

# Solar Orbiter

## Remote Sensing Instruments

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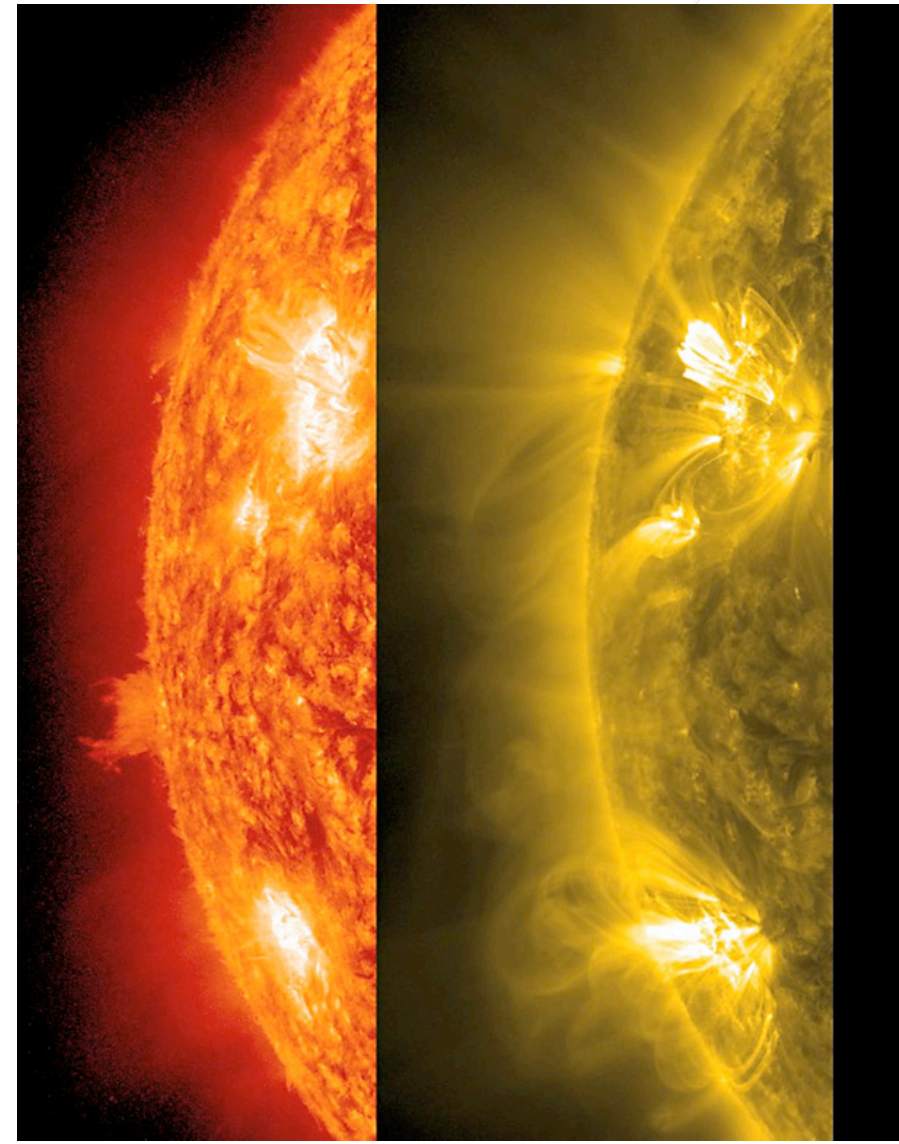
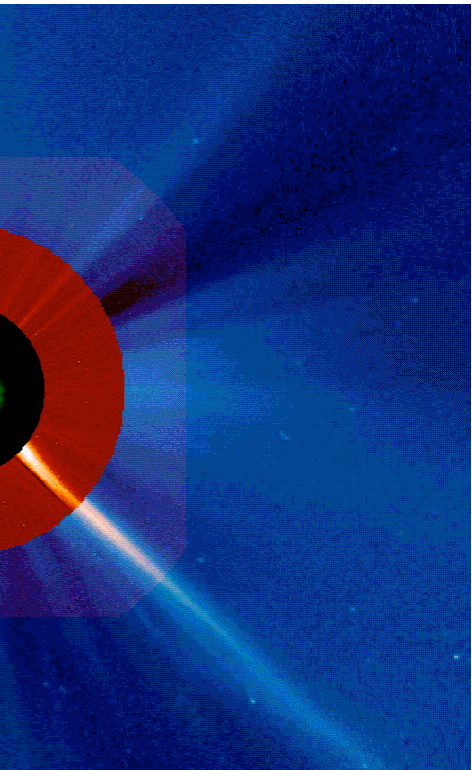
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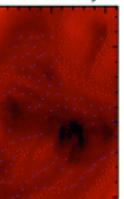


# Solar corona, wind and magnetic activity

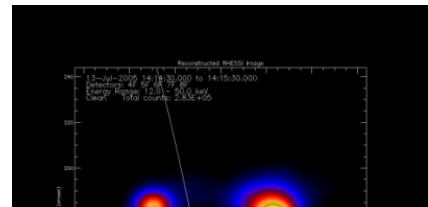
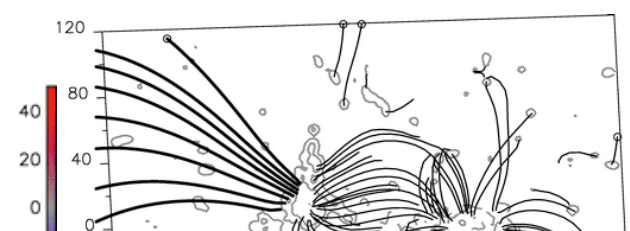
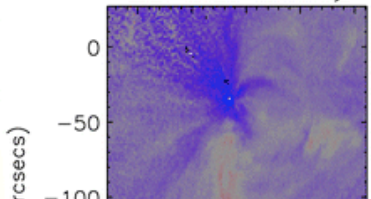
## dynamic heliosphere



Intensity



EIS 195, velocity



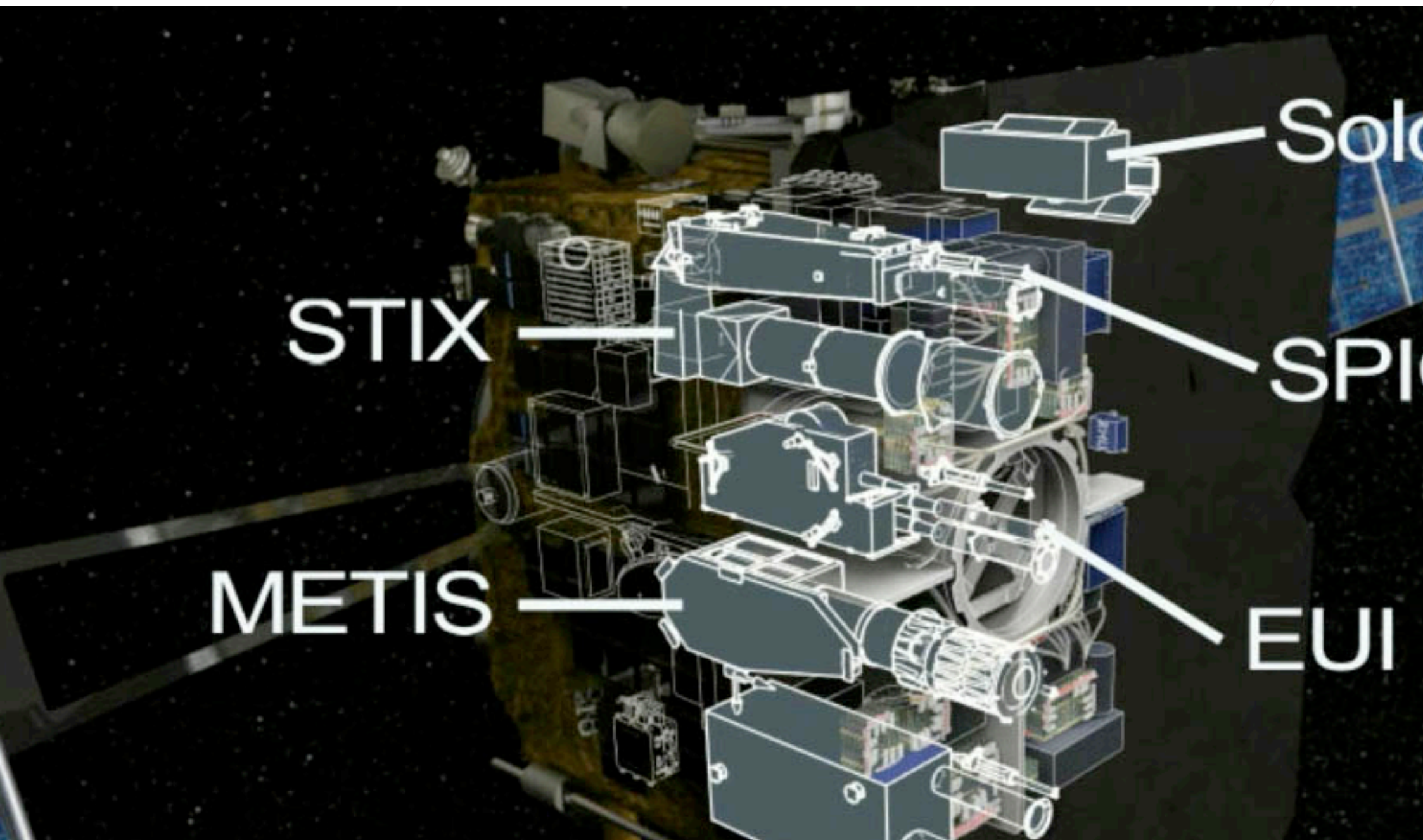
# remote sensing instruments



Investigation	PI	Countries involved	Measurement	Technique
Asymmetric and Seismic Imager	S. Solanki (MPS)	D, E, F	Vector magnetic field and line of sight velocity in the photosphere	High resolution telescope, off axis Ritchey-Chretien, Fabry-Pérot telescope, refractor, Fabry-Pérot filtergraph.
Imager (EUI)	P. Rochus (CSL)	B, UK, F, D, CH	Full disk EUV and high resolution EUV and Lyman $\alpha$ imaging of the solar atmosphere	Full Sun imager: dual band off axis Herschelian, 2 high resolution imagers, EUV $\alpha$ off axis Ritchey-Chretien
Spectrometer Telescope (STIX)	A. Benz (FHNW)	CH, PL, D, CZ, F	Solar thermal and non-thermal X-ray emission (4-150 keV)	Fourier transform imaging, CZT detectors
Coronagraph (METIS)	E. Antonucci (INAF-OATo)	I, D, CZ	Visible, UV and EUV imaging of the solar corona.	Externally occulted coronagraph
Coronagraphic Imager (HI)	R. Howard (NRL)	USA	White light imaging of the extended corona	Wide angle lens with aperture stop
Imaging of the Solar Environment (EUI)	Consortium lead: A. Fludra	ESA facility instrument, F, D, N, CH, UK	EUV spectroscopy of the solar disk and low corona	Off axis paraboloid telescope, TVLS grating spectrograph



# Remote-sensing Instruments





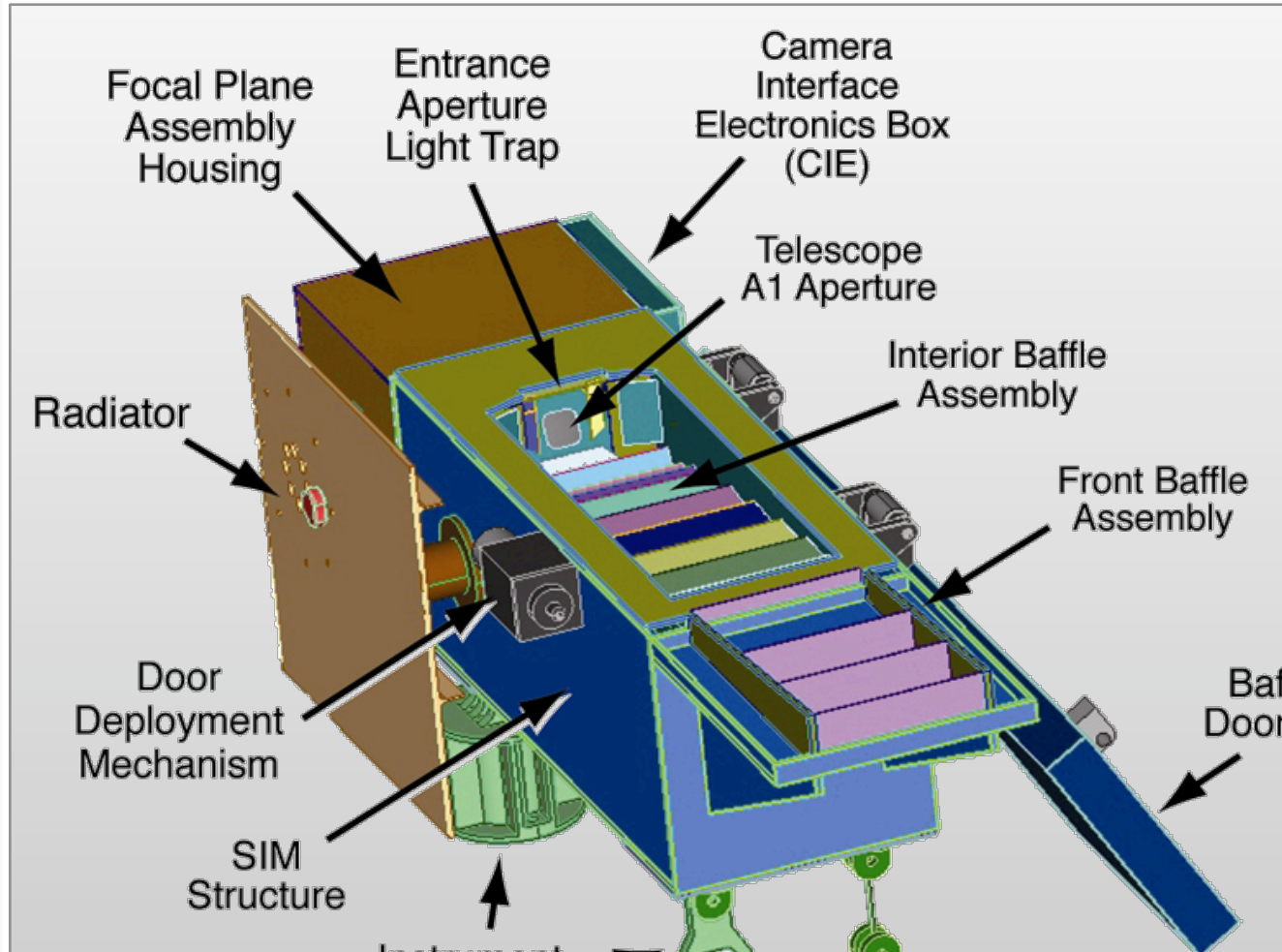
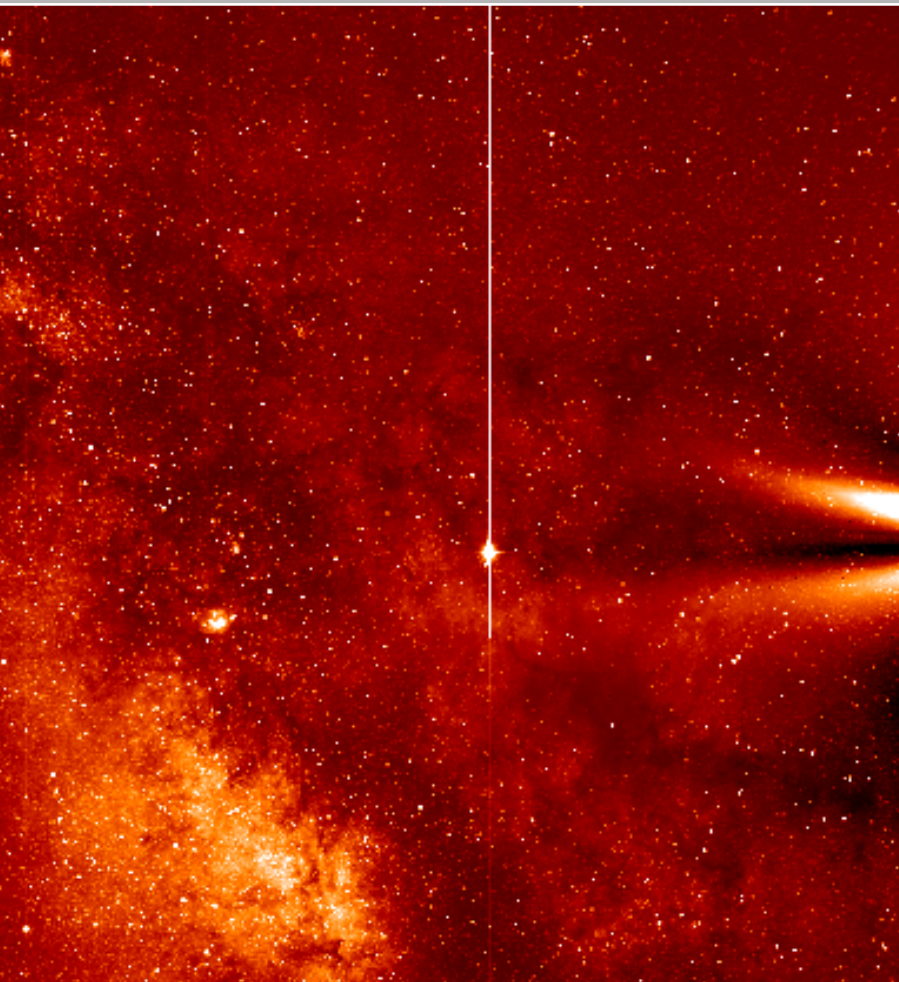
# HI – heliospheric imager

Wide-Field Imager of the Heliosphere From 5 to 45 deg From the Sun

Visible Light Observations

Simple Telescope: No Mechanisms Other Than One-Shot Door

Next-Generation 4Kx4K APS Sensor



# Solar Orbiter Heliospheric Imager (SoloHI)

## Overview

SoloHI is an evolution of the heliospheric imager developed for the STEREO SECCHI instrument.

The field of view of SoloHI is 40 degrees, twice that of SECCHI-1. At perihelion it will have resolution comparable to ASCO/C2 with the C3 field of view

is a visible-light telescope that images the light scattered from free electrons in the solar wind plasma

thus it observes solar wind structures – streamers or plasma sheets, CMEs, density fluctuations, comets, etc.



# Spectroscopy

externally occulted coronagraph designed for:

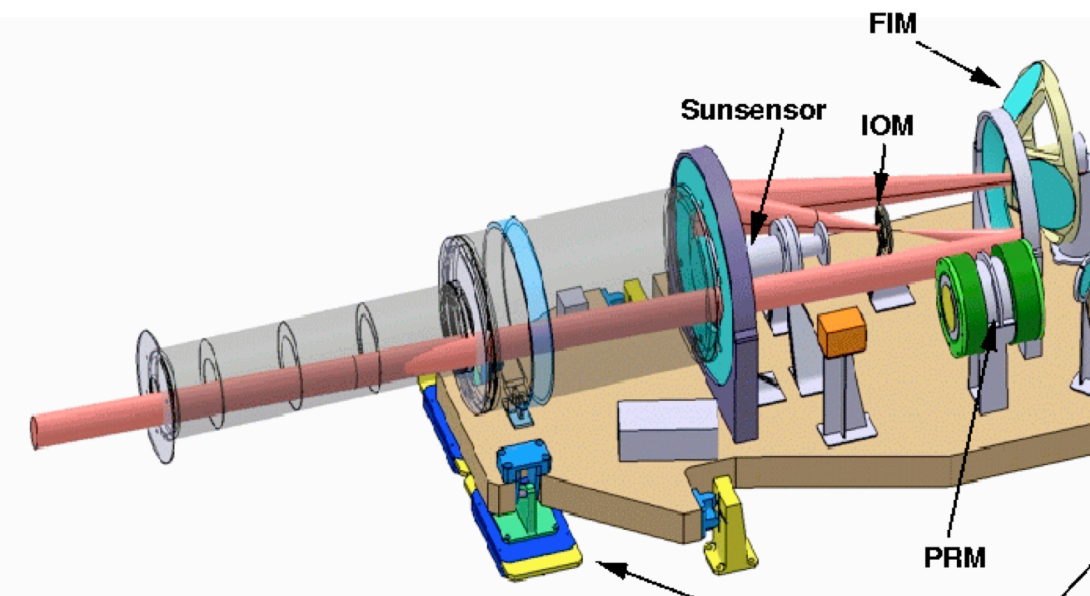
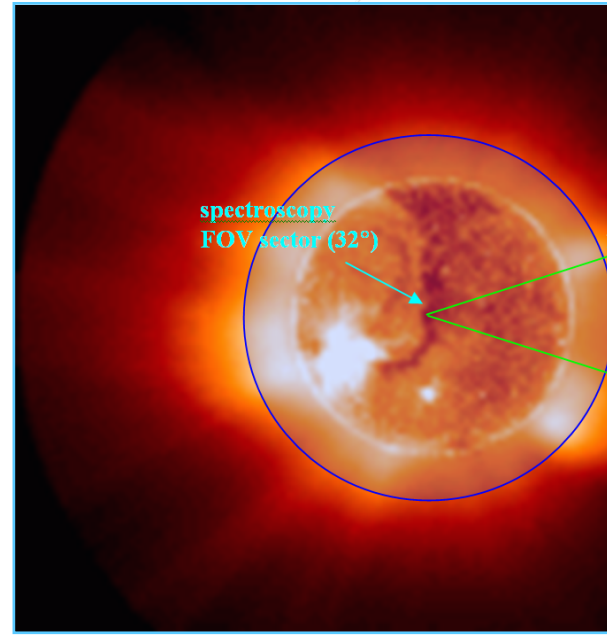
- red-band imaging - polarized VL K-corona
- low-band imaging - UV corona (HI Ly $\alpha$ , 1216 Å)
- low-band imaging - EUV corona (HeII Ly $\alpha$ , 30.4 Å)

near FOV: 1.5 - 3.0 R $_{\odot}$  at min perihelion 0.28 AU

spectro-imaging - HI, HeII lines

coronal sector (3 FOV) in UV/ EUV

simultaneous UV, VL coronal images



# STIS objectives

characterize the

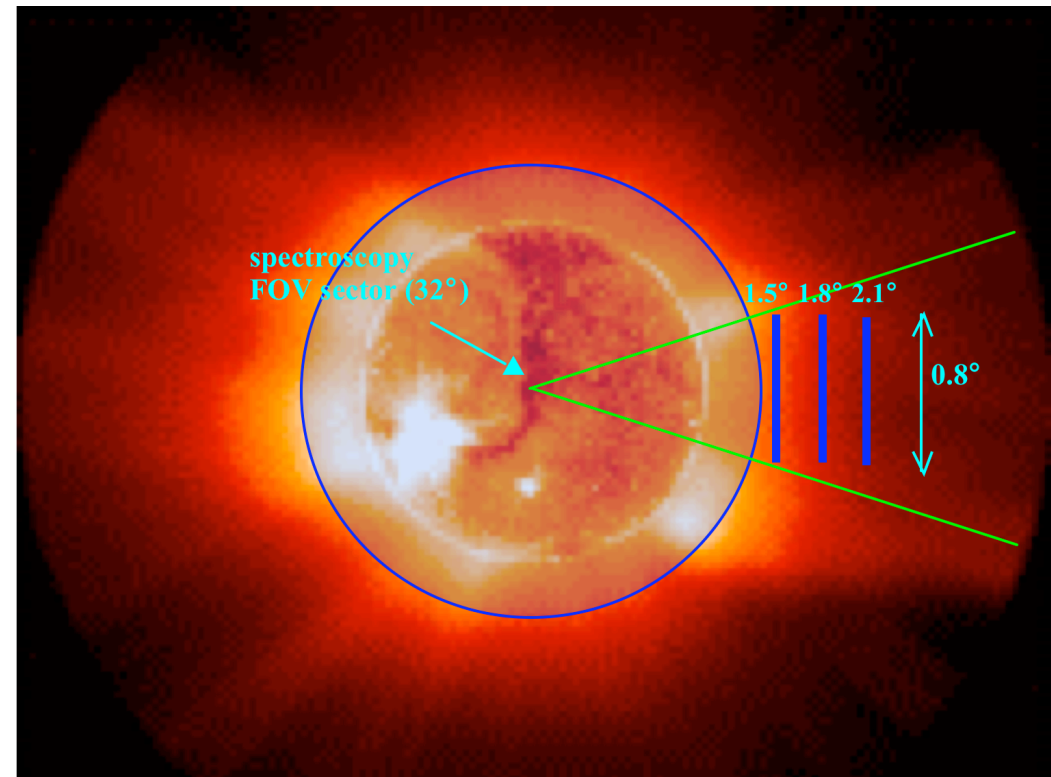
physics and composition of the major plasma components ( $e^-$ , H, He)

in the corona and solar wind acceleration sites

velocity/abundance maps H, He,  $e^-$

low velocity maps of H, He

velocity distribution of H, He





# STIX

## Imaging X-ray Spectrometer/Telescope for Imaging X-rays

STIX will play an important role in answering two of Solar Orbiter's main science questions:

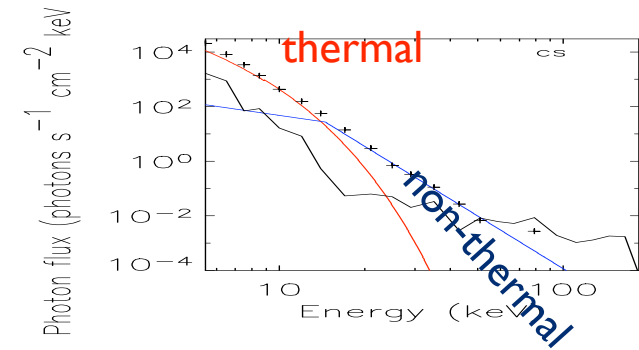
**How and where are energetic particles accelerated at the Sun and how are they transported into interplanetary space?**

X-ray images → location flare of accelerated electrons  
X-ray spectra → spectrum and intensity of electrons

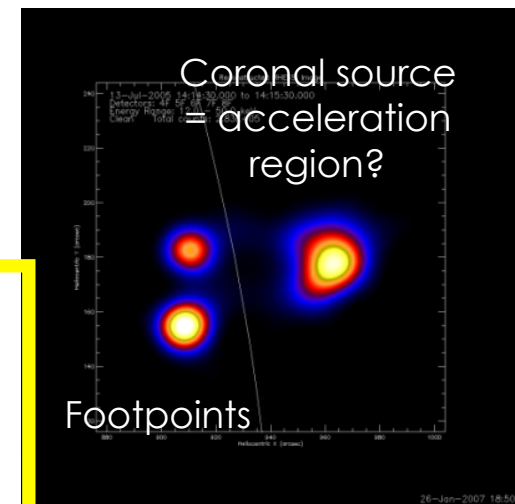
**What is the magnetic connection from Solar Orbiter back to the Sun?**

Combined observations with RPW and EPD  
→ magnetic structure, field line length and connectivity

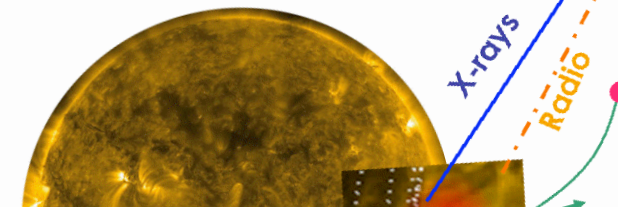
STIX plays a key role in linking remote sensing and in-situ observations on Solar Orbiter



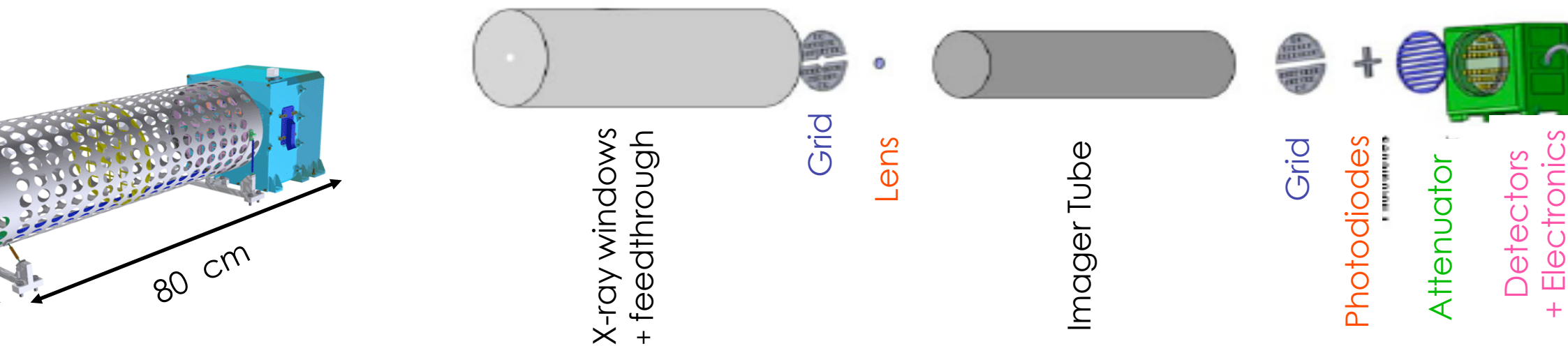
Typical flare spectrum



RHESSI image of a flare



# HIA design



Cadmium-Telluride detectors → energy and timing of incident X-ray

- Wide energy range (4 – 150 keV)

- High spectral (1-15 keV) and temporal ( $\geq 0.1$  s) resolution

Imaging via Fourier technique (similar to Yohkoh HXT and related to RHESSI)

- Observes full solar disc at all times

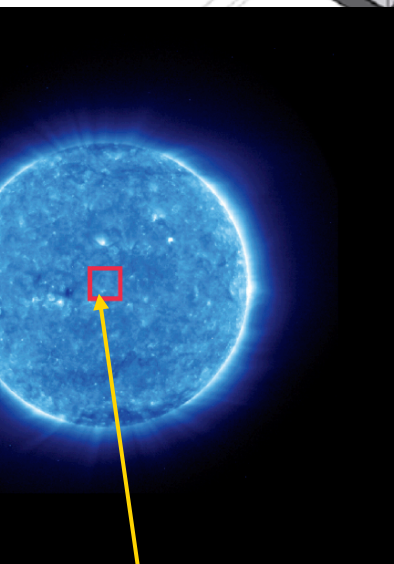
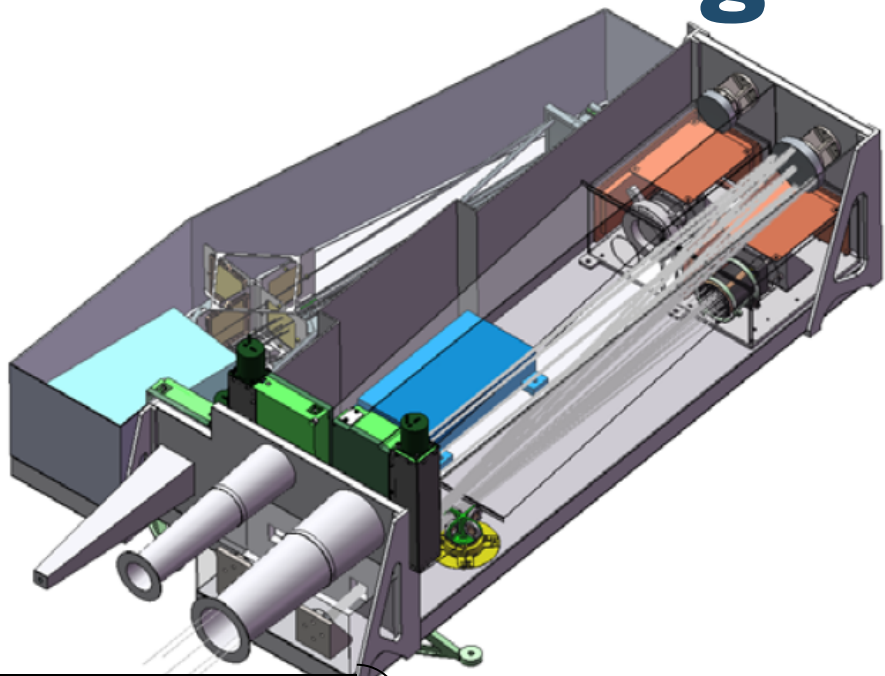
- Flare locator → flare flag for other instruments on Solar Orbiter

Own aspect system to determine absolute pointing and relative pointing with respect to other Solar Orbiter instruments

HIA will have a higher sensitivity than RHESSI, with comparable image quality and spectral and spatial resolution. It will be

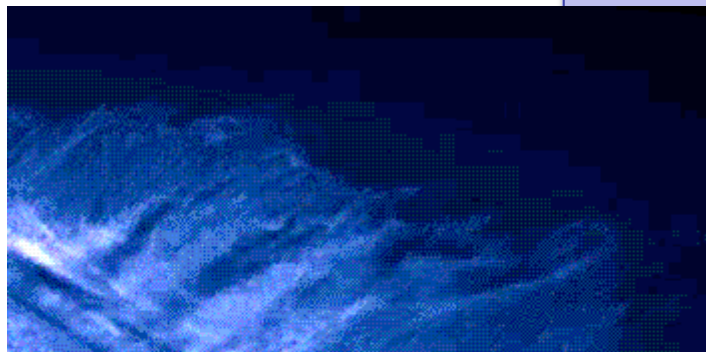


# UV Imagers



FSI -  
full Sun  
imager

HRI - high  
resolution imager



## High Resolution Imager: Lyman

**Subsec-100s cadence**

**Pixel=100km@ perihelion**

High Resolution Imager:

Fe IX/X 17.4

1-100s cadence

Pixel=100km@ perihelion

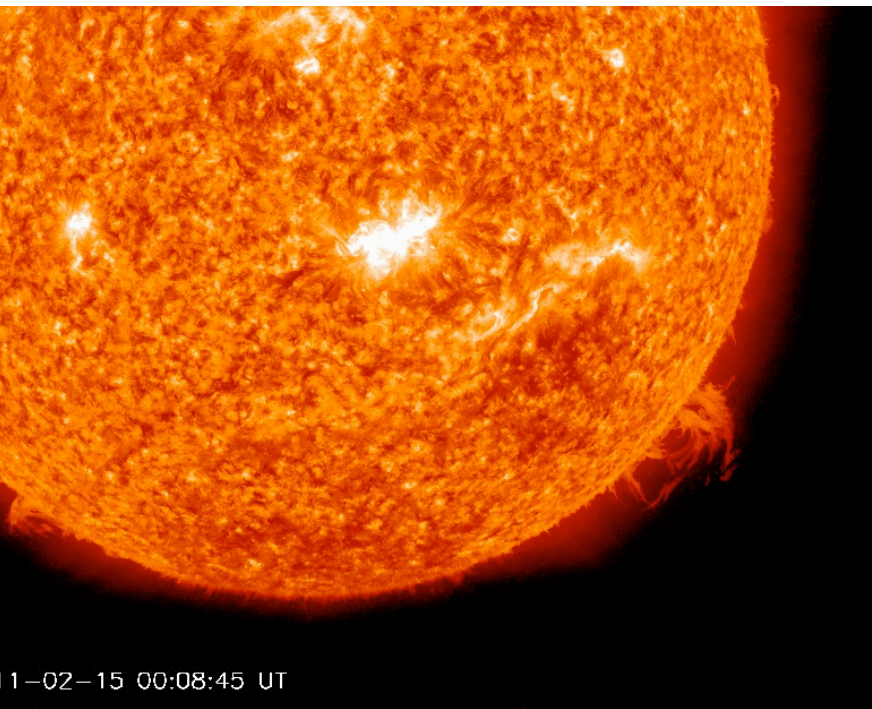
**Full Sun Imager:**

**Fe IX/X 17.4 & He II:30.4**

**10-600s cadence**

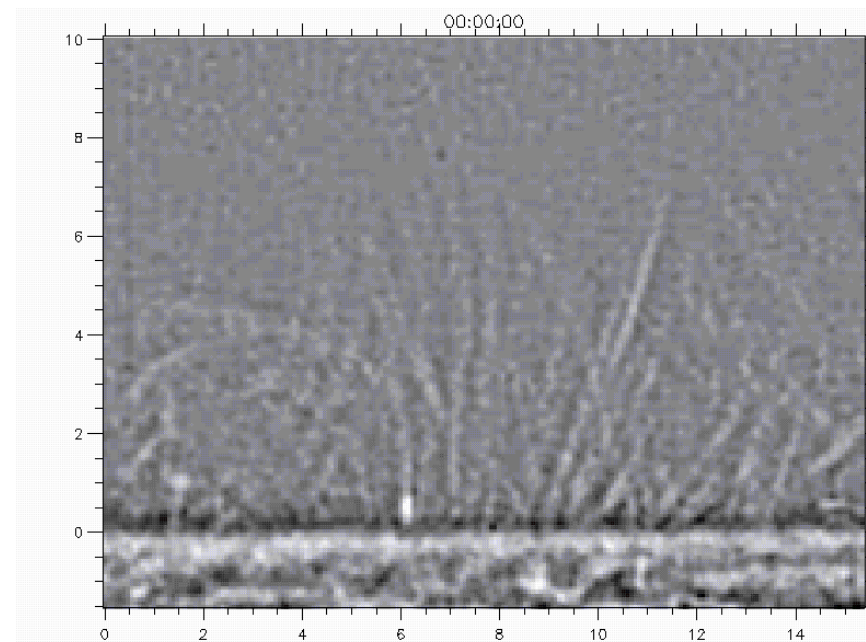
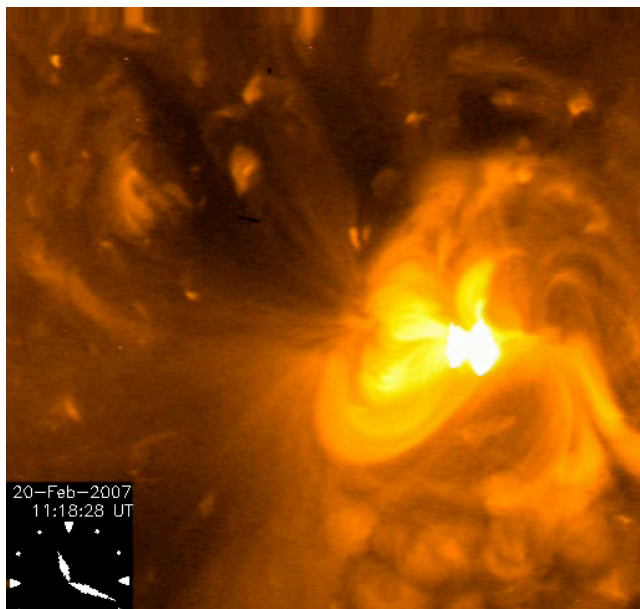
**Pixel=860km@ perihelion**

ing the sun and inner heliosphere



Coronal mass ejection source  
≡ EUI FSI

EUI is a key instrument for interpreting in-situ data - EUI captures both the origin of steady solar wind and global eruptive events.





# EUVE EUV Spectrometer

2D high resolution spectra &  
spectral images: 702-792 Å, 972-1050

**intensities, Doppler  
velocities, line width**

complete **temperature** coverage  
from chromosphere to flaring  
corona

maps of **outflow velocities,**

M/Q ratio of surface

**position** features, connecting

to solar wind structures

observed by in-situ instruments

high resolution chromospheric and

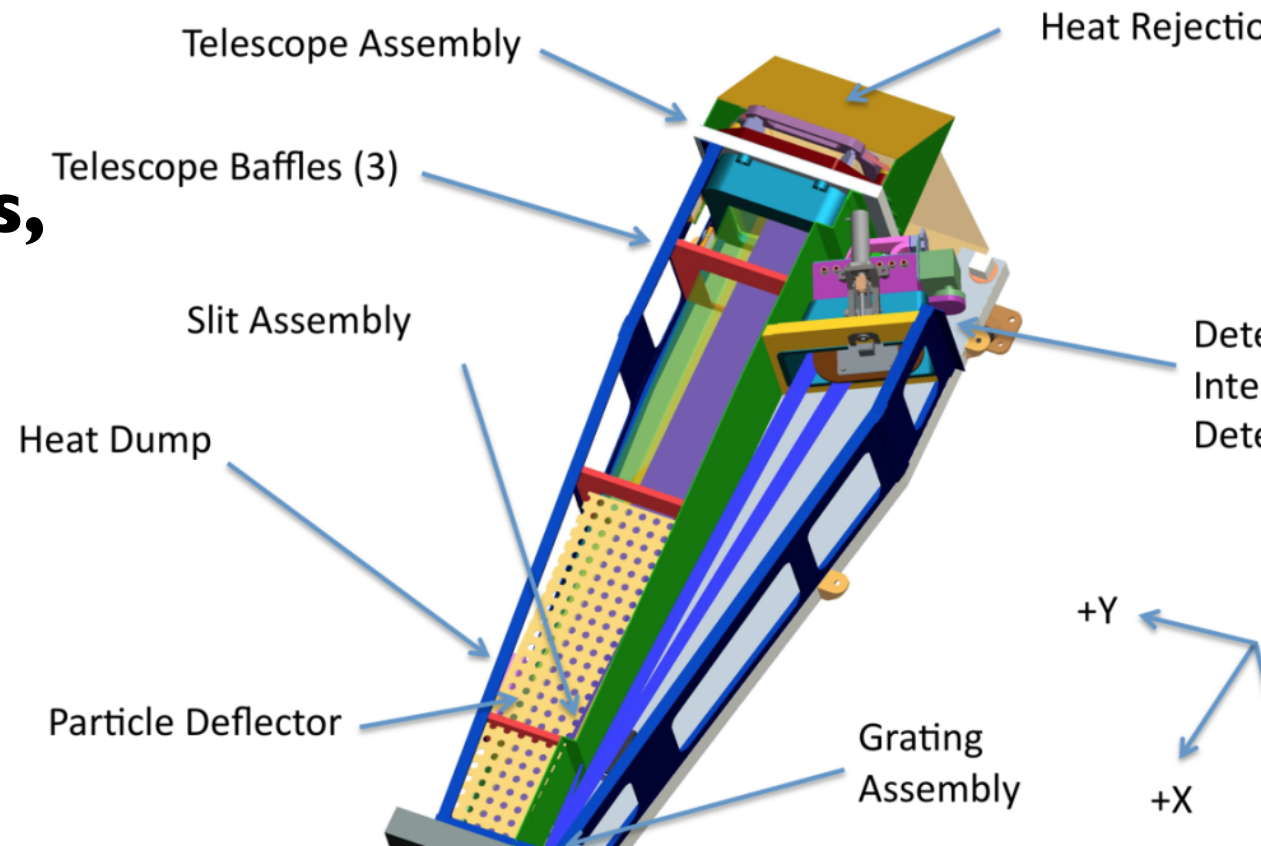
spectral images

Optics: single mirror, toroidal  
grating

Three slits: 2"x16', 4"x16',  
30"x16'. Maximum raster area

10'x16'

Exposure: 4s



# The SPICE Spectrometer

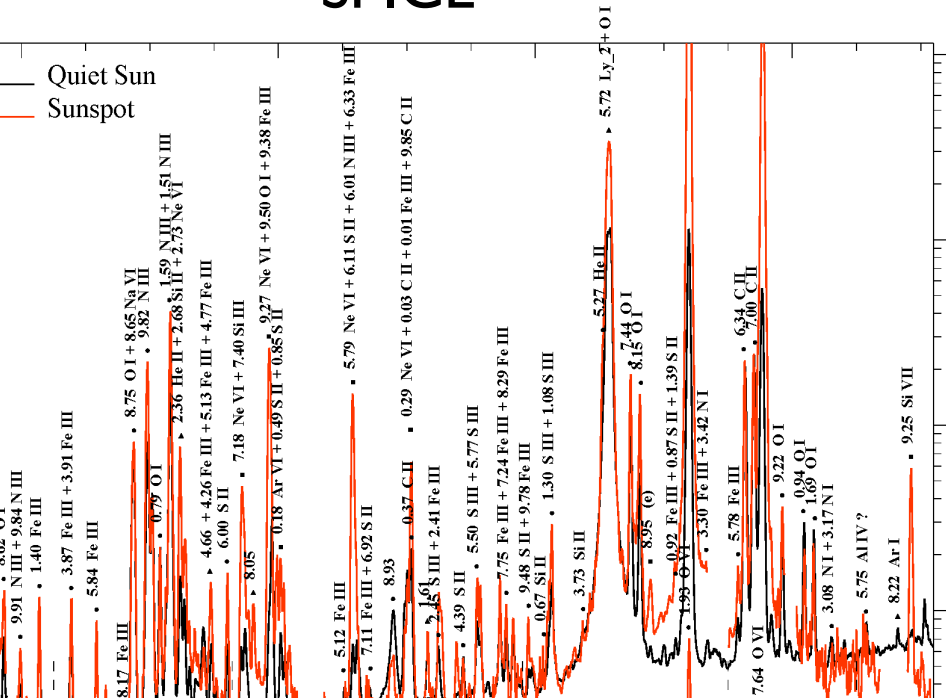


SPICE will provide detailed plasma diagnostic capability for studies of the solar atmosphere.

- Solar wind origin and acceleration
- Coronal Mass Ejections onsets and early propagation
  - Composition of plasma
- An understanding of energetic particles – their source and acceleration

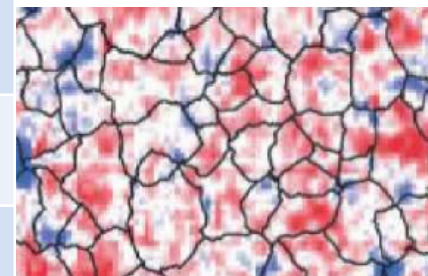
Authors: Fludra et al: Science Goals of SPICE EUV Spectrometer

Wang & Mason: Spectral Diagnostics with SPICE



Ion	$\lambda$ (Å)	Log Te (K)
H I	1025	4.0
C III	977	4.5
O VI	1032	5.5
Ne VIII	770	5.8
Mg IX	706	6.0

First velocities of polar...





# The SO/PHI instrument

measures magnetic vector & line-of-sight velocity

telescopes:

DT as refractor

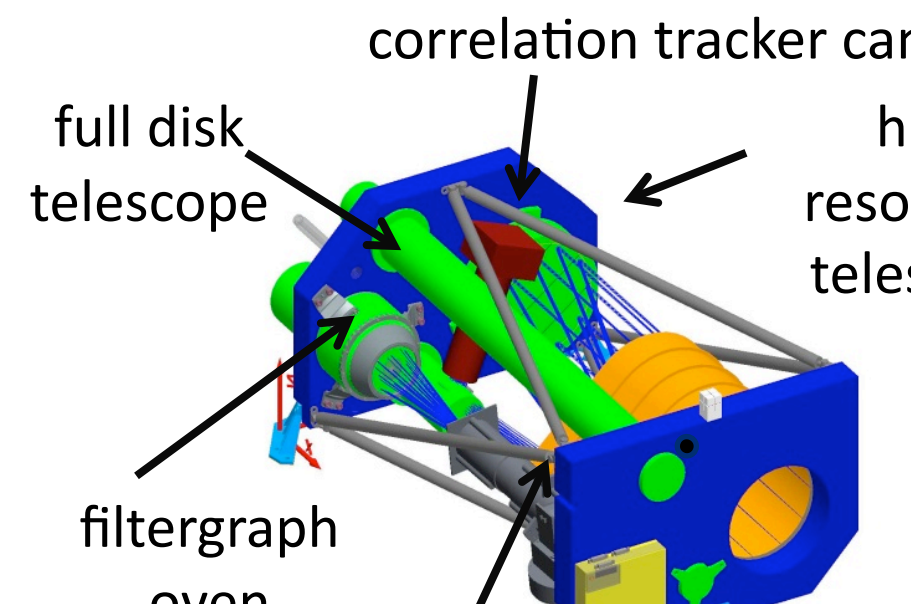
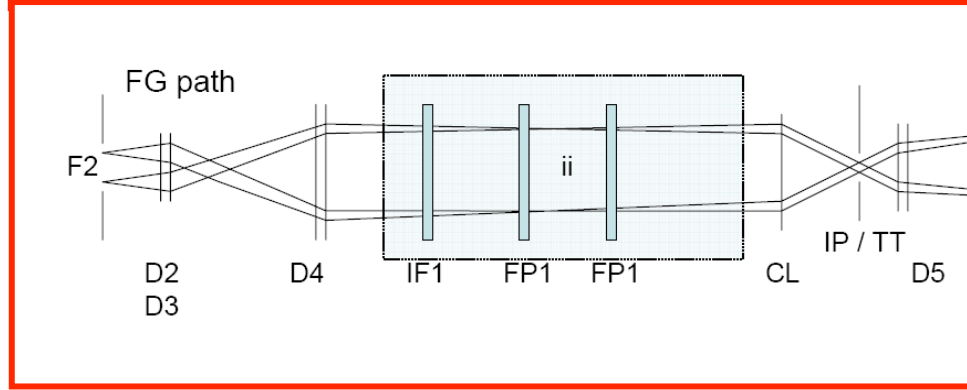
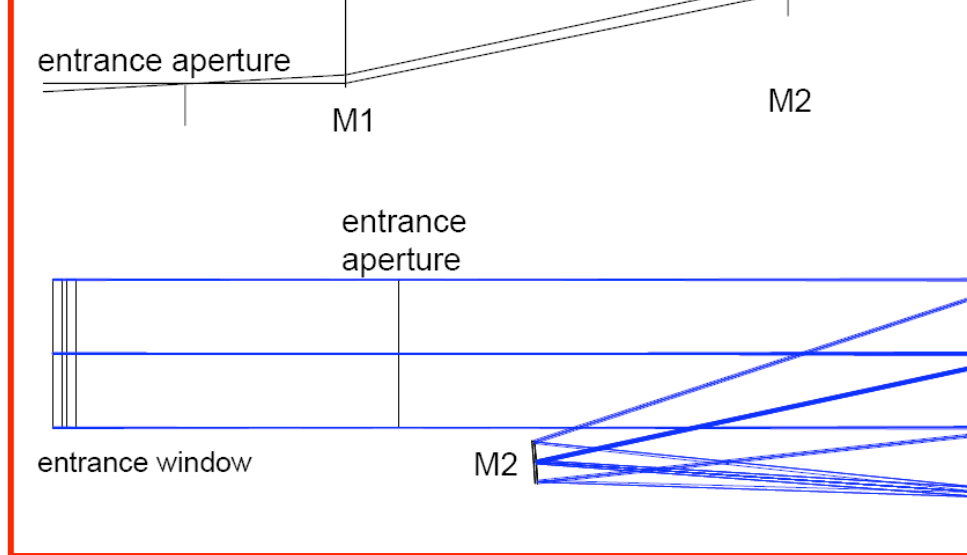
RT as oblique reflector

selection mechanism

by Perot narrow-band filter with  $\text{NbO}_3$  etalon(s)

other important subsystems:

polarisation modulation, APS



Solarimetry and helioseismology on SO will

provide **unique** science

provide **B** to EUV imager and spectrometer, all observing at high spatial resolution (up to 180 km): linkage science

*decent* view of magnetic and velocity field at poles

view surface and subsurface evolution of solar features (e.g. active regions) without changing viewing angle

helioscopic helioseismology to better probe the interior

helioscopy of the photosphere

measurement of the complete field of the Sun (360° view)

provide magnetic context for Solar Probe plus

