

Sun Radio Imaging Space Experiment (SunRISE)

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Solar and Space Physics

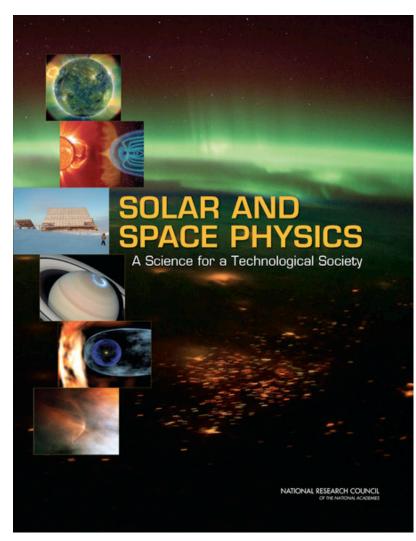
Goal 1. Determine the origins of the Sun's activity and predict the variations in the space environment.

Goal 2. Determine the dynamics and coupling of Earth's magnetosphere, ionosphere, and atmosphere

Goal 3. Determine the interaction of the Sun with the solar system and the interstellar medium.

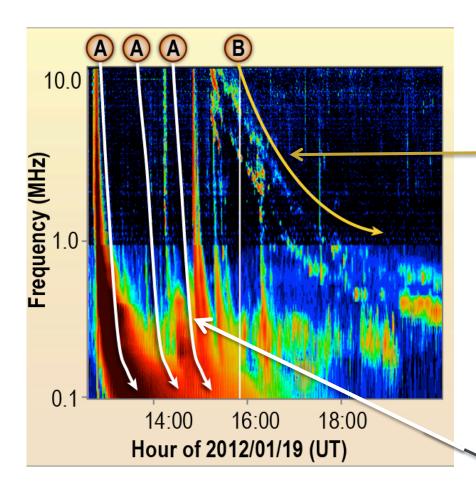
Goal 4. Discover and characterize fundamental processes that occur both within the heliosphere and throughout the universe.

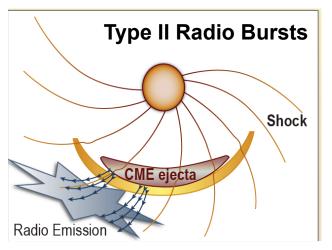
SHP Panel Goal 3. Determine how magnetic energy is stored and explosively released.



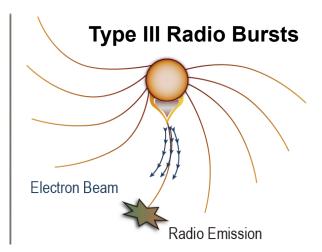
Solar Radio Bursts

Type II and III





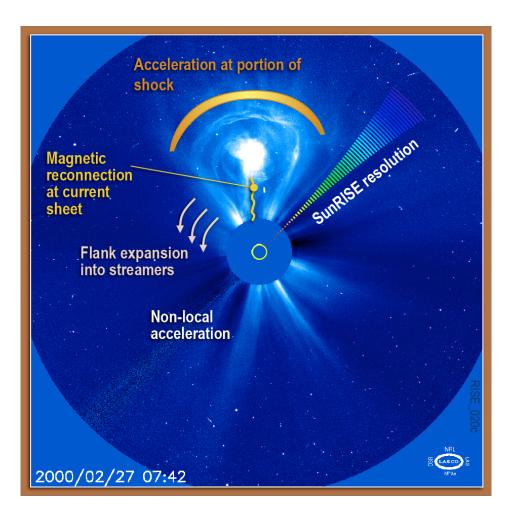
Slowly descending in frequency as coronal mass ejections expand into heliosphere



Rapidly drop in frequency as electron beams escape from active regions along open field lines

SunRISE Objective #1

The Acceleration of Solar Energetic Particles

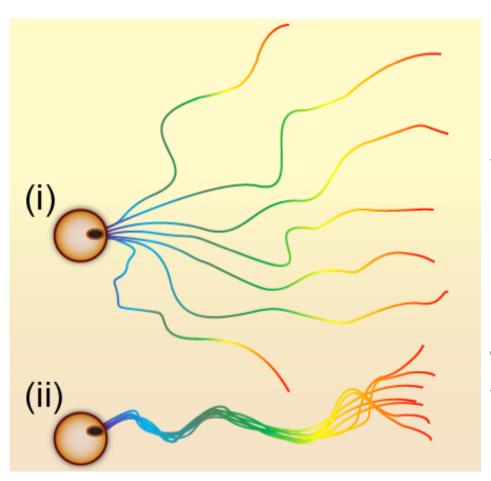


Discriminate competing hypotheses for the generation of solar energetic particles by measuring the location and morphology of associated Type II radio emissions.

Major solar energetic particle events proceeded (95% of time) by Type II radio burst below 15 MHz

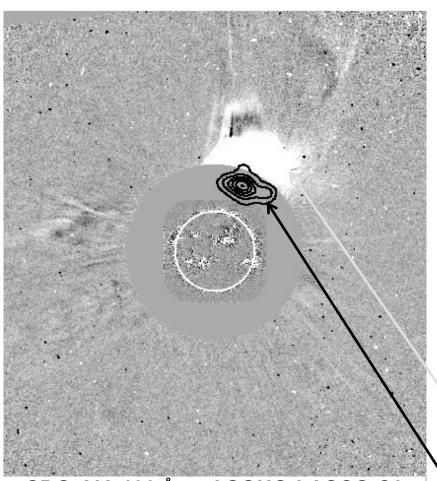
SunRISE Objective #2

The Release of Solar Energetic Particles into Space



Discriminate competing hypotheses for the variable magnetic connection between active regions and the inner heliosphere by reconstructing magnetic field lines associated with Type III radio bursts.

CME Evolution and Particle Acceleration



Ground-based measurements limited to $r \sim 2 R_{\odot}$

Limited frequency range cannot track evolution, limits extent to which radio-optical images can be aligned /correlated

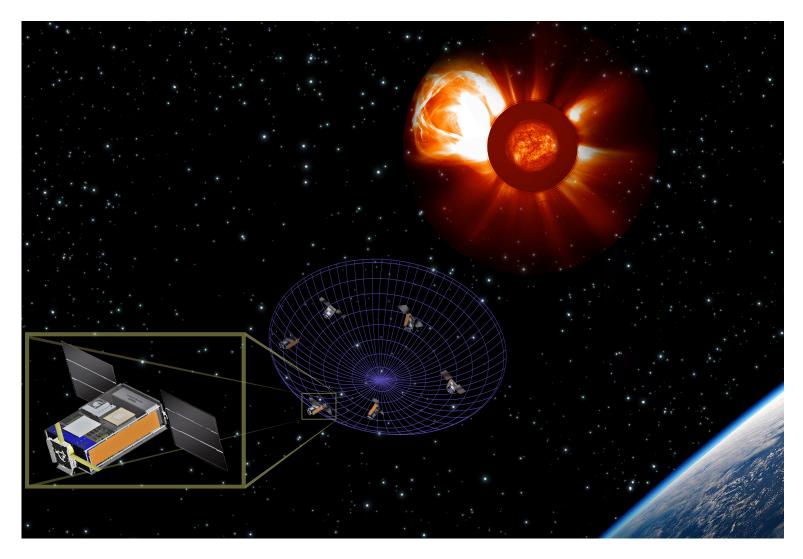
CME (white light)

80 MHz Gauribidanur image

SDO-AIA 193 Å and SOHO-LASCO C2 images

Science Implementation Concept

Synthetic Aperture!



Space-based Low Radio Frequency Arrays

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A low frequency radio array for space

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Summary. At the lowest radio frequencies (<30 MHz), the Earth's ionosphere transmits poorly or not at all. This relatively unexplored region of the electromagnetic spectrum is thus an area where high resolution, high sensitivity observations from space can open a new window for astronomical investigations. An array of free flying spacecraft which work as a coherent interferometer will be able to probe this frequency range. Operating from ~1 to ~30 MHz, such a telescope will extend astronomy from just above the ionospheric cutoff, where ground based observations can still be done, down to the fundamental physical limit where observations at still lower frequencies from within the Milky Way are impossible due to absorption by diffuse, ionized interstellar hydrogen.

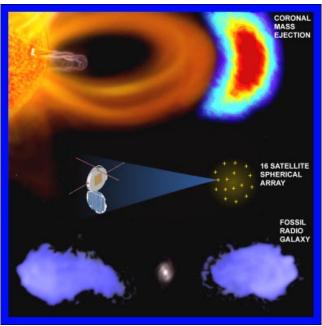
telescopes. Only a few dedicated workers have continued to study the dekameter-hectometer wavelength radiation.

The most extensive investigations at the very lowest frequencies have been carried out with the Radio Astronomy Explorer (RAE) satellites 1 and 2 (Weber, Alexander, and Stone, 1971; Alexander and Novaco, 1974) in Earth and lunar orbit, respectively. They were launched at different dates and used as single survey antennas with their travelling wave V-antennas yielding only steradian resolution. Ground-based observations are normally confined to frequencies > 10 MHz during solar minimum or > 20 MHz during solar maximum, and only under special conditions at preferred locations does the ionosphere transmit radiation at frequencies as low as 2 to 5 MHz (Reber, 1968; Ellis

The scientific rewards of such a space mission are likely to be great. ... a low frequency telescope in space can ... study the impulsive low frequency emission from Jupiter and the Sun

The Astronomical Low Frequency Array

Viewing the Sun and Universe in a New Light



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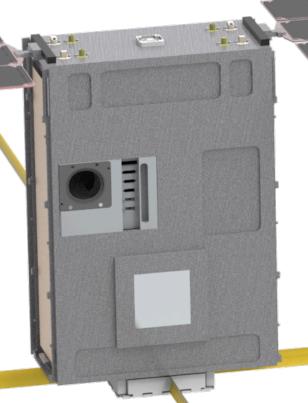
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Spacecraft

MarCO + DHFR



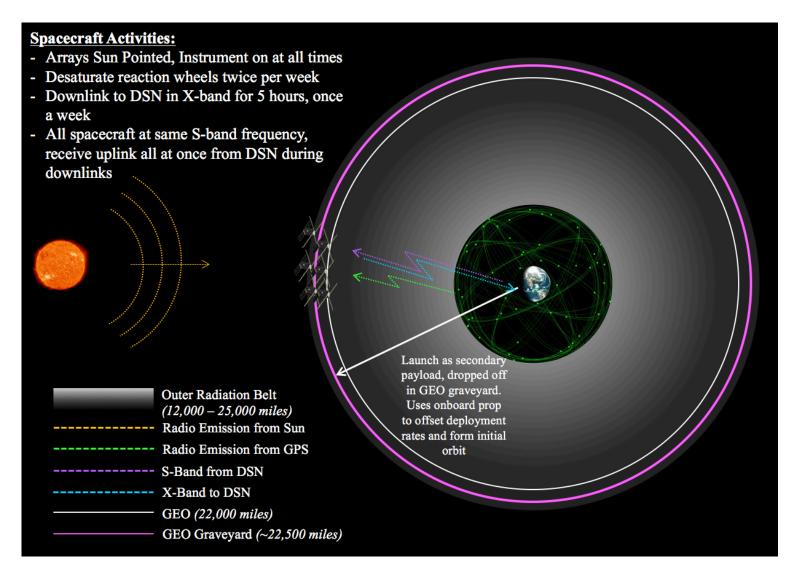
6U spacecraft (10 cm × 20 cm × 30 cm)

+ 6 m antennas

Science Payload Testing



Concept of Operations

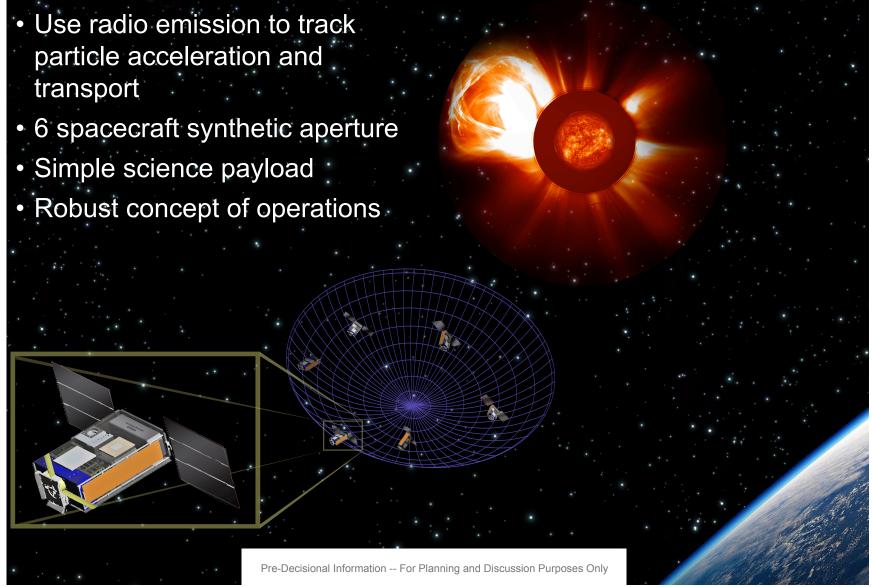


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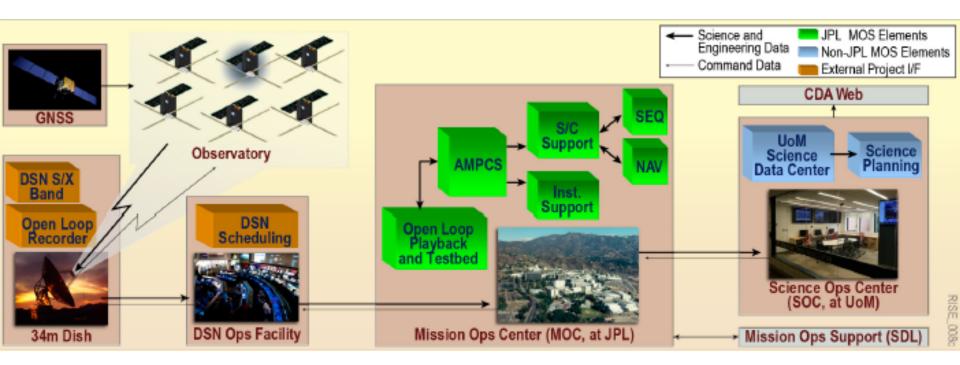
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Mission Concept



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End-to-End Information System



Position Determination

