

COR2 Status

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Instrument Status

- FM-A first light on Dec 4, 2006
- FM-B first light on Dec 13, 2006.
- Both telescopes are functioning nominally.
- The only issue is the boresight offset.
 - Both telescopes are offset from Sun center by > ~ 2 arcminutes.
 - COR2B is most affected because STEREO-B is in perihelion.
 - This problems has slowed down COR2 commissioning activities.
- Small amount of jitter seen around the occulter.

HOWEVER,

The overall data quality is great.



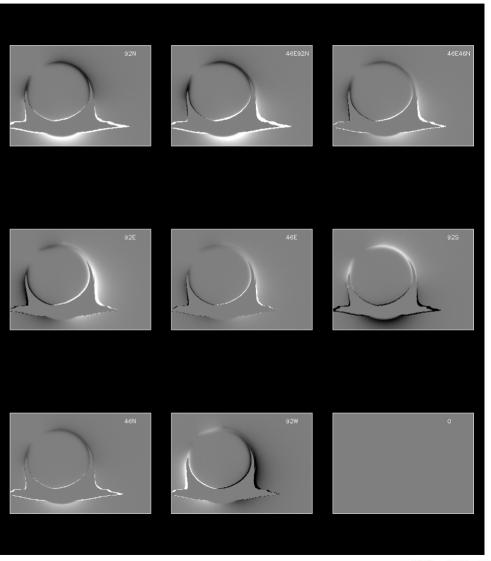
Commissioning Status

- Calibrations Completed
 - Light leak
 - CCD linearity, dark current, binning modes, compression
 - Exposure time stability, accuracy
 - Pointing checks (offpoints from nominal)
 - Polarization calibration (15 deg step, S/C rolls)
 - Thermal run (for focus check)
 - Spatial Resolution
- Calibrations Pending
 - Photon transfer curve (PTC)
 - MTF using stars
 - Stay light (deep exposures)
 - Pointing (sun center, rel to SCIP instruments).



Offpoint – COR2B

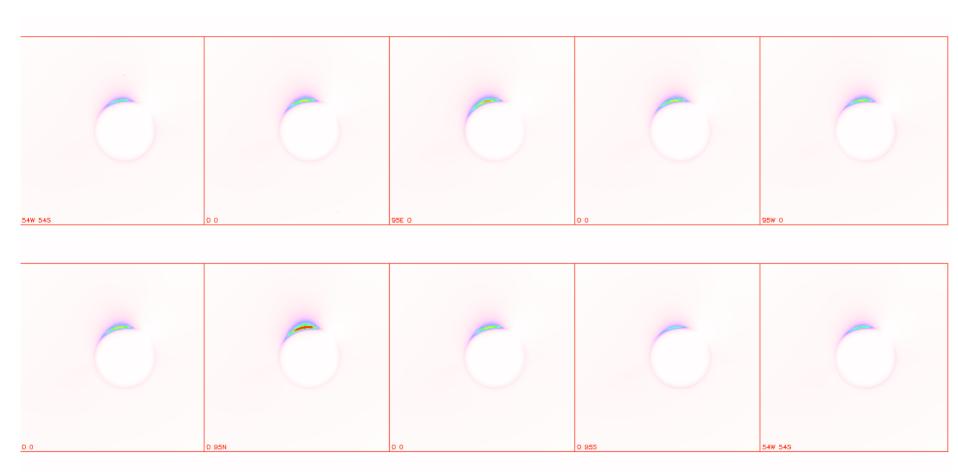
 Stray light is more prominent in FM-B because the S/C is not at its proper distance from the Sun yet.





Offpoint – COR2A

• Stray light is not a serious ptoblem in FM-A





Early Observations

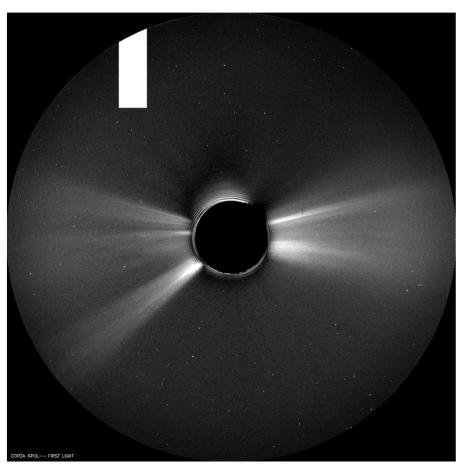
- Typical cadence : 2 hrs
- Typical image: pB sequence (images at 0, 120, 240 deg)
- Sequence duration: 24 sec
- Typical size: 2048x2048 (Full resolution)
- Spatial Resolution: 14.7 arcs/pix
- Observed CMEs, Comets, plumes

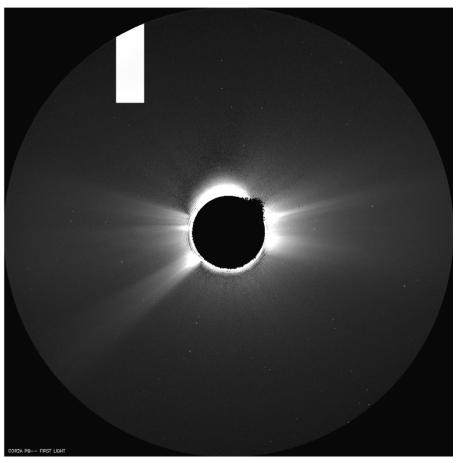
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First Light- COR2A

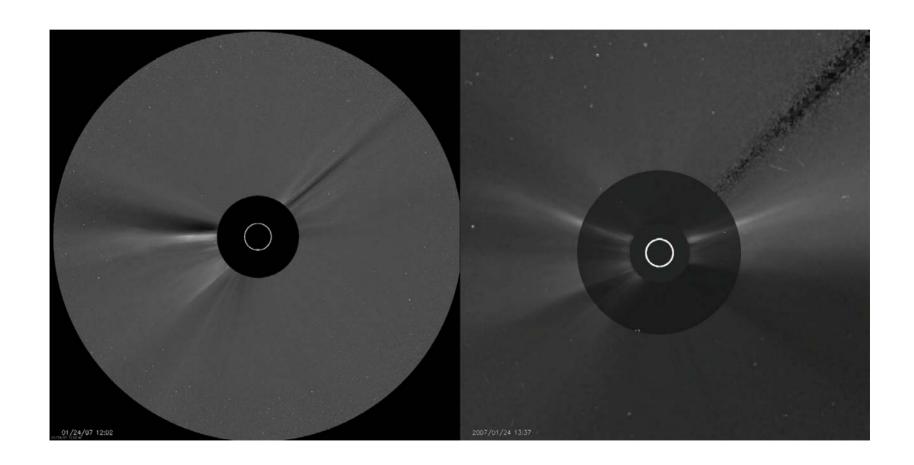




%Polarization Total Brightness

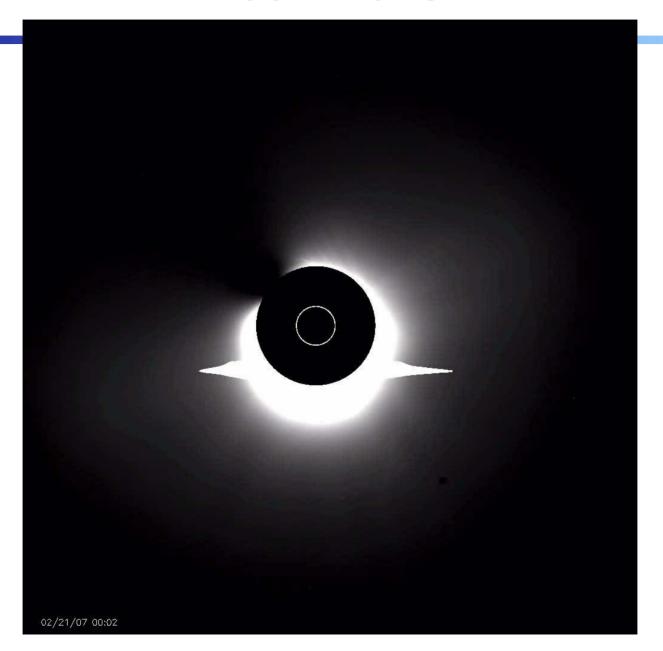


Comparison w/ LASCO





Moon Transit





Backup Slides





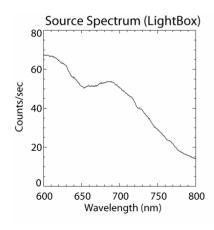
Summary

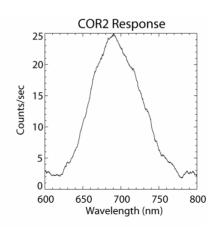
Parameter	Required Performance	Measured Performance
FOV (deg)	8	8.4
Spatial Resolution (arcsec)	30	25-30
FWHM Bandpass (nm)	650-750	650-770
Stray Light @ 6R _{sun} (MSB)	< 2.10 ⁻¹⁰	< 3.10 ⁻¹¹
Polarization Accuracy	10%	2%
Min. Vignetting	80%	80%
Nominal Exposure (sec)	4	4

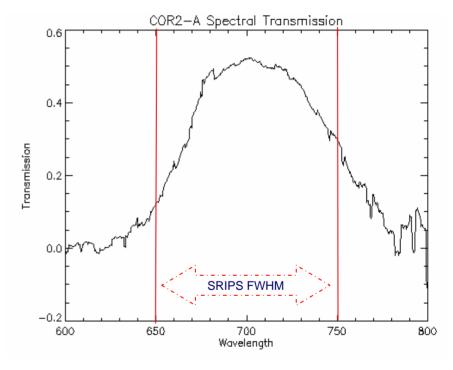


COR2 Spectral Calibration

- Calibration based on LASCO's Lightbox using new Spectrometer.
- Accuracy ~20%.

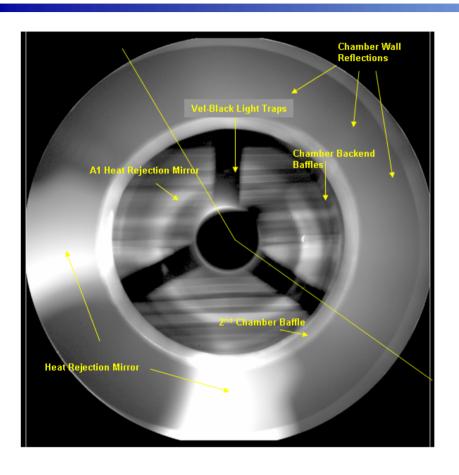


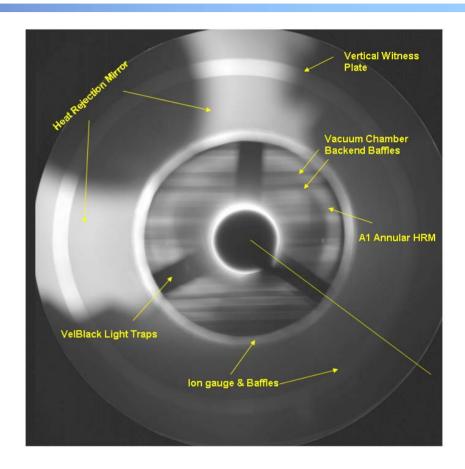






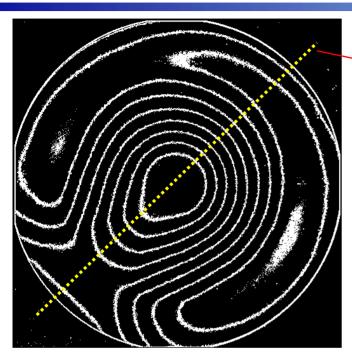
COR2-A Stray Light Details







COR2 Vignetting



COR2-A Vignetting Function. Contours at 10% intervals. Inner contour is 10%.

