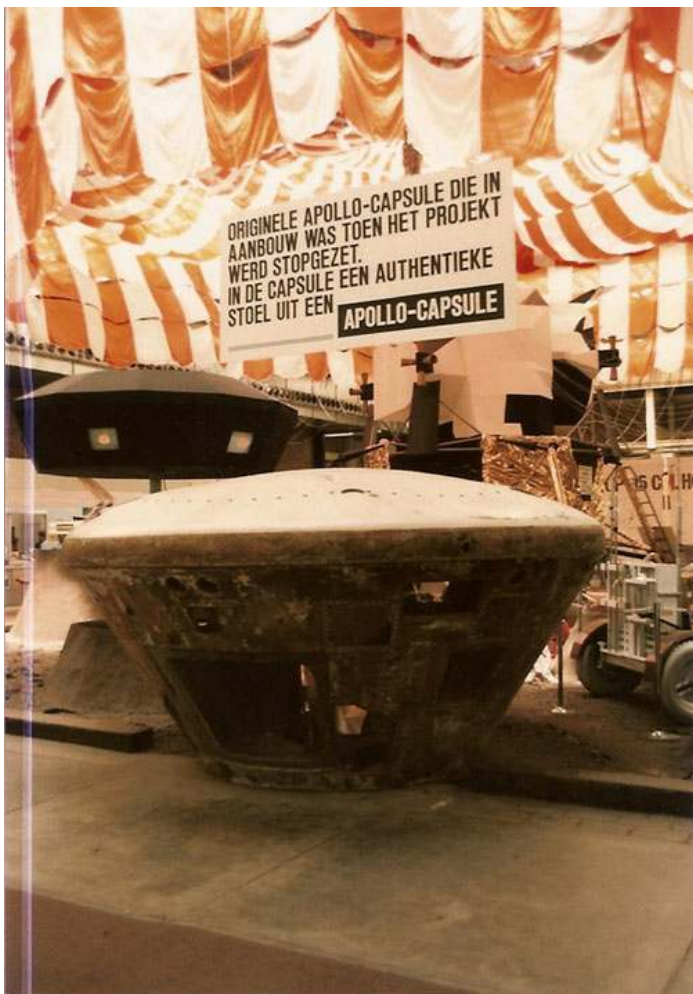




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Dream Chaser Cargo System

This might be the Apollo CSM-115A. Displayed at the Space 86 exhibition, the sign says in Dutch: "Original Apollo capsule which was under construction when the project was cancelled. Inside the capsule an authentic chair from an Apollo capsule. (Source: via Wikipedia).

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Calling card...

Some of you may know that I have a Dutch background so it should come to no surprise that I have some Dutch language books on my bookshelf. These include two space books written by a Chriet Titulaer. Titulaer was 'active' in the late seventies and early eighties and has been quiet since then, as far as space is concerned. Anyway, the other day I just wondered what had happened to him and found his bio in Wikipedia.

The astonishing thing in this biography was the following quote:

"After the Apollo program was axed in the early '70s Titulaer visited the Rockwell factory and saw one of the unfinished Apollo capsules standing there which had been under construction for one of the cancelled flights at a cost of US\$10 million. Jokingly he said he would buy it for \$1 and to his surprise the Rockwell representative accepted his offer and held him to the purchase. Martin Schröder, president of [the Dutch charter airliner] Martinair, who was also there said he would stick it in the back of his Boeing 747. The capsule didn't fit through the plane's doors so Titulaer had it shipped to the Netherlands. There it stood in the backyard of his house as a garden ornament for many years until a Japanese gentleman rang his doorbell and offered to buy the capsule for 30,000 Dutch guilders, which Titulaer accepted."

Elsewhere I found a picture of an Apollo spacecraft on display somewhere in The Netherlands in 1986.

As far as I can determine, again from Wikipedia, the only Apollo spacecraft for which the current location is not known, is CSM-115A that was to be flown as Apollo-20 and, after the cancellation of that flight, was kept in reserve for a Skylab flight.

What puzzles me, however, that such a large piece of hardware has not been noticed by space historians, including NASA, be it when it was moved to The Netherlands, in Titulaer's back yard, on display in 1986 or wherever the Japanese gentleman took it.

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SES-14, -15 and -16

SES has booked Falcon 9 launch vehicles for its SES-14 and -16 communications satellites to be launched in 2017. SES-14 is being built by Airbus whereas SES-16 is begin built by Orbital ATK.

The Boeing built SES-15 will be launched by an Ariane 5 in mid-2017.

ISS

Russia has committed itself to take part in the International Space Station until 2024.

After that it intends to detach the Russian modules and establish its own space station in low-Earth orbit. The new space station would be completed by 2028 and will be used as a base for lunar exploration, including crewed lunar missions by 2030.

Meanwhile, NASA has indicated that it has (as yet?) no back-up plan for ISS operations should Russia withdraw from joint operations.

RD-180, Delta 4 and NGLS

The US Congress has passed a law that prohibits the US Air Force to have launch service providers use launch vehicles fitted with Russian made rocket engines for its military launches from 2019 onwards. This puts a strain on the development of a new US built rocket engine which most likely will not be available by 2019. And even if it is, it may take some time for it to be certified for Air Force use.

The only current launch vehicle fitted with a Russian made engine (RD-180) is the Atlas 5. This problem does not exist for the all American powered Delta 4 but this launch vehicle is considered less effective and is more expensive.

The two replacement engines being developed are the Blue Origin's BE-4, which will be fuelled by liquid natural gas, and the Aerojet-Rocketdyne's AR-1, which will be fuelled by kerosene, like the RD-180.

The BE-4 is the furthest developed and is expected to fly for the first time in 2019, but its different fuel requires an adaptation of the Atlas core stage. The AR-1 does not have that problem but indications are it will not be ready by 2019.

In a related move, United Launch Alliance (ULA), which uses the Atlas 5 and Delta 4 launch vehicles, has announced that it plans to phase out the Delta 4 launch vehicle by 2018 except for the Delta 4 Heavy. The Delta 4 Heavy differs from other versions in that it has three core stages in a side-by-side configuration.

Eventually even the Delta 4 Heavy and the Atlas 5 will be replaced by the Next Generation Launch System (NGLS) which will have either the BE-4 or the AR-1 as its main engine. ULA has asked members of the public to name the NGLS.

Satellite Update

Launches in February 2015

Int.Des.	Name	Launch date	Launch vehicle	Country	Notes
2015 004A	IGS Radar-Spare	1-Feb-2015	H 2A-202	Japan	Military
2015 005A	Inmarsat 5-2	1-Feb-2015	Proton M/Briz M	Inmarsat	Maritime comm.
2015 006A	Fajr	1-Feb-2015	Safir 1B	Iran	Earth observation
1998 067FM	AESP-14	5-Feb-2015	---	Brazil	Released from ISS
sub-orbital	IXV	11-Feb-2015	Vega	ESA	Re-entry test
---	AVUM VV04	11-Feb-2015	Vega	ESA	Technology
2015 007A	DSCOVR	11-Feb-2015	Falcon 9 v.1.1	USA	Earth observation
2015 008A	Progress M-26M	17-Feb-2015	Soyuz U	Russia	Cargo transfer
2015 009A	Kosmos-2503	27-Feb-2015	Soyuz 2-1A	Russia	Topographical
1998 067FN	Flock 1b-27	27-Feb-2015	ISS	USA	Earth observation
1998 067FP	Flock 1b-28	27-Feb-2015	ISS	USA	Earth observation

Other updates

Int. Des.	Name	Notes
1995 015A	DMSP F-13	Exploded 3 February 2015
1998 067EX	Flock 1b-26	Re-entered 1 February 2015
2012 006J	UniCubeSat GG	Re-entered 16 February 2015
2013 064E	KySat-2	Re-entered 14 February 2015
2014 044A	ATV-5	Undocked on 14 February 2015 and re-entered the next day
2015 001A	Dragon CRS-5	Undocked on 10 February 2015 and re-entered the next day
---	Flock 1b-03	Returned to Earth on 10 February 2015 on board of Dragon CRS-5
---	Flock 1b-04	Returned to Earth on 10 February 2015 on board of Dragon CRS-5
---	Flock 1b-13	Returned to Earth on 10 February 2015 on board of Dragon CRS-5
---	Flock 1b-14	Returned to Earth on 10 February 2015 on board of Dragon CRS-5
---	Flock 1b-19	Returned to Earth on 10 February 2015 on board of Dragon CRS-5
---	Flock 1b-20	Returned to Earth on 10 February 2015 on board of Dragon CRS-5
2015 006A	Fajr	Re-entered 26 February 2015

DMSP F-13

It appears that DMSP F-13, a military weather satellite launched on 24 March 1995, exploded on 3 February 2015 due to a battery failure, resulting in more than 43 pieces of debris. The satellite had been retired in 2006.

Bars-M



On 27 February 2015 Russia launched the first satellite in the Bars M series from Plesetsk. Identified as Kosmos-2503, this series of topographical satellites will succeed the Yantar-1KFT or Kometa series.

The satellite uses a platform developed specifically for the series by TsSKB Progress and carries a Karat imaging payload and a dual altimeter instrument to deliver topographic imagery, stereo images, altimeter data and high-resolution images with a ground resolution around one meter.

The spacecraft is based on the Bars (17F112) electro-optical area surveillance satellite which was cancelled in favour of the Bars M development.

Yamal-601

Gazprom Space Systems' Yamal-601 communications satellite will be launched in 2018 with a Proton M/Briz M launch vehicle.

Dragon and Cygnus

NASA ordered three Space X Dragon and one orbital ATK Cygnus spacecraft for cargo flights to ISS during 2017. This is in addition to the 12 Dragon and 8 Cygnus spacecraft already ordered for use until 2016.

Kosmos-2101 to 2500 (part 3)

By Jos Heyman

The following table lists those Kosmos satellites in the -2102 to -2500 range that have been associated with programmes discussed in detail in the articles in the February 1990 to January 1991 issues of the News Bulletin.

#	Int.des	Launch	Type	#	Int.des	Launch	Type	#	Int.des	Launch	Type
2101	1990 087A	1-Oct-1990	Don	2263	1993 059A	16-Sep-1993	Tselina 2	2303	1994 086E	28-Dec-1994	Strela 3
2102	1990 092A	16-Oct-1990	Yantar 4K2	2264	1993 060A	17-Sep-1993	US-P	2304	1994 086F	28-Dec-1994	Strela 3
2103	1990 096A	14-Nov-1990	US-P	2265	1993 067A	26-Oct-1993	Yug	2306	1995 008A	2-Mar-1995	Taifun 2
2104	1990 098A	16-Nov-1990	Zenit 8	2266	1993 070A	2-Nov-1993	Parus	2307	1995 009A	7-Mar-1995	Glonass
2105	1990 099A	20-Nov-1990	Oko	2268	1994 011A	12-Feb-1994	Strela 3	2308	1995 009B	7-Mar-1995	Glonass
2106	1990 104A	28-Nov-1990	Taifun 2	2269	1994 011B	12-Feb-1994	Strela 3	2309	1995 009C	7-Mar-1995	Glonass
2107	1990 108A	4-Dec-1990	US-P	2270	1994 011C	12-Feb-1994	Strela 3	2310	1995 012A	22-Mar-1995	Parus
2108	1990 109A	4-Dec-1990	Yantar 4K2	2271	1994 011D	12-Feb-1994	Strela 3	2311	1995 014A	22-Mar-1995	Yantar 4K2
2109	1990 110A	8-Dec-1990	Glonass	2272	1994 011E	12-Feb-1994	Strela 3	2312	1995 026A	24-May-1995	Oko
2110	1990 110B	8-Dec-1990	Glonass	2273	1994 011F	12-Feb-1994	Strela 3	2313	1995 028A	8-Jun-1995	US-P
2111	1990 110C	8-Dec-1990	Glonass	2274	1994 018A	17-Mar-1994	Yantar 4K2	2314	1995 031A	28-Jun-1995	Yantar 4K2
2112	1990 111A	10-Dec-1990	Strela 2	2275	1994 021C	11-Apr-1994	Glonass	2316	1995 037A	24-Jul-1995	Glonass
2113	1990 113A	21-Dec-1990	Yantar 4KS1	2276	1994 021A	11-Apr-1994	Glonass	2317	1995 037B	24-Jul-1995	Glonass
2114	1990 114A	22-Dec-1990	Strela 3	2277	1994 021B	11-Apr-1994	Glonass	2318	1995 037C	24-Jul-1995	Glonass
2115	1990 114B	22-Dec-1990	Strela 3	2278	1994 023A	23-Apr-1994	Tselina 2	2319	1995 045A	30-Aug-1995	Potek
2116	1990 114C	22-Dec-1990	Strela 3	2279	1994 024A	26-Apr-1994	Parus	2321	1995 052A	6-Oct-1995	Parus
2117	1990 114D	22-Dec-1990	Strela 3	2281	1994 032A	7-Jun-1994	Zenit 8	2322	1995 058A	31-Oct-1995	Tselina 2
2118	1990 114E	22-Dec-1990	Strela 3	2282	1994 038A	7-Jul-1994	Prognoz	2323	1995 068C	14-Dec-1995	Glonass
2119	1990 114F	22-Dec-1990	Strela 3	2283	1994 042A	20-Jul-1994	Yantar 4K2	2324	1995 068B	14-Dec-1995	Glonass
2120	1990 115A	26-Dec-1990	Zenit 8	2284	1994 044A	29-Jul-1994	Kometa	2325	1995 068A	14-Dec-1995	Glonass
2121	1991 004A	17-Jan-1991	Zenit 8	2286	1994 048A	5-Aug-1994	Oko	2326	1995 071A	20-Dec-1995	US-P
2122	1991 005A	18-Jan-1991	US-P	2287	1994 050A	11-Aug-1994	Glonass	2327	1995 009D	16-Jan-1996	Parus
2123	1991 007A	5-Feb-1991	Tsikada	2288	1994 050C	11-Aug-1994	Glonass	2328	1996 004A	19-Feb-1996	Strela 3
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2134	1991 011A	15-Feb-1991	Kometa	2300	1994 086B	28-Dec-1994	Strela 3	2339	1997 006C	14-Feb-1997	Strela 3
2135	1991 013A	26-Feb-1991	Parus	2301	1994 086C	28-Dec-1994	Strela 3	2340	1997 015A	9-Apr-1997	Oko
2136	1991 016A	6-Mar-1991	Zenit 8	2302	1994 086D	28-Dec-1994	Strela 3	2341	1997 017A	17-Apr-1997	Parus
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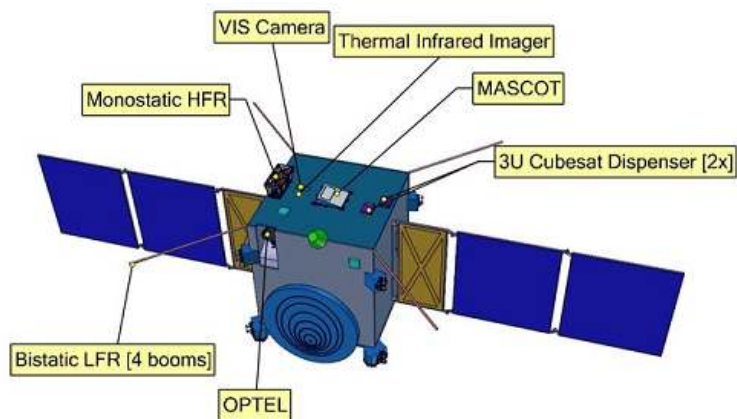
The Dawn spacecraft went into an orbit around the dwarf planet Ceres on 6 March 2015. The initial orbit had an altitude of 13500 km but that orbit will be adjusted in the coming months through the on-board ion engines, eventually resulting in an polar orbit with an altitude of 370 km.

Dawn was launched on 27 September 2007 and reached Vesta on 15 July 2011. It left Vesta on 4 September 2012.

Over the next 16 months Dawn will examine the composition and terrain of the 1000 km diameter Ceres which is the largest body in the asteroid belt.

AIM + cubesats

ESA has announced it will accommodate two 3U cubesats on the proposed Asteroid Impact Mission (AIM) scheduled for launch in October 2020. It is expected that the cubesats eventually selected, will boost and complement the main mission. In addition it is intended to use the cubesats to test intersatellite communications networking.



AIM will be launched with a Soyuz Fregat and will encounter the Didymos pair of asteroids in June 2022. The Didymos pair consists of a 750 m diameter main body and a 170 m diameter secondary body that orbits the main body.

On reaching the asteroids, which will then be 11 million km from Earth, AIM will enter into a heliocentric co-flying orbit reaching distances of 35 to 10 km from the asteroid.

AIM will observe the asteroid system to derive a high-resolution 3D model and to determine its mass and dynamical state. It will also investigate its surface and shallow sub-surface properties by means of a thermal infrared imager and high-frequency radar.

After some months around the asteroids, the cubesats will be released as well as the German developed Mascot-2 lander.

Other instruments to be carried will be:

- Visual Imaging System (VIS);
- Thermal Imager (TIRI);
- High Frequency Radar (HFR);
- Low Frequency Radar (LFR); and
- Optical Link for Communication (Optel-D).

The mission is undertaken as part of the international Asteroid Impact and Deflection Assessment (AIDA) mission. The other component of this is NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) probe that will impact the smaller body of the asteroid system. The objective of DART is to investigate to what extent the orbit of this small body is altered by the impact.

Tianzhou-1

In 2016 China hopes to launch the Tianzhou-1 cargo spacecraft with a new CZ 7 launch vehicle and dock it with the Tiangong-2 space station module that will be launched with a CZ 5 launch vehicle earlier that year.

Tianzhou-1 will carry propellants, living necessities for astronauts, research facilities and repair equipment.

All these activities will be leading towards in a permanently crewed space station in 2022.

BitSat

Dunvegan Space Systems (DSS) has signed a contract with Deep Space Industries (DSI) for the construction of 24 3U cubesats for a communications constellation.

Pioneered by Bitcom's Jeff Garzik, Dunvegan plans to have the BitSats keep a complete record of bitcoin's ever-growing blockchain ledger, thus acting as crucial "full nodes" to backup bitcoin's all-important core database at a time when the number of earth-based computers providing this vital storage service has declined.

In addition Dunvegan will also offer BitSats facilities to paying customers who can use it for proprietary data storage solutions and communications services.

The satellites are scheduled for launch late 2015 and early 2016.

Leosat

Leosat is a proposed constellation of 80 to 120 high throughput communications satellites in low-Earth orbit. The services to be provided are not intended for general use but will, instead, concentrate on selected customers providing them with solutions to communications problems that are currently not met. Launches are expected to commence in 2019 or 2020.

Outernet

The US company Outernet has teamed up with Clyde Space to develop a 200 1U cubesat telecommunications constellation to provide low-cost broadband to remote regions of the world. The cooperation is sponsored by the UK Space Agency that will provide funding through its International Partnership Space Program (IPSP) which funds British companies to work with international partners developing satellite technology.

The satellites will be fitted with deployable solar panels and an Attitude Control System to accurately control satellite pointing. Initially 3 satellites will be built which will be placed in a low-Earth orbit. Initially only three satellites will be built to serve as prototypes.

LauncherOne

Virgin Galactic has announced that it expects the first launch of the LauncherOne by the end of 2016. Ultimately the company expects to conduct 20 to 30 launches each year.

Exoliner and Jupiter



Lockheed Martin, in cooperation with Thales Alenia and MDA Corp. of Canada, has proposed the development of an ISS cargo transfer spacecraft for NASA's Commercial Resupply Services (CRS)-2. The proposal consists of the Exoliner cargo module and the Jupiter re-usable space tug.

For servicing ISS the first two spacecraft would be launched together with an Atlas 5 and berth with ISS. Once undocked from ISS the Exoliner and Jupiter could fly independently for weeks or months to carry out additional missions such as the deployment of small satellites or remote sensing of the Earth.

Eventually the two would meet up with the next Exoliner that would be launched without a Jupiter tug. Using its robotic arm, Jupiter would exchange the two Exoliners, allowing the old one to de-orbit and taking the new one to ISS for docking.

The Exoliner is expected to carry up to 5,000 kg of pressurized cargo and 1,500 kg of unpressurized cargo per mission.

The Jupiter tug is expected to have an unlimited life as it can be serviced and fuelled in orbit. It also can have applications beyond Earth orbit.

Dream Chaser Cargo System

After failing to get a contract for the crewed version of its Dream Chaser spacecraft, Sierra Nevada Corporation (SNC) has now offered the Dream Chaser Cargo System variant for the NASA's Commercial Resupply Services (CRS)-2 contract.

The Dream Chaser Cargo System has a folding-wing which allows it to fit inside existing payload fairings of all major launch vehicles. It is suggested the spacecraft has the ability to exceed all of NASA's cargo requirements for pressurized and unpressurized cargo to ISS, whilst also providing high reusability, allowing it to serve the required number of missions for the full life expectancy of the ISS.

BEAM

Bigelow Aerospace has completed the construction of the first flight model of the Bigelow Expandable Activity Module (BEAM) that will become the first inflatable module to be attached to ISS for a two-year demonstration mission.

The module is 4.4 m long and has a diameter of 3.2 m once it is deployed, providing a volume of 16 m³.

With a launch mass of 1360 kg, it consists of a central rigid cylindrical structure housing spacecraft equipment around which the flexible hull made of Vectran shielding fabric is stowed. It also has a Common Berthing Mechanism (CBM) that allows it to be docked with ISS, as well as a rigid forward bulkhead that provides the mounting structure for two grapple fixtures for the Station's robotic arm to allow the module to be handled in space.



BEAM will be transported to ISS as an external payload on the Dragon CRS-8 mission scheduled for September 2015. It will then be removed by Canadarm2 and moved to the Node 3's CBM after which it will be inflated.

Dnepr

International Space Company (ISC) Kosmotras will continue launches of the Dnepr launch vehicle with five launches planned during 2016/2017. This will be in spite of the Ukrainian moratorium on military-industrial cooperation with Russia imposed in June 2014. It is likely that the launch vehicles concerned have been converted from R-36M missile either before the moratorium was imposed or without Ukrainian involvement.

PACE

NASA has commenced work on the Pre-Aerosol Clouds and ocean Ecosystem (PACE) mission which will study the Earth's aquatic ecology and chemistry as well as investigate how clouds and aerosols affect Earth's climate.

The spacecraft will be fitted with two instruments:

- Ocean Ecosystem Spectrometer/Radiometer, an ocean colour instrument that will see the colors of the ocean from the ultraviolet to near infrared for more accurate measurements of biological and chemical properties of the oceans; and
- Aerosol/Cloud Polarimeter, a French instrument that will measure clouds and tiny airborne particles like dust, smoke and aerosols in the atmosphere.

The launch is targeted for 2022.

Khalifasat

The Khalifasat Earth observation satellite for the United Arab Emirates will be launched late 2017 or early 2018 with a Japanese H 2A launch vehicle.

The 350 kg satellite which will be built in the United Arab Emirates, will be placed in a polar orbit with an altitude of 600 km. It will be fitted with an imaging sensor with a 1 m resolution in black and white, and a 44 m in color. The imaging system will observe a 12.2-kilometer swath and will be able to swivel 2 degrees off nadir to reduce the time between revisits of a given location.

SkySat

Skybox Imaging will have several of its Skybox remote sensing satellites placed in orbit by a Vega launch vehicle in 2016.

Previously two Skybox satellites were launched on a Dnepr on 21 November 2013 and a Soyuz-2-1b/Fregat-M on 8 July 2014. A third prototype satellite will be launched later this year with a PSLV-XL.

Of the remaining twelve, four satellites will be launched in July 2016, another six in September 2016 with the final two in early 2017.

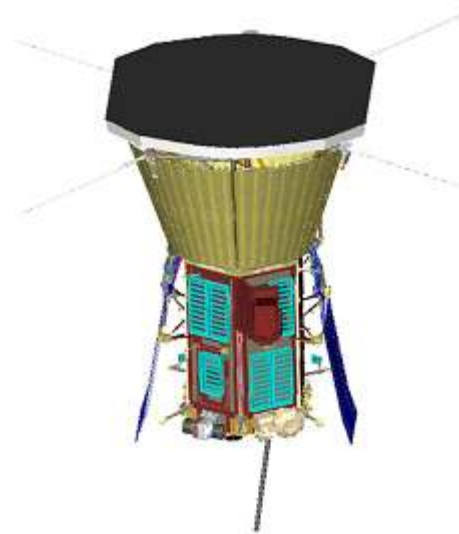
JPSS-2

NASA has awarded the construction of the Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS)-2 spacecraft to Orbital ATK (formerly Orbital Sciences Corporation with options to purchase the JPSS-3 and -4 spacecraft at a later date.

The satellite will be used by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to provide critical weather forecasts.

To be launched in 2021 JPSS-2 will carry four instruments: the Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS), the Cross-track Infrared Sounder (CrIS), the Advanced Technology Microwave Sounder (ATMS) and the Ozone Mapping and Profiler Suite (OMPS).

Solar Probe Plus



NASA has selected the Delta 4 Heavy launch vehicle for the launch of its Solar Probe Plus during a 20 day launch window that starts on 30 July 2018.

After the launch the spacecraft will perform seven fly-bys of Venus to shape its orbit through the inner solar system. Based on a 30 July 2018 launch dates these fly-bys will take place on 27 September 2018, 21 December 2019, 5 July 2021, 15 February 2021, 10 October 2021, 15 August 2023 and 31 October 2024 before the spacecraft will make the first closest approach of the Sun on 19 December 2024. It will then settle into an orbit around the Sun of 6 million x 100 million km with an inclination of 3.4°. Over a period of close to seven years it will orbit the Sun 24 times with each orbit lasting 88 days.

The Solar Probe Plus will gather data on the processes that heat the corona and accelerate the solar wind as well as study the streams of charged particles that produce solar wind.

At its closest approach the spacecraft will fly at a speed of 200 km/sec whilst protected by a 12 cm thick carbon-composite heat shield that can withstand up to 2000°C.

The instruments on the 610 kg spacecraft will be:

- the Solar Wind Electrons Alphas and Protons Investigation (SWEAP) to count the electrons, protons and helium ions in the solar wind and measure their properties as well as collection some of these particles in a special Solar Probe Cup for direct analysis;
- the Wide-field Imager for Solar Probe Plus (WISPR), a telescope that will make 3D images of the sun's atmosphere similar to medical CAT scans. The telescope will allow the imaging of clouds and shock waves as they approach and pass the spacecraft;
- the Fields Investigation for Solar Probe Plus (FIELDS), an instrument that will make direct measurements of electric and magnetic fields, radio emissions, and shock waves which course through the sun's atmospheric plasma. It will also register voltage signatures when specks of space dust hit the spacecraft's antenna; and
- the Integrated Science Investigation of the Sun (ISIS) comprising the ISIS EPI-Hi and EPI-Lo instruments to monitor electrons, protons and ions which are accelerated to high energies by shock waves in the sun's atmosphere.