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New values for the HRMA A_{eff} have been calculated, based upon new optical constants and the addition of a very thin contamination layer to the HRMA.

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Optical Constants

The iridium optical constants used in the calculation of the HRMA effective area were determined as part of the *Chandra* Synchrotron Calibration Program.

Optical constants were defined by measuring the reflectivity of witness flats coated simultaneously with the *Chandra* optics.

Reflectivity measurements were undertaken both at the National Synchrotron Light Source, at Brookhaven National Labs, and at the Advanced Light Source at Lawrence Berkeley National Labs.

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Improvements to the Optical Constants

Improvements over the previous results from the optical constant program include:

- Constants below 940 eV from measurements with the Advanced Light Source Beamline, rather than from Henke
- Constants above 940 eV derived from fits to multiple witness samples, rather than just a single mirror.

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(Zerodur,Cr,Ir) Reflectivity Multilayer

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HRMA Contamination Layer

- Observations of stacked power-law sources with HETG/ACIS indicated a problem near the Ir M edge
- A thin hydrocarbon layer would improve the response near the edge. Because there is no experimental evidence for a contamination layer at the XRCF, we apply it to on-orbit simulations only.

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The Effect of a Contamination layer on A_{eff}

 $\mathbf{A}_{\rm eff}$ Excess relative to $\boldsymbol{\ell}{=}0{:}$ HRMA; $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ = 0'



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Fitting the Contamination Layer

- The stacked sources were fit using various contamination layer thicknesses.
- The best fit was for a 22Å thick layer of CH₂.

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Calculation of A_{eff}

The prediction of the on-orbit A_{eff} is based upon

- Absolute measurements of the on-axis A_{eff} during ground based testing at the XRCF
- Predictions of the XRCF on-axis A_{eff} from raytraces in the XRCF configuration
- Derivation of correction factors to account for differences between the measured and predicted A_{eff}.
- Raytraces of the on-orbit configuration using these correction factors.

While the correction factors are derived for the on-axis A_{eff} , they are applied uniformly for all source positions.

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XRCF HRMA Effective Area Data vs. Raytrace XRCF HRMA Effective Area within 2 mm Aperture 1000 **Ravtrace** Prediction SSD C-K Continuum Data Raytrace w Polynomial Scaling 800 ♦ FPC Line Data ∧ SSD Line data (cm²) 600 **Effective Area** 400 200 n 0 2 8 10 6 Energy (keV)

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Uncertainties in the Aeff

The new release of the HRMA A_{eff} tabulates the current *quantifiable* uncertainties in the A_{eff} , which derive from the following sources:

- 1 Uncertainties in the optical constants. These are negligible.
- Ouncertainties in the A_{eff} measurements at the XRCF. These are essentially quantified as the errors in the spread of the SSD and FPC measurements.
- 3 Uncertainties in the raytraces due to insufficient sampling of the model phase space. This can be made negligible.

In practice, the only significant quantifiable errors are the XRCF measurement errors.

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Galaxy Cluster Fits



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- The HRMA *A_{eff}* has been regenerated, incorporating new optical constants and a thin contamination layer on the HRMA
- The new A_{eff}improves fits near the Ir M edge, as well as at lower energies
- The new A_{eff} is significantly larger than the previous version