

X-ray Evaluation of the MaGIXS Nickel-Replicated Mirrors

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The Marshall Grazing Incidence X-ray Spectromter (MaGIXS)



Experiment Overview:

- Solar sounding rocket experiment
- 2020 Launch WSMR, NM
 - Black Brandt IX
- NASA MSFC developed optics, optical bench, detector
- Partner institutions:
 - SAO mirror mounting and alignment
 - MIT & Izentis LLC. grating design and fabrication



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Science Goals: Probe Coronal Heating

- Measure the temperature distribution (Differential Emission Measure) of the solar corona
- Measure the elemental abundance in the solar corona

Observation Goals:

- Energy range: 0.57 1.3 keV (0.91 2.16 nm)
- Energy resolution: ~1 eV (0.005 nm)
- Slit spectrograph with 260" slit length
- 6" spatial resolution along slit









Mirror Fabrication

*See paper 11119-30 by Jackie Davis, MSFC

- Mandrels diamond turned
- Lap polished
- Replicated engineering shells
- Deterministic polishing
- Lap polished for surface roughness
- Replicated flight shells



MaGIXS Mandrel on Zeeko IRP 600X

RMS slope error of mandrel figure

Mirror segment	Conventional	Predic. Mandrel HPD	Deterministic Left:Axial, Right:Axial+Az		Predic. Mandrel HPD
Wolter-I P	~4.0"	10 F″	0.72″	0.99"	с л "
Wolter-I H	~6.0"	19.2	1.26"	1.51"	0.4
Spec. P	~8.0"	22"	1.5″	-	4.0"







Wolter-I Telescope



Spectrometer Mirrors - Single Paraboloid





X-ray Tests in Stray Light Facility (SLF), MSFC









Detector: Andor Ikon-L

- 2k x 2k CCD
- 13.5 um pixels











Effective Aperture





- PSF yields "bowtie" shape
- Spatial along bowtie
- Spectral dispersion across bowtie

16000 - 14000 - 12000 - 10000 - 8000 6000 - 4000 - 2000 0

Through-focus effective aperture



- Effective aperture has "S" shaped curvature
- Contributes to PSF

Through Focus HPD



- Half power diameter (HPD) measured at each focal position
- Green = Full aperture
- Red = Masked aperture
- Similar depth of focus ~1 mm



Spectrometer Mirror PSFs

MSFC

- 594 mm focal length
- plate scale = 5 arcsec/pix
- Pixel size = $13.5 \,\mu\text{m}$



Defocused Spec. Mirror

- Deterministic polishing over 100 degree region
- Qualitative improvement in figure (annulus) over polished region
- Measurements with aperture mask not completed



Predicted On-Axis Performance



- Multiplied TMA full aperture PSF with a mask representing slit
- Convolved SM1 and SM2 images
- Convolved SM1, SM2 and TMA subaperture image

	W-I	SM1	SM2	RSS
HPD	13″	21″	20″	31"







On-Axis Focus Check

MSFC





Third off axis pointing "seq3"



Second off axis pointing Also labeled "seq2", but after 17:15





Final off axis pointing "seq4"

First off axis pointing "seq2"

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- MaGIXS is a high-resolution imaging spectrometer solar sounding rocket mission
 - Solar active region
 - 0.57 1.3 keV (~ 1 eV resolution)
- Mandrels polished using deterministic technique
- Replicated shells tested at the MSFC SLF
- Predicted on-axis HPD ~ 30"
- Future work includes continued development for image analysis techniques
 - Envision these types X-ray image data to supplement metrology