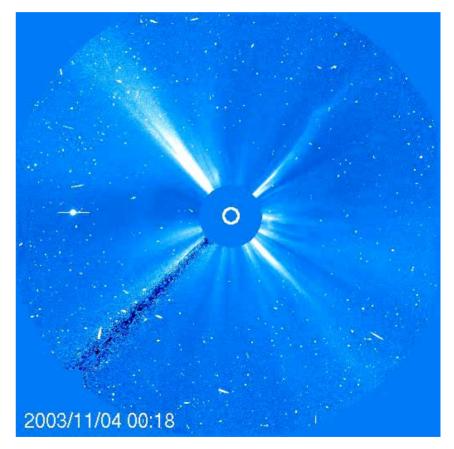


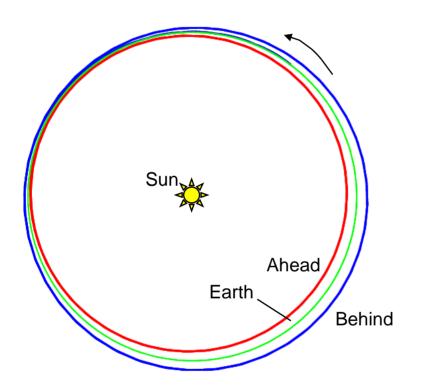
Michael L. Kaiser STEREO Project Scientist NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center

Science Objectives

- 1. Understand the causes and mechanisms of Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) initiation
- 2. Characterize the propagation of CMEs through the heliosphere
- 3. Discover the mechanisms and sites of energetic particle acceleration in the low corona and the interplanetary medium
- 4. Develop a 3D time-dependent model of the magnetic topology, temperature, density, and velocity structure of the ambient solar wind



Mission Orbit

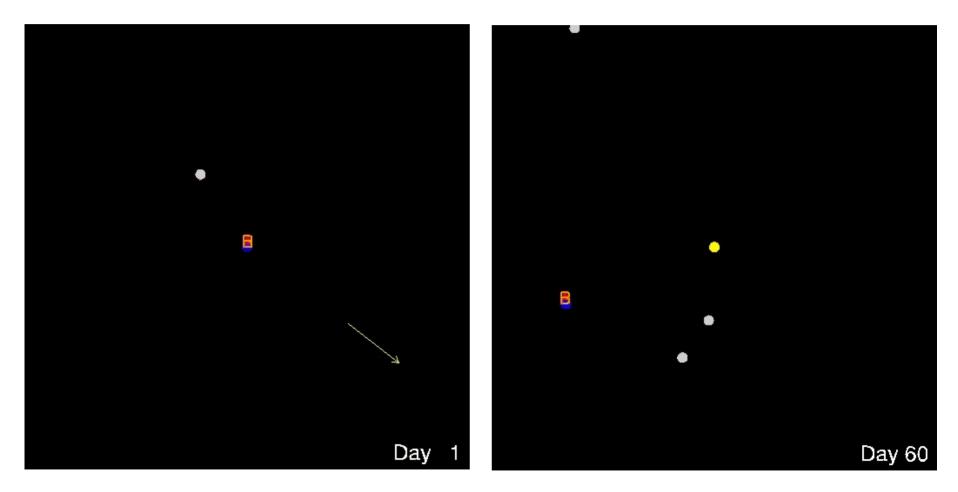


Ahead @ +22°/year 3 yr. 1 yr.Sun Sun Earth 1 yr.Behind @ -22°/year 4 yr. 3 yr.

4 yr.

Heliocentric Inertial Coordinates (Ecliptic Plane Projection) Geocentric Solar Ecliptic Coordinates Fixed Earth-Sun Line (Ecliptic Plane Projection)

STEREO Getting there is half the fun



STEREO INSTRUMENTS

SECCHI- Track Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) Sun to Earth.

PI - Russ Howard, NRL

- Two White Light Coronagraphs (COR1,COR2)- 1.4 15 Rsun
- Extreme Ultra Violet Imager (EUVI)- Chromosphere and inner corona
- Heliospheric Imager (HI1, HI2)- 12 300 Rsun

IMPACT- 3-D distribution of solar wind electrons, energetic particle ions and electrons, and magnetic field.

PI – Janet Luhmann, UCBerkeley

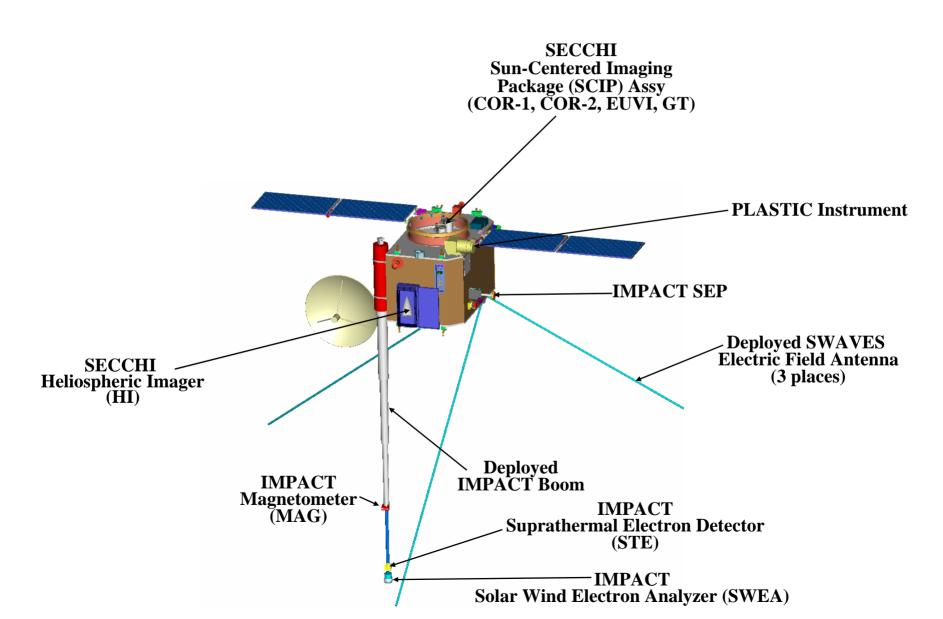
- •Solar Wind Experiment (SWEA)-Electrons ~0-3 keV with wide angle coverage
- •Suprathermal Electron Telescope (STE)-Electrons 2-100 keV with wide angle coverage
- •Magnetometer Experiment (MAG)-Vector magnetic field at 65,536 nT and 500 nT ranges
- •Solar Energetic Particle Experiment (SEP) Suite
 - Electrons 0.02-6 MeV
 - Protons 0.02 100 MeV
 - Helium ions 0.03 100 MeV/nucleon
 - Heavier ions 0.03 40 MeV/nucleon

PLASTIC- Protons, alpha particles, and heavy ion and composition measurements of heavy ions PI – Toni Galvin, UNH

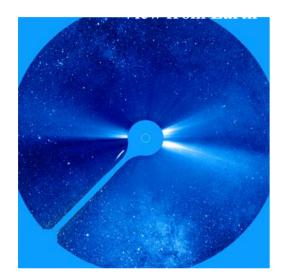
SWAVES- in-situ as well as remote sensing instrument. Tracks CME Driven Shocks from the Corona to the Earth.

PI – J-L Bougeret, Paris Observatory

STEREO-B (BEHIND) OBSERVATORY



Mission Phases



EARTH

The surrounding coronal structure is brightest when within +/- 30 degrees of the plane of the sky as seen from the spacecraft

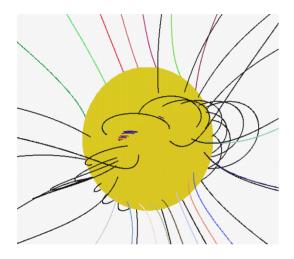
Mission Phase		Remote Sensing	In-Situ
Prime Stereo Science	BEARTH	•Stereo view of plane of sky CMEs and their propagation	•Multipoint observation of Earth directed CMEs
Multipoint Science	EARTH	 Halo and limb CMEs and their propagation SWAVES triangulation at its best 	•Multipoint observation of Earth directed CMEs
LWS Precursor Science	EARTH	•Earth directed CMEs	•STEREO-A at quadrature with STEREO-B

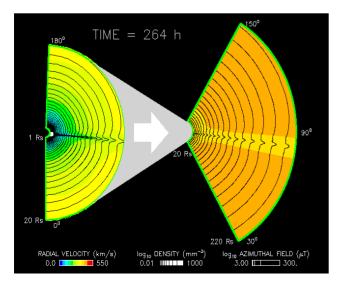
Modeling And Theory Efforts

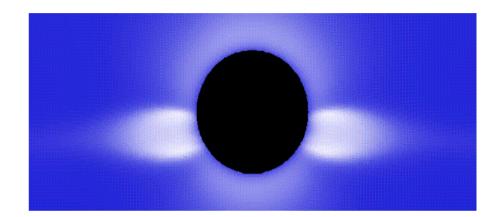
- Global connecting observations of phenomena near the sun (SECCHI/SWAVES) to in situ observations (IMPACT/PLASTIC/SWAVES)
- Experiment specific
 - SECCHI
 - 3D reconstruction
 - Evolution/propagation
 - SWAVES
 - Triangulation
 - Evolution/propagation
 - IMPACT/PLASTIC
 - Magnetic cloud structure
 - SEP propagation

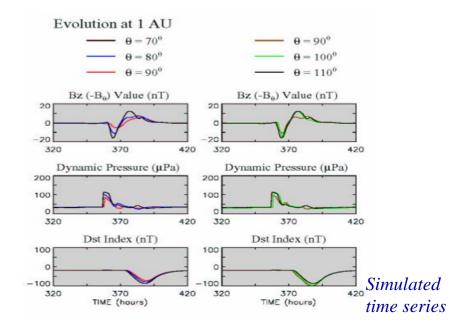
STEREO modeling will physically connect in situ observations to images

(shown: SAIC CME model, Linker/ Odstrcil merged CME/Solar Wind model)

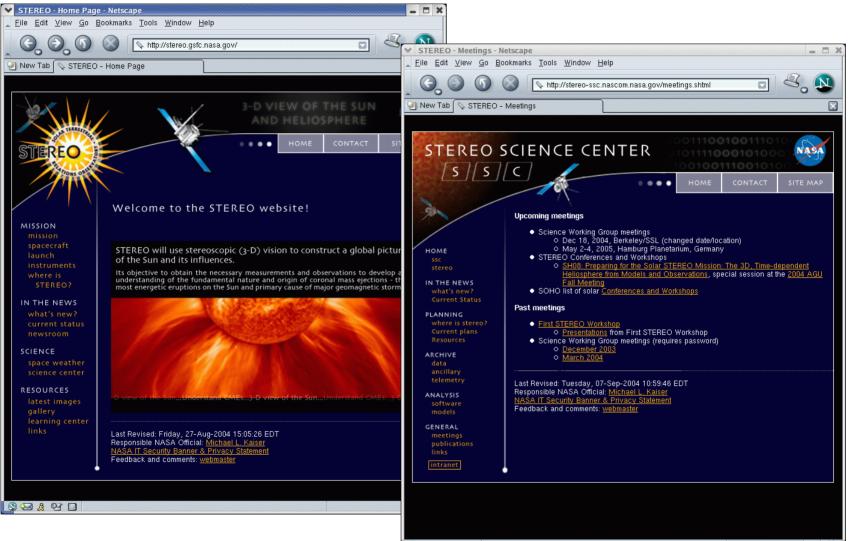








Both the STEREO and SSC websites are up and running



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Available Data Products

Beacon (space weather) data - available 'immediately'

- SECCHI: 7 256 X 256 images every hour
- IMPACT: 1 min aves of **B**, 1 min aves solar wind moments and selected SEP fluxes
- PLASTIC: 1 minute resolution selected moments and fluxes
- SWAVES: 1 minute summaries of selected frequencies

Highest resolution data - available 24-48 hrs

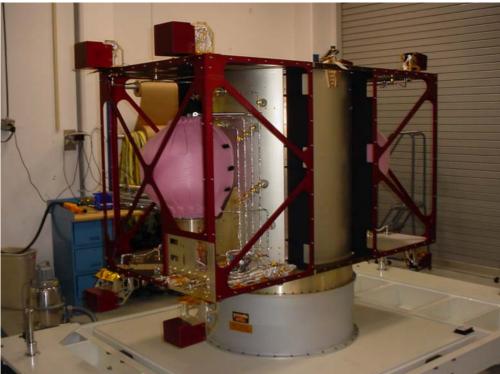
- SECCHI: 2048 X 2048 images
- IMPACT: fluxes (10s sec), moments (few sec) and B (<1 sec)
- PLASTIC: fluxes and moments 1 min resolution
- SWAVES: intensities from all frequencies (~320) every 15 sec

Other data products – available TBD

- Key parameters
- Catalogs and event tables
- Movies

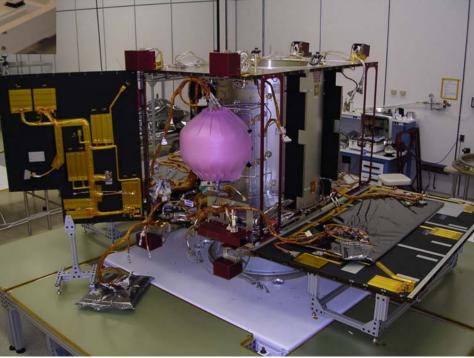
STEREO Current Status

- Spacecraft sub-system integration in progress
- Instrument integration begins Jan-Feb 2005
- Launch window opens Feb 11, 2006
 ~2 week window each month
- Full operation at about launch + 90 days





The spacecrafts come alive!



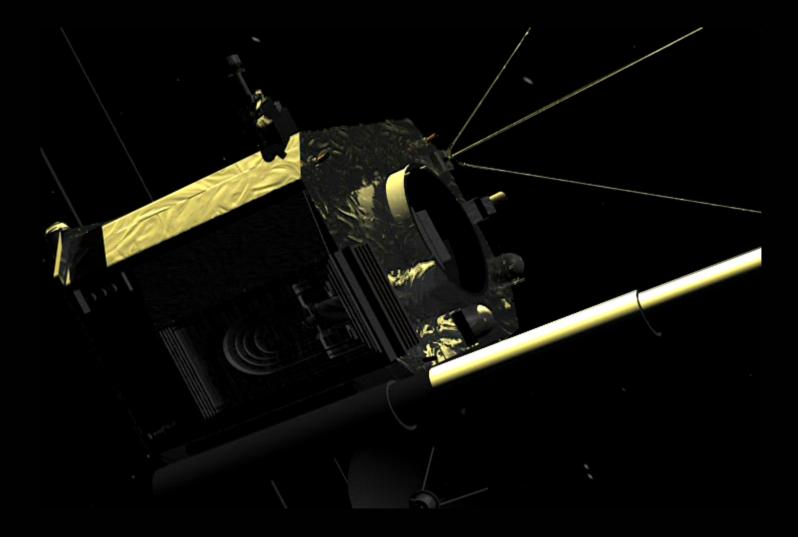
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Feb 11, 2006 + ~90 days



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