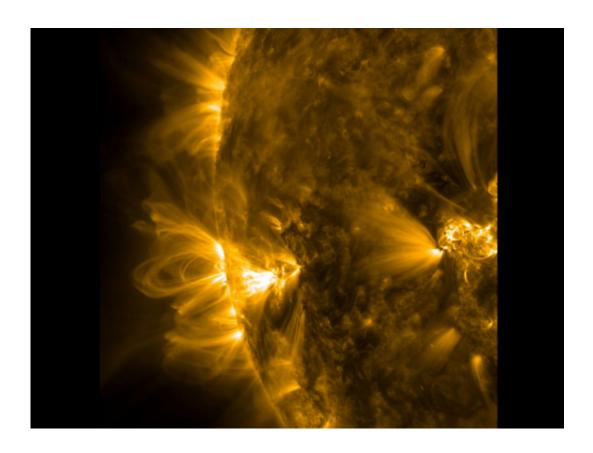


Image: Coronal loops in an active region of the sun

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Credit: NASA/Solar Dynamics Observatory

An active region of the sun just rotating into the view of NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory gives a profile view of coronal loops over about a two-day period, from Feb. 8-10, 2014.

Coronal loops are found around sunspots and in active regions.



These structures are associated with the closed magnetic field lines that connect magnetic regions on the solar surface.

Many <u>coronal loops</u> last for days or weeks, but most change quite rapidly.

This image was taken in extreme ultraviolet light.

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