PROBA2/SWAP OBSERVATIONS OF THE LARGE-SCALE, LONG-TERM EVOLUTION OF THE EUV CORONA

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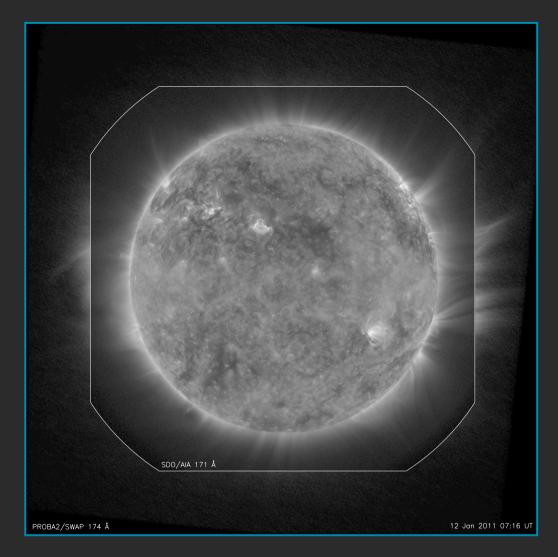
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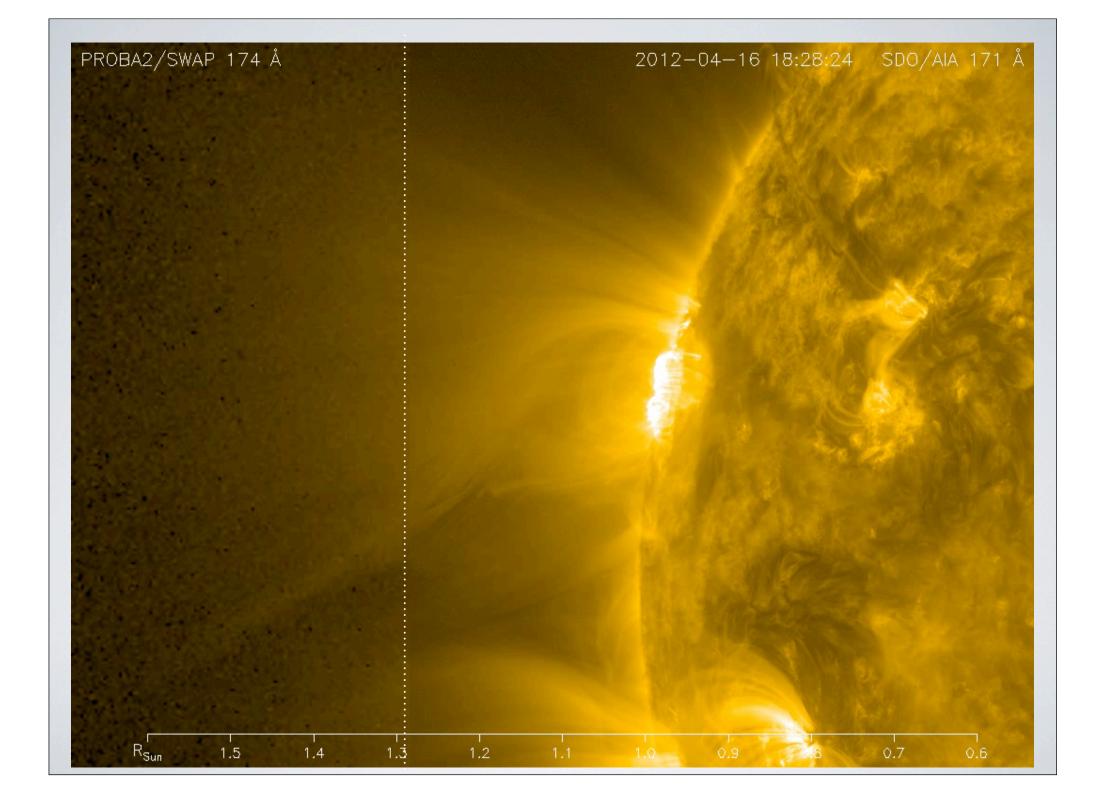
ESA microsatellite PROBA2 sun-synchronous orbit since Nov '09

Seaton et al. 2012, Sol.Phys. online Halain et al. 2010, SPIE 7732

SWAP EUV IMAGER

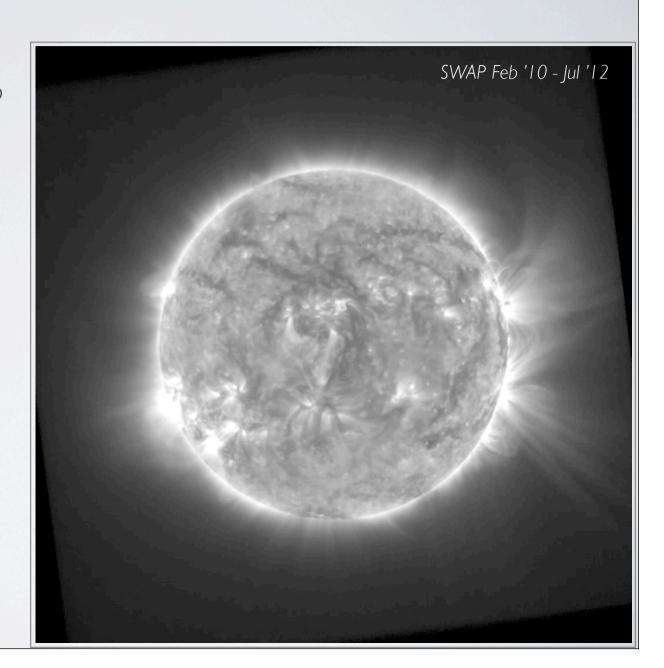
I million° corona in EUV 17.4nm ☀ ~2 mins cadence (upto 20s)

large FOV ★ I Kx I K CMOS APS (~EUI, PHI, SoloHI)



EVOLUTION EXTENDED CORONA

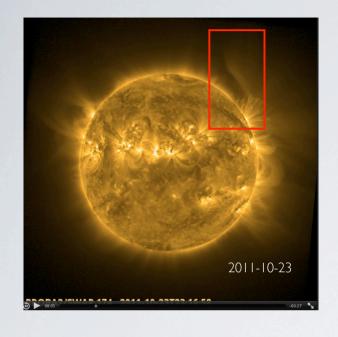
- high-quality, deep-exposure SWAP images by stacking up many individual images
- ▶ Carrington rotation movies http://proba2.oma.be/swap/movies
- SWAP monitored the extended corona (< 2 R_{sun}) over 2,5 years (rising phase)
- Aim of this presentation: present preliminary results, inspire new research on extended EUV corona above 1.3 R_{sun}

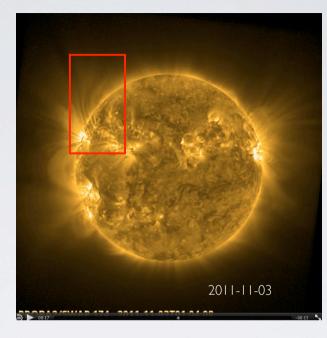


CR 2125-2126 radially enhanced SWAP/PROBA2 17.4 nm 2012-08-14 18:47:10 CR 2126

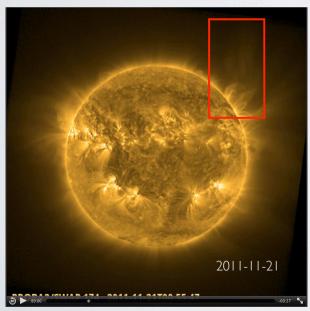
CORONAL 'FAN RAYS'

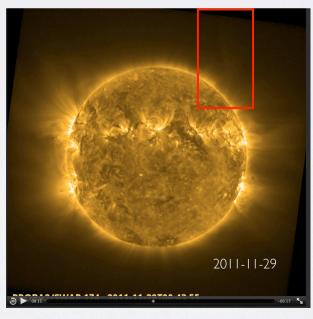
- Extended, EUV bright structures
- Raise along open field lines
- Seem rooted in the fan loops close to the edges of the AR
- Stable & persistent over several rotations despite AR closeby
- Often bending above closed field

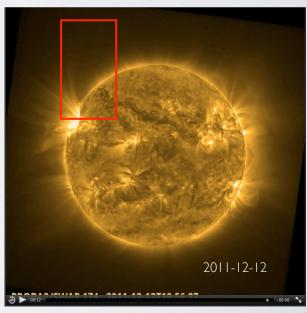


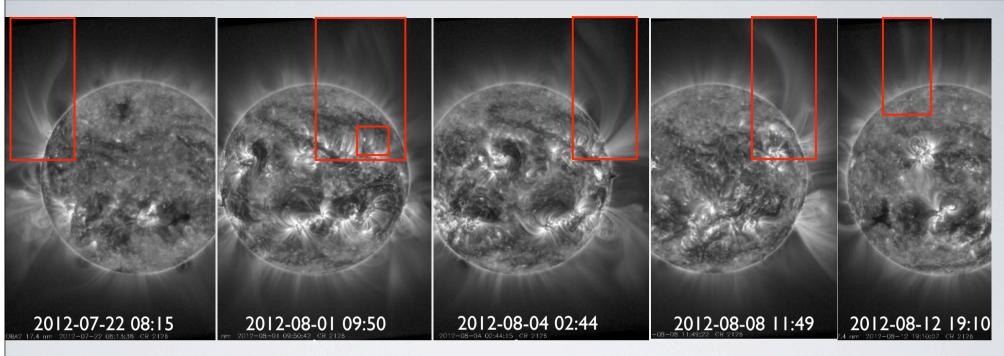


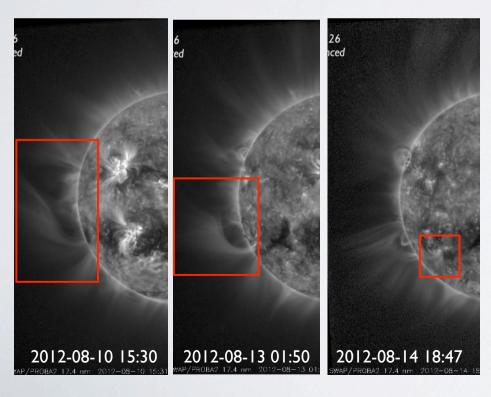
Persistence: same structure visible over at least 2 CRs

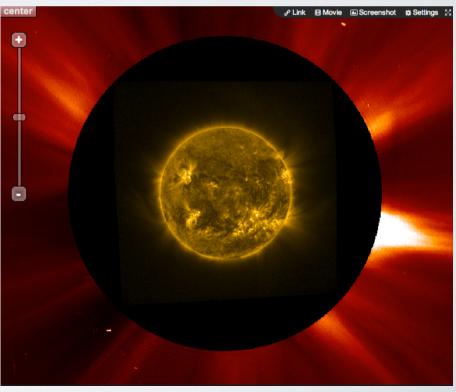




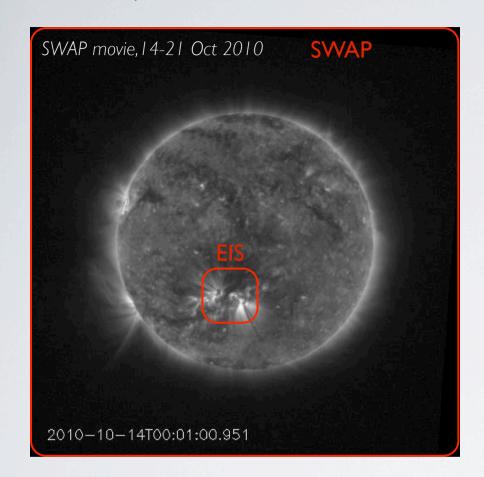




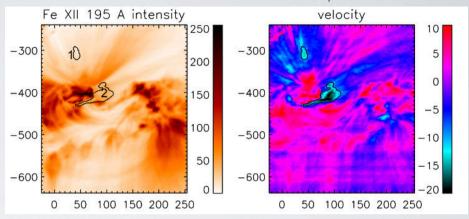




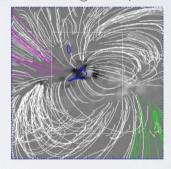
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Outflows in AR 11112 detected by EIS 14/10/10



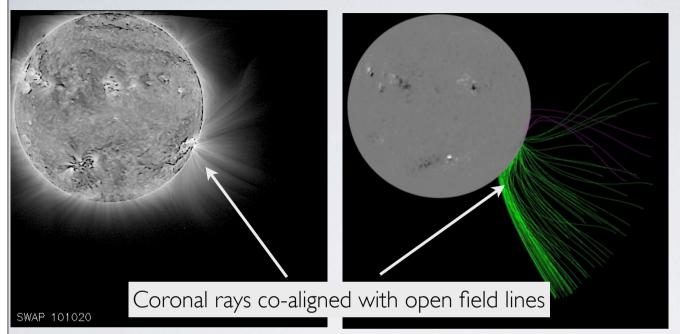
PFSS magnetic field

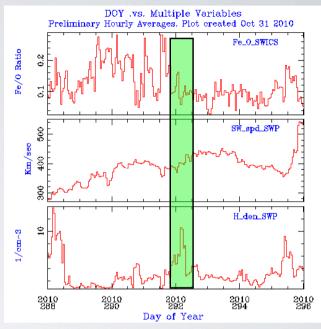


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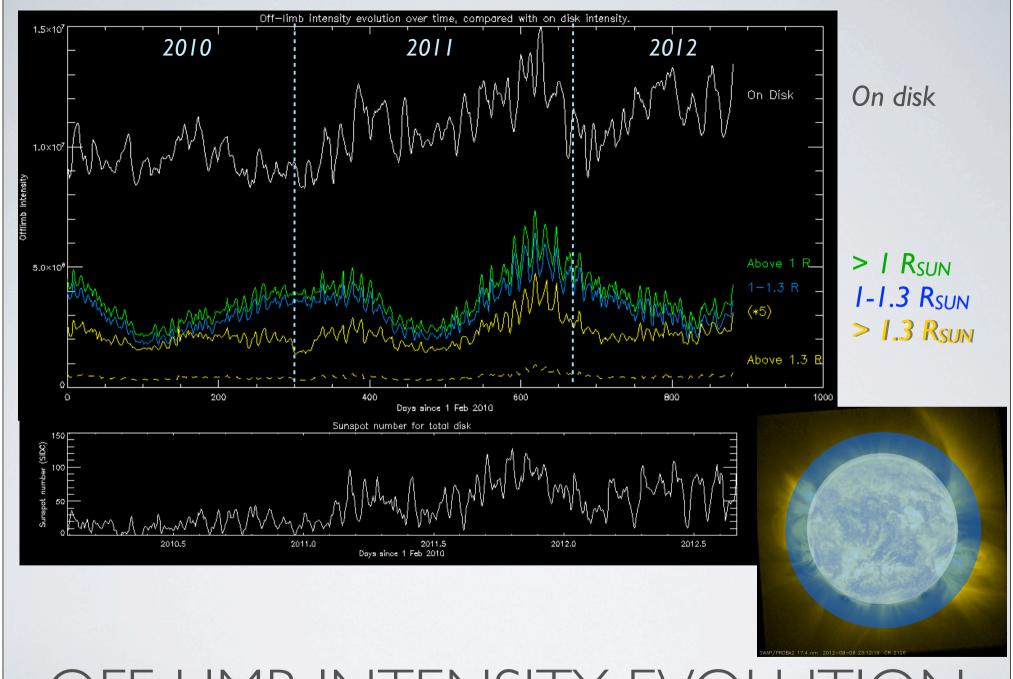




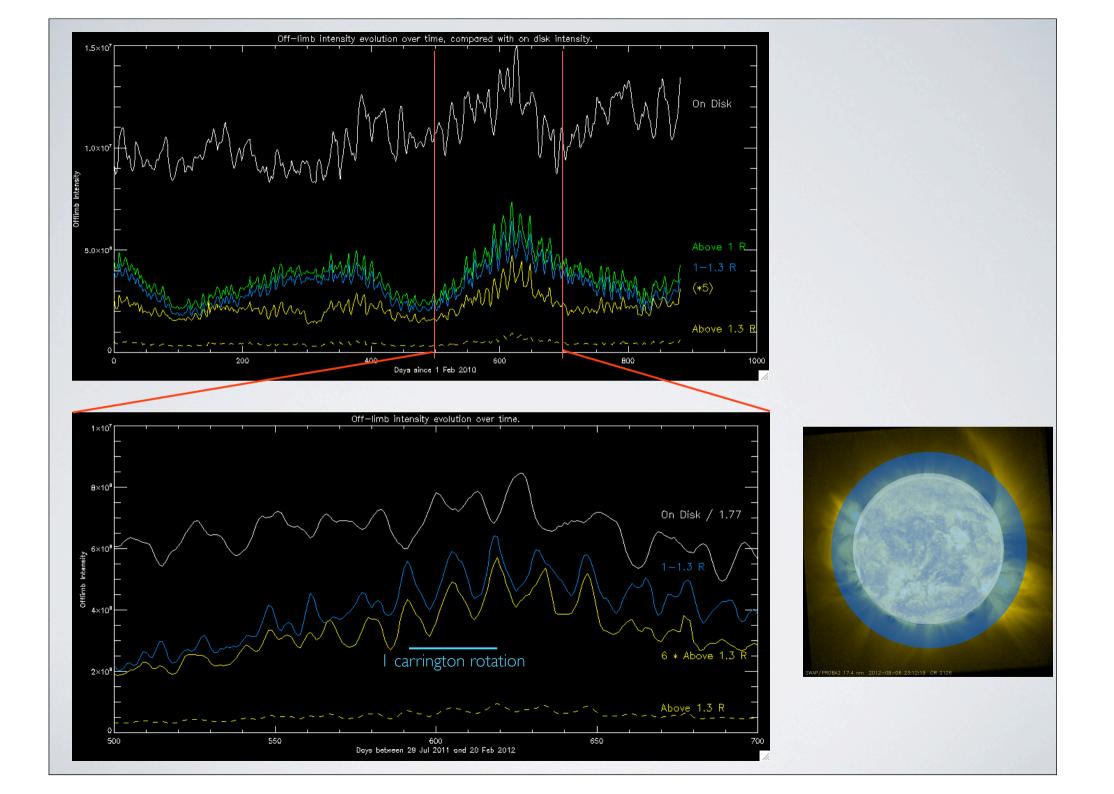
Impact of outflows on ACE solar wind data

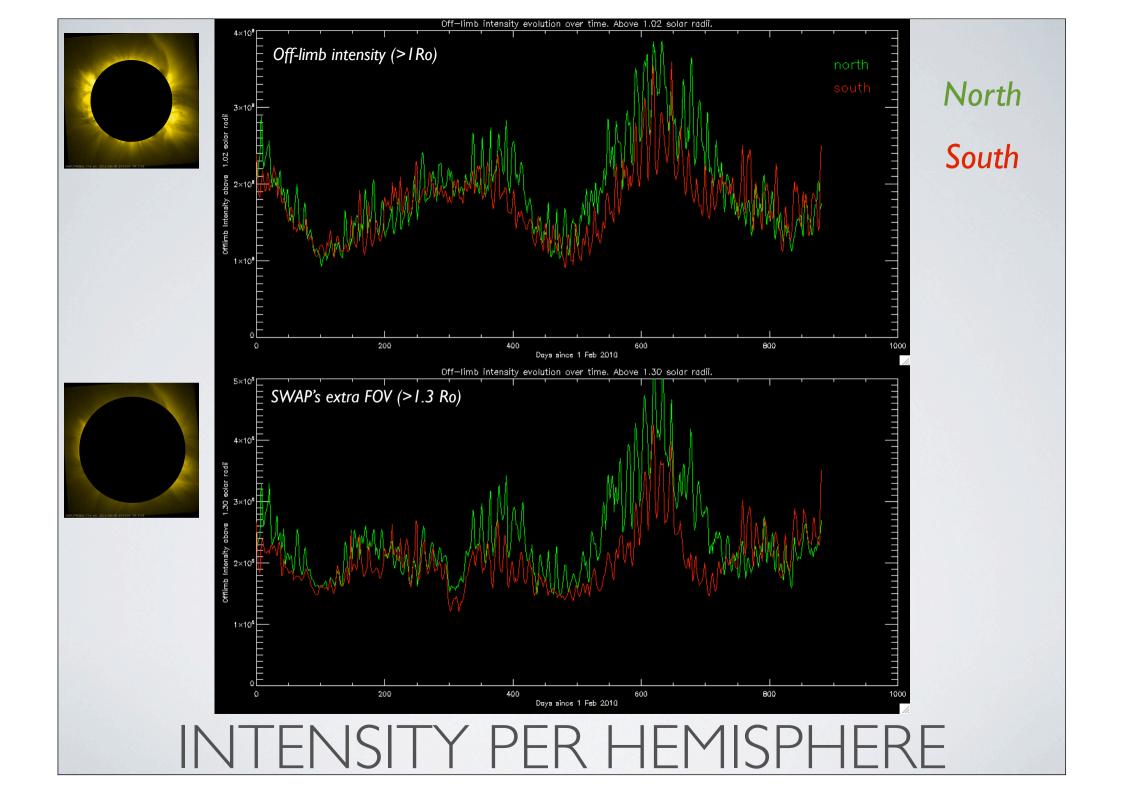
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OFF-LIMB INTENSITY EVOLUTION





QUESTIONS

- Link with WL streamers? Link with solar wind?
- Why are they so persistent? Continuous heating?
- How can they stay so stable?
- Where exactly are the footpoints?
- ▶ 3D reconstruction using SWAP only or with STEREO/EUVI
- ▶ Comparison EUV rays with WL (SWAP vs MLSO)
- ▶ Apply tomographic techniques on SWAP at ~ 1.7 R_{SUN}

LINK WITH STREAMERS

Morgan & Habbal 2010, ApJ 710, 1

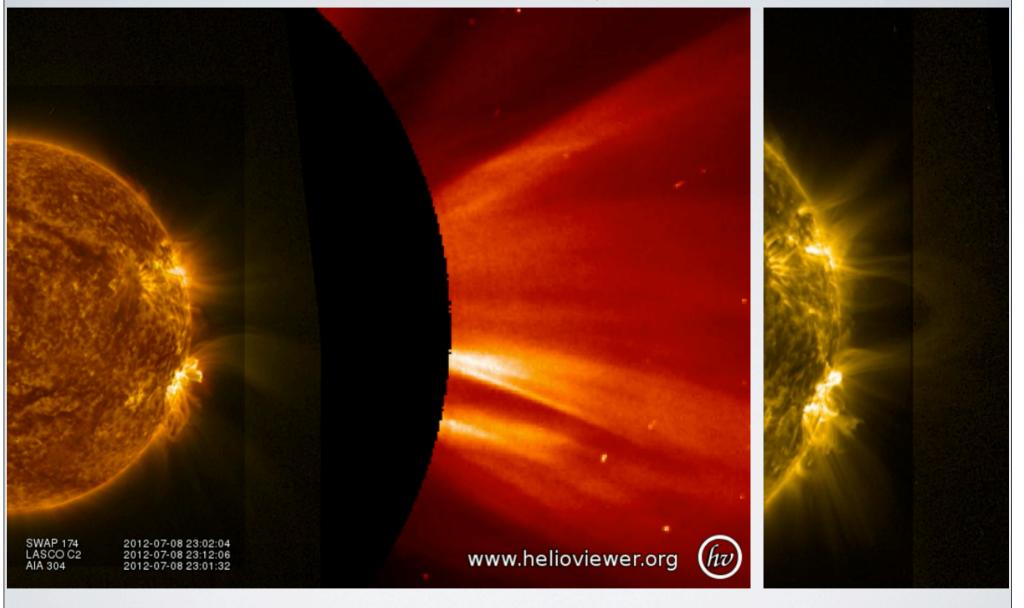
Streamers (WL)	Coronal Fan Rays (EUV)
high-density structures Intensity ~ r-I	high-temperature structures Intensity ~ r-2
rise radially	fan out, bend over closed loops?
same latitude as filaments & AR belts	higher latitudes? footpoints at polar edge of ARs
not necessarily associated with polar reversal	??

results of tomography on full solar cycle of LASCO data 4 R_{SUN}

OPPORTUNITIES SOLAR ORBITER

- FSI's broad FOV can observe extended rays first 3 years of SoIO comparable PROBA2's first 3 years (rising phase solar cycle)
- When SolO moves out of ecliptic, link FSI/EUI information to in-situ measurements
- METIS coronagraph: WL, (E)UV observations from 1.4 to 4 solar radii
- SPICE: EUV imaging spectroscopy of the solar disk and low corona

a few more beautiful examples to end with



SWAP data available from http://proba2.oma.be