Preview of First Results from Hi-C 2.1 and Coordinated Observations

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************ Cameras & Optics ************
Hi-C: High-resolution Coronal imager

- Telescope design capable of ~0.2-0.3” (~150 km) spatial resolution imaging of the corona.

- Requires high rocket pointing stability to achieve resolution goal (Sparcs system).

- Capable of high-cadence observations through rapid CCD readout duration (~2 seconds) and data storage system.
Hi-C 1: High-resolution Coronal imager

Hi-C 1 Launch
White Sands, NM
July 11, 2012

Hi-C recovery team

Data available via the Virtual Solar Observatory (VSO).

Guidebooks available at hic.msfc.nasa.gov.

SDO/AIA 193 Å

AR 11520
Hi-C 1: High-resolution Coronal imager

Bandpass – **193 Å** [~1 & 10MK]

26 publications for 5 minutes of data! [https://hic.msfc.nasa.gov/publications.html]

Science highlights:

- Braided loops triggering energy release through magnetic reconnection
  - (Cirtain et al. 2013, Nature)
- Subflare triggers
- Nanoflare heating
- Loop sub-structure
- Moss dynamics
- Penumbral jets
- Flows along filament threads
- MHD waves
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Hi-C 2: High-resolution Coronal imager

Hi-C 2 mirror recoated to explore the important Chromospheric-Coronal Connection by targeting specific candidates likely to contribute to coronal heating:

1. Type II spicules
2. Hot active region core loops

Updates for re-flight:

- Cooler bandpass centered on 172 Å (~.6 MK)
- Significant improvement in camera quality (new MSFC-build designed for super low noise)
- IRIS!
Hi-C 2: High-resolution Coronal imager

Fantastic flight performance verification of the low-noise MSFC-built camera.
Hi-C 2...: High-resolution Coronal imager

Cleaned up

Checked alignment

Upgraded cooling system

Added Hall Effect Sensor

Re-proposed
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3.5 months after ATP....
Hi-C 2.1: High-resolution Coronal imager

Hi-C 2.1 Launch
White Sands, NM
May 29, 2018
Hi-C 2.1: High-resolution Coronal imager

2018 May 29
18:54 UT

Target: AR 12712

~ 15 minute flight
~ 5 minutes of solar viewing data
Hi-C 2.1
172 Å

With Jitter
Hi-C 2.1
172 Å

Without Jitter
Hi-C 2.1: What makes this instrument work?

- HIGH SPATIAL RESOLUTION
- HIGH TEMPORAL RESOLUTION
- LOW NOISE CAMERA
- COORDINATED DATA SETS
IRIS observations of a subset of the region at high resolution and spectra will be used to tie small features in the chromosphere to those in the corona.
Hi-C 2.1: IRIS coordinated data

Provided by B. DePontieu
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IRIS 1300 FOV

Hi-C 172
IRIS Si IV
IRIS Mg II k

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Hi-C 2.1: Hinode coordinated data

All three Hinode instruments successfully captured the Hi-C 2.1 region.

- XRT provides coronal context of the movement of hot plasma in the upper atmosphere above the Hi-C features.
- EIS provides narrowband spectra of the hot coronal loops thereby precisely measuring plasma flow properties.
- SOT-SP provides underlying magnetic field information to high precision.
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XRT Be-thin

EIS Fe XIII

SOT-SP Profiles

XRT provided by K. Reeves
Hi-C 2.1: Hinode coordinated data

EIS BACK just in time!

Provided by H. Warren & D. Brooks
Hi-C 2.1: Additional Coordinated Data Sets

- NSO / IBIS
- NuSTAR
- BBSO
- Owens Valley
- ~SST
Hi-C 2.1: IBIS coordinated data

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IBIS Mosaic
14:19 – 15:13 UT
Ca II 8542 Å

Provided by K. Reardon
Hi-C 2.1: IBIS coordinated data

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Hi-C 2.1: IBIS coordinated data

Hi-C 172 Å
18:56:22 UT

IBIS Ca II 8542 Å
18:56:53 UT
Hi-C 2.1: IBIS coordinated data

IBIS Mosaic
14:19 – 15:13 UT
H\(\alpha\) 6563 Å
0.098 “/pixel

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Hi-C 172 Å
18:56:22 UT

IBIS Hα 6563 Å
18:56:22 UT

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Hi-C 2.1: NuSTAR coordinated data

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Hard X-ray Astrophysics Mission
High Sensitivity

5 orbits on day of launch,
primarily targeting AR 12712

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Hi-C 2.1: NuSTAR coordinated data

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Hi-C 2.1: Additional Coordinated Data Sets

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Hi-C 2.1: Science topics being pursued

- Thin, stranded loops [width variations]
- Flows between transition region, chromosphere, and corona
- Spicules
- Nano/microflares
- Moss/Plage brightenings
- Flows along loops
- Waves
- Mini-jets
- Etc.
Hi-C 2.1: AGU plug

Add AGU session approved for highlighting suborbital results.

Hi-C 2.1 science results expected to be presented in this session!
Hi-C 2.1: POCs

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Thanks, and stay tuned....