Auroral emission at Jupiter *through Juno's* UVS eyes

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Juno Spacecraft



Jovian Infrared Auroral Mapper (JIRAM)

Gravity Science

Plasma Waves Instrument (WAVES)

SPACECRAFT DIMENSIONS Diameter: 66 feet (20 meters) Height: 15 feet (4.5 meters)

For more information: missionjuno.swri.edu & www.nasa.gov/juno

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Juno's Instruments

- Gravity Science and Magnetometers Study Jupiter's deep structure by mapping the planet's gravity field and magnetic field
- Microwave Radiometer

Probe Jupiter's deep atmosphere and measure how much water (and hence oxygen) is there

JEDI, JADE and Waves

Sample electric fields, plasma waves and particles around Jupiter to determine how the magnetic field is connected to the atmosphere, and especially the auroras (northern and southern lights)

UVS and JIRAM

Using ultraviolet and infrared cameras, take images of the atmosphere and auroras, including chemical fingerprints of the gases present

JunoCam

Take spectacular close-up, color images

Jovian Auroral Distributions Experiment (JADE)

Microwave Radiometer (MWR)

Jupiter Energetic-particle Detector Instrument (JEDI) / Magnetometer

Juno UltraViolet Spectrograph UVS (PI: G.R. Gladstone)





Dog bone shaped slit





Slit projected onto XDL MCP detector 256 "pixels" (spatial) / 2048 pixels (spectral)



Juno orbit





33 14-Day orbits



UVS segment: ~6 hours of continuous operations

> UVS observes aurora < 2% of orbit we need HST for the rest (> 98%)

of the time

Grodent et al., 2015 HST White Paper (ArXiv)

Juno is spin stabilized at 2 RPM: 1 rotation every 30 seconds in a plane containing the UVS boresight



Use this rotation to scan the auroral region



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Use 143 maps accumulated for 10 sec (STIS ttag) \Rightarrow 4D Build H₂ spectrum for each pixel \Rightarrow 5D







Aurora sitting on dayside terminator Altitude_{start} = 3.6 R_J (50% night-50% day) Instantaneous spat. res. ~ 156 km x 893 km / pix² Dark count rate ~ 216 kC/s









Altitude_{start} = 2.04 R_J Instantaneous spat. res. ~ 89 km x 509 km / pix² Dark count rate ~ 6 kC/s









Aurora fully in nightside Altitude_{start} = 0.66 R_J S/C magnetic footprint on main emission Instantaneous spat. res. ~ 29 km x 165 km / pix² Dark count rate ~ 72 kC/s







Aurora fully in nightside Altitude_{start} = 1.6 R_J S/C magnetic footprint on main emission Instantaneous spat. res. ~ 70 km x 397 km / pix² Dark count rate ~ 1112 kC/s \Rightarrow 40 kC/s



