

Contamination Working Group: Status & Plans

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Goals and Status

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 - Update and compare contamination models
 - Generate a white paper on mitigation and analysis
- Updates
 - Chandra ACIS (A. Bogdan, H. Marshall)
 - contamination is still growing, model is good
 - Still mild/none on XMM instruments
 - (Still) none on eROSITA
 - XRISM Xtend: only limits to contamination!
- No progress on white paper

White Paper Plan

- Develop on overleaf, link to edit was distributed
- Review progress monthly
- Target completion by next IACHEC Plenary
- Initiate as white paper, decide on journal later

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Contamination on Detectors in X-ray Telescopes

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ABSTRACT

We describe efforts to avoid or eliminate the buildup of molecular contamination on the sensors of X-ray astronomy telescopes. In cases where contamination has been found, we provide an overview of the nature of the contaminant and the methods of characterizing and monitoring the buildup.

Keywords: Astronomical methods, X-ray astronomy, Calibration

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