Thermal Radiation Effects on Deep-Space Satellites Part 1

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Summary of Objectives

- We Study Thermal Radiation Effects on <u>Deep-Space</u>
 Trajectories during Cruise & Mission Operations Phases:
 - Modeling Accelerations due to Solar & Thermal Radiation
 - Comparing Predicted Effects with In-Orbit Observations
- Our Models are Based on Detailed Knowledge of Satellite's
 Thermal-Optical, Geometrical, Attitude & Orbit Properties
- ✓ We Make Careful Distinctions between Effects Induced by:
 - Solar Radiation Pressure (SRP)
 - Thermal Radiation Pressure (TRP)
- We Aim at Constructing Thermal Acceleration Models that Improve Trajectory Predictions from SRP-only Models
- We Studied ESA's <u>Rosetta</u>, <u>Mars & Venus Express</u>, <u>Bepi</u>
 <u>Colombo</u>, NASA's <u>Messenger</u>, & JAXA's <u>IKAROS</u> (Solar Sail)

Observed in-Orbit Anomalies

ESA / ESOC has Observed Significant Anomalous Accelerations during *Deep-Space Cruise Phases*:

- Rosetta: between 5 10 % higher
- Mars Express & Venus Express: between 10 30 % higher
 - These Anomalies were 'Mis-Modeled' by Introducing Scale Factors for the Baseline SRP Model

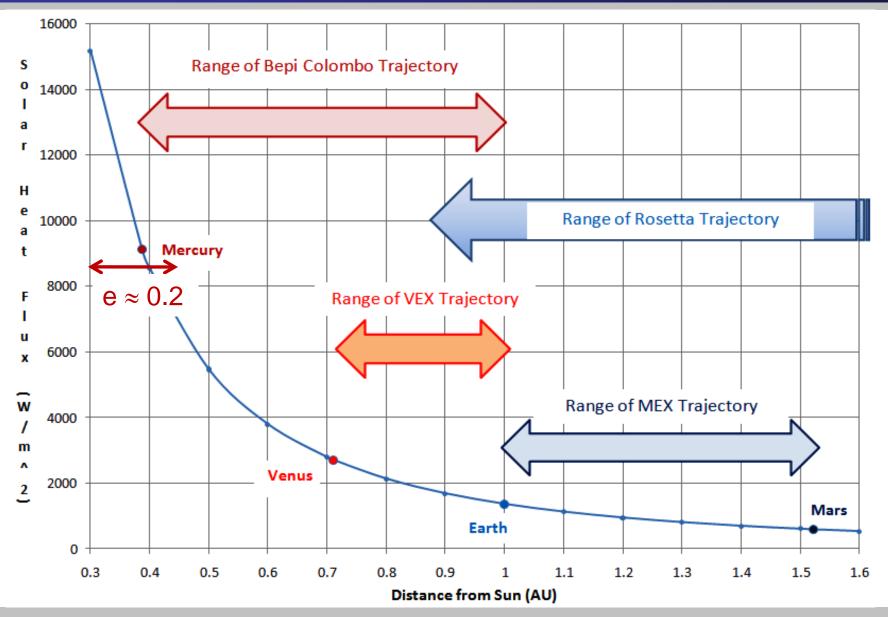


Rosetta: 0.9 – 5.4 AU

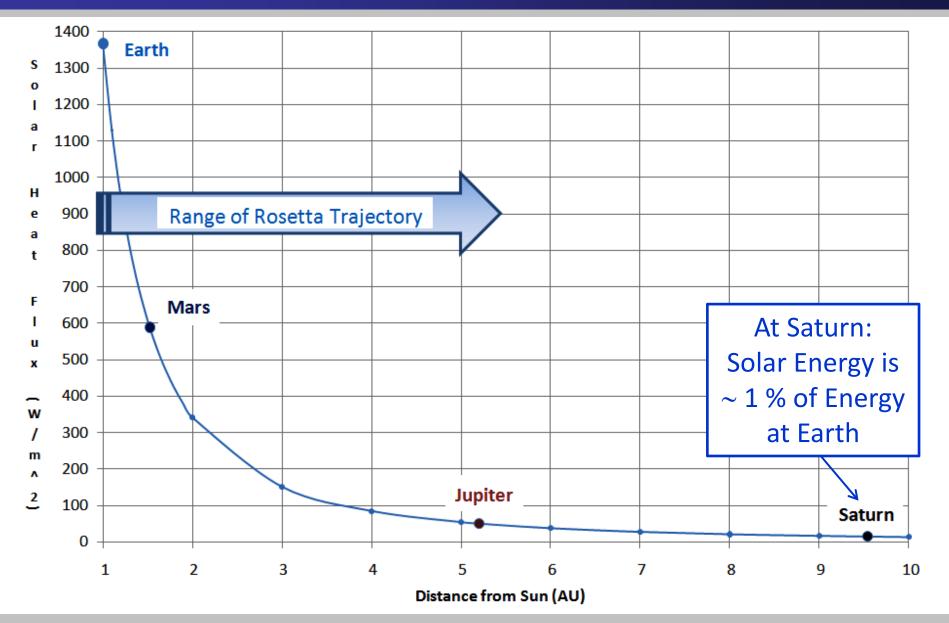
MEX: 1.0 – 1.5 AU

VEX: 0.7 - 1.0 AU

Variation of Solar Radiation Energy - 1



Variation of Solar Radiation Energy - 2



Accelerations Induced by Solar Radiation Pressure (SRP)

✓ Solar Flux: Energy ΔE Incident on Area *A* over Time Δt :

$$q_{Sun} = \frac{\Delta E}{A \Delta t} \approx 1366 \, [W/m^2] \text{ (at 1 AU)}$$

✓ Recoil Impulse Δp of Energy Incident on Area A (⊥ Radiation) :

$$\Delta p = \frac{\Delta E}{c} = \frac{q_{Sun}}{c} A \Delta t \quad [\text{kg m / s}]$$

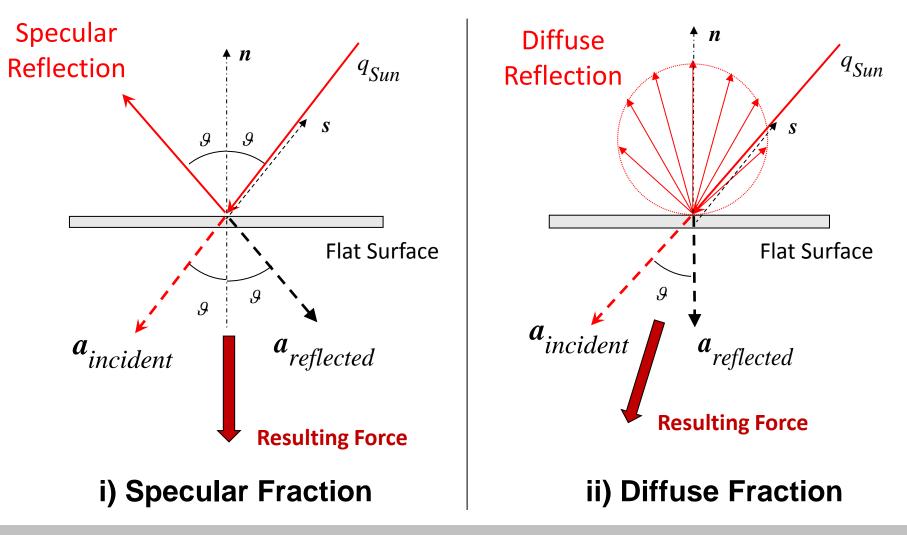
$$c: \text{ Velocity of light}$$

✓ SRP Acceleration Coefficient C_{SRP} is Defined by :

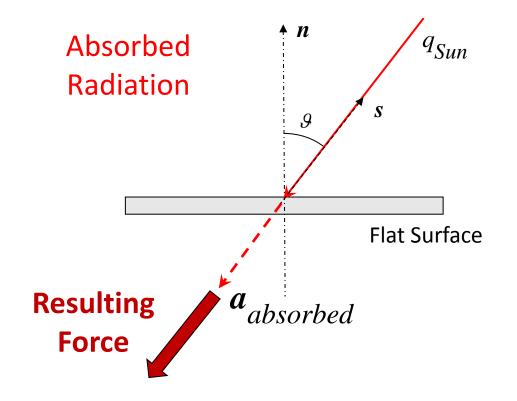
$$C_{SRP} = \frac{1}{m} \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t} = \frac{q_{Sun}}{c} \frac{A}{m} [m/s^2]$$

m: Satellite mass

SRP Accelerations Depend on **Surface Properties**



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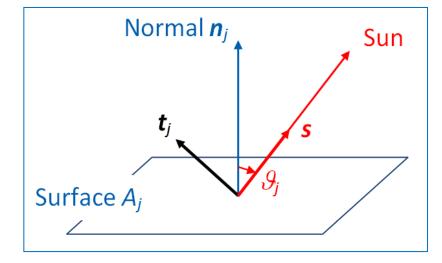
iii) Absorbed Fraction

SRP Acceleration Induced by Spacecraft Surface A_j :

$$\boldsymbol{a}_{SRP,j} = \boldsymbol{C}_{SRP,j} \left\{ f_j \, \boldsymbol{s} + \boldsymbol{g}_j \, \boldsymbol{n}_j \right\}$$

with:

$$\binom{f}{g}_{j} = \cos \theta_{j} \binom{1 - \rho_{s}}{2\rho_{d} / 3 + 2\rho_{s} \cos \theta}_{j}$$



and:

$$C_{SRP,j} = \frac{1}{d^2} \frac{S_o^{<} A_j}{c} = c_{SRP} A_j \quad with: \quad c_{SRP} = \frac{1}{d^2} \frac{S_o}{mc}$$

$$d: \text{ Solar Distance (AU)} \quad c: \text{ Velocity of Light}$$

Total Acceleration Induced by SRP on Satellite with *n* Surfaces *A_i*

$$\mathbf{a}_{SRP,j}^{\sqcup} = \mathbf{a}_{absorbed,j}^{\sqcup} + \mathbf{a}_{specular,j}^{\sqcup} + \mathbf{a}_{diffuse,j}^{\sqcup}$$

$$\boldsymbol{a}_{SRP} = -c_{SRP} \sum_{j=1}^{n} A_{j} \cos \theta_{j} \left\{ \left(1 - \rho_{s,j}\right) \boldsymbol{s} + 2\left(\rho_{d} / 3 + \rho_{s} \cos \theta\right)_{j} \boldsymbol{n}_{j} \right\}$$

$$\boldsymbol{a}_{SRP} = -c_{SRP} \sum_{j=1}^{n} A_j \left\{ f_j \, \boldsymbol{s} + g_j \, \boldsymbol{n}_j \right\} \quad [m / s^2]$$

Accelerations due to Thermal Heat Flux - 1

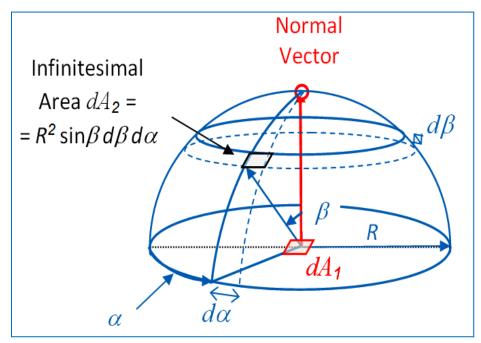
Heat Flux from 'Isotropic' Surface at Temperature T

Stefan - Boltzmann Law:

$$q_{Ther} = \varepsilon \sigma T^4 [W/m^2]$$

 q_{Ther} : Emitted Heat Flux

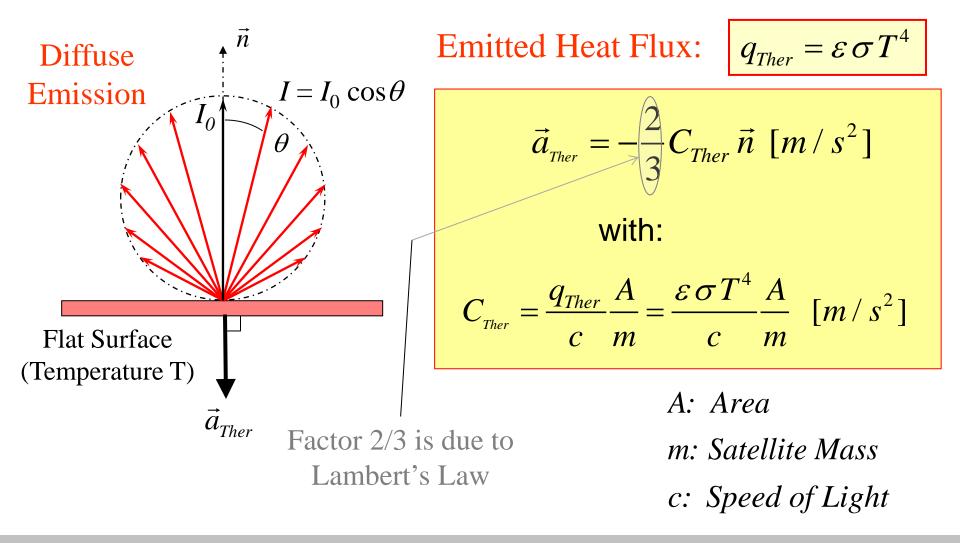
- ε: Emissivity of Surface
- σ : Stefan-Bolzmann Constant, 5.67×10⁻⁸ [W/(m² K⁴)]
- T: Temperature of Surface



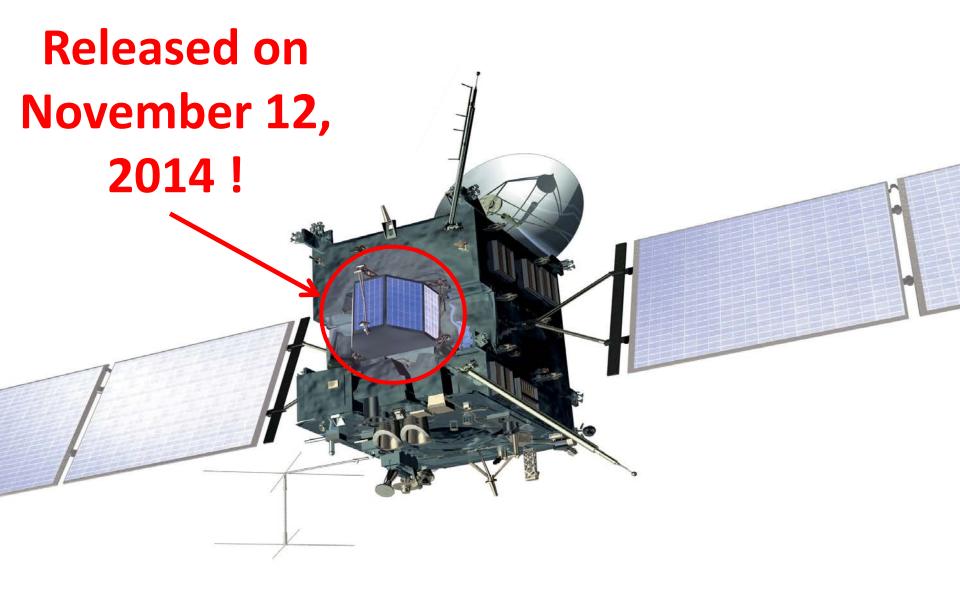
 $\frac{\text{Thermal Flux from 'Isotropic'}}{\text{Surface } dA_1 \text{ through Hemisphere}}$

Accelerations due to Thermal Heat Flux - 2

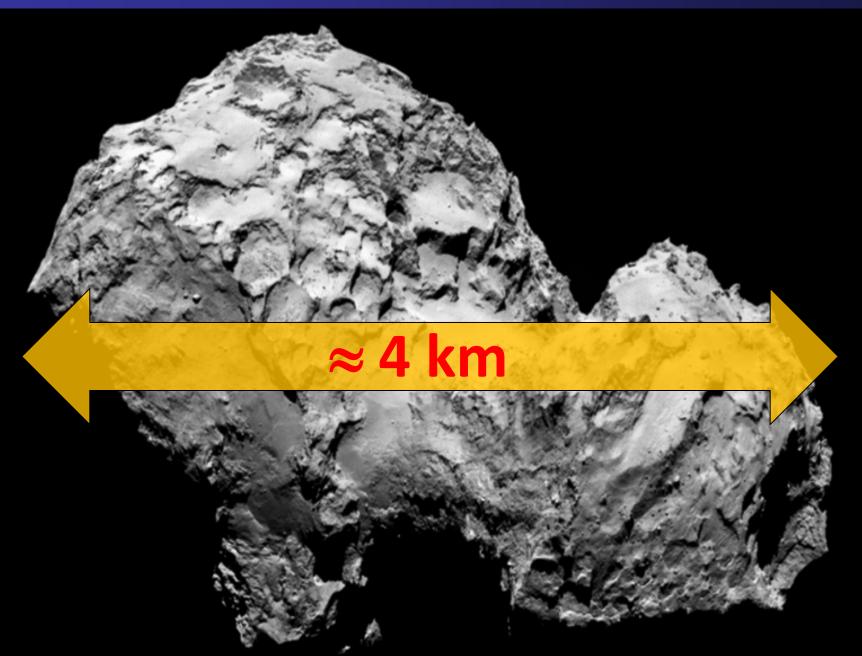
Recoil Acceleration due to Thermal Radiation



Rosetta and its Landing Craft Philae



ROSETTA NEEDS VERY PRECISE NAVIGATION !

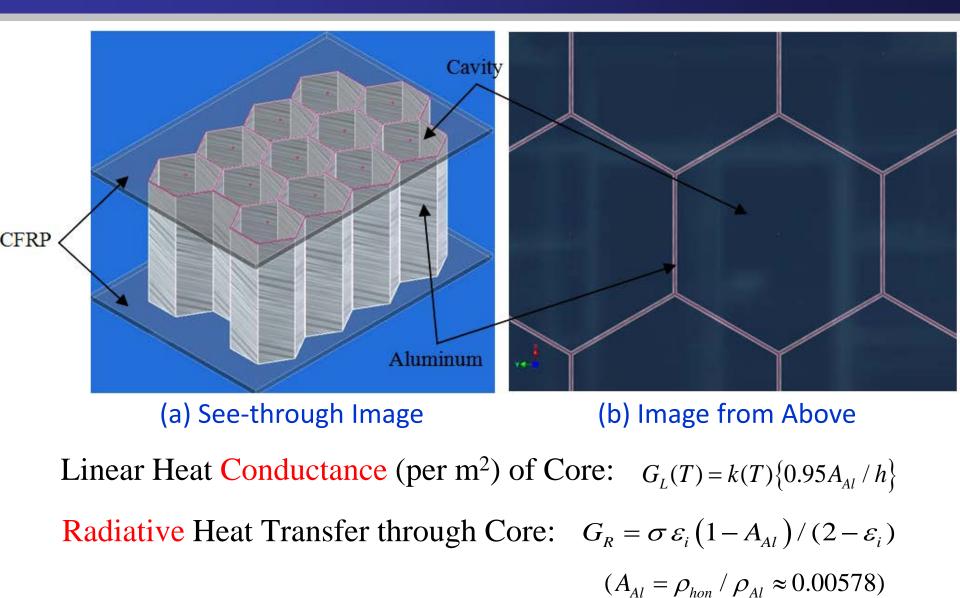


Rosetta Geometry & Reference Frame

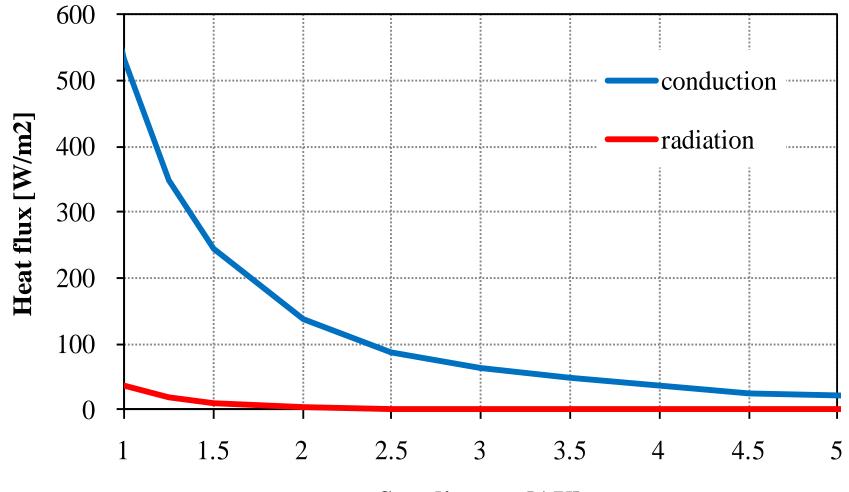


Sun Vector is Always Kept within +X, +Z Quadrant of X, Z Plane
 Solar Arrays are Mounted on ±Y Axes and are Kept pointing to Sun
 The -X, -Z Sides are Kept Shadowed; ±Y Sides 'Barely' see the Sun

Aluminum - Honeycomb Structure of Arrays



Conducted & Radiated Heat Transfer thru Arrays



Sun distance [AU]

Conducted Heat through Core of Arrays Dominates **Radiated** Heat!

Thermal-Optical Parameters - Rosetta Arrays

Parameter	Notation	Surface Type	Value		
Front Surface (Solar Cells)					
Cell conversion efficiency	η_{cell}	-	0 (up to ~ 0.15)		
Absorptivity of cells (for $\eta_{cell} = 0$)	α_{cell}	specular (glass)	0.84		
Absorptivity of gaps between cells	$lpha_{gap}$	diffuse	0.9		
Emissivity of cells (IR, hemisphere)	$oldsymbol{arepsilon}_{cell}$	diffuse	0.78 (normal: 0.825)		
Emissivity of gaps between cells	$arepsilon_{gap}$	diffuse	0.85		
Cell packing factor	$f_{ ho}$	-	0.958		
Core of Solar Array (Aluminum-Honeycomb)					
Thickness [mm]	h	-	22		
Honeycomb core density [kg/m ³]	ρ_h	isolating	16		
Aluminum (Al) density [kg/m³]	$ ho_{AI}$		2770		
Aluminum (Al) conductivity [W/mK]	k(T)	<pre>} conducting</pre>	109 + 0.245 (<i>T</i> -273.15)		
Emissivity of inner surfaces of arrays	$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i$	diffuse (<i>T</i>)	0.6		
Rear Surface (CFRP)					
Emissivity of rear surfaces	$\varepsilon_r(T)$	CFRP	0.312 + 0.003288 <i>T</i> - 0.00000533 <i>T</i> ²		

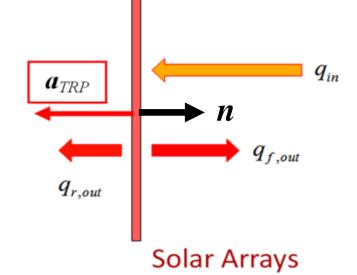
TRP Accelerations on Rosetta Solar Arrays

✓ Heat Balance Condition in $[W/m^2]$:

$$q_{in} = q_{f,out} + q_{r,out} \implies$$

$$\alpha_f \frac{S_{\Box}}{d^2} \cos \vartheta = \sigma \left\{ \varepsilon_f T_f^4 + \varepsilon_r T_r^4 \right\}$$

✓ TRP-Induced Acceleration in $[m/s^2]$:



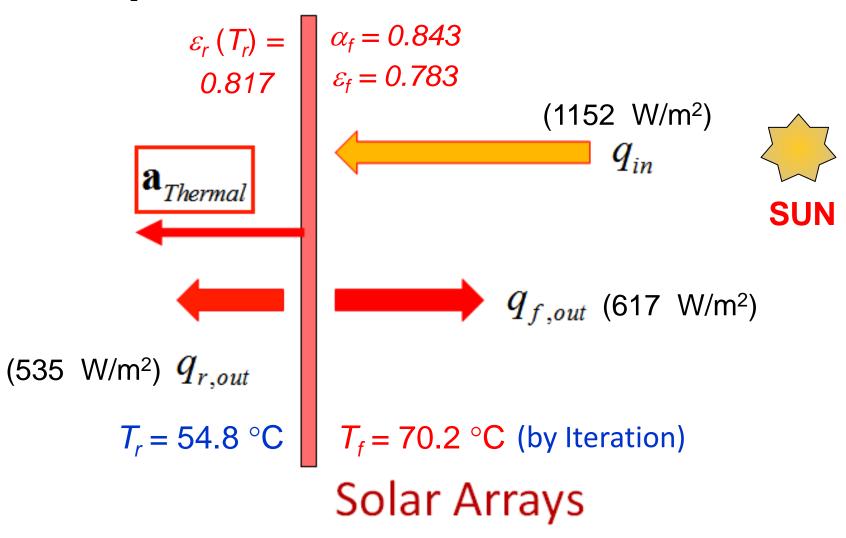
$$\boldsymbol{a}_{TRP,SA} = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{A_{SA}}{mc} (q_{f,out} - q_{r,out}) \boldsymbol{n} = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{A_{SA}}{m} \frac{\sigma}{c} (\varepsilon_f T_f^4 - \varepsilon_r T_r^4) \boldsymbol{n}$$

or:

$$\boldsymbol{a}_{TRP,SA} = -\frac{2}{3} c_{SRP} \left(\kappa \alpha_f A \cos \vartheta \right)_{SA} \boldsymbol{n} \quad \text{with:} \quad \kappa = \left(\frac{\varepsilon_f T_f^4 - \varepsilon_r T_r^4}{\varepsilon_f T_f^4 + \varepsilon_r T_r^4} \right)$$

Results for Rosetta's Solar Arrays

Steady - State Values at 1 AU from Sun



Thermal Properties (MLI Surface Steady - State)

Rosetta Thermal Heat Balance Calculation

✓ Heat Flux Emitted by a Satellite MLI Surface at Temperature *T*:

$$q_{out} = \varepsilon \, \sigma T^2$$

with:

 ε is the emissivity of the satellite surface.

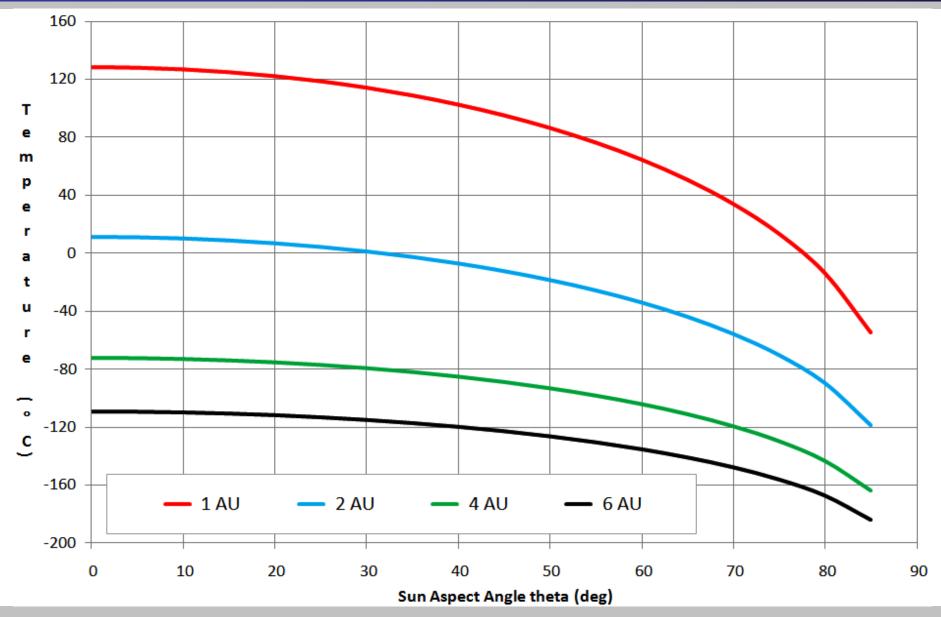
T is the temperature [K]

- ✓ It is Realistic to Assume that MLI is <u>Close-to-Perfect Insulator</u>
- ✓ Satellite Surface **Temperatures** Follow from **Heat Balance**:

$$q_{out} \approx q_{in} \quad \Rightarrow \quad T \approx \left\{ \left(\frac{\alpha}{\varepsilon \sigma} \right) \frac{q_{Sun}}{d^2} \cos \theta \right\}^{1/4}$$

✓ The Model Looses Validity for $\theta \to 90^\circ$

MLI Temperature versus Sun Incidence Angle



Energy Balance for Body Surfaces - 1

- ✓ Now We Present a Model for Heat Exchanges through the MLI Blankets (from Warm Satellite Interior to Cold Space)
- ✓ Rosetta MLI's "Effective Conductance Coefficient" is Known:

$$c_{MLI} = \frac{q_{MLI}}{T_i - T_o} \approx 0.026 \quad [W/m^2/^{\circ}K]$$

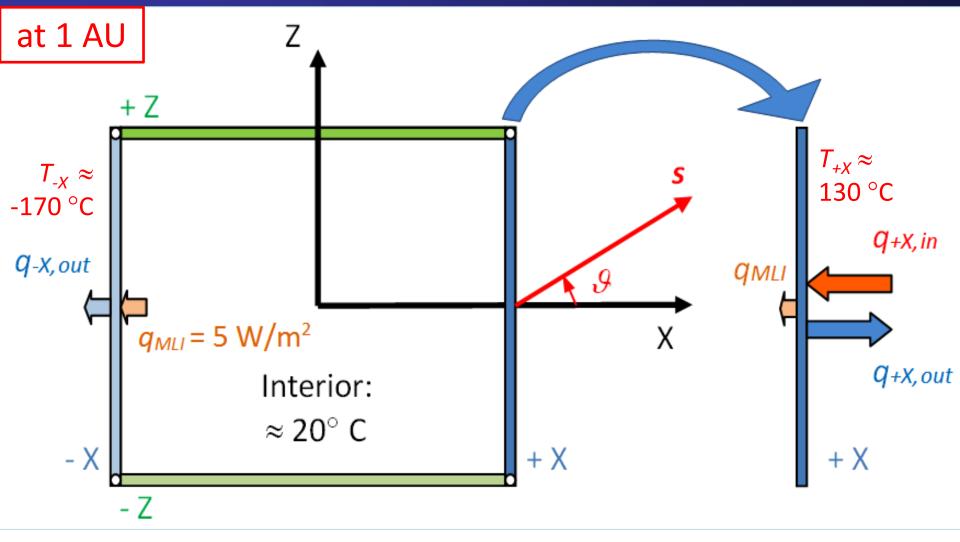
✓ Heat Balance Conditions in $[W/m^2]$ for +X and -X Surfaces:

$$q_{+X,in} = \alpha_{MLI} \frac{S}{d^2} \cos \theta$$
$$q_{+X,out} = \sigma \varepsilon_{MLI} T_{+X}^4 \approx q_{+X,in}$$

$$q_{-X,out} = \sigma \varepsilon_{MLI} T_{-X}^4 \approx 5$$

 \Rightarrow Temperatures T_{+X} and T_{-X}

Energy Balance for Body Surfaces - 2



Energy Balance for Satellite Body is VERY Different from SA's !

TRP Accelerations on Body Surfaces

 \checkmark Accelerations for Body Surfaces in 2 Directions X and Z :

$$\boldsymbol{a}_{TRP,X} = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{A_X}{mc} (q_{+X,out} - q_{-X,out}) \boldsymbol{n}_X =$$

$$=-\frac{2}{3}\frac{A_{X}}{mc}\sigma \varepsilon_{MLI}\left(T_{+X}^{4}-T_{-X}^{4}\right)\boldsymbol{n}_{X}$$

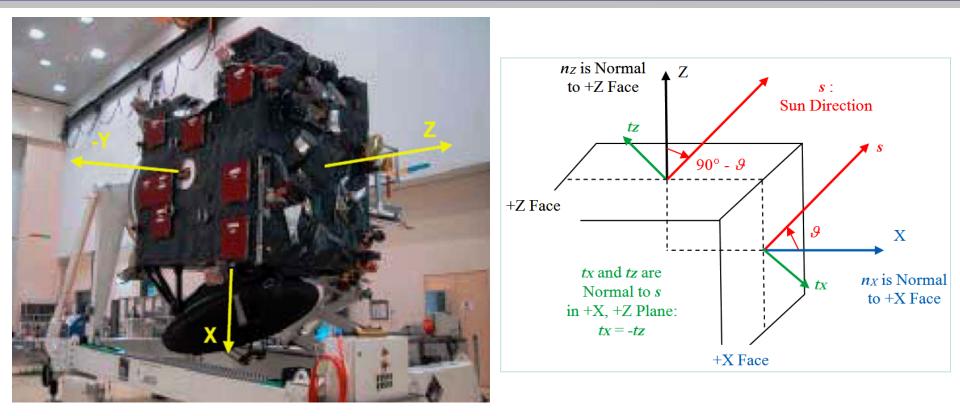
$$\Rightarrow \boldsymbol{a}_{TRP,X} = -\frac{2}{3} c_{SRP} \left(\kappa \, \alpha_{MLI} A \right)_X \cos \vartheta \, \boldsymbol{n}_X$$

with:

$$\kappa_{X} = 1 - \left(\frac{T_{-X}}{T_{+X}}\right)^{4}$$

For Rosetta: $T_{-X} \approx 100 \text{ °K}$; $T_{+X} \approx 200 \text{ to } 500 \text{ °K} \implies \kappa \ge 0.96$

TRP Accelerations on Satellite Body



✓ TRP Acceleration on Satellite Body (for Sun in X,Z Plane):

$$\boldsymbol{a}_{TRP} = -\frac{2}{3}c_{SRP}\left\{\left(\kappa\alpha A\right)_{X}\cos\vartheta\boldsymbol{n}_{X} + \left(\kappa\alpha A\right)_{Z}\sin\vartheta\boldsymbol{n}_{Z}\right\}\right\}$$

Summary of Thermal Accelerations on Satellite (1 AU)

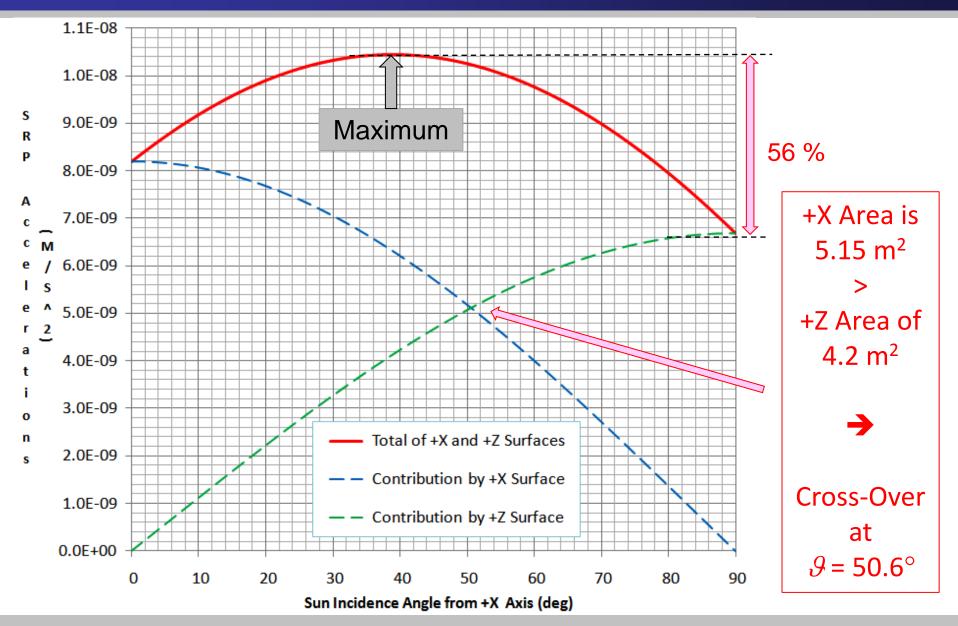
Parameters	Front	Rear	Difference		
Solar Arrays					
Emissivities	0.783	0.817	-	_	
Temperatures (°C)	70.2	54.8	15.4		
Acceleration (m/s ²)	-2.93×10^{-8}	2.54×10^{-8}	-3.89 × 10 ⁻⁹		
Body Surfaces (MLI)					
Emissivities	0.86	0.86	-	_	
Temperatures (°C)	128.7	-172.5	301.2		
Acceleration +/- X Faces (m/s ²)	-4.85×10^{-9}	1.95×10^{-11}	-4.83× 10 ⁻⁹		
Acceleration +/- Z Faces (m/s ²)	-3.96 × 10 ⁻⁹	1.59 × 10 ⁻¹¹	-3.94 × 10 ⁻⁹		
Average Acceleration (m/s ²)	-4.41 × 10 ⁻⁹	1.77×10^{-11}	-4.39 × 10 ⁻⁹		

Note:

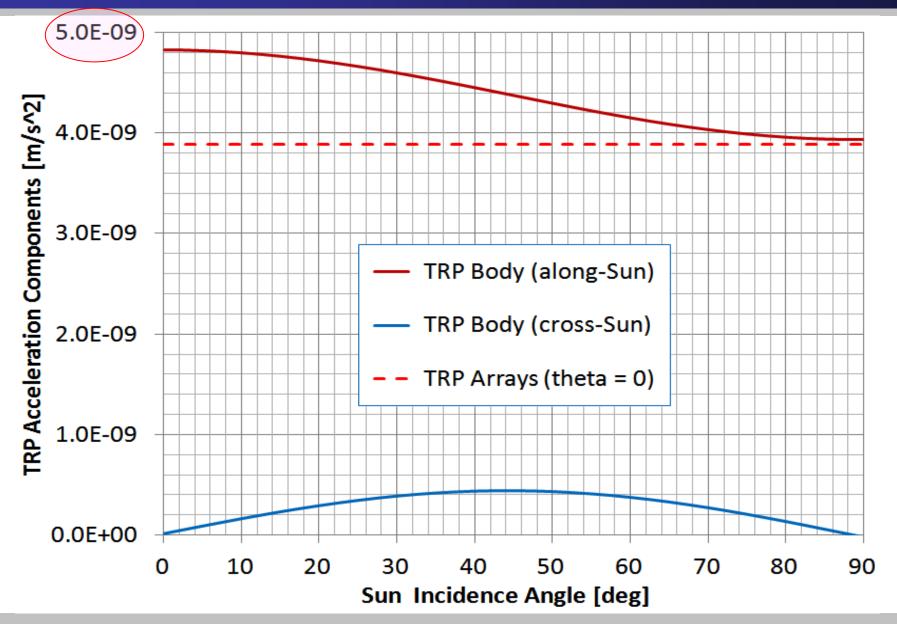
1. Thermal Acceleration Due to Body > that due to Solar Arrays !

2. Total Thermal Radiation is ~ $8.3 \times 10^{-9} \approx 7$ % of Total SRP Effect

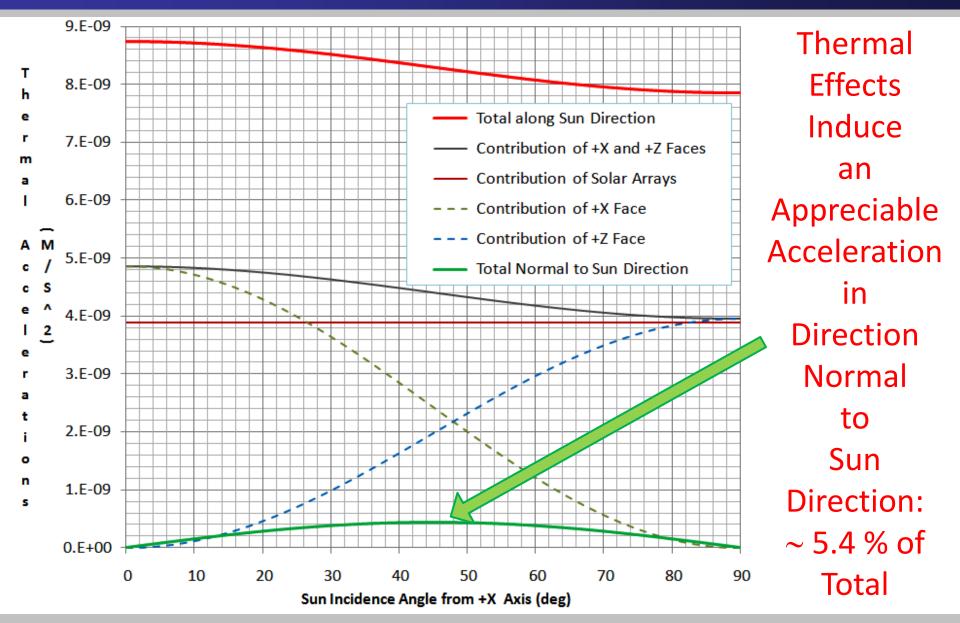
SRP Accelerations from +X and +Z Body Faces



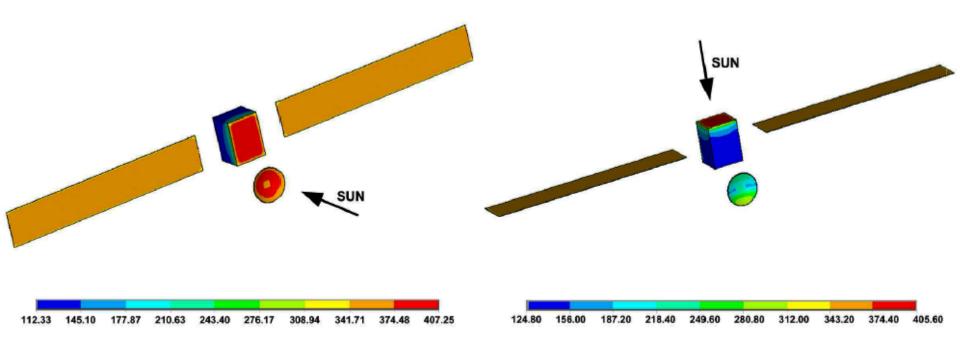
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Summary of Thermal Accelerations Results (1 AU)



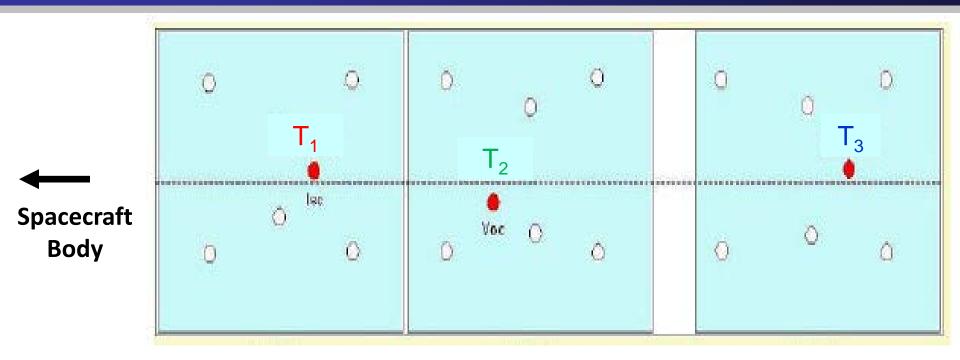
Numerical Results from Finite Element Method



Equilibrium Surface Temperatures of Rosetta's External Surfaces for $\vartheta = 0$ (left) and $\vartheta = 90^{\circ}$ (right)

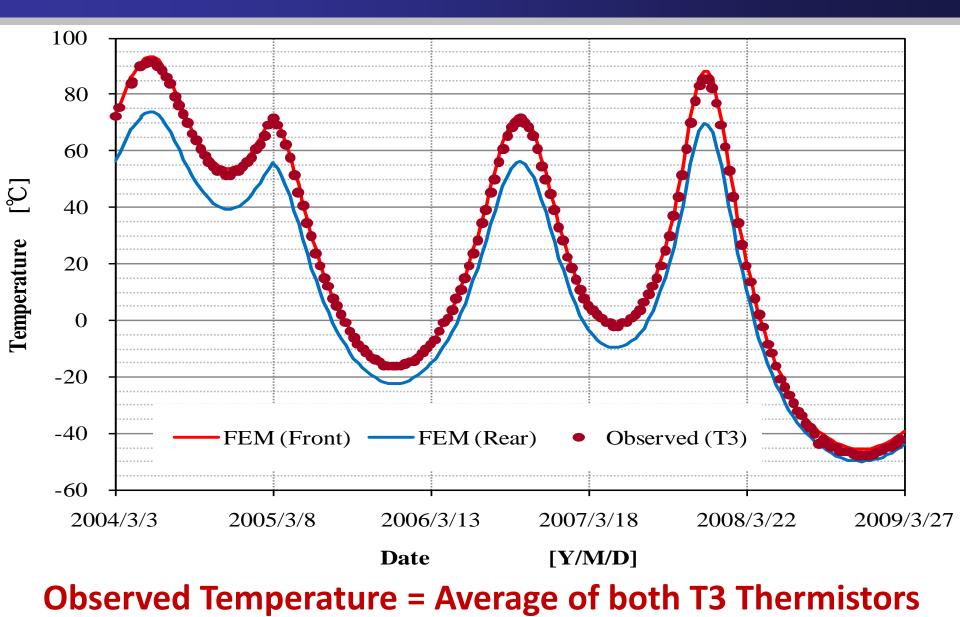
Analytical & Numerical Approaches are Compatible!

Locations of Thermistors on Rosetta Solar Arrays



 ✓ Rosetta has 3 Thermistors on Each of its Solar Arrays
 ✓ They Measure Temperatures on Rear of Solar Cells Attached to the Front Surface Panel of the Solar Arrays
 ✓ The 3 Solar Cells, to which the Thermistors are Attached, are Different in Power Generation Properties

Temperature Comparisons for Rosetta (5 Years)



Comparison of Predicted & Measured Temperatures

Mission Phase	Absolute Temperature Differences [°C]		
rnase	Average	Maximum	
Cruise 1	1.4	2.2	
Cruise 2	0.7	2.5	
Cruise 3	0.5	1.7	
Cruise 4-1	0.8	1.8	

This Looks Preddy Goodddd ...

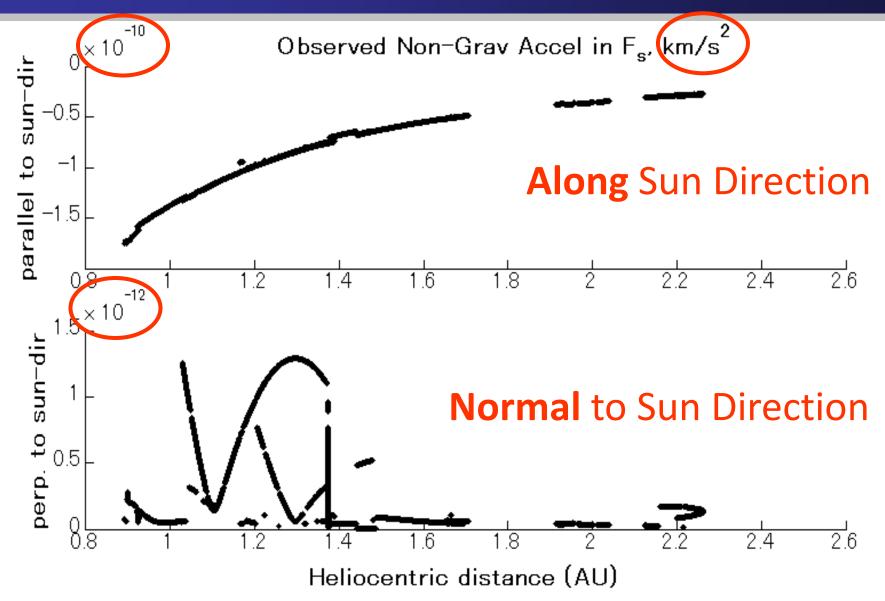
Summary of Analysis Concept

- 1. Extract Orbit and Attitude ASCII files from ESOC TASC Website
- 2. Collect Maneuver History, SRP Predictions, Solar Array Pointing Data
- Identify Suitable Cruise Phase Intervals for Analysis (Timestep 300 s)
 Convert Files to Binary and Interpolate Data (Using Fortran Routines)
- 5. Select Sub-intervals for Numerical Differentiation of Velocity Data
- 6. This Produces Approximate Inertial Accelerations of Satellite in SSB
- 7. Calculate Positions of Planets by Matlab Scripts and JPL SPICE Toolkit
- 8. Subtract Gravitational Accelerations from Approximate Results in # 6
- 9. This Establishes Non-Gravitational Accelerations of Satellite in SSB
- 10. **Subtract** ESOC's Predicted **SRP Accelerations** from the Results in # 9
- 11. Remaining Accelerations are Largely Caused by Thermal Radiation
- 12. This Hypothesis is **Checked** by Means of Analytical Thermal Models
- 13. Results Confirm that Thermal Radiation Essentially Fill the Gap!

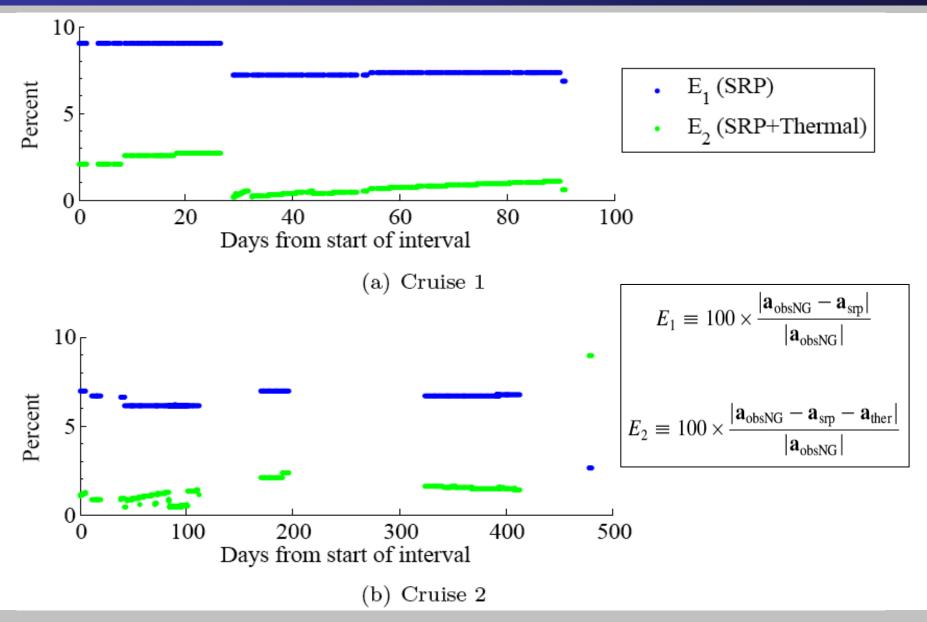
Gravitational Sources & Parameters Considered

Body or System	Gravitational Parameter (km ³ /s ²)		
Sun	132712440040.944000		
Mercury	22032.080		
Venus	324858.599		
Earth	398600.436233		
Moon	4902.800076		
Mars Barycenter	42828.314		
Jupiter Barycenter	126712767.863		
Saturn Barycenter	37940626.063		
Uranus Barycenter	5794559.128		
Neptune Barycenter	6836534.064		
Pluto Barycenter	983.055		

Non - Gravitational Acceleration Components

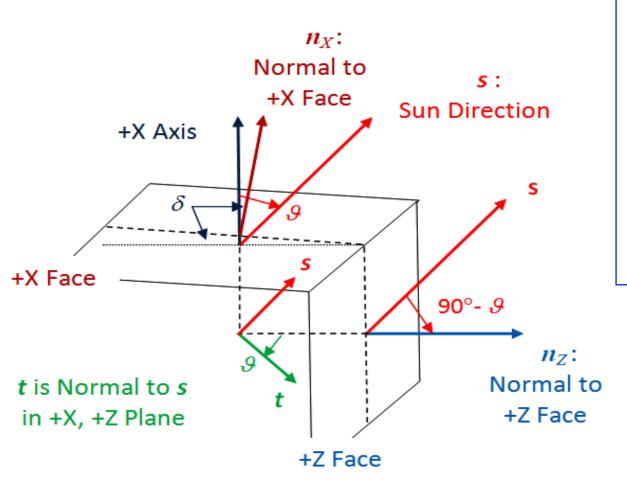


Errors in Rosetta Non-Gravitational Force Models





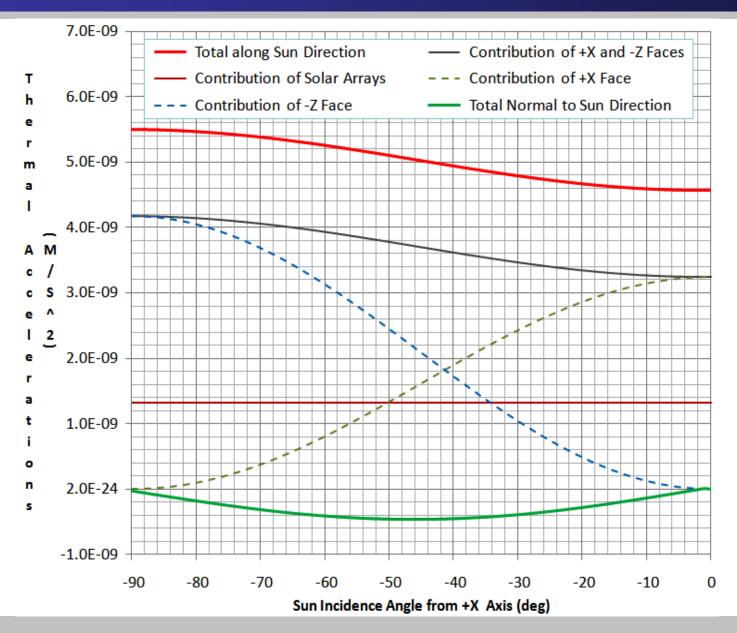
MARS EXPRESS Spacecraft Model



Specific Issues:

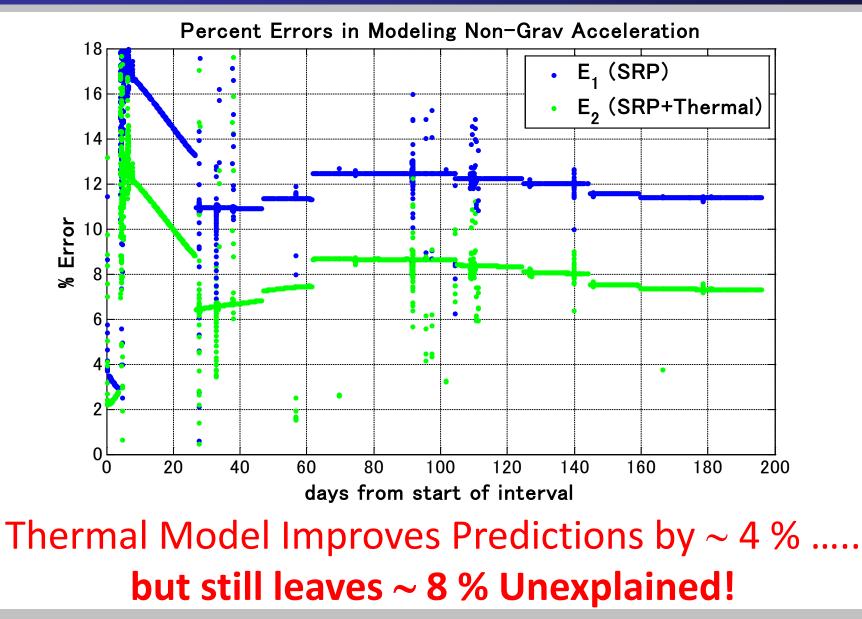
- Inclination Angle of about 5° between Spacecraft X, Z Sides
- 2) Sun is Always Kept within +X, -Z Quadrant

Thermal Accelerations for Varying Sun Angle



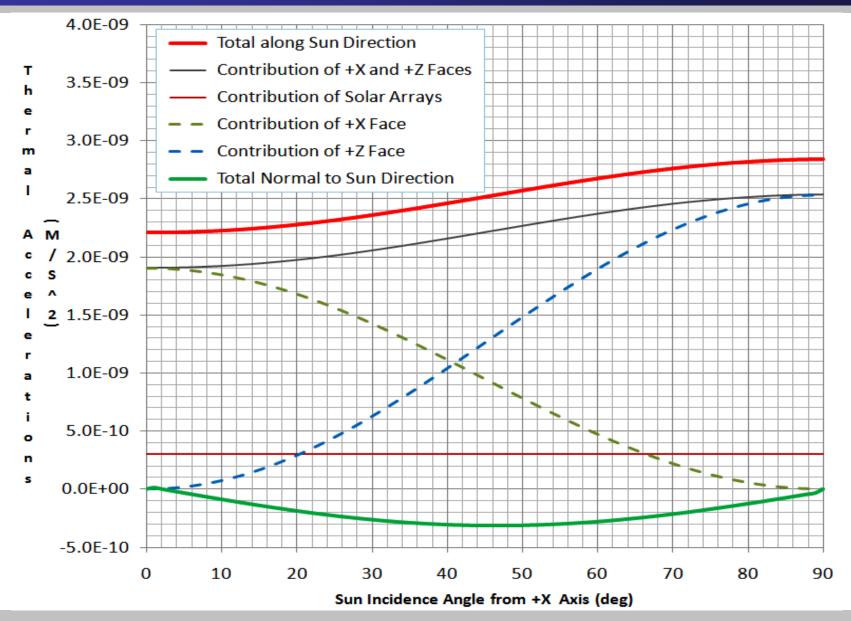
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Non - Gravitational Acceleration Errors for MEX



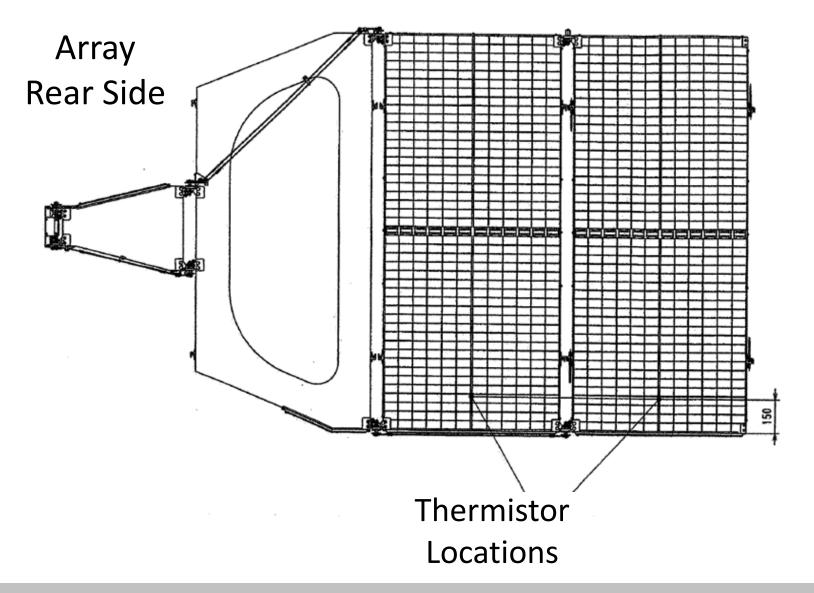


Thermal Accelerations for Varying Sun Angle

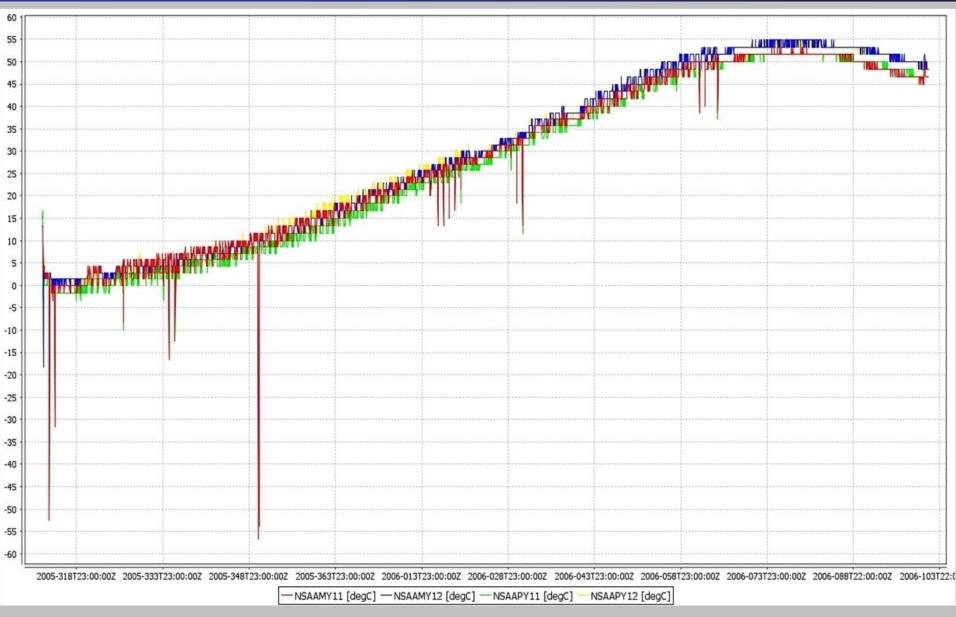


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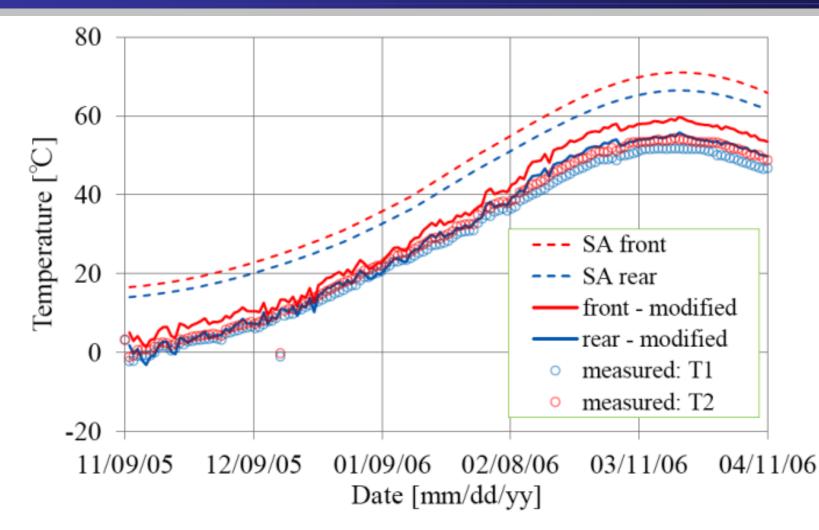
Thermistor Locations on VEX Solar Arrays



VEX Thermistor Measurements (Solar Arrays)



VENUS Express Solar-Array Temperatures



'Modified': Includes Actual **Power Conversion** (from Telemetry Data) plus Solar **Cell Efficiency Degradation** at Higher Temperatures

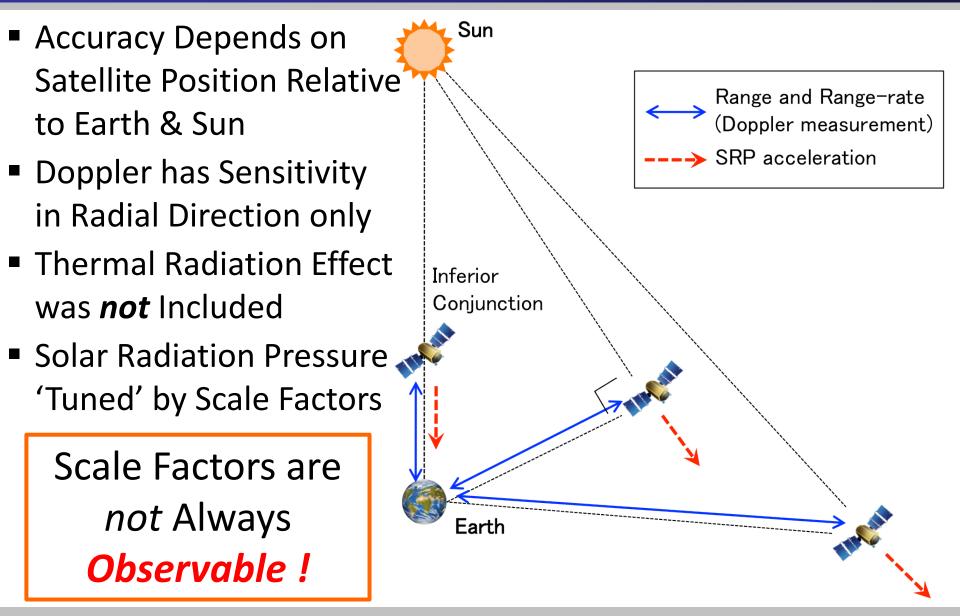
Reconciliation of Temperature Discrepancies

Potential Causes:	Cell Conversion Factor	Absorptivity	Emissivity
Nominal Values	< 0.15	0.439	0.770
Modified Values	0.12	0.388	0.886

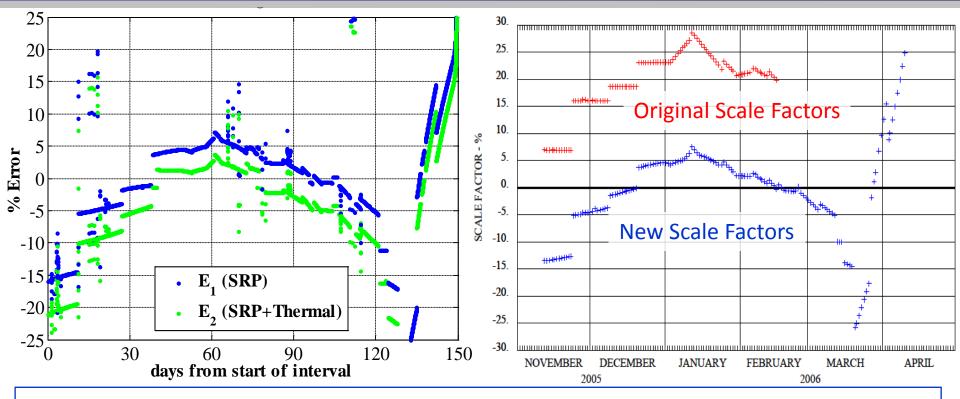
Conclusions:

- 1) Fairly Large Discrepancies Observed between Predicted & Measured Temperatures
- 2) Most Likely Reason is the Power Decrease due to high Solar Cell Conversion Factor
- 3) Perhaps too low Emissivity Parameters may play a Role as well

Fundamental Orbit Determination Principles



Non - Gravitational Acceleration Errors for VEX

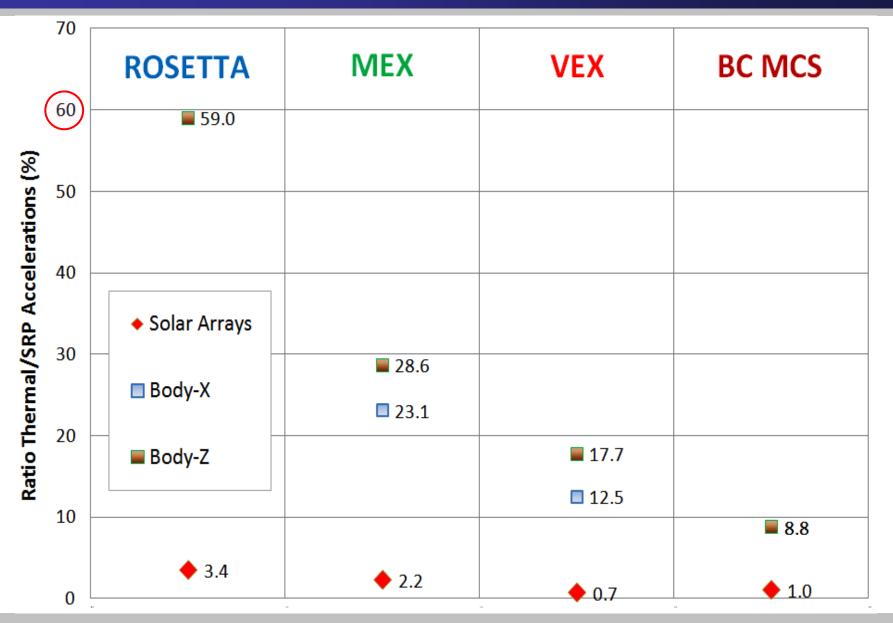


Conclusions:

- 1) Similarities between E₁, E₂ and Scale Factors Evolutions are very Convincing !
- 2) Thermal Contributions are 'Helpful' over Interval between 40 and 70 days
- 3) Sun-Satellite-Earth Angles are ∼ 90° at Start and End of Cruise Phase →
 - → Deterioration of Observability for Orbit Determination and SRP Scale Factors

BEPI COLOMBO (BC)

TRP / SRP Along-Sun Accelerations (All at 1 AU)



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Conclusions

- ✓ We Study Thermal Radiation Effects on ESA Deep-Space Satellites by Analytical & Numerical Methods
- Predicted Temperatures on Rosetta's Solar Arrays are Consistent with In-Flight Measured Temperatures
- ✓ We Show that Thermal Radiation Induces Appreciable
 Accelerations on Rosetta's Trajectory, i.e. ~ 7 % of SRP
- Unlike SRP, Thermal Effects may Induce Relatively Large Accelerations Normal to Sun Direction of up to about 6 %
- ✓ Similar Results Obtained for MEX and VEX Spacecraft
- ✓ Predictions for Bepi Colombo SRP & Thermal during Cruise
- Reliable Thermal Models Improve Trajectory Predictions of ESA's Interplanetary Satellites and Benefit Navigation

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