

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

# NASA Heliophysics Update

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# Some Heliophysics Division News



Steve Clarke on detail to OSTP since July 2017

Peg Luce is Acting Director of Heliophysics

Heliophysics Division Director – IPA/Detailee Position, selection in process

New faces: Janet Kozyra (recently joined NASA as IPA after NSF IPA assignment from U of Michigan)

Jared Leisner (joined from NASA Planetary Science Division)

Terry Onsager on detail from NOAA/SWPC started, November 2017

Roshanak Hakimzadeh on detail from GRC started, November 2017

Jim Spann on detail from MSFC, started November 2017

Coming soon on detail:

Bill Atkinson from KSC starting January 2018

New Assignments:

Elsayed Talaat – Chief Scientist

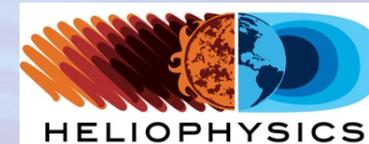
Lika Guhathakurta on detail to Ames since May 2017

Jeff Morrill - LWS Program Scientist

Janet Kozyra - LWS Science Lead



# Alignment with Decadal Survey



## The NASA FY17 Appropriation and the FY18 President's Budget Request support the following:

0.0 Complete the current program

Extended operations of current operating missions as recommended by the 2015 Senior Review; 5 missions currently in development (SET, ICON, GOLD, SOC and Parker)

1.0 Implement DRIVE (Diversify, Realize, Integrate, Venture, Educate)

Implemented DRIVE initiative wedge in FY15; fully funded in FY17 and onwards

2.0 Accelerate and expand Heliophysics Explorer program

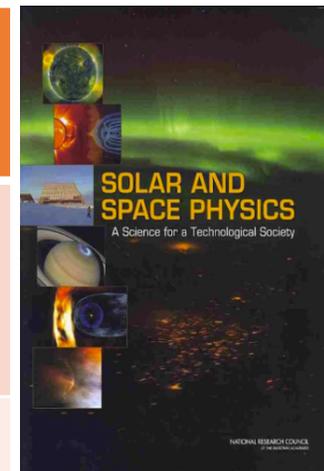
Decadal recommendation of every 2-3 years; Explorer mission AO released in 2016; plan to release next Explorer AO in 2018. Notional mission cadence will continue to follow Decadal recommendation going forward.

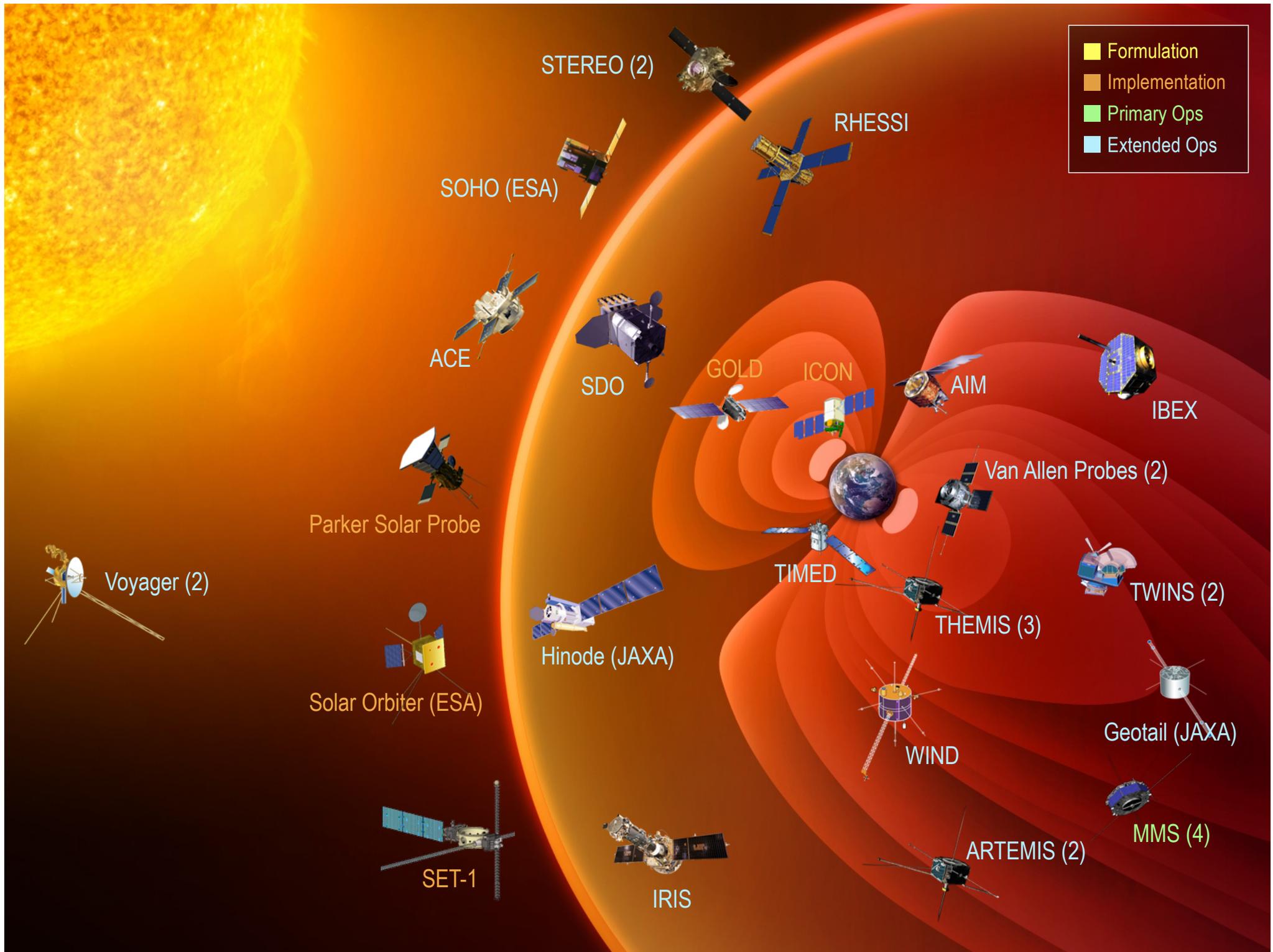
3.0 Restructure STP as a moderate scale, PI-led flight program

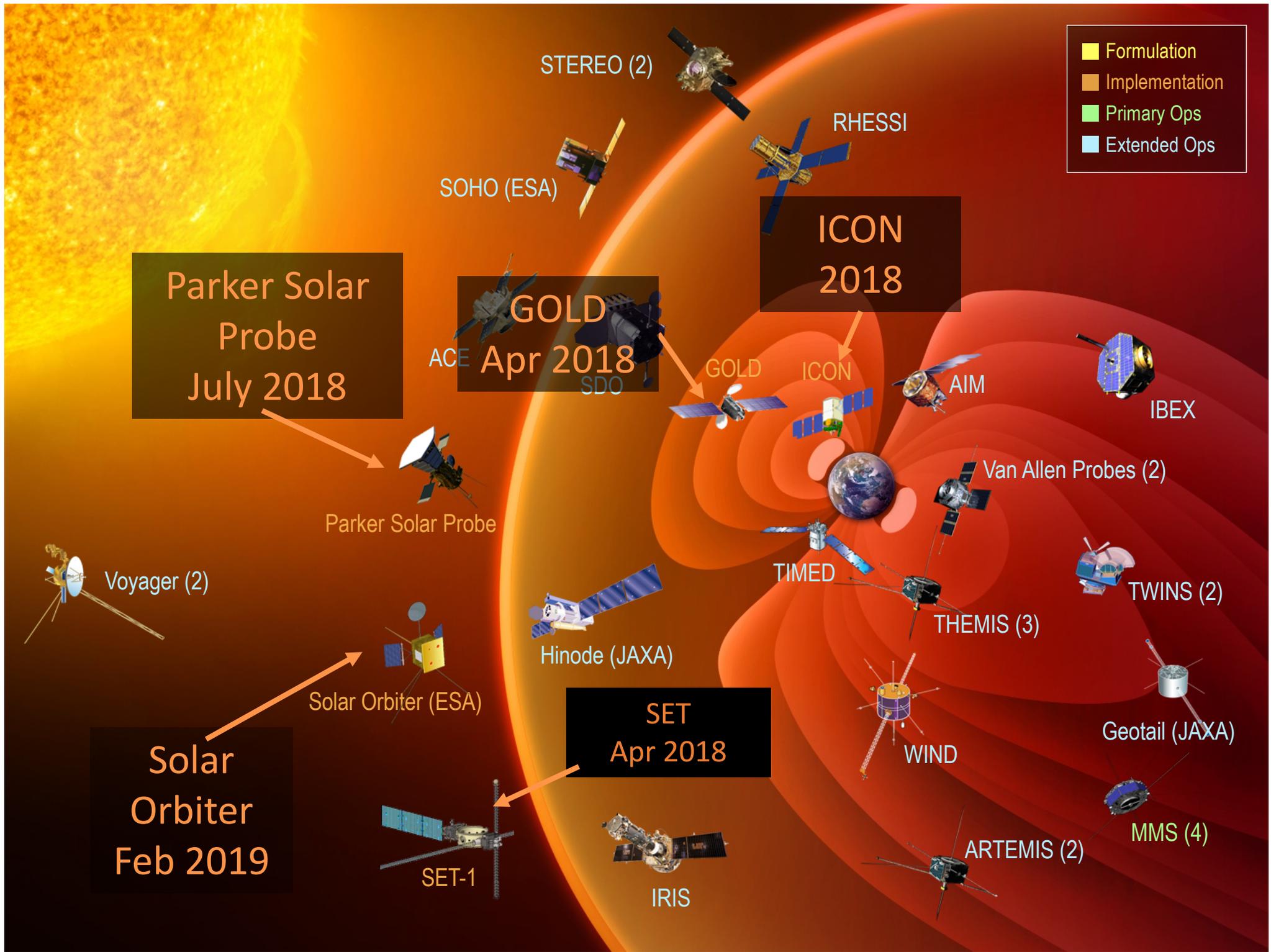
STP-5 (IMAP) mission AO released with IMAP as a PI-led mission with a LRD ~2024

4.0 Implement a large LWS GDC-like mission

Start of mission formulation targeted for NET2019; RFI call for innovative ideas is out; inputs will feed into GDC STDT that will start in 2017.

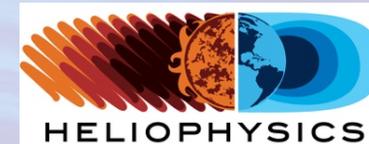








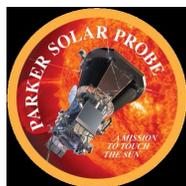
# Heliophysics Program Highlights



The ICON launch, previously scheduled for 12/8/17, has been postponed. NASA and Orbital ATK are addressing an issue with the rocket's spacecraft separation system. The satellite is in pristine condition, and will be stored and maintained at an Orbital ATK facility in Gilbert, AZ, until it is shipped for launch.



The GOLD Instrument is integrated with the SES-14 spacecraft and proceeding through environmental testing at the Airbus facility in Toulouse, France.



All instruments, including the Solar Probe Cup, are integrated with the observatory, which is proceeding through environmental testing. Outgassing of C103 Niobium at high temperature remains under investigation. In September, 3 of 6 separation nuts failed to separate during a test of the 3rd stage to spacecraft interface. An anomaly investigation team, including OSC, ULA, and LSP, recommended corrective actions and subsequent tests, including spacecraft shock/separation tests, have been successful. Qualification of the system is still required.



All Solar Orbiter instruments have been delivered to Airbus facility in Stevenage, UK. Overall observatory schedule continues to slip.

The Heliophysics Senior Review Subcommittee (now a subordinate group of a FACA-chartered Committee) met in October and will report to the Heliophysics Advisory Committee this week.



# Mission Highlights



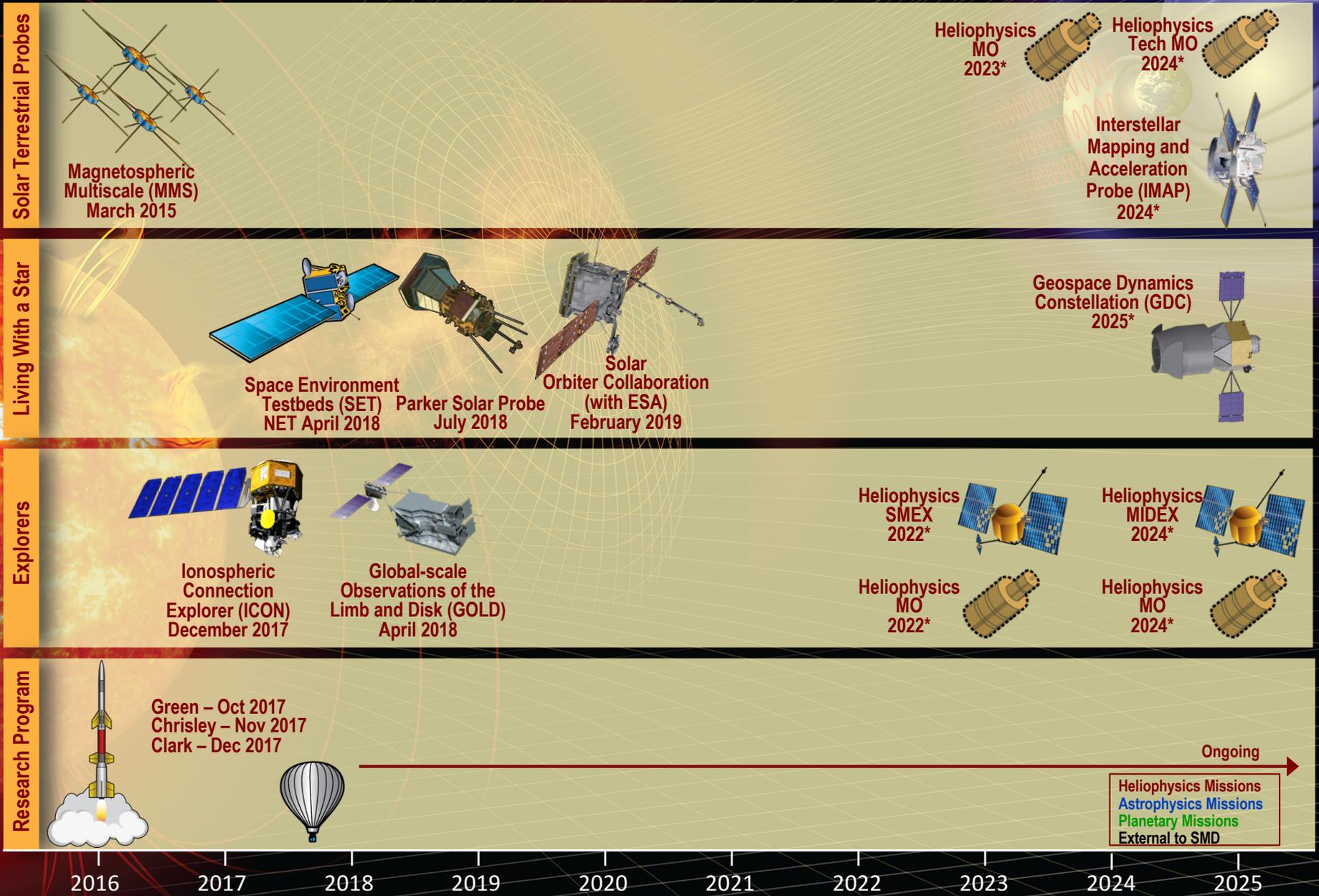
ICON Observatory Prior to Close-Out for Shipment to VAFB



Parker Solar Probe Installation of the Flight Thermal Protection System at APL, Sep 21



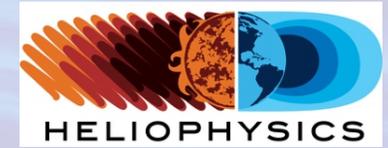
# Heliophysics Program



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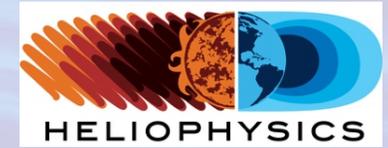
# Upcoming Mission Updates



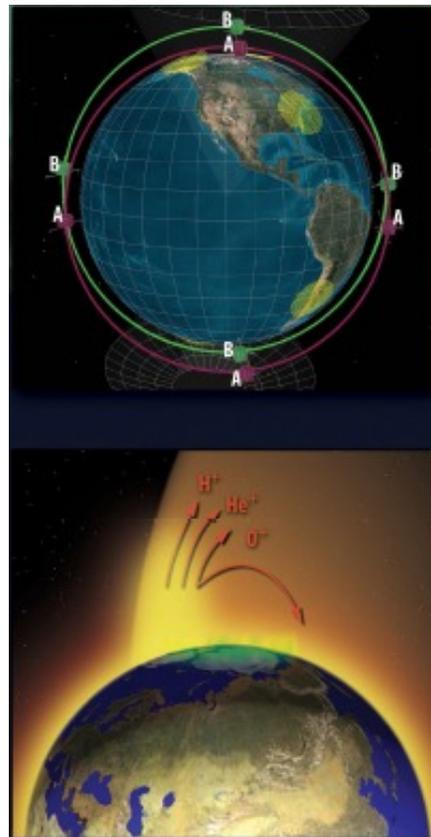
- SMEX 16 AO:
  - Five missions selected for Phase A competition
  - Three Missions of Opportunity (MO) selected for further competition
  - One Cat 3 MO selected for technology development
- IMAP proposals are in review
- GDC RFI responses due November 30
- GDC STDT on track for formation in 2017
- Mission study teams for DYNAMIC and MEDICI (STP-6, STP-7) will be sequenced after GDC STDT



# AO 2016 SMEX Selections [1/2]

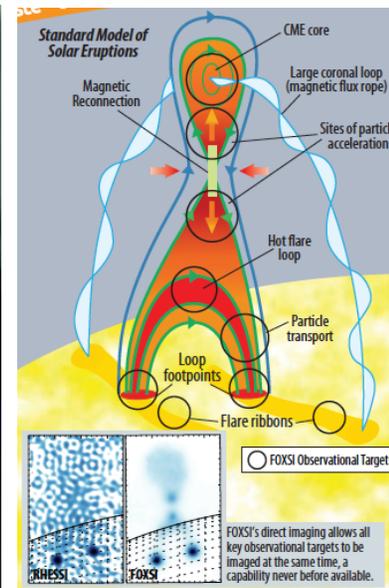


- Five SMEX missions in Phase A competition, LRD ~2022
  - MEME-X, FOXSI, MUSE, TRACERS, PUNCH



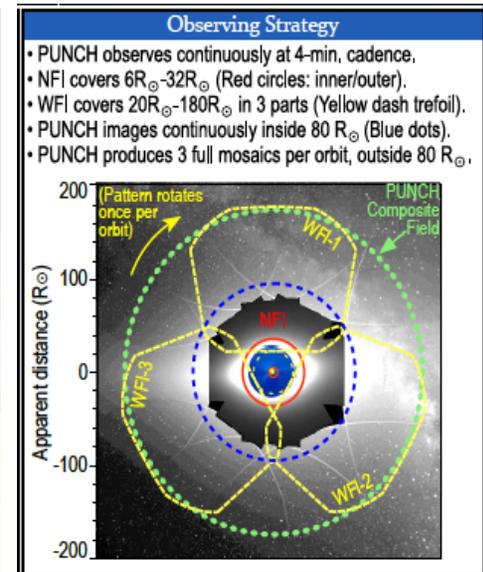
## MEME-X

Mechanisms of Energetic Mass Ejection eXplorer



## FOXSI

Focusing Optics X-ray Solar Imager



## PUNCH

Polarimeter to Unify the Corona and Heliosphere

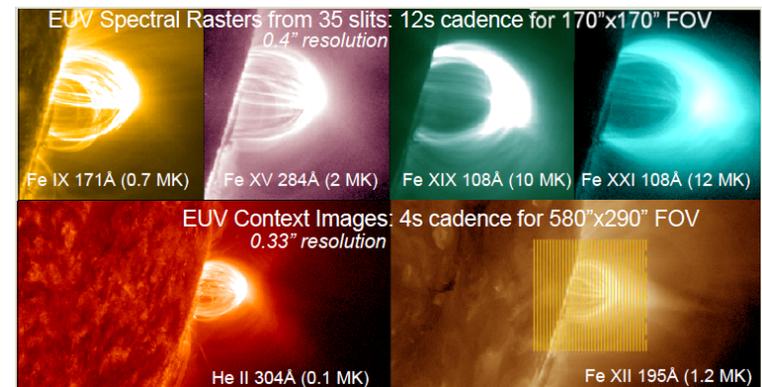
**Key Spacecraft Characteristics**

T1 & T2 Satellites

- Passive spin stabilization enables simple instrument modes & operations
- Power, RF, thermal-positive in all attitudes
- Spacecraft bus design uses strong WFOV/Altair heritage and leverages legacy industry components for Low Earth Orbit
- Self-equilibrating hydrazine system merges heritage components via Millennium's WFOV existing integration processes
- Booms have direct THEMIS heritage

## TRACERS

Tandem Reconnection and Cusp Electrodynamics Reconnaissance Satellites



## MUSE

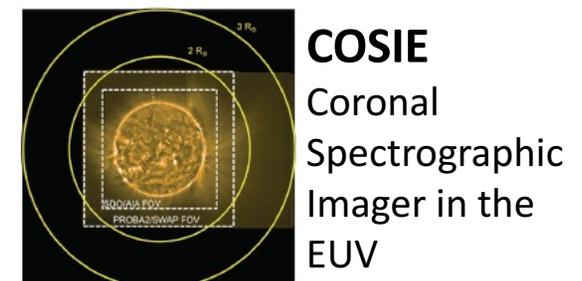
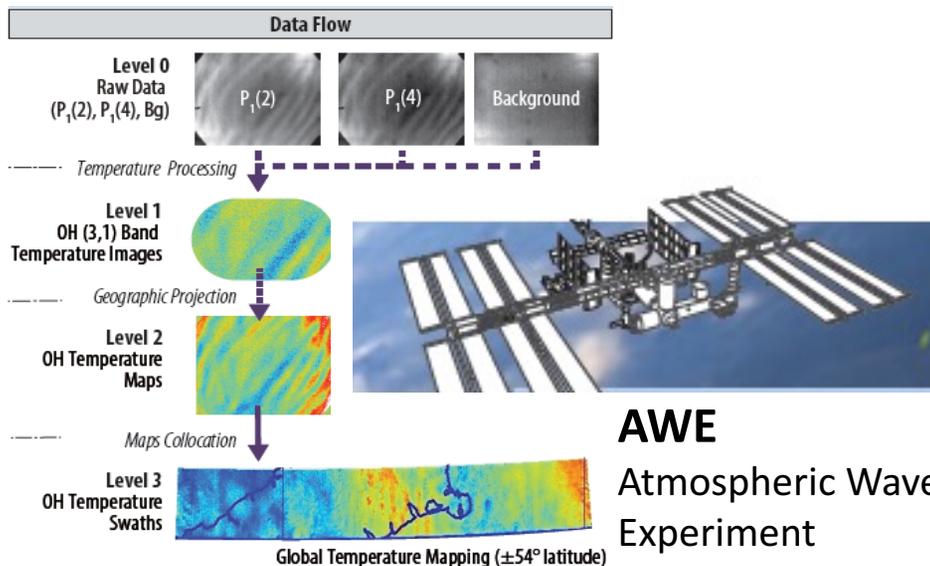
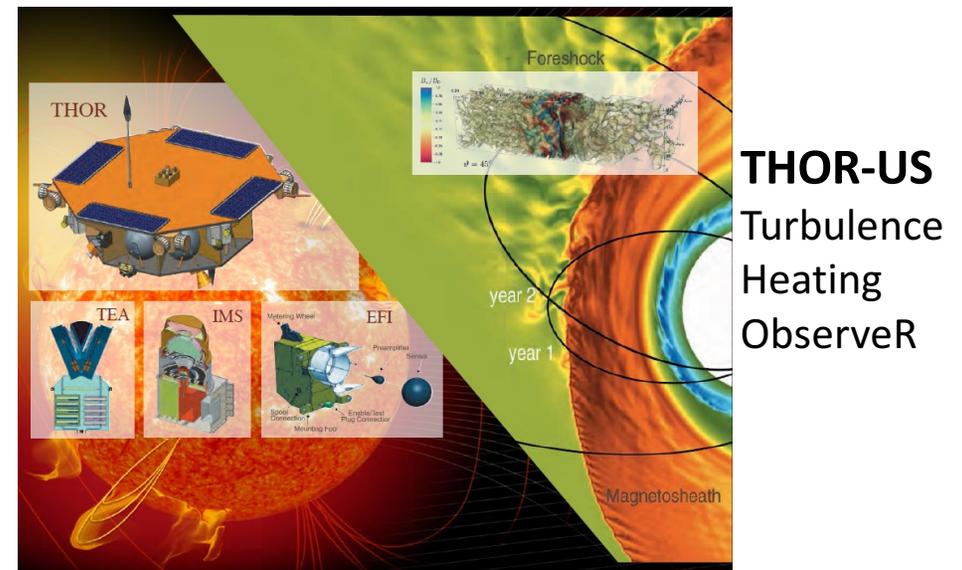
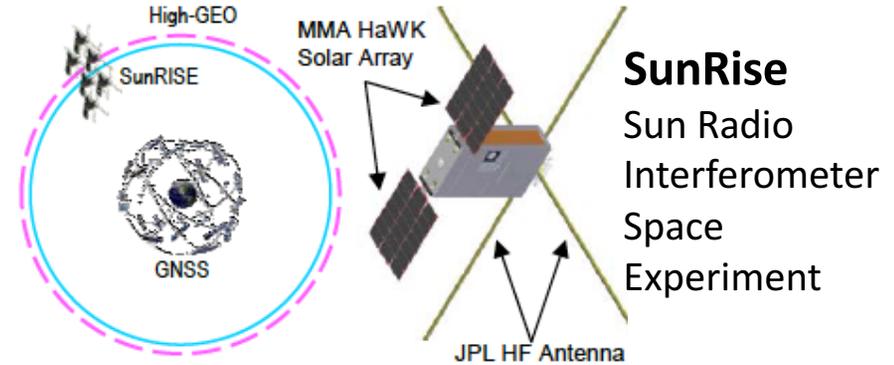
Multi-slit Solar Explorer



# AO 2016 SMEX Selections [2/2]

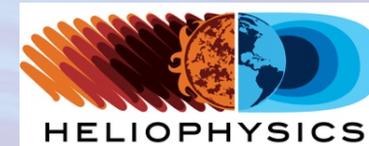


- Three MOs selected to proceed:
  - Two MOs (SunRISE, AWE) in Phase A competition, LRD varies
  - One partner MoO: THOR-US, contingent on selection of ESA M5 mission
- Tech development funding for Cat-3 MO: COSIE
- Several selections use multiple CubeSats/SmallSats
  - Technology development that can be leveraged for future Decadal Survey missions





# Interagency, Intra-agency and International efforts



- NASA–NSF (NASA-NSF MOU)
  - Co-funding CCMC facility
  - Co-funding Living With a Star Strategic Capabilities
  - New opportunity focused on “Computational Aspects of Space Weather”
  - Coordinating ICON & GOLD opportunities (NASA mission GI, NSF CEDAR, joint opp.)



- NASA-NOAA (NASA-NOAA MOU)
  - Collaboration between CCMC and NOAA/SWPC on space weather modeling capability



- NASA-NSF-NOAA
  - Pilot O2R research activity
- Heliophysics-Planetary
  - Co-funding selected Living With a Star grants
  - Joint Juno Participating Scientist Program



- Heliophysics-Astrophysics
  - Joint “Impact of Stellar Properties on the Habitability of Exoplanets” research opportunity



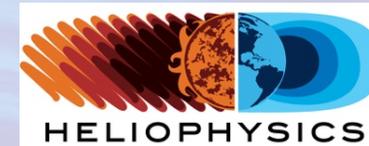
- NASA-ESA
  - Solar Orbiter
  - THOR-US contingent on selection of ESA M5 mission



- NASA-KASI
  - Development towards prototype coronagraph for balloon flight in 2019; agreement signed October 2017



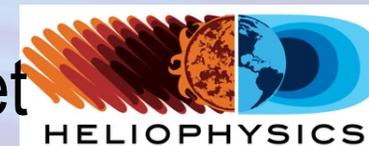
# HPD ROSES17 Status



ELEMENT	STEP 1 PROPOSALS (Due Date)	STEP 2 PROPOSALS (Due Date)	AWARDS (Expected)	YEAR 1 (\$M)
B.2 H-SR	194	177	(25-30)	(\$6.0M)
B.3 H-TIDeS	101	88	(12)	(\$4.0M-\$6.0M)
B.4 H-GI Open	193	175	(25-30)	(\$4.7M)
B.5 H-GCR TMS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
B.6 H-LWS	(12/5)	(2/6/2018)	(15-20)	(\$3.75M)
B.7 H-DEE	15	9	(<=9)	(\$0.5M)
B.8 H-GI MMS	54	(1/11/18)	(8-10)	(\$1.3M)
B.9 H-GCR SC	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD



# DRIVE implemented in FY18 President's Budget

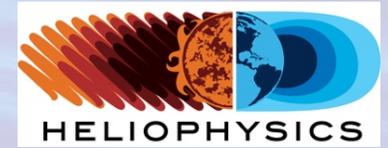


\$M		FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	Delta FY18	FY20-FY18
Sounding Rocket Program Office	FY15 PBR	<b>48.3</b>	53.0	53.0	53.0				10.7	4.1
	FY18 PBR	49.8	53.3	59.0	61.1	63.1	63.1	63.1		
Guest Investigator	FY15 PBR	<b>8.0</b>	8.0	8.0	8.0				7.2	4.8
	FY18 PBR	10.5	11.6	15.2	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0		
Research & Analysis (HSR, H-TIDeS, H-GCR)	FY15 PBR	34.0	<b>33.9</b>	33.9	33.9				16.0	8.7
	FY18 PBR	36.3	39.4	49.9	58.2	58.6	58.6	58.6		
LWS Science	FY15 PBR	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5				7.1	6.3
	FY18 PBR	18.4	<b>21.9</b>	29.0	35.5	35.3	35.3	35.3		

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# Eugene Parker Honored



On May 31, the Solar Probe Plus was renamed the Parker Solar Probe in honor of the discovery of the solar wind by Eugene Parker. During the ceremony he received the NASA Distinguished Public Service Award.



40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Voyager  
Smithsonian Air & Space Museum, Sept 5

Voyager launched into a severe but poorly characterized energetic particle environment, just 20 years into the space age. Its longevity is a testament to the designers and engineers who developed Voyager.



William Shatner sent message to Voyager



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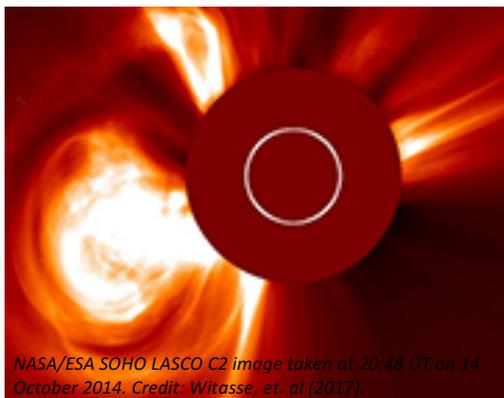
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We offer friendship across the stars. You are not alone. [#MessageToVoyager](#)

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# NASA, ESA Spacecraft Track Solar Storm Through Space

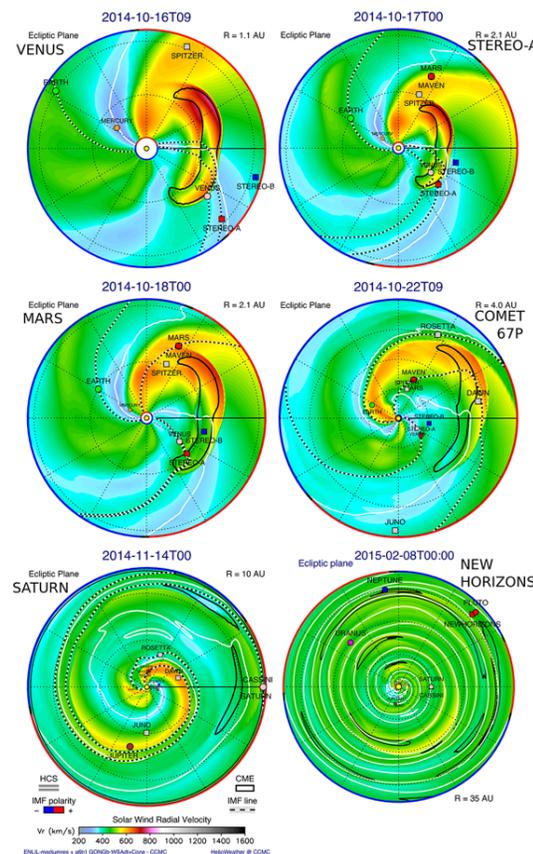


NASA/ESA SOHO LASCO C2 image taken at 20:48 UT on 14 October 2014. Credit: Witasse, et. al (2017).

On October 14, 2014, the NASA/ESA SOHO spacecraft observed a powerful coronal mass ejection (CME) associated with an M1.1 solar flare and tracked it through space.

An international team of scientists from Europe and the United States, including two NASA centers, used data from 10 NASA and ESA spacecraft to track the CME from the Sun out to the edge of the heliosphere.

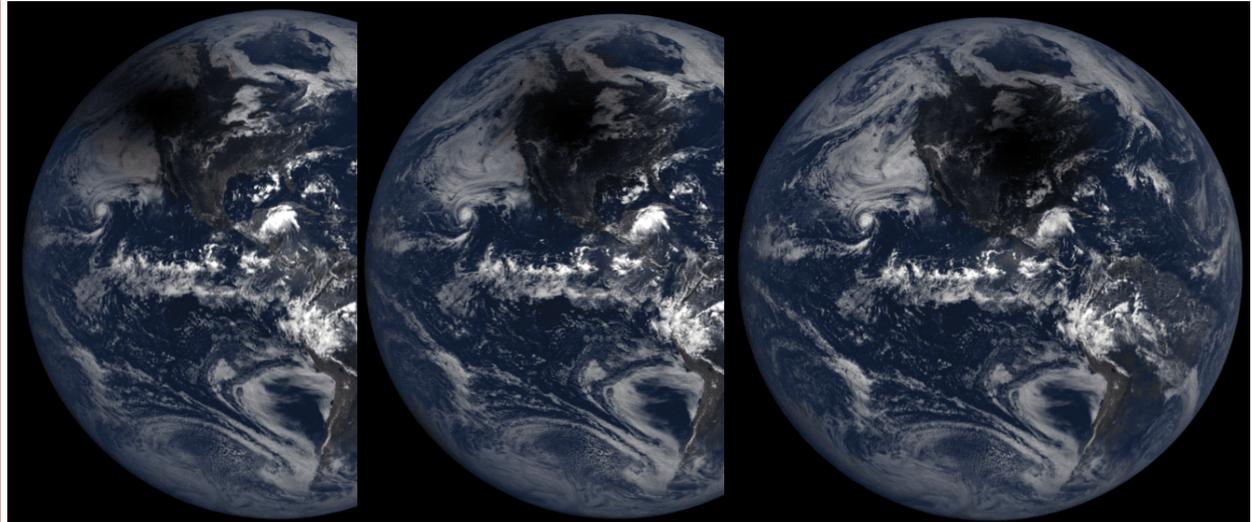
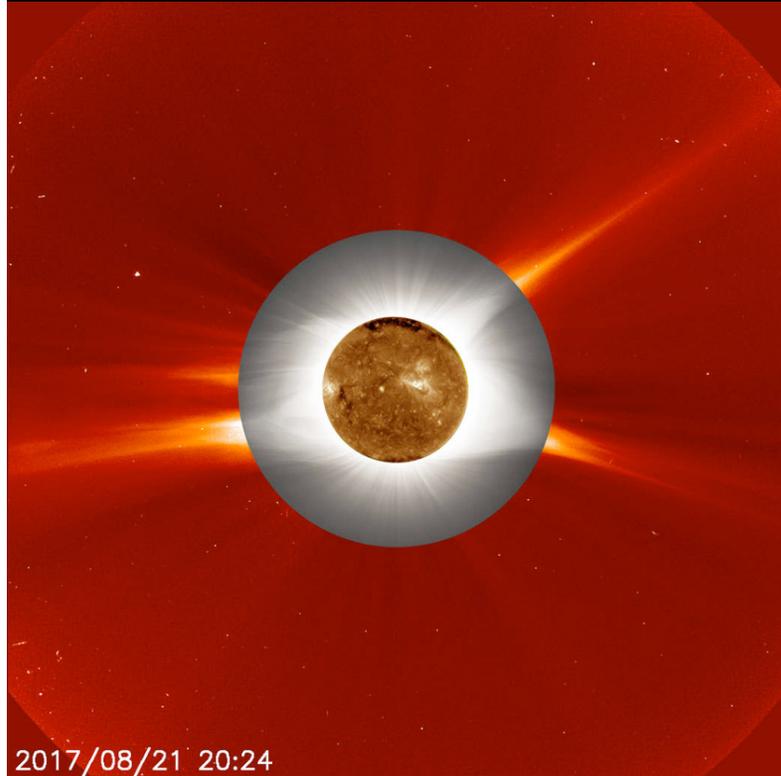
Date	Detected By	Location in Space	Distance from the Sun
Oct. 14, 2014	--	Sun – CME Launches	--
Oct. 16, 2014	Venus Express <i>(indirect data)</i>	Venus	0.72 AU
Oct. 16, 2014	STEREO-A	The Far Side of the Sun	0.96 AU
Oct. 17, 2014	Curiosity MAVEN Mars Express Mars Odyssey	Mars	1.41 AU
Oct. 22, 2014	Rosetta	Comet 67P	3.13 AU
Nov. 12, 2014	Cassini	Saturn	9.94 AU
Jan. 18 – Feb. 14, 2015	New Horizons <i>(possible detection)</i>	En Route to Pluto	31.49 AU
Late March 2016	Voyager 2 <i>(possible detection)</i>	The Heliosheath	111.06 AU



CCMC models were used to simulate the CME passage throughout the solar system and to help identify the October 2014 event as it traveled past NASA and ESA spacecraft.



Photo Credit: (NASA/Aubrey Gemignani)



Moon's shadow moving across North America as seen by EPIC on DISCOVER.  
**Credit:** NASA EPIC Team

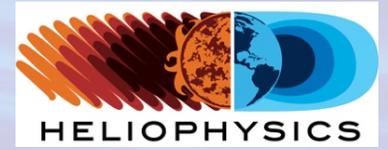
**Credits:** Innermost image: NASA/SDO.

Ground-based eclipse image: Jay Pasachoff, Ron Dantowitz,  
Christian Lockwood and the Williams College Eclipse  
Expedition/NSF/National Geographic

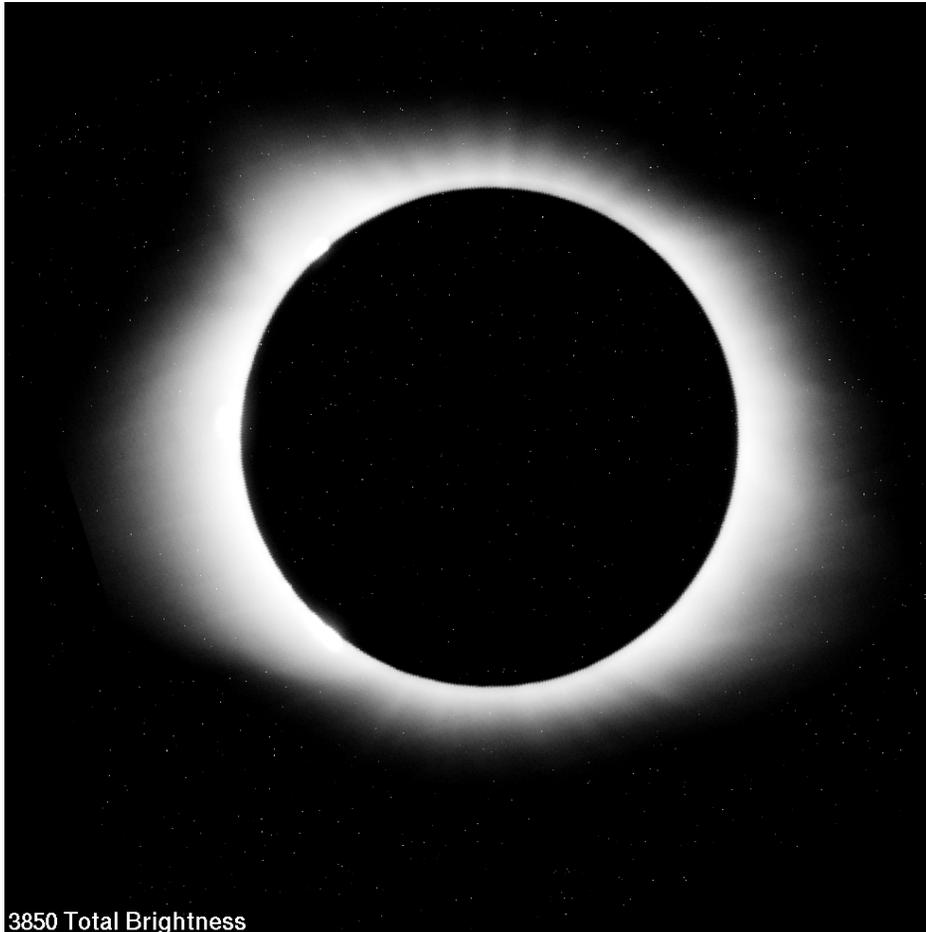
Outer image: ESA/NASA/SOHO



# Solar Eclipse Research: Temperature and Flow Speed in the Solar Corona



Principal Investigator: Nat Gopalswamy



Polarization Camera Images in 3850 Å

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