Suzaku Observation of the Radio Halo Cluster Abell 2319: Hard X-ray Properties and Gas Dynamics

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(Abstract)

We present the results of Suzaku observation of the radio halo cluster Abell 2319. The metal abundance in the central cool region is found to be higher than the surrounding region, which was not resolved in the former studies. We find for the first time that the line-of-sight velocities of the intracluster medium in the observed region are clearly different than that of A2319B subgroup, though any velocity difference within the region is not detected. Hard X-ray emission from the cluster is clearly detected, but its spectrum is likely thermal. Although the results slightly depend on the detailed spectral modeling, it is robust that the upper limit of the power-law component flux and lower limit of the magnetic field strength become ~ 3×10^{-11} erg s⁻¹ cm⁻² and $\sim 0.2 \mu$ G, respectively. Considering the lack of a significant amount of very hot (~ 20 keV) gas and the strong bulk flow motion, it is more likely that the relativistic non-thermal electrons responsible for the radio halo are accelerated through the intracluster turbulence rather than the shocks.

Introduction

Diffuse non-thermal synchrotron radio emission is found in a significant fraction of galaxy clusters, which indicates that there exist both the relativistic electrons and magnetic field as well as the thermal intracluster medium (ICM) in the intracluster space. Although the origin of these nonthermal electrons is still unclear, some connections of radio halos and relics with dynamical motion of ICM are reported. GeV electrons in radio halos and relics are expected to emit non-thermal hard X-ray via inverse Compton process of CMB photons. Comparing the synchrotron radio flux and inverse Compton hard X-ray one (or its upper limit), we are able to estimate volume-averaged magnetic field strength (or its lower limit).

Hard X-ray Properties

•Hard X-ray emission from A2319 is clearly detected in the energy below ~40 keV •PIN alone spectrum is better represented by a thermal model.





•2006 October 27-30 •Exposure time: XIS 99.5 ks, HXD PIN 94.0 ks •SCI-on, HXD nominal pointing



ROSAT image overlaied with XIS (blue) and HXD PIN FWHM (magenda) FOV and A2319b (yellow)

Constraint of Non-thermal Components and Magnetic Field Strength

•The upper limit of the power-law component flux and lower limit of the magnetic field strength become $\sim 3 \times 10^{-11}$ erg s⁻¹ cm⁻² and $\sim 0.2 \ \mu$ G, respectively, though the results slightly depend on the detailed spectral modeling.

Flux of a power-law component in 10-40 keV and its upper limits			The lower limit of the magnetic field strength		
tuodel	But	spper limit		model	$B(\mu G)$
	(rid n_1 cm_5)	(erg s^-1 cm^-2)		1kT + PL(1.92)	> 0.19
kT+PL(1.92)	$1.1^{+0.8}_{-0.8}_{-1.4}\times10^{-11}$	$< 2.6 \times 10^{-11}$		1kT + PL(2.4)	> 0.27
3kT + PL(2.4)	$1.5^{+1.2+1.8}_{-1.3-1.1} \times 10^{-11}$	$< 1.8 \times 10^{-11}$		2kT + PL(1.92) 2kT + PL(2.4)	- 0.11
3kT+PL(1.92)	$0.0^{\pm 3.7}_{-0.9}{}^{\pm 3.7}_{-0.9}{}^{\pm 3.7}_{-0.9}{}^{\pm 10}_{-11}$	$< 4.3 \times 10^{-11}$			> 0.14
2iT + PL(2.4)	$0.0^{+2.2+4.8} \times 10^{-11}$	$< 4.5 \times 10^{-14}$			> 0.25

Temperature and Abundance Structures

•The central south-east regions (region 2, 3, 4) tend to have lower temperature, and higher abundance. These regions are just in the north-west of the cold front



Line-of-sight Velocities of the ICM

•It is clear that the observed velocities are different than that of A2319B subgroup. •No significant velocity difference is detected within the observed region. • $\Delta v < 940^{+1083}$ -1131 km/s. (cf. c_s~1700 km/s)



Line-of-sight velocity

Blue: A2319B subgroup Green: A2319A subgroup Red: A2319

XIS image

Summarv

♦ We observed the central region of the Abell 2319 with Suzaku.

We found for the first time that the central cool region in the north-west of the cold front has higher metal abundance

The line-of-sight velocities in the observed region are clearly different than that of A2319b subgroup.

No significant velocity difference is detected within the observed region, which means that the ICM motion is probably subsonic.

The upper limit of the power-law component flux and lower limit of the magnetic field strength become $\sim 3 \times 10^{-11}$ erg s⁻¹ cm⁻² and $\sim 0.2 \mu$ G, respectively, though the results slightly depend on the detailed spectral modeling.

Considering the lack of a significant amount of very hot (~ 20 keV) gas and the strong bulk flow motion, it is more likely that the relativistic non-thermal electrons are accelerated through the intracluster turbulence rather than the shocks.

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