A Geant4-based simulation of the X-ARAPUCA for the optimization of dichroic filters

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Introduction

- We have developed a Geant4 simulation of the X-ARAPUCA supercell to guide our R&D work on the dichroic filters.
- Our goal is to use this simulation to understand the optimal parameters for the prototype dichroic filters production in Spain.
- This simulation is complementary to the work done by Gustavo, Marcio and Franciole.
- This is still work in progress. Some of our assumptions need to be fine tuned.
- The software is parameterized so as to be easily adjusted to the simulation of related geometries, such as megacells, with adjustable optical properties for each component.
- Some preliminary photon collection efficiency (PCE) estimates have been computed.



Geometry





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Dimensions were taken from [5] (TDR vol. IX)



Geometry



When reaching the dichroic filter, the photon is (artificially) absorbed and its angle is recorded Typical photon path Passage of the photon in between photosensors



Building X-Arapuca step by step [6] \mathbf{O}

Double sided reflective box w/ WLSP, w/ photosensors and lambertian generator (L. D.)

[6]







Building X-Arapuca step by step

Double sided reflective box w/WLSP, w/ photosensors, lambertian generator and reflective dichroic filters





PCE estimates

Systematic approach to realistic conditions





Next steps



- Introduce a more realistic dichroic filter model. To do so:
 - Simulate PTP emission spectrum and angular distribution
 - Simulate substrate optical properties (i.e. refractive index and absorption length)
 - Simulate dichroic depositions via a simple parameterization of its transmission curve

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A preliminary study could fix Tbc, since it should just scalate the amount of light that enters the X-ARAPUCA. This would leave three parameters to iterate over.





Next steps



- Compute overall PCE estimates by generating photons from outside the X-ARAPUCA and using the generated curves for the dichroic filters
- The goal is to understand which parameter should we particularly care for, and which ones (if any) affect in a way that its requirements can be relaxed (optimization cost)
- These results could guide dichroic filter optimization
- Geant4 interpolates across wavelength and angle. The input data must comprise transmission curves for different angles. To transform the generated curves according to its AOI, a shift is computed according to

$$\lambda_{ heta} = \lambda_0 \sqrt{1 - \left(rac{n_0}{n_{ ext{eff}}} ext{sin}(heta)
ight)^2}$$
 [7]

• Some transmission measurements at different AOIs revealed also scaling. **Any empirical data on transmission measurements at different AOIs are very welcomed** to infer a realistic transformation of the generated curves.





- Simulation of dichroic filters for their optimization is now usable.
- Preliminary results suggest that reflectance above the cutoff is a crucial parameter:
 - This was somehow expected since once inside the X-ARAPUCA, the photon may undergo multiple reflections on the filter before being collected.
 - For both simulated cases, we encountered a >30% efficiency loss when lowering filter reflectivity from 99% to 95%
- A numerical optimization iterating over the most important parameters will be performed.



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