



Xtend overview

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Xtend = XMA (X-ray Mirror Assembly) + SXI (Soft X-ray Imager)



- XMA : Conically approximated Wolter type I mirror
 - √identical to Resolve XMA
- SXI : X-ray CCDs
 - √fully-depleted back-illuminated P-channel CCD
- Energy range : 0.4–13 keV
- FoV : 38' × 38'
- Energy resolution : ~180 eV@5.9 keV
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Brief XMA overview



- Conically approximated Wolter I grazing incident optics (203 nested shells)
- Gold surface coating for X-ray reflection
- Focal length = 5.6 m
- Two almost identical mirrors, one for Resolve and one for Xtend.



Brief XMA overview



- The in-orbit performance is roughly consistent with the ground calibration.
- Point Spread Function (small energy dependence)
 - Resolve: 1.3' (HPD)
 - Xtend: 1.5' (HPD), 7" (FWHM)
- Effective area
 - ~418 cm² @6.4 keV, ~587 cm² @1.5 keV







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Radius [arcmin]







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SXI-S (chips)



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CCD @-110 degC with Stirling cooler









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X-Ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission

- Observe moderately extended faint objects
 - Cover a large FoV (~x2 XMM EPIC)
 - Low & stable particle background
- Monitor bright sources outside of Resolve field of view
 - Resolve FoV ~ 3'x3', while the PSF tail extends to a few arcmin.
 - Bright sources outside Resolve FoV may contribute to Resolve data.
 - Xtend can monitor surrounding source fluxes.





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SXI CCDs



Tanaka et al. 2018

- It's working great so far!
- Frame exposure cycle: 4 sec (full), 0.5 sec (1/8)
- Charge Injection (CI) technique:
 - Inject charges to every 80 rows to improve energy resolution
- Data gaps some point sources may fall into.
 - Chip gaps: 44"-59"
 - No X-ray sensitivity at CI (+/-1) rows, equivalent to ~5"







Effective Area

X-Ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission

 Mirror's collecting area multiplied by the detector's quantum efficiency and filter transmission.









- X-Ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission
 - Energy Resolution: ~180 eV@5.9 keV
 - Hard X-rays: as good as X-ray CCDs on earlier or active satellites
 - Soft X-rays: slightly worse than those on *Suzaku* or *Chandra*





Bright Source Observations



- Photon pileup
 - Two X-ray photons fall in 3x3 pixels in a single frame exposure
 - They are counted as a single X-ray event or none.
 - It occurs for sources with >2.5 mCrab.





How to avoid pileups



- Reduce the frame exposure time
 - Xtend provides two additional observing modes.







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X-Ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission

Observation mode of CCD_ID = 0 & 1

Mode	Region size (per CCD)	Frame Exp (sec)	Time Res (sec)	Live time fraction	Pileup Limit (mCrab)	Purpose
Full window	640x640	4.0	4.0	0.99	2.5	General
1/8 window	640x80	0.46	0.46	0.93	21	Bright src
1/8 window + 0.1-s burst	640x80	0.06	0.46 ^a	0.12	160	Very bright src
Full win 0.1-s burst	640x640	0.06	4.0	0.015	160	Inst team only

- CCD_ID = 0 & 1 run with the same observation mode.
 CCD_ID = 2 & 3 always run with the full window mode.
- ^aBurst mode data have 0.06 sec exposure window information, which should help pulsation search.



How to avoid pileups



- Reduce the frame exposure time
 - Xtend provides two additional observing modes.
- Use the full window mode and exclude the PSF core
 - Xtend PSF has a sharp core, where pileups occur.
 - The PSF tail may not suffer pileups.
 - The pileup estimator, pileest, helps find pileup pixels.





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Tamba et al. 2022



Non X-ray Background (NXB)



- Cosmic ray particles
 - 1. produce ionization charges when they traverse CCD chips.
 - 2. excite fluorescence X-rays, which the SXI may detect.
 - Event selection excludes most cosmic ray events but not all.
- Earth's magnetosphere alleviates cosmic ray radiation.
 - XRISM is in a low-Earth orbit.
 - Less charged particles than Chandra or XMM-Newton



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Non X-ray Background (NXB)



- No astronomical data during SAA with lots of charged particles.
- Cutoff Rigidity dependence
 - Total CR flux varies w/o changing spectral shape
 - Distribution changes on timescale of years
- More background in CCD rows far side from the readout.
- Xtend team collect NXB data from night earth observations and store them in CALDB. The data are accessible through xtdnxbgen.
- The team also provides a template NXB spectral model for c-stat fittings.



Sky Background

- The contribution may be non-negligible for extended sources
 - Local Hot Bubble/Foreground Emission ^{e.g., Snowden et al. 1998; Kuntz & Snowden 2000;} Yoshino et al. 2009; Masui et al. 2009; Ueda et al. 2022
 - Milky Way Halo
 - Solar Wind Charge eXchange
 - Near Galactic center e.g., <u>Uchiyama et al. 2013; Koyama 2018; Nobukawa & Koyama 2021</u>
 - Galactic Ridge X-ray Emission
 - Galactic Center X-ray Emission
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 - Cosmic X-ray Background
- They could also be interesting science objects (i.e., signals)!





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e.g., Kuntz & Snowden 2000; Yoshino et al. 2009; Masui et al. 2009

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- Similar to Suzaku XIS & Hitomi SXI
- 1. Reprocess data with the latest CALDB (xapipeline, xtdpipeline)
- 2. Extract image, spectrum, light curve (xselect, fselect, astropy, etc.) more filtering if needed (good time intervals, attitudes, etc.)
- 3. Make response files for spectral studies (xtdrmf, xaexpmap, xrtraytrace, xaarfgen)
- 4. Other procedures (barycen, detector background (xtdnxbgen), etc.)
- 5. Enjoy imaging/spectral/timing studies!





- The XRISM team will monitor Xtend data for transient sources before delivering data to the observers.
- The search is automatic, and the team will only analyze sources that show unusual brightness increases.
- If it's worth rapid announcements to the community, the team posts the findings to the Astronomer's Telegram or other appropriate sources.
- The observers are invited to the author list.
- If you don't want the team to touch your data, you can opt out by choosing "no" to the inquiry on the proposal form.







