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# Possible German Contribution to the UV Spectropolarimeter of LUVOIR

- expertise
- heritage
- Interests of MPS

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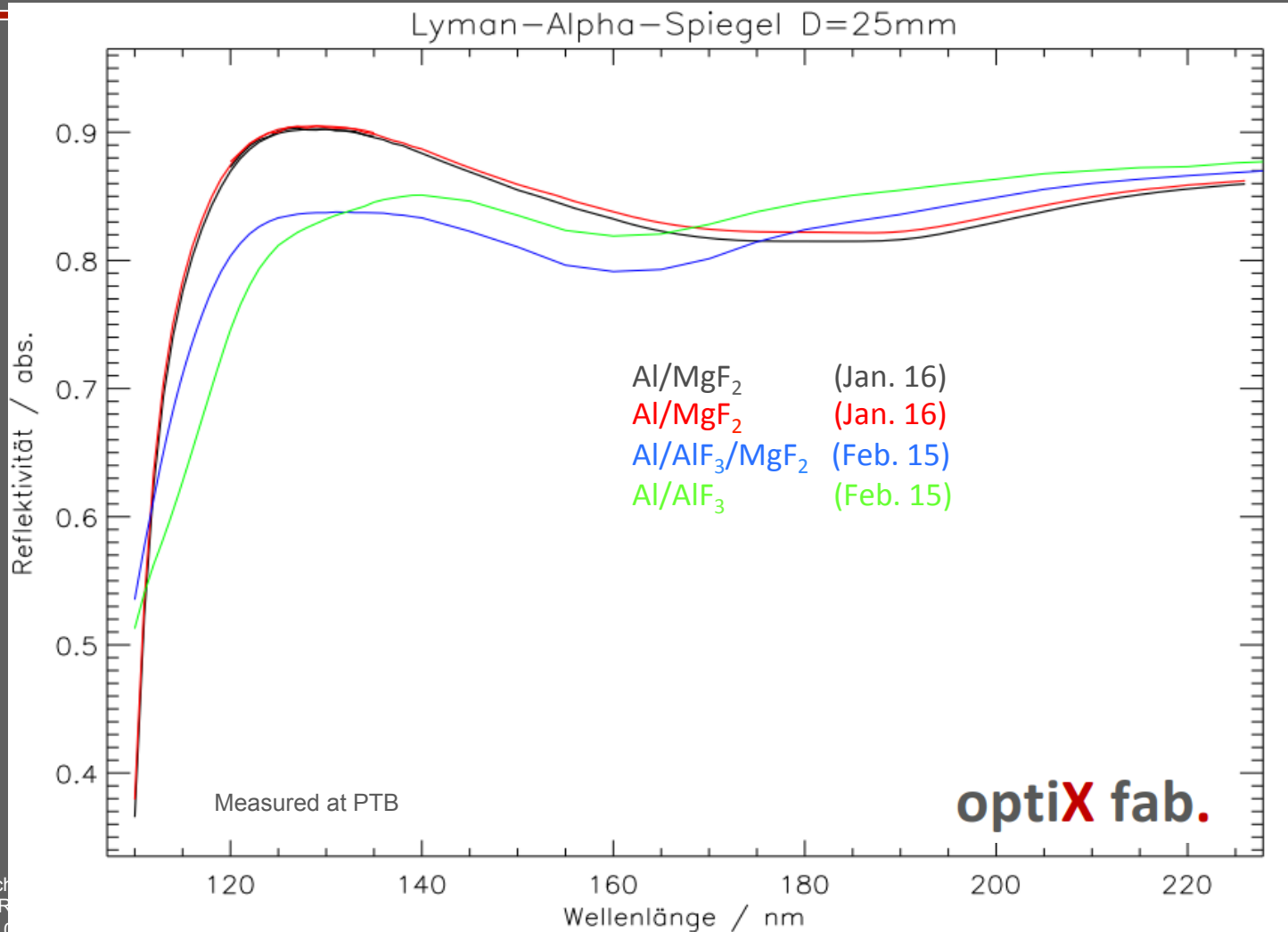
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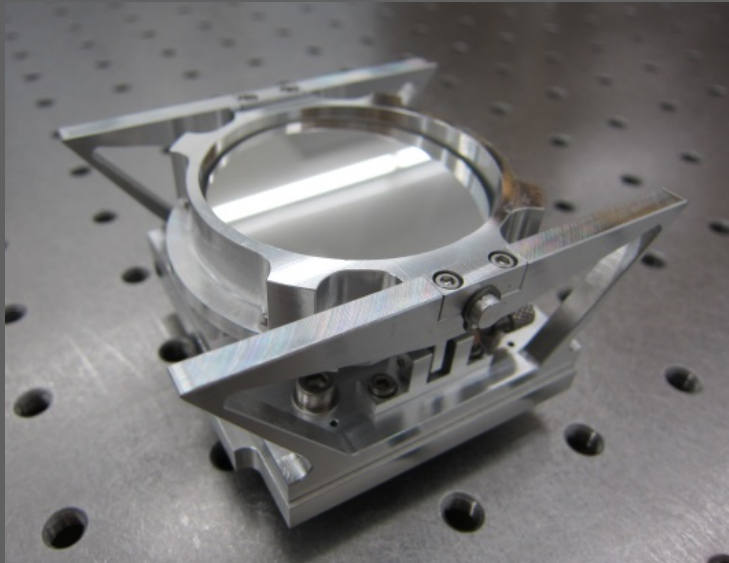
## Possible contribution to the UV Spectropolarimeter by Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research:

- **VUV mirrors and coatings**
- MCP detectors down to 90 nm
- Cameras (incl. electronics)
- Mechanisms

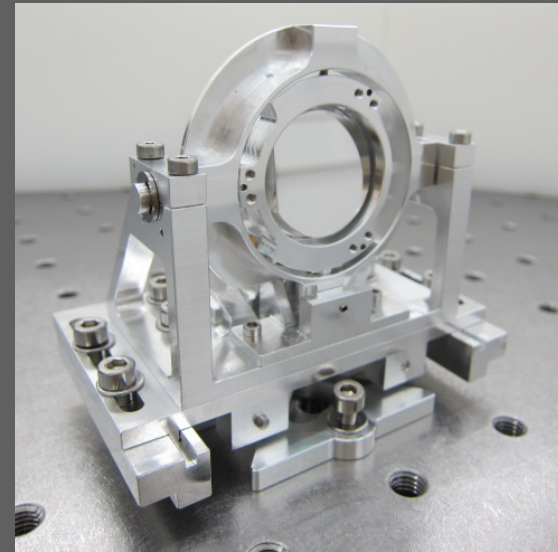
# Mirror coatings with protected Aluminium optimized for Lyman- $\alpha$



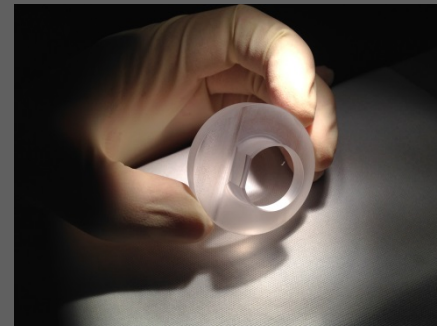
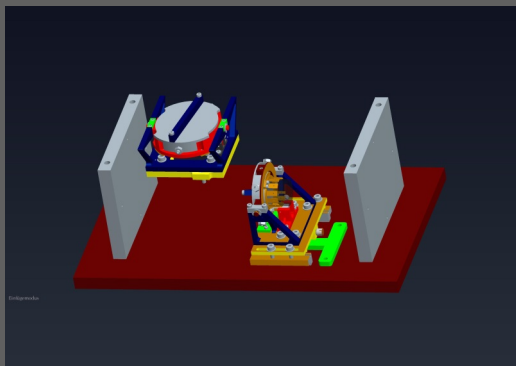
# Lyman- $\alpha$ Mirrors for Solar Orbiter EUI



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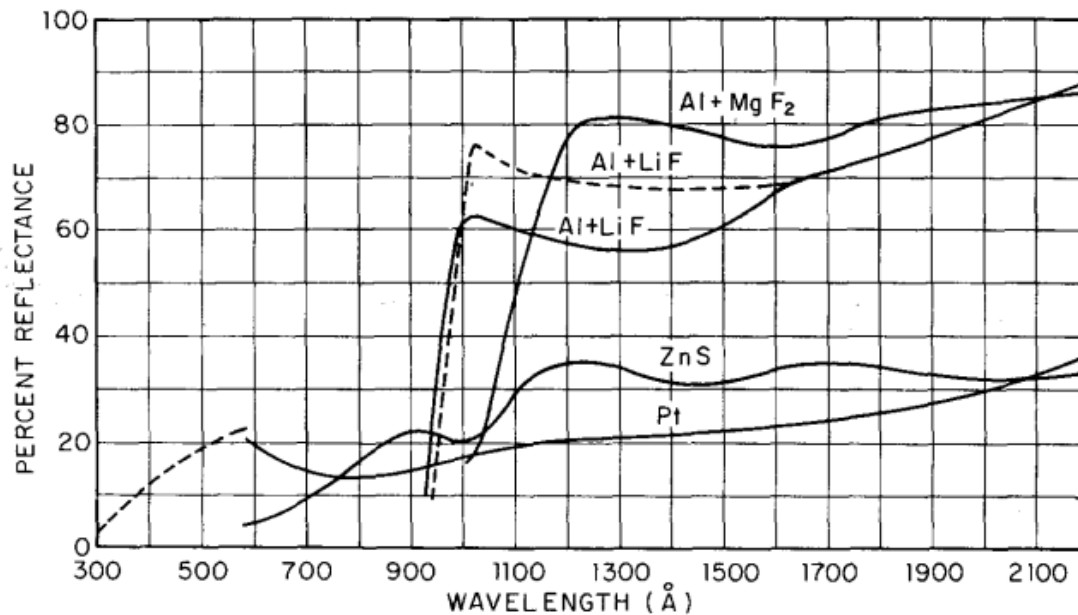


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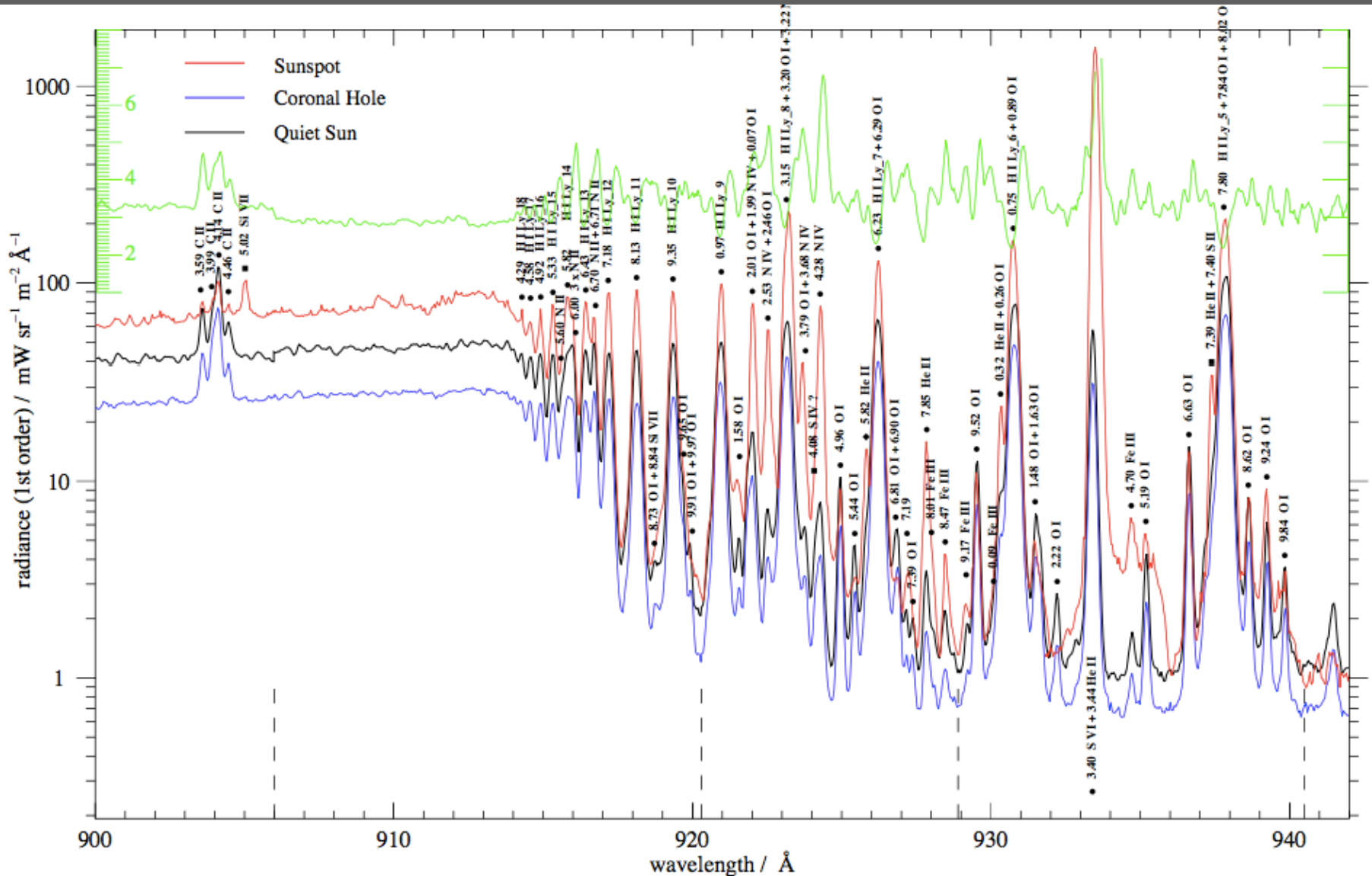
Uncoated substrate

# Mirror coatings with protected Aluminium



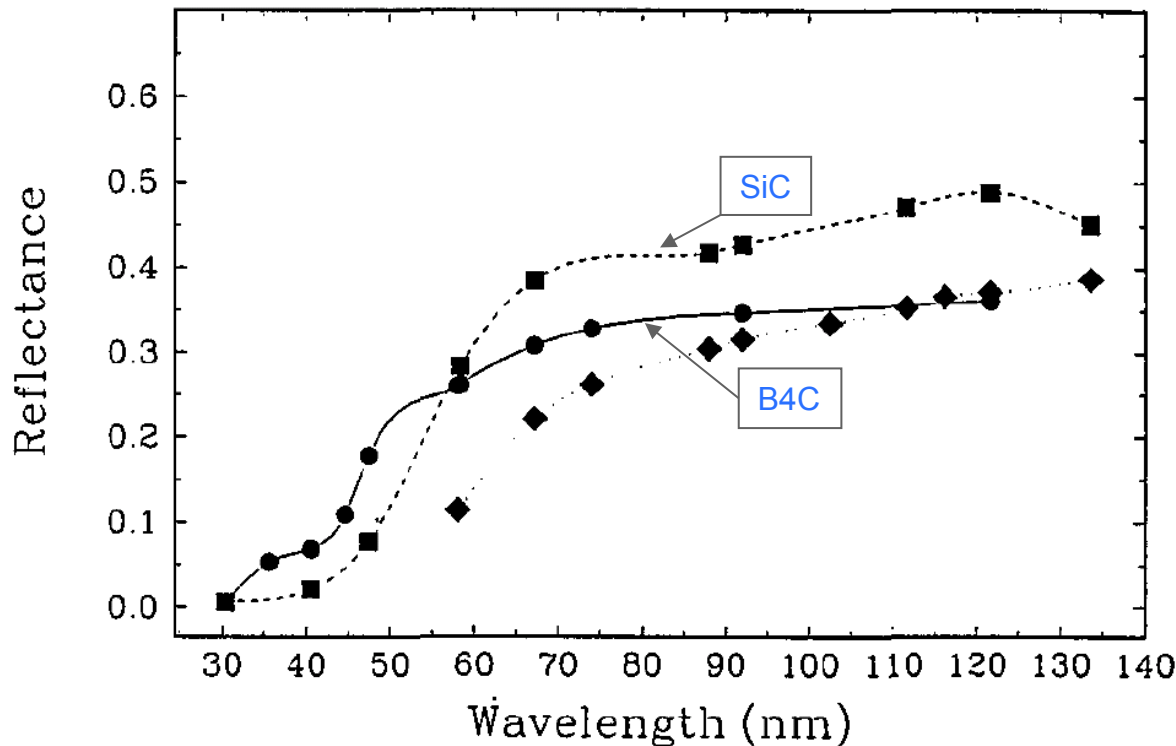
Our coatings with Al/AlF<sub>3</sub>/LiF/MgF<sub>2</sub> were not stable under environmental test conditions.

# Lines below 110 nm: coatings with SiC or B<sub>4</sub>C capping layer required





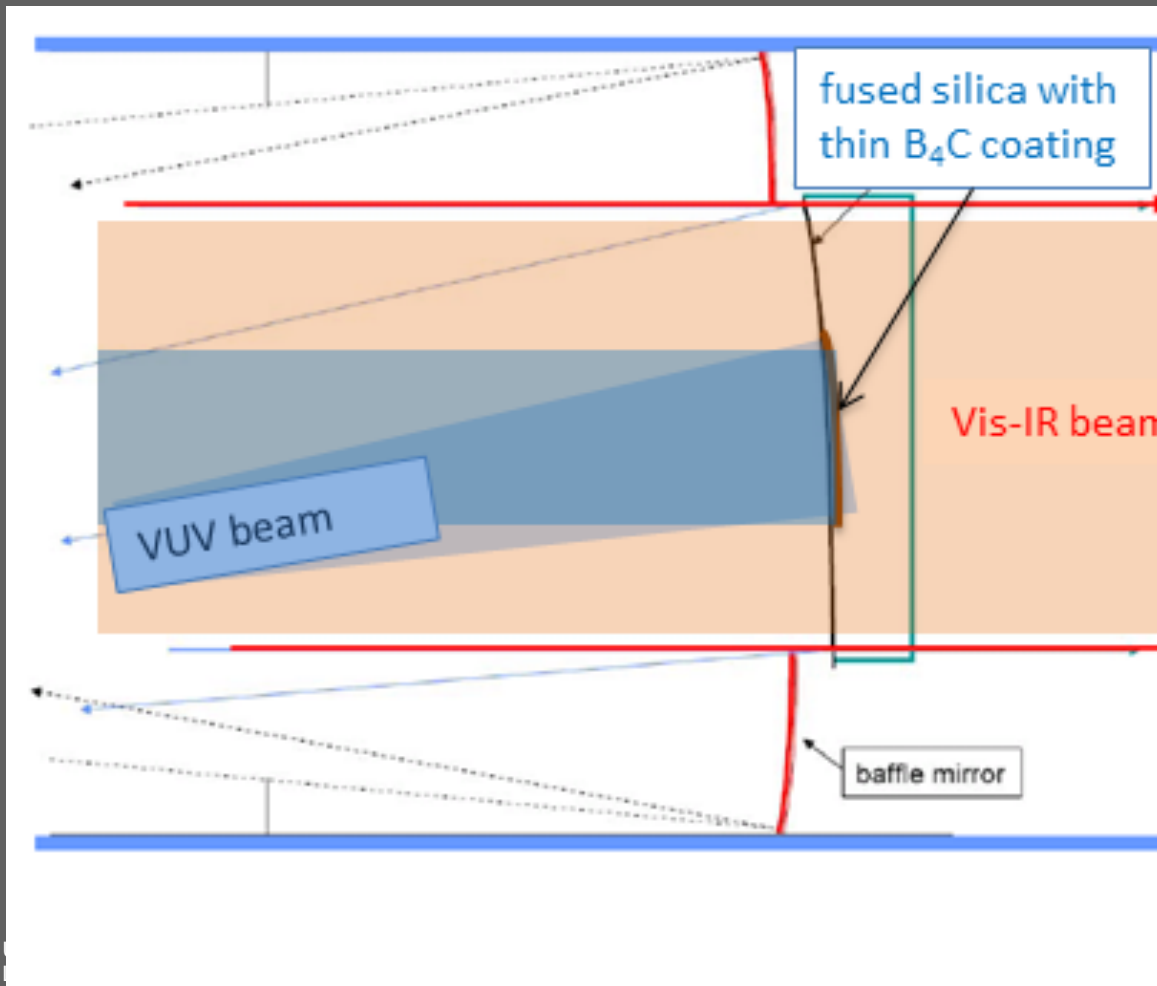
# Below 110 nm: coatings with aluminium + SiC or B<sub>4</sub>C capping layer



normal incidence  
reflectance coatings  
of silicon carbide and  
boron carbide  
for mirrors and gratings  
above 45 nm



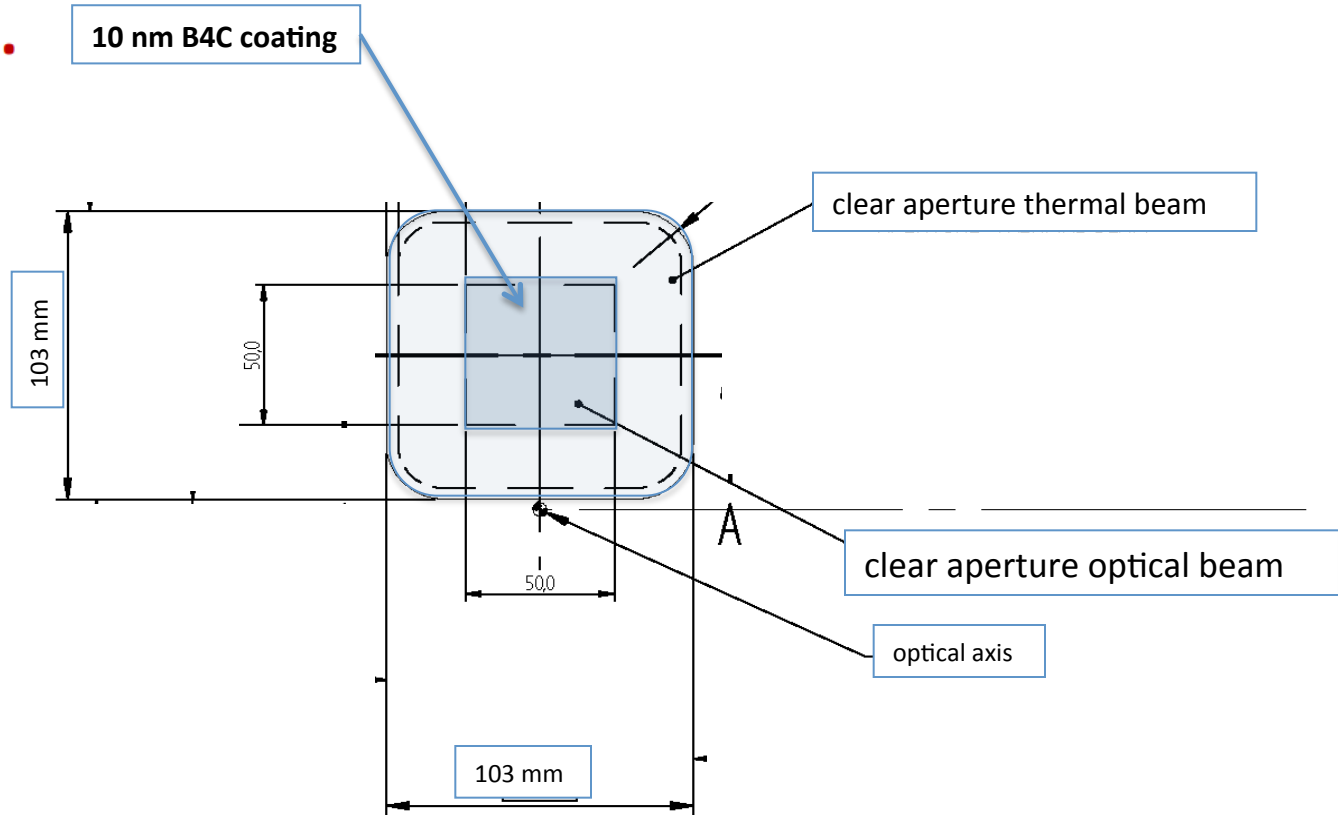
# Primary mirror for SPICE (Solar Orbiter)



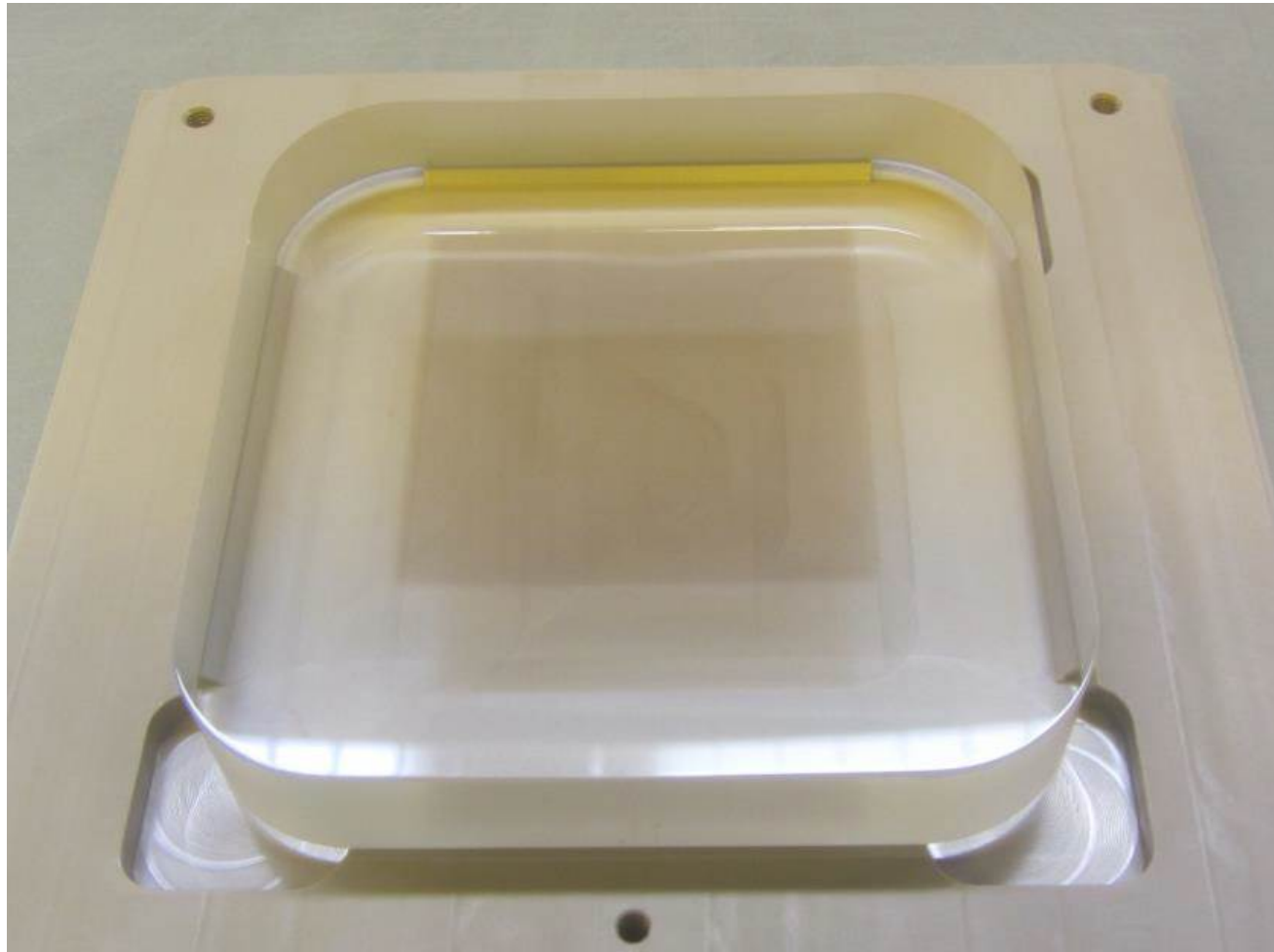
Dichroic mirror for VUV reflectance and VIS-IR transmission

# Semi-transparent coating with boron carbide

optiX fab.

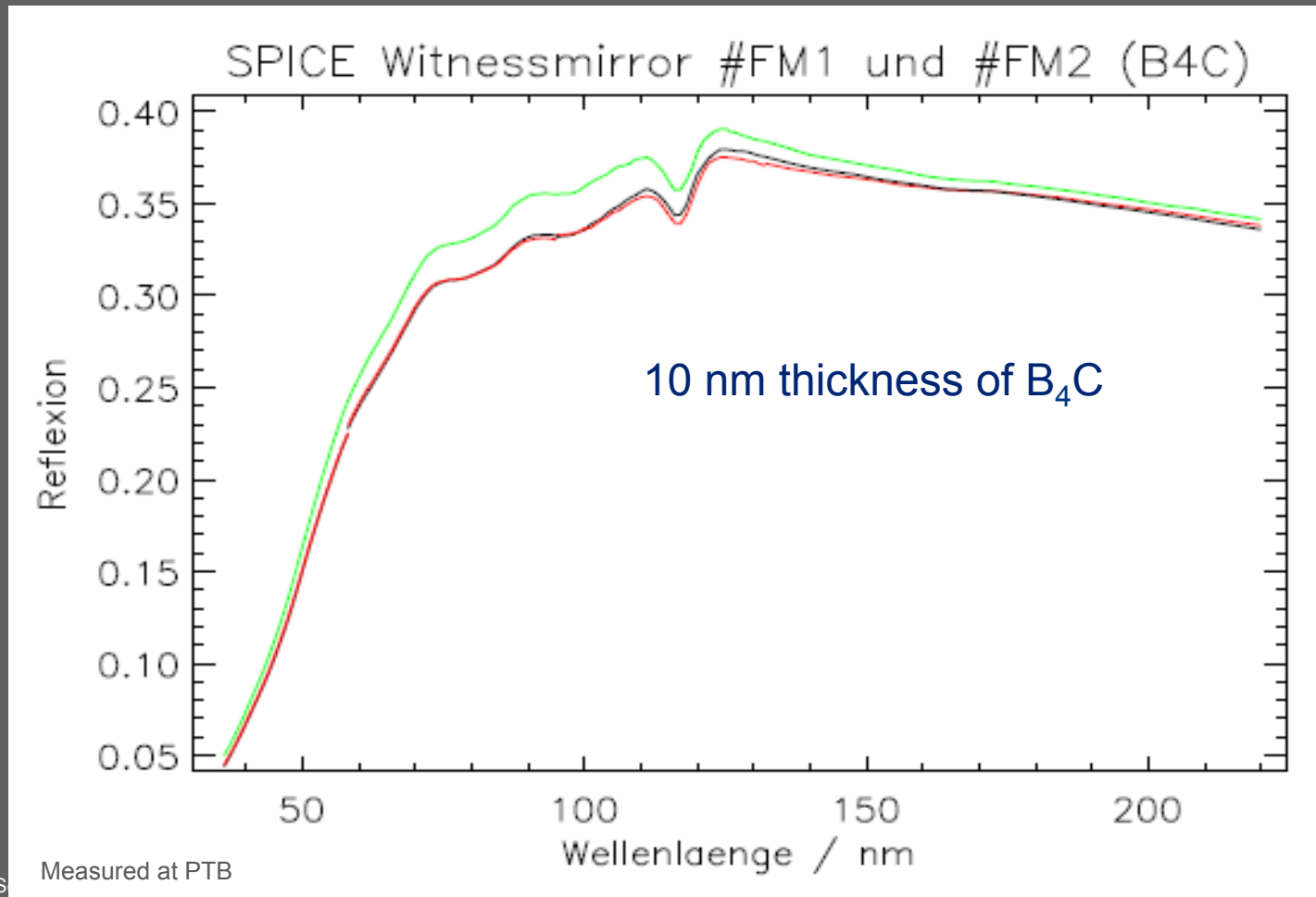


# SPICE Primary Mirror design

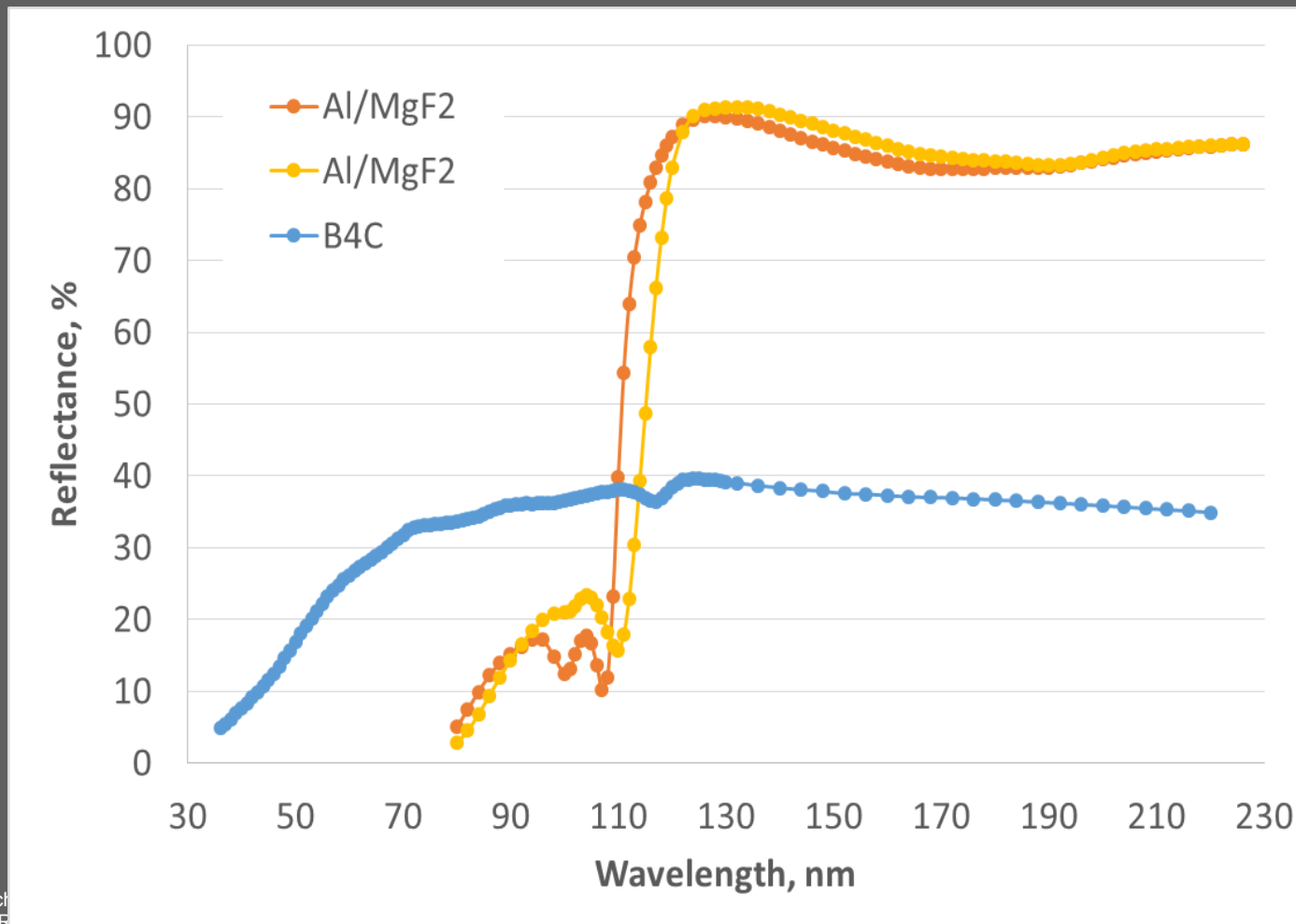


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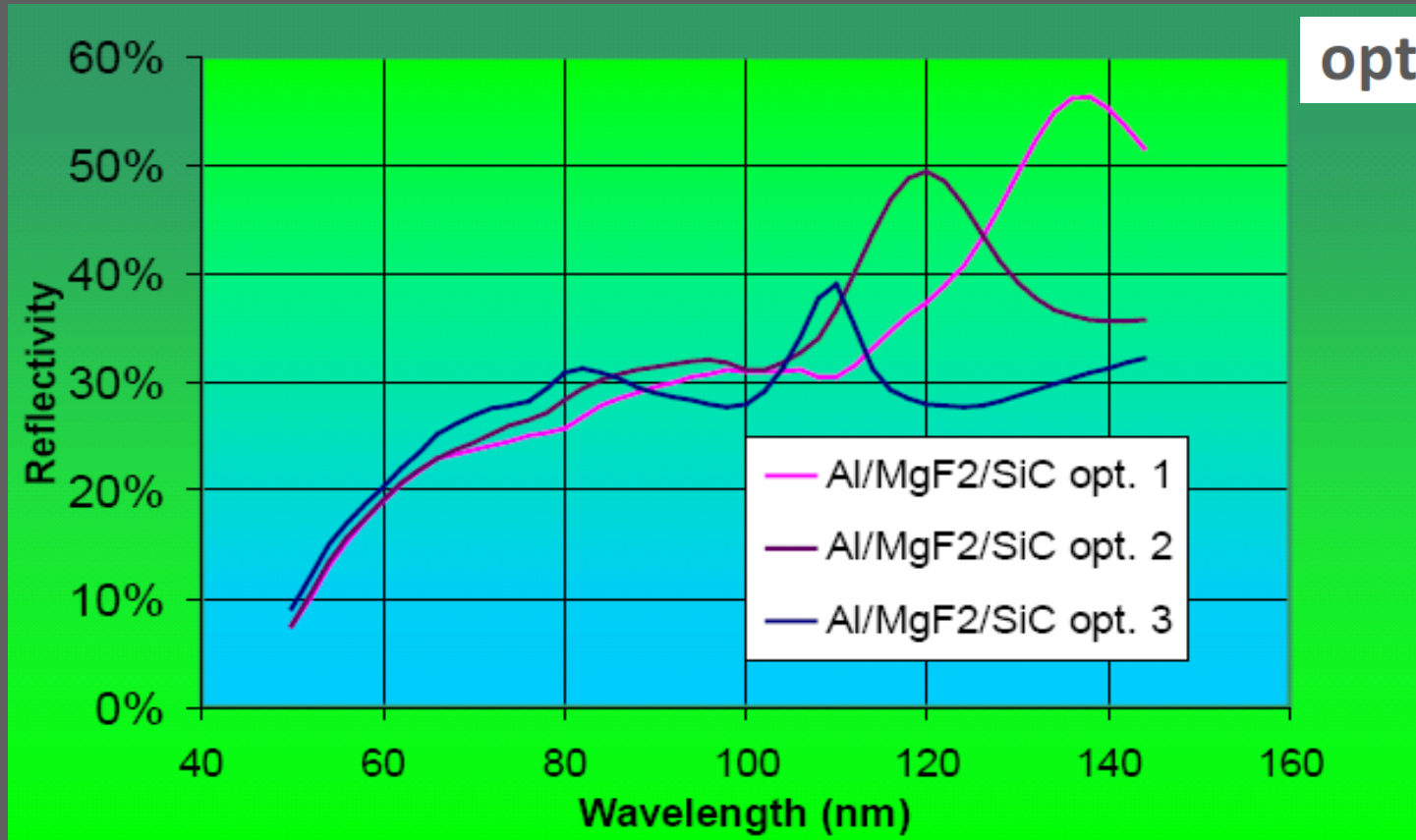
# VUV reflectance of thin B<sub>4</sub>C coating



# Mirrors for 40 ... 230 nm



# combination of Al/MgF<sub>2</sub> with SiC capping layer



→ Going below 110 nm comes at a high cost, needs strong scientific justification

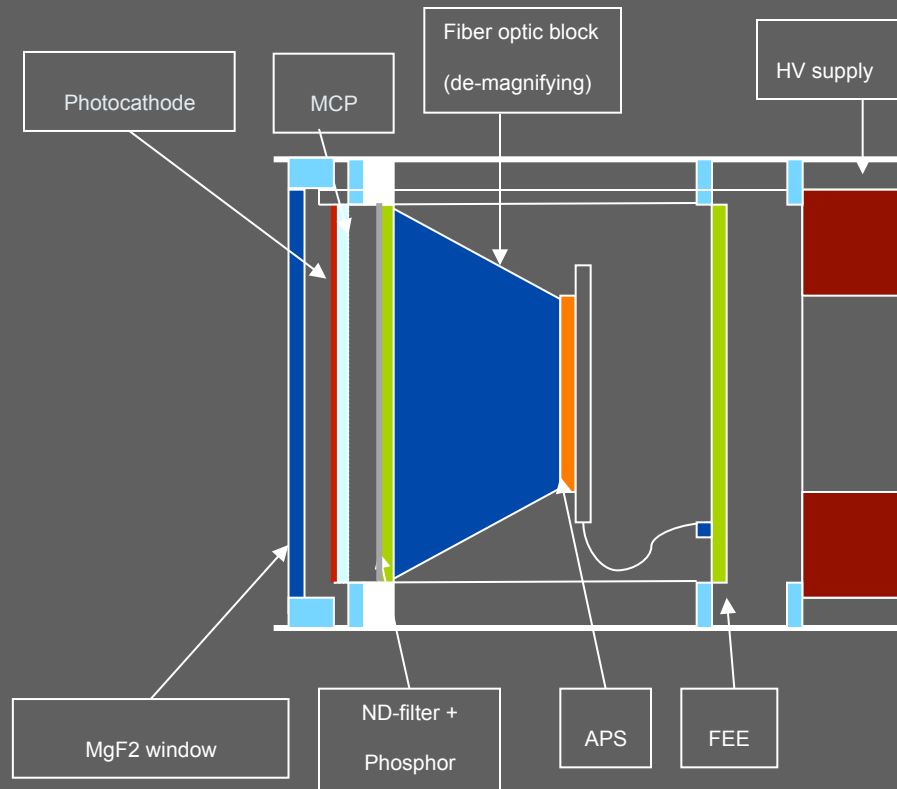
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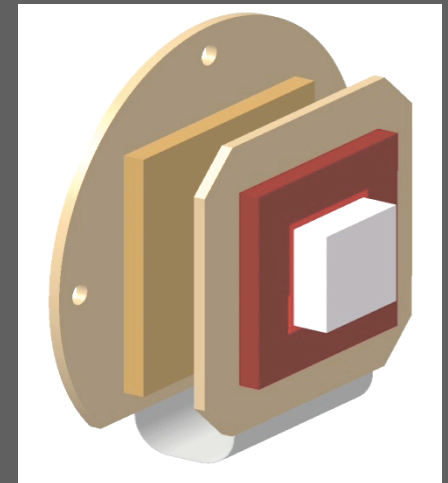
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# VUV MCP Detectors

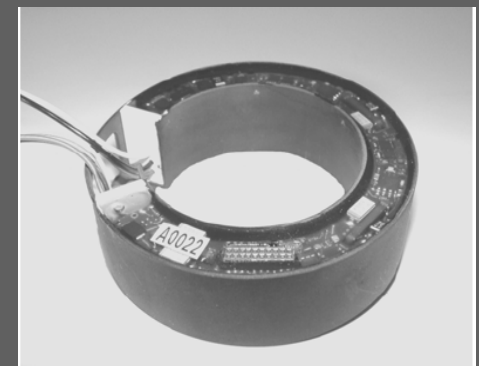
## Solar-blind intensified APS detector



APS sensor array on PCB

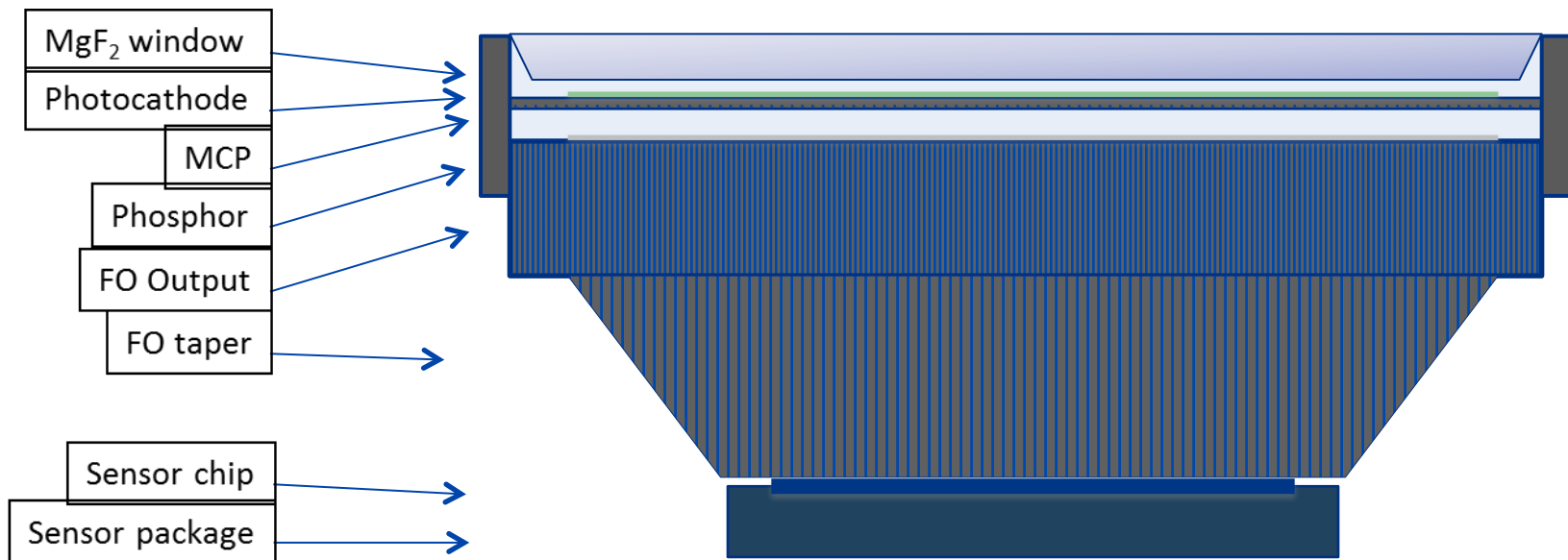


HV power supply





# Intensifier general Design



# Open-face MCP Intensifier

Photocathode

MCP

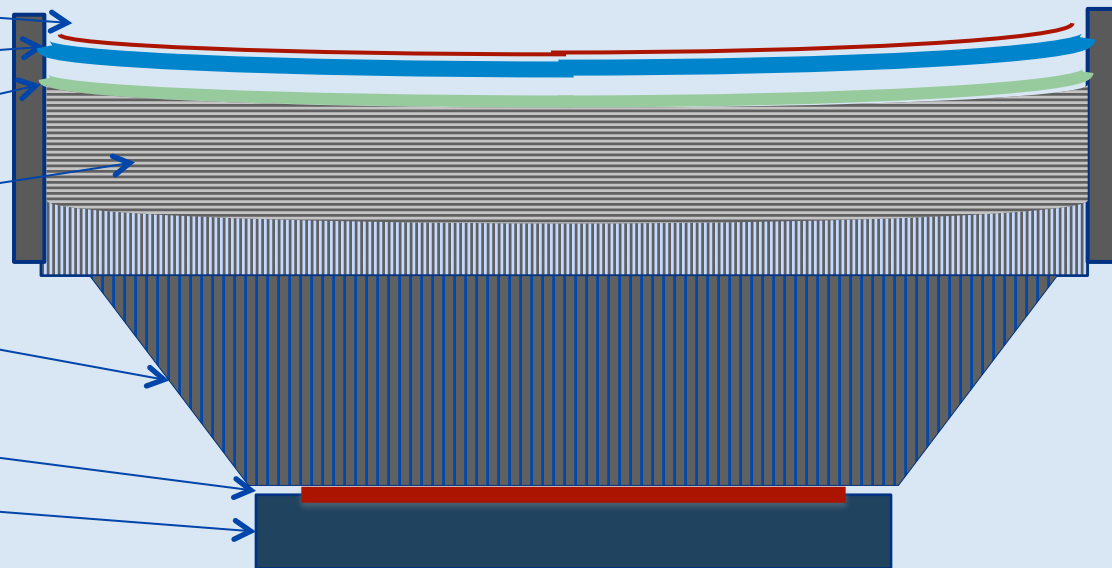
Phosphor

FO Output

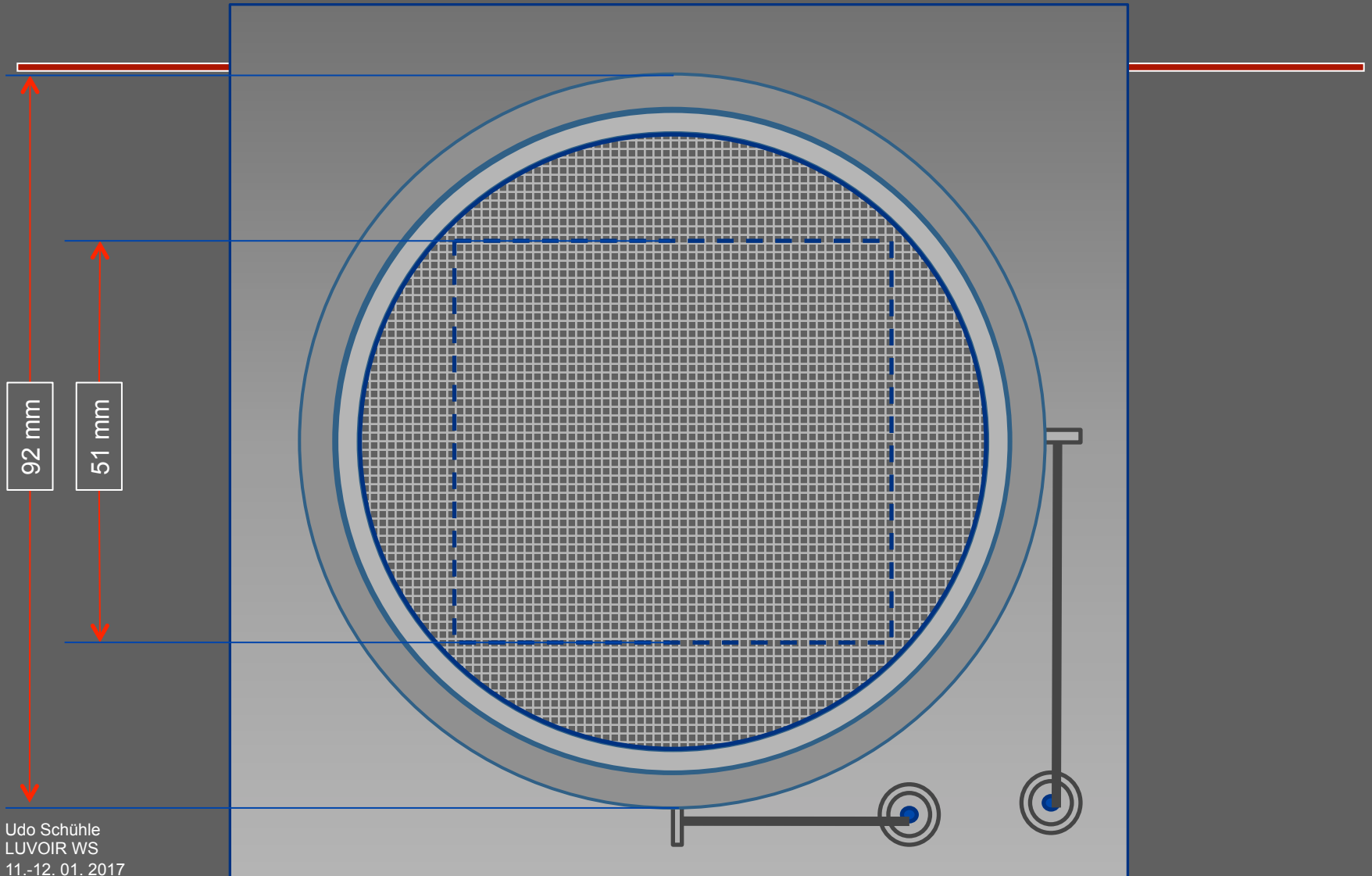
FO taper

Sensor chip

Sensor package



# Detector with circular MCP



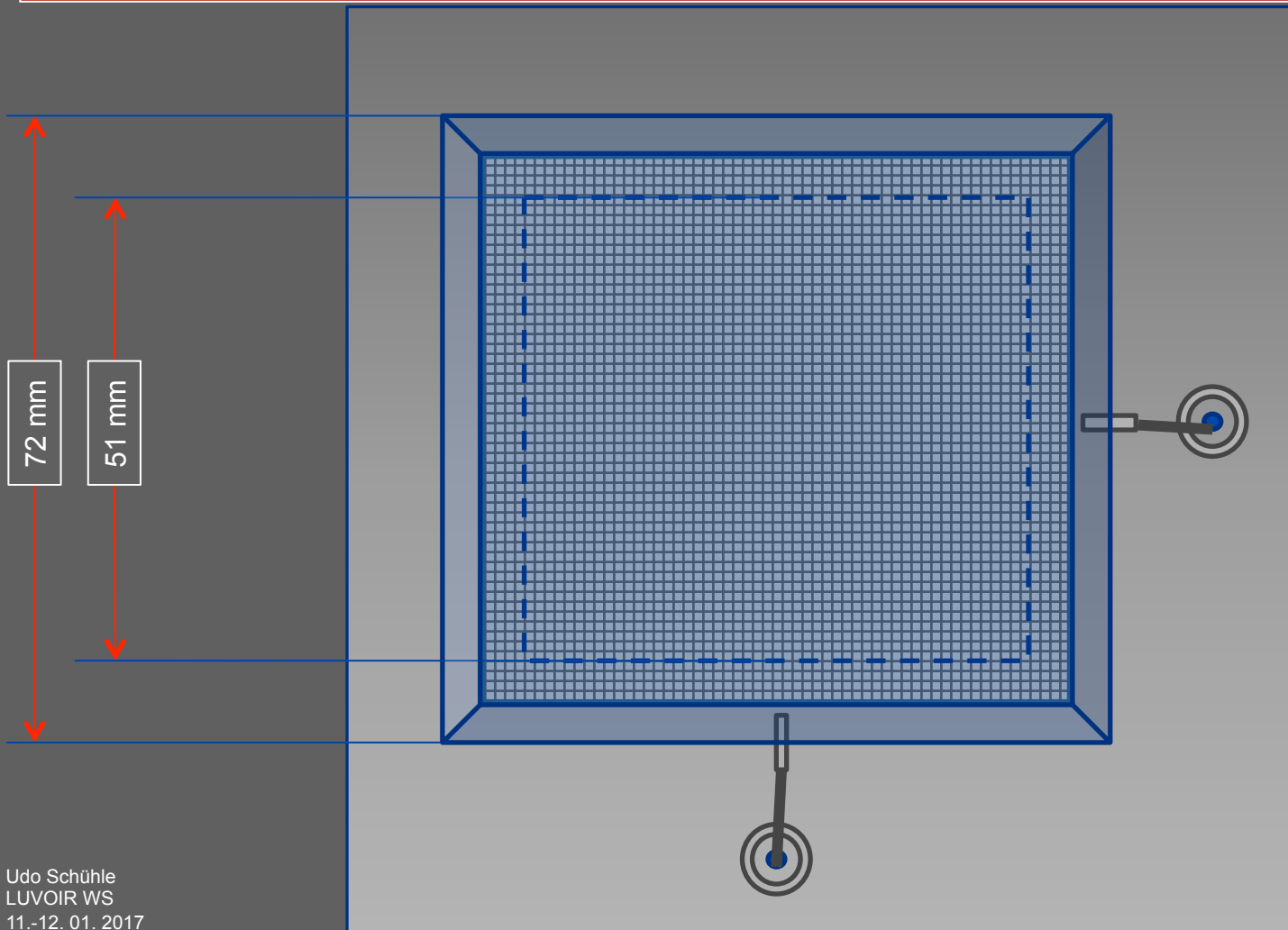
# MCP specifications

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Custom made high-resolution MCP with concave toroidal curvature

- size: > 75 mm diameter
- quality diameter: >72 mm
- active area: 51 mm x 51 mm
- pore size: <10 microns
- large bias angle
- photocathode: CsI and CsTe coating

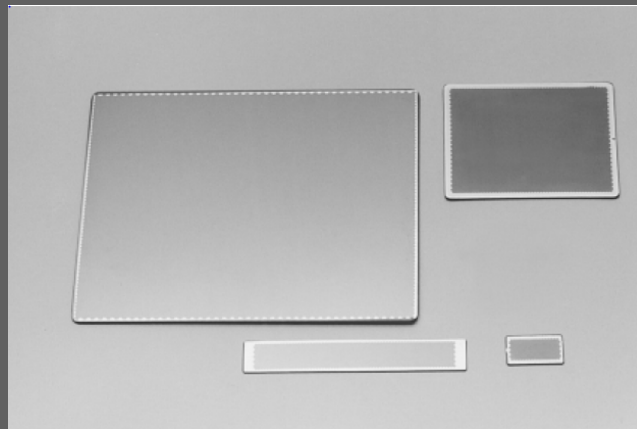
# Detector with square MCP



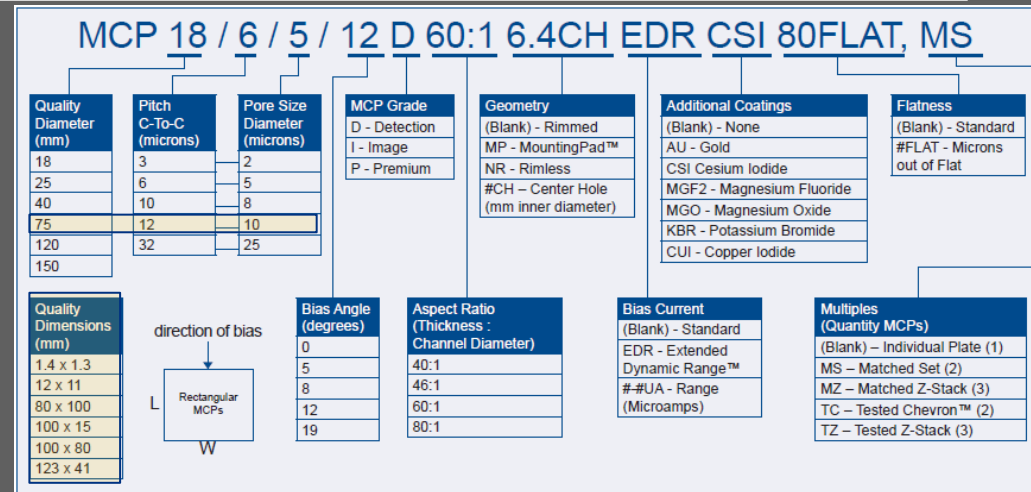


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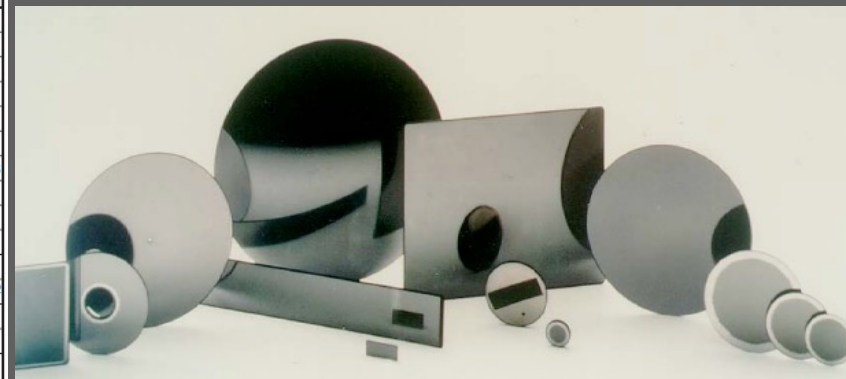
# Standard size MCPs



*Hamamatsu* rectangular standard size MCPs

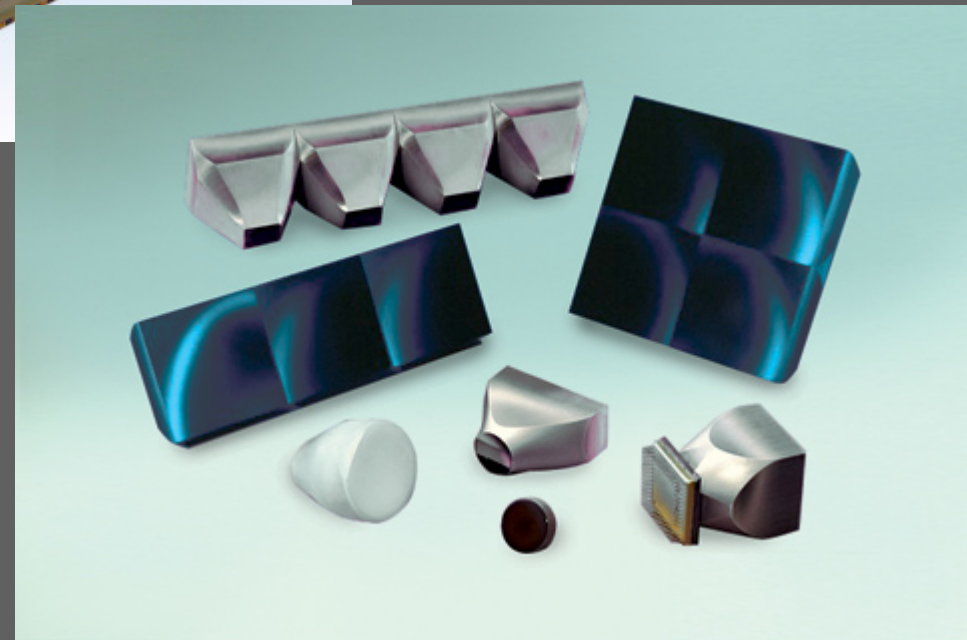
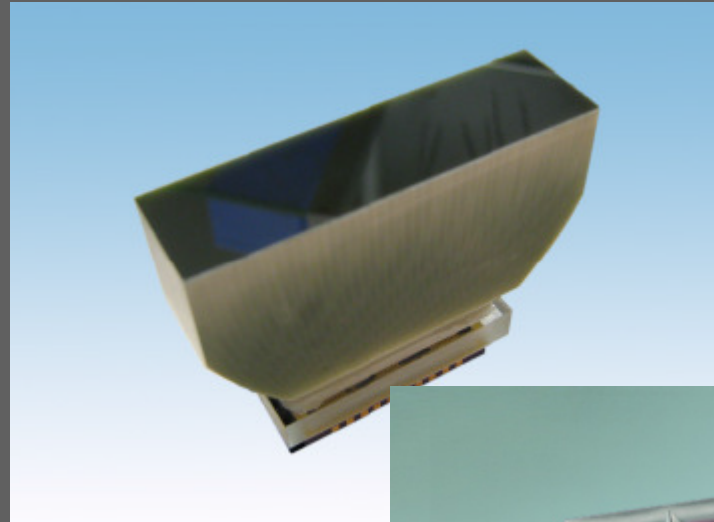
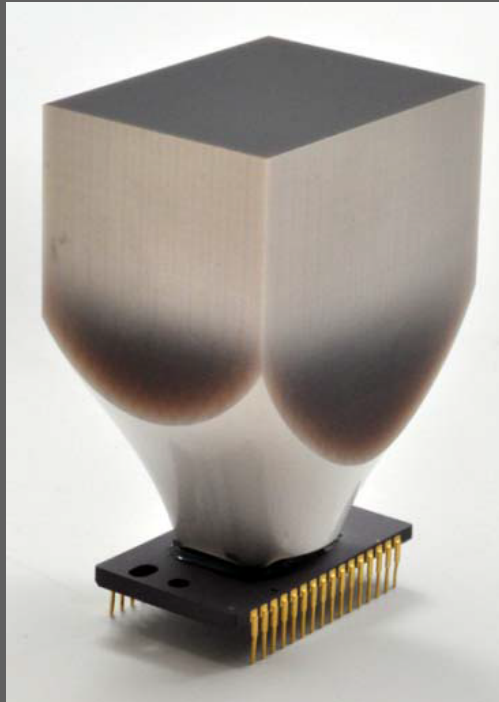


*Photonis* rectangular standard size MCPs



Parameter \ Type	F2370-01	F4772-01	F2806-01	F1943-02	F2805-03	F2396-04	Unit
Outer Size AxA'	15.9x9.4	61.9x13.9	49.9x39.9	87.9x37.9	59.9x59.9	96.9x78.9	mm
Electrode Size BxB'	15x8.5	61x13	49x39	87x37	58x58	95.6x77.3	mm
Effective Area CxC'	13x6.5	55x8	45x35	81x31	53x53	90x72	mm
Thickness D		0.48		0.60	0.80	1.00	mm
Channel Diameter		12		15	20	25	μm
Channel Pitch		15		19	25	31	μm
Bias Angle θ				8			degrees
Open Area Ratio				60			%
Electrode Material				Inconel			—
Gain (Min.) <sup>③</sup>				10 <sup>4</sup>			—
Resistance <sup>③</sup>	100 to 500		20 to 200		20 to 120	10 to 50	MΩ
Dark Current (Max.) <sup>③</sup>			0.5				pA·cm <sup>-2</sup>
Maximum Linear Output <sup>③</sup>			7 % of Strip Current <sup>②</sup>				—
Supply Voltage <sup>④</sup>			1.0				kV
Operating Ambient Temperature <sup>④</sup>			-50 to +70				°C

# Fiber optic coupling



reduction of image size  
in large possible ranges

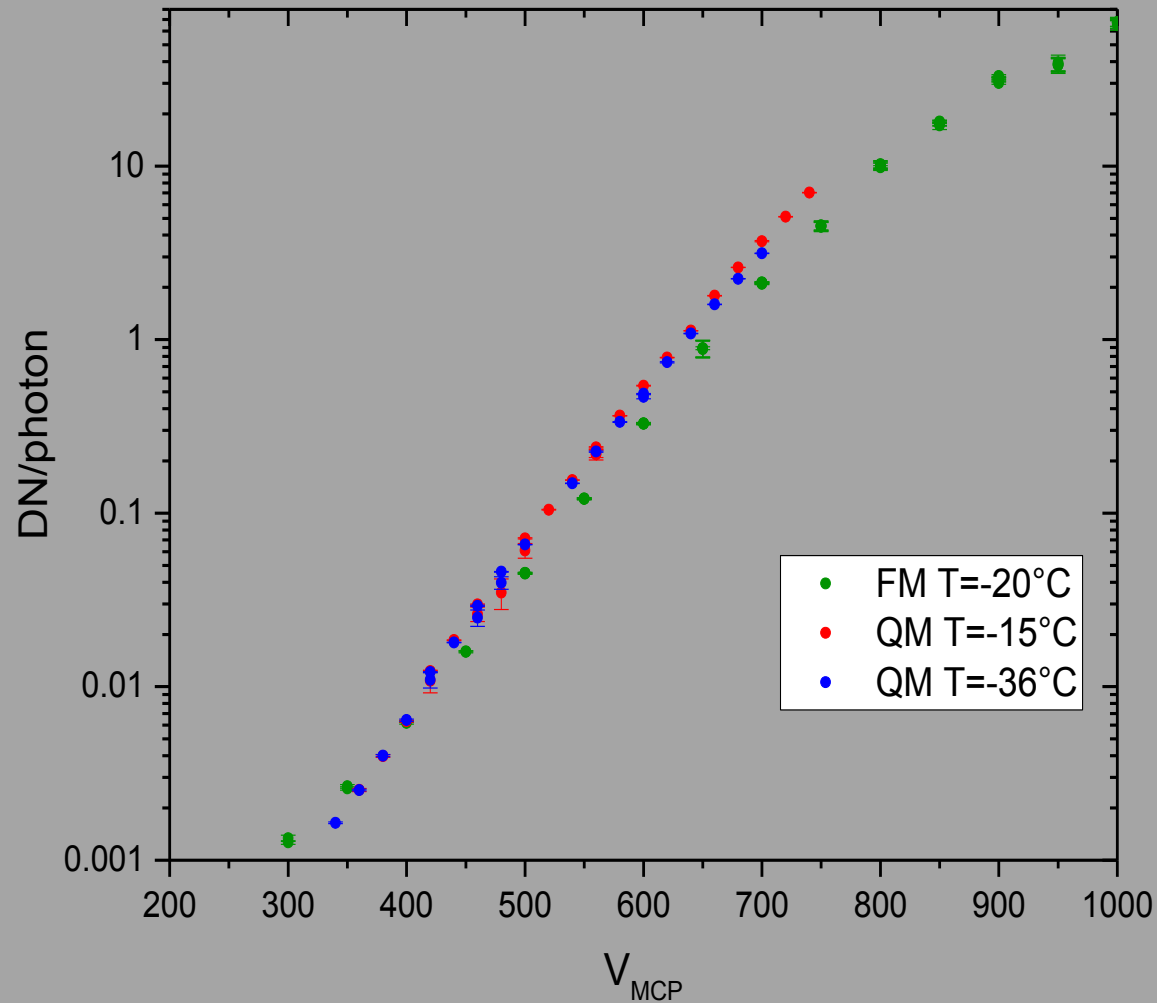
# Benefits of CMOS-APS sensor

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- Shutterless operations
  - No charge transfer (under illumination)
- Radiation hardness
  - No charge transfer (of small signals)
- Ease of interfacing with ADC and other digital devices
  - Digital power supply (e.g. 3.3V), possibility of on-chip ADC & memory
- Fast readout and windowing
- Low electrical power consumption
- No blooming



# MCP gain adjustable



# Concerns about UV-CCD without intensifier

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- visible sensitivity – if a filter is needed, the sensitivity advantage is lost!
  - back-side thinning is not a simple process, may affect the performance, price of chip development is high
  - contamination sensitivity: vacuum enclosure is needed with thermal isolation (custom design and very heavy).
  - radiation hardness: CTE degradation limits lifetime or heavy shielding required.

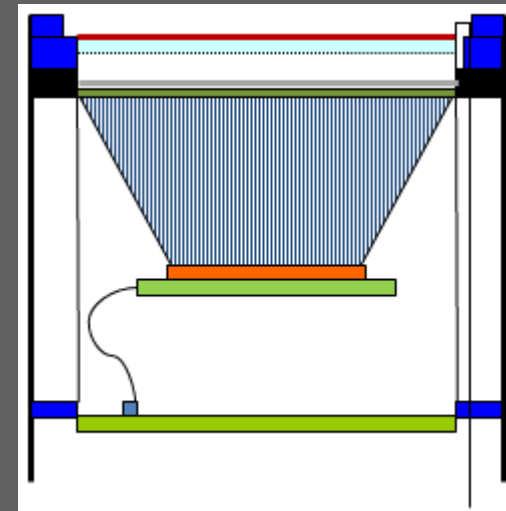
# Advantages of I-APS

## PROS:

- most flexible in terms of focal plane size:
  - adjustable by fiber optic taper
- most flexible dynamic range: may be adjusted in several ways:
  - photocathode selection for spectral ranges
  - adjustable gain by HV
  - selectable attenuation of phosphor by ND-filter
- **visible light rejection (saves a filter!)**
- no shutter mechanism needed
- high responsivity in full VUV and EUV range
- no image distortion due to analog anode
- no “burn-in” (gain variation) with single MCP at low gain
- resolution of 20 micron pixels can be easily resolved

## CONS:

- fragile multi-channel plates
- adjustable high voltage needed, up to 10 kV
- sensitive photocathode and MCP (requires low-humidity handling)
- initial burn-in of open MCP is necessary



# Space heritage of open MCP detectors

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## Detectors on SOHO:

- 2 windowless VUV detectors for SUMER spectrograph  
with KBr photocathode, Z-stack MCP, XDL anode
- 2 windowless VUV detectors for UVCS spectrograph  
with KBr photocathode, Z-stack MCP, XDL anode
- 2 windowless VUV detectors for CDS spectrograph  
with Chevron MCP and CCD

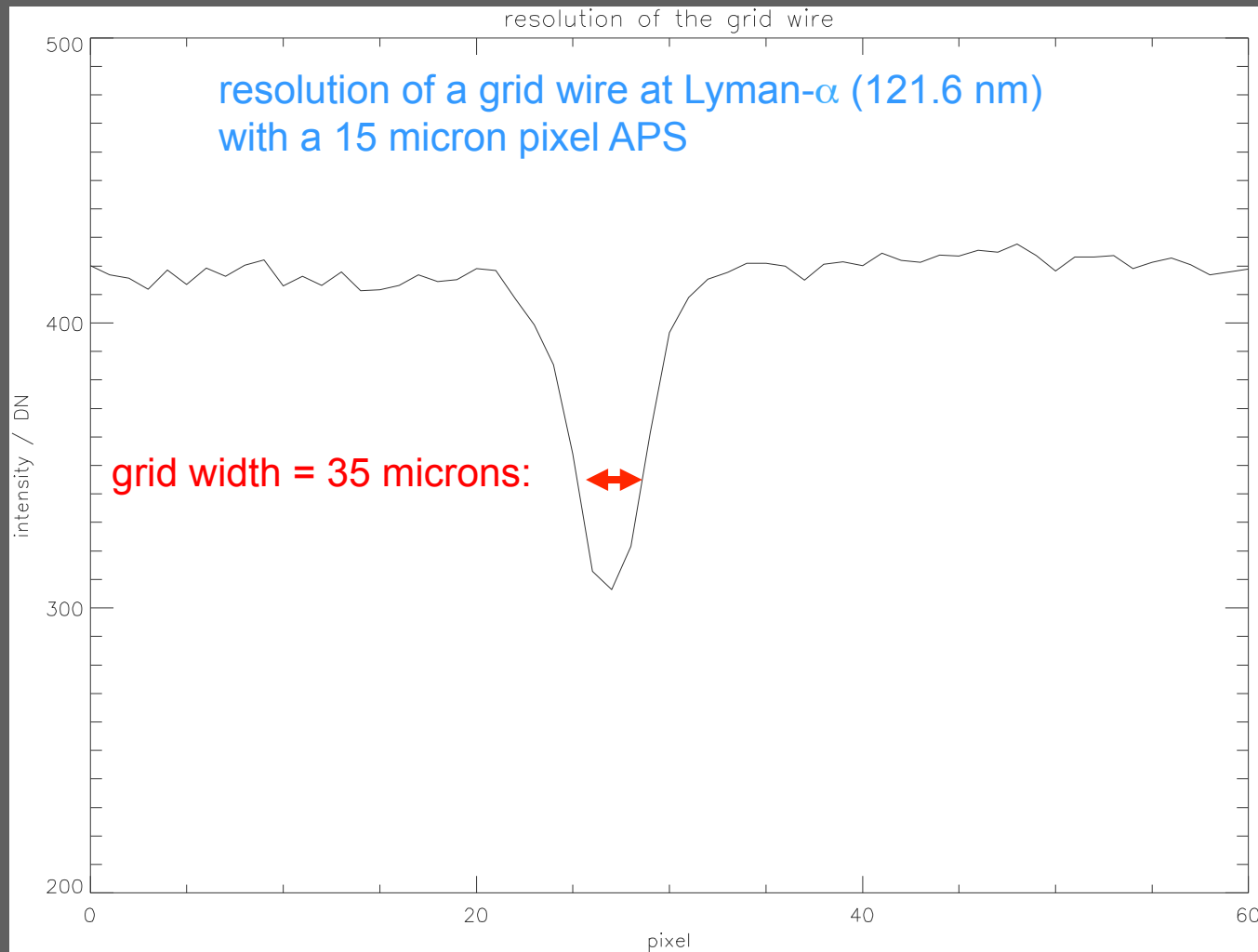
## Detector on FUSE:

- 2 windowless FUV detectors  
with KBr photocathode, Z-stack MCP, DDL anode

## Detector on HST:

- 1 windowless FUV detector for COS  
with CsI photocathode, XDL anode

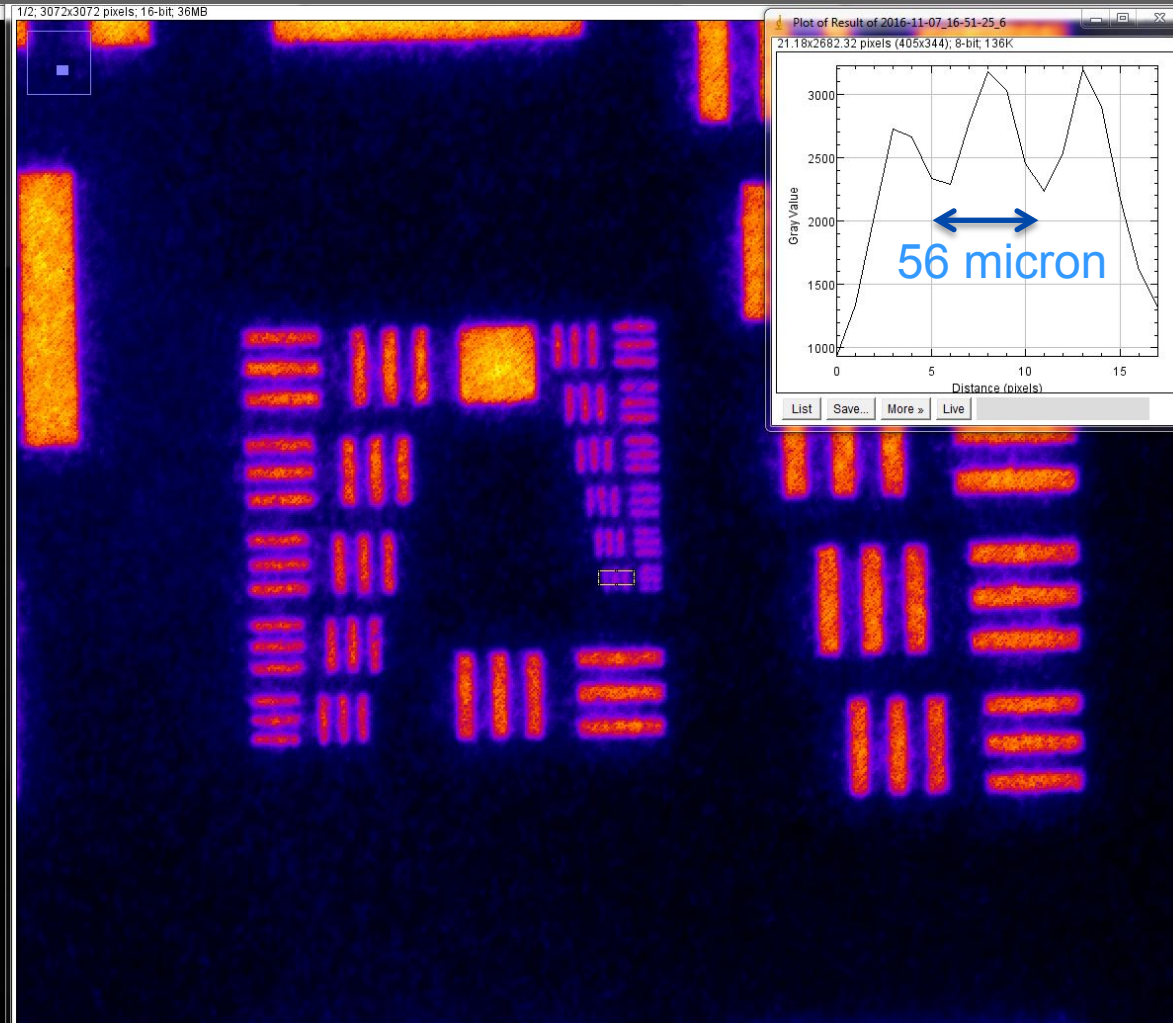
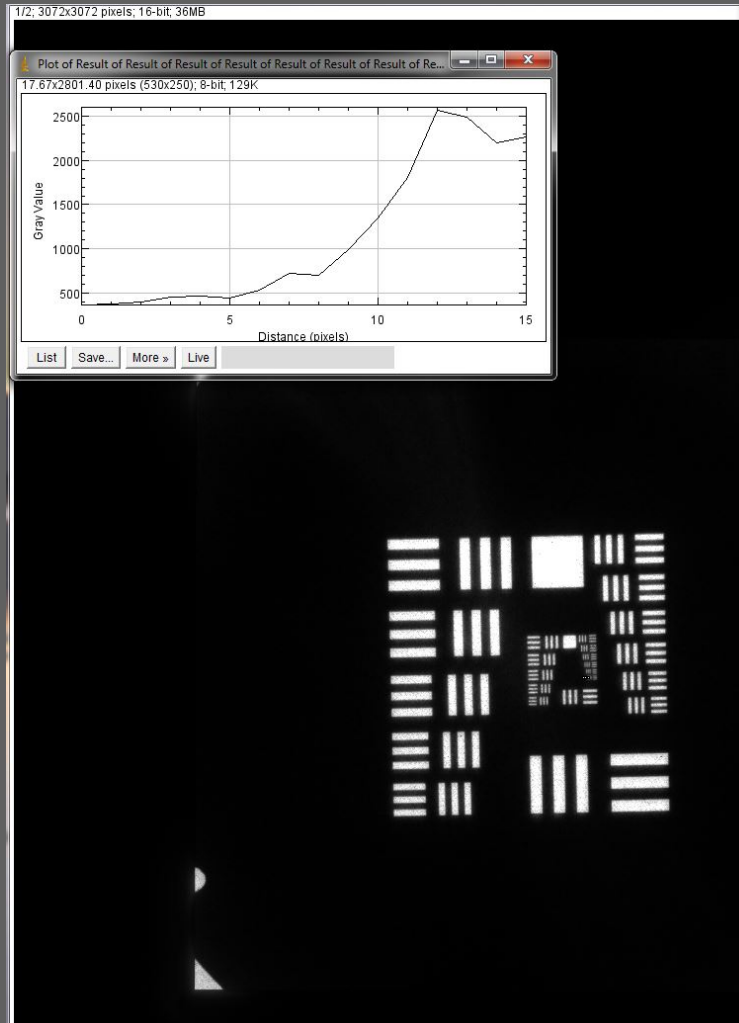
# Resolution of single-MCP 10 $\mu\text{m}$ pores intensifier with 15 $\mu\text{m}$ APS





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# Resolution of single-MCP 10 $\mu\text{m}$ pores intensifier with 10 $\mu\text{m}$ APS

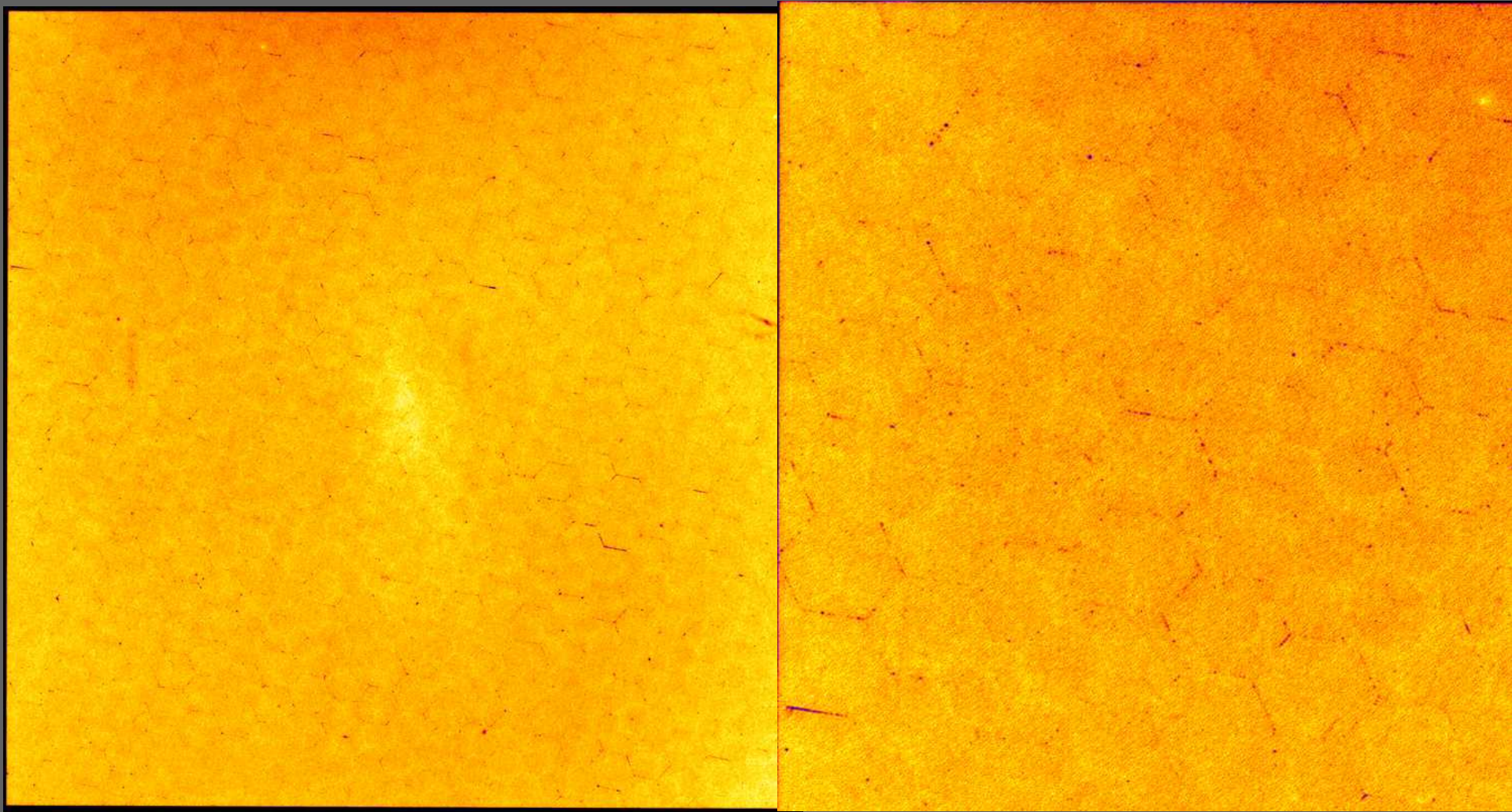






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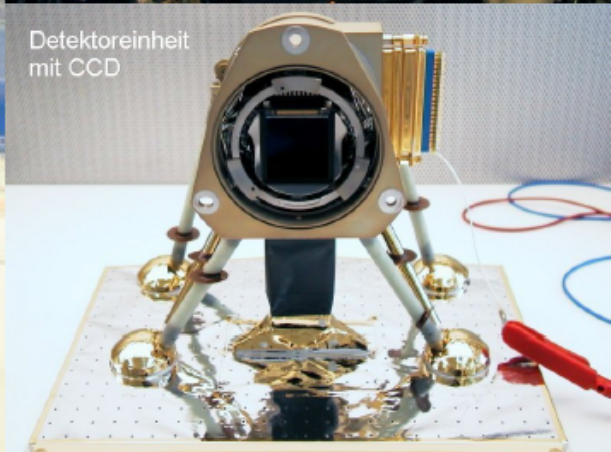
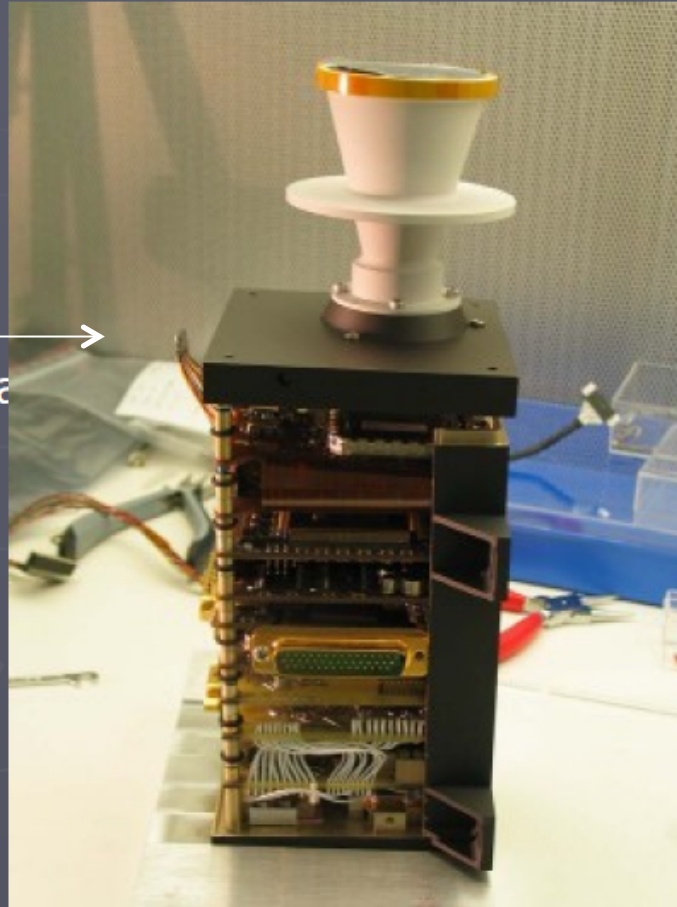
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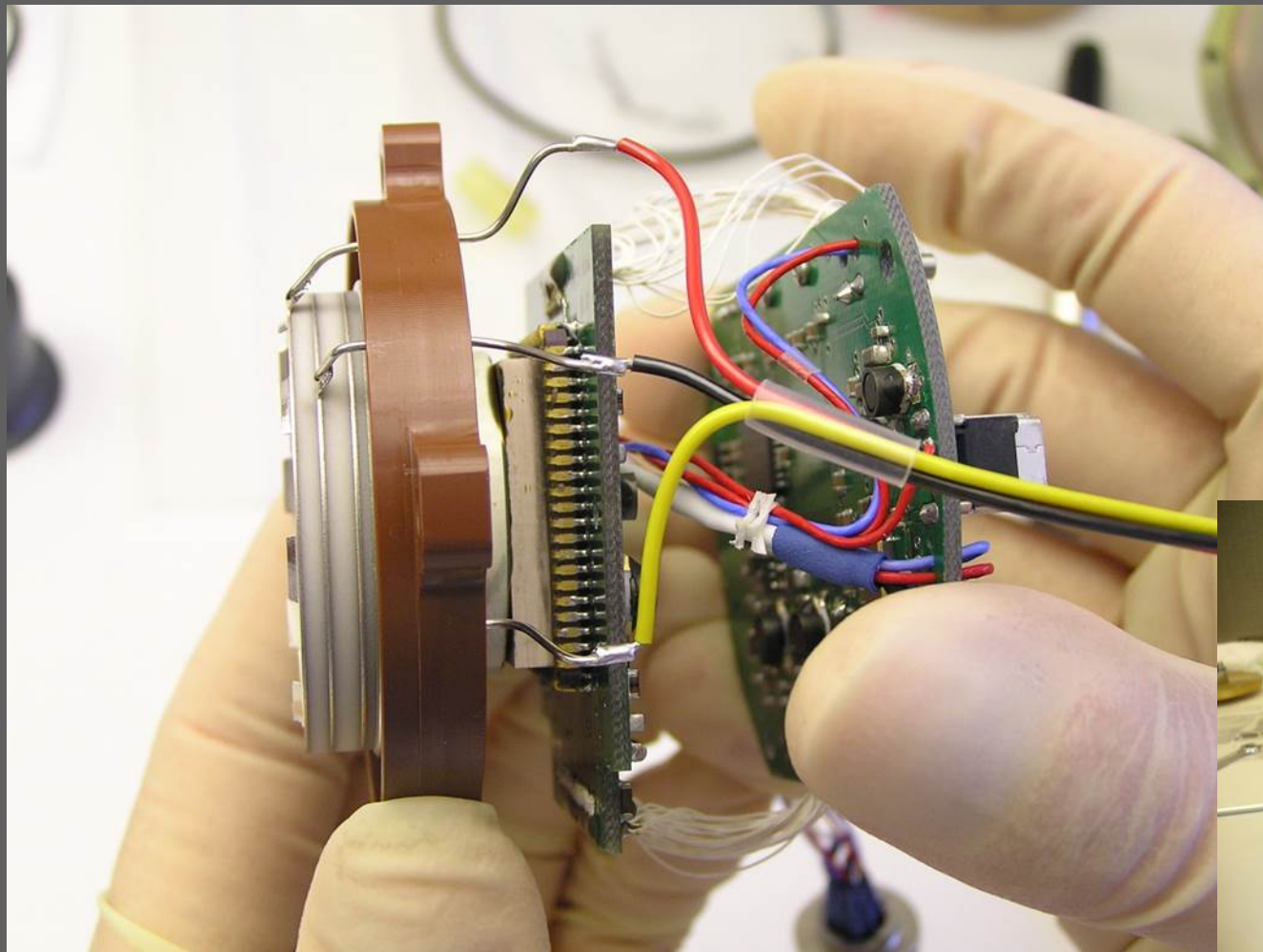
# Imaging detectors for various space missions

Cameras for planetary missions built at MPS:

- ROSETTA-OSIRIS
- VMC (Venus M C)
- DAWN Framing Camera



# VUV-camera system for the RAISE rocket spectrograph



Single MCP intensifier

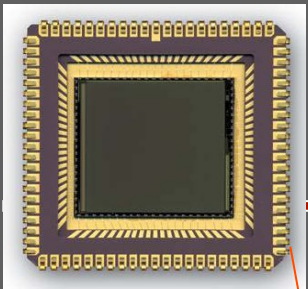
Fiber optic coupling

Star-1000 APS  
(15  $\mu\text{m}$  pixel size)

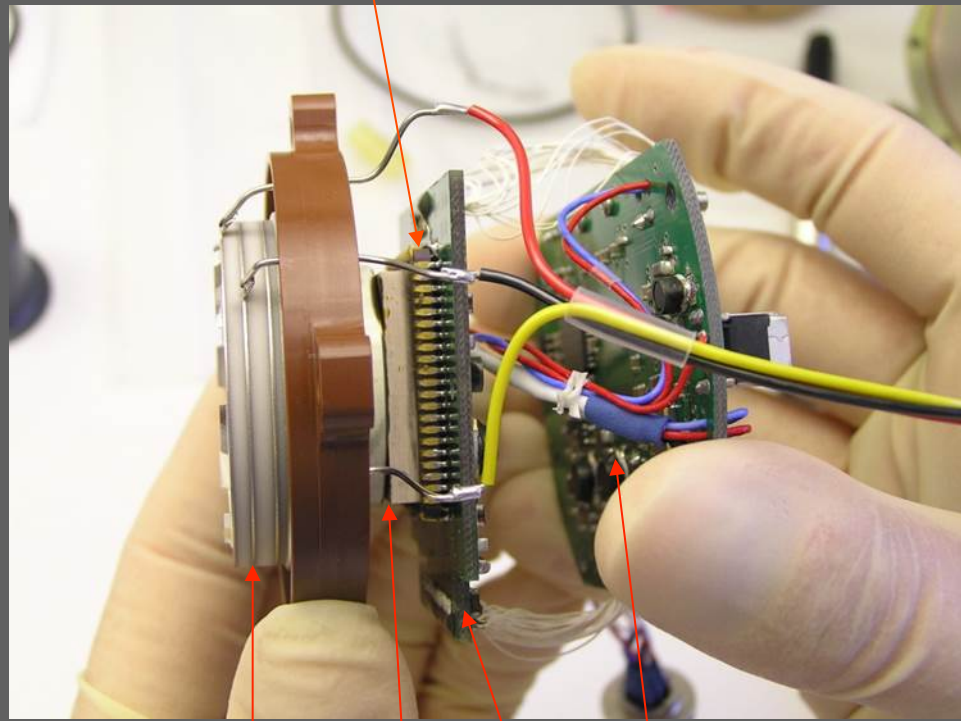




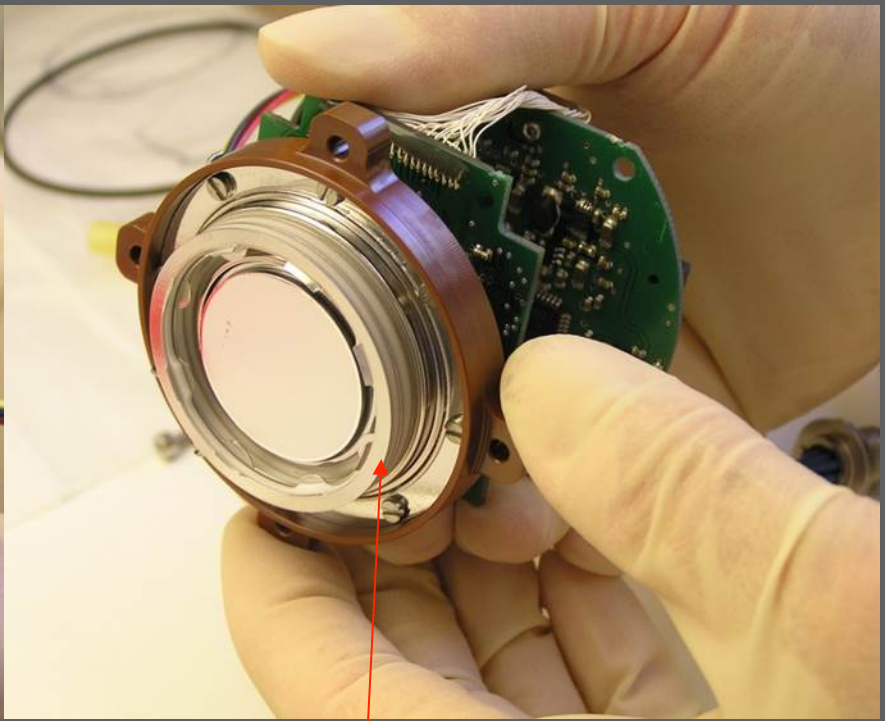
# Coupling MCP intensifier with APS image sensor



STAR 1000  
visible CMOS-APS sensor



MCP  
fiber optic blocks  
APS sensor board  
FEE board



MCP housing

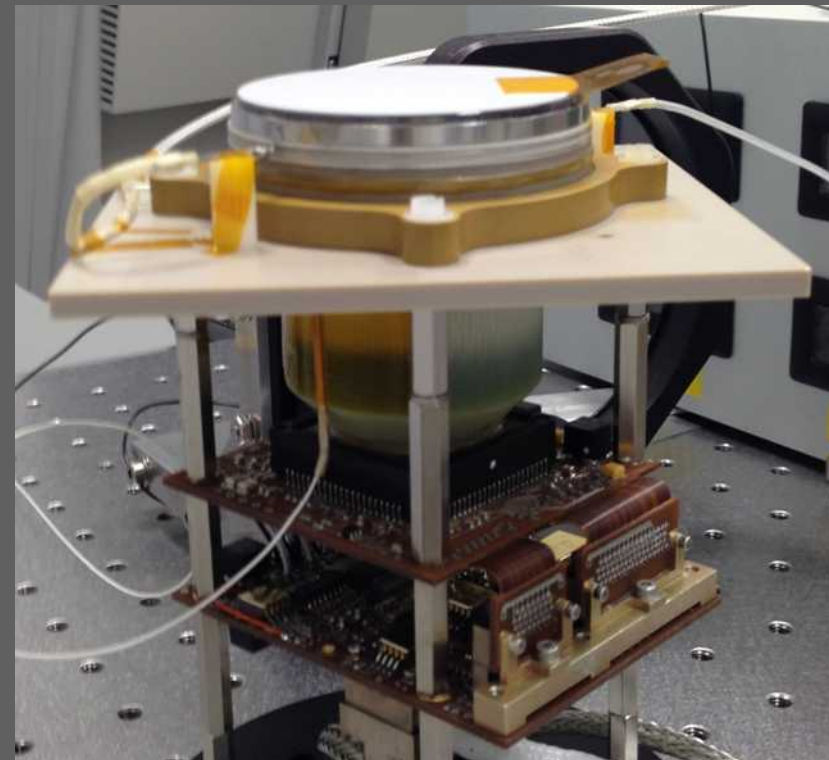
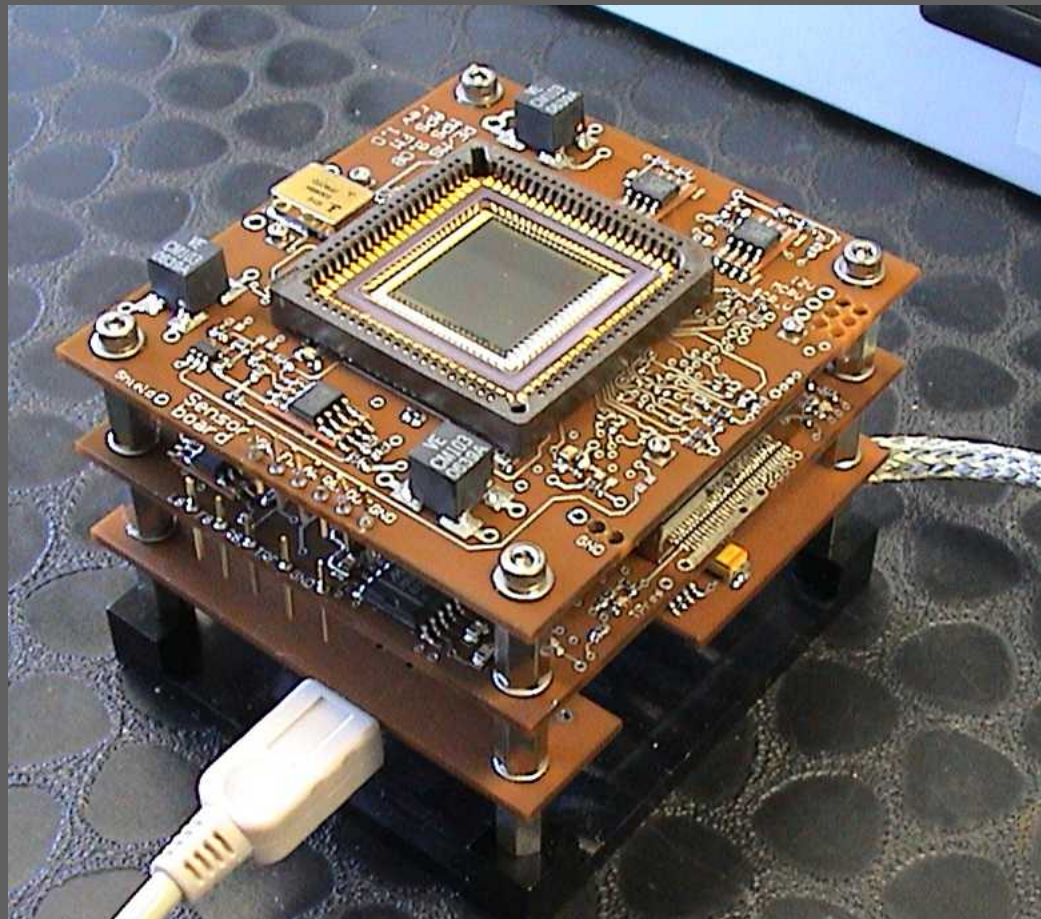


# Space-qualified camera with the Star-1000 APS sensor



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For the METIS UV camera





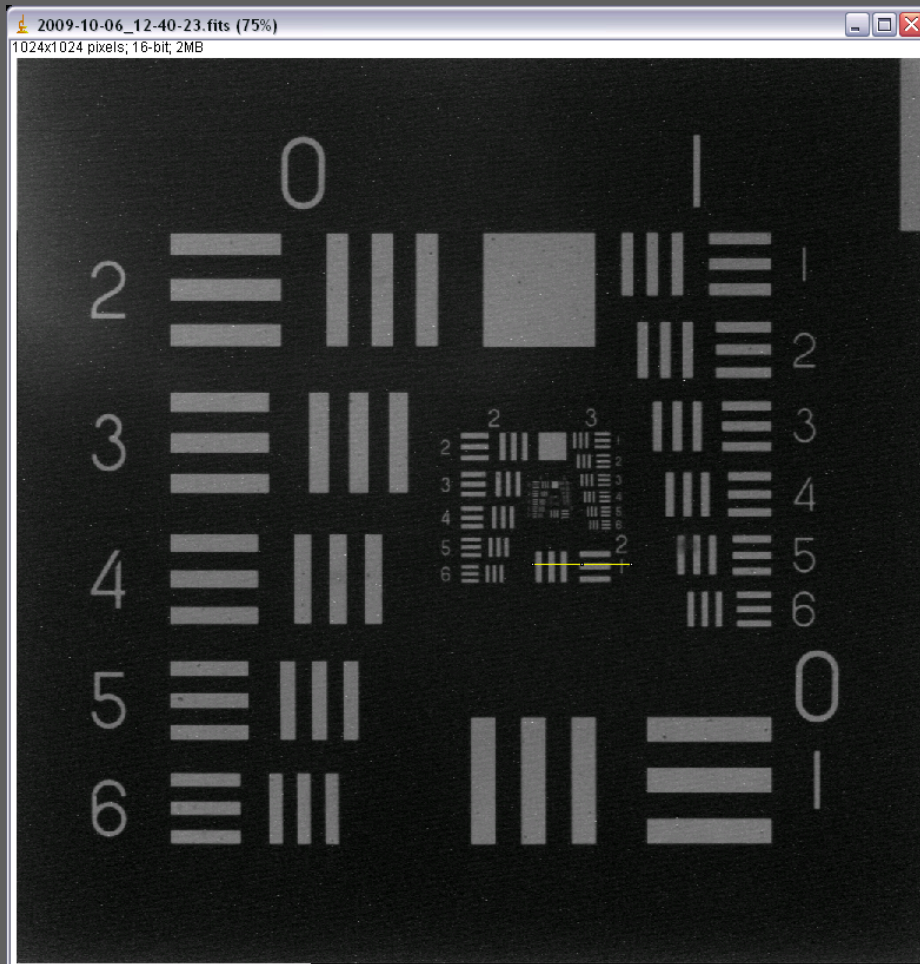
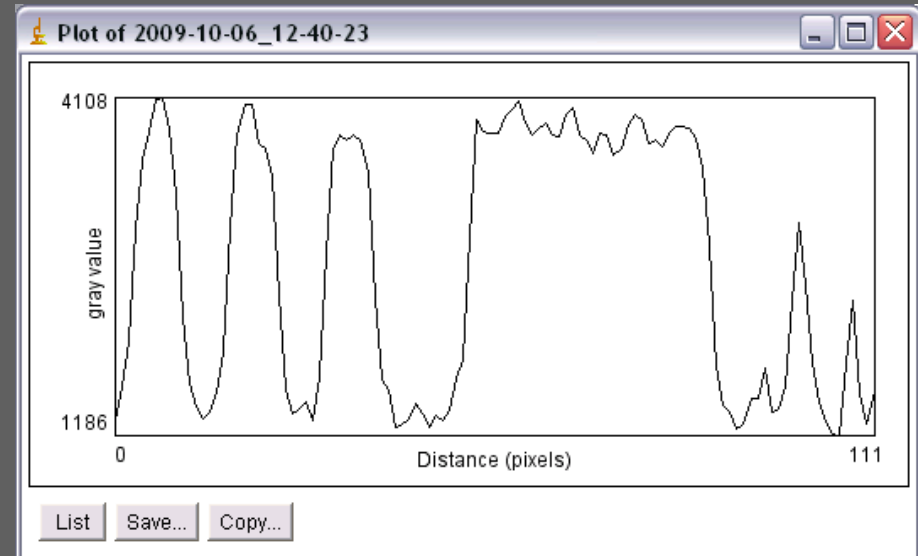


Image of a target. The yellow line is the location of the profile shown below



# I-APS Cameras recently built for Solar Orbiter

METIS Lyman-Alpha camera

EUI Lyman-Alpha camera



HV unit →

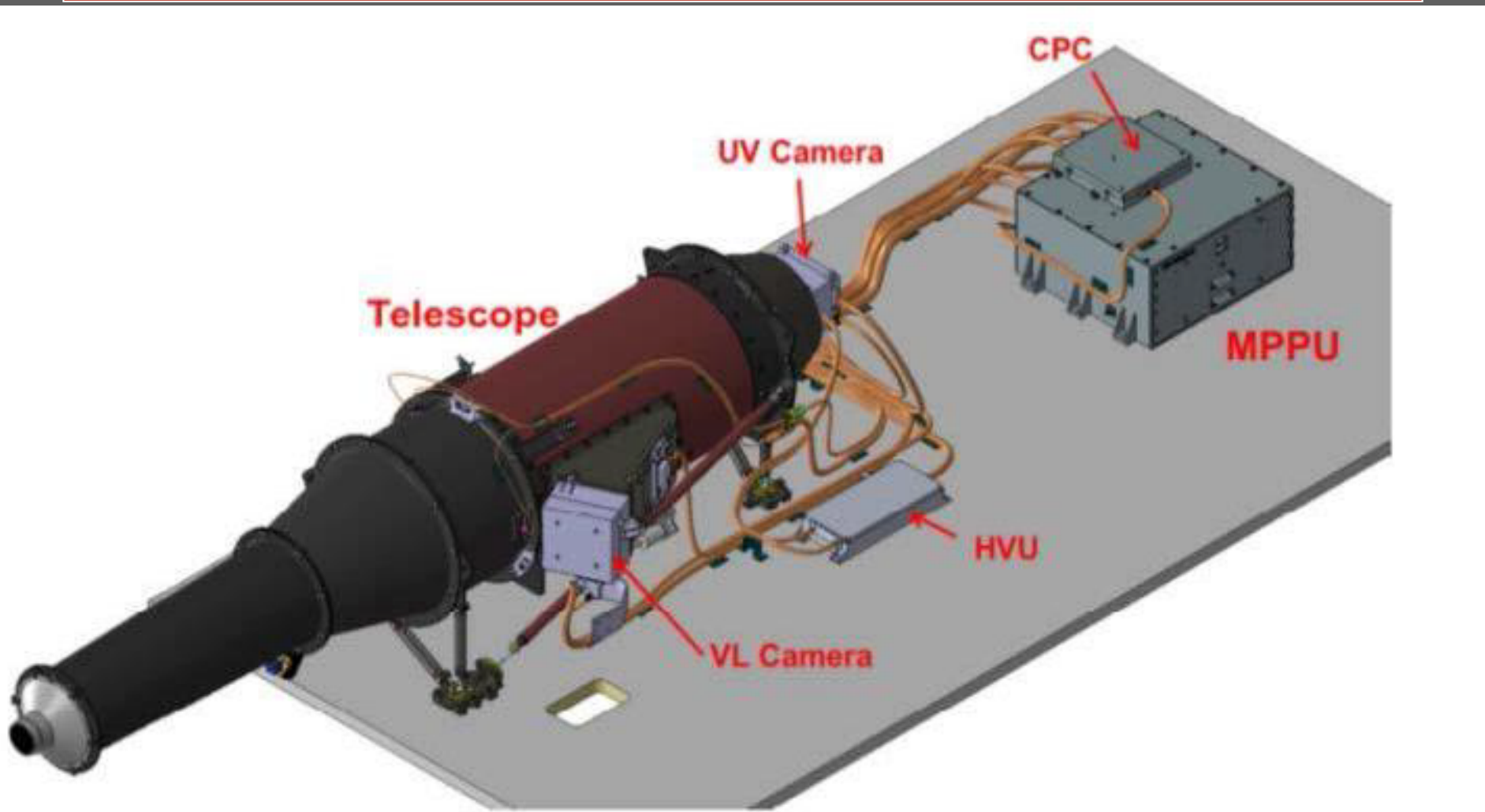




# I-APS Cameras recently built for Solar Orbiter: METIS Detection System

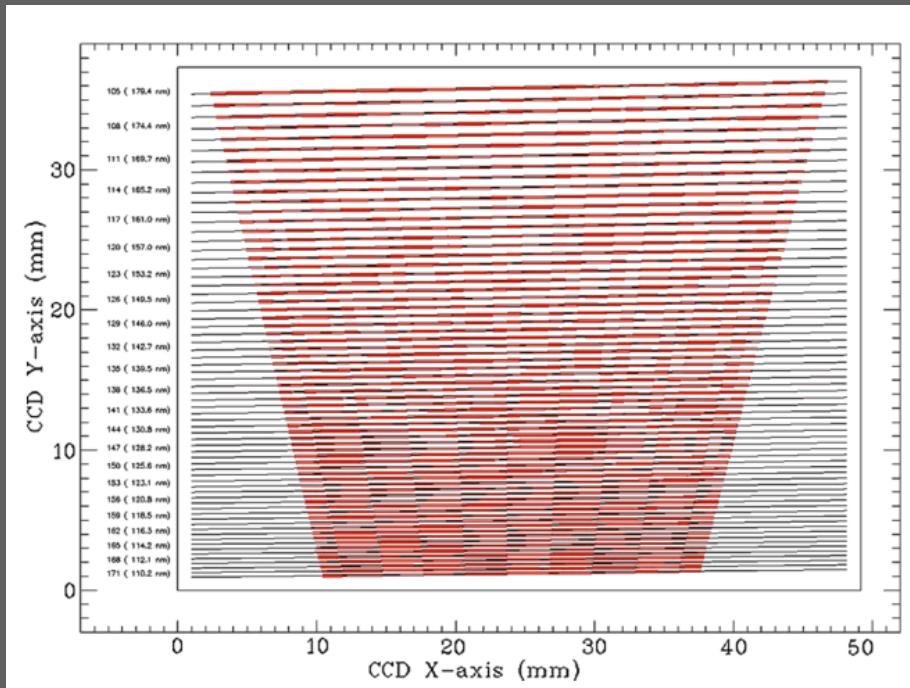


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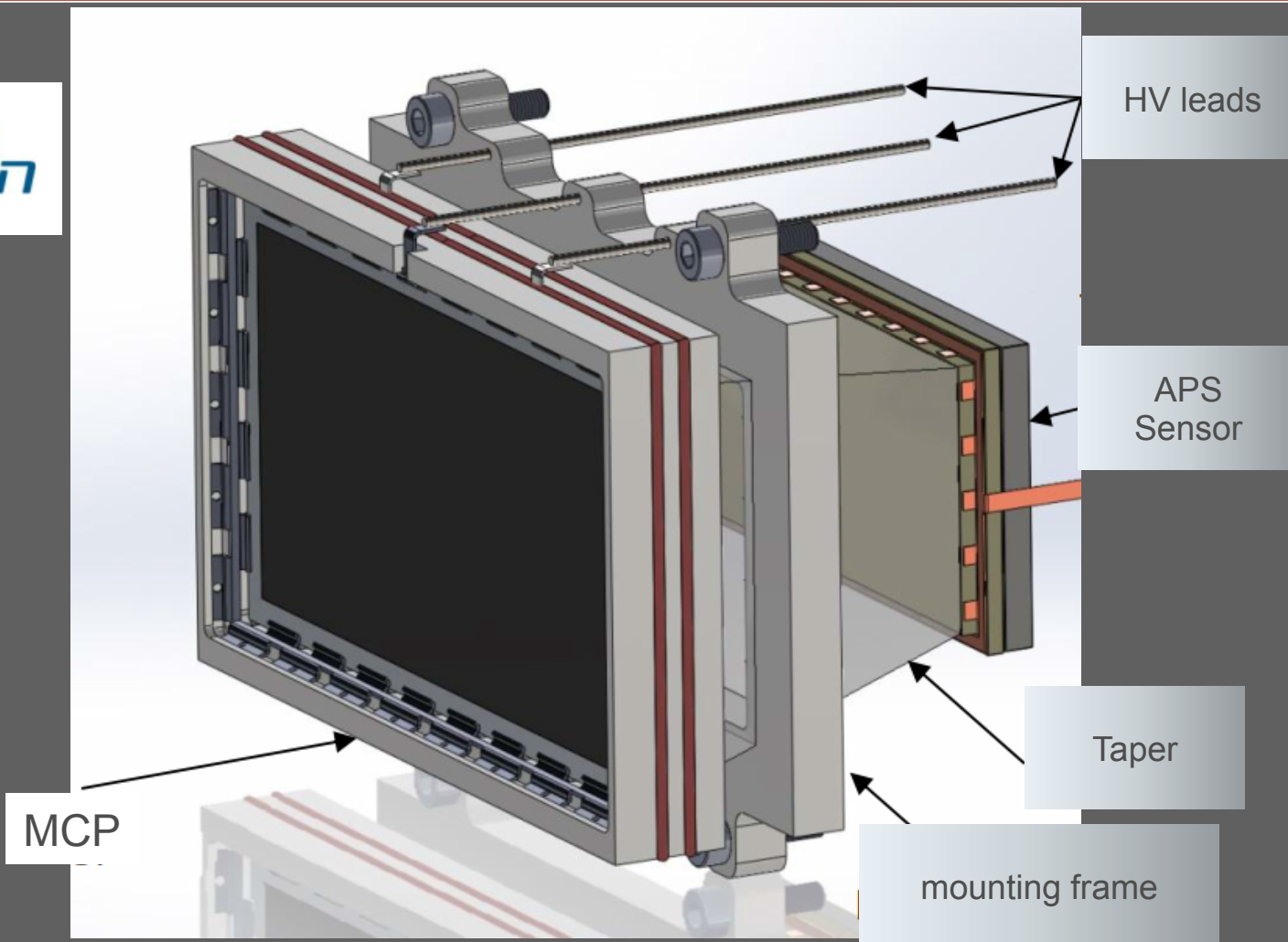
# Proposed focal plane for ARAGO



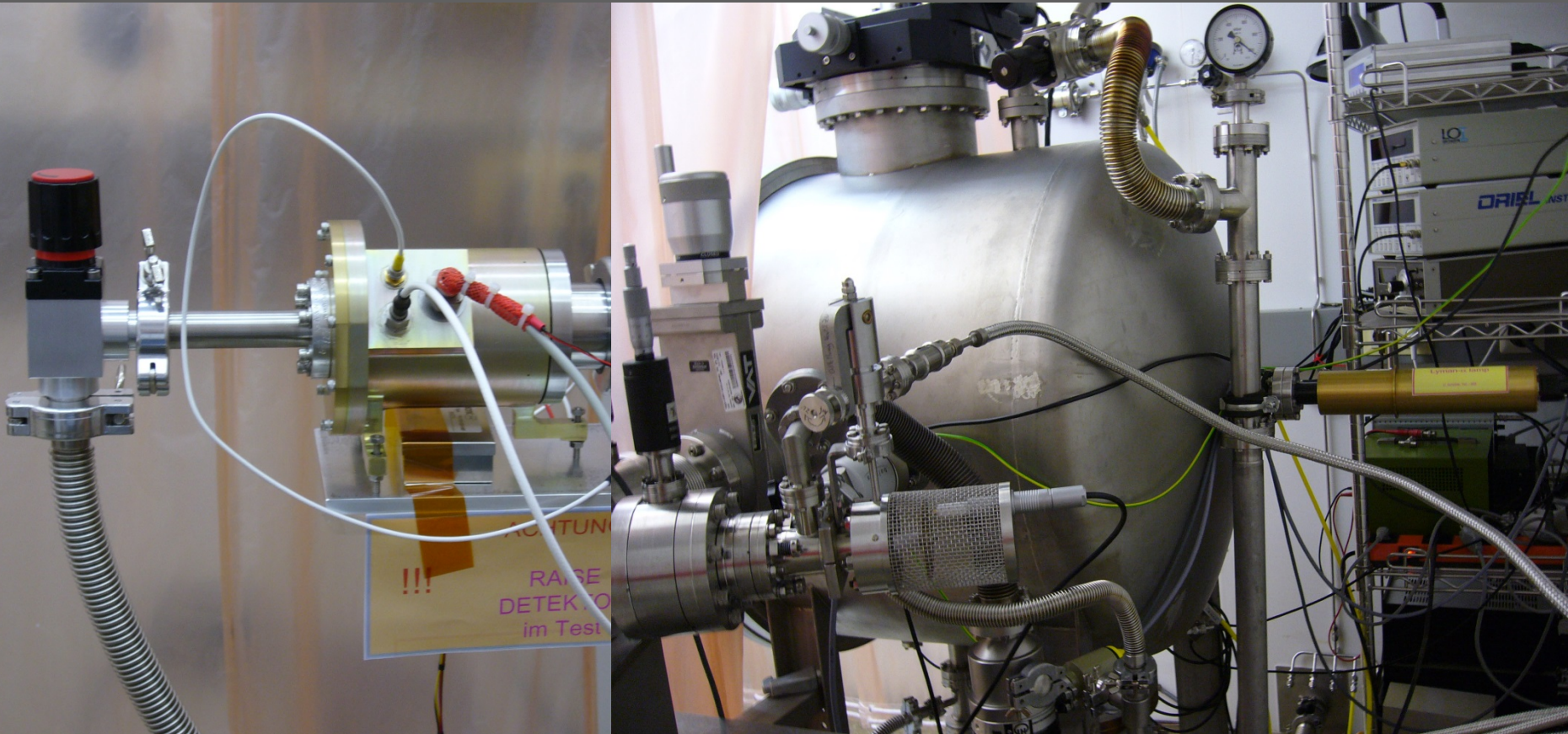
Type: I-APS  
Dimensions: 4096 x 4096  
Pixel size: 12  $\mu\text{m}$   
Size: 37 mm x 50 mm



# Conceptual design of intensifier for ARAGO



# Performance tests with Lyman- $\alpha$ and extreme UV lamp





# Partners in our camera development



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- MPS

Camera design,  
Mechanics,  
Electronics, AITV



- ProxiVision GmbH

MCP, Intensifier,  
fiber-optic coupling



- UC Berkeley, Space Sciences Lab.

Intensifier design  
photocathode coating



- PTB  
Metrology Light Source, Berlin

Radiometric calibration

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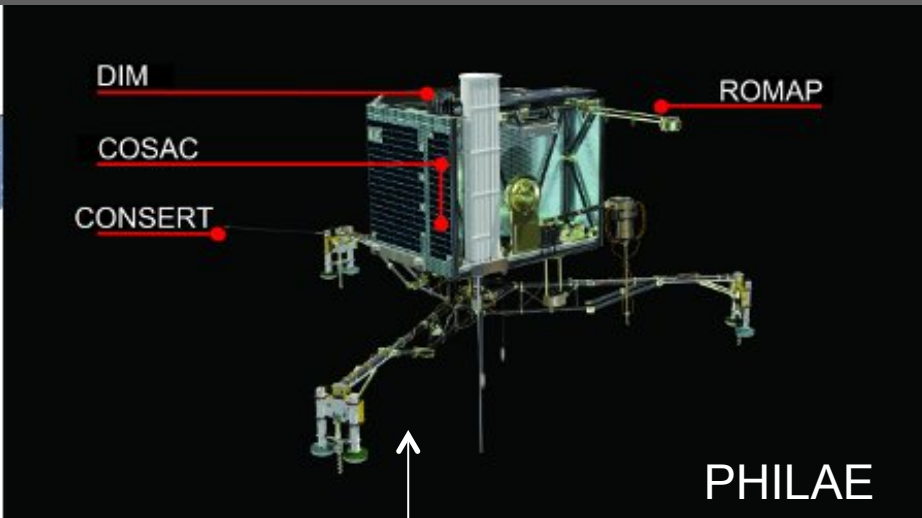
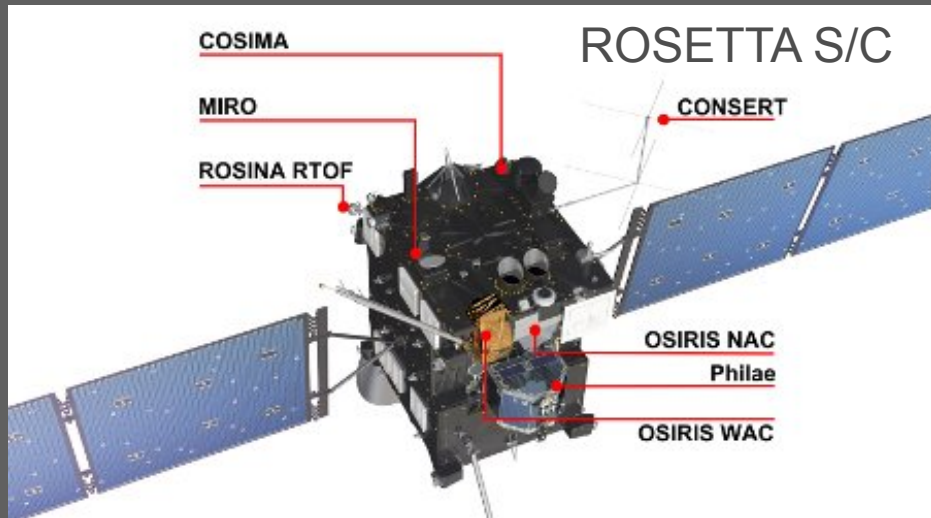


# SoHO Instruments with MPS contributions



- Mechanisms
- Mechanical design
- AIV
- Space qualification

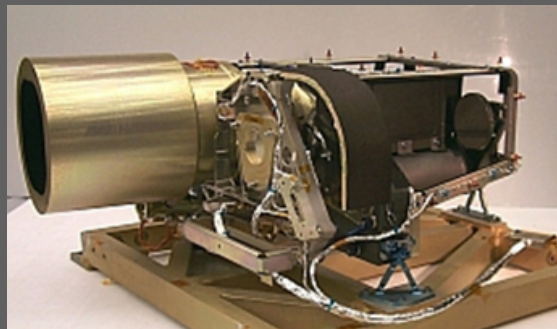
# ROSETTA Instruments with MPS contributions



PHILAE Landing gear

OSIRIS NAC

OSIRIS WAC



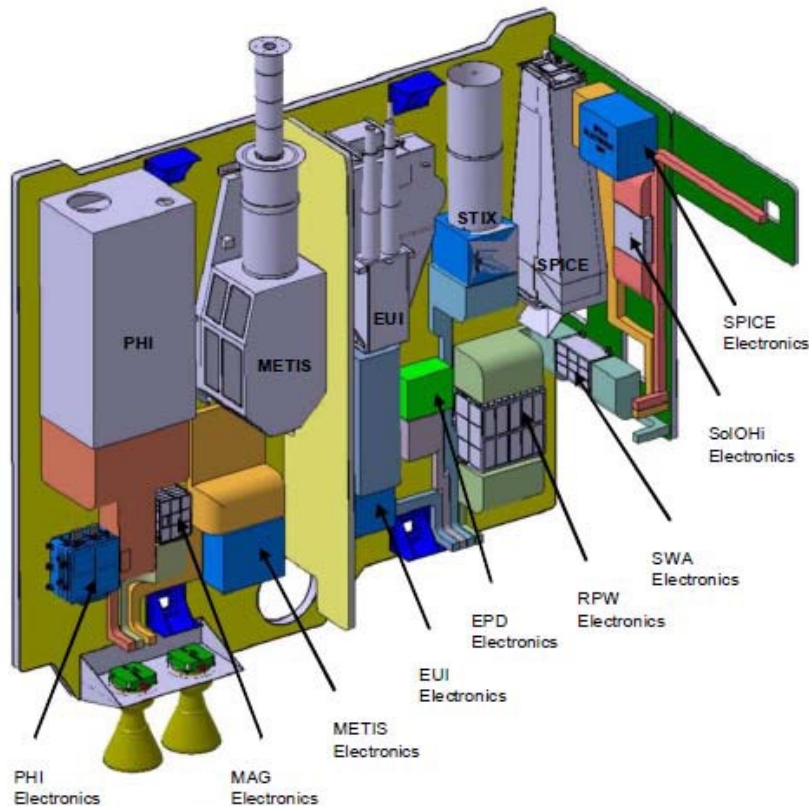


Figure 5-2 Internal Payload Accommodation on -Y Wall (including Harness Volume)

- **PHI: Polarimetric and Helioseismic Imager** (PI instrument of MPS)
  - Instrument responsibility
- **EUJ: Extreme Ultraviolet Imager** (co-PI contribution of MPS)
  - HRI Lyman-alpha telescope
- **SPICE: Extreme Ultraviolet imaging Spectrograph** (EUS)
  - Primary mirror and coating
- **METIS: Imaging and Spectroscopy of the Corona**
  - METIS Detection System (VLDA, UVDA)

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# Fin

Recommended:  
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On-Orbit Degradation of Solar Instruments  
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