

State of the Space

Weather Prediction Center 2010

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Mission

*To deliver space weather products and services
that meet the evolving needs of the nation*

Vision

*A nation prepared to mitigate the effects of space weather through
the understanding and use of actionable alerts, forecasts, and data
products*

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Outline/Headlines



- Solar Activity is Back
- Customers Continue To Multiply
- SWPC Base Budget is Going Up
- ACE and COSMIC Follow-ons are in NOAA's FY11 Budget Request
- WSA-Enlil in Production Mode at NCEP
- GOES 14/15 Launched; XRS Gap Avoided
- ACE RTSW Network Secured Over European Sector
- Legacy DEC and HP Computers Retired

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New Solar Cycle! (...Is Finally Here)

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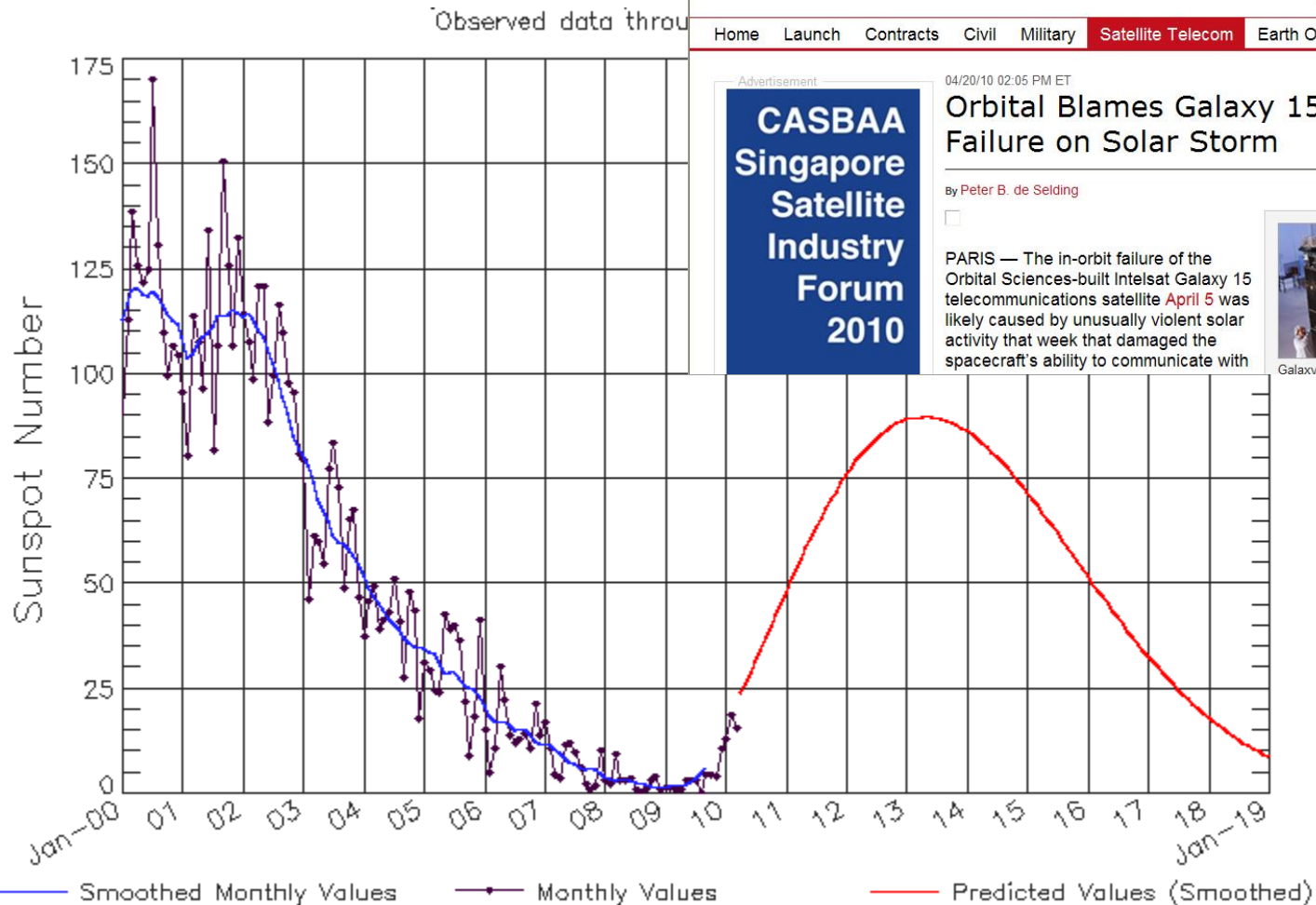
Orbital Blames Galaxy 15 Failure on Solar Storm

By Peter B. de Selding

PARIS — The in-orbit failure of the Orbital Sciences-built Intelsat Galaxy 15 telecommunications satellite April 5 was likely caused by unusually violent solar activity that week that damaged the spacecraft's ability to communicate with



Galaxy 15 satellite. Credit: Orbital

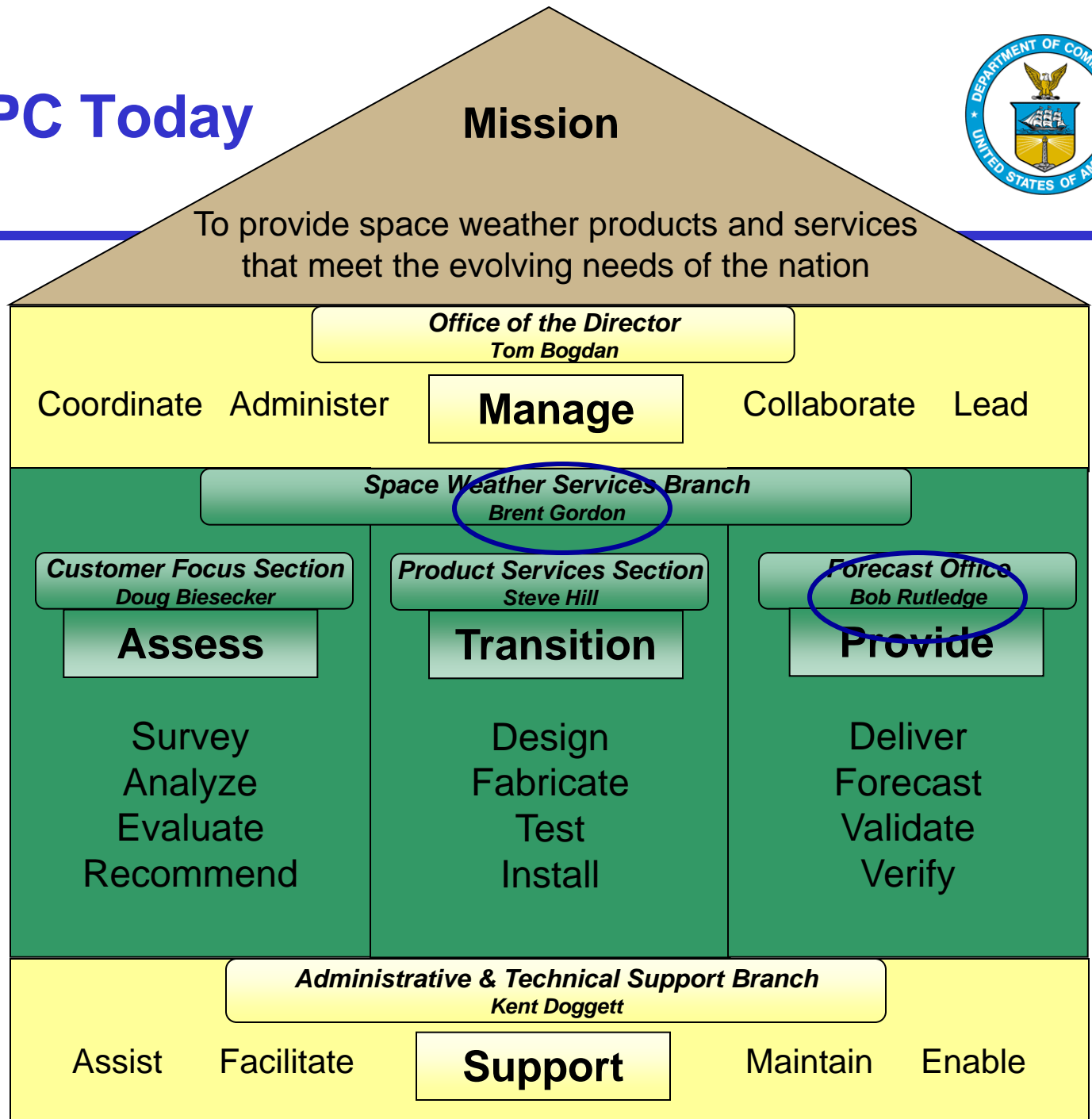
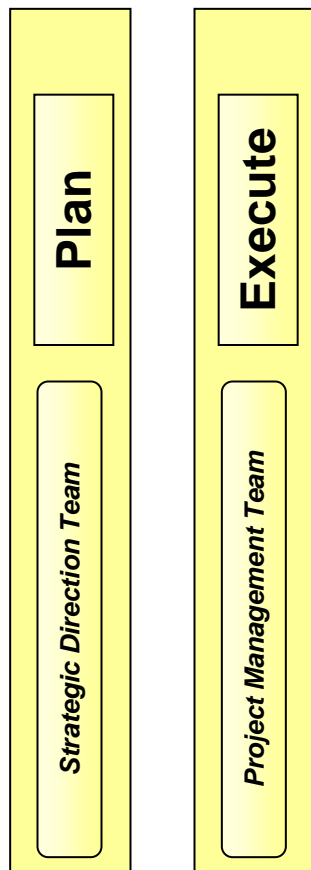


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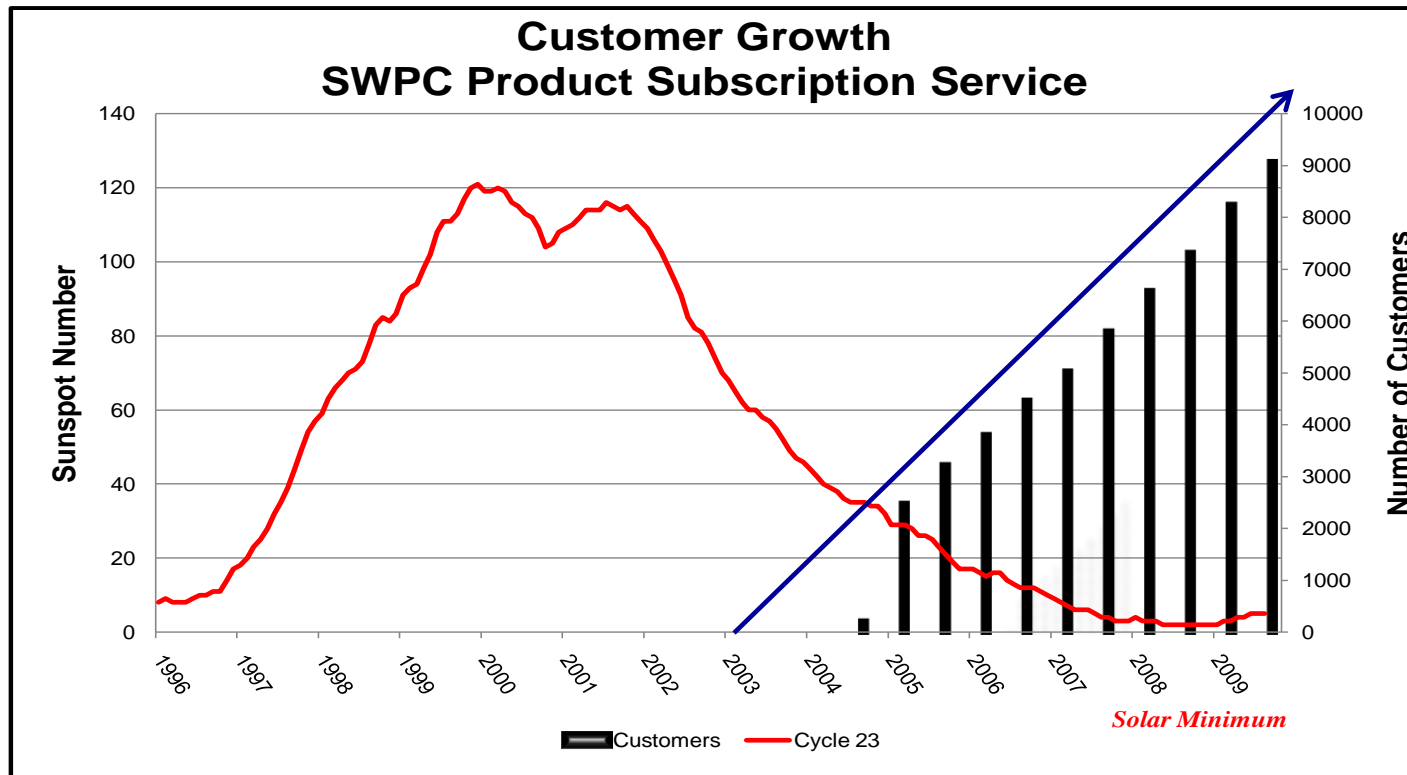


SWPC Today





New Customers: Increase in Subscription Rate Develops



9,585
customers
on 3/30/10

SES Satellite	Inmarsat	FEMA	Boeing	FAA
North America Electric Reliability Corp. (NERC)	L-3 Communications	Florida Division of Emergency Mgmt.	British Petroleum America	Bonneville Power Administration
Washington St. Dept of Transportation	Caterpillar, Inc.	Alaskan Airlines	United Launch Alliance	Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Stations

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New Budget Numbers: Increasing Base Allocations in FY10 and FY11



	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11
President's Request	\$7.2M	\$7.3M	\$6.1M	\$6.1M	\$8.8M	\$10.8M
House Mark	\$7.2M	\$5.0M	\$6.1M	SWPC is no longer a separate line item in the Congressional Budget		
Senate Mark	\$7.0M	\$7.3M	\$6.1M			
Enacted	\$3.9M	\$3.9M	\$6.1M	\$6.1M	\$8.8M	-----
Actual	\$5.9M	\$7.1M	\$6.4M	\$7.6M	\$9.0M	-----

Actual – Enacted = One-time relief provided by NOAA/NWS

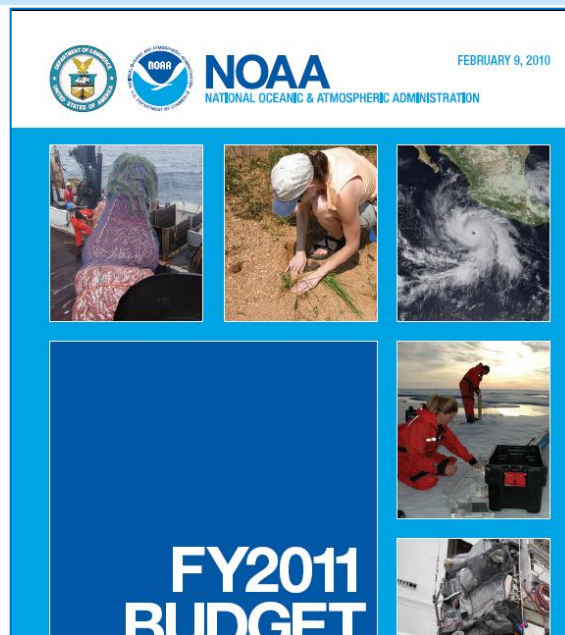


NOAA's FY 2011 Budget



(BA IN THOUSANDS)	FY 2011 REQUEST	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
DSCOVR	9,500	38,300	25,400	3,800	2,400

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COSMIC-2	3,700	8,300	10,300	9,500	16,500



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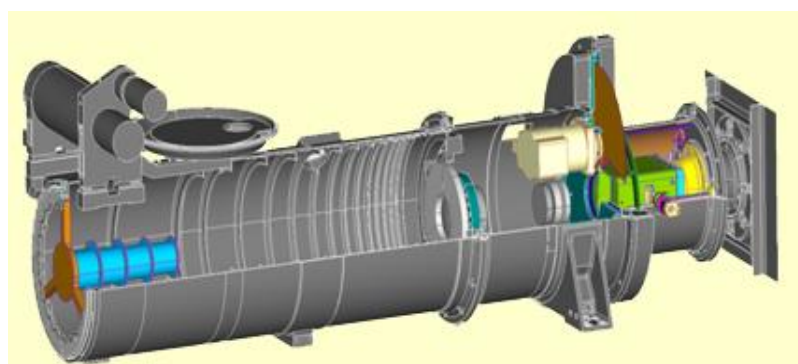
Deep Space Climate Observatory (DSCOVR) Solar Wind Mission



- The DSCOVR spacecraft will be refurbished and readied for launch in December 2013
- Satellite and sensors will be transferred to NOAA
- Refurbishment of satellite and Plas-Mag sensor will be performed at NASA/GSFC under reimbursement by NOAA
- USAF plans to begin acquiring a launch vehicle in 2012
- All data will be downlinked to the Real Time Solar Wind Network (RTSWnet)
- DSCOVR earth science sensors are in the process of being refurbished
- A commercial partner will be solicited for the mission to help evaluate the potential of commercial service for a follow on mission

Compact Coronagraph (CCOR)

- NOAA and NRL are currently collaborating on a Phase A study for a demonstration compact coronagraph
- A reimbursable project for sensor development will begin at NRL in FY11
- CCOR is a reduced mass, volume, and cost coronagraph design
 - 6 kg telescope, 17 kg for sensor
 - Optical train is 1/3 the length of traditional coronagraph designs
- CCOR will fly on DSCOVR if schedule permits
 - CCOR has been submitted to the DoD Space Test Program (STP) for flight as a back-up strategy if necessitated by schedule





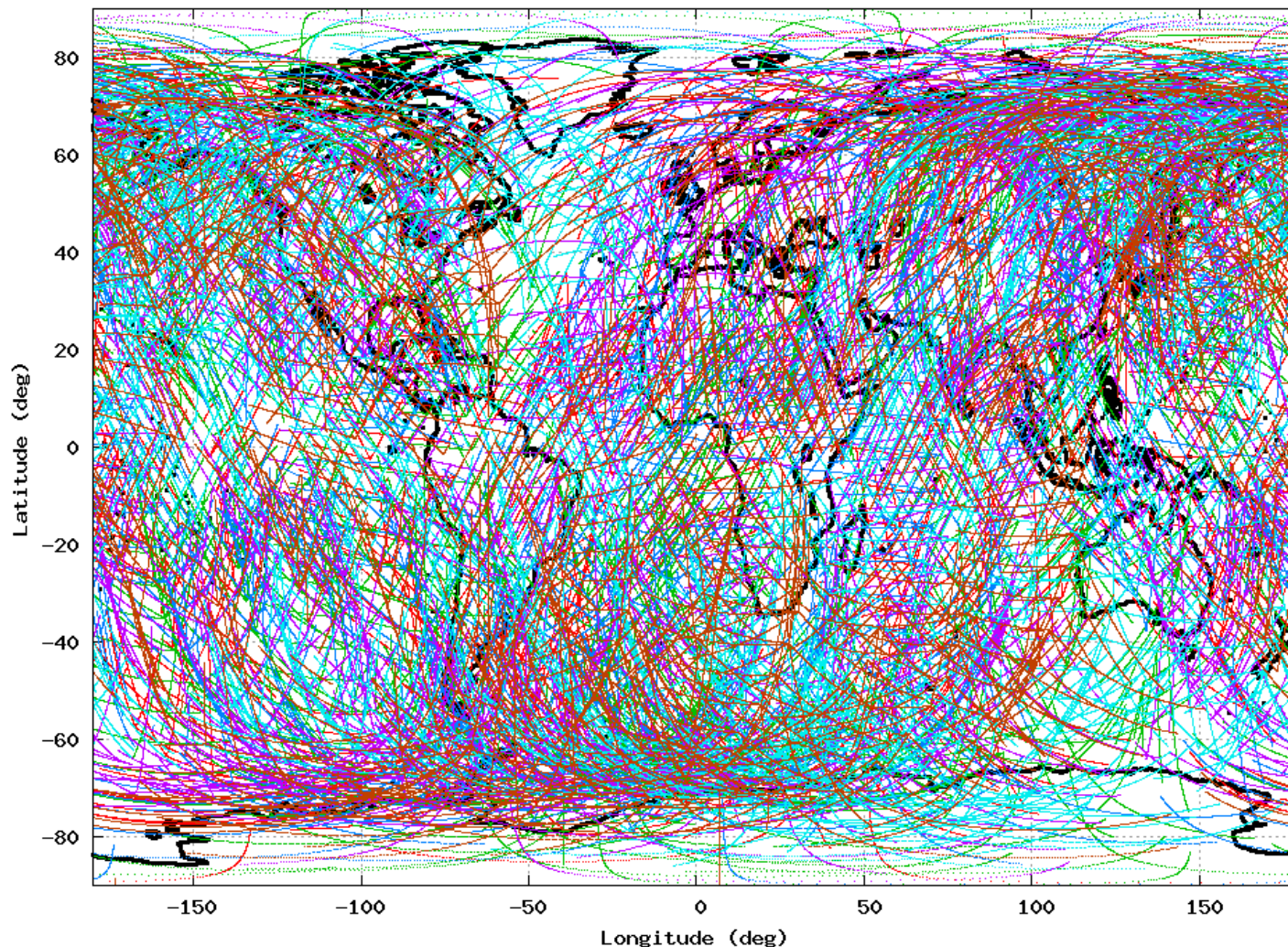
COSMIC Follow On (COSMIC 2)



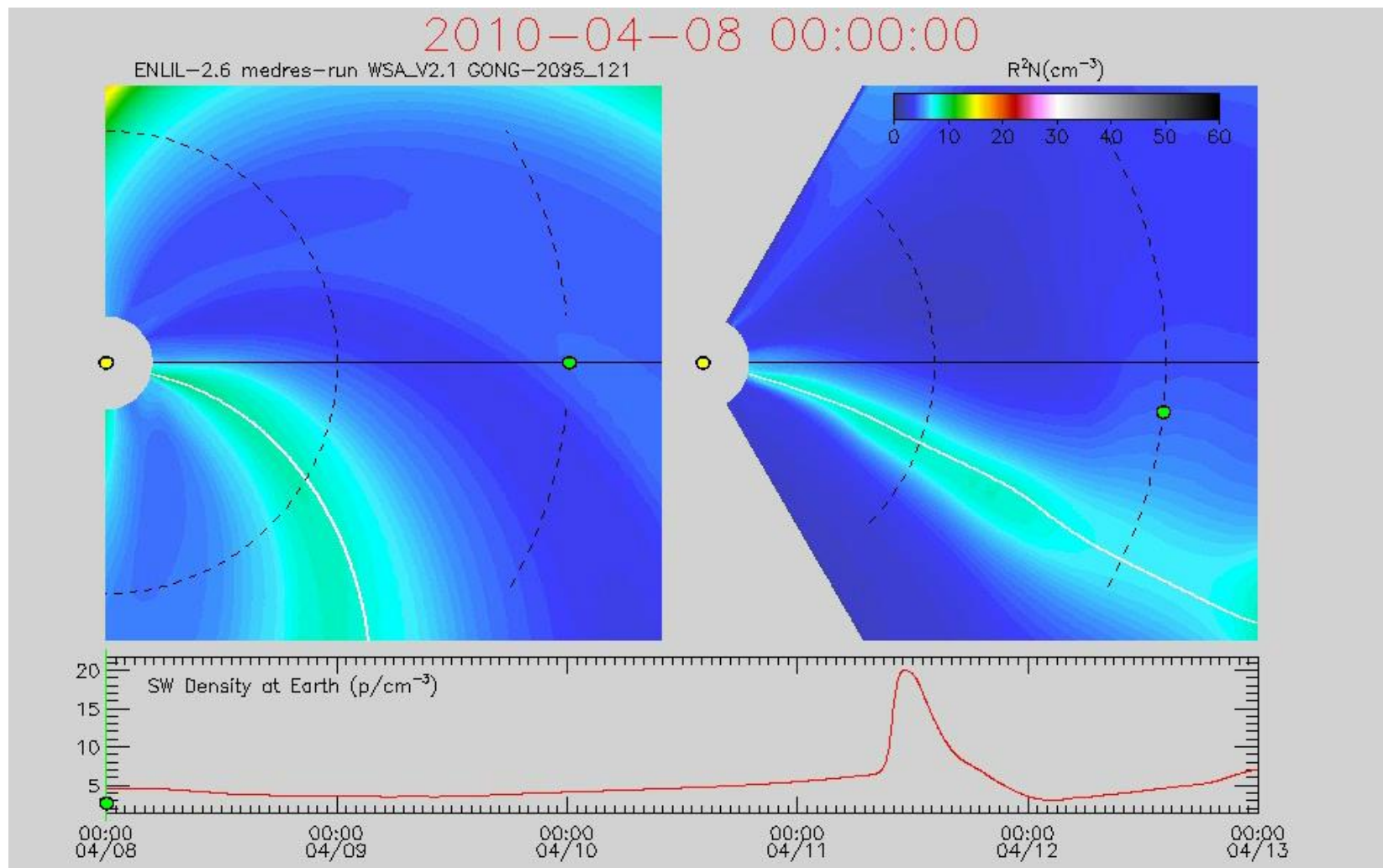
- COSMIC begins to degrade in 2011 (end of life)
- Significant data reduction expected by 2014-2015 due to loss of satellites
- President's budget supports initial launch of COSMIC 2 in 2014
- Proposed partnership with Taiwan –
 - Taiwan to provide: 12 spacecraft and integration of payloads onto spacecraft, ground system command & control
 - NOAA to provide: 12 payloads (receivers), 2 launches, ground system data processing
 - System will provide 8000+ worldwide atmospheric and 10-12,000 ionospheric soundings per day (all weather, uniform coverage over oceans and land)
- Commercial data purchase for enhancement/gap coverage under consideration

Observed TEC Rays in 12-hour period (COSMIC)

All (every other minute) COSMIC-GPS links below orbit in a 12 hour period (2007.057.00–2007.057.12)



WSA-Enlil Transition Update





GOES Update: Successful Launch of GOES O and P



GOES 15 2010 PLT

GOES 14 2009 Store XRS/SXI

GOES 13 2006 East MAG/HEPAD/EPS

GOES 12 2001 South

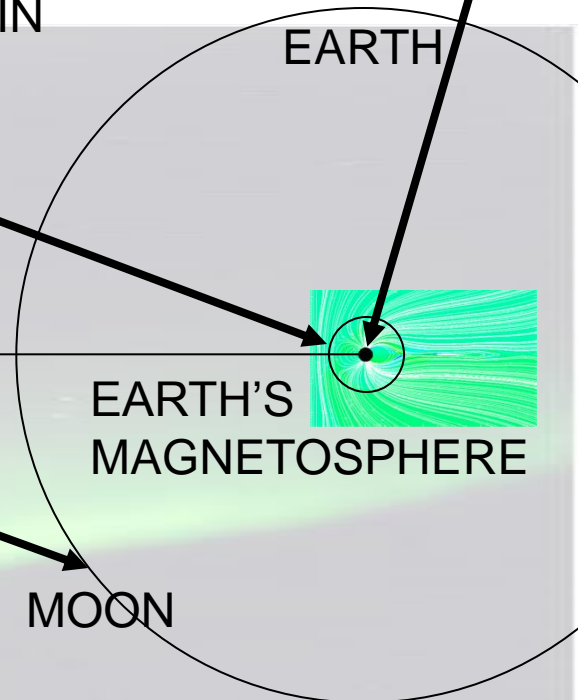
GOES 11 2000 West



GOES 11/12/13/14/15 IN
GEOSTATIONARY
ORBIT



ABOUT 1 % OF THE
DISTANCE FROM THE
EARTH TO THE SUN,
ACE IS OUR SPACE
WEATHER SENTINEL.



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Continuing Observational Space Weather Programs



- Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS):
 - SEMS will be continued through the end of the POES, DMSP, and Metop C
 - Subsequent program is in planning stage and not yet funded
- GOES R
 - Improved versions of the GOES space weather sensors are under development:
 - Solar Ultra Violet Imager (SUVI), EXIS, SEISS and MAG
 - Launch is planned for 2015

New Partnerships for Progress

- Joint NOAA/FEMA/MSB/EU Exercise
- NOAA-Korea RRA LOA on ACE R/T data acquisition and delivery service
- NOAA-DLR LOA on ACE R/T data acquisition and delivery service
- NOAA-ESA agreement on ACE R/T data acquisition and delivery service
- NWS-NESDIS space weather satellite data acquisition and ingest roadmap
- NWS-OAR space weather research initiative
- ISES-WMO space weather programme
- ISES-ICAO space weather in aviation



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UCAR Review of NCEP/SWPC: Key Findings and Recommendations



Review Panel

- **Genene Fisher, chair**
- **David Boteler**
- **Gilbert Brunet**
- **Maura Hagan**
- **James Kinter**
- **John Lanicci**
- **Chris St. Cyr**
- **Michael Stills**



- Develop a formal project management plan to transition the *WSA-Enlil* model into operations.
- Ensure the continuation of sufficient funding to
 - (1) complete the migration from legacy hardware/software information systems to modern equipment; and
 - (2) maintain and upgrade the equipment, as necessary, after the migration is completed.
- Develop a space weather research program internally that is aligned with the SWPC mission.
- Review the current personnel qualifications and assignments to assess any possible gaps; individual shortfalls may be filled by providing additional training, direction or detailed guidance to employees tasked with new or different responsibilities as a result of the reorganization.
- Develop comprehensive, robust business models for the SWPT and the R2O function.

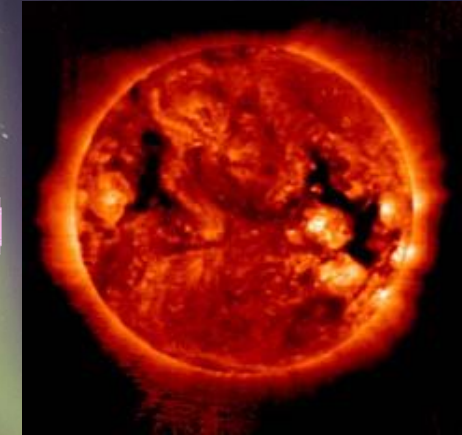
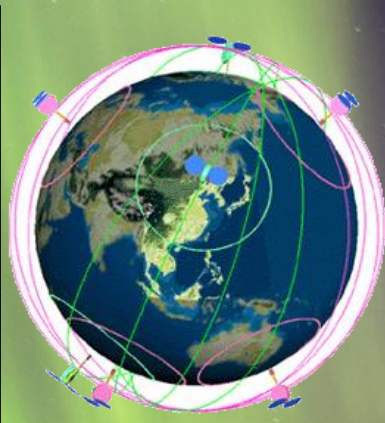
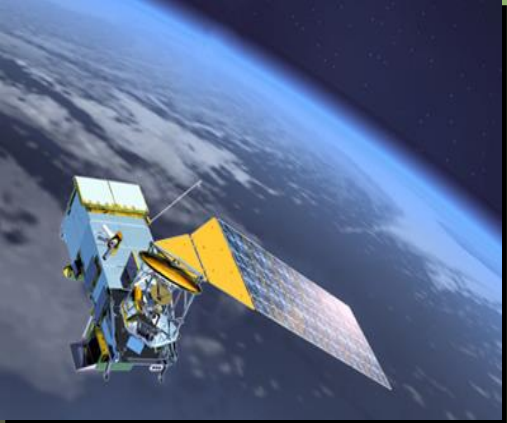


Leaning Forward: Addressing the Science and Technology Gaps



- Attention all Researchers:
 - How to feed CMEs to Enlil at $25 R_{\text{SUN}}$?
 - When is the next X-class flare?
 - How to forecast ionospheric scintillation?
 - How to forecast regional dB/dt?
- Attention all Satellite Data Providers:
 - Solar Wind/Coronagraph/SXI at L1 **and** L5
 - GPS-RO everywhere all the time every time
 - Molniya orbits for polar situational awareness

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SWPC's Goal: Partnering with YOU to:

Provide the *right* information... in the *right* format...
at the *right* time... to the *right* people...
to make the *right* decisions!

