

# Carrington-L5: The Next Generation Operational Space Weather Mission

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# UK/US Space Weather Impacts



Lloyds, 2010



RAEng, 2013

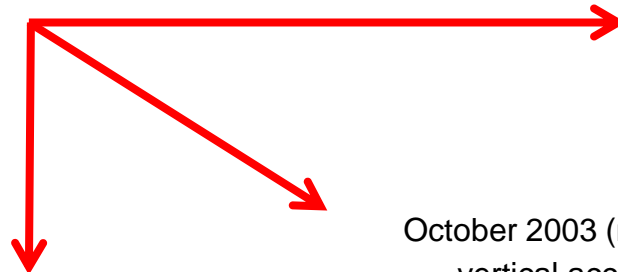
**2003: 450 Spacecraft**

- 1 total loss
- 10 operational loss
- 47 outages
- 11 Skynet-4 anomalous events in 48 hours

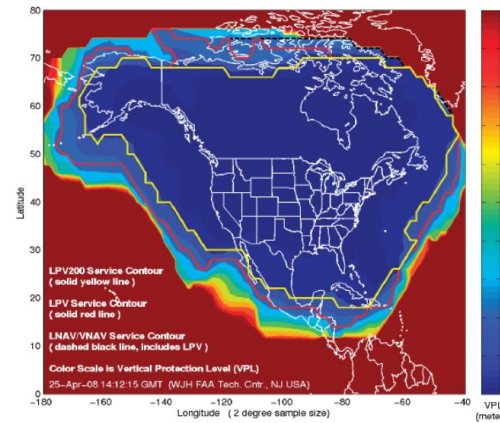
**2015: >1000 spacecraft**

- 10% outages
- Rapid ageing
- \$30bn cost

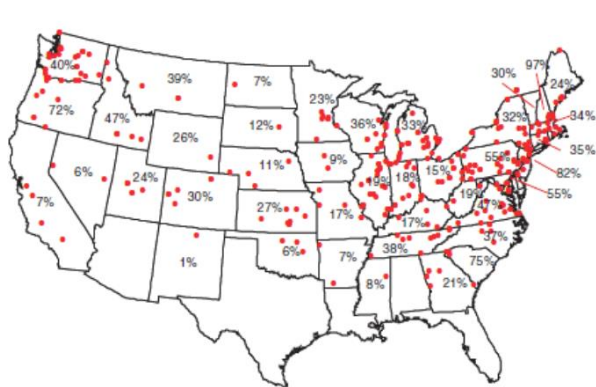
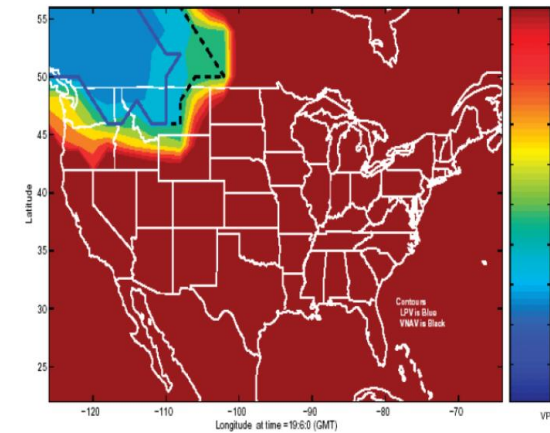
Date	Event	Satellite	Orbit	Cause (probable)	Effects seen
8 March 1985		Anik D2	GEO	ESD	Outage
October 1989	CME-driven storm	TDRS-1	GEO	SEE	Outage
July 1991		ERS-1	LEO	SEE	Instrument failure
20 January 1994	Fast solar wind stream	Anik E1	GEO	ESD - note: all three satellites were of same basic design	Temporary outage (hours)
		Anik E2	GEO		6 months outage, partial loss
		Intelsat K	GEO		Temporary outage (hours)
11 January 1997	Fast solar wind stream	Telstar 401	GEO	ESD	Total loss
19 May 1998	Fast solar wind stream	Galaxy 4	GEO	ESD	Total loss
15 July 2000	CME-driven storm	Astro-D (ASCA)	LEO	Atmospheric drag	Total loss
6 Nov 2001	CME-driven storm	MAP	Interplanetary L2	SEE	Temporary outage
24 October 2003	CME-driven storm	ADEOS/MIDORI 2	LEO	ESD (solar array)	Total loss
26 October 2003		SMART-1	HEO	SEE	Engine switch-offs and star tracker noise
28 October 2003		DRTS/Kodama	GEO	ESD	Outage (2 weeks)
14 January 2005		Intelsat 804	GEO	ESD	Total loss
15 October 2006	Fast solar wind stream	Sicral 1	GEO	ESD	Outage (weeks)
5 April 2010	Fast solar wind stream	Galaxy 15	GEO	ESD	Outage (8 months)
13 March 2012	CME-driven storm	Spaceway 3	GEO	SEE?	Outage (hours)
7 March 2012		SkyTerra 1	GEO	SEE/ESD?	Outage (1 day)
22 March 2012		GOES15	GEO	ESD?	Outage (days)



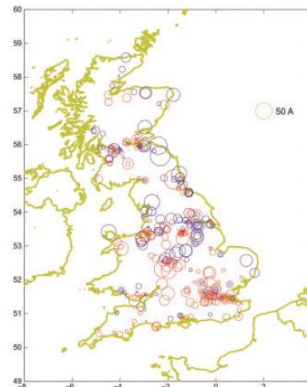
October 2003 (normal day)  
vertical accuracy <20m



October 2003 (SWE)  
vertical accuracy >90m



Metatech Corp, 2008, \$2 trillion

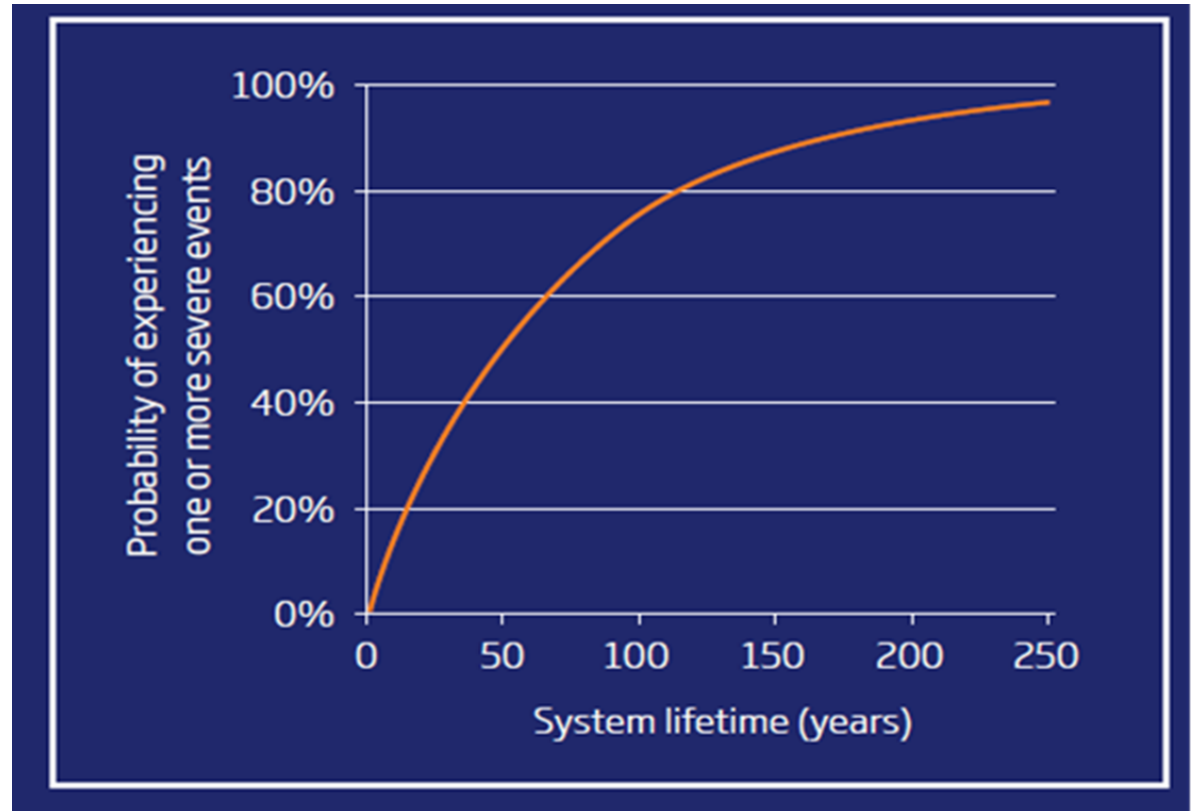


£10 billion

**Carrington event: GNSS partial/complete loss for 3-1 days, UK cost ~£1 billion (RAE, 2013)**

## Space Weather Impact on Other Sectors

- Rail
- Phone/Radio/TV Networks
- Polar Flights (USA)
- Internet/Wireless Communications
- Pipelines
- Oil/Mineral Industries
- Finance
- Military Operations
- Human spaceflight
- Space tourism

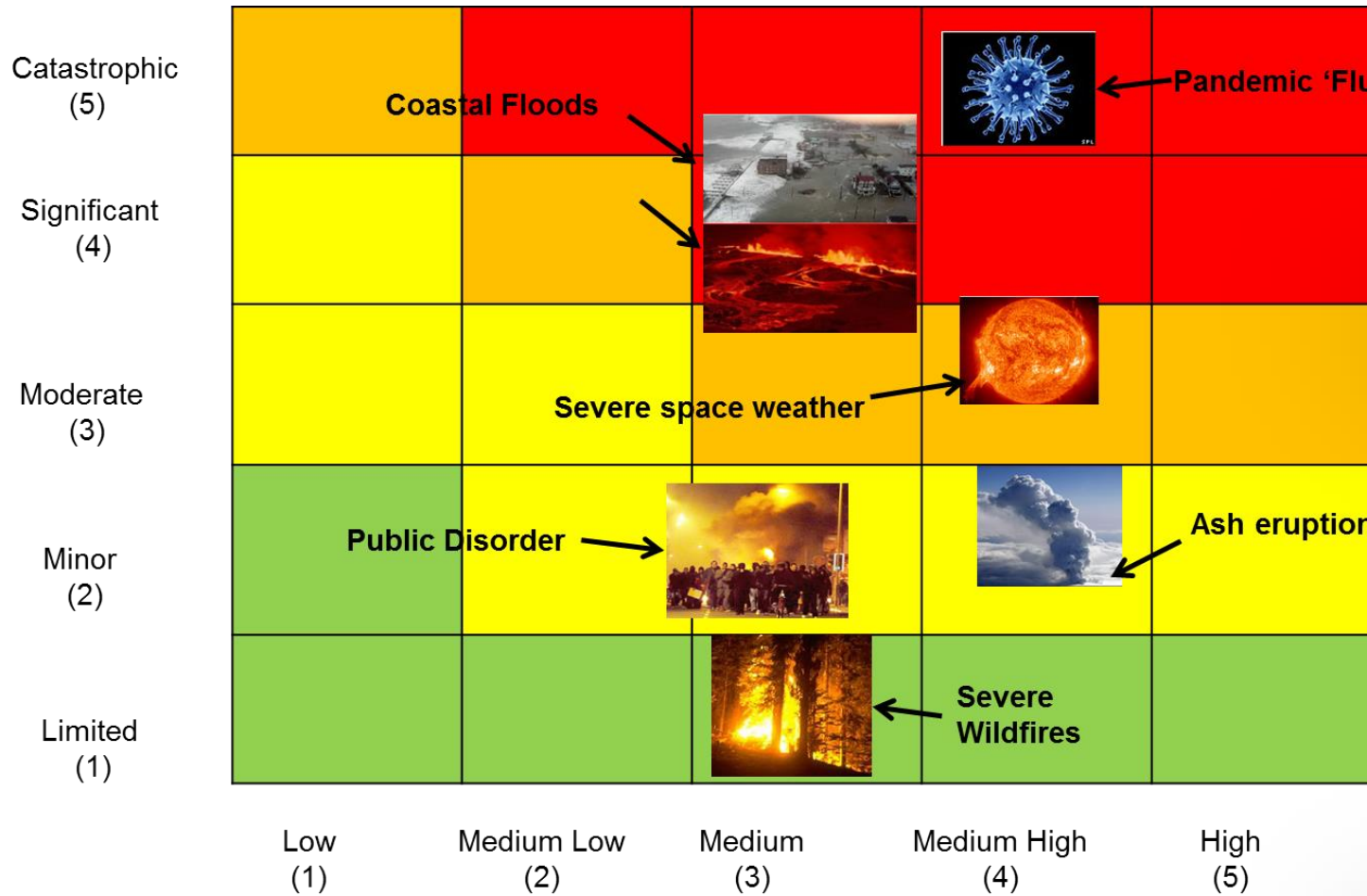


(RAE, 2013)

**As technology advances, society becomes more vulnerable to SWE events.**



# UK National Risk Register 2013/2014



Courtesy of the



Cabinet Office

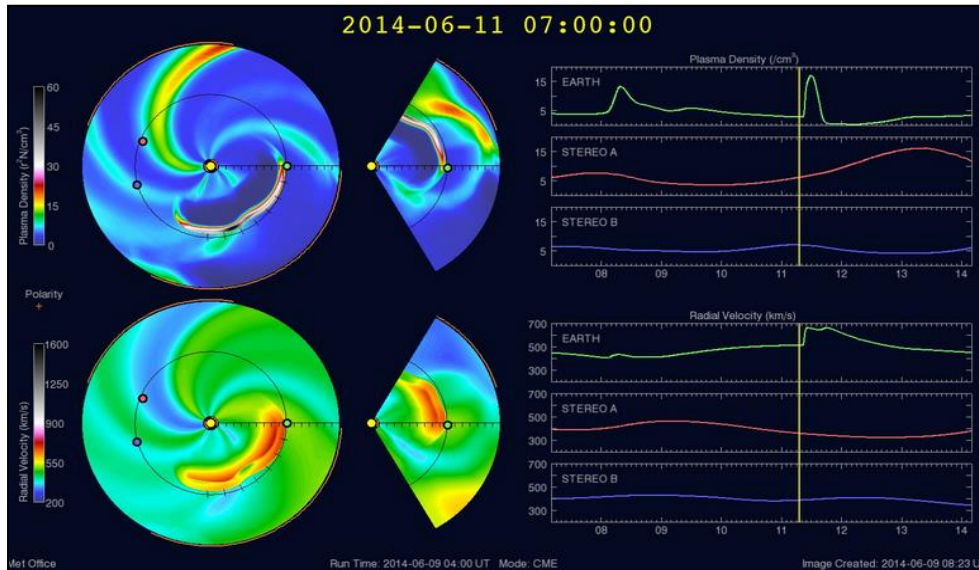
## National Risk Register of Civil Emergencies

2013 edition

## National Space Security Policy

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# UK Met Office Space Weather Operations Centre (MOSWOC)



Embedded in Met Office Hazard Centre

- 24x7x365 – 29 April'14
- Full capability autumn October'14
- ~15 trained forecasters

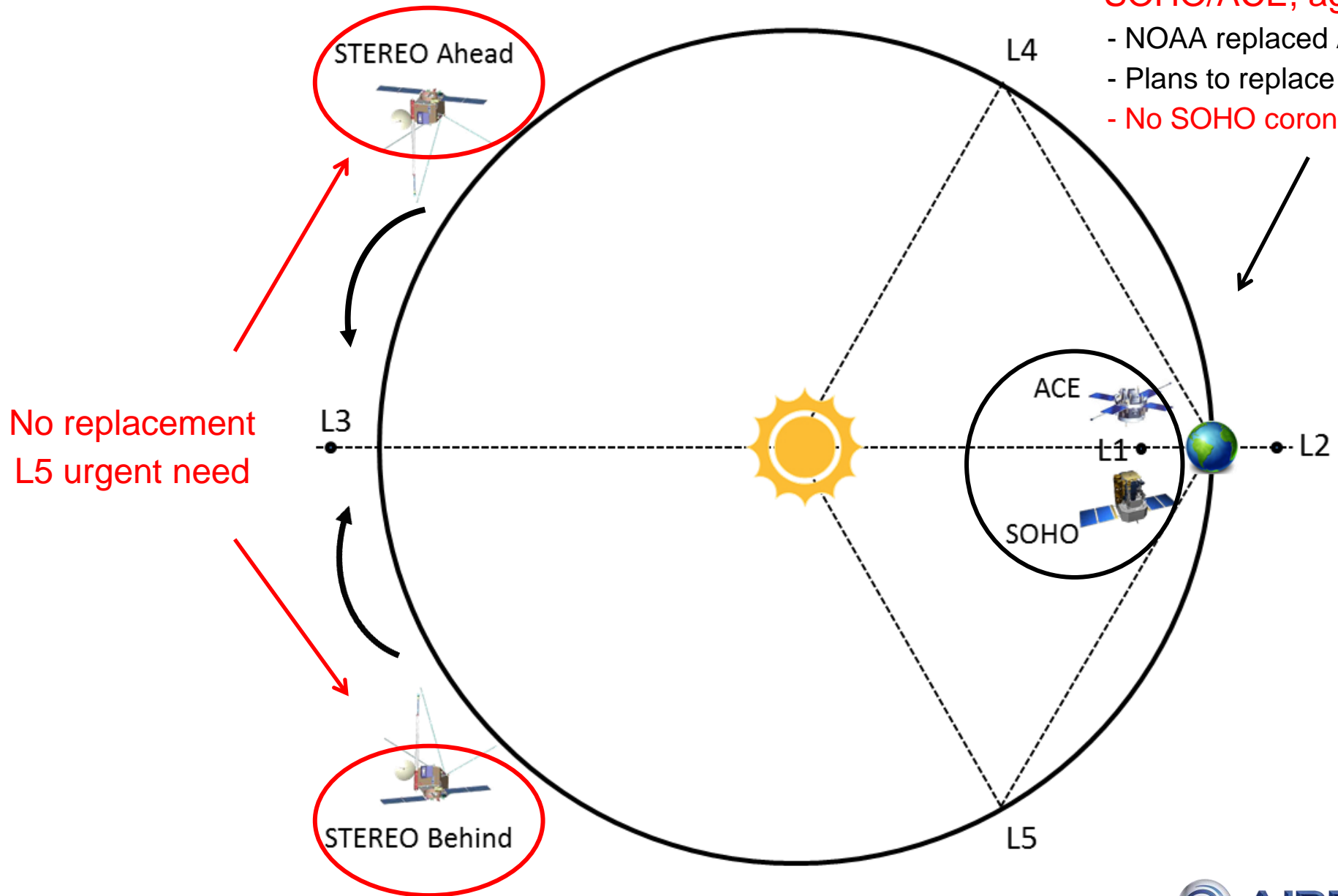
Operational collaboration with NOAA SWPC & BGS

- Daily forecast coordination



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# MOSWOC/SWPC Forecast input



**SOHO/ACE, ageing rapidly**

- NOAA replaced ACE in 2015
- Plans to replace SOHO by 2020
- **No SOHO coronagraph**

**No replacement  
L5 urgent need**

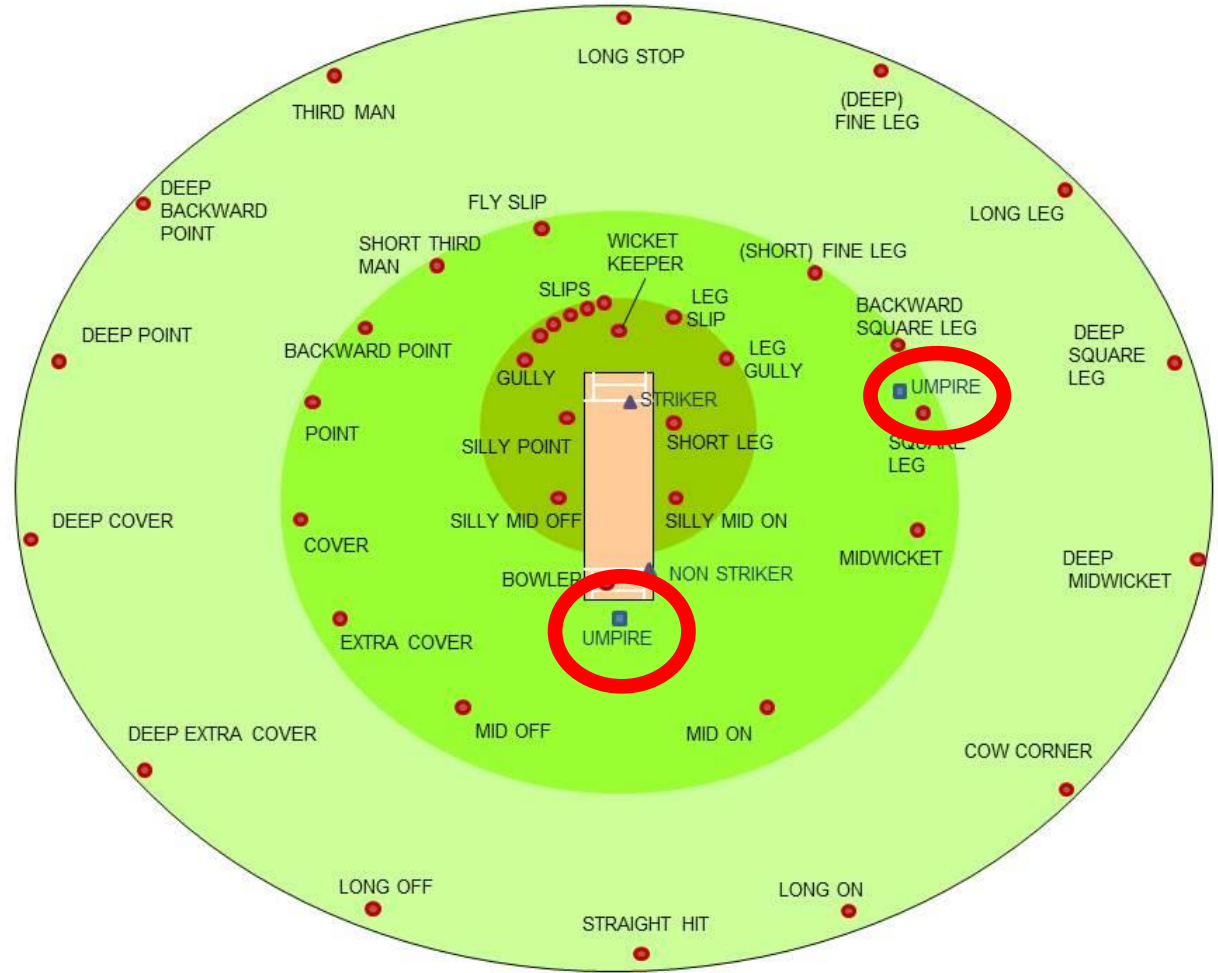
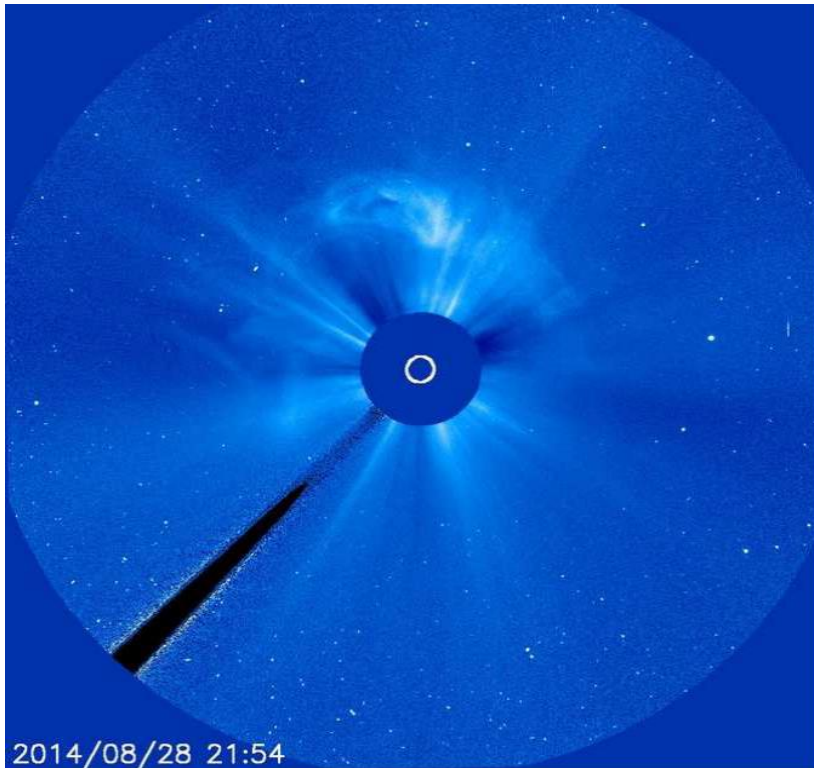
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# L5 & L1 Observations: The need for two umpires

From MOSWOC forecast 29/08/2014:

“SOHO LASCO C3 image showing an almost full halo CME. However it **looks highly likely** that this is from a back sided filament eruption, and so this CME is headed almost directly away from Earth.”



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# Mission Drivers

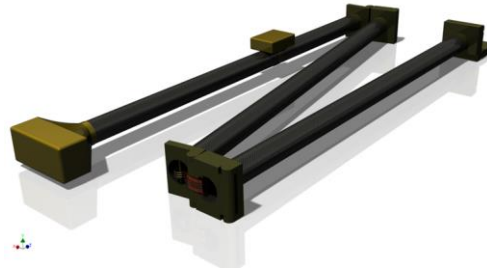
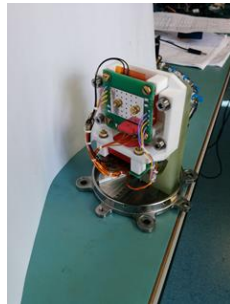
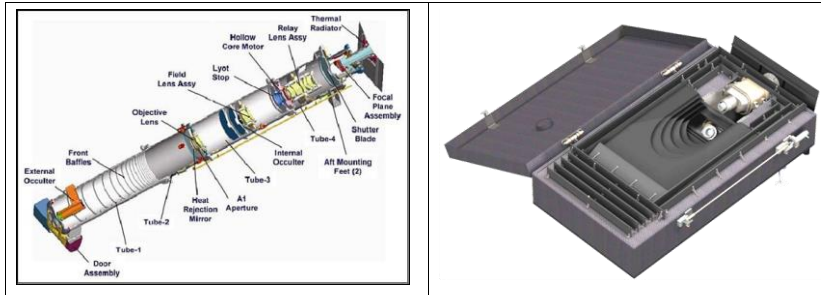
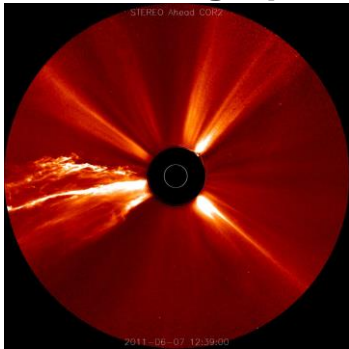
Instrument	
Coronagraph	Critical for identifying Earth-directed CME
Heliospheric Imager	Critical for identifying Earth-directed CME, and imaging arrival at Earth
Particles/fields	Measurement of CIR approaching Earth.
EUVI	To image solar active centres, in particular to assess the potential for eruptions/flare at sites as the approach locations well connected to Earth
Magnetograph	To image the magnetic structure of the photosphere at sites approaching locations well connected to Earth. Earth-directed events that originate in the field-of-view of the magnetogram, the data can be used to give an indication of the level of geomagnetic activity that will follow. Assess the potential for eruptions/flare.

- MOSWOC/SWPC operational requirements
- Lifetime: 10 years (<2 years transfer)
- 24/7 transfer of data (operational mission)
- UK/US bilateral (high UK/US heritage)
- High TRL platform/components/payloads,
- Low risk/cost
- Development in 6 years from P0 to launch

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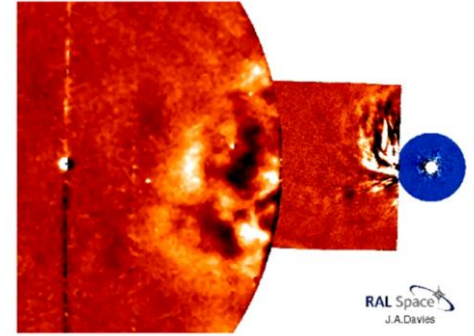
# Payloads

## Coronagraph



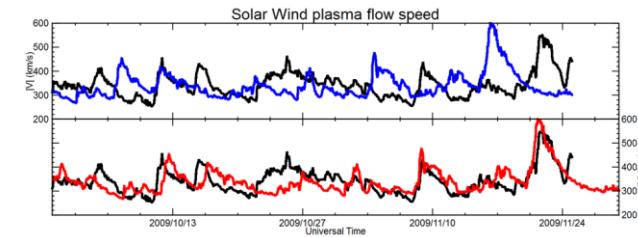
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STEREO-A/SECCHI  
2011-06-06 00:00UT

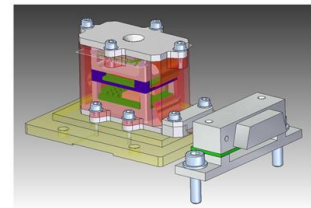
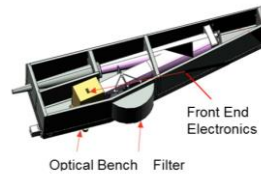
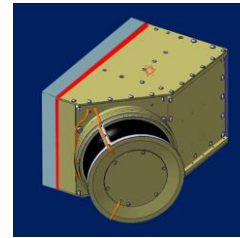
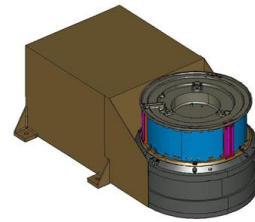
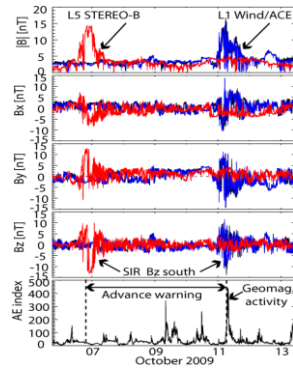


## Airbus DS Boom

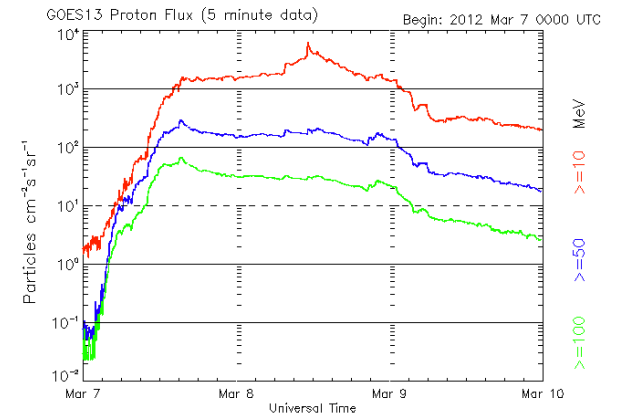
## Plasma instrument



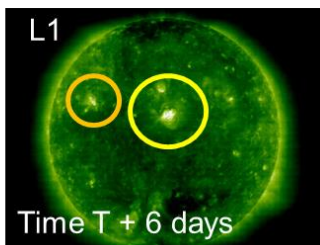
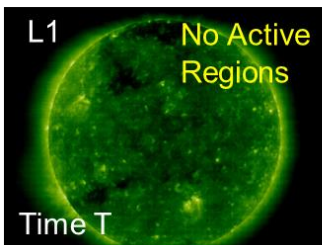
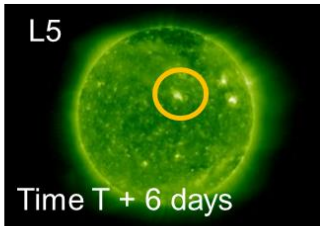
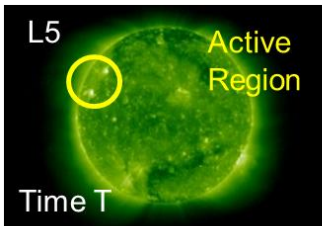
## Magnetometer



## Radiation Monitor



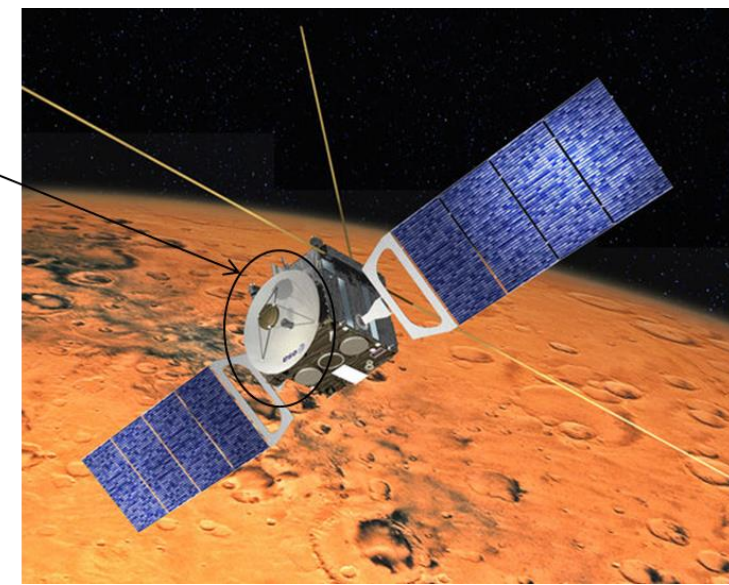
## Magnetograph & EUVI



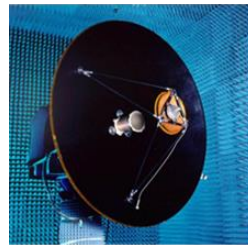
# Design Trade-Offs

1. Direct injection by Falcon-9 to L5
2. Stopping manoeuvre at L5
3. Spacecraft mass up to 2300 Kg
4. Venus Express platform/propulsion
5. Sentinel-5P AOCS
6. Solar Orbiter avionics
7. Mars Express 1.6m antenna
8. 100% coverage with 4x15m ground stations
9. Daily download: 4.32 Gb (STEREO 5.6Gb)

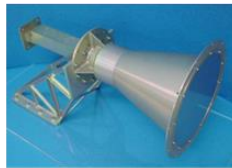
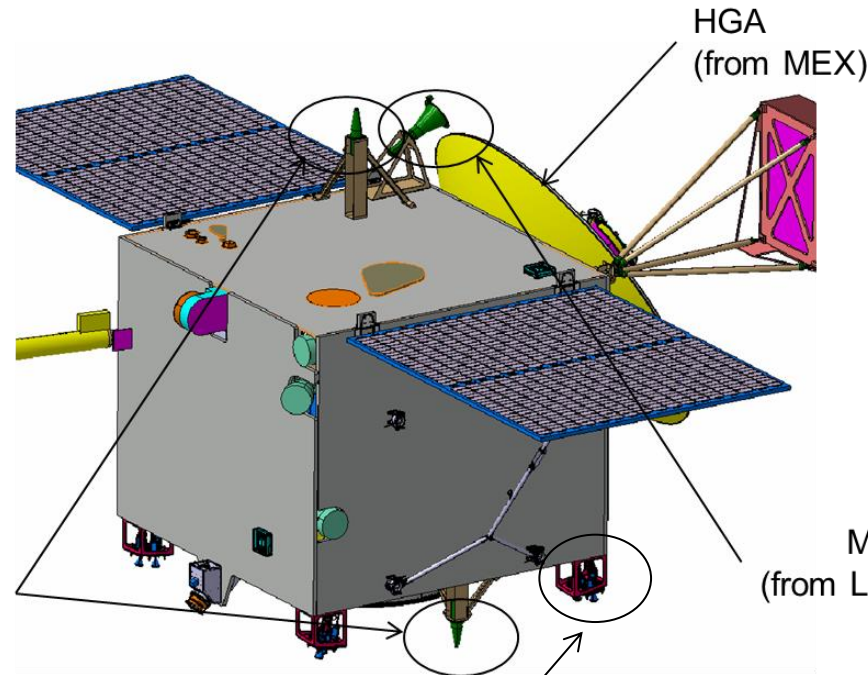
The Mars Express (MEX) Antenna



S5P STR



SOLO OBC/RIU



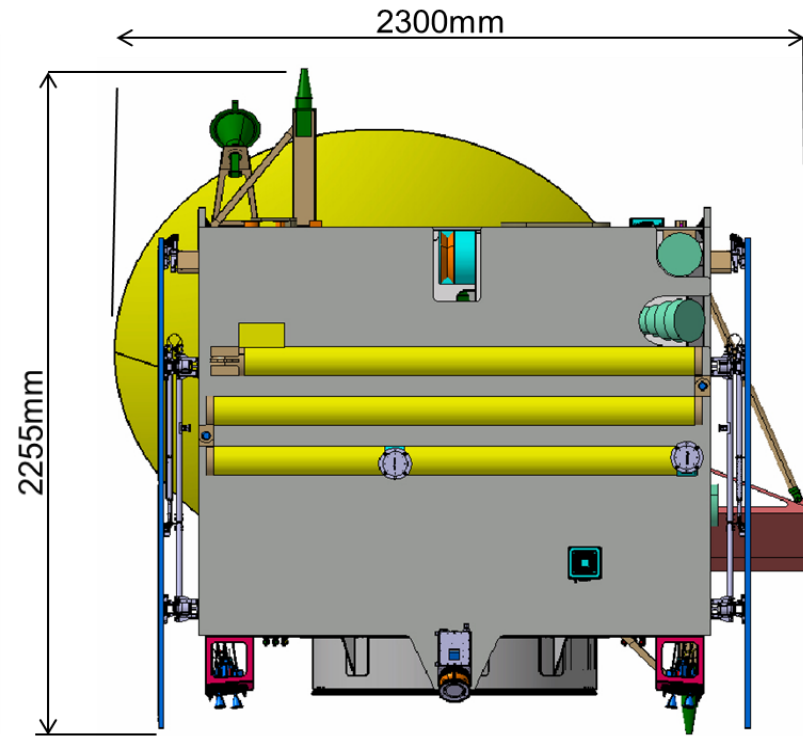
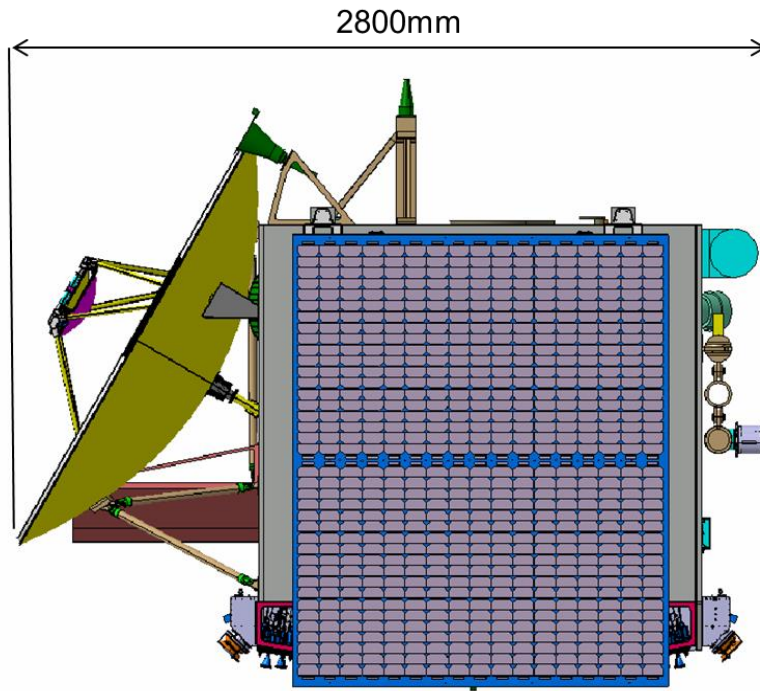
VEX Propulsion

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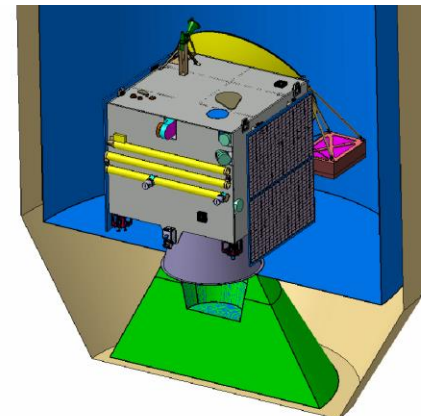
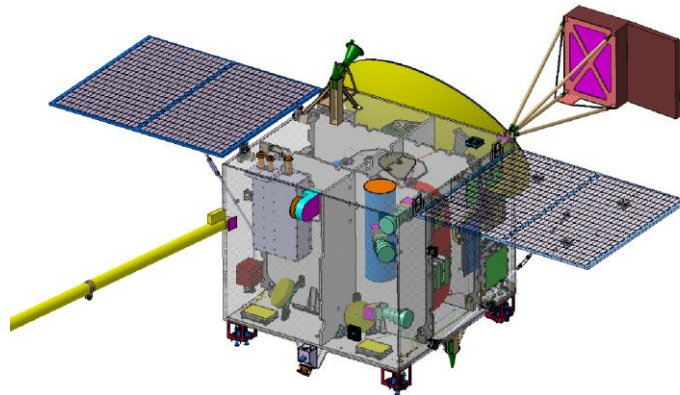


# Dimensions in stowed configuration

## Configuration



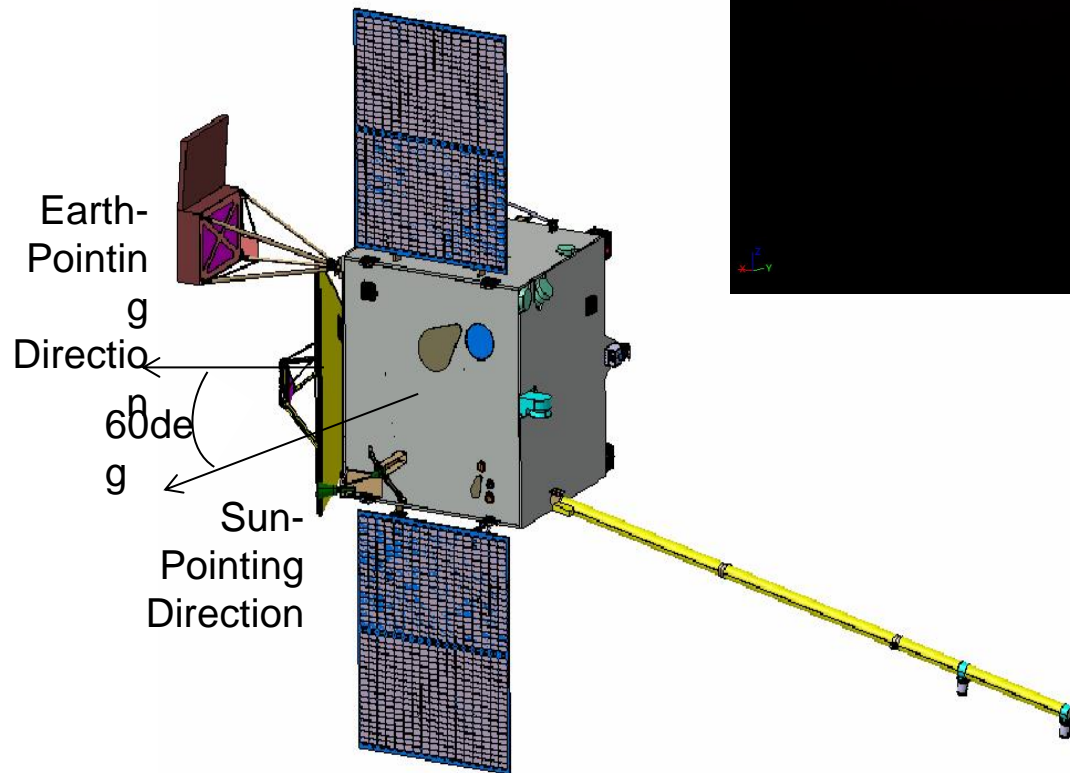
## Internal Configuration



Falcon 9 Fairing

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## L5 Station



- **Stable point**
- **Minimal AOCS requirements**
- **Continuous transfer of data to Earth**
- **Persistent monitoring of Sun**
- **Persistent monitoring of event propagation**

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## Cost & Schedule



- Mission Cost: £200M (UK, USA, Korea, others)
- UKSA:
  - ~£1M (05/2015-05/2016)
  - Cost-benefit analysis and Phase-0
  - Carrington team plus NOAA, SANSA

Year	Schedule
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phase 0 study.</li><li>• UKSA &amp; NOAA/NASA agreement</li><li>• AO for instruments</li></ul>
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Instrument selection</li><li>• Phase A/B starts</li></ul>
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mission selection</li><li>• Phase B2CD</li><li>• System PDR</li></ul>
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• System CDR</li><li>• Instrument CDR</li><li>• Launch procurement</li></ul>
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• S/C build integration &amp; test</li><li>• Instrument delivery</li></ul>
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• System integration</li></ul>
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Launch</li></ul>



# Summary



- **A Sun-Earth Sentinel at L5**
- **Addresses MOSWOC requirements**
- **High UK/US heritage, high TRL, low risk, low cost**
- **Fast transfer to L5 for a 10-year mission**
- **24/7 operations**
- **Excellent research output**
- **Excellent opportunity for UK/US bilateral**
- **Excellent opportunity for other partners (e.g. S. Korea)**

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