

XRISM Observations of Cassiopeia A







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All XRISM results are PRELIMINARY, please do not quote. Thank You !!



Why XRISM Observations of Cas A?

- High L (2.6x10³⁶ erg/s) and flux (1.5x10⁻⁹ erg/s) in the 2.0-10.0 keV band
- Youngest Galactic core-collapse SNR, t~350 yr (Thorstensen 2001, Fesen 2006)
- Type IIb progenitor (Krause et al. 2008, Rest et al. 2008, Rest et al. 2011)
- Progenitor 15-25 M_☉ (Young et al. 2006), ejecta mass ~ 2-4 M_☉ (Vink 1996, Laming & Teming 2020)
- Complicated morphology in X-rays, SE region is blue-shifted & NW is redshifted (Willingale 2002, Lazendic 2006, Delaney 2010, Picquenot 2021)
- Ejecta have an asymmetric distribution (Hughes et al. 2000, Hwang 2004, Holland-Ashford 2020, Tsuchioka 2022)
- 3D hydro simulations can reproduce most of the structure in Cas A (Orlando 2020)
- Forward and reverse shock velocities have been measured in different locations (Sato 2018, Vink 2023)
- Chandra Mn/Cr ratio argues for an energetic (2x10⁵¹ ergs), sub-solar metallicity explosion (Sato 2020)
- Chandra detection of Ti & Cr support the neutrino-driven explosion mechanism (Sato 2021)
- Variable on human timescales (Patnaude 2007, 2011 and Uchiyama 2008)
- P detected in the Fe-rich region in a S-rich ejecta knot (Koo et al. 2023)



The key science goals for the high resolution spectra from the *XRISM* calorimeter called *Resolve are*:

- 1. Detect odd-Z or trace elements => compare to nucleosynthesis models for different progenitors
- 2. Measure velocity and *broadening* of the bright line/line complexes => compare to 3D models of the remnant and constrain the ion temperatures
- 3. Detect & characterize spectral signatures of dust emission or charge exchange => compare to dust destruction models and charge exchange models

Chandra three color image

R: 0.5-1.5 keV G: 1.5-2.5 keV B: 4.0-6.0 keV



Orlando et al. 2024, 3D Hydro model, Fe distribution



XRISM Resolve Pointings





Resolve Spectra from SE & NW Pointings

Cas A: 000129000 SE (Blue, 182 ks) and 0001300000 NW (Red, 167 ks) Spectra extracted all pixels, Hp events, point source arf, L rmf from the Entire Array





Resolve spectrum from a single pixel in the 1.75-3.25 keV bandpass



Xtend Spectrum and Image of Cas A

- Xtend is the CCD instrument on XRISM
- Xtend has a 40'x40' FOV so all of Cas A is covered in a single pointing
- Spectral variations with position are apparent
- Xtend has lower background than the CCD instruments on Chandra and XMM, important at energies of Fe-K and above



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Odd Z and Trace Elements

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CI

- P, CI, & K have not been detected in Xray spectra of SNRs
- Koo et al. 2013,2022 detect P in NIR
- P, Cl, & K are thought to be produced in the O burning layer





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 Resolve spectra show clear enhancements at the expected position of the CI and K Heα line complexes

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The detection of P is complicated by the presence of nearby lines

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Counts/s/keV

0.01

Odd Z and Trace Elements II

Gu (SRON)

- fit spectra with a 2 vnei model with a variable redshift and broadening
- K abundance set to zero
- bright lines/line complexes are well-fitted
- clear excess at the position of K He a
- interesting excess at 3.2 keV (discussed later)

Sato (Meiji U.)

 shell mergers during the final stages of stellar evolution can affect the production of the IMEs $\stackrel{\rm S}{\times} 10^{-1}$ and the odd Z elements like P, Cl, 4a Κ



Fe group Elements

• The broad and asymmetric distribution of the Fe-K complex *requires* the lower ionizations states of the pshock model to fit the low energy side of the peak



fit spectra with a 2 vnei model with a variable redshift and broadening

• Ti, Cr, & Mn are relatively stronger in the SE than the NW



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Spectral Differences between Hea and Lya

Suzuki & Yamaguchi (ISAS)

- Fitted redshifts for the Heα and Lyα lines for Si and S are different, z for Lyα larger
- Heα and Lyα emission arise from different plasmas with different properties
- One possible explanation is that the Lyα emission predominantly originates from regions that were shocked earlier by the reverse shock when the shock velocity was higher







Resolve Velocity and Broadening Maps

Vink & Agarwal (U. of Amsterdam)

- Si XIV Lyα and S XVI Lyα lines are fit to determine a redshift and width
- NW data are red-shifted up to 2,000 km/s and SE data are blue-shifted up to -1,500 km/s
- Broadening is largest in the center and smallest near the edges
- Overlap regions between pointings give consistent results
- It is essential to fit the redshift and the broadening with these high resolution spectra
- Earlier broadening measurements made with the gratings on XMM for RCW86 and Chandra for SN1987A (Broersen et al. 2006, Miceli et al. 2019) were limited



Model with broadening



Redshift Map



Broadening Map



3.2 keV Excess Feature



Gu (SRON)

- fit the spectrum with a two component vnei model, clear excess above 3.2 keV **Possible Explanations:**
 - free-bound emission from pure metal plasma (likely ionizing) 1.
 - free-bound emission from a recombining plasma with normal abundances 2.

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charge exchange emission from S 3.





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3.2 keV excess equivalent width

Xtend Heβ/Hea Ratio Maps

X-RAY IMAGING AND SPECTROSCOPY MISSION

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- Heβ/Heα ratios are significantly different for S and Ar
- Higher ratios are present in the region dominated by the interaction with the CSM



0.0015 0.0044 0.01 0.022 0.046 0.093 0.19 0.38 0.75







Ichikawa (U. of Miyazaki)

- *Xtend* lower background is advantageous in the higher energy bandpass
- Data out to 10 keV provide a better constraint on the continuum
- The Ni XXVII Heα triplet & Fe XXV Heβ are relatively stronger in the SE, the Fe-rich region



Conclusions



The era of high-resolution X-ray spectroscopy for diffuse emission and extended objects has begun !!!

Key Cas A results (so far):

- K and Cl are detected
- P might be detected, will need more careful modeling
- Ti, Cr, & Mn are clearly detected
- Fitted redshifts are different for the Si & S Heα and Lyα lines
- Blueshifted emission in the SE and redshifted emission is clearly detected
- Broadening is highest in the center (~2,000 km/s) and lowest near the edges (~1,000 km/s)
- Ni is relatively strongest in the SE, the Fe-rich region

Future of High Resolution X-ray Spectroscopy for SNRs

Line Emission Mapper (LEM) - <u>https://www.lem-observatory.org/</u> **Mission Concept Proposal for NASA Probe Class Optimized for spectroscopy of diffuse emission (large grasp)** [0.2-2.5 keV] large FOV (30' diameter), EA: 2,600 cm⁻² at 1.0 keV, 10" HPD (mirror)

14K 15" pixels, 1.3/2.5 eV resolution inner/outer array These capabilities are **FANTASTIC** for SNR studies Please find me if you would like more information



LEM Simulation of **Cassiopeia A:** Self-consistent description of the whole 3D evolution of a neutrino-driven SN explosion, from the CC to the SNR at the age of **Cassiopeia** A





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LINE EMISSION MAPPER **Orlando (INAF, Palermo)**

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