



**Chandra X-Ray  
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**Zeta Orionis:** An O-star in the belt of Orion, the Hunter.

**Credit:** NASA/CXC/W. Waldron, J. Cassinelli

The X-ray spectrum of the O-star Zeta Orionis taken by NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory reveals clues about the structure of massive stars. Chandra's spectral data suggest that such massive O-stars may have magnetic loop structures on their surfaces similar to those found on the Sun. The color-coded CCD image to the upper right shows that Zeta Orionis is a binary star system. The HETG spectra was taken from the larger "A" component.

**Scale:** Image is 27 arcsec on a side.

*Chandra X-ray Observatory ACIS/HETG Image*

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