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# Heliospheric Imager (HI)

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# Outline

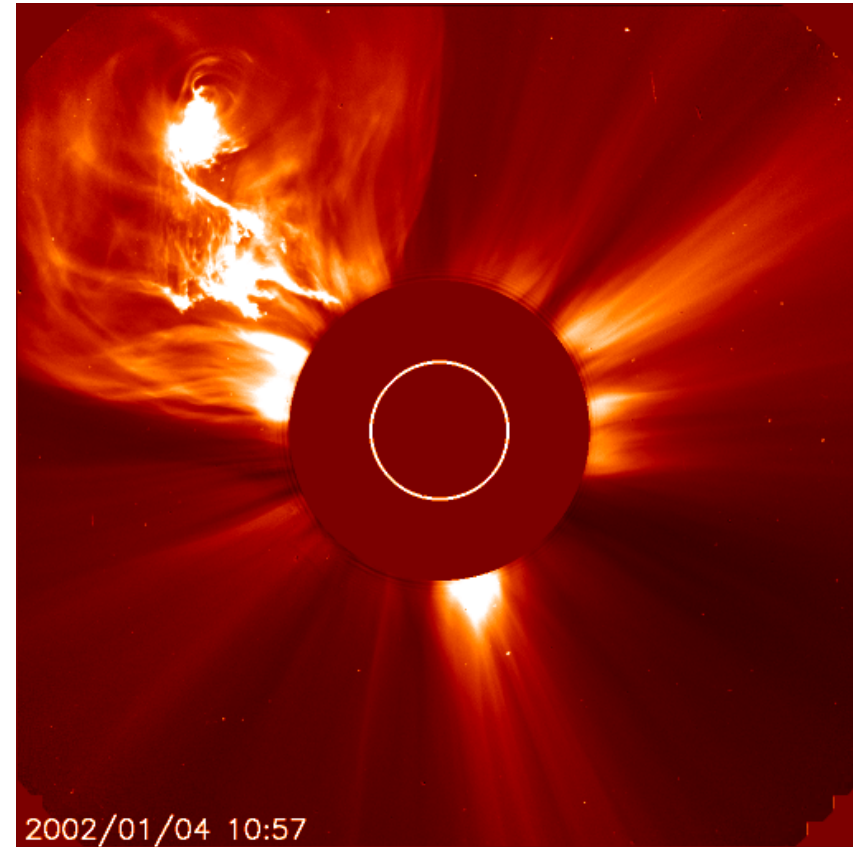
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- **HI Optical Design** **Jean-Marc Defise**
- **HI Mechanical Design** **Chris Eyles**
- **HI Structural Analysis** **Helen Mapson-Menard**
- **HI Thermal Analysis** **Helen Mapson-Menard**
- **HI Assembly, Integration, and Test** **Chris Eyles**



# Heliospheric Imager - Overview

- **First Opportunity to Observe Geoeffective Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) Along the Sun-Earth Line in Interplanetary Space - the First Instrument to Detect CMEs in a Field of View Including the Earth!**
- **First Opportunity to Obtain Stereographic Views of CMEs in Interplanetary Space - to Investigate CME Structure, Evolution and Propagation**
- **Method: Occultation and Baffle System, With Wide Angle View of the Heliosphere, Achieving Light Rejection Levels of  $3 \times 10^{-13}$  and  $10^{-14}$  of the Solar Brightness**

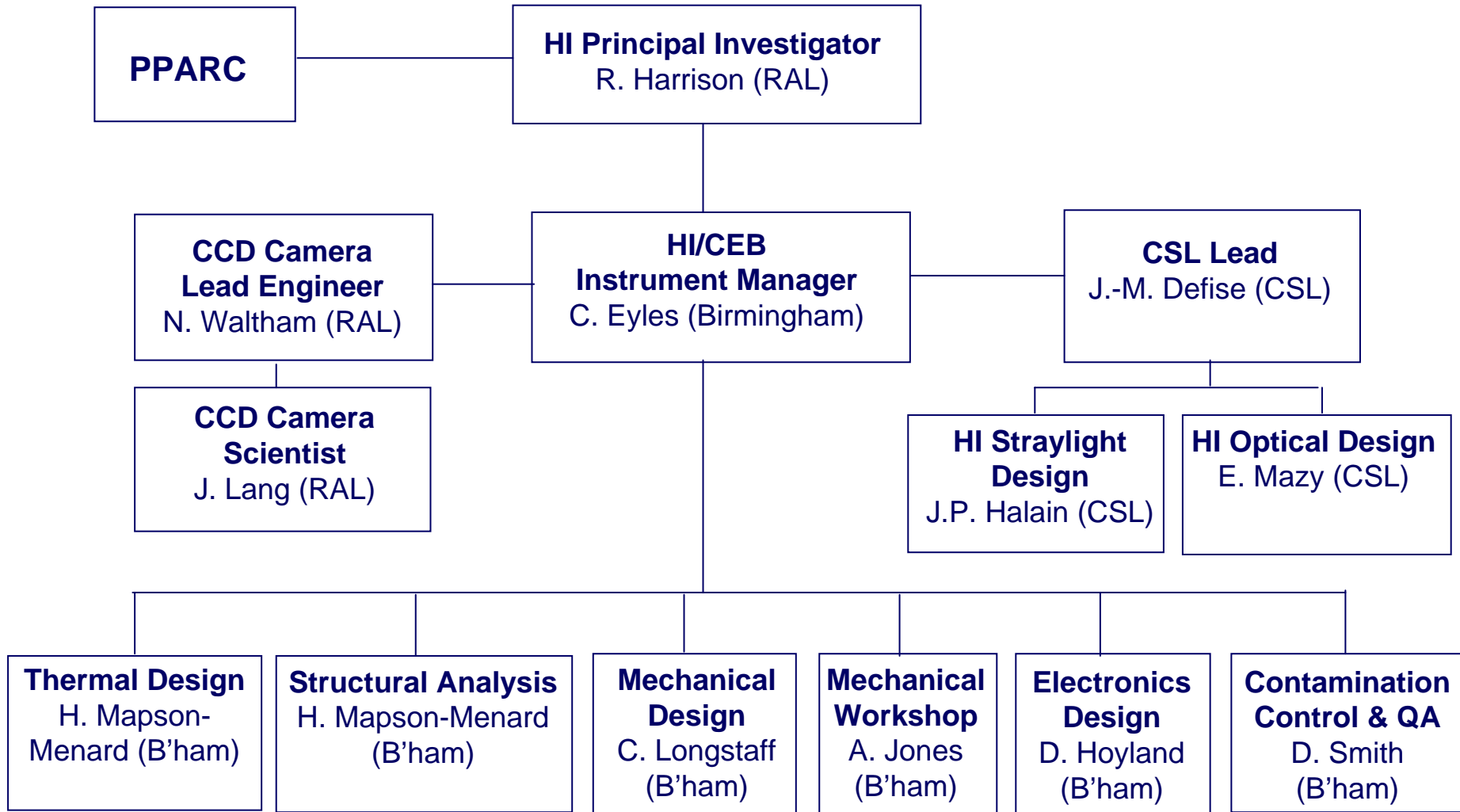


# HI Institute Roles and Responsibilities

- **Rutherford Appleton Laboratory**
  - PI Institute
  - Leadership of UK STEREO/SECCHI Science Team
  - Support With HI AIT
- **University of Birmingham**
  - HI Mechanical, Thermal and Electrical Design
  - Fabrication and AIT of HI QM and FMs
  - HI Instrument Management
- **Centre Spatial de Liege**
  - Optical Design and Test
  - Optical Calibration
  - Straylight Analysis and Baffle Design
  - Support With HI AIT
- **Naval Research Laboratory**
  - FPA Design (With Swales)
  - HI US Liason (D. Socker)



# HI Project Organisation



# HI Instrument Requirements

	HI-1	HI-2
Instrument Type	Externally-Occulted Coronagraph	Externally-Occulted Coronagraph
Centre of Field-of-View Direction	Along Sun-Earth Line $\theta = 13.65$ deg	Along Sun-Earth Line $\theta = 53.35$ deg
Angular Field-of-View	20 deg	70 deg
Coronal Coverage	12 - 84 $R_{\text{sun}}$	66 - 318 $R_{\text{sun}}$
Overlap With COR2	12 - 15 $R_{\text{sun}}$	N/A
Overlap With HI-1	N/A	66 - 84 $R_{\text{sun}}$
Baseline Image (2 x 2 Binning)	1024 x 1024	1024 x 1024
Image Pixel Scale (Binned)	70 arcsec	4 arcmin
Spectral Bandpass	630 - 730 nm	400 - 1000 nm
Exposure Time	12 - 20 sec	60 - 90 sec
Nominal Images Per Sequence	70	50
Required Cadence (Per Sequence)	60 min	120 min
Brightness Sensitivity	$3 \times 10^{-15} B_{\text{sun}}$	$3 \times 10^{-16} B_{\text{sun}}$
Straylight Rejection	$3 \times 10^{-13} B_{\text{sun}}$	$10^{-14} B_{\text{sun}}$
Brightness Accuracy	10%	10%



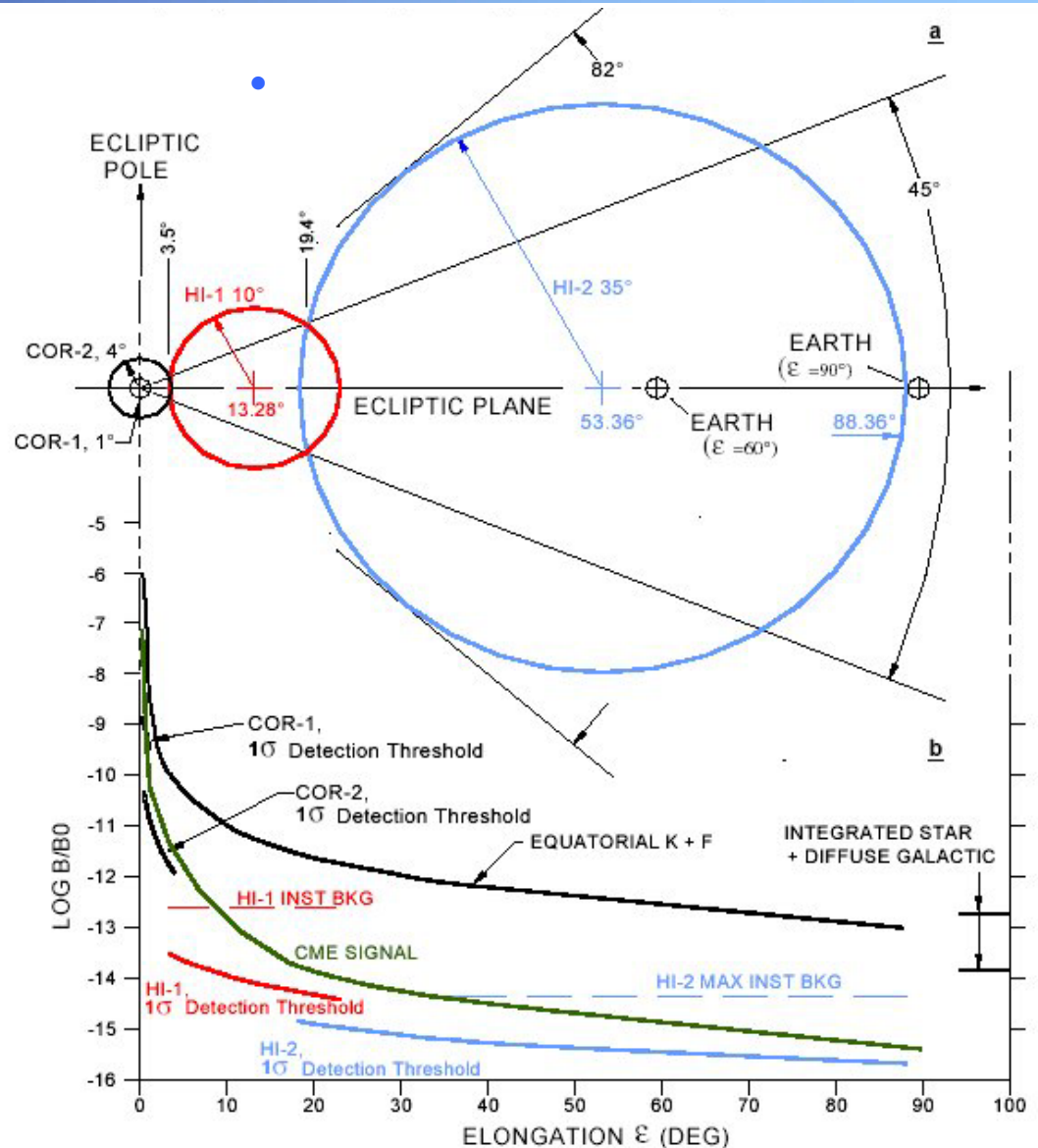
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- **Geometrical Requirements:**

- To View the Sun-Earth Line With Unbroken Coverage From Corona to Earth Orbit
- Opening Angle of 45 Degrees Governed by Average CME Width Over Equator

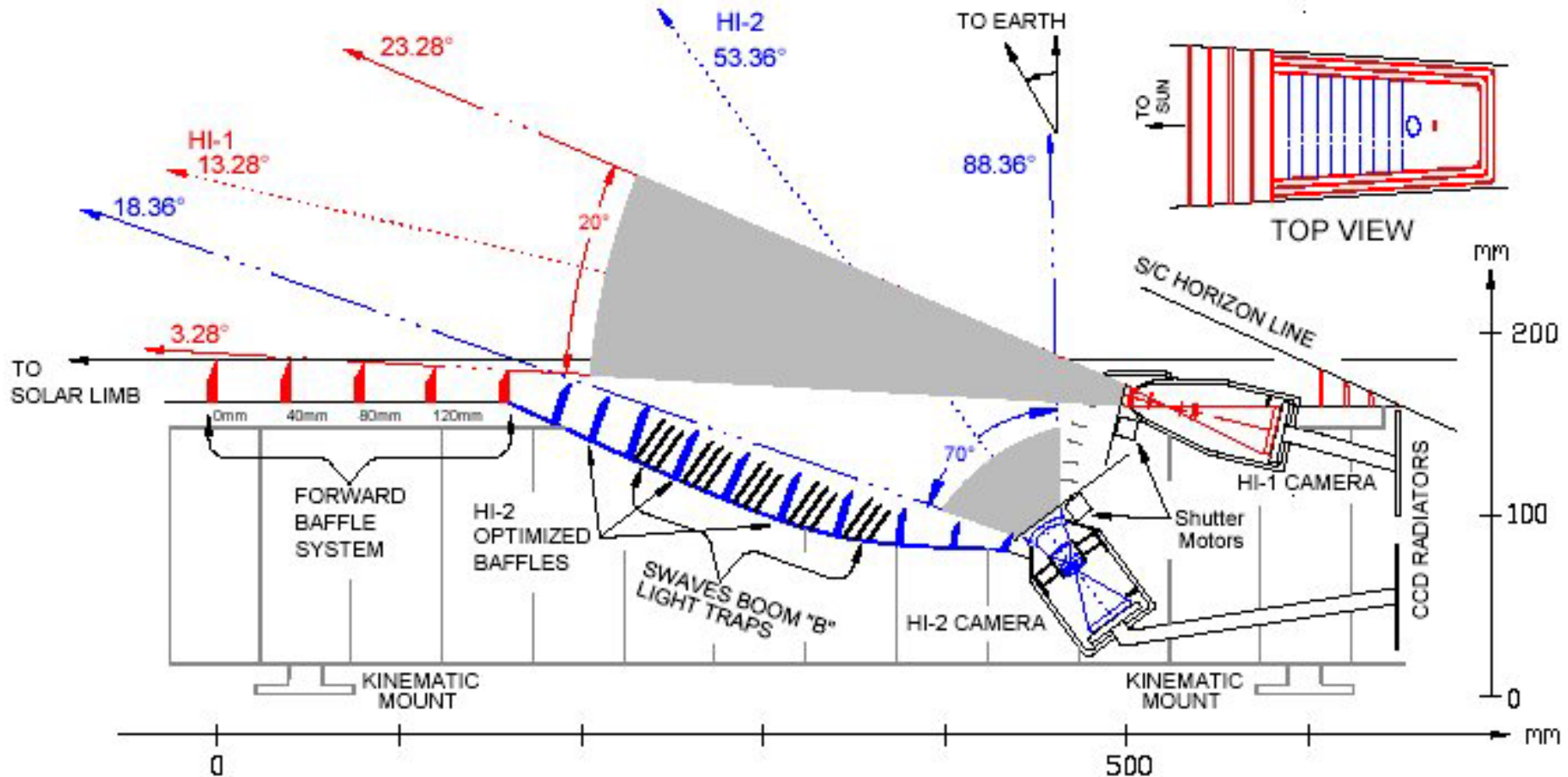
- **Brightness Levels:**

- Need to Achieve Rejection to  $< 3 \times 10^{-13}$  &  $< 10^{-14}$  B/Bo to Detect CME Signal
- Have to Contend With Contributions From the F-Corona, Planets, Stars, the Earth and Moon



# HI Assembly Overview

## The Original Design Concept





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## The Current Design

