial shape
- "Pendulum "polishing for the removal of mid and high frequency slope error

eRosita mandrel under "Bonnet" polishing with a Zeeko machine



Wolter I profile mandrel 150 + 150 mm long.

Azimuthal longitudinal profiles correction

16 longitudinal profiles (FormTalysurf measurements)



Polishing HEW performances

Front reflecting surface



Rear reflecting surface



Figure Errors are already within specification

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Jig for test @Panter





The jig for the SSS to be mounted in Panter facility.



Next activities

- Completion of the prototype shell with full metrology and final verification with X-Ray test @Panter facility

- Coating of the shell (with X-Ray test @Panter) -Integration into a mechanical structure (with X-Ray test @Panter)

- Development of an engineering model with 3 mirror shells to prove the achievement of optical quality with 3 different shells and the viability of the proposed integration scheme.

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WFXT Key Features

Planned Surveys

	Wide	Medium	Deep	(Milky Way)
Area (deg ²)	~15,000	~3,000	~100	~1000
F _{lim,ext} (cgs)	4x10 ⁻¹⁵	1x10 ⁻¹⁵	1x10 ⁻¹⁶	5x10 ⁻¹⁶
F _{lim,pt} (cgs)	1x10 ⁻¹⁵	2x10 ⁻¹⁶	1.5×10 ⁻¹⁷	1x10 ⁻¹⁶
Exposure Time (sec)	~3-4x10 ³	~2×10 ⁴	~3×10 ⁵	~5x10 ⁴
Duration	~2 yr	~2 yr	~1 yr	~1 yr

Survey locations TBD

Conclusions

-Temporary stiffening of the shell by two rigid glass rings coupled to the shell by flexure blades is proving to be effective for handling and optical processing of thin glass shell

- A diamond wheel mounted on a precise diamond turning late operating in positional mode has been able to bring the out-of-roundness of the shell within the specifications (OOR < $1.5\mu m$)

-A Zeeko polishing machine operating with a bonnet tool in dwell time mode has provided removal of surface damage left by grinding and azimuthal and longitudinal low frequency error correction down to the required specification

-We have in progress the optimization of a new polishing tool (pendulum) to be use to correct mid-frequency errors and achieve the requested roughness of 0.6nm

-After polishing completion of the parabolic side, X-Ray testing at Panter are planned for fall 2011.

Challenge of thin shells with small aspect ratio

Small aspect ratio → difficulty in reaching good angular resolution because they are **more sensitive to perturbing effects related to edges loads**:

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very short MSs show degradation 6-16 times larger with respect to long MS

How would it be observed by WFXT?



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~ 17,000 counts in the deep survey. ~100 @ z>2 as massive as this within 2×10⁴ sq.deg.

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SINGLE MODULE NORMALIZED TO THE THICKNESS OF THE PROTOTYPE UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Thickness variatiation law Th(M.S.(dmax))= 2.0*sqrt(dmax/500.) Lo F# variation between 5 e 15 Minimum length (total parab +hyp.) 220mm

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	8	18 0	830&162	20&&	& 6 021	60&3	& 63
2	6	11 0	&8110&23	23 0&6&	& 013	80&3	<i>8</i> 27
2	6	780	&2 3066&	1620&22	& 60 7	30&26	886
1	6	3 0	&\$ 2703 6	1 0& 6	& 60 &	20&13	66

NB thickness of 2 mm for diameter of 500 mm

NB: we have to add 30 % more to the weight in order to account for the structure mass O. Citterio, SPIE 2011, San Diego

Gravity effects

Isocontours of radial displacement compontent of the MS attached to the temporary stiffening structure



Axial gravity

Lateral gravity



PtoV = $2.2 \mu m$ HEW = 0.14 arcsec90% EE = 0.75 arcsec PtoV = 22.9 μ m (rigid body mov.) HEW = 0.15 arcsec 90% EE = 0.55 arcsec

Temperature effects

Isocontours of radial displacement compontent of the MS attached to the temporary stiffening structure

$\Delta T = +10^{\circ}C$ just on MS (machining heating)



PtoV = $0.04 \ \mu m(*)$ HEW = $0.14 \ arcsec$ 90% EE = $0.47 \ arxsec$ (*) uniform expansion

$\Delta T = +1^{\circ}C$ on whole assembly



PtoV = $1.53 \mu m$ HEW = 0.16 arcsec90% EE = 0.52 arcsec