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Study Overview

This study was carried out:


- By the ESTEC CDF team
- on request by ESA TOS-EMA (Responsible of the Space Weather Study)
- in the period 2 October (Study Kick-off) to 27 November 2001 (Final Presentation), in 15 working sessions (half day each)
- by an interdisciplinary team of ESA technical specialists
- Using concurrent engineering methods and tools
- with as input draft reports from Alcatel & Ral consortia in ESA Space Weather studies

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SW - CDF Study Objectives


- Assessment study of up to 3 missions (~in series) implementing the Space Weather Space Segment
 - System and S/S conceptual design
 - Mission and Ground System and Operations Assessment
 - Payload accommodation
 - Industrial Costing
 - Instruments Costing (as far as info is available)
 - Technical risk assessment
 - Programmatics/AIV
 - Simulation

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System Architecture


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SW Space Segment High Level Requirements

- To design a minimum set of S/C, missions and associated Ground Stations *performing continuous monitoring of Space Weather phenomena and performing near real time downlink to Earth and immediate processing on ground of the data*
- Design the set of S/C with a *lifetime of minimum 5 years*
- European independent system
- No connection with present or future Science Missions

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SW Space Segment Priority missions

Three dedicated missions have been identified as high priority for the Space Segment:

Name	Mission	Main Objective
IMM	Inner Magnetospheric Monitor	To provide near-real time monitoring of Earth Magnetic field and particles
SWM	Solar Wind Monitor	To provide near-real time monitoring of Solar Wind
SAM	Solar Activity Monitor	To provide near-real time imaging of the Solar disk (for solar flare detection) and corona

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System Architecture IMM & SWM orbits

Given the requirements the choice of the orbit for IMM and SWM is quite straightforward:

IMM constellation (4 S/C): GTO-like orbit
 SWM: orbit around L1 (Halo or Lissajous)

All the architecture options have therefore been based on SAM

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System Architecture Options-1



System Architecture Options			
Option	1	2	3
IMM	4 SIC in 650x3777 equat	2 SIC in 650x3777 equat	2 SIC in 650x3777 equat
SWM	1 SIC in L1 Halo	Combined with SWM in L1 Halo	2 SIC in GEO (separation in long > 17 deg)
SAM	2 (IMM on GSVL, SWM-SAM on Soyuz)	2 (IMM on GSVL, Combined SWM&SAM on Soyuz)	3 (IMM on GSVL, 1 SWM on Rocket 2 SAM on GSVL or Soyuz or AS)
Number of launches	2	2	3
Total number of SIC	5	5	7
Ground antennas	7 (IMM, 3 SWM&SAM)	7	2
No. of Ground locations	4	4	1
Complexity	Minimum number of launches Cheap architecture	As Option 1	Highest number of launches Launch to GEO expensive Launch of SWM to L1 with Rocket requires a STAR 27 motor
Launch	3 different types of SIC (IMM spin stab, SWM spin stab, SAM 3-axis stab)	Only 2 types of SIC (IMM spin stab, SWM&SAM 3-axis stab)	3 different types of SIC (IMM spin stab, SWM spin stab, SAM 3-axis stab)
S/C	High number of antennas and lines	As Option 1	Simplest Ground architecture
Ground Station	1 different designs but optimized for the payload accommodation	The combined SWM&SAM is more complex	Design of SAM more complex than Opt1 because it works both as data relay and service. Design of SWM more complex because a STAR 37 motor must be accommodated
Complexity	Satisfied with 2 exceptions: 1. Gap of max 30 min for data from IMM. 2. CME seen from the front	Can be satisfied but in addition to the exceptions as in Opt 1 the SWM instruments must be adapted to a 3-axis addition	Satisfied with 1 exception: CME seen from the front
Requirements			
User req. Fulfillment			

System Architecture Options-2



System Architecture Options			
Option	4	5	6
IMM	4 SIC in 650x3777 equat	4 SIC in 650x3777 equat	4 SIC in 650x3777 equat
SWM	4 SIC in L1 Halo	4 SIC in L1 Halo	1 SIC in L1 Halo
SAM	1 SIC in 10-deg trailing orbit	Several high altitude polar balloons	1-2 SIC in SSO
Number of launches	2 (IMM on GSVL, SWM&SAM on Soyuz and later, as needed)	2 (IMM on GSVL, 1 SWM on Rocket) + balloons/launches	3 (IMM on GSVL, 1 SWM on Rocket, 1-2 SAM on Soyuz or AS)
Total number of SIC	8	5 SIC + at least 6 balloons	6 or 7
Ground antennas	8	7 + 2 poles for the balloons	very high
No. of Ground locations	4	4+2	very high
Complexity	As option 1	As option 1 but launches and recoveries of balloons to be added	As option 3 but launch of SAM cheaper
Launch	3 different types of SIC (IMM spin stab, SWM spin stab, SAM 3-axis stab)	Only 2 types of SIC (IMM spin stab, SWM spin stab) + 1 balloon	3 different types of SIC (IMM spin stab, SWM spin stab, SAM 3-axis stab)
S/C	Highest number of antennas	High number of antennas and lines + need for 2 additional stations at the poles	Very High number of antennas and lines
Ground Station	SAM more complex than in opt. 1: TT&C More complex. Propulsion must be carried to perform the transfer to the 10-deg TO A penumbra phase during transfer must be dealt with	Designs of IMM and SWM as in option 1. Long duration balloons in principle simple but a reliable technology is still not available	Comparable to Option1
Complexity	Satisfied with 1 exception: Gap of max 30 min for data from IMM	Satisfied with 1 exception: Gap of max 30 min for data from IMM	Full coverage cannot be guarantee within reasonable cost
Requirements			
User req. Fulfillment			

Trade-Off Results - Conclusion



Option 1 has been selected as baseline architecture and as CDF reference for the design of the S/C because it represents the best compromise among user requirement satisfaction, technical complexity and cost

Data Relay Option is a possible alternative but, before it can be considered a valid competitor of Option 1, the design of SAM must be investigated in more detail

Combined SAM&SWM option should be considered in case cost reduction is required

Trailing Orbit Option should be considered in case emphasis is to be put on CME monitoring

Balloons and SSO Options are not recommended

System



IMM - Requirements

- Constellation of 4 S/C in highly eccentric, 12-hour period, 10-deg orbit
- Lifetime: 5 yrs
- Launch date for pre-op system: 2006
- High Electromagnetic Cleanliness (Cluster-type)
- Spin stabilisation
- Maximum downlink gap acceptable ~30 min but data not immediately sent to Earth shall be stored and sent at the earliest opportunity

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Inner Magnetosphere Monitor payload summary

Instrument name	Mass (kg)	Mass inc 8% mar. (kg)	Power (W)	Telemetry rate (Kbps)	Dim 1 (cm)	Dim 2 (cm)	Dim 3 (cm)
Thermal Plasma Monitor	5	5.4	8	2	20	20	20
Mid-Energy particle Monitor	2	2.16	4	2	15	15	15
High Energy particle Monitor	6.1	6.59	6.25	1.5	20	20	10
Magnetometer	1.2	1.3	2	0.2	20	10	15
Waves instrument	5.8	6.26	4	2	20	10	5
GPS Receiver - Ionosphere Sounder	5	5.4	12	1	6	6	6
	25	27	36.3	8.7			

- S/C requirements summary:

- AOCS: Spinning s/c, spin rate 15 rpm (4s per spin). Spin axis orientation perpendicular to ecliptic acceptable, (though ideally it should be in equatorial plane). Pointing accuracy about 1°
- Demanding EMC requirements for in-situ plasma analysis

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IMM Launcher Selection

- Single launch of the complete constellation much more efficient than launching one by one
- Launch to GTO very costly (only piggyback launches can be considered)
- “Cheap” launchers (e.g. Russian launchers) launch to too high inclination (45 to 63 deg) requiring a very large manoeuvre to get to GTO
- Launch to low inclination LEO (18 deg) possible with PSLV and GSLV
- Only two cost effective solutions:
 - Launch with GSLV (>4000 Kg available)
 - Launch as A5 ASAP (1200 Kg available)

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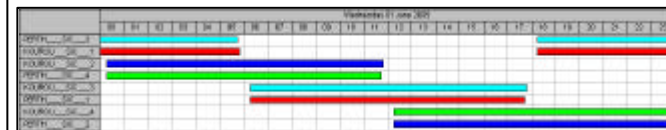
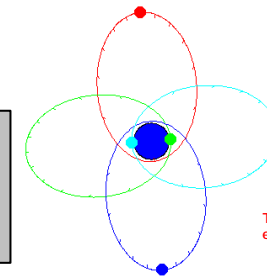
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The IMM 12-h Orbit Design

Coverage:

- + Stations: Kourou and Perth (2x2 dishes)
- + Complete coverage of the orbit above 3000 km altitude
- + Only 30 mn coverage gap around perigee



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Constellation Launch & Deployment

- Launch of stack of 4 satellites on LEO 200 km inclination 18° by GSLV
- Apogee satellite 1 raised to 39717 km by multi-burn of on-board propulsion system
- Apogee of other satellites raised when differential apsidal line rotation reaches 90°, 180° and 270° on day 12, 24 and 35 respectively
- Perigee raised to 650 km and inclination decreased to 10° by a last apogee manoeuvre
- Total ΔV for each satellite: ~ 2.7 km/s

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IMM Options

Mission	1	2
Number of Satellites	4.0	4.0
Orbit type	CE (4x) 12-hour (sync)	CE (4x) 12-hour (sync)
Perigee (km)	650.0	650.0
Apogee (km)	39717.0	39717.0
Inclination (deg)	18.0	7.0
Launch Date	2006	2006
System		
Satellite Type	STORMS type	STIM-adapted
Existing Platforms Identified	<100	<200
Dry Mass class (kg)	Spin-stabilised	Non-stabilised
Stabilisation		
Launcher		
Launcher	GSLV	ASG ASAP Mission
Launch strategy	LEO-orbit prep	STO as piggy-back + orbital injection with GPS receiver, Mission prep
Payload		
Instrument set	remote-sens High energy Ion Spectrom, Thermal Plasma Monitor, Hot Energy particle Monitor, Magnetometer, GPS receiver, Mass instrument	remote-sens High energy Ion Spectrom, Thermal Plasma Monitor, Hot Energy particle Monitor, Magnetometer, GPS receiver, Mass instrument



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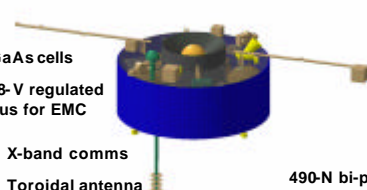
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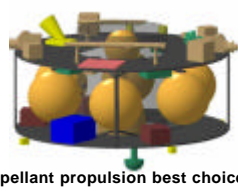
IMM Baseline S/C Configuration

GaAs cells
28-V regulated bus for EMC



X-band comms
Toroidal antenna + 2 LGAs

490-N bi-propellant propulsion best choice



- Configuration largely driven by the accommodation of the propulsion system and by the power demand that size the external surface
- All equipment off-the-shelf
- Local shielding (6 mm Al) implemented for sensitive components

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IMM : mass budget

Target spacecraft Mass at Launch 4900 kg				
Deliver Mass Target by:				
	Wibrald Margin	Margin %	Total kg	% of Total
1. Structure	82.4 kg	16.8	17.4	18.82
2. Thermal Control	13.9 kg	19.8	1.4	95.3
3. Mechanisms	24.0 kg	19.8	2.6	26.4
4. Pyrotechnics	1.0 kg	8.8	0.1	5.8
5. Communications	11.5 kg	8.8	0.8	12.1
6. Data Handling	18.0 kg	19.8	1.6	16.8
7. ADCS	9.1 kg	19.8	0.9	9.8
8. Powerlines	22.0 kg	8.8	1.8	19.8
9. Power	40.0 kg	19.8	4.1	44.8
10. Harness	12.0 kg	29.8	3.5	15.1
11. Payload Allocation	26.1 kg	8.8	2.9	27.1
Total Dry (incl adaptor) - per sat.	317.3 kg		323.7	78.11
System margin (excl adaptor)		17.0	16.1	
Total Dry with Margin (excl adaptor) - per sat.			413.0	41.15
Propellant			59.9	58.85
			0.6	
Adaptor Mass (incl Sep. Mech)			90.8	4.87
Total Launch Mass (single satellite)			1009.7	
Total dry mass of last satellite of the stack (excludes separation mech)			345.5	
Total dry mass of last satellite with margin			493.2	
Propellant of last satellite			877.7	
TOTAL MASS OF LAST SATELLITE			901.9	

Mass margin with GSLV single launch of 4 S/C a bit tight, however little saving in the dry mass would improve dramatically the margin; 3 S/C would be no problem

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IMM Conclusions and Open Points

- An IMM S/C based on a custom spin stabilised design is proposed
- The design fulfils the user requirements apart from a gap in continuous coverage of max 30 min for altitude < 3000 Km

Points requiring future investigation

- Increase of mass margin at launch and GSLV performance
- More detailed radiation analysis needed at component level
- Definition of a spare and replacement policy. Two replacement S/C could be launched by PSLV

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SWM - Mission Requirements

- **Orbital location with continuous and unobstructed flow of the Solar Wind**
- **Near-real time data flow**
- **Lifetime: 5 yrs**
- **Launch date for pre-op system: 2006**
- **High Electromagnetic Cleanliness**
- **Spin stabilisation preferred**

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Solar Wind Monitor payload summary

Instrument name	Mass			Telemetry			Heritage	
	Mass (kg)	mar. (kg)	Power (W)	ryrate (Kbps)	Dim 1 (cm)	Dim 2 (cm)		Dim 3 (cm)
Thermal Plasma Monitor	5.0	5.8	8.0	2.0	20	20	CLUSTER/PEACE, EQUATOR/SODA	
Mid-energy particle Monitor	2.0	2.3	4.0	2.0	15	15	15	
Magnetometer (2 sensors)	1.5	1.7	2.0	0.2	20	10	15	OTS
Coil Radio-Spectrograph	3.7	4.2	5.7	2.5	20	10	5	Breadboard, POLAR
	12.2	14.0	19.7	6.7				

- S/C main requirements summary:
 - AOCS: Spinning s/c, spin rate 15 rpm (4s per spin). Pointing accuracy about 1°
 - Demanding EMC requirements for in-situ plasma analysis

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SWM Launcher Selection

• If Soyuz-Fregat or PSLV is chosen:

- Launch into 200 km parking orbit with upper-stage still attached, Upper-stage ignites and injects S/C into L1 transfer orbit
- Performance to L1: PSLV = 400 Kg, Soyuz-Fregat = 1600 Kg

• If Rocket (+ additional STAR 37 motor) is chosen:

- Launcher puts S/C + STAR37FM solid engine attached into 200 km orbit, STAR37FM ignites and S/C+STAR37FM enter L1 transfer orbit
- Performance to L1: 306 Kg



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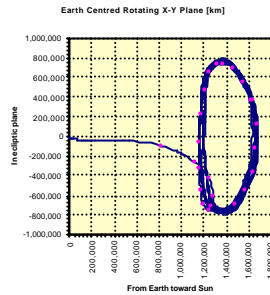
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SWM: Requirements and Mission Design

Requirements: uninterrupted

- ↓ view of the Sun (no eclipses)
- ↓ ground contact

- Requirements met by Halo orbit around libration point L_1 (SOHO orbit)
- Continuous ground contact assured by three stations about 120° apart in longitude
- Direct launch with Soyuz + Fregat of composite SWM + SAM on transfer orbit to L_1
- Separation between SWM and SAM a few hours after injection



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SWM Options

	Current Baseline	Study Option 1
Mission		
Number of Satellites	1.00	1.00
Orbit	L1 Halo	L1 Halo
Launch Date	Jan.06	Jan.06
System		
Satellite Type/Platform	Custom design	Custom design
Dry-mass class	400.00	300.00
Payload		
Instrument Set	magnetometer, thermal plasma mon., mid-energy particle monitor, low-frequency radio-spectrometer	magnetometer, thermal plasma mon., mid-energy particle monitor, low-frequency radio-spectrometer
Launcher		
Launcher	Shared Soyuz (or PSLV)	Rocket-STAR37
Launch Strategy	direct injection	direct injection
Propulsion		
Type of Propulsion	no propulsion	no propulsion

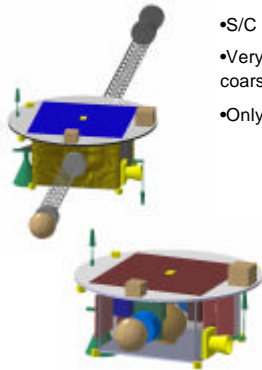
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SWM baseline Configuration



- S/C of the Minisat class (~200 Kg)
- Very simple attitude (spinning with solar array coarsely Sun pointing)
- Only propulsion for AOCS required
- Very simple power and thermal design (no eclipse)
- Structural configuration inspired to commercial platforms
- Avionics architecture: PROBA heritage
- 3 instruments out of 4 identical to IMM (cost saving)

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SWM : mass budget

	Without Margin	Margin %	Margin kg	Total kg
1. Structure	58.7 kg	20.9	11.7	70.4
2. Thermal Control	7.5 kg	10.9	0.1	8.2
3. Mechanisms	9.9 kg	10.9	1.0	10.9
4. Pyrotechnics	0.0 kg	0.0	0.0	0.0
5. Communications	22.9 kg	10.9	2.4	25.3
6. Data Handling	9.5 kg	5.9	0.5	10.0
7. ADCS	9.0 kg	10.9	0.9	9.9
8. Propulsion	4.6 kg	5.9	0.2	4.8
9. Power	16.3 kg	10.9	1.6	18.0
10. Harness	5.0 kg	0.9	0.0	5.0
11. Payload Allocation	12.2 kg	16.9	1.8	14.0
Total Dry (excl. adapter)	166.89 kg			177.9
System Margin (excl. adapter)		20.0		20.0
Total Dry with Margin (excl. adapter)				197.9
		Propellant:	Total propellant:	6.7
			Adapter Mass (incl. Sep. Mech.)	0.0
Total Launch Mass				210.6

Very large mass margin either in a double launch on Soyuz-Fregat (together with SAM) or with PSLV

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SWM Conclusions and Open Points

- Very simple and reliable design
- Low mass leads to inefficient launch in terms of cost (dual launch with SAM by Soyuz Fregat still leaves some 800 Kg margin)
- Baseline design is compatible with a single launch using PSLV or dual-launch with SAM using Soyuz-Fregat
- Rockot Option feasible with some design changes but SAM launcher selection problematic
- Present SWM design could probably be made also compatible with the option of SAM in GEO as a relay satellite (needs further investigation)



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SAM - Requirements

- S/C Sun pointing with accuracy of 7 arcsec (3-axis stabilisation)
- Location with unobstructed view to Sun
- Possibly pointing direction at an angle with the Sun-Earth direction
- Near real-time data downlink
- Lifetime: 5 yrs
- Launch date for pre-op system: 2006

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SAM Design options

SAM options are discussed and traded at system architecture level (see above). Hereafter only consideration at S/C design level are reported and discussed

The design baseline selected is:

Mission	
Number of Satellites	1
Orbit	L1
Launch Date	2006
System	
Satellite Type/Platform	Custom
Dry-mass class	1000
Stabilisation	3-axis
Payload	
Instrument Set	nominal
Launcher	
Launcher	Soyuz-Fregat dual
Launch Strategy	Direct
Propulsion	
Type of Propulsion	No main prop.

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Solar Activity Monitor payload summary

Instrument name	Mass (kg)	Power (W)	Telemetry rate (Kbps)	Dim 1 (cm)	Dim 2 (cm)	Dim 3 (cm)	Heritage
White Light Coronagraph	23	20	21	130	30	15	Mod from SOHO - LASCO, STEREO - SECCHI
EUV Imager	15	18	10.5	100	20	20	Mod from SOHO - EIT, TRACE, Solar Orbiter EXI
X-Ray Photometer	16	16	0.1	26	14	11	XRS-GOES
Cosmic Ray Monitor	6	4	2	20	20	20	Proposed Stereo, Solar Orbiter
	60	58	33.6				

- S/C main requirements summary:
 - AOCS: 7 arc seconds pointing accuracy, 5 arc seconds during 15 min pointing stability.
 - Baseline T operating 0/+20°C, Non-operating -30/+60 °C; CCD detectors need passive cooling at -80 °C during operation

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SAM Launcher Selection

- Soyuz Fregat Dual launch with SWM selected as the most efficient launch strategy
- Dnepr Varyag possible back-up (if launch is earlier than 2008) but availability and performance of this launcher need confirmation
- Single launch with PSLV or Rockot impossible due to the low mass performance to L1 (400 or 300 Kg)
- No medium-size launcher available compatible with the mass of SAM+SWM

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SAM Requirements and Mission Design

- Requirements similar to SWM
- Same orbit as SWM
- Launch together with SWM
- Performance of launcher (1600 kg) more than sufficient for dual launch
- Dish for SAM ground coverage in same location as for SWM

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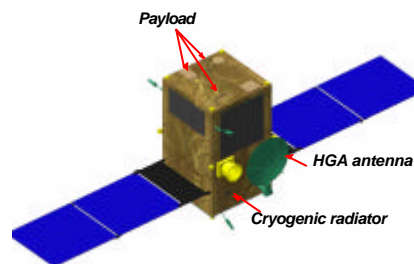
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SAM Baseline Configuration

- Box-like SOHO-type design
- Configuration driven by the size of the PL and the need of interfacing with SWM during launch
- All equipment off-the-shelf
- Simple sun pointing operational mode
- Only propulsion for AOCs required (monopropellant system)



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SAM baseline: Mass budget

Target Spacecraft Mass at Launch			
1000			
Below Mass Target by:			
	Without Margin	Margin	Totals
	kg	%	kg
1. Structure	90.5 kg	20.0	18.1
2. Thermal Control	12.1 kg	10.0	1.2
3. Mechanisms	20.8 kg	10.0	2.1
4. Pyrotechnics	2.0 kg	5.0	0.1
5. Communications	35.0 kg	10.0	3.5
6. Data Handling	10.0 kg	10.0	1.0
7. ADCS	28.8 kg	10.0	2.9
8. Propulsion	16.2 kg	10.0	1.6
9. Power	35.1 kg	10.0	3.5
10. Harness	8.9 kg	10.0	0.9
11. Payload Allocation	80.0 kg	0.0	0.0
Total Dry (excl. adapter)	320.13 kg		35.1
System Margin (excl. adapter)		20.0	2.0
Total Dry with Margin (excl. adapter)			425.1
Propellant:			Total propellant:
			99.2
			0.0
			Adapter Mass
			(incl. Serv. Mech.)
			99.0
Total Launch Mass			635.3

Very large mass margin using Soyuz-Fregat dual launch with SWM. Additional payload could be carried

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SAM Conclusions and Open Points



- A large number of options are possible for the SAM design. The L1 option has been estimated as the most straightforward to implement
- The user requirements have been fulfilled although the choice is not optimal as far as CME is concerned
- The design is compatible with dual launch together with SWM which allows for a very large mass margin (additional payload may be carried)
- Two options (Data Relay and 10-deg Trailing Orbit) require further investigation before considering them as potential alternatives

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Conclusions



- A reference Space Segment architecture has been selected and analysed into detail**
- Several options which could either increase the cost effectiveness or the user requirement satisfaction have been proposed and partially analysed**
- The proposed set of missions is simple and technically feasible with ample margins. No specific new technology development is needed (apart from some instruments)**
- The total cost (including instruments and operations) exceeds the target of 300 ME. However, several countermeasures are proposed to reduce the cost subject to further investigation**
- From the programmatic point of view the first feasible date for the deployment of the pre-operational system appears to be 2007**

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