Measurement of X-ray, UV, optical transmission of Contamination Blocking Filter on board Hitomi SXI

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1. Hitomi SXI



- 24µm square pixel
- ~62mm x 62mm



 From our Suzaku XIS experiment in space, we noticed the degradation of QE due to the contamination of material in the satellite.



[EUV shielding]

- CBF: Contamination Blocking Filter
- Pre-FM (before 2015)
 <u>200nm thick Polyimide</u> was covered with <u>30nm thick Al layers</u>.



[Optical Blocking]

- OBL: Optical Blocking Layer
- <u>100nm thick Al</u> is directly coated over the BI-CCD wafer manufactured by Hamamatsu.



Figure. Schematic view of OBL

Optical transmission of **OBL**



 We found the optical transmission was < ~10⁻⁵ which was equivalent value that we had expected from the design thickness of OBL.

Pinholes in AI Coating of **OBL** for Hitomi Satellite



- We had checked the pin holes on OBL by irradiating the optical light.
- But, the number of pin holes was increasing during five months.
- We decided to make the thickness of CBF thicker to block the optical light.

FM-CBF (after 2015)

	Pre-FM-CBF	FM-CBF[nm]
Al	30	80
Polyimide	200	200
AI		40



- CBF was supported by the mesh with guard to block solar X-ray scattered middle plate in the satellite.
- The thickness of mesh was 0.3mm, and its interval and width of mesh was 3mm and 0.15mm, respectively.
- This guard did not cut the field of view of SXI.



3. Optical Transmission of CBF



 We confirmed the optical transmission was <~5x10⁻⁵ which was expected from design thickness of new CBF.

• We measured Soft X-ray and UV transmission of FM-CBF at the synchrotron facility in Japan (KEK Photon Factory).



We measured the X-ray (UV) flux using photo diode with/without CBF, and calculated the X-ray (UV) transmission of CBF derived from the flux ratio between two them.

Witness Filter



Experimental Set up



CBF folder



Photo Diode



The X-ray transmission of new FM CBF was lower than old CBF by \sim 10% at O-K due to the thicker AI.

The X-ray energy was calibrated using absorption edges of old FM-CBF as a reference



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The UV transmission of new FM CBFs was same as its old ones because the thickness of polyimide was not changed.

4.Discussion

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The thickness of polyimide and AI were slightly thicker and thinner value than their reported from Luxel Co LTD.

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- The optical transmission was higher than what we expected from AI thickness reported from Luxel Co LTD.
- The thickness AI was thinner which we derived from both X-ray and optical transmission measurement.

5. Conclusion

- 1. We remanufactured Contamination Blocking Filter of SXI due to the increase in the number of the pin holes on the OBL.
- 2. We measured the optical, soft X-ray, and UV transmission of FM-CBF for Hitomi SXI.
- 3. The optical transmission of FM-CBF were lower than 5x10⁻⁵. This result meets the requirement of optical shield of SXI, but slightly higher than we expected from Luxel design thickness.
- The X-ray transmission was also measured precisely including XAFS structure around C, N, O and Al absorption edges, and this results also suggests the thinner Al thickness which predicted the optical transmission.
- We also measured the UV transmission and confirmed the low transmission in order to block the 304A UV light from sunlit atmosphere.
- We will adopt CBF for XRISM SXI of the same design as FM-CBF Hitomi SXI.

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Sun @ 304 Å observed with SOHO satellite

The north pole image of the earth @304 Å

In order to observe X-ray in space, we have to block this EUV light from Sunlit atmosphere as well as the optical light from objects.

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