A new window to the Sun: The Daniel K Inouye Solar Telescope

The DKIST team







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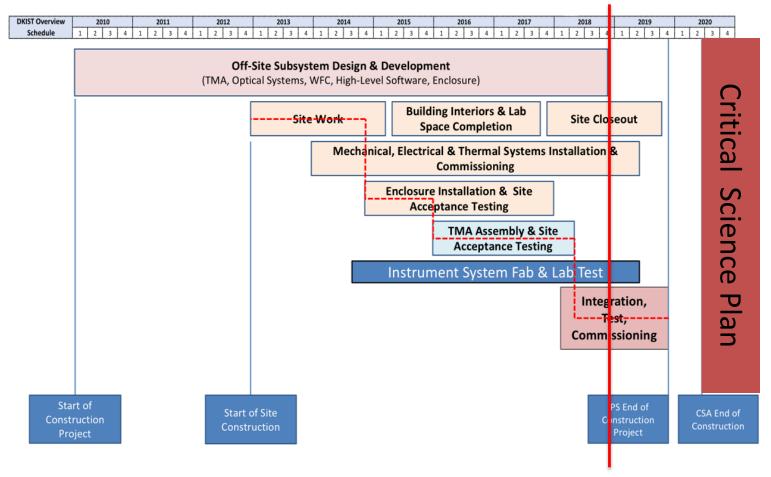
Visible Detectors

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The DKIST: status and timeline



8 years of construction; > 80% complete











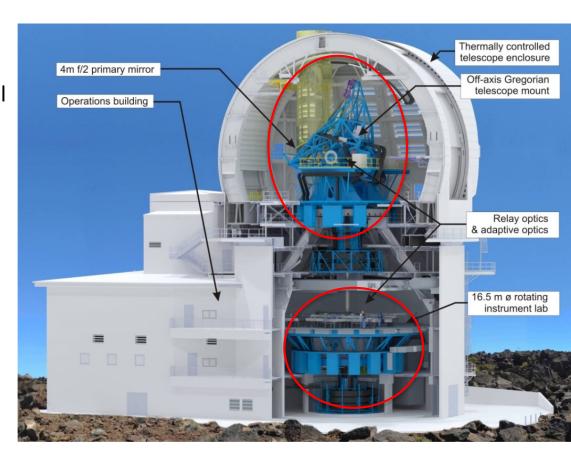
DKIST: a transformational facility

- 4m aperture → 19 km (@500 nm), SNR≈10⁴
- Designed for simultaneous multiline diagnostics
- Designed for accurate and sensitive polarimetry
- Designed for <u>coronal off-limb</u> observations



DKIST: a transformational facility

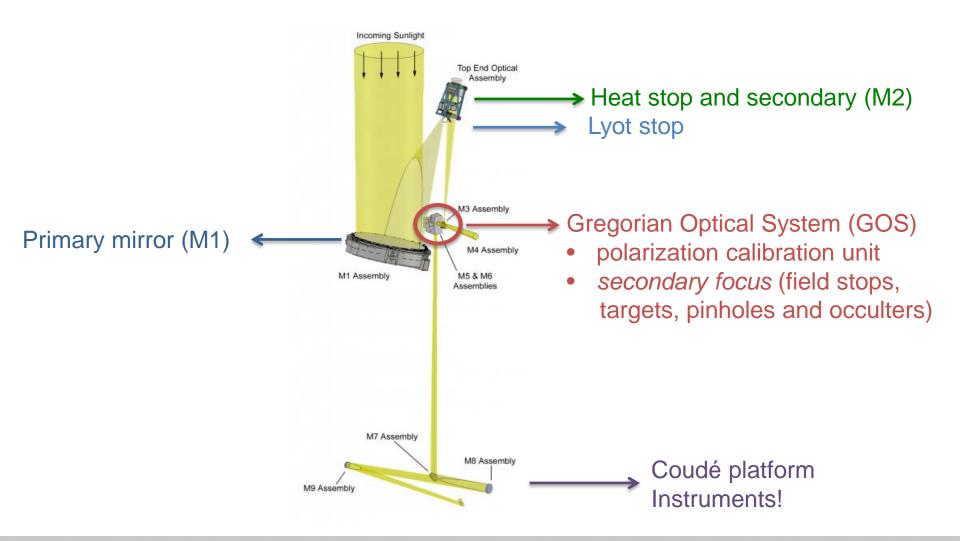
- Four-meter aperture, f/2
- Alt/azimuth mount
- All reflecting optics
- Off-axis design (no spider, no central obscuration)
- Heat stop at prime focus: hard limit of 5' FOV
- Low-scattered light
 - Coronagraph
 - Lyot stop & limb occulter
 - In situ clean & wash of M1
- Integrated adaptive optics (on-disk)
- High-precision polarimetry
- Thermally controlled environment.
- <u>Service Mode</u>: PI not present.
- Data available on-line: Boulder DC







Optical Light Path







DKIST: a transformational facility

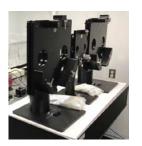




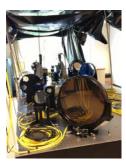


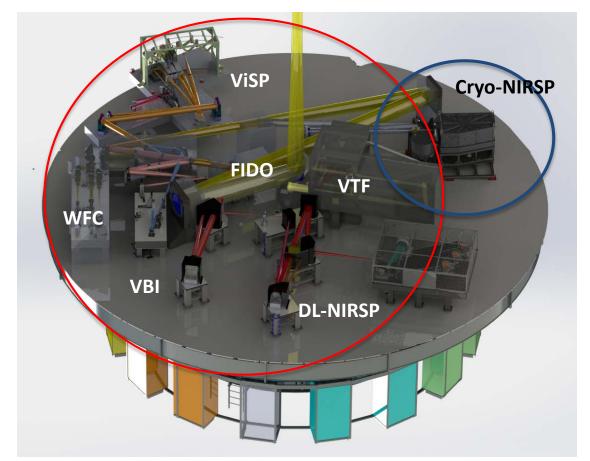
DKIST as a multi-wavelength observatory

nominal: $0.38 - 28 \mu m$; first light: up to 5 μm

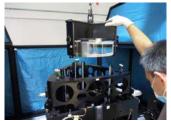














diverse spectral coverage; diagnostics covering entire solar atmosphere

Multi-instrument operations

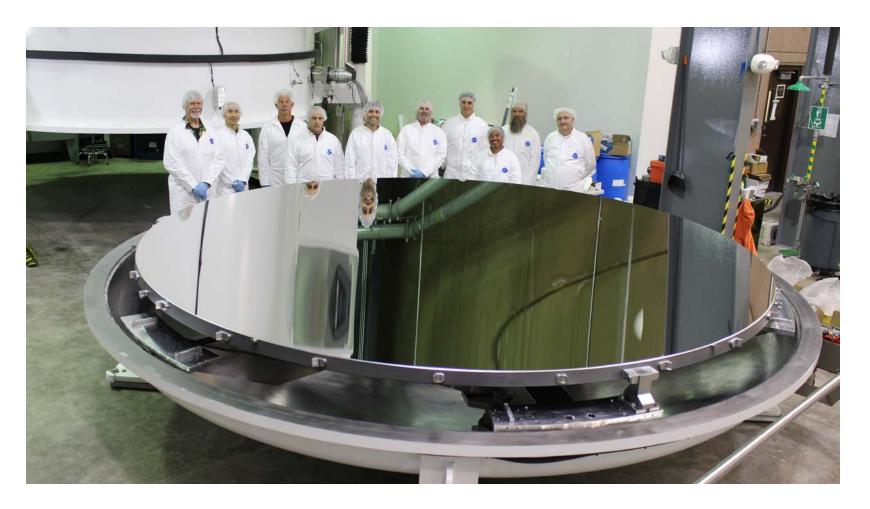










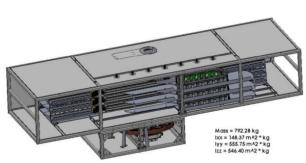


High-grade polished M1 (~ 1 nm)









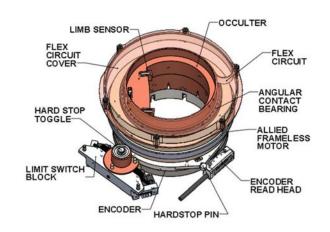


Lyot stop and limb occulters (5' or 2.8'; round)

- How close?: 1 arcsec (depends).
- How far from the limb? 0.5 R_☉ max.

The Gregorian Optical System (GOS)

- Limb occulter: Disc(s) to block the solar disc near the limb.
- Limb over/under-occulting of ±5 arcsec possible.
- Comes with a "limb sensor" that measure limb motions.
- Drives M2 for image stabilization.

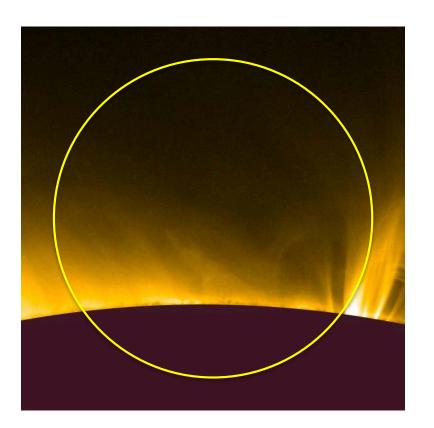


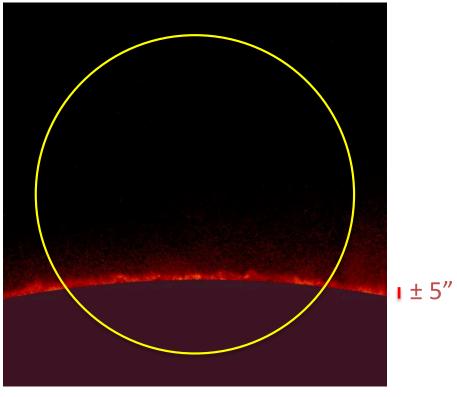




Occulting the Limb

5 arcmin occulter



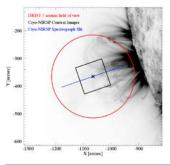


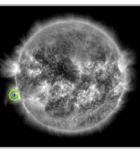
- Limb sensor tracks image motion in both axes, corrected by M2 fast tip/tilt.
- Over/under occultation possible by +/- 5 arcsec.

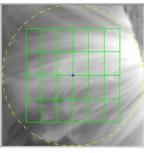


Coronal observations and diagnostics in the IR (and visible) for DKIST first light

Cryo-NIRSP DL-NIRSP VBI











Maximum FOV: 5 arcmin

Cryo-NIRSP Spectropolar.

Fe XIII λ10747 Fe XIII λ10797

He I λ10830 Si X λ14300

Si IX λ39350

Cryo-NIRSP Context Imager

Fe XIII $\lambda 10747$ He I $\lambda 10830$ Si IX $\lambda 39340$

Maximum FOV: 2.8 arcmin -- Multi-Instrument Operations

DL-NIRSP Spectropolarimetry

Fe XI λ7892

Fe XIII λ10747

Fe XIII λ10797

He I λ10830

Si X λ14300

VBI Imaging

Fe XI λ7892

VISP Spectropolarimetry

Various lines: 380 to 900 nm

- Emphasis on bright line observations with greatest magnetic field sensitivity and IR.
- Corresponding peak temperature coverage: 1 to 1.6 MK.







Instruments

- DKIST instruments are complex, diverse, and rapidly* flexible to support a very broad science portfolio.
- Users must understand and/or make decisions about:
 - 1. Telescope field-of-view, pointing sequences, mosaics, coronagraphy, etc.
 - 2. Instrument lab rotation angle (solar image rotation)
 - 3. (Manually-changed) spectral distribution of light to instruments.
 - 4. Spectral/imaging/polarimetric capabilities of facility instruments
 - 5. Instrument parameters including domain coverage and SNR.
 - 6. Data rate/volume limits.

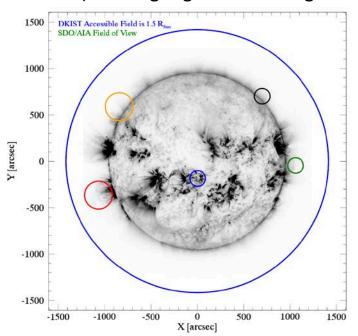


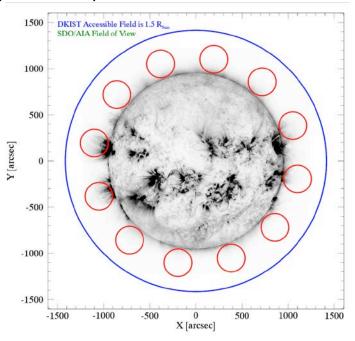




1. Telescope field-of-view, pointing sequences, mosaics, and coronagraphy.

- Telescope prime field stop: 5 arcmin diameter.
- Solar pointing limitations: < 1.5 solar radii.
- Gregorian focus field stops: 5 arcmin and 2.8 arcmin, each with a limb-occulting.
- 5 arcmin for Cryo-NIRSP (off-limb corona); 2.8 arcmin for all other instruments.
- Instruments each have separate instantaneous and scanning accessed field of view.
- The telescope can perform an automated pointing sequence of discrete targets, and mosaics (stitching together of a large FOV, adjacent tiles).





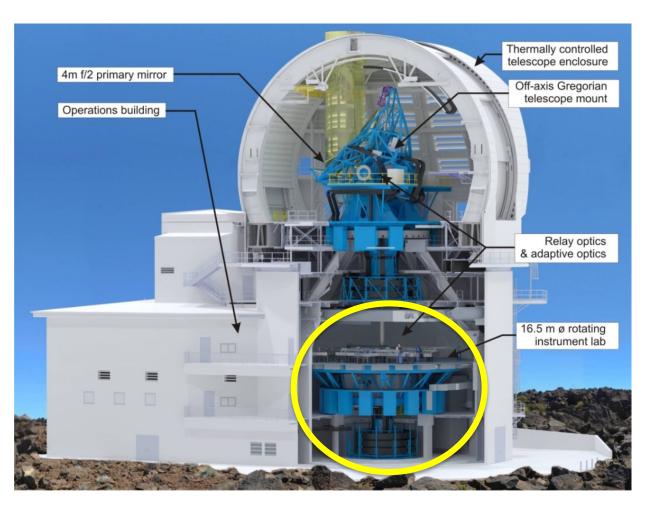








2. The instrument Coudé lab and the field rotation angle



All instruments live in the Coudé instrument Lab and have fixed mountings.

The target's angular orientation with respect to instruments is controlled by the Coudé platform rotation.











Coudé Instrument Lab

- 16.5m rotating instrumental platform
- Clean, environment controlled, externally operated, laboratory.
- Constant rotation compensates mount-induced solar image rotation.
- Can be rotated to orient solar image based on science need, e.g.
 - Slit aligned N/S or E/W
 - Slit parallel/ perpendicular to limb.
 - Slit freely aligned parallel to filament axis, polarity inversion line, etc.





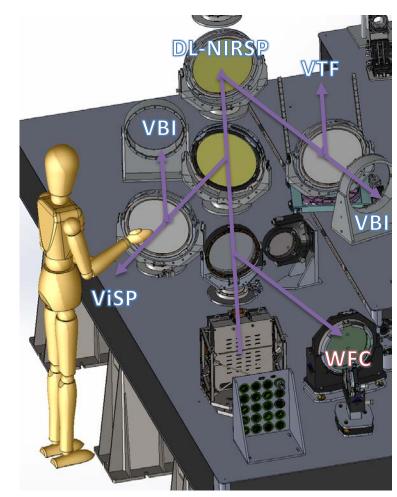




3. (Manually-changed) spectral distribution of light to instruments.

Facility Instrument Distribution Optics (FIDO)

- FIDO consists of a suite of mirrors, windows and dichroic beamsplitters downstream of the adaptive optics deformable mirror.
- All or No Light in a wavelength band".
- The dichroics are *interchangeable* for maximum flexibility
- Each individual instrument can also be fed *all* of the light using a mirror and windows.
- A mirror feeding the Cryo-NIRSP can be inserted ahead of AO within some 20-30 minutes for fast switch-over.
- Changing a dichroic configuration can take up to one day
 - Changing of configurations will likely be minimized during DKIST operations.
 - Aim is to establish a list of configurations that are often requested.



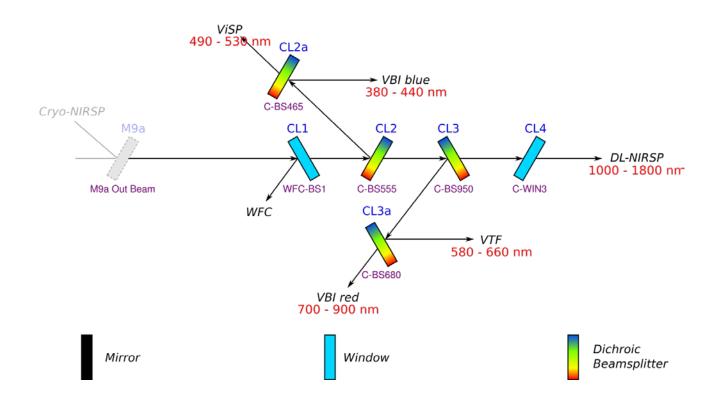








3. Flexible (manually-changed) spectral distribution of light to instruments.



- Shorter wavelengths reflected, longer wavelengths transmitted.
- All instruments except one (Cryo-NIRSP) can be operated at the same time and with AO.









Available beamsplitters/windows

Name	Reflected Band	Transmitted Band	Comment
C-BS465	380 – 440 nm	490 – 1800 nm	Standard Location: CL2A
C-BS555	380 – 530 nm	580 – 1800 nm	Standard Location: CL2
C-BS680	380 – 660 nm	700 – 1800 nm	Standard Location: CL3A
C-BS643	380 – 630 nm	656 – 1800 nm	
C-BS950	380 – 900 nm	1000 – 1800 nm	Standard Location: CL3
C-WIN1		380 – 900 nm	Transmission band AR coat
C-WIN2		380 – 1800 nm	Uncoated front surface
C-WIN3		500 – 1800 nm	Transmission band AR coat Standard Location: CL4
C-MIR1	380 – 1800 nm		Protected Silver coat

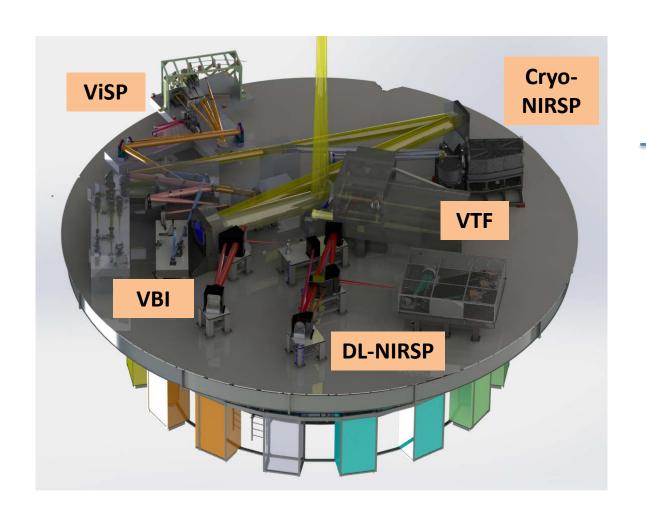








4. Spectral/imaging/polarimetric capabilities of facility instruments



First-Light Instrument Suite

Five complementary image-, slit-, and IFU-based instruments.

Spectropolarimetric focus.

All instruments are fed with a wavefront corrected beam (with exception of Cryo-NIRSP).

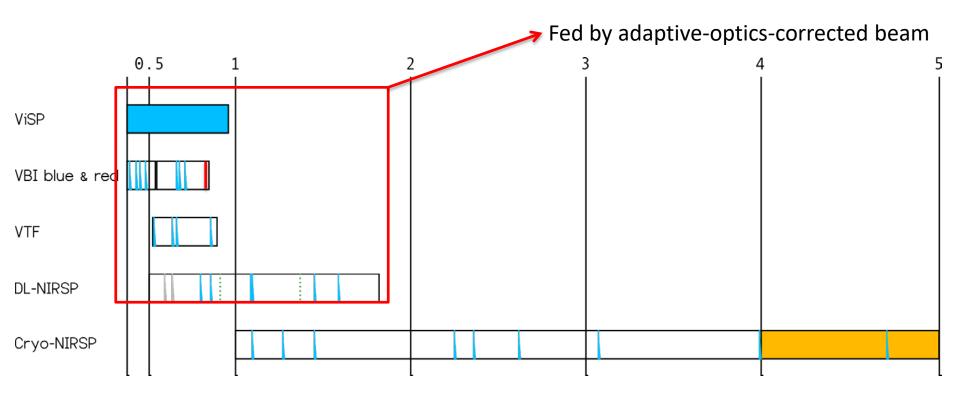








Spectral coverage summary



- Instruments with the notable exception of the ViSP operate at discrete wavelengths, because of the required pre-filters for the instruments.
- Filter availability can be expanded in the future.
- Instruments can work alone, or together (<u>Cryo-NIRSP can only work alone</u>)





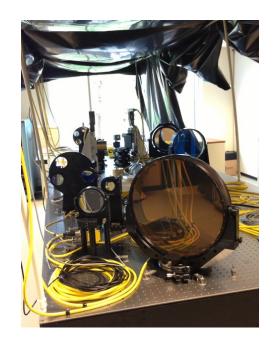


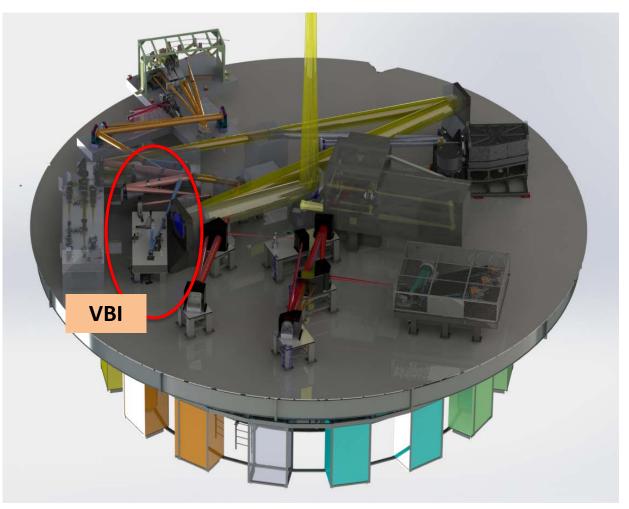


Visible Broadband Imager (VBI)

High cadence, high spatial resolution imaging w/ Speckle reconstruction

NSO (PI: Friedrich Wöger)





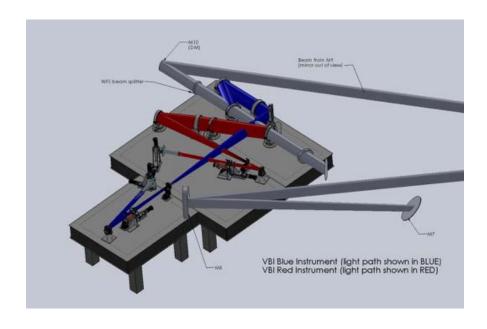








Visible Broadband Imager (VBI)



- 2 detectors (channels)
 4 filters available in each channel
 (0.05 0.5 nm FWHM).
- Sequential selection of filters (within each channel, filter wheel)
- Channels fully independent; can work together or alone
- VBI BLUE (390-550 nm):
 Call K, G-band,
 continuum, H-beta
- VBI RED (600-860 nm):
 Halpha, continuum,
 TiO, Fe XI 789.2 nm (corona)
- NO polarimetry









Visible Broadband Imager (VBI)

Instantaneous Field of View:

45 x 45 arcsec² (blue channel)

69 x 69 arcsec² (red channel)

Full optical field:

2 x 2 arcmin² – by field sampling:

3 x 3 tiles in blue channel.

2 x 2 tiles in red channel

Spatial sampling:

0.011 arcsec (blue)

0.017 arcsec (red)

Temporal Sampling:

3.2 s for speckle reconstructed images

0.033 s raw images

0.5 s change of FOV

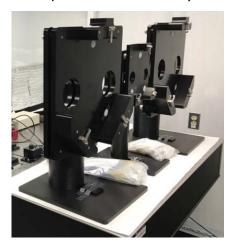


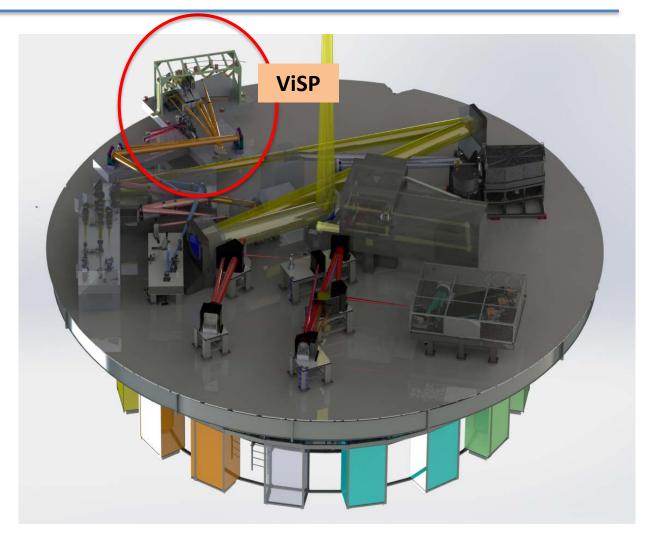
VBI stresses high cadence and high spatial resolution – will deliver images at the diffraction limit of the telescope

Visible Spectro-Polarimeter (ViSP)

Scanning slit spectropolarimeter, high spectral fidelity, broad access to wellestablished and new spectral diagnostics

HAO (PI: Roberto Casini)





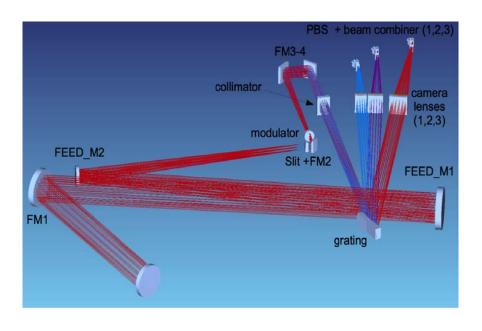








Visible Spectro-Polarimeter (ViSP)



- Diffraction-grating based spectrograph.
- Access to full visible spectrum: 380 900 nm.
- 3 distinct "arms": up to 3 separate spectral bands (~ 1 nm wide) can be observed simultaneously; different spatial and spectral scales.
- ANY portion of the spectrum can be imaged on ANY spectral arm – depending on combination of desired ranges.
- 5 possible slit widths (motorized): from 0.028" to 0.214".
- Dual beam full Stokes polarimetry.
- <u>Uses VBI blue-channel images for context.</u>









Visible Spectro-Polarimeter (ViSP)

Instantaneous Field of View:

slit width x (75", 60", 50")

Full optical field:

Slit length x 2 arcmin – by slit scanning (slit is moved across solar image).

Spatial sampling:

0.03", 0.0236", 0.0198" (along slit, arms 1-2-3)

Spectral Resolution:

 \leq 3.5 pm @ 630 nm or R \gtrsim 180,000

Temporal Sampling:

0.5-10 sec per slit position (polarimetry);

0.02-0.2 sec per slit position (spectroscopy)

Polarimetric Capability:

Target Accuracy: 10⁻³ P/I_{cont} in 10 sec

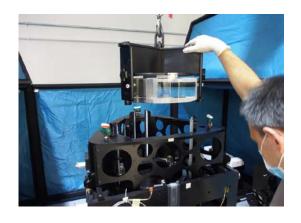


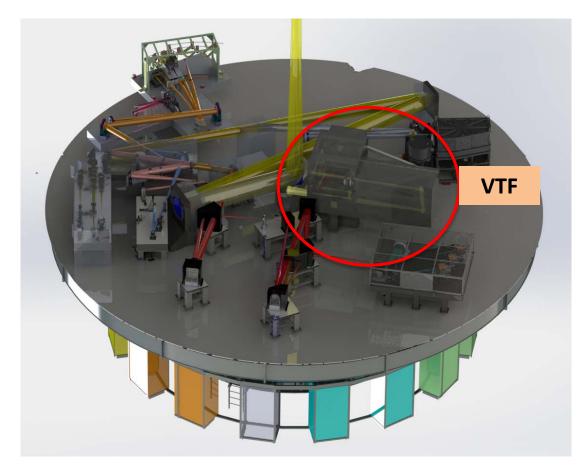
ViSP stresses high spectral fidelity and flexibility—
will deliver high precision spectro-polarimetry

Visible Tunable Filter (VTF)

Fast-tuning, narrowband imaging spectro-polarimeter, high fidelity spectro-imaging with great coverage of temporal dynamics.

KIS (PI: Oskar von der Luehe)





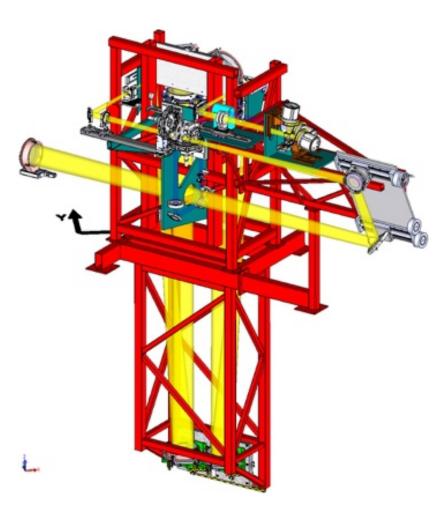








Visible Tunable Filter (VTF)



- Dual Fabry-Perot system for imaging spectropolarimetry (300 mm FP).
- Spectral range: 520 870 nm. First light filters: NaD1, Fel 630.2nm, H-alpha, Call 854.2 nm (~ 1 nm wide)
- Sequential selection of filters/sampling wavelengths.
- Simultaneous broad-band images.
- Dual beam spectropolarimeter; orthogonal polarization states are imaged on two separate detectors.
- At first light, <u>only one</u> etalon will be available: limited sampling for broad (chromospheric) lines.









Visible Tunable Filter (VTF)

Instantaneous Field of View:

 $60 \times 60 \text{ arcsec}^2$

Spatial sampling:

0.014 arcsec/pixel

Spectral Resolution:

6 pm FWHM (@600 nm), R ~ 100000

Temporal Sampling:

1-2 s per line scan (spectroscopy)

5-10 s per line scan (polarimetry)

Polarimetric Capability:

Full Stokes vector polarimetry

Target Accuracy: 3x10⁻³ P/I_{cont}

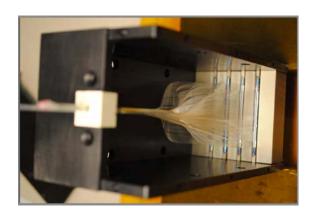


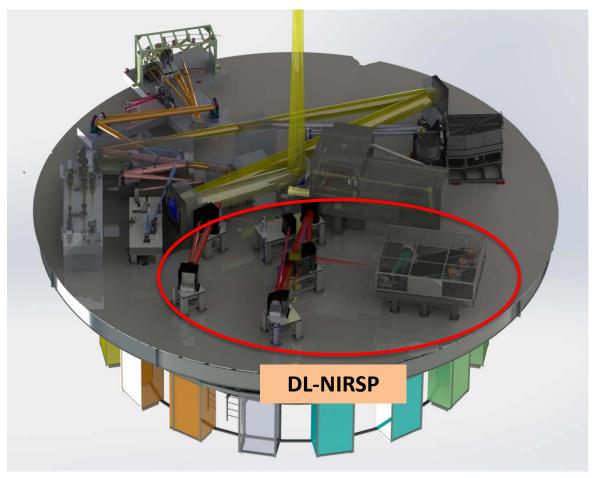
VTF will have very high spatial resolution, and allow rapid imaging spectrometry, Stokes imaging polarimetry, and accurate surface photometry

Diffraction Limited Near-IR Spectropolarimeter (DL-NIRSP)

First facility class integral field spectropolarimeter for solar physics.
Simultaneous spectral and 2d spatial coverage.

UH/IfA (PI: Haosheng Lin)





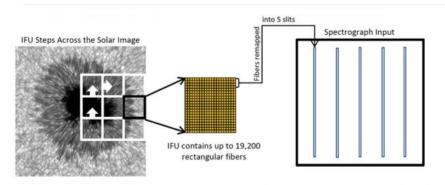




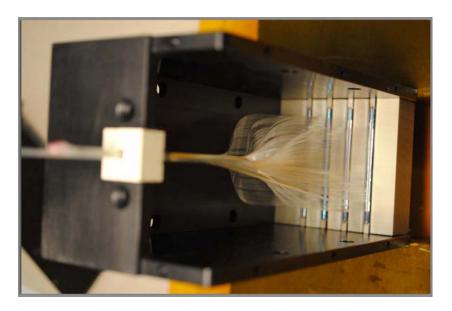




Diffraction Limited Near-IR Spectropolarimeter (DL-NIRSP)



One tile at a time, DL-NIRSP builds spectropolarimetric full data cubes: [$X : Y : \lambda : S = [I,Q,U,V] : t$]



- Diffraction grating based Integral Field Spectrograph.
- Spectral range: 500 -1800 nm.
- 3 synchronized co-operating channels:
 500-900 nm
 900-1350 nm
 1350-1800 nm
- Only one spectral band (~ 1-2 nm) per channel can be observed. First light filters: Fe XIV 530.3 nm; Fe I 630.2 nm; He I D3 587.6 nm; Fe XI 789.2 nm; Ca II 854.2 nm Fe XIII 1074.7 nm; He I 1083.0 nm Si X 1430 nm; Fe I 1565 nm
- Dual beam polarimetry.









Diffraction Limited Near-IR Spectropolarimeter (DL-NIRSP)

Instantaneous Field of View:

2.4 x 1.8 arcsec² (high-res.)

6.16 x 4.62 arcsec² (med-res.)

27.84 x **18.56** arcsec² (wide field)

Full optical field:

2 x 2 arcmin – by field sampling

Spatial sampling:

0.03, 0.077, 0.464 arcsec

Spectral Resolution:

R =125000

Temporal Sampling:

0.03 - 10 seconds / tile

Polarimetric Capability:

Full Stokes Vector Polarimetry (Dual Beam)

Target Accuracy: $> 5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ P/I}_{\text{cont}}$



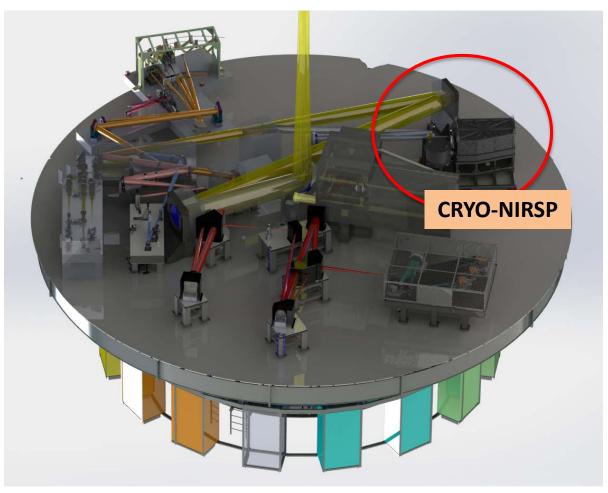
and spectral coverage over smallmoderate FOVs, while maintaining high spatial resolution, spectral resolution, and polarimetric accuracy

Cryogenic Near-IR Spectropolarimeter (Cryo-NIRSP)

Facility-class near-IR cryogenic slit-based spectrograph optimized for background-limited coronal and near-IR observations.

UH/IfA (PI: Jeff Kuhn)





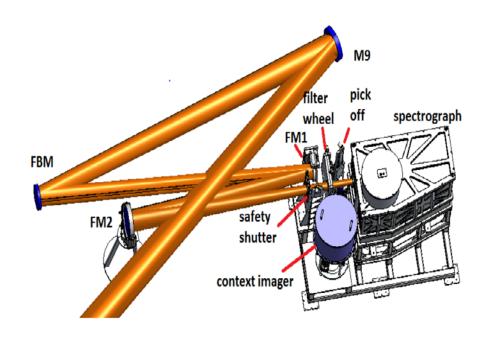








Cryogenic Near-IR Spectropolarimeter (Cryo-NIRSP)



- Cryogenic: optimized for coronal observations (low background)
- Diffraction grating based spectrograph.
 Near IR range: 1000 5000 nm.
- Need order sorting filters (20-100 nm wide, λ -dependent). Six are currently available: diagnostics from 5,000 to 2MK
- 2 slit widths: 0.15" and 0.5" (nominal: on disk and off-limb)
- Dual beam polarimetry
- Context imager (100"x100")









Cryogenic Near-IR Spectropolarimeter (Cryo-NIRSP)

Instantaneous Field of View:

0.15" x 2' (on-disk)

0.5" x 4' (corona)

Full optical field (by slit scanning):

2 x 2 arcmin² – on disk

4 x 3 arcmin² – coronal mode

Spatial sampling:

0.12" along slit; 0.052" Context imager

(No AO: stability better than 1")

Spectral Resolution:

R = 100,000 (Disk);

R = 30,000 Coronal Mode:

Polarimetric Capabilities:

Full Stokes Polarimetry (Dual Beam)

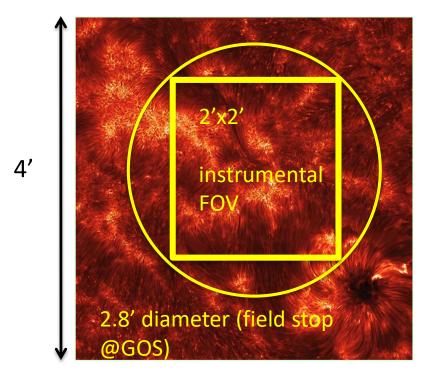
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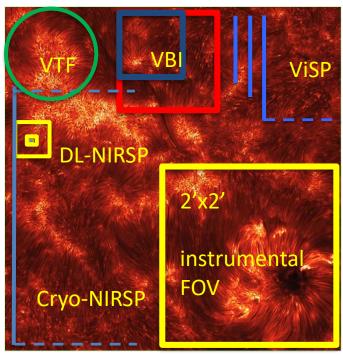
Context imager (100" x 100") centered on the slit.



Cryo-NIRSP is optimized for coronal observations in novel, IR diagnostics. Operation flexibility serves wide range of exploratory science

FOV of Instruments – on-disk example





Note: Cryo is a standalone instrument

Note: instruments copoint on Sun!





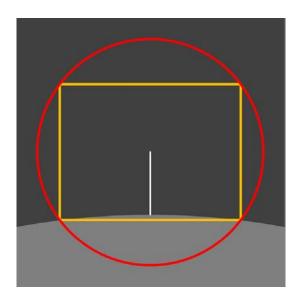






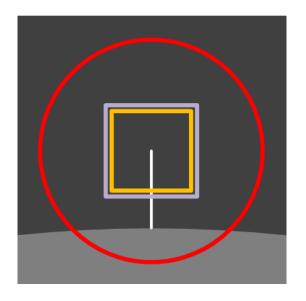
FOV of Instruments: Limb example

5 arcmin occulter



- Cryo-NIRSP: -7.5 arcsec above limb.
- FOV center to disk: 82 arcsec.

2.8 arcmin occulter



- VBI Red [Fe XI 789 nm]: 24 arcsec above limb.
- VTF: 28 arcsec above limb.
- FOV center to disk: 58 arcsec.





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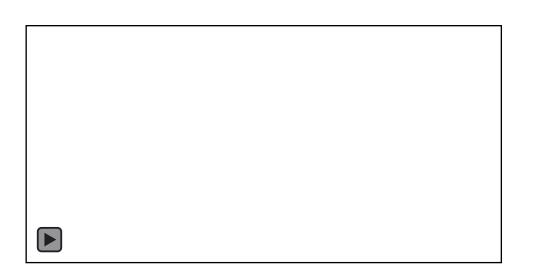


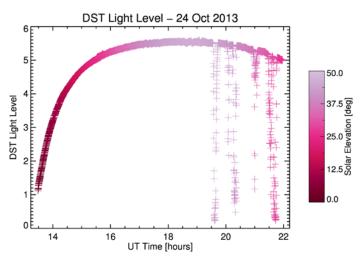
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Observing Conditions





- Seeing: fluctuates in time and within the FOV of instruments (even with AO);
 wavelength dependent.
- Light-level (sky transparency) fluctuations (clouds).

