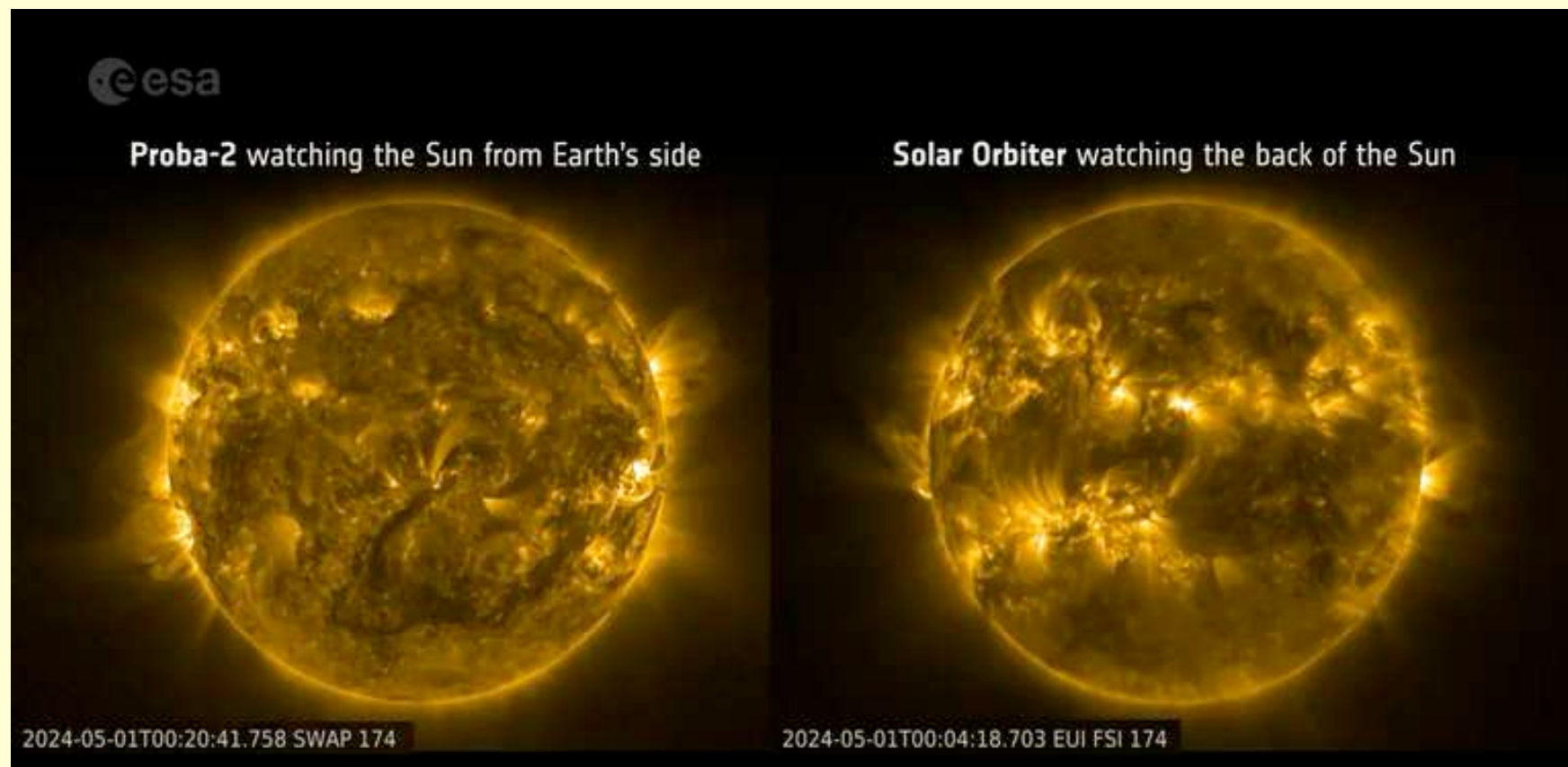


Monitoring Solar Activity and Space Weather -databases and tools

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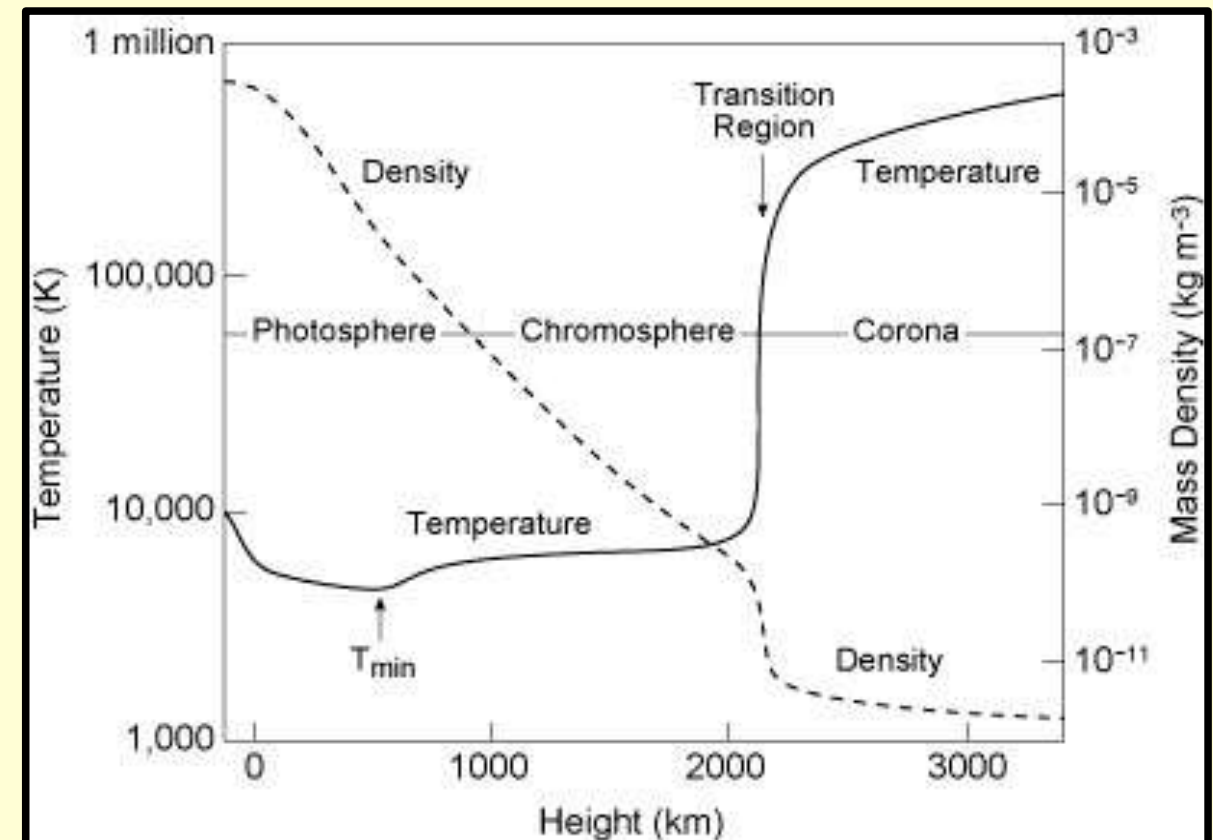
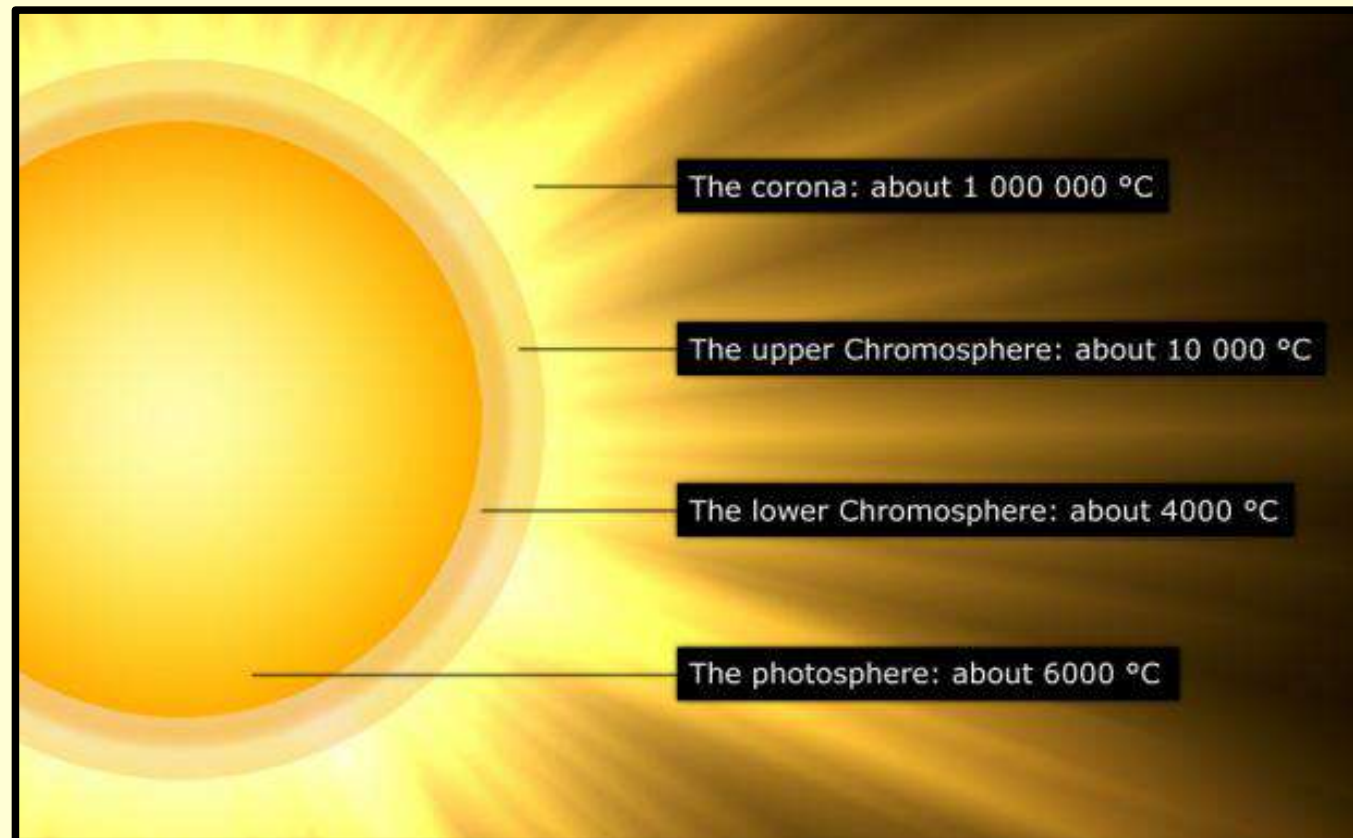
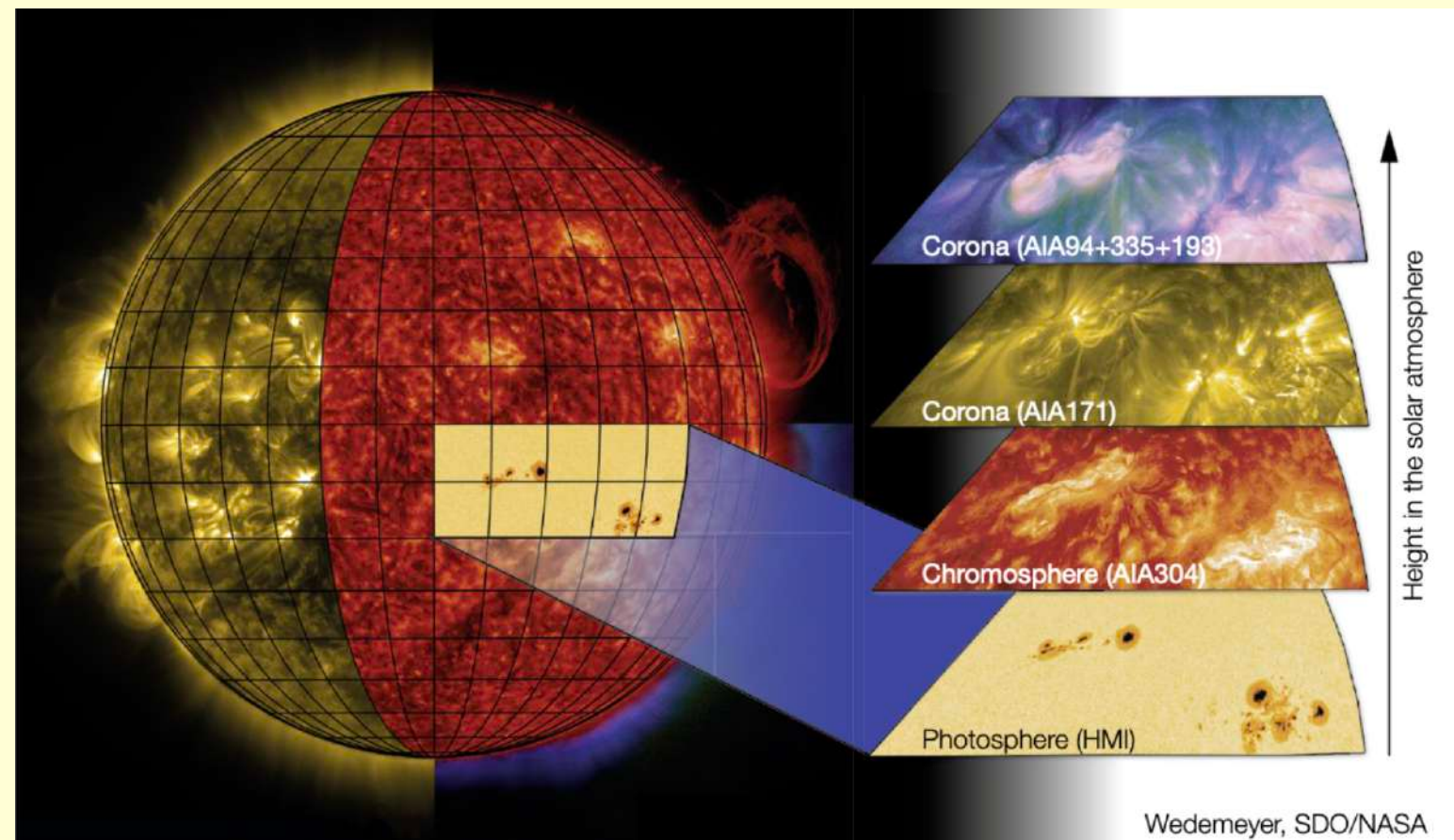
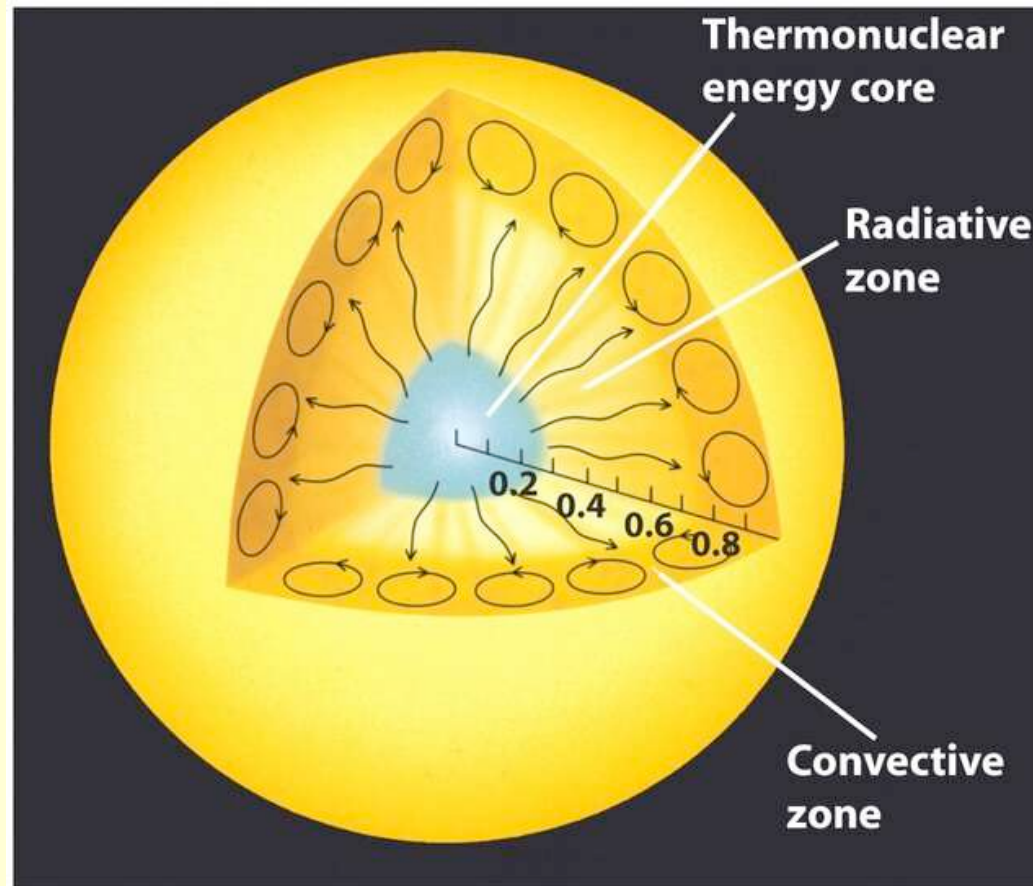
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The physics of the Sun and space weather
- **How do we observe the Sun and its impact on space weather?**
Instruments
- **Which type of information do we obtain from satellites?**
The solar observation databases
- **Which tools do we use to analyse these observations?**
Tools



The physics of the Sun & solar activity

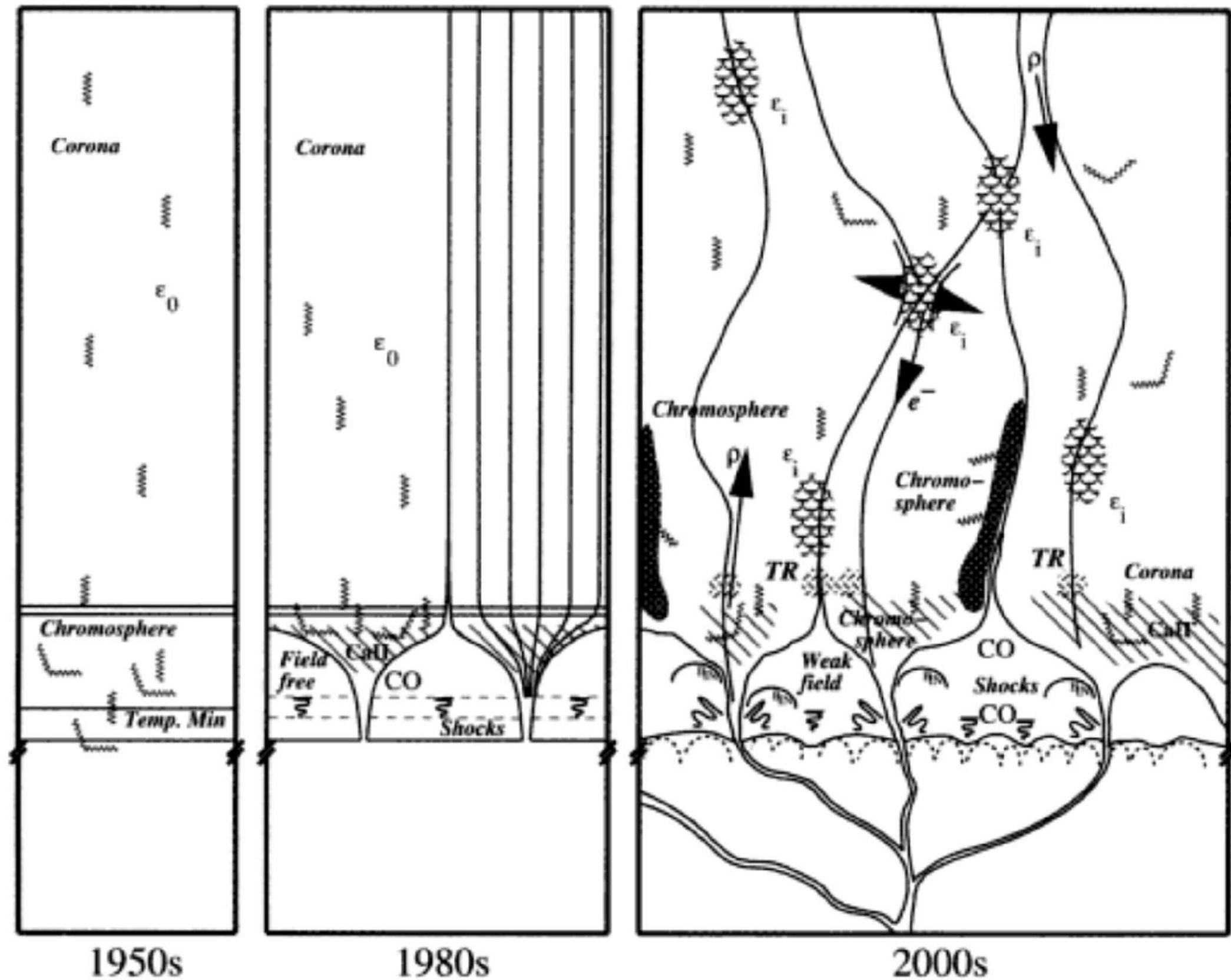
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The solar atmosphere

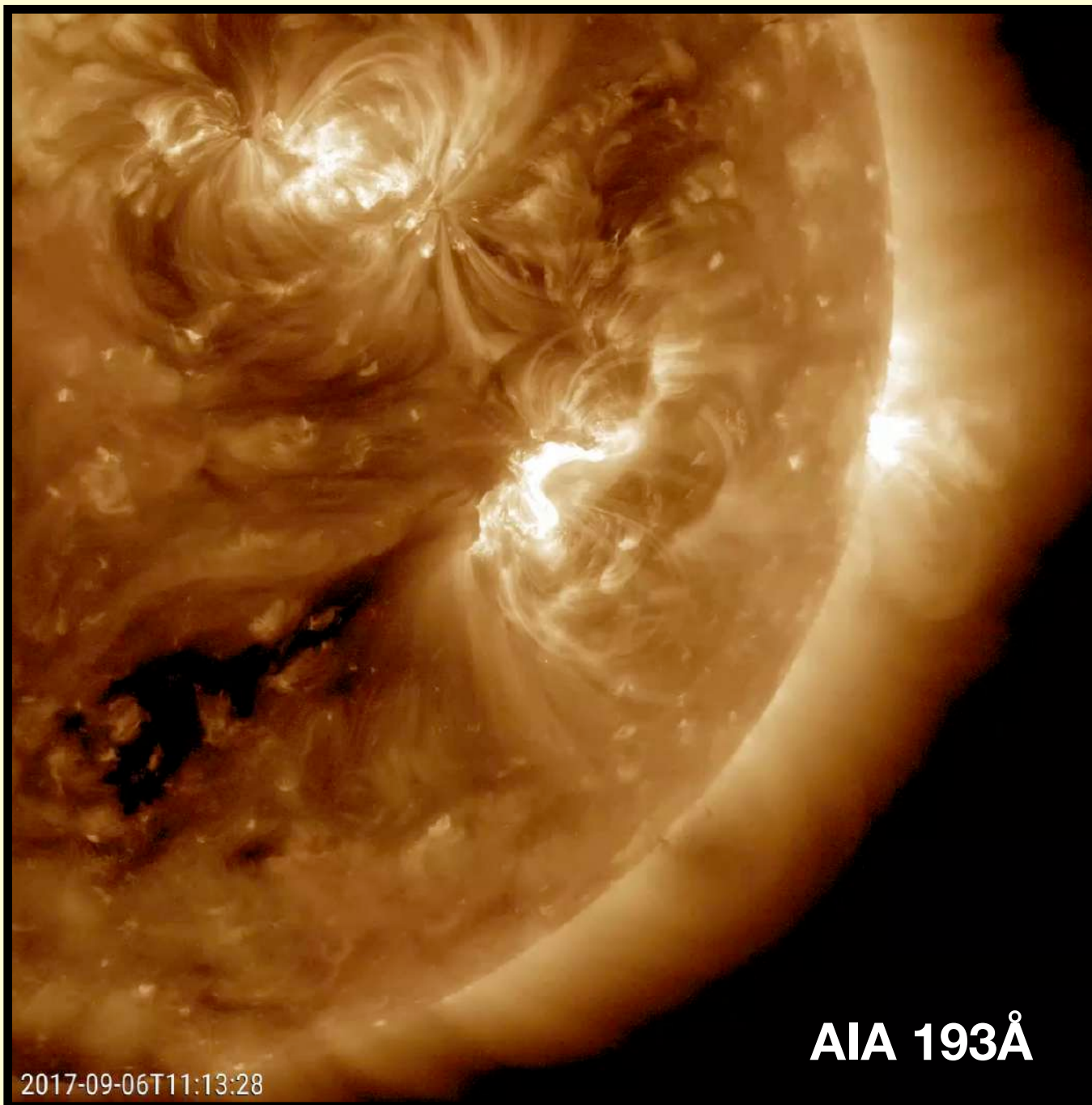
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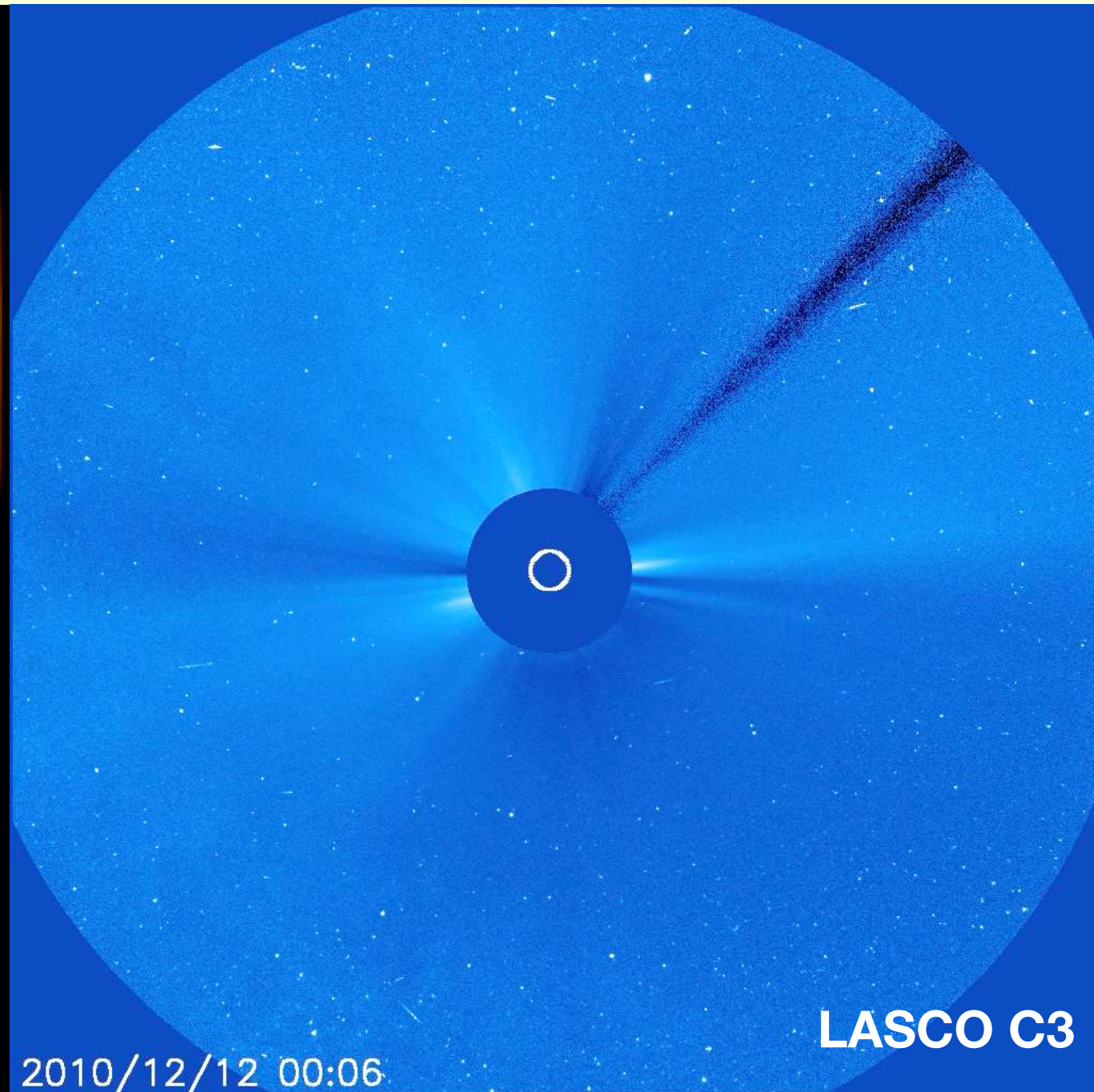
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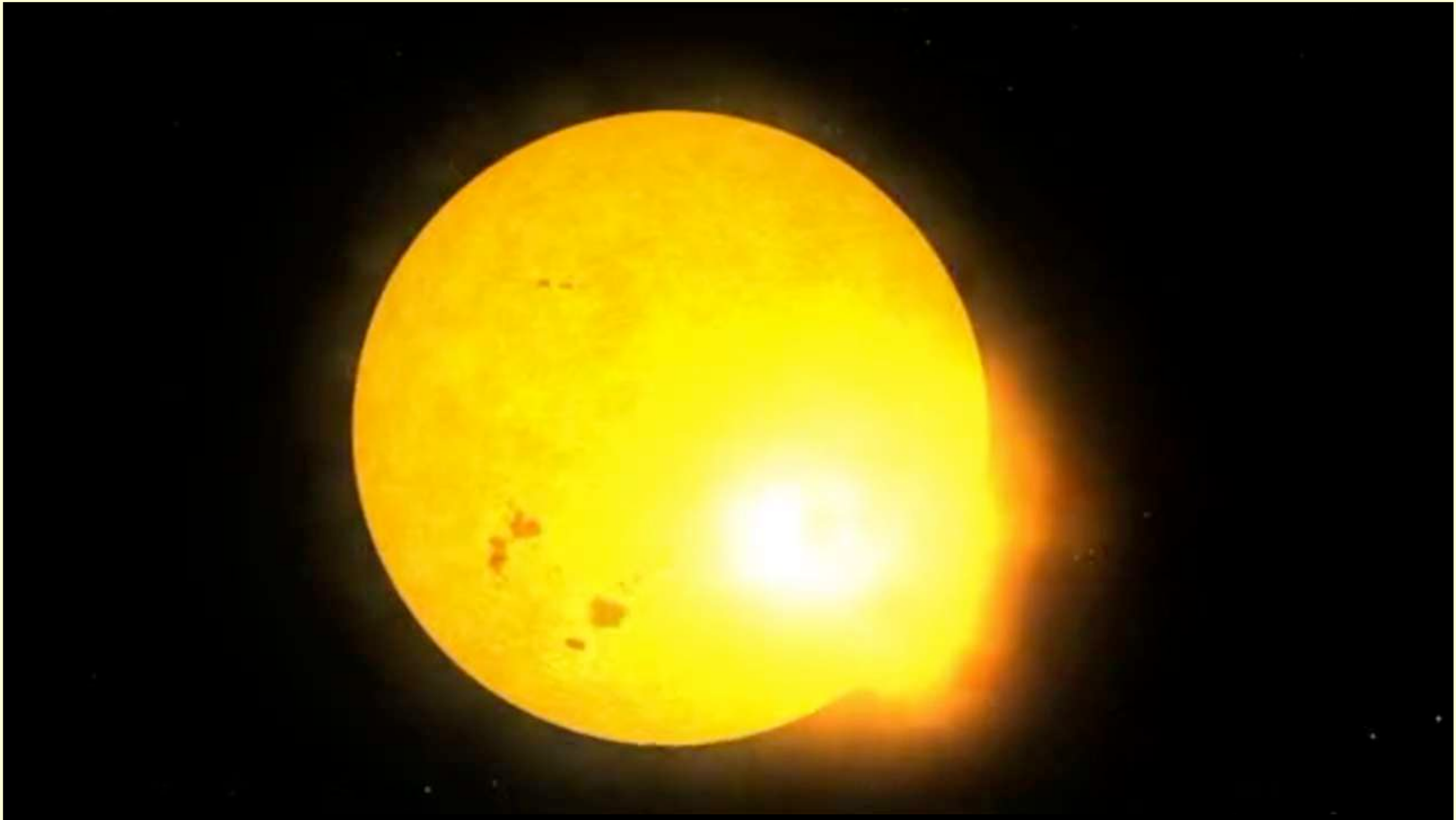


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Coronal Mass Ejection (CME)



NASA, ESA /Solar and Heliospheric Observatory

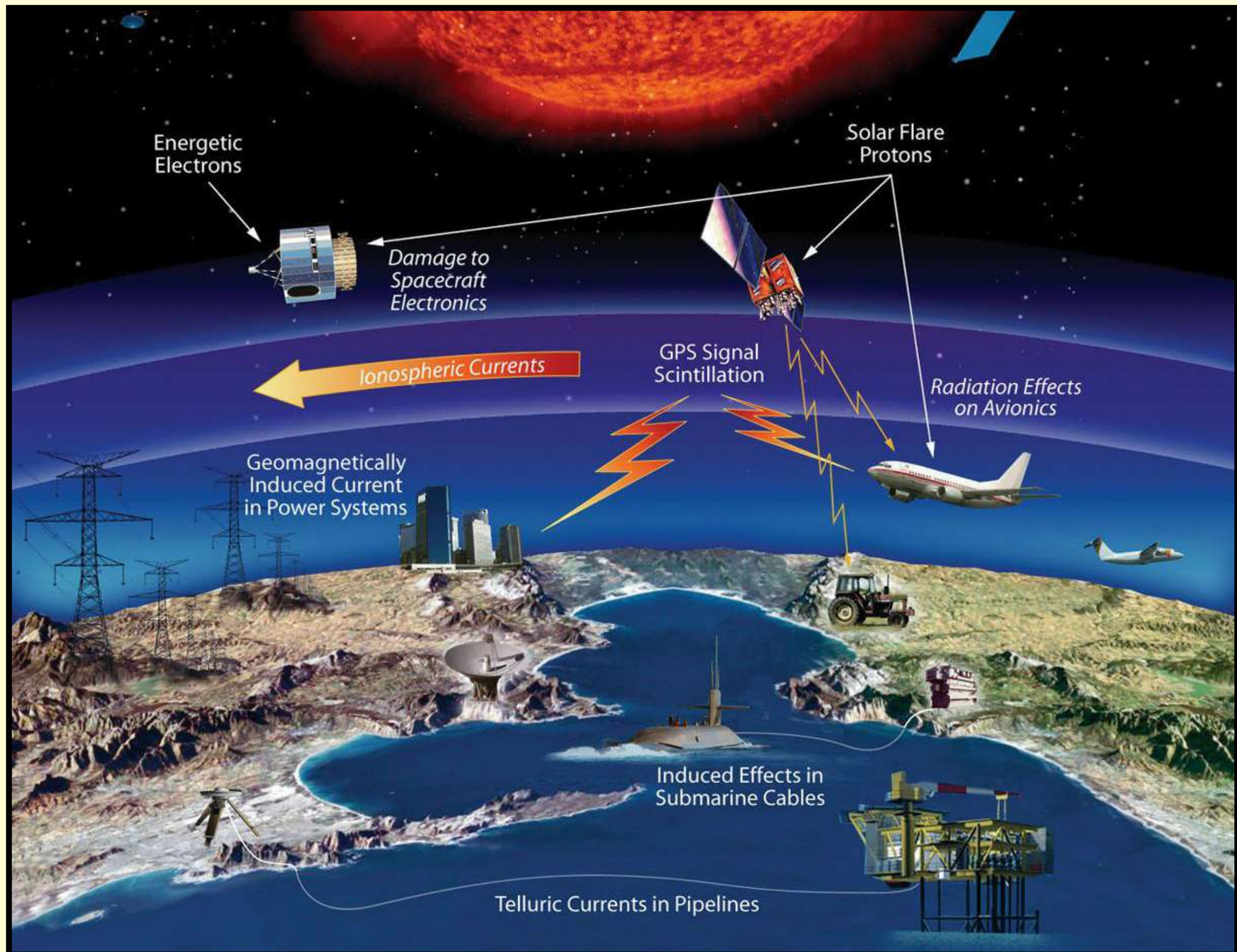


NASA

- magnetic fields
- particles (ion, proton, electron, alpha)

Geomagnetic storm

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Solar activity impact

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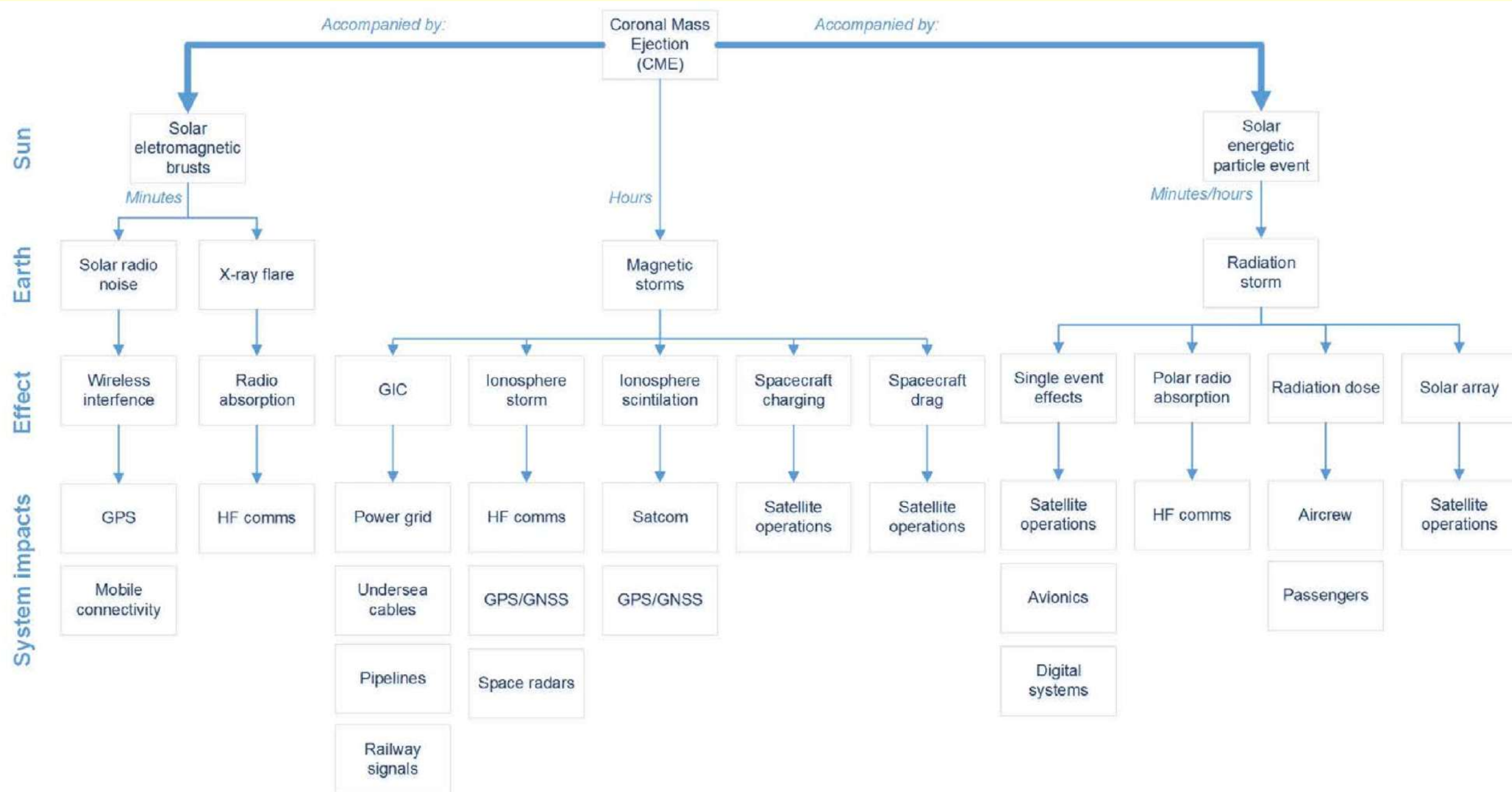


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Solar activity impact

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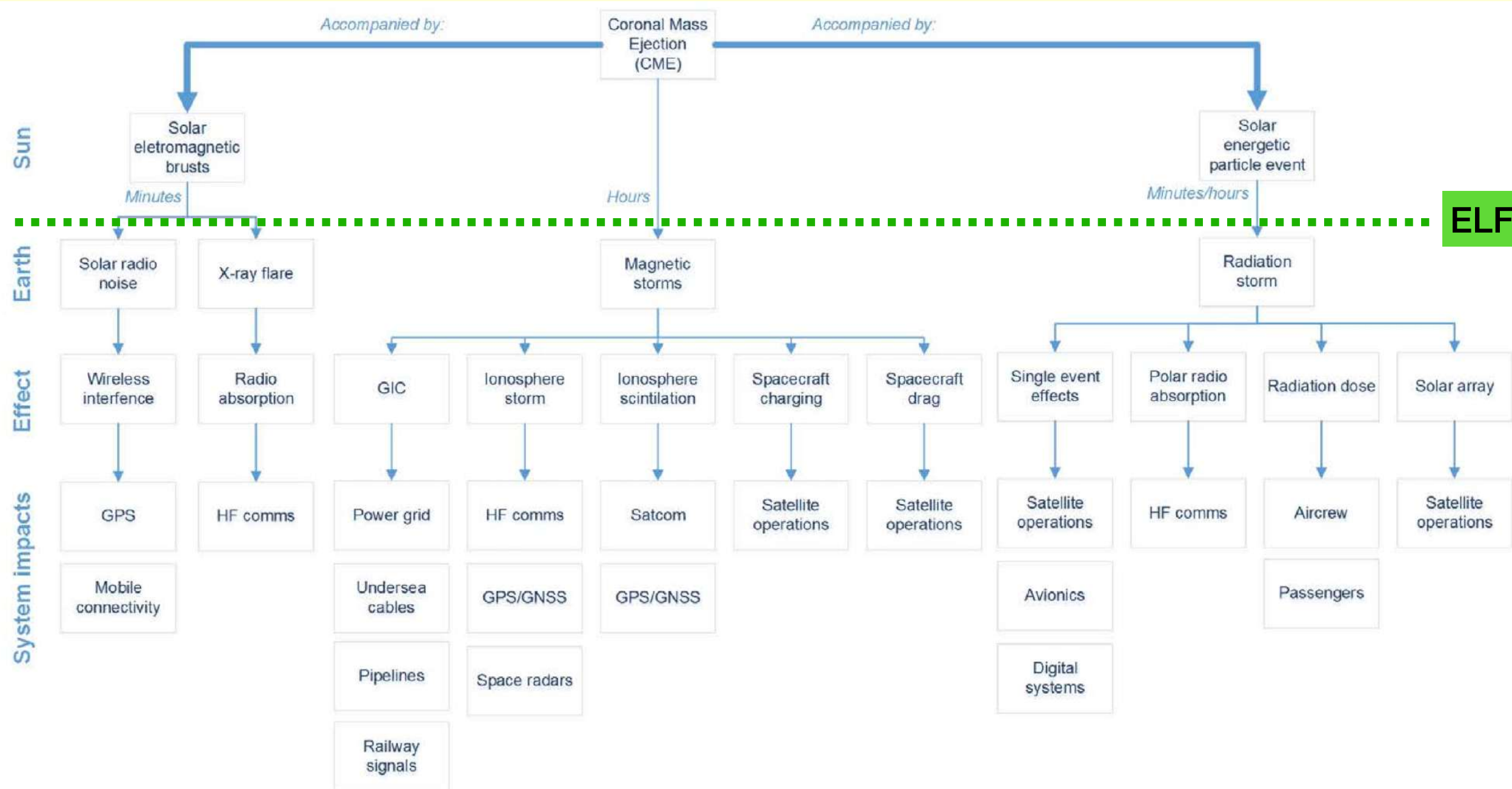
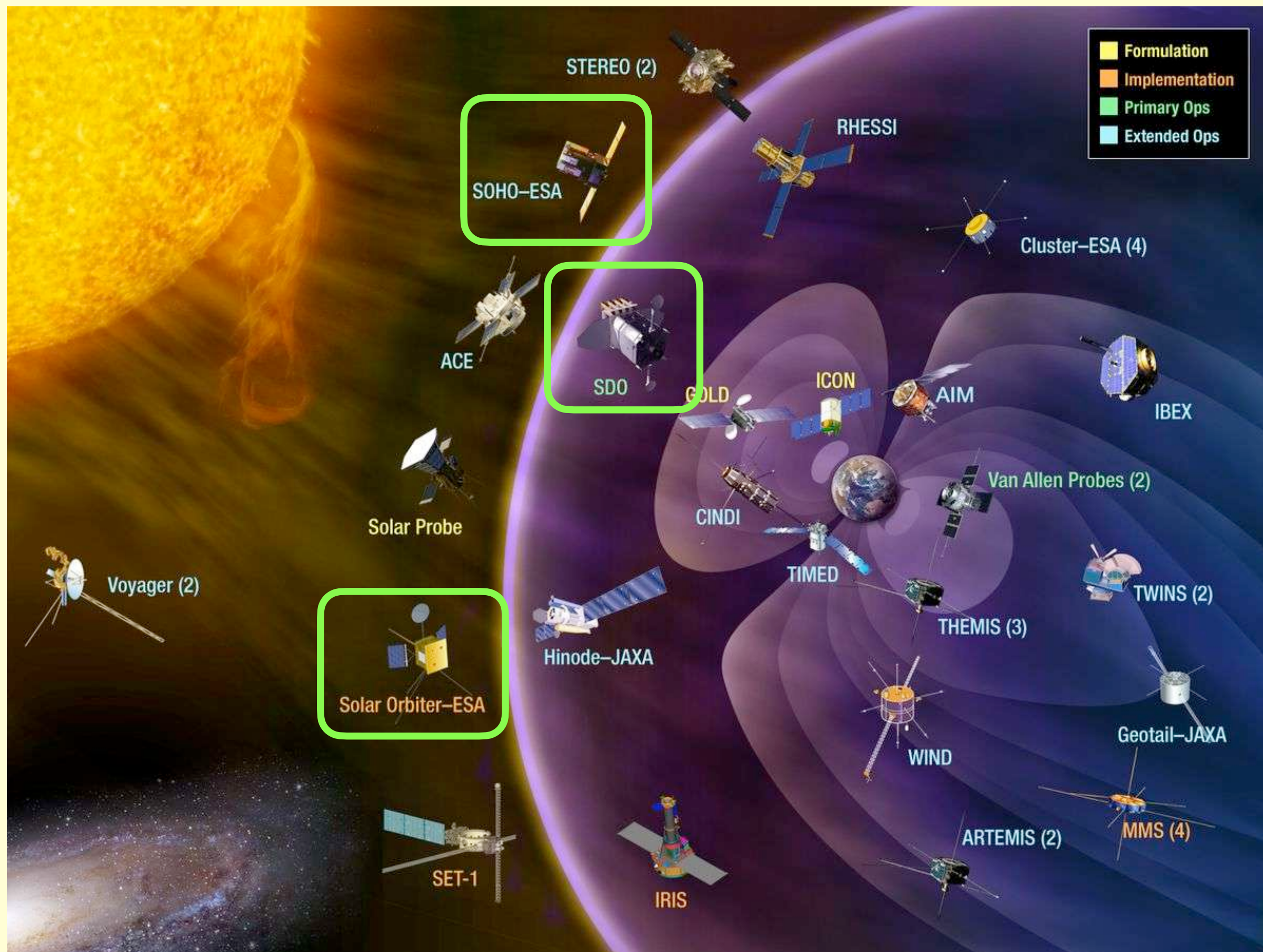


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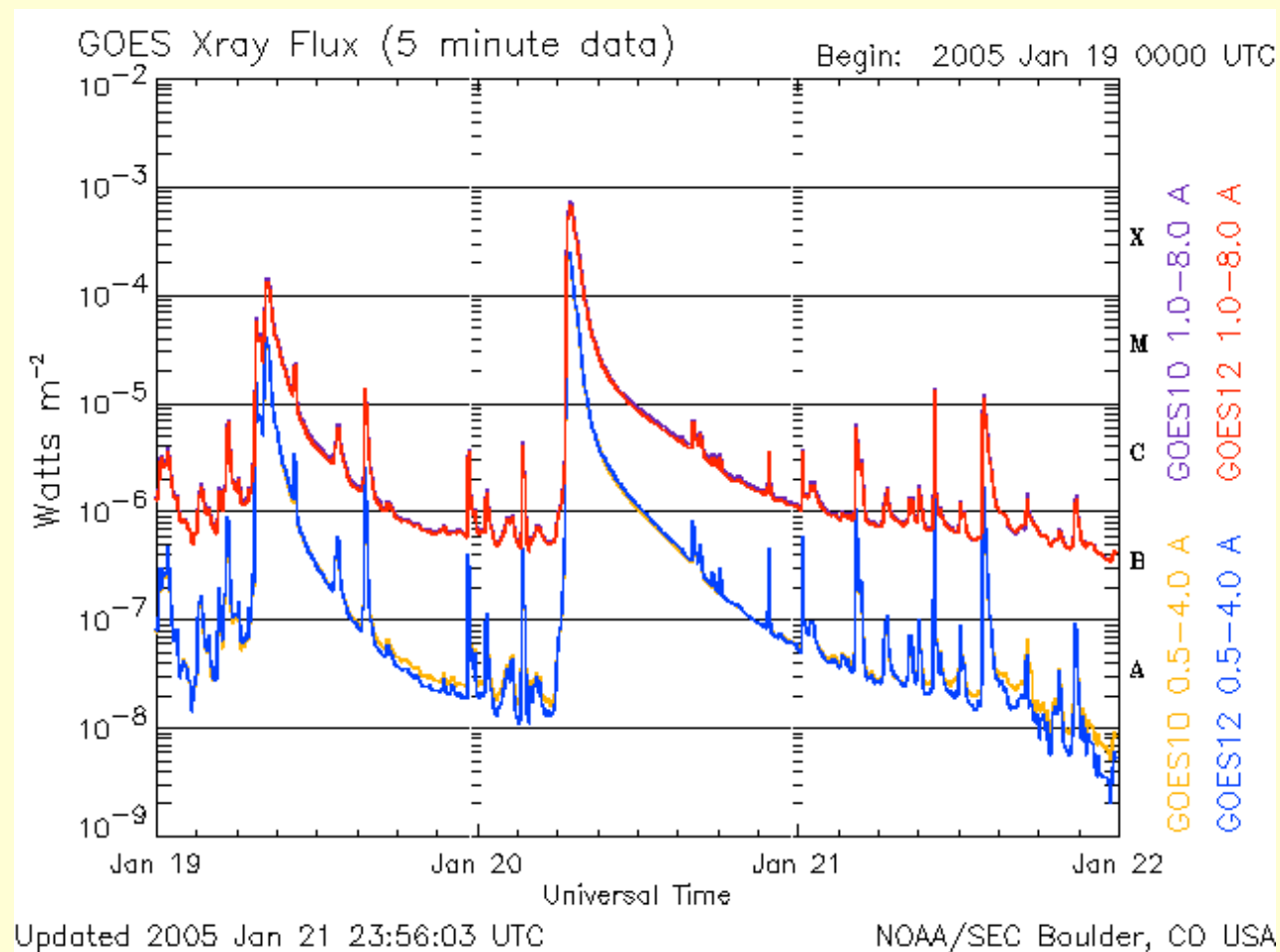
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Overview by solar databases

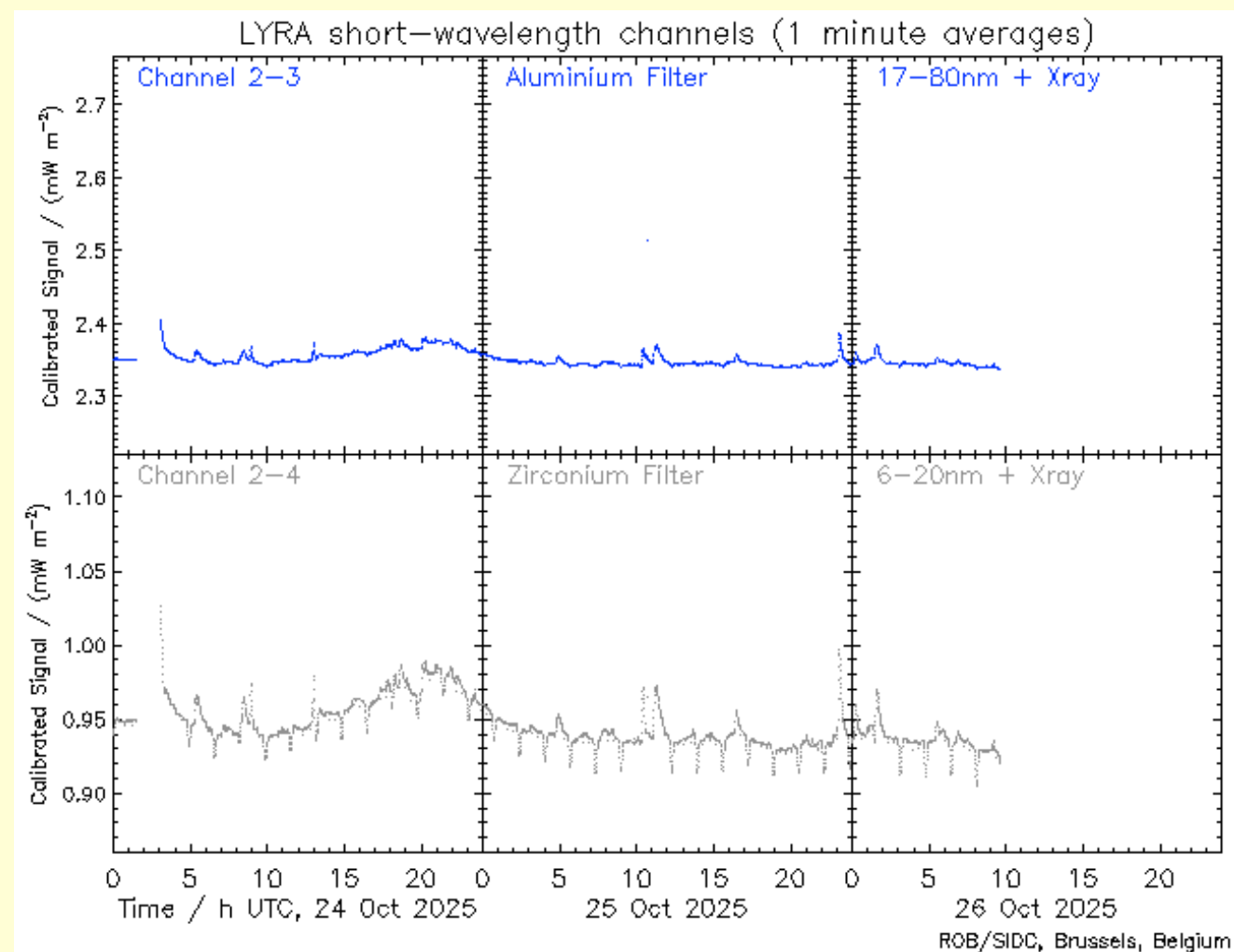


GOES and PROBA-2

- **Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES)**
 - Family of satellite operating since 1975 (4 active, 20 launched)
 - classification of solar flares



- **PProject for Onboard Autonomy-2 (PROBA-2)**



<https://proba2.sidc.be/data/LYRA>

Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO)

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- Launch 2 December 1995

26 October 2025 - Mission Day: 10922 - DOY: 299

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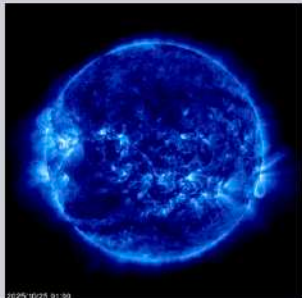
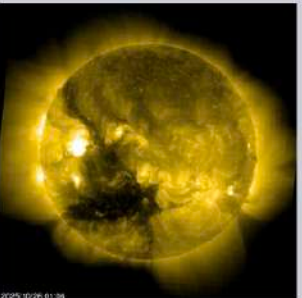
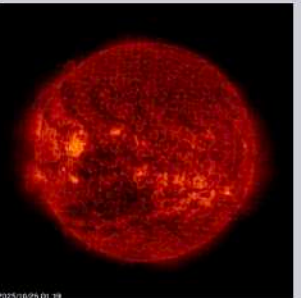
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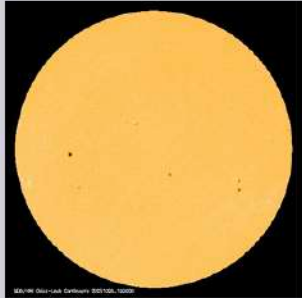
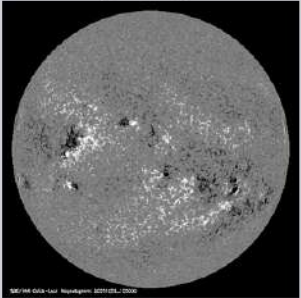
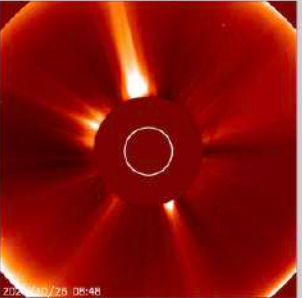
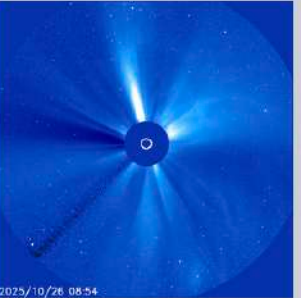
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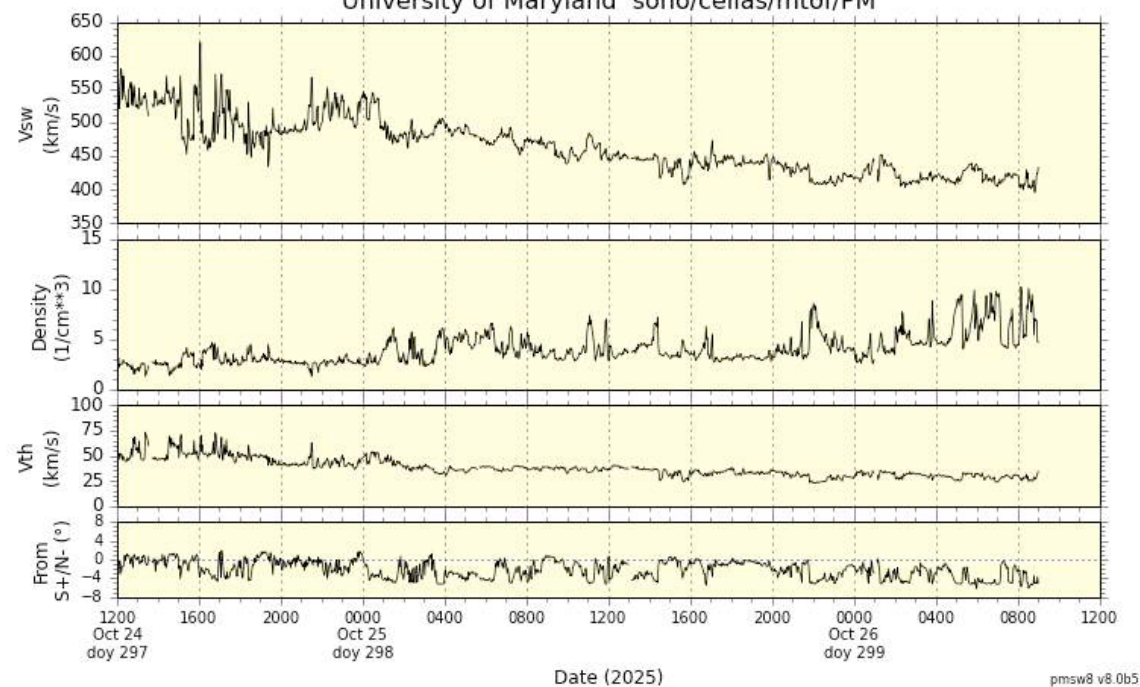
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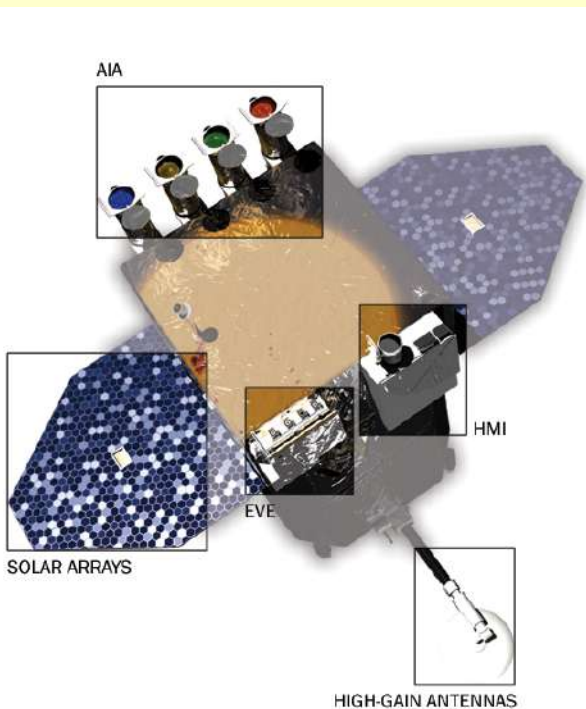
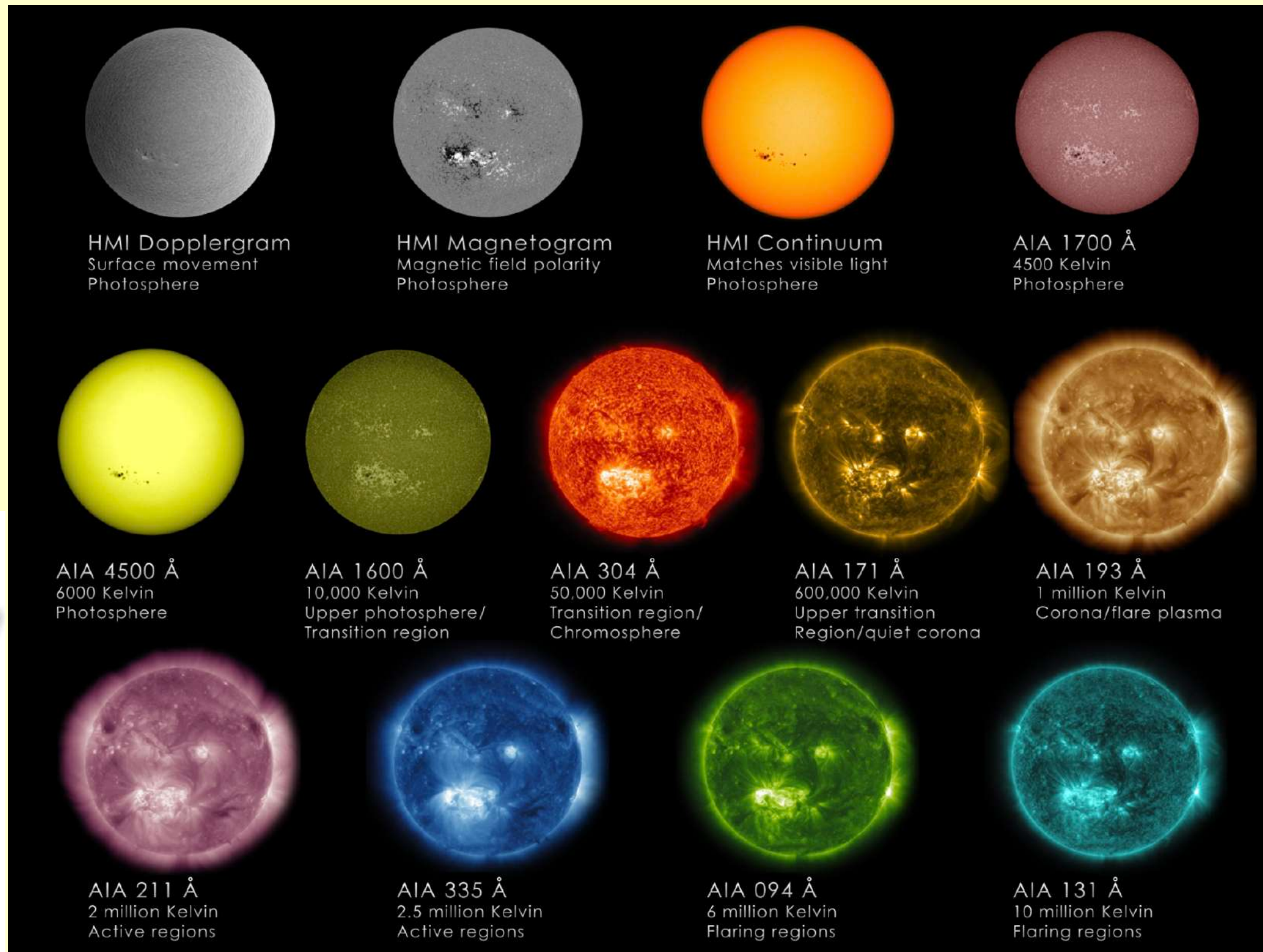


SDO (Solar Dynamics Observatory) ¹¹

- Launch 11 February 2010



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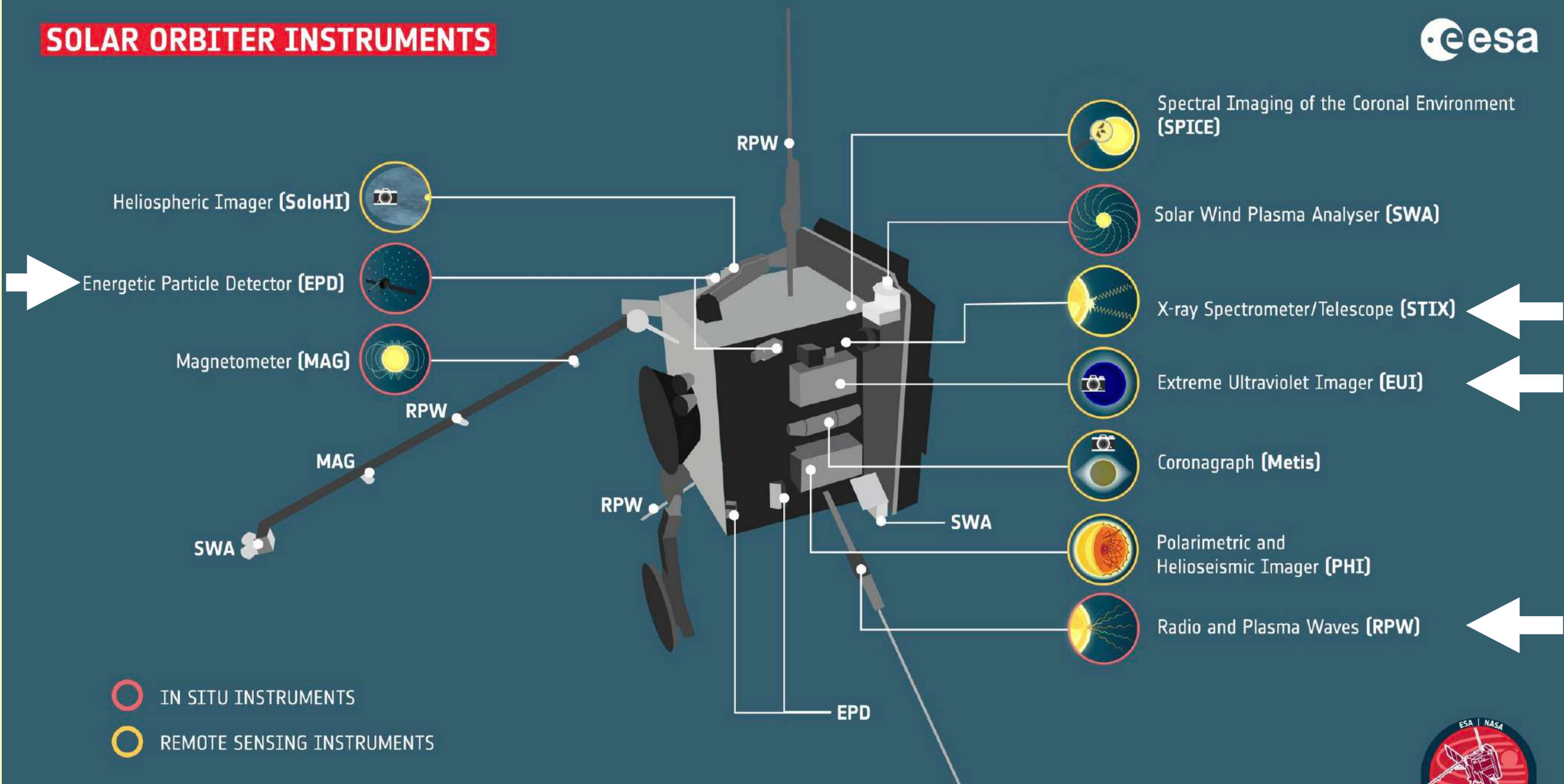


Solar Orbiter

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- Launch 10 February 2020

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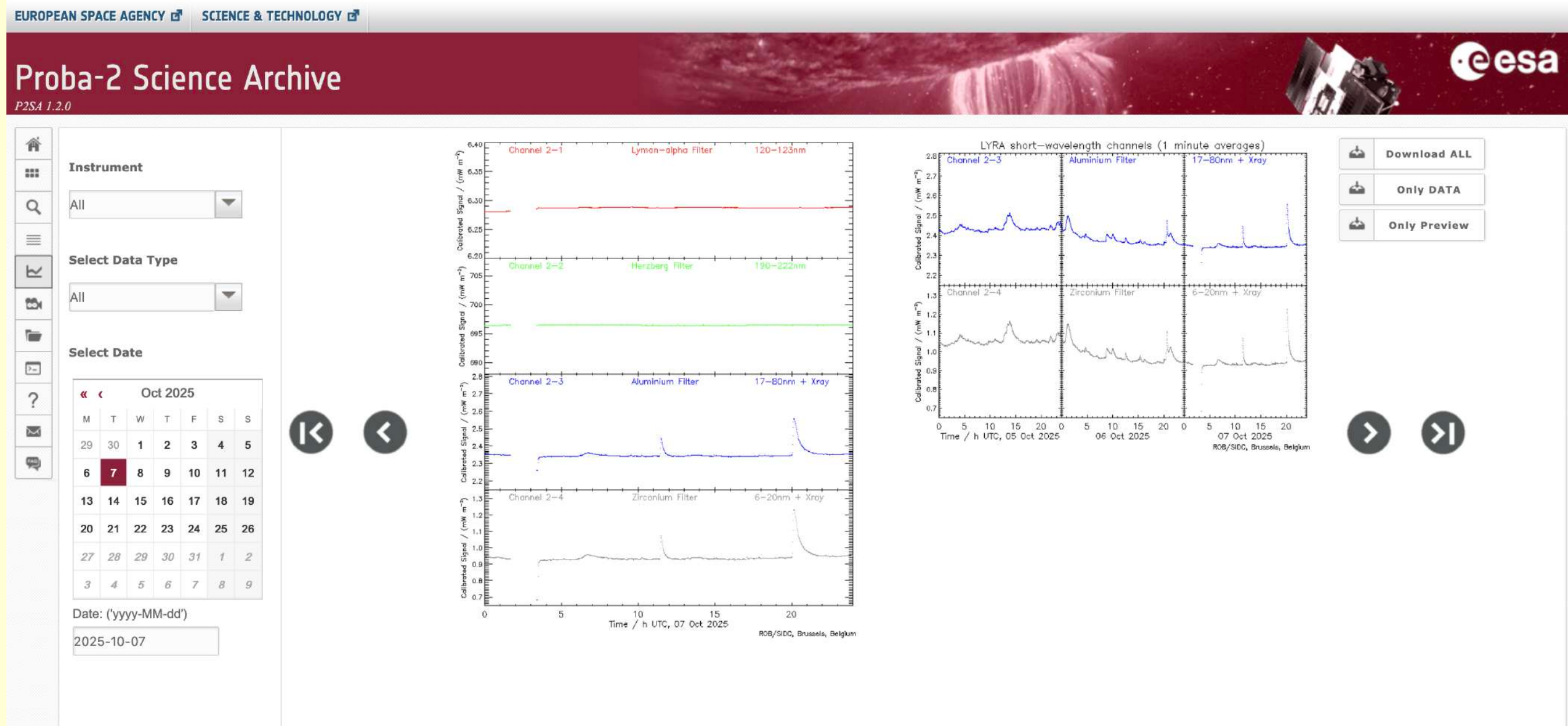


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The solar observation databases

PROBA-2 database



Heliospheric Event Knowledgebase (HEK)

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CACTUS (CME catalogue)



CACTUS 2.5.0

A software package for 'Computer Aided CME Tracking'

CMEs detected by Cactus

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# Issued: Sat Oct 25 01:58:52 2025
# Product: CACTus catalogue (http://sidc.be/cactus)
#
# Instrument: LASCO| Detector: c2 # Instrument: LASCO| Detector: c3
# Threshold : 0.30 | Factor : 6 | Minimal CME width: 5
#
# first c2: 2025/09/30 00:00:07.589 23860062.fts
# last c2: 2025/10/25 00:12:07.520 23862971.fts
# first c3: 2025/09/30 02:06:07.399 33848194.fts
# last c3: 2025/10/24 20:42:07.470 33851111.fts
#
# -----
# Output: Detected cmemap with the following characteristics:
#
# CME: CME number
# Flow: Flow number. Flows are suspicious detections, their color in the detectionmap is dark blue
# t0: onset time, earliest indication of liftoff
# dt0: duration of liftoff (hours)
# pa: principal angle, counterclockwise from North (degrees)
# da: angular width (degrees),
# v: median velocity (km/s)
# dv: variation (1 sigma) of velocity over the width of the CME
# minv: lowest velocity detected within the CME
# maxv: highest velocity detected within the CME
# halo?: II if da>90, III if da>180, IV if da>270, indicating potential halo/partial halo CME
#
```

# CME	t0	dt0	pa	da	v	dv	minv	maxv	halo?
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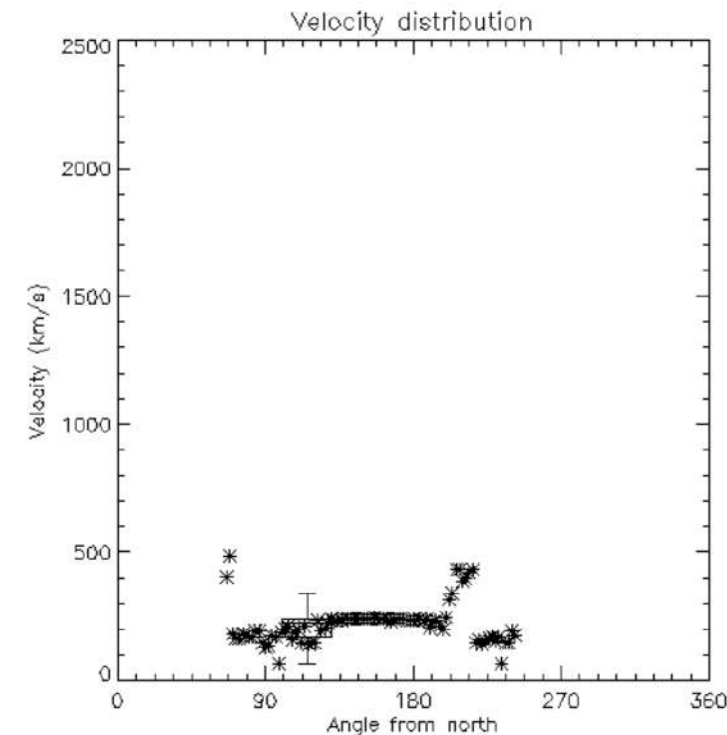
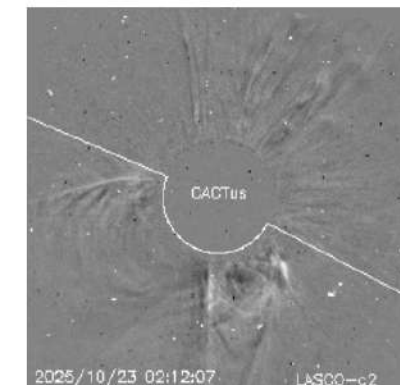
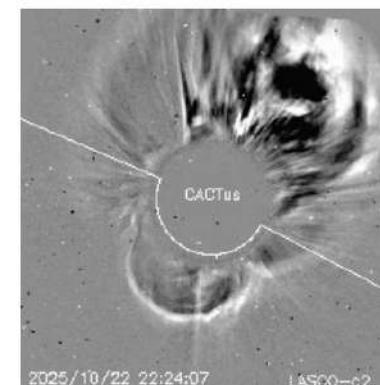
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Details and graphs for CME0111

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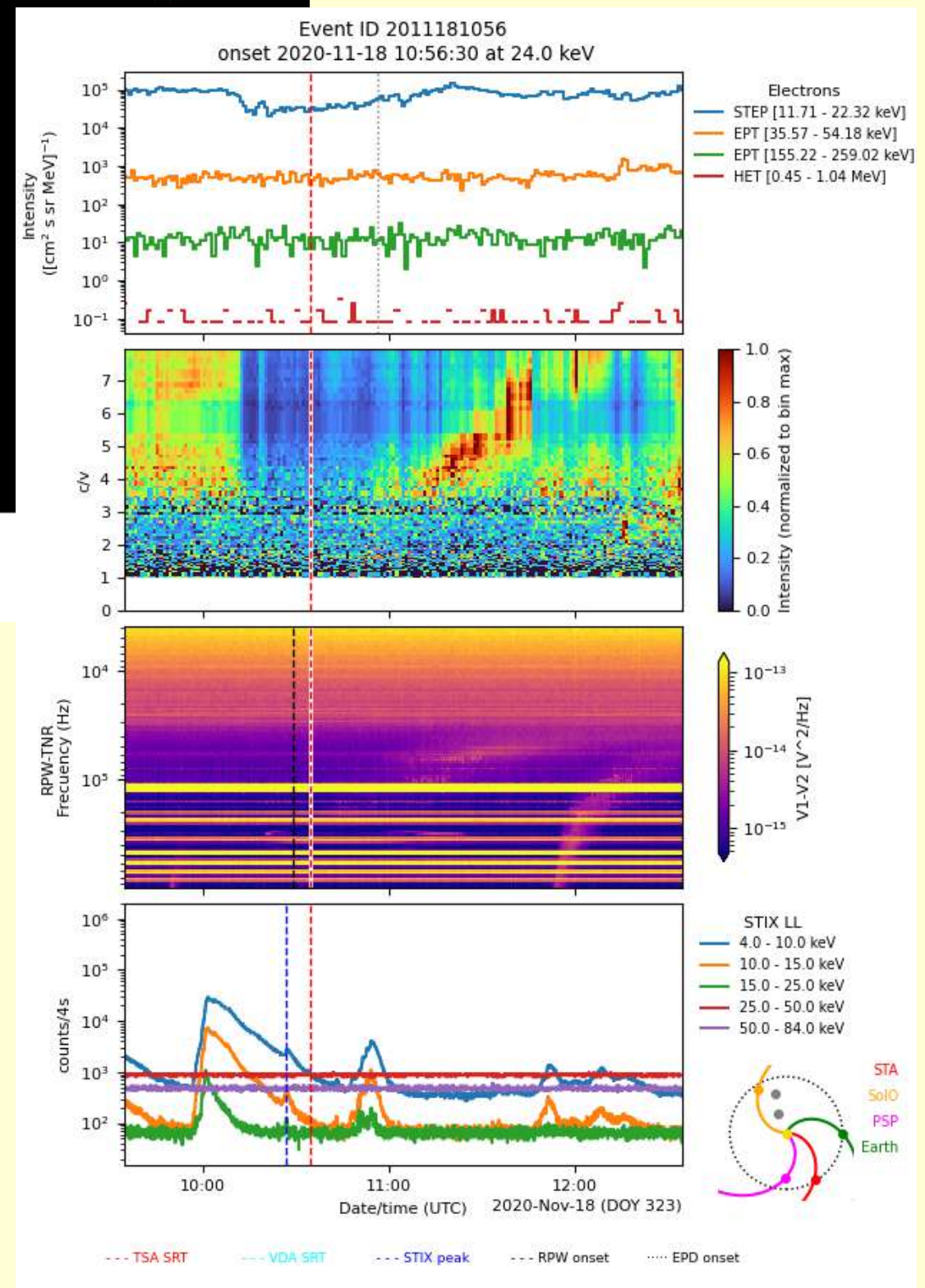
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The Comprehensive Solar Energetic Electron event Catalogue (CoSEE-Cat) ¹⁶



The Comprehensive Solar Energetic Electron event Catalogue (CoSEE-Cat)

- the most details overview of the solar energetic events ever
- data from 8 Solar Orbiter instruments
- information from the source region and in-situ measurements
- 300 events publicly available (768 events detected)
- publicly available data: 2020 - 2023 (2025)



-data since 2020

<https://coseecat.aip.de/>

VSO (Virtual Solar Observatory)



VSO Time / Instrument Search Form

Version 1.4



All from	Source	Instrument	Date Range
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☐	ChroTel ⓘ	☐ ChroTel ⓘ	2012.04.01 →
☐	EUNIS ⓘ	☐ LONGWAVE-LOBE-06 ⓘ	2006.04.12 – 2006.04.12
		☐ LONGWAVE-LOBE-07 ⓘ	2007.11.06 – 2007.11.06
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	☒	maproj - Extract a sub-frame and remap to a chosen projection.		
☐	rebin - Rebin with boxcar or gaussian smoothing			

Projected Patch Extract - used to export sub-frames from a sequence of images. The extracted patches are remapped to the requested projection. The patch will be tracked at the Carrington rate. The location of the extracted sub-frame must be specified in Carrington latitude and longitude. The recordset should be specified fully. For the time being, for AIA at lower cadence use one of the time slotted series: aia.lev1_euv_12s, aia.lev1_uv_24s, or aia.lev1_vis_1h

Options Visible grid spacing in degrees, NOAA AR number: at 2011.02.13_23:59:59Z

CLong Carrington longitude of patch center. ☐ Check for disk center longitude.

CLat Latitude of patch center.

MapProjection

MapScale Scale in degrees per pixel after mapping. Choose <= 0.00179

Width Width of extracted patch in pixels.

Height Height of extracted patch in pixels.

Verify OK to submit

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Notify field must be set before submit.

Please only click once for export request.

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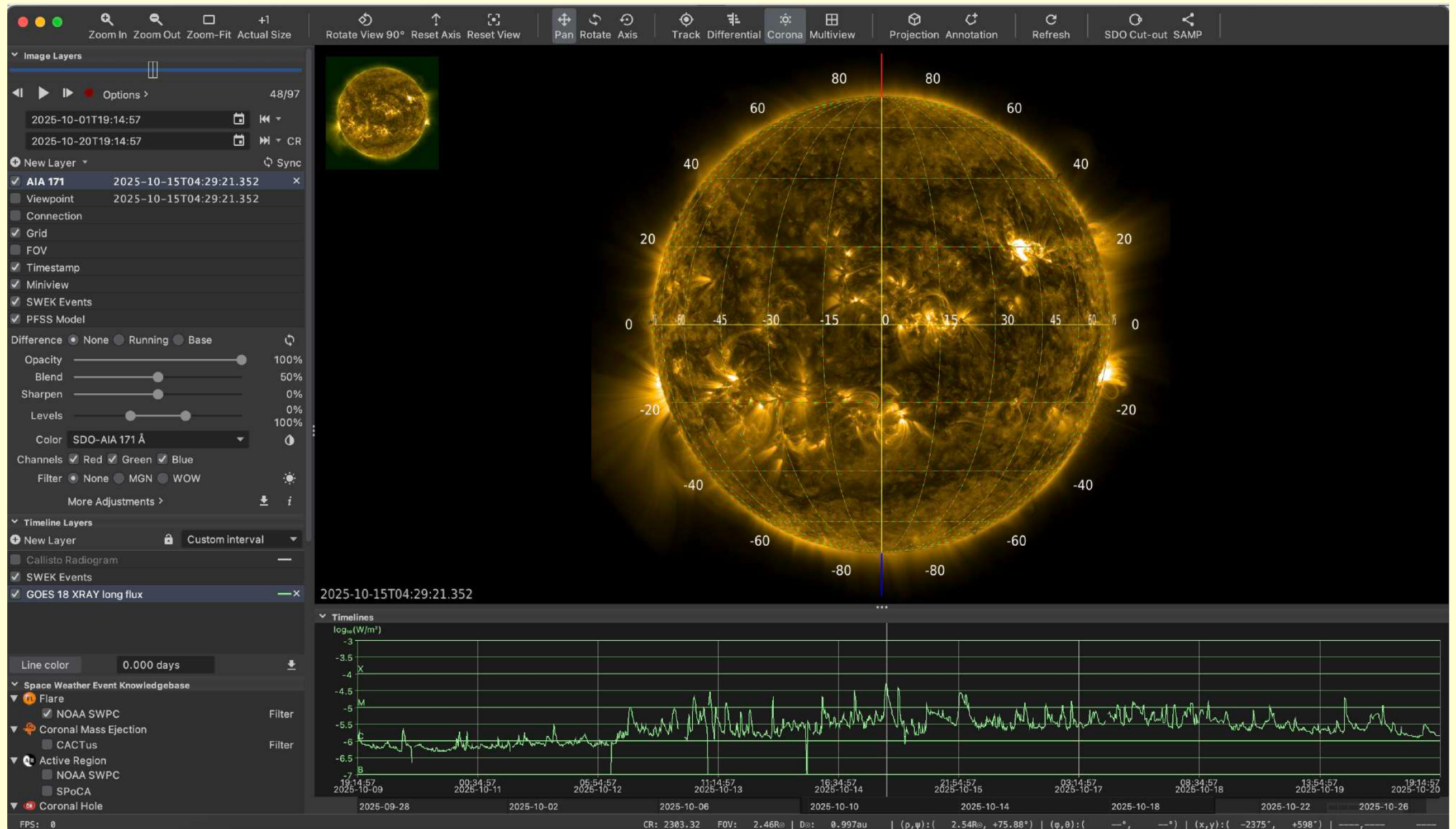
Home page for: [SDO-JSOC](#)

<http://jsoc.stanford.edu>

Tools to solar data analysis

JHelioviewer

-JHelioviewer -tool to check the solar structures and activity



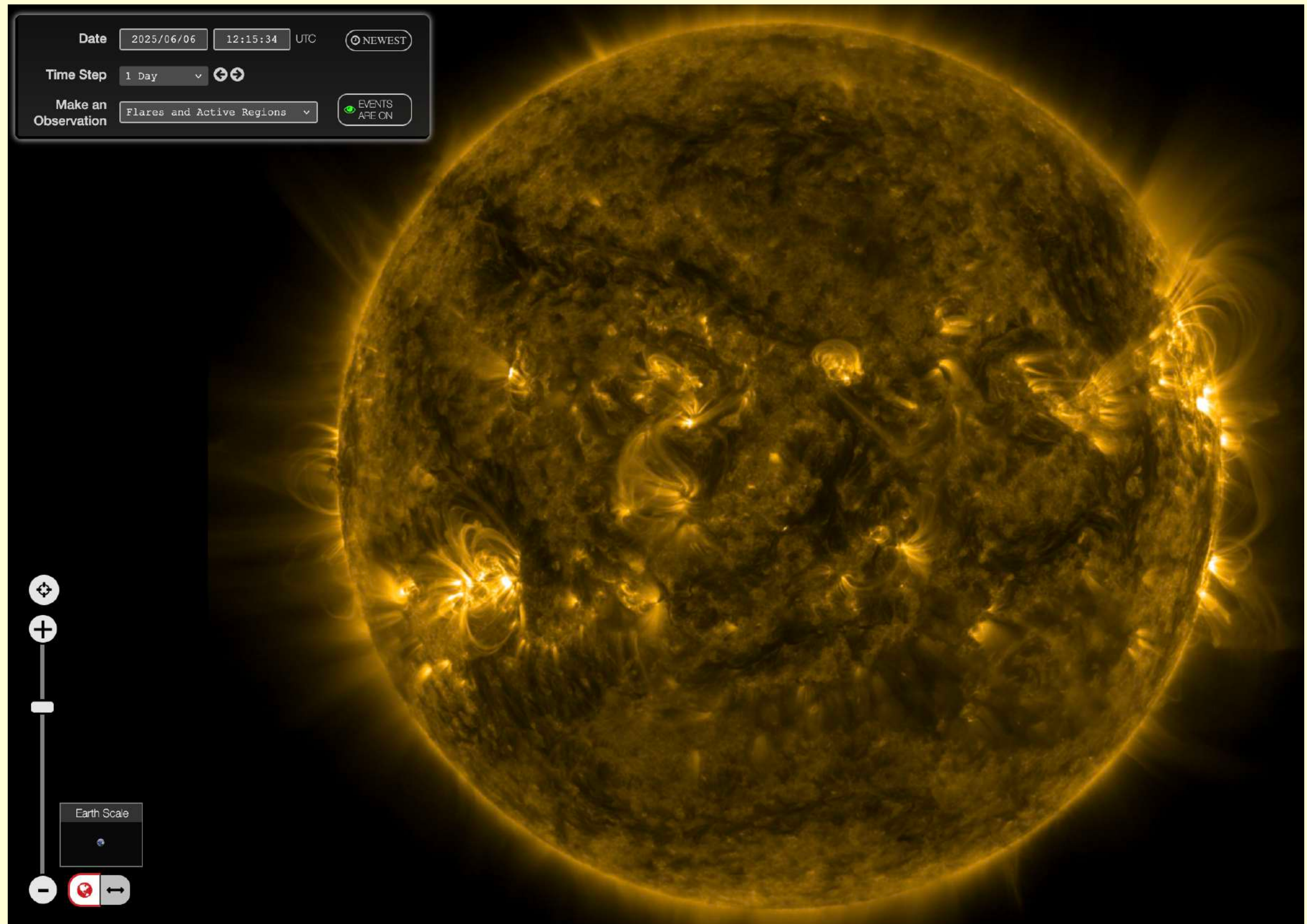
-images, movie and goes data about class of the solar flare

—> presentation JHelioviewer

<https://www.jhelioviewer.org/>

Helioviewer

-Helioviewer -webpage version of JHelioviewer (fast data check)



<https://student.helioviewer.org/>

Advance tools: SunPy

-SunPy -Python package to analyse Solar Physics data

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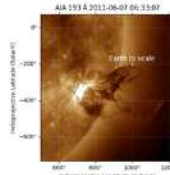
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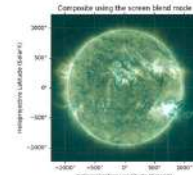
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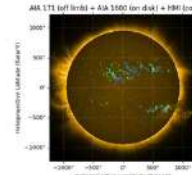
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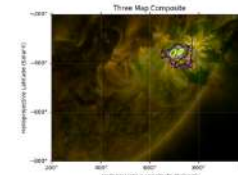
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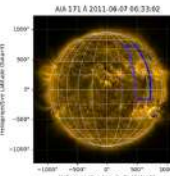
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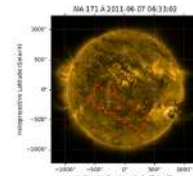
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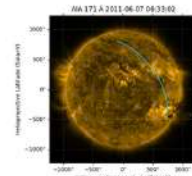
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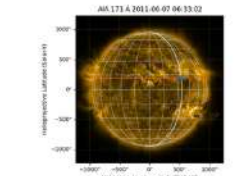
Drawing a latitude-
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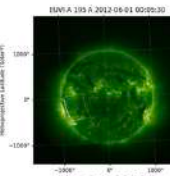
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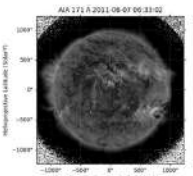
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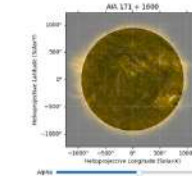
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longitude and latitude
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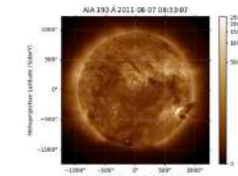
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Advance tools: SolarSoftWare (SSW)

-IDL package to analyse Solar Physics data

SolarSoft



SolarSoftWare (SSW) Installation *S.L.Freeland*

Desired SSW Host	Installation Type	Installation Source	Transfer Protocol
sohoftp.nascom.nasa.gov ▾	New Installation ▾	Internet ▾	cURL (use if FTP not available on server or client) ▾

Enter desired local path for top level SSW tree.
 You may select one of suggested locations from menu or enter an explicit path if you don't like any of those options.
*If this is an Upgrade rather than a New Installation then your path **must** match your existing SSW top level path.*

SSW Path Suggestions ▾	-OR- Explicit Path:
Client Side Proxy IP (e.g. If \$http_proxy is defined @Your site):	
SSW Site email contact (USER@HOSTNAME):	

Select those SolarSoft instruments which you plan to analyze at your site:
 (don't overthink it - easy to add others later via ssw_upgrade...)

SDO: [AIA ☐] [HMI ☐] [EVE ☐]

GOES-R Series [SUVI ☐ *GOES {16,17,18,19}*]

GOES-N Series [SXI ☐ *GOES {13,14,15}*]

Solar Orbiter [STIX ☐] [SPICE ☐] [SOLOHI ☐]

Parker Solar Probe [WISPR ☐]

SOHO: [EIT ☐] [LASCO ☐] [CDS ☐] [SUMER ☐] [MDI ☐] [UVCS ☐]

Hinode: [EIS ☐] [SOT ☐] [XRT ☐]

Proba2: [SWAP ☐] [LYRA ☐]

Orbital Observatories [IRIS ☐] [HESSI ☐] [TRACE ☐] [SMEI ☐] [HXRS ☐] [BATSE ☐] [SPARTAN ☐] [**Hi-C** ☐]

Optical Observatories: [SOON ☐] [NSO ☐] [MEES ☐] [LaPalma SVST ☐]

Radio Observatories: [ETHZ ☐] [NRH ☐] [NoRH ☐] [NoRP ☐] [OVSA ☐] [LOFAR ☐]

Virtual Observatories: [CoSEC ☐] [EGSO ☐] [VSO ☐] [Ontology ☒] [HELIO ☐]

STEREO: [SECCHI ☐] [SSC ☐] [PLASTIC ☐] [IMPACT ☐]

Yohkoh: [SXT ☐] [BCS ☐] [HXT ☐] [WBS ☐]

Packages: [BINARIES ☒] [SUNSPICE ☐] [SPEX ☐] [CHIANTI ☐] [PINTofALE ☐] [XRAY ☐] [PFSS ☐] [S3DRS ☐]
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 [SWPC_CAT ☐] [DESAT ☐] [FORWARD ☐] [EUVIDECONPAK ☐] [GSFIT ☐] [DEM_SITES ☐] [CATCH ☐] [SIMPLE_REG_DEM ☐] [DEMREG ☐]

SMM: [XRP ☐] [UVSP ☐] [HXRBS ☐] [CP ☐] [GRS ☐] [HXIS ☐] [ACRIM ☐]

Generate Installation Script Reset (to re-initialize all fields)

NOTE: For more extensive SolarSoft data base (SSWDB) information, including additional Ancillary data bases, see [the SSWDB installation and upgrade document](#)

<https://www.lmsal.com/solarsoft/>

Thank you for your attention!

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Appendix

Solar radiation storms

Solar Radiation Storms

Scale	Description	Effect	Physical measure (Flux level of ≥ 10 MeV particles)	Average Frequency (1 cycle = 11 years)
S 5	Extreme	Biological: Unavoidable high radiation hazard to astronauts on EVA (extra-vehicular activity); passengers and crew in high-flying aircraft at high latitudes may be exposed to radiation risk. Satellite operations: Satellites may be rendered useless, memory impacts can cause loss of control, may cause serious noise in image data, star-trackers may be unable to locate sources; permanent damage to solar panels possible. Other systems: Complete blackout of HF (high frequency) communications possible through the polar regions, and position errors make navigation operations extremely difficult.	10^5	Fewer than 1 per cycle
S 4	Severe	Biological: Unavoidable radiation hazard to astronauts on EVA; passengers and crew in high-flying aircraft at high latitudes may be exposed to radiation risk. Satellite operations: May experience memory device problems and noise on imaging systems; star-tracker problems may cause orientation problems, and solar panel efficiency can be degraded. Other systems: Blackout of HF radio communications through the polar regions and increased navigation errors over several days are likely.	10^4	3 per cycle
S 3	Strong	Biological: Radiation hazard avoidance recommended for astronauts on EVA; passengers and crew in high-flying aircraft at high latitudes may be exposed to radiation risk. Satellite operations: Single-event upsets, noise in imaging systems, and slight reduction of efficiency in solar panel are likely. Other systems: Degraded HF radio propagation through the polar regions and navigation position errors likely.	10^3	10 per cycle
S 2	Moderate	Biological: Passengers and crew in high-flying aircraft at high latitudes may be exposed to elevated radiation risk. Satellite operations: Infrequent single-event upsets possible. Other systems: Small effects on HF propagation through the polar regions and navigation at polar cap locations possibly affected.	10^2	25 per cycle
S 1	Minor	Biological: None. Satellite operations: None. Other systems: Minor impacts on HF radio in the polar regions.	10	50 per cycle

Geomagnetic storms

Geomagnetic Storms

Scale	Description	Effect	Physical measure	Average Frequency (1 cycle = 11 years)
G 5	Extreme	Power systems: Widespread voltage control problems and protective system problems can occur, some grid systems may experience complete collapse or blackouts. Transformers may experience damage. Spacecraft operations: May experience extensive surface charging, problems with orientation, uplink/downlink and tracking satellites. Other systems: Pipeline currents can reach hundreds of amps, HF (high frequency) radio propagation may be impossible in many areas for one to two days, satellite navigation may be degraded for days, low-frequency radio navigation can be out for hours, and aurora has been seen as low as Florida and southern Texas (typically 40° geomagnetic lat.).	Kp = 9	4 per cycle (4 days per cycle)
G 4	Severe	Power systems: Possible widespread voltage control problems and some protective systems will mistakenly trip out key assets from the grid. Spacecraft operations: May experience surface charging and tracking problems, corrections may be needed for orientation problems. Other systems: Induced pipeline currents affect preventive measures, HF radio propagation sporadic, satellite navigation degraded for hours, low-frequency radio navigation disrupted, and aurora has been seen as low as Alabama and northern California (typically 45° geomagnetic lat.).	Kp = 8, including a 9-	100 per cycle (60 days per cycle)
G 3	Strong	Power systems: Voltage corrections may be required, false alarms triggered on some protection devices. Spacecraft operations: Surface charging may occur on satellite components, drag may increase on low-Earth-orbit satellites, and corrections may be needed for orientation problems. Other systems: Intermittent satellite navigation and low-frequency radio navigation problems may occur, HF radio may be intermittent, and aurora has been seen as low as Illinois and Oregon (typically 50° geomagnetic lat.).	Kp = 7	200 per cycle (130 days per cycle)
G 2	Moderate	Power systems: High-latitude power systems may experience voltage alarms, long-duration storms may cause transformer damage. Spacecraft operations: Corrective actions to orientation may be required by ground control; possible changes in drag affect orbit predictions. Other systems: HF radio propagation can fade at higher latitudes, and aurora has been seen as low as New York and Idaho (typically 55° geomagnetic lat.).	Kp = 6	600 per cycle (360 days per cycle)
G 1	Minor	Power systems: Weak power grid fluctuations can occur. Spacecraft operations: Minor impact on satellite operations possible. Other systems: Migratory animals are affected at this and higher levels; aurora is commonly visible at high latitudes (northern Michigan and Maine).	Kp = 5	1700 per cycle (900 days per cycle)

G2, G3 - events in last week

NOAA