Hello!

Large Projects in Astronomy Opportunities and Challenges

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Current & Future Facilities for India

ASTROSAT Launched by PSLV-C30 September 28, 2015



Next 5 years ADITYA L1



TMT

SKA

Next Decade

LIGO-India

Schemater layout of proposed Autors LT Educator









Thirty Meter Telescope

Caltech University of California Canada Japan China India

The Primary Mirror

30m equivalent hyperboloidal primary mirror, 492 segments, 1.44m each, Collecting area 655 sq m FOV 20 arcmin, 0.31 to 28 micron band pass Angular resolution with AO ~7 mas

92 segments,

44m each

Area 655m²





36 Segments

492 Segments

<u>TMT</u>



50m tall, 56m wide, 1430 tonnes moving mass of telescope, optics and instruments.

TMT Segment Support Assembly





Simulated near-IR image of the central 17x17 arcsec of the Galaxy at TMT resolution



The TMT-India Partnership

Indian Institute of Astrophysics Lead Institute, TMT-India Centre **Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences Other Research Institutes University Departments**

India-TMT role in the project

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Emphasis was given to WPs whose knowhow could directly help to take-up projects such as 10-12-m within the country.



✓TMT science Center-under proposal

LIGO India

Direct Detection of Gravitational Waves



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Schematic of the Advanced LIGO Detector



<u>LIGO</u> <u>Hanford</u>





The Reach of Advanced LIGO



Sensitivity 10 x LIGO Volume 1000 x LIGO Event Rate

>>1000 x LIGO

A day in the life of A-LIGO ~ A year in the life of LIGO First Detection GW 150914





<u>GW 150914</u>

Primary black hole mass Secondary black hole mass Final black hole mass Final black hole spin Luminosity distance Source redshift *z*



Global Network of Gravitational Wave



Science Gain from Strategic Geographical Relocation







The LIGO-India Partnership

Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics Site Survey, LIGO Science and Data Centre, HRD **Institute for Plasma Research** Vacuum, Controls **Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology** Laser, Detector, Controls, Next Generation Developments **The IndIGO Consortium IISER, IIT, IISc, Universities, Institutes...**

Big Data in Astronomy

ASTROSAT data flow



<u>GMRT</u>



Pulsar Timing Data 40 TB/yr uGMRT = 10 x GMRT

National Centre for Radio Astrophysics – Tata Institute of Fundamental Research Array of 30 parabolic reflectors, each of 45m diametre Baseline ~25km 50-1500 MHz





South Africa – Australia 2020, 2024 ~3000 dishes, 15m diameter 70MHz-10GHz, <0.1" 45 TB/sec exits correlators 500 PB/yr archival data Hexaflop computing

High Performance Computing Facilities Data Centres

Data Analytics:

Domain Knowledge Mathematics Statistics Visualisation Data Mining Machine Learning Deep learning Headline in The Times of India and The Economic Times, May 8, 2016

"Sexiest Job in the 21st Century: Data Analytics..."

Mega-Projects and Young Astronomers

Are these long term projects relevant to young astronomers?

Is developmental work possible while remaining astronomers?

Is there a place for theorists?

Are the projects preventing individuality?

What will trained people do after finishing with projects? Is there only jobless growth?

How does on keep up with cutting edge IT?

Thank You!

ASTROSAT





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Aditya-L1 Solar Space Mission

- First Indian space mission to study the Sun.
- The spacecraft will be in an halo orbit around the from an Halo orbit around the Sun-Earth Lagrangian Point L1, which is at a distance of ~1.5 million km from the Earth.
- The 1.5 ton satellite will carry seven payloads to observe the Solar photosphere, chromosphere and corona
- Launch by PSLV-XL is expected in 2019-20.

Visible Emission Line Coronagraph

Internally occulted Solar coronagraph capable of simultaneous imaging spectroscopy and spectro-polarimetry close to the Solar limb.

It is designed to image the Solar corona at 500 nm with angular resolution ~5 arcsec with FOV 1.05- 3 R_{Sun} .

It will help study the coronal plasma, heating of the corona, origin and dynamics of coronal mass ejections and measurement of coronal magnetic fileds over active regions.



IIA, USO, ISRO Centres

Figure 1. Optical layout of Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VELC).

1570 mm

Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope



Figure 5. SUIT payload with all the subsystems.

Thermal filter transmits Angular resolution of 1.4

SUIT will for the first time provide full disk observations in the near-UV. It will

- Measure and monitor Solar radiation in NUV (200-400 nm)
- Simultaneously map the photosphere and chromosphere using 11 filters covering different heights in the Solar atmosphere.
- Measure and monitor spatially resolved Solar spectral irradiance that governs the chemistry of oxygen and ozone in the Earth's atmosphere.

IUCAA, IISER Kolkata, IIA, ISRO Centres.

In Situ Experiments

- There are three *in situ* experiments: Aditya Solar wind Particle Experiment; Plasma Analyser Package for Aditya and a Magnetometer Package.
- The three payloads will sample heliospheric data at L1.
- A unique opportunity to get a better understanding of the inner heliosphere, and predict space weather more accurately.

PRL, IISER-Pune, Udaipur Solar Observatory, Space Physics Laboratory, Laboratory or Electro-Optical Systems

X-ray Spectrometers on Aditya-L1

- The mission will have two high spectral resolution X-ray spectrometers to study Solar flares.
- A soft X-ray spectrometer will cover the range 1-30 keV, while a hard spectrometer will cover 10-150 keV.
- The instruments together will enable the study of Solar flare plasma parameters and accelaration mechanism of energetic particles.

Helios-1 Payload



Figure 4. Engineering model of the HEL1OS payload.