## Aditya L1: India's first dedicated solar space mission















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# Plan

- Introduce the seven payloads
- Science Objectives X
- Importance of coordinated observations from ground and space (METIS, PROAB3)
- Identifying complementarity
- Time line, Launch 2020-21
- Data policy -- Open

#### The complete list of payloads: (ISRO website)

- Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VELC): To study the diagnostic parameters of solar corona and dynamics and origin of Coronal Mass Ejections (3 visible and 1 Infra-Red channels); magnetic field measurement of solar corona down to tens of Gauss Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA)
- **Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT):** To image the spatially resolved Solar Photosphere and Chromosphere in near Ultraviolet (200-400 nm) and measure solar irradiance variations - Inter-University Centre for Astronomy & Astrophysics (IUCAA) **Aditya Solar wind Particle Experiment (ASPEX) : (**20 keV/n to 20 MeV/n) To study the variation of solar wind properties as well as its distribution and spectral characteristics – Physical Research Laboratory (PRL)
- **Plasma Analyser Package for Aditya (PAPA) :** (10 eV to 3 keV) To understand the composition of solar wind and its energy distribution Space Physics Laboratory **Solar Low Energy X-ray Spectrometer (SoLEXS) :** (1 -- 30 keV) To monitor the X-ray flares for studying the heating mechanism of the solar corona ISRO Satellite Centre **High Energy L1 Orbiting X-ray Spectrometer (HEL1OS):** (10 -150 keV) To observe the dynamic events in the solar corona and provide an estimate of the energy used to accelerate the particles during the eruptive events ISRO Satellite Centre (ISAC) and Udaipur Solar Observatory (USO), PRL
- **Magnetometer:** To measure the magnitude and nature of the Interplanetary Magnetic Field Laboratory for Electro-optic Systems (LEOS) and ISAC.

### Payload STOWED VIEW OF ADITYA-L1



## **PAYLOADS:** Remote Sensing (4) & In-situ (3) Instruments

- \* Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VELC)
- \* Solar Ultra-violet Imaging Telescope (SUIT)

\* Solar Low Energy X-ray
spectrometer (SoLEXS)
\* Hard X-ray L1 Orbiting
Spectrometer (HEL1OS)





### **Optical Layout of VELC**



## **VELC Imaging FOV**





# Instrument capabilities

Instrument specifications	Visible	Infrared	
Spectral lines (A)	5303 A and 7892 A 10747 A		
Continuum (A)	5000 A & 10 A bandwidth		
Detector size (pixels)	2160 x 2560 pixels	512 x 640	
Field of view (R <sub>sun</sub> )	1.05 – 3.0 continuum; 1.05 – 1.5 emission lines	1.05 – 1.5	
Spatial resolution	1.25 arcsec / pixel in emission; twice in cont.	4.0 arcsec / pixel	
Spectral resolution	0.065 and 0.095 A	0.200 A	
Velocity resolution	3.6 km/s; 1 pixel	5 km/s; 1 pixel	
Exposure times	0.1 – 5 sec	1-5 sec for spectroscopy Multiples of 10 sec for polarimetry	
Observing cadence	1 – 60 sec or slower	1-60 sec or slower	
Polarimetric accuracy		Better than 10 <sup>-4</sup>	
Observables	Emission line profiles Images in continuum	Emission line profiles	



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SOHO/EIT disk emission is shown for 2009 only. In 2006, only Fe XI with white light was





Unique data for monitoring temperature. Temperature variations in corona: different structures & different regions. Very long to short time variations.





clipse Imaging Observatio







Eclipse Imaging Observations

A sequence of CMEs above the western limb of the Sun in June 1996, observed by LASCO-C1 at a wave length of 5303 A. The time between two consecutive is roughly 45min. In the center of the images, the strength of the photospheric magnetic field is displayed in a color The photospheric magnetic field data from the Wilcox Solar Observatory.



3D study of acceleration of six CMEs using stereoscopic reconstruction on STEREO images (Joshi and Srivastava, 2011) shows that:

•Height of initial acceleration around  $< 2 R_{\odot}$ , while earlier studies found this height to be 2-4 R<sub> $\odot$ </sub> (Vrsnak 2001 ; Chen & Krall 2003).

Fast cadence observations from Aditya will help to confirm the above results and understand the role of initial acceleration in CMEs.

# CME: Initial Dynamics

THE ASTROPHYSICAL JOURNAL, 752:145 (12pp), 2012 June 20



# Global field

http://www.predsci.com/hmi/home.php



- What is the magnetic structure of the corona on large scales?
- How does the magnetic field change on a global scale? With different time scales.

# **Coronal Structures**

Eclipse Image (July 11, 2010) MHD Simulated Magnetic Conf



Image Courtesy: http://www.zam.fme.vutbr.cz/~druck/eclipse Model image: Linker http://www.predsci.com/corona/jul10eclipse/july10eclipse.html

### **VELC Scientific objectives (Spectroscopy)**

Diagnostics of the corona (Temperature, Velocity, & Heating of the corona and solar wind acceleration. Dynamics of the large scale transients (CMEs, Jets). Density!).

### **Uniqueness of the payload**

High-cadence, high- spatial and spectral resolution Simultaneous spectroscopic and imaging. Observations very close to solar limb (1.05 R). Magnetic field measurements.

# **SUIT instrument concept**

- Combined full disk medium- and narrow-band filter imager between 200nm and 400nm – covering different heights
- low straylight, high constrast imager is important, but neglected near UV portion of solar spectrum -Prominences
- FOV ~ 1.2 R to overlap the FOV of VELC – CME initiation studies
- Important for the lower solar atmosphere: source regions
- Irradiance science: Sun-EARTH



S. No.	Centre (nm)	Bandpass (nm)	Description	
1	214	1	Photosphere	SUIT Filters
2	274.7	0.4	Wing of Mg II k	
3	279.6	0.4	Mg II k	
4	280.3	0.4	Mg II h	
5	283.2	0.4	Wing of Mg II h	
6	300	1	Sunspots	
7	388	1	SuFI 300 nm with spatial resolution=	0.02"/pixel SuFI 300 nm (0.02"/pixel) • SUIT PSF (0.7"/pixel
8	397.8	0.1	1500	
9	200-242	42		
10	242-300	58		
11	320-360	40	500	
			0	

Figure: 300 nm SuFI (0.02 arcsec/pixel) Image (Left) convolved with SUIT's model PSF (spatial scale 0.7 arcsec/pixel)

# SUIT (NUV): Science Goals

- Evolution and Dynamics of Solar Prominences
- Sun-Climate Relationship



IRIS 1400 A Slit jaw images Radial gradient Filtered



Power maps in the different layers at the 3 minutes period band with the magnetogram

Samanta et al (2015)

## Coronal Rain: Pant et al. 2018

#### Table 2: Top Level Science requirements for SUIT

TOP LEVEL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS				
Spectral Coverage	200-400 nm			
Spectral Channels	11 (3 Broadband & 8 Narrowband- see Table 3 for details)			
Spatial Coverage	<ul> <li>a) Full disk (up to ~1.2 Solar Radii): ~38 arcmin</li> <li>b) Partial field (~512x512 sq. arcsecond adaptable region of interest on solar disk)</li> </ul>			
Temporal coverage	<ul> <li>Uninterrupted 24x7 coverage of:</li> <li>a) Full disk: every 30 mins in all 11 filters irrespective of modes of operation</li> <li>b) Partial field: every ~40 seconds in all 8 Narrowband filters</li> </ul>			
Angular resolution	1.4 arcsec on the Sun			
Minimum Signal to Noise Ratio	100 in dark regions			
Contrast	10:1 contrast between bright and dark features at 10" length scales			
Scattered/Stray light	Combined scattering at 10" scales a) For Bright spots: Should be less than 0.11% of mean Solar flux b) For dark spots, it is 0.036% of mean Solar flux			

# Combined Observations with VELC, SUIT and X-ray payloads

Importance of coordinated observations between ground And space from multiple vantage points

For coronal magnetic field measurements joint observing campaign with SO - ASOS-S - DKIST JOP/HOP/SOOP?

> Launch Date: End of 2020 Nominal mission 5 years

> > **Open Data Policy**

Watch out for Adítya (the sun God from Indía) @Lagrangían1 Thank you for your attention